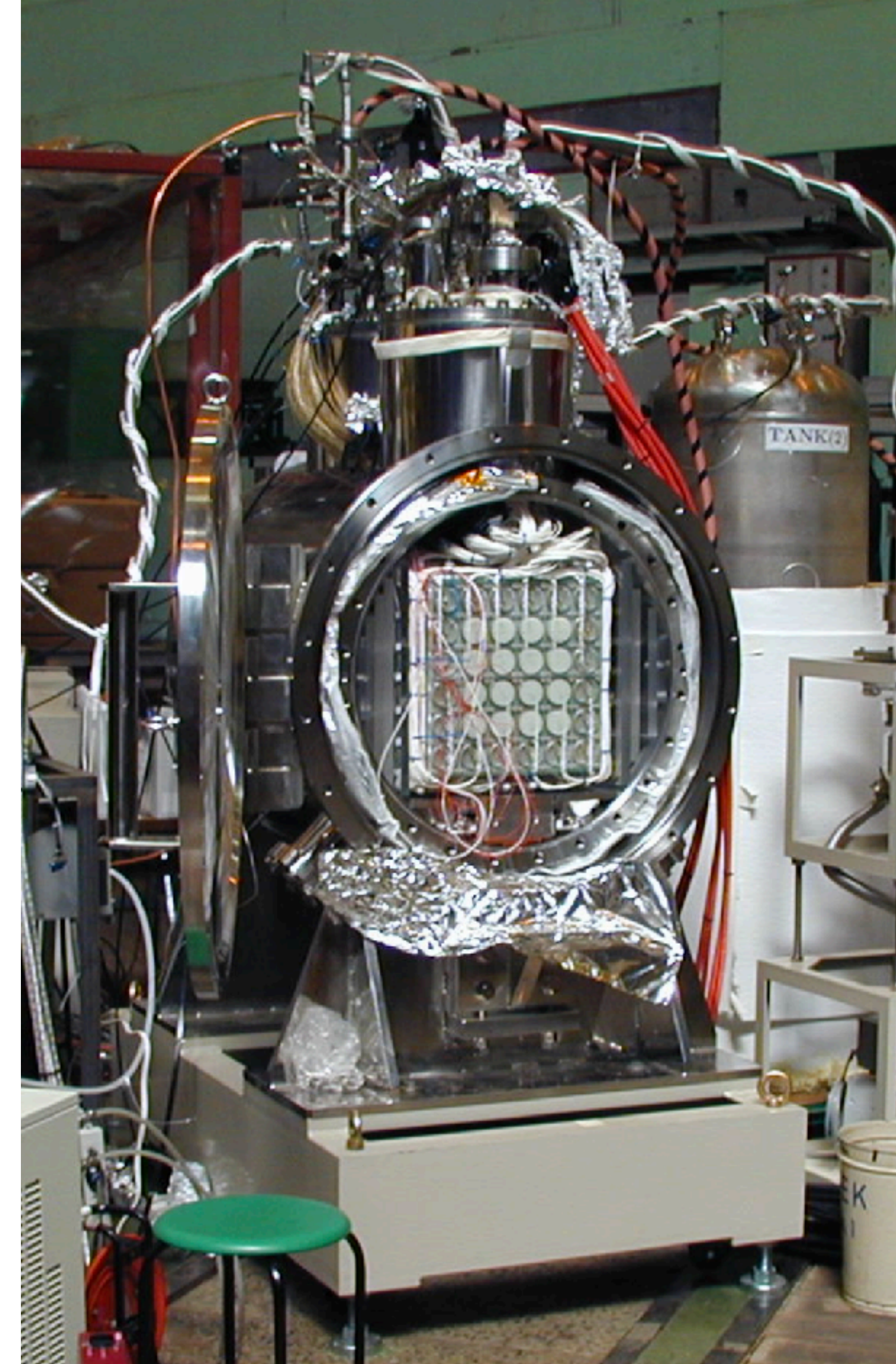


# Motivations and timeline for LXe prototype

Toshiyuki Iwamoto  
PIONEER Collaboration Meeting @ University of Washington  
June 20 2024

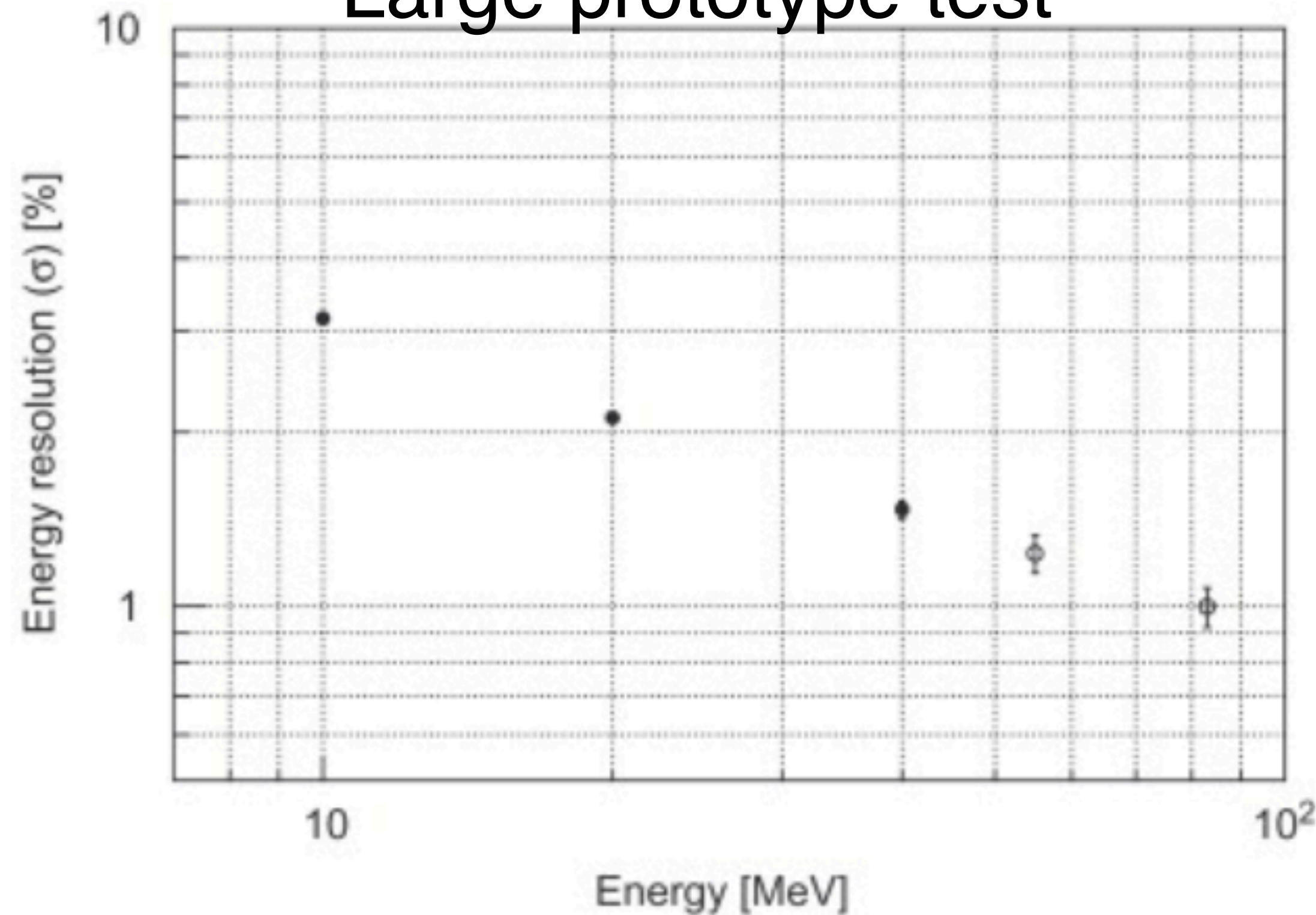
# Motivations for large prototype test

- Performance evaluation at a large scale
  - Energy resolution at 70 MeV  $e^+$  beam at PSI
    - MEG/MEG II measures 52.8 MeV  $\gamma$ , energy resolution is evaluated by 55, 83 MeV  $\gamma$  from  $\pi^0$  decay
  - Shower leakages (resolution versus angle).
    - Large prototype is mounted on a caster base
  - Test of thin entrance window
- Photonuclear effect and tail component evaluation
- Operation experience for the detector
  - cabling, material for PMT supports, purity monitor
  - purification system
  - calibration
- Further improvements for the final detector design



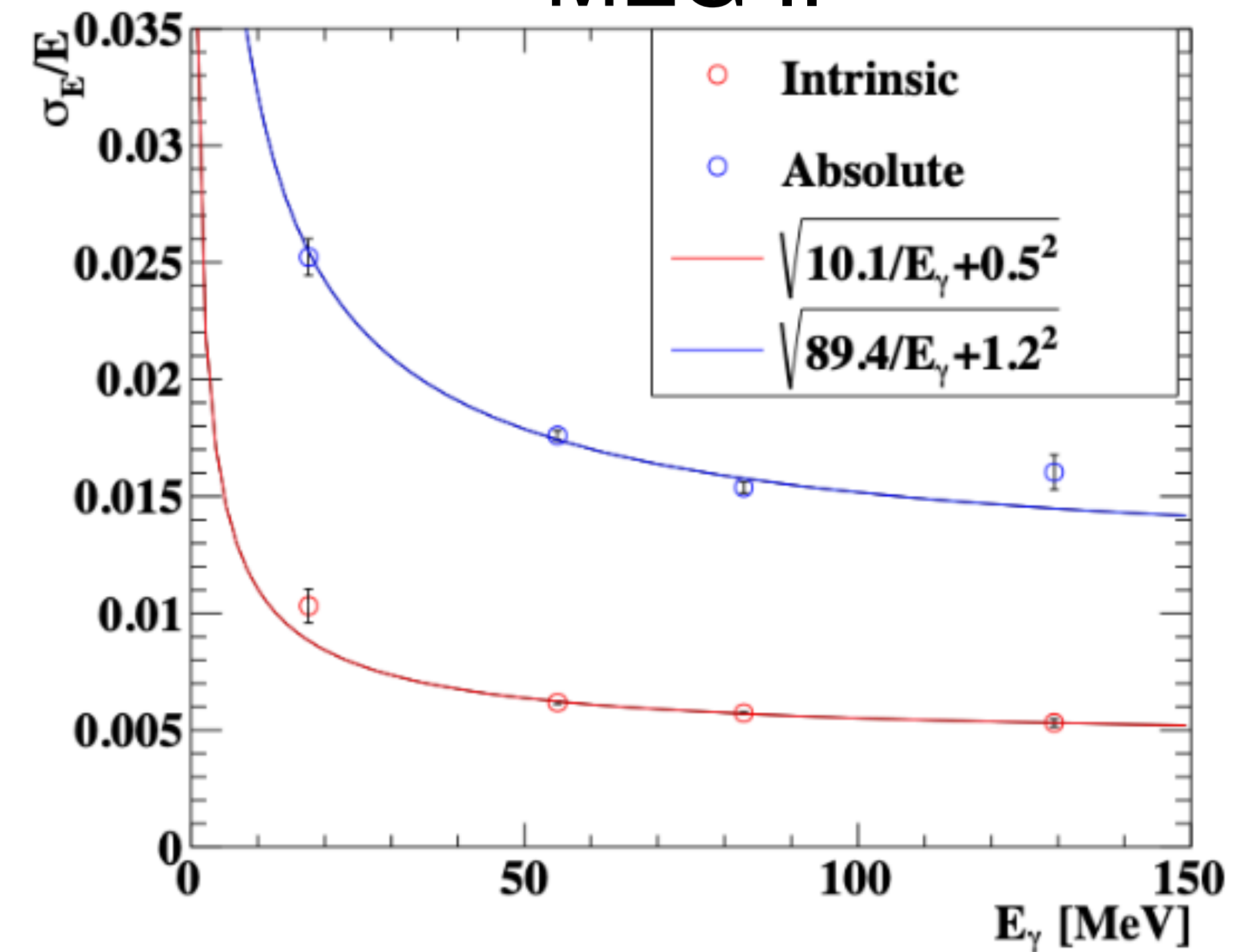
# Energy resolution @ LXe detector

## Large prototype test



R. Sawada, NIMA581(2007)522

## MEG II



S. Kobayashi, PhD thesis 2022

- Energy resolution of 1.2% at 55MeV in the large prototype test, ~2% in MEG II
- Geometrical difference, scintillation characteristics,
- Intrinsic resolution  $\Delta E = (E_{\text{even}} - E_{\text{odd}}) / (E_{\text{even}} + E_{\text{odd}})$  shows a good resolution
  - $\sigma_{\text{absolute}} = \sigma_{\text{intrinsic}} + \sigma_{\text{coherent}}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{coherent}}$ : noise, shower development, reflection and scattering of the scintillation light

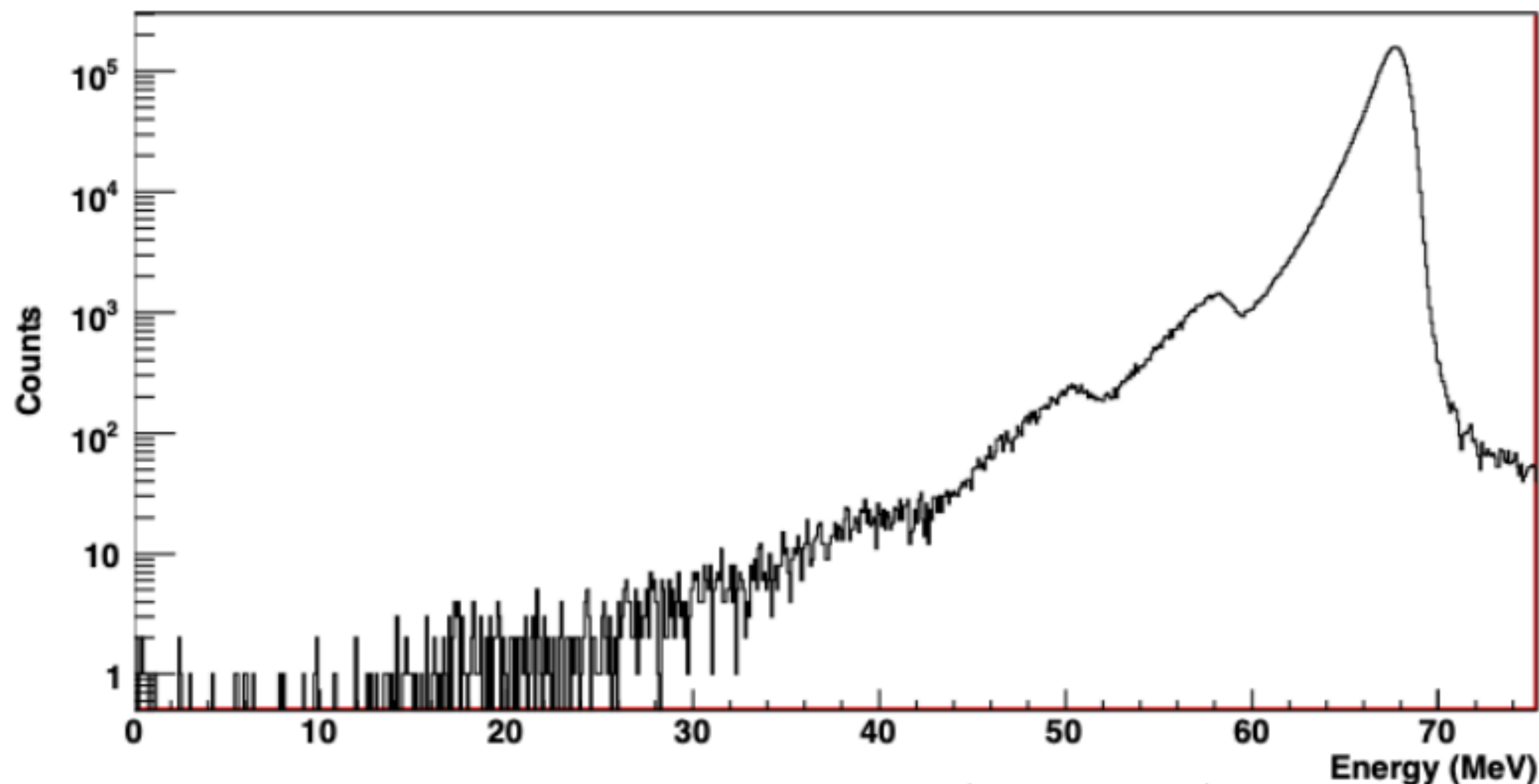
# Photonuclear effect

## Neutron Escape

- In Xe: Bumps at  $E - (n \times 8.4 \text{ MeV})$
- Good understanding necessary
- Can we use the MEG II LXe calorimeter to measure this?

Lukas(20230614)

<https://pioneer.npl.washington.edu/cgi-bin/private/ShowDocument?docid=176>



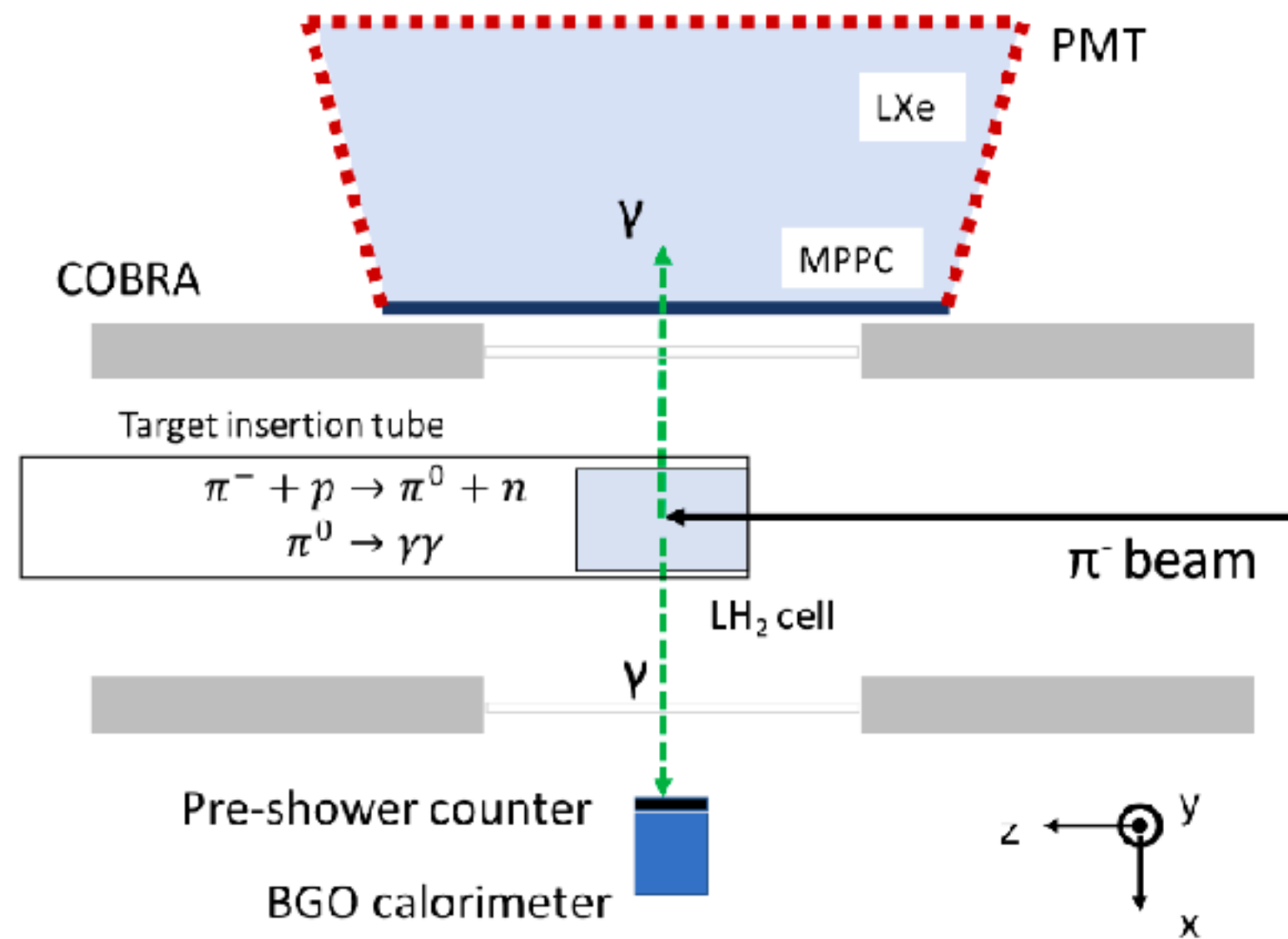
n escape in NaI, PIENU (arXiv:1509.08437)

# 83 MeV peak in 2022 CEX run

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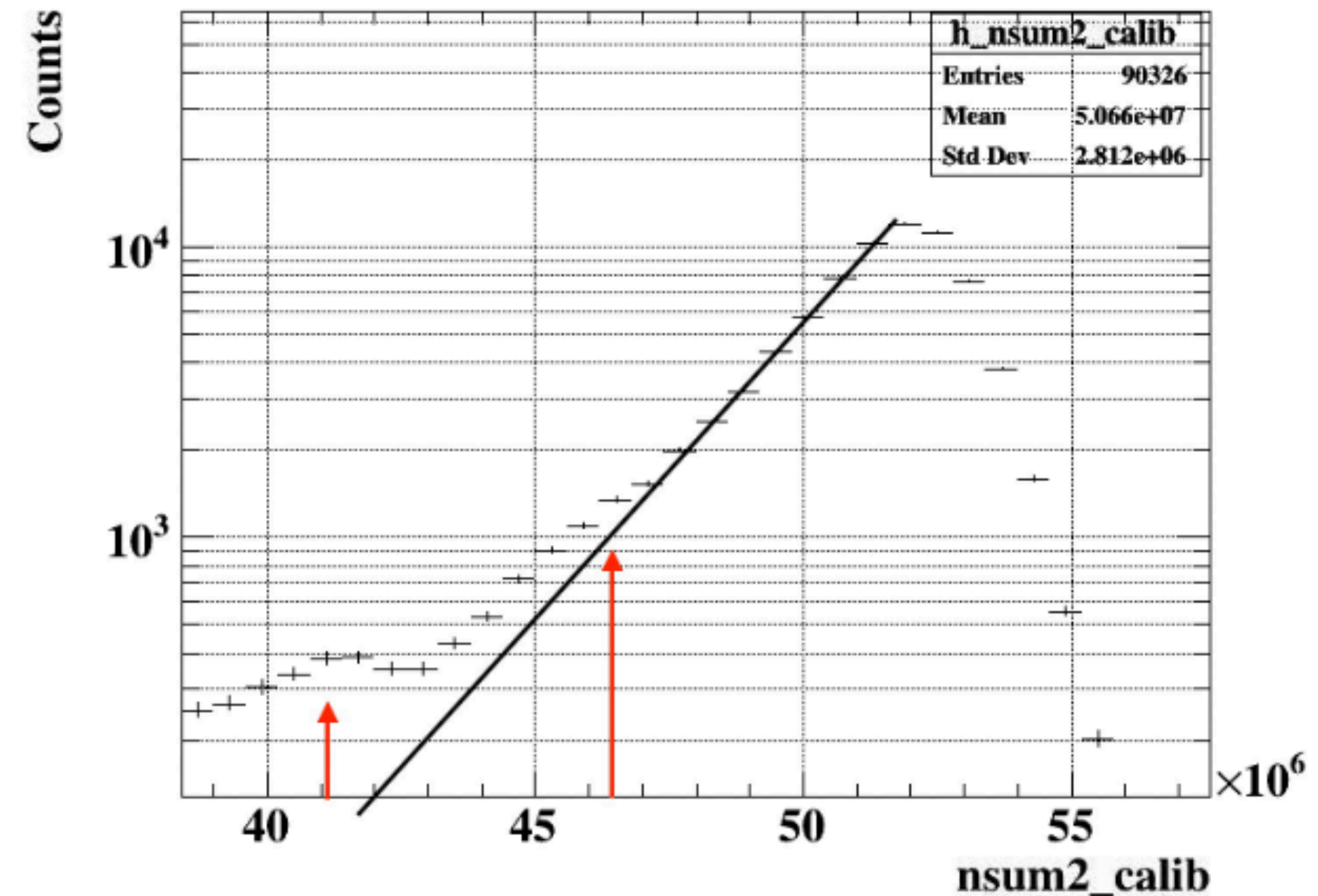
## Charge Exchange Setup



- Panofsky Ratio:  

$$P = \frac{\sigma(\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n)}{\sigma(\pi^- p \rightarrow \gamma n)} \approx 1.5$$
- Boosted  $\pi^0$  (back to back):  
 $E_\gamma = 54.9 \text{ MeV}; 83.9 \text{ MeV}$
- Look for coincidence in BGO and LXe

## 2022 CEX run 83MeV peak

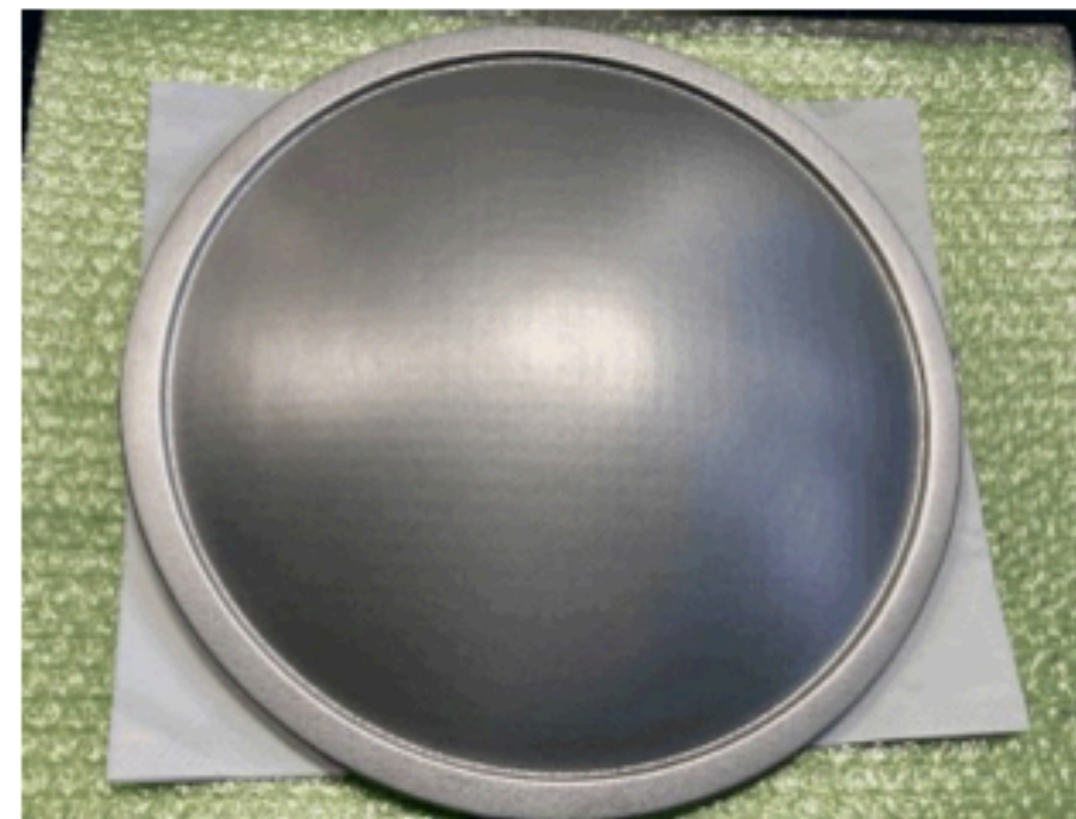
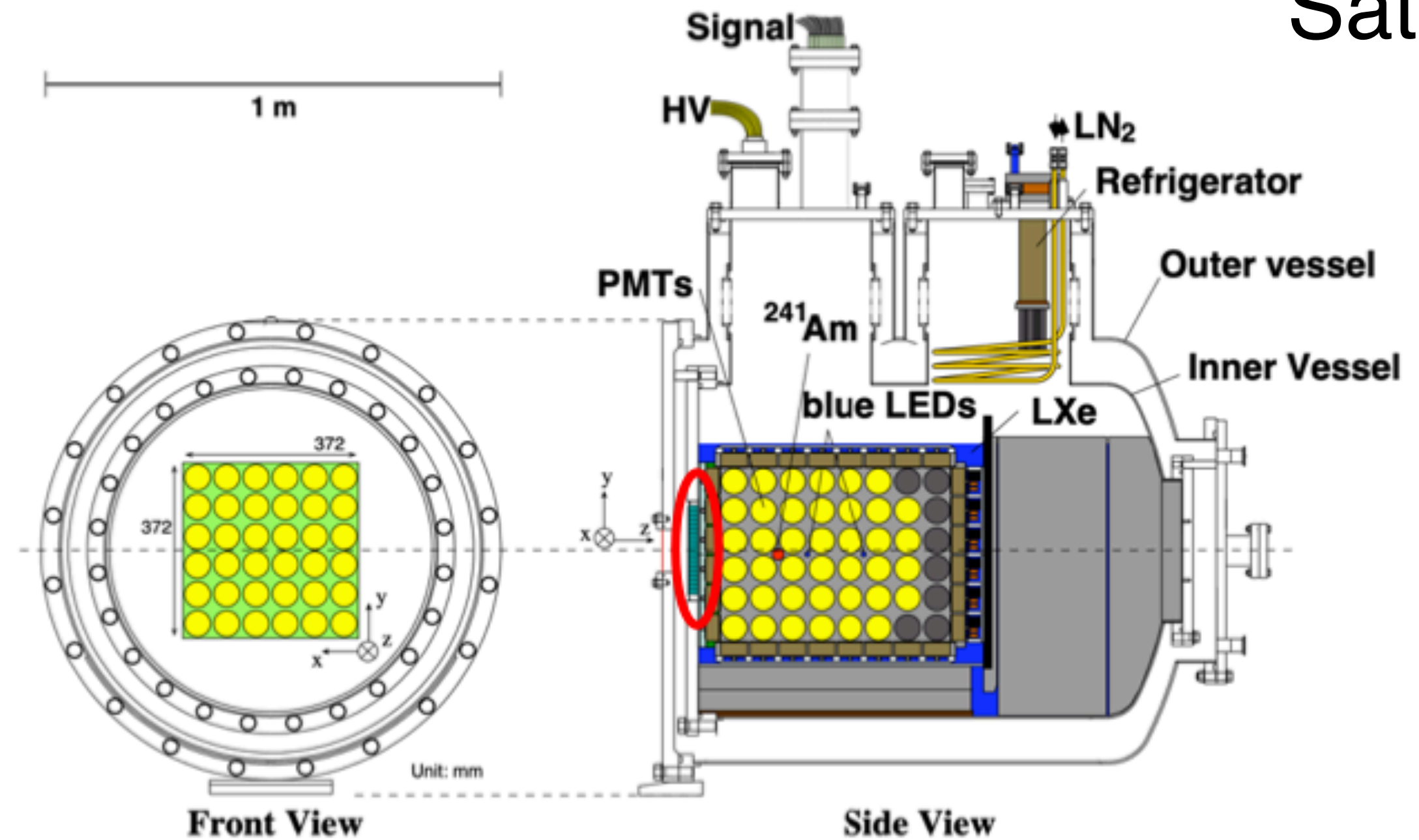


- This can be directly measured by the 70 MeV/c positron beam test
- The 83 MeV CEX data analysis was not the final one, and the updated results will come soon

# Thin window

Satoshi

- Metal honeycomb panel used in MEG prototype (Steel)
- Recent KEK R&D for beam vacuum window
  - Ti-6AL-4V 3d-printed window
    - 6wt% Al ( $X_0=8.9\text{cm}$ ), 4wt% Vanadium ( $X_0=2.6\text{cm}$ ) are added to Ti ( $X_0=3.6\text{cm}$ )
    - 4.43 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
    - 0.2mm ground down from 0.5mm
  - Al 3d-printed window ~0.2mm
  - Tolerable up to 0.3MPa
- Window production for LP with Ti64 with the thinnest thickness
  - 0.15-0.2mm, pressure, leak test in 2024

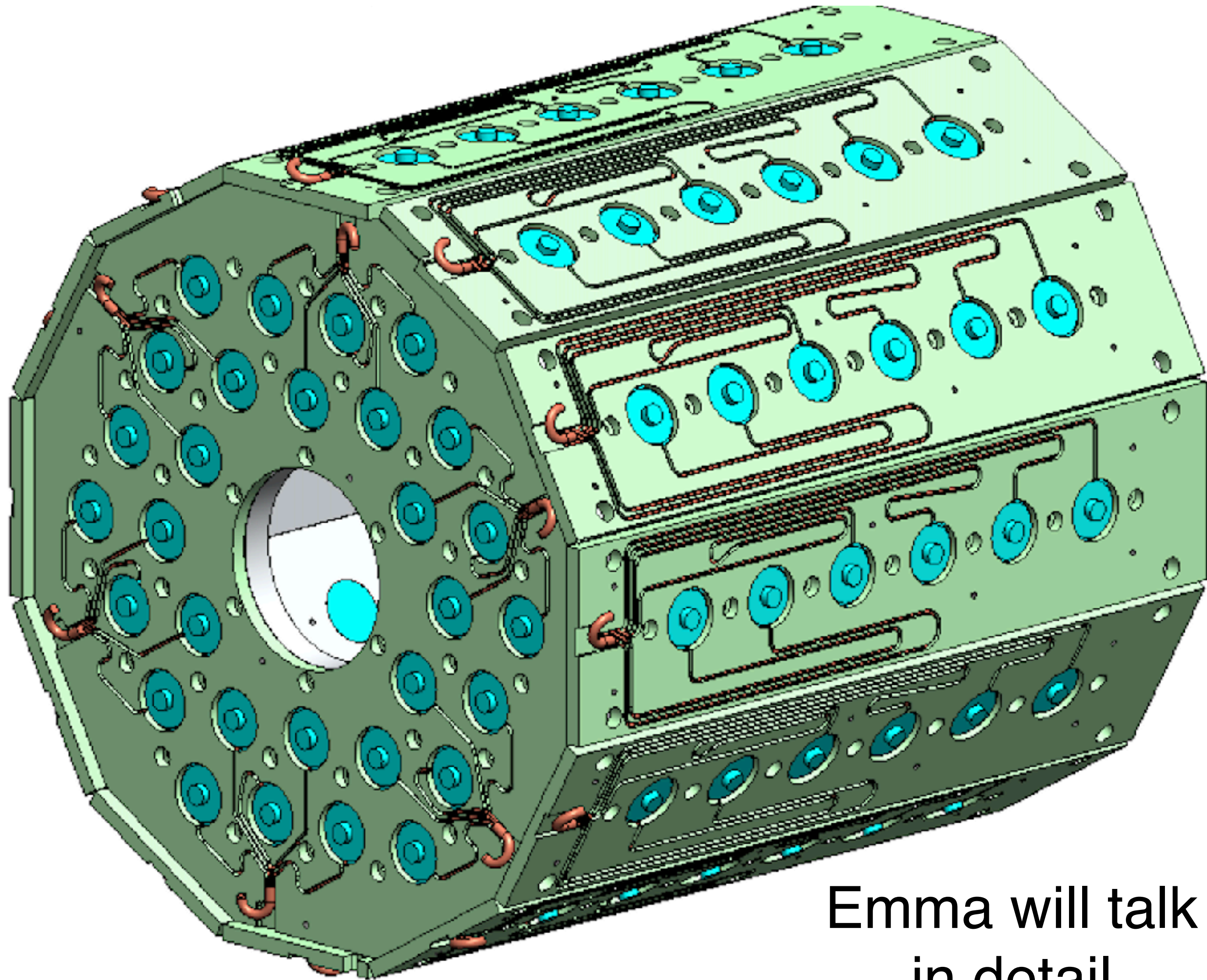


0.5mm 64Ti window

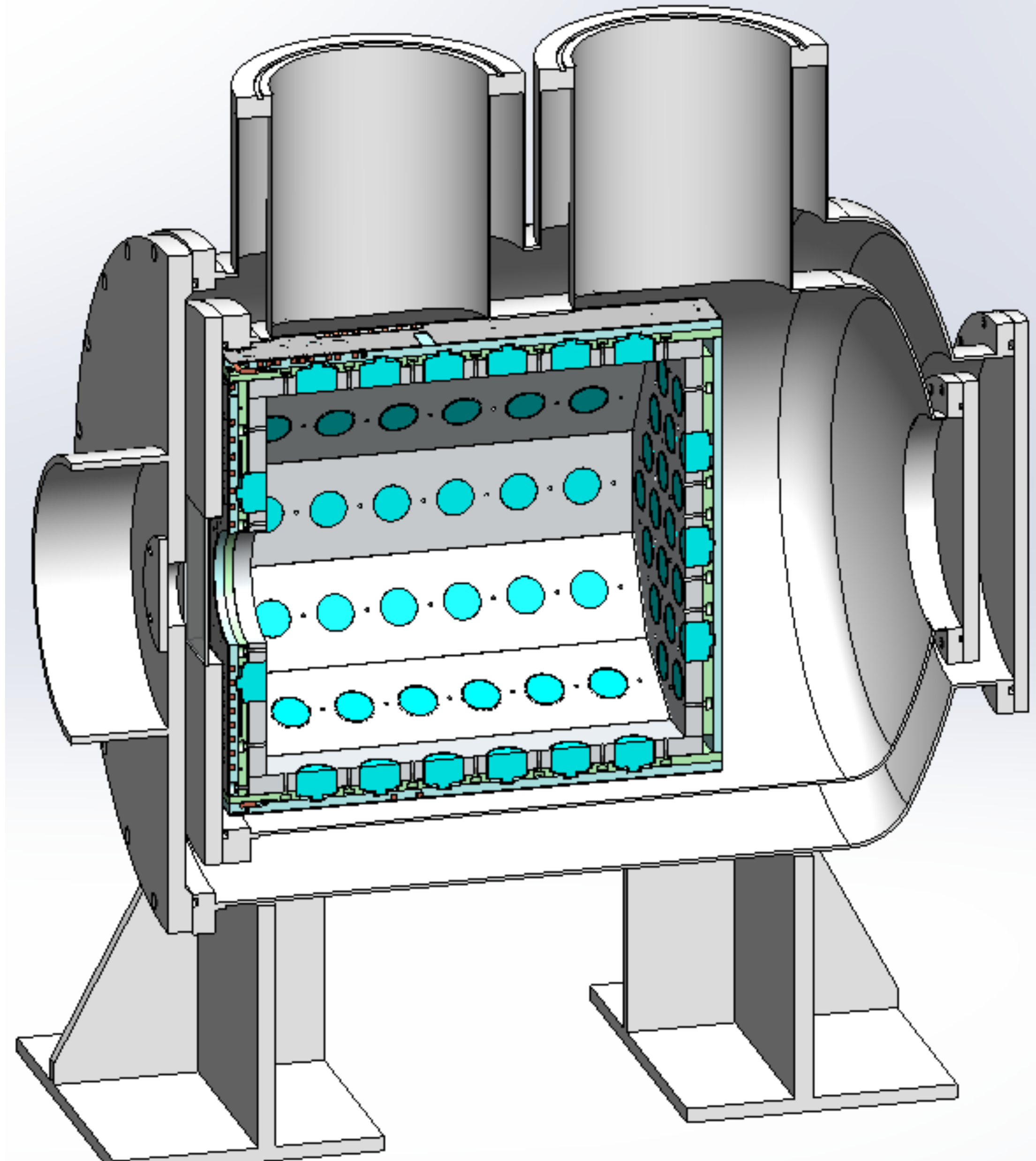


0.15mm Al Rupture disk

# Design of the large prototype



Emma will talk  
in detail

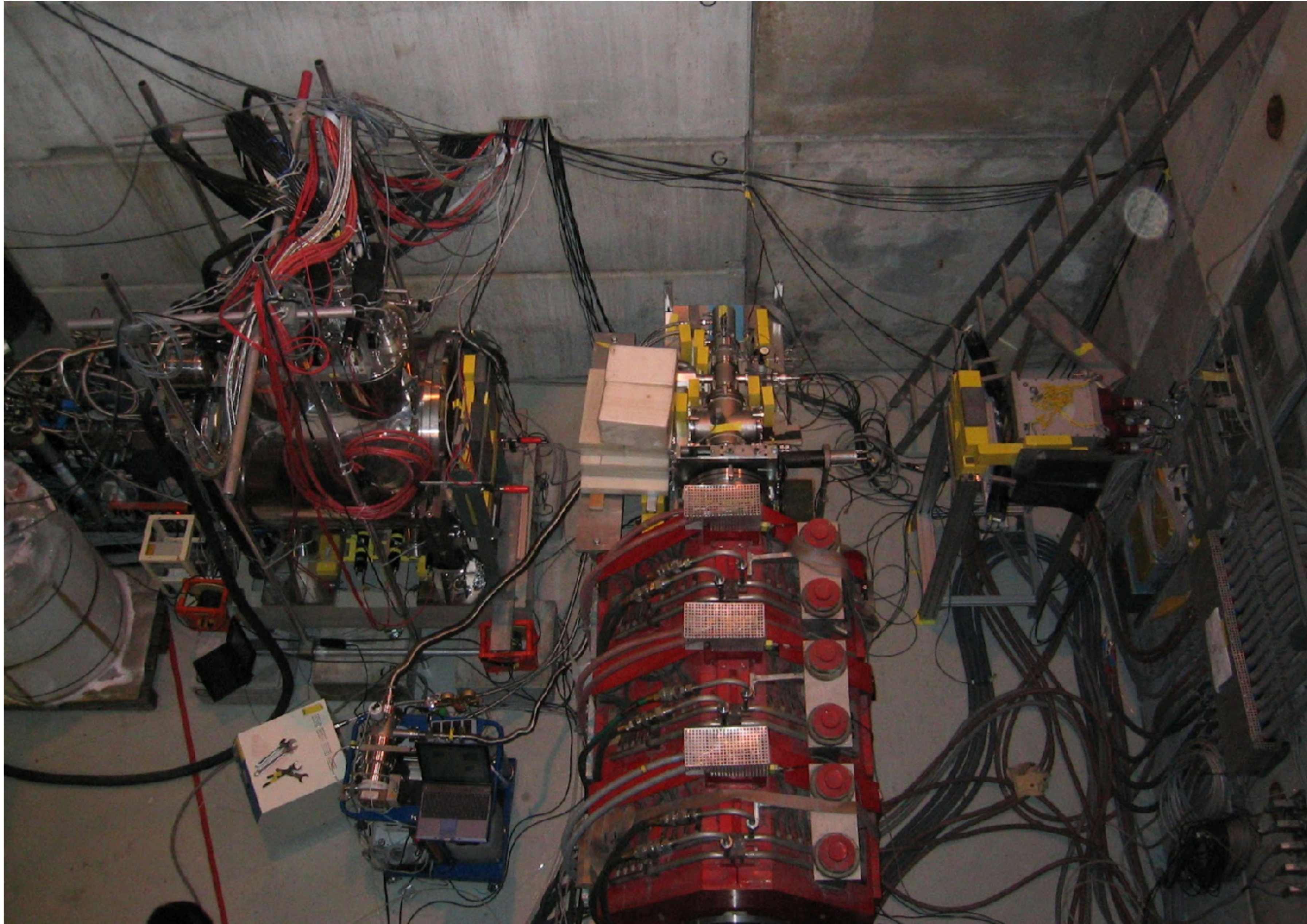


# Xenon procurement

- BNL has 20 liter
- ICEPP + KEK will purchase 60 liter
- TRIUMF will purchase 40 liter
  
- In total ~120 liter should be available
  - We will continue the effort to get more xenon
  
- Chinese company (WISCO)
  - First trial by UTokyo to buy 20 liter from WISCO through PSI purchase department underway



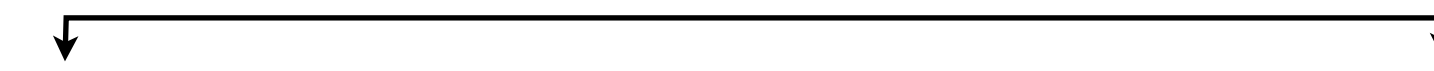
# Prototype beamtest with CEX reaction at PiE5 in 2004



- Timeline
  - Installation to PiE5
  - Connection and evacuation  
2 weeks
  - Precooling/Liquefaction  
1 week
  - Beam tuning, hydrogen  
target  
1 week
  - Calibration/trigger setup/  
DAQ  
1 month
- Once the detector is ready, 2 month would be sufficient for the beam test
- We need to evaluate how long it will take to prepare the detector outside the are including the purification

# PROTOTYPE TIMELINE

personnel at PSI

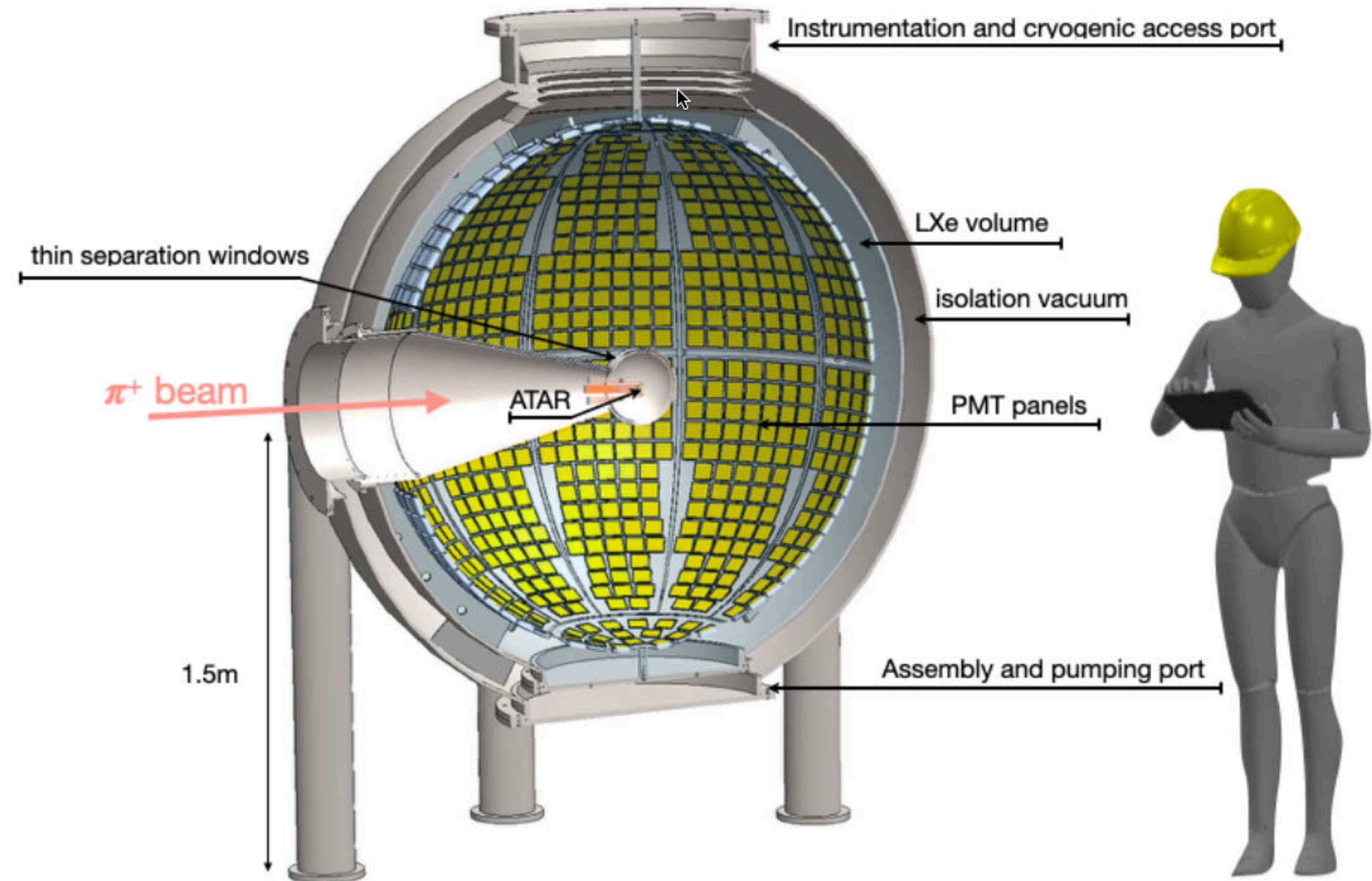


YEAR		2024												2025											
months		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Xenon	Procurement																								
Simulation	G4 optical simulations																								
DAQ	DAQ Implementation																								
Mechanical support	Design Inner assembly (Incl light calibration system)																								
	Fabrication of inner assembly																								
Electronics	PMT tests																								
	Design PCB / feedthroughs																								
	Production, Assembly, Cabling																								
@ TRIUMF Detector assembly and test	Purity monitor test in LoLX																								
	Assembly of the detector & construction of black box																								
	tests at TRIUMF with light source [in black box]																								
	Shipment to PSI																								
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	Grinding																								
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	Platform design																								
	Platform construction																								
	Assembly in space near PIM1																								
	evacuation/ (slow baking?)																								
	LXe filling/purification																								
	Detector test with cosmic and calibration sources																								
Beamtime	2 weeks [ + 1 week to crane in area, setup & calibration runs]																								

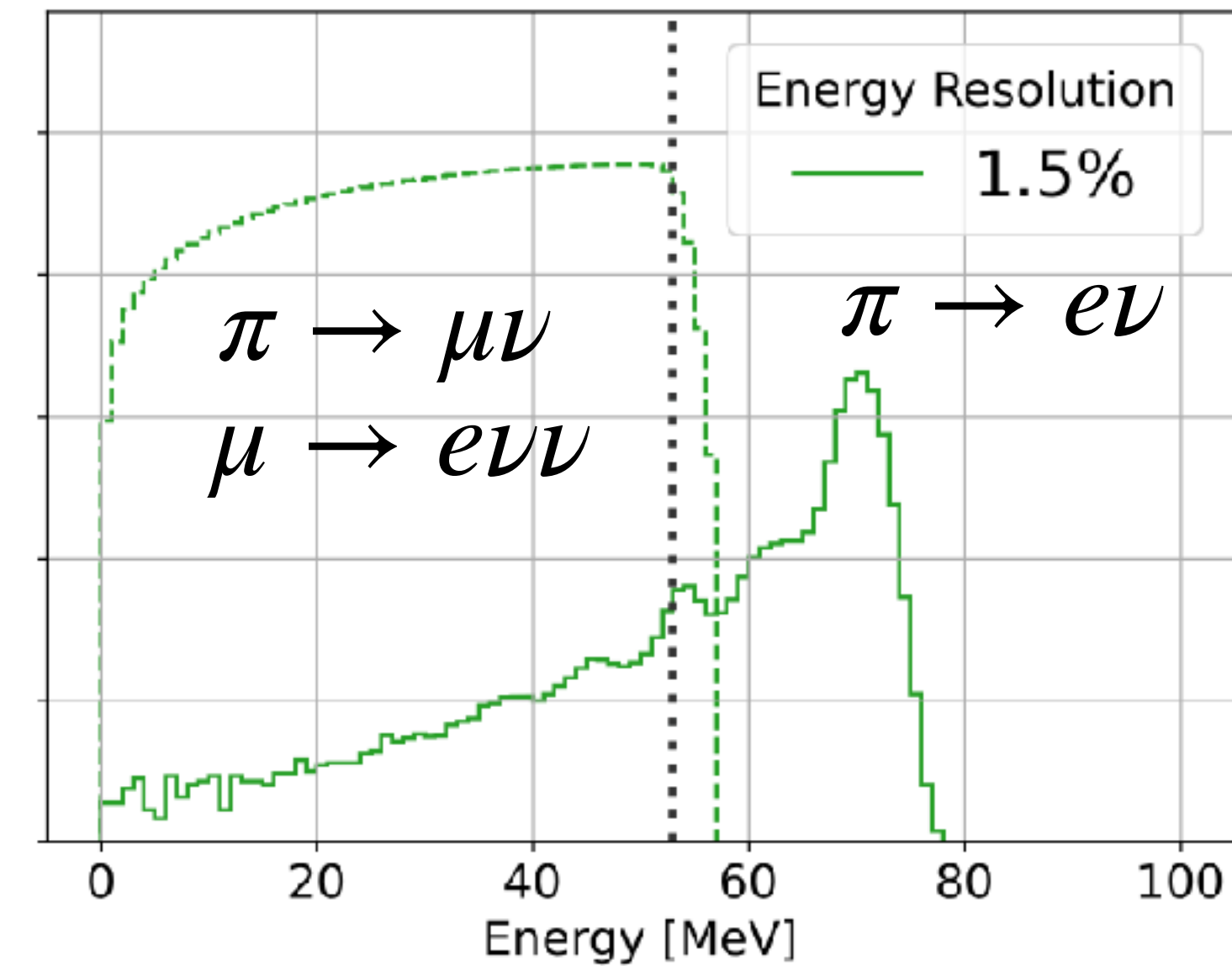
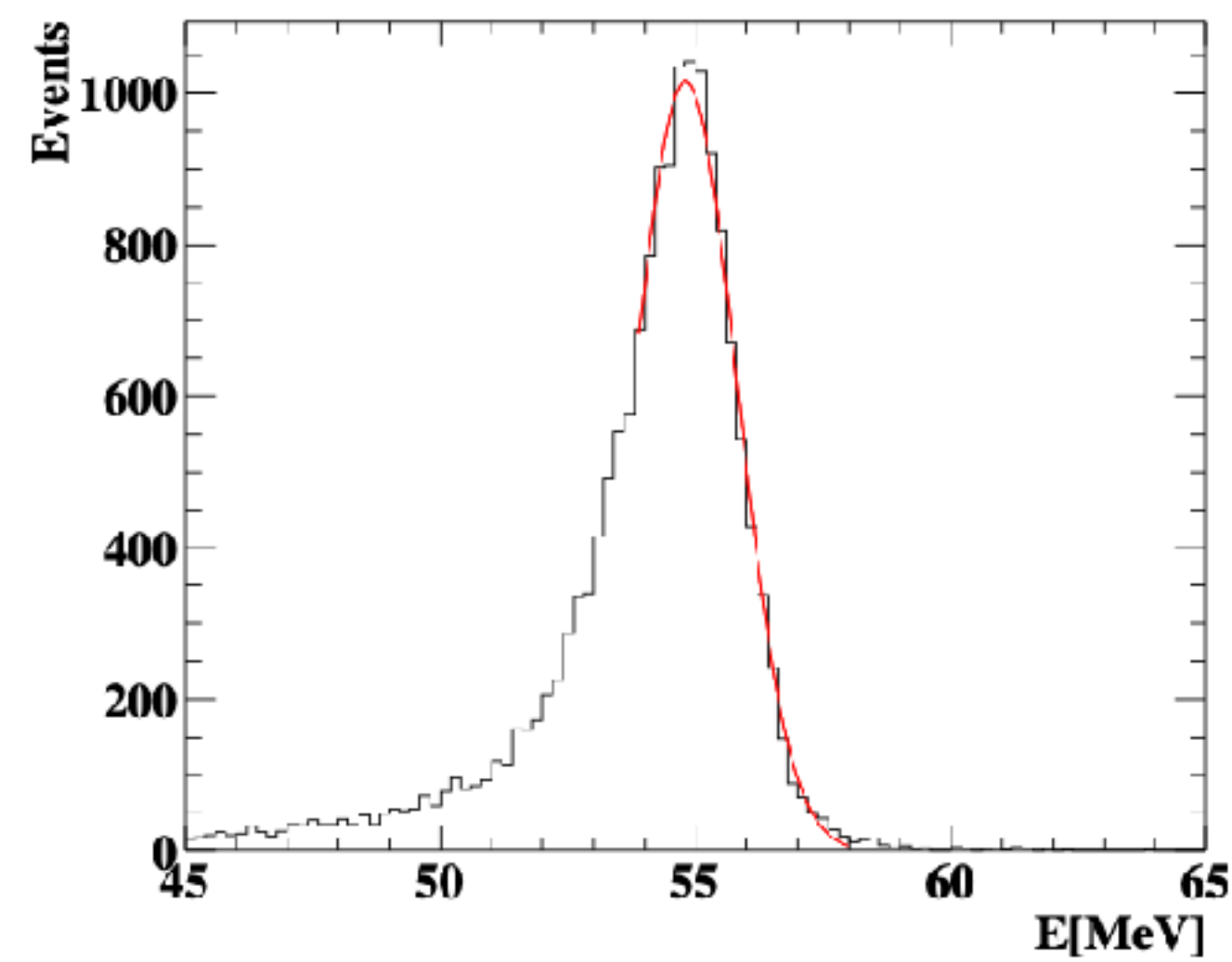
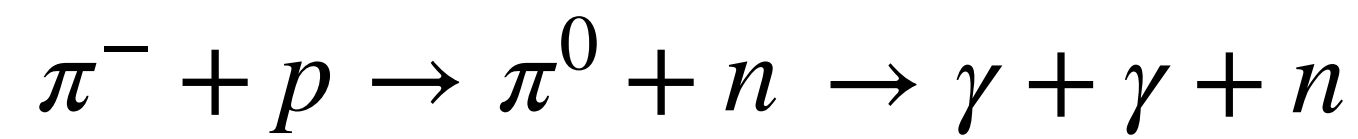
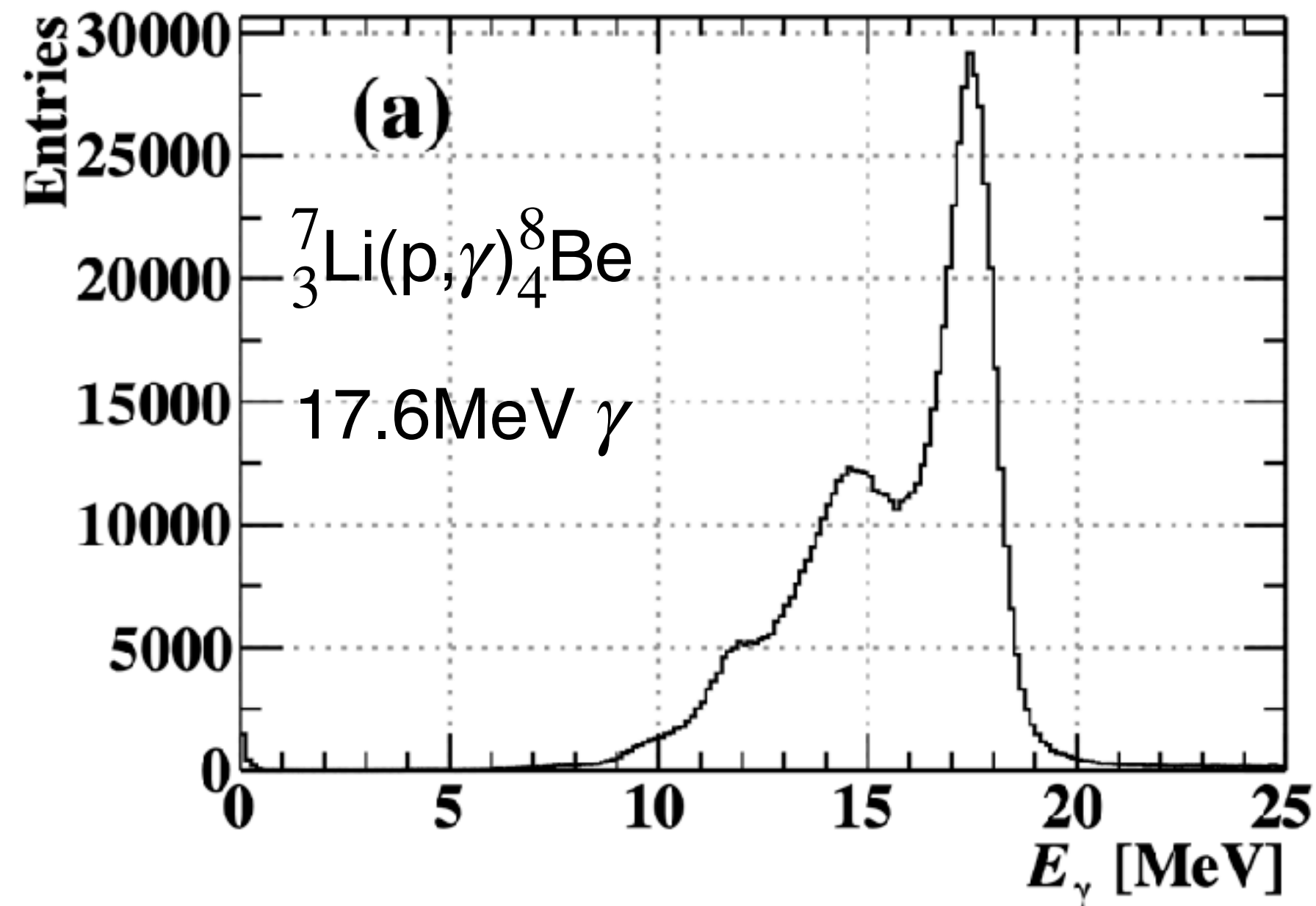
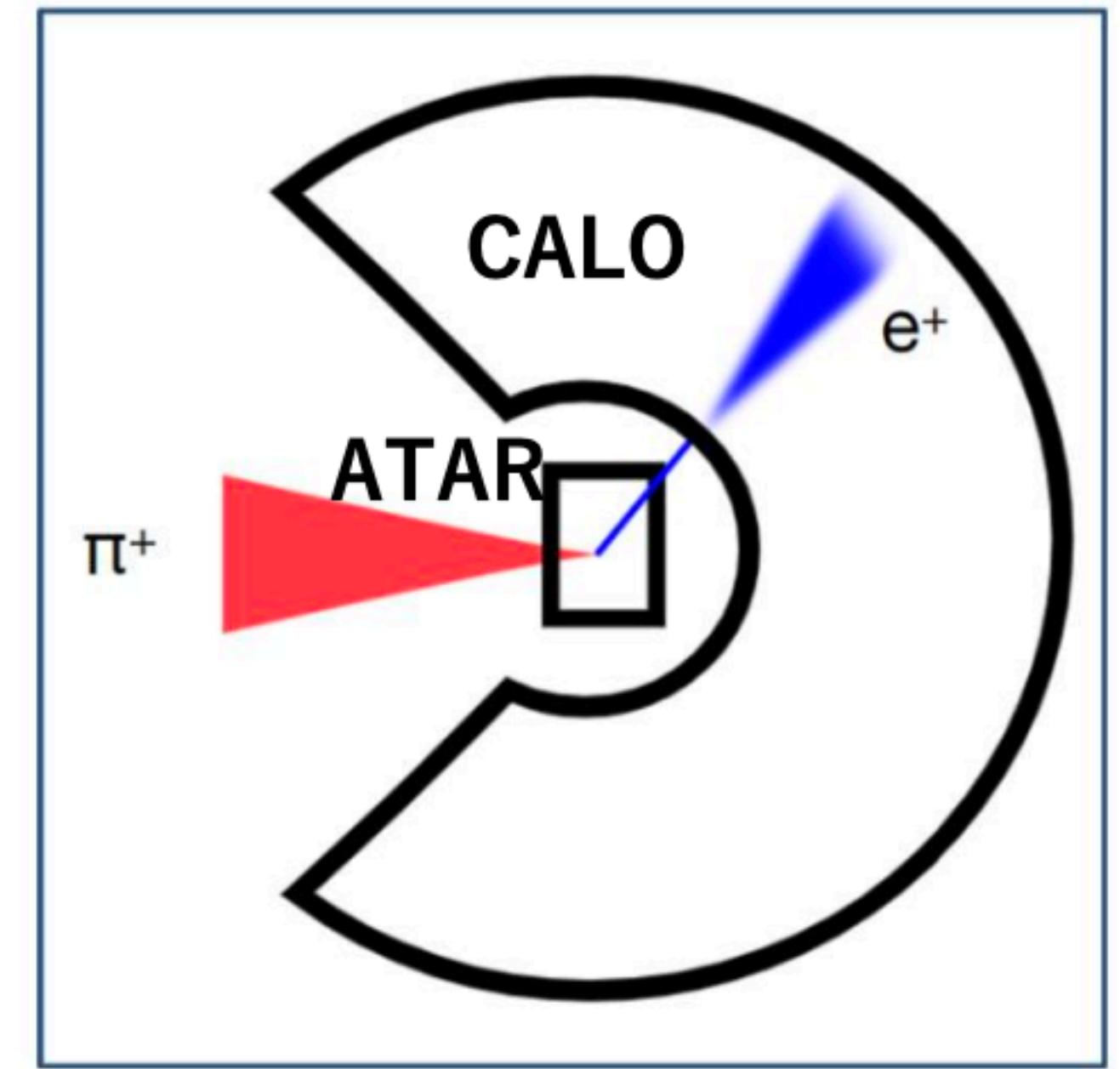
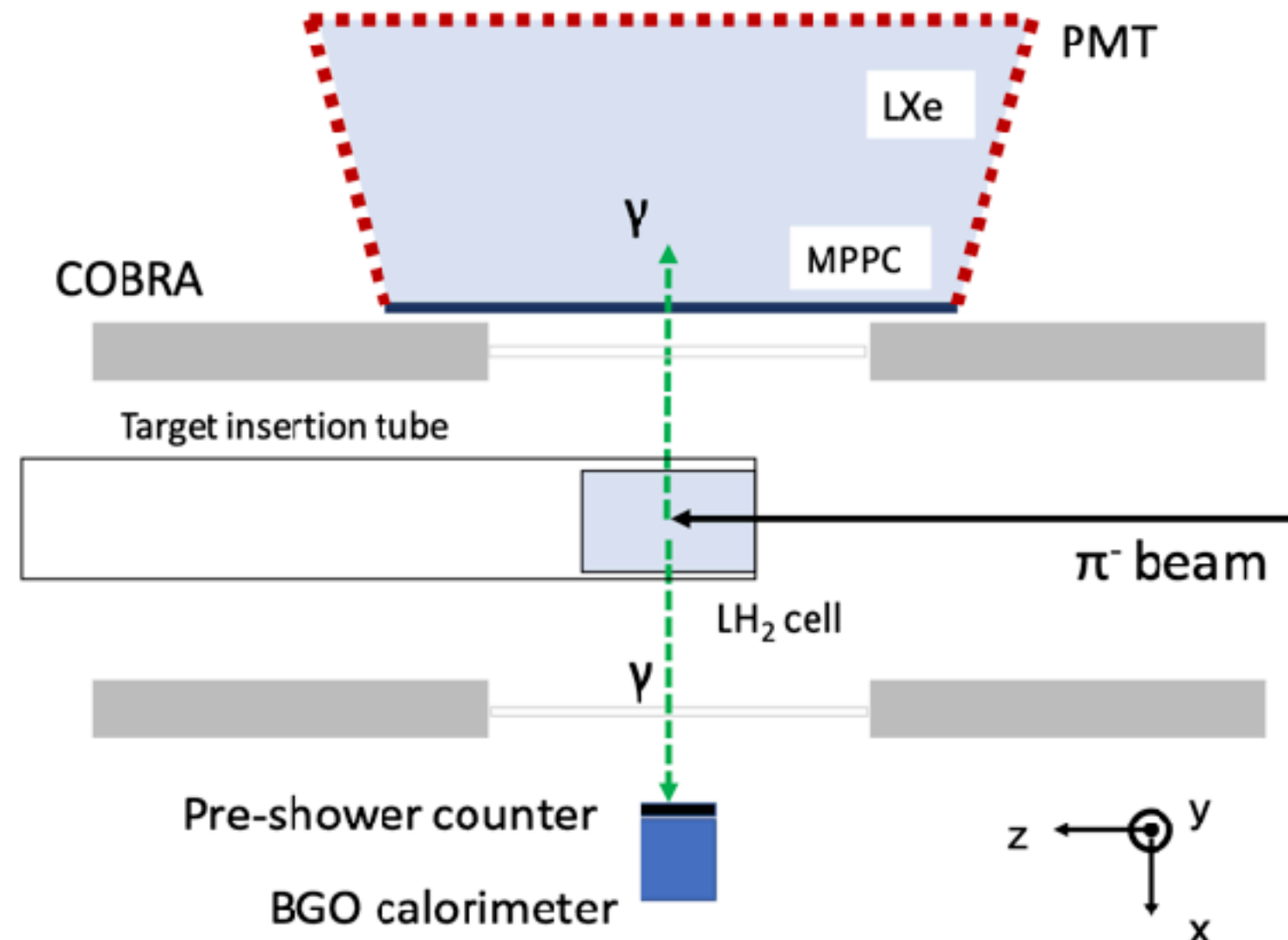
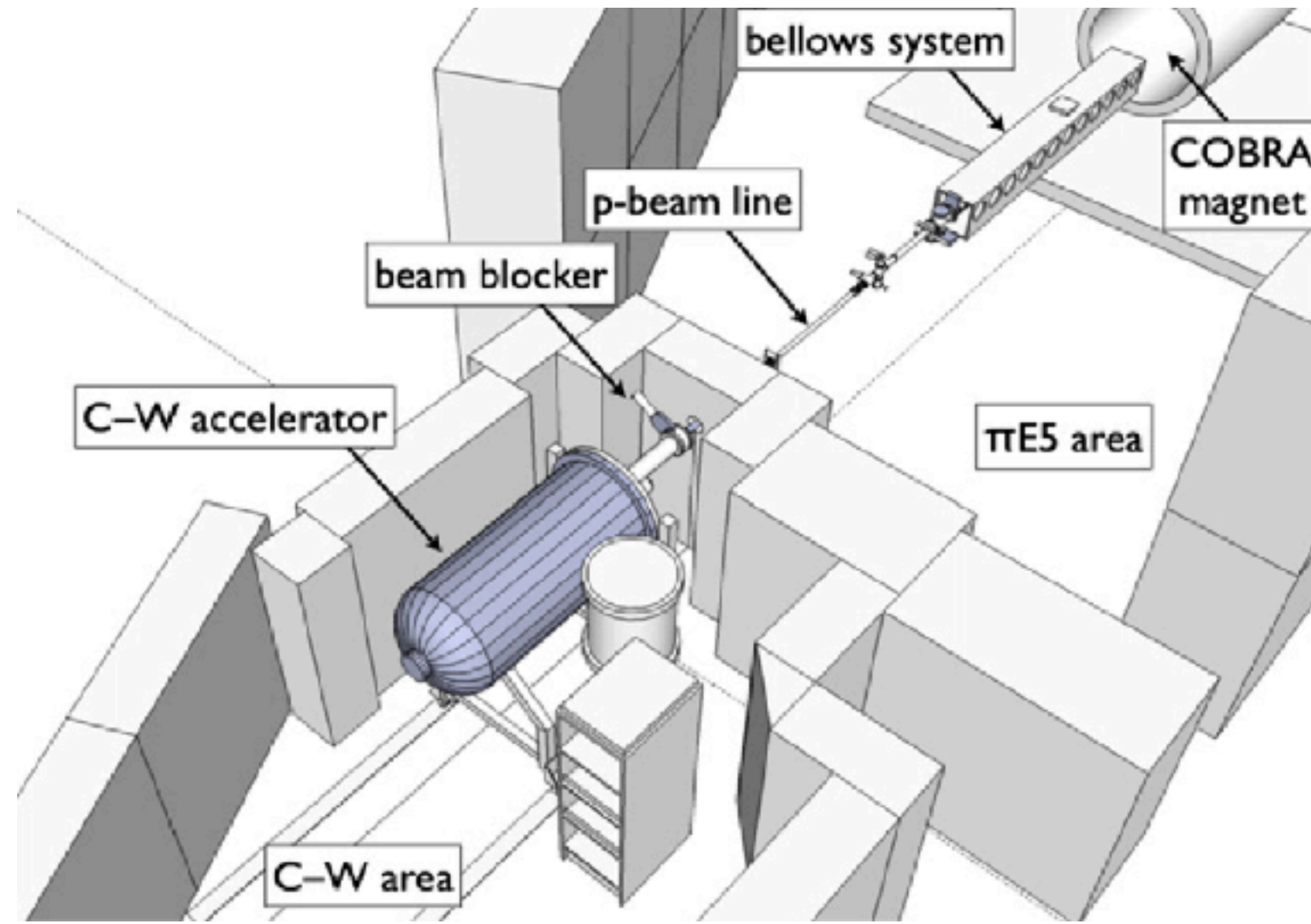
- Freeze prototype design  
(August 2024)
- Finalized assembly of detector (PMT->DAQ)  
(by end of 2024)
- Detector and windows ready  
(by Feb/March 2025)
- Prototype ready for beamtime  
(by Sept/Oct 2025)

# Calibration study

- Photo sensor calibration
  - Emma will cover the topic
- Energy calibration
  - 17.6 MeV  $\gamma$  from CW Li, 55&83 MeV  $\gamma$  from  $\pi^0$  decay
  - Dedicated targets must be introduced
- Any uniform monochromatic positron sources for the calibration of the LXe detector?
  - Methods in MEG II are based on  $\gamma$
  - Michel decay (Edge shape of 53MeV isotropically)
  - Direct positron beam (mainly downstream side) or Mott scattering  $\gamma$  (CW/ $\pi^0$ ) with active converter



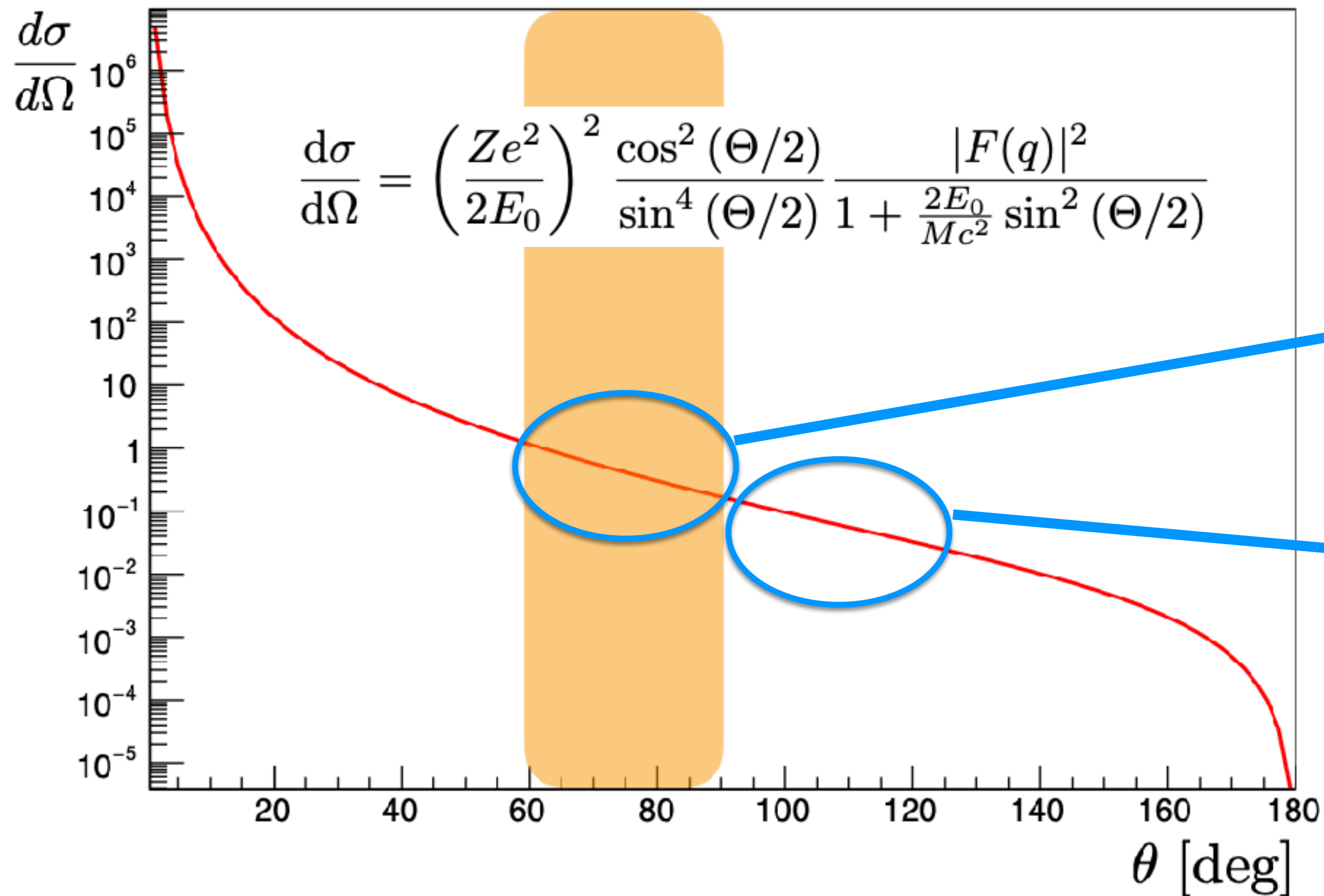
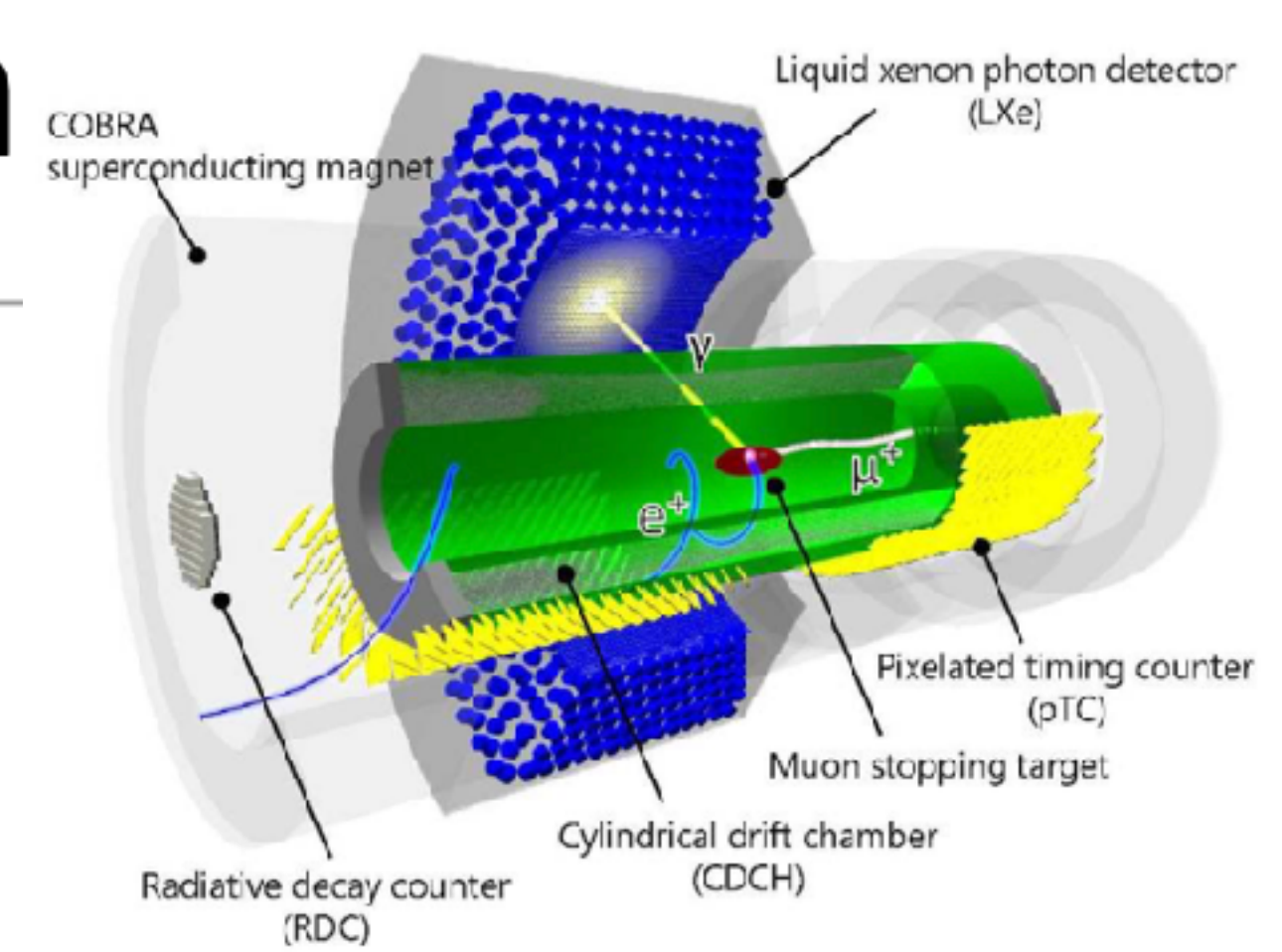
# Energy calibration



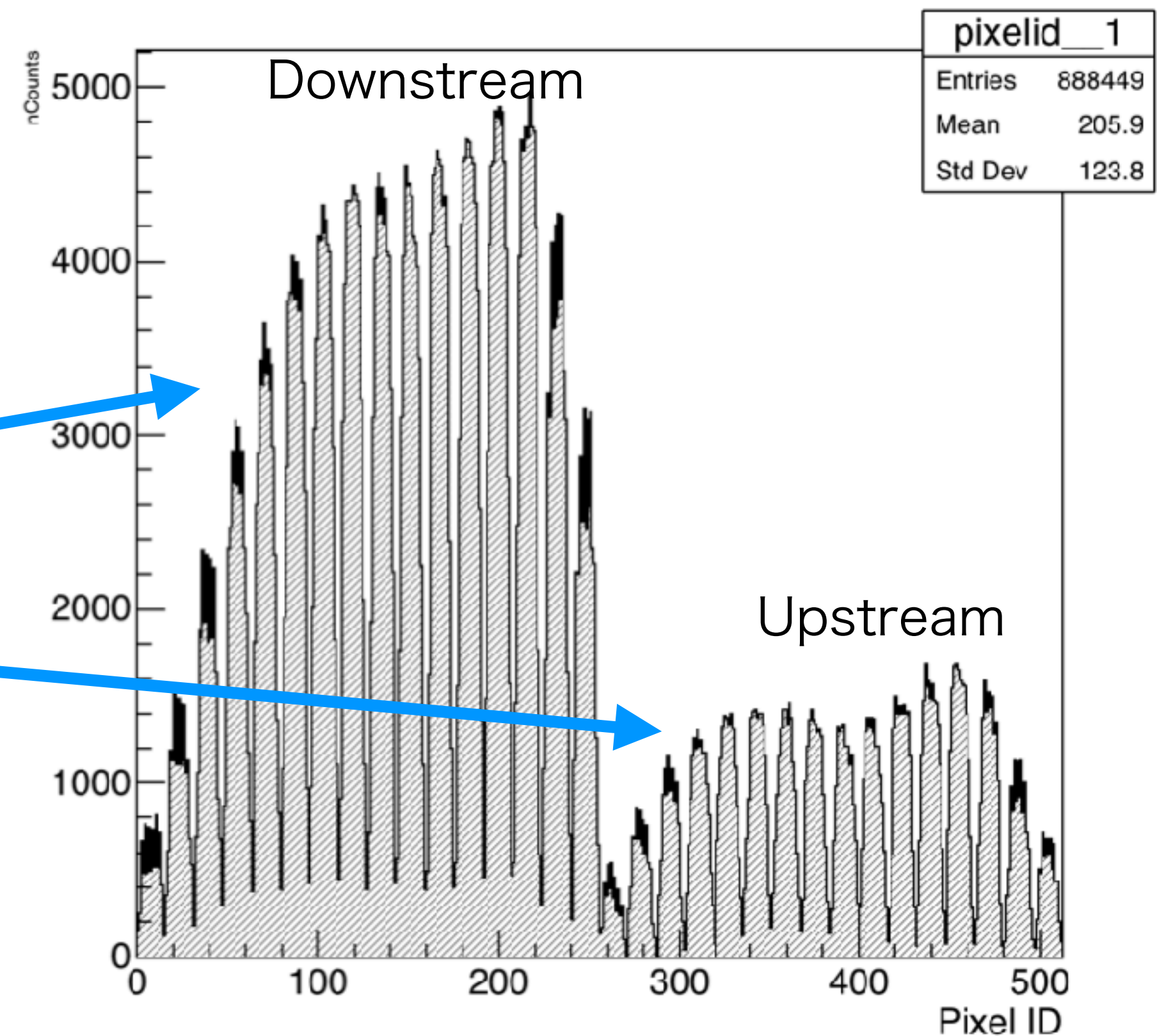
# Mott scattered positrons / 2017 pre-eng run

## Mott scattered positrons were tested in MEG

- pTC-DS only rate estimate: O(KHz) at  $10^8$

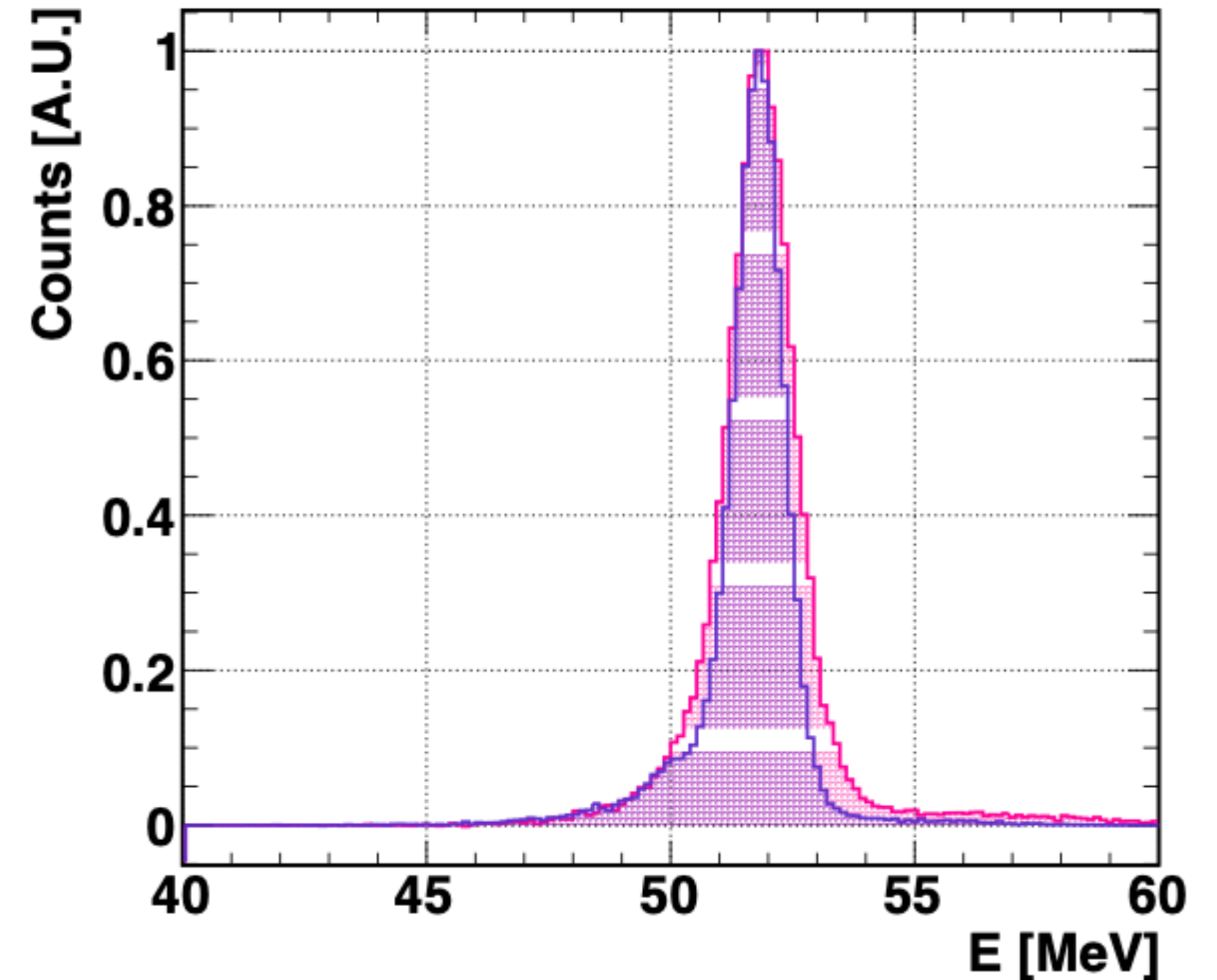


n\_fired pixels/track > 2; Mean ~ 10



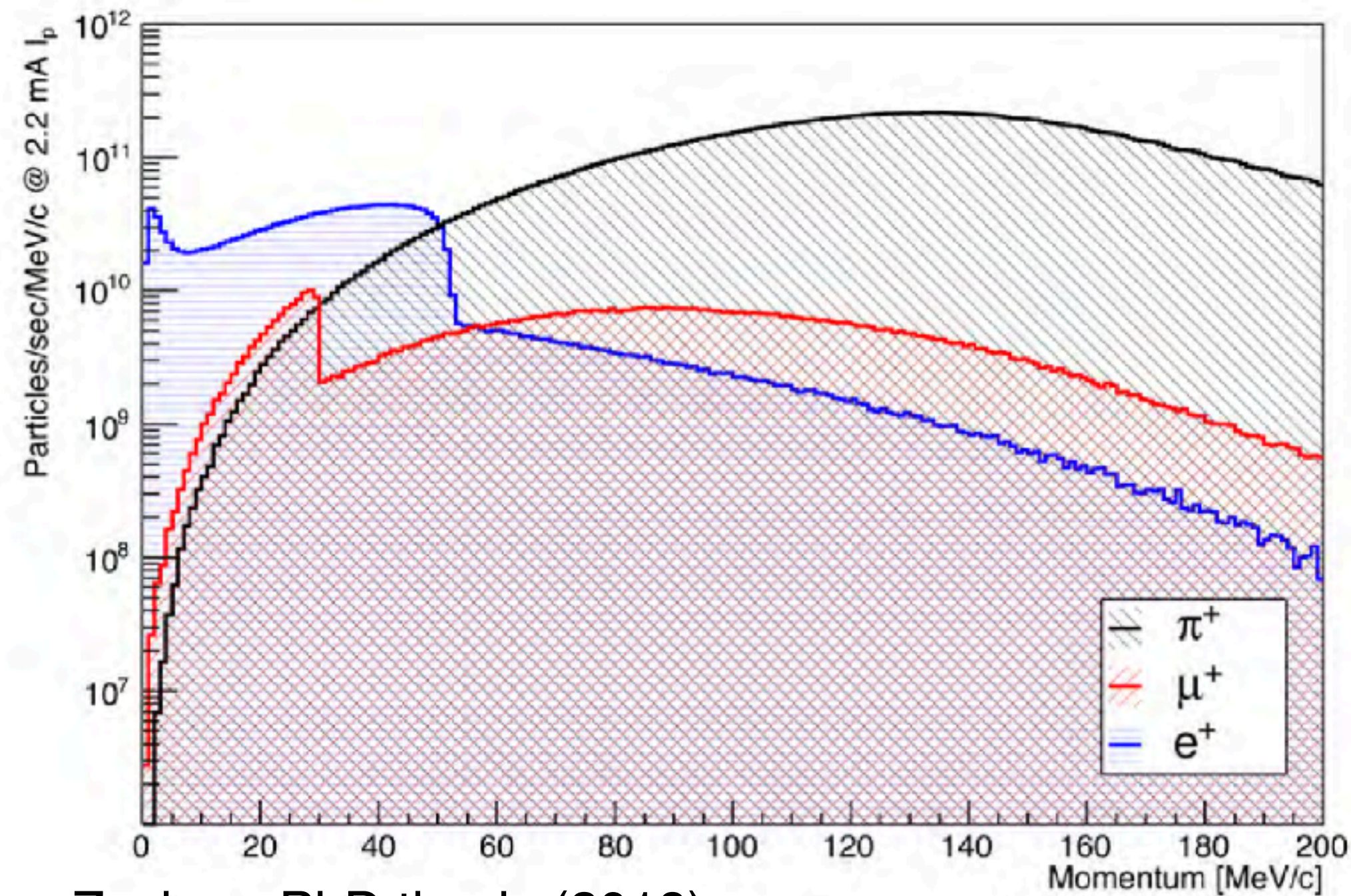
# Mott in MEG

- Mott monochromatic energy spectrum
  - Data in 2012 and in 2013
  - Positron beam momentum of  $p \sim 52\text{MeV}/c$
  - Scattered by MEG target ( $\text{CH}_2$ )
  - spectrometer energy resolution  $\sim 300\text{keV}$
  - Spread from the beam  $\sim 400\text{-}500\text{keV}$

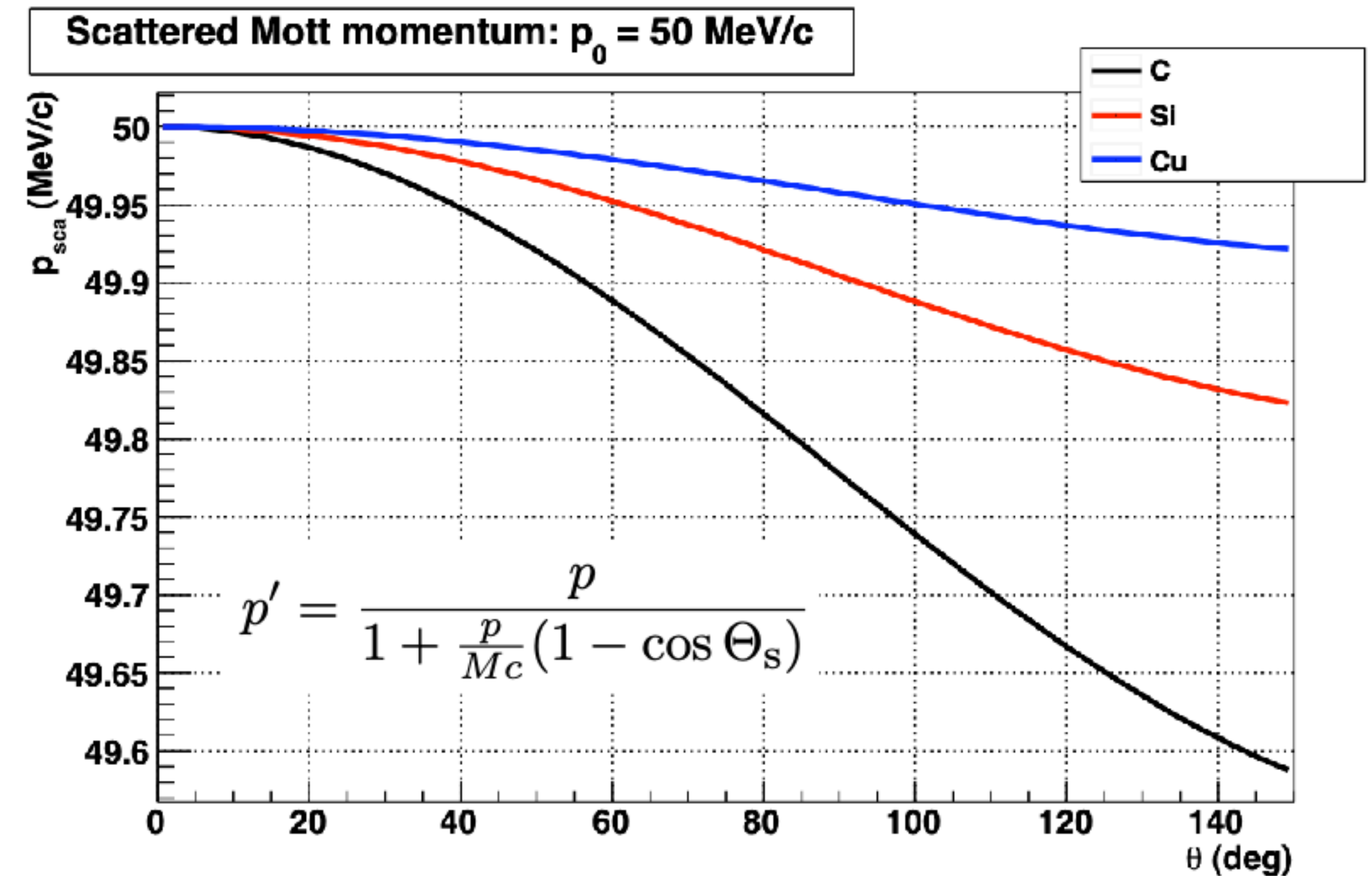


b) Run 2012 vs. 2013

# Mott scattering for PIONEER



Zachary PhD thesis (2018)



- Event rate @ 70MeV/c should be sufficient (1kHz@53MeV/c at MEG)
- Scattered momentum on silicon larger than that on carbon
- Strong angle dependence
  - Events with forward direction will be dominant
- Detailed estimates with MC necessary

# Thin MPPC can be installed in the inner sphere?

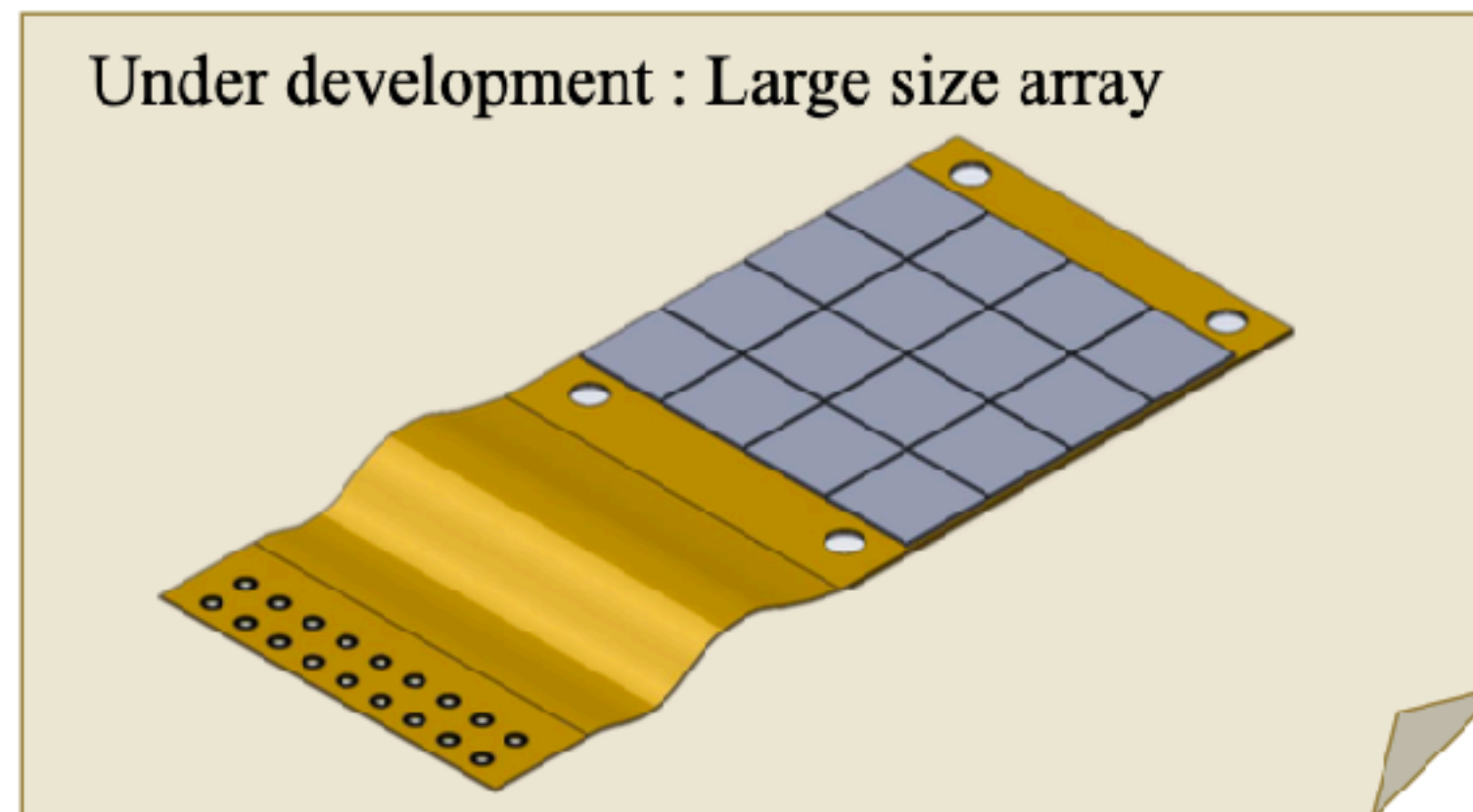
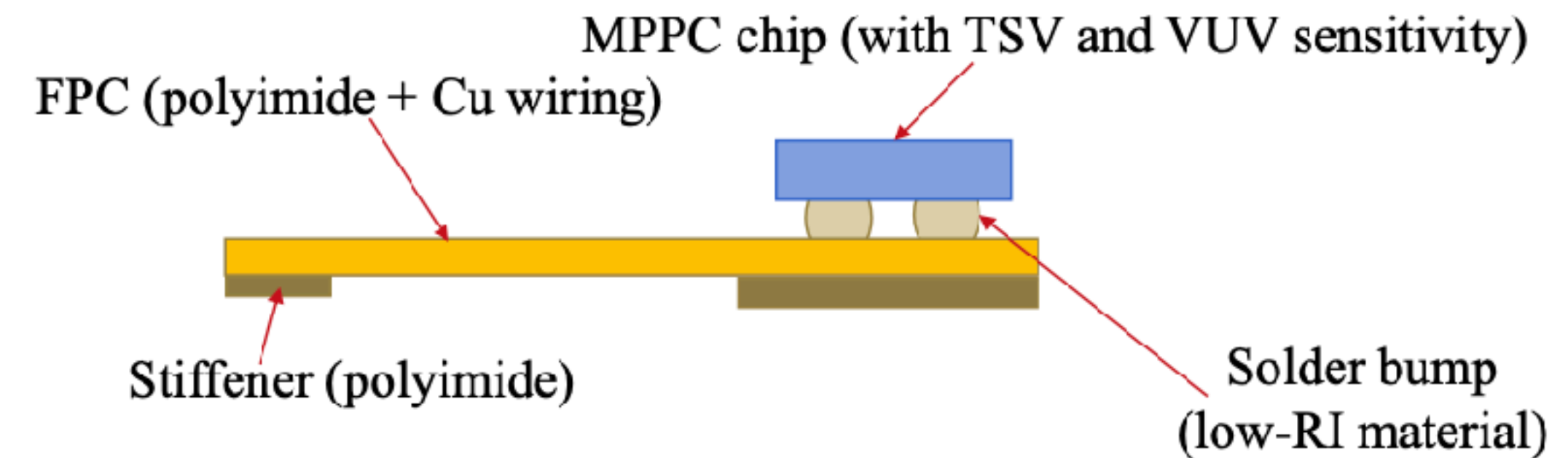
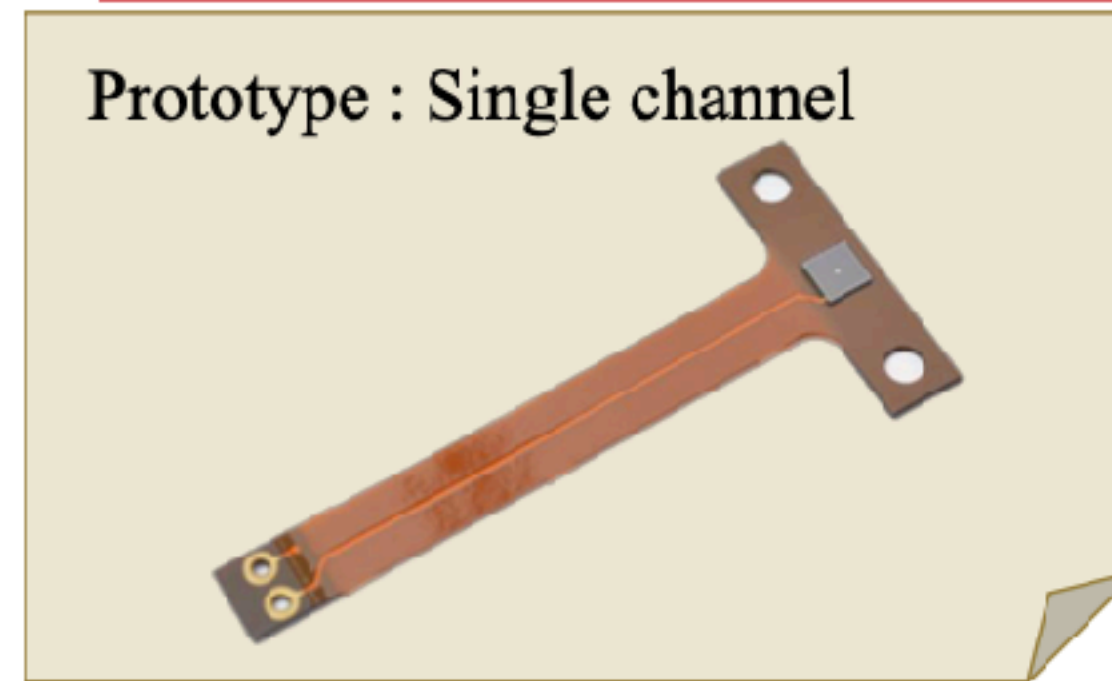
- Can we put some photosensors on the inner target sphere?
- Wataru contacted Hamamatsu for this
  - MPPC chip: 200 $\mu$ m
  - Solder bump: 150 $\mu$ m
  - Stiffener: < 270 $\mu$ m
- Radius of 15cm
  - Area : 2500 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - 6000 MPPCs with 6x6mm<sup>2</sup>
  - ~0.2M USD
- Prototype samples will be provided by Hamamatsu
  - Those samples will be tested in the liquid xenon



## CoF (Chip on film) package

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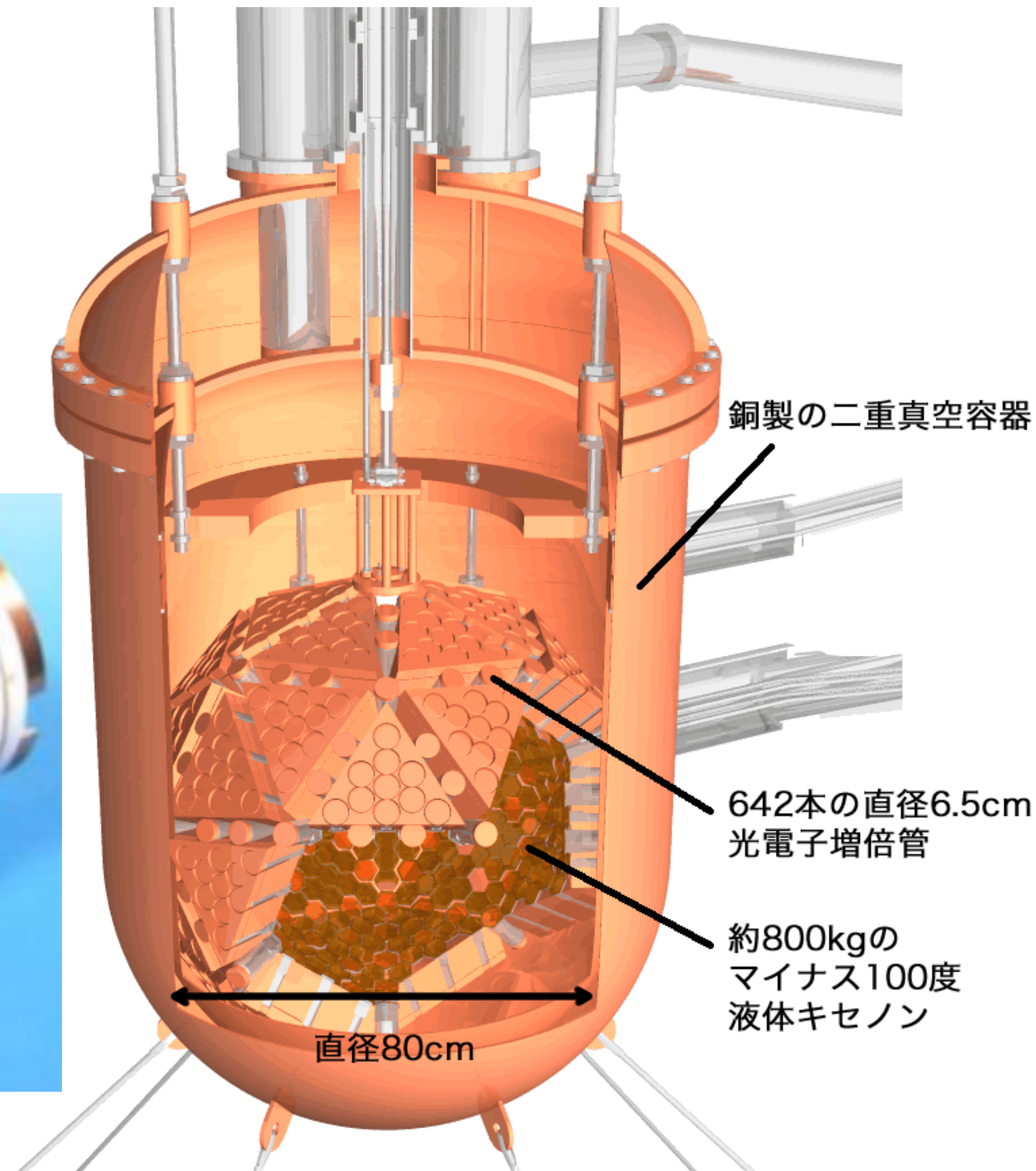
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# XMASS PMTs

- R10789 still installed in the detector (~600)
  - 2 inch, hex shape photo-cathode (58.4mm × 126.6mm)
  - QE: 28–39%
  - need human resources and budgets to remove them from the detector
    - For the construction, it costed 0.13MUSD (20MJPY)
  - The XMASS people will investigate it more if we are interested in using them
- mBq/PMT amount of radioactivity for them is a problem, but is not for us.



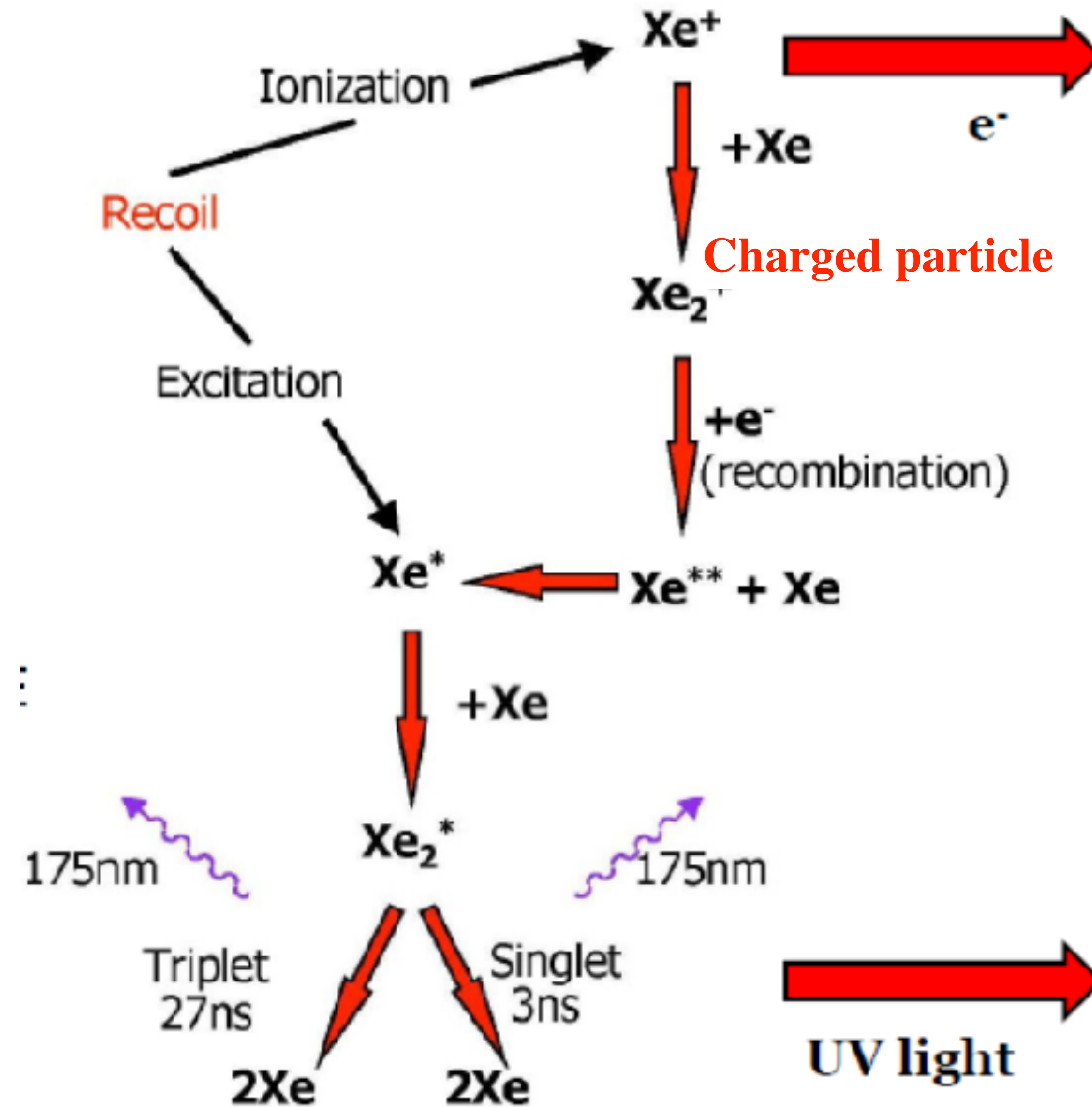
# Prices of photo sensors

- S13371-6050/75CQ-02 (MEG II MPPC)
  - 100 USD (10,000-13,000pcs), updated in 2024 June
  - 12x12mm<sup>2</sup>
- R12699-406-M4 (Flatpanel PMT)
  - 3000 USD
  - 48.5x48.5mm<sup>2</sup> ~ 183 USD/12x12mm<sup>2</sup>
- R9869 (MEG PMT)
  - ~~2000 USD~~ unfortunately, it is discontinued.
  - ~~φ46mm ~ 181 USD/12x12mm<sup>2</sup>~~

# Summary

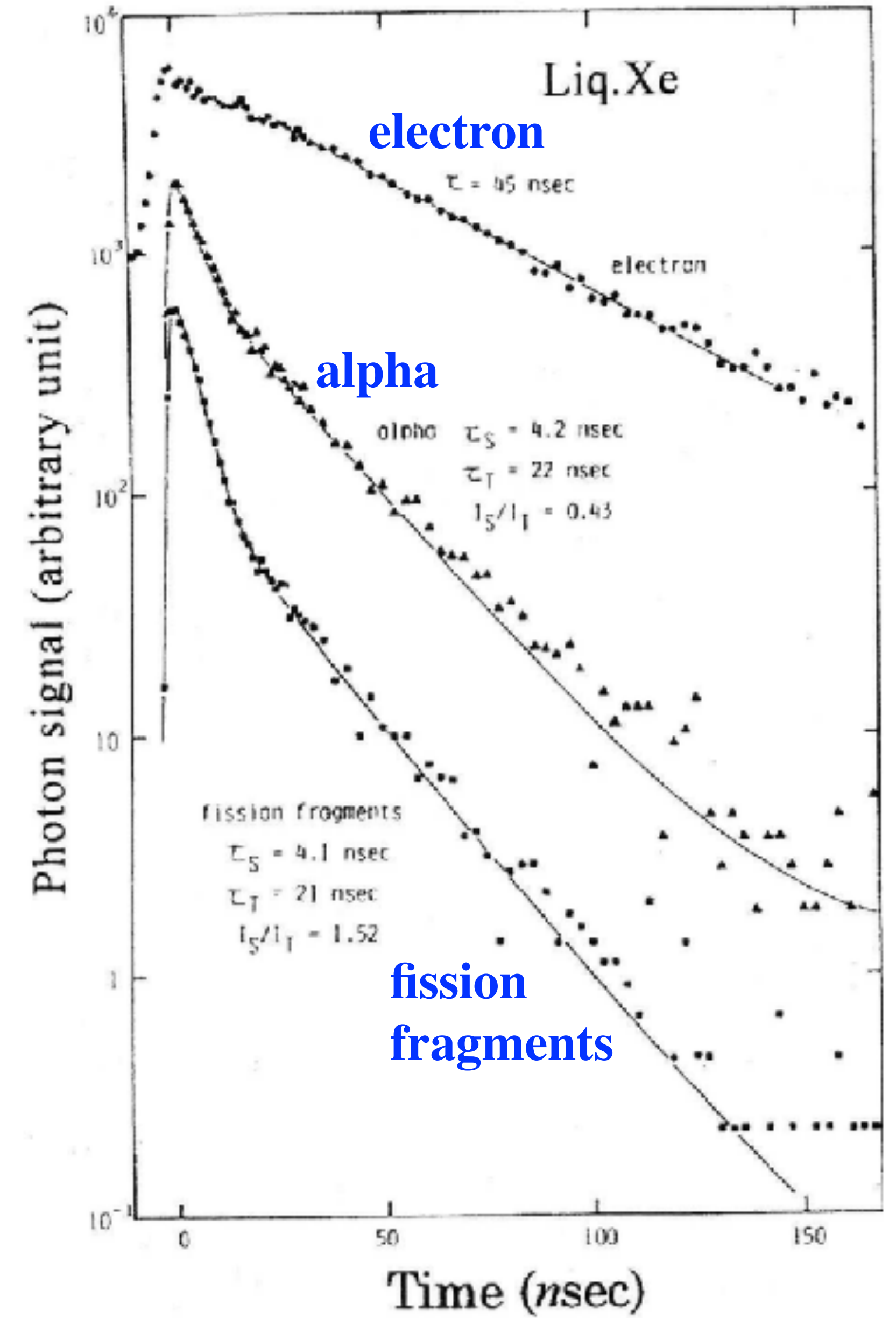
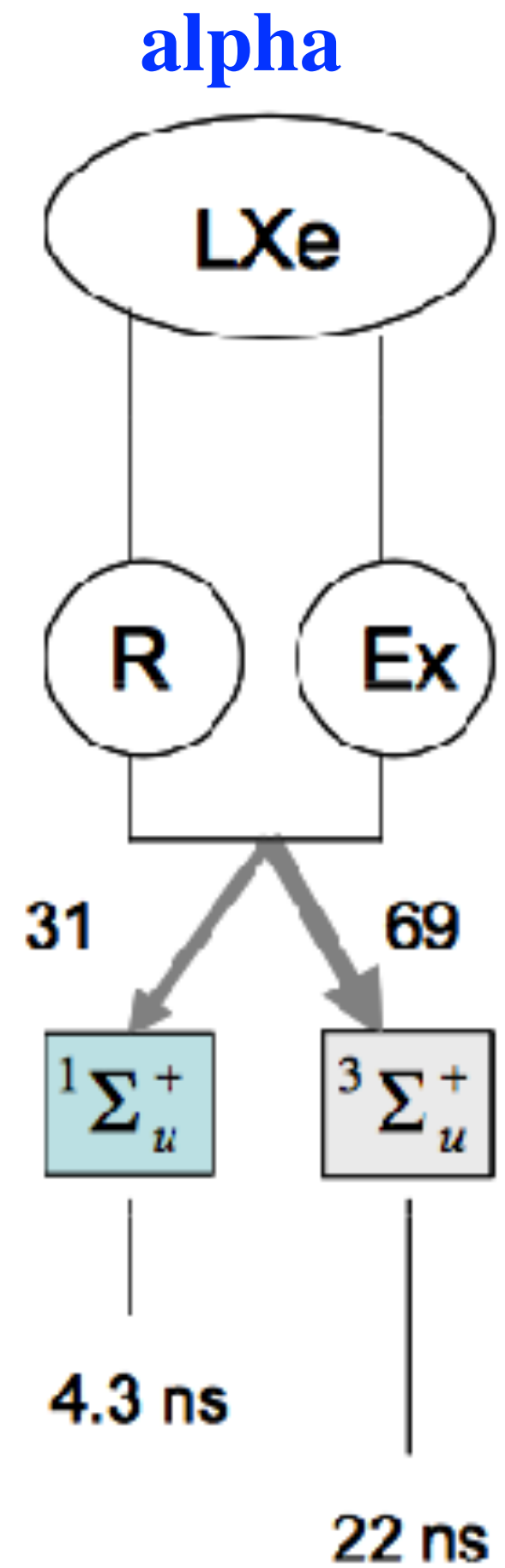
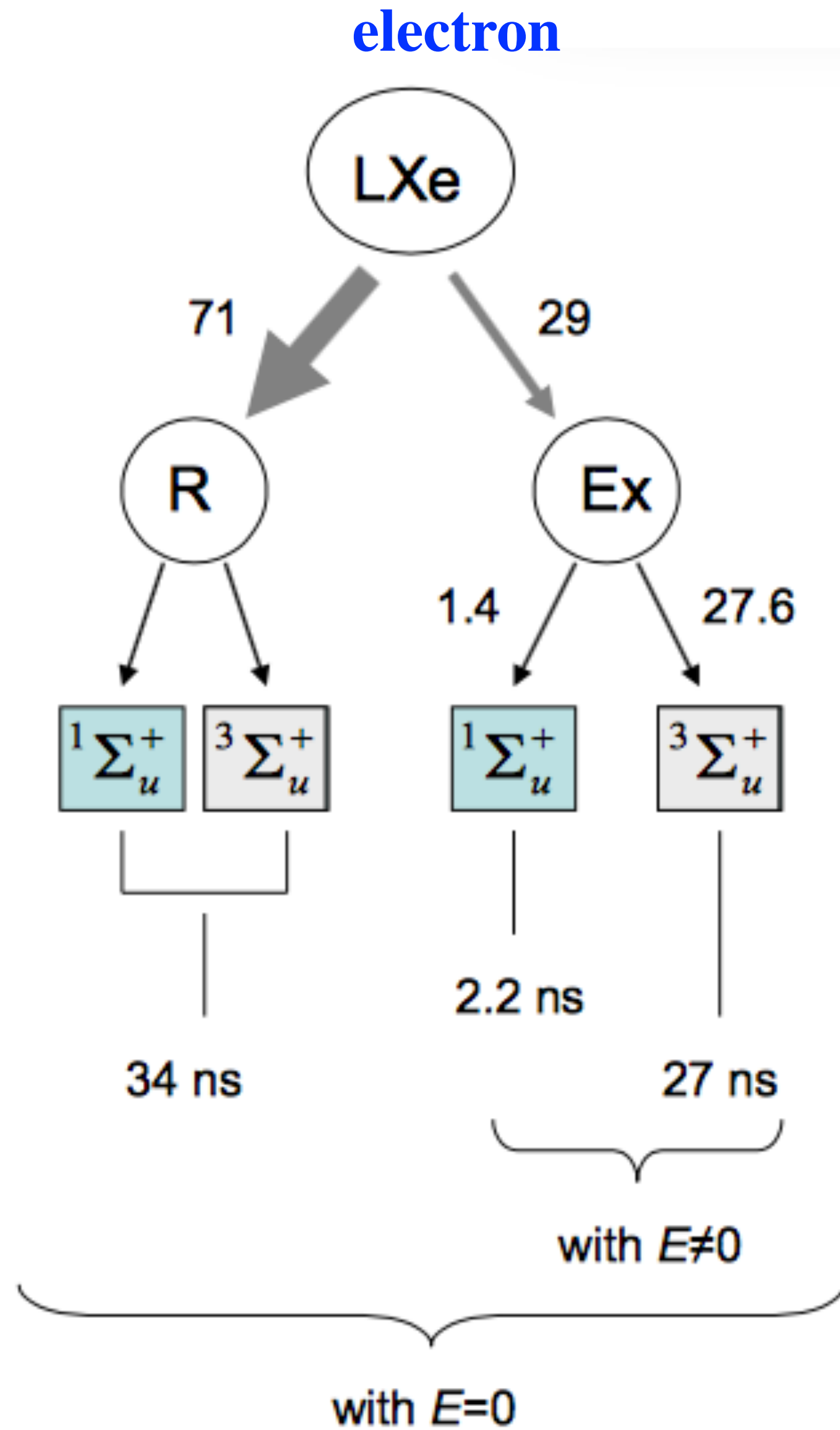
- We can learn a lot of things in the prototype test
  - Energy resolution
  - Photo nuclear interaction
  - Thin window test
  - Operation experience
- Prototype design will be finalized soon, and we aim at beam test in 2025
- Calibration methods
  - Cockcroft Walton + Li target (17.6MeV  $\gamma$ ), Charge Exchange reaction (55, 83MeV  $\gamma$ ), Monochromatic positron beam, Mott scattering,  $\gamma$  conversion into  $e^+e^-$
- Possible improvements
  - Thin MPPC installation into the inner sphere
- Cost reduction
  - Investigation of the photo sensors

# Scintillation and Ionization



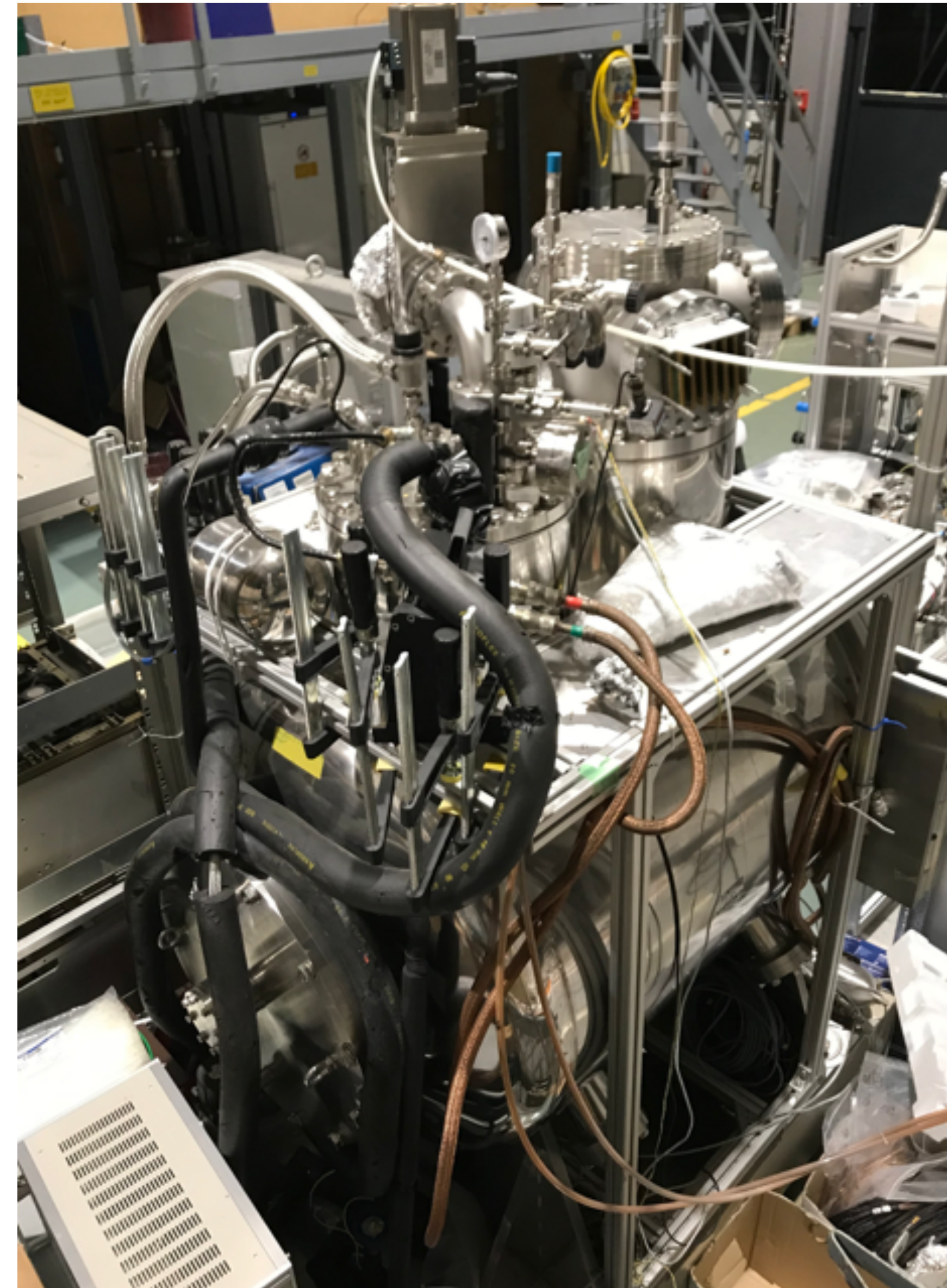
# Scintillation

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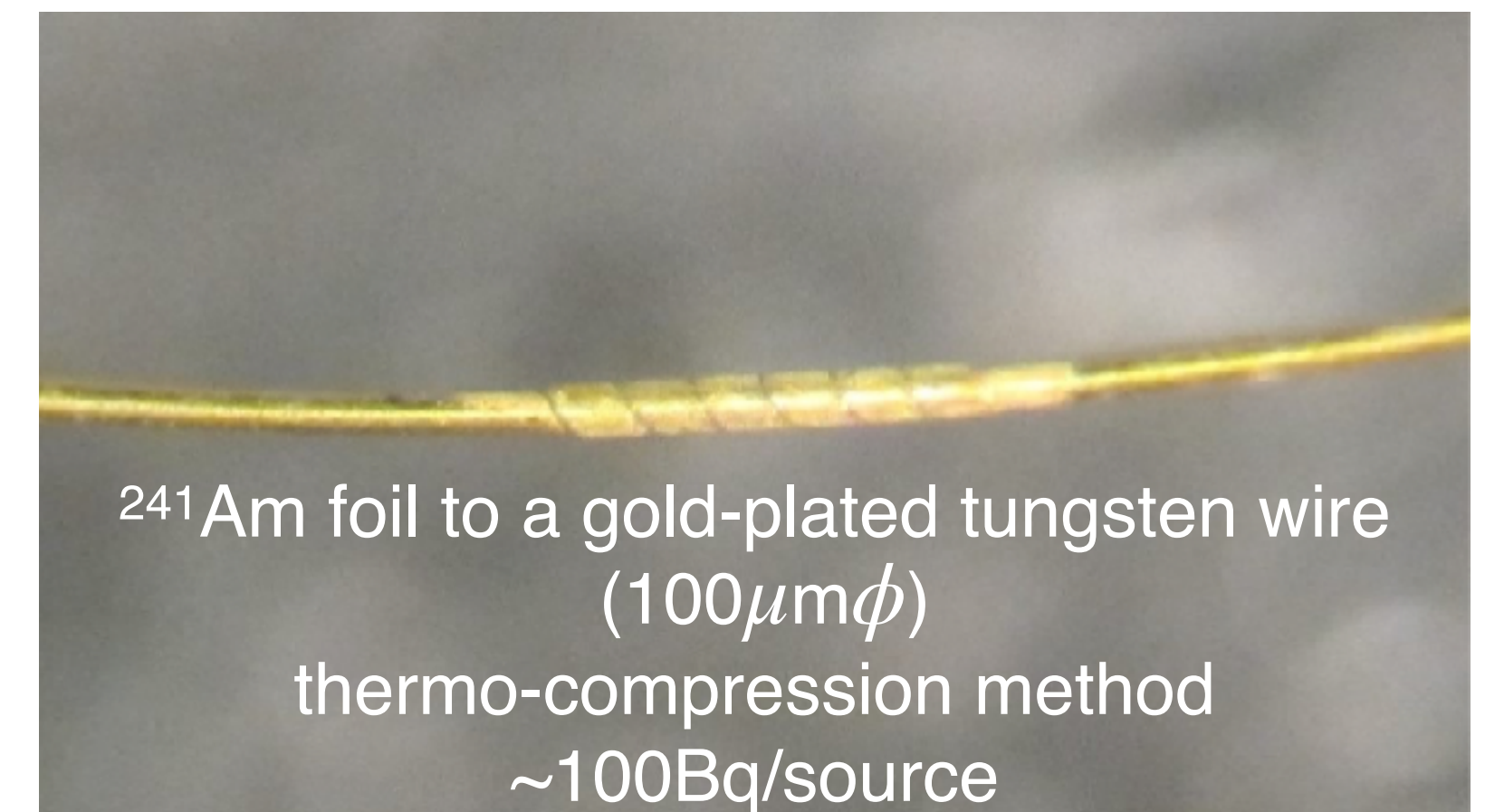


# Status for large prototype test

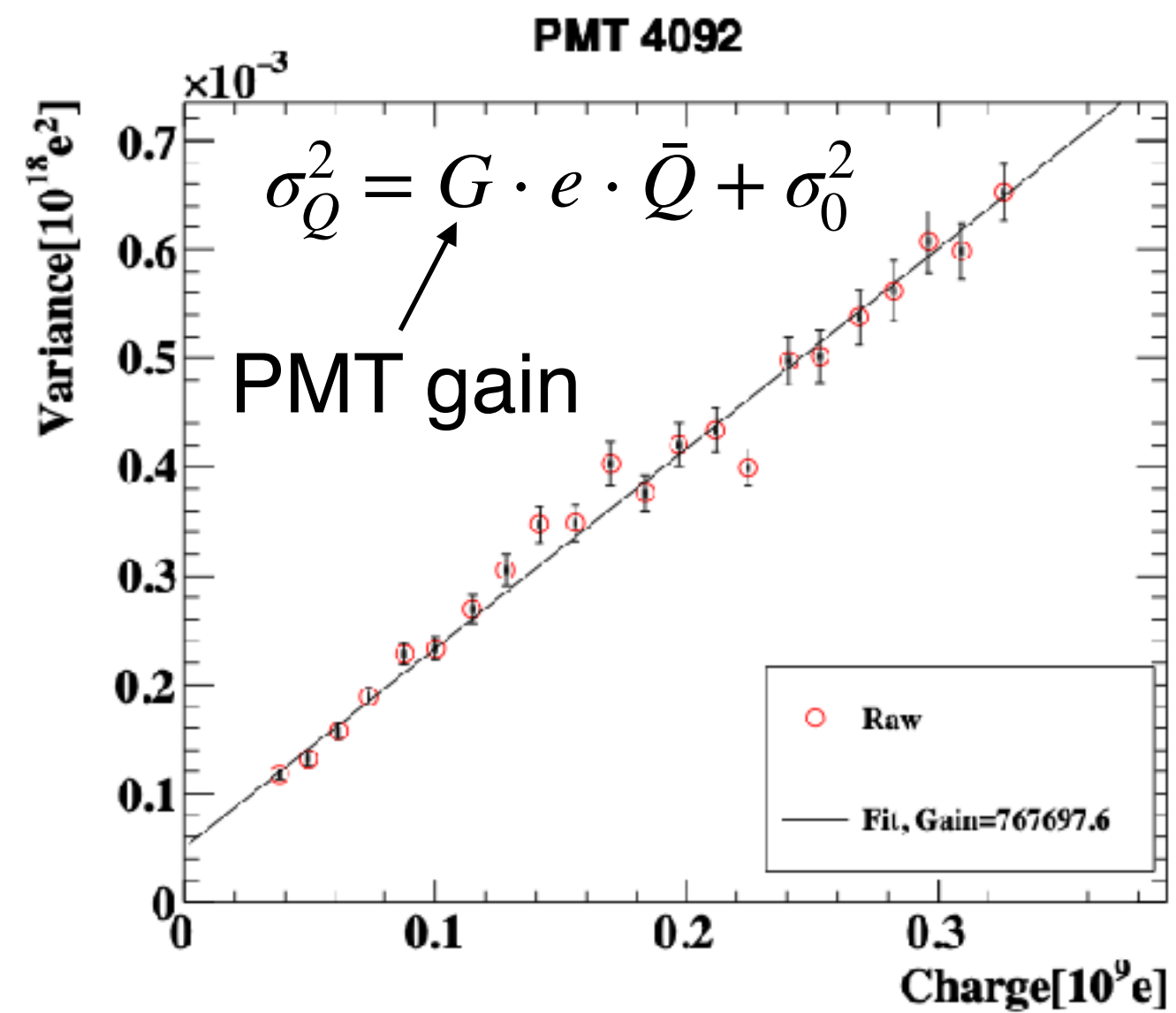
- Available
  - Cryostat
  - PMTs: 1/3 PMT tested at RT (109 R9288 PMTs)
  - Power supply: 206 working positive channels
  - Pulse tube refrigerator & rotary valve
  - Compressor for the refrigerator (at PSI)
  - Gaseous purification panel
  - LN2 pipes
- To be prepared
  - 10x5 WFD channels available (probably  $\sim 1/2$  of the total channels we need)
  - Thin window
  - PMT support structure, cables, feedthrough
  - Xenon storage tank
  - Stage to transport a set of the measurement setup into the beam line w/o disconnecting pipes



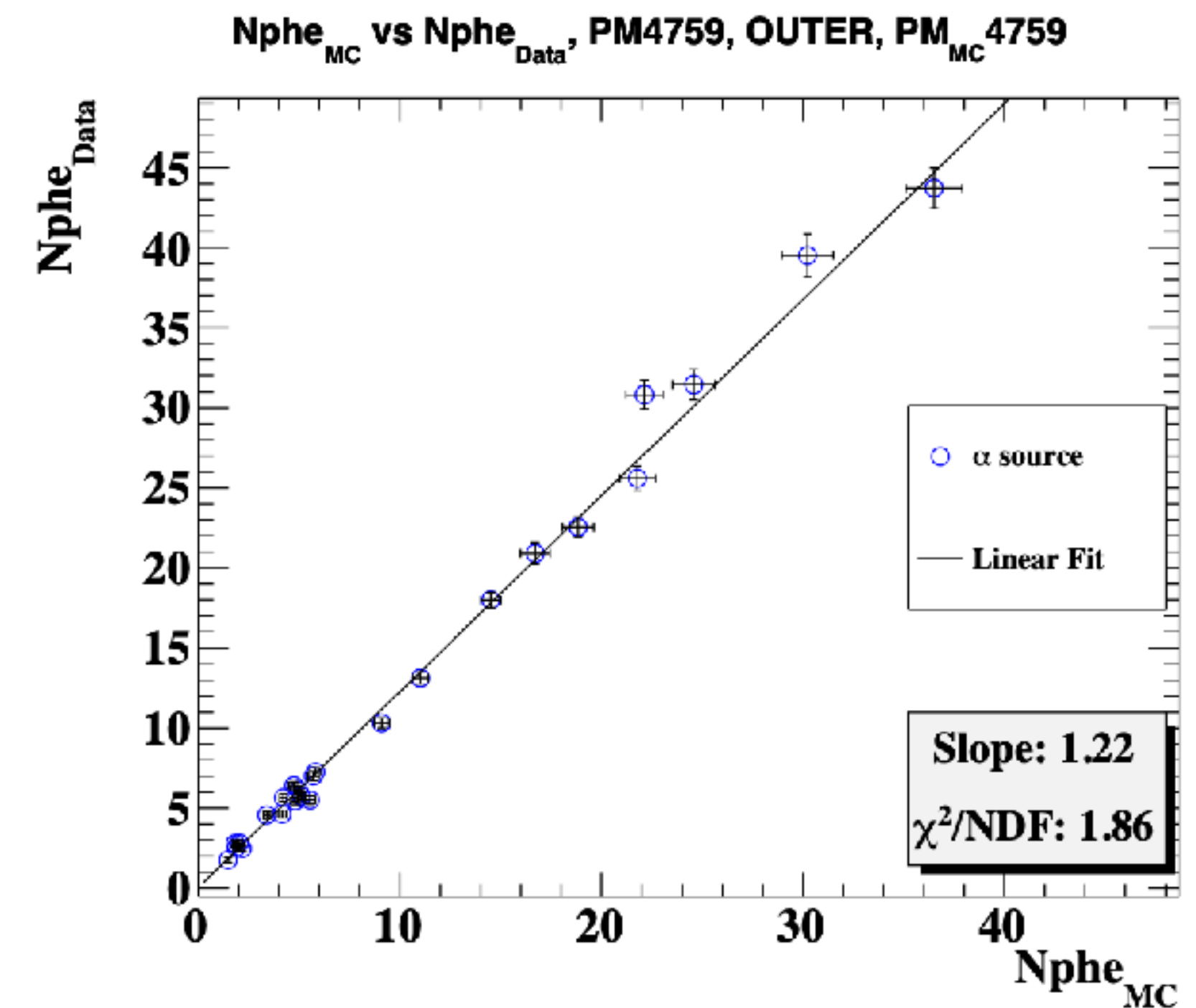
# Photo-sensor calibration



Variance vs Charge mean  
w/ different LED intensities

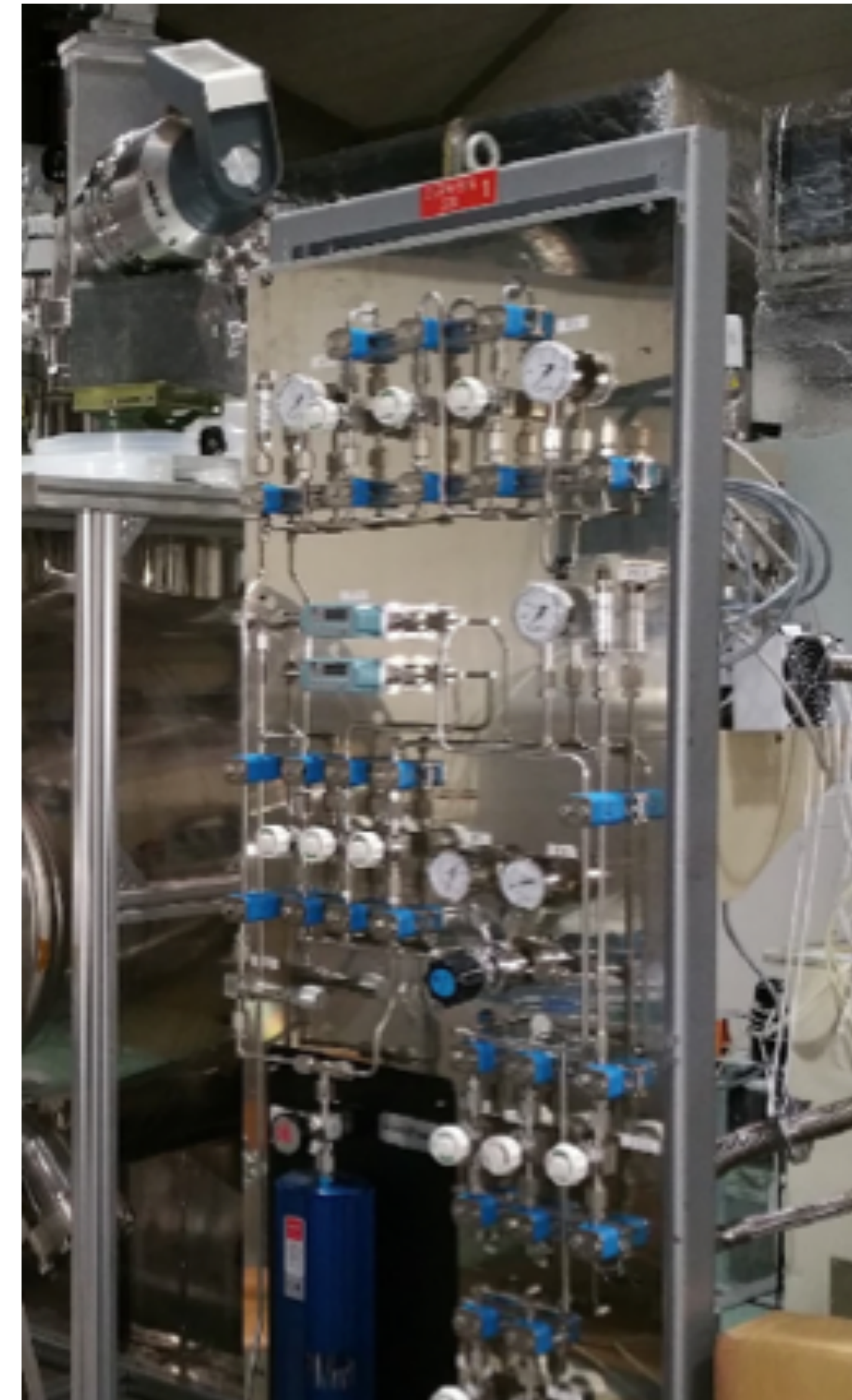
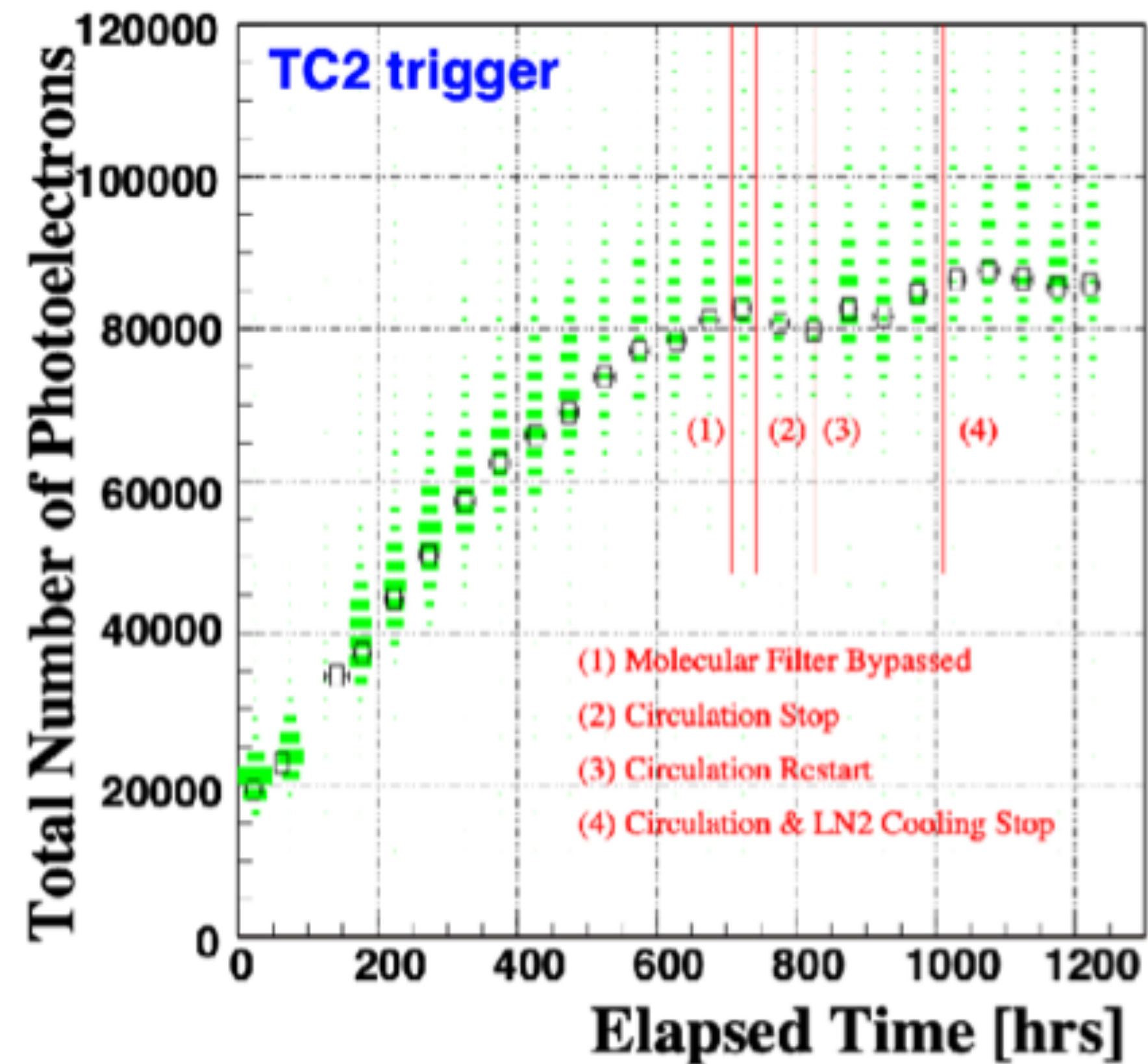


Ratio of data/MC for a PMT



# Purification

- Gaseous xenon purification
  - 1 month to reach a plateau
- New getter and new pump to improve the purification speed





### $\mu$ radiative decay

Lower beam intensity  $< 10^7$   
 Is necessary to reduce pile-ups  
 Better  $\sigma_{\nu}$  makes it possible to take data with higher beam intensity  
 A few days ~ 1 week to get enough statistics

### Laser

(rough) relative timing calib.  
 $< 2\sim 3$  nsec

### LED

**PMT Gain**  
 Higher V with light att.  
 Can be repeated frequently

### $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$   
 $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (55MeV, 83MeV)  
 $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \gamma + n$  (129MeV)  
 10 days to scan all volume precisely  
 (faster scan possible with less points)  
 LH<sub>2</sub> target

Xenon Calibration

### alpha

**PMT QE & Att. L**  
 Cold GXe  
 LXe

### Proton Acc

**Li(p,γ)Be**  
 LiF target at COBRA center  
 17.6MeV  $\gamma$   
 ~daily calib.  
 Can be used also for initial setup

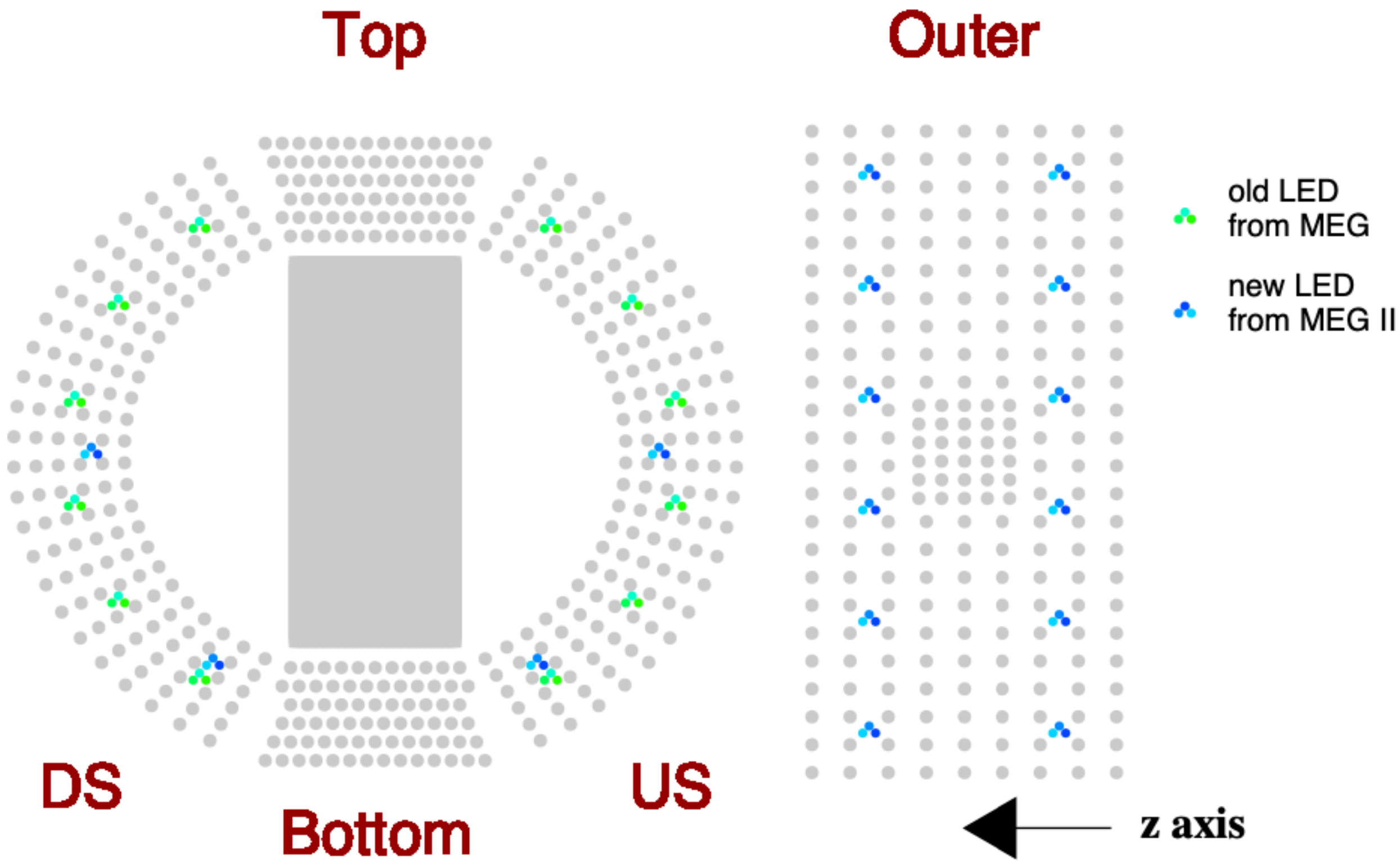
### Nickel $\gamma$ Generator

quelle  
 off on  
 Illuminate Xe from the back  
 Source (Cf) transferred by comp air  $\rightarrow$  on/off  
 3 cm 20 cm  
 Polyethylene  
 0.25 cm Nickel plate

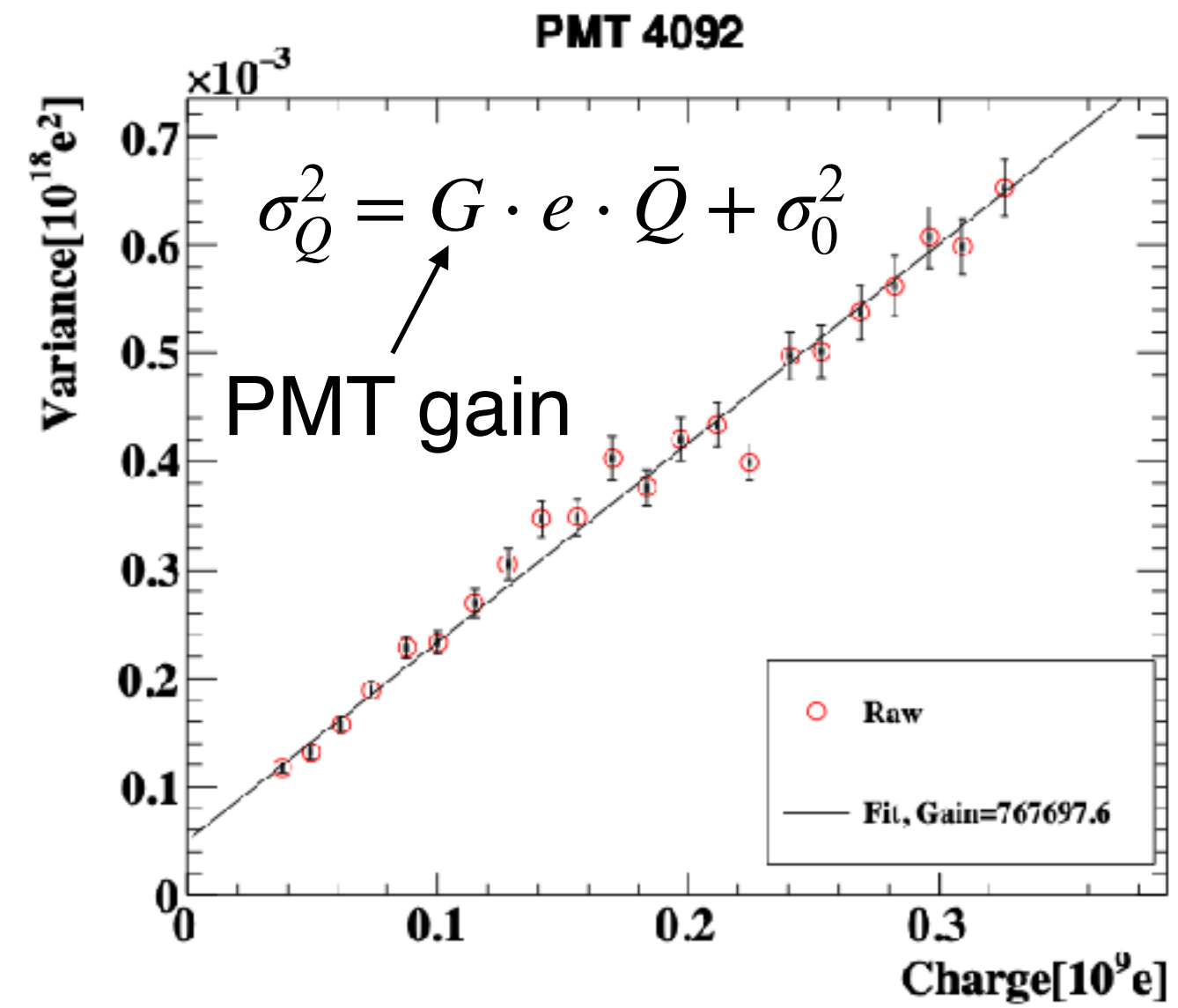
**9 MeV Nickel  $\gamma$ -line**

Channel	Events
P1	307.8
P2	776.4
P3	46.58
P4	196.6
P5	0.00
P6	10.16
P7	12.43

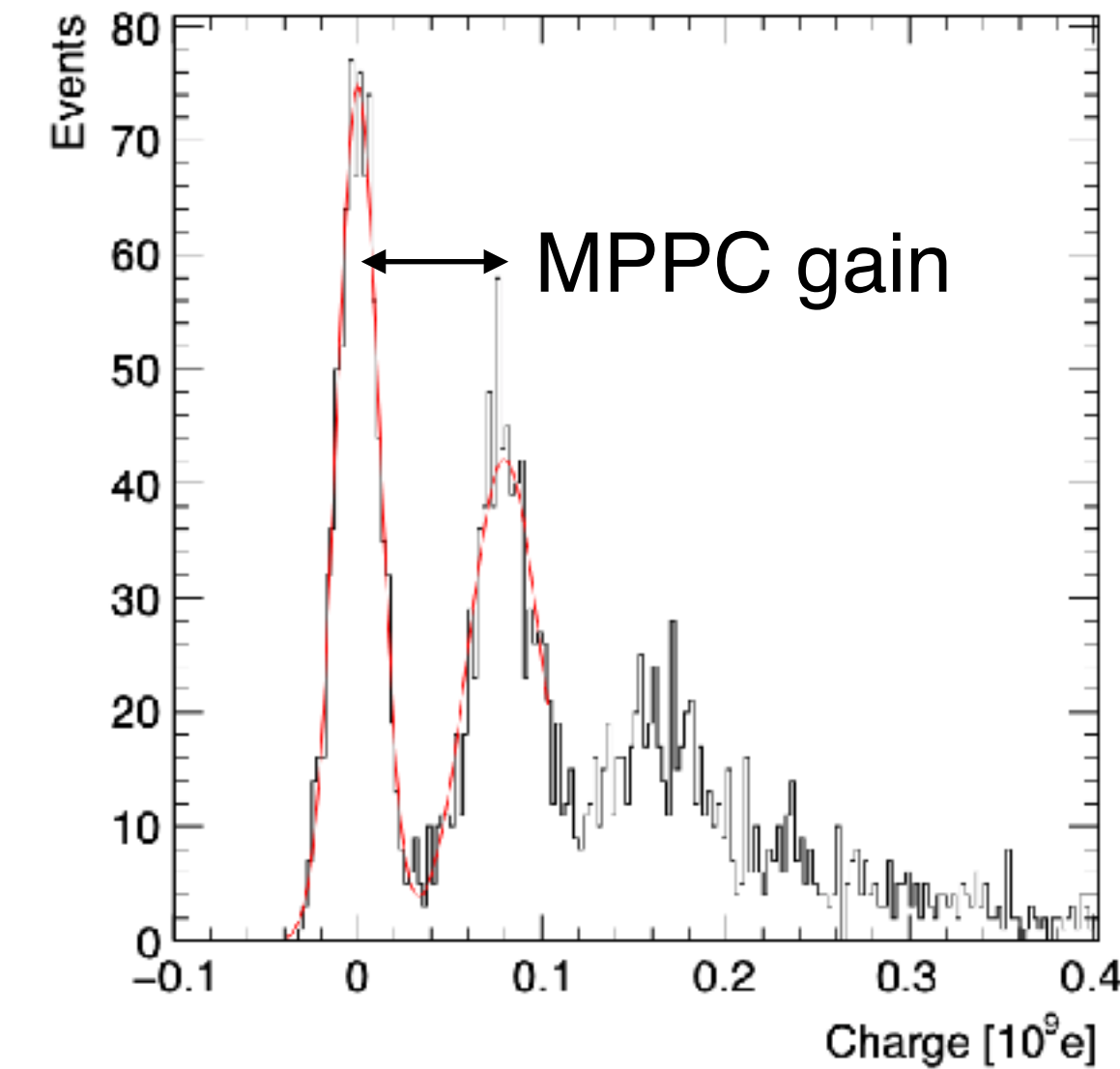
# LED



Variance vs Charge mean w/ different LED intensities

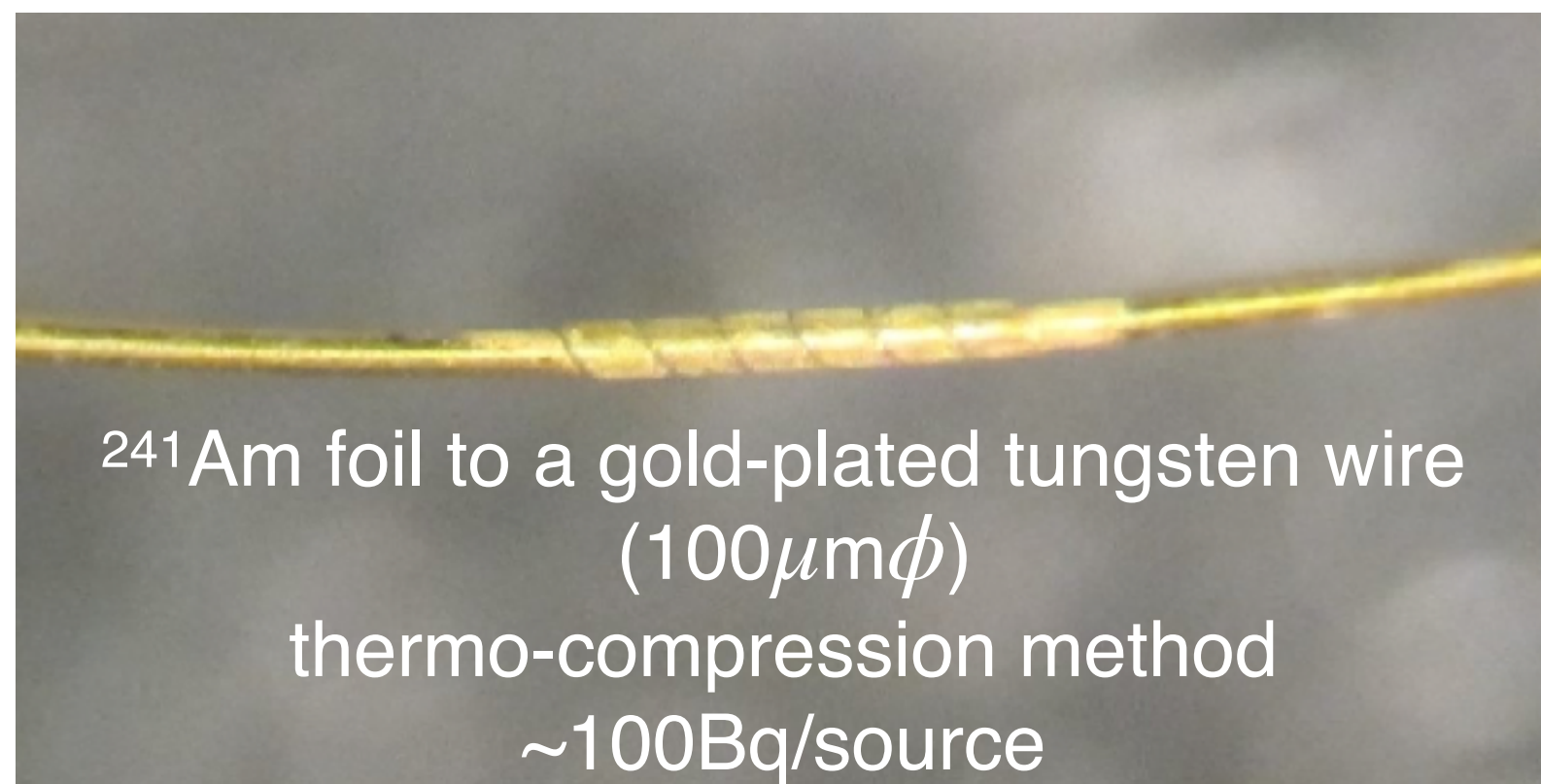
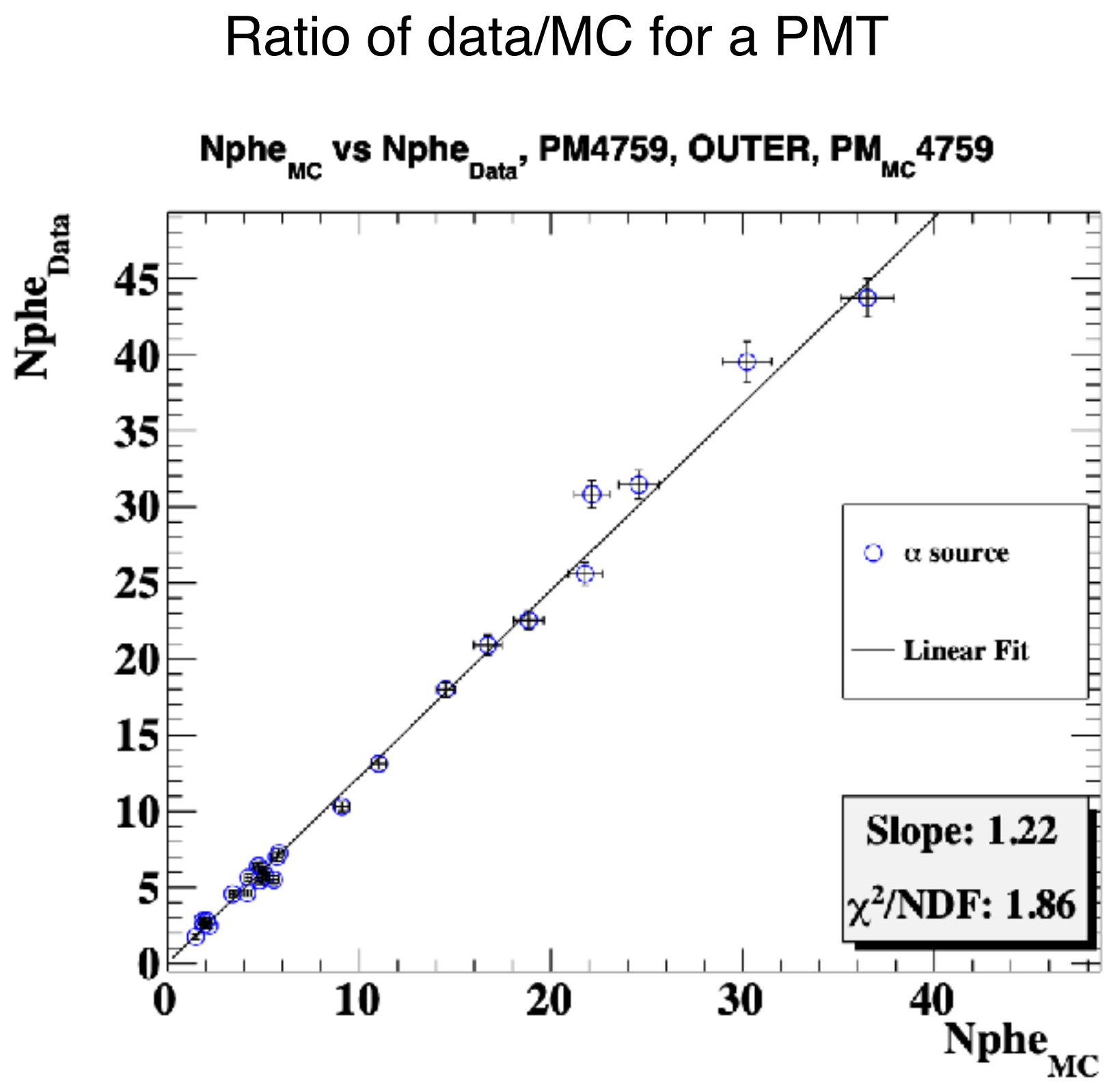
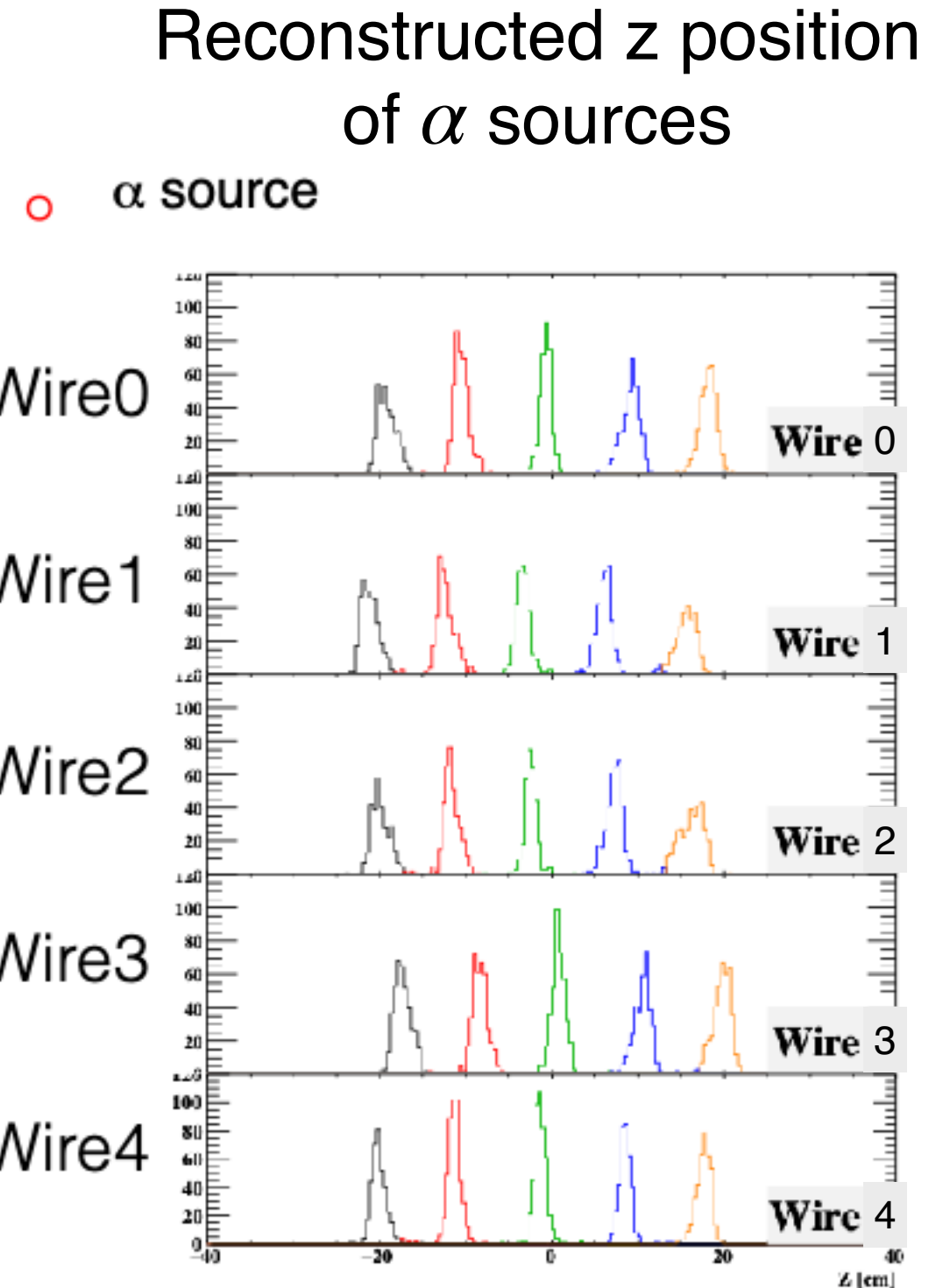
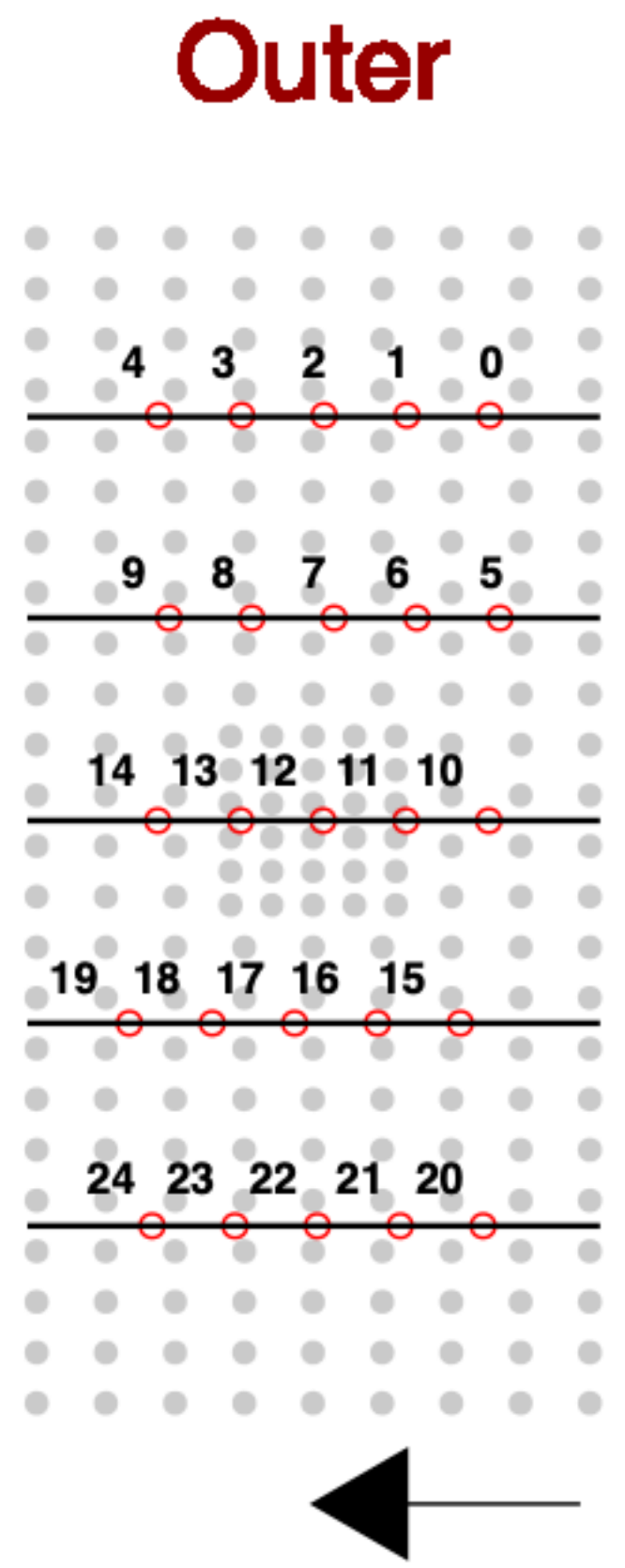
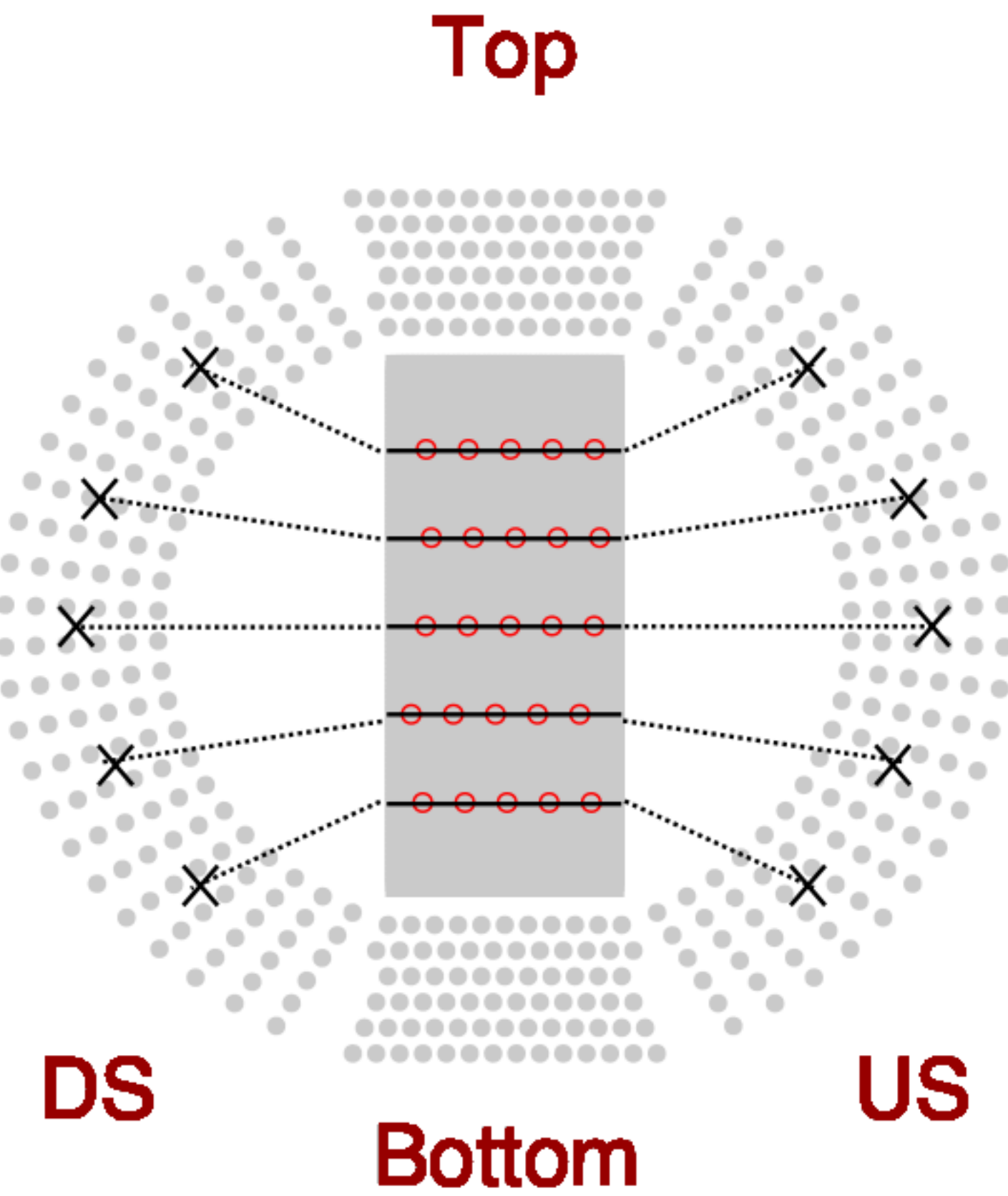


Charge spectrum w/ low intensity LED



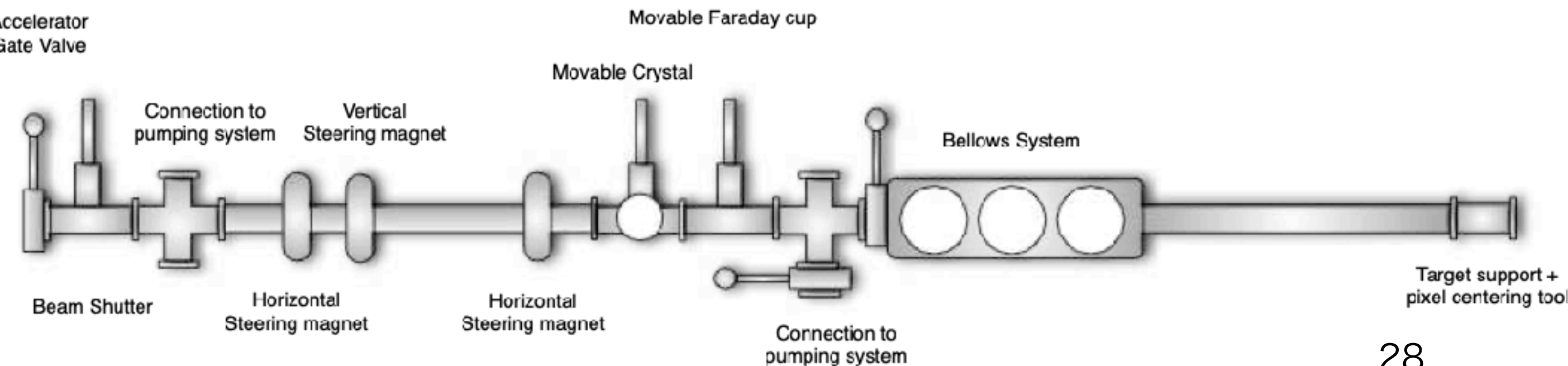
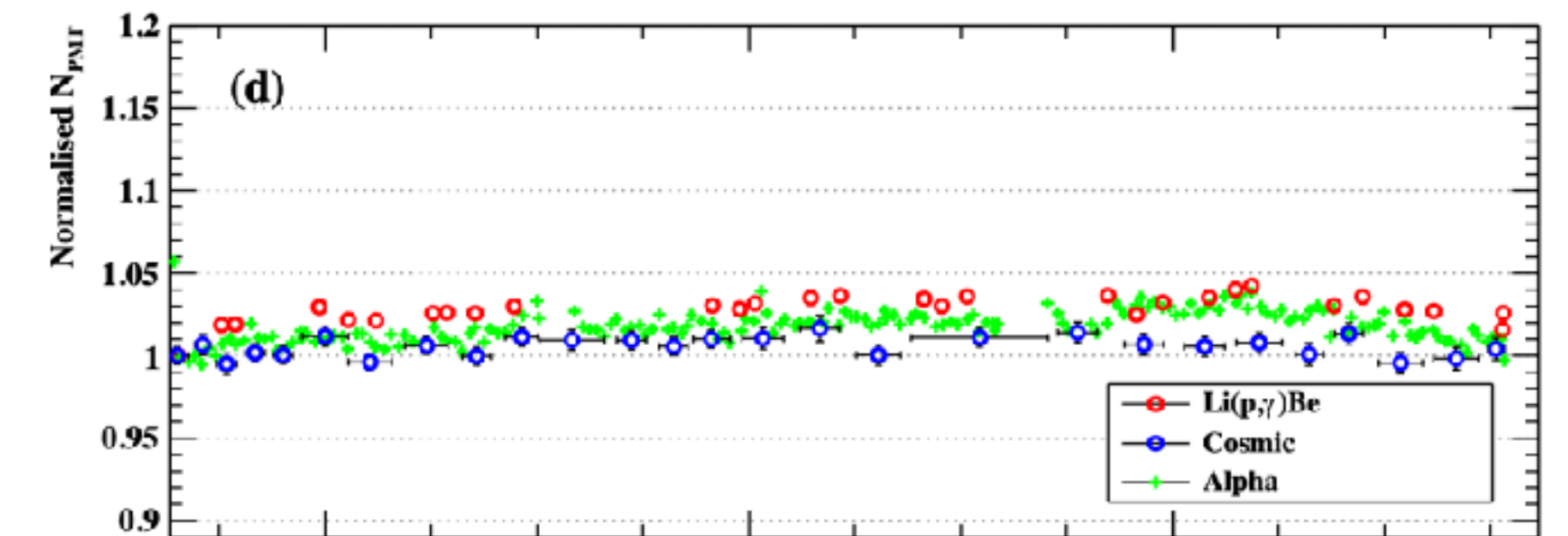
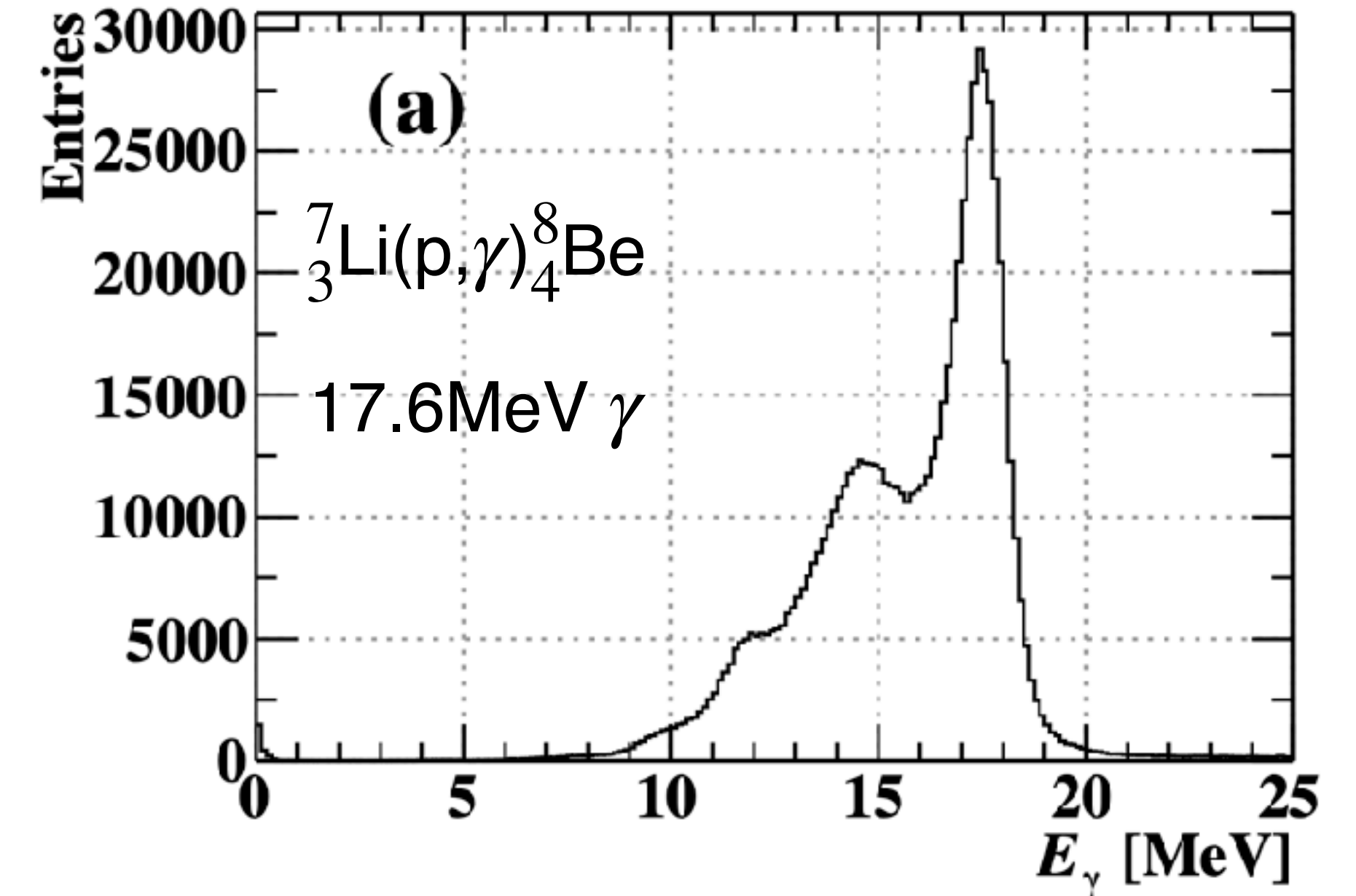
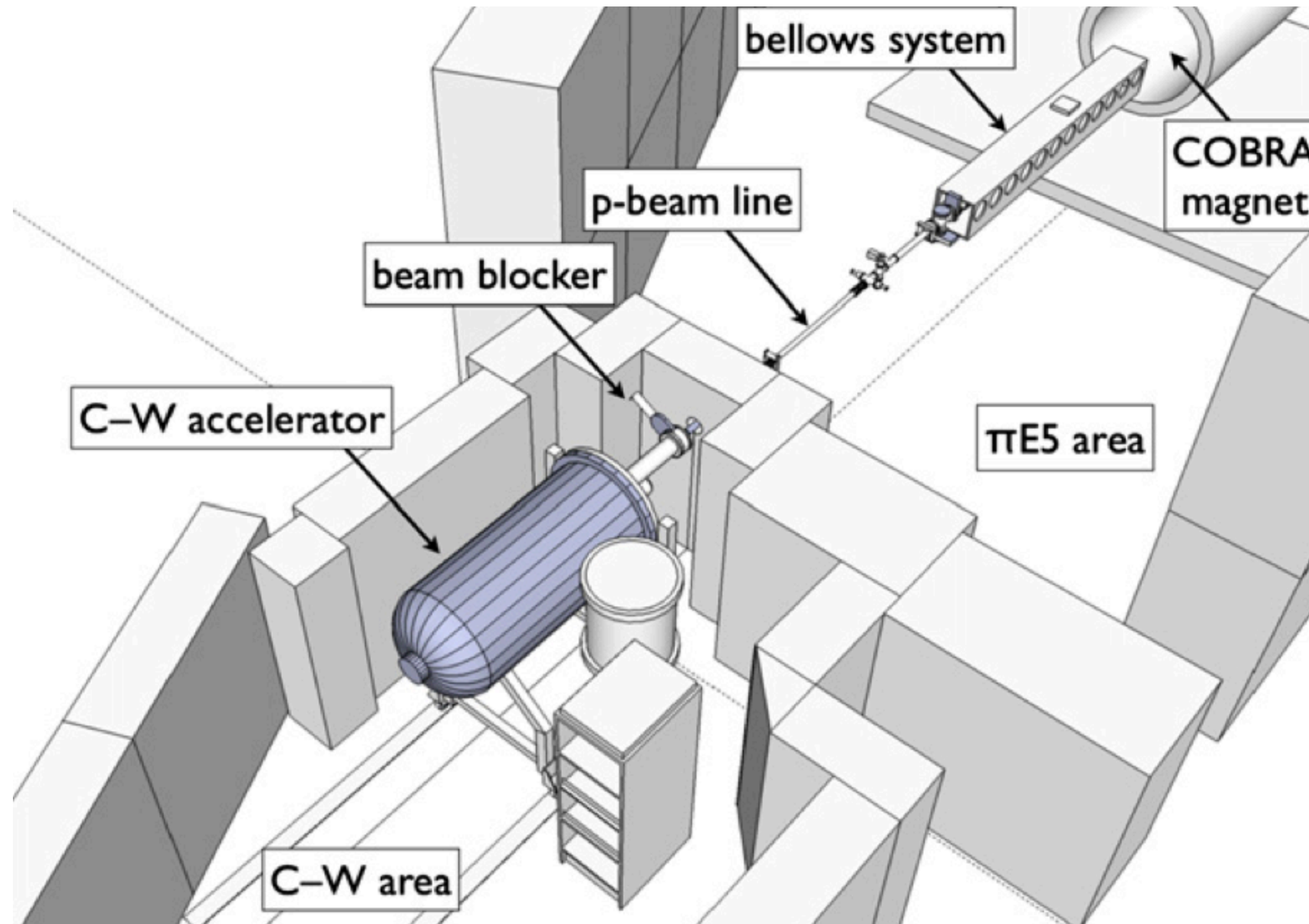
- PMT/MPPC gain, MPPC cross talk/after pulse measurements
- PMT gain decreases under muon beam
- LEDs can be installed to PIONEER easily

# $\alpha$ sources



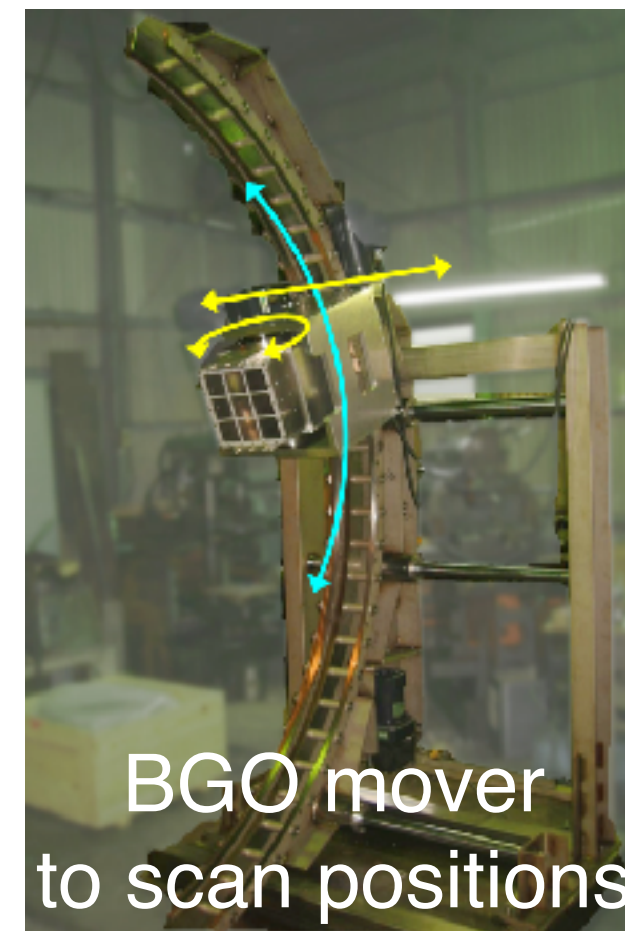
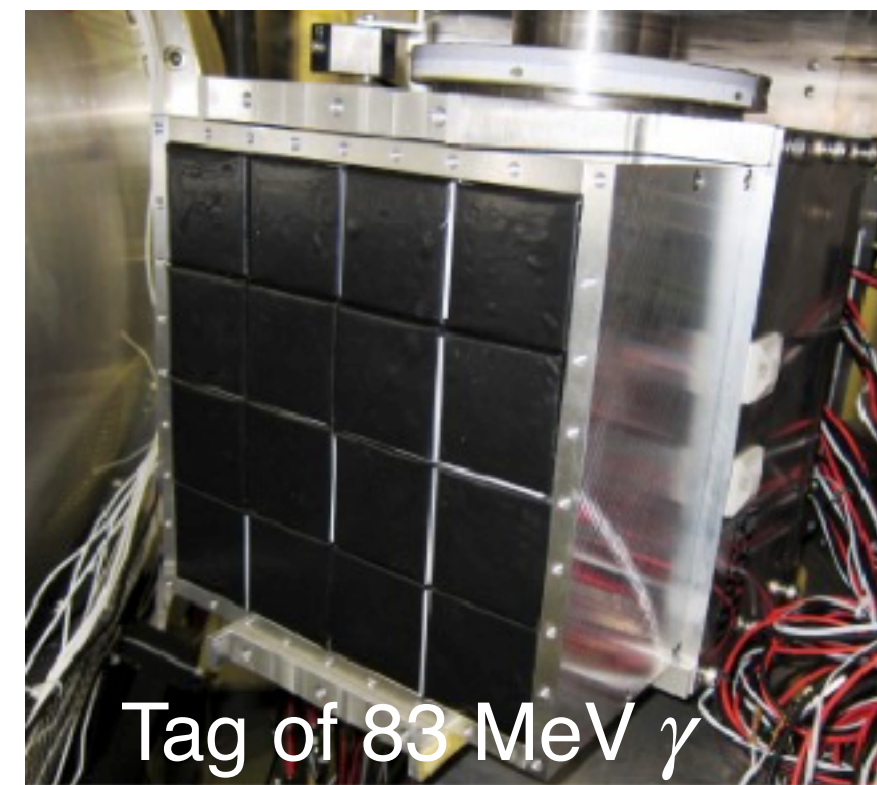
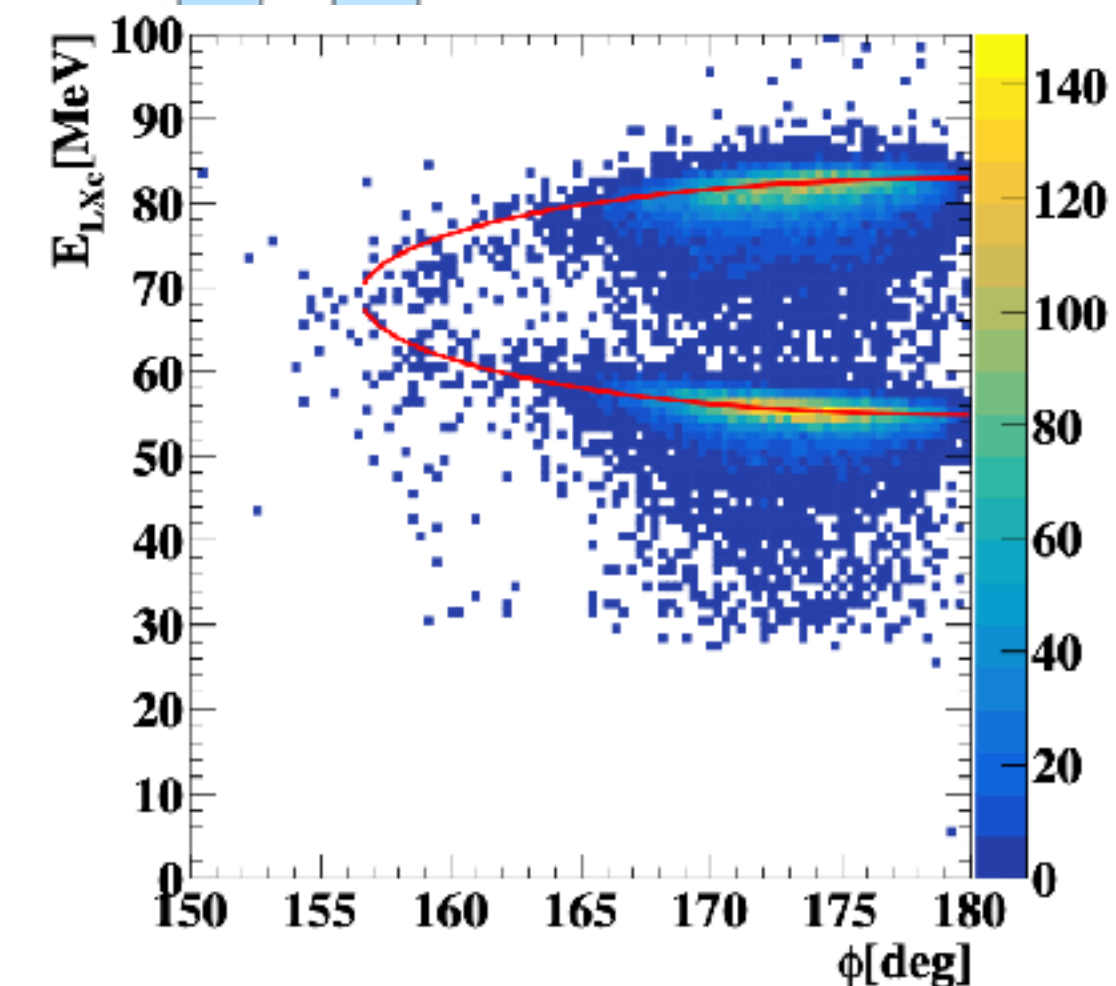
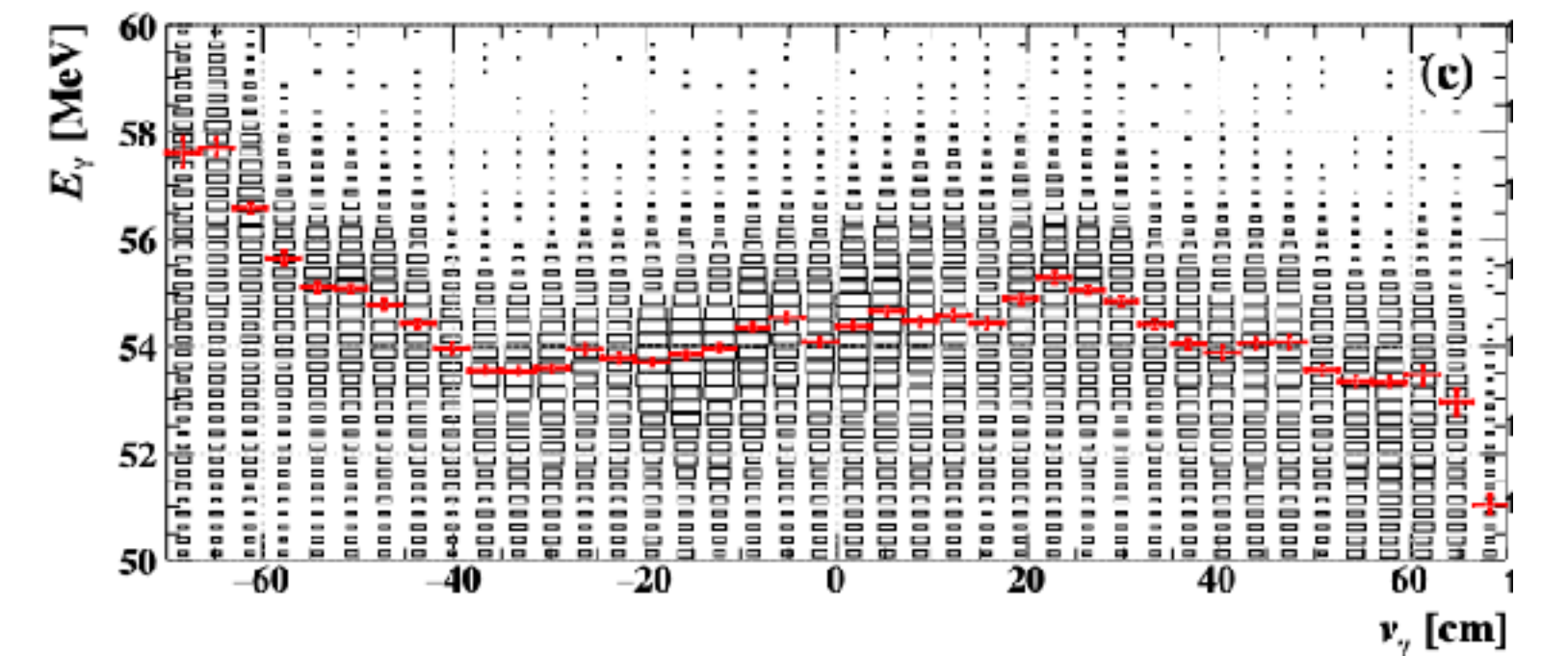
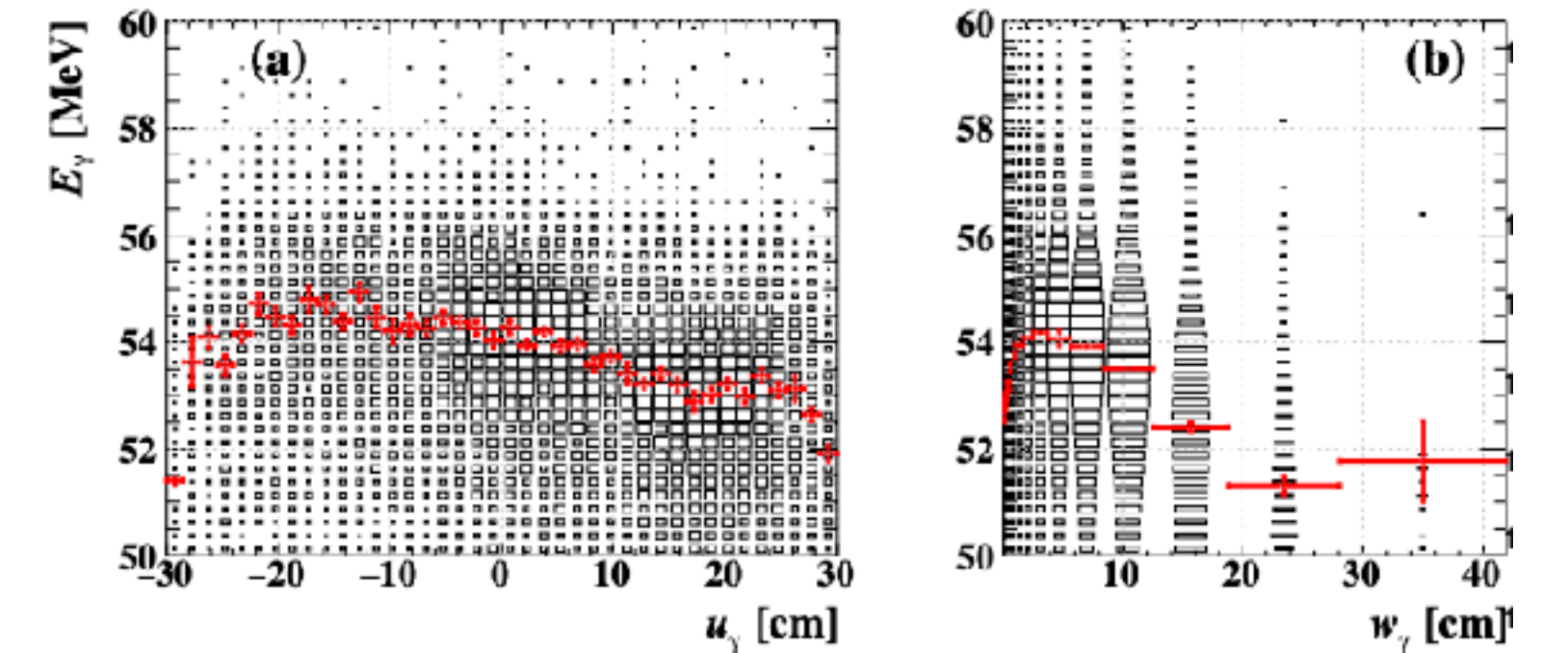
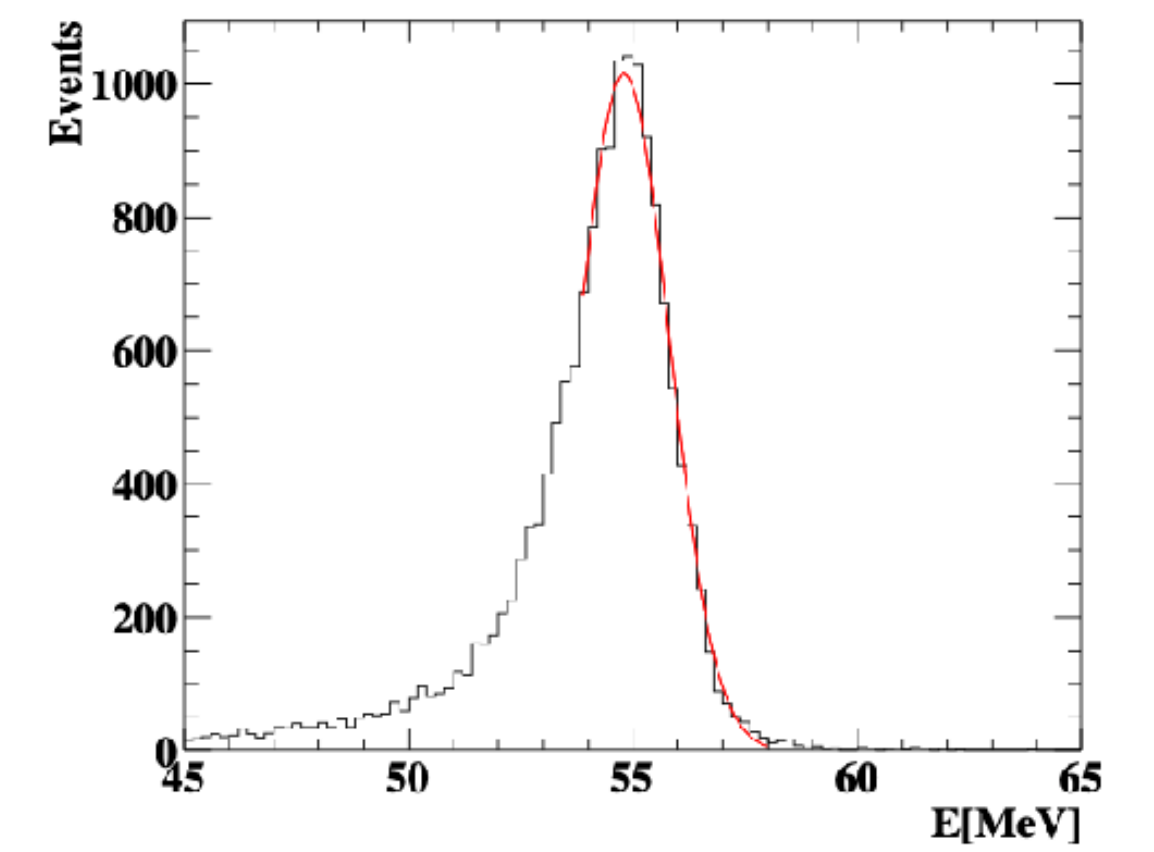
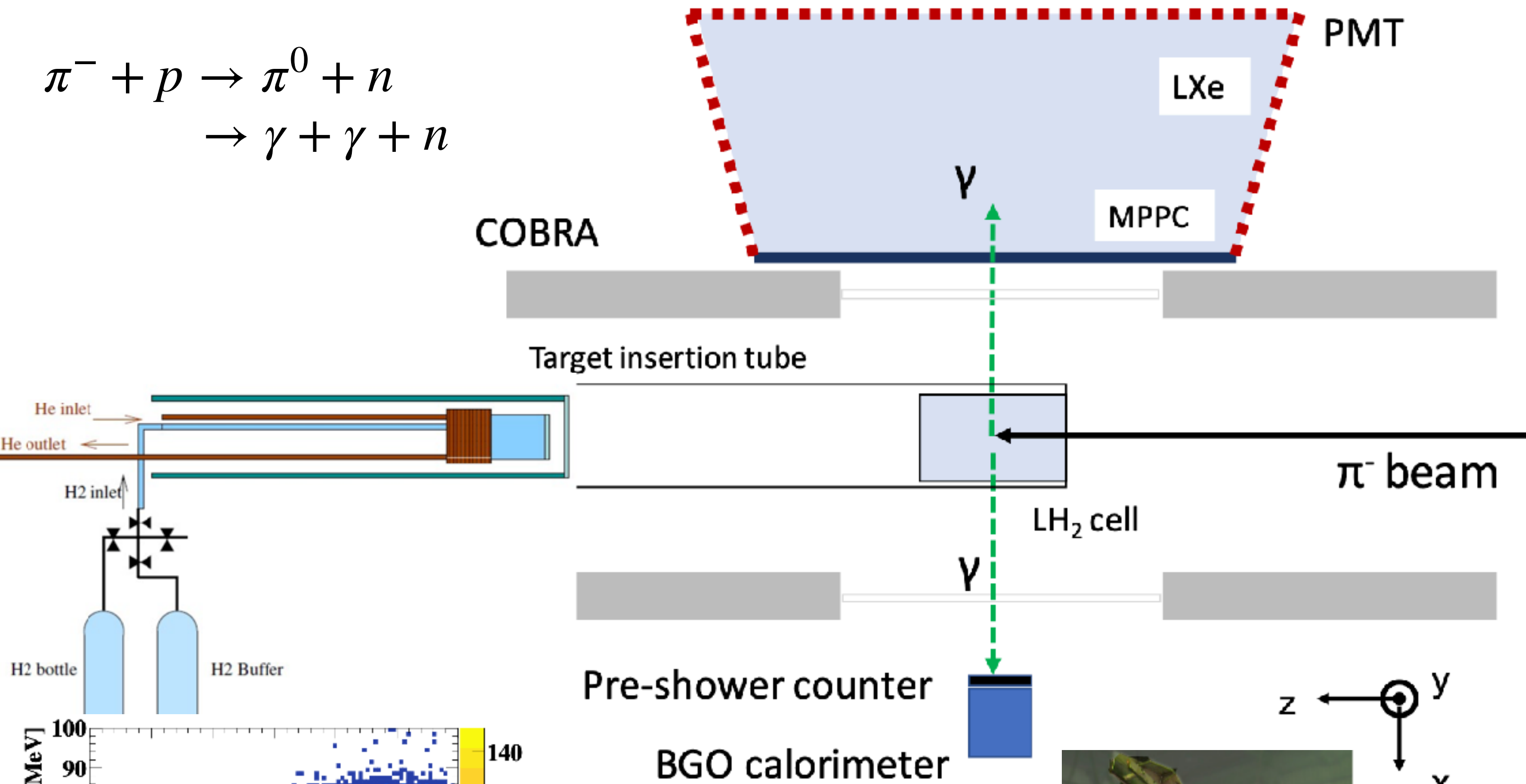
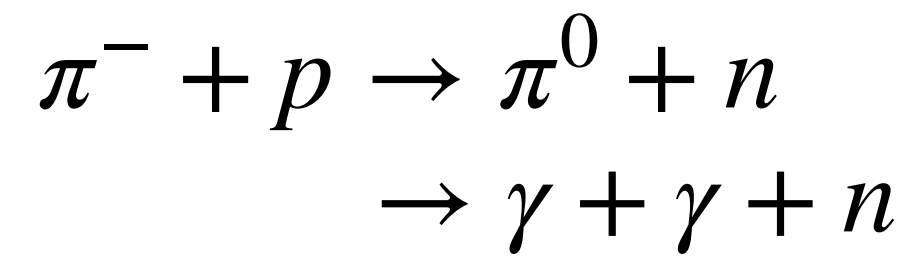
- PMT QE/MPPC PDE including LXe light yield extracted from  $^{241}\text{Am}$   $\alpha$  sources
- MPPC PDE decreases under muon beam
- Better to install  $\alpha$  sources in the PIONEER. The problem might be the source production (Sorad Ltd. which produced the MEG  $\alpha$  sources does not exist anymore)

# Cockcroft Walton proton accelerator + Li target



- $\gamma$  energy scale and resolution monitoring at 17.6 MeV three times per week

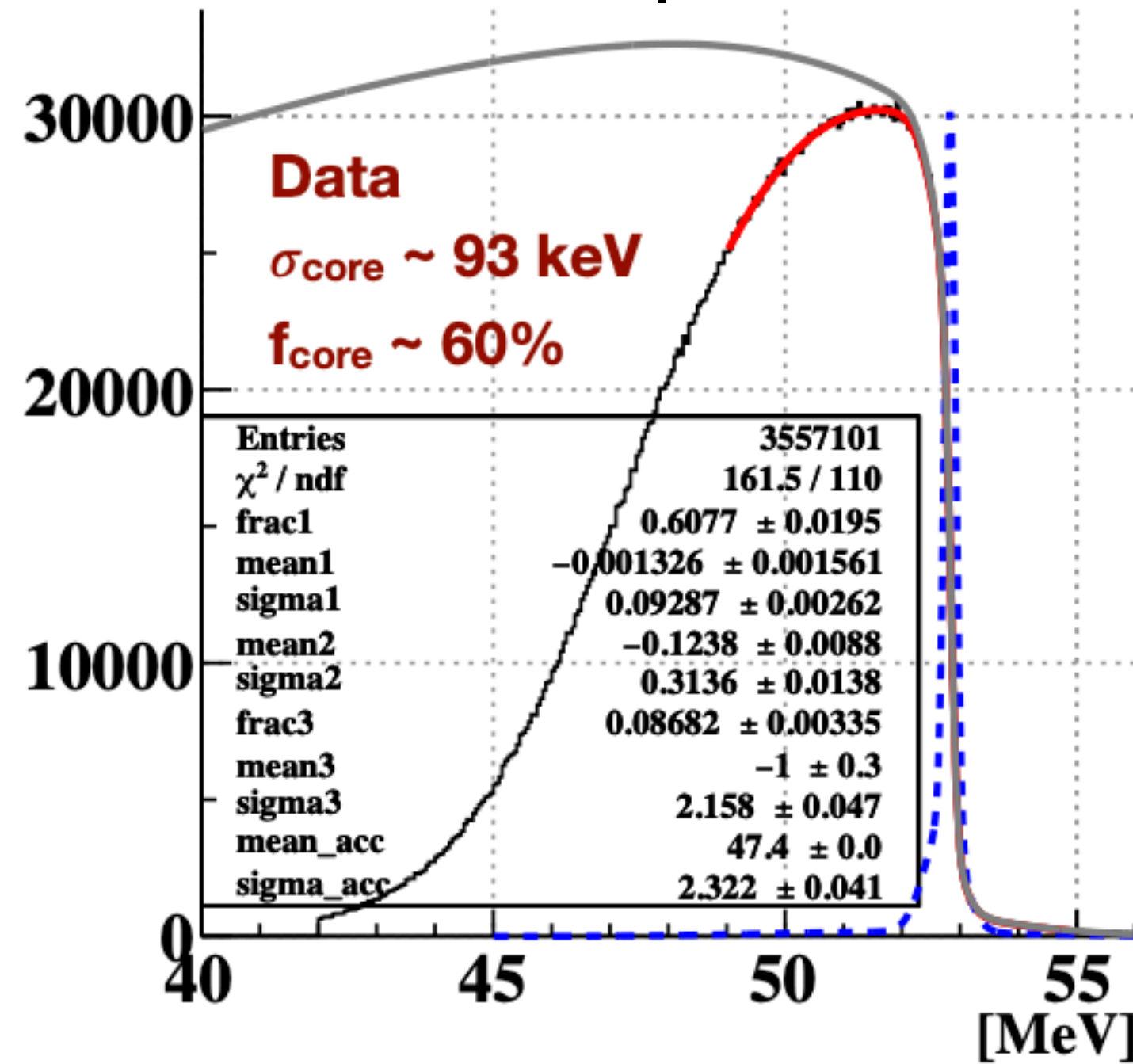
# Back-to-back photons from $\pi^0$ decay



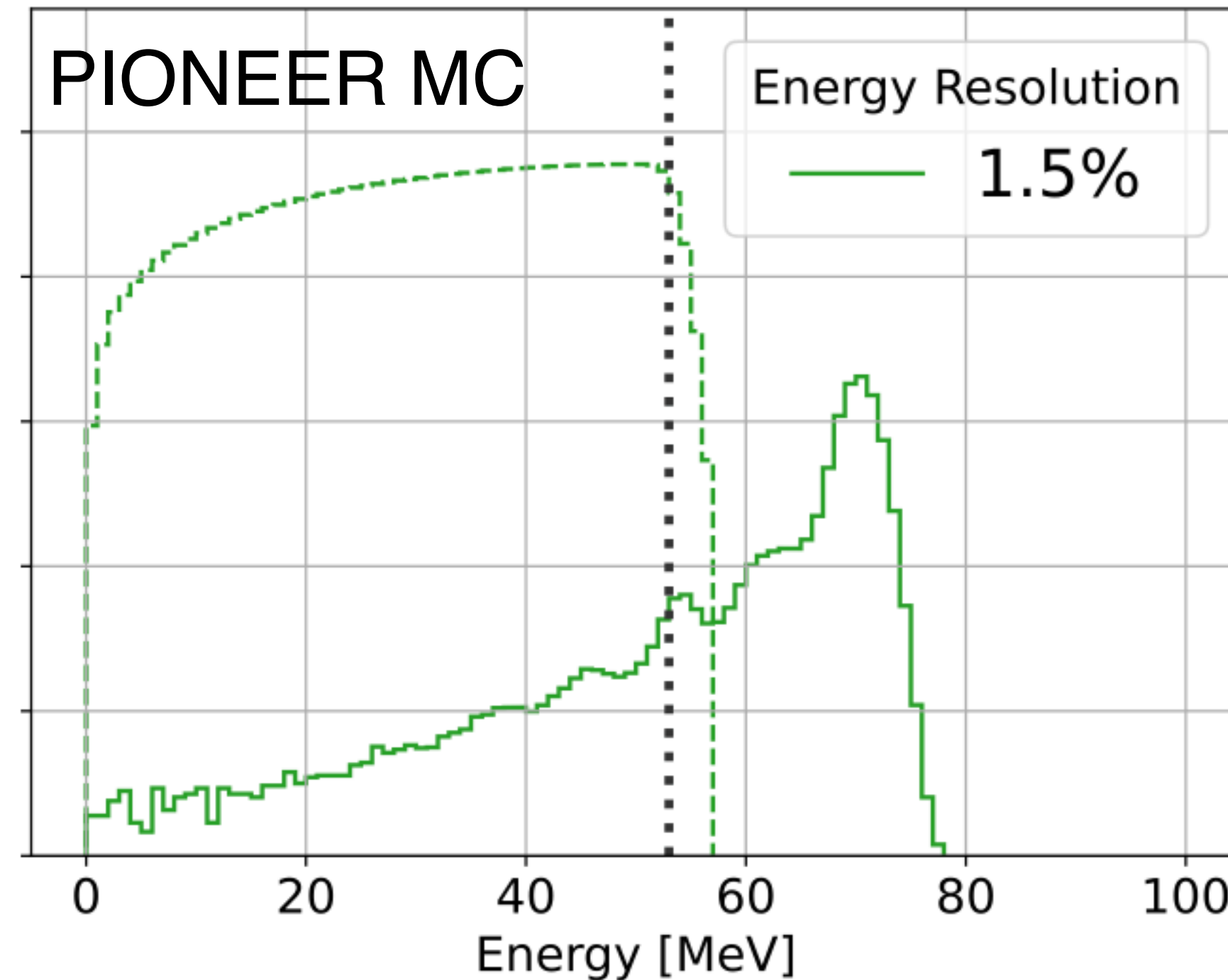
- $\gamma$  energy scale, uniformity and resolution measurements at 55MeV once per year

# PIONEER case

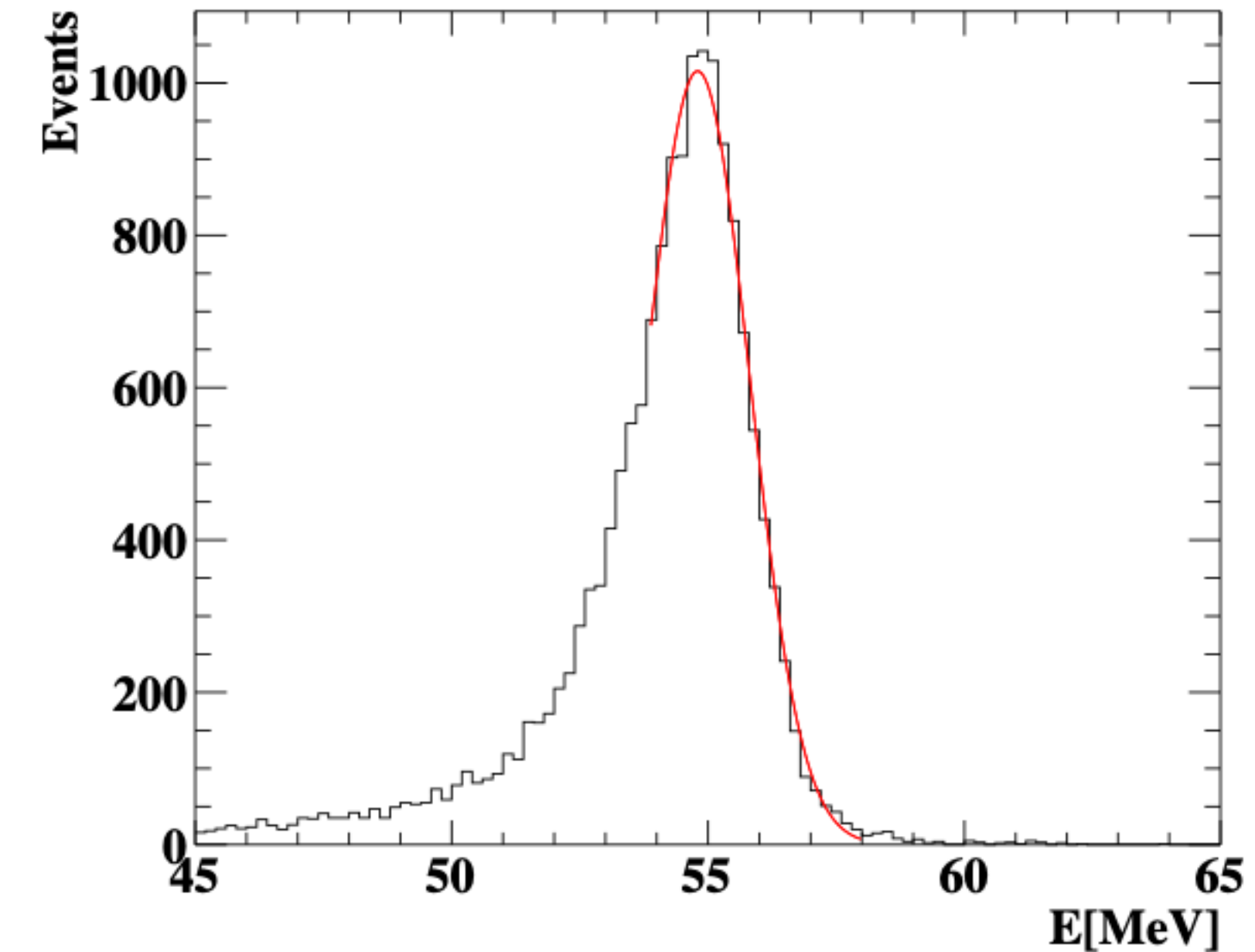
MEG  $e^+$  spectrum



PIONEER MC



MEG  $\gamma$  spectrum

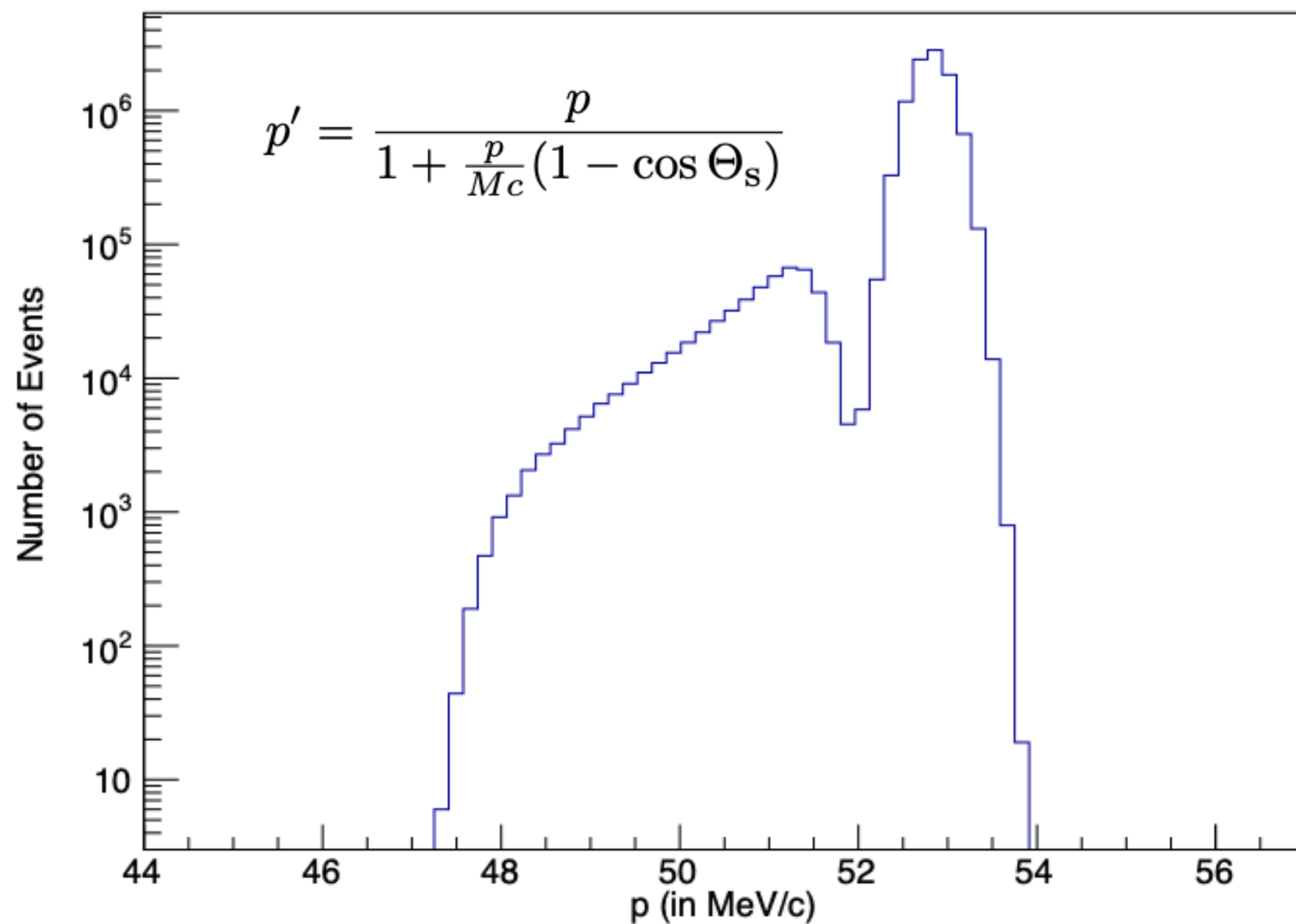


- Energy scale, resolution can be directly extracted from 70 MeV peak and from 53MeV Michel edge in PIONEER (robust calibration possible)
- Sensor calibration, LXe light yield monitoring by LED,  $\alpha$  crucial
- Other  $\gamma$  calibration sources (AmBe 4.4MeV, Ni 9MeV, Li 17.6MeV,  $\pi^0$  55MeV, Cosmics) are optional
- Positron incident position can be measured by trackers
- Each photo sensor time offset might be available from the LGAD time as a reference

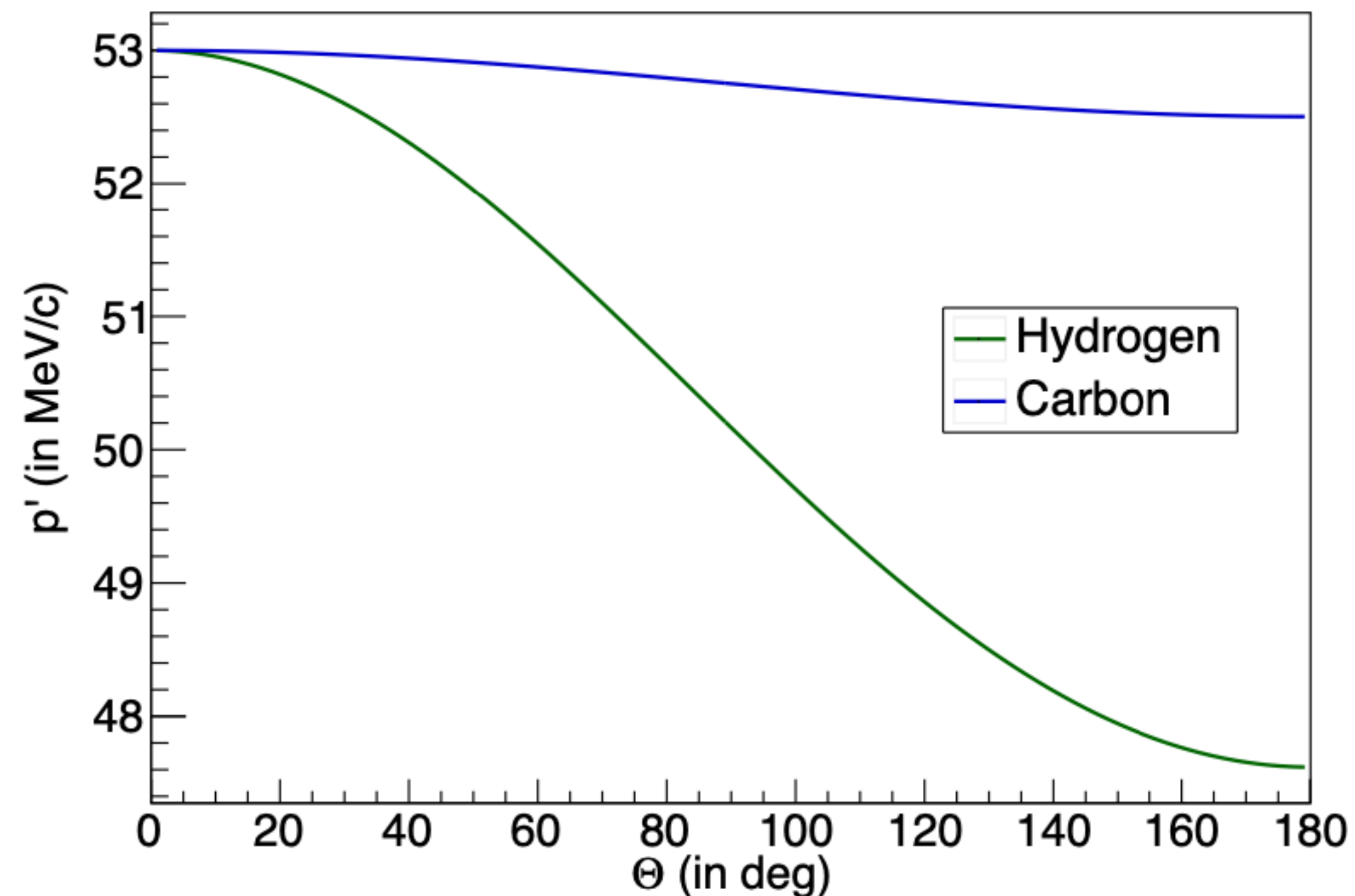
# Tail from Mott scattering?

Patrick PhD thesis (2021)

### Momentum Spectrum



### Scattering Momentum



A spread of  $\sigma = 0.2 \text{ MeV}/c$  on the incoming momentum of the beam is assumed.