

Next Steps for Electron Detection with TESs

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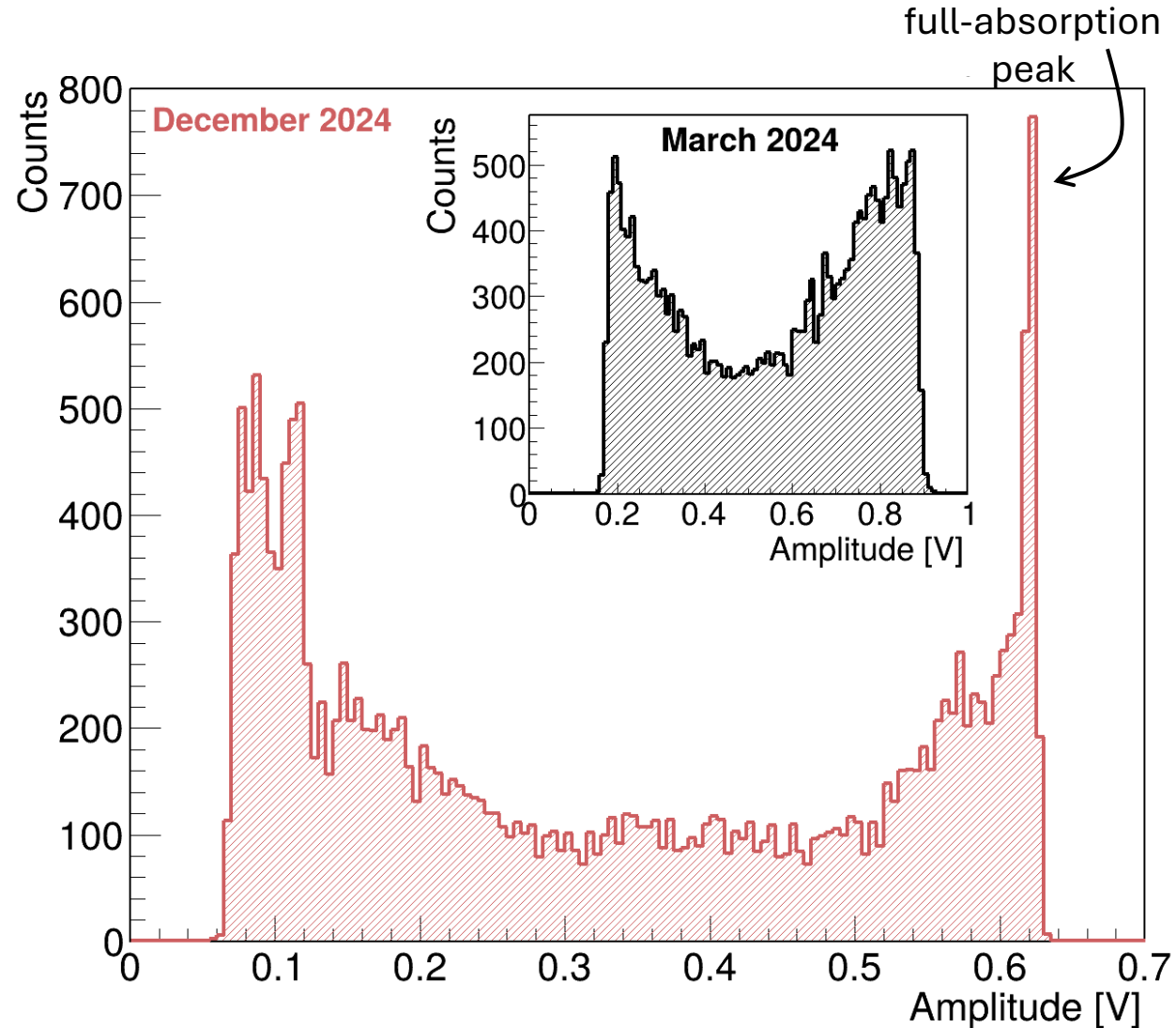


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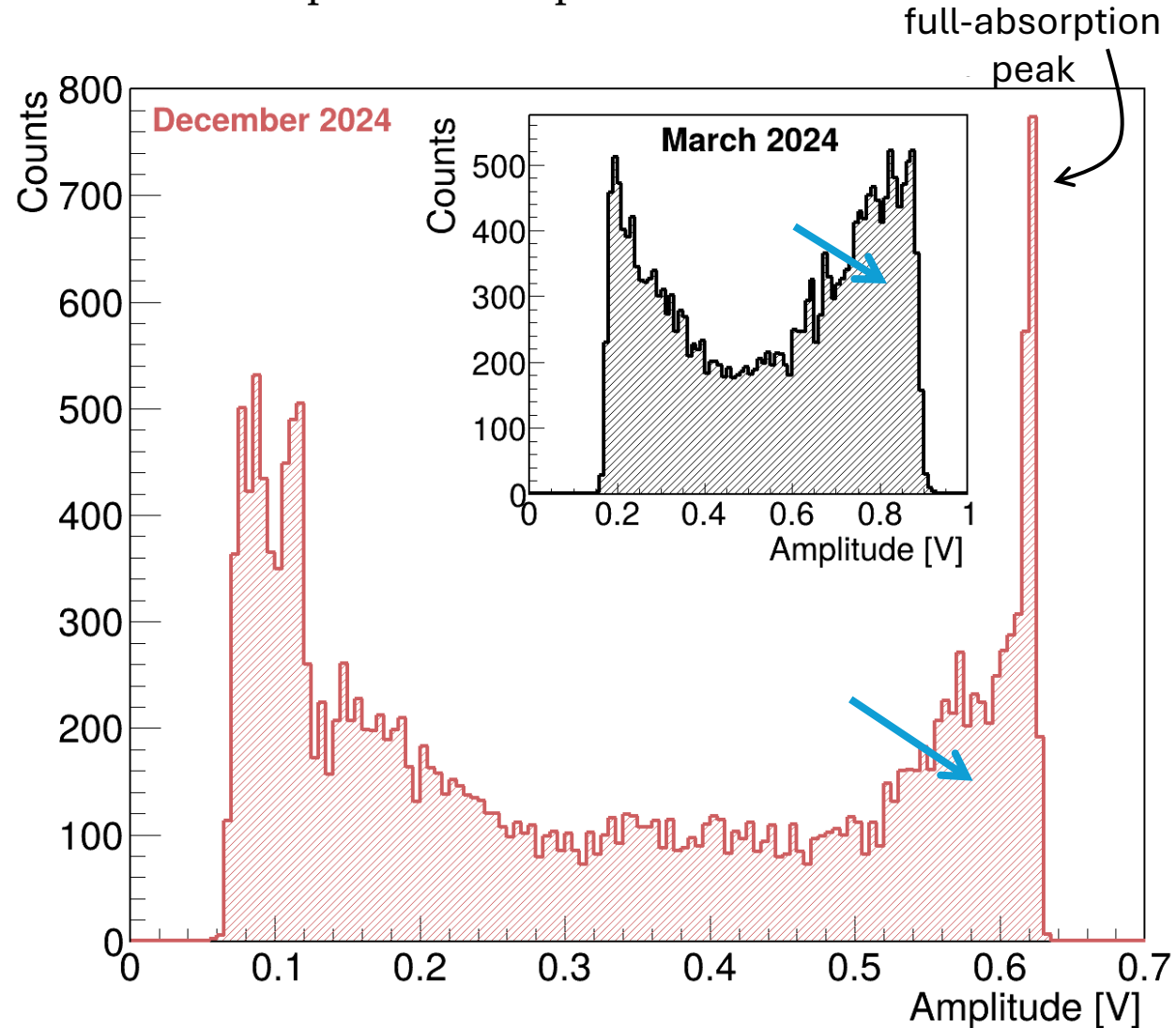
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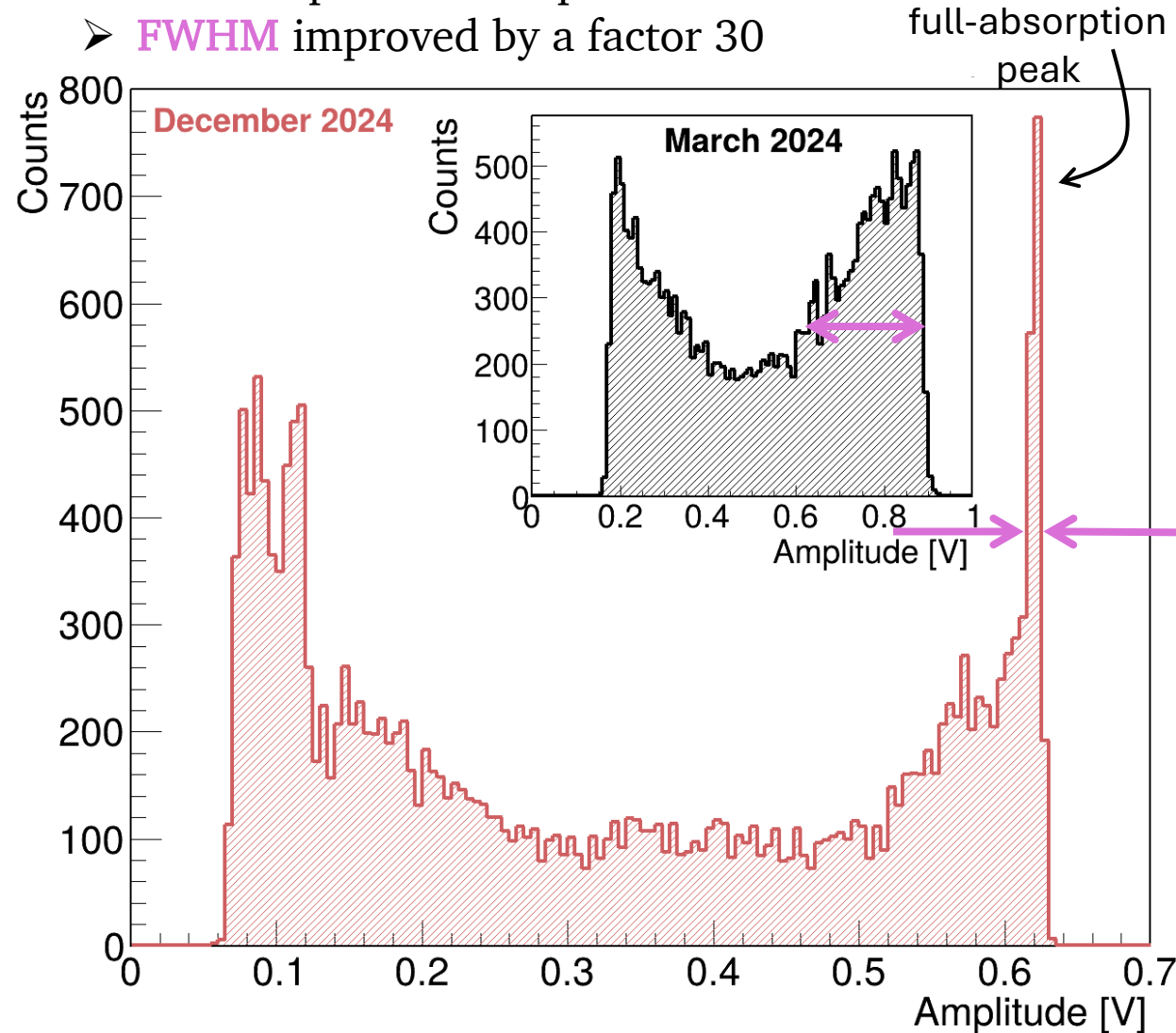


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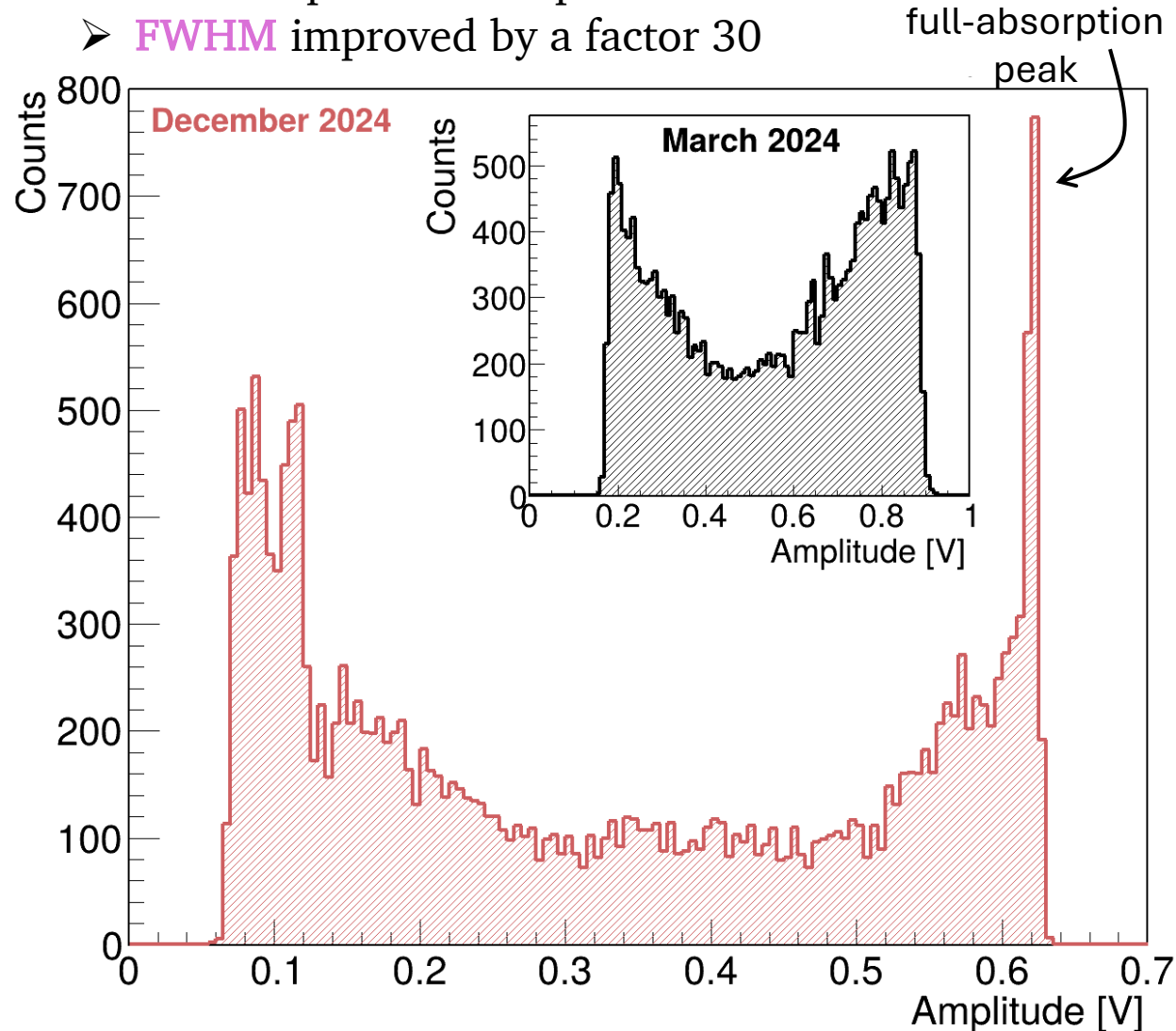
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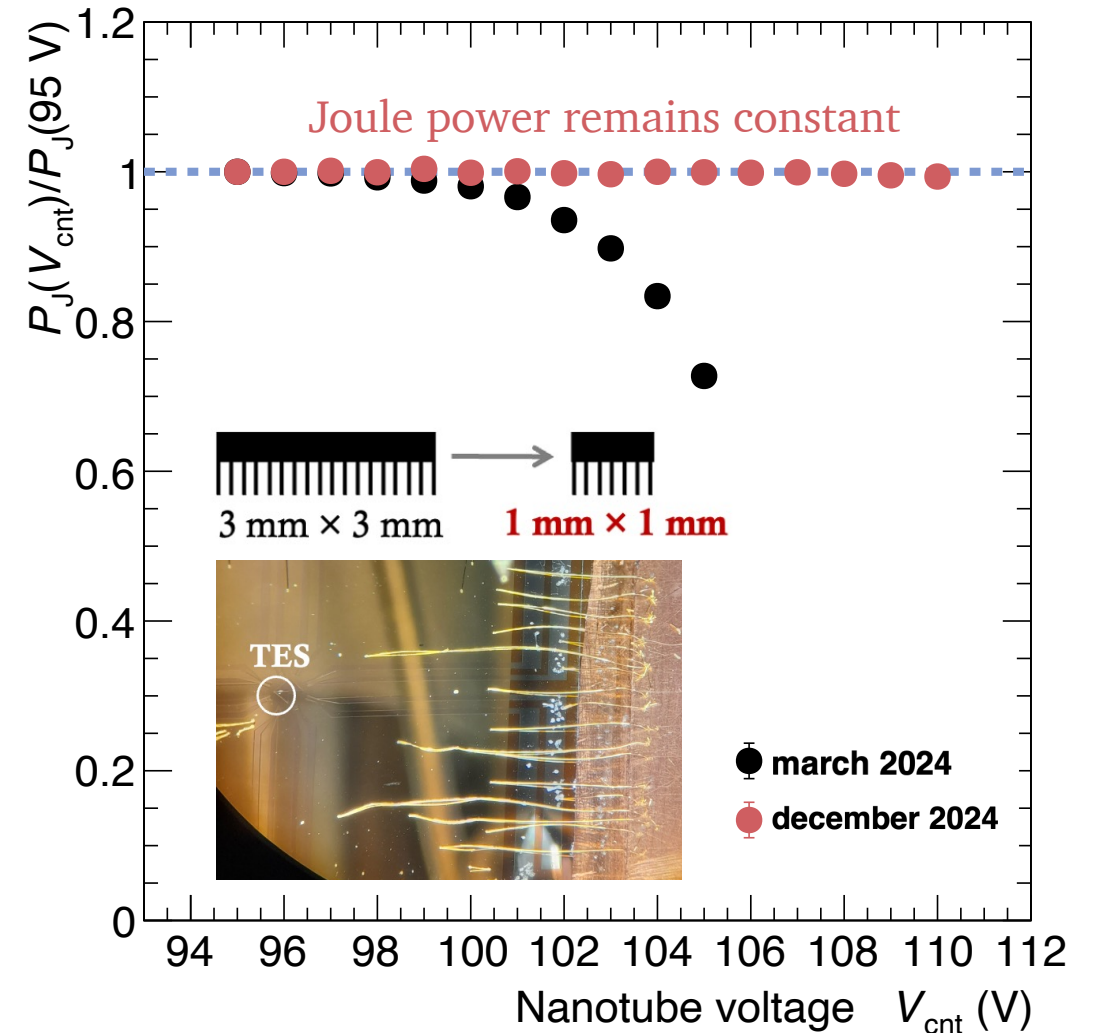
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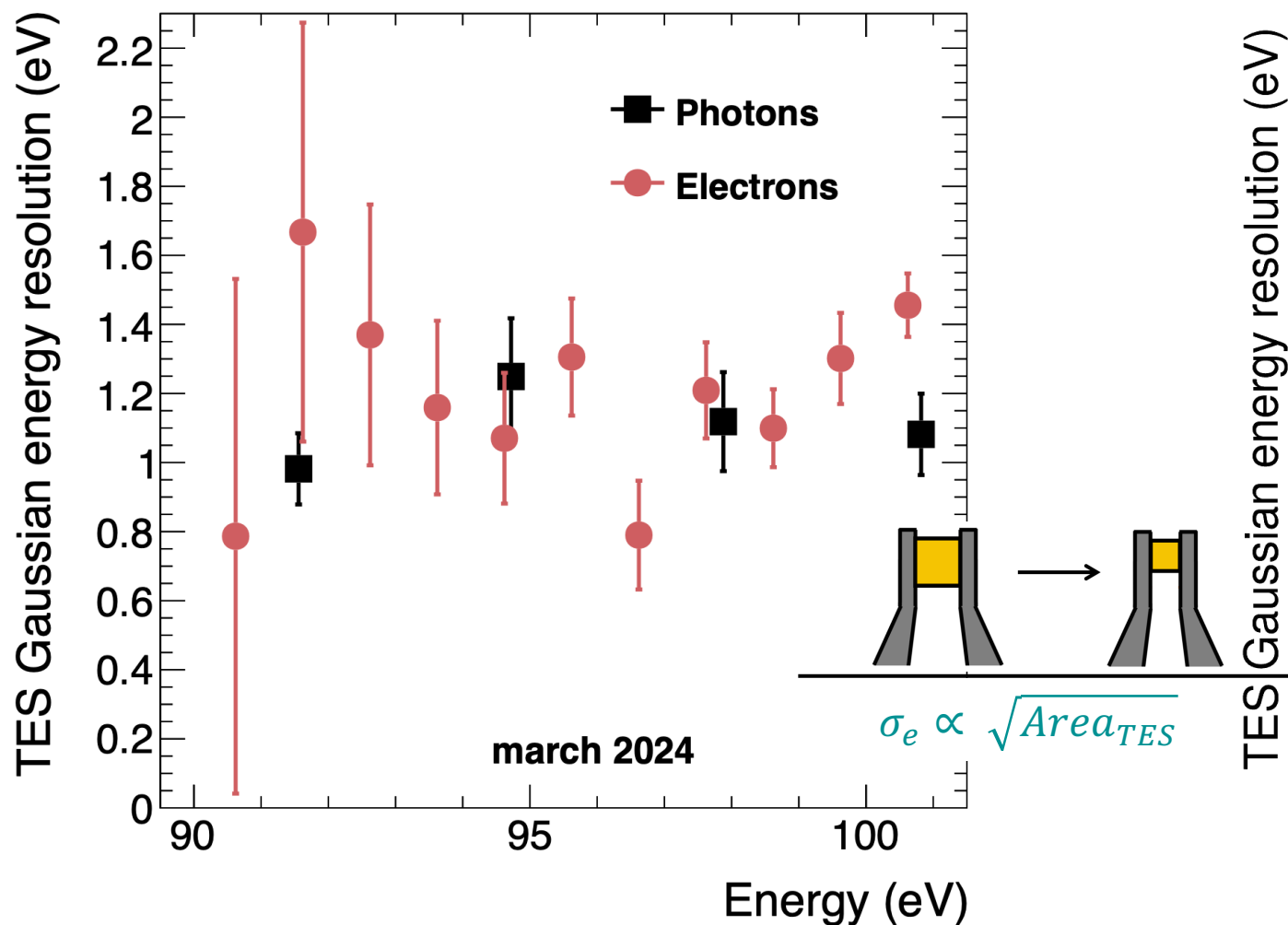
- no more heating of the setup $\rightarrow$ **fixed working point** for all electron energies



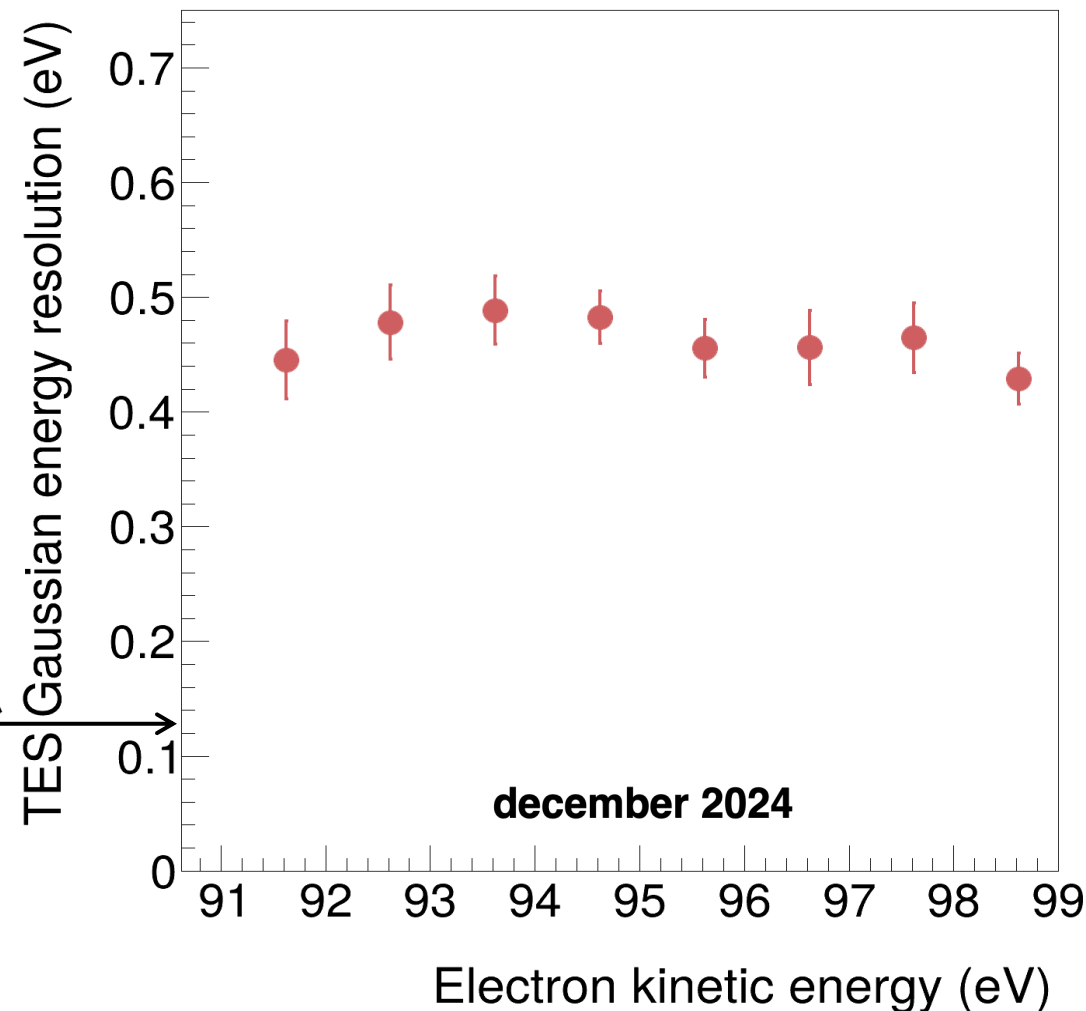
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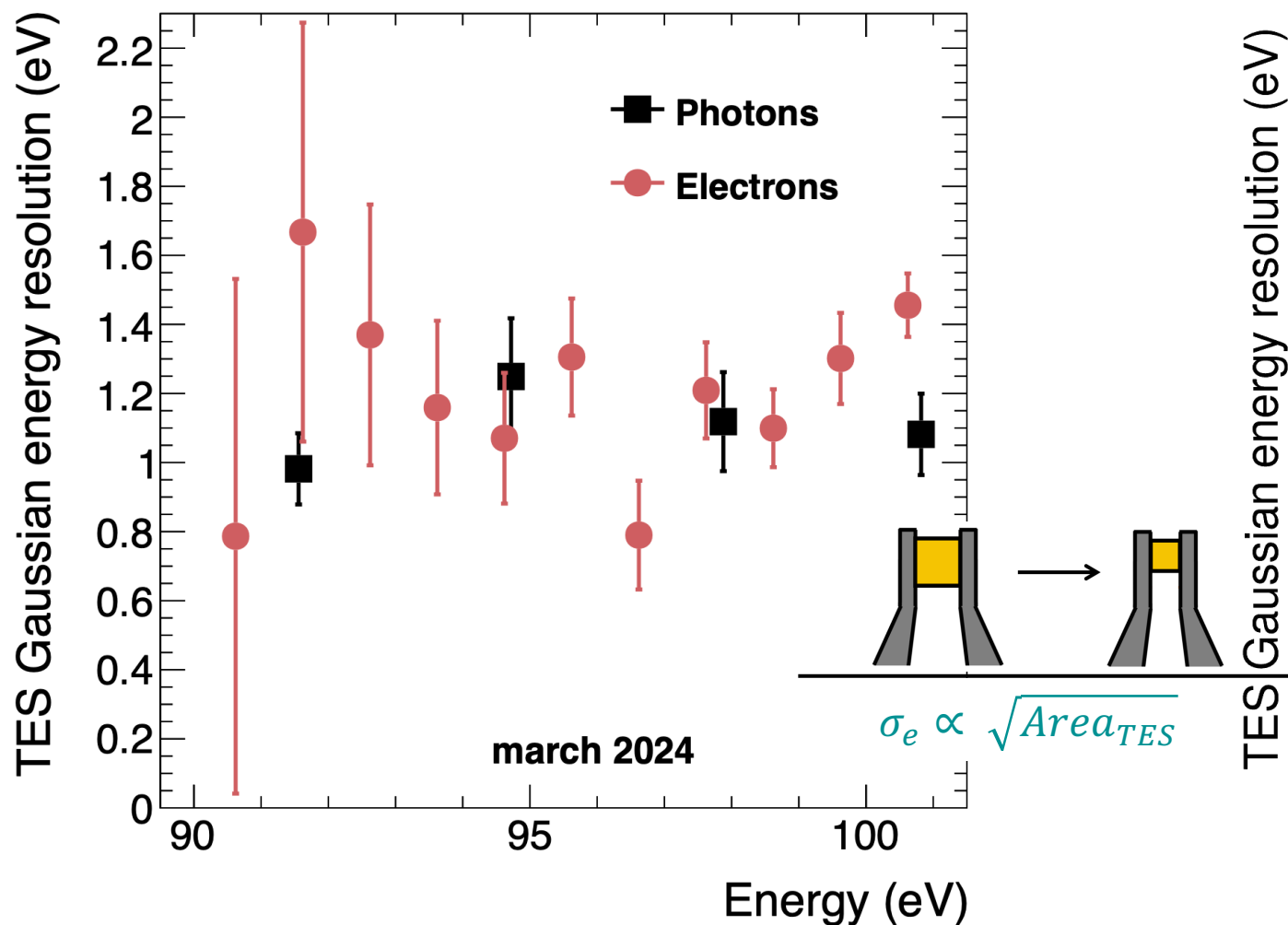
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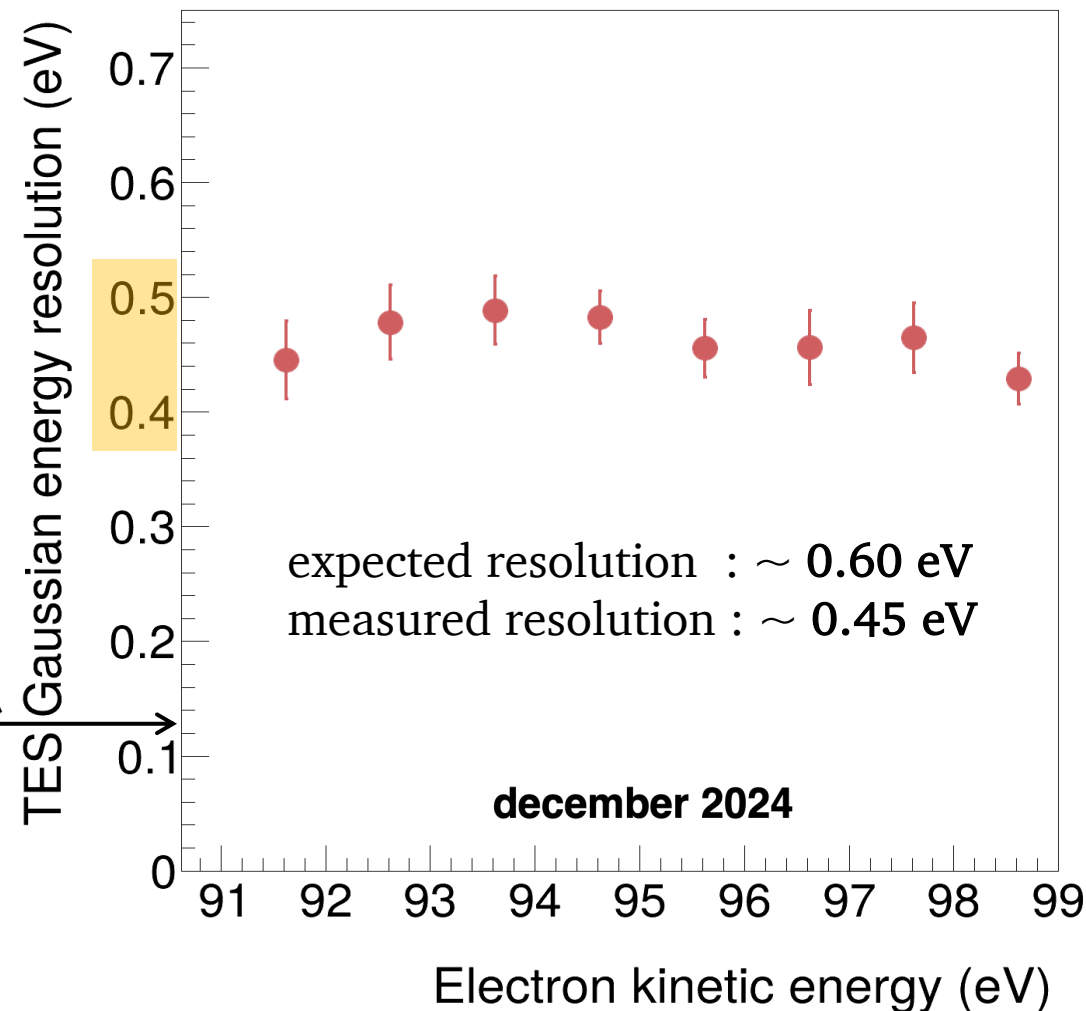
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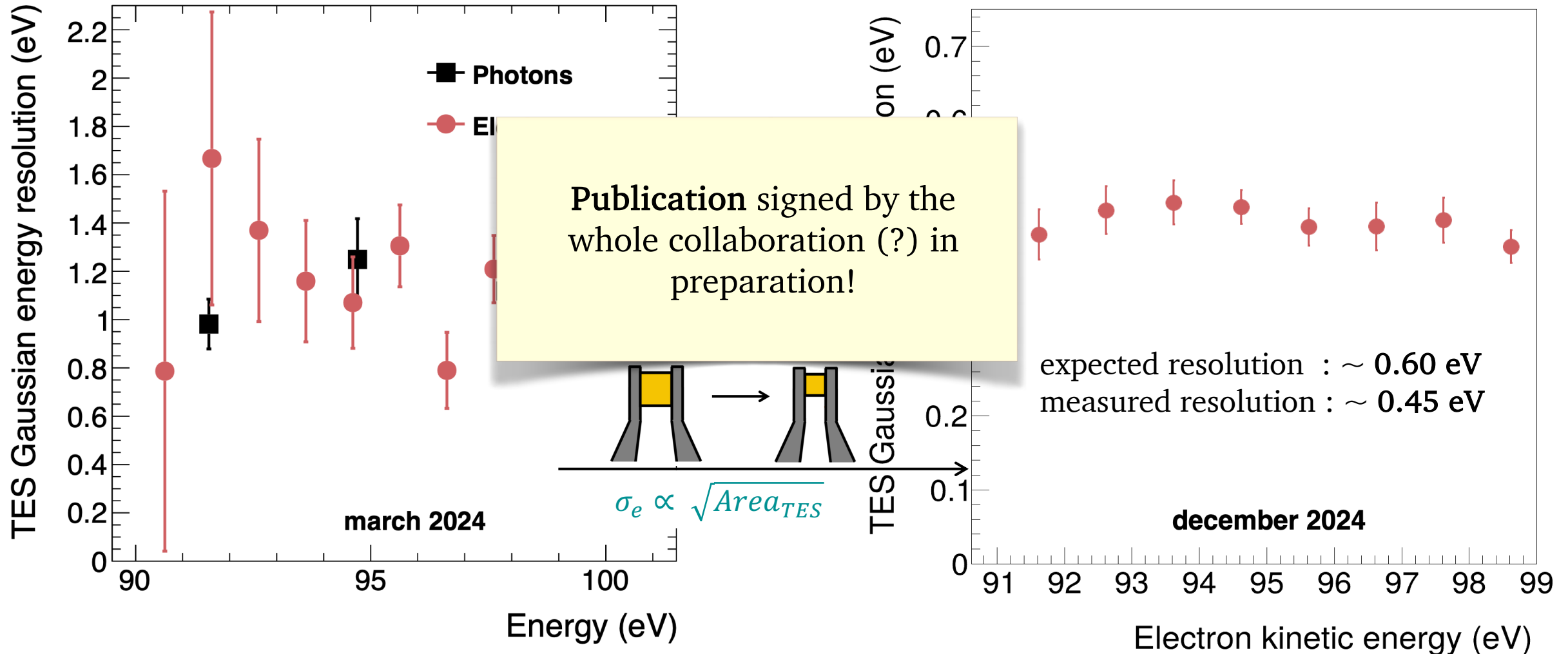


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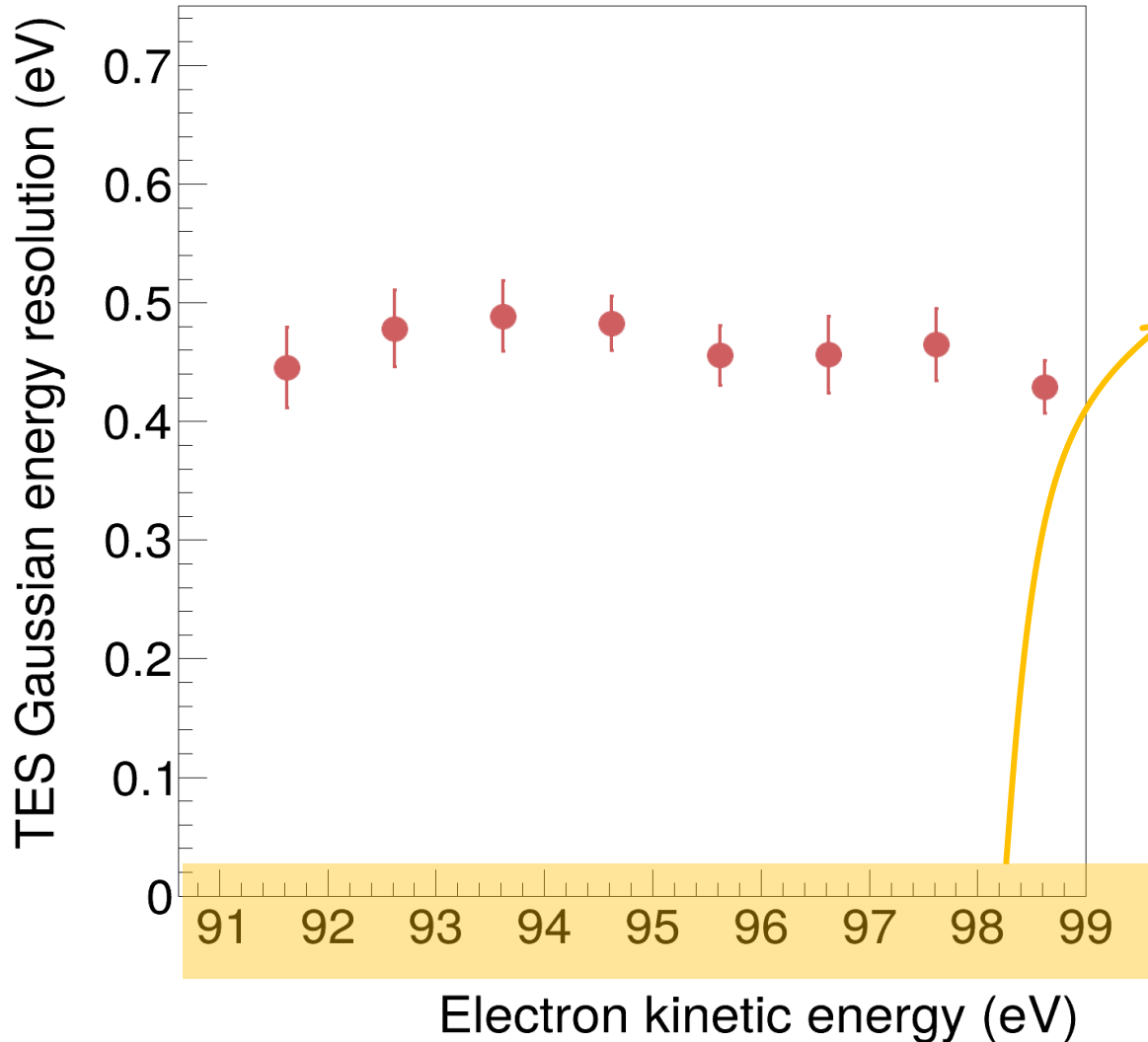


Where Are We Going?



Problem 1: Lower the Energies

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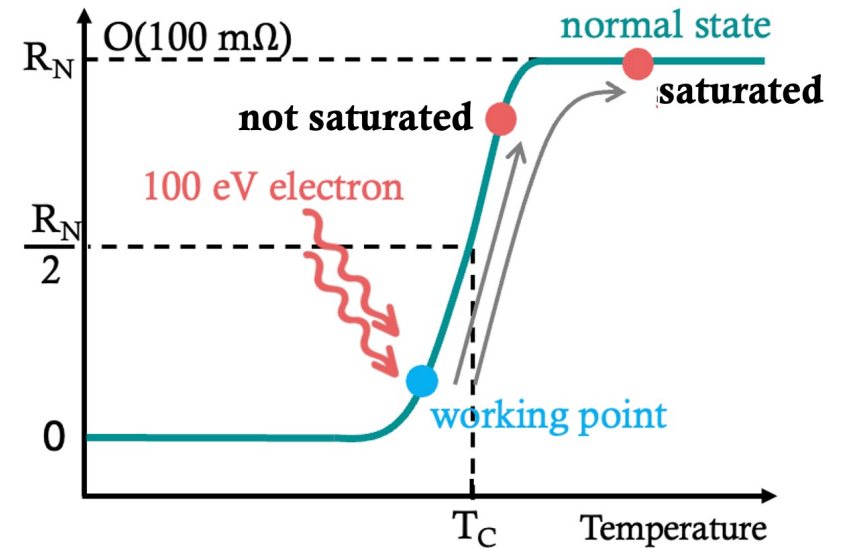


electron nominal energy:

$$E_e = eV_{\text{cnt}} - \phi_{\text{tes}} = eV_{\text{cnt}} - 4.4 \text{ eV}$$

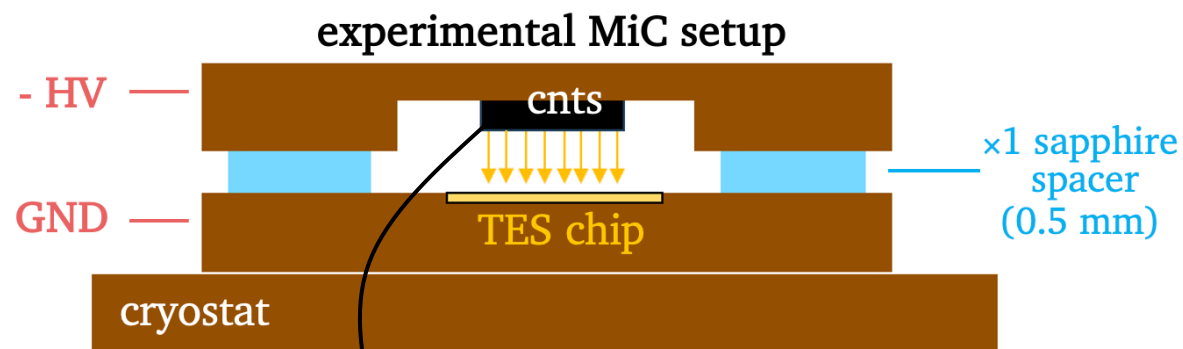
limitation due to field emission threshold voltage

- energies are too high for the **PTOLEMY** goal of 10 eV
- **TES saturation** at ~ 100 eV electrons $\rightarrow$ we are too close

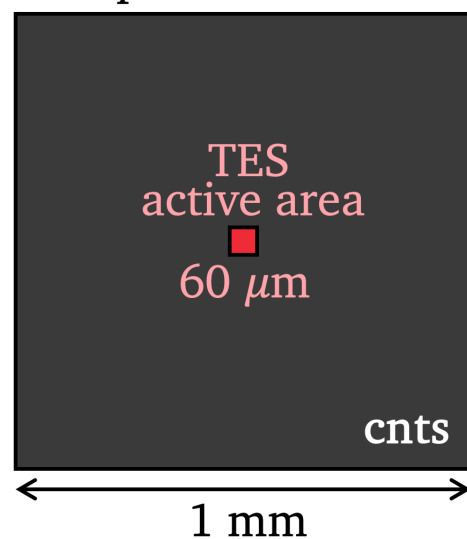


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top view in scale

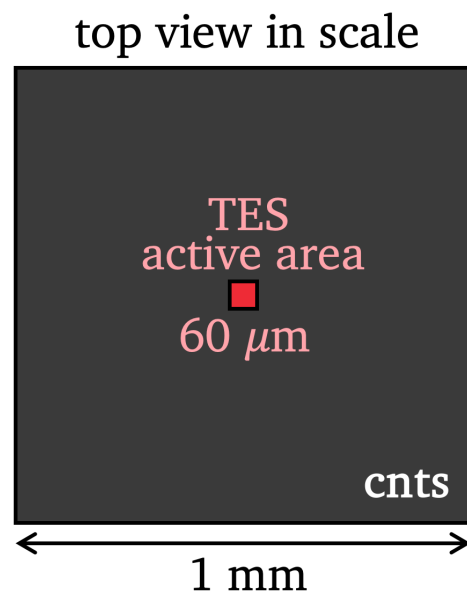
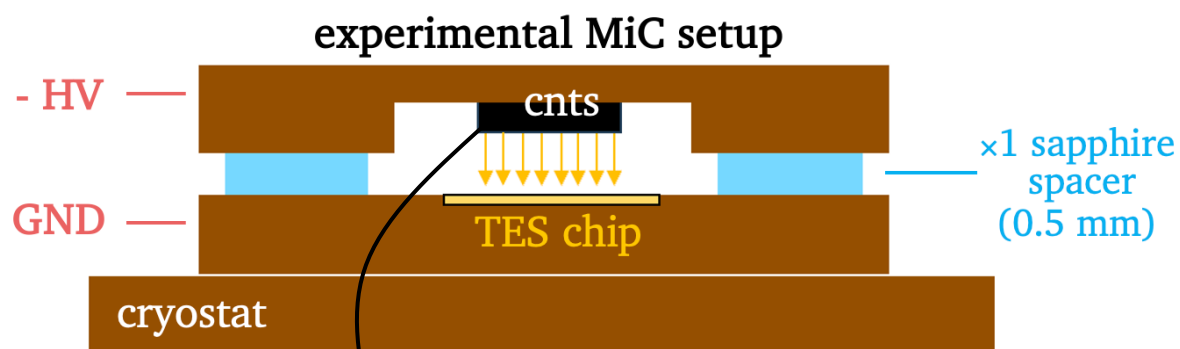


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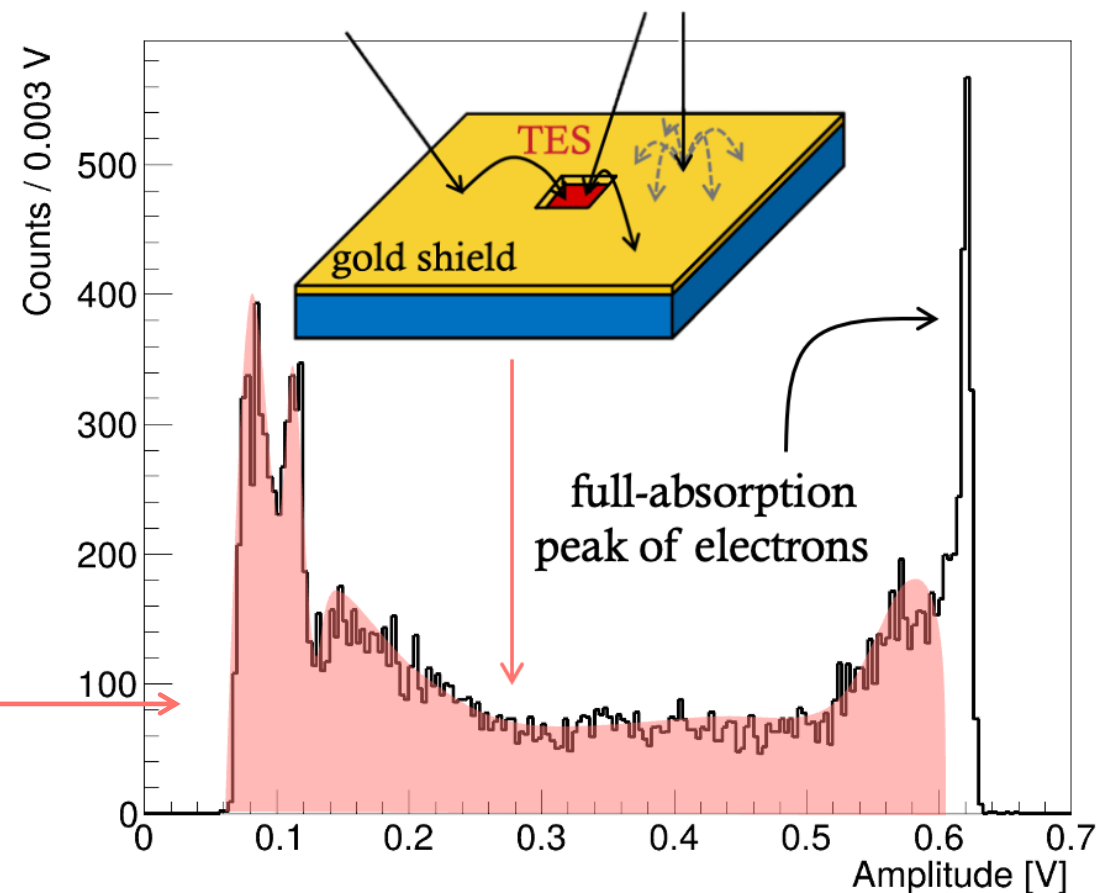
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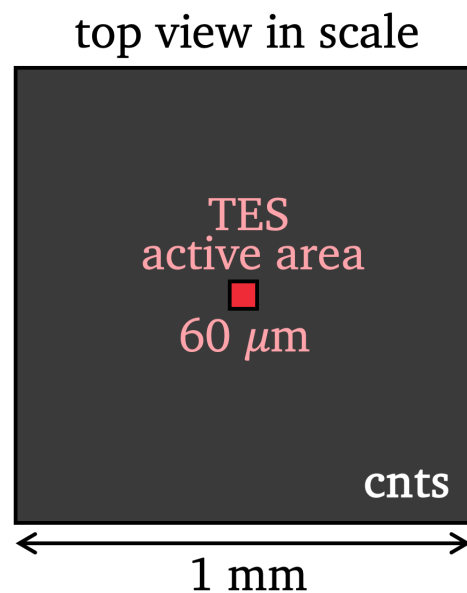
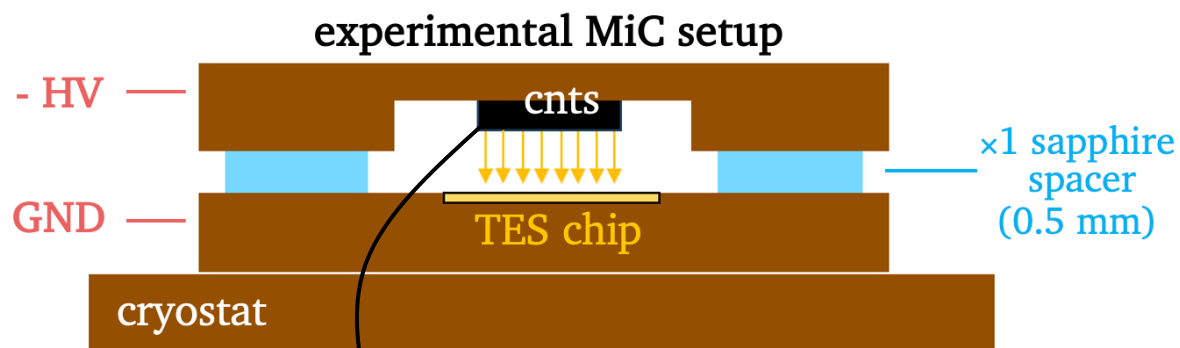
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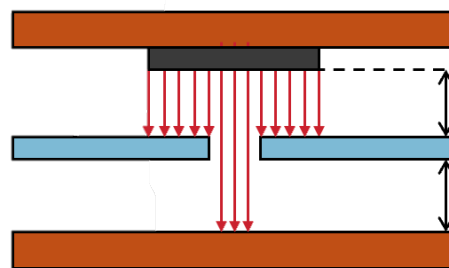
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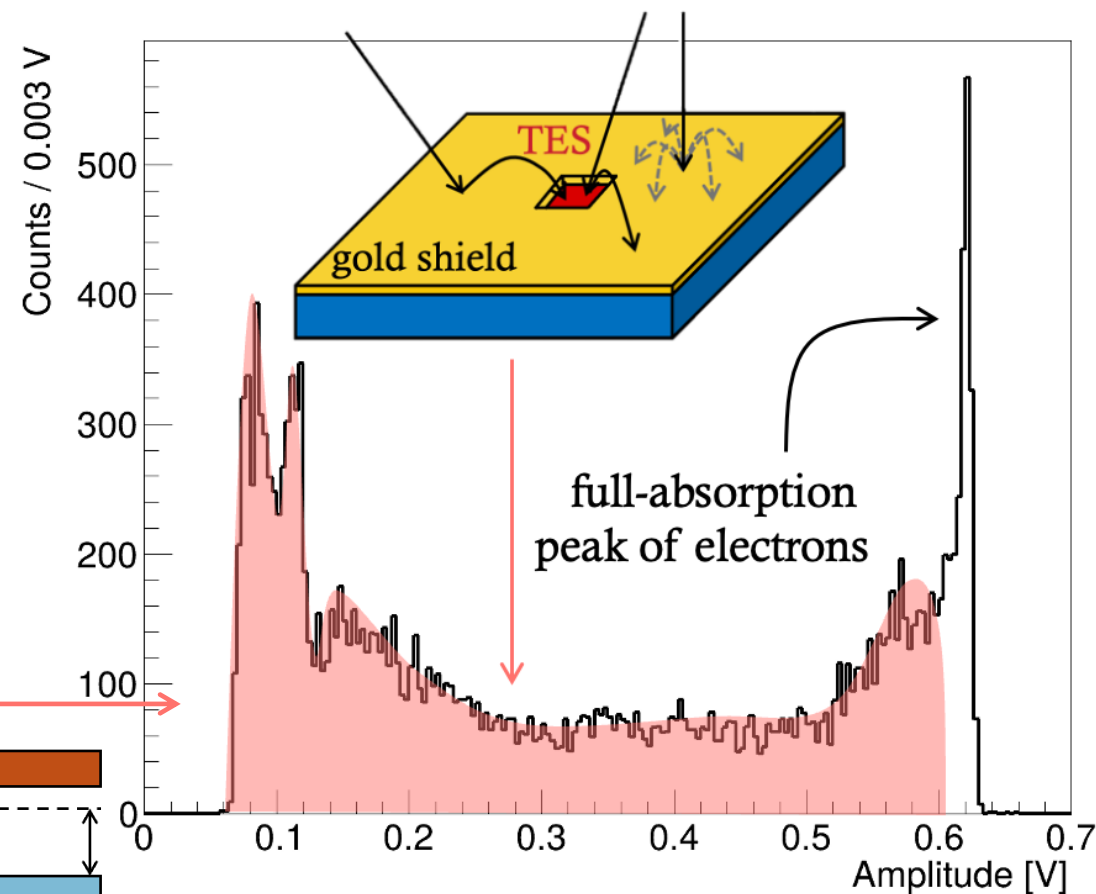
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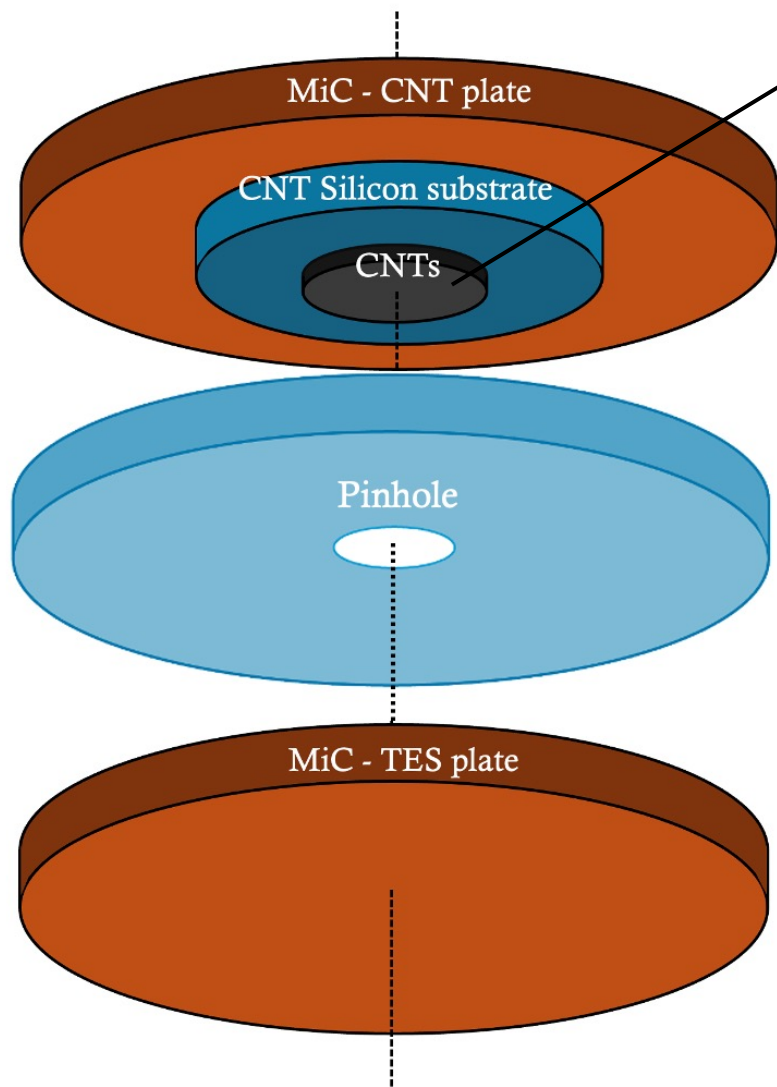


PINHOLE to manage both problems

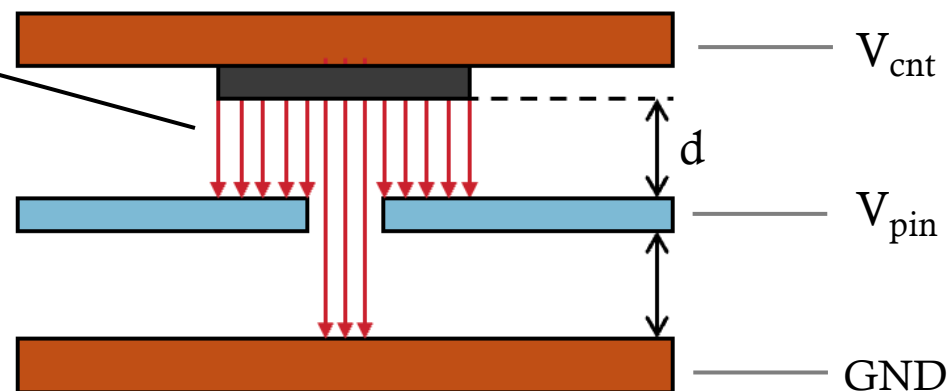
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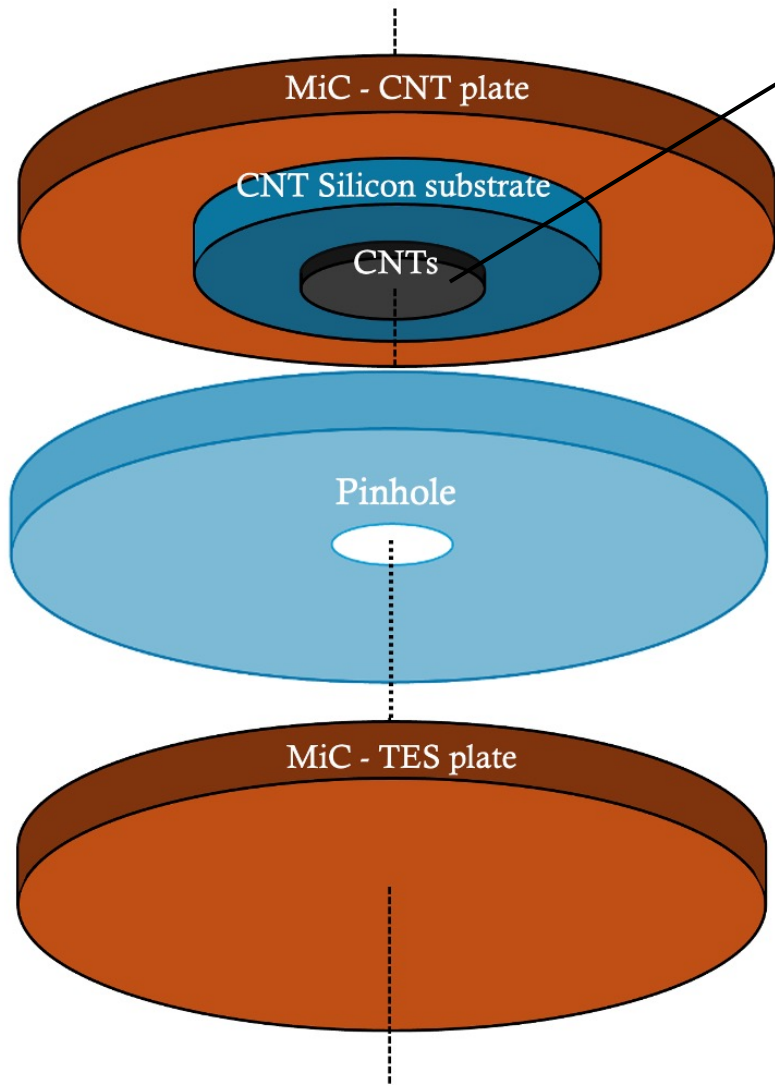
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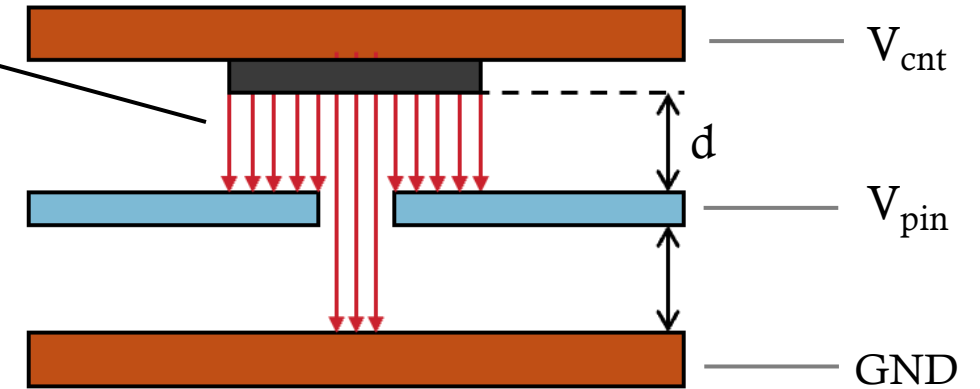
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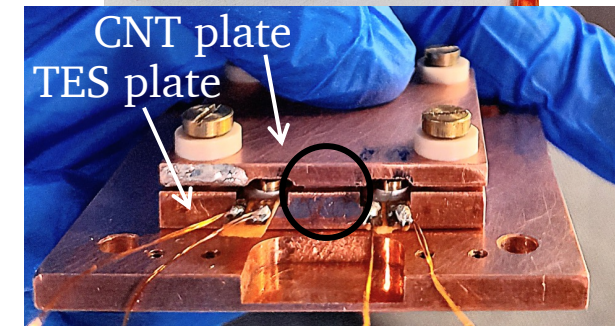
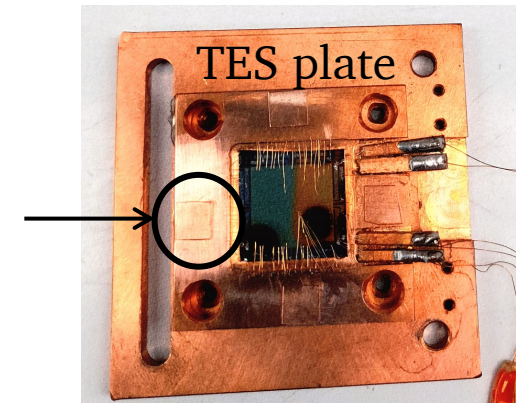
Parameters to change

- size of the pinhole (diameter)
- distances between electrodes (sapphire spacers between plates)

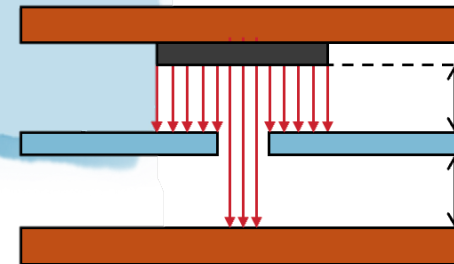
parallel-plate capacitor geometry:

$$\vec{E} = V/d$$

$$\vec{E}_{thr} = (V_{cnt} - V_{pin})/d$$



ENERGY TUNABILITY with PINHOLE

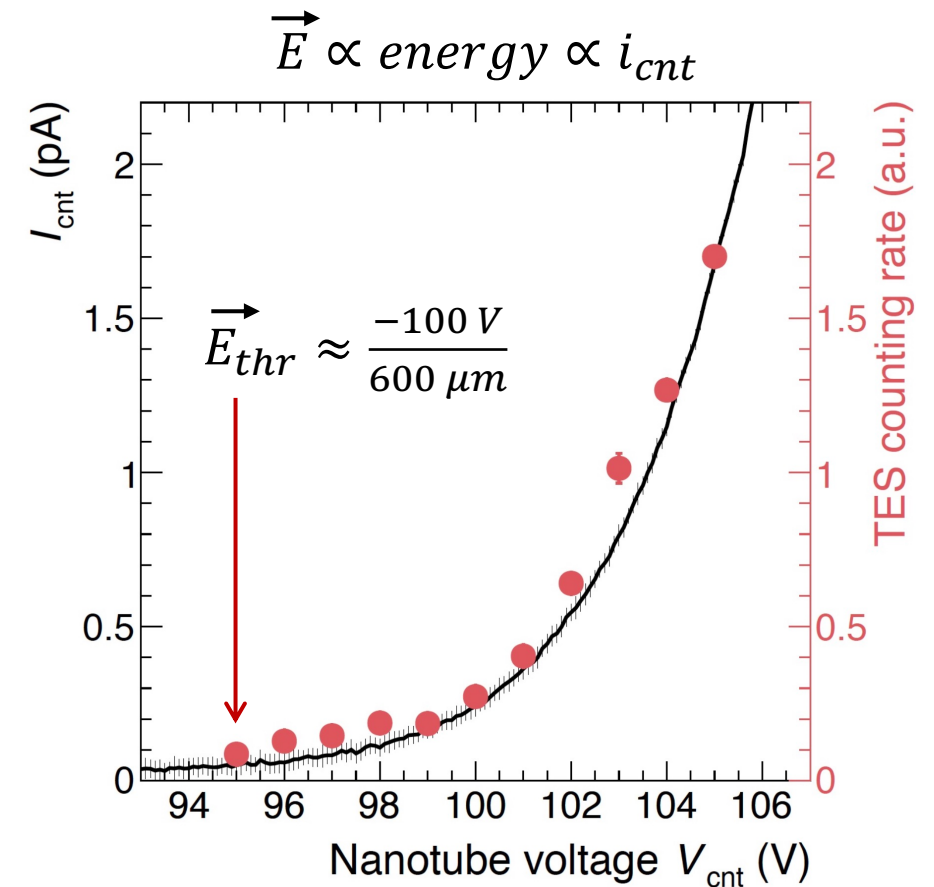
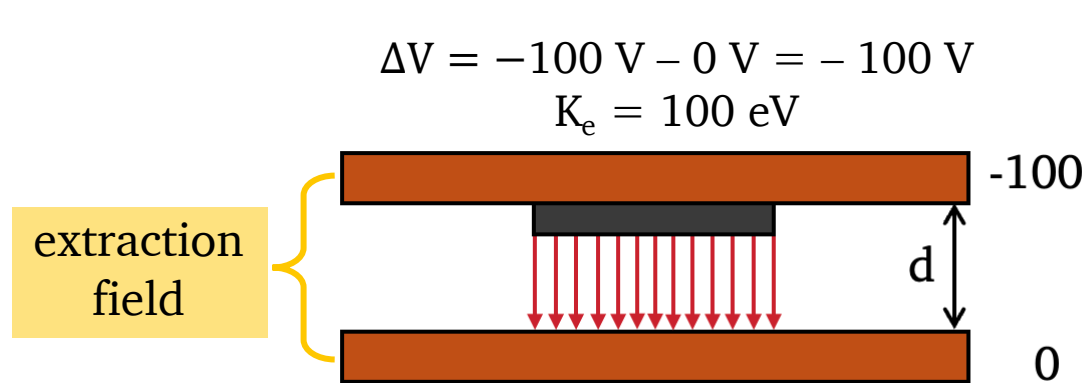


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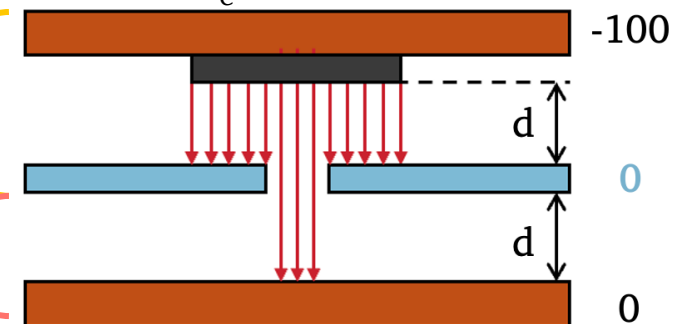
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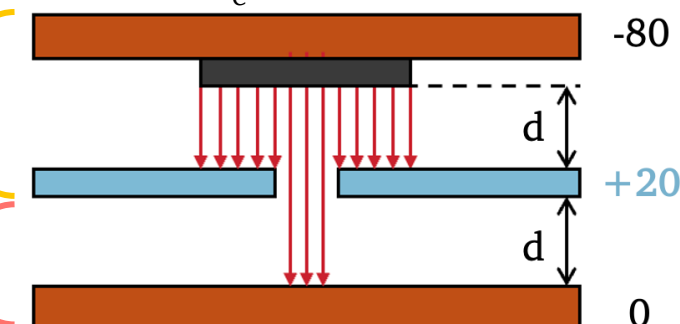


$$\Delta V = -80 \text{ V} - 20 \text{ V} = -100 \text{ V}$$

$$K_e = 80 \text{ eV}$$

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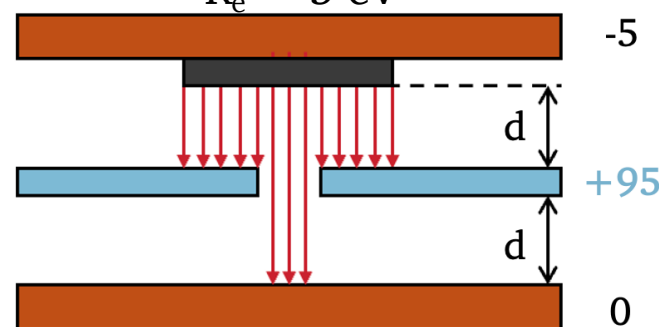


$$\Delta V = -5 \text{ V} - 95 \text{ V} = -100 \text{ V}$$

$$K_e = 5 \text{ eV}$$

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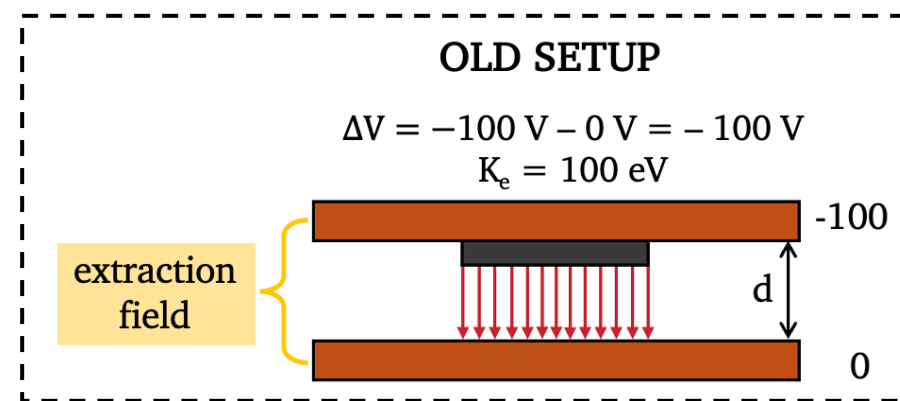


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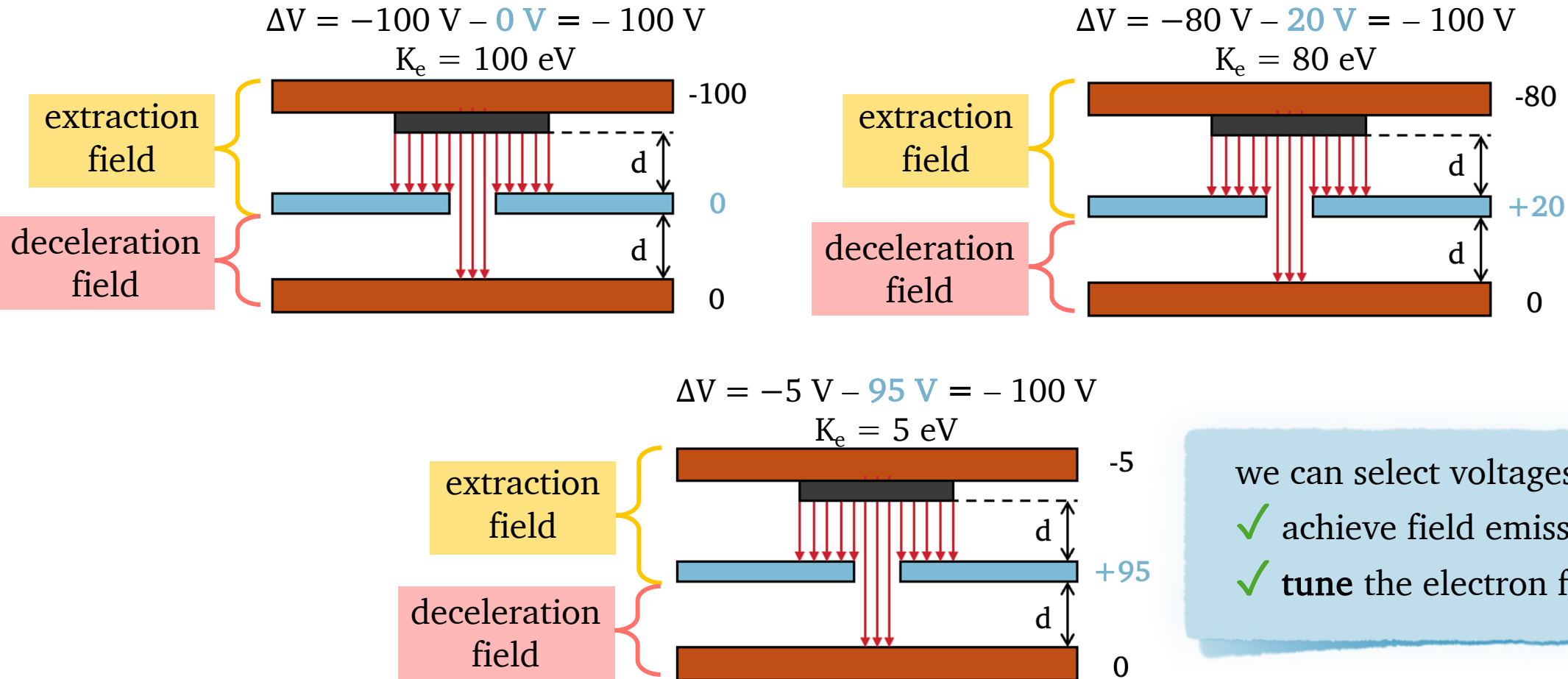


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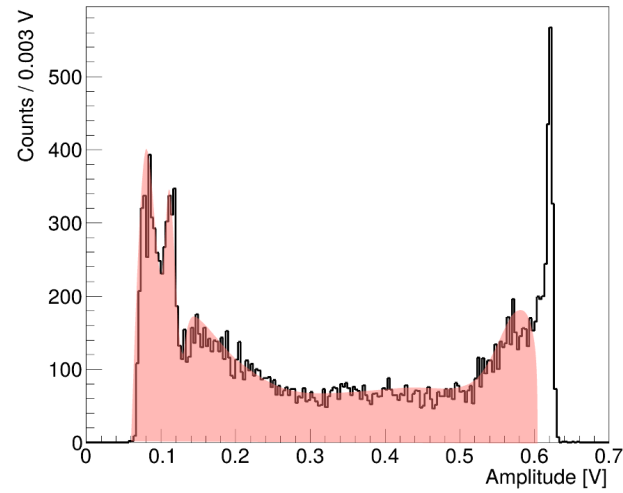
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- ✓ tune the electron final energy

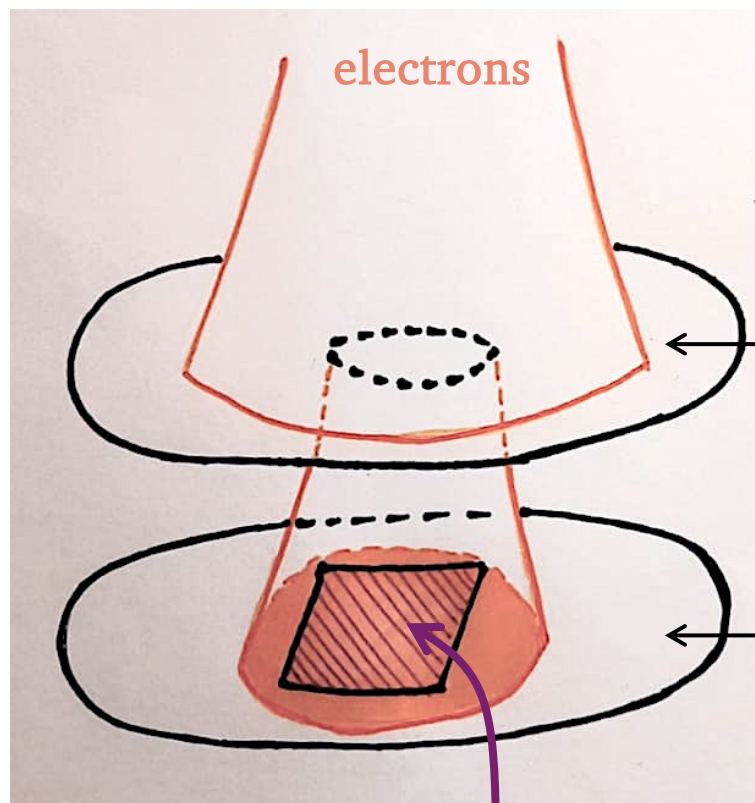


ELECTRON FOCALIZATION on TES with PINHOLE

Two Different Figures of Merit

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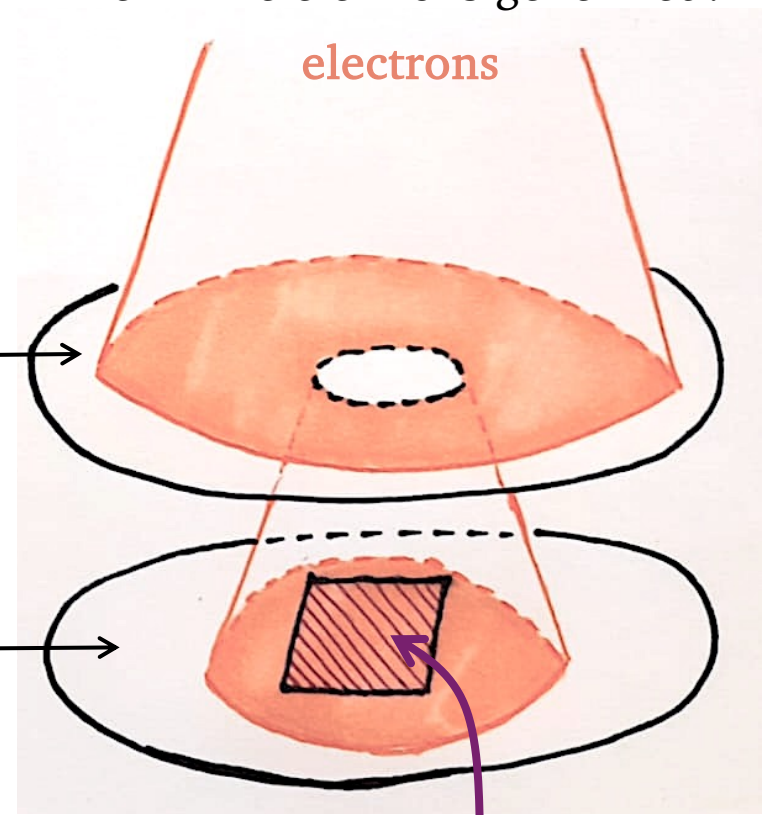
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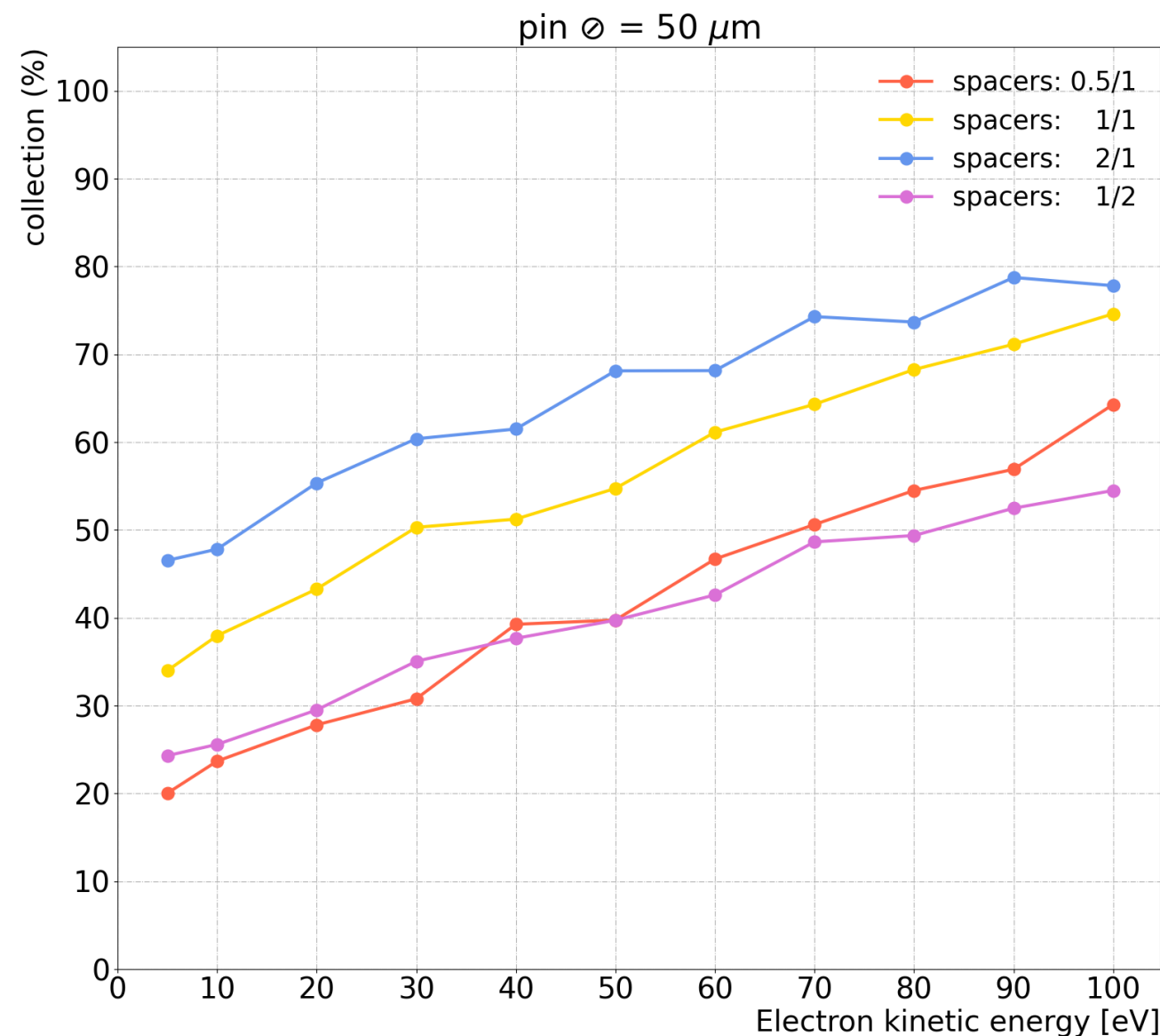


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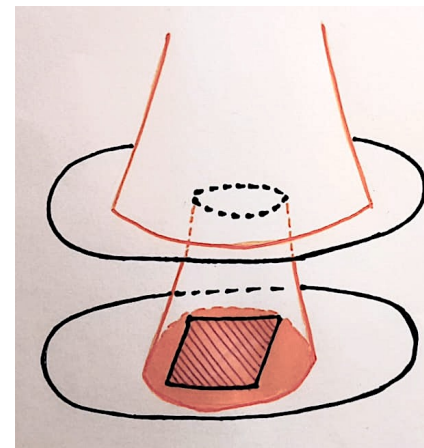
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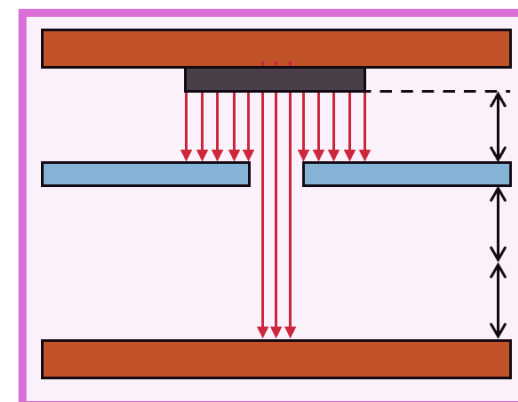
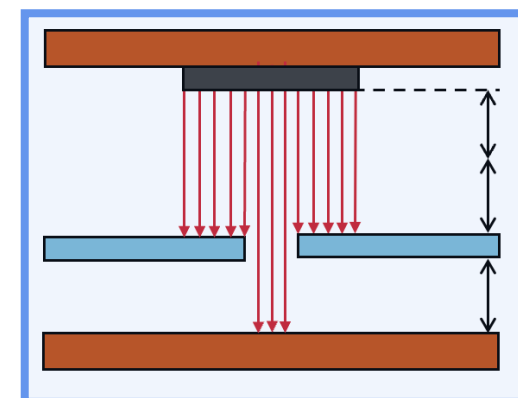
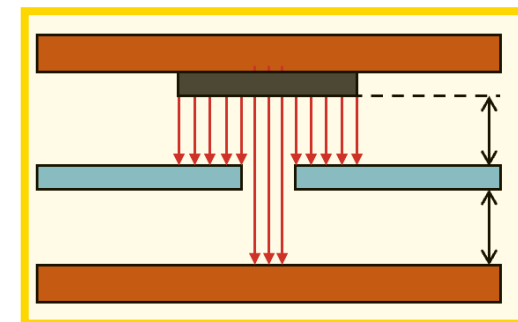
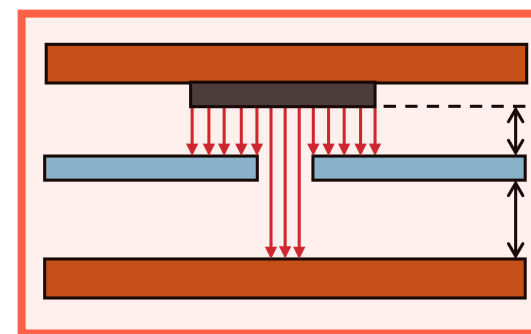
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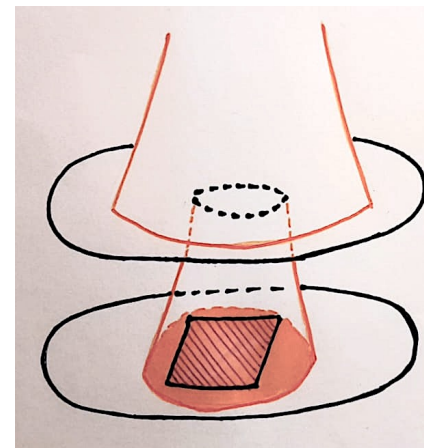
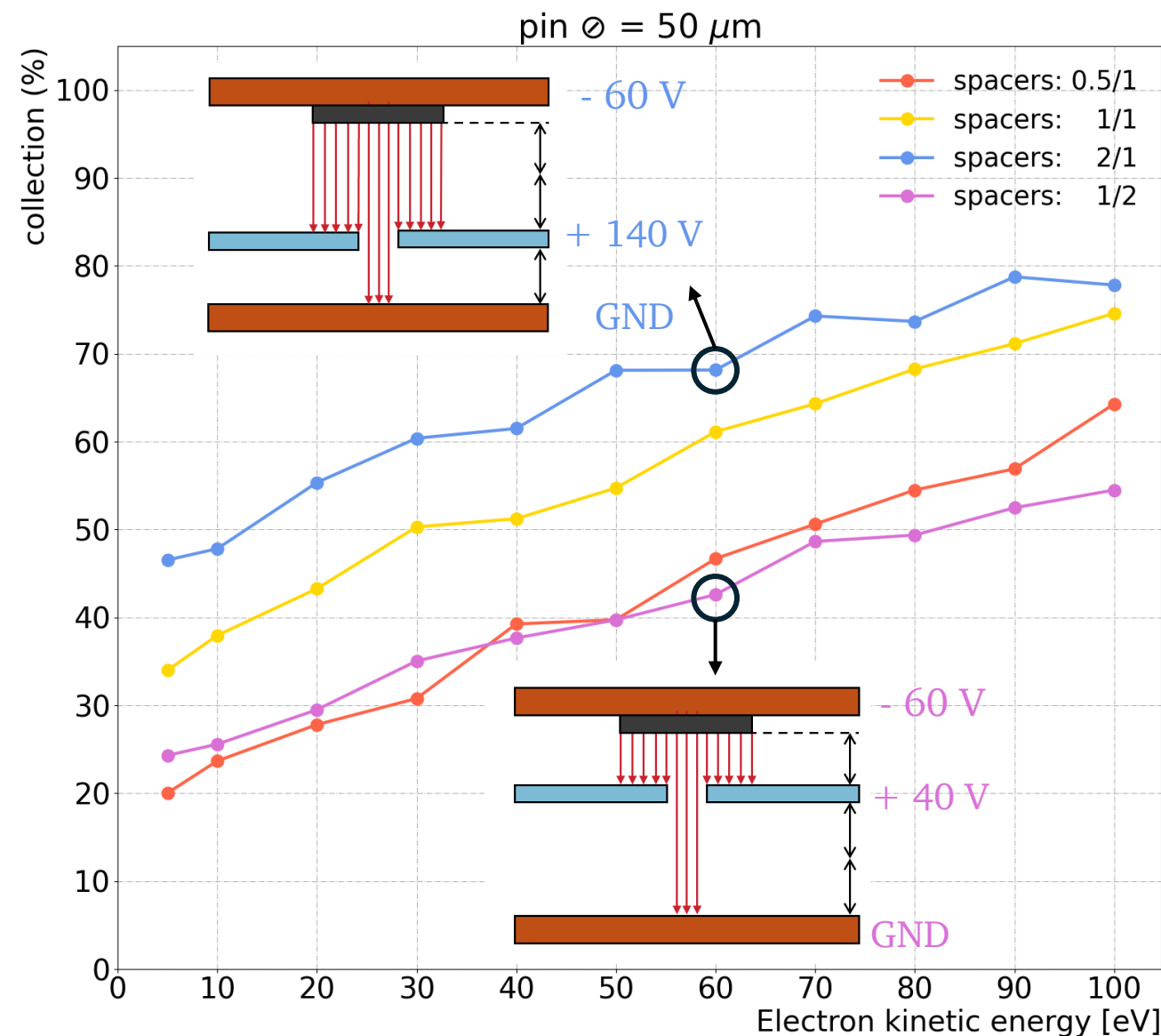


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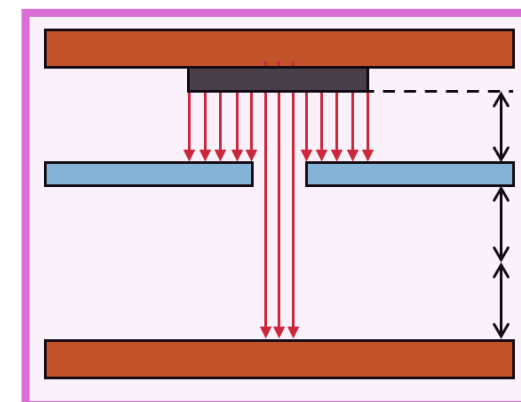
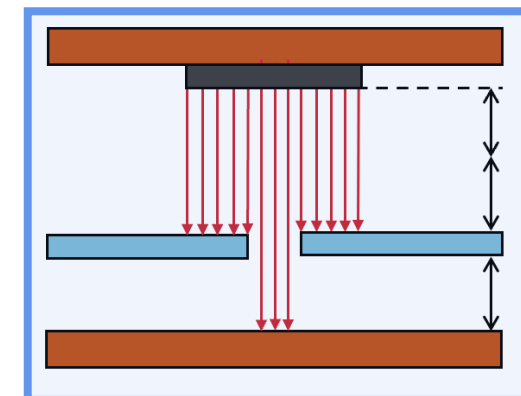
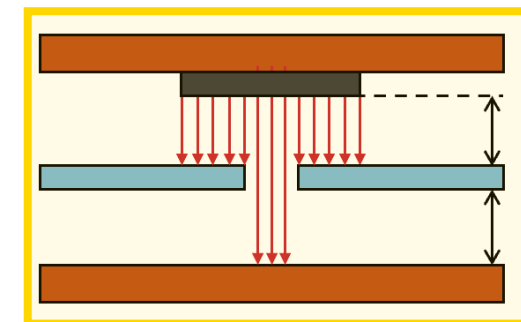
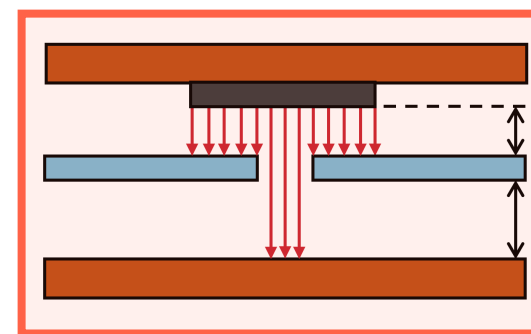


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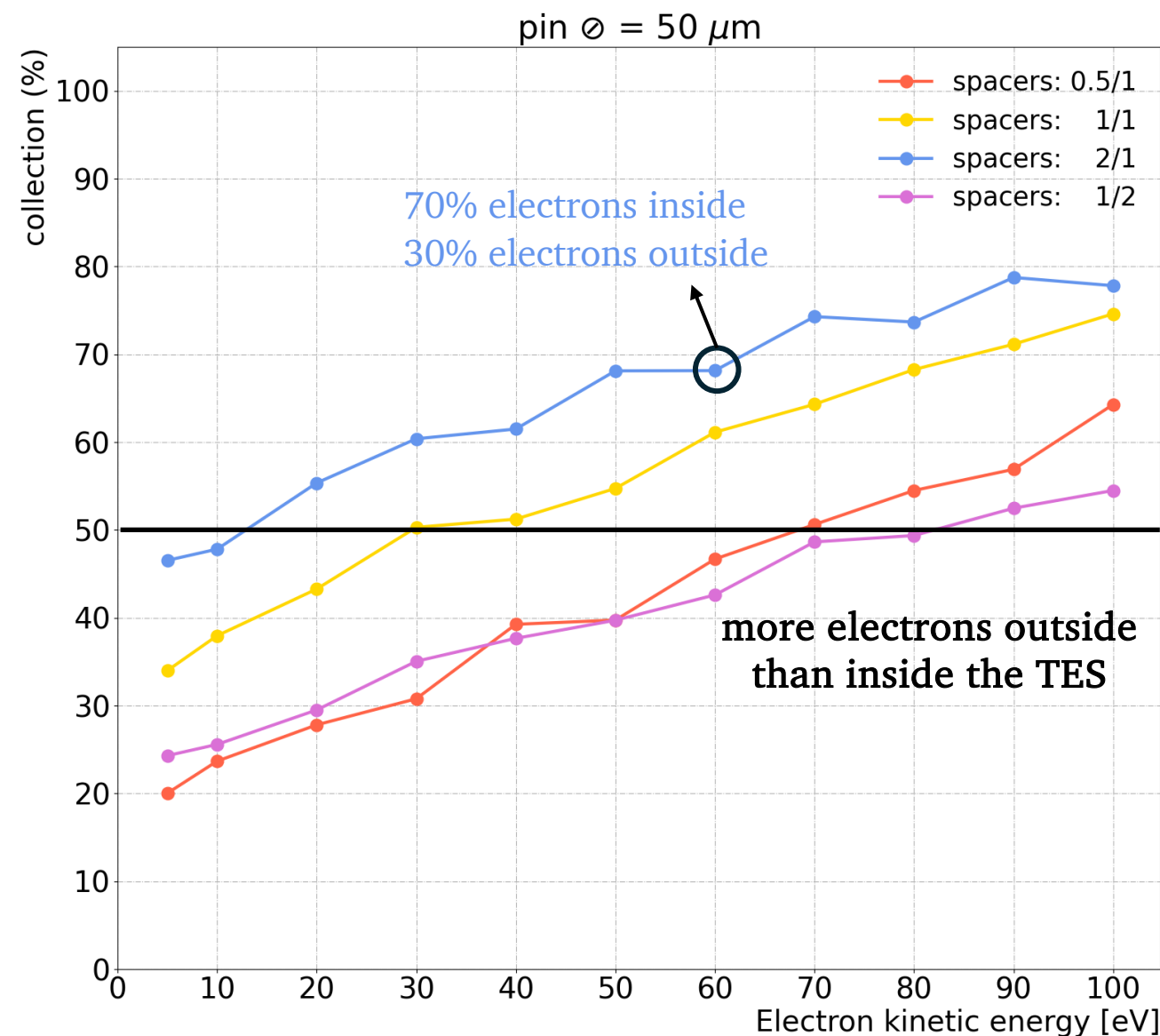


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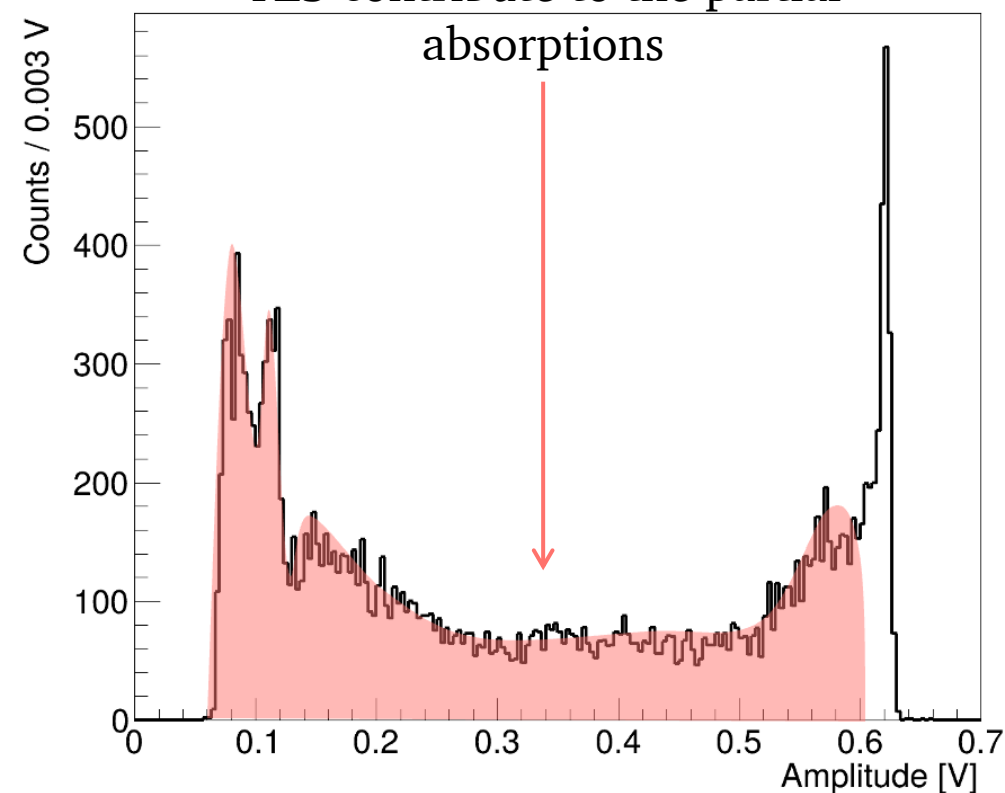
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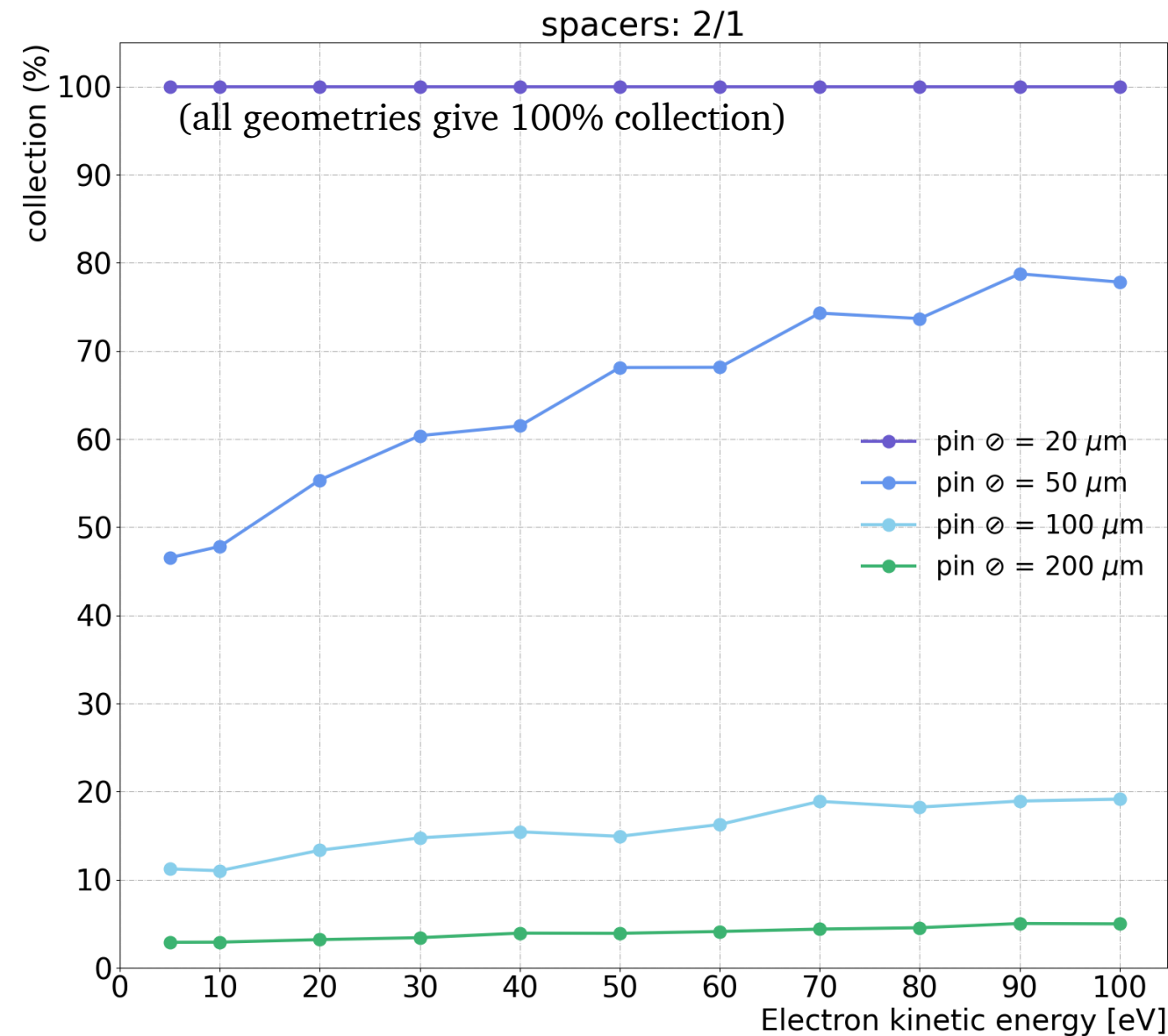
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all the electrons missing the TES contribute to the partial absorptions

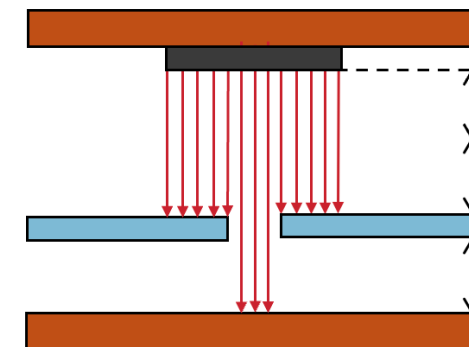
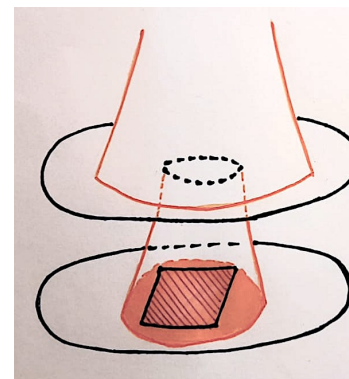


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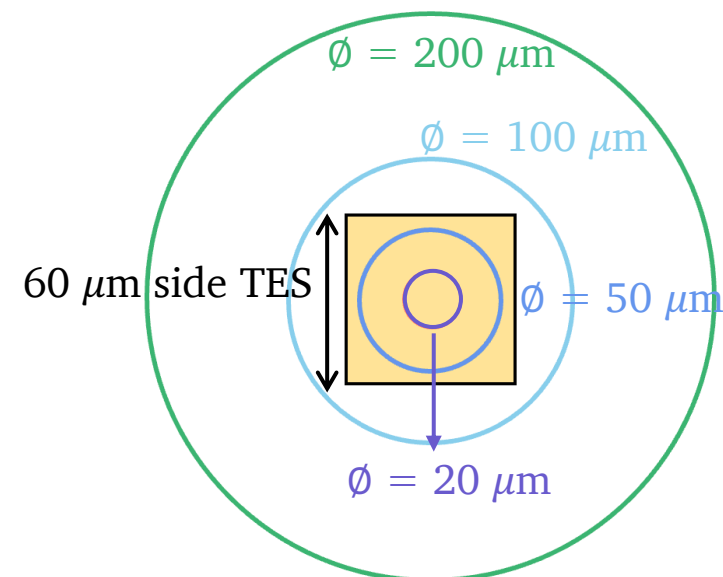
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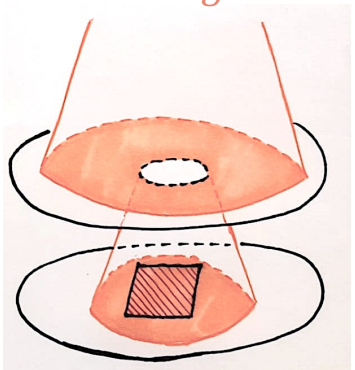
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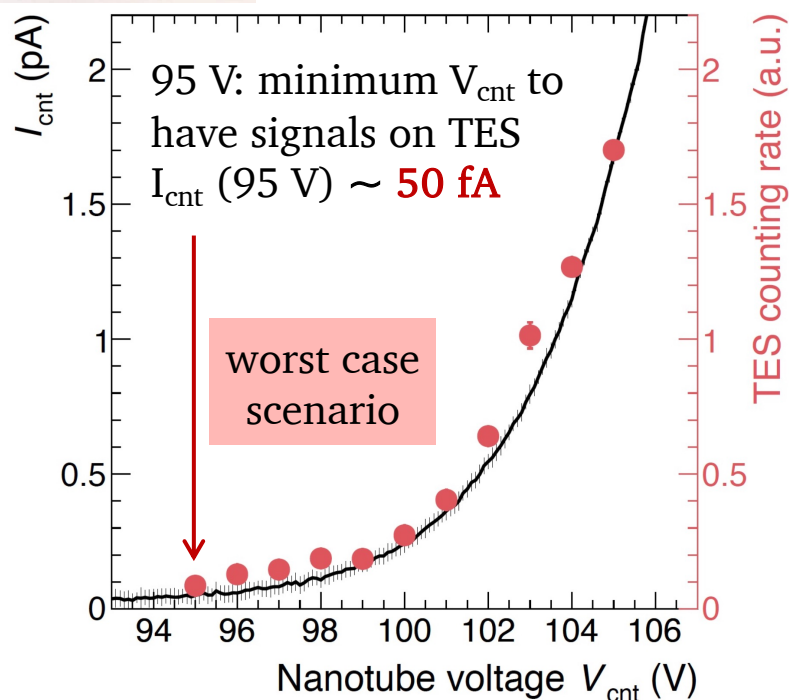
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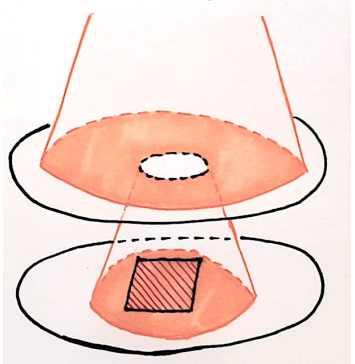
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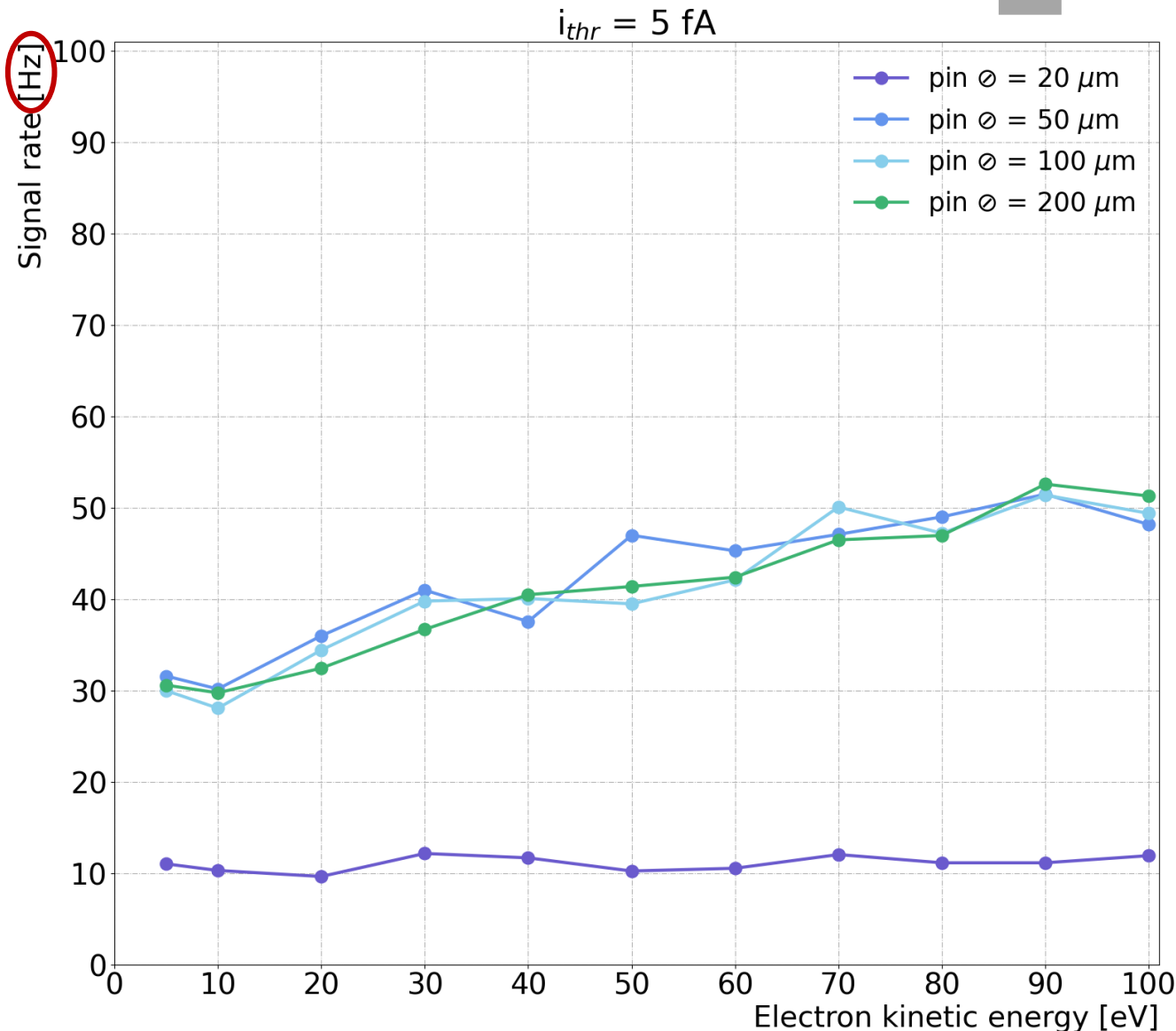
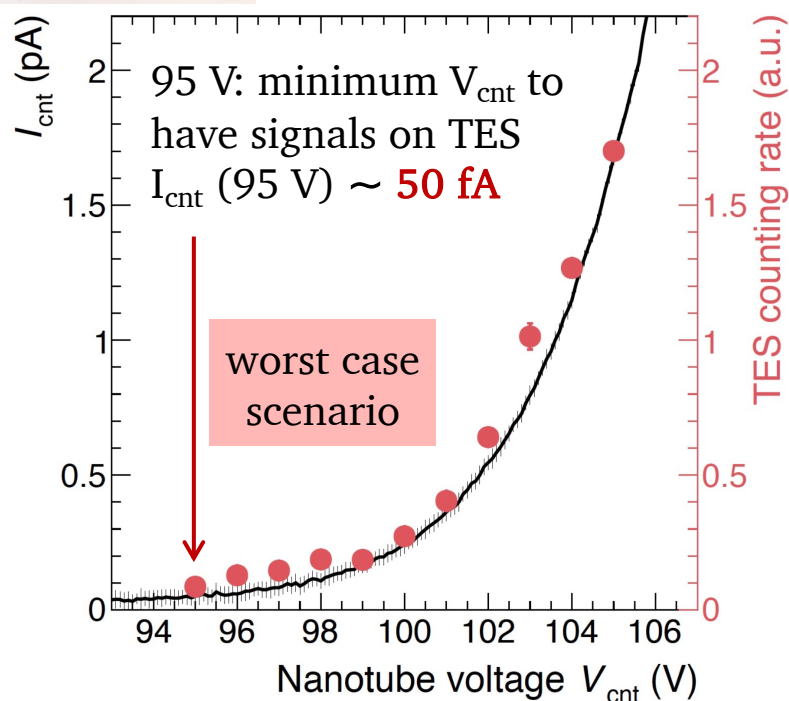
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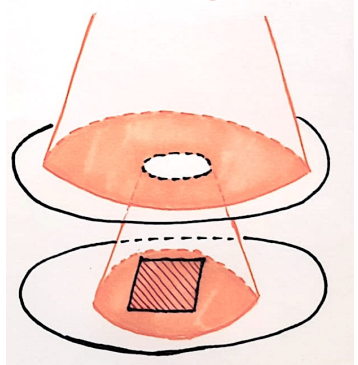
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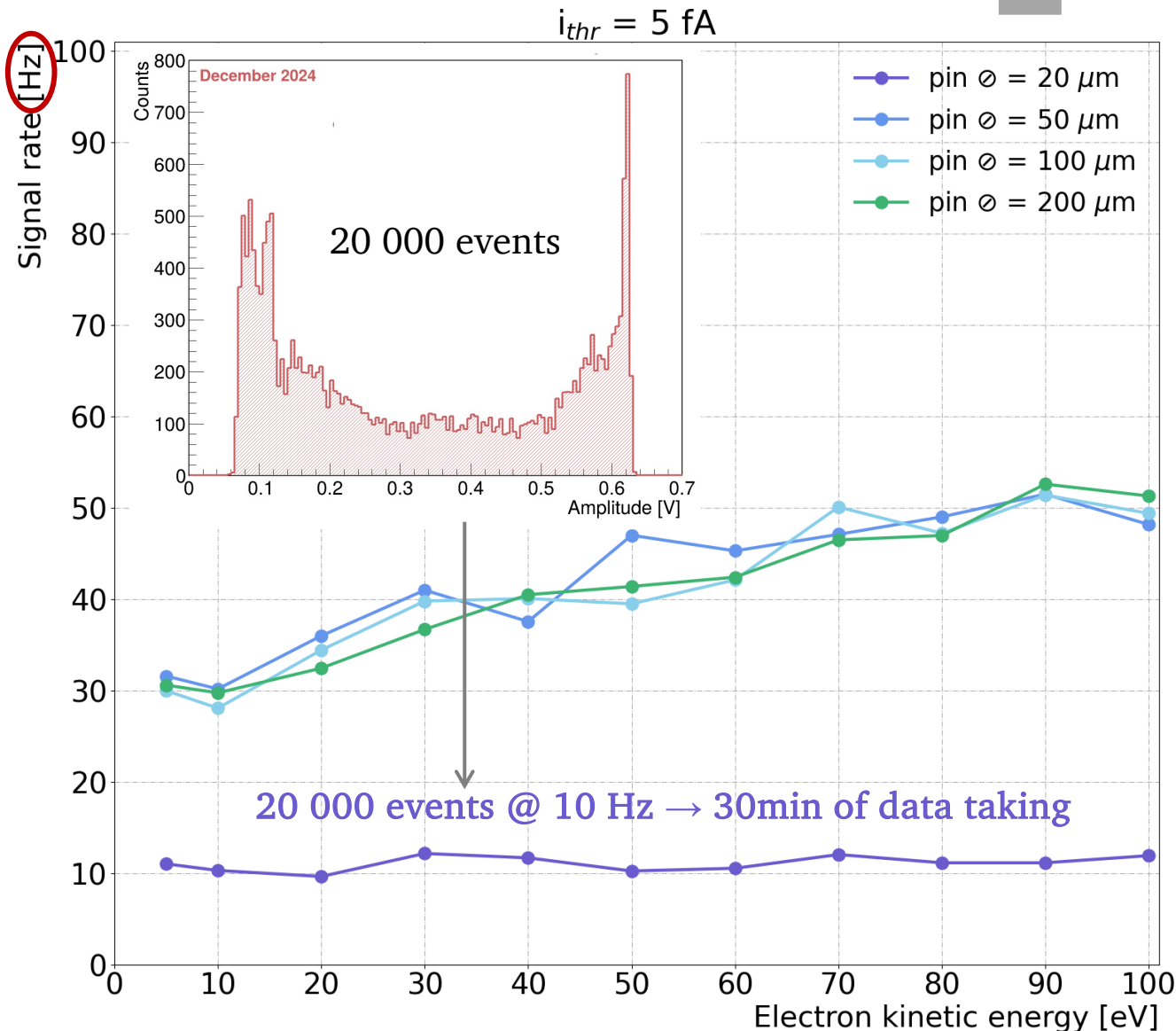
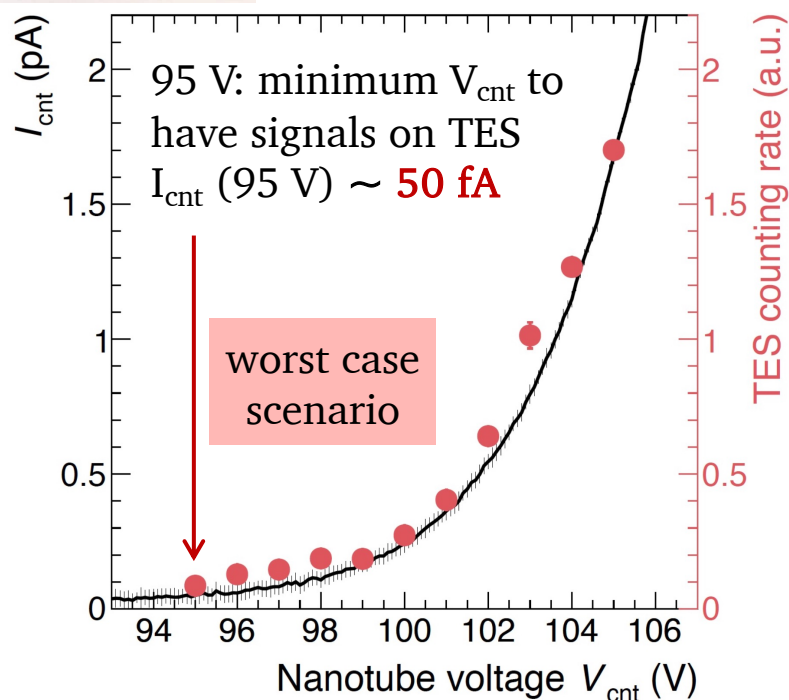
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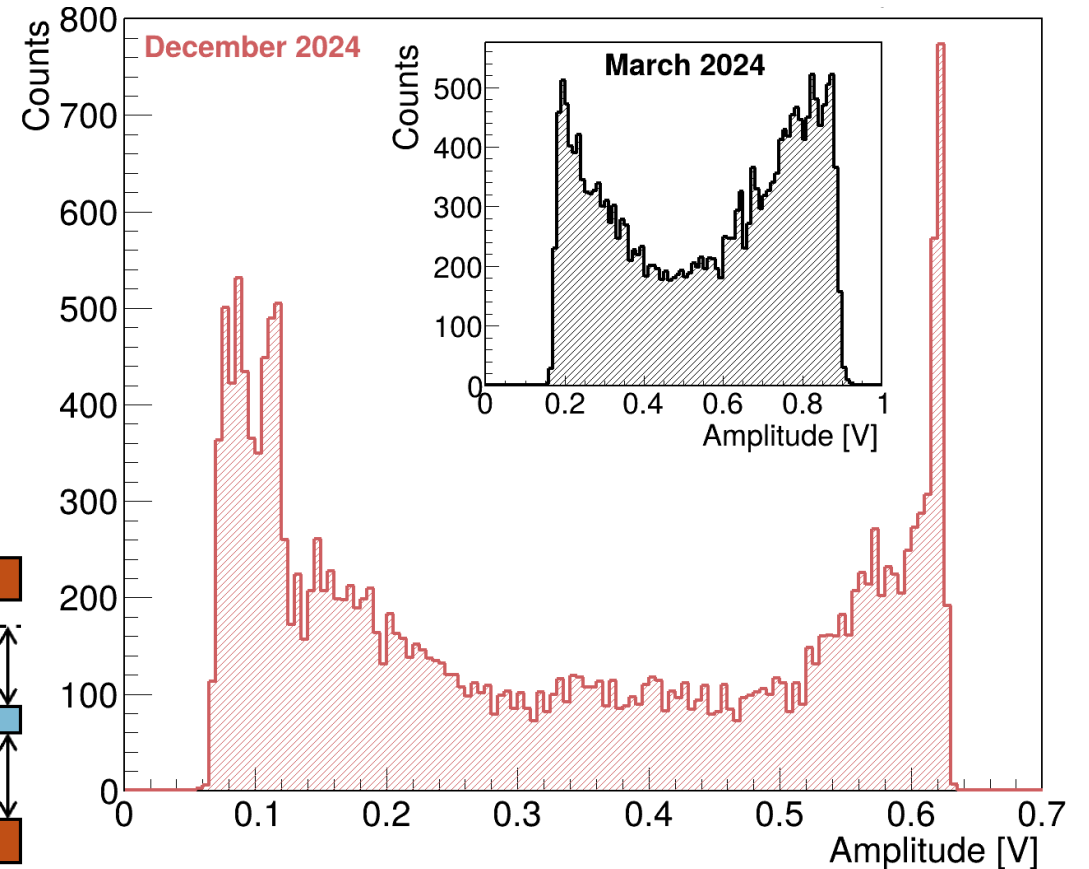
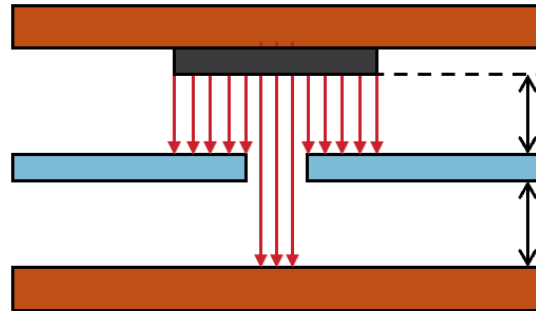
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Conclusions

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- **article** in preparation signed by all collaboration (?) on latest results (shown by Federico)
- simulations on **pinhole** to:
 - 1) lower energy of electrons → pinhole as **decelerator**
 - 2) send electrons on TES only → pinhole **stops** part of the electrons missing the TES
- **$\varnothing = 20\ \mu\text{m}$ pinhole** optimizes electron collection on TES and signal rate is acceptable



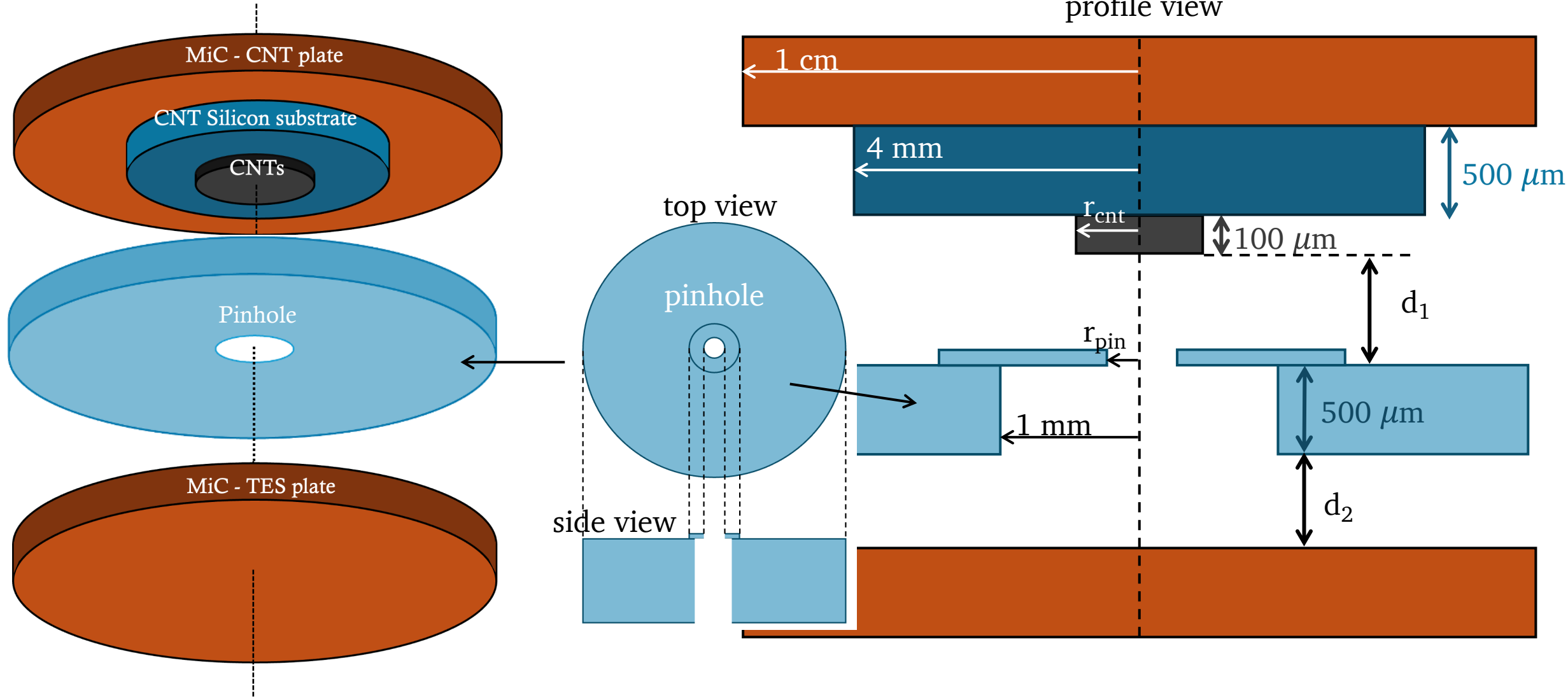
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Backup Slides

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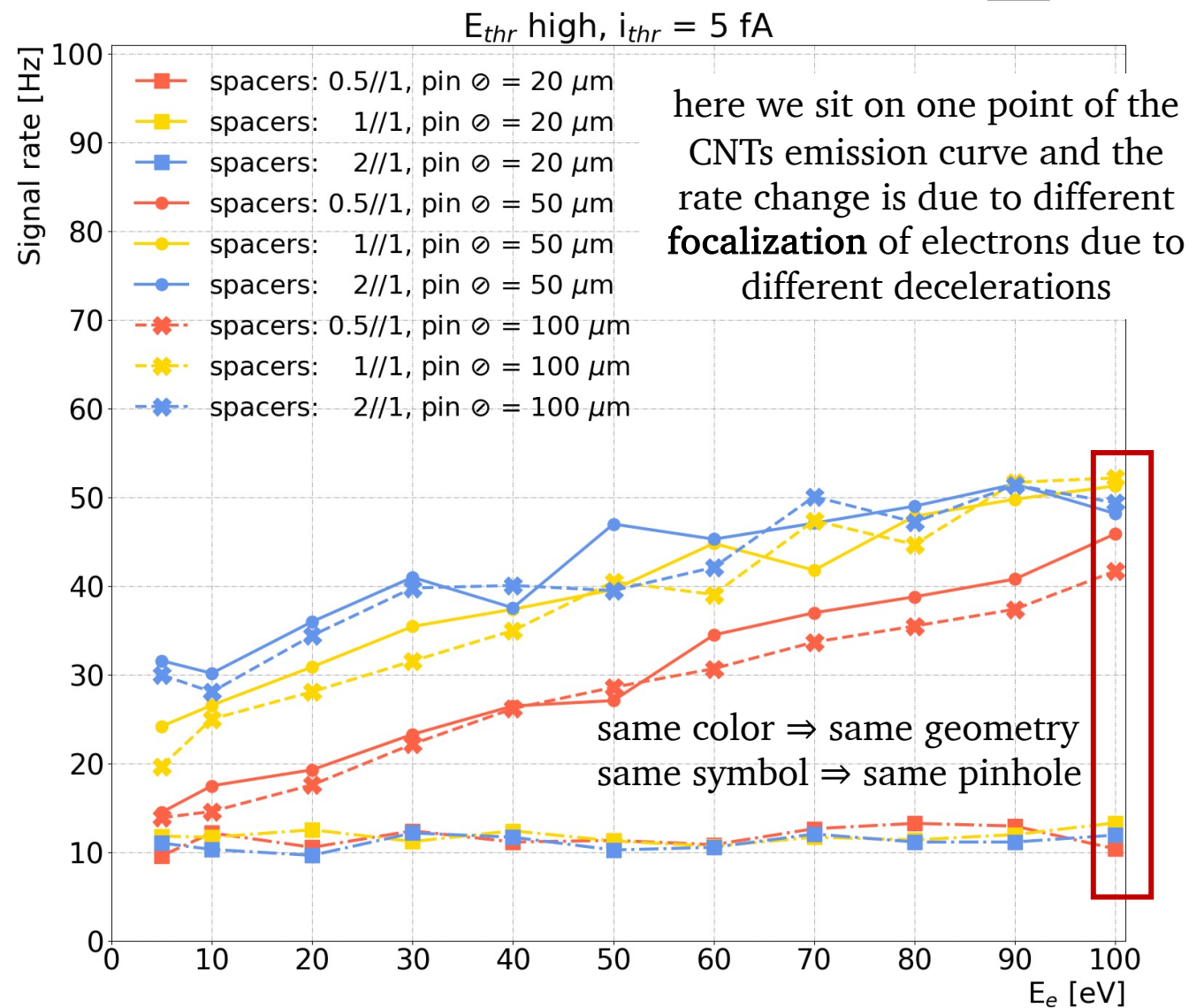
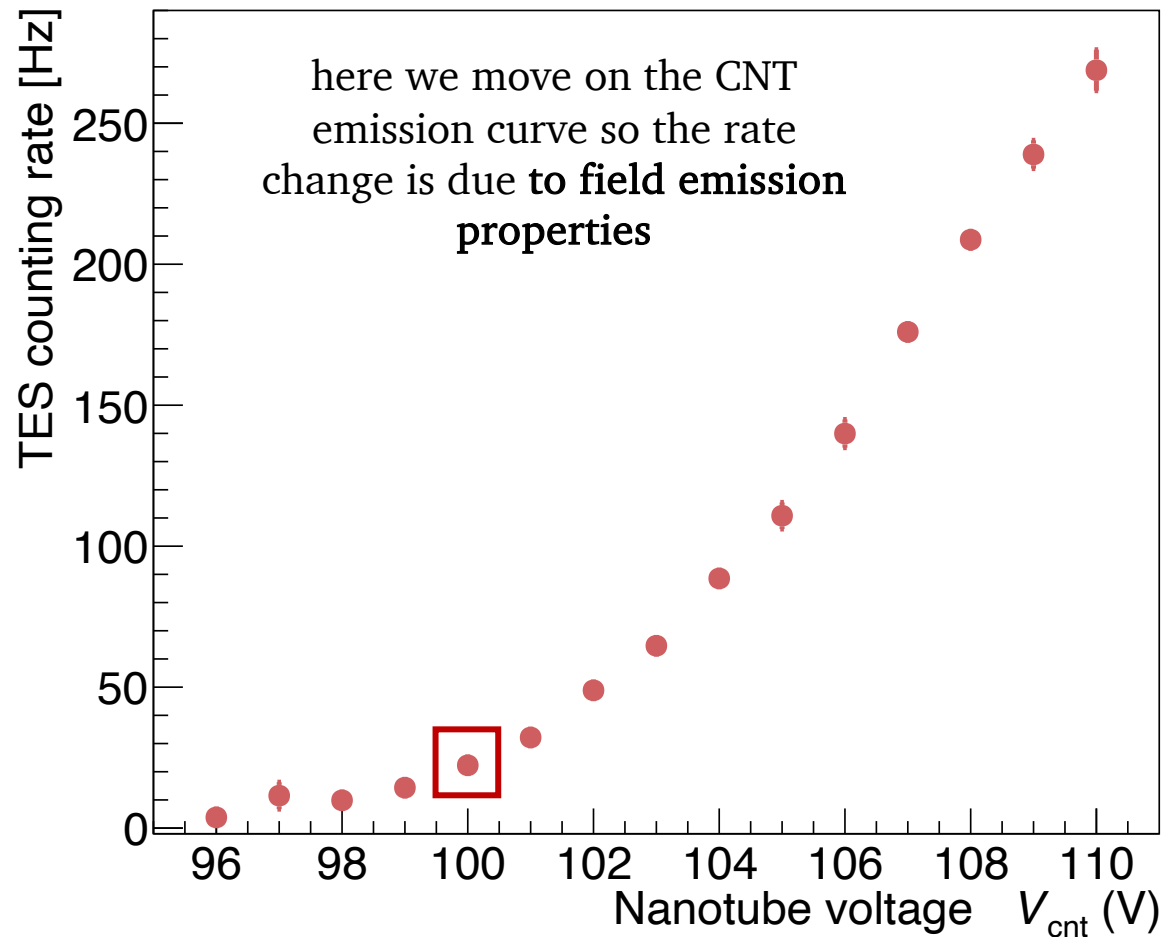
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- SIMION works more easily on cylindrical symmetry

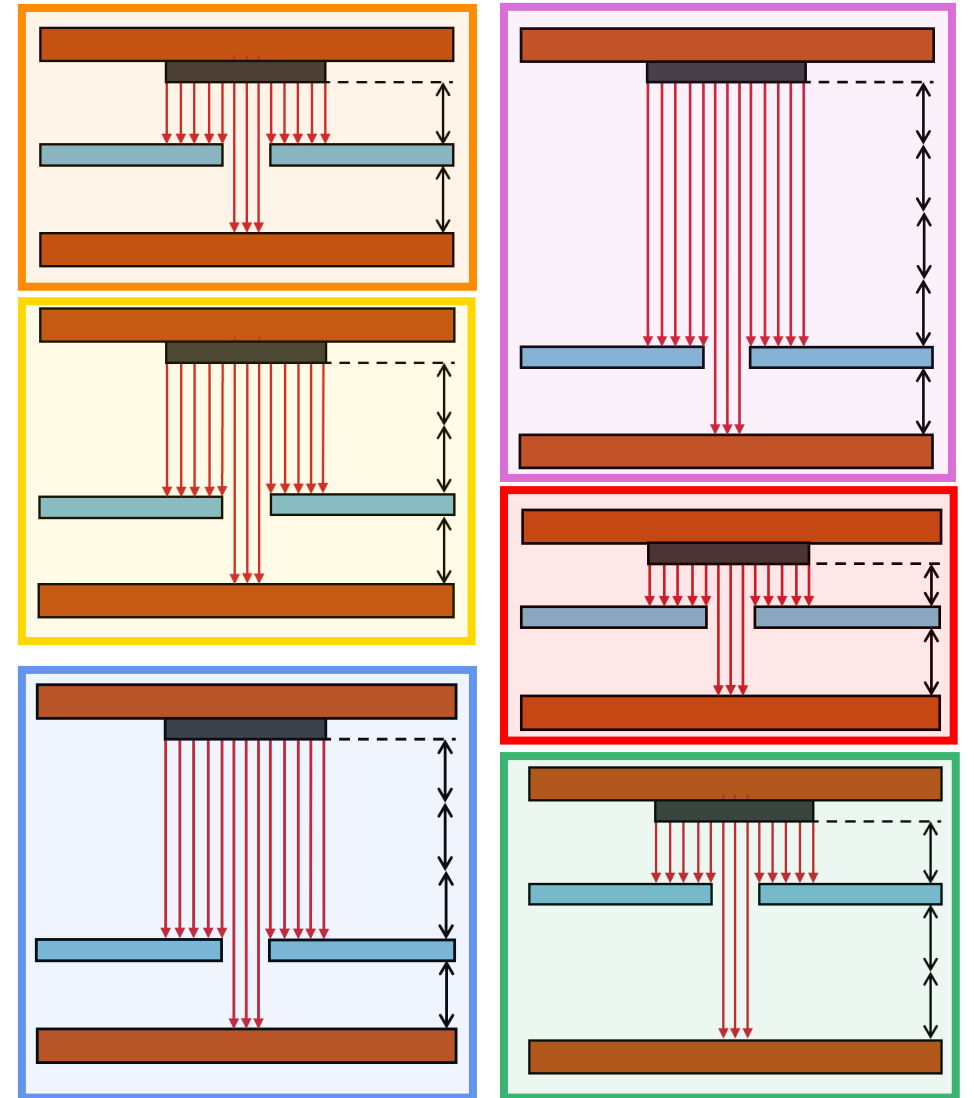
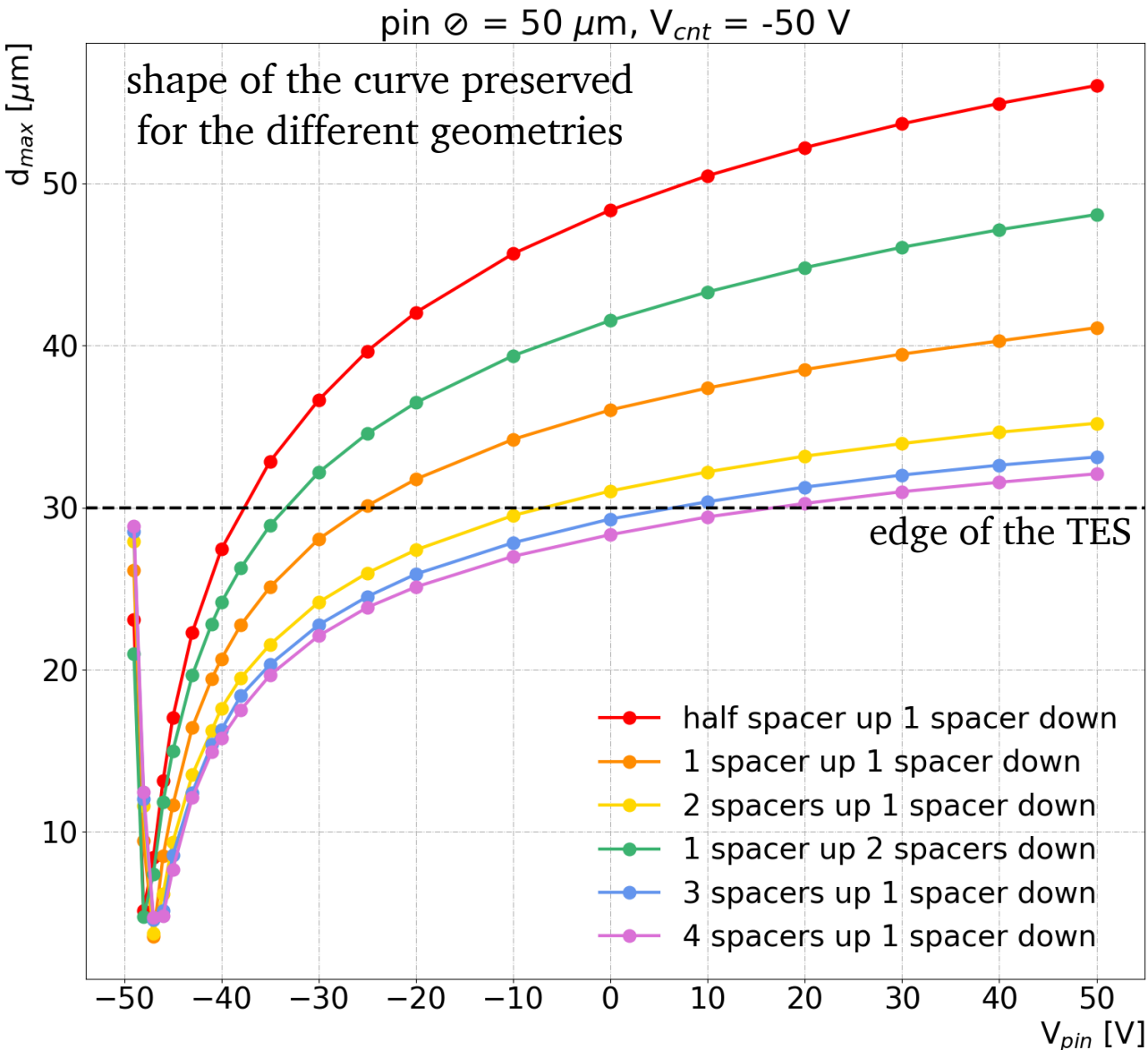


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Focalization Curves of the Setups



1 spacer = 500 microns