

# Optimization of magnetic field in ELITPC detector for ELI-NP with GEANT4 simulation toolkit

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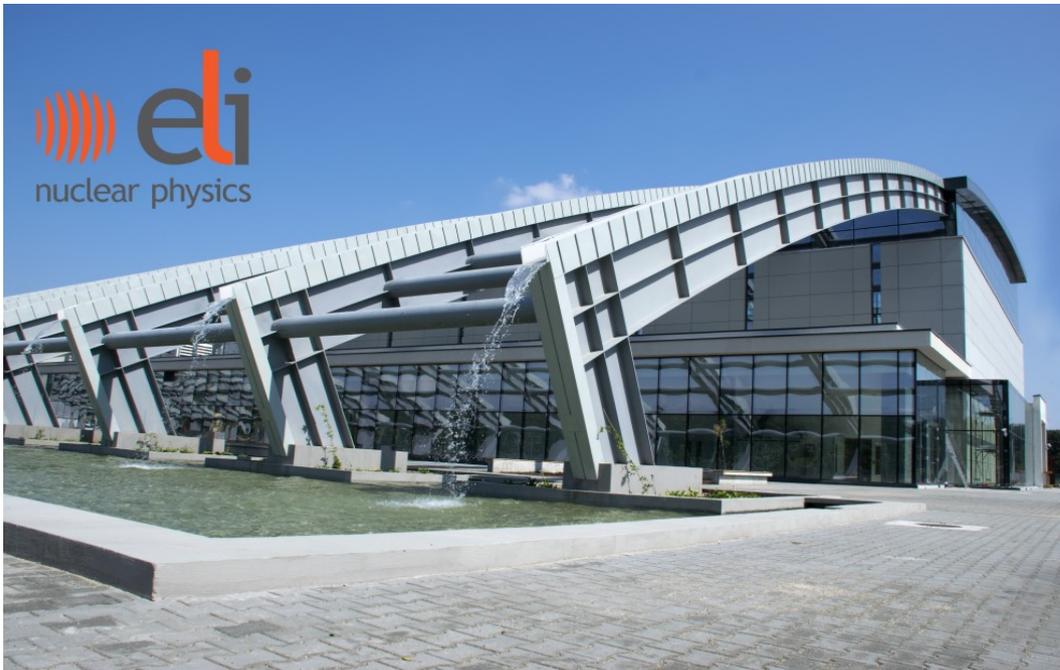
# ELI – NP facility



Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics

■ 2 Lasers with 10 PW power

■ Experiments with very brilliant gamma beam:



- Photodesintegration
- Photon-nucleon collisions
- Nuclear resonance fluorescence
- Nuclear astrophysics

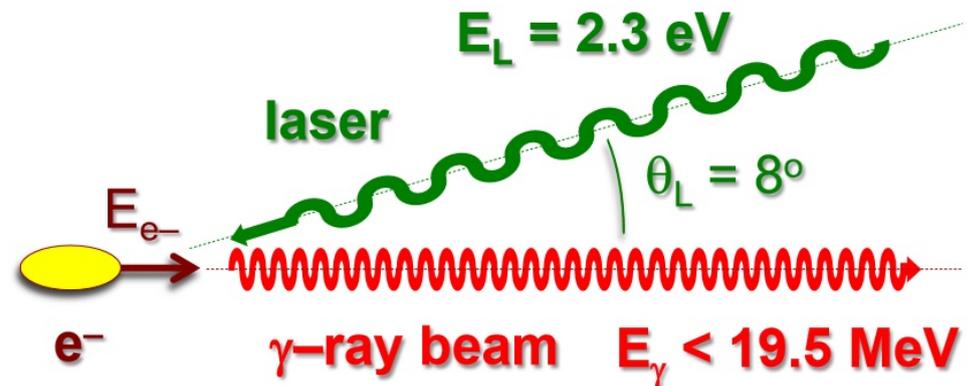
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**Romania, Măgurele**

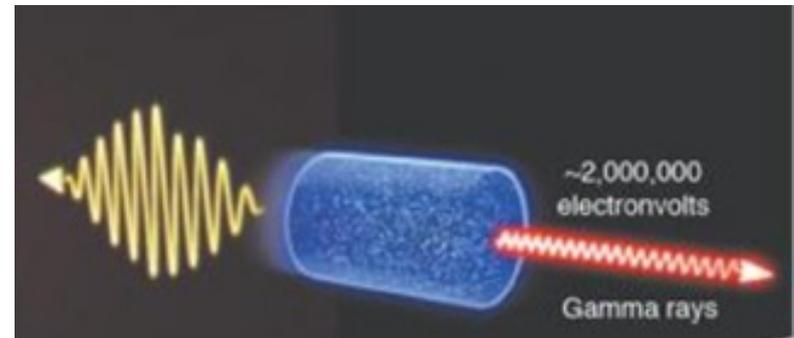
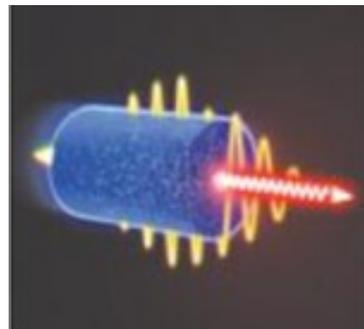
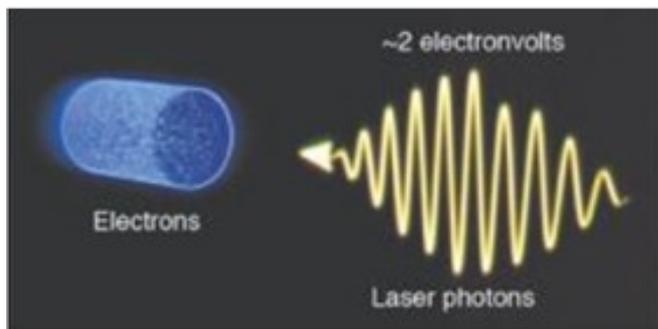
First measurements planned for late 2018

# The gamma beam

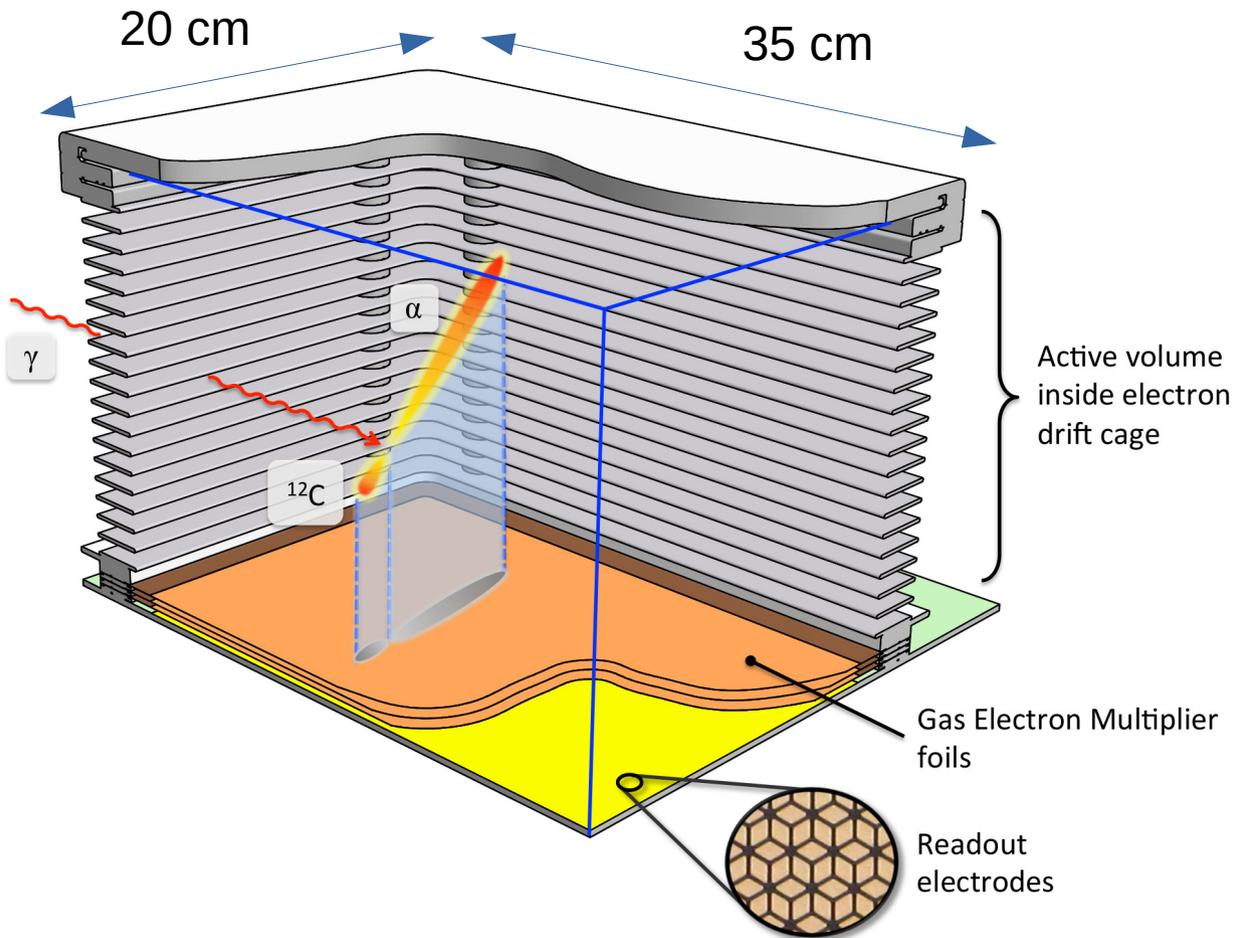
- Photon energy 0,2-19.5 MeV
- Macropulse frequency 100 Hz
- Energy bandwidth  $\Delta E/E \sim 0.5\%$
- $>99\%$  linear polarization



Compton backscattering of photons on electrons with energy up to 700 MeV



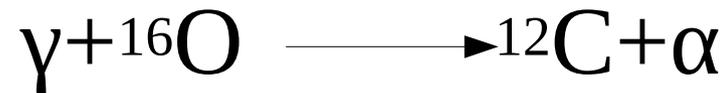
# ELITPC Detector



- Under construction at Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw
- Gaseous active-target detector
- Low pressure  $\sim 100$  mbar
- 3 coordinate planar strip readout
- Various experiments with the Gamma Beam

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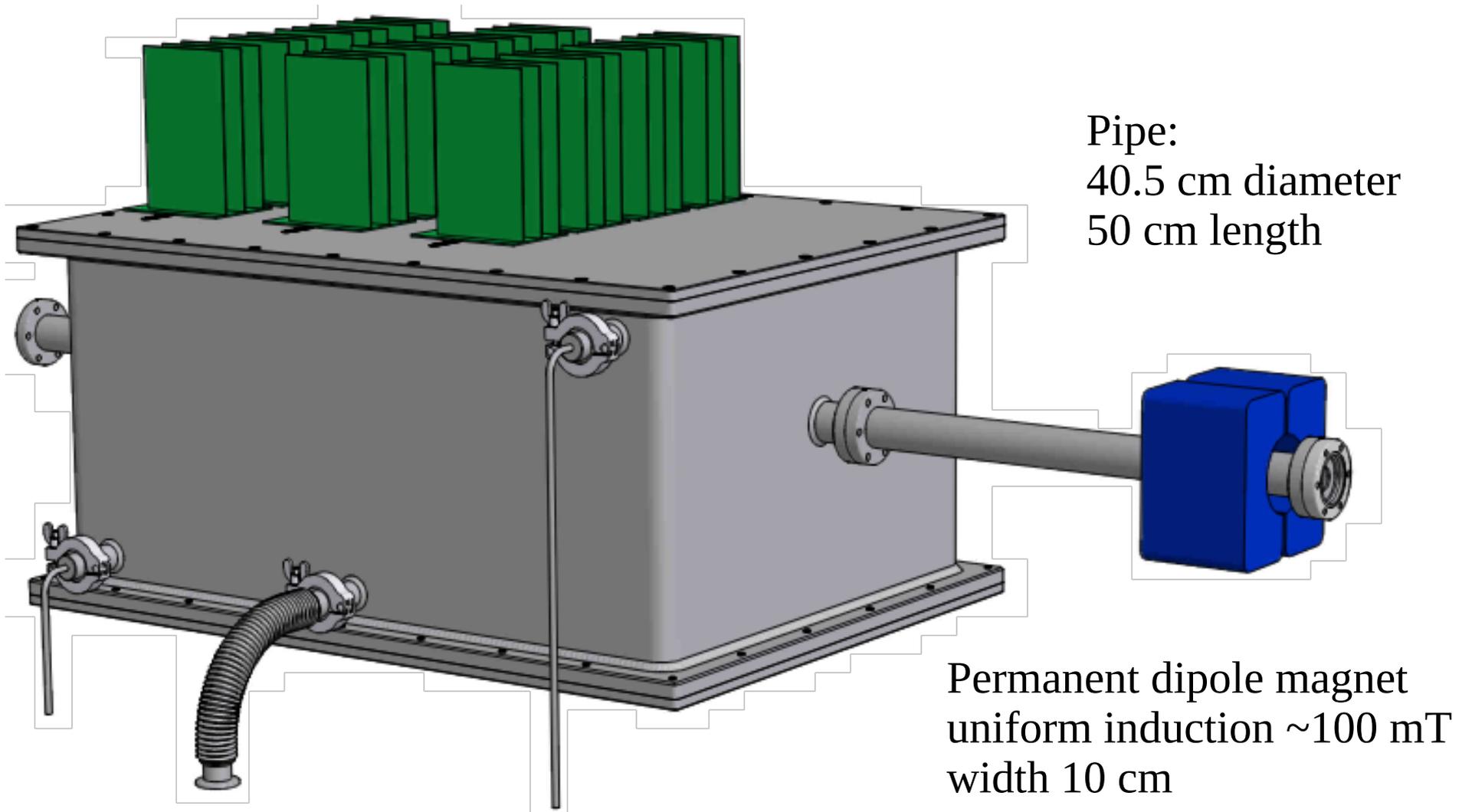
# The Flagship Reaction



Cross section measurement for the inverse reaction (helium burning) via detailed balance principle – strong and e. m. interactions invariant with respect to time reversal

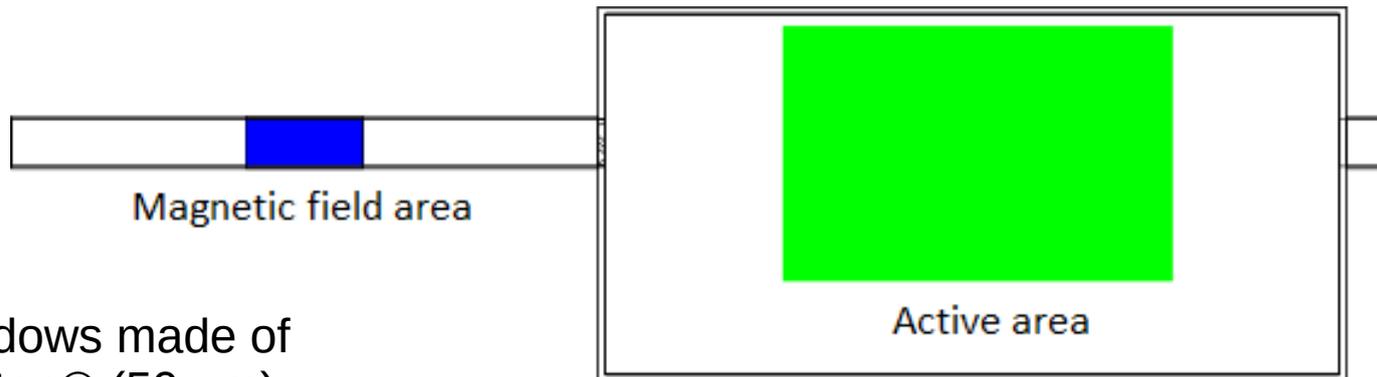
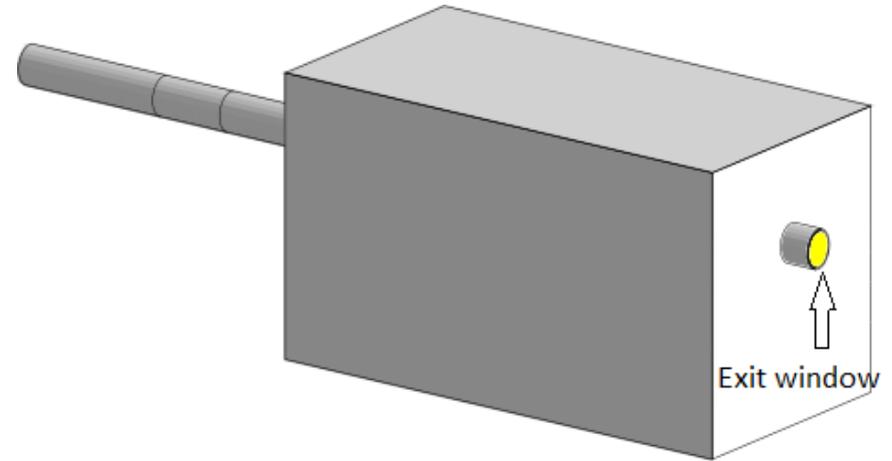
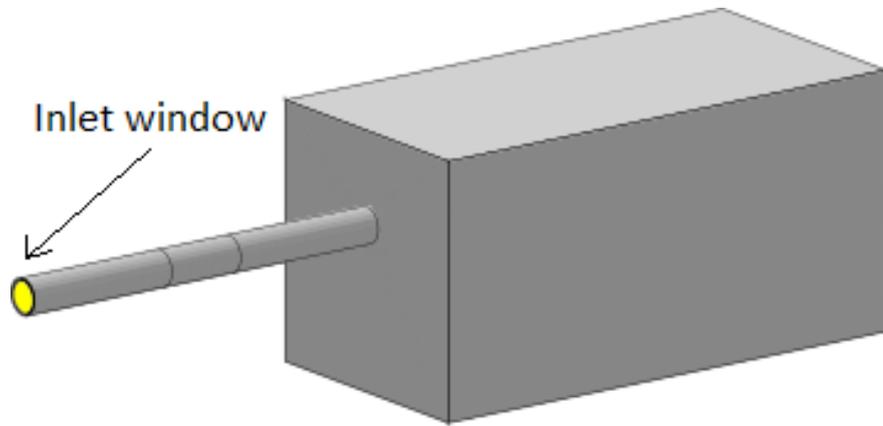
**Astrophysical motivation:** Measure astrophysical S-factor in the Gamow peak region for better understanding of the C/O ratio in the stellar evolution

# Detector Geometry



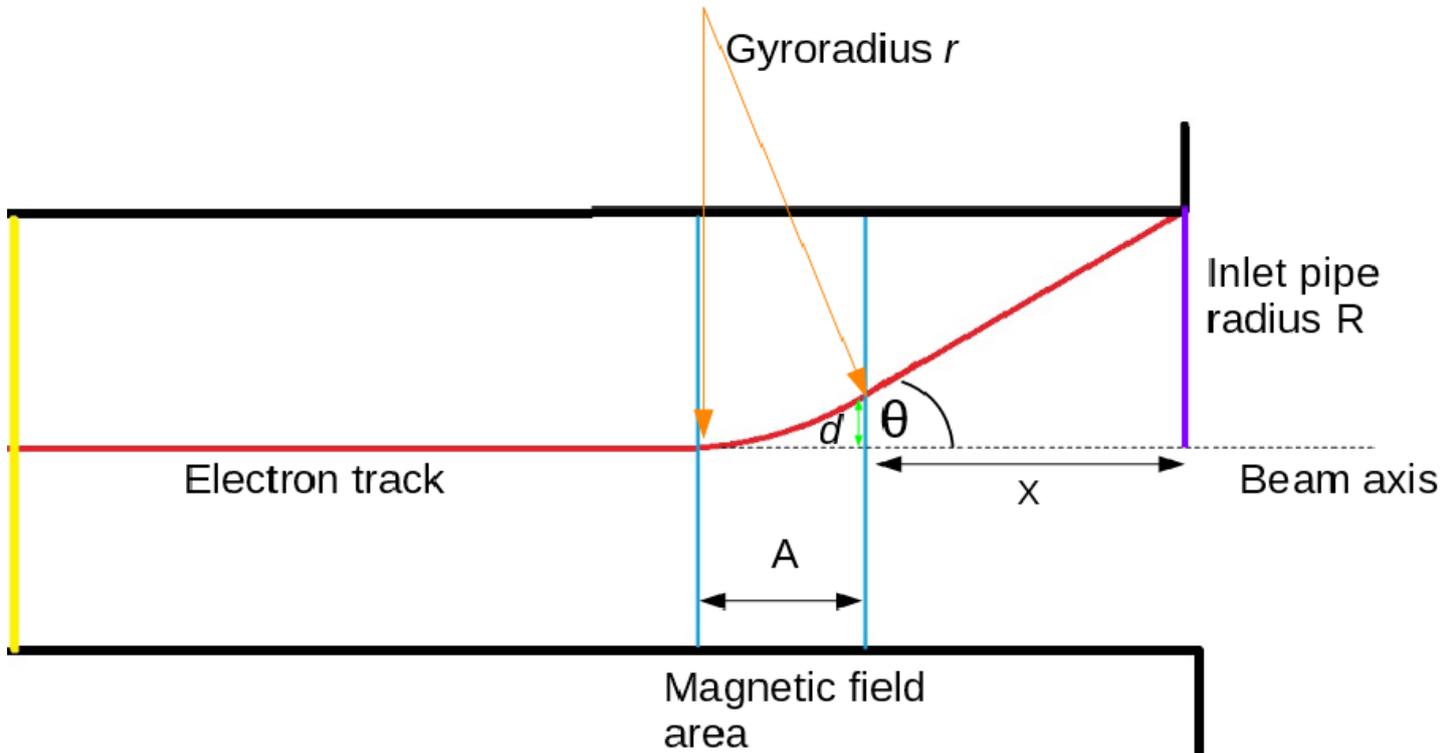
We need a magnet to reduce the background signal from electrons/positrons !!

# Simplified detector geometry



Windows made of Kapton® (50  $\mu\text{m}$ )

# Track bending scheme



Assumptions:

- Uniform magnetic field
- Gyroradius > magnetic field width
- Liminal angle  $\theta$  is small, so

$$\text{tg}(\theta) = \frac{R}{A+x} = \frac{d}{A}$$

$$r = \frac{p_e}{qB} = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - m^2}}{qB}$$

For example values  $A=10$  cm,  $x=20$ cm and  $p_e=20$  MeV

Liminal radius  $r=74.41$  cm

To reach that radius  $B=89.6$  mT needed

# Simulation model

Interactions of photons included:

- Photoelectric effect
- Compton scattering
- Pair production

Interactions of electrons and positrons:

- Bremsstrahlung
- Ionization
- Coulomb scattering with multiple scattering included
- Synchrotron radiation

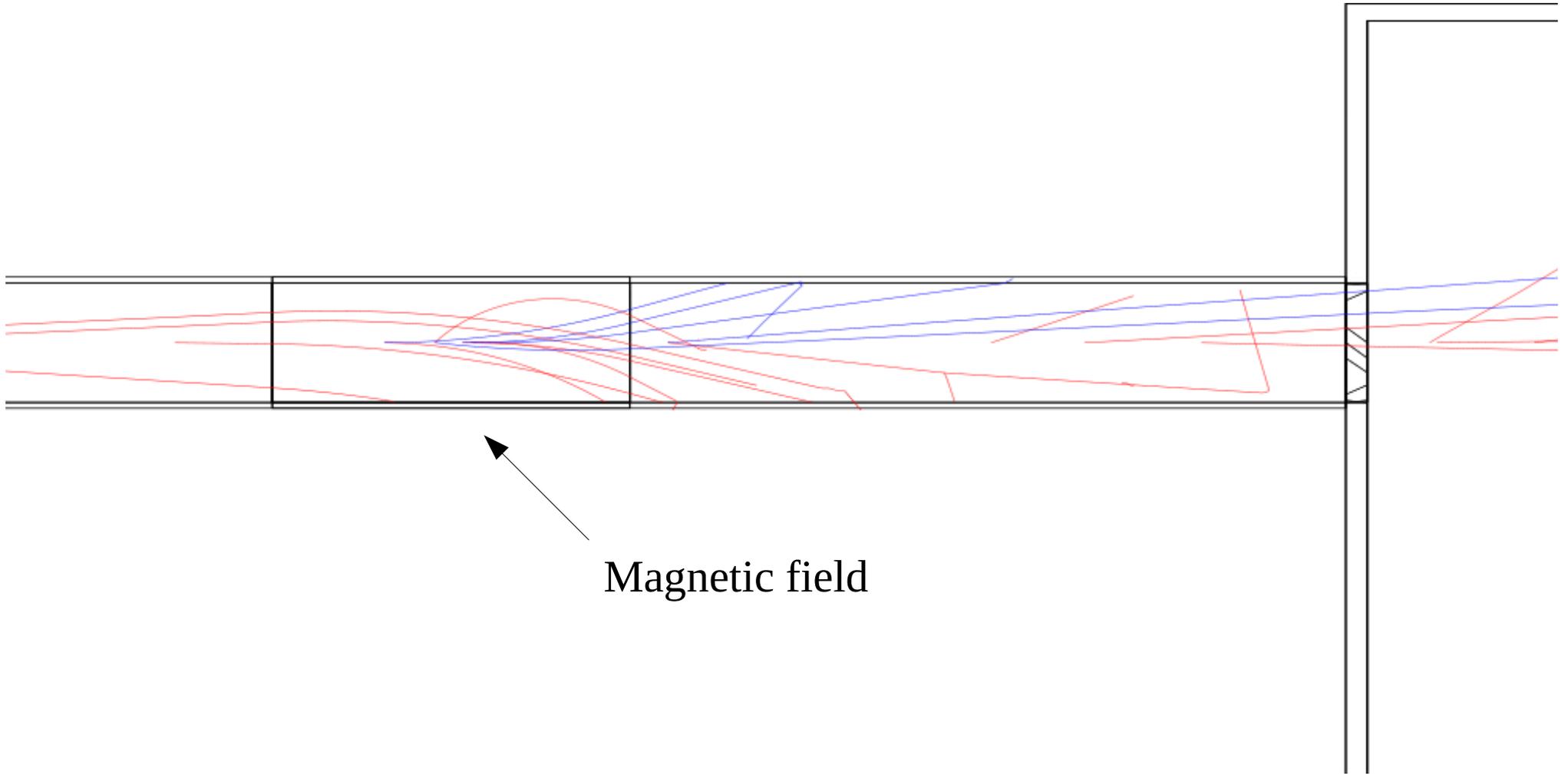
Path step calculation cuts for different regions:

- Inlet window – 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$
- Walls of the steel inlet pipe – 0.2 mm
- Detector chamber – 1 cm
- Detector chamber steel walls – 0.2 mm

# Simulation procedure

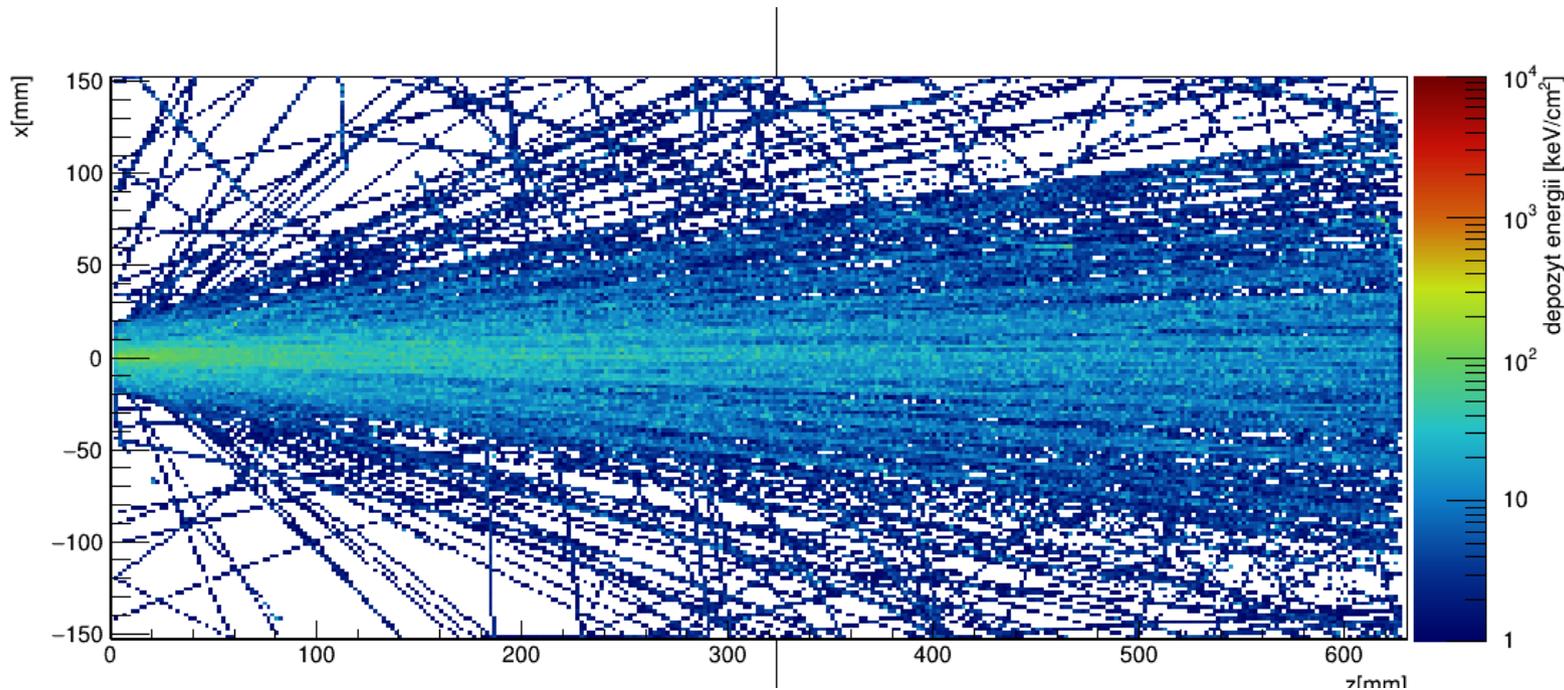
- For each simulation run  $10^7$  photons were shot
- 3 beam energies: 5, 10 and 20 MeV, precise E values, monochromatic and point-like beam
- 2 gas mixtures: pure CO<sub>2</sub> (100 mbar) and CO<sub>2</sub>-He (50:50, 200 mbar)
- Magnetic field is (width 10 cm) moving along the pipe with 5 cm steps

# Example of interactions

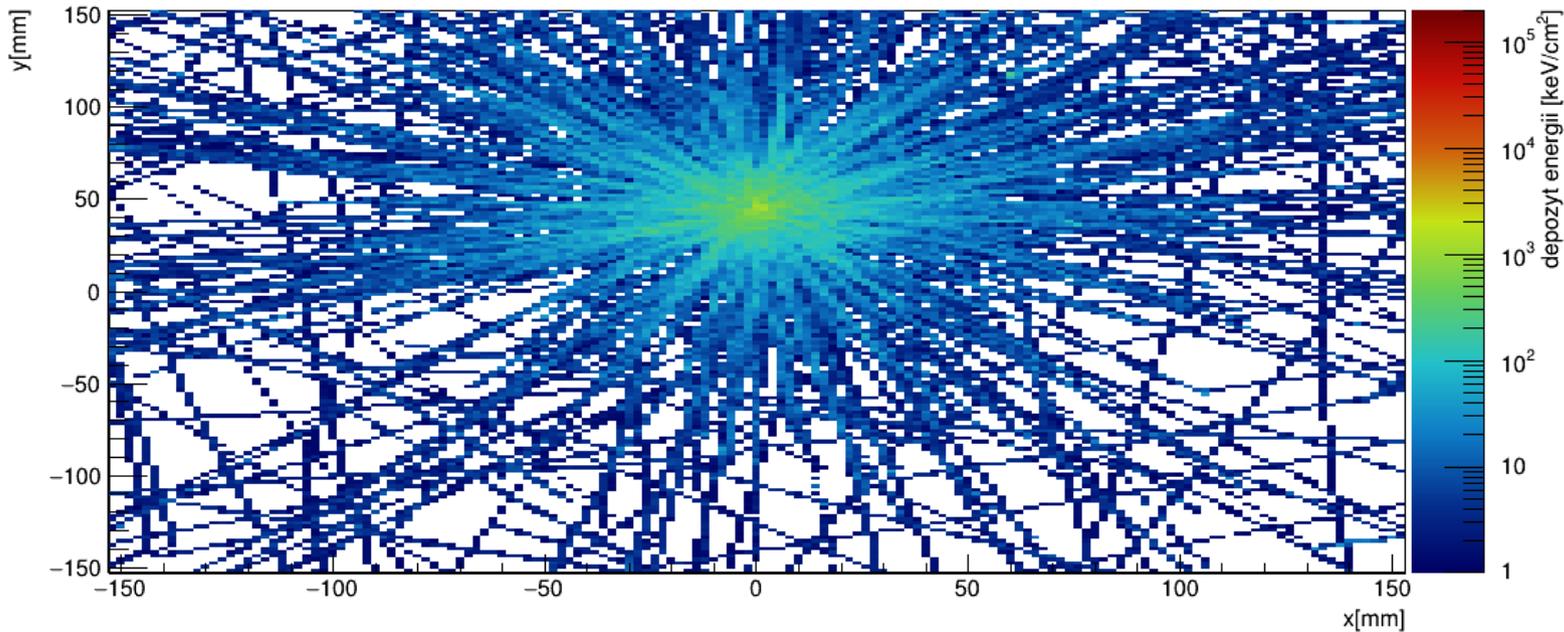


Magnetic field

# Example simulation result

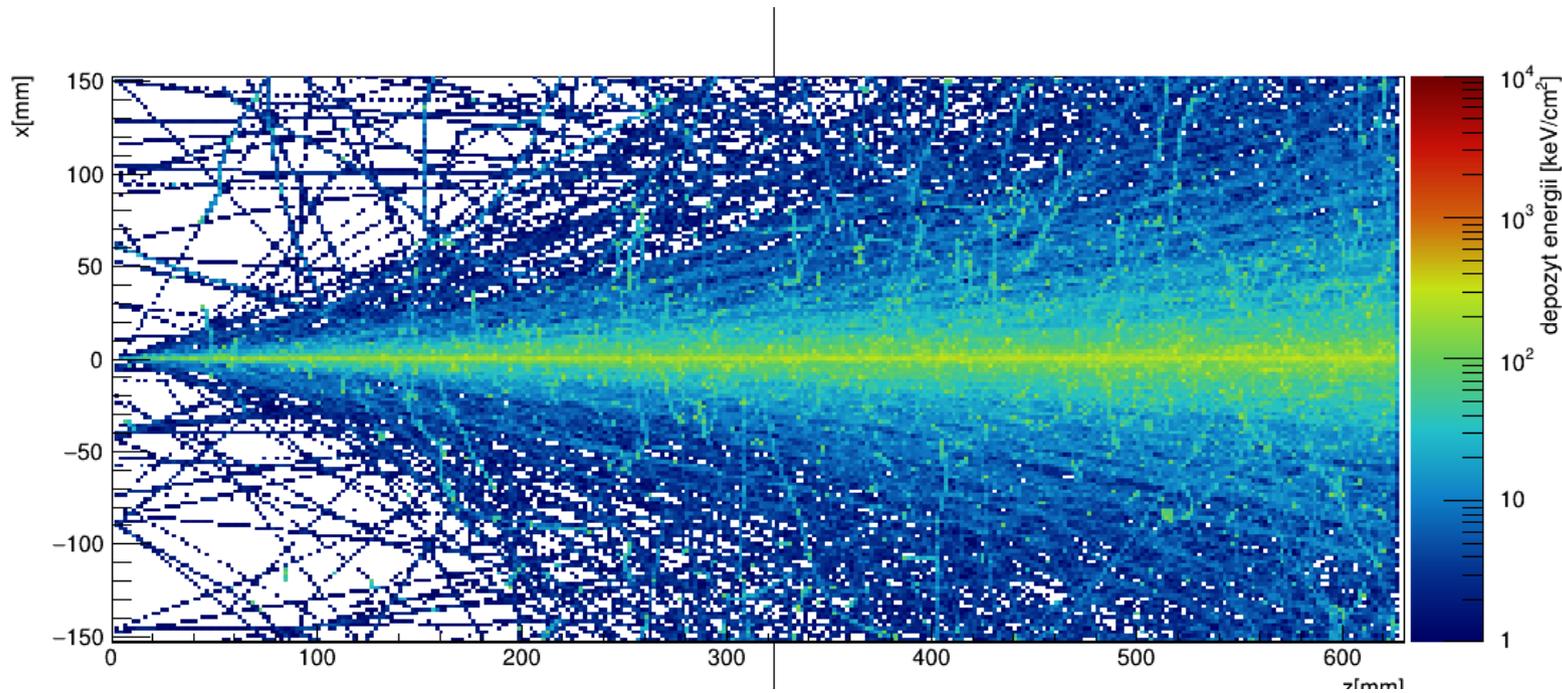


10 MeV Gamma  
CO2 100 mbar  
**Pipe origin only**

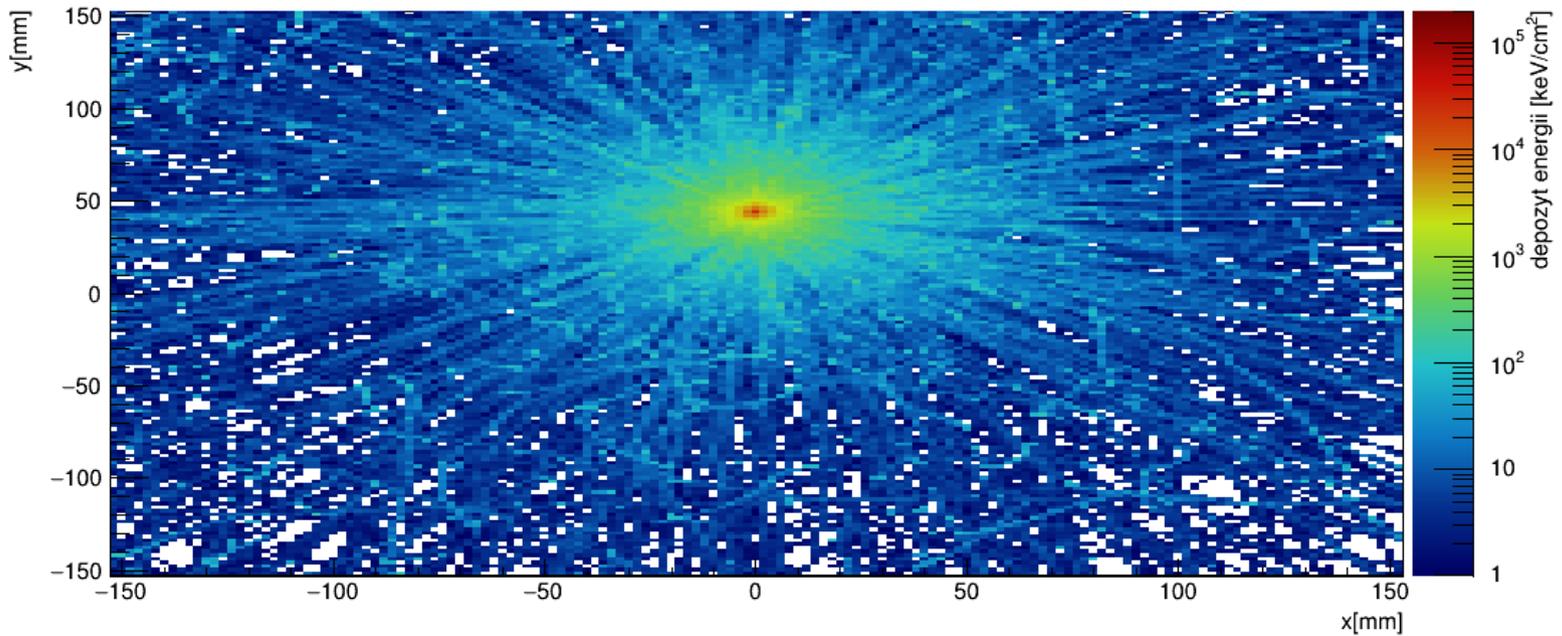


**Integrated  
deposit  
~20 MeV**

# Example simulation result

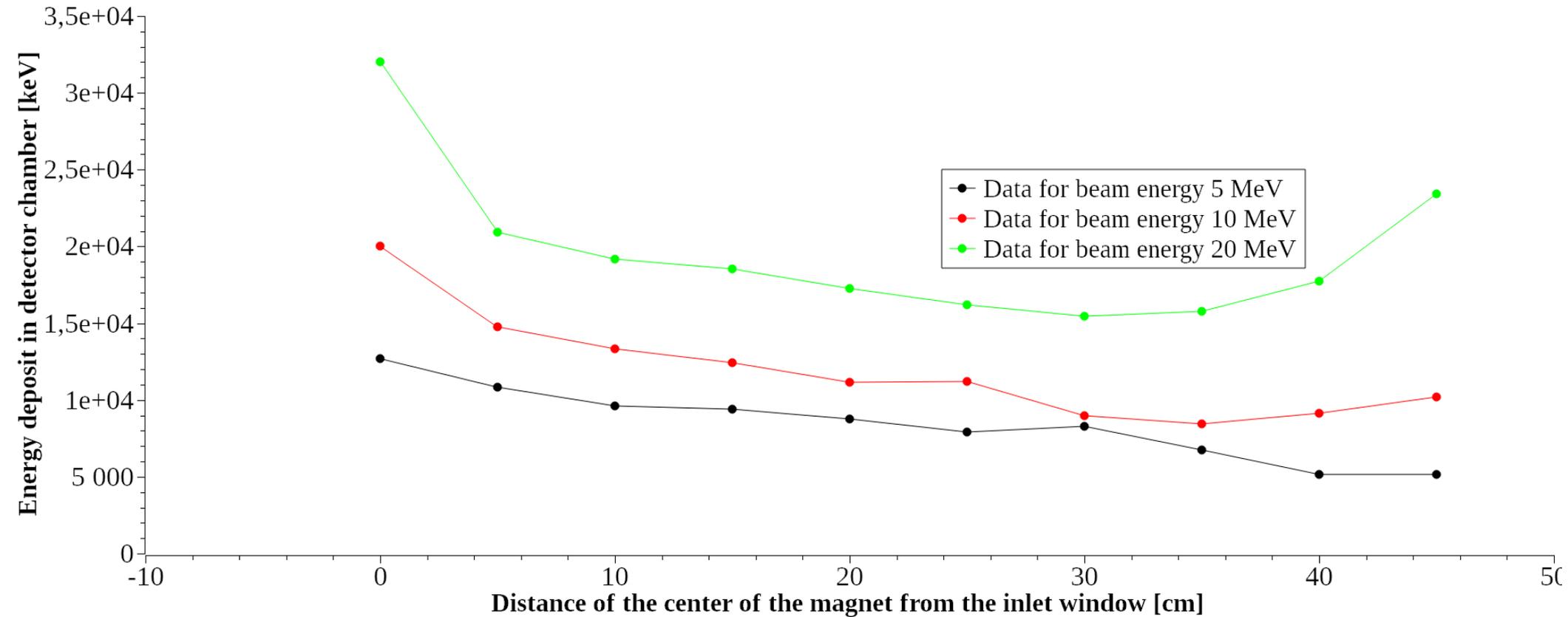


10 MeV Gamma  
CO<sub>2</sub> 100 mbar  
**Chamber origin  
only**

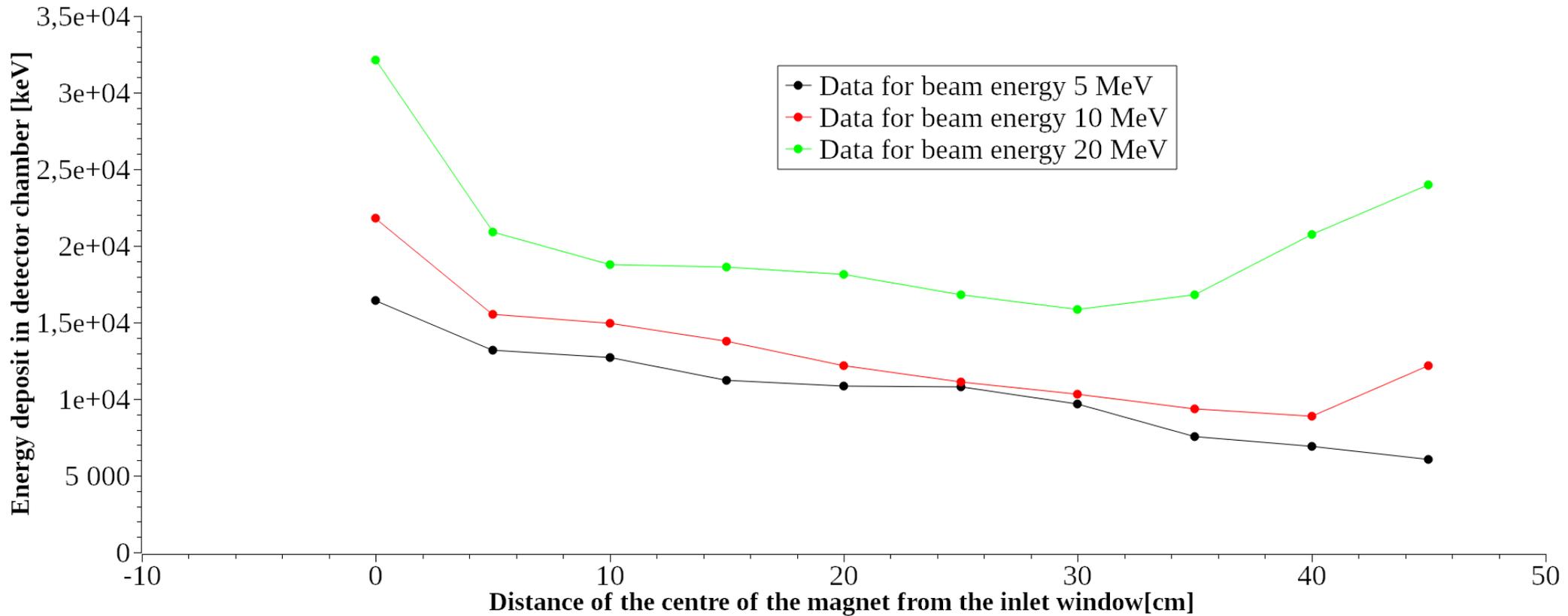


**Integrated  
deposit  
~29 MeV**

# Results for CO<sub>2</sub>



# Results for CO<sub>2</sub>-He



# Summary

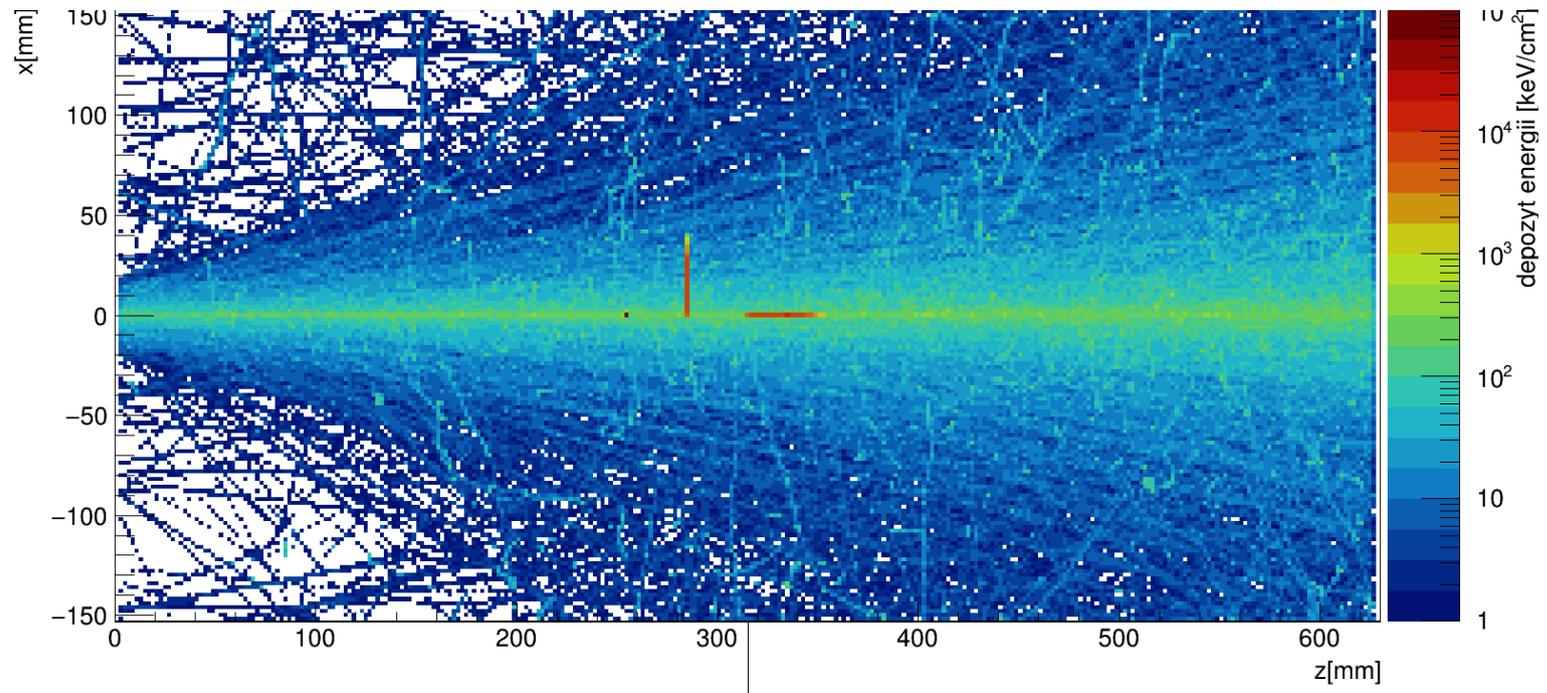
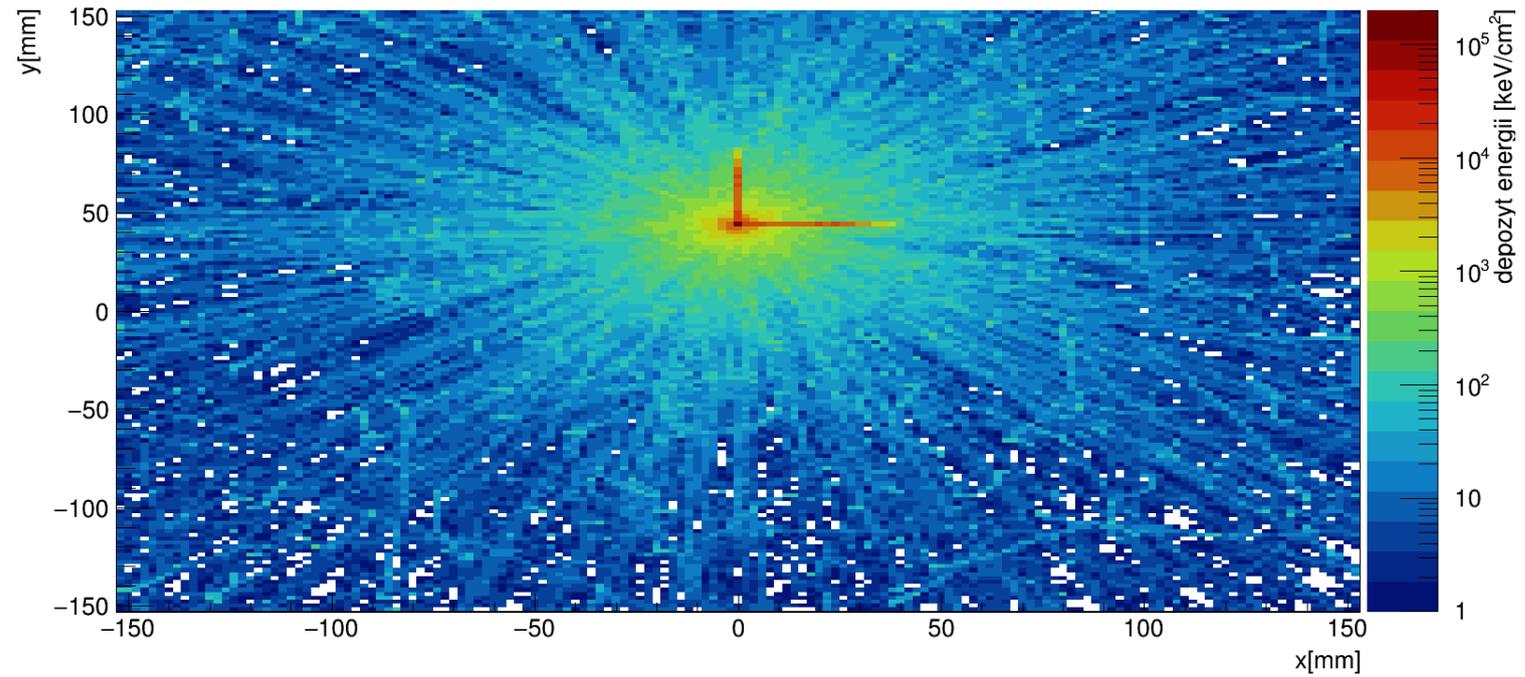
- Magnet can significantly reduce background signal
- The tool for further optimization was developed
- Current status: prototype detector is being tested in Romania
- First beam energy  $\sim 8$  MeV

Thank you for your  
attention !

# References

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# Reaction signal with expected background



# Backup – GBS parameters

Parameter [units]	Value
Photon energy [MeV]	0.2 – 19.5
Spectral density [ph/s/eV]	$> 10^4$
Bandwidth	$< 0.5 \%$
# photons / shot FWHM bdw.	$1.0 - 4.0 \cdot 10^5$
# photons/sec FWHM bdw.	$2.0 - 8.0 \cdot 10^8$
Source rms size [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	10 – 30
Source rms divergence [ $\mu\text{rad}$ ]	25 – 250
Peak brill. [ $N_{\text{ph}}/\text{sec}\cdot\text{mm}^2\text{mrad}^2\cdot 0.1\%$ ]	$10^{22} - 10^{24}$
Radiation pulse length [ps]	0.7 – 1.5
Linear polarization	$> 99 \%$
Macro repetition rate [Hz]	100
# of pulses per macropulse	$> 31$
Pulse-to-pulse separation [ns]	16

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