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# ACTIVE TARGET DETECTORS

# OUTLINE

- I. Why Active Targets?
- II. Technological challenges and solutions
- III. Data analysis challenges and solutions
- IV. A few results



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  - Scientific ideas drive technology advances, but new ones spring from their realization

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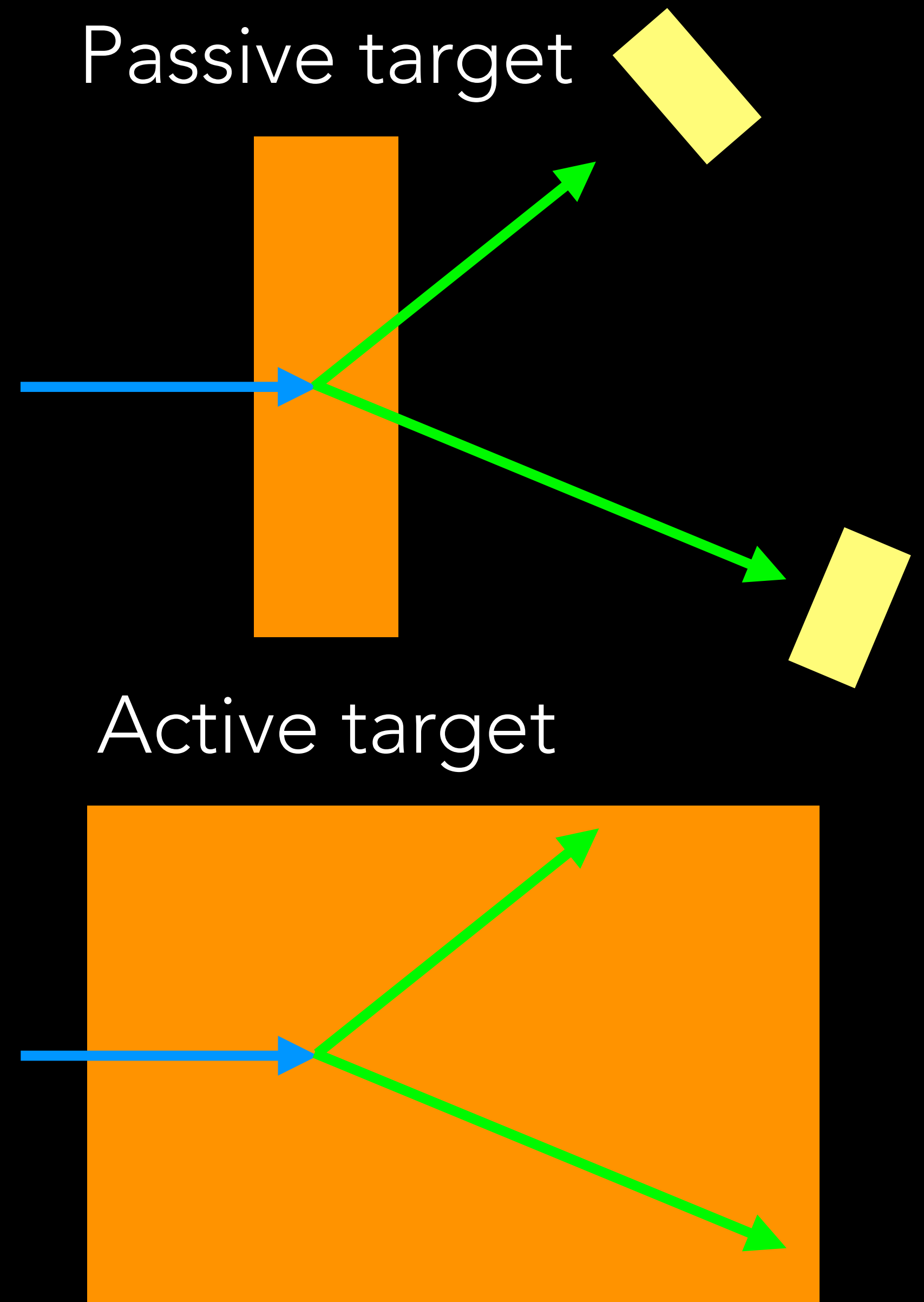
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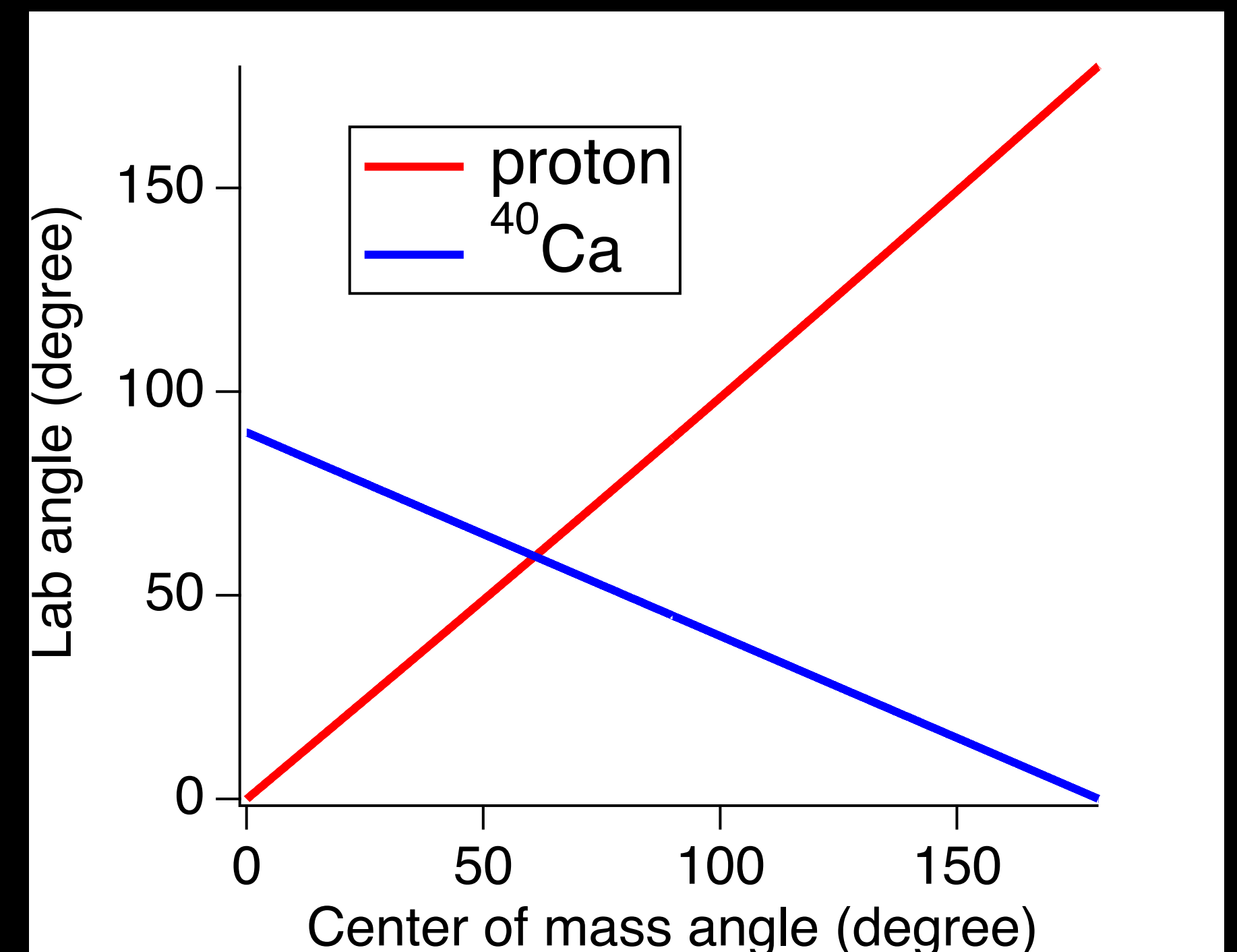
# ACTIVE TARGET: THE BIG IDEA

- Device that is at the same time a **target** and a **detector**
- Passive target
  - No knowledge of where the reaction took place
  - Particles can only be detected if they escape the target material
- Active target
  - Reaction **vertex location** can be determined
  - Particles are detected **within the target** material

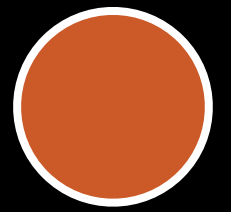


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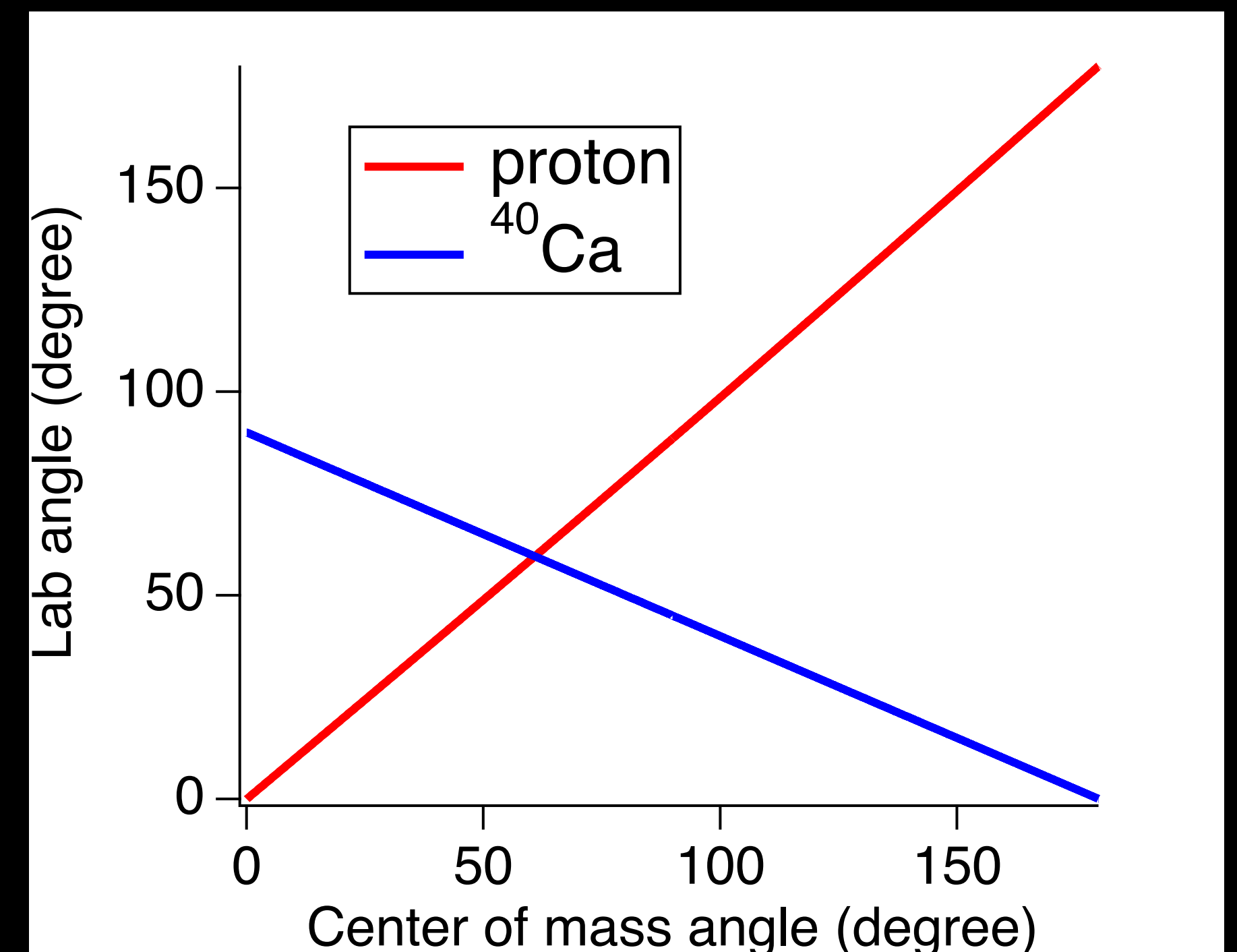
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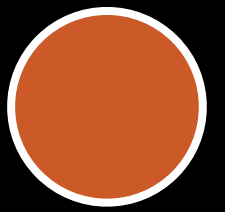
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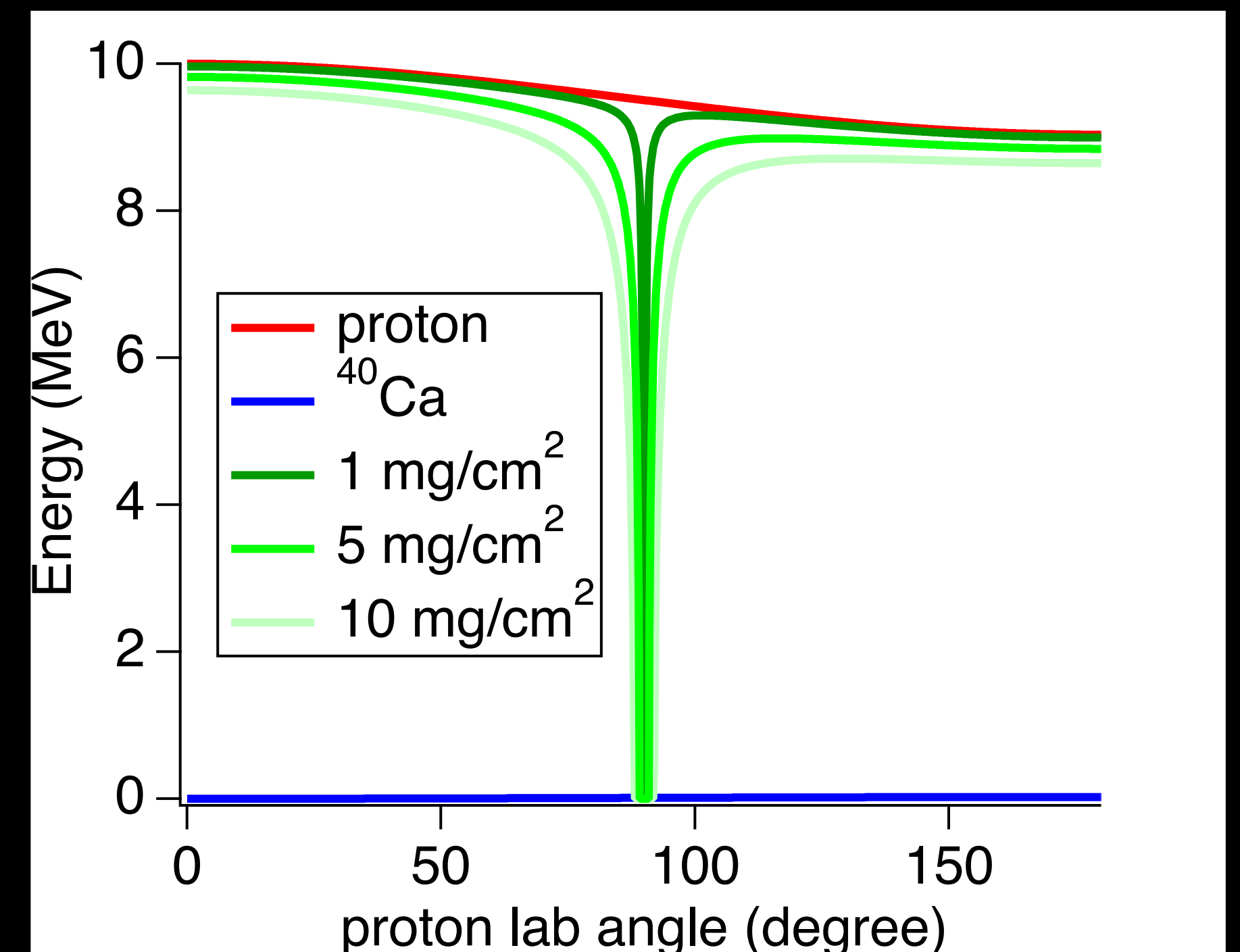
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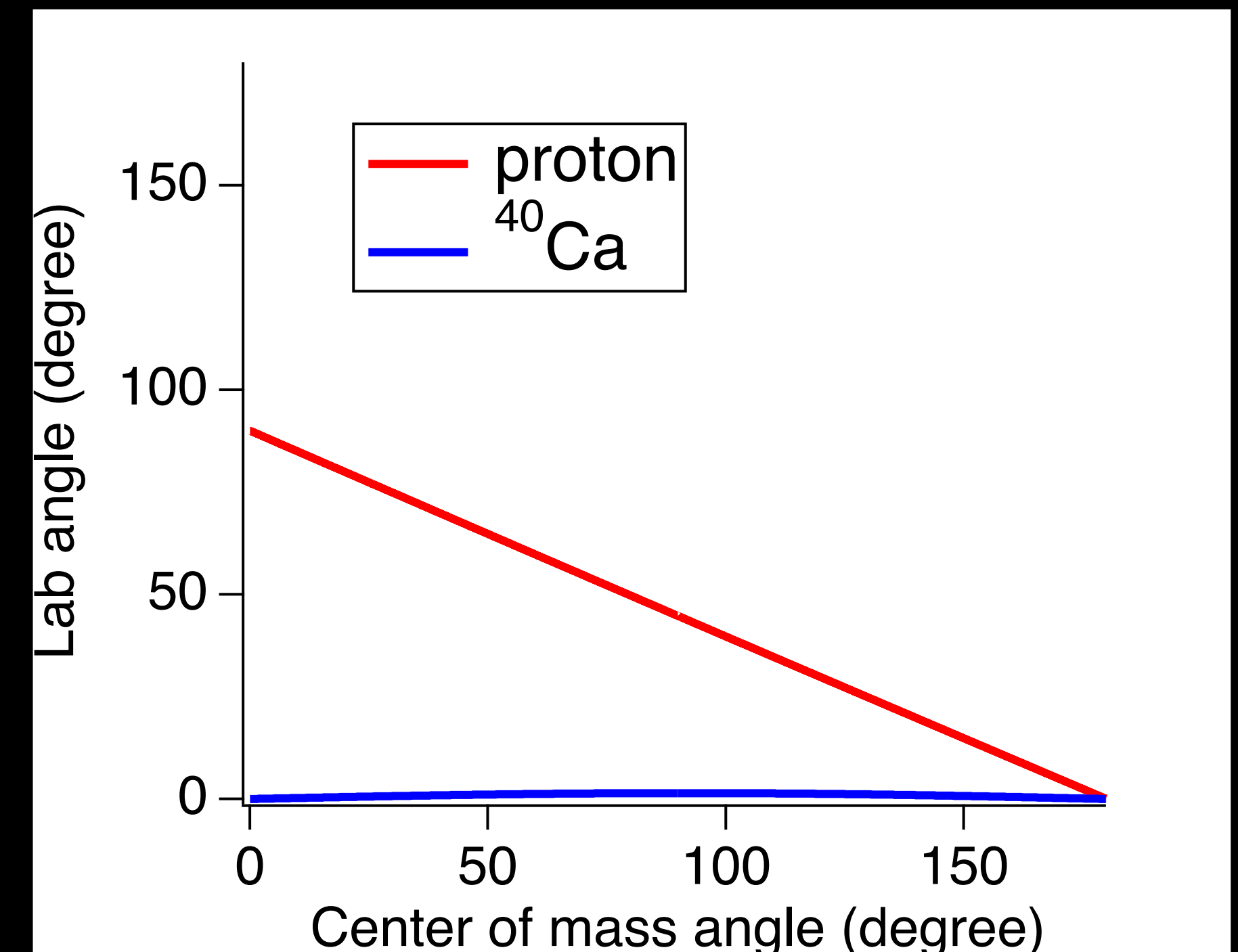


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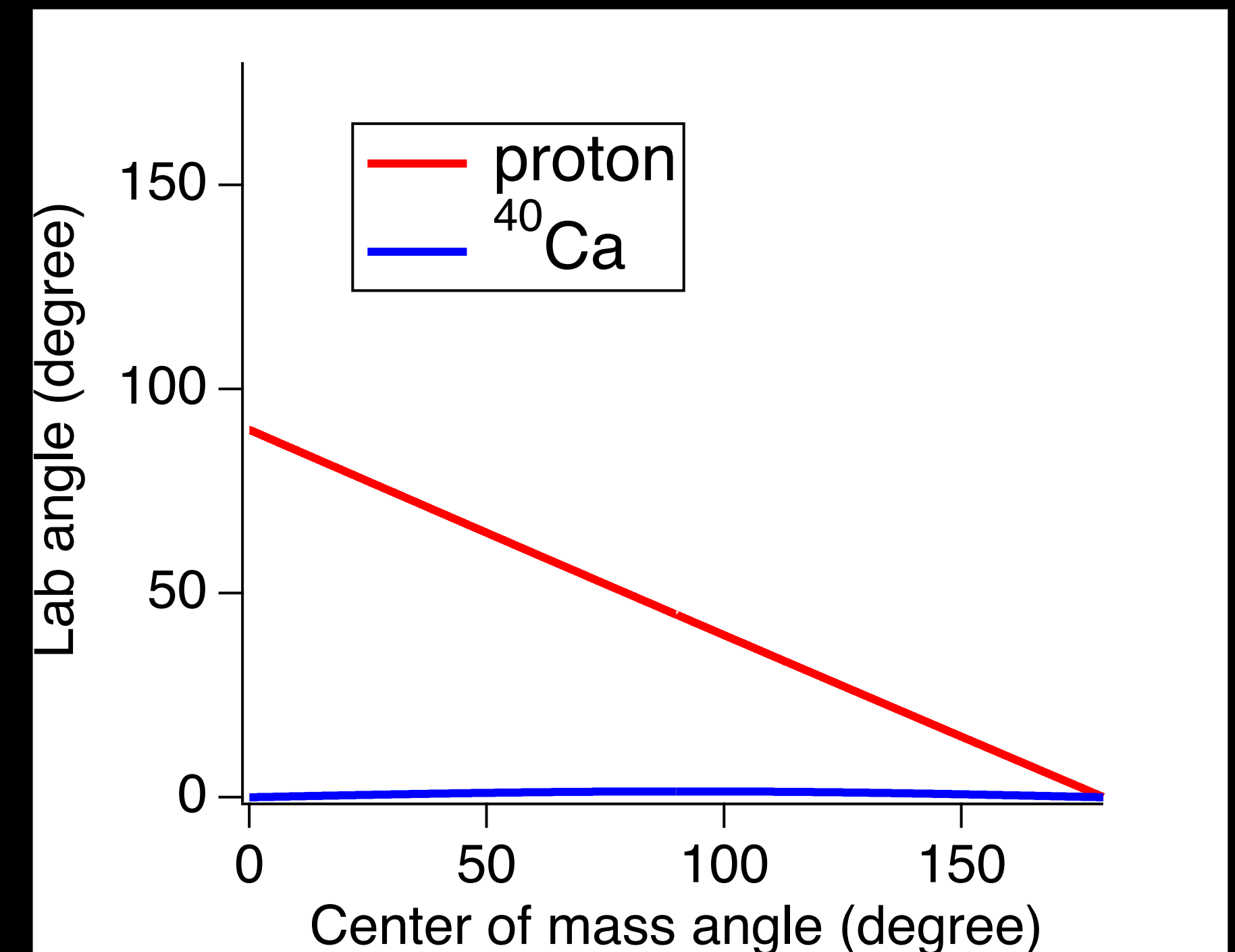
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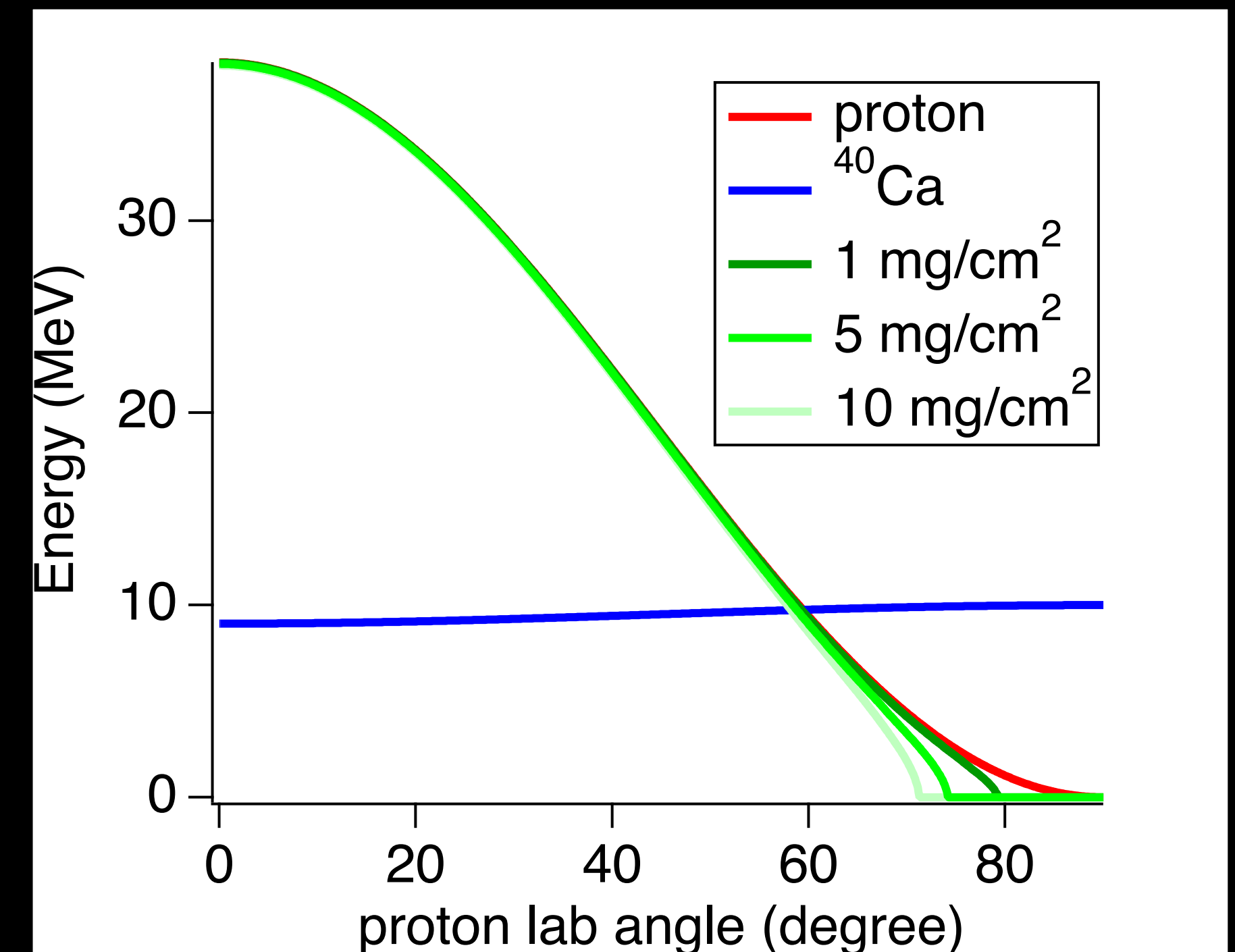
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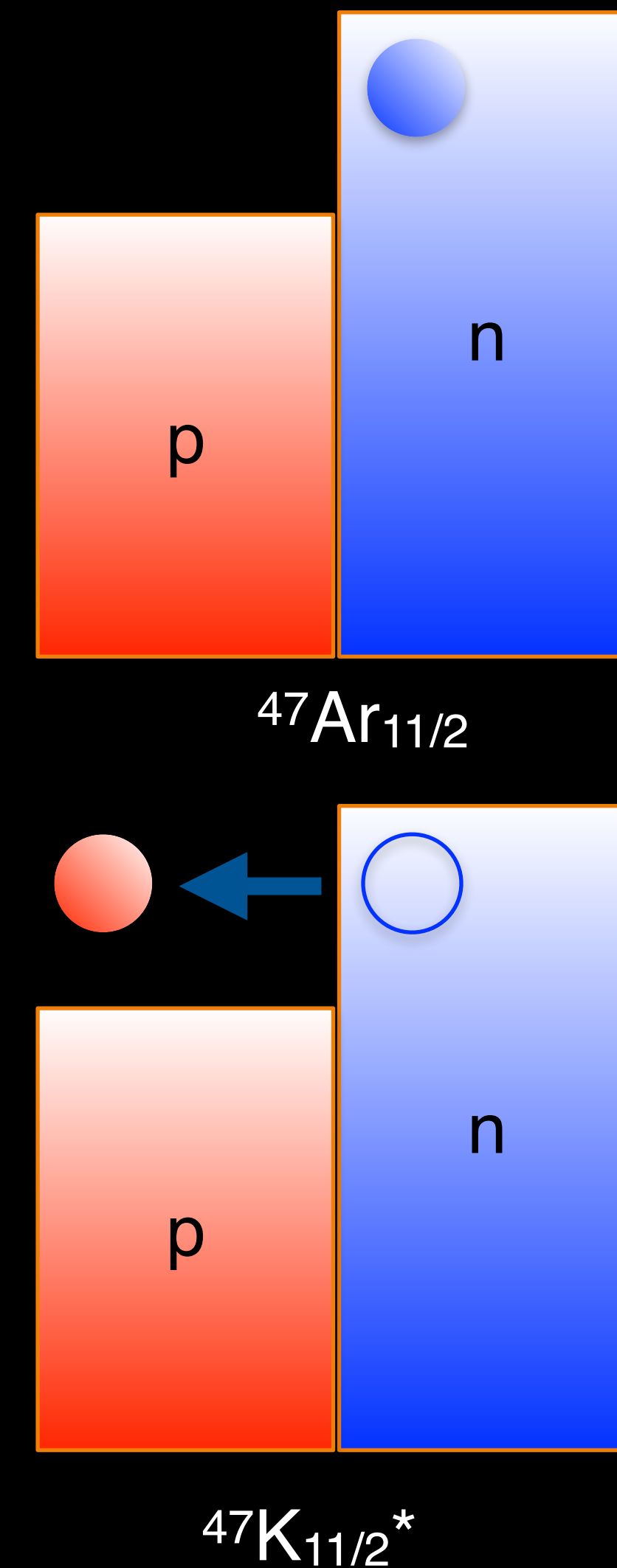
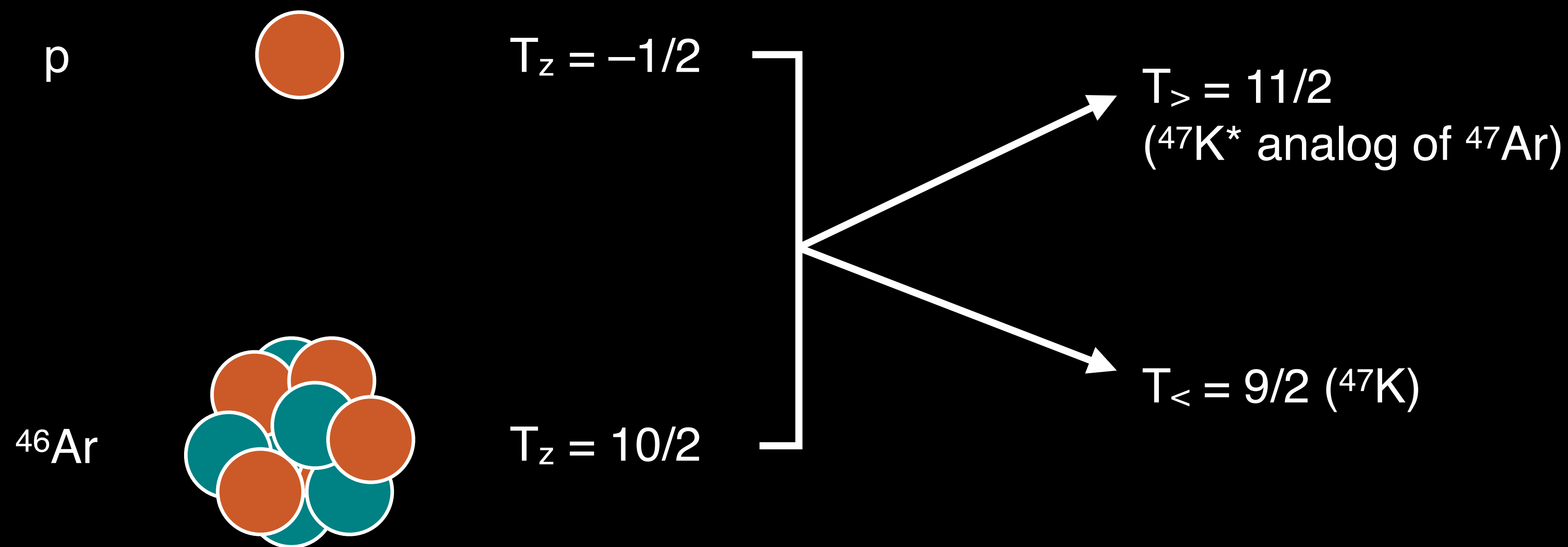
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- Increase target **thickness** while retaining **resolutions** of a thin target
  - Necessary to reduce **luminosity loss** due to **small radioactive beam intensities**
  - Allow measurement of **excitation functions** using vertex energy
  - **Large solid angle** coverage close to  $4\pi$

# PHYSICS THEMES LIST (NON EXHAUSTIVE)

- Resonant scattering: cluster structure and analog resonances
- Excitation functions of reactions of astrophysical importance
- Fusion cross sections and fission barrier studies
- Transfer reactions: single particle structure of nuclei far from stability
- Giant resonance excitations via inelastic scattering
- Gamov-Teller strength in exotic nuclei via charge-exchange reactions
- Exotic and rare decays

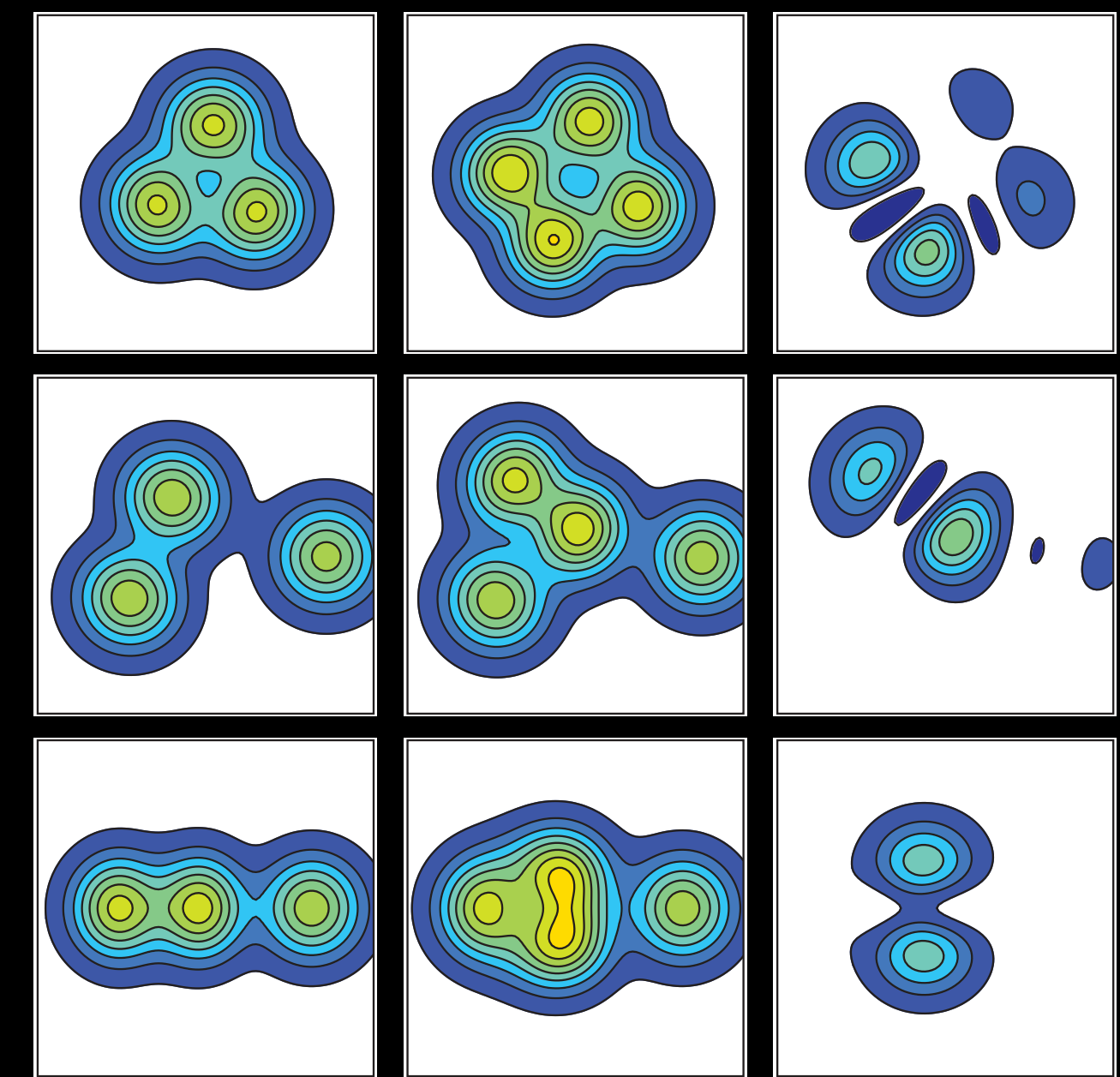
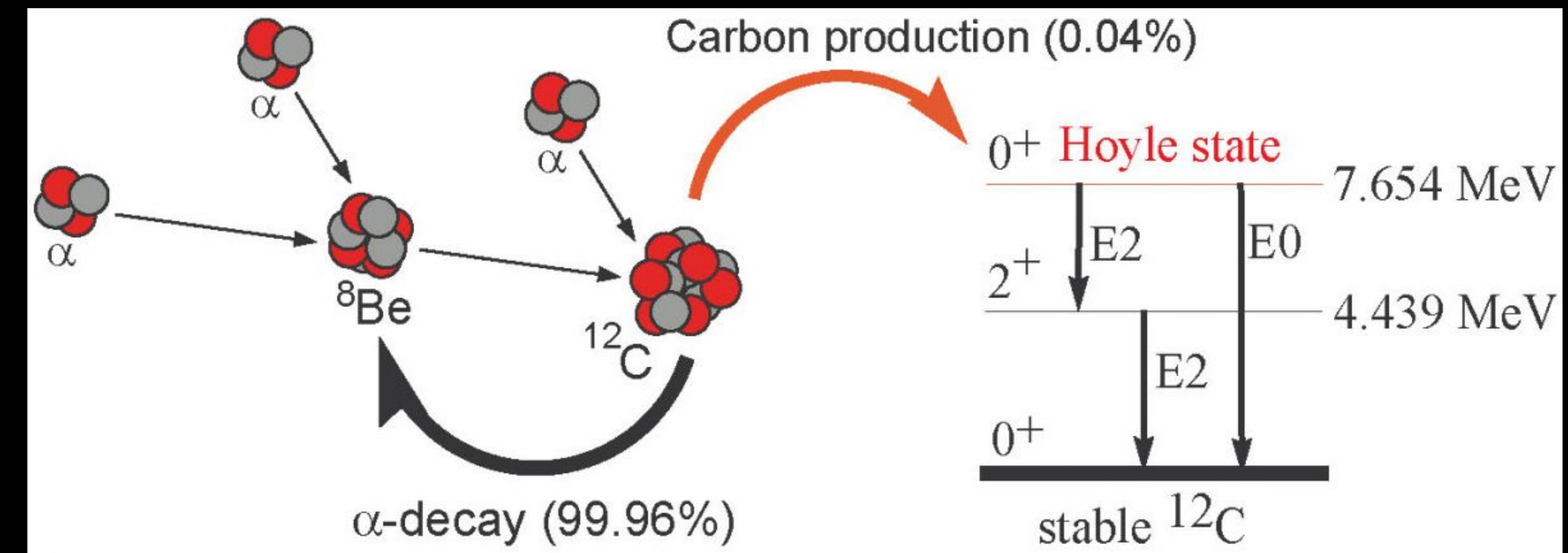
# PROTON RESONANT SCATTERING

- Proton scattering around the Coulomb barrier populate  $T_<$  and  $T_>$  states (resonances) of compound nucleus
- $^{47}\text{Ar}$  bound states have similar WF as analog  $T_>$  states in  $^{47}\text{K}$



# RESONANT ALPHA SCATTERING

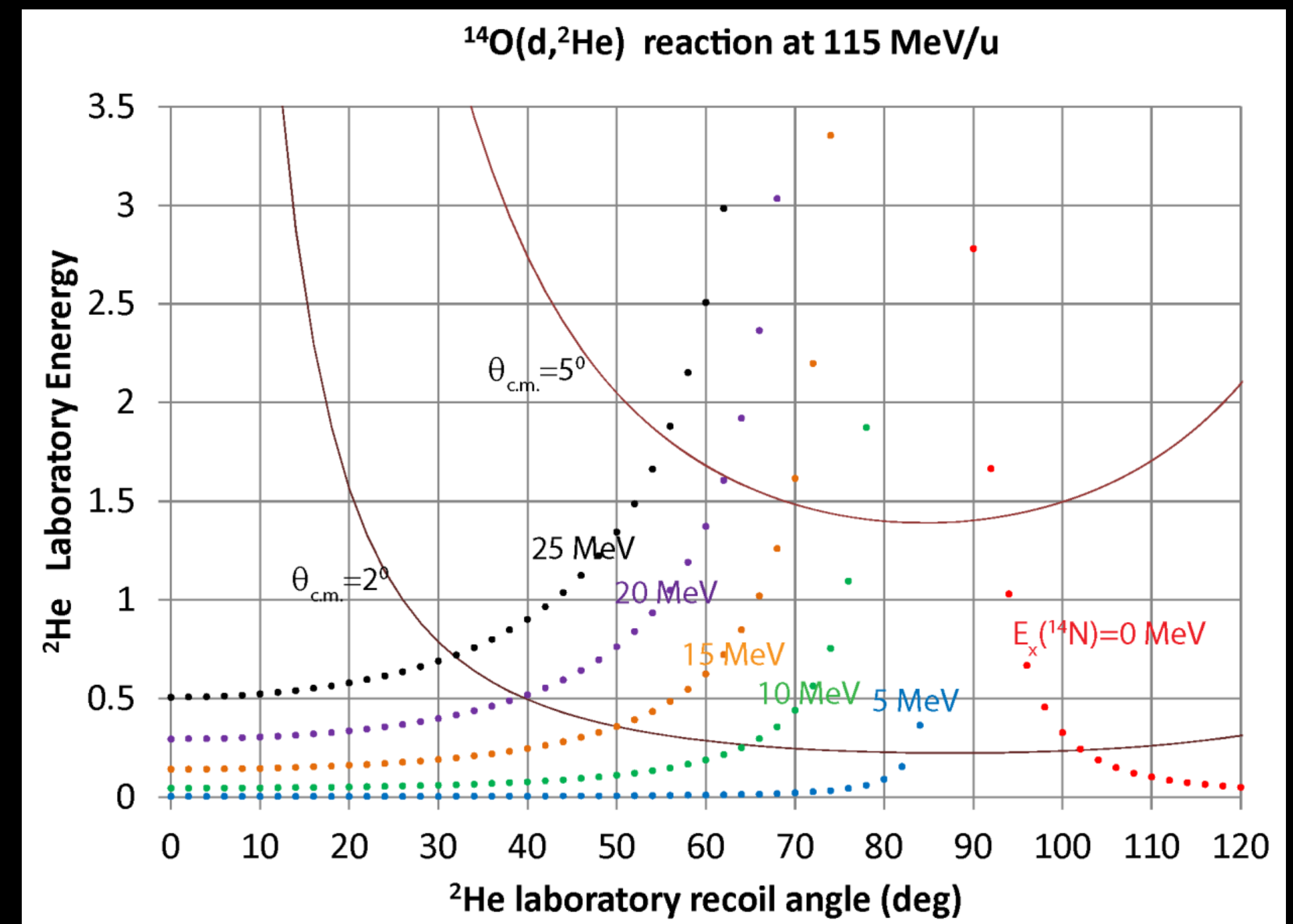
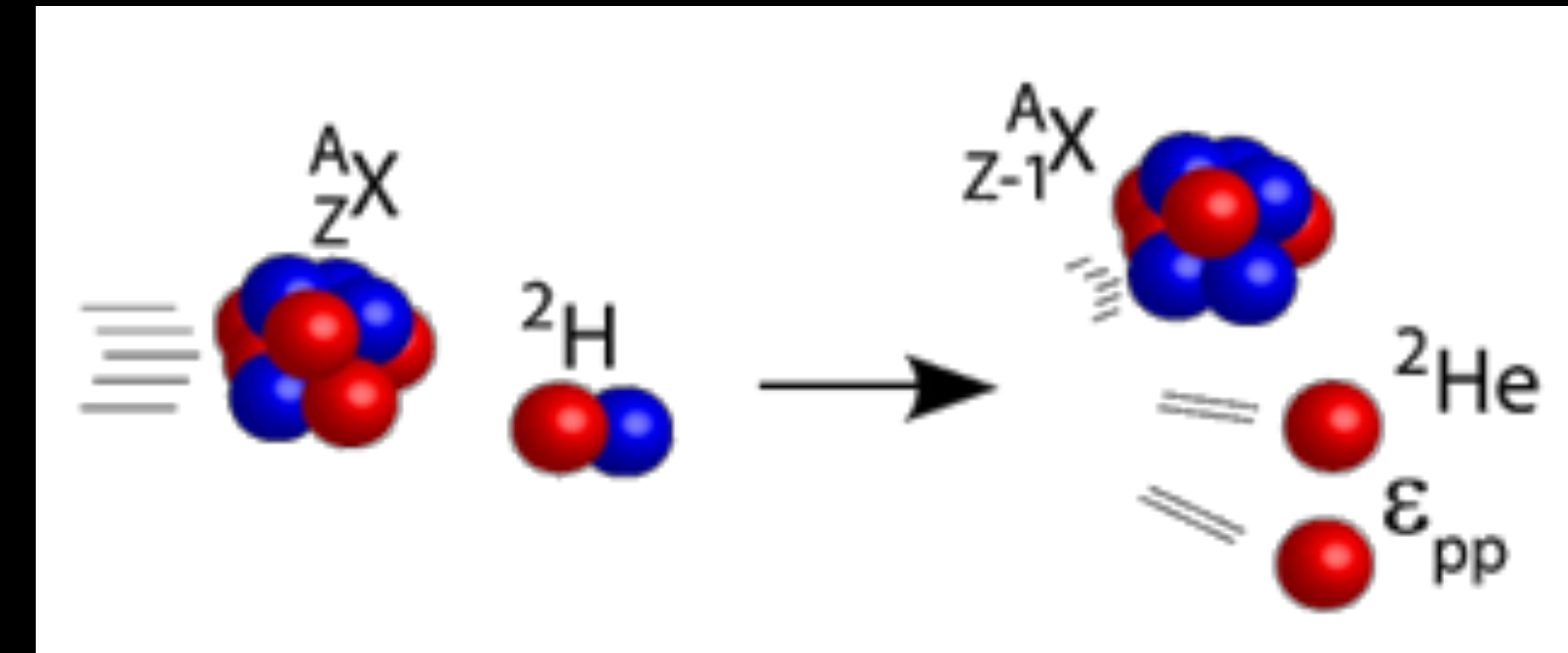
- Populate  $\alpha$ -cluster states in compound nucleus
- Several calculations predict  $\alpha$  condensation in high level states
- Famous example is the 3- $\alpha$   $0^+$  state in  $^{12}\text{C}$  (Hoyle state)
- Neutron-rich nuclei may exhibit similar molecular structure
- States can be populated in resonant  $\alpha$  scattering ( $^6\text{He}+^4\text{He}$ :  $^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{Be}+^4\text{He}$ :  $^{14}\text{C}$  for instance)



**T. Suhara and Y. Kanada-En'yo.**  
**Cluster structures of excited states in  $^{14}\text{C}$ .**  
**Phys. Rev. C, 82:044301, 2010**

# REACTIONS AT HIGH ENERGY

- Charge-exchange reactions
  - Probe the **spin-isospin response** of nuclei (measure **Gamow-Teller strength**)
- Can reach strength at higher energy than  $\beta^+$  and  $\beta^-$  decay
- Extensively used in **direct kinematics** (ex: (p,n), (d, $^2\text{He}$ ), ( $^3\text{He}$ ,t), (t, $^3\text{He}$ ),...)
- Much more challenging on radioactive nuclei in **inverse kinematics**
- Example:  $^{14}\text{O}(\text{d},^2\text{He})$  at 115 MeV/u, energy of protons is **very low**



# CHALLENGES OF ACTIVE TARGETS

- Beam-related issues
  - Large amount of primary electrons from beam tracks
    - **Space charge effects** can create “dead region” in beam track region
    - Large amount of charge deposited on electron multipliers can create **saturation effects**
- Time structure of radioactive beam
  - **Low duty factor** beam structure are commonplace when using charge breeder systems
  - TPCs are inherently **slow detectors** and easily subject to pile-up

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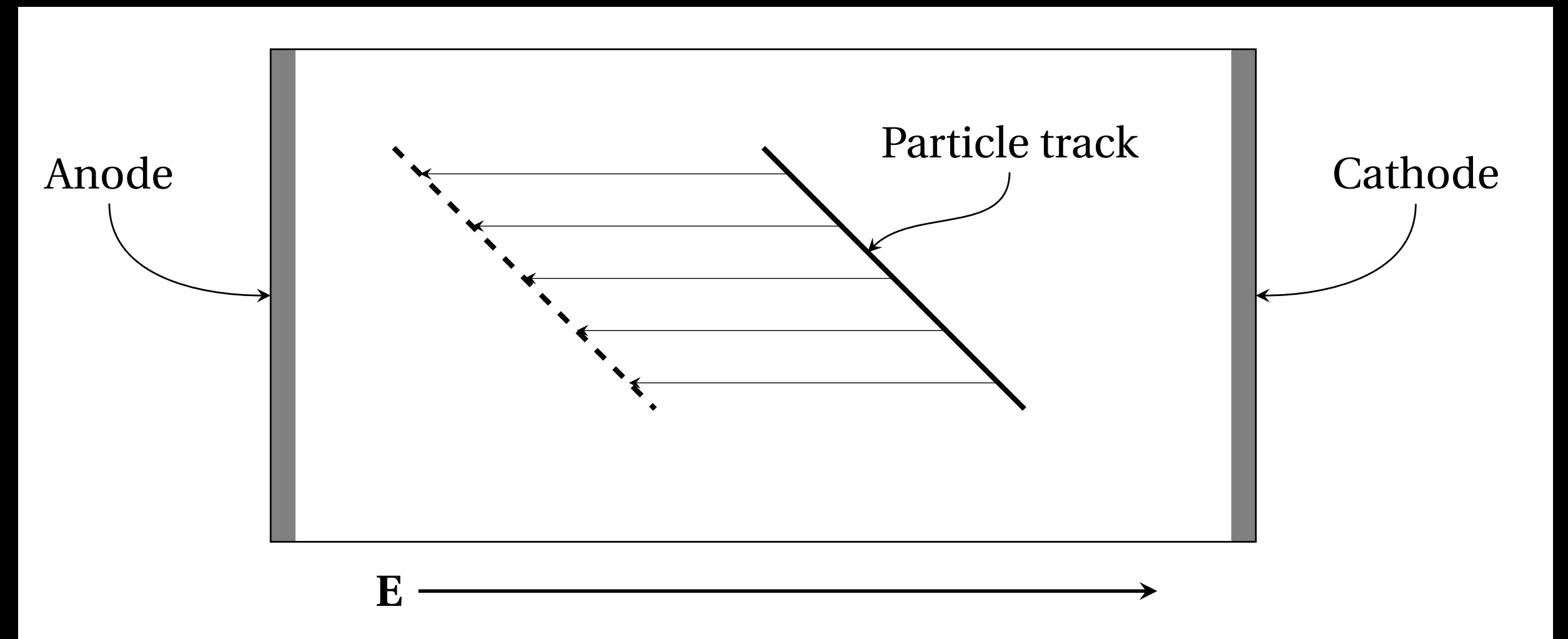
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- Possible solutions
  - Use of ancillary (external) detectors to generate trigger
    - Requires particles to escape gas volume
  - Generate “internal” trigger from geometry of tracks themselves
    - Requires special electronics with constant monitoring of signals

# TIME PROJECTION CHAMBERS

- Charged particles traveling through matter **ionize** atoms or molecules
- Primary electrons released from ionization are guided to a sensor via an **electric field**
- Electrons arriving at the sensor anode are **multiplied** locally to produce a signal
- The signals are **recorded** in both amplitude and time by digital electronics



Drift time along the electric field  
 $E$  directly proportional to  
distance to Anode

# DRIFT VELOCITY

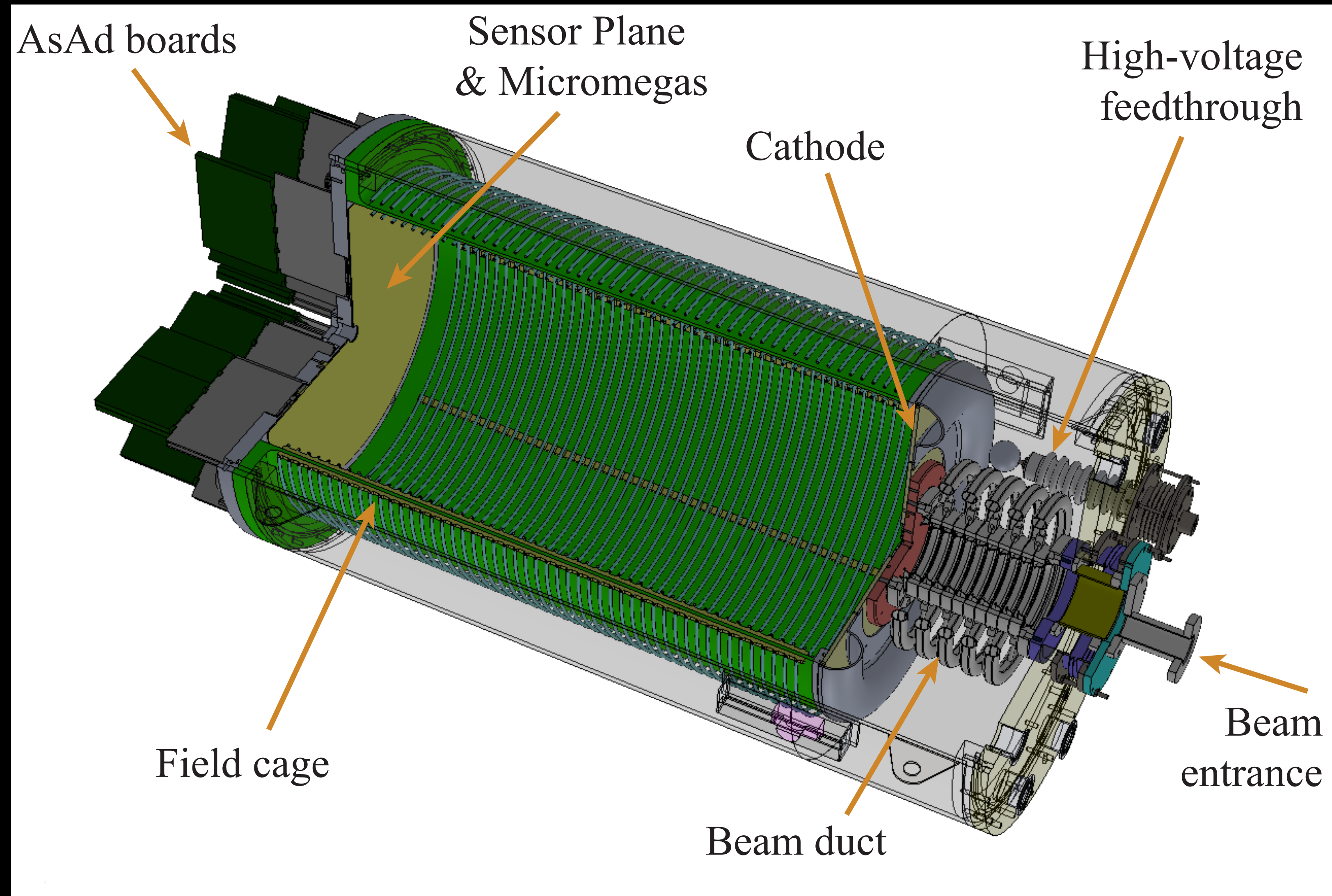
- Propagation of electrons
  - Follow **Langevin's** equation
  - $\tau = mv_D / eE$  is the mean time between collisions
  - $\omega = eB/m$  is the cyclotron frequency
  - $\mu = e\tau/m$  is the electron mobility
- Electrons have a **constant velocity**
  - Essential to TPC concept

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = e(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{m}{\tau} \mathbf{v},$$

$$\mathbf{v}_D = \frac{\mu E}{1 + \omega^2 \tau^2} [\hat{\mathbf{E}} + \omega \tau (\hat{\mathbf{E}} \times \hat{\mathbf{B}}) + \omega^2 \tau^2 (\hat{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}}) \hat{\mathbf{B}}].$$

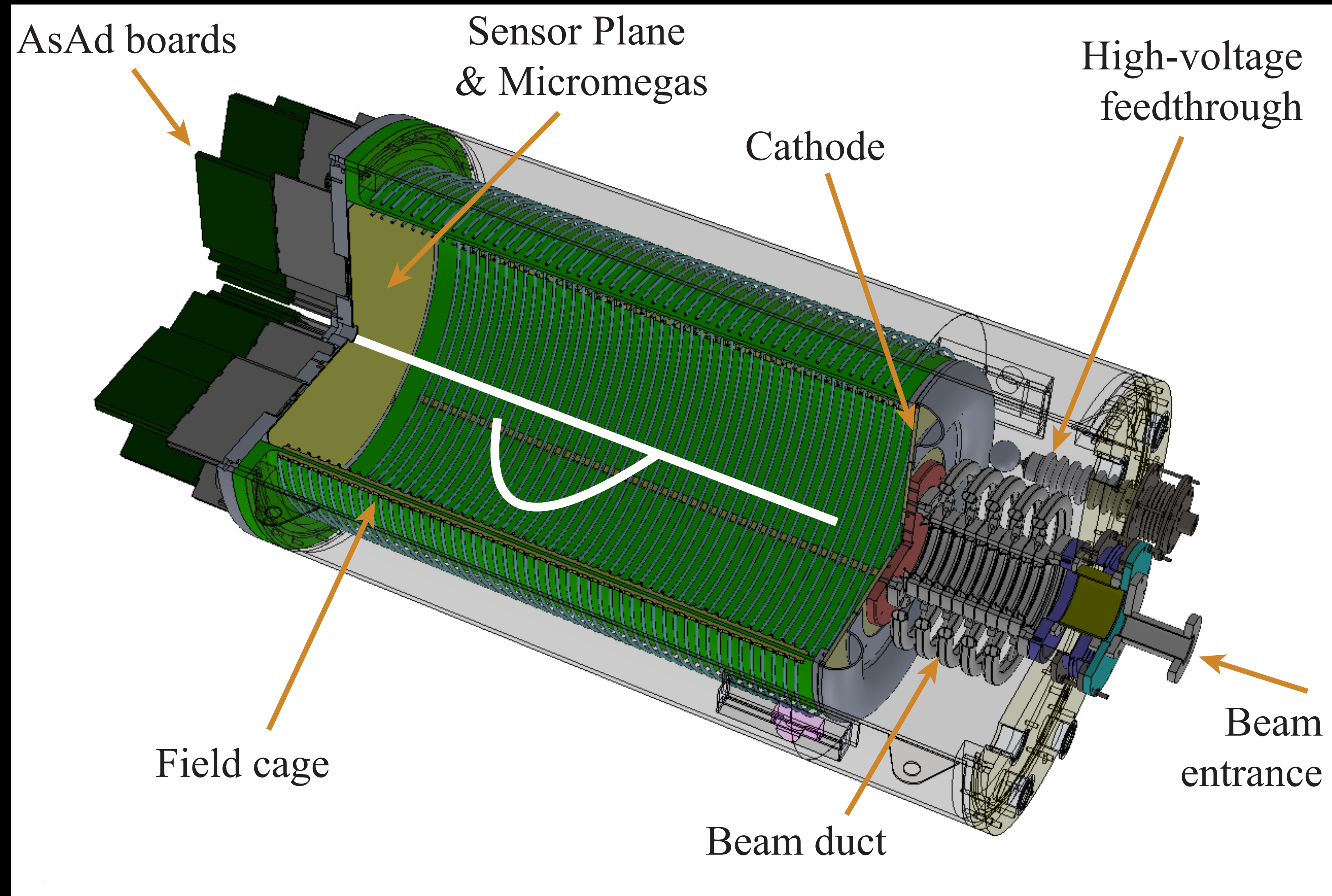
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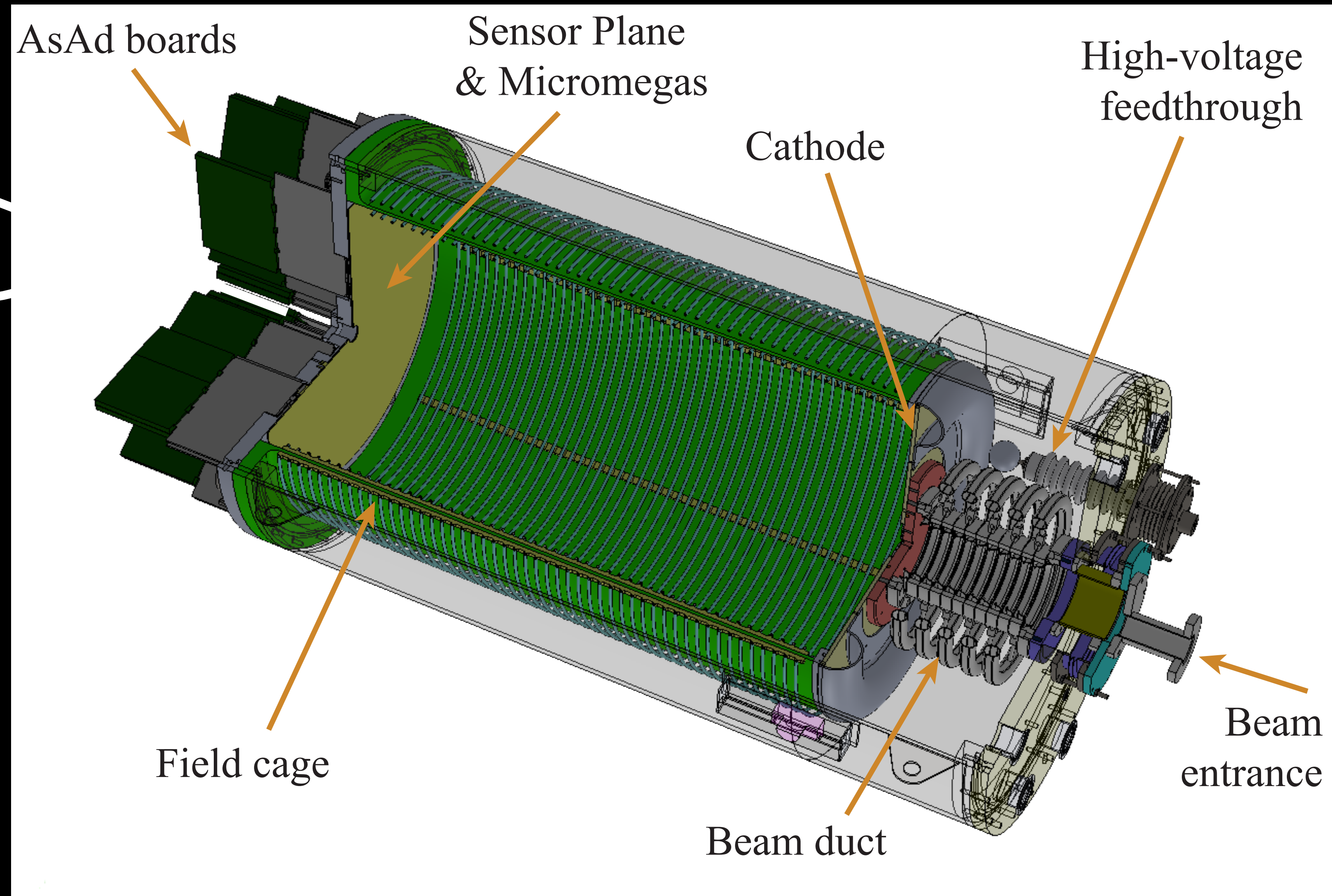
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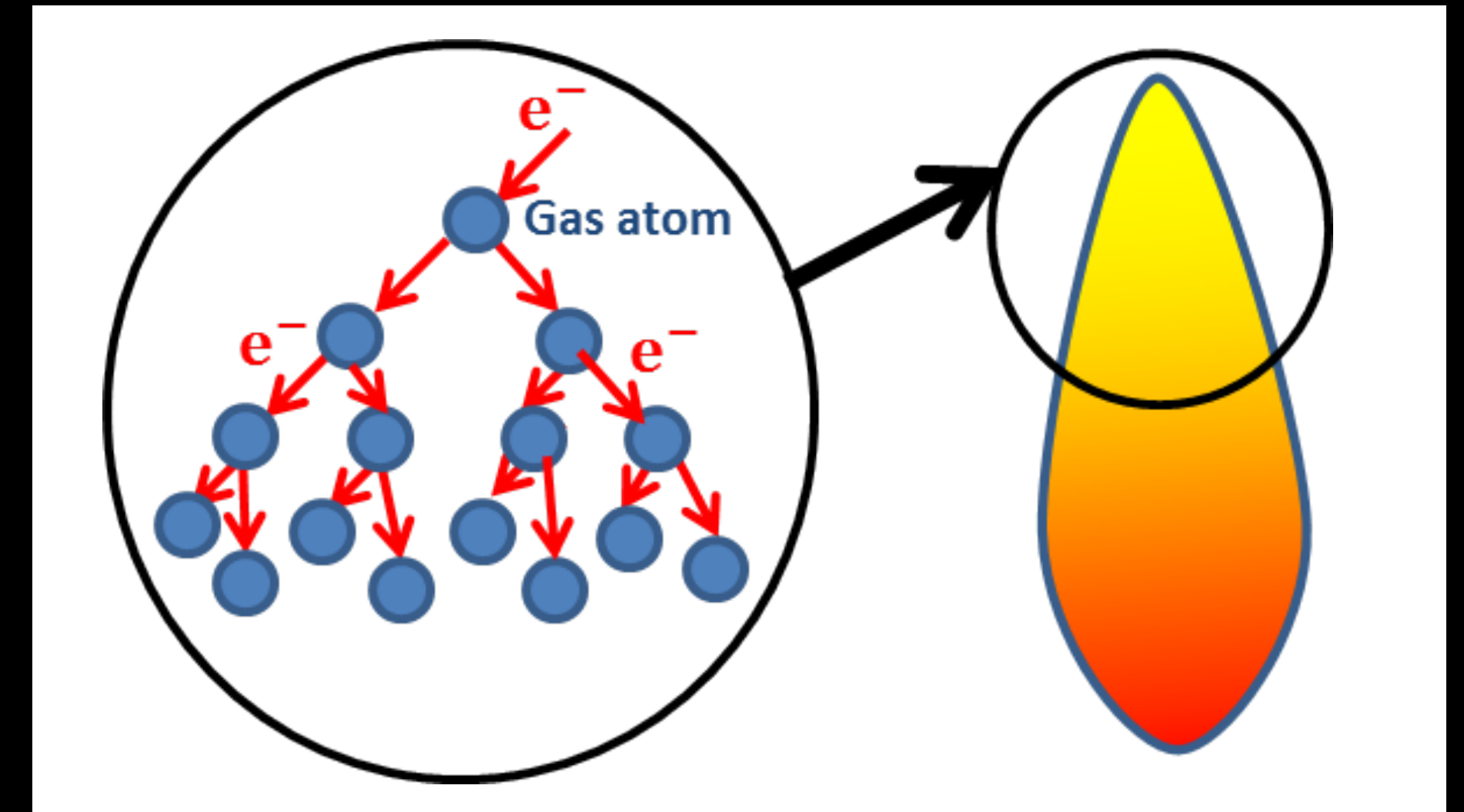
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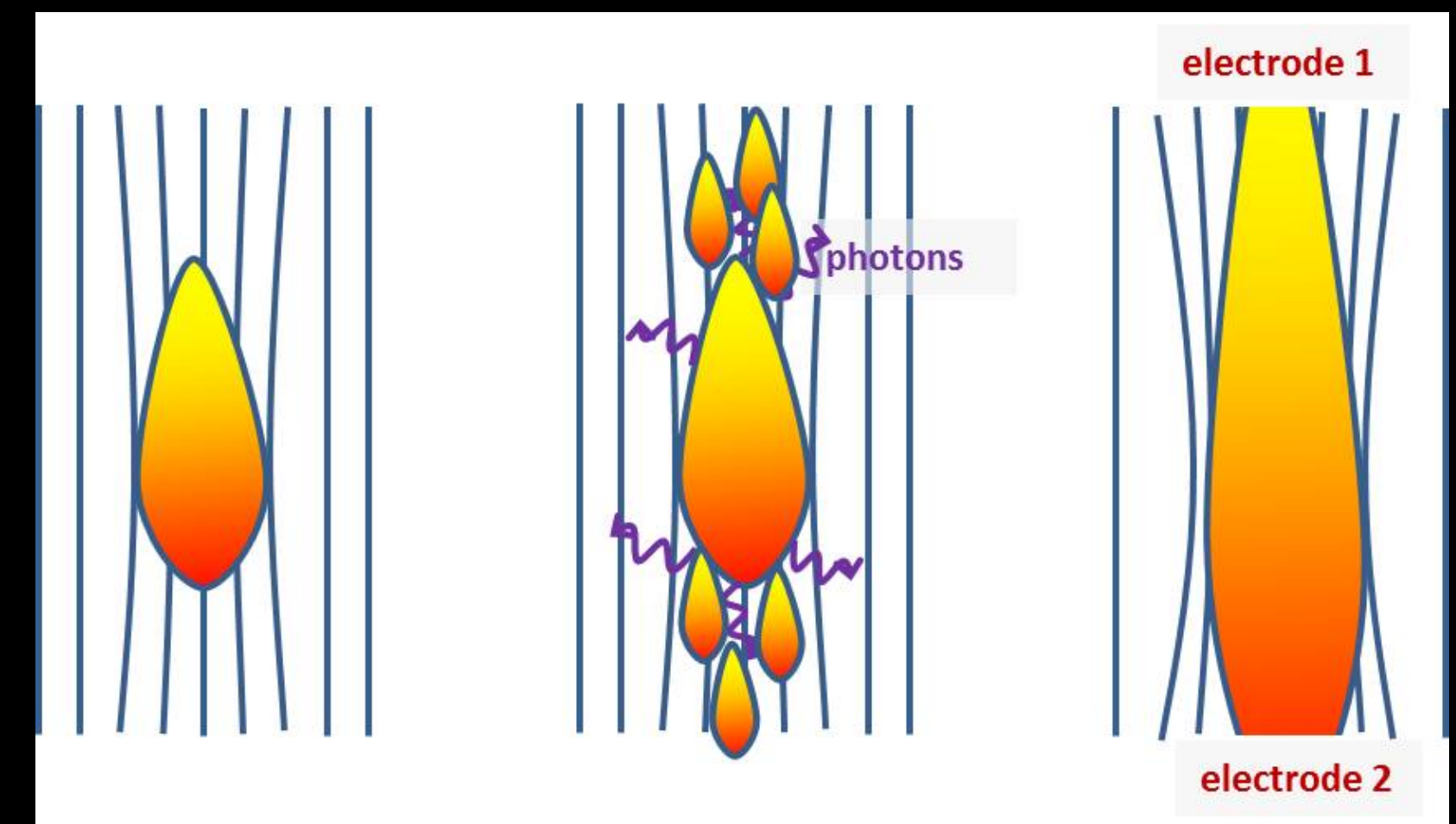


# ELECTRON MULTIPLICATION

- Avalanche process
  - At high electric field, electron velocity large enough to ionize other atoms/molecules
  - Gain depends on multiplication distance and mean free path of electrons
- Sparking limit
  - Photons produced in avalanche can trigger secondary ionization
  - This runaway process can lead to formation of streamers that become conductive

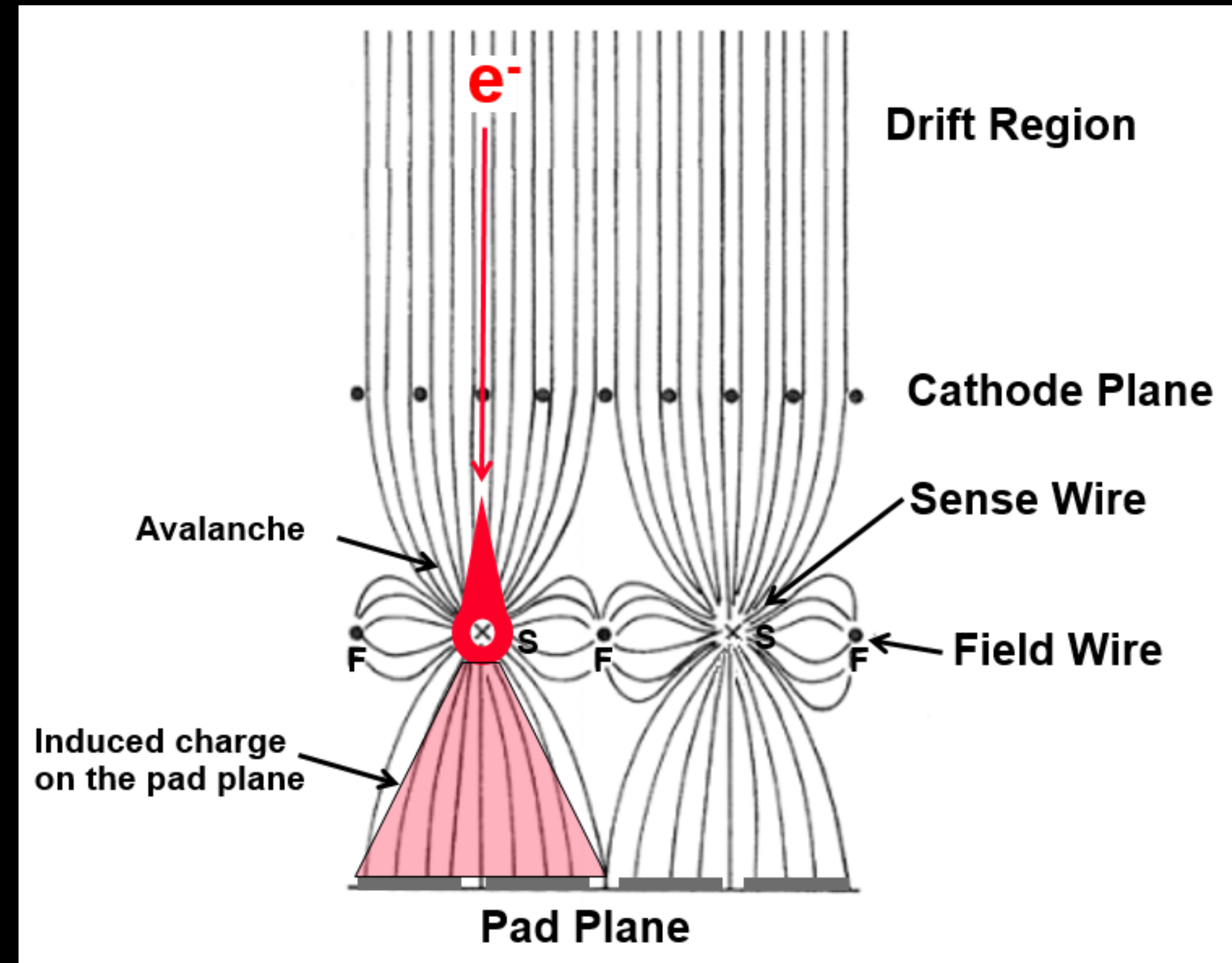


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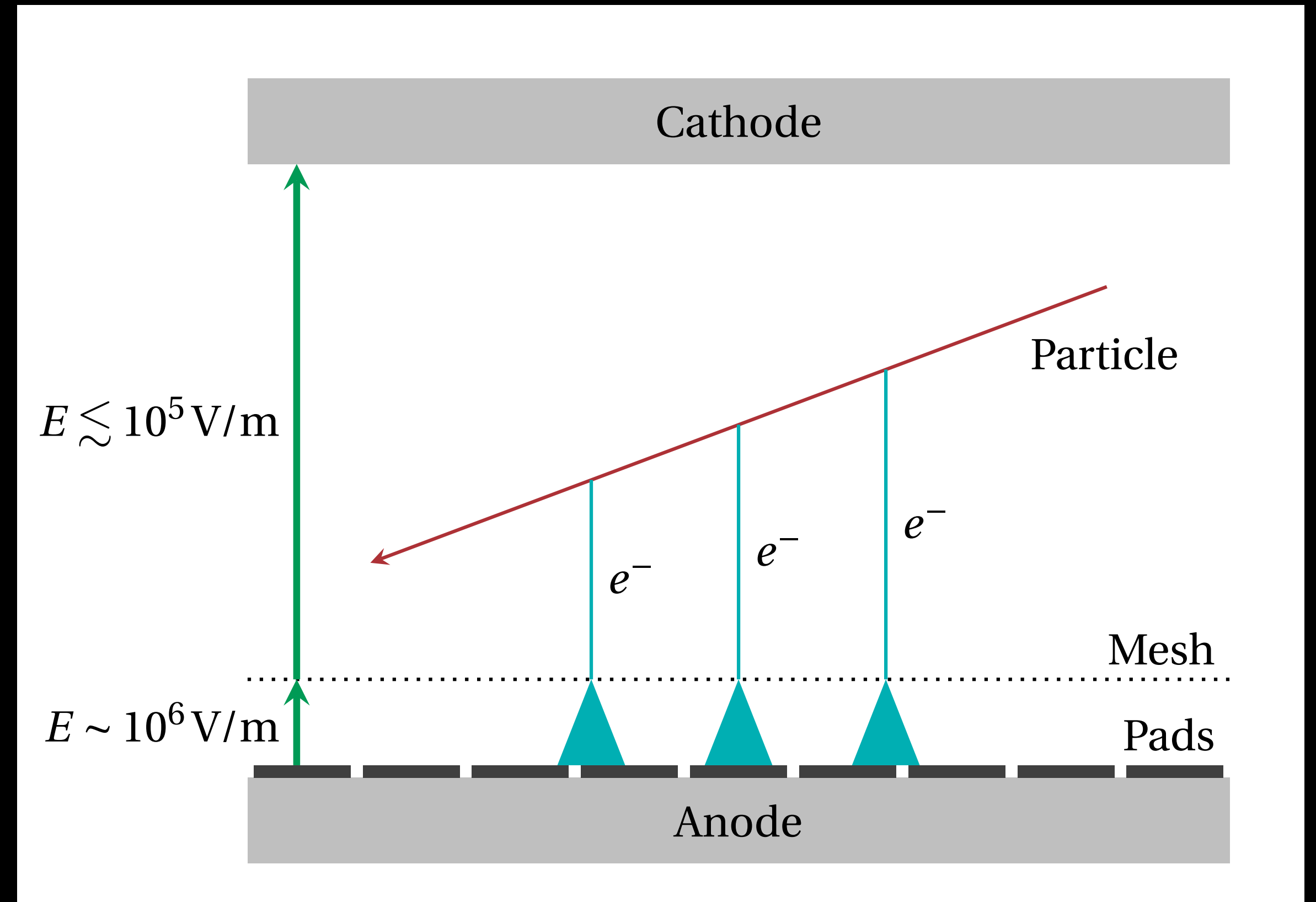
# MULTIPLICATION DEVICES: MWPC

- Multi Wire Proportional Counter
  - Early days of TPCs
  - Nobel prize 2005 (R. Sharpak)
  - High electric field gradient close to wire
  - Signal read on pads and wires
- Drawbacks
  - Not very robust mechanically
  - Aging issues from discharges on wire
  - Large ion back flow



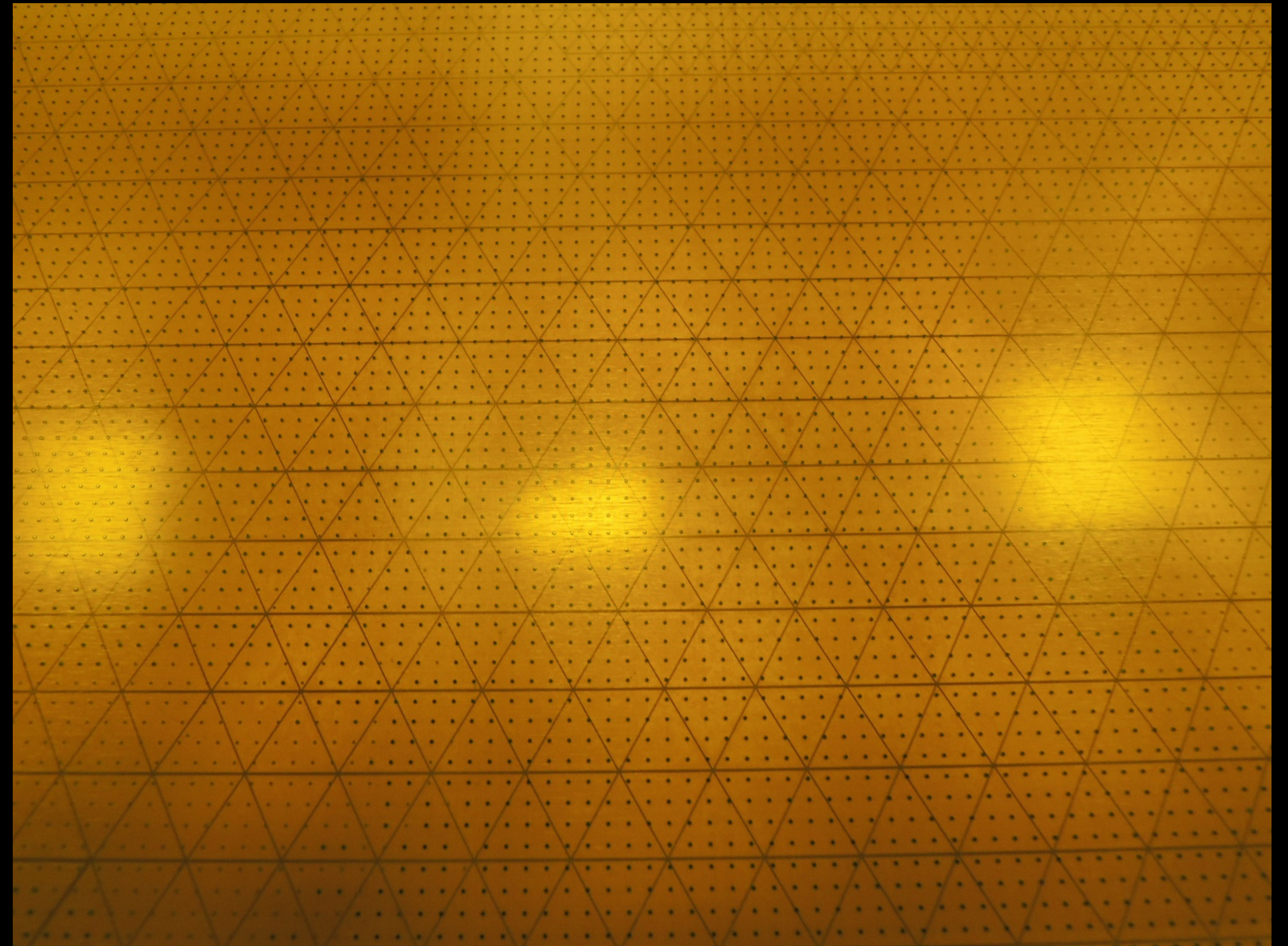
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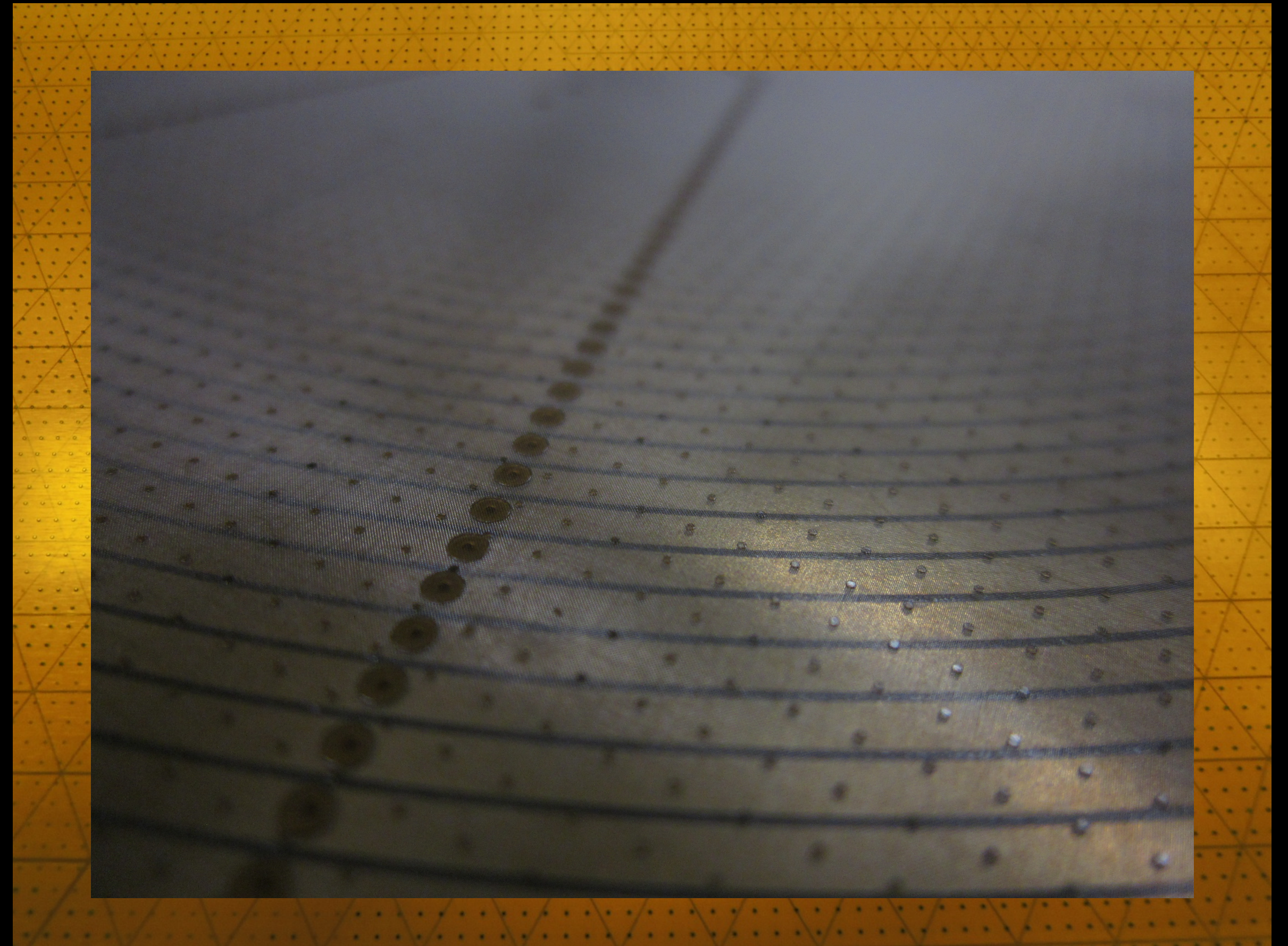
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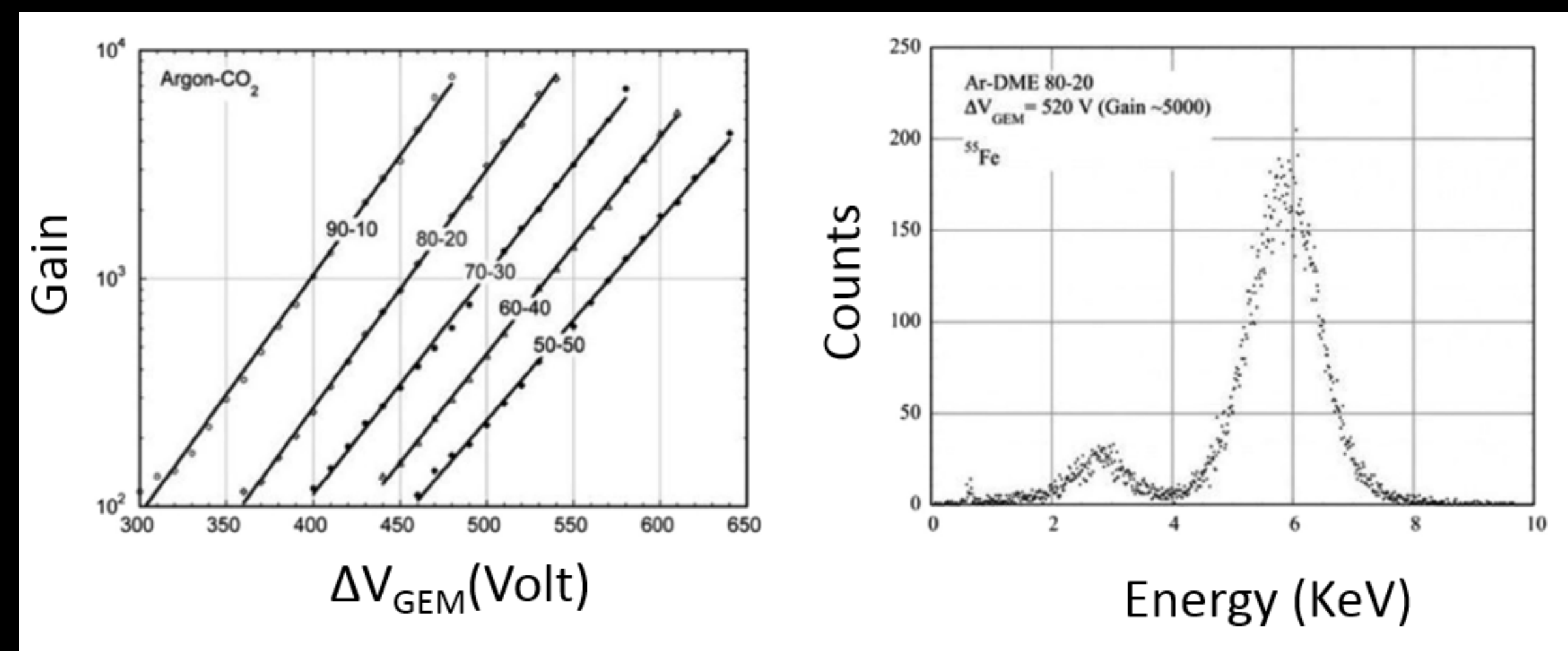
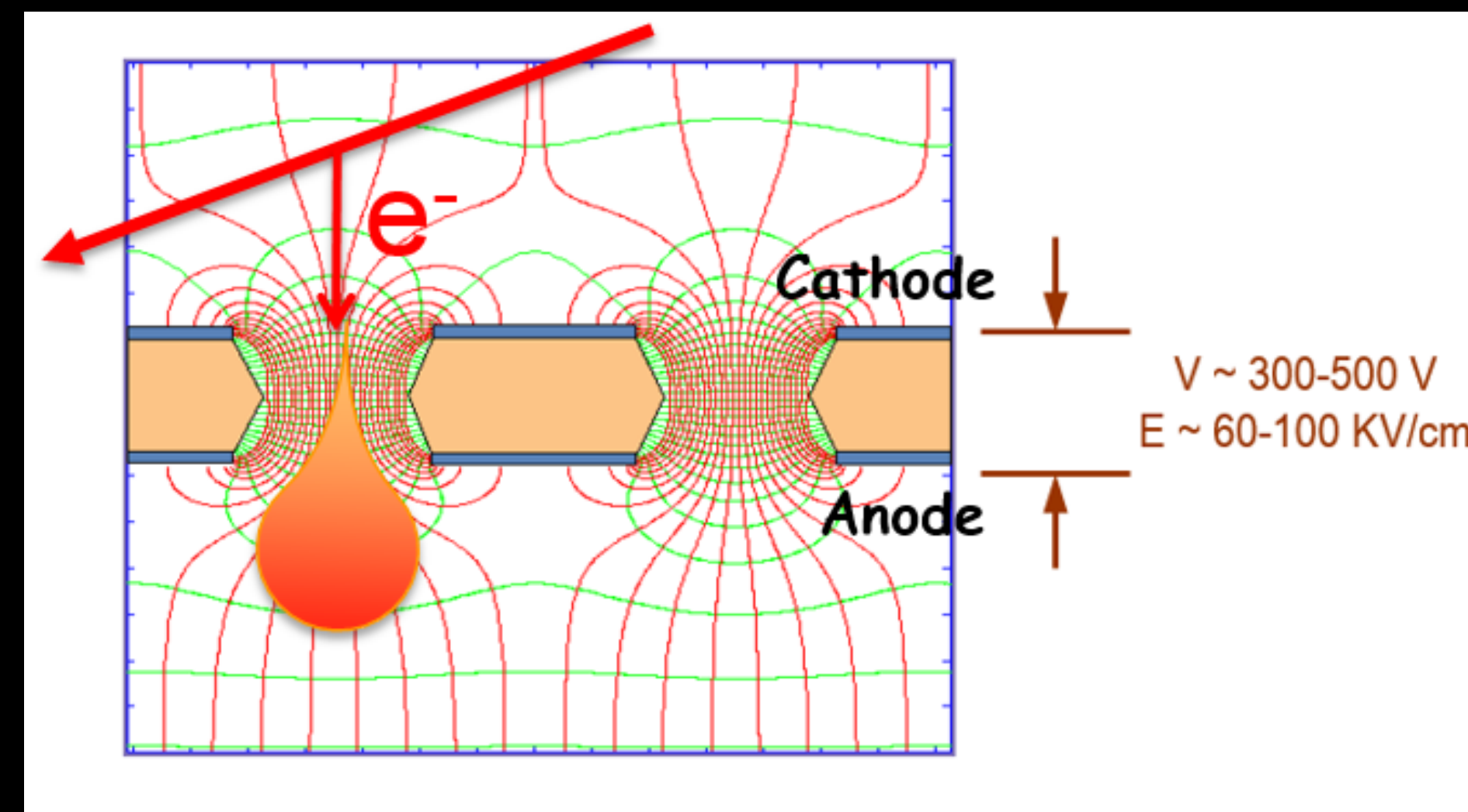
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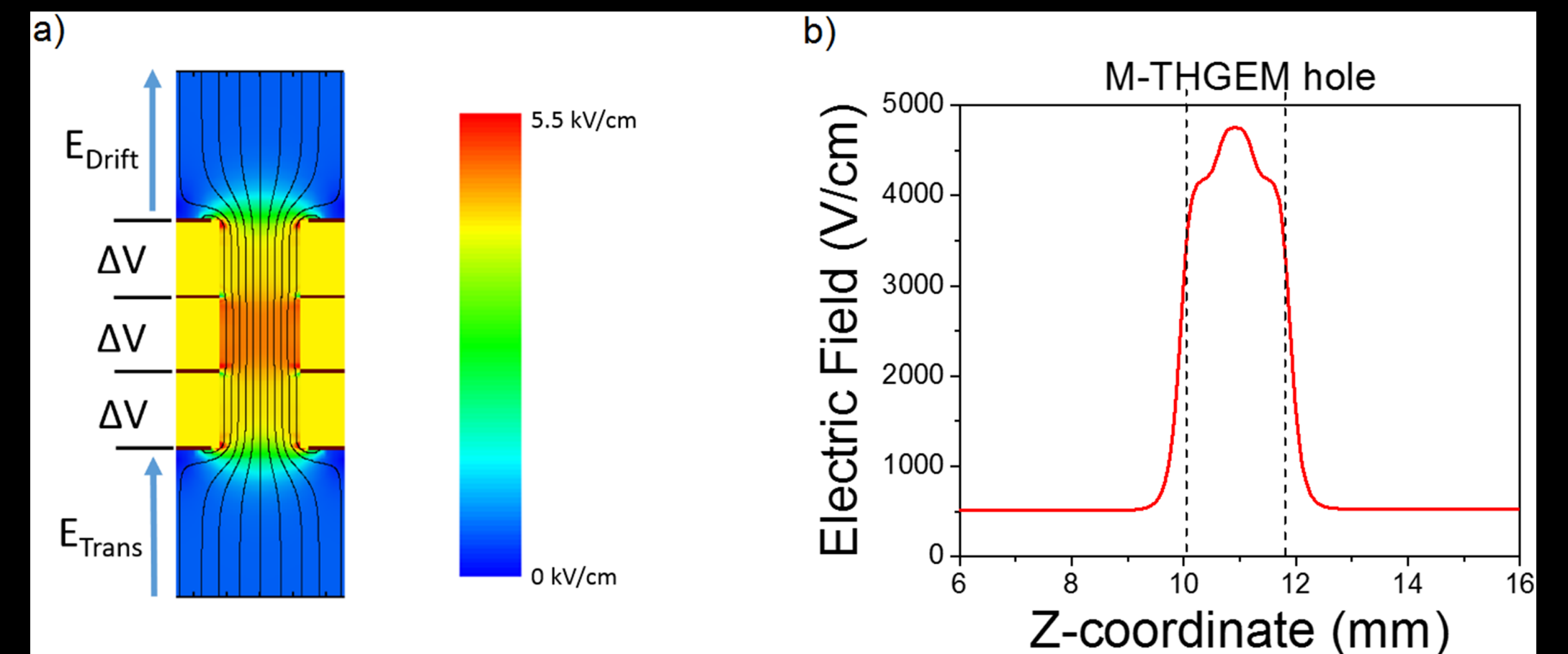
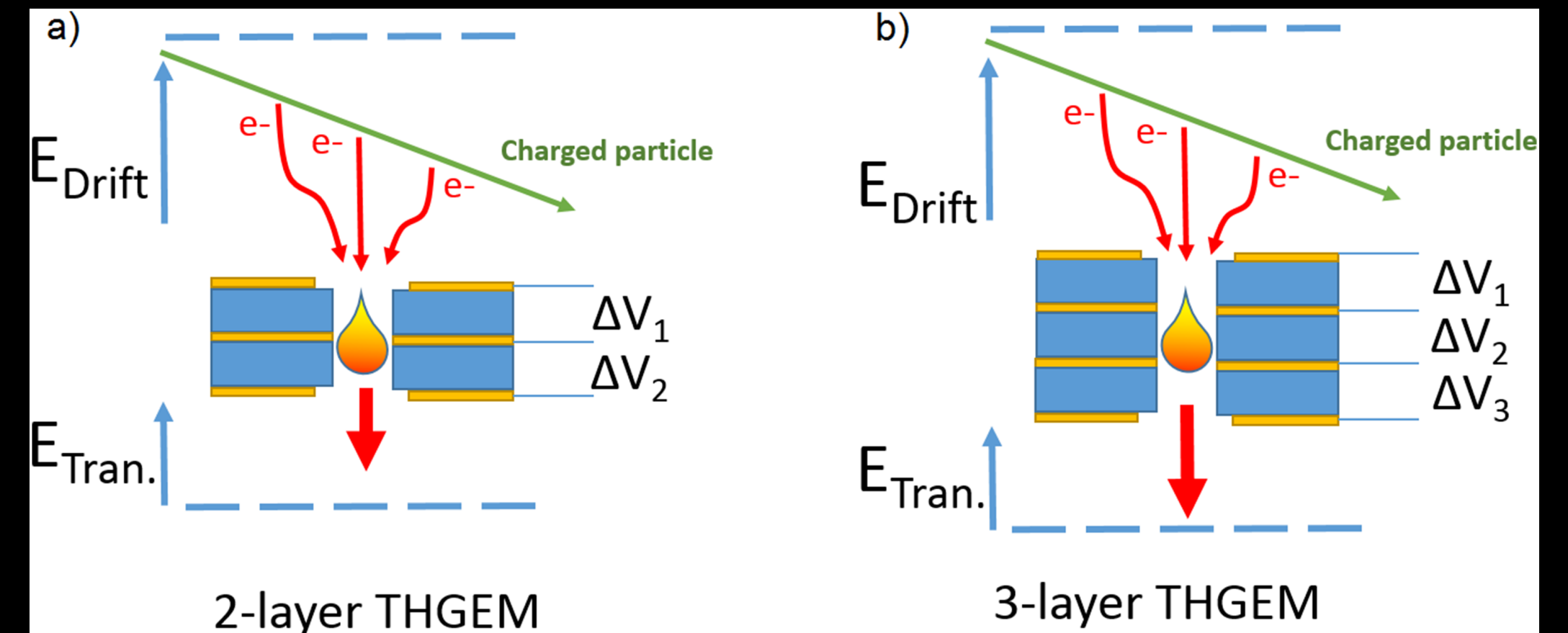
# MULTIPLICATION DEVICES: GEMS AND THGEMS

- Gas Electron Multipliers
  - Thin foils covered with Cu layers on both sides and drilled with many holes
  - Field gradient in holes large enough to trigger avalanches
  - Transmission device: multiplied electron emerge on opposite side from primaries
- Thick GEM
  - Same idea but with PCB rather than foil
  - Much more robust electrically and mechanically



# THE NEXT GENERATION: MULTI-THGEMS

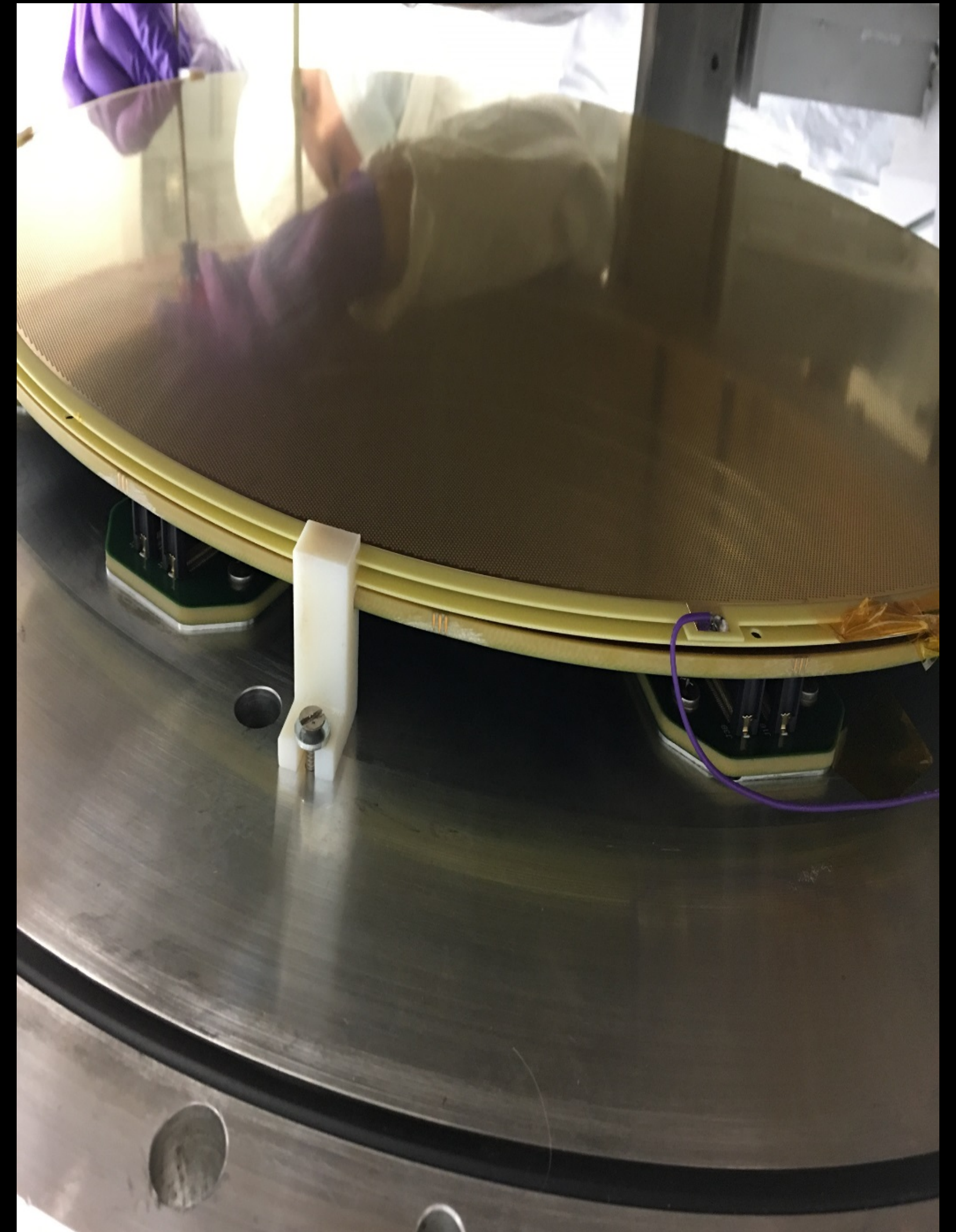
- Combine several THGEMs
  - More robust mechanically
  - Use as chain of electron “preamplifiers” before final stage (usually Micromegas)
- Electric field gradient profile can be adjusted inside hole
- Triple THGEM first used in the prototype AT-TPC



**M. Cortesi et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 88, 013303 (2017)**

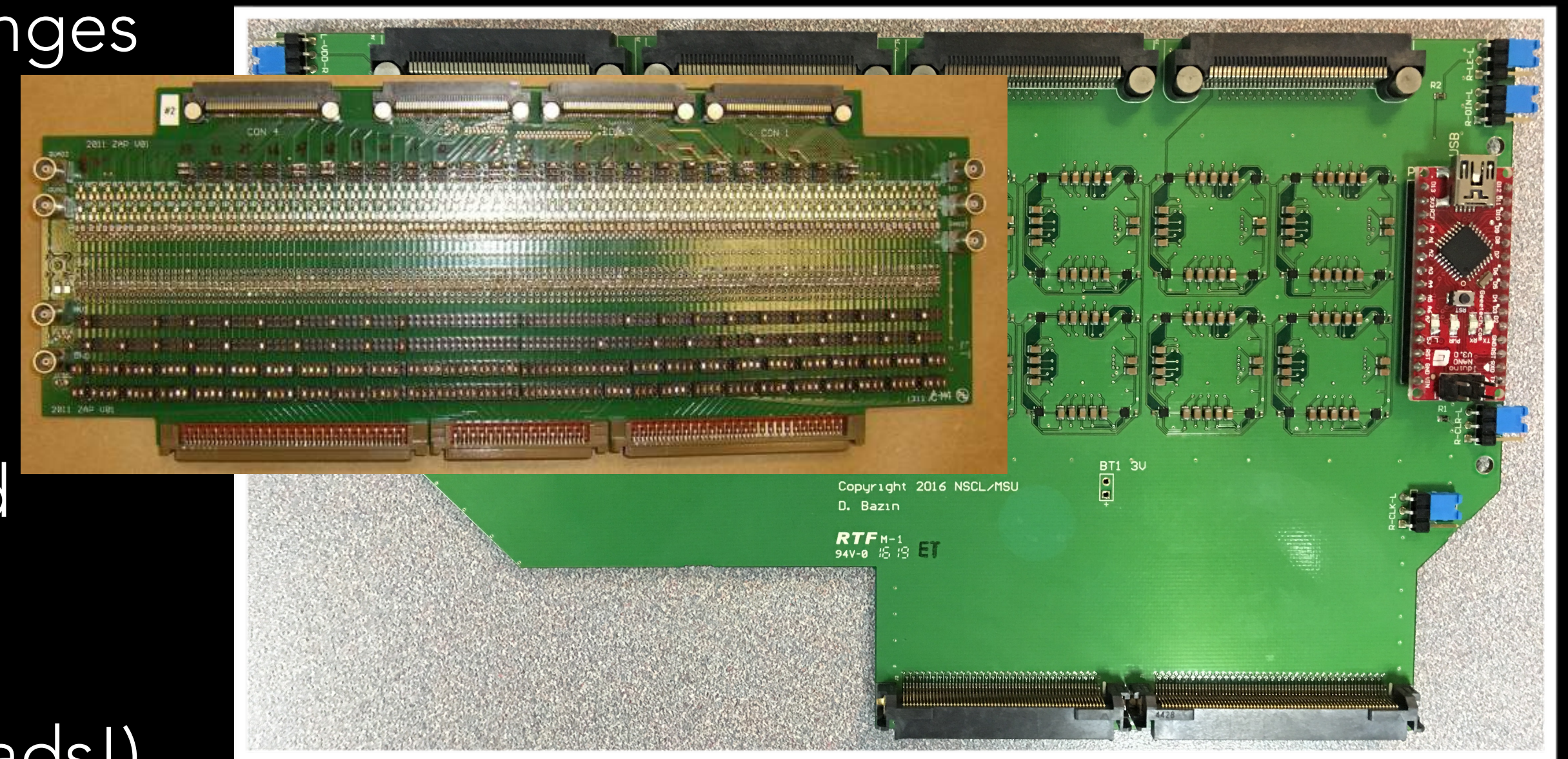
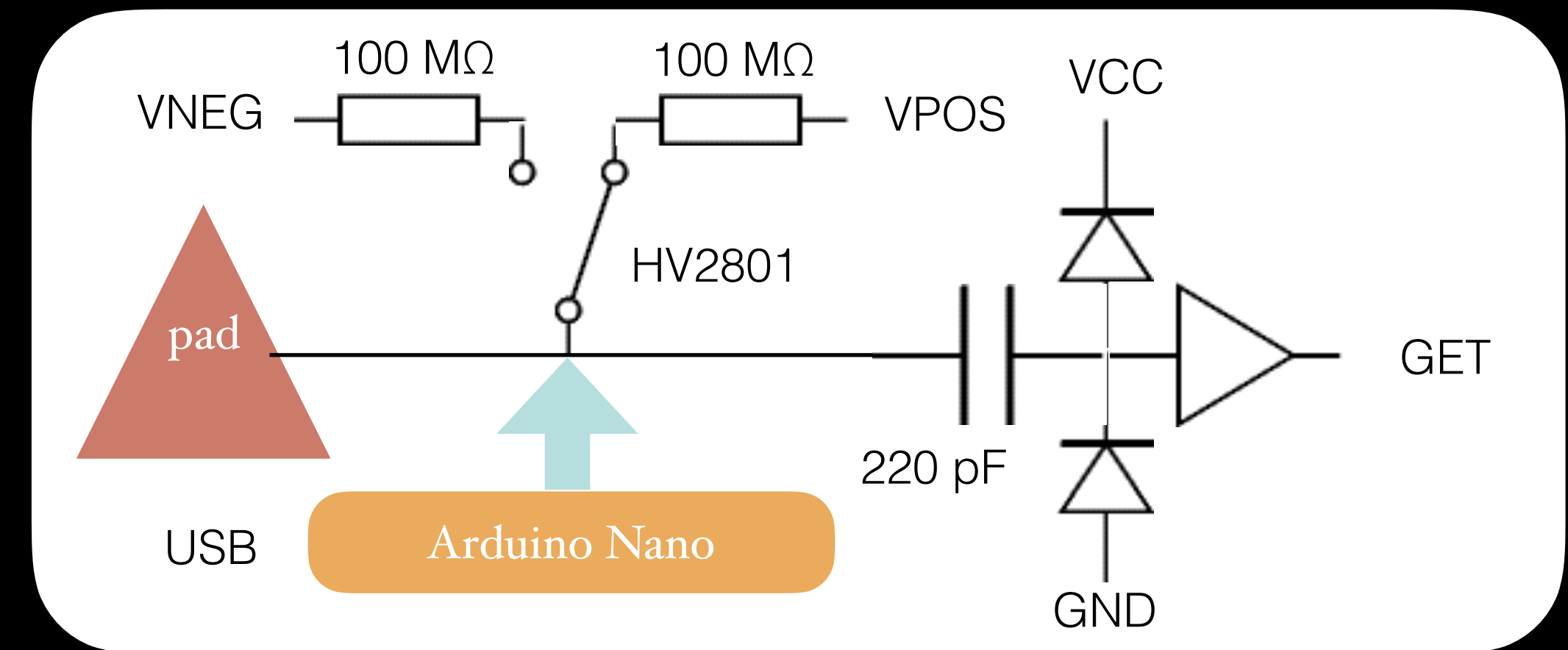
# COMBINING MULTIPLICATION DEVICES

- THGEMs or M-THGEMs used as electron preamplifiers
  - Example: two THGEMs on top of Micromegas
  - Cascade allows to relax gain on each stage of electron amplification
  - Limit ion back flow from the last stages
  - Top THGEM can be used as a gating grid



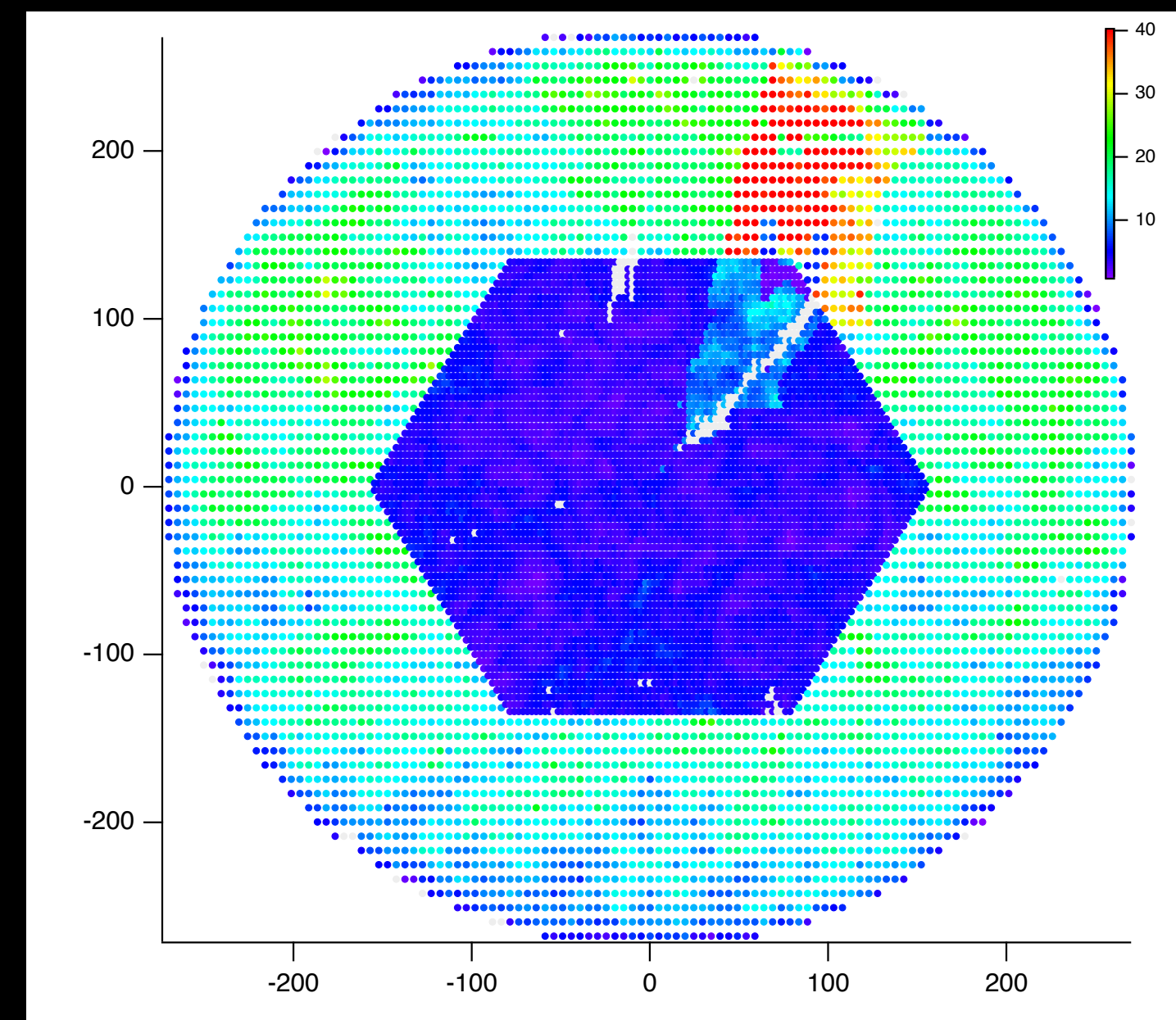
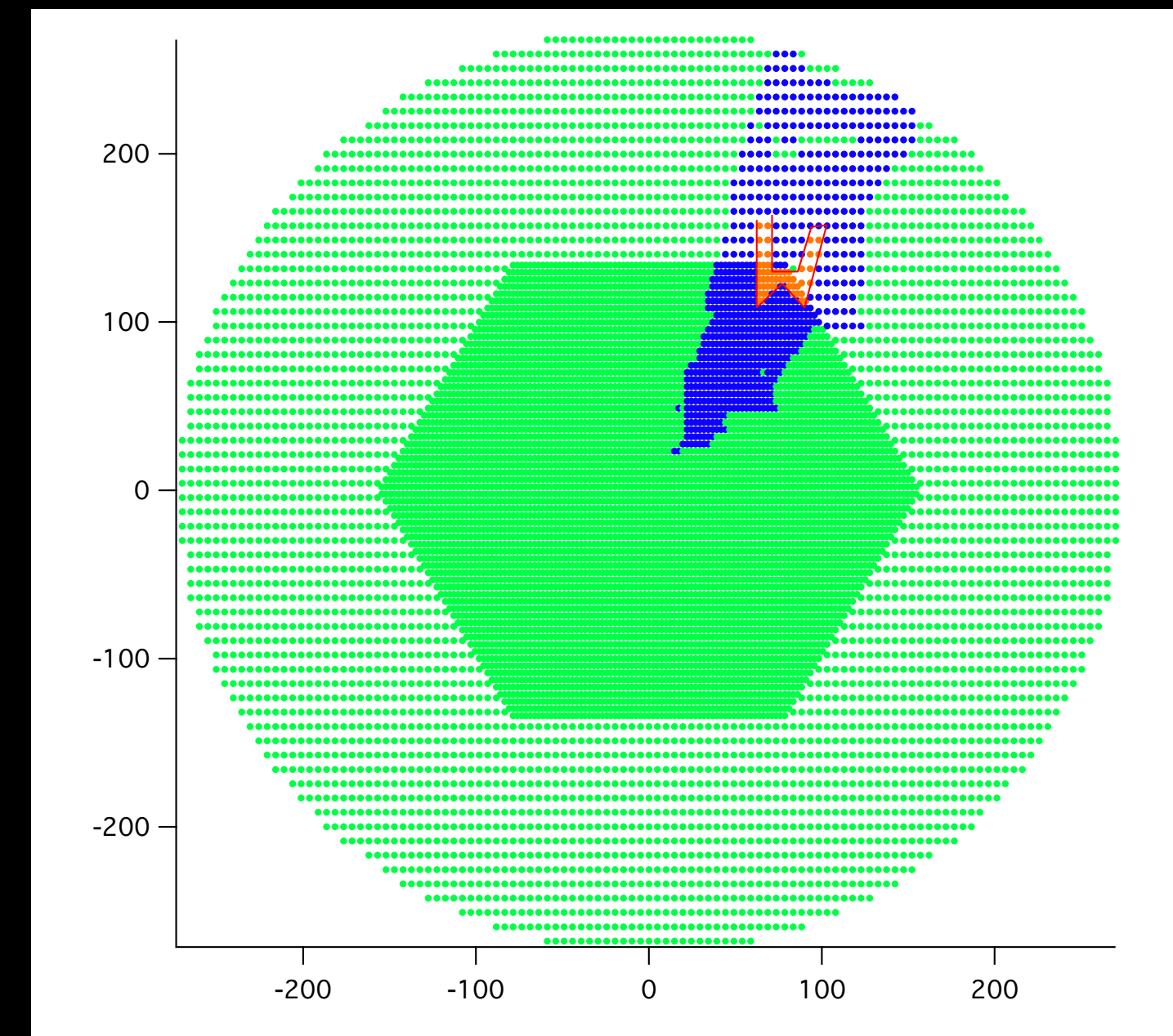
# INDIVIDUAL PAD POLARIZATION

- Micromegas avalanches are localized
  - Very small gap (100  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Gain depends on field gradient between each pad and the mesh
  - Varying the potential on a given pad changes the gain for that pad only
- Implementation
  - Protection circuit of electronics equipped with jumpers (256 pads) ...
  - ... or programmable HV switch (10,000 pads!)



# TEST ON AT-TPC

- Programmatic method necessary
- 10,240 pads to consider!
- Map of pads assigned via software
  - Green: ground (0V)
  - Blue: -40V (more gain)
  - Red: +40V (less gain)
- Data taken using  $\alpha$  particles from source covering whole volume
- All pads have same electronic gain

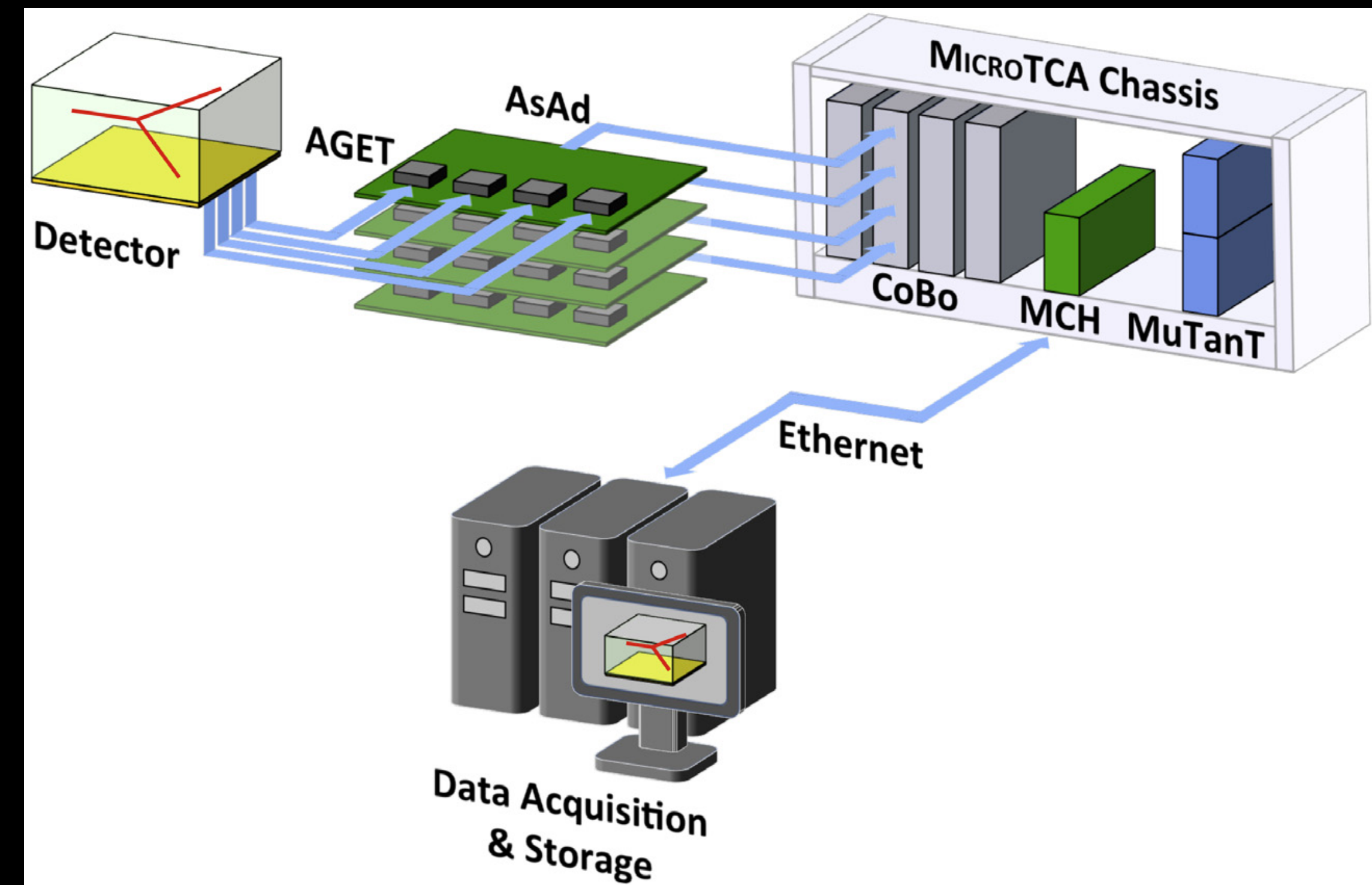


# ACTIVE TARGET ELECTRONICS

- Requirements
  - **Time evolution** of signals contains essential information: record traces
  - **Large number of pads**: cost per channel should be minimized
  - **Huge amounts of data**: parallel architecture and data reduction are paramount
  - Active Targets without trigger detectors: **good trigger generation**
- Technology choices
  - Analog memory arrays (Switch Capacitor Array or SCA) are the cheapest
  - Data reduction schemes implemented in fast FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Arrays)
  - Trigger generation scheme using discriminators to generate live multiplicity

# GENERAL ELECTRONICS FOR TPC (GET)

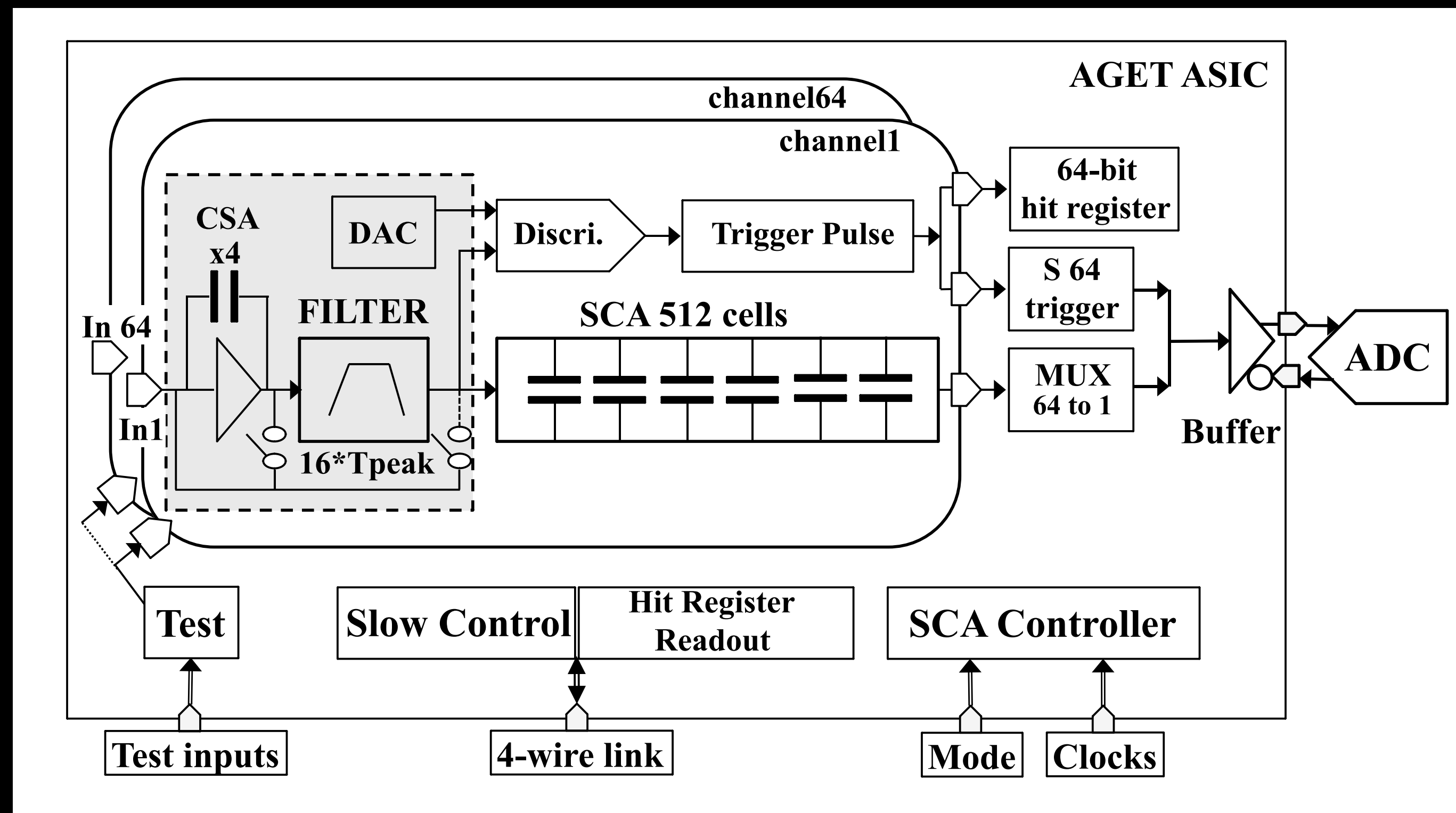
- Specifically designed for Active Targets
  - Adjustable gain on each individual pad (from 120 fC to 10 pC)
  - Up to 512 time samples recorded
  - Sampling frequency range 1-100 MHz
  - Each channel equipped with discriminator and threshold
  - Shaping time from 70 ns to 1  $\mu$ s
  - Charge resolution  $< 850 e^-$



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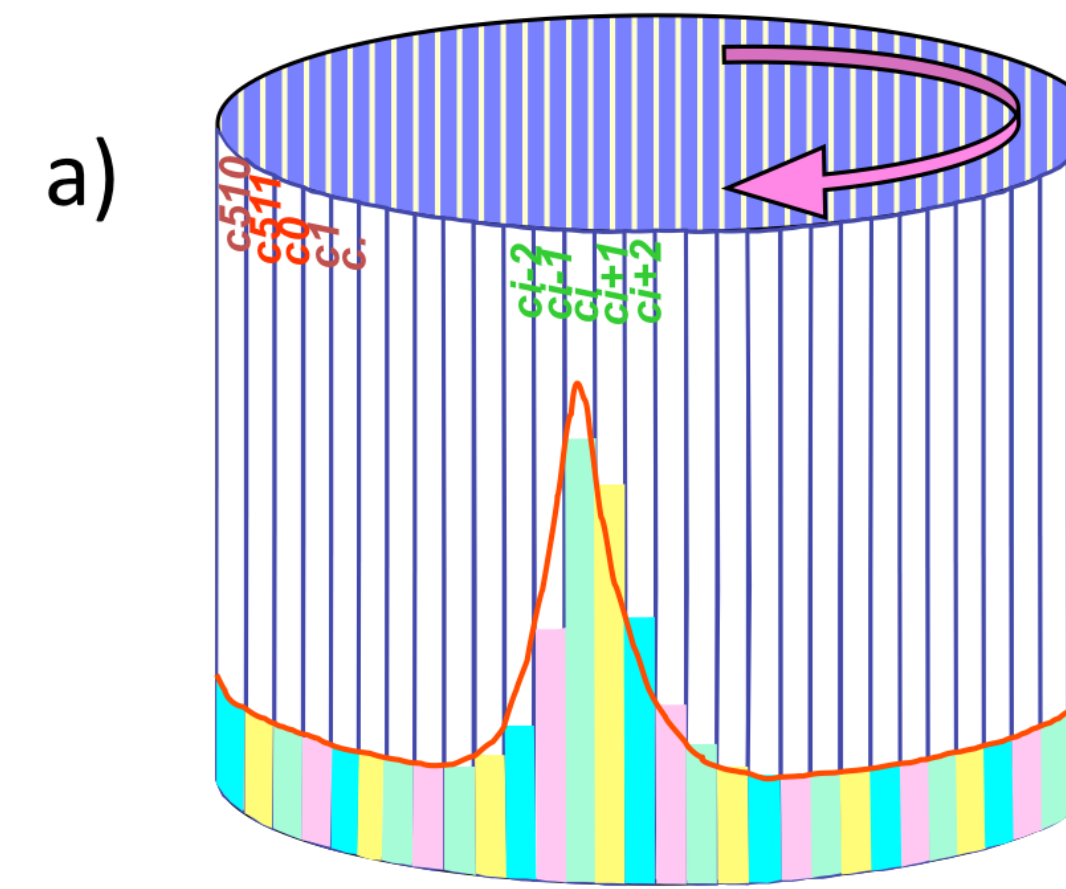
- Writing phase
  - Live analog signals are stored in SCA used as a circular buffer
  - Live discriminator bits are combined in hit register and summed as multiplicity signal
  - Multiplicity signal is converted by flash ADC and sent out to back end electronics
  - Some stages of the CSA can be bypassed



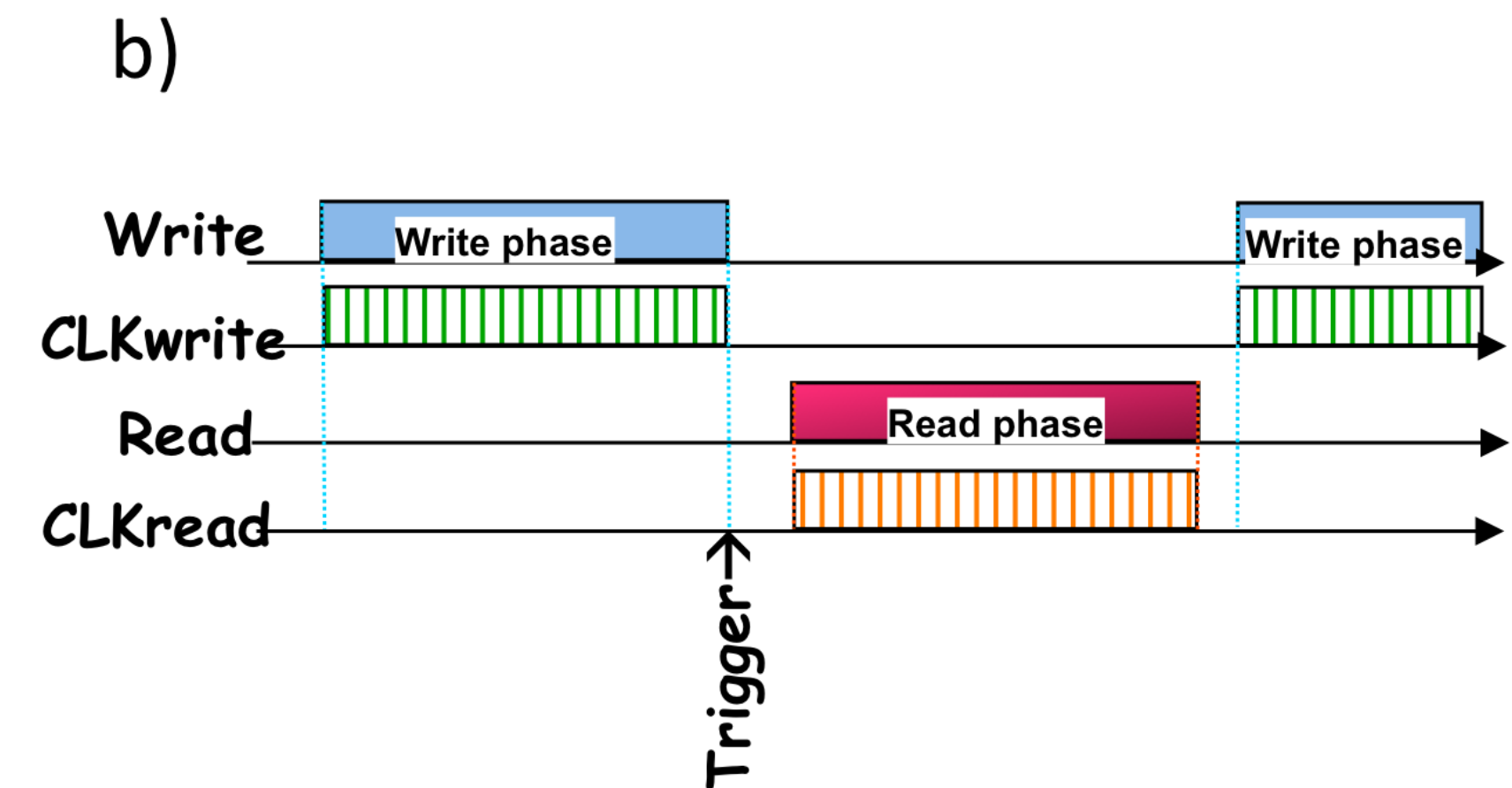
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# FRONT END FEATURES

- Reading phase
  - SCA array set in read mode
  - Pointer of first time sample set to desired value (going back in time)
  - Depending on reading mode, selected SCA cells are converted by flash ADC and sent to back end
  - Data reading is multiplexed and sent through a single flash ADC
  - Data from front-end (AsAd) is serial



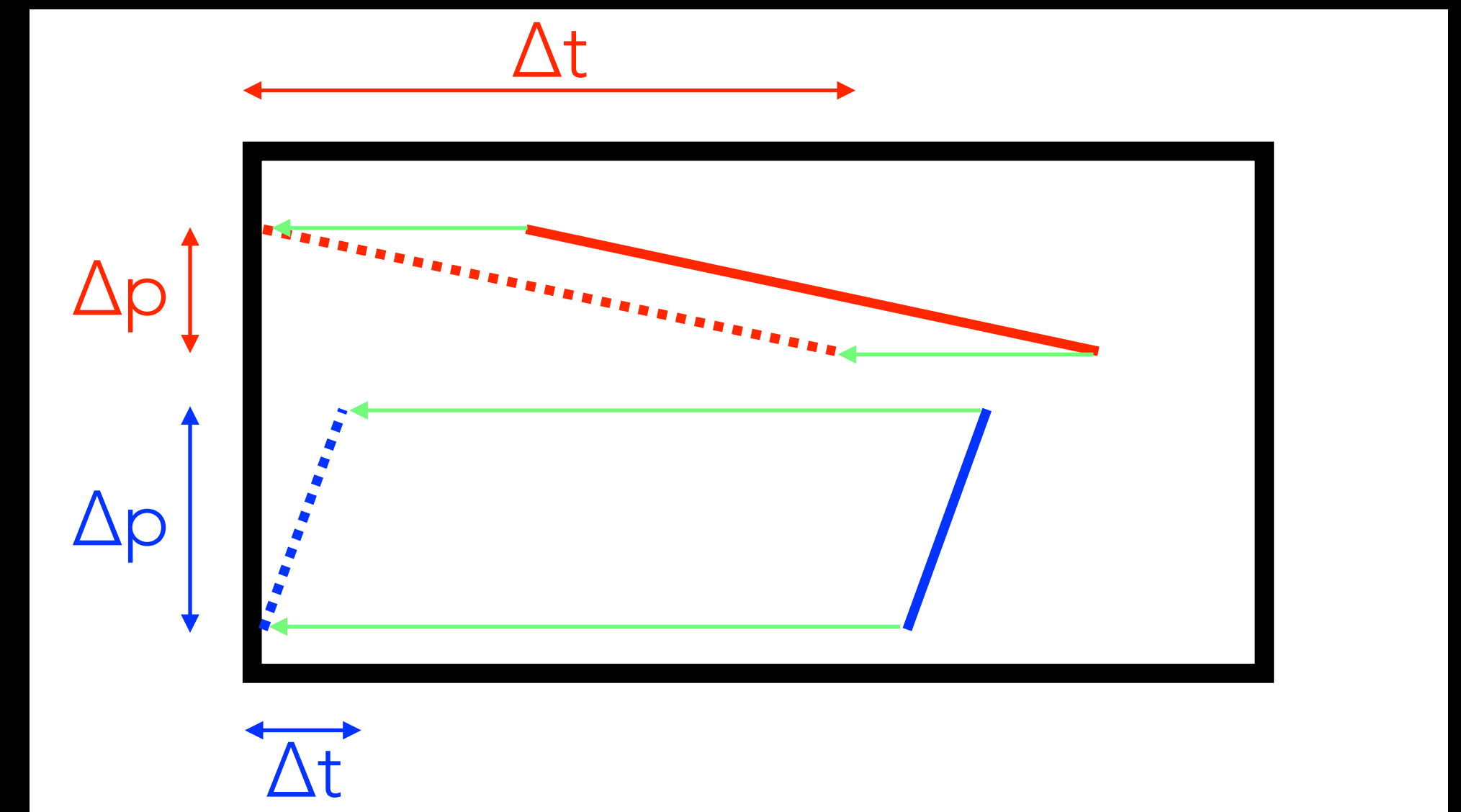
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**P. Baron, IRFU**

# BACK END PROCESSING

- Concentration Boards (CoBo)
  - Data reduction and multiplicity integration
  - Readout modes
    - Full (no reduction)
    - Partial (pads above threshold)
    - Zero-suppressed (baseline removal)
- Multiplicity sliding window
  - Integrate multiplicities within time window
  - Value updated every 40 ns



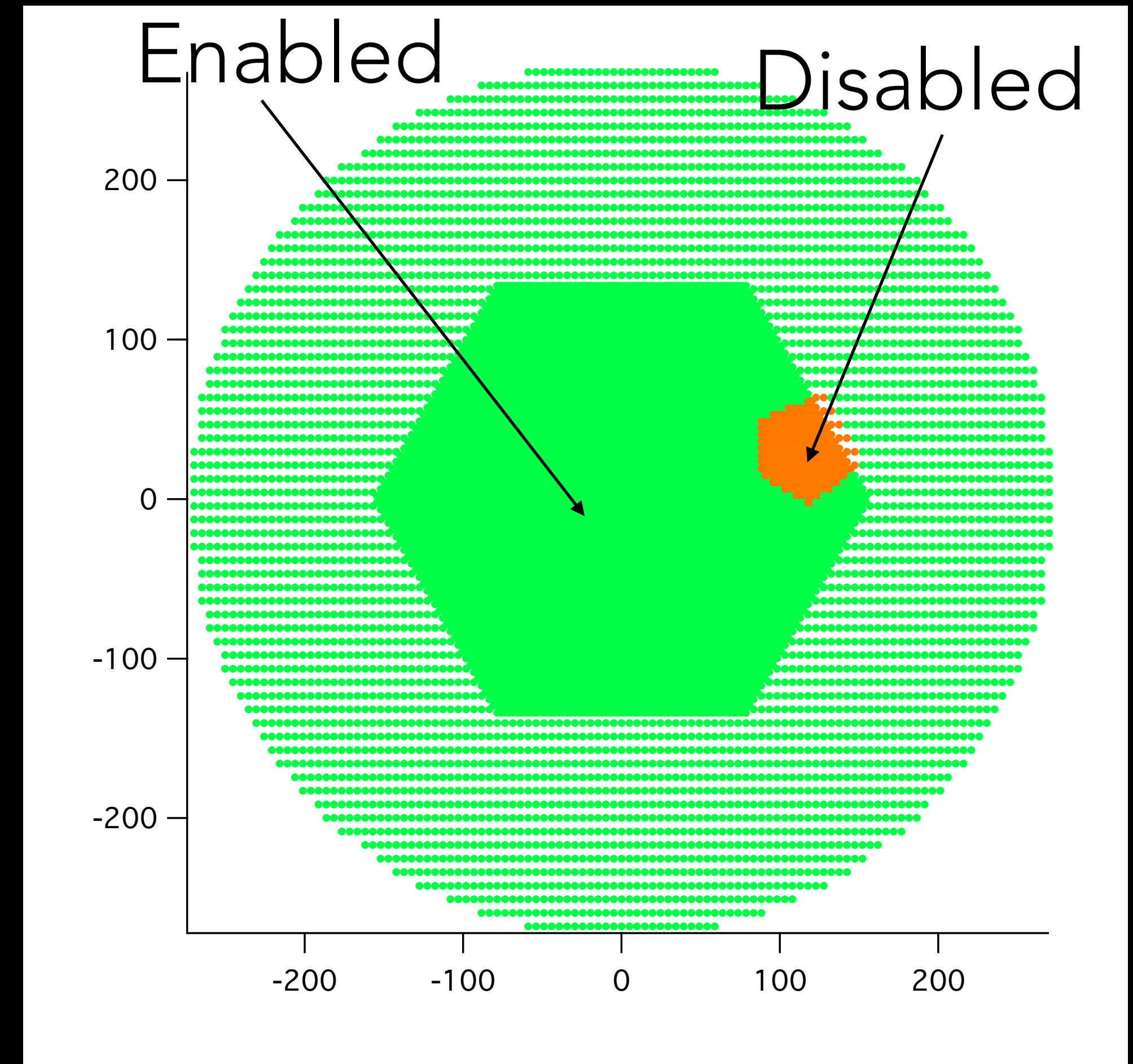
# CLOCK AND TRIGGER

- Mutant module
  - Clock distribution throughout the whole system
- Trigger generation
  - Gather sliding window multiplicities from all CoBos and sum them
  - Also gather hit patterns (level 2)
  - Level 1: trigger if global multiplicity above (or below) a given threshold
  - Level 2: trigger if hit pattern matches predefined configuration



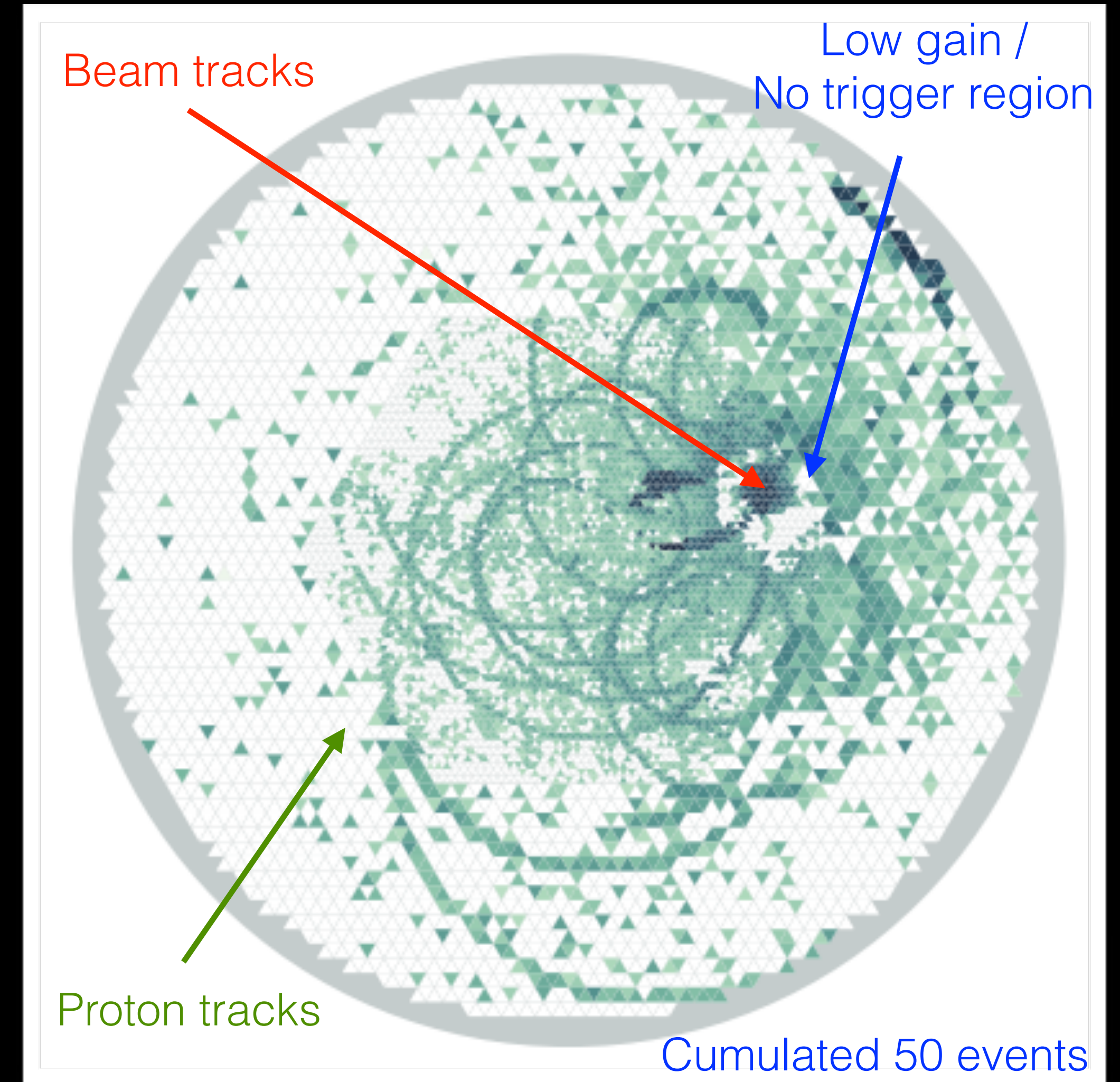
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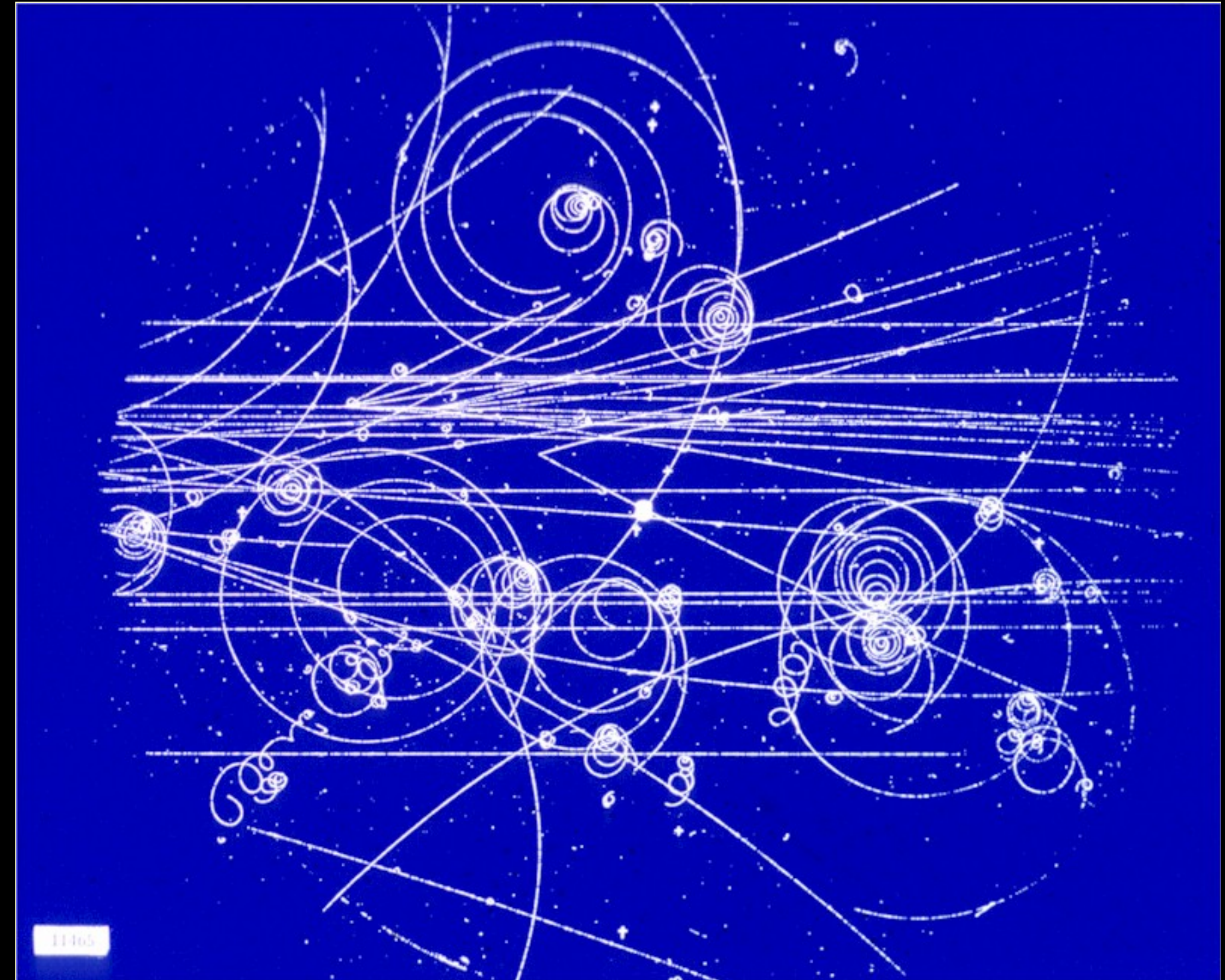
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# PUT YOUR BRAIN IN A COMPUTER

- **Humans** have evolved to be excellent at **pattern recognition**
  - Survival skill: spot the tiger hiding in the forest, the fruits hanging in the trees
  - Human brains can easily extract signal from noise and **identify patterns**
- **Computers** have never encountered this type of problem!
  - Algorithms are needed to emulate these **cognitive functions** in computers
  - Recent years have seen an explosion of **pattern recognition methods**
  - Face recognition (your cell phone), self-driving cars, etc...
  - Many of these methods can be applied to active target data analysis

# ANALYSIS PHASES

- Three main tasks
  - **Cleaning** (removing noise or spurious signals)
  - **Classifying** (identifying the type of event)
  - **Fitting** (extracting physics parameters from data)
- Each phase present its own set of **challenges**
  - **Cleaning**: finding criteria that cleans effectively without removing good data
  - **Classifying**: anticipating classes of events (using simulations)
  - **Fitting**: find robust methods and avoid local minima

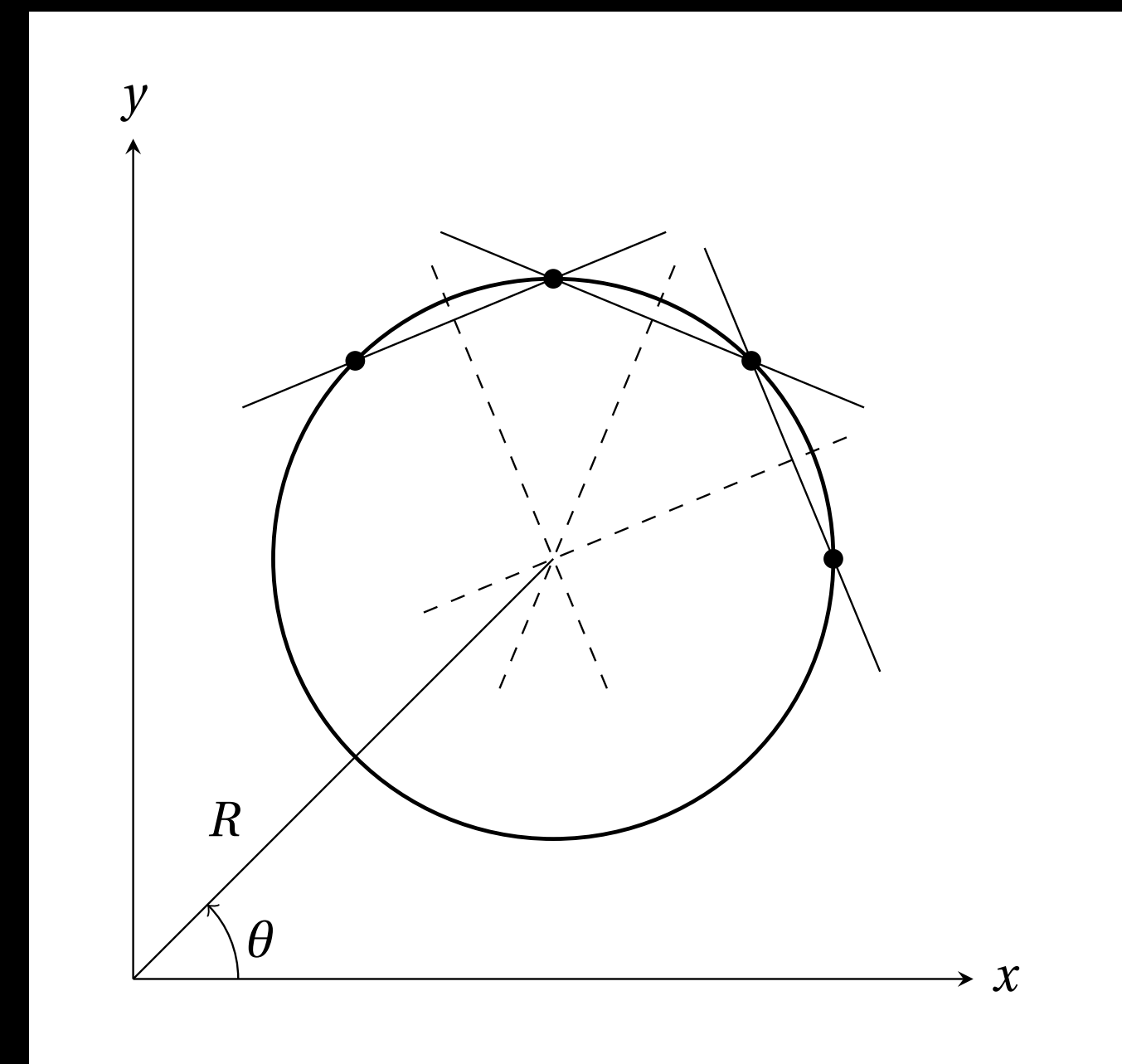
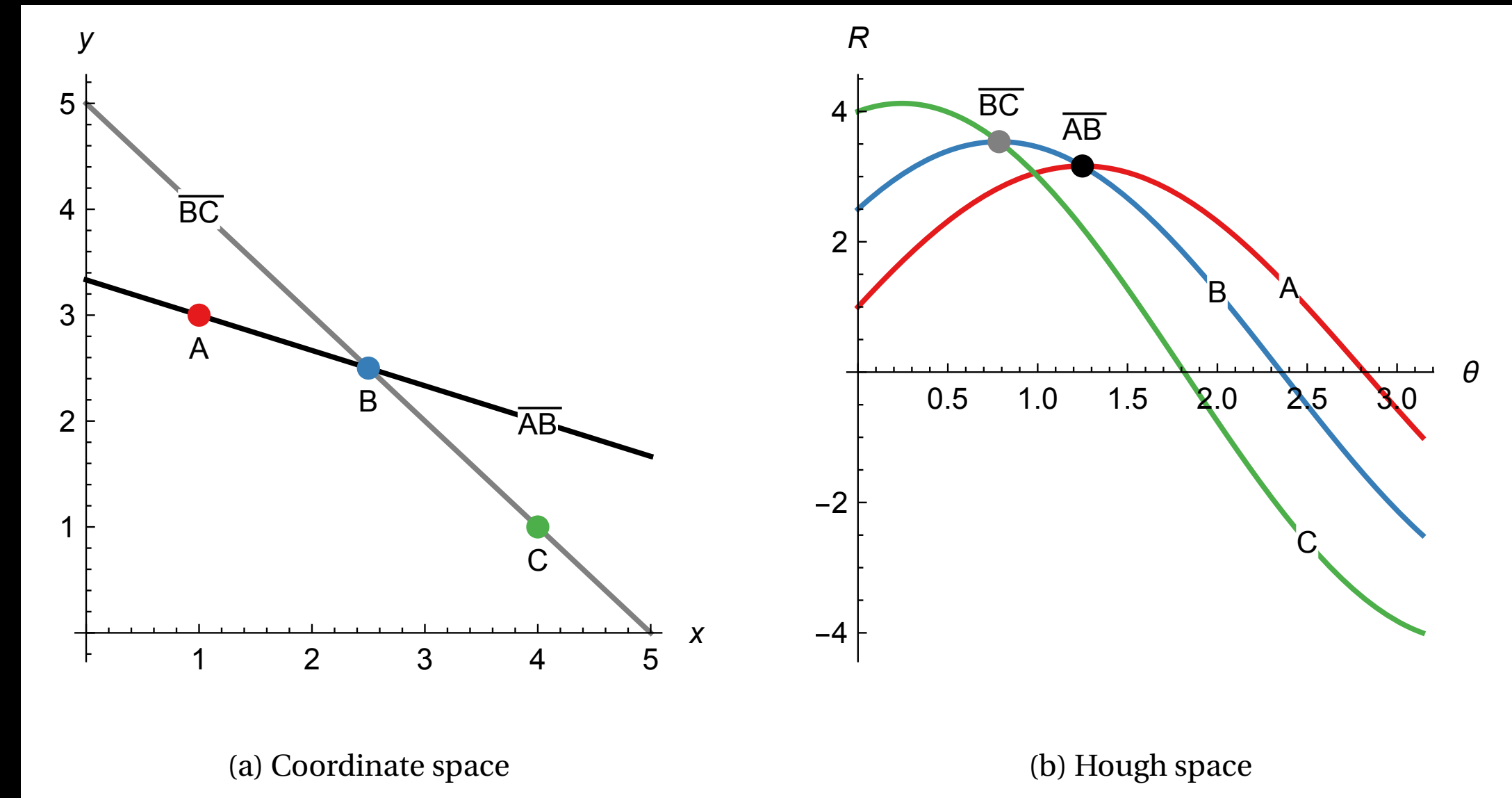
# HOUGH TRANSFORM: EYES FOR A COMPUTER

- Pattern recognition algorithms
- Linear Hough transformation to find points along straight lines

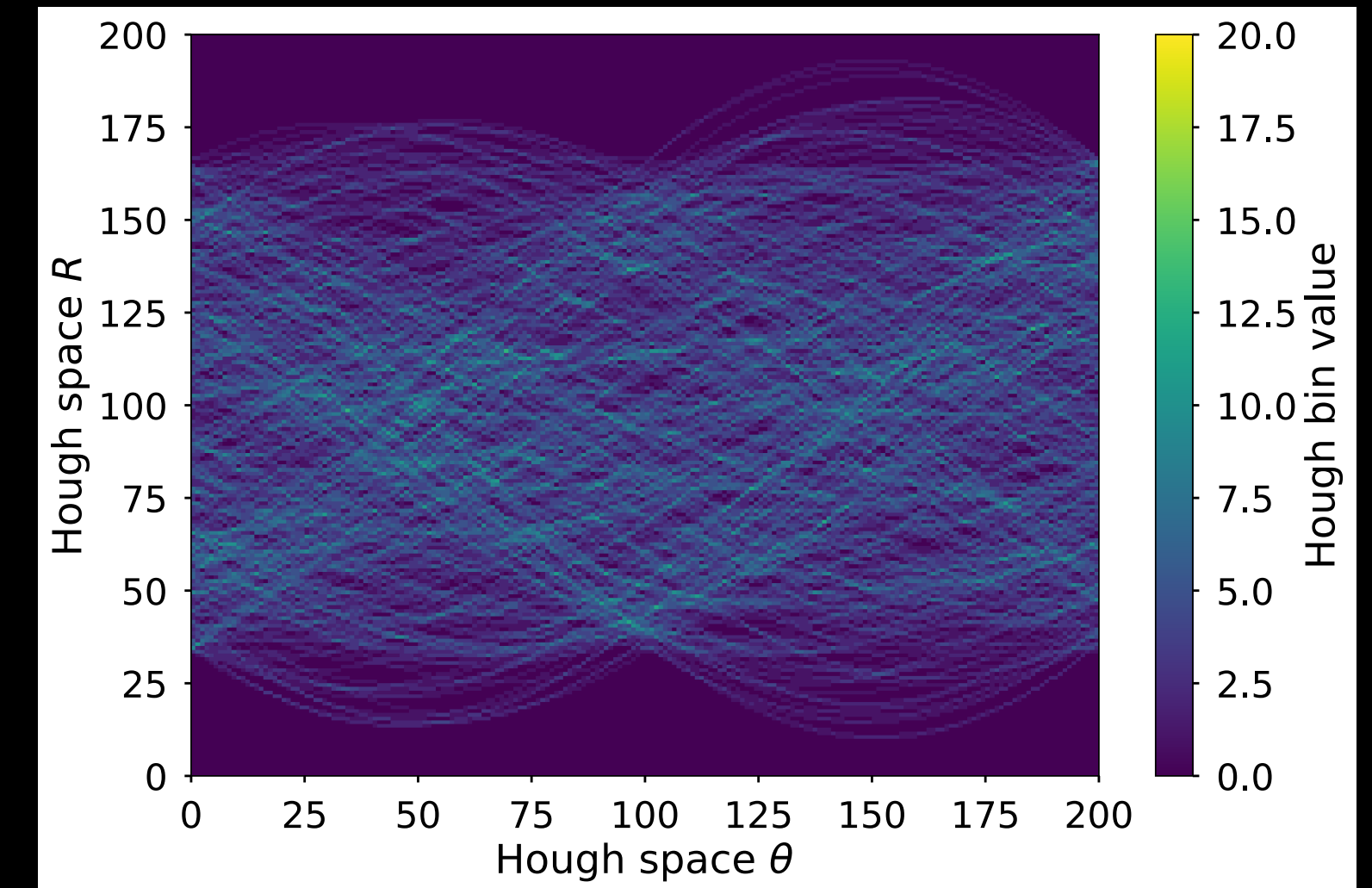
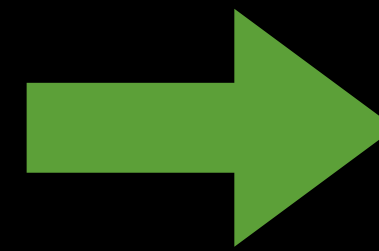
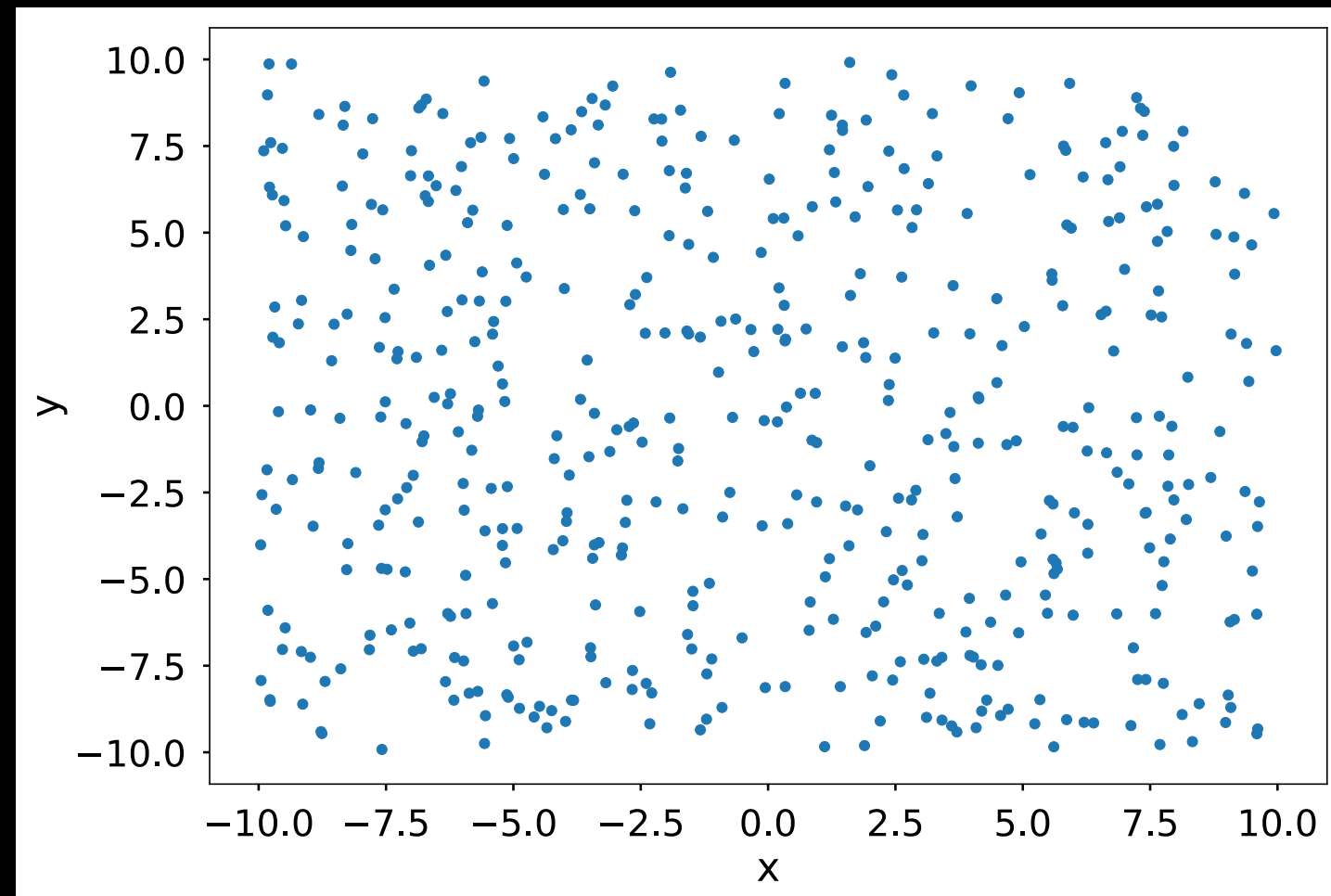
$$R = x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta)$$

- Circular Hough transformation to find points on a circle

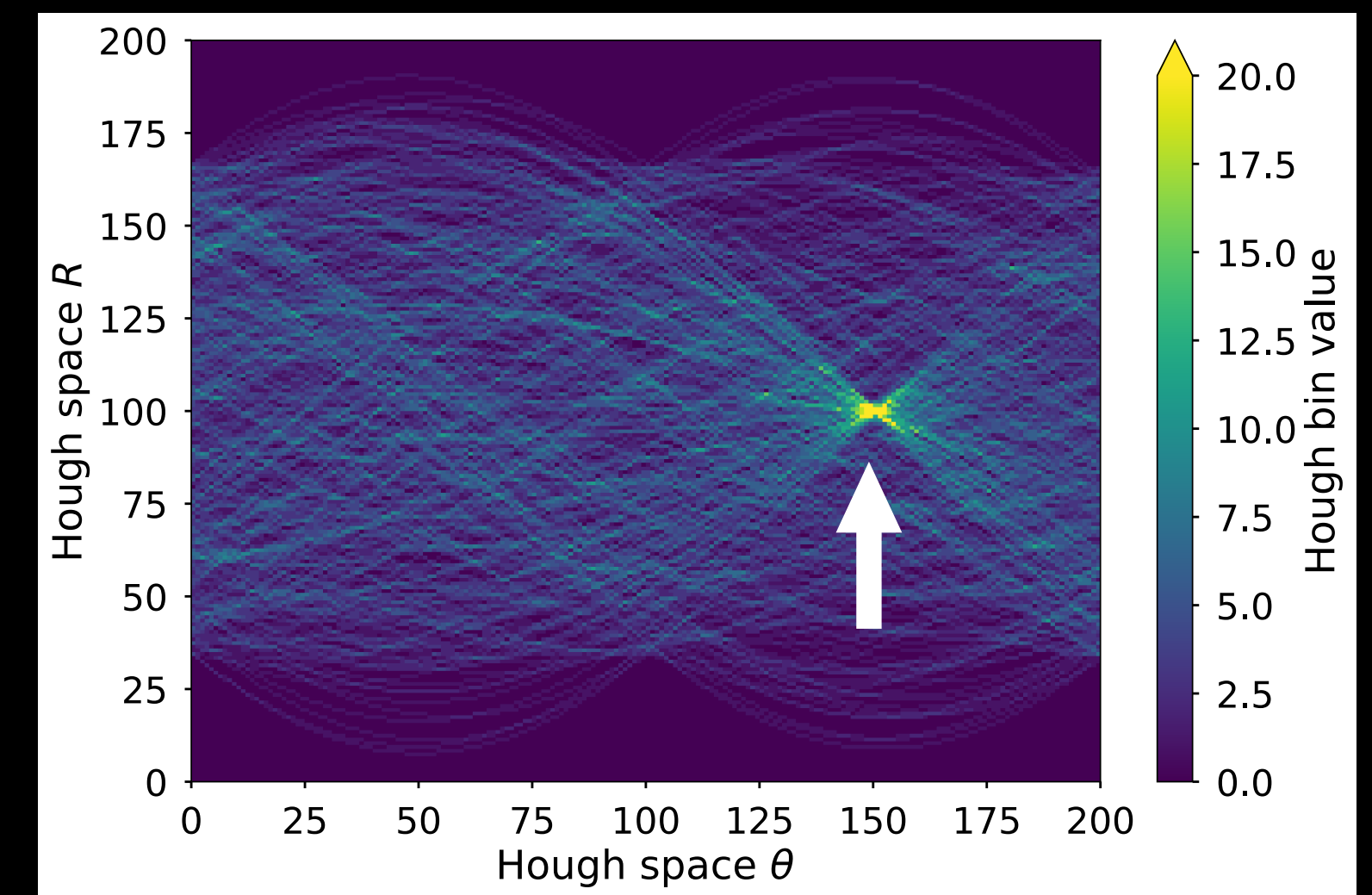
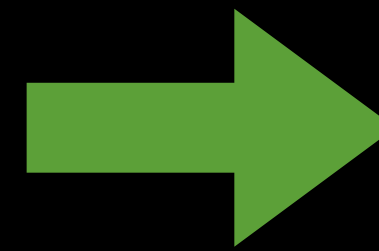
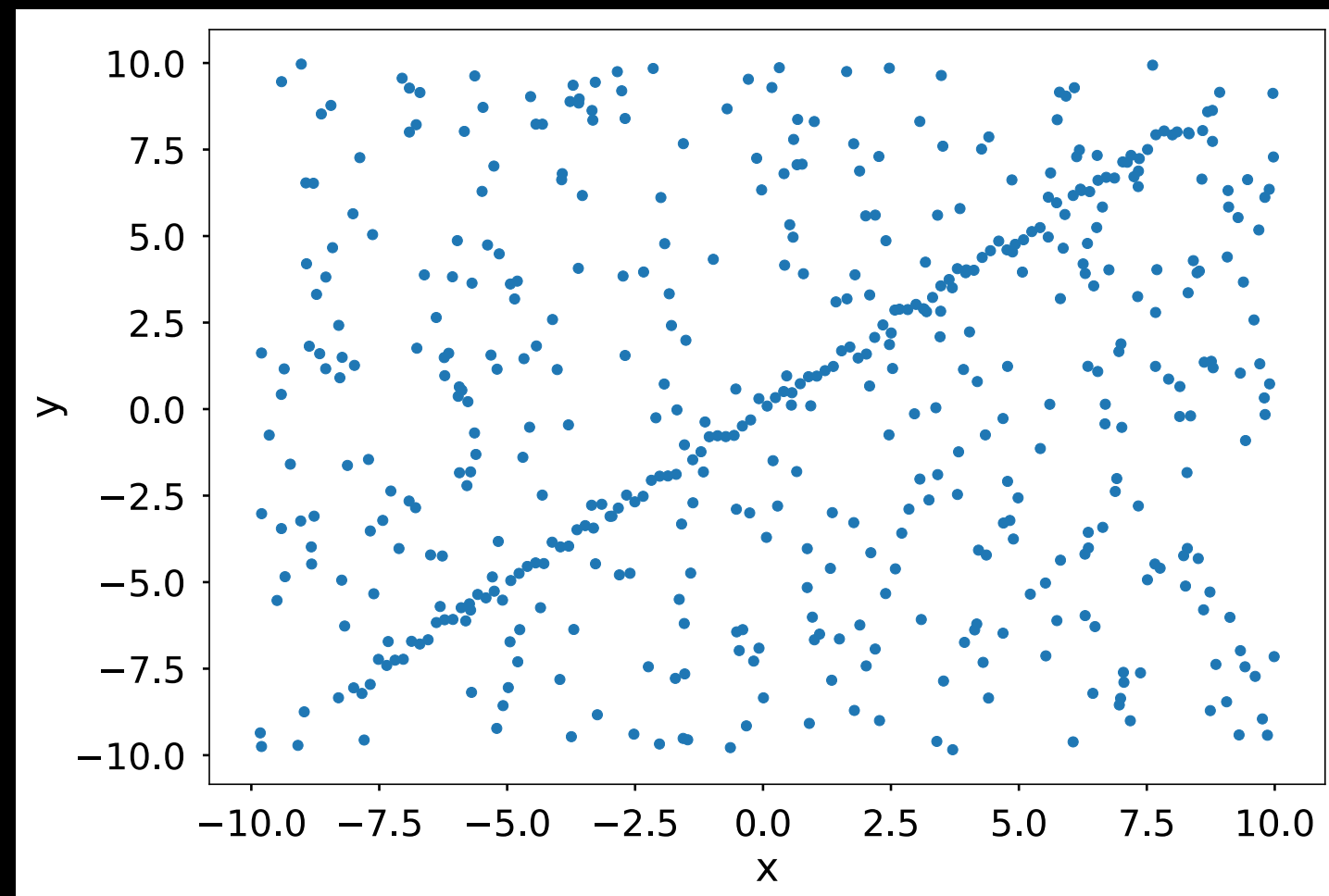
$$R = \frac{(x_1^2 - x_0^2) + (y_1^2 - y_0^2)}{2[(x_1 - x_0)\cos(\theta) + (y_1 - y_0)\sin(\theta)]}$$



# LINEAR HOUGH TRANSFORM

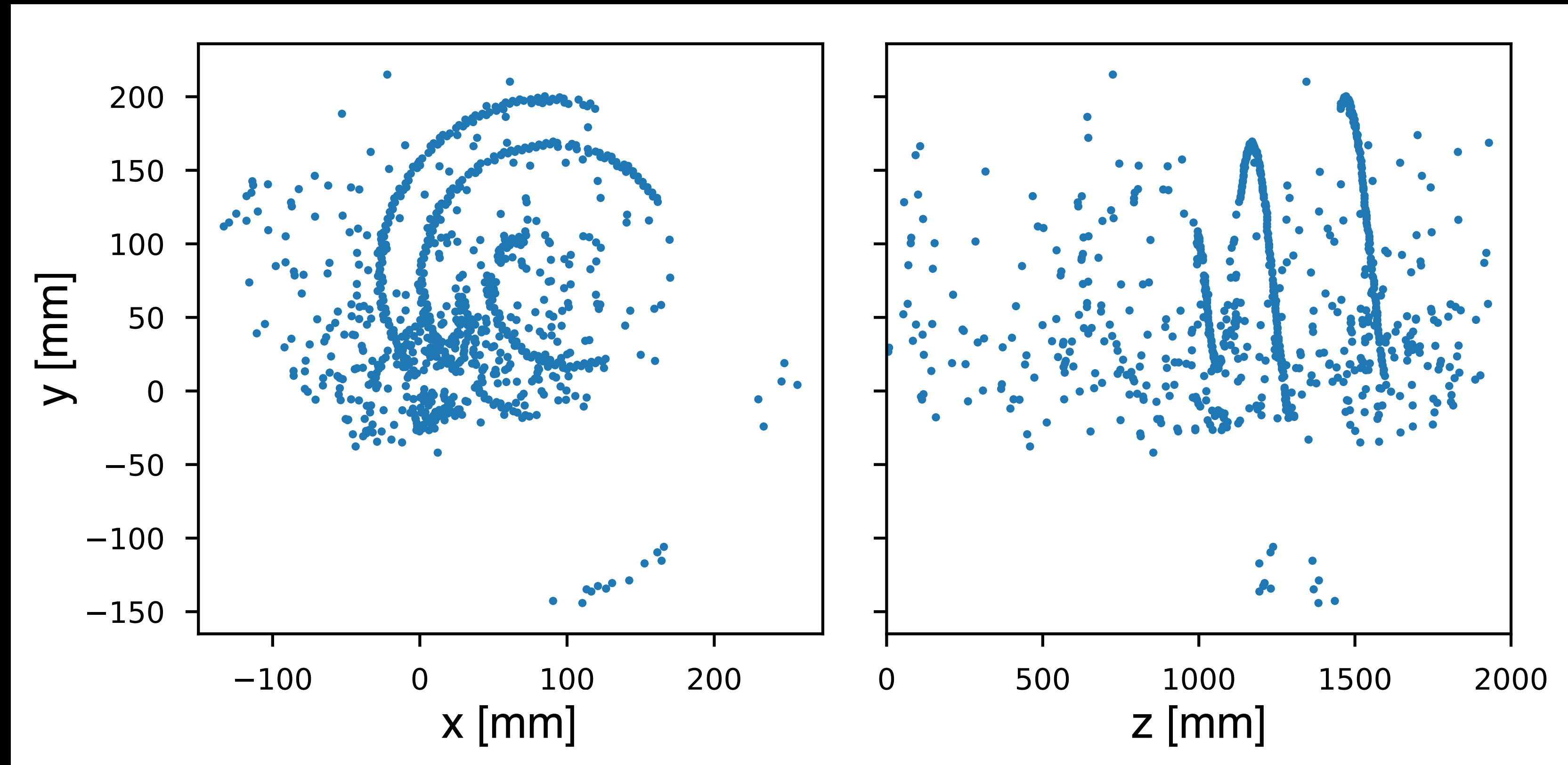


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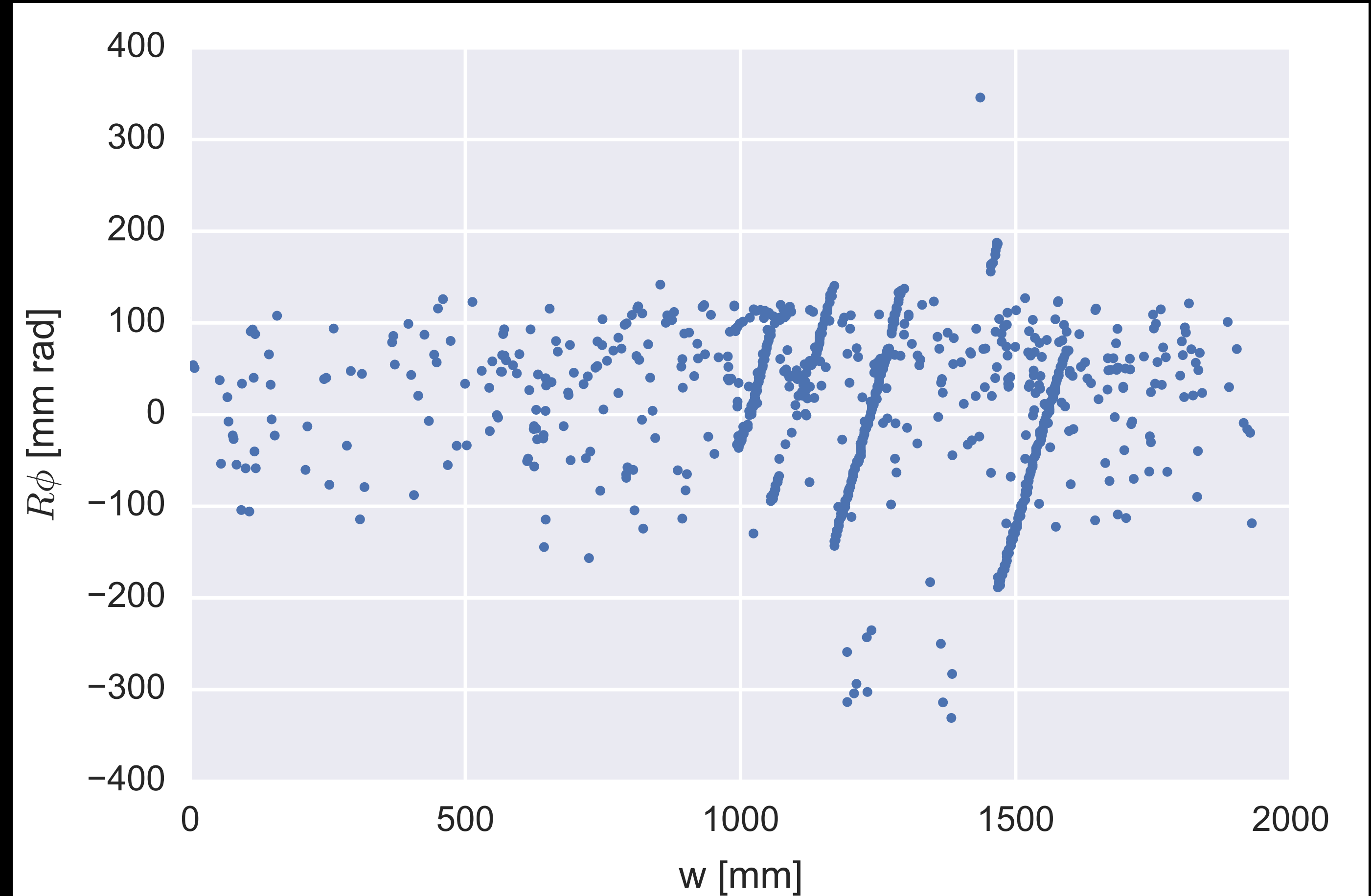
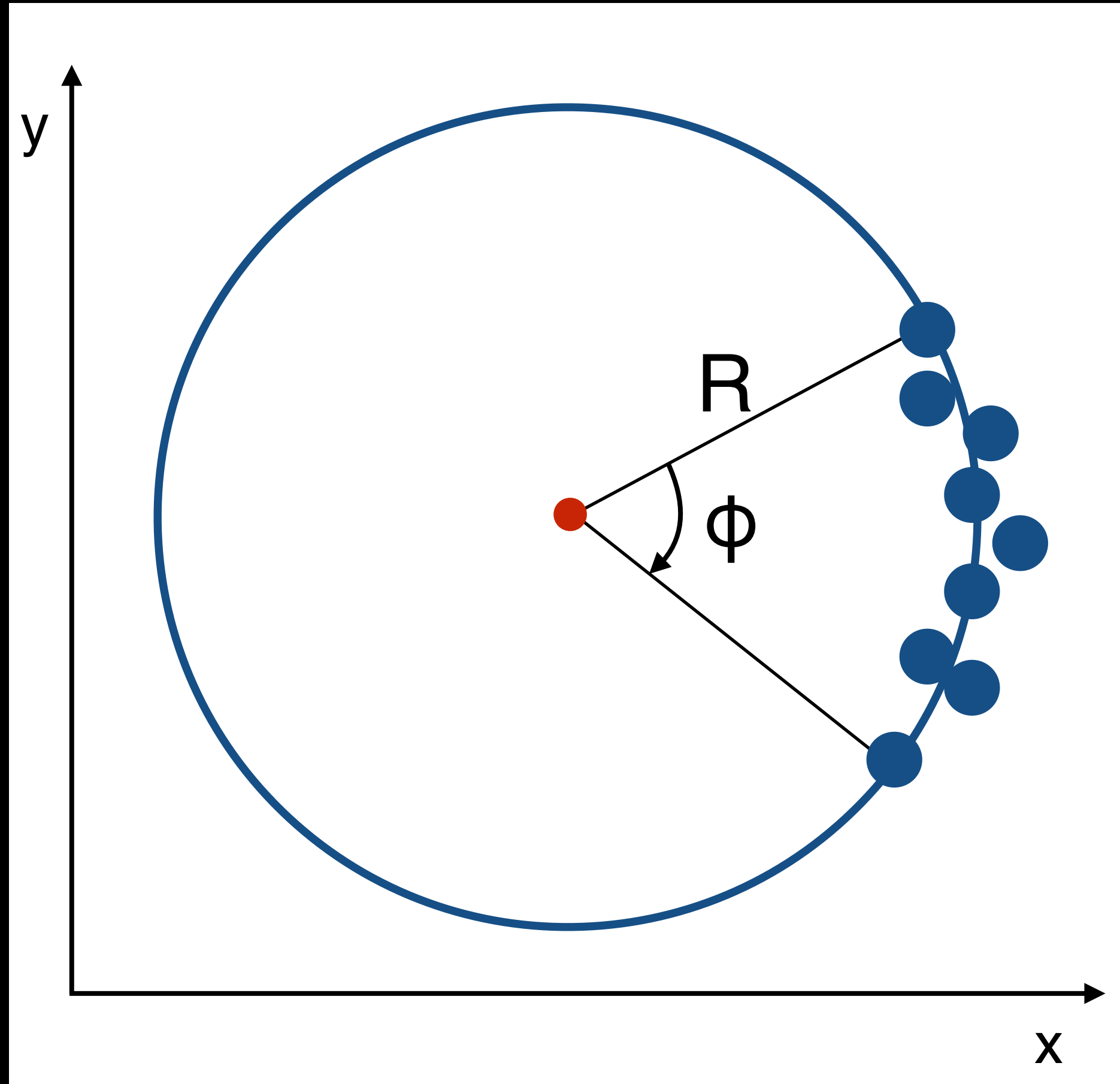


# EXAMPLE ON AT-TPC DATA

- Very noisy and incomplete data!
- Use circular Hough to identify rough center of spiral
- Transform data into  $R\Phi$  coordinates
- Use linear Hough to identify lines

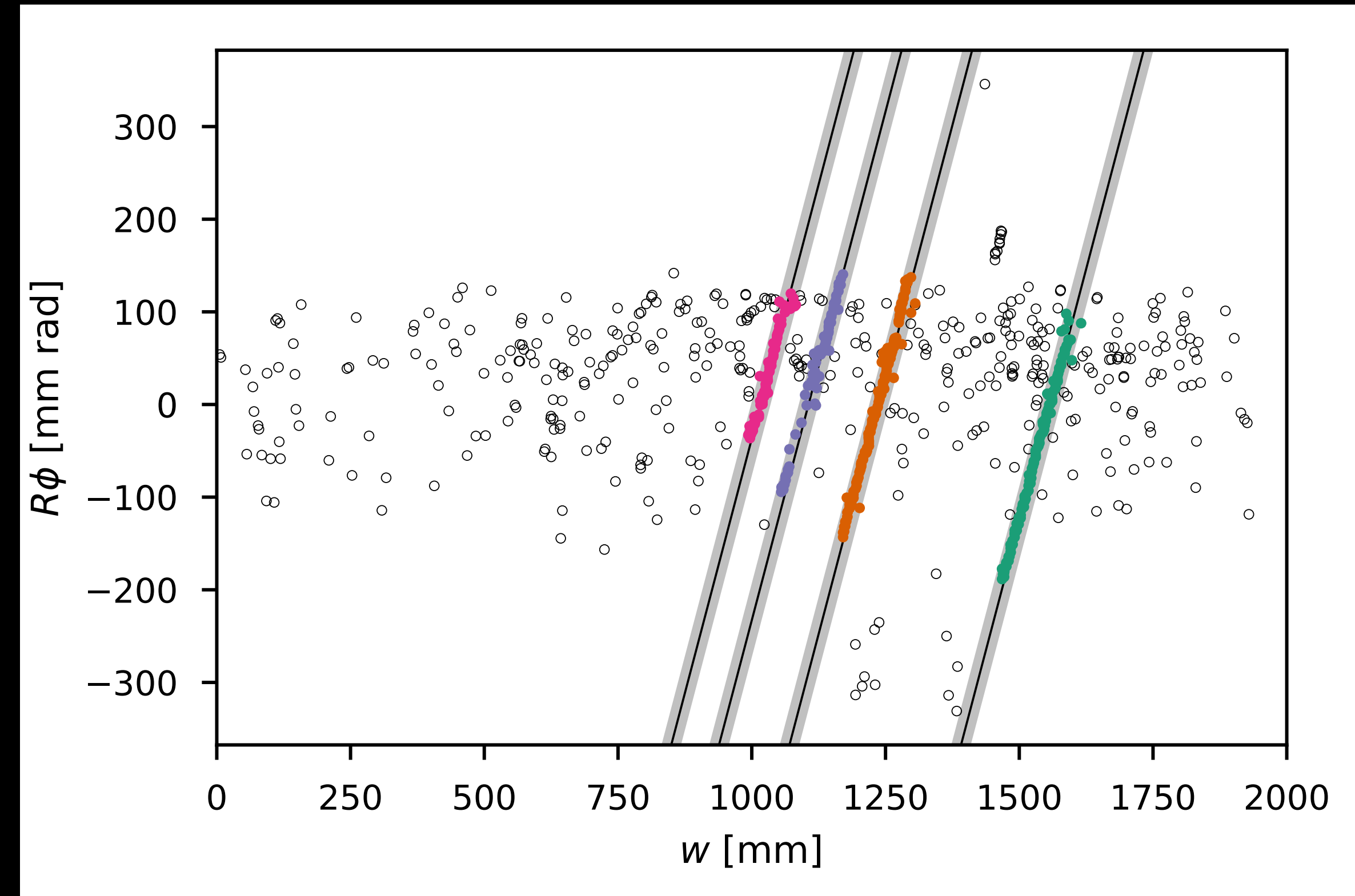
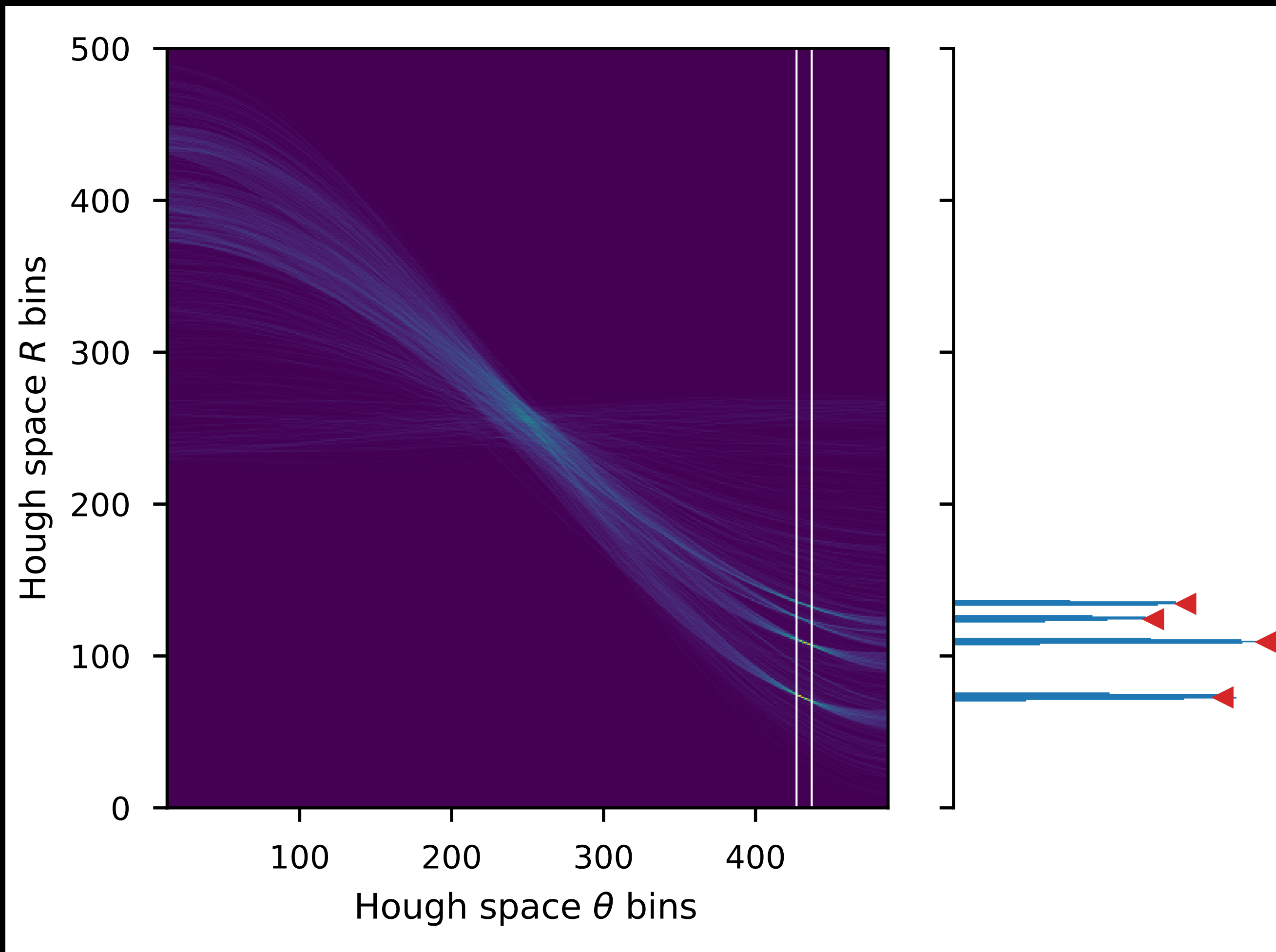


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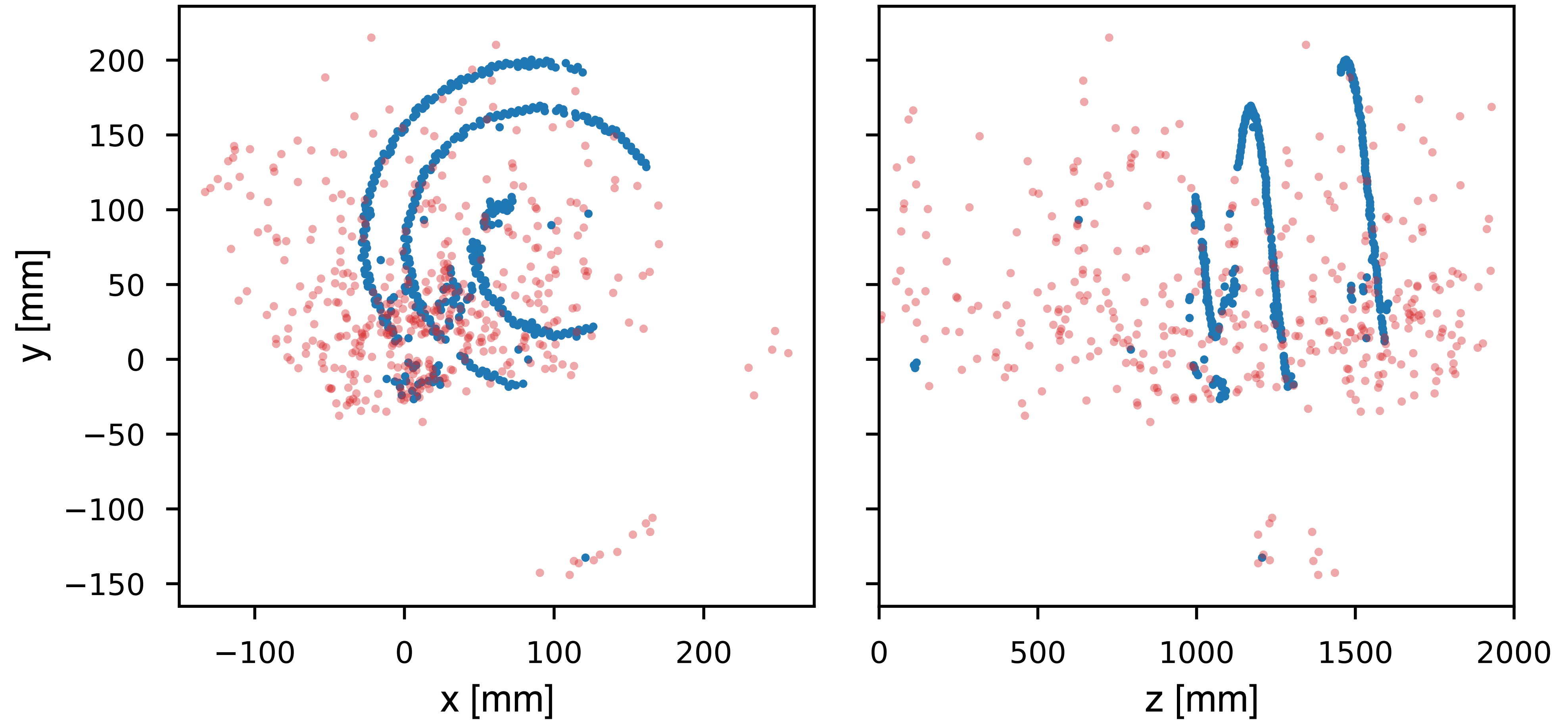


$$w = R\phi$$

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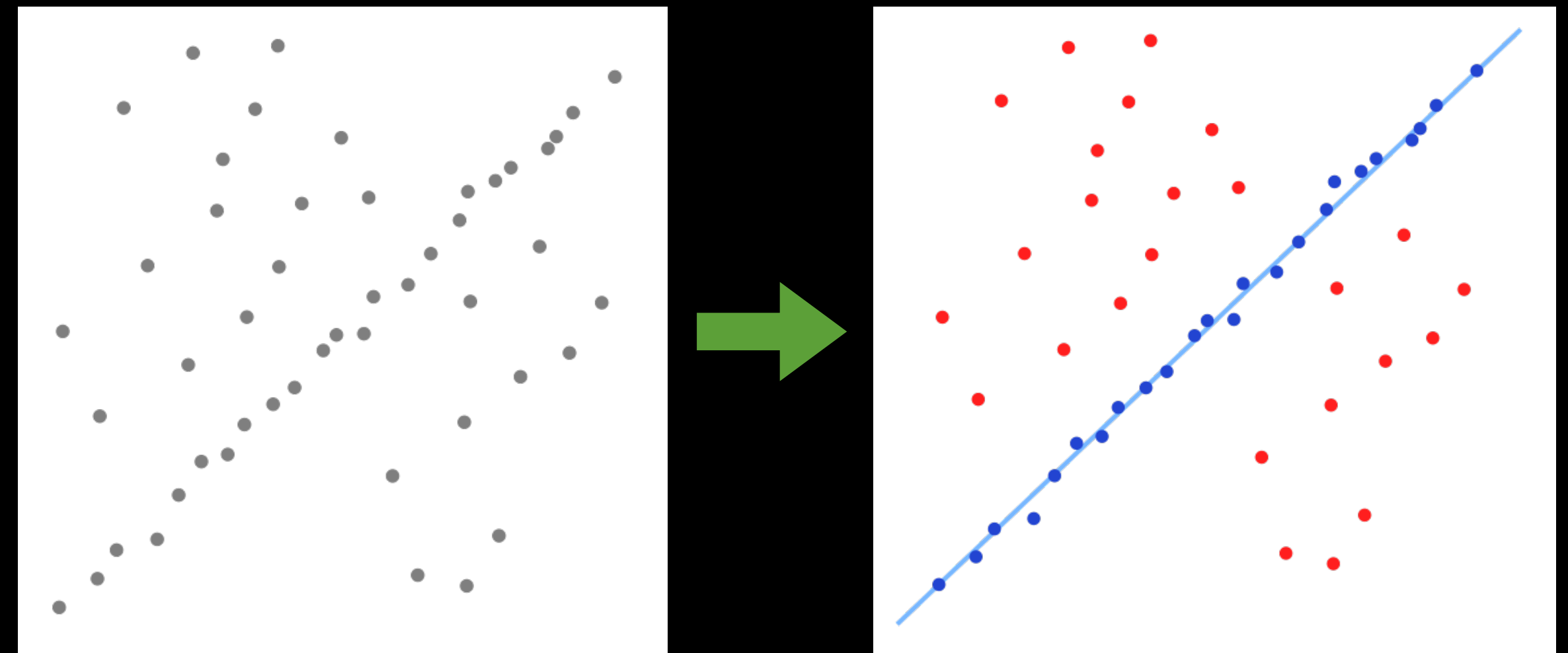
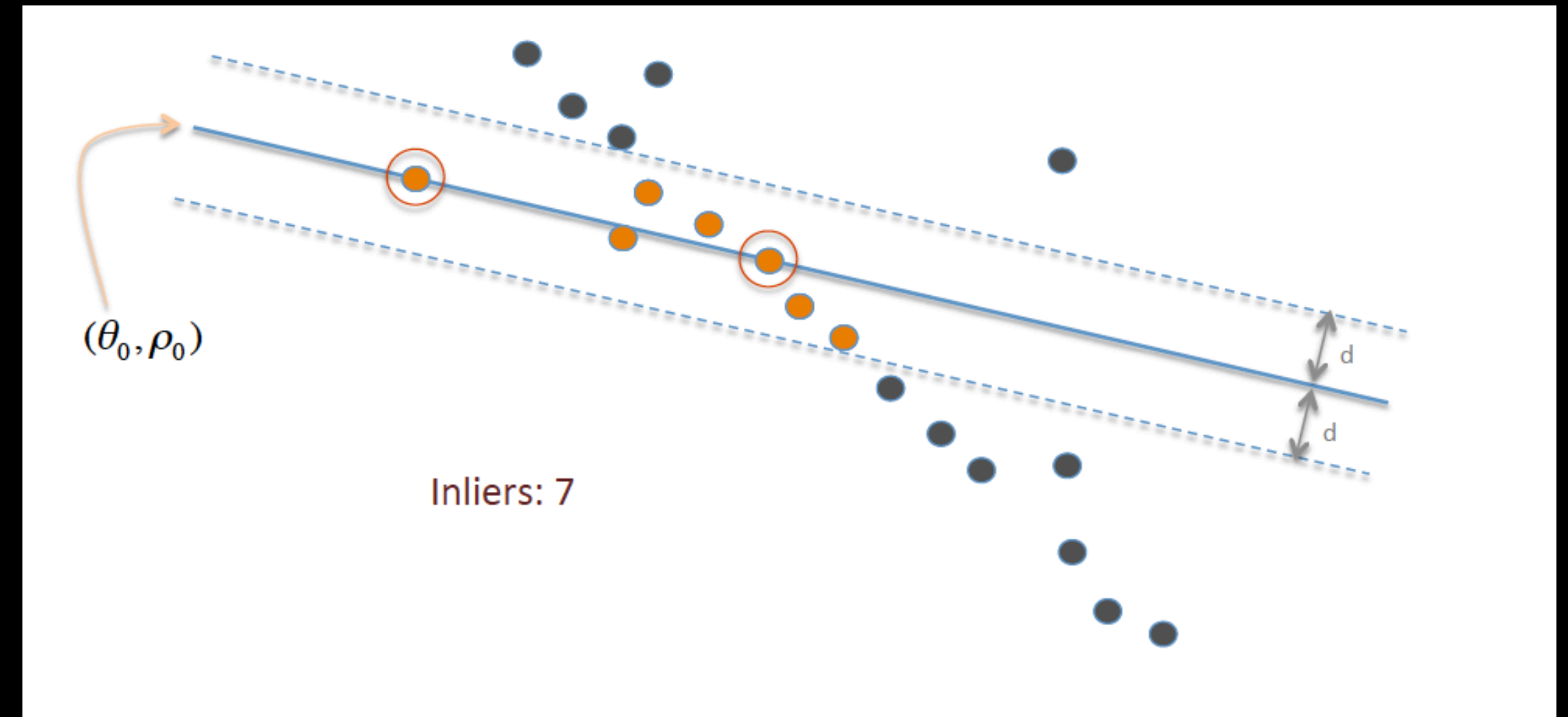


***J. Bradt, Ph. D. Dissertation, 2017***

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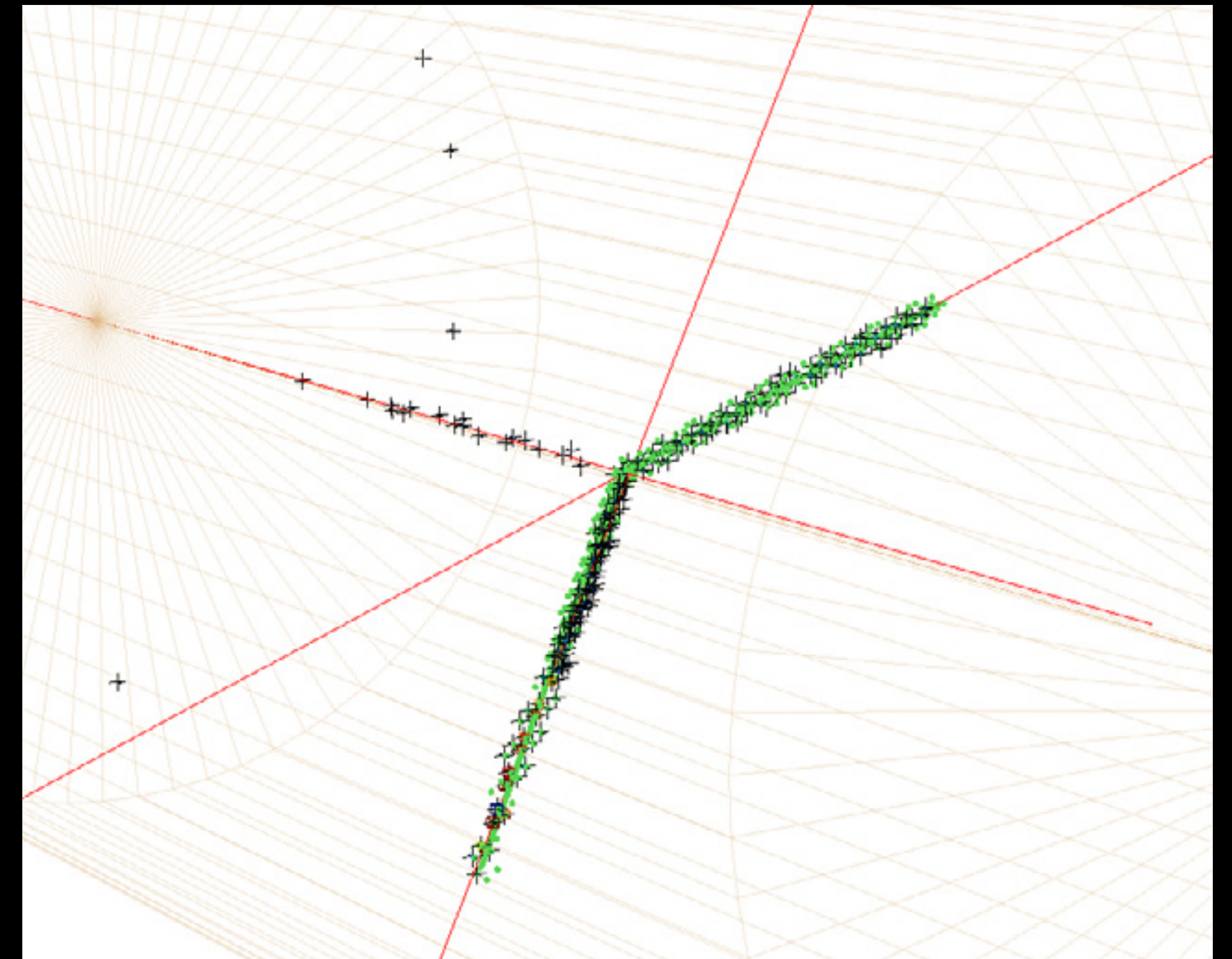
# RANSAC METHOD

- Random Sample Consensus
  - Select random sample from data
  - Fit model to this subset
  - Test fit on other data than subset
  - Data that fits well is part of consensus
  - Repeat and keep best fit
- Parameters
  - Maximum distance from fit for inliers
  - Minimum number of points for good fit



# RANSAC METHOD

- Advantages
  - Can find tracks in 3D
  - Once best fit is found, eliminate inliers from data set and run again
  - Can find multiple tracks
  - Fast algorithm (at least for straight tracks)
- Drawbacks
  - Requires parameter adjustment
  - No convergence criteria

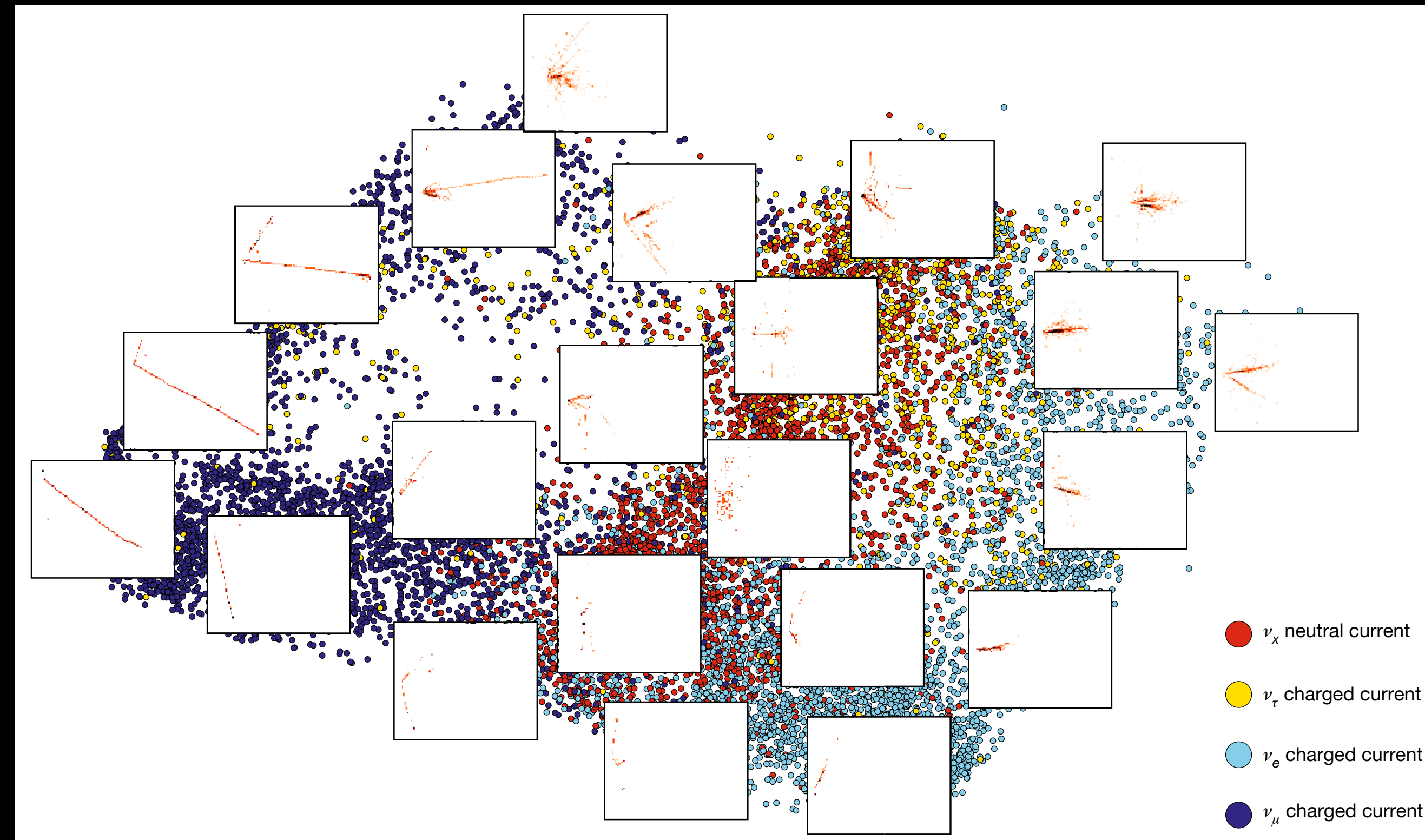


$^4\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$  elastic scattering  
in AT-TPC

**Y. Ayyad et al., NIM A880, 166 (2018)**

# CLASSIFICATION

- Determine classes of events
- Not all events are interesting
- Categorize events based on their data
- Ultimately: make trigger decision during data taking
- This is already being done in high energy physics!

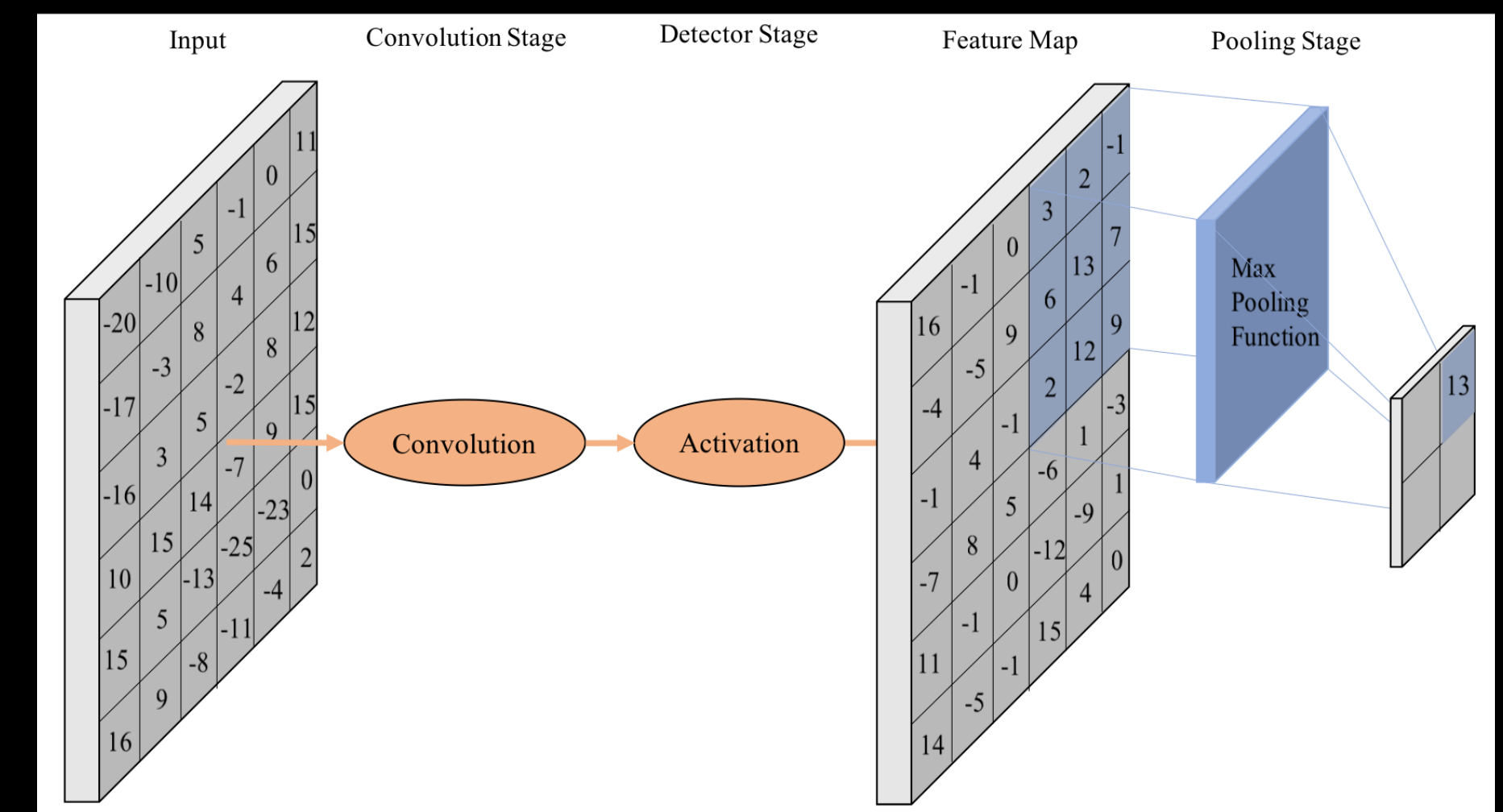
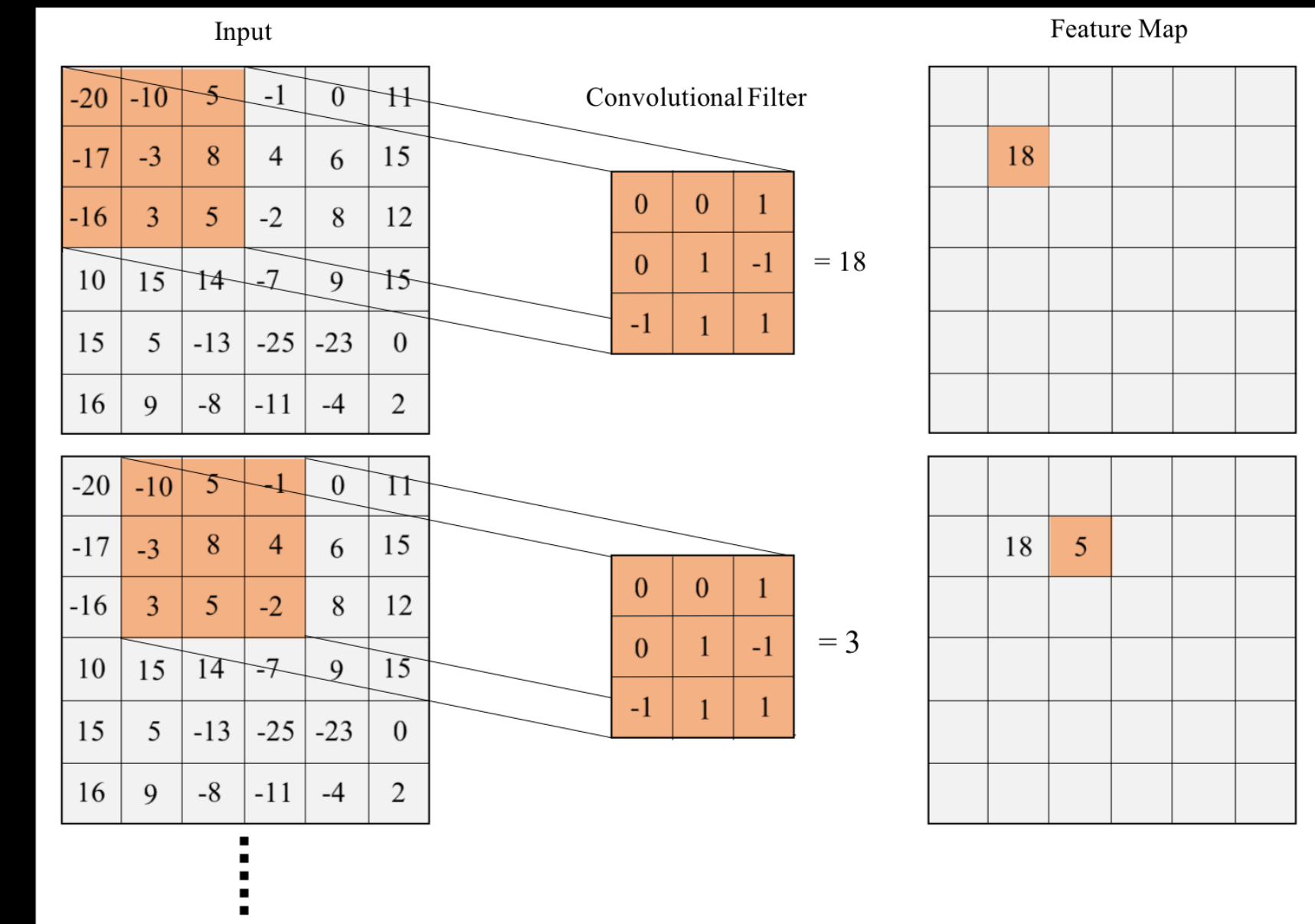


Training data for CNN analysis of NOvA

***A. Radovic et al., Nature 560, 41–48 (2018)***

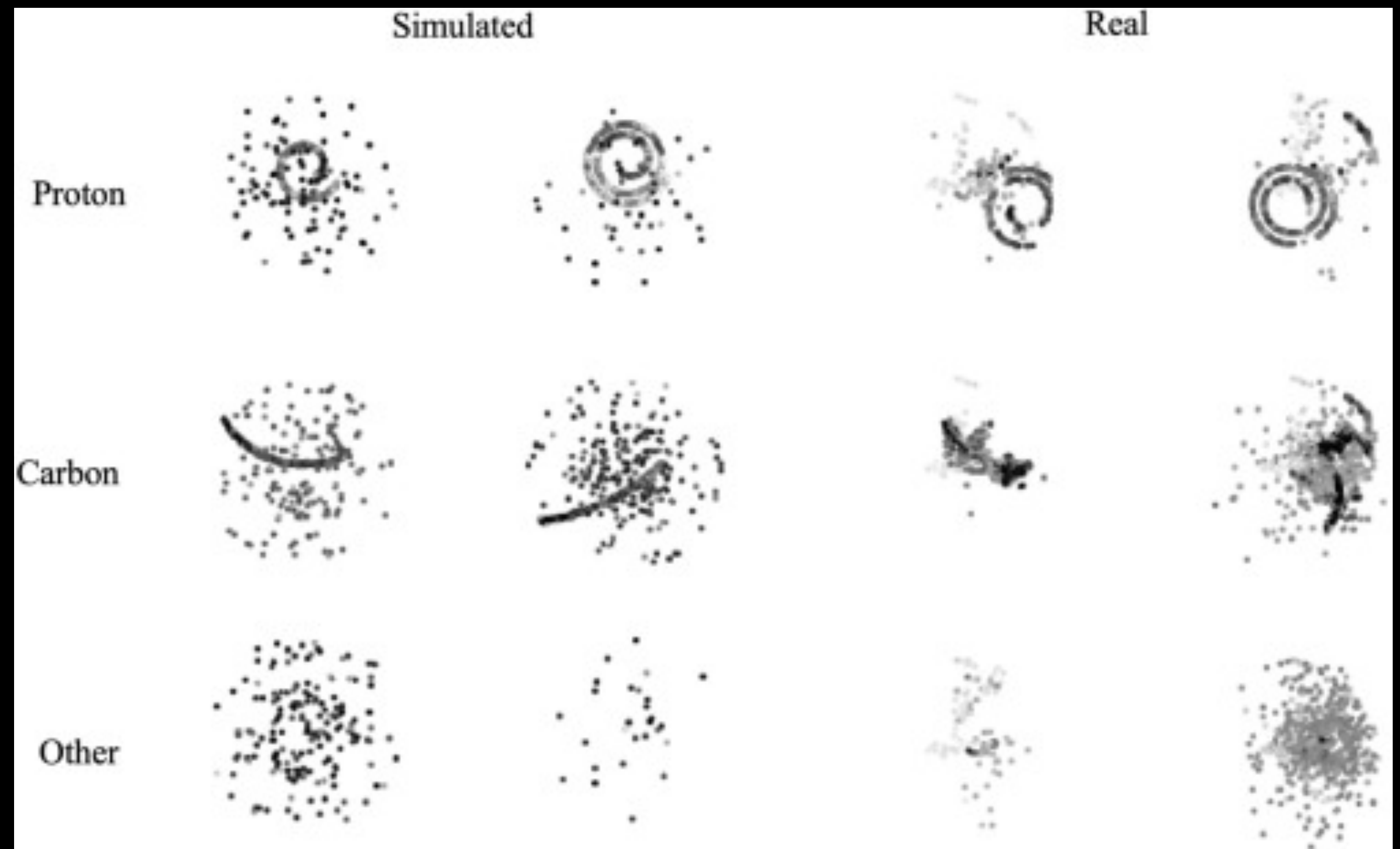
# CONVOLUTED NEURAL NETWORKS

- Image recognition expert
  - Convolution filters designed to extract different features of data
  - Feature maps are then processed and reduced using pooling stage
  - Several convolution layers can be assembled to form a deep learning NN
  - In the end, the most important is to train the CNN on a wide variety of samples



# TEST ON AT-TPC DATA

- Classify events
  - $^{46}\text{Ar}$  scattering on  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$
  - Recoil can either be p or  $^{12}\text{C}$
  - Both types of events are observed in the AT-TPC
  - Neural networks are trained on simulated data only
  - Downsampling necessary to reduce number of inputs



***M. P. Kuchera et al., NIM A 940, 156 (2019)***

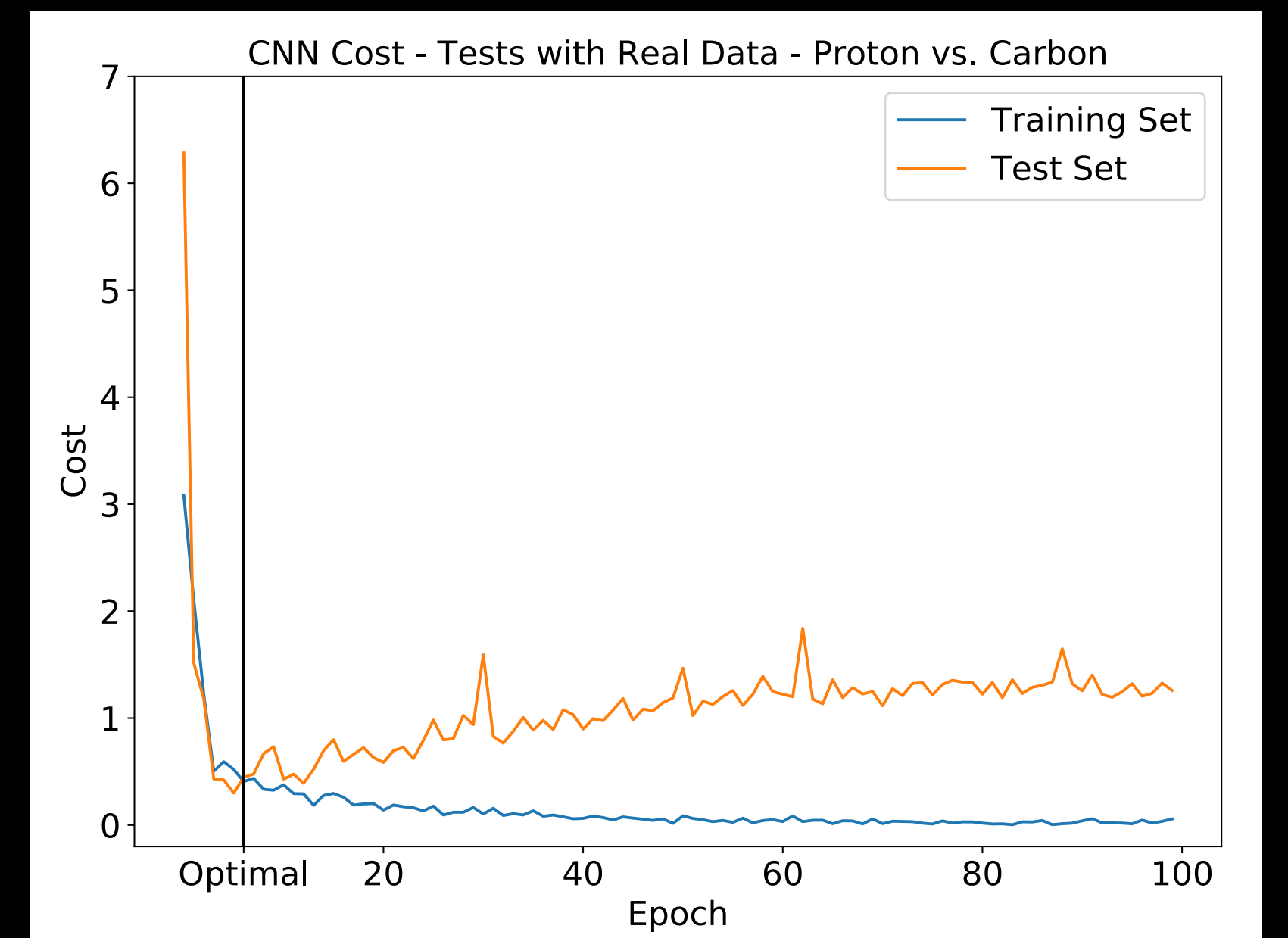
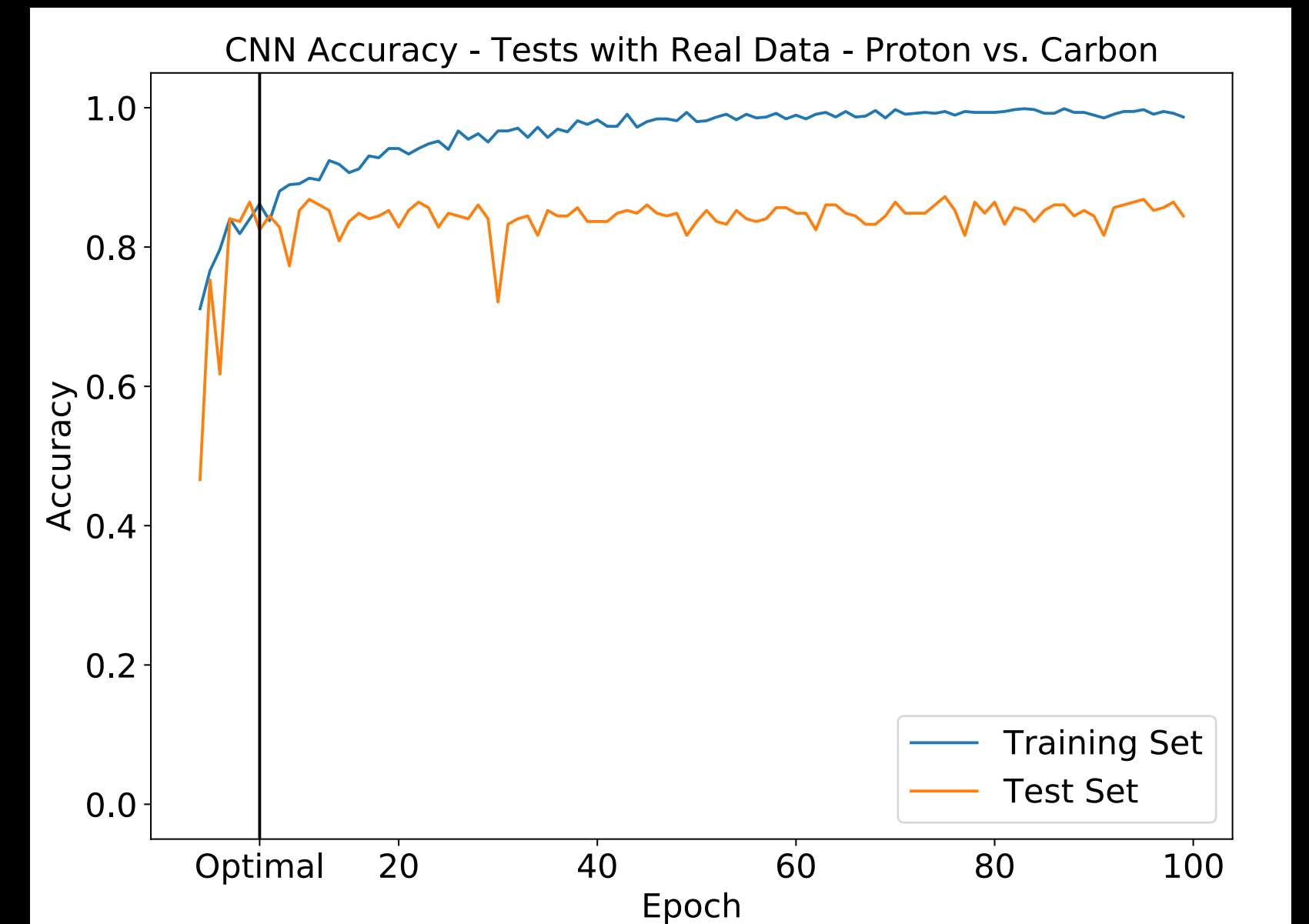
# NEURAL NETWORKS RESULTS

- Amount of training necessary
  - Overfitting: no improvement after the optimal number of passes through training
  - Cost function shows the same trend
- Performance
  - Simulated vs real data

Class	F1 Score		
	LR	NN	CNN
Proton	0.55	0.69	0.77
Carbon	0.87	0.97	0.78
Other	0.71	0.75	0.93

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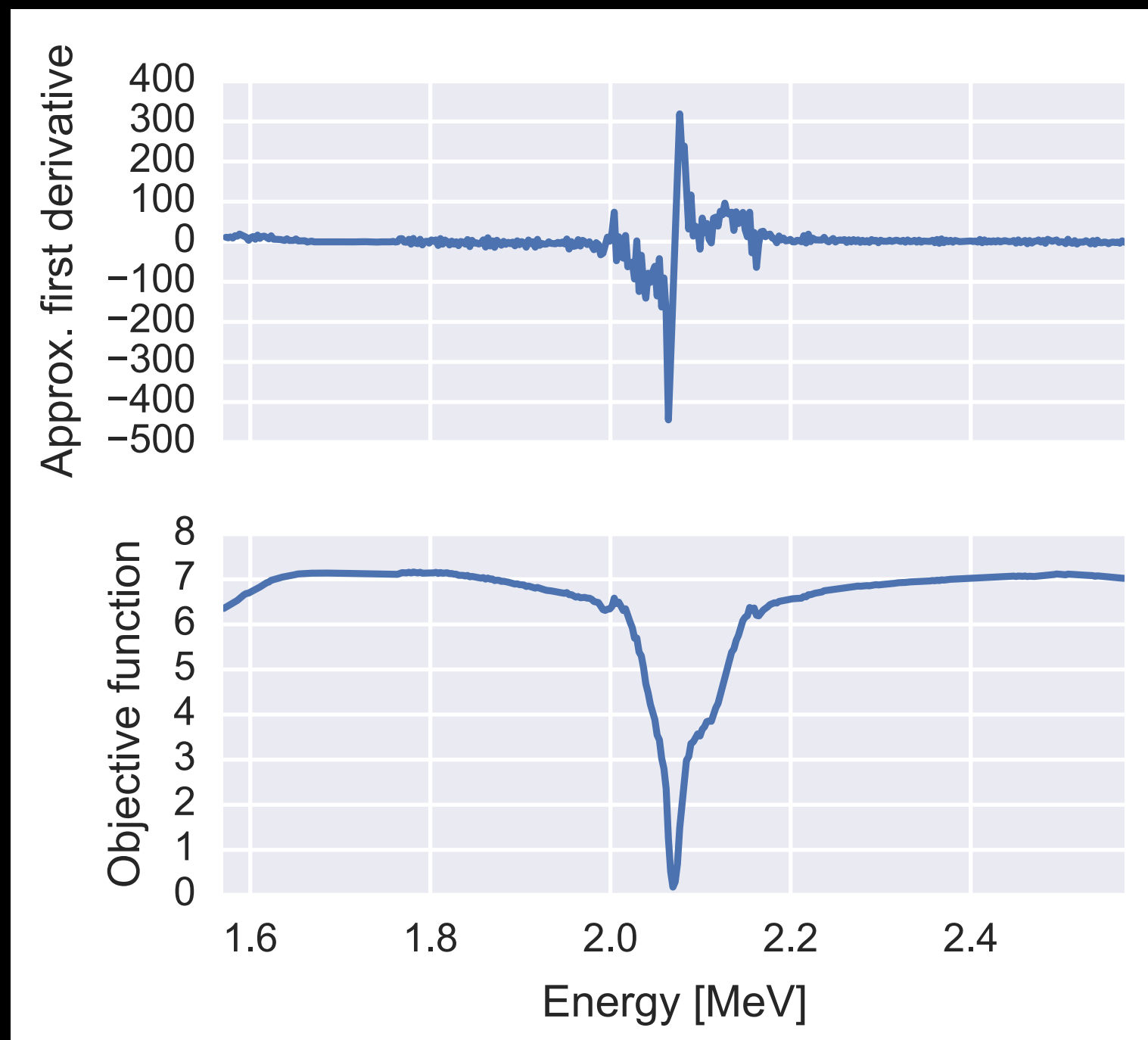
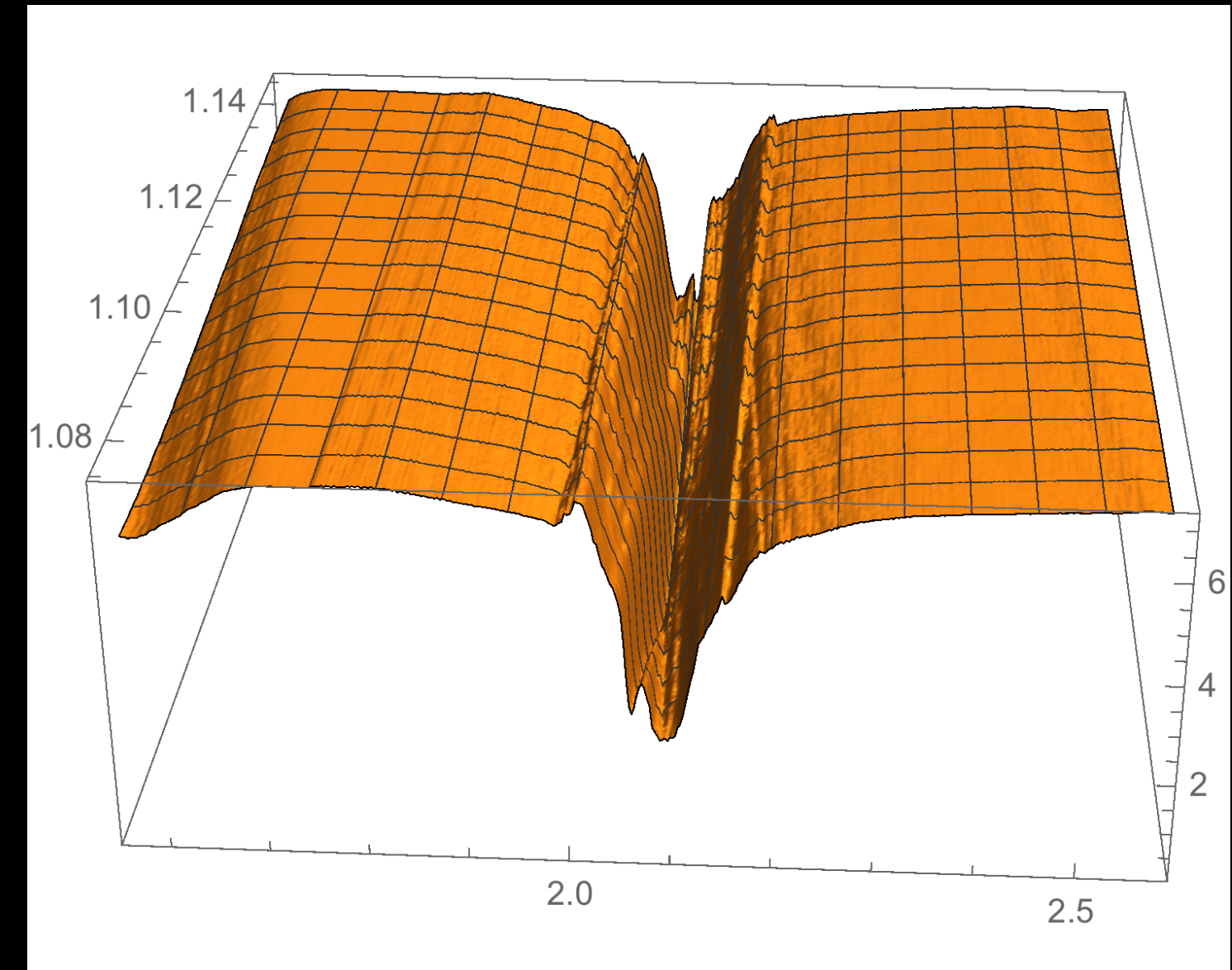


# FITTING

- Extract physical parameters
  - Need good initial guess
  - Define objective function
  - Use robust algorithm
- Methods
  - Results from cleaning algorithms
  - Least-square on positions, energies
  - Gradient, Monte-Carlo, etc...

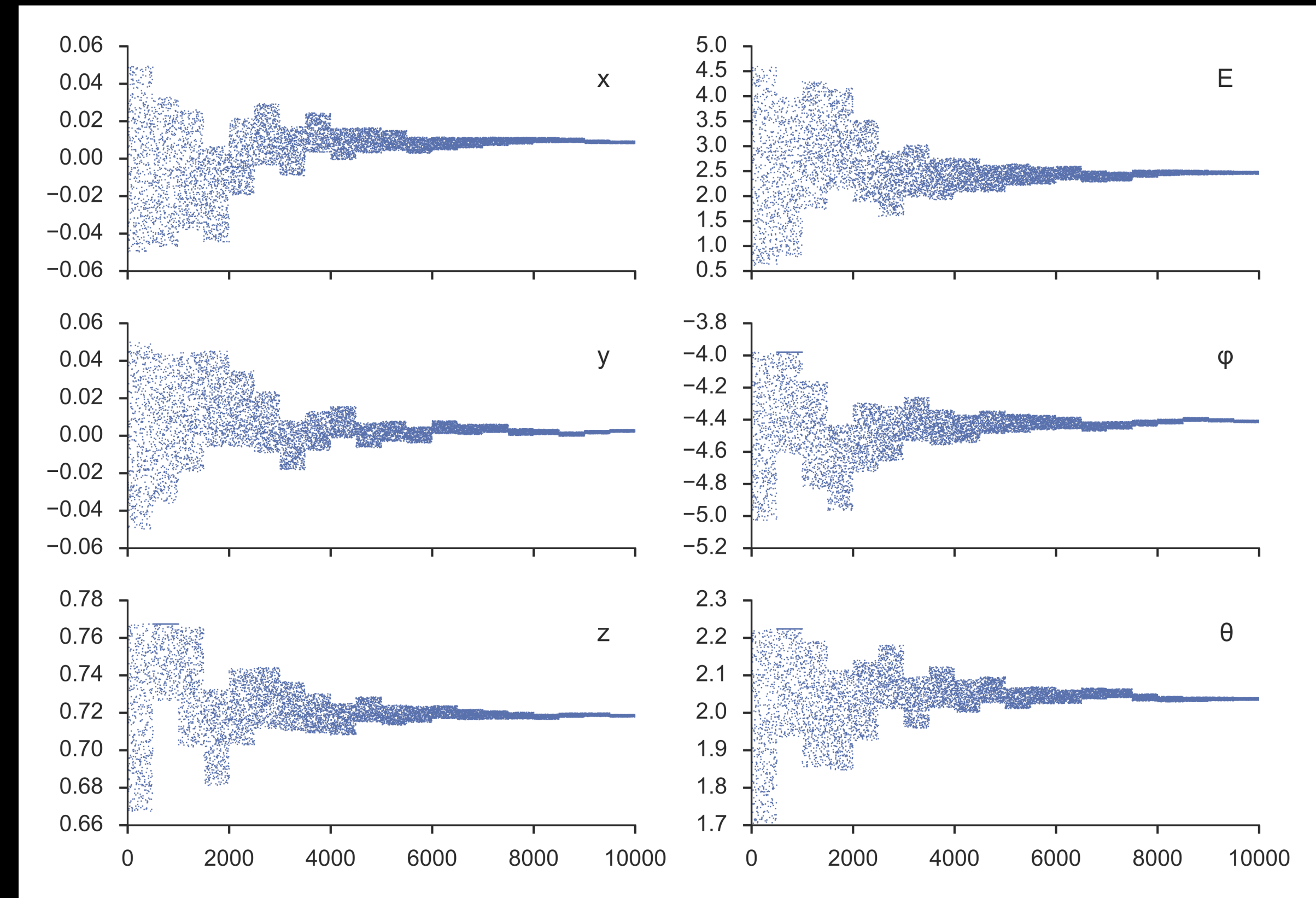
# GRADIENT METHODS

- Most used fitting methods
  - Rely on good derivatives of the objective function
  - Signal variation on pads highly non-linear
  - Example shows energy  $\chi^2$  as a function of energy and scattering angle
  - Algorithm most likely to get trapped in local minima



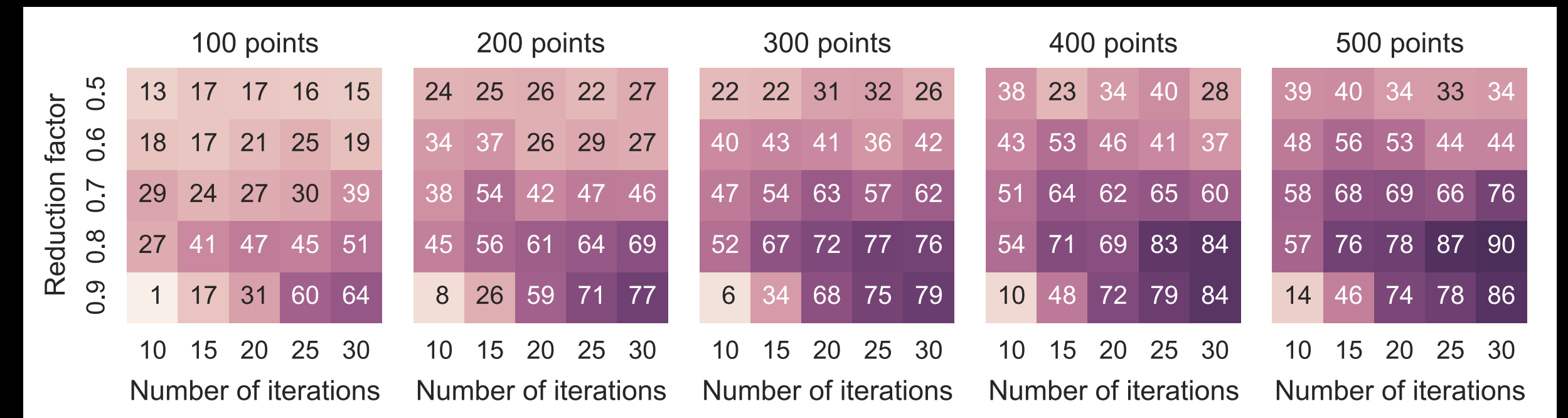
# MONTE-CARLO FITTING

- Iterative method based on simulation
  - Generate set of randomly simulated events within parameter space
  - Select track with the lowest value of the objective function
  - Recenter the parameter space around best value and shrink by scale factor
  - Repeat process for a fixed number of iteration or until achieved precision is satisfactory

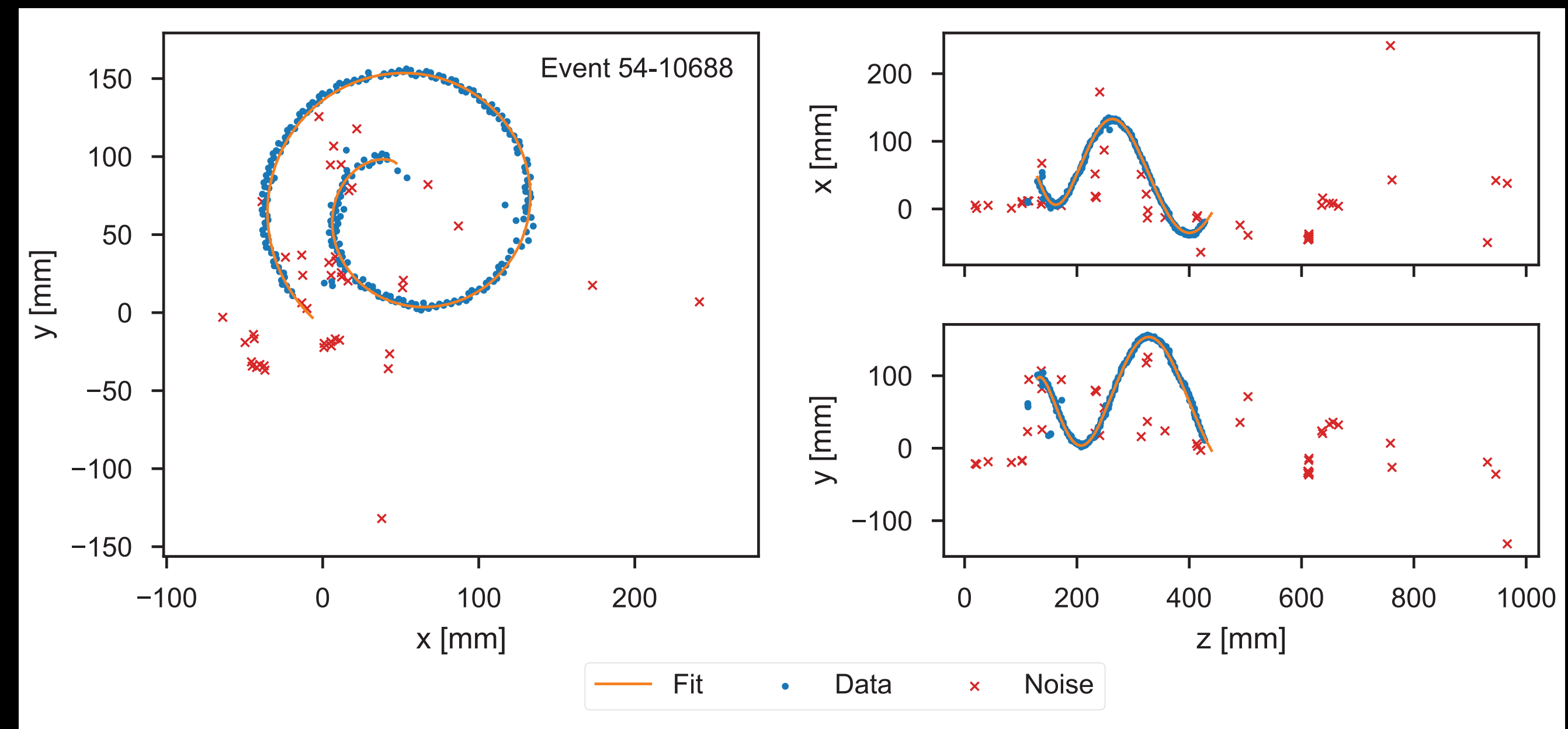


# MONTÉ-CARLO FITTING

- Advantages
  - Very robust against non-linearities
  - Unlikely to fall into local minima
  - So far has given the best results
- Drawbacks
  - Relies on simulations
  - Requires numerous trials (1000's per event)
  - Needs parallel programming and processing



## Performance study

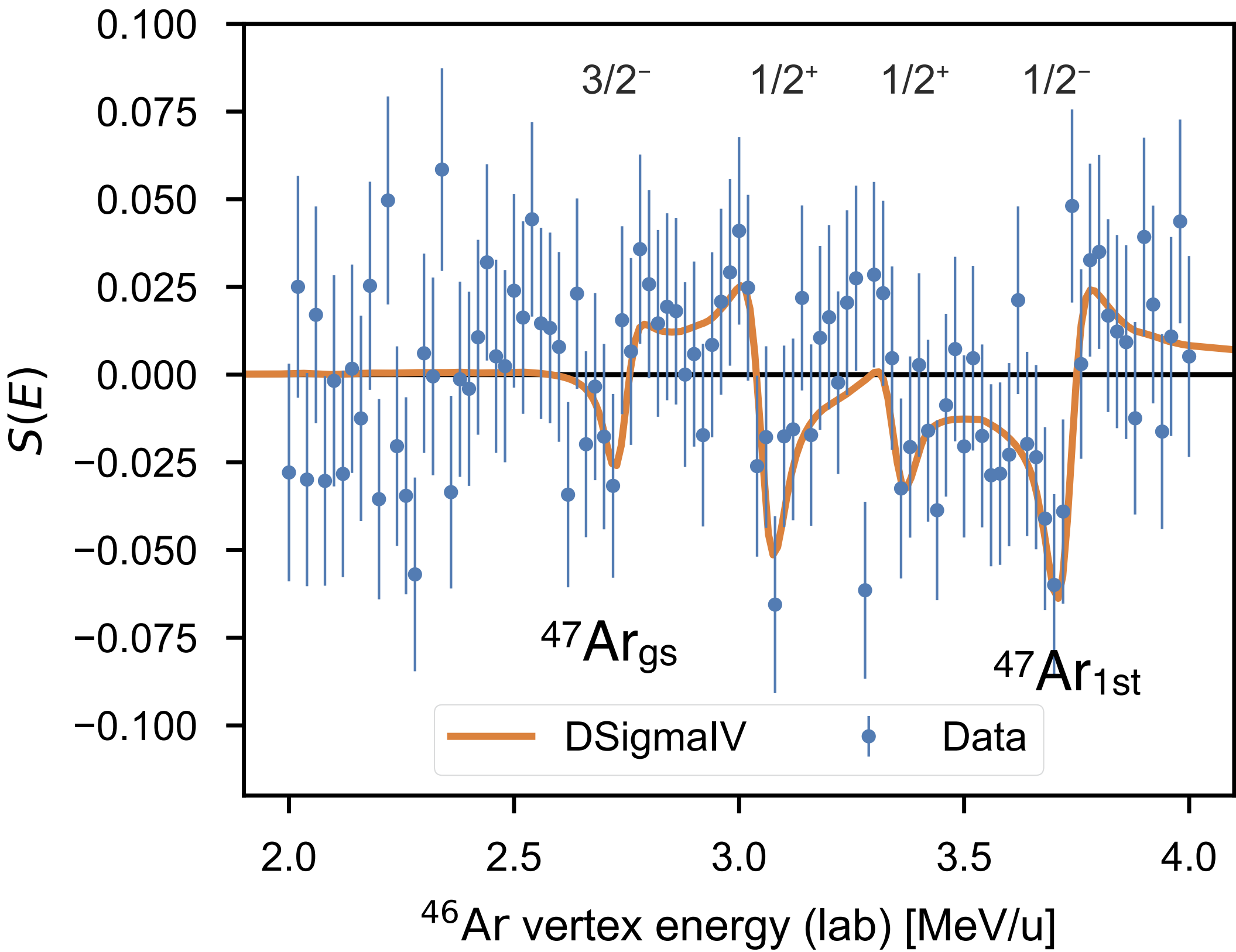


## Example from AT-TPC data

# RESULTS: AT-TPC

- Fit using four resonances by adjusting energies, spectroscopic factors, widths in R-matrix calculation
- $T_{>}$  resonances in  $^{47}\text{K}^*$  analog to  $^{47}\text{Ar}_{\text{gs}}$  and  $^{47}\text{Ar}_{1\text{st}}$ , as well as possibly  $T_{<}$  resonances
- Statistics is borderline

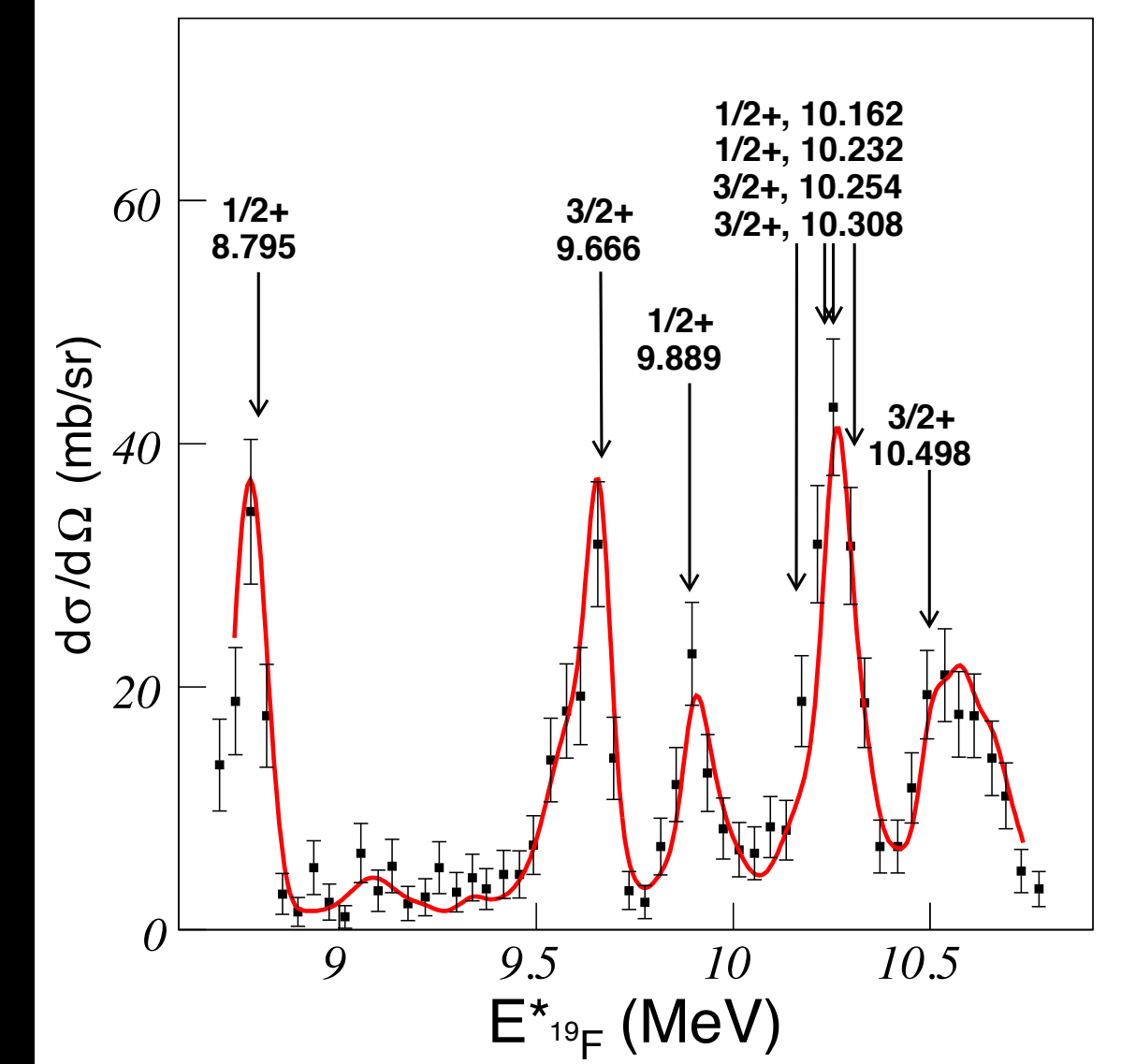
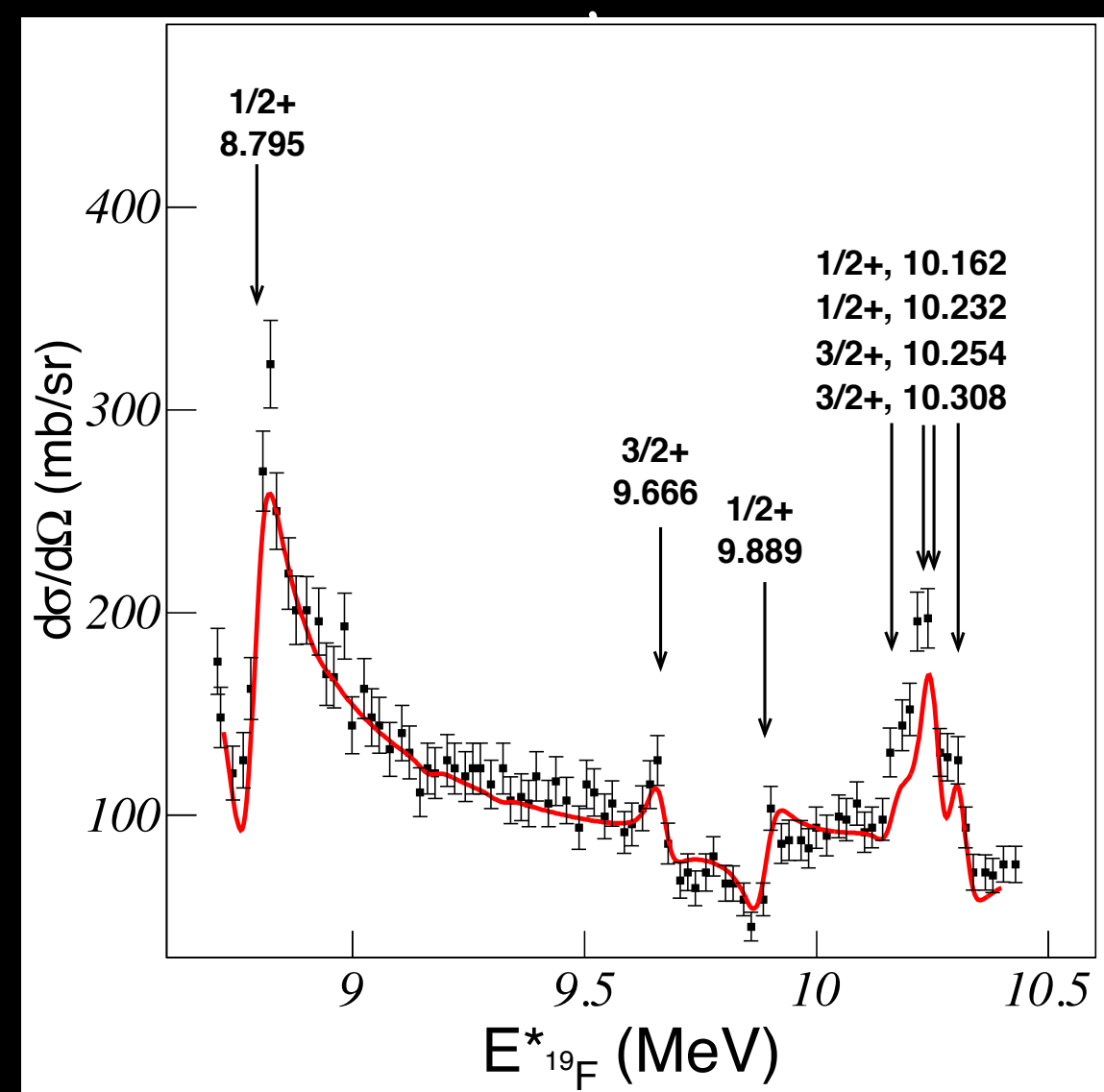
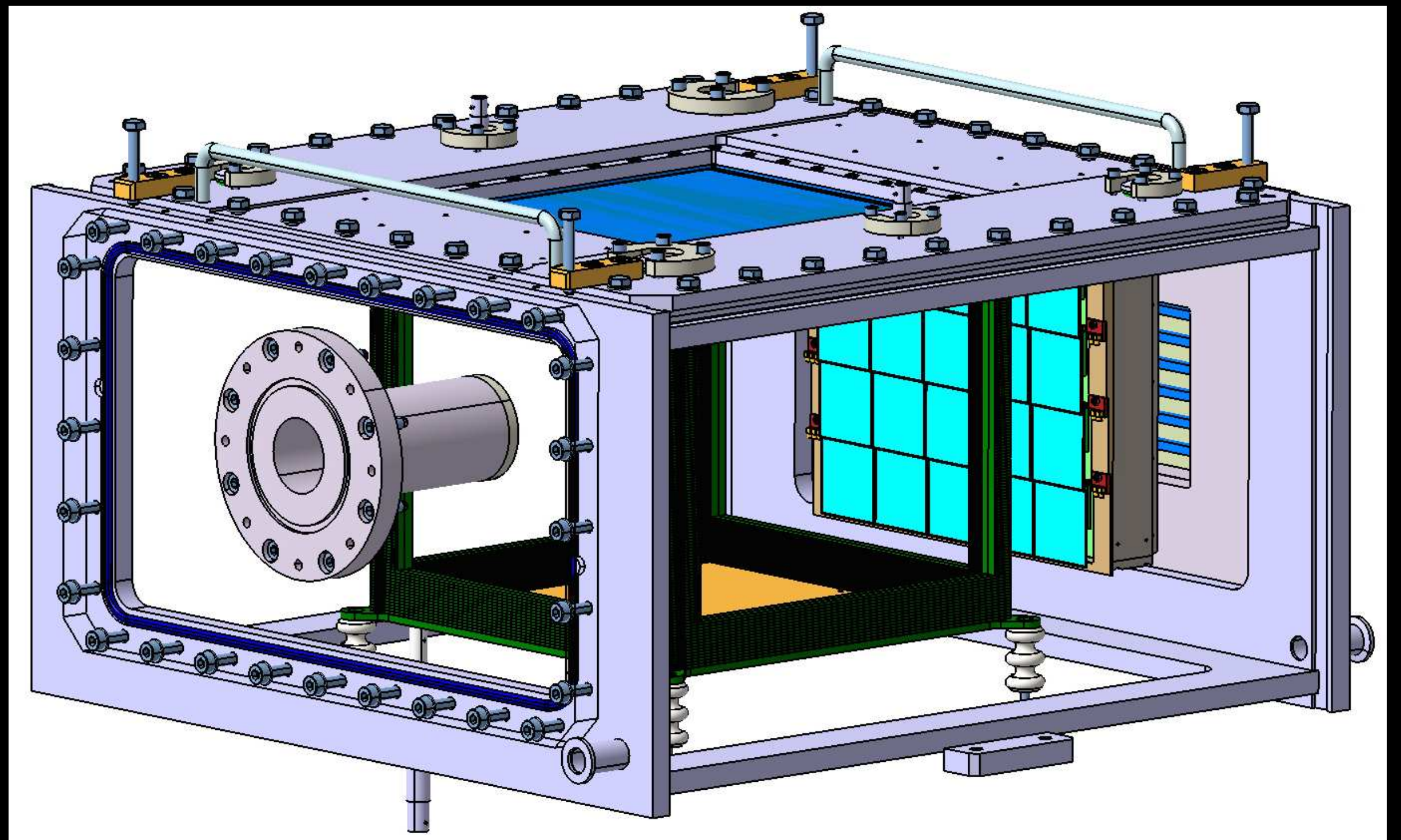
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$E_{\text{res}}^{\text{CM}}$ (keV)	$E_x$ (keV)	$J^\pi$	$T_z$	$S$	$\Gamma$ (keV)	$\Gamma_p$ (keV)	$F$	$p$
$2680 \pm 108 \pm 20$	$0 \pm 91 \pm 28$	$3/2^-$	$11/2$ ( $^{47}\text{Ar}$ )	$0.27 \pm 0.03^{+0.21}_{-0.13}$	15(10)	4.3(4)	2.14	0.15
$2990^{+117}_{-124} \pm 20$	$310^{+91}_{-92} \pm 28$	$1/2^+$	$9/2$ ( $^{47}\text{K}$ )	$0.027 \pm 0.006^{+0.013}_{-0.007}$	30(10)	20(2)	3.59	0.04
$3280^{+125}_{-127} \pm 20$	$600^{+92}_{-93} \pm 28$	$1/2^+$	$9/2$ ( $^{47}\text{K}$ )	$0.008 \pm 0.002^{+0.005}_{-0.006}$	18(10)	8.0(8)	0.68	0.58
$3650^{+137}_{-147} \pm 20$	$970^{+95}_{-99} \pm 28$	$1/2^-$	$11/2$ ( $^{47}\text{Ar}$ )	$0.42 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.09$	34(10)	24(2)	5.50	0.01

# RESULTS: ACTAR

- Perpendicular geometry: electrons drift perpendicular to beam direction
- Ancillary detectors: Silicon and CsI detectors detect particles that escape gas volume
- Commissioning experiment using  $^{18}\text{O}$  on proton (isobutane target)
- Resonances in (p,p) and (p, $\alpha$ ) channels



**B. Mauss et al., NIM A 940, 498 (2019)**

# THE FUTURE OF ACTIVE TARGETS

- Active target TPCs are **3D cameras** for nuclear reactions
- First results from existing devices encouraging
- Gain in luminosity paramount for **rare isotope beams**
- Other methods (passive target) still preferred for higher intensities
- Limitations can be overcome using clever design and electronic tricks
- Applications to new types of reactions and physics themes are likely
- Active target detectors are fun!

# ACTIVE TARGETS AROUND THE WORLD

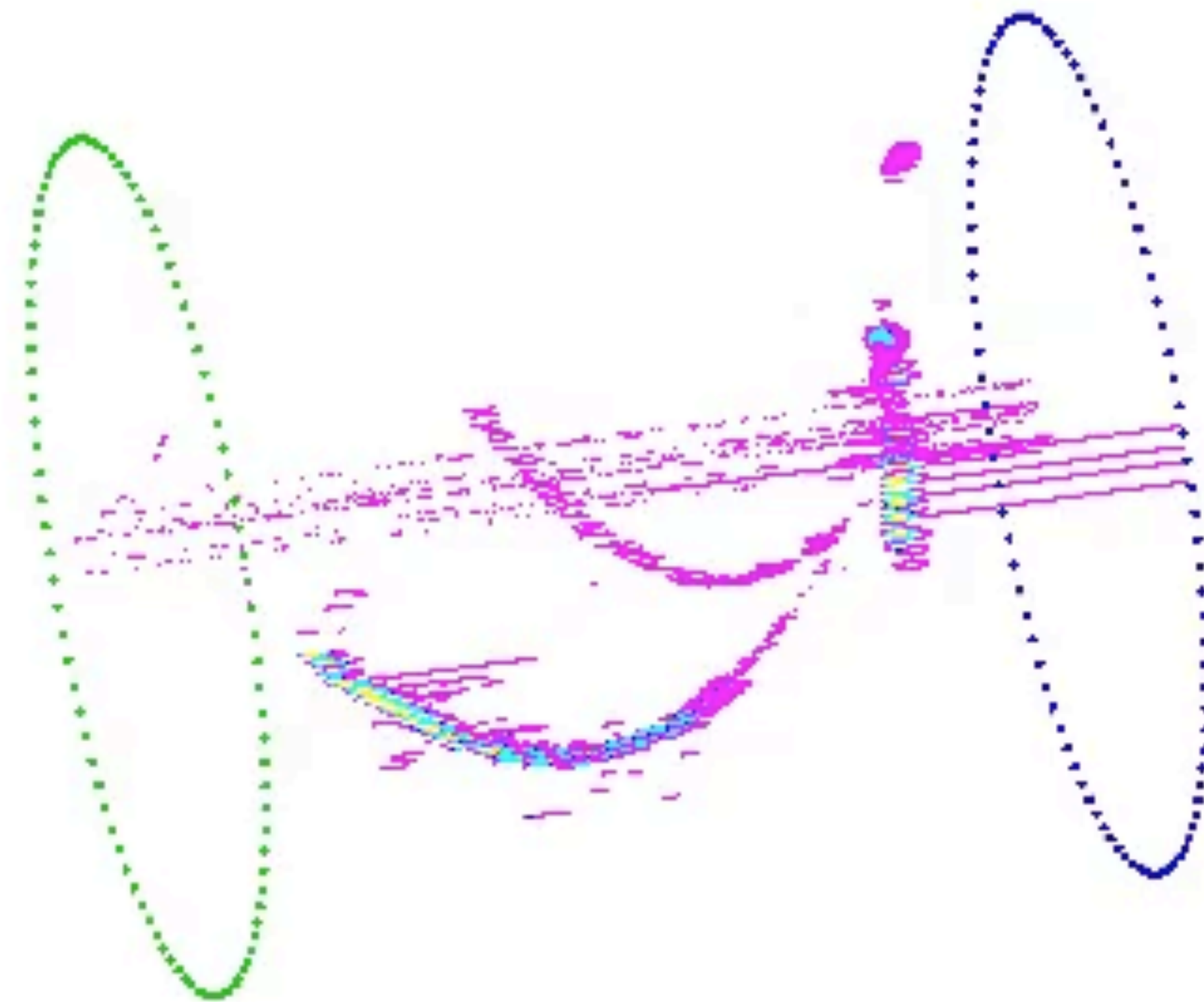
Table 1: Active Targets in operation or being constructed.

Name	Lab	gas ampl.	Volume [liter]	Volume [ $cm^3$ ]	pressure [atm]	Energy [MeV/n]	elec tronics	N <sup>0</sup> of chan.	sta tus <sup>a</sup>	ref
Ikar	GSI	NA	75	$60 \cdot 20^2 \pi$	10	$\gtrsim 700$	FADC	6*3	O	[43]
Maya	GANIL	wire	7.5	$30 \cdot 28.3^2$	0.02-2	2-60	gassiplex	1024	O	[44]
ACTAR TPC	GANIL	$\mu$ megas	8	$20^3$	0.01-3	2-60	GET	16000	C,P	[17]
MSTPC <sup>b</sup>	CNS	wires	21 <sub>c</sub>	$70 \cdot 15 \cdot 20$	<0.3	0.5-5	FADC	128	O	[23] [45]
CAT	CNS	GEM	2.5	$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 25$	0.2-1	100-200	FADC	400	T	[21]
MAIKo	RNCP	$\mu$ -PIC	2.7	$14^3$	0.4-1	10-100	FADC	2×256	T	[18]
pAT-TPC	MSU	$\mu$ megas	47	$50 \cdot 12.5^2 \pi$	0.01-1	1-10	GET	256	T,O	[22]
AT-TPC	FRIB	$\mu$ megas	200	$100 \cdot 25^2 \pi$	0.01-1	1-100	GET	10240	O	[46]
TACTIC	TRIUMF	GEM	7.5	$24 \cdot 10^2 \pi$	0.25-1	1-10	FADC	48	T	[19]
ANASEN	FSU/ LSU	wires	13	$43 \cdot 10^2 \pi$	0.1-1	1-10	ASIC	512	O	[9]
MINOS	IRFU	$\mu$ megas	6	6000	1	>120	feminos	5000	O	[47]
O-TPC	TUNL	grid	19	$21 \cdot 30^2$	0.1	$\sim 10$ CCD	optical	2048× 2048	O	[48]
SpecMAT	Leuvan	$\mu$ megas					GET		T	[28]
TexAT	Texas AM	$\mu$ megas	5	$(22.4)^2 \cdot 10.15$			GET	1024	T	[19]
ACTAF	FAIR	wires	200	$100 \cdot 25^2 \pi$	20	1000	FADC	288	T	[49]
IRIS ATTPC	TRIUMF	$\mu$ megas + TGEM			1-10		GET		P	[50]

<sup>a</sup> O: operational, C: under construction, P: Project, T: test device

<sup>b</sup> Two GEM versions: GEM-MSTPC (CNS) [51, 52] GEM-MSTPC (KEK) [53, 54] <sup>c</sup> GEM-MSTPC (CNS):  $23.5 \cdot 29.5 \cdot 10.0$ , GEM-MSTPC (KEK):  $10cm \cdot 10.0 \cdot 10.0$

Run 252  
Event 30626



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