

CHARACTERIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE HOUGHTON COLLEGE CYCLOTRON

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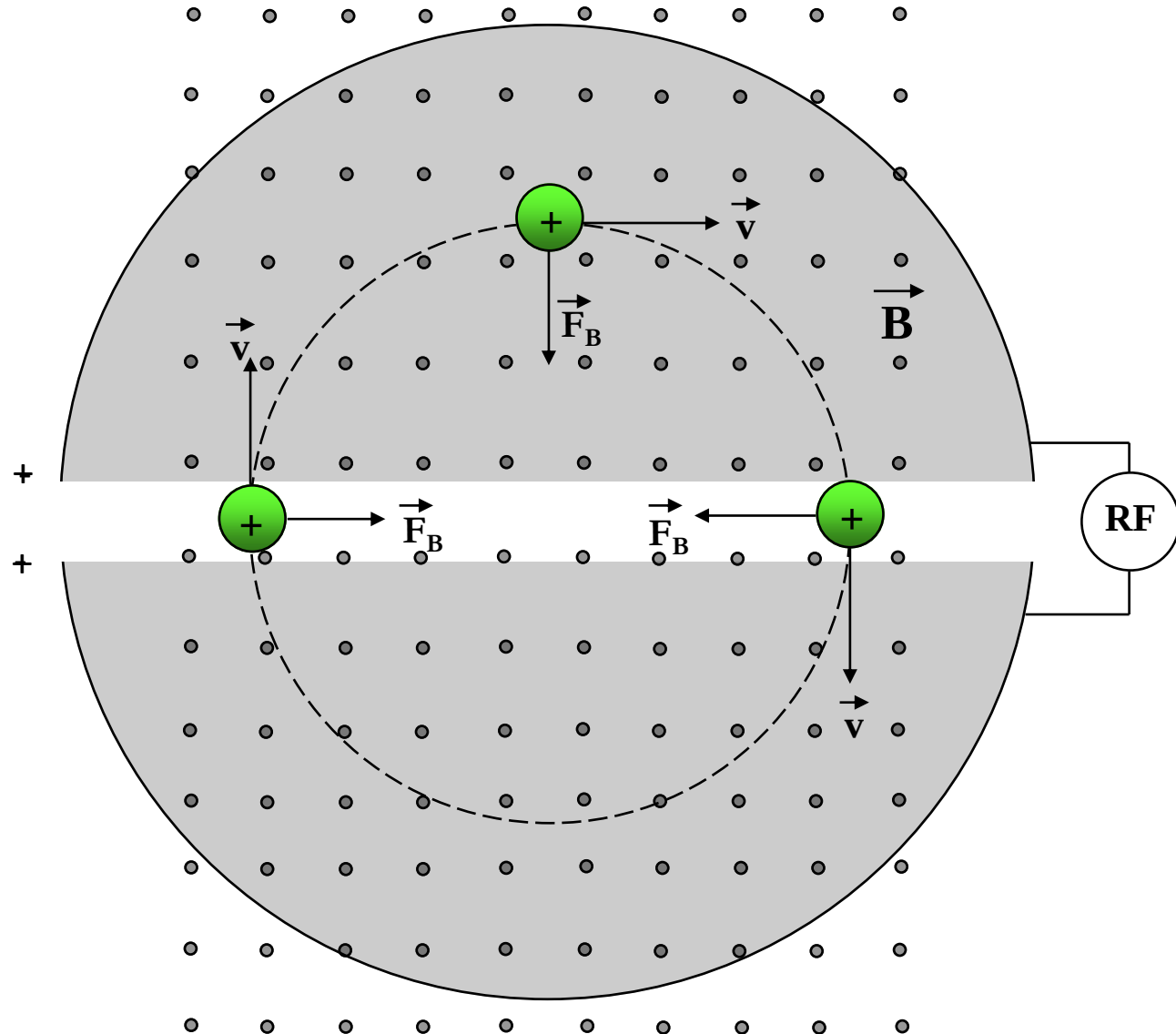
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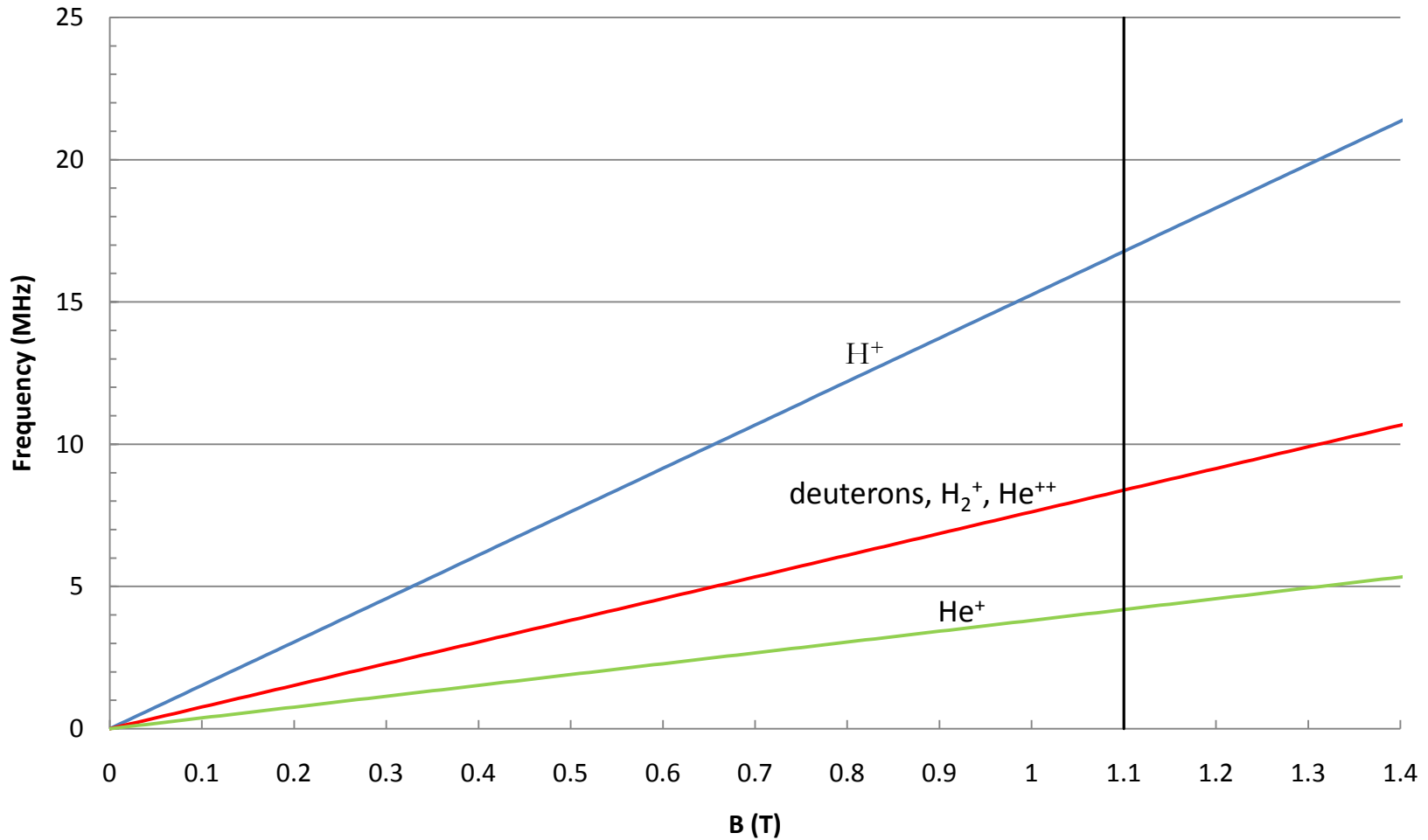
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Operating Principles

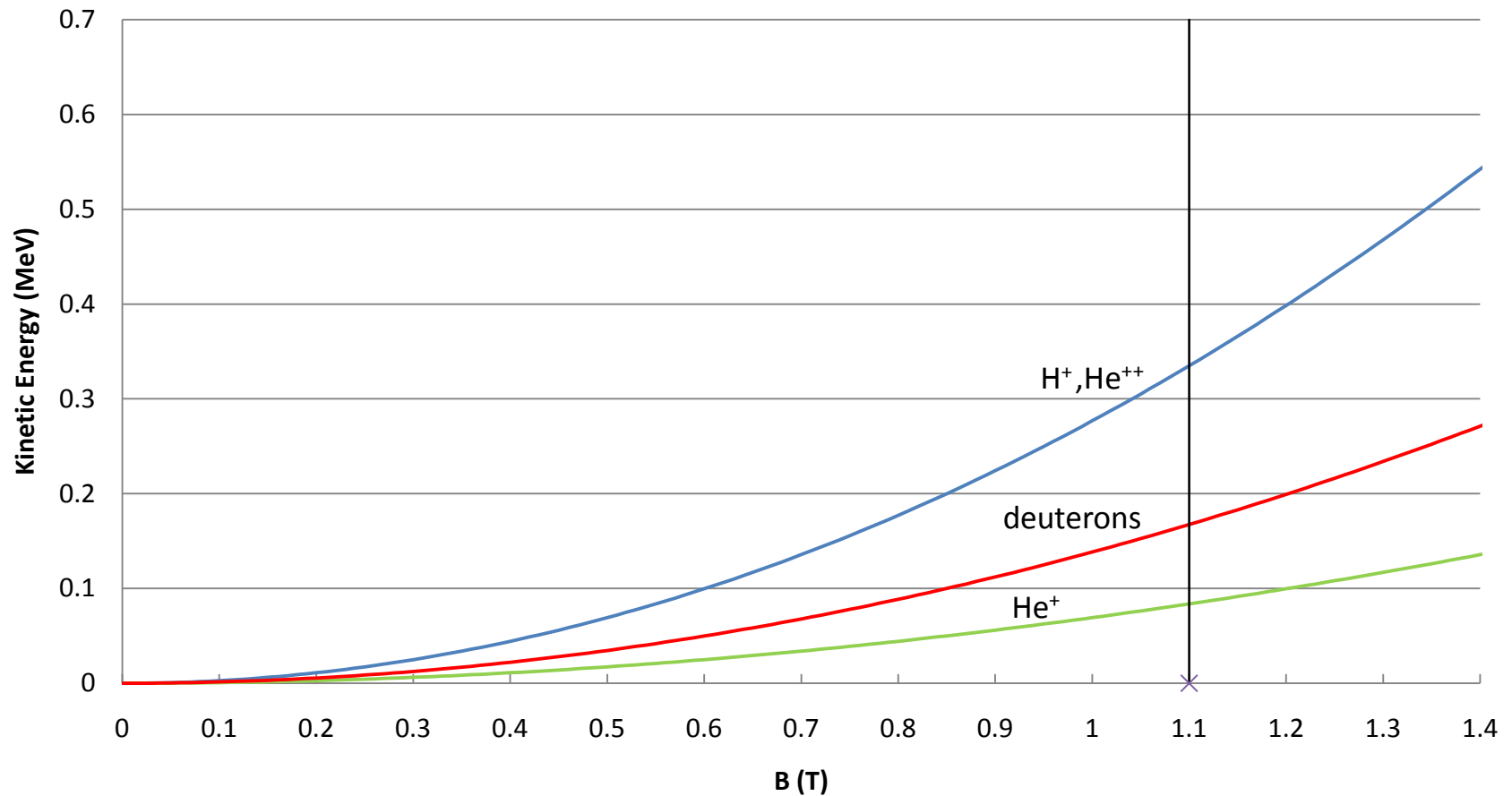


Cyclotron Frequency

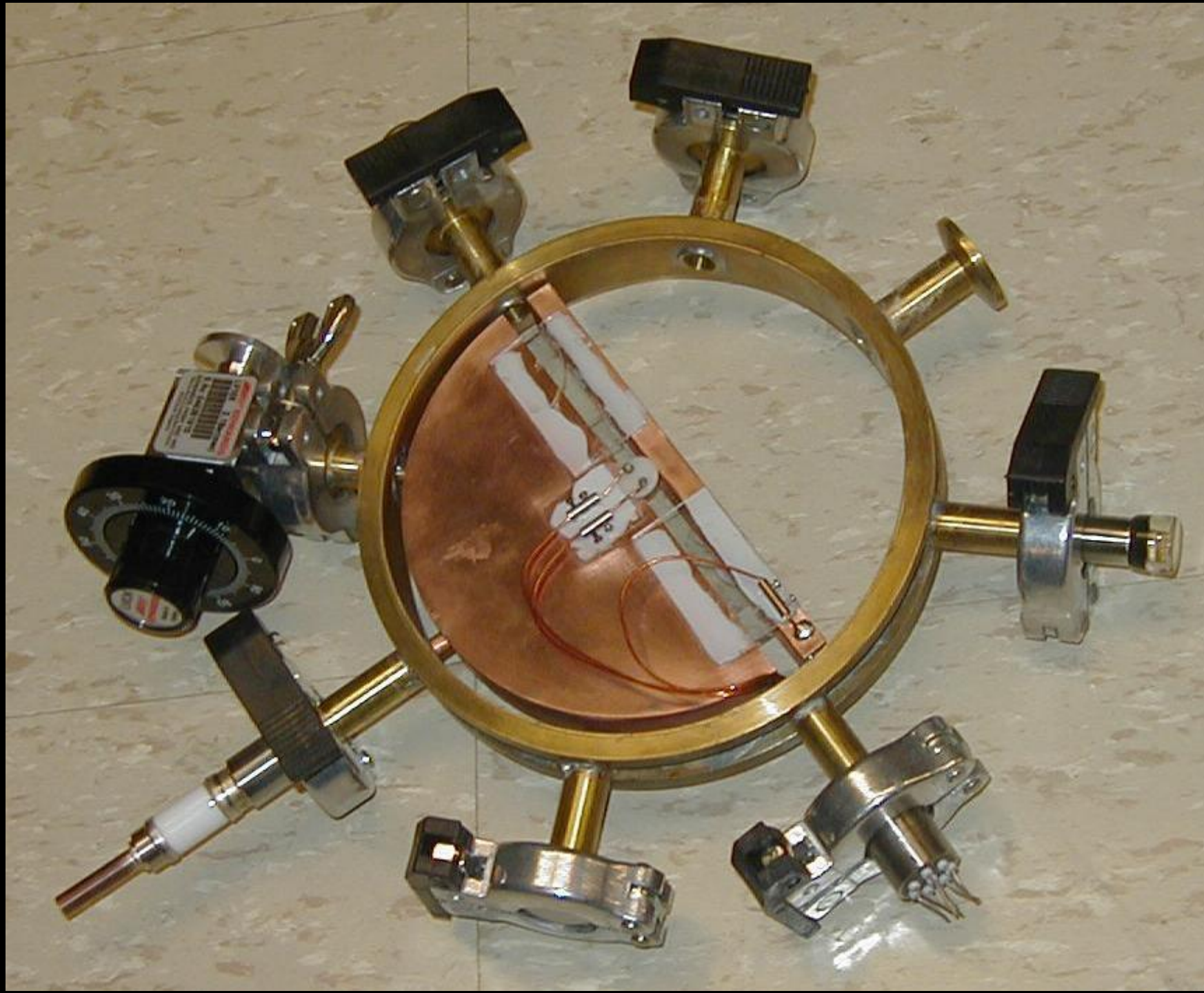


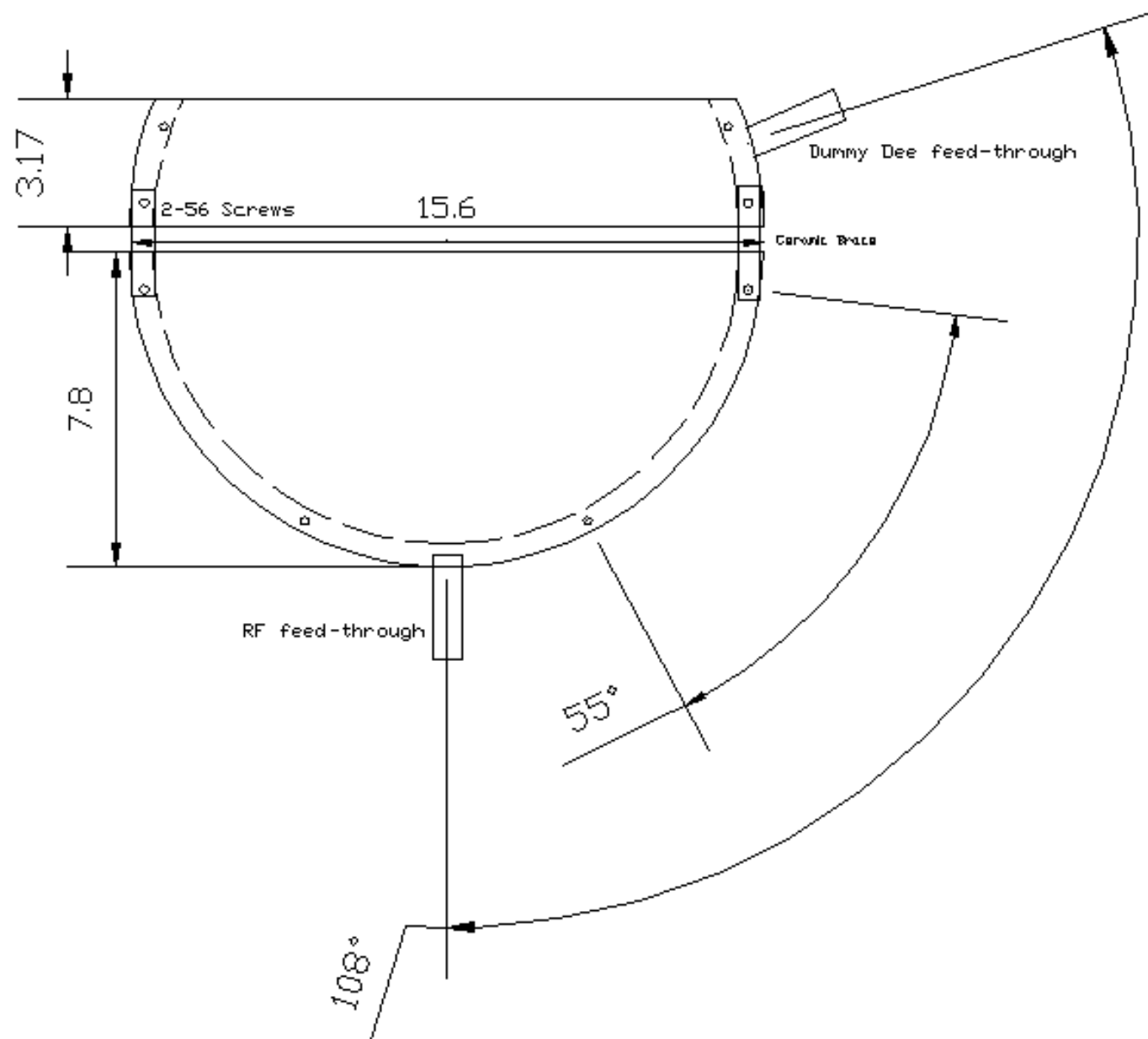
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{q}{m} \right) B$$

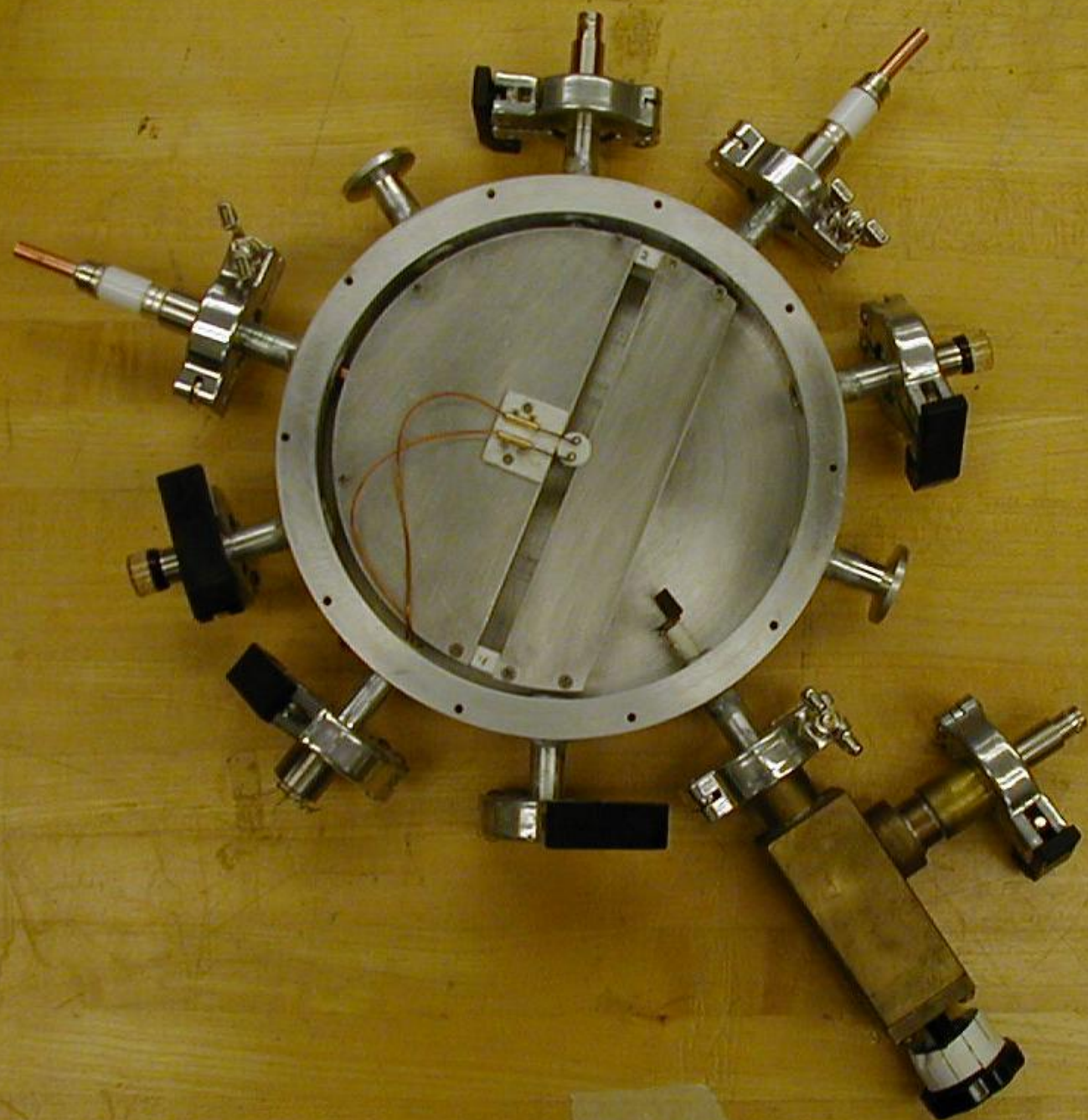
Cyclotron Energy

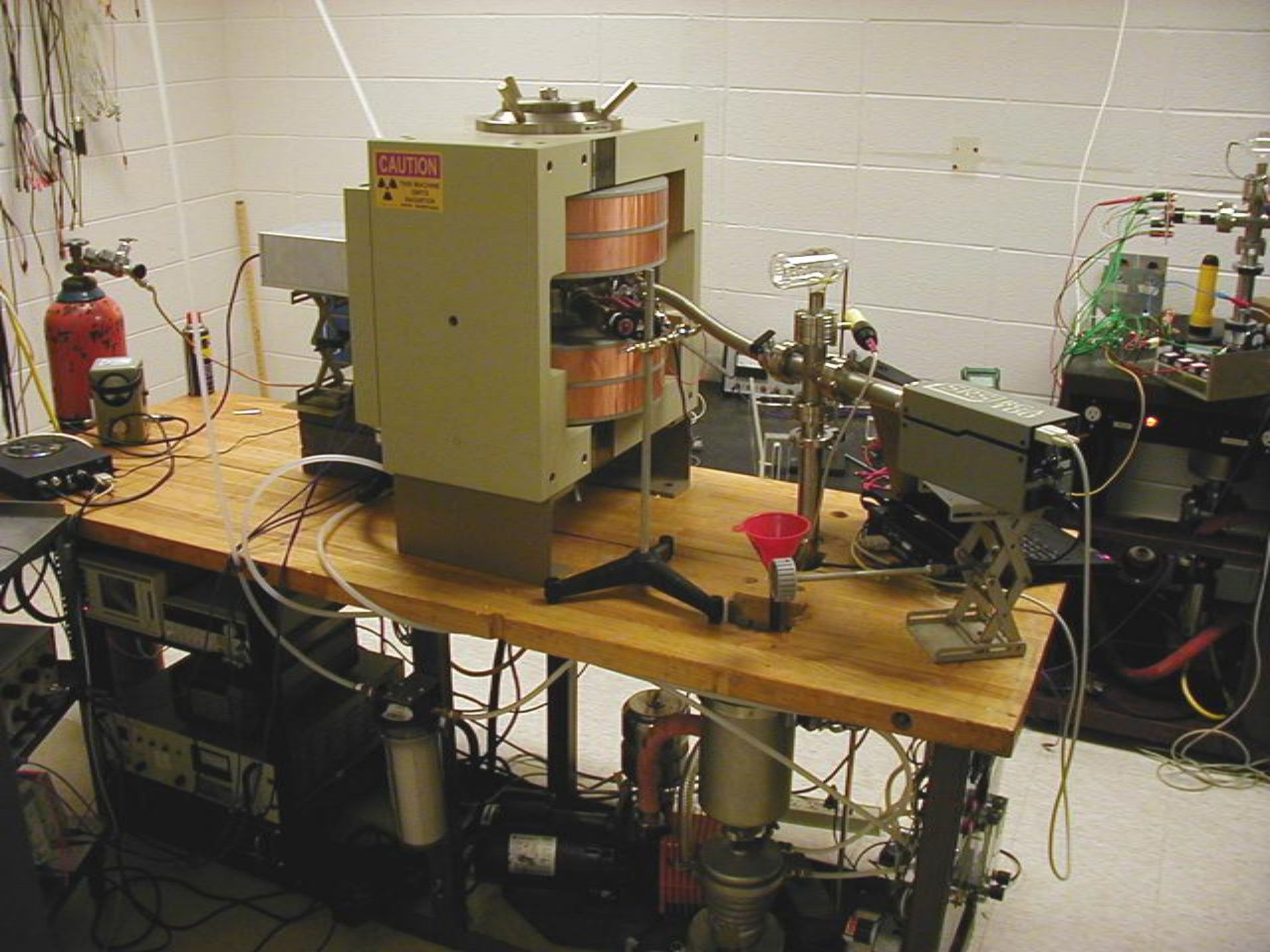


$$T = \frac{q^2 B^2 r^2}{2m}$$





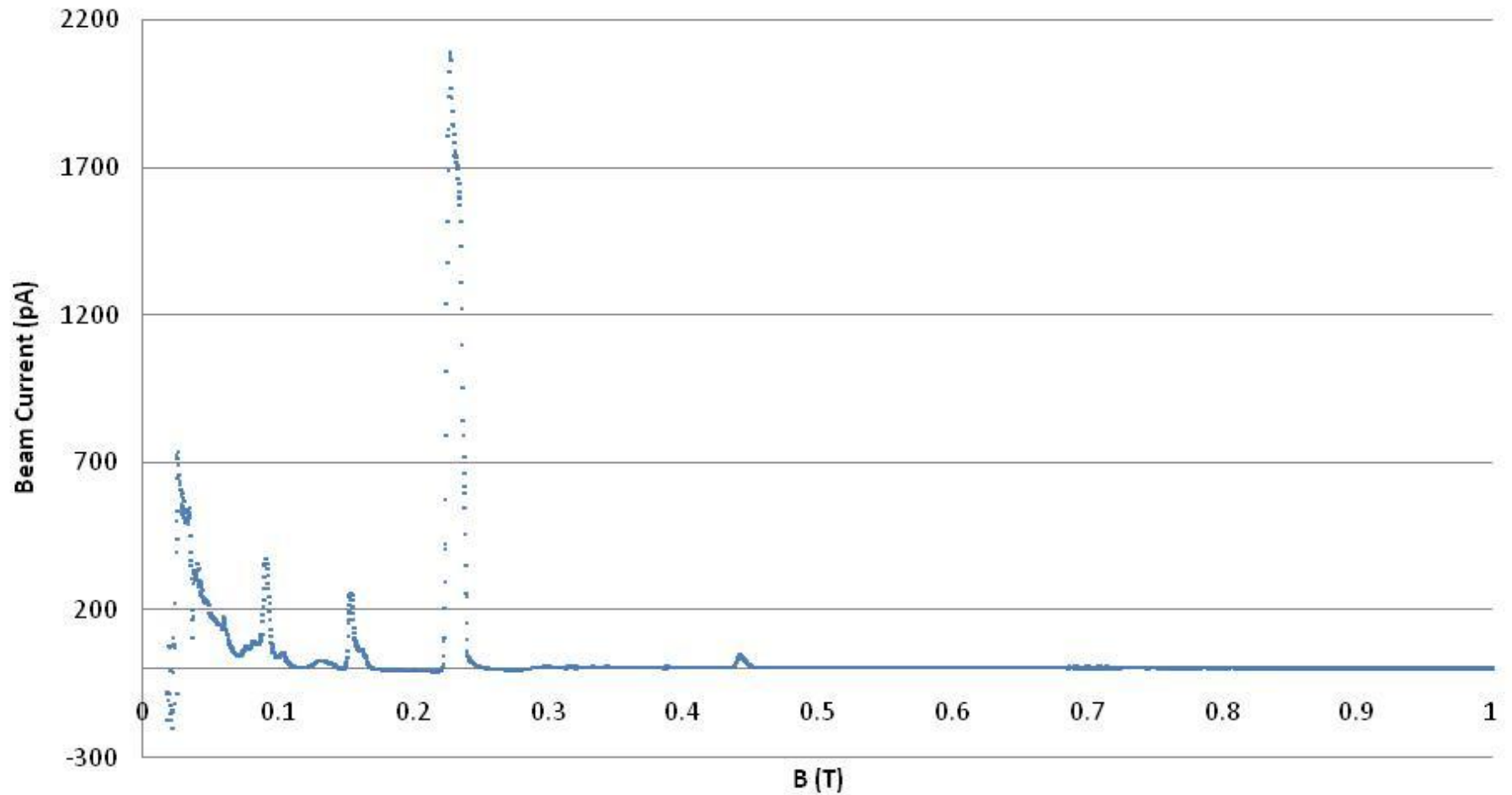




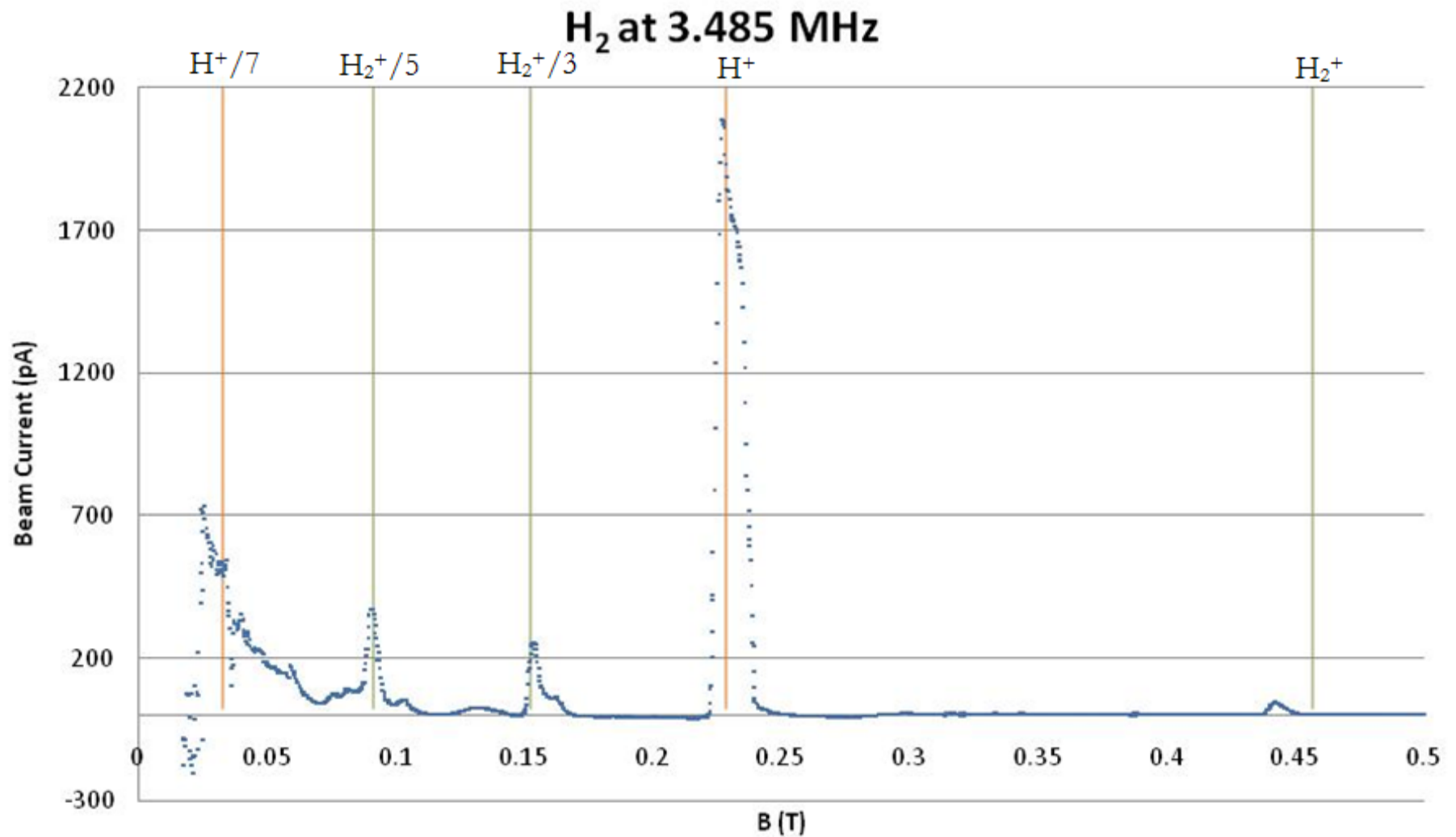
Results

H₂ at 3.485 MHz

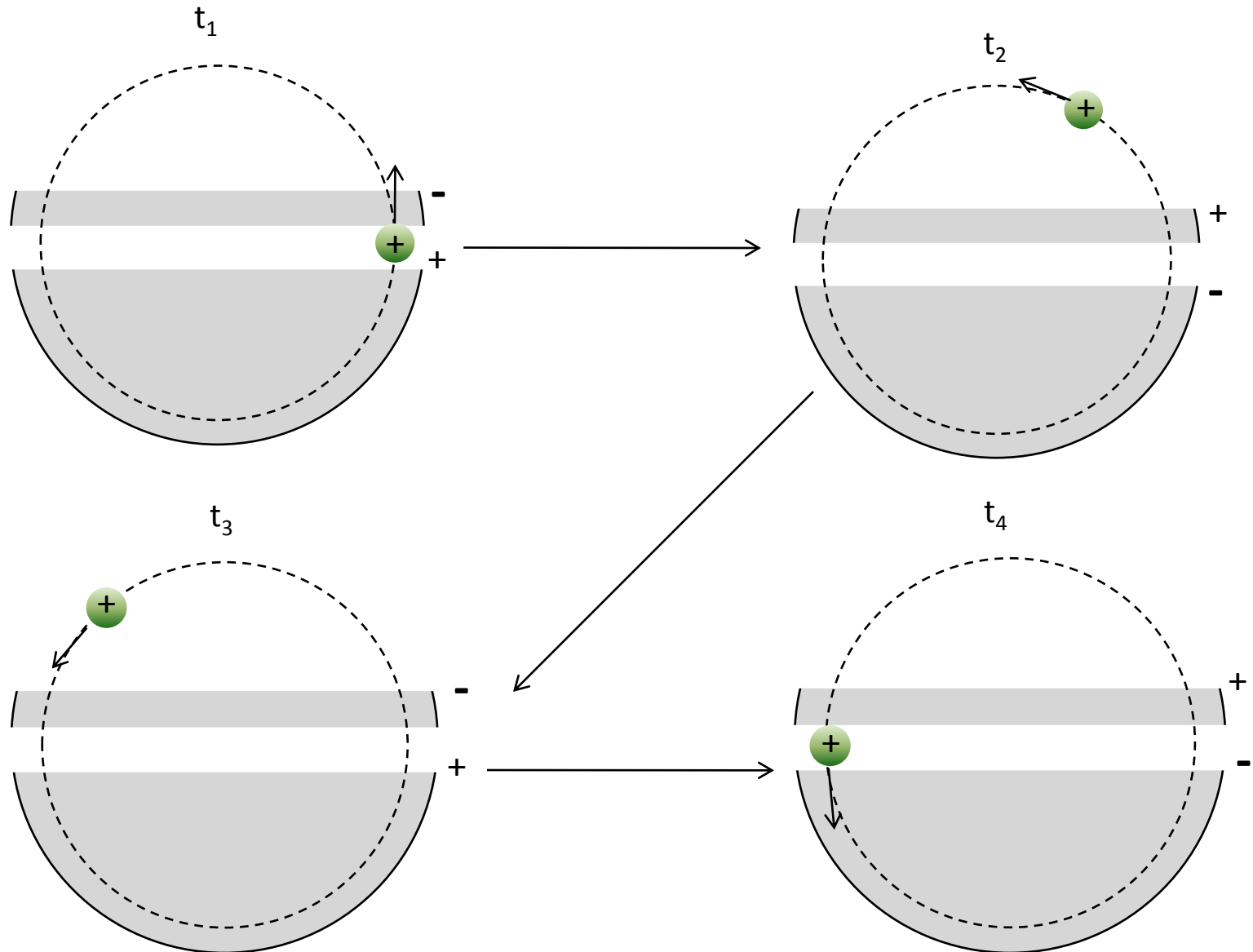
H₂ pressure = 5.1×10^{-6} torr



Results



Harmonic Peaks

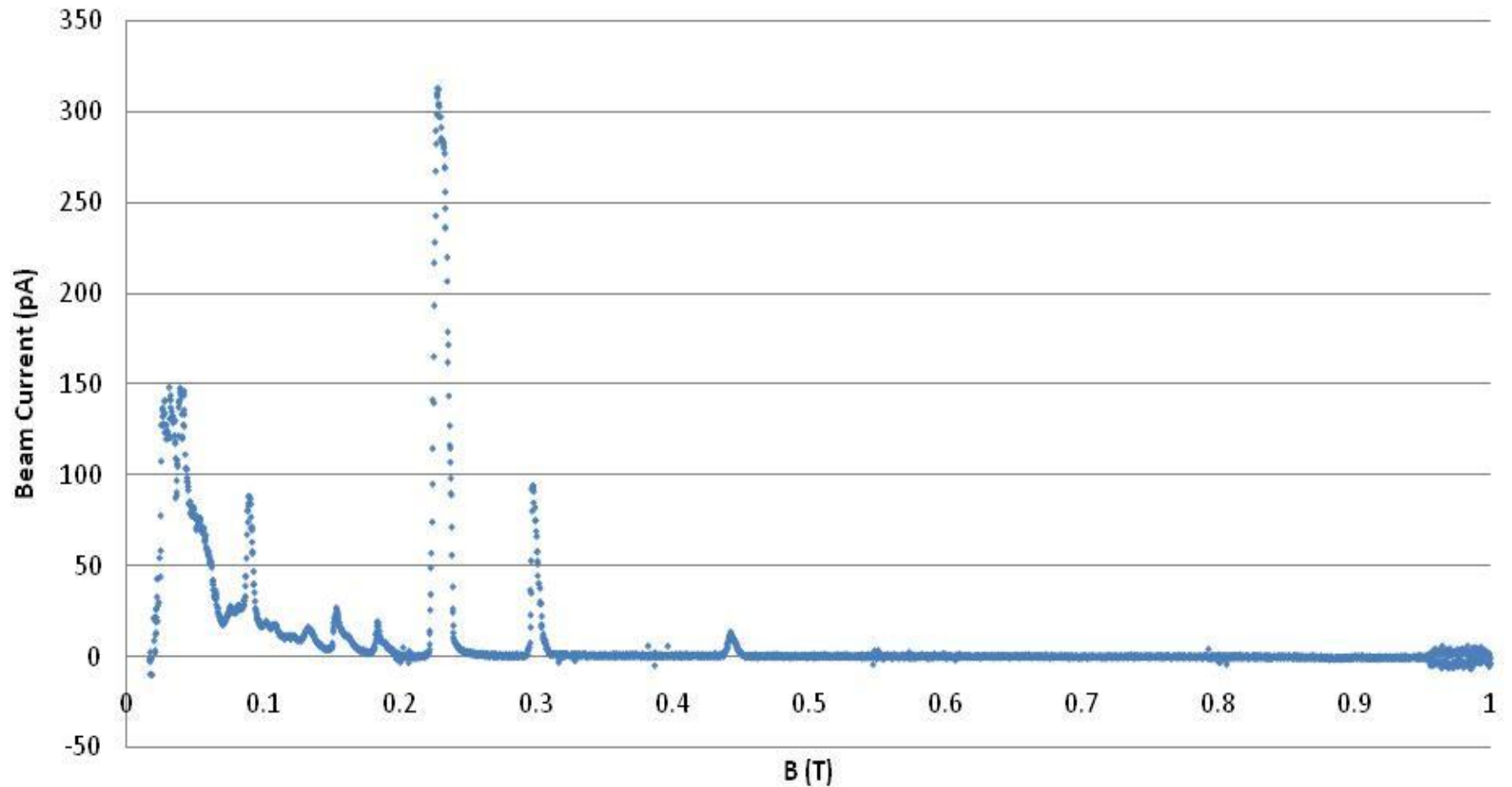


Results

He pressure = 2.0×10^{-5} torr

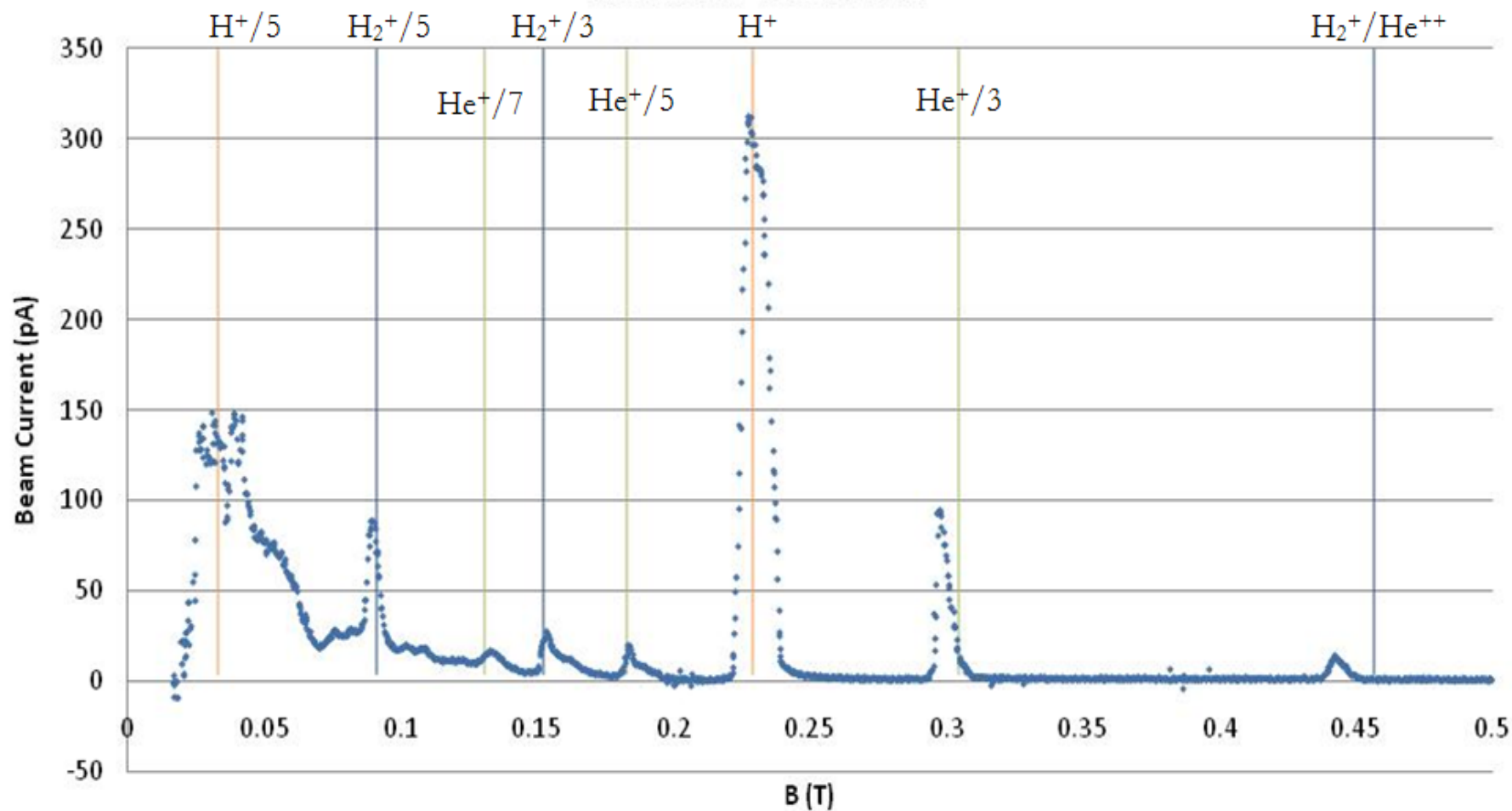
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He at 3.485 MHz



Results

He at 3.485 MHz



Future Plans

- ▣ Test cyclotron using different parameters
- ▣ Accelerate deuterium ions