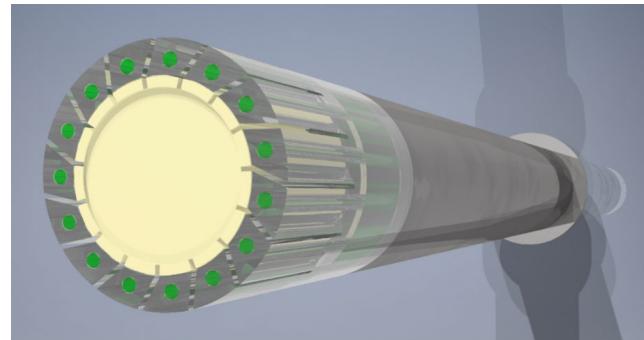




## Status and plans for experiments with polarised target at MAMI

- 1.-Experimental setup:                    $\gamma$ - beam and detector - Tagger + Crystal Ball@MAMI  
   Frozen Spin Target
- 2.-Active Target developments       2015-2020
- 3.- New Developments                 2021 Maik Biroth



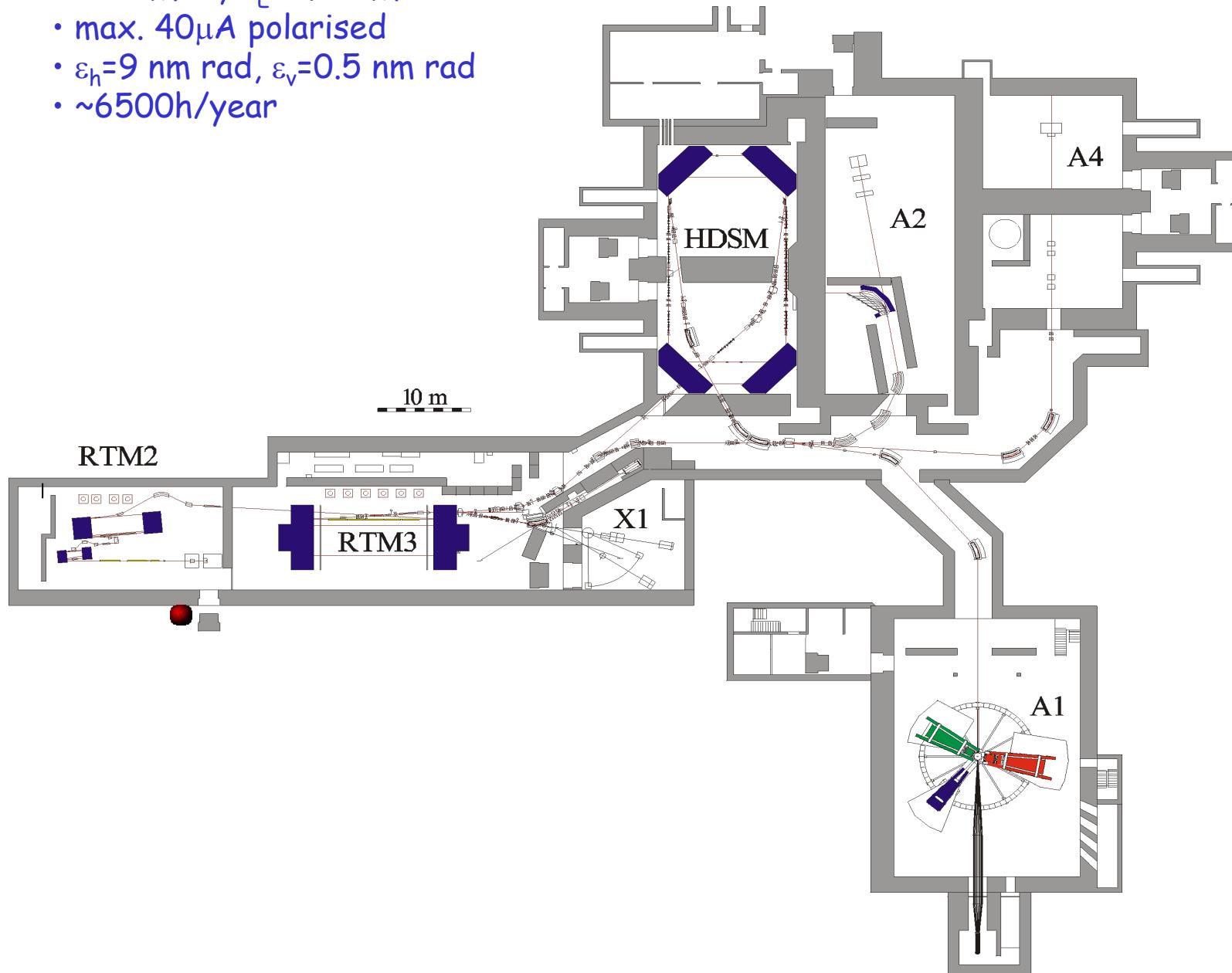
EU Meeting  
Bonn, Online  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Andreas Thomas



# The Mainz Microtron MAMI

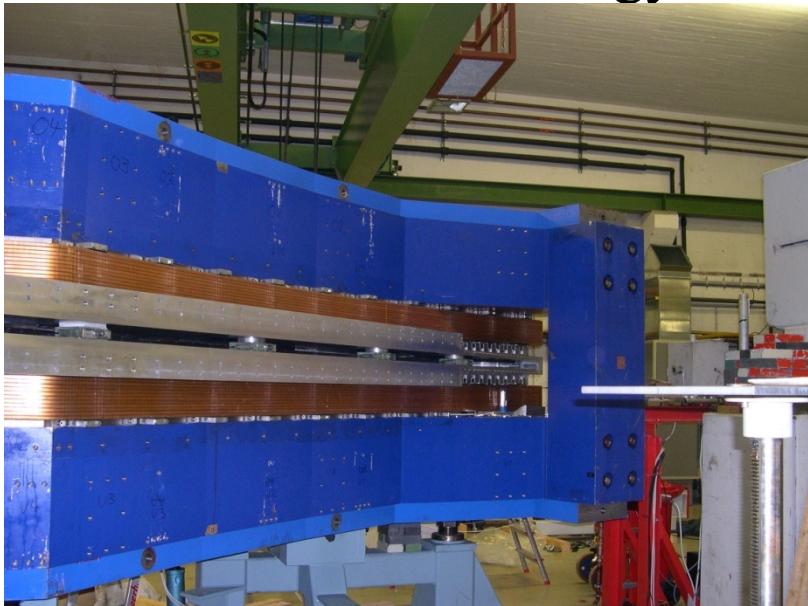
## Parameter

- 1604 MeV,  $\sigma_E = 0.100 \text{ MeV}$
- max.  $40 \mu\text{A}$  polarised
- $\varepsilon_h = 9 \text{ nm rad}$ ,  $\varepsilon_v = 0.5 \text{ nm rad}$
- $\sim 6500 \text{ h/year}$

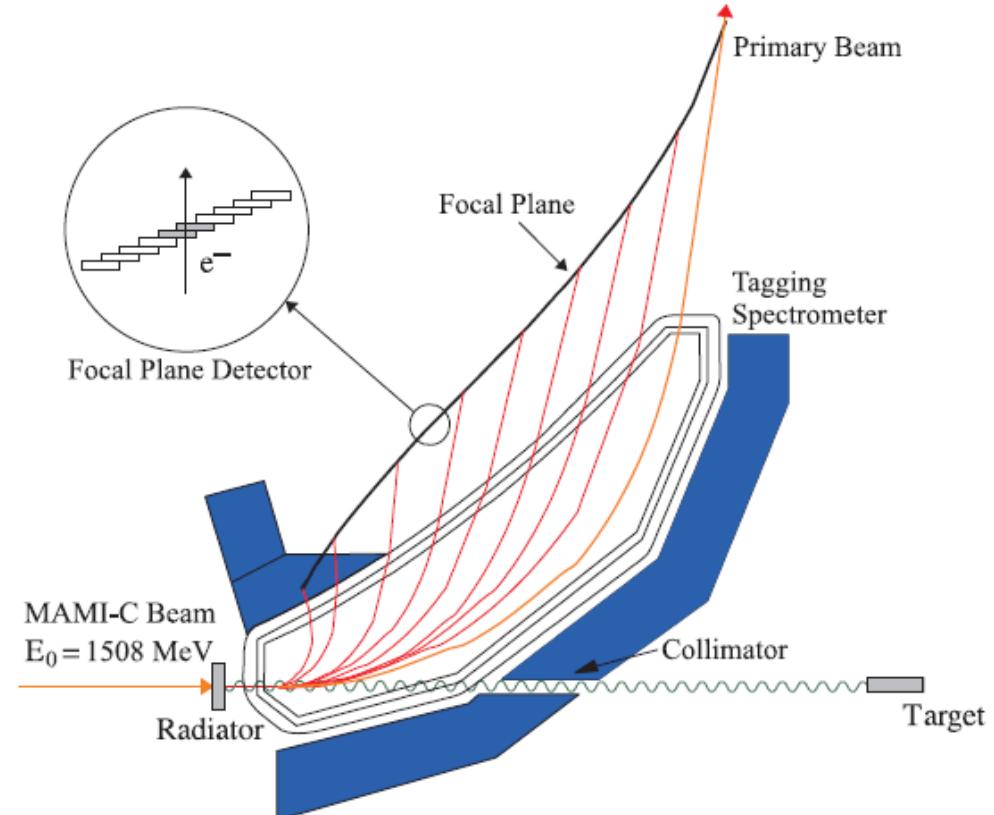


# A2 Tagging system (Glasgow, Mainz)

## 1. Production and energy measurement of the Bremsstrahlung photons.



Glasgow Tagging Spectrometer  
EPJ A 37, 129 (2008)

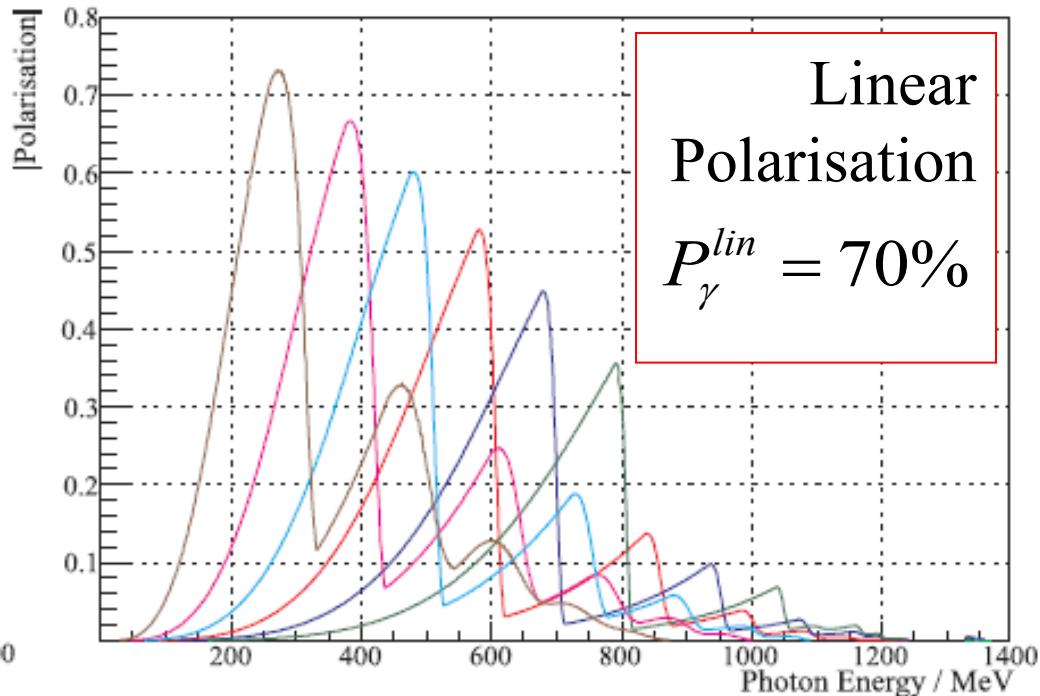
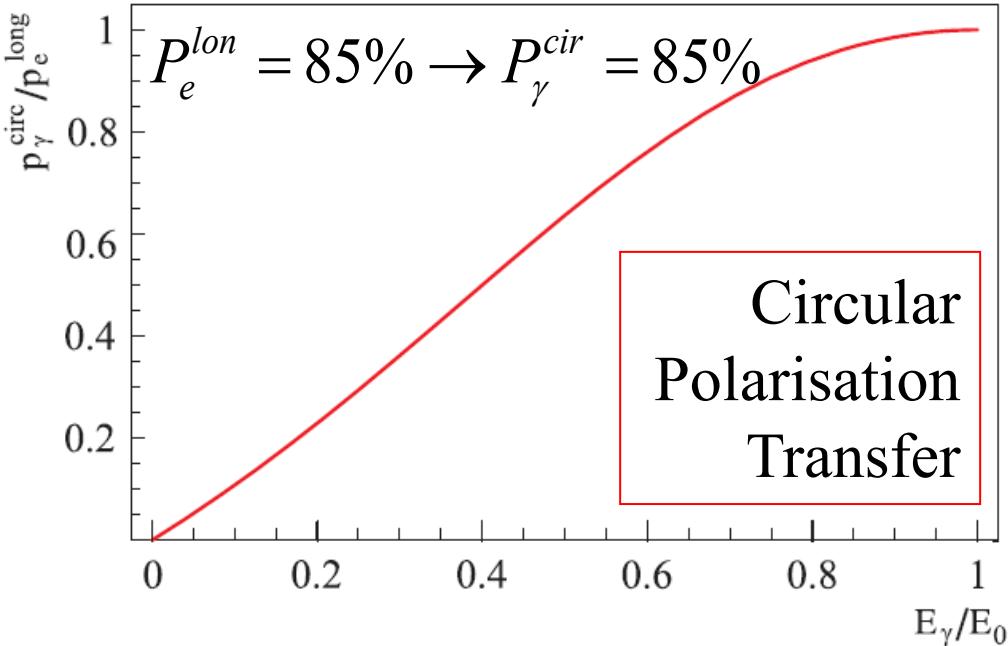
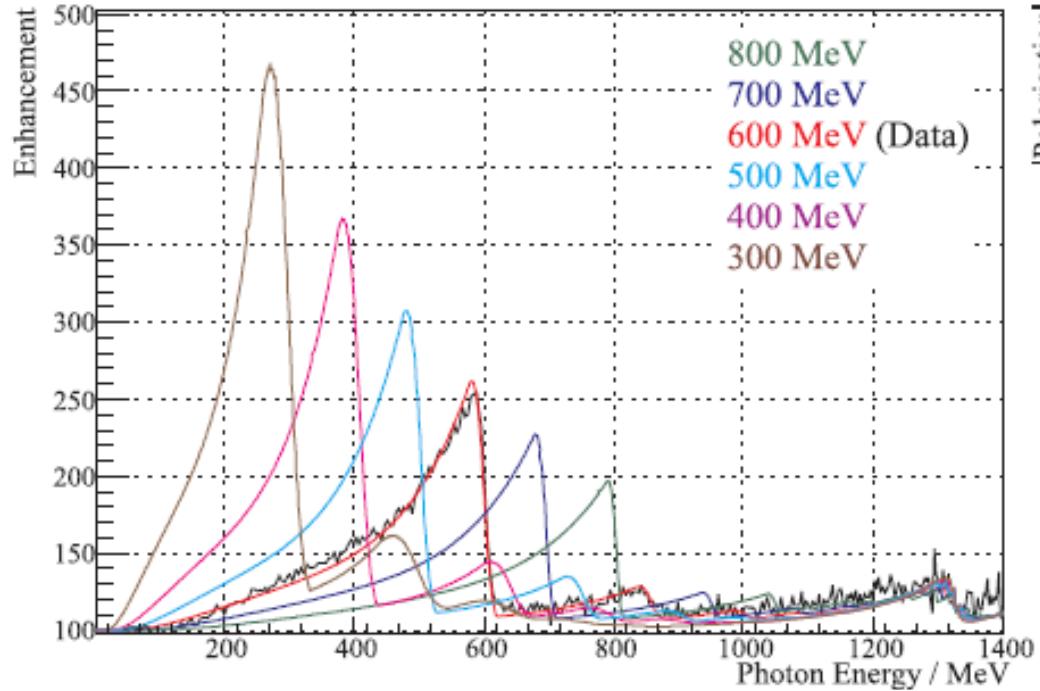


- ## 2. Determination of the degree of polarization of the electron beam (Moeller Polarimeter). Circularly pol. photons.

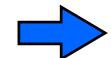
$$A = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = a \vec{p}_t \cdot \vec{p}_b \cos(z)$$

- ## 3. Coherent production of linearly polarized photons on a diamond radiator

# Polarised Photons @ MAMI C



$$\begin{aligned} E_\gamma &= 75 \dots 1480 \text{ MeV} \\ \Delta E_\gamma &= 4 \text{ MeV} \\ N_\gamma &= 2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ MeV}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



High Polarisation  
High Photon Flux

## 4 $\pi$ photon Spectrometer @ MAMI

### TAPS:

366 BaF<sub>2</sub> detectors

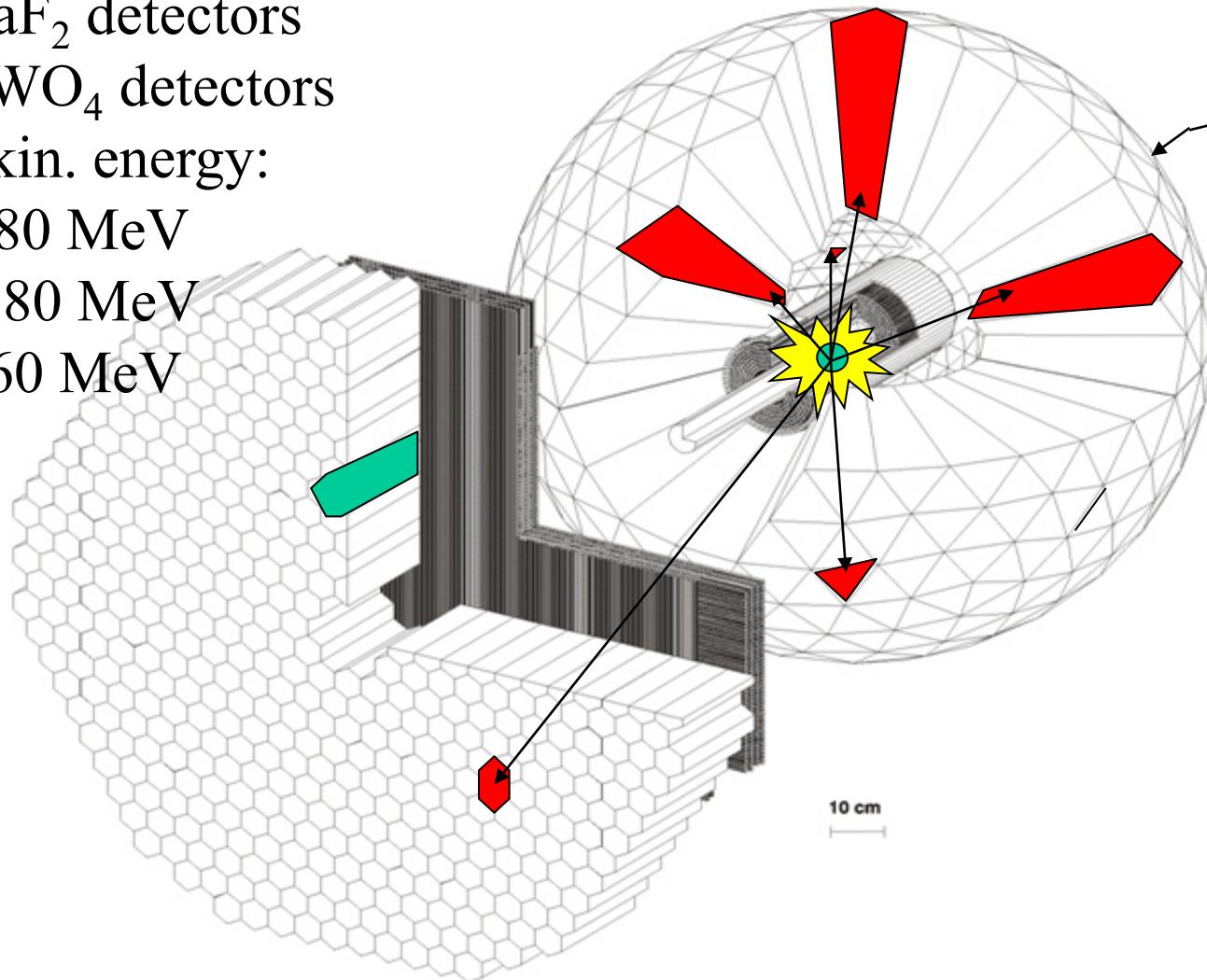
72 PbWO<sub>4</sub> detectors

Max. kin. energy:

$\pi^{+-}$  : 180 MeV

K $^{+-}$  : 280 MeV

P : 360 MeV



### Crystal Ball:

672 NaJ detectors

Max. kin. energy:

$\mu^{+-}$  : 233 MeV

$\pi^{+-}$  : 240 MeV

K $^{+-}$  : 341 MeV

P : 425 MeV

### Vertex detector:

2 Cylindr. MWPCs

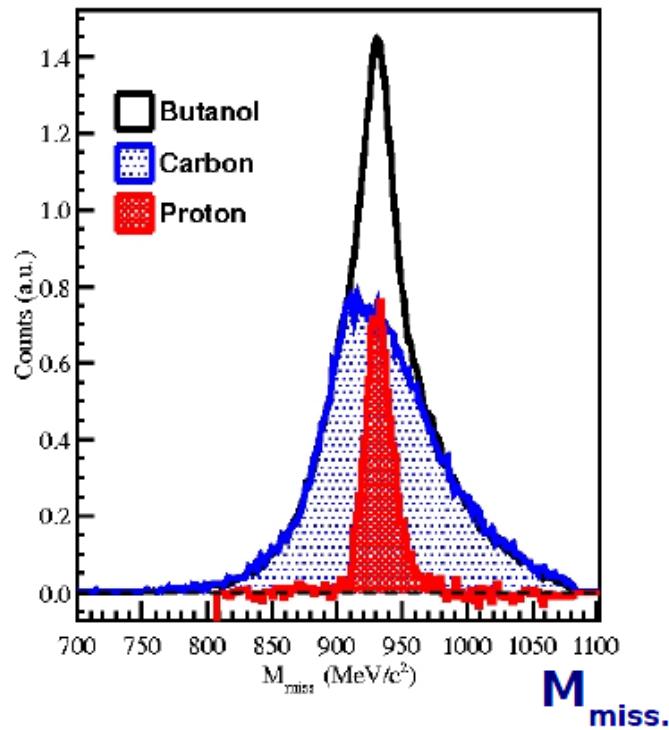
480 wires, 320 stripes

### PID detector:

24 thin plastic  
detectors

# Additional challenges for the analysis of experiments with Frozen Spin Target → Dilution Factor.

Missing Mass

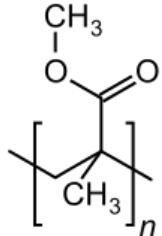


Butanol

Carbon

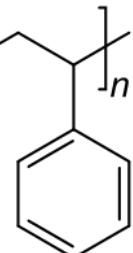
Hydrogen

# New Development: Active Polarized Target



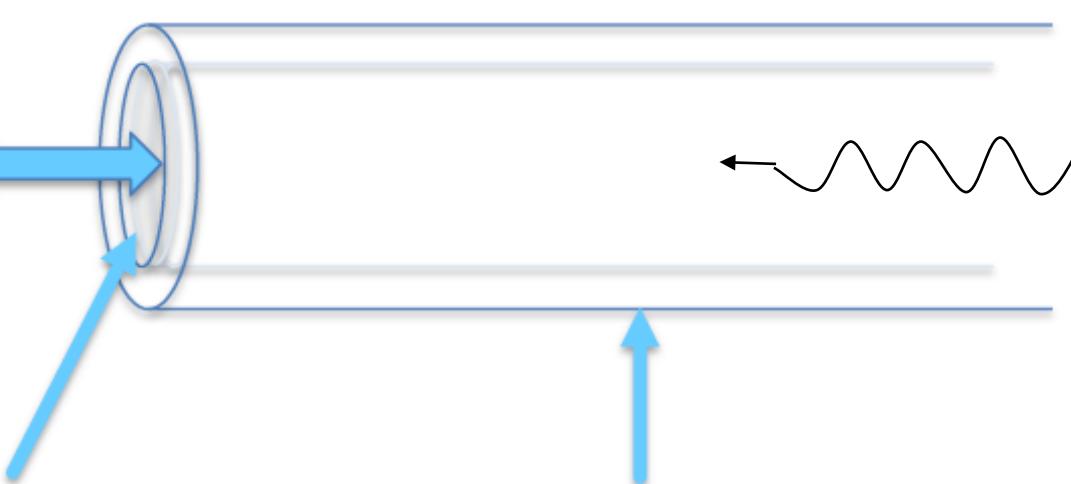
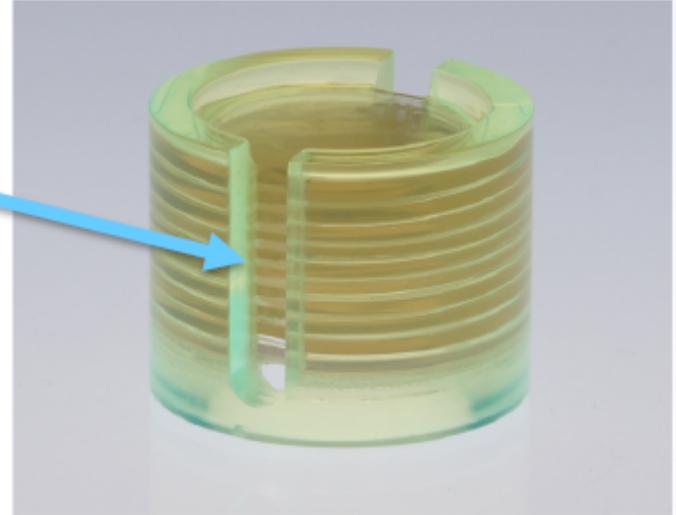
Spacers / PMMA  
9x 0.5mm thickness

Slit for cooling and NMR coil



Polarizable scintillator  
10x ø20mm / 1mm thickness  
Doping:  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

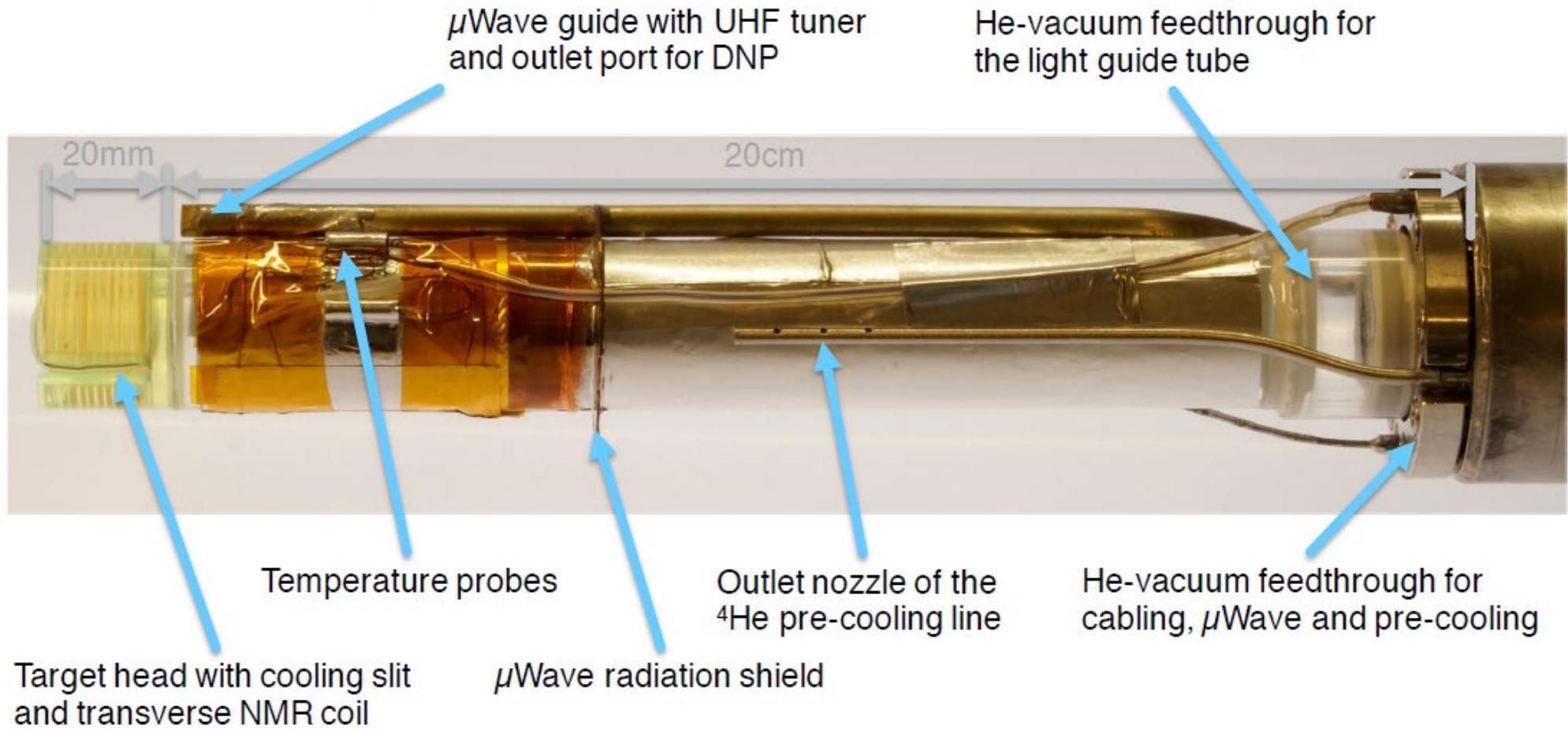
Wavelength-shifting head  
o ø26mm / i ø20mm / L 20mm



Inner vacuum window  
PMMA 1mm thickness

Light guide tube / PMMA  
o ø26mm / i ø20mm / L 1.5m

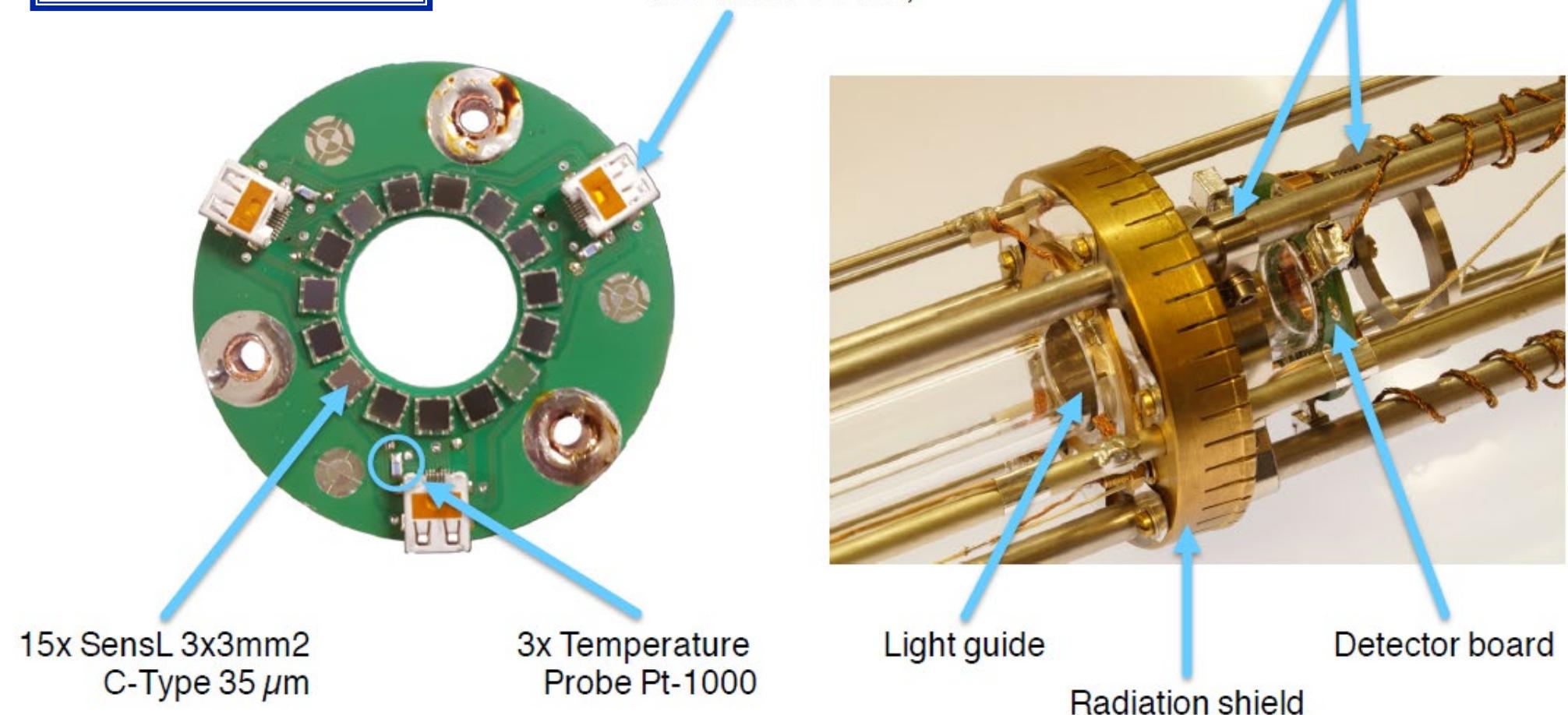
# Active Polarized Target



T=45mKelvin after 5 days by  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  mixture ← ← Vacuum in beampipe

# Detector Electronics at 150 Kelvin

[M.Biroth et al., IEEE Transaction on Nuclear Science, Vol. 64, Issue 6, June 2017]



SiPMs gain depends strongly from the temperature ~1% K-1. Therefore it is necessary to control the 25V bias voltage to ~10mV and to have a stable temperature. [PhD M.Biroth, Mainz]

# Run June 2016

Holding coil 437.5mT, temperature 45mK

Spin setting

Max. Polarization

Max. Relaxation Time

Positive

(46±1)%

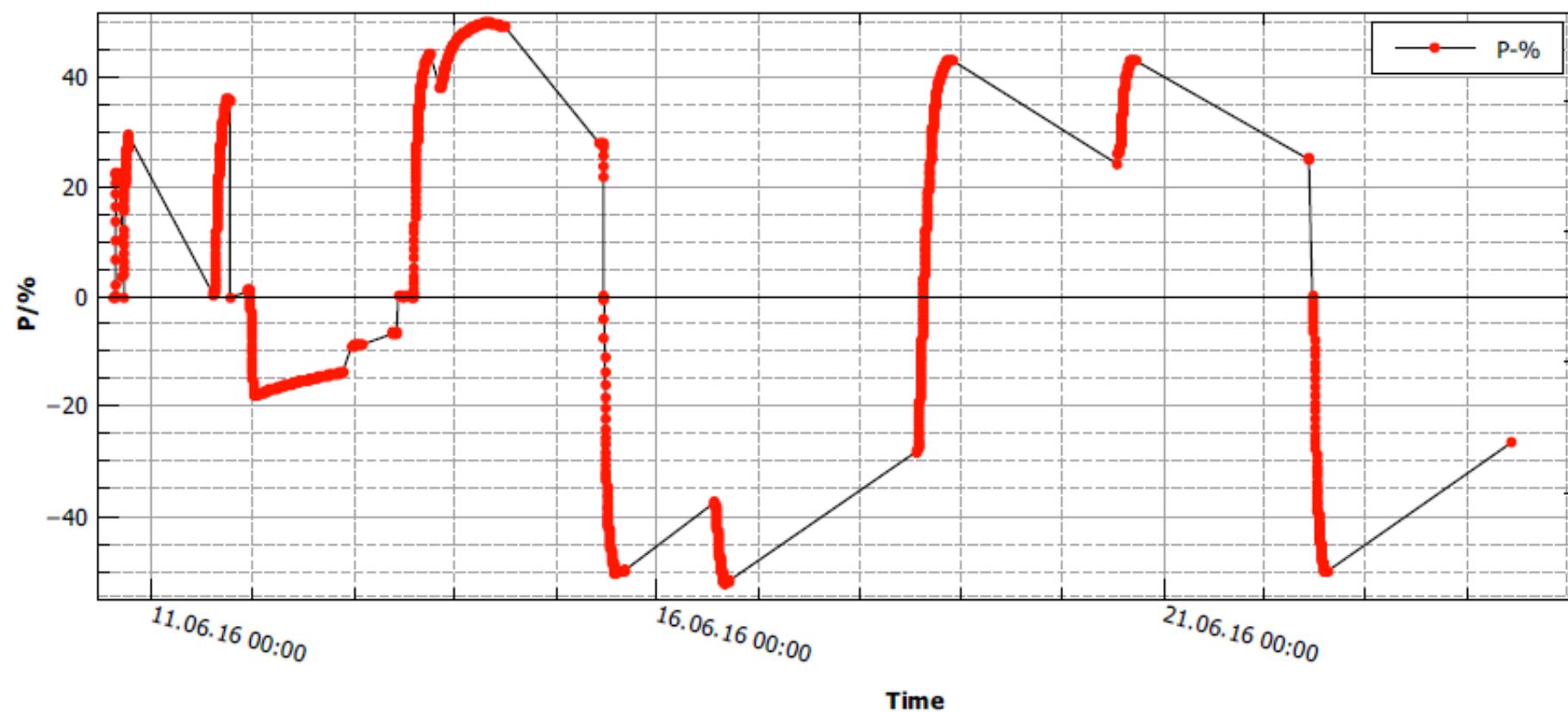
78.3h

Negative

(49±1)%

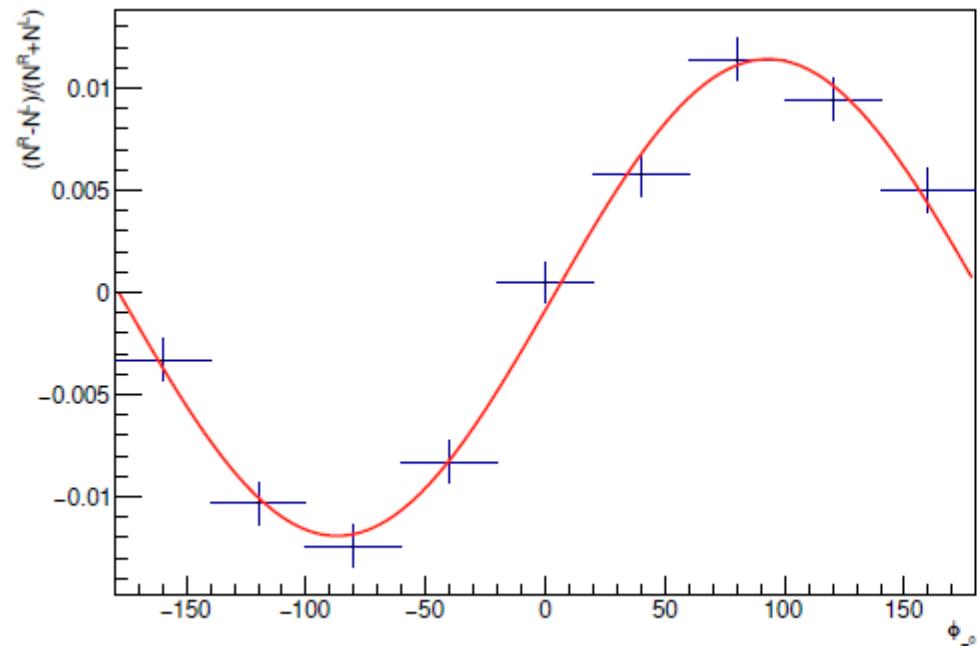
74.1h

Aktive target evolution

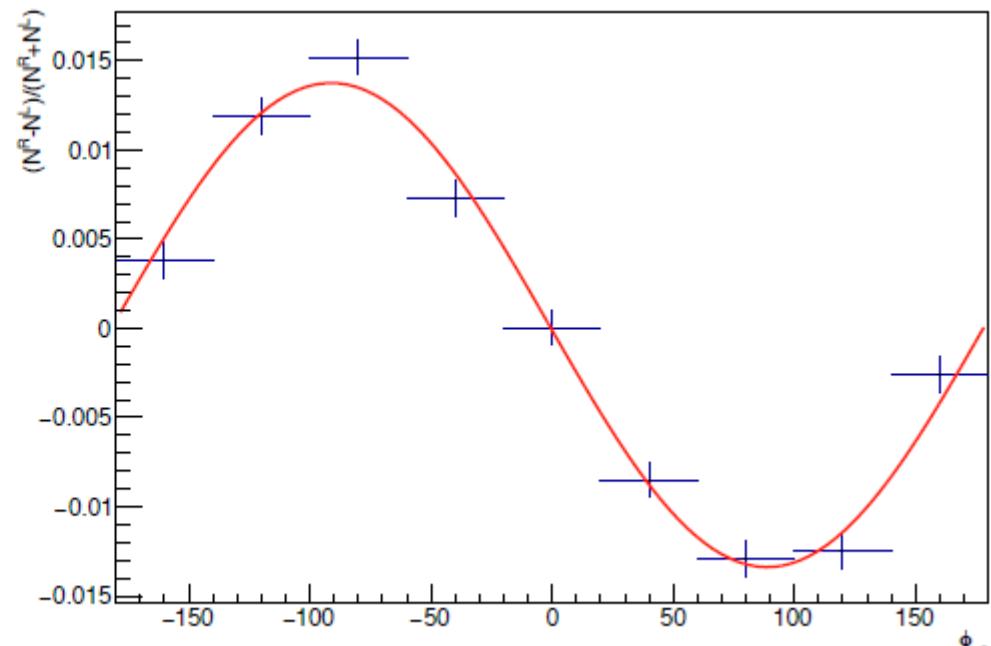


# First count rate asymmetries from June 2016

## $\phi$ distribution for $\pi^0$ production



Target +



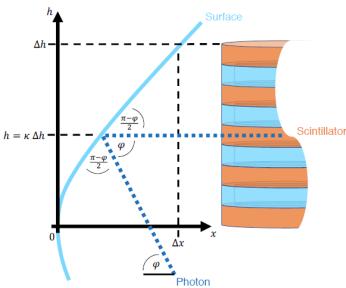
Target -

# JRA10:CryPTA:Task 3

## 3.1 Design studies for polarized, scintillating target material

Detailed analysis, calculations and comparison of concepts for target heads for better light collection

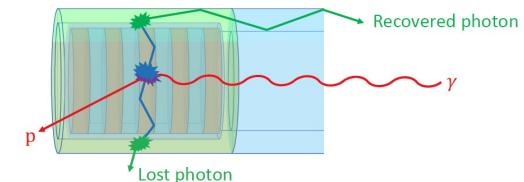
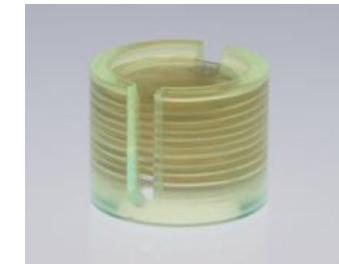
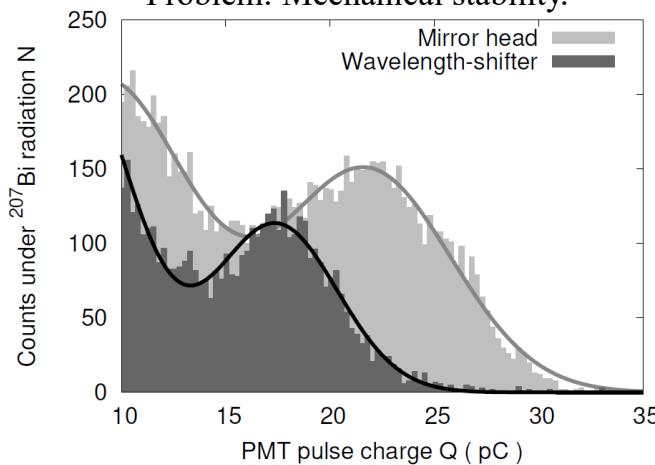
e.g. mirror head target



vs.

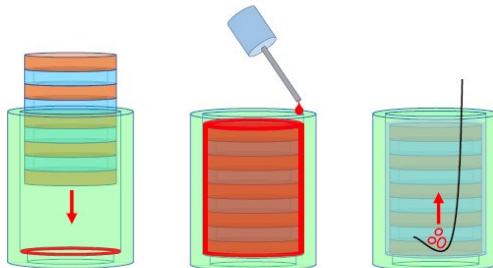
wave length shifter concept

The mirror head shows a superior light collection efficiency.  
Problem: Mechanical stability.

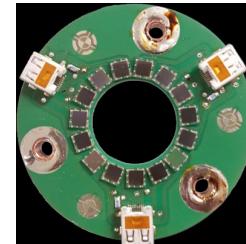


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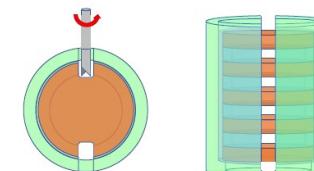
## 3.2 Prototypes of a scintillating target stack with electronic readout



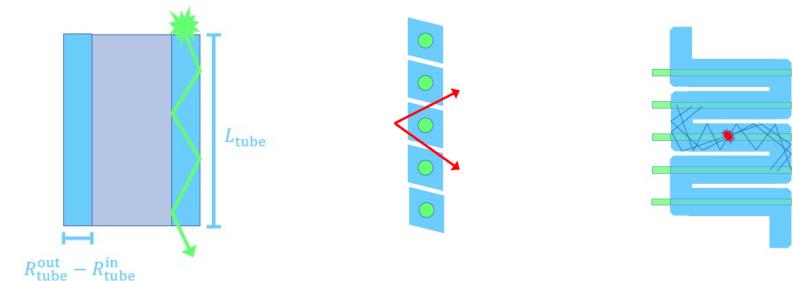
The production process of the active polarized target stacks has been optimized.



The coupling of the electronic readout to the light guide components is well under control and documented.

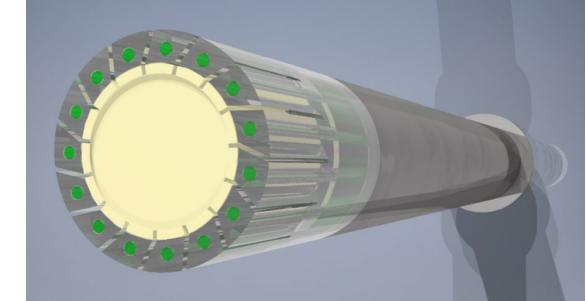


The machining procedure for post production for NMR and cryogenic cooling slits was further developed.



# Conclusion and Outlook

- The active polarised proton target was in operation in our  $4\pi$  detector system in 2016.
- The detailed analysis in the framework of Maik Biroth gave a lot of new ideas for a better construction.
- R&D for polarised active szintillator target for threshold production and Compton is continued. Analysis of first data proofs light output.  
New active target insert with better light transport system, fibers,  
Scintillating target container with Butanol.



- Maik Biroth is working on the EU project from 04/2021 -09/2021 to produce an improved active target insert in Mainz.
- Dilution cryostat back in Mainz in 2022. Integration of new insert planned.

Thank You!

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