



Construction and Characterization of a Farnsworth-Hirsch Fusor

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Why Fusion?

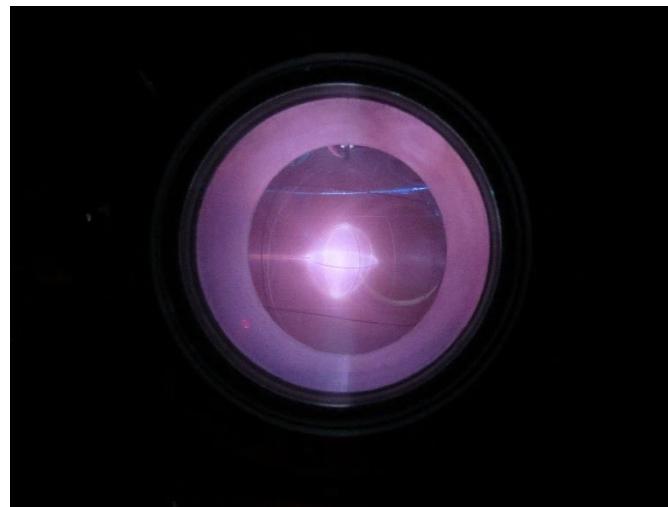
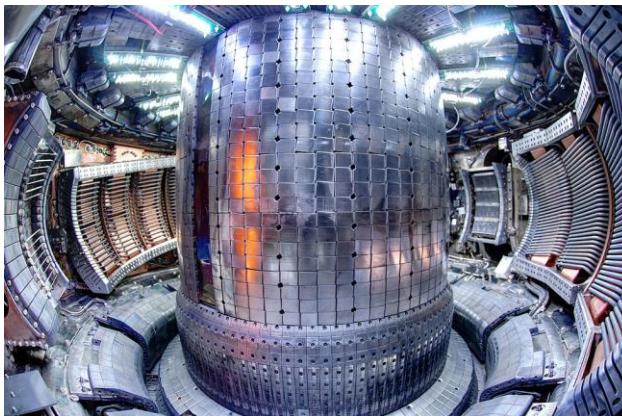
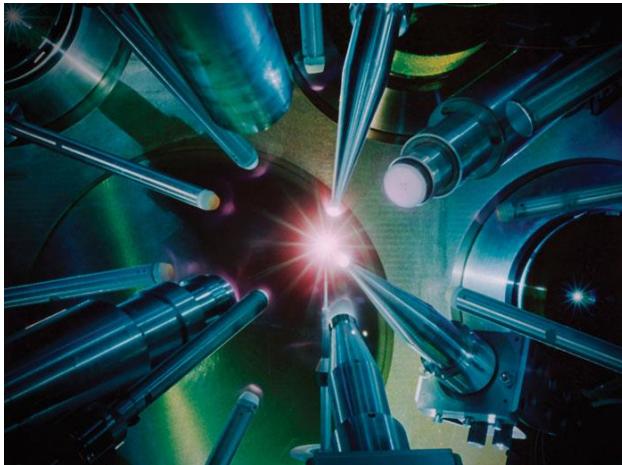
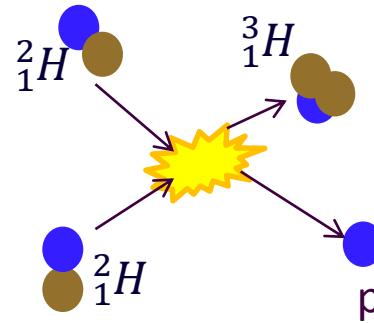
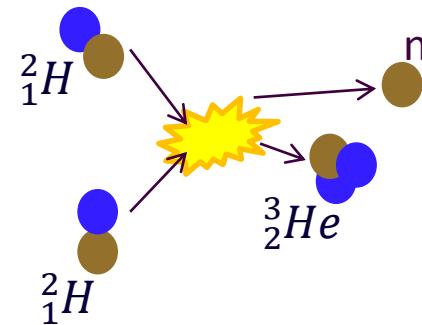
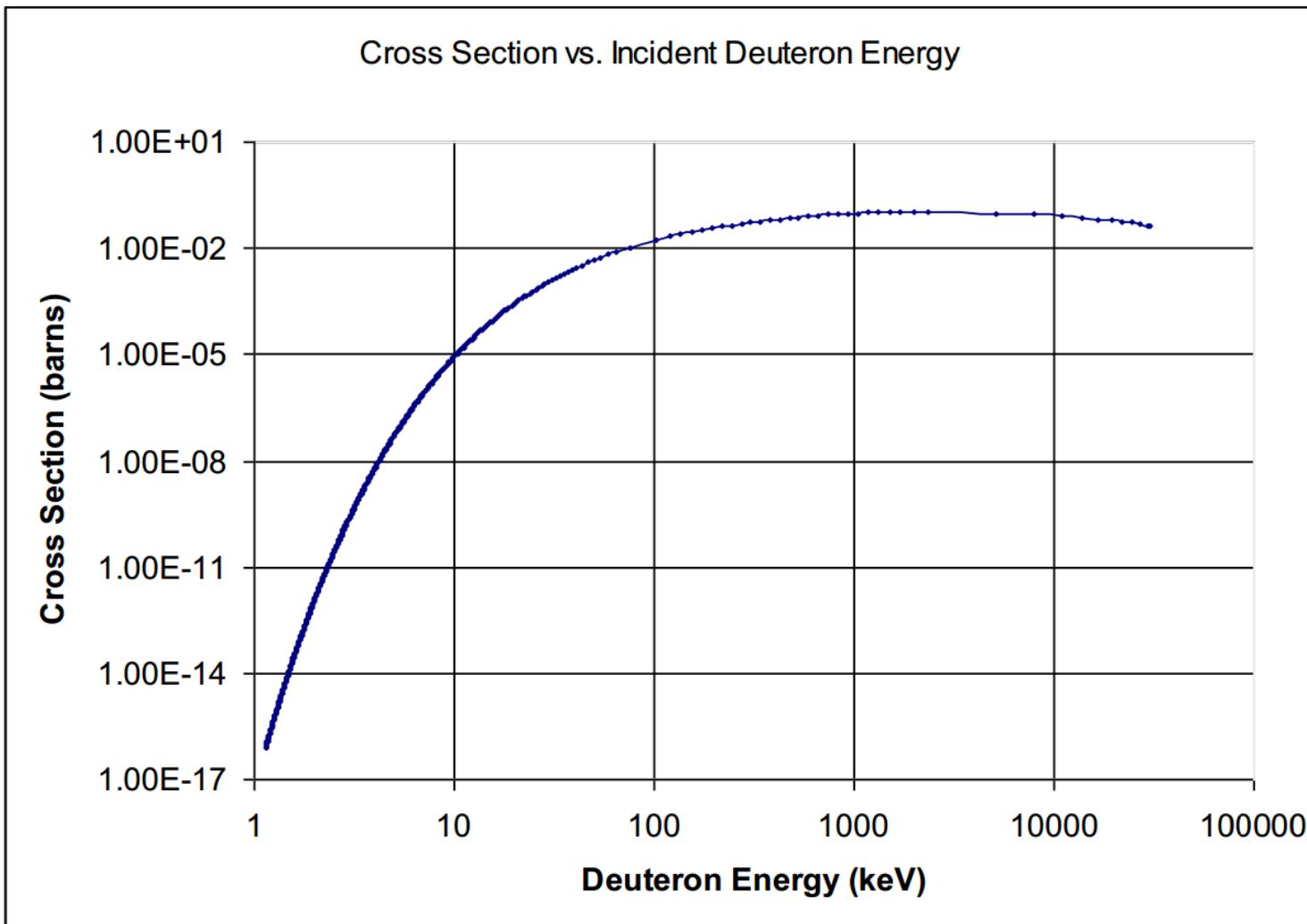


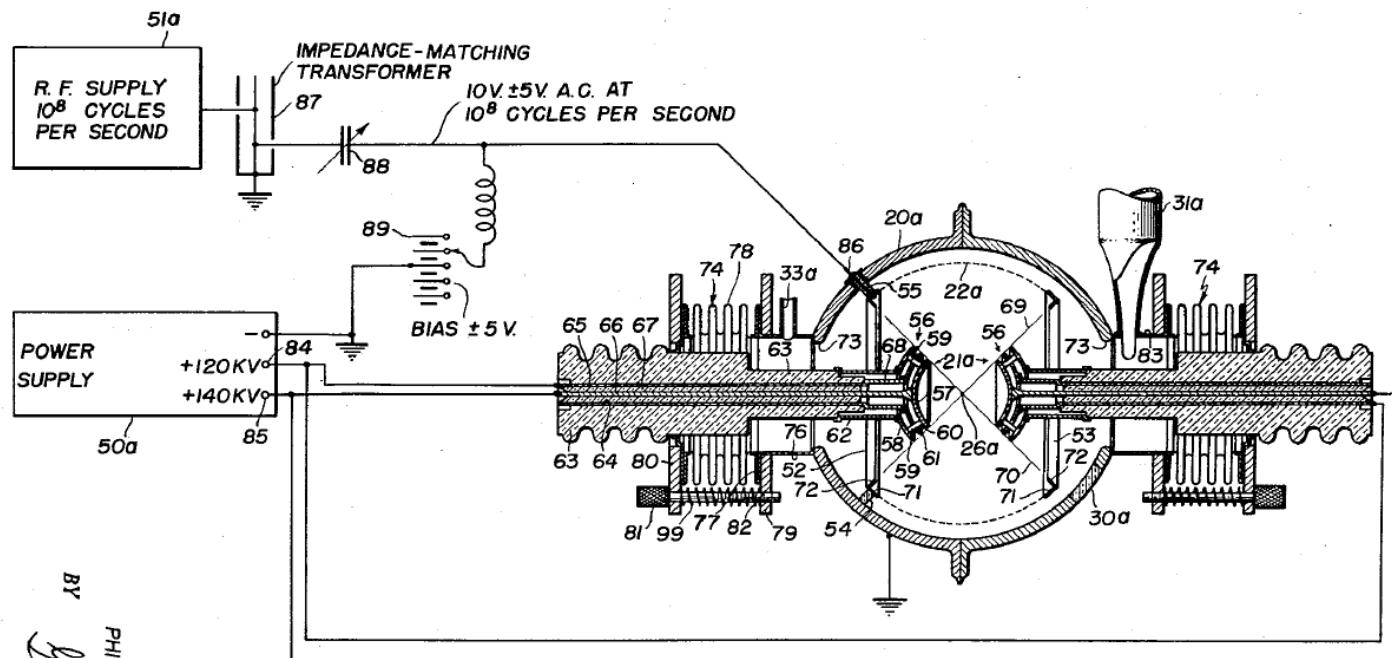
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D-D Fusion



D(d,n) Cross Section

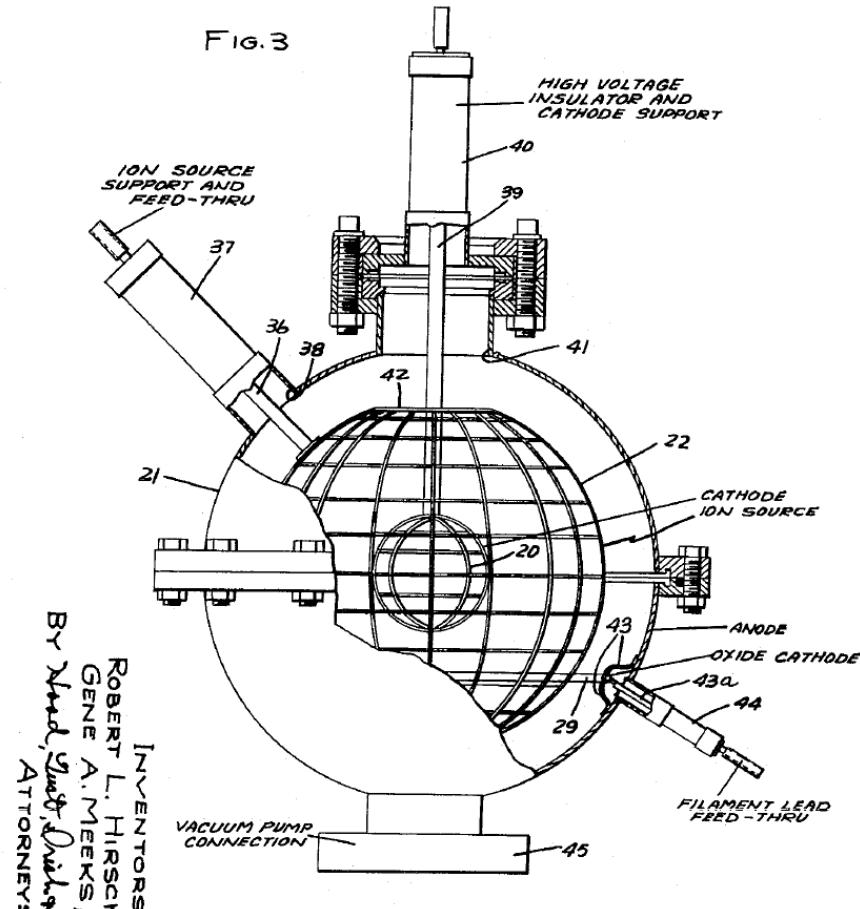




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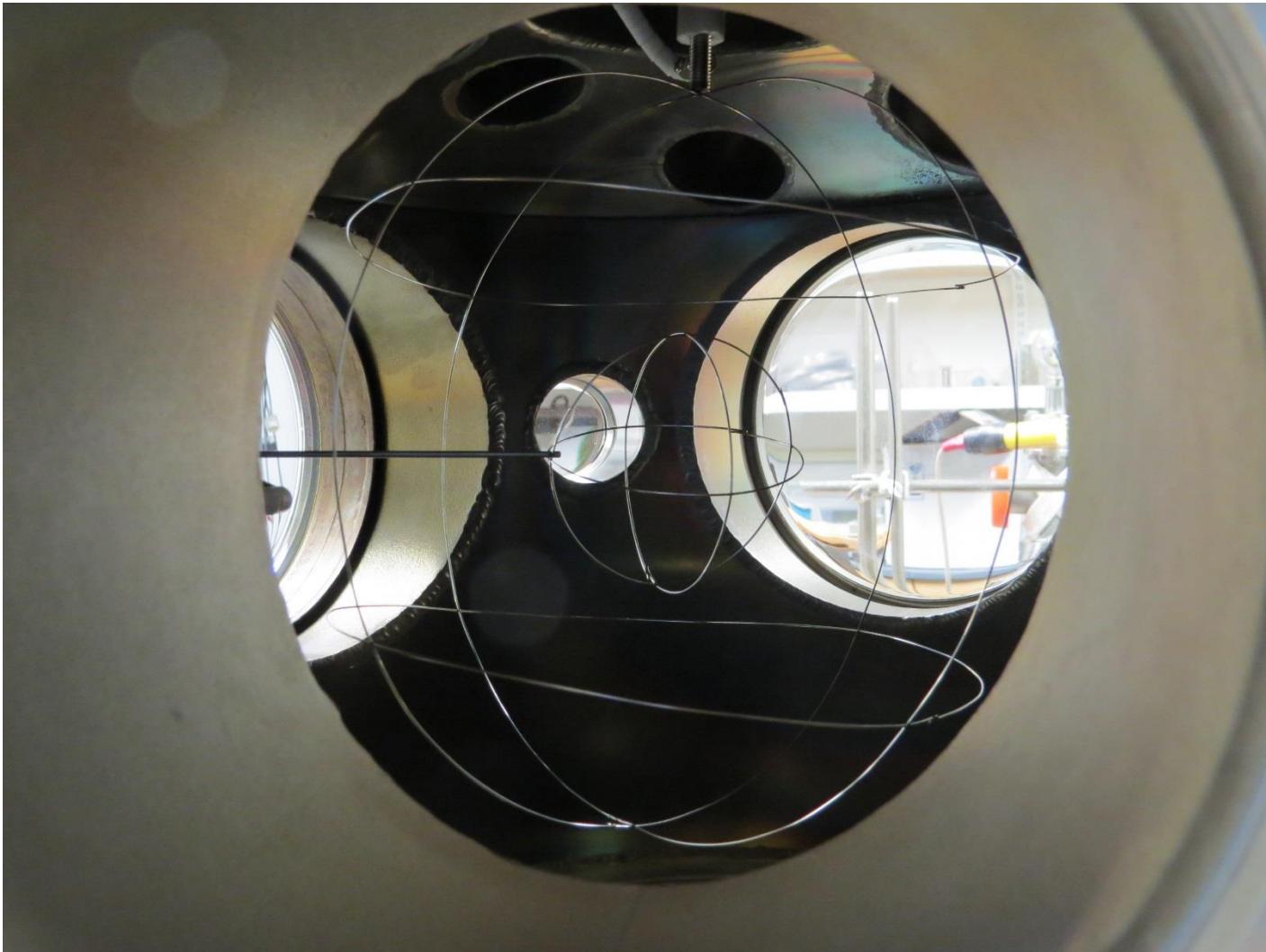


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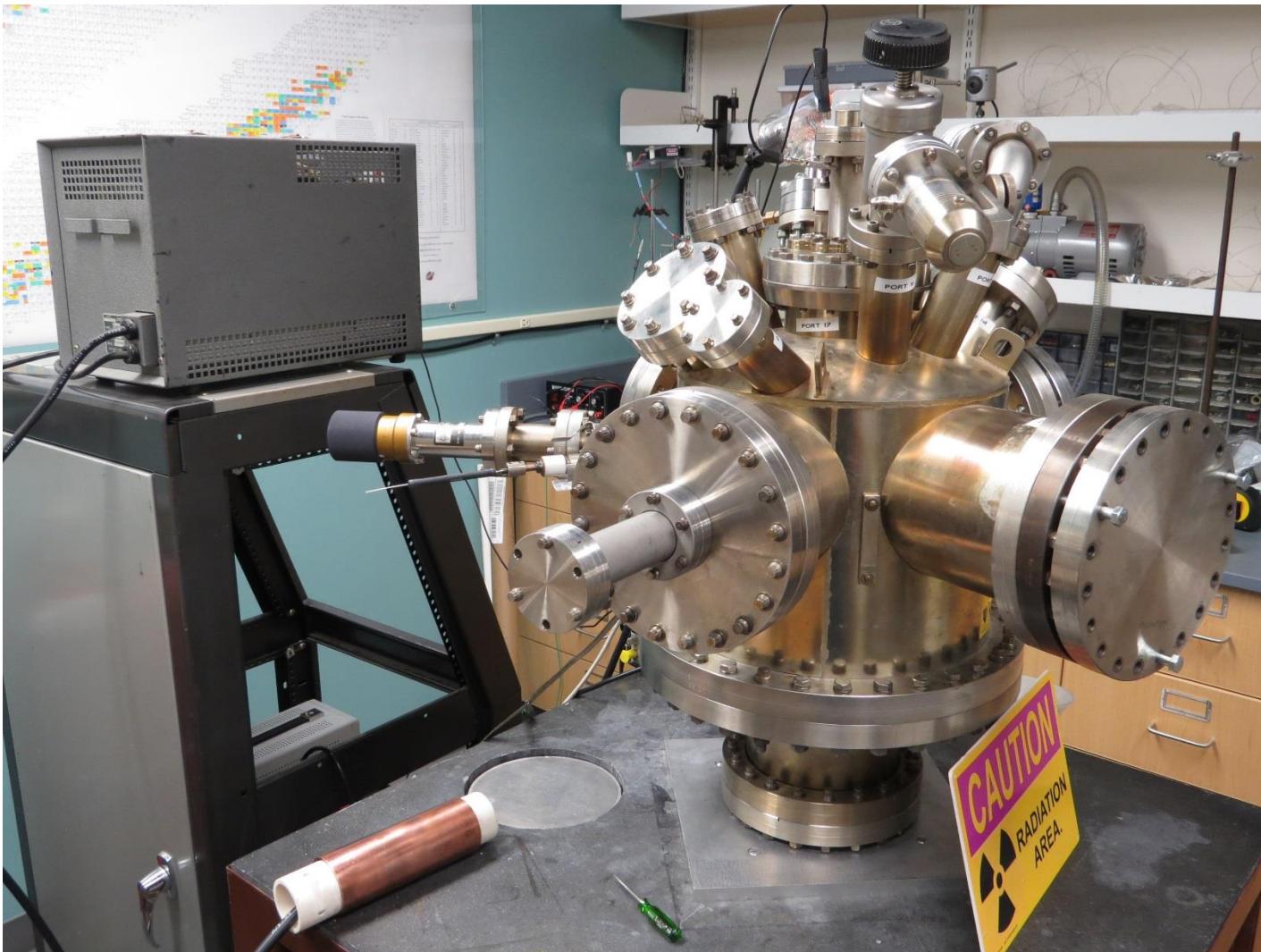
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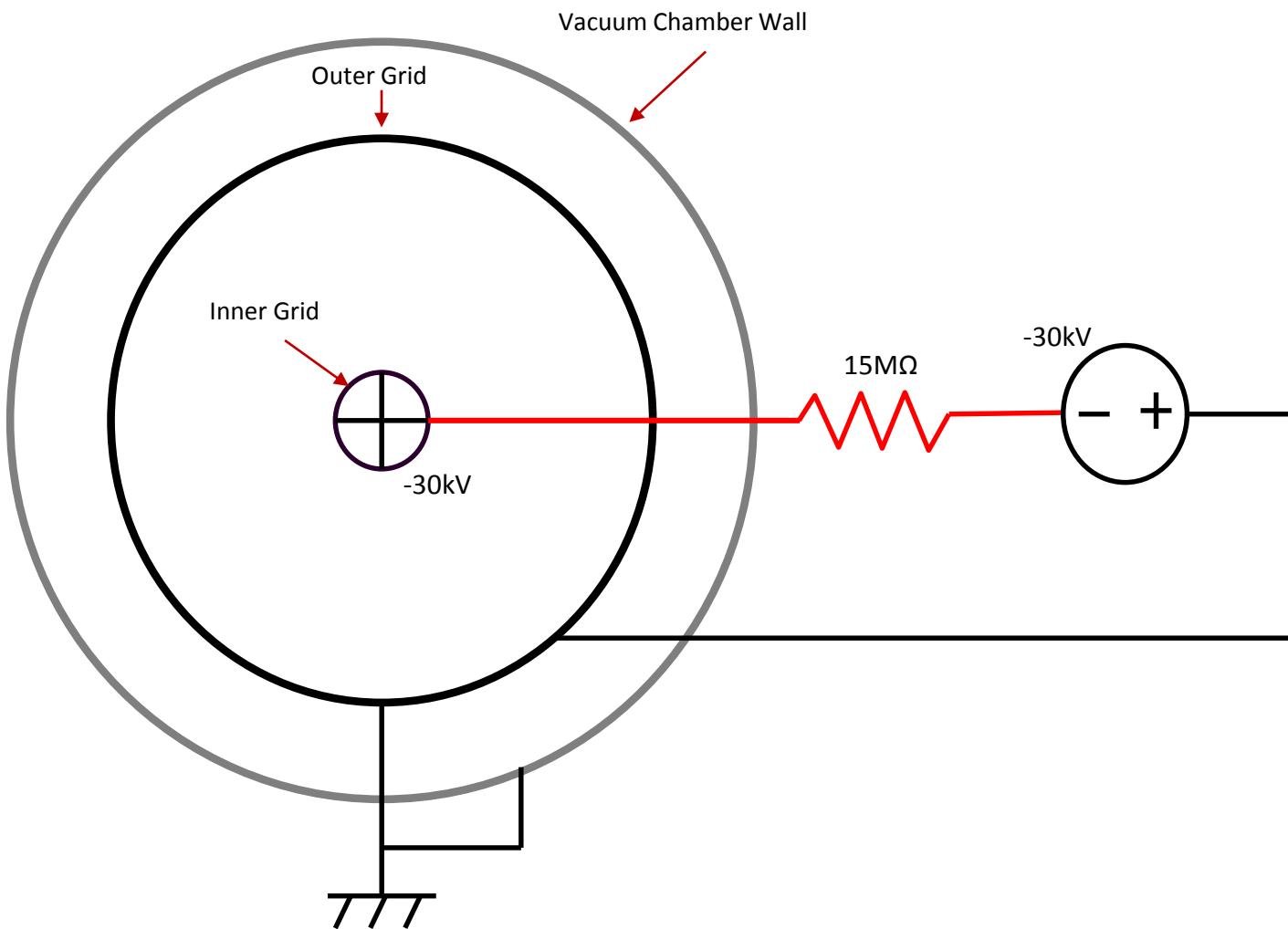
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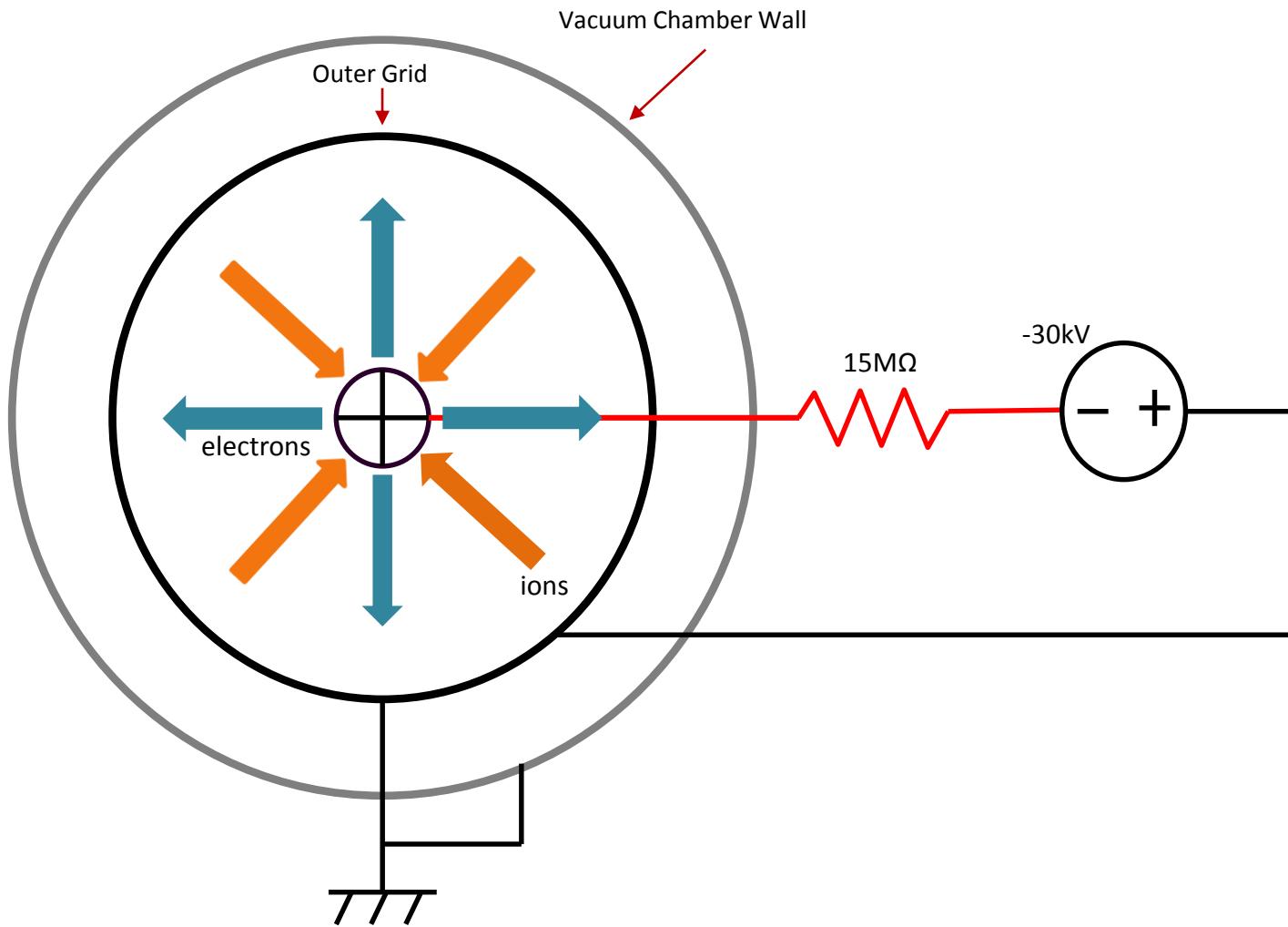
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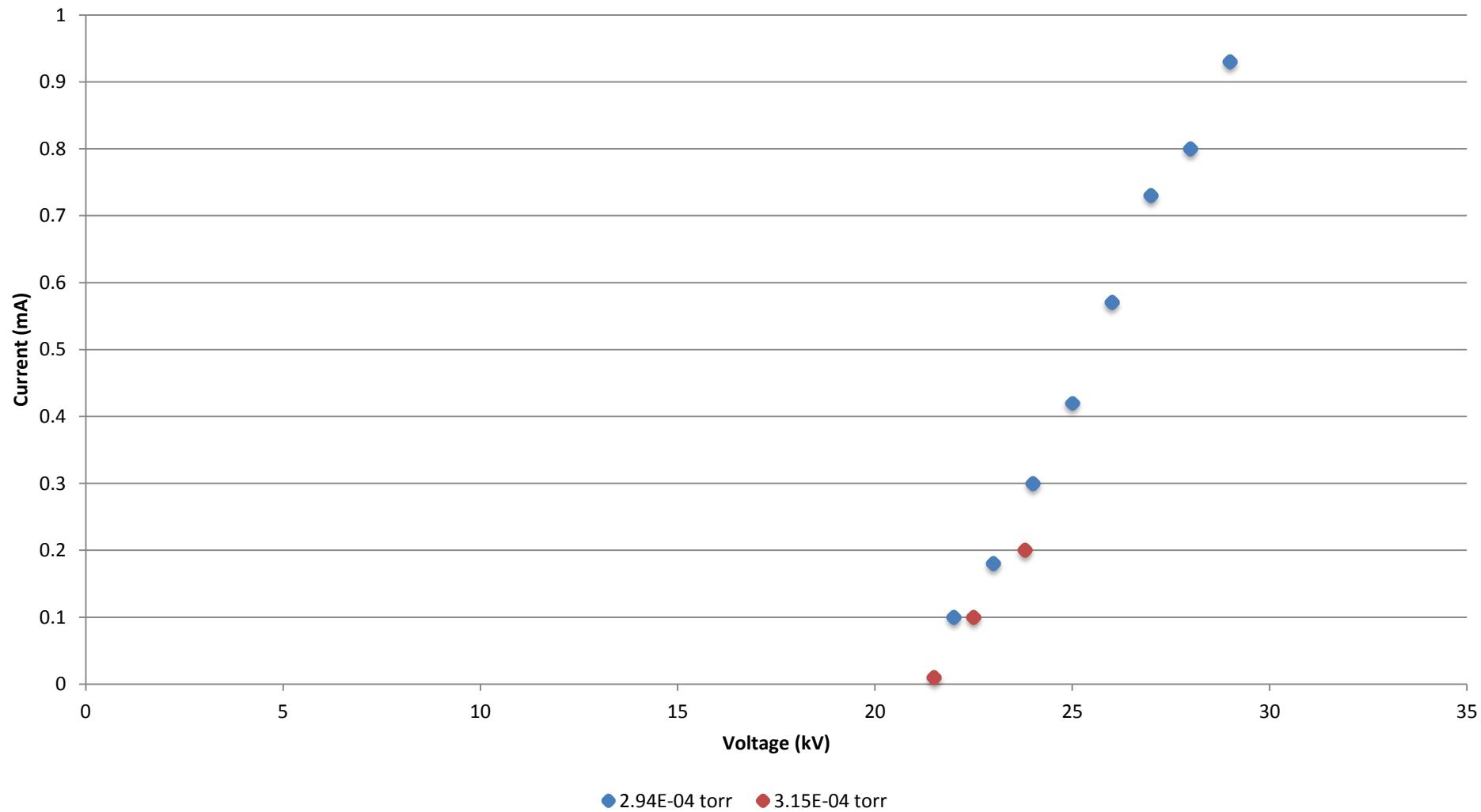
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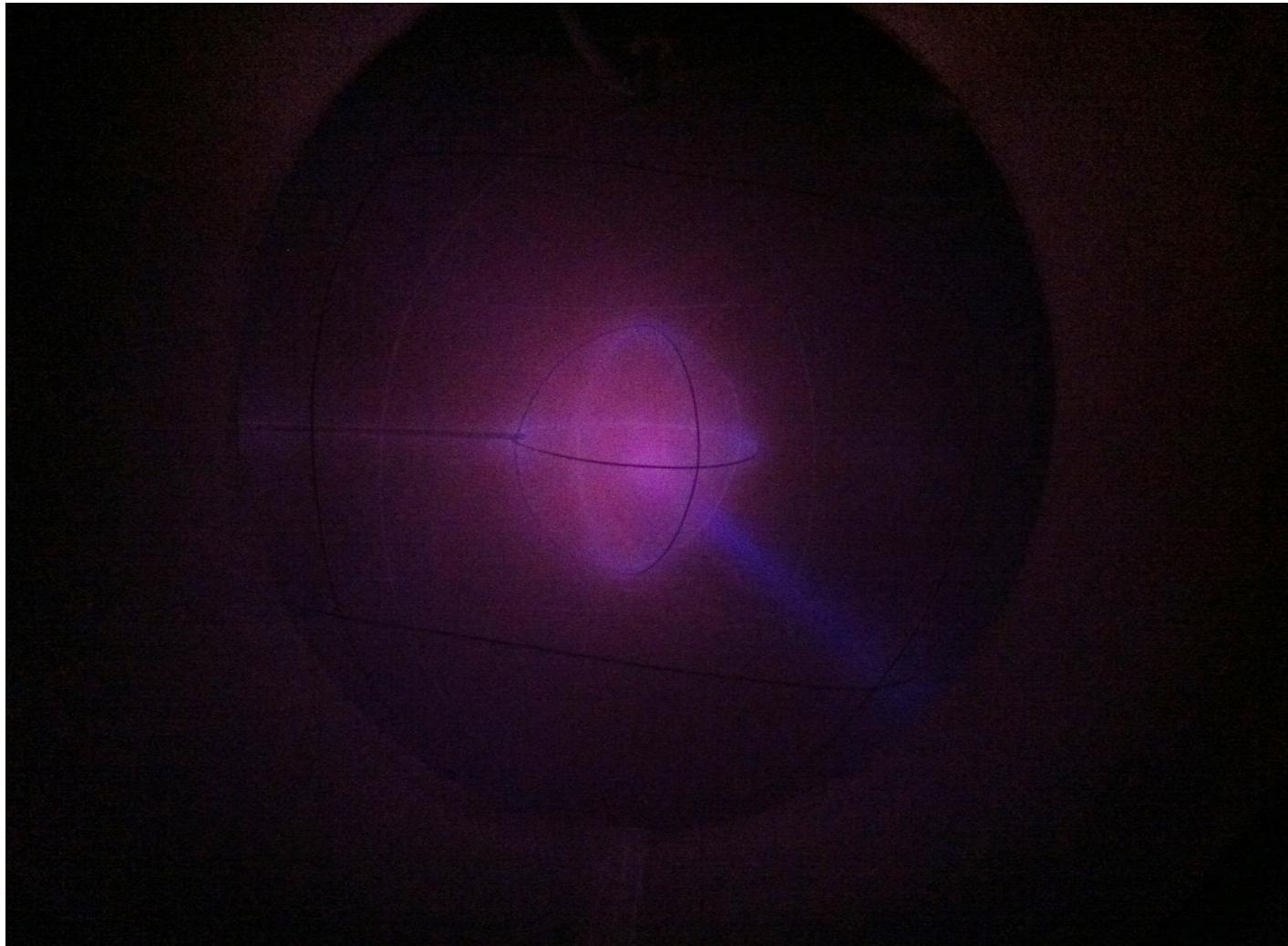
Fusor Operation



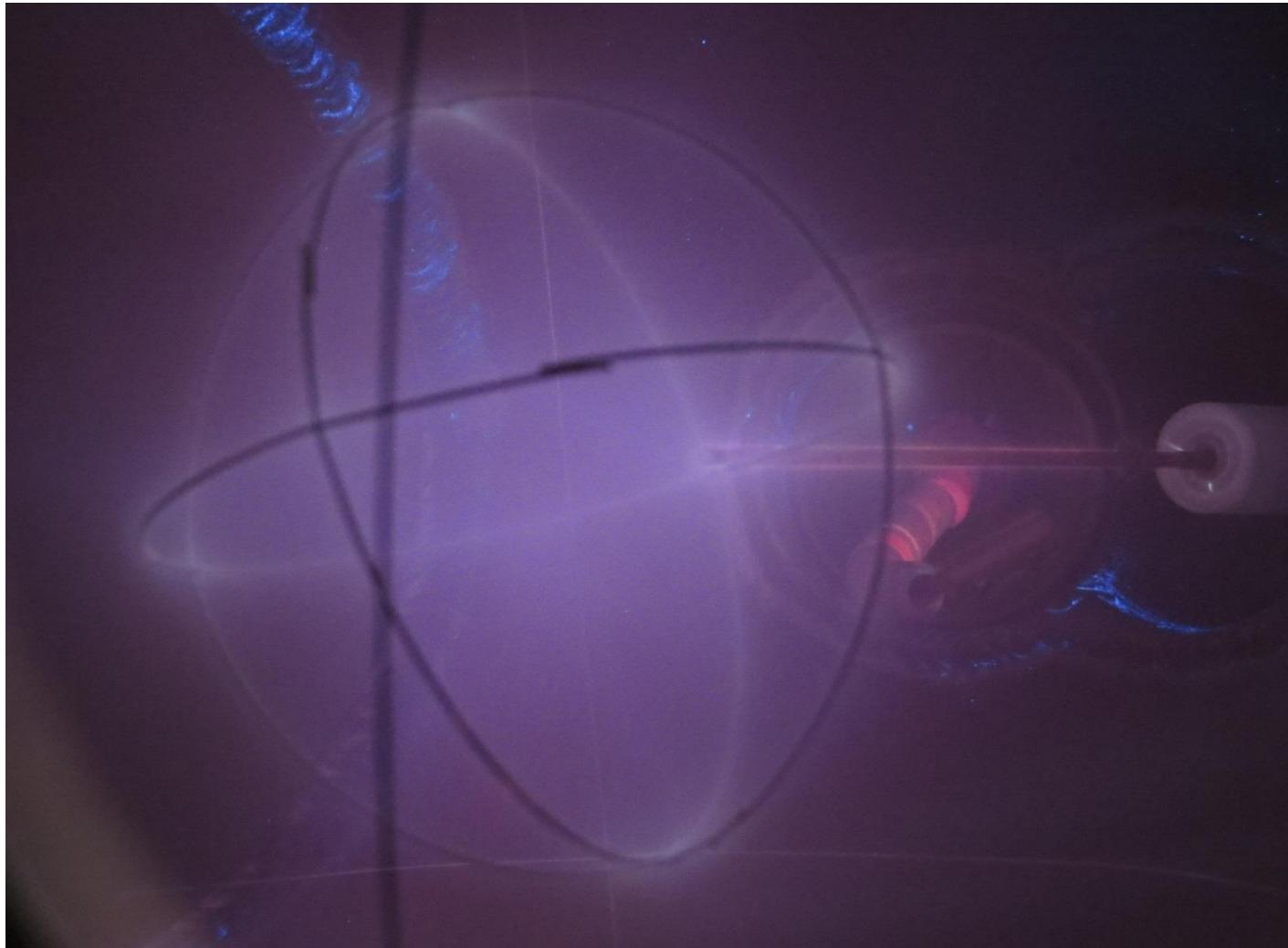
Pressure-Current-Voltage



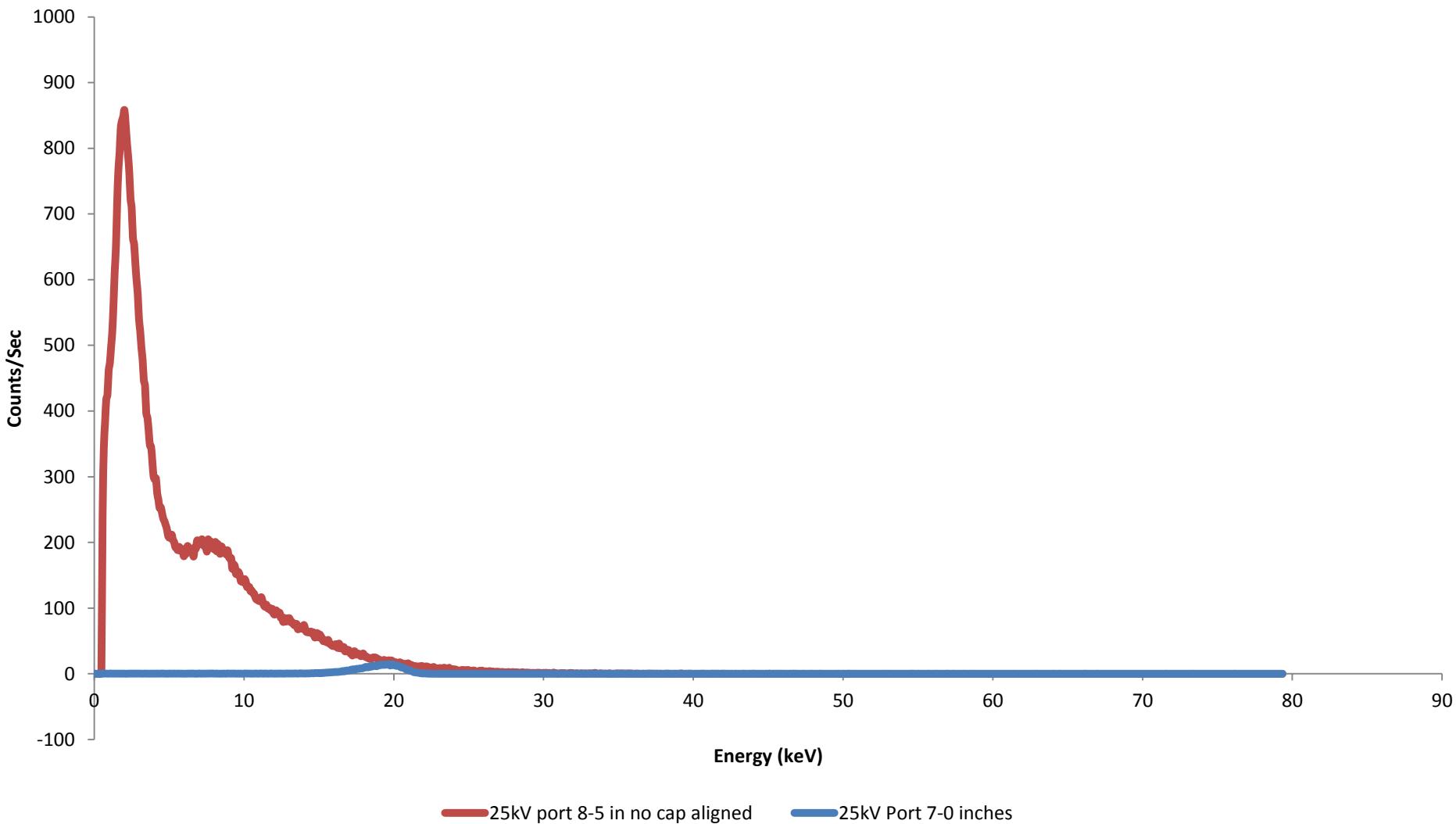
Plasma at 10^{-3} torr



Plasma at 10^{-4} torr



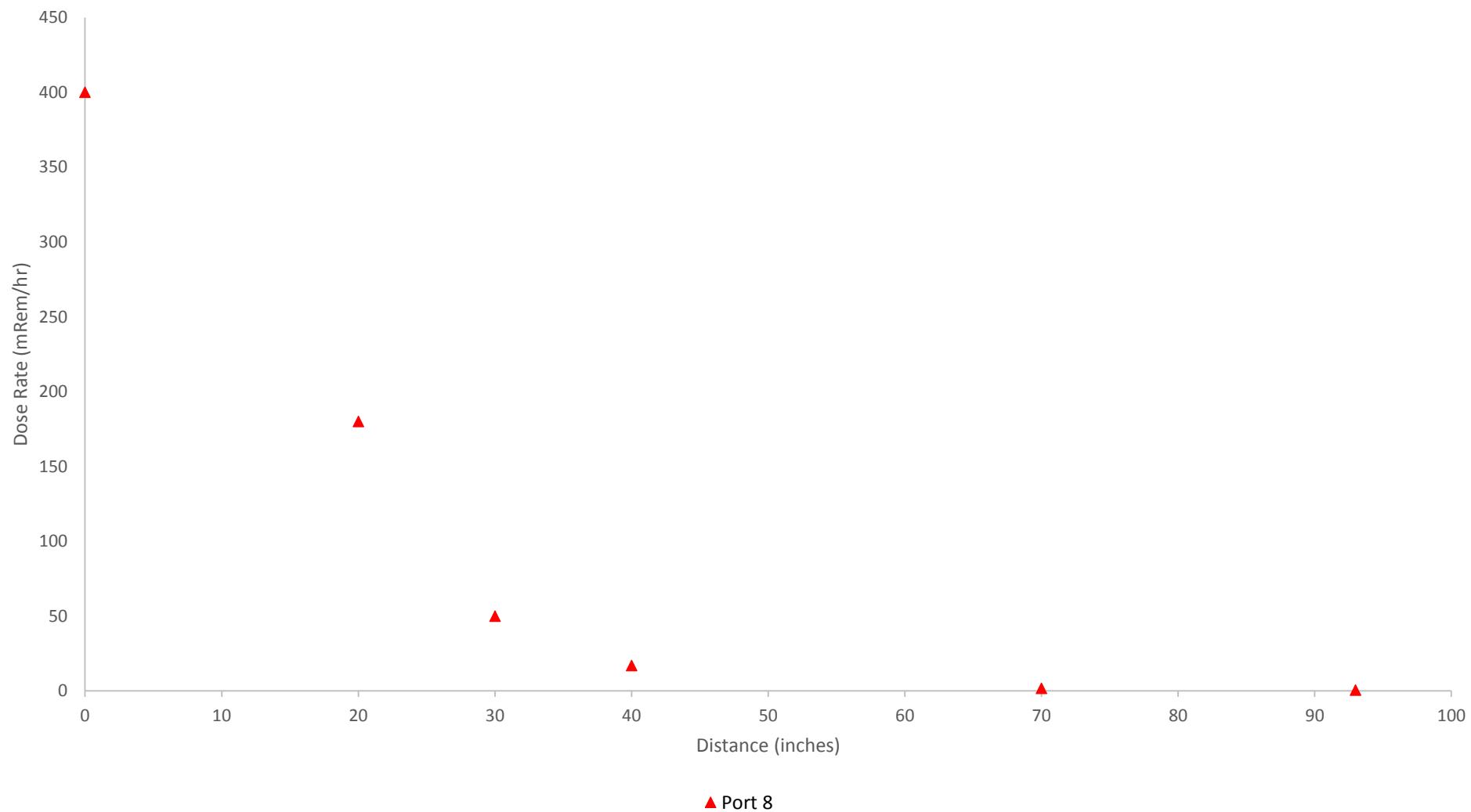
X-ray Spectrum



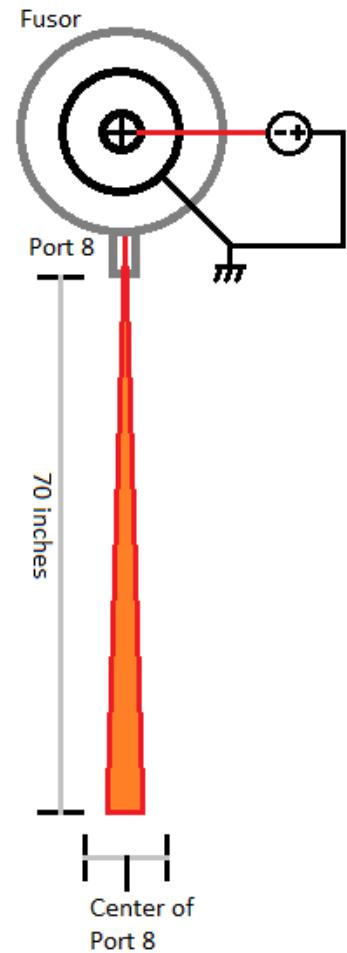
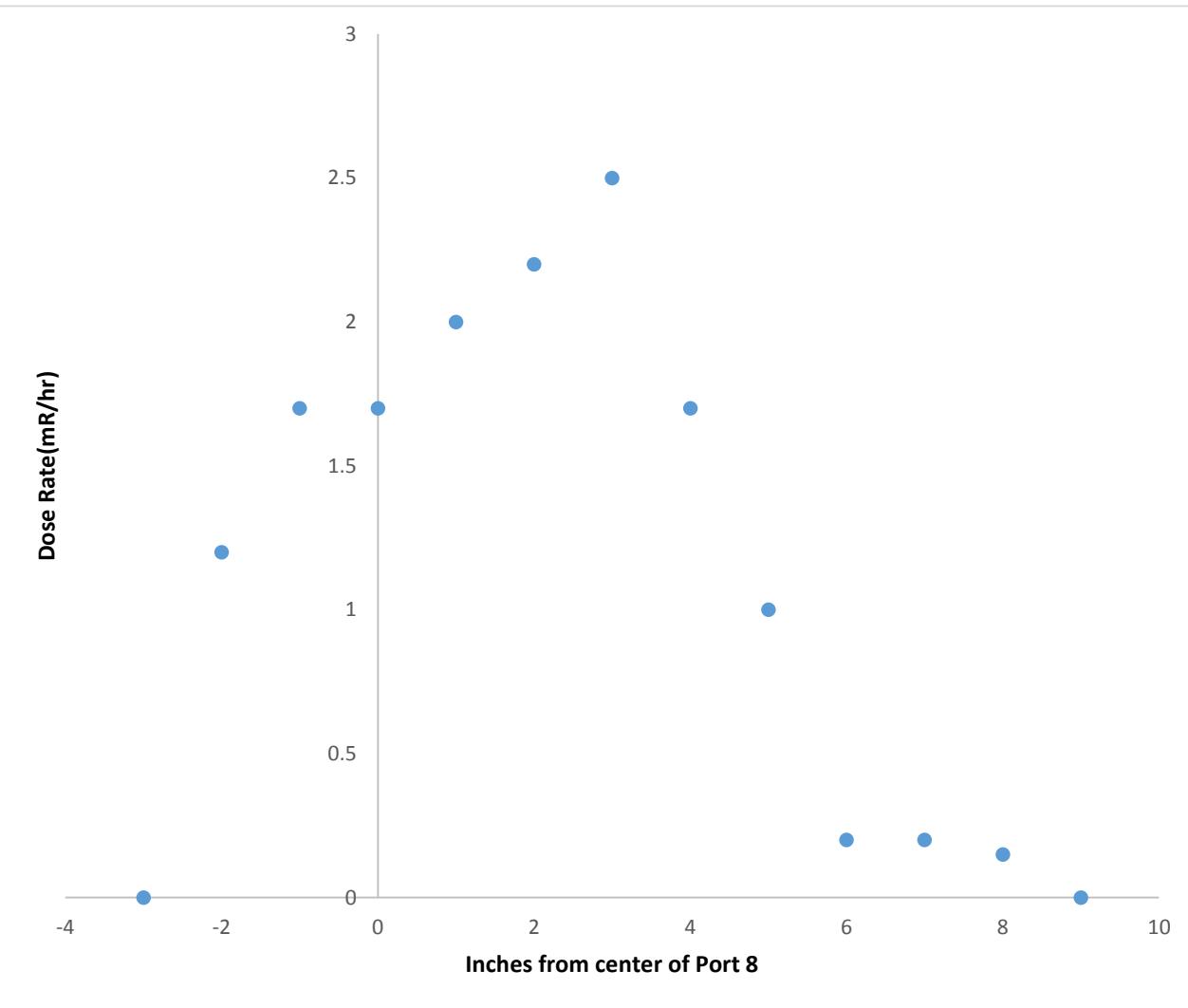


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Radiation Dose Rate



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Future Plans and Current Goals



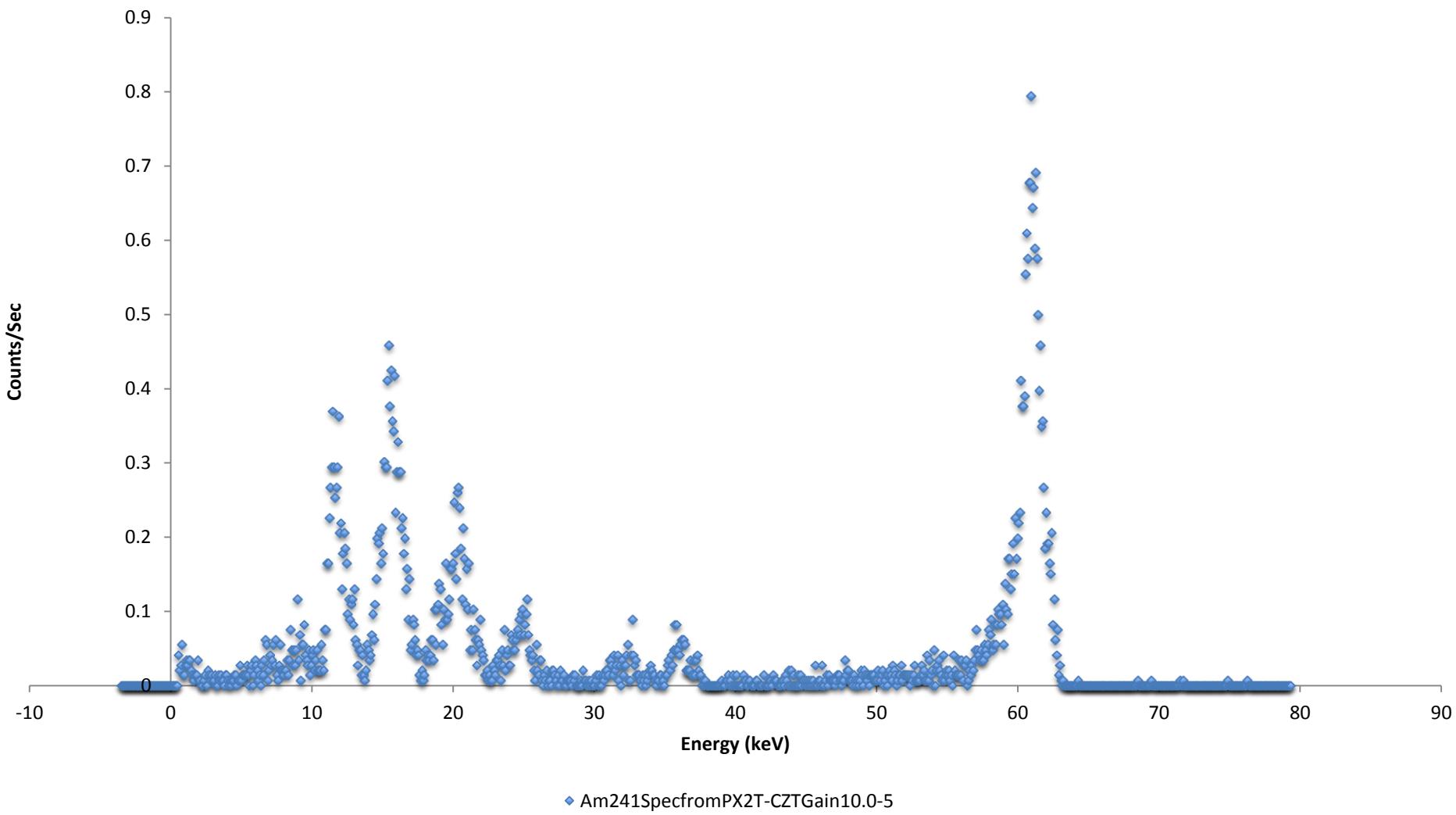
- Enable remote operation
 - Remote system control and data collection
 - Utilize door interlock system
- Register fusor with NYS Department of Health
- Fusion experimentation

Resources

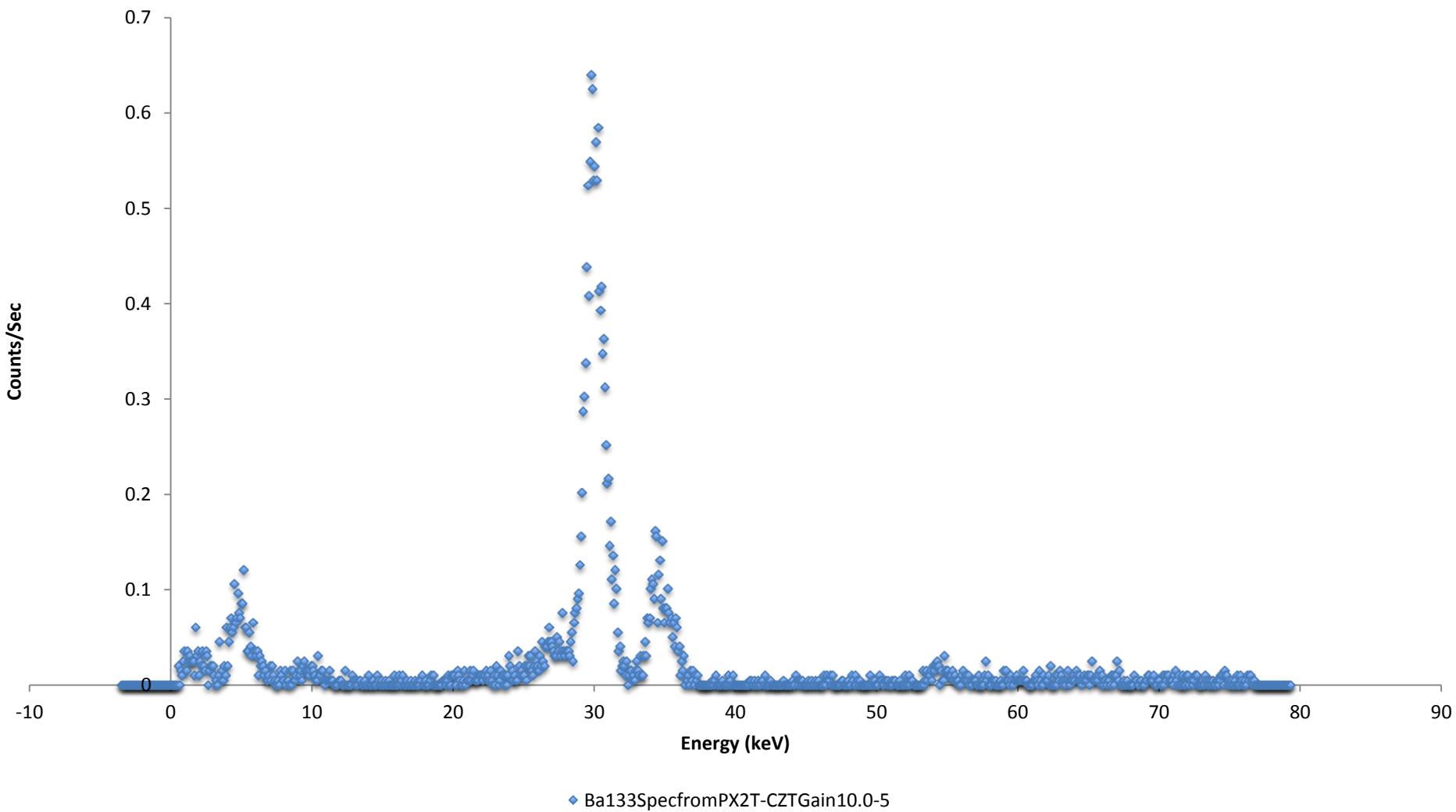


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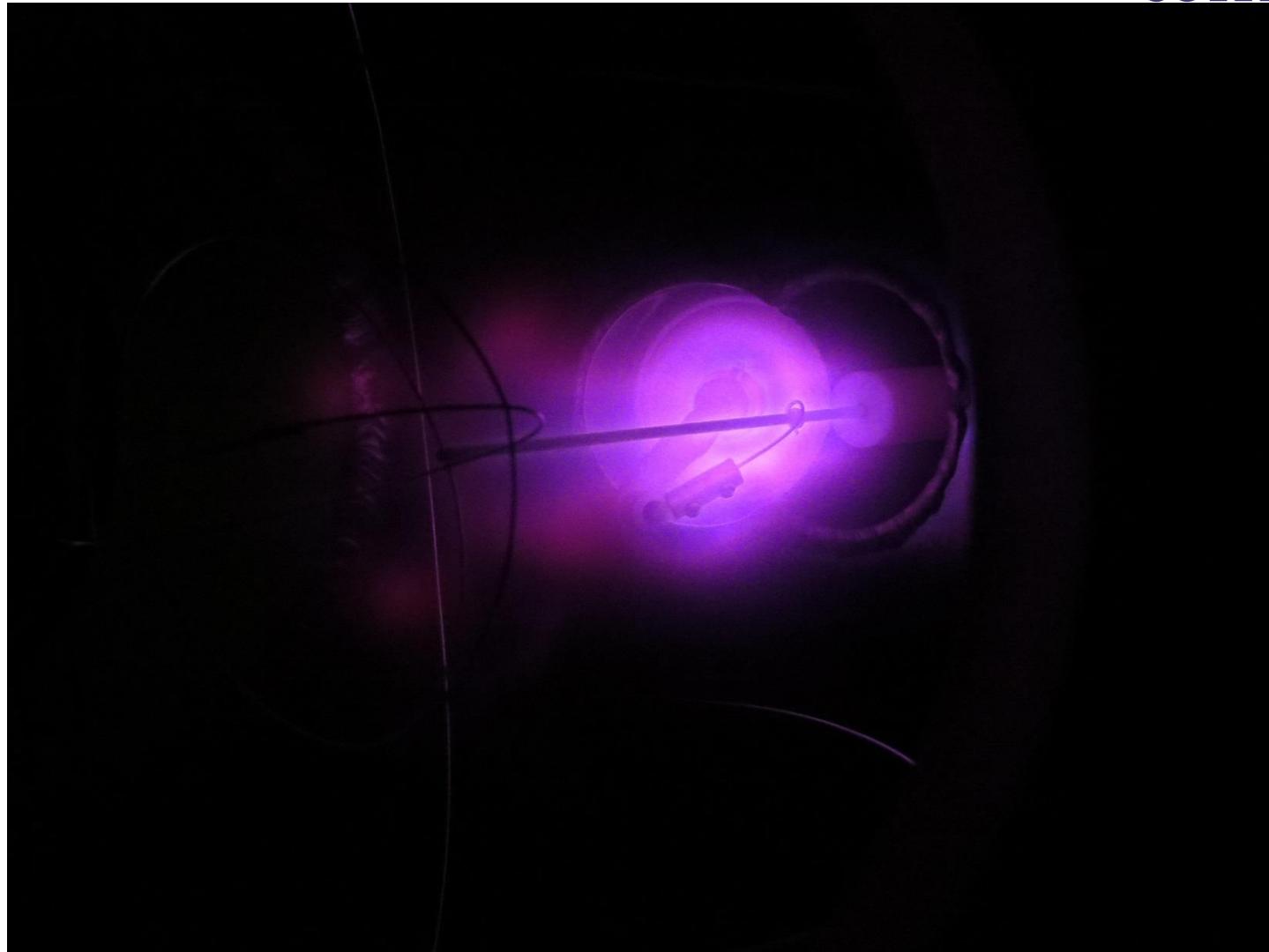
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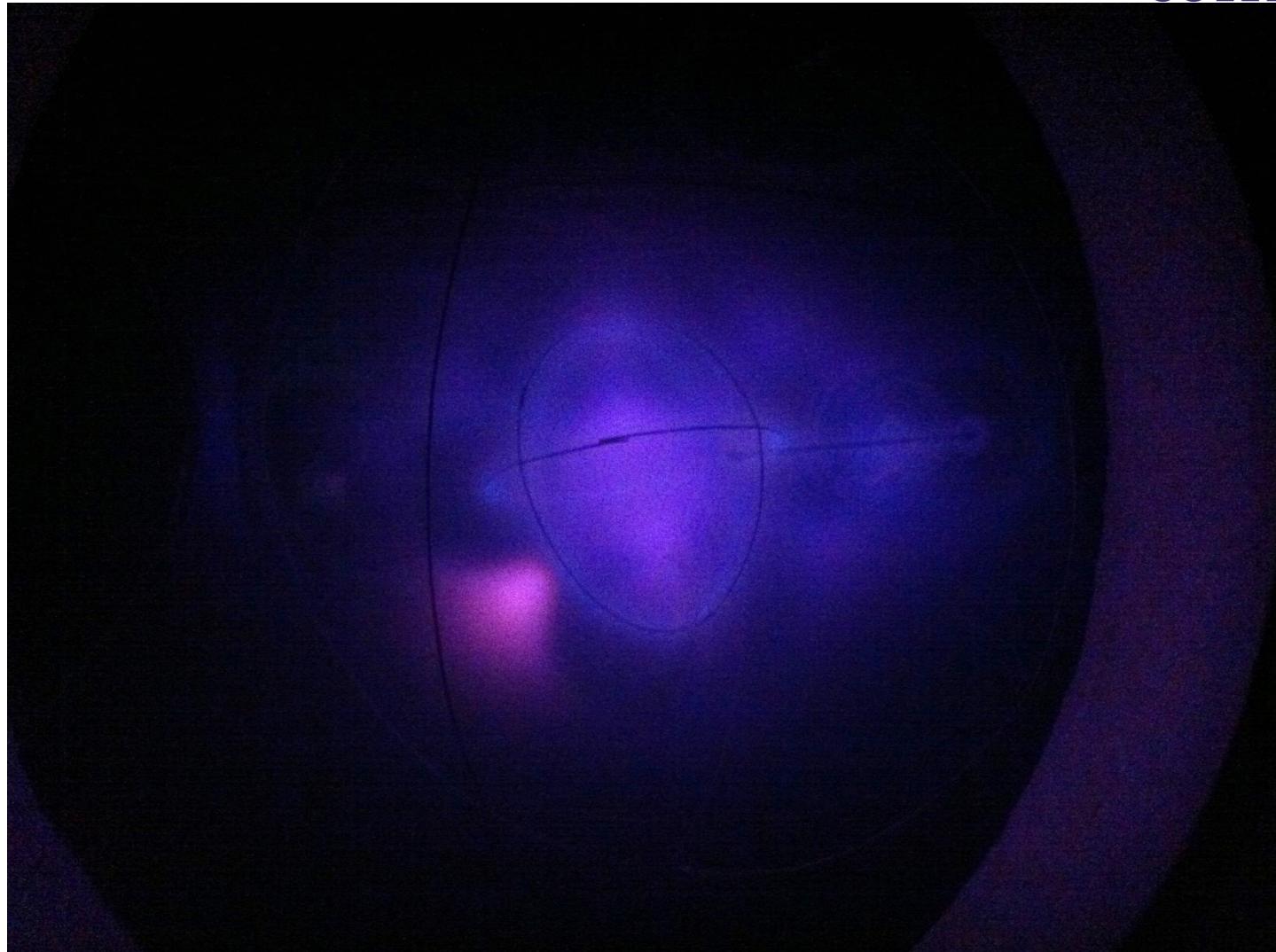
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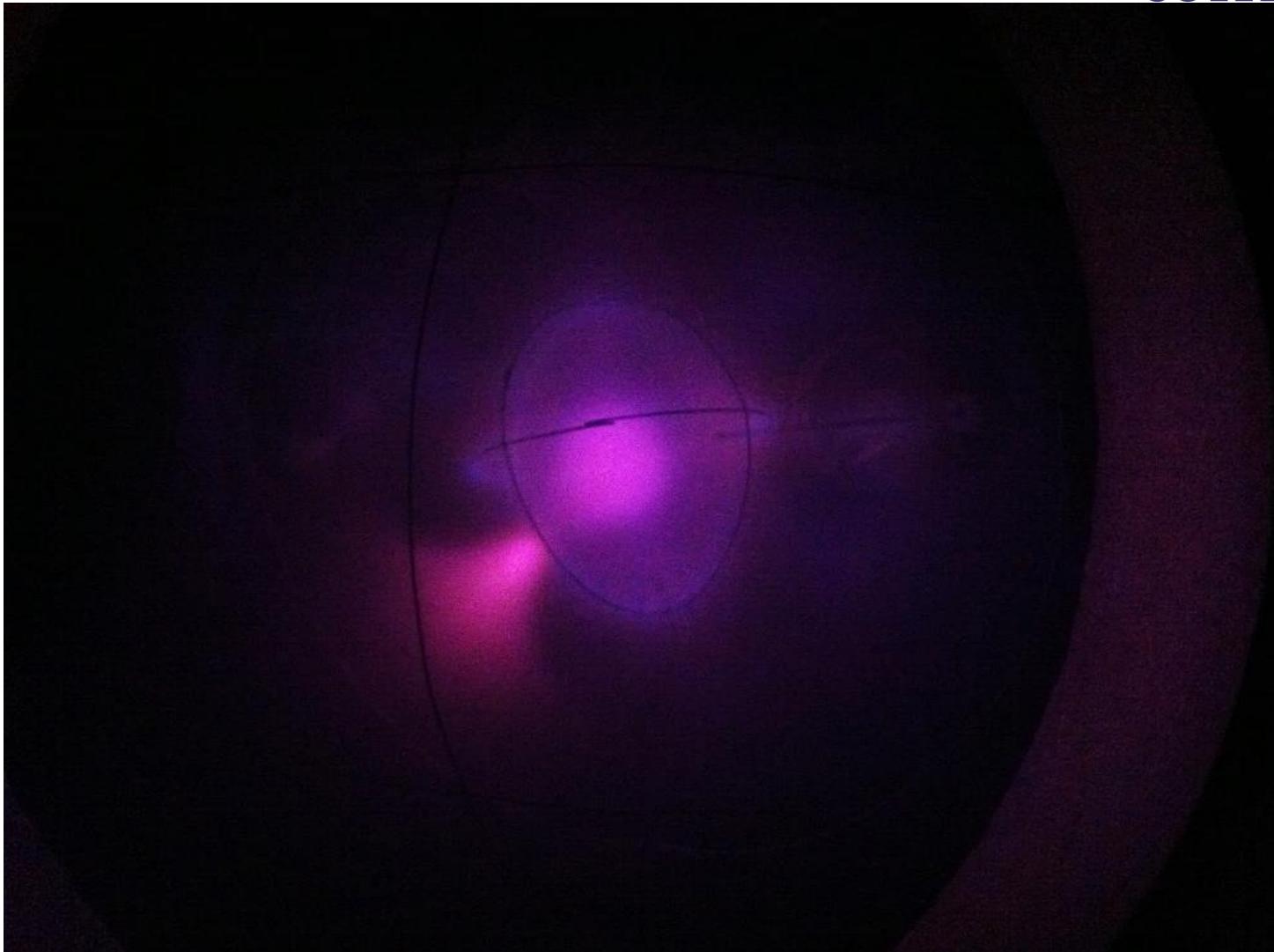
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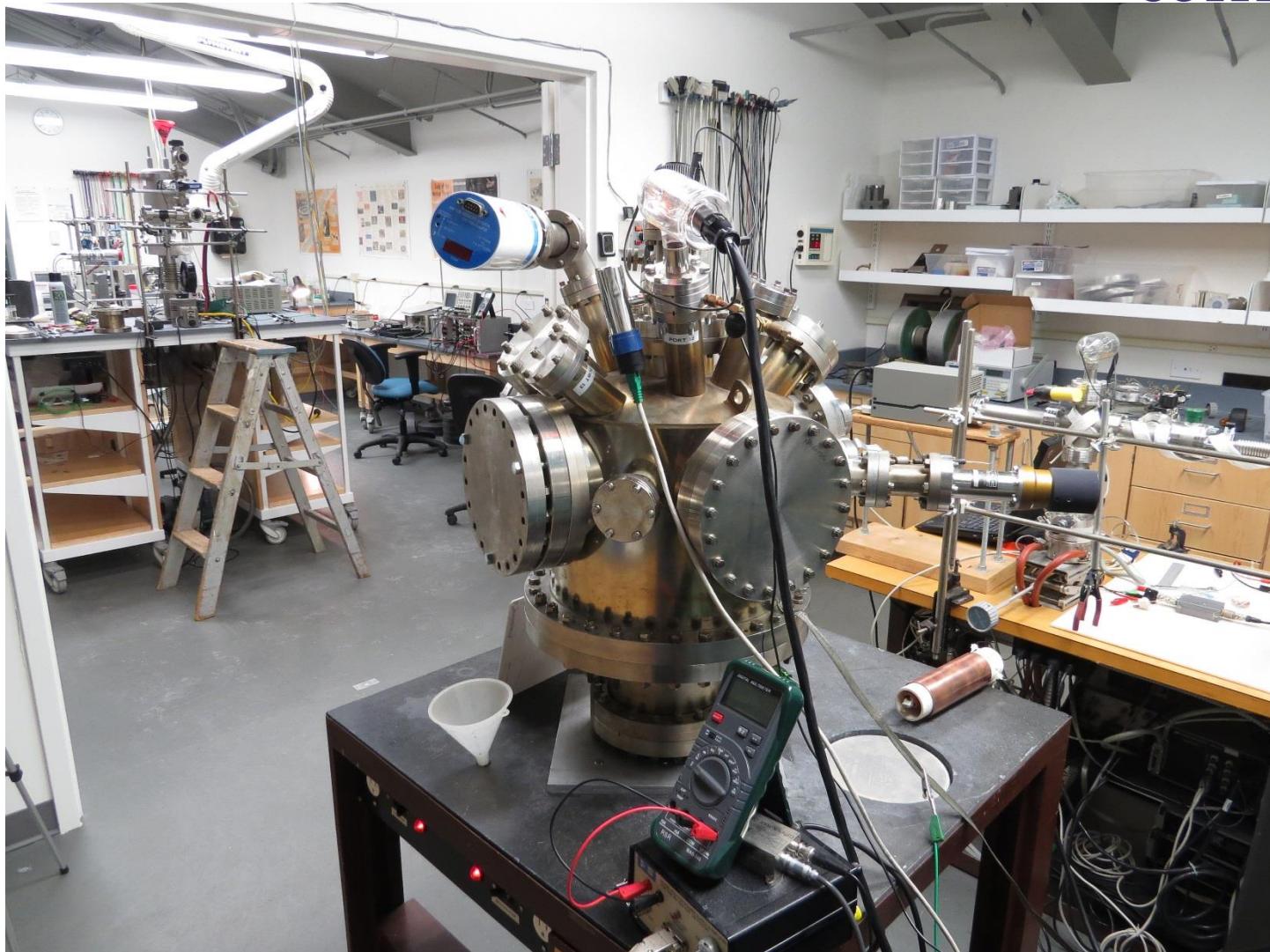
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