

# From the Core of Red Giant Stars to the Edge of the Tumors



César Domingo Pardo  
IFIC (CSIC-University of Valencia)

*“Anselm Kiefer (German artist) is fascinated by the night sky and its different interpretations throughout history, particularly those describing it as a divine, mysterious kingdom recalling our origins and fate.”*

# Outline

- Heavy elements nucleosynthesis: How stars make gold (r-process) and lead (s-process)?
- Neutron-capture experiments at CERN n\_TOF: Red-Giant stars in the lab
- Enhancing detection sensitivity in neutron capture TOF experiments
- Beyond the limits: r-process neutron-reactions in the lab?
- From stars to tumors: ion-range & dose monitoring in hadron therapy
- Summary & Outlook

# Atomic Properties of the Elements

Physical Measurement Laboratory [www.nist.gov/pml](http://www.nist.gov/pml)  
Standard Reference Data [www.nist.gov/srd](http://www.nist.gov/srd)

### FREQUENTLY USED FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICAL CONSTANTS<sup>5</sup>

1 second = 9 192 631 770 periods of radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of <sup>133</sup>Cs

speed of light in vacuum	<i>c</i>	299 792 458 m s <sup>-1</sup>	(exact)
Planck constant	<i>h</i>	6.626 070 15 × 10 <sup>-34</sup> J Hz <sup>-1</sup>	(exact)
elementary charge	<i>e</i>	1.602 176 634 × 10 <sup>-19</sup> C	(exact)
Avogadro constant	<i>N<sub>A</sub></i>	6.022 140 76 × 10 <sup>23</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	(exact)
Boltzmann constant	<i>k</i>	1.380 649 × 10 <sup>-23</sup> J K <sup>-1</sup>	(exact)
electron volt	eV	1.602 176 634 × 10 <sup>-19</sup> J	(exact)
electron mass	<i>m<sub>e</sub></i>	9.109 383 71 × 10 <sup>-31</sup> kg	(exact)
energy equivalent	<i>m<sub>e</sub>c<sup>2</sup></i>	0.510 998 951 MeV	(exact)
proton mass	<i>m<sub>p</sub></i>	1.672 621 928 × 10 <sup>-27</sup> kg	(exact)
energy equivalent	<i>m<sub>p</sub>c<sup>2</sup></i>	938.272 089 MeV	(exact)
fine-structure constant	<i>α</i>	1/137.035 999	(exact)
Rydberg energy	<i>R<sub>∞</sub>hc</i>	13.805 693 1230 eV	(exact)
Newtonian constant of gravitation	<i>G</i>	6.674 × 10 <sup>-11</sup> m <sup>3</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-2</sup>	(exact)

<sup>5</sup>For the most accurate values of these and other constants, visit [pml.nist.gov/constants](http://pml.nist.gov/constants).

- Solids
- Liquids
- Gases
- Artificially Prepared

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VII B	VIII			IB	IIB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA	IXA		
1	<b>1</b> <sup>1</sup> H Hydrogen 1.008 1s 13.5984												<b>5</b> <sup>13</sup> B Boron 10.81 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p 8.2580	<b>6</b> <sup>14</sup> C Carbon 12.011 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>2</sup> 11.2603	<b>7</b> <sup>15</sup> N Nitrogen 14.007 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>3</sup> 14.5341	<b>8</b> <sup>16</sup> O Oxygen 15.999 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>4</sup> 13.6181	<b>9</b> <sup>18</sup> F Fluorine 18.998 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>5</sup> 17.4228	<b>10</b> <sup>19</sup> Ne Neon 20.180 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup> 21.5645		
2	<b>3</b> <sup>3</sup> Li Lithium 6.94 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s 5.3517	<b>4</b> <sup>4</sup> Be Beryllium 9.0122 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 5.3227											<b>13</b> <sup>27</sup> Al Aluminum 26.982 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 3p 10.4677	<b>14</b> <sup>28</sup> Si Silicon 28.085 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>2</sup> 10.1517	<b>15</b> <sup>31</sup> P Phosphorus 30.974 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>3</sup> 10.4867	<b>16</b> <sup>32</sup> S Sulfur 32.06 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>4</sup> 10.3600	<b>17</b> <sup>35</sup> Cl Chlorine 35.45 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>5</sup> 12.9676	<b>18</b> <sup>36</sup> Ar Argon 39.95 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>6</sup> 15.7596		
3	<b>11</b> <sup>23</sup> Na Sodium 22.990 [Ne]3s 5.1391	<b>12</b> <sup>24</sup> Mg Magnesium 24.305 [Ne]3s <sup>2</sup> 7.6462																		
4	<b>19</b> <sup>39</sup> K Potassium 39.098 [Ar]4s 4.3407	<b>20</b> <sup>40</sup> Ca Calcium 40.078 [Ar]4s 6.1132	<b>21</b> <sup>45</sup> Sc Scandium 44.956 [Ar]3d <sup>1</sup> 4s 6.5615	<b>22</b> <sup>48</sup> Ti Titanium 47.887 [Ar]3d <sup>2</sup> 4s 6.8281	<b>23</b> <sup>51</sup> V Vanadium 50.942 [Ar]3d <sup>3</sup> 4s 6.7452	<b>24</b> <sup>52</sup> Cr Chromium 51.998 [Ar]3d <sup>5</sup> 4s 6.7665	<b>25</b> <sup>55</sup> Mn Manganese 54.938 [Ar]3d <sup>5</sup> 4s 7.4340	<b>26</b> <sup>56</sup> Fe Iron 55.845 [Ar]3d <sup>6</sup> 4s 7.9025	<b>27</b> <sup>59</sup> Co Cobalt 58.933 [Ar]3d <sup>7</sup> 4s 7.8810	<b>28</b> <sup>58</sup> Ni Nickel 58.693 [Ar]3d <sup>8</sup> 4s 7.6399	<b>29</b> <sup>63</sup> Cu Copper 63.546 [Ar]3d <sup>10</sup> 4s 7.7264	<b>30</b> <sup>65</sup> Zn Zinc 65.38 9.3942	<b>31</b> <sup>69</sup> Ga Gallium 69.723 [Ar]3d <sup>10</sup> 4s 9.5993	<b>32</b> <sup>72</sup> Ge Germanium 72.630 [Ar]3d <sup>10</sup> 4s 7.8994	<b>33</b> <sup>75</sup> As Arsenic 74.922 [Ar]3d <sup>10</sup> 4s 7.8994	<b>34</b> <sup>78</sup> Se Selenium 78.971 [Ar]3d <sup>10</sup> 4s 9.7524	<b>35</b> <sup>79</sup> Br Bromine 79.904 11.8138	<b>36</b> <sup>84</sup> Kr Krypton 83.798 13.9956		
5	<b>37</b> <sup>85</sup> Rb Rubidium 85.468 [Kr]5s 4.1771	<b>38</b> <sup>88</sup> Sr Strontium 87.62 [Kr]5s 5.6949	<b>39</b> <sup>90</sup> Y Yttrium 88.906 [Kr]4d <sup>1</sup> 5s 6.2173	<b>40</b> <sup>92</sup> Zr Zirconium 91.224 [Kr]4d <sup>2</sup> 5s 6.8341	<b>41</b> <sup>93</sup> Nb Niobium 92.906 [Kr]4d <sup>4</sup> 5s 6.7589	<b>42</b> <sup>98</sup> Mo Molybdenum 95.95 7.0924	<b>43</b> <sup>101</sup> Tc Technetium (97) 95.95	<b>44</b> <sup>101</sup> Ru Ruthenium 101.07 [Kr]4d <sup>7</sup> 5s 7.3605	<b>45</b> <sup>103</sup> Rh Rhodium 102.91 [Kr]4d <sup>8</sup> 5s 7.4589	<b>46</b> <sup>106</sup> Pd Palladium 106.42 [Kr]4d <sup>10</sup> 8.3368	<b>47</b> <sup>107</sup> Ag Silver 107.87 [Kr]4d <sup>10</sup> 5s 7.5762	<b>48</b> <sup>112</sup> Cd Cadmium 112.41 [Kr]4d <sup>10</sup> 5s 8.9938	<b>49</b> <sup>114</sup> In Indium 114.82 [Kr]4d <sup>10</sup> 5s 7.8844	<b>50</b> <sup>118</sup> Sn Tin 118.71 7.3439	<b>51</b> <sup>120</sup> Sb Antimony 121.76 8.6084	<b>52</b> <sup>127</sup> Te Tellurium 127.60 9.0098	<b>53</b> <sup>127</sup> I Iodine 126.90 10.4512	<b>54</b> <sup>131</sup> Xe Xenon 131.29 12.1298		
6	<b>55</b> <sup>133</sup> Cs Cesium 132.91 [Xe]6s 8.8939	<b>56</b> <sup>137</sup> Ba Barium 137.33 [Xe]6s 5.2117		<b>72</b> <sup>178</sup> Hf Hafnium 178.49 [Xe]4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>2</sup> 6s 6.8251	<b>73</b> <sup>181</sup> Ta Tantalum 180.95 [Xe]4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>3</sup> 6s 7.5496	<b>74</b> <sup>183</sup> W Tungsten 183.84 [Xe]4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>4</sup> 6s 7.8640	<b>75</b> <sup>186</sup> Re Rhenium 186.21 7.8335	<b>76</b> <sup>187</sup> Os Osmium 190.23 8.4382	<b>77</b> <sup>193</sup> Ir Iridium 192.22 8.9870	<b>78</b> <sup>195</sup> Pt Platinum 195.08 8.9588	<b>79</b> <sup>197</sup> Au Gold 196.97 9.2256	<b>80</b> <sup>200</sup> Hg Mercury 200.59 10.4375	<b>81</b> <sup>204</sup> Tl Thallium 204.38 [Hg]6p 6.1083	<b>82</b> <sup>207</sup> Pb Lead 207.2 7.4187	<b>83</b> <sup>208</sup> Bi Bismuth 208.98 7.2855	<b>84</b> <sup>209</sup> Po Polonium (209) [Hg]6p 8.4181	<b>85</b> <sup>210</sup> At Astatine (210) [Hg]6p 9.3175	<b>86</b> <sup>222</sup> Rn Radon (222) [Hg]6p 10.7485		
7	<b>87</b> <sup>223</sup> Fr Francium (223) [Rn]7s 4.0727	<b>88</b> <sup>226</sup> Ra Radium (226) [Rn]7s 5.2784		<b>104</b> <sup>261</sup> Rf Rutherfordium (261) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>2</sup> 7s 6.02	<b>105</b> <sup>262</sup> Db Dubnium (268) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>3</sup> 7s 6.8	<b>106</b> <sup>263</sup> Sg Seaborgium (263) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>4</sup> 7s 7.8	<b>107</b> <sup>262</sup> Bh Bohrium (270) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>5</sup> 7s 7.7	<b>108</b> <sup>265</sup> Hs Hassium (268) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>6</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>109</b> <sup>264</sup> Mt Meitnerium (277) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>7</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>110</b> <sup>265</sup> Ds Darmstadtium (281) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>8</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>111</b> <sup>264</sup> Rg Roentgenium (282) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>9</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>112</b> <sup>265</sup> Cn Copernicium (285) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>113</b> <sup>266</sup> Nh Nihonium (286) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>114</b> <sup>266</sup> Fl Flerovium (290) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>115</b> <sup>266</sup> Mc Moscovium (290) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>116</b> <sup>266</sup> Lv Livermorium (293) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>117</b> <sup>266</sup> Ts Tennessine (294) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6	<b>118</b> <sup>266</sup> Og Oganesson (294) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>10</sup> 7s 7.6		
			<b>Lanthanides</b>			<b>57</b> <sup>139</sup> La Lanthanum 138.91 [Xe]5d <sup>1</sup> 6s 5.5789	<b>58</b> <sup>140</sup> Ce Cerium 140.12 [Xe]4f <sup>1</sup> 5d <sup>1</sup> 6s 5.5386	<b>59</b> <sup>141</sup> Pr Praseodymium 140.91 [Xe]4f <sup>3</sup> 6s 5.4702	<b>60</b> <sup>142</sup> Nd Neodymium 144.24 [Xe]4f <sup>4</sup> 6s 5.5250	<b>61</b> <sup>144</sup> Pm Promethium (145) [Xe]4f <sup>5</sup> 6s 5.5819	<b>62</b> <sup>150</sup> Sm Samarium 150.35 [Xe]4f <sup>6</sup> 6s 5.6437	<b>63</b> <sup>152</sup> Eu Europium 151.96 [Xe]4f <sup>7</sup> 6s 5.6704	<b>64</b> <sup>157</sup> Gd Gadolinium 157.25 [Xe]4f <sup>7</sup> 5d <sup>1</sup> 6s 6.1498	<b>65</b> <sup>159</sup> Tb Terbium 158.93 [Xe]4f <sup>9</sup> 6s 5.8638	<b>66</b> <sup>162</sup> Dy Dysprosium 162.50 [Xe]4f <sup>10</sup> 6s 5.9391	<b>67</b> <sup>163</sup> Ho Holmium 164.93 [Xe]4f <sup>11</sup> 6s 6.0215	<b>68</b> <sup>165</sup> Er Erbium 167.26 [Xe]4f <sup>12</sup> 6s 6.1077	<b>69</b> <sup>169</sup> Tm Thulium 168.93 [Xe]4f <sup>13</sup> 6s 6.1844	<b>70</b> <sup>173</sup> Yb Ytterbium 173.05 [Xe]4f <sup>14</sup> 6s 6.2542	<b>71</b> <sup>175</sup> Lu Lutetium 174.97 [Xe]4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>1</sup> 6s 5.4259
			<b>Actinides</b>			<b>89</b> <sup>227</sup> Ac Actinium (227) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s 5.3802	<b>90</b> <sup>232</sup> Th Thorium 232.04 [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 7s 6.3067	<b>91</b> <sup>231</sup> Pa Protactinium 231.04 [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s 5.89	<b>92</b> <sup>238</sup> U Uranium 238.03 [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s 6.1941	<b>93</b> <sup>237</sup> Np Neptunium (237) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s 6.2655	<b>94</b> <sup>244</sup> Pu Plutonium (244) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 7s 6.0258	<b>95</b> <sup>247</sup> Am Americium (243) [Rn]5f <sup>7</sup> 7s 5.9738	<b>96</b> <sup>247</sup> Cm Curium (247) [Rn]5f <sup>8</sup> 7s 5.9922	<b>97</b> <sup>247</sup> Bk Berkelium (247) [Rn]5f <sup>9</sup> 7s 6.1979	<b>98</b> <sup>251</sup> Cf Californium (251) [Rn]5f <sup>10</sup> 7s 6.2819	<b>99</b> <sup>252</sup> Es Einsteinium (252) [Rn]5f <sup>11</sup> 7s 6.3684	<b>100</b> <sup>253</sup> Fm Fermium (257) [Rn]5f <sup>12</sup> 7s 6.50	<b>101</b> <sup>254</sup> Md Mendelevium (258) [Rn]5f <sup>13</sup> 7s 6.58	<b>102</b> <sup>259</sup> No Nobelium (259) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 7s 6.6262	<b>103</b> <sup>261</sup> Lr Lawrencium (262) [Rn]5f <sup>14</sup> 7p 4.96

Atomic Number: 58  
Ground State: <sup>1</sup>G<sub>4</sub>  
Symbol: Ce  
Name: Cerium  
Standard Atomic Weight (A<sub>r</sub>): 140.12  
Ground-state Configuration: [Xe]4f<sup>1</sup>5d<sup>1</sup>6s<sup>2</sup>  
Ionization Energy (eV): 5.5386

<sup>†</sup>Based upon <sup>12</sup>C. ( ) indicates the mass number of the longest-lived isotope.

For the most precise values and uncertainties visit [ciaaw.org](http://ciaaw.org) and [pml.nist.gov/data](http://pml.nist.gov/data).

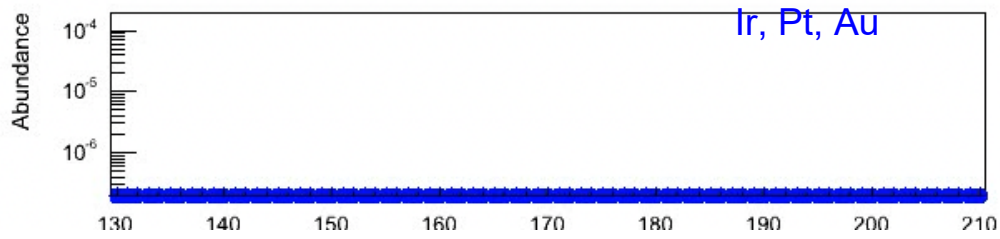
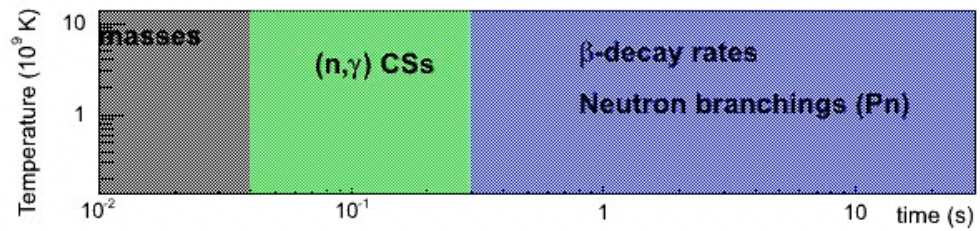
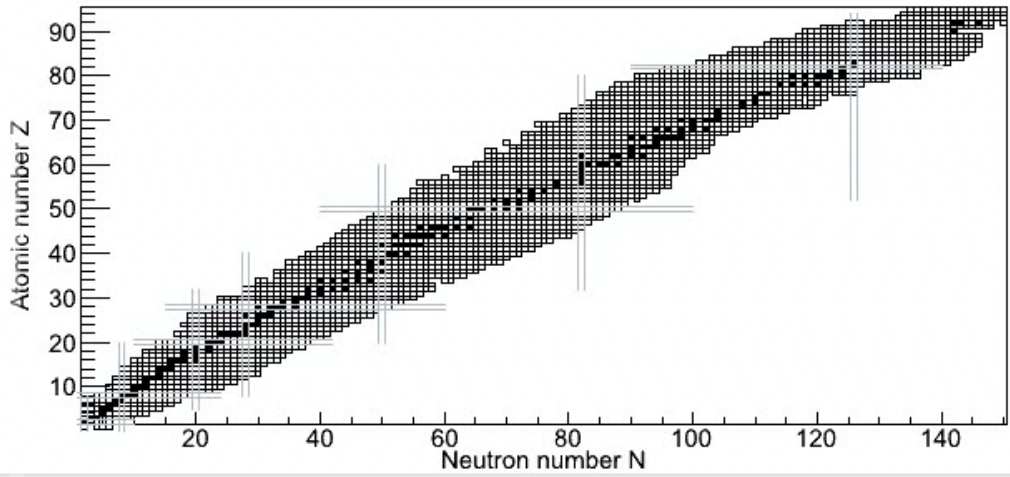
# The origin of the elements:

## Making Gold (r-process) and Lead (s-process)





# The r-process: all elements at once, in a few seconds



By CDP with ROOT, modSN-Thermotrajectory from AA+GMP'21, NucNet network code, B. Meyer et al., Clemson University FRDM+QRPA (P. Möller) + JINA Reaclib Database

Most recent advanced NS-toolkit:

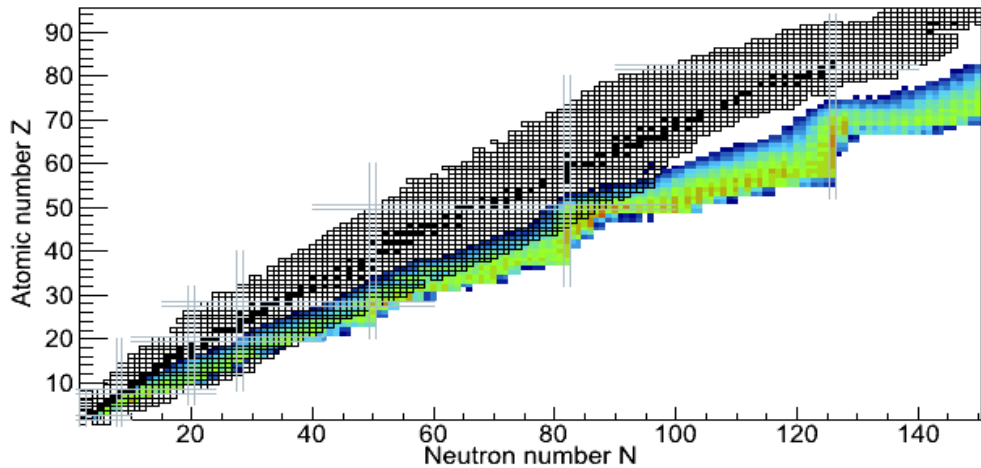
The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series, 268 (6) (20pp), 2021 October  
 © 2021. This Article is published as part of MNRAS in the journal MNRAS  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab303>

**OPEN ACCESS**

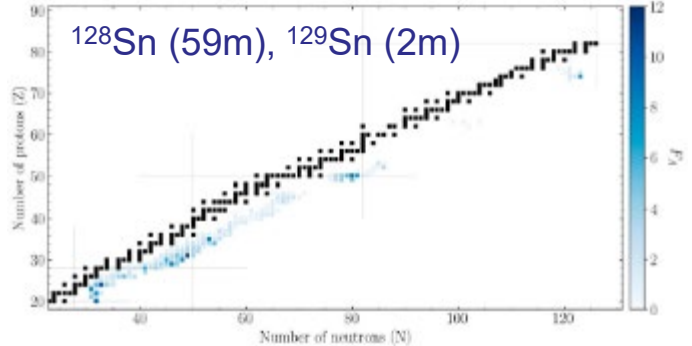
**The Nuclear Reaction Network WinNet**

M. Reicher<sup>1</sup>, C. Winkler<sup>2</sup>, O. Korobkin<sup>3</sup>, A. Arcones<sup>1,2</sup>, J. Blis<sup>1</sup>, M. Eichler<sup>3</sup>, U. Frischknecht<sup>4</sup>, C. Fröhlich<sup>5</sup>, R. Hirschi<sup>1,4</sup>, M. Jassby<sup>6</sup>, J. Kasik<sup>7</sup>, G. Martínez-Pineda<sup>1,4,5</sup>, D. Mouton<sup>8</sup>, D. Mucel<sup>9</sup>, T. Rauscher<sup>2,10</sup>, and F.-K. Thielemann<sup>1,4</sup>

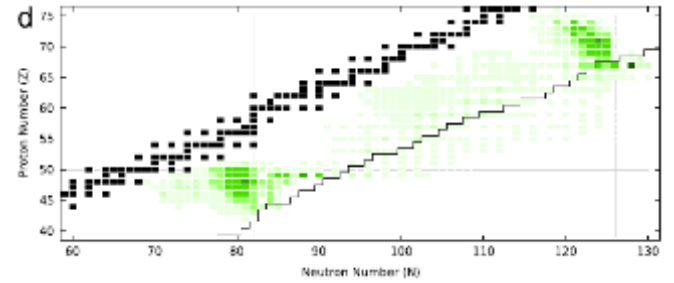
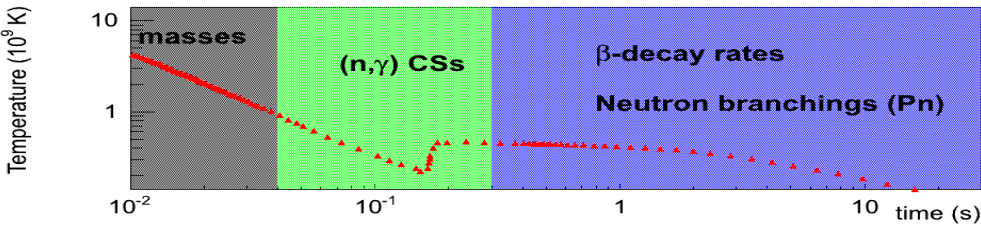
# The r-process: all elements at once, in a few seconds



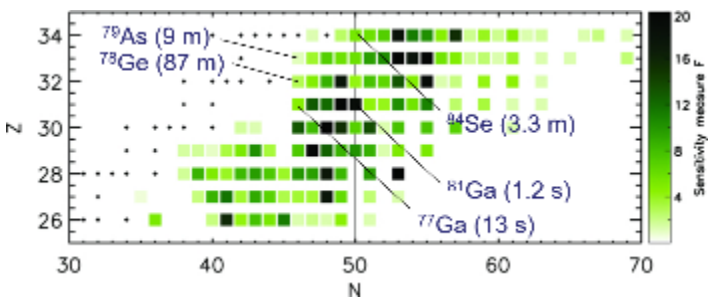
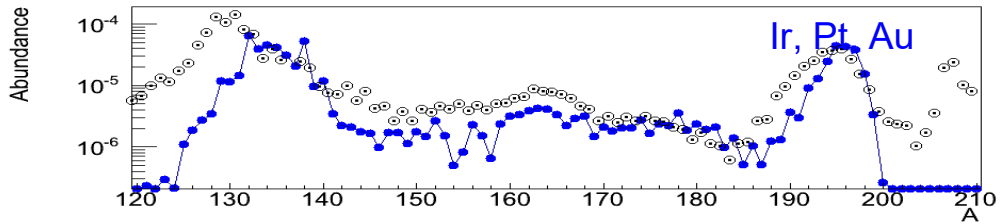
Important neutron-capture isotopes:



Vescovi+2022



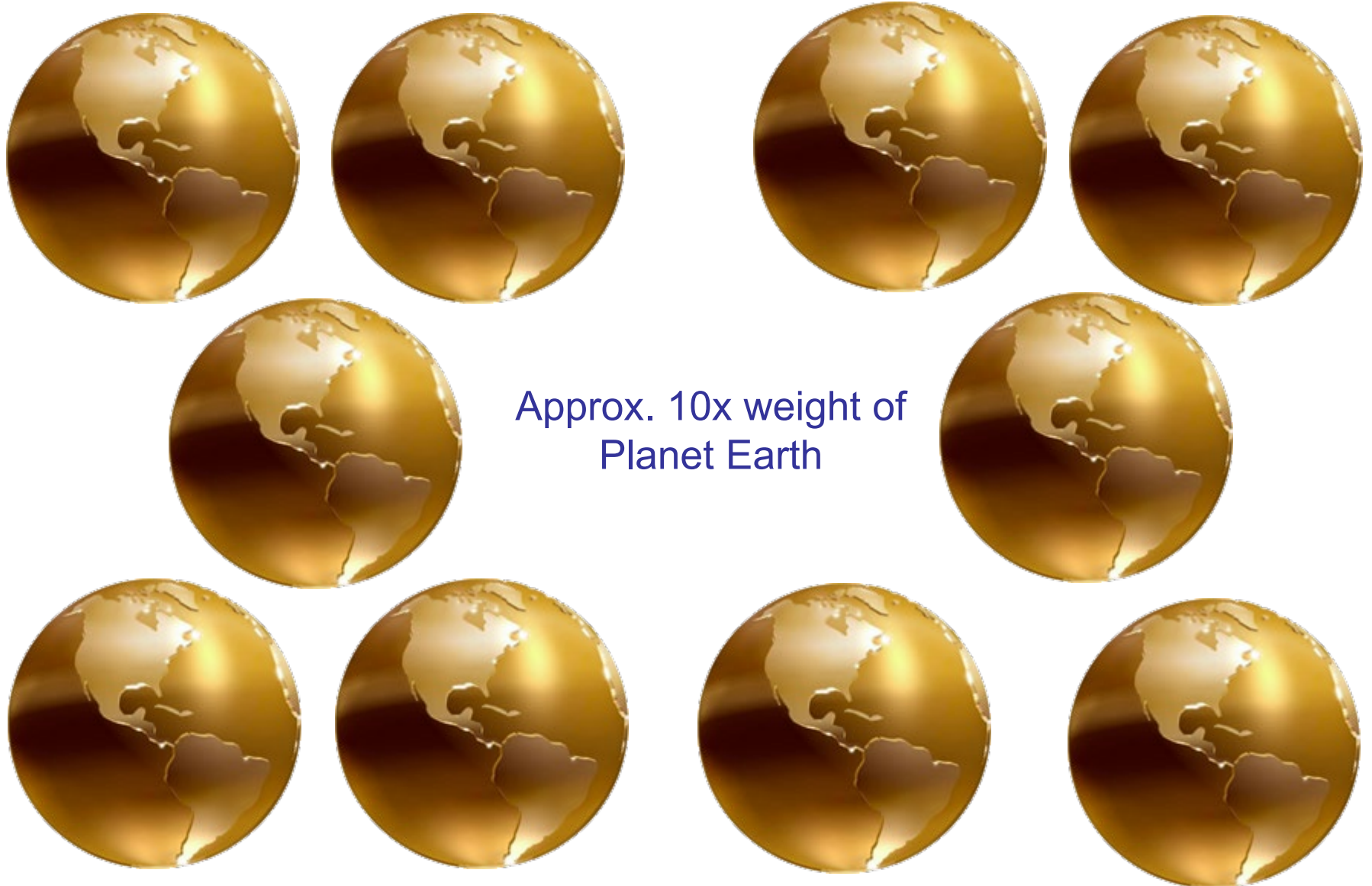
Mumpower+2016



Surman+2014

By CDP with ROOT, modSN-Thermotrajectory from AA+GMP'21, NucNet network code, B. Meyer et al., Clemson University FRDM+QRPA (P. Möller) + JINA Reaclib Database

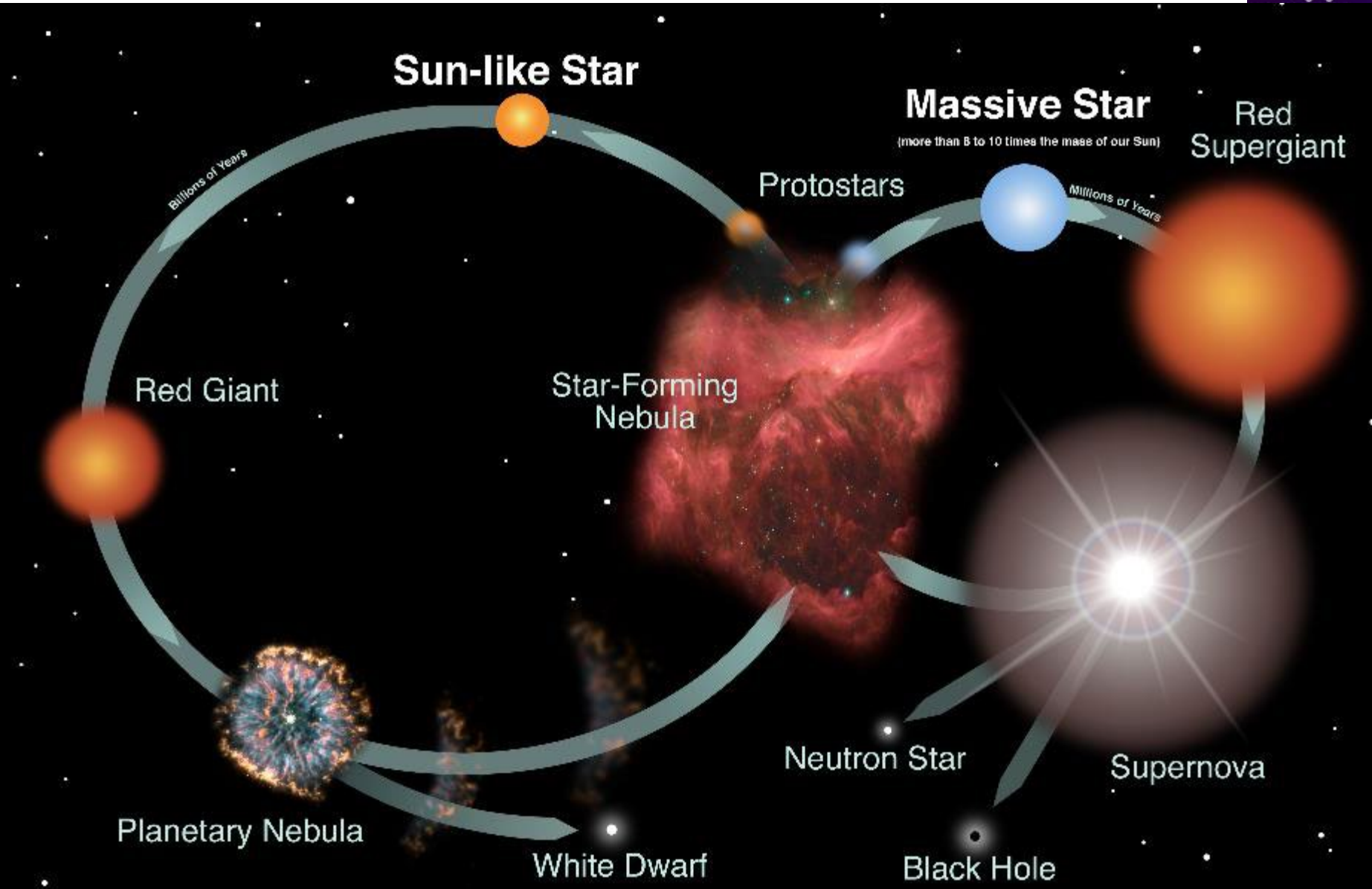
# The r-process: How much gold is produced in one event?



Approx. 10x weight of  
Planet Earth



# The r-process: How much gold is produced in one event?



Sun-like Star

Massive Star  
(more than 8 to 10 times the mass of our Sun)

Red  
Supergiant

Protostars

Red Giant

Star-Forming  
Nebula

Neutron Star

Supernova

Planetary Nebula

White Dwarf

Black Hole

Billions of Years

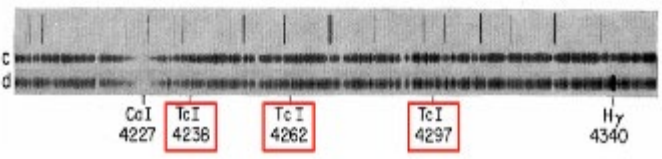
Millions of Years

SPECTROSCOPIC OBSERVATIONS OF STARS OF CLASS S

PAUL W. MERRILL  
 MOUNT WILSON AND PALOMAR OBSERVATORIES  
 CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
 Received February 27, 1952

ABSTRACT

This paper presents a brief survey of S-type spectra based largely on spectrograms with dispersion 9 Å/mm of eight stars obtained by I. S. Bowen with the 300-inch telescope. The intensities of several groups of absorption lines and bands and of the more important emission lines are compared in various stars. Radial velocities from both bright and dark lines and a supplementary list of absorption lines identified in the green region are included. The remarkable behavior of certain bright lines of V I and of Cr I in the spectrum of R Cygni is described.



REVIEWS OF  
**MODERN PHYSICS**

VOLUME 29, NUMBER 4

OCTOBER, 1957

**Synthesis of the Elements in Stars\***

E. MARGARET BURBRIDGE, G. R. BURBRIDGE, WILLIAM A. FOWLER, AND F. HOYLE

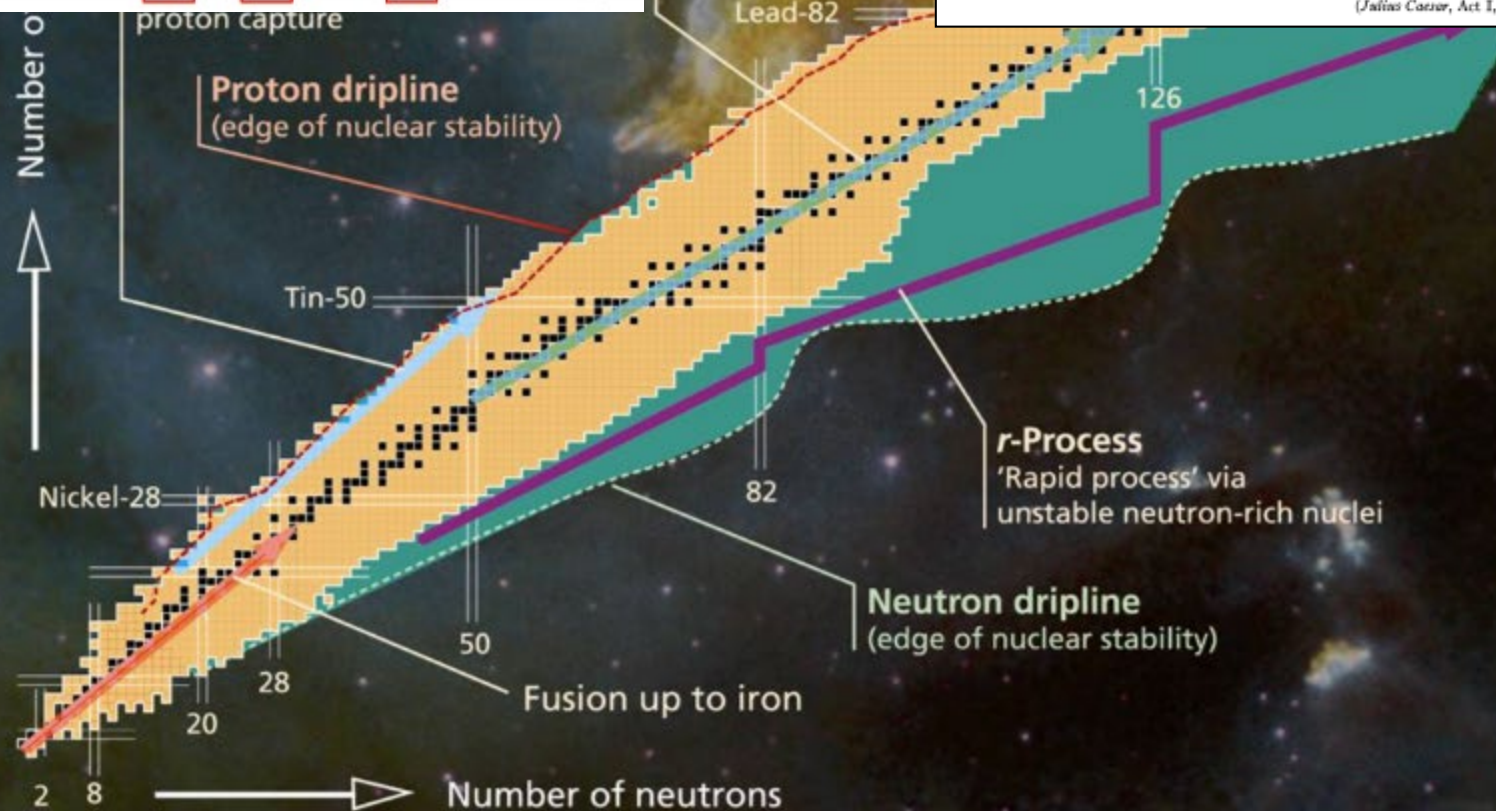
Kellogg Radiation Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, and  
 Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, Carnegie Institution of Washington,  
 California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

"It is the stars, The stars above us, govern our conditions";  
 (King Lear, Act IV, Scene 3)

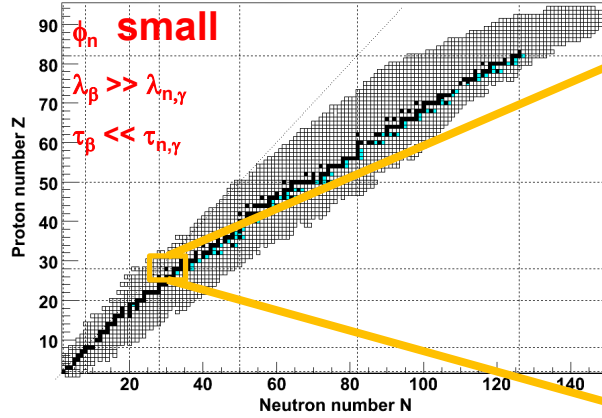
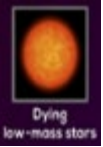
but perhaps

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves,"  
 (Julius Caesar, Act I, Scene 2)

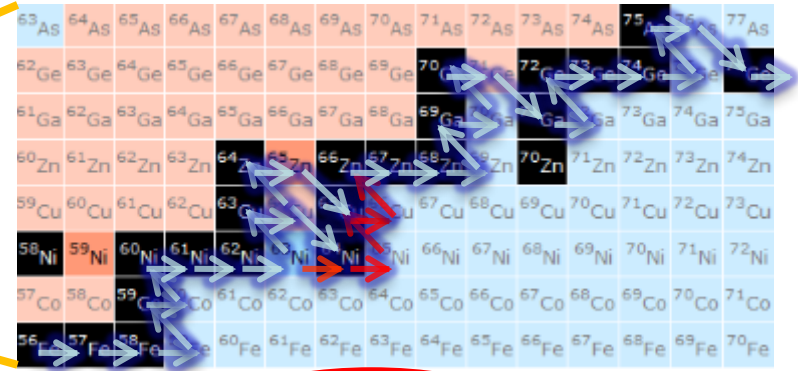
s-Process  
 'Slow process' via capture  
 of stable nuclei through  
 neutron capture



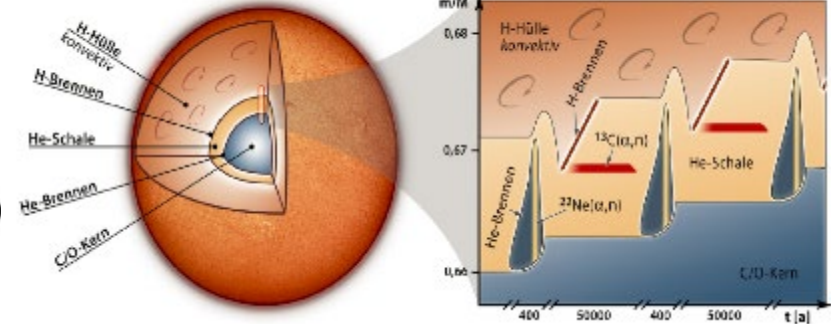
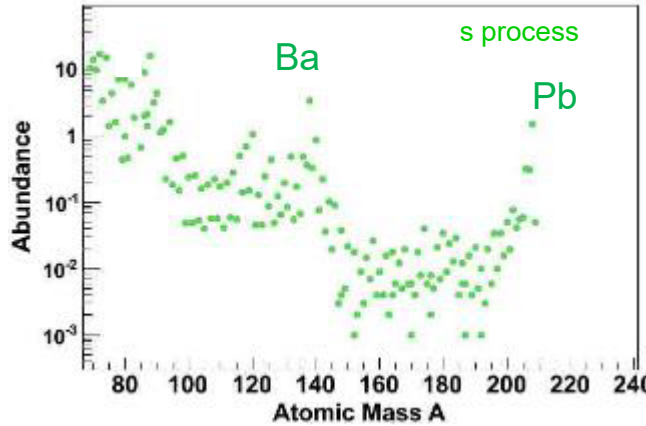
# The slow neutron-capture process (s-process) mechanism: Fe to Pb-Bi



s process in Massive Stars (Red Giants)



$\rightarrow = A_Z(n,\gamma)A+1Z$



## Massive Stars ( $M > 8M_\odot$ )

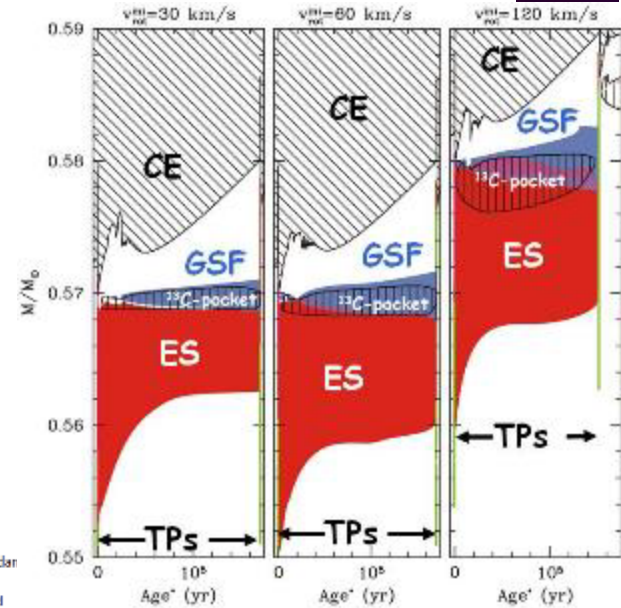
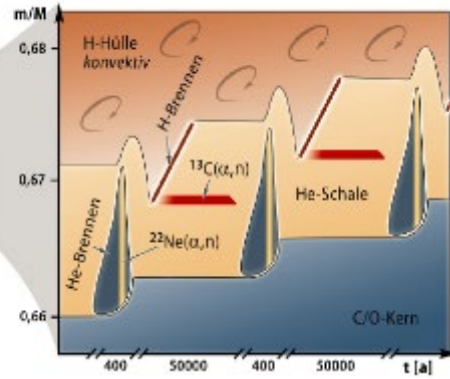
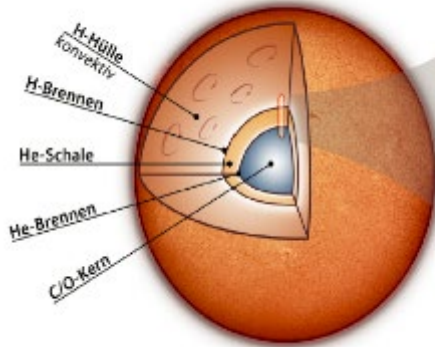
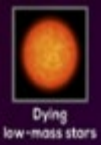
core He-burning	shell C-burning
$3-3.5 \cdot 10^8$ K	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^9$ K
kT=25 keV	kT=90 keV
$10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$10^{11}-10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$^{22}\text{Ne}(^4\text{He},n)^{25}\text{Mg}$	

## Low-Mass AGB Stars $1.5 M_\odot < M < 3M_\odot$

shell H-burning	He-flash
$0.9 \cdot 10^8$ K	$3-3.5 \cdot 10^8$ K
kT=8 keV	kT=23 keV
$10^7-10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$10^{10}-10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

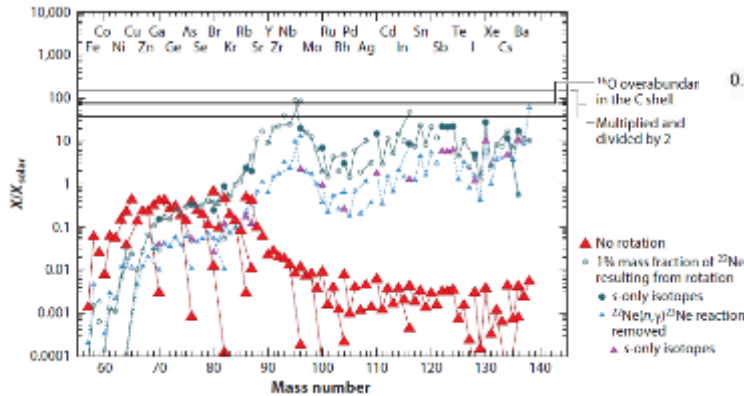


# Many open questions in s-process nucleosynthesis



S. Cristallo+2014

- C13-pocket
- Rotation
- Metallicity
- Stellar mass
- Thermal gradients



REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 84, JANUARY-MARCH 2012

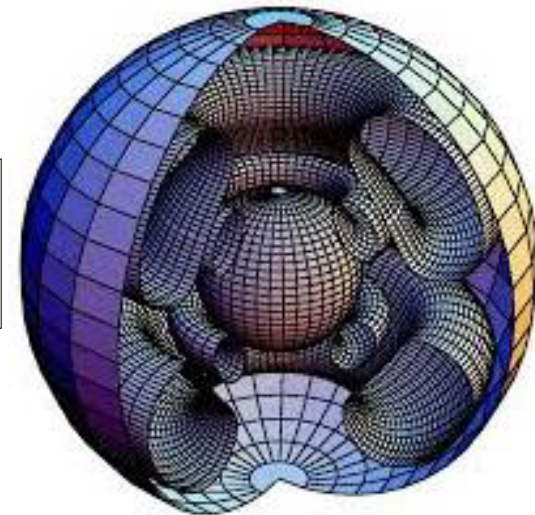
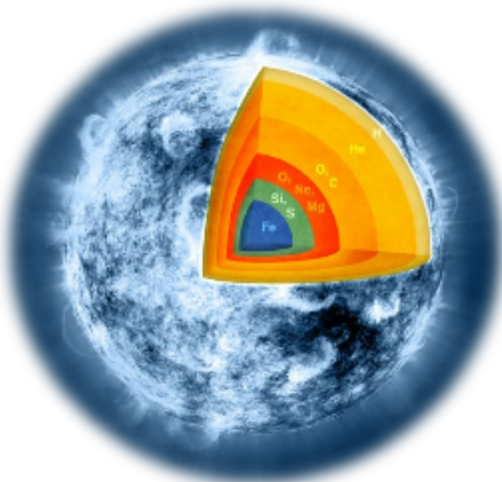
## Rotating massive stars: From first stars to gamma ray bursts

André Maeder<sup>1</sup> and Georges Meynet<sup>1</sup>  
 Geneva Observatory, University of Geneva, 51 chemin des Maillettes,  
 CH-1290 Versoix, Switzerland

## LETTER

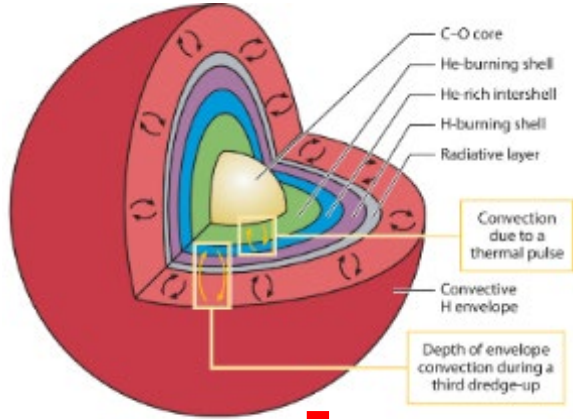
### Imprints of fast-rotating massive stars in the Galactic Bulge

Caroline Heger<sup>1,2</sup>, Ilse C. Roediger<sup>2</sup>, Georges Meynet<sup>1</sup>, Raphael Hirschi<sup>1</sup>, Jean-Baptiste LeBlond<sup>1</sup>, Michaela Moeck<sup>1</sup>, Tullio Toller<sup>1</sup>, & André Maeder<sup>1</sup>



# How does it work?

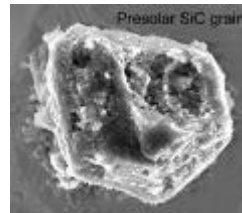
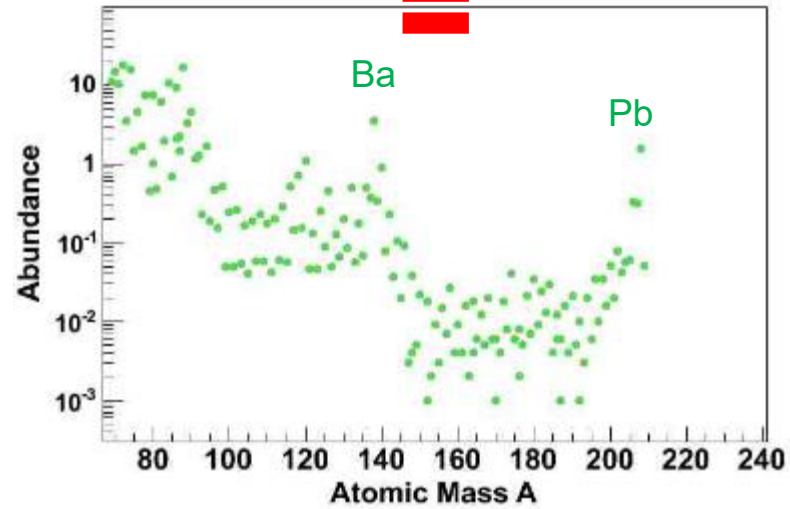
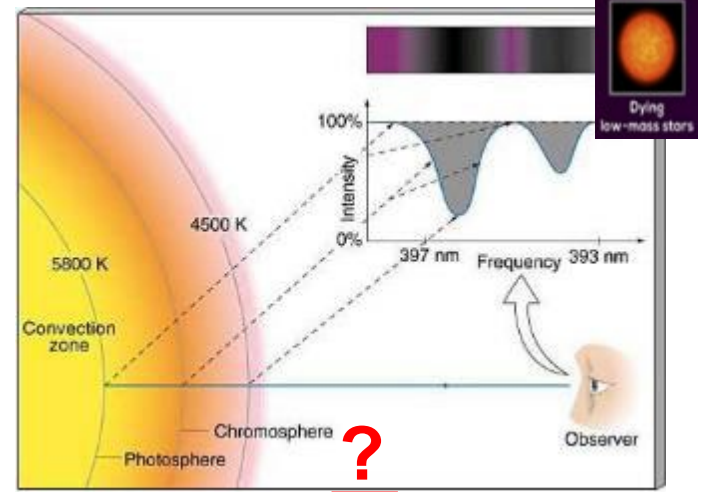
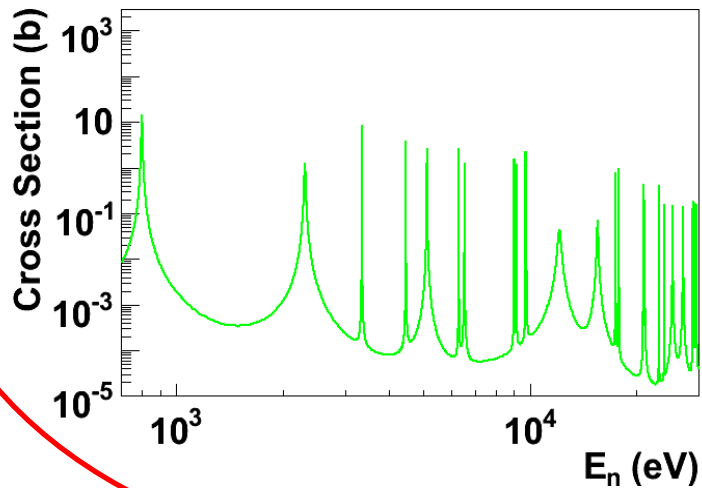
Theory: Stellar model



Lugaro M, et al. 2023  
Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 73: 1-41



Experiment: neutron-capture cross sections



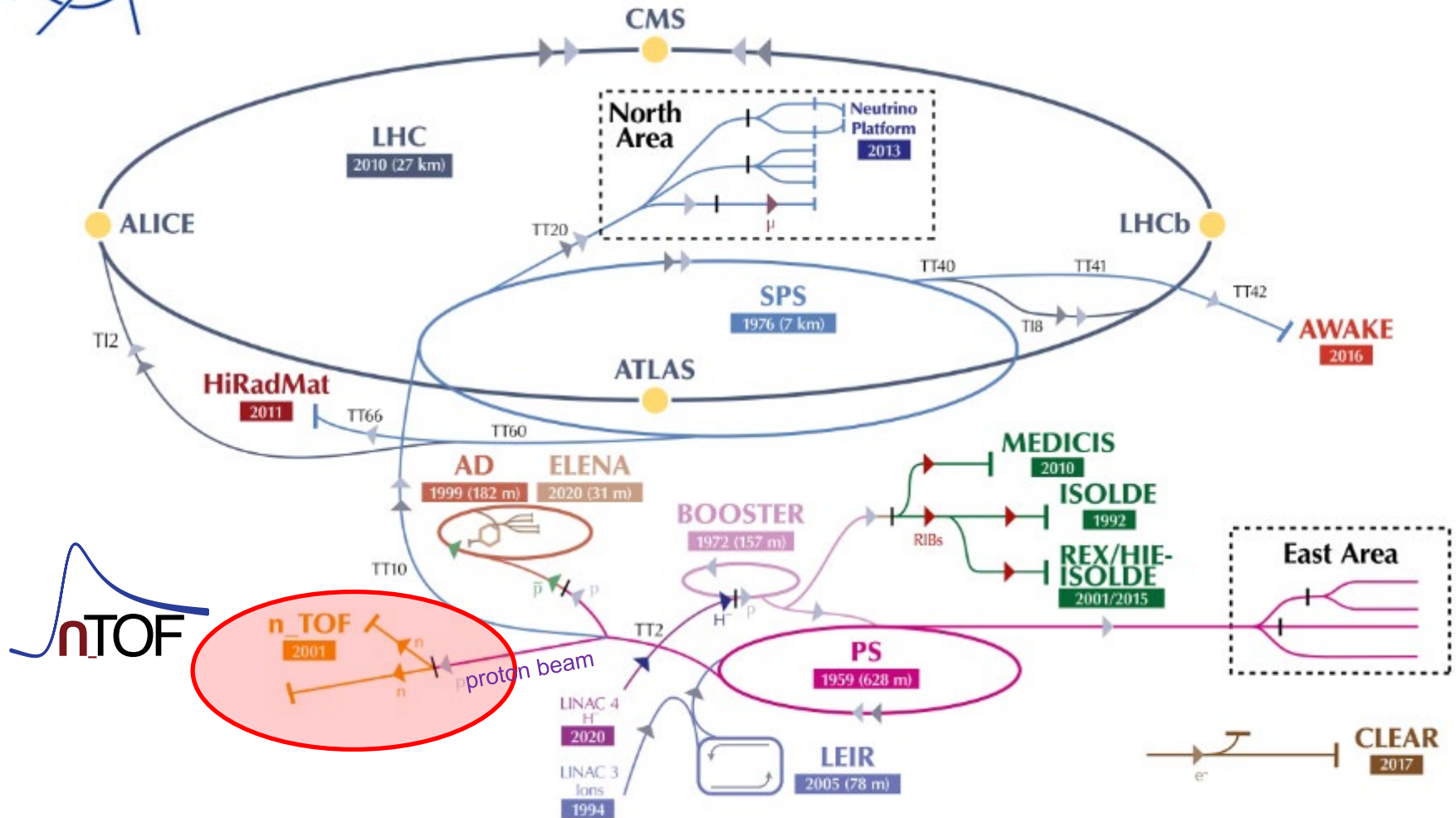
# Outline

- Heavy elements nucleosynthesis: How stars make gold (r-process) and lead (s-process)?
- Neutron-capture experiments at CERN n\_TOF: Red-Giant stars in the lab
- Enhancing detection sensitivity in neutron capture TOF experiments
- Beyond the limits: r-process neutron-reactions in the lab?
- From stars to tumors: ion-range & dose monitoring in hadron therapy
- Summary & Outlook



# The CERN accelerator complex

## Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



C. Rubbia et al., *A high resolution spallation driven facility at the CERN-PS to measure neutron cross sections in the interval from 1 eV to 250 MeV*, CERN/LHC/98-02(EET) 1998.

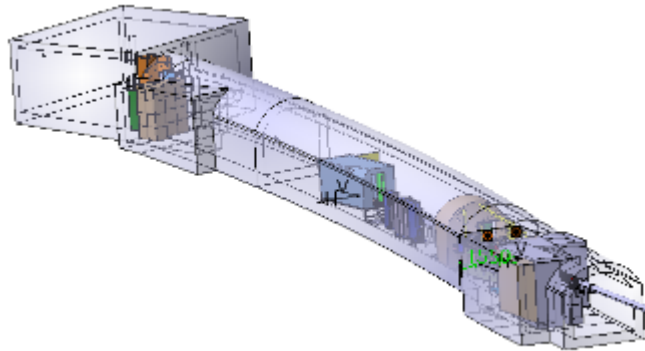
CERN n\_TOF Collaboration: 150 scientists, 41 institutions worldwide

n\_TOF + ISOLDE = 75% of PS proton Budget (!)

# The CERN n\_TOF facility: recreating stellar neutron reactions in the lab



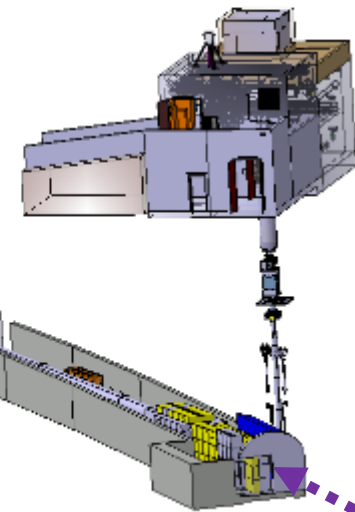
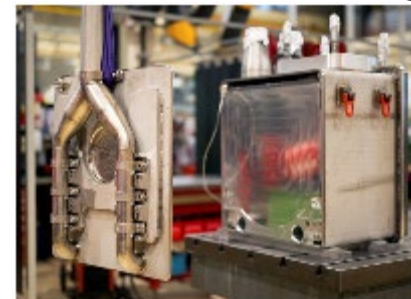
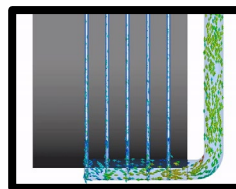
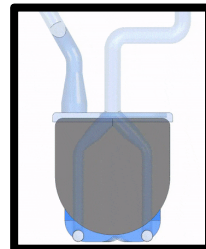
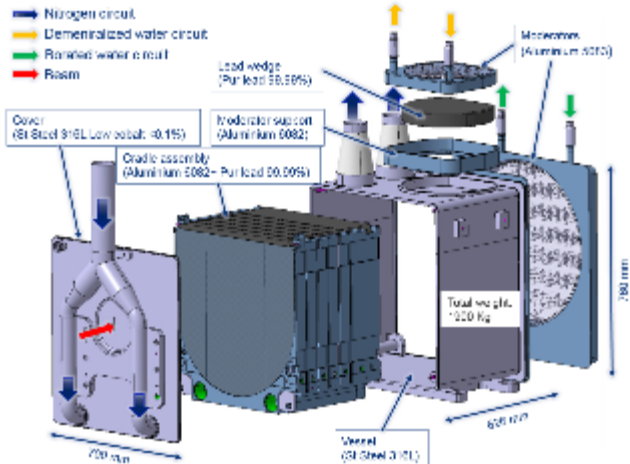
proton beam momentum	20 GeV/c
intensity (dedicated mode)	$8.5 \times 10^{12}$ protons/pulse
repetition frequency	1 pulse/1.2s
pulse width	6 ns (rms)
n/p	<b>300</b>
lead target dimensions	80x80x60 cm <sup>3</sup>
cooling & moderation material	N <sub>2</sub> & H <sub>2</sub> O (borated)
moderator thickness in the exit face	5 cm
neutron beam dimension in EAR-1 (capture mode)	2 cm (FWHM)



## Gen.#3 Spallation Target

$\langle P \rangle = 5.4 \text{ kW} \rightarrow 2.2\text{E}12 \text{ p/s}$

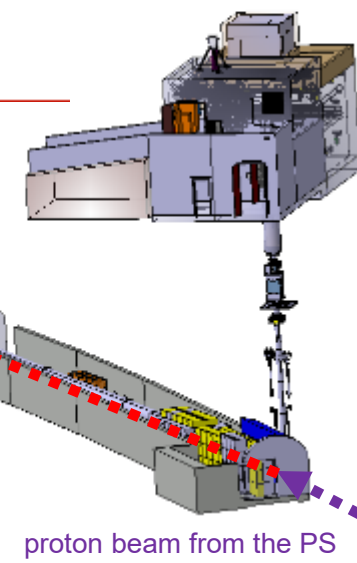
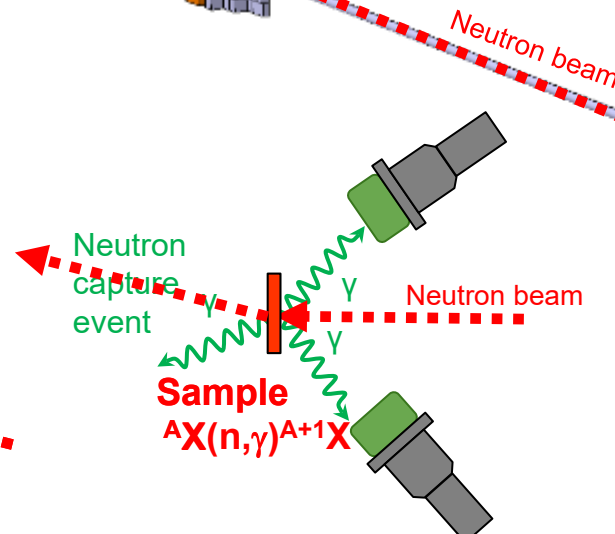
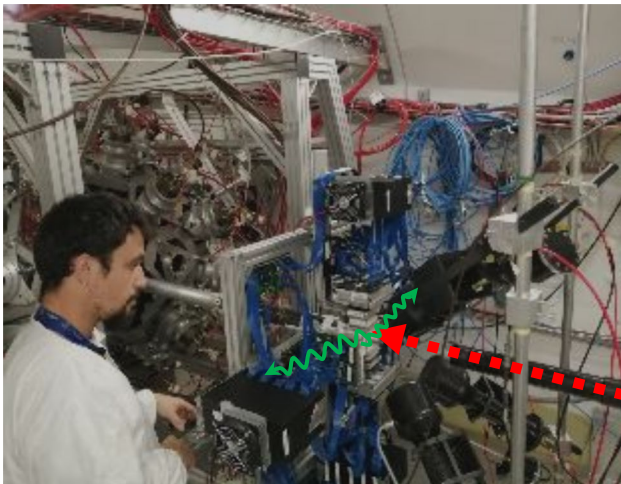
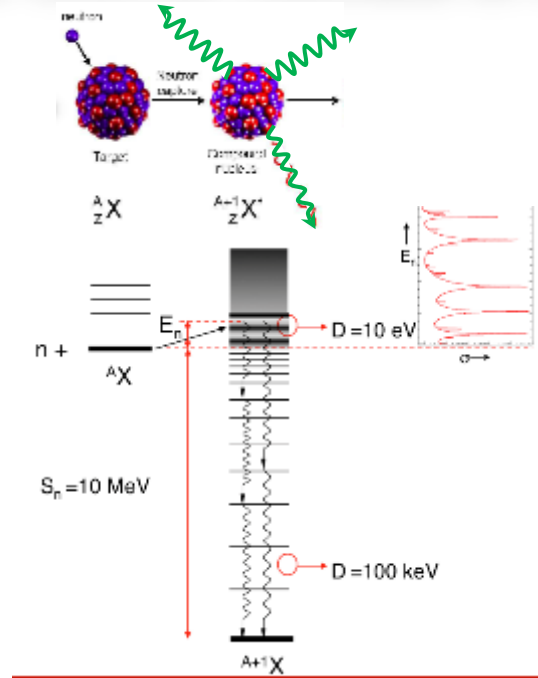
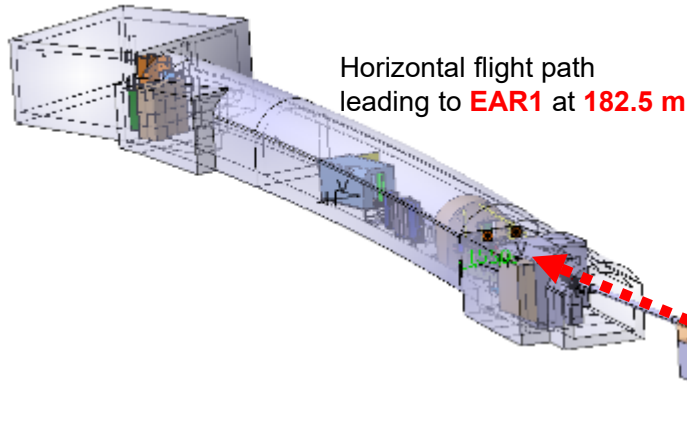
$P_{\text{peak}} = 1.6 \text{ TW}$



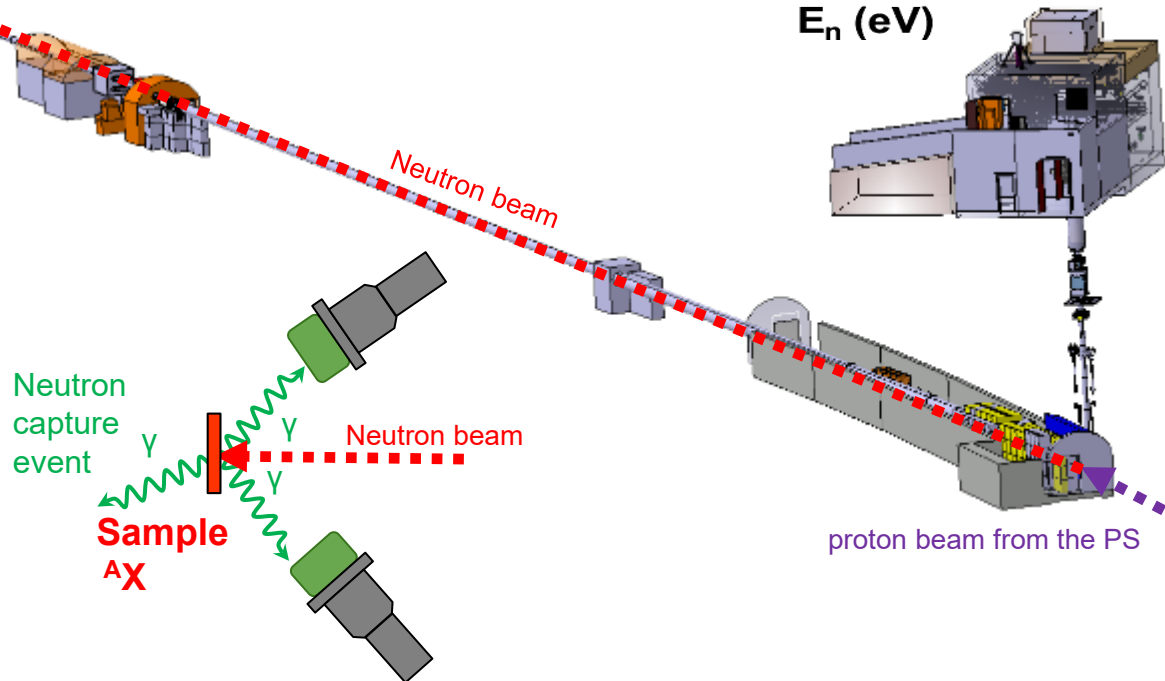
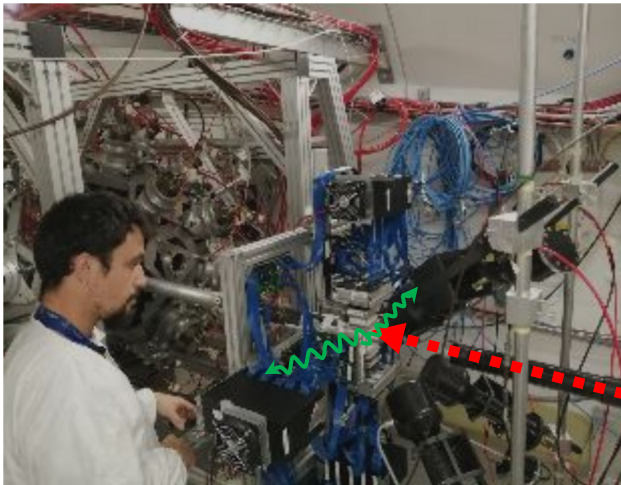
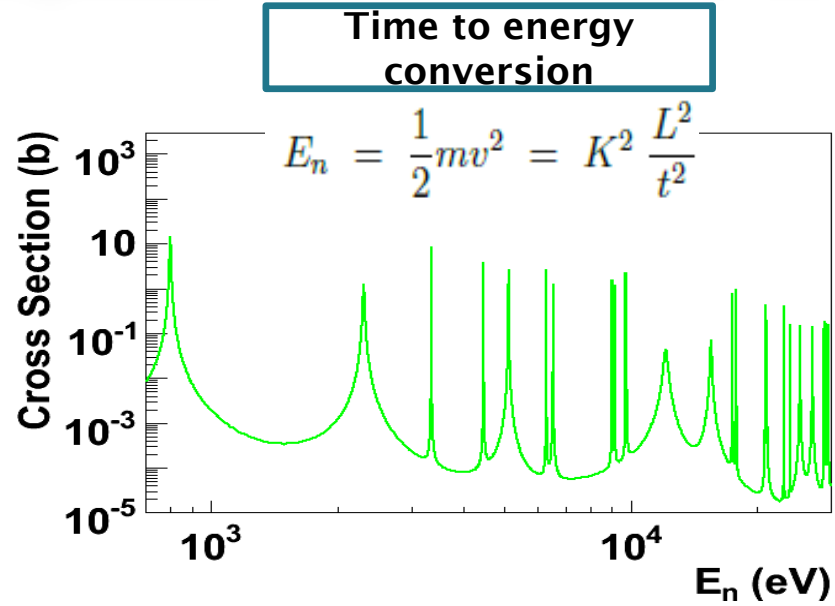
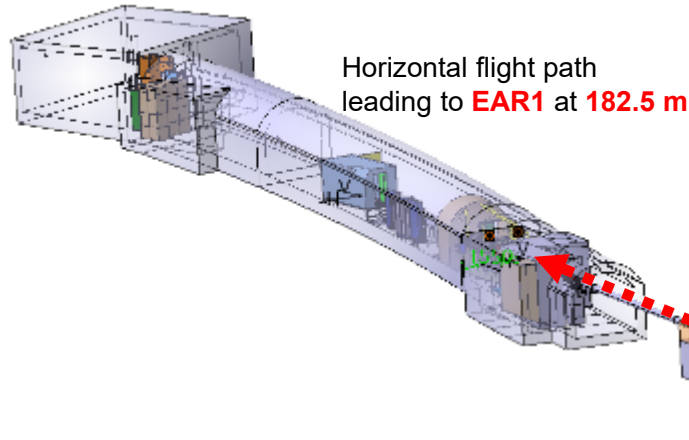
proton beam from the PS



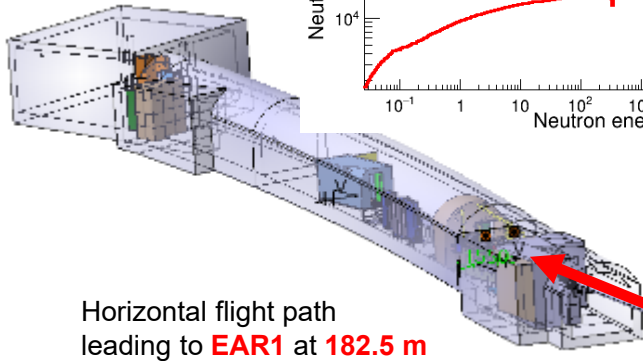
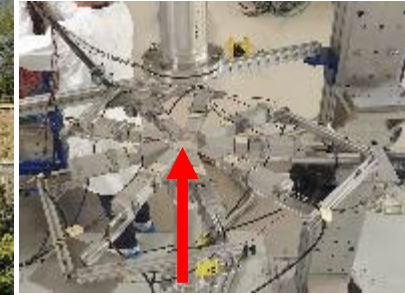
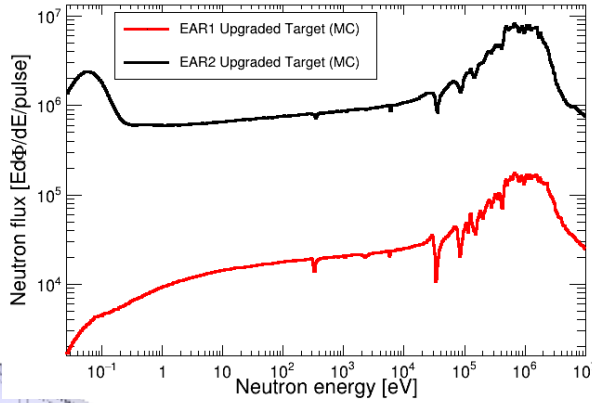
# The CERN n\_TOF facility: recreating stellar neutron reactions in the lab



# The CERN n\_TOF facility: recreating stellar neutron reactions in the lab

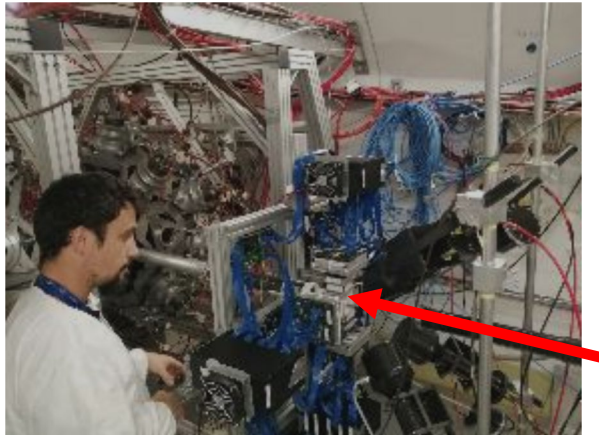


# The CERN n\_TOF facility: recreating stellar neutron reactions in the lab



Horizontal flight path leading to **EAR1** at **182.5 m**

Vertical flight path leading to **EAR2** at **18.2 m**

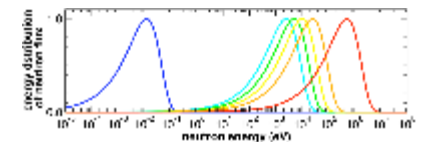


Neutron beam

Neutron beam

**NEAR** at **3 m**

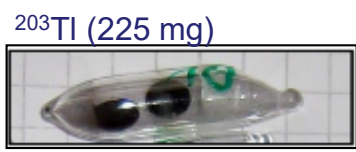
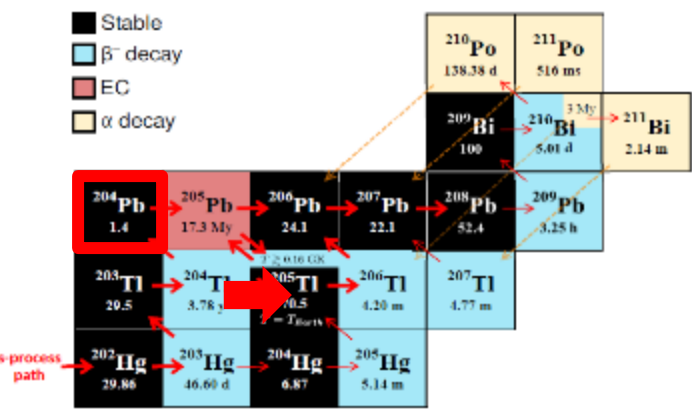
proton beam from the PS



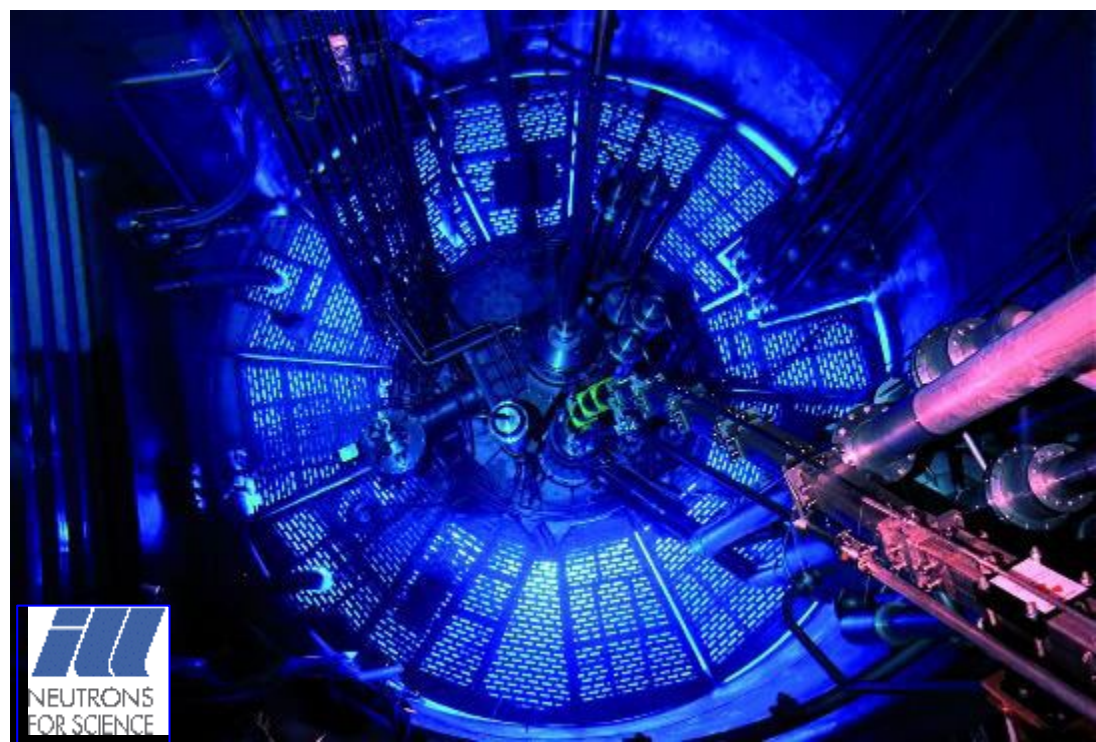
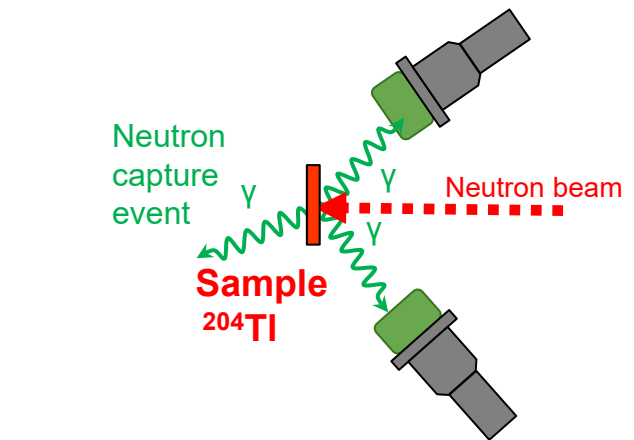




# $^{204}\text{Pb}$ abundance determined by $^{204}\text{Tl}(n,\gamma)$

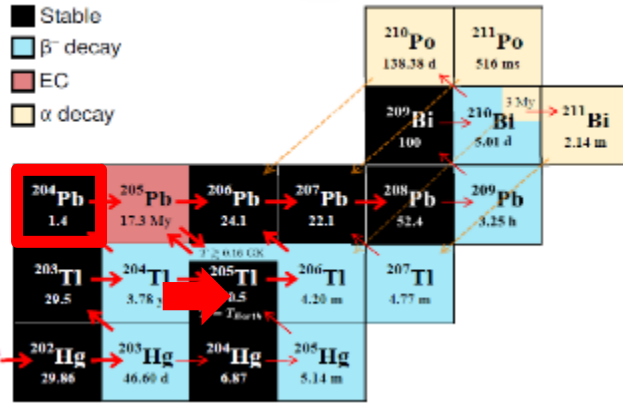
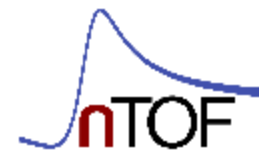


$^{203}\text{Tl}$  (216 mg)  
 +  
 $^{204}\text{Tl}$  (9 mg)

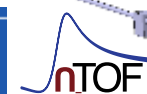
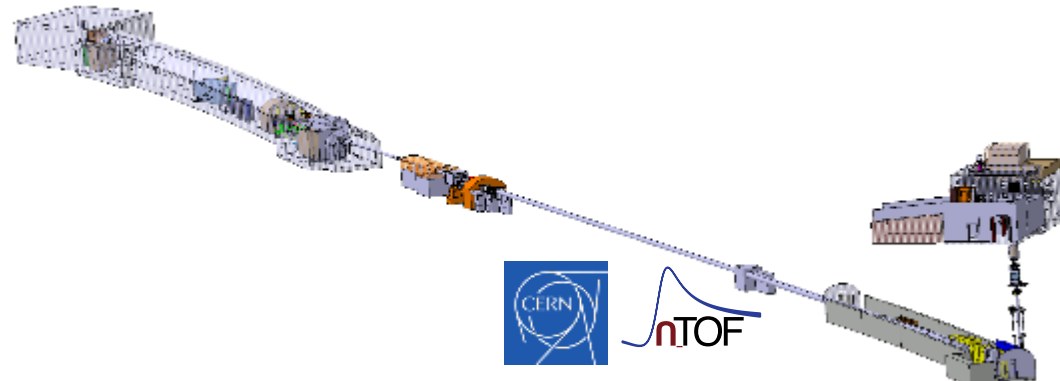
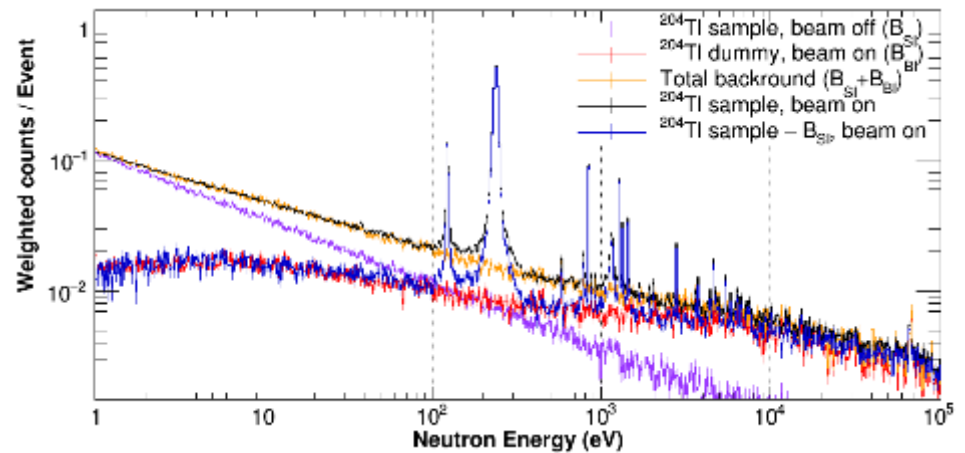
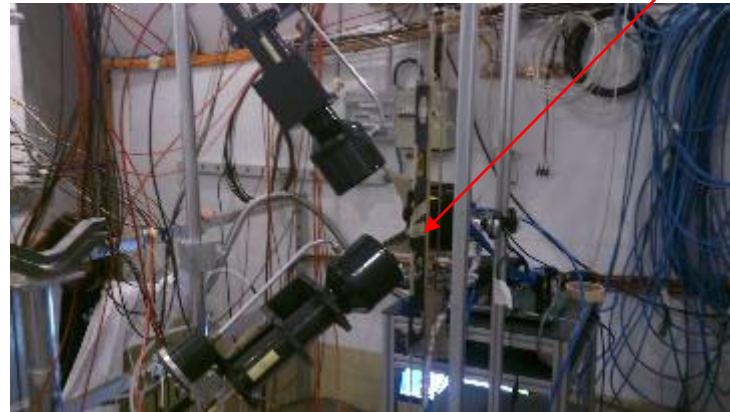


Mimicking stellar nucleosynthesis with a reactor to produce  $^{204}\text{Tl}$

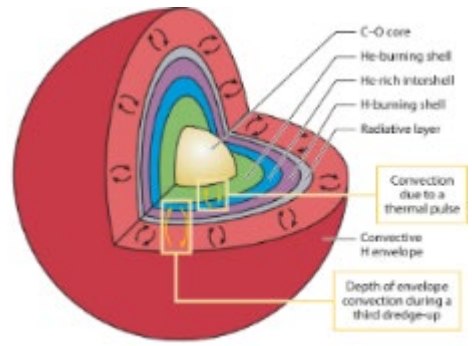
# $^{204}\text{Tl}$ (3.78y) neutron-capture at CERN n\_TOF



$^{203}\text{Tl}$  (216 mg)  
 +  
 $^{204}\text{Tl}$  (9 mg)

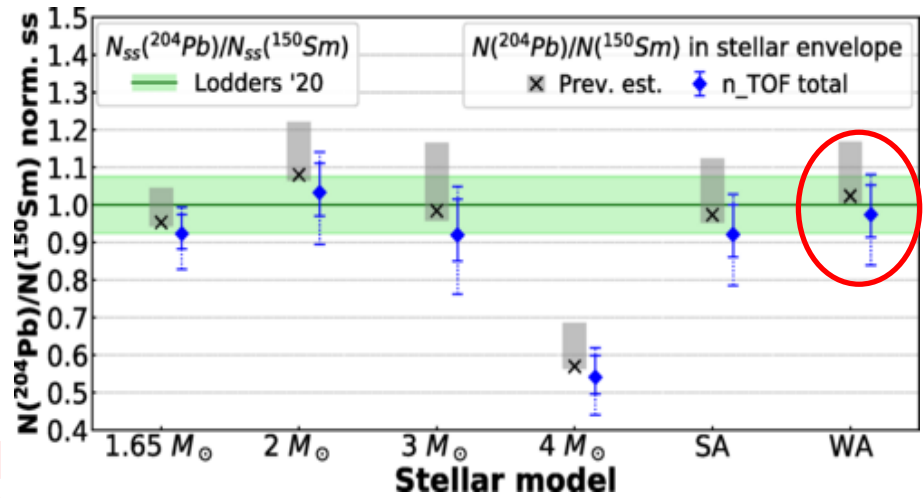
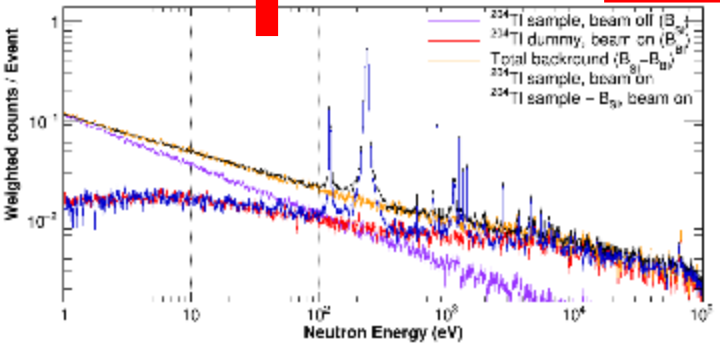


# $^{204}\text{Pb}$ abundance determined by $^{204}\text{Tl}(n,\gamma)$



Logroño et al. 2023, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* 73:31-43

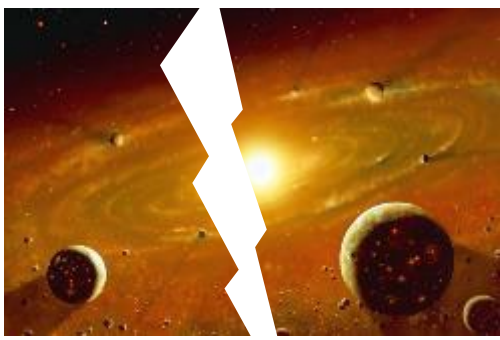
**+** **=**



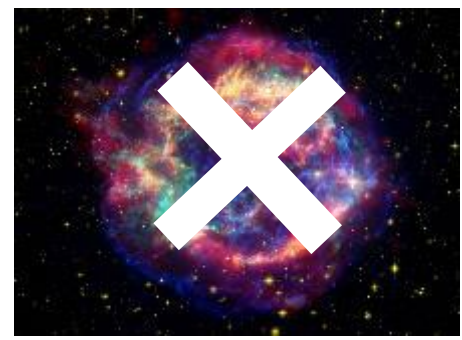
MESA

The uncertainty arising from the  $^{204}\text{Tl}(n,\gamma)$  cross section on the s-process abundance of  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  has been **reduced from ~30% down to +8%/-6%**, and the s-process calculations are in agreement with K. Lodders in 2021.

- $^{204}\text{Pb}$  abundance of pure s-process origin:
- No need for fractionation mechanisms in early Solar system
- No need for invoking gamma-process contributions



G. Gonzalez 2014



M. Pignatari+ 2016

A Casanovas-Hoste *et al.* (n\_TOF)  
Physical Review Letters **133**, 052702 (2024)  
DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.133.052702](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.133.052702)



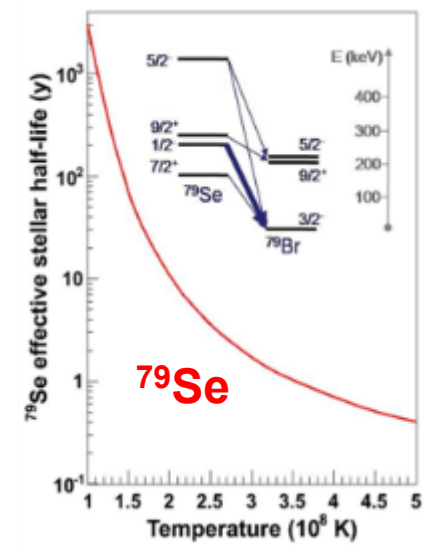
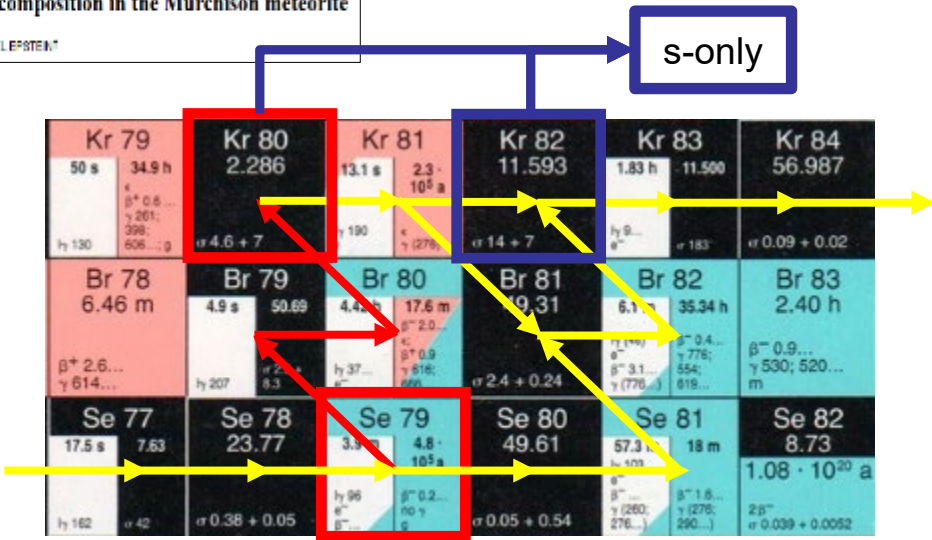
# The $^{79}\text{Se}(n,\gamma)$ stellar thermometer

letters to nature  
Nature 352, 730 - 732 (21 April 1998); doi:10.1038/332704a0



S-process krypton of variable isotopic composition in the Murchison meteorite

ULRICH OTT, FRIEDRICH BEGEMANN, JOHANNMANN WANGTF & SAUJEL EPSTEIN\*



2.8 g of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$   
1.0 g of  $^{78}\text{Se}$   
  
3 mg of  $^{79}\text{Se}$   
1.6 MBq of  $^{60}\text{Co}$   
5 MBq of  $^{75}\text{Se}$

PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT

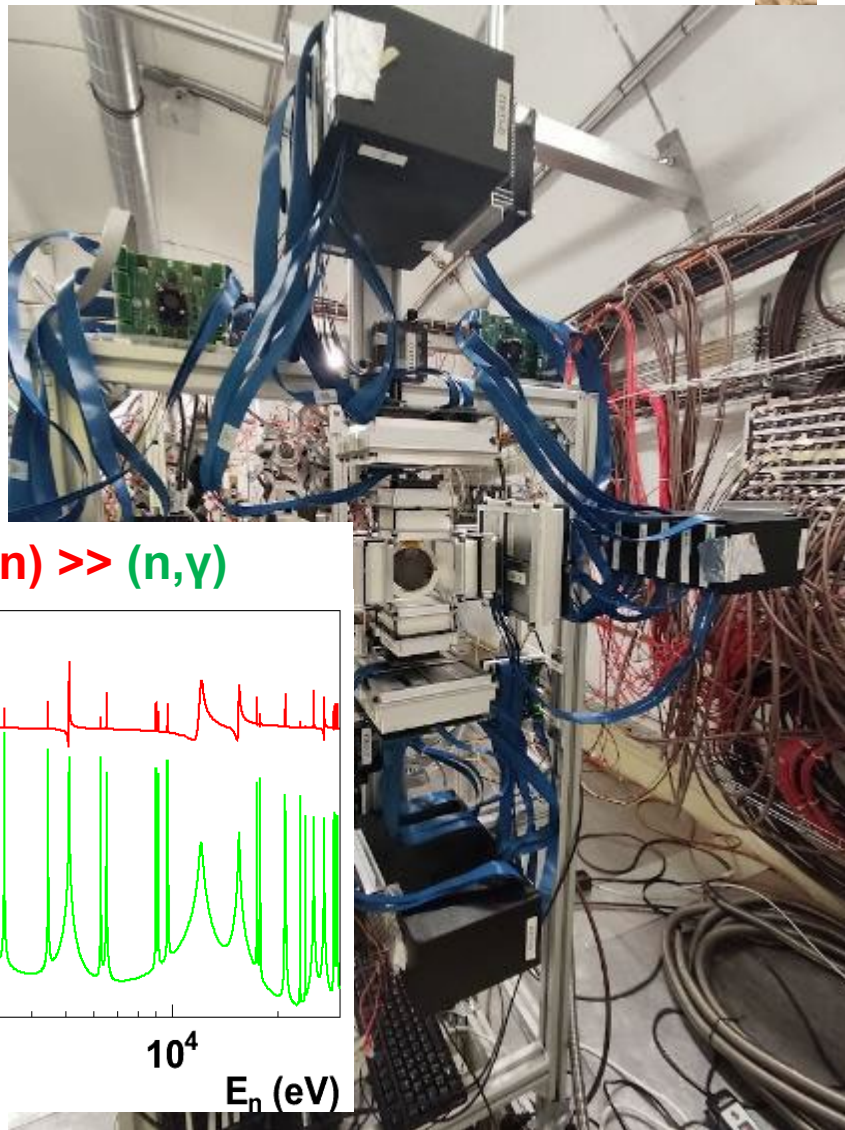
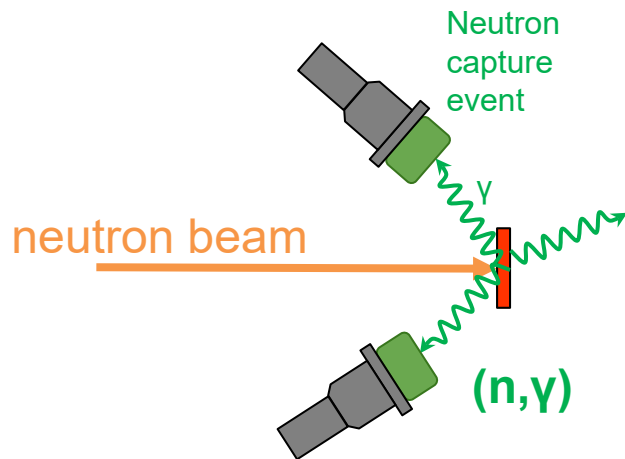
Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A

Journal homepage: [www.psi.ch/nim](http://www.psi.ch/nim)

Preparation of PbSe targets for  $^{79}\text{Se}$  neutron capture cross section studies  
Nurlin M. Useni<sup>a,c</sup>, Emilio Andrea Maugei<sup>a</sup>, Ivan Denilov<sup>a</sup>, Javier Balleza-Cuenca<sup>a</sup>,  
Oscar Domingo-Pardo<sup>b</sup>, Ulli Köster<sup>c</sup>, Jorge Leraudogui-Marco<sup>b</sup>, Mario Vaziri<sup>a,c</sup>,  
Ivan Zivadinovic<sup>a,c</sup>, Devesha Schumann<sup>a</sup>, the n\_TOF collaboration

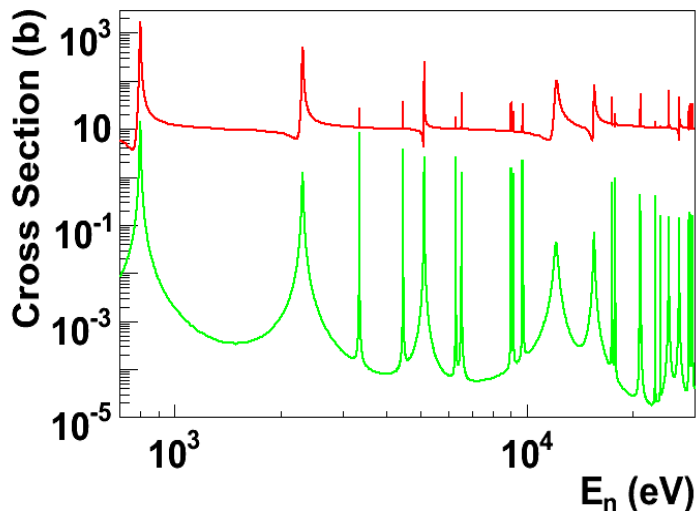
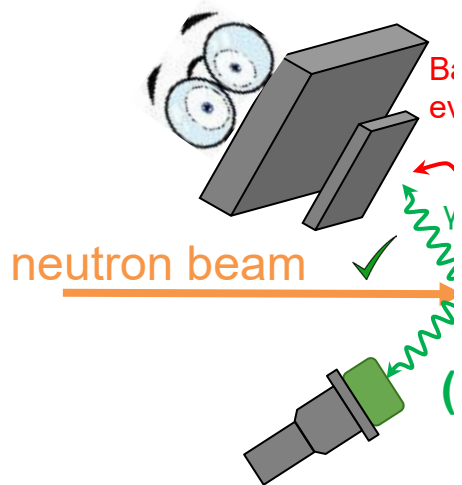
<sup>a</sup>Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen, Switzerland  
<sup>b</sup>Centro de Física Corpuscular - Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas/Universidad de Valencia, Spain  
<sup>c</sup>Institut Laue-Langevin, France  
<sup>d</sup>Escuela Politécnica del Pánuco de Llaneros, Guatemala  
<sup>e</sup>Universität Technische Hochschule Darmstadt, Germany

# New techniques for enhanced sensitivity in $(n,\gamma)$ cross-section experiments



$(n,n) \gg (n,\gamma)$

COMPTON IMAGING TECHNIQUE



Y



European Research Council

Fig. from H.Seo et al. IEE

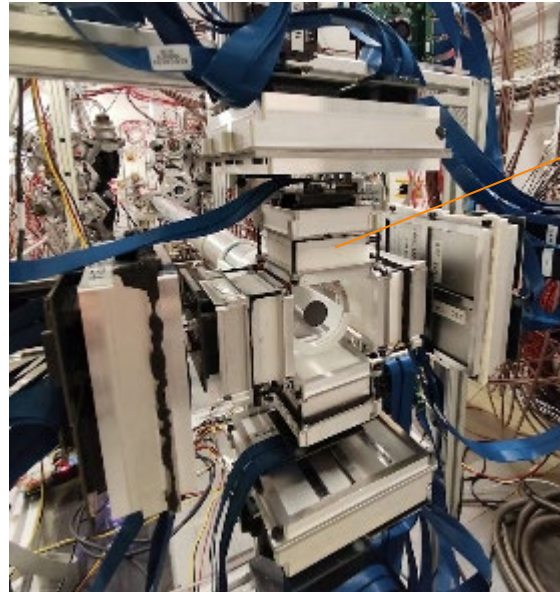
# Total-Energy Detector with g-ray imaging capability (i-TED):

- Need of **very high detection efficiency** → arrays of large monolithic crystals
- Need of **very low neutron sensitivity** → Customized design with  $\text{LaCl}_3(\text{Ce})$  and  ${}^6\text{Li}$ -HD-PE absorbers

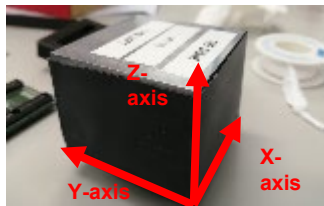
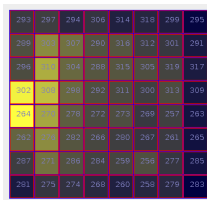
3D- Spatial calibration techniques:



Final i-TED setup @ n\_TOF:

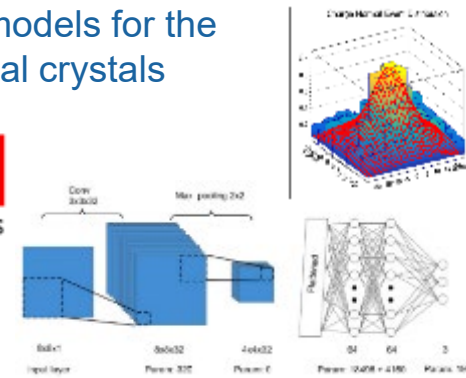


Neutron absorbers based on  ${}^6\text{Li}$ -enriched HD-PE: No  $\gamma$ -ray emission after neutron absorption by  ${}^6\text{Li}$  (!)



## Convolutional Neural Network

3D keras models for the individual crystals



## Crystal read-out and electronics:



## Optical Photons simulation

P. Olleros *et al.* 2018 JINST13 P03014

## ML-aided 3D-position reconstruction

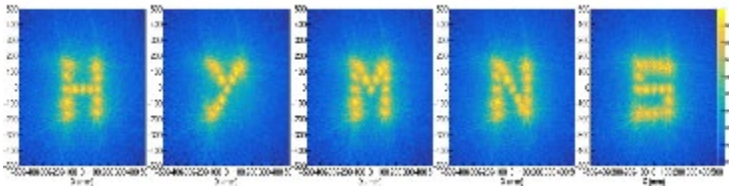
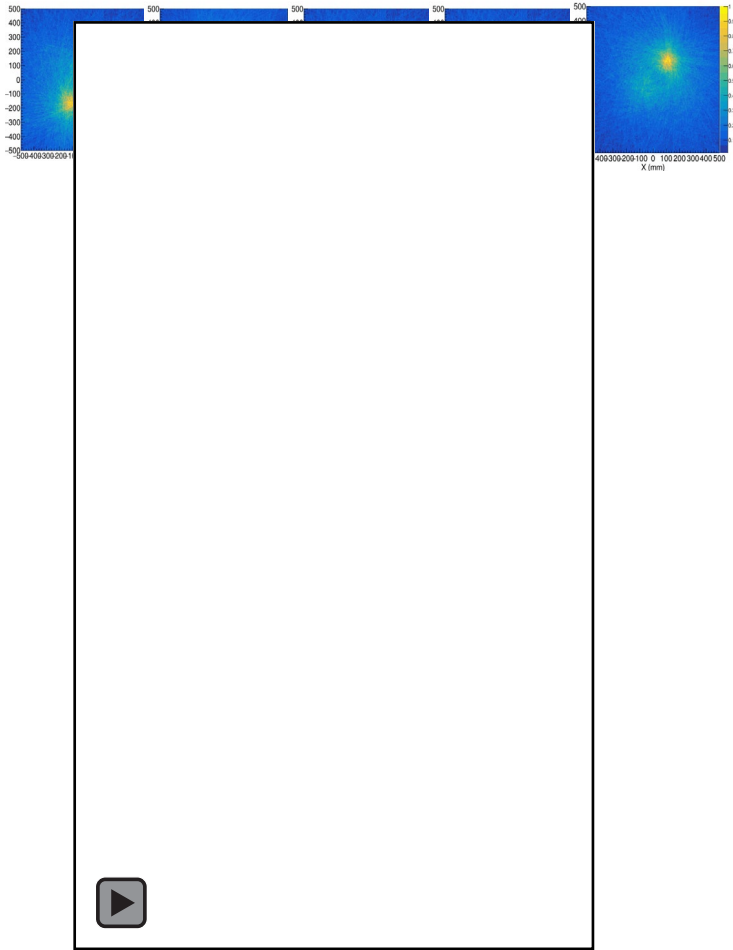
J. Balibrea *et al.* NIM-A (2020)

- In total: **20 Position-Sensitive Detectors**
- **1150 cm<sup>3</sup> of LaCl<sub>3</sub>(Ce)**
- 1280 readout channels (4xKintex FPGA, 20xTOFPET2 ASICs, PETsys)



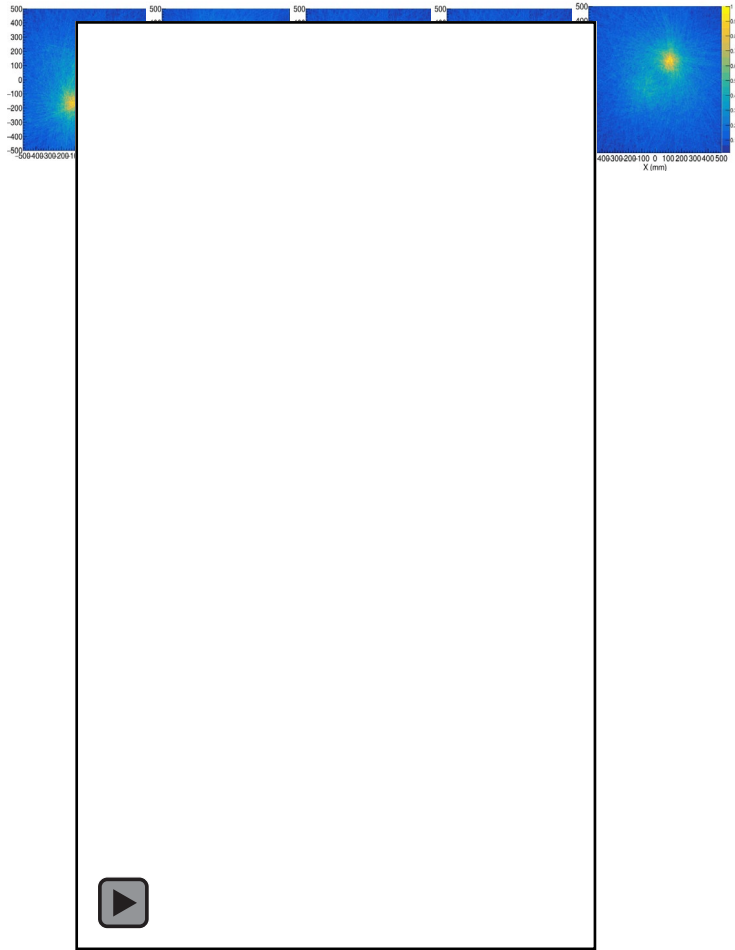
# Testing the gamma-ray vision capability of i-TED

Dynamic image: radioactive source in a remotely controlled XY-gantry imaged at multiple positions

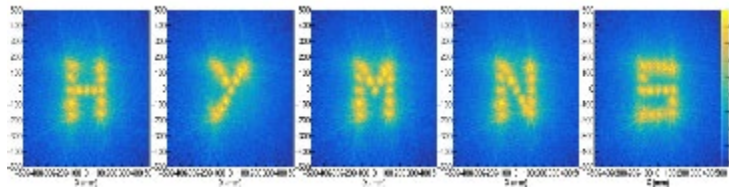
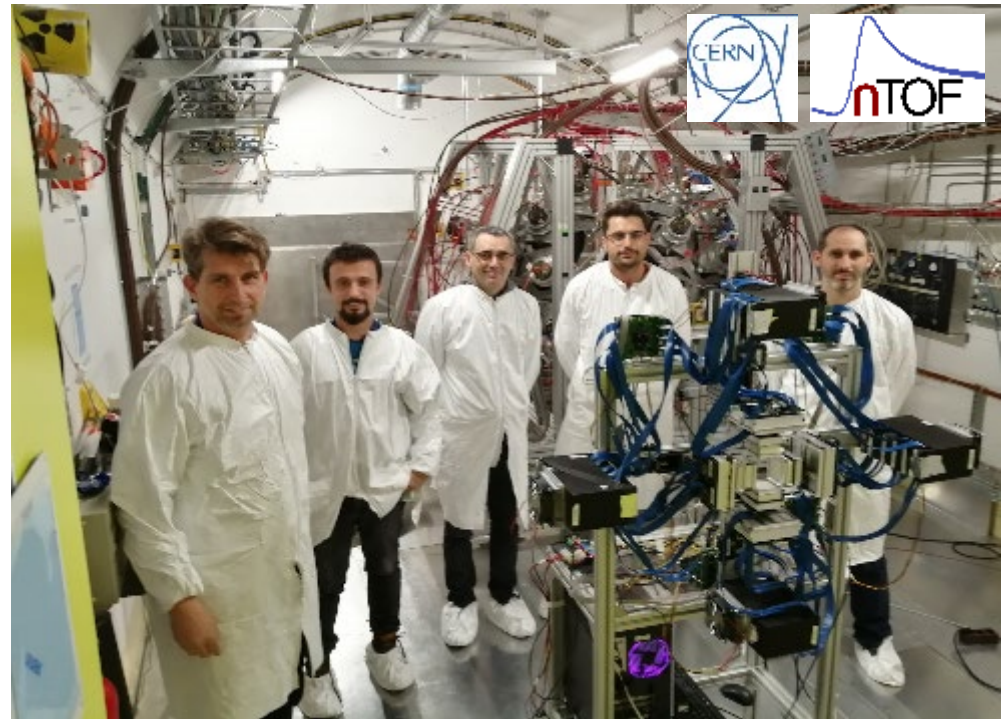


# Testing the gamma-ray vision capability of i-TED

Dynamic image: radioactive source in a remotely controlled XY-gantry imaged at multiple positions



*High sensitivity Measurements of key stellar Nucleo-Synthesis reactions*



UNIVERSITAT  
DE VALÈNCIA



CSIC

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas

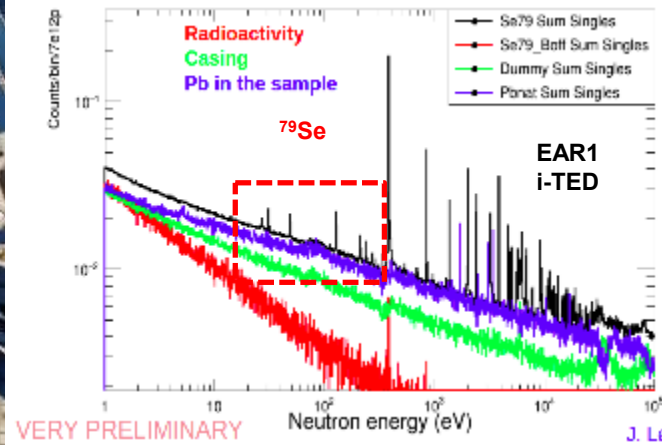


European  
Research  
Council

# The $^{79}\text{Se}(n,\gamma)$ stellar thermometer

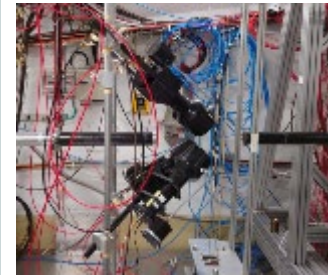
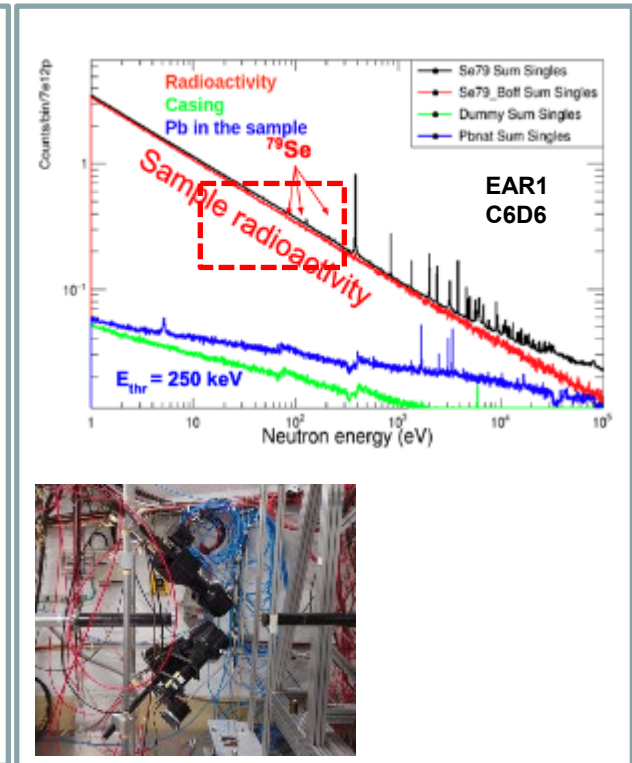
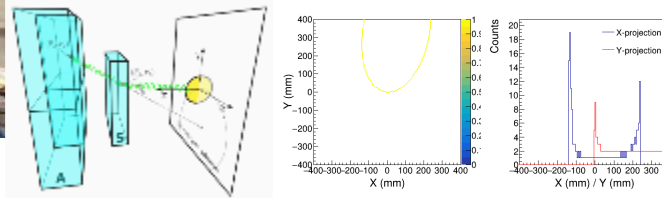


Comparison i-TED vs. Conventional C6D6 detectors



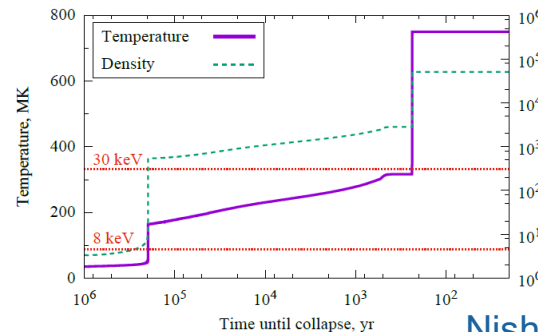
VERY PRELIMINARY

J. Le

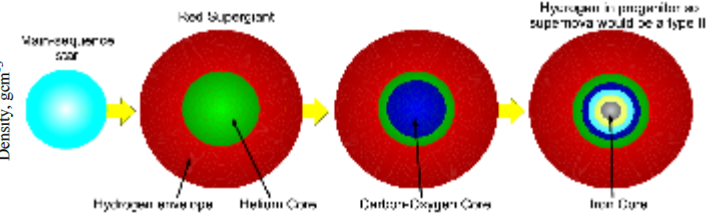


PRELIMINARY RESULTS – DATA ANALYSIS IN PROGRESS-

- [CDP, NIM-A 825 \(2016\)](#),
- [V.Babiano et al. NIM-A 953 \(2020\)](#)
- [V.Babiano-Suarez et al., EPJA, \(2022\)](#)
- [J. Lerendegui-Marco et al., EPJWC \(2023\)](#)



Nishimura+16



# Outline

- Heavy elements nucleosynthesis: How stars make gold (r-process) and lead (s-process)?
- Neutron-capture experiments at CERN n\_TOF: Red-Giant stars in the lab
- Enhancing detection sensitivity in neutron capture TOF experiments
- **Beyond the limits: r-process neutron-reactions in the lab?**
- From stars to tumors: ion-range & dose monitoring in hadron therapy
- Summary & Outlook

# State-of-the-art TOF neutron-capture measurements: the limit?

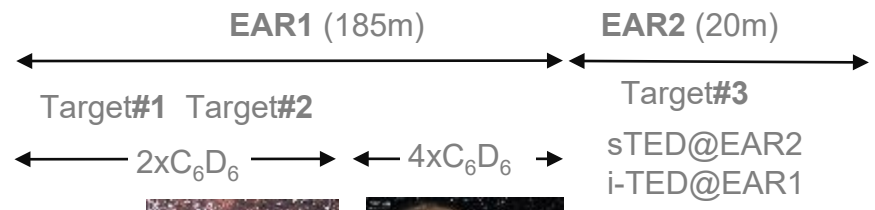
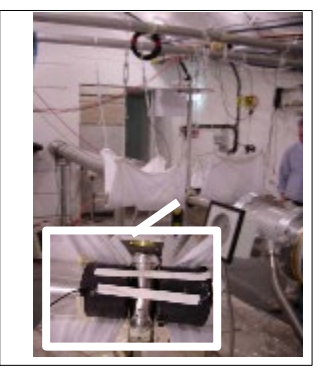
EAR1  $^{79}\text{Se}(n,\gamma)$ , 2022



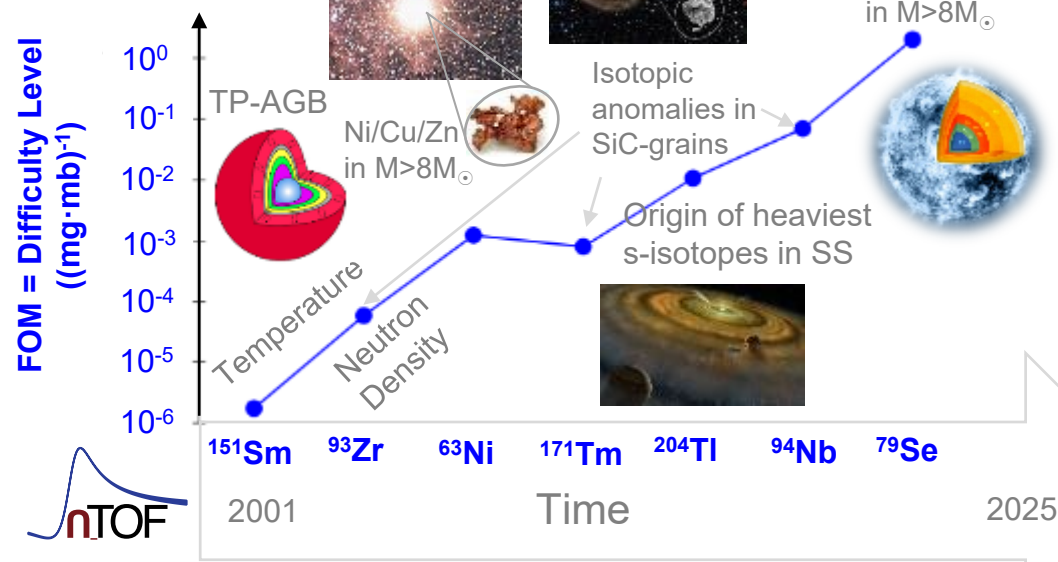
EAR1  $^{205}\text{Tl}(n,\gamma)$ , 2015



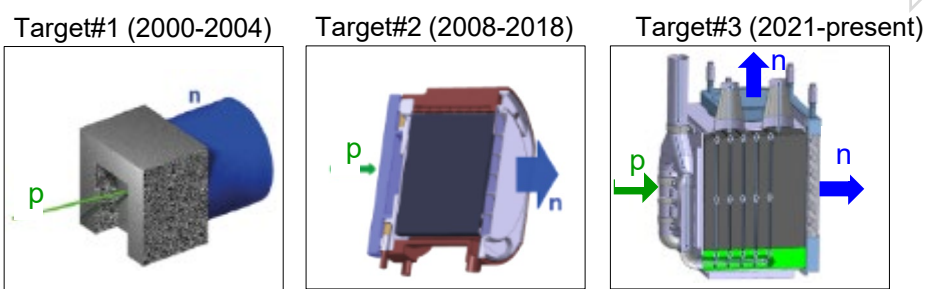
EAR1  $^{151}\text{Sm}(n,\gamma)$ , 2001



$$\text{FOM} = (m_i \cdot \sigma_i \cdot f_\theta)^{-1}$$



Shortest  $t_{1/2} = 2-3$  years. Still very far from few seconds-minutes half-lives involved in r-process



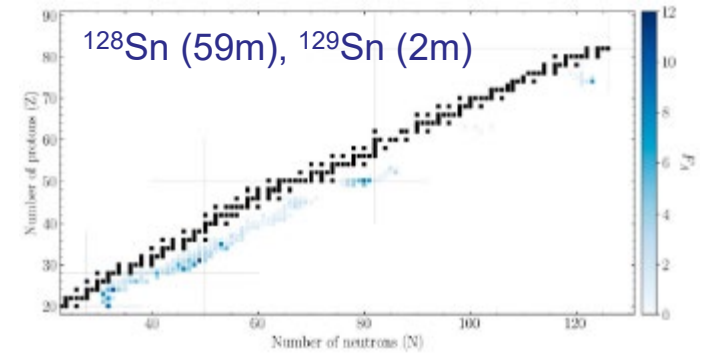


# How far are r-nuclei from direct ( $n, \gamma$ ) measurements?

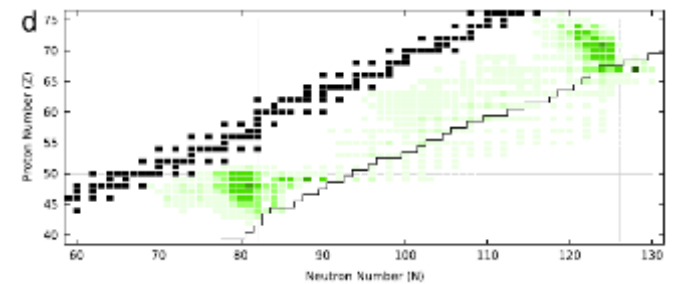
Limits in state-of-the-art TOF experiments:

- Sample  $> 10^{18}$  atoms
- Sample half-life
- Sample activity  $< 10$  MBq
- Sample purity / enrichment
- Neutron-induced backgrounds
- Detector count rates  $< 1$  MHz

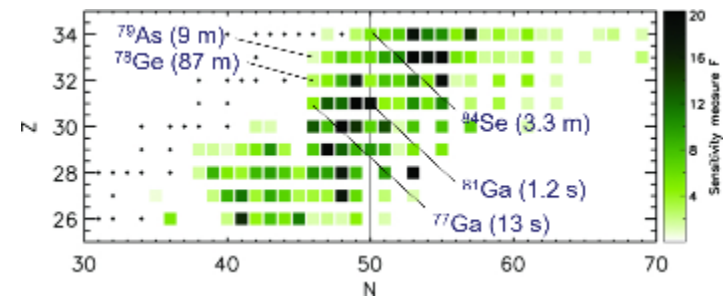
Important neutron-capture isotopes:



Vescovi+2022

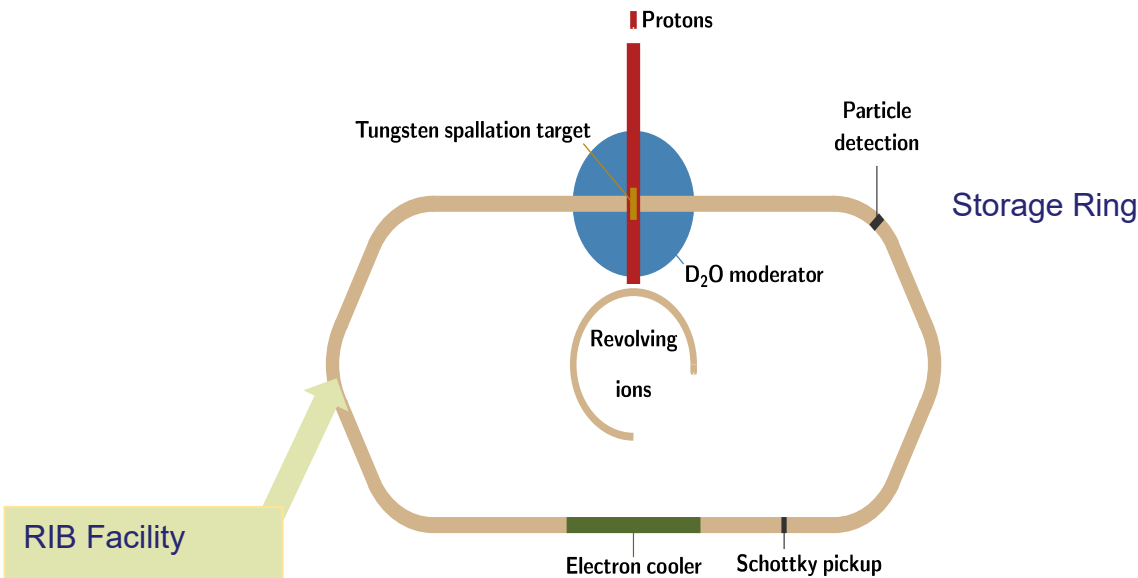


Mumpower+2016

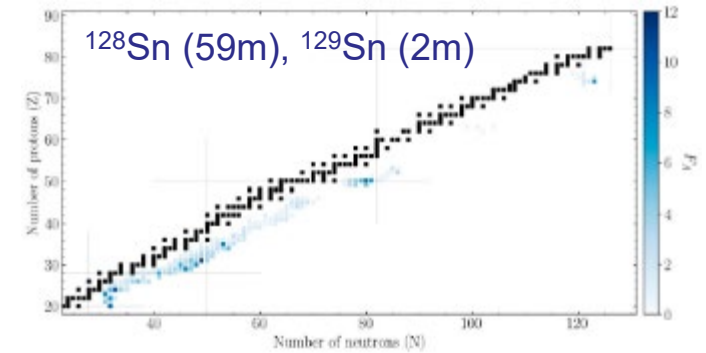


Surman+2014

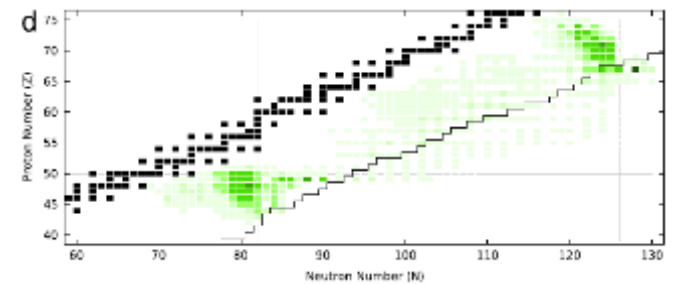
# How far are r-nuclei from direct ( $n, \gamma$ ) measurements?



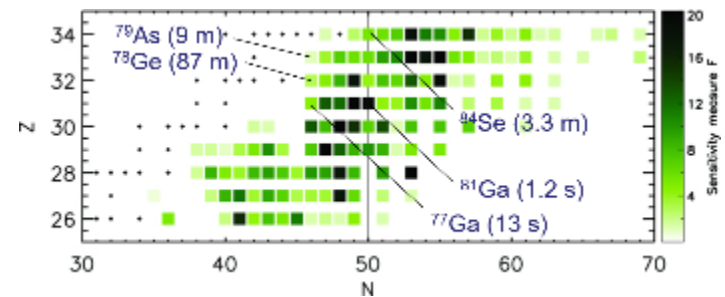
Important neutron-capture isotopes:



Vescovi+2022



Mumpower+2016



Surman+2014

PHYSICAL REVIEW ACCELERATORS AND BEAMS 20, 044701 (2017)

## Spallation-based neutron target for direct studies of neutron-induced reactions in inverse kinematics

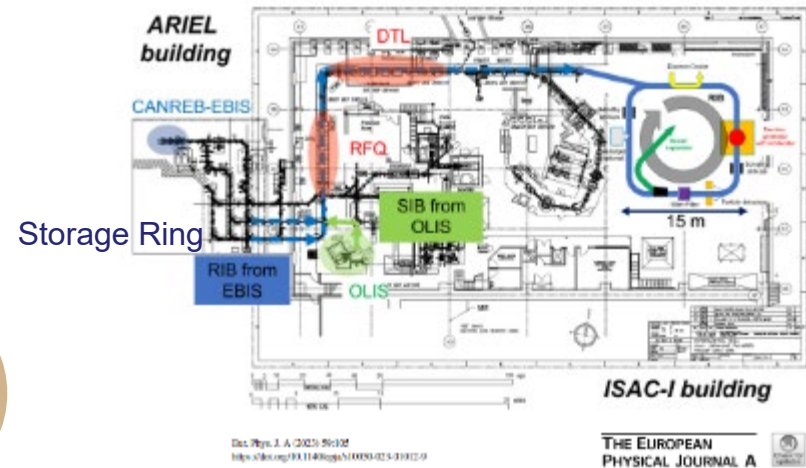
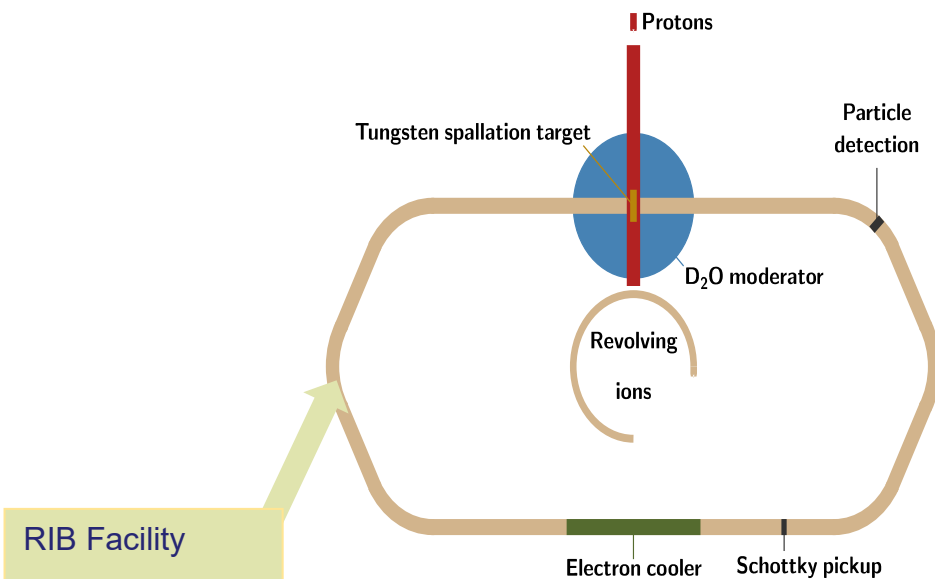
René Reifarth,<sup>\*</sup> Kathrin Göbel, Tanja Heftrich, and Mario Weigand  
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, 60438 Frankfurt, Germany

Beatriz Jurado  
CENBG, 33175 Gradignan, France

Franz Kämpeler  
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany

Yuri A. Litvinov  
GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung, 64291 Darmstadt, Germany

# How far are r-nuclei from direct (n, $\gamma$ ) measurements?



Int. Phys. J. A (2023) 56:102  
<https://doi.org/10.1140/epja/i/2023-00023-9>

Regular Article - Experimental Physics

## Measuring neutron capture cross sections of radioactive nuclei

From orbitations of the FZK Van de Graaff to direct neutron captures in inverse kinematics with a storage ring at TRIUMF

Iris Dilmann<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Oliver Koster<sup>2</sup>, Richard Beatzman<sup>2,3</sup>, Alan Chen<sup>4</sup>, Tobias Junginger<sup>1,2</sup>, Falk Herwig<sup>2</sup>, Dominik Kalcher<sup>1</sup>, Anika Lemaars<sup>1,2</sup>, Thomas Planche<sup>2,3</sup>, Chris Hafe<sup>4,5</sup>, Nicole Yousef<sup>1</sup>

20th International Conference on Ion Sources

ICP Publishing

Journal of Physics: Conference Series

2748 (2024) 012091

doi:10.1088/1742-6596/2748/1/012091

PHYSICAL REVIEW ACCELERATORS AND BEAMS 20, 044701 (2017)

## Spallation-based neutron target for direct studies of neutron-induced reactions in inverse kinematics

René Reifarth,<sup>\*</sup> Kathrin Göbel, Tanja Heftrich, and Mario Weigand  
 Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, 60438 Frankfurt, Germany

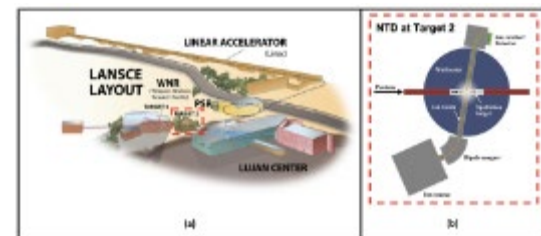
Beatriz Jurado  
 CENBG, 33175 Gradignan, France

Franz Kämpeler  
 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany

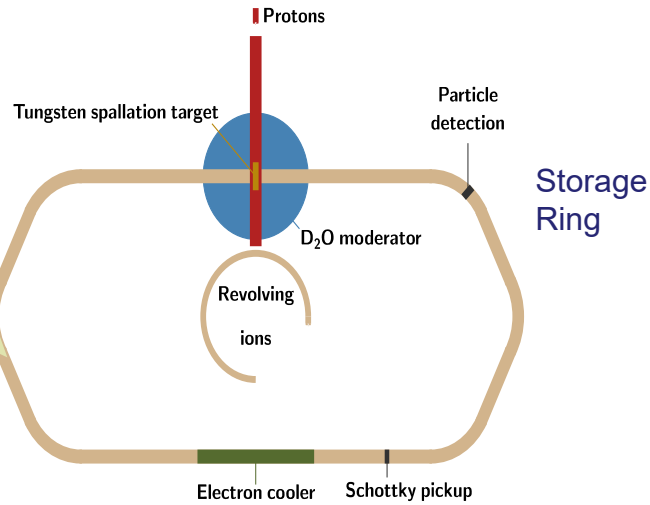
Yuri A. Litvinov  
 GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung, 64291 Darmstadt, Germany

## A high-intensity, low-energy heavy ion source for a neutron target proof-of-principle experiment at LANSCE

Andrew I. Cooper<sup>1</sup>, S. Moody<sup>2</sup>, R. Reifarth<sup>3</sup>, A. Couture<sup>2</sup>, E. Bennett<sup>1</sup>, N. Gibson<sup>1</sup>, D. Gorelov<sup>1</sup>, C. Kolth<sup>1</sup>, A. Lovell<sup>1</sup>, G. Misch<sup>1</sup>, and M. Mumpower<sup>1</sup>



# How far are r-nuclei from direct (n, $\gamma$ ) measurements?



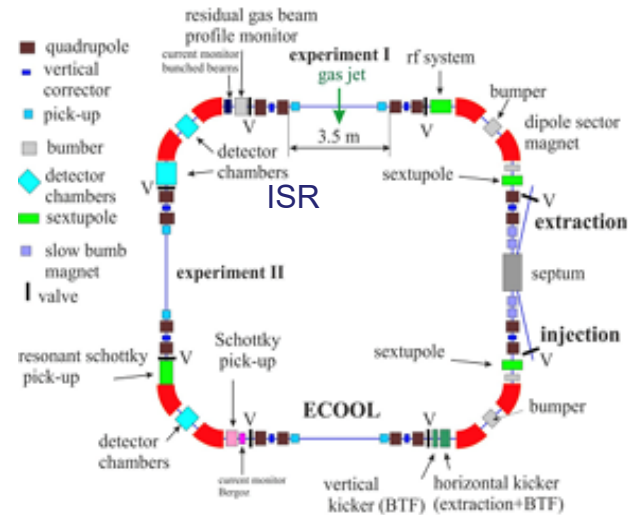
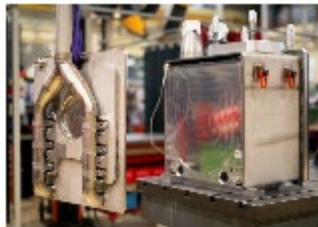
RIB Facility



ISOLDE



RING?



→ISR Project (2030+?)

# Outline

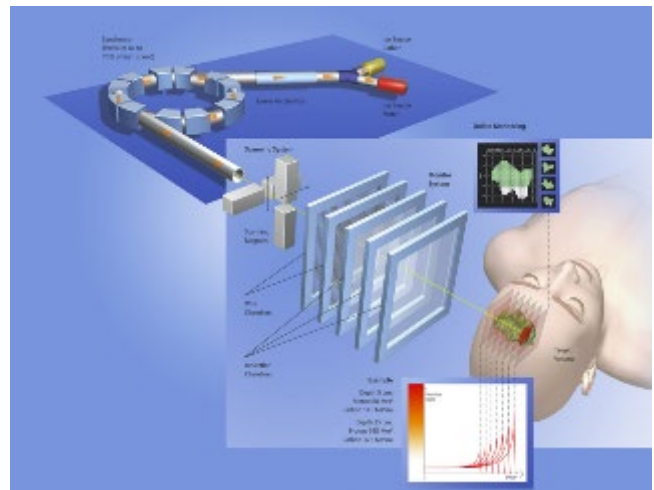
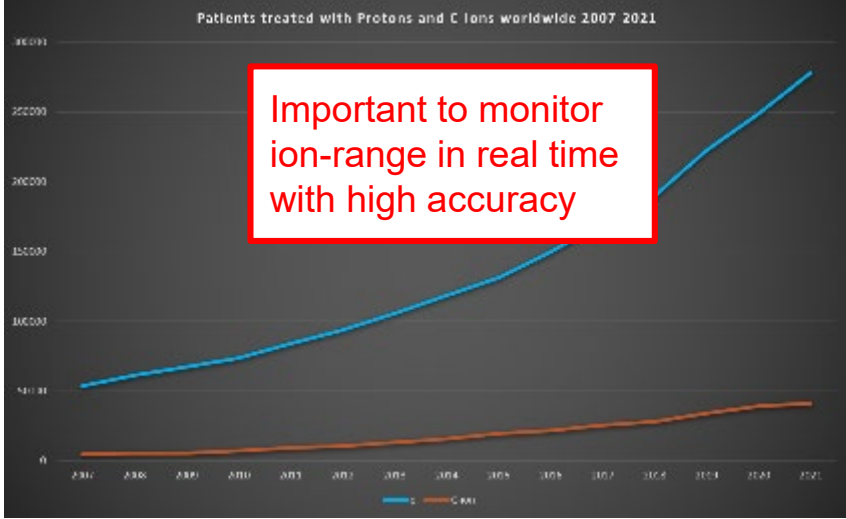
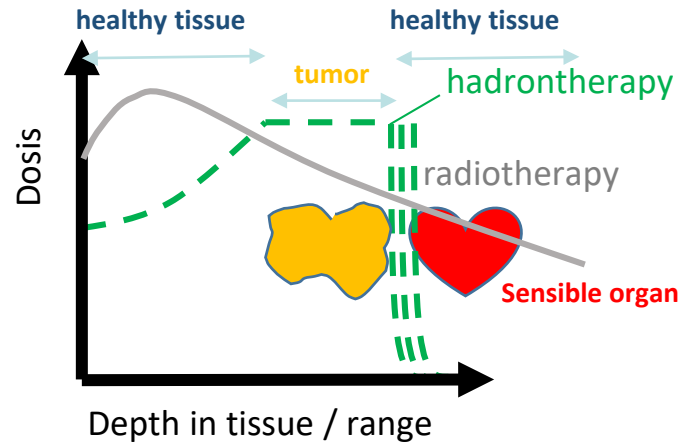
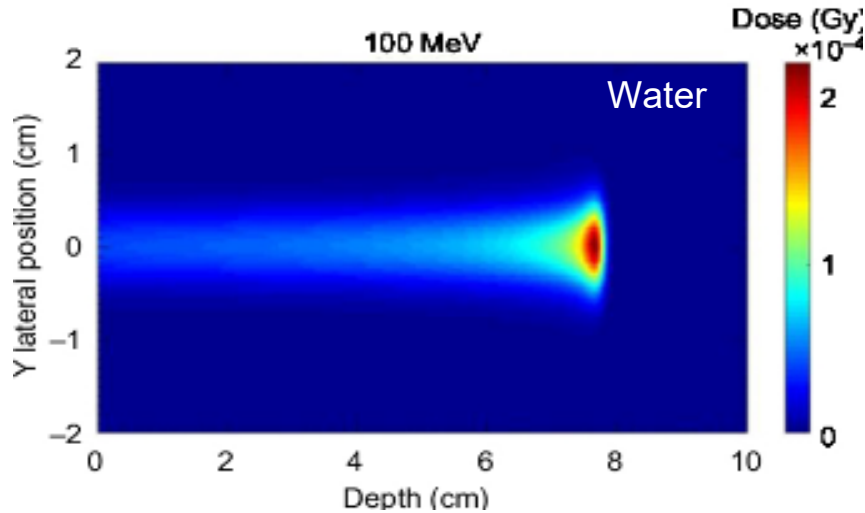
- Heavy elements nucleosynthesis: How stars make gold (r-process) and lead (s-process)?
- Neutron-capture experiments at CERN n\_TOF: AGB stars in the lab.
- Gamma-ray imaging: Enhancing the sensitivity in neutron capture TOF experiments
- Breaking the limits: r-process neutron reactions in the lab?
- From stars to tumors: ion-range & dose monitoring in hadron therapy
- Summary & Outlook

Artist: Anselm Kiefer  
Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao

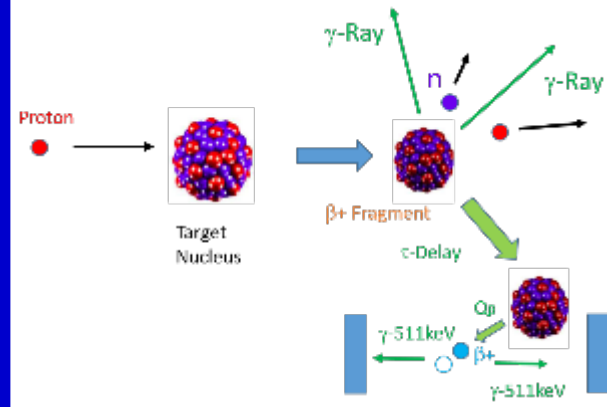


# Therapeutic proton beams for localized tumor treatments

- Protons: maximum dose deposition at the end of their trajectory (Bragg peak), proposed by R. Wilson in 1946
- Minimize damage to neighbouring tissues
- Range uncertainties impose conservative safety margins of 3.5% + 3 mm



## PET monitoring



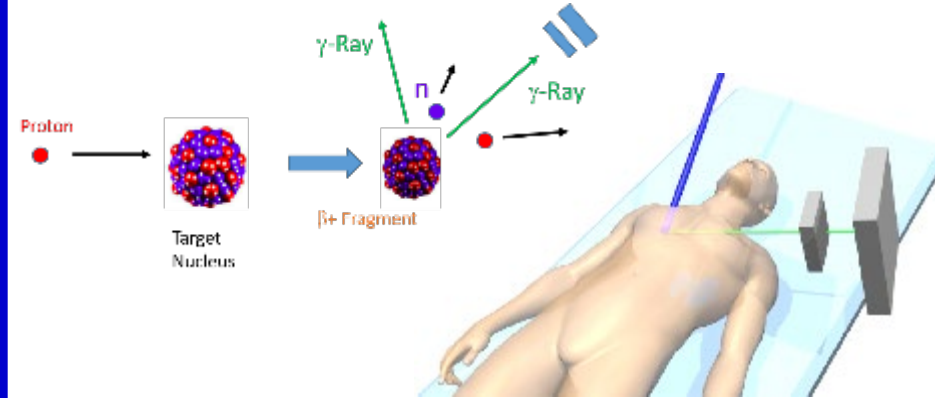
### → Range verification via PET (Llacer, 1979)

- Generally based on  $^{15}\text{O}$  (2min),  $^{11}\text{C}$  (20min),  $^{10}\text{C}$  (20s)
- Sensitive to tissue stoichiometry and mass density
- Functional character: physiological processes and tumour RF
- In-Beam PET: GSI (Enghardt+20, Parodi+02); Excellent sensitivity (**2.5 mm,  $10^8\text{p}$** ) with  $^{12}\text{N}$  (11ms) and tomographic functionality (KVI-Group, Siemens PET heads)
- Advances with secondary C-beams at GSI+LMU groups (BARB) using radioactive beams of ( $^{10-11}\text{C}$ ) [Kostyleva+23, Boscolo+24, etc], and with  $^{14-15}\text{O}$ [Purushothaman+23].

### Limitations with “conventional” proton-therapy:

- Delayed (biological washout, organ motion...)
- Not directly coinciding with the Bragg peak
- Low counting statistics (10 Bq/ml) → Low efficiency

## Prompt-Gamma Imaging



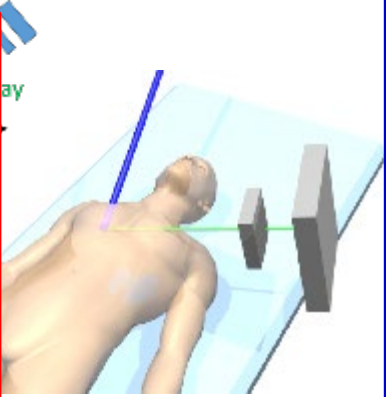
### → Range verification via Prompt Gamma Imaging (Stichelbault&Jongen, 2003)

- Slit camera in clinical use (Smeets+12) → 1-2 mm (1D)
- Most advanced electronic (Compton) imagers: Kabuki+09; Richard+12; Peterson+10; Kormoll+11; Thiolf+14, Llosa+13; etc
- High yield of high-energy  $\gamma$ -rays (2-6 MeV) at the Bragg peak → reliable signature of the ion-range
- Imaging resolution much more limited than in PET
- Low efficiency (particularly for more than two detection planes)
- Large neutron-induced backgrounds (in-beam)



# PET monitoring

# Prompt-Gamma Imaging

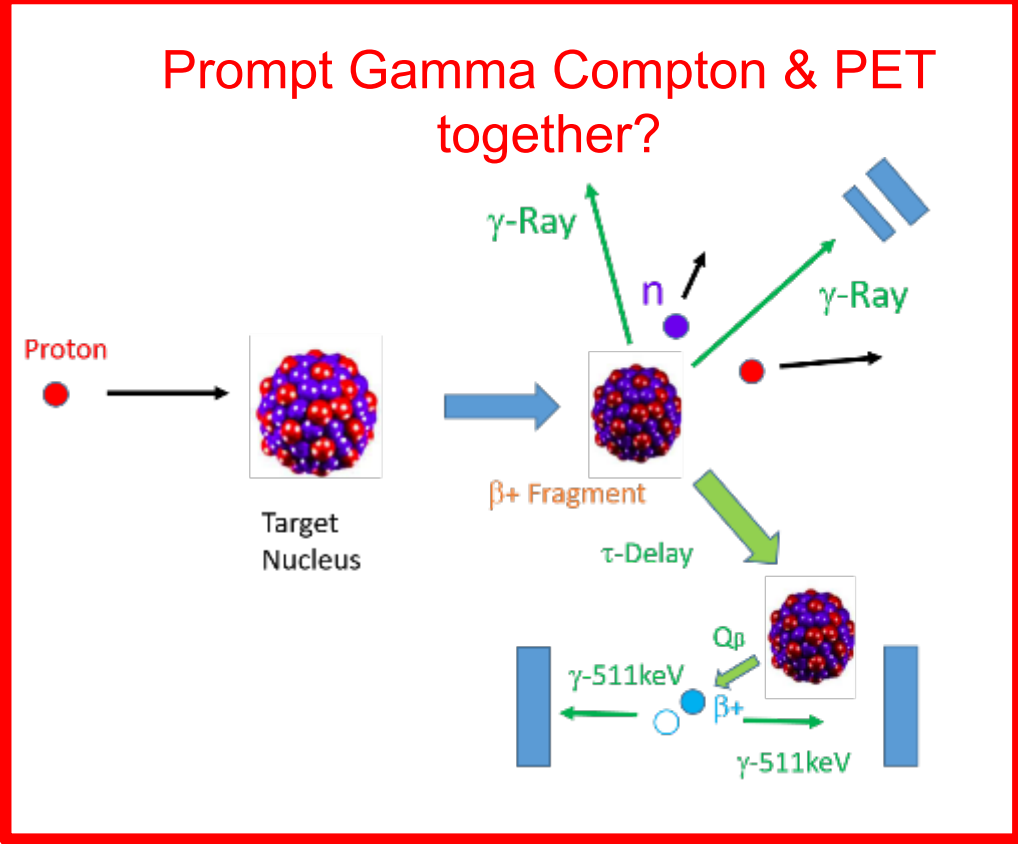


## → Range verification via P

- Generally based on  $^{15}\text{O}$  (
- Sensitive to tissue stoich
- Functional character: phy
- In-Beam PET: GSI (Engl
- sensitivity (**2.5 mm,  $10^8\text{p}$**
- functionality (KVI-Group,
- Advances with secondary
- (BARB) using radioactive
- Boscolo+24, etc], and wit

## Limitations with “conventiona

- Delayed (biological wash
- Not directly coinciding wi
- Low counting statistics (1



## Prompt Gamma Imaging (2003)

...eets+12) → 1-2 mm (1D)  
 ...mpton) imagers: Kabuki+09;  
 ...rmoll+11; Thiolf+14,

...s (2-6 MeV) at the Bragg  
 ...ne ion-range

...e limited than in PET  
 ...more than two detection

...ounds (in-beam)

# Combining PET- and Compton-imaging possible?

K. Parodi, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A (2016)



**Prompt-gamma monitoring in hadrontherapy: A review**  
 J. Krummer<sup>1</sup>, D. Drouot<sup>1,2\*</sup>, J.M. Letang<sup>1</sup>, G. Testa<sup>1</sup>  
\*Corresponding author. E-mail address: drouot@cea.fr

### 2.3. Specificity of PG imaging

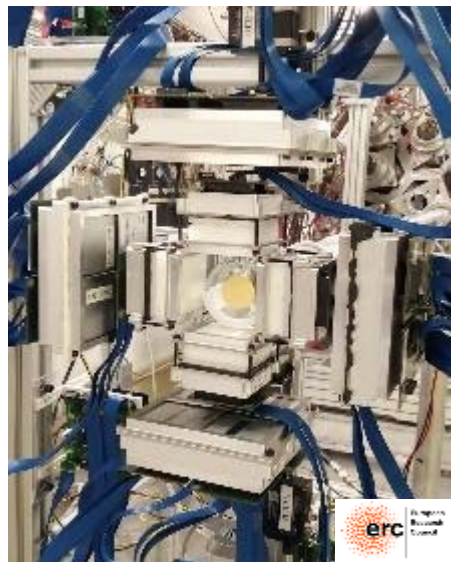
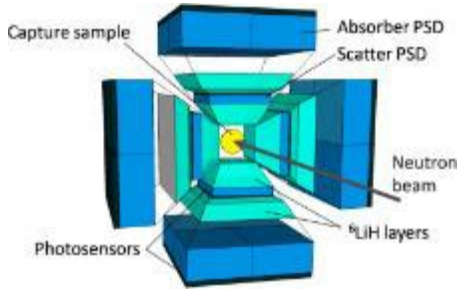
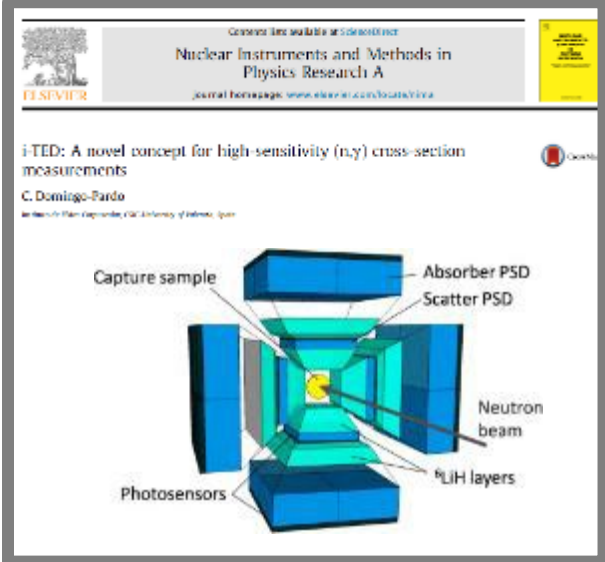
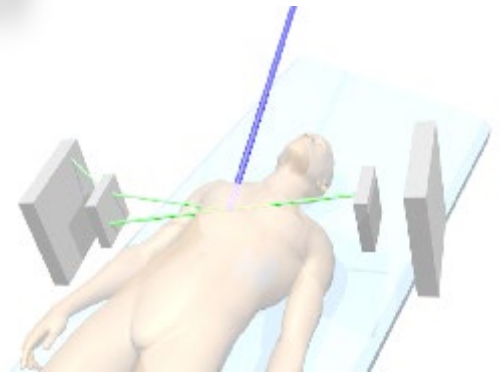
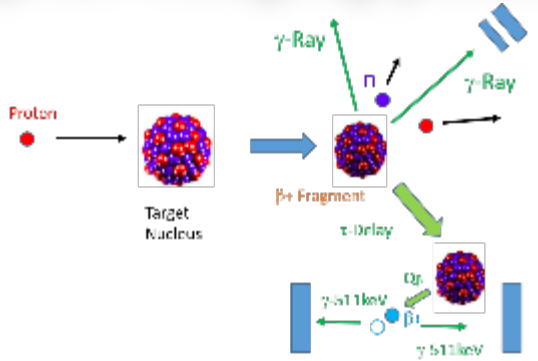
Table 2 presents the specificities of PG cameras for hadrontherapy with respect to conventional medical imaging. It is clear from these specificities that dedicated cameras are needed, with special features like high energy detection capability and count rate capability, and data acquisition systems that have to be adapted to the beam time structure.

For the particular objective of the precision for the falloff determination in the 1D-profile, the background plays a major role. Indeed, if we describe the falloff features in terms of contrast  $C$ , falloff width  $FW$  and background level  $B$ , it has been shown that the **falloff retrieval precision  $FRP$**  is determined by the following equation for homogeneous targets [32]:

$$FRP = \frac{\sqrt{B}}{C} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \tag{1}$$

where  $N$  is the number of incident ions. A striking result is that the falloff width has no influence on the  $FRP$ . This means that **the priority when optimizing camera designs is the detection efficiency and the background rejection** (shielding, TOF, ...).

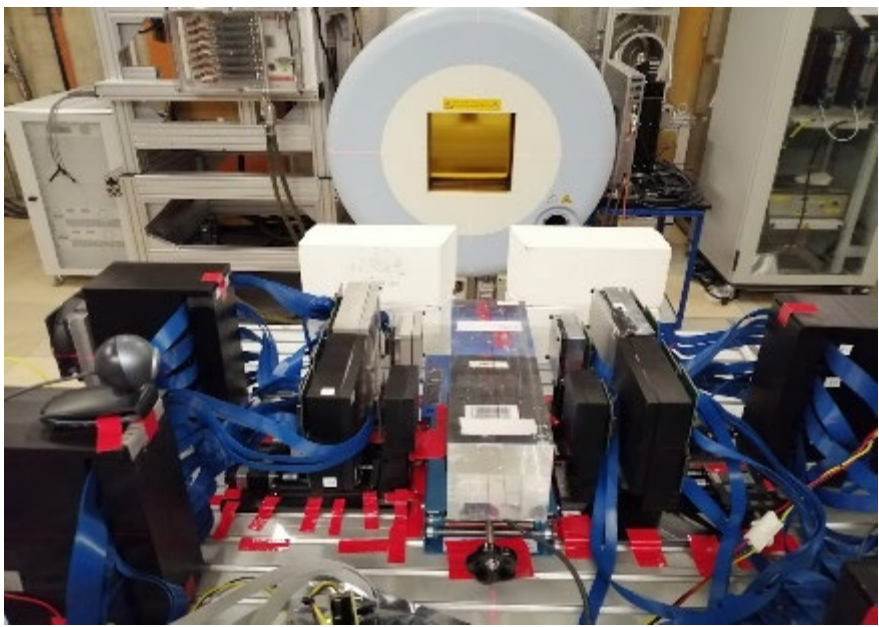
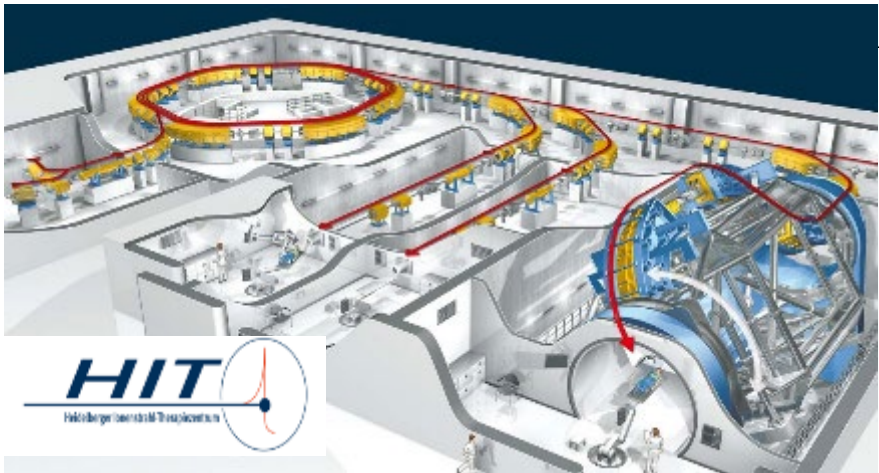
As we will see in Section 4, detection efficiencies of PG cameras – ranging from  $10^{-5}$  (collimated cameras) to  $10^{-4}$  (Compton cameras) – will lead to relatively low numbers of detected PG at spot level for pencil beam scanning systems.



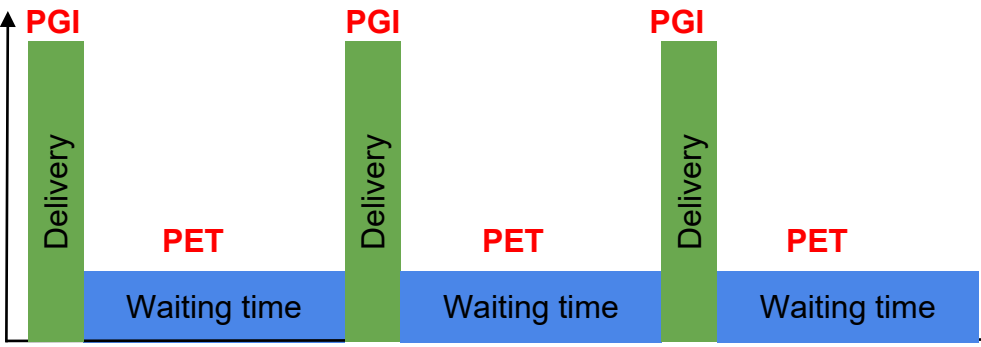
- High detection efficiency → Online real-time proton-range verification
- Low sensitivity to n-induced backgrounds → Improved S/B-ratio
- Good performance in the gamma-ray energy range up to 5-6 MeV
- Compact & lightweight → Compatible with clinical environment

# First PET-Compton pre-clinical tests at HIT-Heidelberg

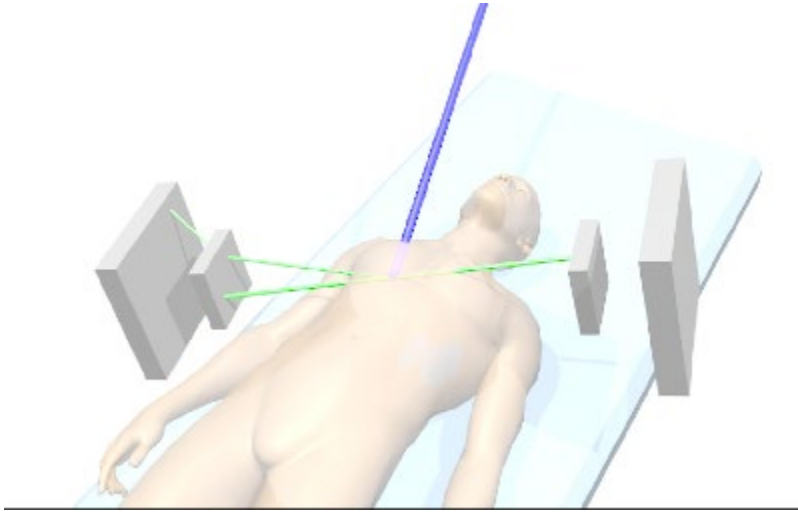
Heidelberg Hadrontherapy Center



Hybrid **PGI-PET** technique and **pulsed beams**



- Clinical proton-beam energy (55-200 MeV)
- Clinical proton-intensity ( $10^8$  p/point)



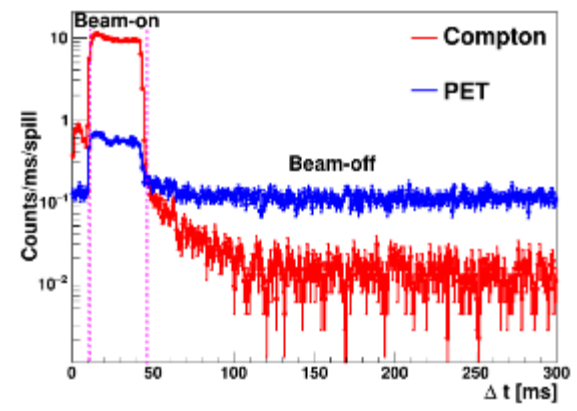
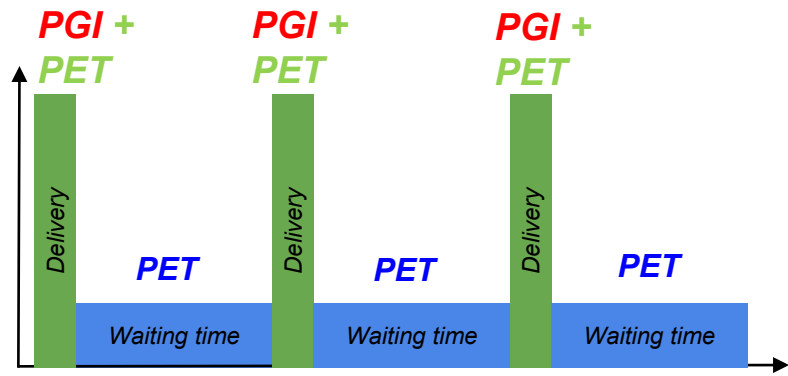
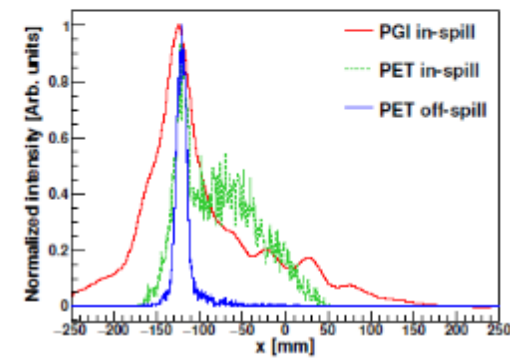
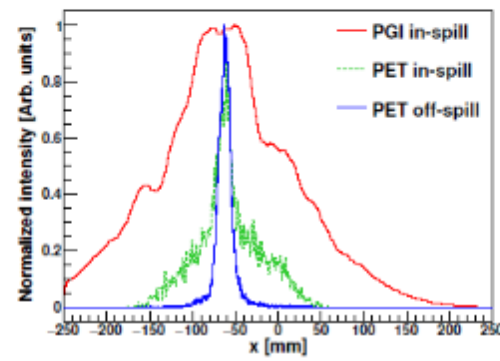
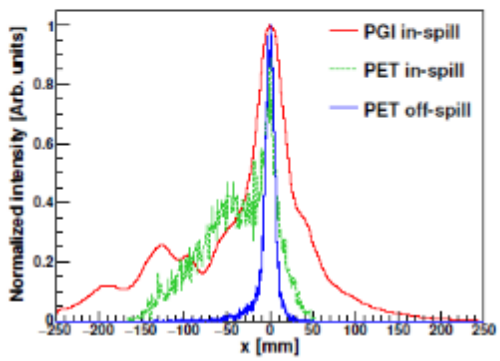
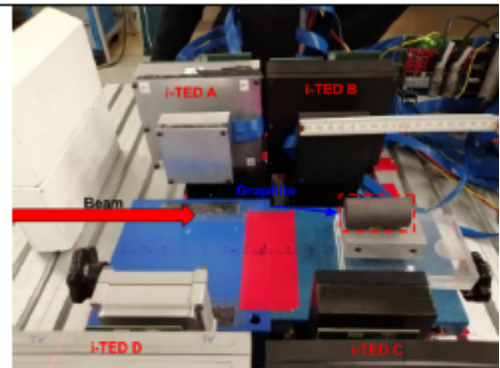
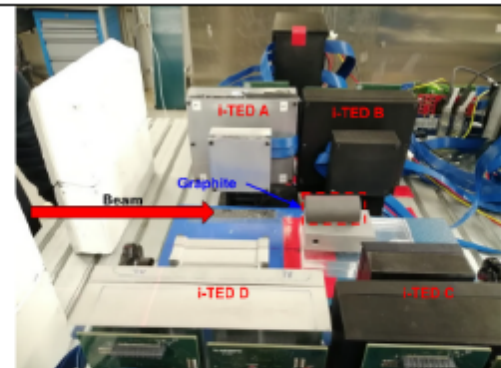
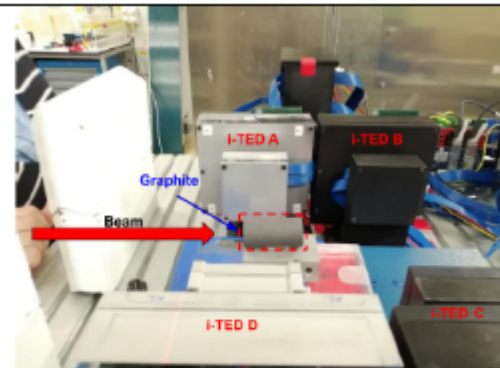
MC-Study: [J. Lerendegui-Marco, et al. Nat. Sci. Rep. 12, 2735 \(2022\)](#)

PoC @ 18 MeV: [J. Balibrea-Correa, et al. EPJ-Plus \(Nov.2022\)](#)

# First PET-Compton pre-clinical tests at HIT-Heidelberg



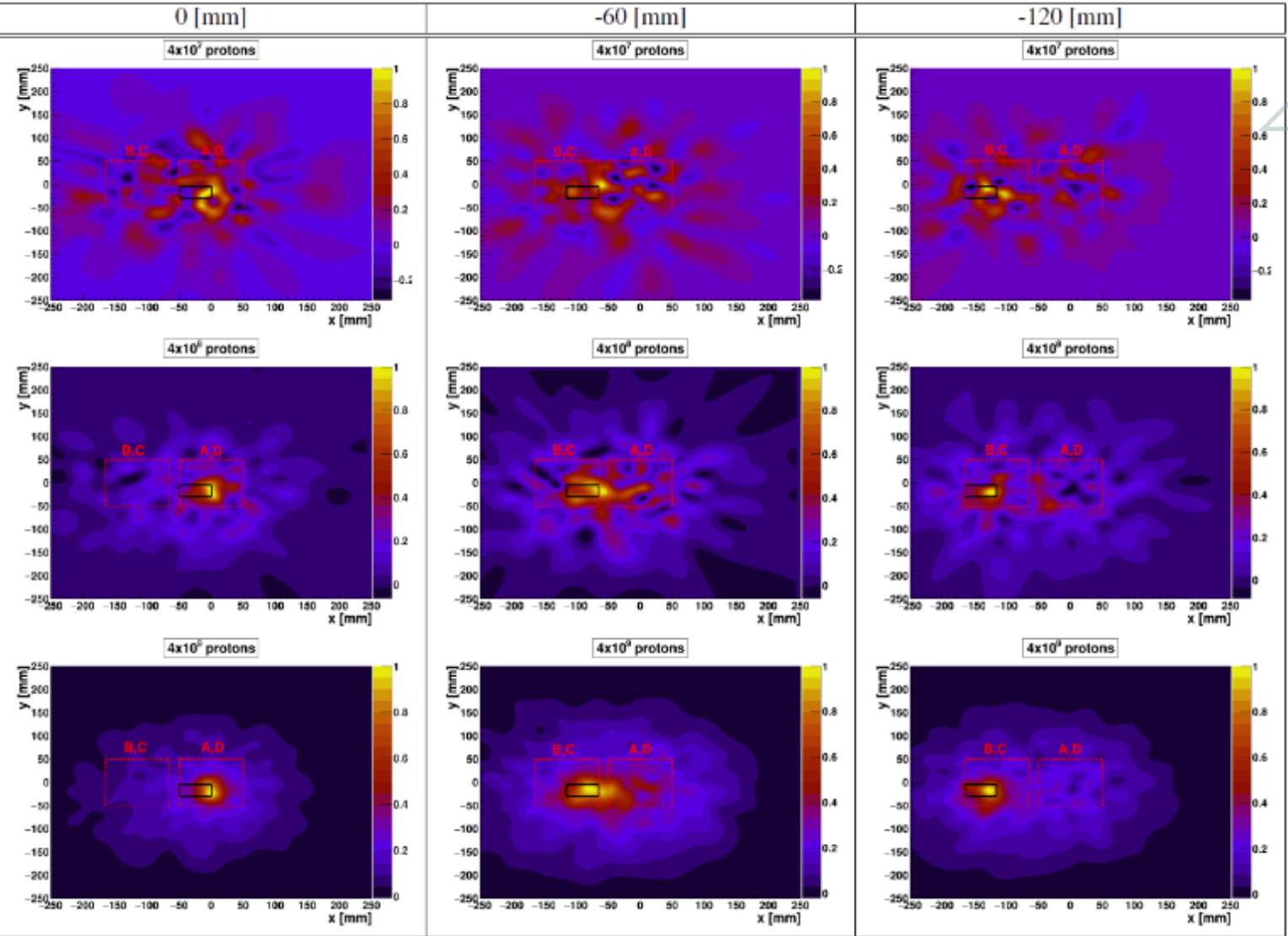
55 MeV p-beam  $10^9$  p/spot on Graphite Target @ three positions



# First PET-Compton pre-clinical tests at HIT-Heidelberg



55 MeV p-beam  $10^9$  p/spot on Graphite Target @ three positions / Compton PGI:



clinical

$10^7$  p/spot

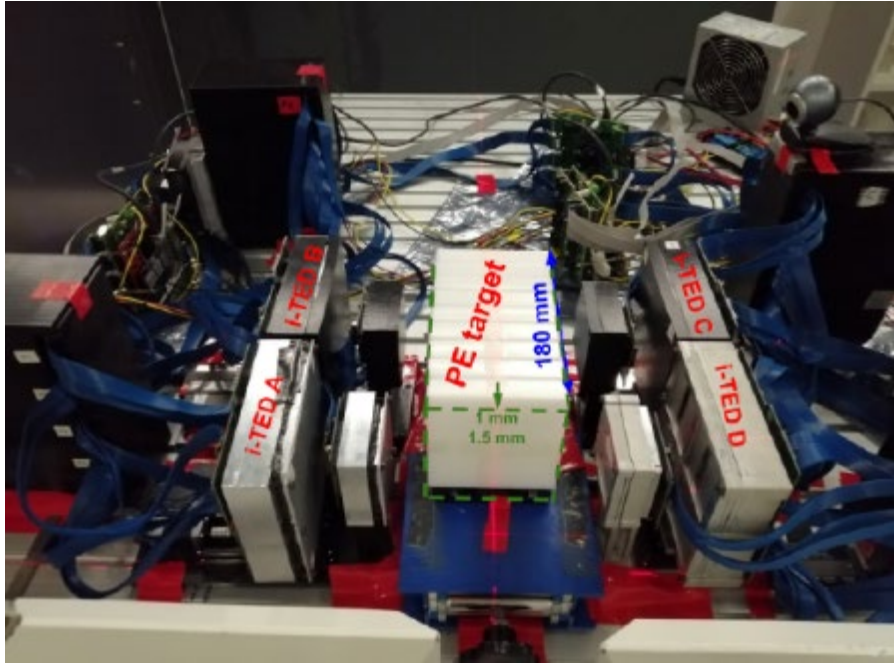
$10^8$  p/spot

$10^9$  p/spot

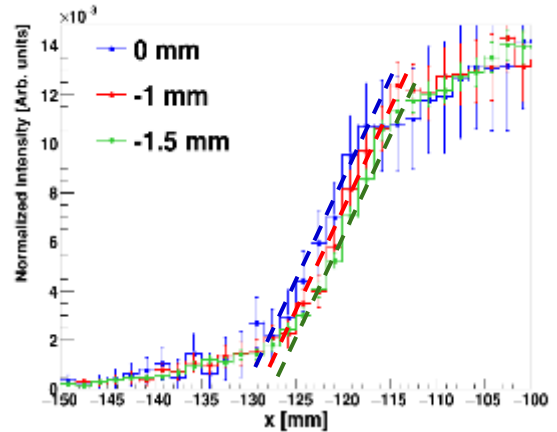
# First PET-Compton pre-clinical tests at HIT-Heidelberg



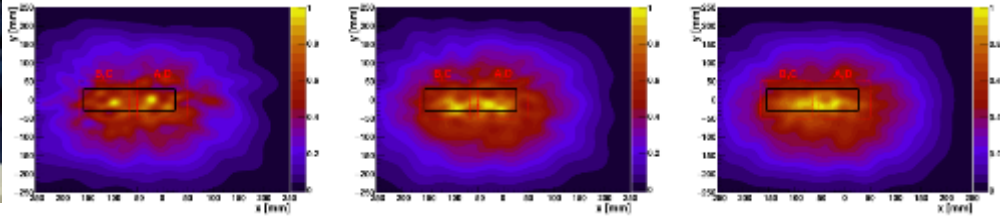
150 MeV p-beam  $10^9$  p/spot on PE-Target @ three positions



PET in-beam off-spill  $\rightarrow$  mm sensitivity

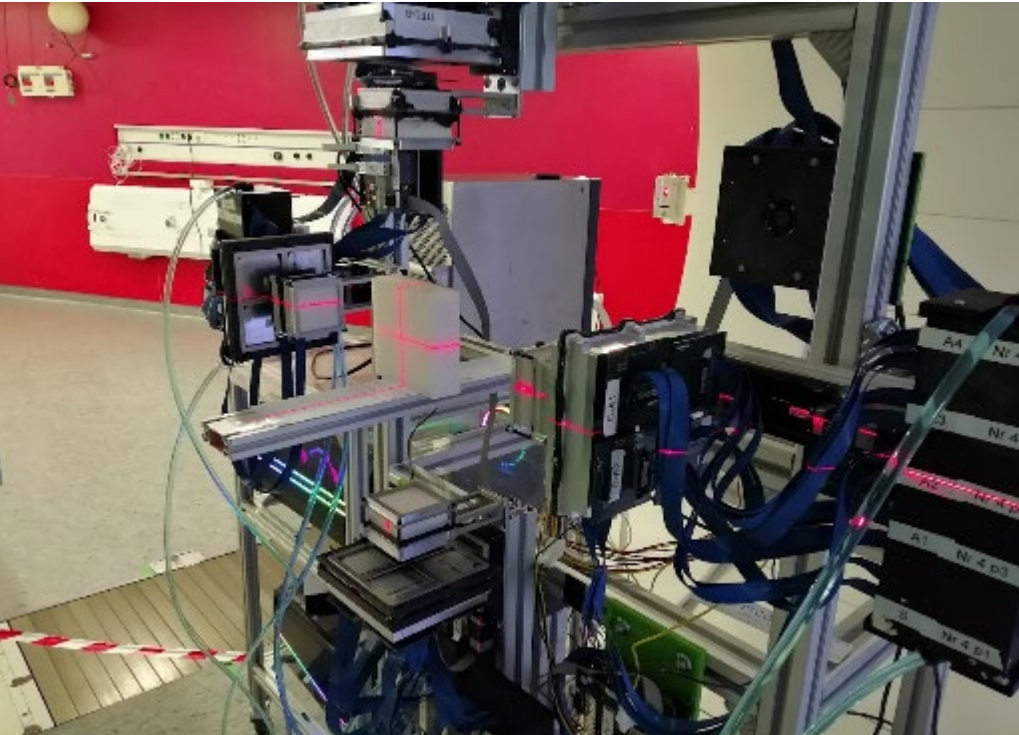


Estimated Compton PGI Sensitivity 15mm at  $10^9$  p/spot

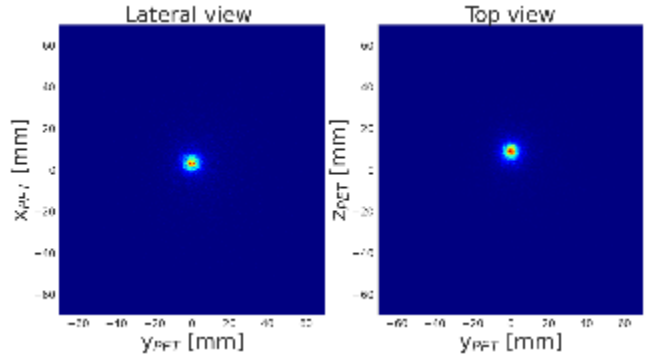


- $\rightarrow$  Improve geometry  $\rightarrow$  Higher statistics/spot
- $\rightarrow$  Suppress background  $\rightarrow$  Better S/B

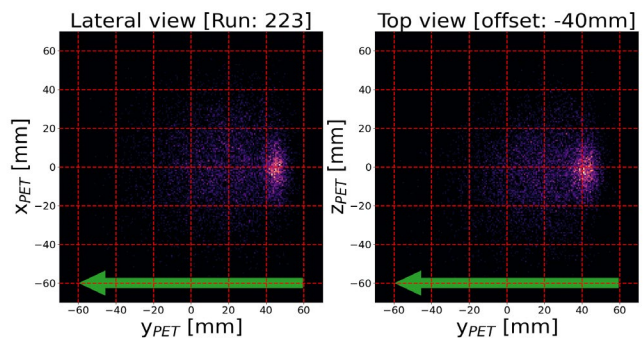
# First PET-Compton pre-clinical tests at WPE



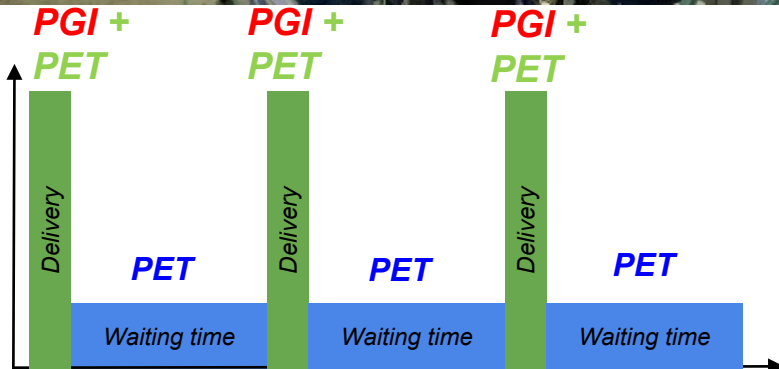
PET Calibration:



PET in-beam off-spill (range shift):

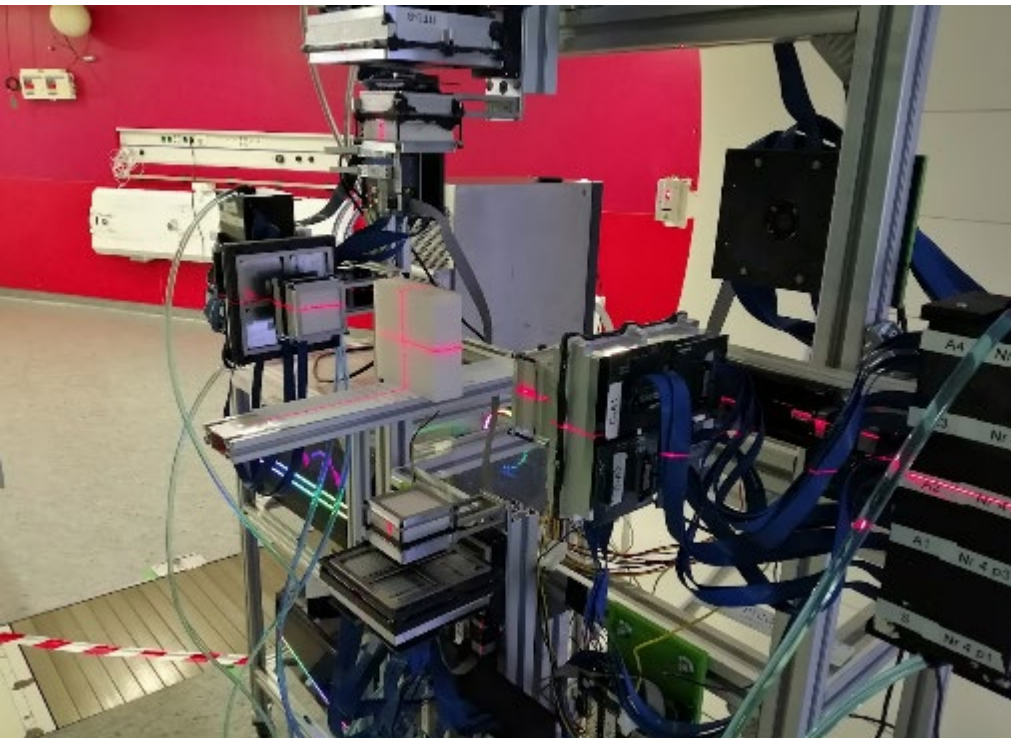


Prel. Est. < 2mm sensitivity for 1E8 p

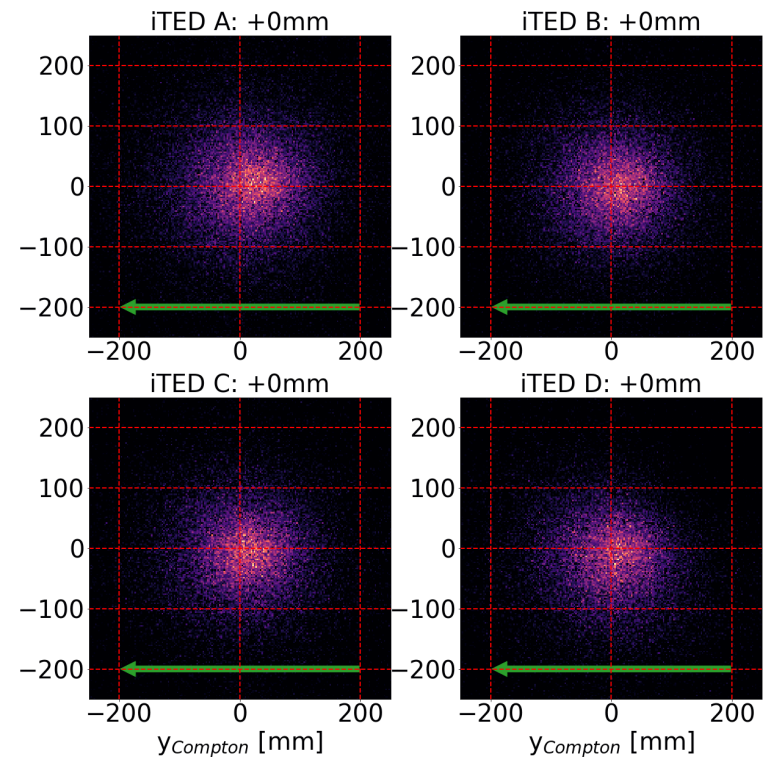


Isochronous Normal Conducting Cyclotron (IBA-ProteusPlus) @ WPE

# First PET-Compton pre-clinical tests at WPE



Compton PGI:

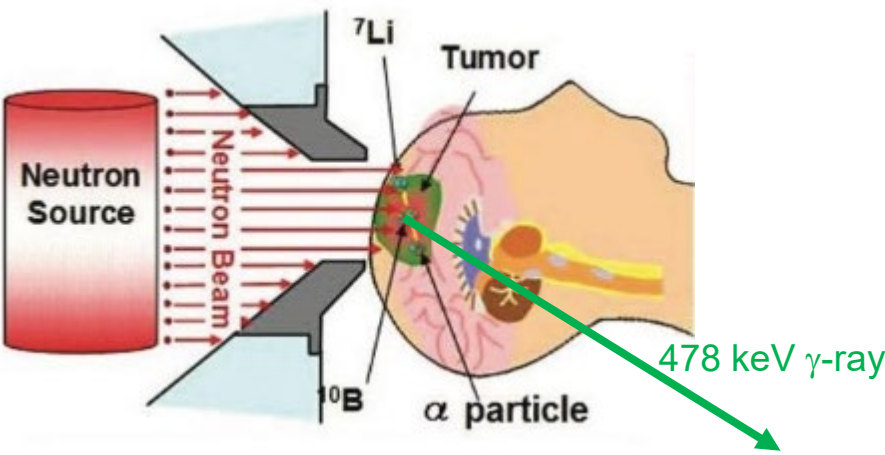


Prel. Est. <4mm sensitivity for  $1E8$  p

- Possible to combine Compton & PET with same apparatus using a cyclotron-based machine
- Data analysis in progress (!)



# Dosimetry with therapeutic neutron fields



- **BNCT** is an emerging treatment that aims at improving the therapeutic ratio for traditionally difficult to treat tumors.
- Clinically: Glioblastoma multiforme, meningioma, head, neck, lung, breast cancers, etc [Malouff+21]
- **Dosimetry in BNCT presents challenges:**
  - Neutrons interaction within the body
  - Uncertainties associated with the uptake of boron.
- **Current treatment planning:** strong **extrapolations** of boron uptake by the tumor derived from prior PET scans.

**Solution?:** online boron-uptake monitoring and spatial distribution via the Compton imaging of the 478 keV line

**Challenges:**

- Very large count rates (MHz at 50 cm)
- Neutron-induced backgrounds



<https://isnct.net/>

- Regular patient treatment: 2 (Japan)
- Clinical trial: 6 (Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan)
- Commissioning, Development & Construction

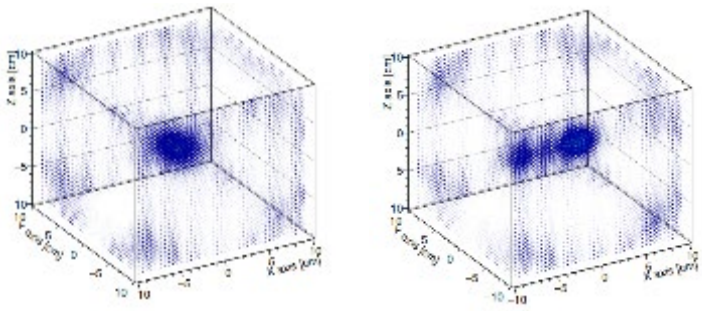
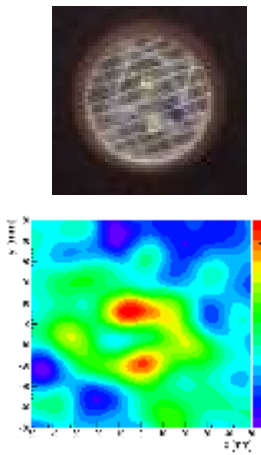
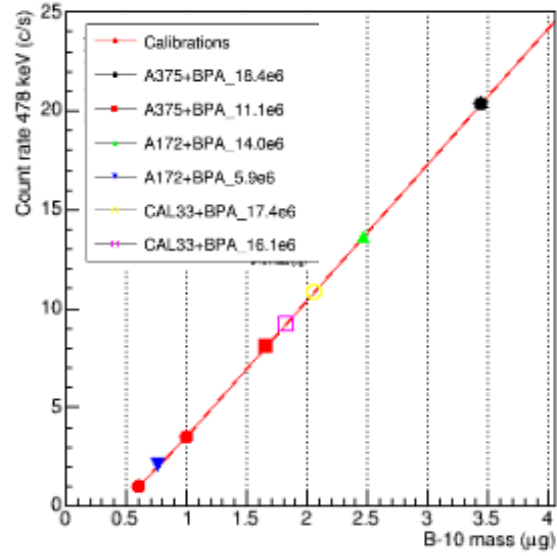
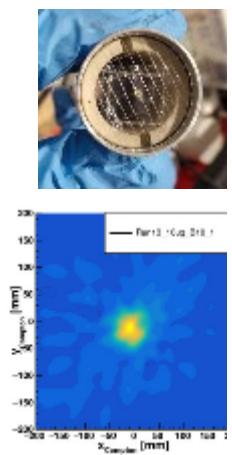
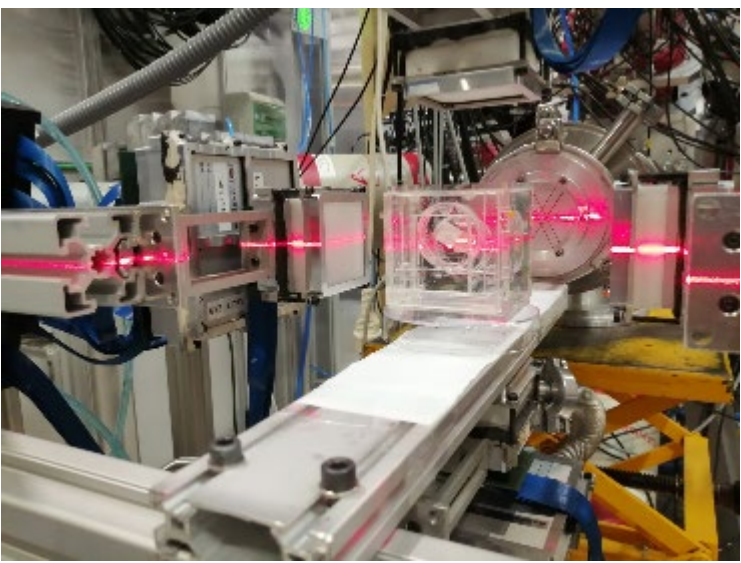
# Dosimetry with therapeutic neutron fields



ERC-POC  
AMA



- Highly demanding online 3D-reconstruction
- New algorithms required for quasi-real time imaging



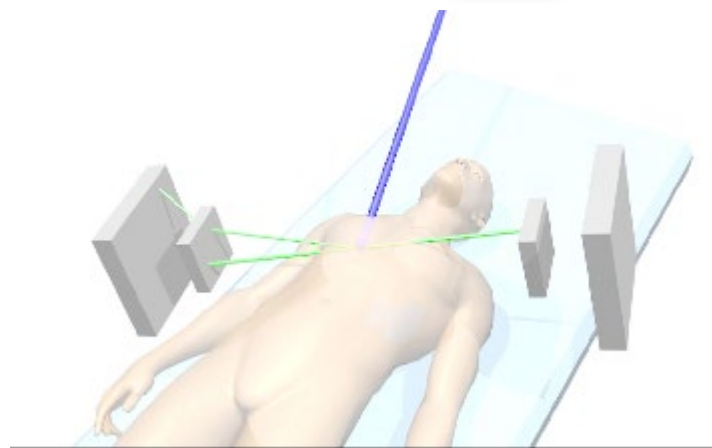
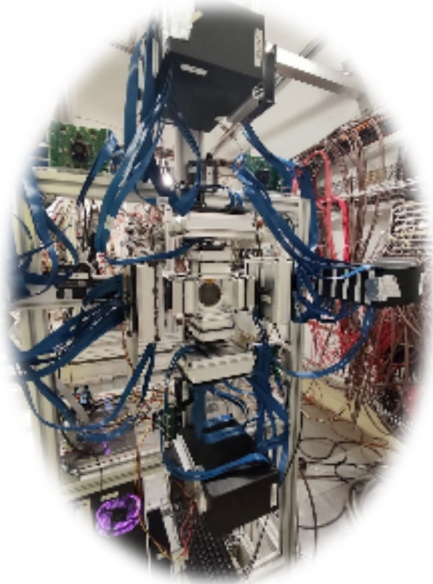
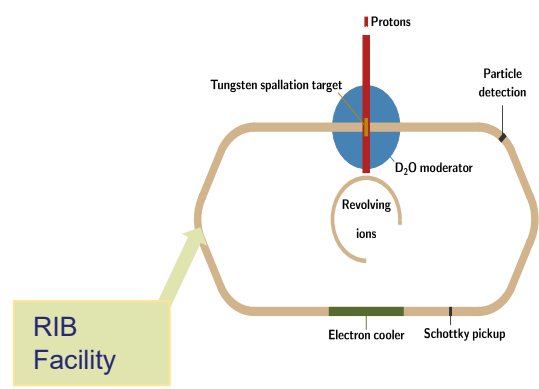
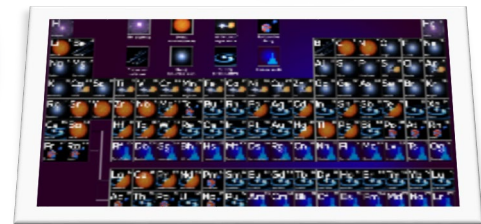
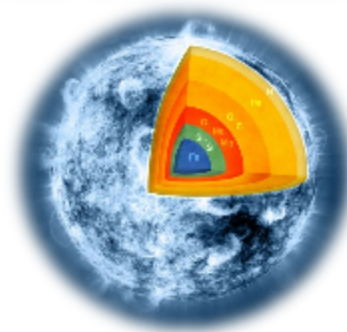
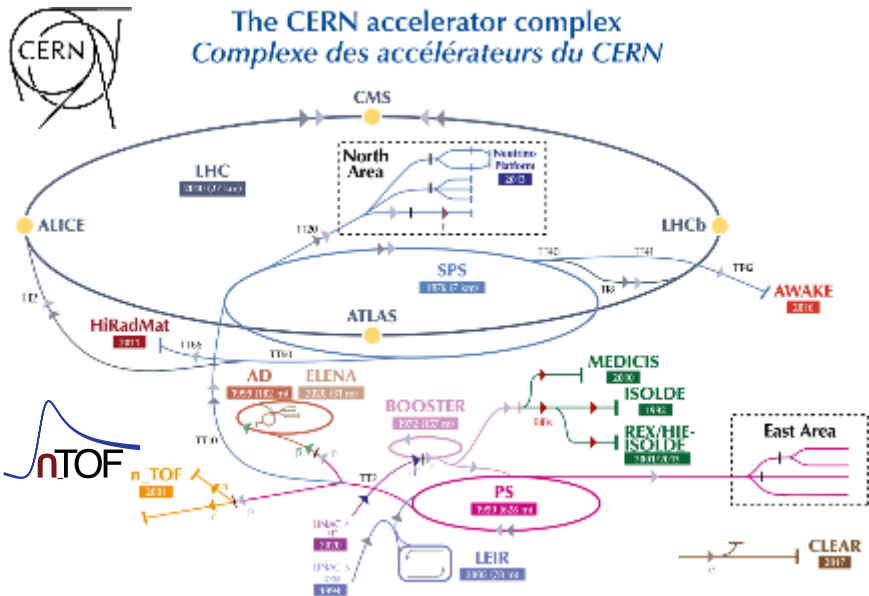
PRELIMINARY RESULTS  
WORK IN PROGRESS



Next steps:  
- first tests at clinical facility

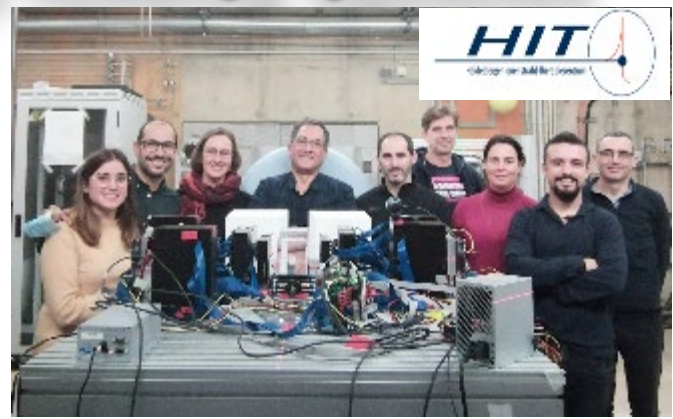
B. Gameiro et al. (2024) <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2411.04785>  
P. Torres-Sanchez et al. (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apradiso.2024.111649>  
J. Lerendegui-Marco et al. (2024) <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2409.05687>

# Summary & Outlook



# Thanks to all collaborators and funding agencies

- O. Aberle<sup>1</sup>
- V. Alcayne<sup>2</sup>
- S. Amaducci<sup>3,4</sup>
- J. Andrzejewski<sup>5</sup>
- L. Audouin<sup>6</sup>
- V. Babiano-Suarez<sup>7</sup>
- M. Bacak<sup>1,8,9</sup>
- M. Barbagallo<sup>1,10</sup>
- S. Bennett<sup>11</sup>
- E. Berthoumieux<sup>9</sup>
- J. Billowes<sup>11</sup>
- D. Bosnar<sup>12</sup>
- A. Brown<sup>13</sup>
- M. Busso<sup>10,14,15</sup>
- M. Caamaño<sup>16</sup>
- L. Caballero-Ontanaya<sup>7</sup>
- F. Calviño<sup>17</sup>
- M. Calviani<sup>1</sup>
- D. Cano-Ott<sup>2</sup>
- A. Casanovas<sup>17</sup>
- F. Cerutti<sup>1</sup>
- E. Chiaveri<sup>1,11</sup>
- N. Colonna<sup>10</sup>
- G. Cortés<sup>17</sup>
- M. A. Cortés-Giraldo<sup>18</sup>
- L. Cosentino<sup>3</sup>
- S. Cristallo<sup>14,19</sup>
- L. A. Damone<sup>10,20</sup>
- P. J. Davies<sup>11</sup>
- M. Diakaki<sup>21,1</sup>
- M. Dietz<sup>24</sup>
- A. Ventura<sup>34</sup>
- D. Vescovi<sup>10,14</sup>
- V. Vlachoudis<sup>1</sup>
- R. Vlastou<sup>21</sup>
- A. Wallner<sup>47</sup>
- P. J. Woods<sup>22</sup>
- T. Wright<sup>11</sup>
- P. Žugec<sup>12</sup>
- C. Domingo-Pardo<sup>7</sup>
- R. Dressler<sup>23</sup>
- Q. Ducasse<sup>24</sup>
- E. Dupont<sup>9</sup>
- I. Durán<sup>16</sup>
- Z. Eleme<sup>25</sup>
- B. Fernández-Domínguez<sup>16</sup>
- A. Ferrari<sup>1</sup>
- P. Finocchiaro<sup>3</sup>
- V. Furman<sup>26</sup>
- K. Göbel<sup>27</sup>
- R. Garg<sup>22</sup>
- A. Gawlik<sup>5</sup>
- S. Gilardoni<sup>1</sup>
- I. F. Gonçalves<sup>28</sup>
- E. González-Romero<sup>2</sup>
- C. Guerrero<sup>18</sup>
- F. Gunsing<sup>9</sup>
- H. Harada<sup>29</sup>
- S. Heinitz<sup>23</sup>
- J. Heyse<sup>30</sup>
- D. G. Jenkins<sup>13</sup>
- A. Junghans<sup>31</sup>
- F. Käppeler<sup>32</sup>
- Y. Kadi<sup>1</sup>
- A. Kimura<sup>29</sup>
- I. Knapová<sup>33</sup>
- M. Kokkoris<sup>21</sup>
- Y. Kopatch<sup>26</sup>
- M. Krčička<sup>33</sup>
- D. Kurtulgil<sup>27</sup>
- I. Ladarescu<sup>7</sup>
- C. Lederer-Woods<sup>22</sup>
- H. Leeb<sup>8</sup>
- J. Lerendegui-Marco<sup>18</sup>
- S. J. Lonsdale<sup>22</sup>
- D. Macina<sup>1</sup>
- A. Manna<sup>34,35</sup>
- T. Martínez<sup>2</sup>
- A. Masi<sup>1</sup>
- C. Massimi<sup>34,35</sup>
- P. Mastinu<sup>36</sup>
- M. Mastromarco<sup>1</sup>
- E. A. Mauger<sup>23</sup>
- A. Mazzone<sup>10,37</sup>
- E. Mendoza<sup>2</sup>
- A. Mengoni<sup>38</sup>
- V. Michalopoulou<sup>21,1</sup>
- P. M. Milazzo<sup>39</sup>
- F. Mingrone<sup>1</sup>
- J. Moreno-Soto<sup>9</sup>
- A. Musumarra<sup>3,40</sup>
- A. Negret<sup>41</sup>
- R. Nolte<sup>24</sup>
- F. Ogállar<sup>42</sup>
- A. Oprea<sup>41</sup>
- N. Patronis<sup>25</sup>
- A. Pavlik<sup>43</sup>
- J. Perkowski<sup>5</sup>
- L. Persanti<sup>10,14,19</sup>
- C. Petrone<sup>41</sup>
- E. Pirovano<sup>24</sup>
- I. Porras<sup>42</sup>
- J. Praena<sup>42</sup>
- J. M. Quesada<sup>18</sup>
- D. Ramos-Dovál<sup>9</sup>
- T. Rauscher<sup>44,45</sup>
- R. Reifarth<sup>27</sup>
- D. Rochman<sup>23</sup>
- Y. Romanets<sup>28</sup>
- C. Rubbia<sup>1</sup>
- M. Sabaté-Gilarte<sup>18,1</sup>
- A. Saxena<sup>46</sup>
- P. Schillebeckx<sup>30</sup>
- D. Schumann<sup>23</sup>
- A. Sekhar<sup>11</sup>
- A. G. Smith<sup>11</sup>
- N. V. Sosnin<sup>11</sup>
- P. Sprung<sup>23</sup>
- A. Stamatopoulos<sup>21</sup>
- G. Tagliente<sup>10</sup>
- J. L. Tain<sup>7</sup>
- A. Tarifeño-Saldivia<sup>17</sup>
- L. Tassan-Got<sup>1,21,6</sup>
- Th. Thomas<sup>27</sup>
- P. Torres-Sánchez<sup>42</sup>
- A. Tsinganis<sup>1</sup>
- J. Ulrich<sup>23</sup>
- S. Urlass<sup>31,1</sup>
- S. Valenta<sup>33</sup>
- G. Vannini<sup>34,35</sup>
- V. Variale<sup>10</sup>
- P. Vaz<sup>28</sup>



The n\_TOF  
Collaboration



European  
Research  
Council

[ERC-CoG HYMNS Grant Id. 681740](#)

[ERC-POC AMA Grant Id. 101137646](#)

[ERC-POC GNVISION Grant Id. 101113330](#)

