

Positron Production & Positron Beam Experiments at NEPOMUC

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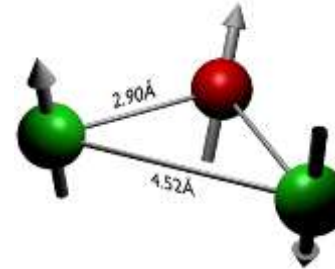


Positron Beam Facility at NEPOMUC



**Positron Source
SR11**

Fundamental Physics



H. Ceeh et al.
PRA 84 (2011) 062508



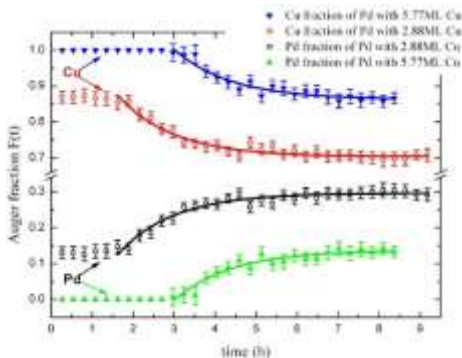
T. Sunn Pedersen et al.
New J. Phys. 14 (2012) 035010

Surface Spectrometer

**Coincident Doppler
Broadening Spectrometer**

Positron Lifetime Spectroscopy

Positron Auger Electron Spectroscopy

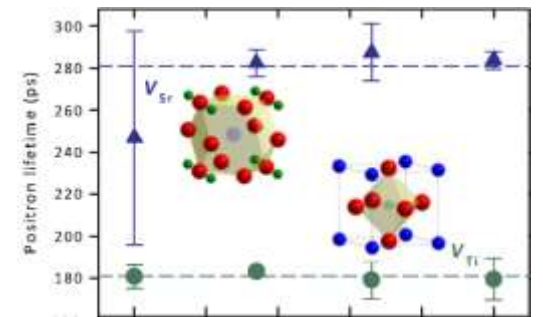


J. Mayer et al. PRL 05 (2010) 207401

Scanning Positron Beam

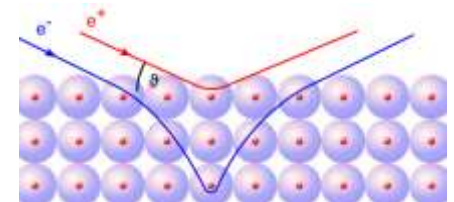


T. Gigl, et al. New J. Phys. 19 (2017) 123007



D. Keeble et al. PRB 87 (2013) 195409

NEW: Positron Diffraction



C.H., Surf. Sci. Rep. 6 (2016) 547

Outline

Part I

Positron Microbeam

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CDB Spectrometer

Part II

Al Welds

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Defect Imaging

Positron Beams

■ β^+ isotopes

- high e^+ yield
- long τ
- lab beams



■ Pair production

- $E_\gamma > 2m_e c^2$
- high Z
- large scale facilities



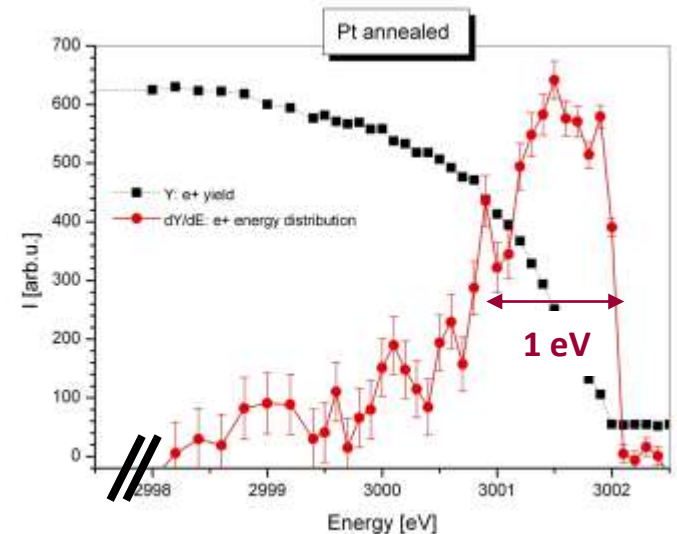
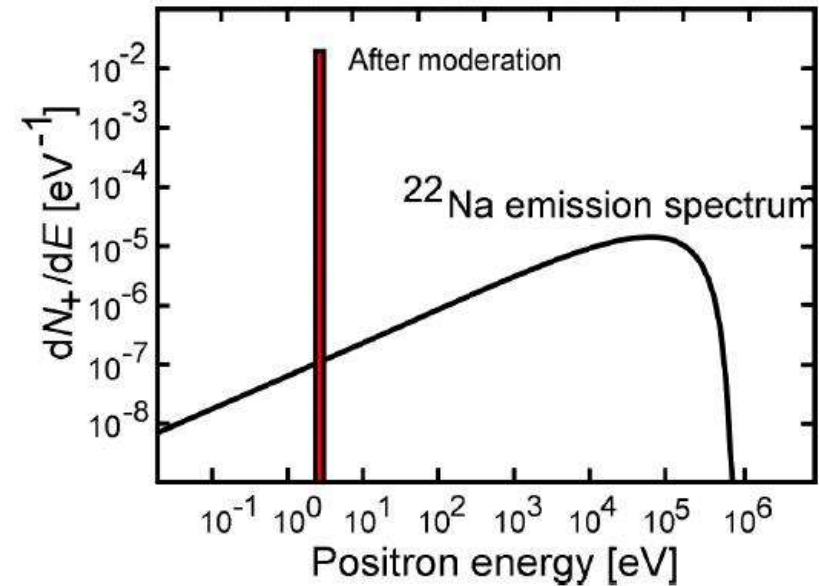
■ $E_{e^+} \sim \text{keV}$

■ $\Delta E < 2 \text{ eV}$

■ NEPOMUC:

Pt as converter **AND** moderator

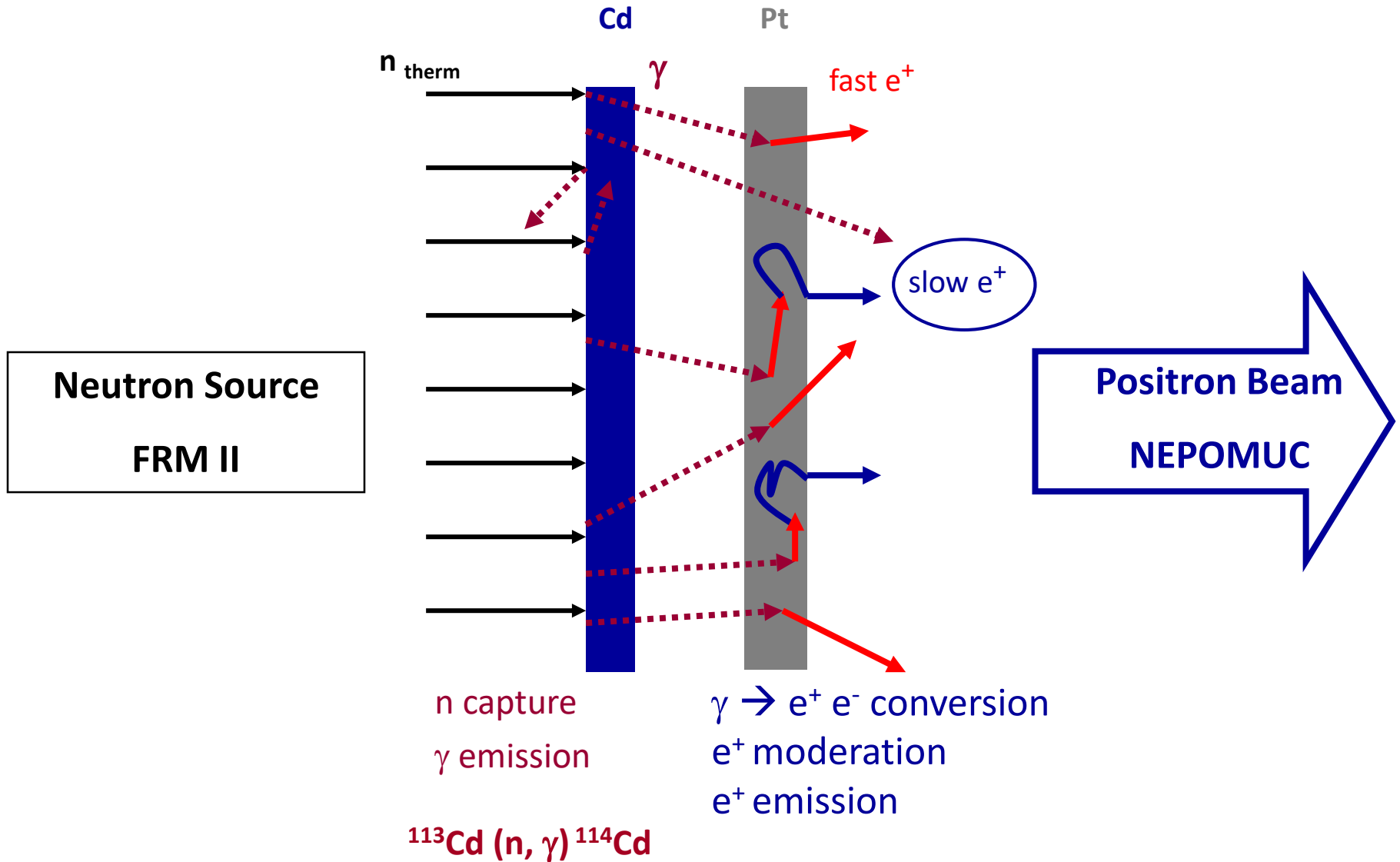
$$\phi_{\text{Pt}}^+ = -1.95(5) \text{ eV}$$



C. H. et al. NIM B 198 (2002) 220

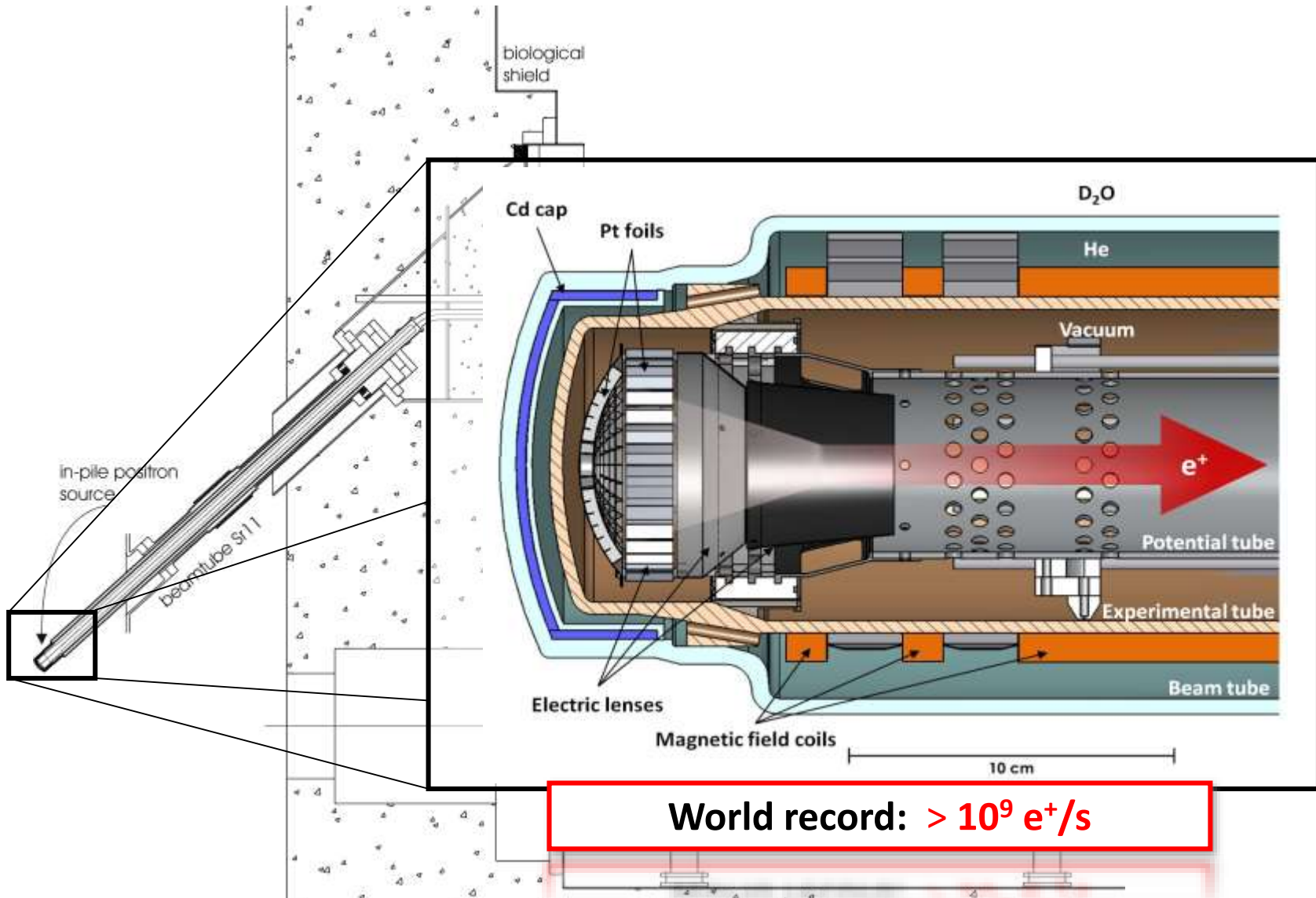
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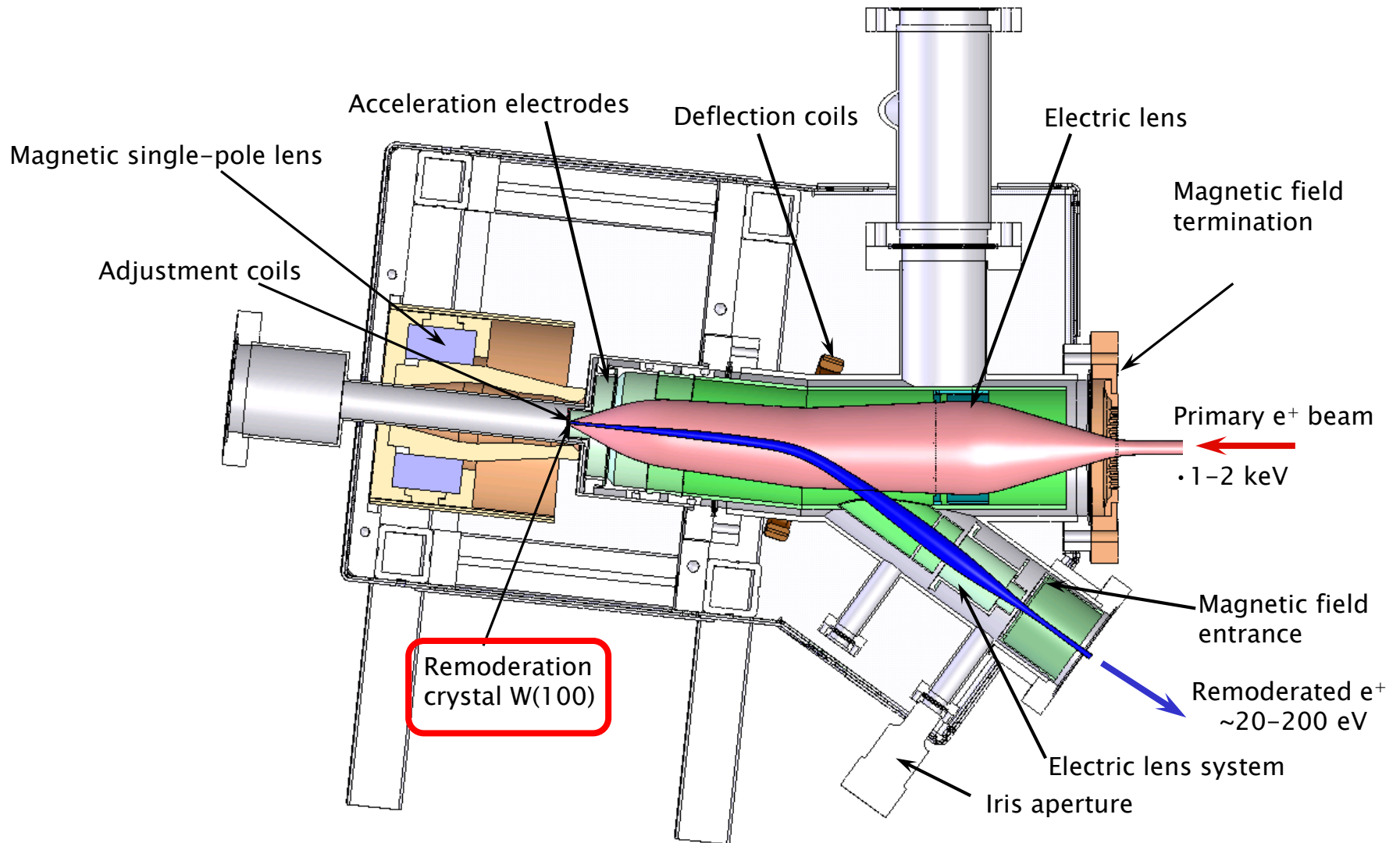
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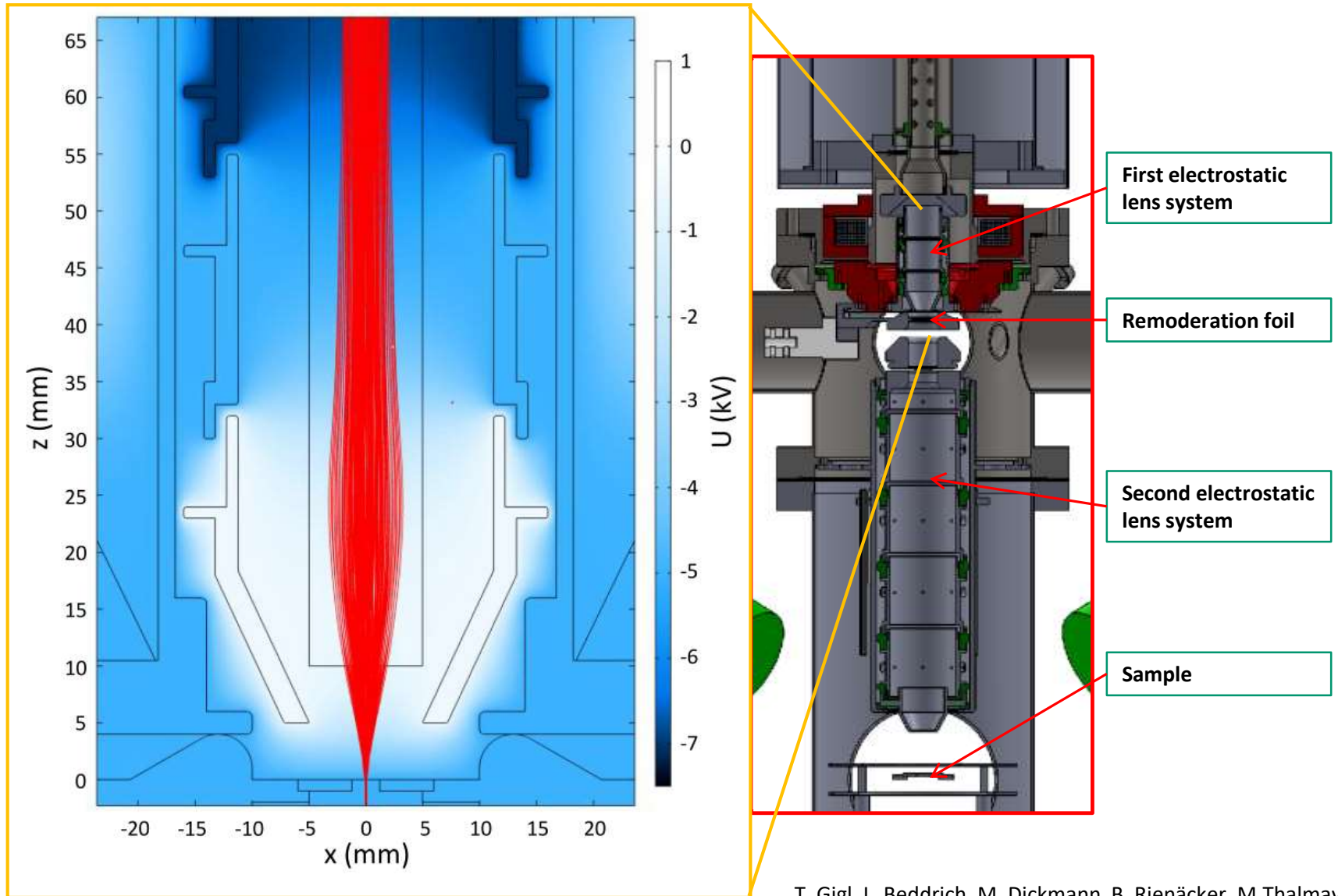
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Brightness Enhancement by Remoderation



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Ni-Remoderator in CDB Spectrometer



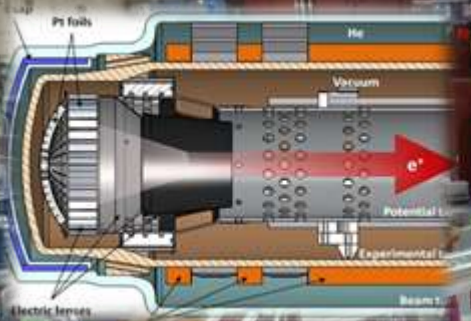
T. Gigl, L. Beddrich, M. Dickmann, B. Rienäcker, M. Thalmayr, S. Vohburger, and C. Hugenschmidt, *New J. Phys.* 19 (2017) 123007

Three-Fold Moderation for e⁺ Microbeam



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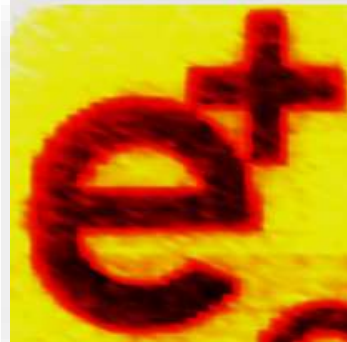
1. Pt Selfmoderation



2. W Reflexion Remoderation

Coincident Doppler Broadening Spectrometer

Scanning Positron Beam



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3. Ni Transmission Remoderation



Outline

Part I

Microbeam

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CDB Spectrometer

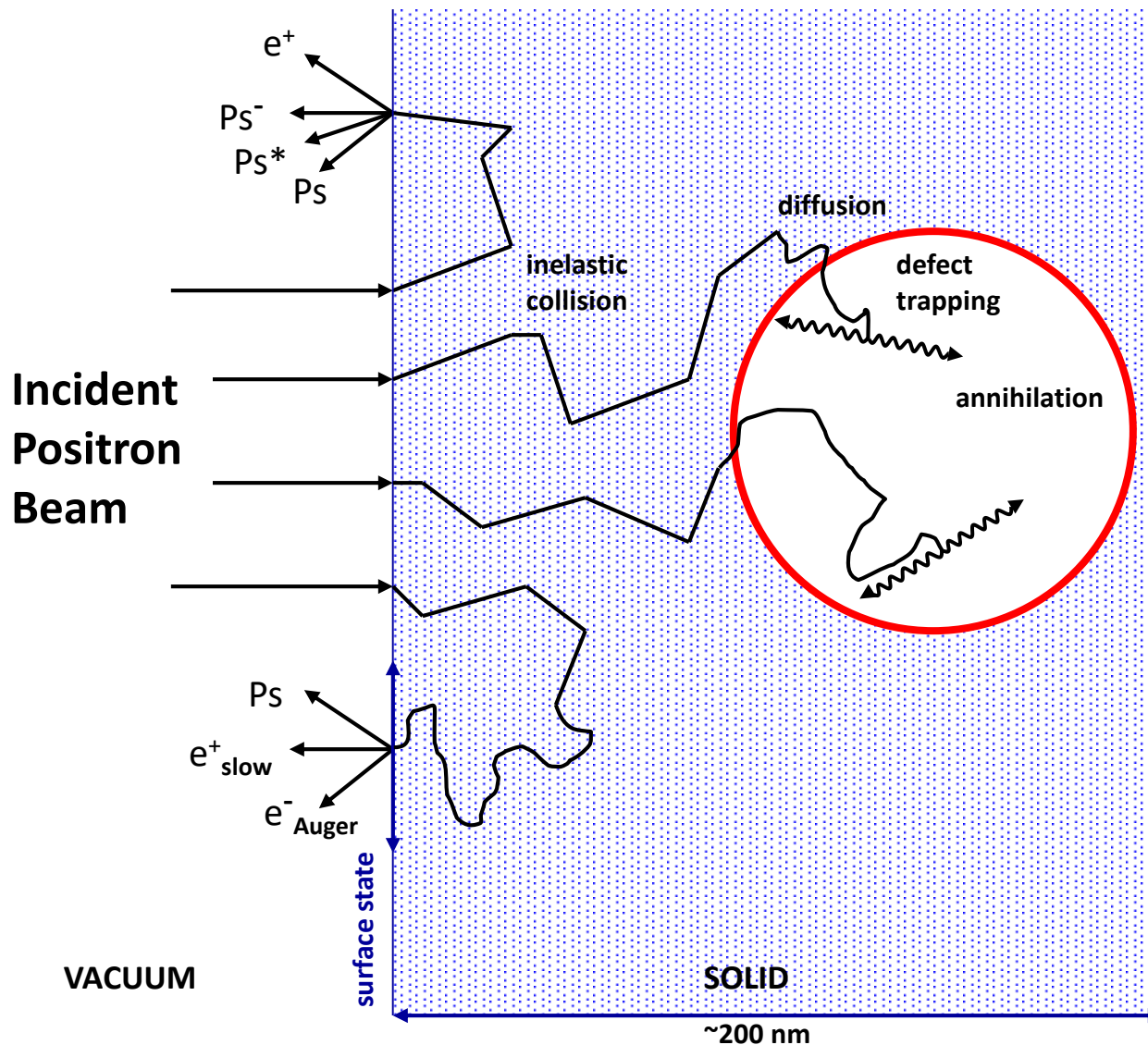
Part II

AI Welds

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Defect Imaging

Positrons in Matter



Positrons fate:

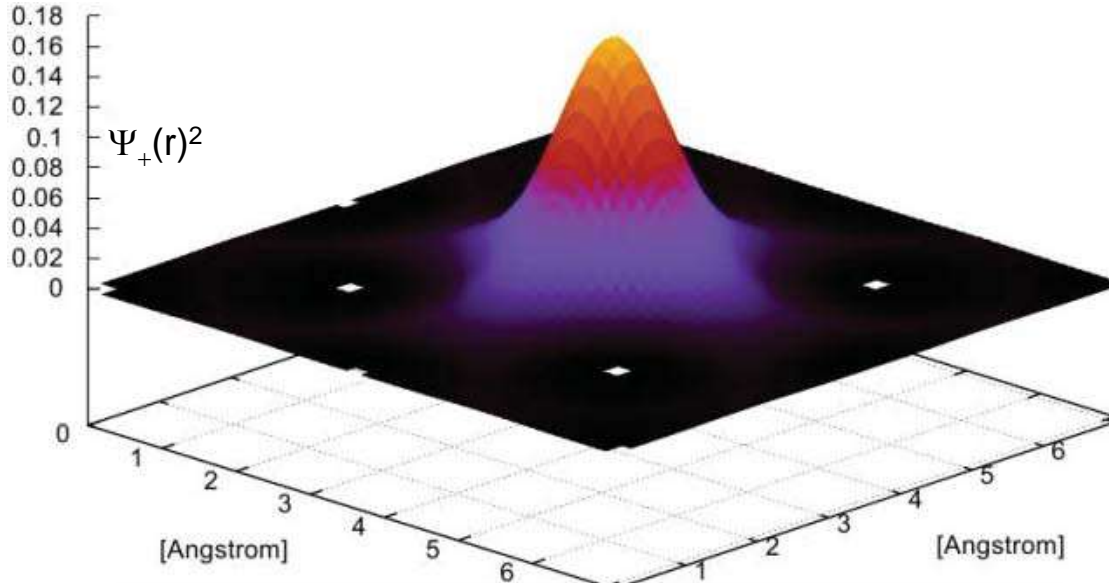
- thermalization
 $\sim 10^{-12} \text{ s}$
- diffusion
 $\sim 10^{-10} \text{ s}$
 $\rightarrow \sim 100 \text{ nm}$
- defect trapping
- annihilation
 $\rightarrow 2 \text{ collinear } \gamma\text{-quanta}$

Experiment:

- positron lifetime τ
 $\rightarrow \rho(e^-)$
- Angular correlation $\Delta\Theta$
Doppler-broadening ΔE
 $\rightarrow p(e^-)$
- Auger-electrons
 $\rightarrow E_b(e^-)$

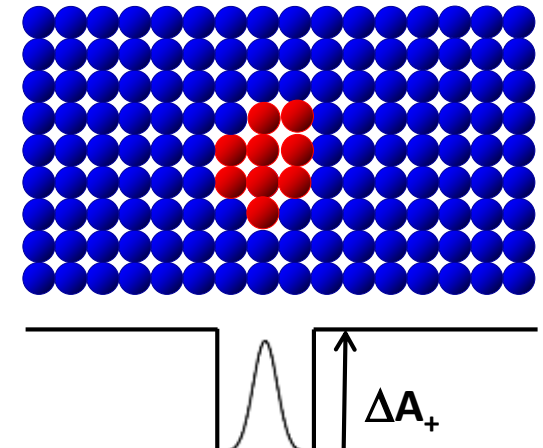
Positron Trapping

Monovacancy

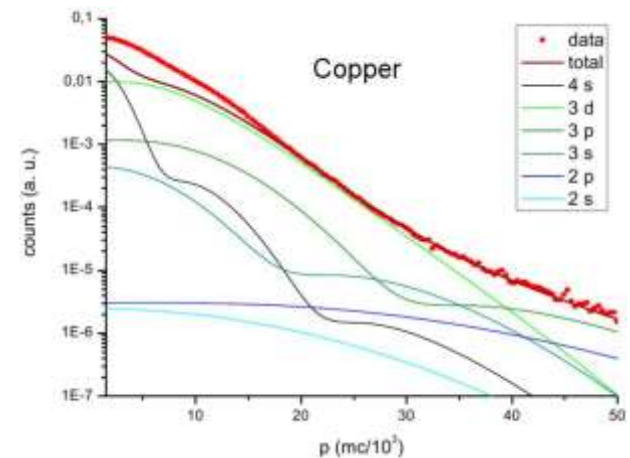
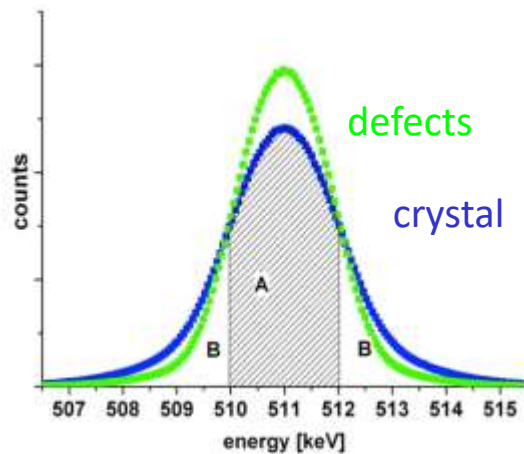


Doppler-Broadening Spectroscopy – DBS

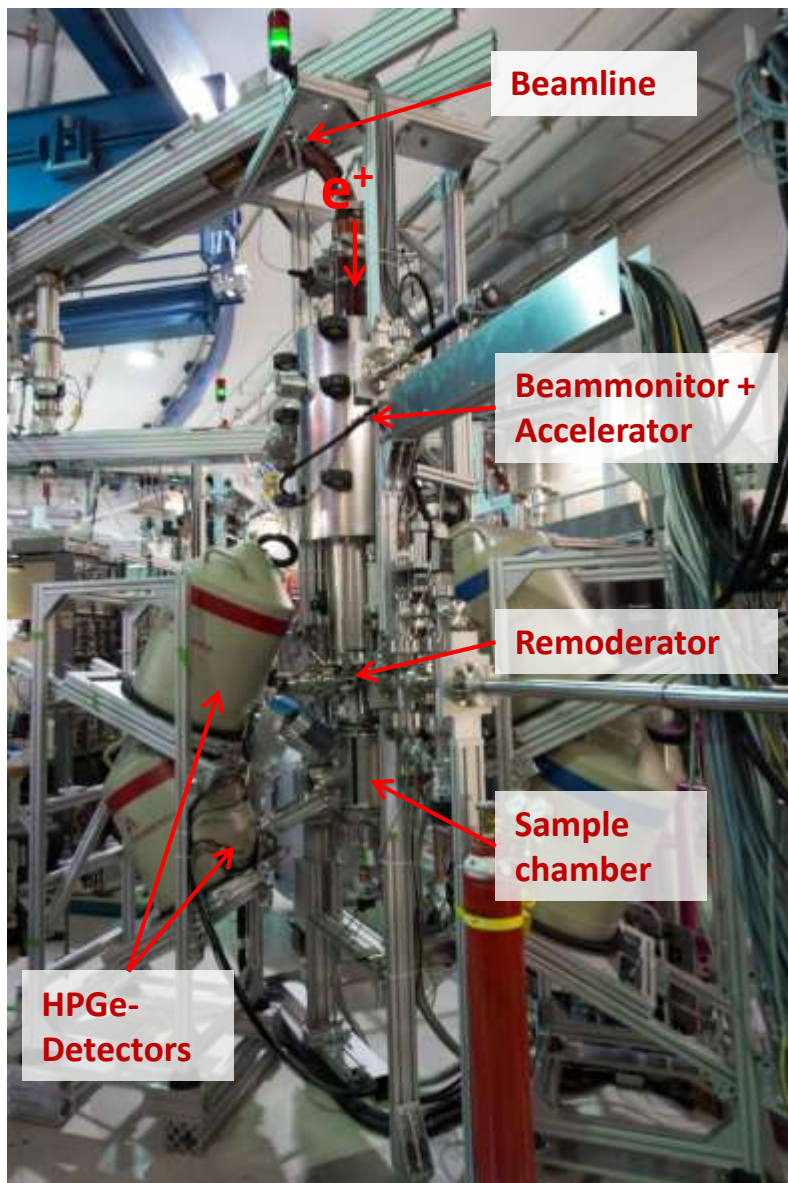
Precipitates



Coincident DBS – CDBS

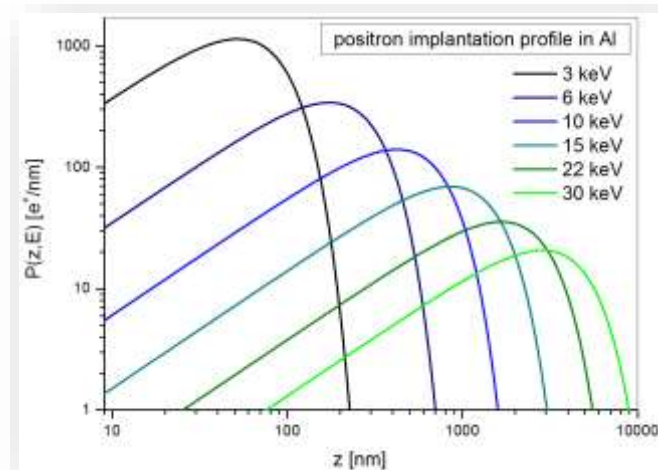
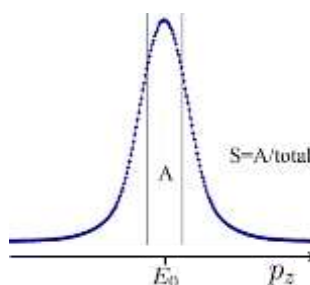


CDB Spectrometer at NEPOMUC



Doppler broadening spectroscopy

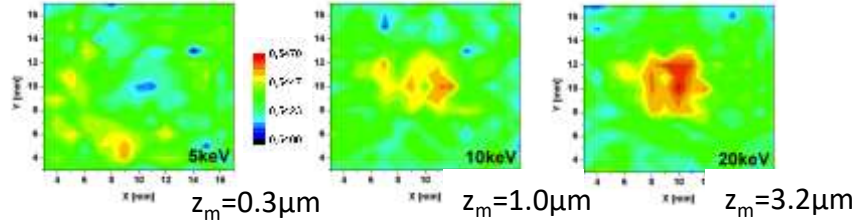
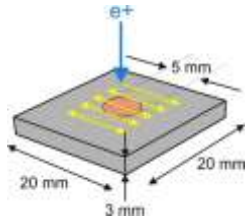
■ S-parameter: $S(E)$, $S(x, y)$, $S(T)$



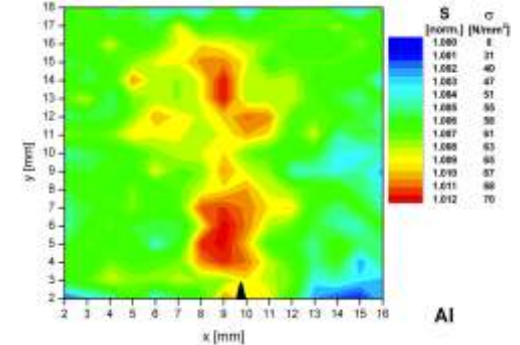
- Energy: **0.1 ... 30 keV**
- Scan area: **19 x 19 mm²**
- Beam spot: **33 μm ... 250 μm**
- Temperature: **60 ... 1200 K**
- **4 Ge Detectors, single + coincident mode**

Defect Imaging with Positrons

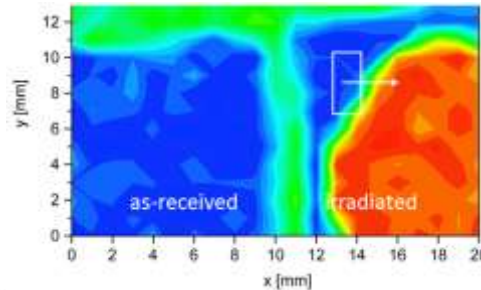
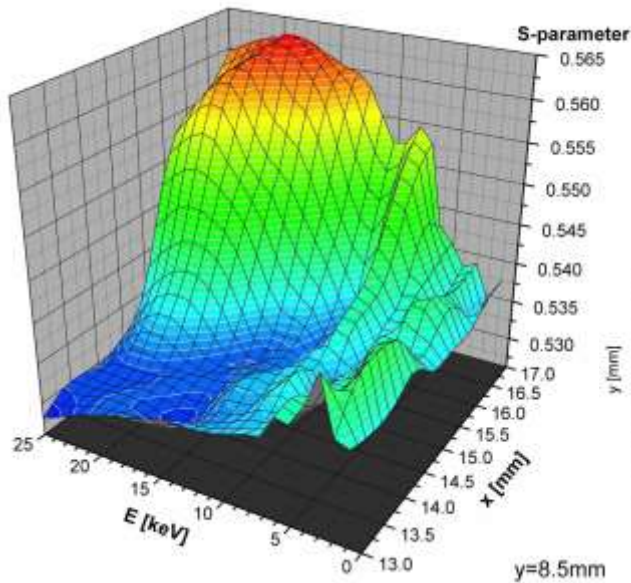
Mg⁺ in Mg-Alloys



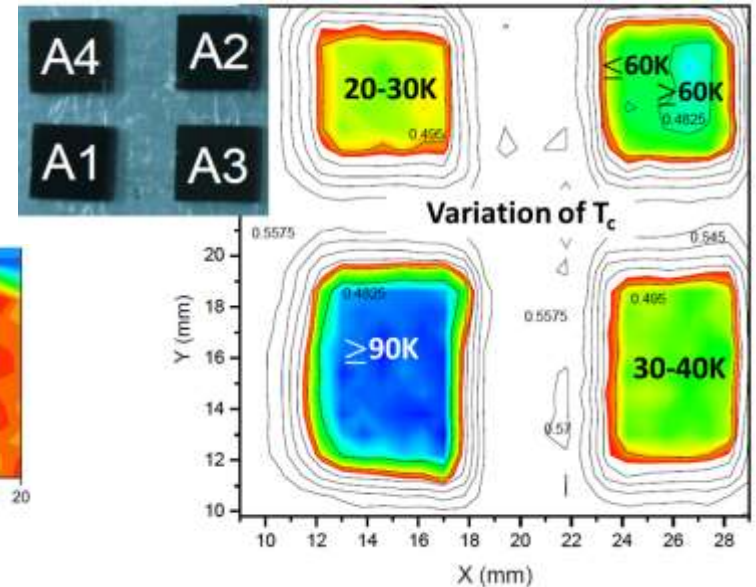
Plastic deformation



Zr⁺ in Zircaloy



YBa₂Cu₃O_{7-δ}



M. Stadlbauer, C. Hugenschmidt, K. Schreckenbach, P. Böni, PRB 76 (2007) 174104
 C. Hugenschmidt, N. Qi, M. Stadlbauer, K. Schreckenbach, PRB 81 (2009) 064102
 R. M. Hengstler-Eger, P. Baldo, L. Beck, J. Dorner, K. Ertl, P. B. Hoffmann, C. Hugenschmidt, M. A. Kirk, W. Petry, P. Pikart, A. Rempel, J. Nucl. Mat. 423 (2012) 170
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Laser Beam Welded Al Alloy

AlCu6Mn

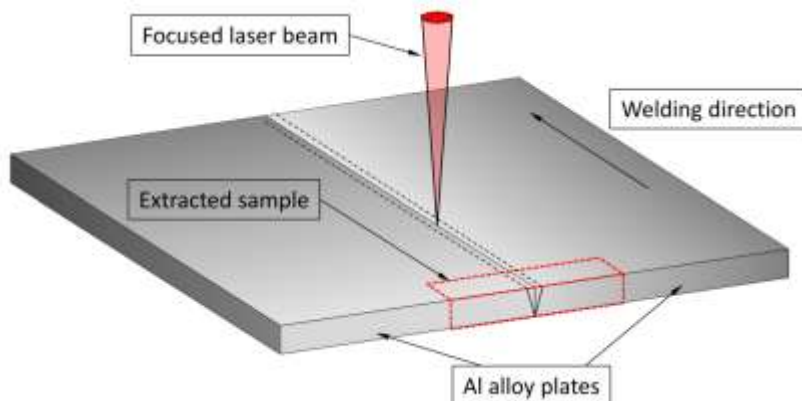
- Age hardenable Al alloy
- High strength & low weight

Laser beam welding (LBW)

- Beam spot & heat impact small
- Weld accuracy & reproducibility high

Weight reduction

- Replace steel and riveted joints



LBW Al Alloy

Sample preparation

- Single-mode laser (IPG YLR-3000): 1070 nm
- Laser power: 2.6 kW
- Spot size: 50 μm
- Welding speed: 100 mm/s.

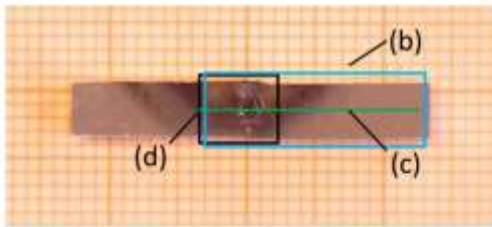


To be studied

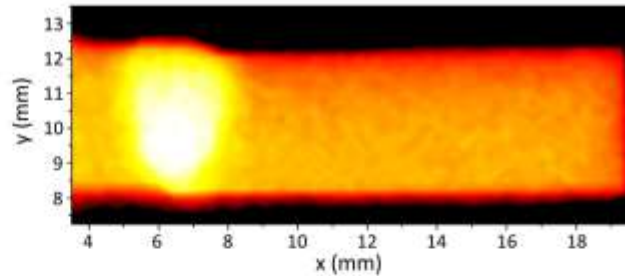
- Mechanical stability of joint?
- What about (point) defects?
- Spatial distribution of precipitates?

Defect Imaging on a LBW

DBS with scanning positron microbeam

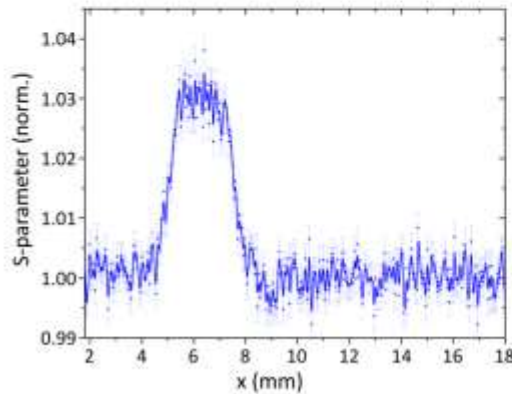


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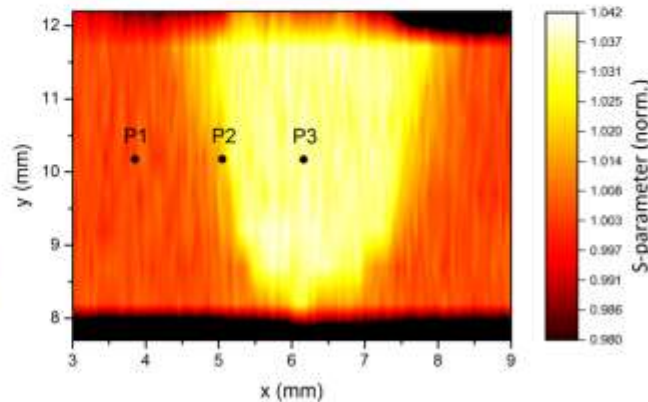
(b)

NEPOMUC rem. Beam
Overview **2D map**
 $\Delta x, y = 200 \mu\text{m}$



(c)

Positron microbeam
High resolution **line scan**
 $y = 10 \text{ mm}$, $\Delta x = 50 \mu\text{m}$

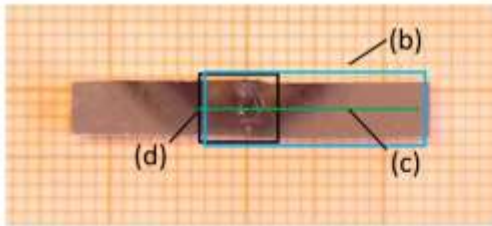


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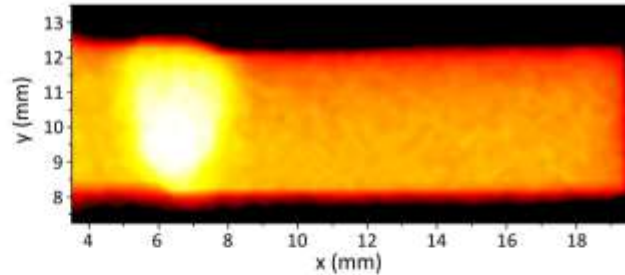
Positron microbeam
High resolution **2D map**
 $\Delta x = 50 \mu\text{m}$, $\Delta y = 500 \mu\text{m}$

Defect Imaging on a LBW

DBS results

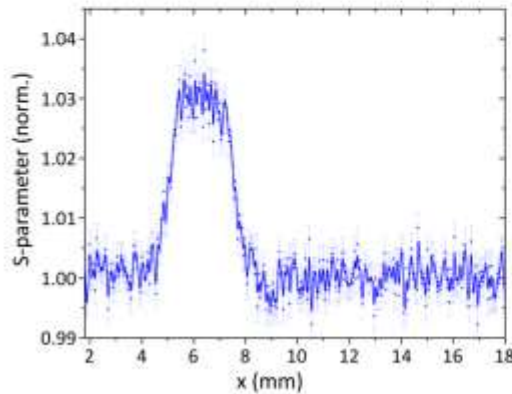


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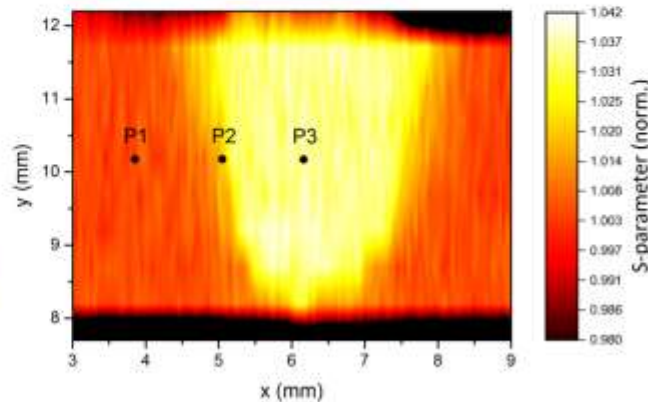
(b)

Gradient of $S(y)$ outside LBW
→ defect gradient generated during **cold-rolling**



(c)

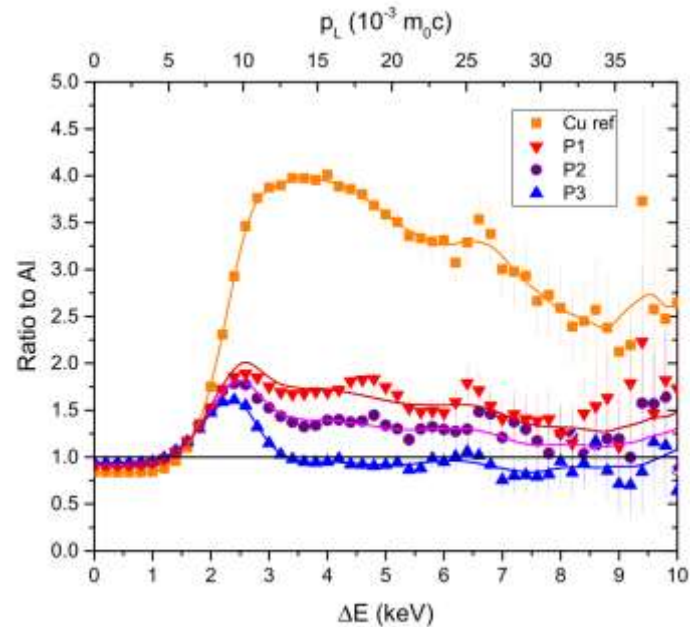
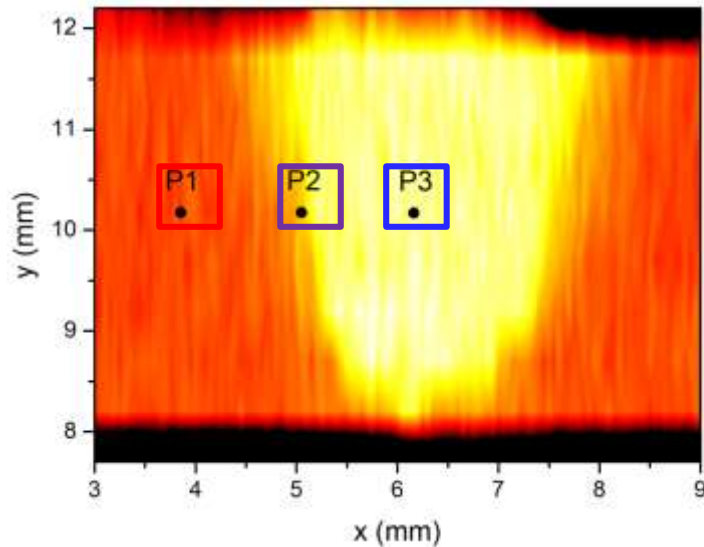
Sharp transition at LBW edges
→ well localized **small** heat affected zone (**HAZ**)



(d)

Drastic increase of S in LBW
→ creation and quenching of **vacancy-like defects**

CDBS at LBW of AlCu6Mn



P1, P2

- Significant contribution of Cu signature
→ positron trapping at **Cu rich precipitates**;
in agreement with artificially age-hardened precipitates (Θ phase, Al_2Cu phase)

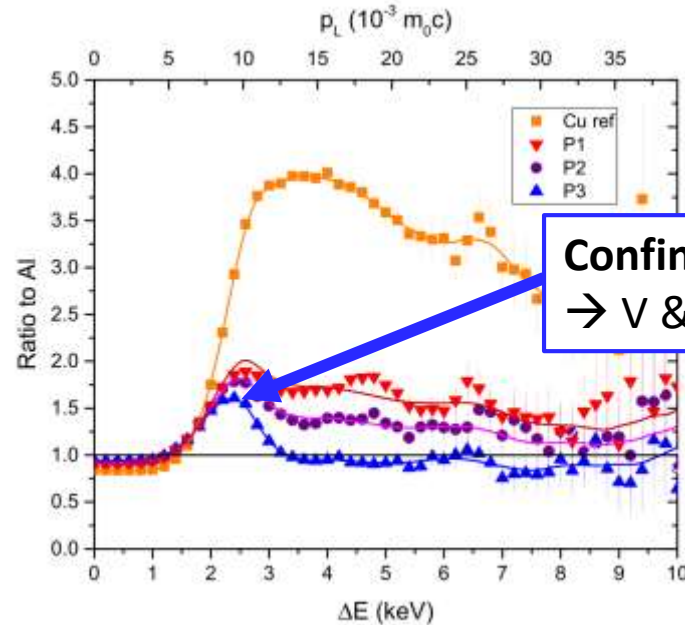
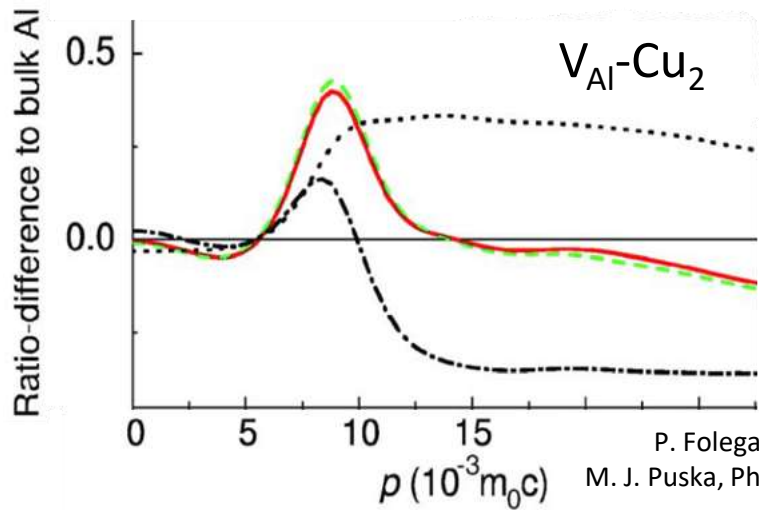
P3

- Disappearance of Cu signature
→ melting of Cu rich phases + rapid cooling
→ formation of **supersaturated solid solution**

CDBS at LBW of AlCu6Mn

Theory

■ ab-initio (red) agrees with linear combination of V_{Al} and Cu (green)



Experiment

■ Fraction of Cu seen by e+:

Base material → P1: 30% → **Cu rich precipitates**

HAZ → P2: 23% → **Cu rich precipitates + $V_{Al}-Cu_x$ (?)**

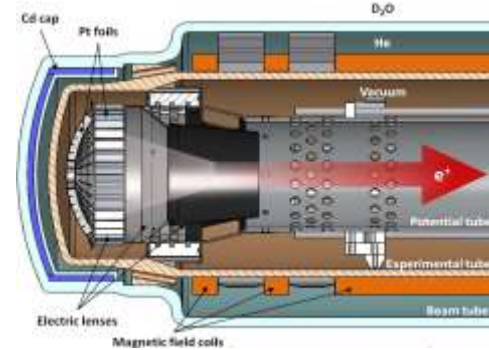
Weld nugget → P3: 12% → **$V_{Al}-Cu_2$ dominant**

C. Hugenschmidt et al.,
AIP Conf. Proc. 2182 (2019) 040001

Summary

Positron Beam Facility at NEPOMUC

- Highest beam intensity $\rightarrow 10^9$ mod. e^+ /s !
- Forefront positron instrumentation available for users



2D Imaging of Defects

- Positron microbeam $< 50\mu\text{m}$ by threefold moderation
- CDBS for elemental information



LBW of Al Alloys

- High concentration of vacancy-like defects
- Dissolution of Cu rich precipitates

