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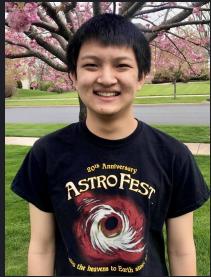
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Science Background

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Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP)

- Composition of Interstellar Medium (ISM)
- Magnetic + Solar Wind Interactions with ISM
- High Energy Particles in the Solar System



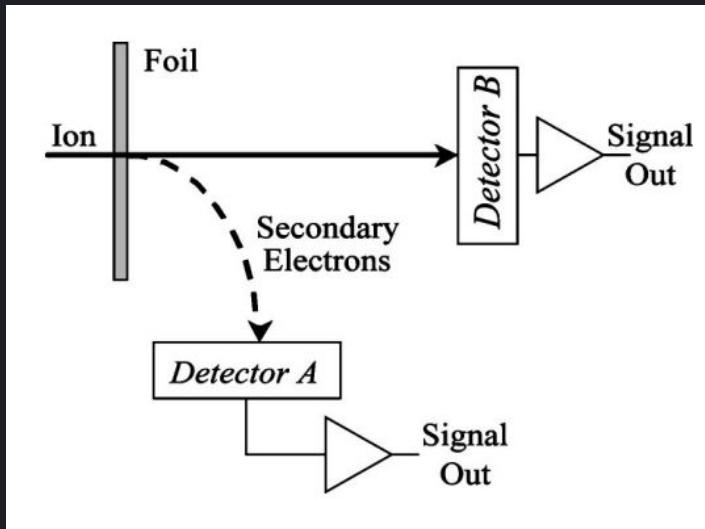
Solar Wind and Pickup Ions (SWAPI)

- ~10 Different Labs
- Different Beam Line Conditions
- Need to cross-calibrate

Relatively cheap, portable, and easy to construct instrument – the ABM



What is an Absolute Beam Monitor?



An Absolute Beam Monitor is a detector that can accurately determine the ENA flux of a Neutral Atom Beam Source.

The instrument would intercept an ion beam source, separate and detect the resulting neutral atoms

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Detected Counts and the Absolute Efficiency

$$C = A \int \int \int j \varepsilon_D G dE d\Omega dt,$$

The above equation calculates coincidence counts. It is dependent on

j , differential particle flux

ε_D , the absolute efficiency of the detector system

G , the instrument geometric factor

The absolute efficiency of the detector system depends on the Probability for registering a coincidence event, along with probability of transmission through the foil

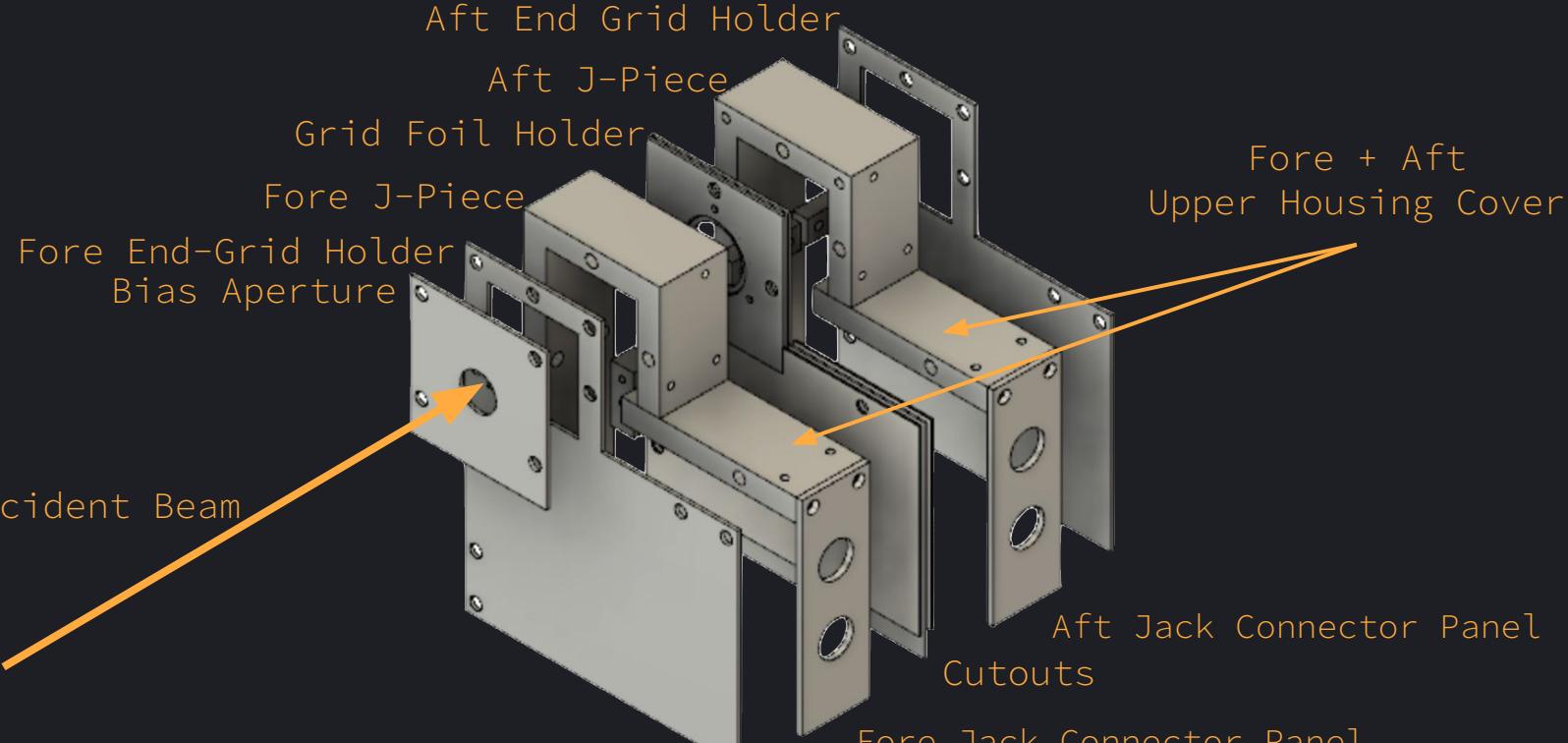
$$\varepsilon_D = T_G T_F P_A P_B.$$



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ABM-1 Design

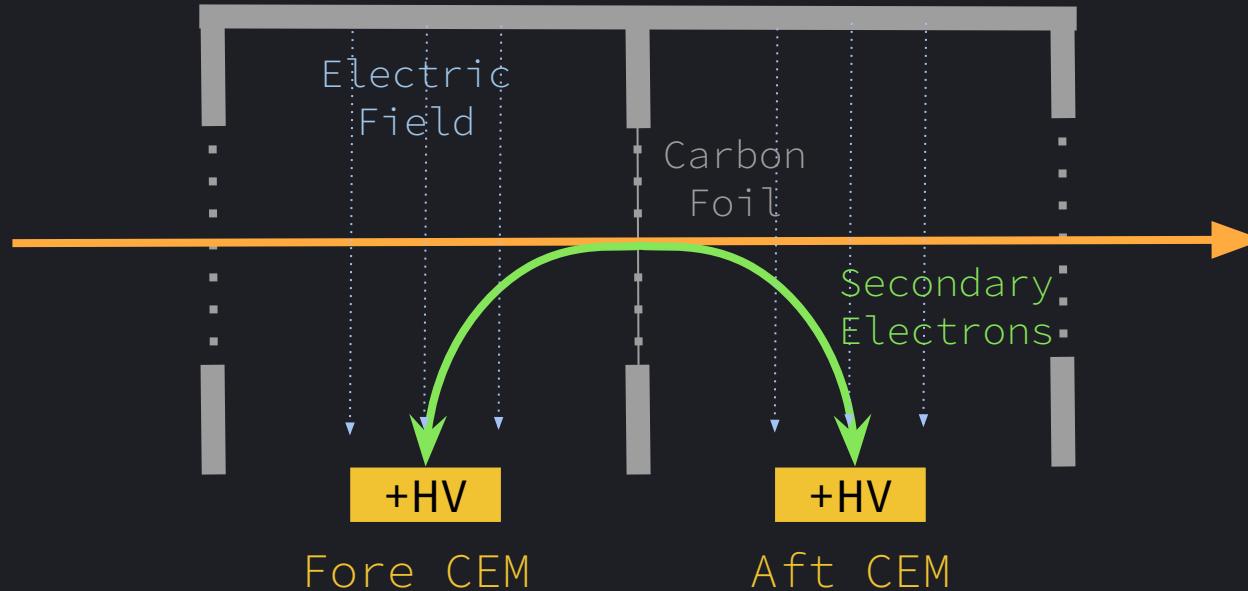
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Beam



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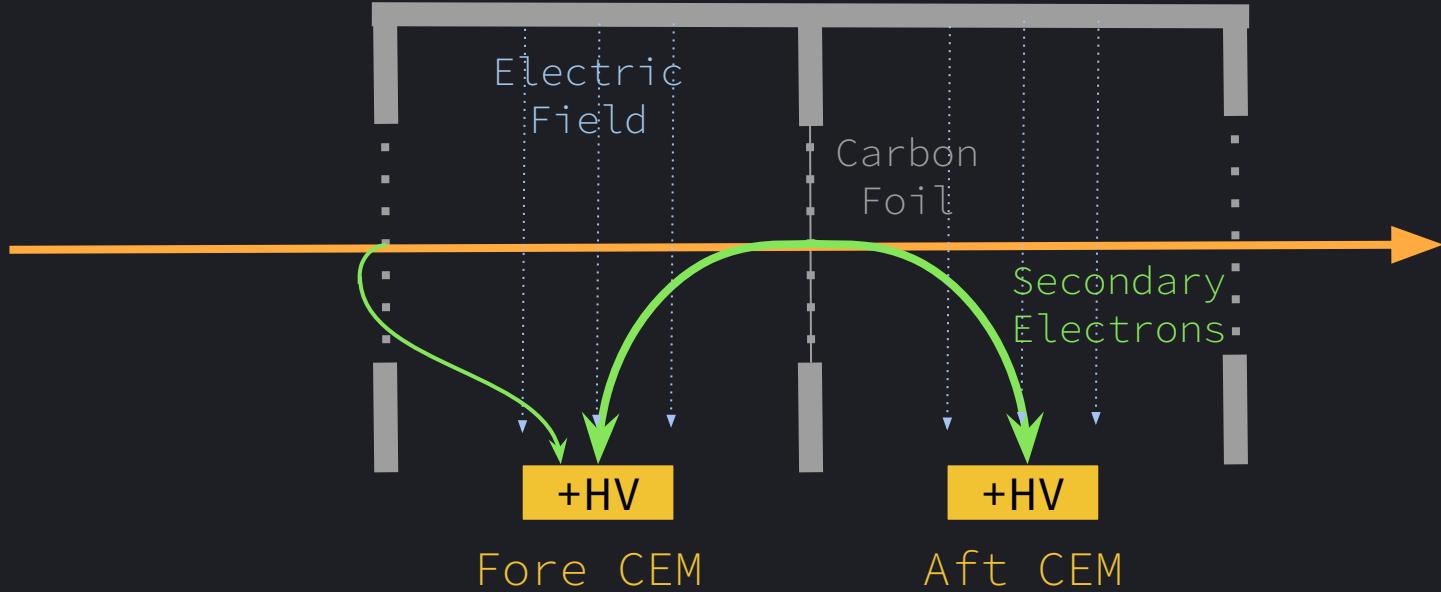
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Electric
Field

Carbon
Foil

Bias
Aperture

+HV

+HV

Fore CEM

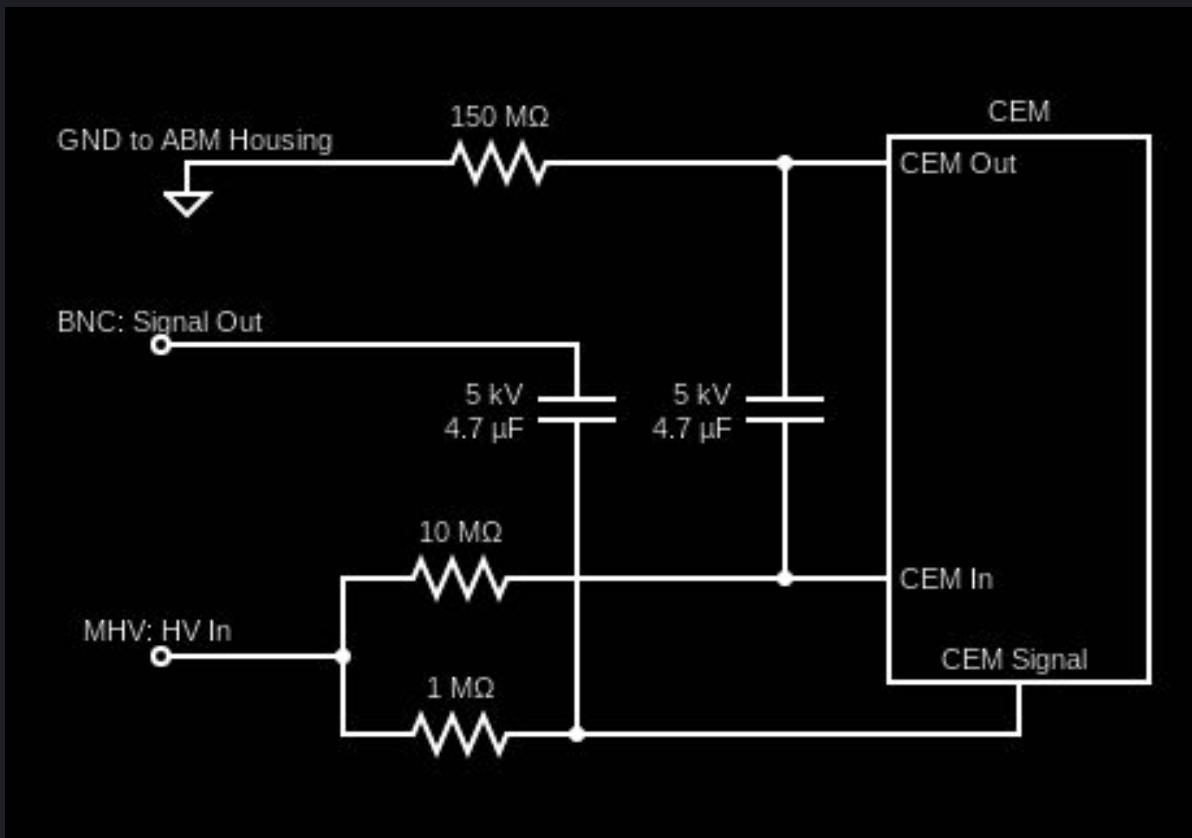
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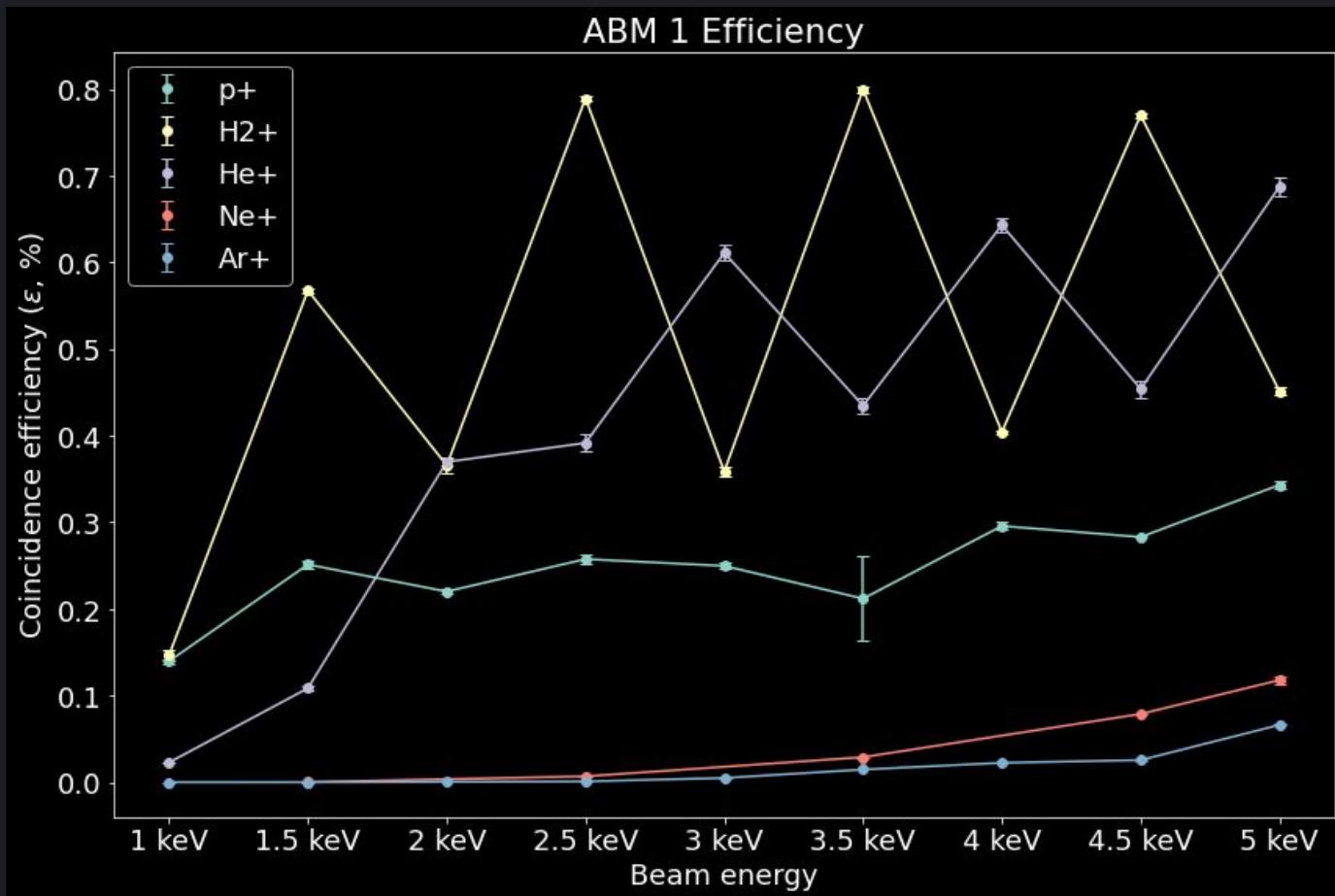
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ABM 1 Efficiency



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Coincidence efficiency

Very low coincidence efficiency

Highest was around .8% for 2-4.5 keV H₂ (H₂ was highest for SWAPI too), p⁺ generally got around .2-.3%

Don't know why H₂ and He jump, possibly due to testing on different days

No coincidence/very low counts for heavy elements (Ne⁺ and Ar⁺)

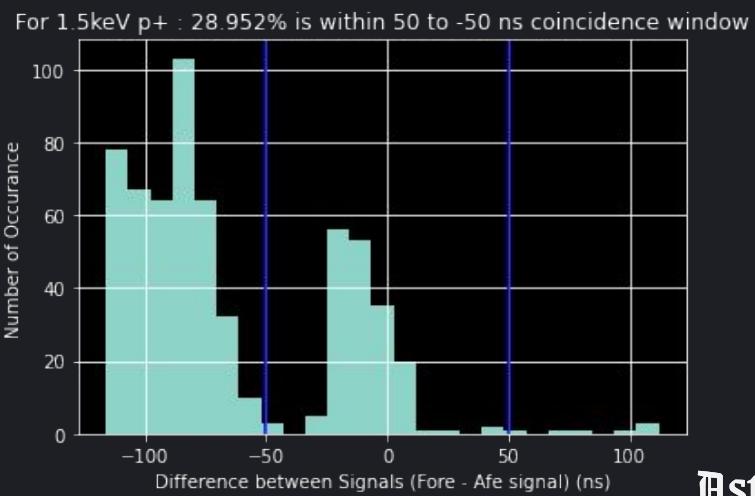
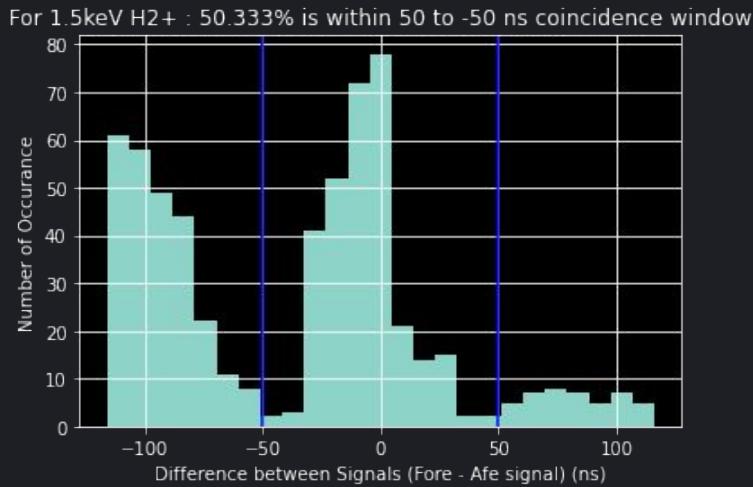
Generally increases with beam energy

Our goal is around 10%, so these values need to be improved



Bimodal Coincidence Window Distribution

- Bimodal distribution for majority of beams
- We wanted an almost gaussian distribution with majority falling with a specific window



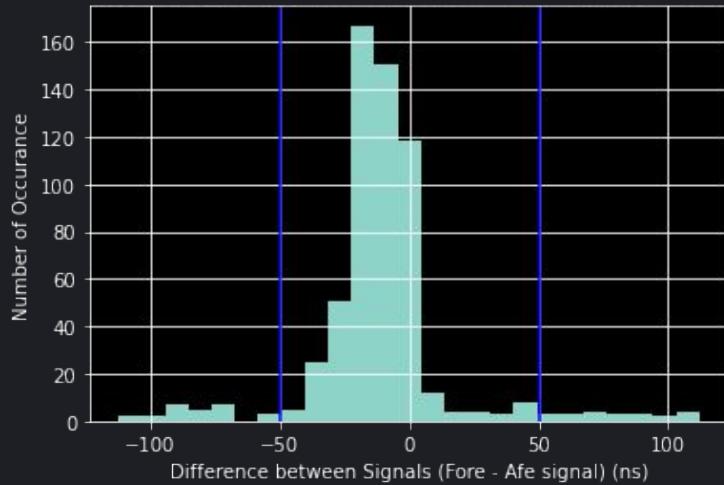
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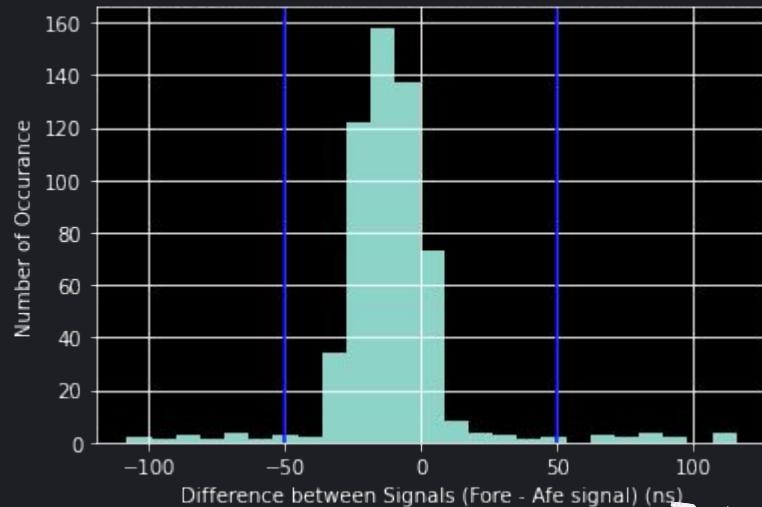
- Less likely in larger species, like Ne or Ar
- Lower energies were worth though:
- 1.5keV Ne⁺ : 76.5%,

For 4.5keV Ne⁺ : 91.333% is within 50 to -50 ns coincidence window



1.5keV Ar⁺ : 81.667%

For 4.5keV Ar⁺ : 94.609% is within 50 to -50 ns coincidence window

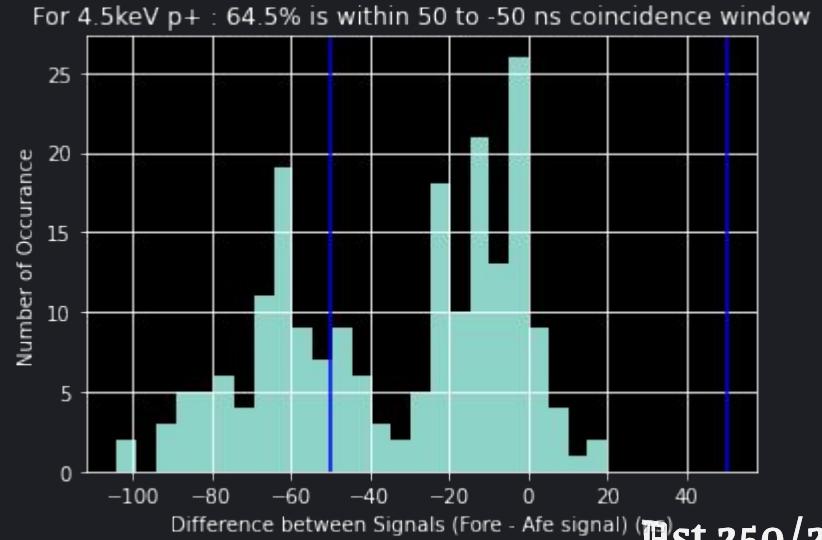
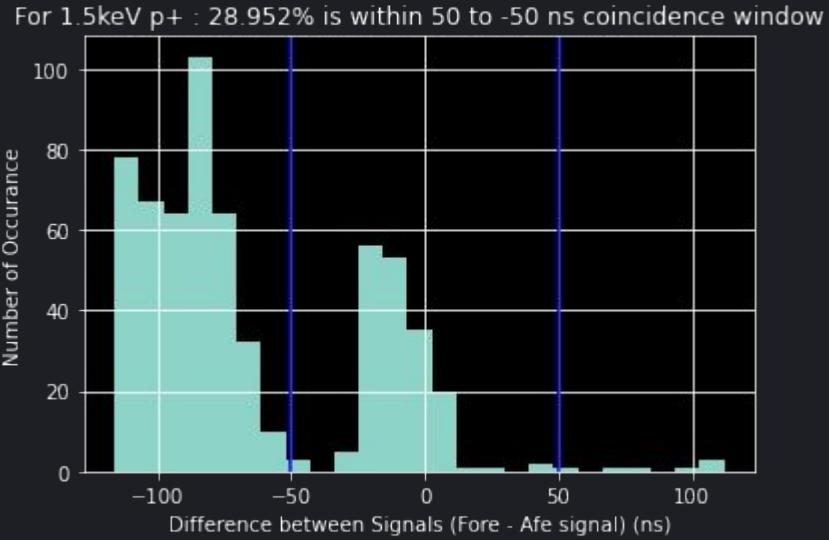


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Bimodal Coincidence Window Distribution

- Bimodality changed with energy. Lower energies was worse

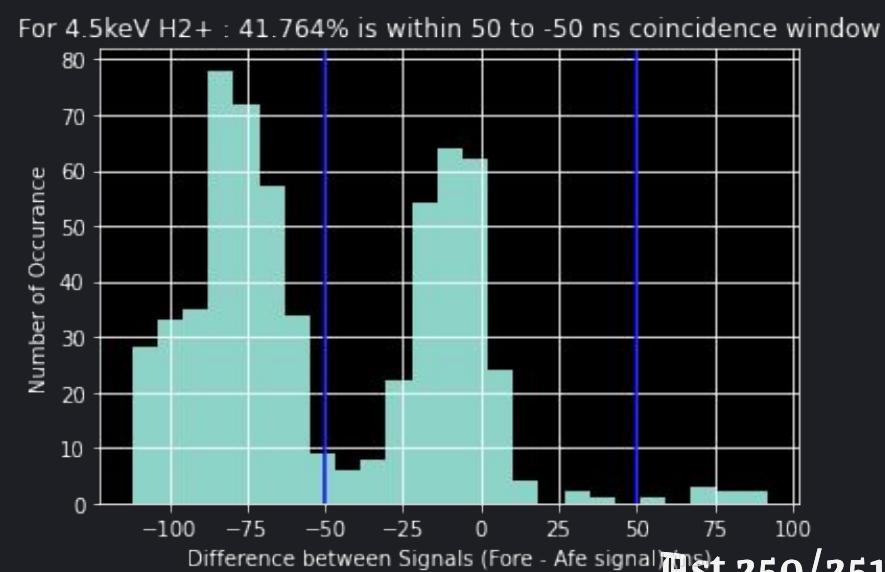
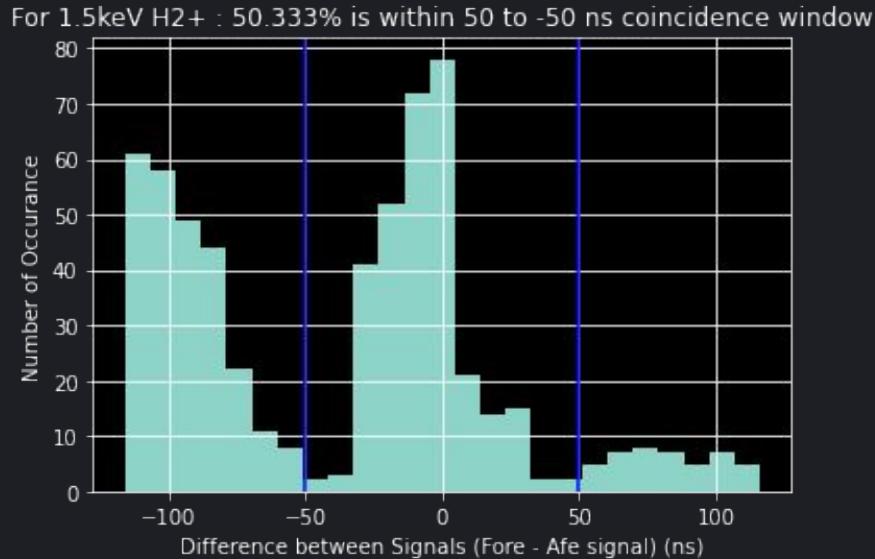


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Bimodal Coincidence Window Distribution

- Bimodality changed with energy. Higher energy worse

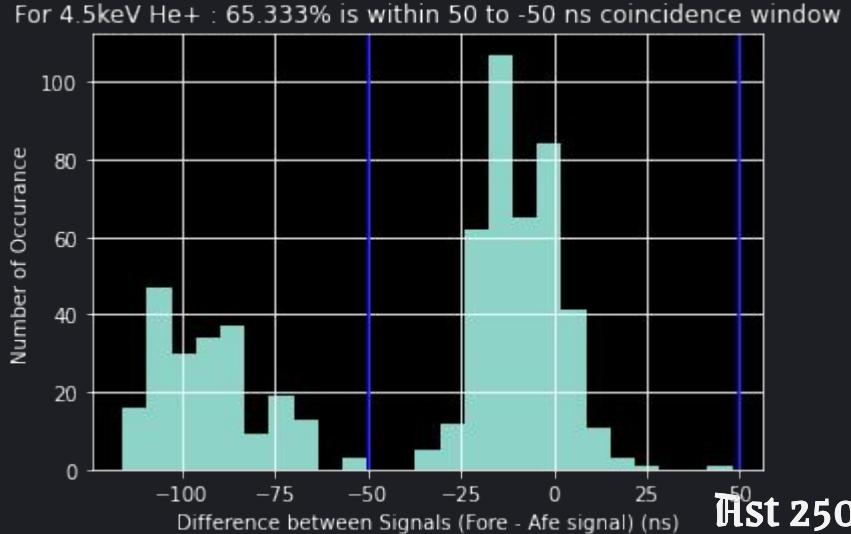
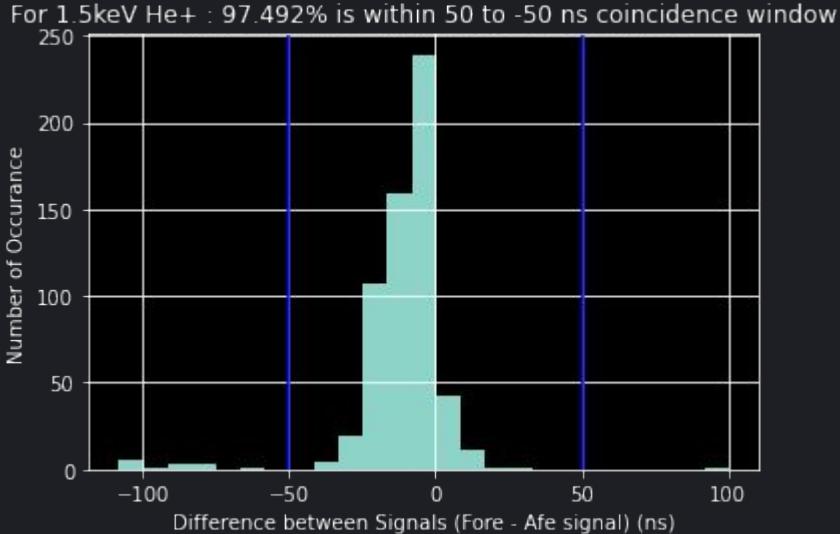


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Bimodal Coincidence Window Distribution

- Bimodality changed with energy. Higher energy worse



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Bimodal Coincidence Window Distribution

- Why it's bimodal?
 - Backscattering?
 - Neutral Particles
 - Bias voltage



High Operating Voltage

ABM-1 FORE/AFT Voltages: 4000V

(gain curve tests up to 4500V)

HVPS limit: 5000V

*Still safe to apply, we only see ~2000V on the CEMs, but we
shouldn't be so close to our power limit

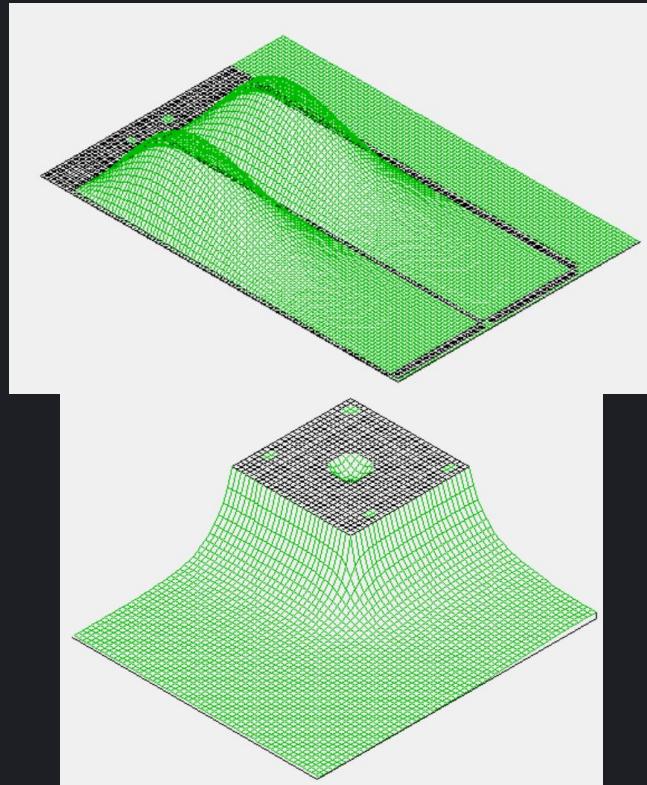
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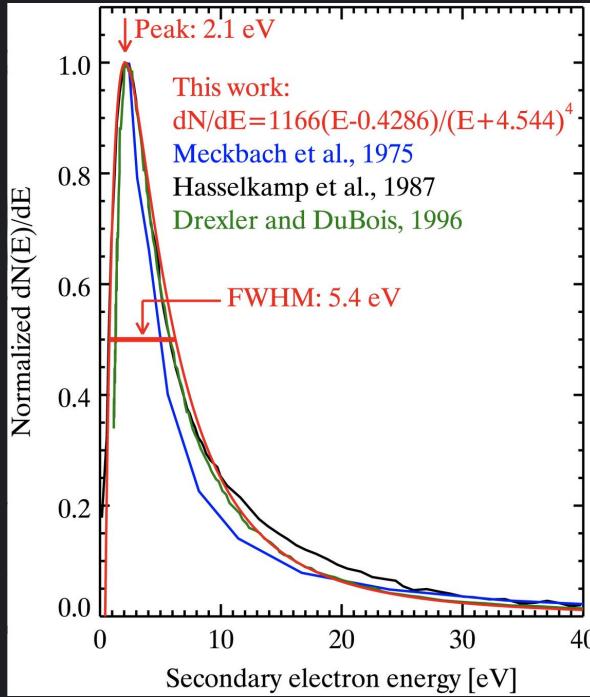
- Cannot simulate secondary electrons (SE) from the incident beam directly
- *Considerations:*
 - SE distribution \leq 15 eV located at center
 - CEM Range: 500 – 2000 V
 - ABM-1: 2062 V FCEM, 2090 V ACEM
 - 1 keV – 5 keV H⁺
 - Aperture Bias: 40 V



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Secondary Electron Distribution



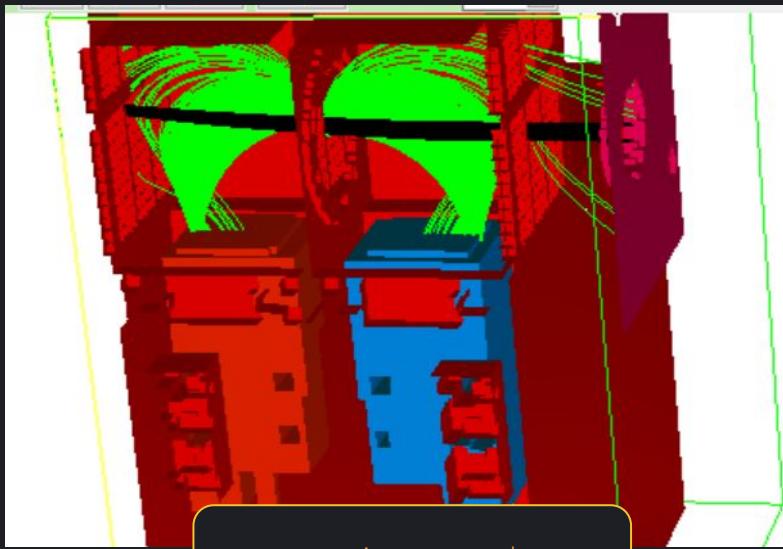
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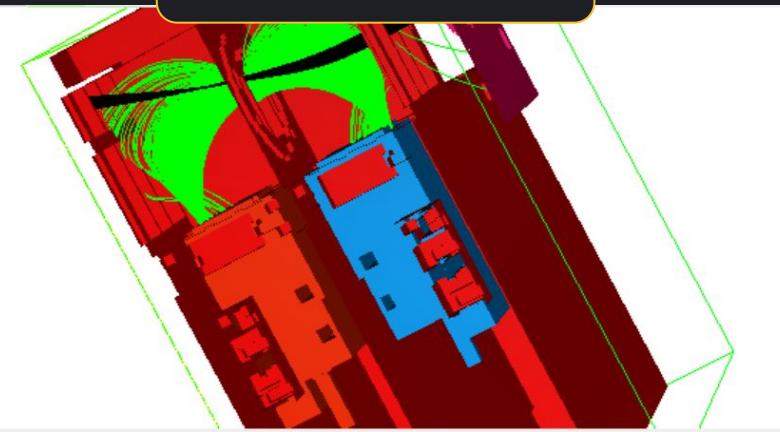
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1 keV H^+



5 keV H^+



Beam bending, scattering
range of electrons explain
low coincidence efficiency
and bimodality.



Mechanical Corrections with ABM-1

- CEM Anode Disconnection
- Remove Teflon sheet and screws
- Center CEMs
- Add insulation plating
- Electrical connection to bias plate



Wide ABM Design

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Aft End Grid Holder

Fore & Aft
Upper Housing Cover

Aft J-Piece

Grid Foil Holder

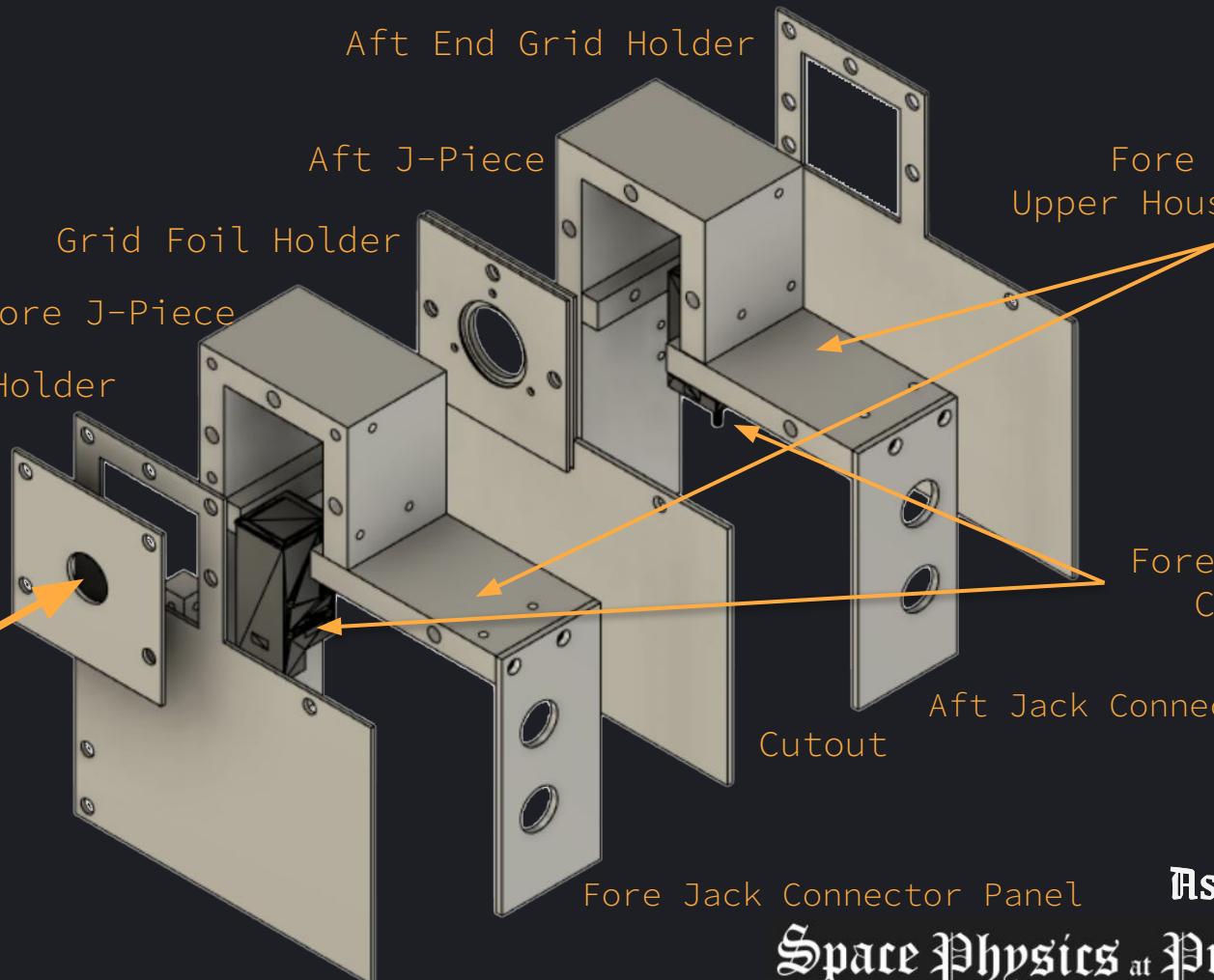
Fore J-Piece

Fore End-Grid Holder

Bias Aperture

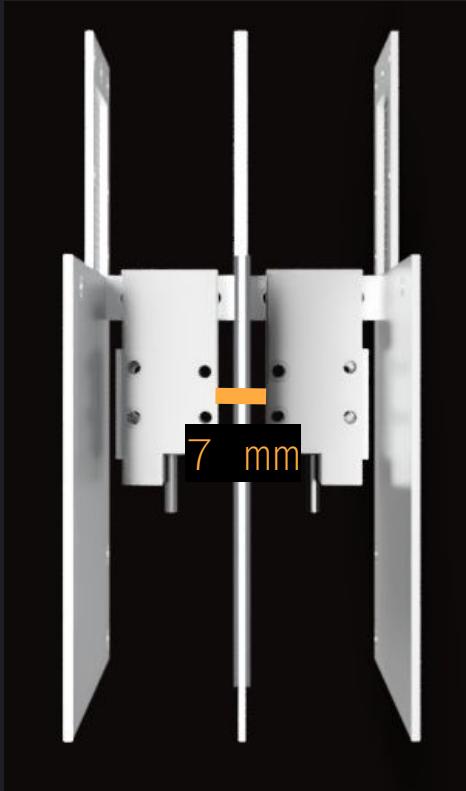
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Wide ABM

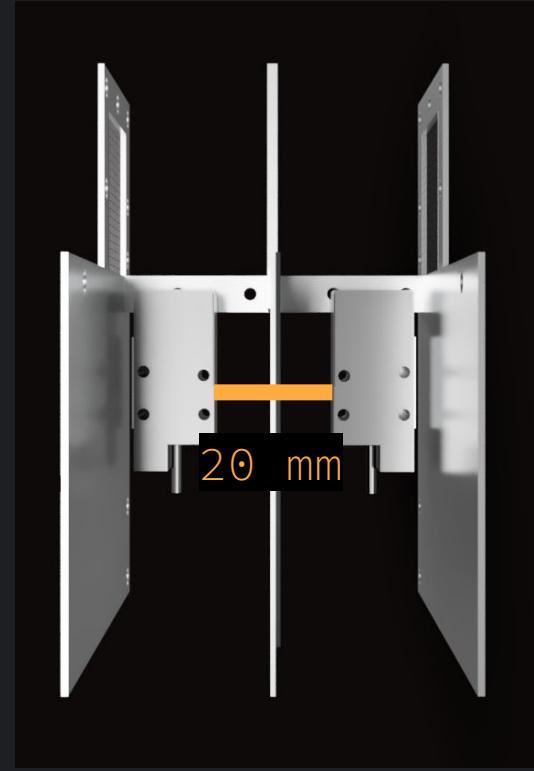


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ABM-1

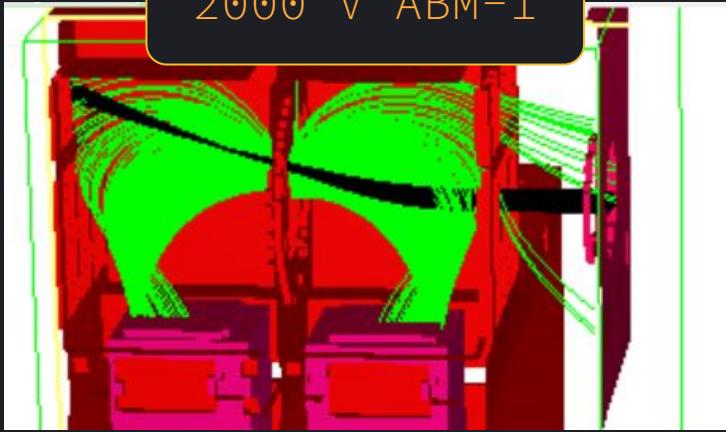


Wide ABM

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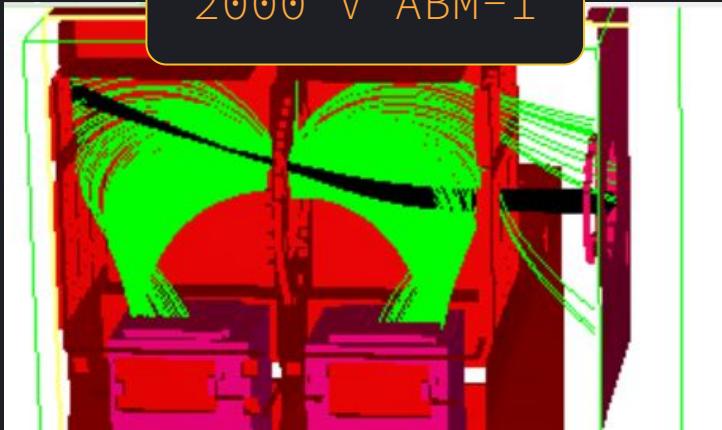
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 H^+

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2000 V ABM-1



2000 V ABM-2

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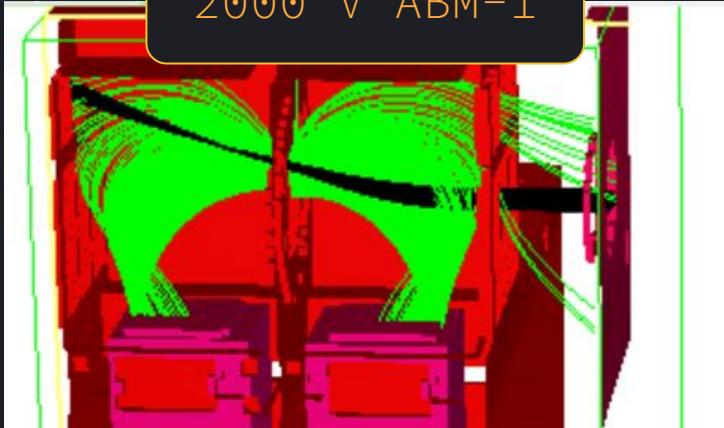
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2000 V ABM-1



2000 V ABM-2

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500 V ABM-2

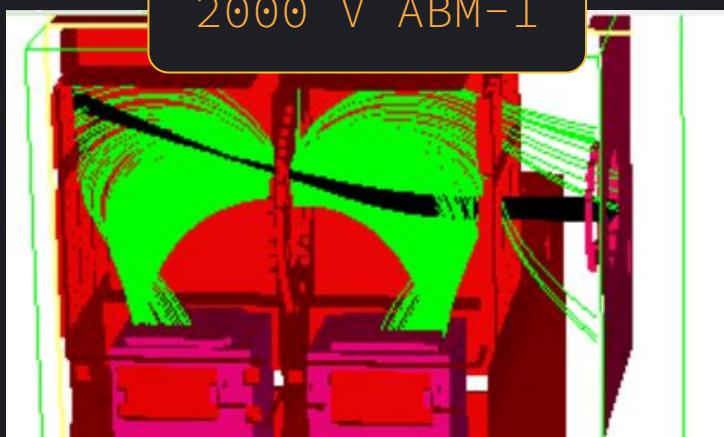
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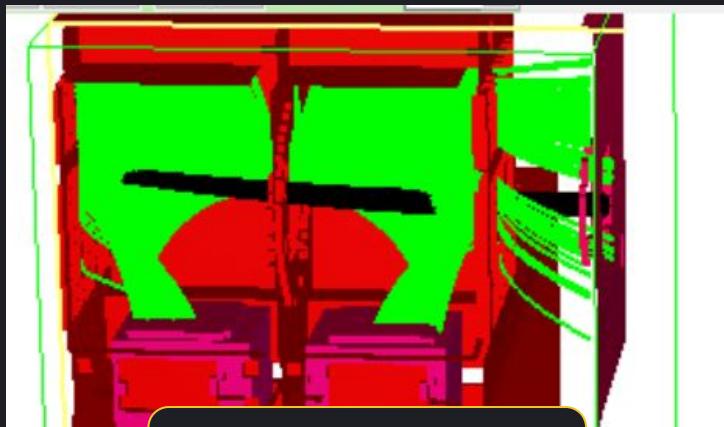
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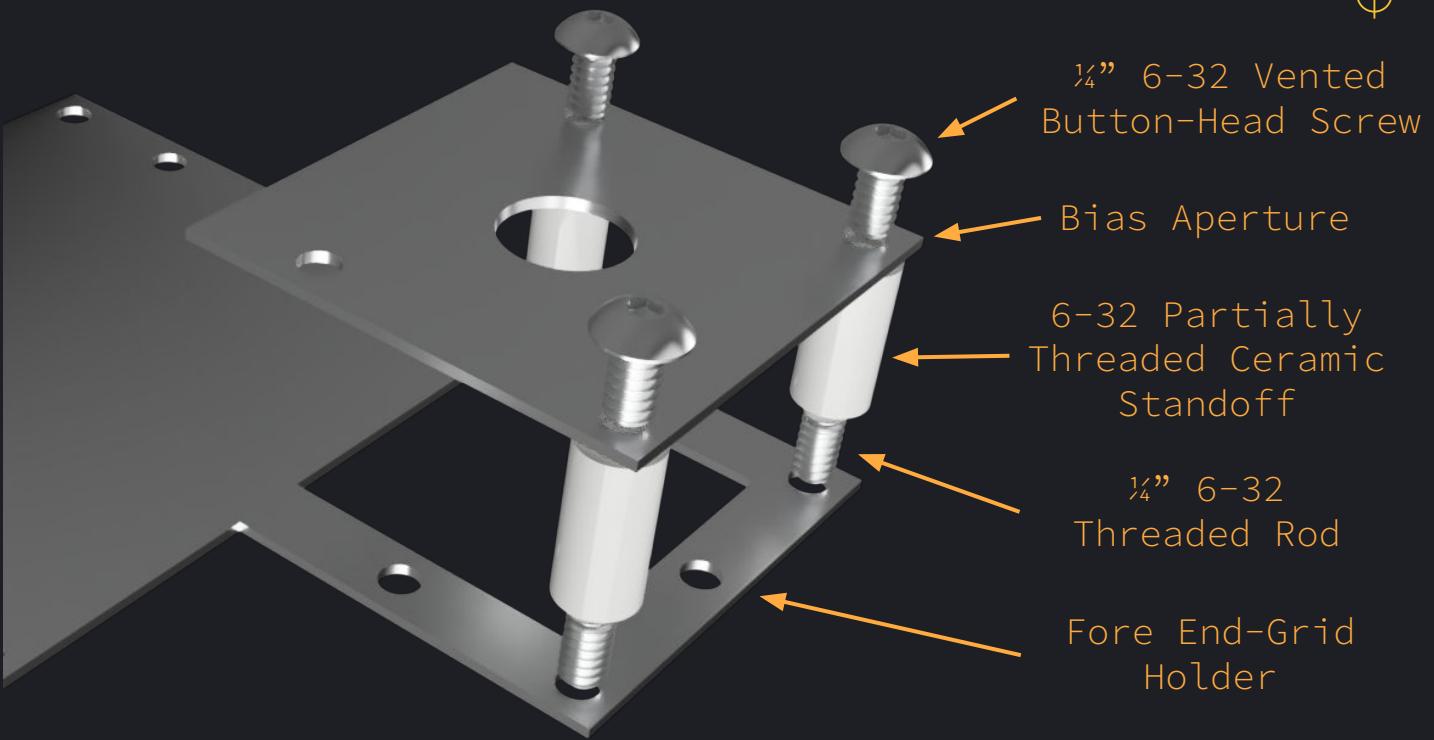
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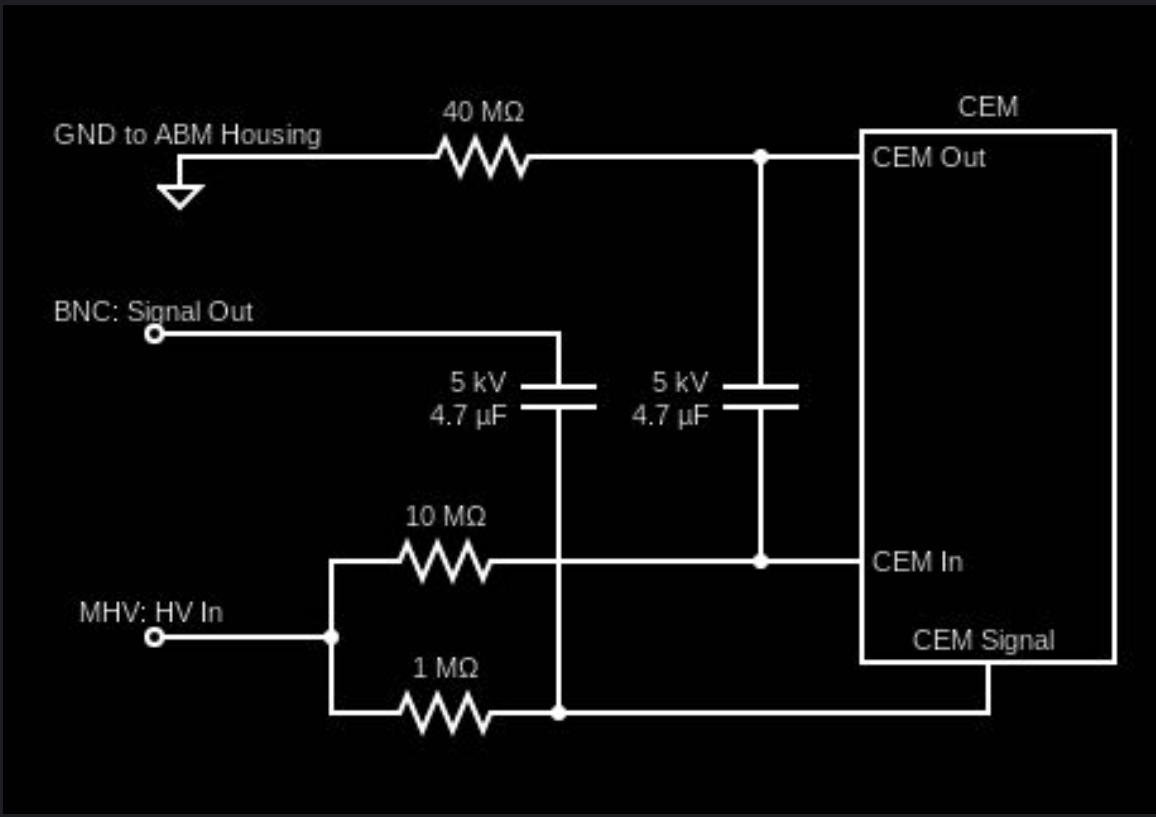
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Wide ABM Bias Aperture Mount

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Lower Operating Voltage

ABM-1 FORE/AFT Voltages: 4000V

HVPS limit: 5000V

WIDE ABM FORE/AFT Voltage Range: 2000-2500V

*We still will only see ~2000V on the CEMs

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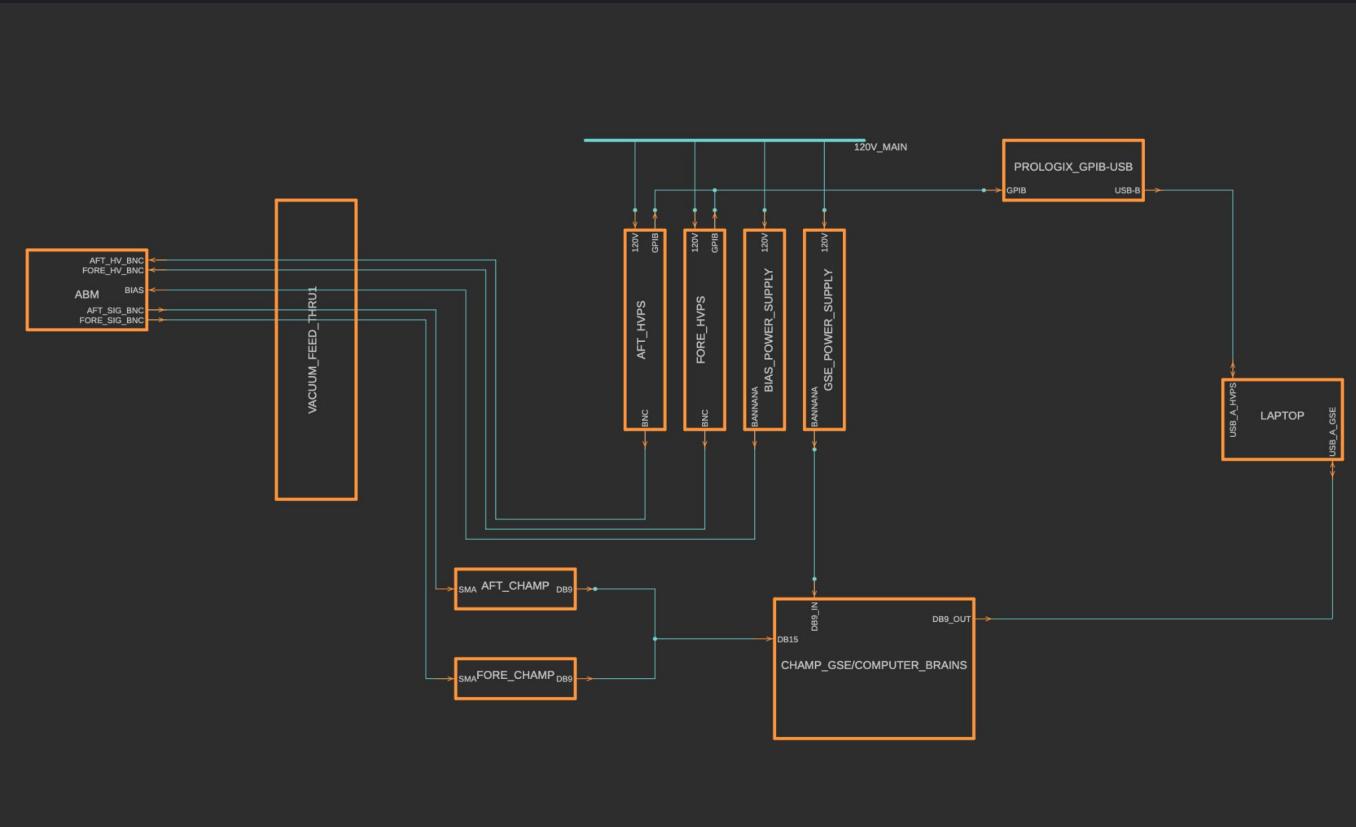
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ABM-2 Instrument

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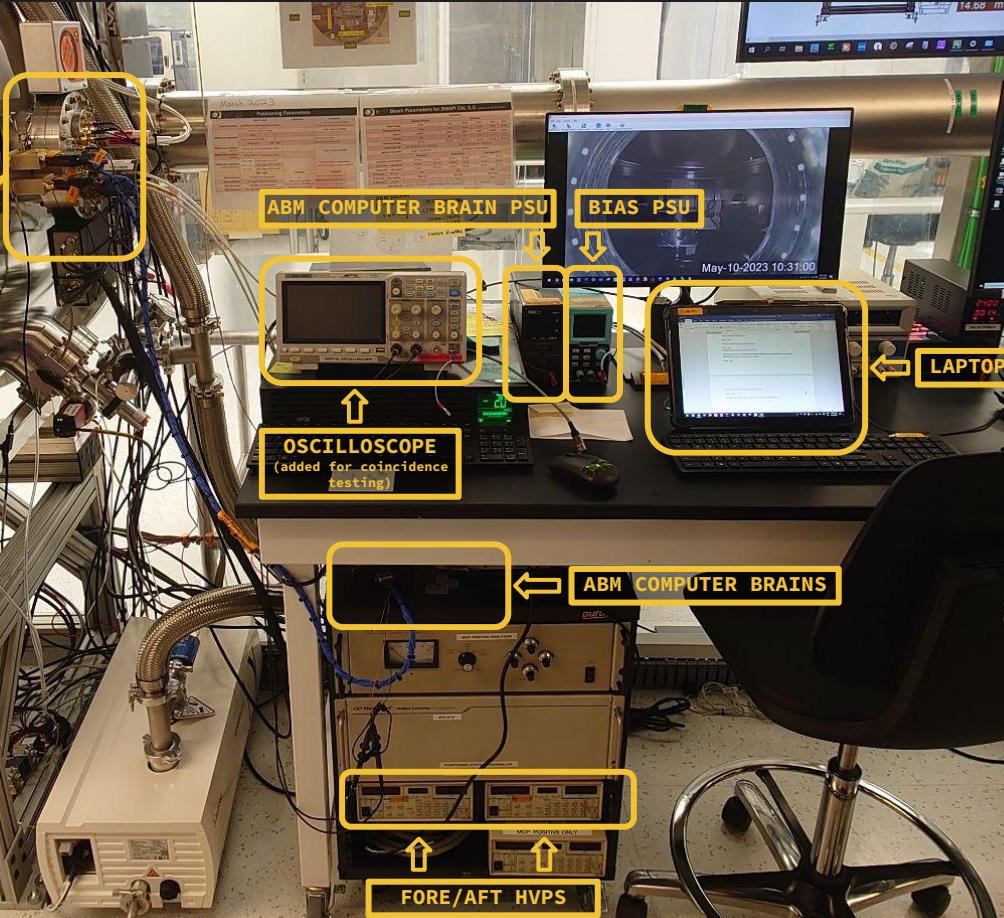
ABM System Wiring

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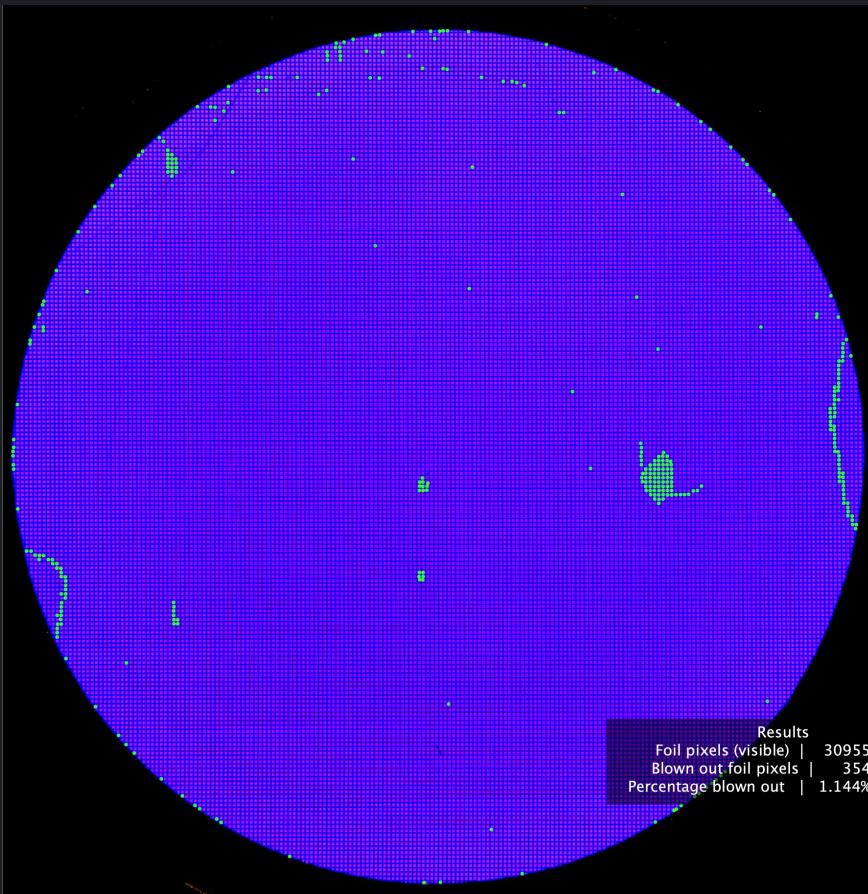
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Carbon Foil

- 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ thickness
- Floating: 40°C DW
- Inspection: VHX6000 and MATLAB Code
- No problems with drying or edge tears

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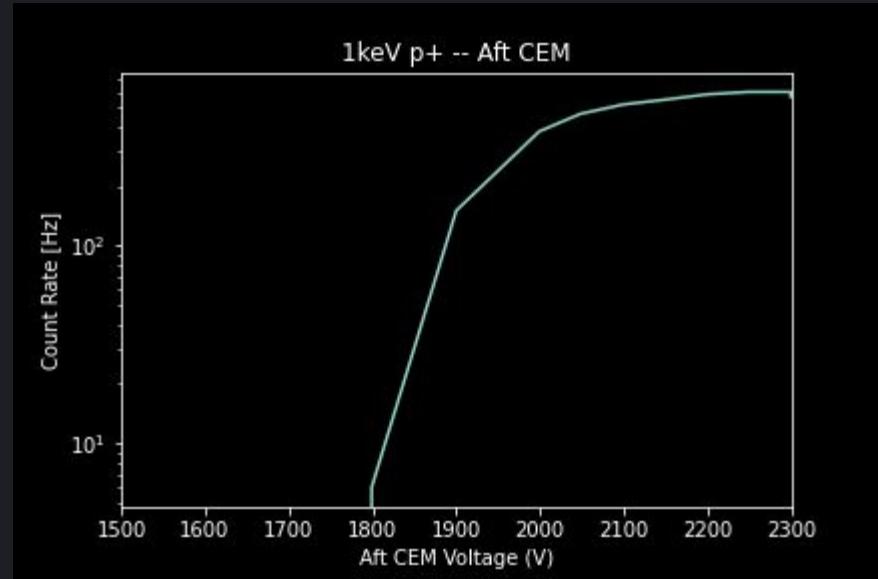
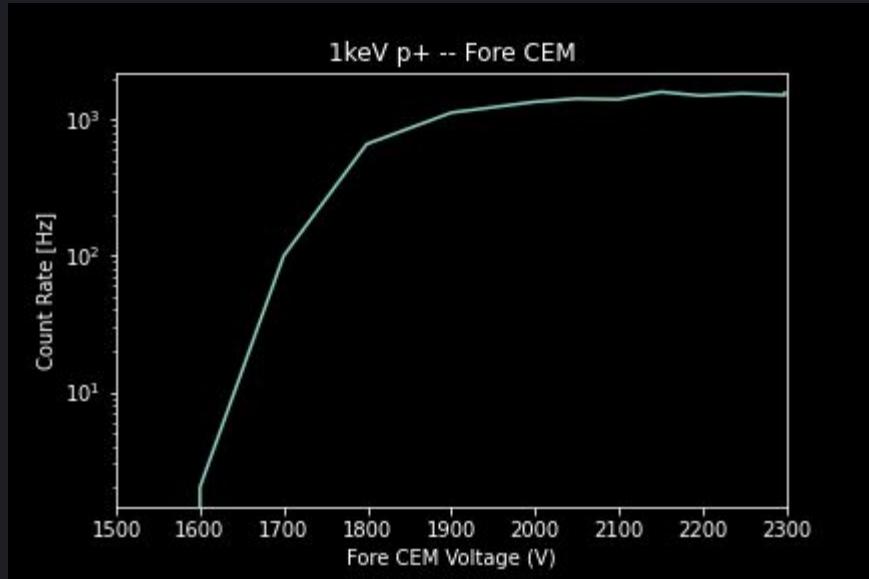
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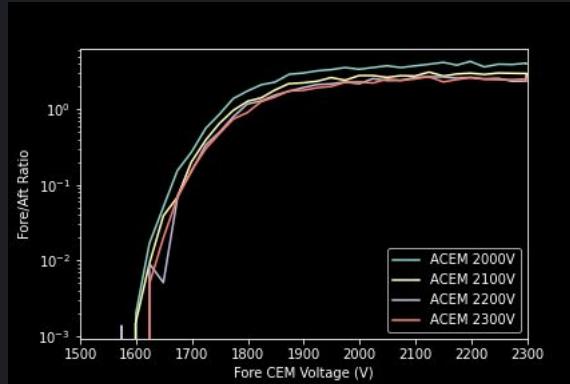
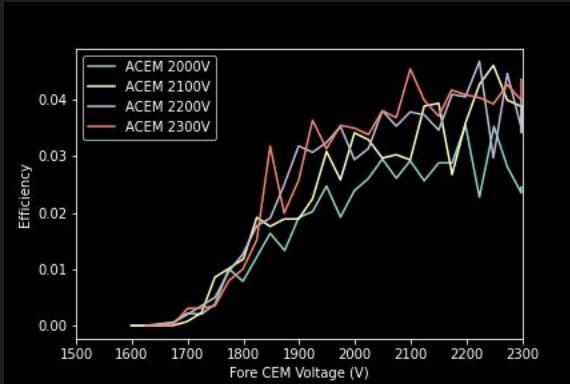
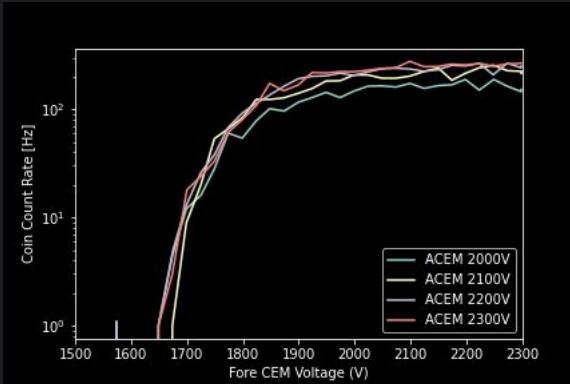
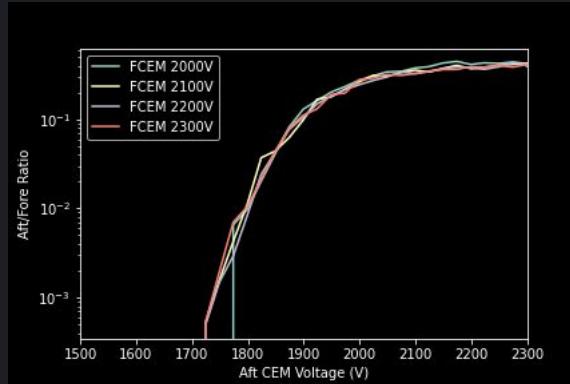
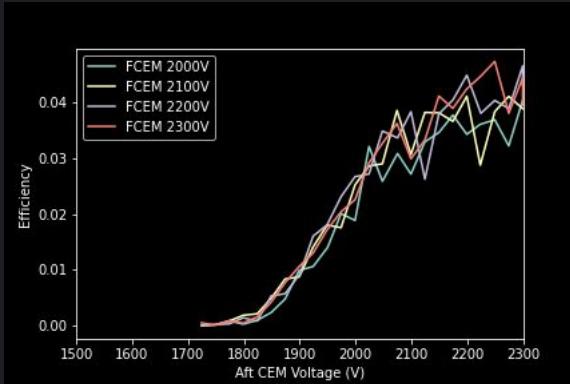
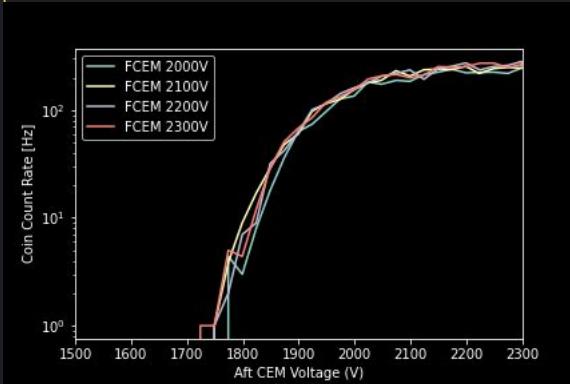
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ABM-2: p+ Gain Curve

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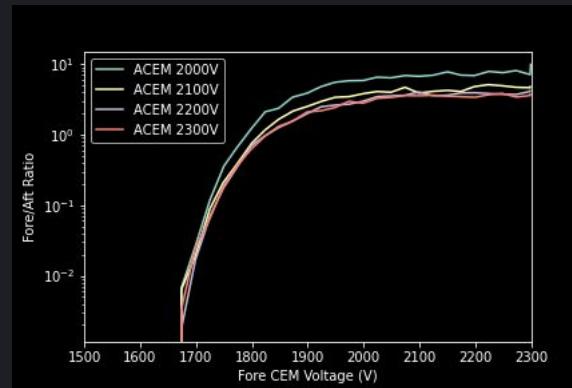
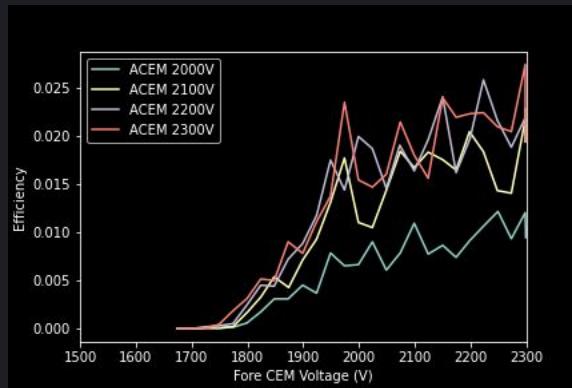
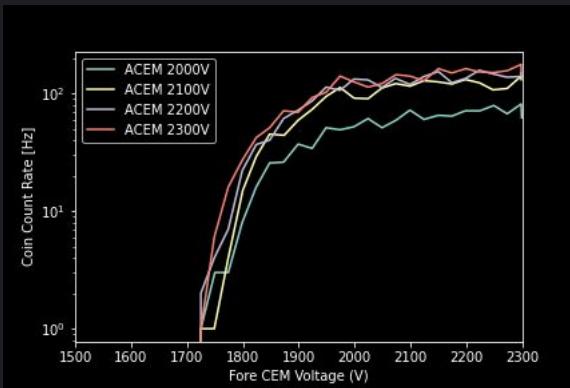
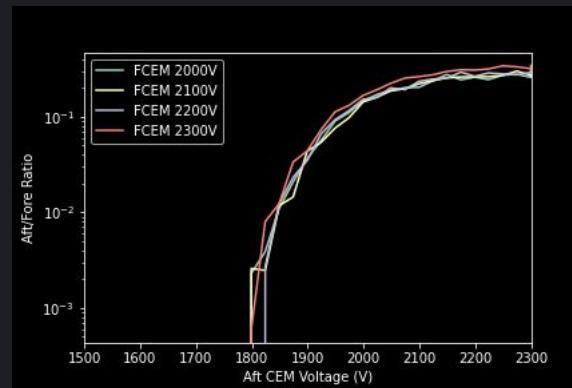
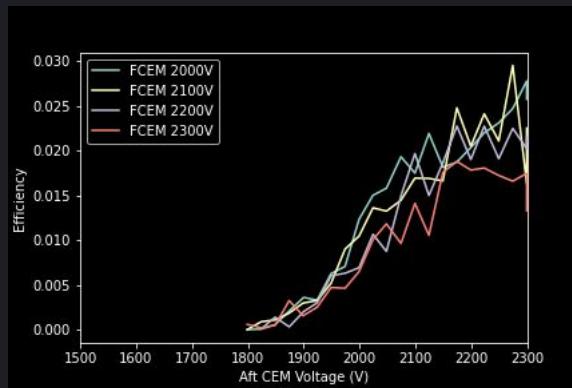
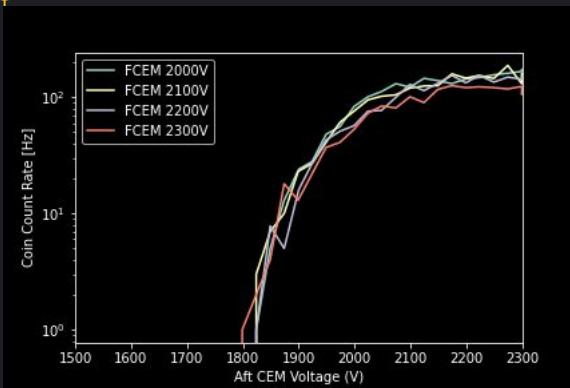
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ABM-2: p+ Gain Matrix

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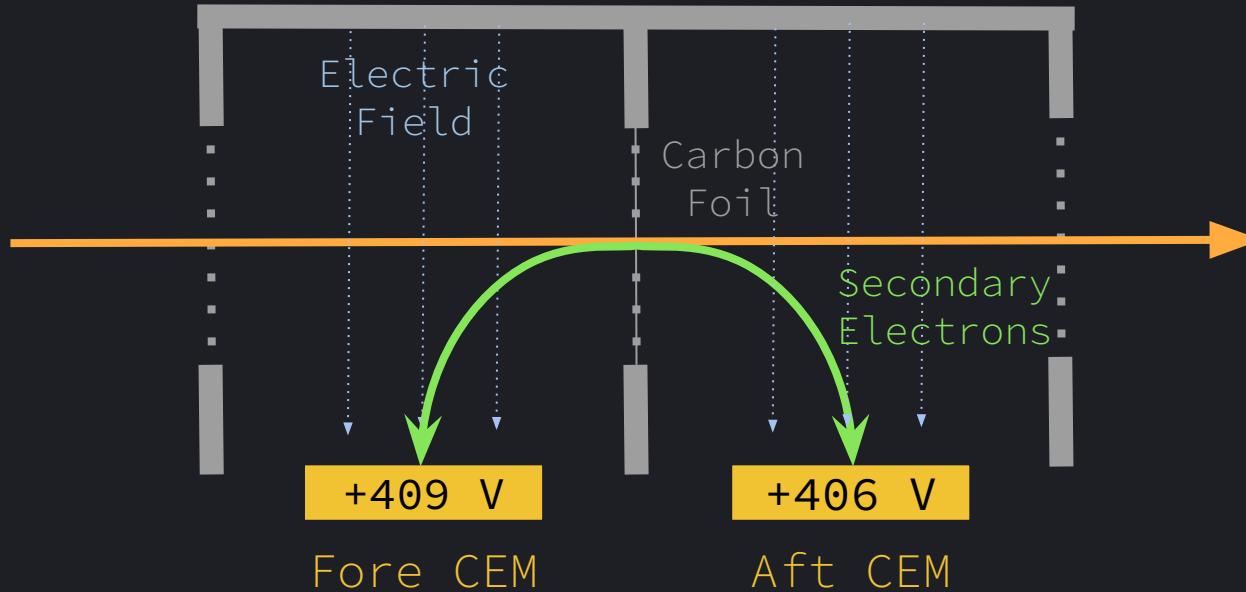
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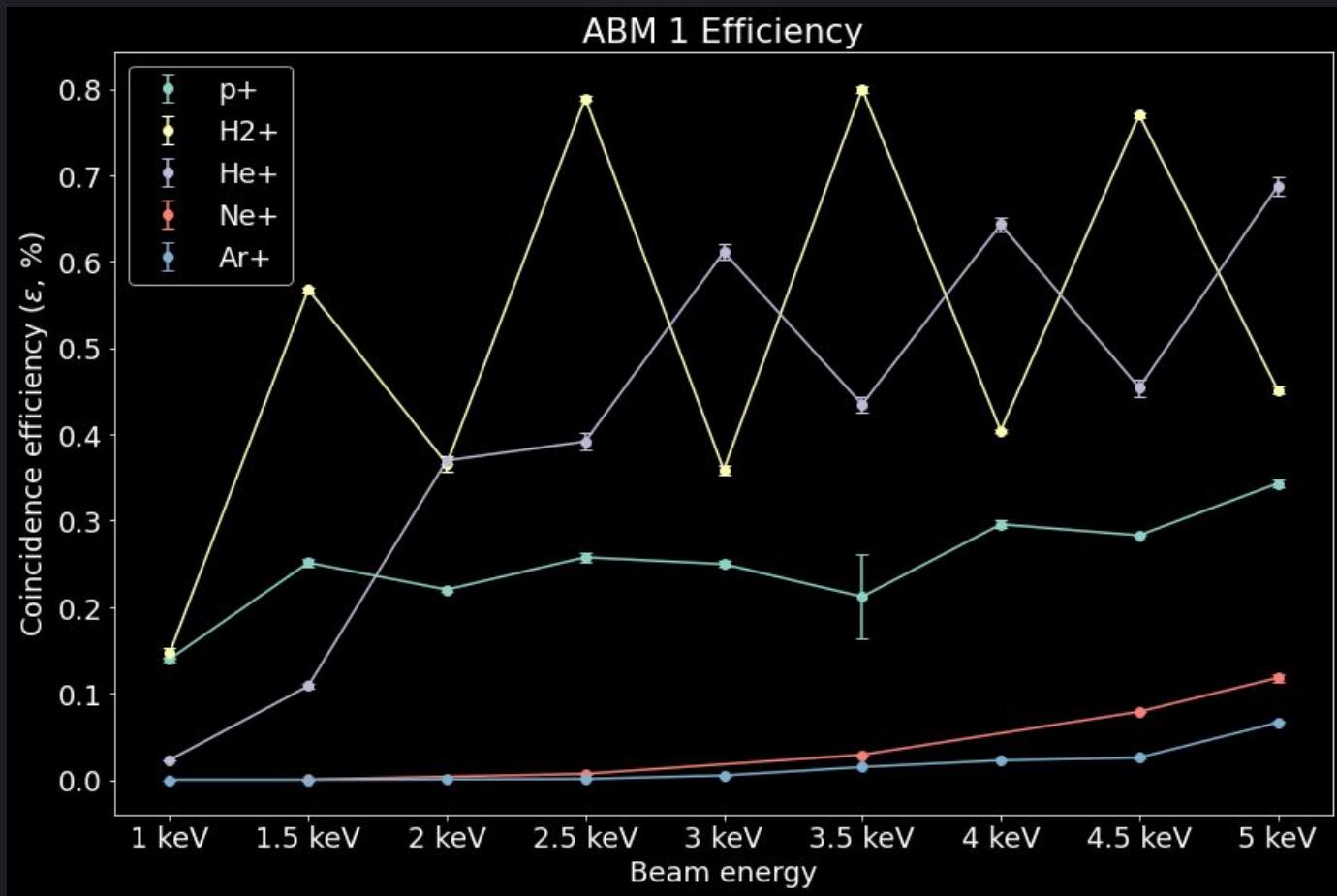
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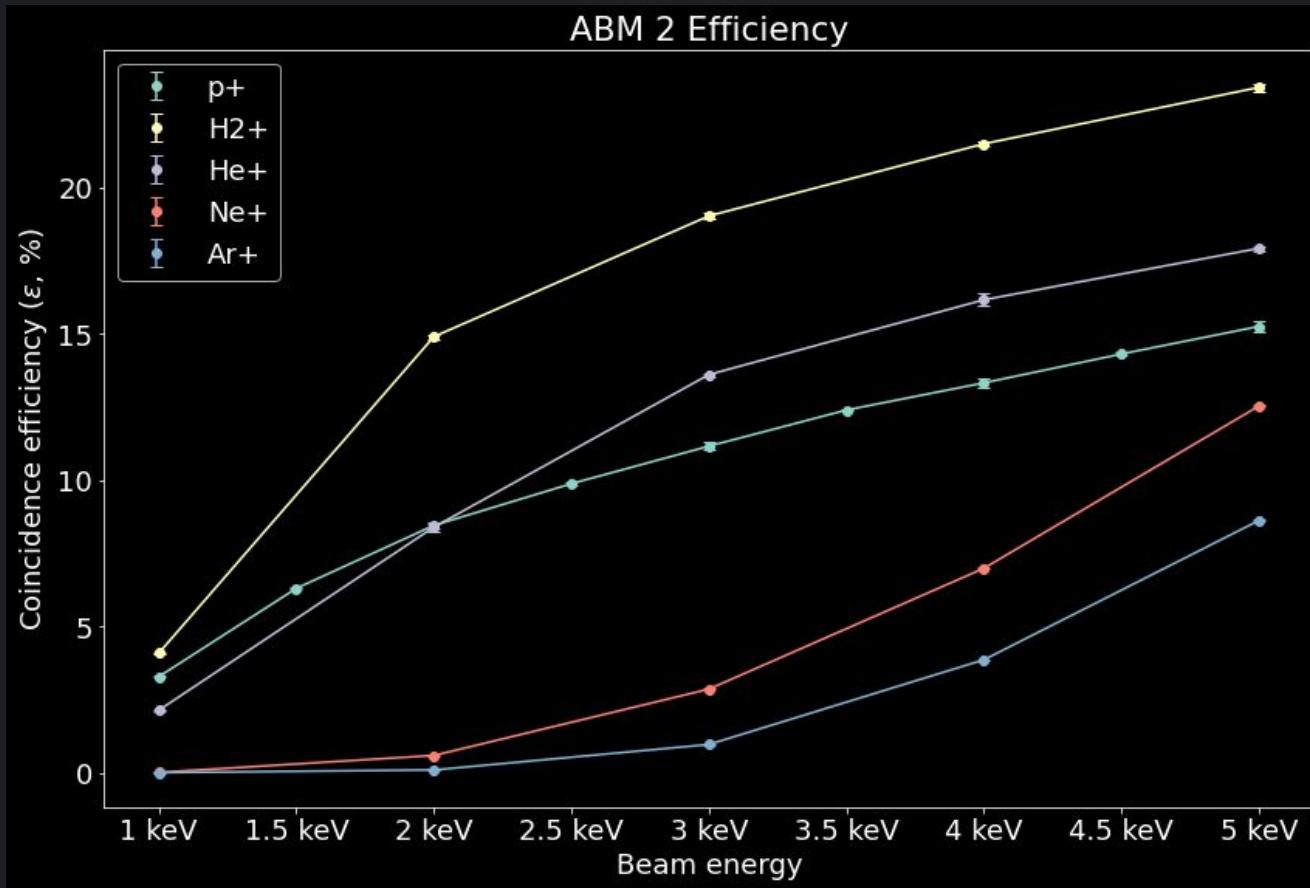


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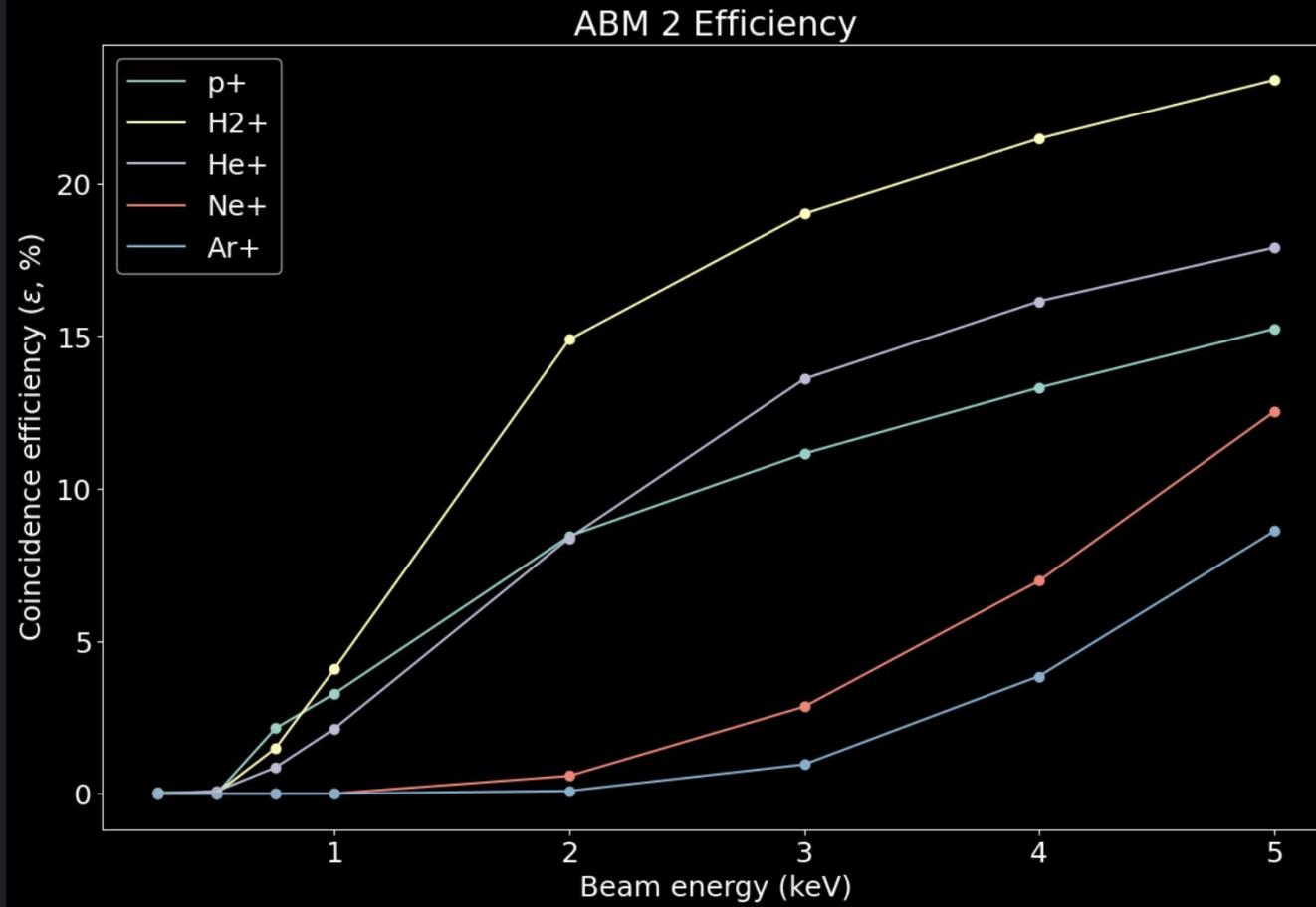
ABM 2 Efficiency



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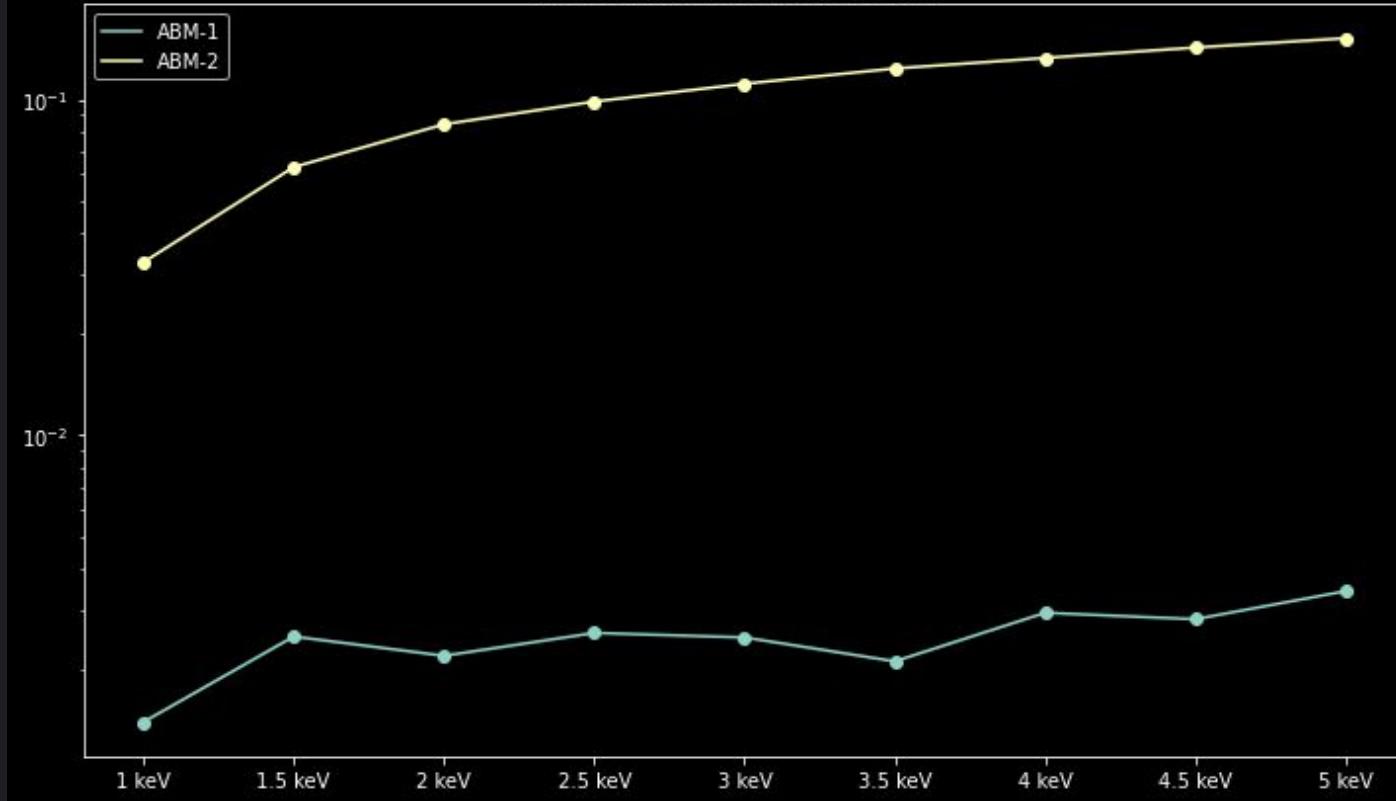
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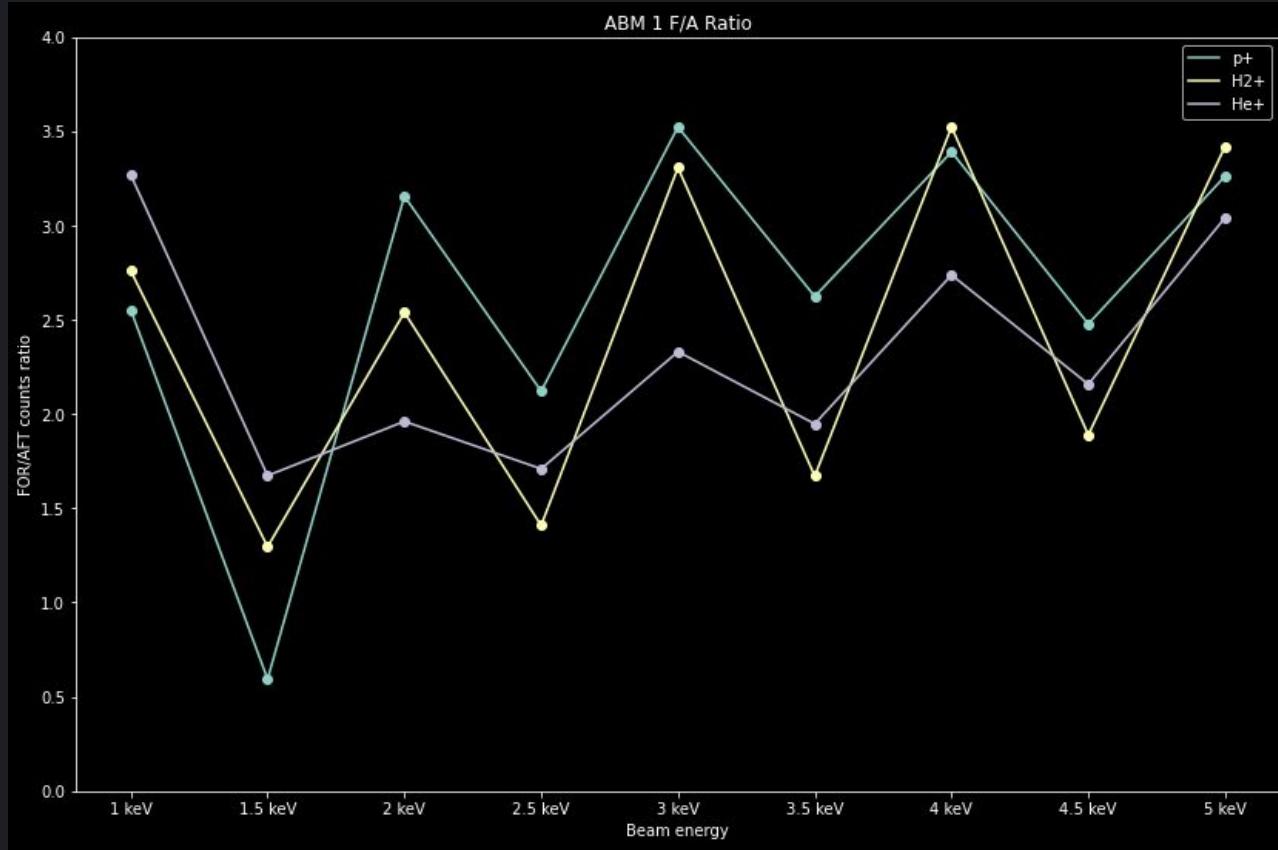


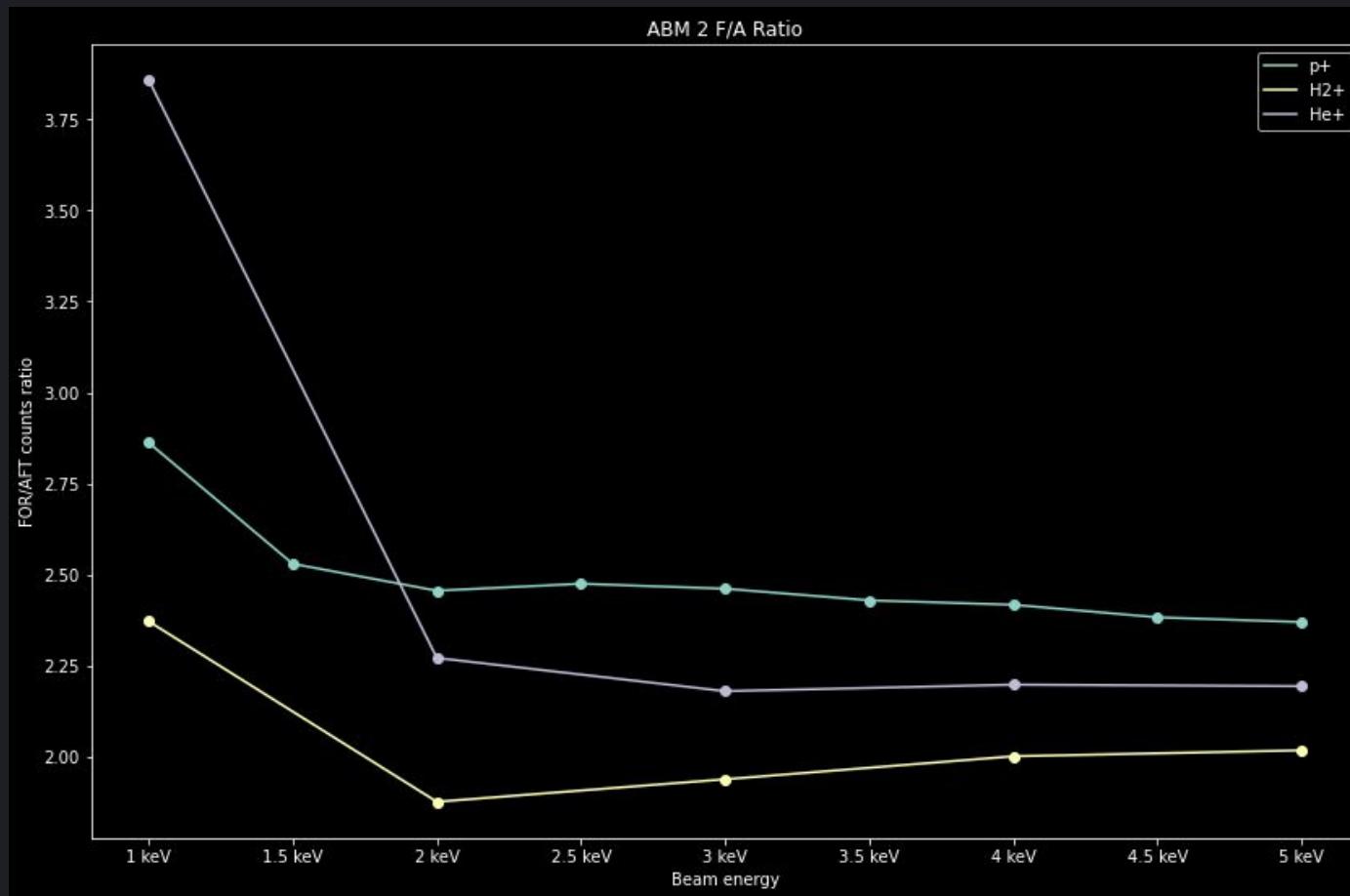
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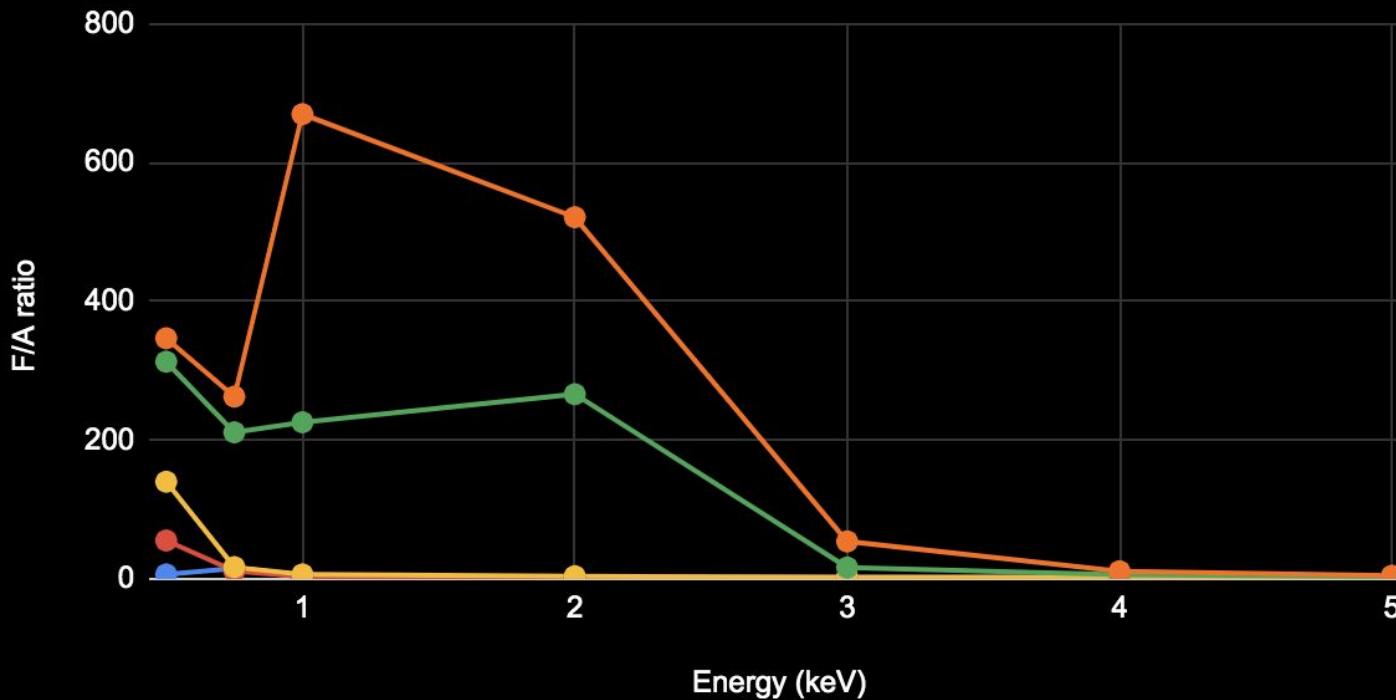
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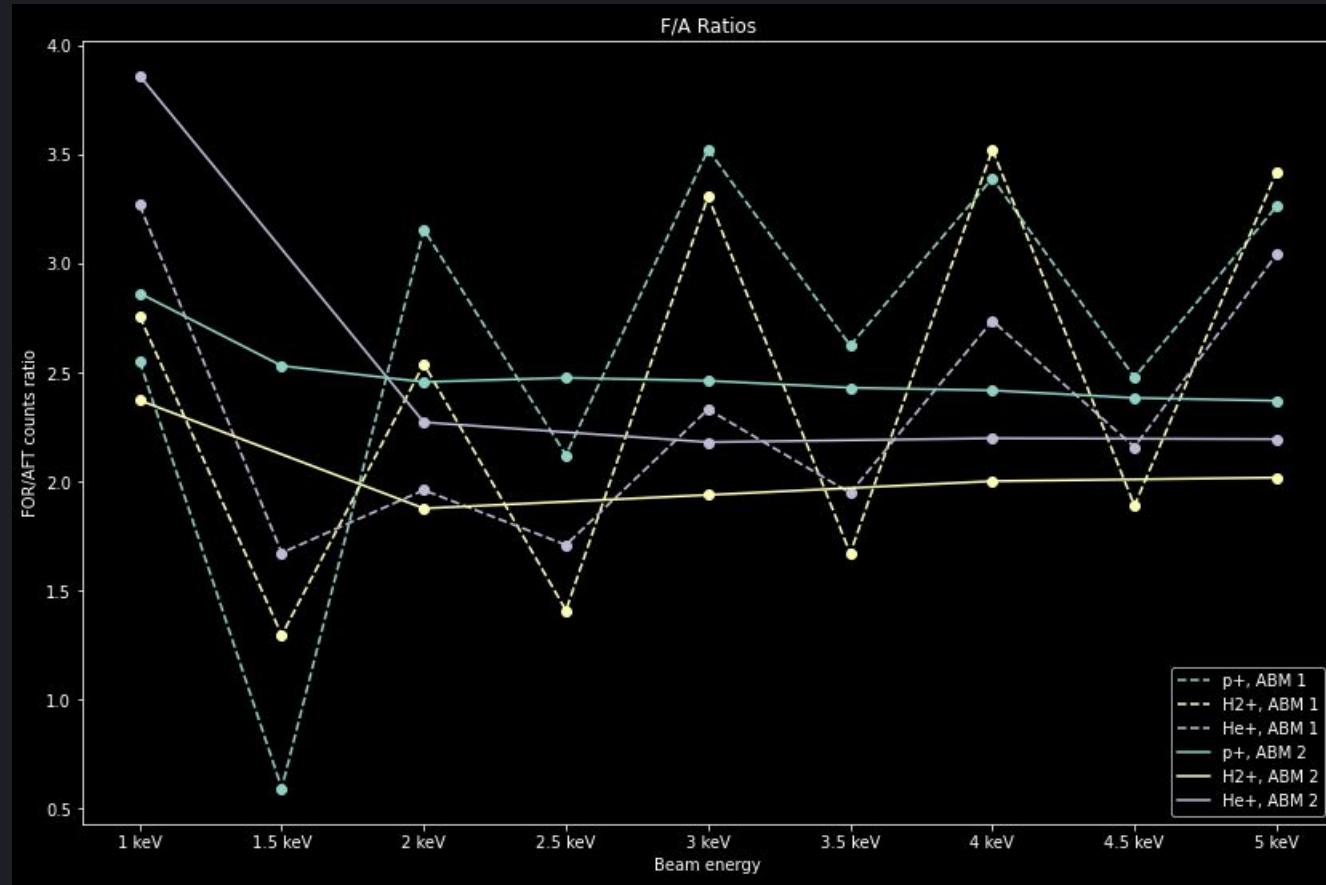
ABM-2 F/A Ratio

● p+ ● H₂ ● He⁺ ● Ne⁺ ● Ar⁺



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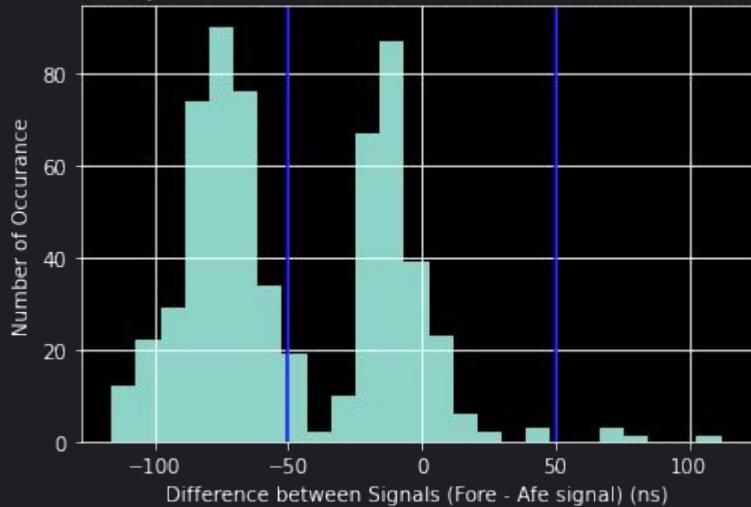
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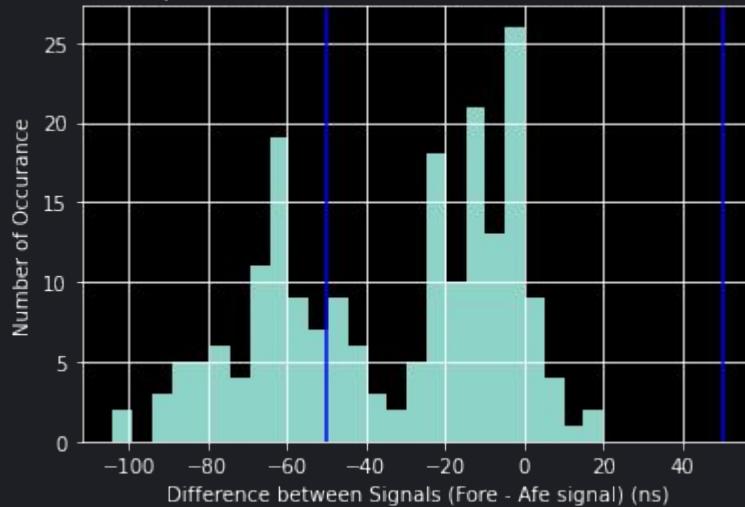


ABM-1 Timing Difference Distributions

For 2.5keV p+ : 41.667% is within 50 to -50 ns coincidence window



For 4.5keV p+ : 64.5% is within 50 to -50 ns coincidence window

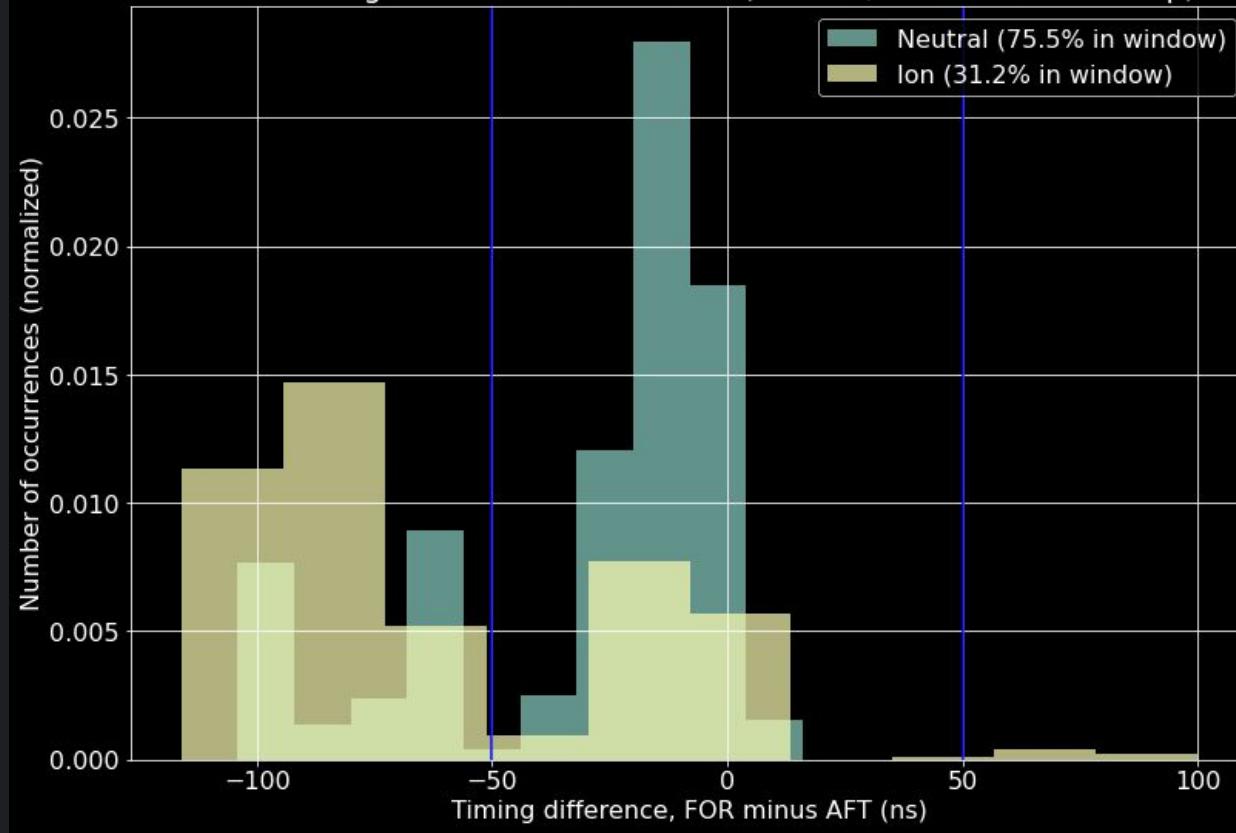


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ABM-1 timing difference distributions (1.5 keV, neutral vs. ionized p)

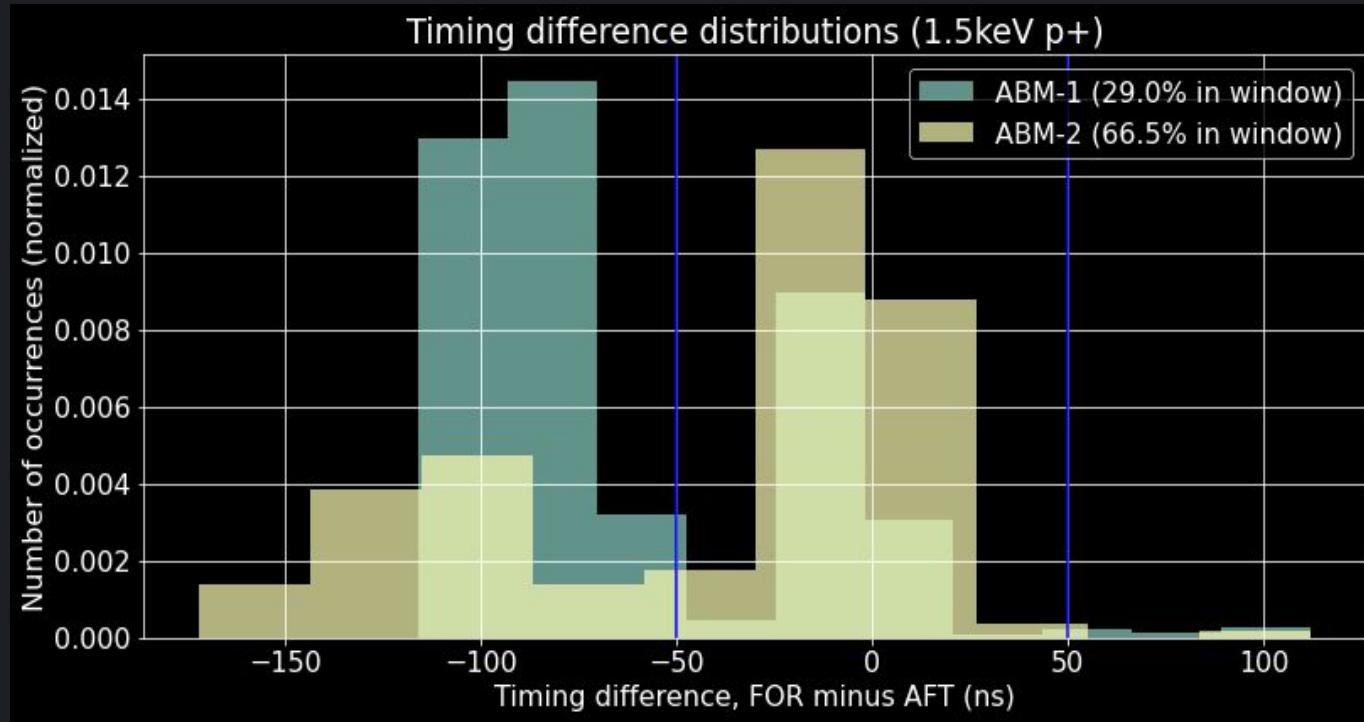


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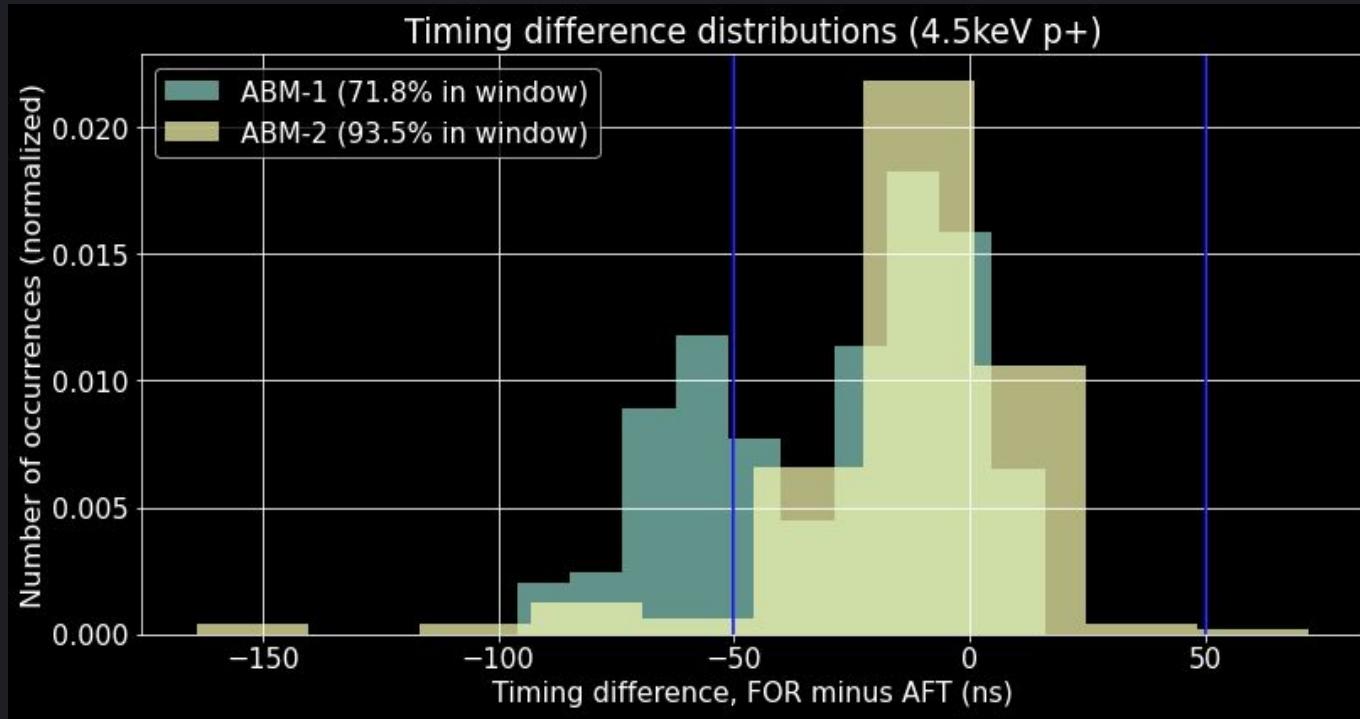


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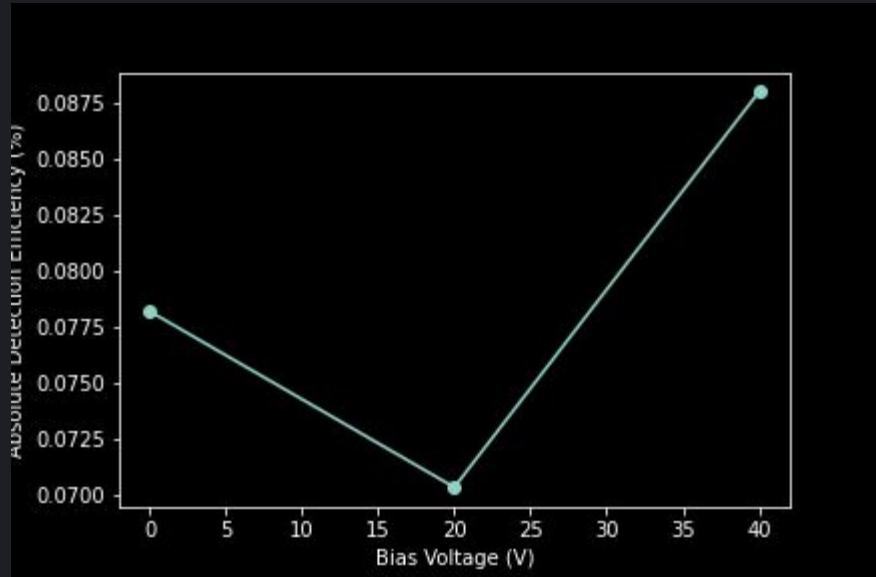


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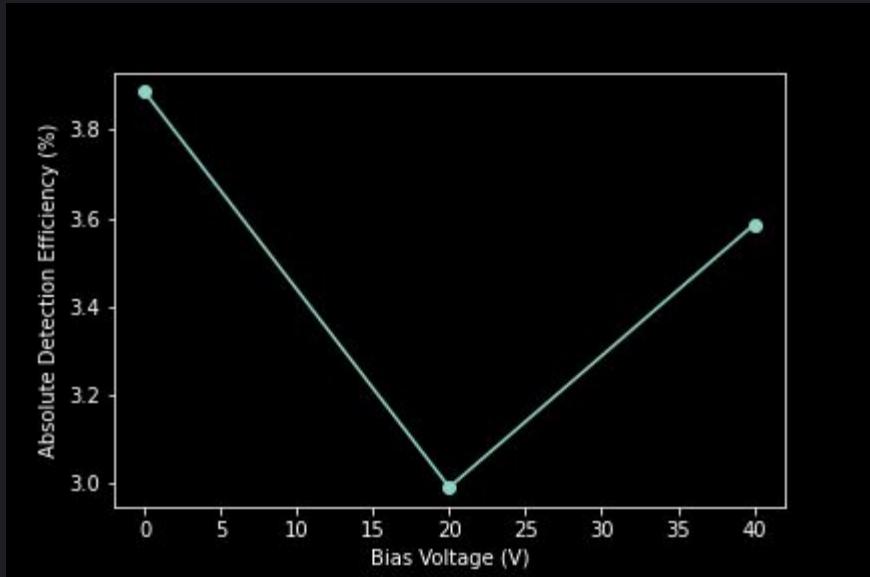
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ABM-1 Bias Voltage (1 keV p+)



ABM-2 Bias Voltage (1 keV p+)



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FCEM
409 V
ACEM
406 V

$_{62}^{\infty}\phi$

4.5 keV H⁺

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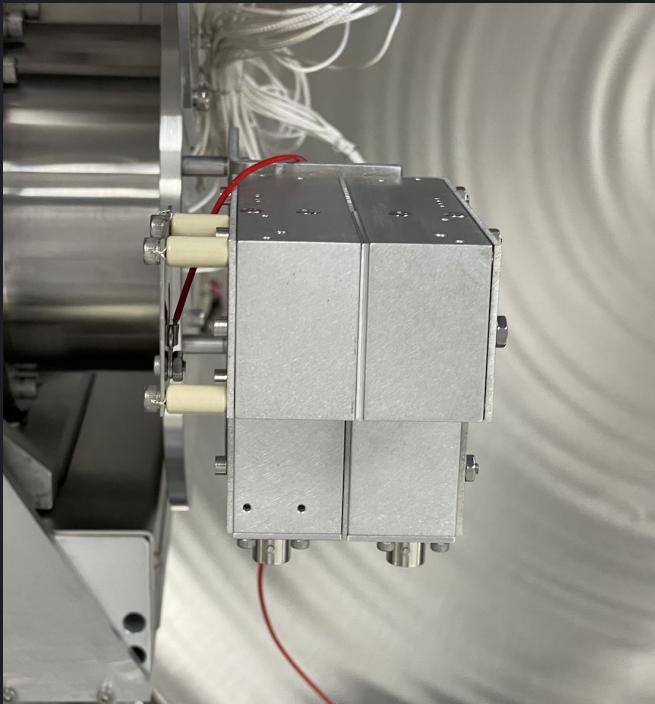
Time of Flight (ToF)

H ⁺ Energy (keV)	TOF (ns)
1	95.7
2	74.6
3	65.3
4	59.7
5	55.9

- H⁺ with an energy range of 1-5 keV hitting the walls + scattering secondary electron hitting the CEM → time delay
- Max distance ~3.15 cm
- Stripping efficiency: 0.88 (Chou+, 2008) for proton
- Metal secondary electron emission energy ~10 eV (Alonso+, 1980)



Safety Precautions



- Mounting has no clearance issues
- HV has grounded covers
- No insulators in beam line

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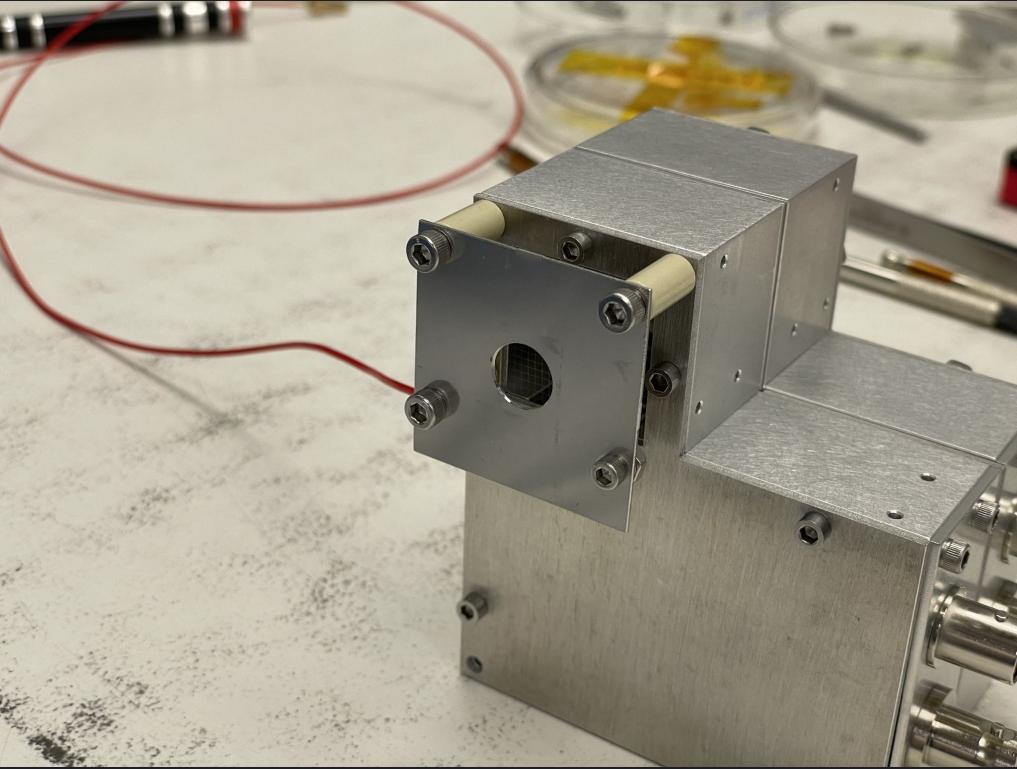
Problems with ABM-2

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Build and design issues:

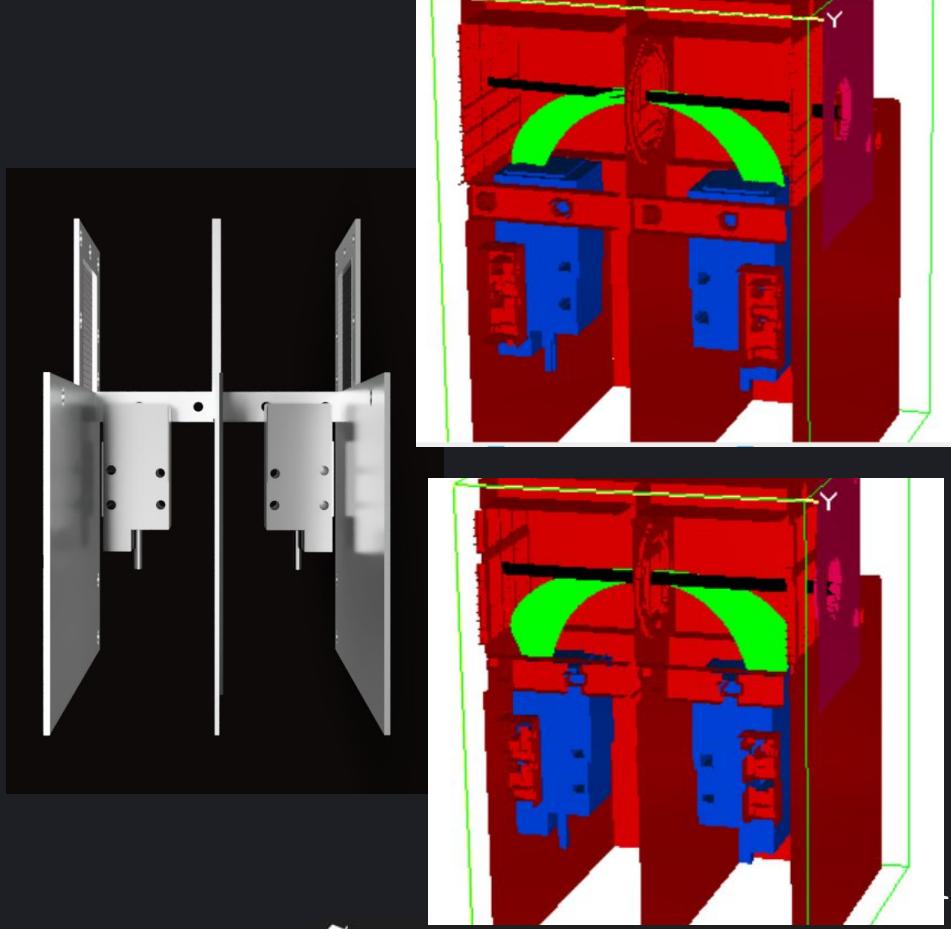
- Bias plate effectiveness and position.
- CEM location, not as intended due to misplacement of screw holes.



- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ceramics standoffs resulting in the 40 volt bias to have an inconclusive (not evident) impact on the ABM's efficiency

CEM location

- The CEMs needed to be placed lower than we intended.
- Choice above proved to lower efficiency in SIMION, however, not by a considerable margin.



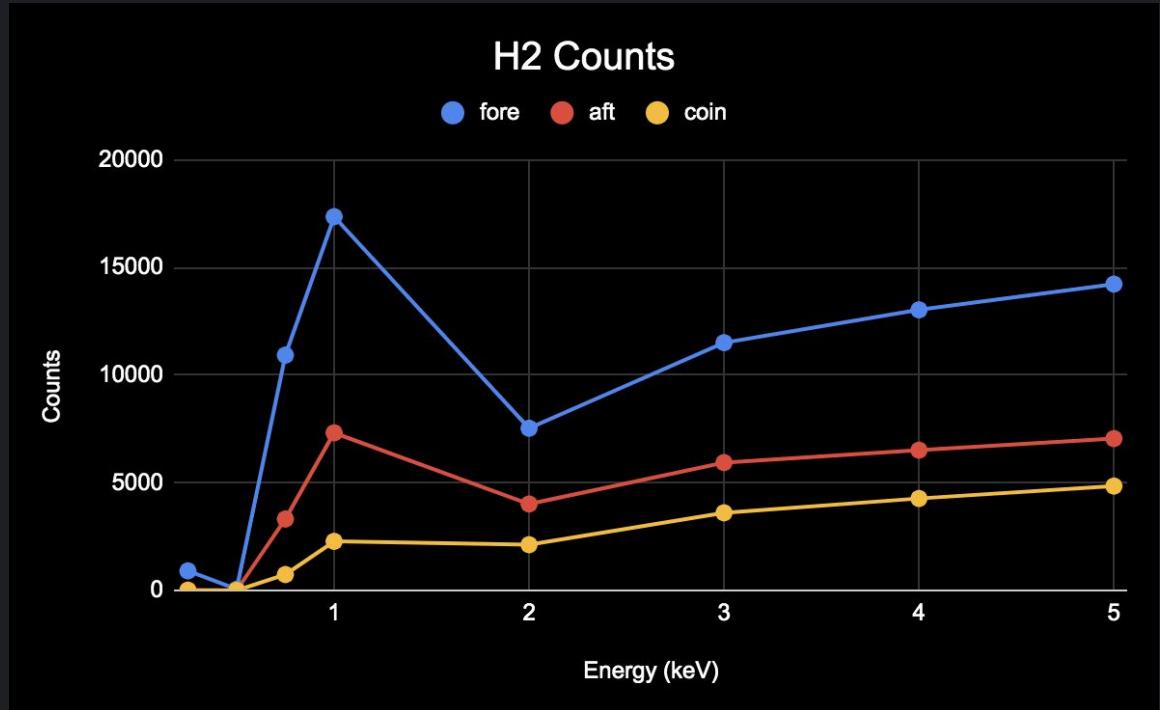


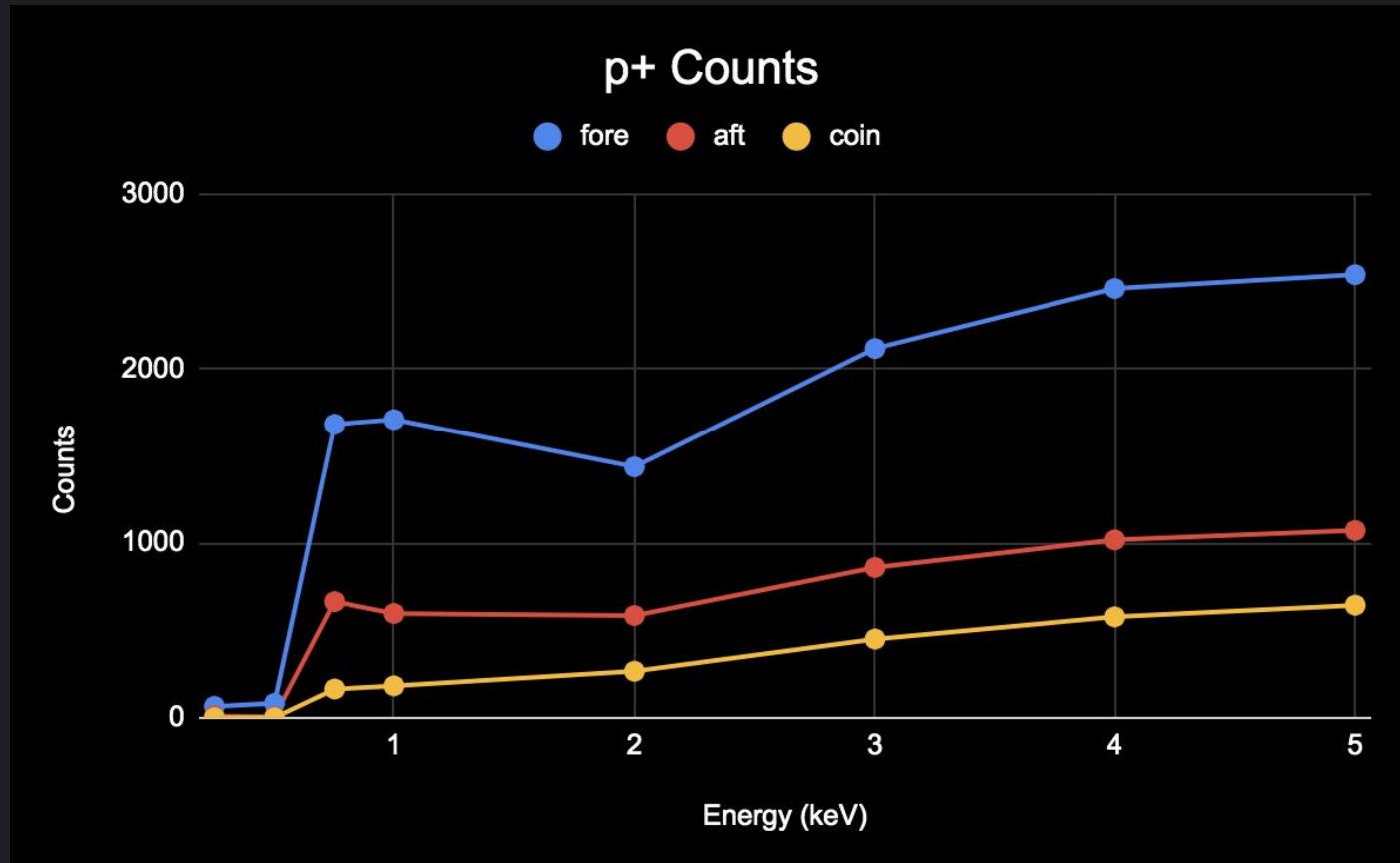
Strange Counts

3 regions of scaling,
with unique curves.

We would expect that the
counts would increase as
energy of beam
increased.

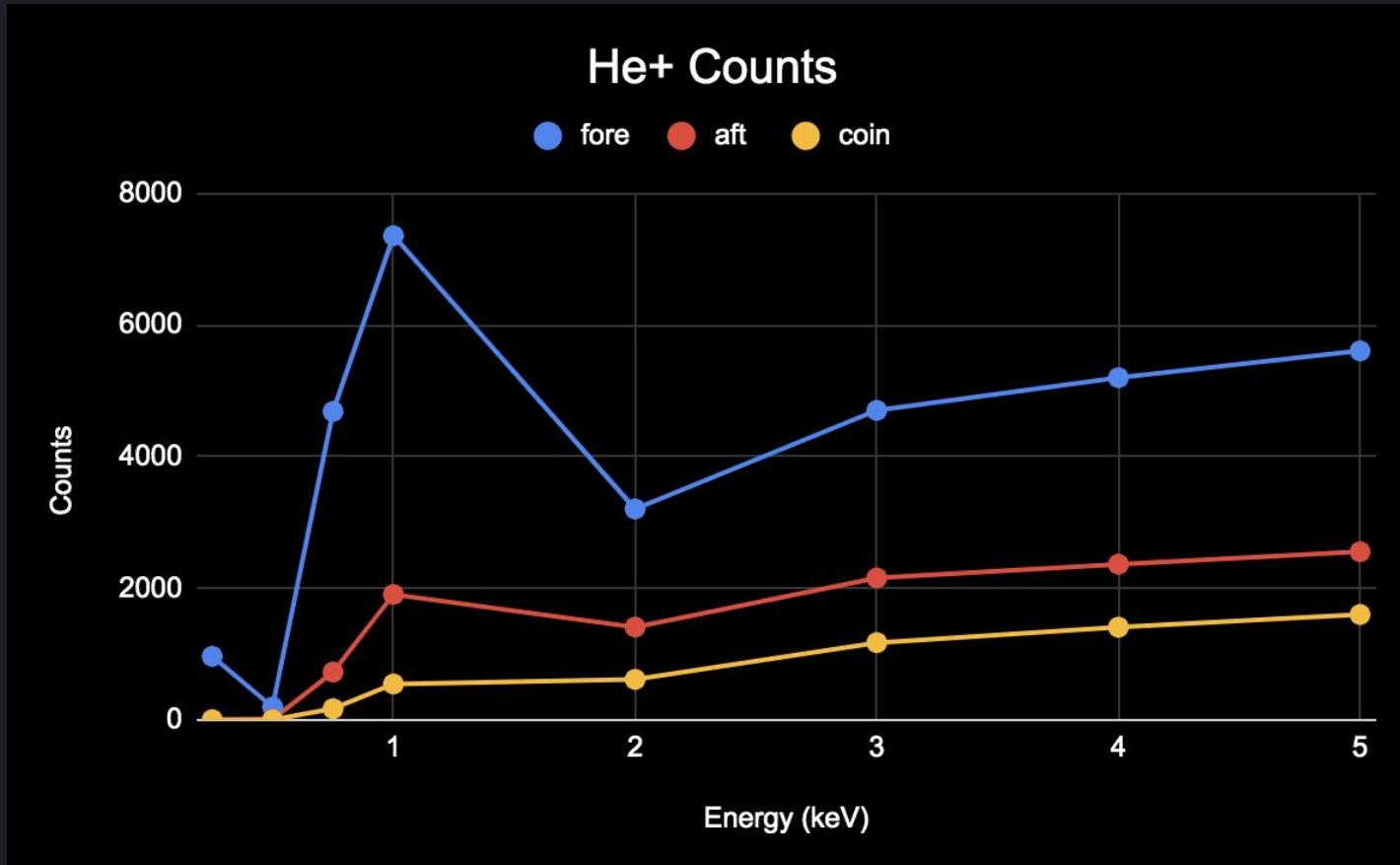
Need further testing of
more energy levels to
better identify the 3
regions.





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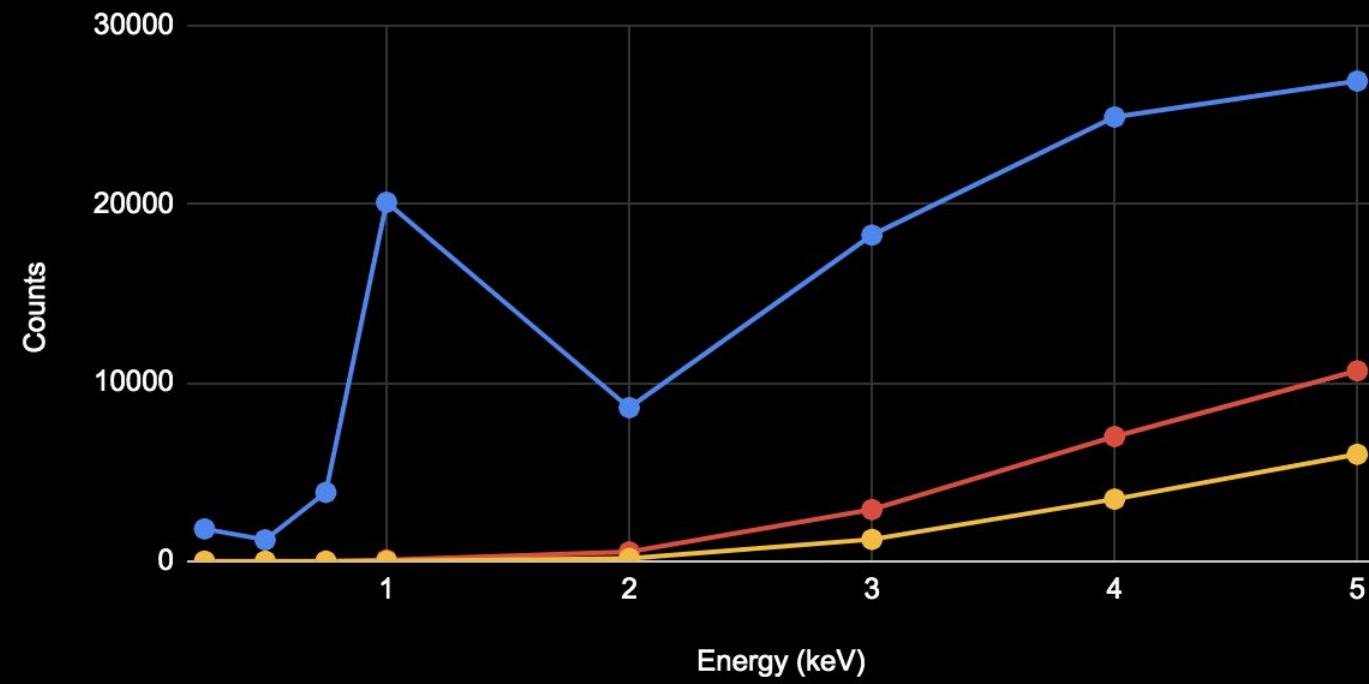
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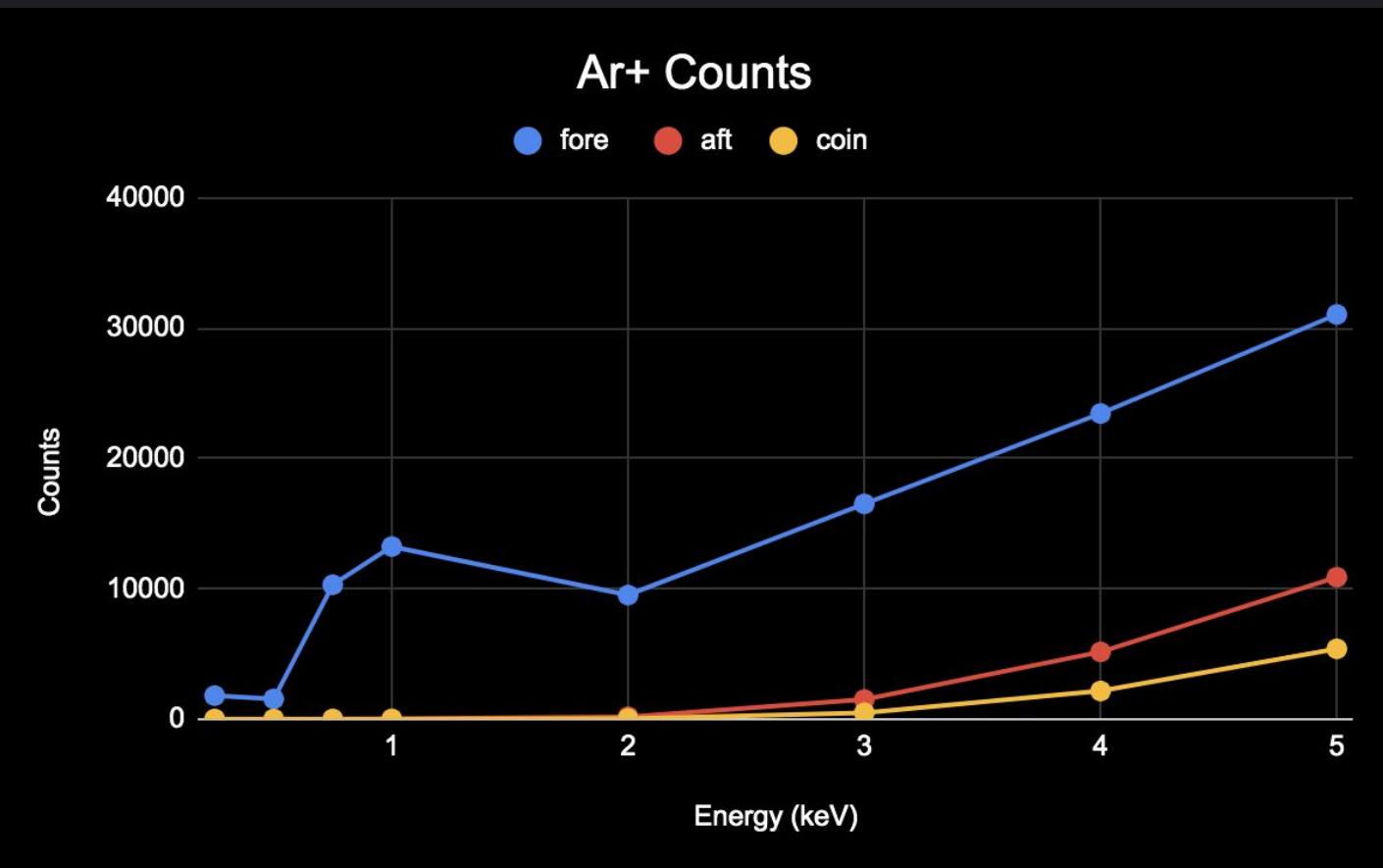


Ne⁺ Counts

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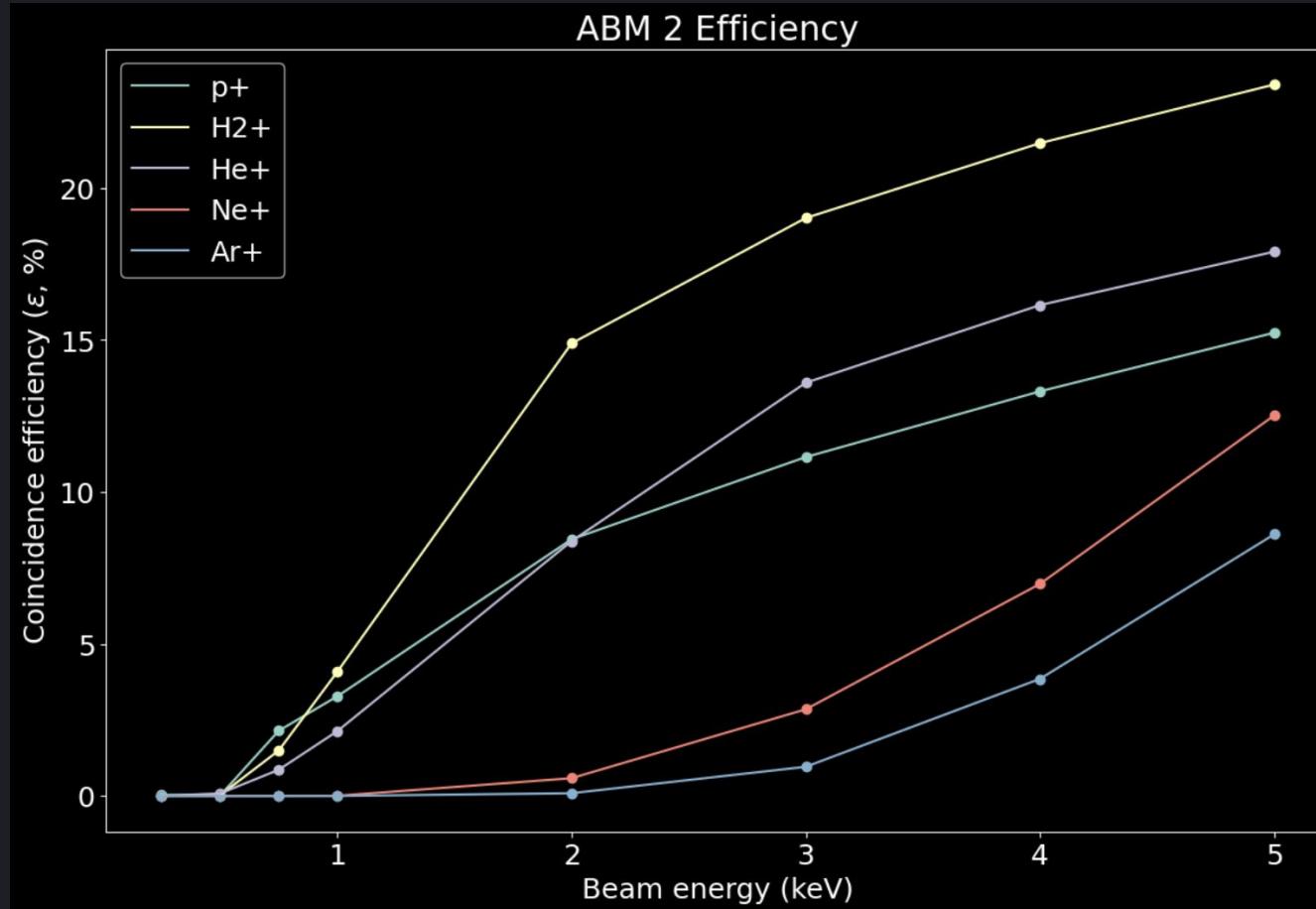
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ABM 2 Efficiency



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Recommendations for Improvement

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Future Recommendations

- Bias Aperture Usefulness?
- Tune the ABM width
- Further tests: Neutrals, Low energy
- Build multiple and compare in beam



Summary

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ABM-1 vs ABM-2

- ABM 2 is Wider
- ABM 2 CEMs requires lower power supply voltages
- (50, -50) ns Coincidence window works well with ABM 2
- ABM 2 has improved efficiencies.

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Deliverables : What Are We Giving You?

Absolute Beam Monitor “Manual”

- Pdfs of Rudimentary Procedures
 - Build Assembly Procedure,
 - Power Off and On
 - Testing Procedures
- SIMION and CAD models, Code
 - Counts Analysis Code
 - Oscilloscope Testing Code
 - ABM 1 and 2 SIMION and CAD Models and Technical Drawings

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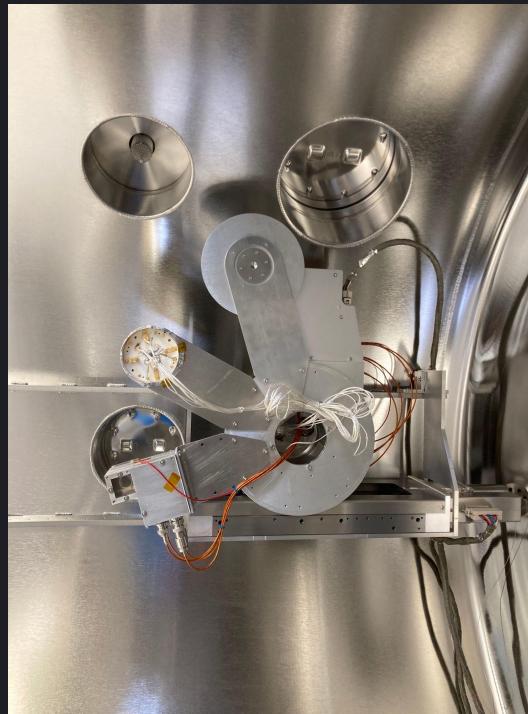
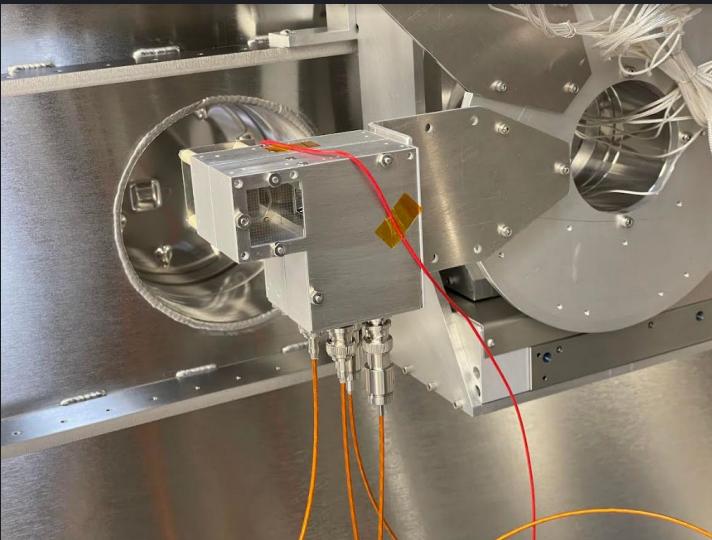


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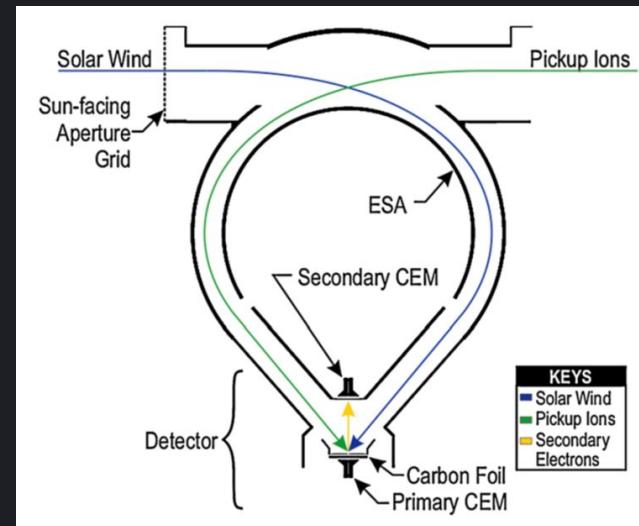


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Extra slide: Solar Wind and Pickup Ions (SWAPI)

- Solar Wind + Pickup Ions
- Space Weather
- Measure Absolute Beam Flux



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