Be-Target Assembly Conceptual Design: Progress & Plans

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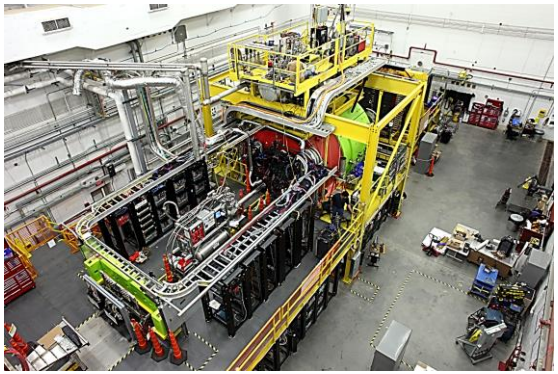

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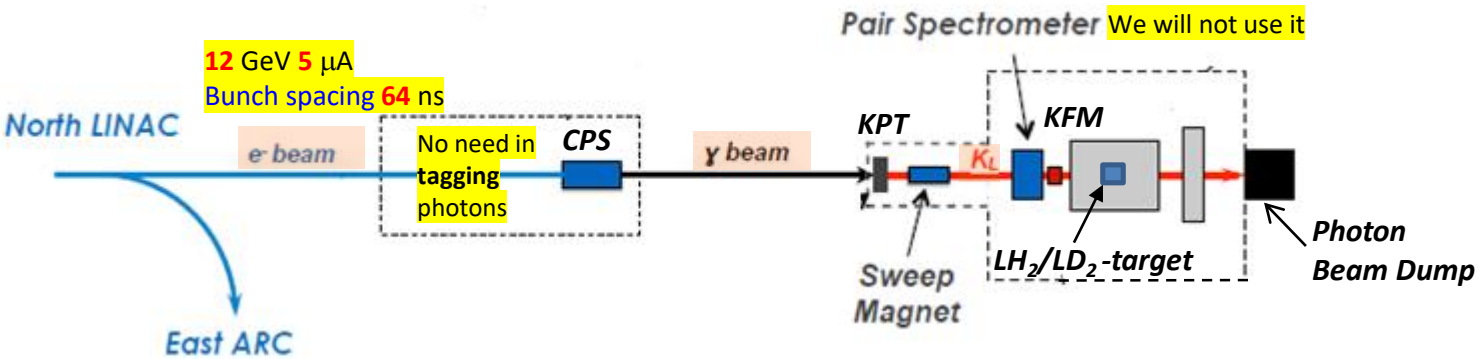

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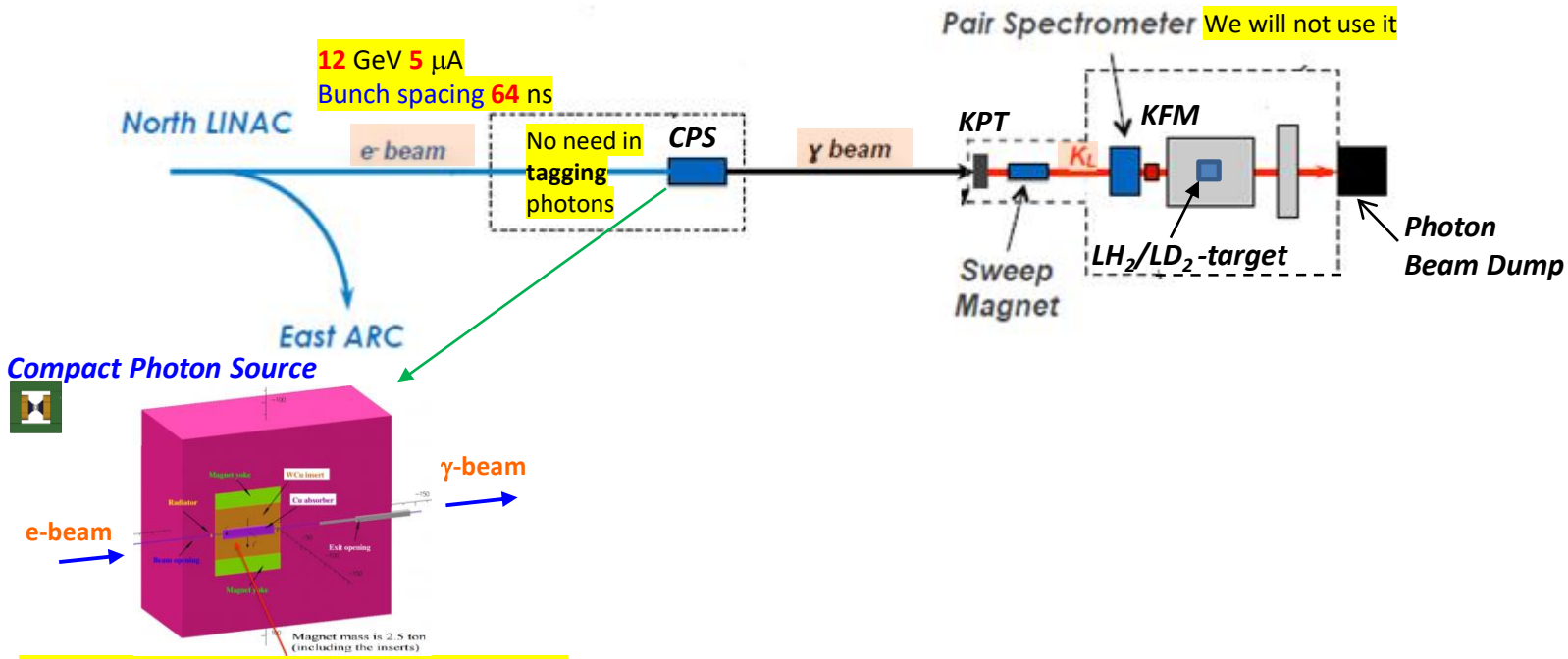

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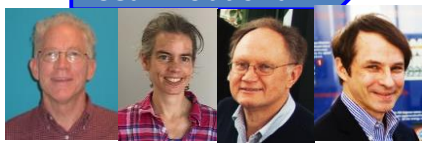

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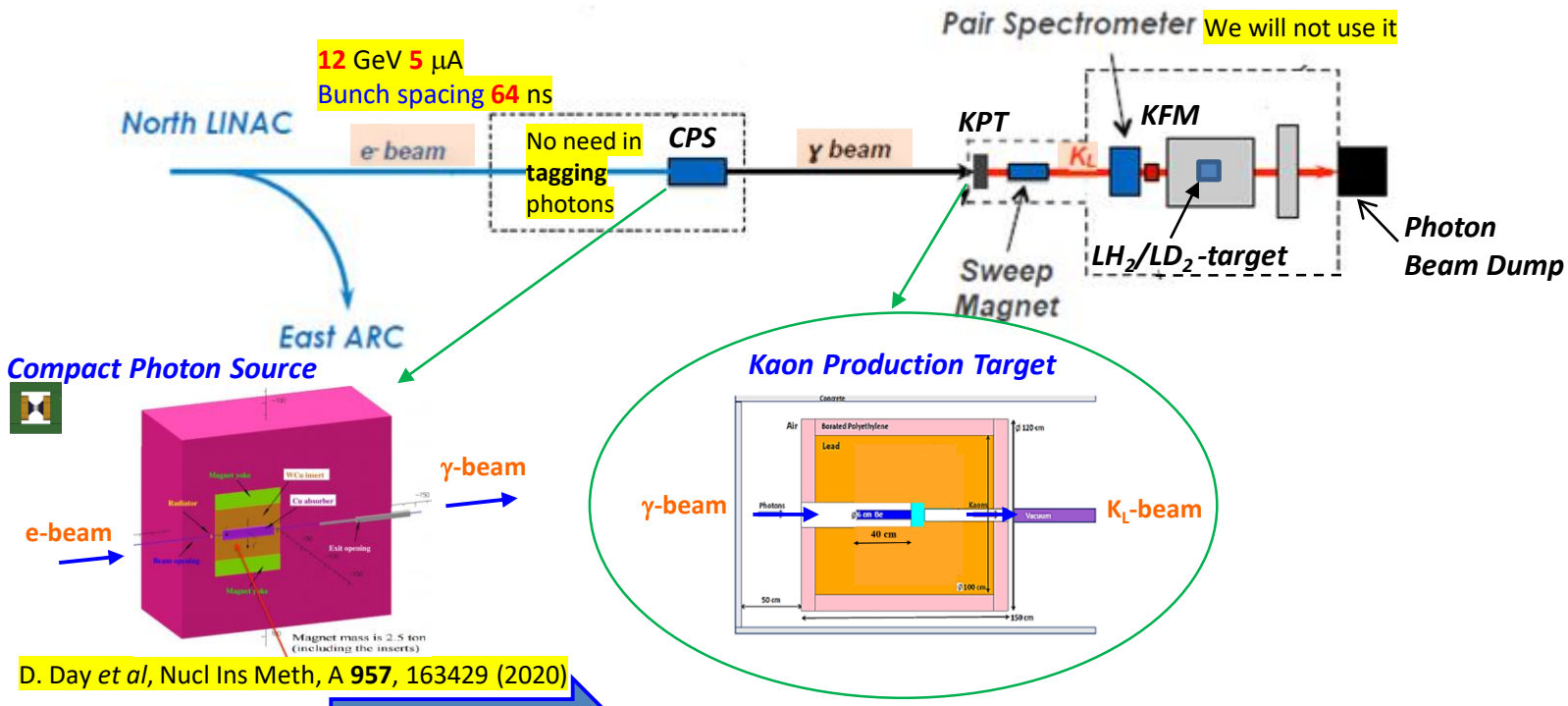

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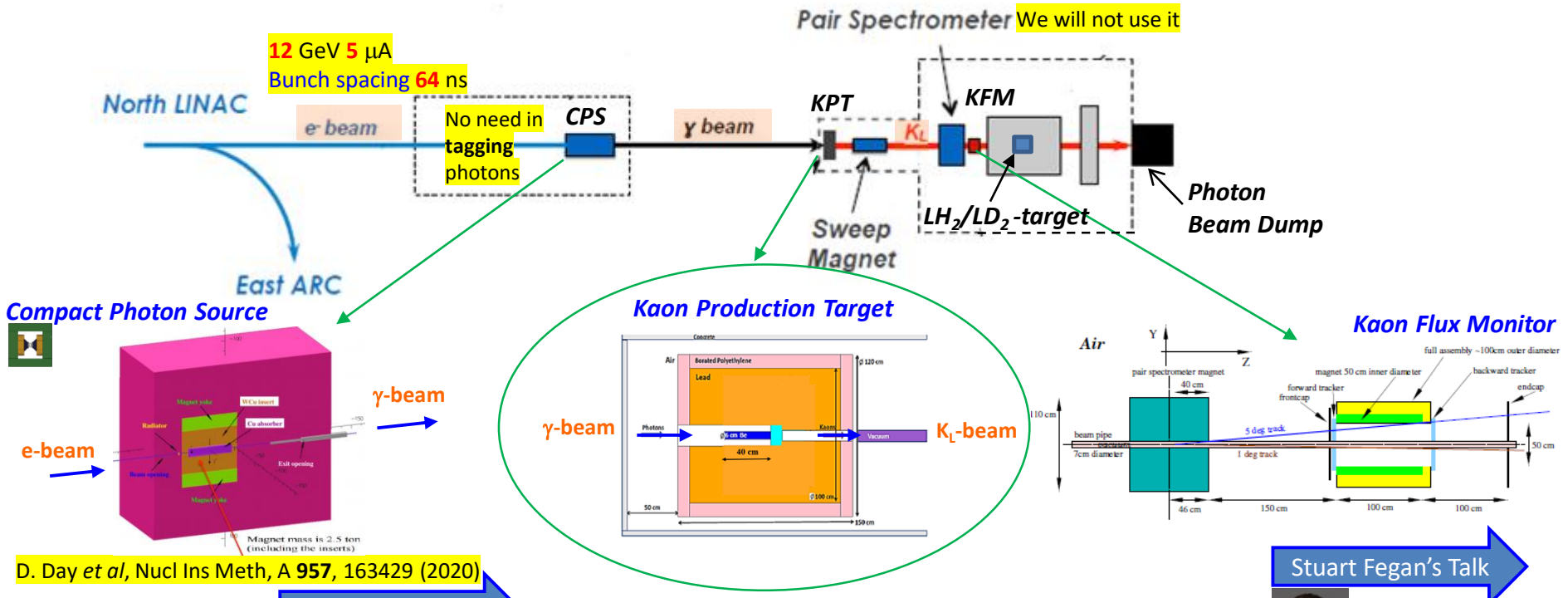

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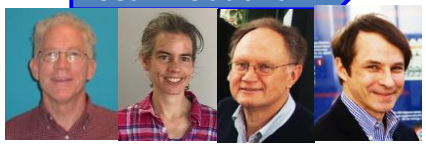

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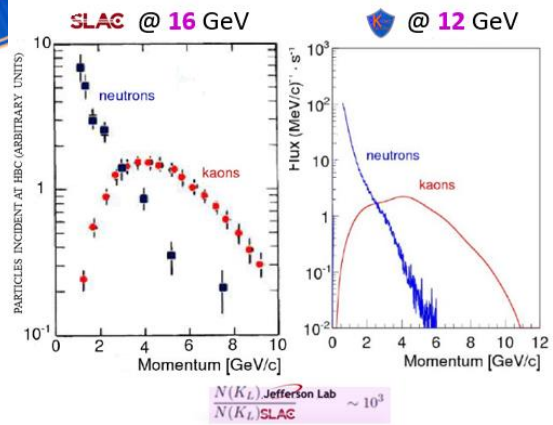

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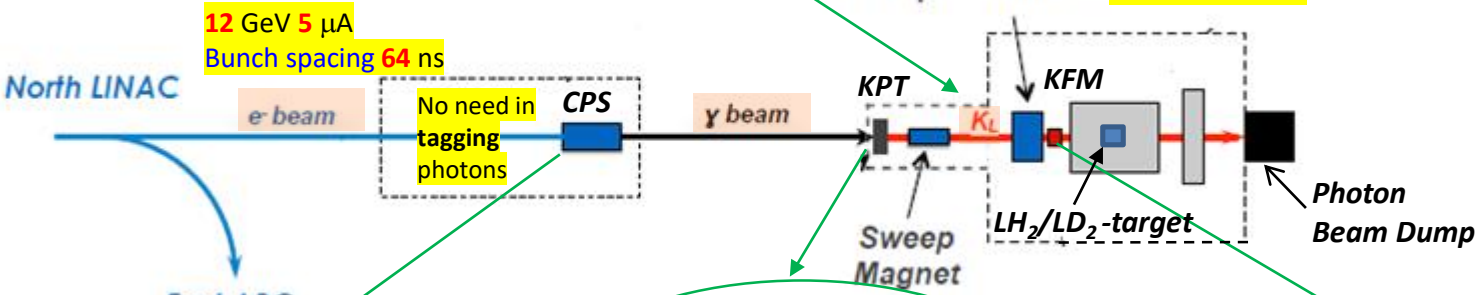

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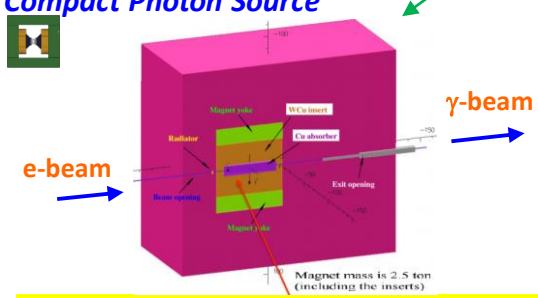

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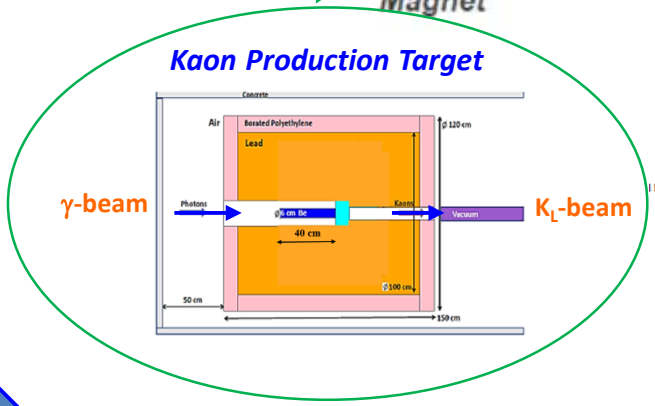

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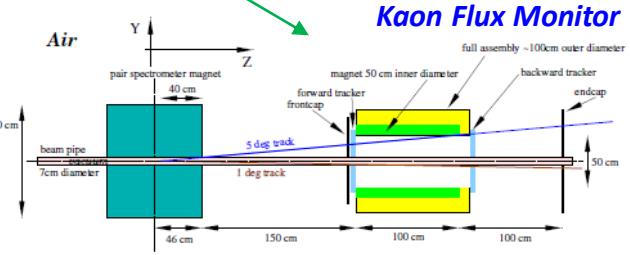

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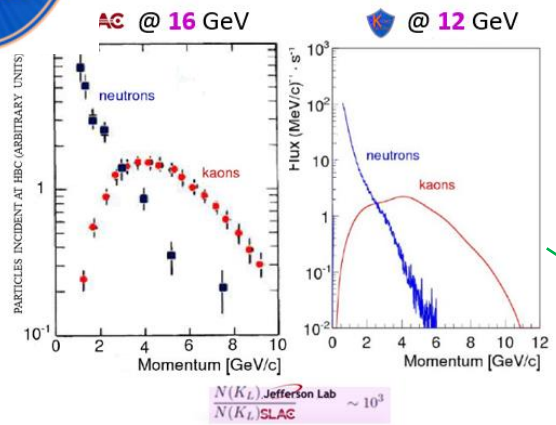

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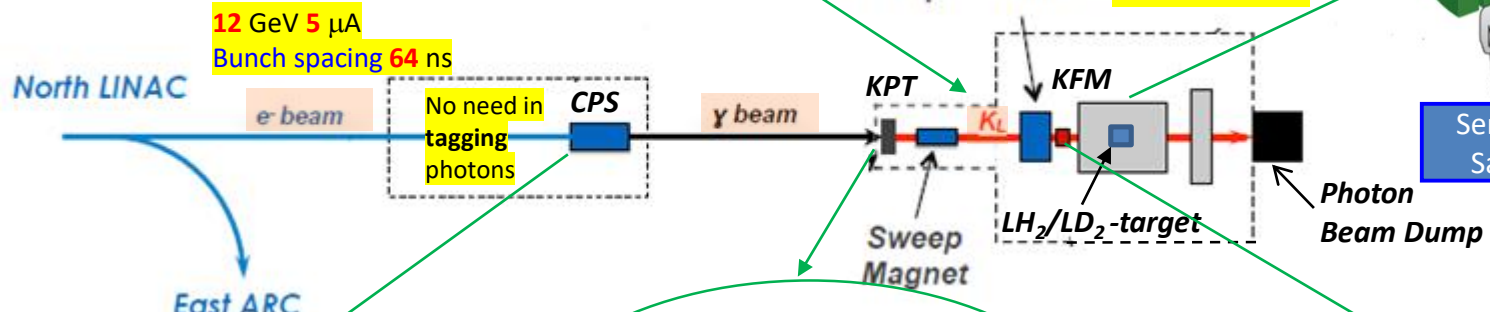

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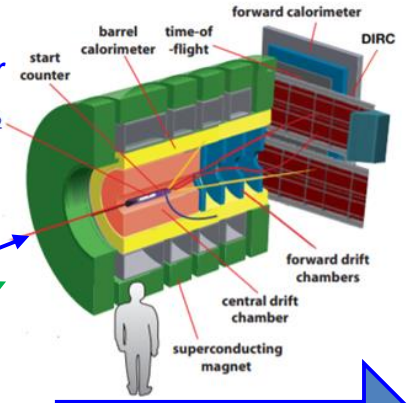

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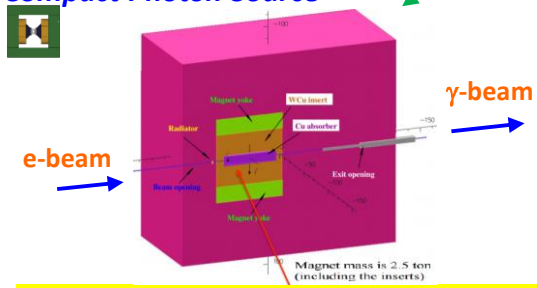

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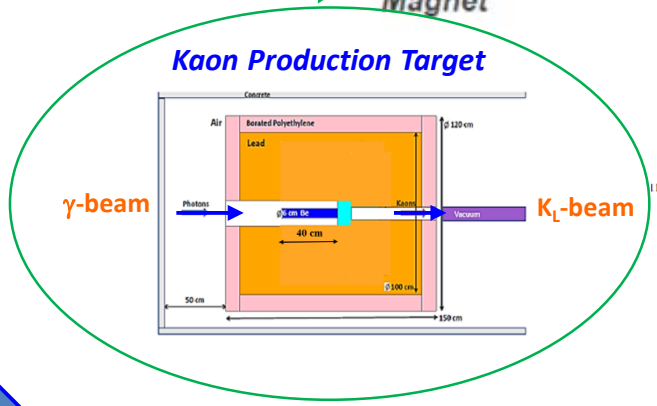

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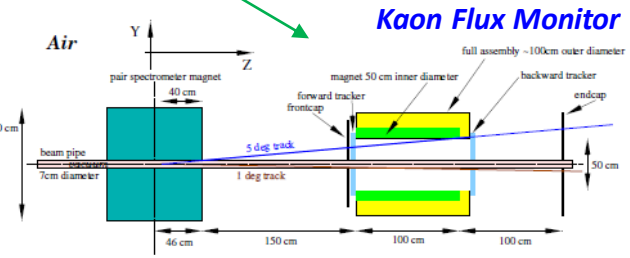

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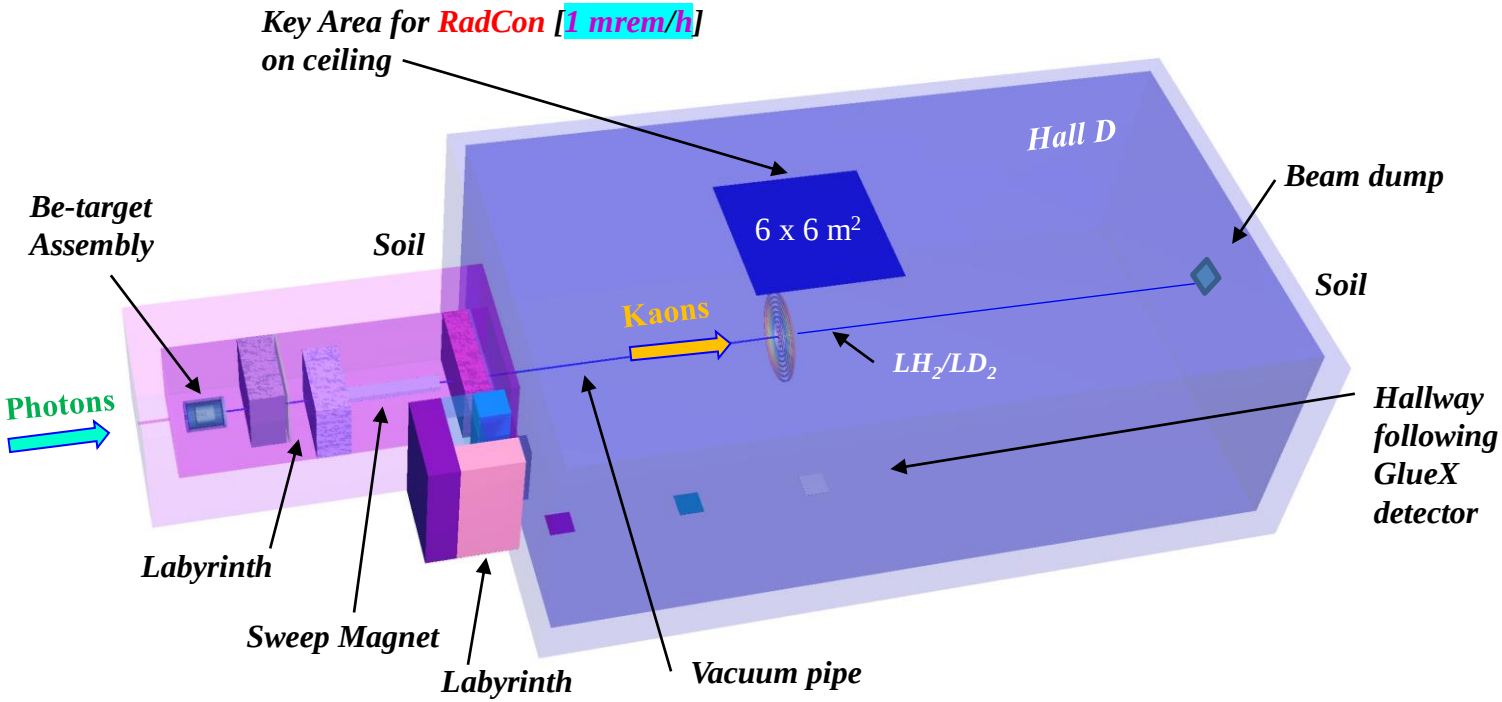

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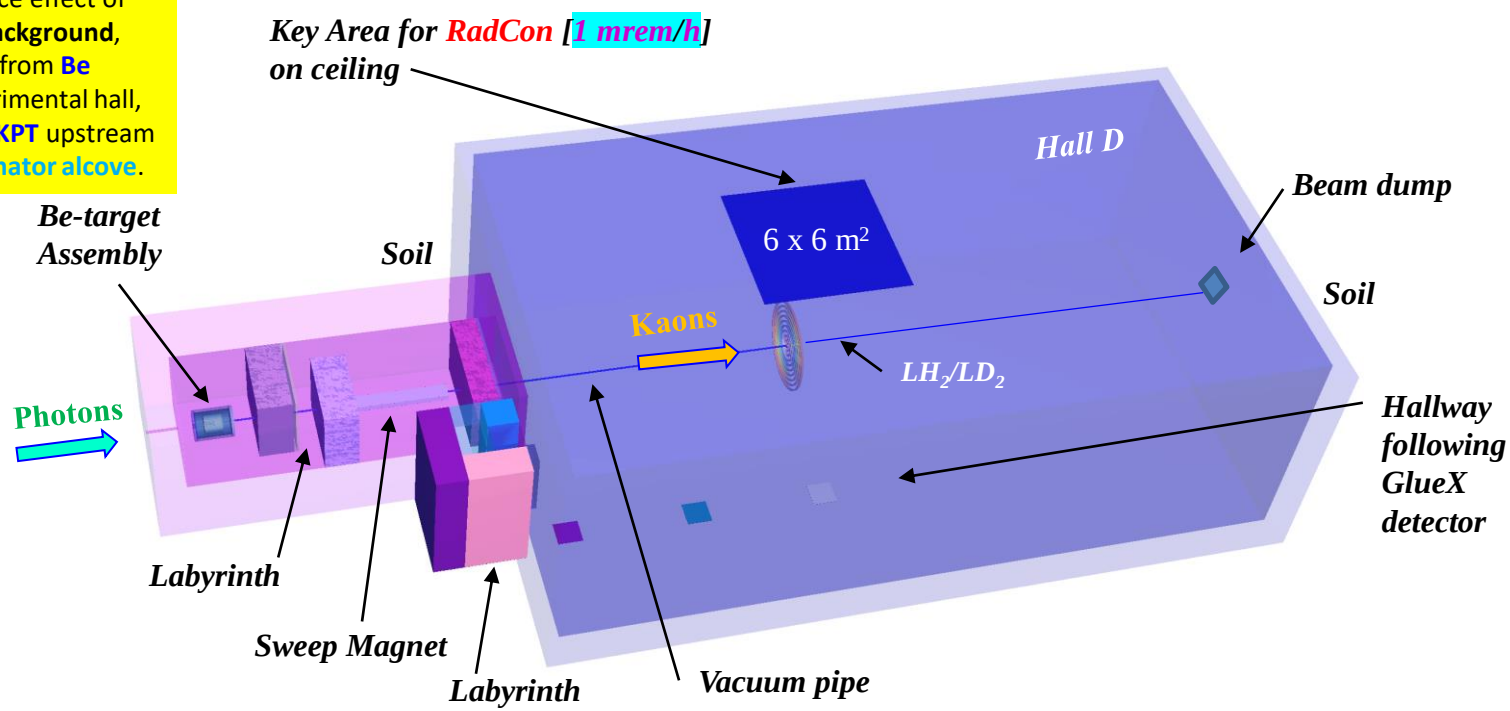

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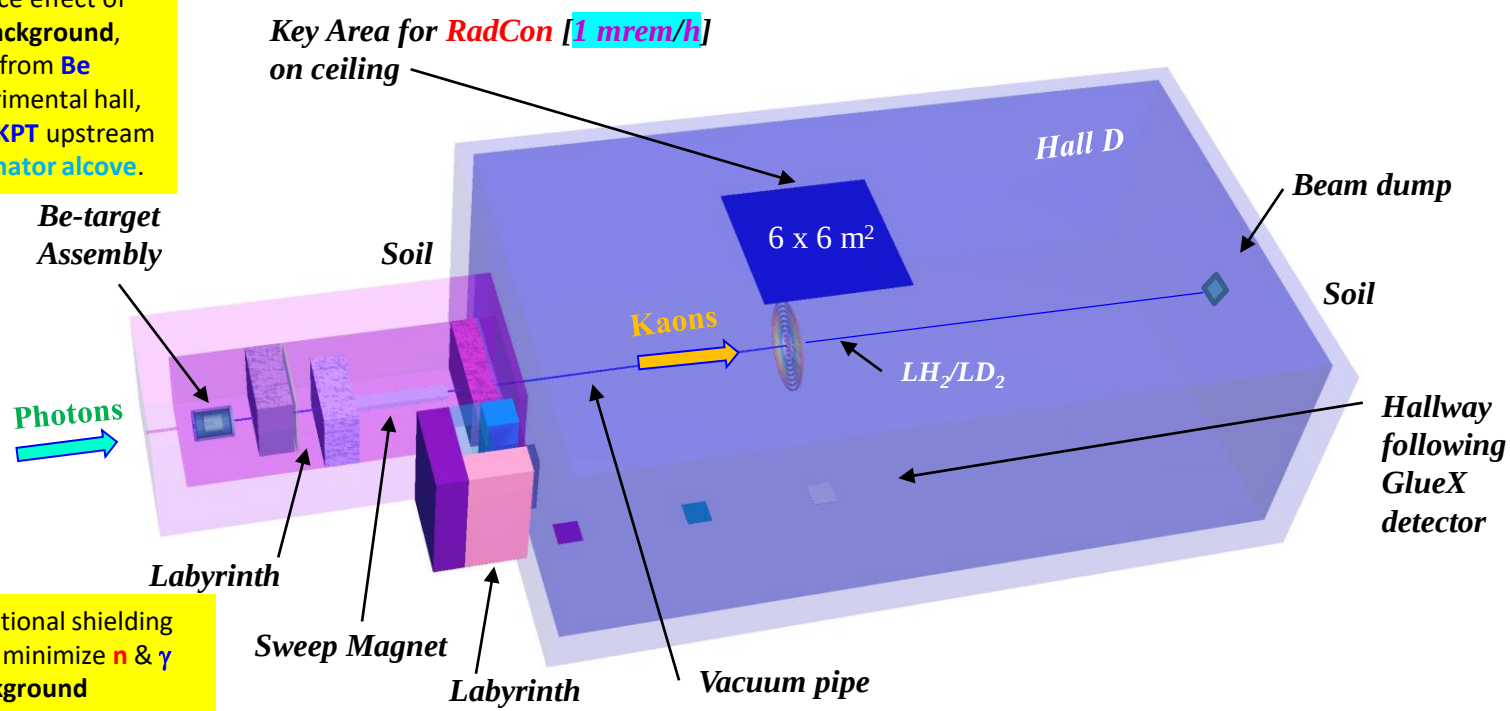

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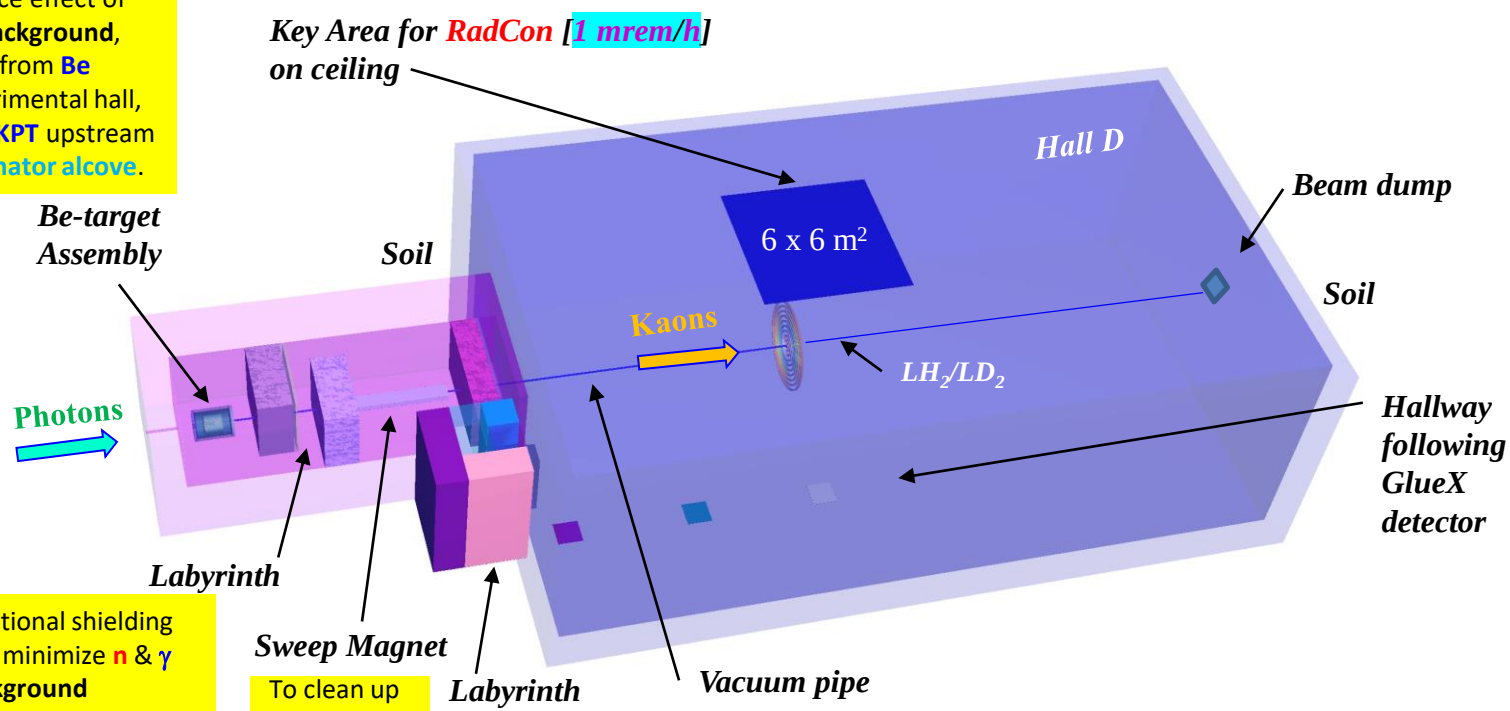

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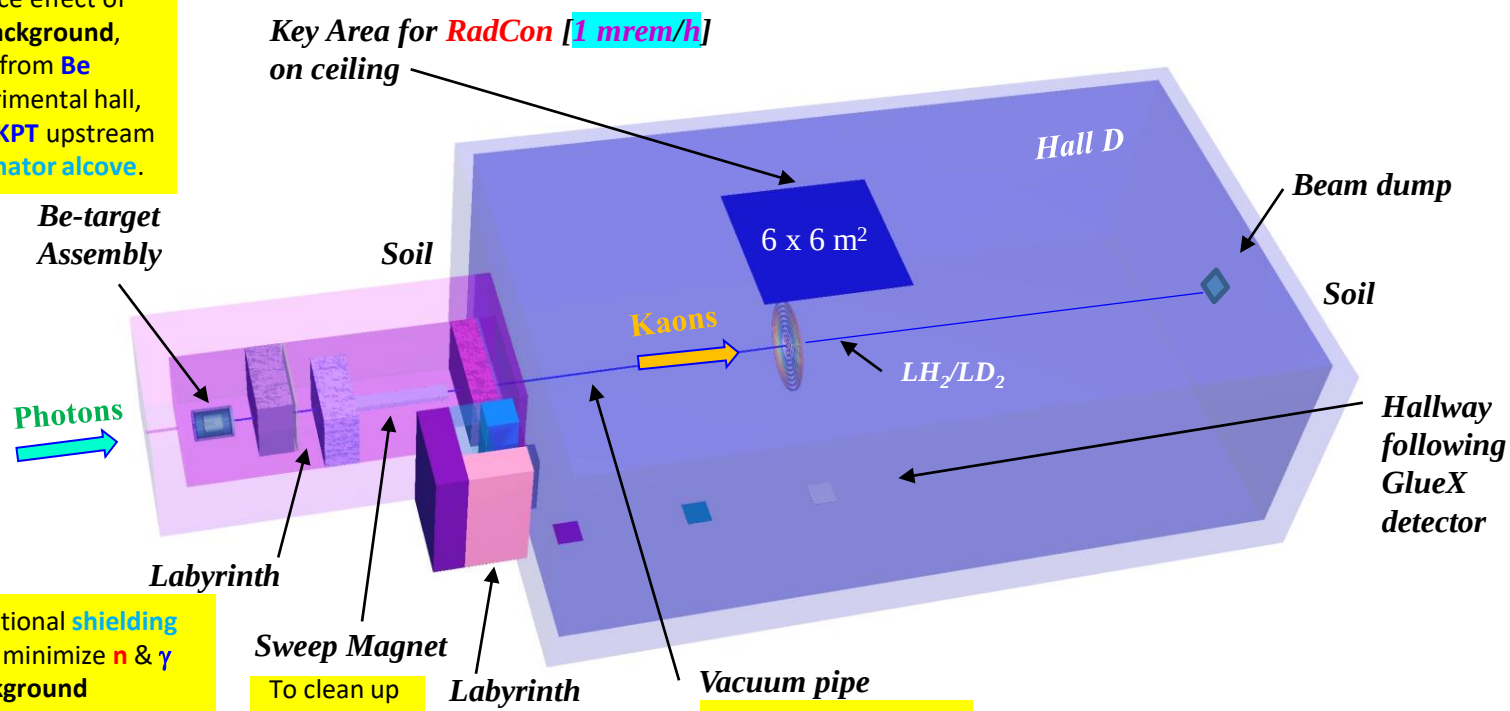

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Vacuum beam **pipe** prevents neutrons re-scattering in air.

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MCNP6 Radiation Transport Code

- Realism of MCNP6 simulations is based on advanced nuclear cross section **libraries** created & maintained in national laboratories of complex.

- Physical models, implemented in MCNP6 code, take into account
  - *bremsstrahlung* photon production,
  - *photonuclear* reactions,
  - neutron & photon *multiple scattering* processes.

- MCNP6 model simulates **12** GeV **5** μA **electron** beam hitting **Cu**-radiator inside CPS.

- Electron transport is traced in **Cu**-radiator,
  vacuum beam pipe for bremsstrahlung photons,
  Be.

- Neutrons & gammas is traced in all components of MCNP6 model.

- Media outside concrete walls of collimator *alcove* & bremsstrahlung photon beam *pipe* were excluded from consideration to facilitate calculations.
  Additionally, we ignore PS & KFM magnets but took into account **5** iron-blocks around beam pipe in front of GlueX spectrometer.

- For MCNP6 calculations (in terms of **flux** [part/s/cm^2/ MeV] & **biological dose rate** [mrem/h]). several **tallies** were placed along beam, collimator alcove, & experimental hall for neutron & gamma fluence estimation.

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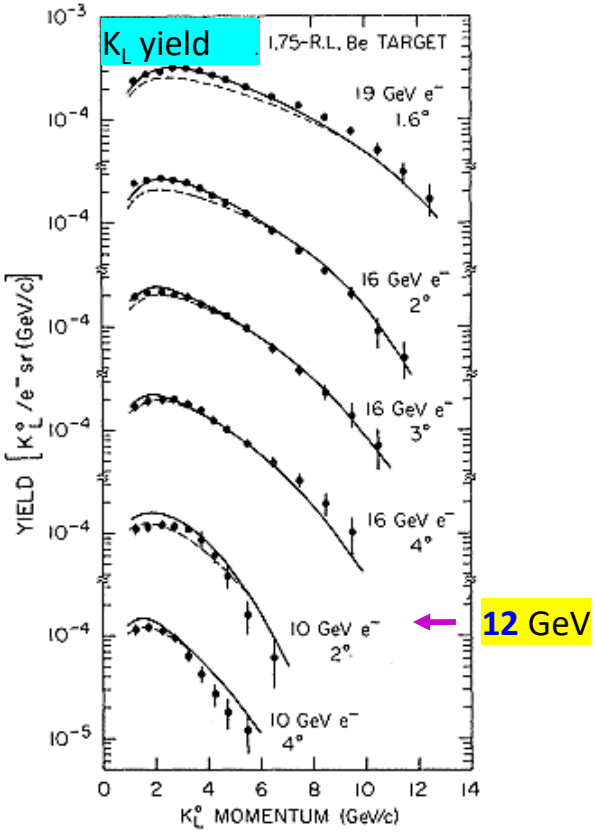

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  At key area for RadCon on ceiling

  Be: **n**: 0.27 ± 0.08 mrem/h **R(C/Be)=1.45**
  γ: 0.065±0.002 mrem/h

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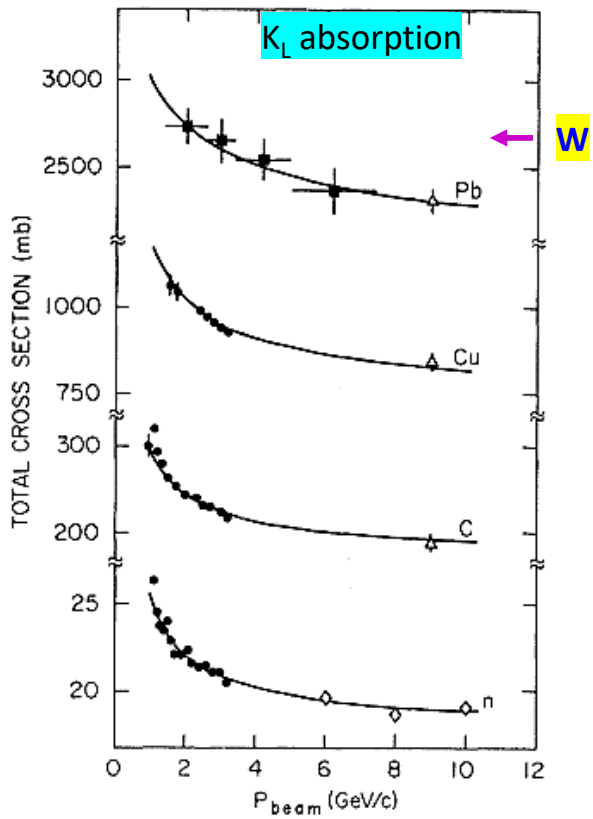

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- PYTHIA calculations show efficiency of **W** vs **Cu**.

  Kaon: W/Cu(20%) = **1.16** @ P_k = **1.0** GeV/c
  = **1.36** @ P_k = **0.5** GeV/c

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  W: **n**: 0.27 ± 0.08 mrem/h **R(Pb/W)=2.25** **R(Cu/W)=9.29**
  γ: 0.065±0.002 mrem/h

  Pb: **n**: 0.61 ± 0.25 mrem/h
  γ: 0.527±0.006 mrem/h

  Cu: **n**: 2.54 ± 0.39 mrem/h
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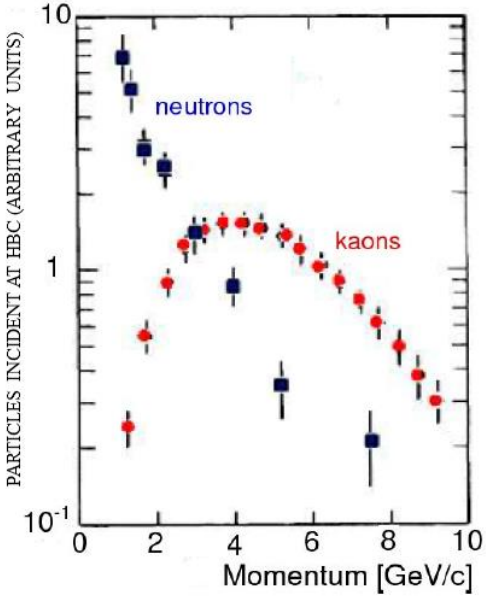
Flux of Kaon Beam

SLAC @ 16 GeV



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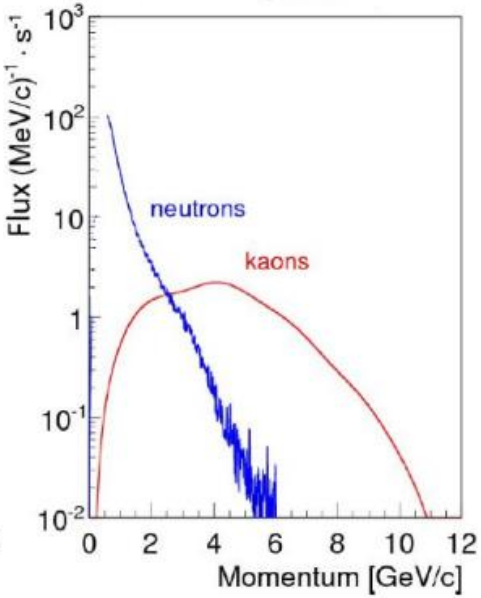

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- Flux of Kaons will be **1** x **10^4** K_L/sec on **LH_2/LD_2** within GlueX detector, which has large *acceptance* with coverage of both ***charged*** & ***neutral*** particles.
- This flux will allow statistics in case of **LH_2 /LD_2** to exceed that of earlier SLAC experiments by almost **three orders** of magnitude.
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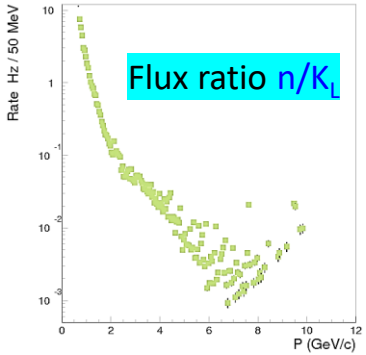

- Delivered with **64** nsec bunch spacing avoids overlap between ***neutrons*** & ***Kaons*** in range of **p** = **0.35** – **10.0** GeV/c.

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- With **proton** beam, ratio **n/K_L** = **10^3–10^4**.

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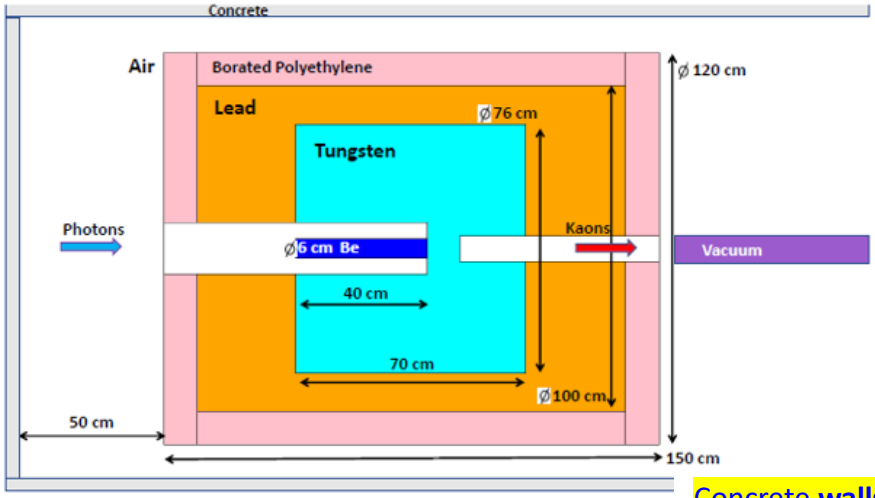

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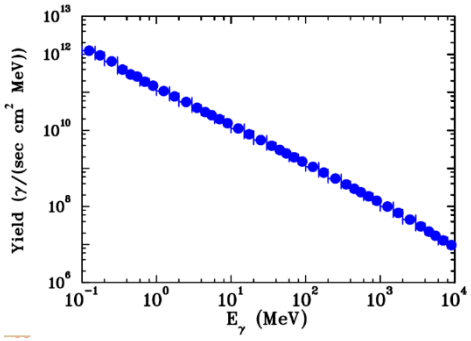

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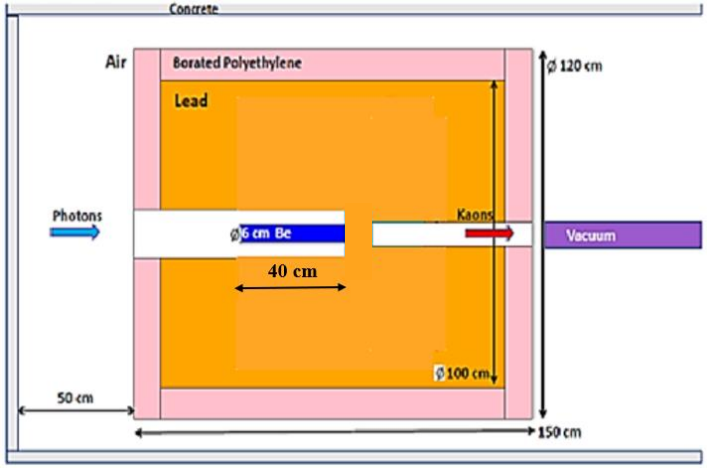

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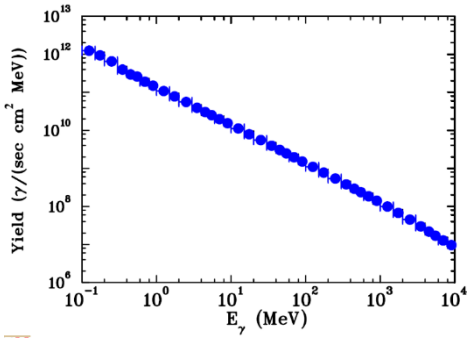

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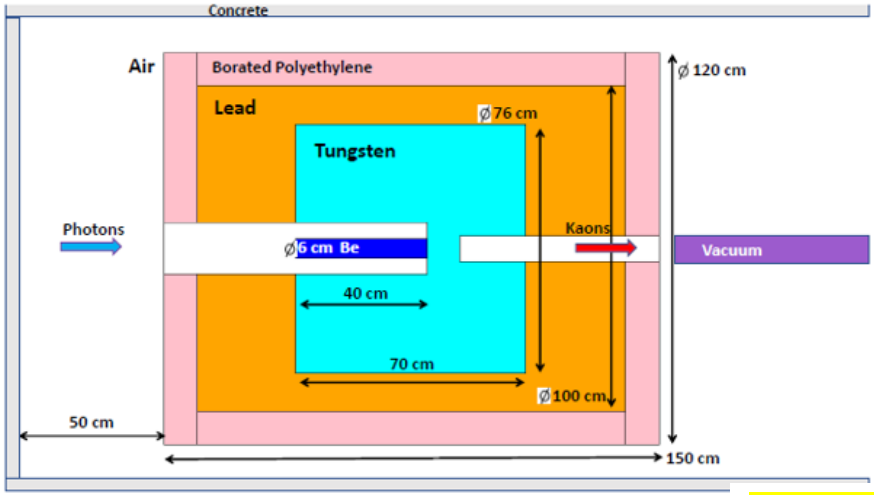

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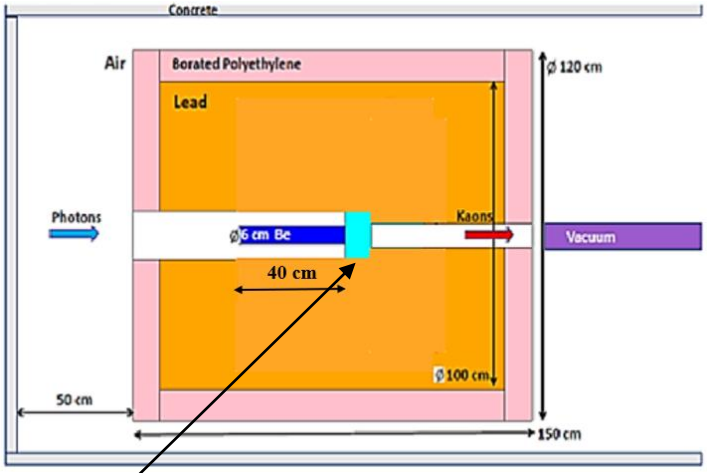

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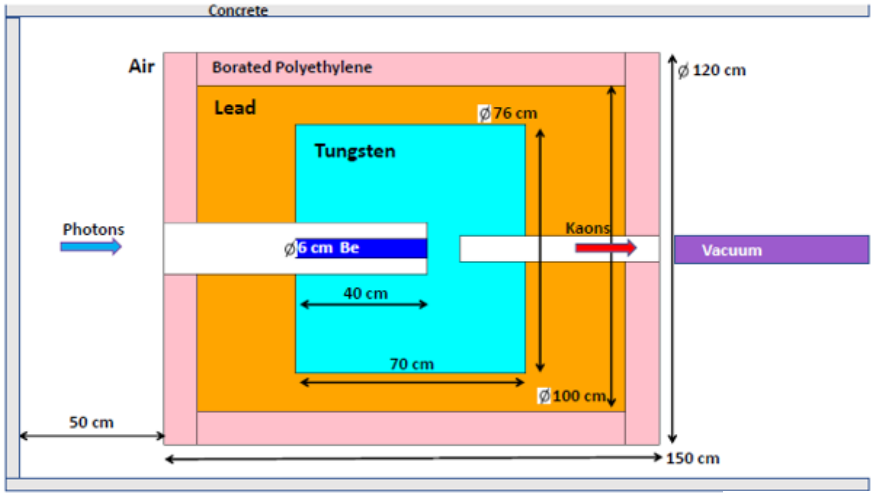

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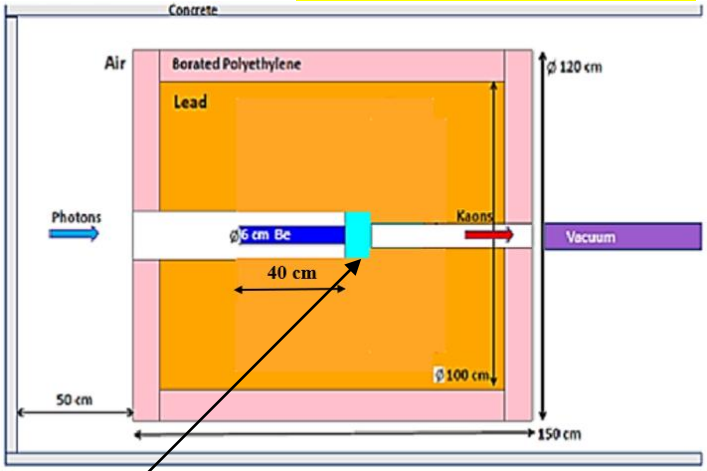

At key area for RadCon on ceiling

Pb & W	n: 0.349±0.172 mrem/h γ: 0.078±0.005 mrem/h
Pb & no W	n: 0.614±0.246 mrem/h γ: 0.527±0.006 mrem/h
Pb & W-plug	n: 0.273±0.083 mrem/h γ: 0.065±0.002 mrem/h

W-plug
16 cm in **diam**
10 cm in **length**

- Increasing **plug diam** will increase **n** background.
- Increasing **plug length** will reduce **kaon** flux.

24 cm in **diam**: **n**: 0.77 ± 0.33 mrem/h
γ: 0.074±0.002 mrem/h
15 cm in **length**: **n**: 0.16 ± 0.06 mrem/h
γ: 0.003±0.001 mrem/h

Corresponds to lost of **70%** of **kaons**

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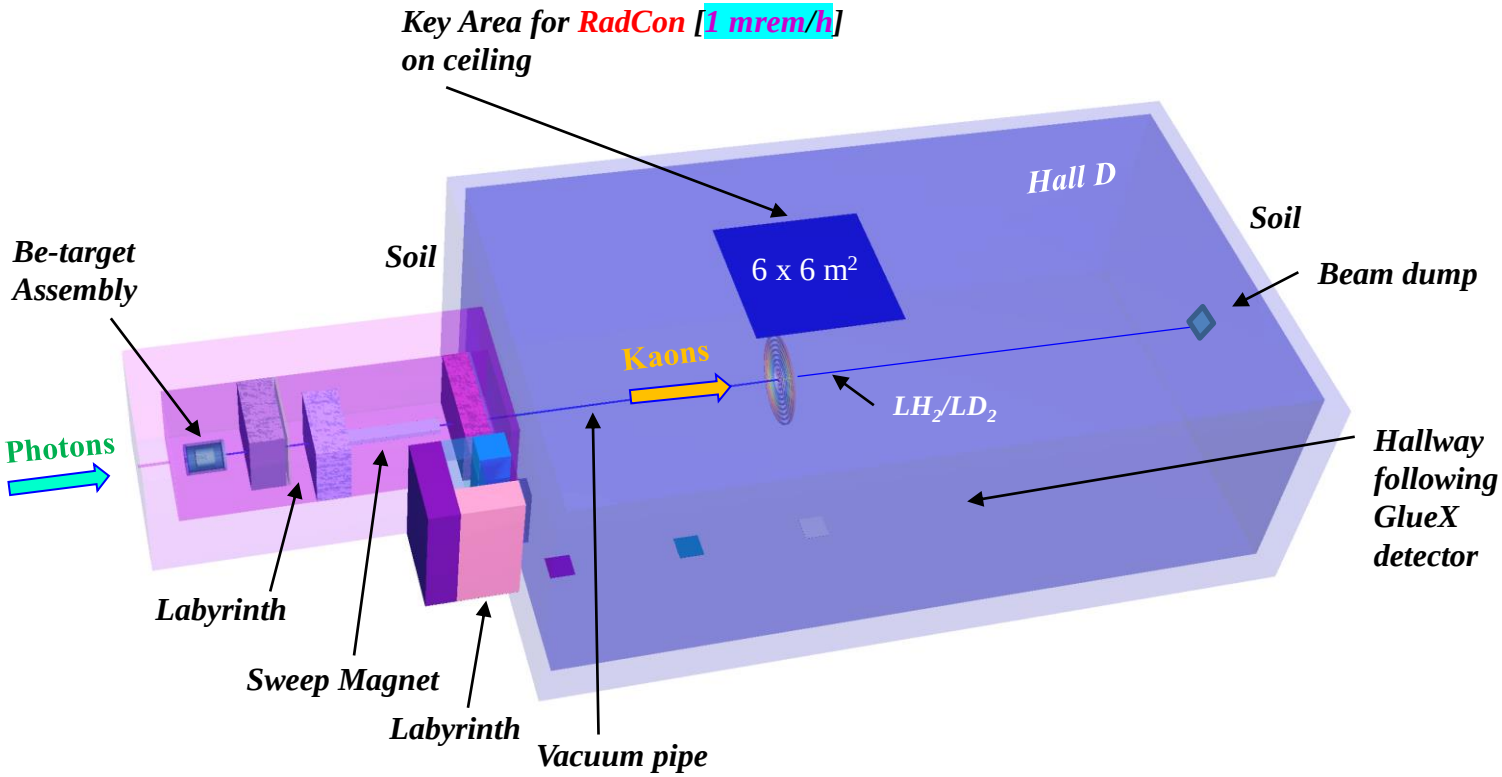

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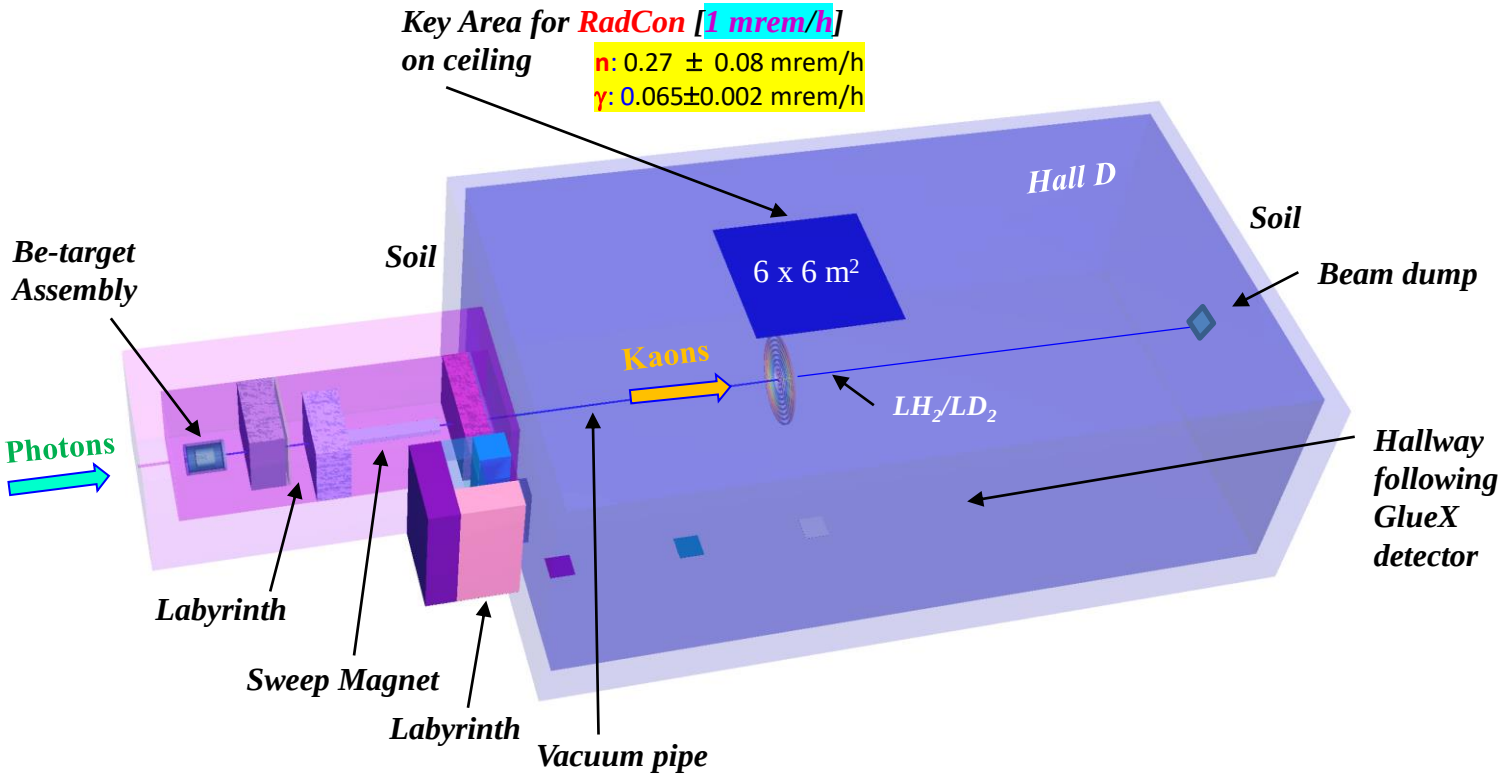

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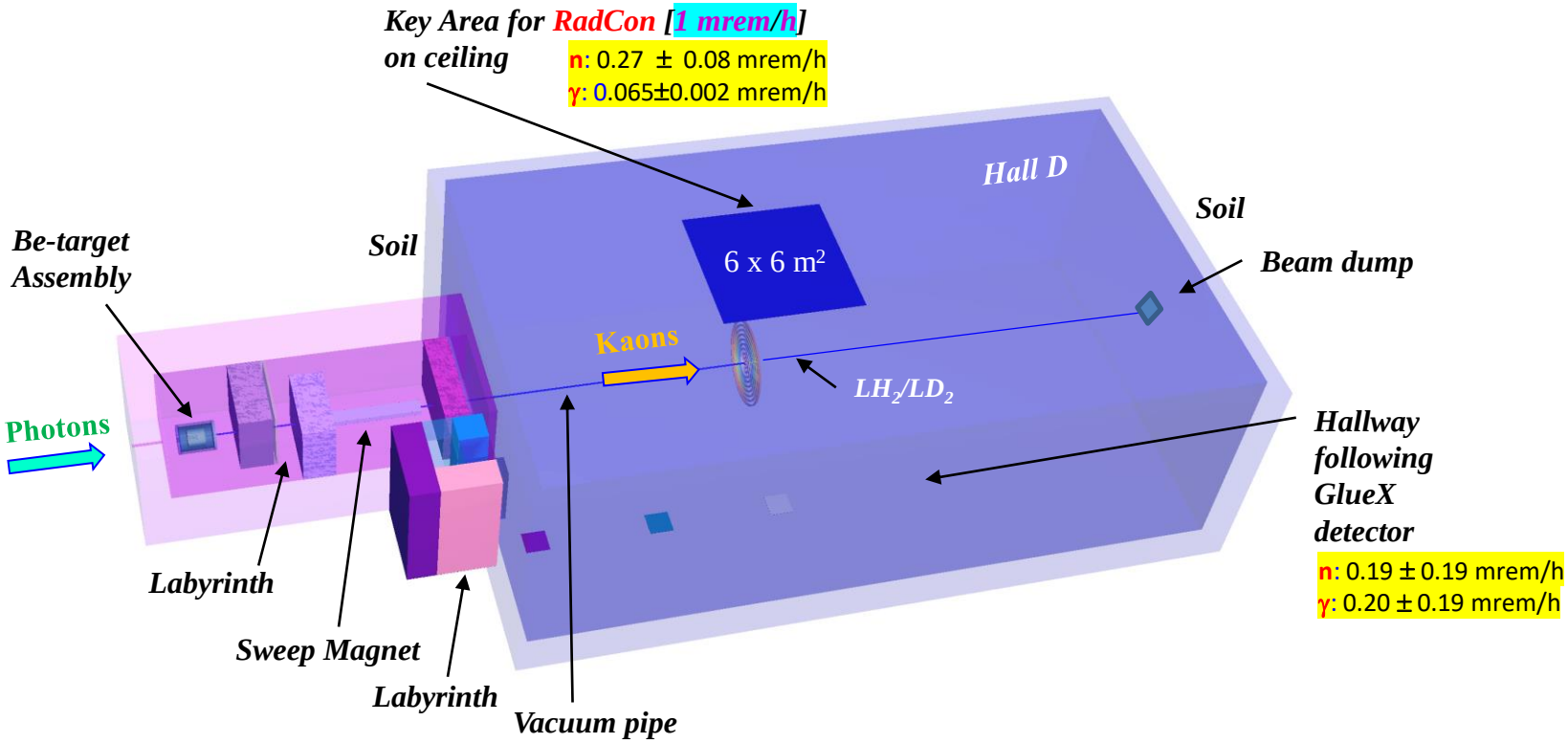

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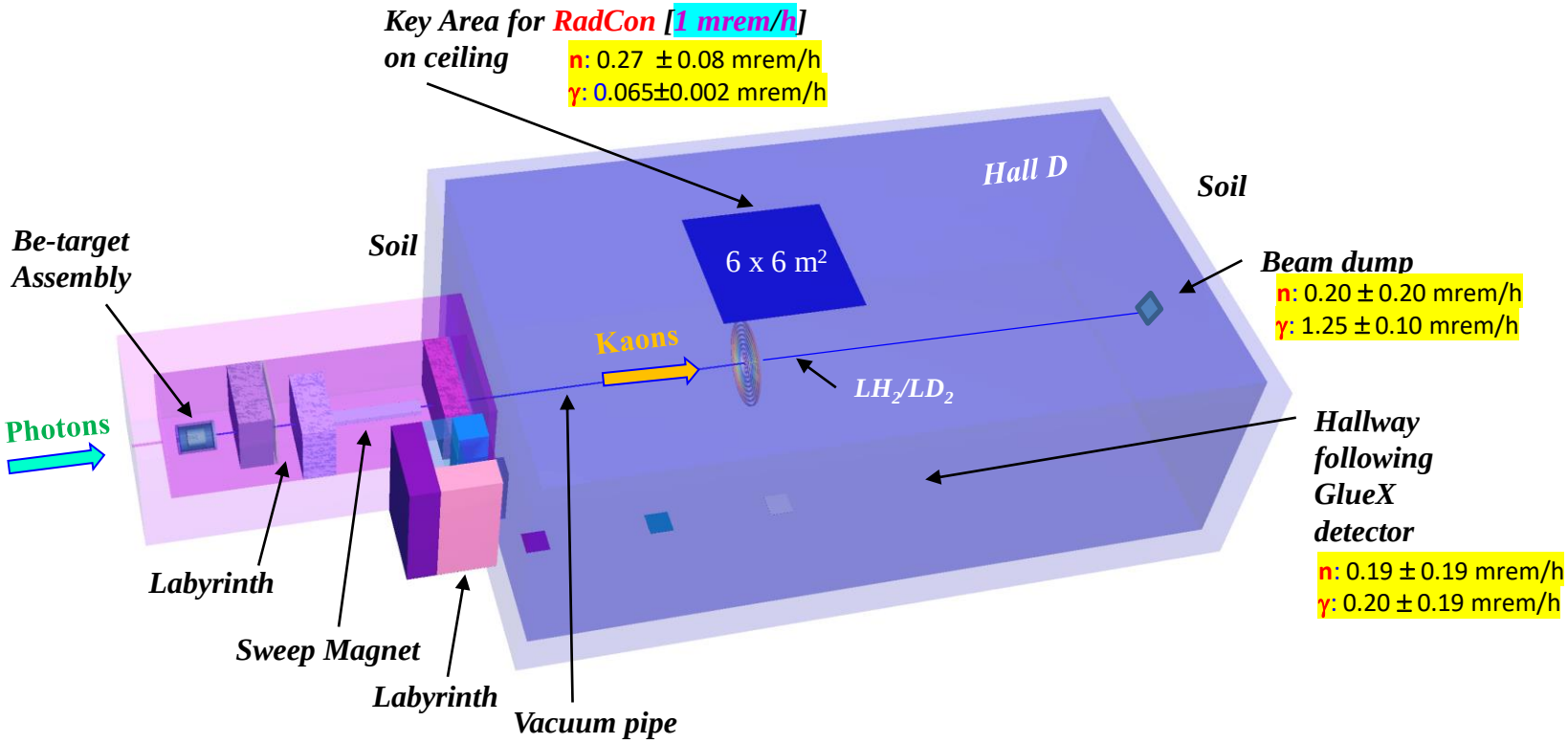

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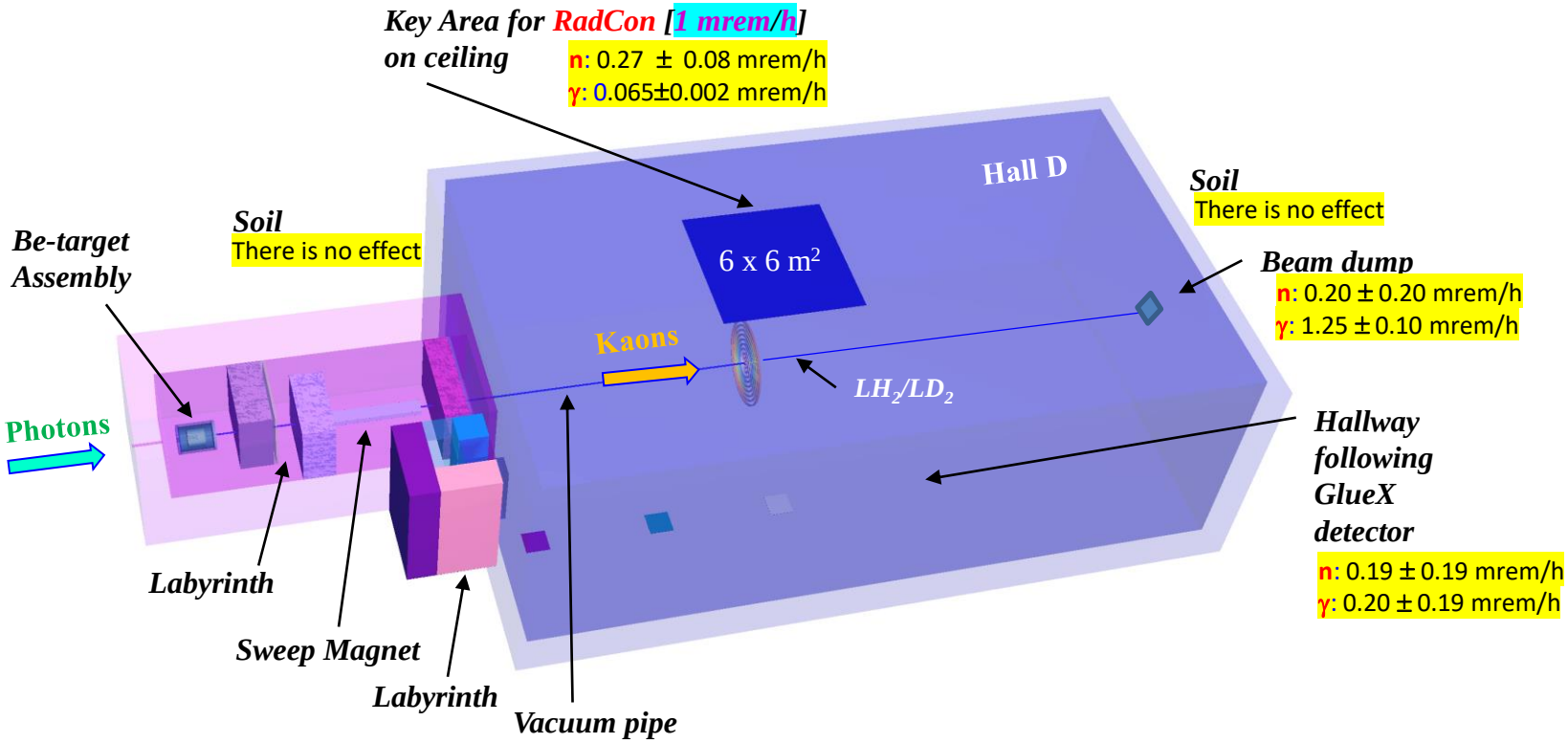

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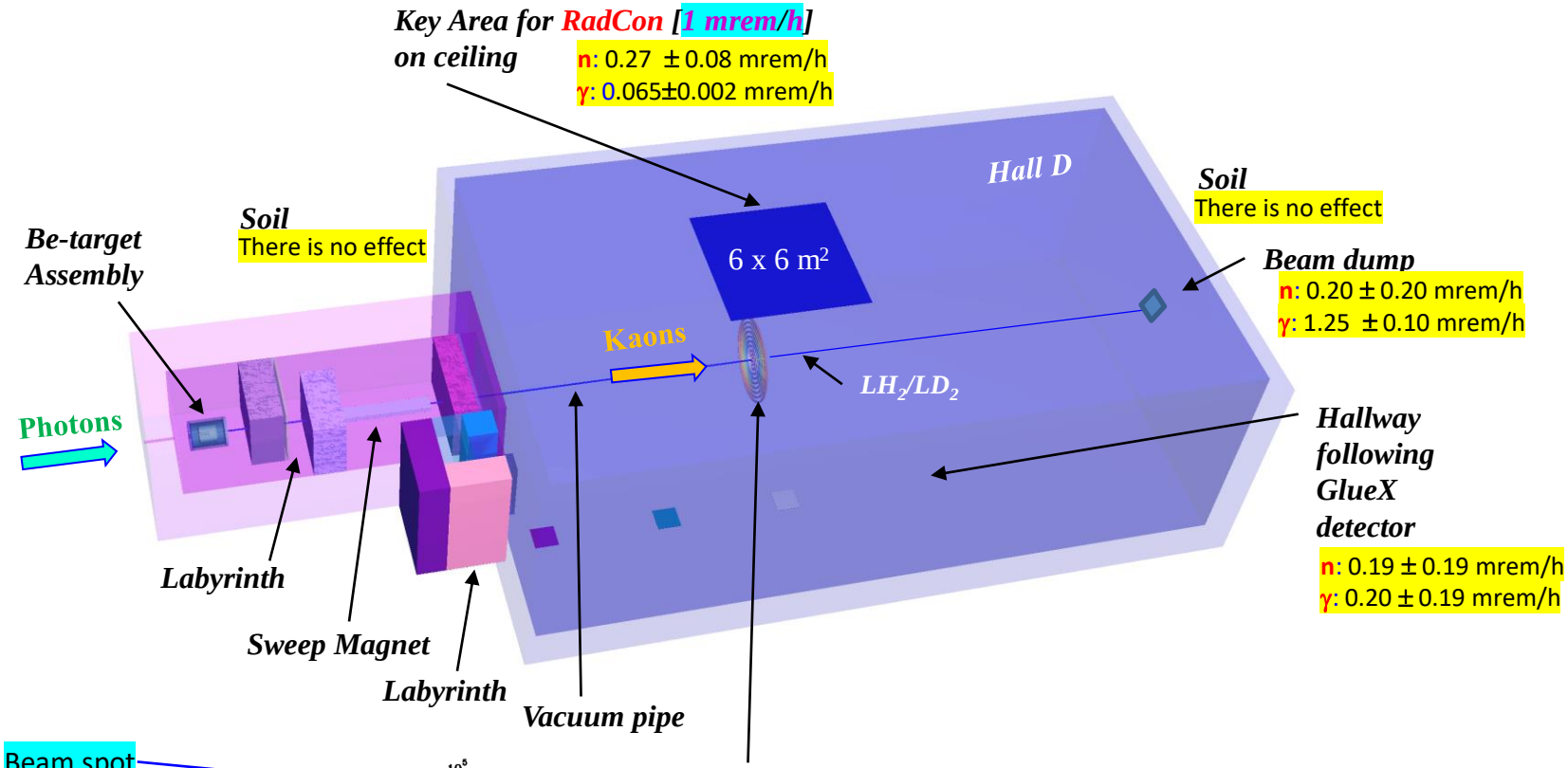

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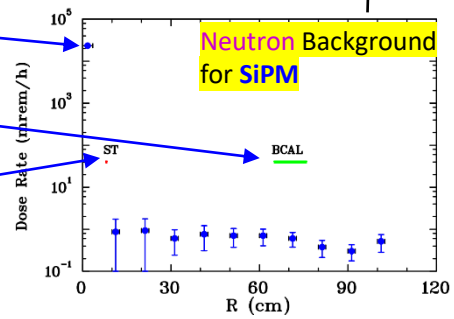

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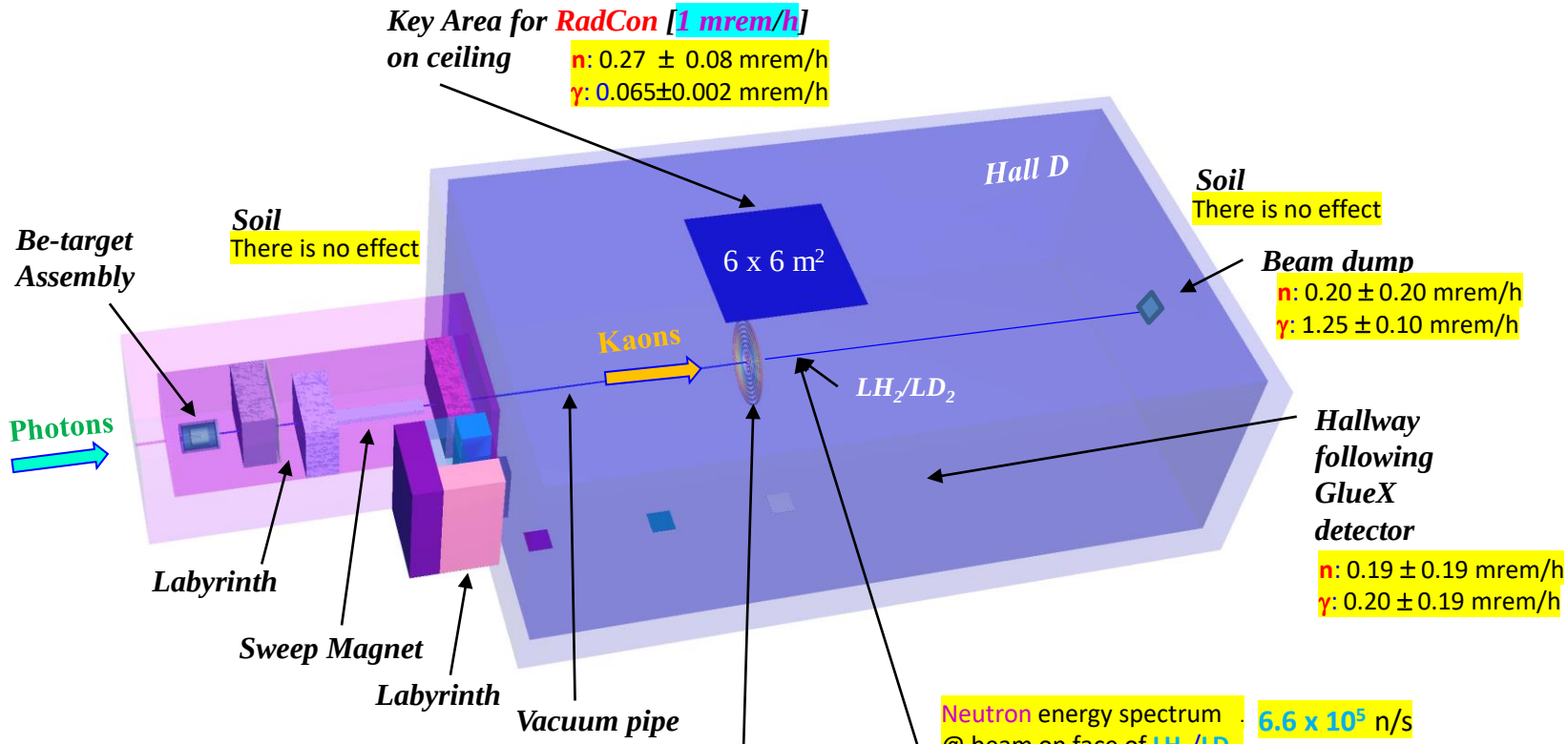

Neutron energy spectrum @ beam on face of LH_2/LD_2. 6.6×10^5 n/s

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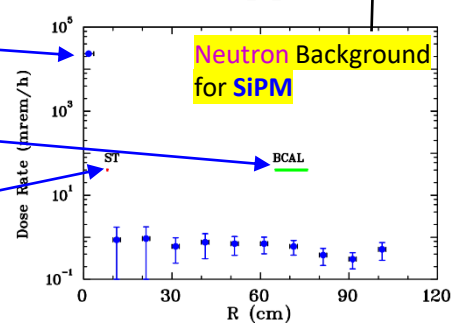

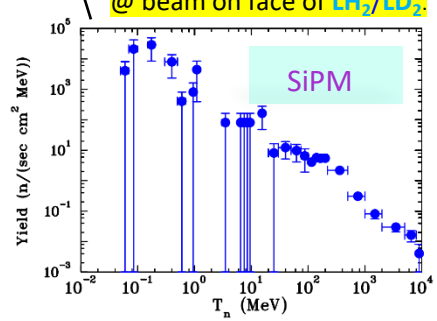

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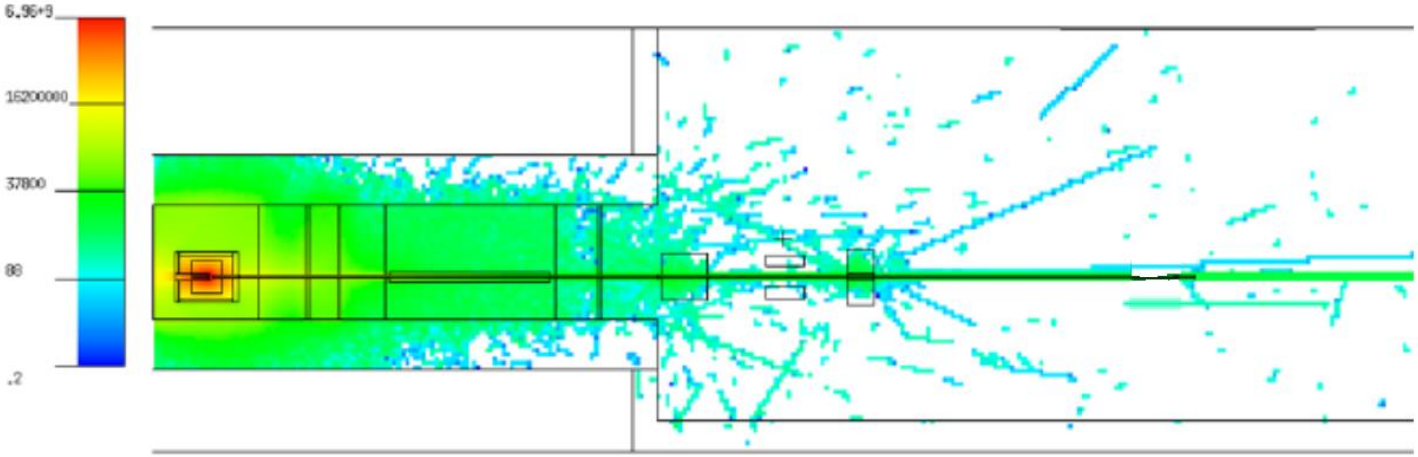
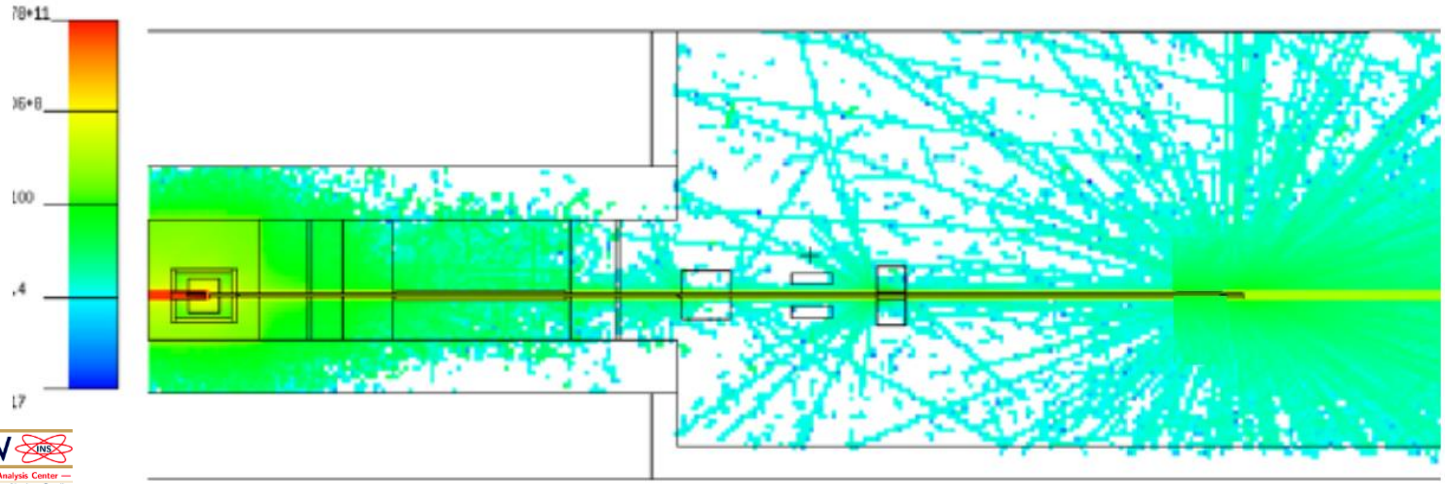
Previous studies stand that dose rate of **30** mreh/h increases dark current @ **SiPM** by factor of **5** after **75** days of running period.

Prompt Plots

- **Vertical** cross section of **neutron** flux calculated using MCNP6.

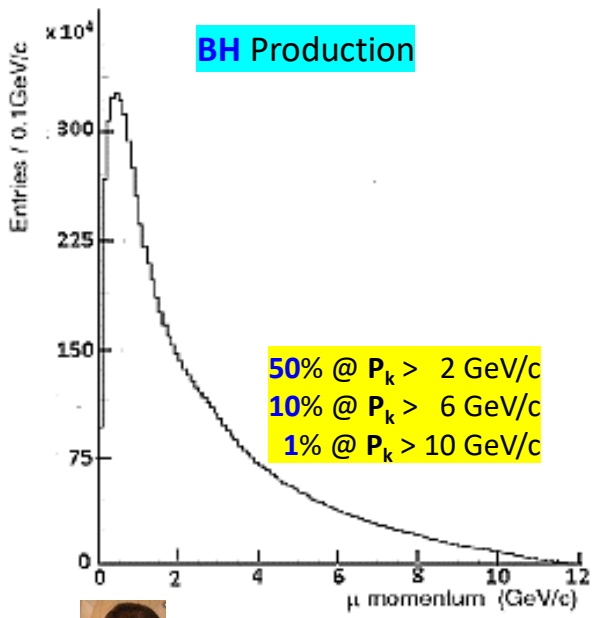


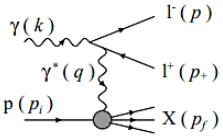
- **Vertical** cross section of **gamma** flux calculated using MCNP6.



Soft gammas from elements of LH_2/LD_2

Muon Background





- Our simulations included **BH** muon background from **KPT** & photon dump @ **CPS**, both backgrounds into **GlueX** detector & muon dose rate outside **Hall D**.
- Number of produced muon in **KPT** & **W**-plug is about the same, but muons originating in **W** have much softer momenta.
- **Muon flux** is < 10^7 μ/sec.
- Our calculations show that **muons** will be **swept** out of kaon beamline.

Overall, Muon Flux for experiment is tolerable.

Where We are Now & Where to Go

- Kaon flux @ will allow statistics in case of LH_2 target to exceed that of earlier SLAC experiments by almost **three orders** of magnitude.

- Calculations for KPT were performed for different **shielding** configurations to minimize **neutron** & **gamma** prompt radiation dose rate & reduce price of KPT.

- Neutron & gamma *flux* & *dose rate* for is below JLab RadCon requirement establishing radiation dose rate limit in experimental hall.
  Materials & equipment: $0.134M.

- Neutron flux & energy distribution on face of LH_2/LD_2 cryogenic target is important physical background in case of np or nd interactions in cryogenic target.

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- SiPMs of SC & BCAL are expected to tolerate expected **neutron** background.

- Engineering design is in order ?

Any Questions ?

Collimator Alcove & Experimental Hall

[**29.5** m long **x** **17.2** m wide]

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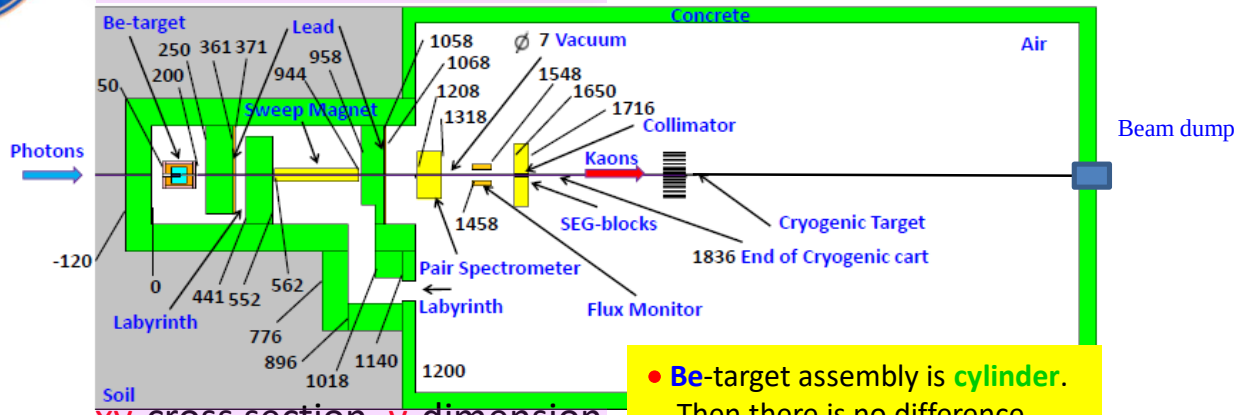

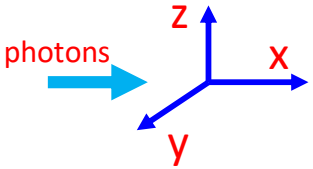

- **Be**-target assembly is **cylinder**. Then there is no difference between x & y dimensions.

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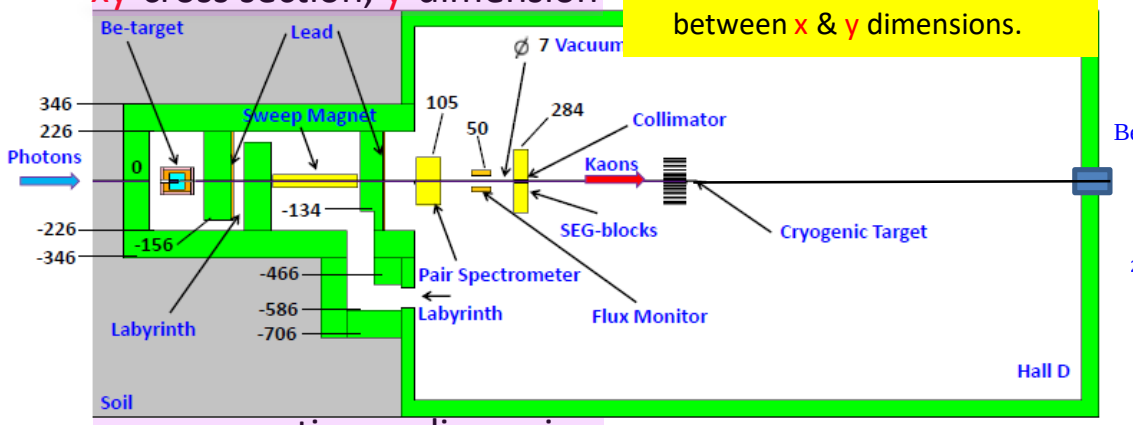

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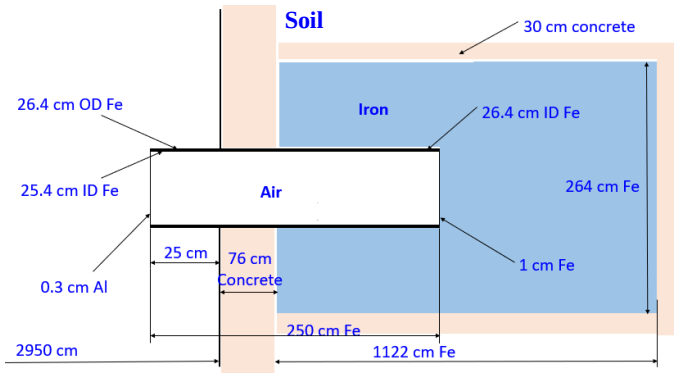

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