

Purity Monitor

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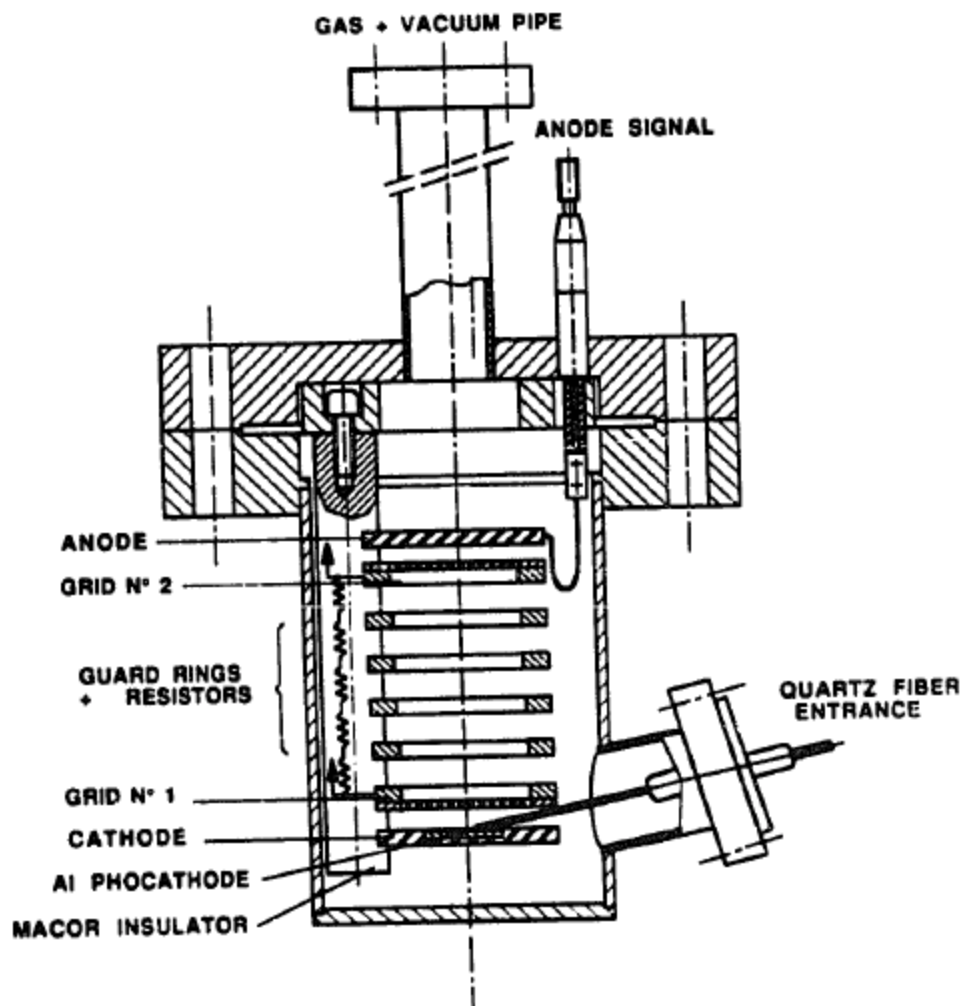
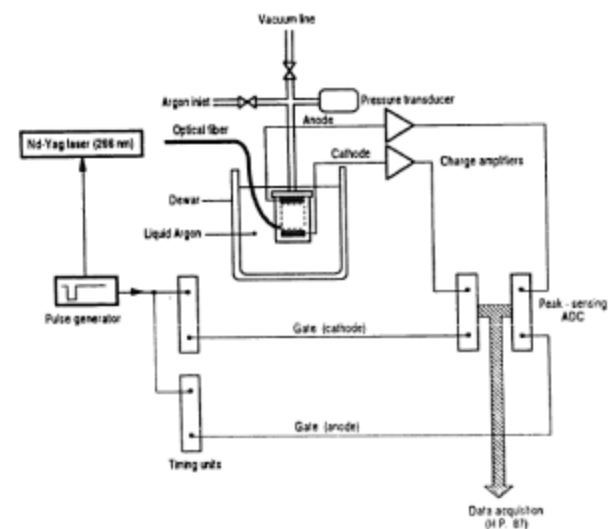
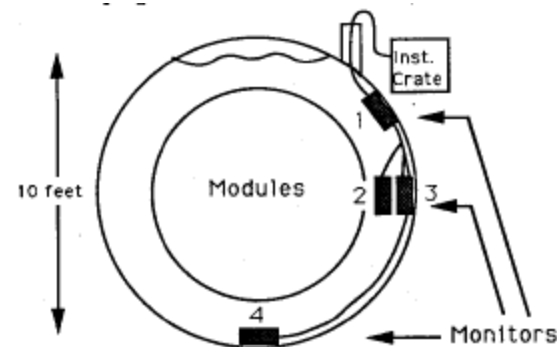
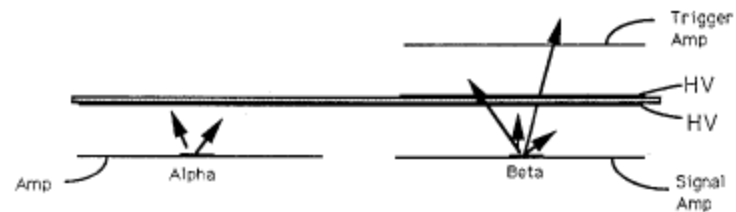
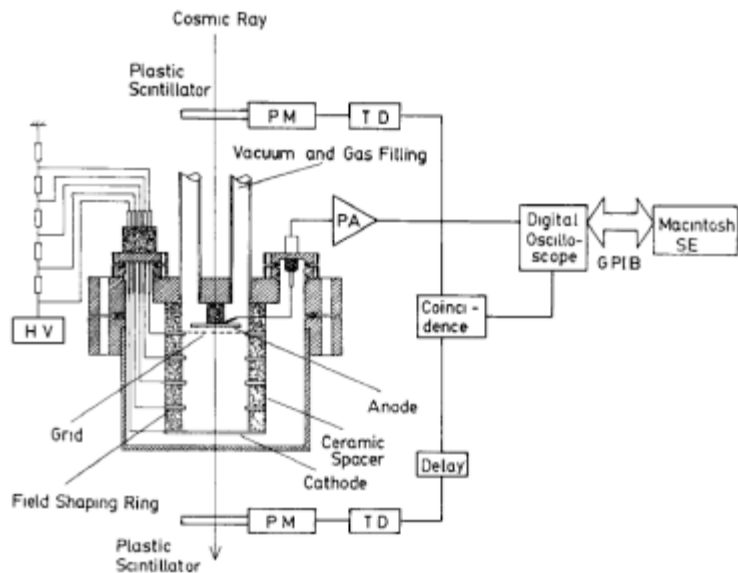


Table 1

Parameters of the detector

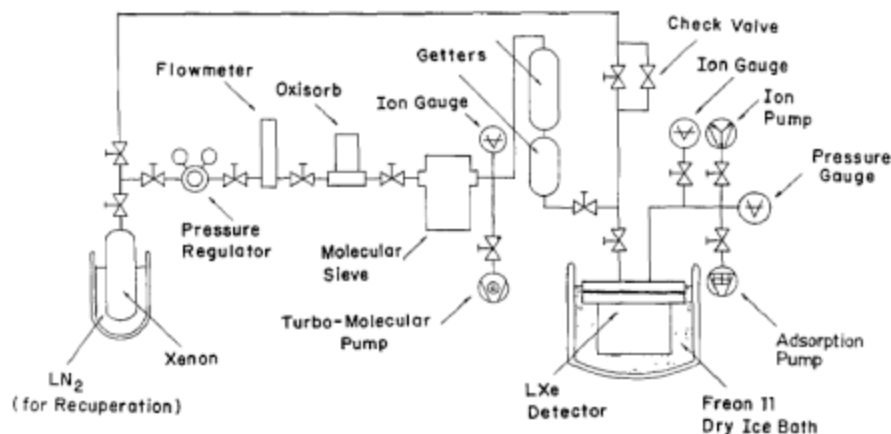
Volume of the cell	180 cm ³
Anode to cathode distance	60 mm
Cathode to first grid distance	5 mm
Second grid to anode distance	5 mm
Maximum electric field	1000 V/cm
Angle between anode and fiber	11°
Quartz fiber diameter	1 mm
Fiber length	1.5 m
Laser wavelength	266 nm
Laser repetition rate (max)	30 Hz
Energy at the input of the fiber (average)	1.5 mJ
Laser pulse width (FWHM)	8 ns





Each monitor contains two sensing channels. Figure 3 displays the basic attributes of a pair. The α sensor consists of a single high voltage gap (2.3 mm) with an α source (Am-241) electro-deposited on the sensing plane. Because α particles are heavily ionizing, any particle emitted into the gap deposits all its kinetic energy by ionizing the LAr very near the source plane. A positive voltage across the gap causes the free electrons to drift, and the induced current can subsequently be detected and amplified. Because each electron drifts across the entire gap, there is great sensitivity of the induced current to attenuation through electron-contaminant recombination. Typically, there are about 30,000 free electrons per α particle.

The β channel has a second high voltage gap located adjacent to the first gap. Energetic, minimum ionizing particles (>2 MeV) from the electro-deposited β source (Ru-106) easily reach the second gap. Since minimum ionizing particles produce only 5-10 thousand electrons in the gap, the second gap is needed to provide a clean trigger to minimize effects from noise.



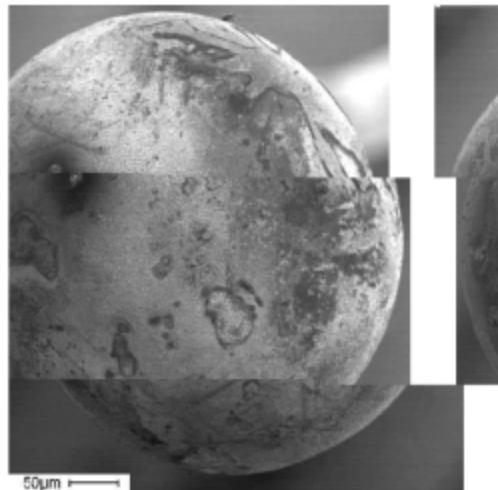
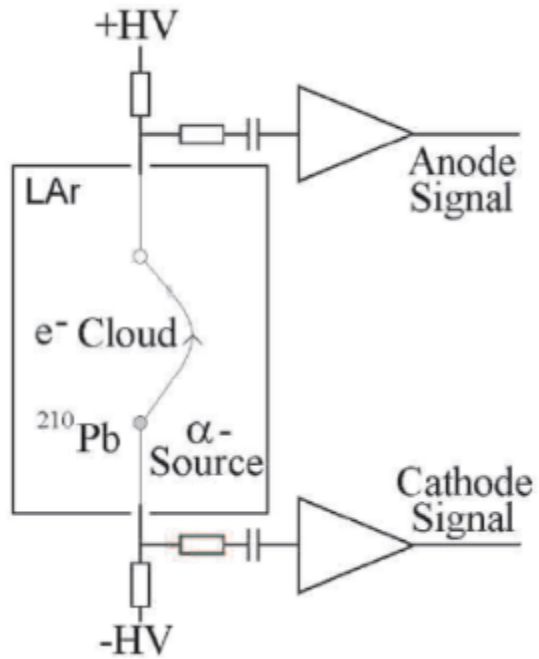
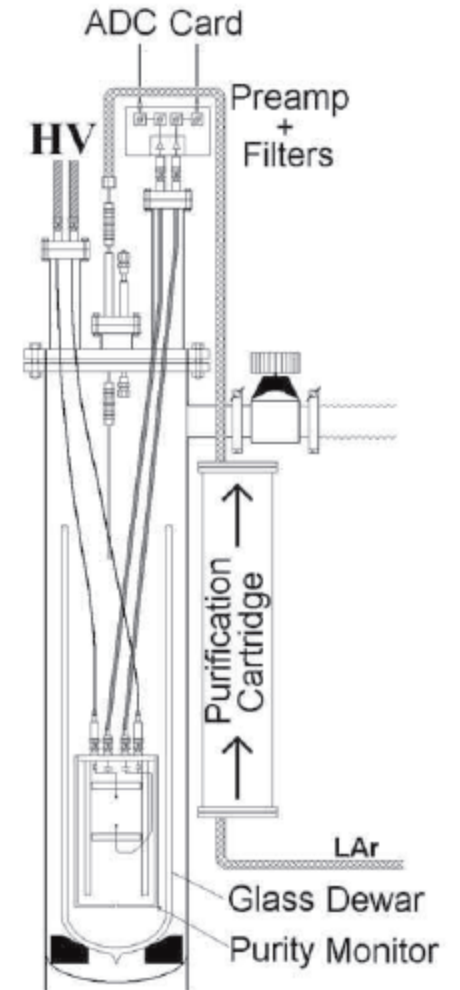
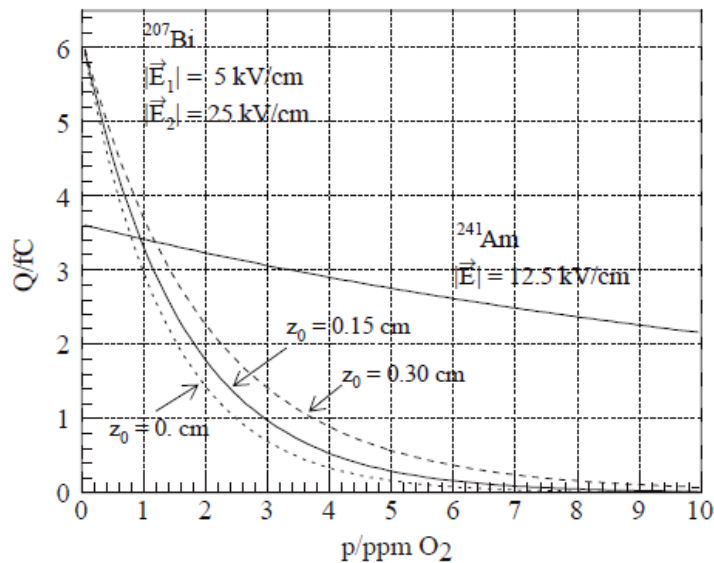
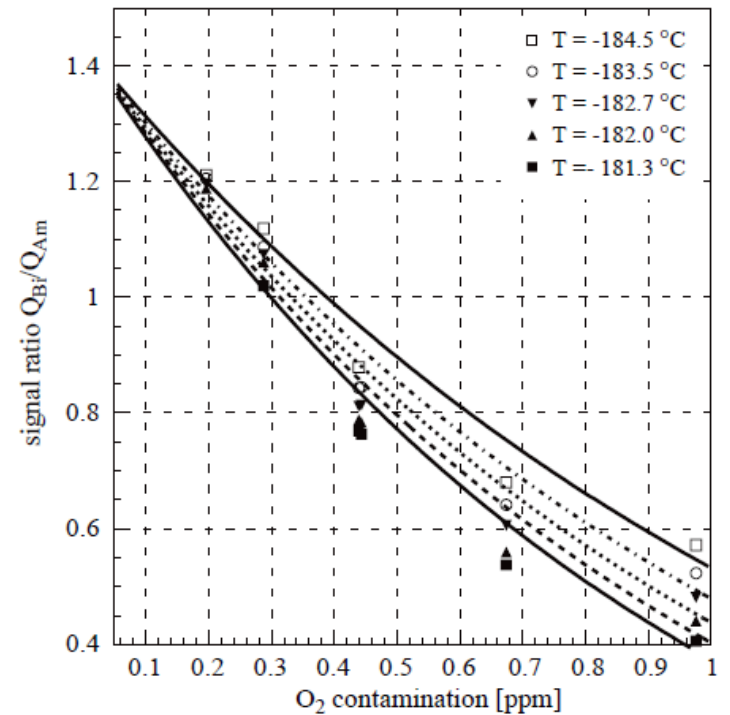
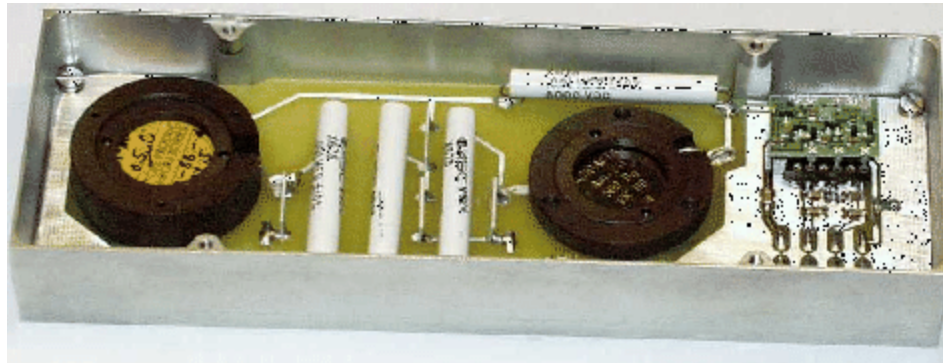
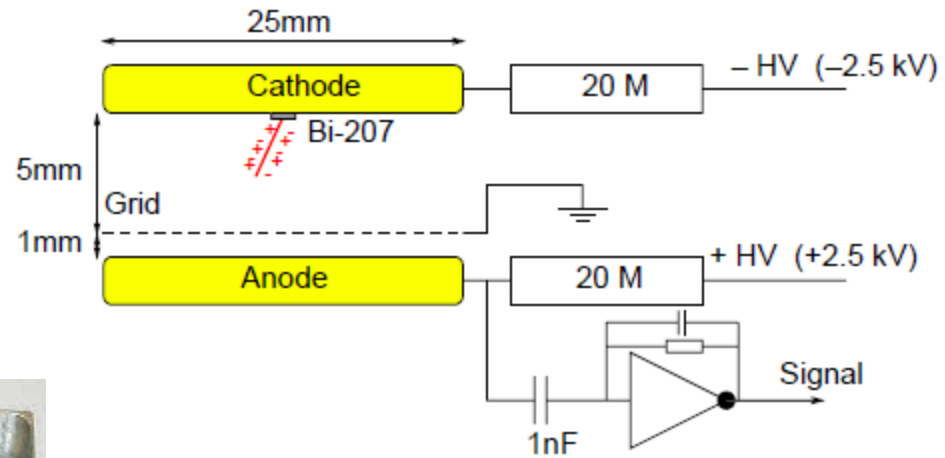
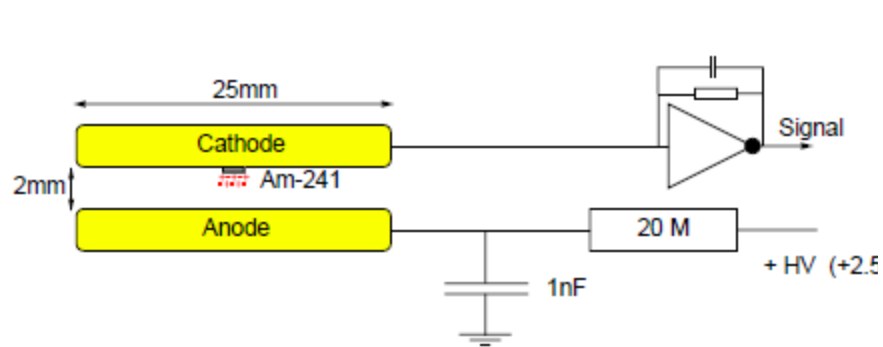


Fig. 2. Electronic microscope picture of the spherical platinum cathode with the ²¹⁰Pb deposited on the surface. The scale is shown in the lower-bottom corner.





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- Dynamic range
 - 100ppb
 - 10ppb
 - 1ppb
- Electron source
 - Radioactive source
 - Combination of alpha and beta sources
 - Cosmic ray
 - Light source (laser or Xe light) + photocathode
 - GaAs
 - Gold
 - Aluminium
- Cryostat
 - Separate cryostat
 - Monitor in the detector cryostat