

Status report of the JYFL-ACCLAB in-flight separators MARA and RITU

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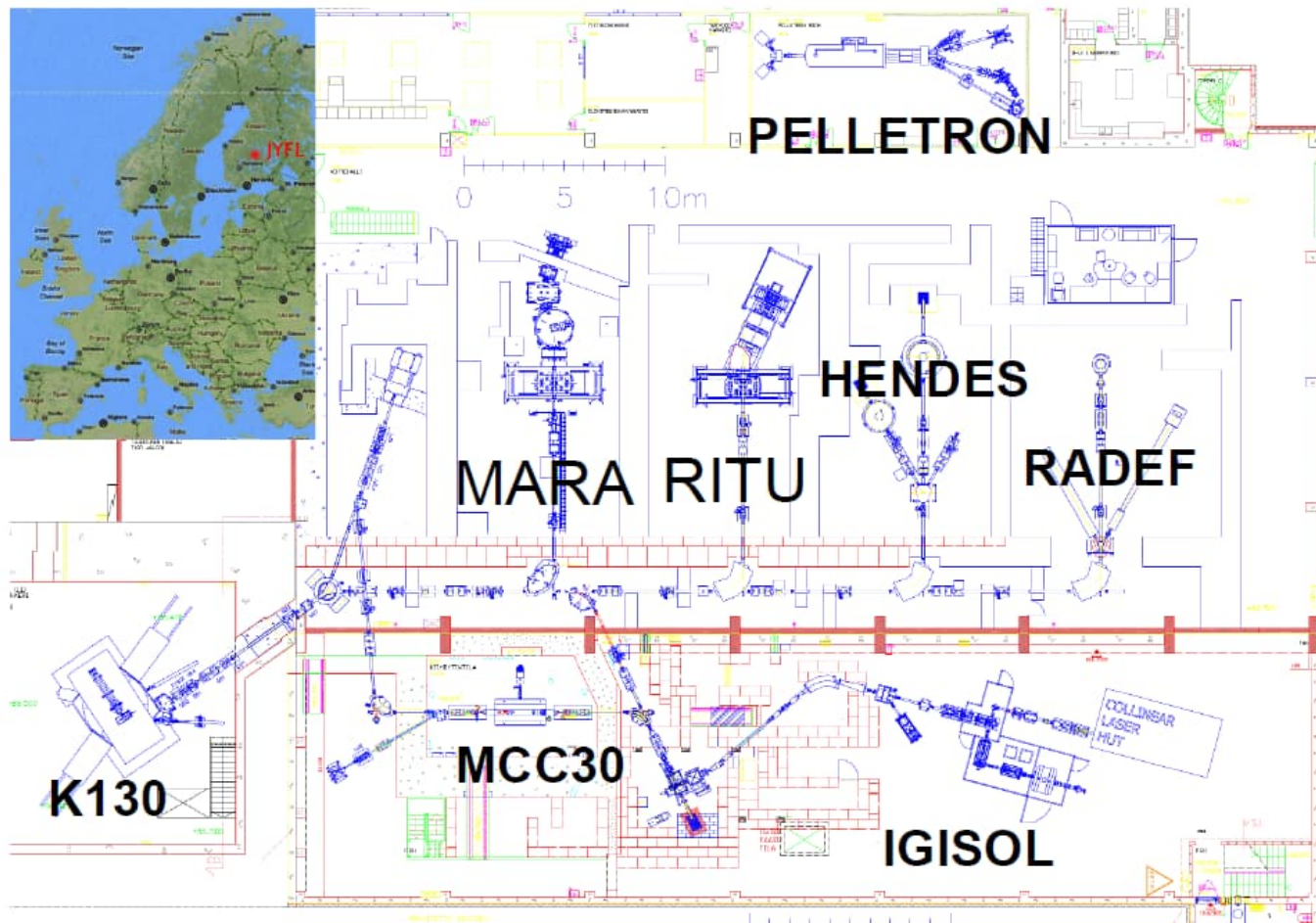
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- MARA and RITU separators
- Some recent results
- Plans for the near and distant future
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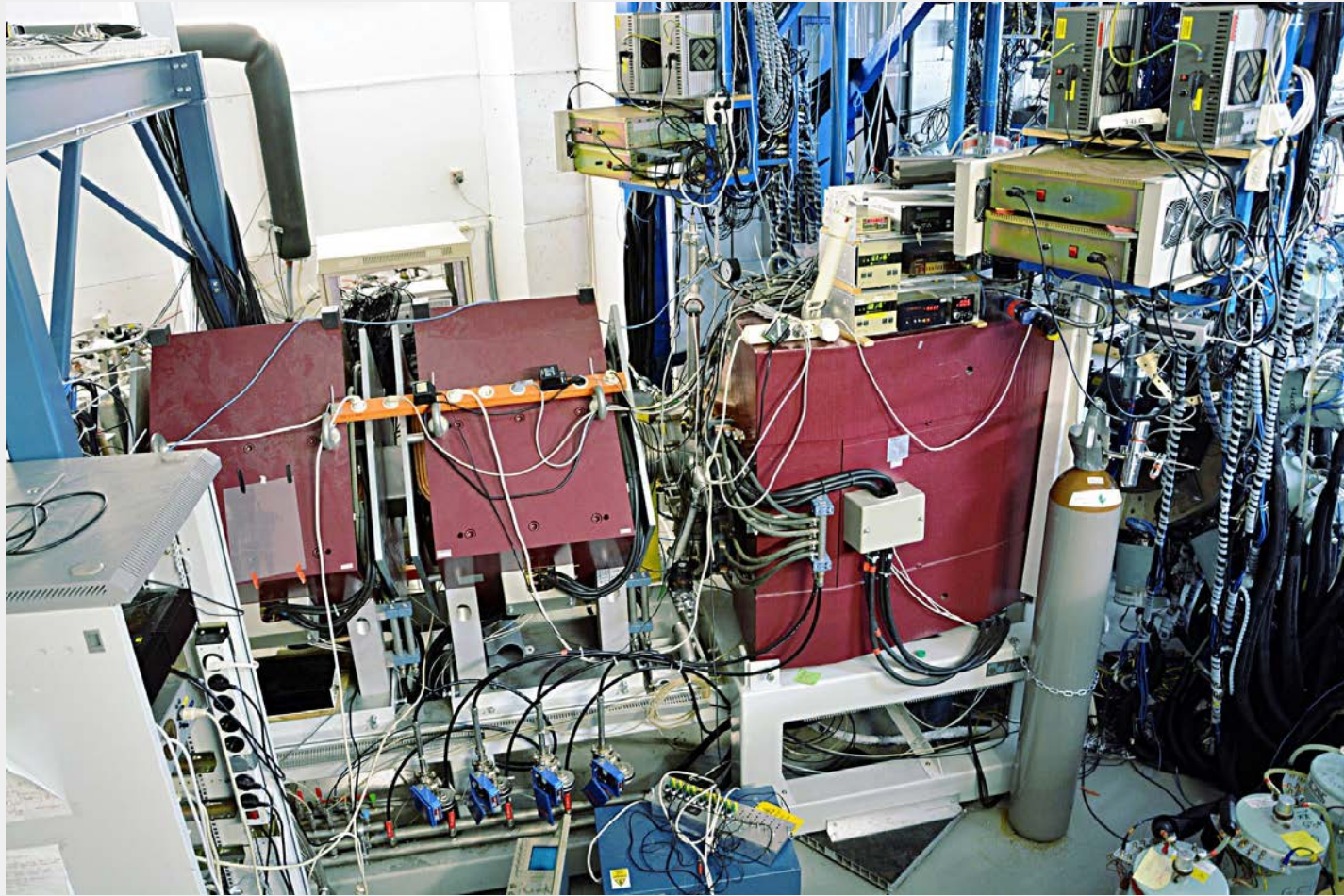
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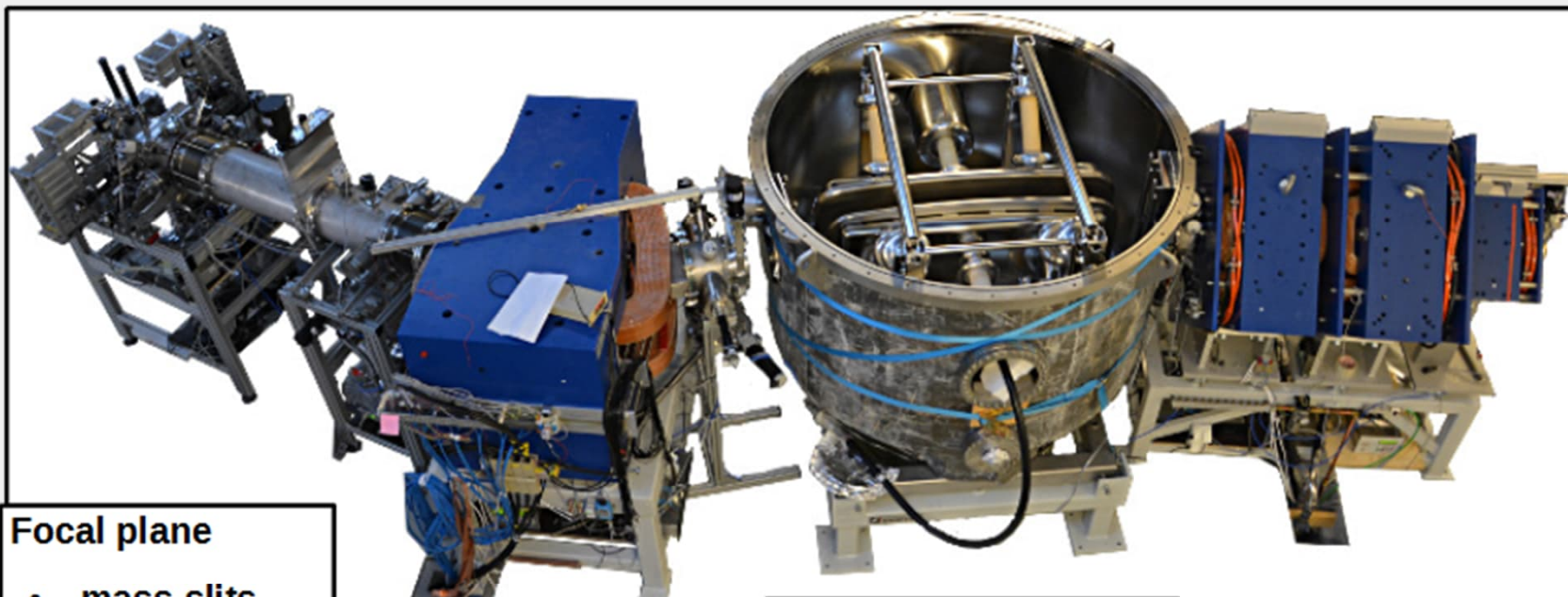
Since last TASCAs workshop (21-23.06.2021) NSG have had ~ 110 days of beam time (12 experiments) mainly using MARA.



RITU, Recoil Ion Transport Unit
In operation since 1994
In avg. > 10 ref. publications/y



MARA – *Mass Analysing Recoil Apparatus*



Focal plane

- mass slits
- MWPC, DSSD, Box detector and Ge array

Magnetic dipole

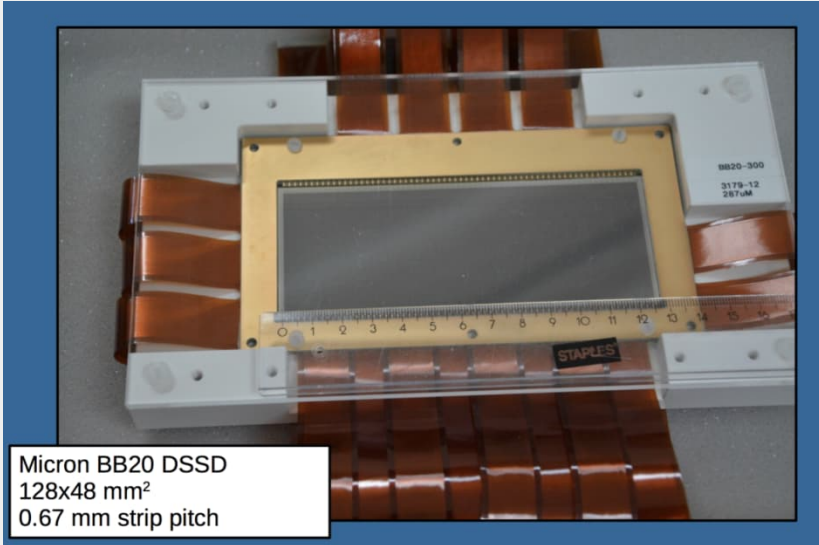
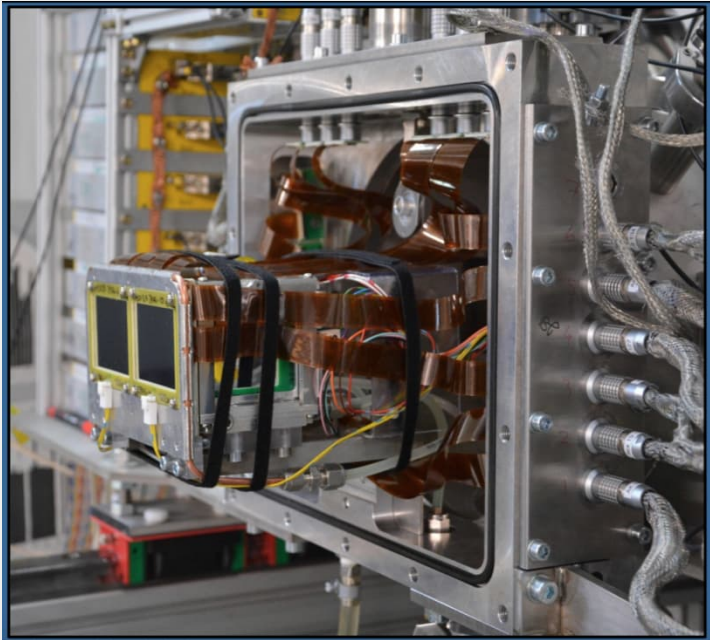
- 1 T, 1 m radius
- adjustable surface coils to change focal plane position

Electrostatic deflector

- beam separation
- +/- 230 kV, 4 m radius
- split anode and a beam dump

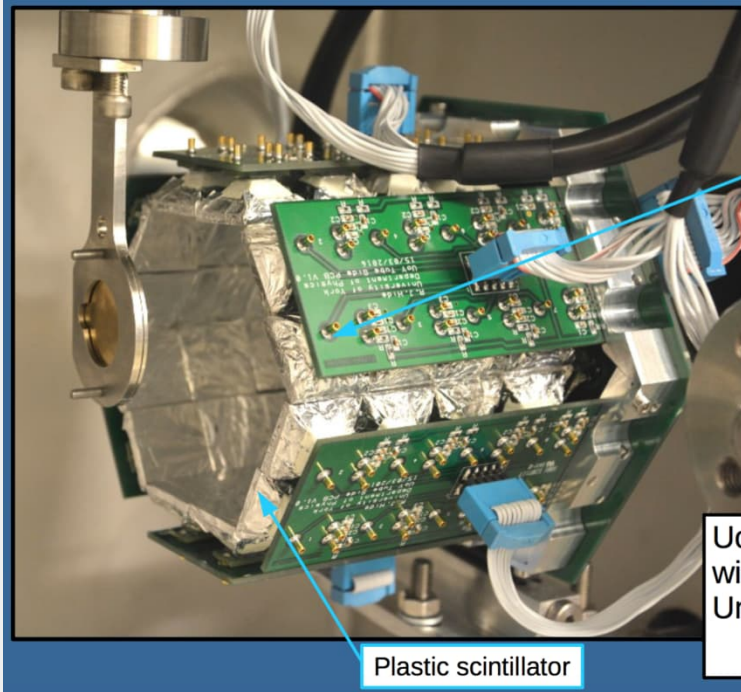
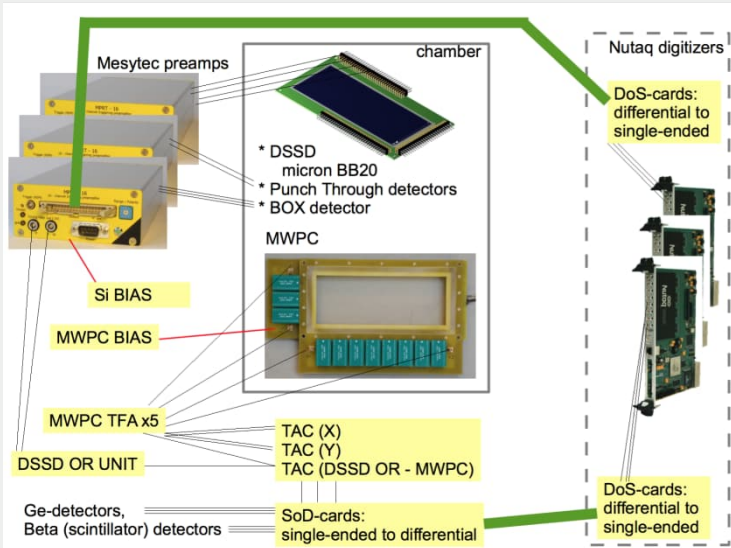
Quadrupole triplet

- scalable first order resolving power



Micron BB20 DSSD
128x48 mm²
0.67 mm strip pitch

192x72=
13824
pixels



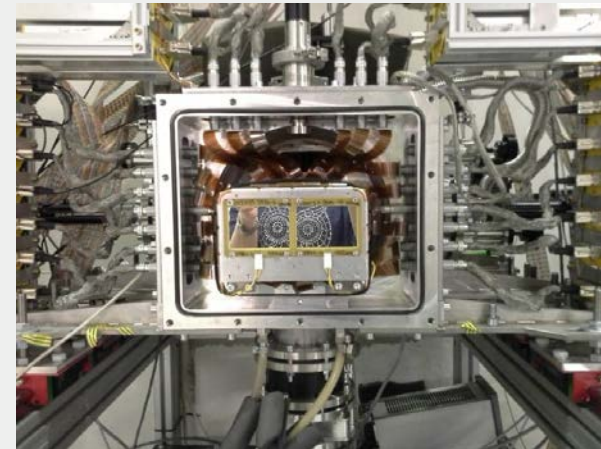
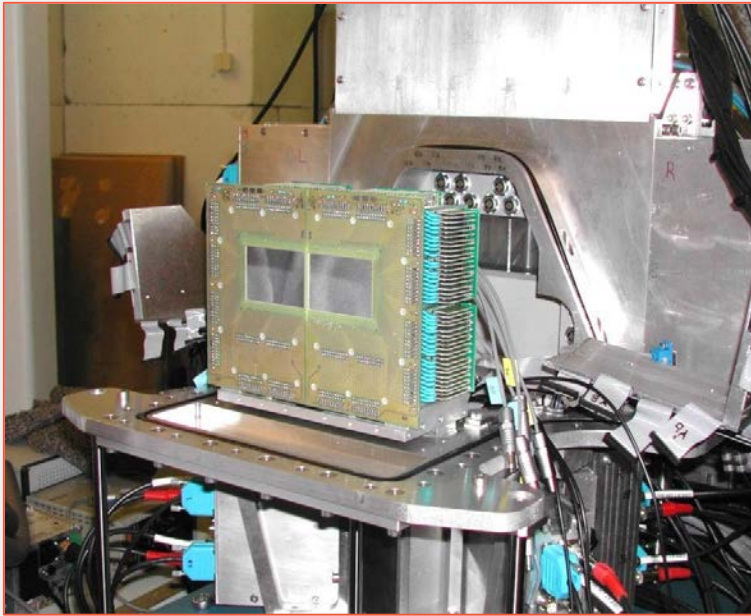
Silicon Photo Multiplier chip

Plastic scintillator

UoYTube in co-operation with D. Jenkins et al., University of York



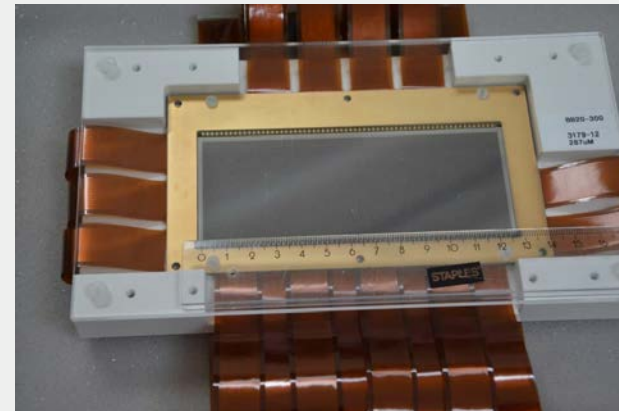
RITU focal plane upgrade

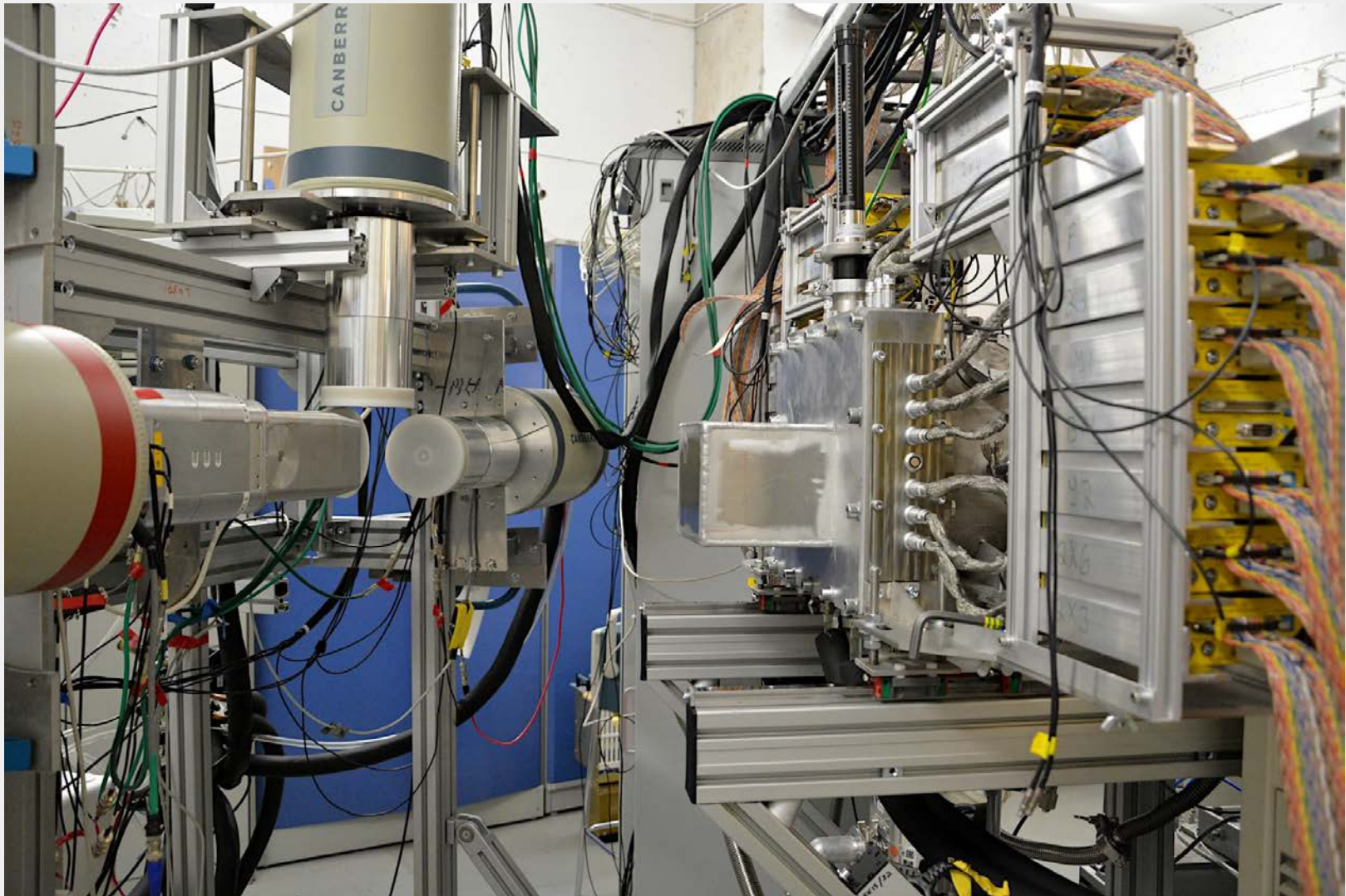


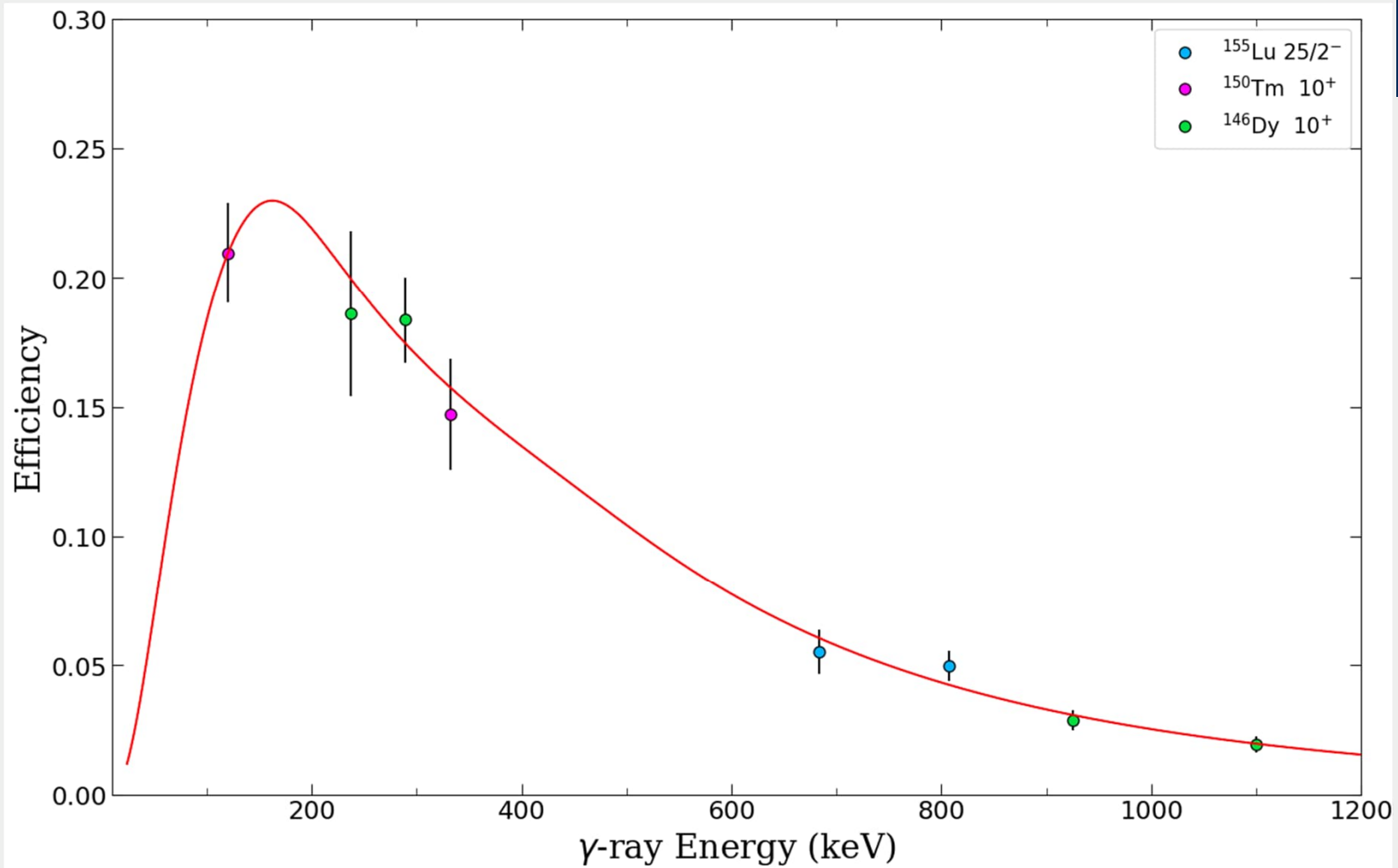
GREAT DSSD 2 x 40 x 60 strips
2 x 40 mm x 60 mm (10 % of strips missing)
5-6 mm wide gap between

MARA DSSD 72 X 192 strips
48 mm x 128 mm (typically ~ 2-3 strips missing)

MWPC ugrade 90 % \rightarrow 94 % transmission
wire planes made out from 20 μ m wires instead of 50 μ m
cathode: foil \rightarrow wire plane (less material for recoils to enter the implantation detector)







$^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{102}\text{Pd}$

M15: Decay of Isomeric States near the Proton Drip Line, D. Joss et. al.,



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Study of non-fusion products in the $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Cf}$ reaction

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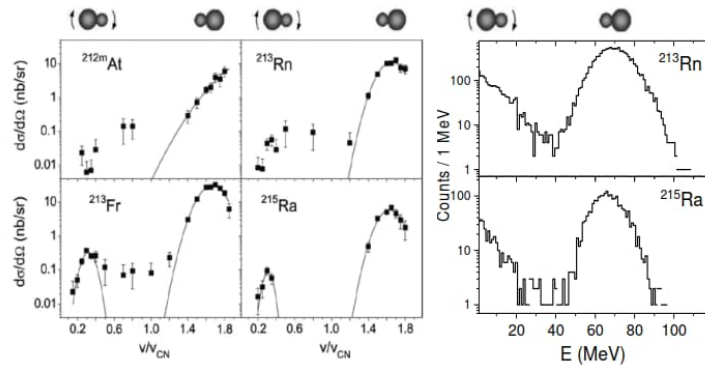


Figure 2. Left panel: The measured velocity (normalized to velocity of CN) distributions of non-fusion products in $^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{207}\text{Pb}$ reaction at SHIP (figure is adopted from [26]). To get the cross sections at 10msr forward acceptance angle, the values given in the vertical axis has to be multiplied by a factor 100. Right panel: The measured energy distribution of non-fusion products in $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Cf}$ reactions at TASCA. Illustration of the different orientations as being the origin of the low and high velocity and energy components are given.

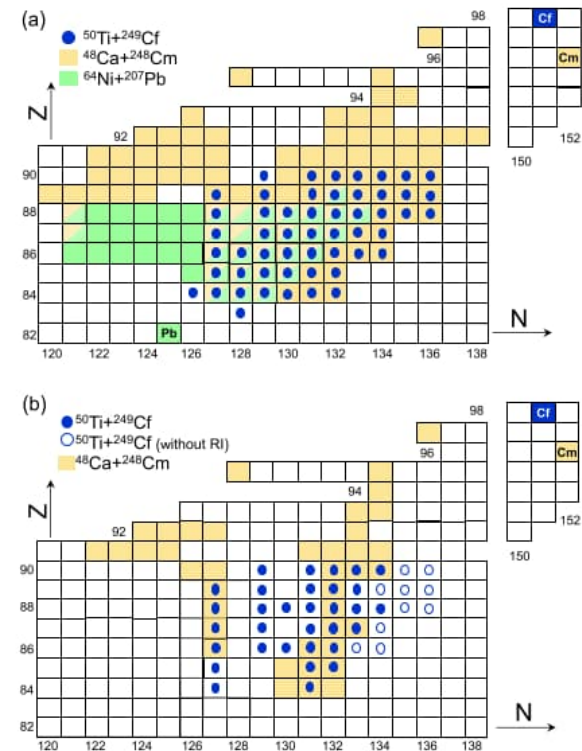


Fig. 3. (Color online.) Cut out of the chart of nuclei in the relevant region [38]. (a) The isotopes identified by their α decay and genetic correlations in $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Cf}$ reactions (blue circles) are compared with those identified in $^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{207}\text{Pb}$ [43] and $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$ [26] reactions marked in green and orange, respectively. (b) Isotopes directly implanted into the focal plane detector. The filled (empty) blue circles correspond to $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Cf}$ reaction products identified in correlation analyses with (without) RI-like events. The orange frames relate to $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$ reaction products observed in correlation with RI-like events [26,25].



Nuclear reaction dynamics study at MARA

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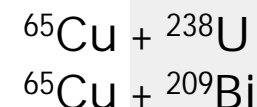
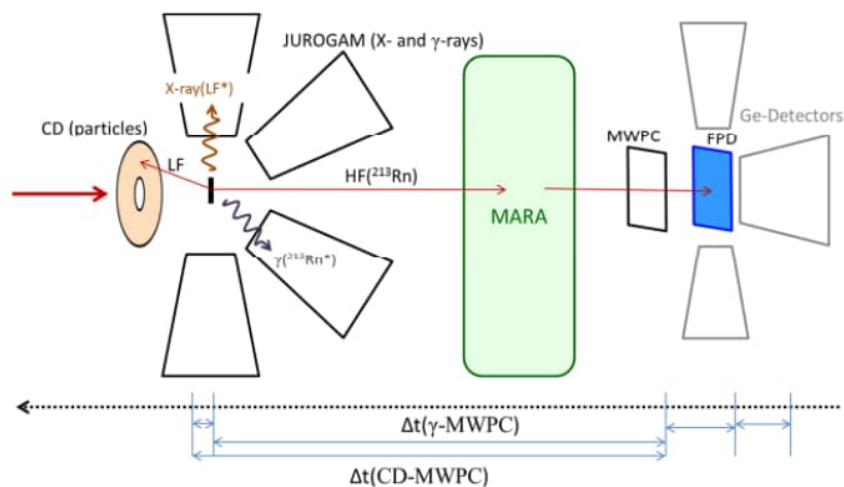
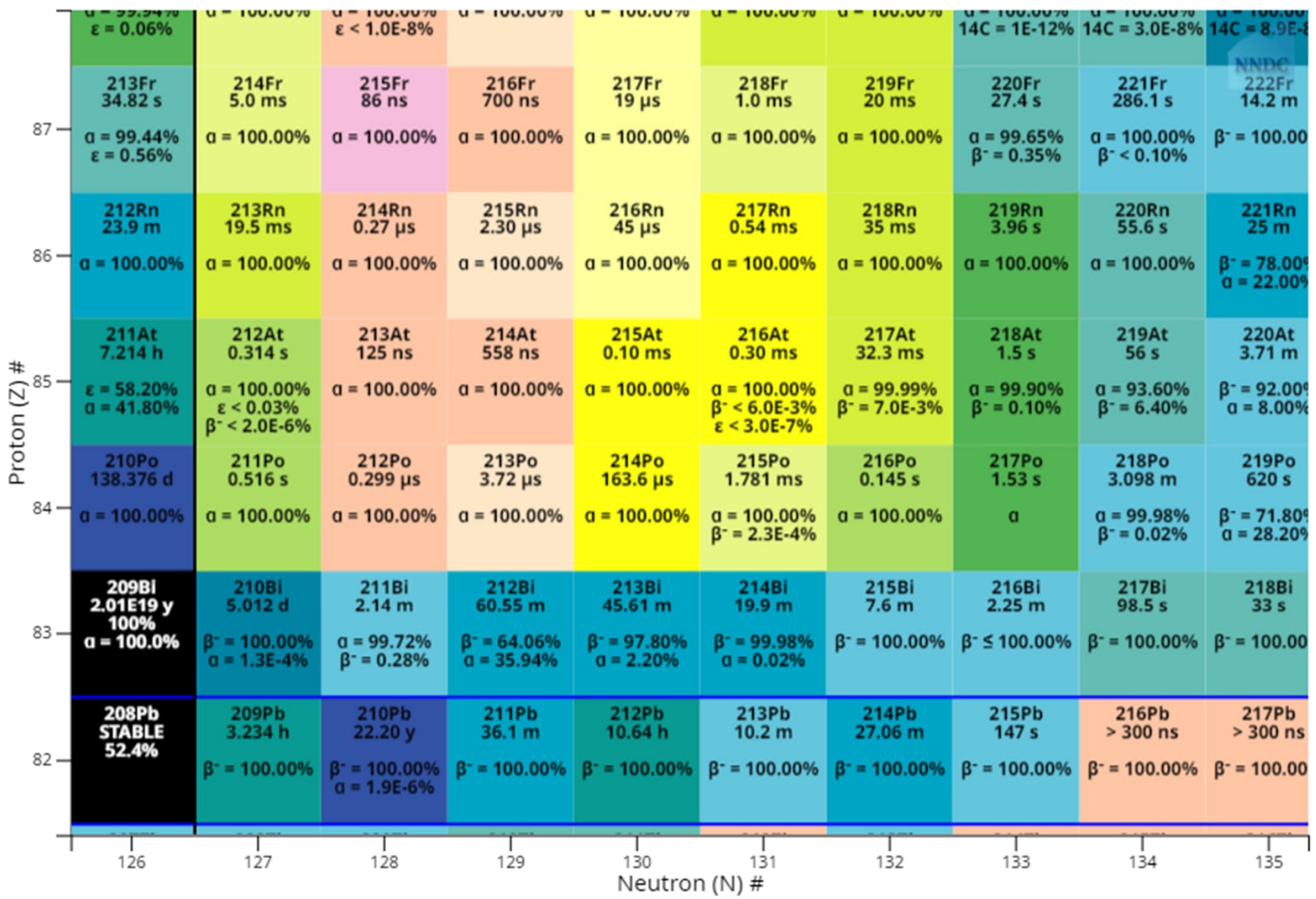
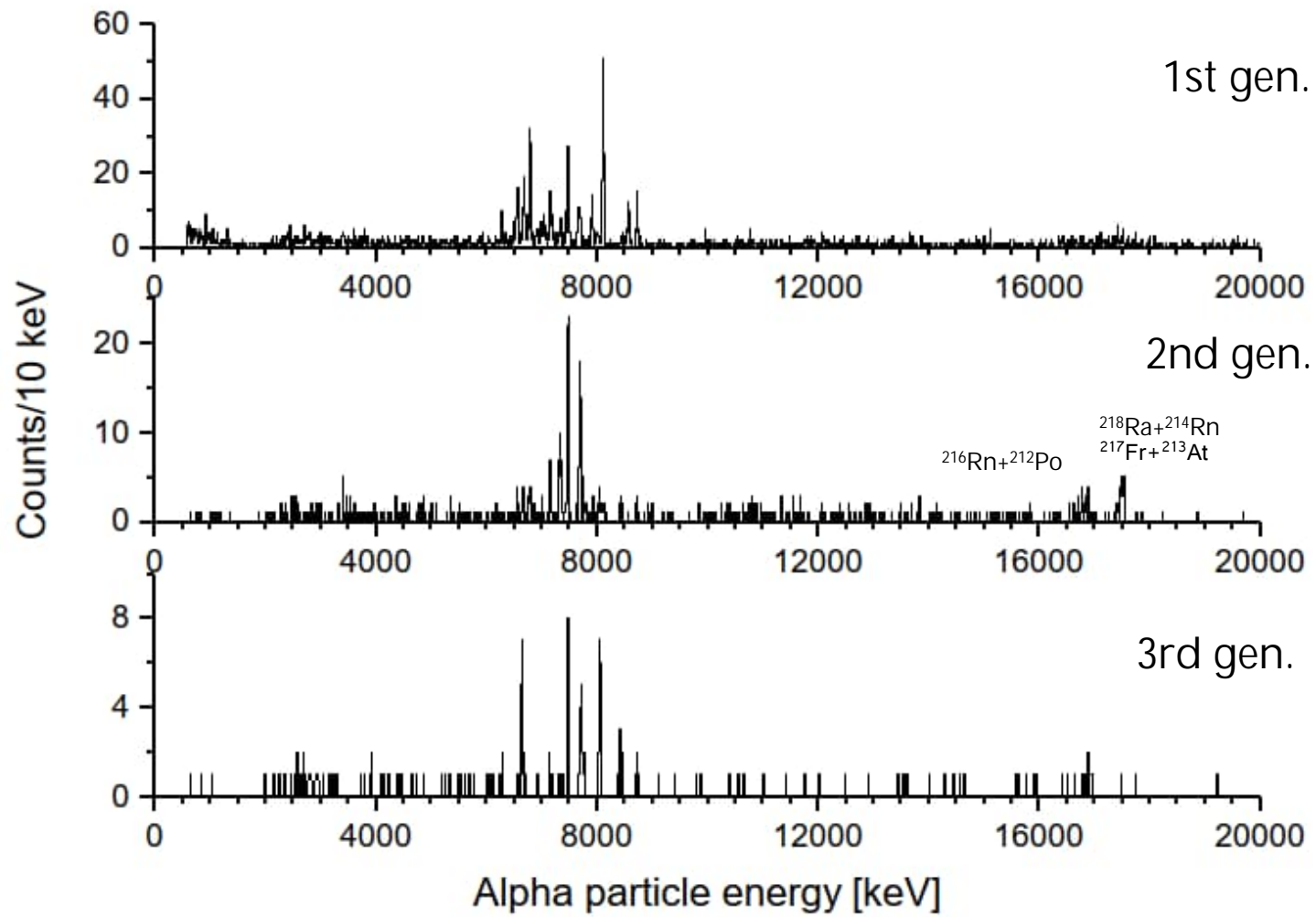
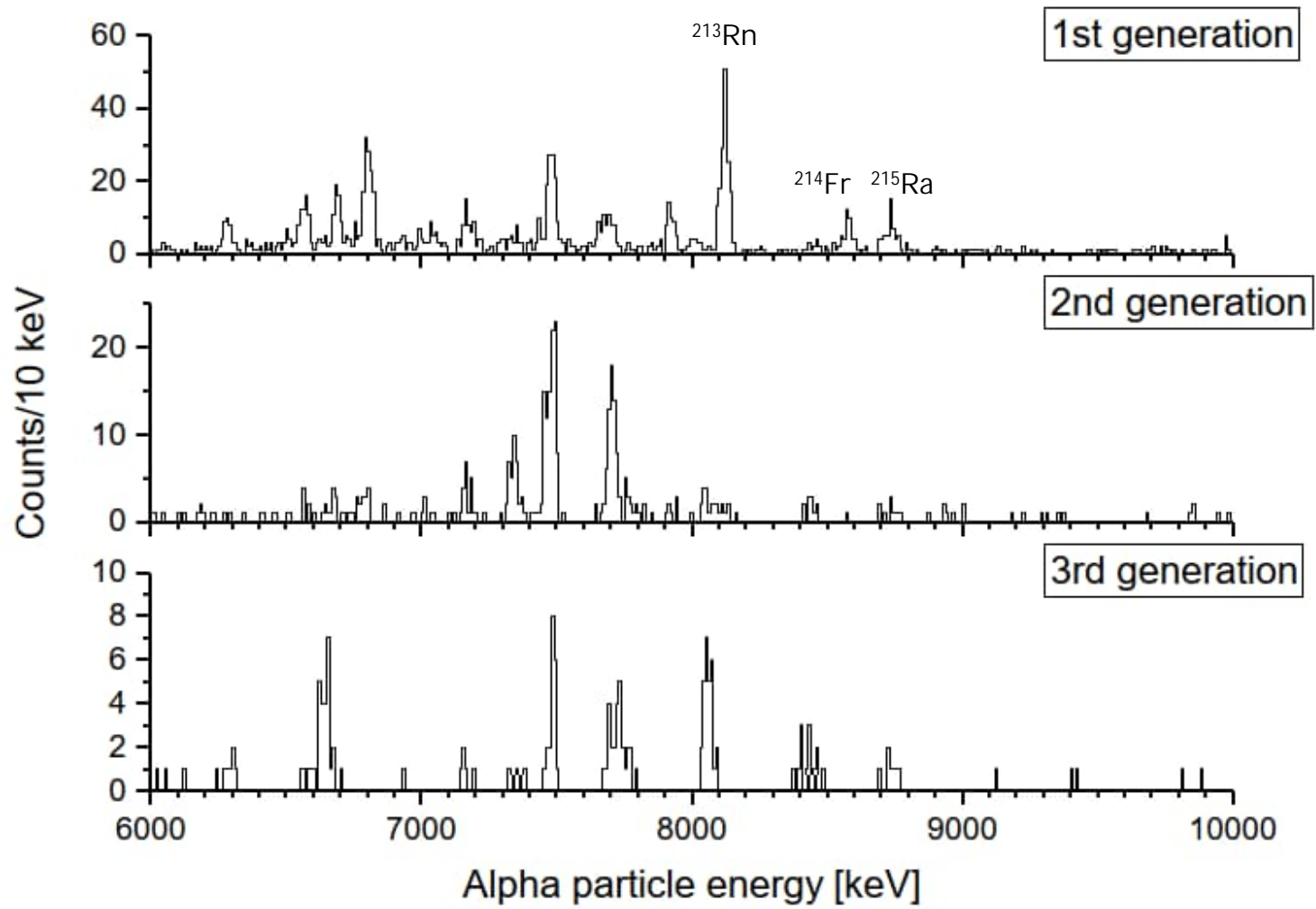


Figure 4. Schematic of the experimental setup and measurement scenario. Notations of the each instrument are given. The horizontal line marks the time scale in a backward direction showing the concept of the delayed coincident technique. See text for details.









Goals

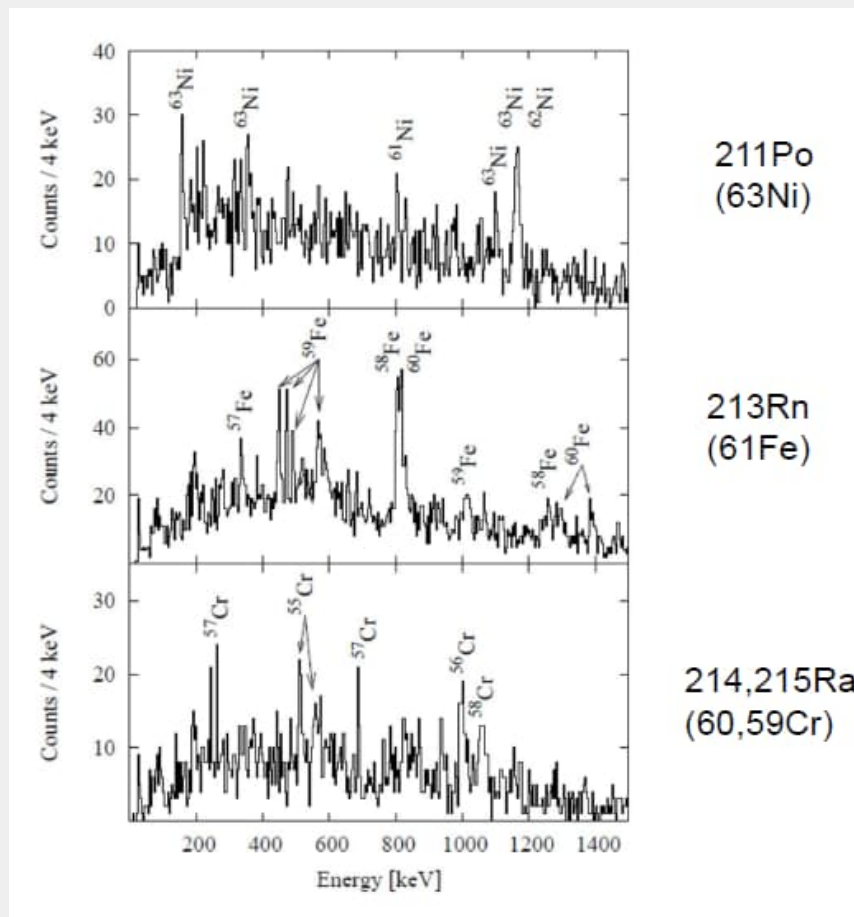
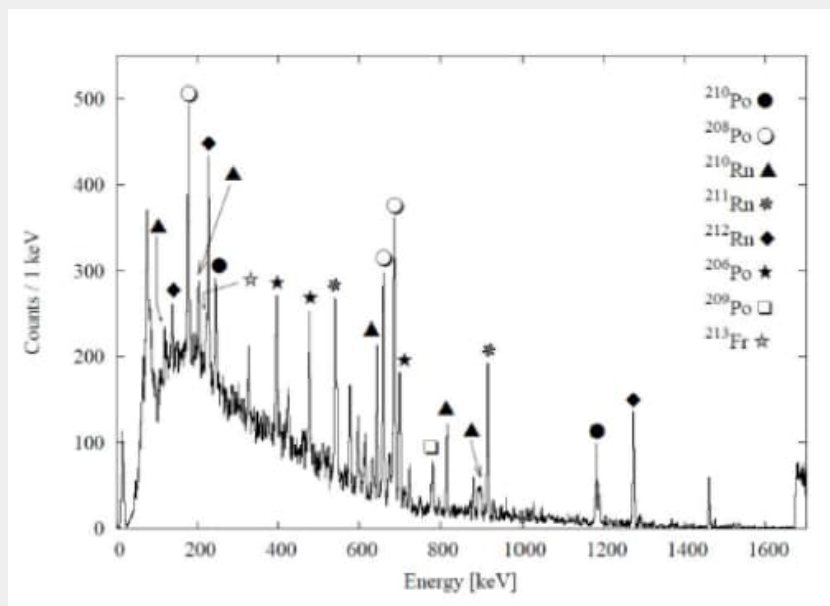
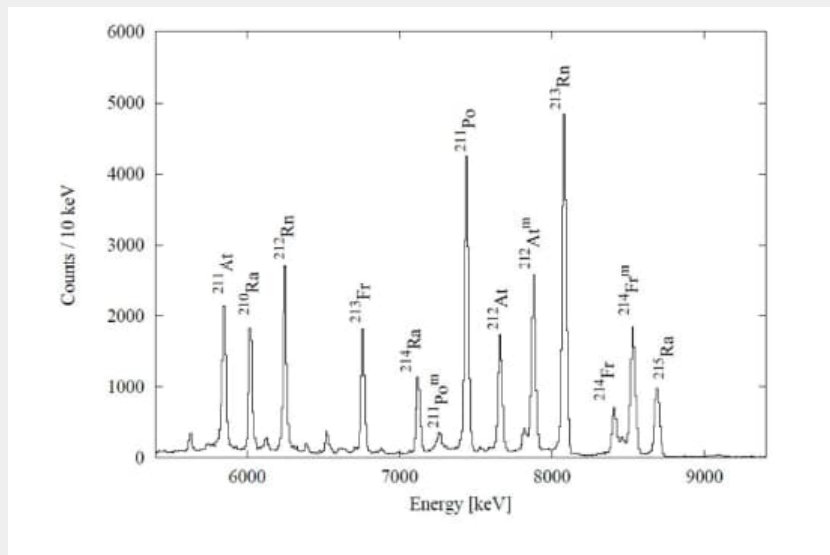
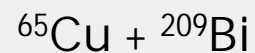
1. Nuclear reaction dynamics study at zero degrees
2. Yields for MARA-LEB based spectroscopy
3. Yields for in-beam spectroscopy

Next step:

Select a case and perform an experiment with fixed settings to see the feasibility for in-beam studies.



JUROGAM1 + RITU + GREAT

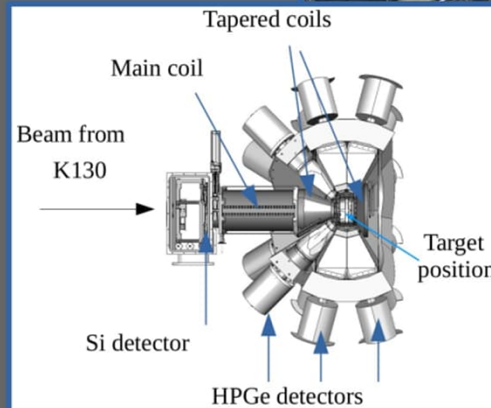
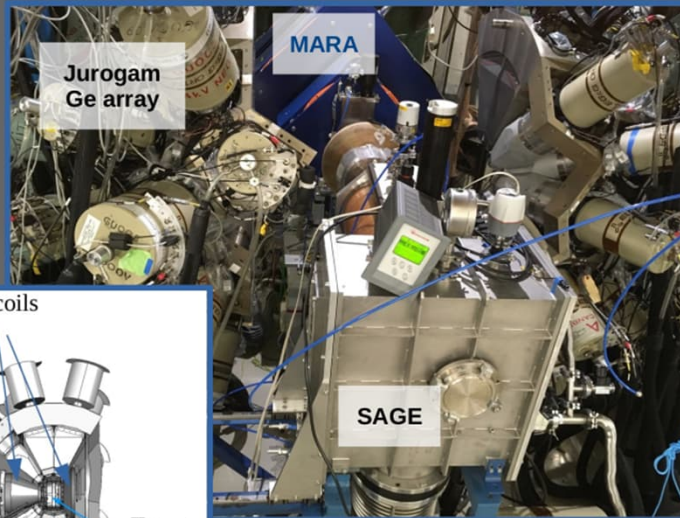




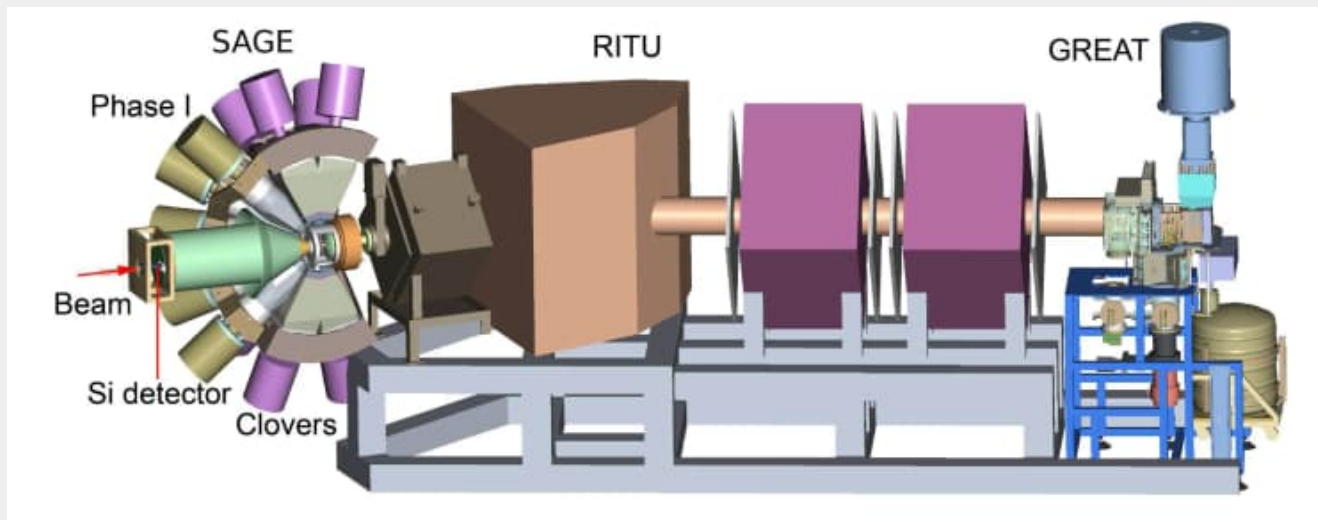
SAGE Spectrometer for prompt conversion electrons

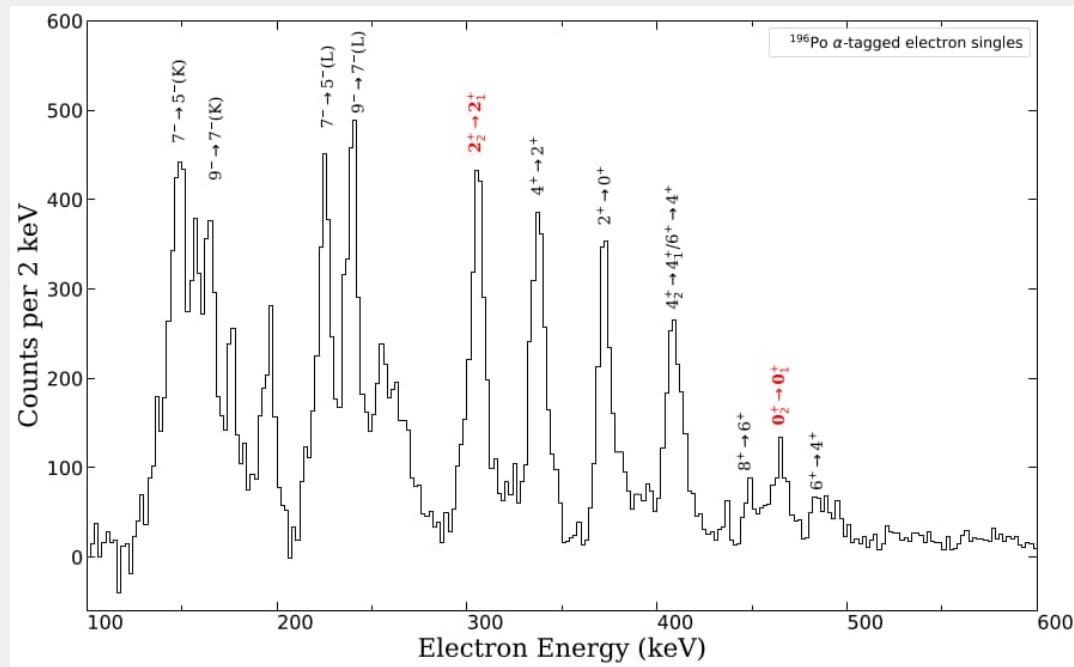
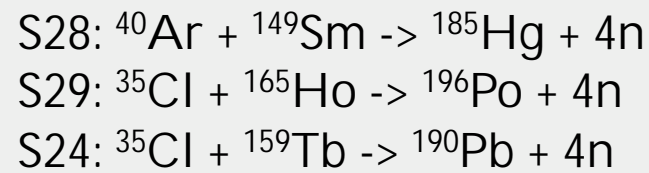
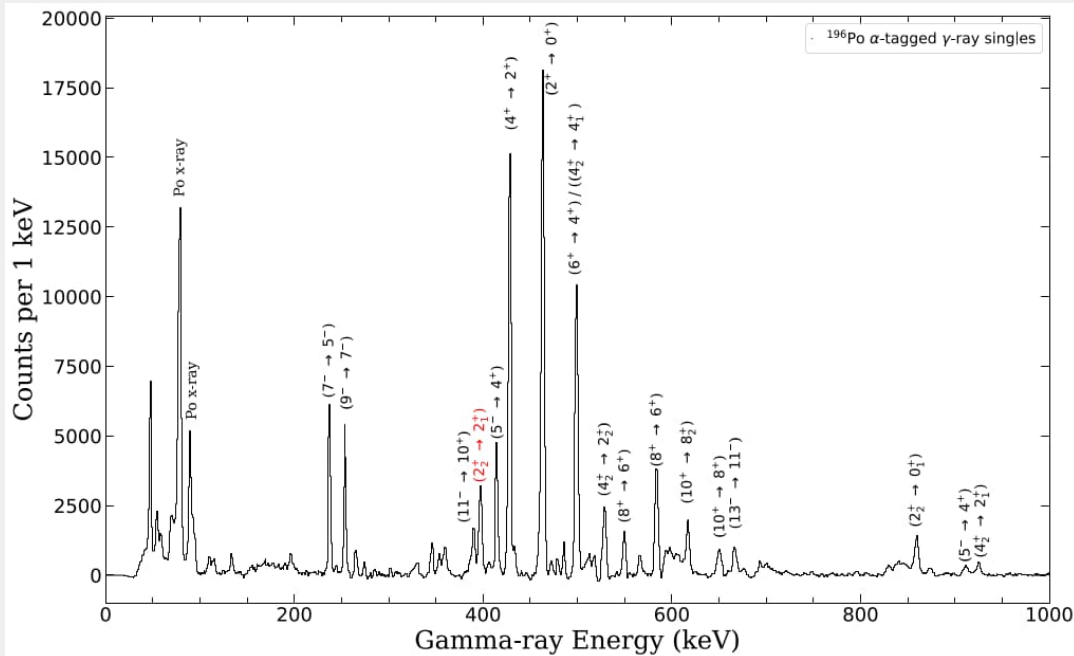
Solenoidal B-field transports conversion electrons from the target to the cooled Si-detector.

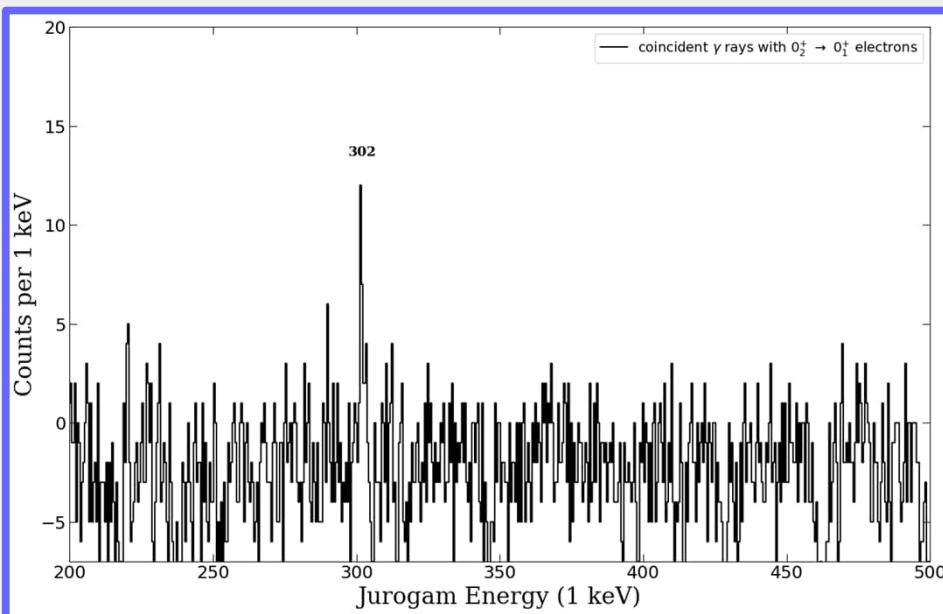
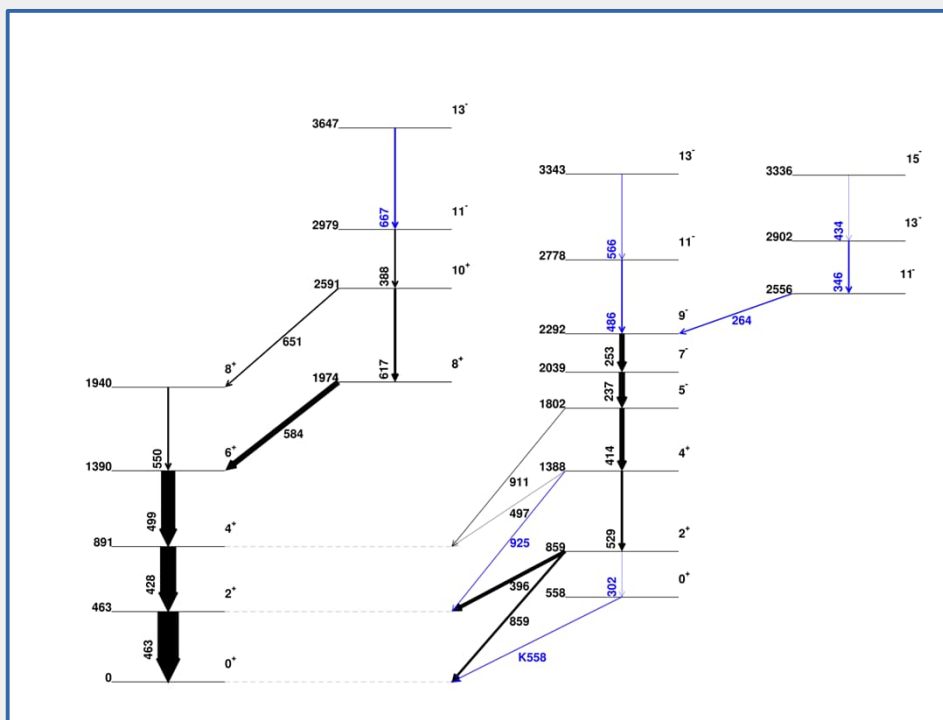
HV-barrier shields for delta electrons.



Jurogam and SAGE can be used simultaneously!
→ Electron – gamma – coincidences!







$^{32}\text{S} + ^{152}\text{Sm}$
 1 mg/cm² with
 1.5 mg/cm² Ta fronting
 Stretched 0.29 mg/cm²
 Ni charge reset foil.
 2 p nA



Lifetime measurements of yrast states in ^{178}Pt using the charge plunger method with a recoil separator

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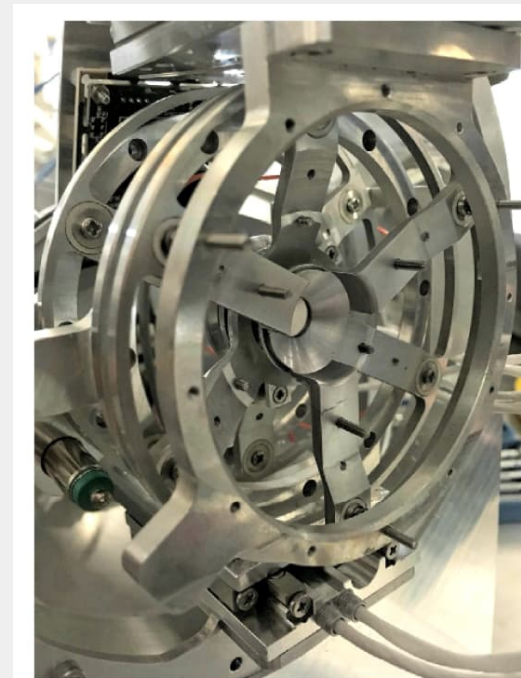
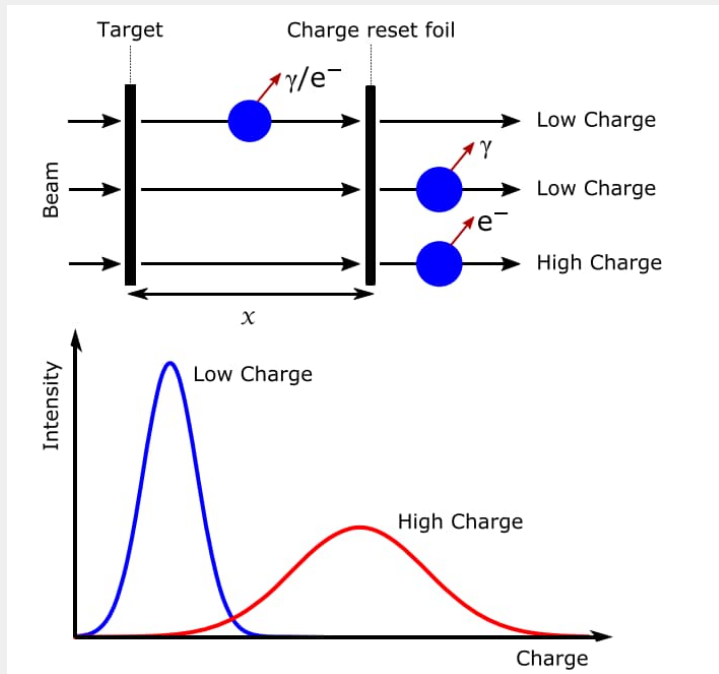


Fig. 7. A photograph of the TPEN. The stopper foil can be seen mounted on a LPS-45 motor on the right of the image. The foil mounts for the degrader and target foils can also be seen.



$V \approx 5 \text{ mm/ns}$

430(30) ps
Tot Conv. 0.47

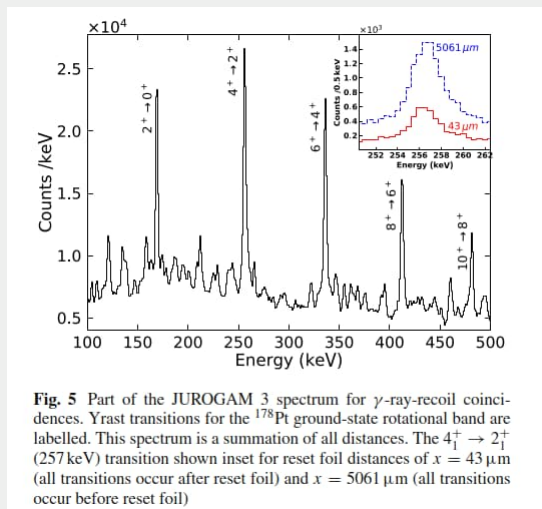
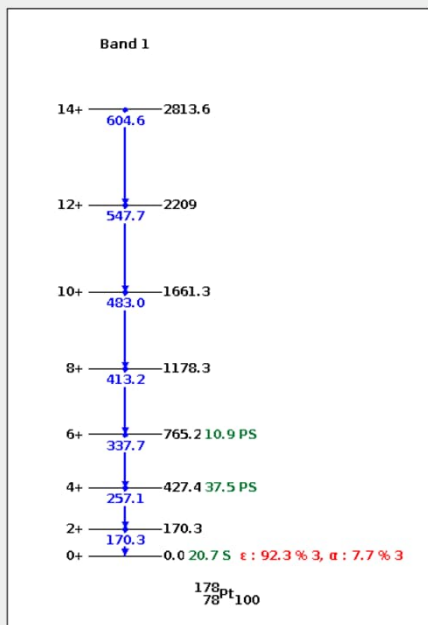


Fig. 5 Part of the JUROGAM 3 spectrum for γ -ray-recoil coincidences. Yrast transitions for the ^{178}Pt ground-state rotational band are labelled. This spectrum is a summation of all distances. The $4_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ (257 keV) transition shown inset for reset foil distances of $x = 43 \mu\text{m}$ (all transitions occur after reset foil) and $x = 5061 \mu\text{m}$ (all transitions occur before reset foil)

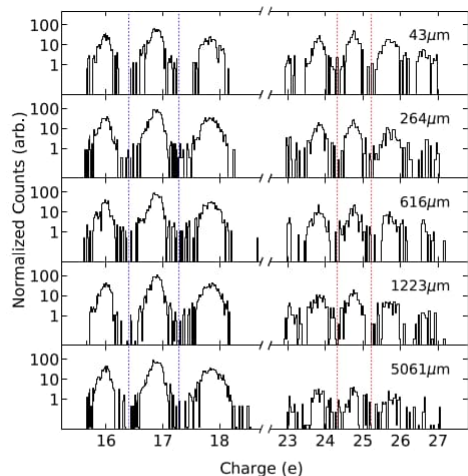


Fig. 6 Charge spectra at the focal plane of MARA when gating on the $4_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ transition at 257 keV. In each spectrum counts have been normalised using coulomb excitation in the target. The central peaks lie at 17e and 25e. The evolution with distance of low and high charge components is shown for five distances. The integration limits of the central charge peaks are shown as blue ($q = 17e$) and red ($q = 25e$) dotted lines

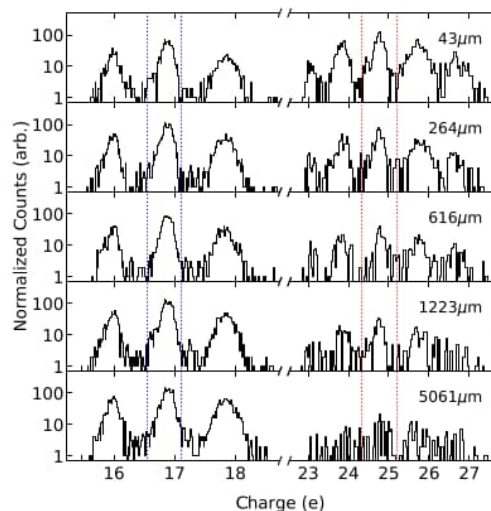
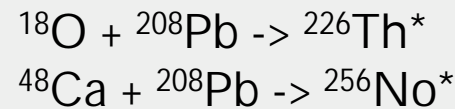


Fig. 10 Charge spectra at the focal plane of MARA in coincidence with an alpha decay of ^{178}Pt . Normalization is the same as in Fig. 6. The evolution with distance of low and high charge components is shown for five distances. The integration limits of the central charge peaks are shown as blue ($q = 17e$) and red ($q = 25e$) dotted lines





Recommissioning of RITU

- New focal plane setup
 - DSSD and MWPC
- New He gas-handling system
- New control system (Rockwell)

$^{40}\text{Ar} + ^{165}\text{Ho}, ^{169}\text{Tm}, ^{175}\text{Lu}$

$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{159}\text{Tb}$

Ca beam development from metallic calcium

100 pA beam, 5 days without renewing the sample

ECR group Ville Toivanen

For example:

100 pA ^{40}Ca beam ^{232}ThF target 330 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ rotating foil

RITU tuned for SHE, He 0.8 mbar

Typical rates MWPC < 100 Hz, DSSD rates < 20 Hz

Proposal: Attempt to synthesize ^{268}Hs (and ^{267}Hs) in two-body reaction

C. Borcea et. al.,

$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{232}\text{ThF}$ @ 240 MeV



300 μm Si

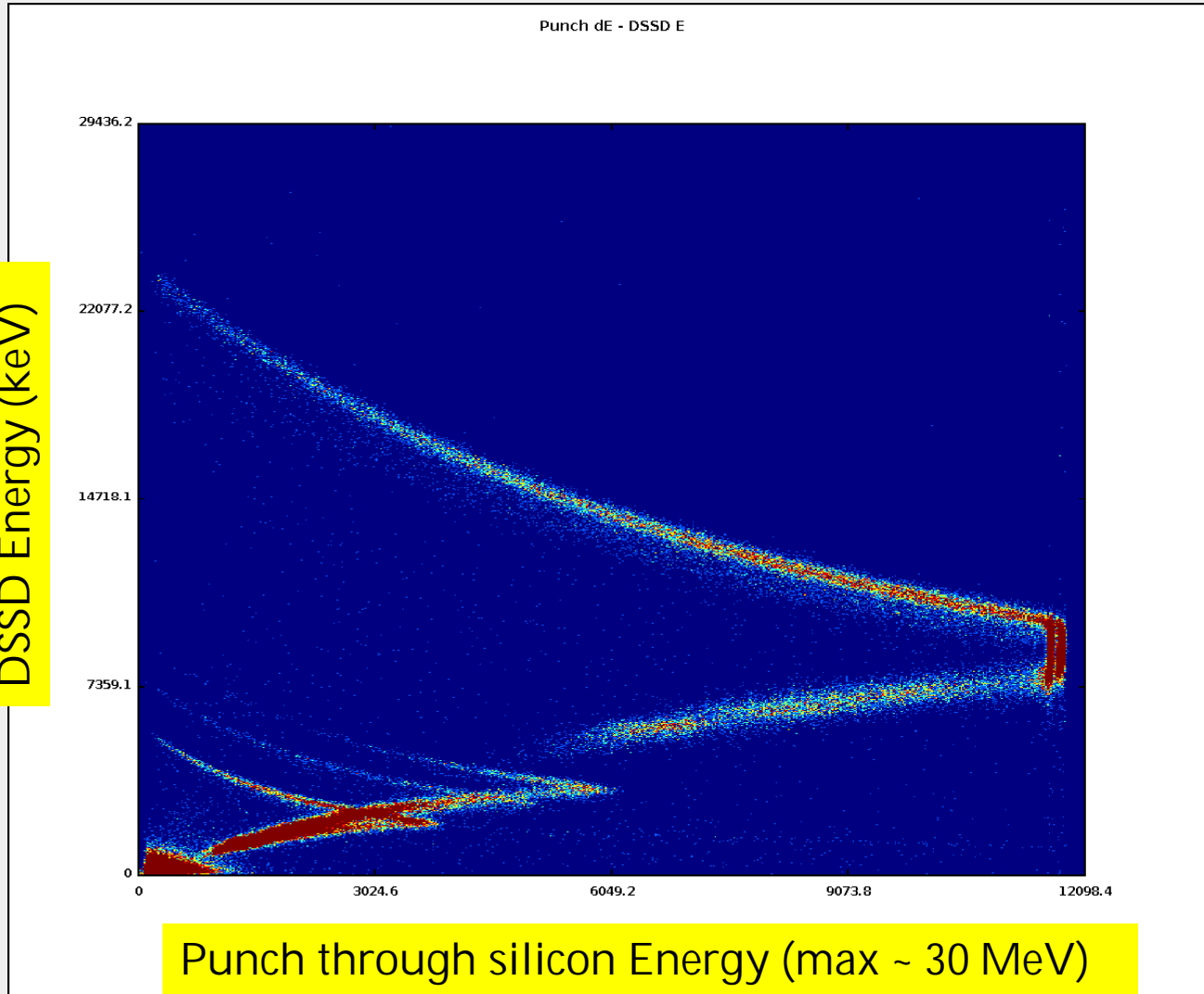
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6 MeV p

8 MeV d

9,5 MeV t

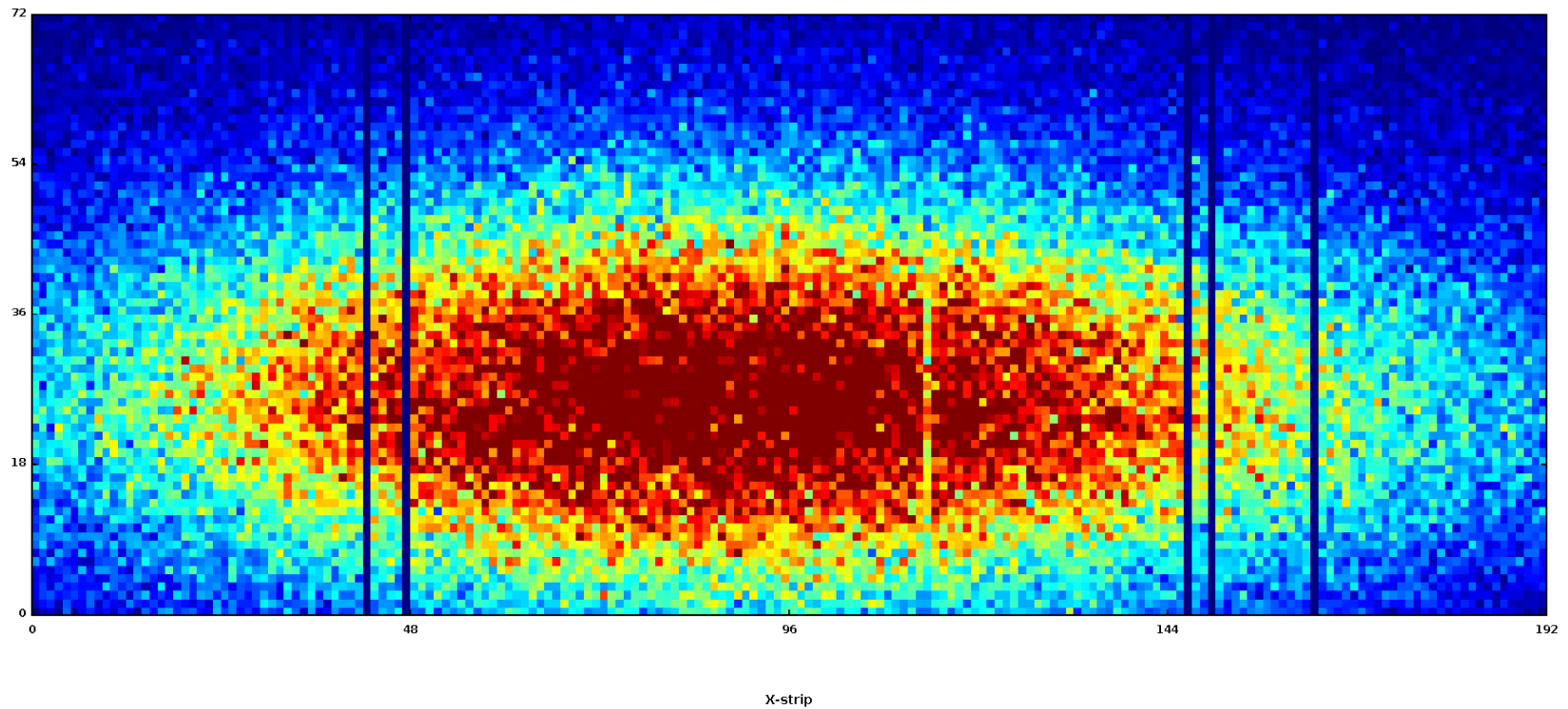
DSSD Energy (keV)





$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{159}\text{Tb} @ 240 \text{ MeV}$

DSSD Recoil Map



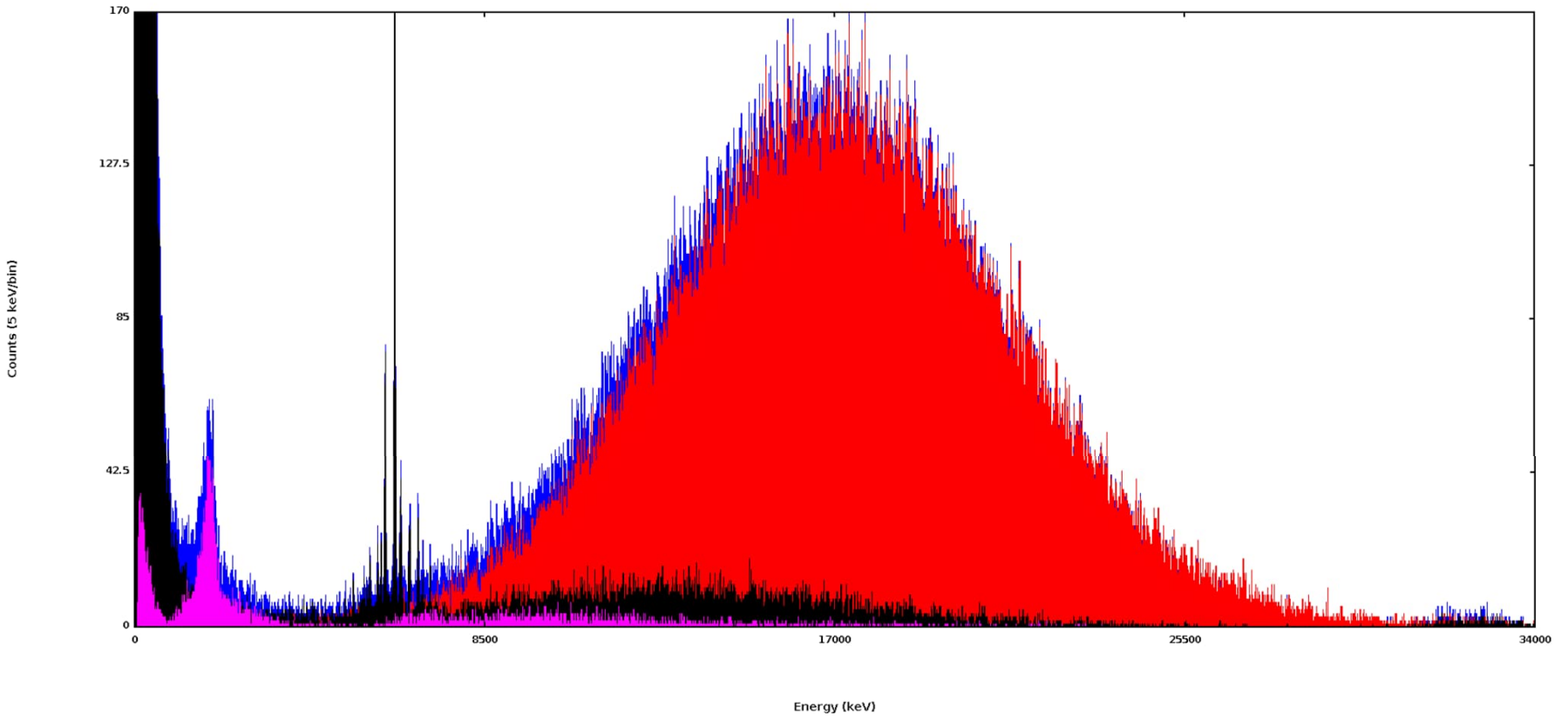
BB20 DSSD, 128 mm x 48 mm, 192 x 72 strips, 13824 pixels



$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{159}\text{Tb}$ @ 240 MeV

All DSSD events

All DSSD events
Recoils
Decays
Punch Throughs



Energy resolution ~ 25-30 keV for alphas



Towards saturation of the electron-capture delayed fission probability: The new isotopes ^{240}Es and ^{236}Bk



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~ 150 pA ^{34}S beam
for 10 days

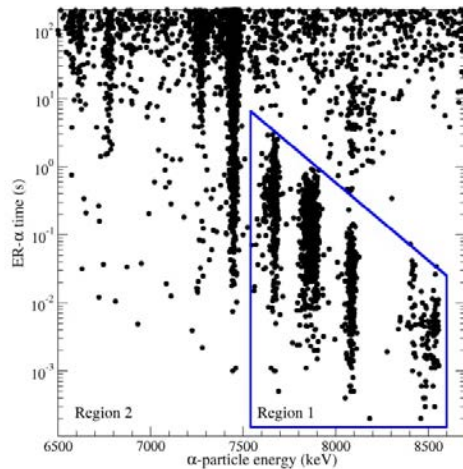


Fig. 2. A two-dimensional plot of the ER- α correlation times on a logarithmic scale as a function of the α -particle energies observed in the $^{34}\text{S} + ^{209}\text{Bi}$ reaction. The maximum searching time was 200s.

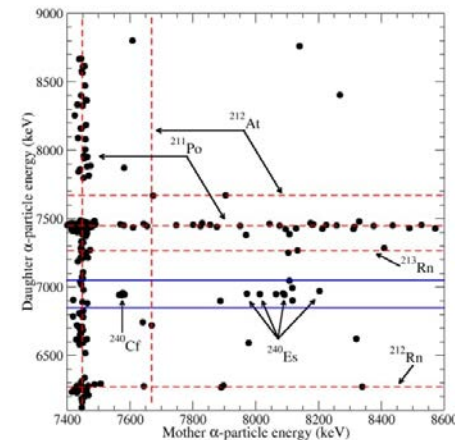


Fig. 4. Mother and daughter α -particle energies for the correlated events of the type ER- α_1 - α_2 observed in the $^{34}\text{S} + ^{209}\text{Bi}$ reaction. The maximum searching times were 200s for the ER- α_1 pair and 1200s for the α_1 - α_2 pair. Expected random correlations from the decays of transfer-reaction products are marked with dashed red lines. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)



Search for the new neutron-deficient isotope ^{238}Es and study of electron-capture delayed fission in ^{238}Es , ^{234}Bk and ^{230}Am

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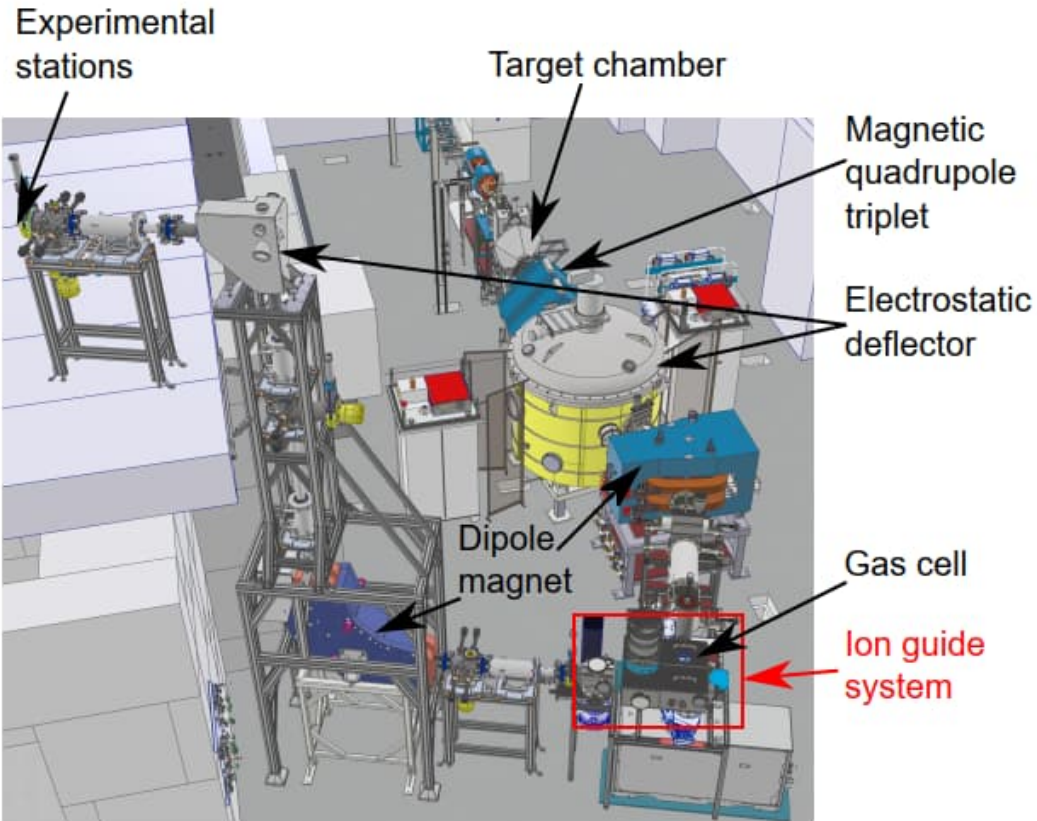
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Kuva 1: MARA and the current design of MARA-LEB. Experimental stations are not shown in this figure.



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