Direct Reactions with Exotic Beams at Low Momentum Transfer: Investigations with Stored Beams and with Active Targets

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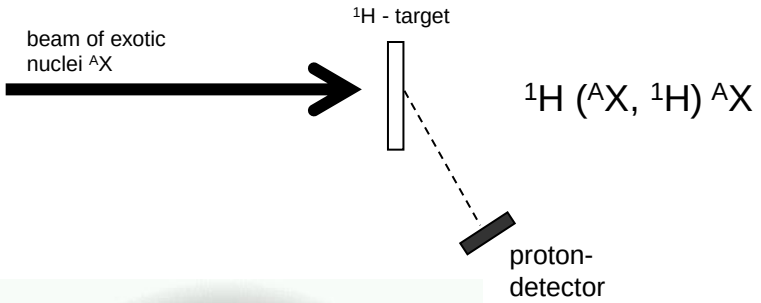

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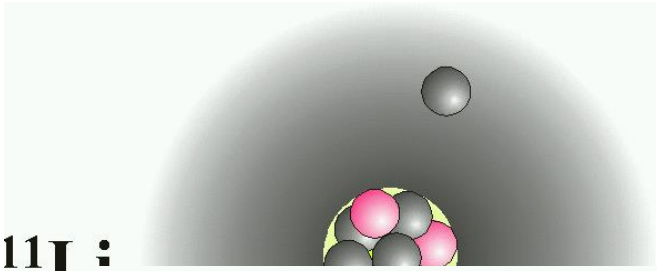

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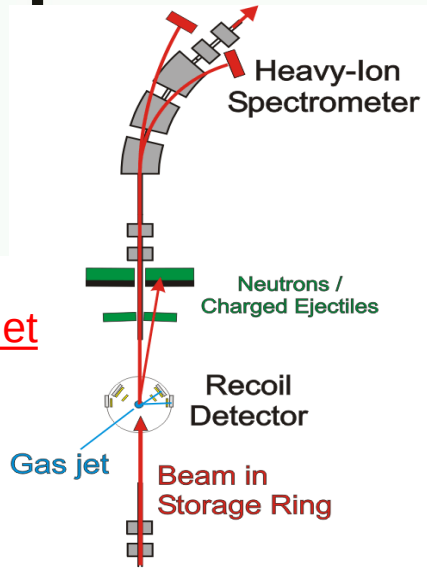

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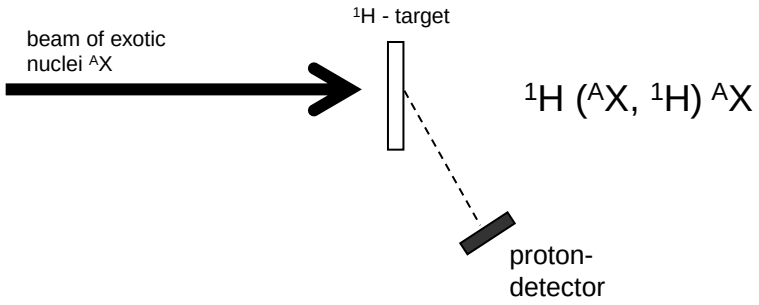

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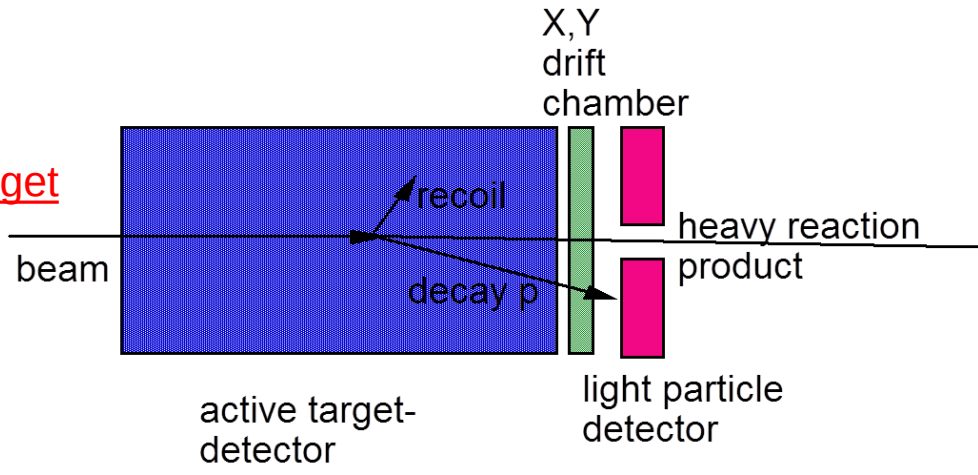


Nuclear Physics with Radioactive Beams at the Present GSI Facility

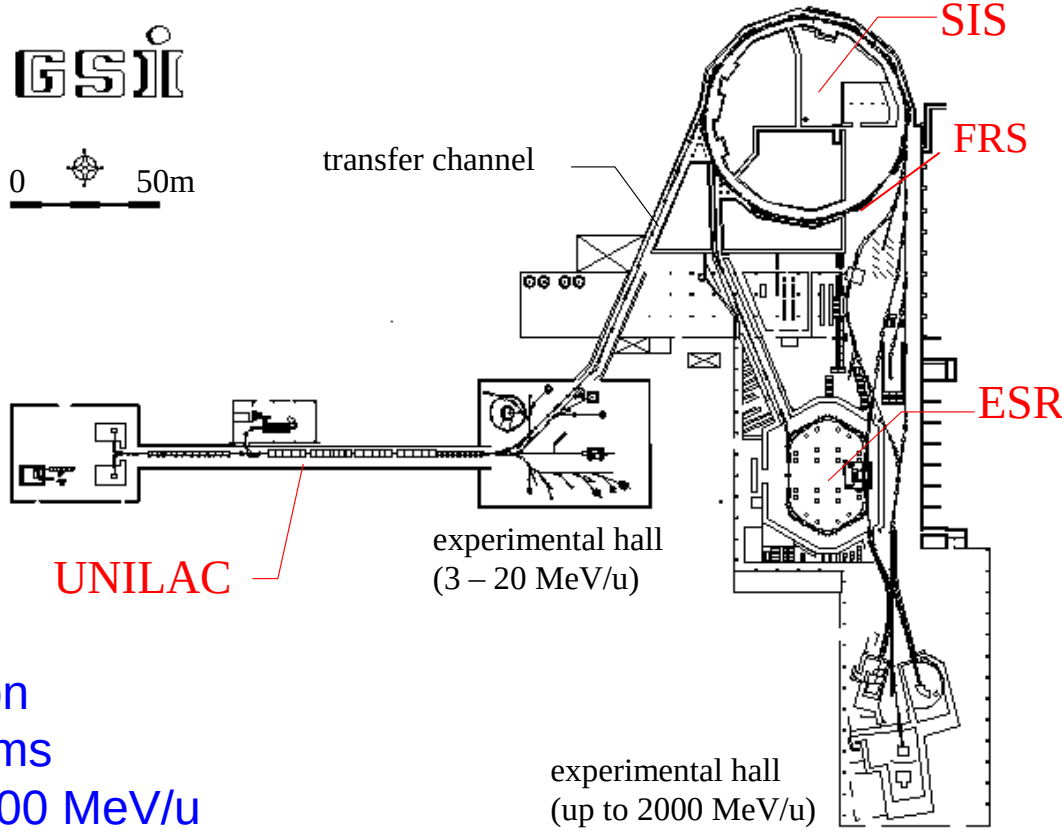
The Present GSI Accelerator Facilities:

UNILAC: universal linear accelerator
all ions (^{1}H ... ^{238}U)
E = 3 - 20 MeV/u

SIS: heavy ion synchrotron
E = 100 - 2000 MeV/u

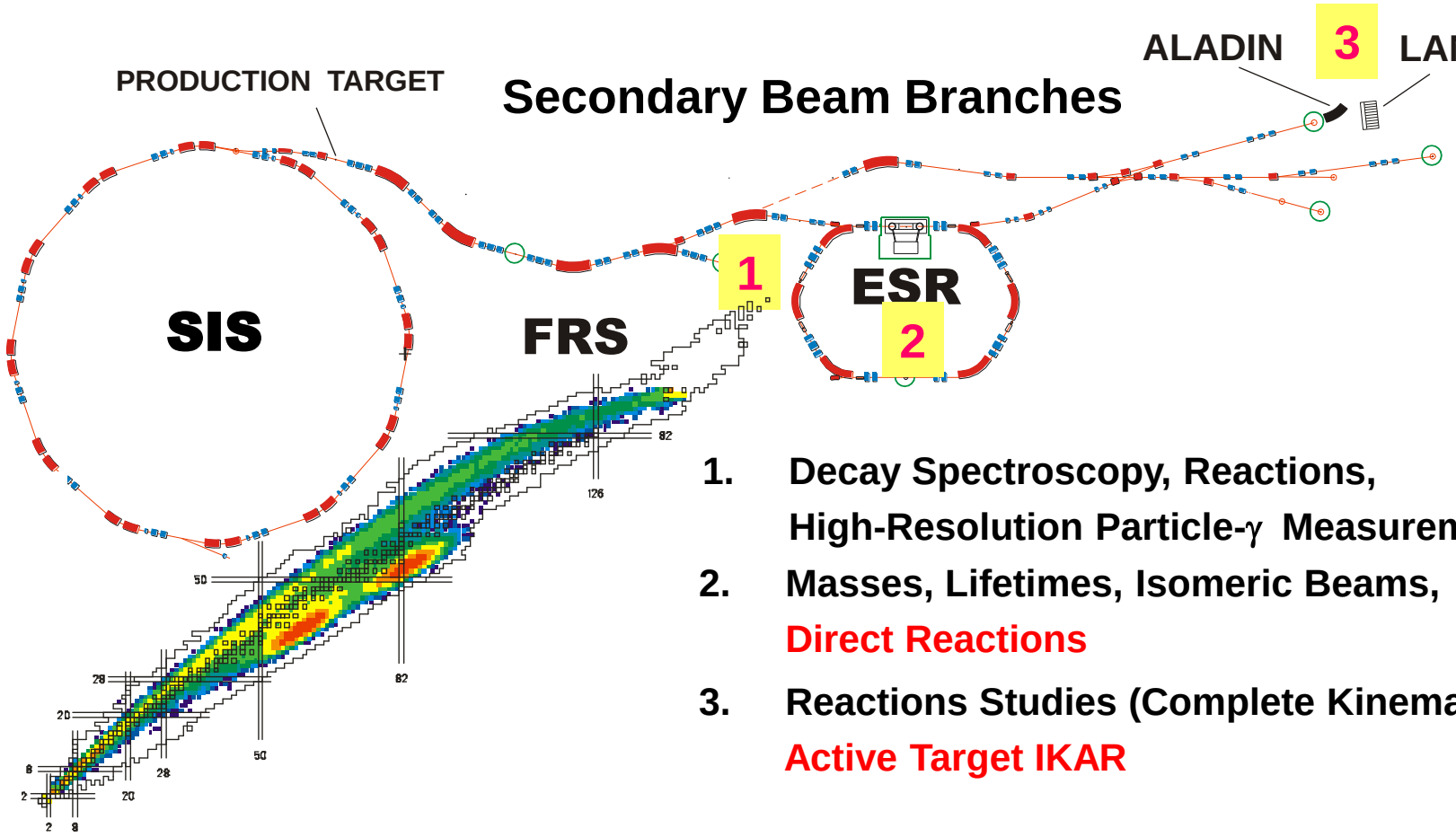
ESR: experimental storage ring
beam cooling
⇒ excellent beam qualities

FRS: fragment separator
projectile fragmentation, fission
⇒ secondary radioactive beams
with energies E ≥ 100 – 1000 MeV/u



The Present Radioactive Beam Facility at GSI

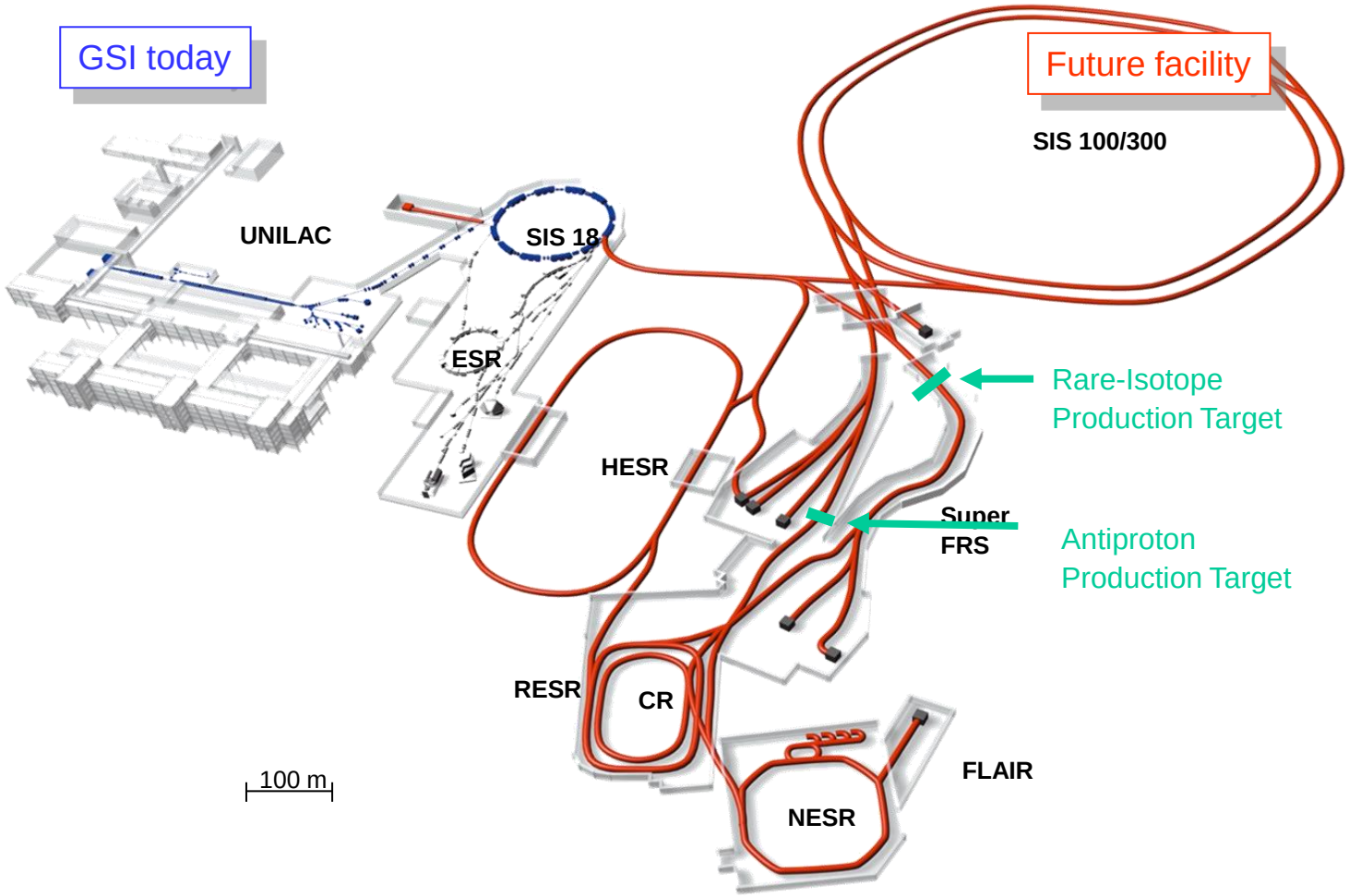
FRS: In-Flight Separator & High-Resolution Spectrometer



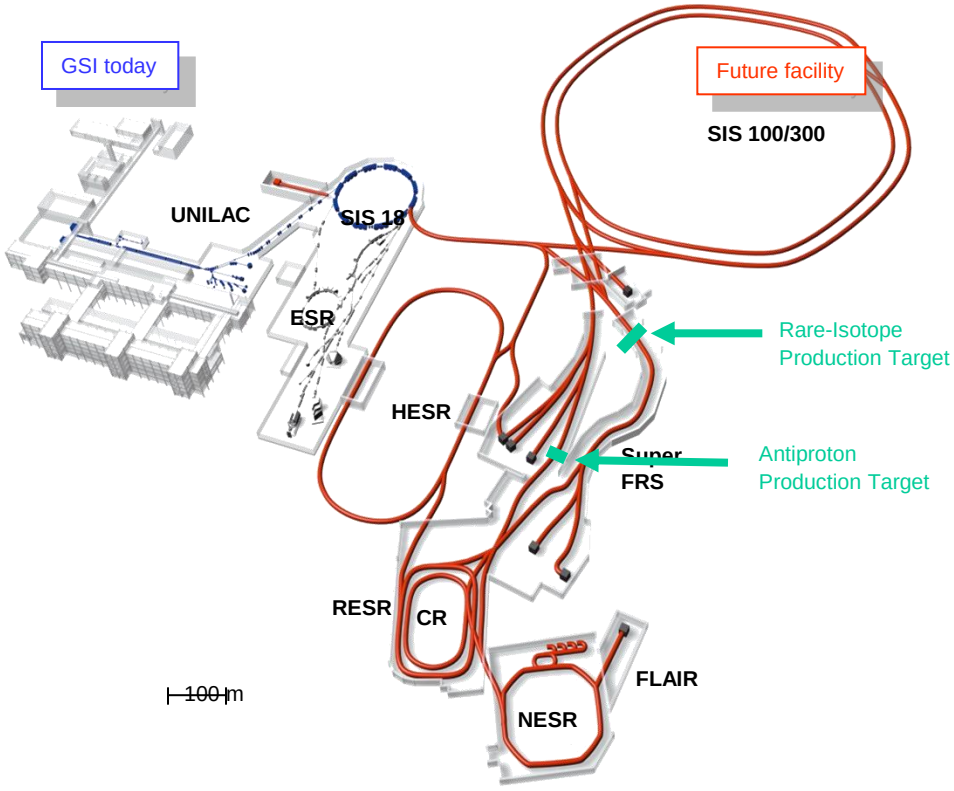
1. Decay Spectroscopy, Reactions, High-Resolution Particle-γ Measurements
2. Masses, Lifetimes, Isomeric Beams, **Direct Reactions**
3. Reactions Studies (Complete Kinematics) **Active Target IKAR**

Perspectives at the Future International Facility FAIR

FAIR: Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



FAIR: Facility Characteristics



Primary Beams

- 10^{12}/s; 1.5-2 GeV/u; $^{238}U^{28+}$
- Factor 100-1000 over present in intensity
- 2(4)x10^{13}/s 30 GeV protons
- 10^{10}/s $^{238}U^{73+}$ up to 35 GeV/u
- up to 90 GeV protons

Secondary Beams

- Broad range of radioactive beams up to 1.5 - 2 GeV/u; up to factor 10 000 in intensity over present
- Antiprotons 3 - 30 GeV

Storage and Cooler Rings

- Radioactive beams
- e – A collider
- 10^{11} stored and cooled 0.8 - 14.5 GeV antiprotons

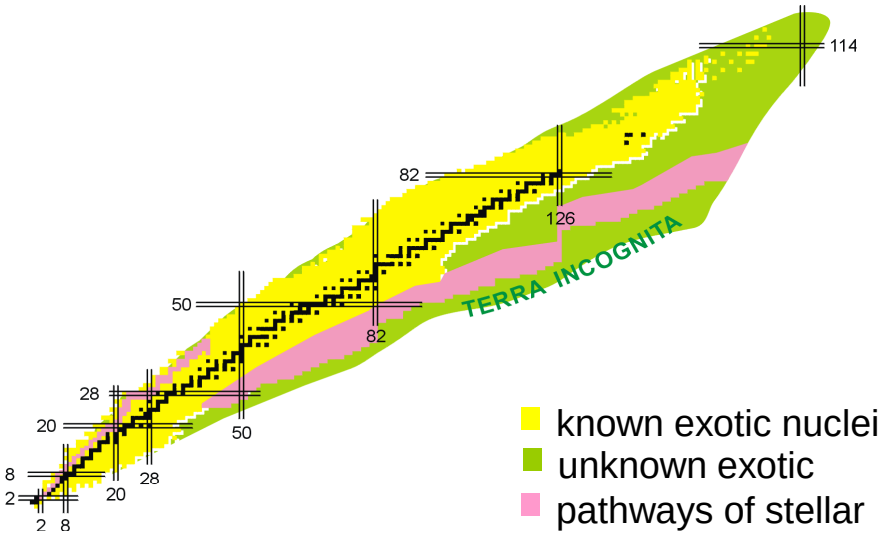
Key Technical Features

- Cooled beams
- Rapidly cycling superconducting magnets

Nuclear Physics with Radioactive Beams - Physics Questions to be Adressed

regions of interest:

⇒ towards the driplines for medium heavy and heavy nuclei



physics interest:

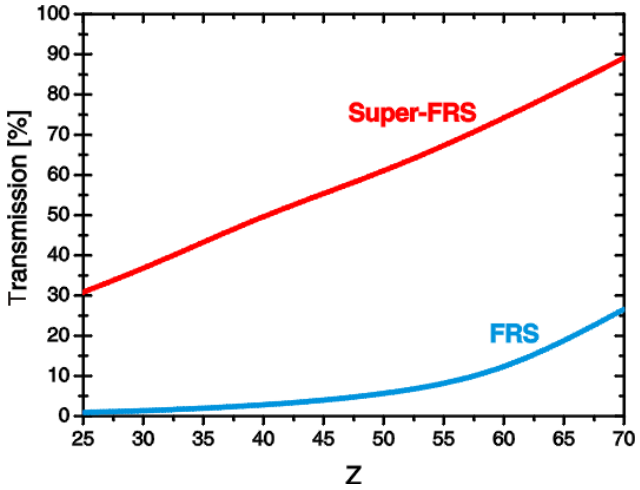
- matter distributions (halo, skin…)
- single-particle structure evolution (new magic numbers, new shell gaps, spetroscopic factors)
- NN correlations, pairing and clusterization phenomena
- new collective modes (different deformations for p and n, giant resonance strength)
- **parameters of the nuclear equation of state**
- in-medium interactions in asymetric and low-density matter
- astrophysical r and rp processes, understanding of supernovae

Light-Ion Induced Direct Reactions

- elastic scattering (p,p), (α,α), …
  nuclear matter distribution ρ(r), skins, halo structures
- inelastic scattering (p,p'), (α,α'), …
  giant resonances, deformation parameters, B(E2) values, transition densities
- charge exchange reactions (p,n), (^{3}He,t), (d, ^{2}He), …
  Gamow-Teller strength
- transfer reactions (p,d), (p,t), (p, ^{3}He), (d,p), …
  single particle structure, spectroscopic factors
  spectroscopy beyond the driplines
  neutron pair correlations
  neutron (proton) capture cross sections
- knock-out reactions (p,2p), (p,pn), (p,p ^{4}He)…
  ground state configurations, nucleon momentum distributions, cluster correlations

Nuclear Physics with Radioactive Beams at FAIR: NUSTAR: NUclear STructure, Astrophysics and Reactions

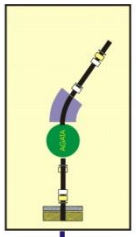
I High intensity primary beams from SIS 100 (e.g. 10^{12} ^{238}U / sec at 1 GeV/u)



II Superconducting large acceptance Fragmentseparator

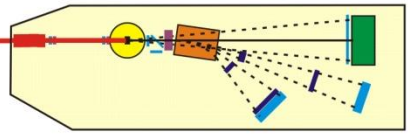
Optimized for efficient transport of fission products

III Three experimental areas



Low-Energy Cave

High-Energy Cave

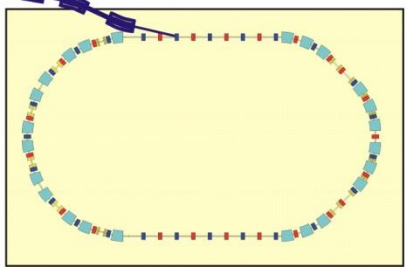


Pre-Separator

Main-Separator

Super-FRS

Storage Rings



Production Target

50 m

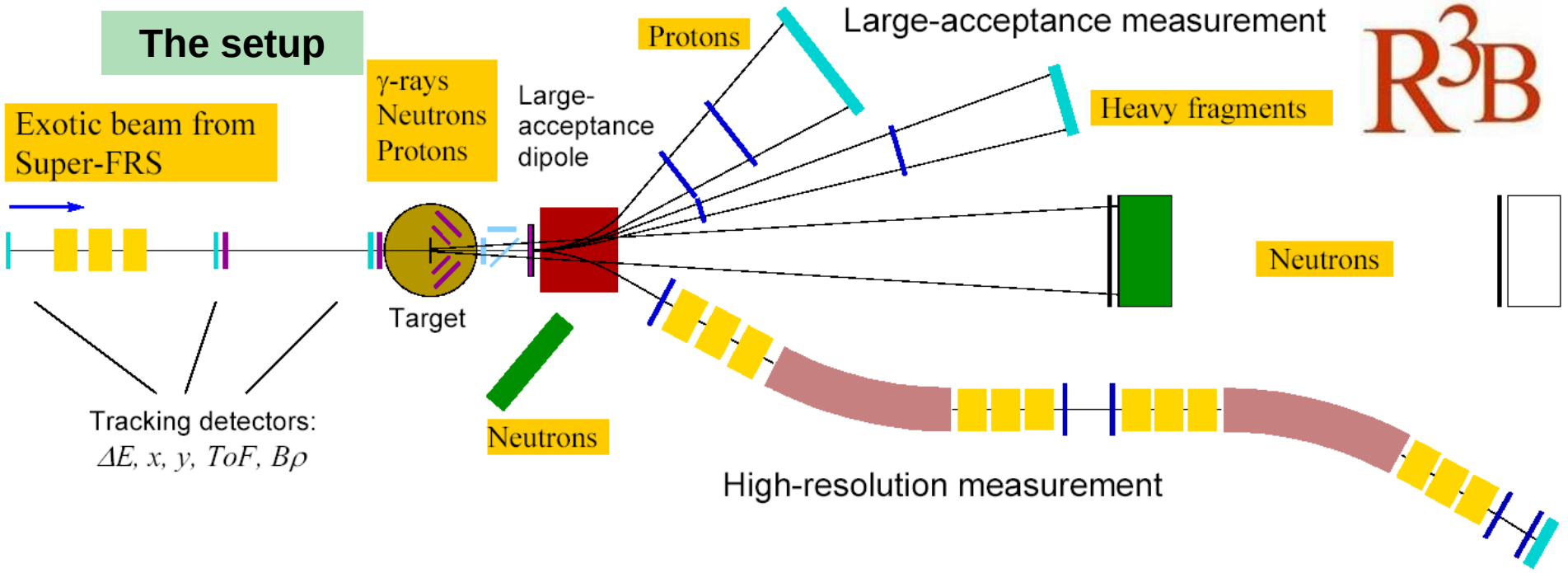
SIS-100

Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams at FAIR

- R^3B: Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams
  $\Rightarrow$ High Energy Branch
- EXL: EXotic Nuclei Studied in Light-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring
  $\Rightarrow$ Ring Branch
- ELISe: ELectron Ion Scattering in a Storage Ring e-A Collider
  $\Rightarrow$ Ring Branch

R3B: Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams

The setup



The R^{3}B experiment: a universal setup for kinematical complete measurements

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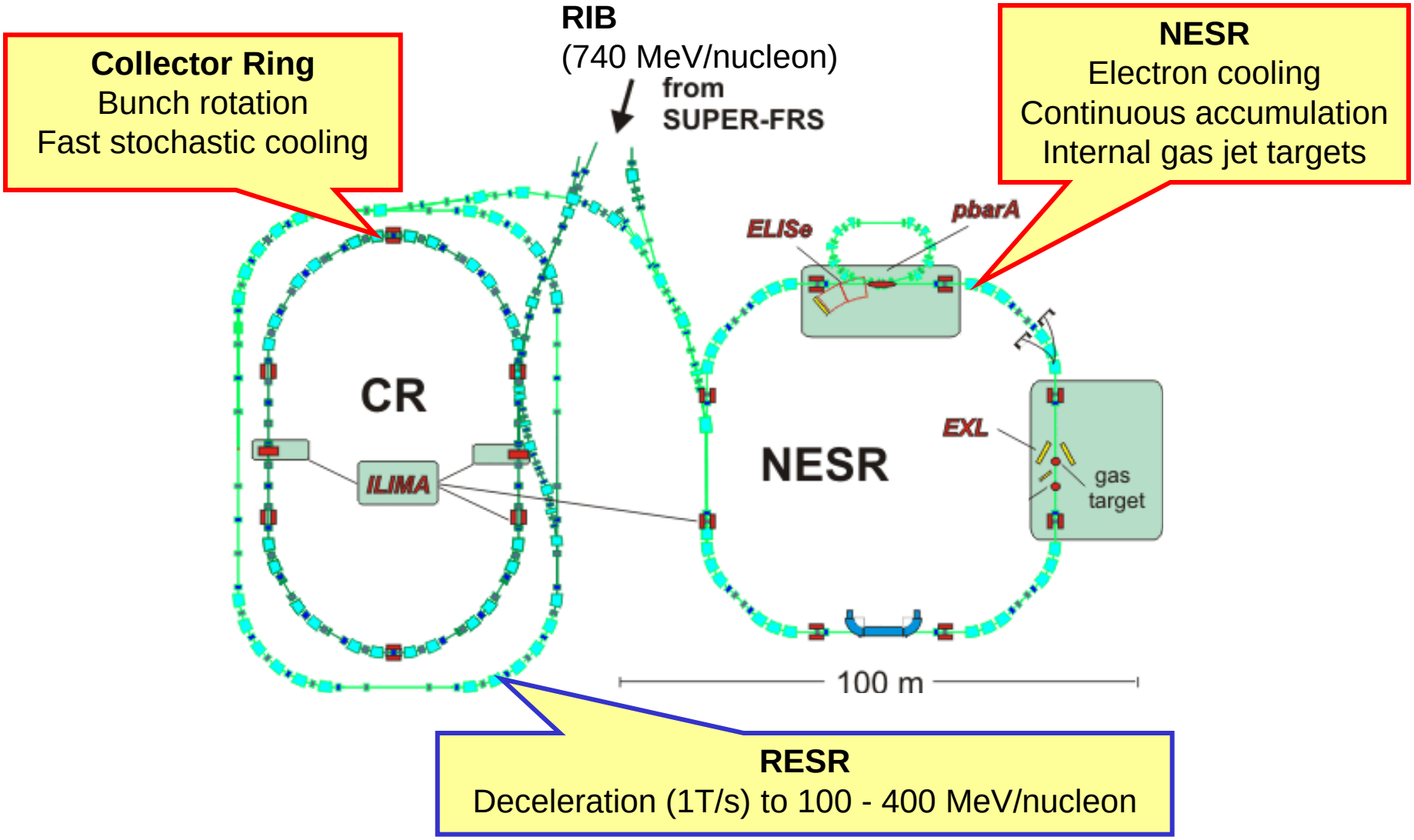

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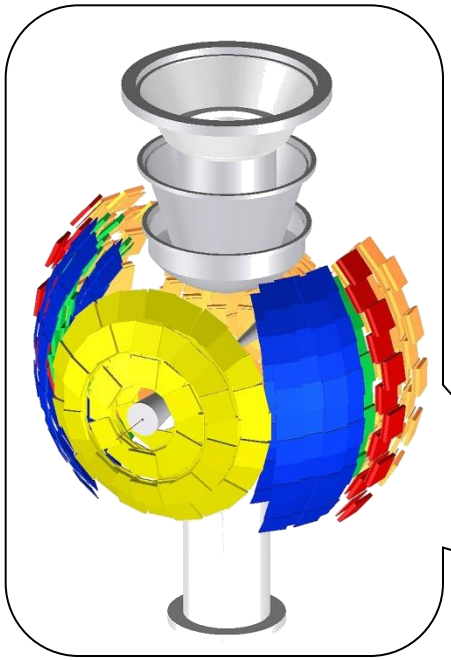

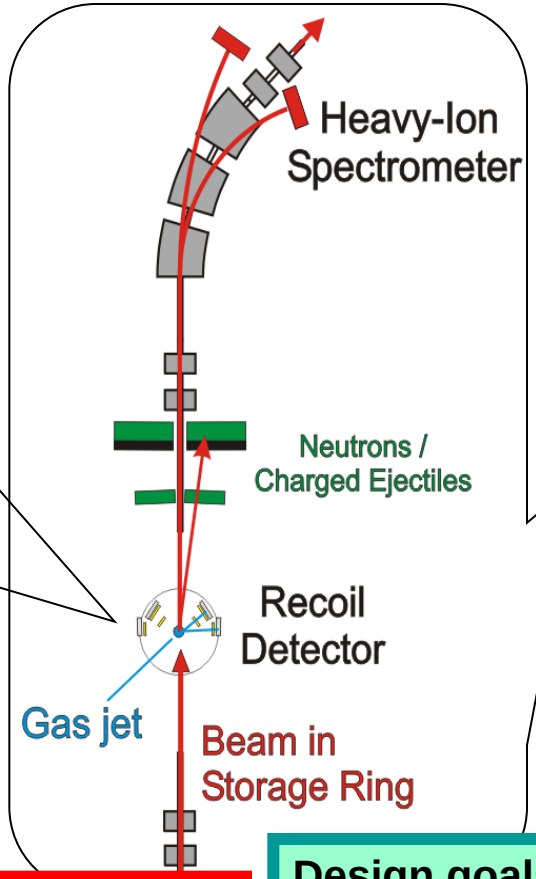

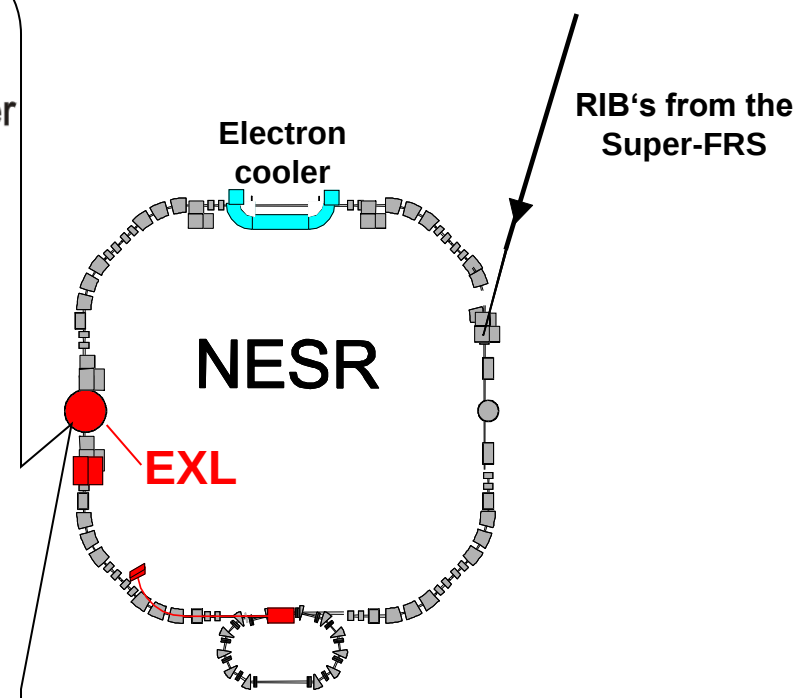

Detection systems for:

- Target recoils and gammas (p,α,n,γ)
- Forward ejectiles (p,n)
- Beam-like heavy ions

Design goals:

- Universality: applicable to a wide class of reactions
- High energy resolution and high angular resolution
- Large solid angle acceptance
- Specially dedicated for low q measurements with high luminosity (> 10^{29} cm^{-2} s^{-1})

Light-Ion Induced Direct Reactions at Low Momentum Transfer

- elastic scattering (p,p), (α,α), …
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for almost all cases:

region of low momentum transfer
contains most important information

<u>Speciality of EXL:</u>

measurements at very low momentum transfer

$\Rightarrow$ complementary to R^{3}B !!!

Experiments to be Performed at Very Low Momentum Transfer – Some Selected Examples

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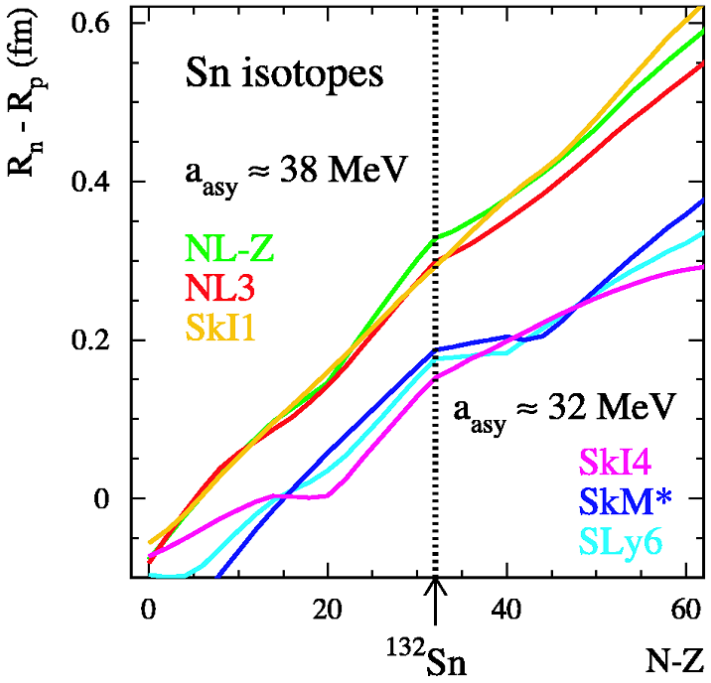
Proposed Experiments at FAIR

- investigation of nuclear matter distributions along isotopic chains towards proton/neutron asymmetric matter
- investigation of the same nuclei by (e,e) (ELISe) and (p,p) (EXL) scattering
  - ⇨ separate neutron/proton content of nuclear matter
  - ⇨ unambiguous and “model independent” determination of size and radial shape of neutron skins (halos)

<u>example:</u> Sn isotopes at the nuclear surface: almost pure neutron matter

- ⇨ probe isospin dependence of effective in-medium interactions
- ⇨ sensitivity to the asymmetry energy (volume and surface term!)

theoretical prediction: P.-G. Reinhard



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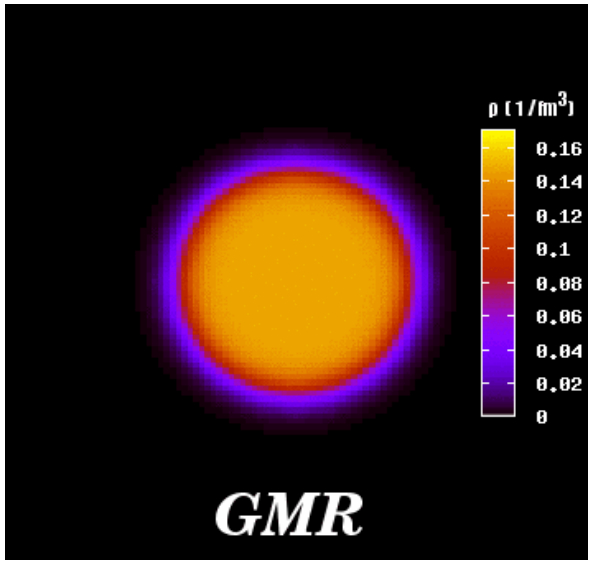
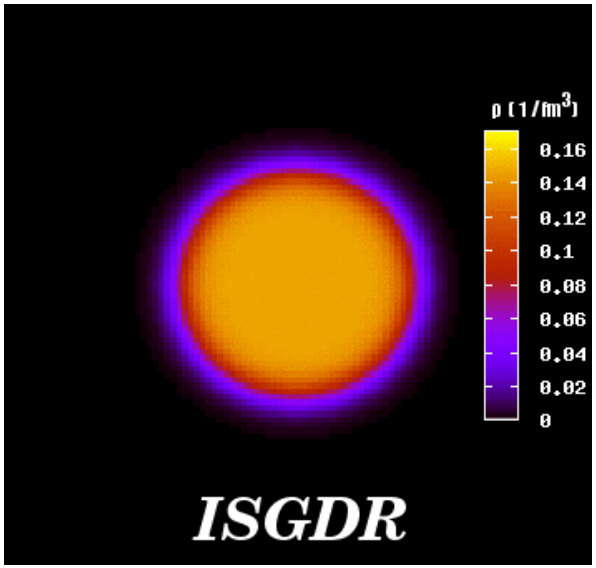
The Collective Response of the Nucleus: Giant Resonances





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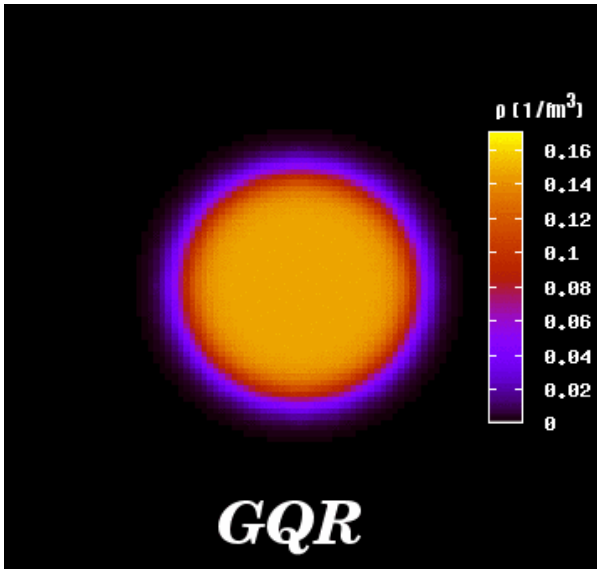

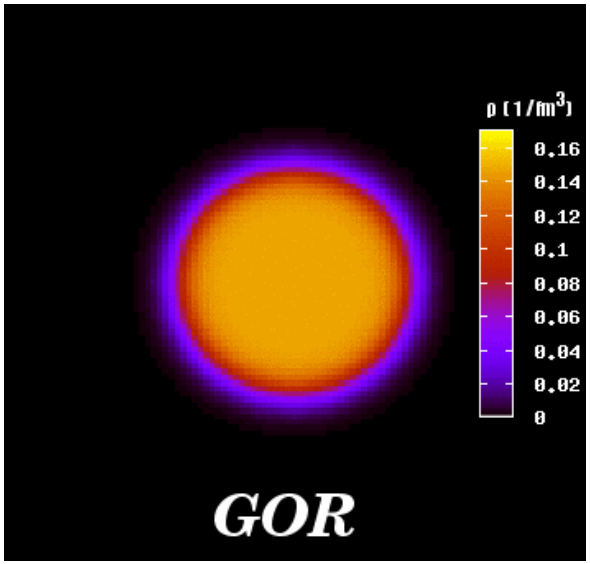

Investigation of the Giant Monopole Resonance in Doubly Magic Nuclei by Inelastic α-Scattering

- GMR gives access to nuclear compressibility $K_{nm}(Z,N) \sim \rho_0^2 \, d^2(E/A) / d\rho^2 \,|_{\rho 0}$
  - ⇨ key parameter of EOS

- investigation of isotopic chains arround ^{132}Sn, ^{56}Ni, … with high $\delta = (N-Z)/A$
  - ⇨ disentangle different contributions to

    $K_A = K_{vol} + K_{surf} A^{-1/3} + K_{sym} ((N-Z)/A)^2 + ...$

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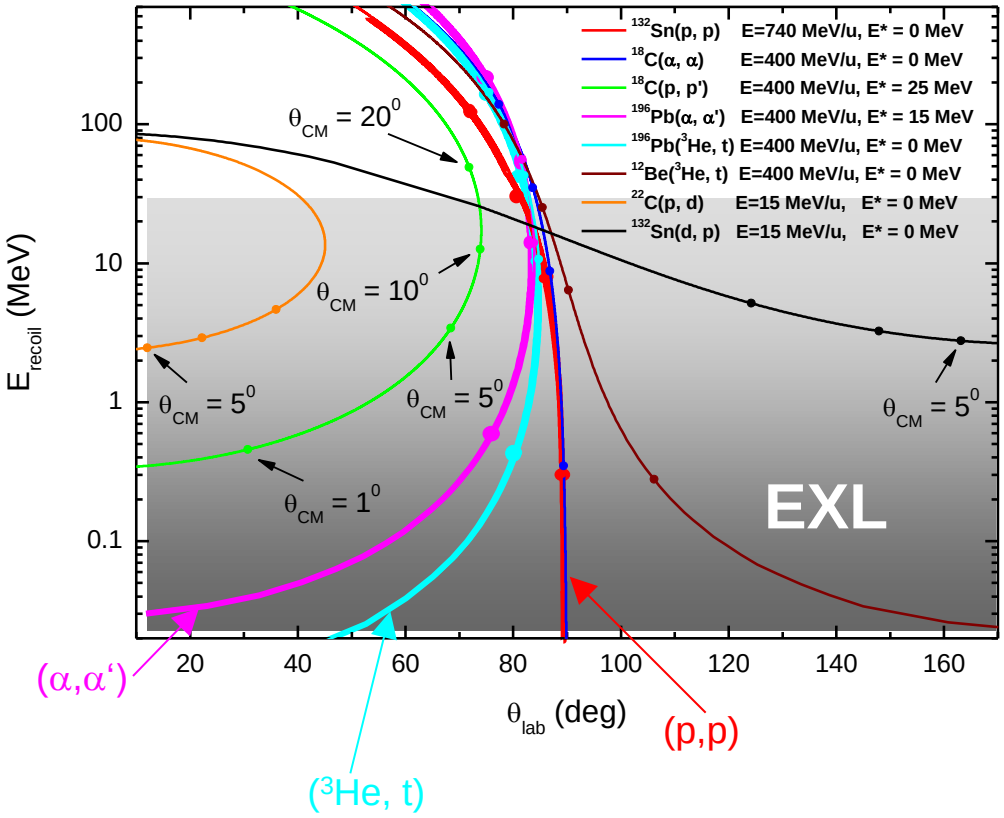
- Investigation of Gamow-Teller Transitions:
  - ⇒ weak interaction rates for N = Z waiting point nuclei in the rp-process
  - ⇒ electron capture rates in the presupernova evolution (core collaps)

method: (^{3}He,t), (d,^{2}He) charge exchange reactions at low q

Kinematical Conditions for Light-Ion Induced Direct Reactions in Inverse Kinematics



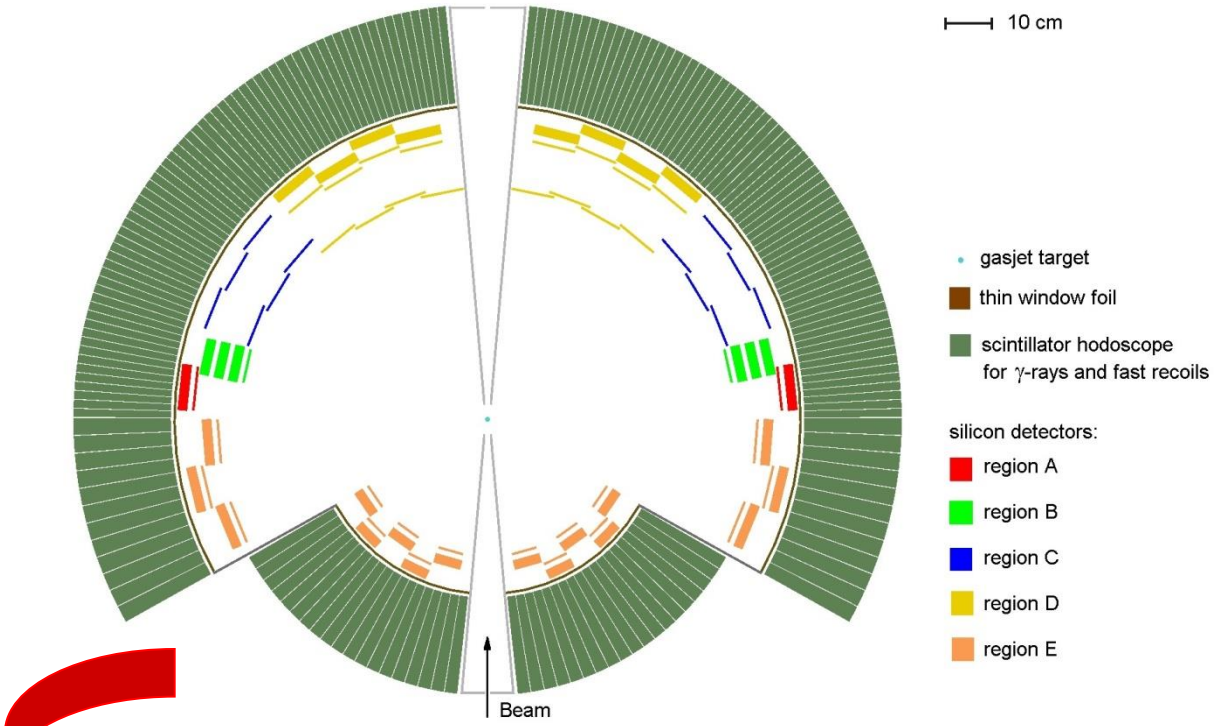
- required beam energies:
  E ≈ 200 … 740 MeV/u
  (except for transfer reactions)
- required targets: ^{1,2}H, ^{3,4}He
- most important information in region of low momentum transfer
  ⇒ low recoil energies of recoil particles
  ⇒ need thin targets for sufficient angular and energy resolution

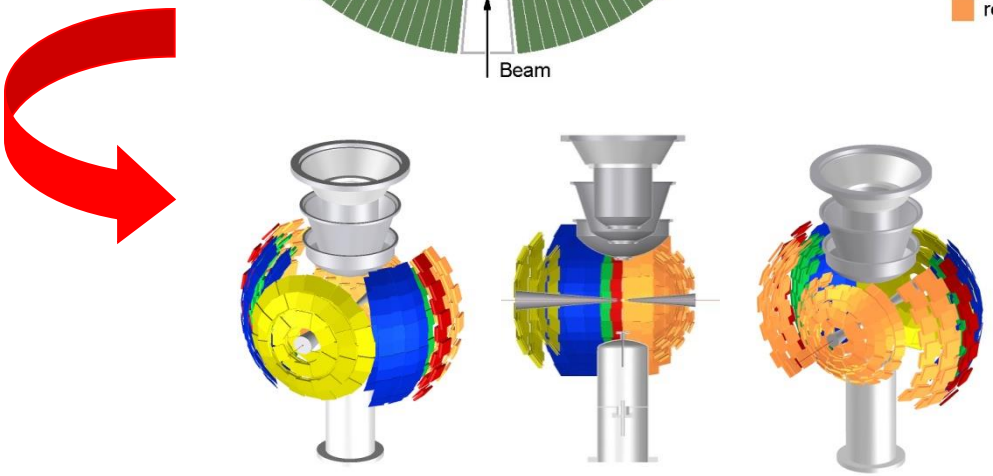
Advantage of Storage Rings for Direct Reactions in Inverse Kinematics

- low threshold and high resolution due to: beam cooling, thin target (10^{14}-10^{15} cm^{-2})
- gain of luminosity due to: continuous beam accumulation and recirculation
- low background due to: pure, windowless $^{1,2}H_2$, $^{3,4}He$, etc. targets
- experiments with isomeric beams

Experiments at very low momentum transfer can only be performed at EXL (except with active targets, but with substantial lower luminosity)

The EXL Recoil and Gamma Array





Si DSSD ⇨ **ΔE, x, y**
300 µm thick, spatial resolution better than 500 µm in x and y,
ΔE = 30 keV (FWHM)

Thin Si DSSD ⇨ **tracking**
<100 µm thick, spatial resolution better than 100 µm in x and y,
ΔE = 30 keV (FWHM)

Si(Li) ⇨ **E**
9 mm thick, large area
100 x 100 mm^2,
ΔE = 50 keV (FWHM)

CsI crystals ⇨ **E, γ**
High efficiency, high resolution, 20 cm thick

II.2. Recent Experiments and Future Perspectives

Proposal E105:
Start up of part of the EXL physics program with ^{56}Ni

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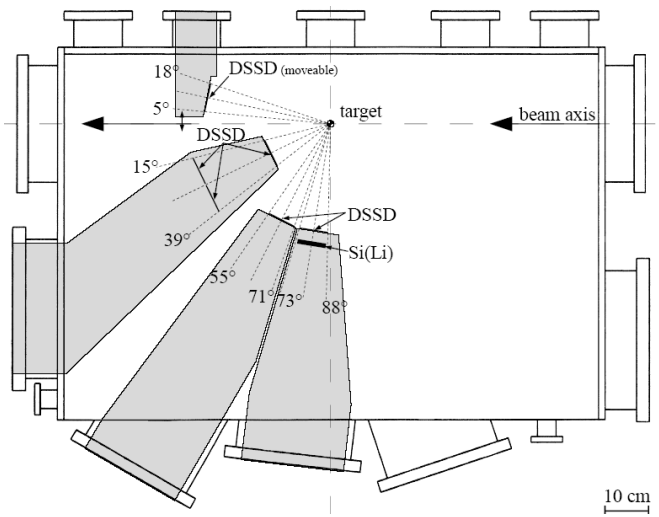
for the EXL collaboration

Proposal E105: Feasibility Studies and First Experiments with RIB`s at the ESR Storage Ring

specially designed scattering chamber for the ESR:



reactions with ^{58}Ni:

proof of principles and feasibility studies:

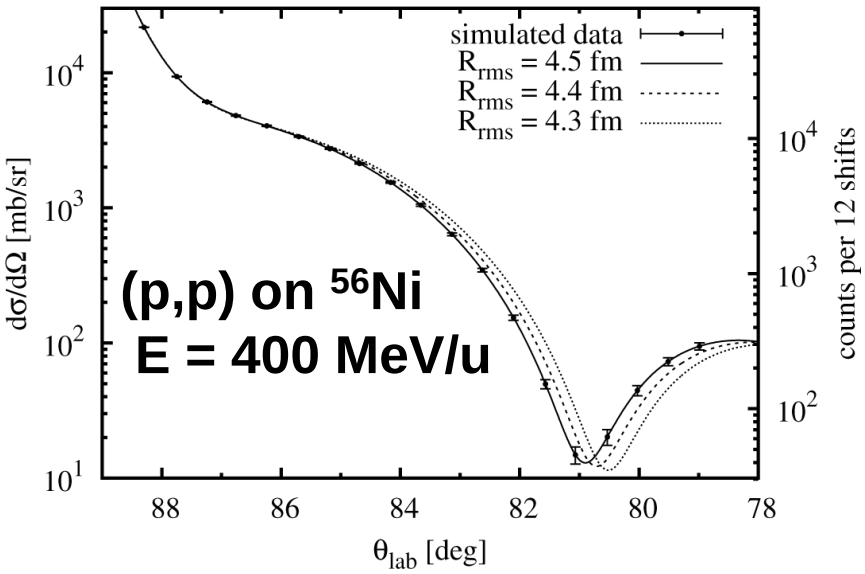
- UHV capability of detector setup
- background conditions in ESR environment at the internal target
- low energy threshold
- beam and target performance

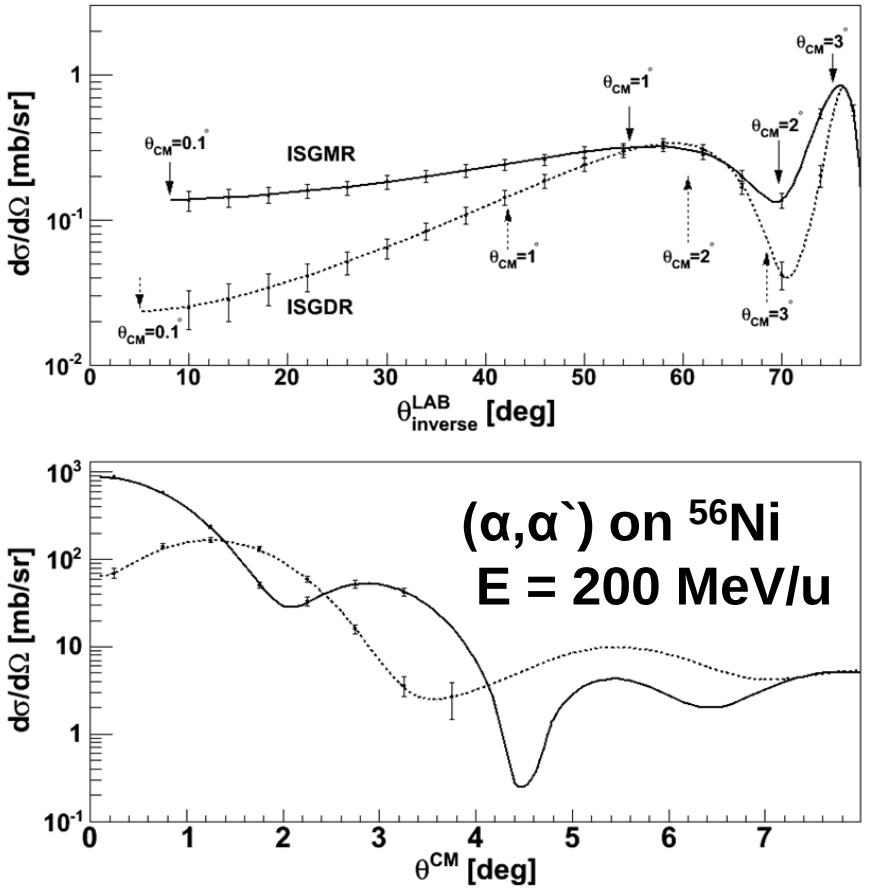
reactions with ^{56}Ni:

^{56}Ni: doubly magic nucleus!!

- (p,p) reactions: nuclear matter distribution
- (α,α`) reactions: giant resonances (GMR) EOS parameters (nucl. compressibility)
- (^{3}He,t) reactions: Gamow-Teller matrix elements, important for astrophys.

Theorectical Predictions



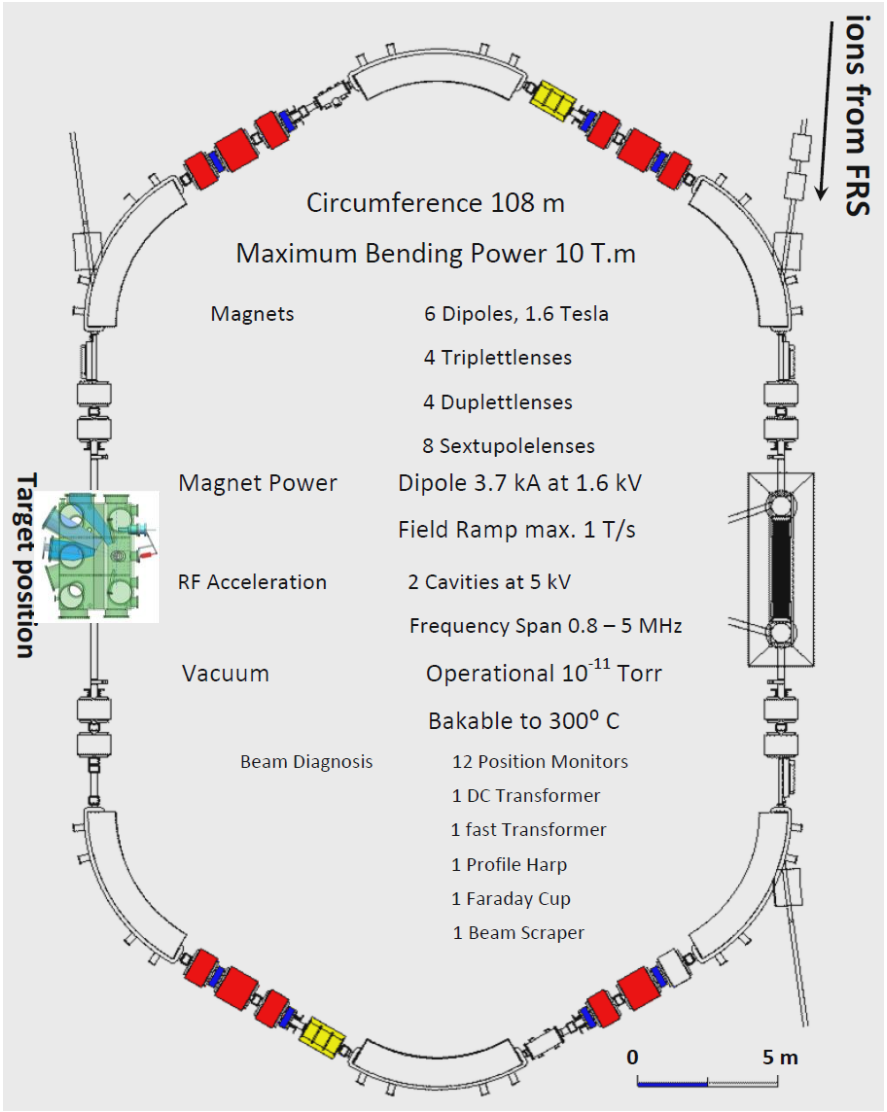


4 days with L = 10^{25} cm^{-2} sec^{-1}
recoil energies: 1 – 45 MeV

14 days with L = 10^{25} cm^{-2} sec^{-1}
recoil energies: 200 – 700 keV

needed: large solid angle detectors with low threshold and large dynamic range

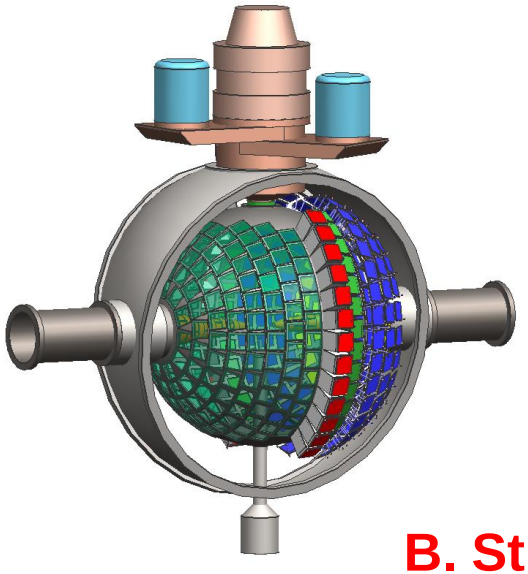
Setup at the ESR Storage Ring

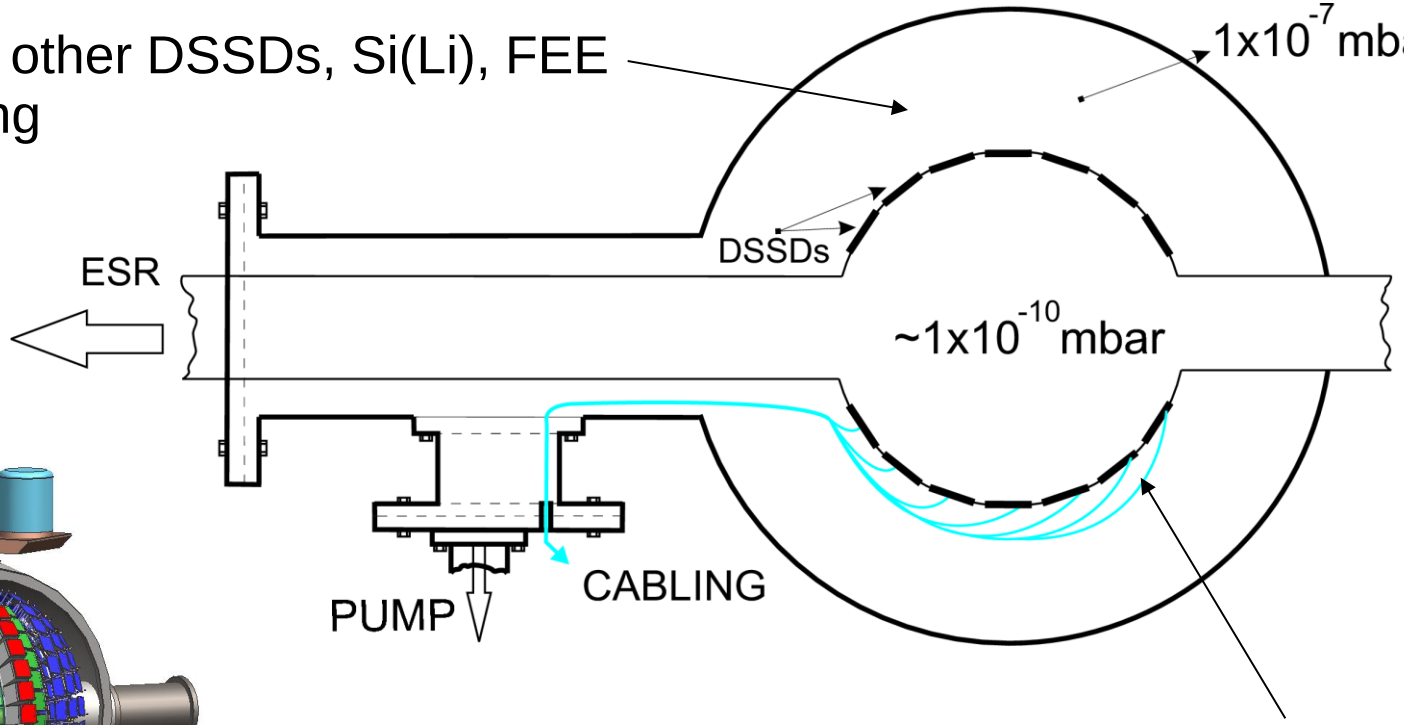


UHV Capability of the EXL Silicon Array:
Concept: using DSSD`s as high vacuum barrier

- Differential pumping proposed to separate (N)ESR vacuum from EXL instrumentation (cabling, FEE, other detectors)

Space for other DSSDs, Si(Li), FEE and cabling

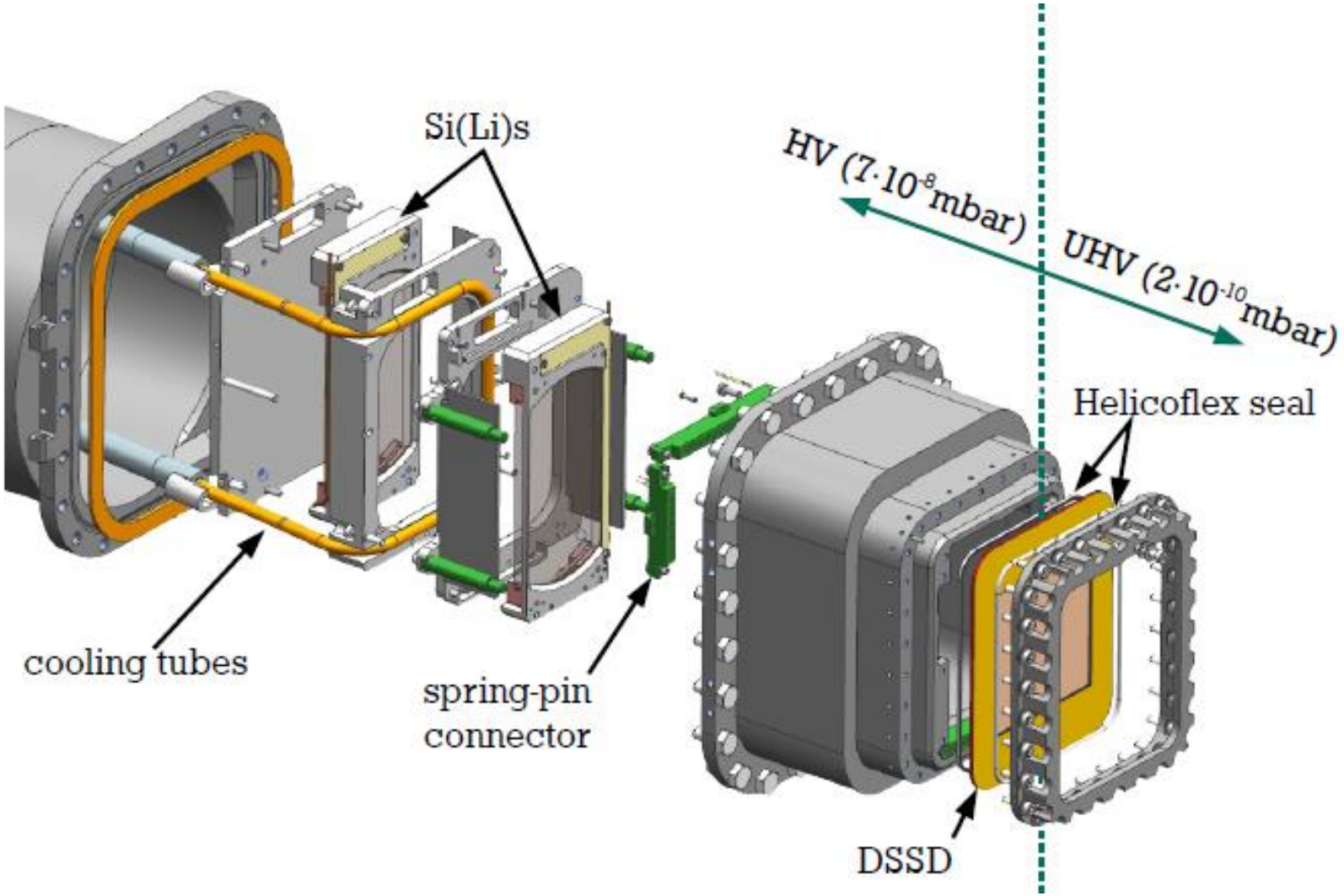




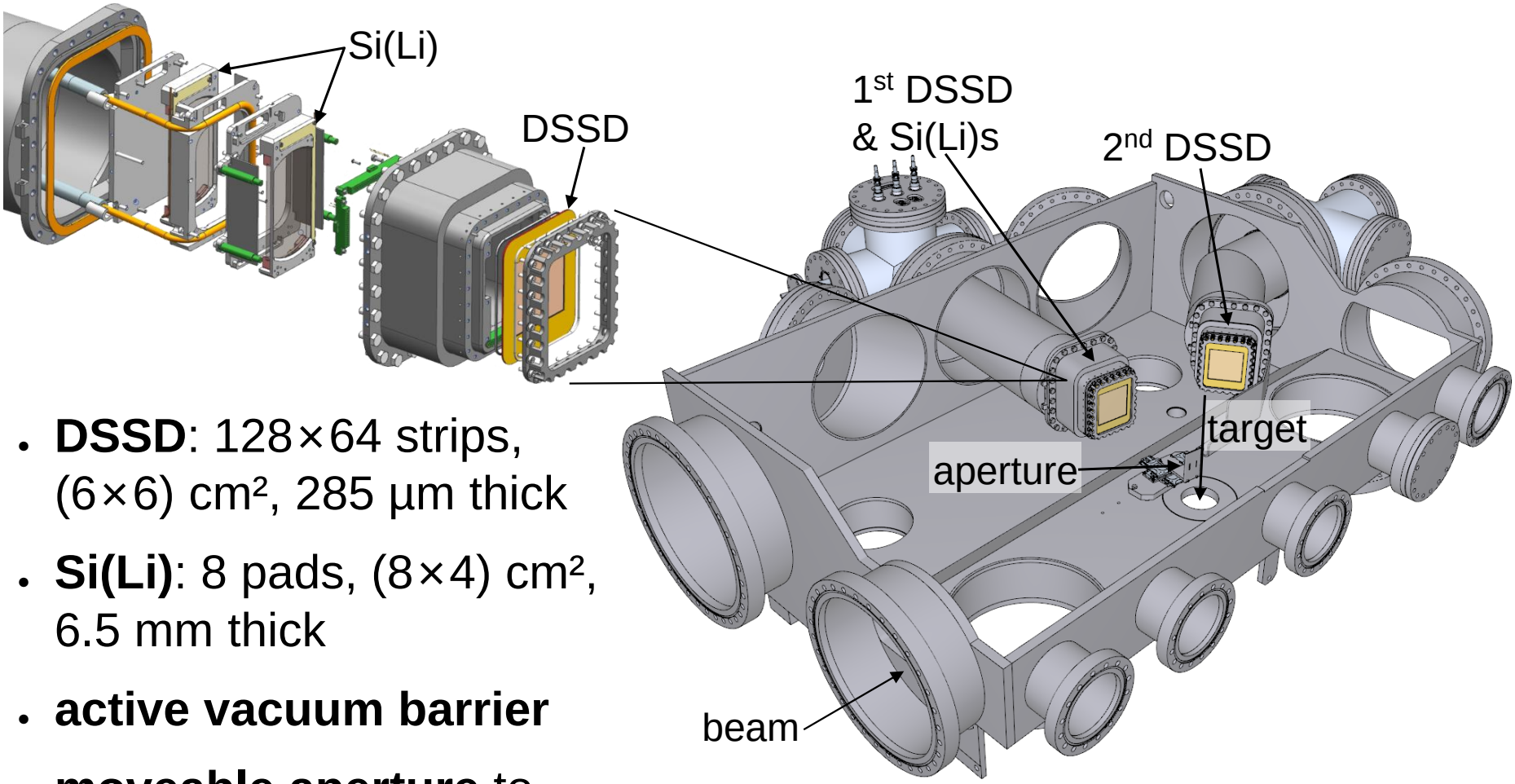
Inner shell of DSSDs on support frame forms (bakeable) vacuum barrier

B. Streicher et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A654 (2011) 604

Experimental Concept



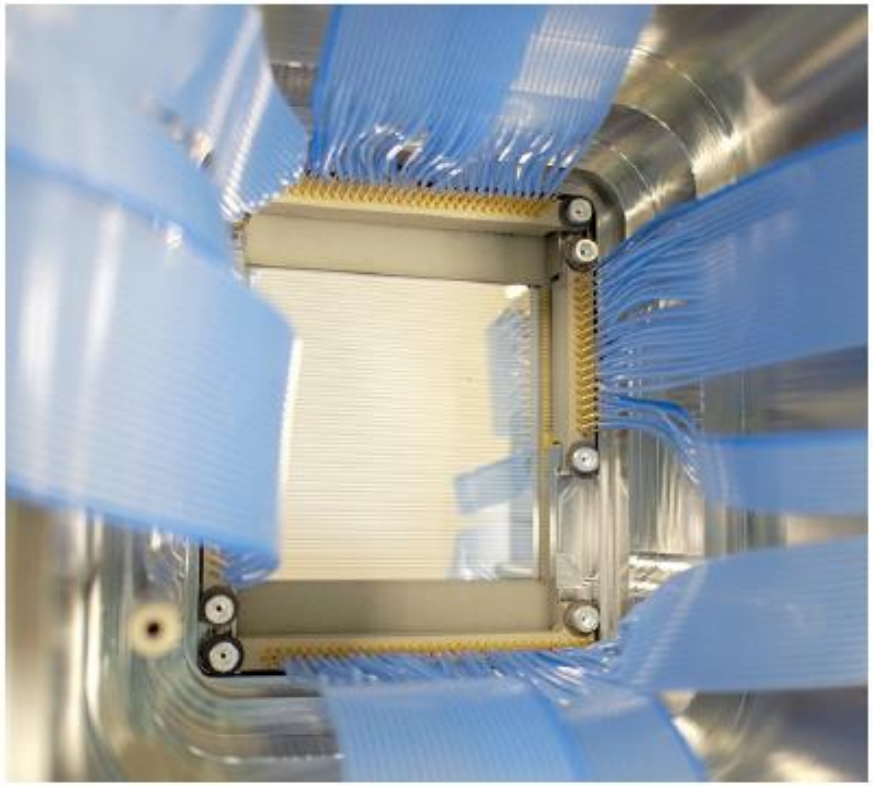
Experimental Concept for the E105 Experiment



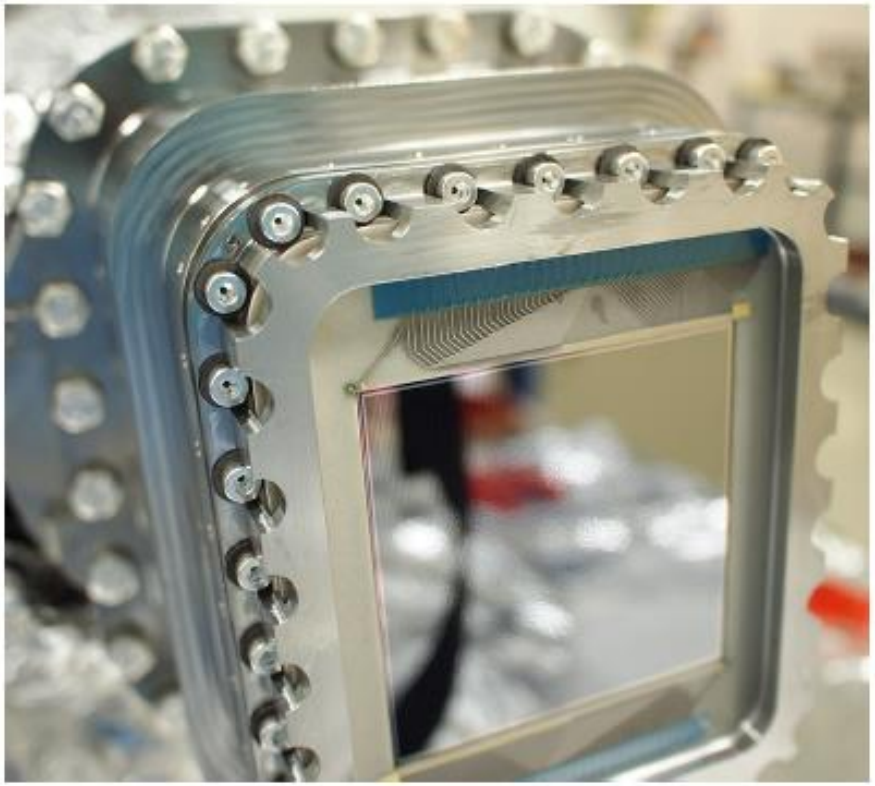
- **DSSD**: 128×64 strips, (6×6) cm², 285 µm thick
- **Si(Li)**: 8 pads, (8×4) cm², 6.5 mm thick
- **active vacuum barrier**
- **moveable aperture** to improve angular resolution

Experimental Concept for the E105 Experiment

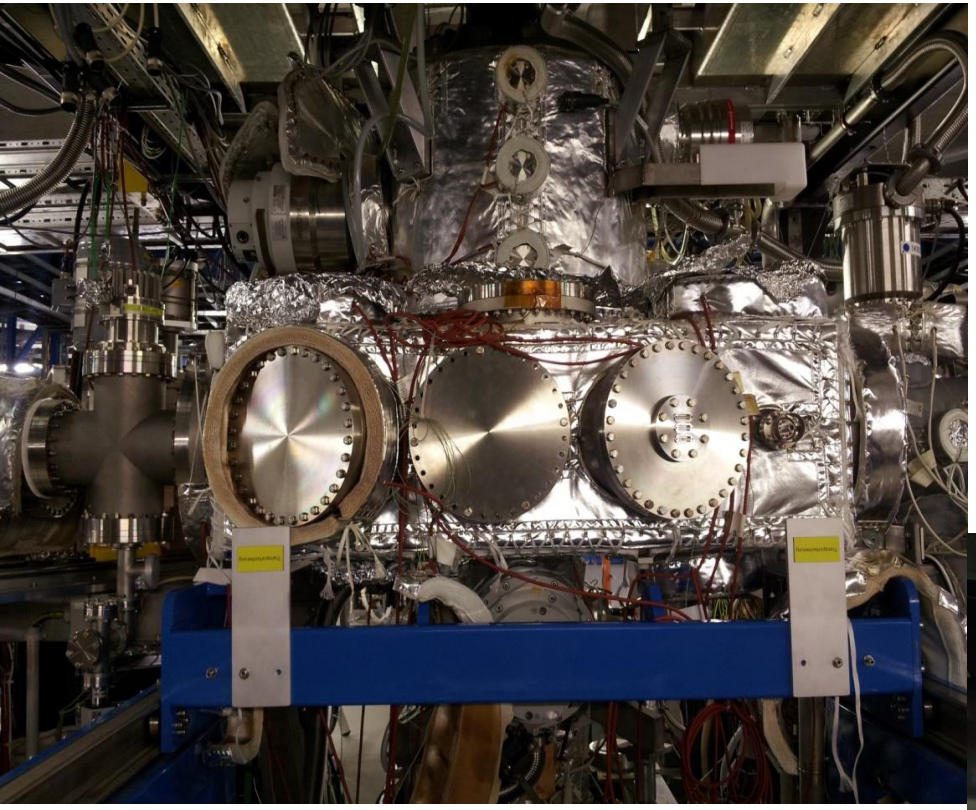
- Auxilliary vacuum side



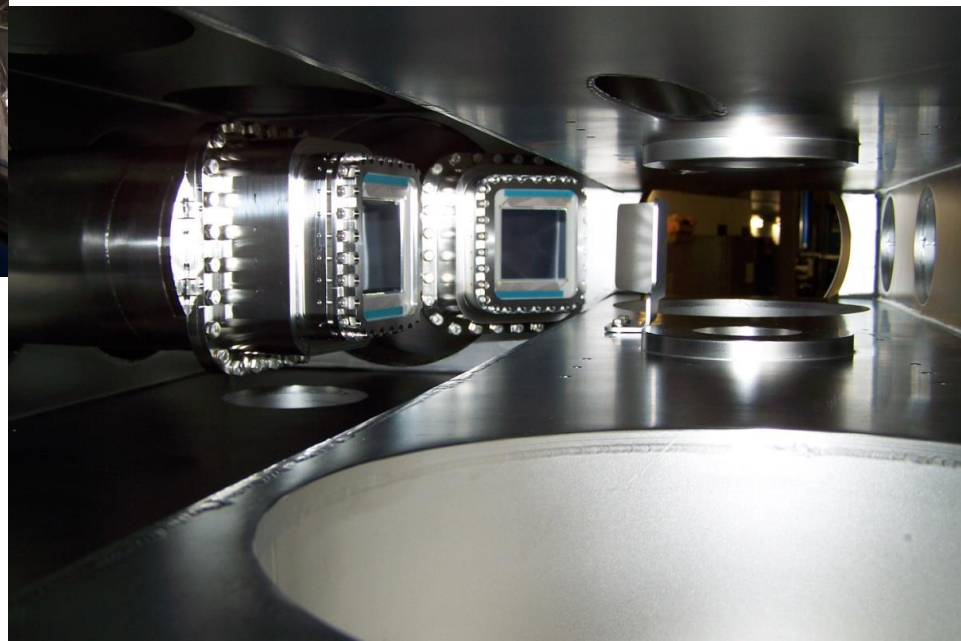
- Ultra-high vacuum side



Experimental Setup at the ESR



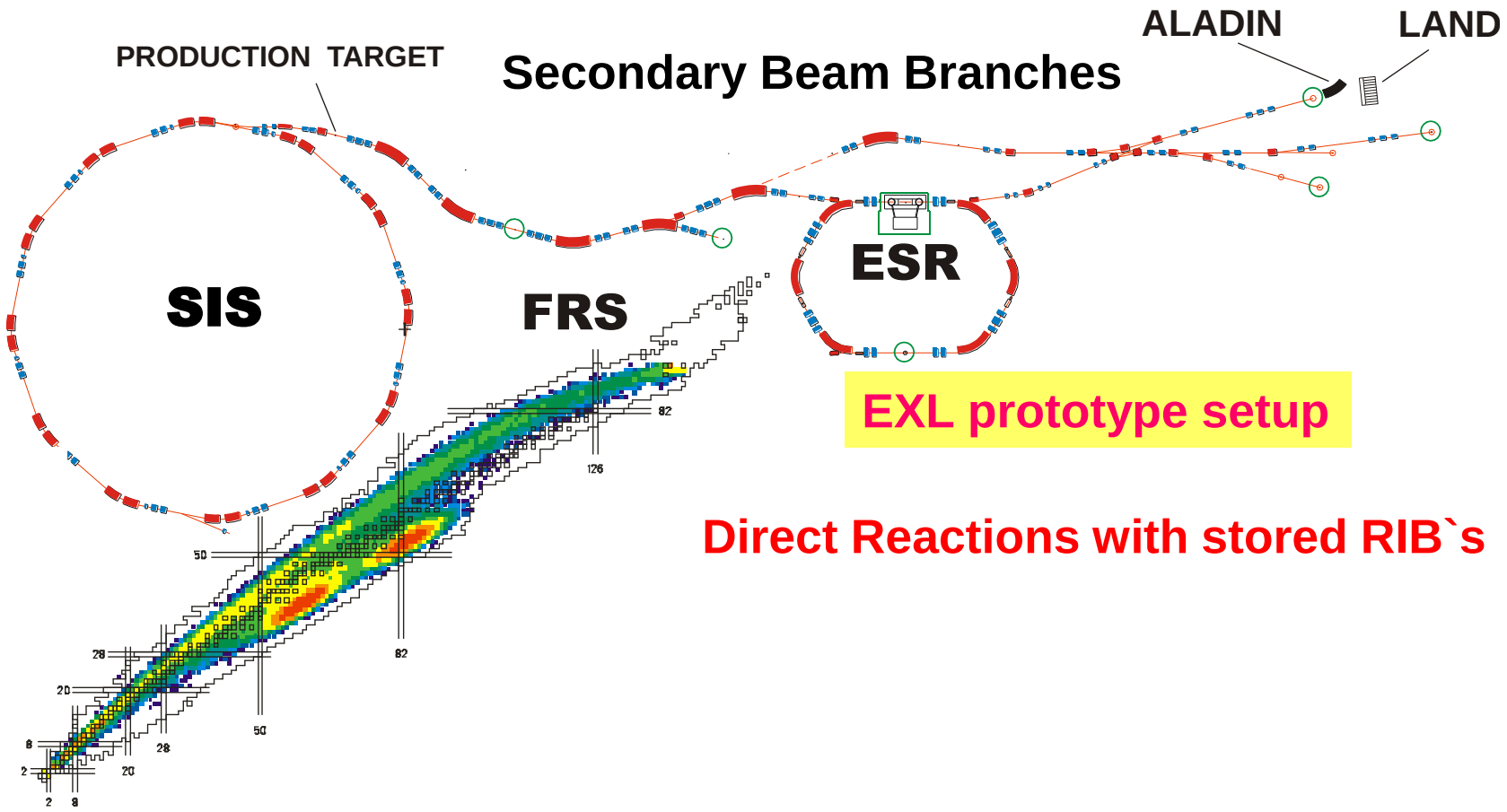
Scattering Chamber mounted at the Internal Target of the ESR



challenge:
UHV capable and bakeable
DSSD and Si(Li) detectors

Preparation of the Stored Radioactive ^{56}Ni Beam

FRS: In-Flight Separator & High-Resolution Spectrometer



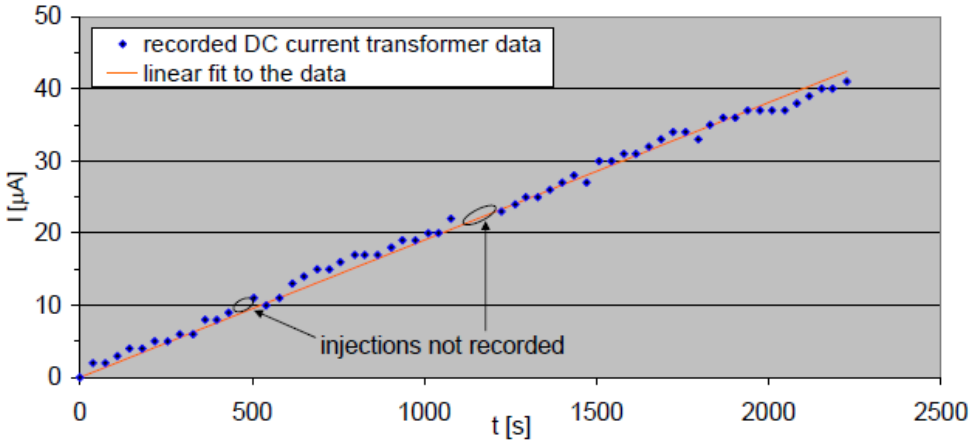
Preparation of the Stored Radioactive ^{56}Ni Beam

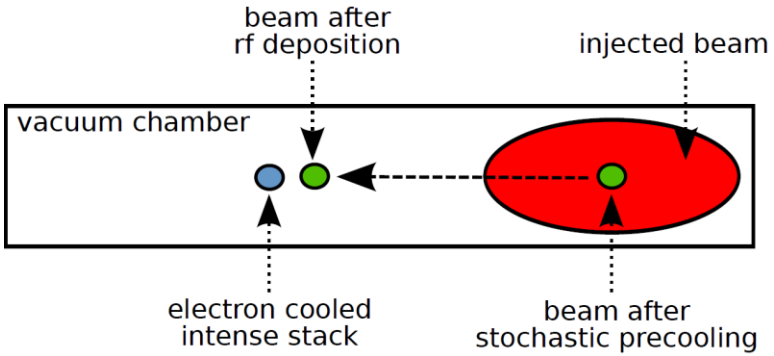
FRS: fragmentation of 600 MeV/u ^{58}Ni beam

injection to ESR: **7 x 10^4** ^{56}Ni per injection

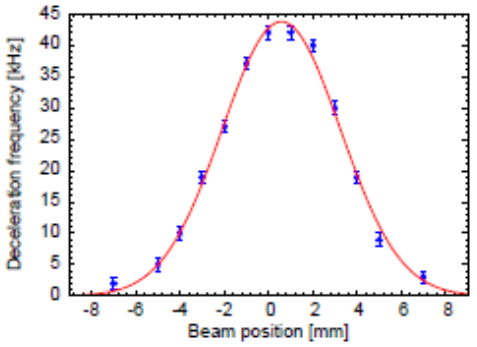
stochastic cooling, bunching and stacking (60 injections):

4.8 x 10^6 ^{56}Ni in the ring





target profile



σ = 3.78 mm x_0 = 0.58 mm

luminosity: H_2 target: 2 x 10^{13} cm^{-2}

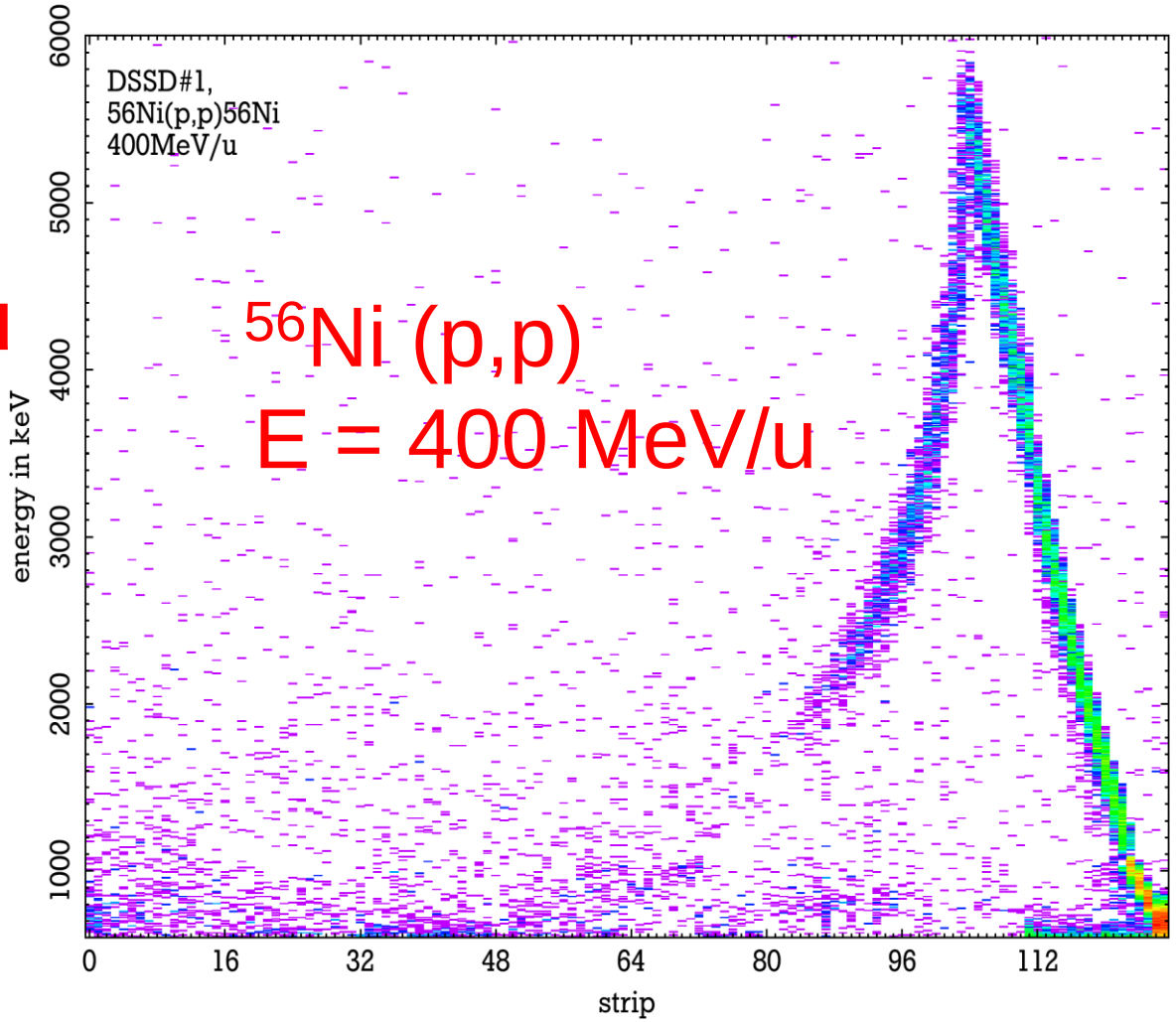
$\Rightarrow$ **L = 2 x 10^{26} cm^{-2} sec^{-1}**

(reduced by aperture)

First Results with Radioactive Beam

25. 10. 2012:

First Nuclear Reaction Experiment with Stored Radioactive Beam!!!!

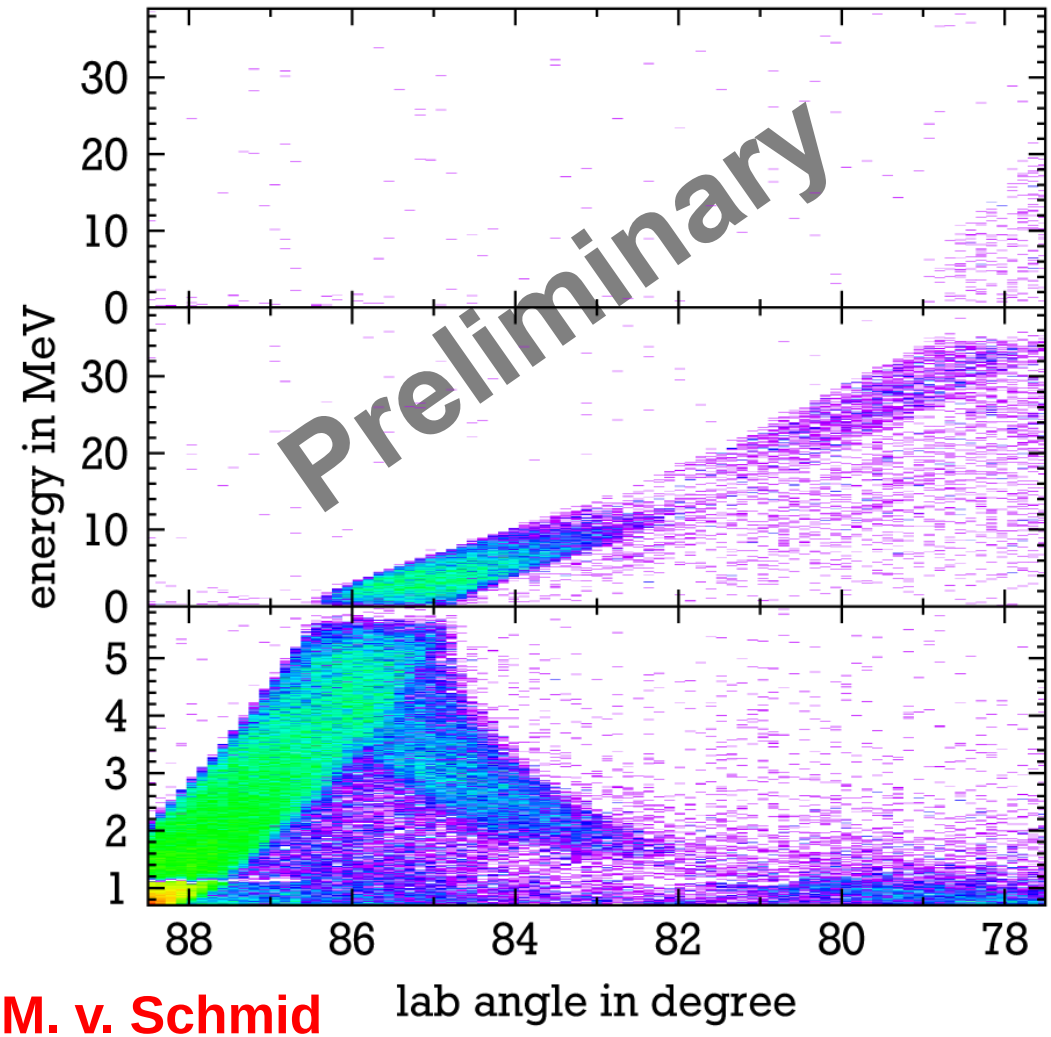


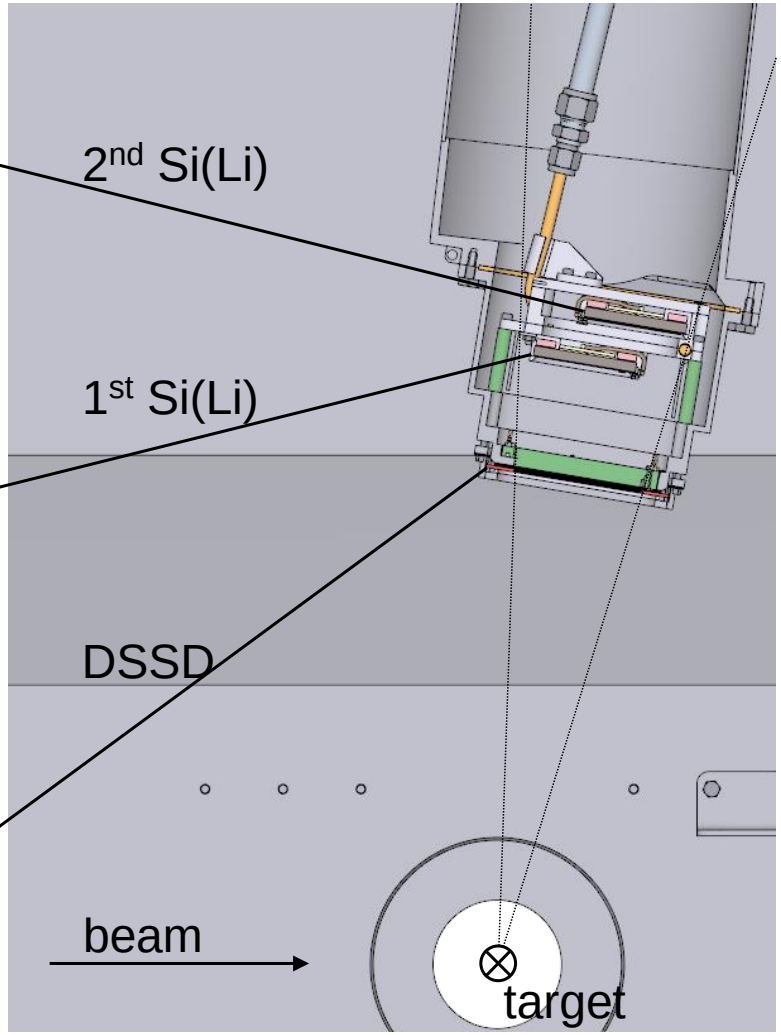
Θ_{Lab} = 72° .... 88°

First Results with Radioactive Beam

^{56}Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u

Response of Individual Detectors





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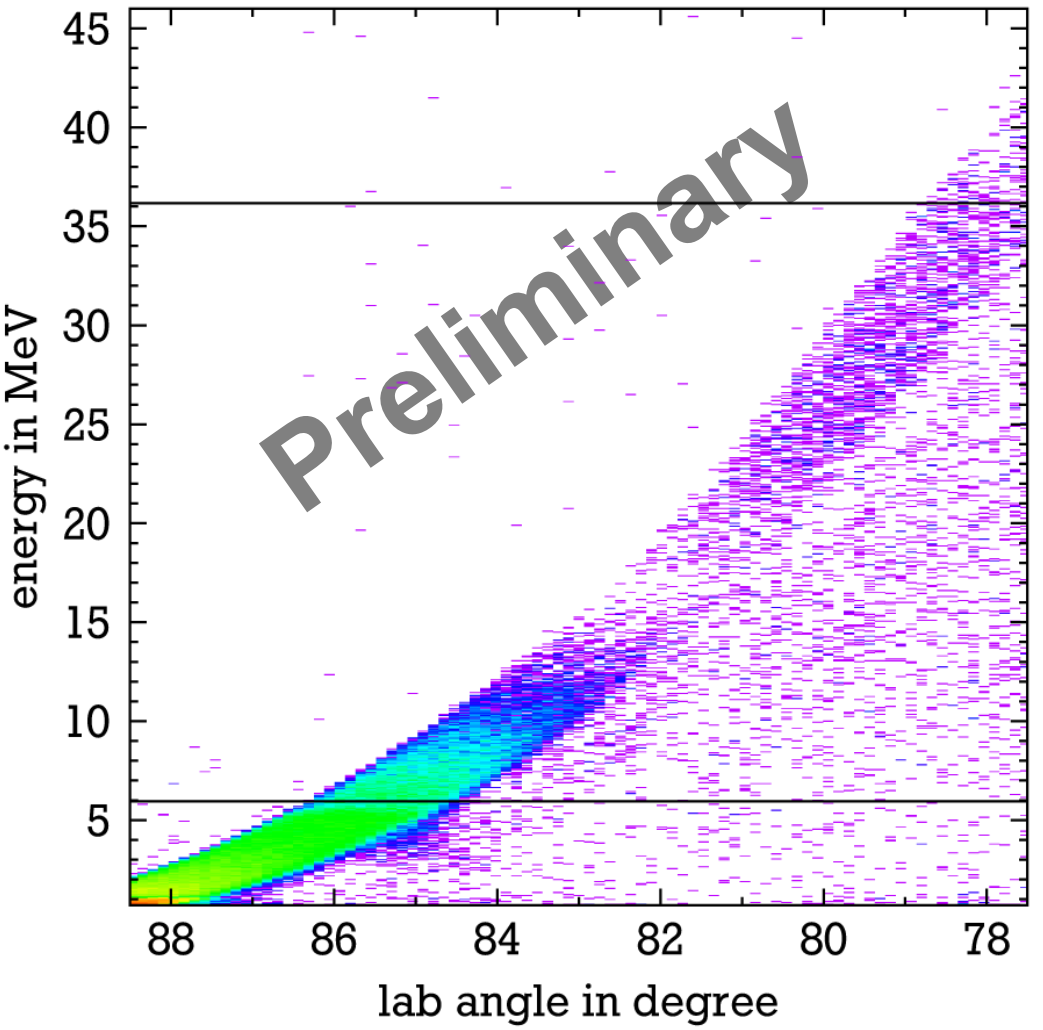
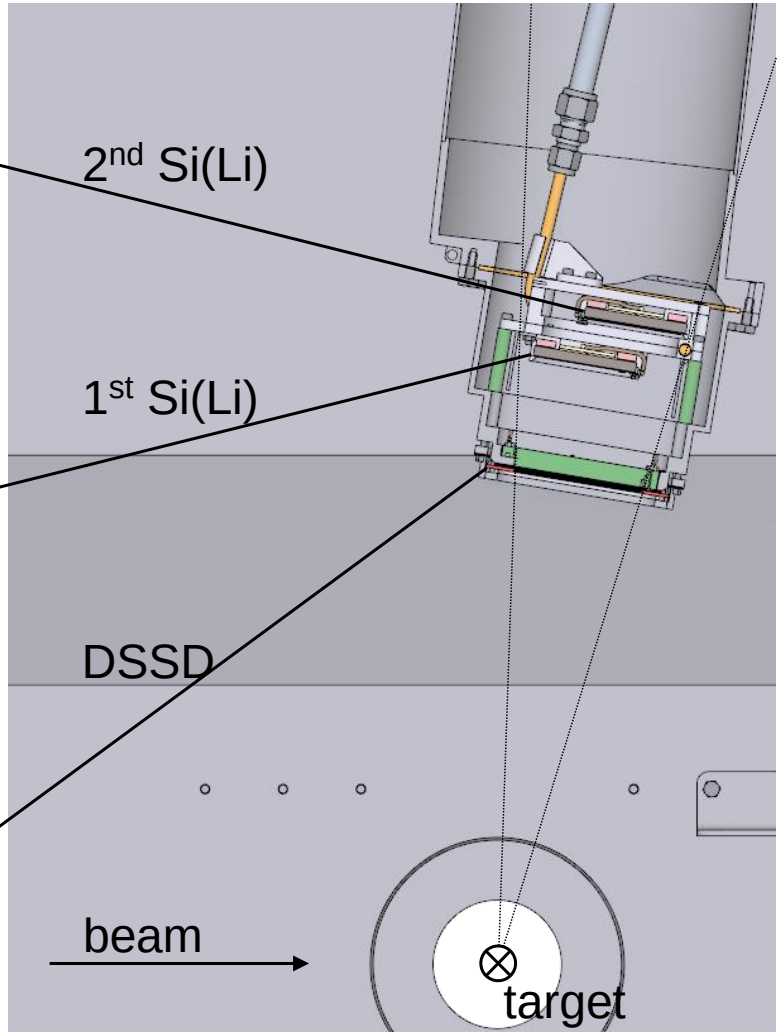
First Results with Radioactive Beam

^{56}Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u Reconstructed Energy





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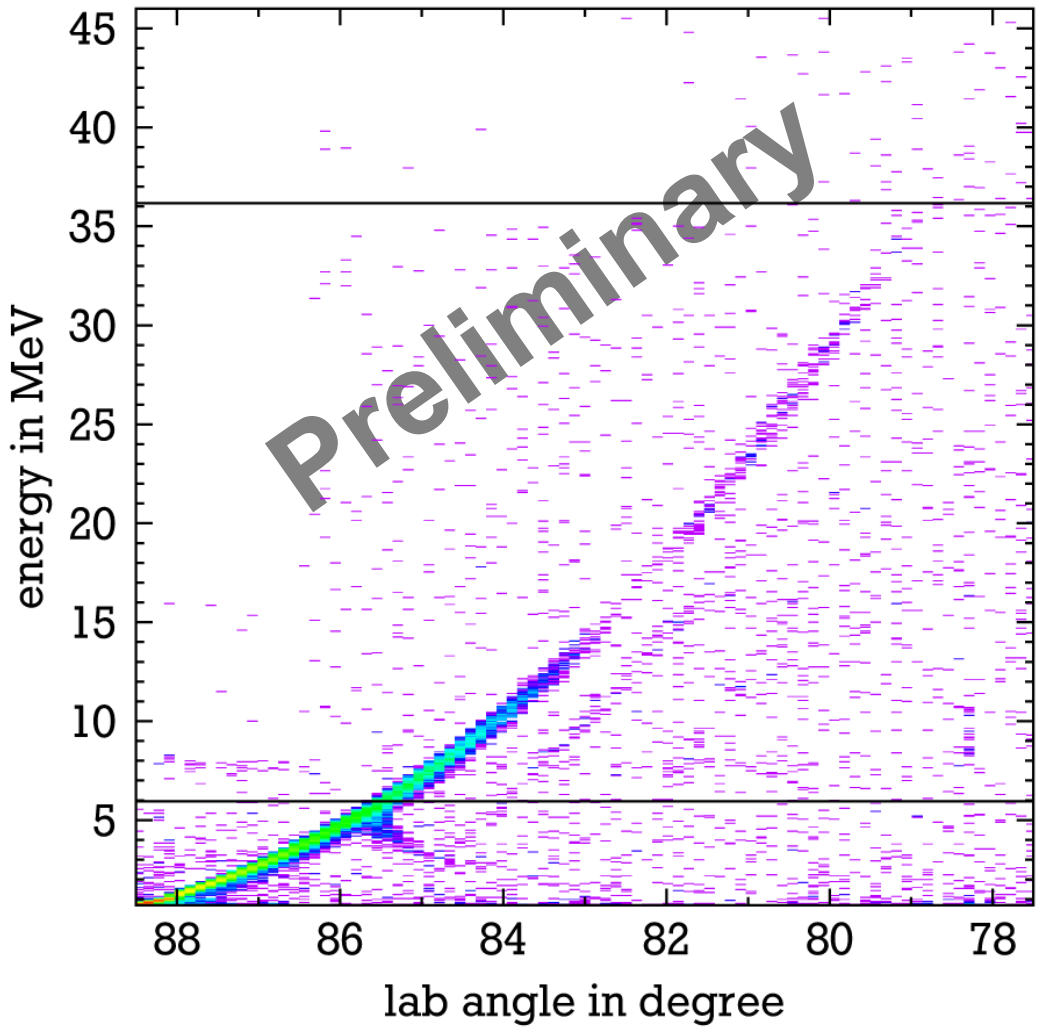
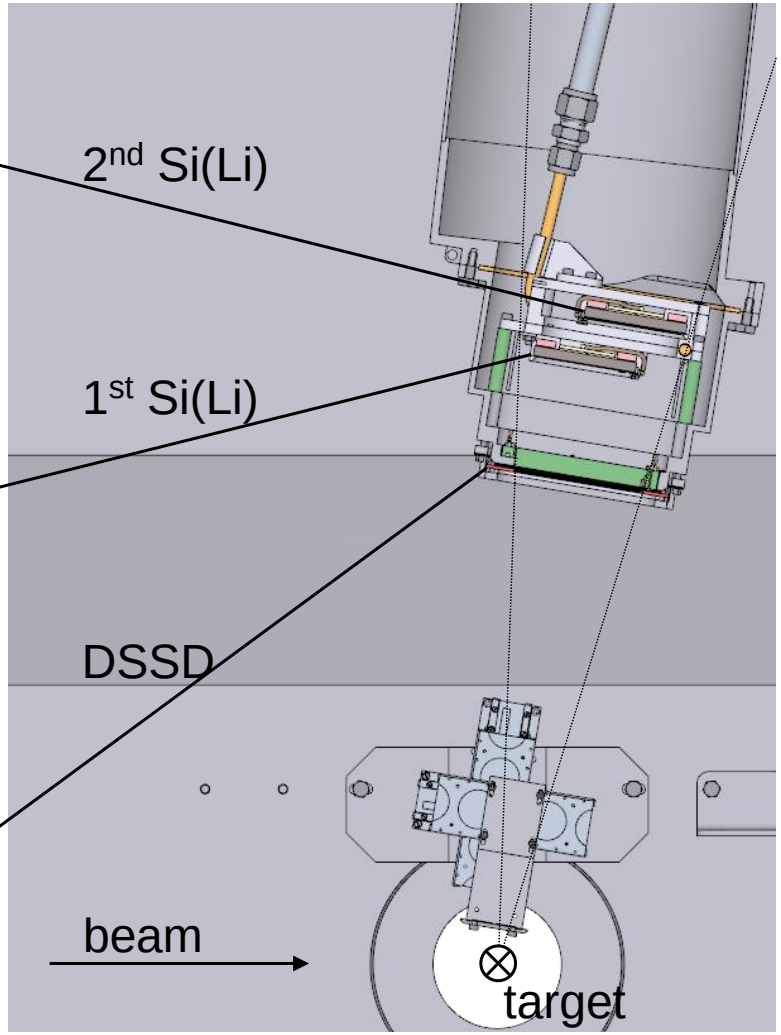
^{56}Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u

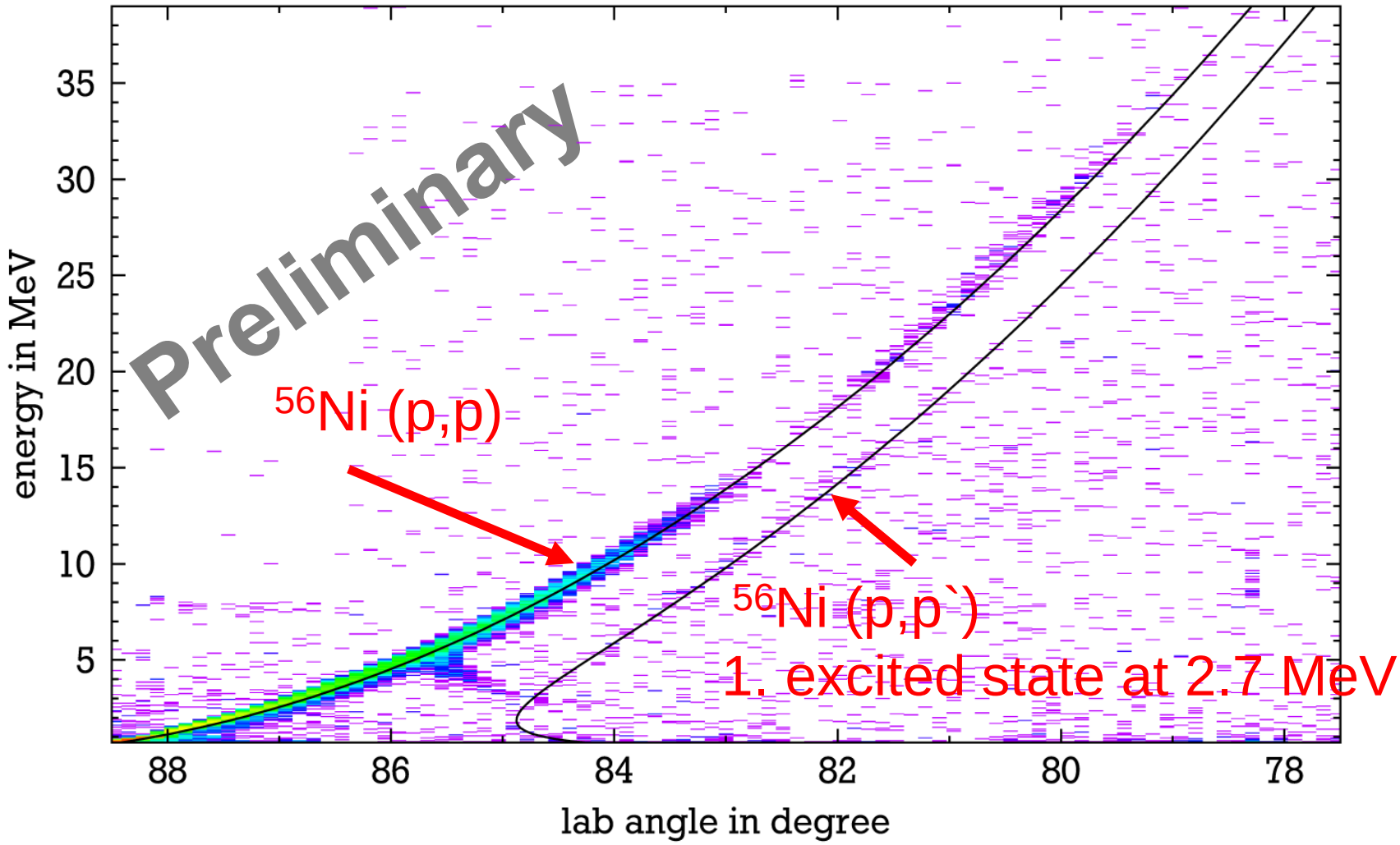
Benefit of the 1mm Aperture





First Results with Radioactive Beam

^{56}Ni(p,p`), E = 400 MeV/u Identification of Inelastic Scattering



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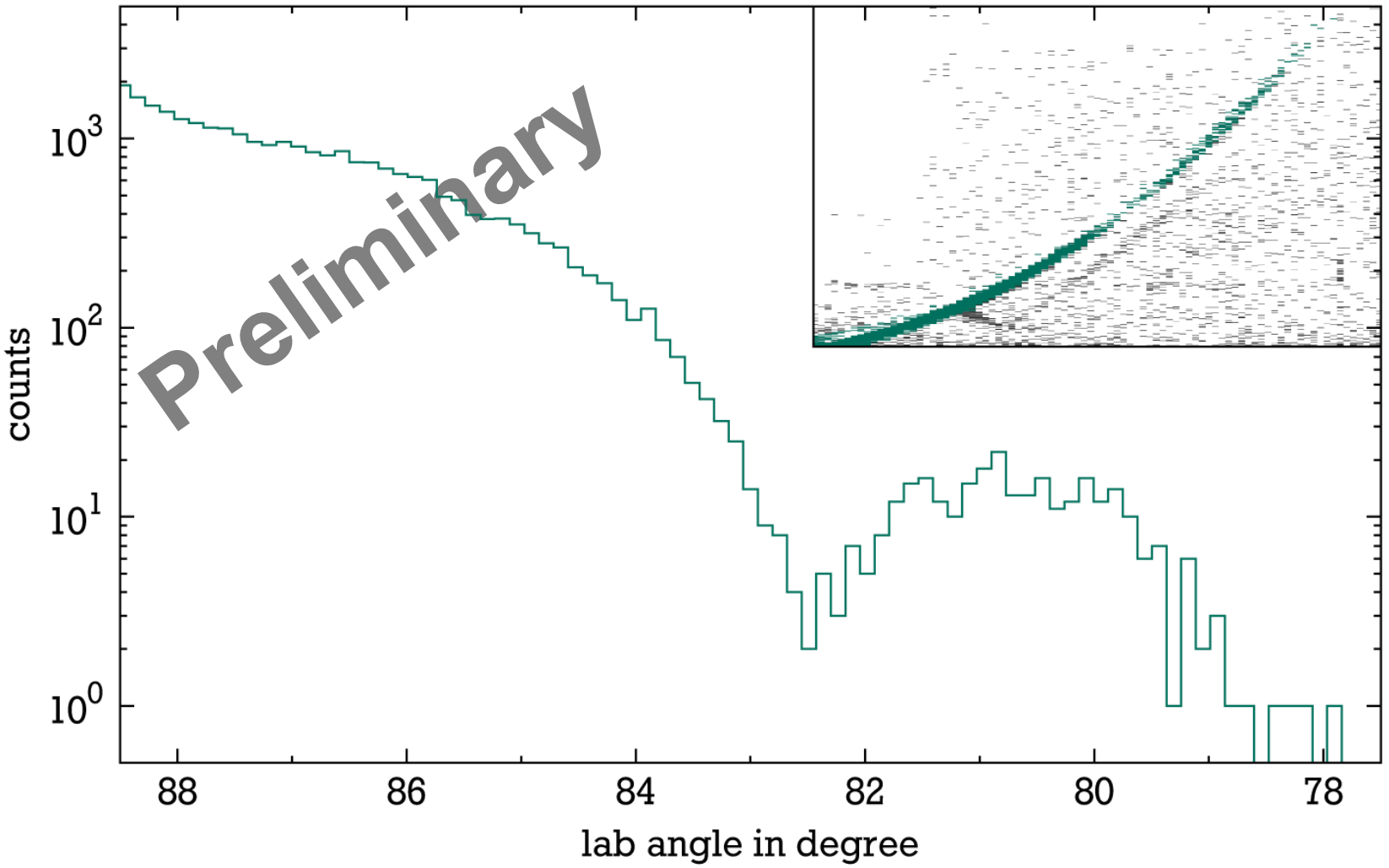
^{56}Ni(p,p), E = 400 MeV/u Angular Distribution



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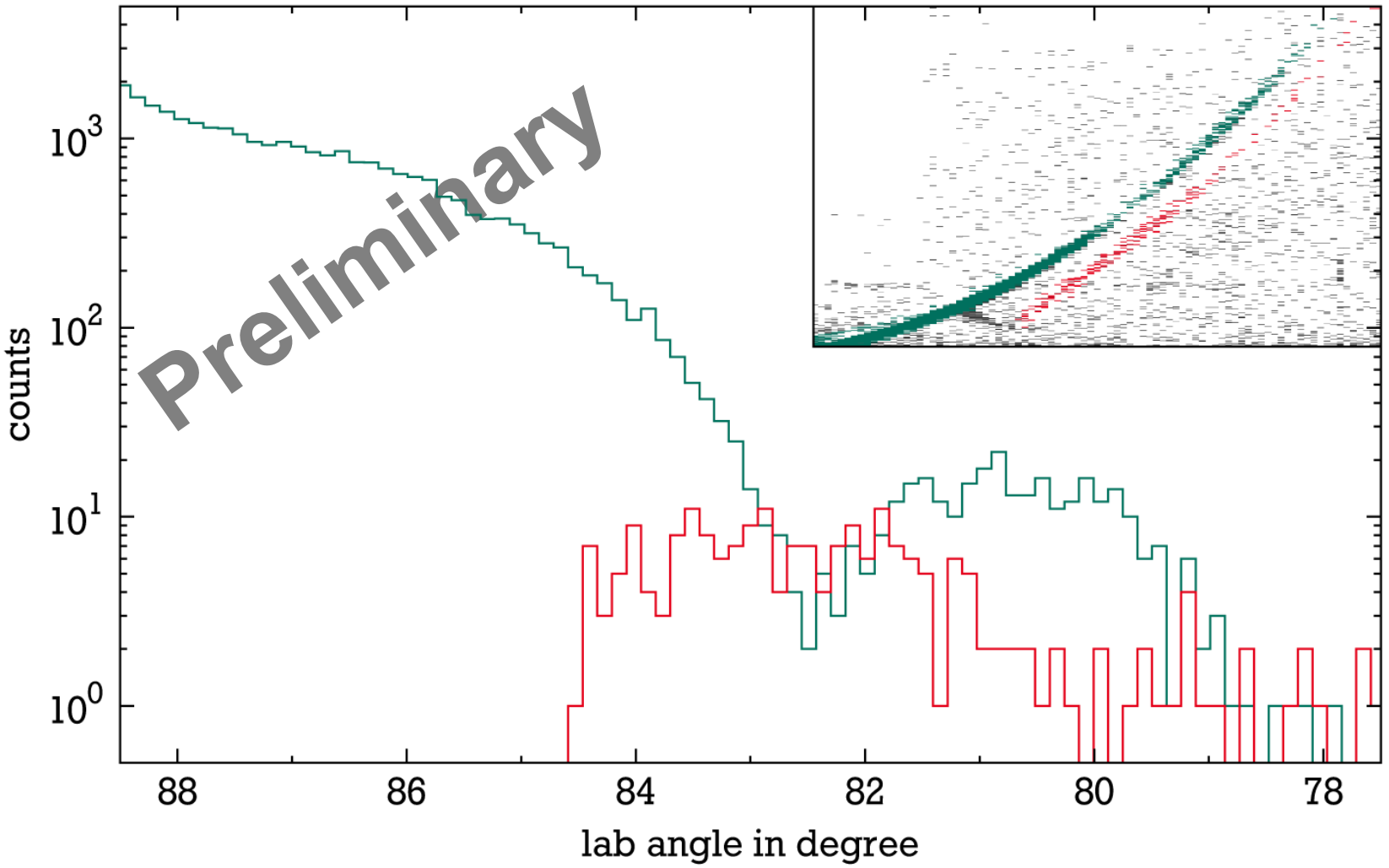


Investigation of the Giant Monopole Resonance in ^{58}Ni

reaction: ^{58}Ni on He target

energy: 100 MeV/u

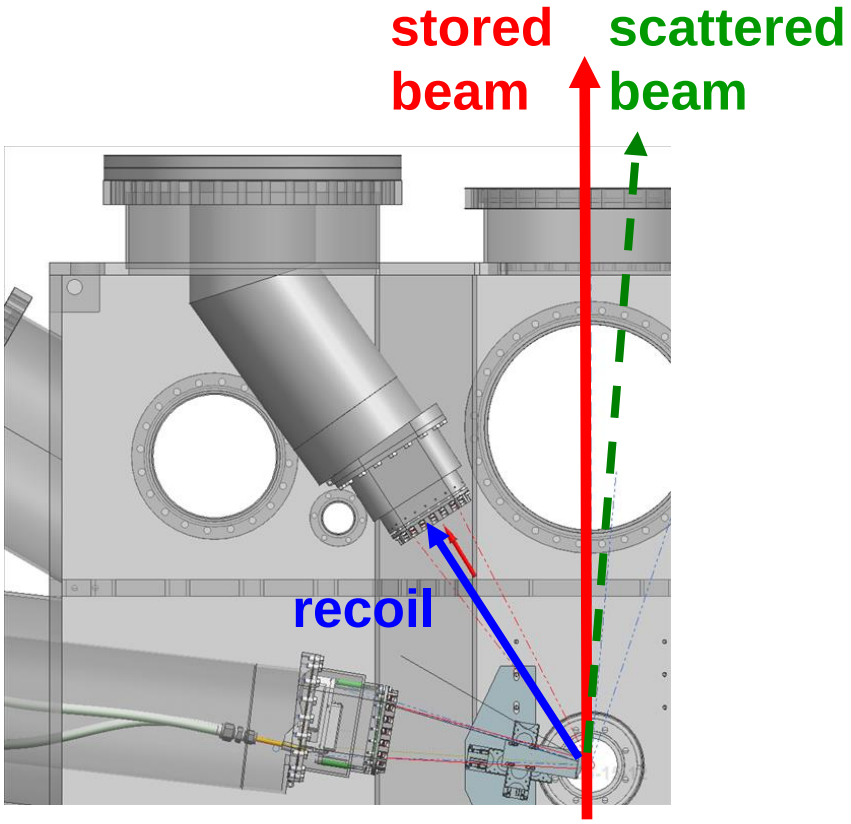
target: 8 X 10^{12} /cm^3

detectors: DSSD

Θ_{Lab} = 27° - 38°

PIN diodes

Θ_{Lab} = 0.2° - 1°



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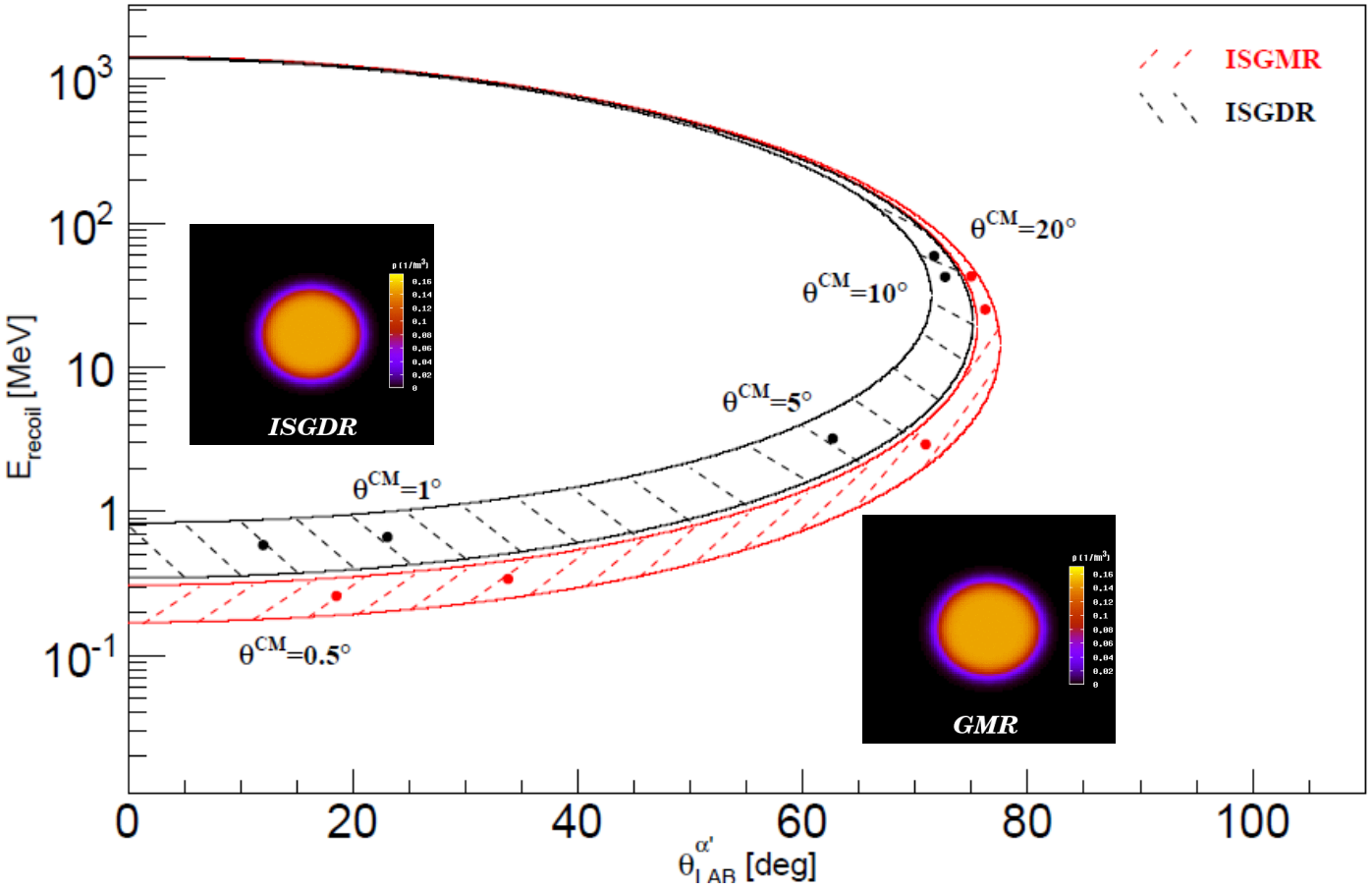
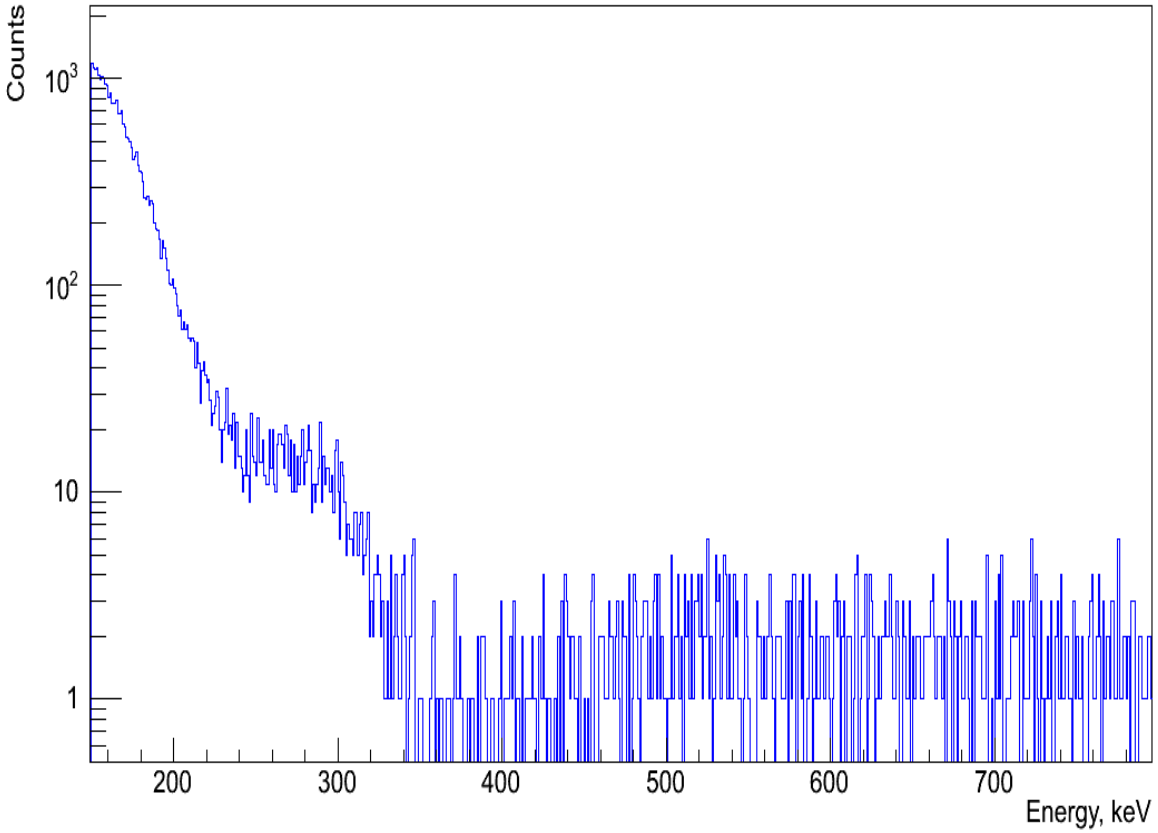
^{58}Ni(α,α`), E = 100 MeV/u



challenge: detect and identify very low energy recoils

Investigation of the Giant Monopole Resonance in ^{58}Ni

^{58}Ni(α,α`), E = 100 MeV/u, Θ_{lab} = 37 deg



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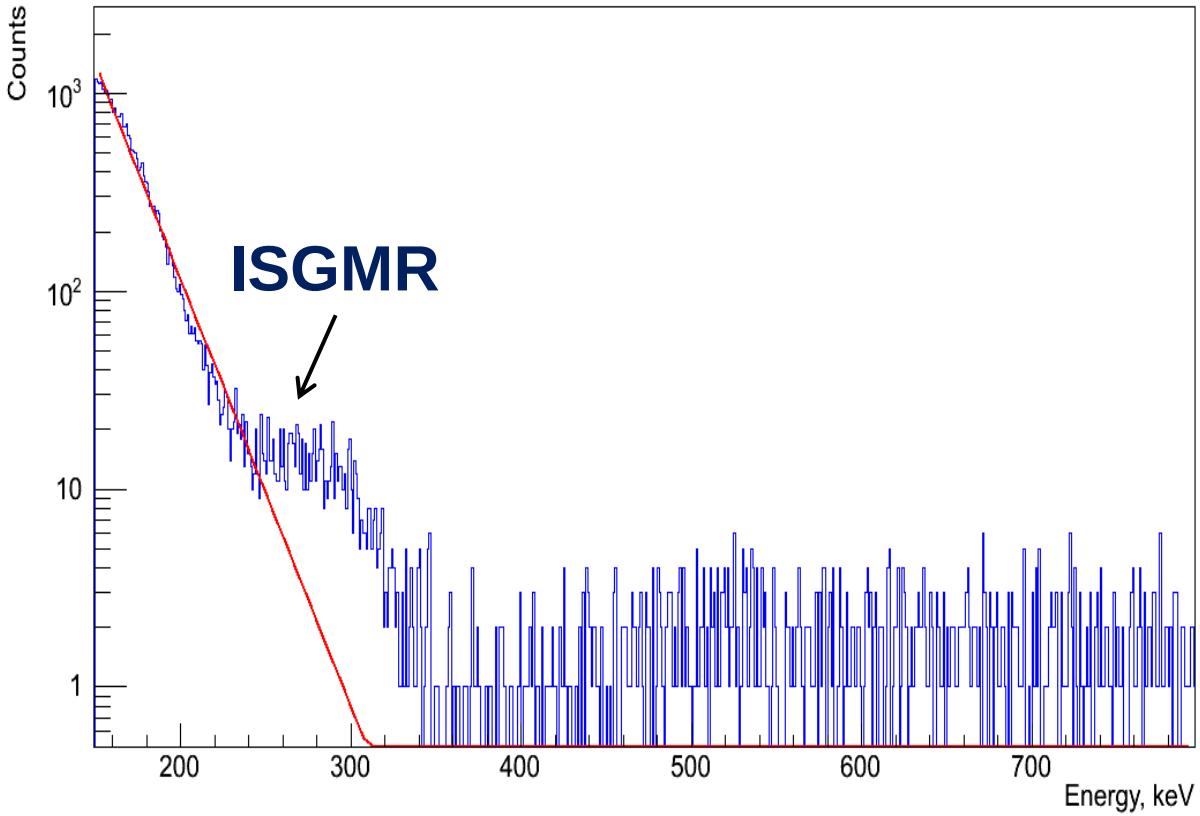
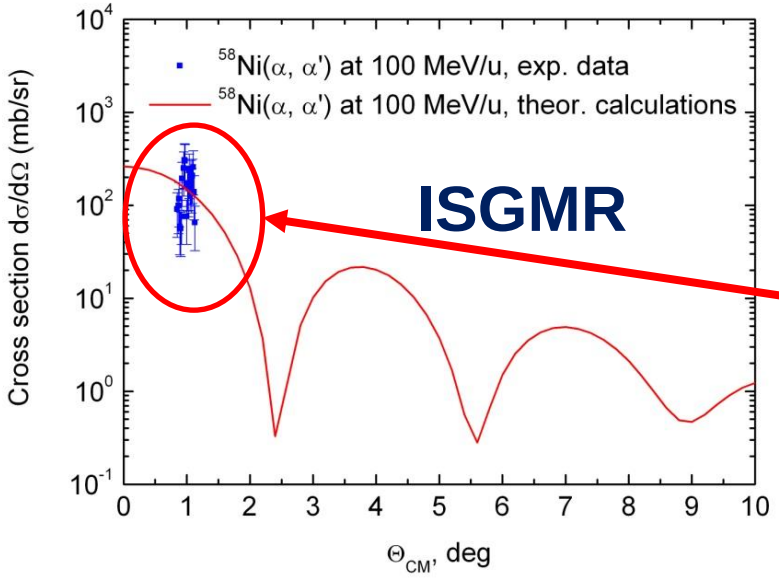


Investigation of the Giant Monopole Resonance in ^{58}Ni

comparison with theoretical prediction:

data
preliminary



data down to
$\Theta_{cm} < 1$ deg !

	Centroid [MeV]	RMS-width [MeV]
present data	20.5(5)	2.7(3)
PRC **73**, 014314 (2006)	18.4(2)	3.1(1)
"	$19.2^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$	$4.9^{+1.1}_{-0.3}$
Phys. Lett. B **637**, 43 (2006)	$19.9^{+0.7}_{-0.8}$	–

J. C. Zamora et al., to be published

Future Perspectives

short term perspectives:

- (α,α`) on ^{56}Ni ⇒ investigate ISGMR and ISGDR
  ⇒ investigate the compressibility of nuclear matter

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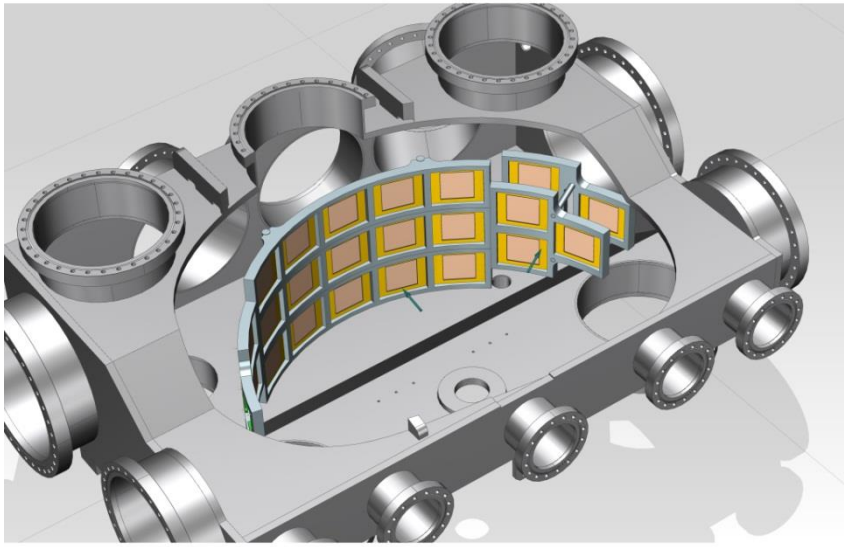
  needs upgrade of detector setup and readout (ASICS)



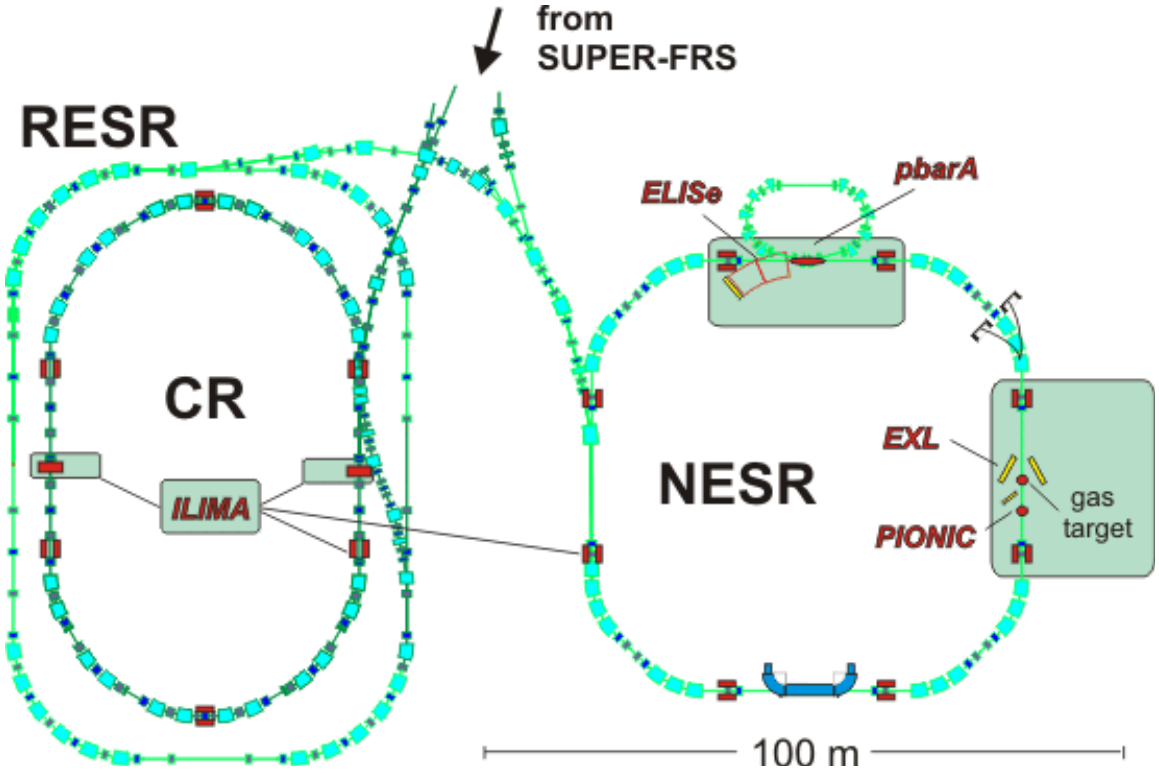
- (^{3}He,t) on ^{56}Ni ⇒ investigate Gamow – Teller strength
  needs upgrade of internal target

- transfer reactions at Cryring (GSI) and TSR@ISOLDE (CERN)

Future Perspectives

long term perspectives (EXL @ FAIR):

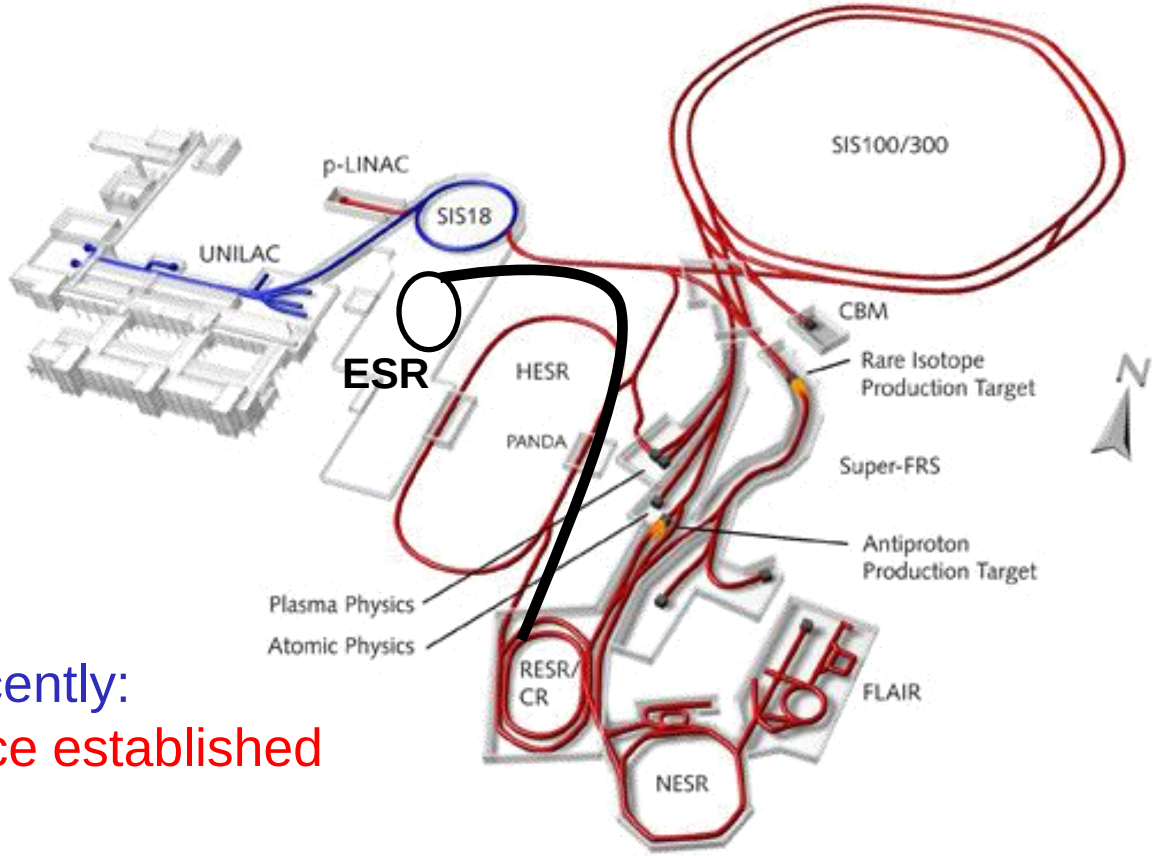
- still first priority:
  EXL at the NESR (full performance of EXL)



Future Perspectives

long term perspectives (EXL @ FAIR):

- for first phase of FAIR:
  transfer line from SUPER-FRS / CR to the ESR



- very recently:
  task force established

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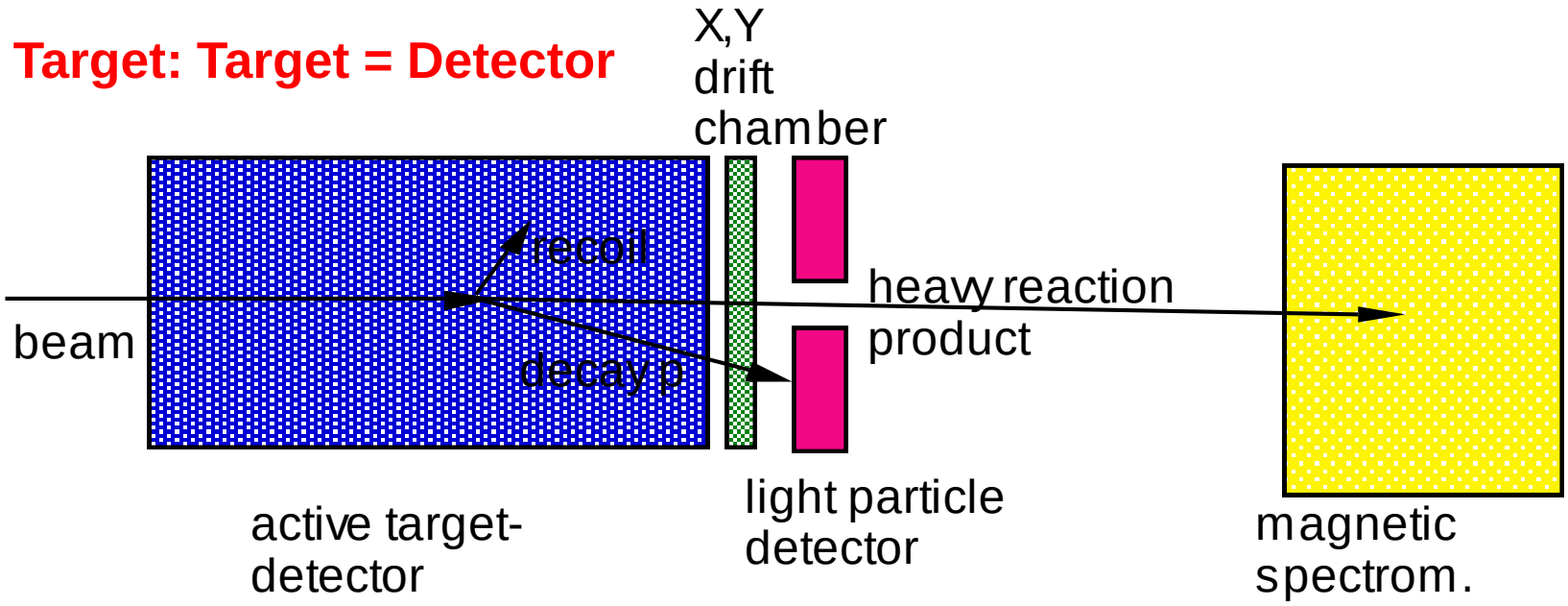
III. Direct Reactions with Active Targets

Active Target: Target = Detector



⇒ advantage:

- low threshold
- high detection efficiency (rel. thick target)

⇒ well suited as alternative technique to EXL for:

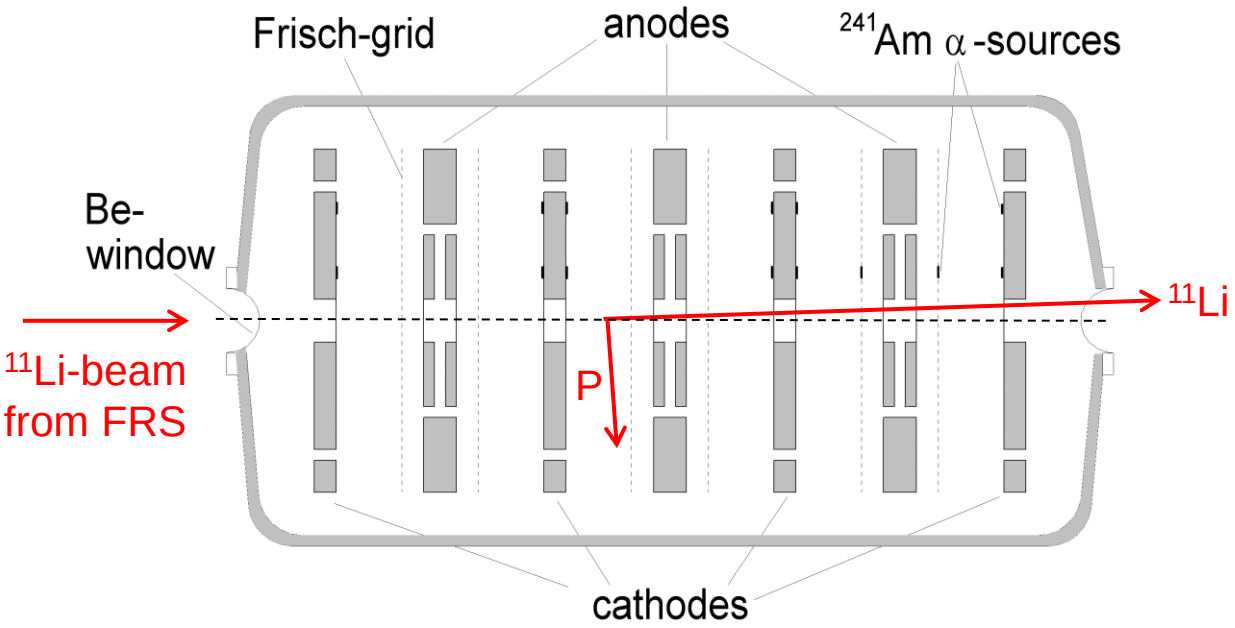
- short lifetimes ($T \leq 1$ sec)
- low RIB intensities ($\leq 10^4$ sec^{-1})

III.1. Experimental Concept: The TPC-Ionization Chamber IKAR as Active Target

(provided by PNPI St. Petersburg)

detection principle:

H_2-target = detector for recoil protons (from elastic scattering)

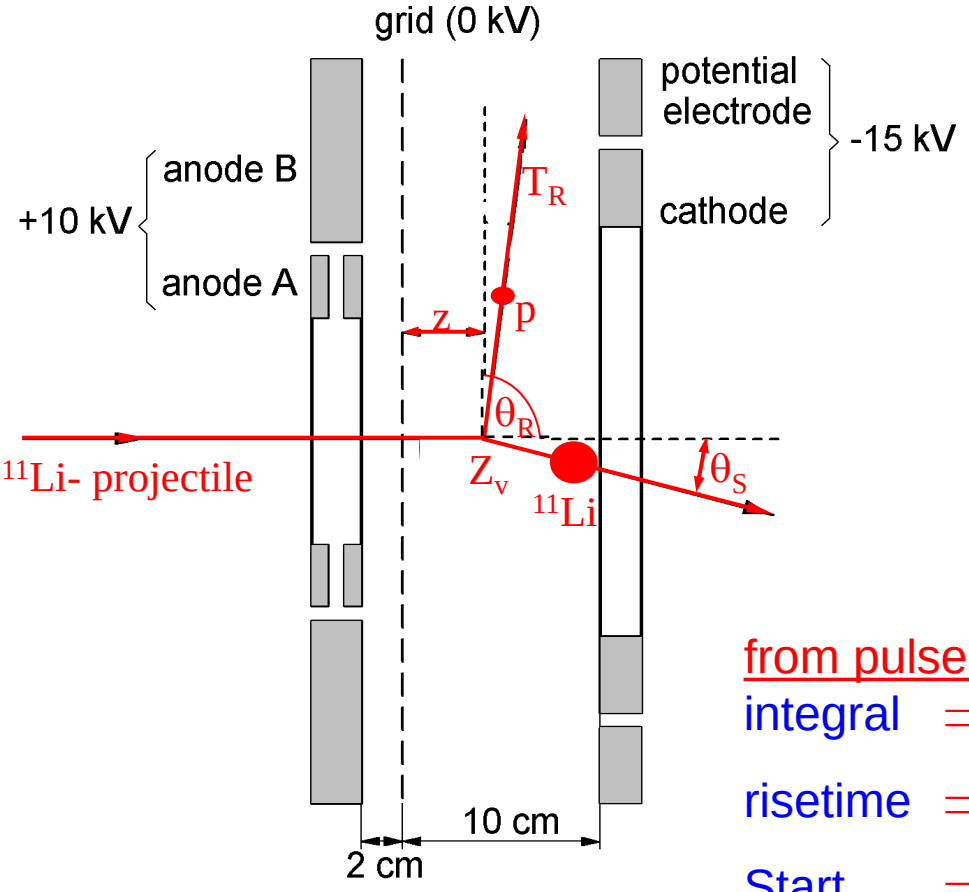


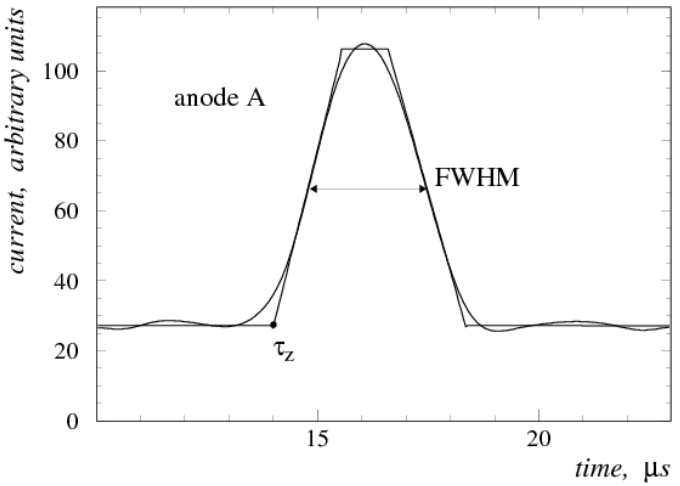
operating conditions:

H_2-pressure:	10 atm
entrance window:	0.5 mm Berylium
target thickness:	30 mg/cm² (6 independent sections)
beam rate:	$\leq 10^4$/sec

but: method limited to $Z \leq 6$!

Detection Principle of IKAR





from pulse analysis:

integral ⇒ recoil energy T_R ($\Delta E_{FWHM} \leq 90$ KeV)

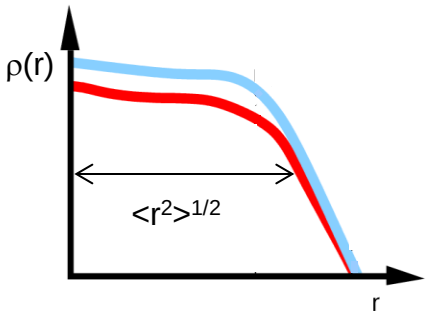
risetime ⇒ recoil angle θ_R ($\Delta\theta_{FWHM} \leq 0.6°$)

Start ⇒ vertex point Z_V ($\Delta z_{FWHM} \leq 110$ μm)

III.2. Small Angle Elastic Proton Scattering - a Tool to Study the Radial Shape of Exotic Nuclei

The radial shape and size of nuclei is a basic nuclear property !

⇒ of high interest for nuclear structure physics



observables: nuclear charge distribution: $\rho_{ch}(r)$, $\langle r_{ch}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ ⇨ leptonic probes

nuclear matter distribution: $\rho_m(r)$, $\langle r_m^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ ⇨ hadronic probes

method: intermediate energy elastic proton scattering

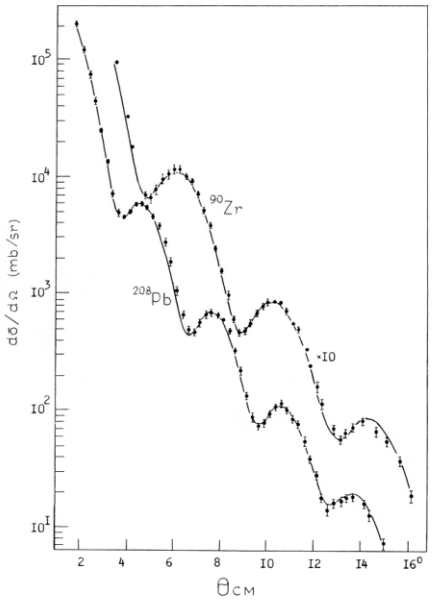
⇒ well established method for determination of nuclear matter distributions (of stable nuclei)

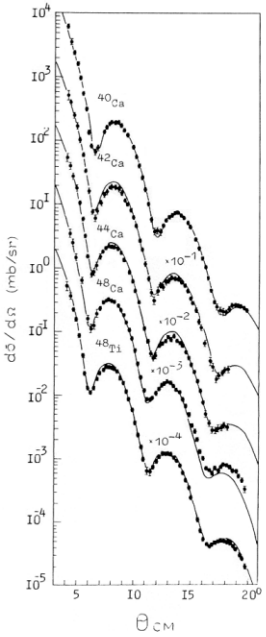
⇒ what about exotic nuclei?

Elastic Proton Scattering at Intermediate Energies around 1 GeV/u

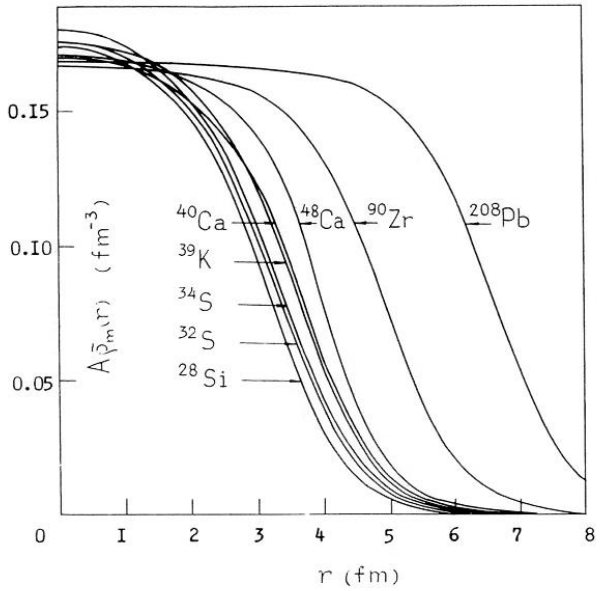
well established method to investigate nuclear matter distributions of stable nuclei (see G. Alkhazov et al., Phys. Rep. 42 (1978) 89)

measured cross sections





deduced nuclear matter distributions

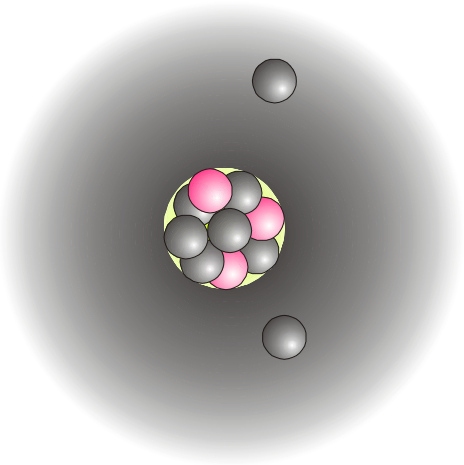


with radioactive beams ⇒ application to exotic nuclei

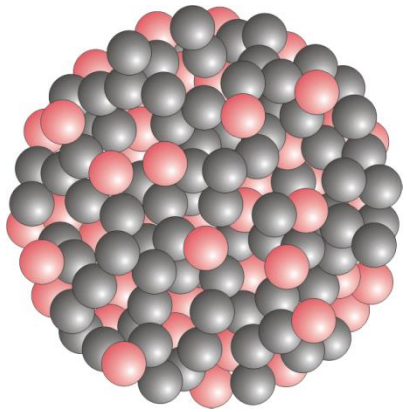
Halo-Nuclei – a New Phenomenon of the Structure of Nuclei

Density Distribution of Nuclear Matter

^{11}Li



^{208}Pb



extremely neutron-rich nuclei:

neutron halo

stable nuclei:

neutrons and protons equally distributed

Intermediate Energy Elastic Proton Scattering - a Tool to Study the Radial Shape of Halo Nuclei

aim: quantitative information on the nuclear matter distributions

method: intermediate energy (700 – 1000 MeV) elastic proton scattering

of special interest: light isotopes with halo-structure: ^{6}He, ^{8}He, ^{11}Li, ^{14}Be, ^{8}B, ^{17}C(?)

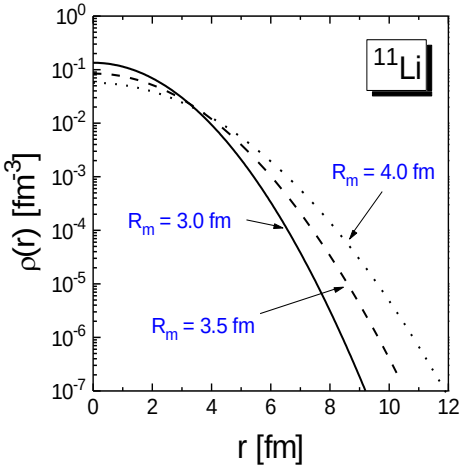
for low momentum transfer:

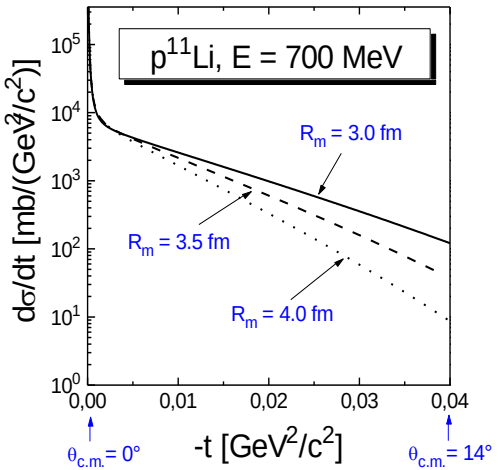
high sensitivity on the halo structure

$\Rightarrow$ determination of matter radii

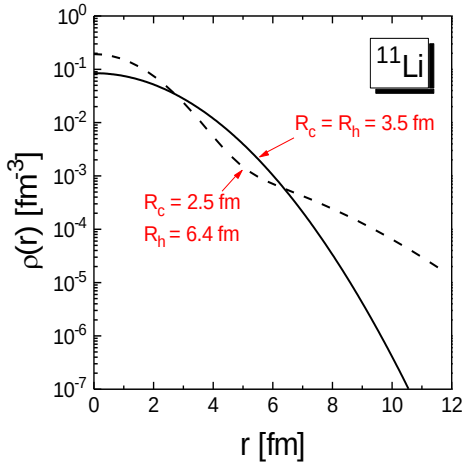
$\Rightarrow$ determination of the radial shape of the nuclear matter distribution

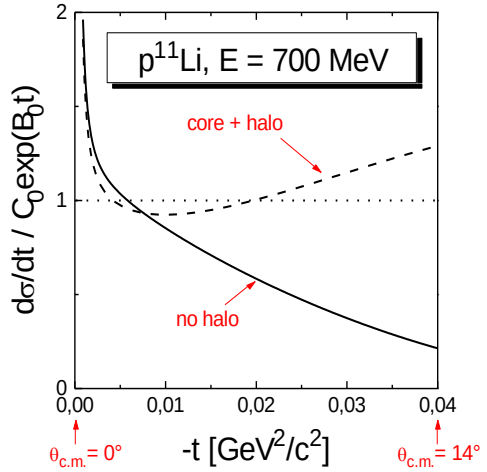
Sensitivity of Elastic Proton Scattering on the Radial Shape of the Nuclear Matter Distribution





slope of dσ/dt
→ matter radius R_m

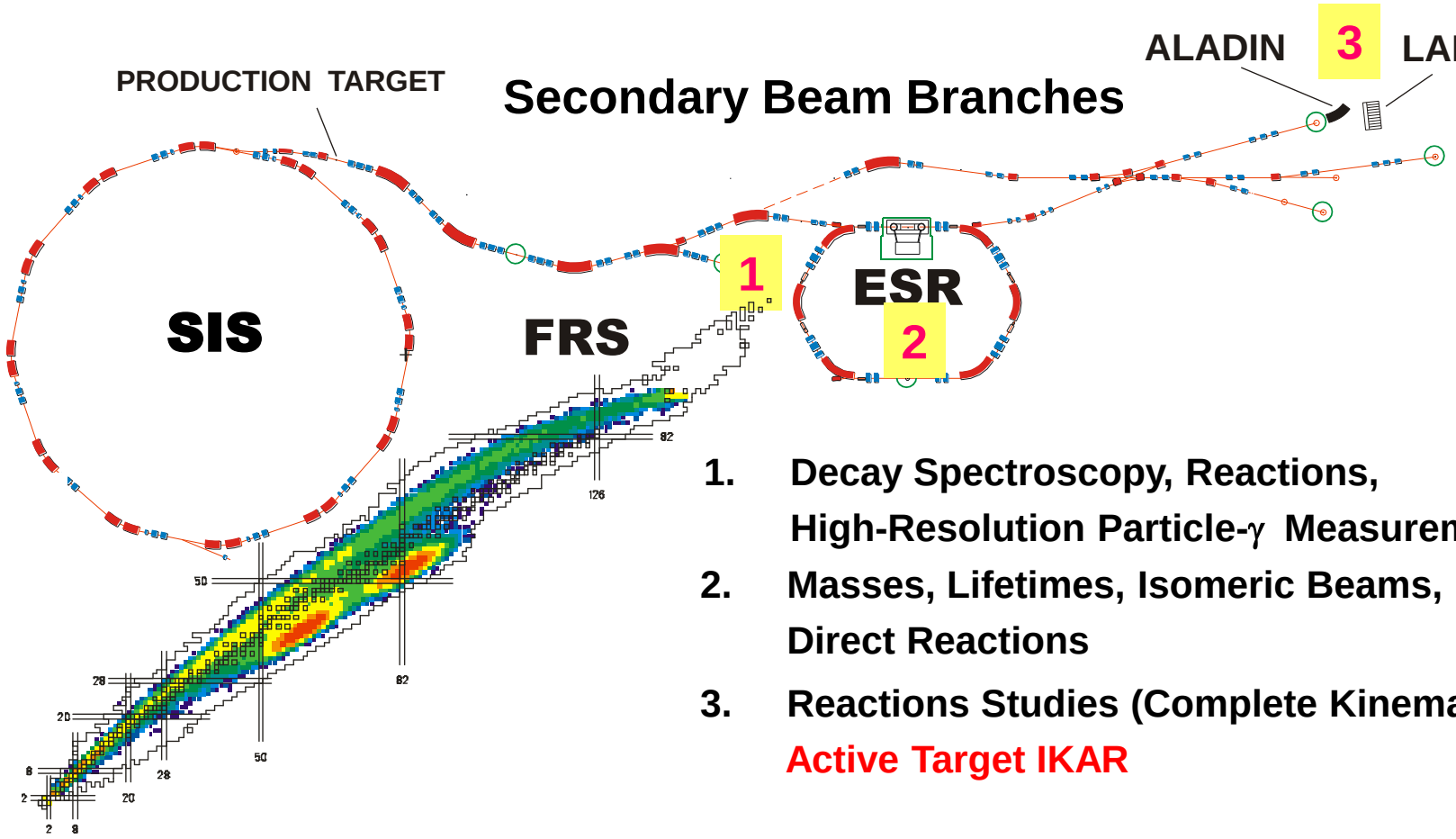




curvature of log (dσ/dt)
→ halo structure

The Present Radioactive Beam Facility at GSI

FRS: In-Flight Separator & High-Resolution Spectrometer

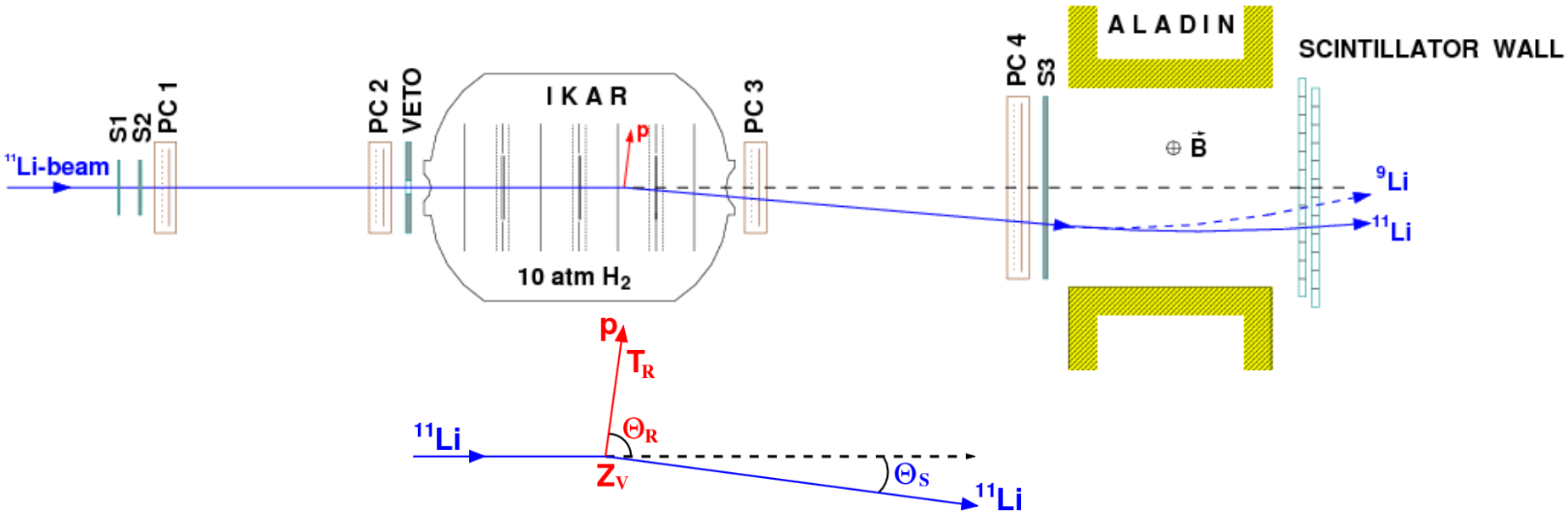


1. Decay Spectroscopy, Reactions, High-Resolution Particle-γ Measurements
2. Masses, Lifetimes, Isomeric Beams, Direct Reactions
3. Reactions Studies (Complete Kinematics)

Active Target IKAR

Investigation of Nuclear Matter Density Distributions of Halo Nuclei by Elastic Proton Scattering

Experimental Setup: Active Target IKAR and Aladin Magnet



target + recoil detector:	IKAR	⇒ $T_{R,}$, θ_R, Z_V
trajectory-reconstruction:	PC 1-4 (Multiwire proportional chambers)	⇒ θ_S
beam identification:	S 1-3, Veto (plastic scintillators)	⇒ ΔE, TOF, trigger
	ALADIN-magnet + position sensitive scintillator wall	⇒ discrimination of projectile breakup

The IKAR Experimental Setup

Investigation of Nuclear Matter Density Distributions of Halo Nuclei by Elastic Proton Scattering at Low Momentum Transfer

S. R. Neumaier et al.,Nucl. Phys. A 712 (2002) 247

G. D. Alkhazov et al., Nucl. Phys. A 712 (2002) 269

P. Egelhof et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 15 (2002) 27

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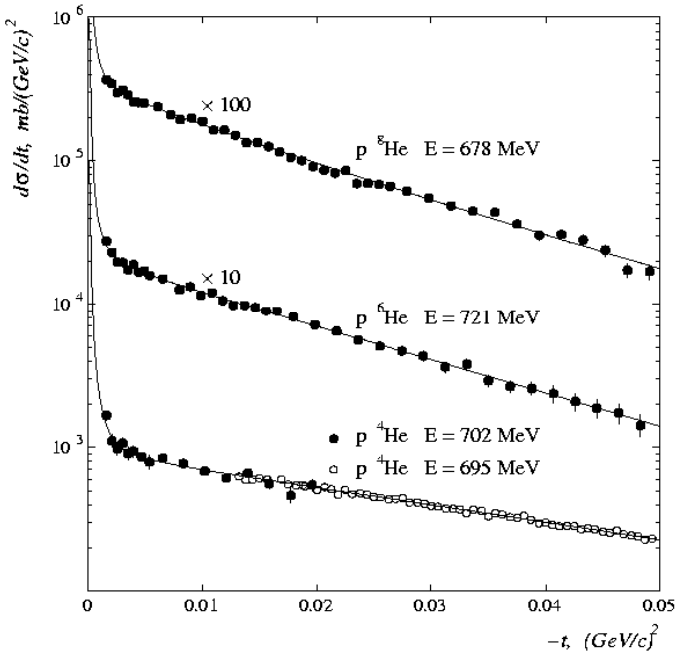

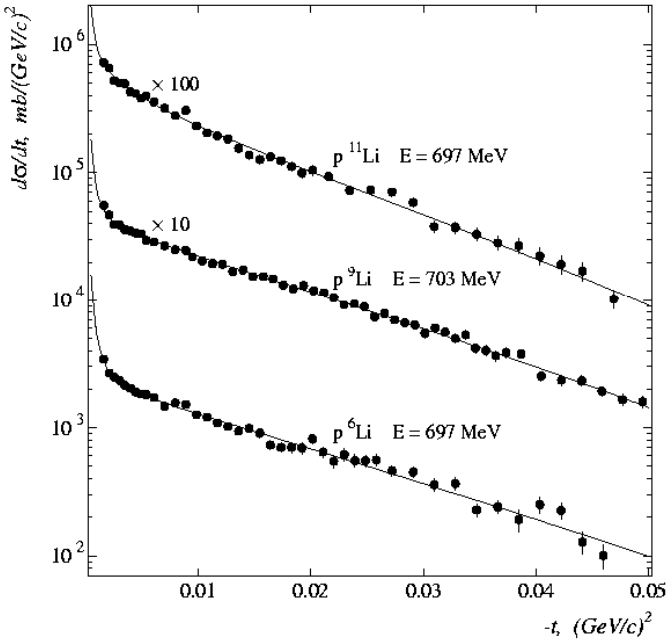

Θ_{cm} = 12°

Θ_{cm} = 16°

all experimental data are well described by Glauber calculations

Concept of the Data Analysis

- Glauber multiple-scattering theory for calculation of cross sections:
  - use measured free pp, pn-cross sections as input (in medium effects negligible)
  - fold with nucleon density distribution
  - take into account multiple scattering (all terms!) (small for region of nuclear halo!)

- variation of the nucleon density distribution:

a) phenomenological parametrizations (point matter densities):

G: 1 Gaussian

SF: Symmetrized Fermi

GG: 2 Gaussians

GO: Gaussian + Harmonic Oscillator

b) "model independent" analysis:

SOG: Sum Of Gaussians

(standard method for electron scattering data:
I. Sick, Nucl. Phys. A 218 (1974) 509)

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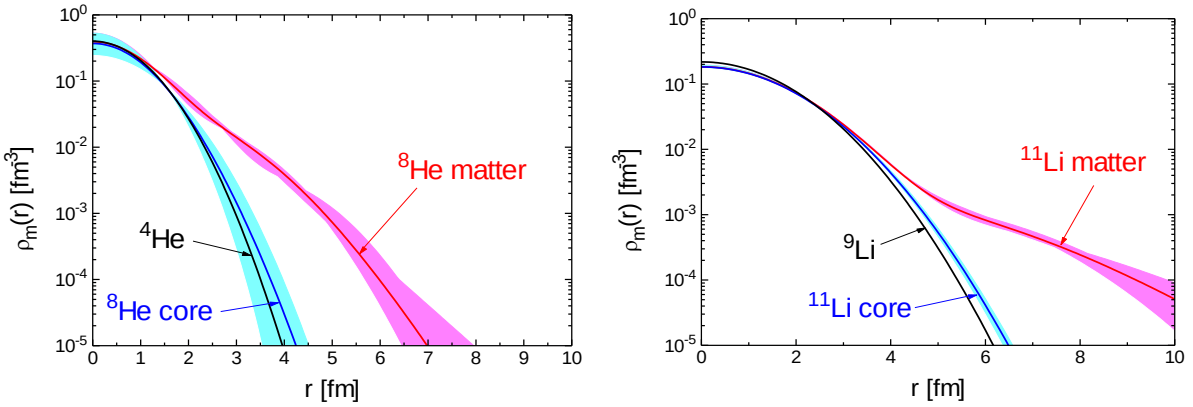
nuclear matter distributions:



nuclear matter radii:

nucleus	R_{matter}, fm	R_{core}, fm	R_{halo}, fm
^{4}He	1.49 (3)	--	--
^{8}He	2.53(8)	1.55 (15)	3.22 (14)
^{9}Li	2.44 (6)	--	--
^{11}Li	3.71 (20)	2.53 (3)	6.85 (58)

- extended neutron distribution in ^{8}He and ^{11}Li obtained
- size of core, halo and total matter distribution determined with high accuracy
- the picture of a ^{9}Li (^{4}He) core + 2 (4) valence neutron-structure is confirmed for ^{11}Li and ^{8}He

Determination of Neutron Radii and Neutron Skin Sizes

- needs input on proton (charge) distributions

  $\Rightarrow$ use data from laser spectroscopy (isotope shift measurements):

  for ^{6}He: L.-B. Wang et al., PRL 93, 142501 (2004)

  for ^{8,9,11}Li: R. Sanchez et al., PRL 96, 033002 (2006)

  M. Puchalski et al., PRL 97, 1330016 (2006)

- neutron radius: $$R_n^{\,2} = \frac{1}{N_n} * \left(A R_m^{\,2} - N_p R_p^{\,2} \right)$$

- neutron skin size: $$\delta_{np} = R_n - R_p$$

Summary of all Data on Nuclear Radii

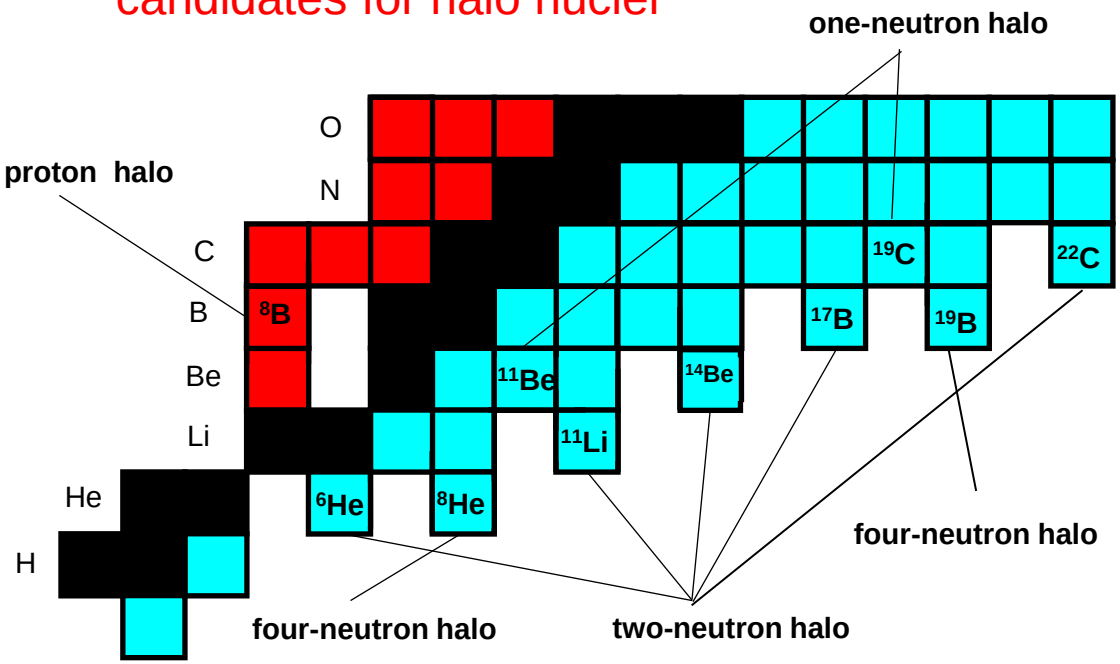
nucleus	R_m, fm	R_{core}, fm	R_{halo}, fm	R_p*, fm	R_n, fm	δ_{np}, fm
^{6}He	2.45 (10)	1.88 (12)	3.31 (28)	1.91 (2)	2.60 (7)	0.69 (7)
^{8}Li	2.50 (6)	--	--	2.15 (3)	2.69 (9)	0.54 (10)
^{9}Li	2.44 (6)	--	--	2.06 (4)	2.61 (9)	0.55 (10)
^{11}Li	3.71 (20)	2.53 (3)	6.85 (58)	2.33(4)	3.75 (15)	1.42 (16)

* R_p from laser spectroscopy, unfolded from proton charge radius

Recent Results on Halo Structures in Exotic Be, B, and C Isotopes

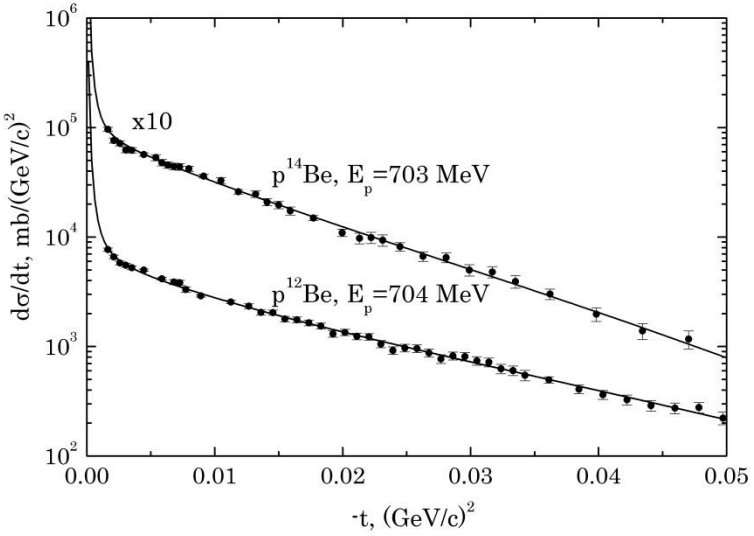
- two experiments with primary ^{12}C and ^{18}O beams were successfully performed
- data on ^{12}Be, ^{14}Be and ^{8}B, ^{15}C, ^{17}C were taken: S.Ilieva et al., S. Tang et al.

candidates for halo nuclei

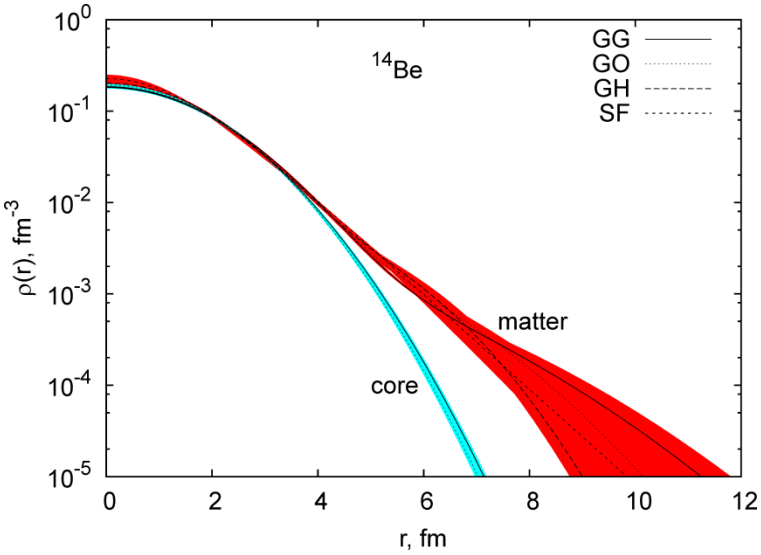


Elastic Proton Scattering from ^{14}Be

differential cross section:



deduced nuclear matter distribution:



S. Ilieva et al.,
Nucl. Phys. A 875 (2012) 8

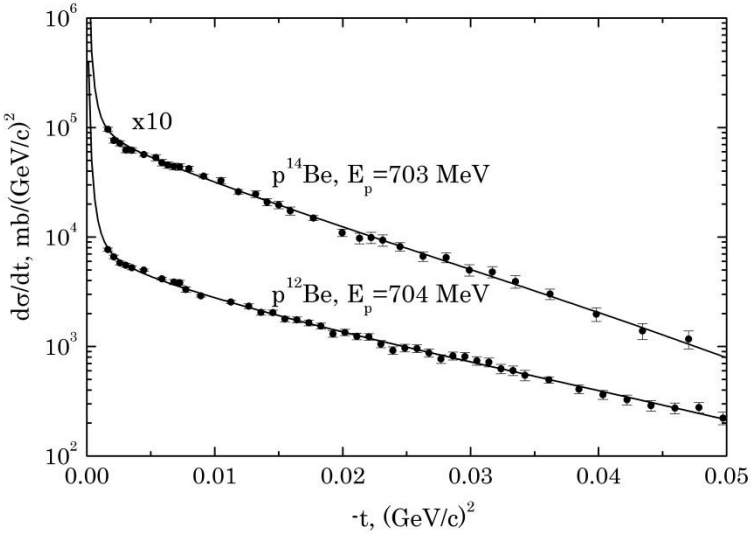
results for ^{14}Be:

R_{matter} = 3.25 ± 0.04 ± 0.11 fm
R_{core} = 2.65 ± 0.02 ± 0.11 fm

- ^{14}Be exhibits a pronounced core-halo structure
- the picture of a ^{12}Be-core + 2 valence neutron structure is confirmed
- the present data favour a relatively large s-wave component
  (see I. Thompson et. al, Phys. Rev. C53 (1996) 708)

Elastic Proton Scattering from ^{12}Be

differential cross section:



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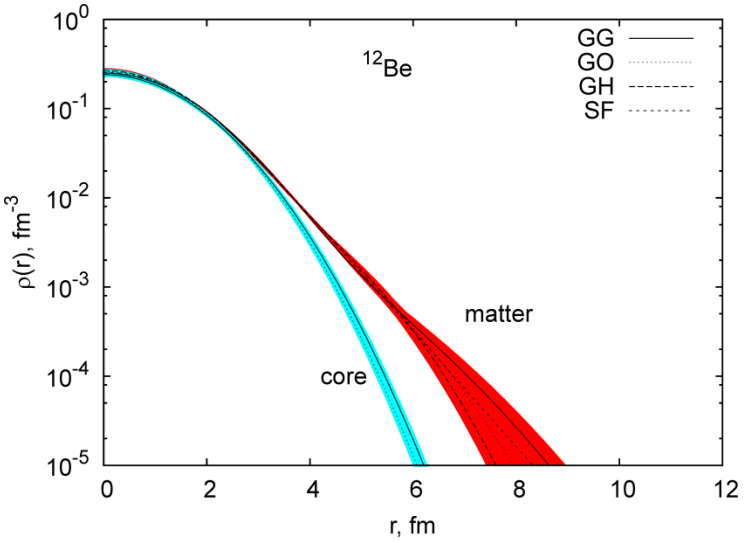

results for ^{12}Be:

R_{matter} = 2.71 ± 0.03 ± 0.06 fm
R_{core} = 2.17 ± 0.02 ± 0.09 fm

- ^{12}Be exhibits an extended matter distribution
- the contribution of (sd) intruder states is confirmed (see I. Thompson et al., Phys. Rev. C53 (1996) 703)

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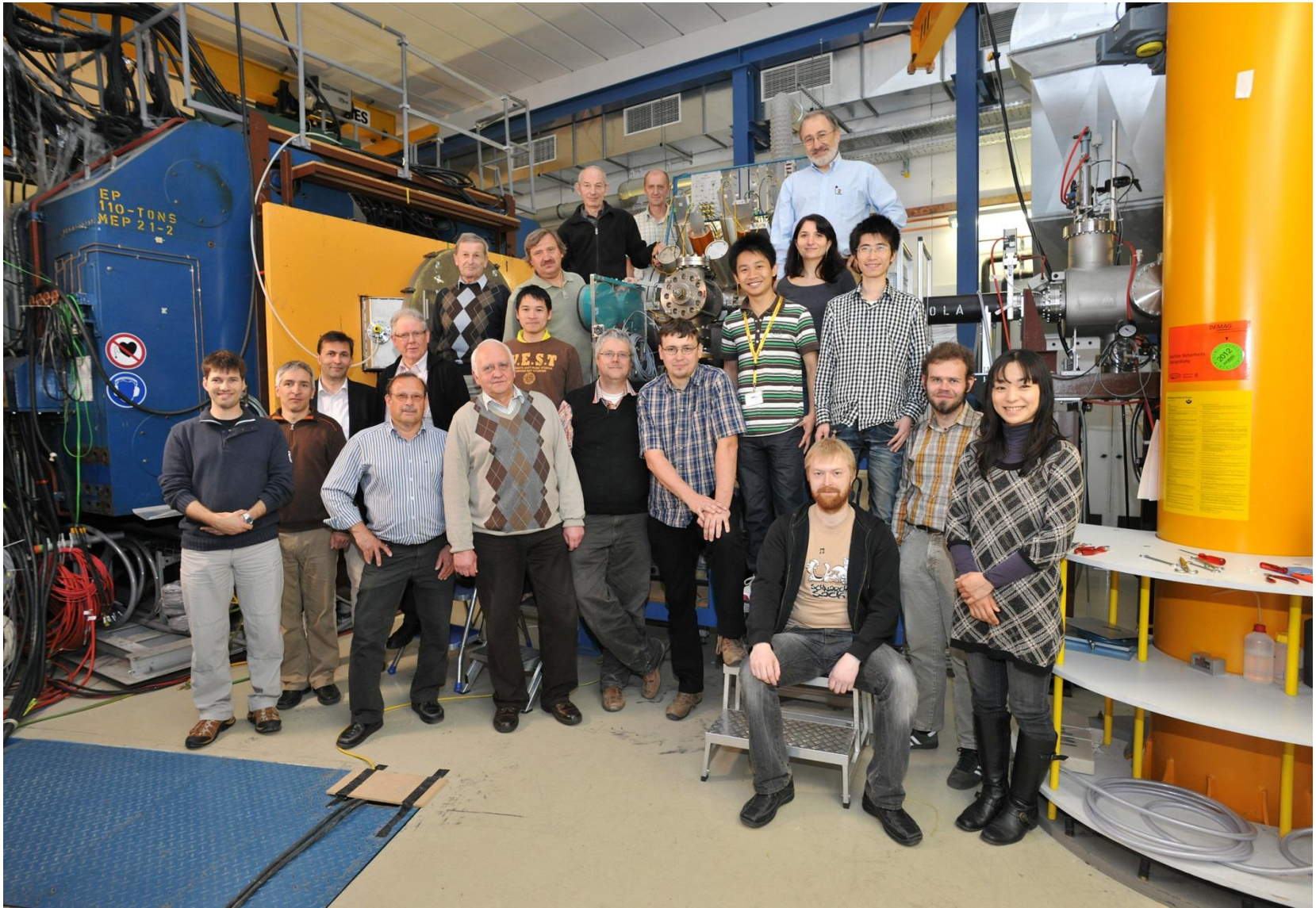


Application of an Active Target for (α,α`γ) (proposed by D. Savran)

PDR in inelastic α scattering experiments

Problems in (α,α'):

- Separation from other excitations, no selectivity to E1 in the excitation

Signature: Strong decay to the ground state

Coincident γ-decay detection:

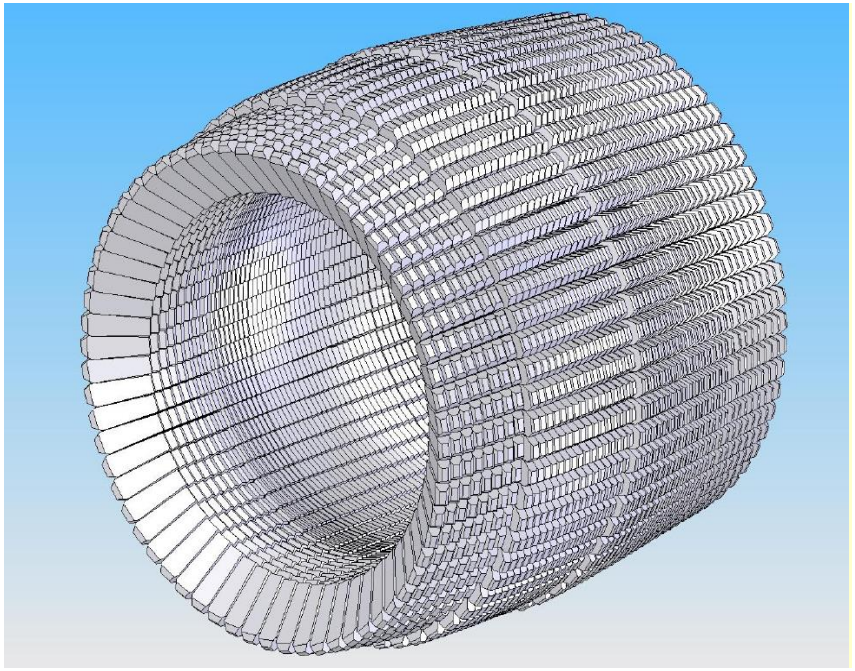
- Selection of decays to the ground state

⇒ Selectivity to E1

T.D. Poelhekken et al., Phys. Lett. B **278** (1992) 423
D. Savran et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A **564** (2006) 267

Application of an Active Target for (α,α`γ) (proposed by D. Savran)

Existing chamber at PSI



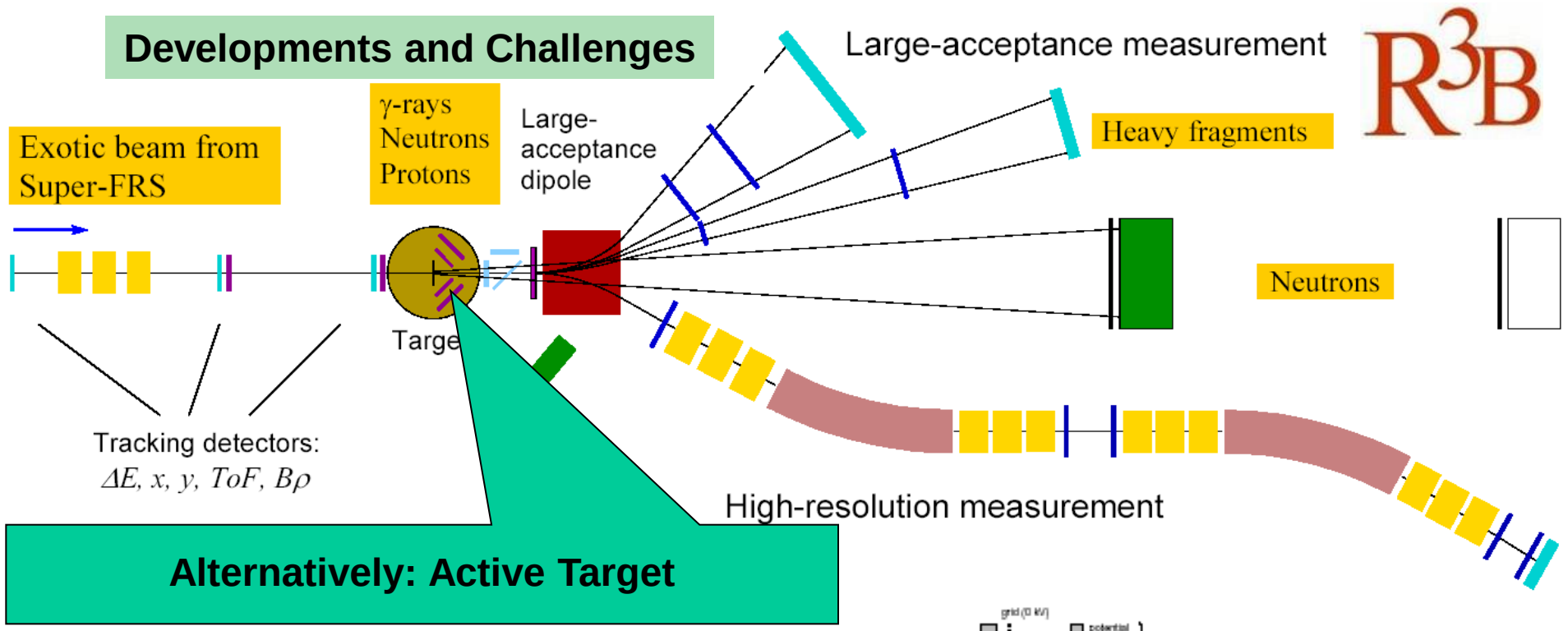
CALIFA γ-detector

Geometrically fits into CALIFA

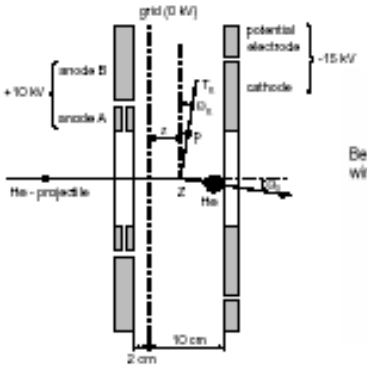
recent test run successful

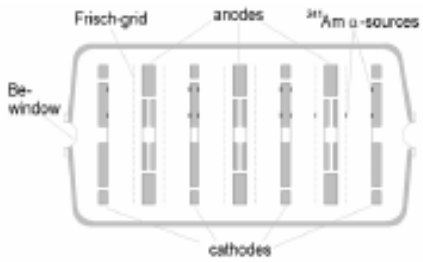
R3B: Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams

Developments and Challenges



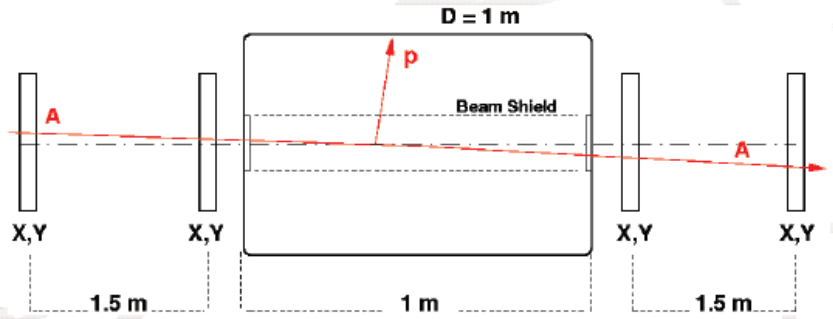
measurement of recoils in reactions with low-momentum transfer

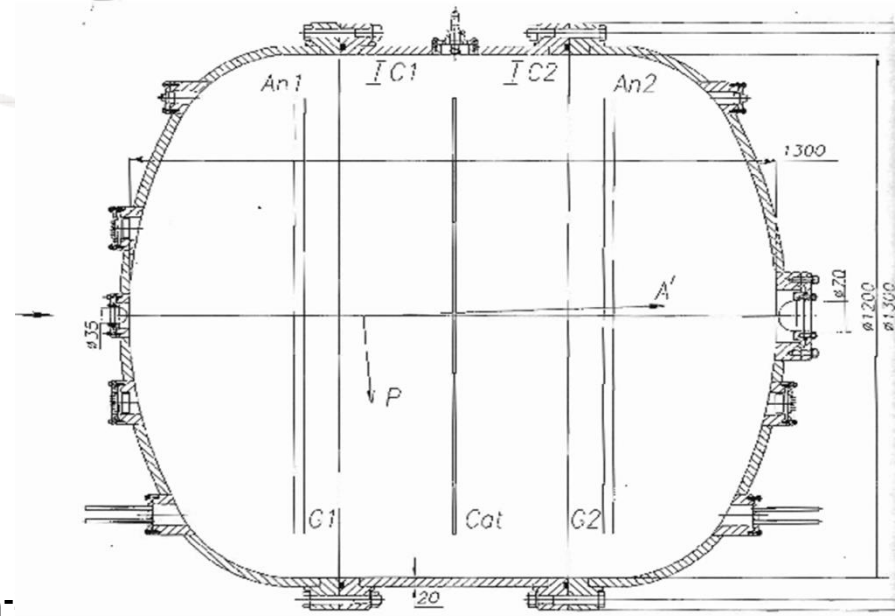




A New Active Target for R^3B @ FAIR

Active Target for R3B - design





- Modified version of IKAR chamber
- Beam shielding anode ∅ 2 cm
- Gas – H_2, D_2, ^3He, ^4He, CH_4, Ar
- Pressure – up to 25 bar

Effective target length – 40 cm
Effective target thickness – $4*10^{22}$ cm^{-}
Luminosity ($I = 10^4\ s^{-1}$) – $4*10^{26}\ cm^{-2}s^{-1}$
$E_p(max) = 15$ MeV, $t_{max} = 0.03\ (GeV/c)^2$ (H_2, 25 bar)
A TDR is presently prepared.

IV. Conclusions

- For the First Time (World Wide) a Nuclear Reaction Experiment with Stored Radioactive Beams was successfully performed. .
- A number of Important Physics Questions **(potentially also concerning the EOS)** can be only addressed with the EXL Technique which is up to date World Wide unique.
- The Active Target Technique is well suited for addressing very short lived nuclei, not accessible by EXL.
- Elastic Proton Scattering at Intermediate Energies is a powerful tool to study nuclear matter distributions in nuclei. The combination with data on the charge distribution allows to investigate the Size of Neutron Skins.
- The Future Facility NuSTAR@ FAIR will allow to reach Unexplored Regions in the Chart of Nuclei, where New and Exciting Phenomena are expected.
- EXL@FAIR and ACTAR@FAIR have a Large Potential for Nuclear Structure and Nuclear Astrophysics.