

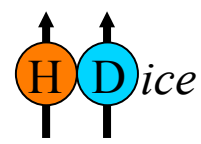
# eHD at UITF

[Testing HDice with electrons]

HD-Ice

Bubble  
Chamber

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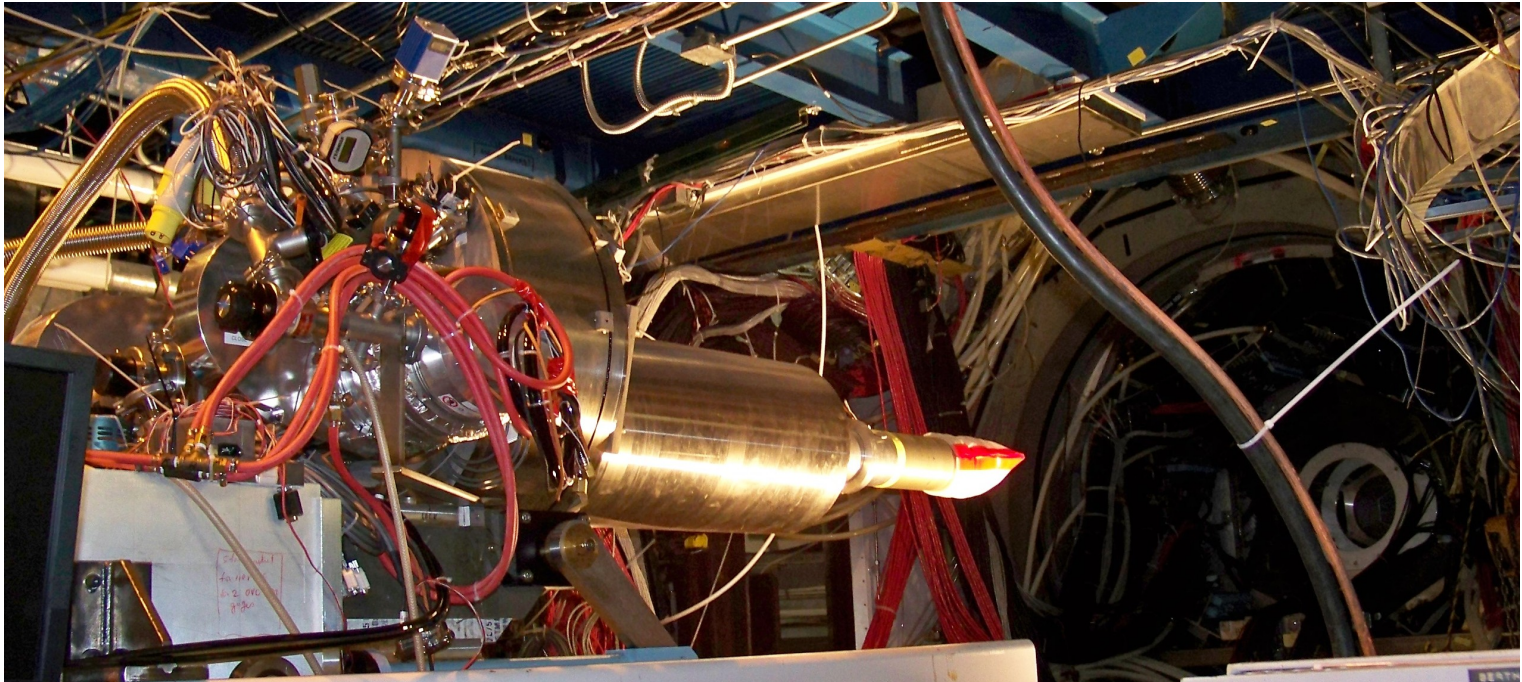


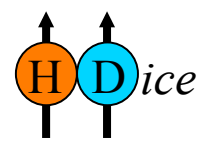
# Outline

- Brief overview of HDice
- Lessons learned from 2012 eHD tests
- Why MeV-scale electrons?
- Challenges of using MeV electrons with IBC
- Beam requirements for eHD at UITF
- Remaining tasks

# What is HDice?

- A new type of frozen spin target.
- Target material consists solely of polarizable protons and neutrons  
→ no dilution factor coming from the target material.
- Target material possesses a T1 (relaxation time) on the order of years → no repolarization needed.
- Is a very complicated target system requiring many steps in the production of a single polarized target cell.

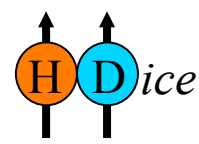




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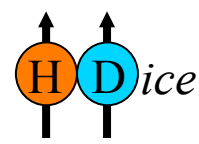




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**C1 → requires successful demonstration to Lab management of viable performance in a subsequent eHD test runs**

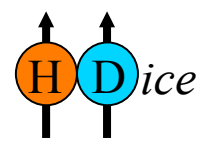


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- 1) Beam-induced chemical changes

- HD molecule is ionized and becomes highly reactive
- A chain of reactions begin:
  - ➔ Temperature spikes occur from “recombination flashes”
    - Also seen in g14 photon runs (from  $e^+ e^-$  pairs) with low frequency but with no apparent effect.
  - ➔ Buildup of ortho- $H_2$  which can shorten T1 of material
    - Analysis of gas after 1nA-week in beam showed no large increase of ortho- $H_2$  (analysis may not have had required resolution)



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- Results attributed to three possible depolarization mechanisms:
  - 2) Hyperfine mixing of unpaired electrons with H (or D) spins
    - Electrons polarized by holding field possess spins opposite to H
    - Hyperfine mixing dilutes H polarization
    - Depolarization first occurs locally, depolarization spreads
    - Temperature independent (function of  $B^{-2}$ )

Solution:

Use RF to align H (or D) spins with electron spins to prevent this mixing.

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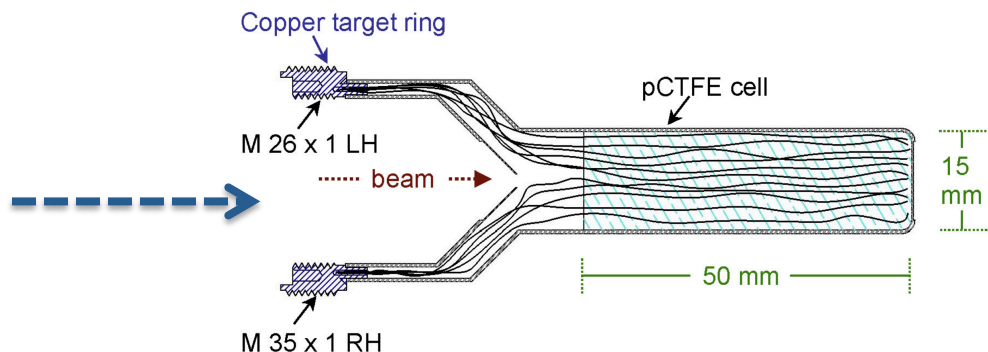
- Results attributed to three possible depolarization mechanisms:
- Beam unpairs 1s molecular electrons in target material
    - Electron(s) may be unpolarized (depends on temperature)
    - If unpolarized (or has low polarization), flips with frequency that has harmonics at nuclear Larmor frequencies of H and D
    - Depolarization of local HD begins
    - Depolarization spreads to rest of HD crystal

Solution:

Suppress this effect through mitigation of beam heating.

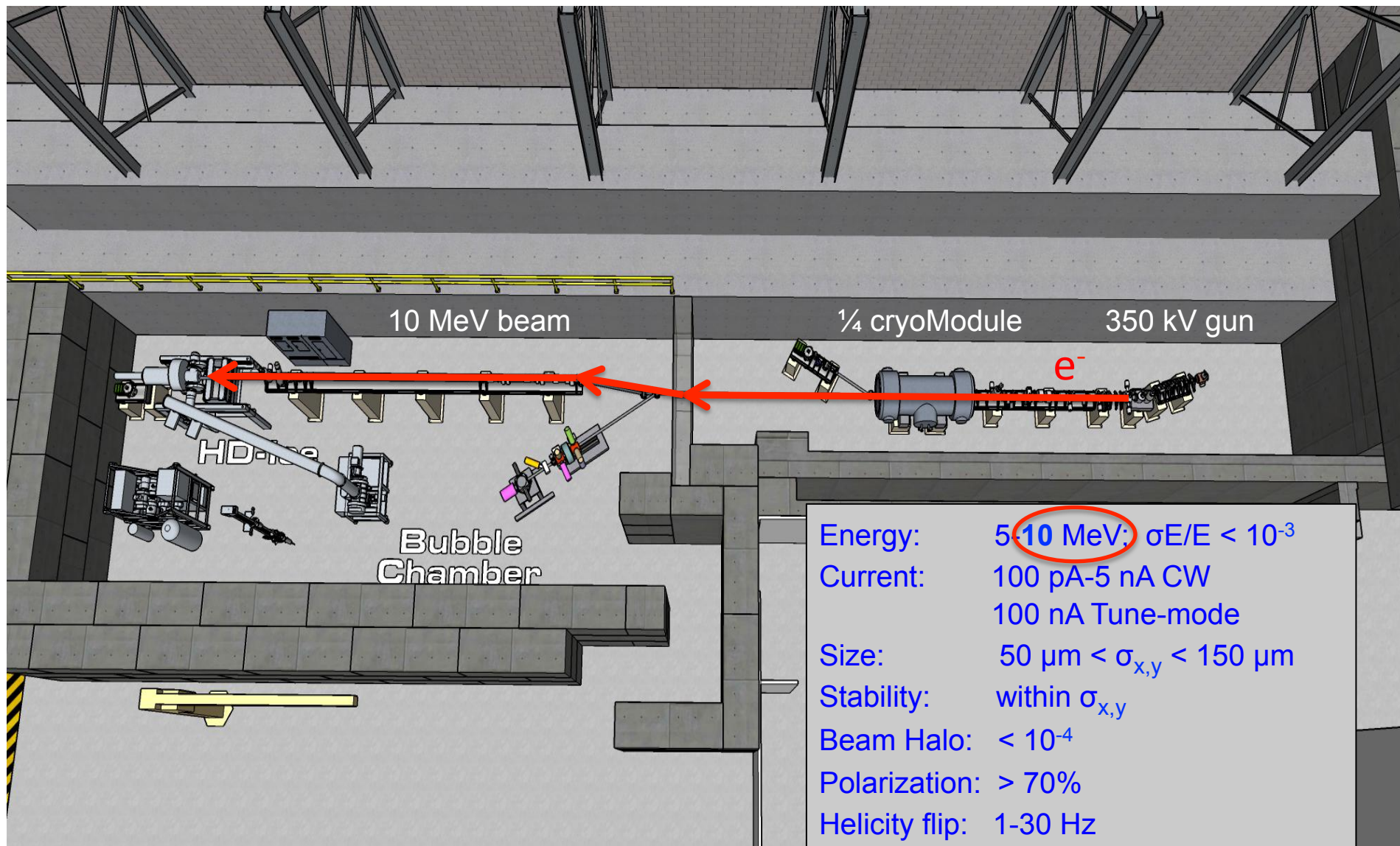
➔ Faster Raster, shorter Al wires, higher purity Al, smaller HD cell

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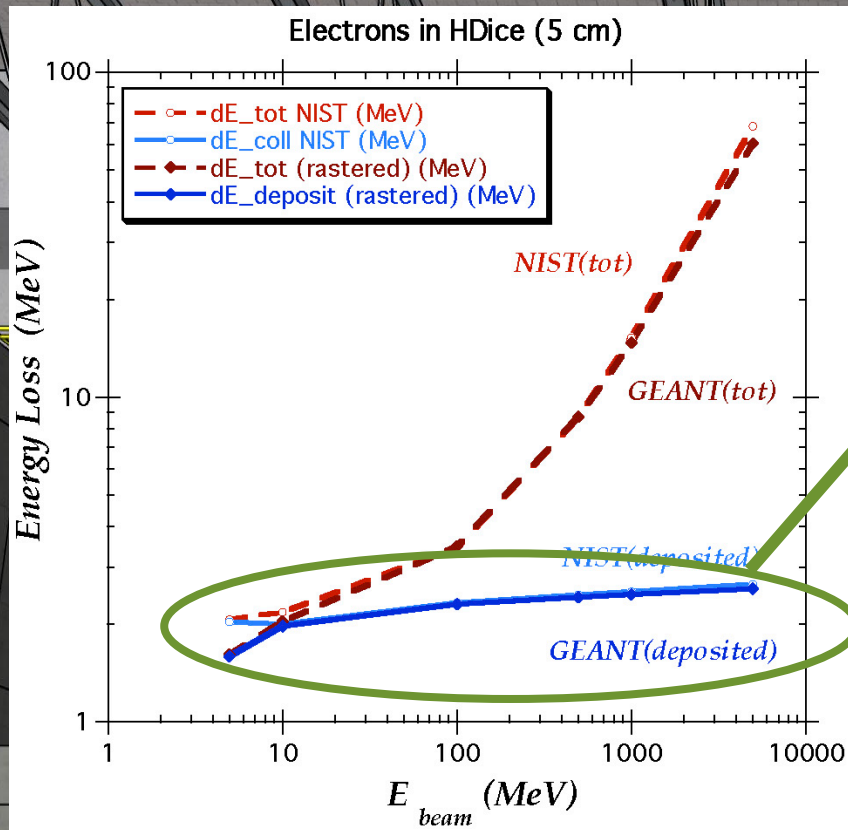




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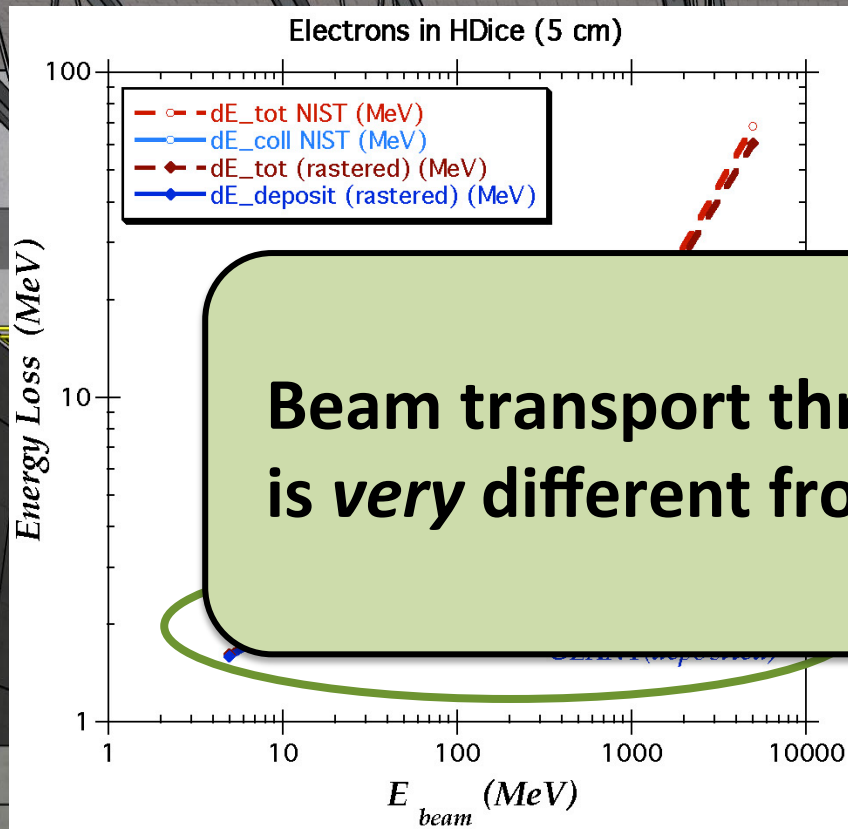


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UITF at 10 MeV  $\approx$  Hall B at 10 GeV

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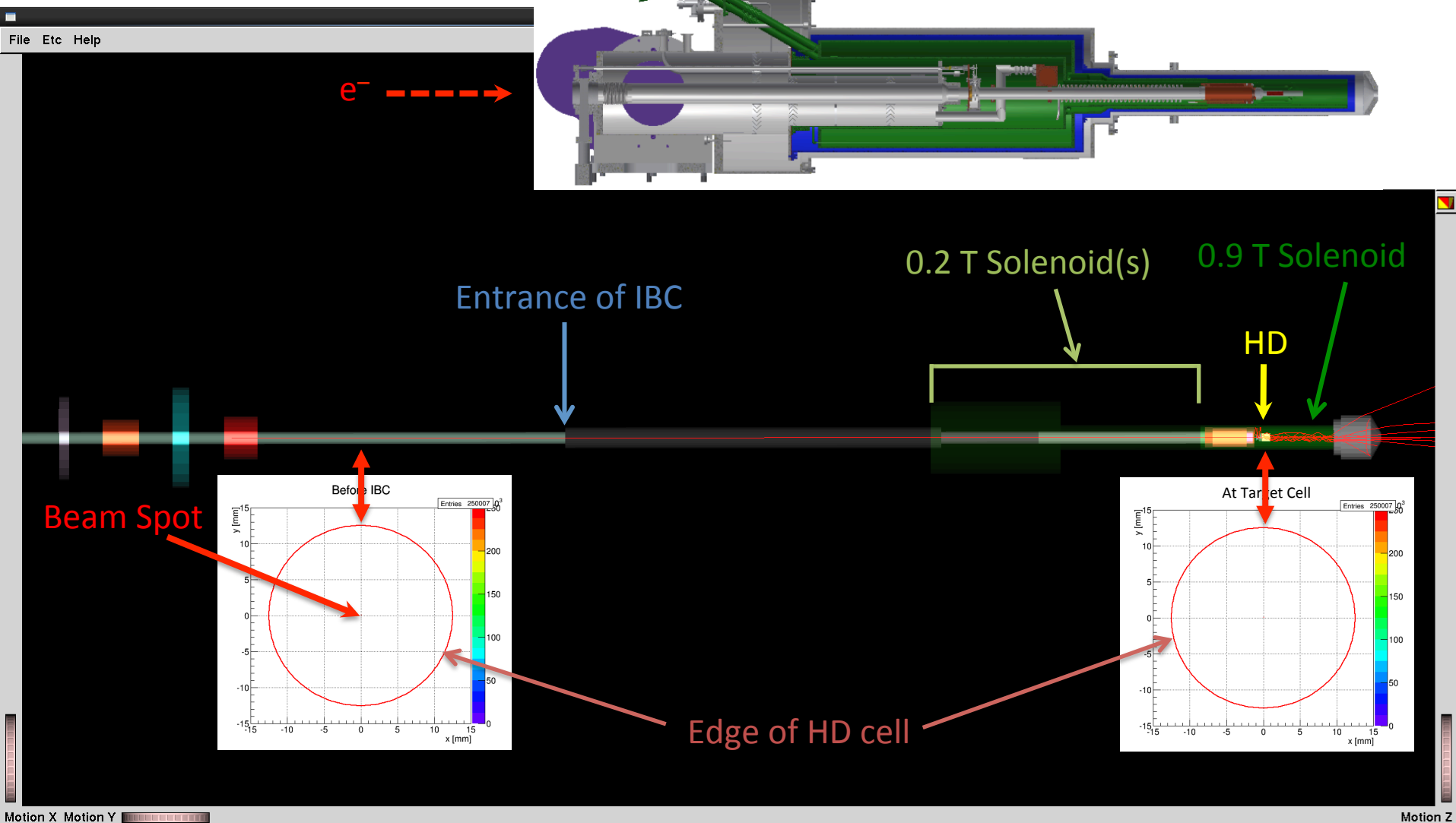
**Beam transport through IBC at 10 MeV  
is *very* different from 10 GeV!!!**

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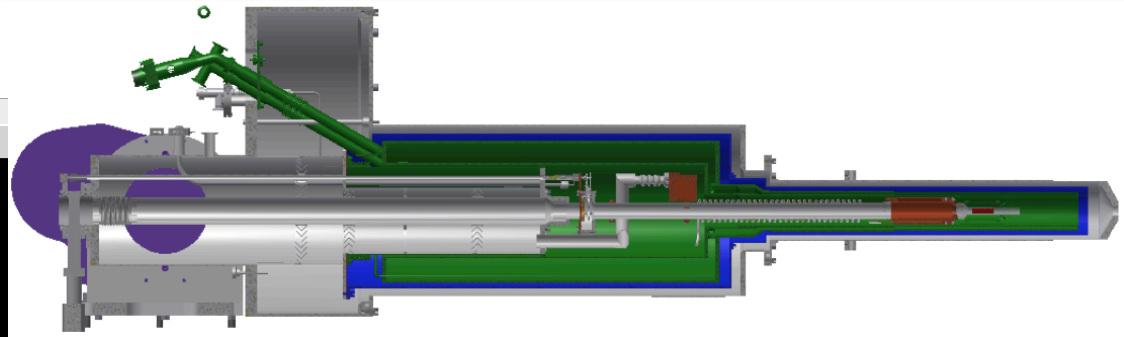
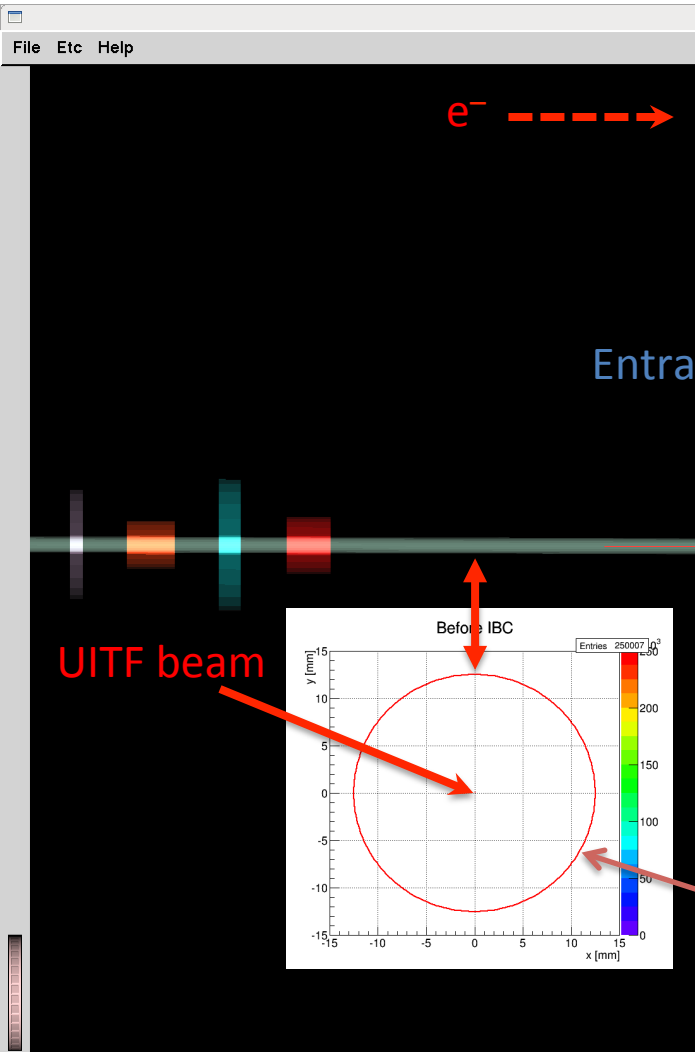
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# Pencil beam into IBC with normal orientation at 10 GeV





# Pencil beam into IBC with normal orientation at <10 MeV



0.2 T Solenoid(s)

0.9 T Solenoid

HD

Entrance of IBC

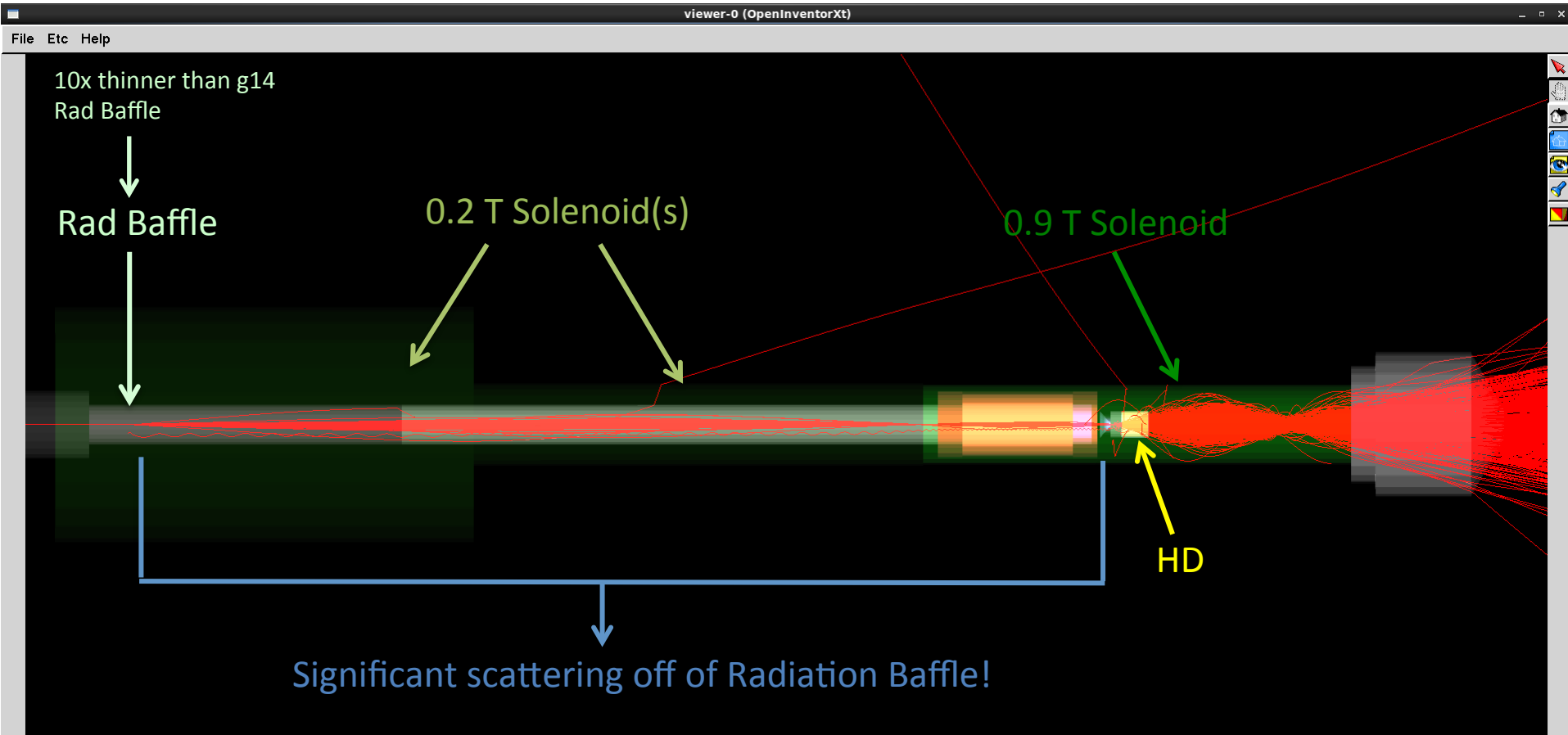
UITF beam

Before IBC

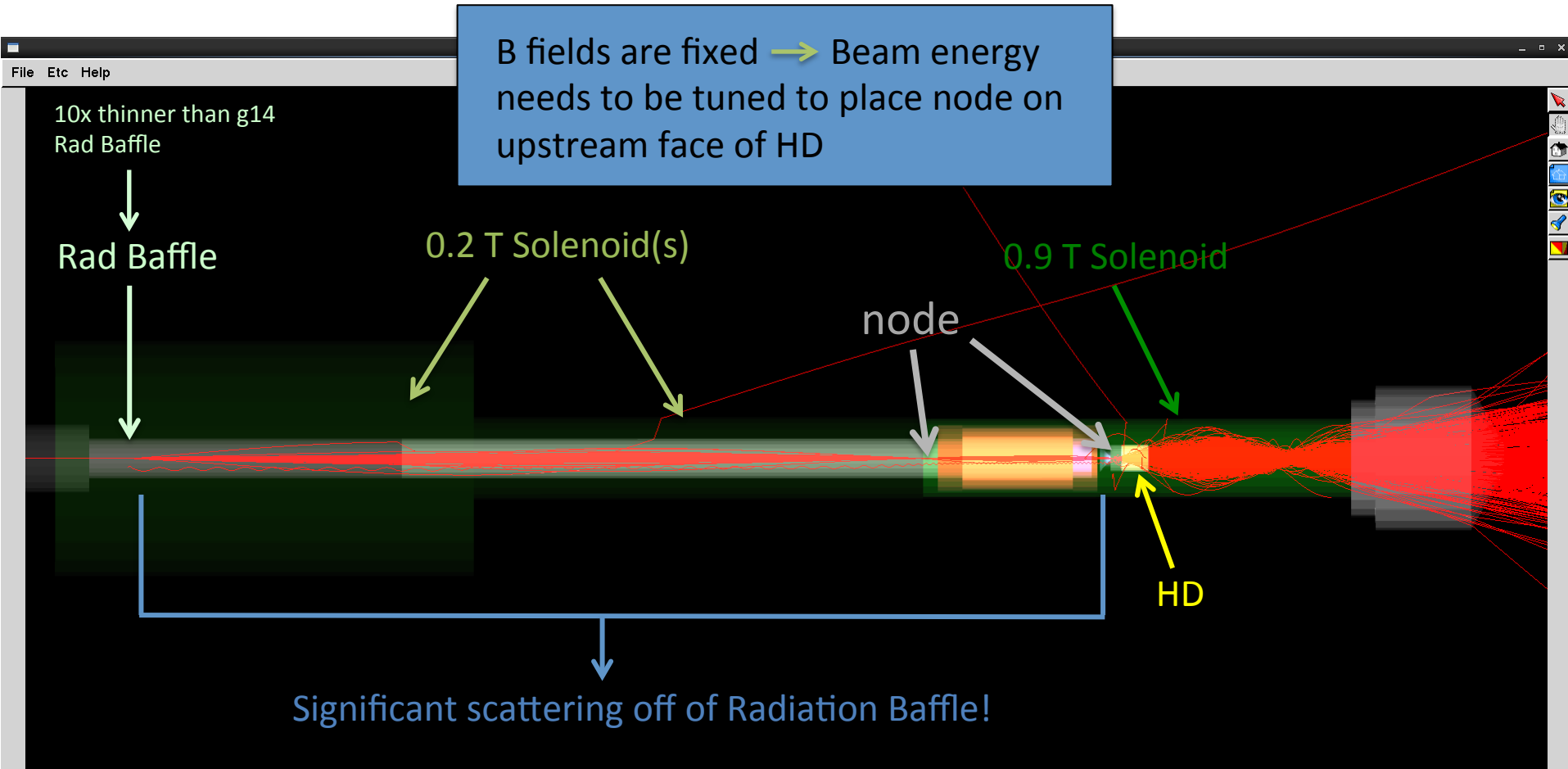
At Target Cell

Edge of HD cell

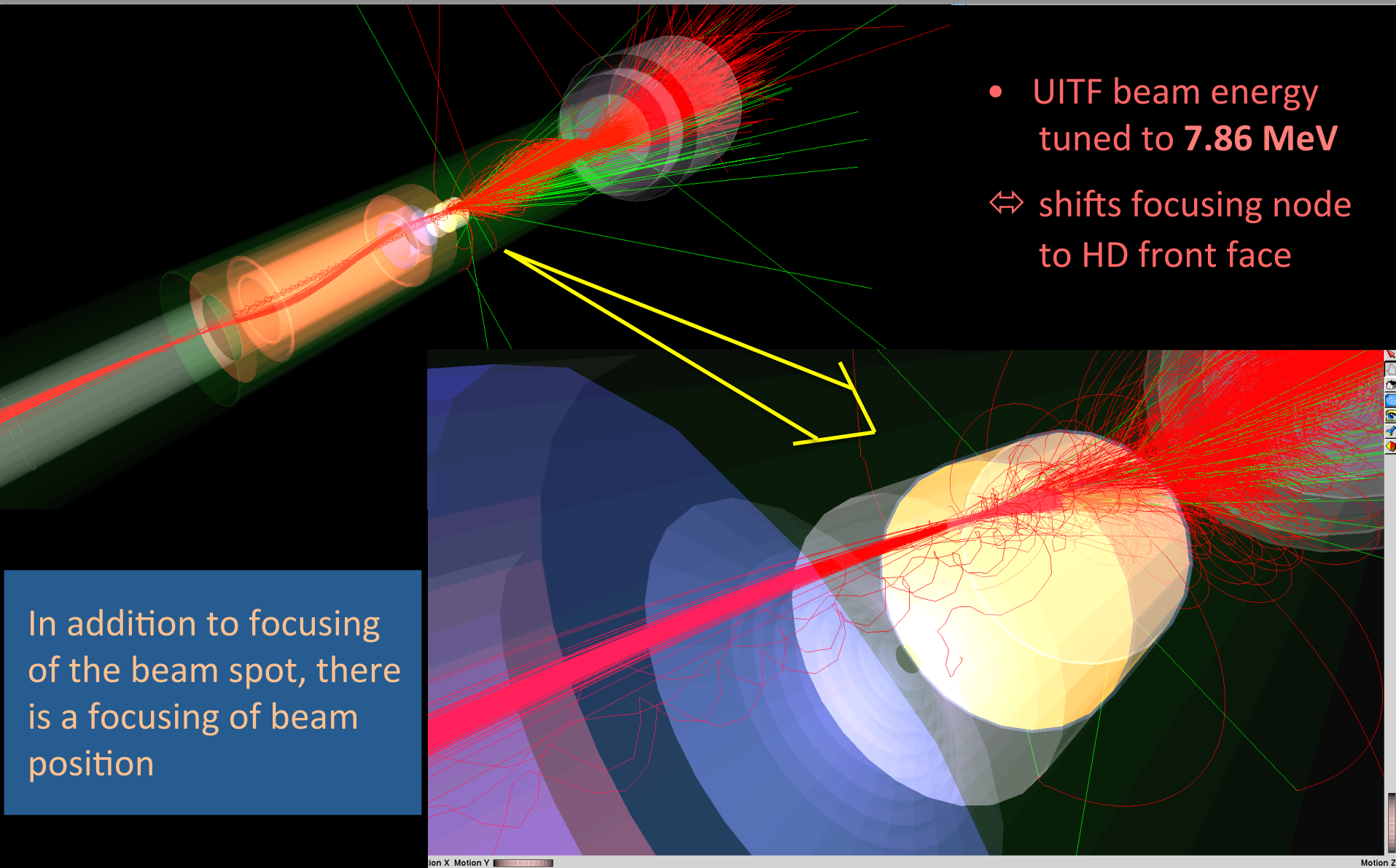
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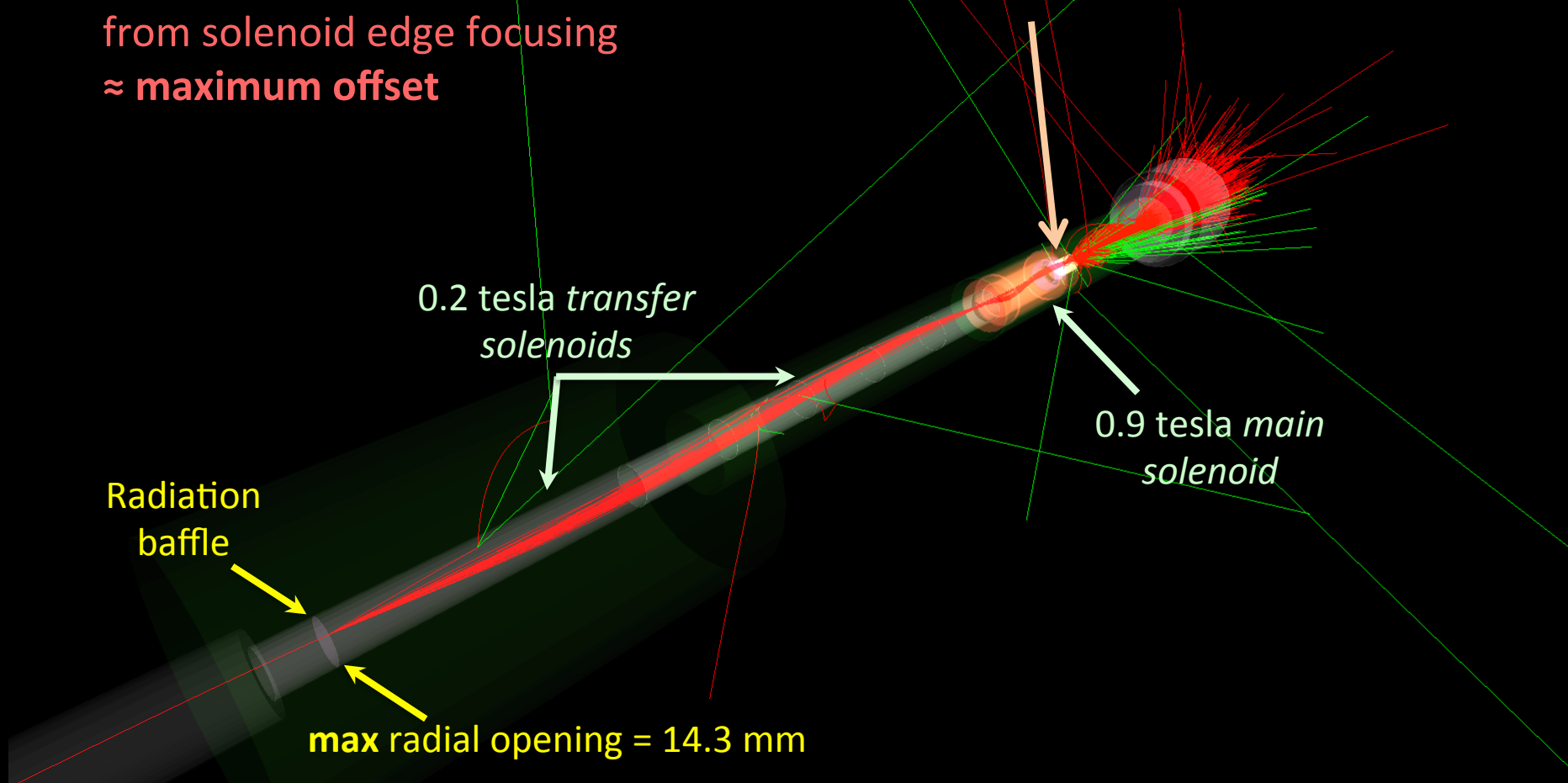


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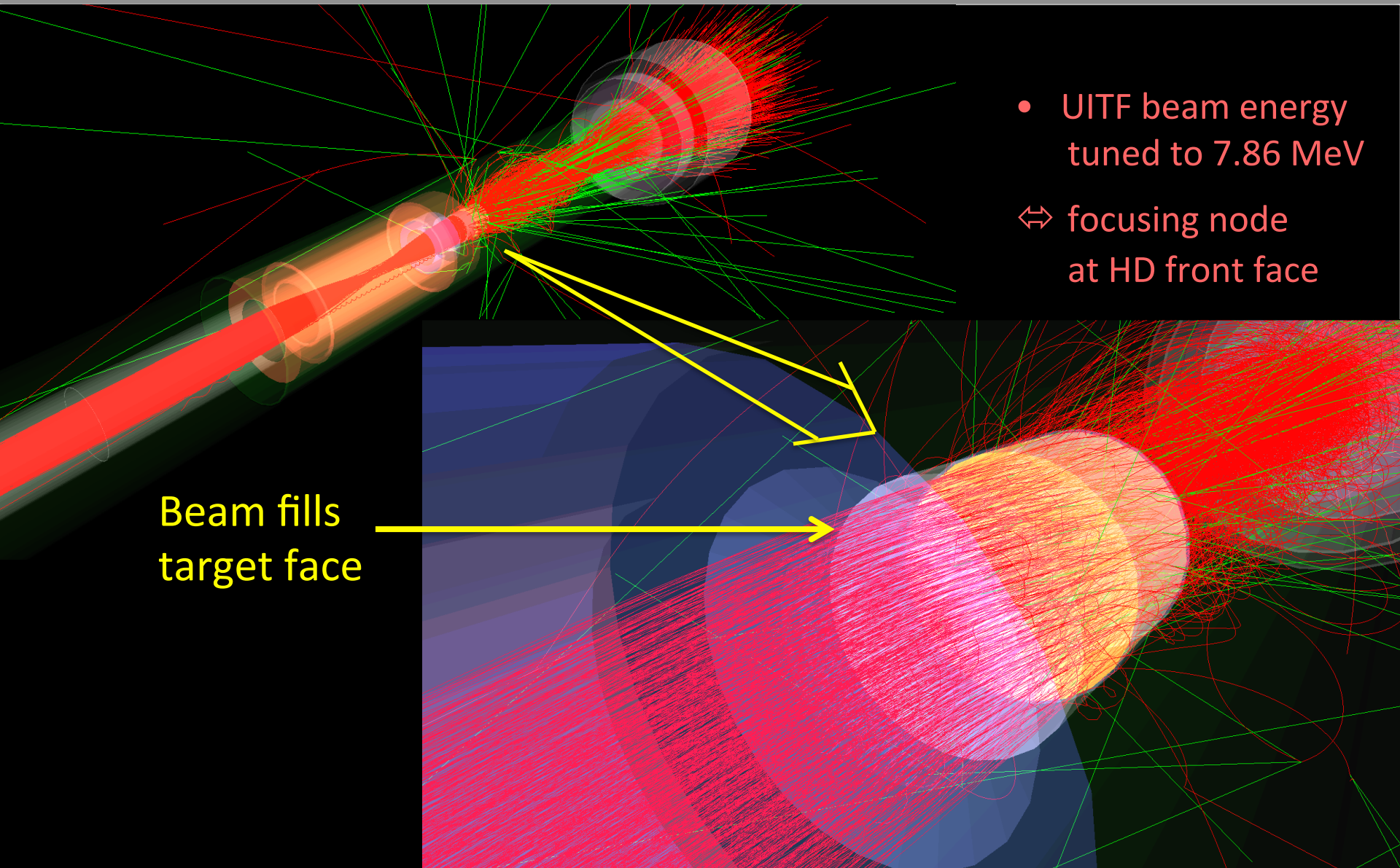
Reduce target diameter:  
25mm → 19mm

Radiation  
baffle

0.9 tesla *main*  
solenoid

**max** radial opening = 14.3 mm

## (UITF) Uniform rastered beam into IBC

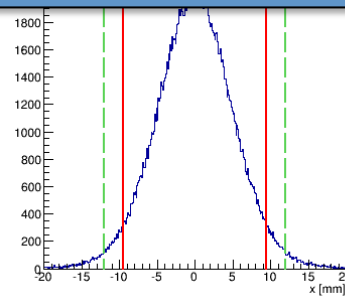
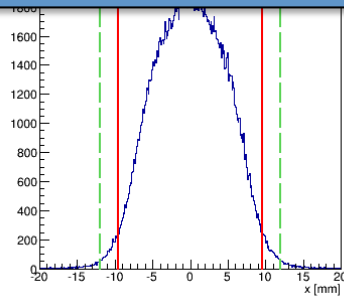
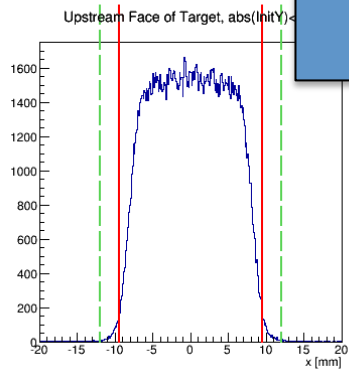
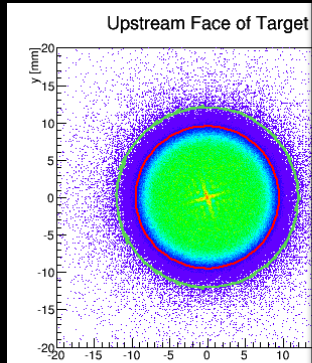


- UITF beam energy tuned to 7.86 MeV
- ⇔ focusing node at HD front face

Beam fills  
target face

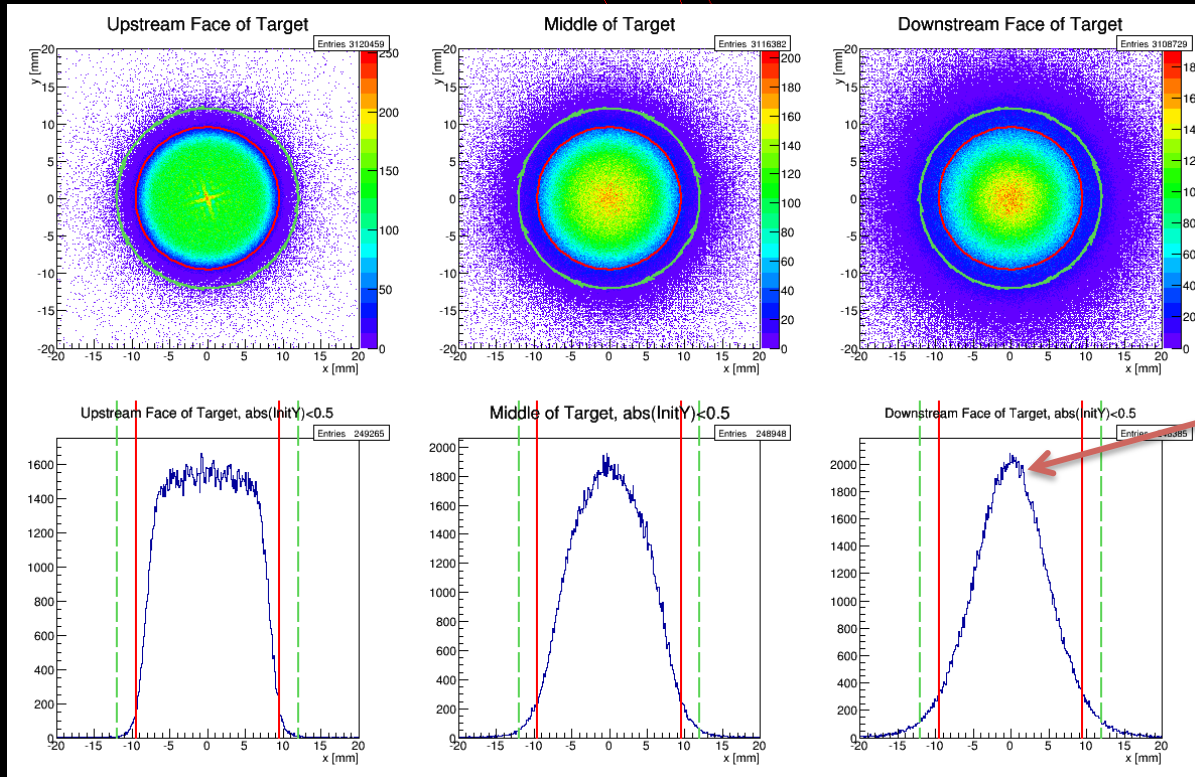
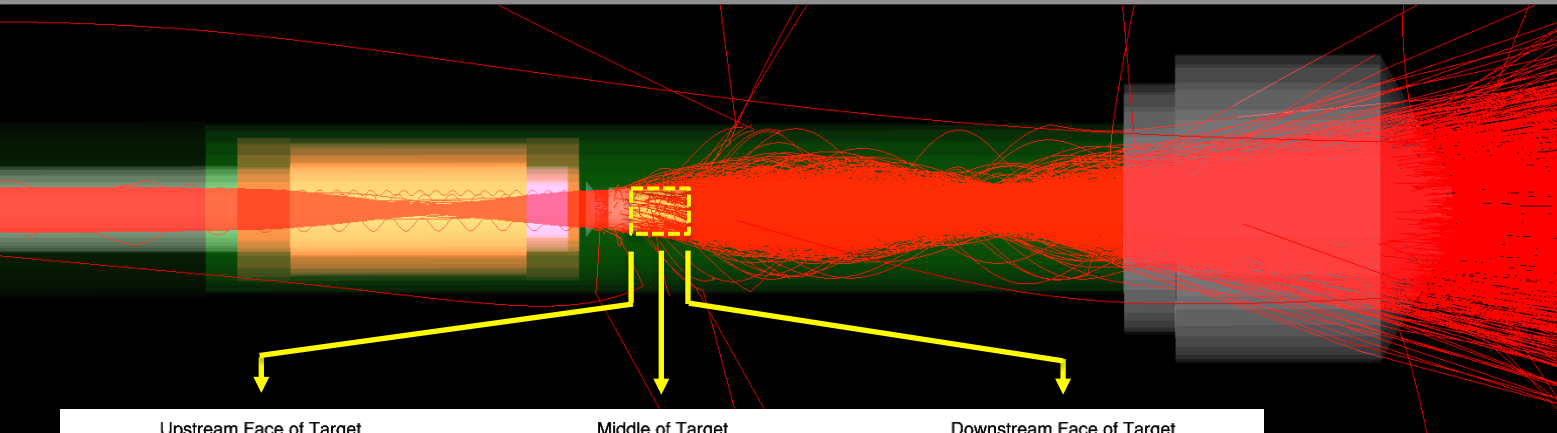
# Rastered beam profiles on 25 mm long target

We've handled filling the front face of HD cell, now we need concern ourselves with filling the length.





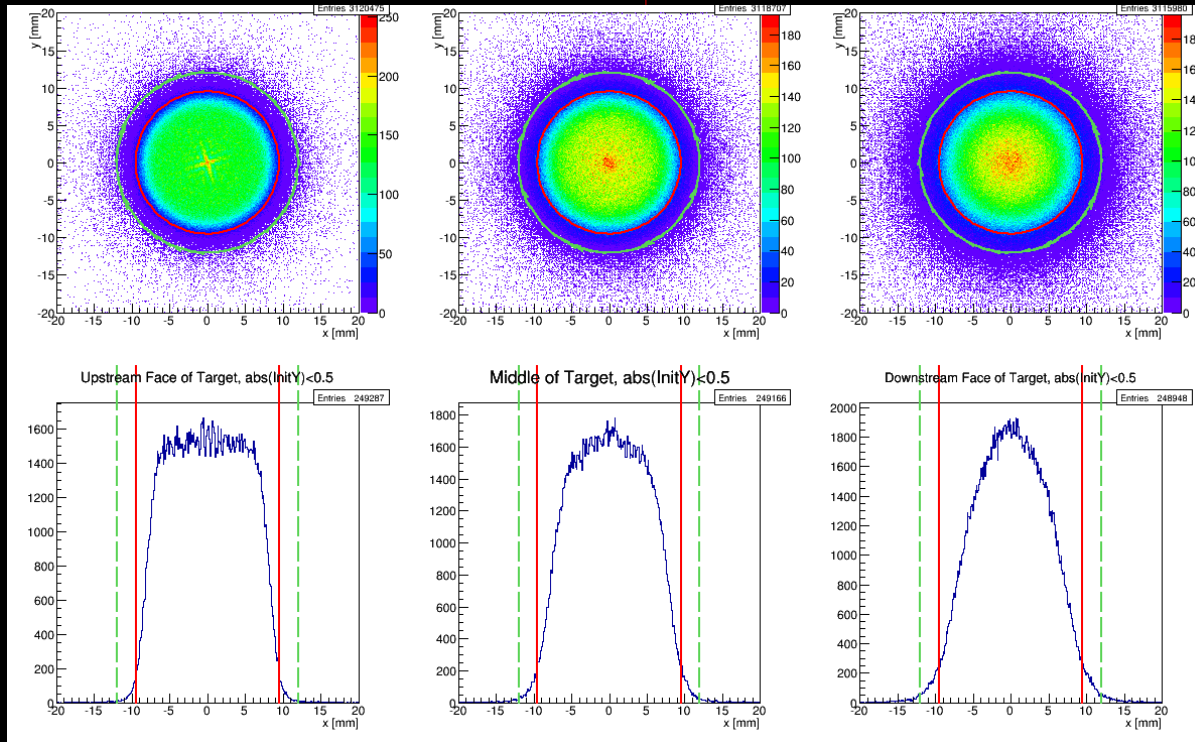
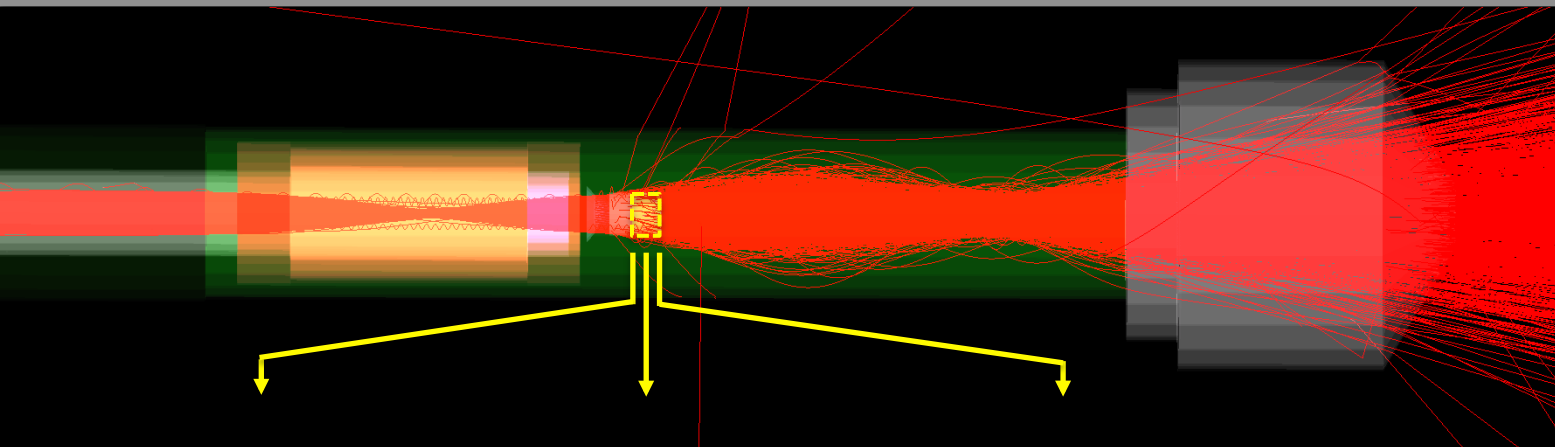
# Rastered beam profiles on 25 mm long target



- back half of a 25 mm long target cannot be uniformly illuminated with beam, due to multiple scattering

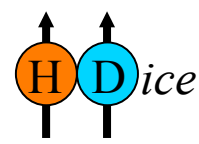
⇔ concentrates heat and radiation damage

# Rastered beam profiles on 12.5 mm long target



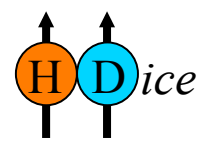
- compromise on  $\frac{1}{2}$  target length to distribute beam quasi-uniformly

$\Leftrightarrow$  most of the 12.5 mm target length can be filled with beam



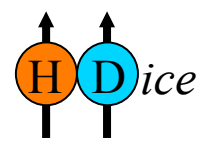
## Based on results from simulation of UITF beam:

- Scattering off of Rad Baffle and focusing from fringe fields give rise to nodes  
→ tune beam energy to 7.86 MeV → shifts node to front face of HD
- Focusing from fringe fields also affects beam position  
→ 12.0 mm radius at launch focused to 8.5 mm radius on target front face  
→ to fill target face as much as possible, but allow for misalignments,  
max HD radius = 9.5 mm
- Multiple scattering creates an enhancement in the center of the target that grows with  $z$   
→ for a quasi-uniform illumination of the target with electrons,  
max HD length = 12.5 mm



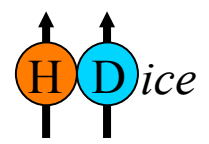
## Electron Beam Requirements for HDice target tests in the Injector Test Facility Upgrade

Parameter	Range	Remarks
Energy	$E_{\text{Beam}} \geq 5 \text{ MeV}$	
Current	$100 \text{ pA} \leq I_{\text{Beam}} \leq 2 \text{ nA}$	
Beam size	$50 \text{ } \mu\text{m} < \sigma_{x,y} < 150 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	as small $\sigma_{x,y}$ as possible is preferred
Energy Spread	$\sigma_E/E < 10^{-3}$	
Polarization	$\geq 70\%$	Longitudinal only, after two $45^\circ$ bends up to the HDice IBC (which should $\sim$ cancel precession); transverse polarization is not required
Helicity Flip Rate	1 – 30 Hz	
Frequency of Polarization Measurement		Every 4 hrs. in the beginning. As confidence builds up that polarization is stable, once every 2 days.
Beam Halo	$< 10^{-4}$	At 1 mm from beam center at the target
Beam position stability	contained within one $\sigma_{x,y}$	



# To be sorted out:

- Monitoring beam position:
  - Control over and verification of the beam is essential. “Flying blind” is too risky
  - Existing BPMs cannot accurately see the beam at these currents and energies.
  - “High” current pulses ( $<10\text{nA}$ )?
- Downstream beam dump:
  - Electrons will exit IBC in a cone. Size of beam dump depends on  $z$  location, exit beam pipe.
  - Electrons are low energy (won't take much material to stop). Ex: 1 inch of Al can stop 98.8% of incident electrons
- Dealing with Earth's B field:
  - Not an issue if beam can be steered to be normal to Radiation Baffle
  - If not, a small rotation of the IBC can be used to compensate for the bending caused by Earth's B field.



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