

# The Structure of the Hoyle State and its $2^+$ Partner State in $^{12}\text{C}$

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1. **Why  $2^+_2$  in  $^{12}\text{C}$ ?**  
**The Structure of the Hoyle State**  
**Stellar Helium Burning (Formation of  $^{12}\text{C}$ )**
2. **The HIγS Facility: Real Photons  $2 < E_\gamma < 40$  MeV**  
 $I_\gamma \sim 5 \times 10^8 \text{ } \gamma/\text{sec}$   
 $\Delta E \sim 2\%$
3. **The Detector: Optical Readout TPC (O-TPC)**

Beauty in Physics, May 14, 2012

**Happy Birthday Franco**

**Beware of What  
We Wish For You  
As it May (Still) Happen**



Name: Gerald Brown  
(please print)

1. I ~~will~~ will not attend the May 13-14, 1989 Reunion.
2. I ~~will~~ require hotel accommodations (please check):  
May 12  May 13  May 14  Other (specify)  
Single  Twin  Double  Other (specify)
3. I ~~will~~ will not be accompanied by my spouse.
4. I ~~will~~ will not attend the dinner on Saturday night.  
Seating Limited
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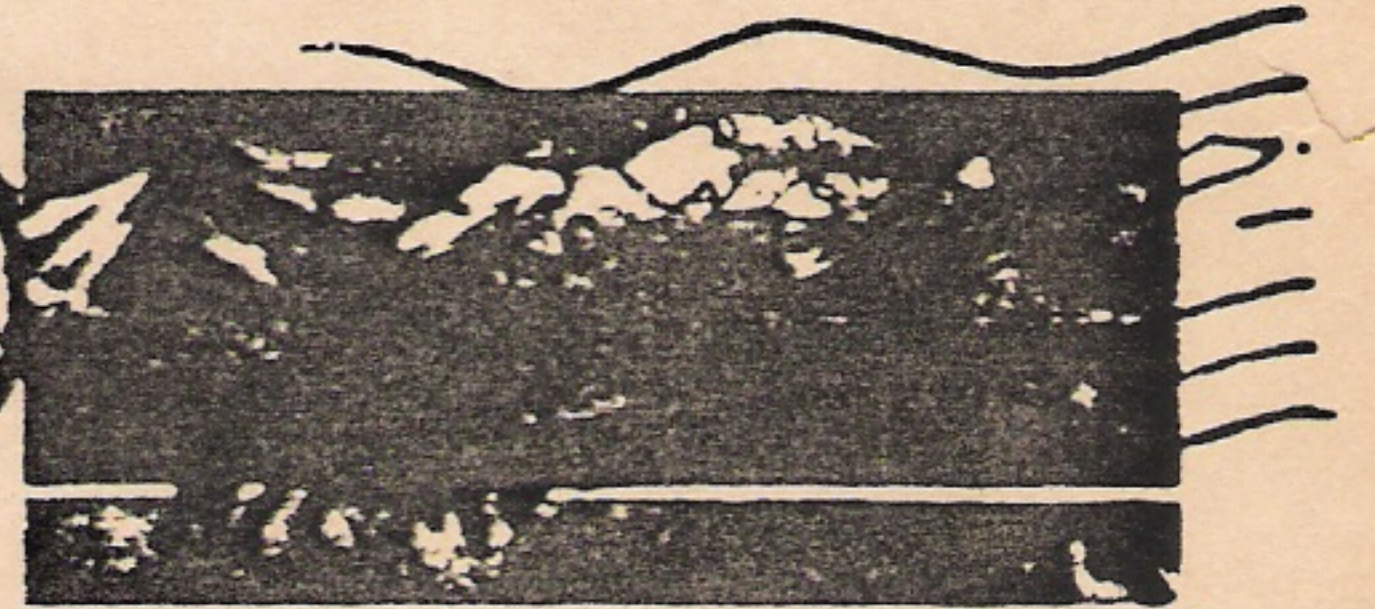
PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD BY FEBRUARY 1st IF POSSIBLE  
coexistence model predicted?  
(Gai + Bromley PRL)

I still miss the days  
of the colorful papers  
of Brown & Green.

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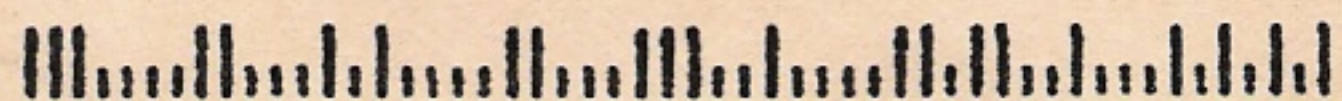
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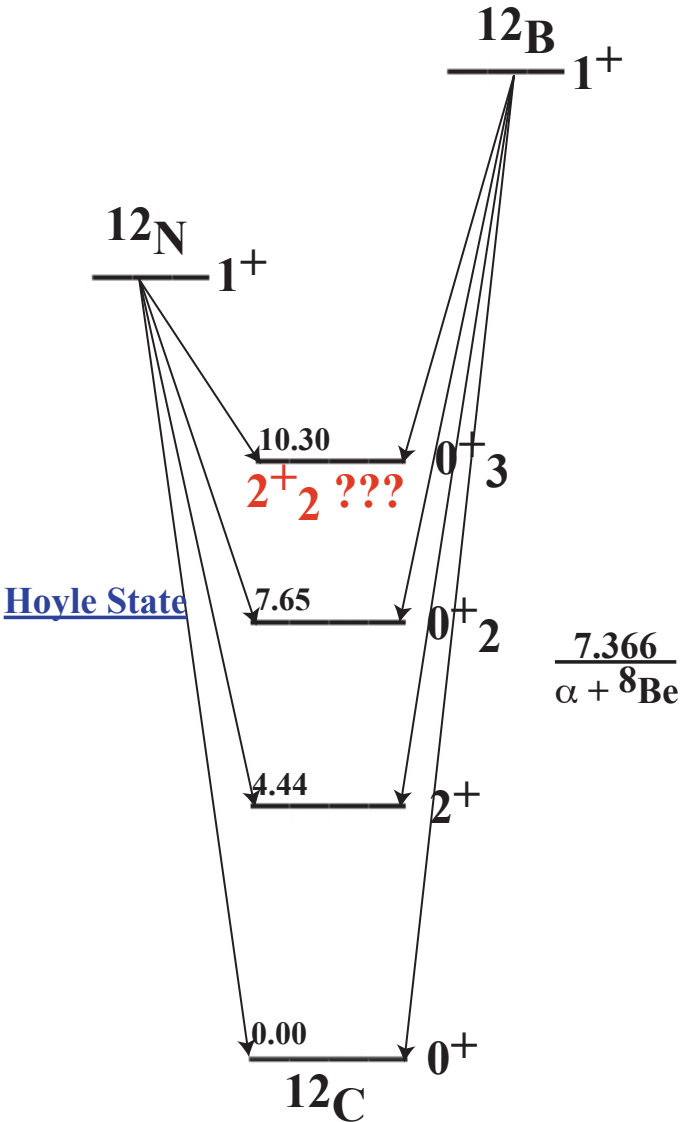
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# The Laboratory for Nuclear Science At Avery Point





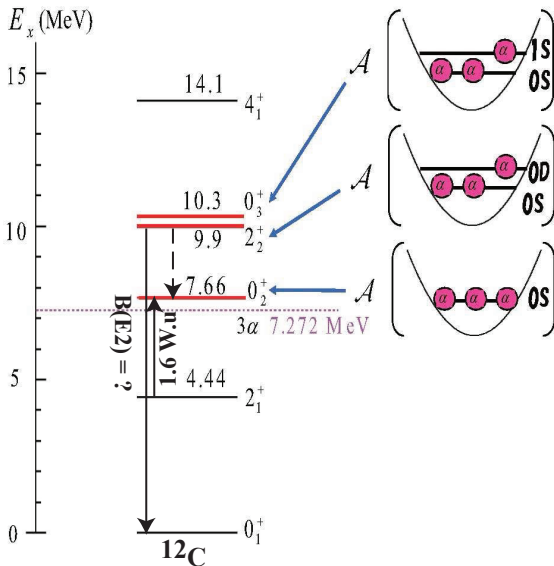
## Why Search For $2^+_2$ in $^{12}\text{C}$

### The Structure of the Hoyle State, 1953?

1. Deformed three alpha state?  
Rotational band built on it, Morinaga, 1956?  
Linear Alpha Chain, Brink 1966?
2. Spherical, Low N limit of BEC?  
Alpha Condensate?  
Efimov State?
3.  $2^+_2$  Predicted e.g. Descouvemont & Baye at 9.11 MeV;  $B(E2: 2^+ \rightarrow \text{gs}) = 2 \text{ Wu}$
4.  $2^+_2$  Included in NACRE compilation x15 at  $T > 3 \text{ GK}$  (Beyond Hoyle)
5.  $2^+_2$  Not Observed in beta-decay
6.  $2^+_2$  Observed in  $^{12}\text{C}(p,p')$  and  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\alpha')$

## Hoyle State (7.654 MeV): Low N Limit of Alpha-Condensate in $^{12}\text{C}$

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**Fig. 15** (Color online) Theoretical interpretation of the  $0_2^+$ ,  $2_2^+$  and  $0_3^+$  states.

Deformed  $2^+_2$  at 9.11 MeV in  $^{12}\text{C}$

$B(E2: 2^+_2 \rightarrow \text{gs}) = 0.5 - 2.6 \text{ W.u.}$

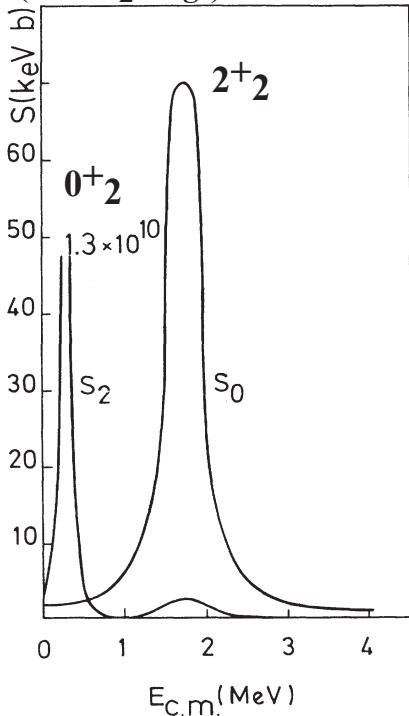
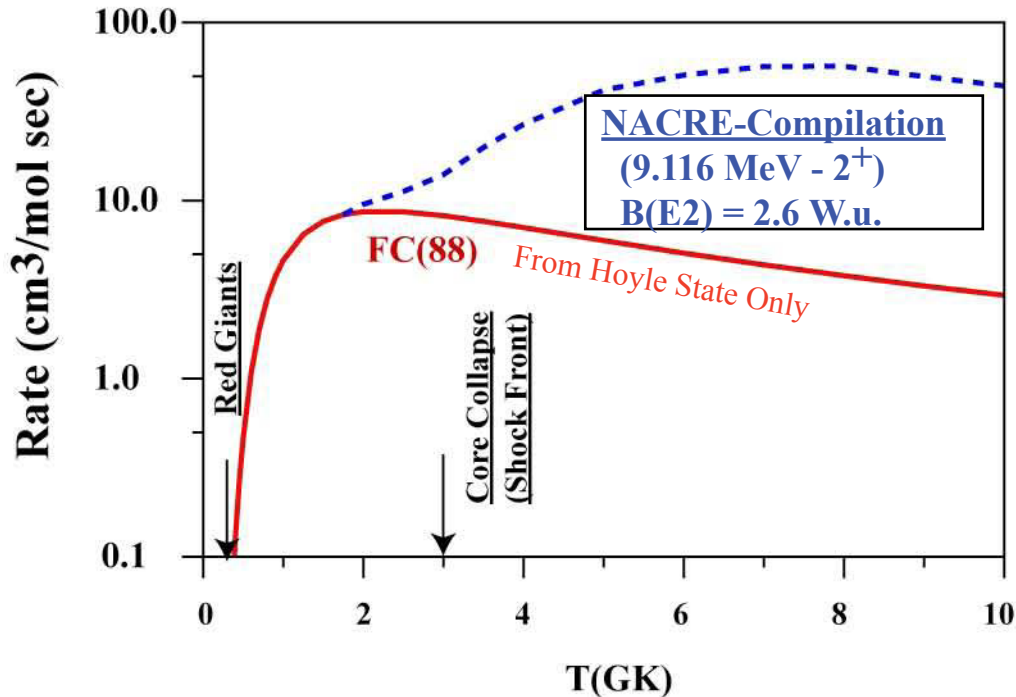
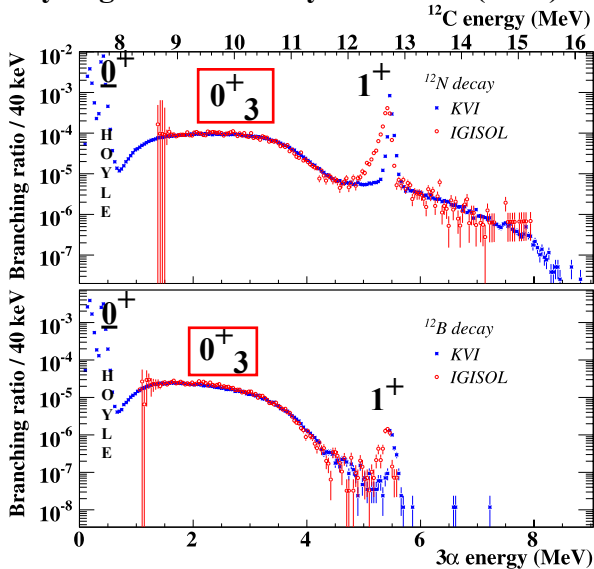


FIG. 2.  $^8\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma)^{12}\text{C}$  astrophysical  $S$  factors for transitions towards the  $0^+_1$  and  $2^+_1$  states of  $^{12}\text{C}$ .



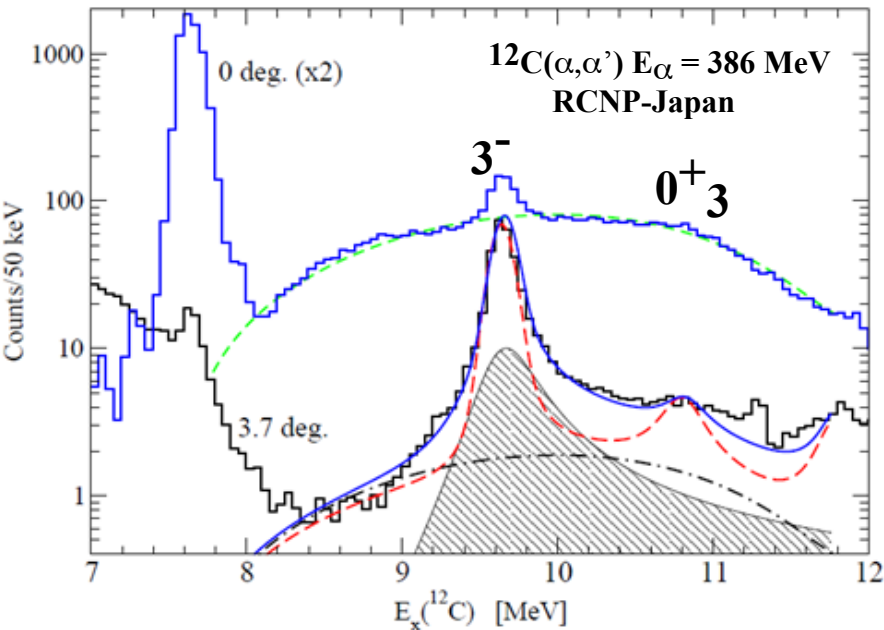
# Triple Alpha Burning Rate: ${}^8\text{Be}(\alpha,\gamma){}^{12}\text{C}$





# Identification of the $2^+$ excitation of the $^{12}\text{C}$ Hoyle-state

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$2^+$  EXCITATION OF THE  $^{12}\text{C}$  HOYLE STATE

$^{12}\text{C}(p,p')$

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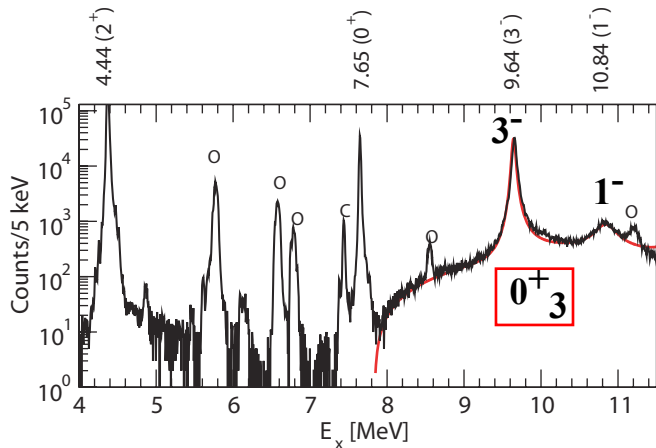
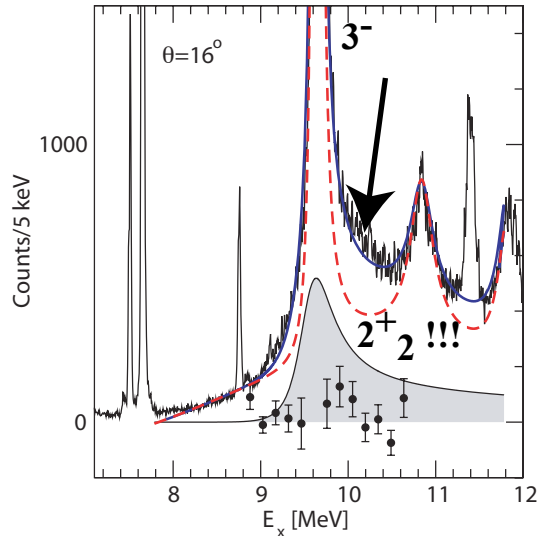
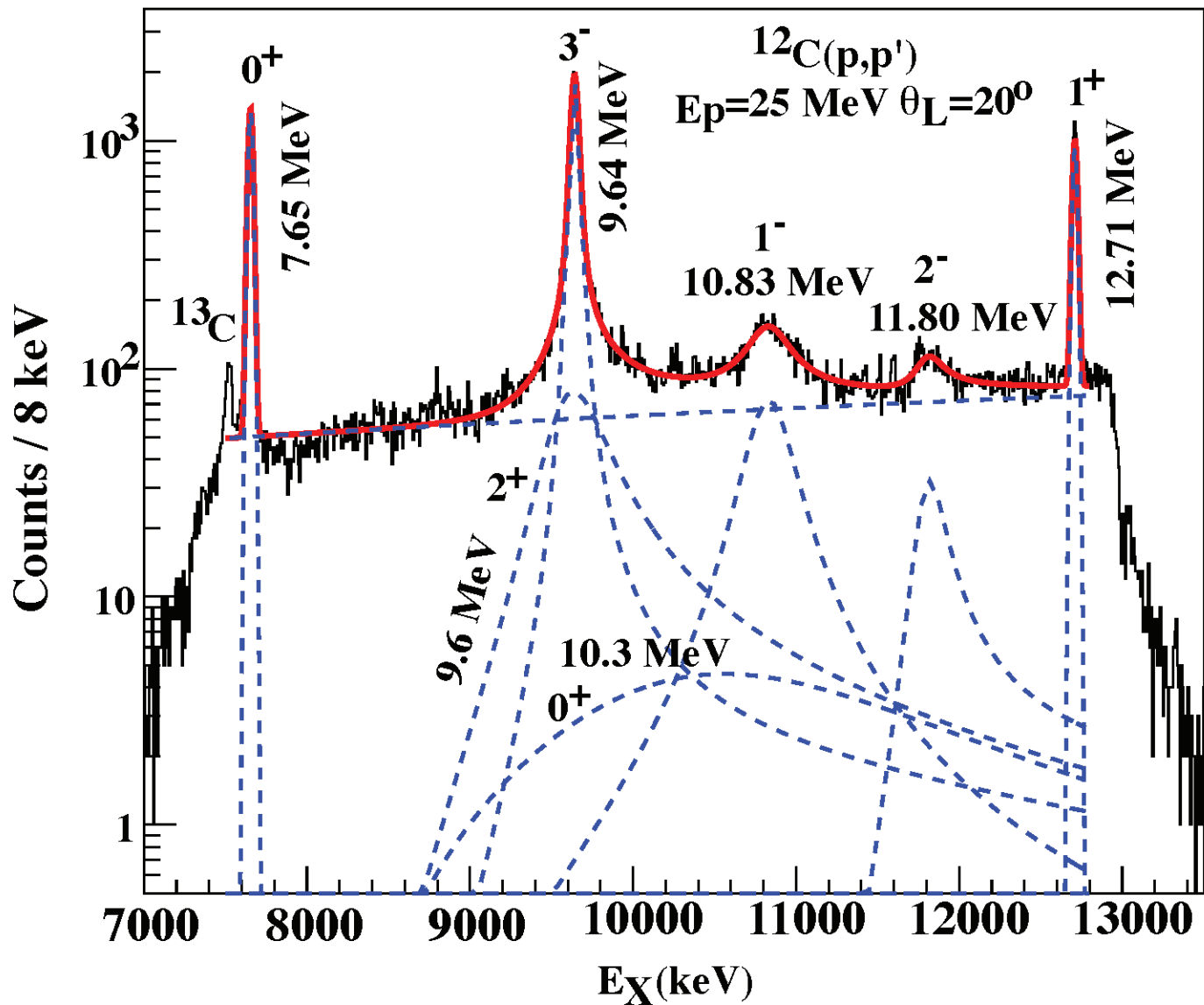


FIG. 2. (Color online)  $^{12}\text{C}$  excitation energy spectrum measured at  $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 28^\circ$ . Contaminants from  $^{16}\text{O}$  (O) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (C) are indi-





# Beta Decay Experiments

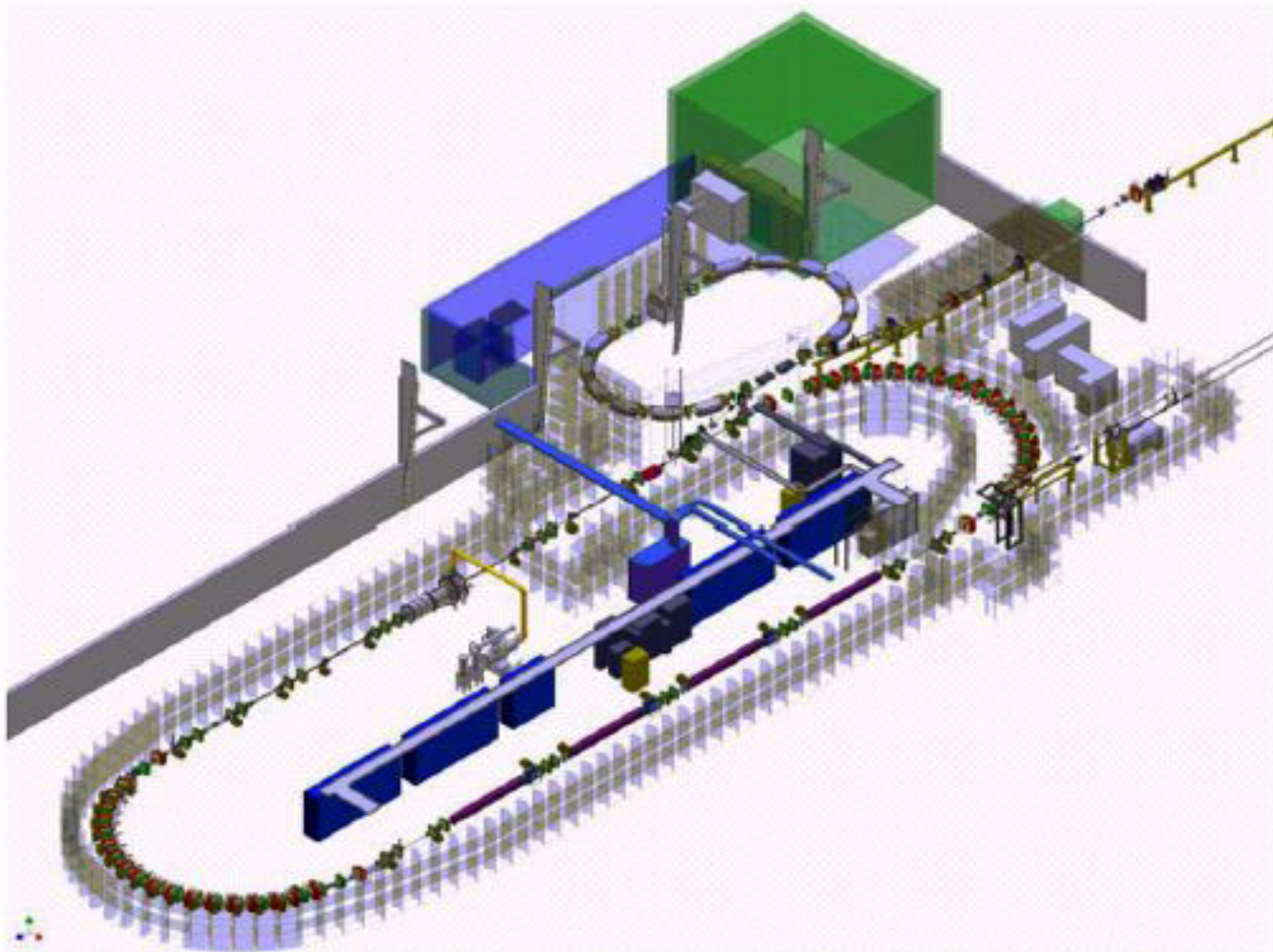
## $^{12}\text{C}(p,p')$ Experiments

Plagued with Background from  $0^+_3$

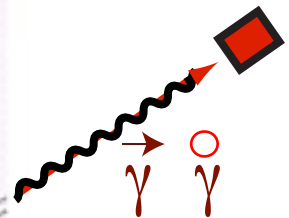
Gamma Beams are Ideal: No  $0^+(\text{gs}) \rightarrow 0^+$

O-TPC Ideal Detector for Gamma Beams

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O-TPC

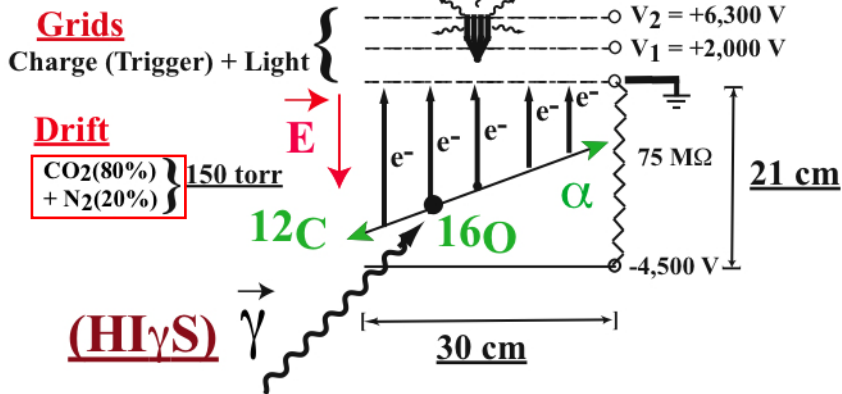
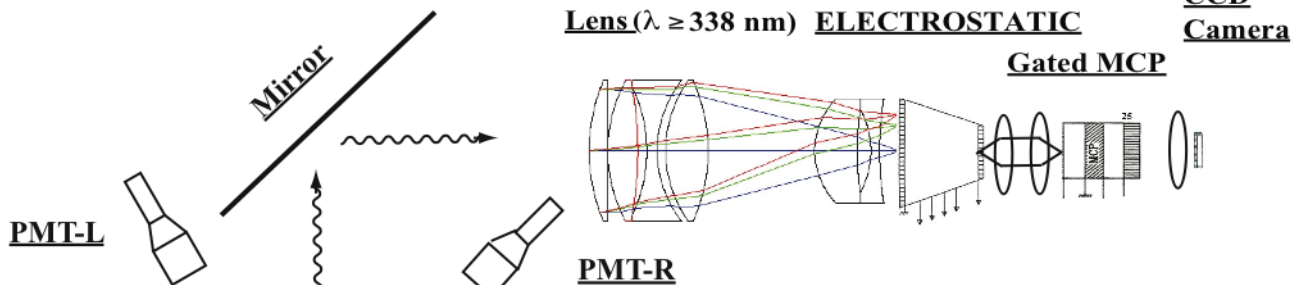


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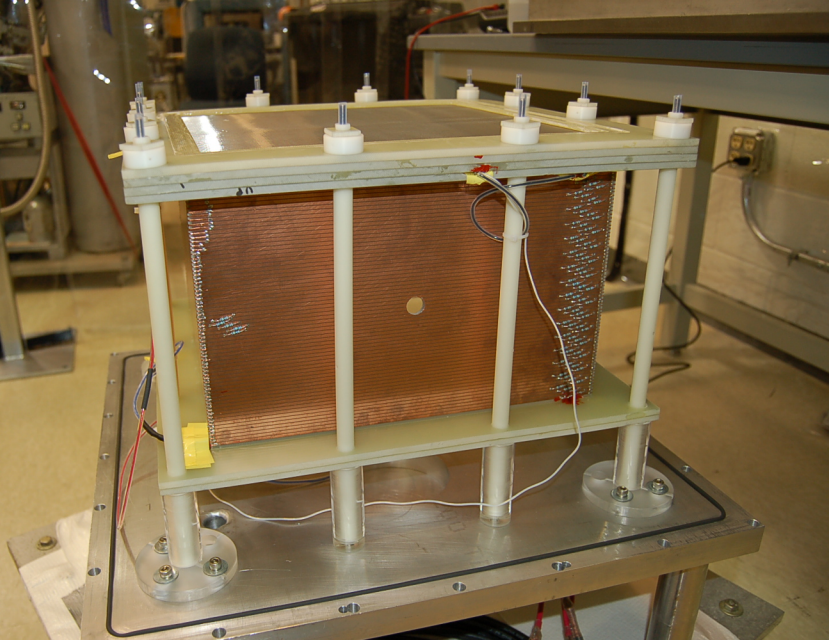
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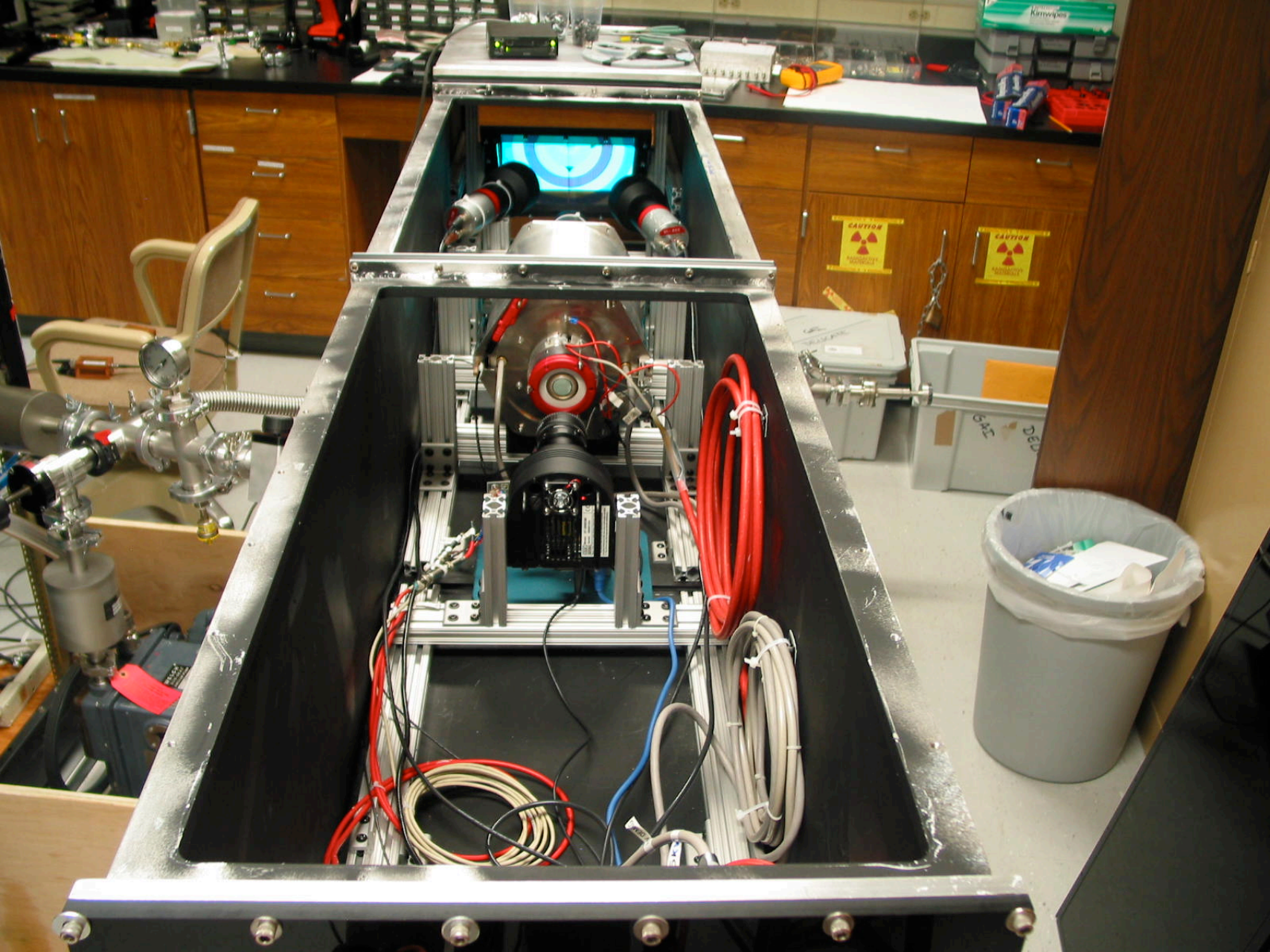
## Multiplication

## Drift







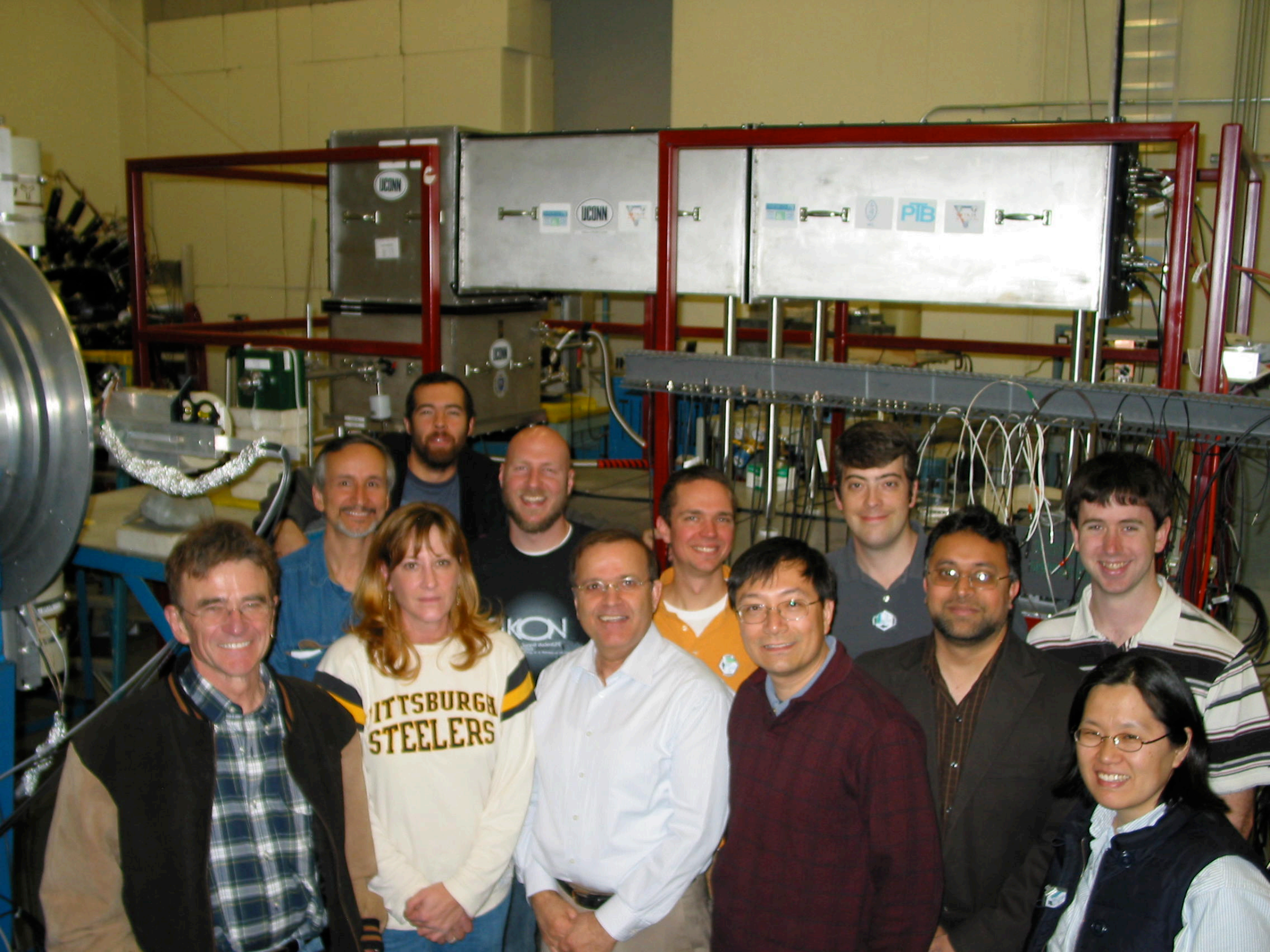


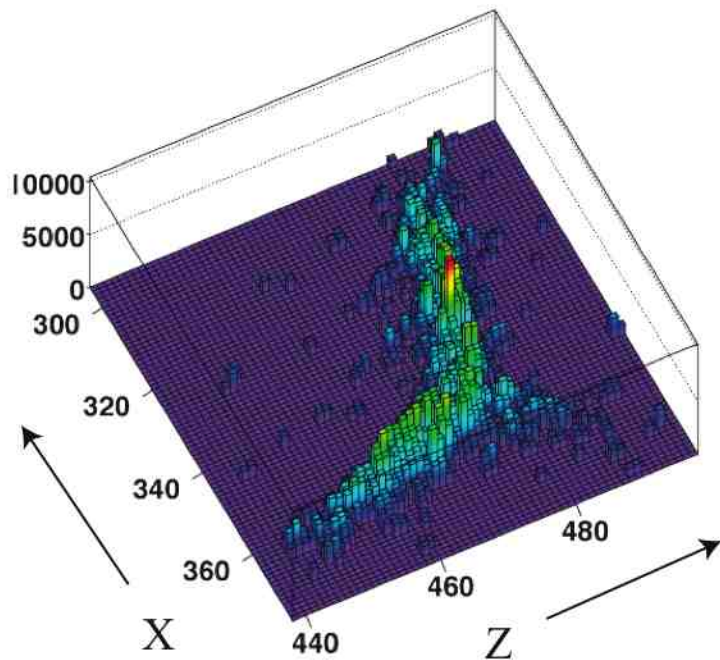


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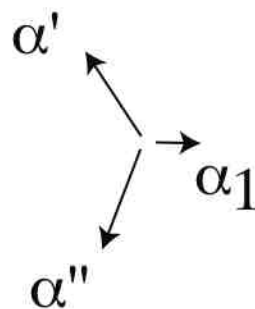
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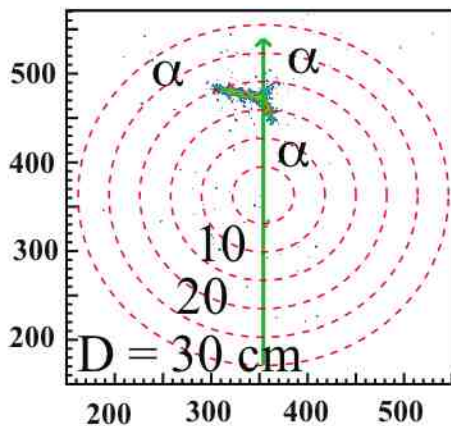


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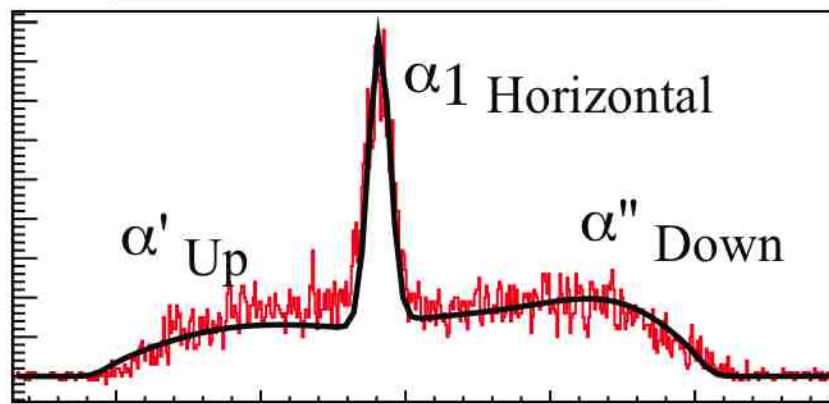
**PMT (Time Projection)**

Z - Pixel (1.28 mm/pixel)



X - Pixel (1.28 mm/pixel)

PMT Signal (a.u.)



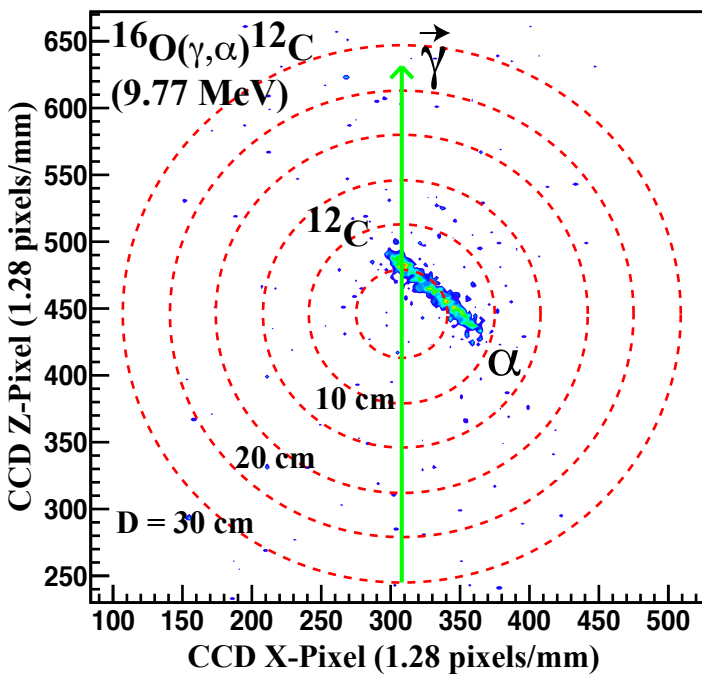
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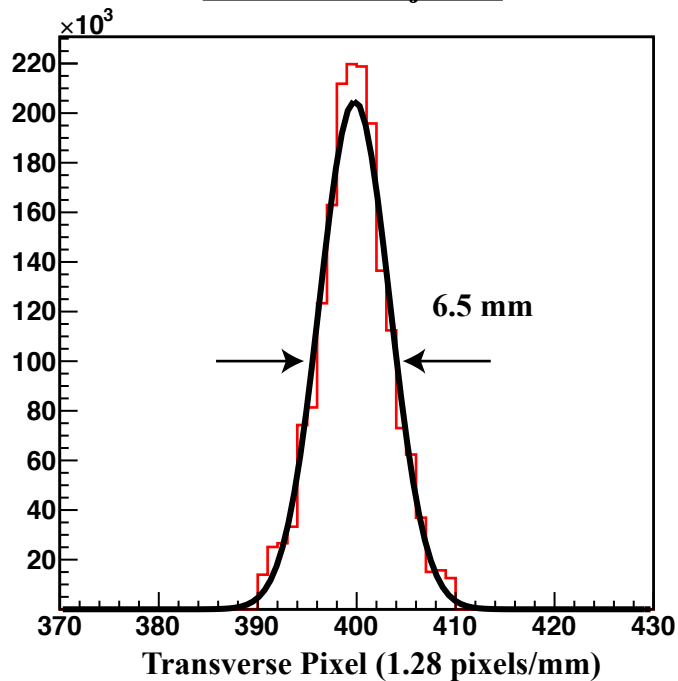
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Channel (10 nsec/channel)

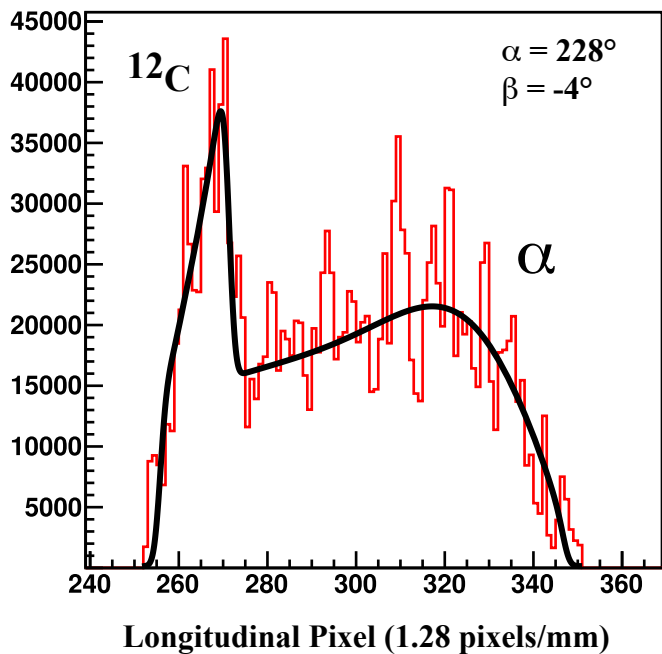
**CCD Image**  
(Track Angle -  $\alpha$ )



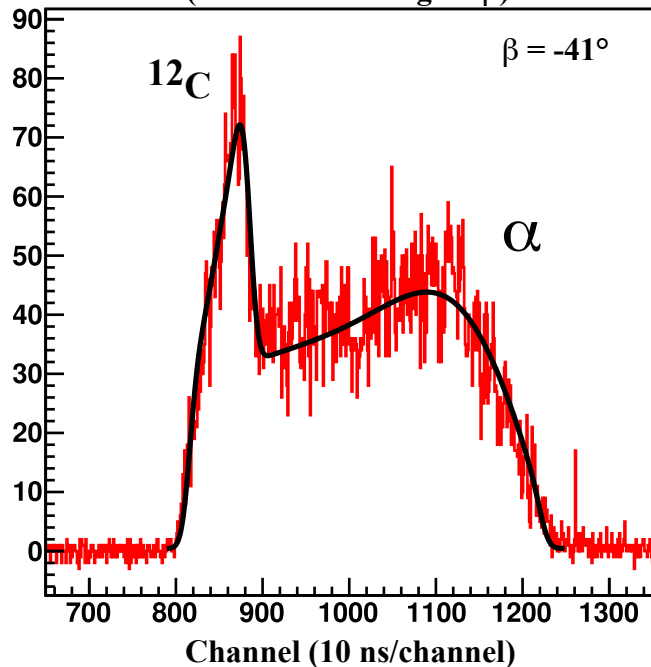
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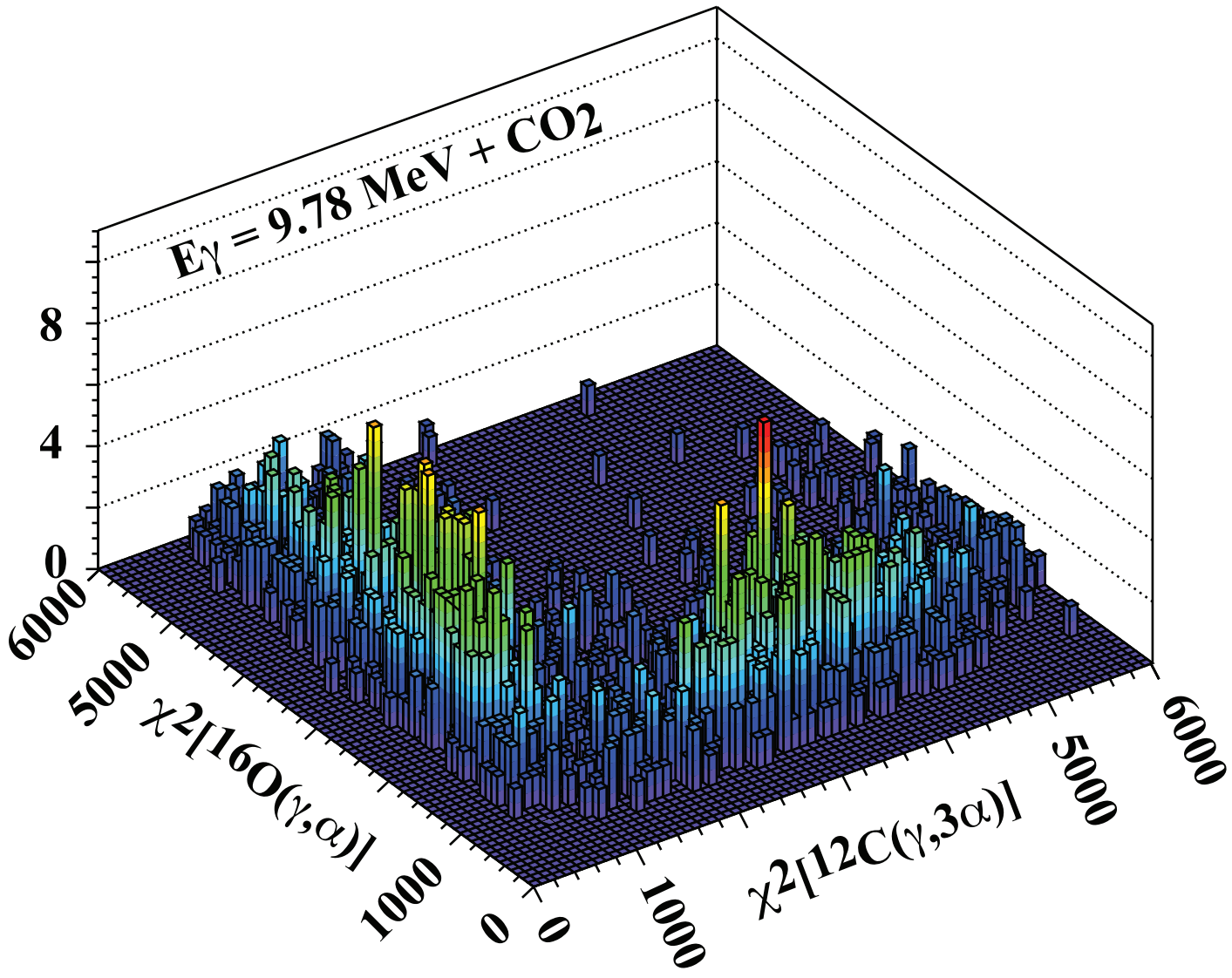
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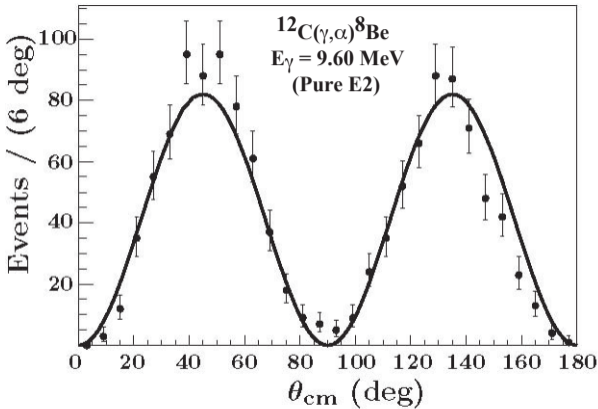
**Summed PMT Signals**  
(Out of Plane Angle -  $\beta$ )



$E_\gamma = 9.78 \text{ MeV} + \text{CO}_2$







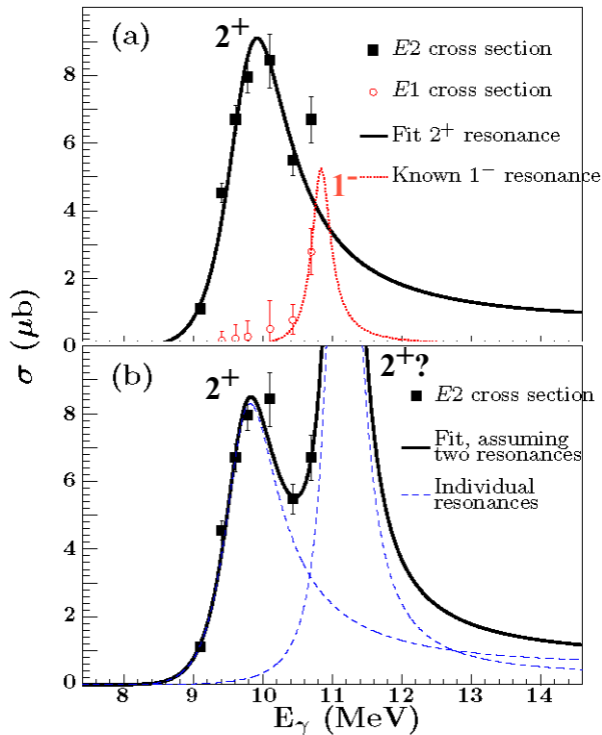
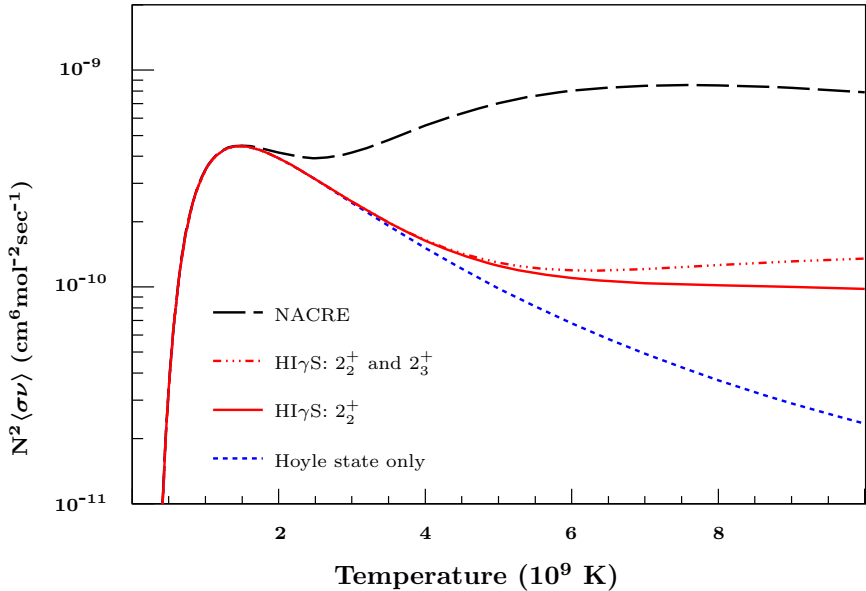
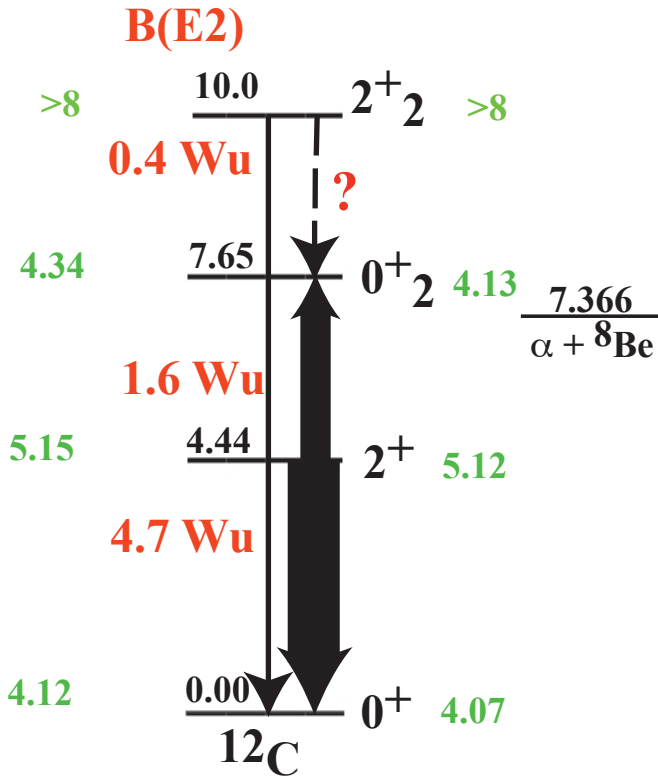
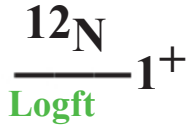
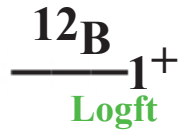


TABLE I. HI $\gamma$ S measurements of  $2^+$  resonance parameters. Results are shown from fits to both a single resonance as well as two  $2^+$  resonances.  $\gamma_\alpha^2/\gamma_W^2$  is the ratio of the reduced alpha width to the Wigner limit [39]. B( $E2$ ) values are for transitions from the  $2^+$  state to the ground state.

	$E_{\text{res}}$ (MeV)	$\Gamma_\alpha(\text{res})$ (keV)	$\Gamma_{\gamma_0}(\text{res})$ (meV)	$\gamma_\alpha^2/\gamma_W^2$	B( $E2$ ) (W.u.)
Single Res.	10.11(4)	907(58)	63(5)	0.72(7)	0.44(4)
Two Res.	9.98(5) 11.16 <sup>a</sup>	759(61) 430 <sup>a</sup>	47(5) 103(31)	0.67(10) 0.16 <sup>a</sup>	0.35(4) 0.44(14)

<sup>a</sup> Resonance parameters for a possible  $2^+$  at 11.16 MeV were taken from [27].





## Conclusions

1. Is Logft Correct?  
(2<sup>+</sup>2 missed in β - decay?)
2. B(E2: 2<sup>+</sup>2 → 0<sup>+</sup>2) = ?  
100 W.u. BR ~ 10<sup>-7</sup>

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