

PROJECT 8

Simulation Approaches in the Project 8 Experiment

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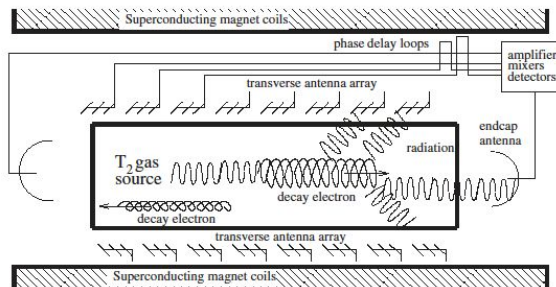
CRES and Project 8

CRES: Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy.

A new type of spectroscopy proposed by Monreal and Formaggio (PRD 80 (2009) 051301). Nondestructive to electrons trapped magnetically.

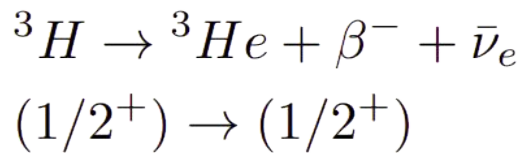
Using derived f_{cyc} as a proxy for energy, $f_{\text{cyc}} = eB / 2\pi\gamma m_e$, Project 8 aims to constrain neutrino mass m_β to within 40 meV.

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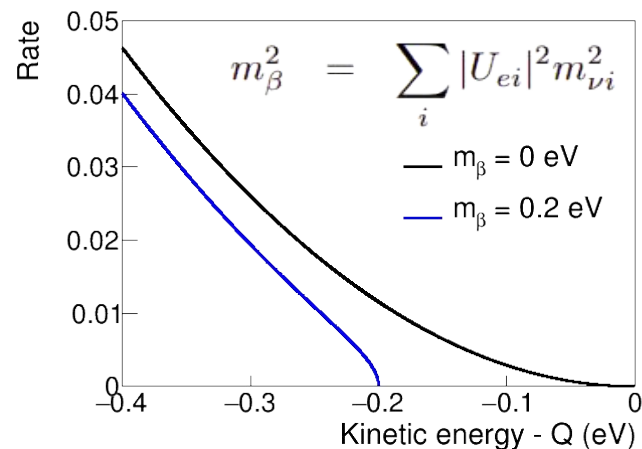
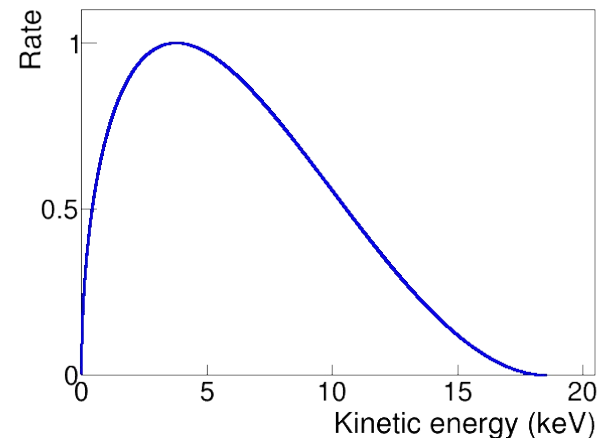
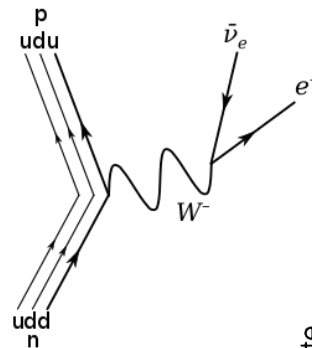


Subset of Project 8 collaborators at the recent Cavity Workshop, held at [Great Camp Sagamore](https://www.greatcamp.org/), NY. Full list of collaborators: www.project8.org.

Tritium beta decay and m_β

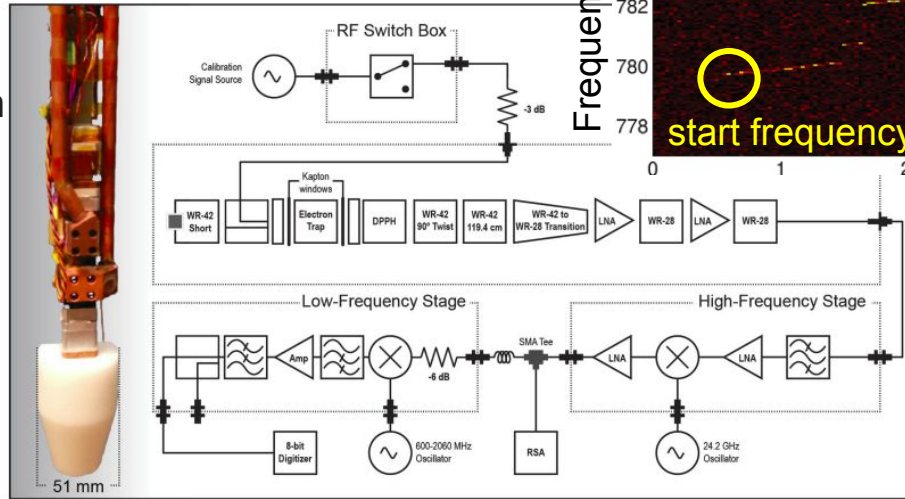


- Allowed Fermi decay, $Q = 18.6$ keV
- β^- spectrum, $E_{\text{max}} = 18.6$ keV
- Distortion near E_{max} is defined by ${}^3\text{H}_2$ kinematic excitation and by m_β . See [Bodine, Parno, Robertson PRC 91, 035505 \(2015\)](#).
- Present state of the art in direct measurement is $m_\beta \leq 0.8$ eV/ c^2 by KATRIN, [Aker et al. \(KATRIN\) Nat. Phys. 18 160-166 \(2022\)](#).

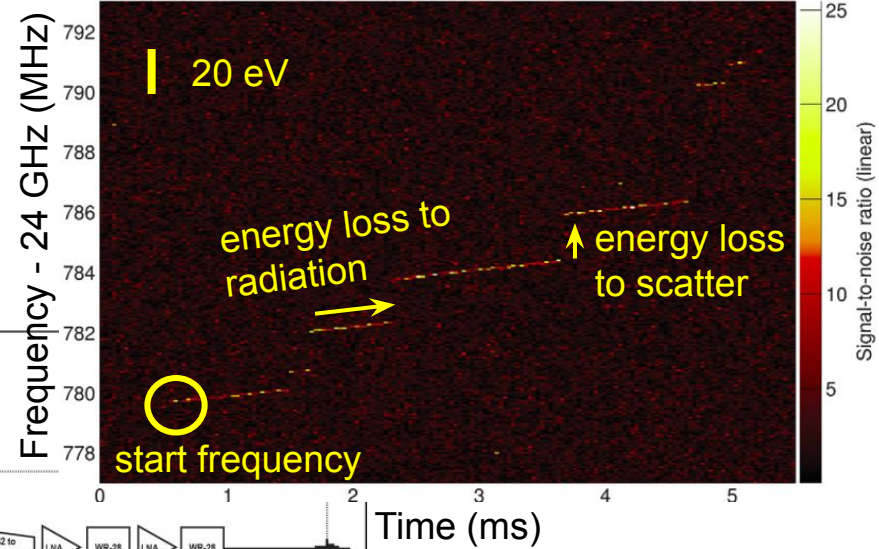


CRES data in Project 8

- First demonstrated in 2015 ([PRL 114 \(2015\) 162501](#)).
- 30 keV conversion electrons from a gaseous ^{83m}Kr source.
- Heterodyne detection, FFT in signal processing leads to raw spectrogram in frequency and time.



Project 8 CRES event



Simulation objectives

- Simulate and study CRES experiment designs.
- Simulate present and future Project 8 demonstrators, validate with data as it becomes available, and understand volume scaling relations.
- Study and anticipate systematics in CRES experiments.
- Support offline physics analysis.
 - Configurable data sets
 - Parameter studies
 - Validation work
 - End to end analyses
- Aim for compatibility with existing tools, in simulation/analysis and in coordinated infrastructure upgrades.



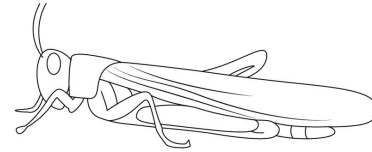
Simulation resources in Project 8

- Commercial and other publicly available simulation packages
 - Can efficiently address targeted technical questions in Project 8.
 - Several packages are in routine use: **HFSS, Comsol, Scikit-RF, CST**.
 - ATD simulation work: **Sparta, Molflow+, Comsol, CST, Kassiopeia**.
- Custom simulation software, integrated with Project 8 tools
 - Necessary to address questions unique to the experiment.
 - Developed and/or integrated within Project 8.
 - **Locust*** RF signal calculations driven with theoretical models
 - **Kassiopeia**** field and trajectory calculations, integrated with Locust
- Theoretical models
 - Critical for our understanding.
 - Can be developed independently, or integrated with other calculations.

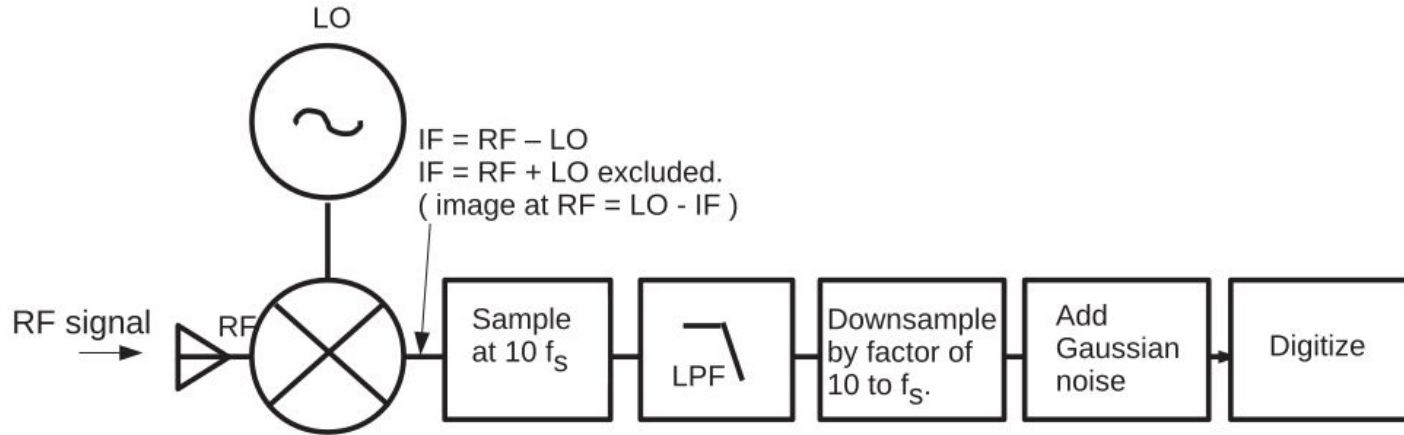
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Locust* simulation software



- Developed in C++ within Project 8.
- Integrated with Project 8 DAQ libraries.
- Functionality models an RF receiver and digitizer.
- Interfaces are modular and flexible to allow for arbitrary input signals.

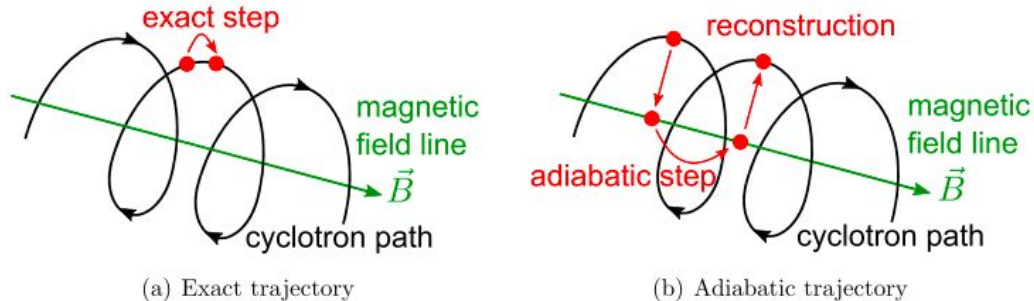


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Kassiopeia* simulation software



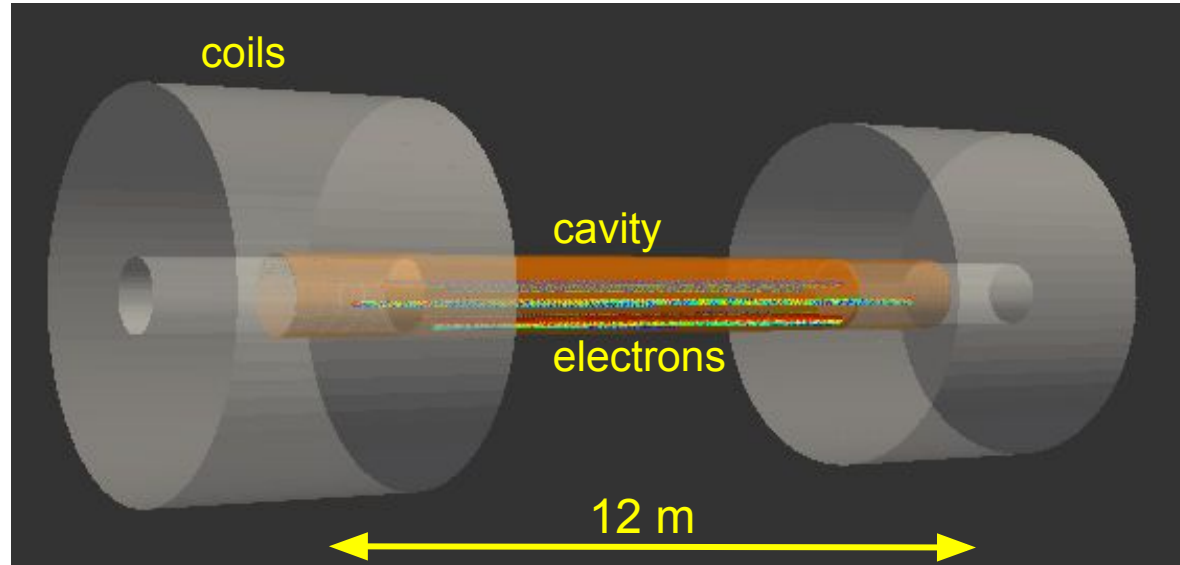
- Developed by the KATRIN collaboration.
- Highly advanced calculations of electron trajectories and energy losses in EM fields.
- Adaptable EM field solutions with configurable source geometries.
- Modular and flexible; C++ based code.



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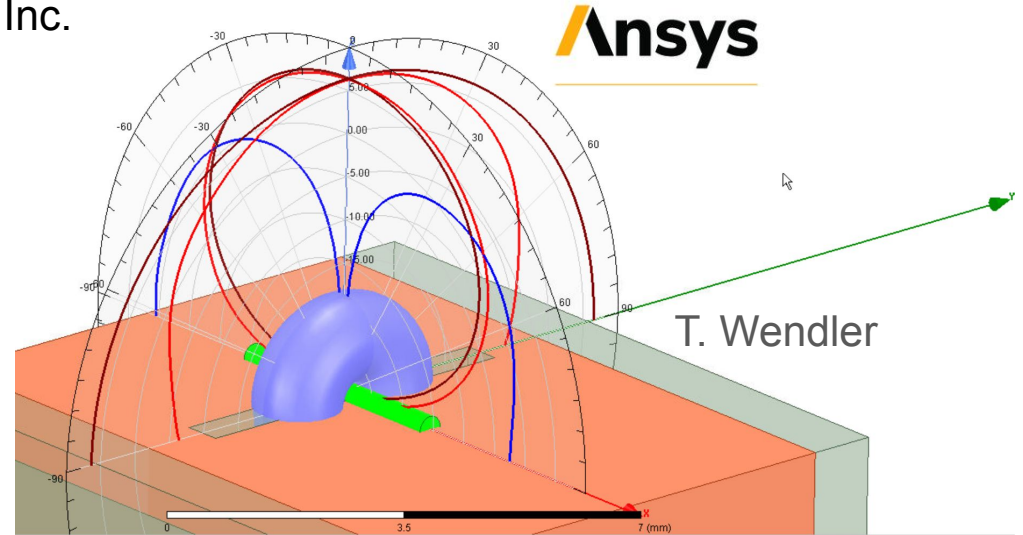
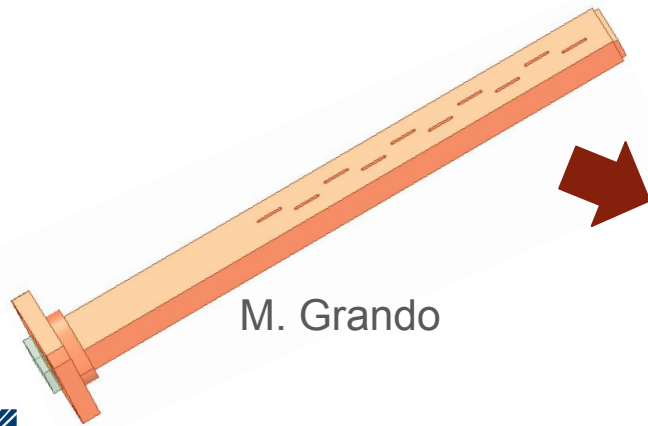
Kassiopeia example

- 325 MHz trap for T2 endpoint experiment.
- Resonant cavity is shown with diameter 1.12 m.
- 5 electron trajectories are calculated inside the cavity.



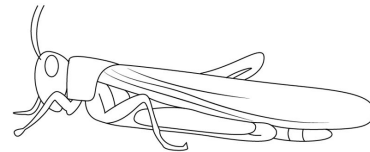
High Frequency Simulation Software (HFSS)

- Highly advanced, industry-standard finite element method solver for EM structures.
- Commercially developed by Ansys, Inc.



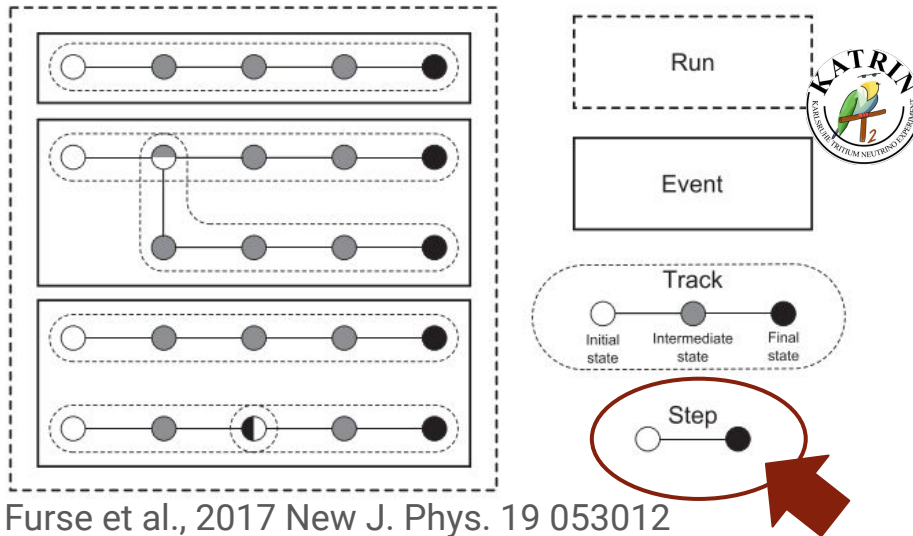
Integrating software packages (carefully)

- **Challenge:** We have multiple highly refined calculations (e.g. theory, Kassiopeia, and HFSS), each developed separately, and each representing years of scientific and technical development by world-leading experts.
- To combine these advanced calculations nondestructively, we need to consider the interfaces between them.
- Locust is well-suited for this purpose - flexibility allows for careful software integration with minimal loss of information.

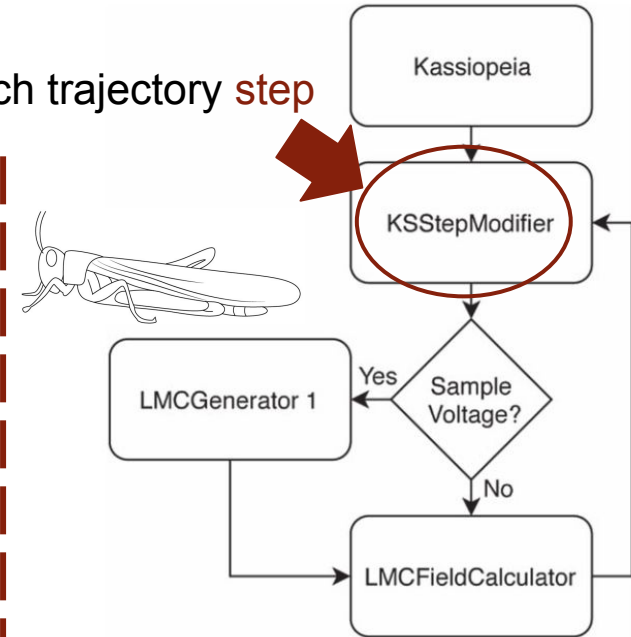


Locust-Kassiopeia interface

- Modularity in both Locust and Kassiopeia supports tight integration of Locust-Kassiopeia in the time domain.
- Cross-package communication happens after each trajectory **step** in Kassiopeia.



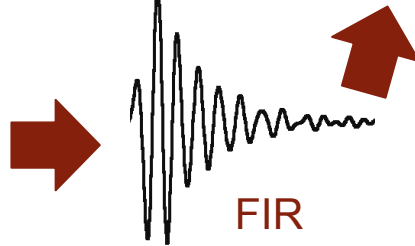
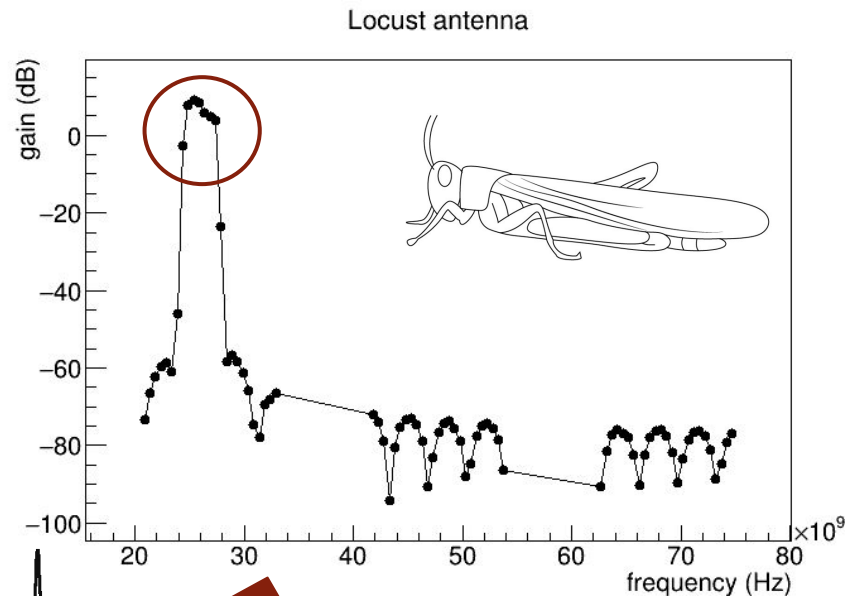
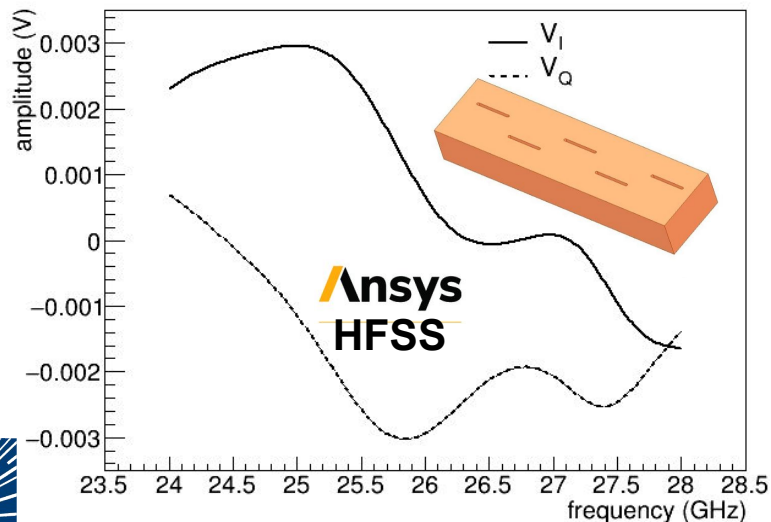
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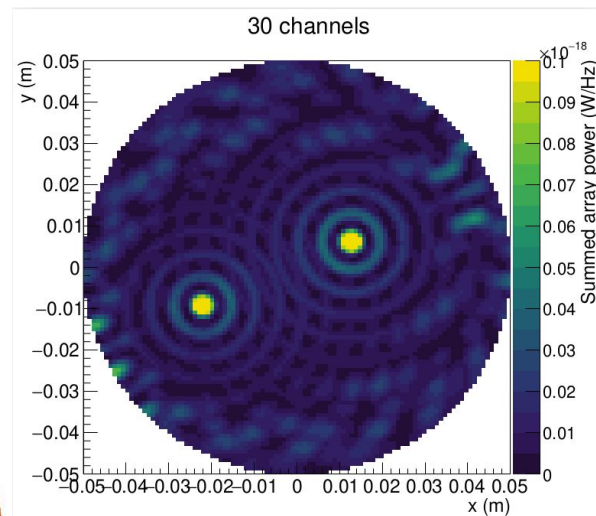
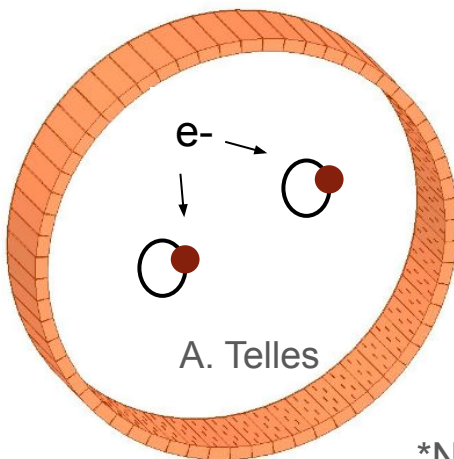
Locust-HFSS interface

- Interface relies on Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) system theory.
- LTI antenna model is configured in HFSS.
- Locust EM fields drive the LTI antenna FIR.



Kassiopeia-Locust-HFSS combined

- Time-dependent Locust-Kassiopeia EM fields* drive the HFSS hardware model and receiver.
- Accurate complex voltage signals are extracted for reconstruction.
- Reconstructed signals provide both cross checks and design diagnostics.

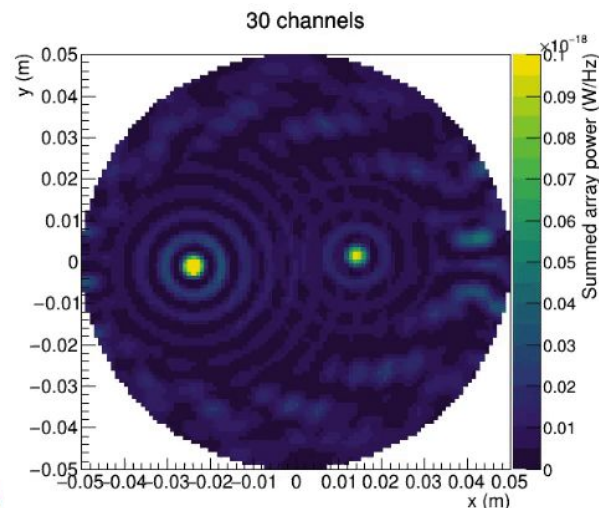
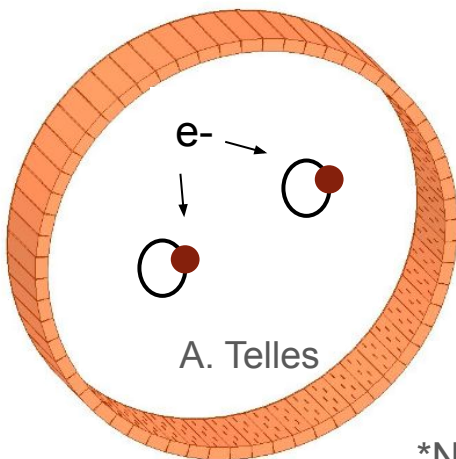


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Locust and analytic calculations

- Analytic EM models* can also drive the software receiver in Locust.
- Or, discrete steps in analytic models can also be implemented as components in larger workflows. Example: The single-mode cavity response model by H. Robertson and A. Marsteller:
 - Kassiopeia e- current acts as an impulse that drives a Green's function in Locust.
 - The Green's function is derived from a damped harmonic oscillator.
 - The Locust-Kassiopeia interface is preserved.



$$\begin{aligned}
 A(t) &= \sum_n f(nT, z, v_z) G(t, nT), \\
 &= \sum_n A_0 \sin\left(\omega_c(nT + \left|\frac{z}{v_p}\right|) + \varphi\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{L}z\right) J_1\left(X'_{01} \frac{r}{r_C}\right) \\
 &\quad \Theta(nT - t) e^{-\xi\omega_c(nT-t)} \frac{\sin(\omega'(nT - t))}{\omega'},
 \end{aligned}$$

Kass e- current & coupling

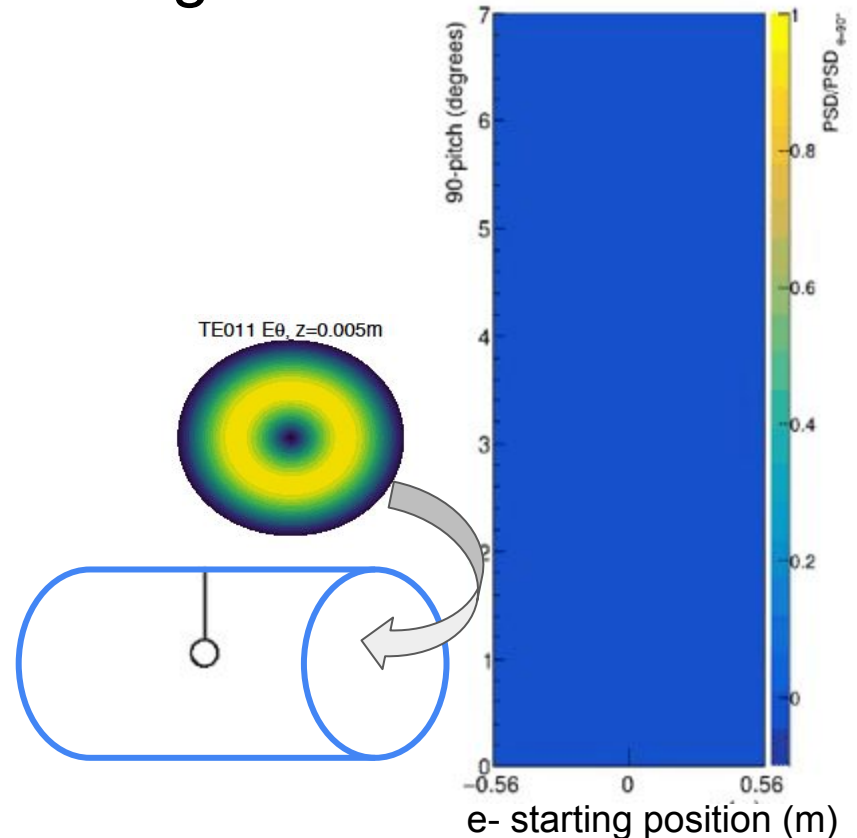
Complex discrete
Green's function in
Locust

*Project 8, arXiv:2303.12055



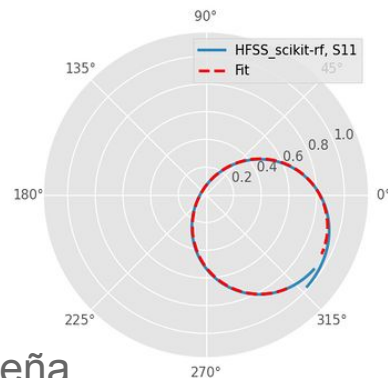
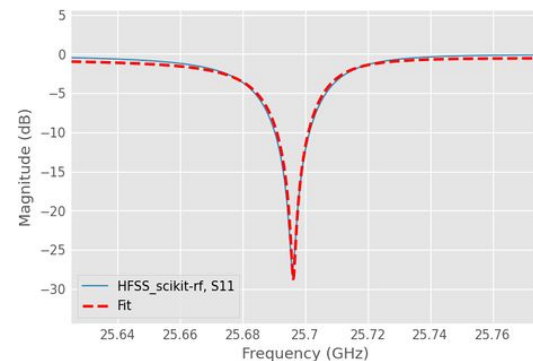
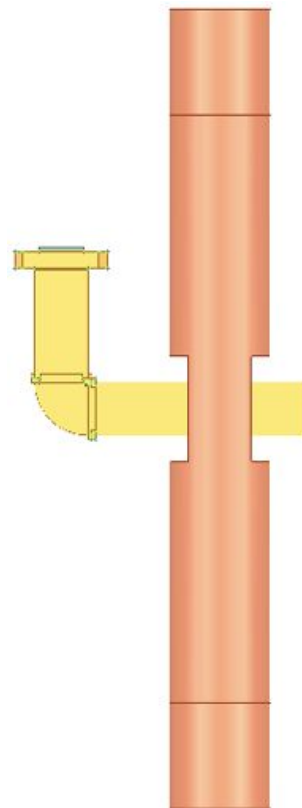
Resonant cavity simulation for testing

- 325 MHz single-mode TE011 cavity simulation workflow. 2D set of 18574.01 eV e- simulations in pitch angle θ and starting radial position.
- Abstract readout configuration test is shown with distortion-free probe.
- Power in azimuthal E-field scales as $J'_0(k_{01}r)$ as expected.
- Higher resolution scans in e.g. energy, θ are ongoing.



Locust-HFSS in realistic cavity designs

- More realistic readout configurations can be simulated in HFSS, SciKit-RF.
- Complex wave impedance can be exported and defined in Locust.
- Expected outcome: A more realistic simulated cavity response.
- Existing LTI framework in Locust would support this test.

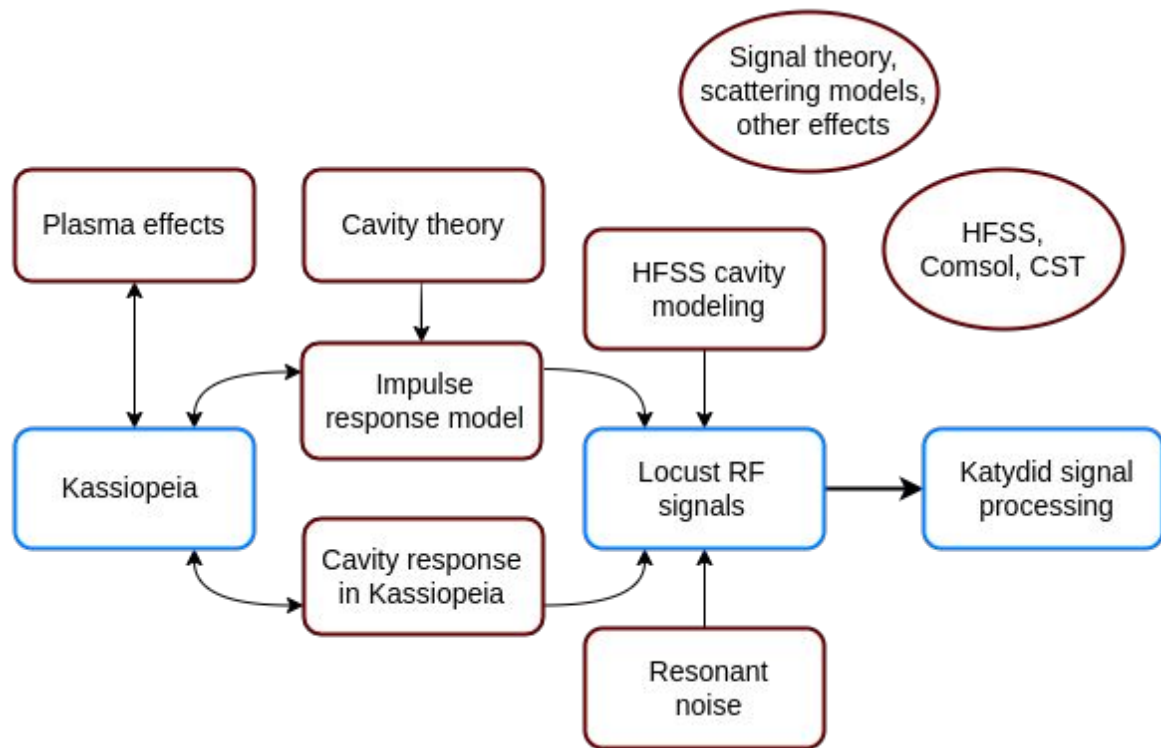


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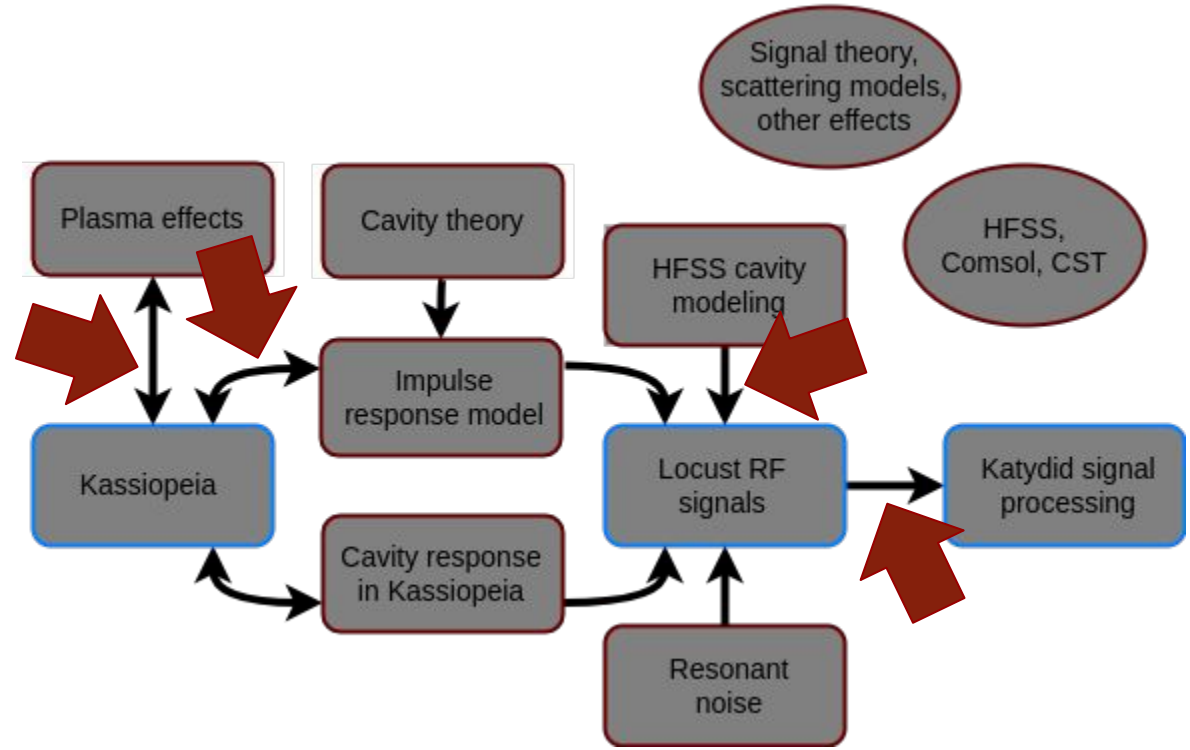
Multiple simulation paths

- Modular approach allows cross checks.
- Systematic effects can be isolated and studied.
- Multiple paths can be explored.
 - Sets of modules
 - Theory + DAQ



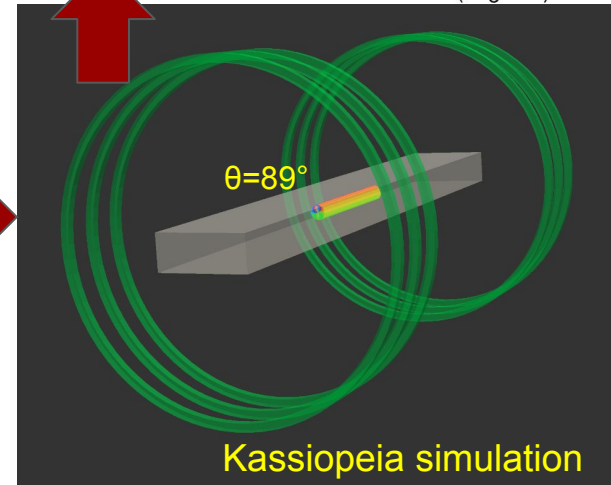
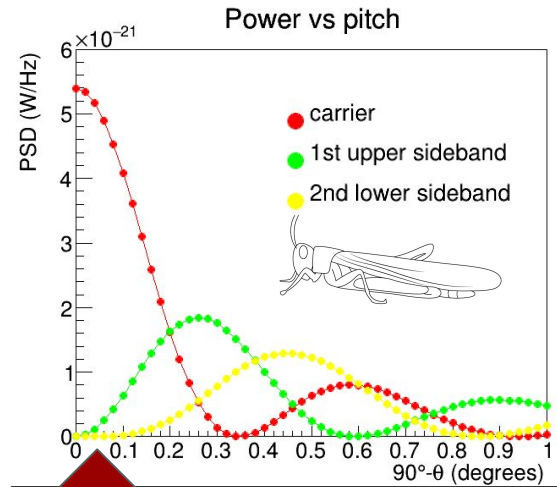
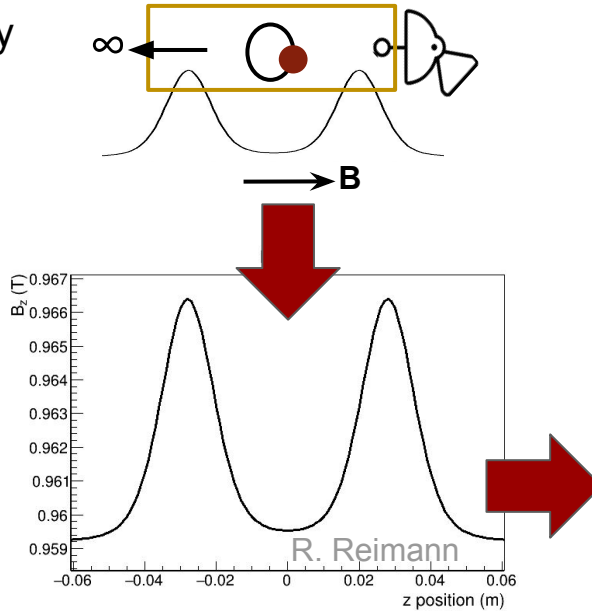
Simulation interfaces

- Targeted development happens at the interfaces between packages.
- This preserves the fidelity of advanced calculations contained within each package.
- Alternate approaches (e.g. without integrating software packages) can also be useful, depending on goals.



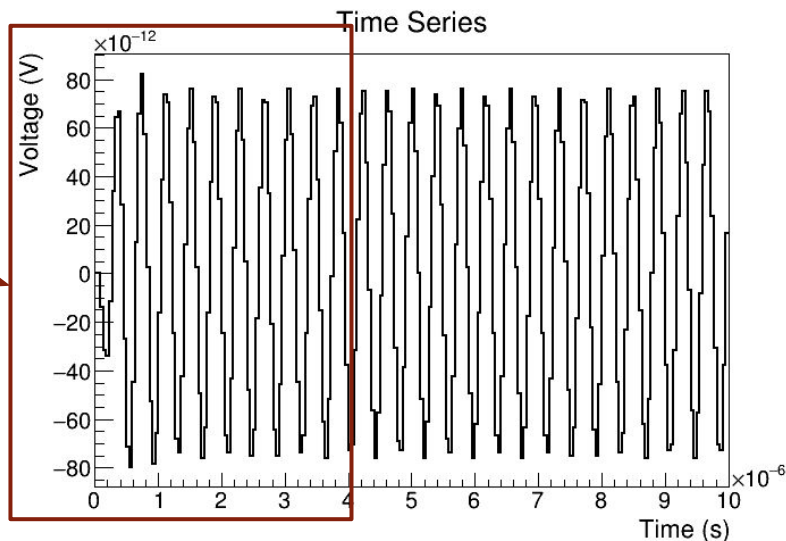
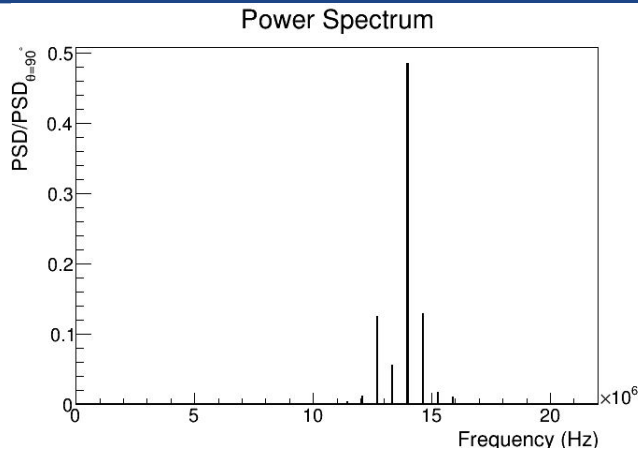
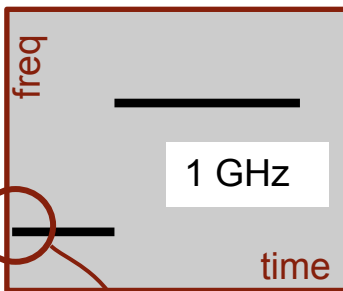
Example workflow

- 25.9 GHz cyclotron frequency
- Using Locust-Kassiopeia, calculate RF signals expected from magnetically trapped electron in waveguide. Process with Katydid analysis software.
- Discuss/validate; e.g. these results are consistent with predictions in [PRC 99 \(2019\) no.5, 055501](#).



Simulated cavity signals

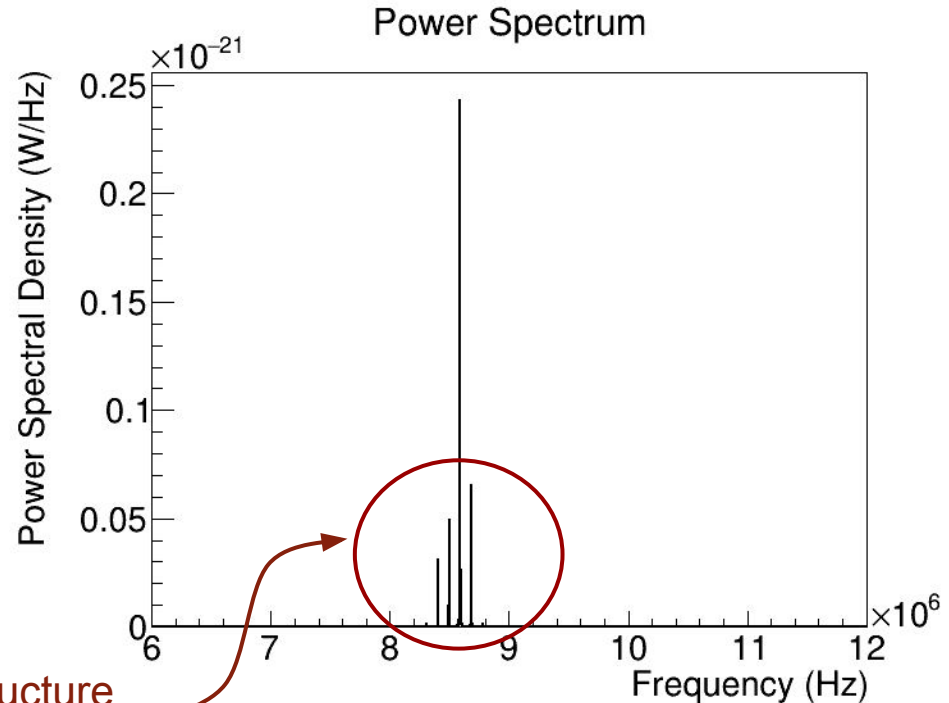
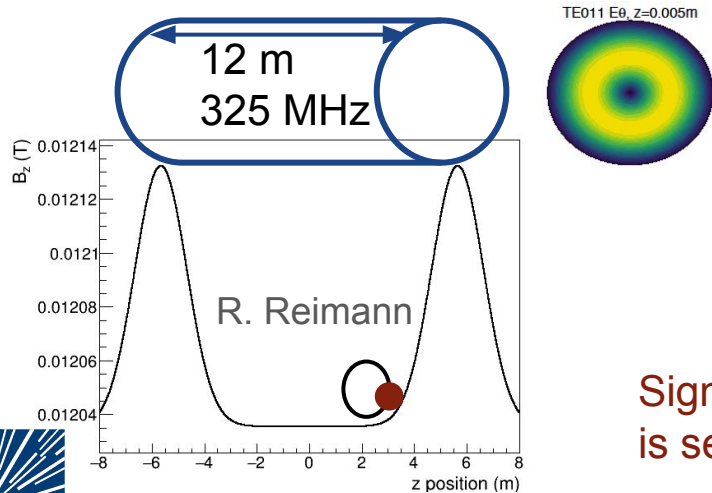
- Output format in a time series, compatible with our analysis tools.
- Cavity transient time is predicted* to be $2Q/\omega_C$ and characterizes the “ring-up” of the signal.
- Example: For a 1 GHz cavity with $Q=1000$, $2Q/\omega_C \sim 0.3 \mu\text{s}$.
- In post-processing, a typical time bin spans $\sim 4 \mu\text{s}$, which confines the signal ring-up to the first signal pixel.



*H. Robertson and A. Marsteller, “Project 8 Kassiopeia Cavity calculations”

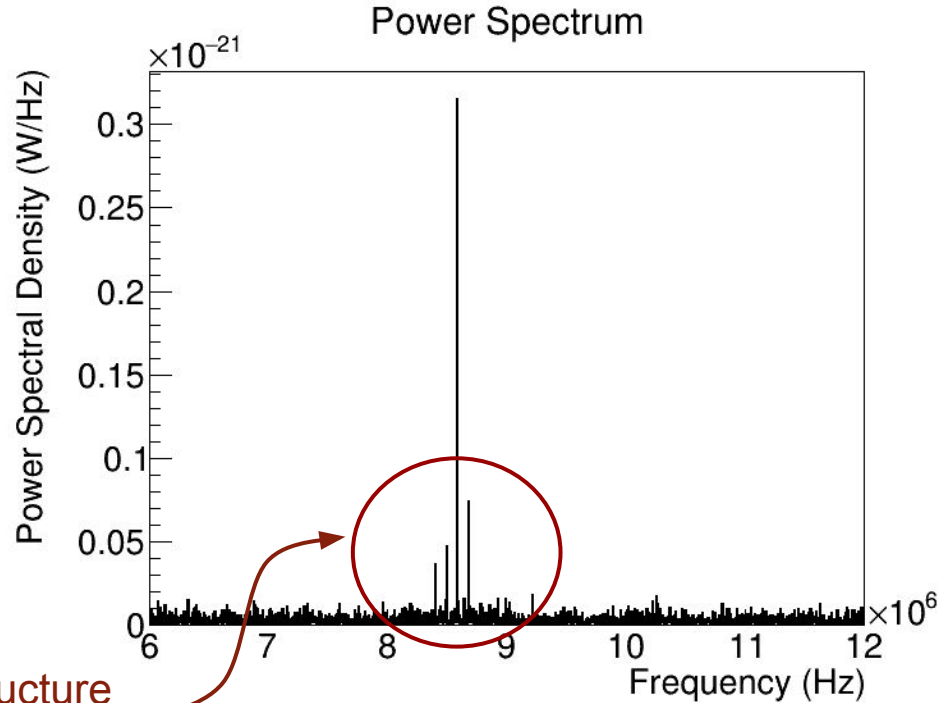
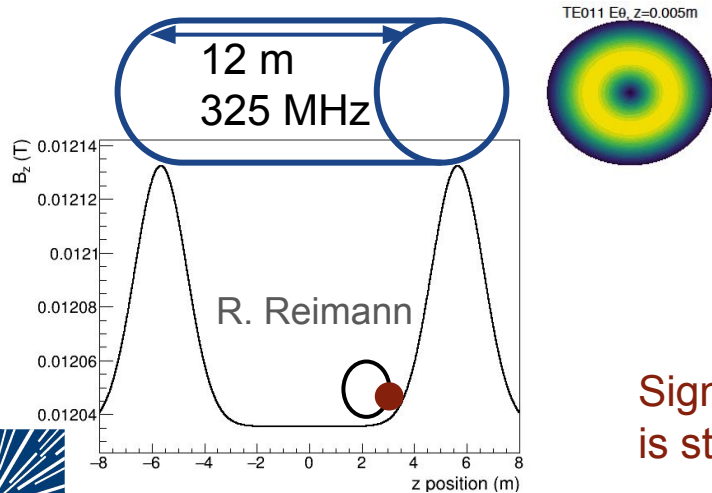
Noise considerations

- Simulation without noise allows visibility of signal modulation features.
- Optionally, add noise for testing signal recovery strategies.



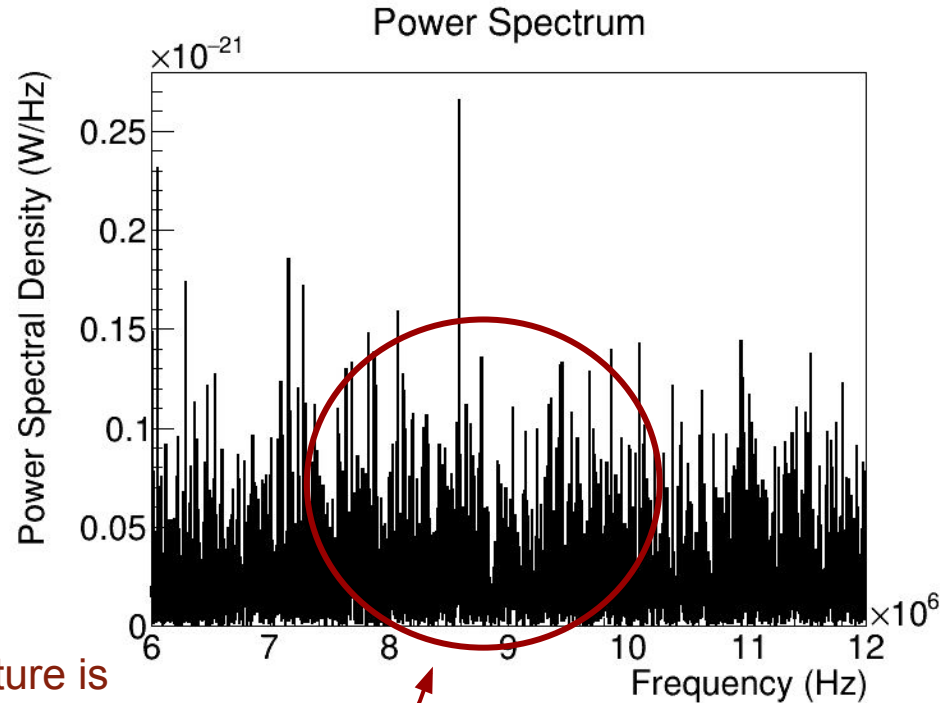
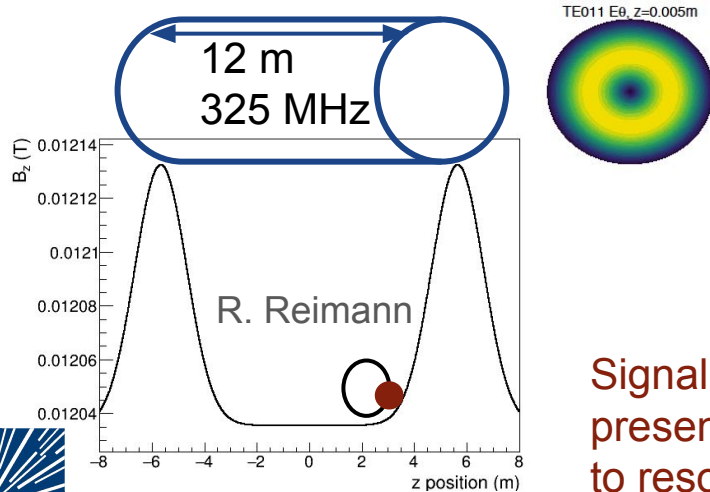
Noise considerations

- With low noise, signal features are still visible.
- SNR ~ 100 .



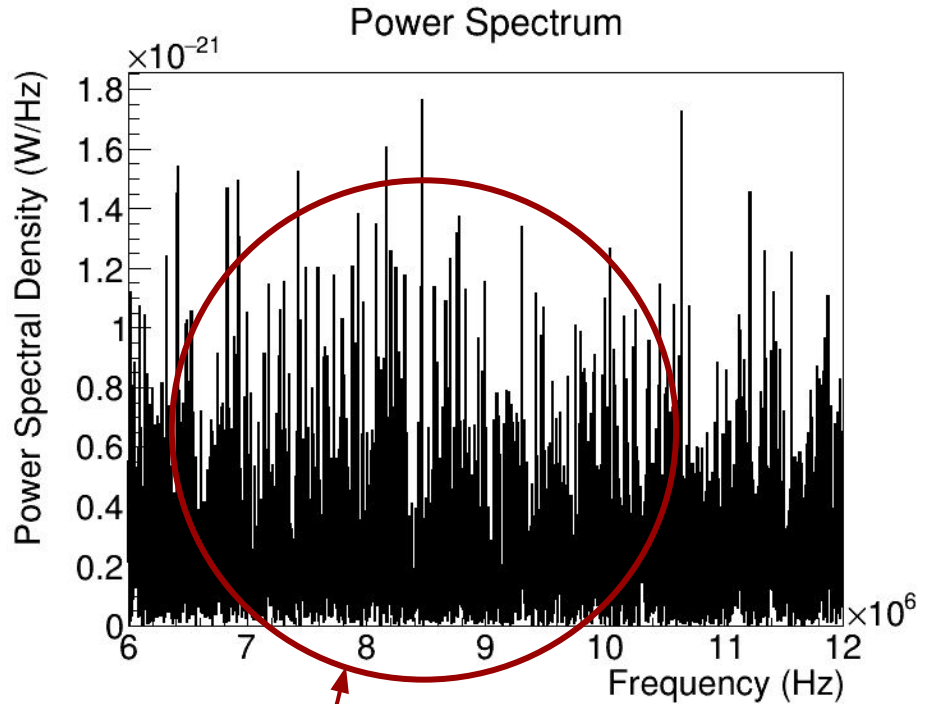
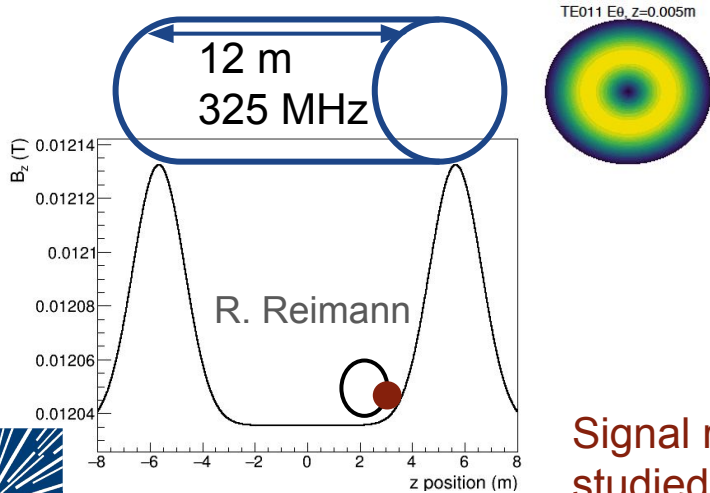
Noise considerations

- Signal features are becoming somewhat less visible.
- SNR ~ 10 .



Noise considerations

- Signal features look similar to noise, further motivating algorithmic reconstruction testing.
- SNR ~ 1 .

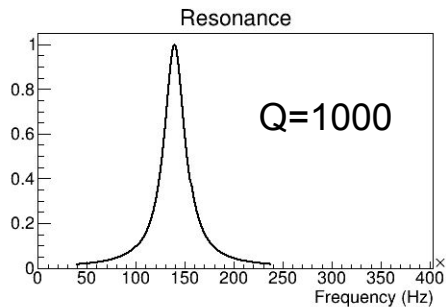
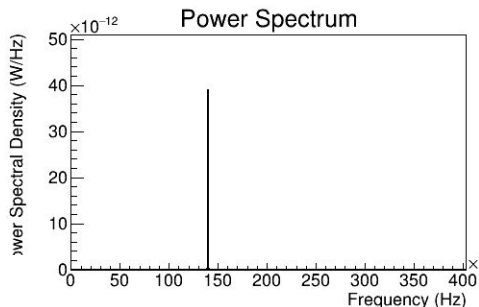
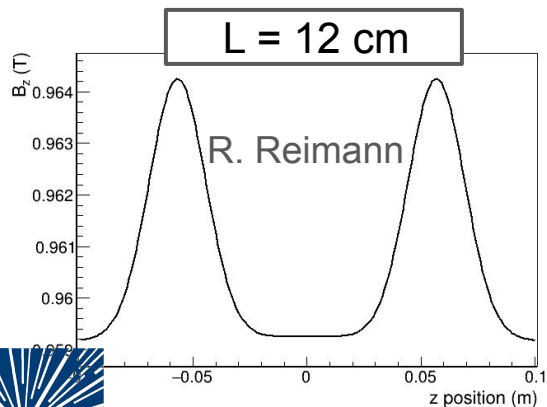


Signal recovery to be studied in offline testing.

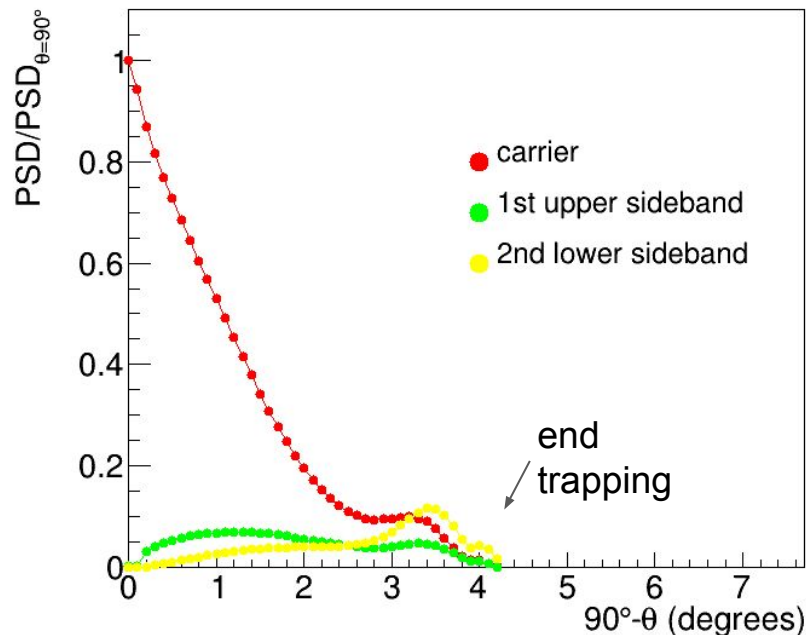
25.9 GHz cavity workflow

Parameterized inputs:

- Cavity frequency = 25.9 GHz
- Cavity Q = 1000
- L = 12 cm, R = 7 mm



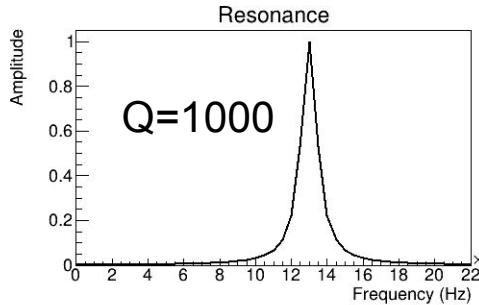
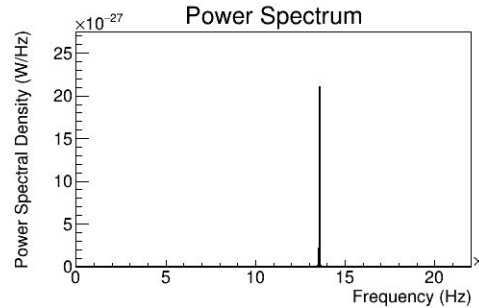
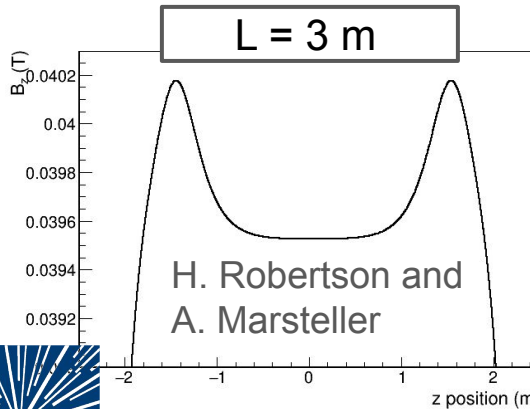
25.9 GHz cavity and trap



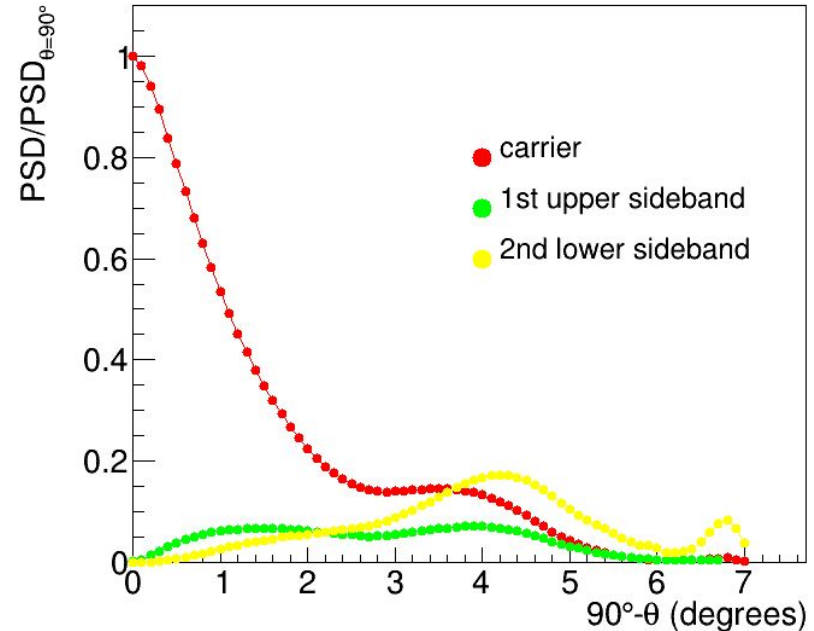
1 GHz cavity workflow

Parameterized inputs:

- Cavity frequency = 1.067 GHz
- Cavity Q = 1000
- L = 3 m, R = 18 cm



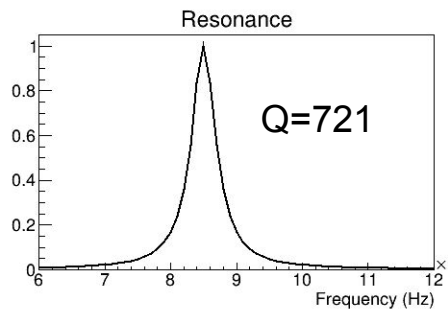
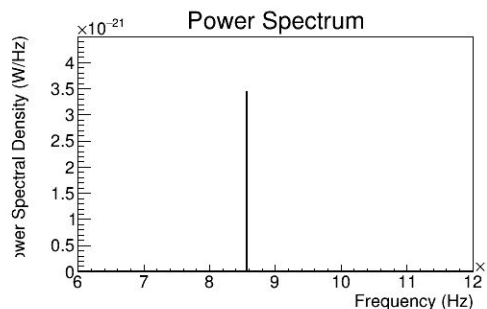
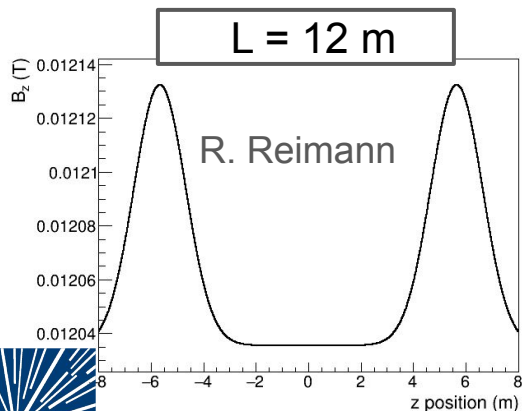
1 GHz cavity, CDR trap



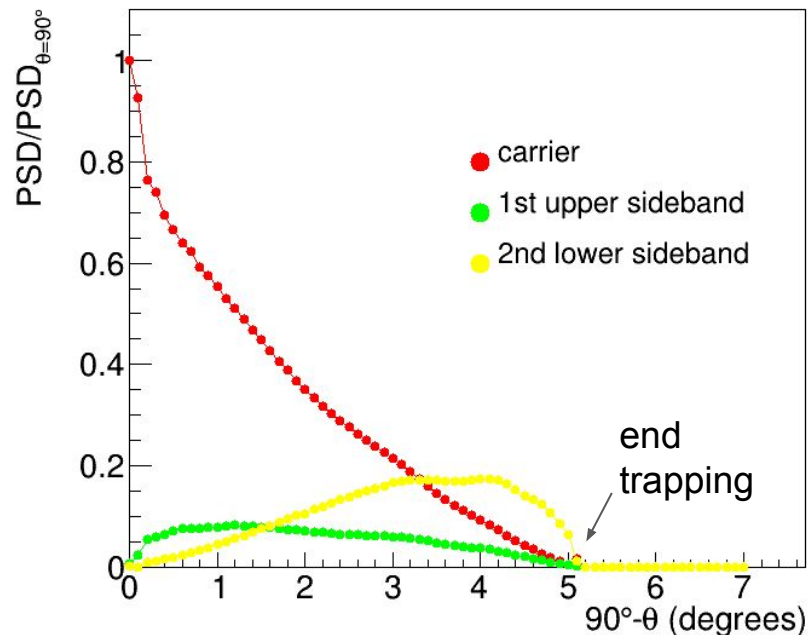
325 MHz cavity workflow

Parameterized inputs:

- Cavity frequency = 325 MHz
- Cavity Q = 721
- L = 12 m, R = 0.56 m



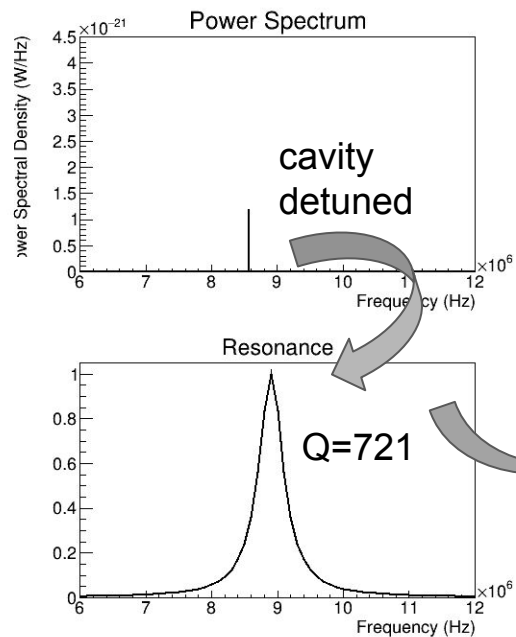
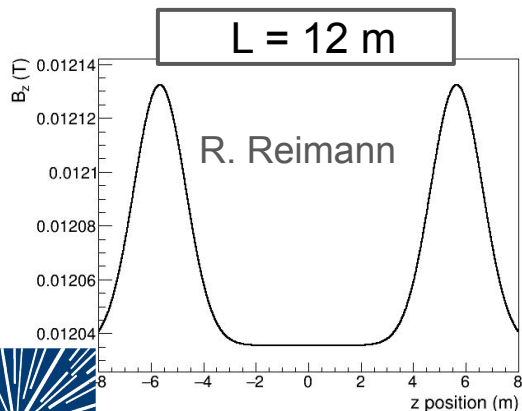
325 MHz cavity, 325 MHz trap



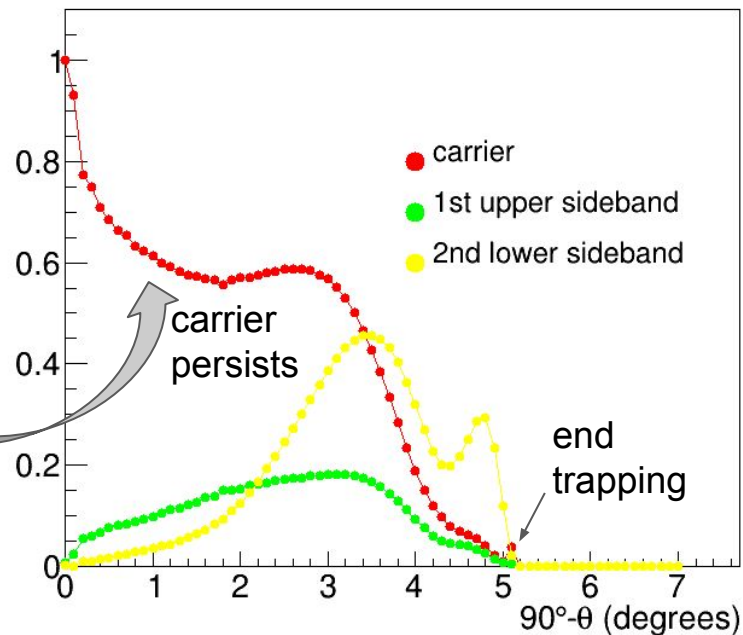
325 MHz cavity workflow

Parameterized inputs:

- Cavity frequency = **325.4 MHz**
- Cavity Q = 721
- L = 12 m, R = 0.56 m

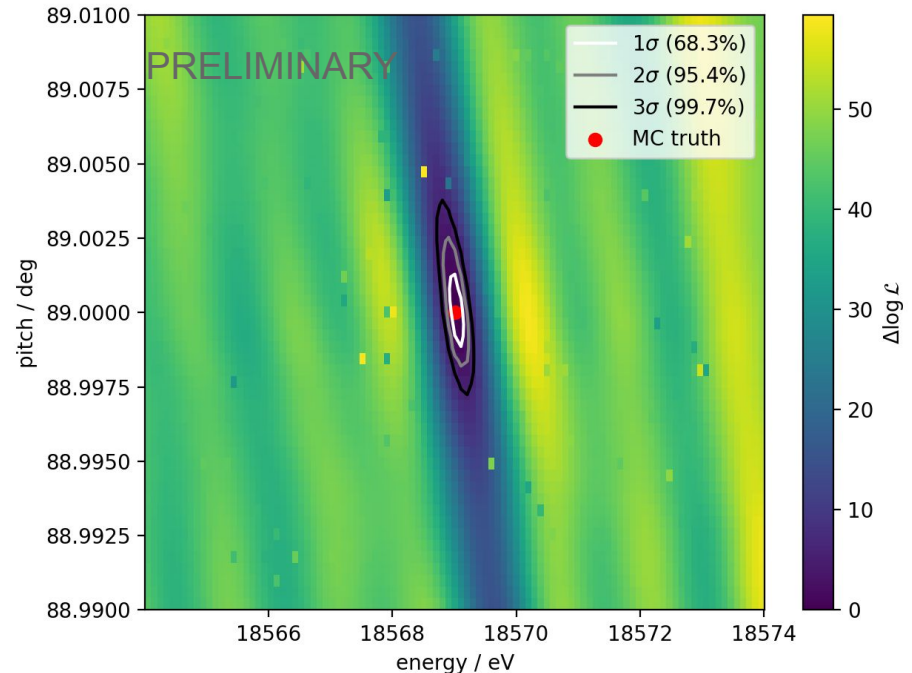
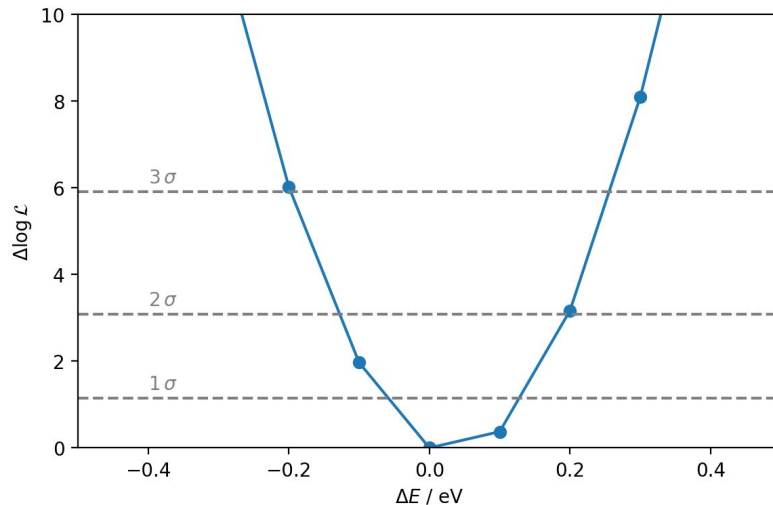


325.4 MHz cavity, 325 MHz trap



325 MHz cavity energy reconstruction

- Each pixel represents one simulation with $\text{SNR} > 10$.
- Maximum likelihood estimator applied to simulation output.
- With optimistic assumptions, good energy resolution is seen. Work is ongoing.



Summary

- Project 8 relies on a suite of simulation tools. Our compact technical questions can often be answered with commercial software. Other unique questions have motivated software approaches that have been developed internally.
- Demonstrator experiments in Project 8 have been built into simulation workflows.
- Development and integration work is ongoing:
 - Collaboration with KATRIN on Kassiopeia development.
 - Integration of plasma effects* into our simulation framework.
- Software repositories are publicly available at github.com/project8/locust_mc and github.com/KATRIN-Experiment/Kassiopeia .

*Kellerer and Spanier 2022 JINST 17 P06029

