



# Electromagnetic Design of the Spectrometer Section of the KATRIN Experiment

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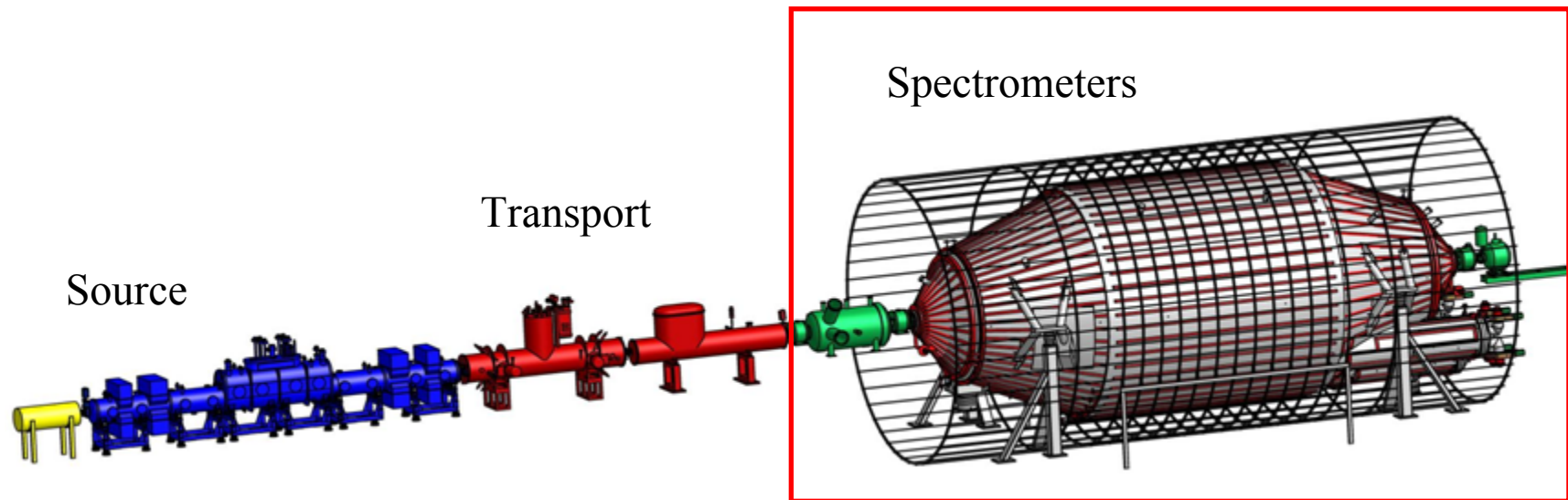
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# Overview

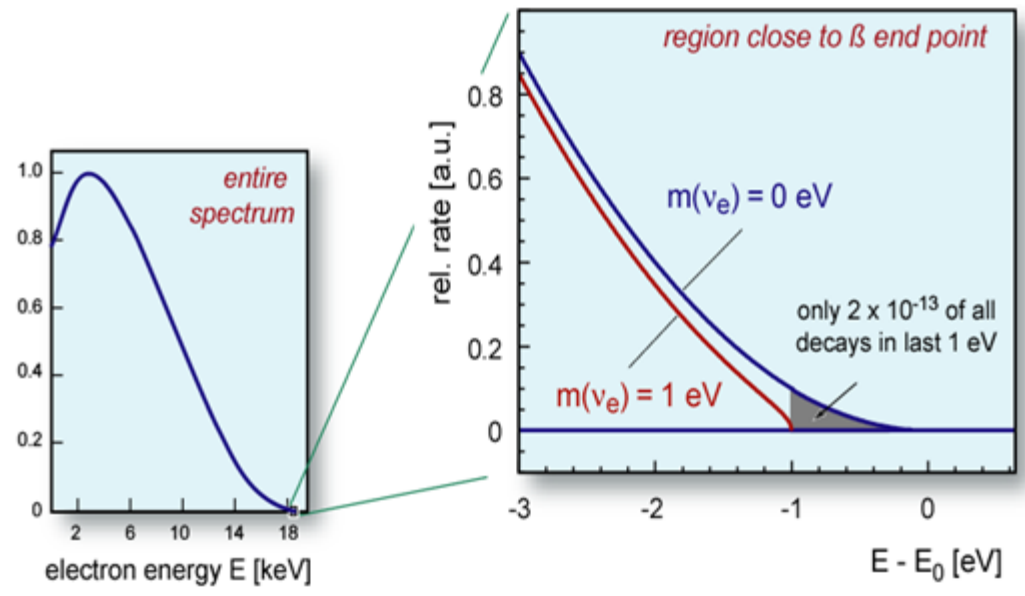
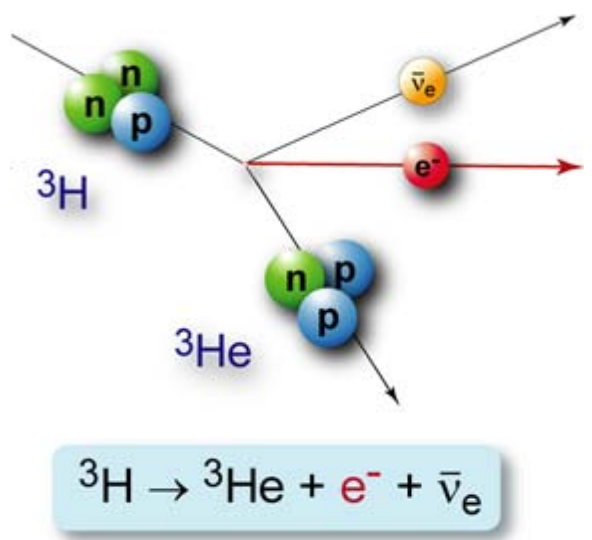
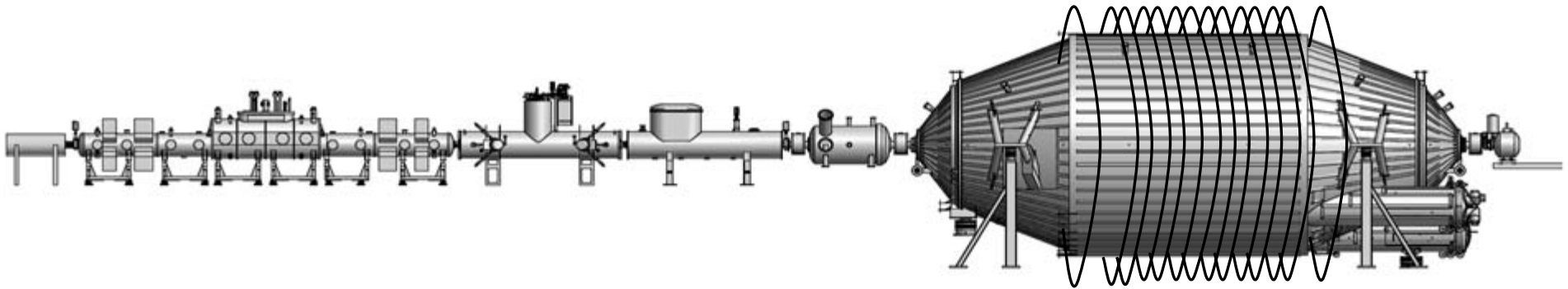
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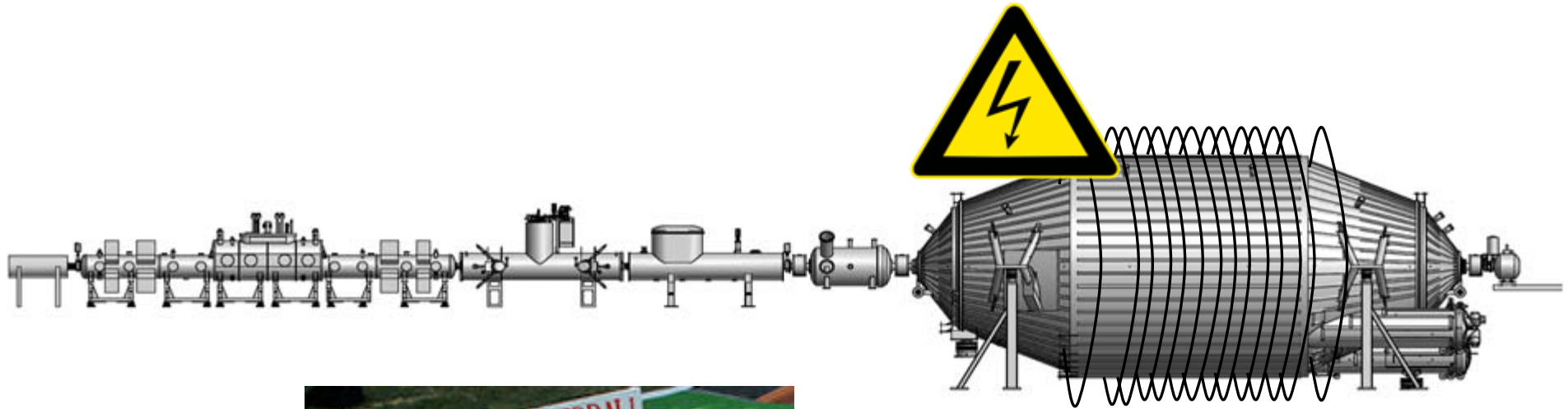
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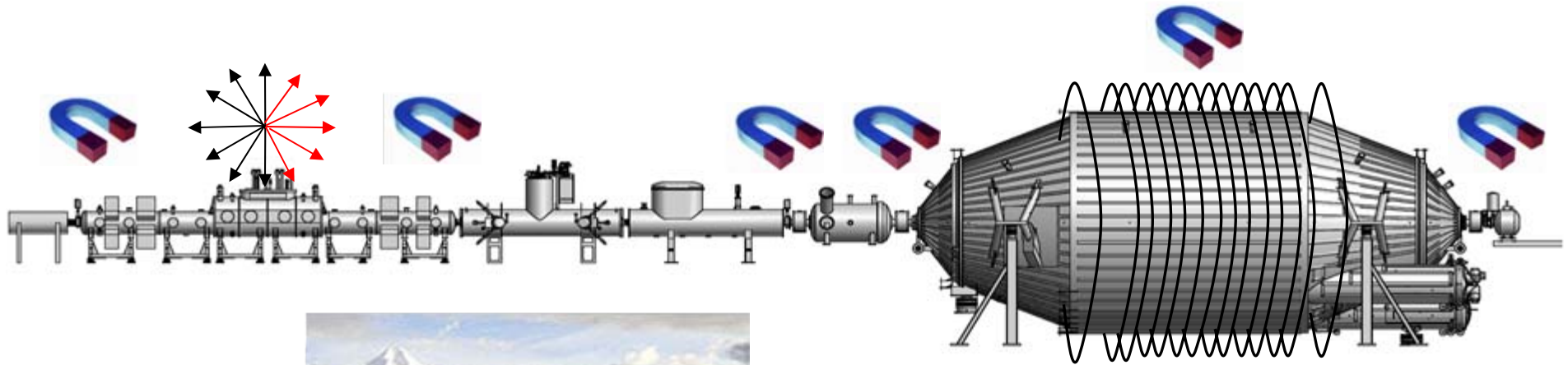
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# Role of the electric potential: high energy electron filter



# Role of the magnetic field: guiding system

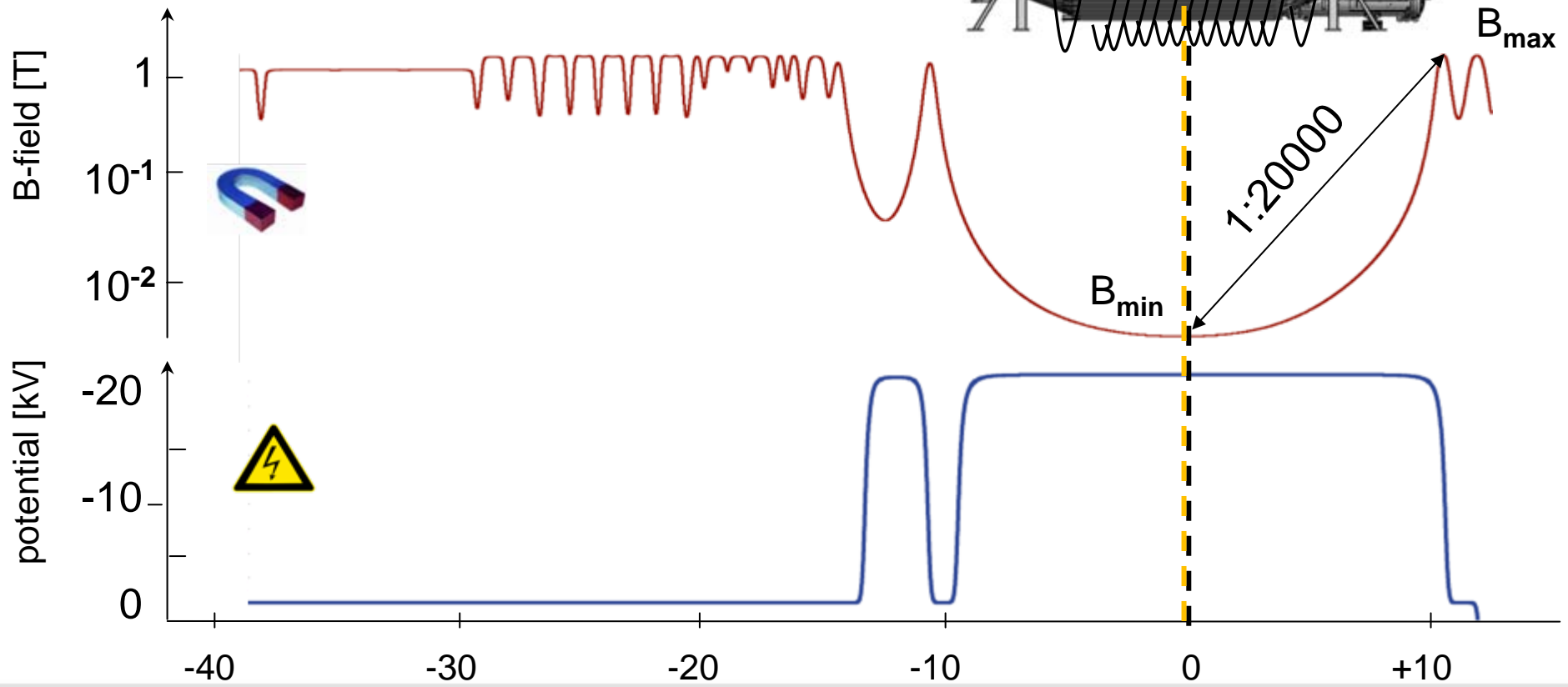
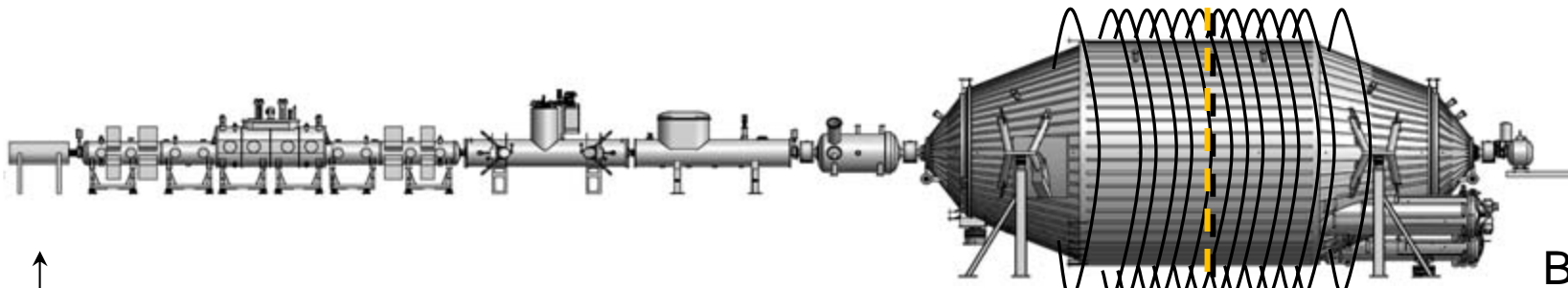




# Interplay of electric potential and magnetic field

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- Electron kinetic energy:

$$E_{\text{kinetic}} = E_{\text{longitudinal}} + E_{\text{cyclotron}}$$

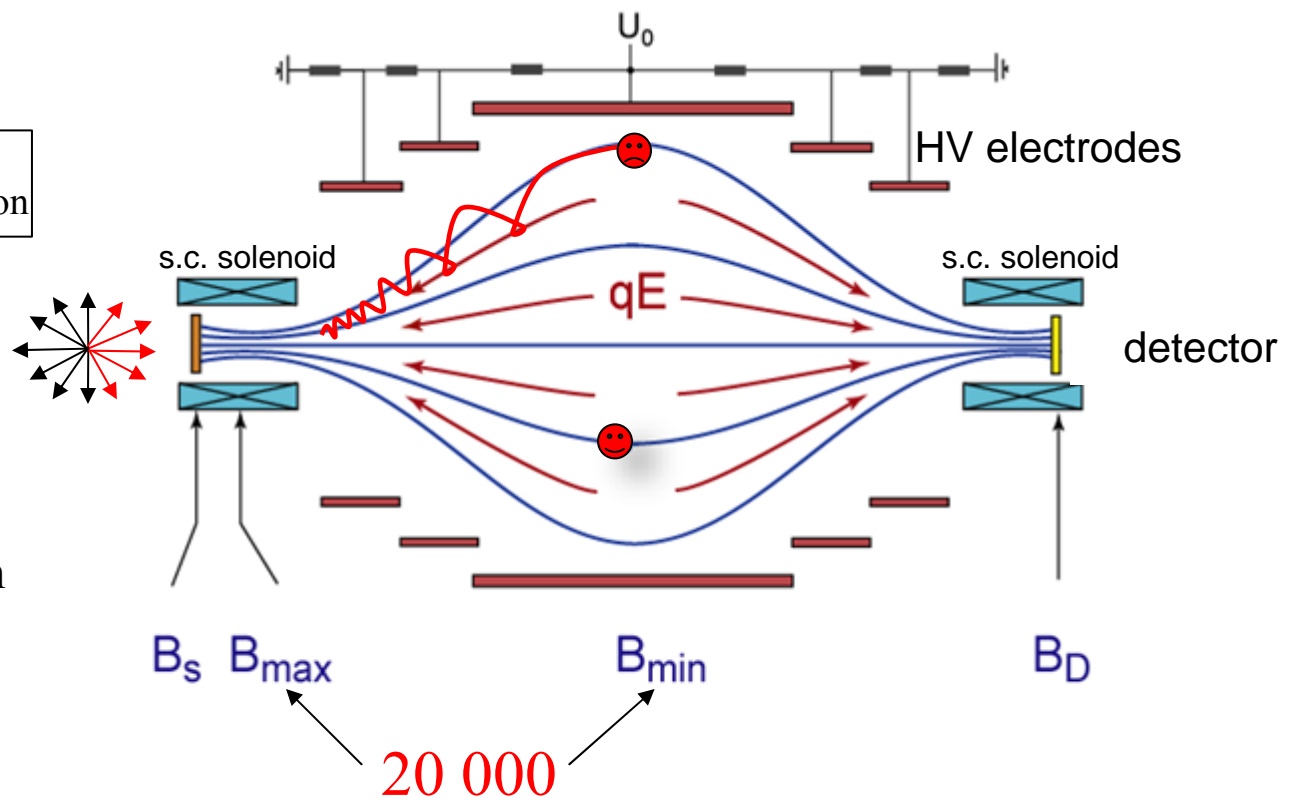
- Electron transmitted if:

$$E_{\text{longitudinal}} > 0 \text{ keV}$$

- Adiabatic motion of electron from high to low magnetic field:

$$E_{\text{cyclotron}} \rightarrow E_{\text{longitudinal}}$$

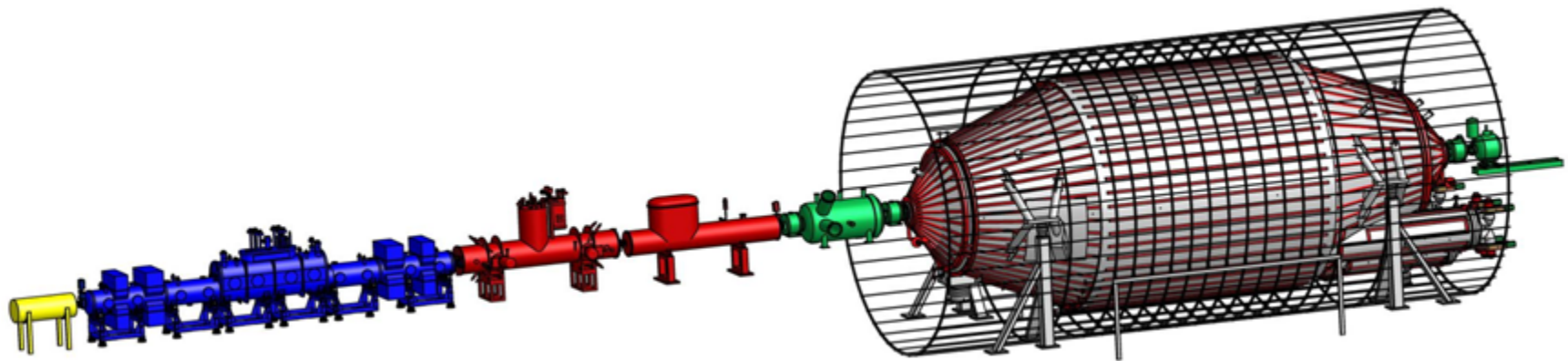
$$E_{\text{kinetic}} \approx E_{\text{longitudinal}} > 0 \text{ keV}$$



**MAC-E-Filter-Principle:**  
**M**agnetic **A**diabatic **C**ollimation and **E**lectric filter

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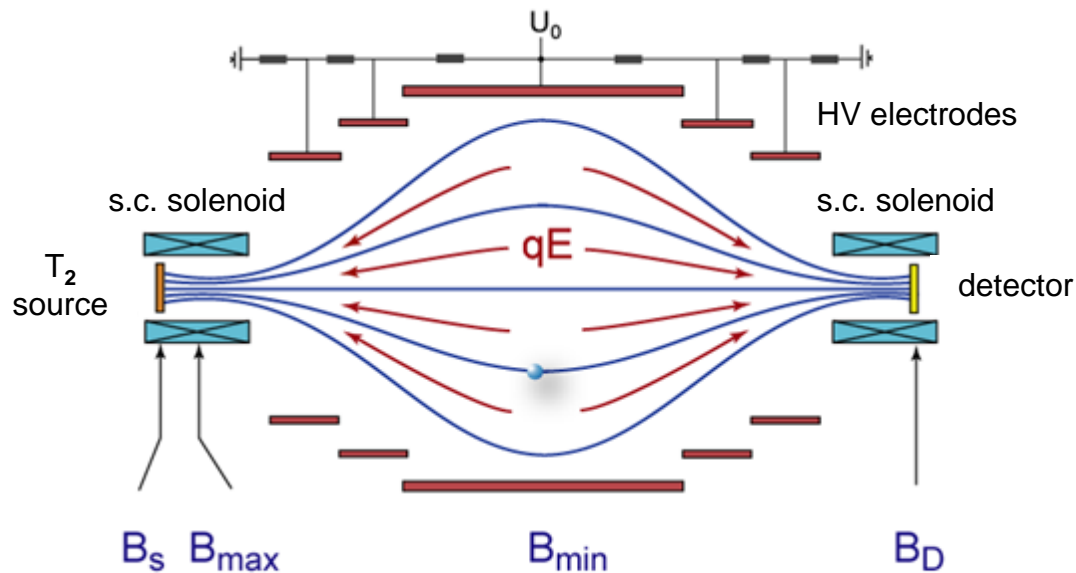
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Goal:

Realize the MAC-E-Filter principle in the optimal way



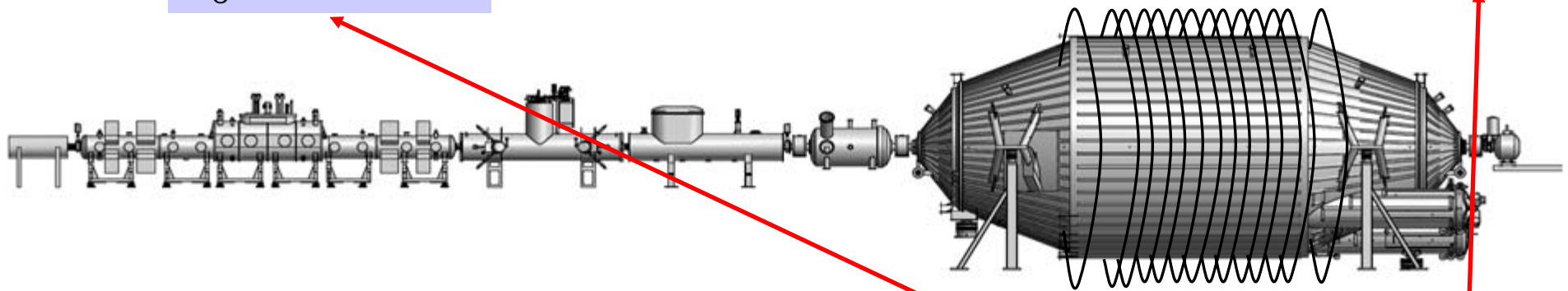
- Homogeneous electric potential in analyzing plane
- Homogeneous magnetic field in analyzing plane
- Slowly increasing electric potential relative to decrease of magnetic field
- Slowly decreasing magnetic field to assure adiabaticity

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Goal: Reduce Background

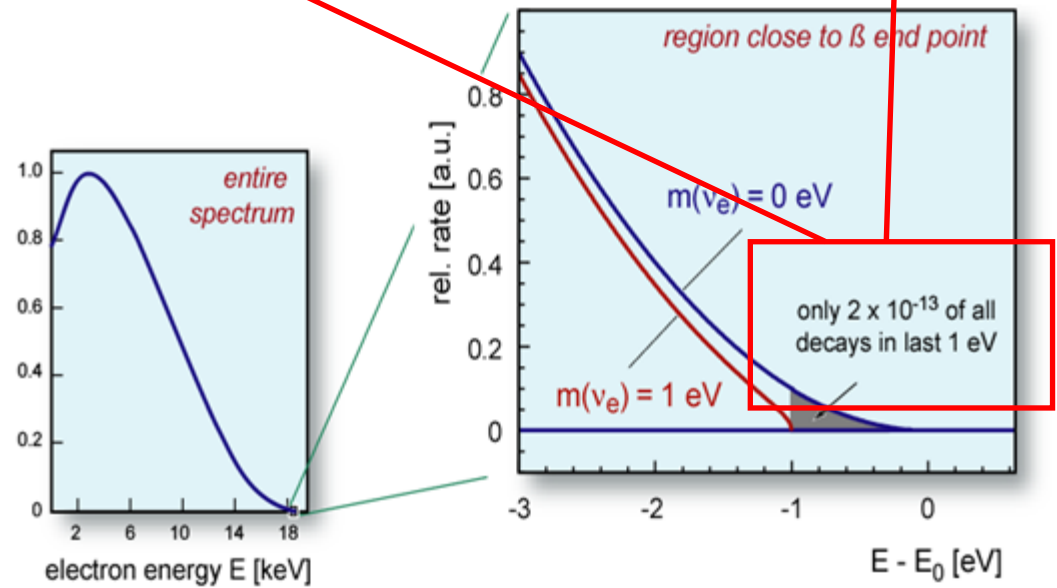
$$N_e/s = 10^{11}$$

$$N_e/s = 10^{-2}$$

1 Electron/min



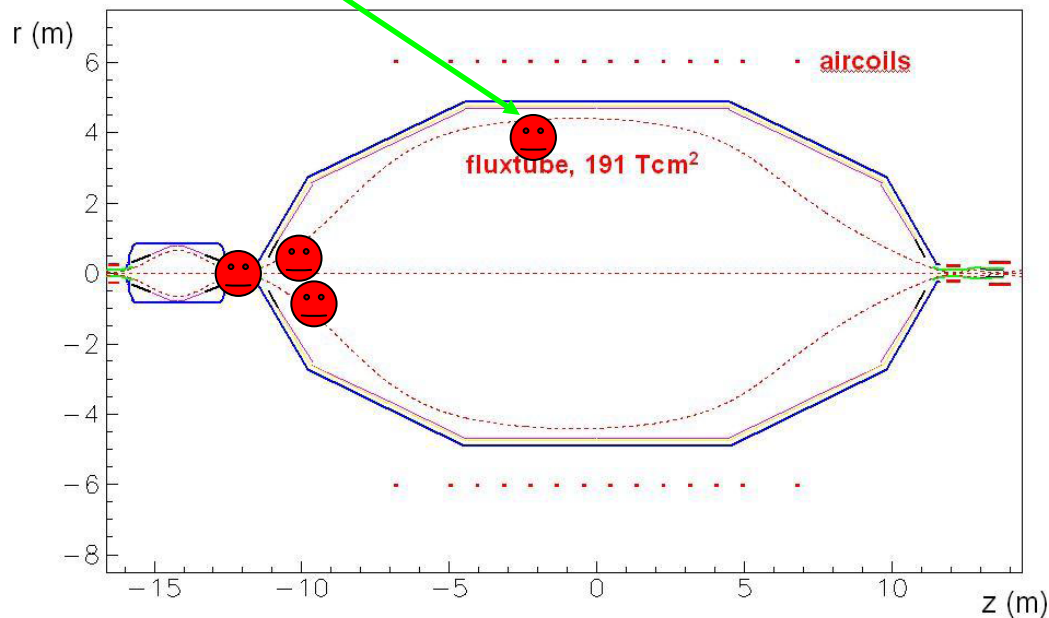
Probability:  $10^{-7}$



# Background Sources

1. Electrons being emitted from the inner surface of the wall
2. Stored Electrons in penning traps

 Cosmic muon



# Reduce background with the Electromagnetic Design

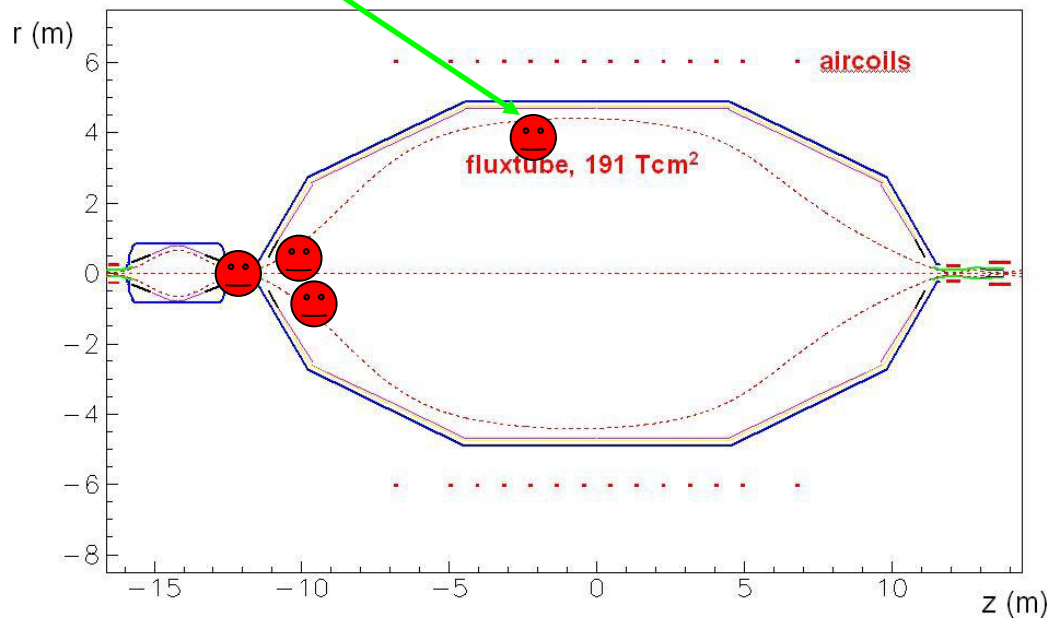
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 $10^{-2}$  electrons/s  
 = 10 mHz

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 → Magnetic shielding ( $10^5$ )  
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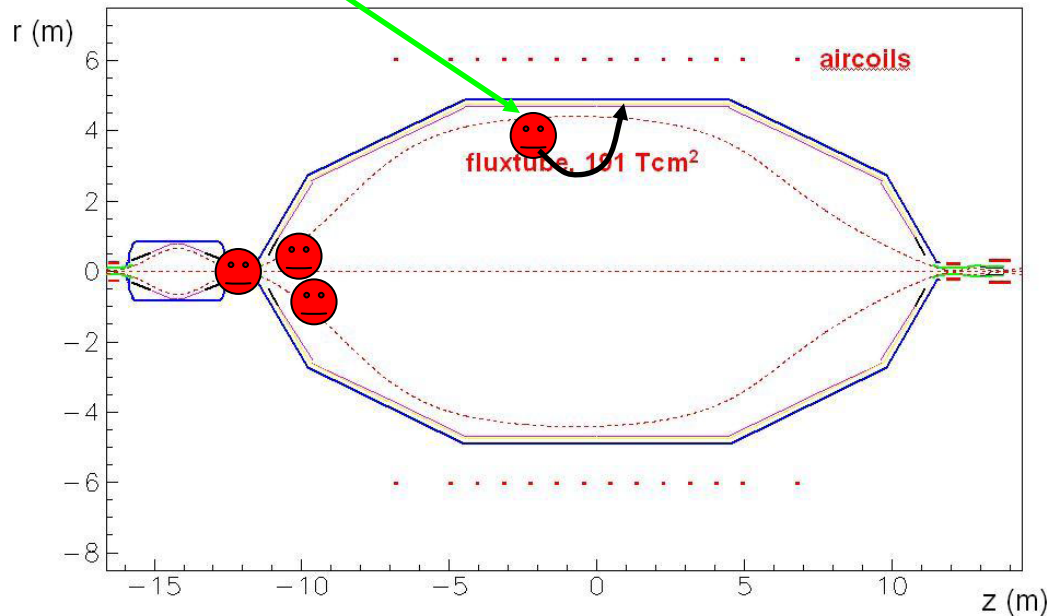
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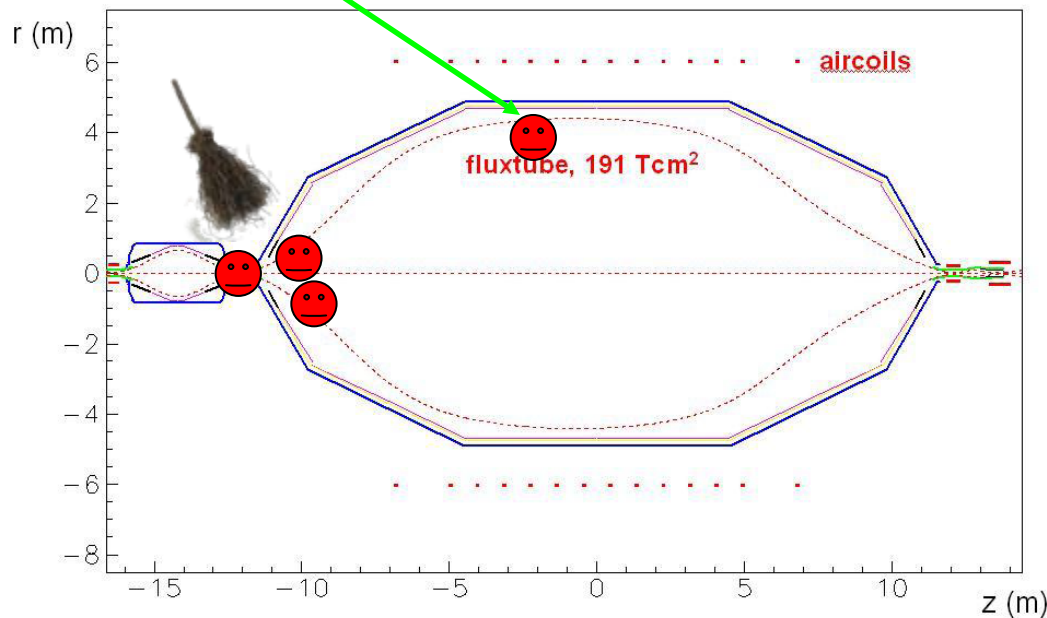
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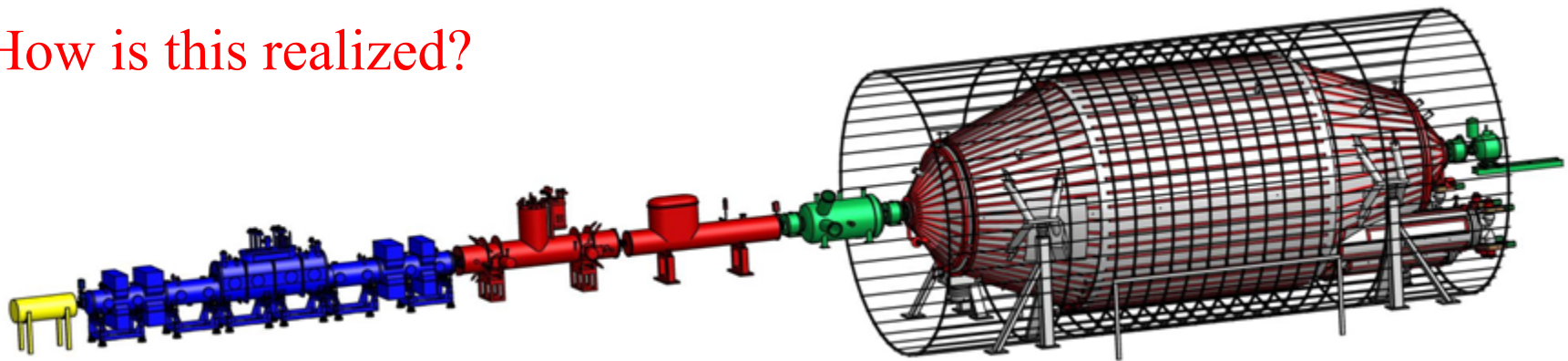


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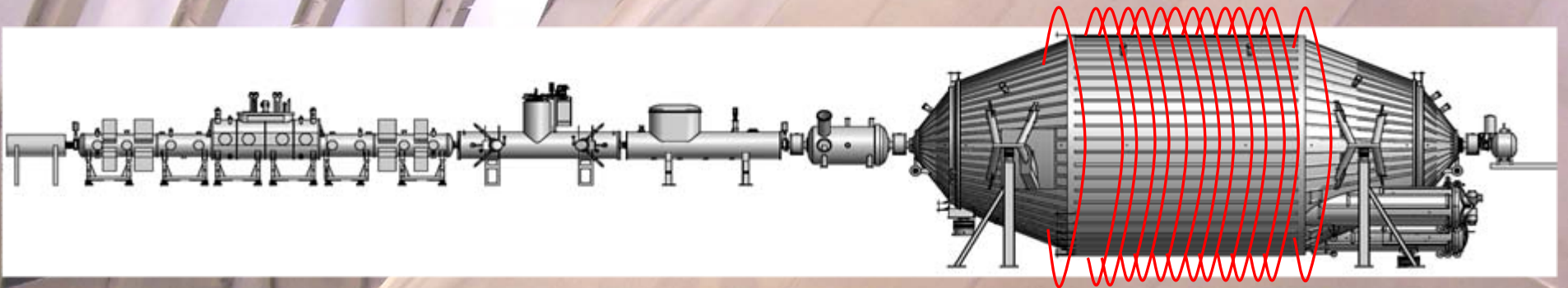


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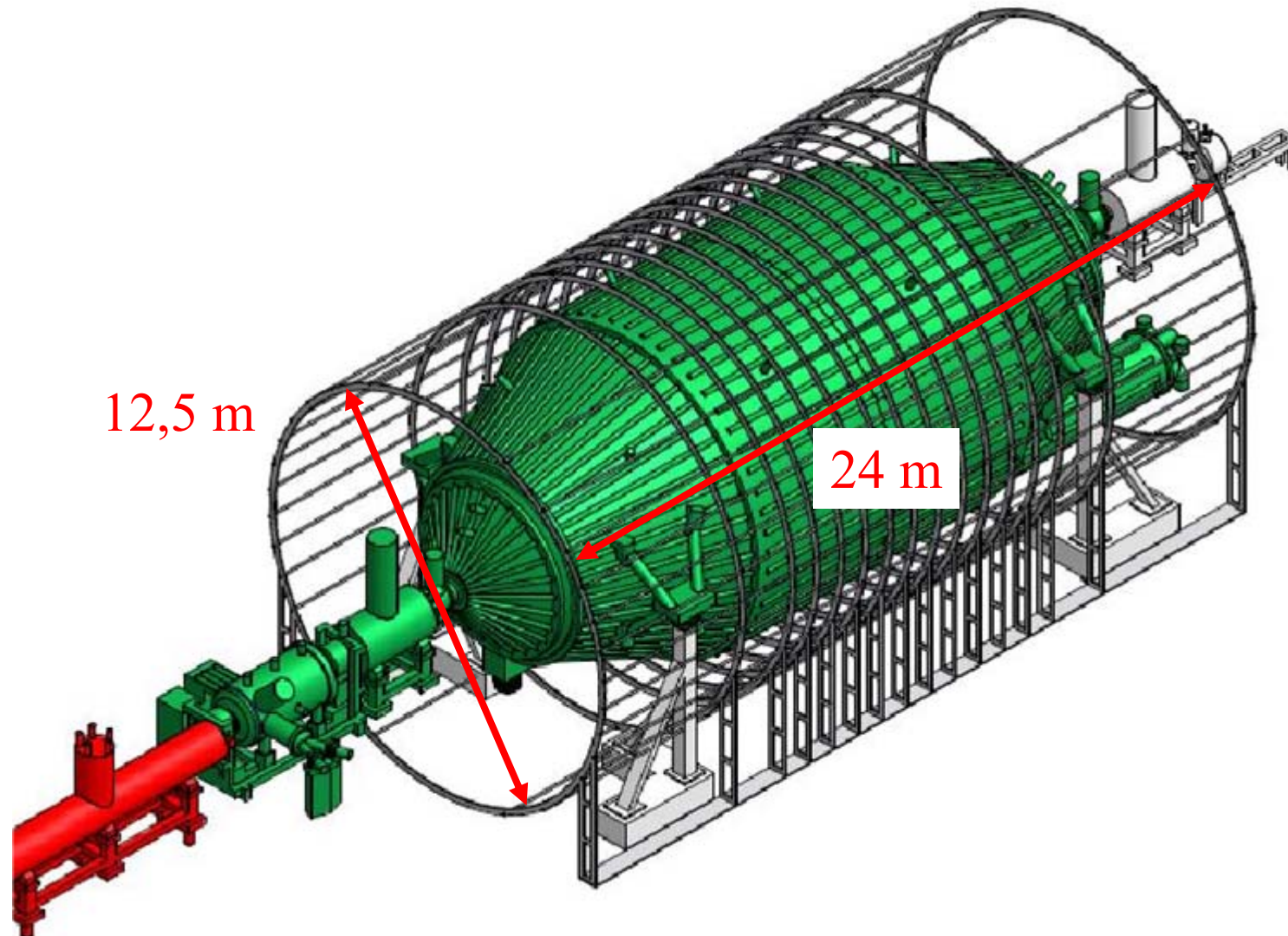


# 1<sup>st</sup> Example: Aircoil System



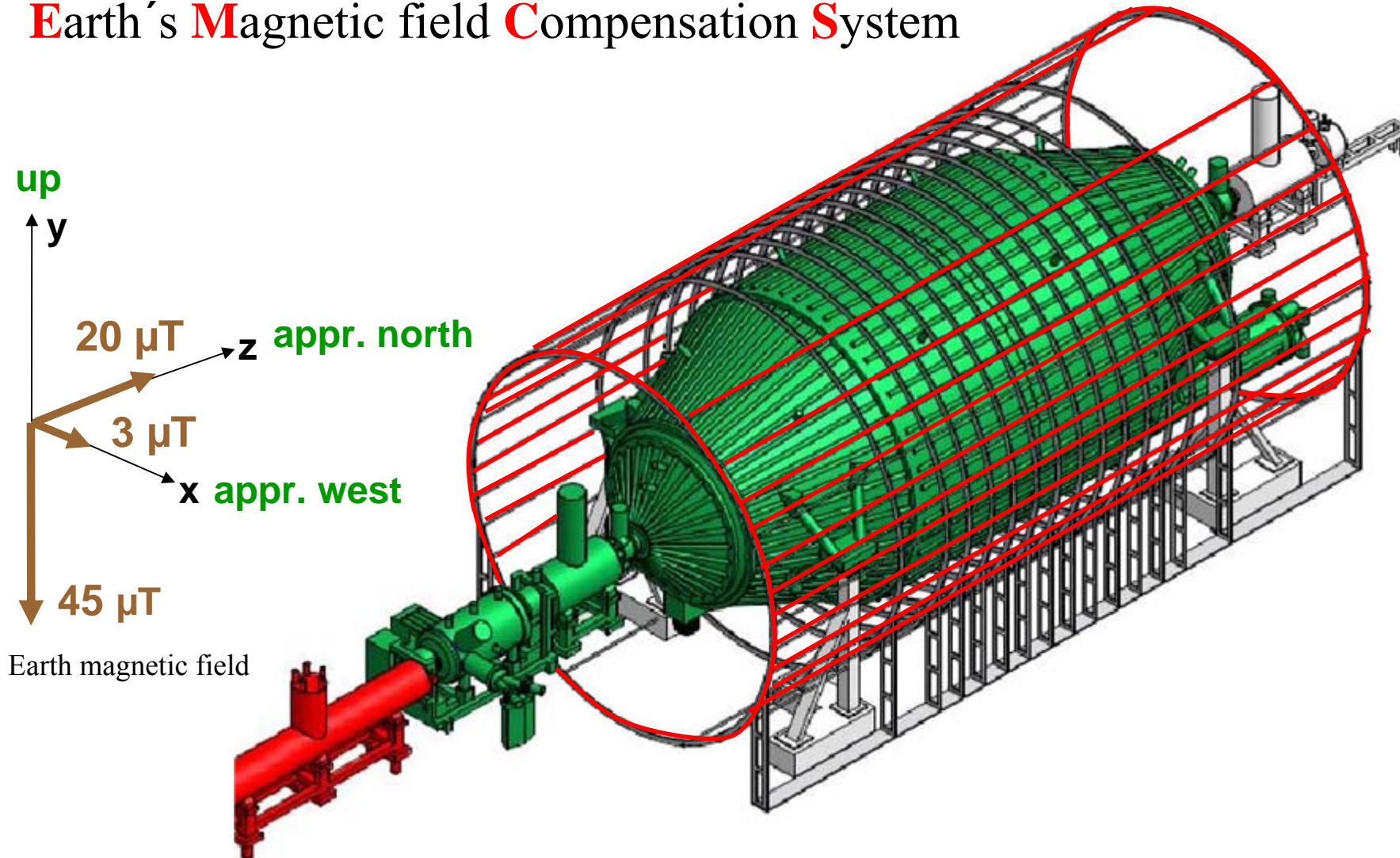


# Technical realization



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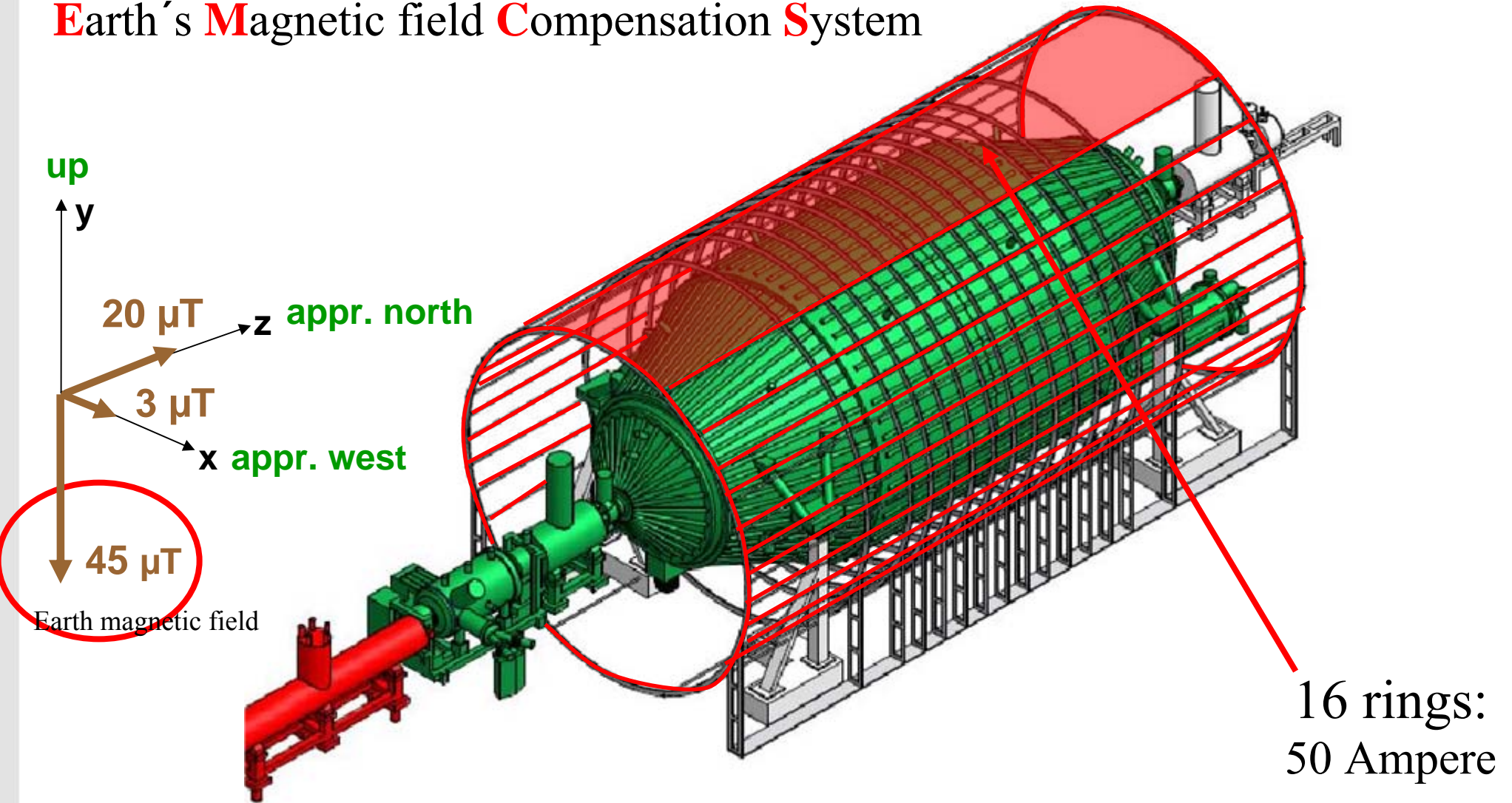
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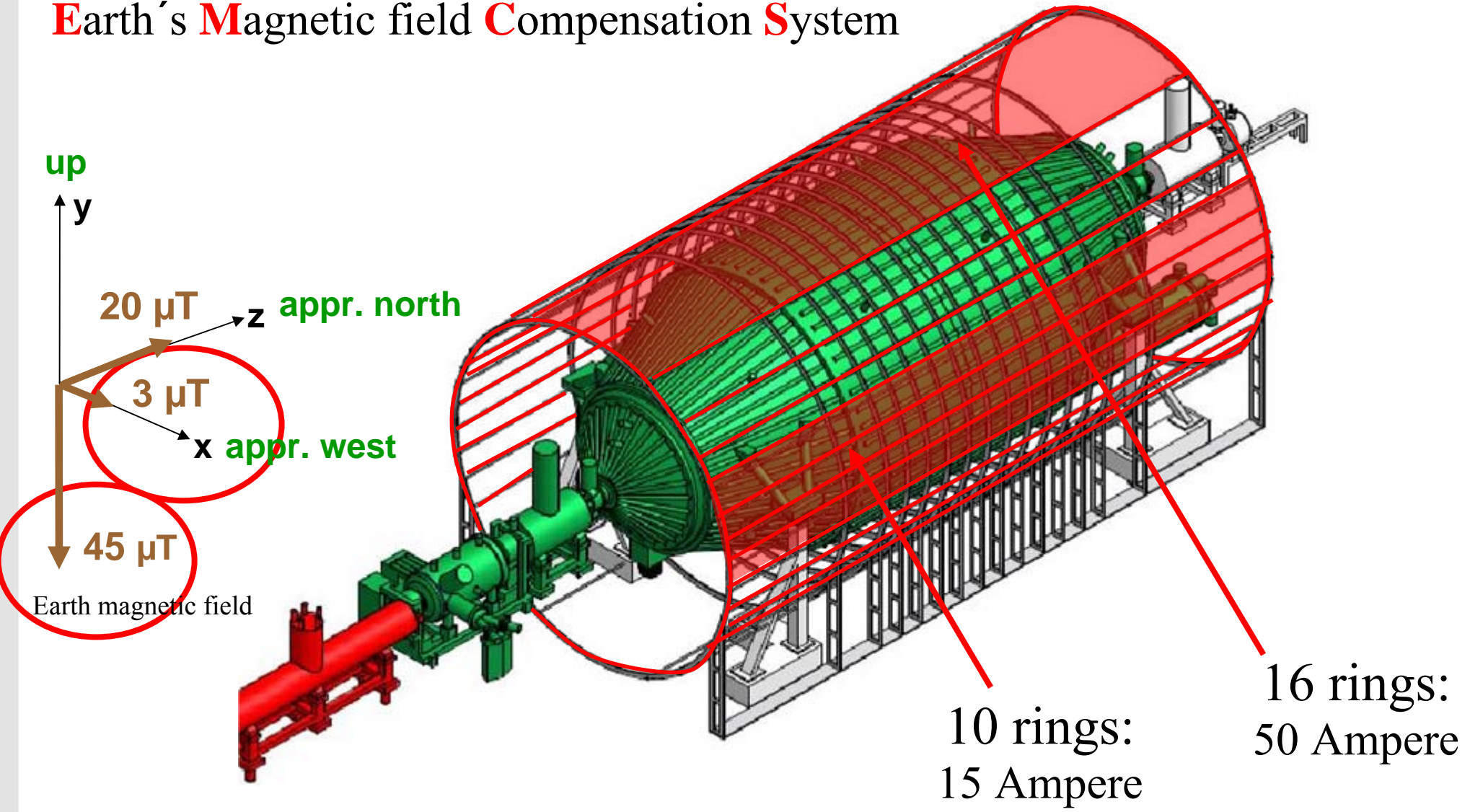
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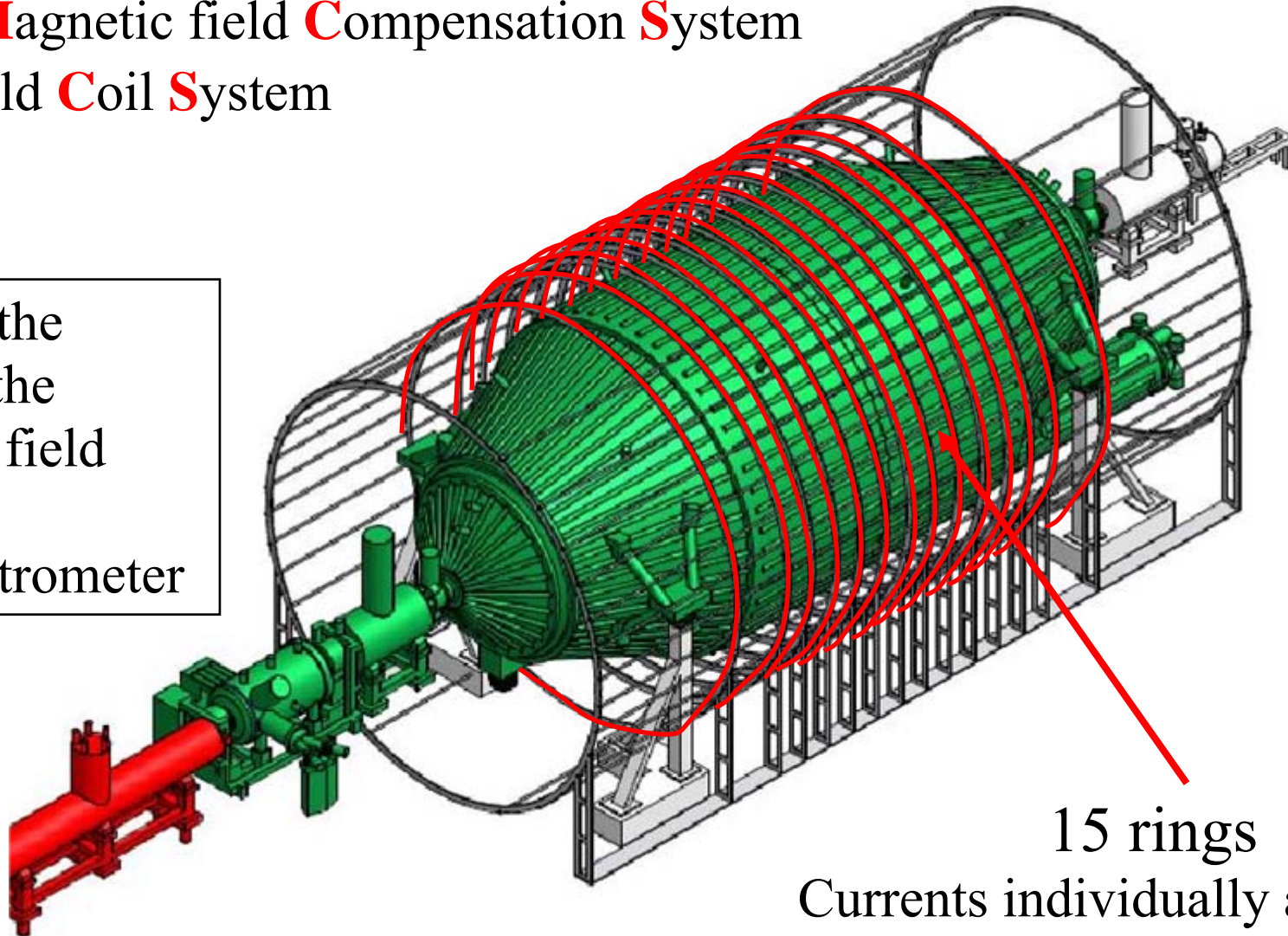




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**E**arth's **M**agnetic field **C**ompensation **S**ystem  
+ **L**ow **F**ield **C**oil **S**ystem

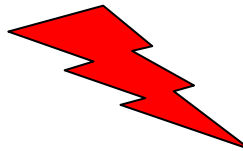
Finetune the  
shape of the  
magnetic field  
inside the  
mainspectrometer



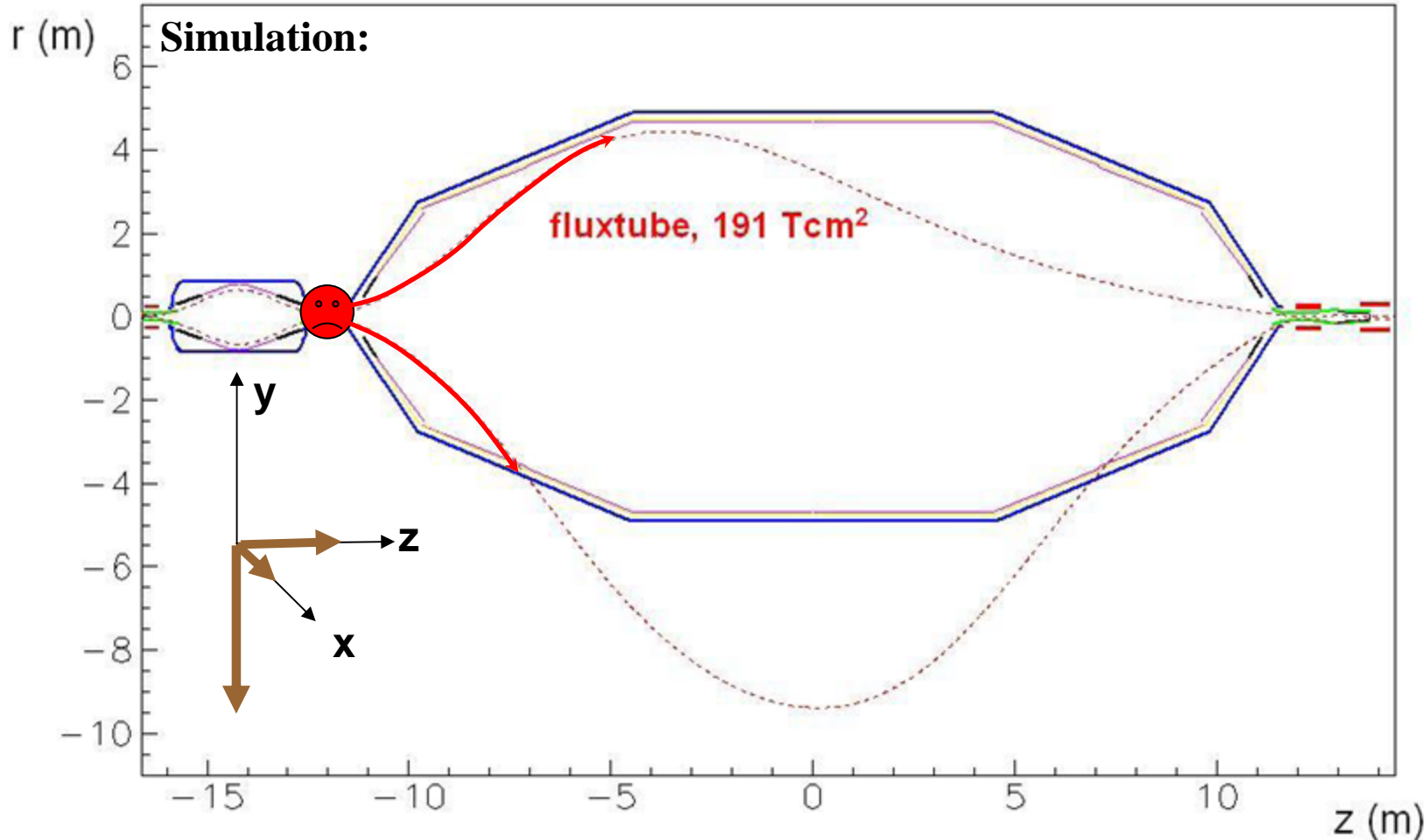
15 rings  
Currents individually adjustable  
max. 1500 Ampere turns

# Task of Aircoil System

Without Aircoil system

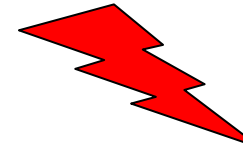


Counterate reduction

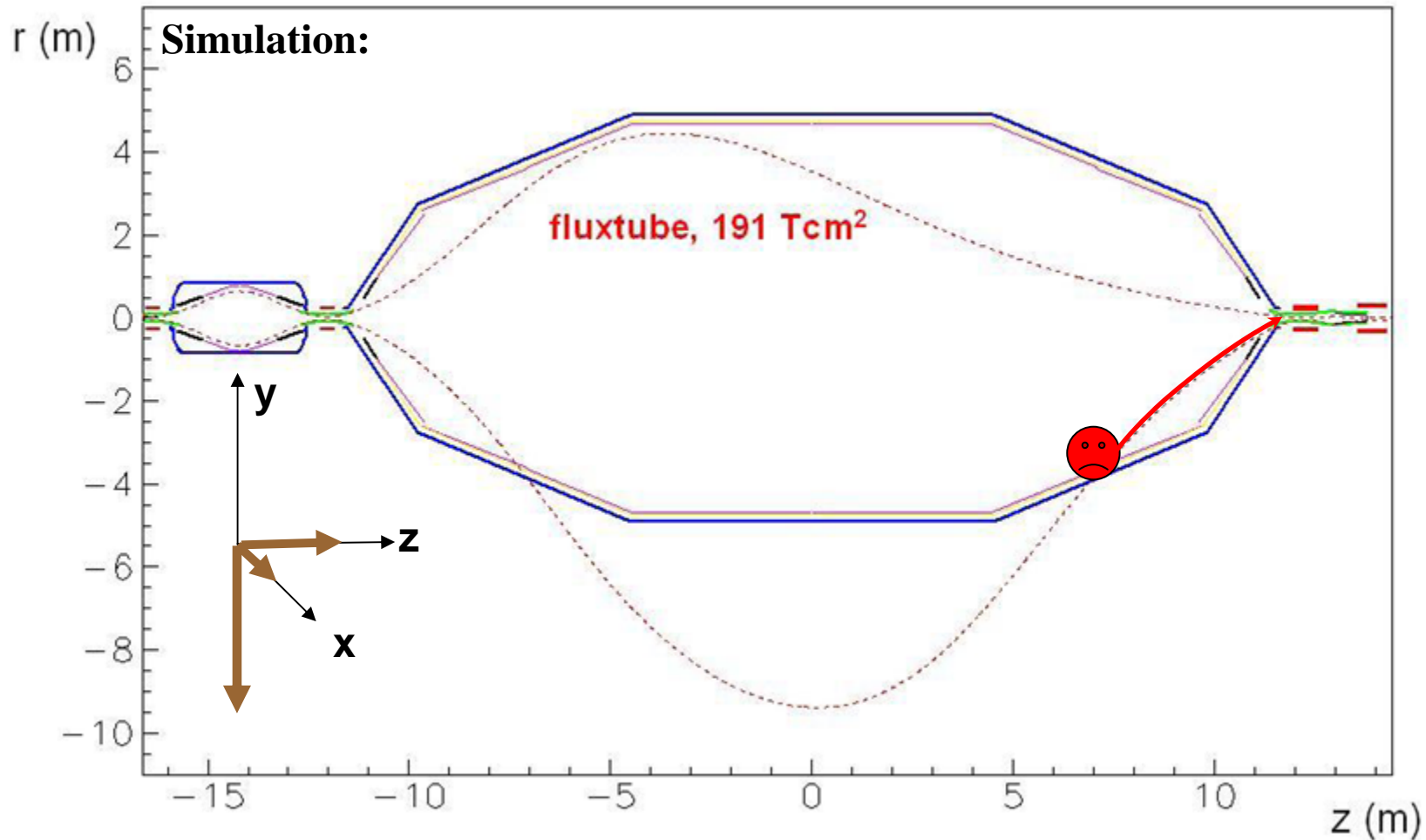


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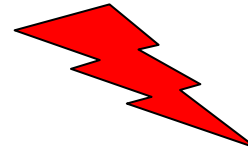
Increase of background



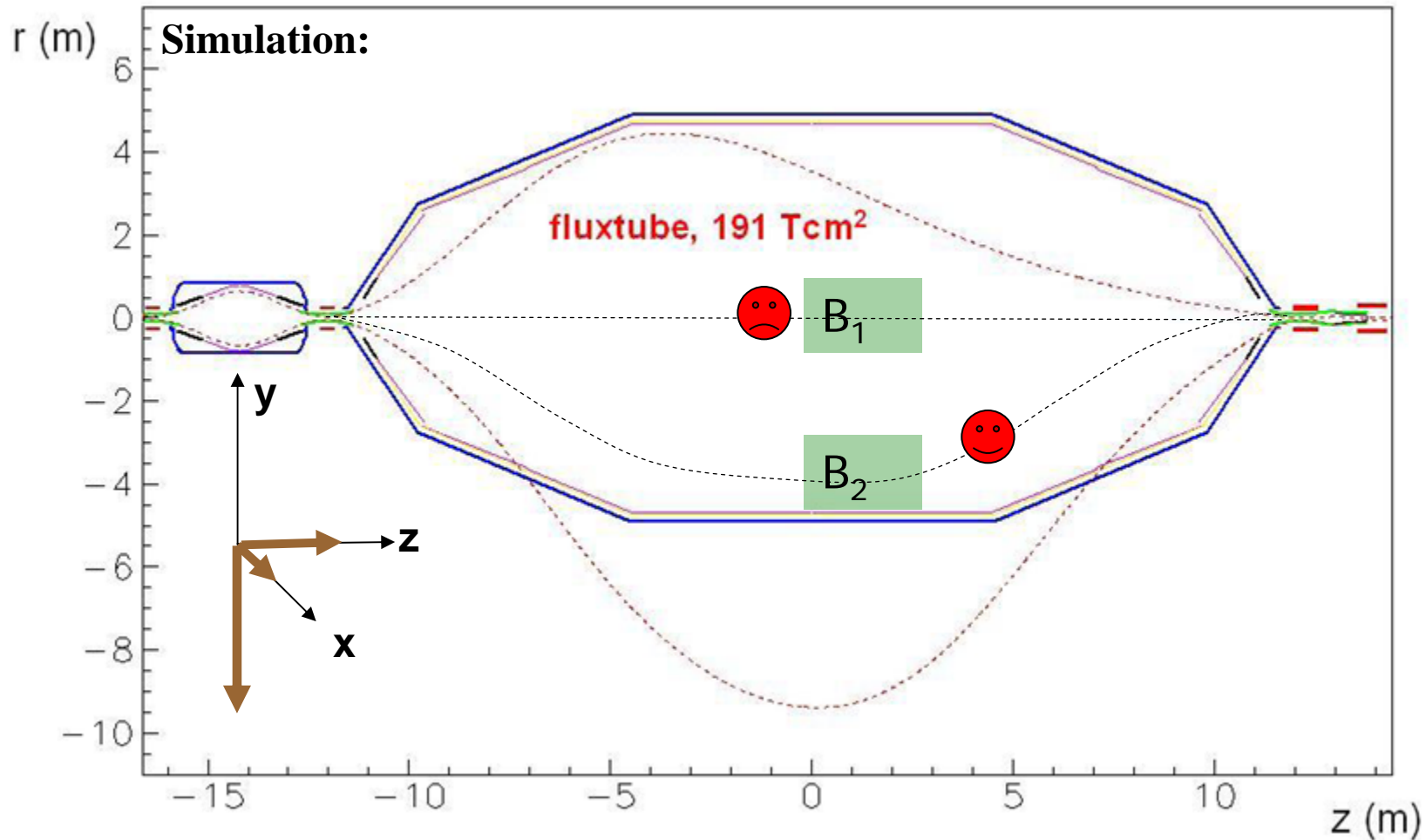


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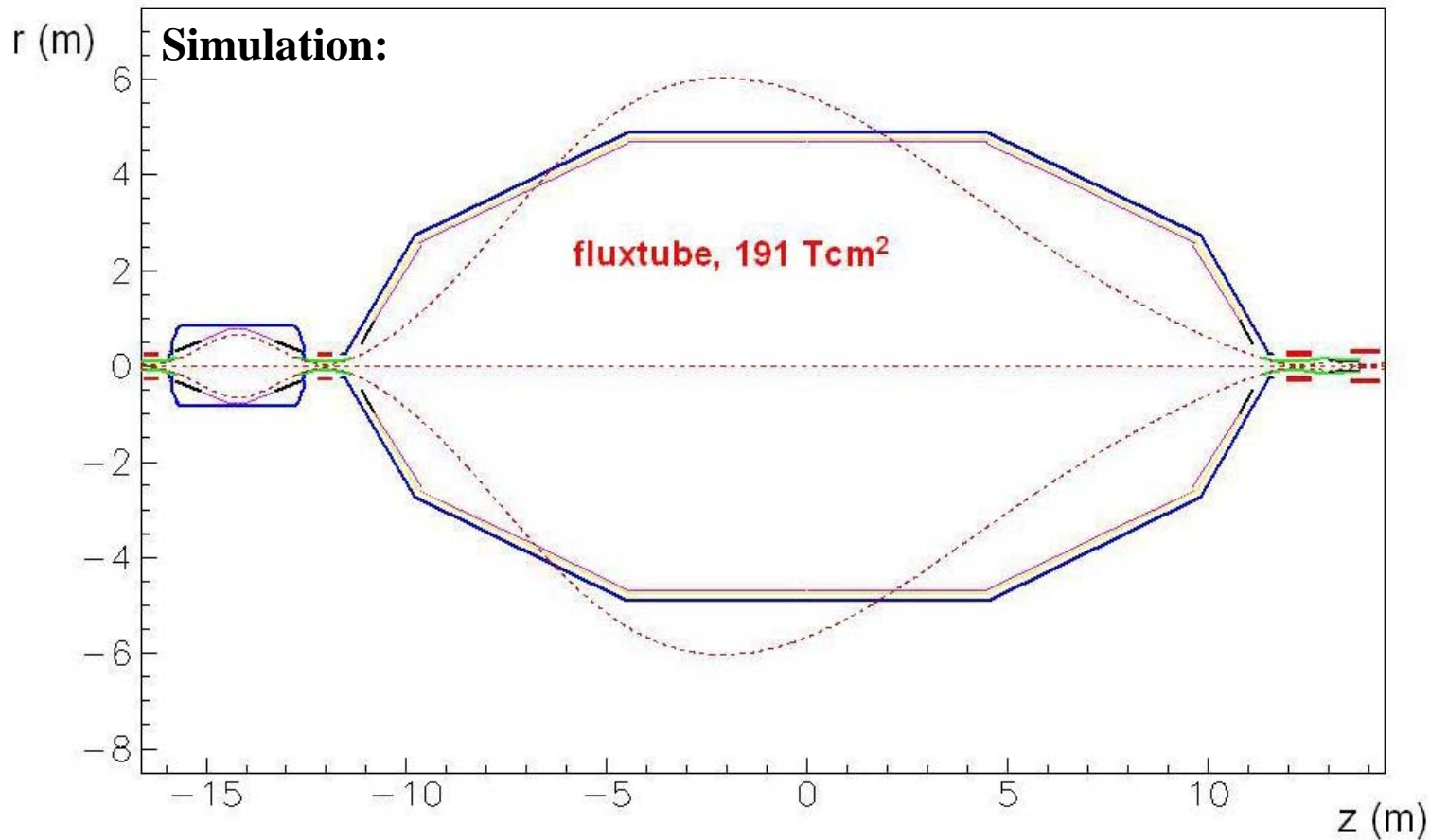


Incorrect transmission condition



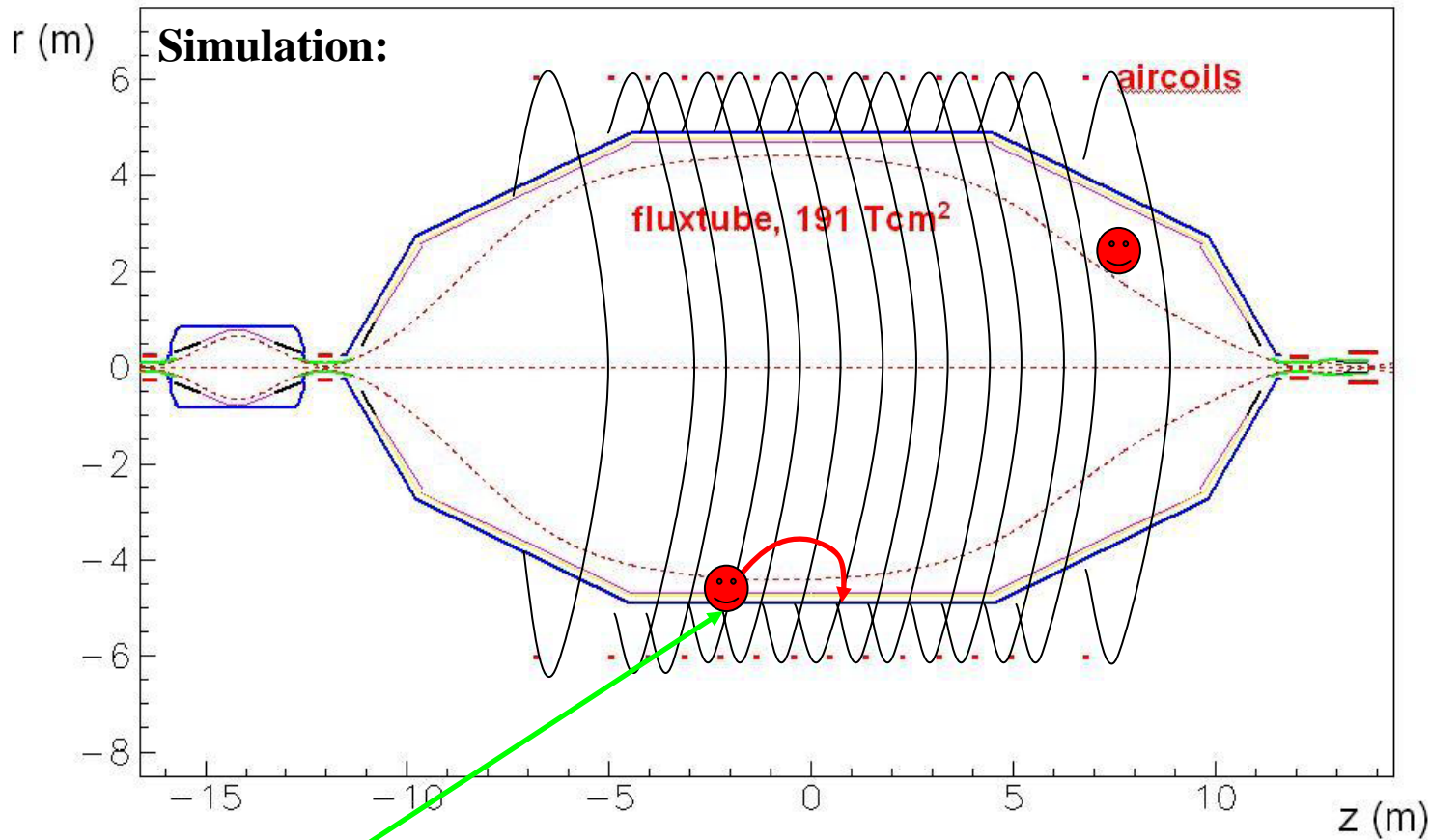
# Outcome

With EMCS  
(Earth's magnetic field compensation system)



# Outcome

With EMCS + LFCS  
(Earth's magnetic field compensation system + Low field coil system)



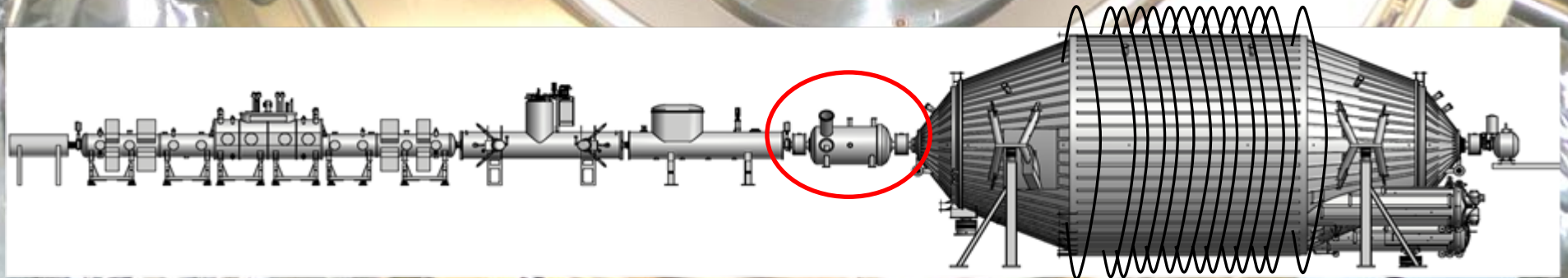
We expect:

Good transmission  
properties

Low background

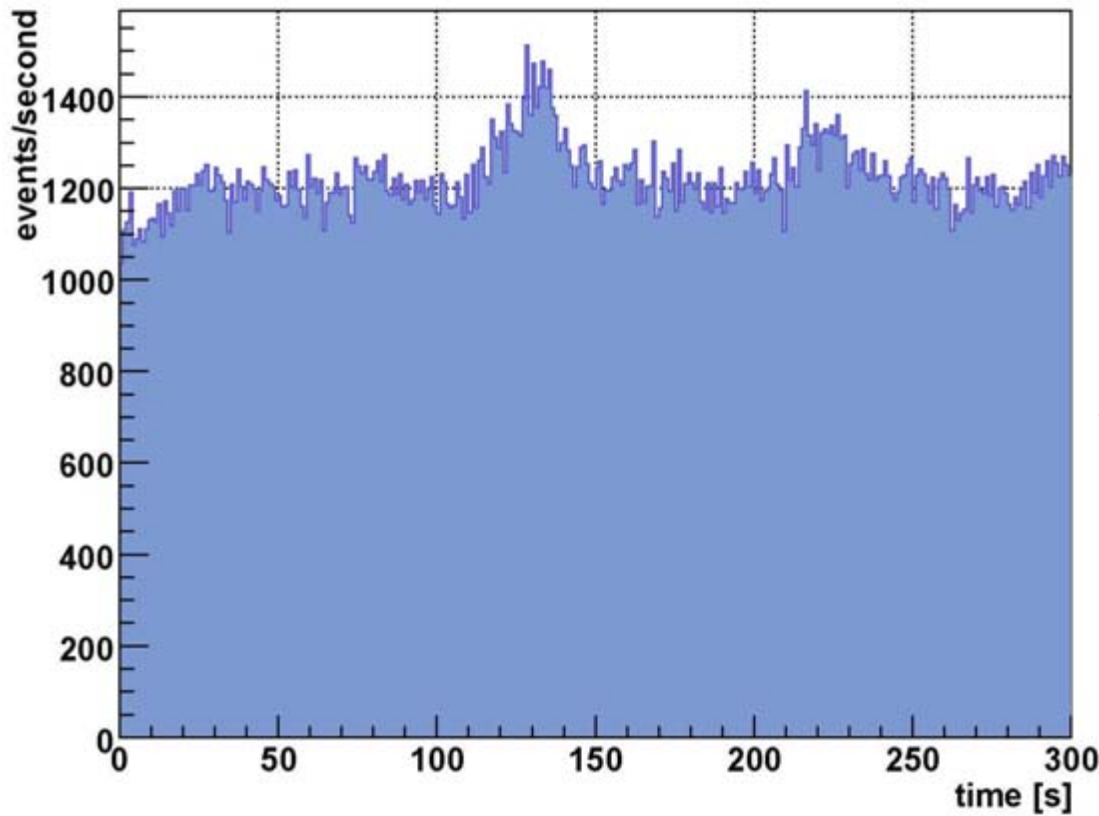


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Example: Special shaped ground electrode

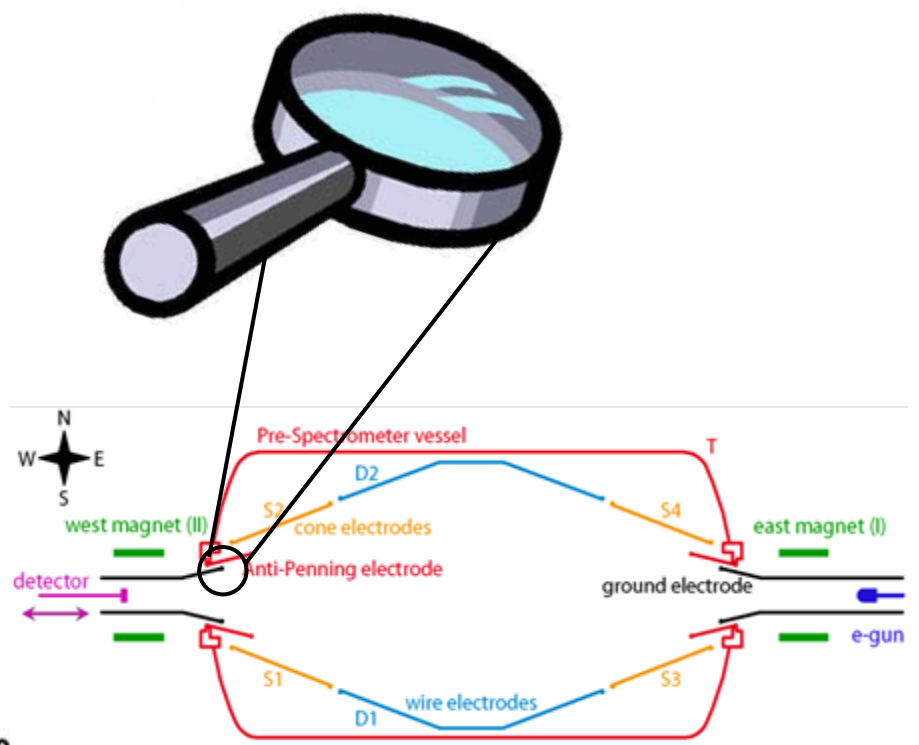




# Background at prespectrometer



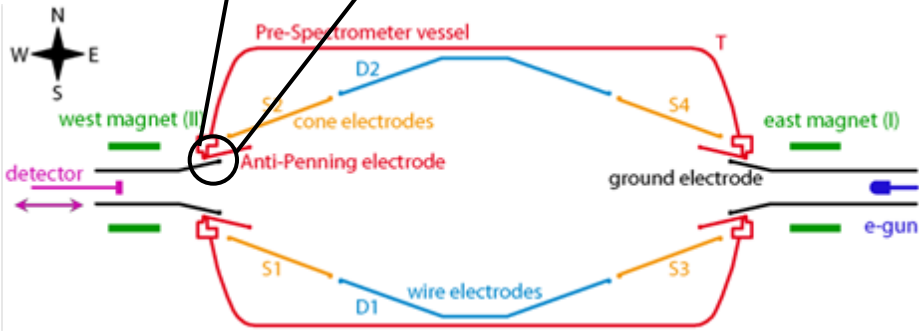
Full magnetic field  
Full electric potential



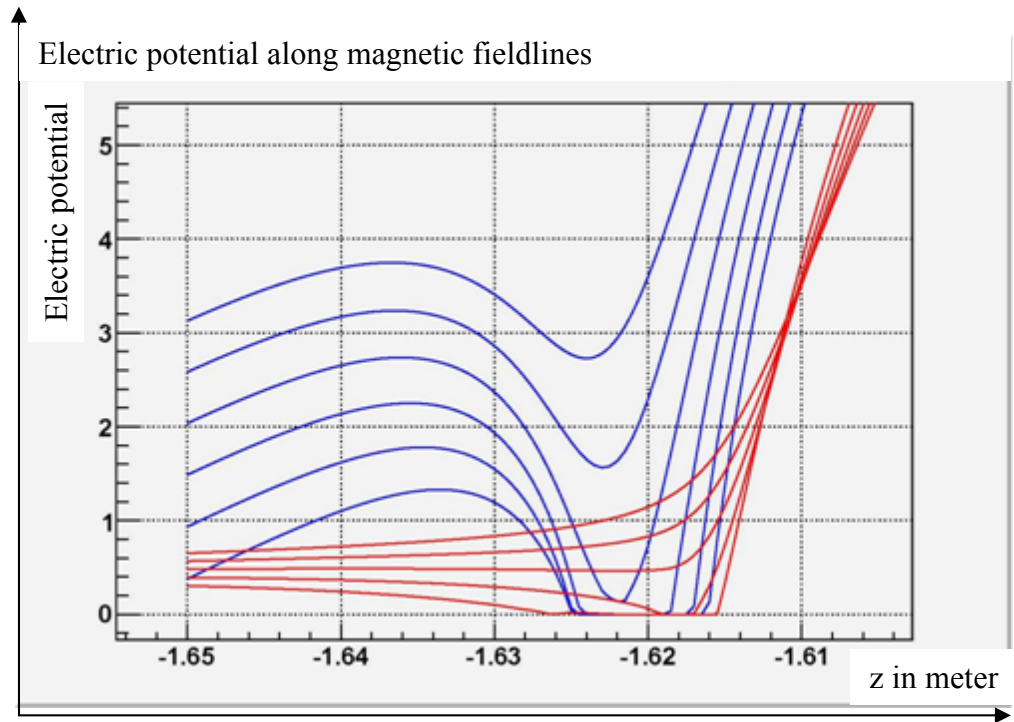
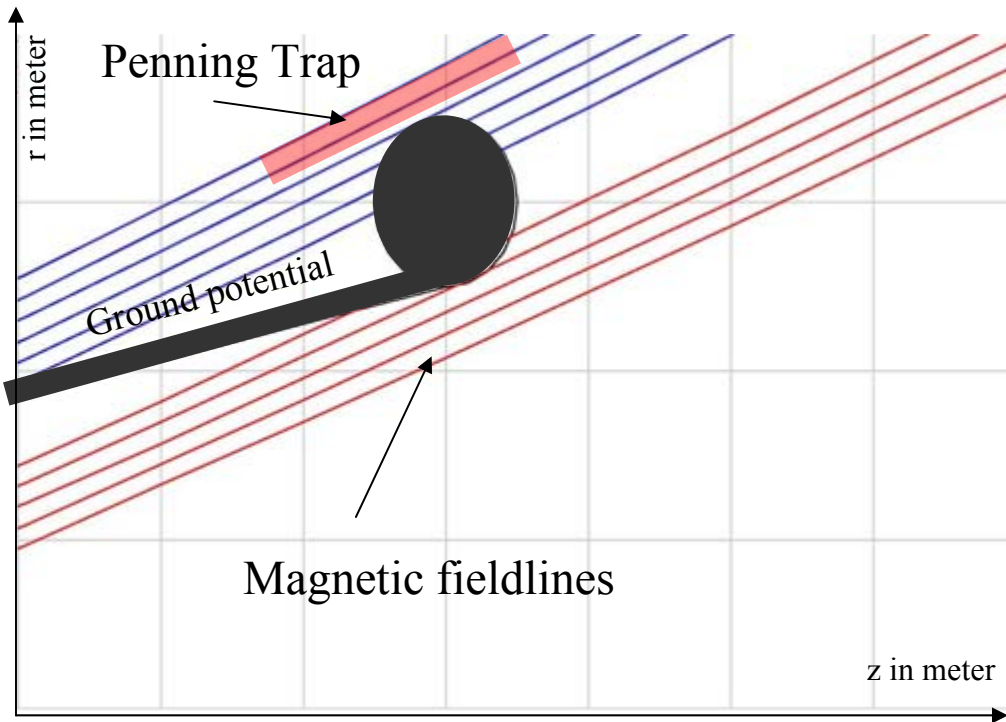
Reason for background: Tiny penning trap at exit/entrance of pre-spectrometer



# Penning Trap

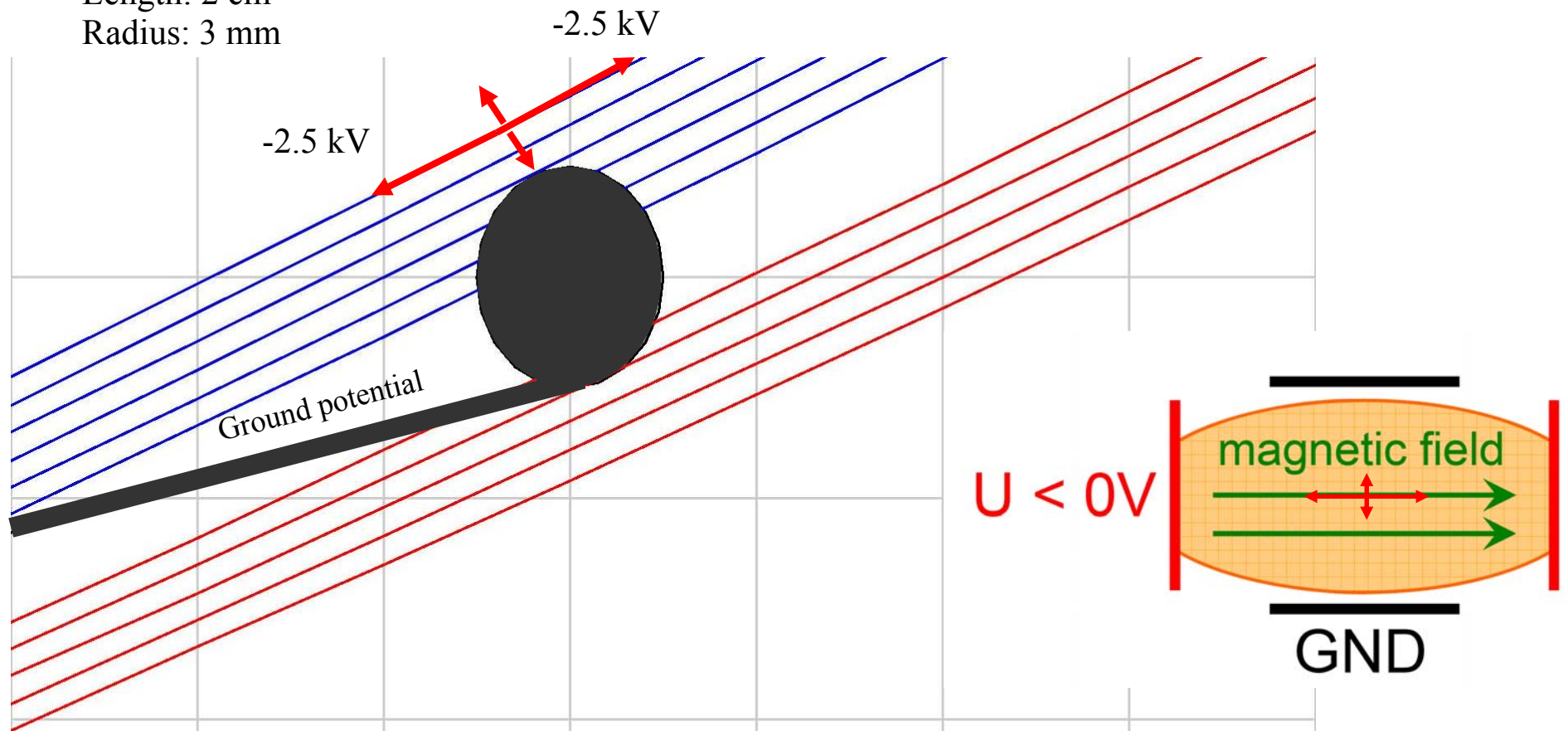


## Simulation:



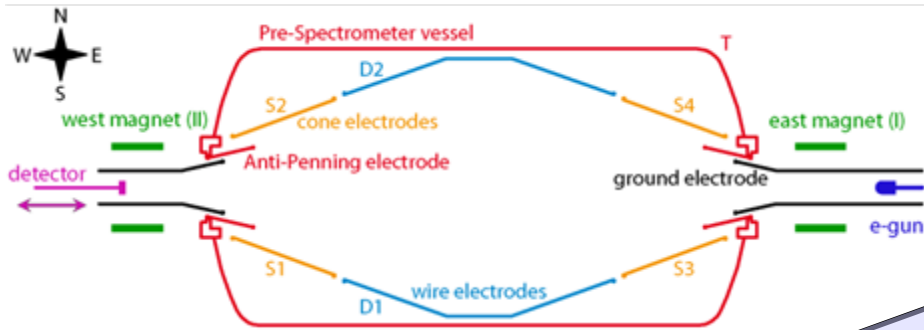
# Penning Trap

Length: 2 cm  
Radius: 3 mm



- How is the penning trap filled ?
- How does the penning trap produce background ?

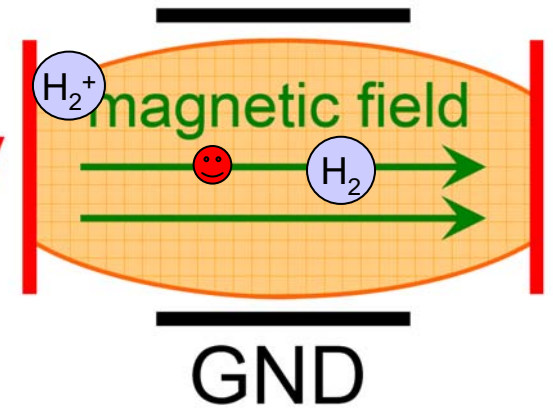
# How this Penning trap is filled



High negative potential

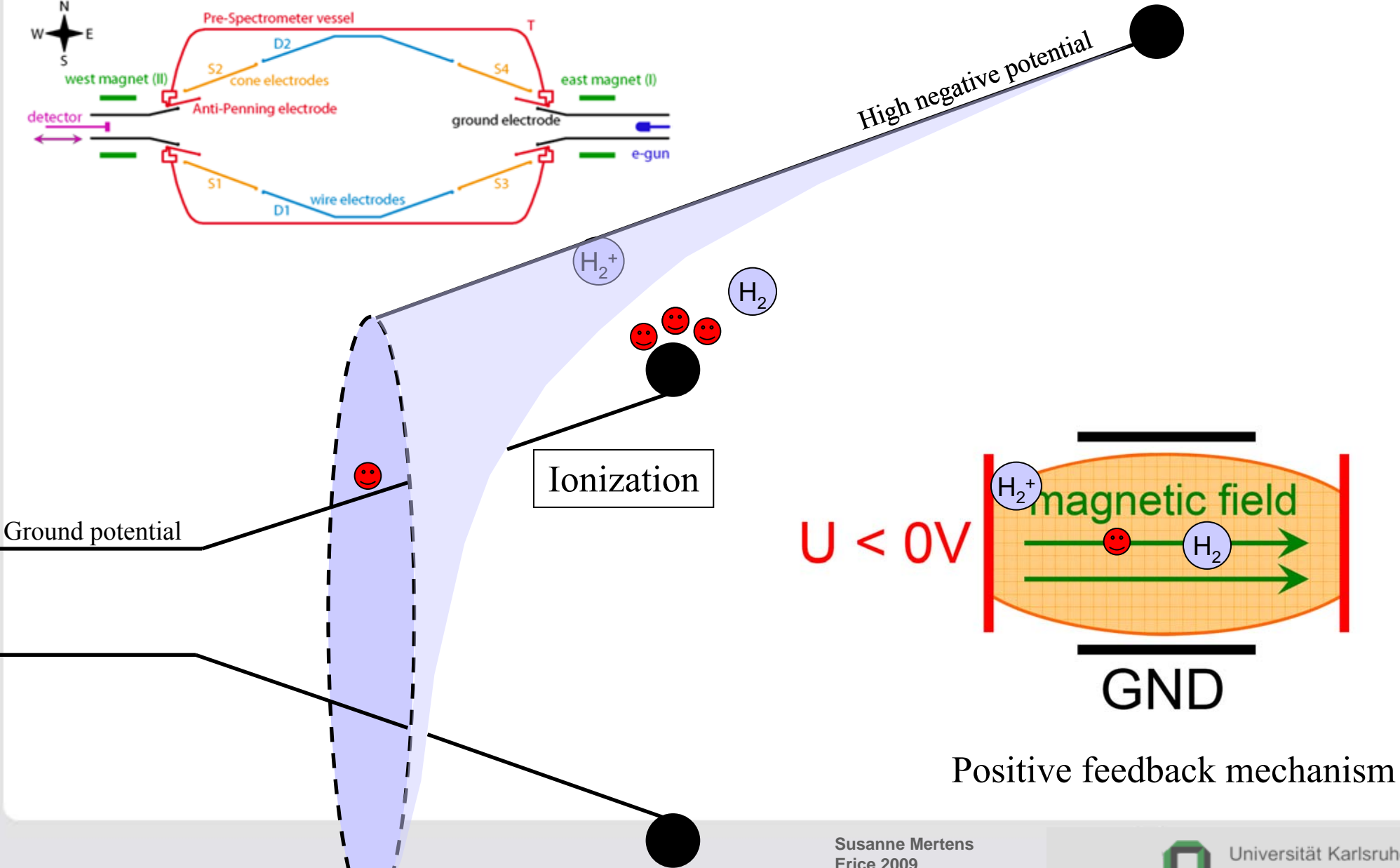
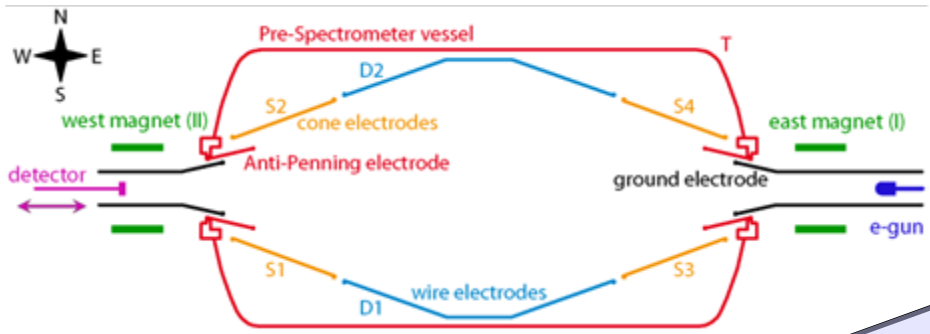
Ground potential

$$U < 0V$$



Positive feedback mechanism

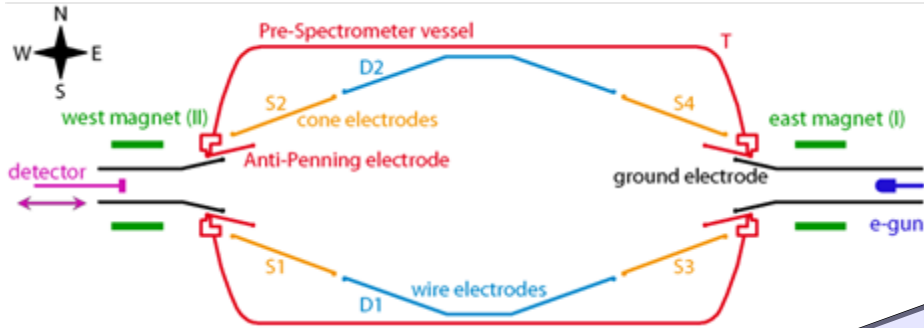
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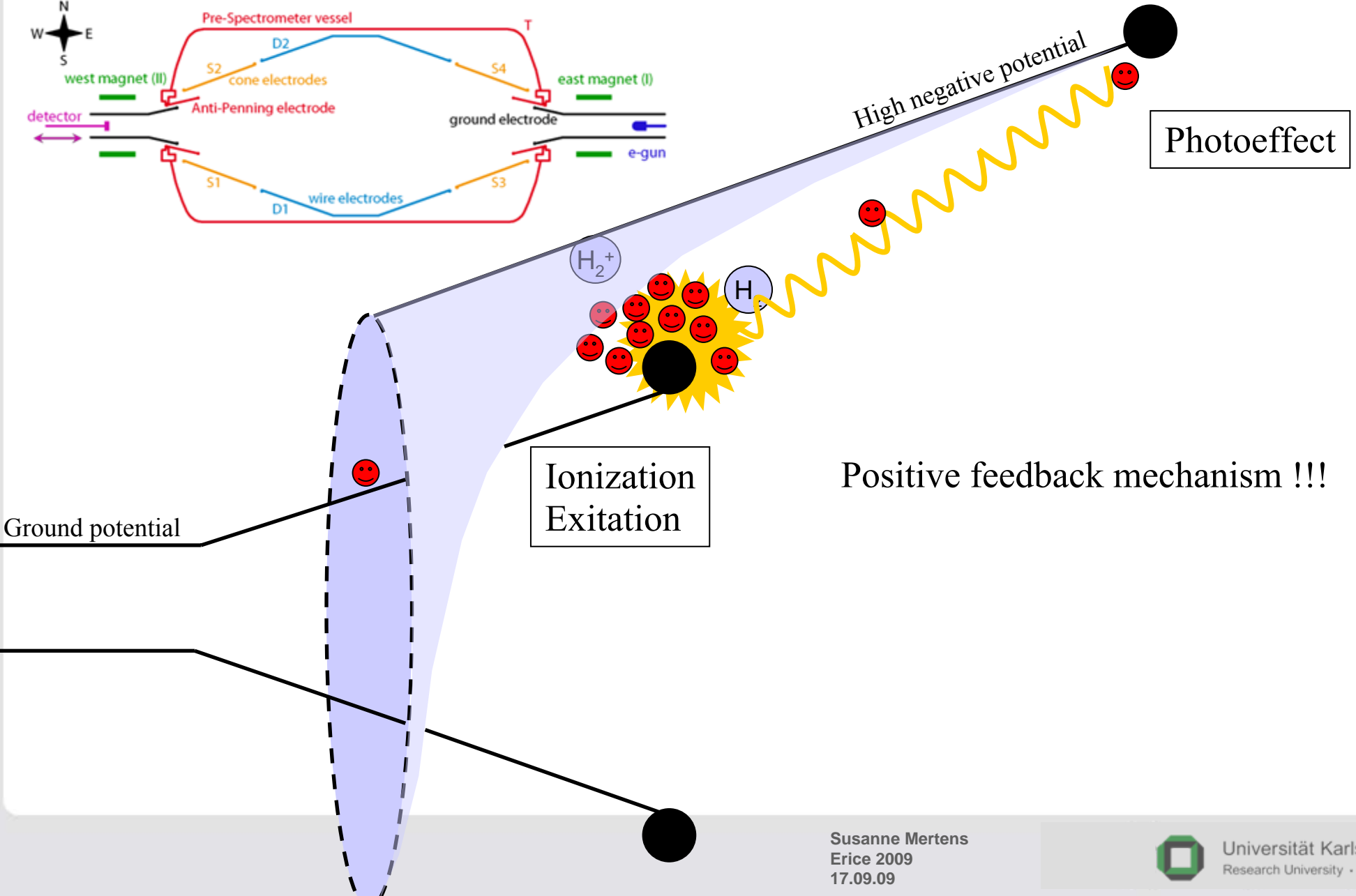
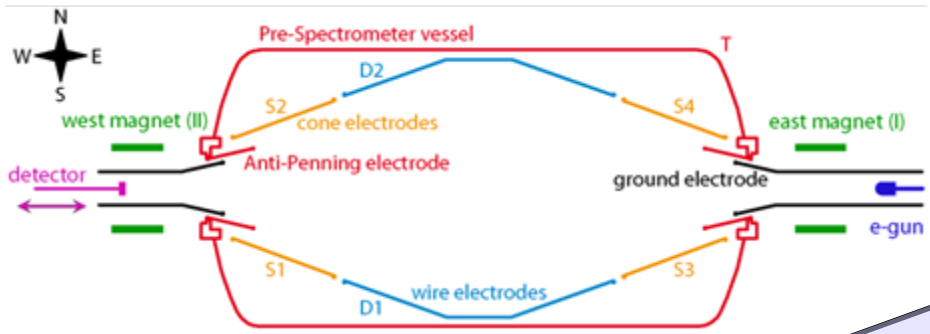
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Ionization  
Excitation

Ground potential



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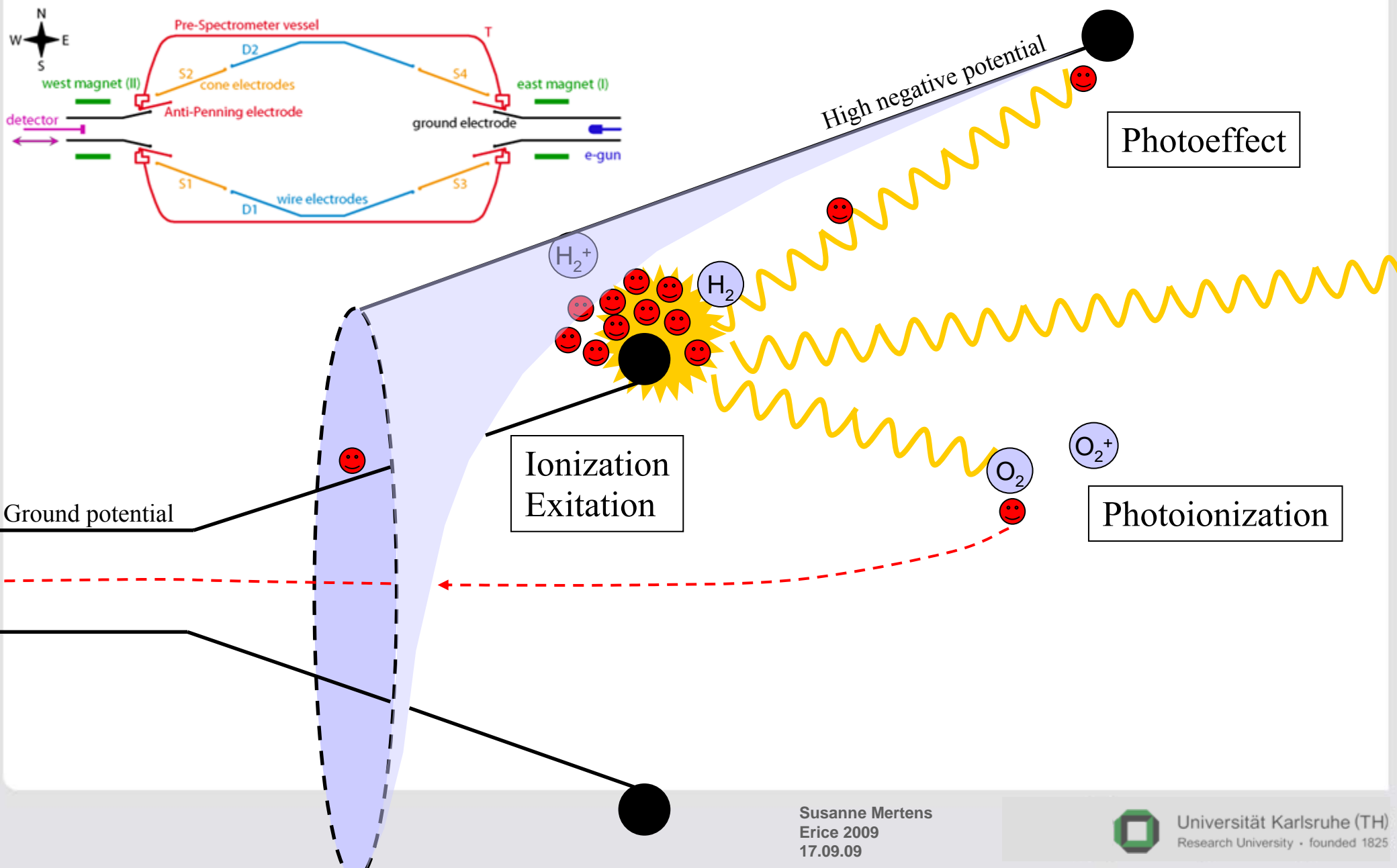


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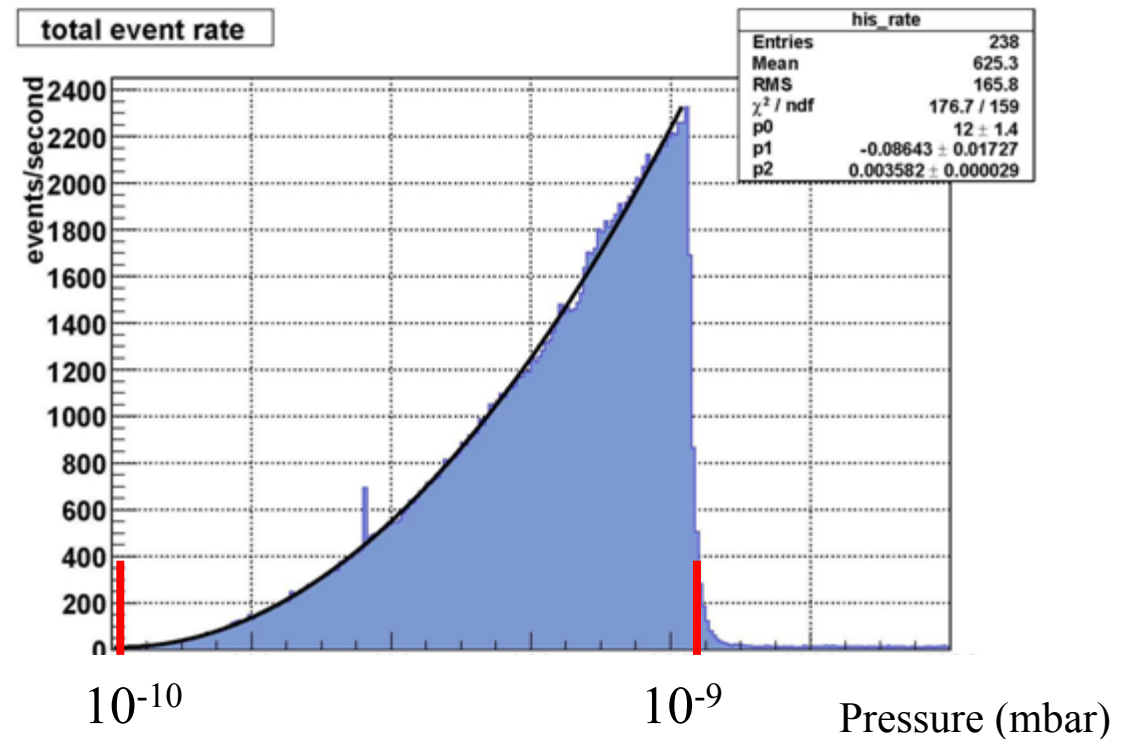
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# How this Penning trap produces background



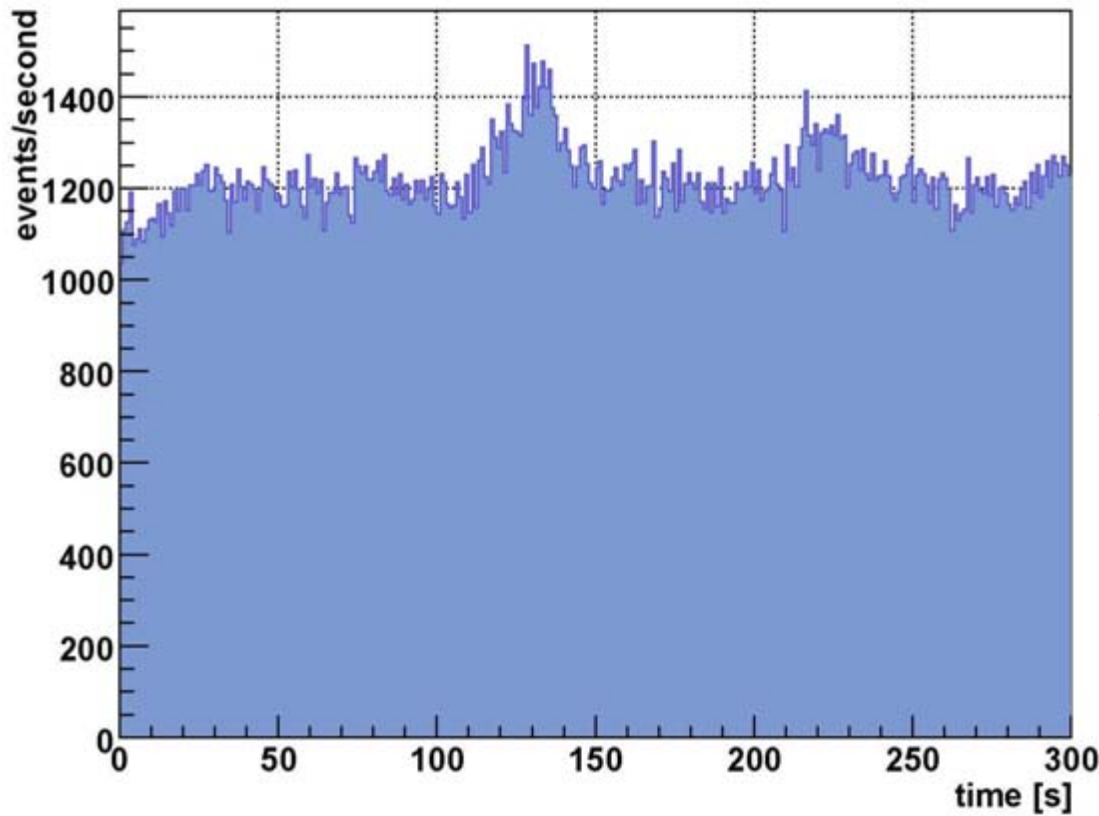
# Pressure dependence

- Both filling mechanism and background production depend on pressure
- We expect a quadratic dependence on pressure

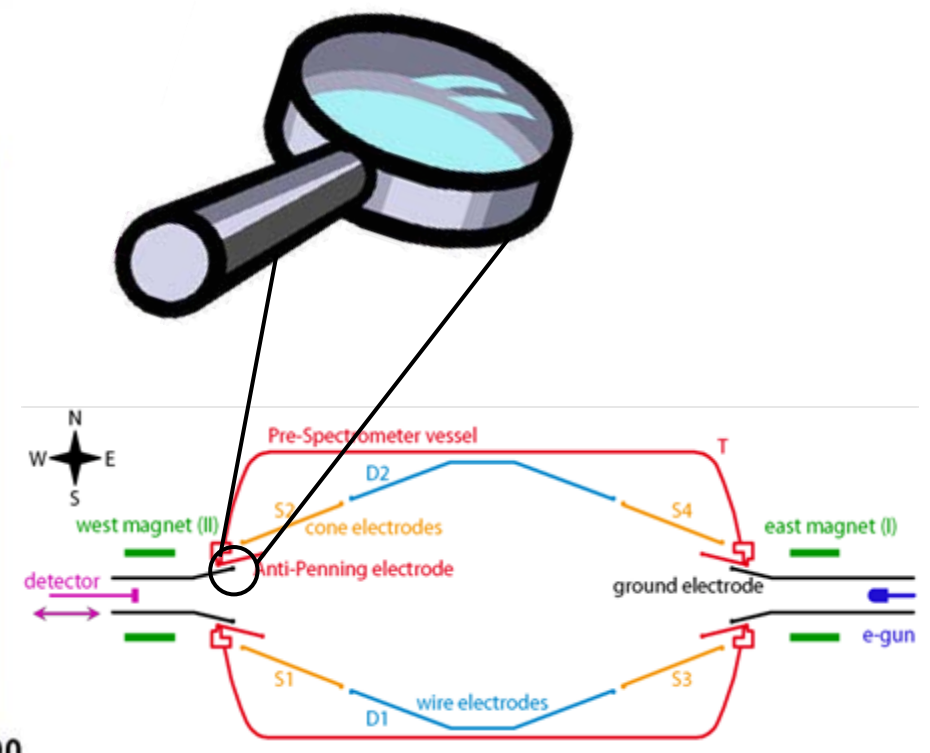




# How to get rid of the background

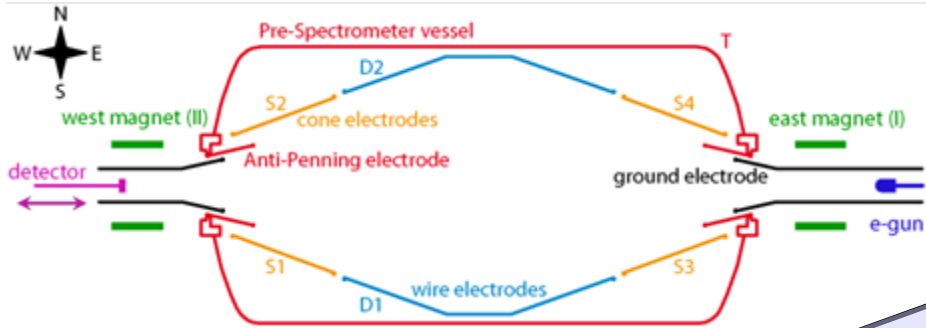


Full magnetic field  
Full electric potential

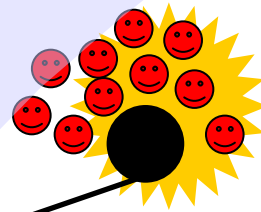


Solution: Remove penning trap with new specially shaped ground electrode

# Technical realization

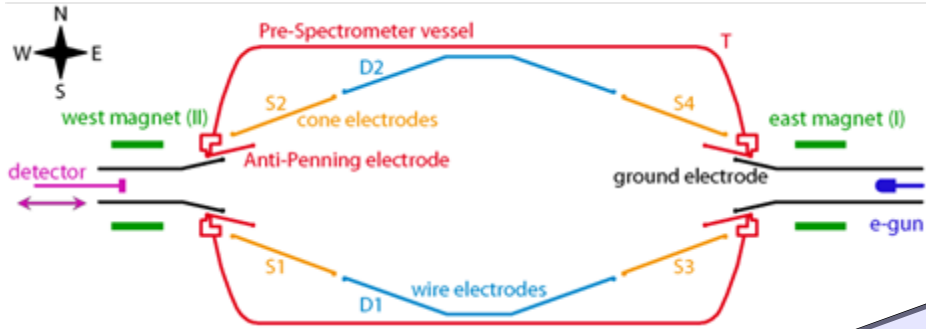


High negative potential



Ground potential

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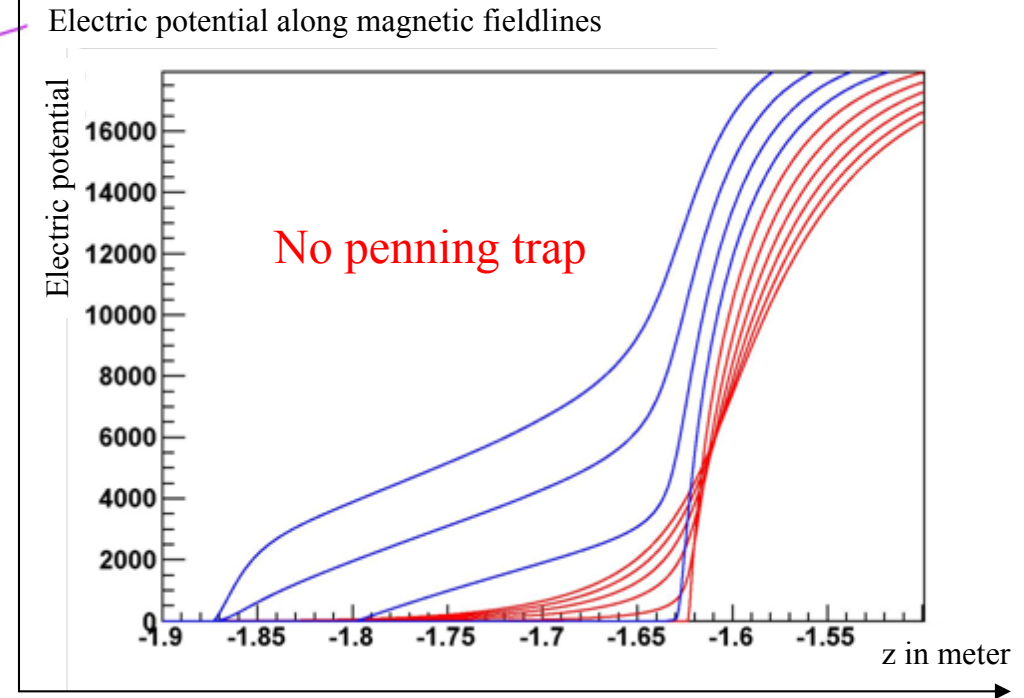
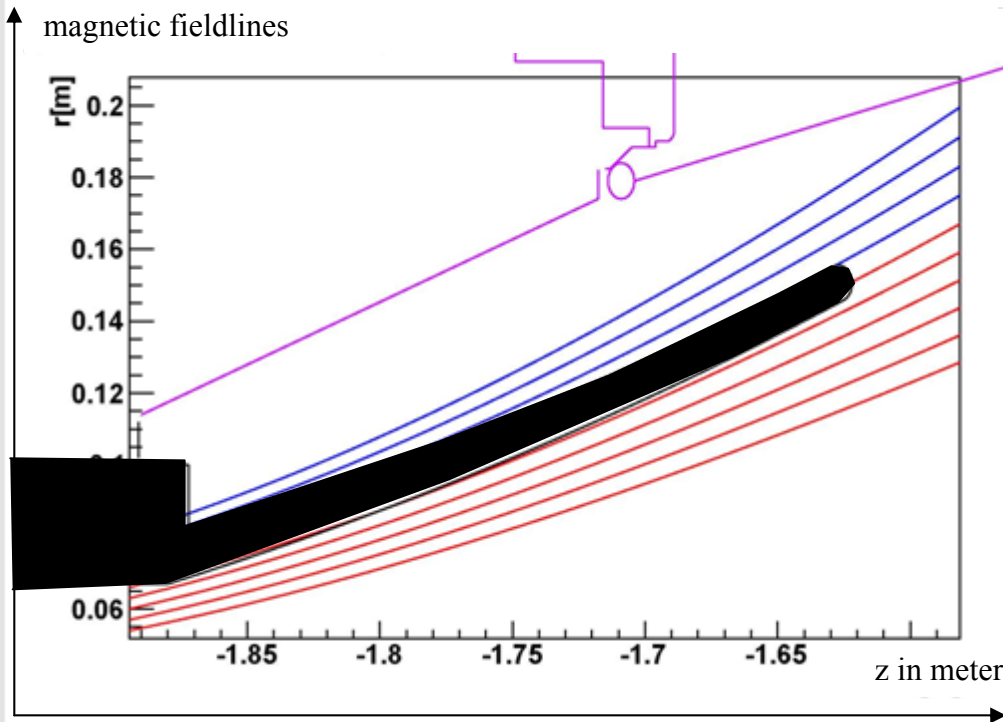
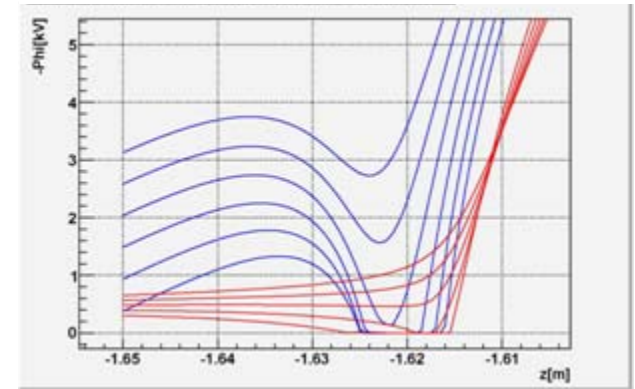


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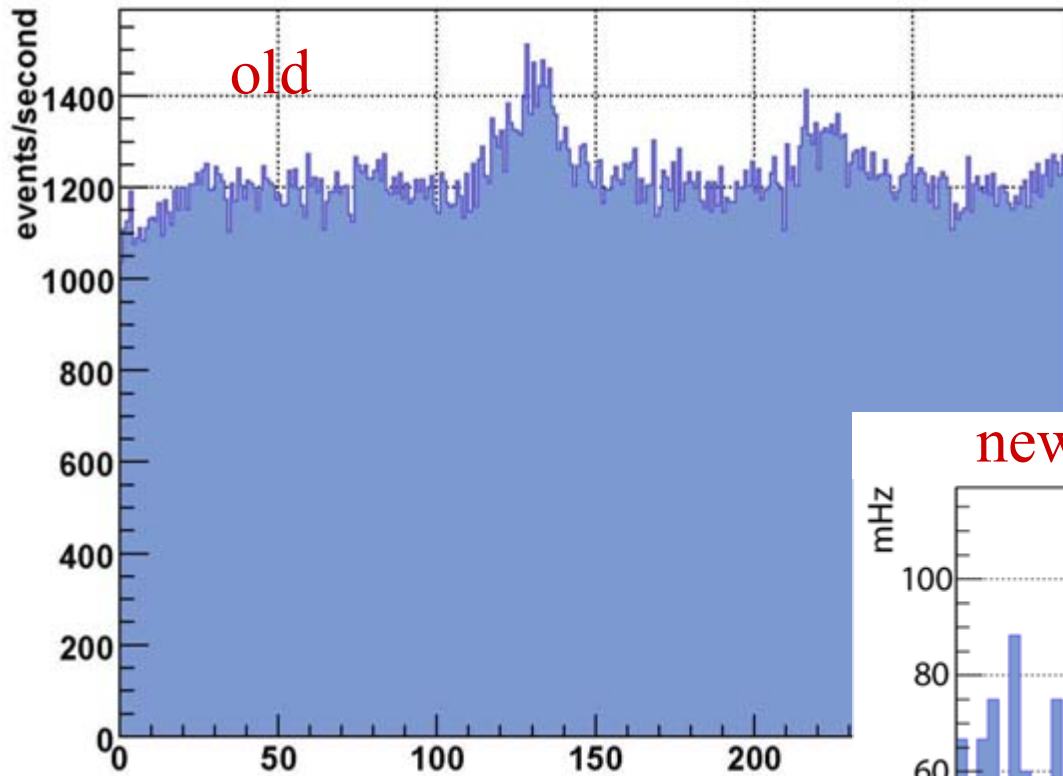
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Before





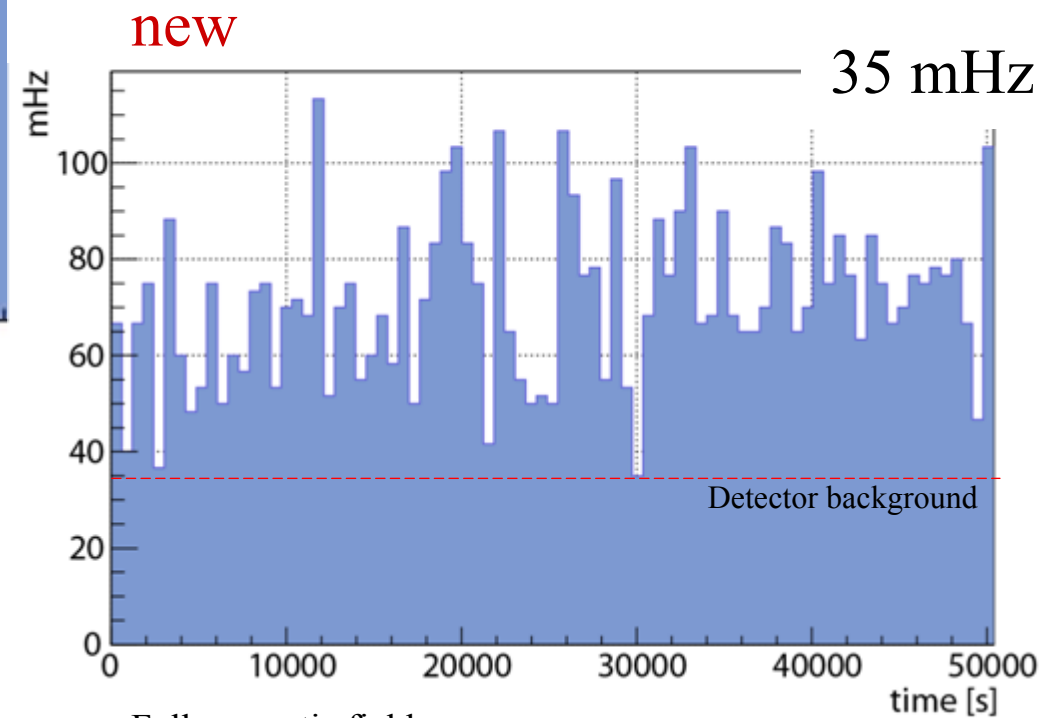
# Result



Full magnetic field  
Full electric potential

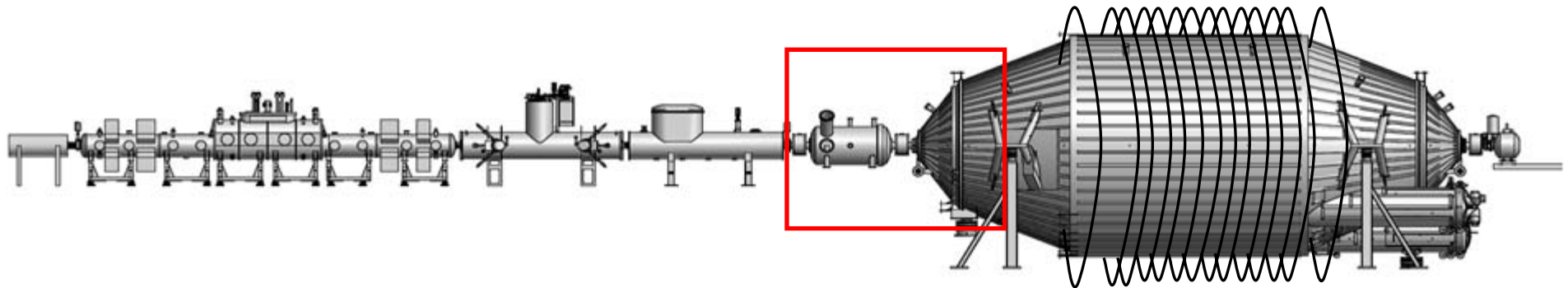
1 kHz

Factor: 30 000



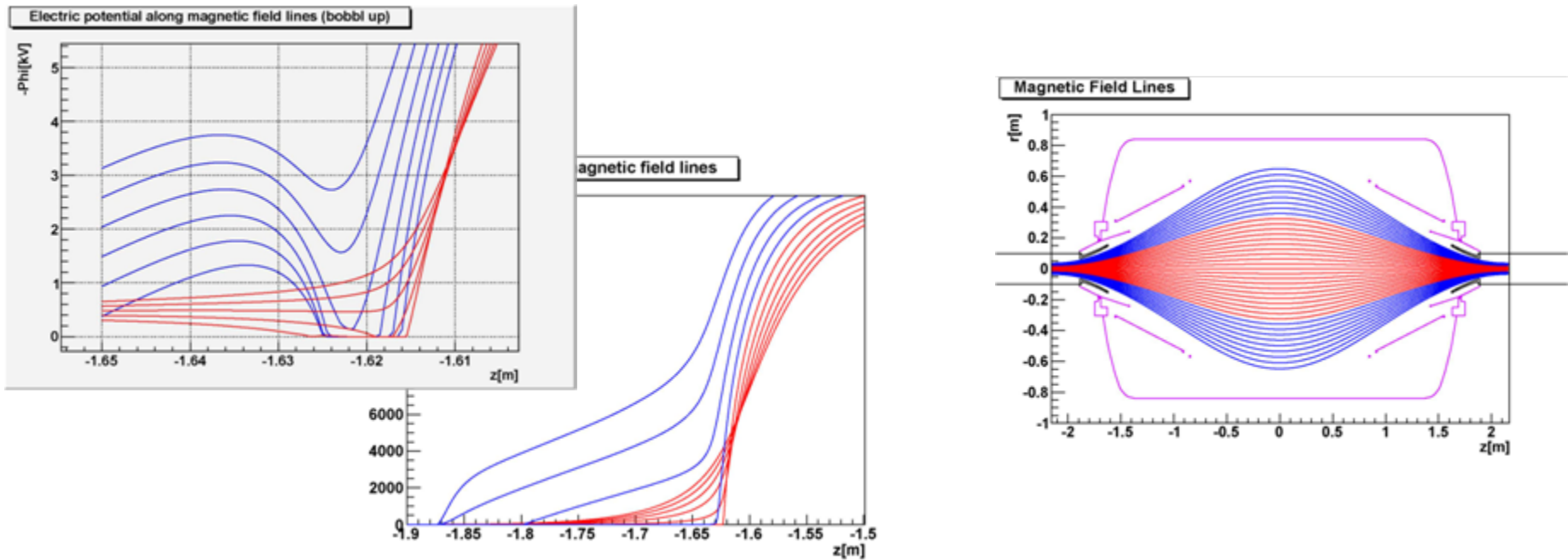
Full magnetic field  
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# Conclusion and Outlook (I)



- By removing all penning traps we reach the desired background level:  $O(10 \text{ mHz})$
- Prespectrometer is ready to be implemented in the whole setup
- Low background is expected for the main spectrometer
- Mainspectrometer test measurements will start next year

# Conclusion and Outlook (II)



- Precise simulation is necessary to design hardware components
- Success at prespectrometer = proof of quality of the simulation programs (Ferenc Glück)
- Towards a global simulation (including all KATRIN components, e.g. Source (talk of Wolfgang Käfer))

# Summary

- Why do we have electric and magnetic fields in the KATRIN experiment?
  - Electric potential used as high energy electron filter
  - Magnetic field used guiding system and to transform energy
- What is the challenge of the electromagnetic design?
  - Realize MAC-E-Filter in optimal way
  - Reduce background
- How is this realized?
  - Aircoil System (good transmission properties, low background)
  - Specially shaped ground electrode (low background)



# Thank you for your attention

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