

Double Beta Decay and Neutrinos

"Double Beta Decay and Neutrinos" (DBD11), Osaka Japan

Present Status of the DCBA Experiment



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Double beta decay experiments

Scintillation/Calorimetry (source = detector)

ionization

COBRA (^{130}Te , ^{116}Cd , etc.)
Majorana(^{76}Ge)
GERDA(^{76}Ge)

scintillation

CANDLES(^{48}Ca)
XMASS(^{136}Xe)
KamLAND-Zen(^{136}Xe)
SNO+(^{150}Nd)

bolometry

CUORE(^{130}Te)

ionization+scintillation
EXO(^{136}Xe)

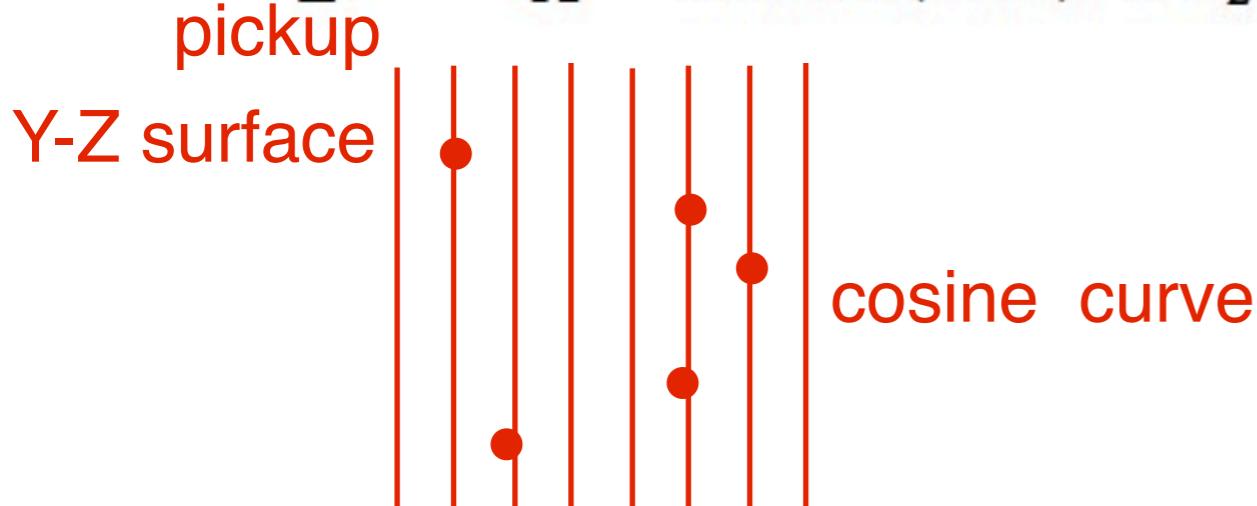
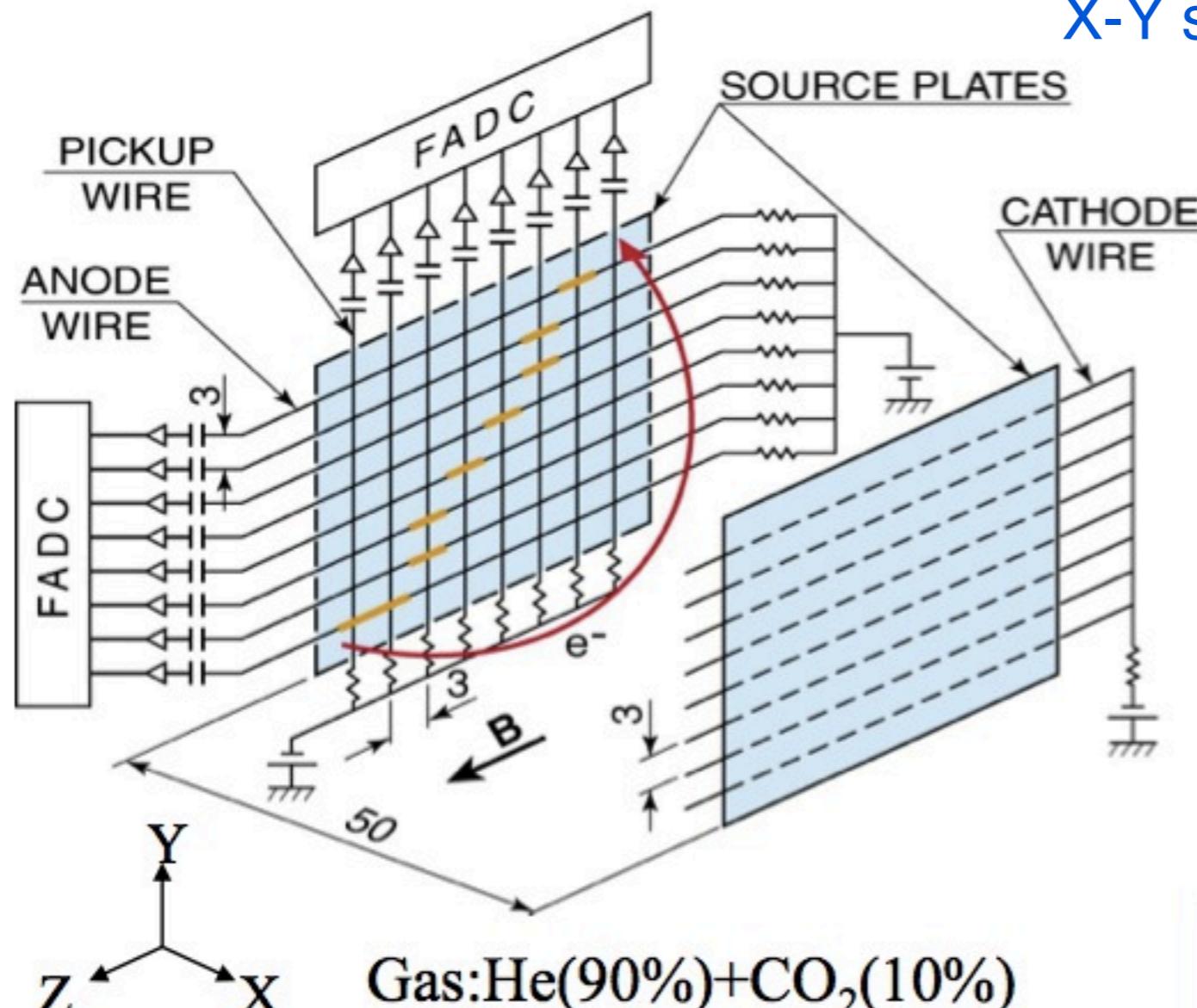
Combination (source \neq detector)

NEMO3 (^{100}Mo , ^{82}Se , ^{150}Nd , etc.)
Super NEMO (^{100}Mo , ^{82}Se , ^{150}Nd , etc.)

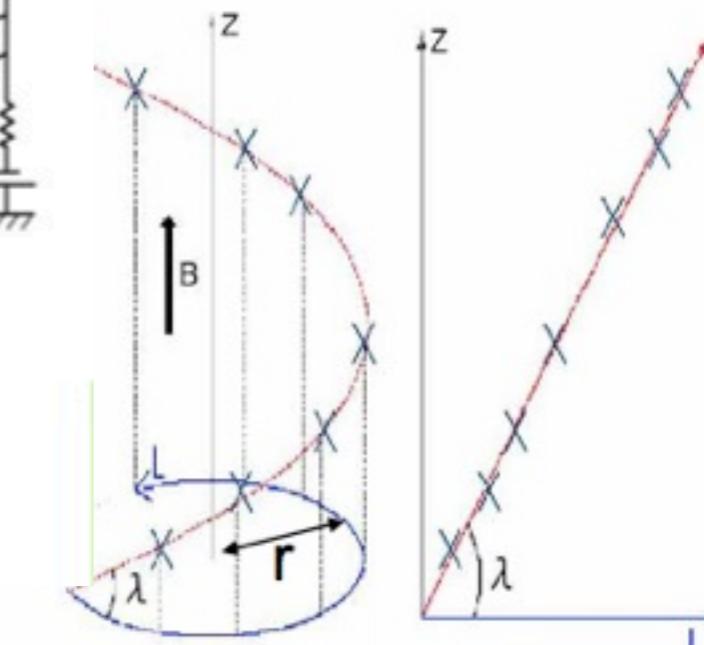
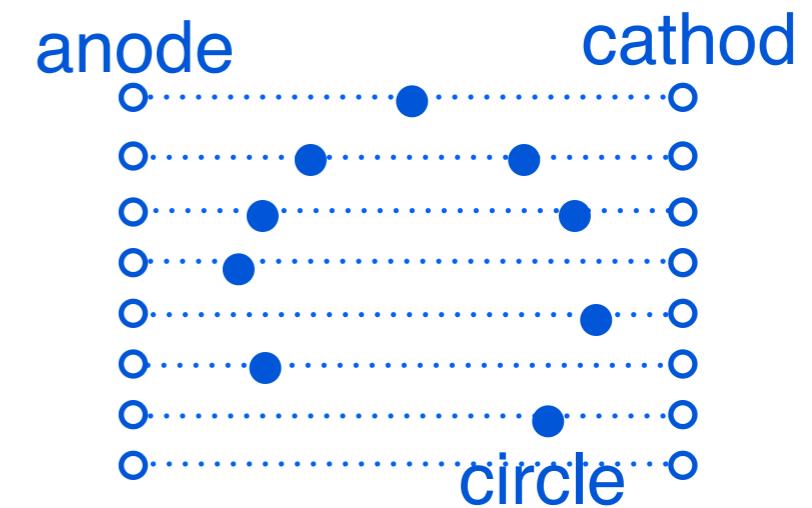
Tracking (source \neq detector)

DCBA (^{100}Mo , ^{150}Nd , etc.)

DCBA method



X-Y surface



$$p \cos \lambda = 0.3rB, T = \sqrt{p^2 + m_e^2} - m_e$$

p (MeV/c) momentum, **T** (MeV) k. energy,
r (cm) radius, **m_e** (MeV/c²) rest mass of e-
B (kG) magnetic flux density, **λ** pitch angle

DCBA experiment

2005

DCBA

- charge dividing

2007

DCBA-T2

- 6 mm pitch wires (xy + xz)
- ^{100}Mo source (natural Mo 30g)
- 0.6 - 0.8 kG magnetic field
- conducting magnet: 9h/day (Mo. - Fr.)



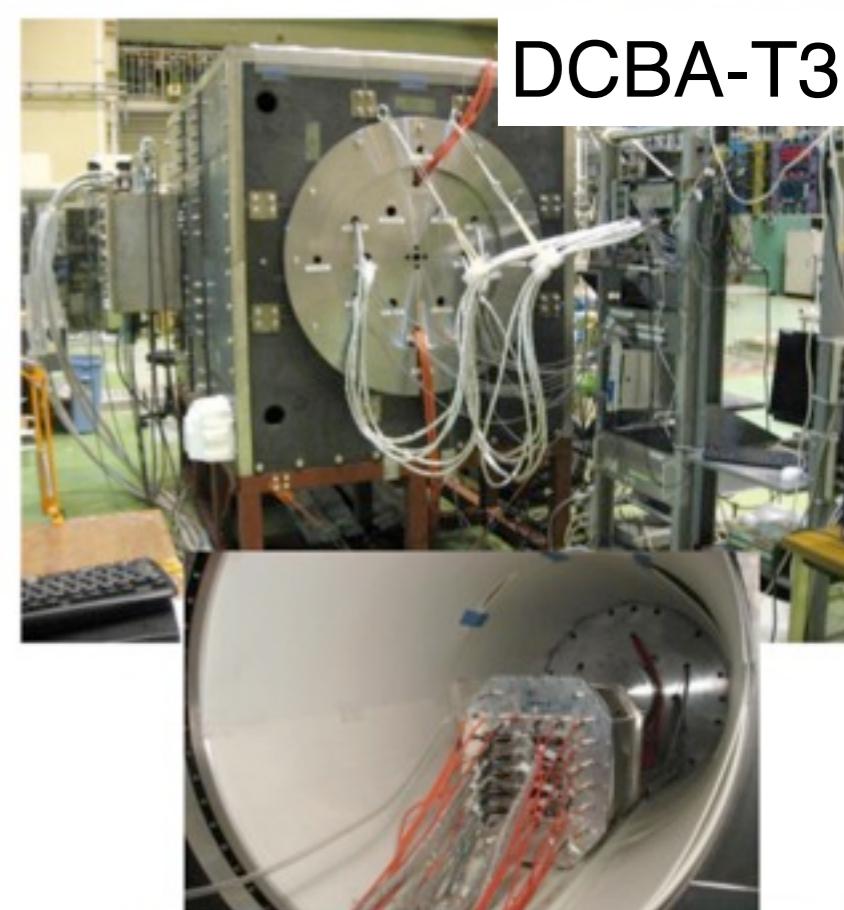
2011

present

DCBA-T2.5

24h operation

- 6 mm pitch wires (xy + xz)
- ^{100}Mo source (natural Mo 30g)
- 0.8 kG magnetic field
- **super-conducting magnet:**
24h nonstop operation



2013

DCBA-T3

higher resolution

- 3 mm pitch wires (xy + xz)x6
- ^{150}Nd (natural Nd₂O₃)
- maximum 3 kG

2017

MTD
(tentative name)

higher event rates

- ^{150}Nd (condensed, several 10 kg)

DCBA-T2-detector
in T3 (=T2.5)

DCBA T-2 results

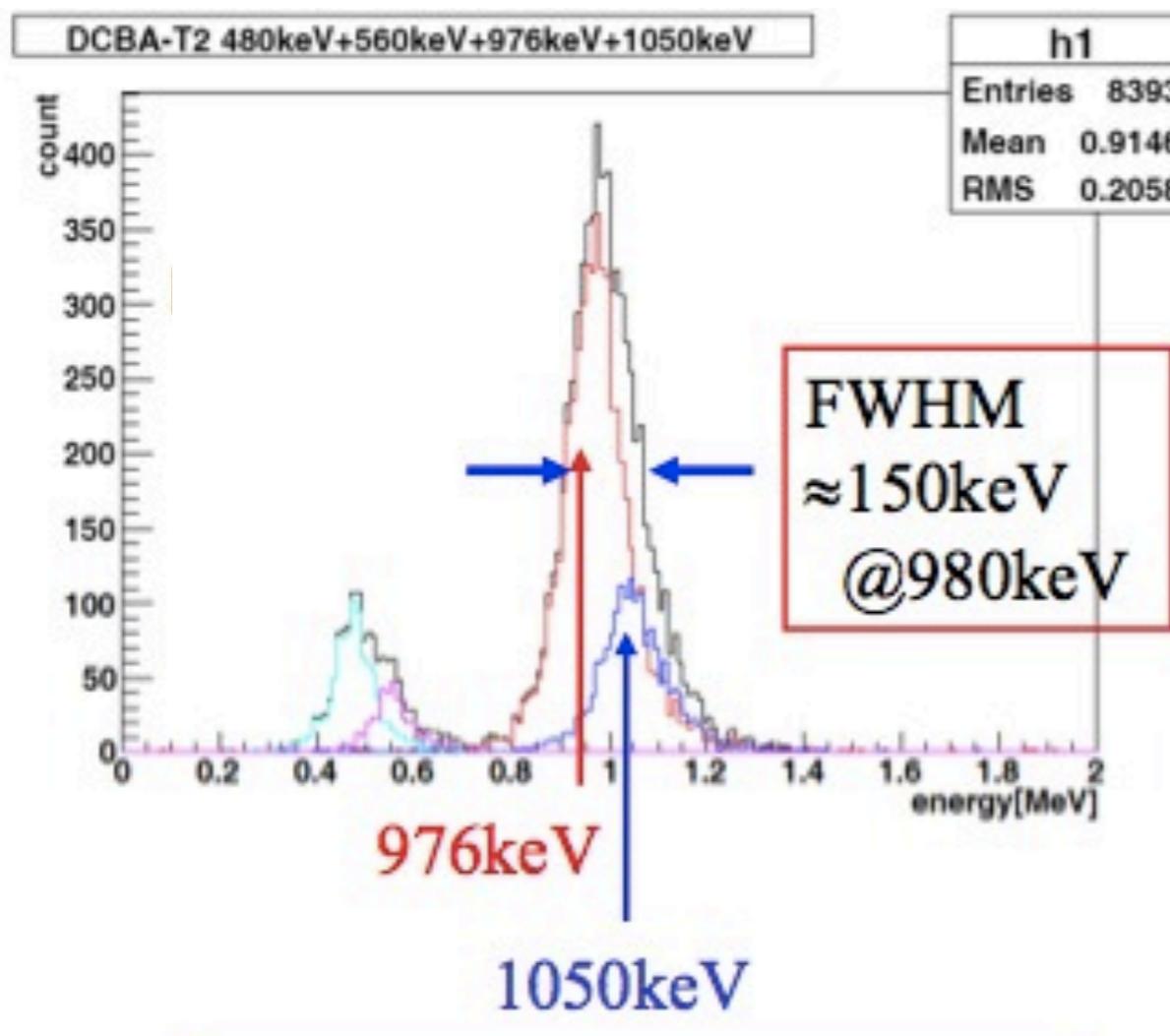


Energy resolution of DCBA T-2

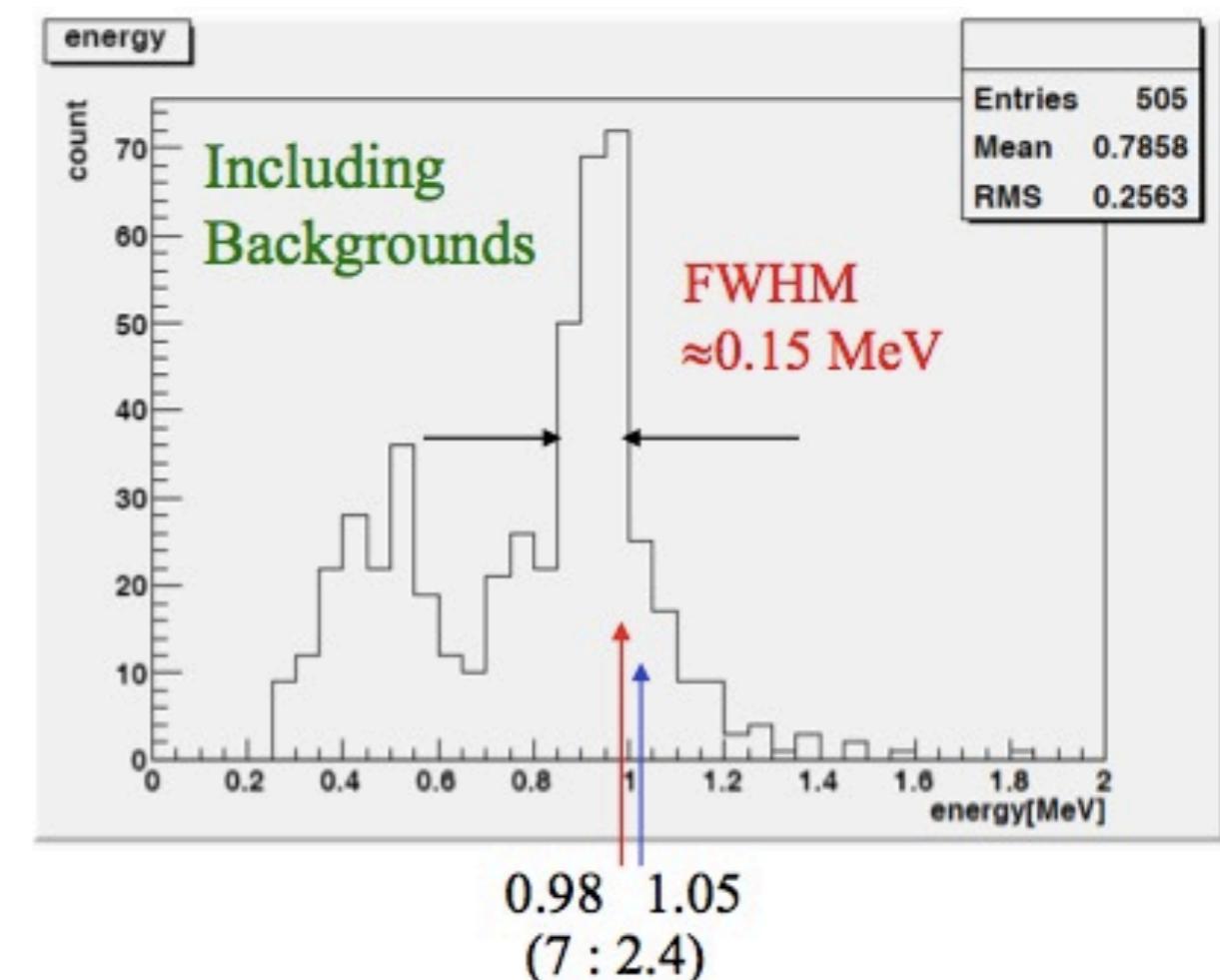
Energy spectra of internal conversion electrons

0.48 (1.5%), 0.56 (0.6%), 0.98 (7.0%) and 1.05 MeV (2.4%) from ^{207}Bi

MC



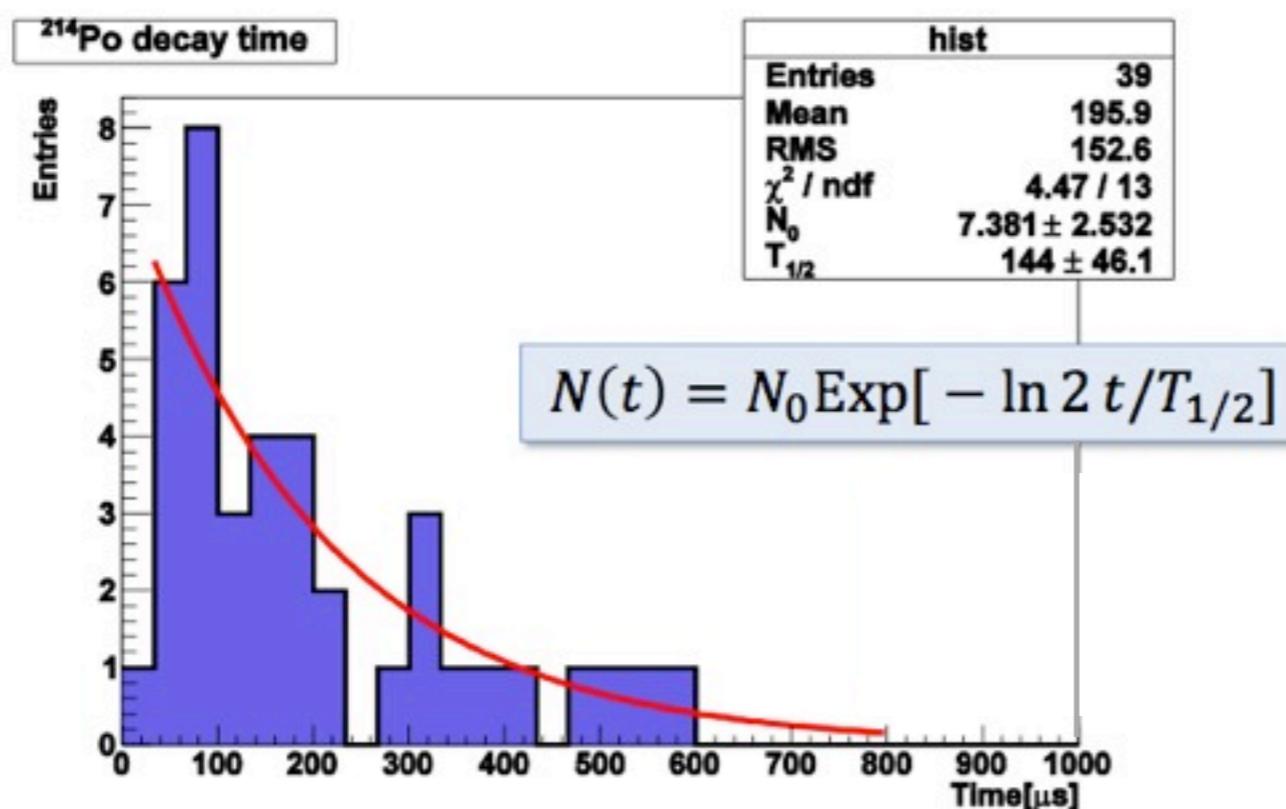
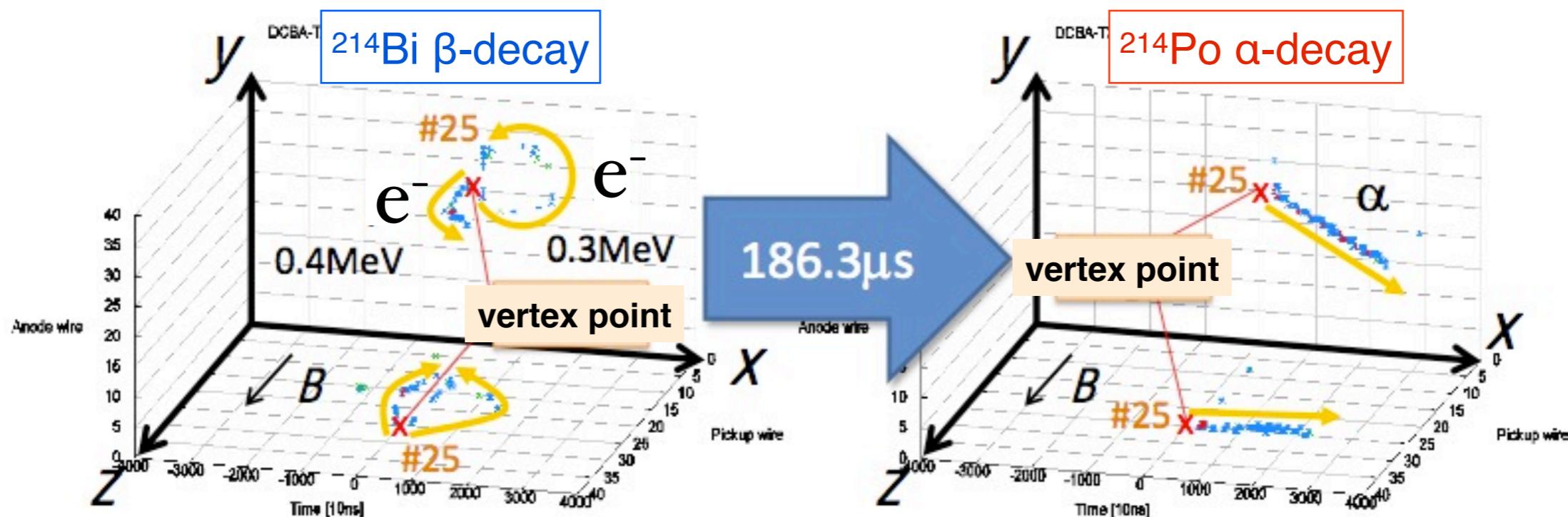
Measurement



chamber conditions
- He (90%) + CO₂ (10%) 1 atm
- B = 0.8 kG
- wire pitch = 6 mm

^{214}Po half-life measurement by T-2

^{214}Bi β -decay \rightarrow ^{214}Po α -decay detection and the ^{214}Po half-life



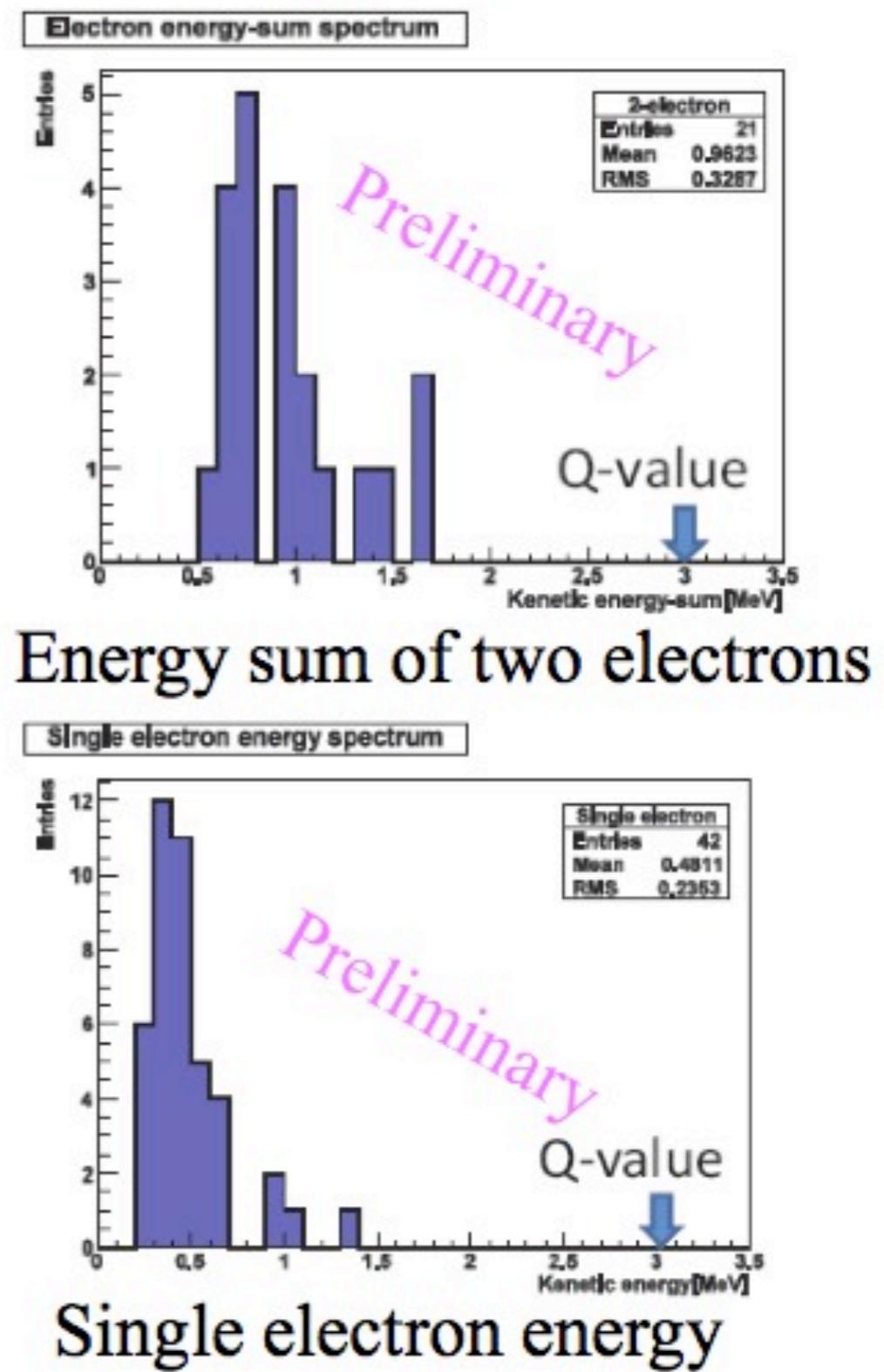
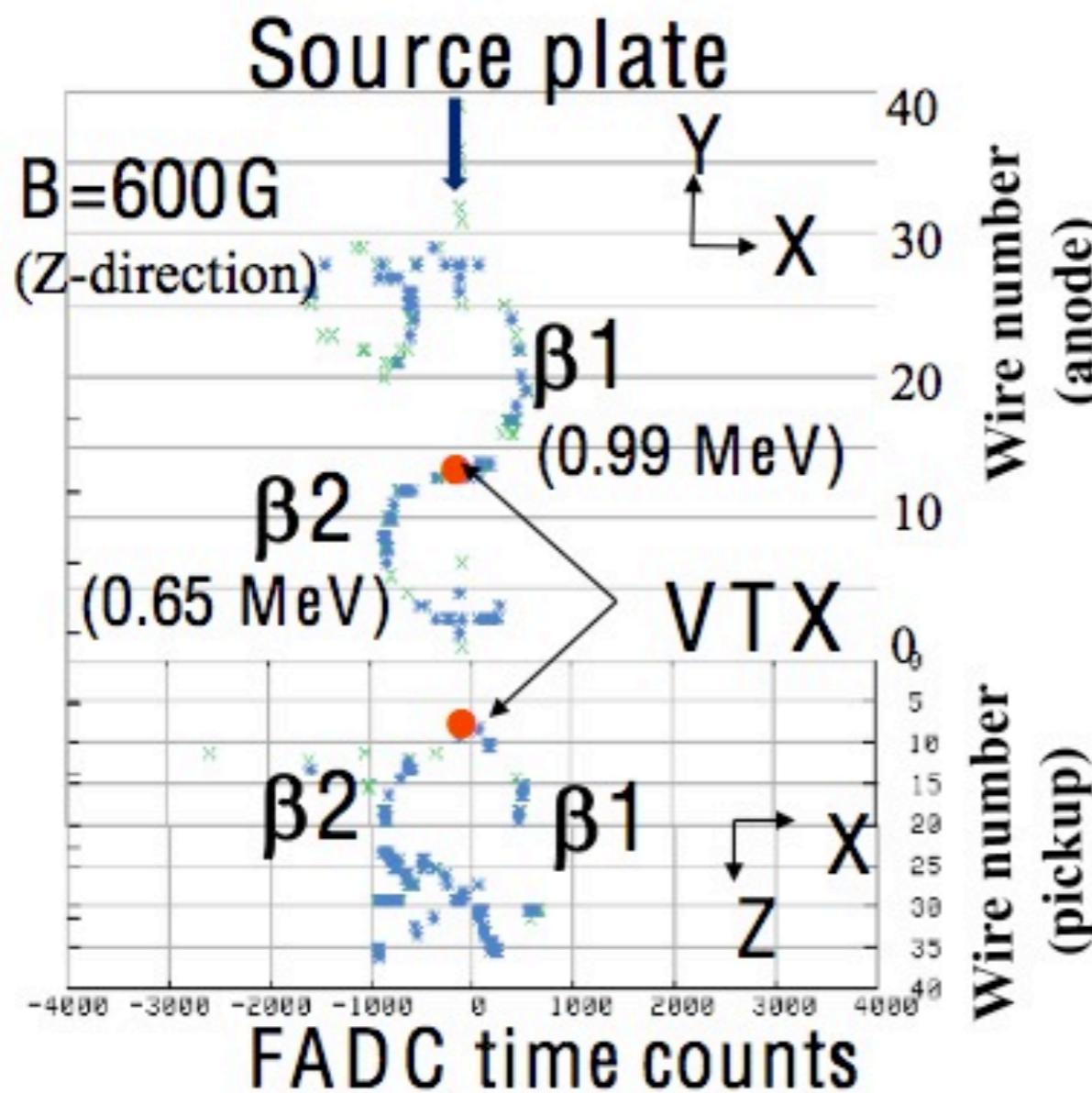
^{214}Po half-life

$$T_{1/2} = 144 \pm 46 \mu\text{s}$$

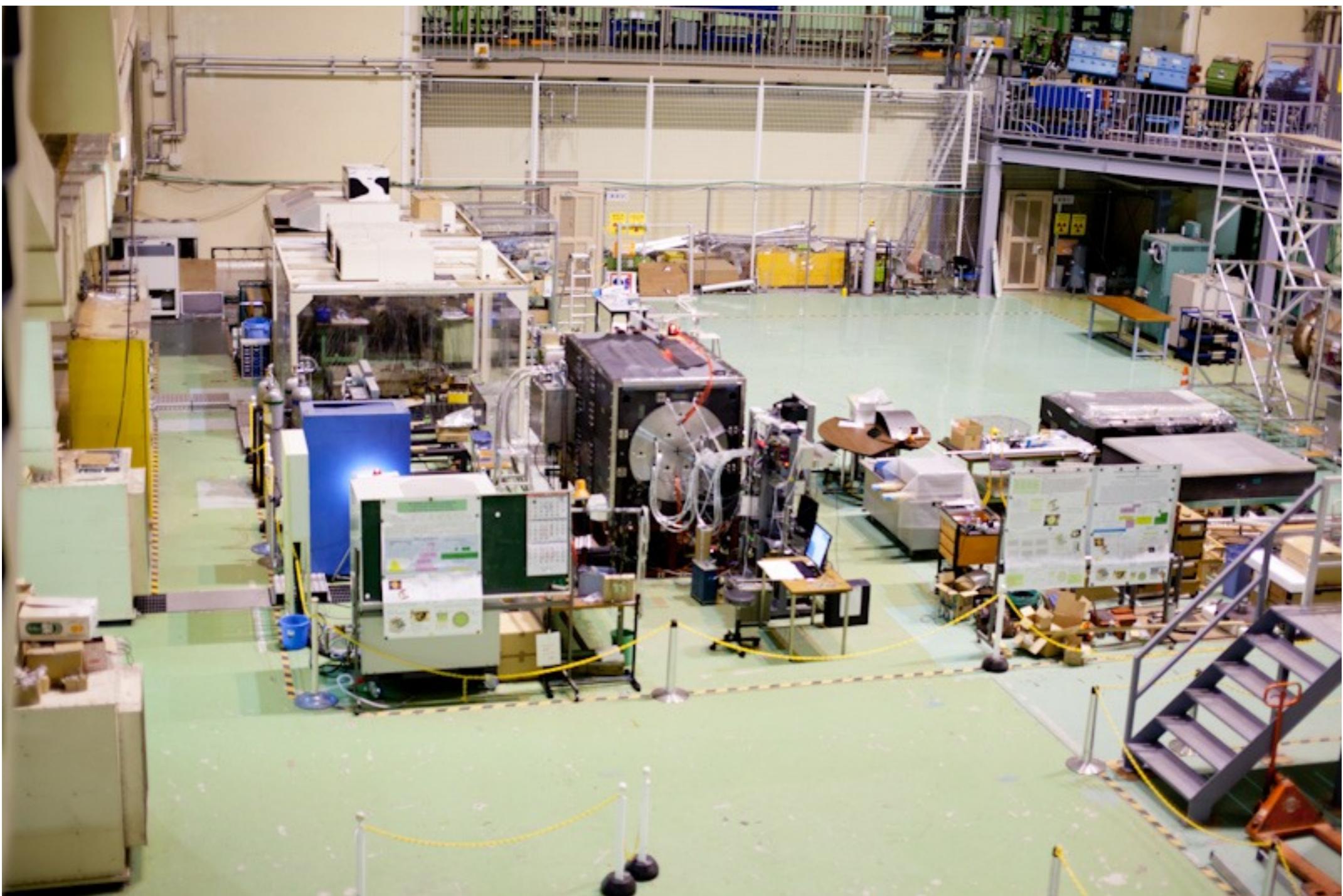
(ref. 164.3 μs)

DCBA T-2 result

Example of $2\nu\beta\beta$ candidates from ^{100}Mo



DCBA T-3

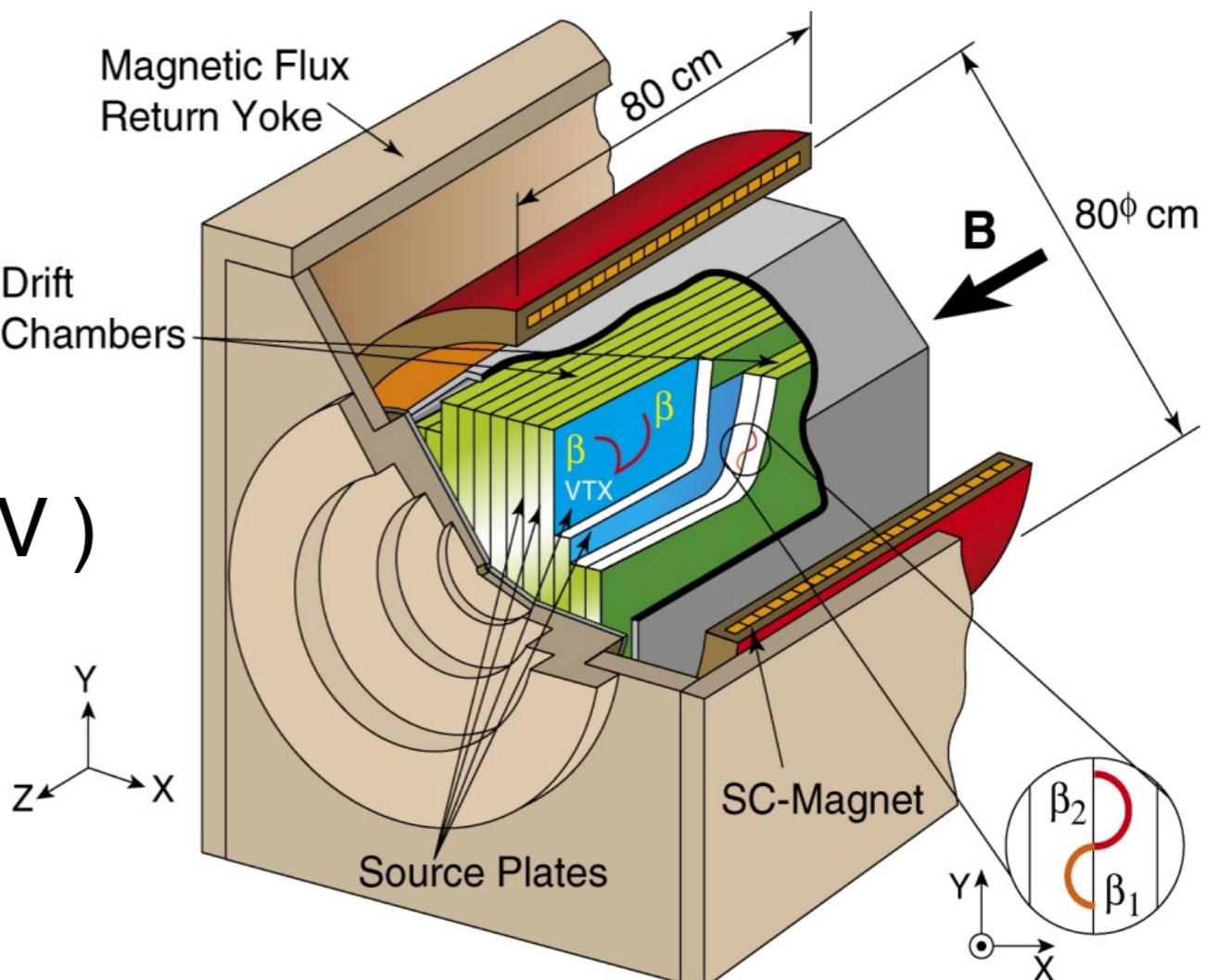


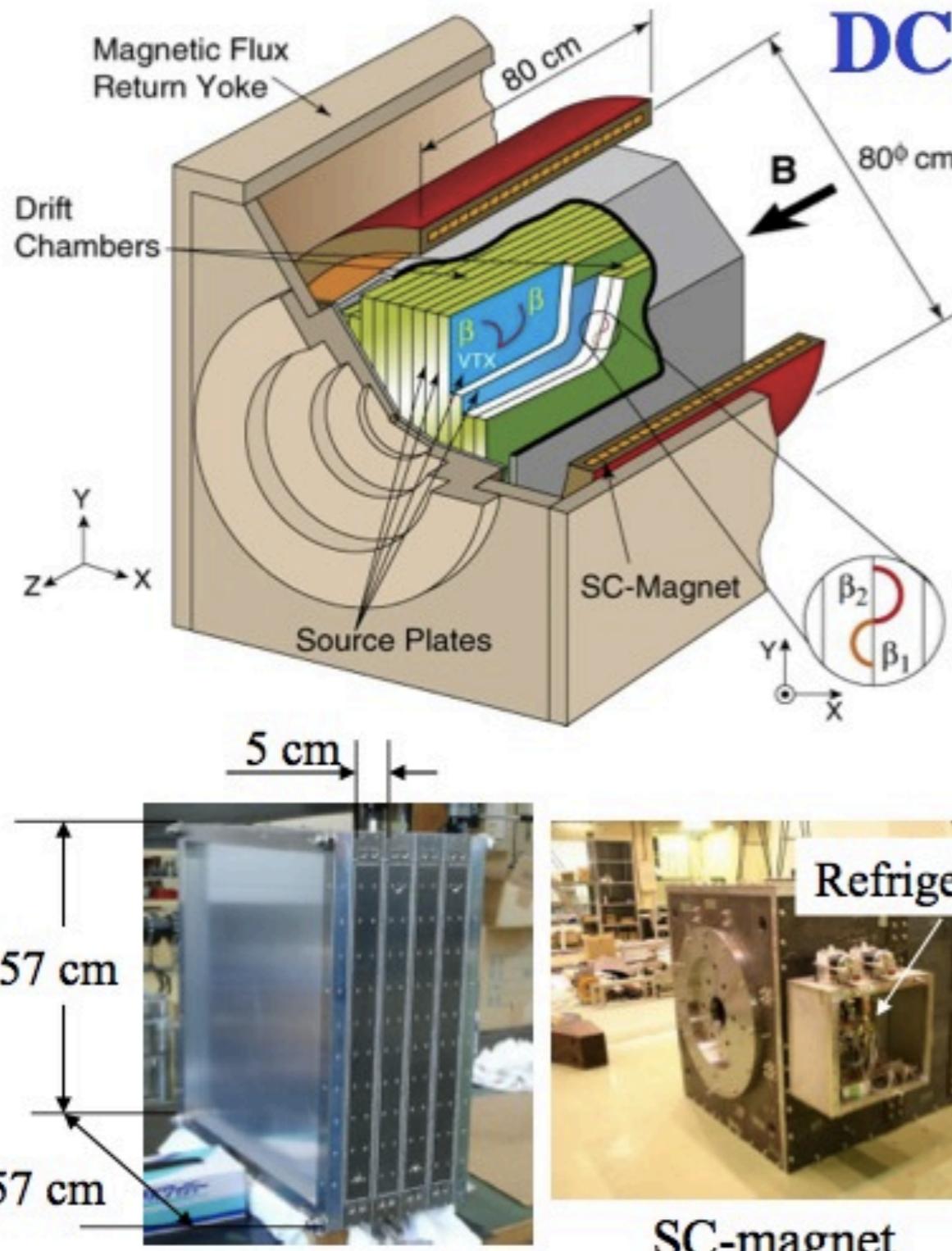
Super conducting magnet for T-3

- coolant-less
- GM refrigerator

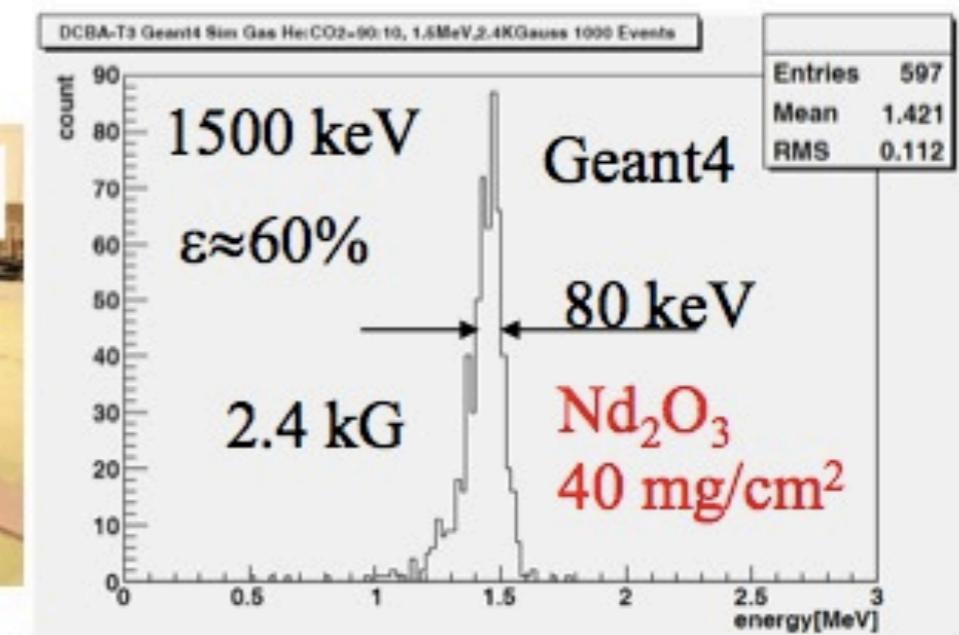
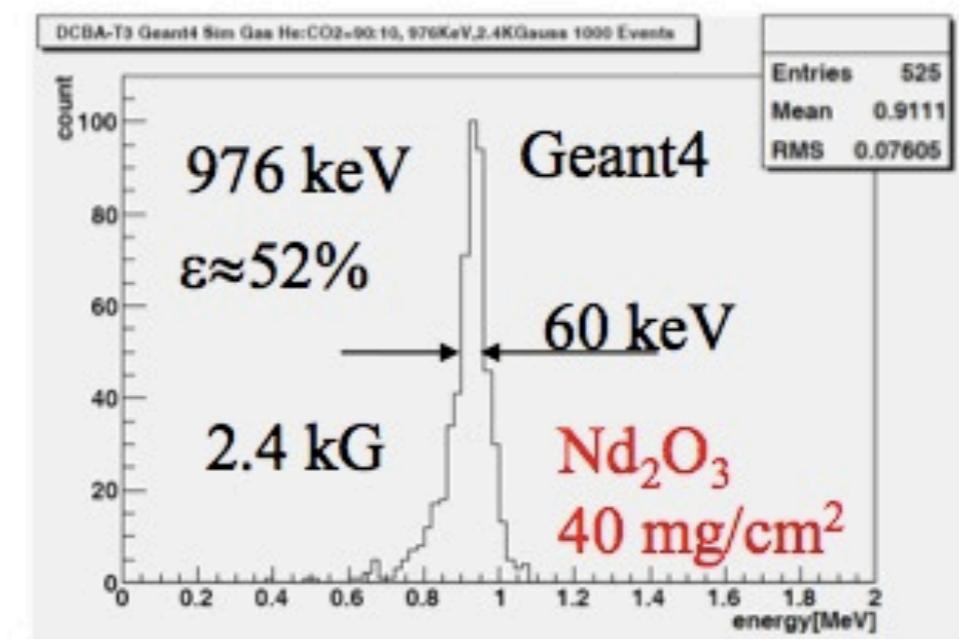
for DCBA T-3

- $B = 0.2 \text{ T} \pm 0.5\% (\Delta E \sim 80 \text{ keV})$
- $\phi 600\text{mm} \times L 600\text{mm}$



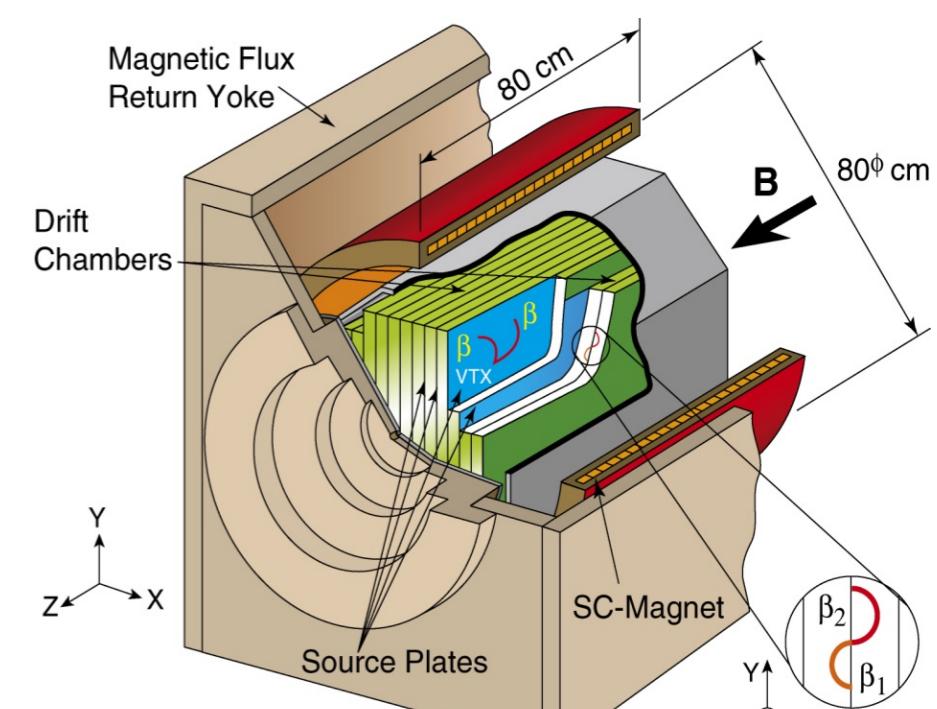
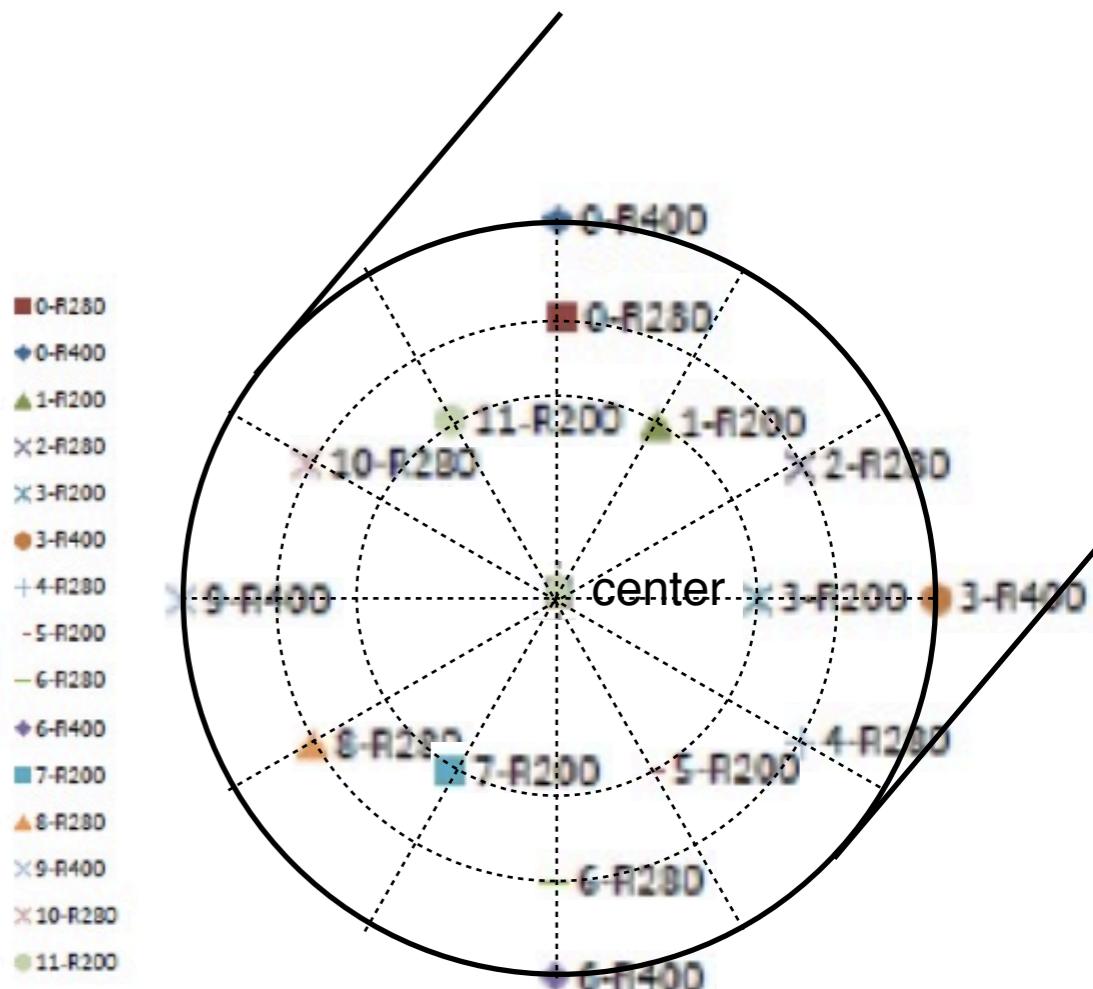
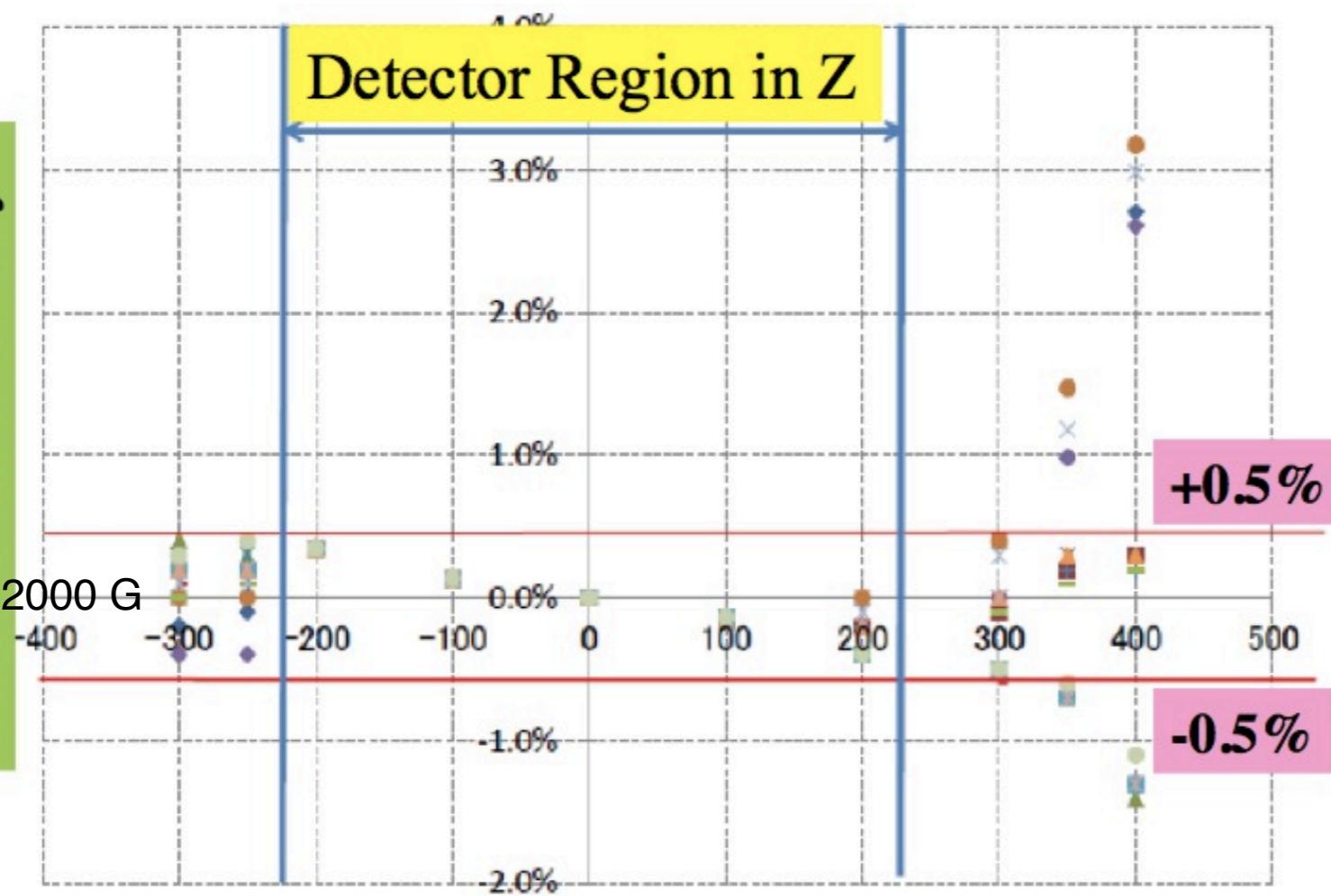


DCBA-T3 (under construction)



Magnetic field uniformity of DCBA-T3

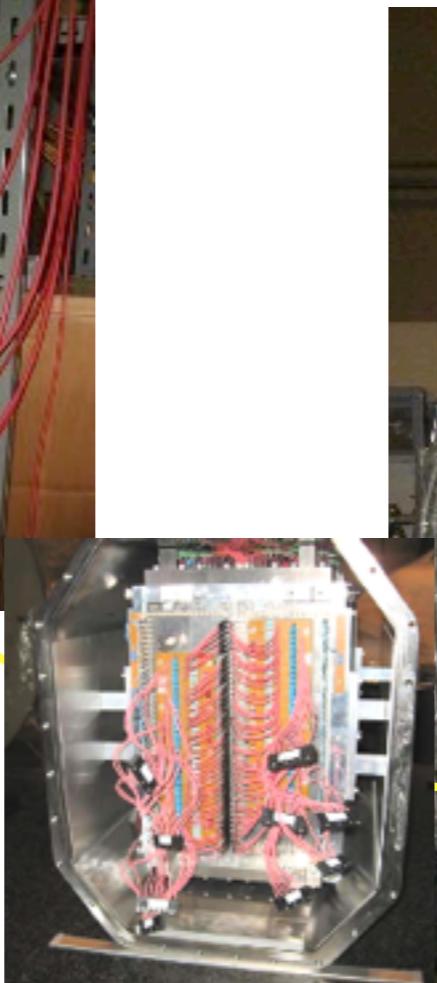
Error of Flux Density



DCBA T-2.5



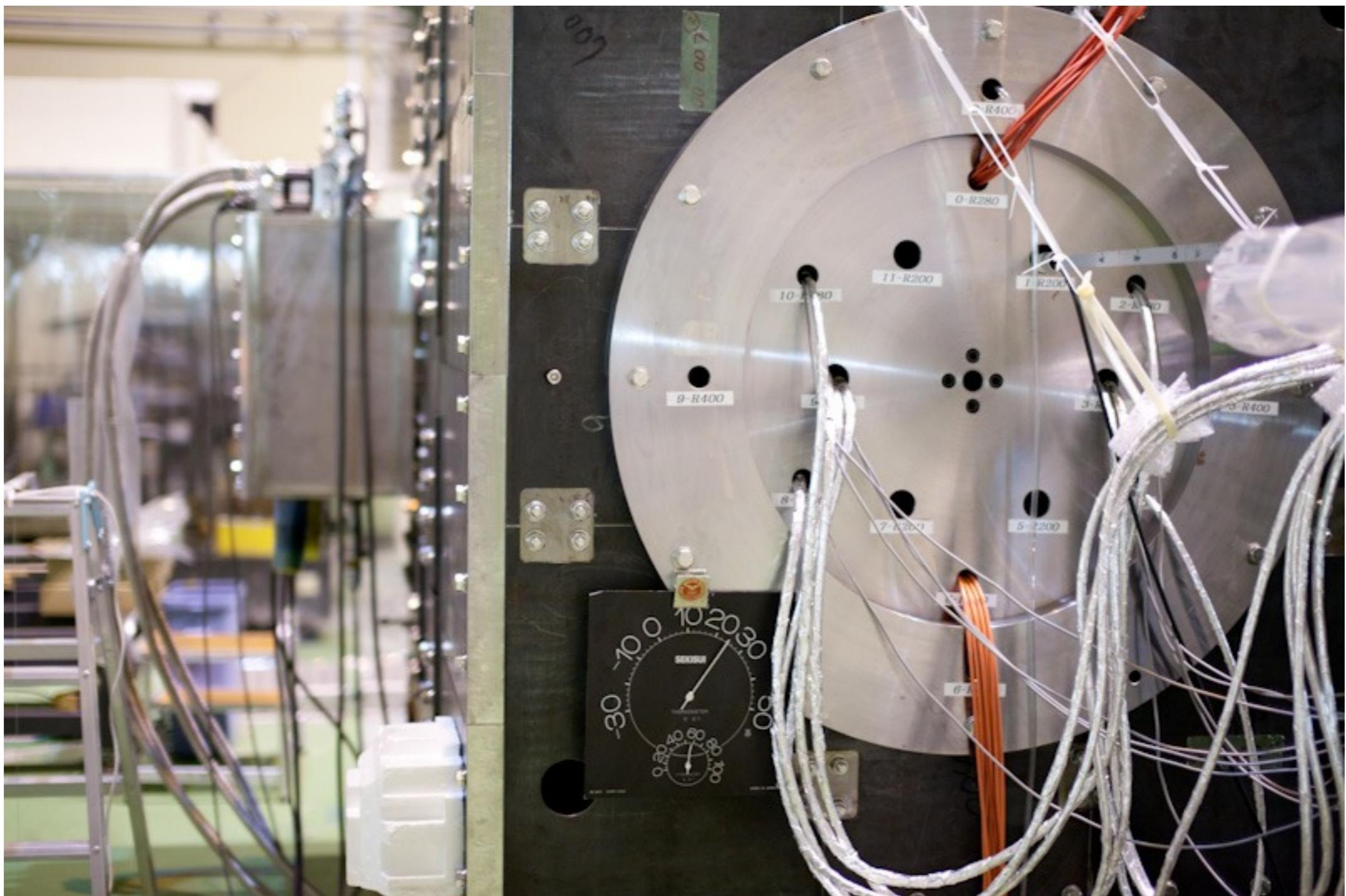
DCBA-T2



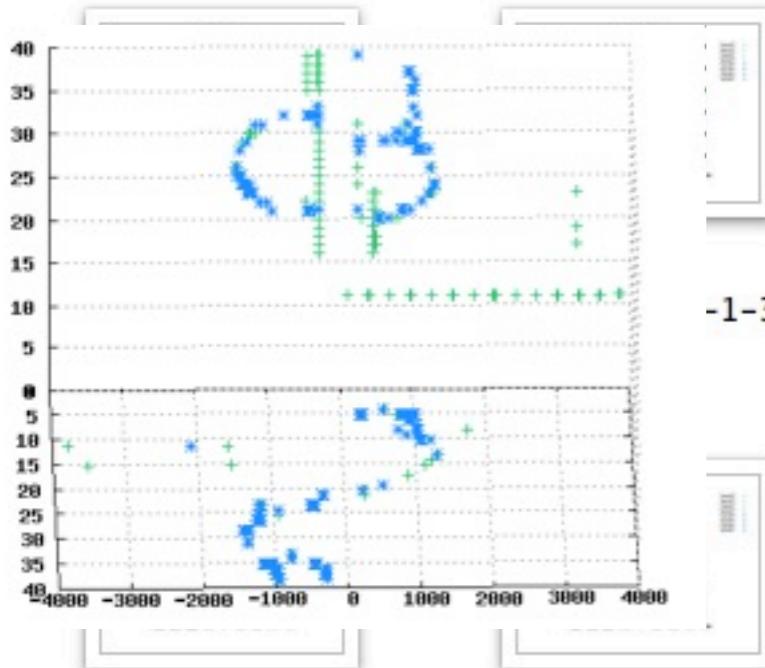
T3 superconducting magnet



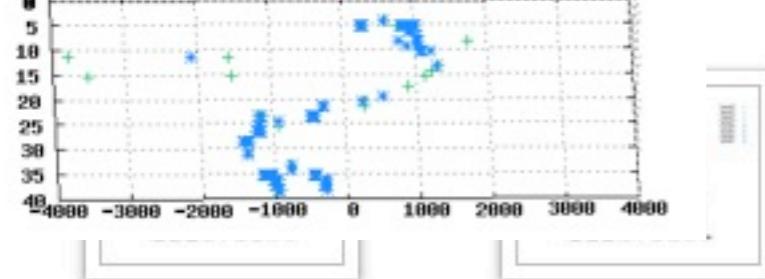
present result of DCBA T-2.5



DCBA T-2.5 events



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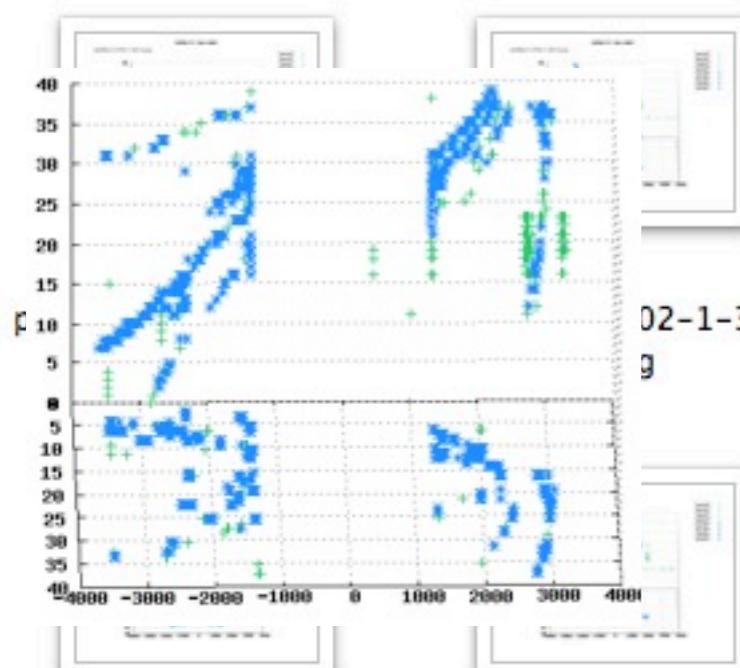
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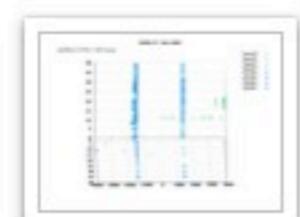
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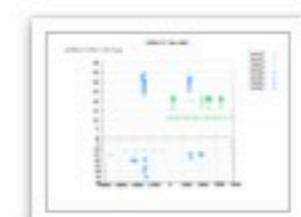
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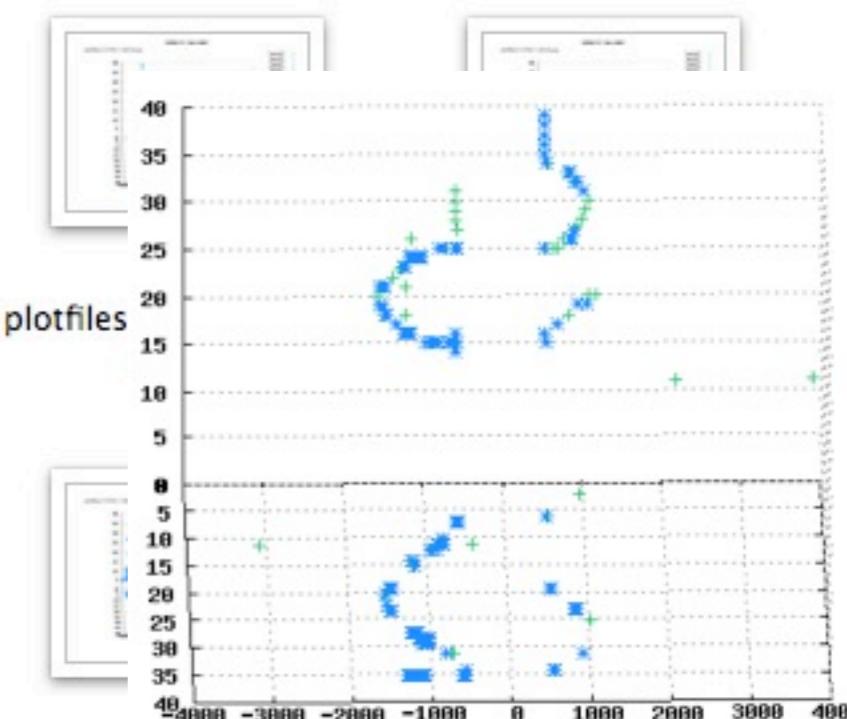
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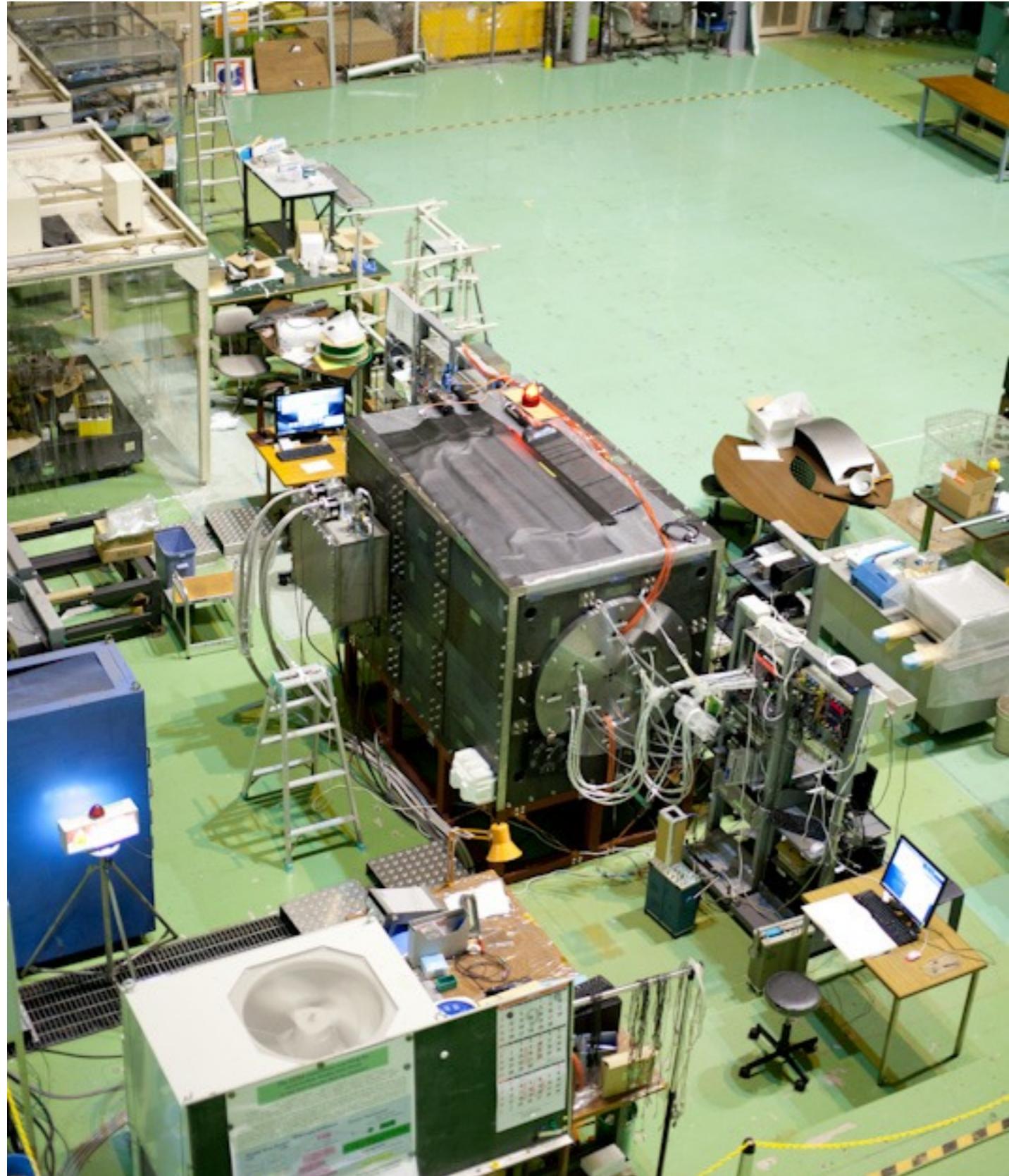
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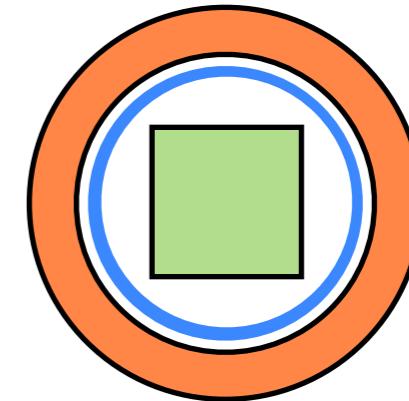
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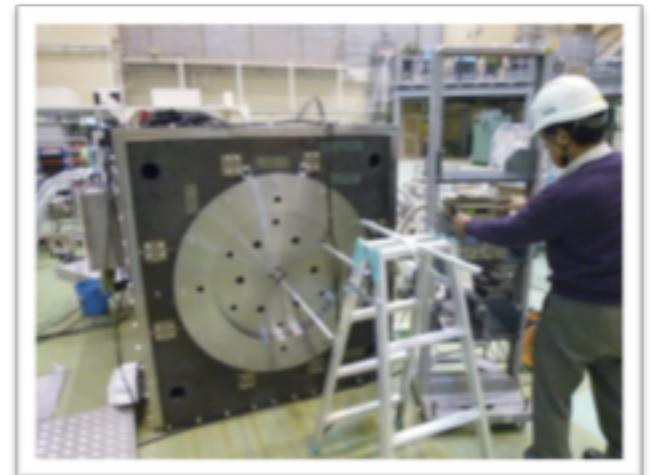
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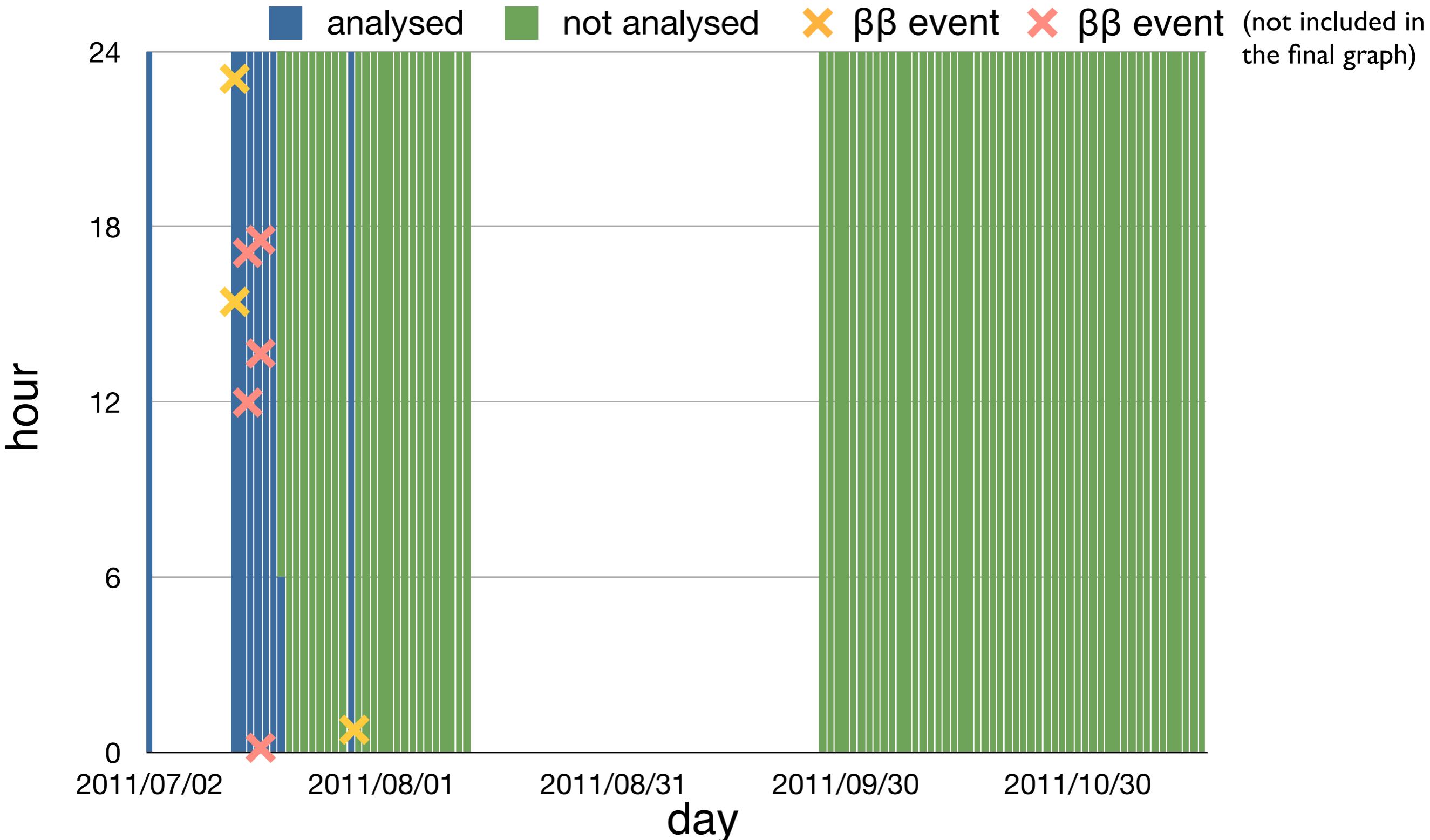
- > additional veto counter
whole veto counter
inside the **magnet**



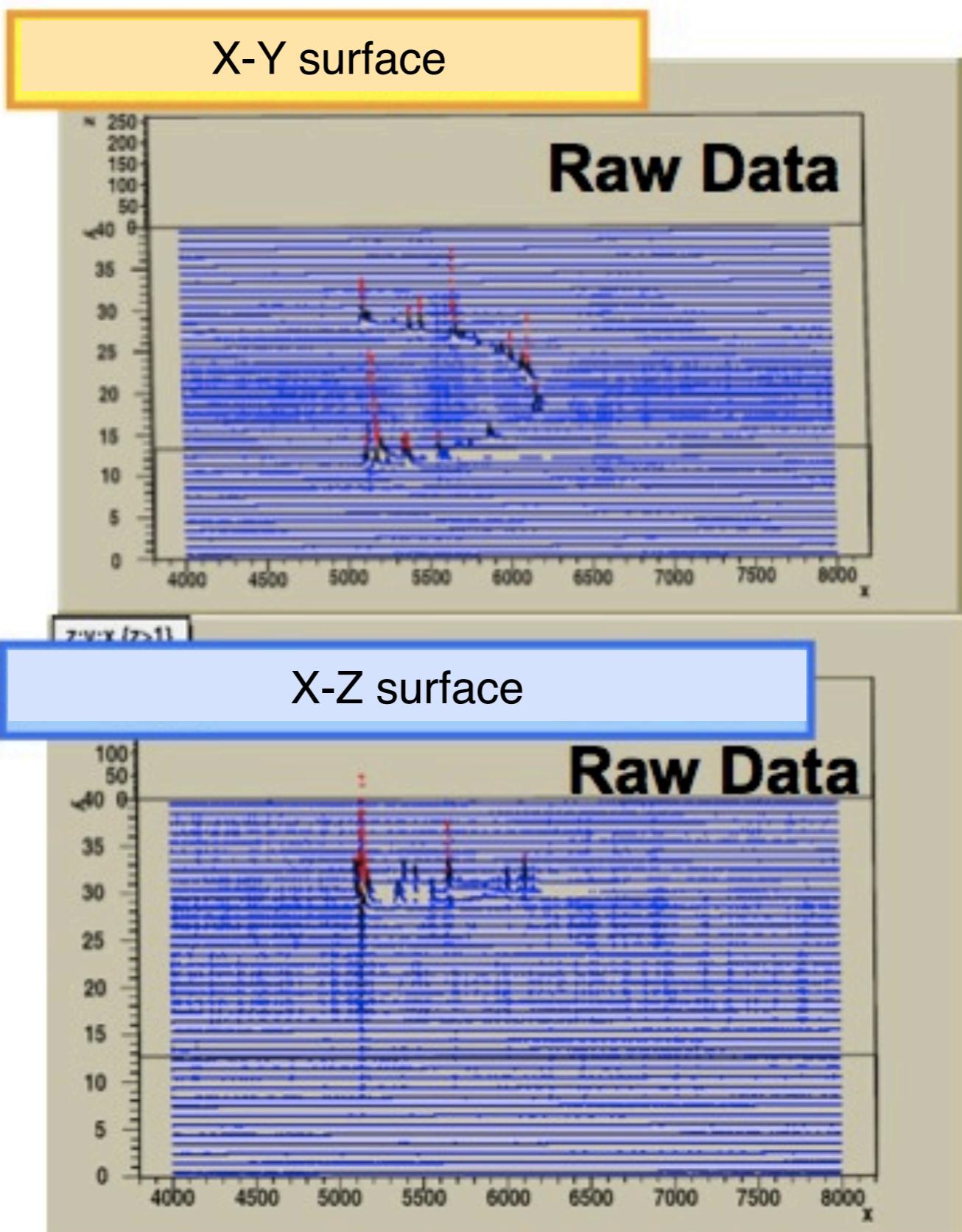
- > move to underground



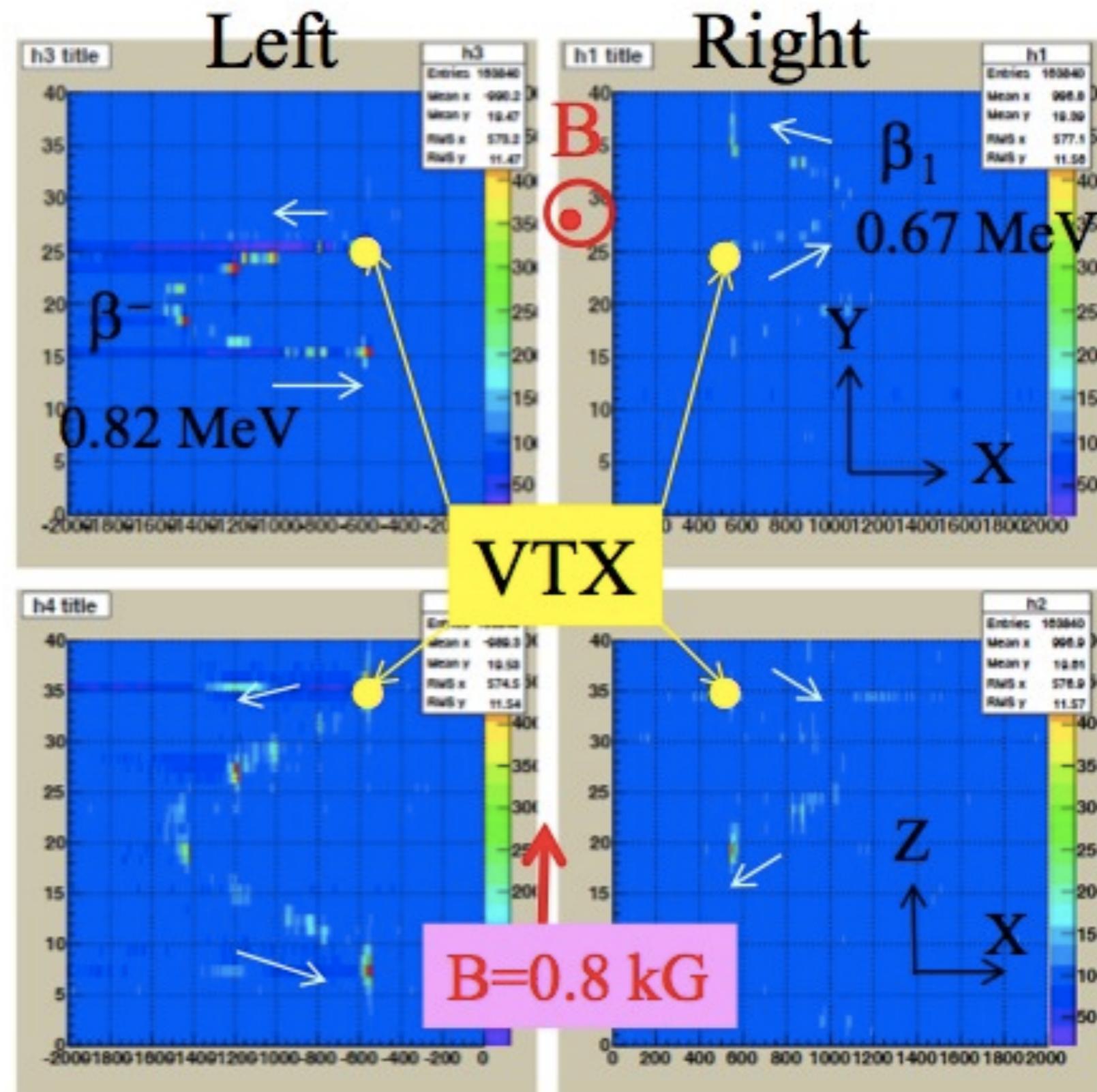
recent DCBA time table & $\beta\beta$ events



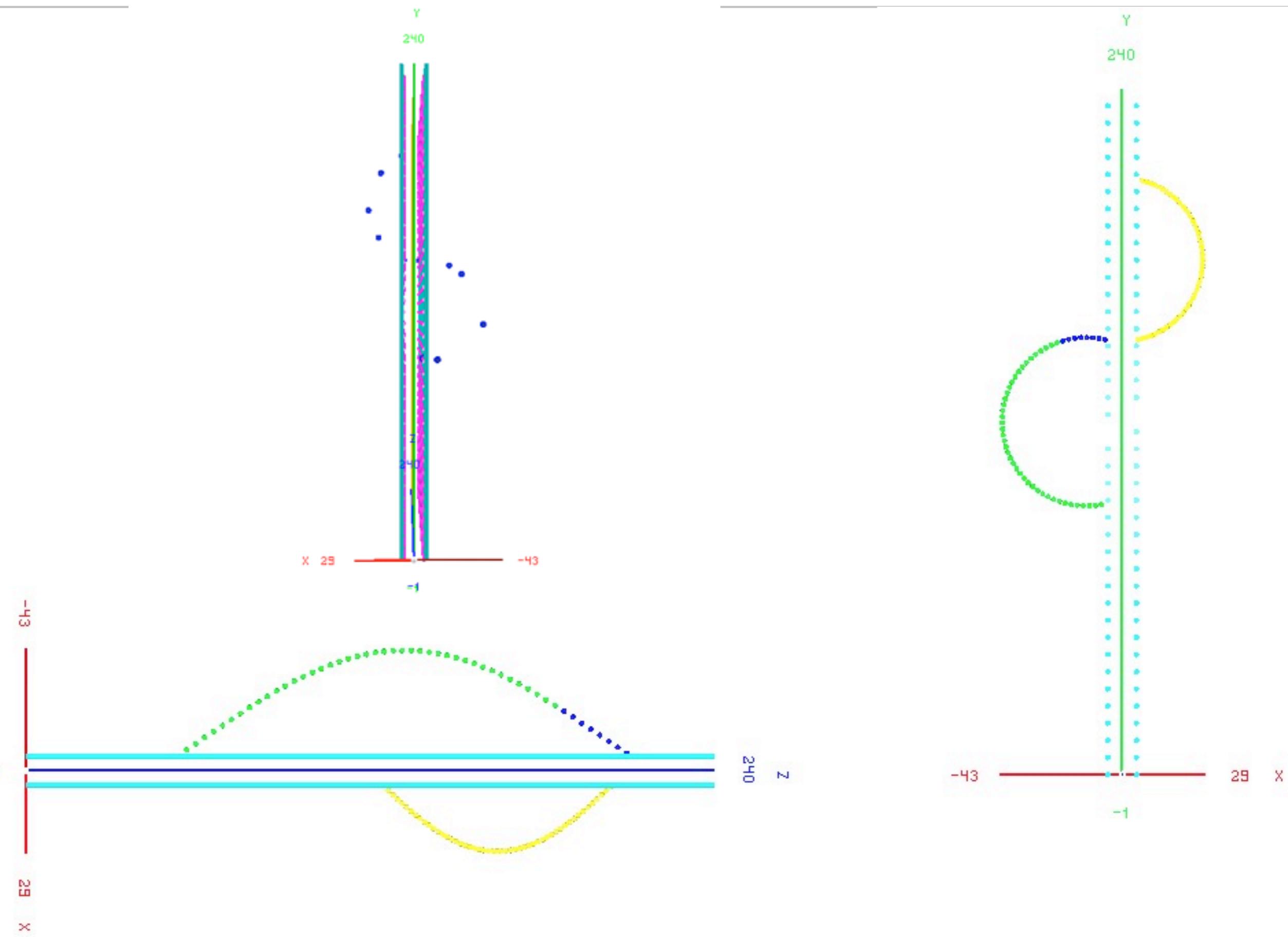
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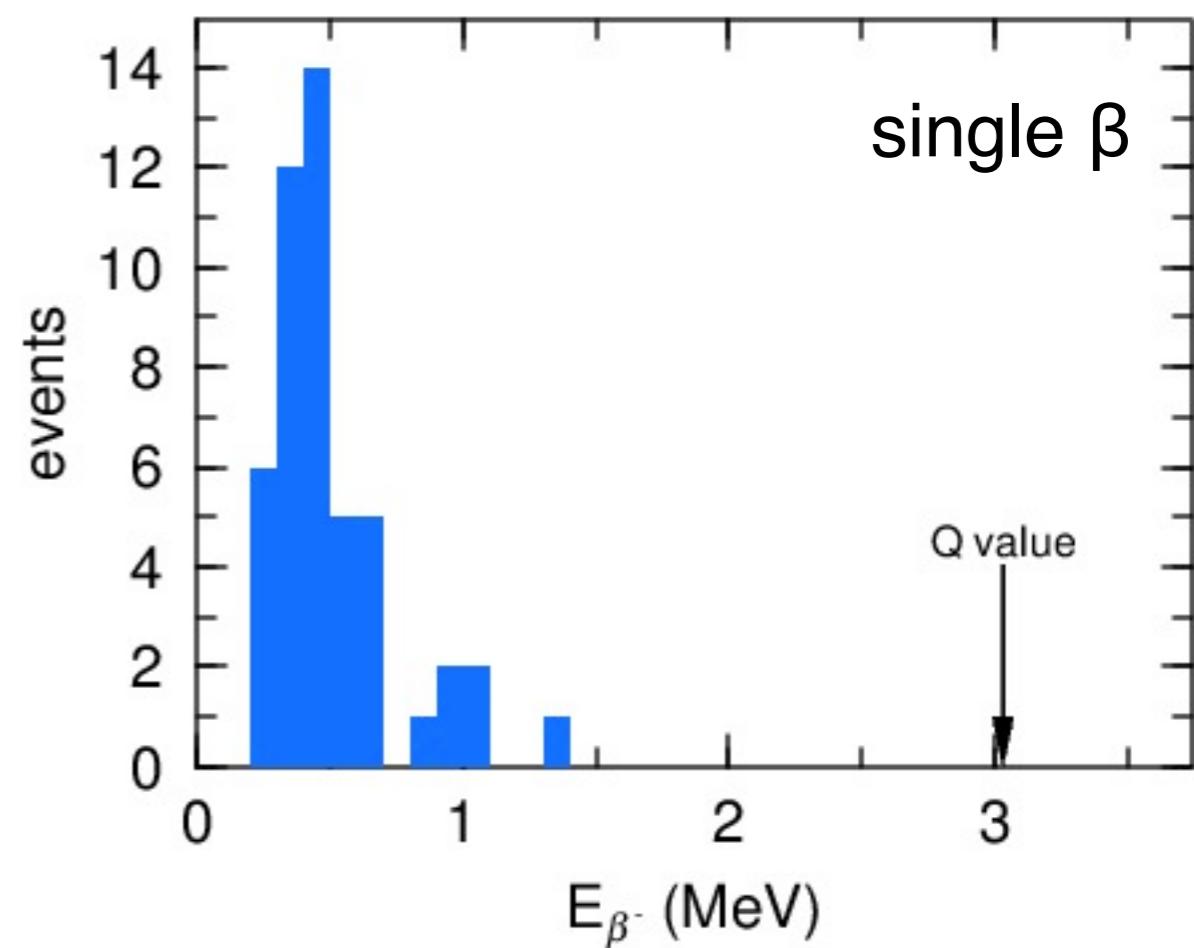
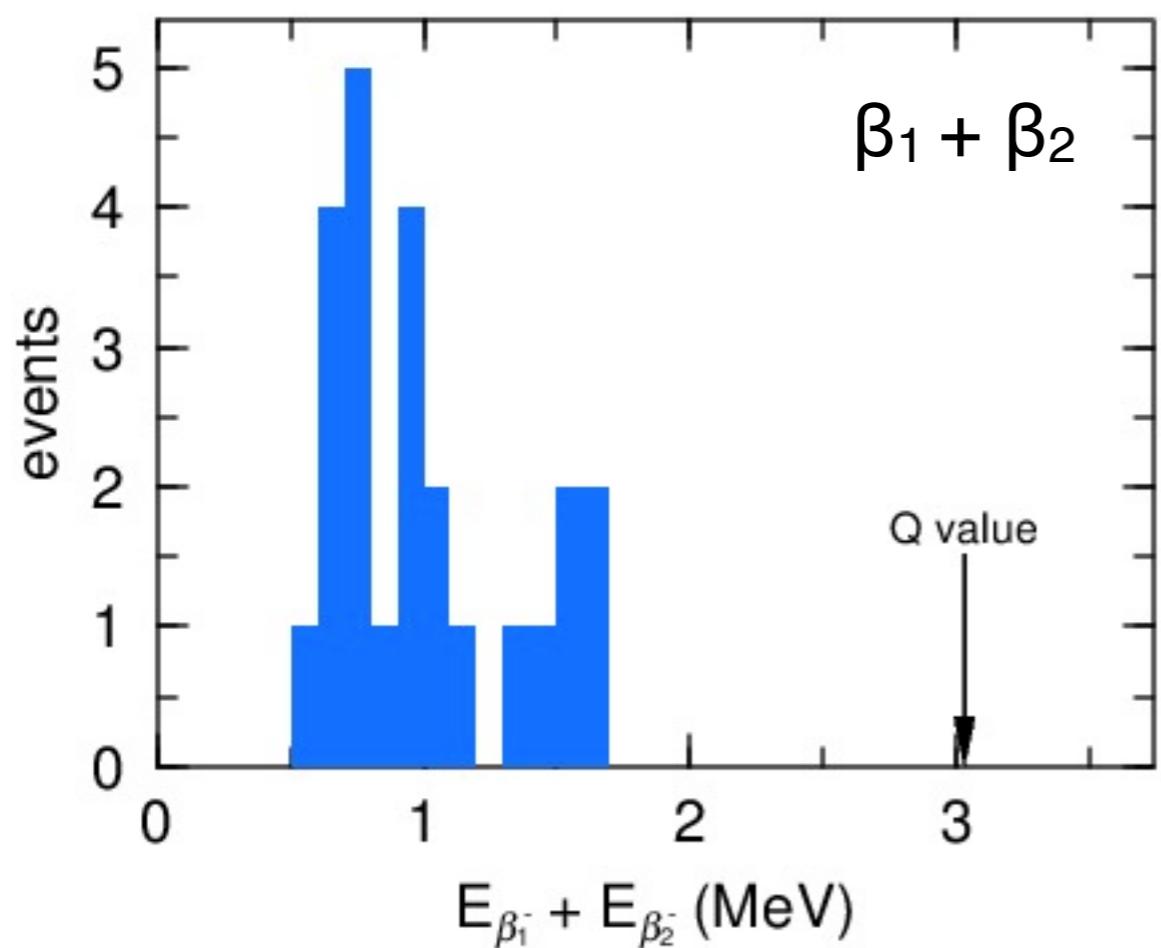
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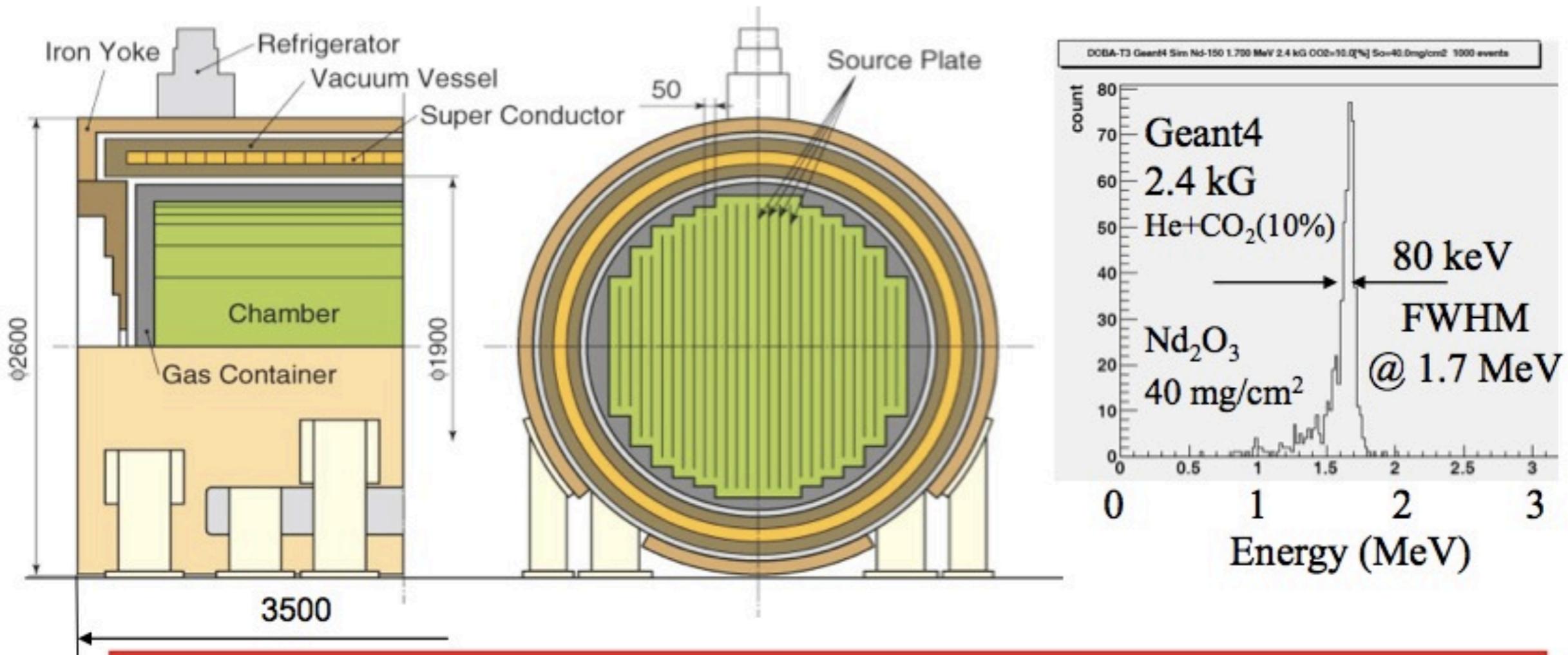


DCBA (T-2 + T-2.5) ^{100}Mo $\beta\beta$ results



MTD - the next DCBA

Chamber cell : the same as DCBA-T3, Source plate: 80 m²/module
Thickness: 40 mg/cm², Source weight: 32 kg/module 27 source plates

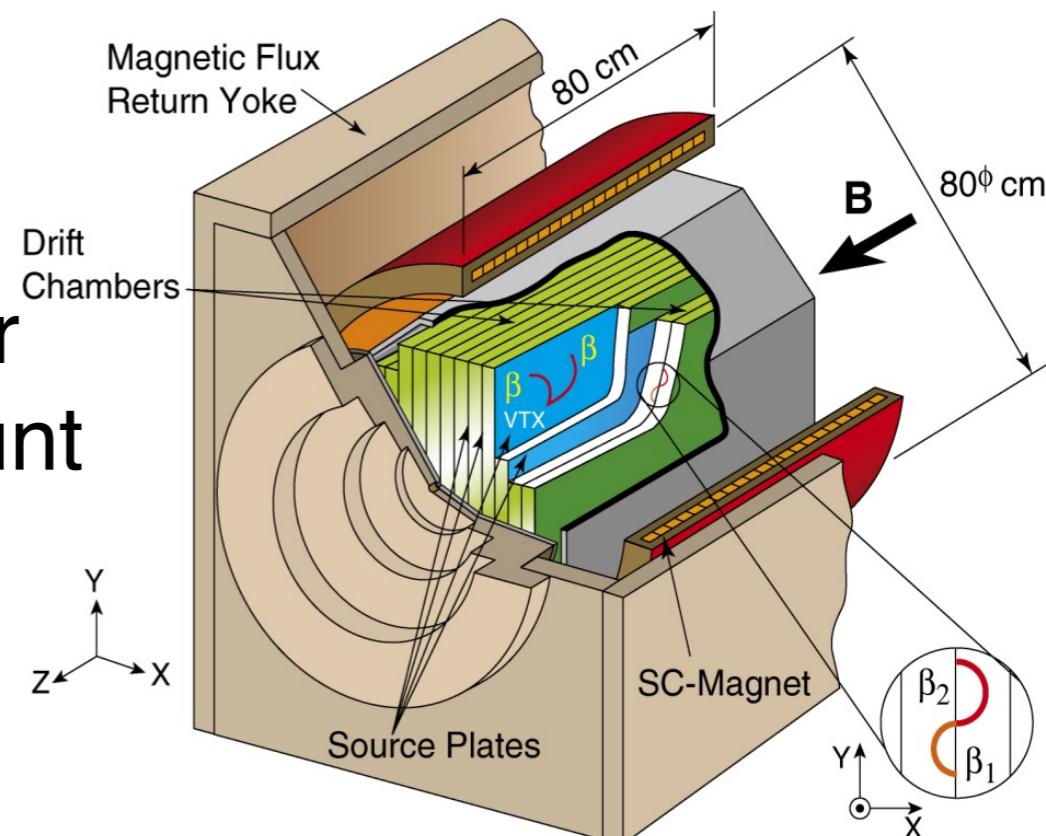


Expected Energy Resolution

$$\frac{\text{FWHM}(E_{sum})}{Q_{\text{Nd-150}}(3370\text{keV})} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 80\text{keV}}{3370\text{keV}} \approx 3.4\%$$

Summary

- DCBA $\beta\beta$ -decay data taking was started by T-2
- 21 $2\nu\beta\beta$ candidate events found by T-2
- DCBA-T3 super conducting magnet was finished
- T-2 chamber in T-3 s.c. magnet (T-2.5) is in operation
- 24h data taking
- T-3 is under development for higher energy resolution and source amount



recent DCBA time table & $\beta\beta$ events

