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# People Involved

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*Prof. Emeritus*

**Univ. of Gothenburg**

## Norway



**Sindre Z-Gundersen**  
*PhD. Univ. Iceland*

## Iceland



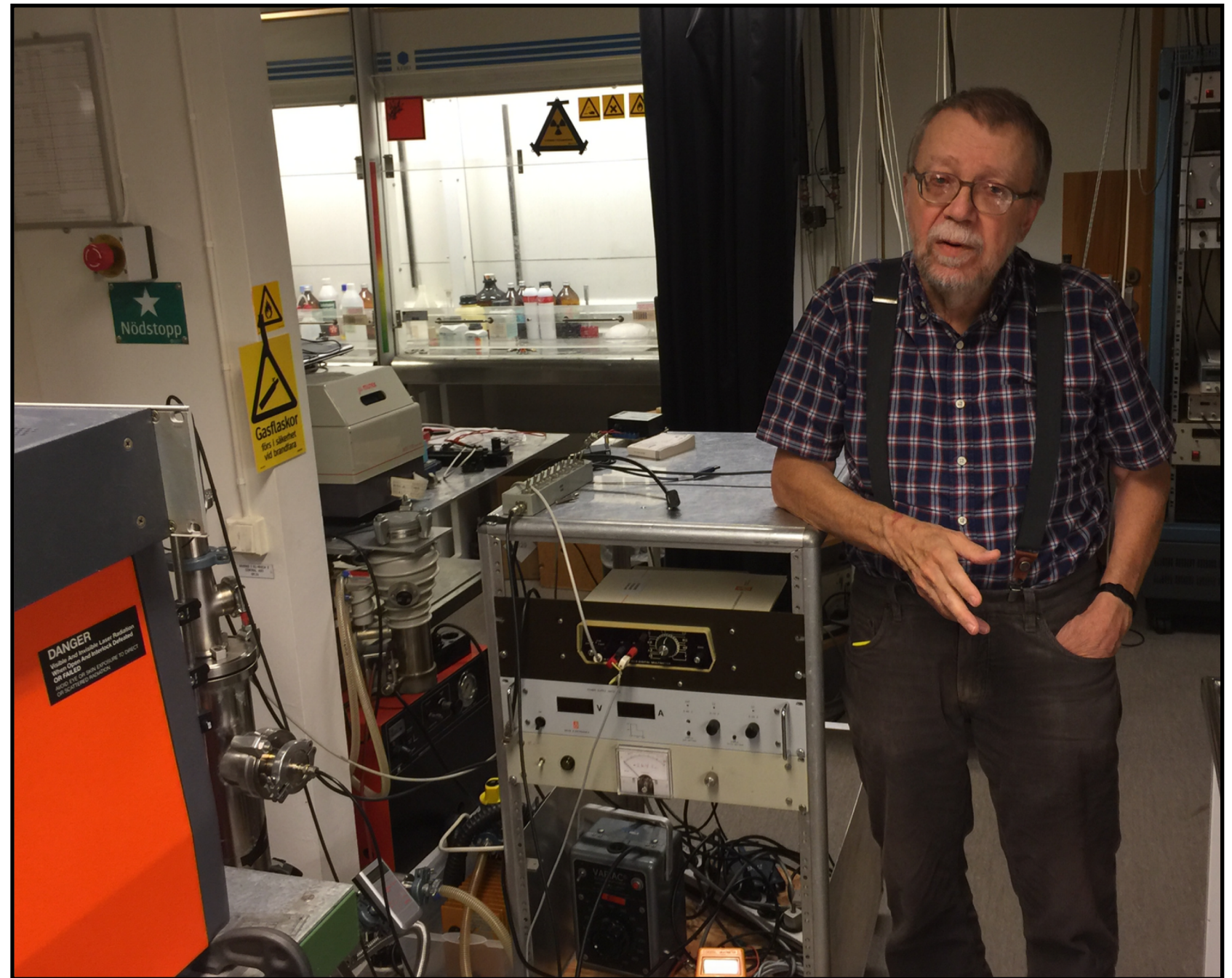
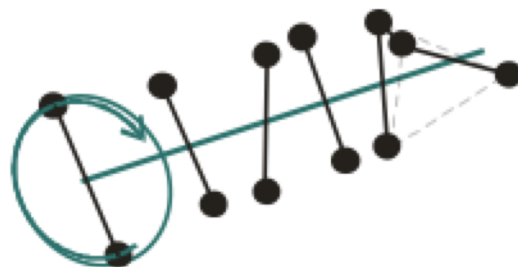
**Sveinn Ólafsson**  
Research Professor





## Ultra-dense Hydrogen

$2.3 \pm 0.1$  pm!



**Leif Holmlid in his lab at Gothenburg University**





L. Holmlid, “Crossed molecular beam alkali - alkali halide chemical scattering: Apparatus, surface ionization detection and absolute measurements of cross sections”.

Ph.D. Thesis, Physical Chemistry, University of Göteborg 1973.

## 240 Surface Science Publications since 1973

- 1992 Holmlid Highly excited Rydberg states .pdf
- 1998 Holmlid ClassicalCalcRydberg.pdf
- 2002 Leif RydbergMatterFormation.pdf
- 2005 Laser initiated detonation in Rydberg matter.pdf
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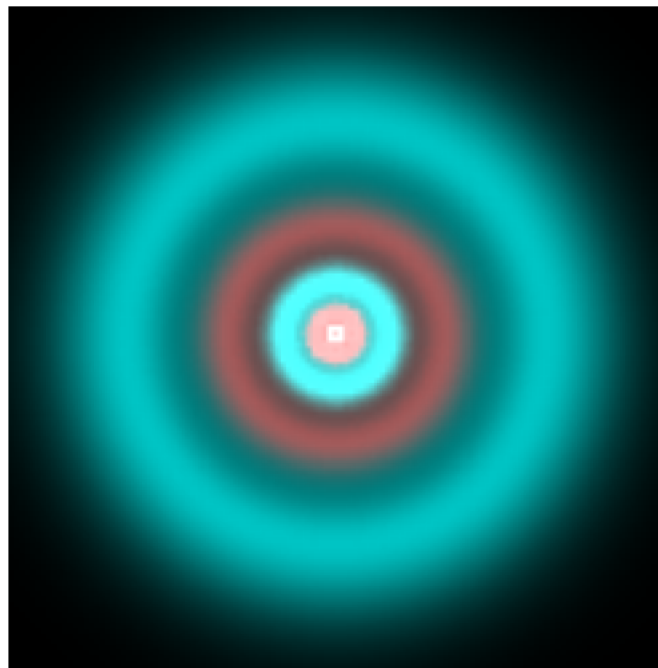
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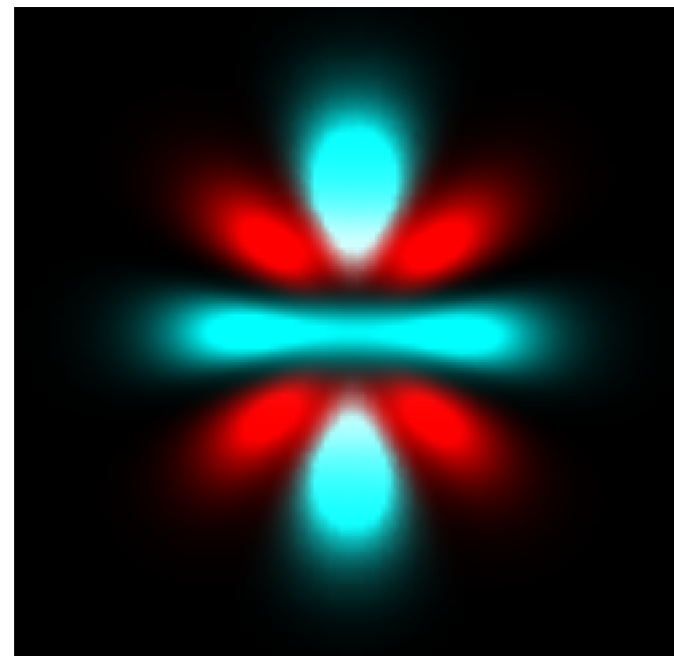


# Rydberg atom (n,l,m)

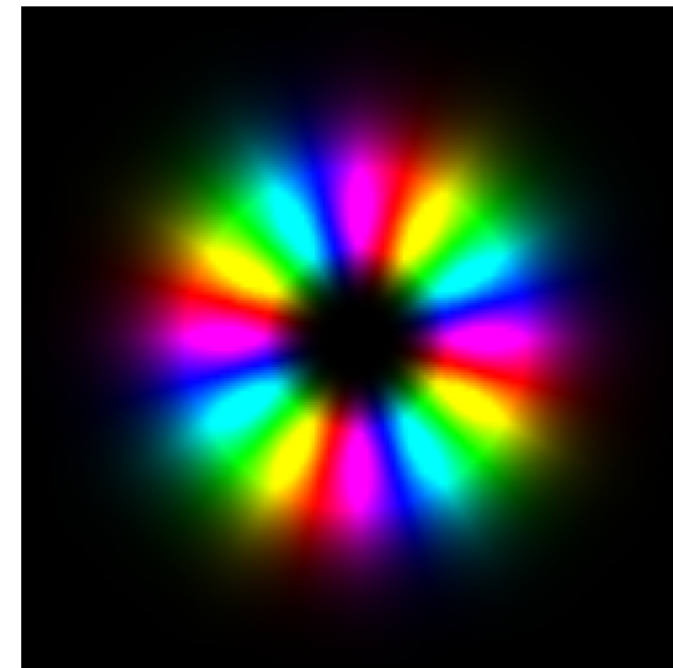
Radiative lifetime goes as  $n^5$



(5,0,0)



(5,4,0)



(5,4,4)

Just out in Physica Scripta as manuscript!

Ultradense protium p(0) and deuterium D(0) and their relation to ordinary Rydberg matter: a review

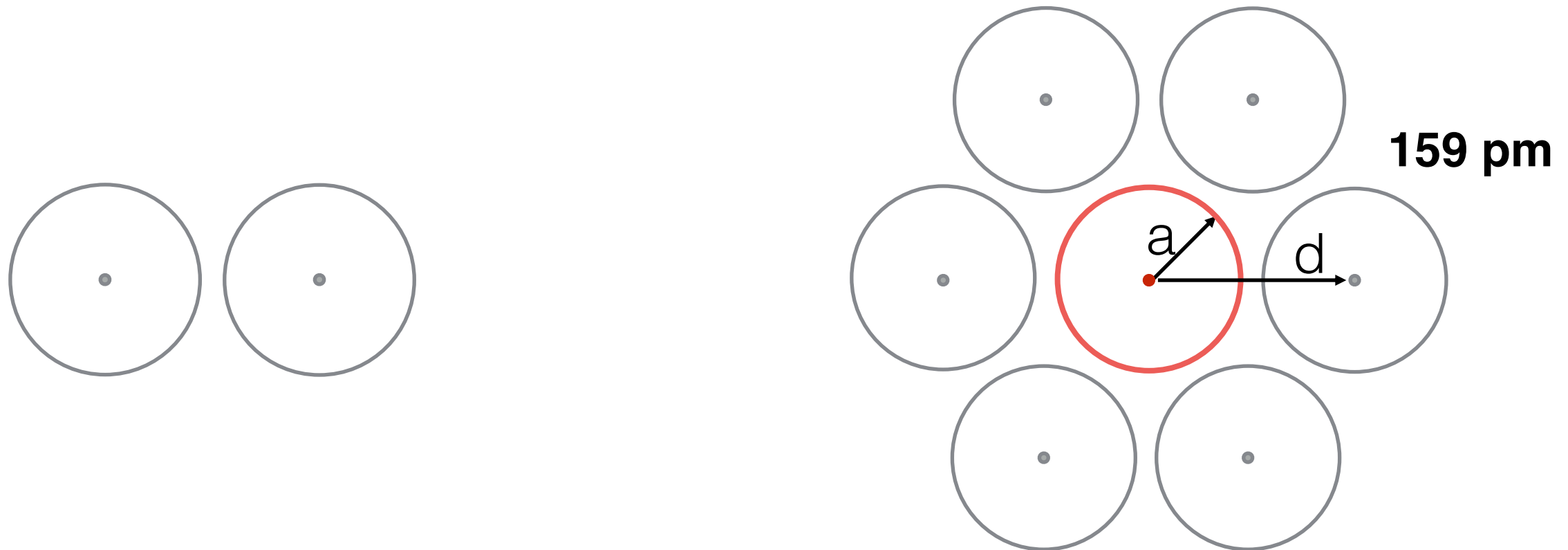
Leif Holmlid and Sindre Zeiner-Gundersen

<https://doi.org/10.1088/1402-4896/ab1276>





# Rydberg atom condensation into Rydberg matter



**Dimer state is unstable**

**0.2 eV bonding per state possible if  $d \approx 2.9a$**

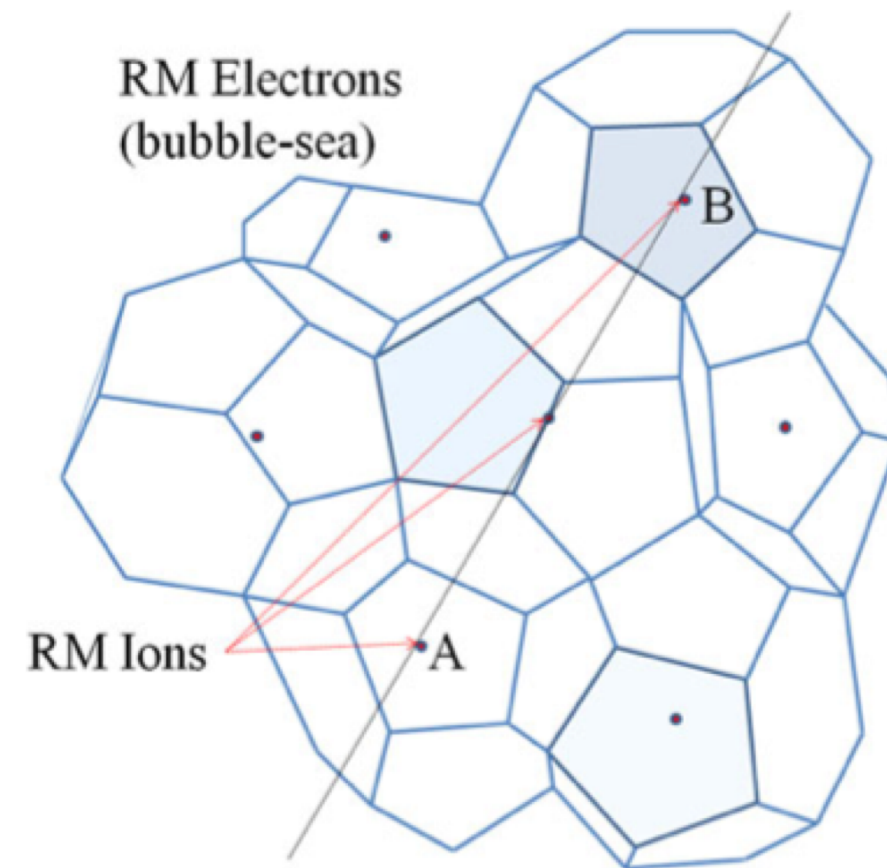
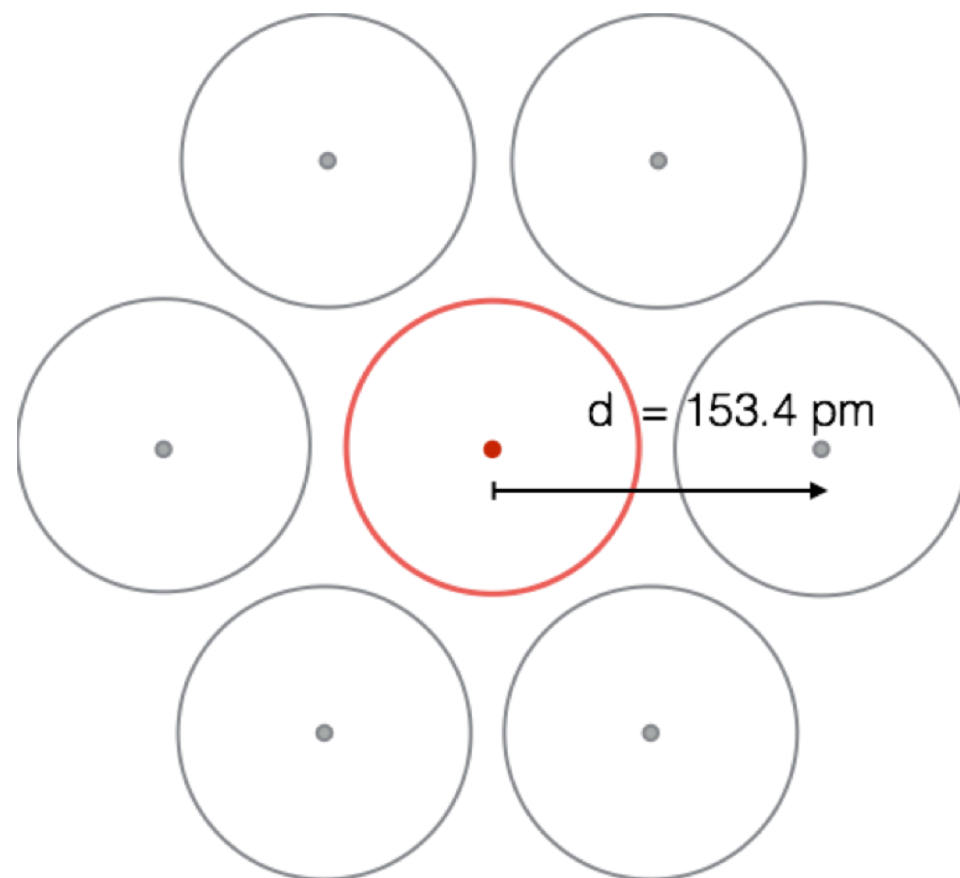
Theory of the condensed state in a system of excited atoms

E.A. Manykin, M.I. Ozhovan and P.P. Poluektov Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 84, 442-453 1983

Conditions for forming Rydberg matter: condensation of Rydberg states in the gas phase versus at surfaces Leif Holmlid [Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter](#), [Volume 14](#), [Number 49](#) 2002

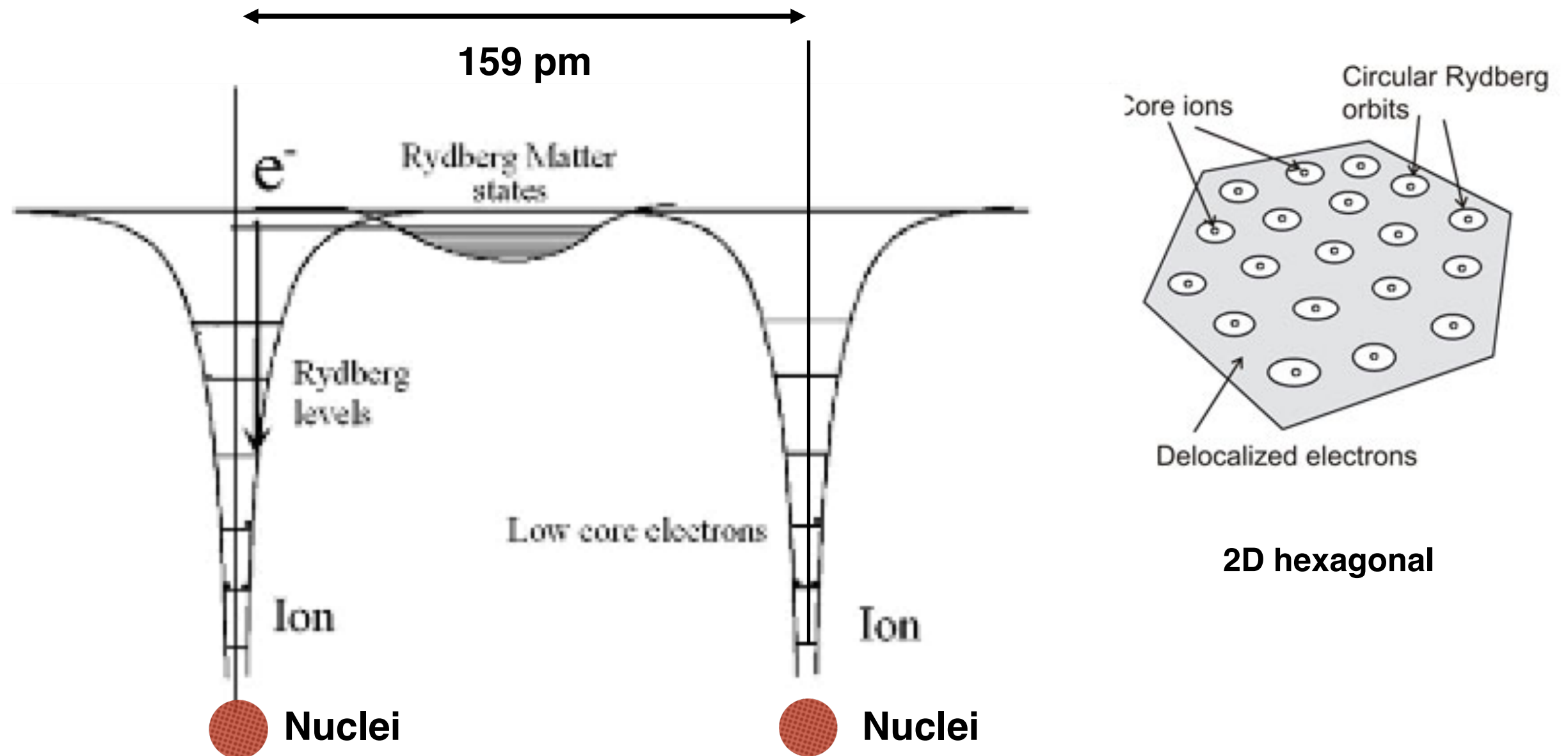


# Rydberg matter types





# Rydberg matter a frozen plasma state?



Conditions for forming Rydberg matter: condensation of Rydberg states in the gas phase versus at surfaces Leif Holmlid 2002 [Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter](#), [Volume 14](#), [Number 49](#)



# Surface catalytic process of formation of Rydberg matter

Styrene catalyst  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3:\text{K}$  or similar

Desorbed H in 1s state

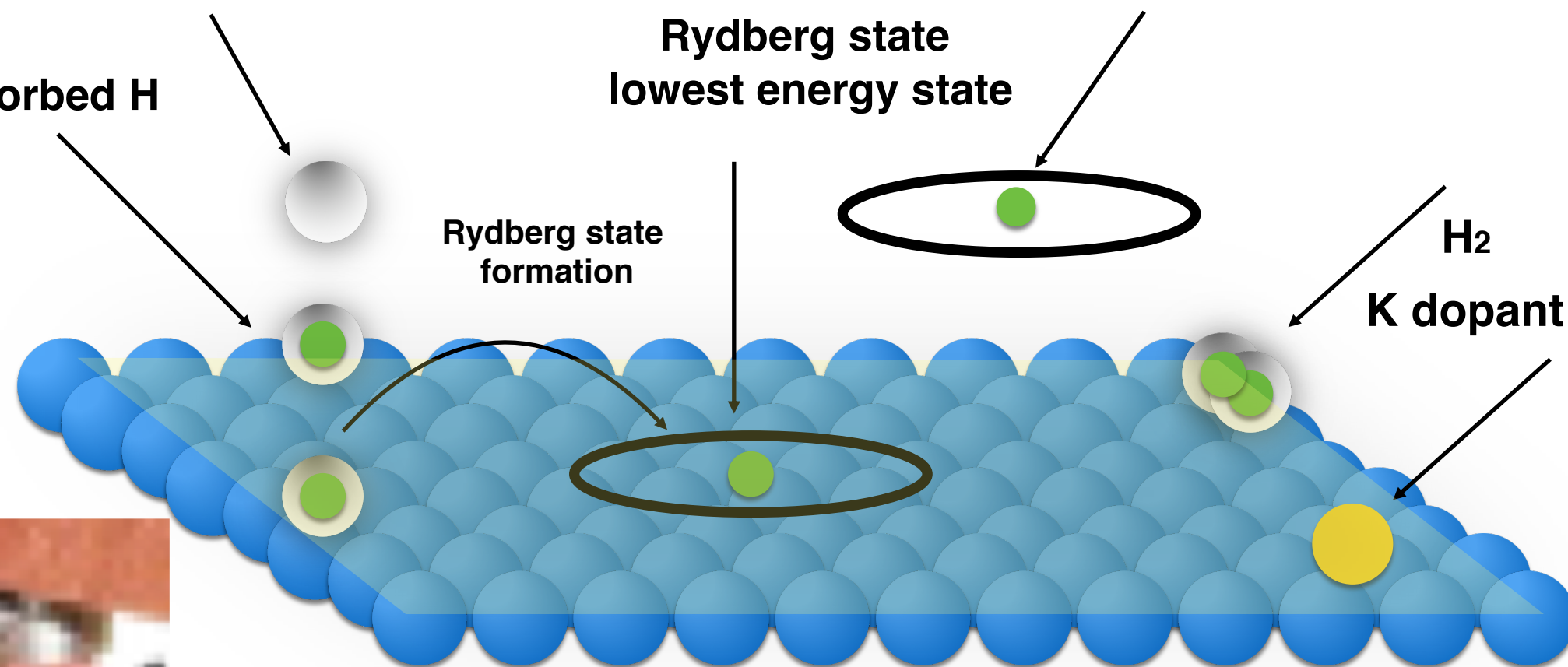
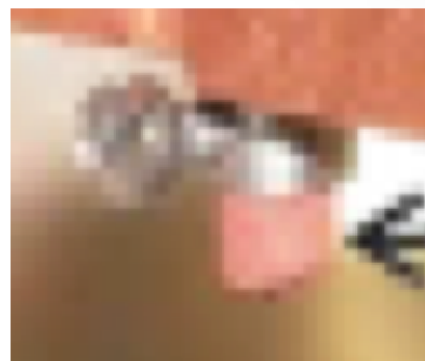
Desorbed Rydberg H atom in high quantum number state  
lifetime in ms  
for example  $l = 7, m = \pm 6$

Adsorbed H

Rydberg state  
lowest energy state

Rydberg state  
formation

$\text{H}_2$   
K dopant atom

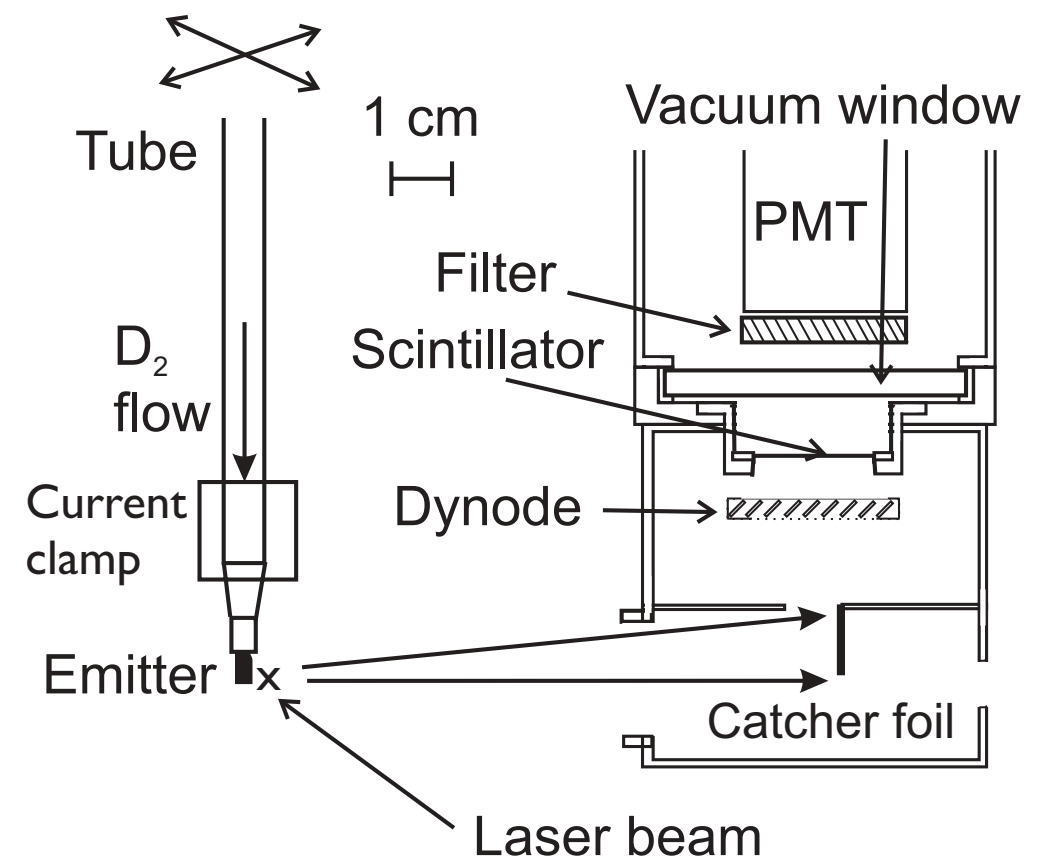
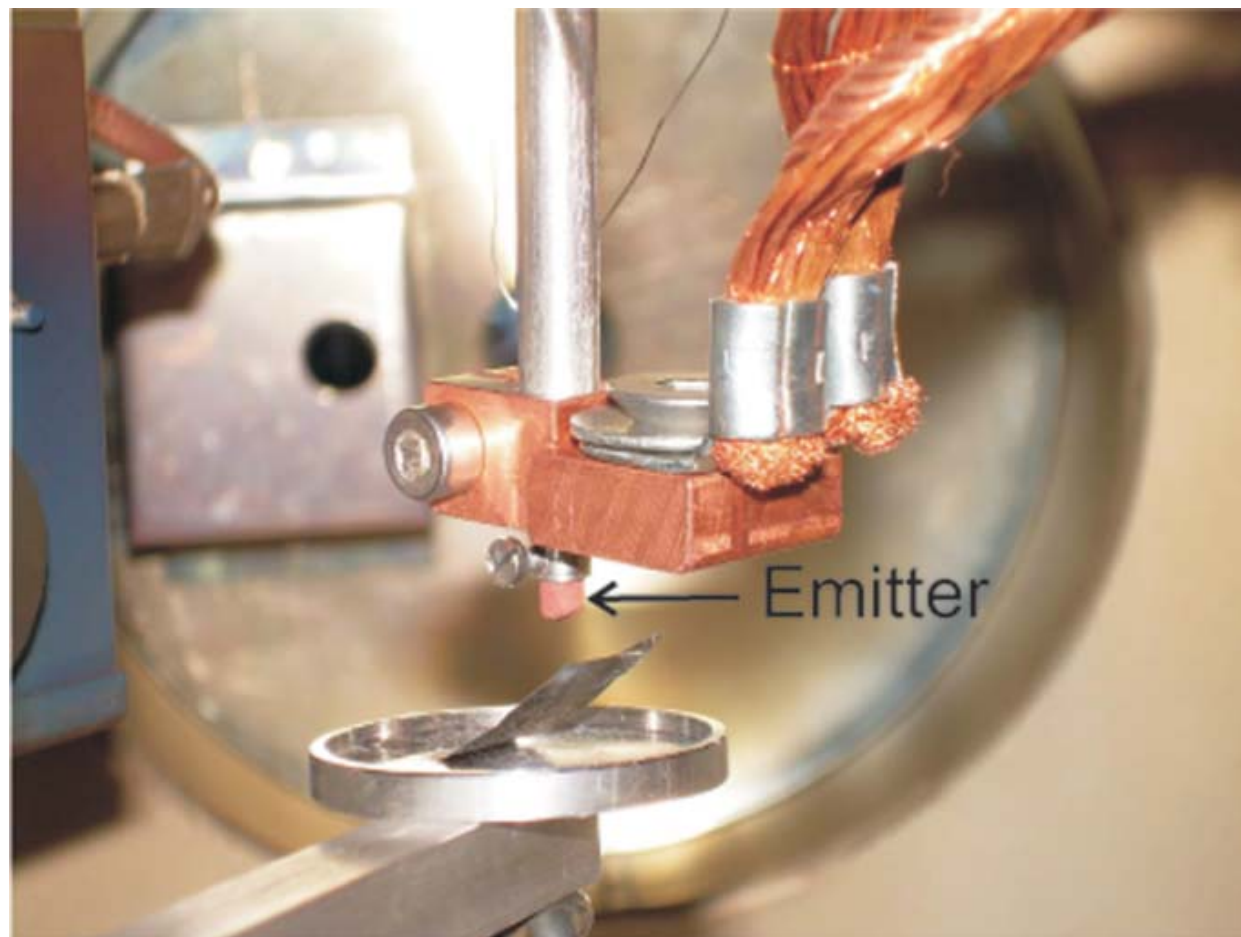


1	<b>H</b> Vetni 1312.0
2	<b>Li</b> Litín 520.2
3	<b>Na</b> Natrín 495.8
4	<b>K</b> Kalín 418.8
5	<b>Rb</b> Rúbidín 403.0
6	<b>Cs</b> Sesín 375.7
7	<b>Fr</b> Fransín 380

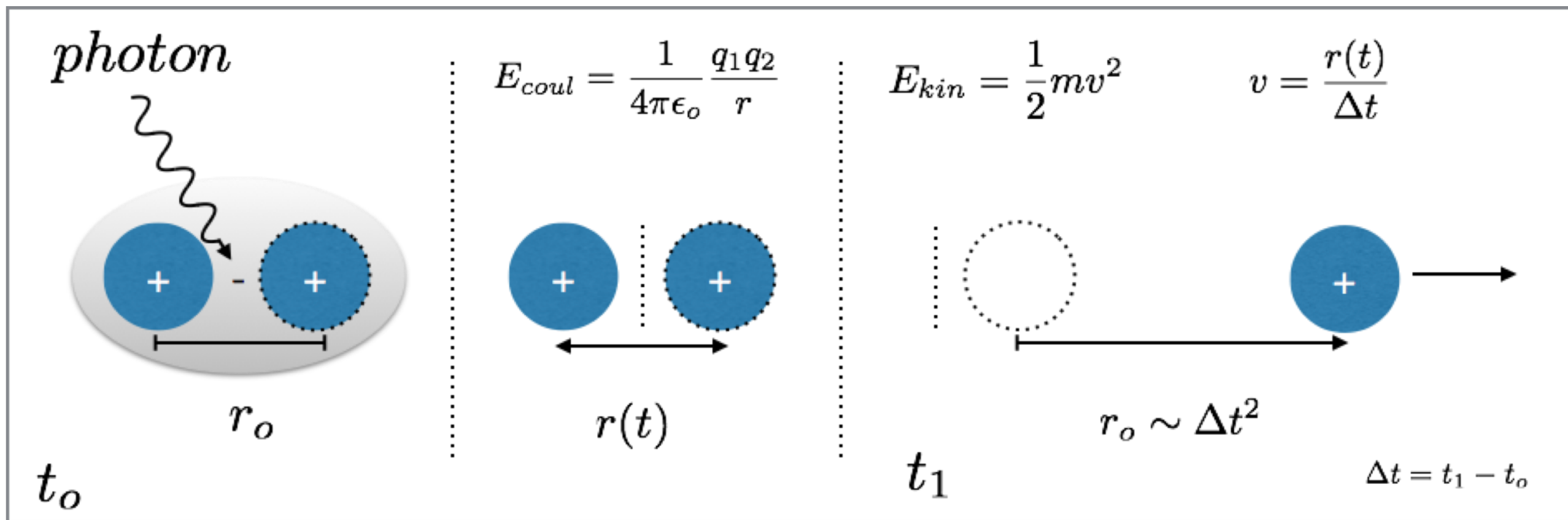


# 1. Low Kinetic energy (630 eV/u) release results

## Bond length experiments with Time of Flight mass spectroscopy



## Time of flight analysis



Possible cluster breakups are many.

For example cluster of mass 16 can break up  $(2 \leftrightarrow 1)$   $4 \leftrightarrow 12$  ...

and so on for other total masses.



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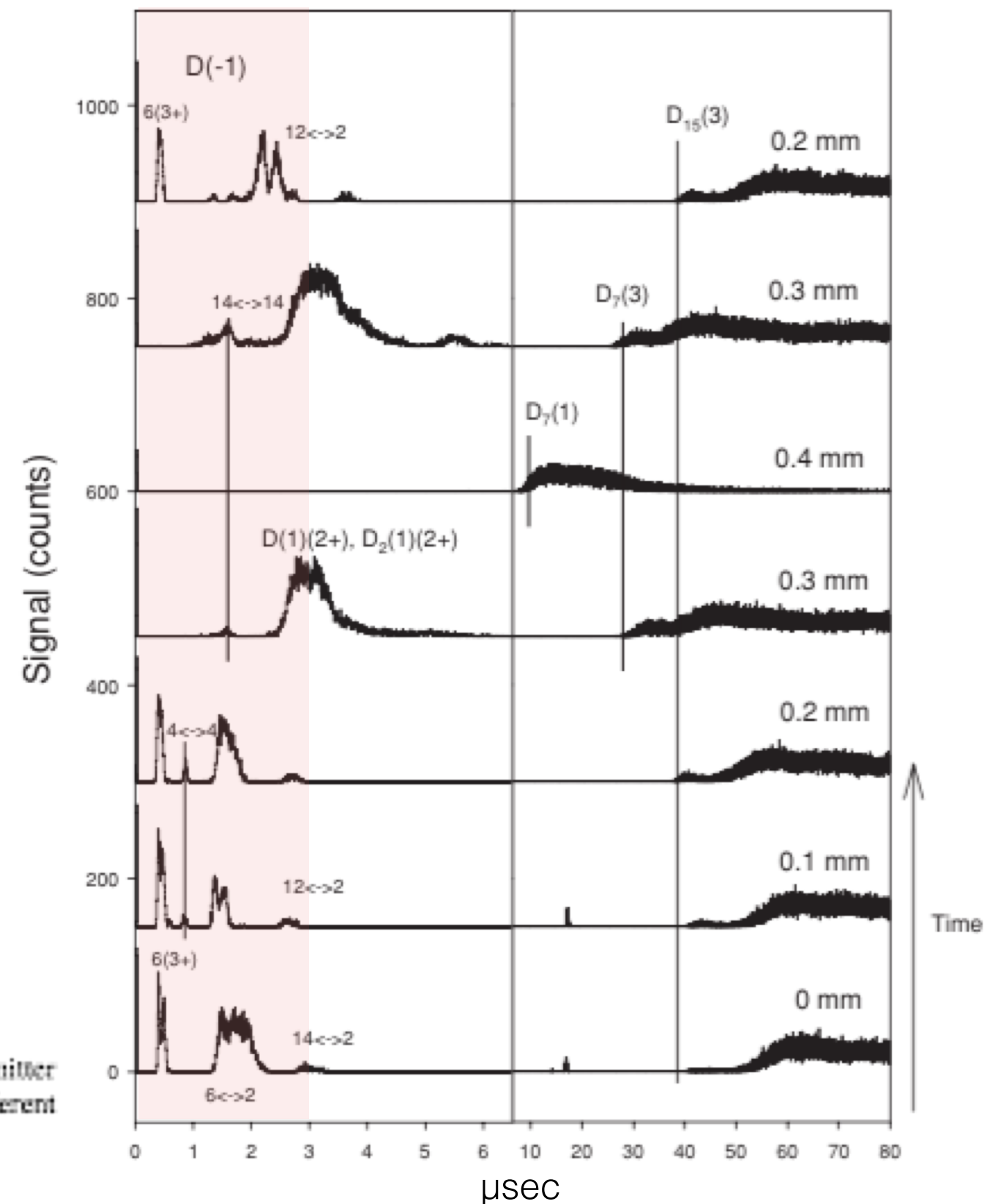
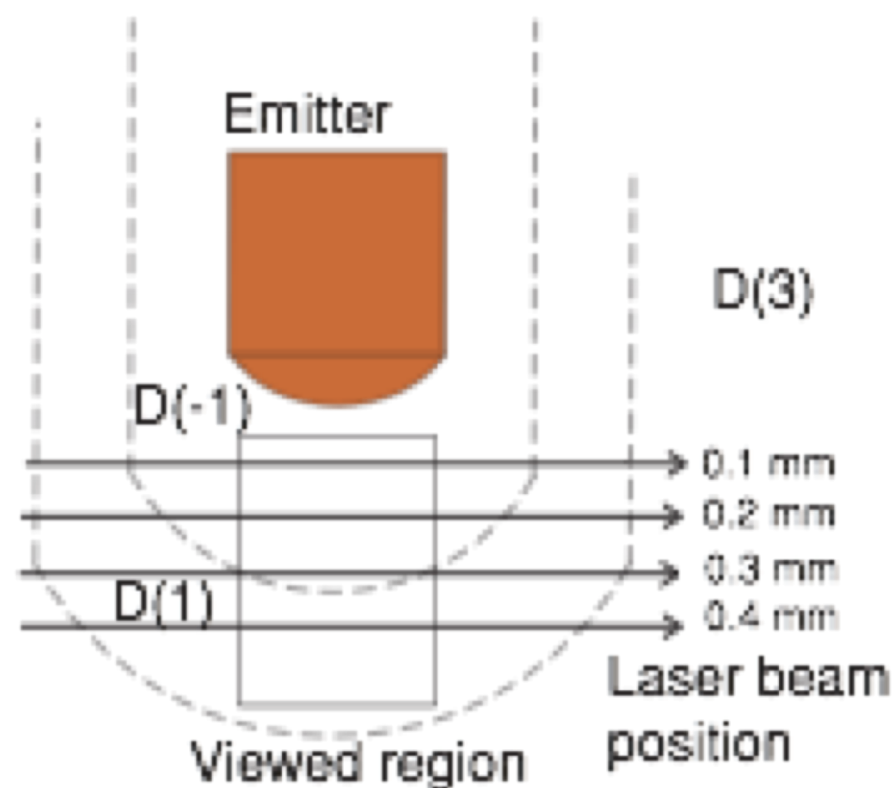
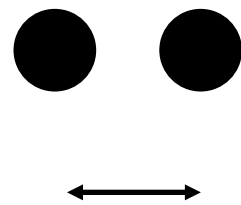


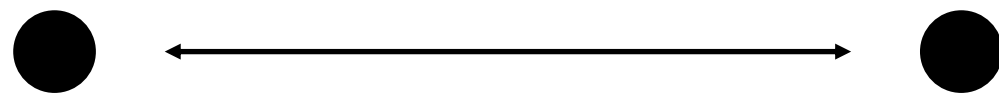
FIG. 5. (Color online) The laser beam position in the cloud below the emitter is shown for the data in Fig. 4. The approximate regions in space for different forms of condensed deuterium are indicated.



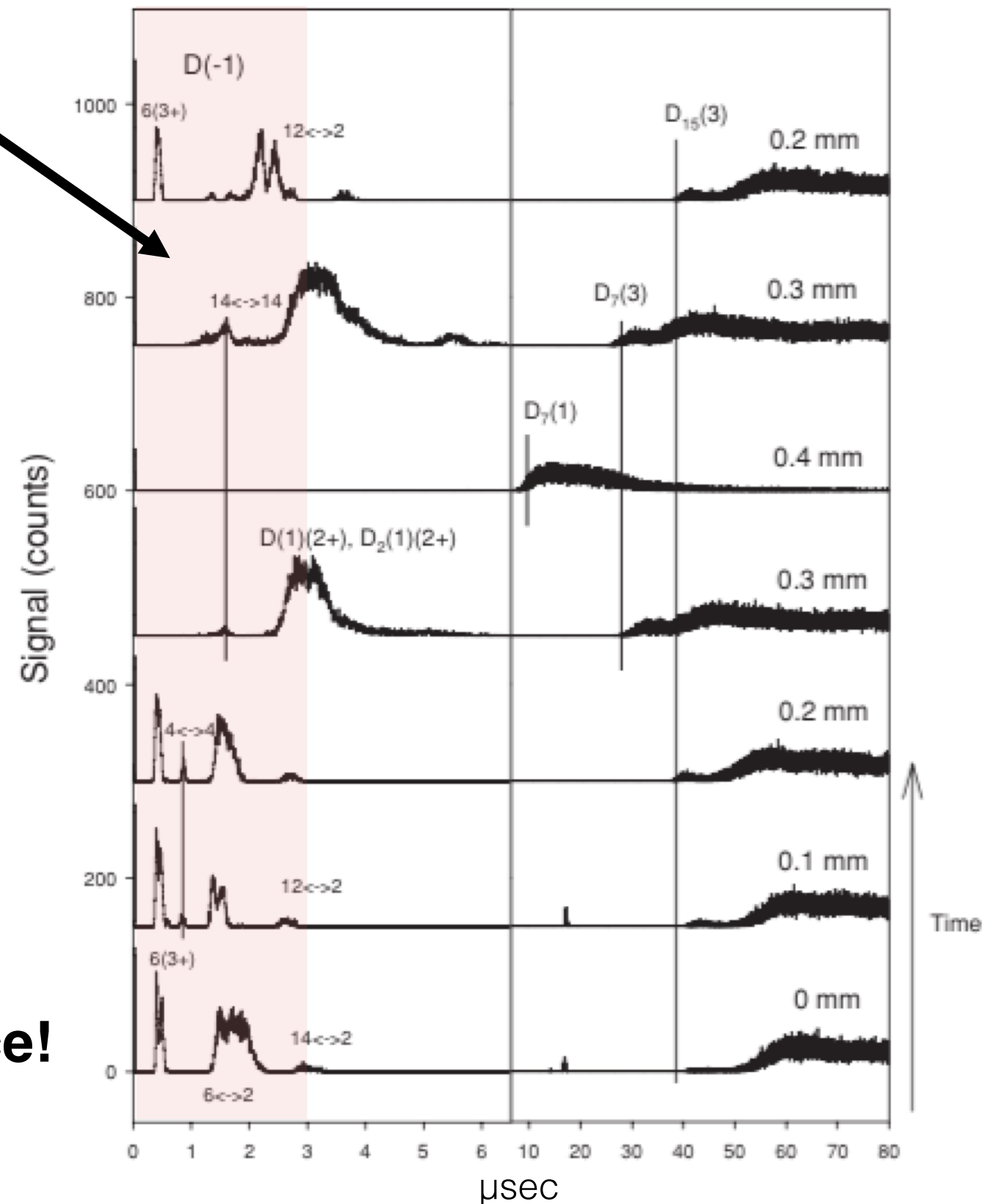
There should be no peaks here!



2.3 pm bond distance!



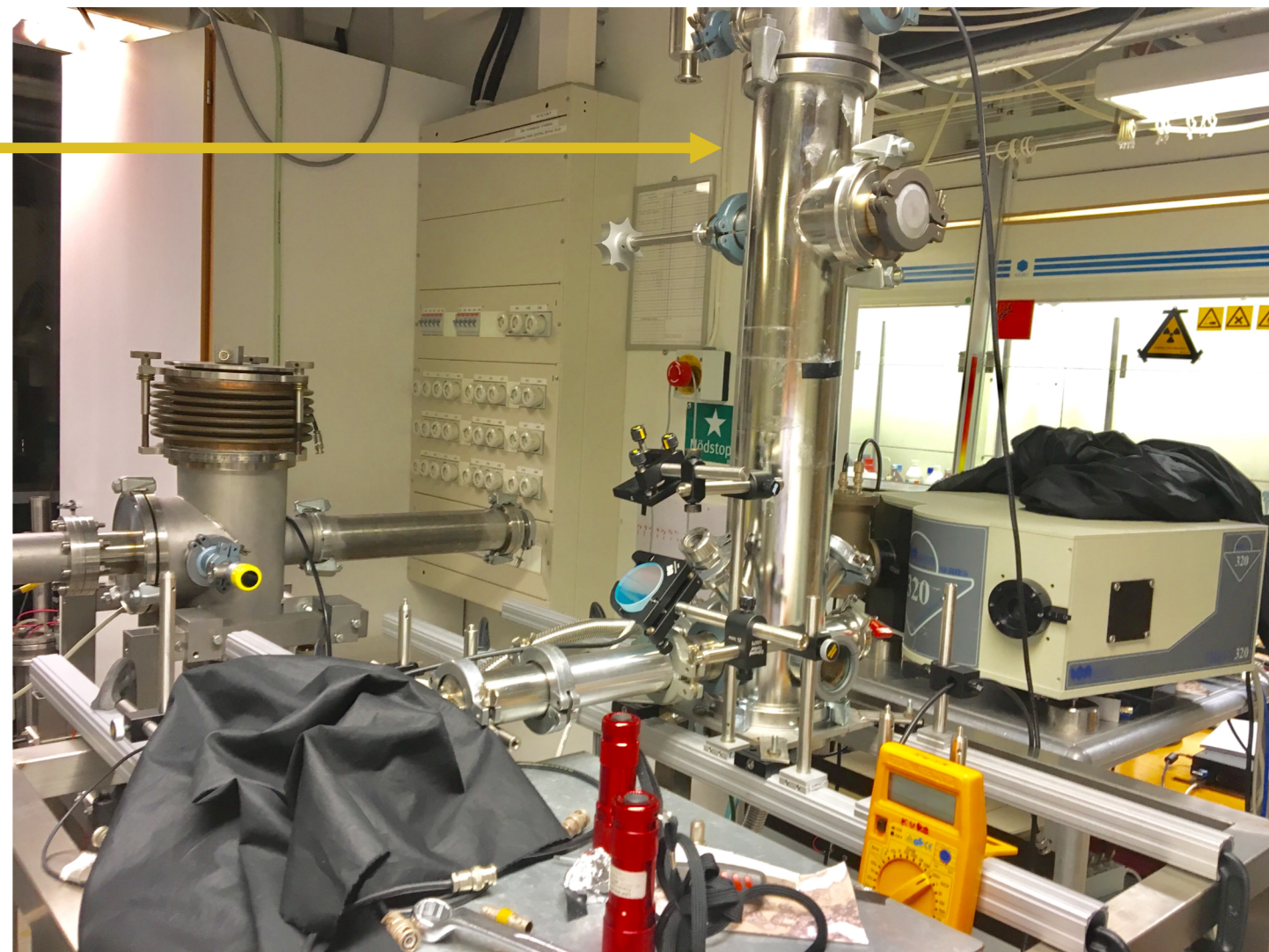
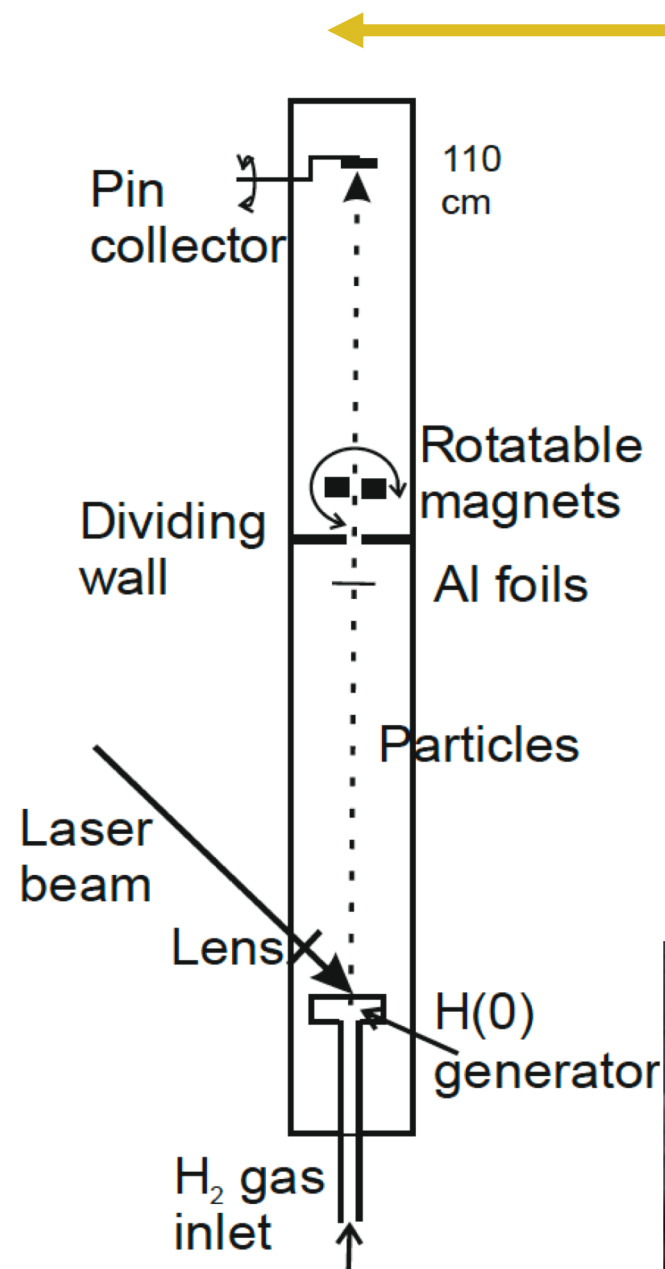
H<sub>2</sub> molecule 72 pm bond distance!





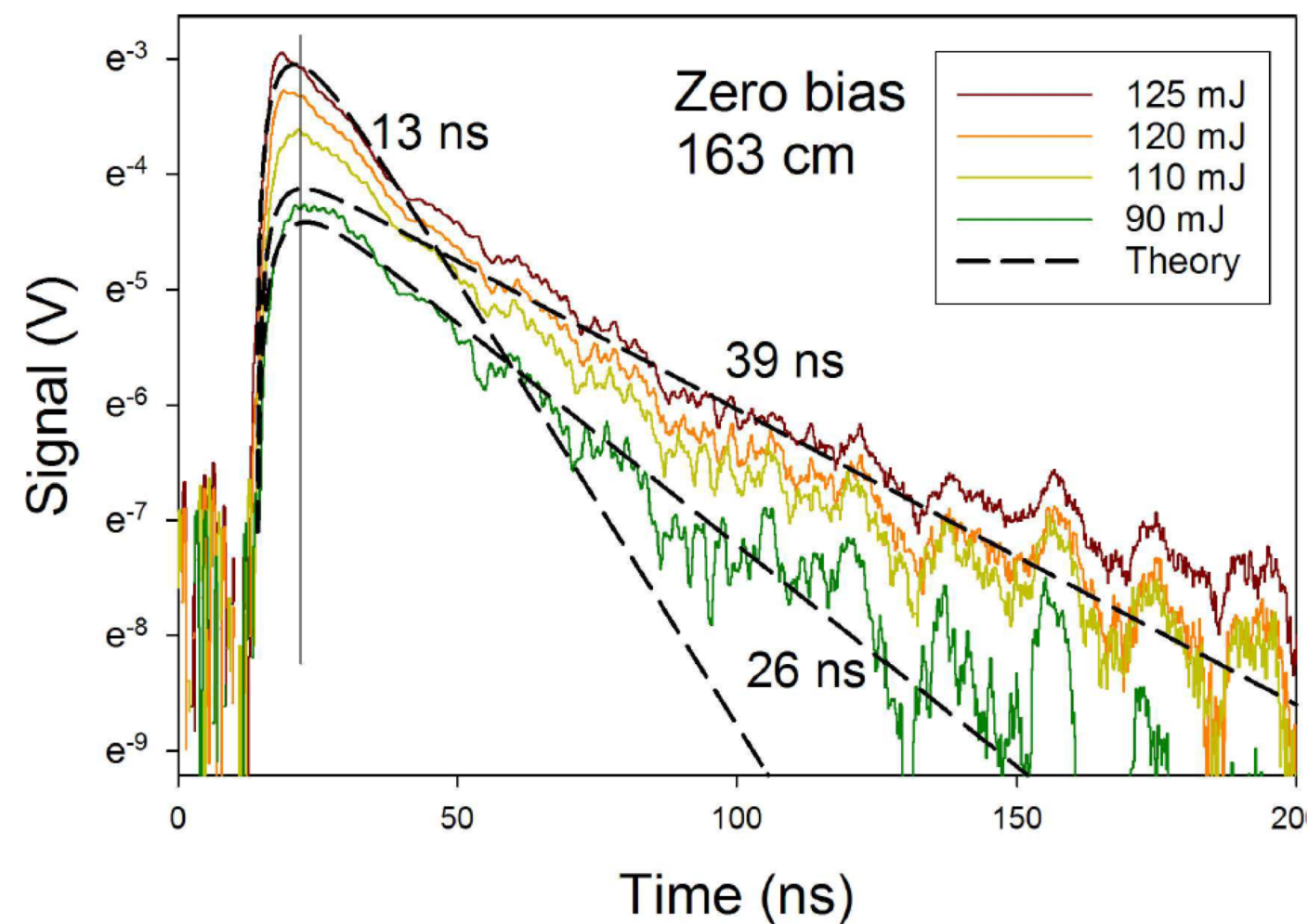
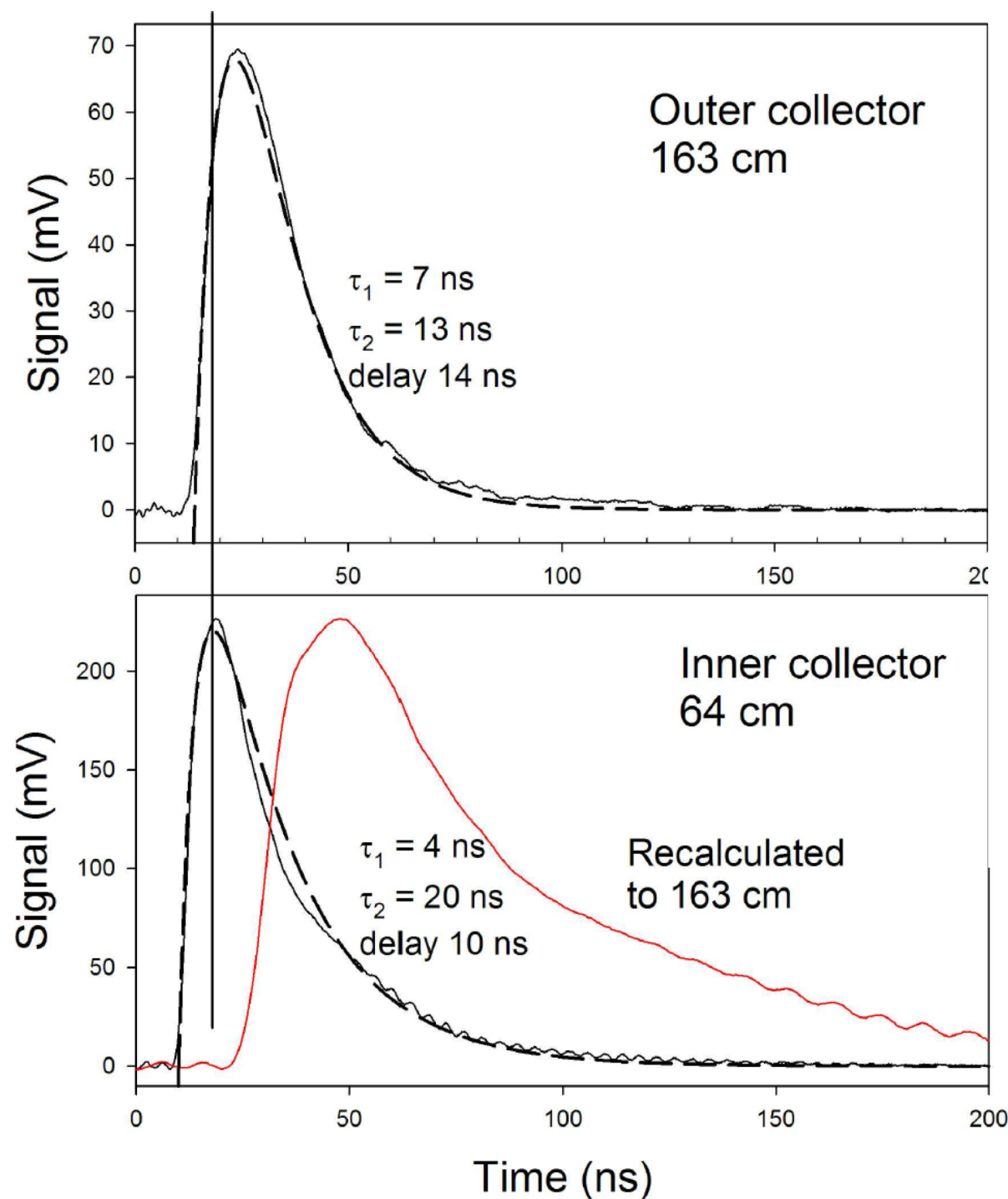


## Leif Holmlid High Kinetic energy (MeV/u) release results





## Fast kinetic energy release flight signal







# LH high kinetic energy release interpretation

Leif assumes high mass therefore particles with MeV energy are observed, not electrons: 50 KeV energy

H(0) (protons, deuterons) are transformed ! into

$\mu^\pm$  Muons  $\rightarrow$   $e^\pm$  electrons

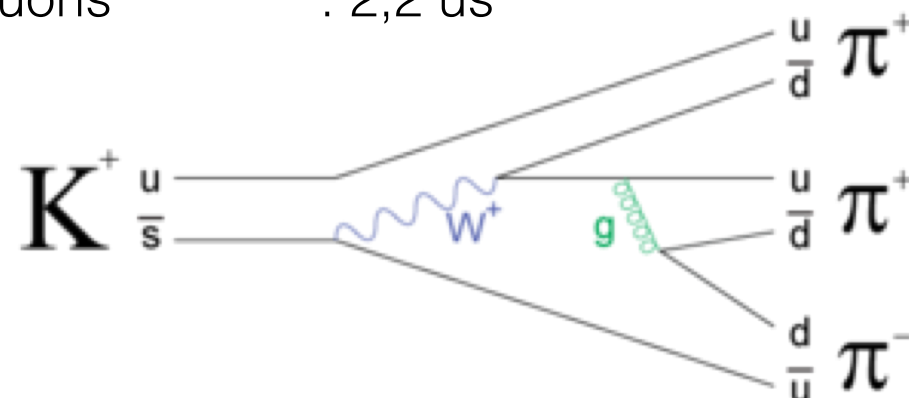
$K^\pm$  kaons  $\rightarrow$   $\pi^\pm$  pions.  $\rightarrow$   $\mu^\pm$  muons  $\rightarrow$   $e^\pm$  electrons

Observed decay time similar to:

K-mesons: 13 ns

$\pi$ -mesons : 26 ns

Muons : 2,2  $\mu$ s

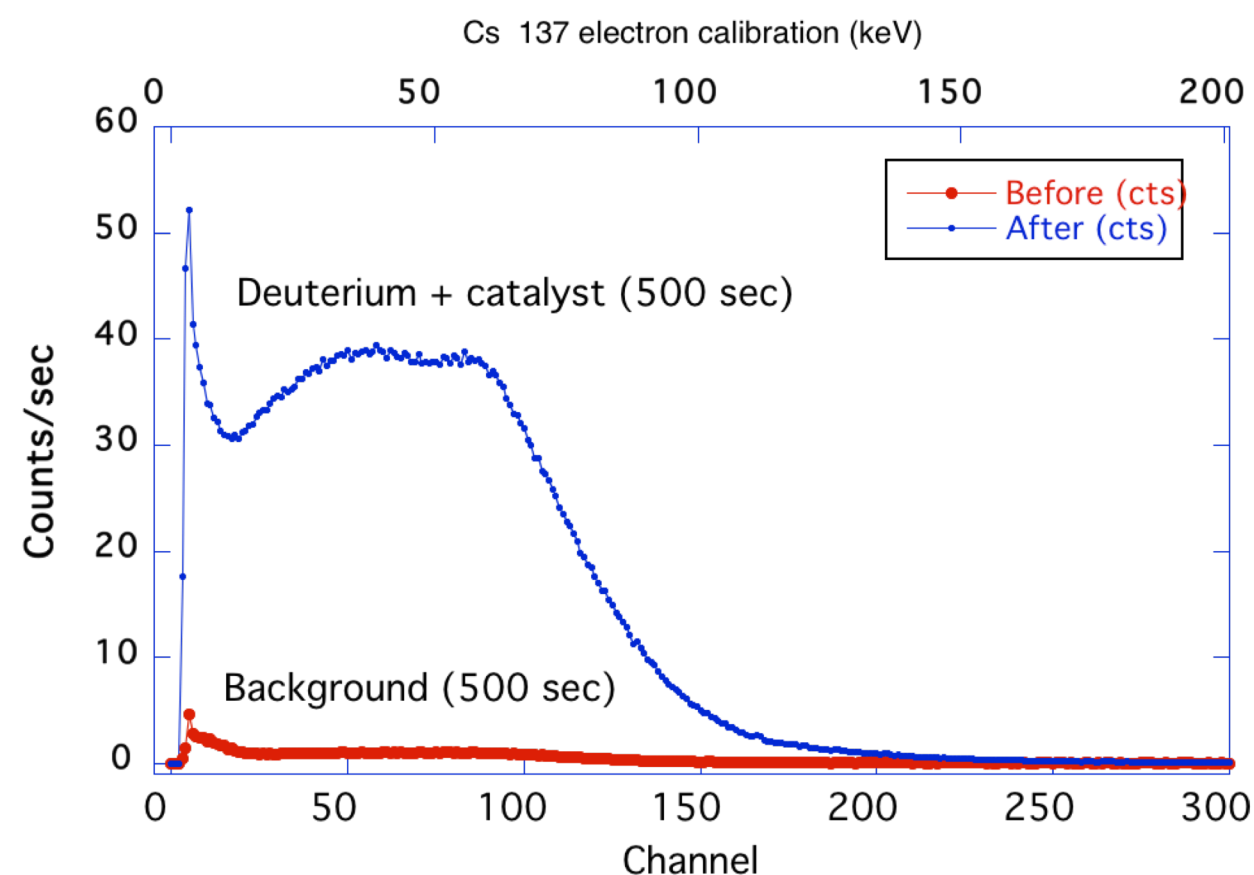
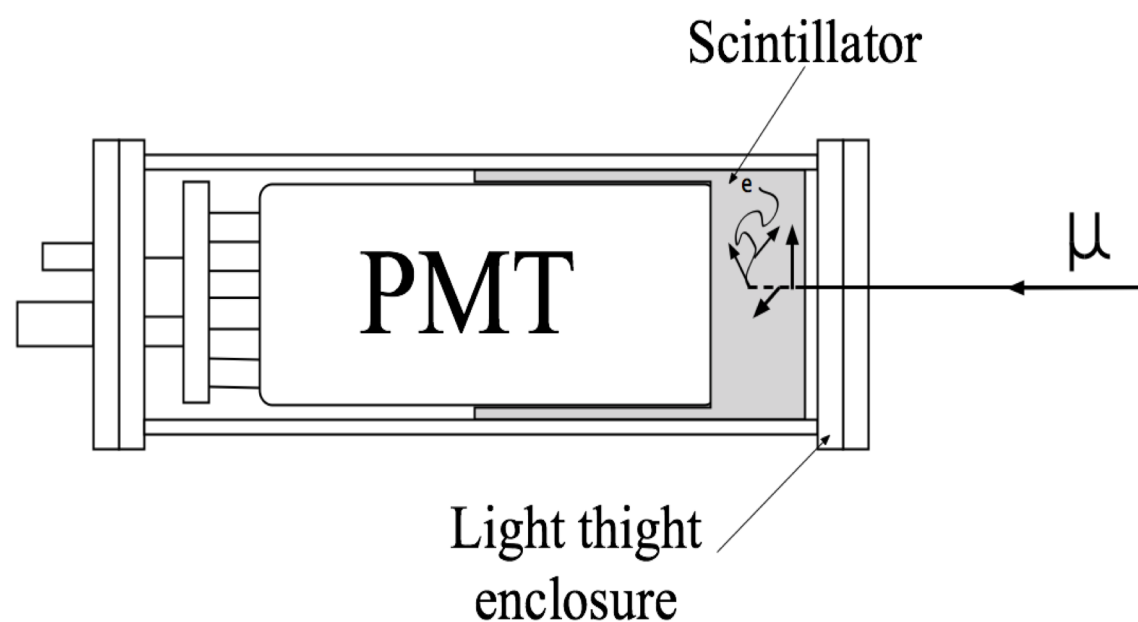
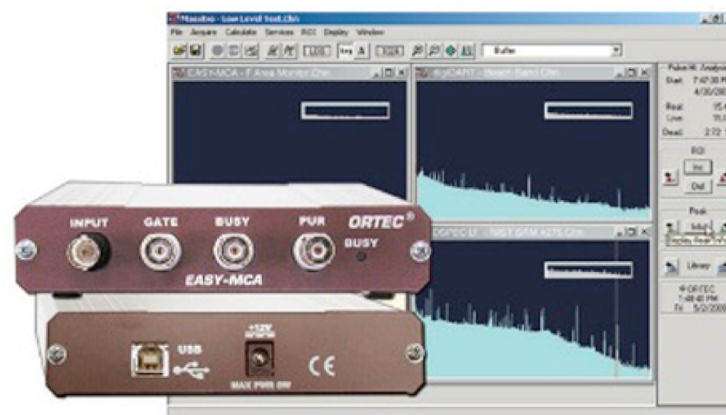
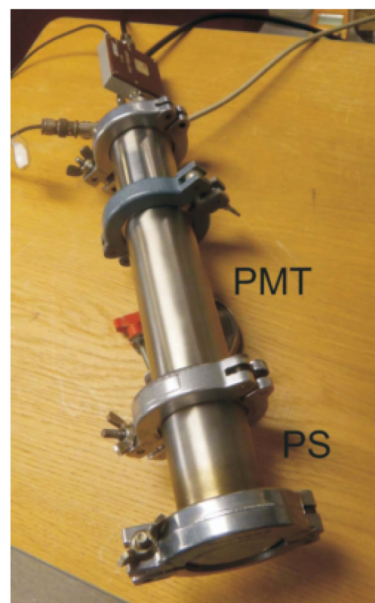


$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma_1 + \gamma_2,$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu,$$

$$\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu.$$

# Leif Holmlid spontaneous Particle emission



Holmlid, L. & Olafsson, S. Muon detection studied by pulse-height energy analysis: Novel converter arrangements. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 86, (2015).



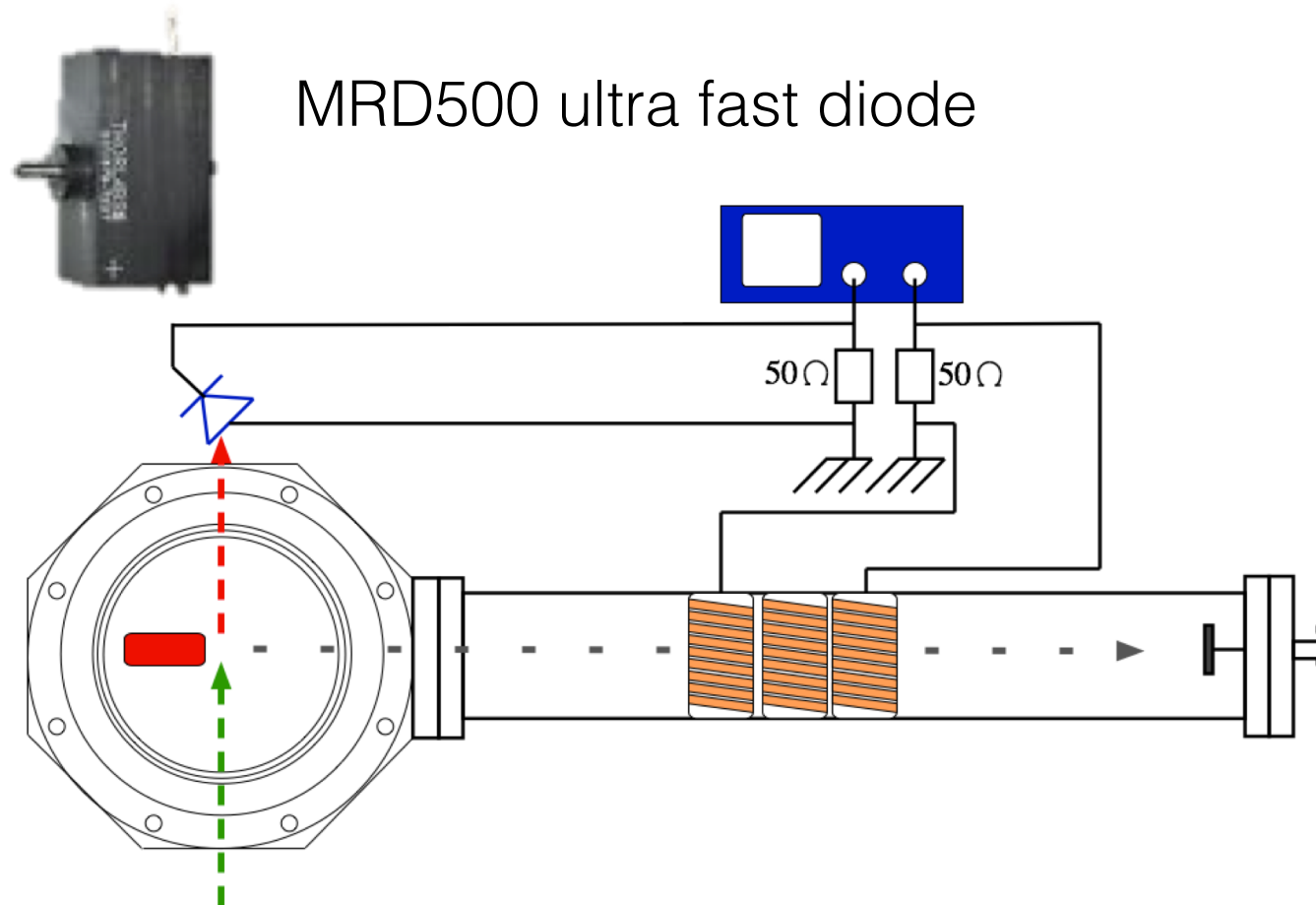


## Annihilation of $p^+$ ?

Following experimental evidence for high energy particle observation  
Have been published by Leif

1. Beta electron distributions even after meter distances in air
2. The detection via metal converters
3. Life-time of muons measured
4. The pion and kaon lifetimes measured
5. The current of charged particles detected in air and in vacuum by ferrite coils, with pion lifetimes
6. Expected deflection of muons in magnetic fields

These evidences are still very indirect and therefore weak. The aim with the cooperation is to take the next step and either confirm these results and find better means of performing these experiments in real high energy physics lab or to find alternative explanation for the observed results.



MRD500 ultra fast diode

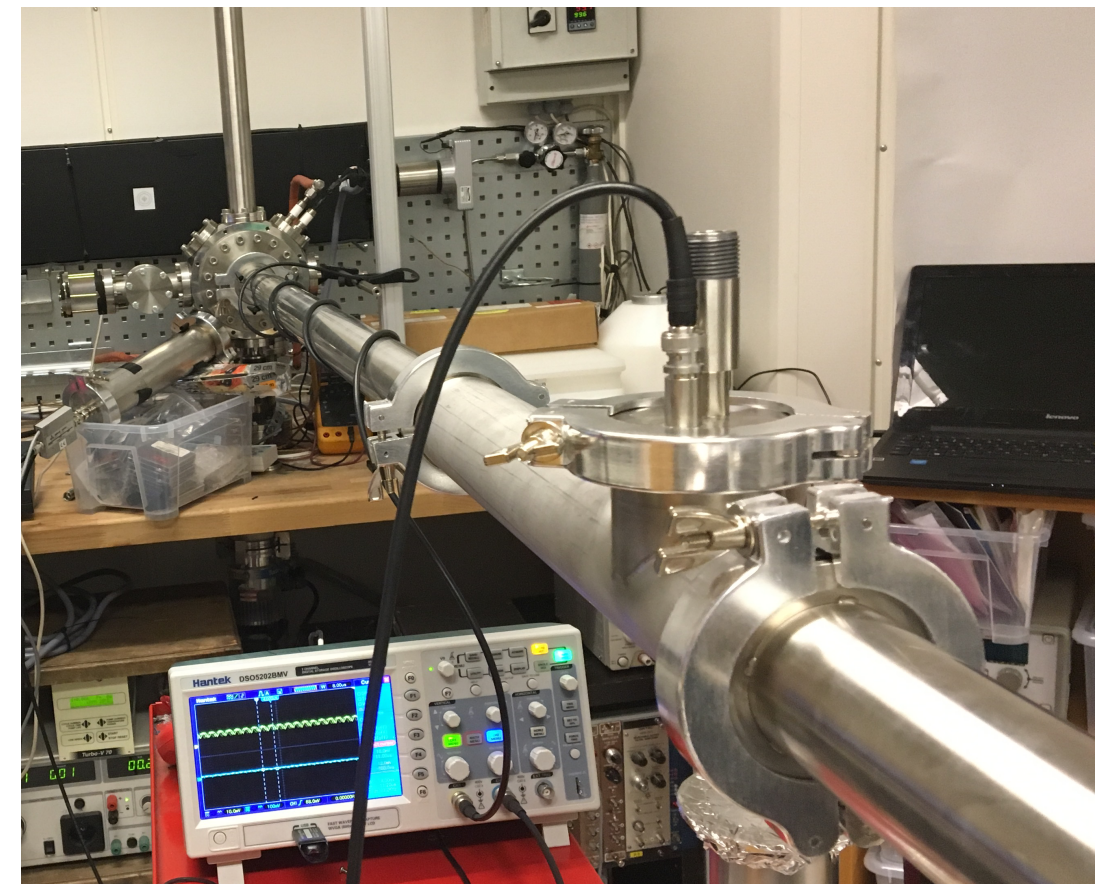
## TOF detectors



TOF: Coil



TOF: Faraday cup



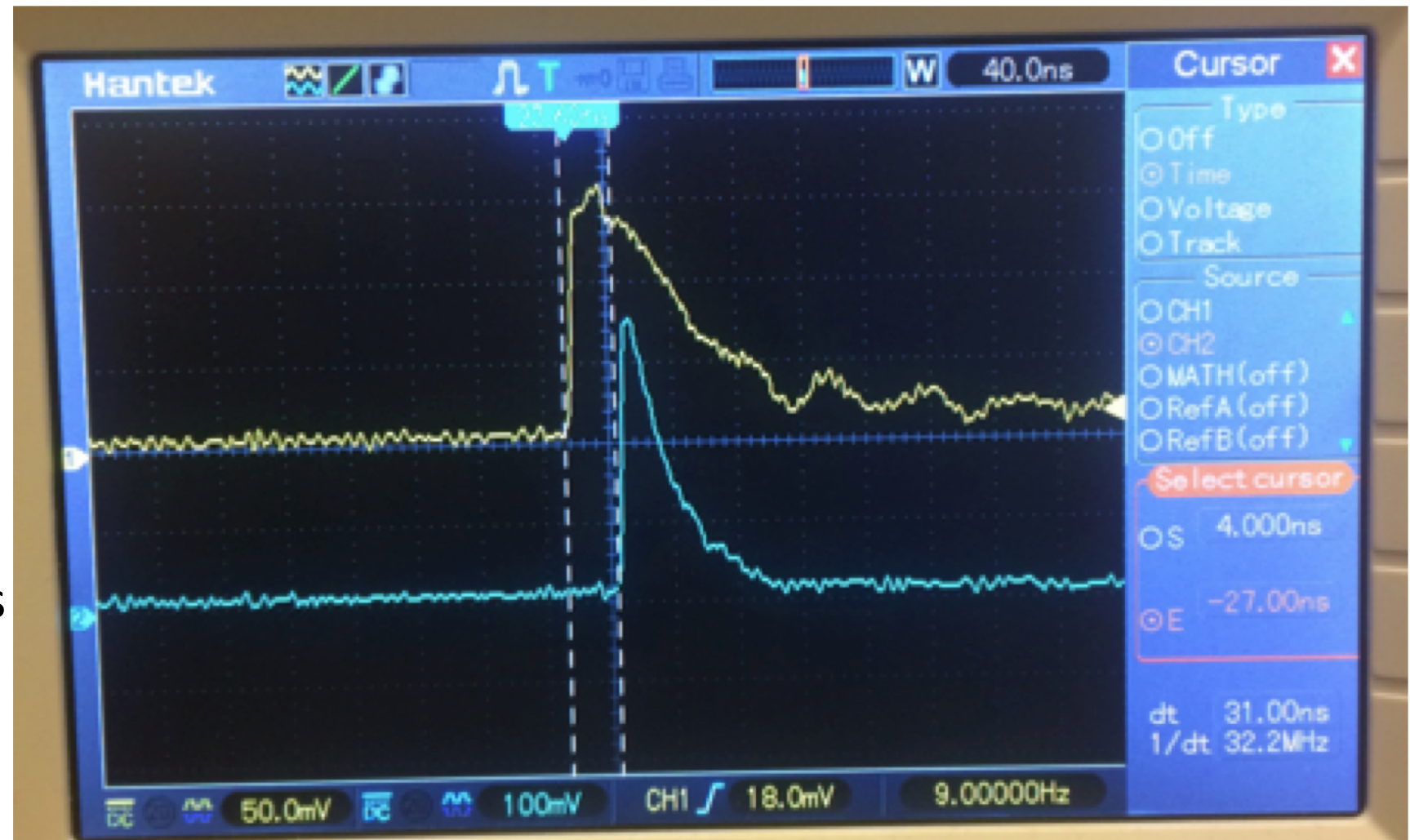




# Sindre Norway 2018

## LH high kinetic energy release observed

- TOF length: 236 cm
- TOF: 31 ns
- Lifetime in the range of lifetime of pions  $\pi$
- If we assume pion  $\pi$  the energy is 7,55 MeV.
- "Muon" detector shows elevated spectra





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# Experimental lab in Iceland





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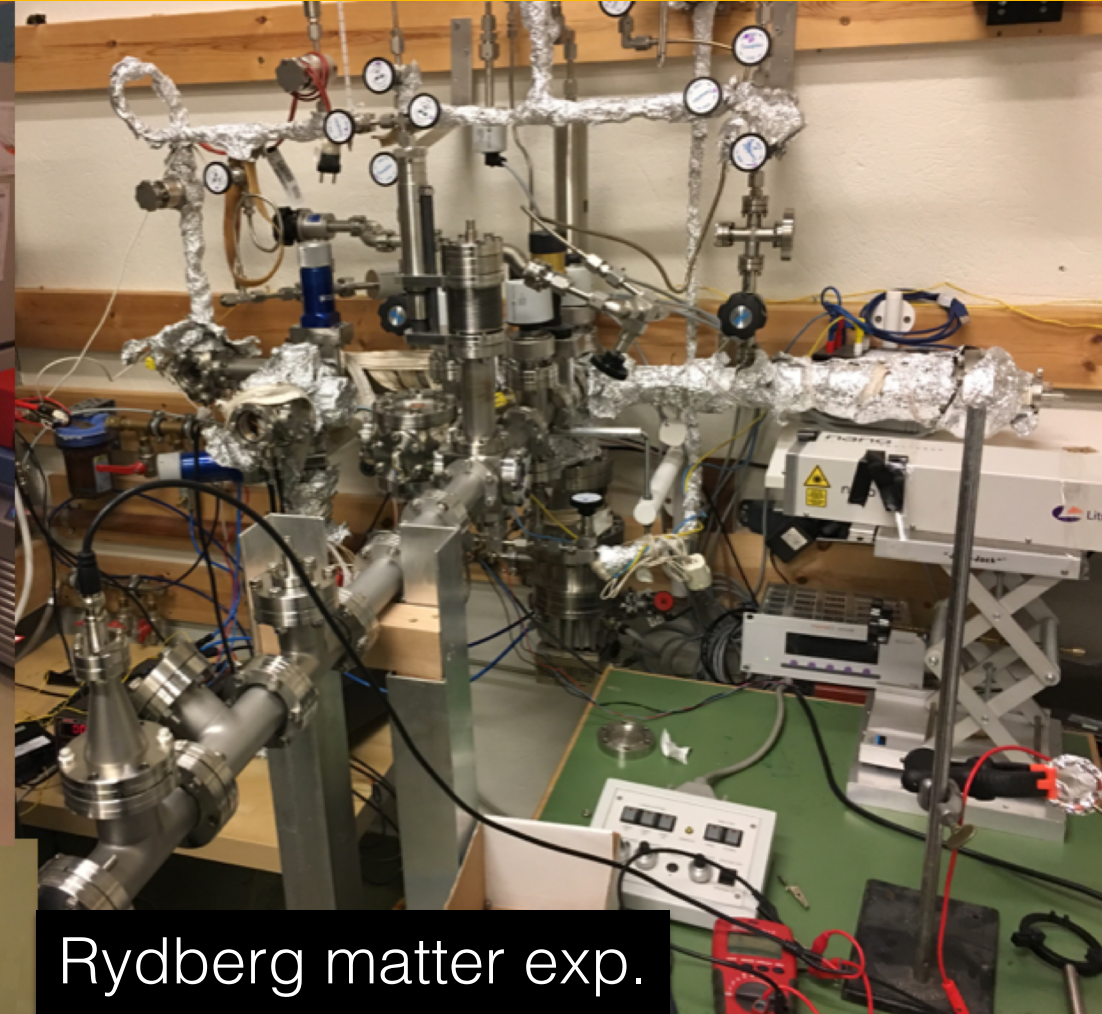
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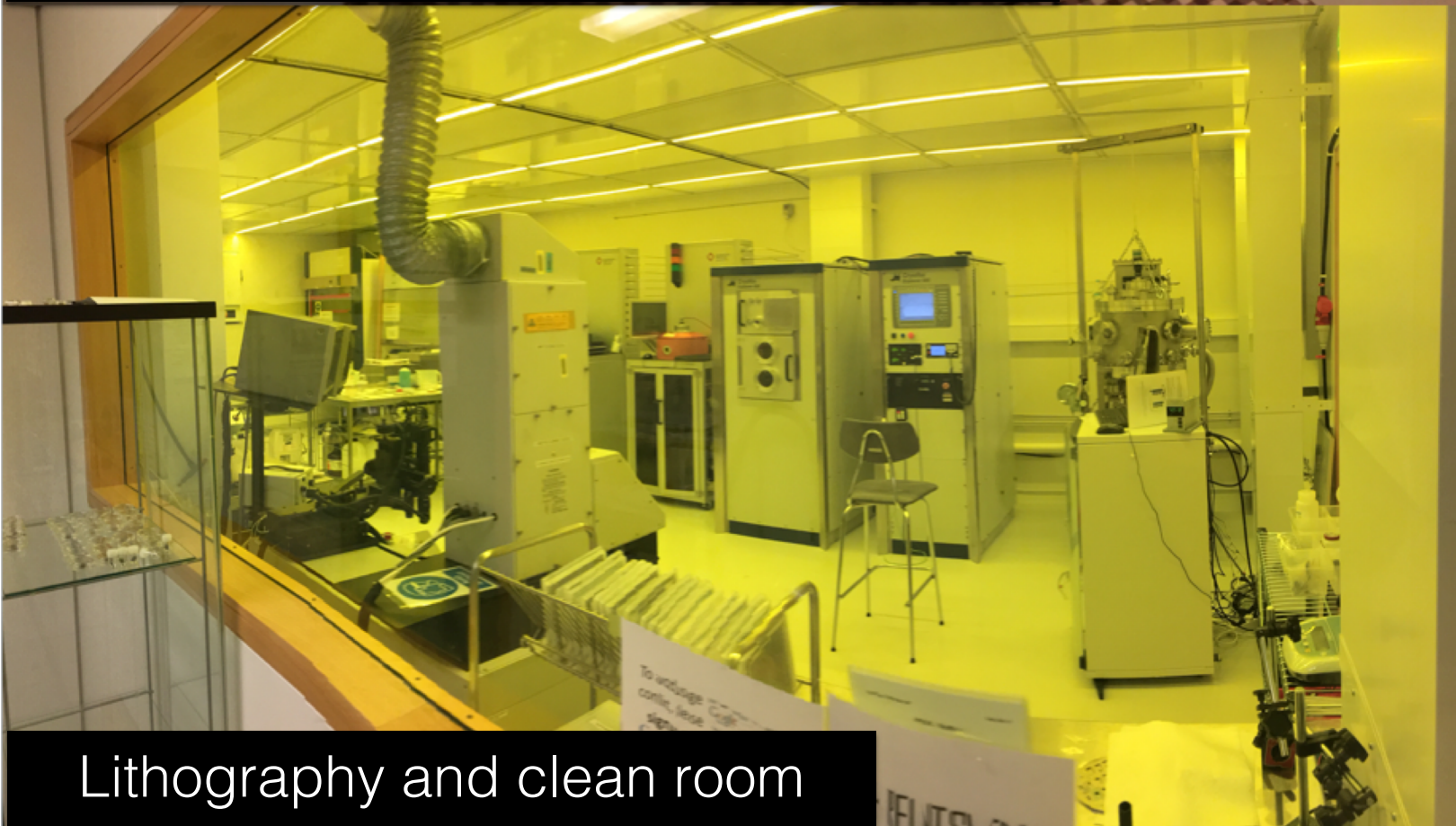
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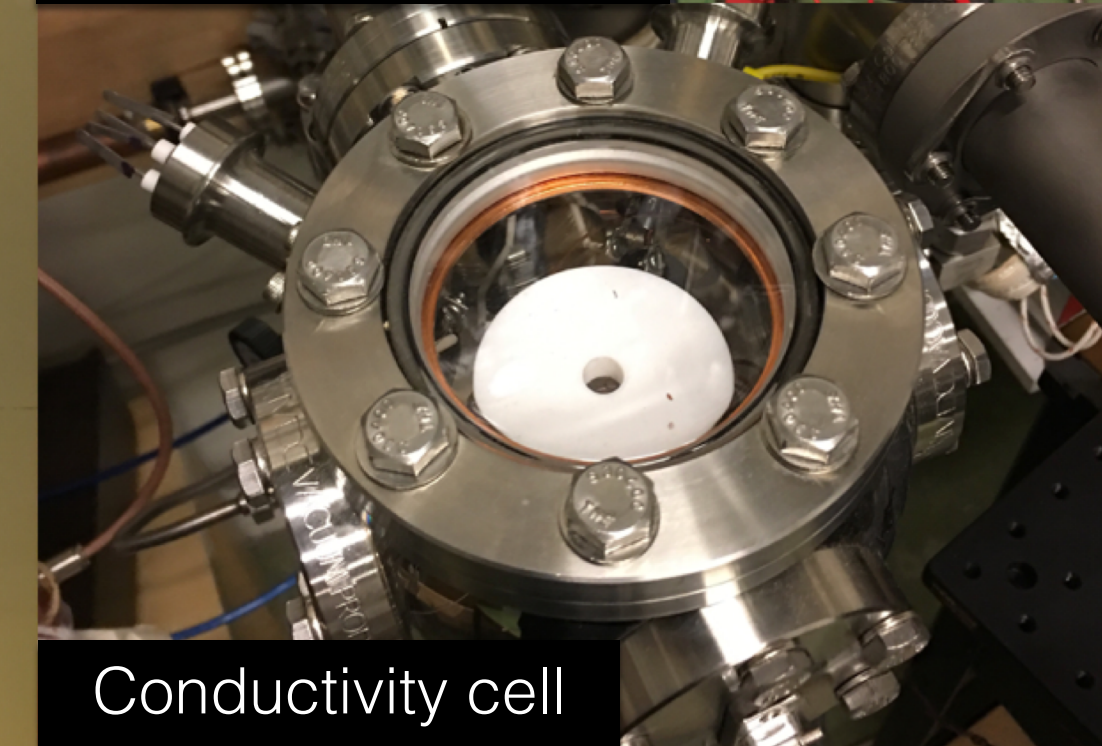
Thin film growth and characterisation



Rydberg matter exp.



Lithography and clean room



Conductivity cell





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Experimental development  
last 6 months

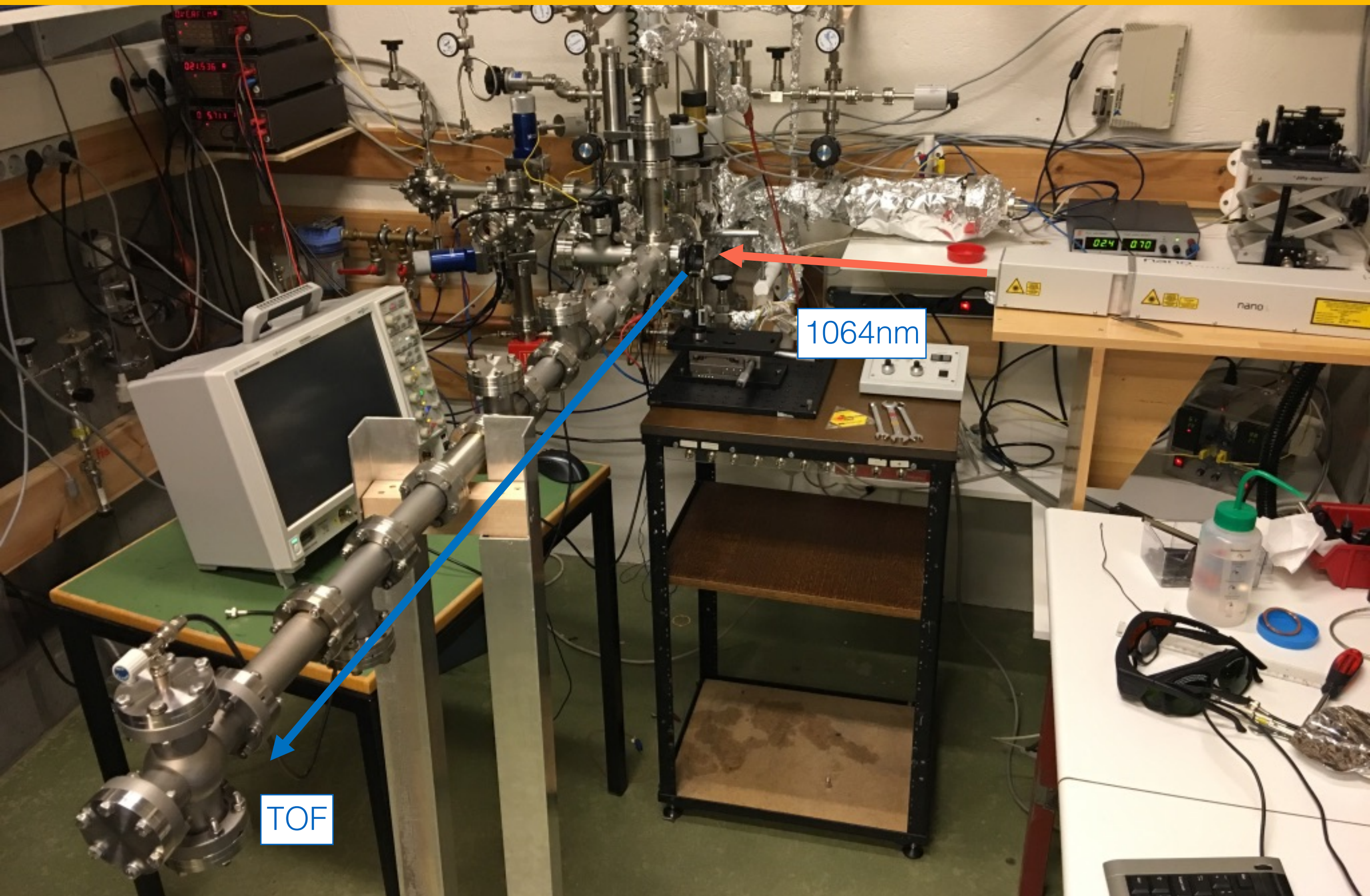


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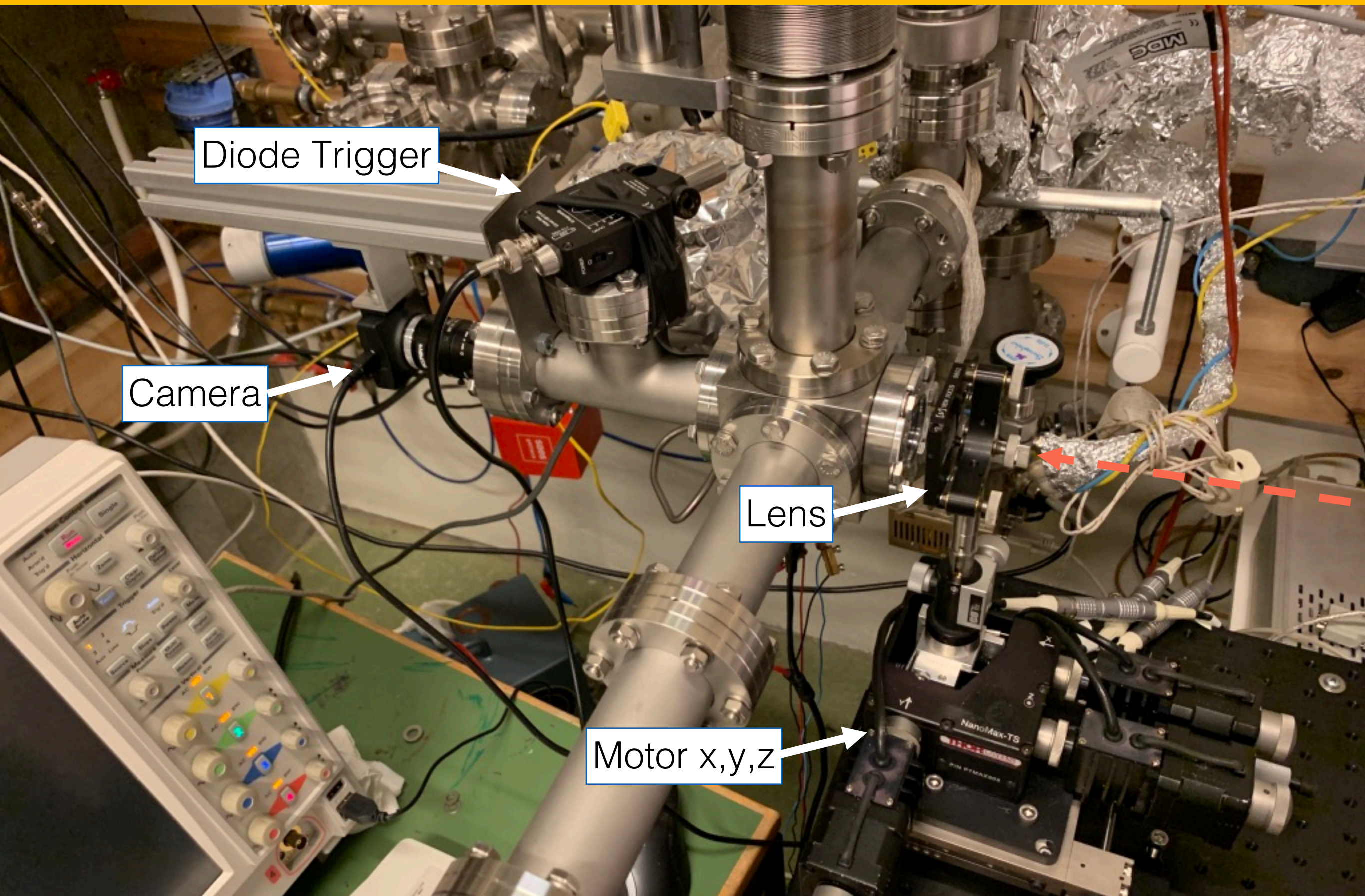
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Diode Trigger

Camera

Lens

Motor x,y,z



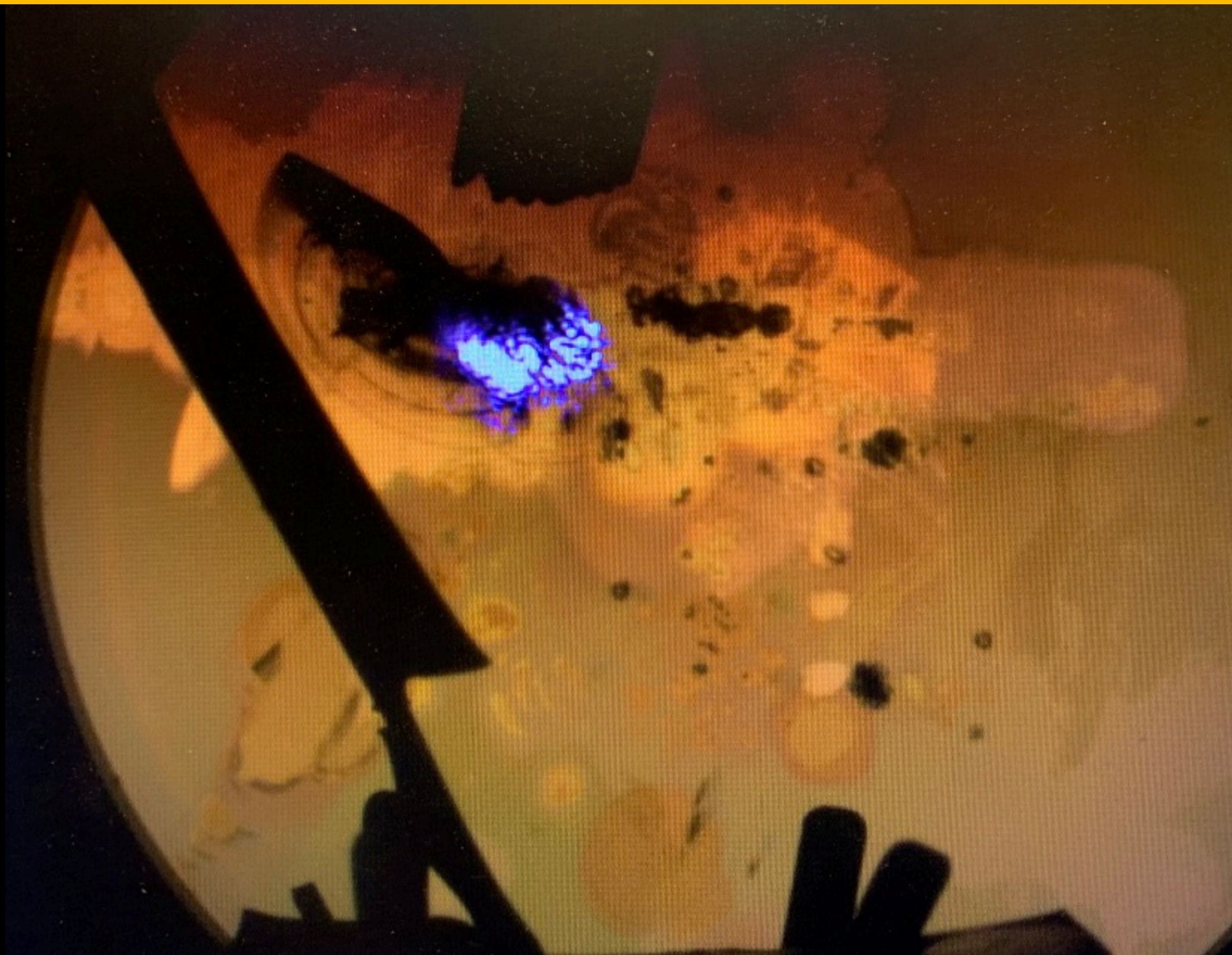


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4GHz scope, 20GS/s 50ps







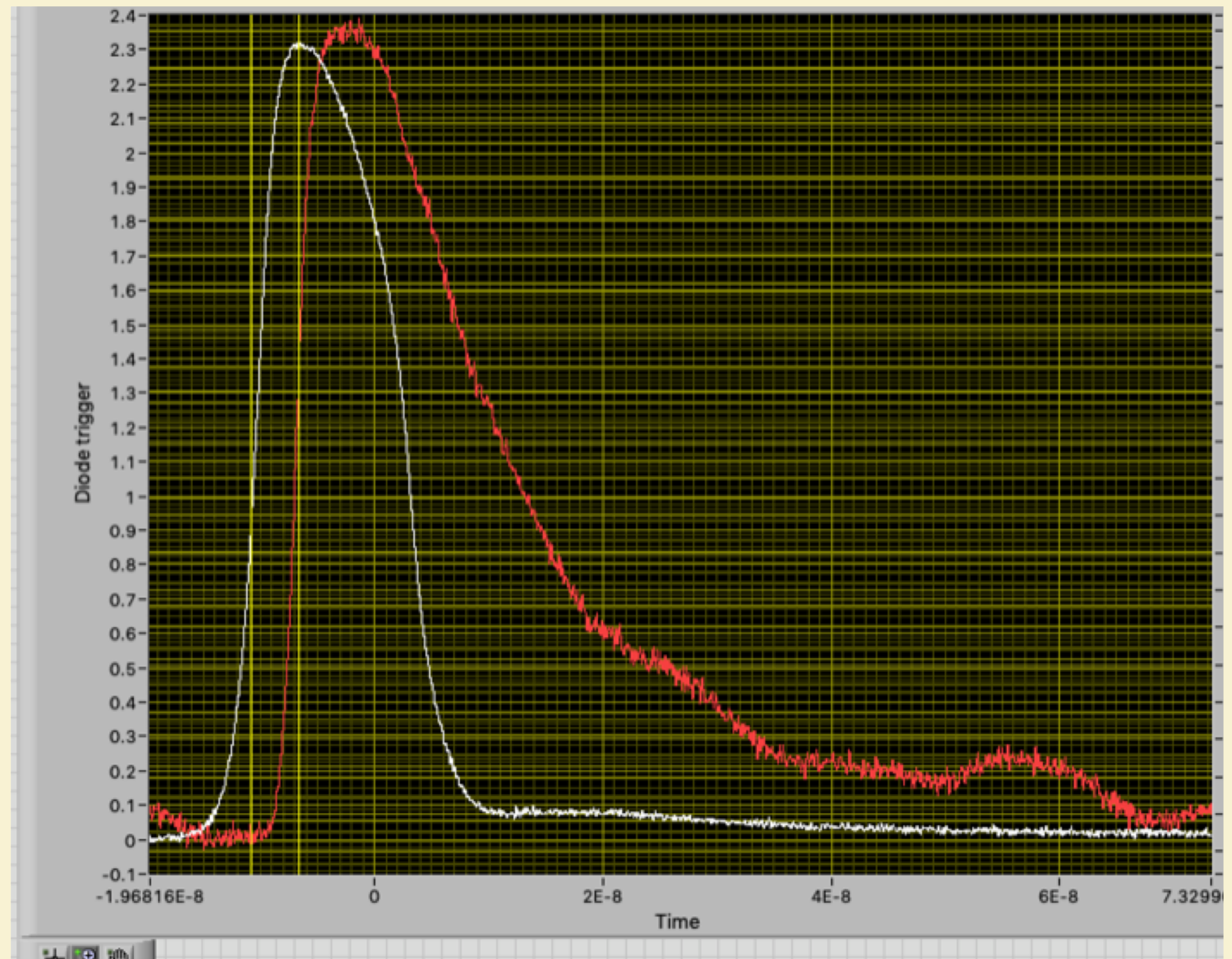
# High Kinetic energy release Iceland January 15, 2019

- TOF :  $4.0 \pm 0.7$  ns
- TOF length: 105 cm
- Speed 0.95c!
- Decay time:  $\approx 26$  ns
- If we assume  $\pi$ -mesons, the energy is 90 MeV
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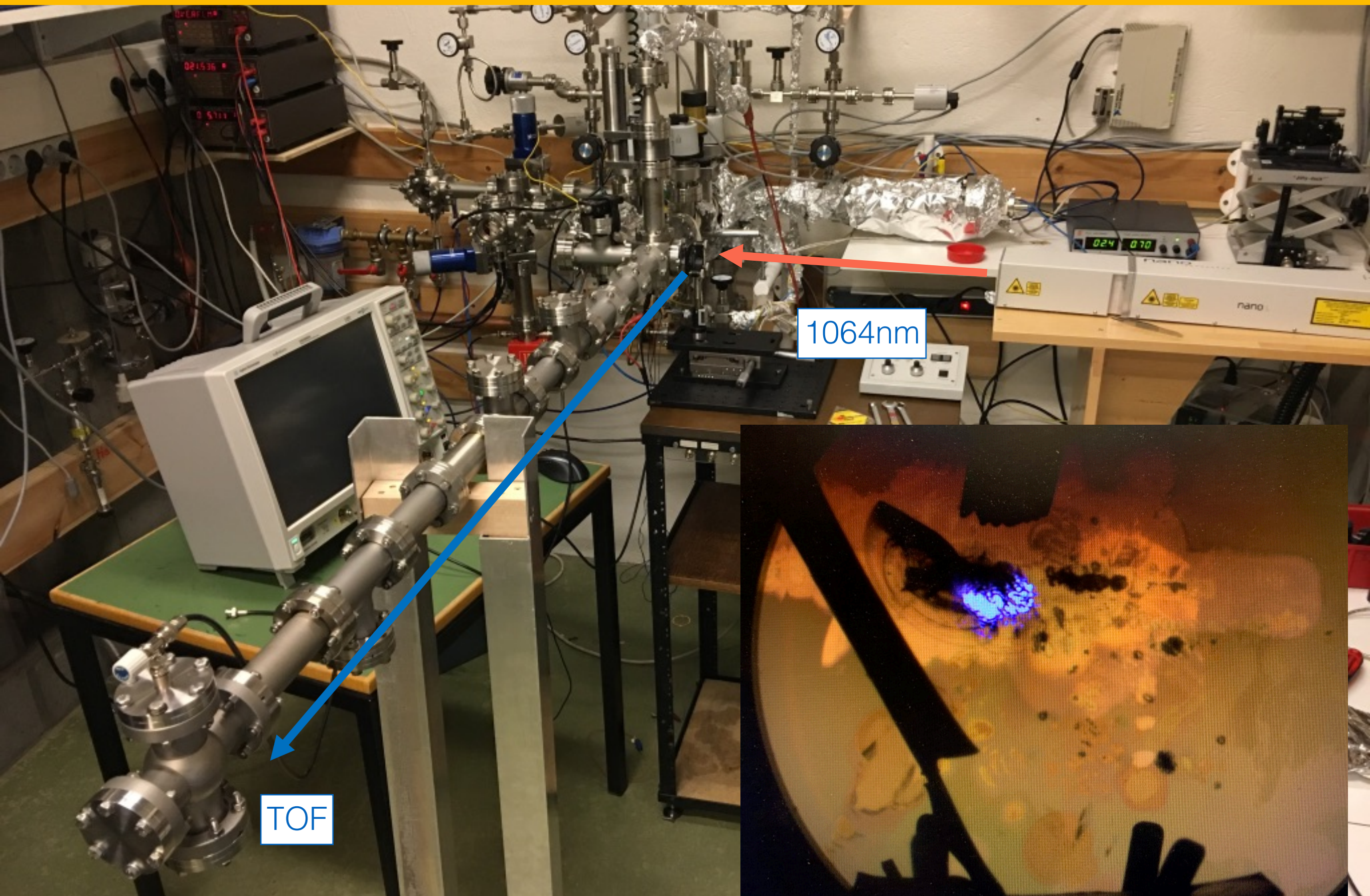


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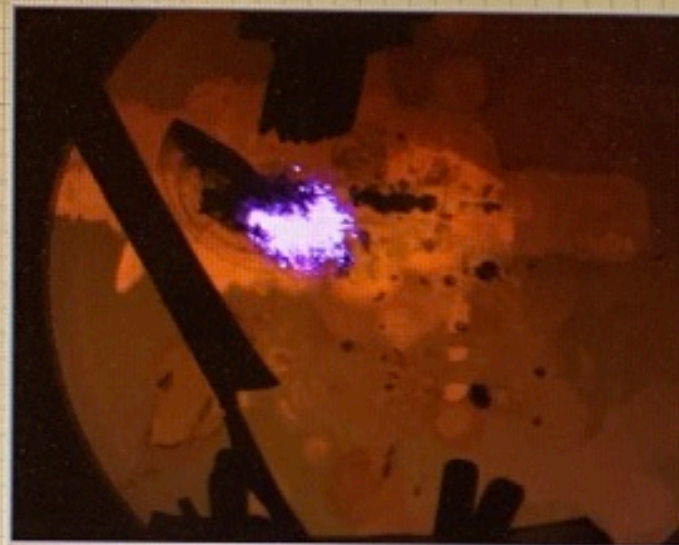
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Camera picture



Exp. time (ms)

90

N shots

10

Laser delay (ms)

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Delay (ms)

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Motor Control

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Down

z-axis

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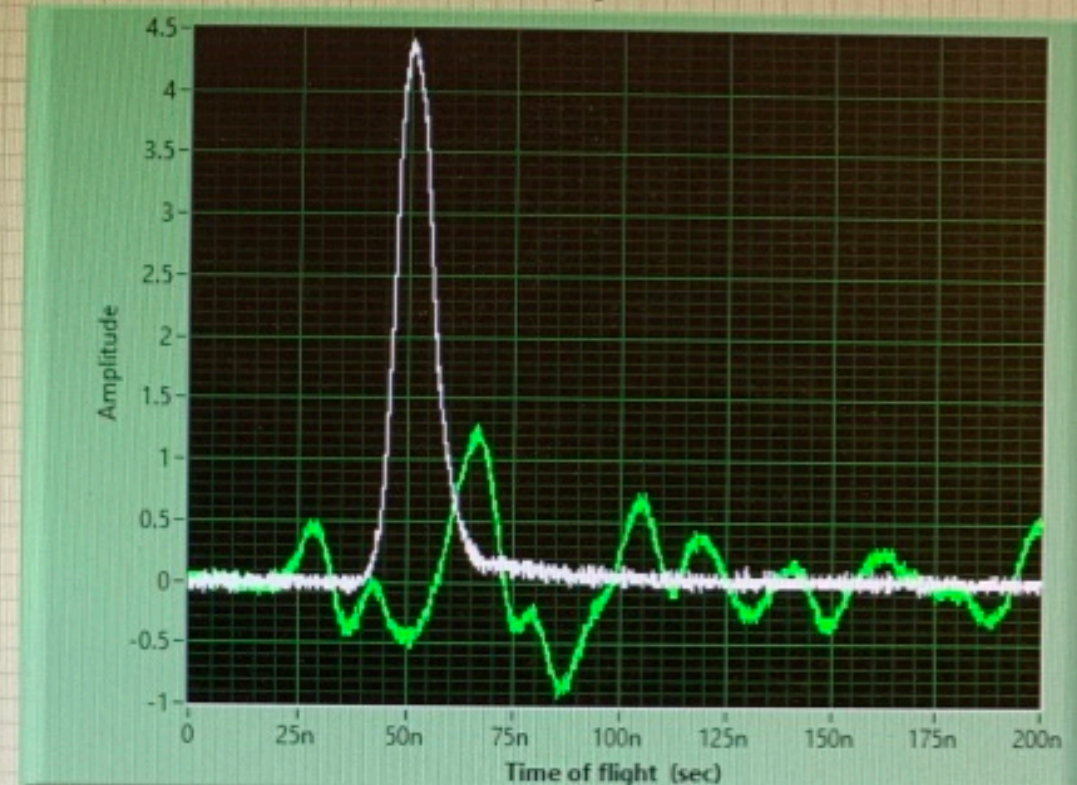
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Time of Flight



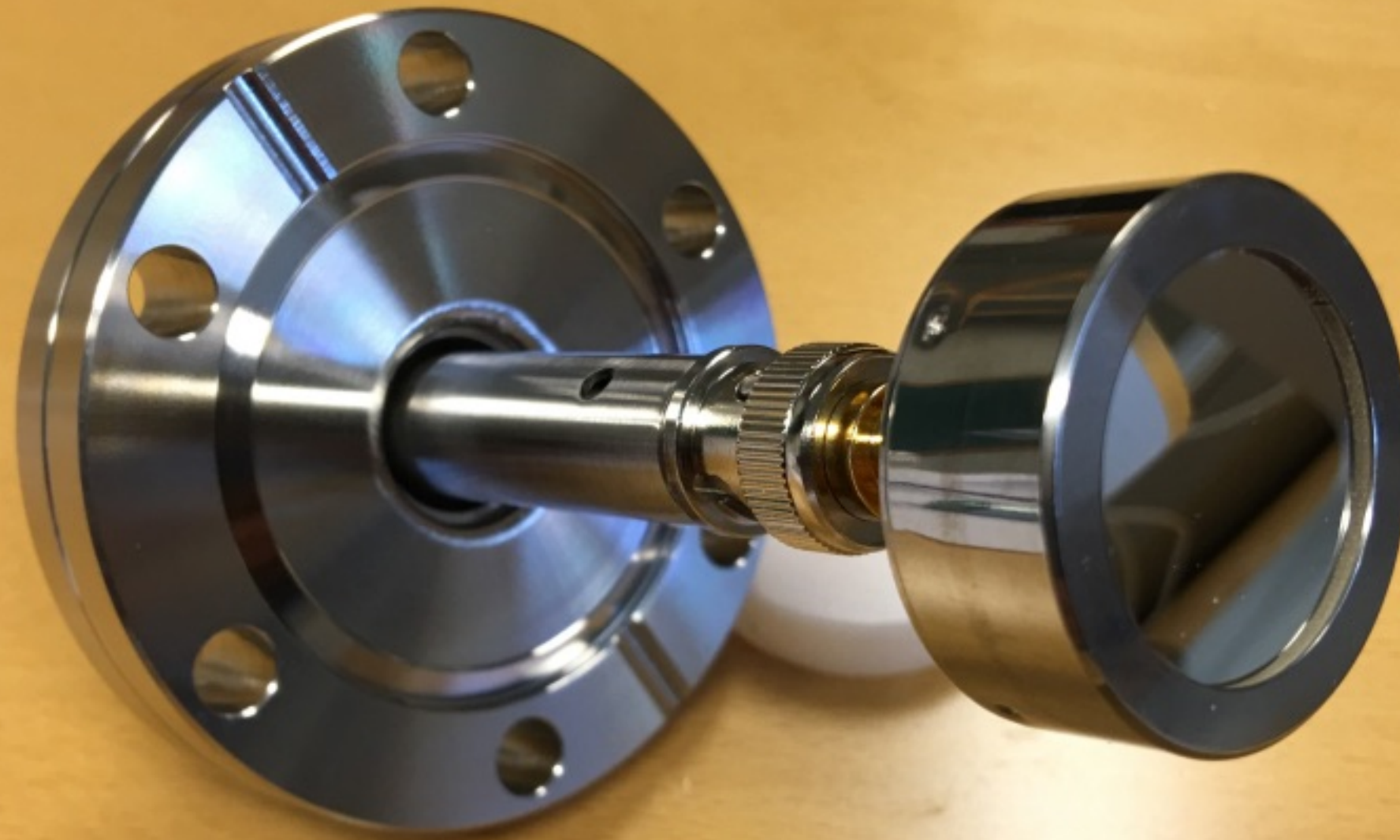
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☐ Coil





Surface Barrier detector





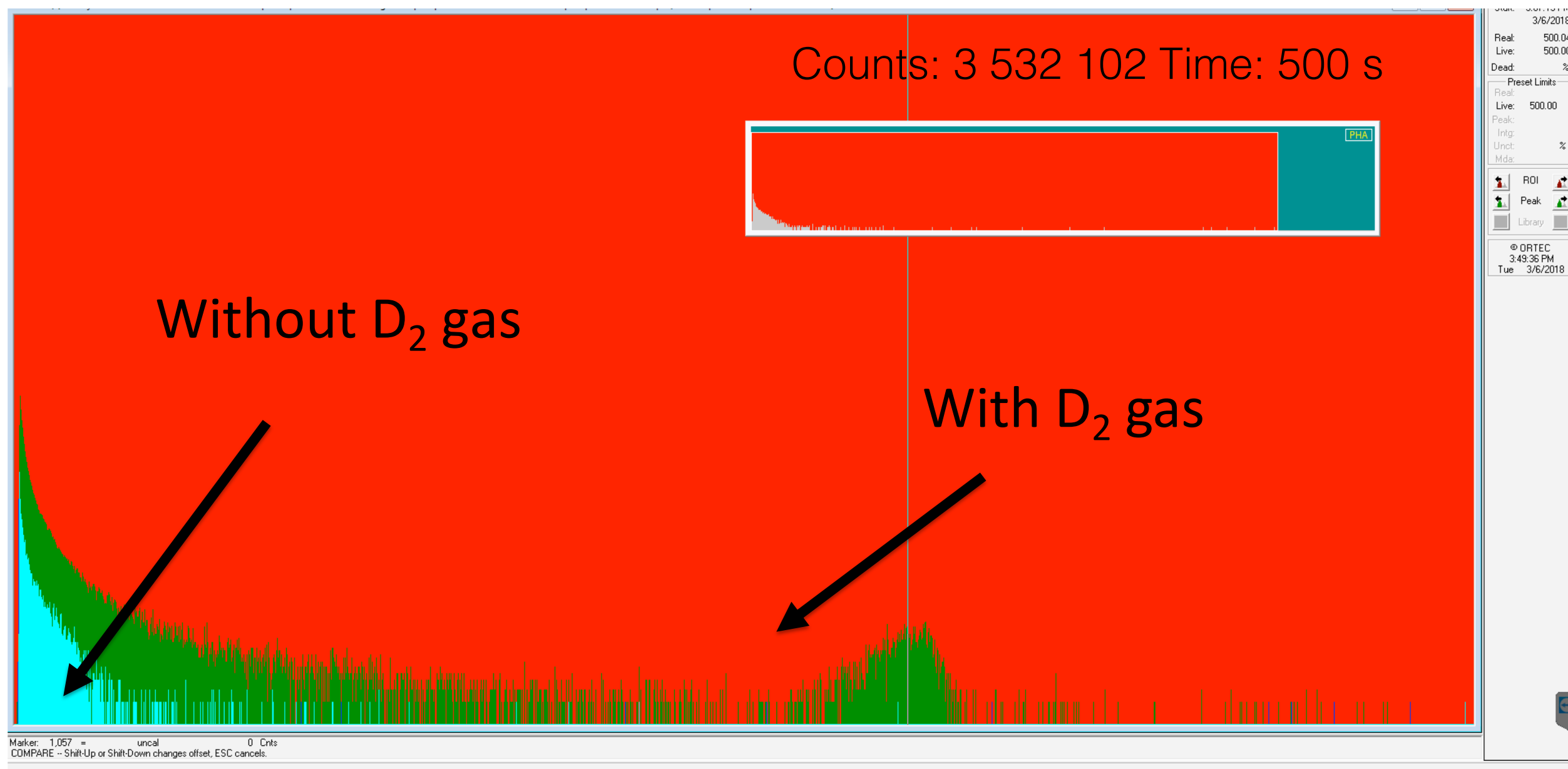
## Theoretical possibilities for proton annihilation

(It is speculation time)

- 3N-proton  $\rightarrow$  3N-anti-lepton.
- Allowed according to the Standard Model !
- Never been observed, big bang high temperature conditions  $>10\text{TeV}$
- Too high energy for the LHC accelerator at CERN.
- Candidate to solve mystery in cosmology i.e. Baryogenesis.
- Baryonic asymmetry, i.e. the imbalance of matter and antimatter
- Driven by the Adler–Bell–Jackiw anomaly in electroweak interactions
- Why appearing in LH experiments?
- Quantum Bose Einstein condensation/entanglement in the Ultra-dense phase of protons due to long interaction times (days instead of  $10^{-25}$  sec.)?



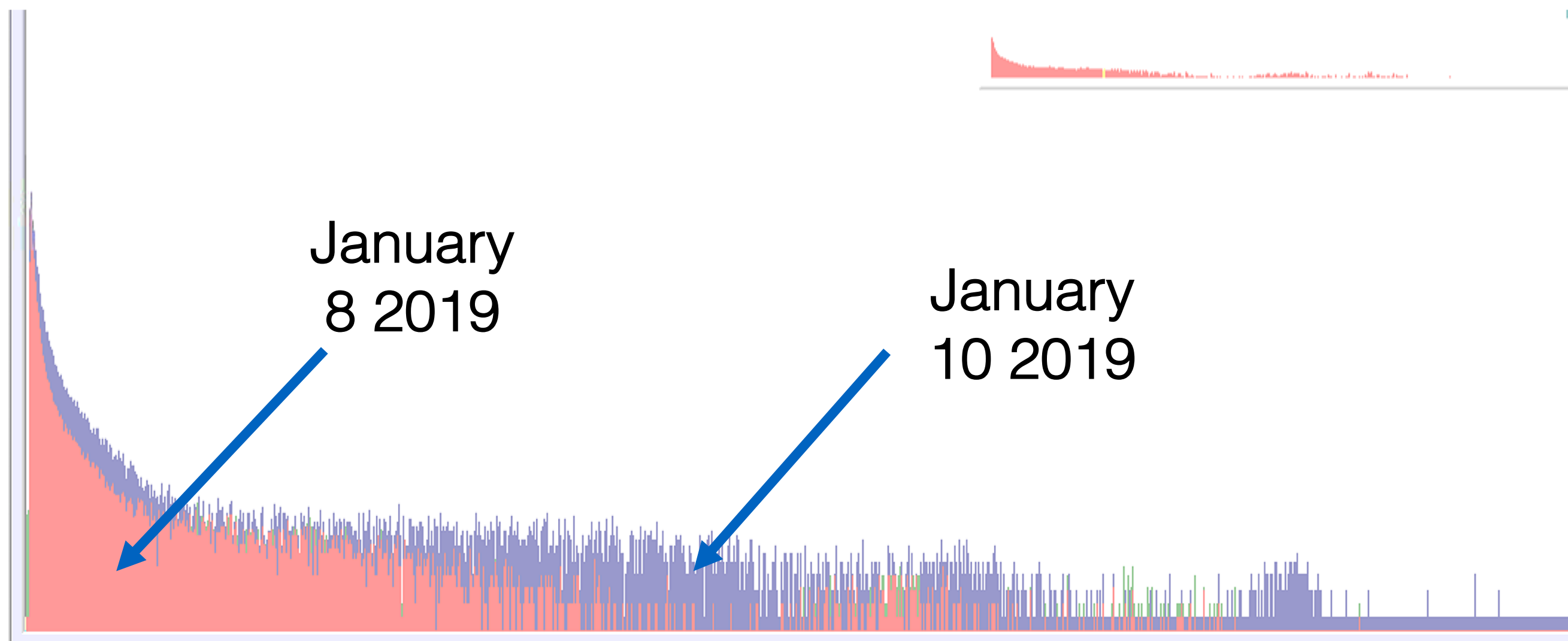
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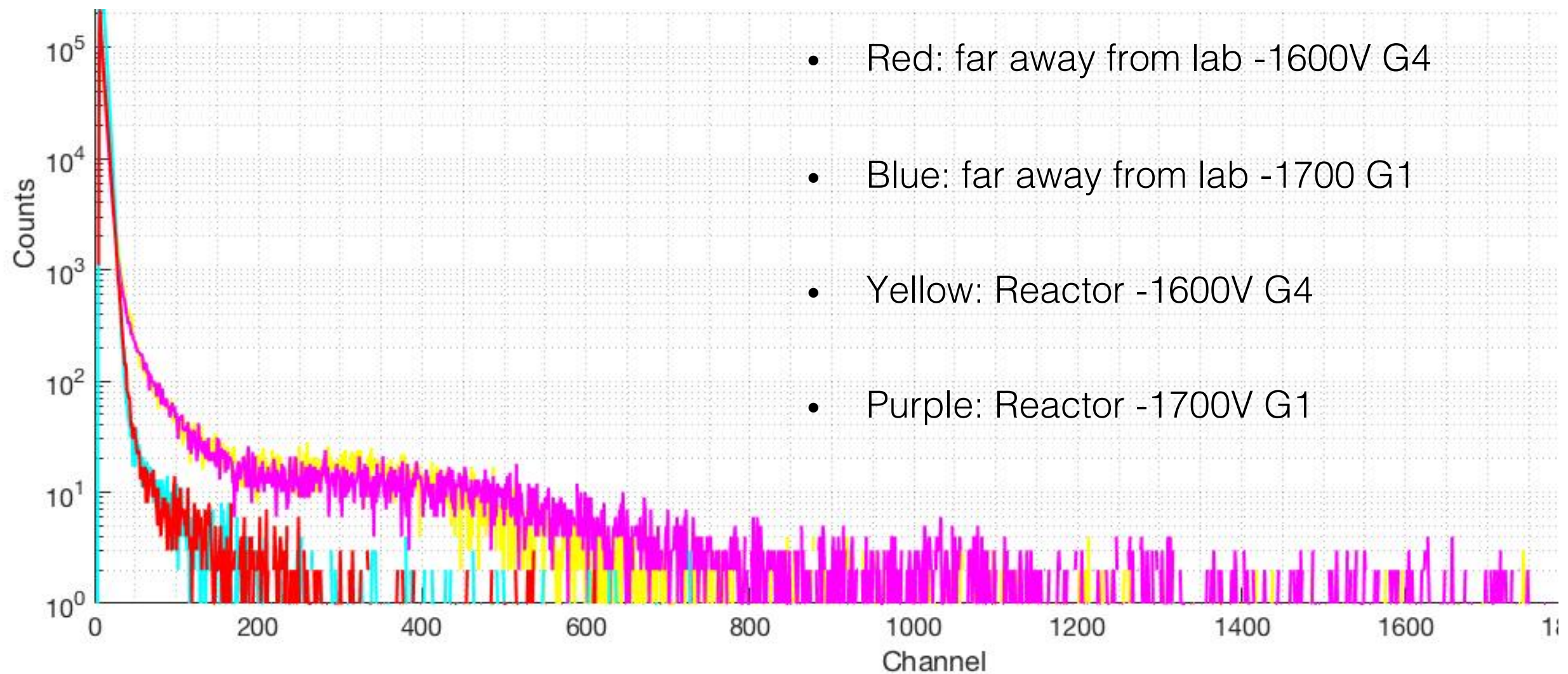


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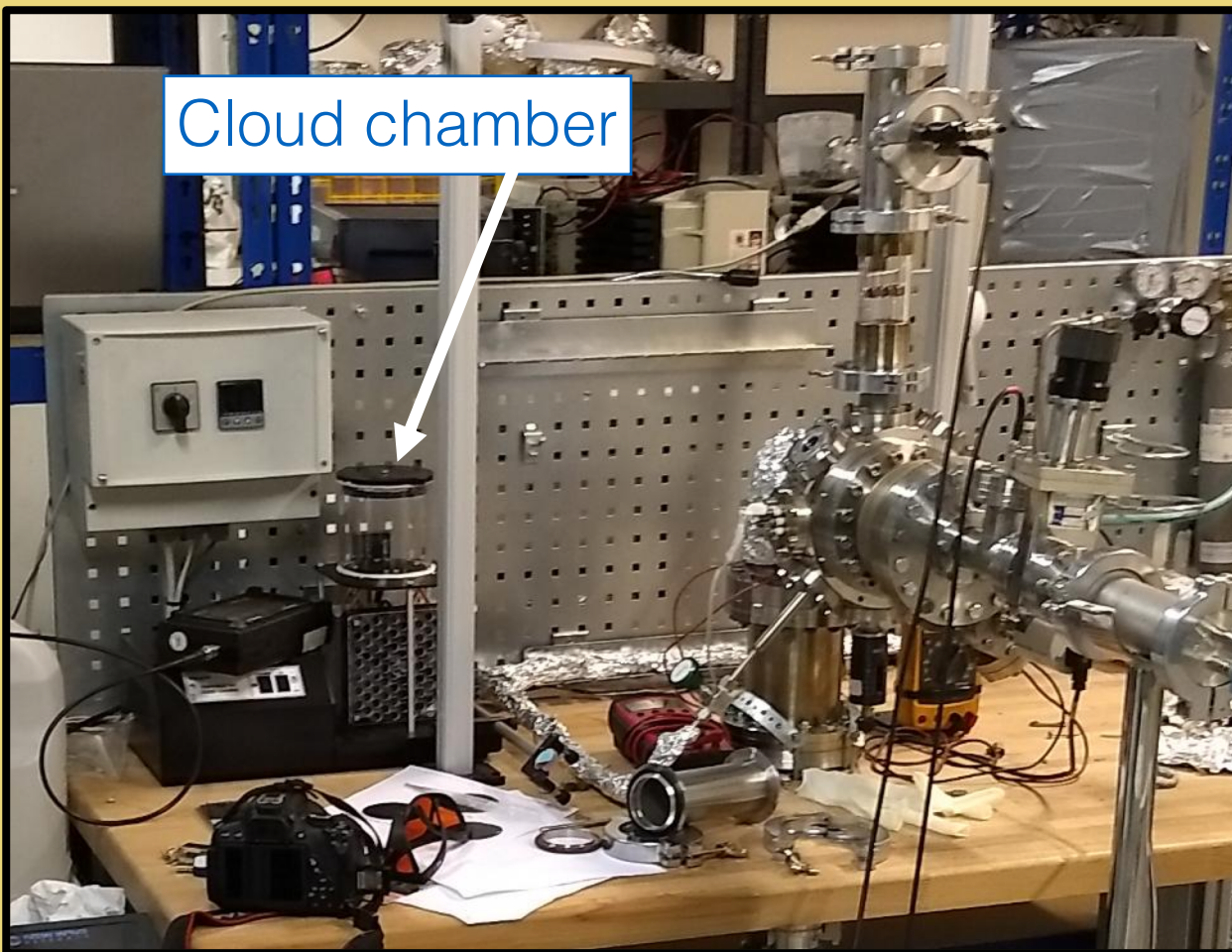
## In lab out of lab comparison







## Cloud chamber tracks





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Thank you for listening



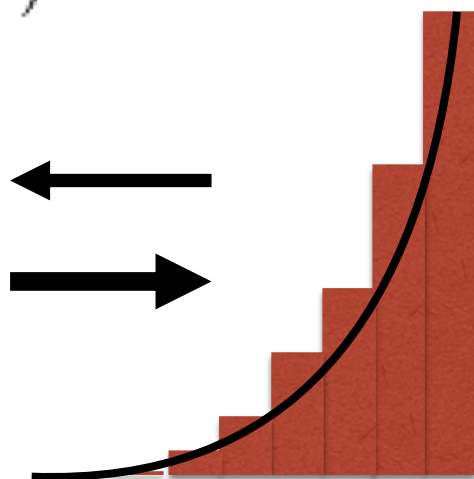


## Tunneling fusion rate model for the Coulomb potential

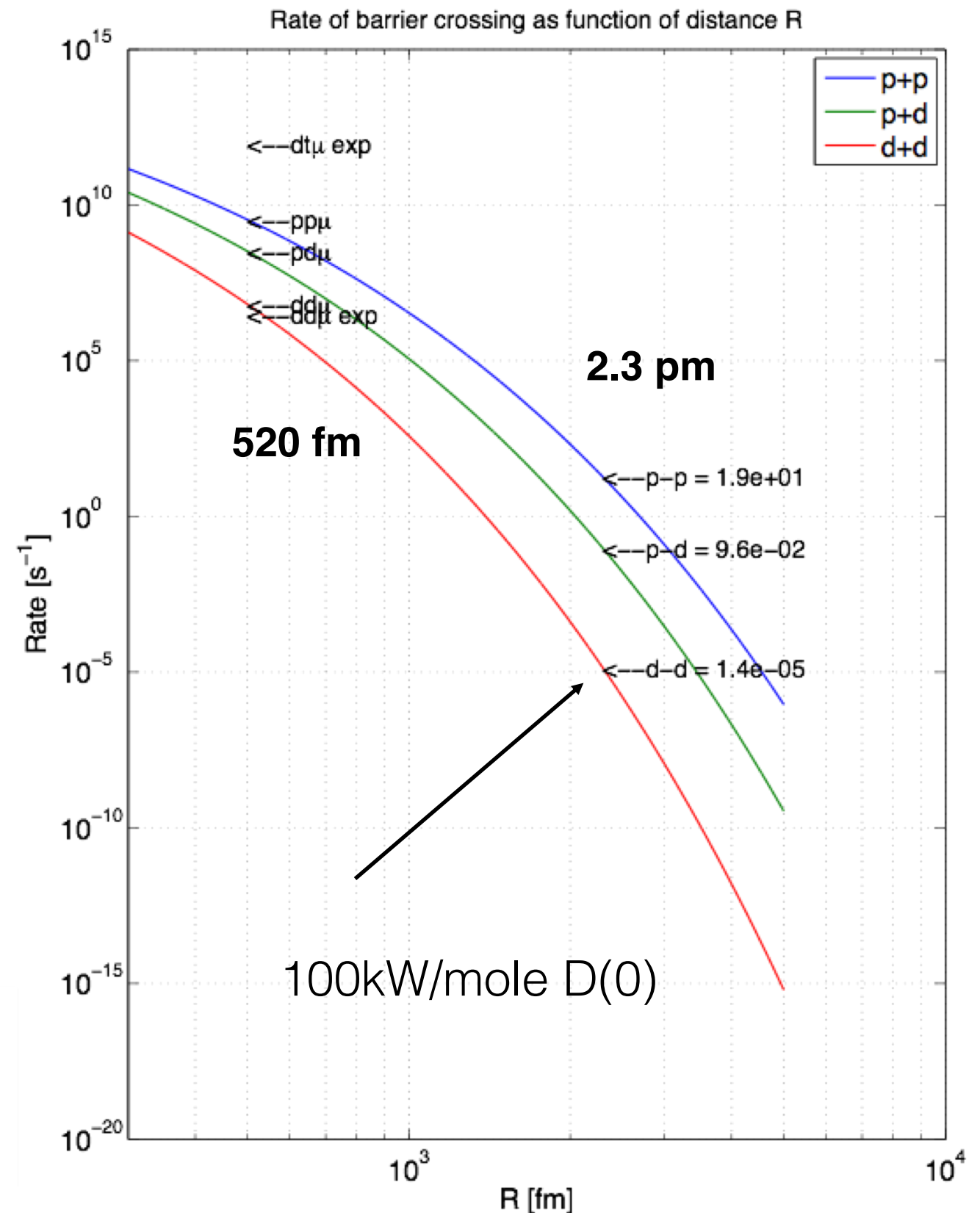
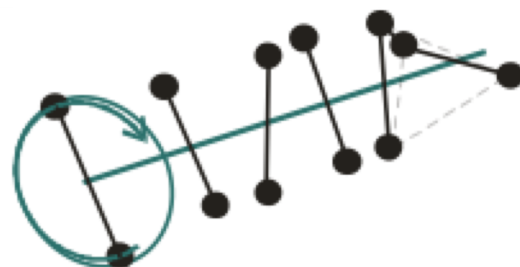
Rate = Gamov probability of crossing the barrier x attempt frequency

Reaction crosssections are not included  
Calculation are shown for  $f = 10^{16}/s$ .

$$P_g(E) \equiv e^{-\frac{E_g}{E}^{1/2}}$$



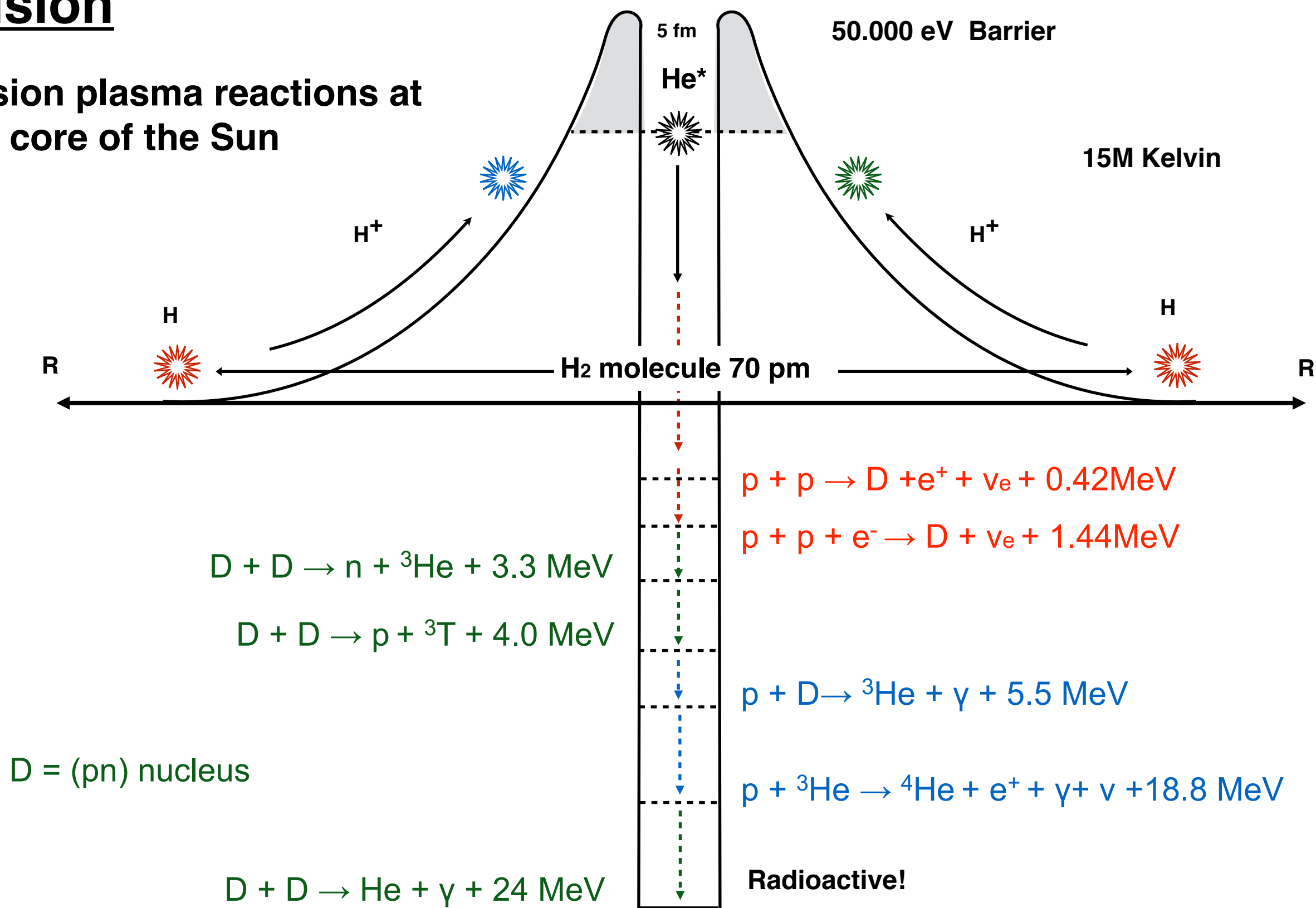
$2.3 \pm 0.1$  pm!





# Fusion

## Fusion plasma reactions at the core of the Sun







## Molecular muonium fusion, $\mu$ -catalysed fusion known since 1947

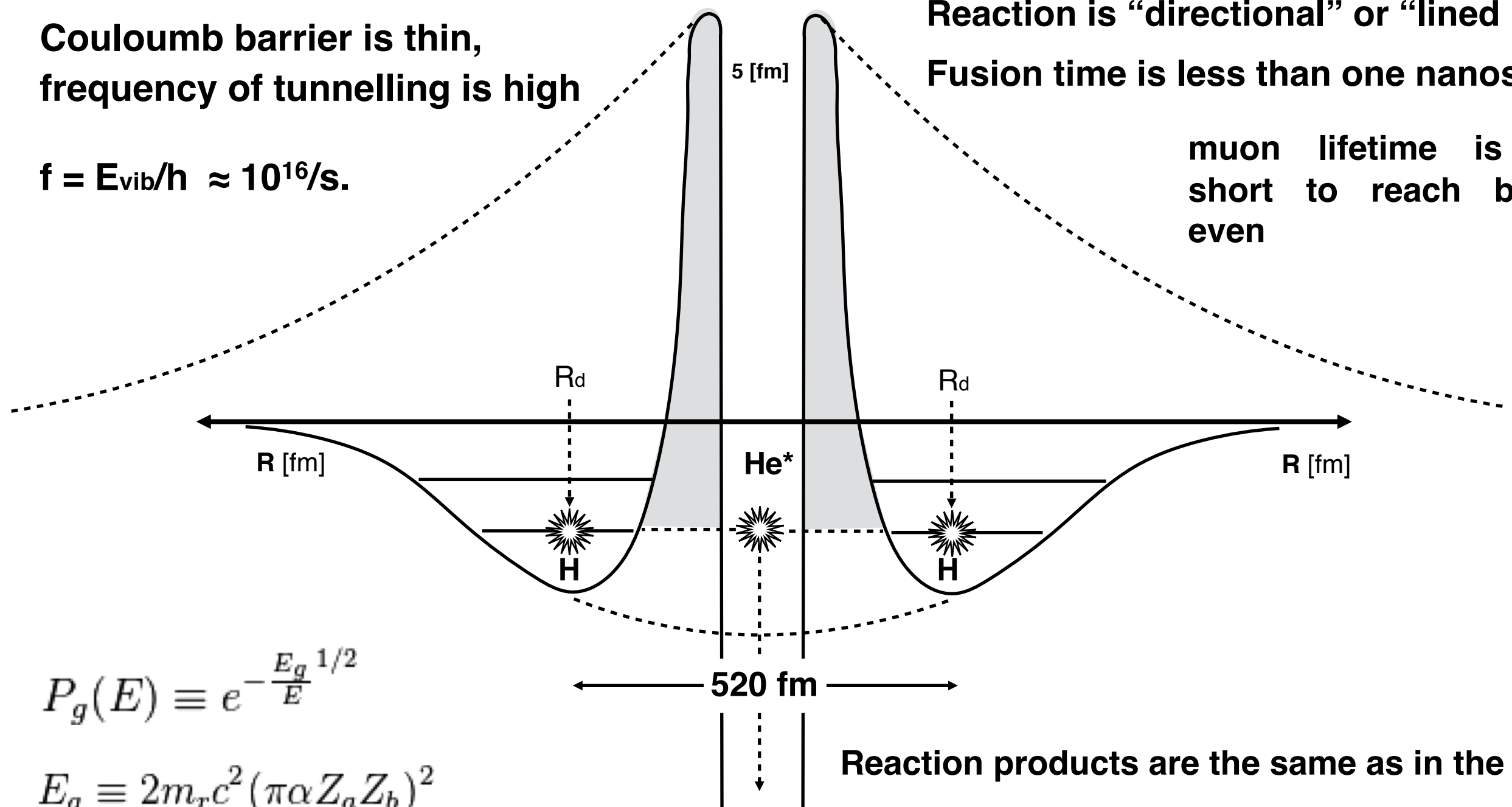
Coulomb barrier is thin,  
frequency of tunnelling is high

$$f = E_{\text{vib}}/h \approx 10^{16}/\text{s}.$$

Reaction is “directional” or “lined up”

Fusion time is less than one nanosecond

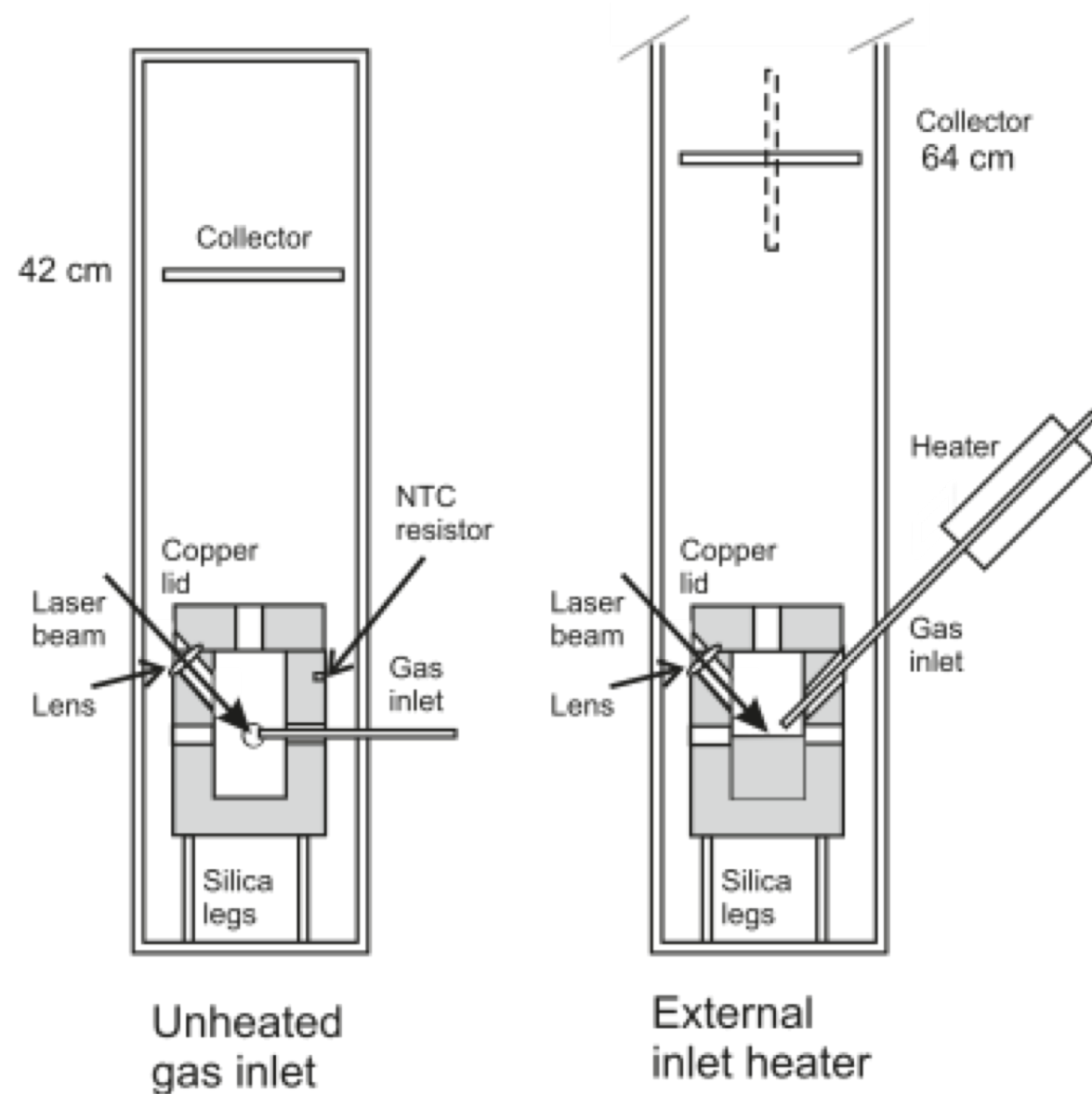
muon lifetime is too  
short to reach peak  
even



$$P_g(E) \equiv e^{-\frac{E_g}{E}^{1/2}}$$

$$E_g \equiv 2m_r c^2 (\pi \alpha Z_a Z_b)^2$$

# Rutherford radium “like” calorimetry experiment



**Confirms  
> break even  
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