

# Reaction Experiments with Exotic Beams

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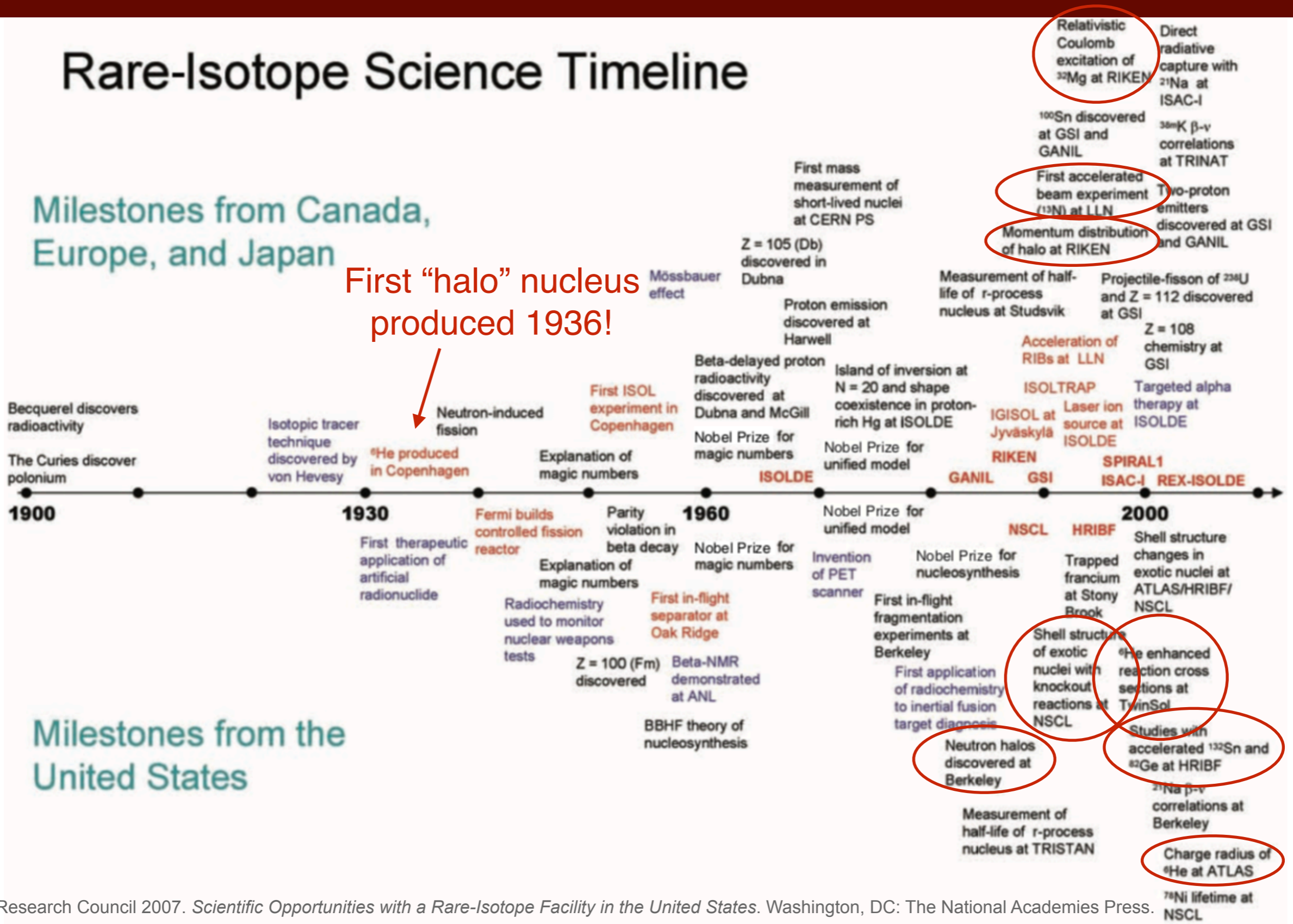
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# Outline of these lectures

- few basics of reaction experiments
- different reaction types
- production of exotic beams for reaction experiments
- some experimental considerations
- **example reaction experiments with exotic beams**

# Some Reaction Milestones (NAS report 2007)



National Research Council 2007. *Scientific Opportunities with a Rare-Isotope Facility in the United States*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

# Example: $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ : one reaction, many methods!

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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## Investigation of the $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ reaction using $^{13}\text{N}$ radioactive ion beams

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## Determination of the astrophysical $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ cross section through the Coulomb dissociation method

PHYSICAL REVIEW C **69**, 055807 (2004)

## Determination of the direct capture contribution for $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ from the $^{14}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{N} + p$ asymptotic normalization coefficient

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Physics Letters B 650 (2007) 129–134

[www.elsevier.com/locate/physletb](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/physletb)

## Single-particle resonance levels in $^{14}\text{O}$ examined by $^{13}\text{N} + p$ elastic resonance scattering

PHYSICAL REVIEW C **74**, 035801 (2006)

## $^{13}\text{N}(d,n)^{14}\text{O}$ reaction and the astrophysical $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ reaction rate

1: Direct measurement with intense  $^{13}\text{N}$  beam

2: Coulomb dissociation of  $^{14}\text{O}$  beam

3: Heavy ion proton transfer using  $^{14}\text{N}(^{13}\text{N},^{14}\text{O})^{13}\text{C}$

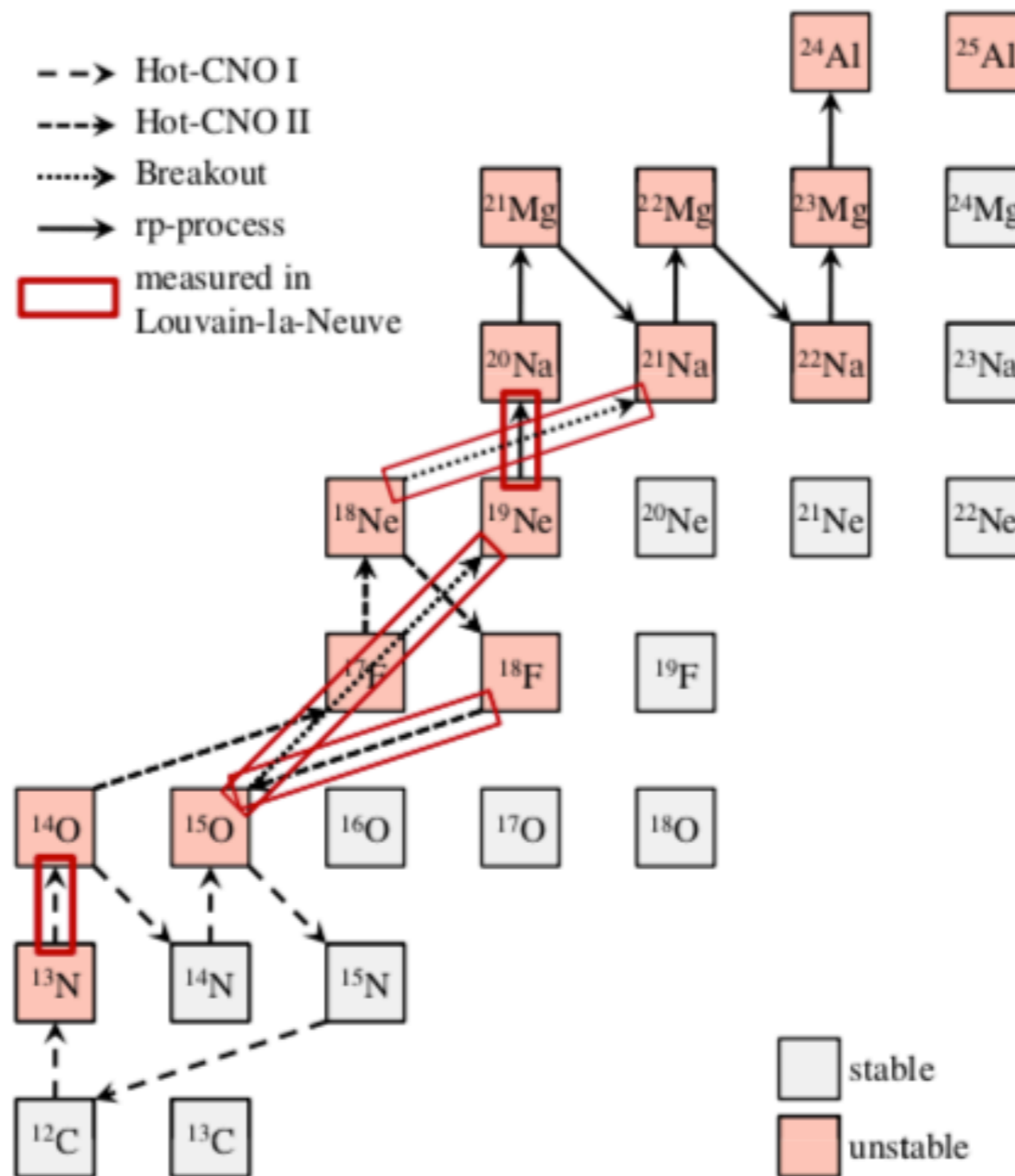
4: Thick target resonance scattering of  $^{13}\text{N}$

5: Transfer reaction  $^{13}\text{N}(d,n)^{14}\text{O}$  in inverse kinematics

# Physics motivation: $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$ in stellar environment

J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. **38** (2011) 024001

M Huyse and R Raabe



**Figure 2.** Portion of the chart of nuclei, with indication of the paths of the hot-CNO cycle (Hot-CNO I) and very-hot-CNO cycle (Hot-CNO II), with the possible escape routes. The reactions studied in Louvain-la-Neuve are highlighted.

# 1: Not only direct measurement of $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$

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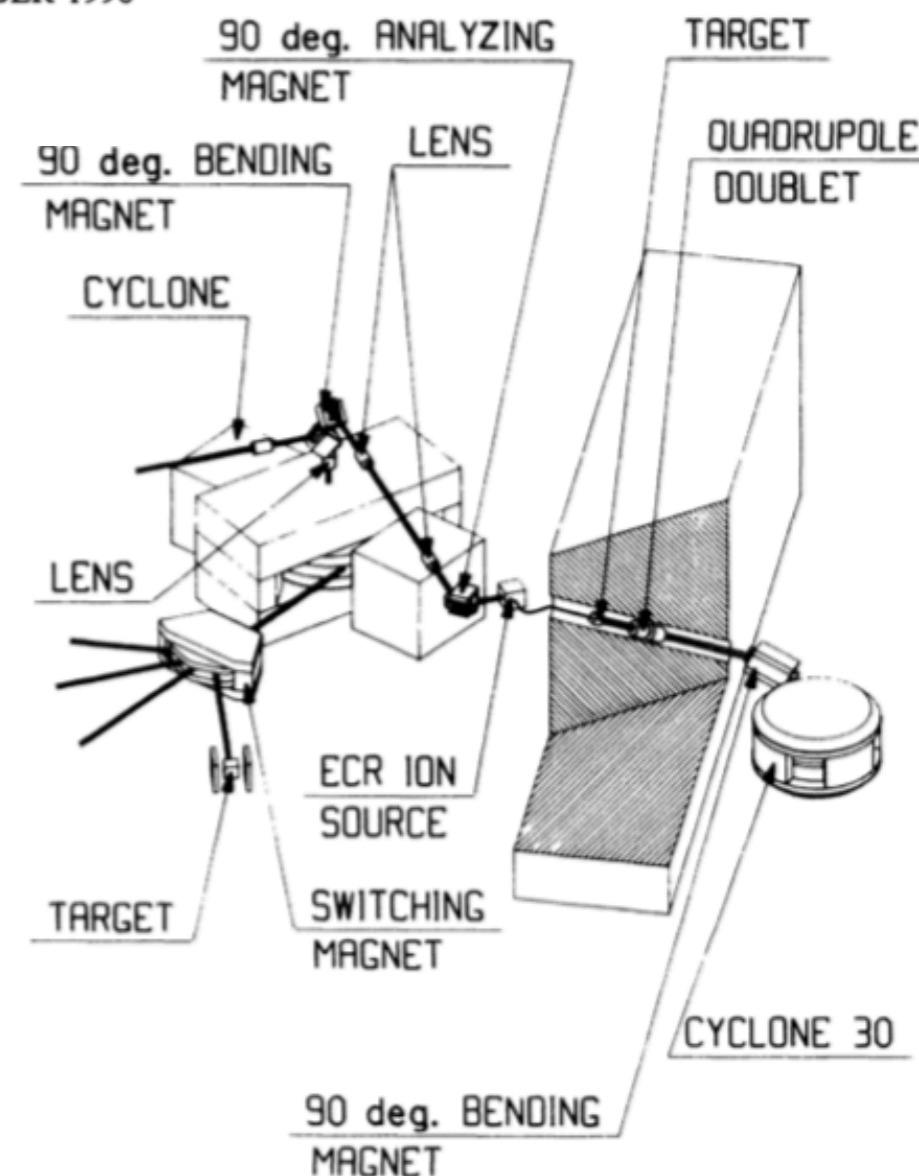
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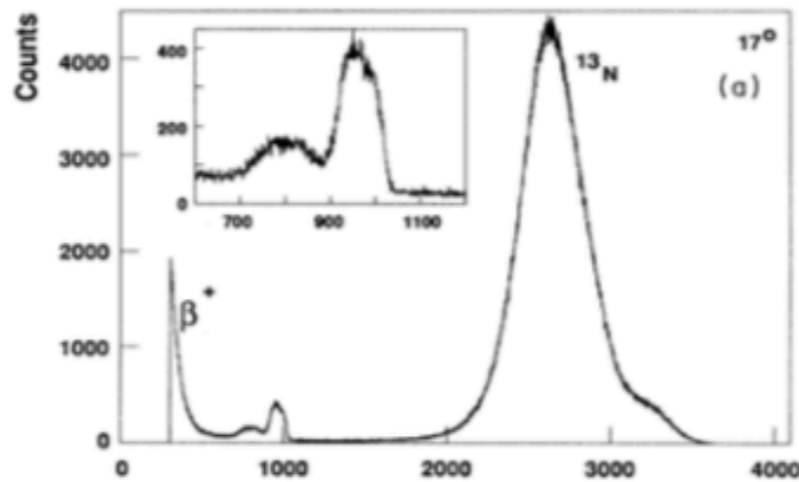
### Production of intense radioactive ion beams using two accelerators

An intense beam ( $1.5 \times 10^8$  particles/sec) of radioactive  $^{13}\text{N}^{1+}$  ions (half-life:  $T_{1/2} = 10$  min) has been produced and accelerated to 0.65 MeV/nucleon, by coupling two cyclotrons with an electron cyclotron resonance ion source. **This is the first time a short-lived radioactive ion beam has been produced by this method, at such an energy and with such a high intensity, a result which opens up a wide field in many applications.** The first experiment along these lines will be the measurement of the cross section for the nuclear reaction  $^1\text{H}(^{13}\text{N},\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$  which is the crucial reaction for the operation of the so-called hot CNO cycle in nuclear astrophysics.

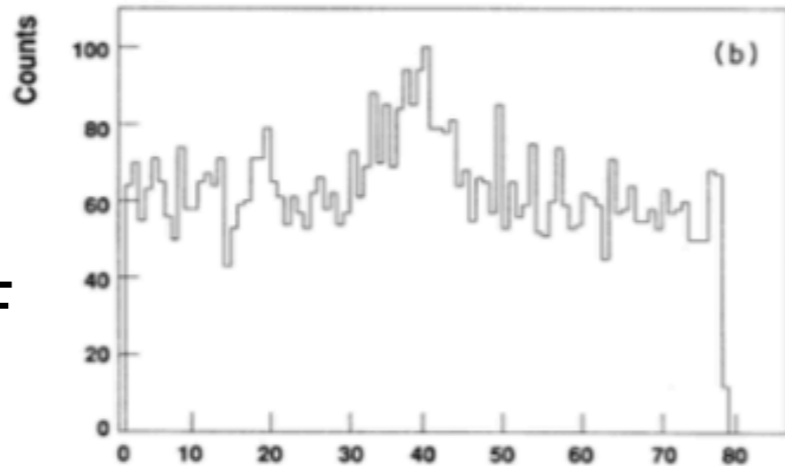


# 1: Direct measurement of $^{13}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{O}$

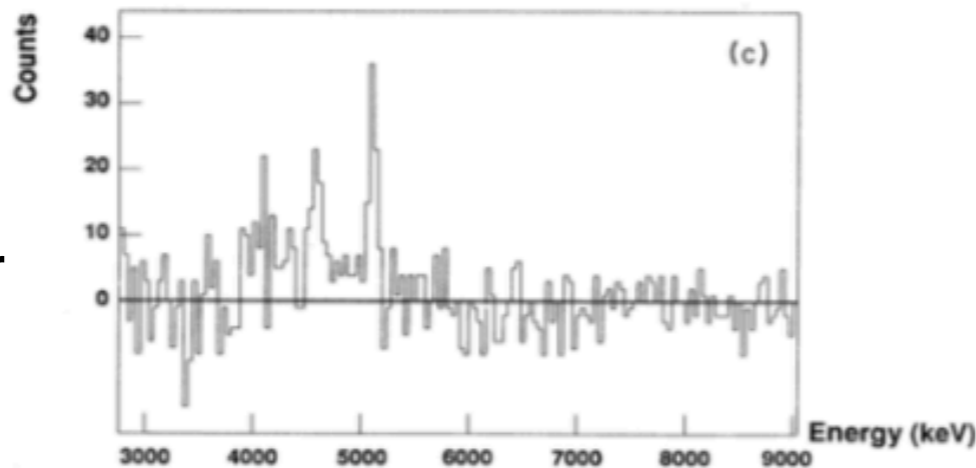
Si detector monitor  
 $17^\circ$  to beam



Time difference between Ge-det and cyclotron RF

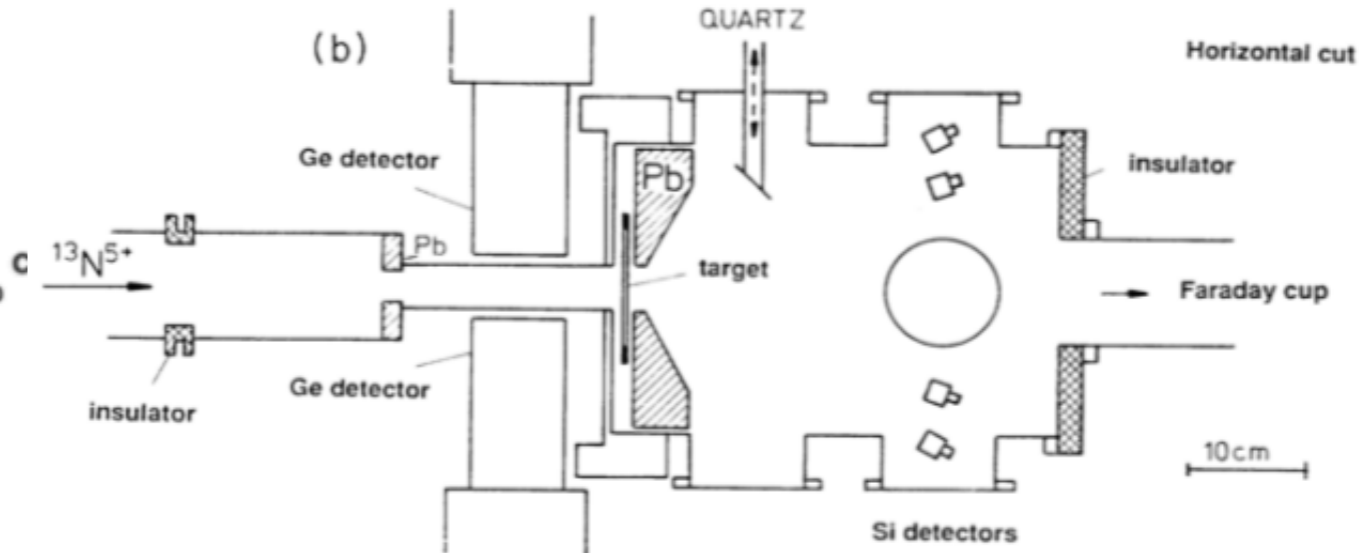


$\gamma$ -measurement with Ge detector  
 $129^\circ$  to beam



$5.173 : ^{14}\text{O}(1_1^- \rightarrow g.s.)$

$^{13}\text{N}$ :  $2 \cdot 10^8$  pps, impurities  $< 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$   
 Target:  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$ , 180(18)  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

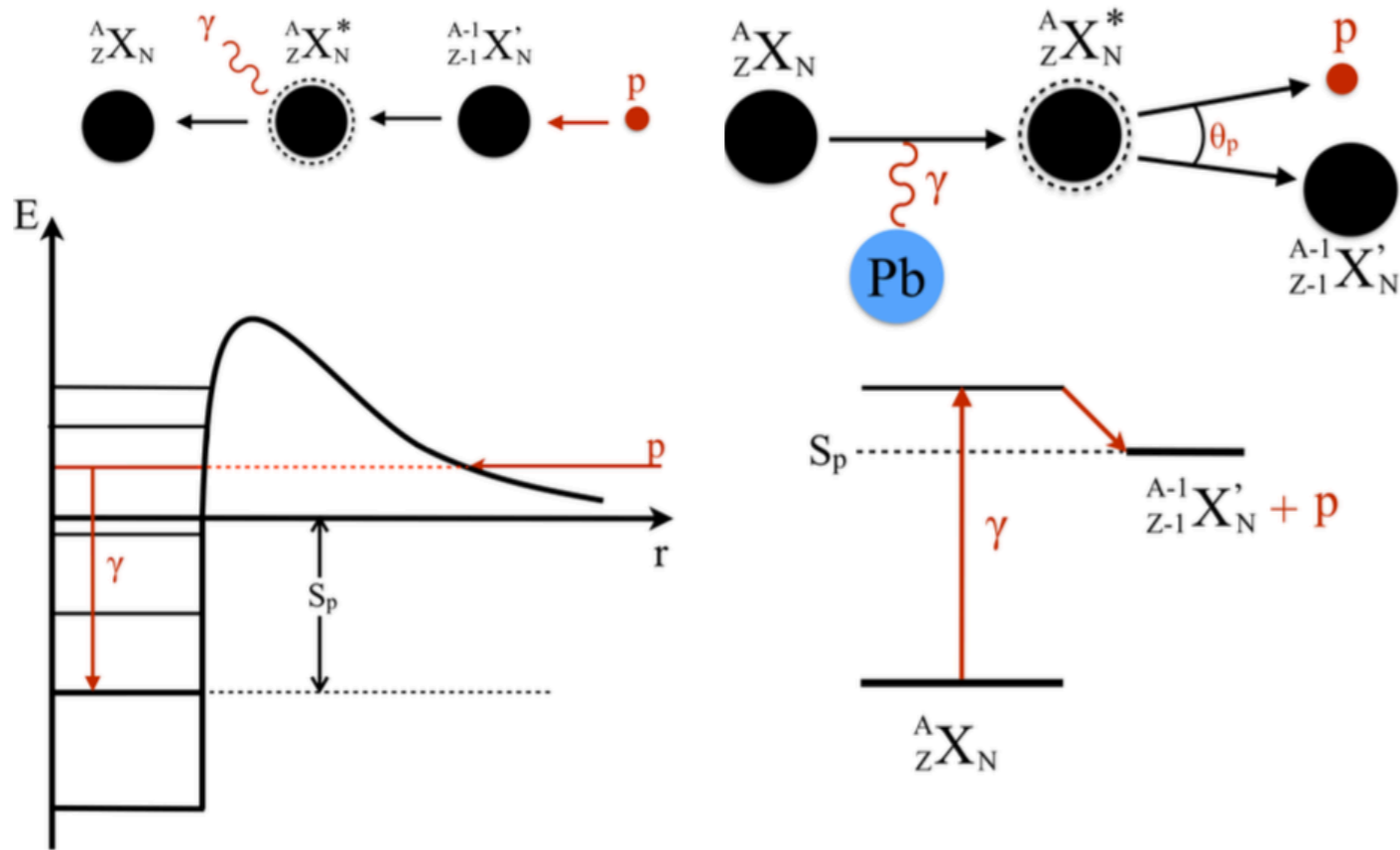


$\sigma = 106 \pm 22(\text{stat}) \pm 20(\text{syst}) \mu\text{b}$   
 energy averaged over 5.8-8.2 MeV (lab),  
 0.414-0.586 MeV (cms)

$\Gamma_\gamma$ (eV)	Reference
3.8(1.2)	Present
2.44	5
1.9	6
1.2	7
1-10	8
4.1	9
2.7(1.3)	10
$\leq 7.6(3.8)$	11
$1.4(7)\sigma_{n_1}/\sigma_{n_2}$	12

PRL67, 808 (1991), PRC48, 3088 (1993)

# 2: Coulomb dissociation



From relativistic kinematics  
Invariant mass:

$$M = \sqrt{(m_p c^2)^2 + (m_c c^2)^2 + 2W_p W_c \left(1 - \frac{v_p v_c}{c^2} \cos \theta_{pc}\right)}$$

$$W_i = m_i c^2 + E_i$$

Relative angle between p and core

Relative energy of p and core

$$E_{rel} = M - (M_c + M_p) \approx E_p (\theta_p^{max})^2$$

Max opening angles for given relative energy

$$\sin \Delta \theta_b^{max} \approx \sqrt{(m_c / m_b) E_{bc} / E_0^{lab}}$$

$$\sin \Delta \theta_c^{max} \approx \sqrt{(m_b / m_c) E_{bc} / E_0^{lab}}$$

Detailed balance theorem:

$$\sigma(b + c \rightarrow a + \gamma) = \frac{(2j_a + 1)2}{(2j_b + 1)(2j_c + 1)} \frac{k_\gamma^2}{k^2} \sigma(a + \gamma \rightarrow b + c)$$

Double differential cross section for  $E\lambda$ :

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Omega dE_\gamma} = \left(\frac{Z_T e}{\hbar v}\right)^2 a^{-2\lambda+2} \frac{df_{E\lambda}(\theta, \xi)}{d\Omega} B(E\lambda, I_i \rightarrow I_f) \rho_f(E_\gamma)$$

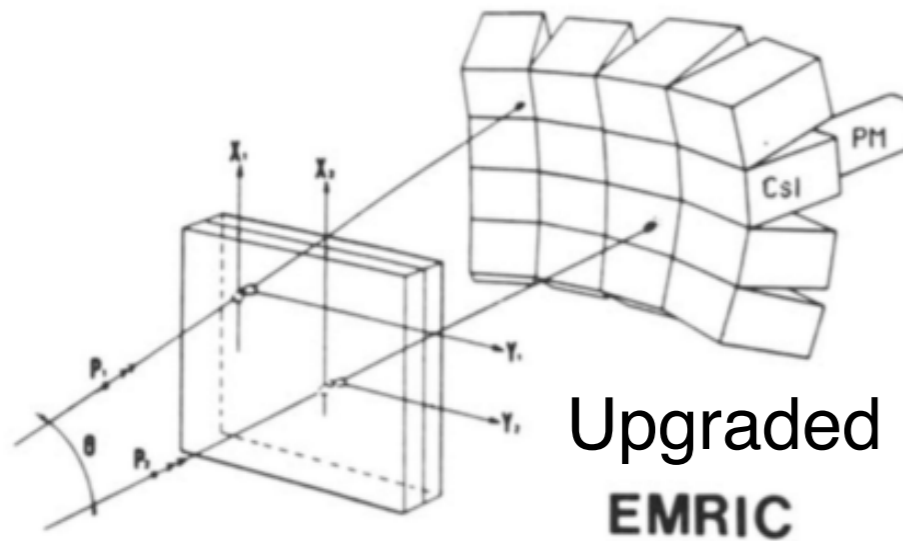
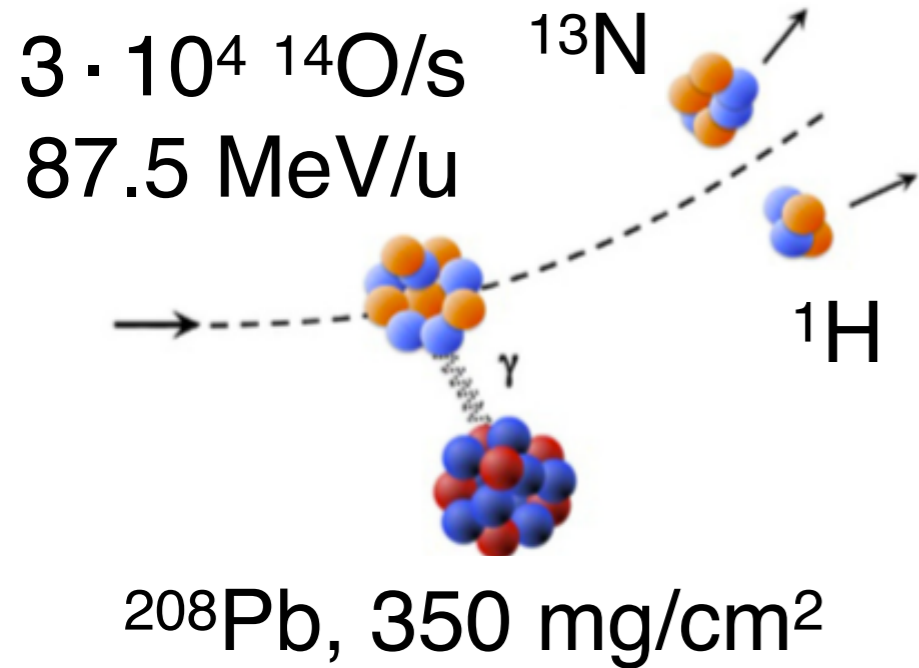
Baur et al. NPA458, 188 (1986)

4. Conditions of experimental investigations

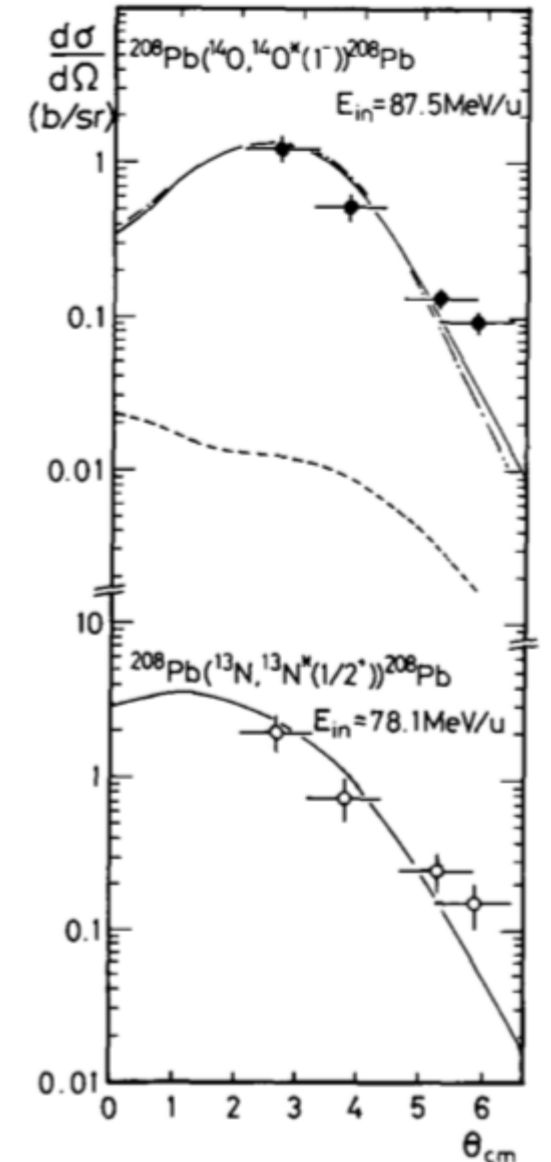
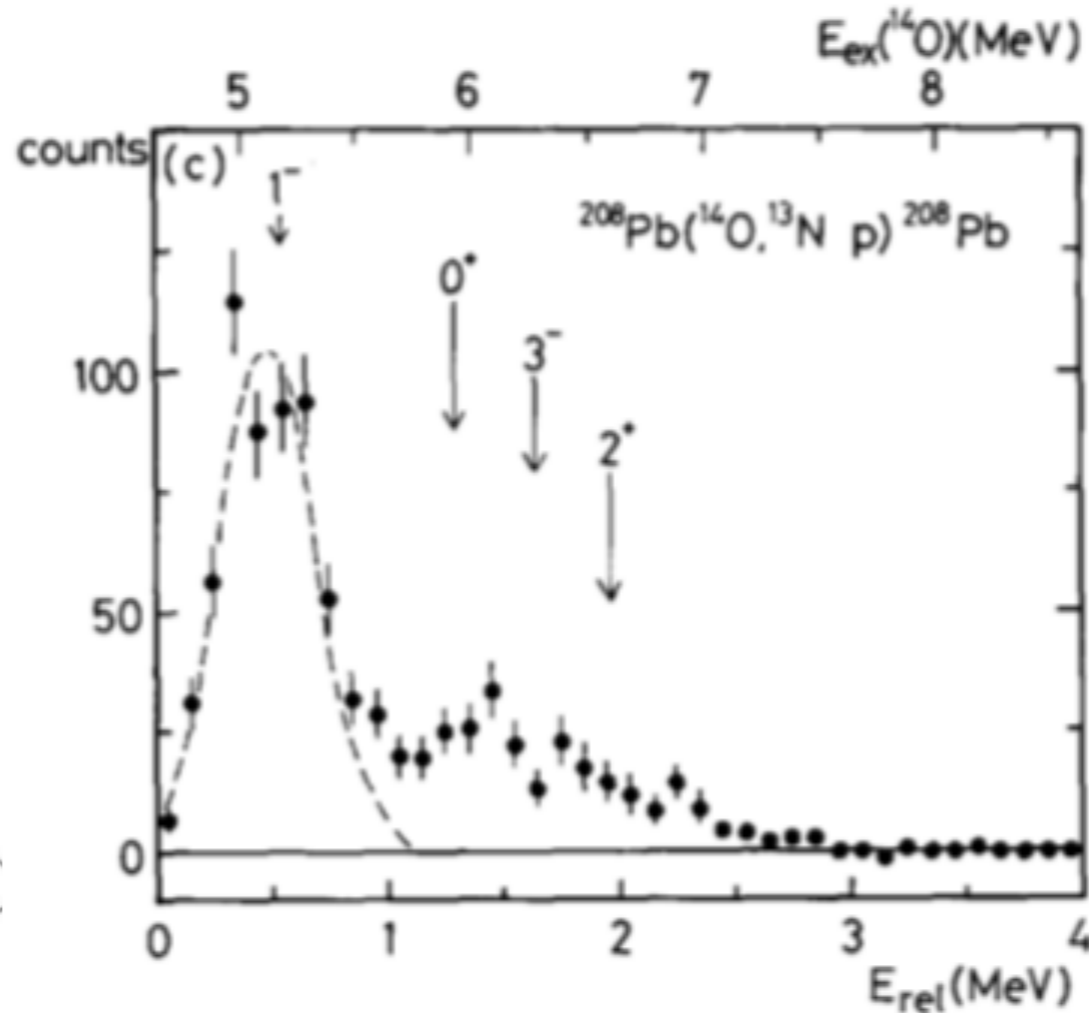


# 2: Coulomb dissociation of $^{14}\text{O}$

Motobayashi et al. PLB264, 259 (1991)

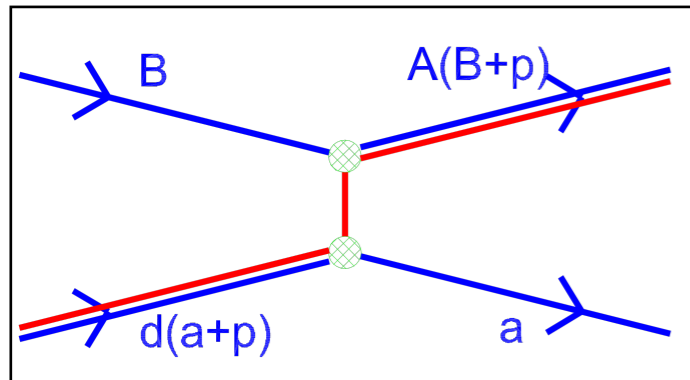


5x5 Si-CsI dE-E telescope  
 + plastic hodoscopes



Coupled channel analysis with OMP from  
 $^{17}\text{O}+^{208}\text{Pb}$  at  $84 \text{ MeV}/u$  ...  
 ...  $\rightarrow \Gamma_{\gamma} = 3.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ eV}$

# 3: Asymptotic Normalization Coefficient (ANC)



Radial overlap function  $I_{bxla_ja}^a(r_{bx}) = S_{bxla_ja}^{1/2} \Phi_{n_a l_a j_a}(r_{bx})$  **ANC**

For peripheral process, overlap asymptotic:  $I_{bxla_ja}^a(r_{bx}) \xrightarrow{r_{bx} > R_N} C_{bxla_ja}^a \frac{W_{-\eta_a, l_a + 1/2}(2\kappa_{bx} r_{bx})}{r_{bx}}$

Single particle bound state wave function:  $\Phi_{n_a l_a j_a}(r_{bx}) \xrightarrow{r_{bx} > R_N} b_{bxla_ja} \frac{W_{-\eta_a, l_a + 1/2}(2\kappa_{bx} r_{bx})}{r_{bx}}$  **s.p. ANC**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sum_{j_a j_B} S_{bxla_ja} S_{Axl_B j_B} \sigma_{l_a j_a l_B j_B}^{DWBA} \quad \& \quad S_{bxla_ja} = \frac{(C_{bxla_ja}^a)^2}{(b_{bxla_ja})^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sum_{j_a j_B} (C_{bxla_ja}^a)^2 (C_{Axl_B j_B}^B)^2 \frac{\sigma_{l_a j_a l_B j_B}^{DWBA}}{(b_{bxla_ja})^2 (b_{Axl_B j_B})^2}$$

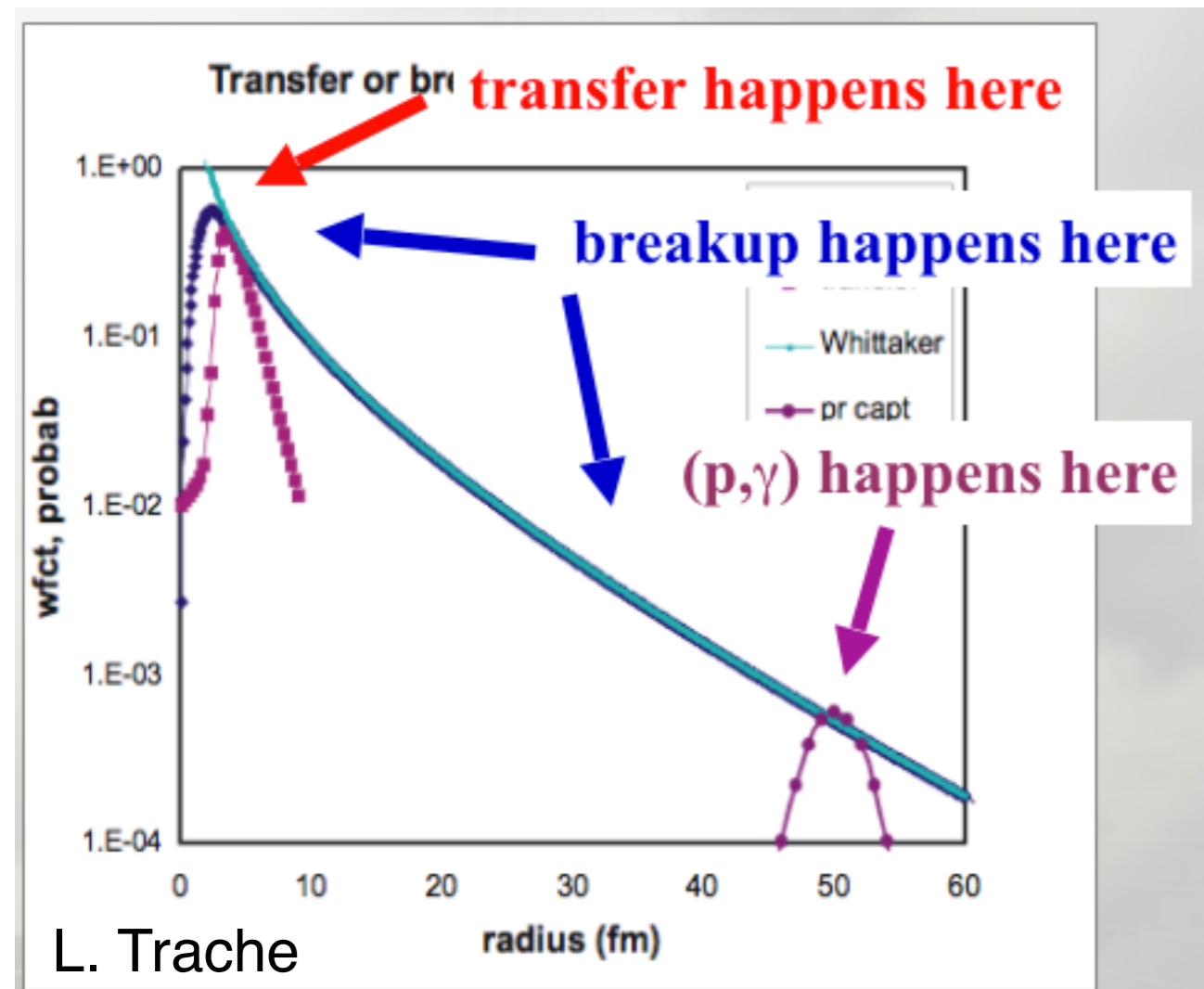
This is measured for the reaction of interest

These needed from other measurements

$$\sigma_{\text{exp}} = (C_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{O}})^2 \left[ \left( \frac{C_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{N}}}{b_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{O}} b_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{N}}} \right)^2 \sigma_{p_{1/2}, p_{1/2}}^{\text{DW}} + \left( \frac{C_{p_{3/2}}^{14\text{N}}}{b_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{O}} b_{p_{3/2}}^{14\text{N}}} \right)^2 \sigma_{p_{1/2}, p_{3/2}}^{\text{DW}} \right]$$

These from single particle model

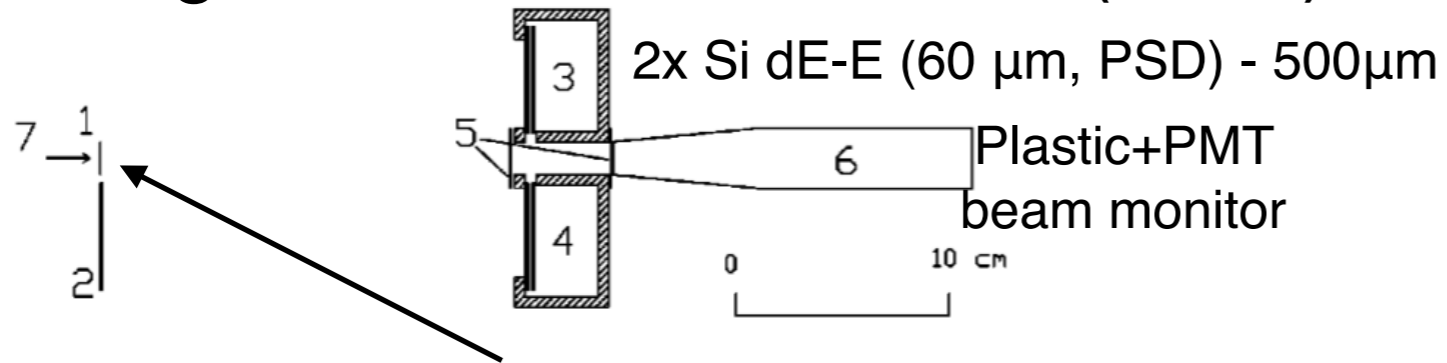
These from reaction code



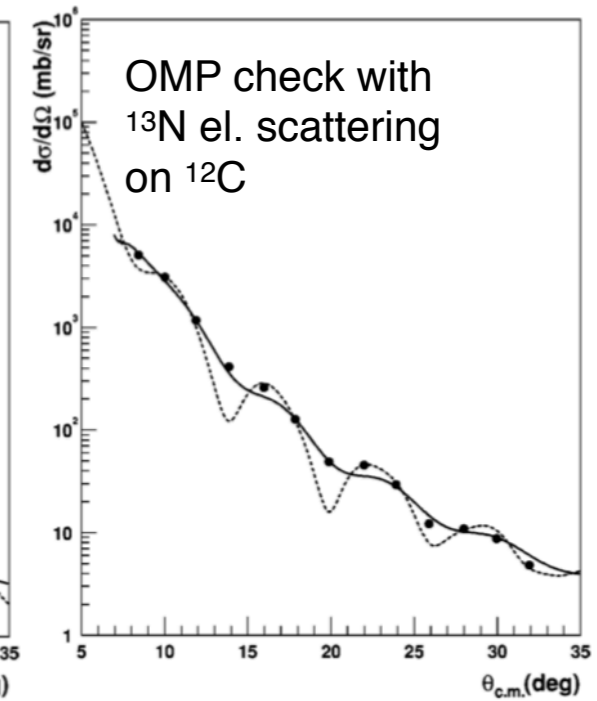
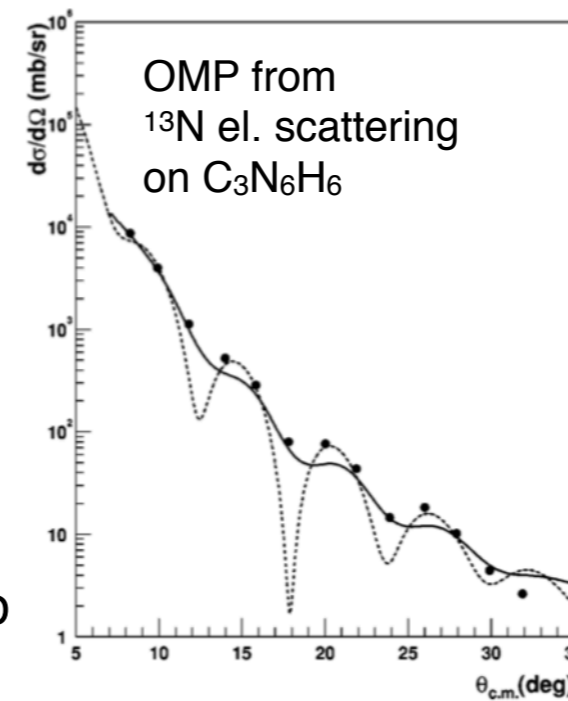
Recent review Tribble et al. Rep. Prog. Phys. 77, 106901 (2014)

# 3: Proton transfer using $^{14}\text{N}(^{13}\text{N}, ^{14}\text{O})^{13}\text{C}$

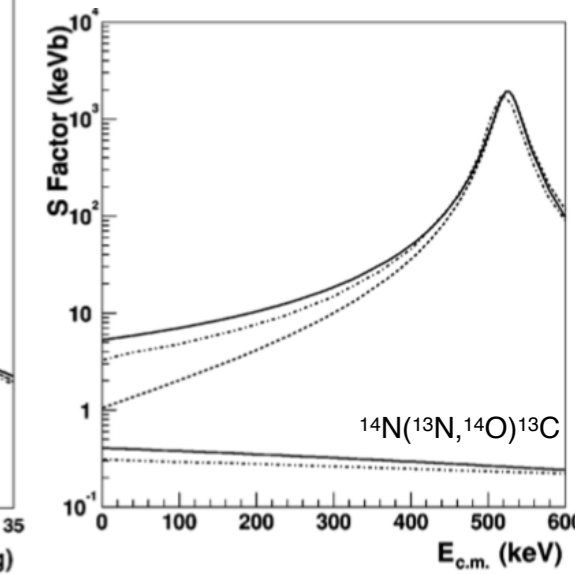
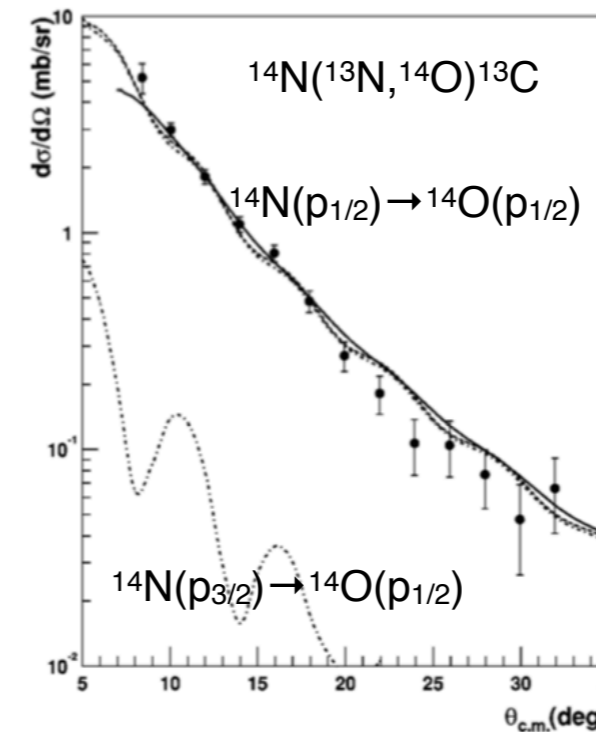
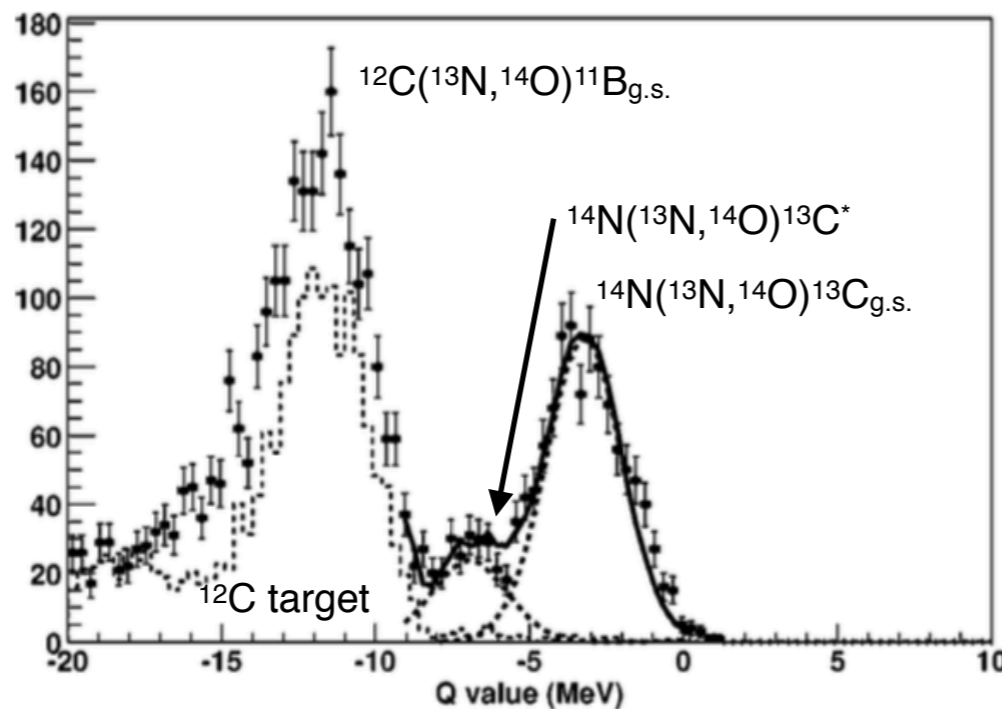
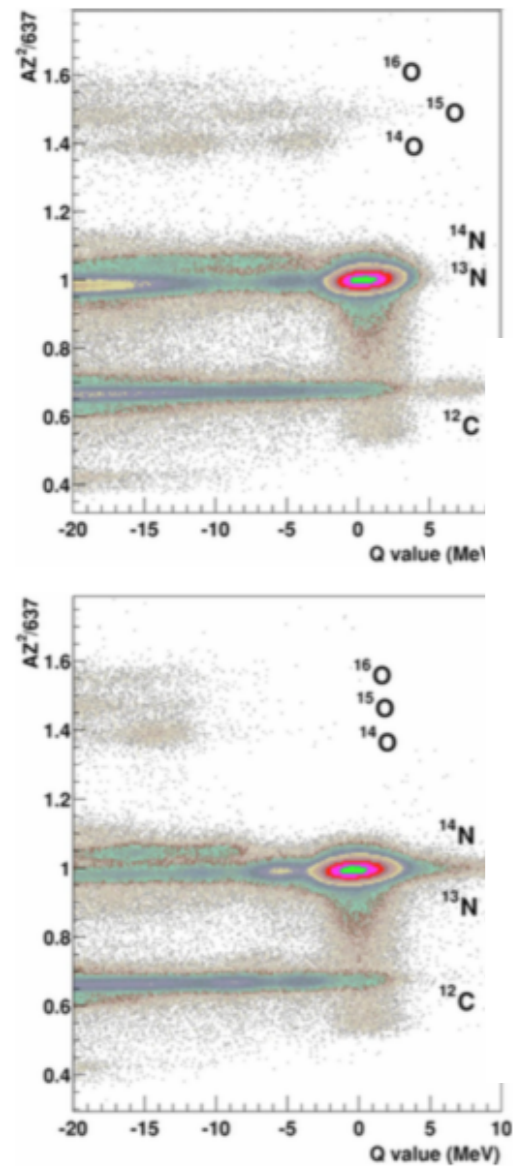
Tang et al. PRC69, 055807 (2004)



Target: 1.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> on  
20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  C and 20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  collodion  
Beam: 600kHz  $^{13}\text{N}$  at 11.8 MeV/u, >99% p

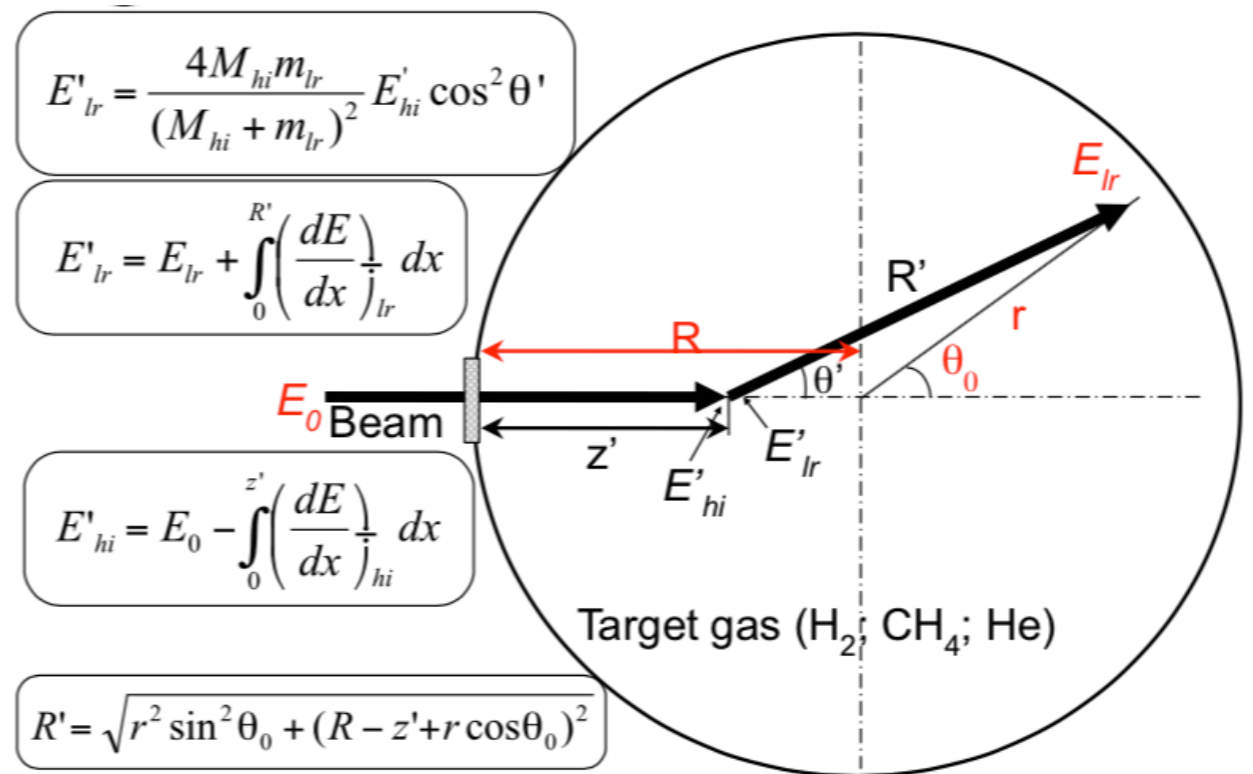
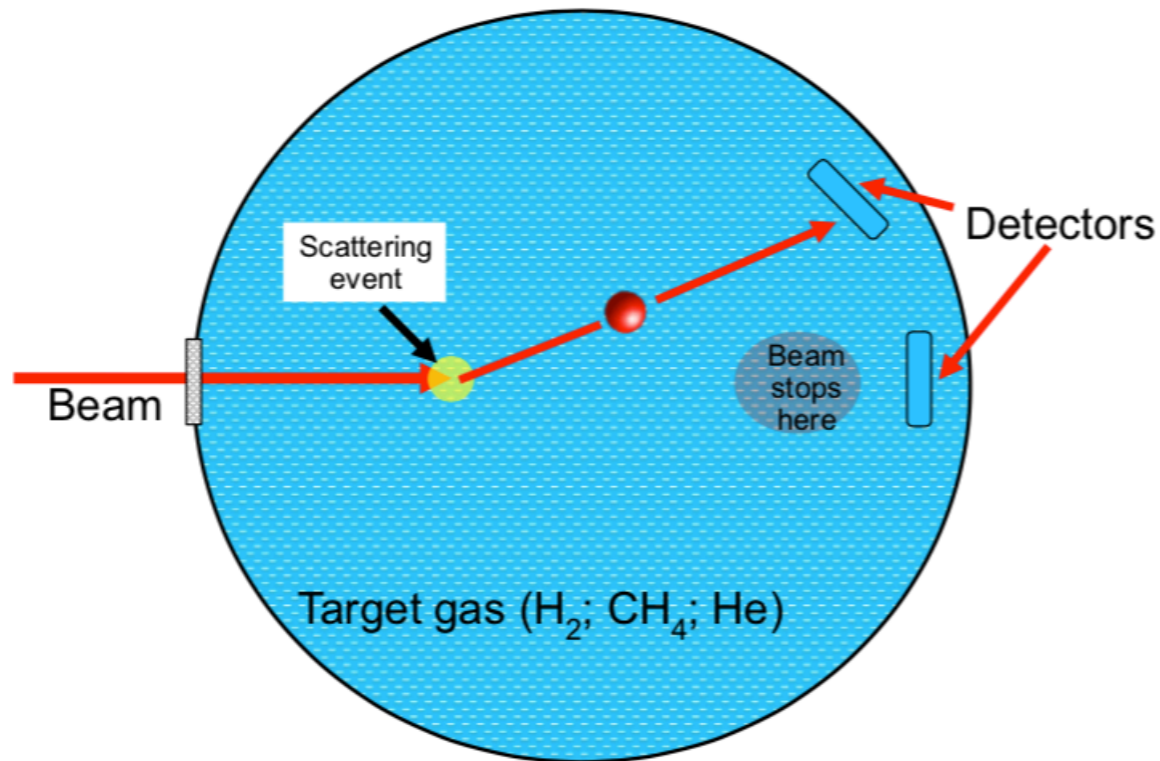


$$\sigma_{\text{exp}} = C_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{O}} \left[ \left( \frac{C_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{N}}}{b_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{O}} b_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{N}}} \right)^2 \sigma_{p_{1/2}p_{1/2}}^{\text{DW}} + \left( \frac{C_{p_{3/2}}^{14\text{N}}}{b_{p_{1/2}}^{14\text{O}} b_{p_{3/2}}^{14\text{N}}} \right)^2 \sigma_{p_{1/2}p_{3/2}}^{\text{DW}} \right]$$



Direct capture and total S-factor ~ 30% larger than before

# 4: Thick Target Inverse Kinematics (TTIK)



G. Rogachev / EBSS2013

*Typical excitation function measurement:*

Measure cross section, change energy, measure cross section, change energy, ...

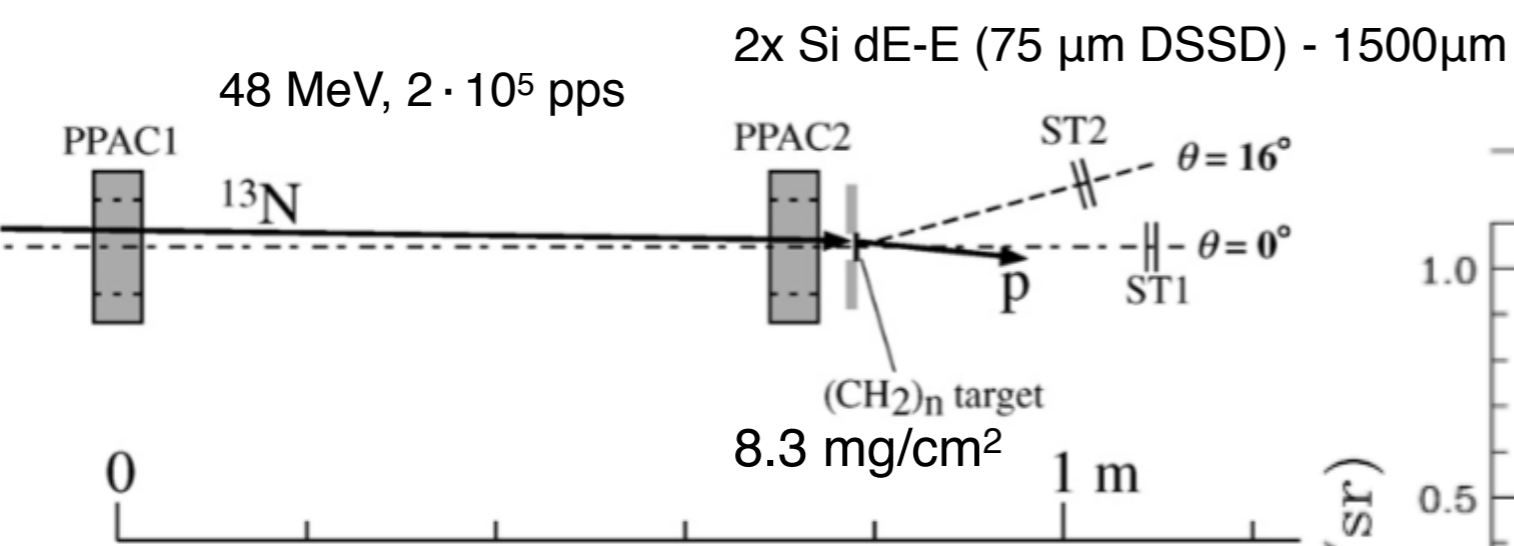
*Thick Target Inverse Kinematics (TTIK):*

Scattering on thick target (gas or solid) so that the beam stops within the target, but elastically scattered (180°) target nuclei go further away and are measured with detectors  
 → Measure whole excitation function from E<sub>beam</sub> downwards in one measurement!

Original idea: K.P. Artemov et al., Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 52, 408 (1990)

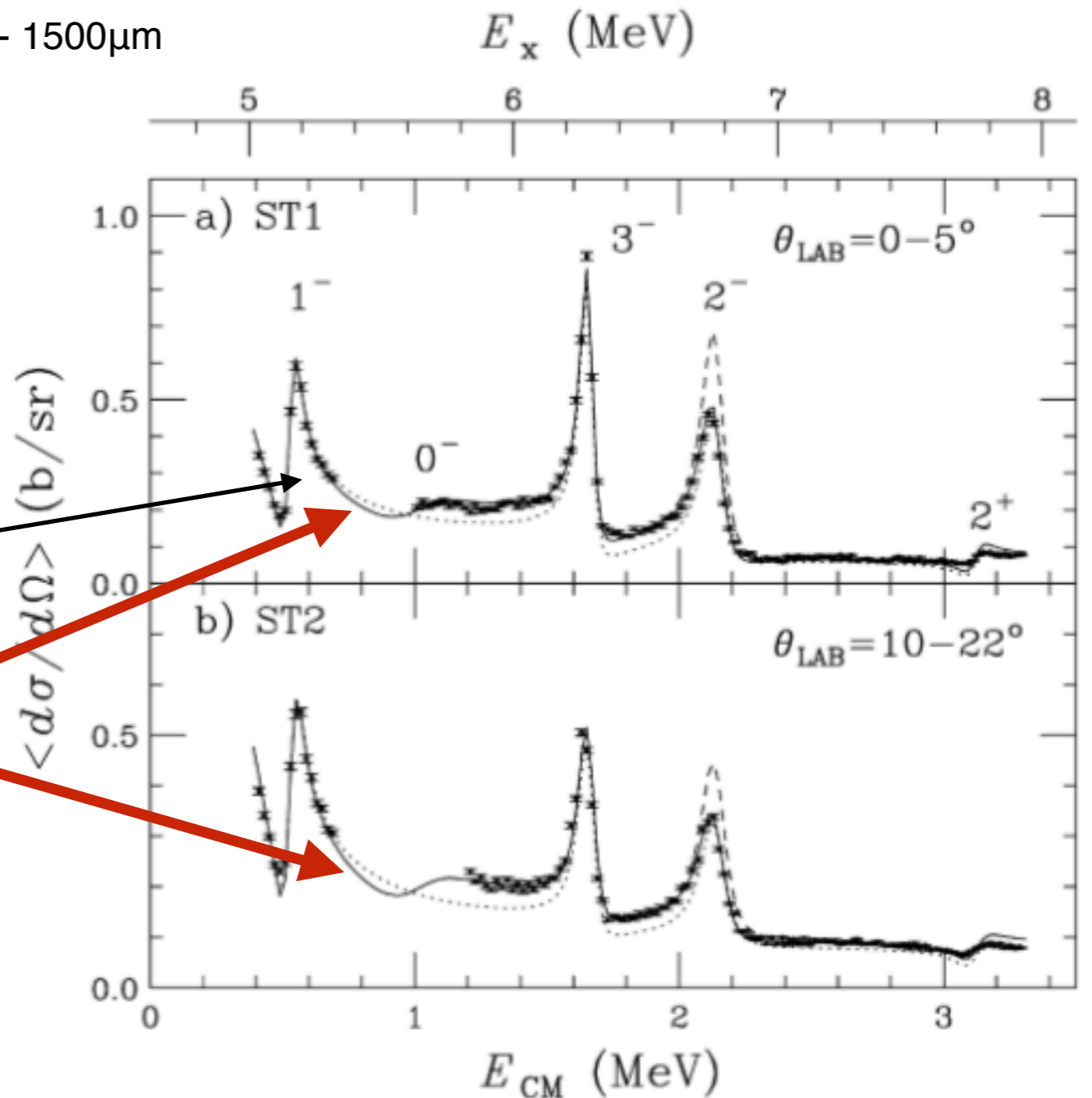
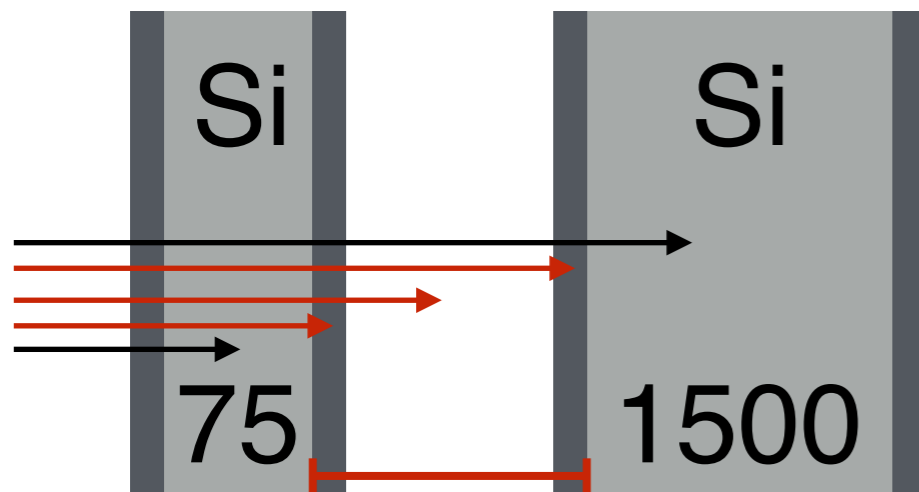
# 4: Resonant elastic scattering $^{13}\text{N}+p$

Teranishi et al. PLB650, 129 (2007)



$E_x = 5.159(10)$  MeV favors  $E_x \sim 5.155$  MeV  
than the group of  $E_x \sim 5.175$  MeV

Why this gap?

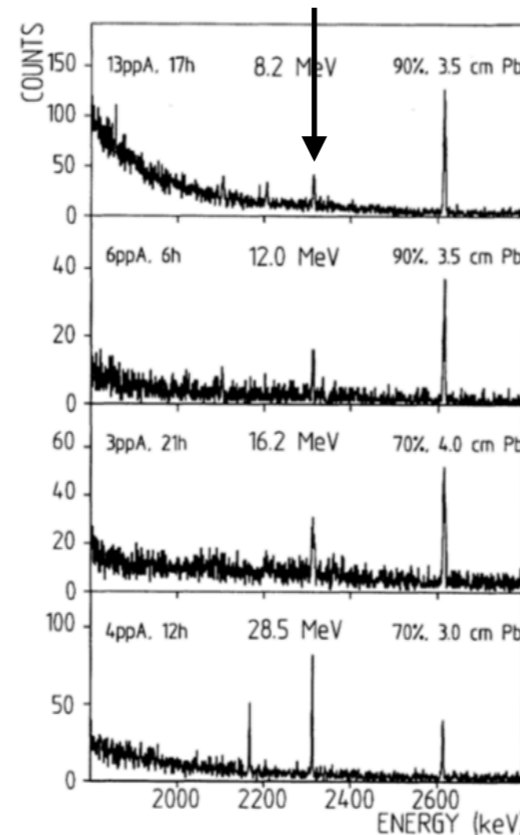
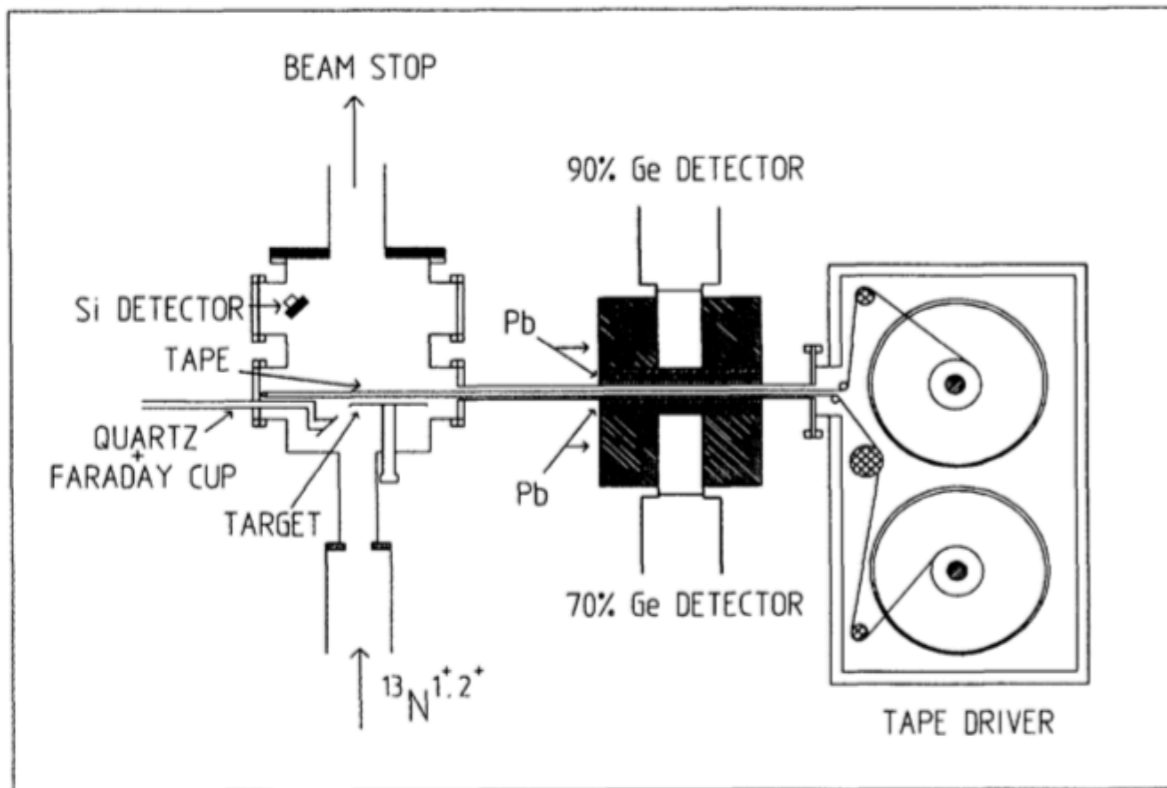


Full energy of these not detected!

# 5: $^{13}\text{N}(d,n)^{14}\text{O}$ in inverse kinematics

Decrock et al. PRC48, 2057 (1993)

$^{14}\text{O}(\beta^+)^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow 2.3 \text{ MeV } \gamma$  (b.r. 99.39%)

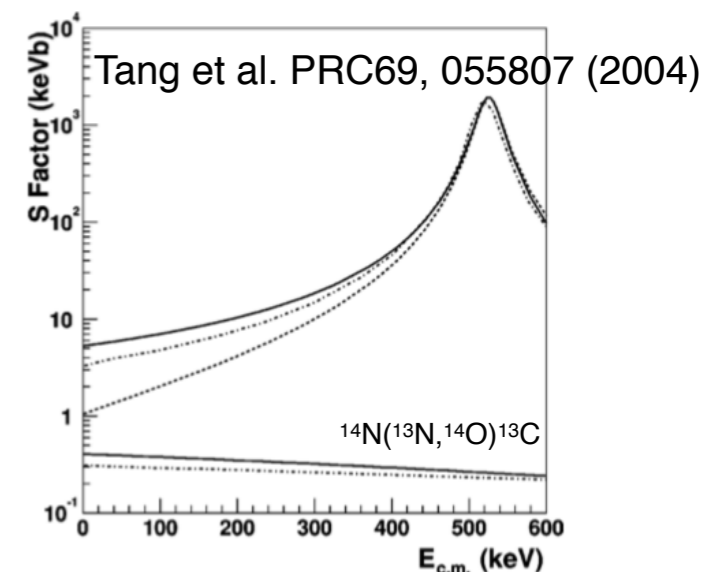
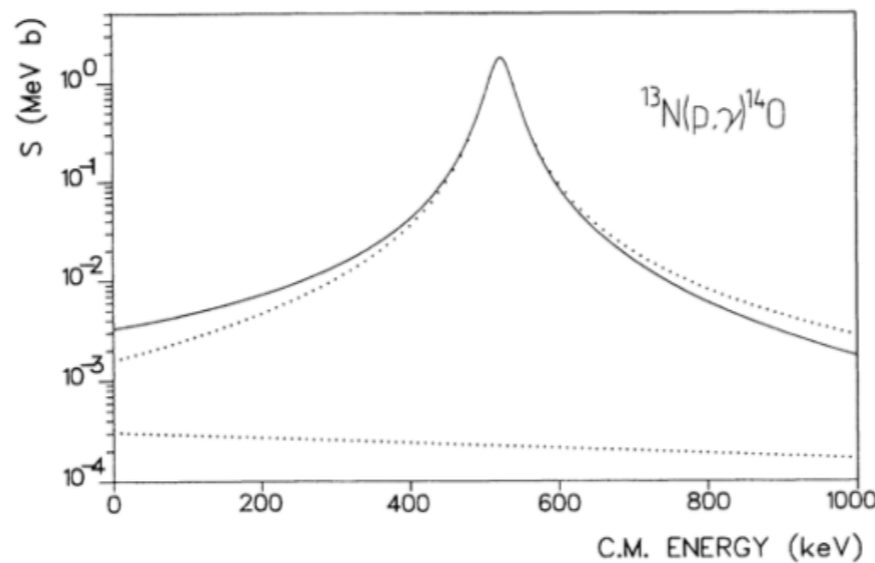
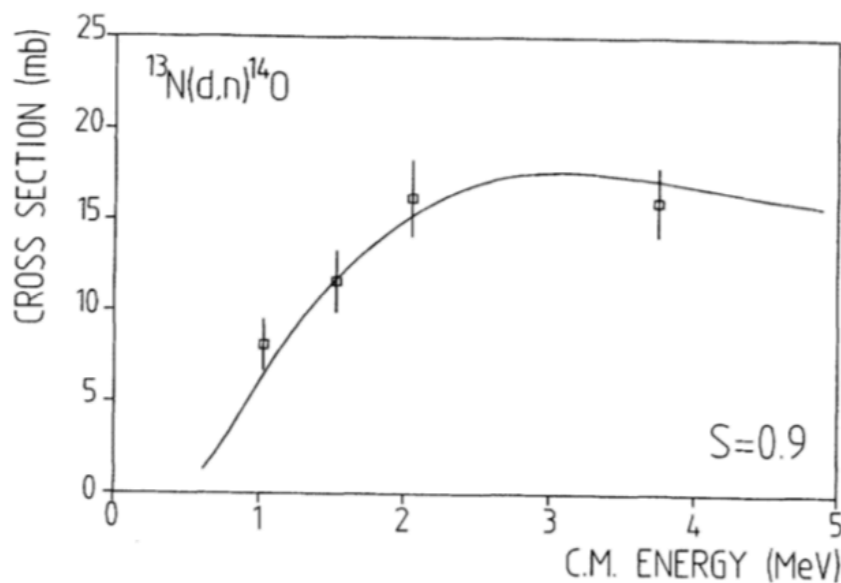


Two ways to determine  $\sigma$ :

$$\sigma = Y / (\eta \Delta X)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{I_\gamma}{I_{\text{deuteron}}} \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} \right]_{\text{lab}} d\omega$$

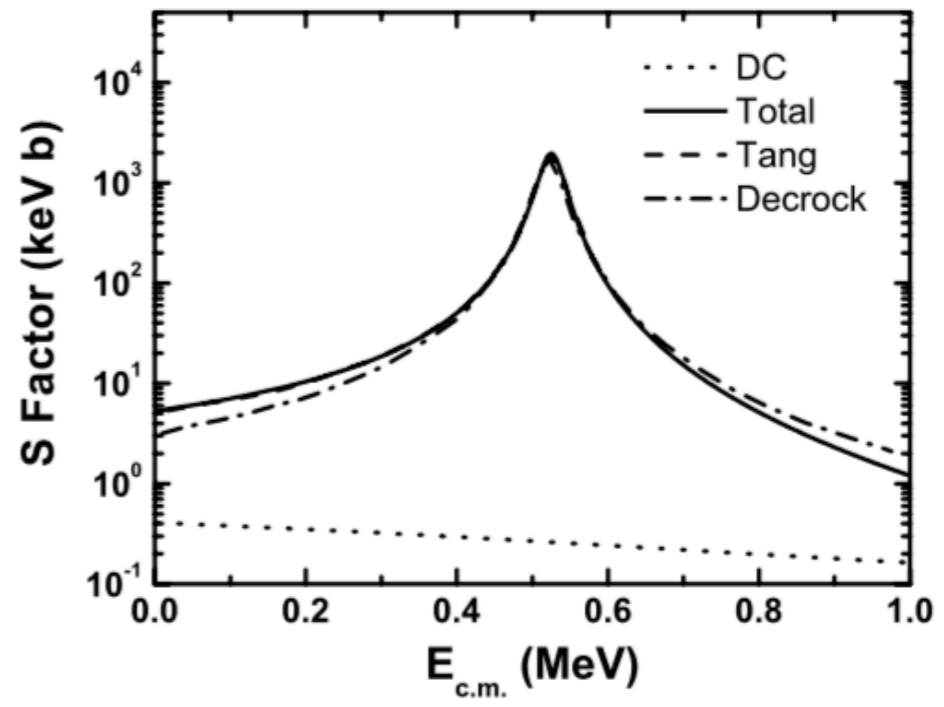
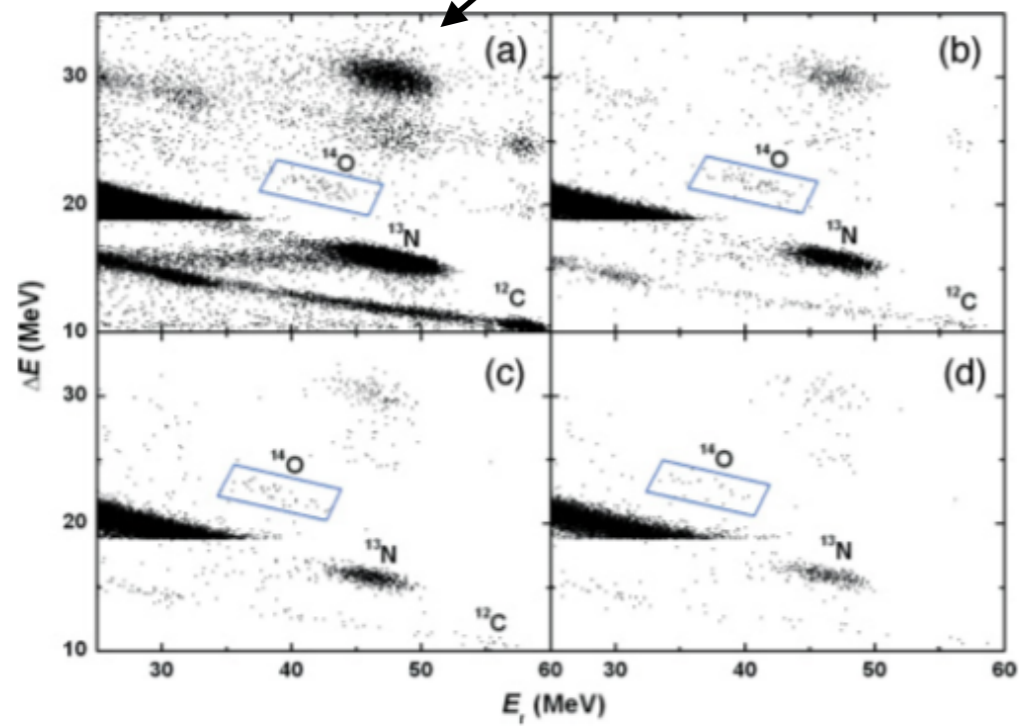
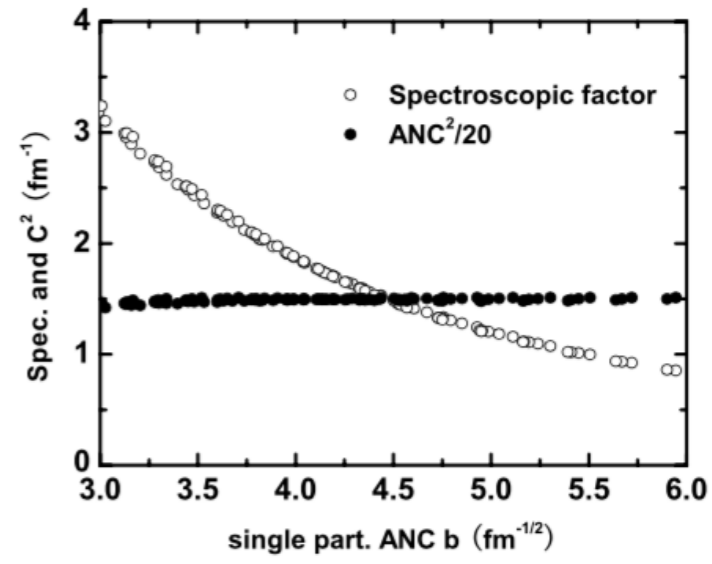
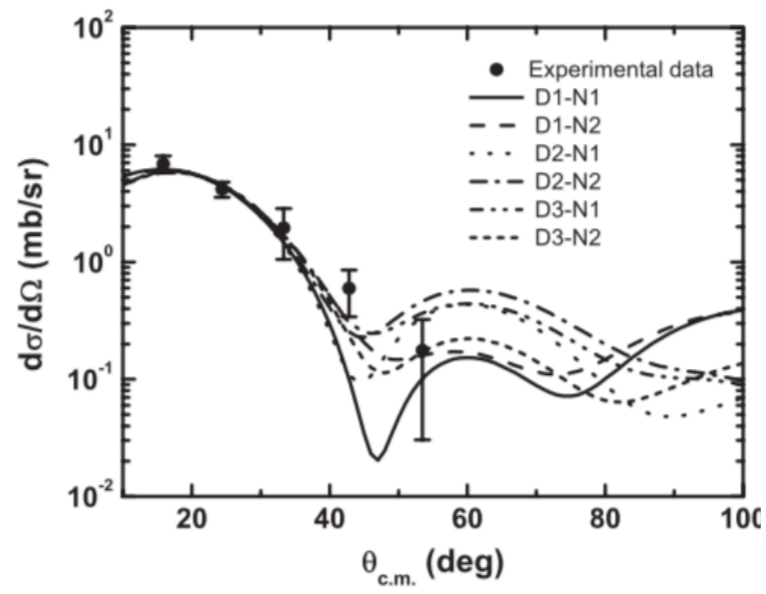
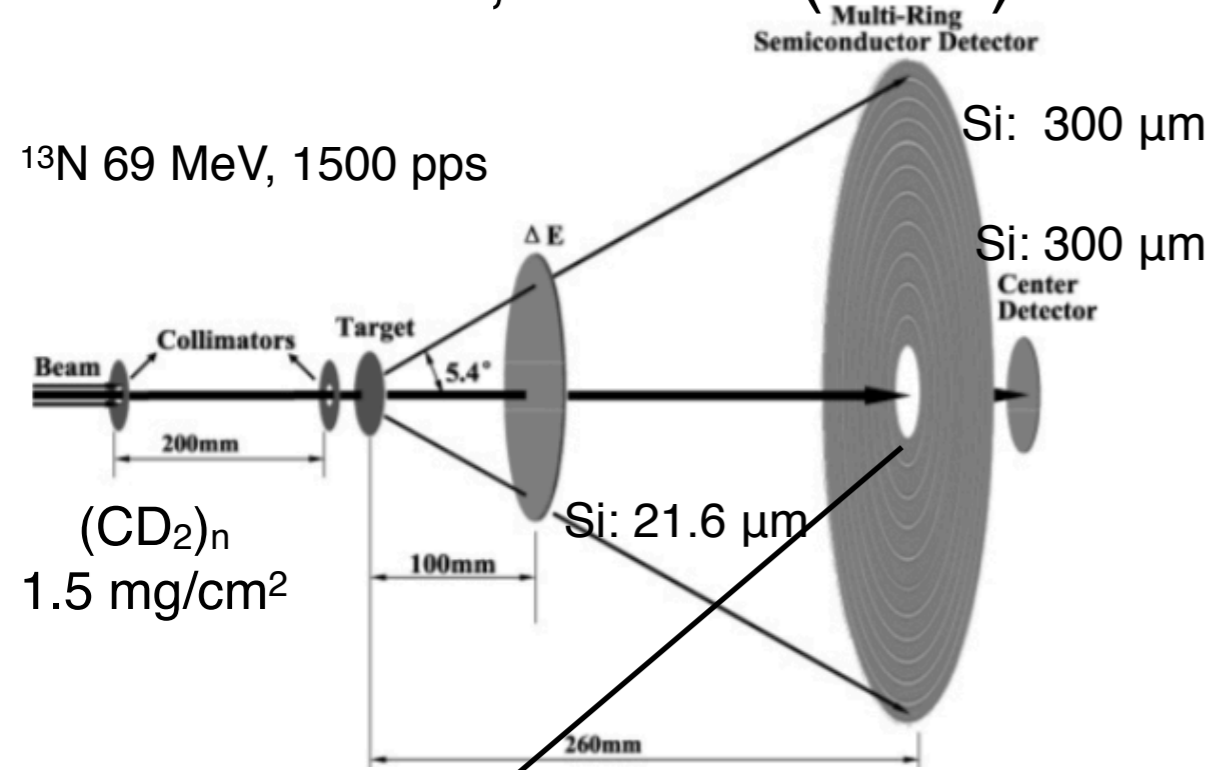
Various  $(\text{CD}_2)_n$  targets and  $^{13}\text{N}$  energies



Discrepancy for direct capture S-factor  $\sim 30\%$

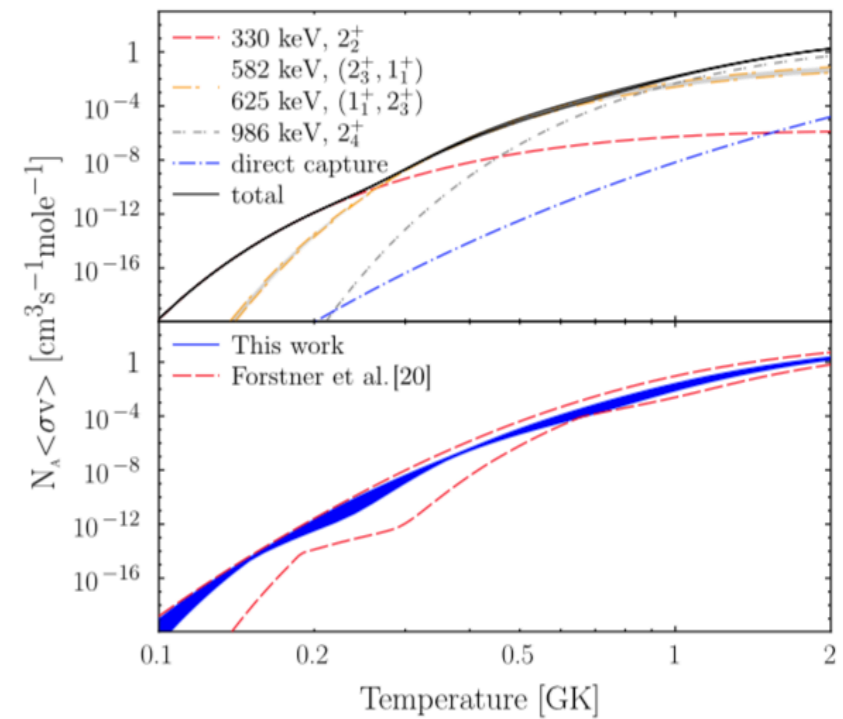
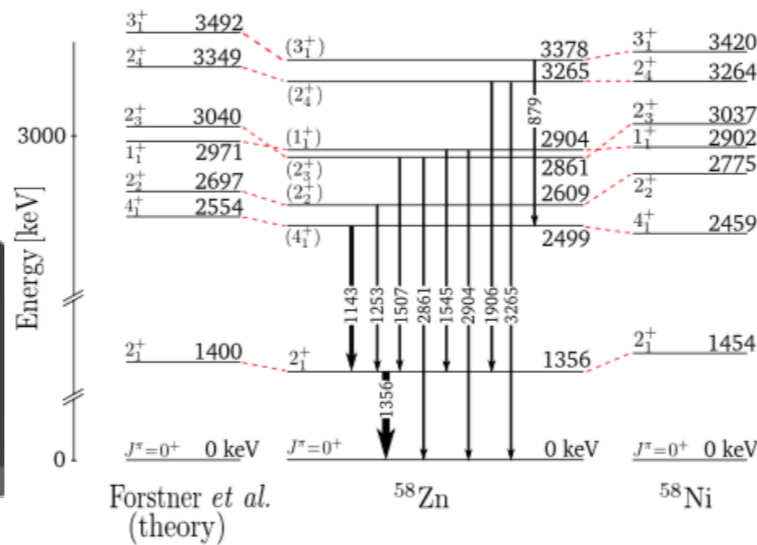
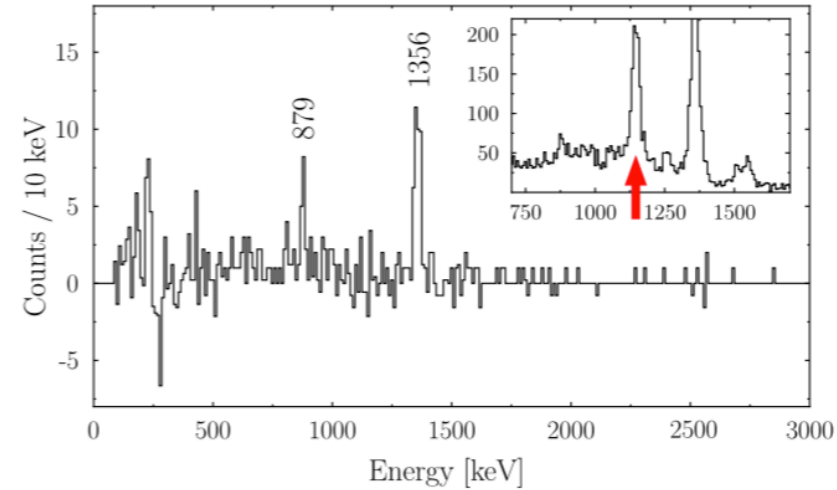
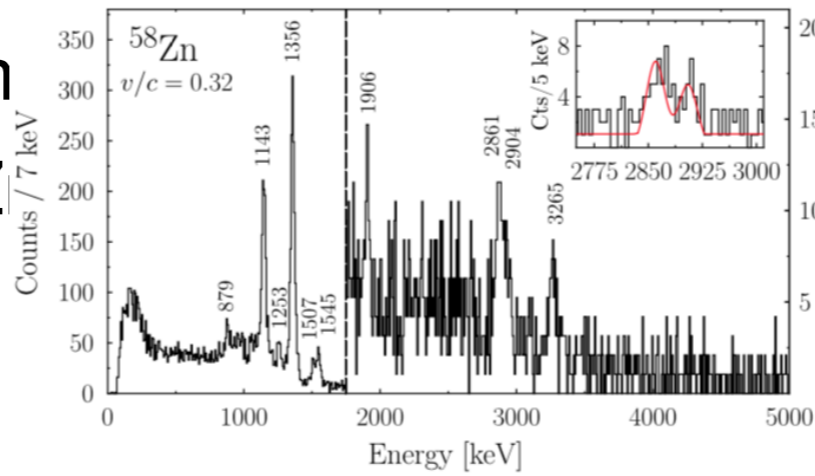
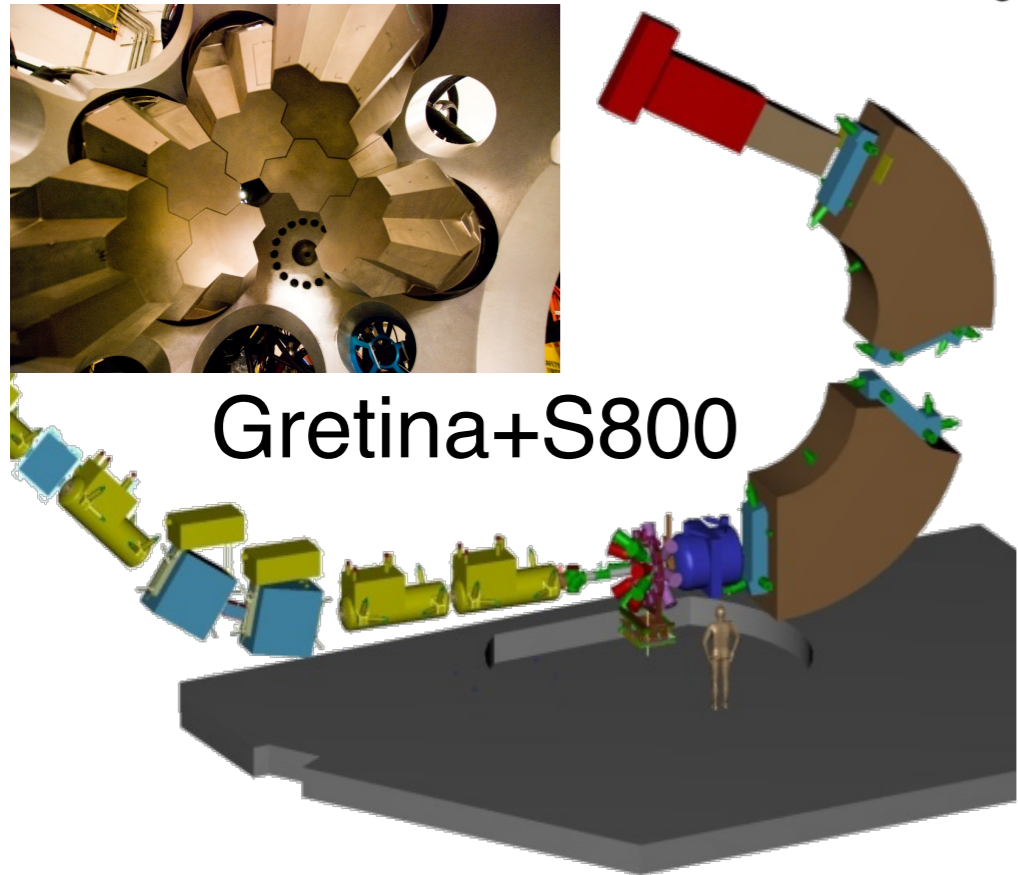
# 5: $^{13}\text{N}(d,n)^{14}\text{O}$ in inverse kinematics

Li et al. PRC74, 035801 (2006)



# A more modern (d,n) measurement: $d(^{57}\text{Cu}, ^{58}\text{Zn})n$

$^{57}\text{Cu}(d, n\gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$  in inverse kinematics  
 surrogate for  $^{57}\text{Cu}(p, \gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$

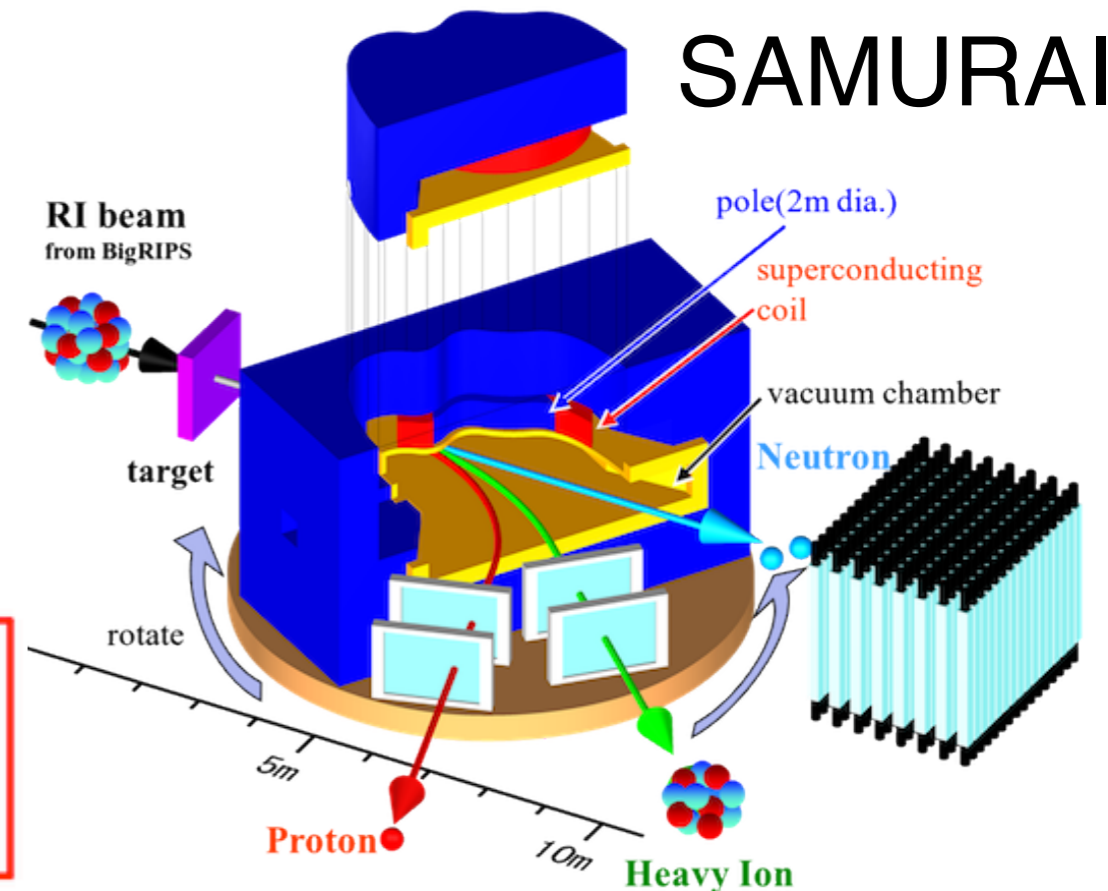
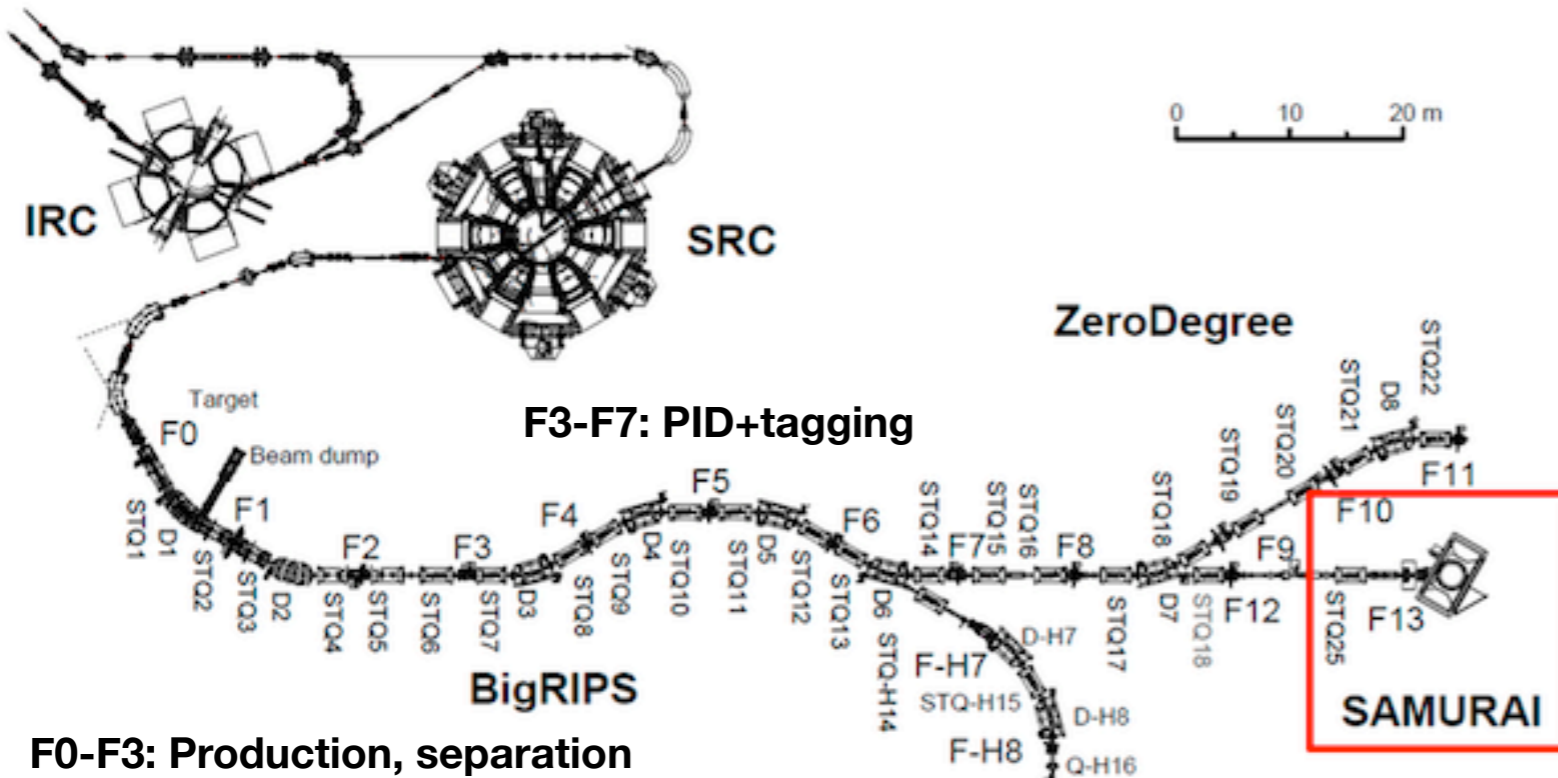
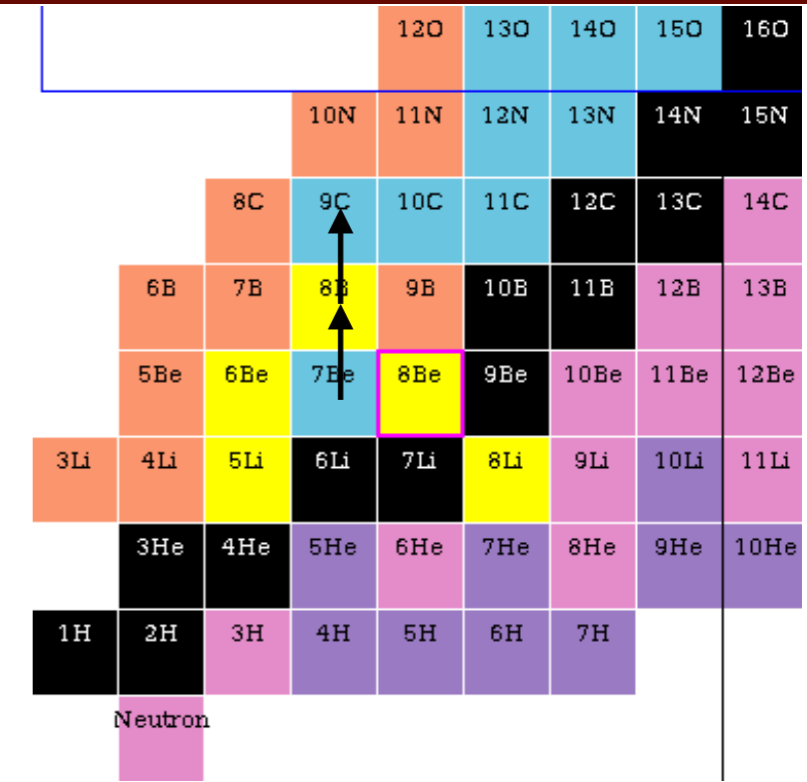
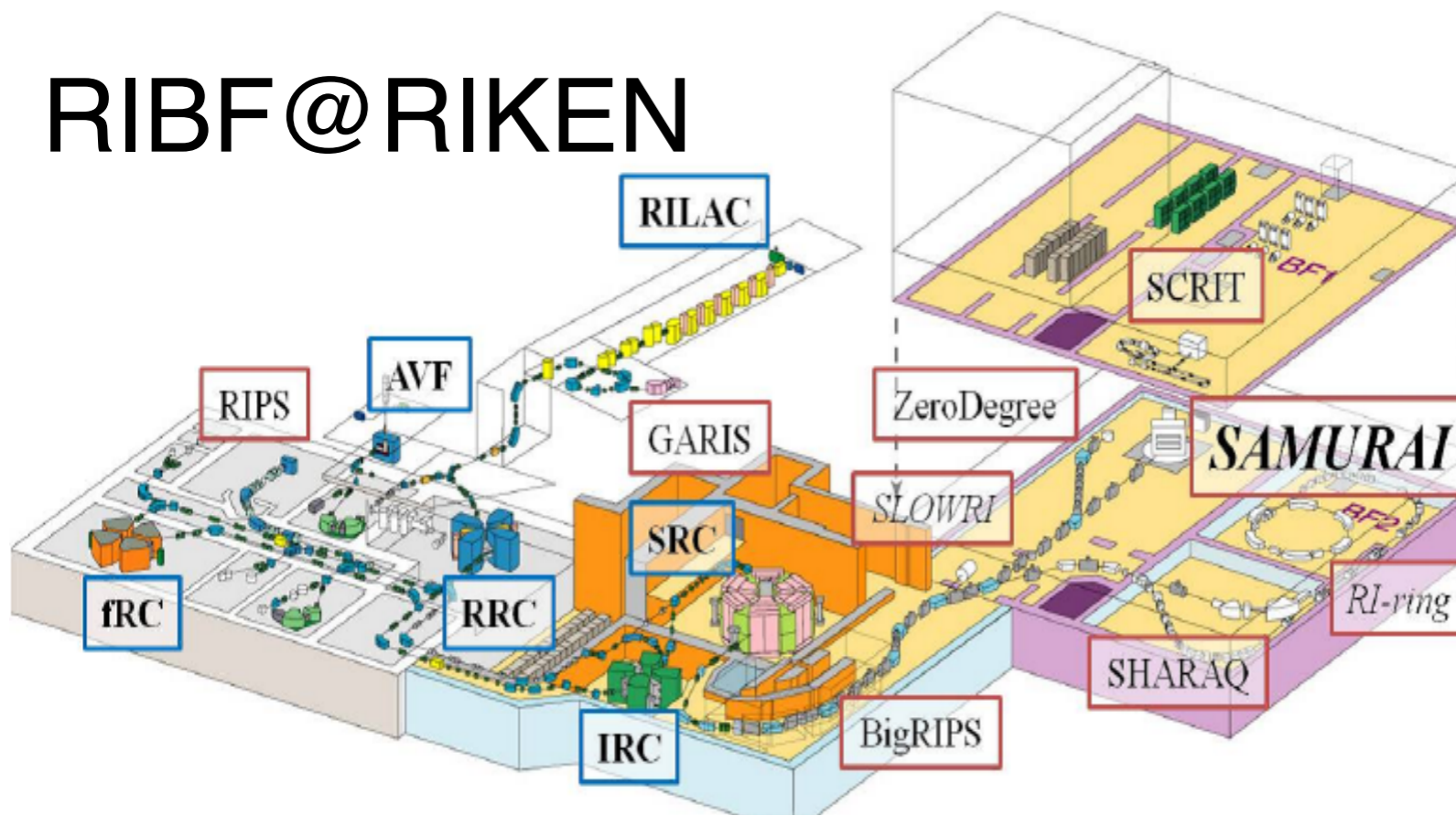


75 MeV/u  $^{57}\text{Cu}$ ,  $3 \cdot 10^4$  pps, 20% purity  
 225 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> CD<sub>2</sub> target  
 $^{58}\text{Zn}$  in S800 +  $\gamma$  coincidence



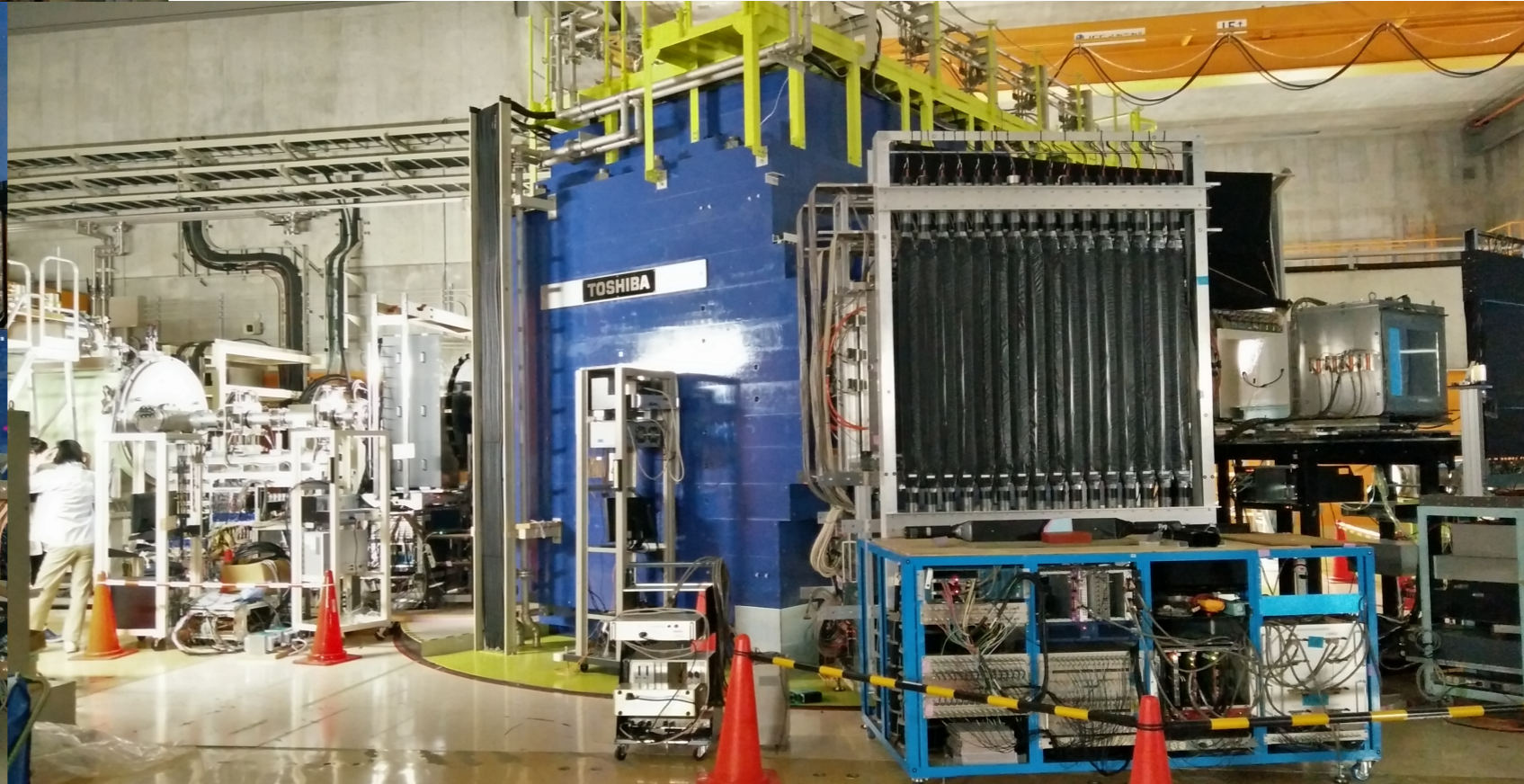
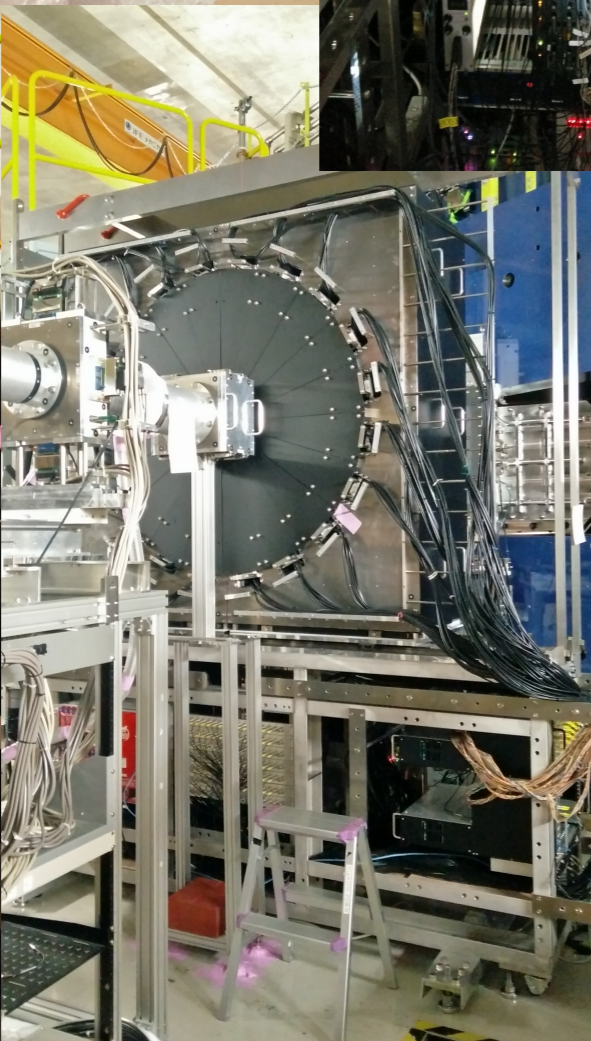
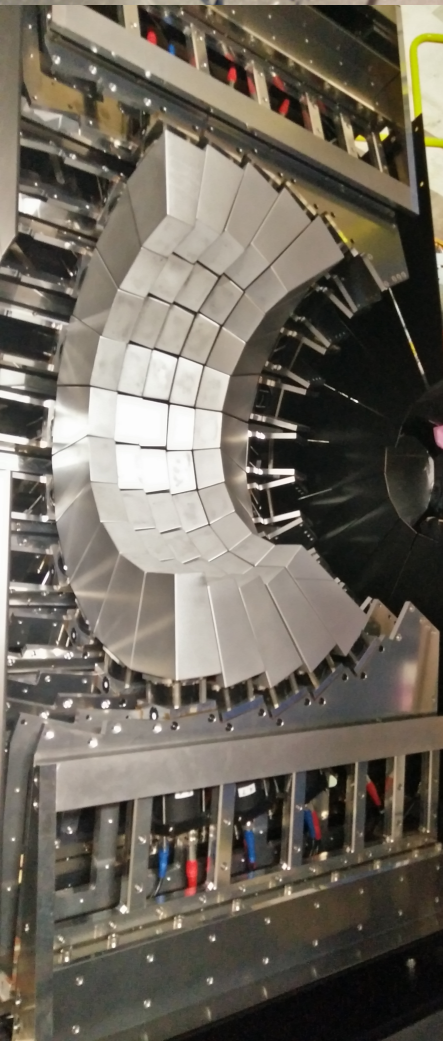
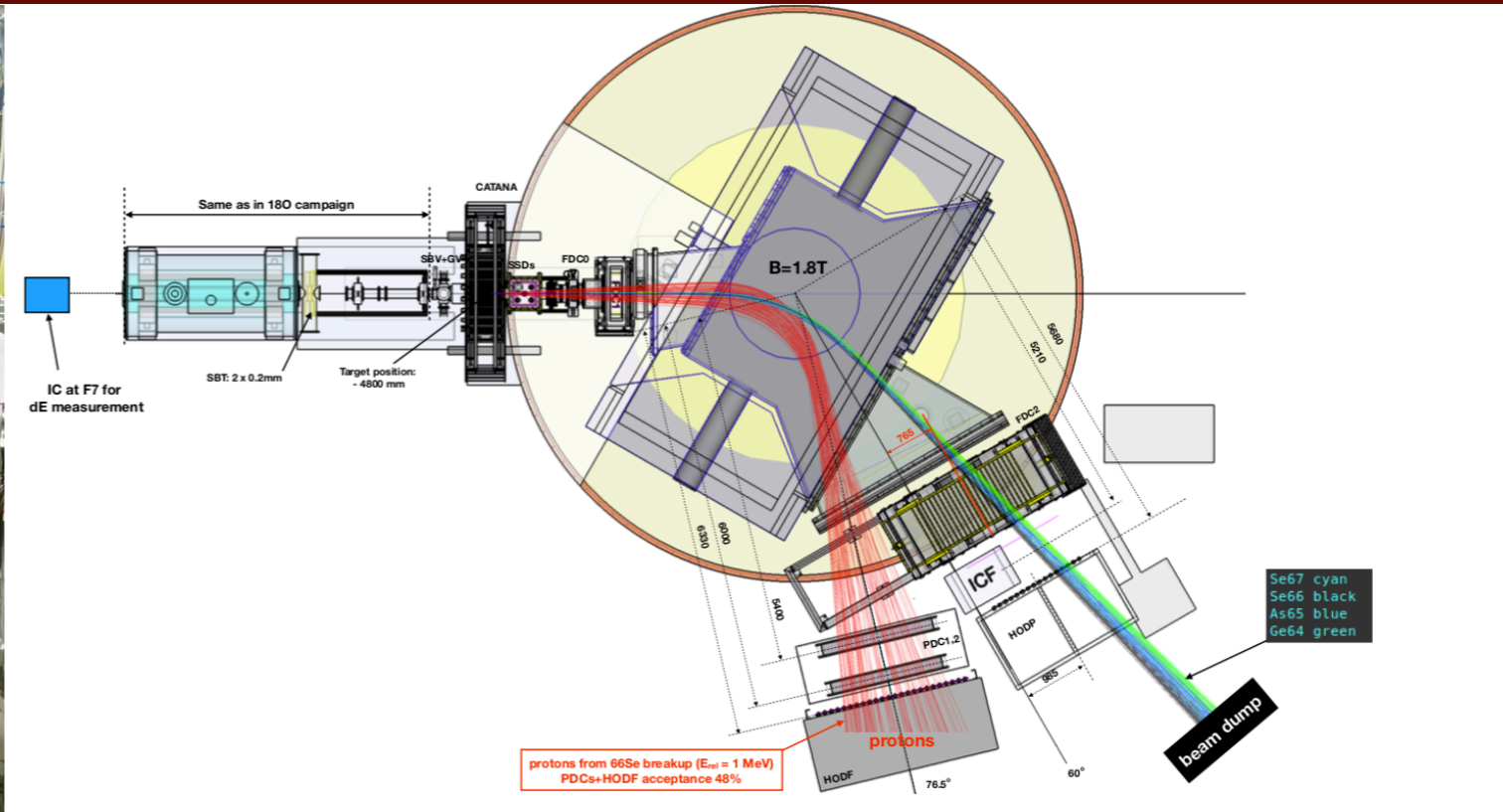
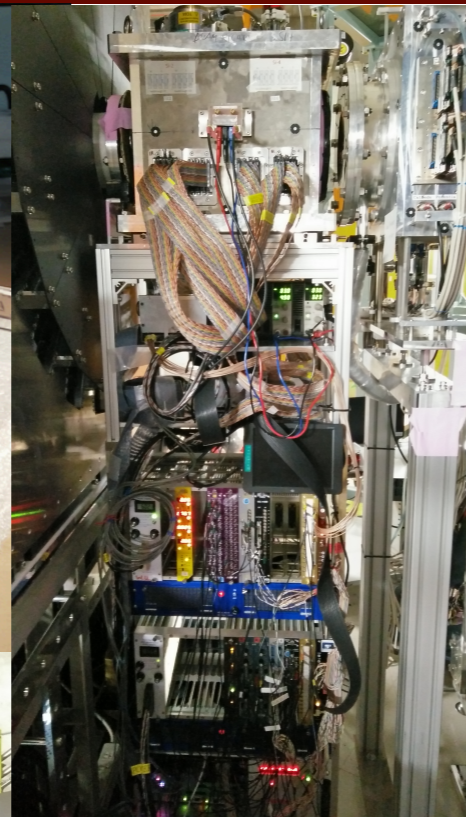
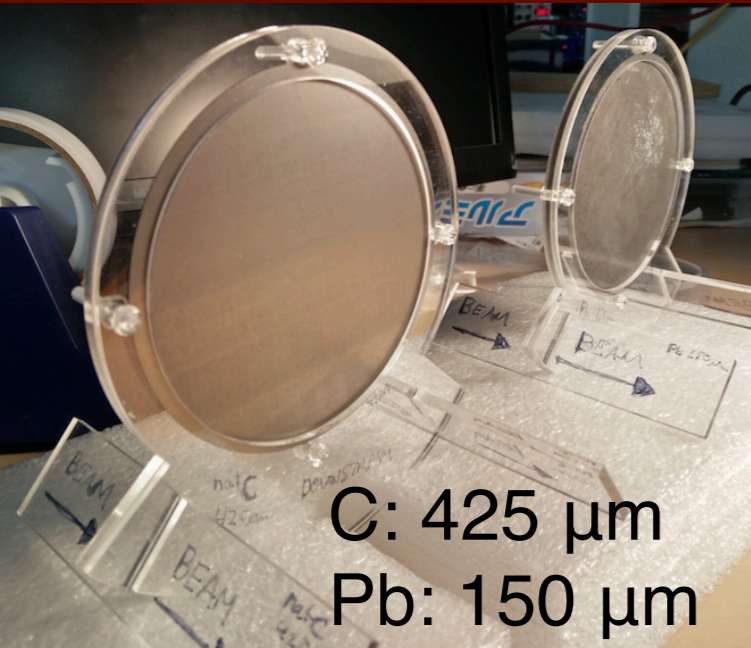
# A more modern Coulomb breakup experiment

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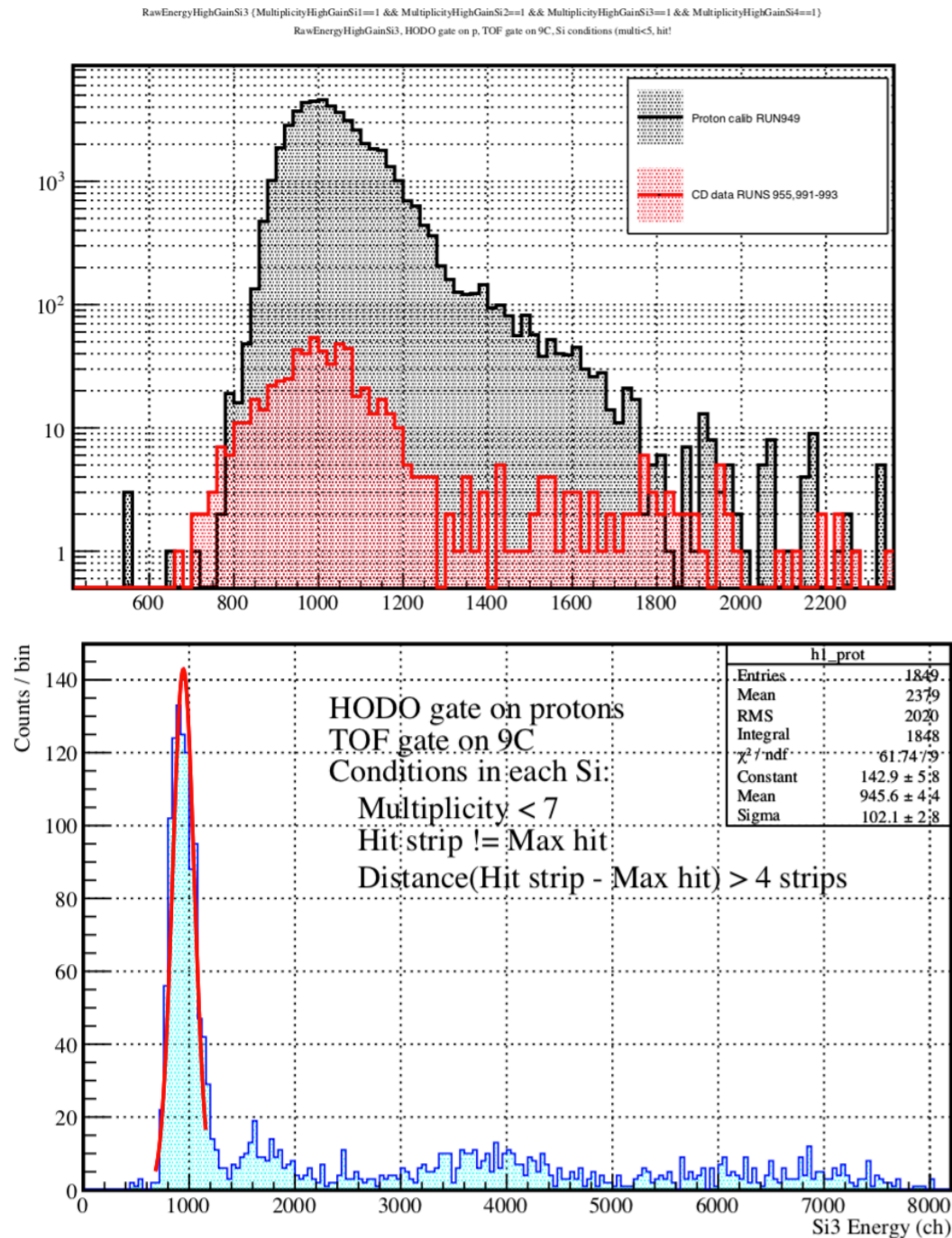
F0-F3: Production, separation

# A more modern Coulomb and Nuclear breakup setup

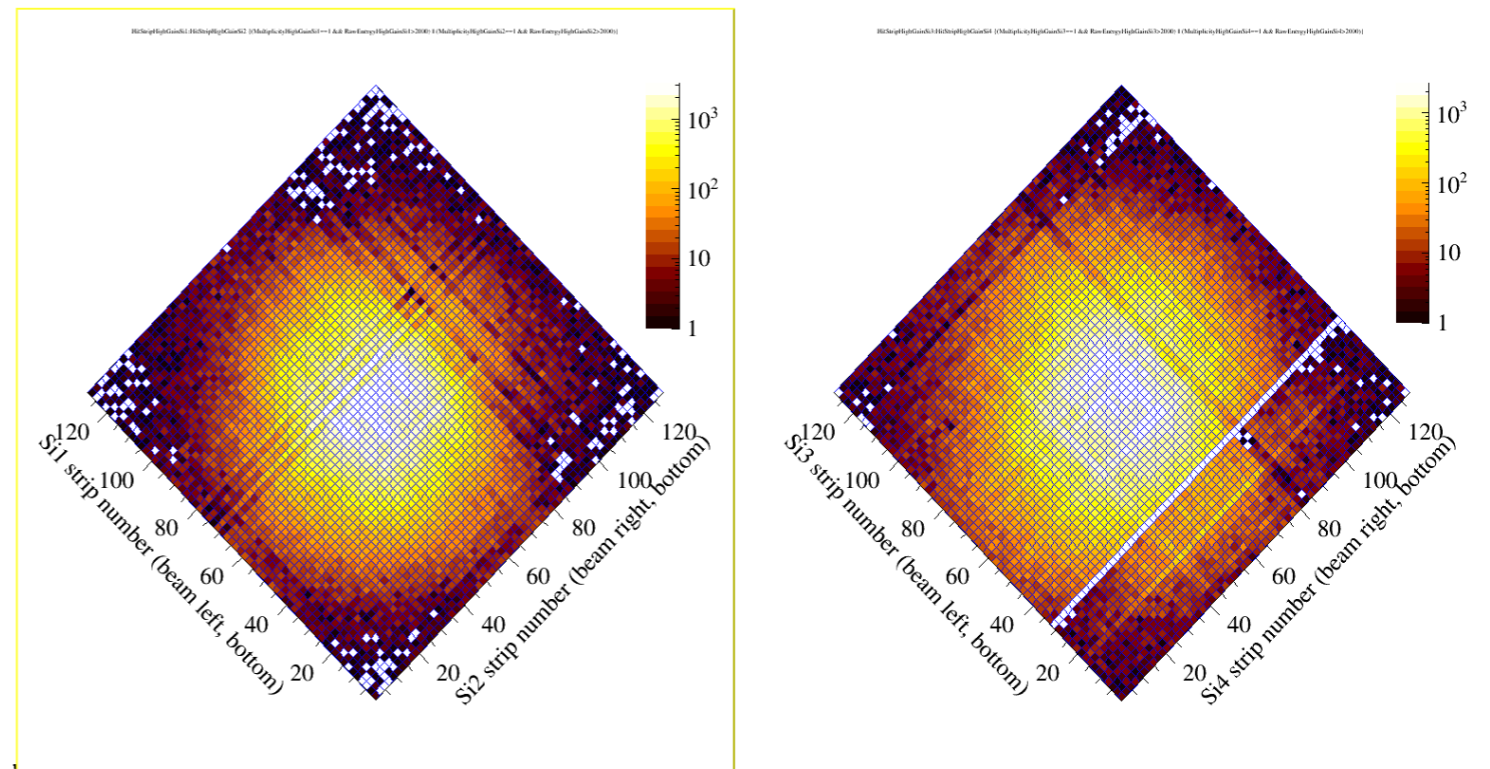


# Example of $^9\text{C}+^{208}\text{Pb}$ data (2h online monitor)

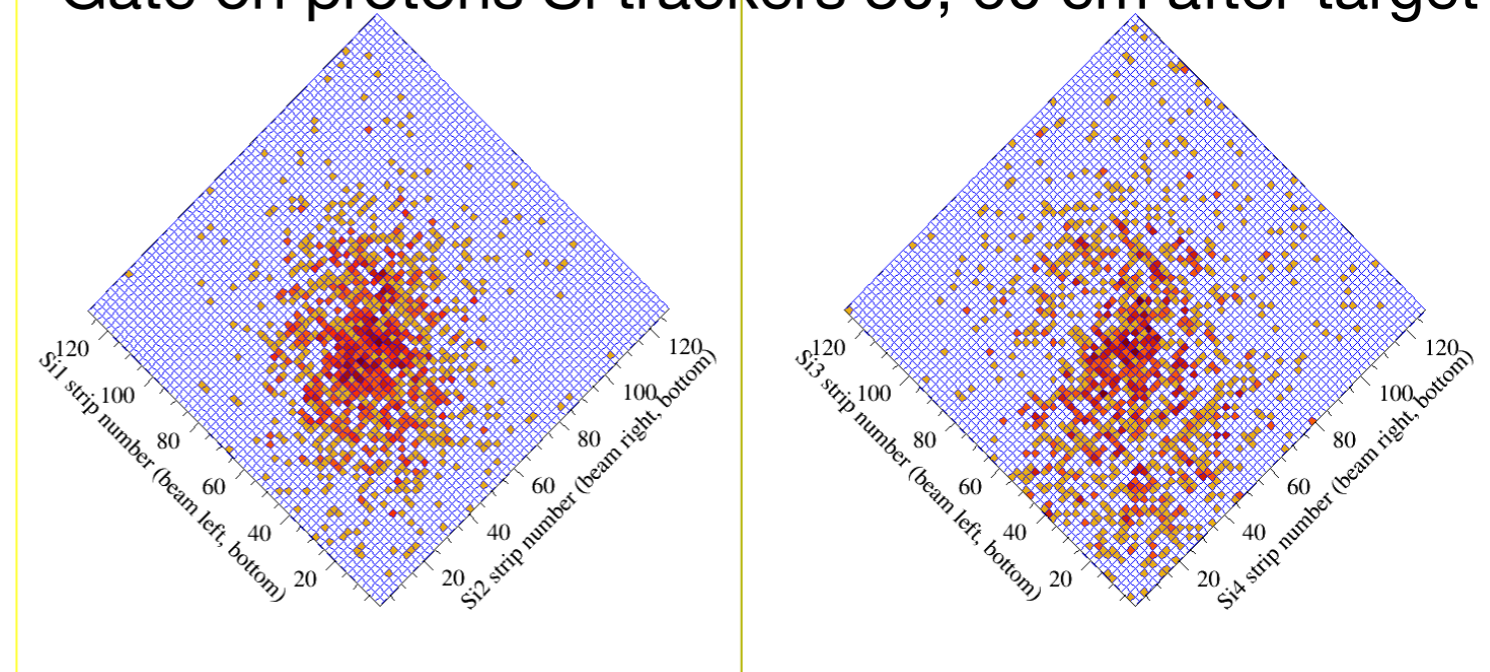
## Proton calibration @150 AMeV



## $^9\text{C}$ beam spot in Si trackers 30, 60 cm after target

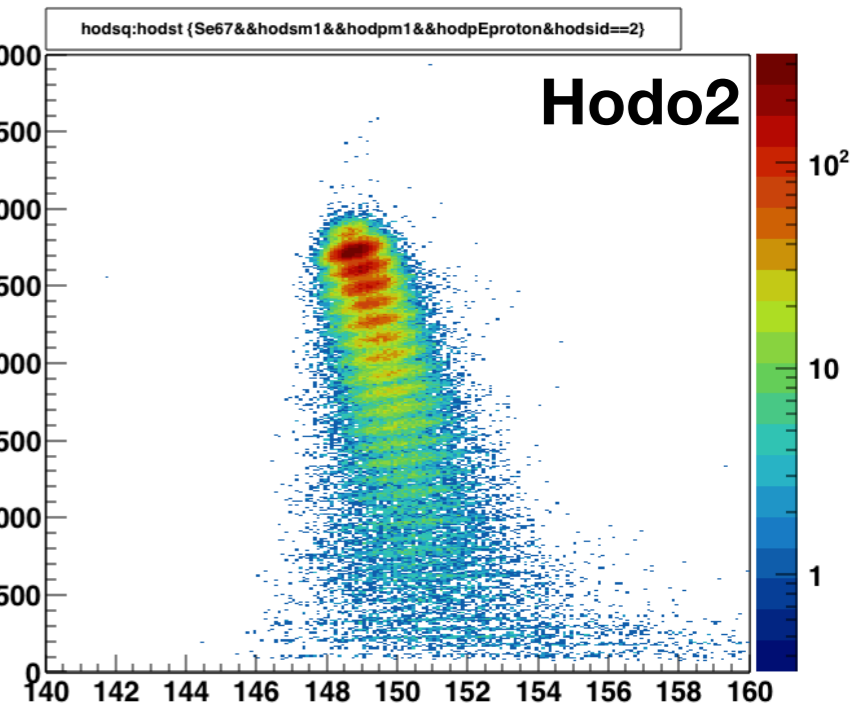
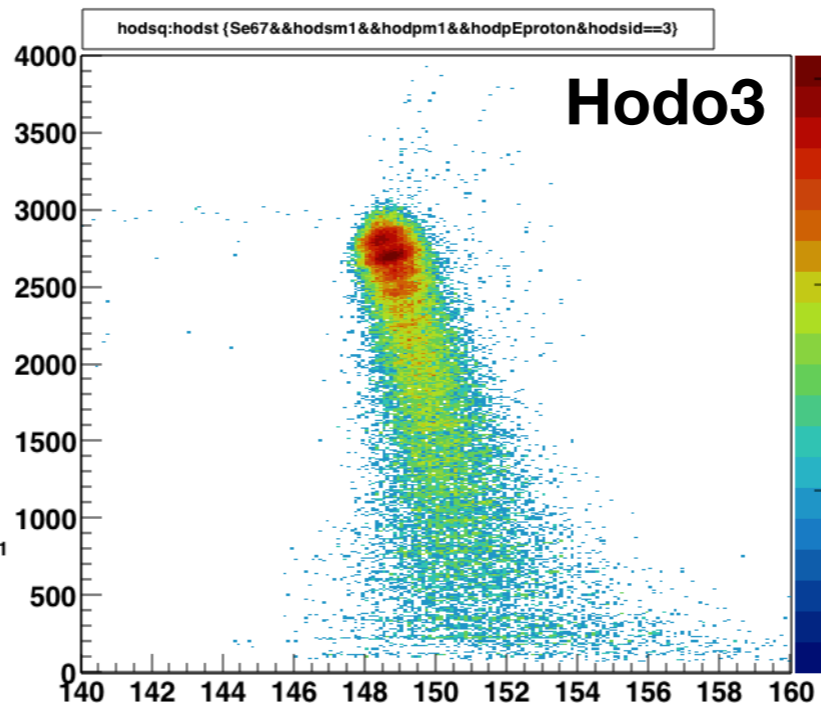
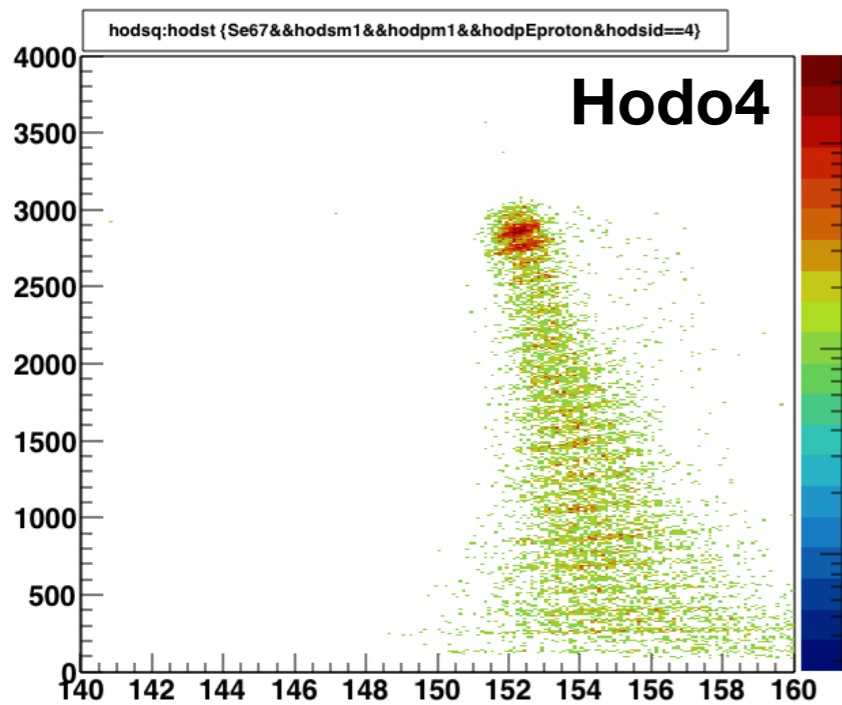
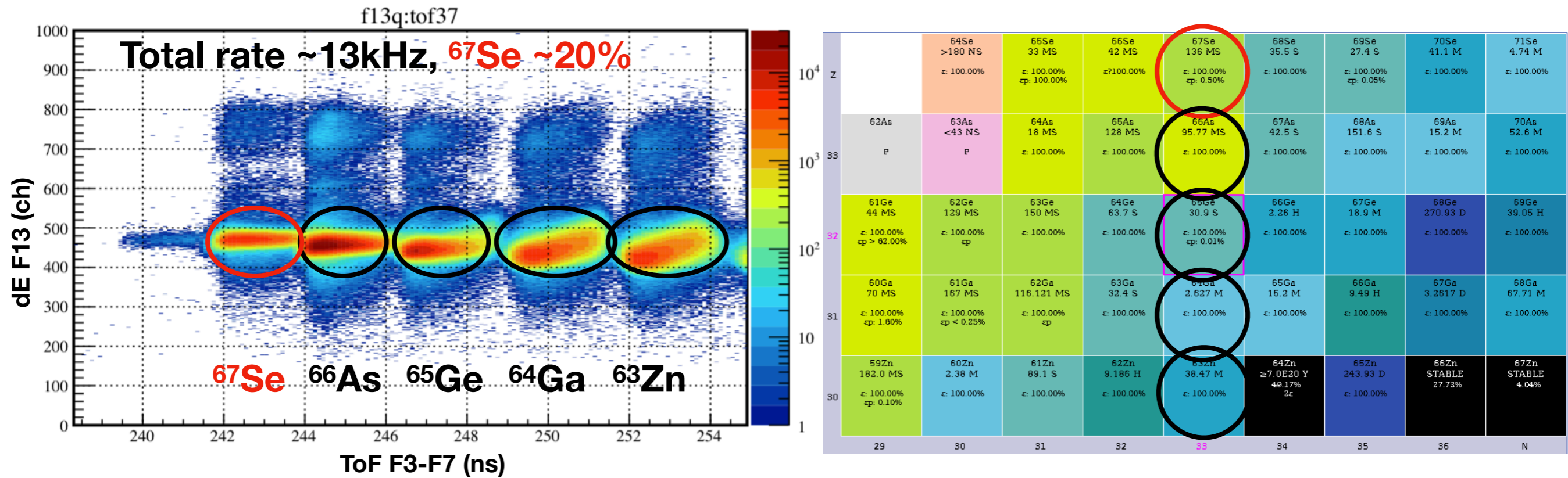


## Gate on protons Si trackers 30, 60 cm after target

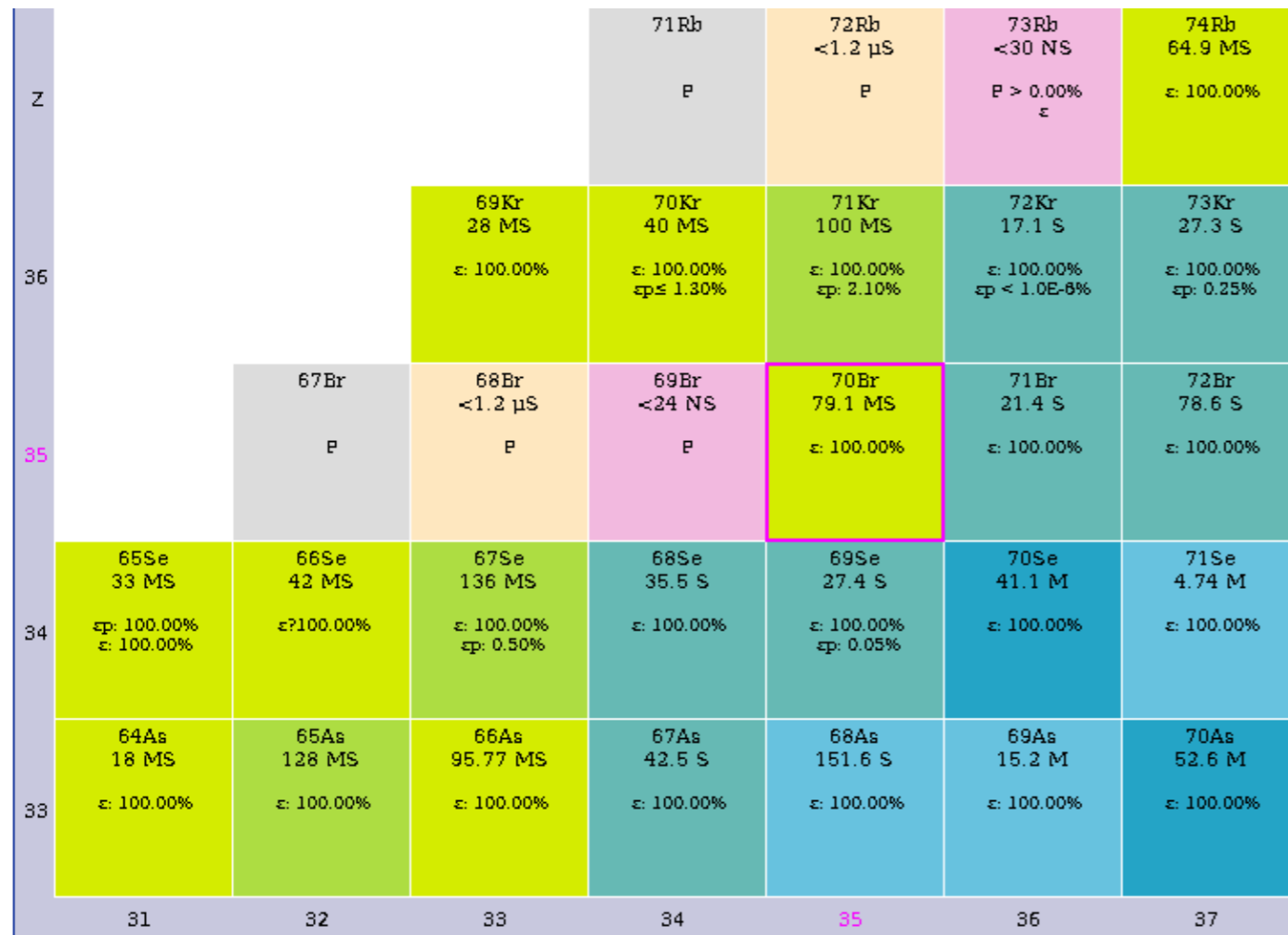


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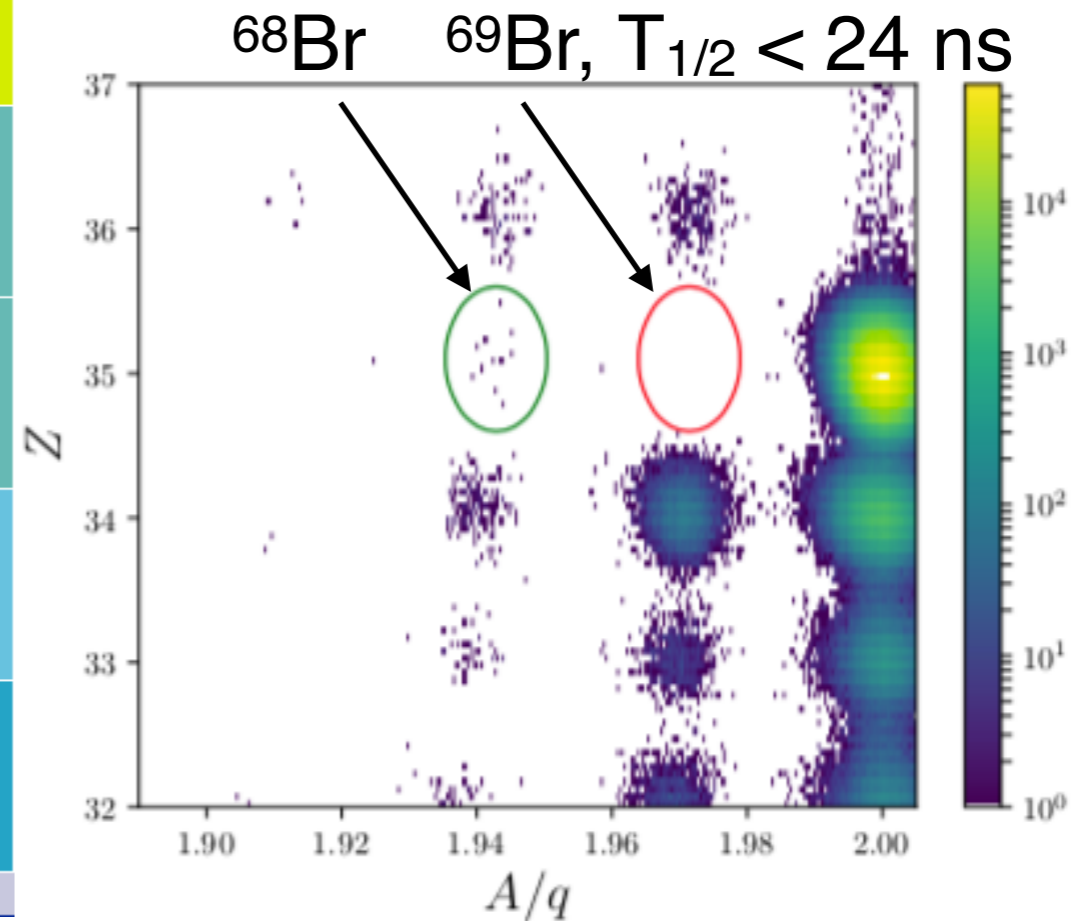
# More new isotopes to come?



# Making new isotopes with exotic beams



Wimmer et al. arXiv:1906.04067v1

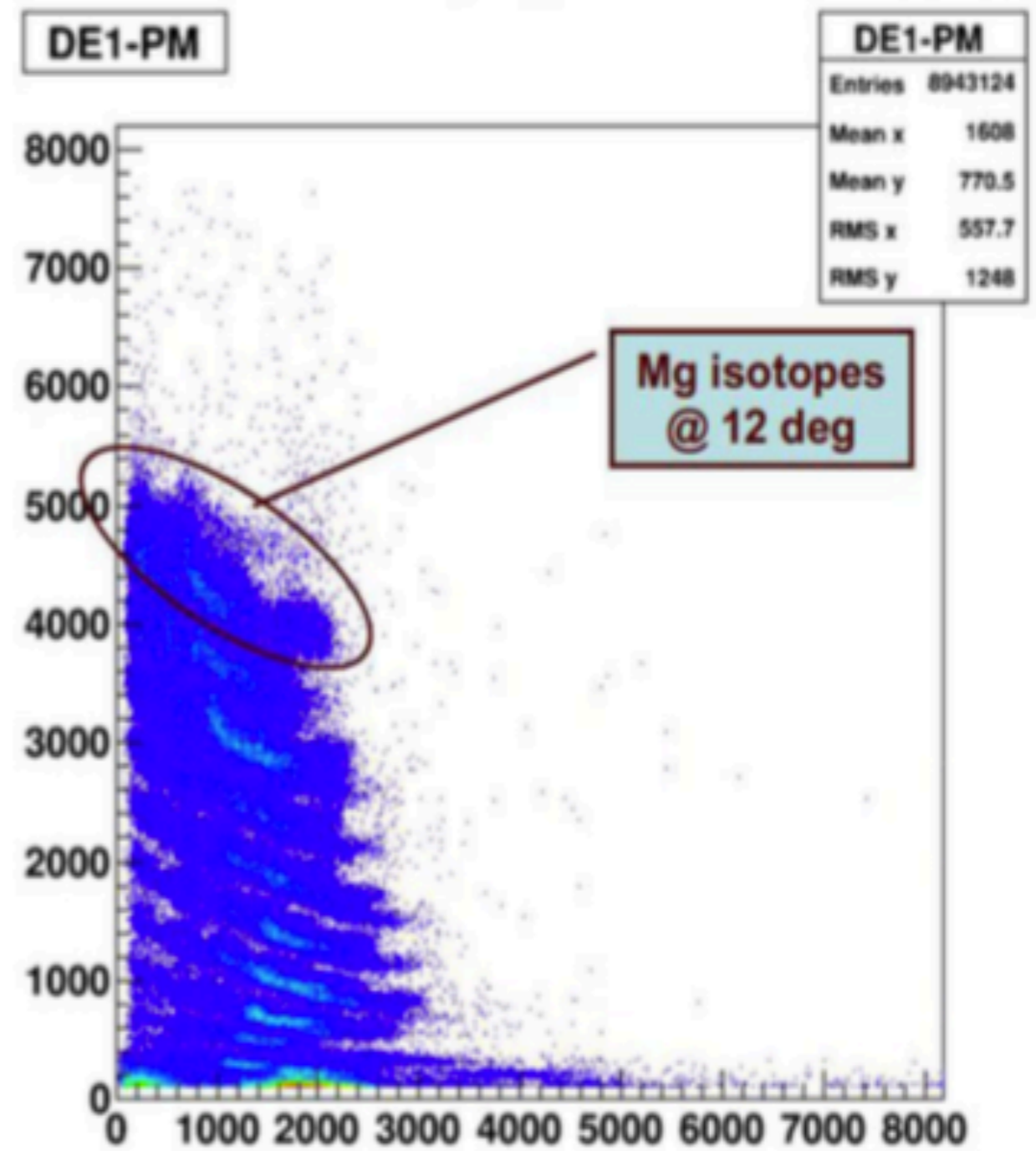
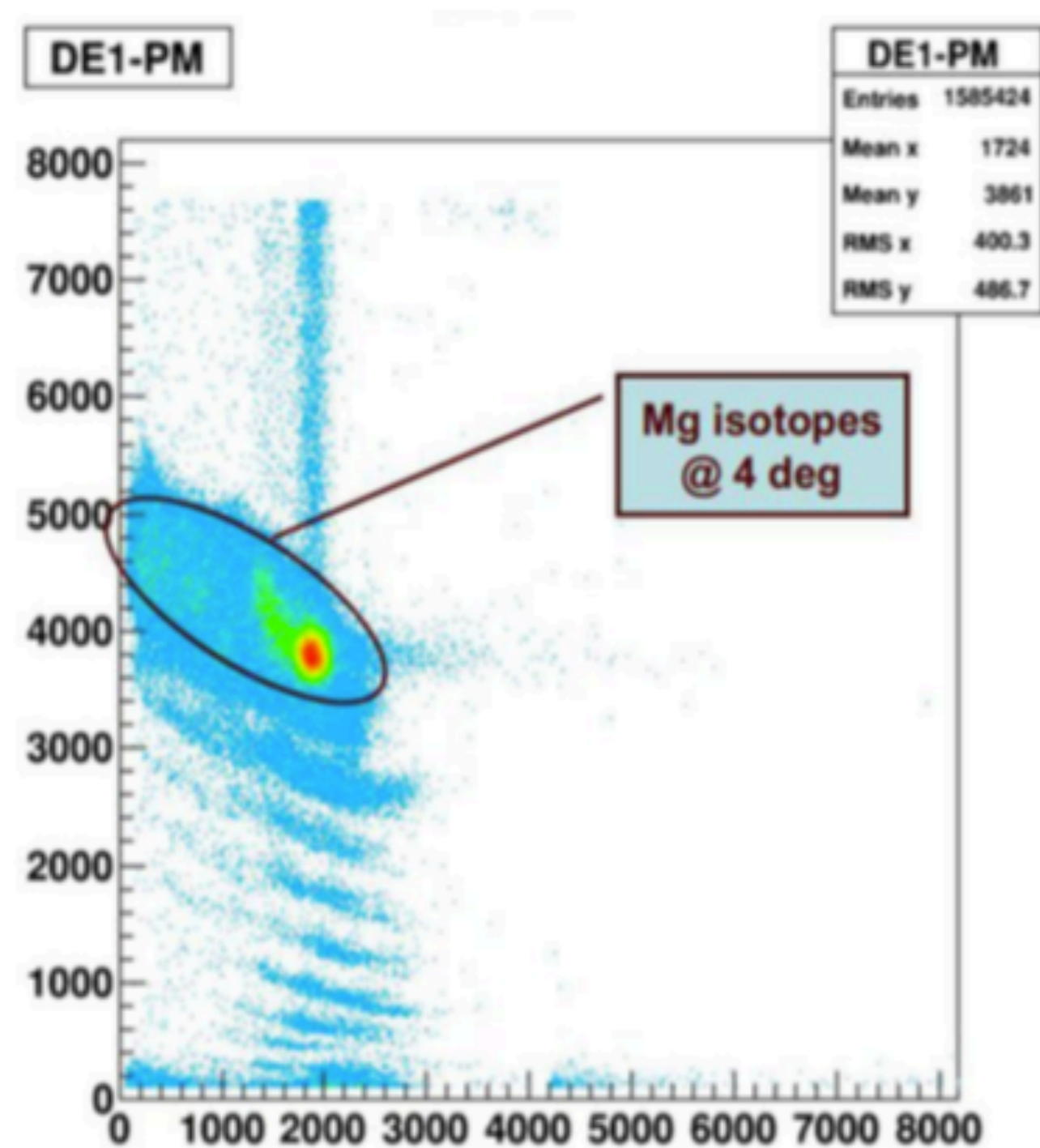


beam	reaction	events in ROI	background	corrected yield	$\sigma^{-xpy^n}$ (ave.) (mb)	expected yield	$\langle\tau\rangle$ (ns)
$^{70}\text{Br}$	-2n	12	0.15(2)	14.7(50)(18)	0.57(21)	1740(710)	51(6)
$^{70}\text{Kr}$	-1p1n	140	113(3)	33(16)(4)	82(12)	2240(500)	57(7)
$^{71}\text{Kr}$	-1p2n	20	9.0(3)	13.7(60)(12)	5.7(12)	2690(720)	46(6)
$^{72}\text{Kr}$	-1p3n	12	3.8(2)	10(4)(2)	0.32(8)	1130(340)	51(6)

$^{70,71,72}\text{Kr}$  and  $^{70}\text{Br}$  at 170 AMeV on a 703 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>  $^9\text{Be}$  target. Knockout and few nucleon removal reactions. Separation and PID with ZeroDegreeSpectrometer at RIBF.

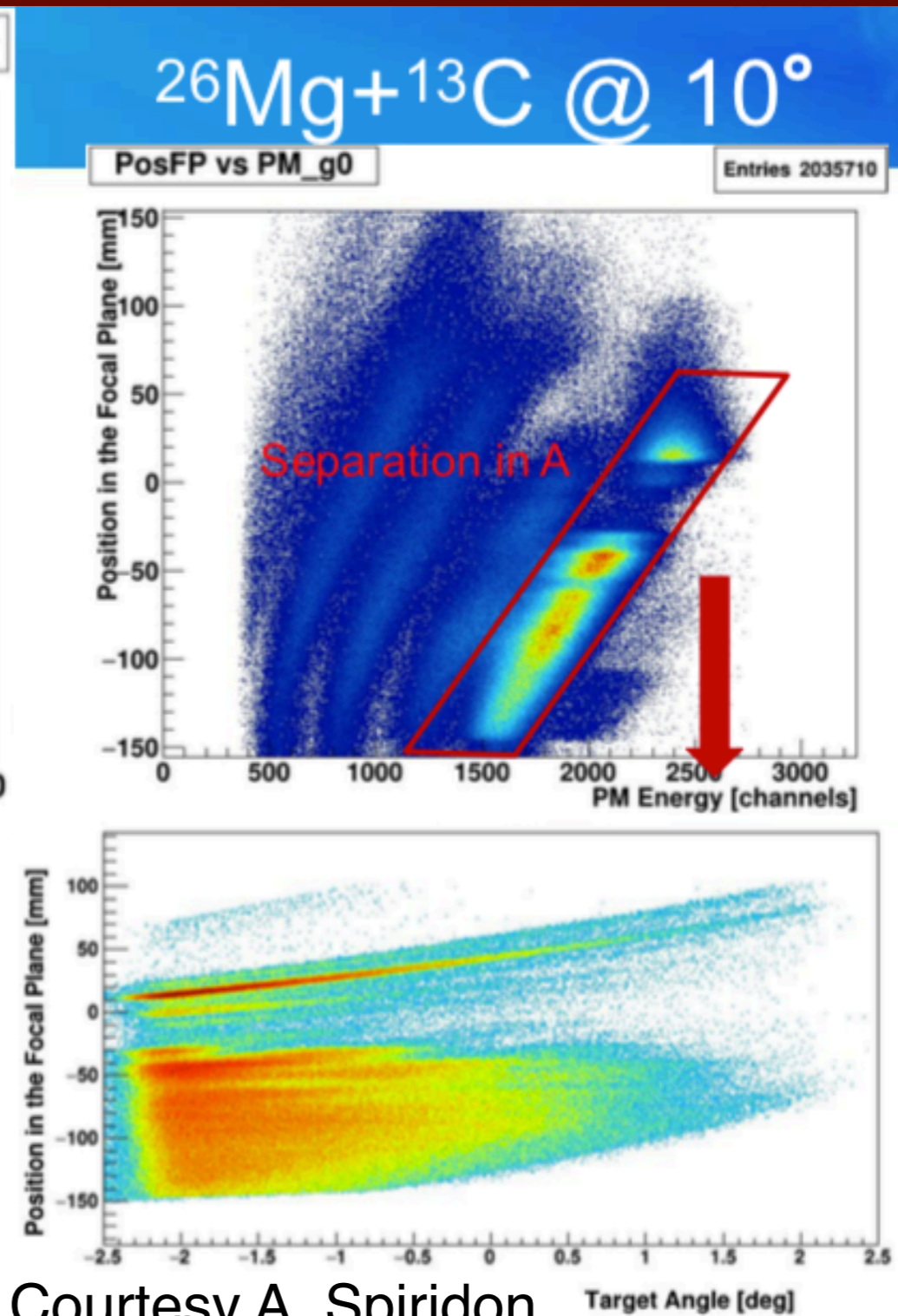
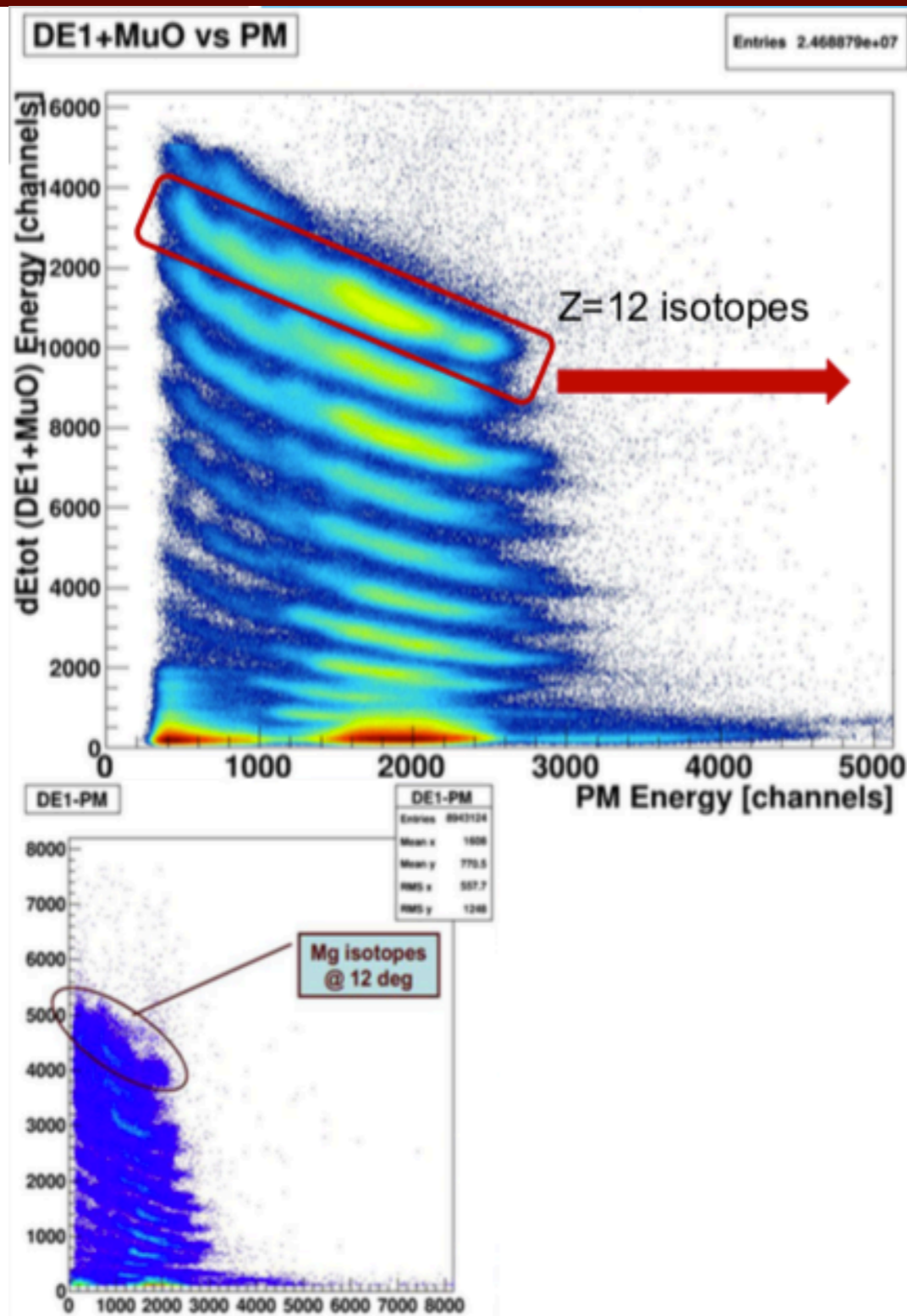


# $^{26}\text{Mg}+^{13}\text{C}$ transfer, circa 2009



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# $^{13}\text{C}(^{26}\text{Mg}, ^{27}\text{Mg})^{12}\text{C}$ @ 12 MeV/u, 2016

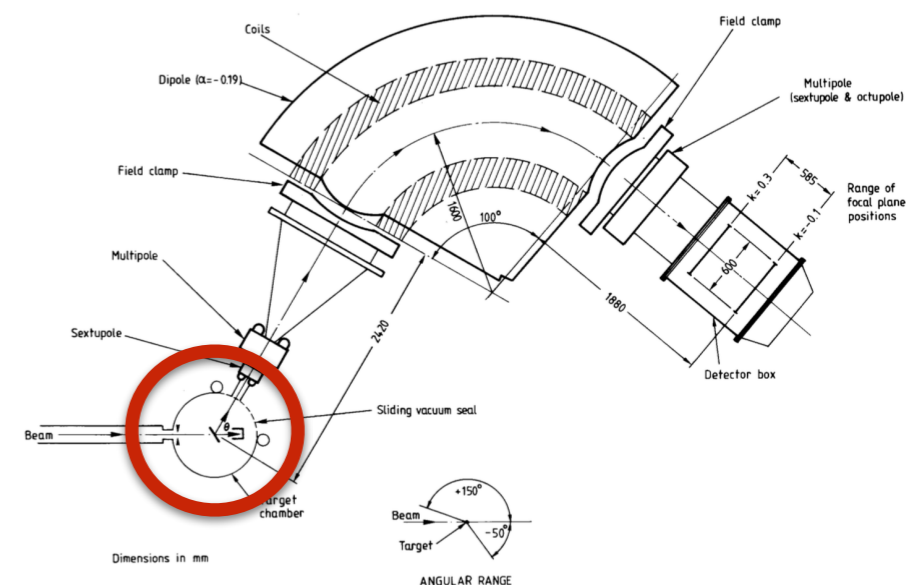
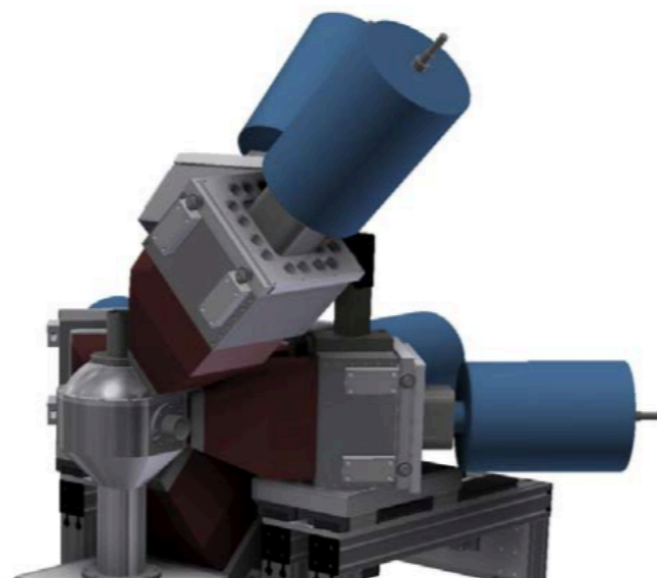
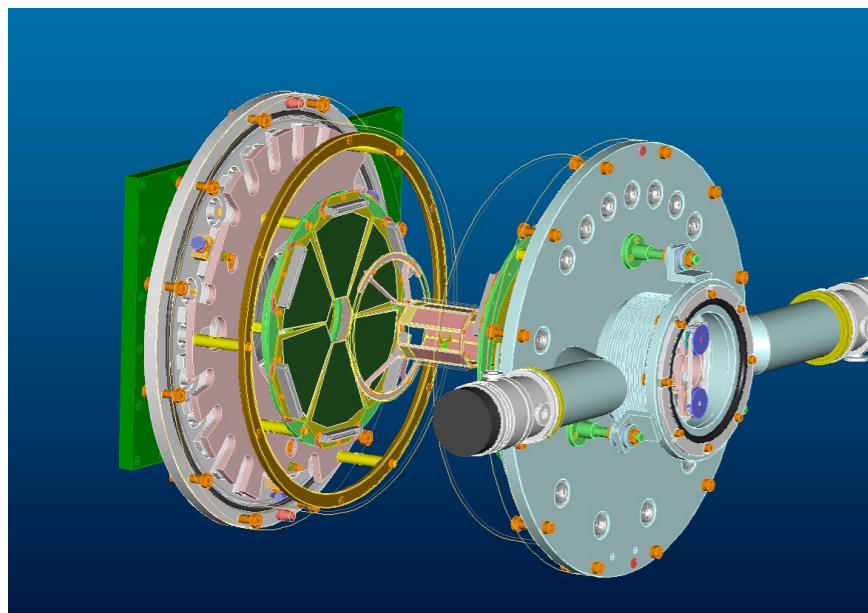


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What did change? Changed dE from ion chamber to Micromegas!



# Equipment from 40 decades: TIARA for TEXAS (T4T), TIARA+Hyperion+MDM



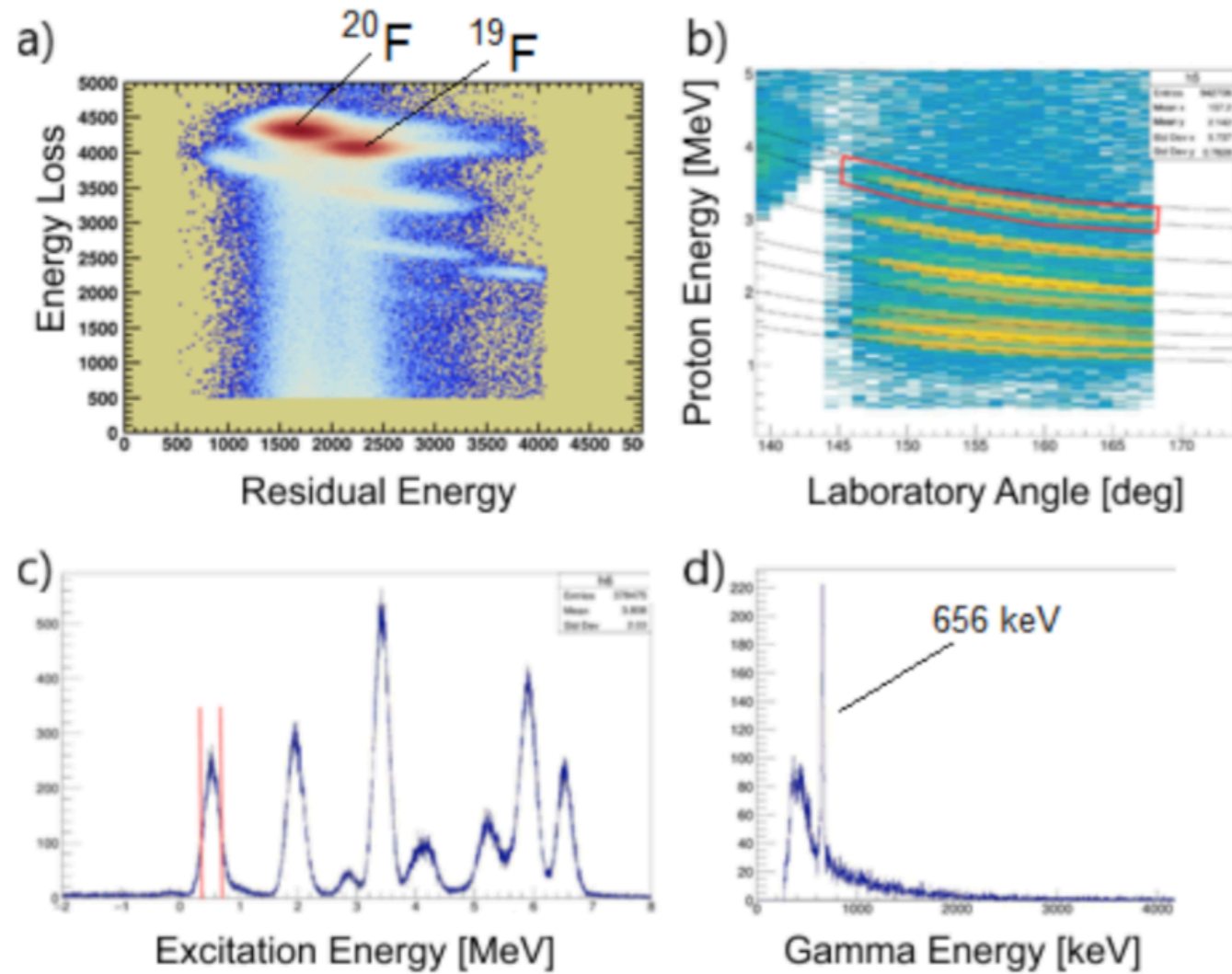
- Transfer reactions, e.g. (d,p), ( ${}^6\text{Li},d$ ) in inverse kinematics
- Si barrel + backward (forward) Si array from Surrey
- 4 x HPGe “clover” from LLNL Hyperion array
- MDM as 0 degree spectrometer
- Oxford FP detector with Micromegas

Stable beam commissioning with:

$d({}^{19}\text{F}, {}^{20}\text{F})p$ ,  $d({}^{23}\text{Na}, {}^{24}\text{Na})p$ ,  $d({}^{25}\text{Mg}, {}^{26}\text{Mg})p$ ,  ${}^6\text{Li}({}^{22}\text{Ne}, {}^{25,26}\text{Mg})d$

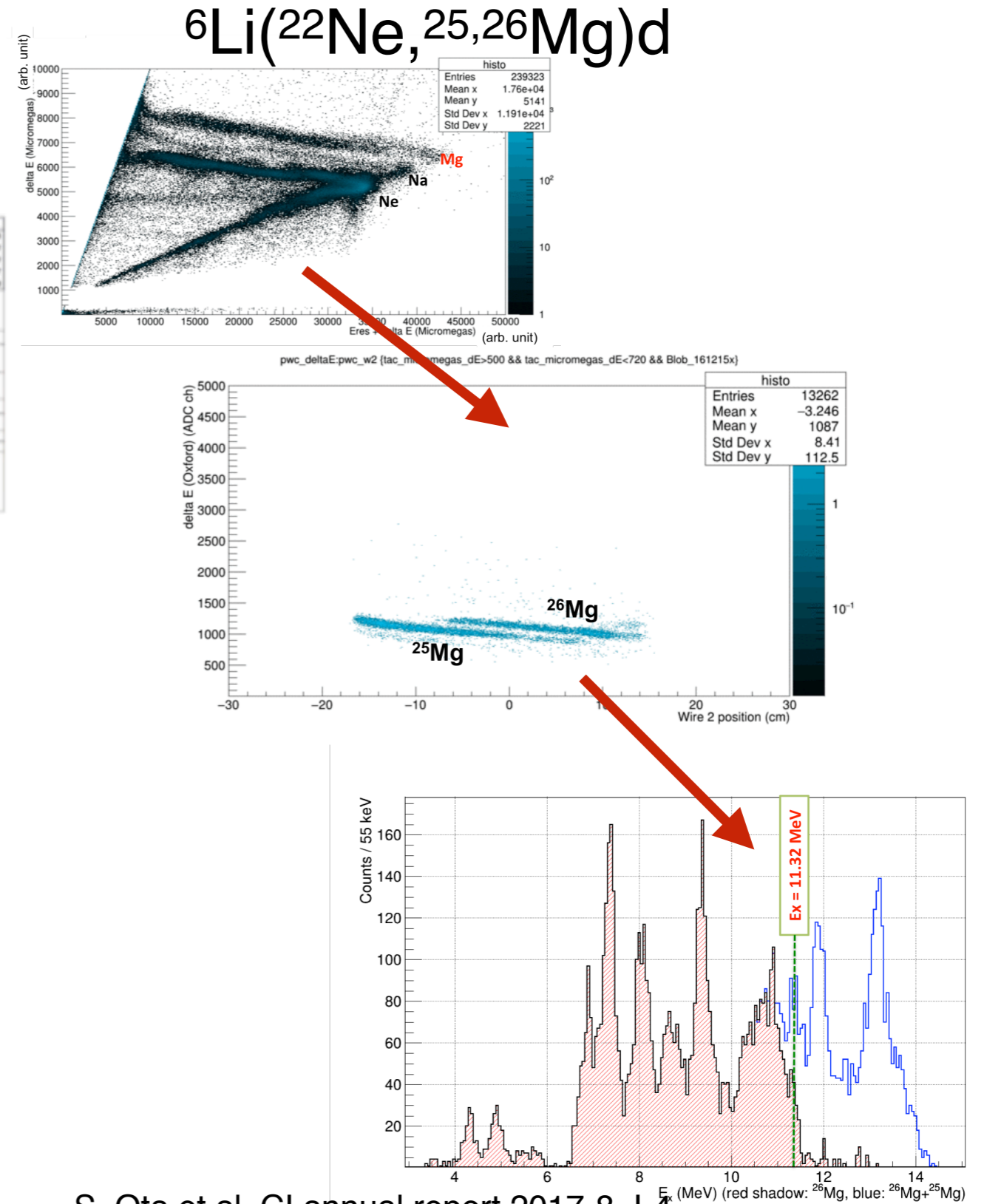
# Examples from commissioning runs

$d(^{19}\text{F}, ^{20}\text{F})p$



G. Christian et al. CI annual report 2016-7, I-37

$^6\text{Li}(^{22}\text{Ne}, ^{25,26}\text{Mg})d$



S. Ota et al. CI annual report 2017-8, I-4

# Summary

- few basics of reaction experiments
- different reaction types
- production of exotic beams for reaction experiments
- some experimental considerations
- example reaction experiments with exotic beams

Thank y'all!

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