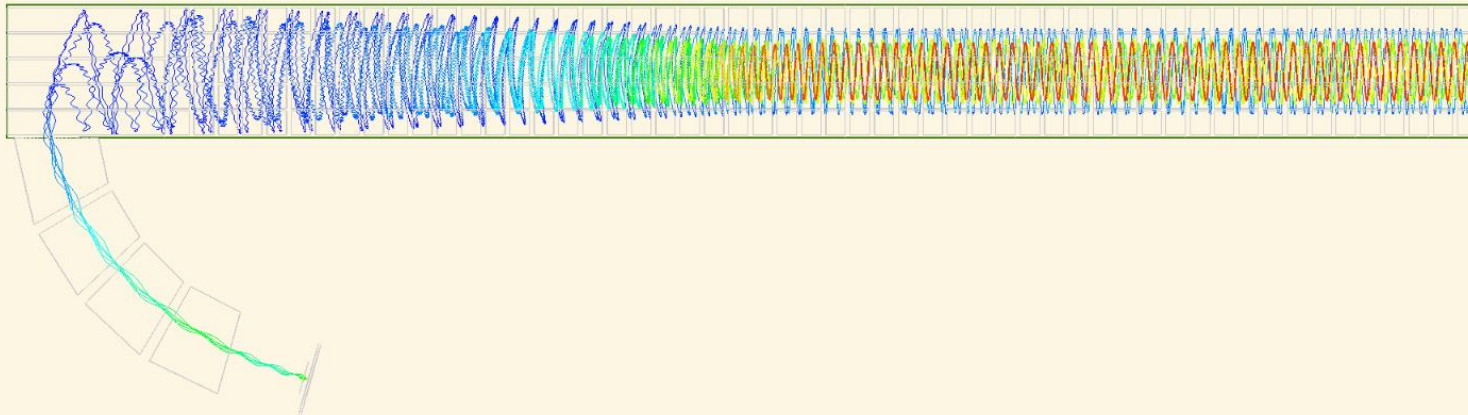


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# Magnetic Adiabatic Drift Collimation and Transmission (MADCAT)

*for the Determination of the Neutrino Mass  
at the Tritium Endpoint*



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# Permanent Magnet Target

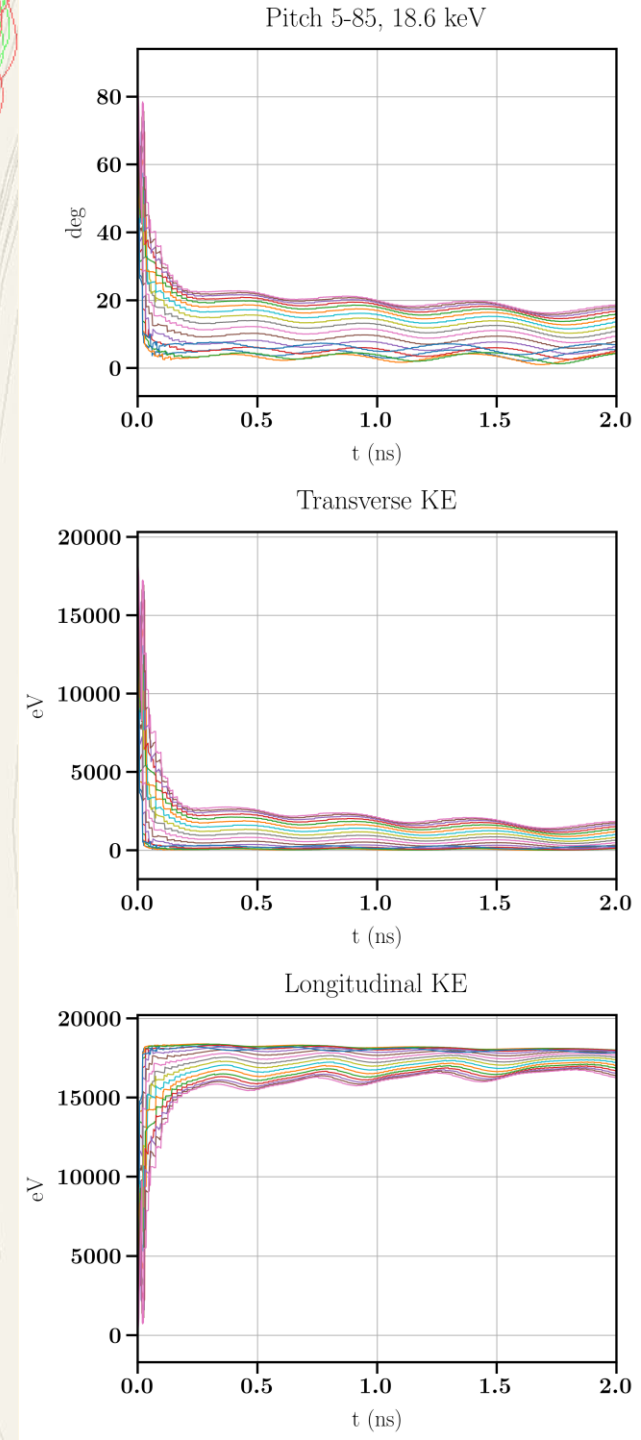
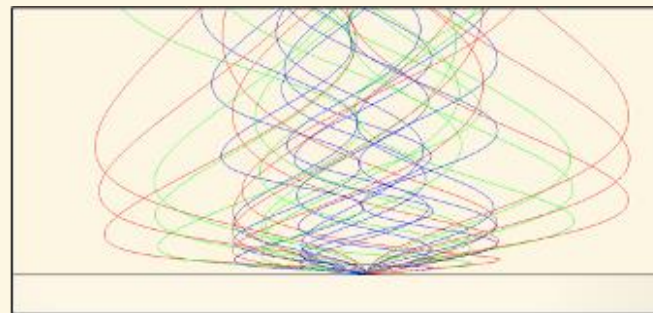
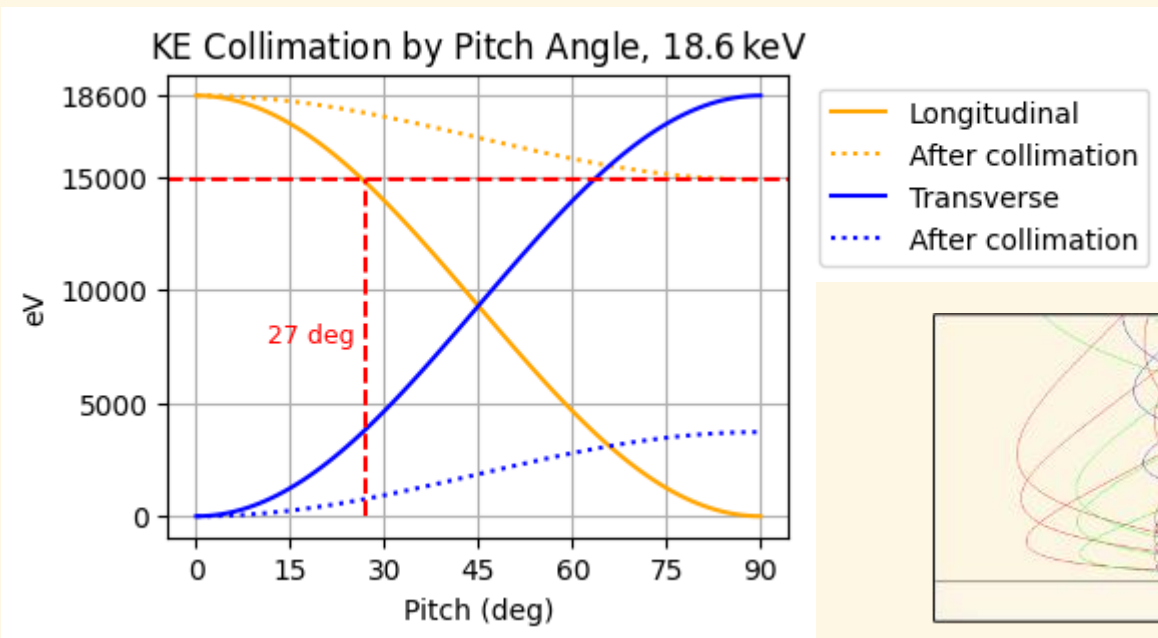
$$\mu = \frac{T_{\perp}}{B}$$

$$\theta_{col} = \theta_{orig} \cdot \frac{B_{ext}}{B_{perm}}$$

$$B_{ext} \approx 0.1$$

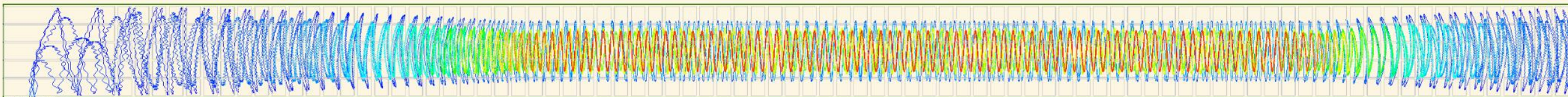
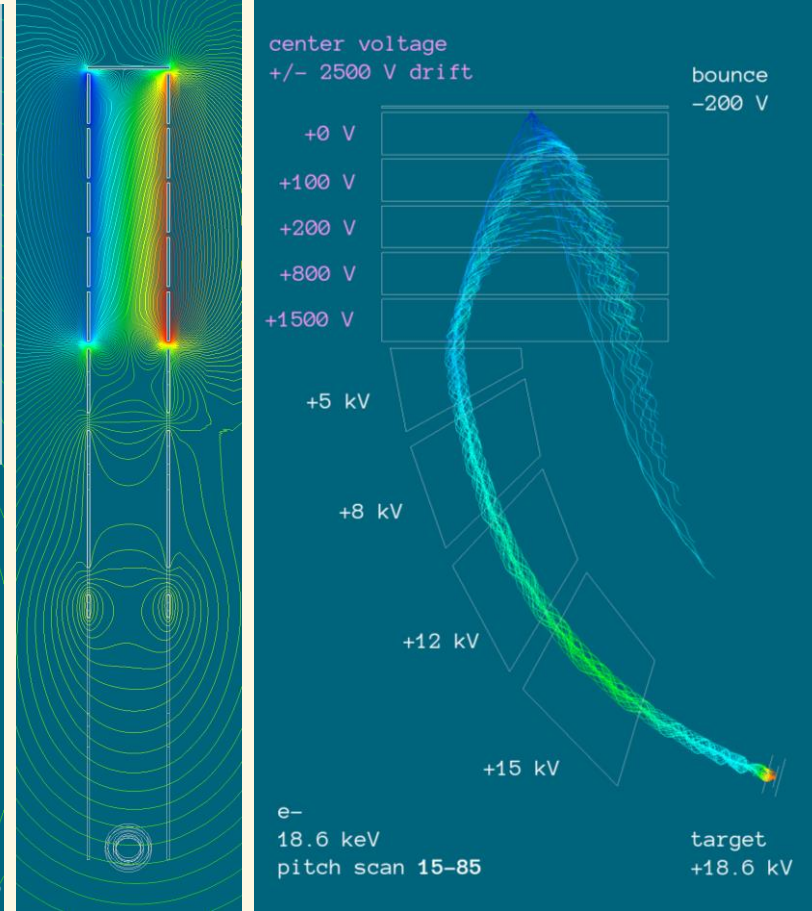
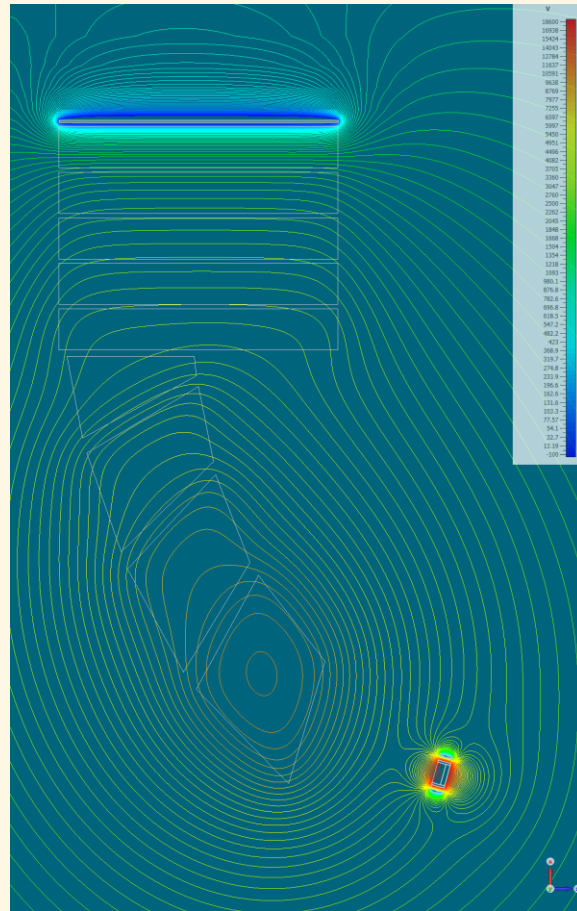
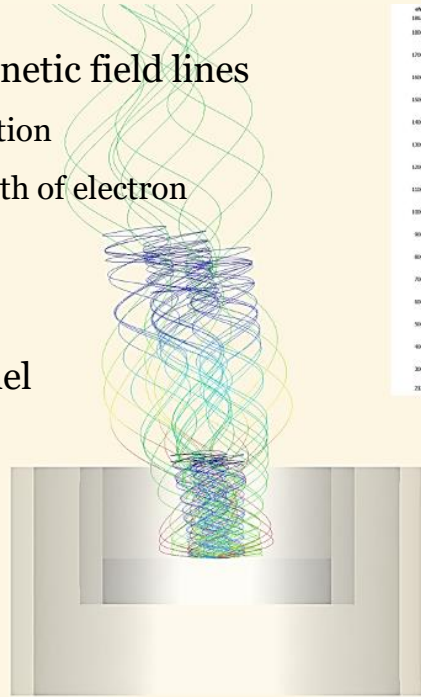
$$B_{perm} \approx 0.5$$

- Unconstrained trajectories follow field lines
- Transverse momentum collimated into longitudinal
  - Linear “collimation factor” in B via adiabatic invariant
- Effectively a pitch range compression (90 → 27)

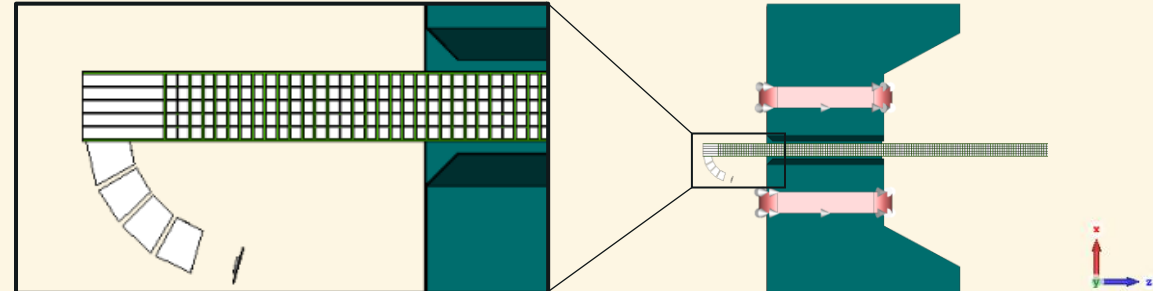
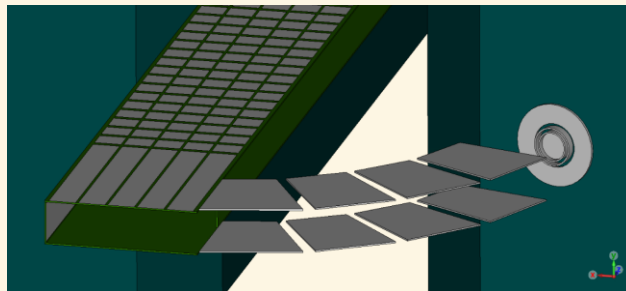


# Collimated Injection

- Shape electrodes to follow the magnetic field lines
  - Well-parameterized by ellipse equation
  - Aligns potential gradient against path of electron
  - Drains parallel momentum
- Once electrons enter central channel
  - Apply fast drift in z
  - Contain bounce motion
  - Accelerate to uniform region



18.6 keV electrons  
pitch 5, 25, 45, 65, 85



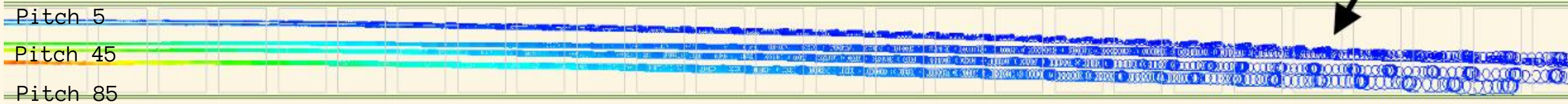
# Method of Adiabatic Drift Collimation

$\lambda_B$  fixed by magnet,  $\lambda_E$  still variable

Intentionally introduce imbalances at injection and filter entry

Exploit:

- Low-pitch electrons have lower transverse KE
- Lower grad-B drift (smaller y-excursion) for same z-excursion
- Can be calculated/predicted analytically (see [spring 2023 slides](#))
- Make trajectories intersect/converge at desired z position across wide pitch range



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## Analytical Filter Fields and Drift Balancing

- Given the following field configuration:
 
$$V(x, y, z) = T_{\perp}^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z/\lambda}$$

$$E_x = 0$$

$$E_y = \frac{T_{\perp}^2}{\lambda} \cos\left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z/\lambda}$$

$$E_z = -\frac{T_{\perp}^2}{\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z/\lambda}$$

$$B_x = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z/\lambda}$$

$$B_y = 0$$

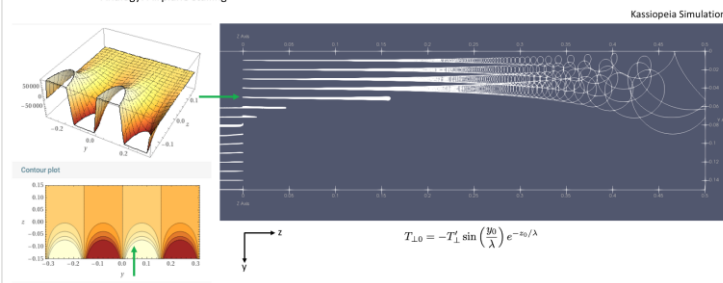
$$B_z = -B_0 \sin\left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z/\lambda}$$
- With  $x \ll \lambda$ ,
 
$$\frac{E_x}{B_z} \hat{y} = -\frac{\mu}{qB_z} \frac{dB_z}{dz} \hat{y}$$

$$\approx \frac{E_z}{B} = -\frac{\mu}{qB} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

$$-\frac{T_{\perp}^2}{B_0 \lambda} \sin\left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{\mu}{q\lambda}$$
- Solving for  $T_{\perp}^2$  and rewriting  $\mu = \frac{T_{\perp 0}}{B_0} e^{-z_0/\lambda}$ ,
 
$$T_{\perp}^2 = -\frac{T_{\perp 0} e^{z_0/\lambda}}{q \sin\left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right)} = \frac{T_{\perp 0} e^{z_0/\lambda}}{\sin\left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right)} \text{ [eV]}$$
- Rearranging,
 
$$T_{\perp 0} = -T_{\perp}^2 \sin\left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z_0/\lambda}$$
- Which makes clear that the initial  $T_{\perp 0}$  needed for a straight trajectory is a function of  $T_{\perp}^2$  of the field definition and the initial position  $(y_0, z_0)$ .

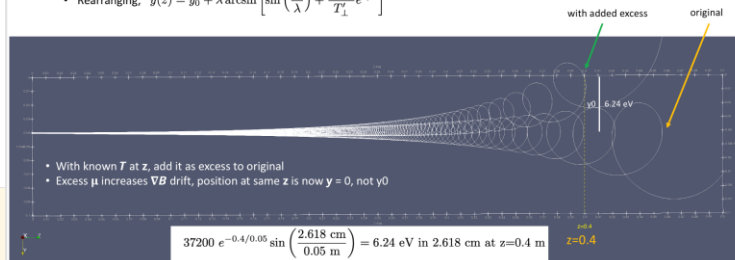
## Analytical Forms (cont.)

- Vary  $y_0$  depending on  $T_{\perp 0}$  to find straight trajectory
- Only works from  $0 < \frac{y_0}{\lambda} < \frac{\pi}{4}$  ( $E_y/E_z > 1$ ) to direction of z-component of ExB
  - Analogy: Airplane stalling



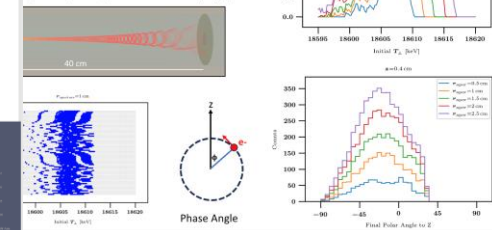
## Analytical Trajectory

- For an excess  $\Delta T_{\perp} = T_{\perp} - T_{\perp}^{\text{orig}} \left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right) e^{-z_0/\lambda}$
- Express  $\Delta T_{\perp}$  along trajectory as  $\Delta T_{\perp} = T_{\perp}^{\text{orig}} e^{-z/\lambda} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right) \right]$
- Rearranging,  $y(z) = y_0 + \lambda \arcsin \left[ \sin\left(\frac{y_0}{\lambda}\right) + \frac{\Delta T_{\perp}}{T_{\perp}^{\text{orig}}} e^{z/\lambda} \right]$



## Transfer Function Simulation

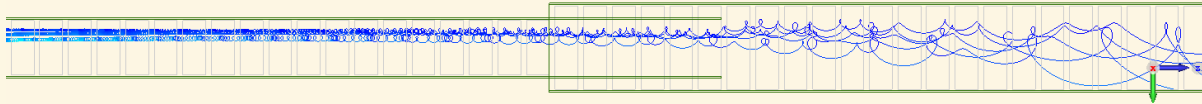
pitch angle 0-360° in 5° steps (pitch 90°)  
2 eV steps, N = 8946  
aperture centered on  $y_0$  at  $z=0.4$  m  
ing it into aperture (no constraints on entry angle)



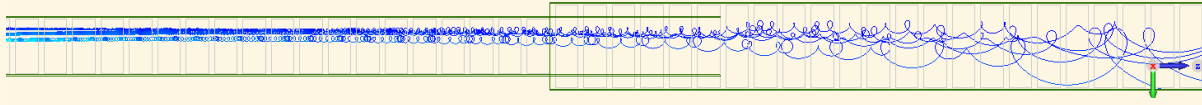
- With known  $T$  at  $z$ , add it as excess to original
- Excess  $\mu$  increases  $\nabla B$  drift, position at same  $z$  is now  $y = 0$ , not  $y_0$

# Shifting $\lambda_E$ as a multiple of $\lambda_B$

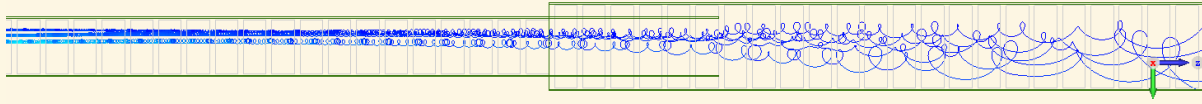
$$\lambda_E = 0.50 \lambda_B$$



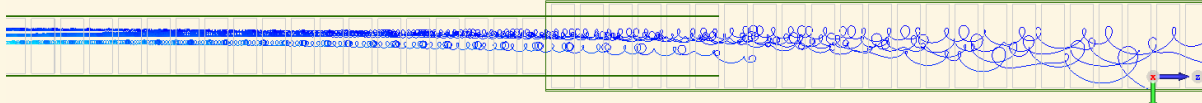
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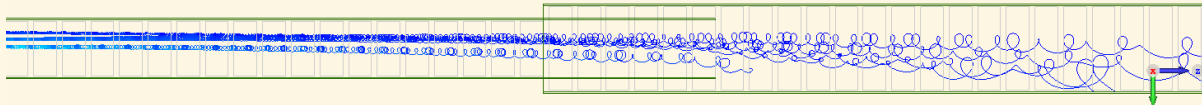
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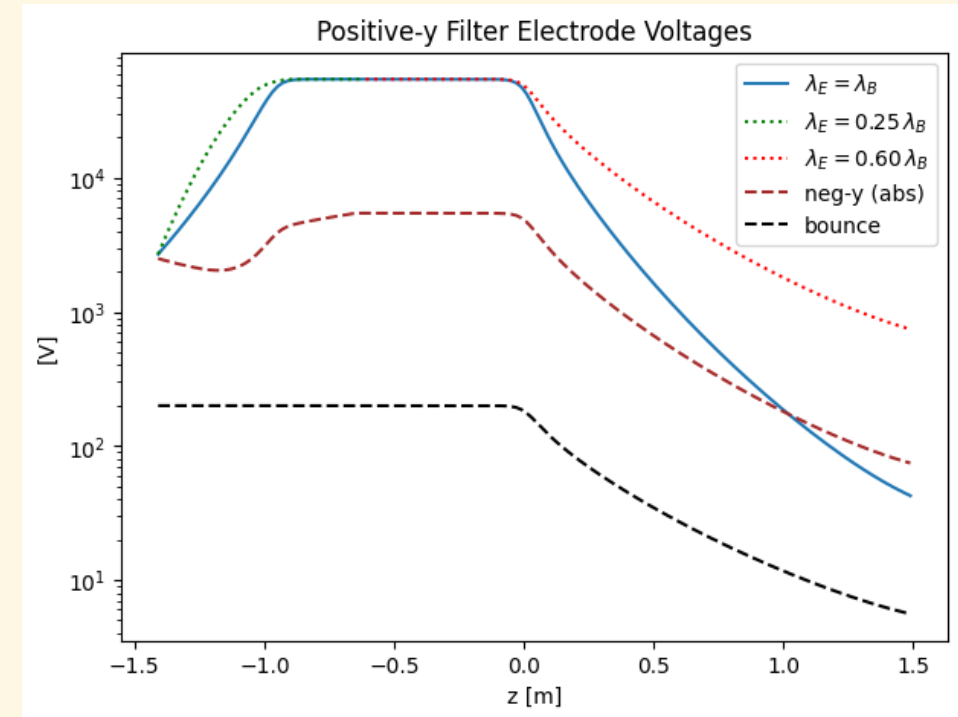
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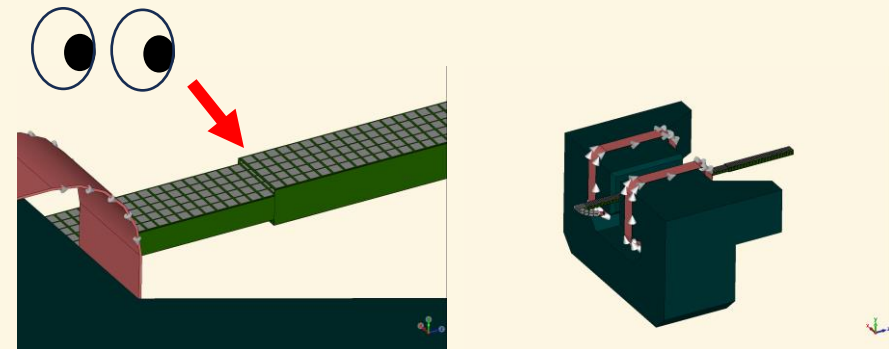
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single electrons, pitch 5-85 (20 deg steps), endpoint energy



- Voltage transitions connected smoothly from injection electrodes to uniform region (see neg-y electrodes)
- Bounce voltages constant from injection through uniform region
- All adjustments made w.r.t normalized sampled  $B_x$  field
- Separate lambda shift during injection/acceleration,  $\lambda_E = 0.25 \lambda_B$

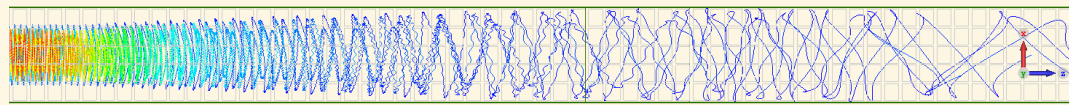


# Tradeoff: Runaway ExB drift

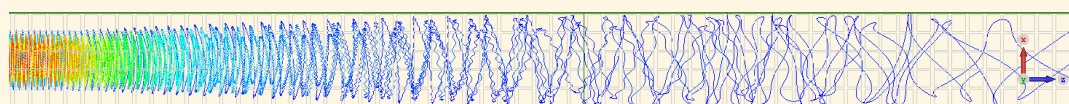
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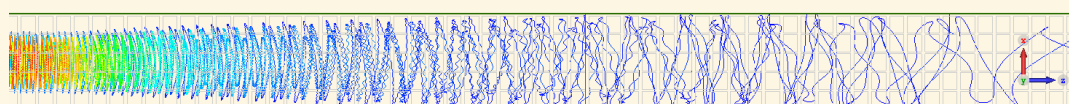
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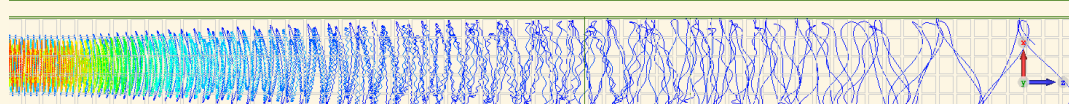
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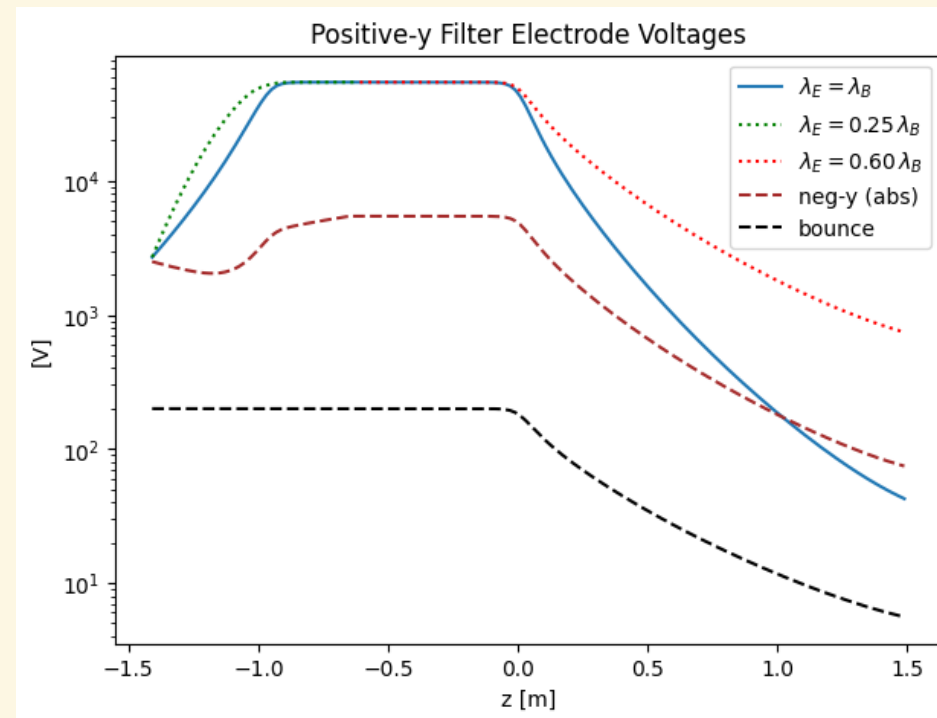
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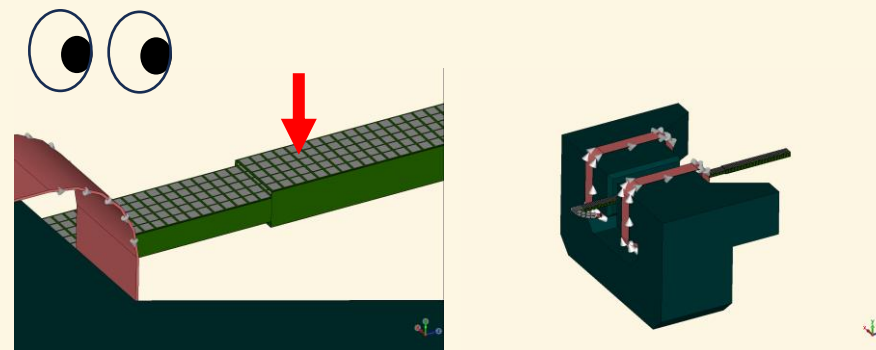
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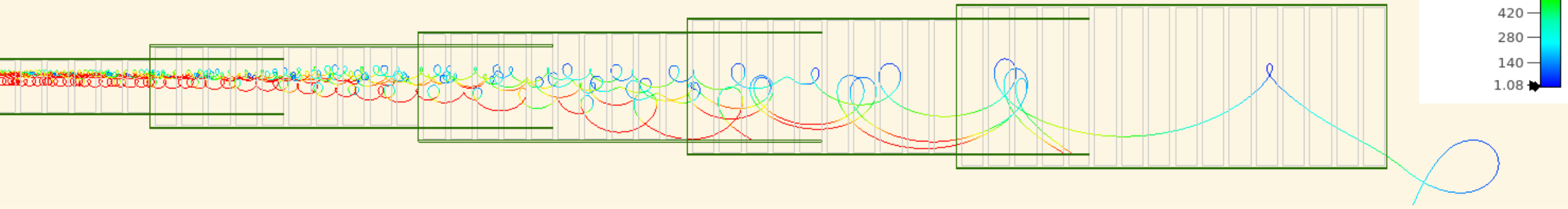
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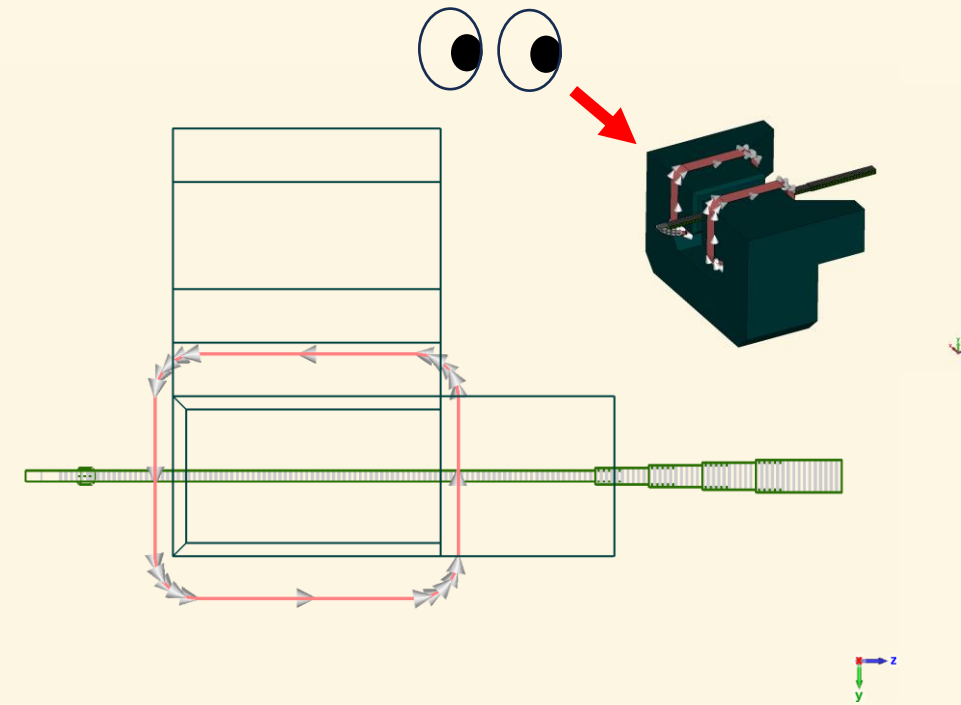
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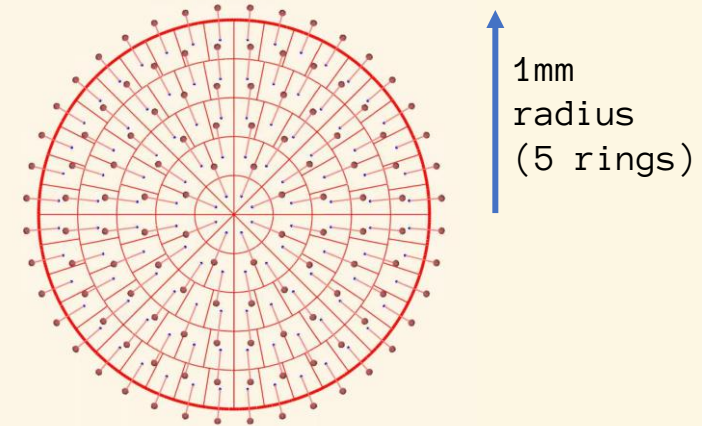
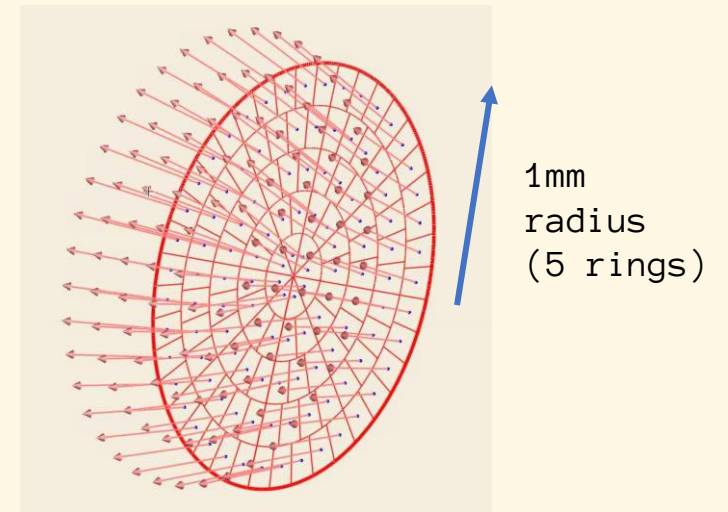
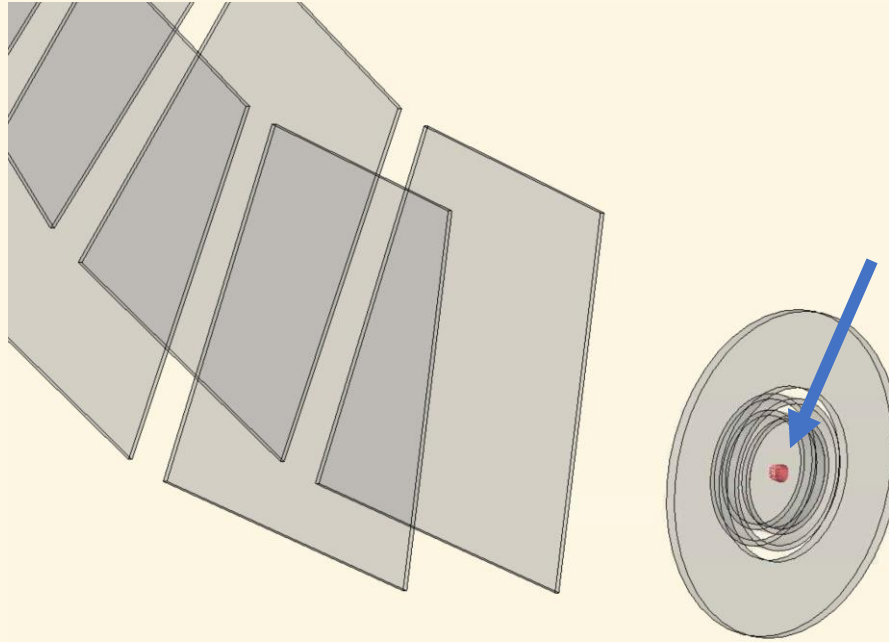
# Solution: 5-Stage expanding design



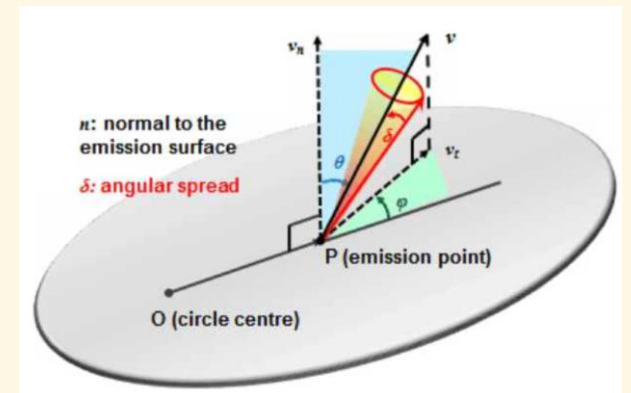
- Increased volume for cyclotron radius containment
- Decreased ExB drift due to larger spacing
- Higher aspect ratio amenable to residual parallel momentum draining
- Pick  $\lambda_E = 0.60 \lambda_B$  for now, run first transmission curves



# Transmission Function Setup



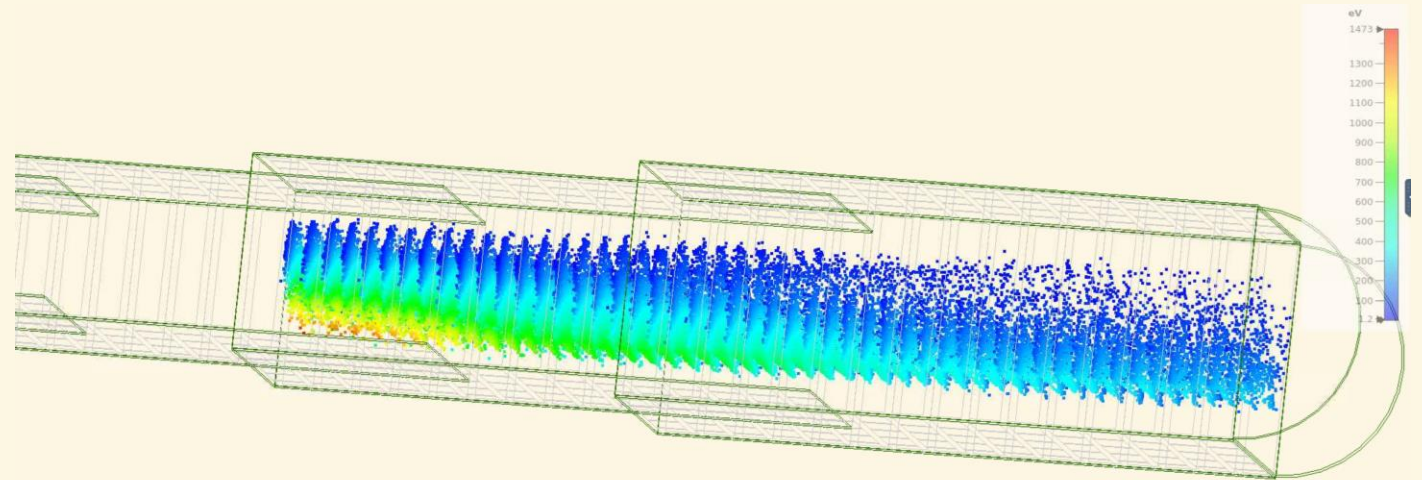
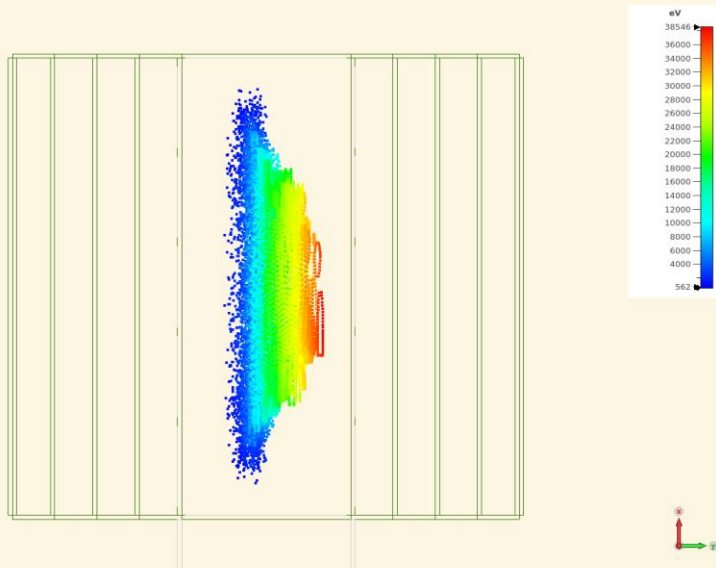
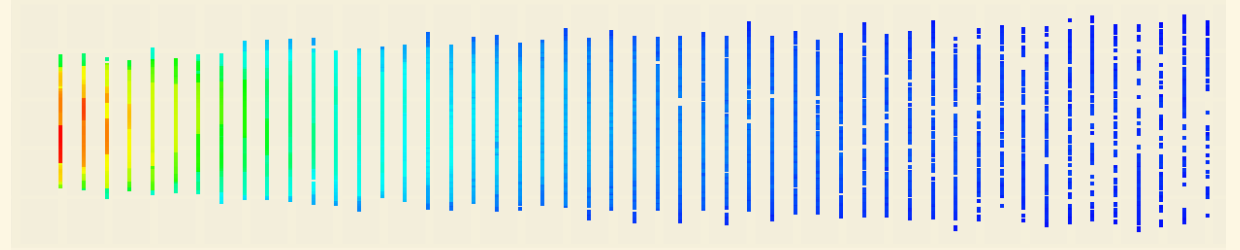
- 1mm radius circular area split into 50 rings (5 shown)
- Set pitch (theta) and emission phase angle (phi)
- Blocks of 10 deg pitch (5-15, 15-25, ..., 75-85 deg)
  - Uniform distribution of +/- 5 deg about 10, 20, ... , 80 deg pitches
  - Per pitch block: 8x fixed phi blocks in 45 deg steps (0, 45, ... , 270, 315 deg)
  - 8 pitch blocks x 8 phi blocks = 64 blocks
  - 50 rings = 10,200 particles per block
  - Total N = 652,800 endpoint electrons





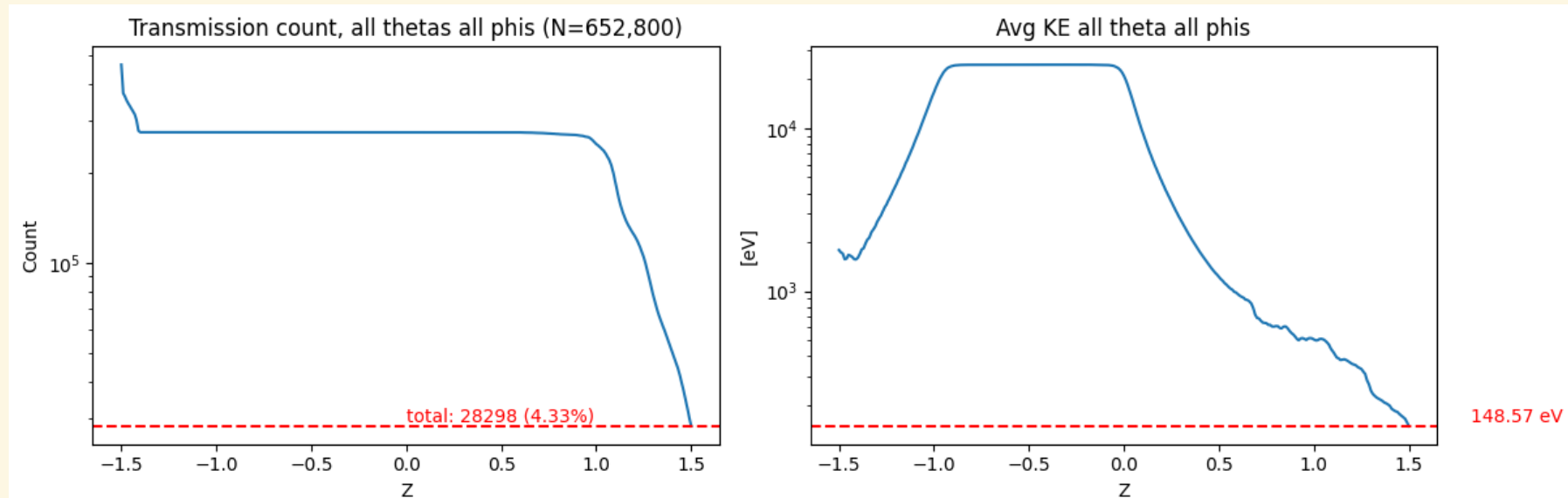
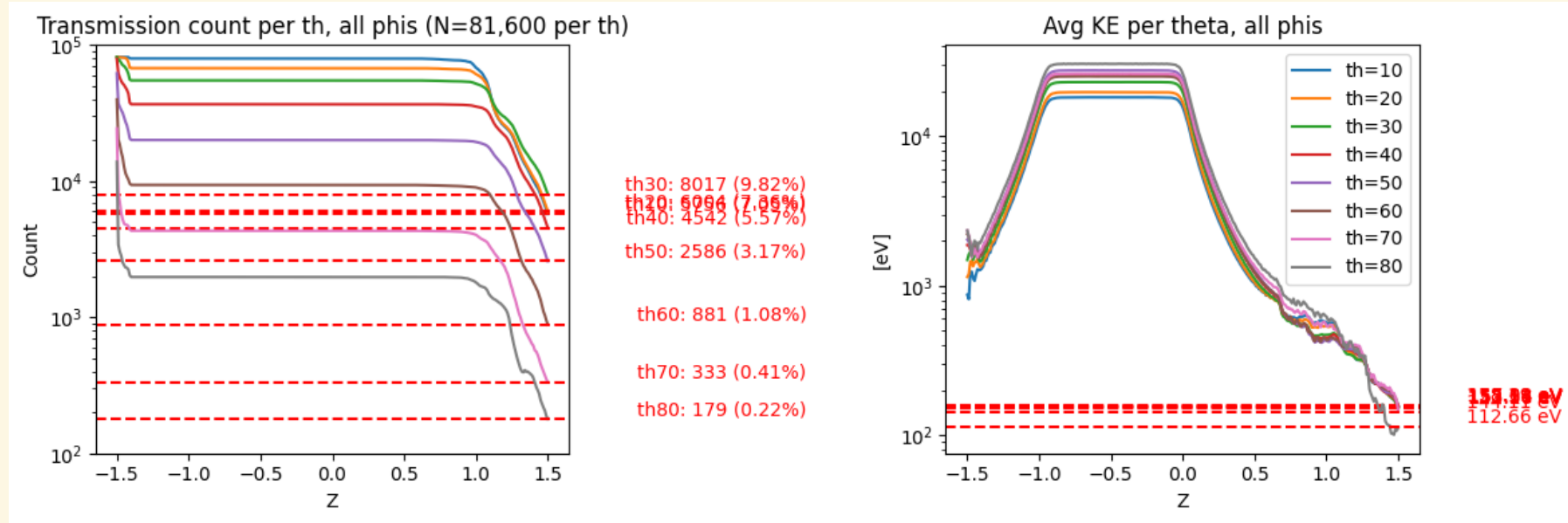
# Transmission Count Method

- 2D plane monitors every 1 cm
- Count unique particle hits per plane
- Average energy over all hits (incl. duplicates)



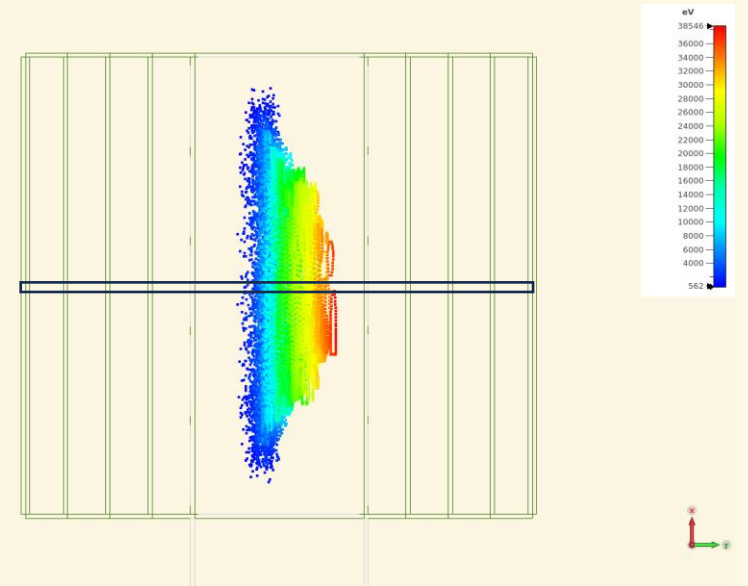
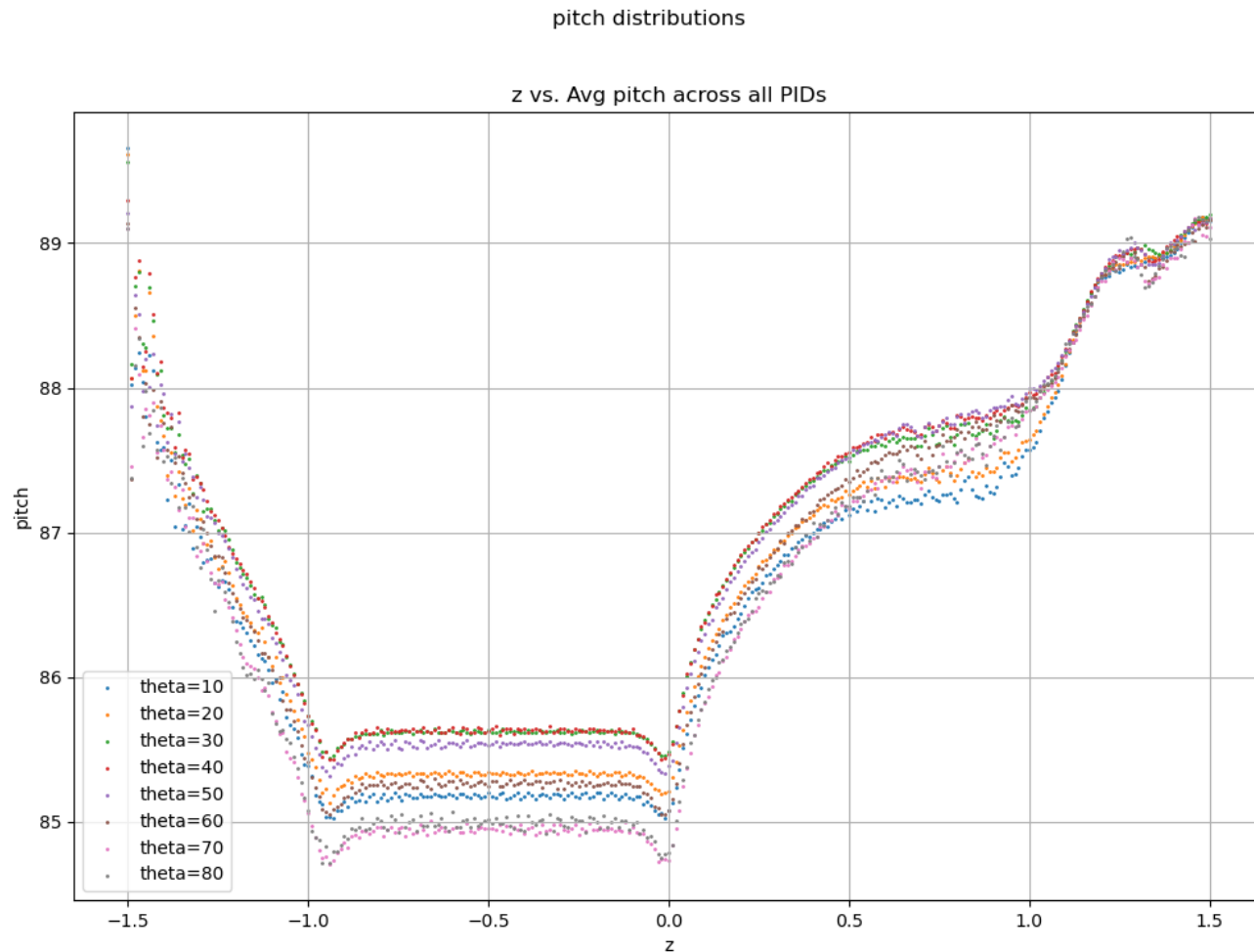
# First Transmission Plots

- Entirely static configuration
- No optimization at all
- Total energy filter idea appears to work
- Drop in efficiency around 75-100 cm likely due to weak bounce voltages

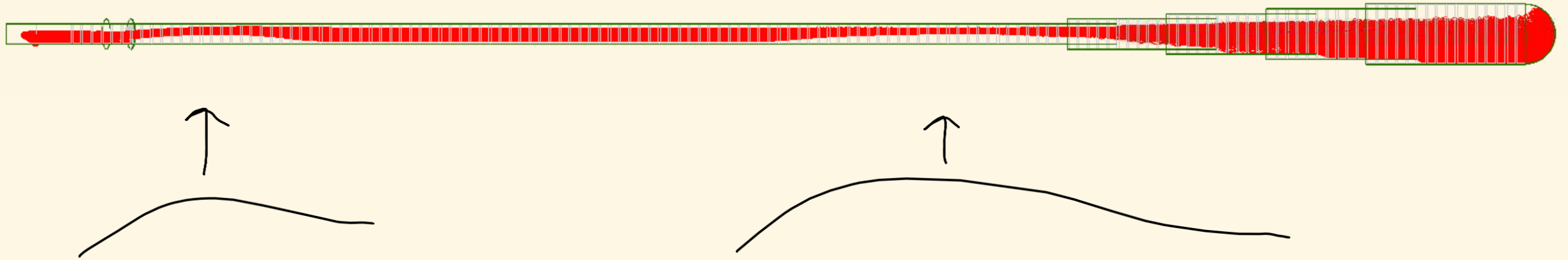


# Effective Pitch

- Apply cut in x-position (within 5mm of center) to estimate pitch



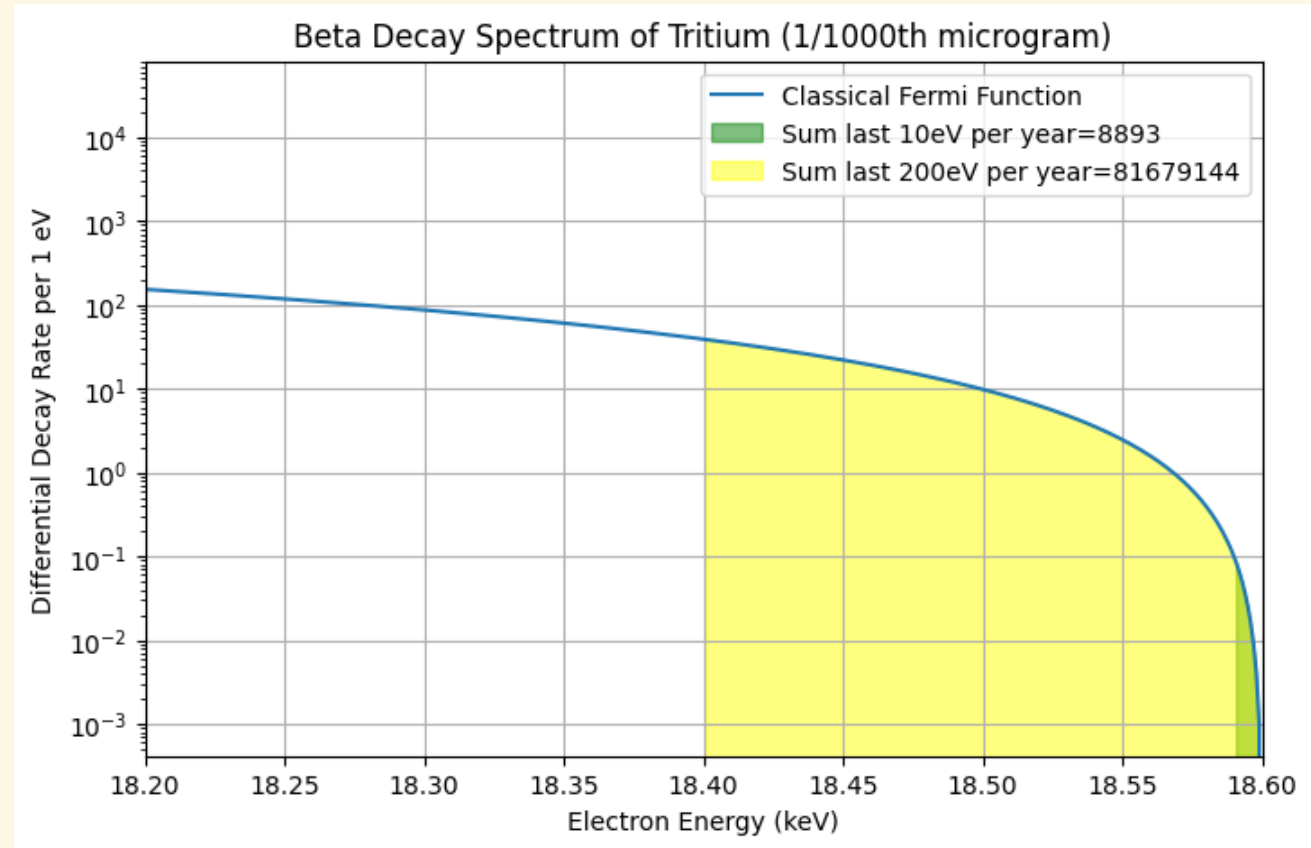
# A picture is worth a thousand words...



- Drift envelopes directly reflect adjustments to  $\lambda$
- Silhouette provides a clear visual guide to optimize  $\lambda$  adjustments and voltages
- Adjust to opt for more acceptance - ExB drift may not matter

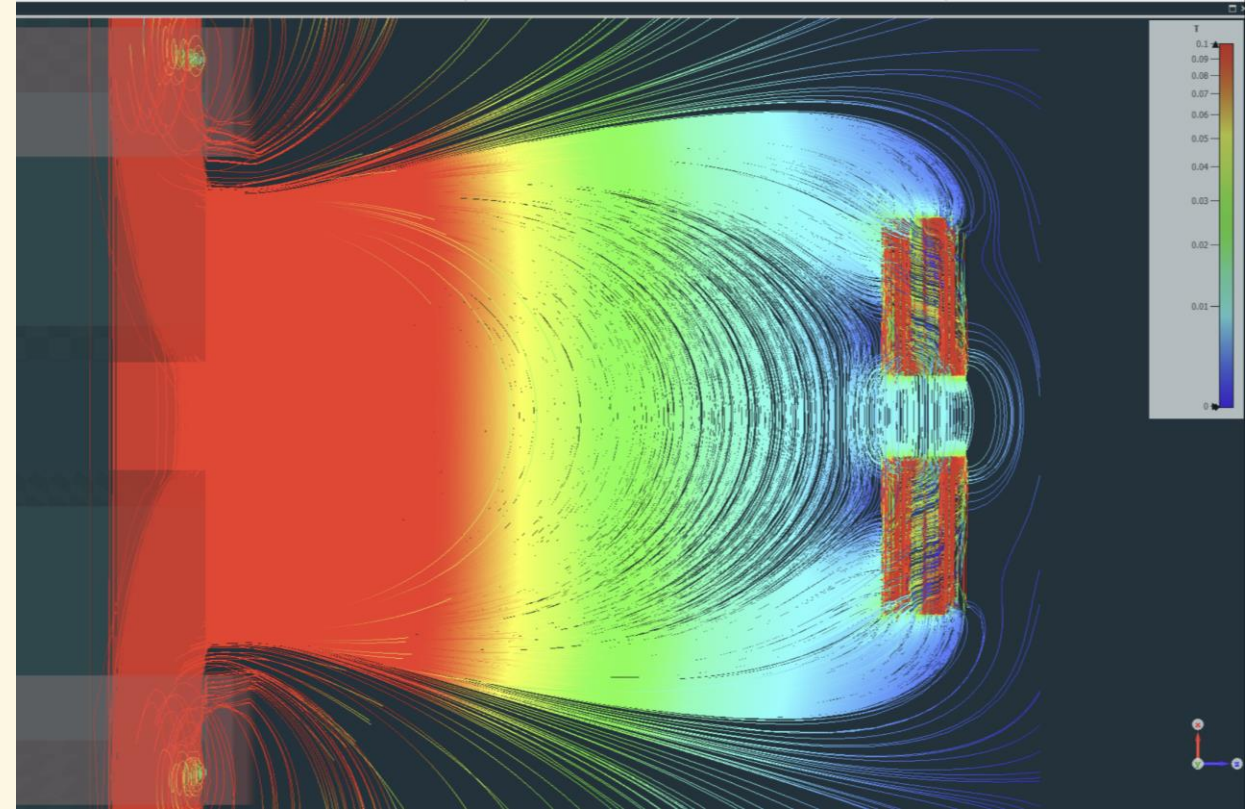
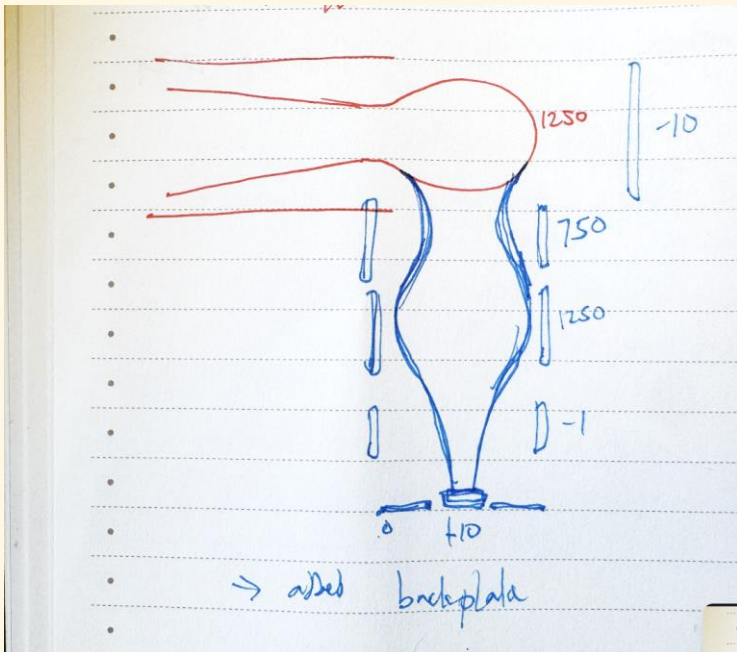
# Estimated event rate

- Using classical Fermi function
- 1 nanogram of tritium
- Assuming 10% efficiency from filter to microcalorimeter...
  - ~1% from target to microcalorimeter
  - Last 10 eV ~100 events/yr
  - RF will be needed to validate a high confidence measurement (background/signal coincidence – e.g. listening to a dinner conversation in a loud restaurant)

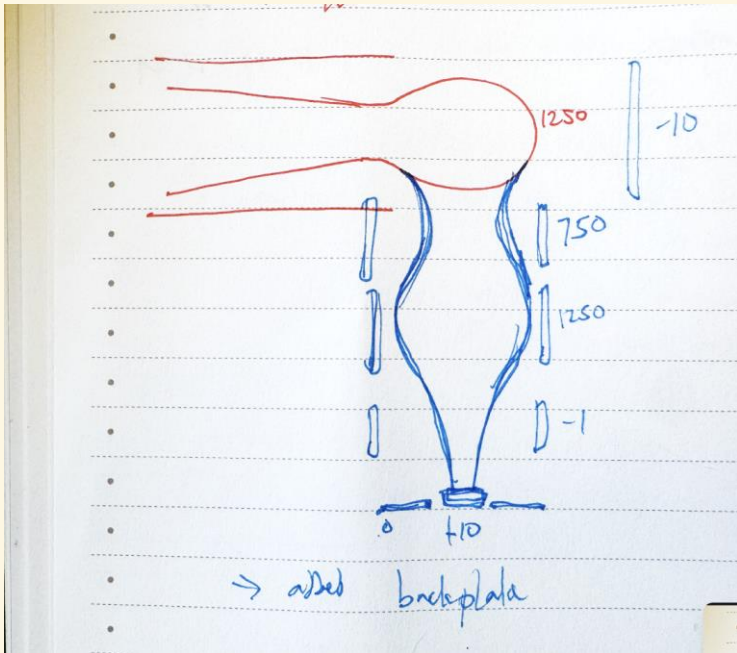
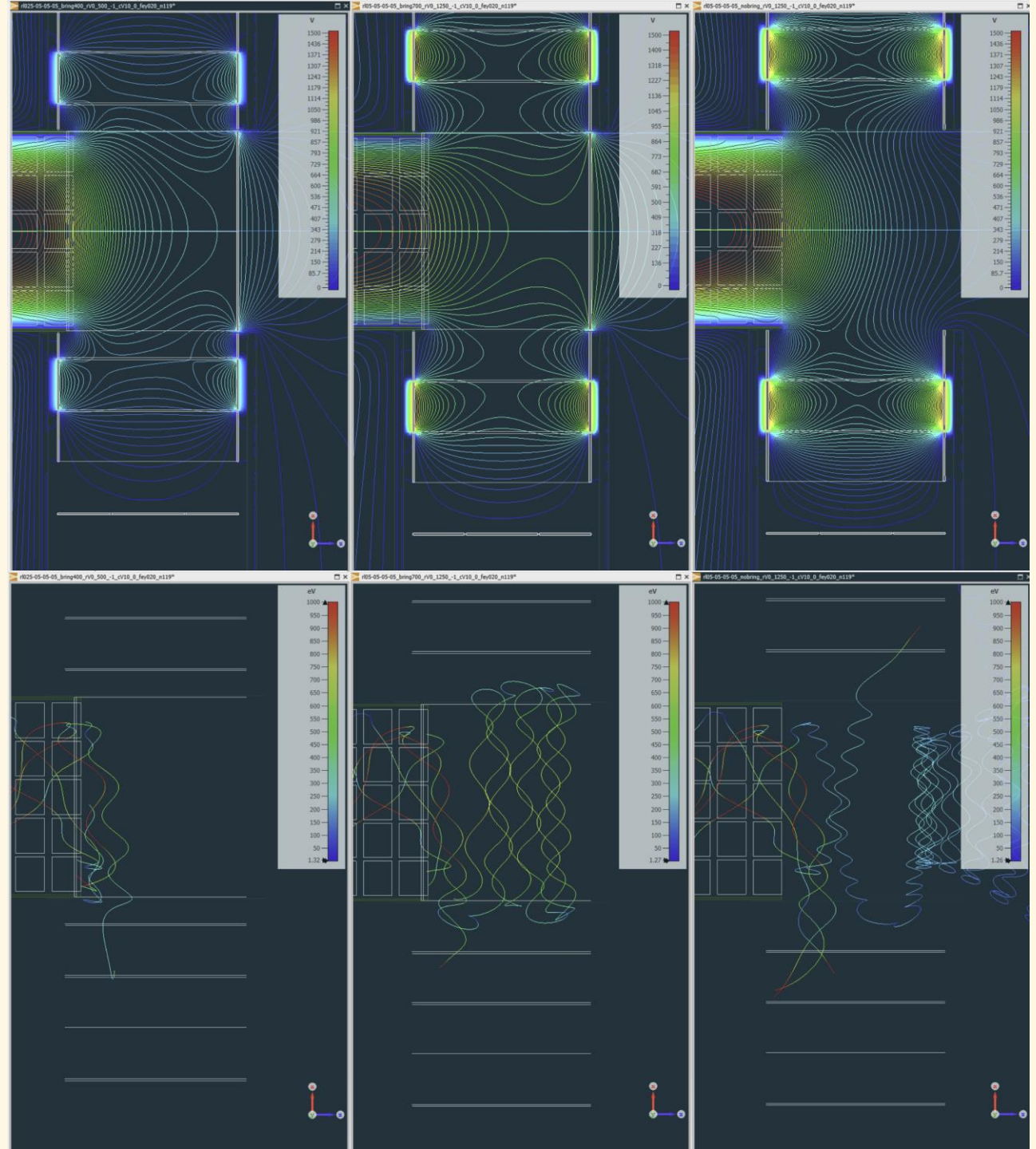


# Filter to Microcalorimeter Transport

- Introduce cylindrical “mu-metal”(Iron) shielding, cancellation coils
- Idea is to go for “second collimation” effect
- Eventually want potential contours to look like:

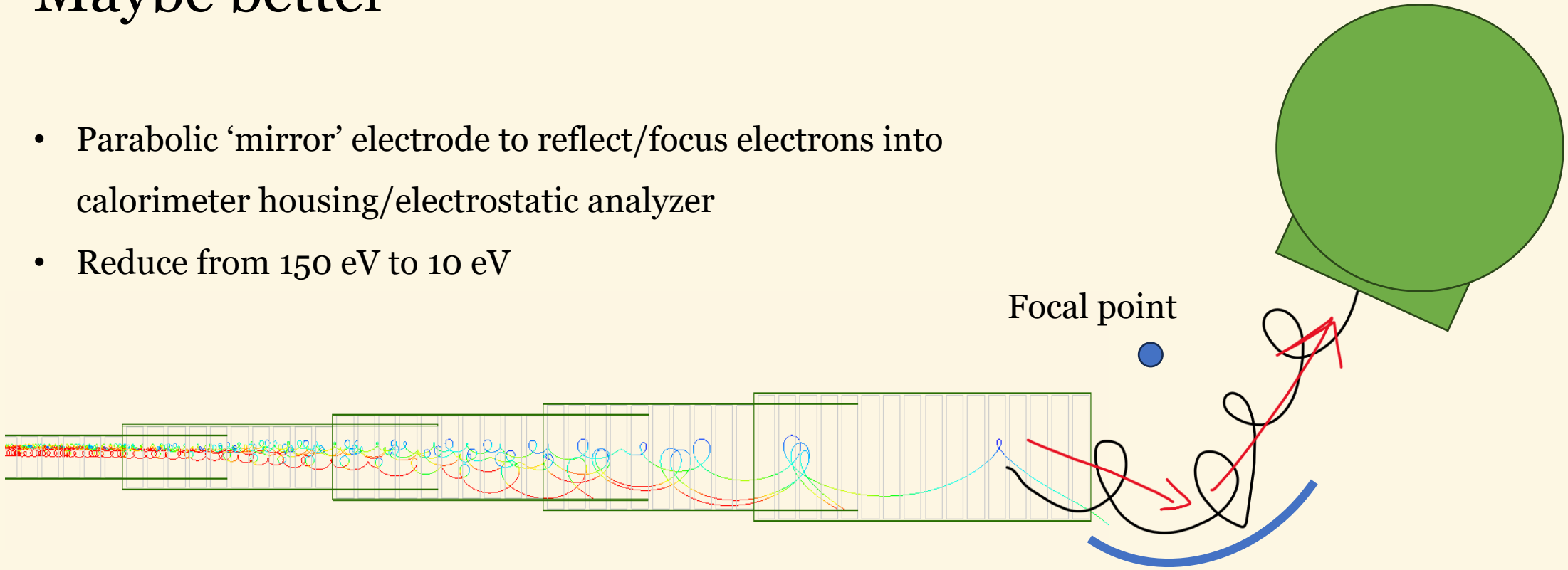


# First Attempts (z=100cm)



# Maybe better

- Parabolic 'mirror' electrode to reflect/focus electrons into calorimeter housing/electrostatic analyzer
- Reduce from 150 eV to 10 eV



- More to come