

Experimental Lecture #3

Sources

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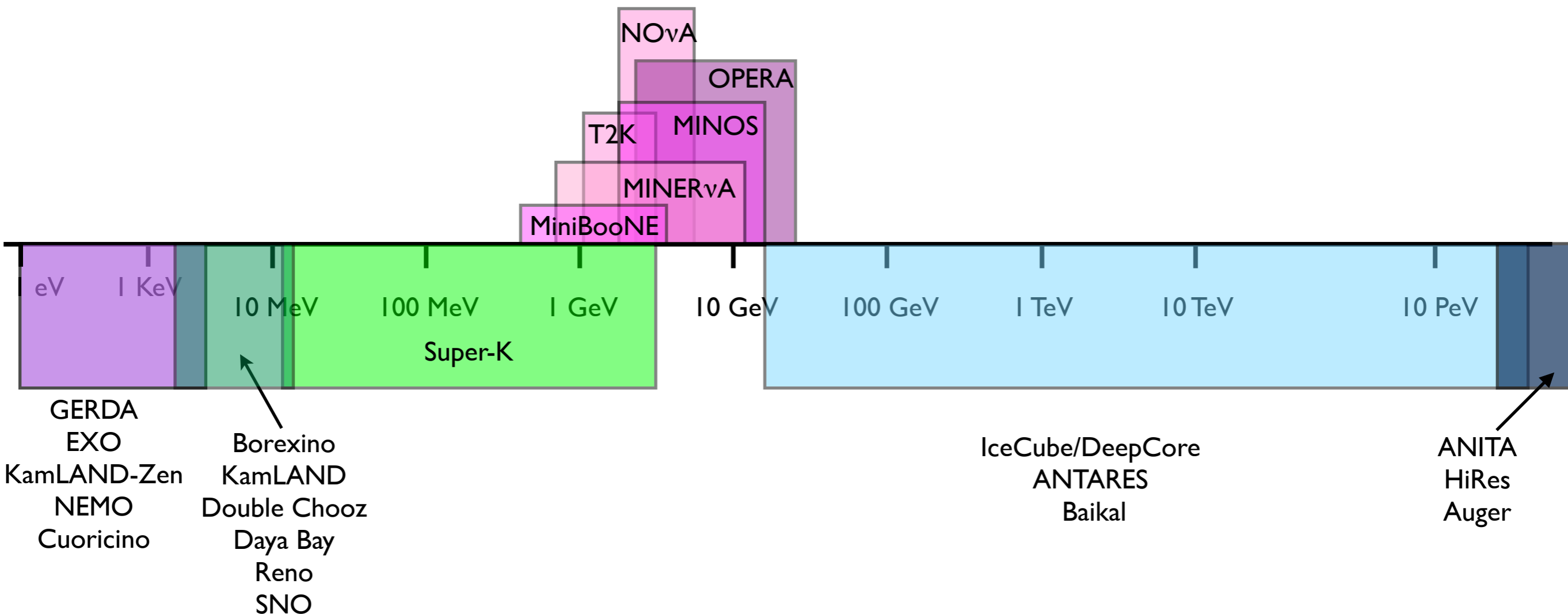


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Experimental Landscape Overview

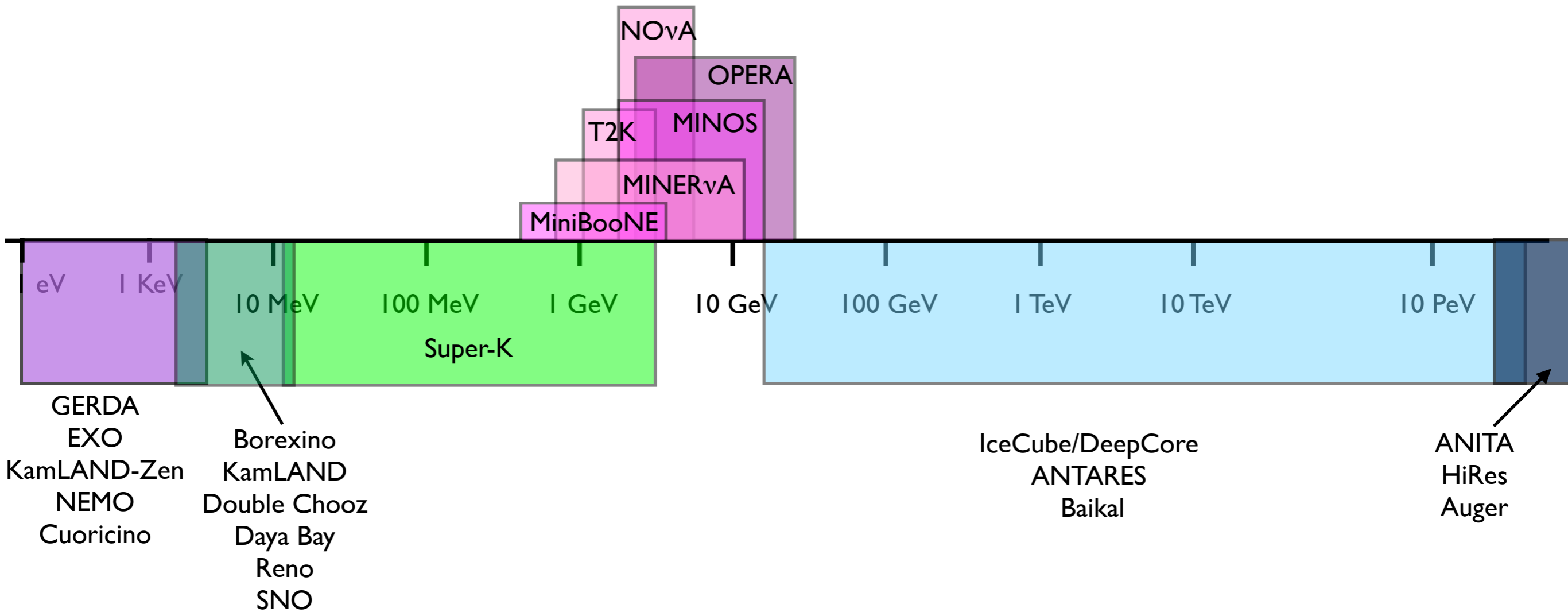
- Lowest energy experiments focus on neutrino mass and Dirac vs. Majorana
- Reactor/Solar experiments dominate the < 1 GeV non-accelerator region
- Accelerator coupled experiments are mainly probing oscillation physics
- Highest energy experiments are involved with astro-physics and cosmic neutrinos



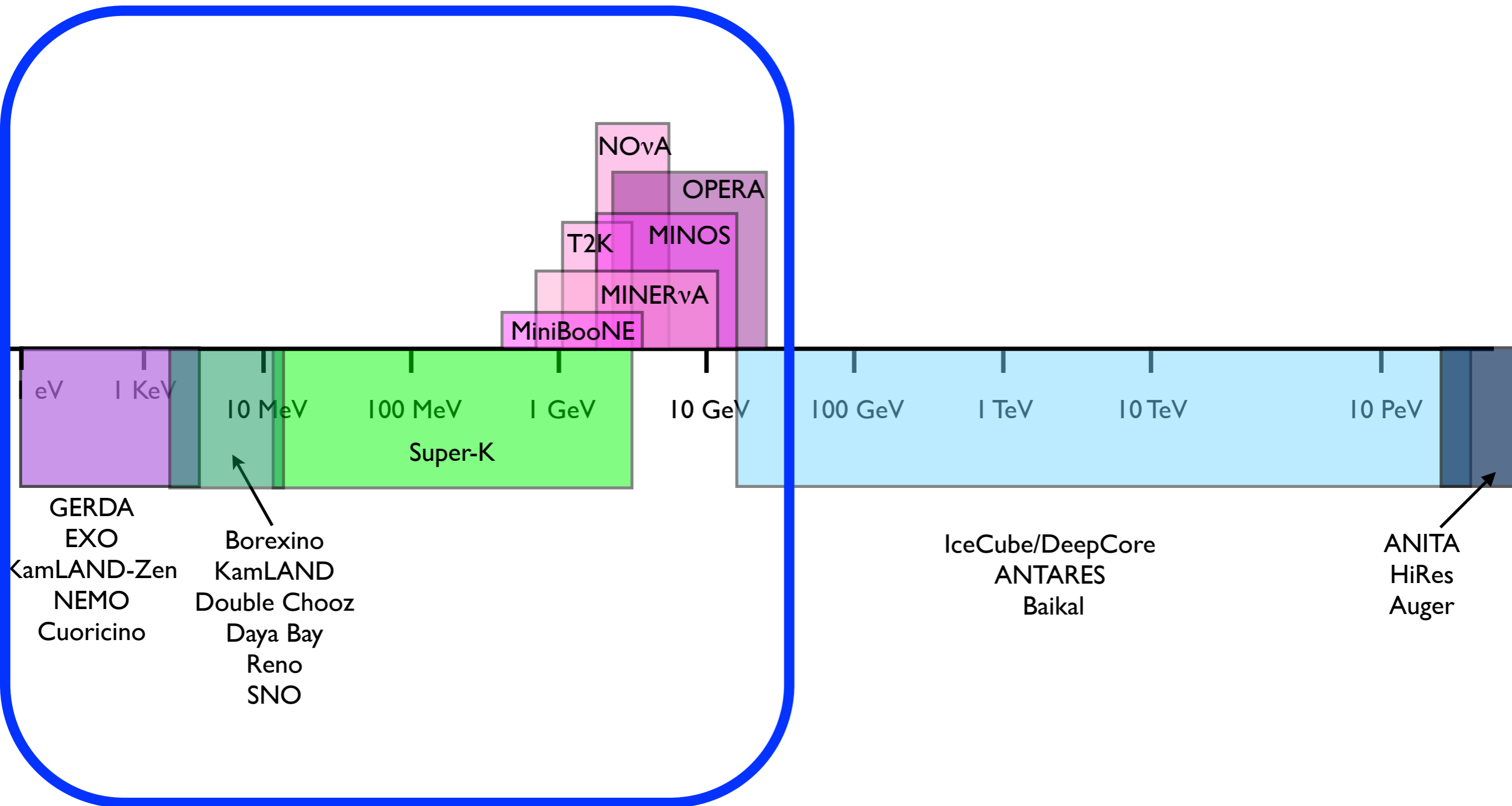
Charged Current Types

- There are different types of Charged Current interactions
 - At high(er) energies Deep-Inelastic Scattering (DIS): Nucleon is destroyed created a shower of secondary hadrons
 - At ~ 1 GeV neutrino energy Resonance (RES): Nucleon 'emits' a low number of secondary mesons or resonant states
 - At lowest energies Quasi-Elastic (QE or QEL): Nucleon stays intact
- Higher energies have higher cross-sections

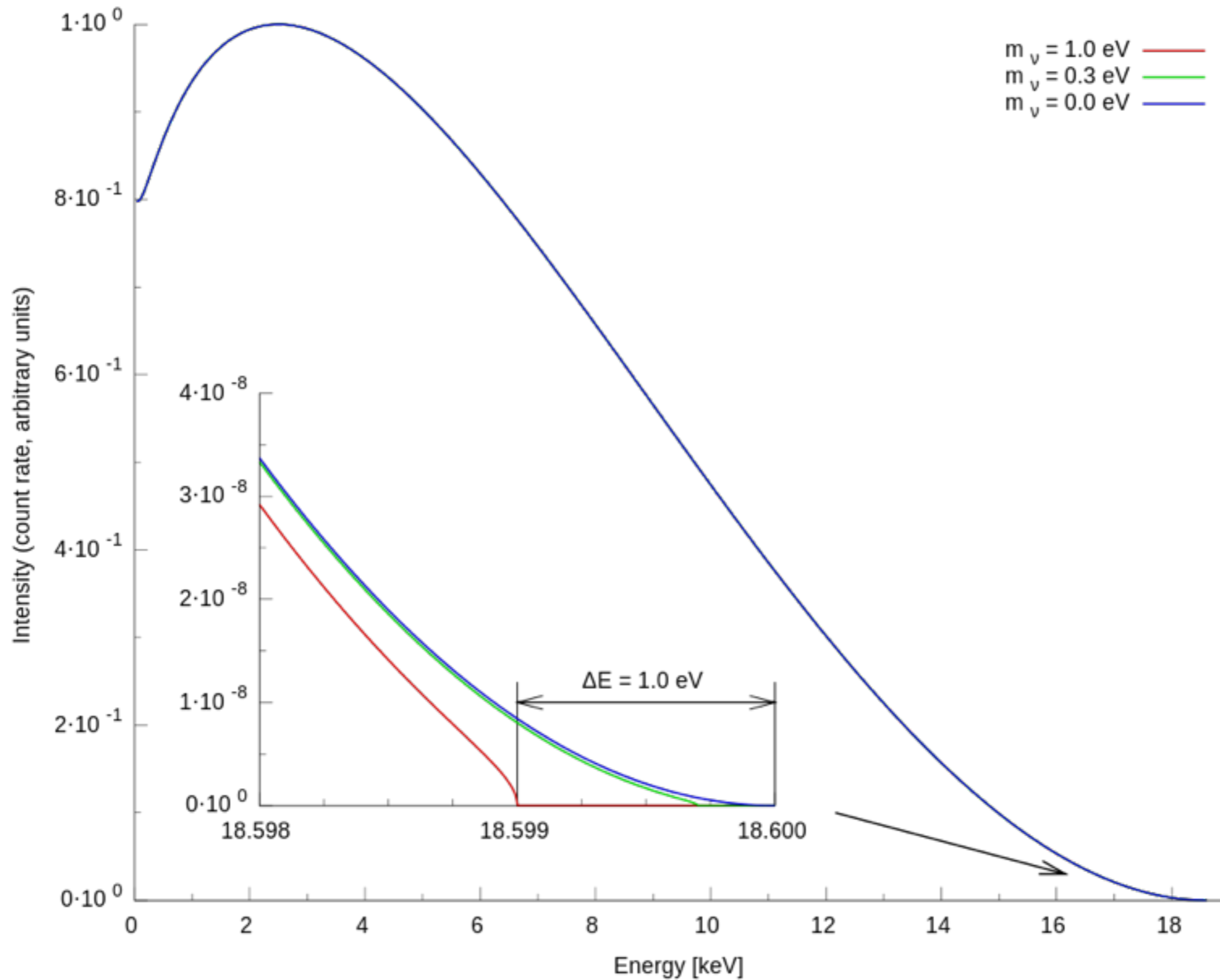
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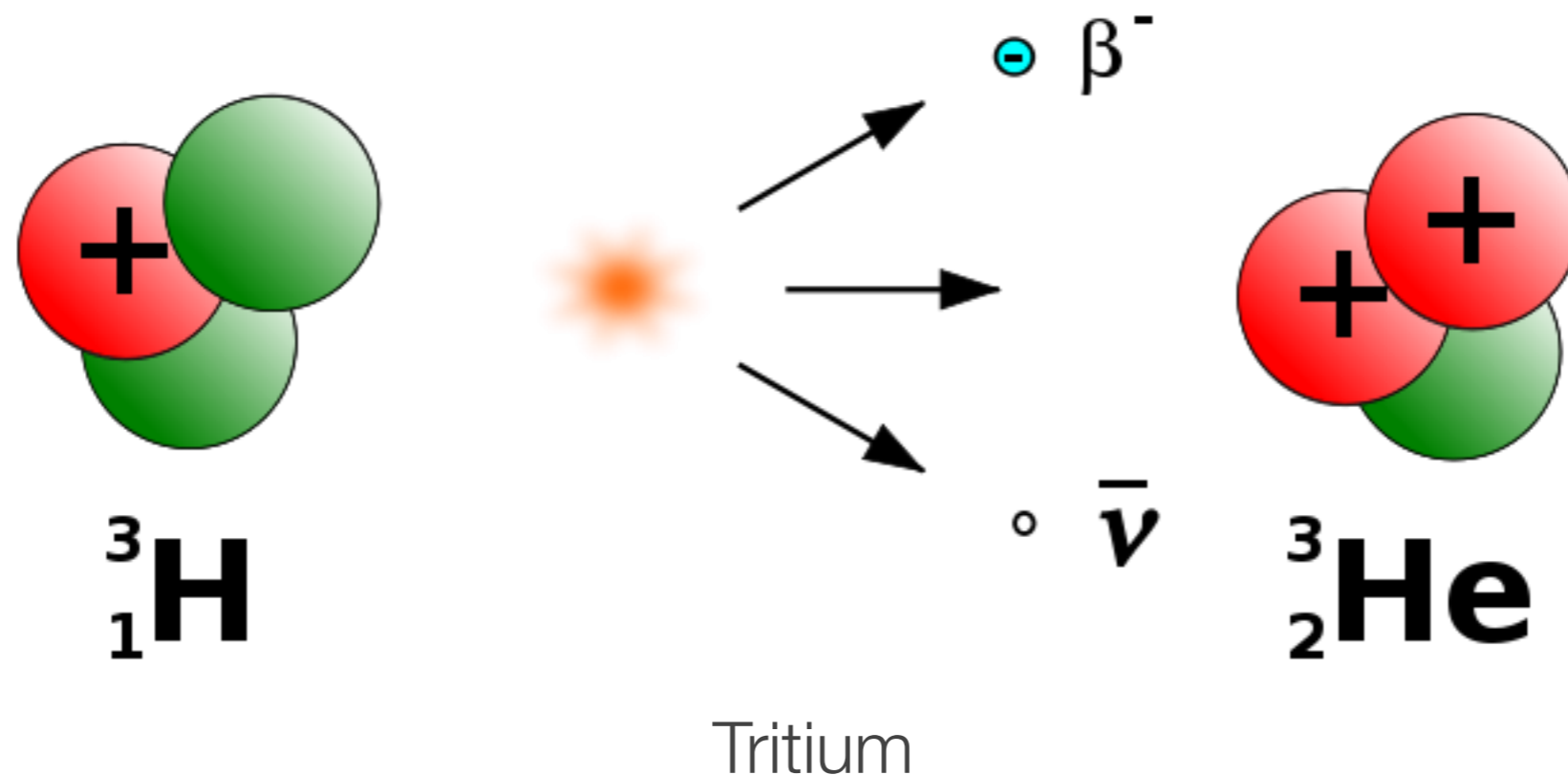


Beta-Decay Endpoint

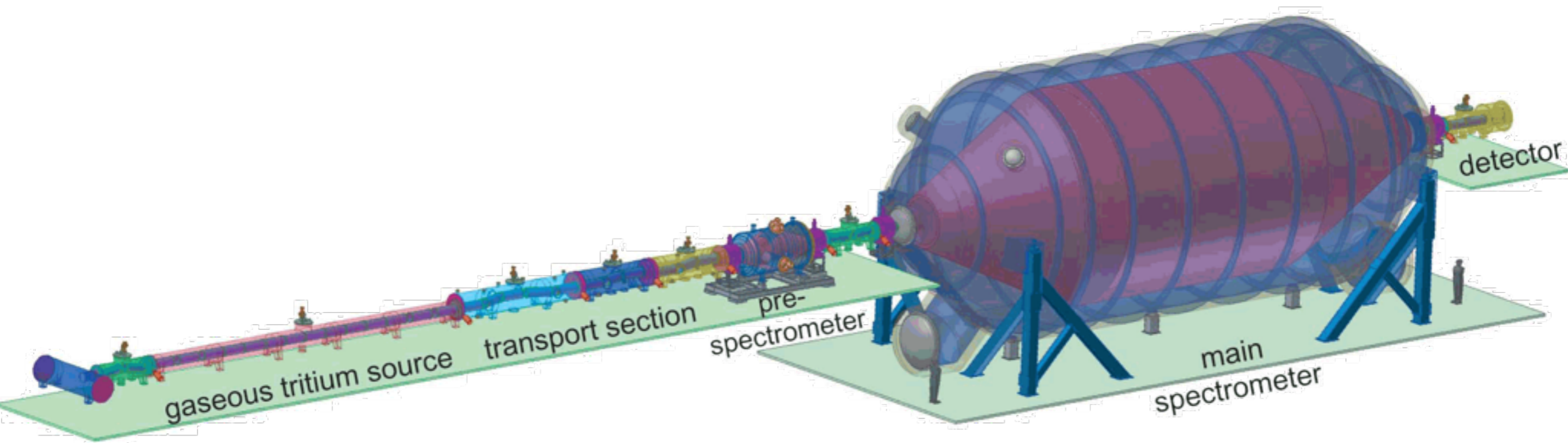


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- At rest, the energy of beta-decay is carried by the anti-neutrino and beta (electron)
- Measure the electron from tritium

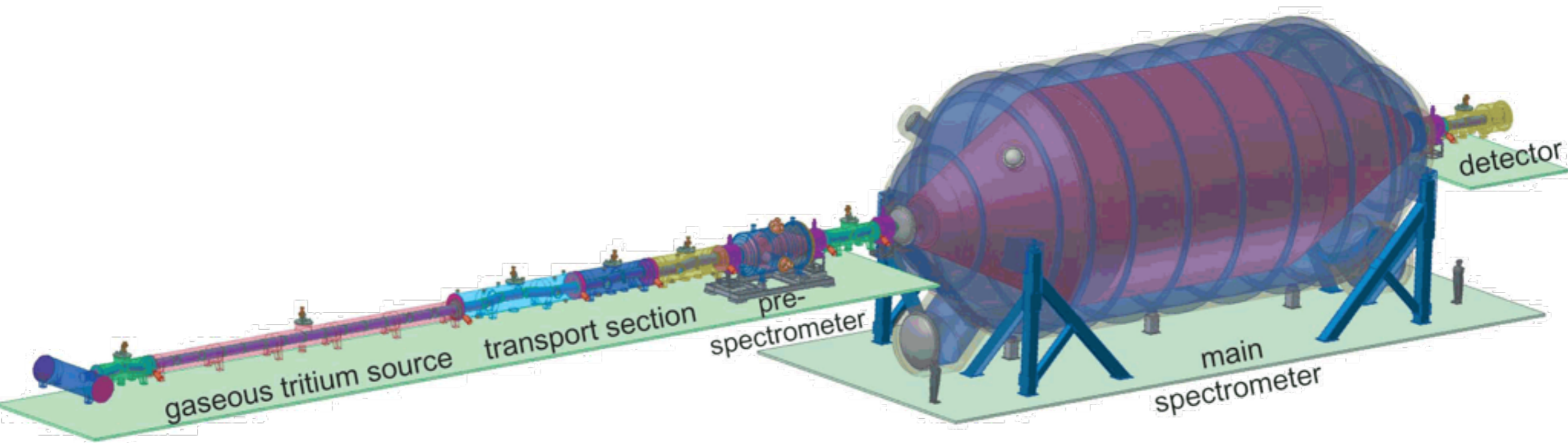


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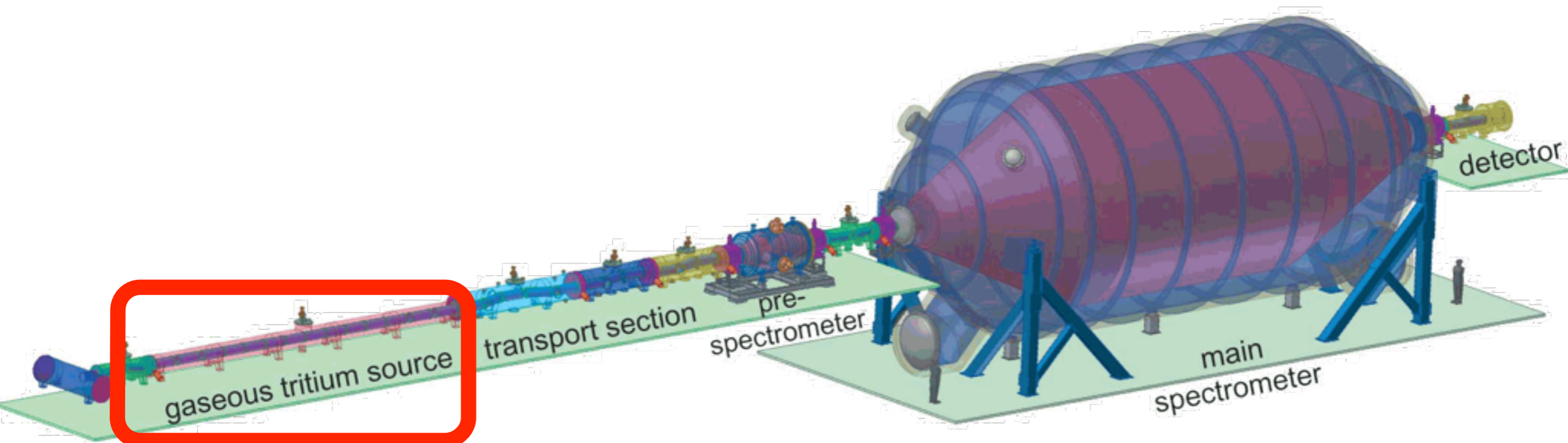
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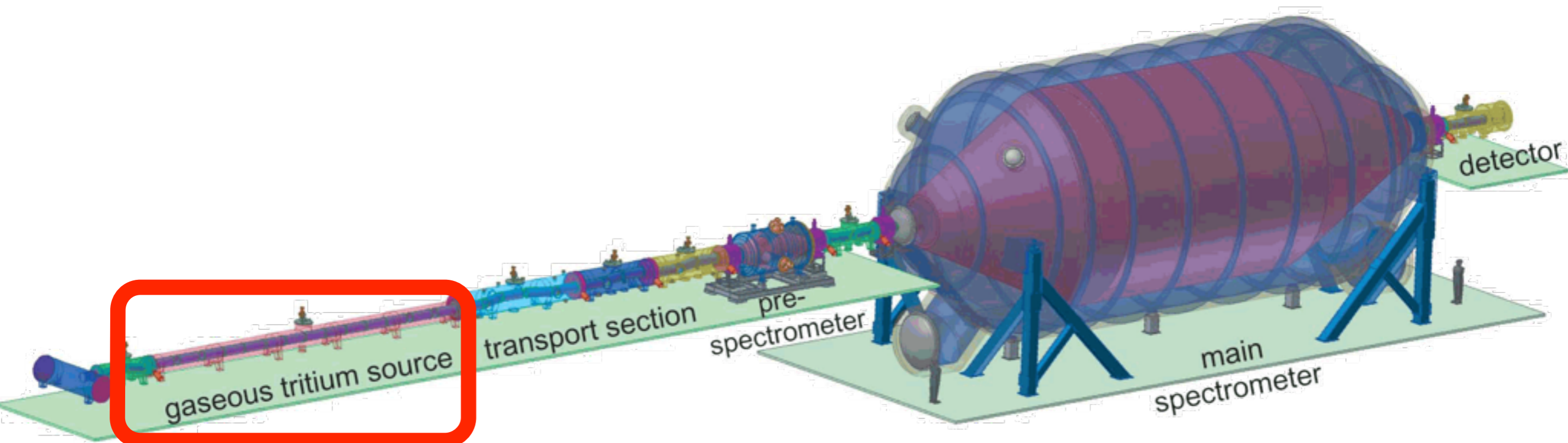
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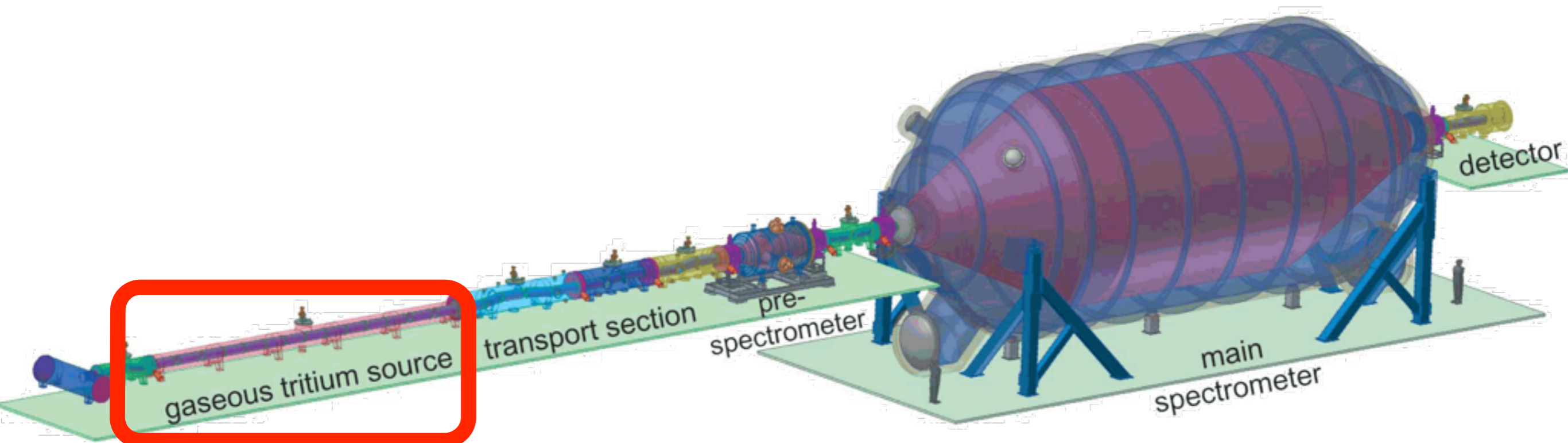
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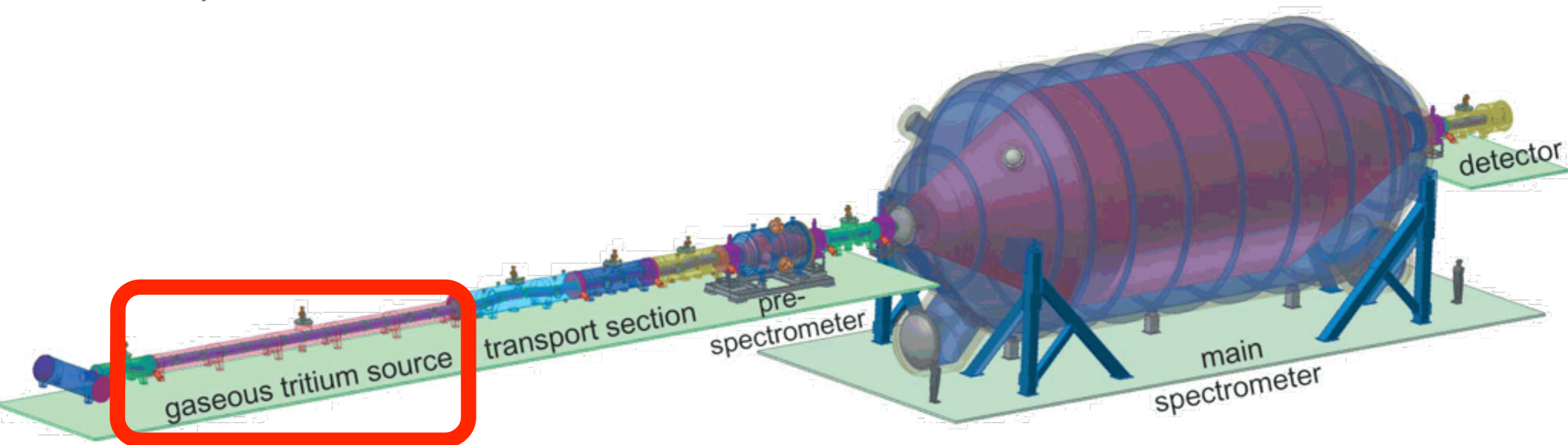
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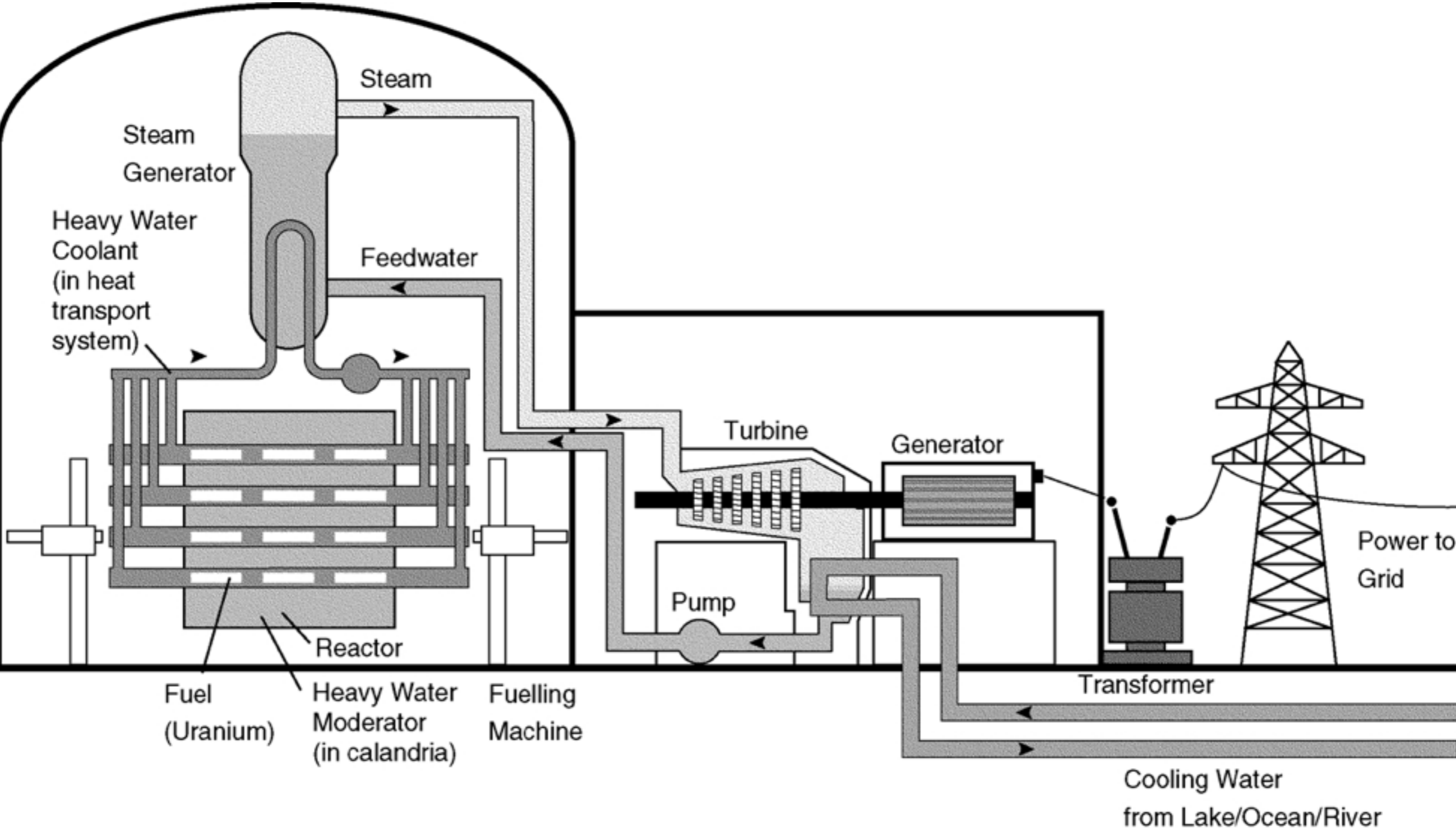
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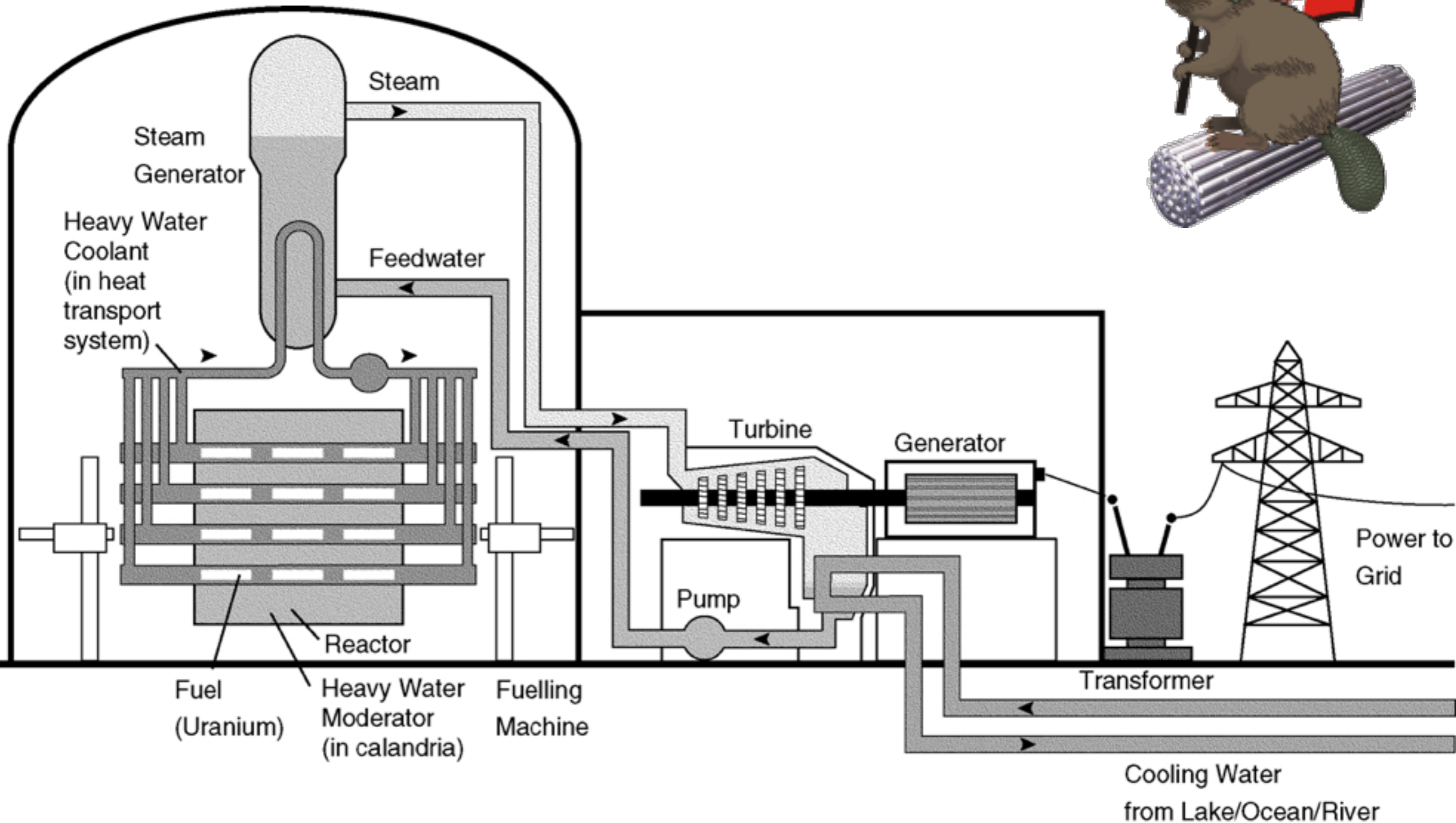
“The tritium at TLK comes from Canada in the form of metal hydride and is essentially a waste product from their natural uranium fuelled, heavy (deuterated) water moderated CANDU reactors.”

Tritium Laboratory Karlsruhe (<http://www.itep.kit.edu/english/258.php>)

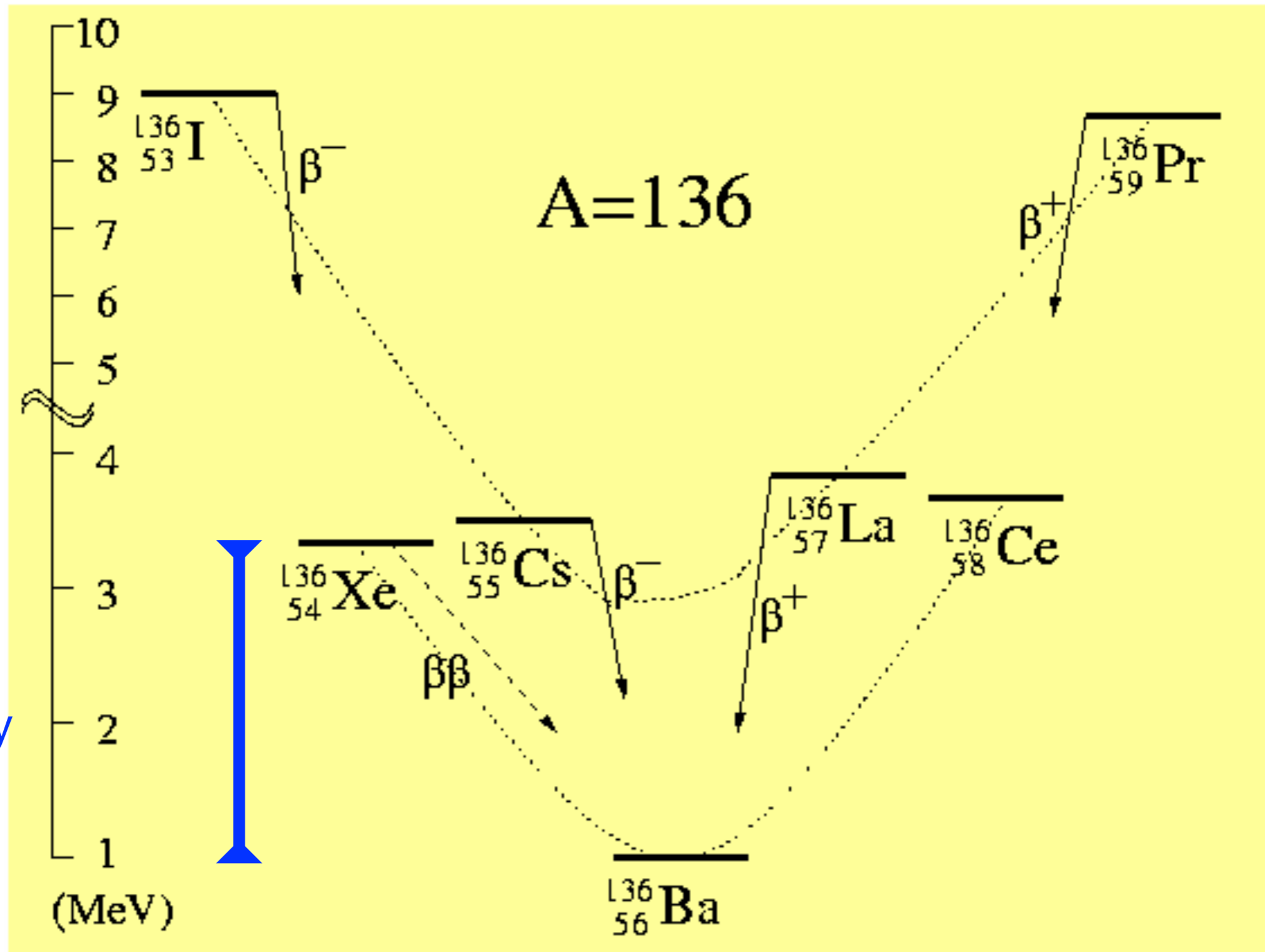
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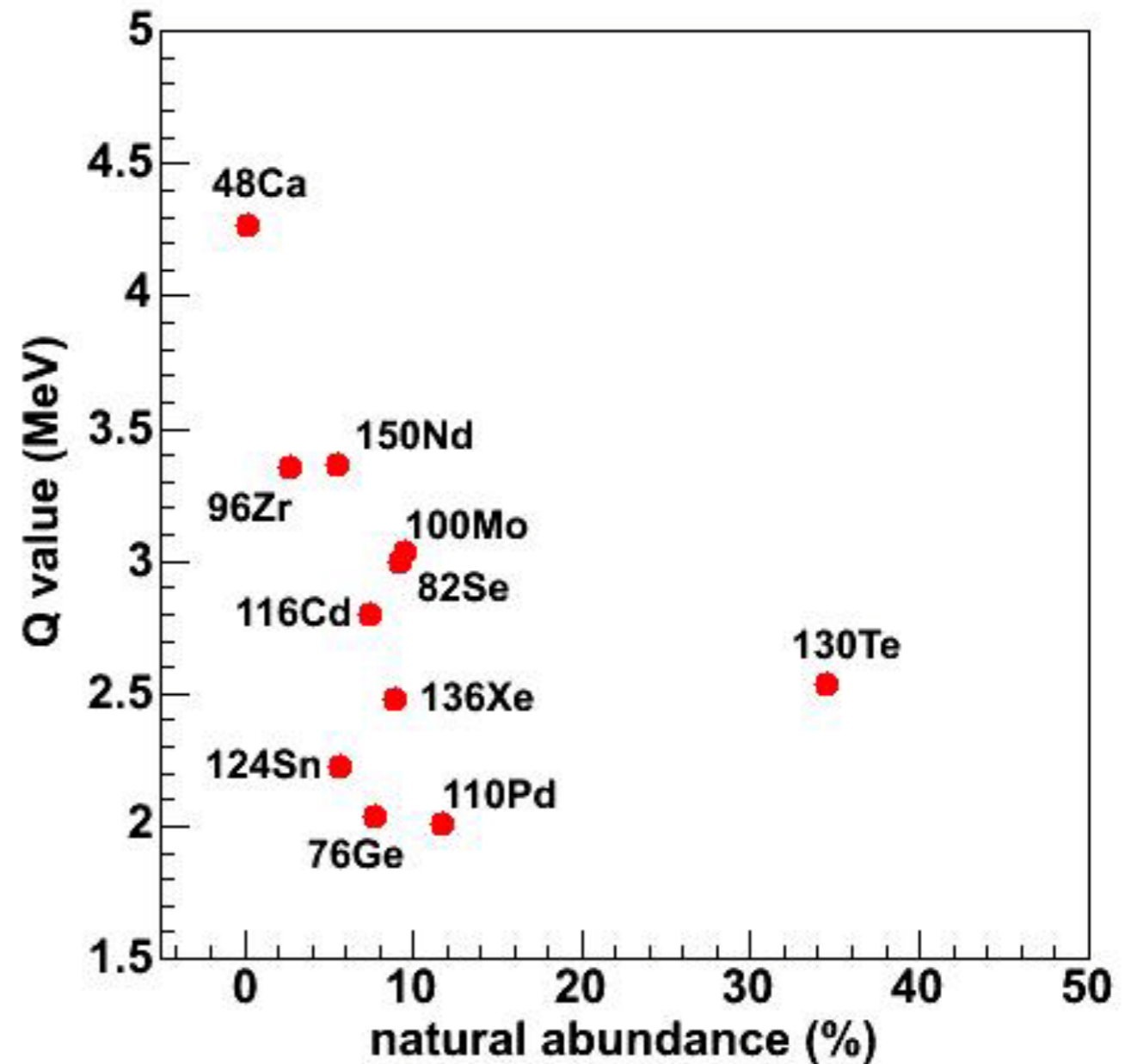
Double Beta-Decay Diagram



Kinetic Energy
Q-Value

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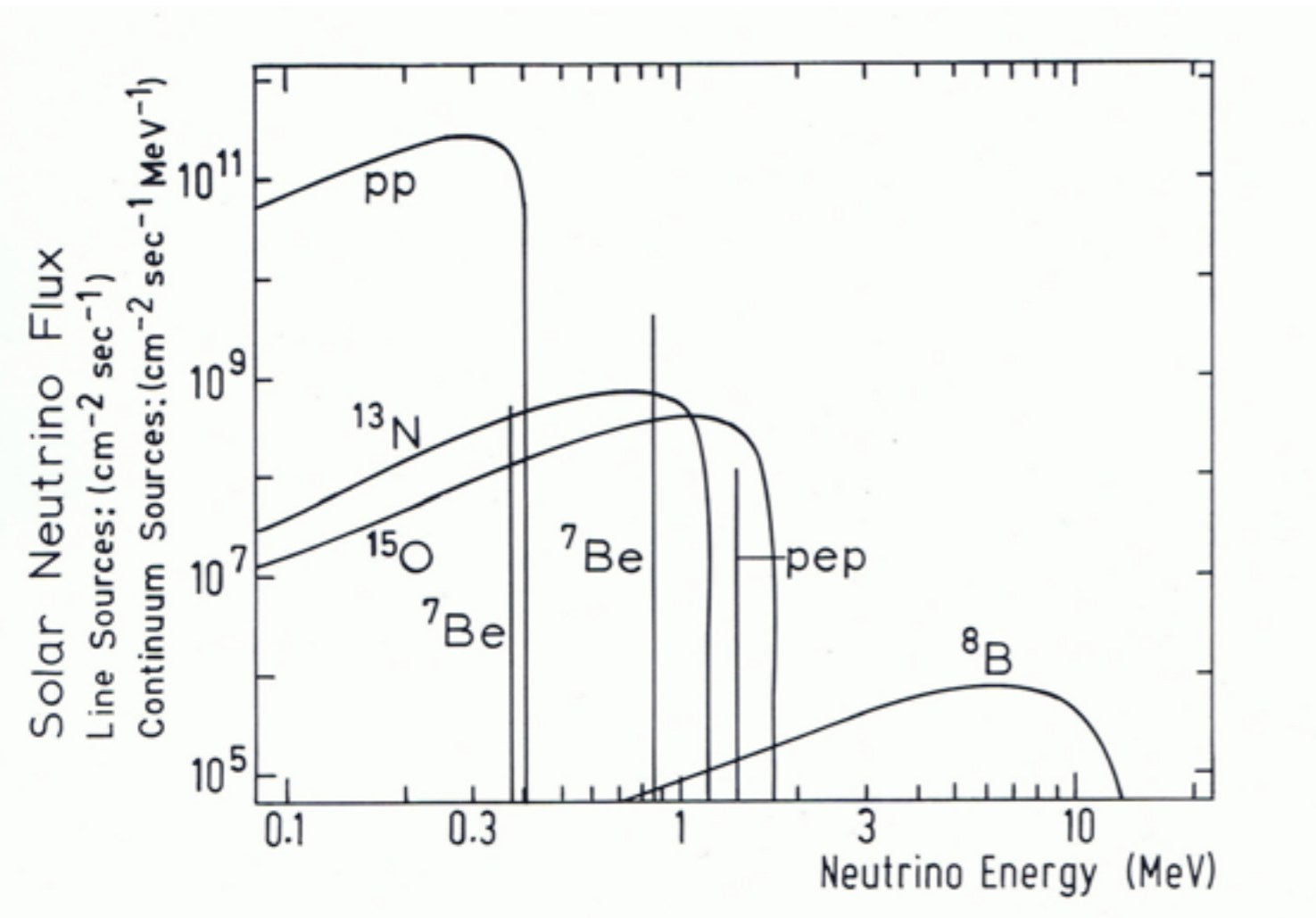
- Higher Q-value is better
 - High decay rate
 - Less radioactive backgrounds
- Larger natural abundance is cheaper



Solar/Reactor

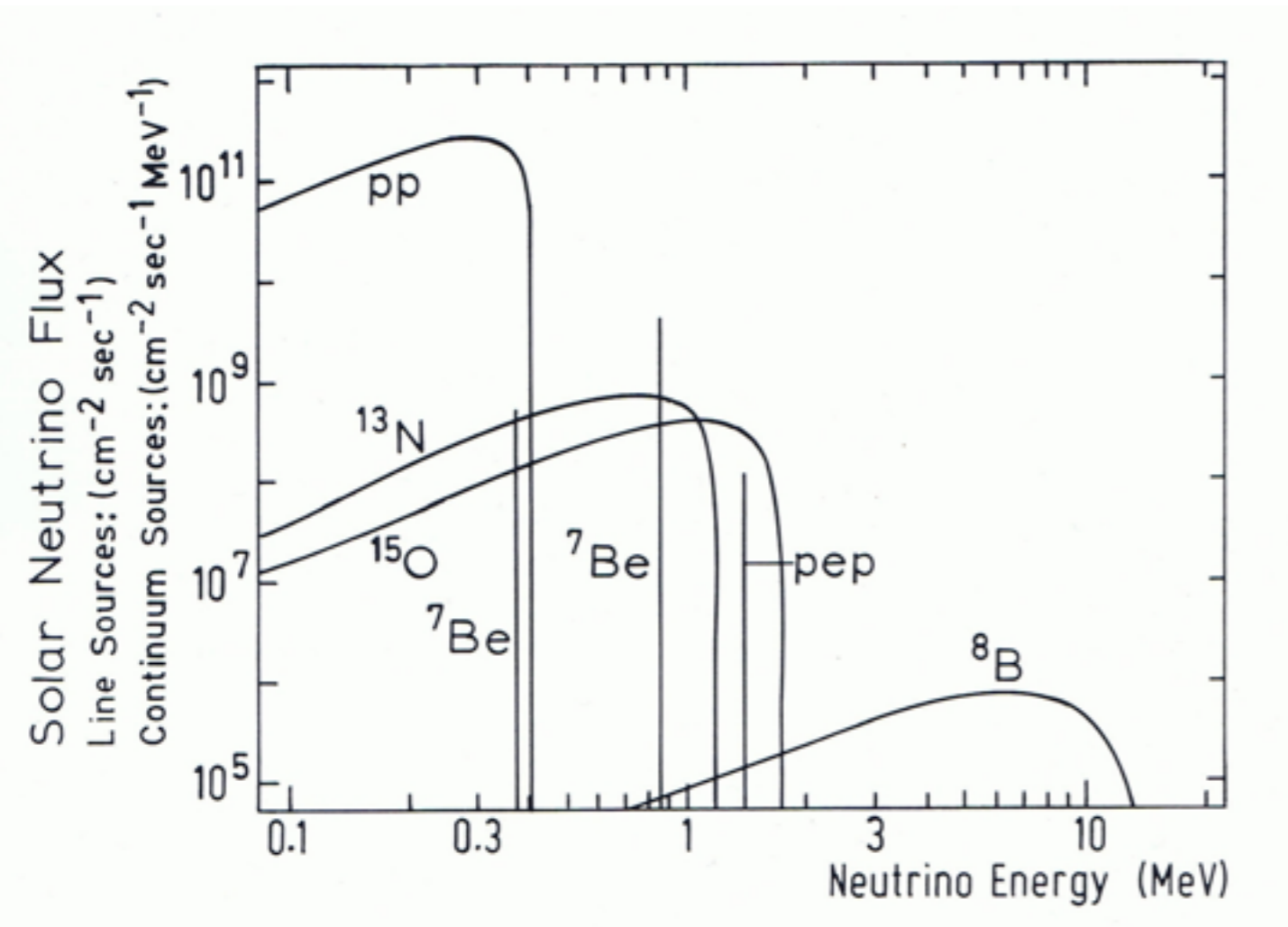
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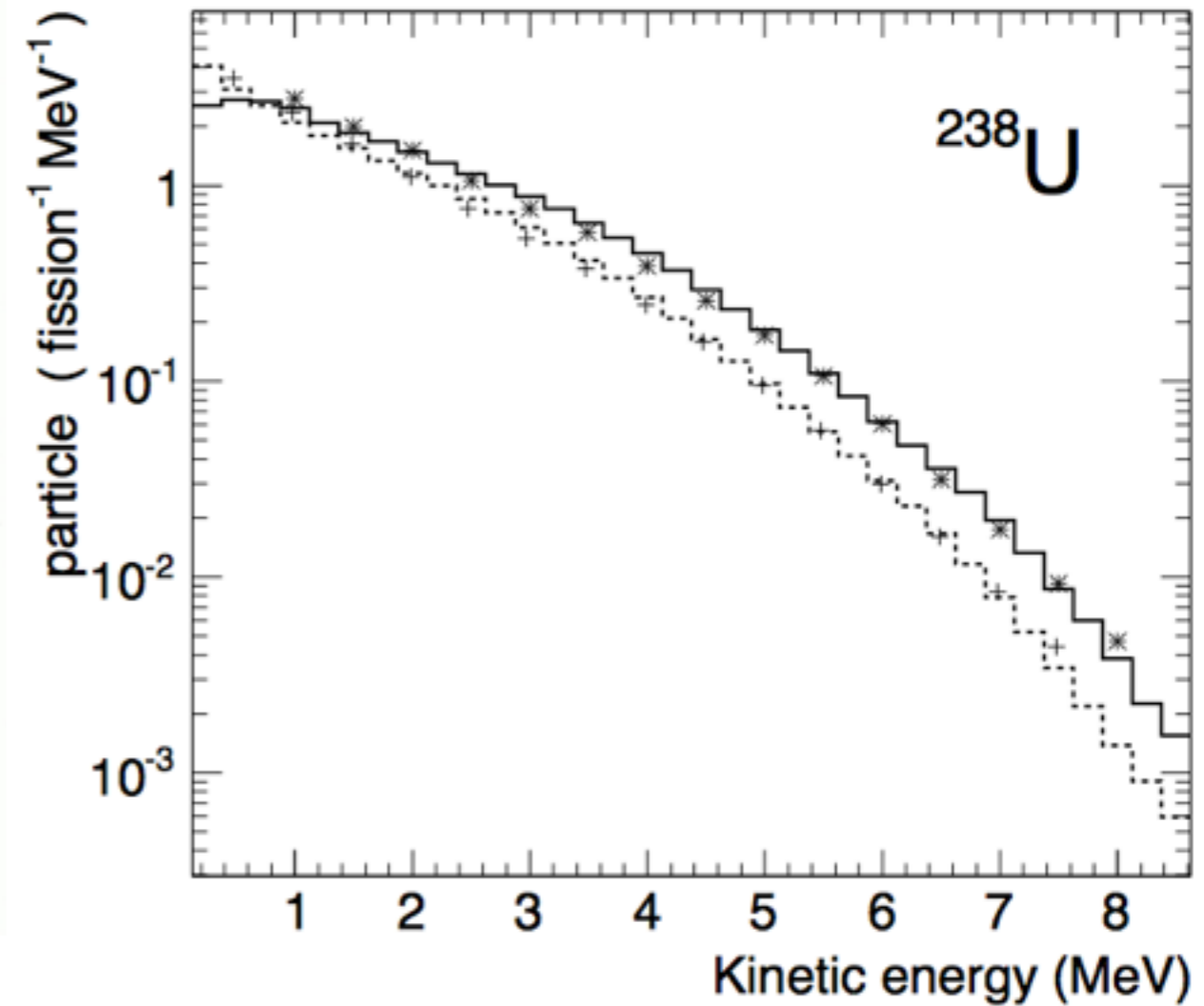


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- Now, a look at man-made neutrinos, i.e. beams

Conventional Neutrino Beam

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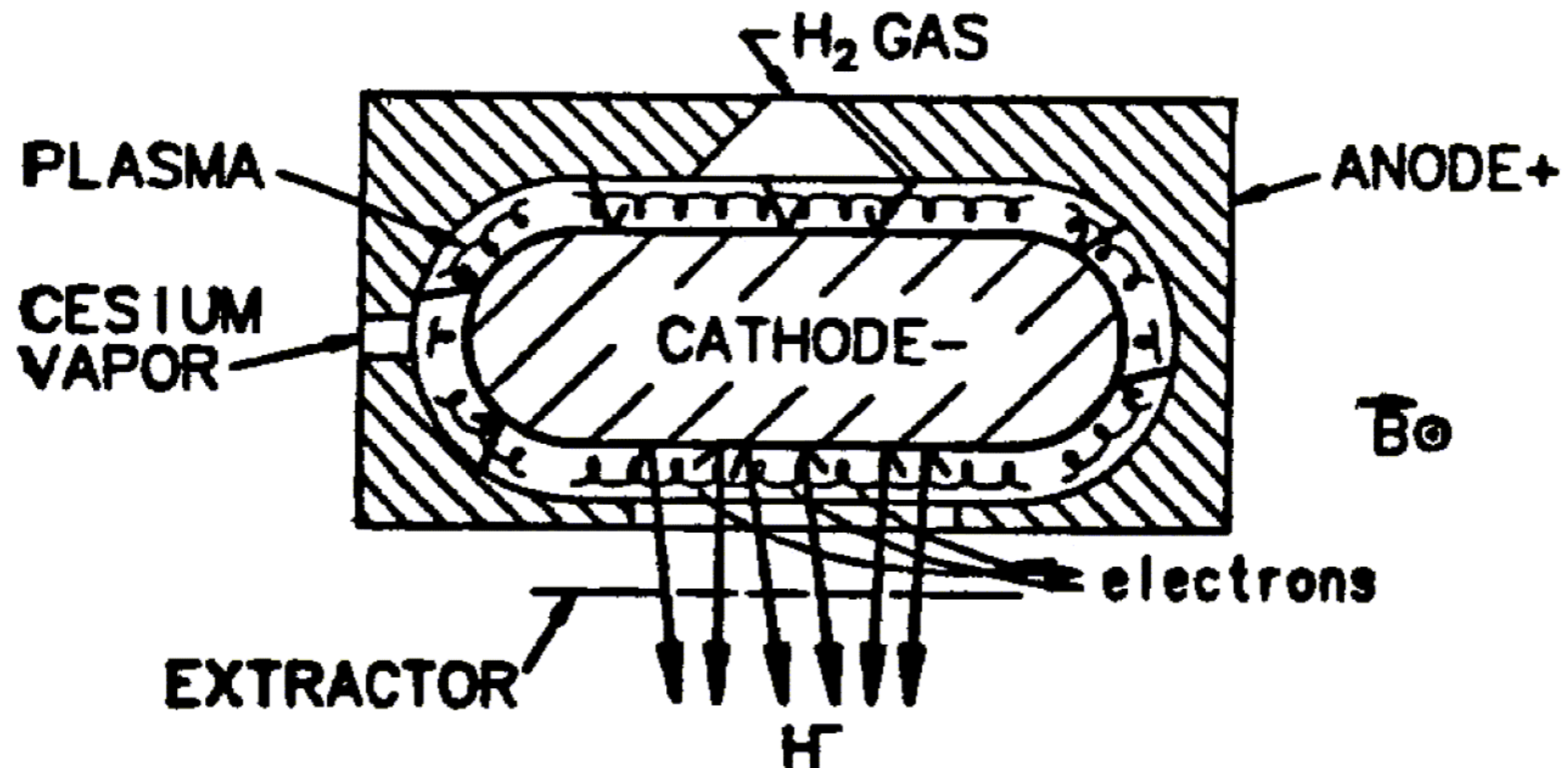
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A canister of hydrogen gas

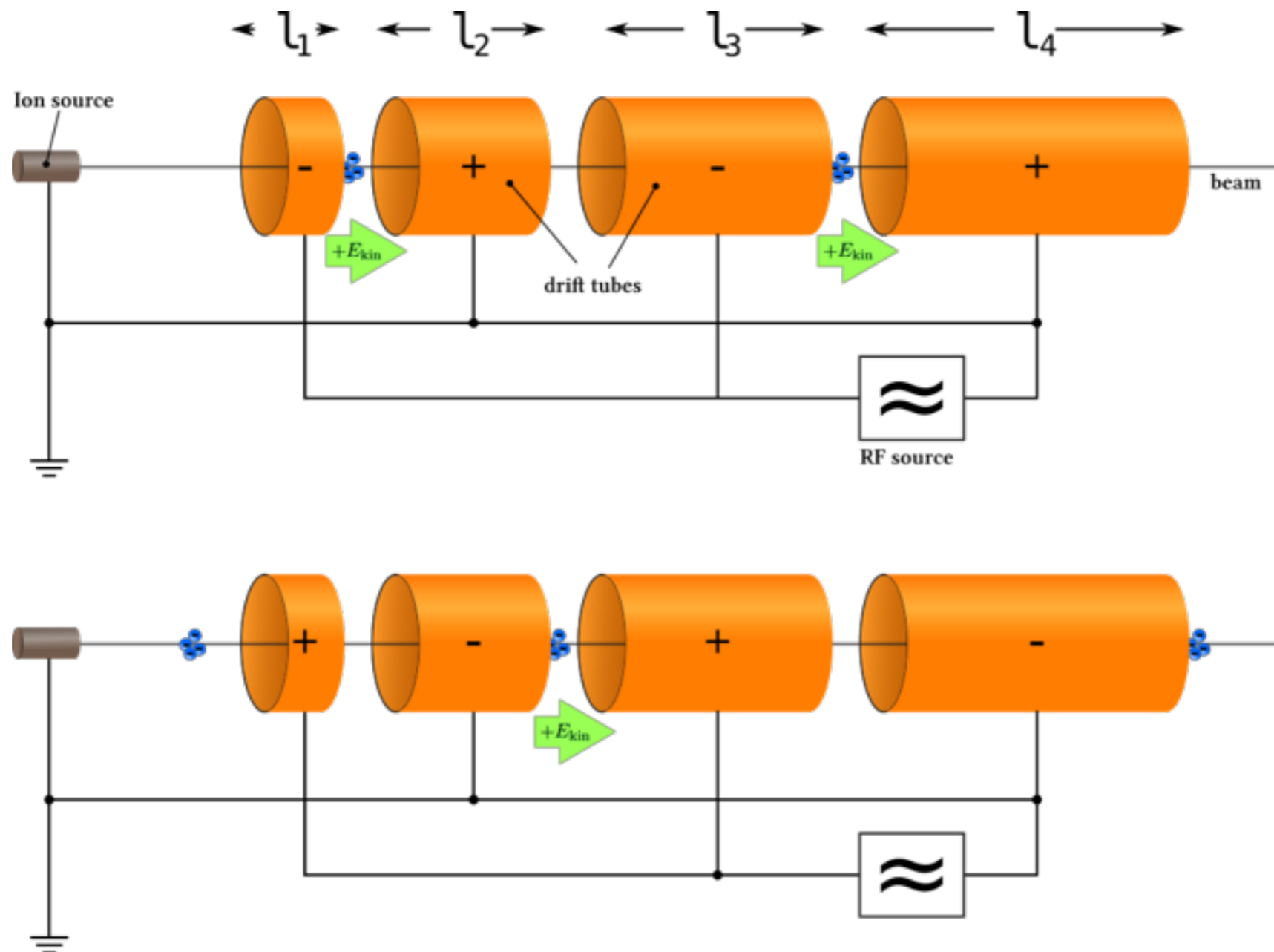
Ions

- Hydrogen gas is fed into H^- ion creator
 - In this case a plasma magnetron
 - Continuous feed

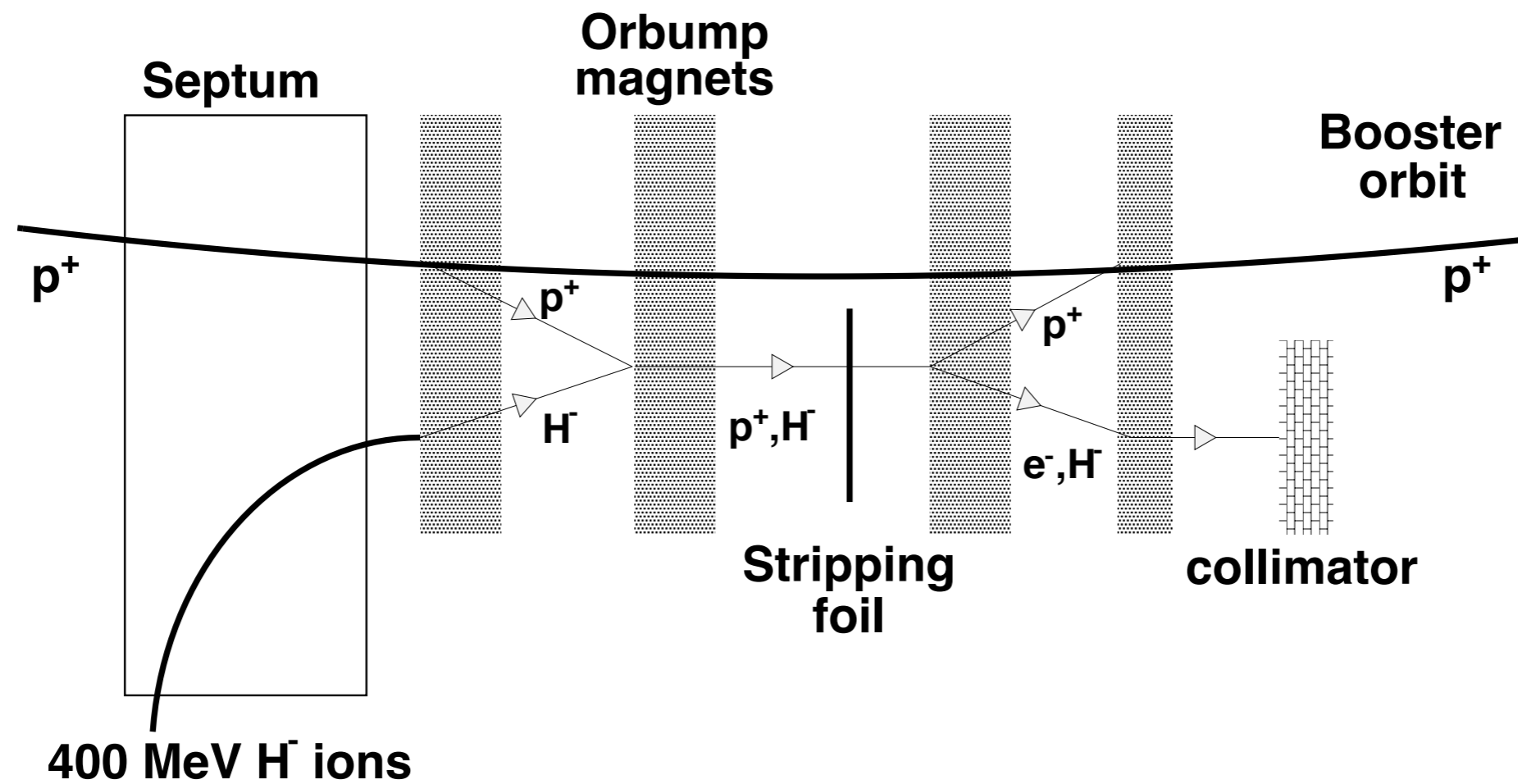


Linear Accelerator

- Ions are continuously fed into a linear accelerator (linac)
- Accelerated to MeV energies and slightly 'bunched'

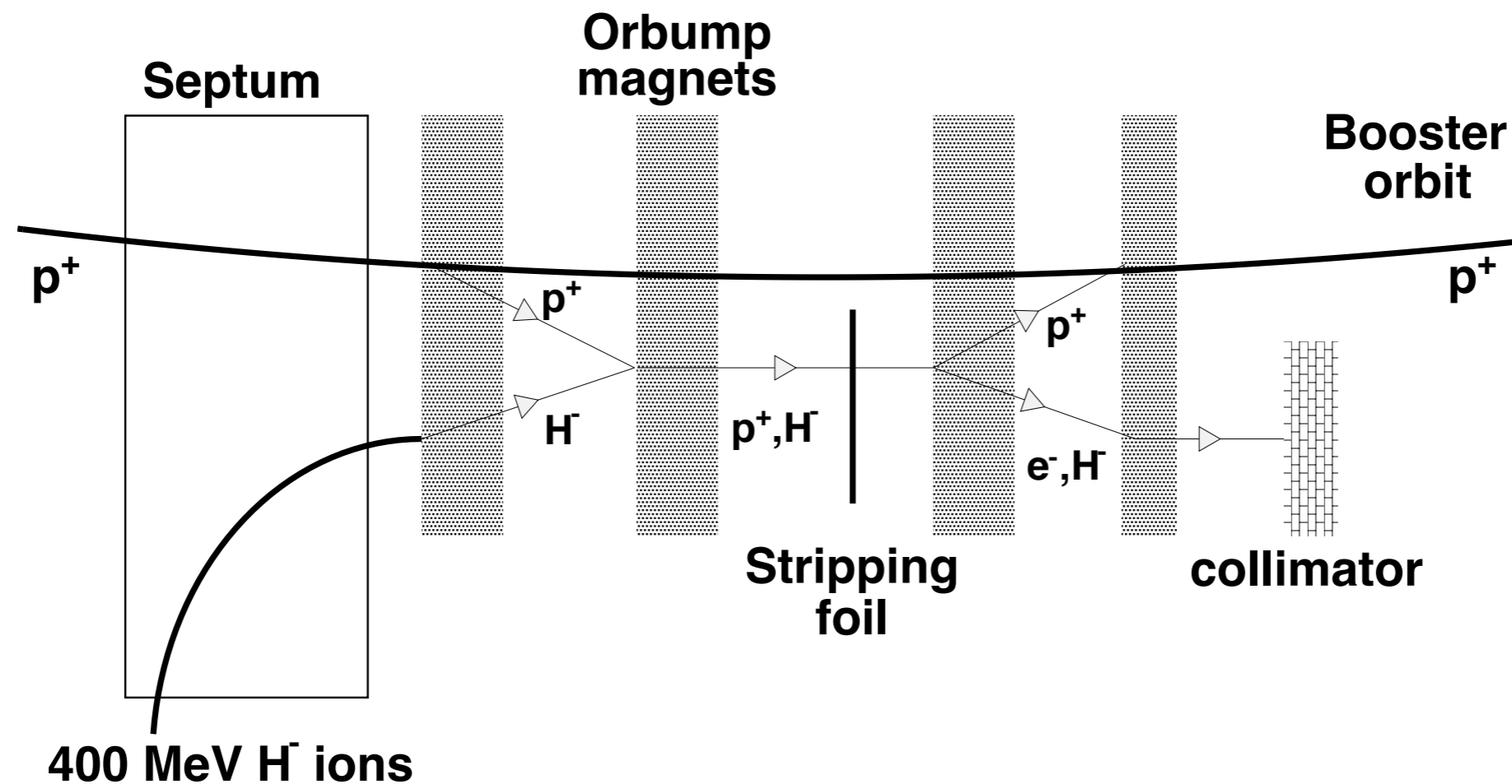


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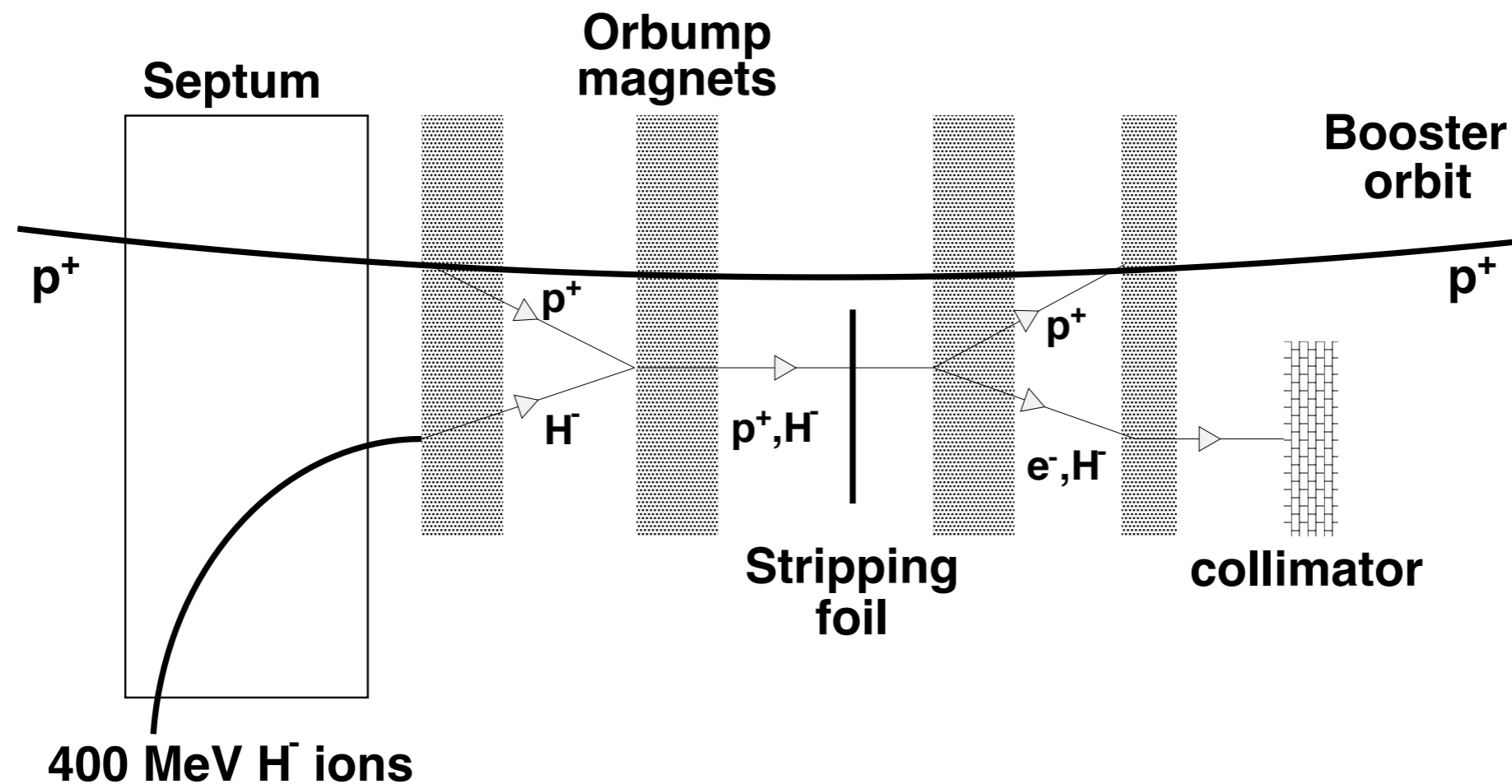
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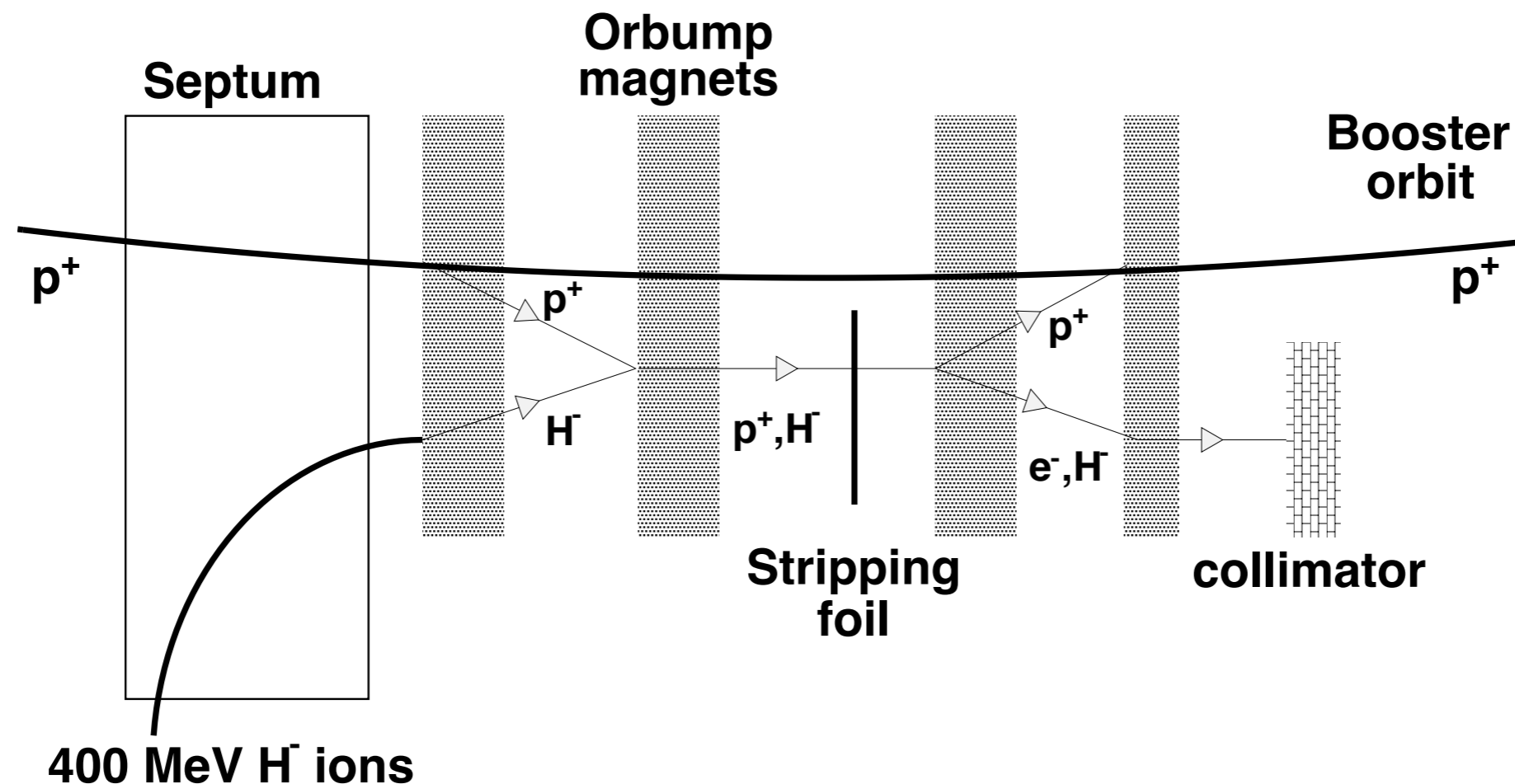
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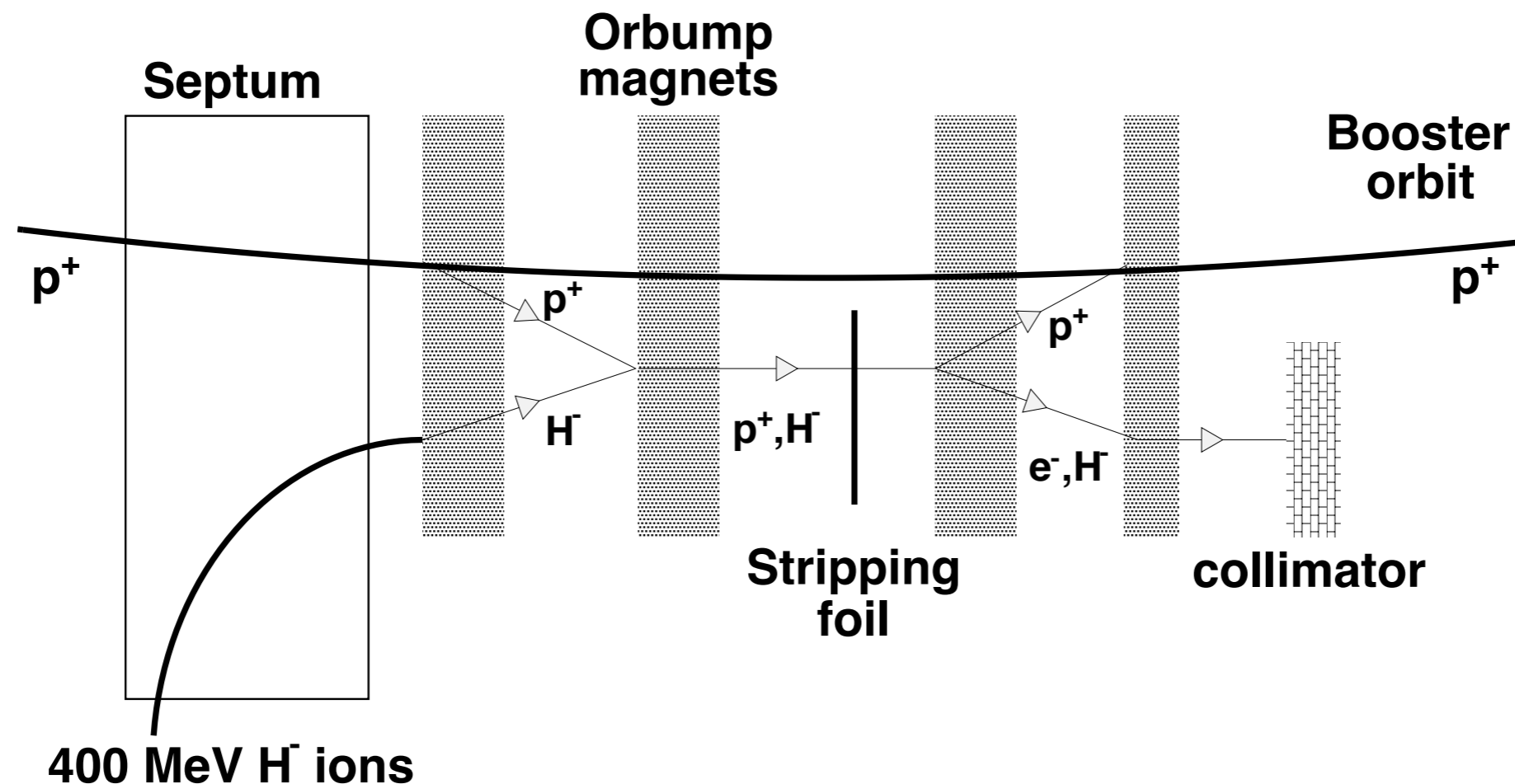
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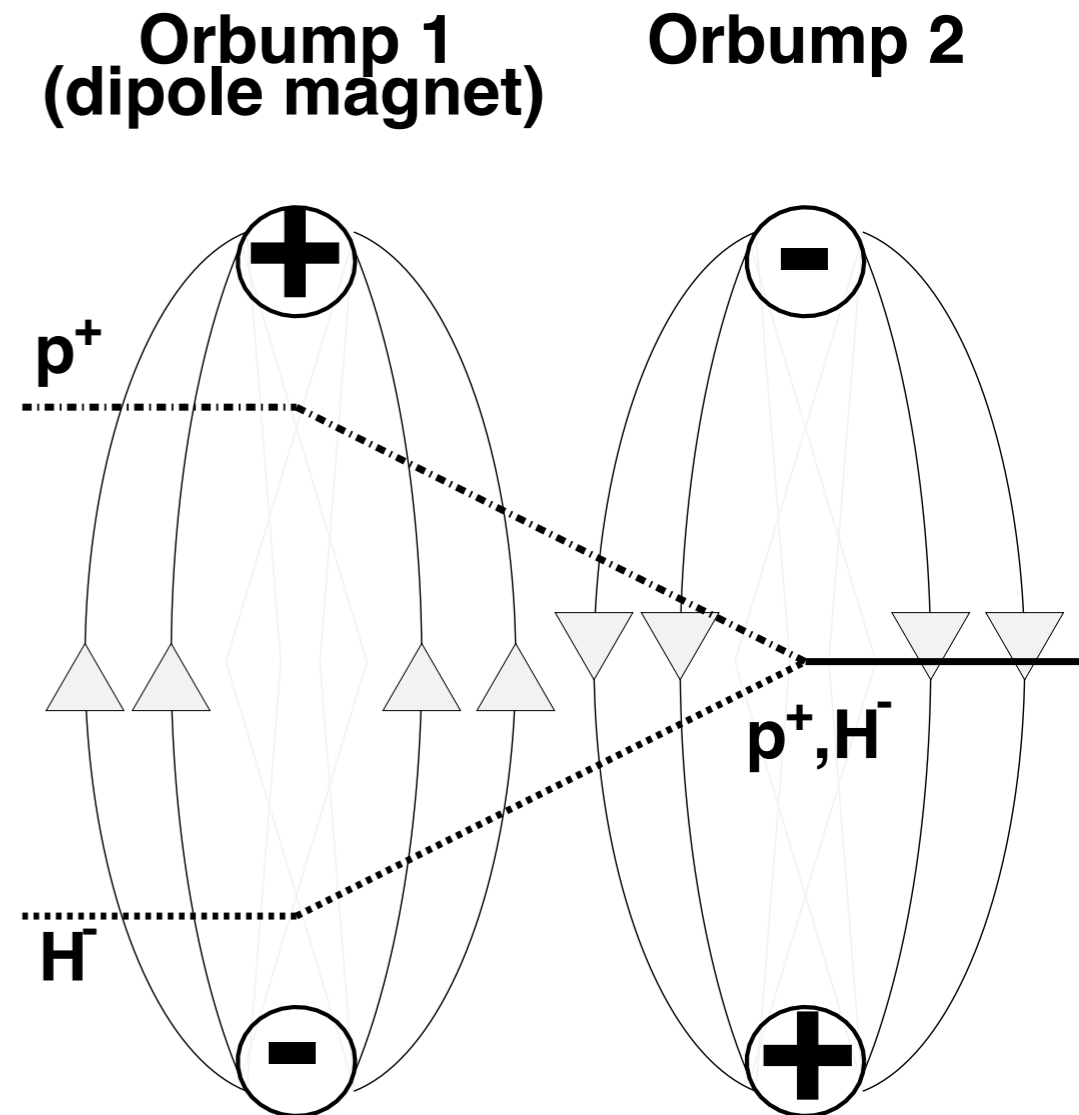
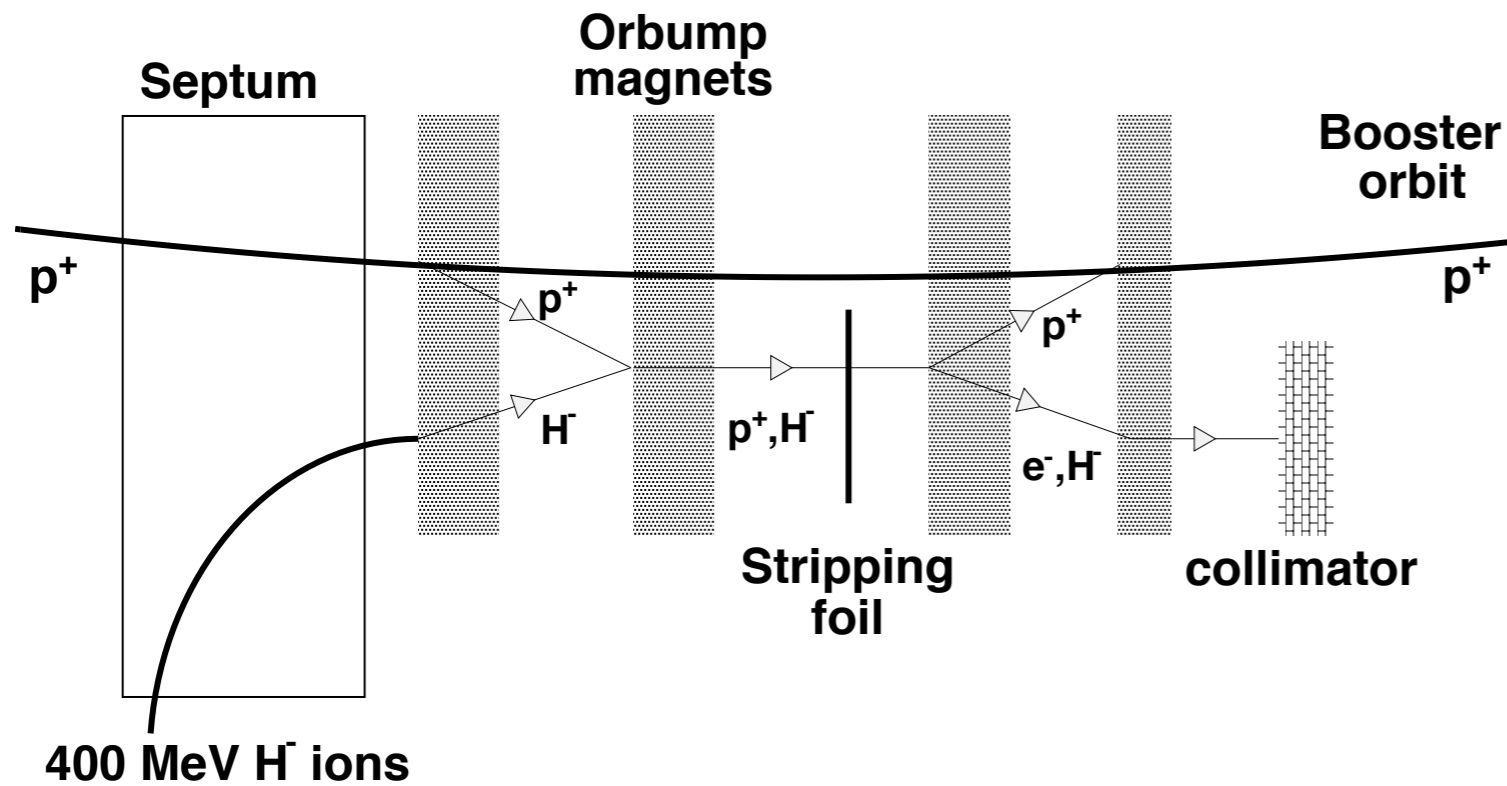
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 - Combine with a circulating proton beam (FNAL Booster)



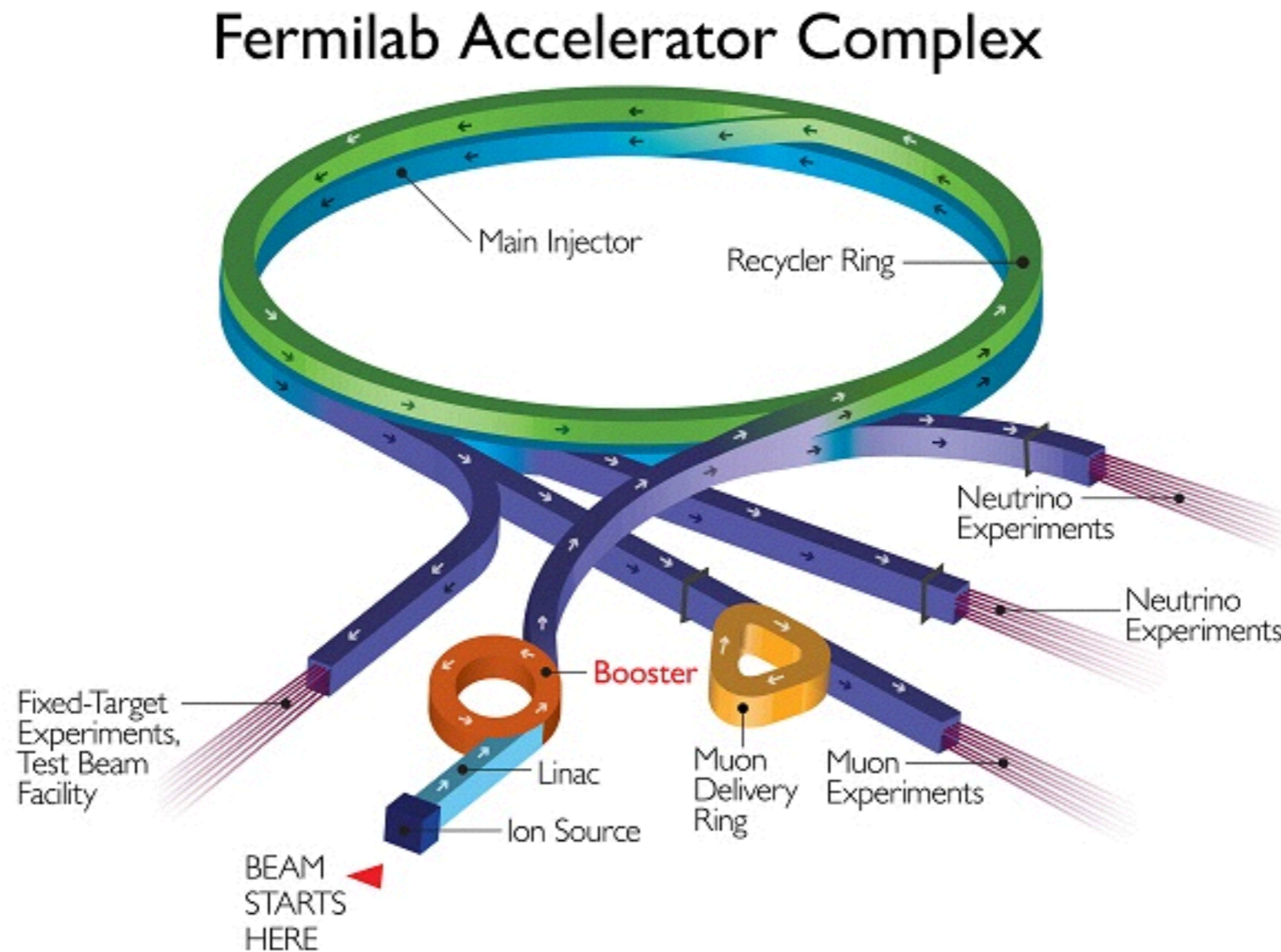
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- Use the same magnets for (de)focusing the p^+ and H^- because of the opposite sign

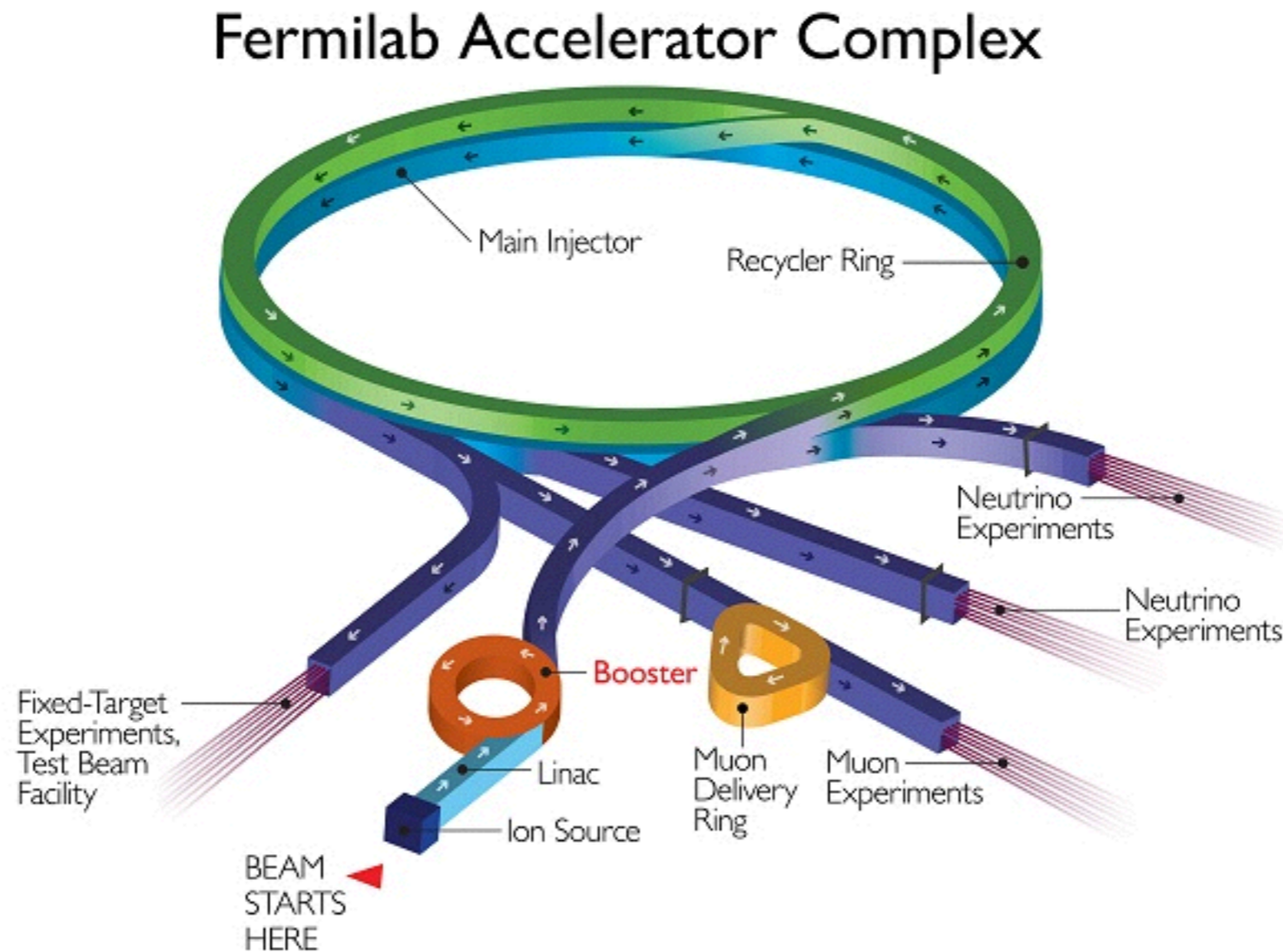


Proton Acceleration

- Accelerate protons in Booster to 8 GeV
 - Extract for fixed target experiments (rare particle and MiniBooNE)
 - Extract for further acceleration for (MINOS, NOvA)

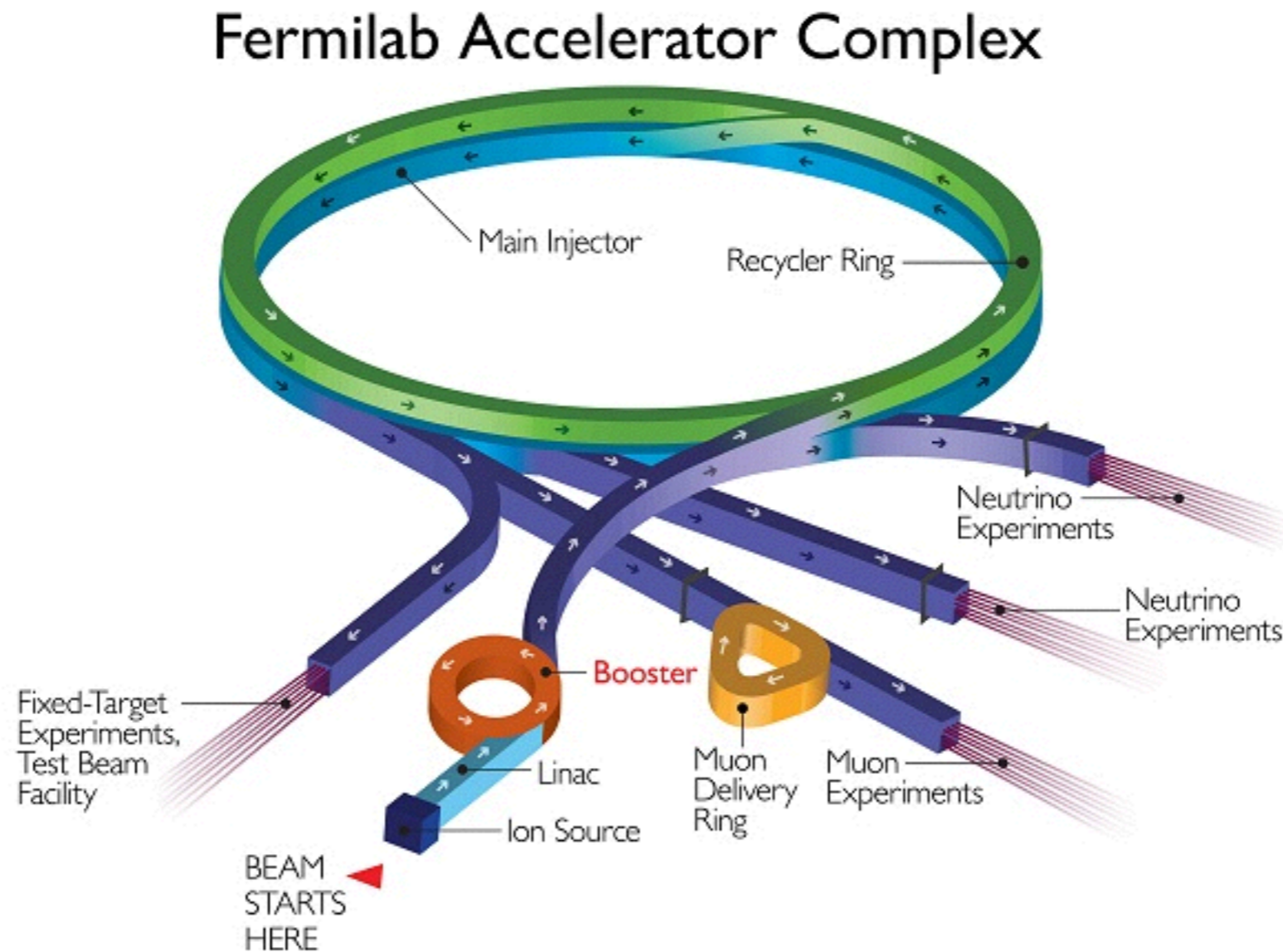


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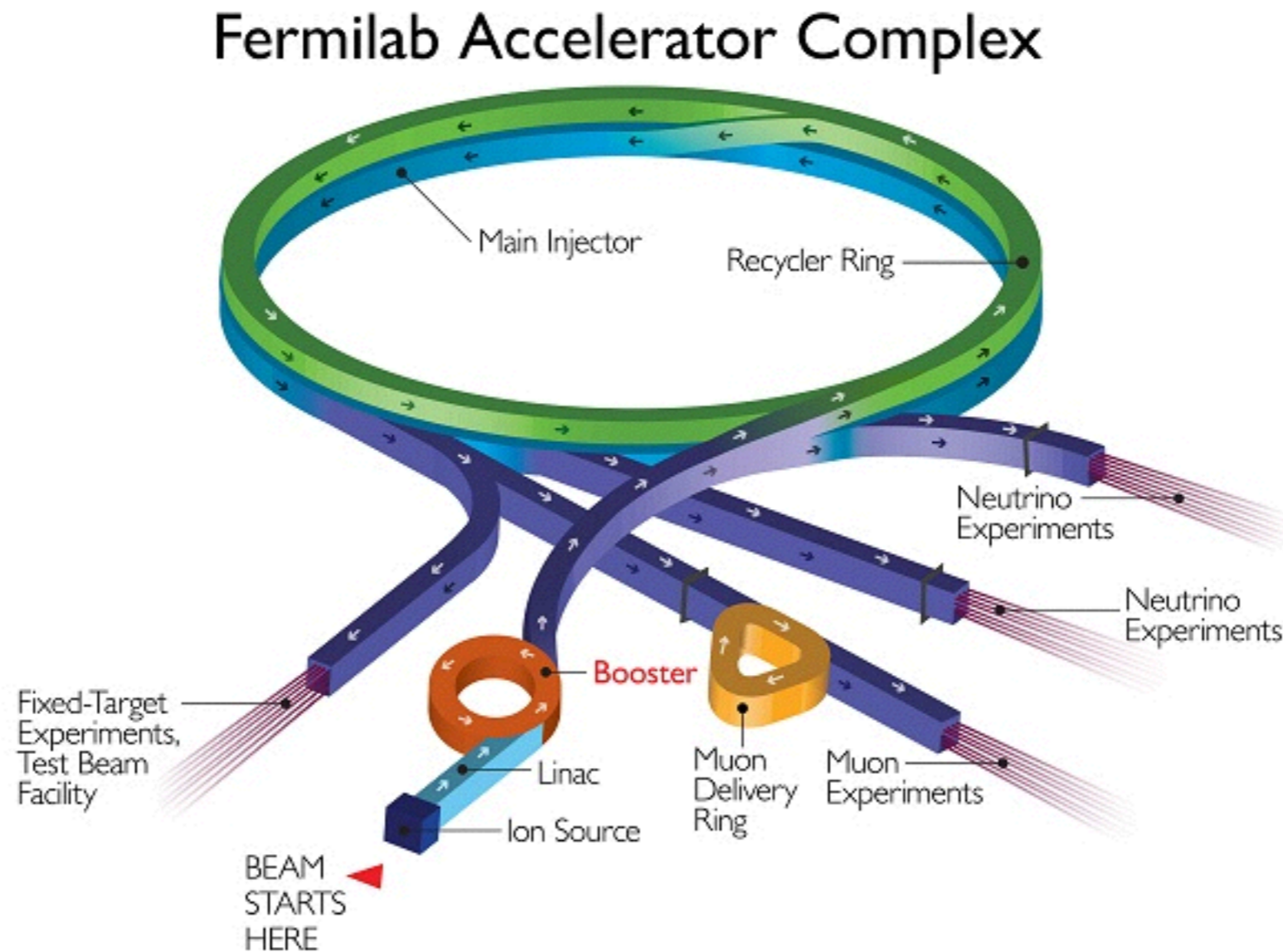
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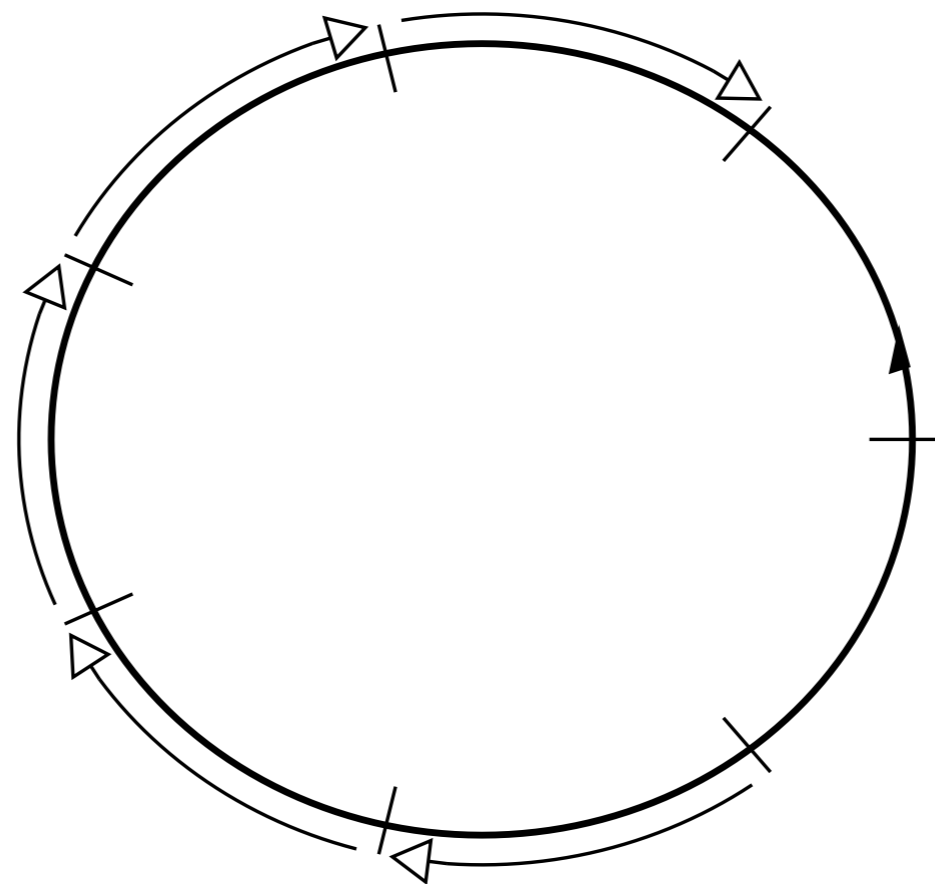


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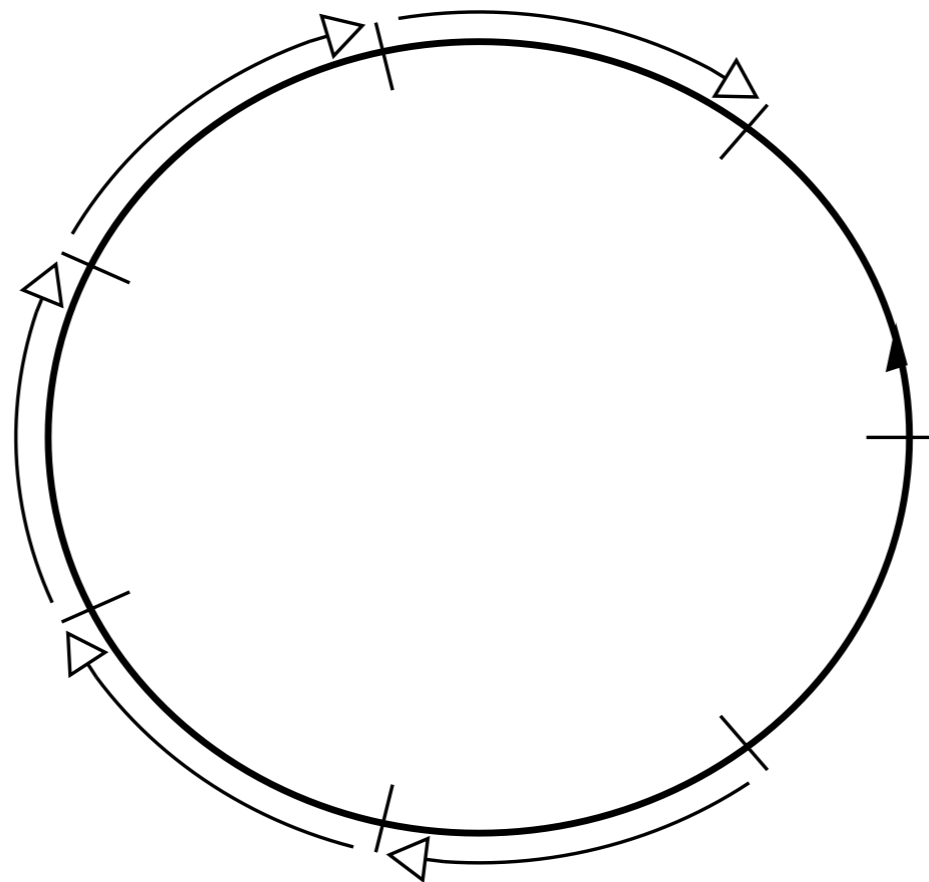


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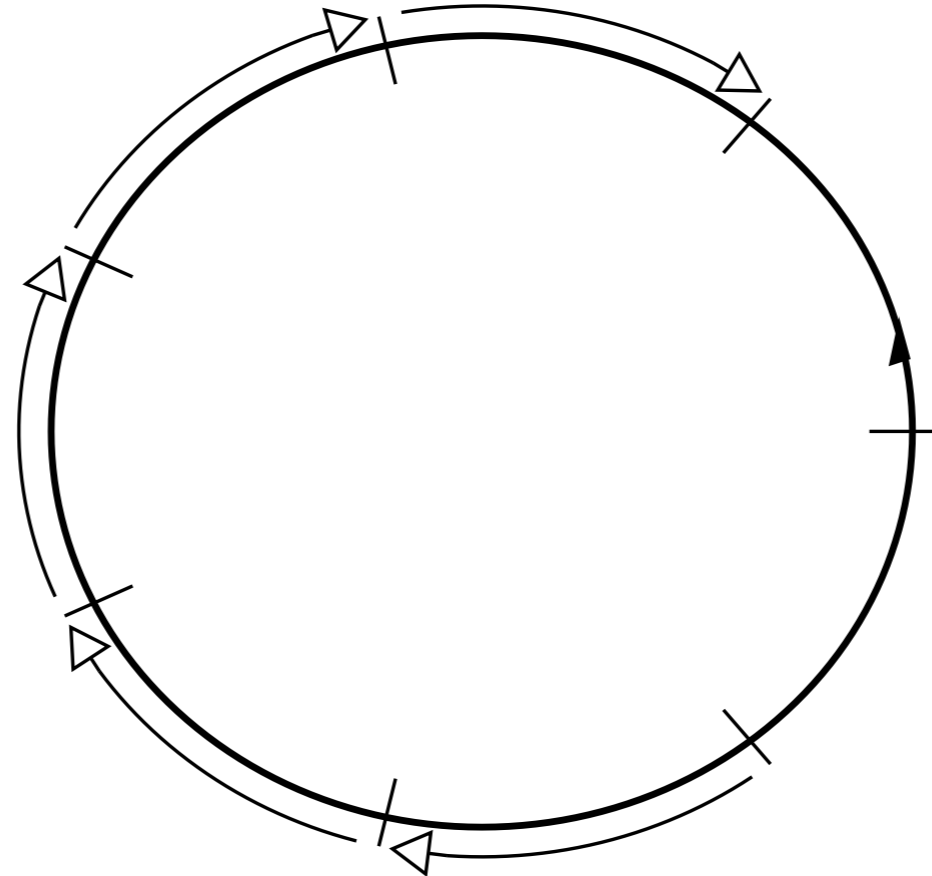
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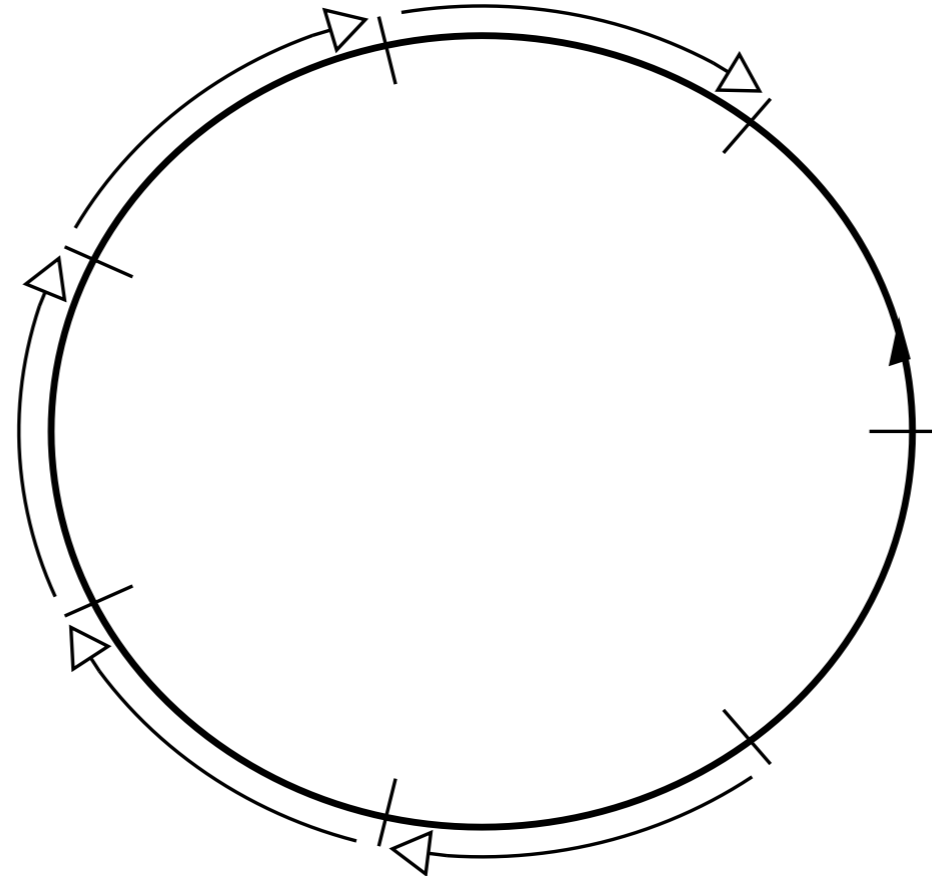
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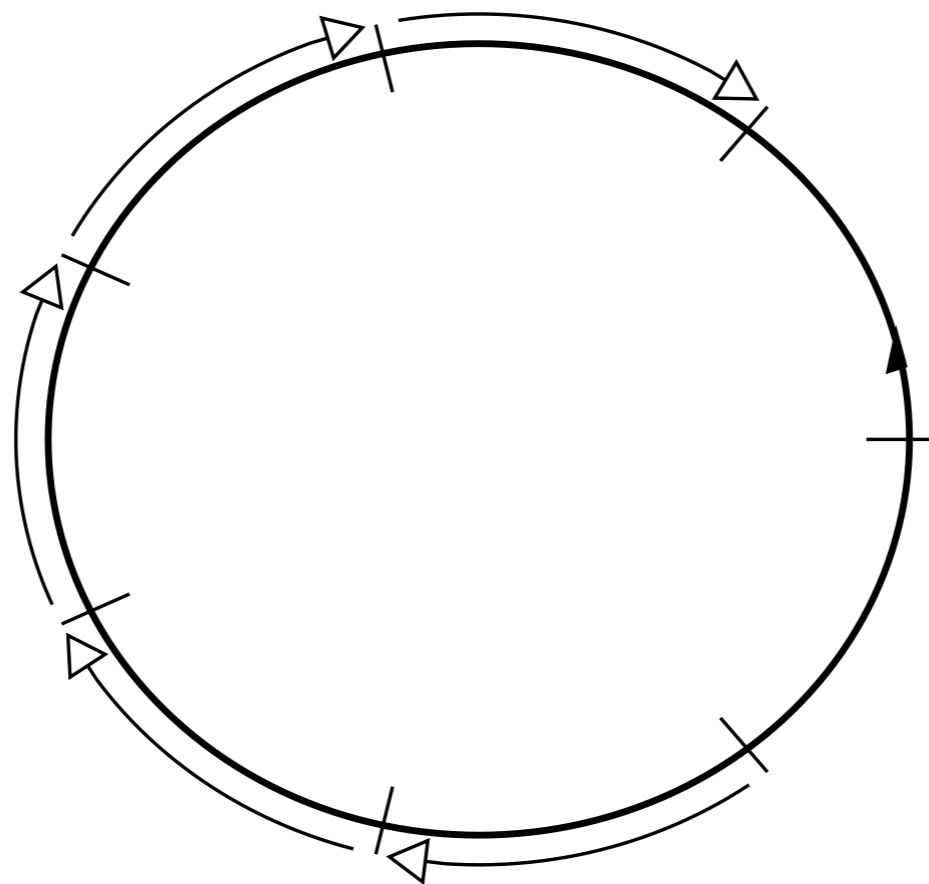
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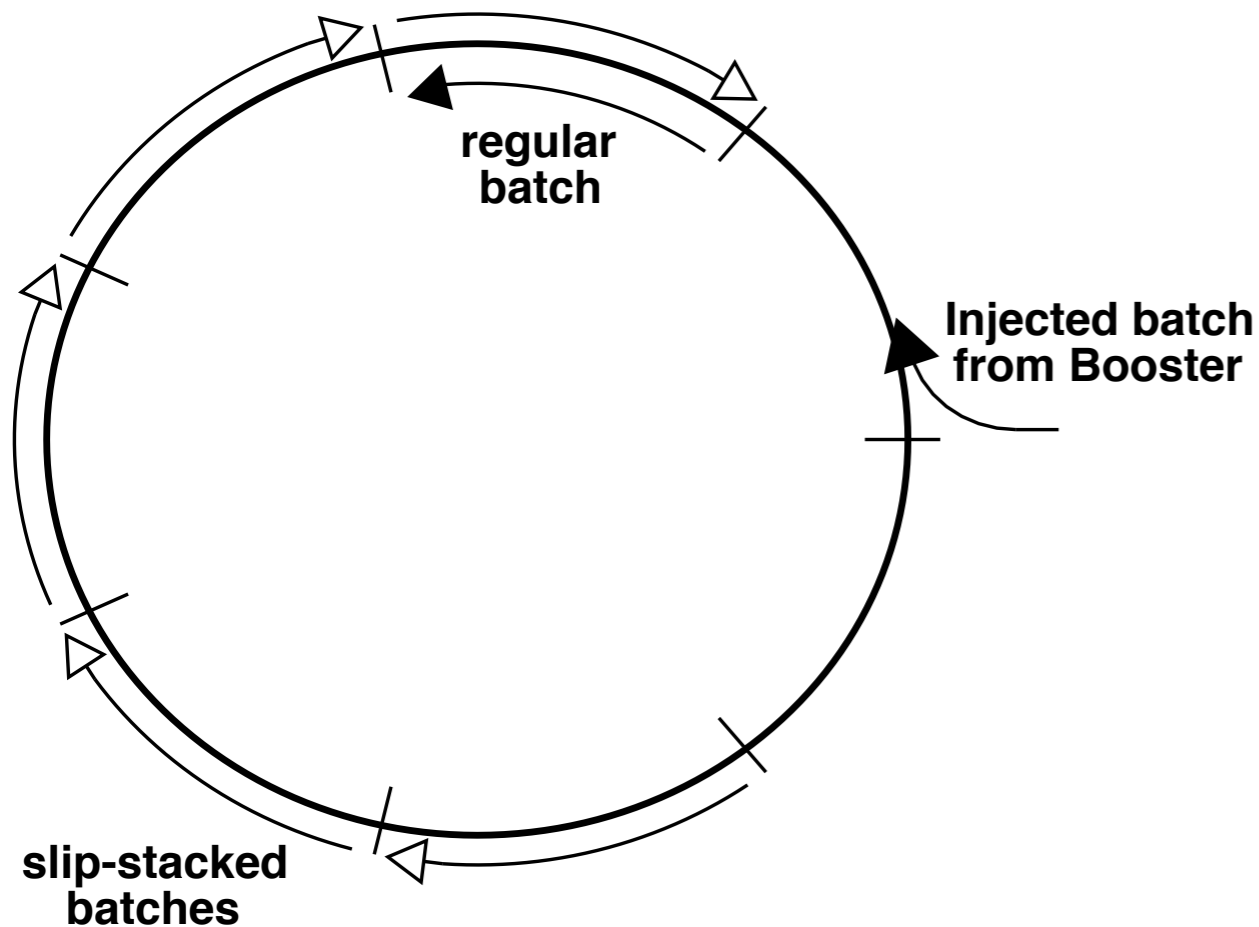
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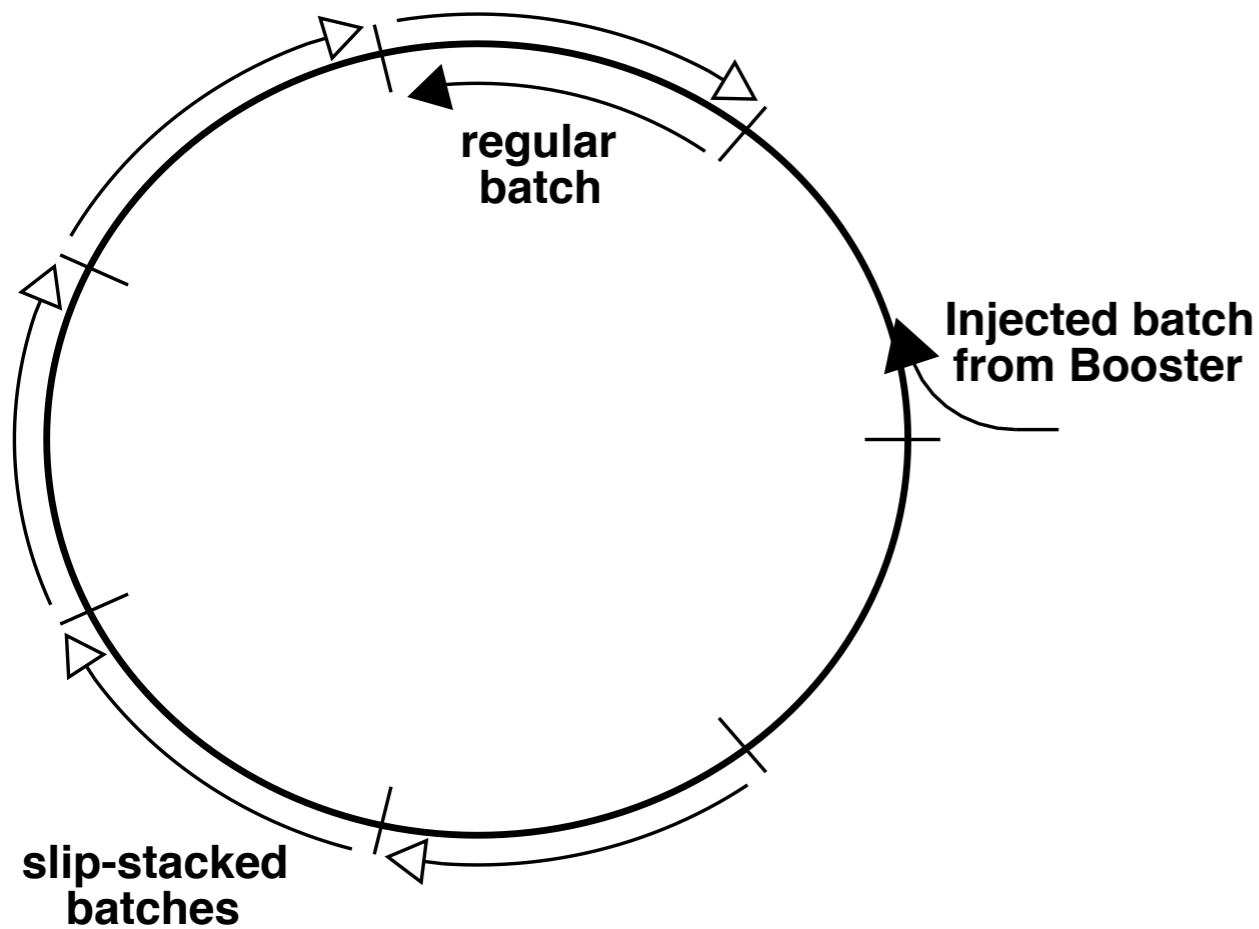
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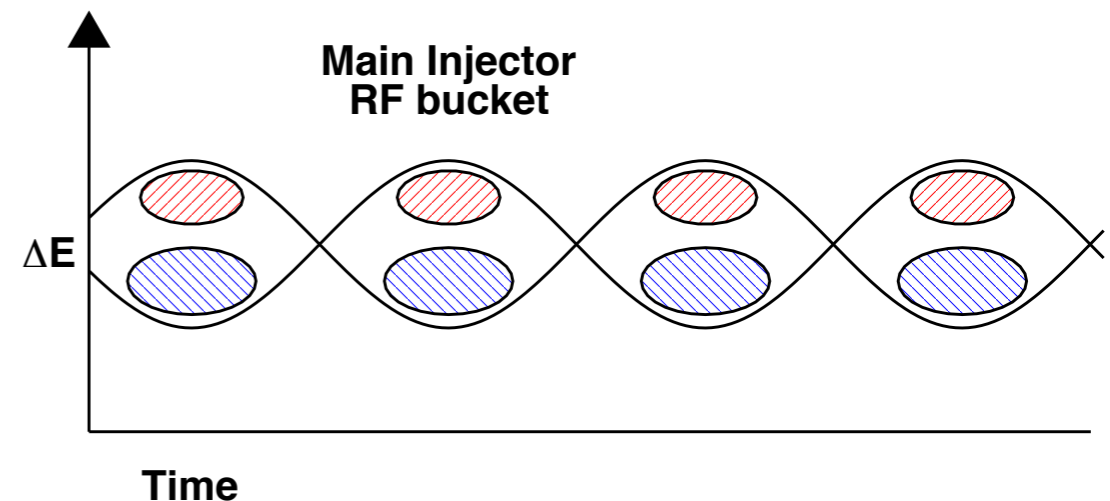
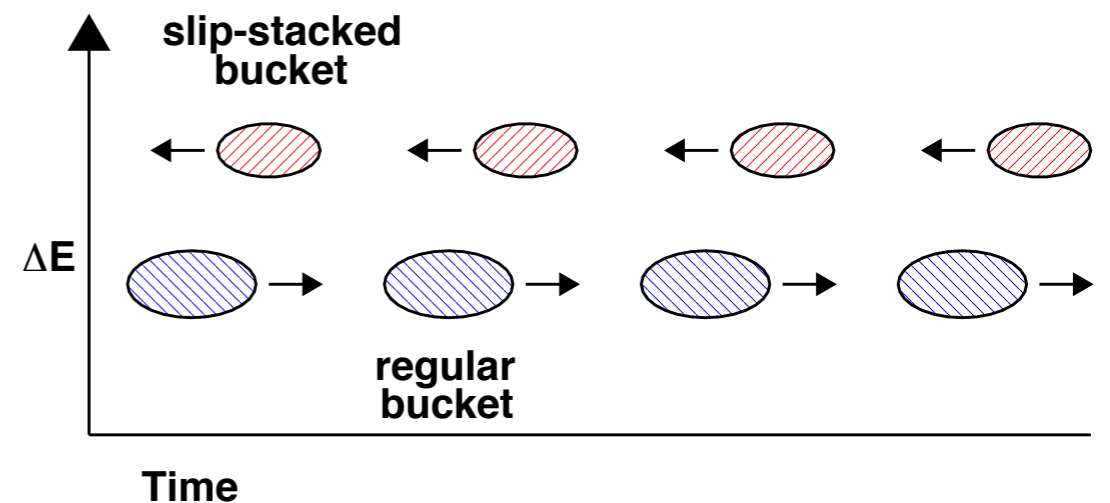
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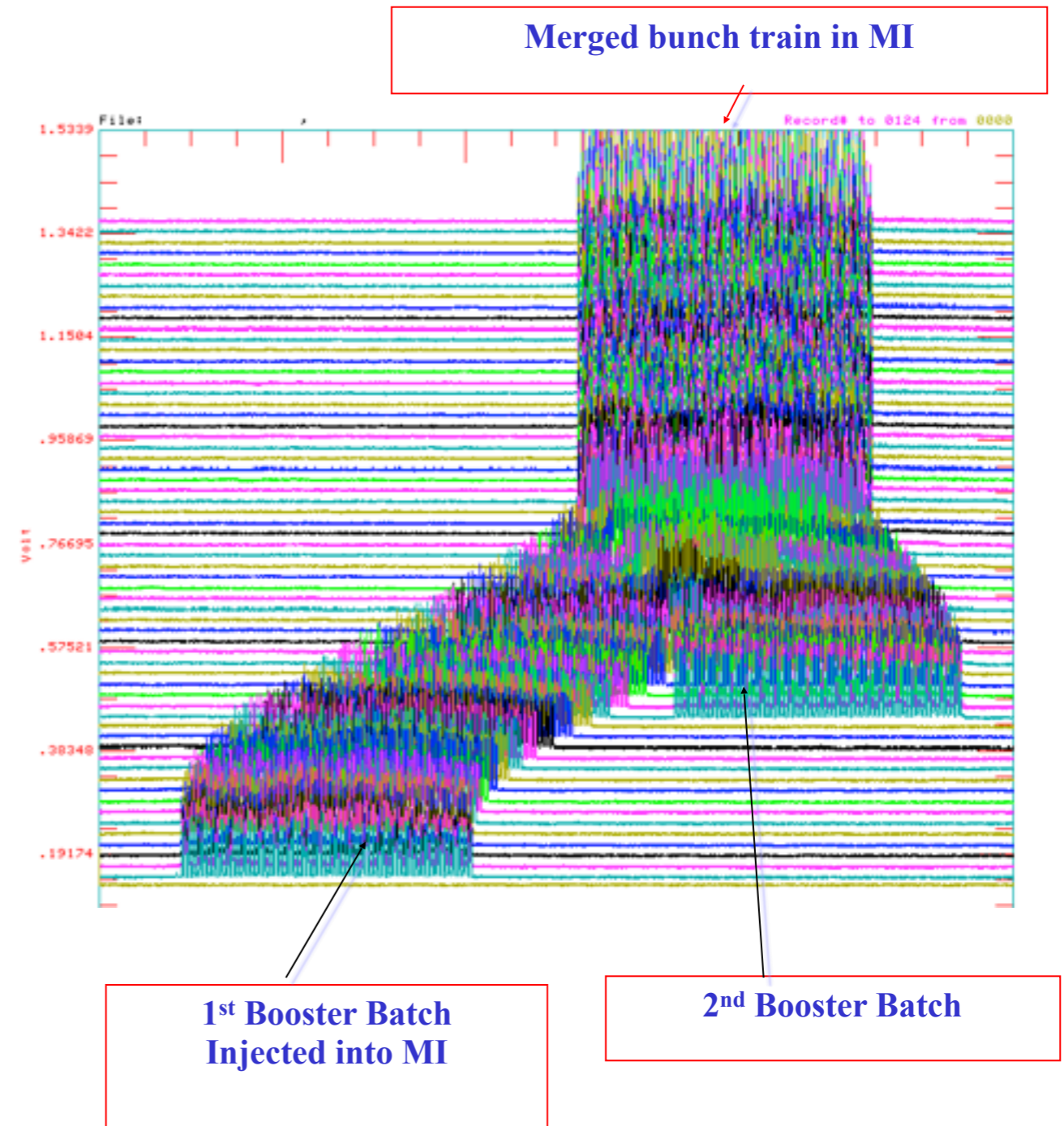
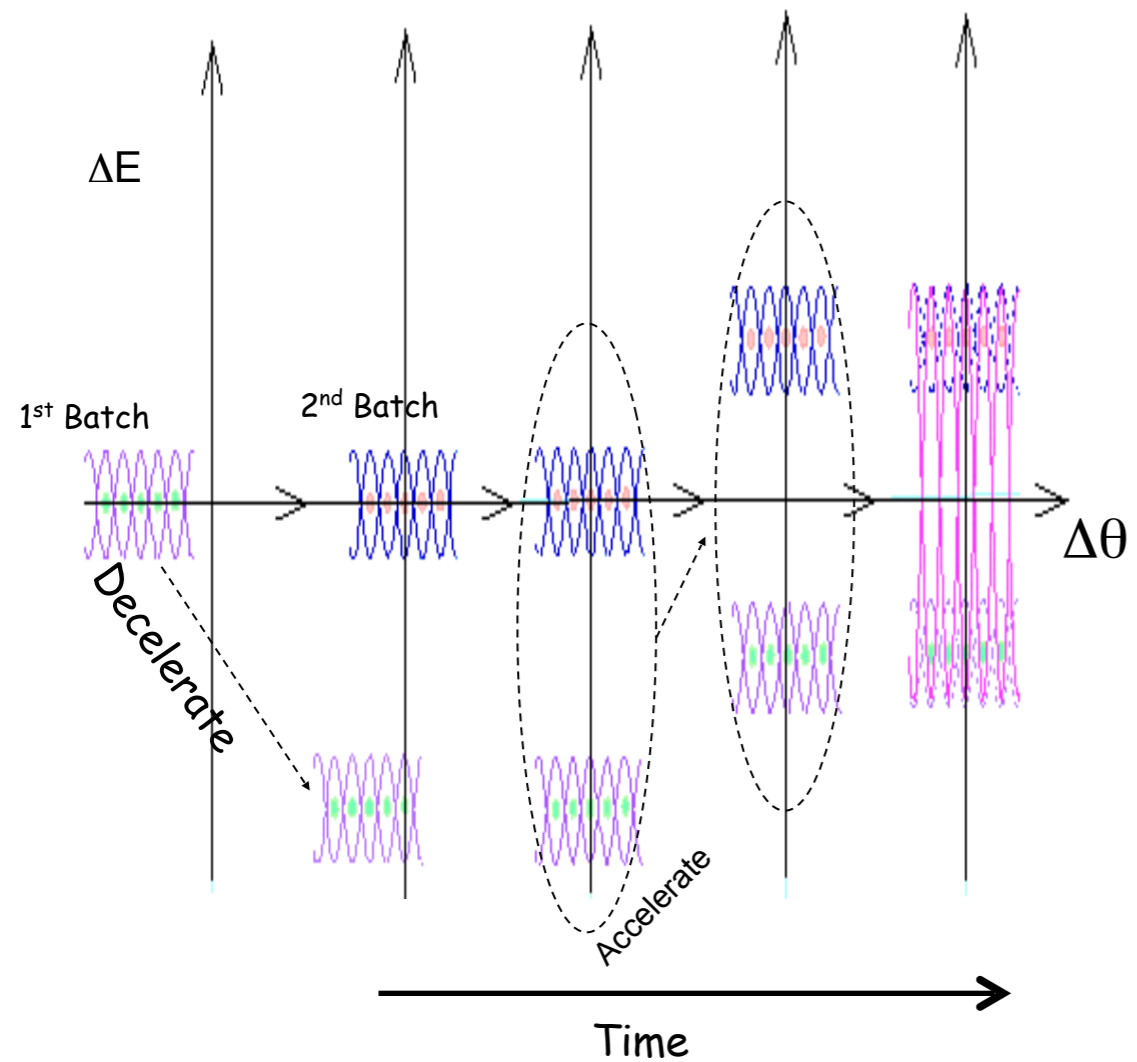
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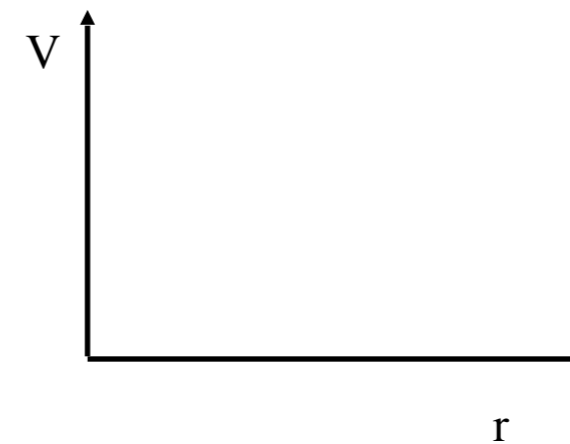
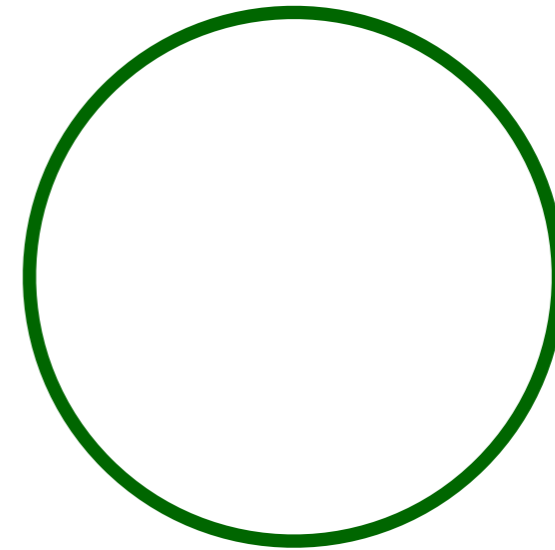
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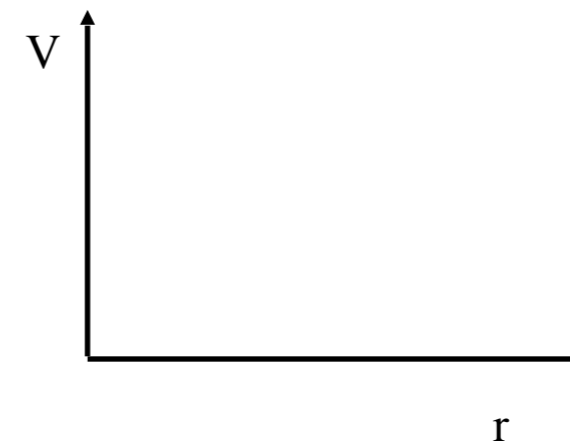
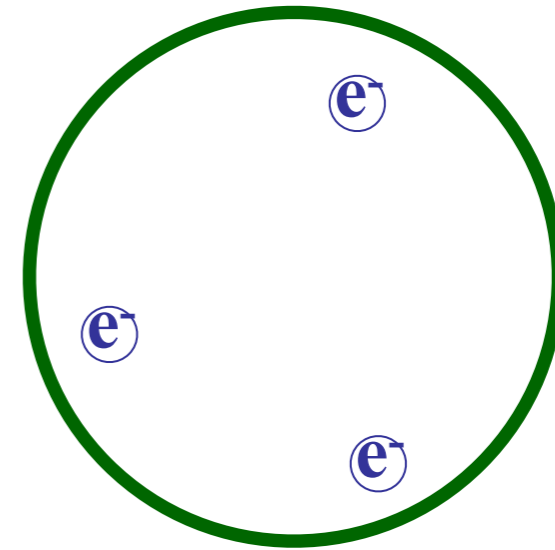
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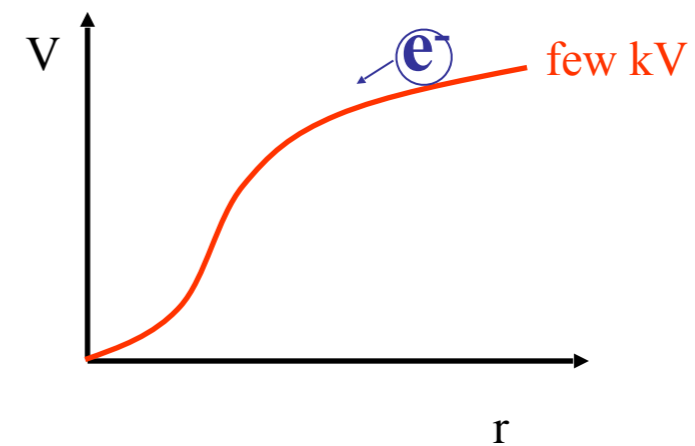
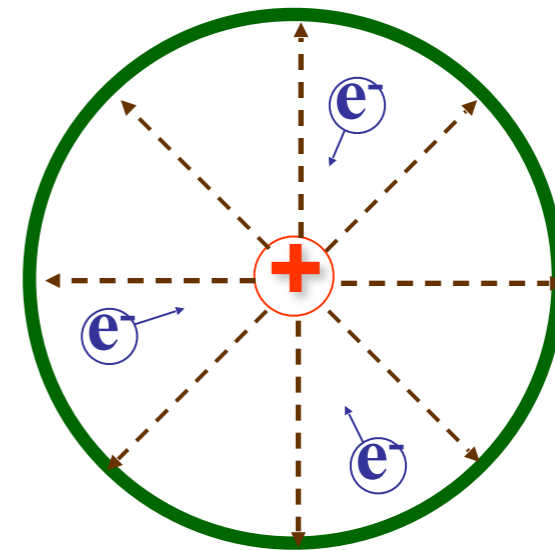
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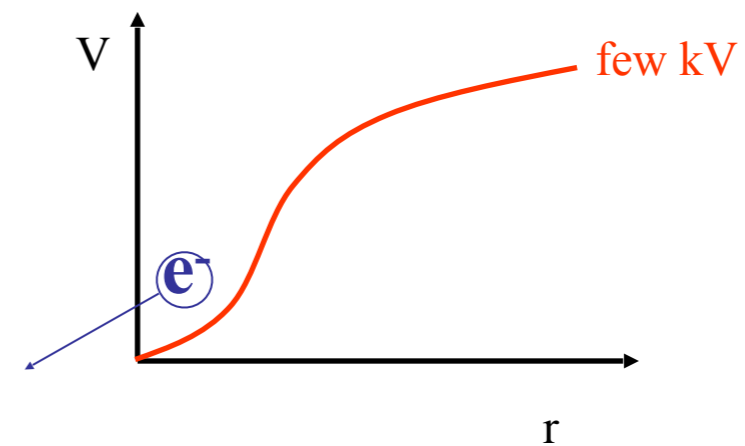
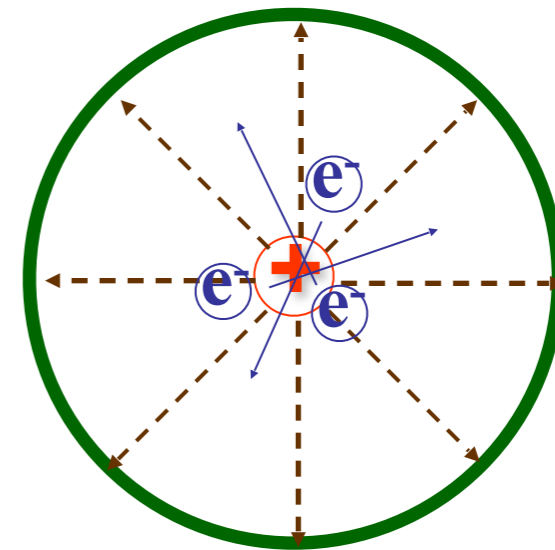
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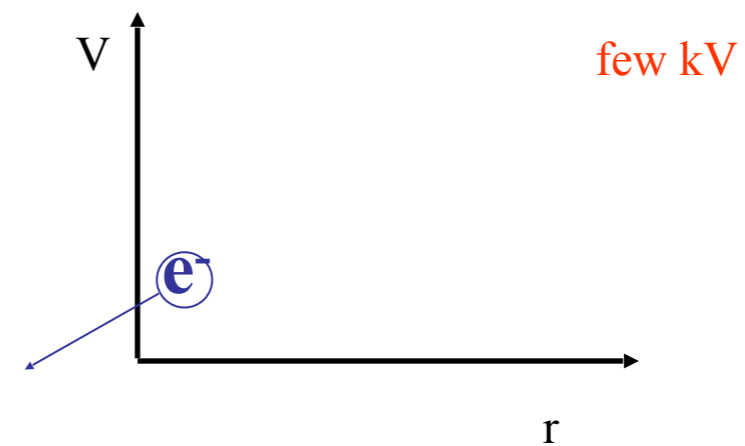
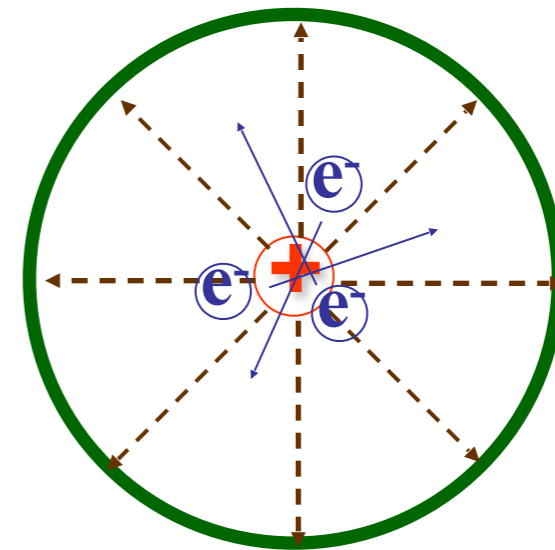
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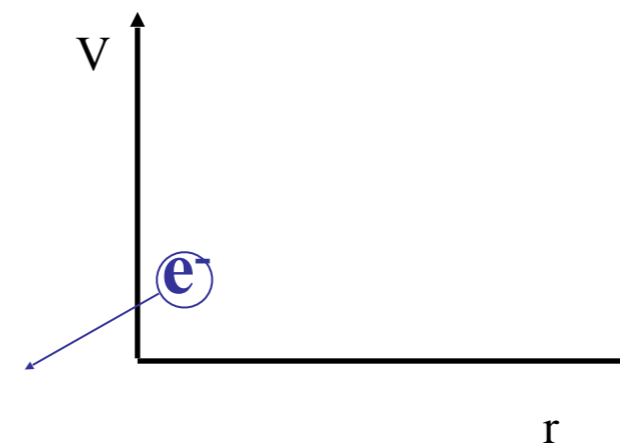
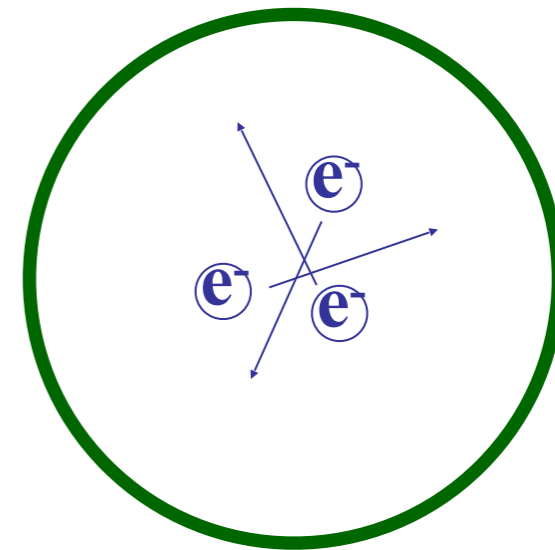
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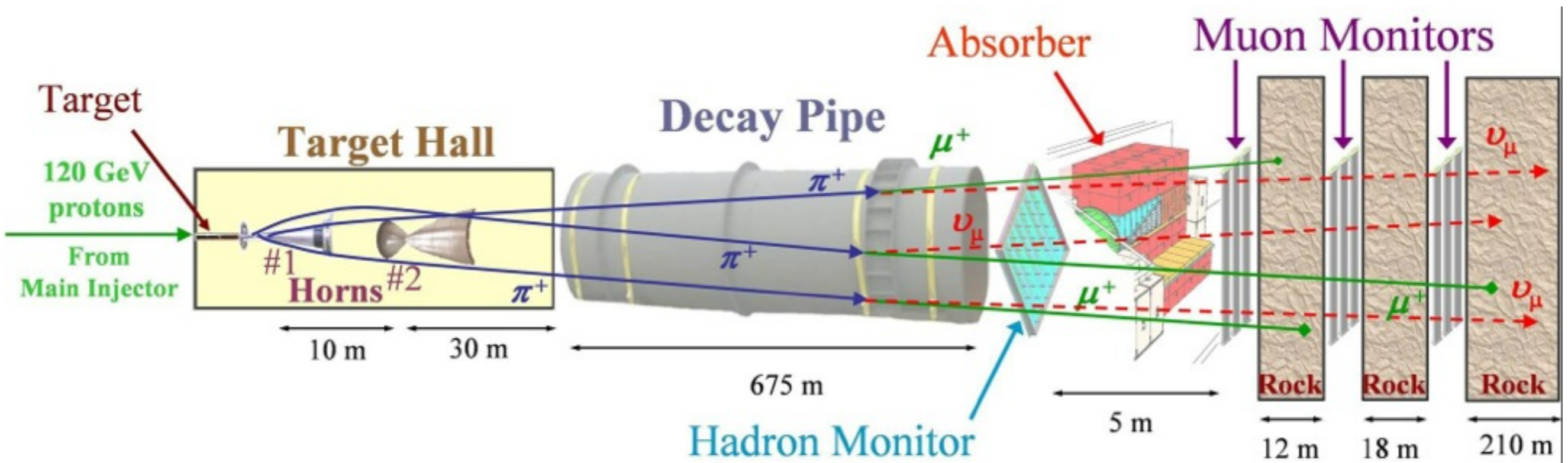
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 - Electrons Accelerate
- Beam disappears
 - Electrons collide with wall
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Neutrino Beamline (NuMI)



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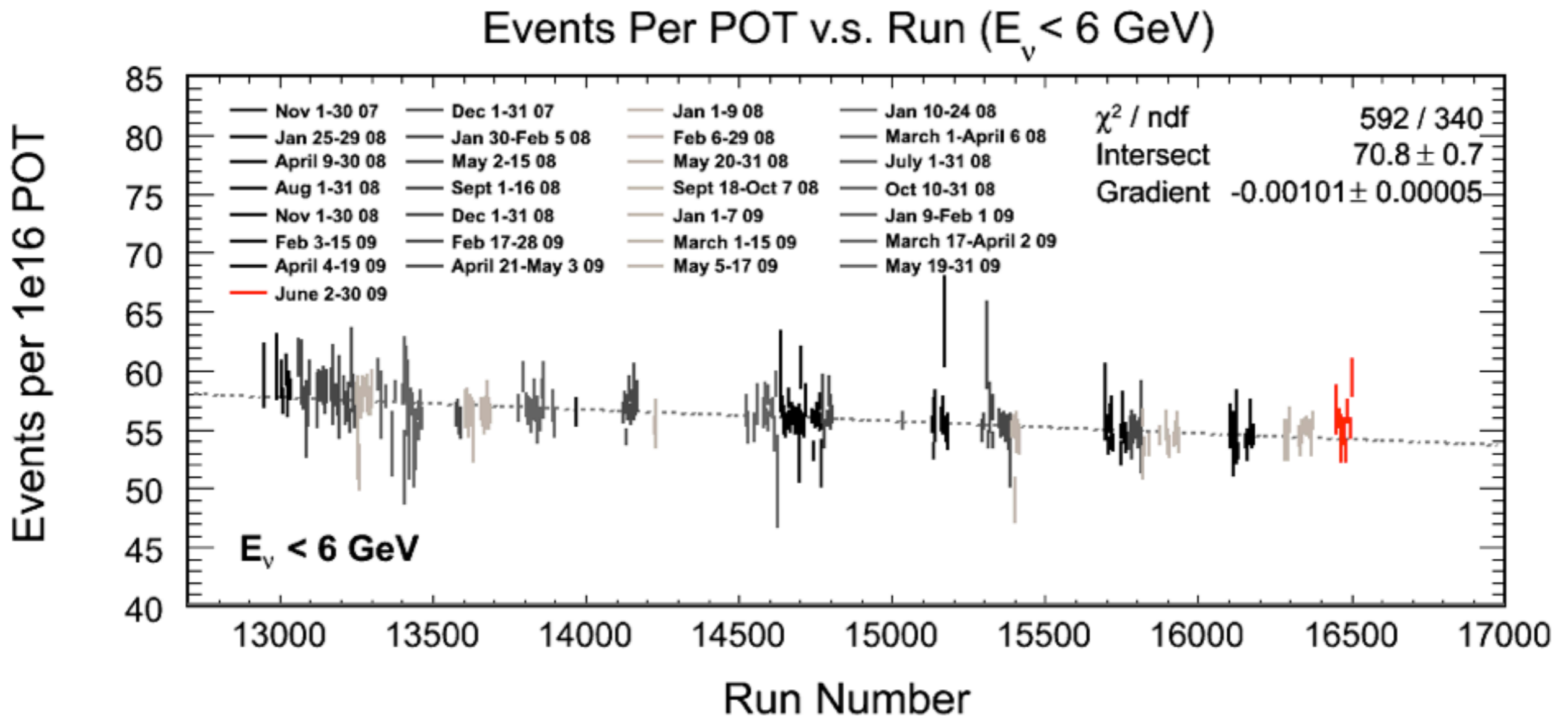
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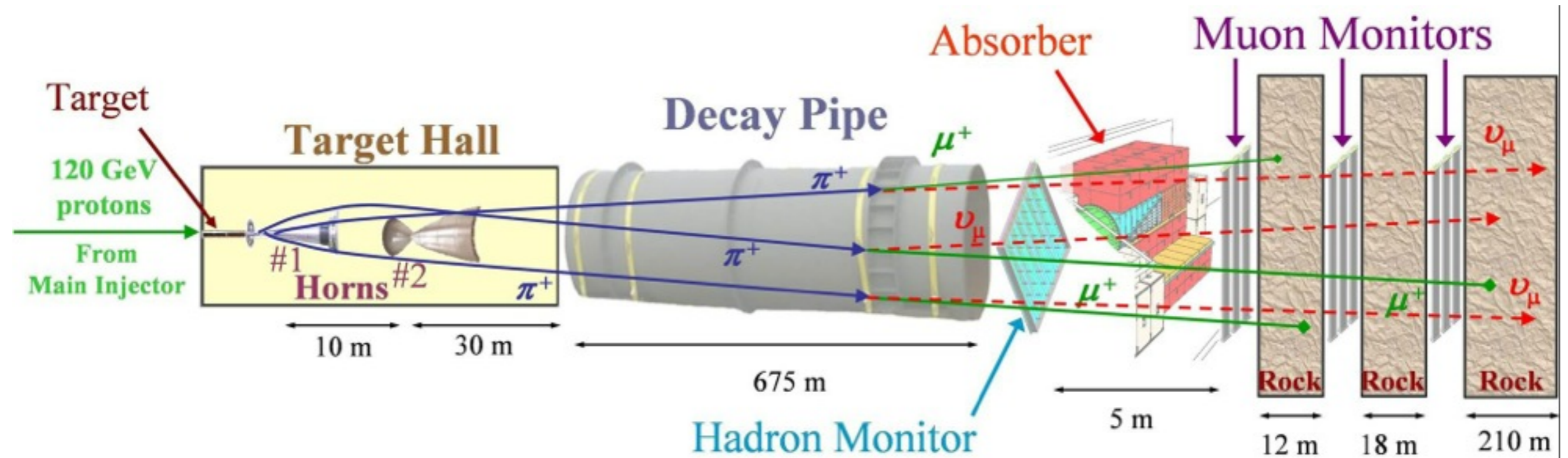
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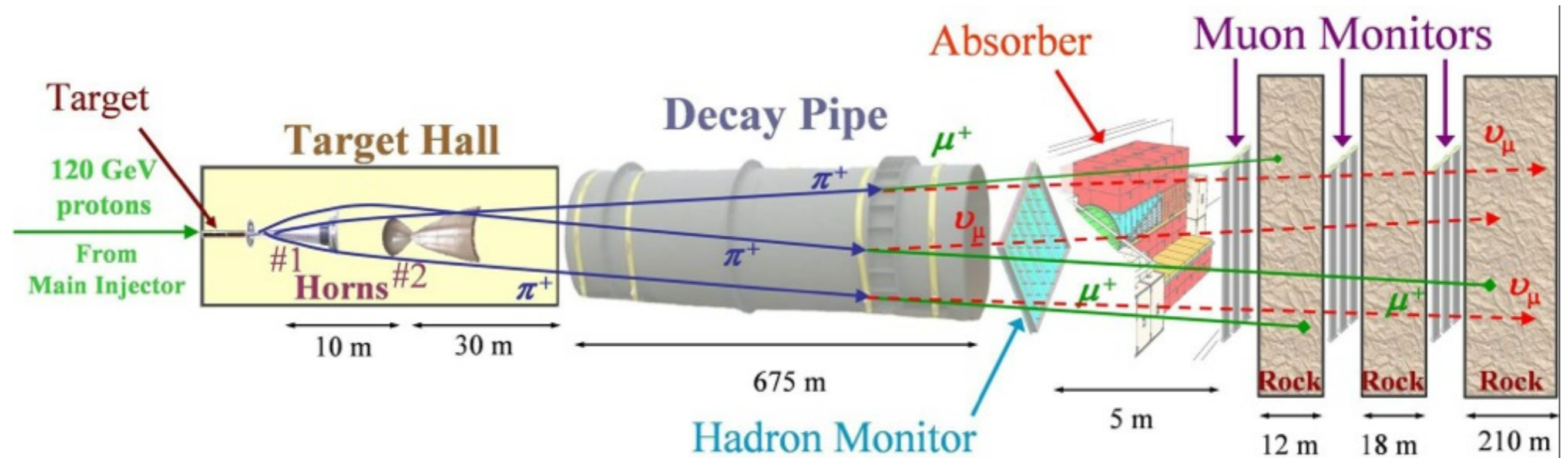
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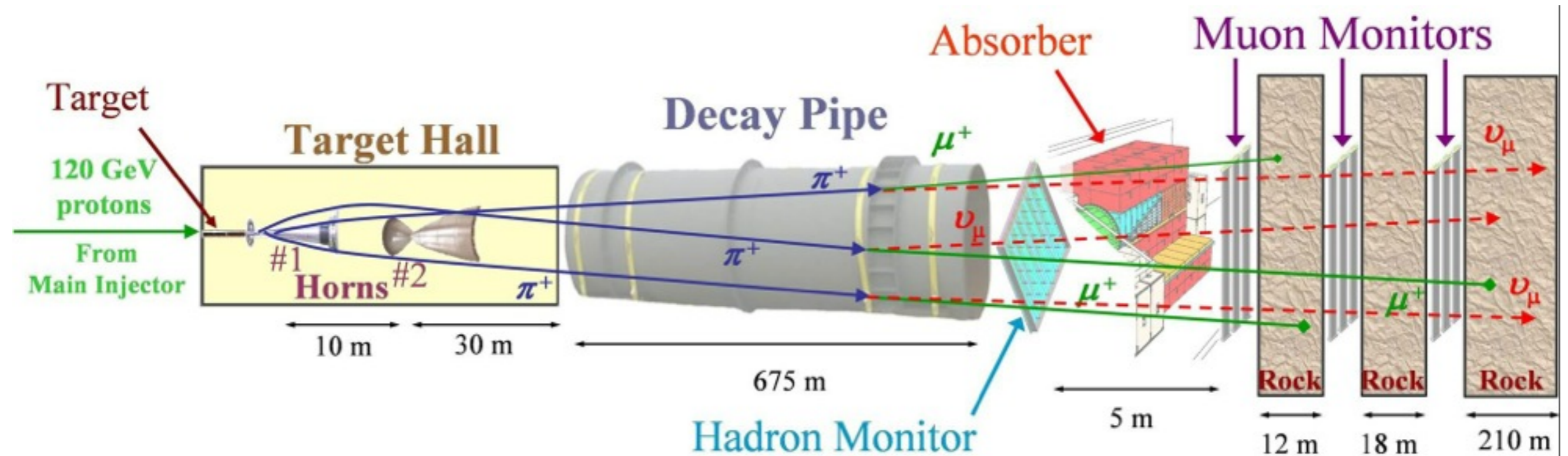
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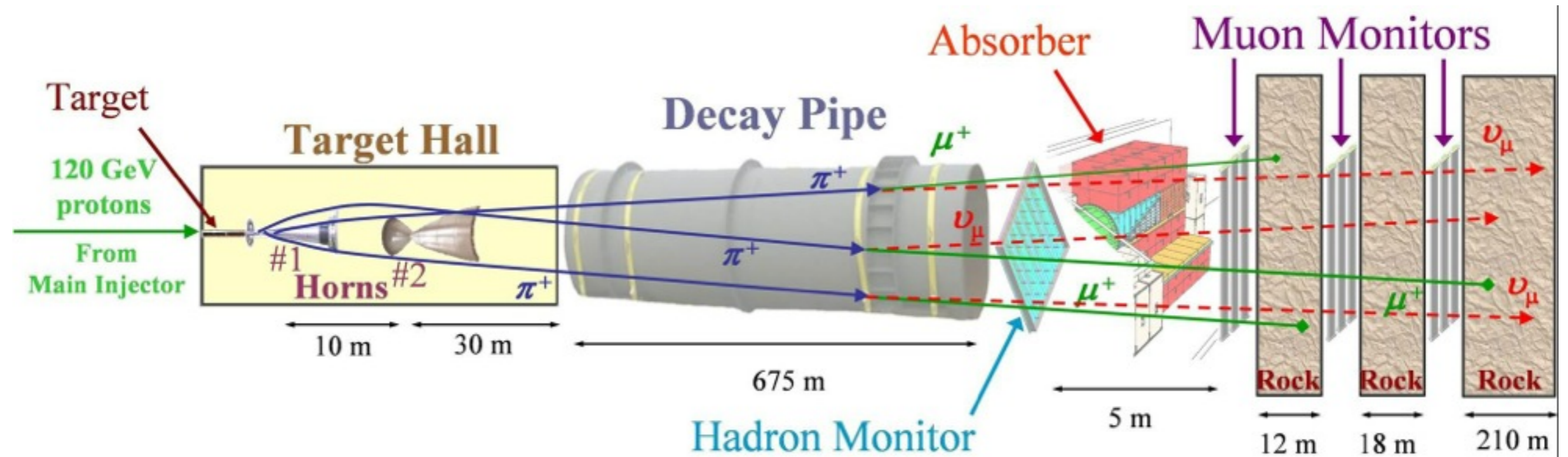


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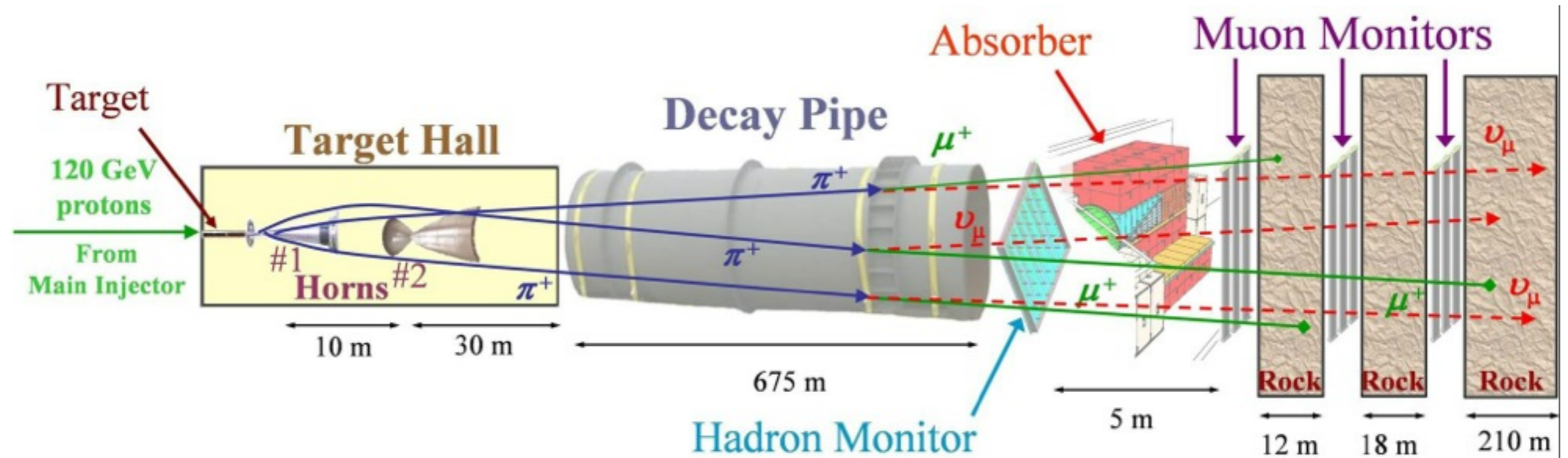


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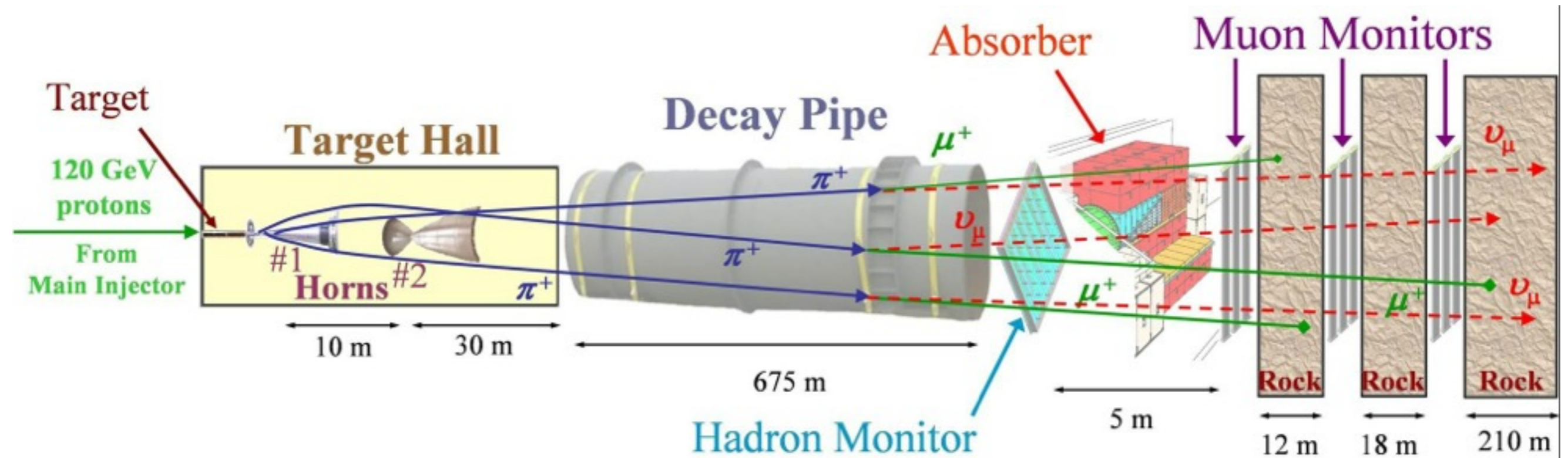
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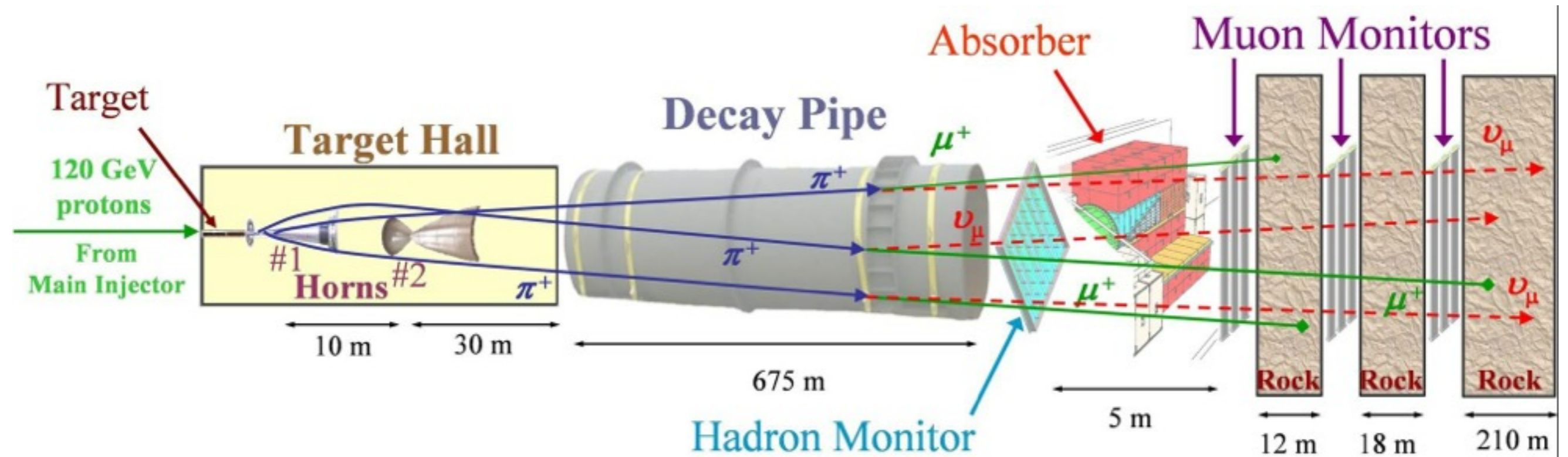


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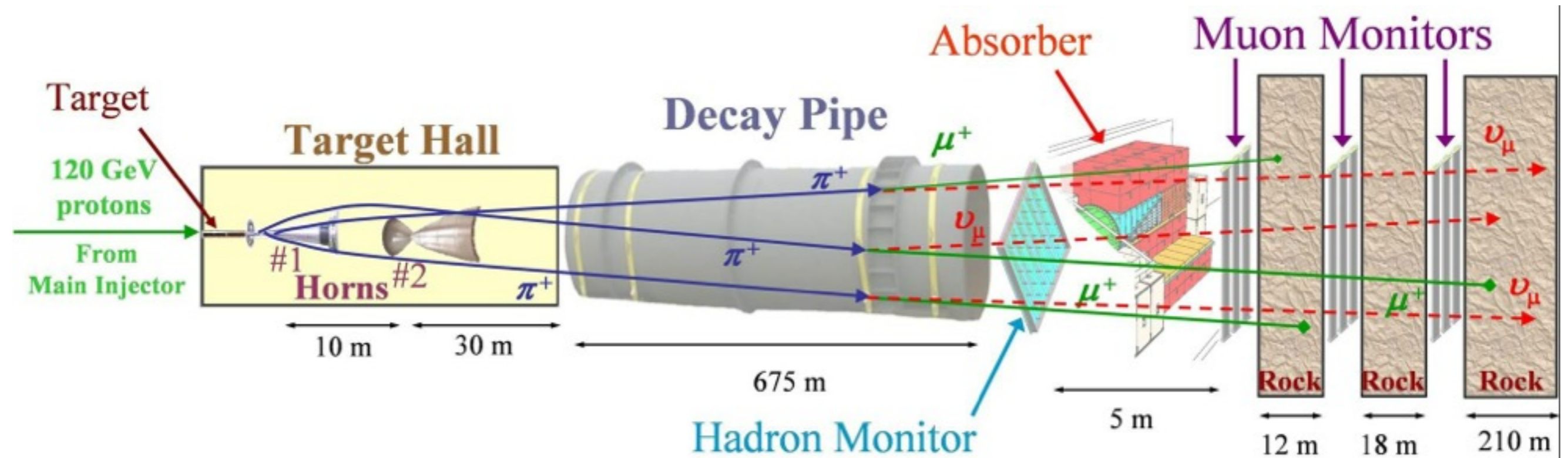


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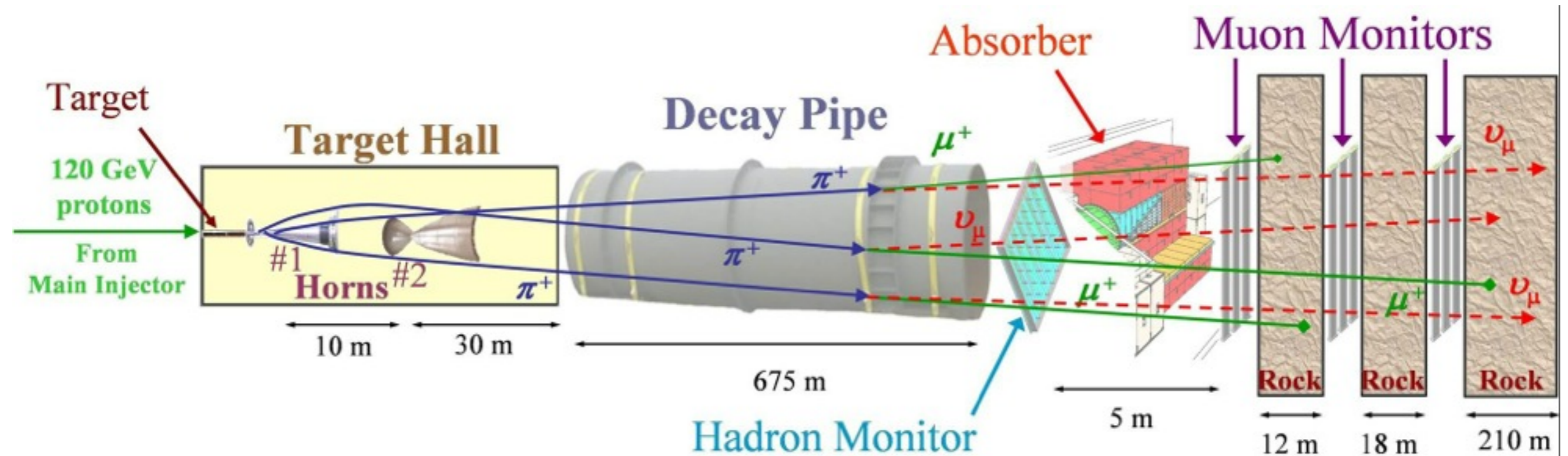
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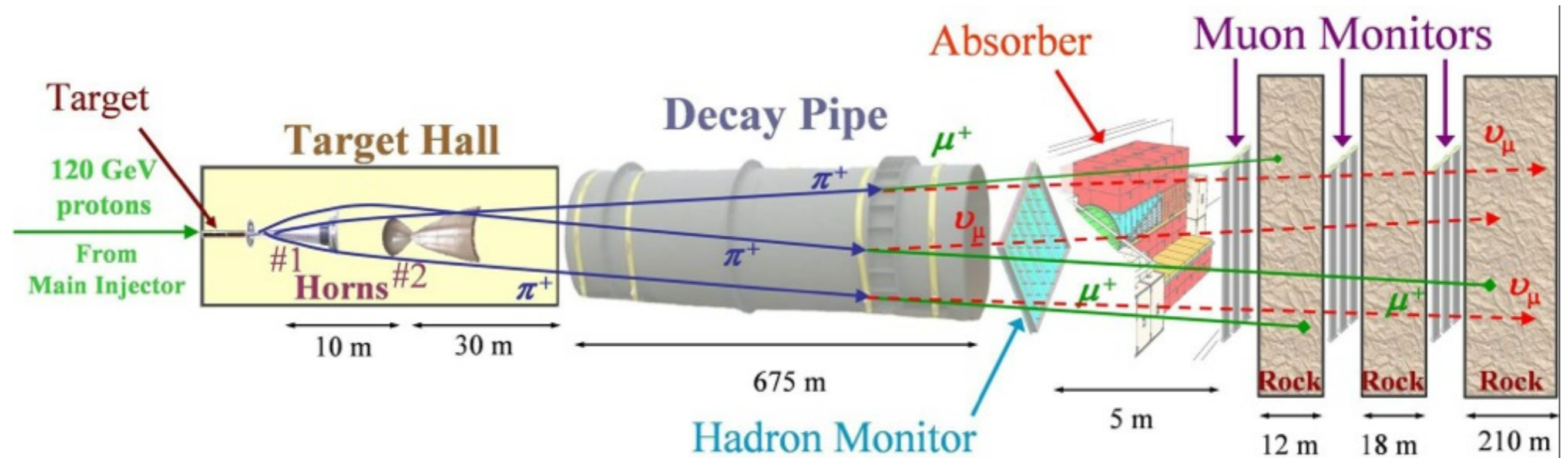
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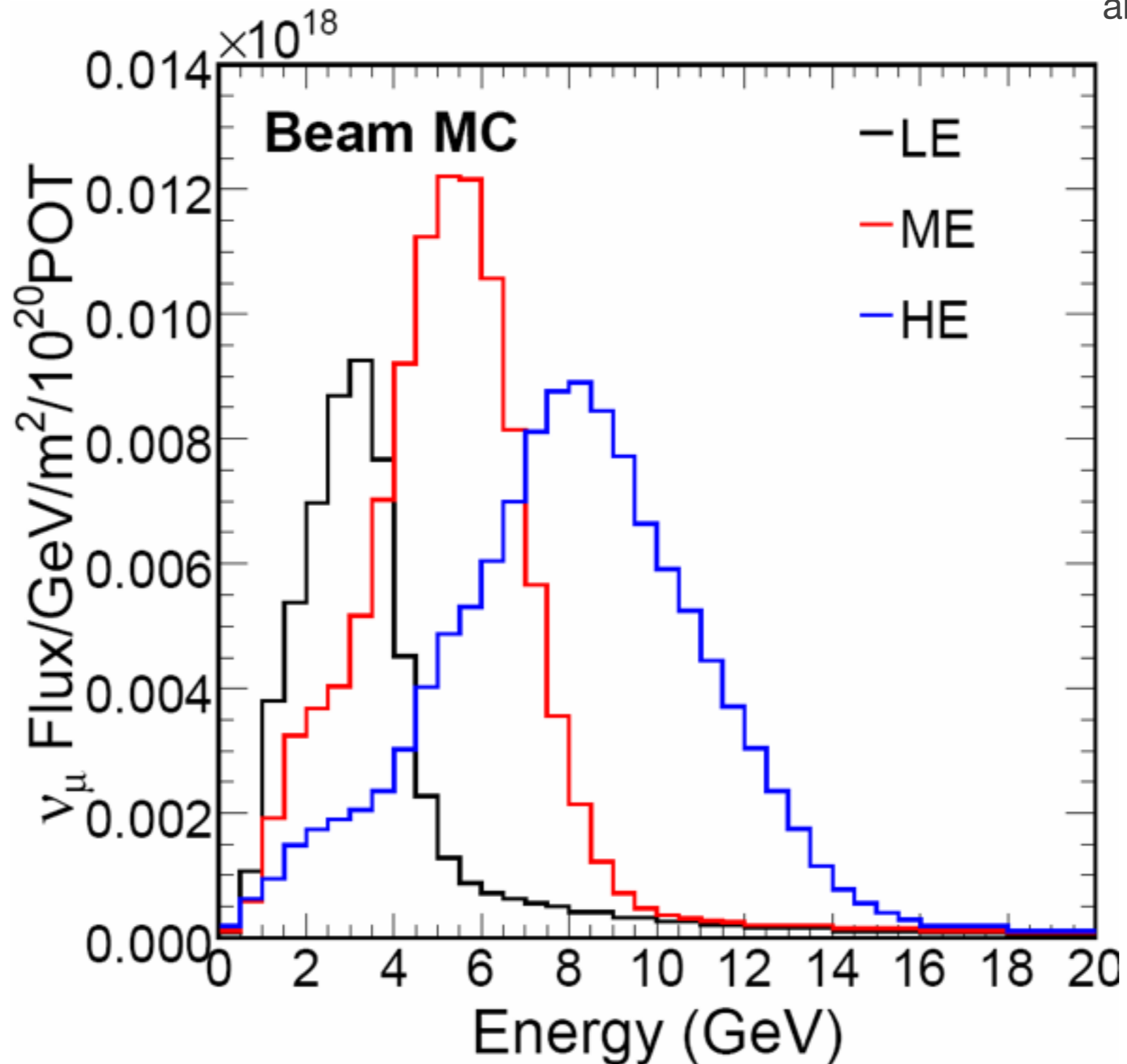
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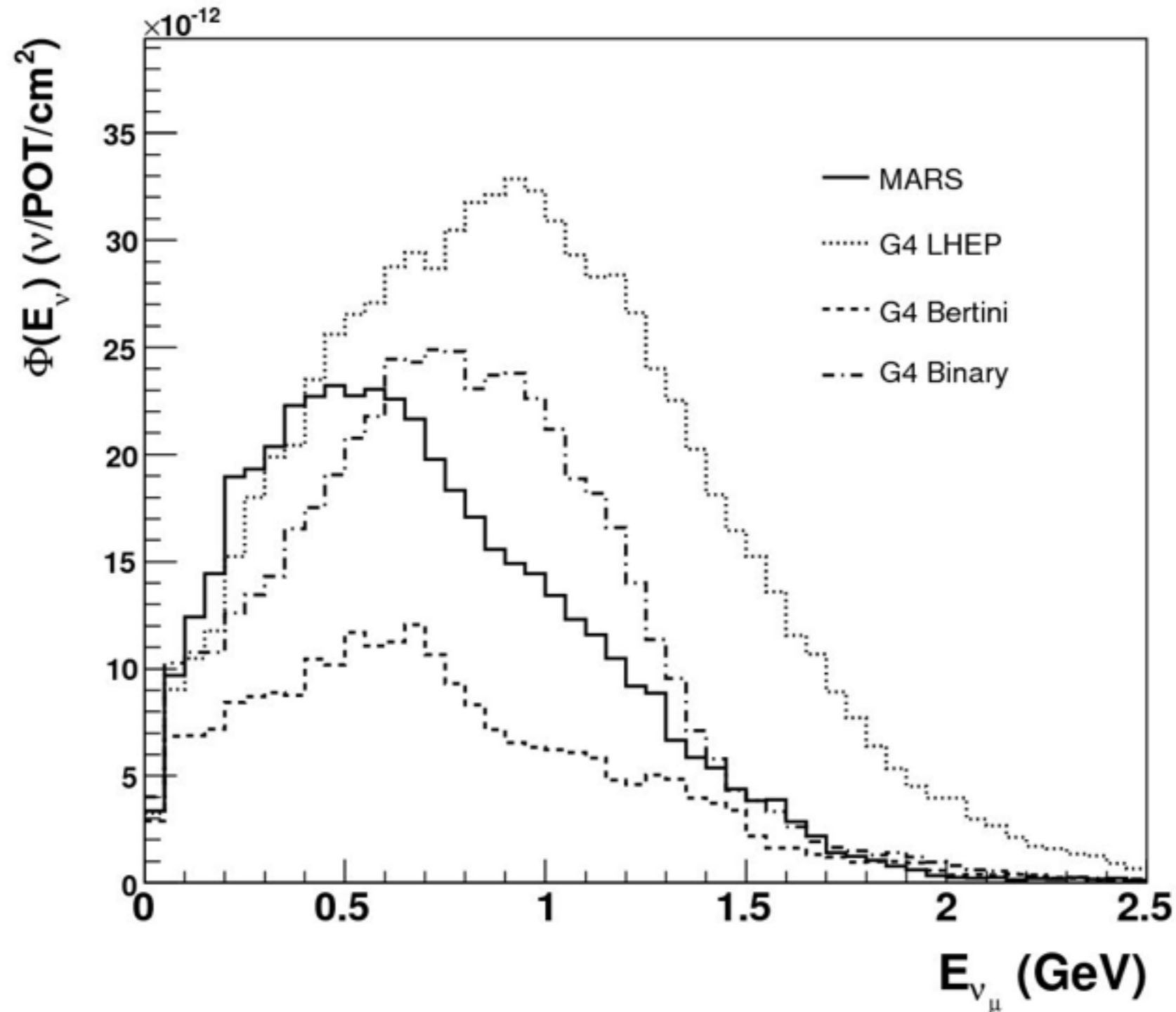
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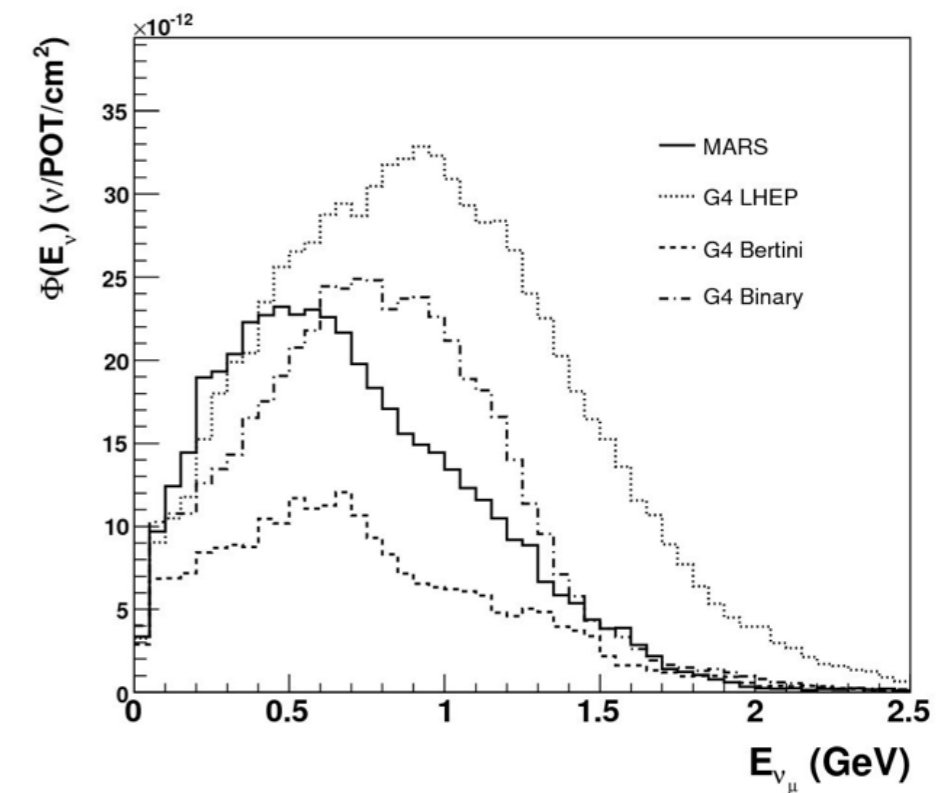
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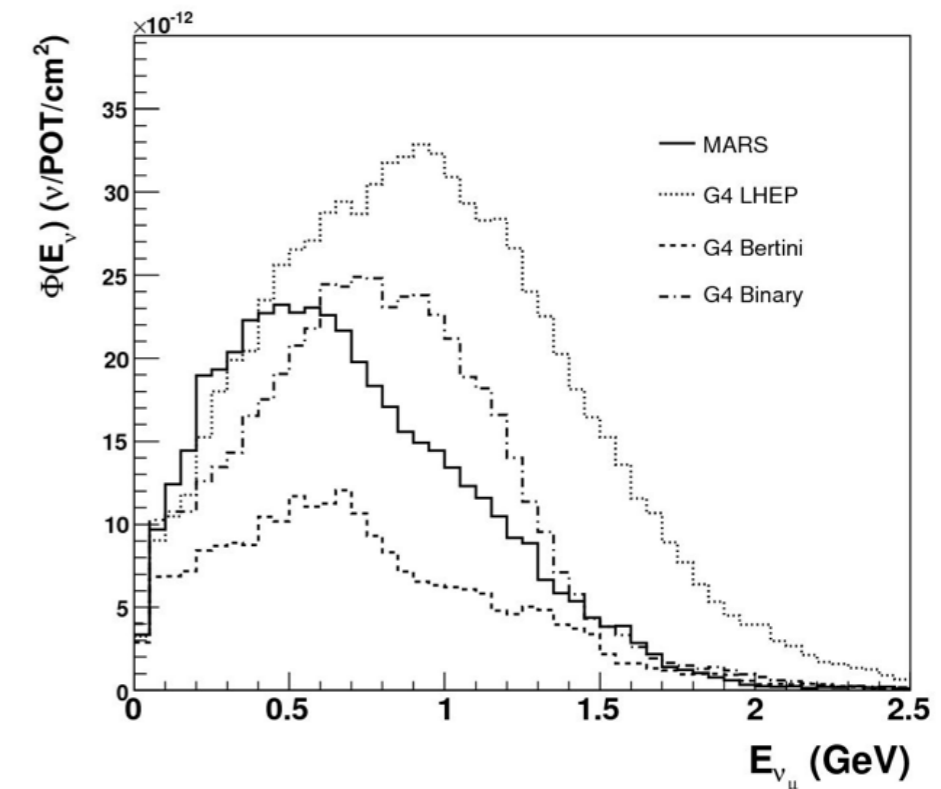


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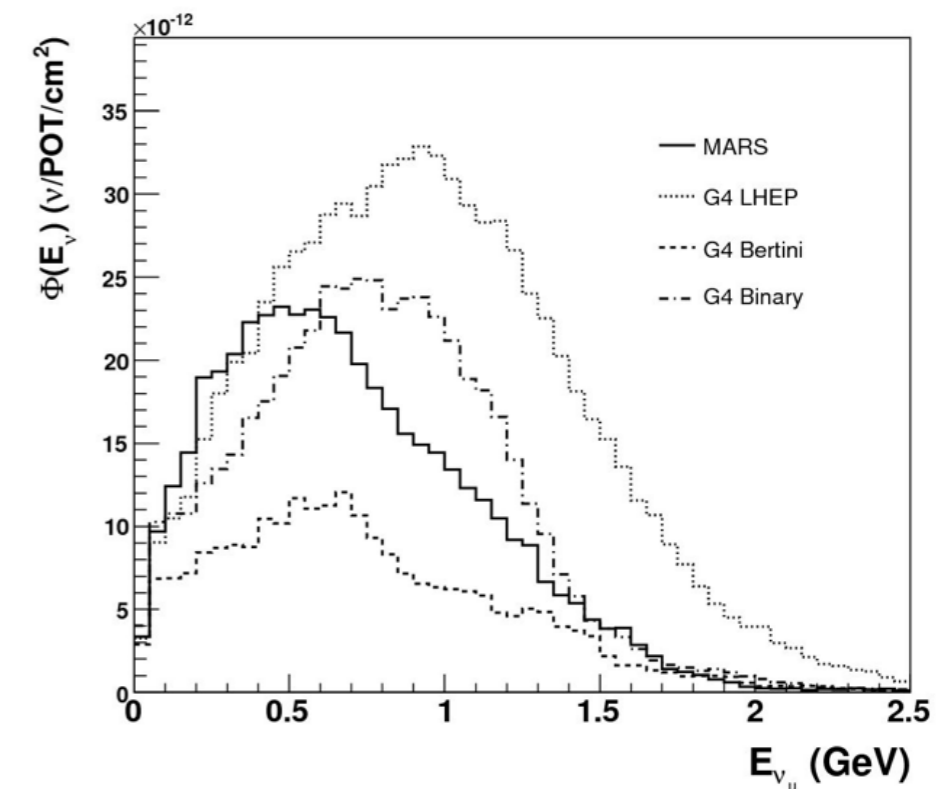
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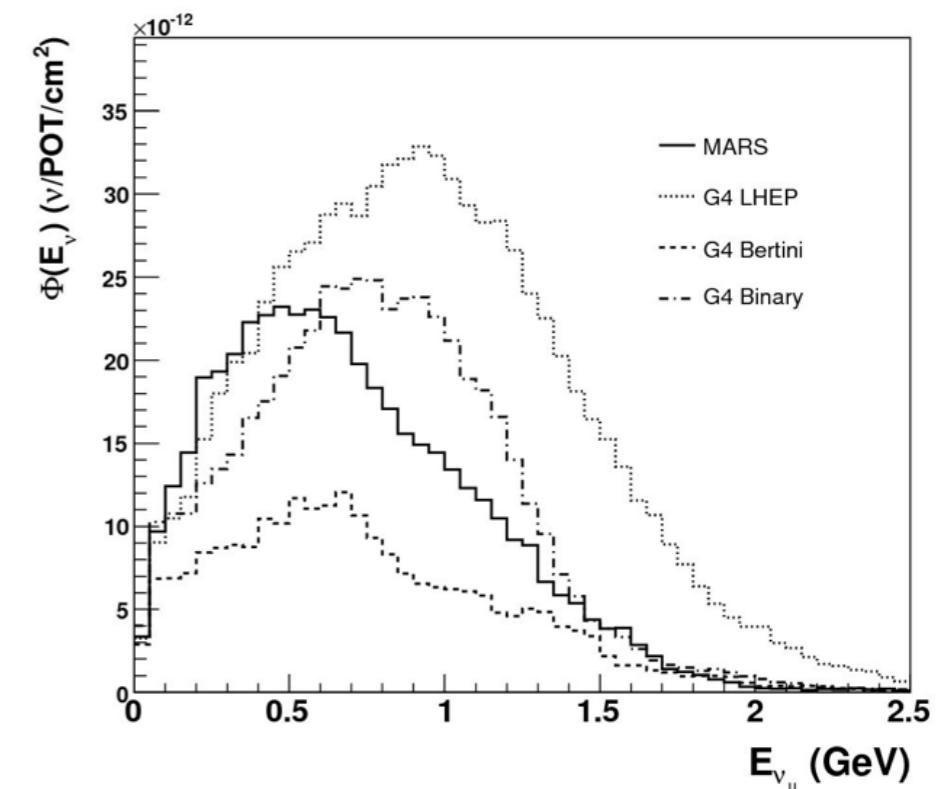
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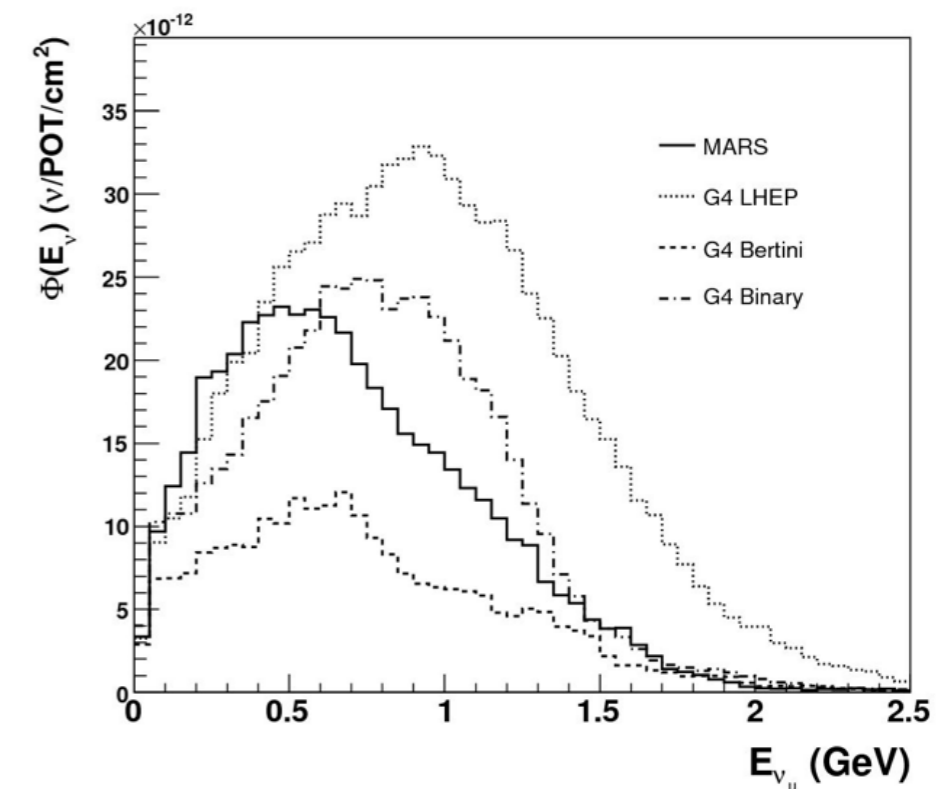
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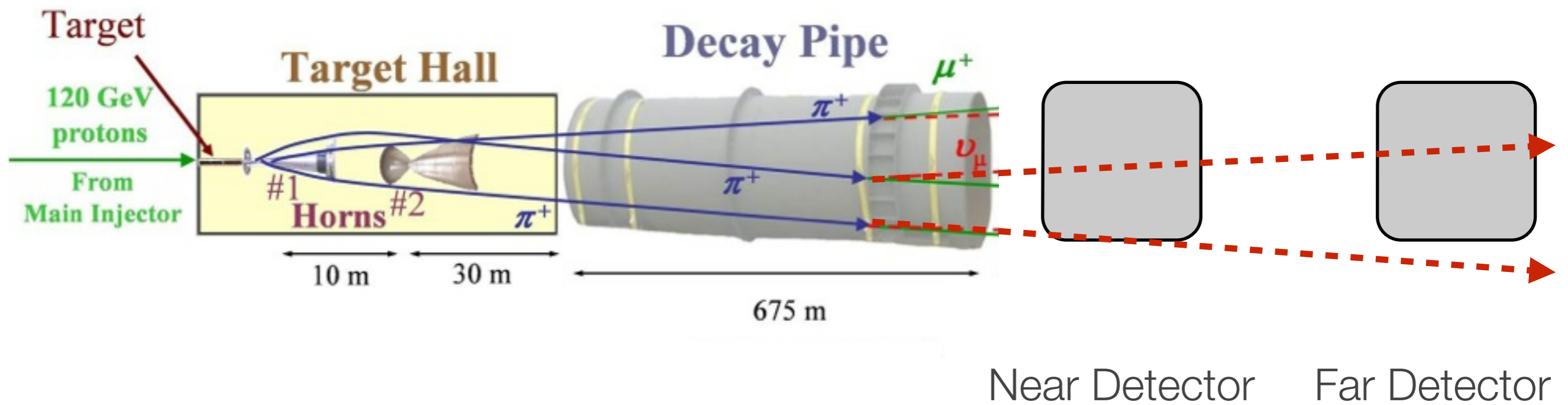
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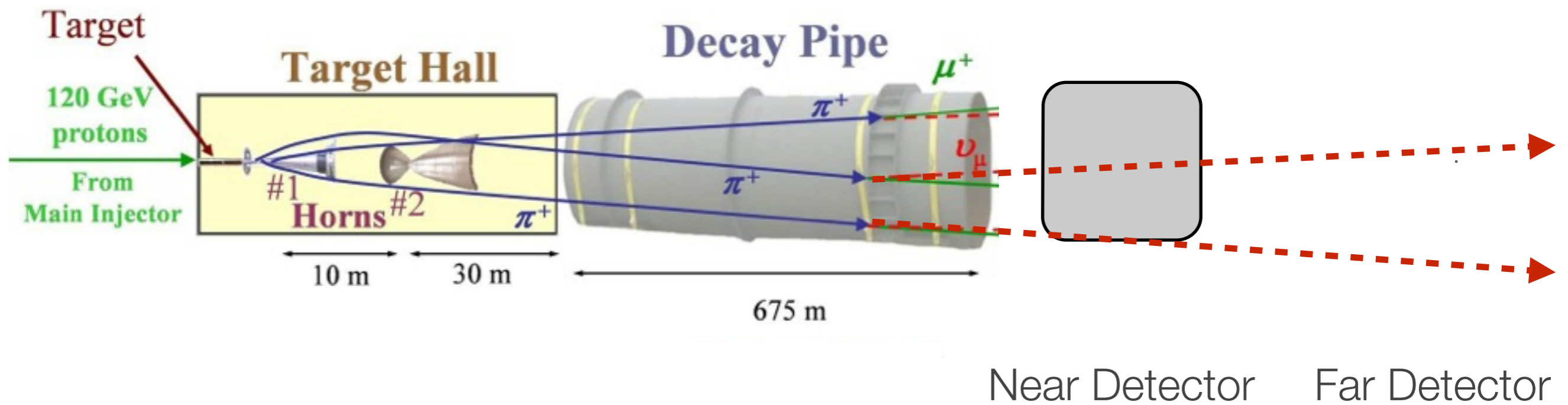
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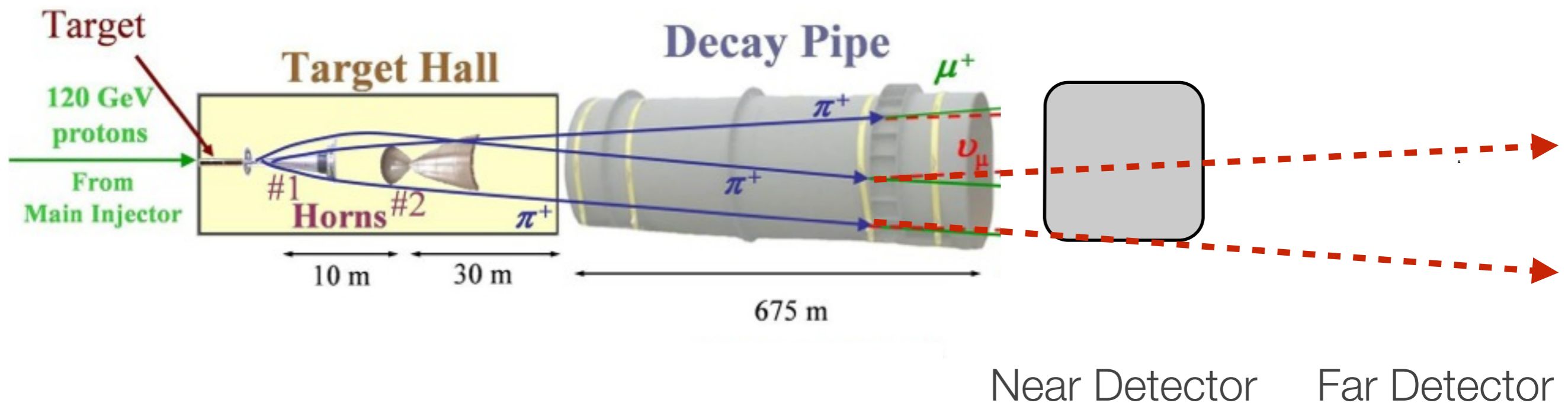


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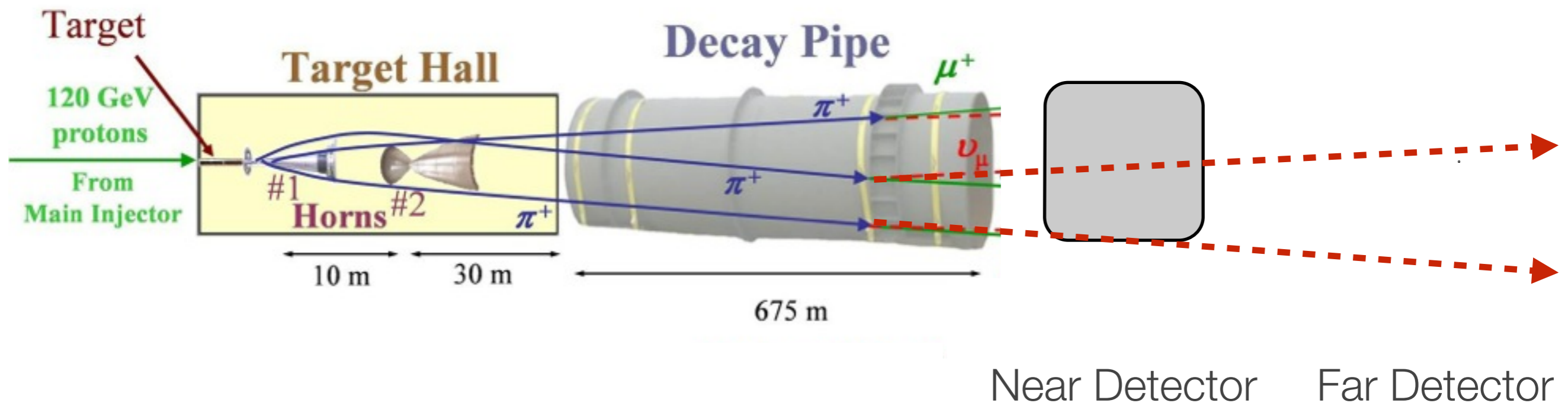
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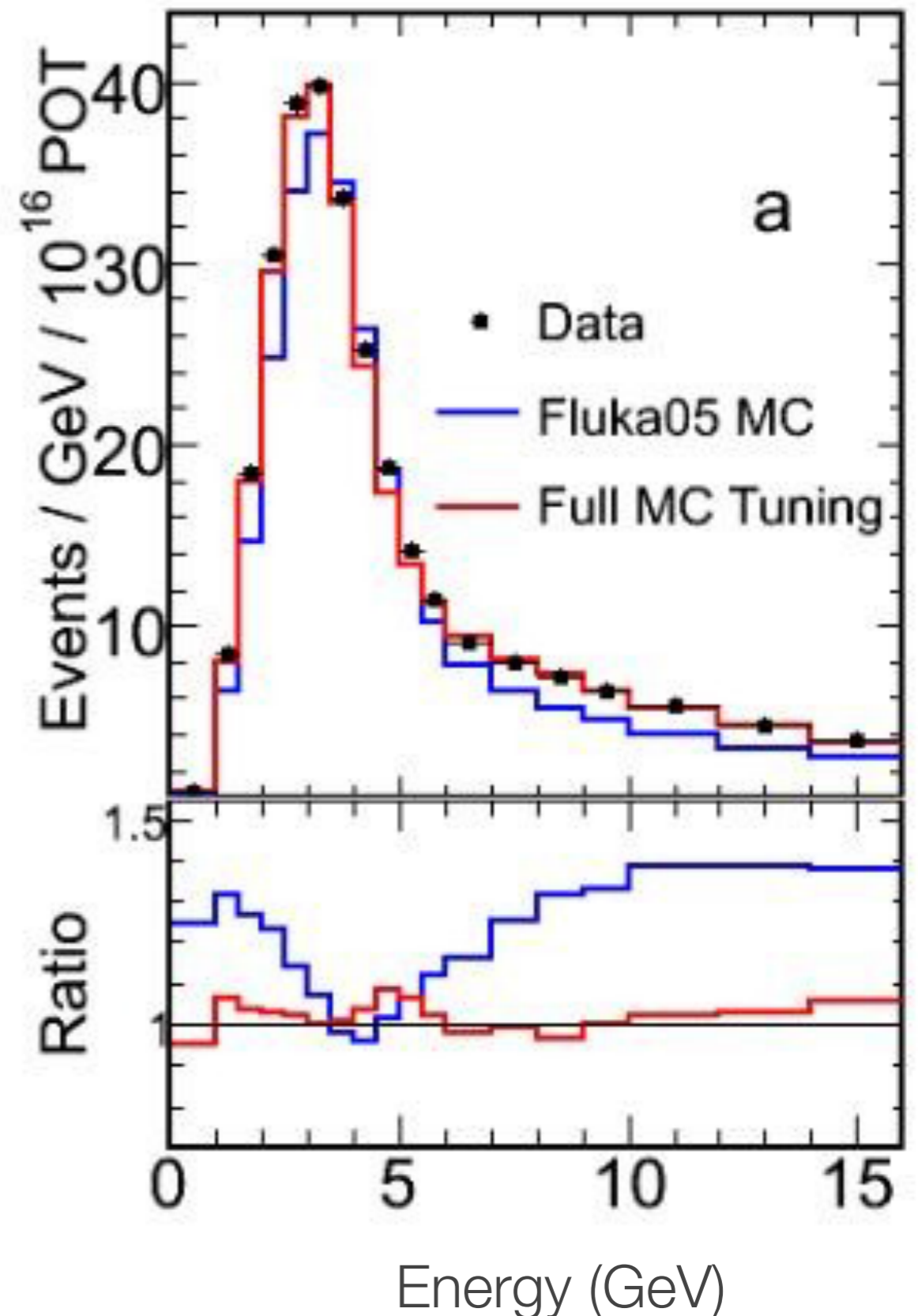
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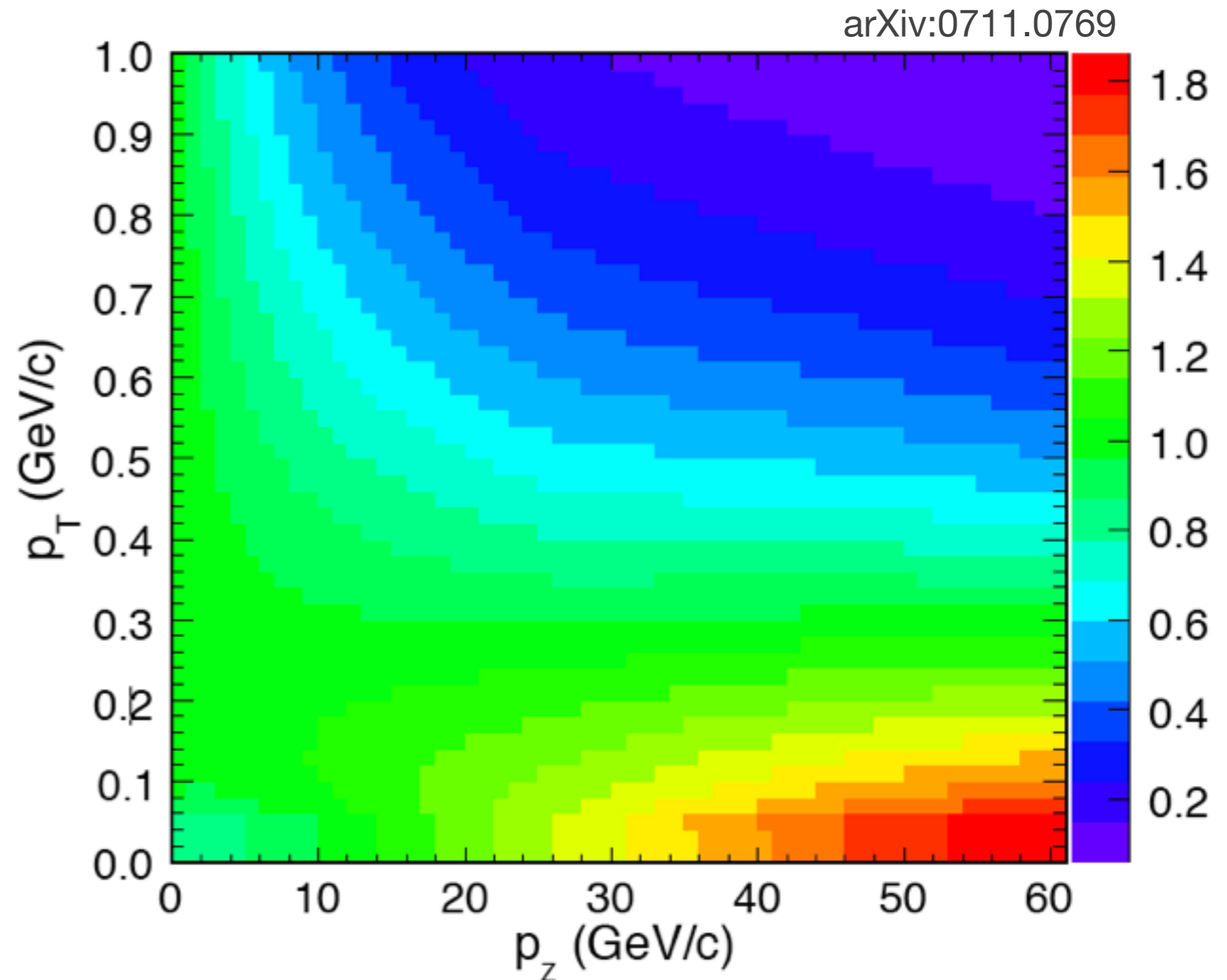
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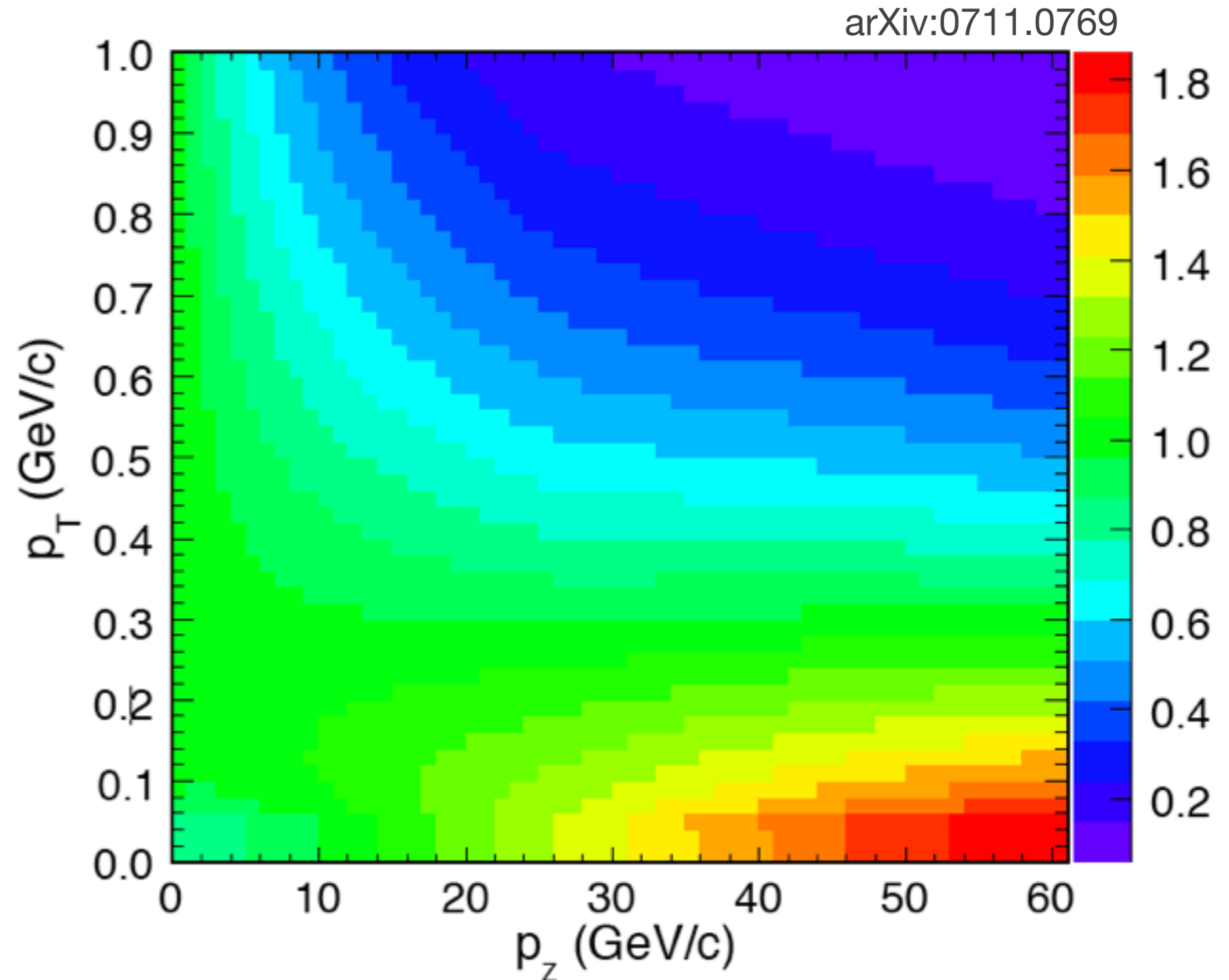


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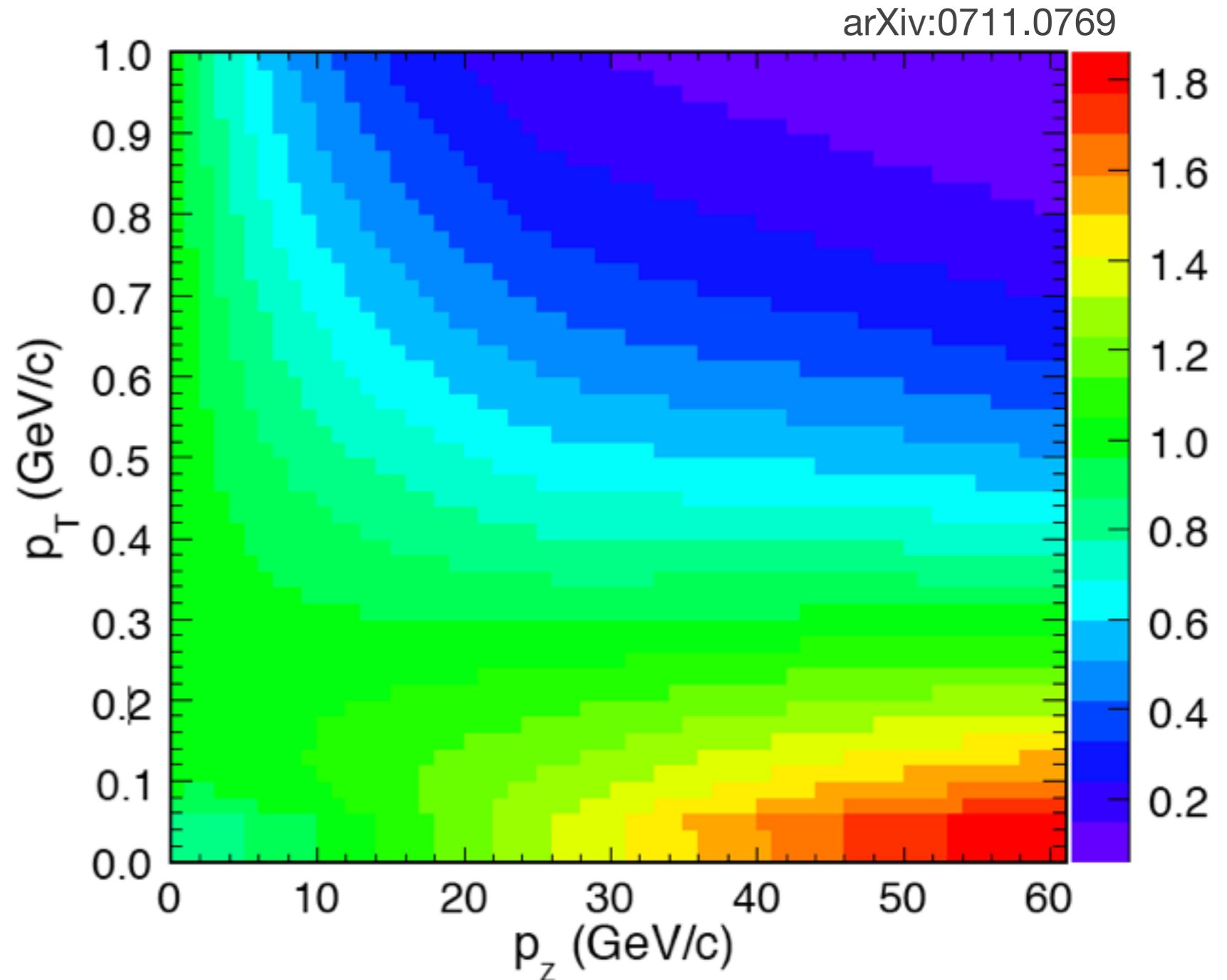


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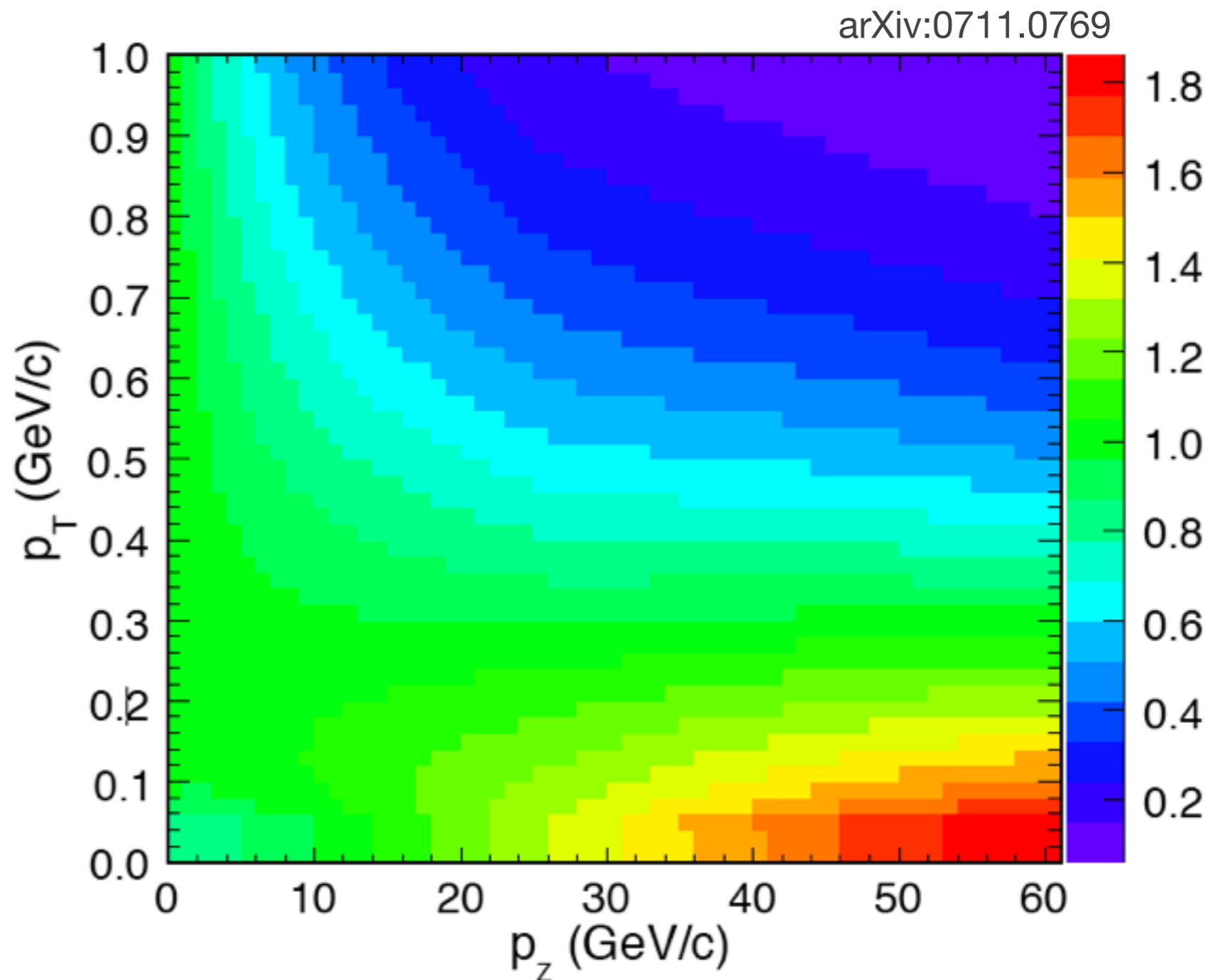


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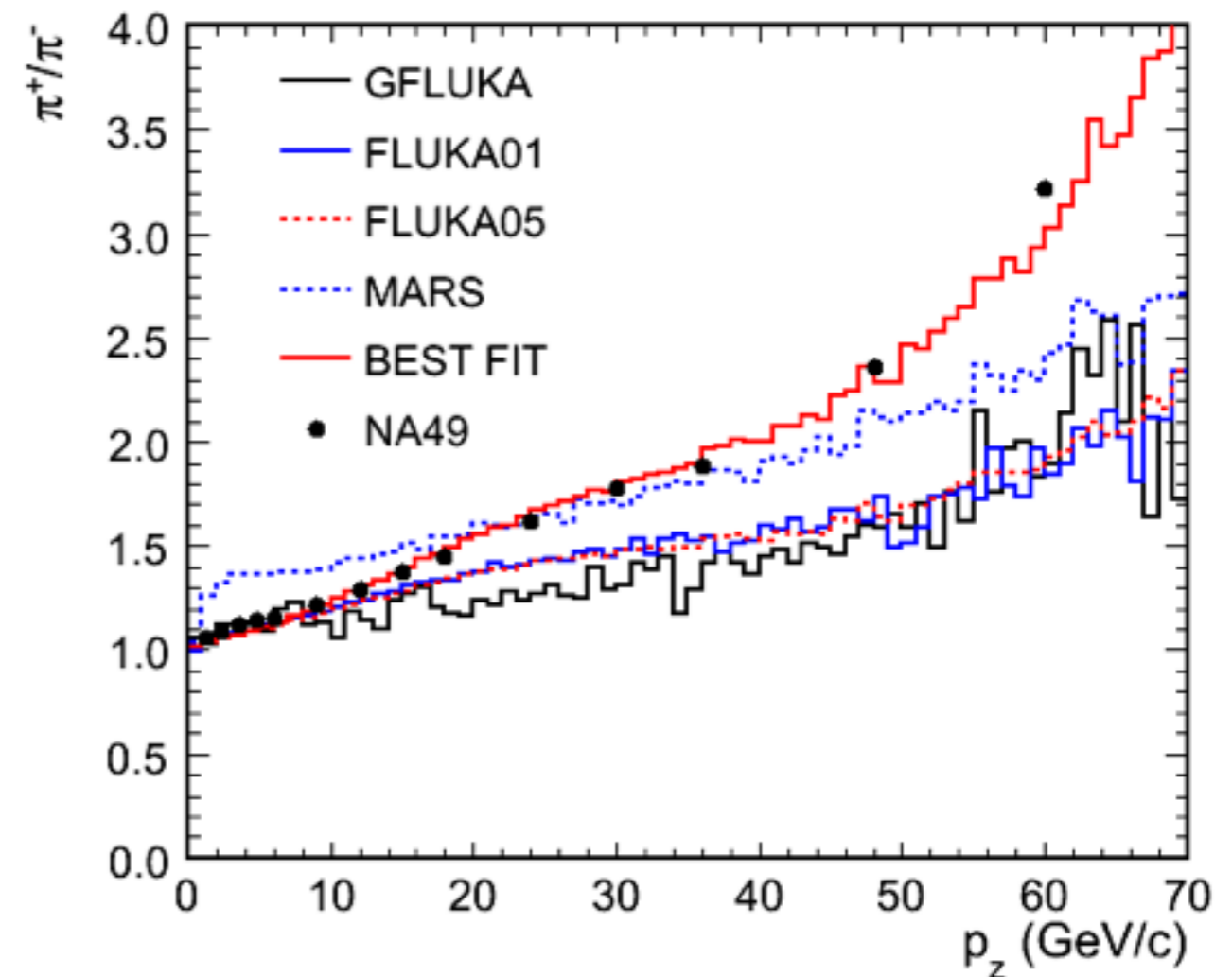
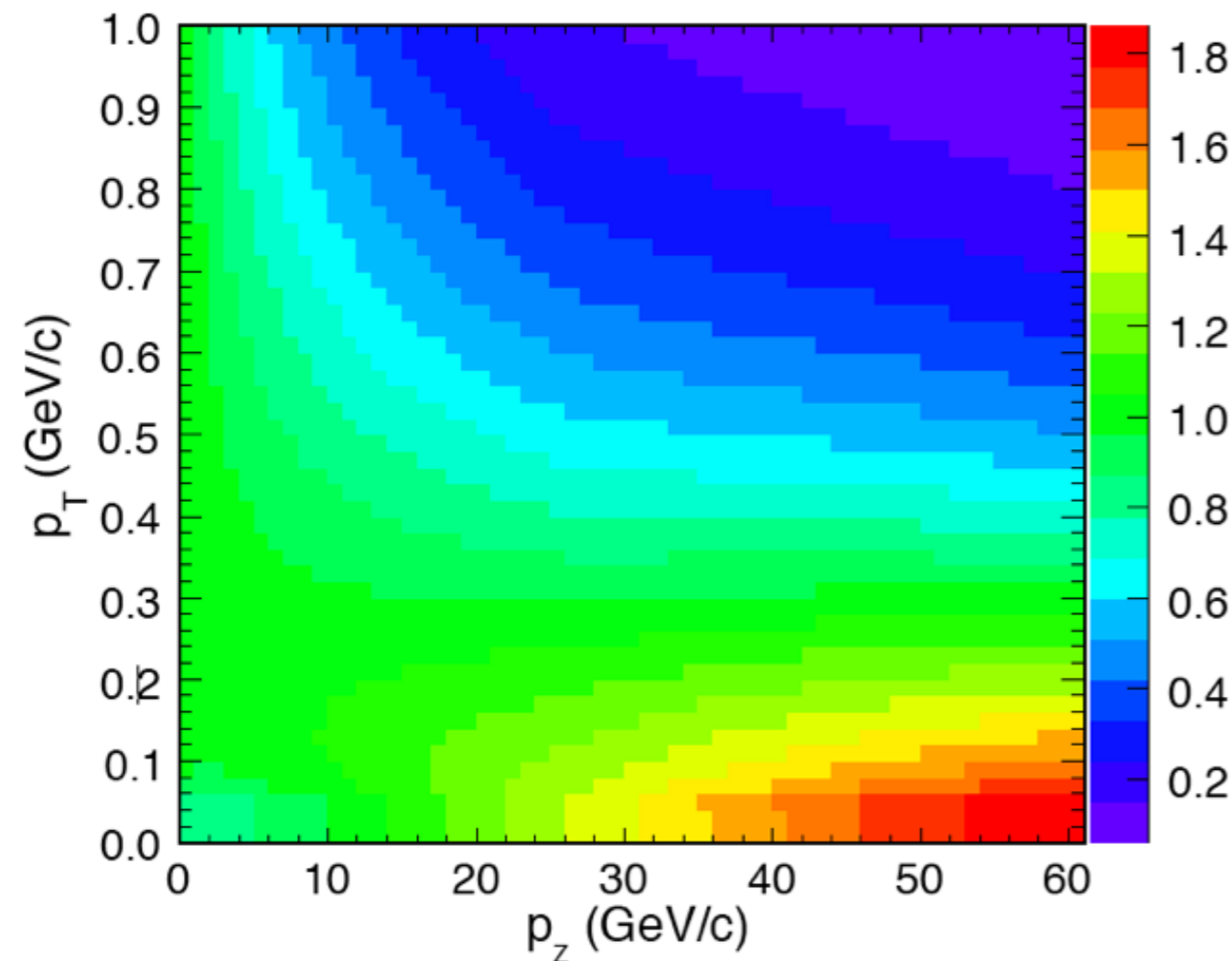
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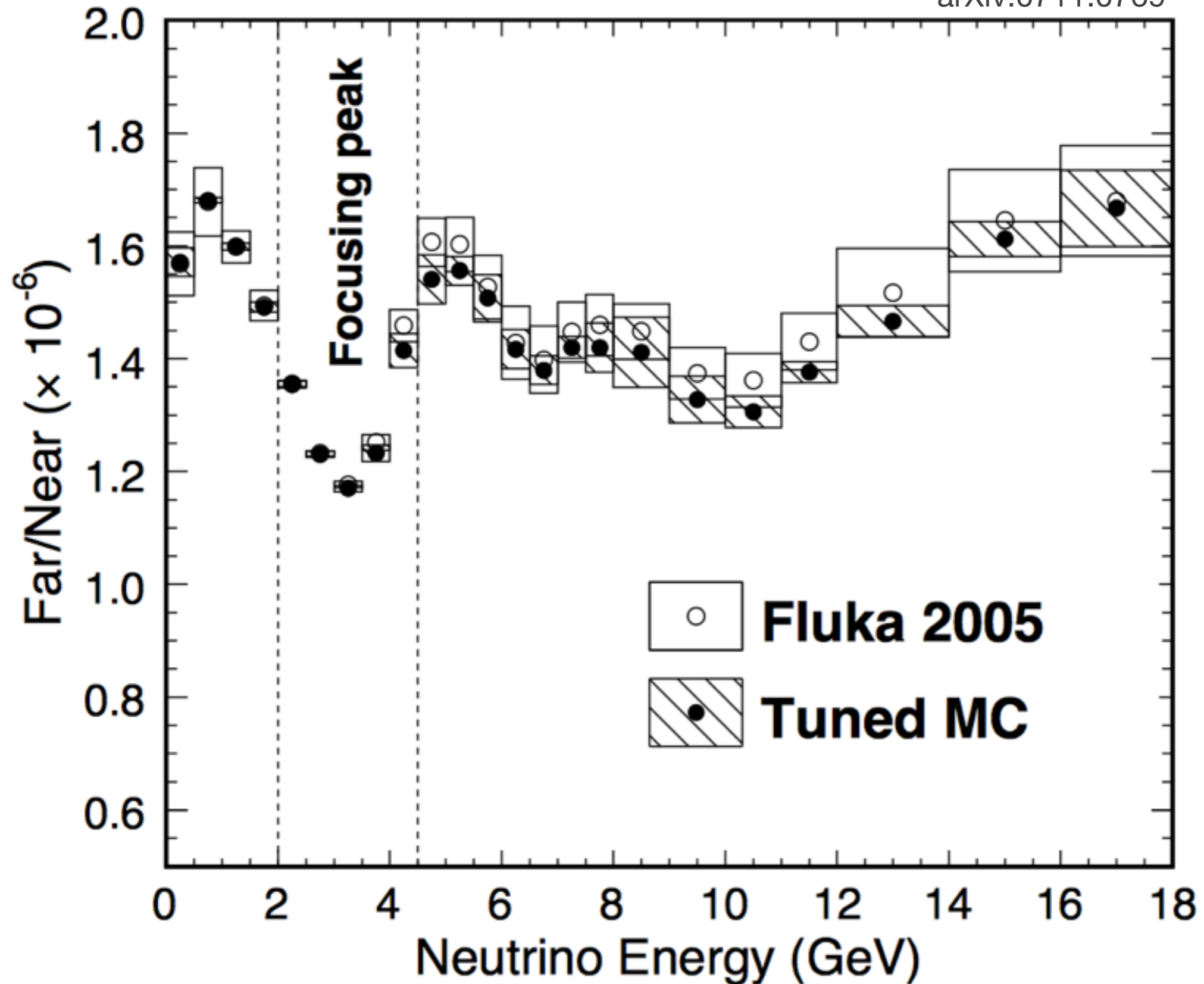
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Beam Effects on Data

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