

# Gamma-Ray Tracking

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# Outline

**Introduction**

**Concept of  $\gamma$ -ray tracking**

**Proof of principle**

**Segmented detectors**

**Electronics**

**Position reconstruction**

**Towards a  $4\pi$  array: GRETA**

**Expected performance**

**GRETINA**

**Status of the project**

**Applications**

**Summary and conclusions**

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Lecture on Gamma-ray Tracking  
June, 2015

Homework

**Problem #1**

The following data was taken with a prototype detector using and  $^{241}\text{Am}$   
and  $^{60}\text{Co}$  sources

Peak#	Centroid	FWHM (channels)
1	282.03	5.62
2	5975.50	9.31
3	6788.85	10.02

Determine the Fano factor and the noise contribution to the energy resolution

**Problem #2**

Estimate the amplitude of the signal for a 1MeV gamma at the output of a segment preamp.



Email solutions by Monday !

Atomic nuclei constitute unique many body systems of strongly interacting fermions. Their properties and structure, are of paramount importance to many aspects of physics.

Many of the phenomena encountered in nuclei share common basic physics ingredients with other mesoscopic systems, thus making nuclear structure research relevant to other areas of contemporary research, for example in condensed matter and atomic physics.

These are exciting times in the field of physics of nuclei:

Existing and planned exotic beam facilities worldwide and new detector systems with increased sensitivity and resolving power not only will allow us to answer some important questions we have today, but most likely will open up a window to new and unexpected phenomena.

New developments in theory and computer power are shaping a path to a predictive theory of nuclei and reactions.

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# SCIENCE

## More Is Different

Broken symmetry and the nature of the hierarchical structure of science.

P. W. Anderson

less relevance they seem to have to the very real problems of the rest of science, much less to those of society.

The constructionist hypothesis breaks down when confronted with the twin difficulties of scale and complexity. The behavior of large and complex aggregates of elementary particles, it turns out, is not to be understood in terms of a simple extrapolation of the properties of a few particles. Instead, at each level of complexity entirely new properties appear, and the understanding of the new behaviors requires re-

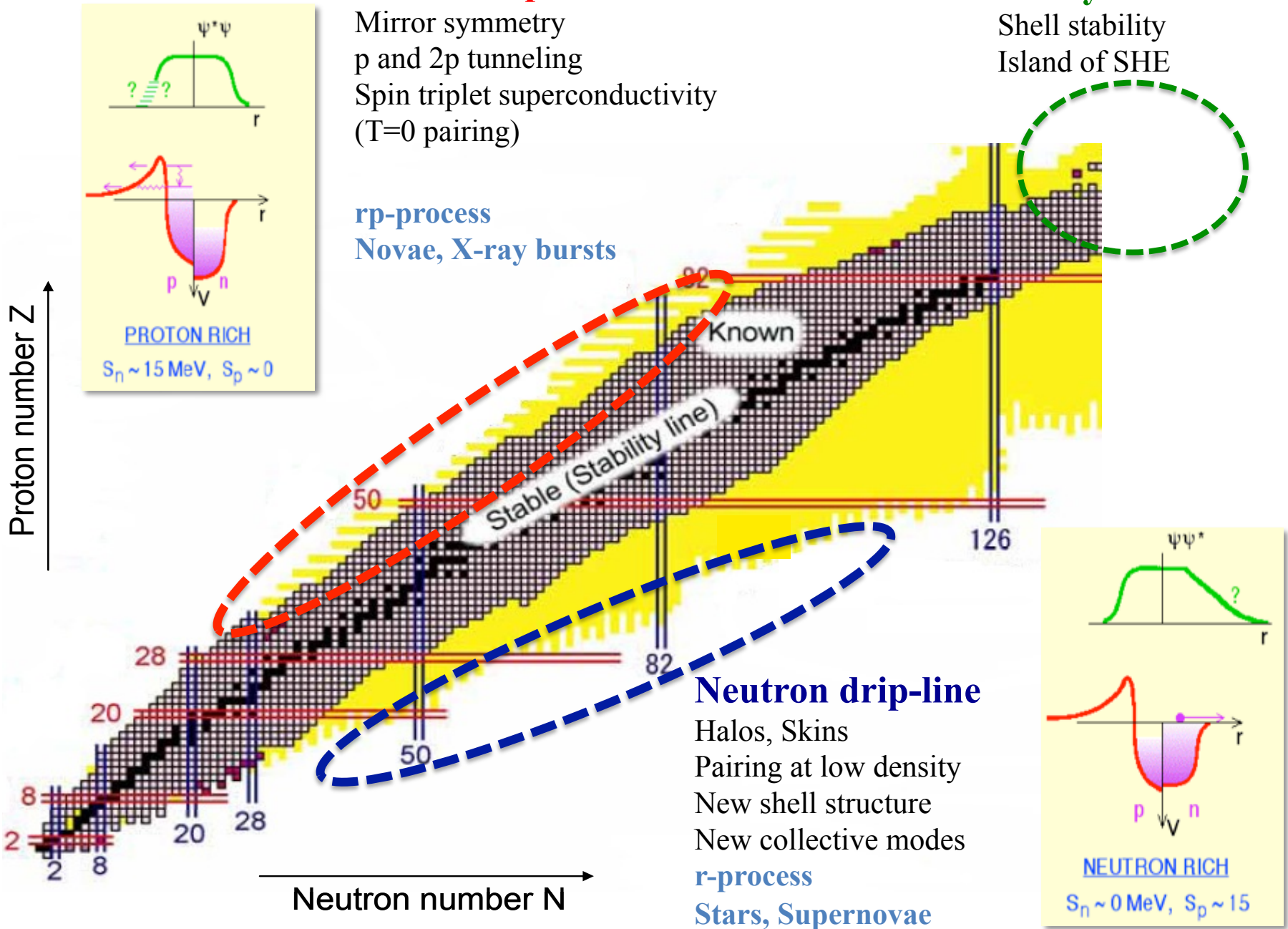
## Proton drip-line

Mirror symmetry  
p and 2p tunneling  
Spin triplet superconductivity  
( $T=0$  pairing)

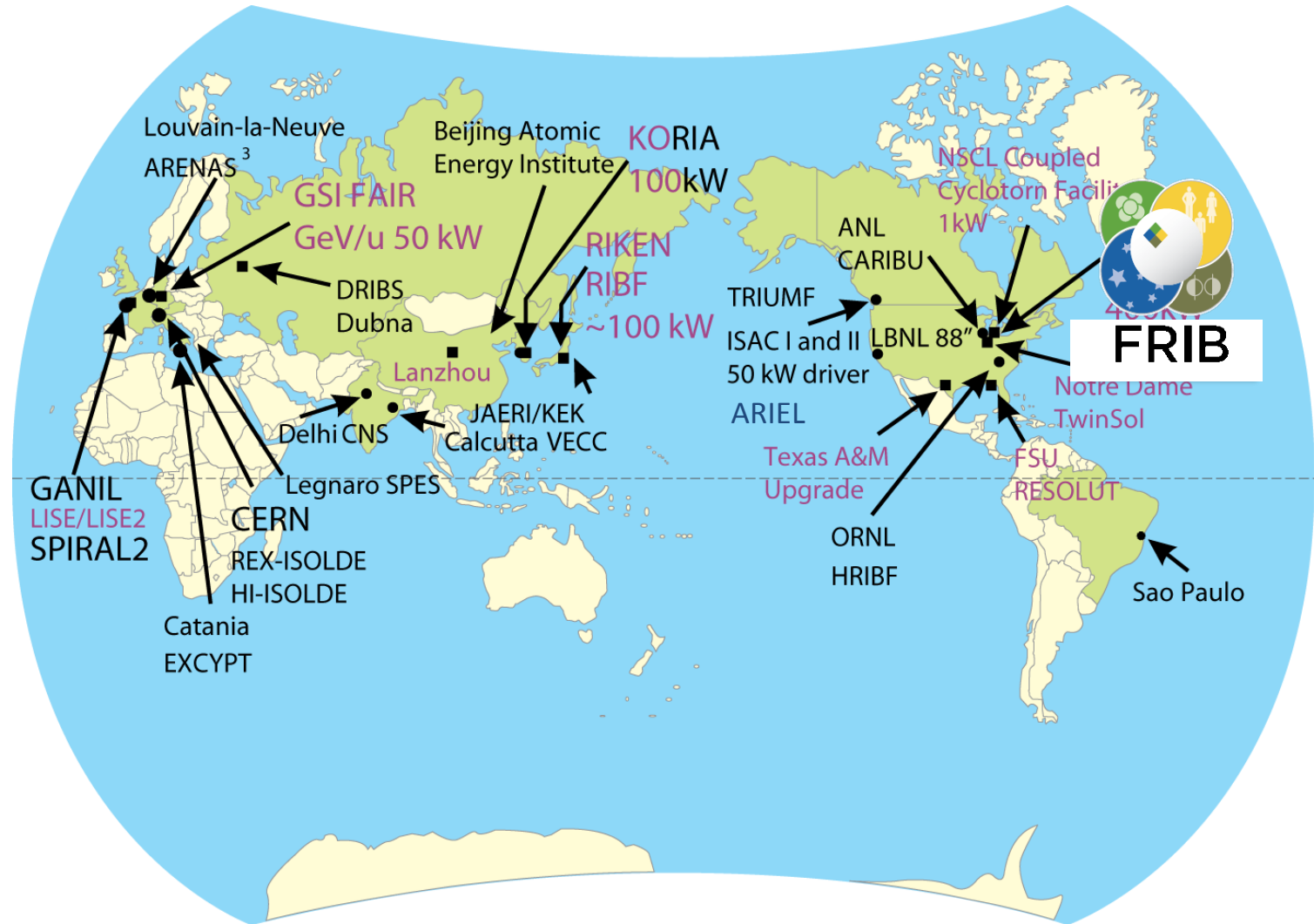
rp-process  
Novae, X-ray bursts

## Heavy Elements

Shell stability  
Island of SHE



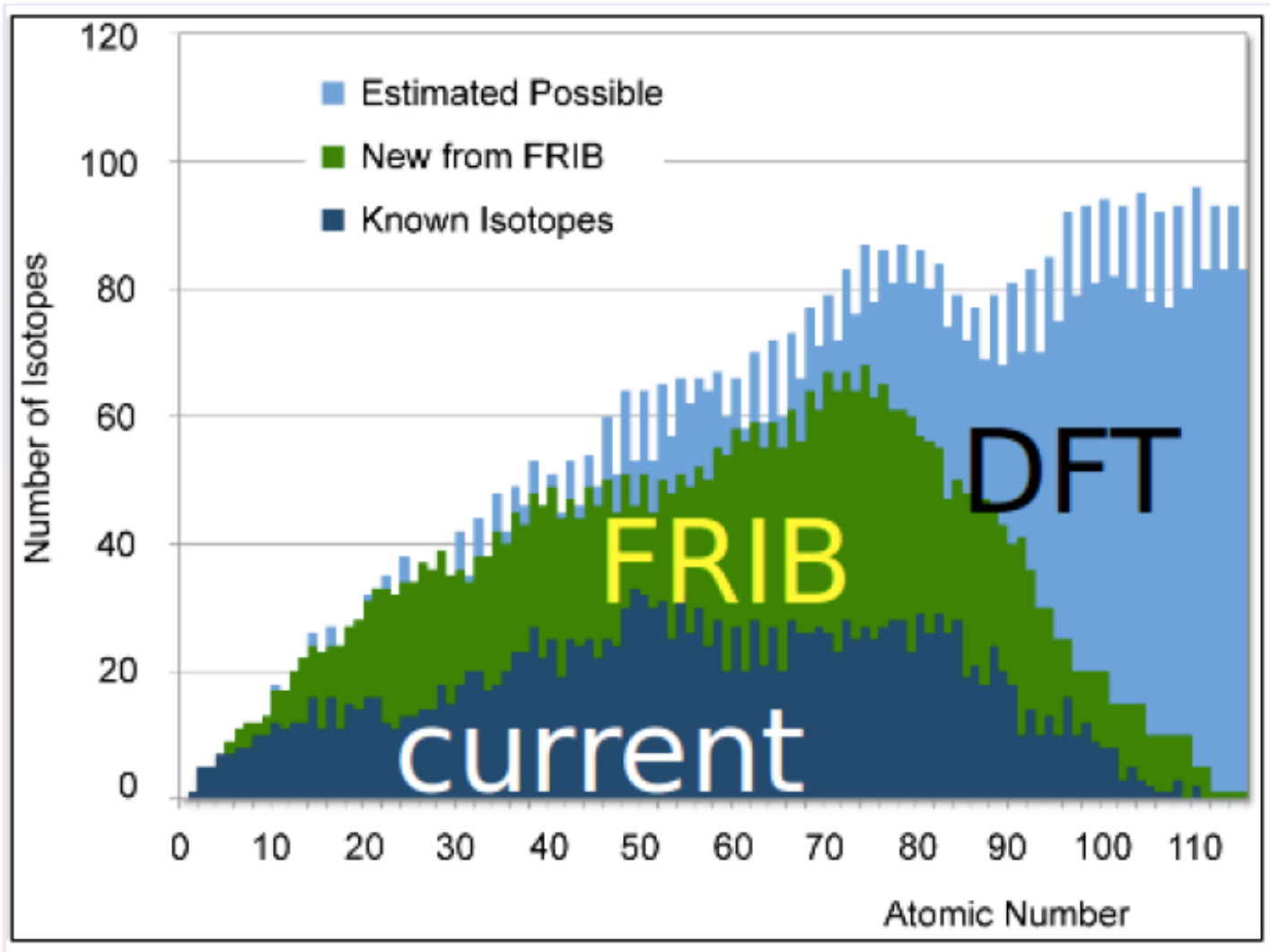
# World view of rare isotope facilities



From Brad Sherrill - MSU

Black – production in target  
 Magenta – in-flight production





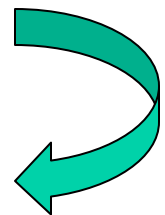
# Gamma-ray Spectroscopy and Nuclear Physics

Gamma-ray spectroscopy has played a major role in the study of the atomic nucleus.

- Coincidence relations → Level/decay scheme
- Angular distributions /correlations → Multipolarity, spins
- Linear polarization → E/M, parity
- Doppler shifts → Lifetimes,  $B(E/M \lambda)$

**“Effective” Energy resolution ( $\delta E$ ),  
Efficiency ( $\epsilon$ ), Peak-to-Background (P/T)**

**Resolving Power**



# Which detectors should we use ?

Shop for gamma ray detectors on Google

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\$ 20 M

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SOEKS-01M  
Radiation Det...

\$175.00

DosimeterShop



Radiation  
Detector Watc...

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RAE Systems  
NeutronRAE II...

\$2,850.00

Gas Detection...



Fluke  
Biomedical Io...

\$4,059.00

Grainger Indu...



S.e.  
International I...

\$87.99

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Gamma Mca-  
Multichannel...

\$1,299.00

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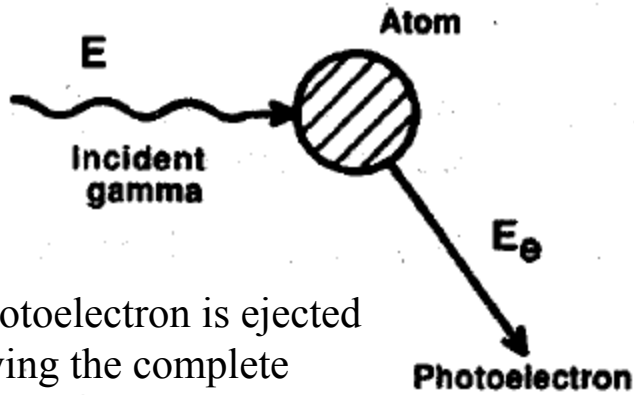
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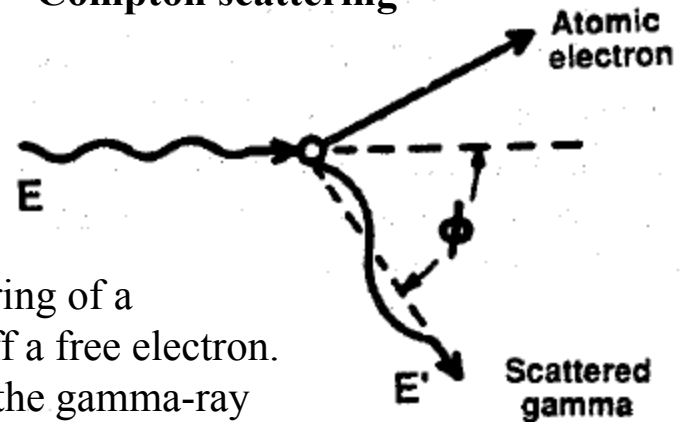
# Interaction of gamma-rays with matter

## Photo effect



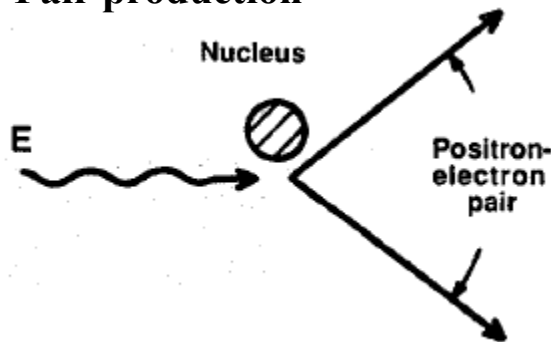
A photoelectron is ejected carrying the complete gamma-ray energy (- binding)

## Compton scattering

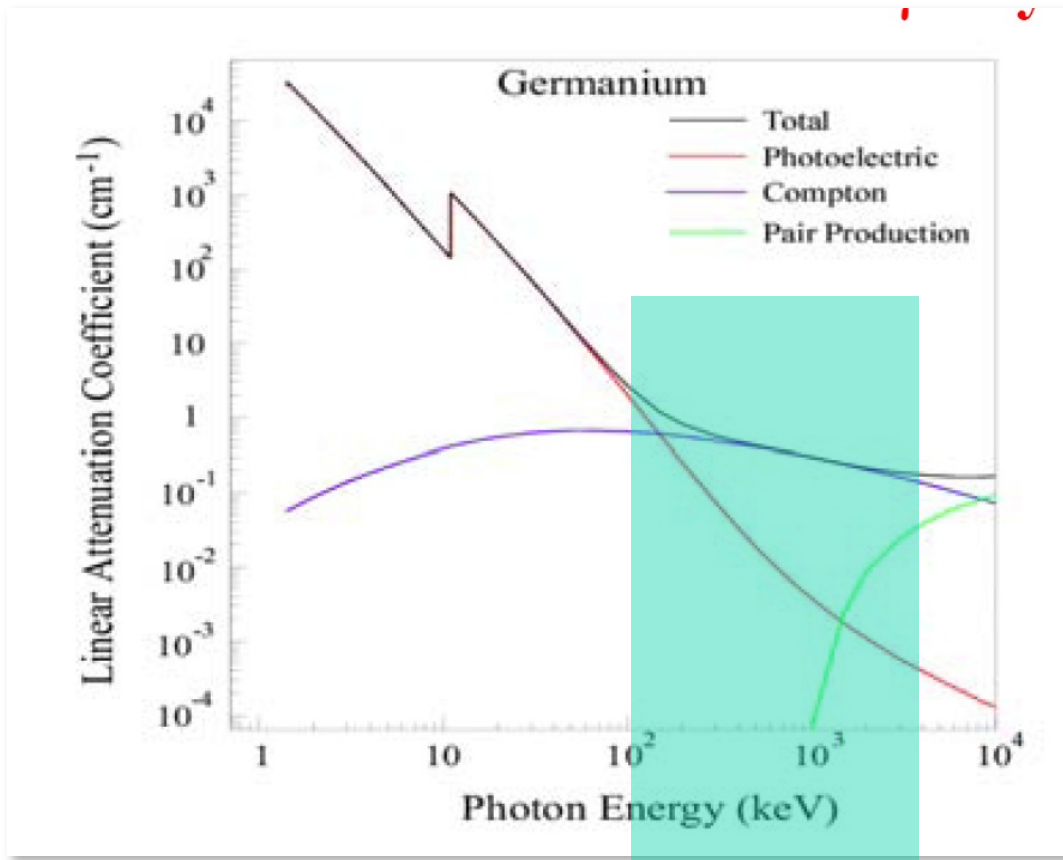


Elastic scattering of a gamma ray off a free electron. A fraction of the gamma-ray energy is transferred to the Compton electron

## Pair production



If gamma-ray energy is  $\gg 2 m_0 c^2$  (electron rest mass 511 keV), a positron-electron can be formed in the strong Coulomb field of a nucleus. This pair carries the gamma-ray energy minus  $2 m_0 c^2$ .



Photoelectric:

$$\sim Z^{4-5}, E_g^{-3.5}$$

Compton:

$$\sim Z, E_g^{-1}$$

Pair production:

$$\sim Z^2, \text{ increase with } E_g$$

**Example;** 1.33 MeV

5 interactions: 4 Compton, 1 photo

Separation of interactions: 0.5 – 5 cm

# Scintillators

Scintillators are materials that produce ‘small flashes of light’ when struck by ionizing radiation (e.g. particle, gamma, neutron). This process is called ‘**Scintillation**’.

Scintillators may appear as solids, liquids, or gases.

Major properties for different scintillating materials are:

- Light yield and linearity (energy resolution)
- How fast the light is produced (timing)
- Detection efficiency

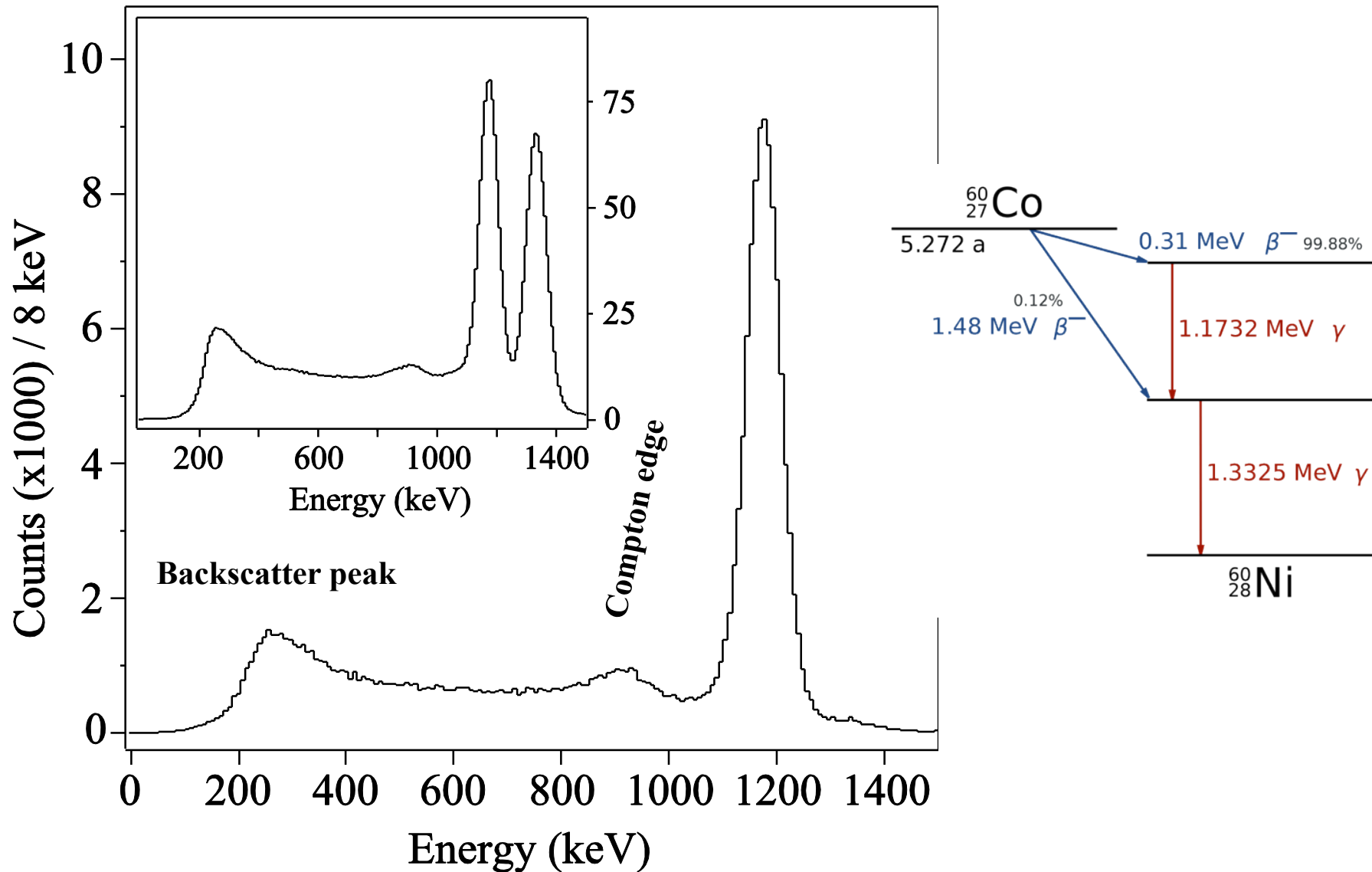
## **Organic Scintillators** (“plastics”):

Light is generated by fluorescence of molecules; usually fast, but low light yield

## **Inorganic Scintillators:**

Light generated by electron transitions within the crystalline structure of detector; usually good light yield, but slow

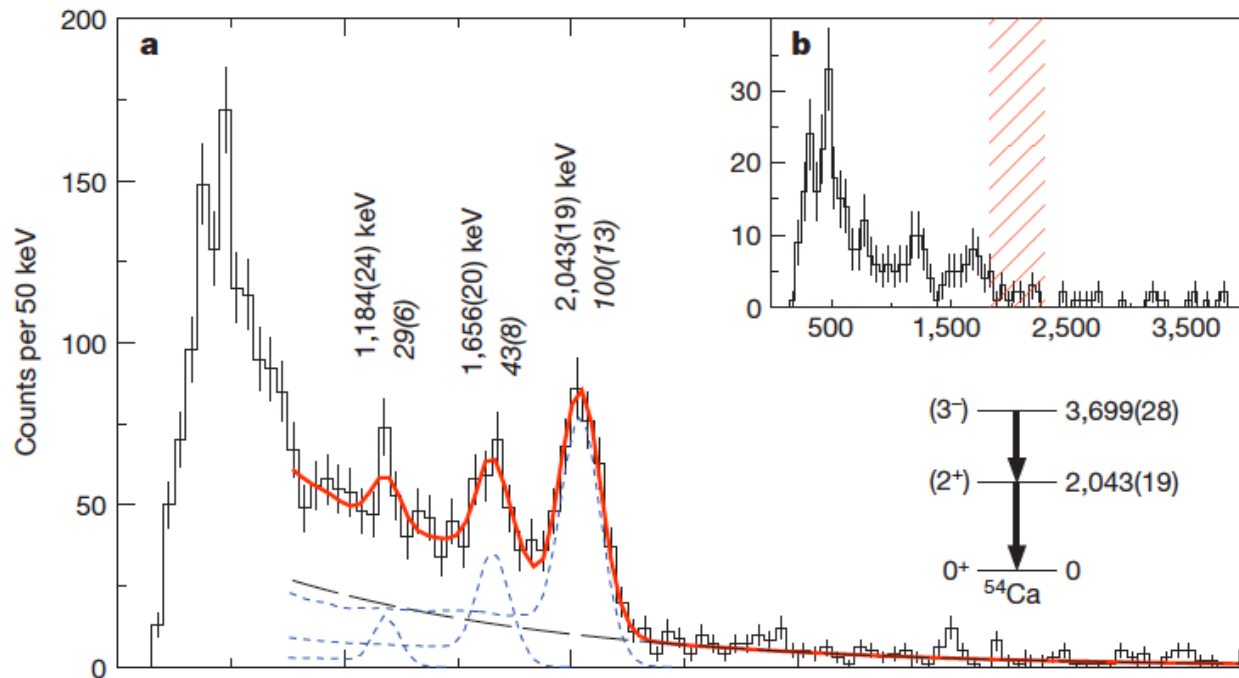
# Scintillator spectrum (here CsI(Na))



### Evidence for a new nuclear ‘magic number’ from the level structure of $^{54}\text{Ca}$

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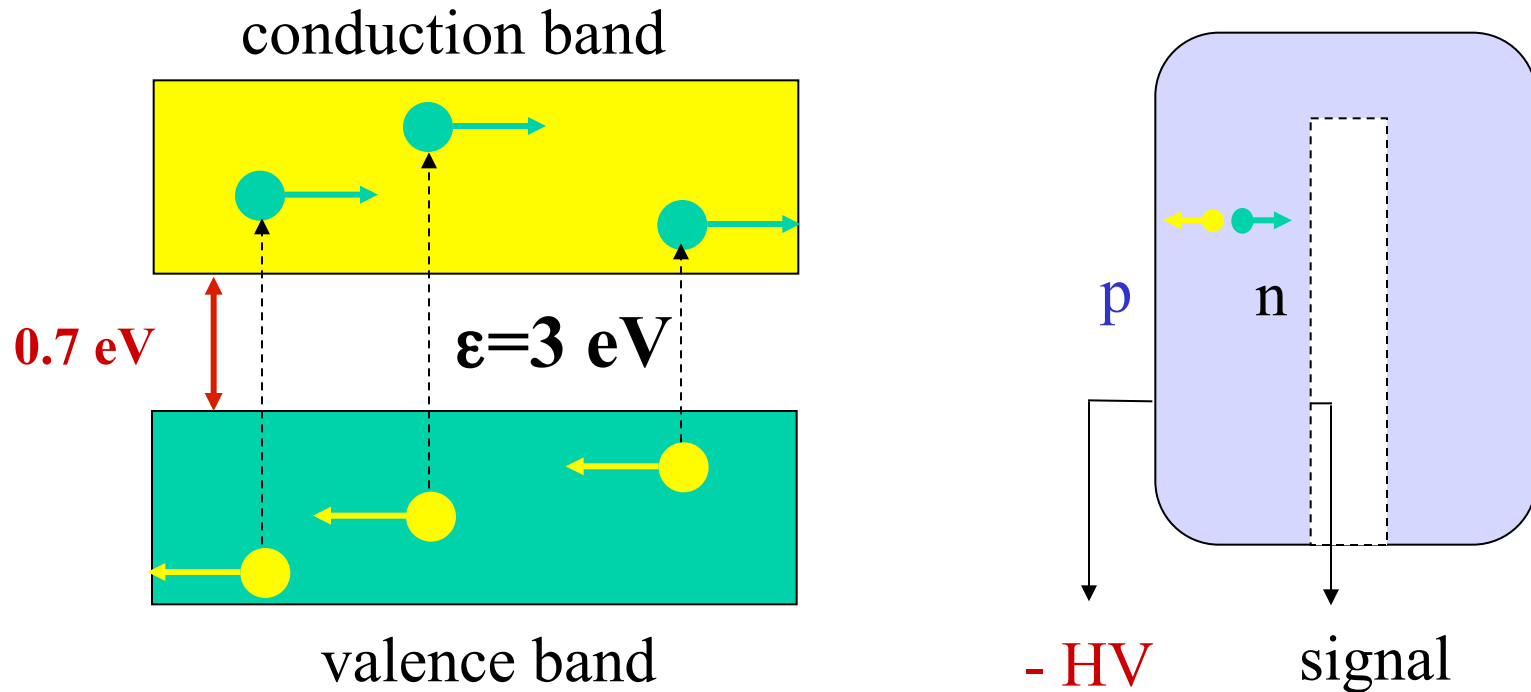
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# Germanium Semi-conductor Detectors

## Energy resolution !

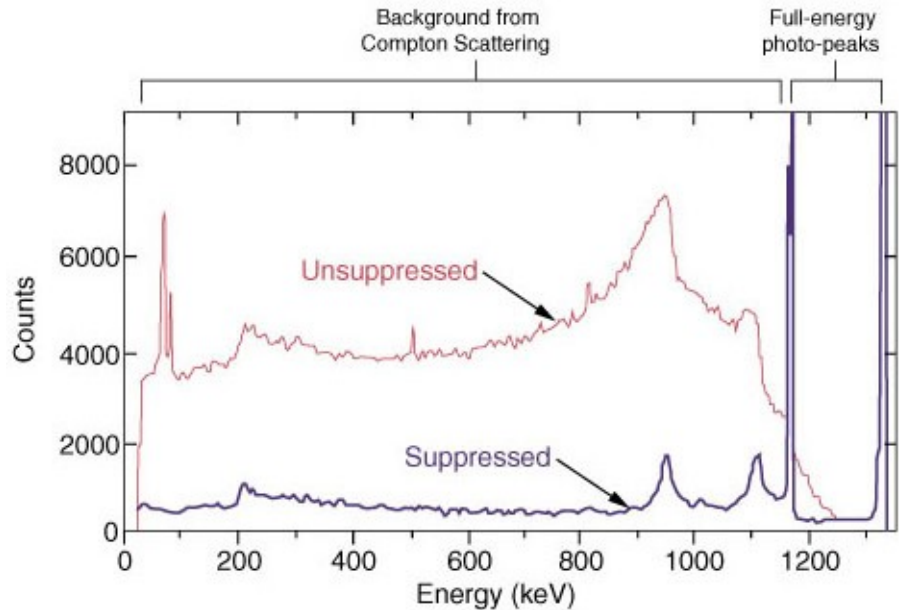
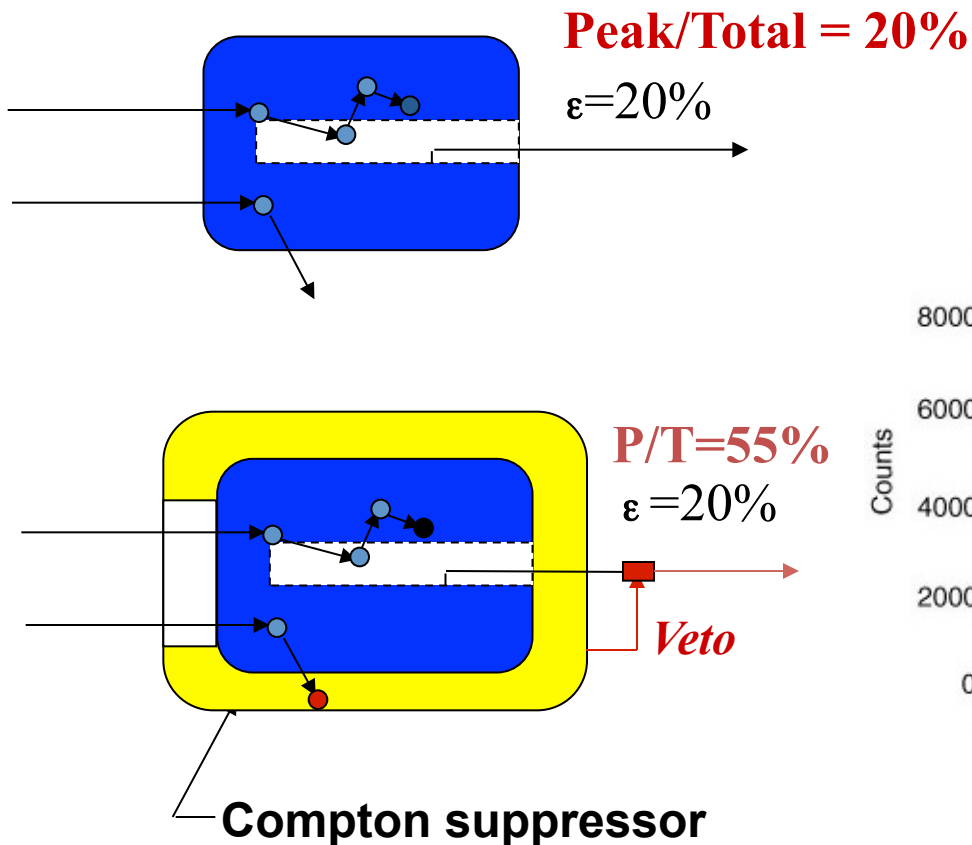


*Intrinsic energy resolution determined by statistics of charge carriers  $\sim$*

$$\sqrt{N} \rightarrow FWHM = 2.35\sqrt{F E_{\gamma} / \epsilon}$$

# Compton Suppression

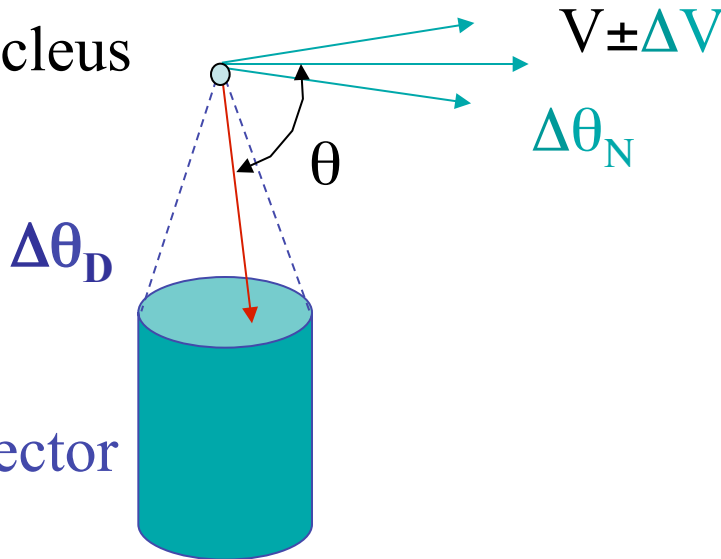
Improve peak-to-total ratio



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## Effective Resolution: Doppler Broadening

Moving nucleus



*Doppler shift*

$$E_{\gamma} = E_{\gamma}^0 \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}}{1 - \frac{V}{c} \cos \theta}$$

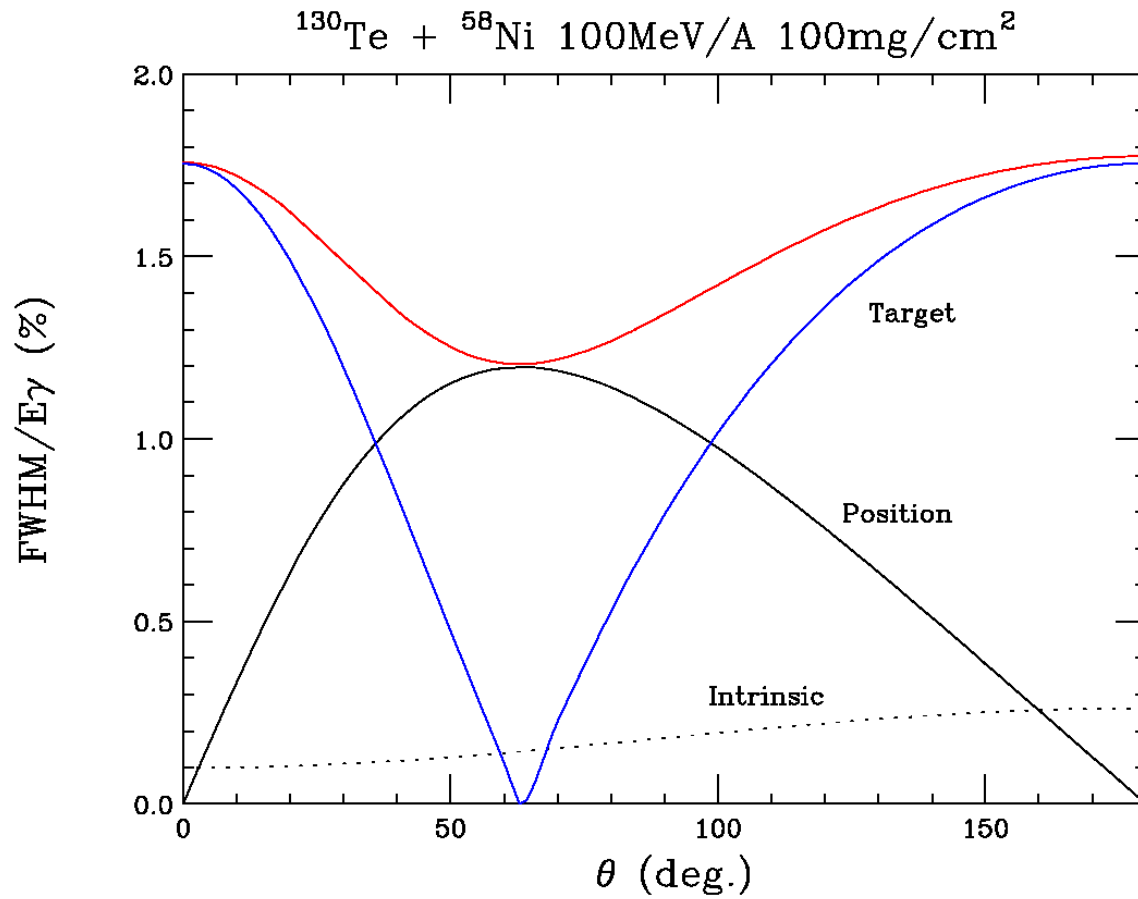
**Broadening of detected gamma ray energy due to:**

- Spread in speed  $\Delta V$
- Distribution in the direction of velocity  $\Delta\theta_N$
- Detector opening angle  $\Delta\theta_D$

➔ **Need accurate determination of  $V$  and  $\theta$ .**

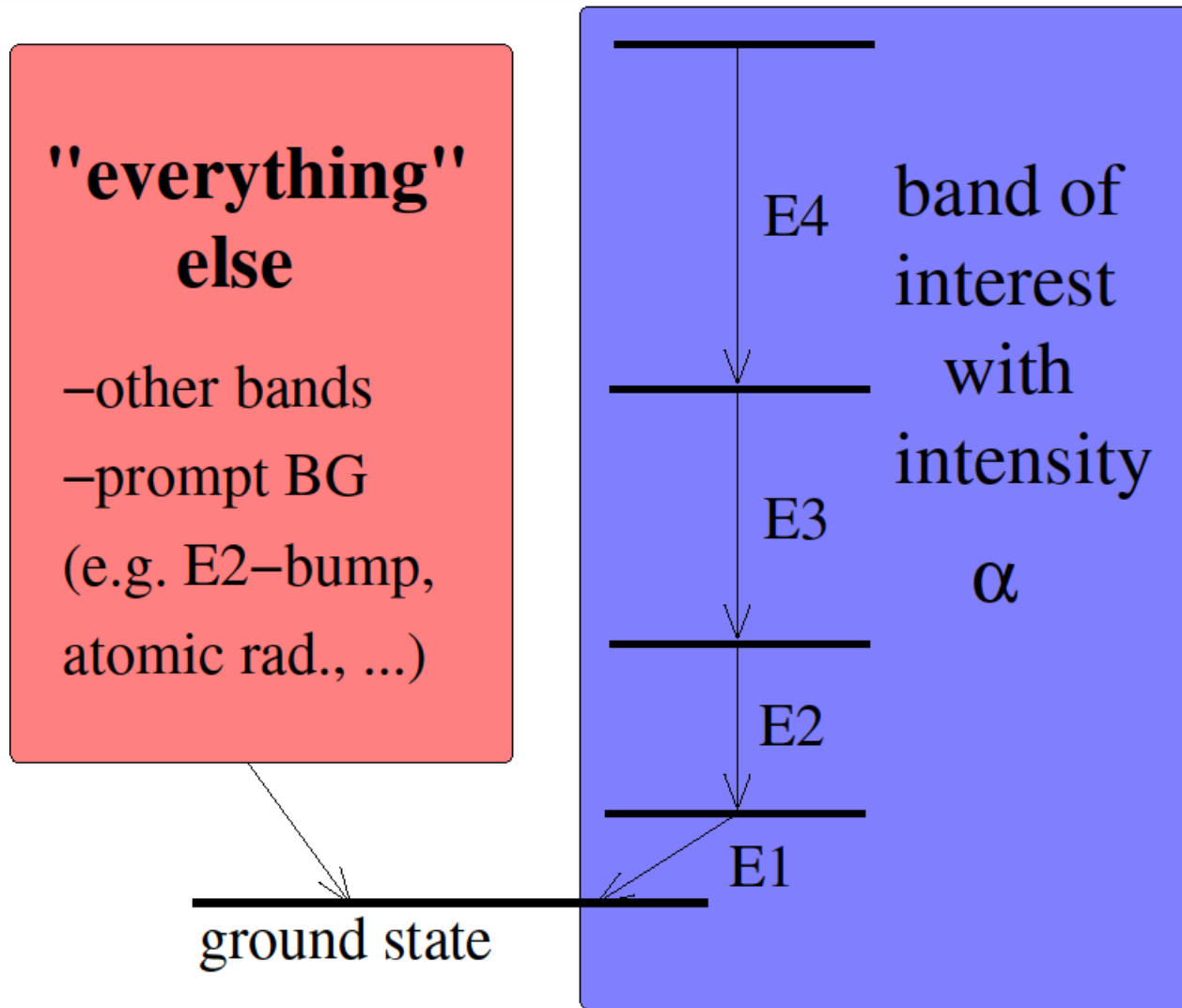
➔ **Minimize opening angle and particle detector**

# Doppler Broadening



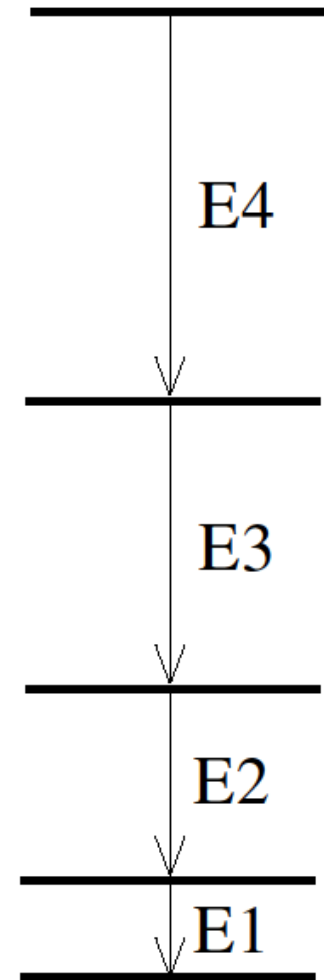
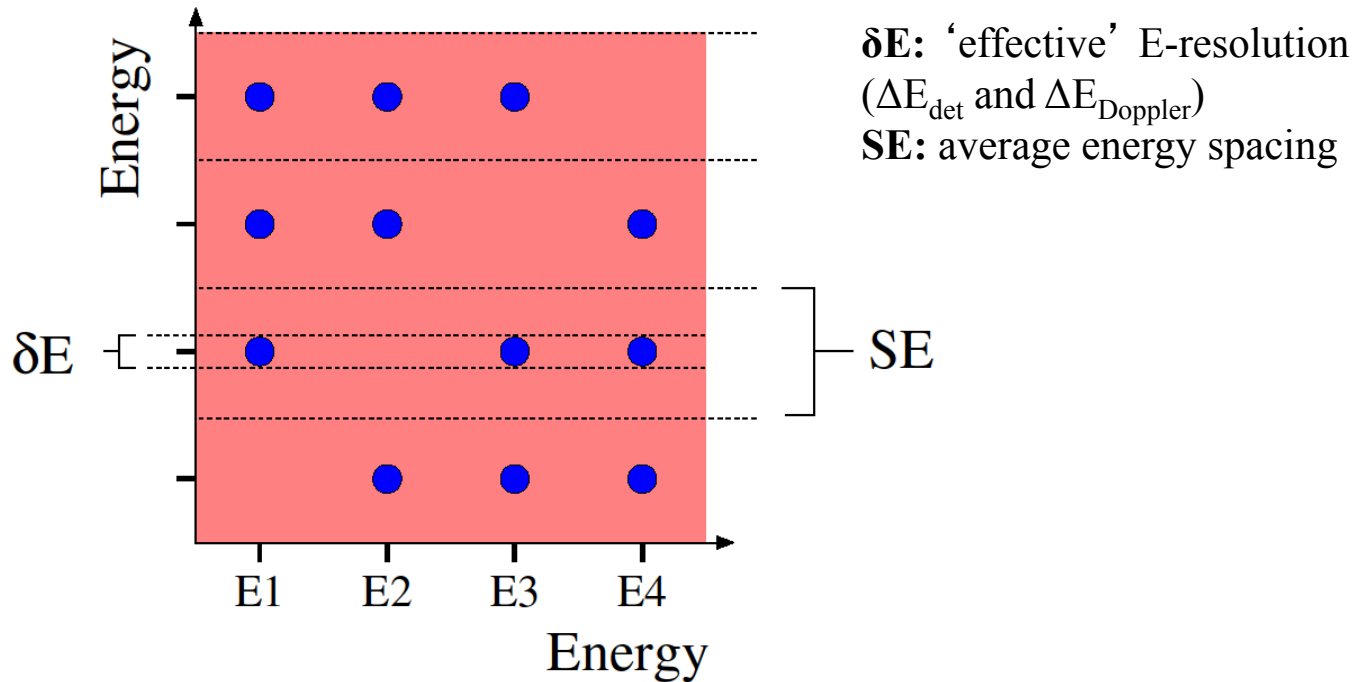
# Resolving Power...

A figure of merit (resolving power) could be measured by the ability to observe weak branches from rare and exotic nuclear states.



# Improving Peak-to-Background...

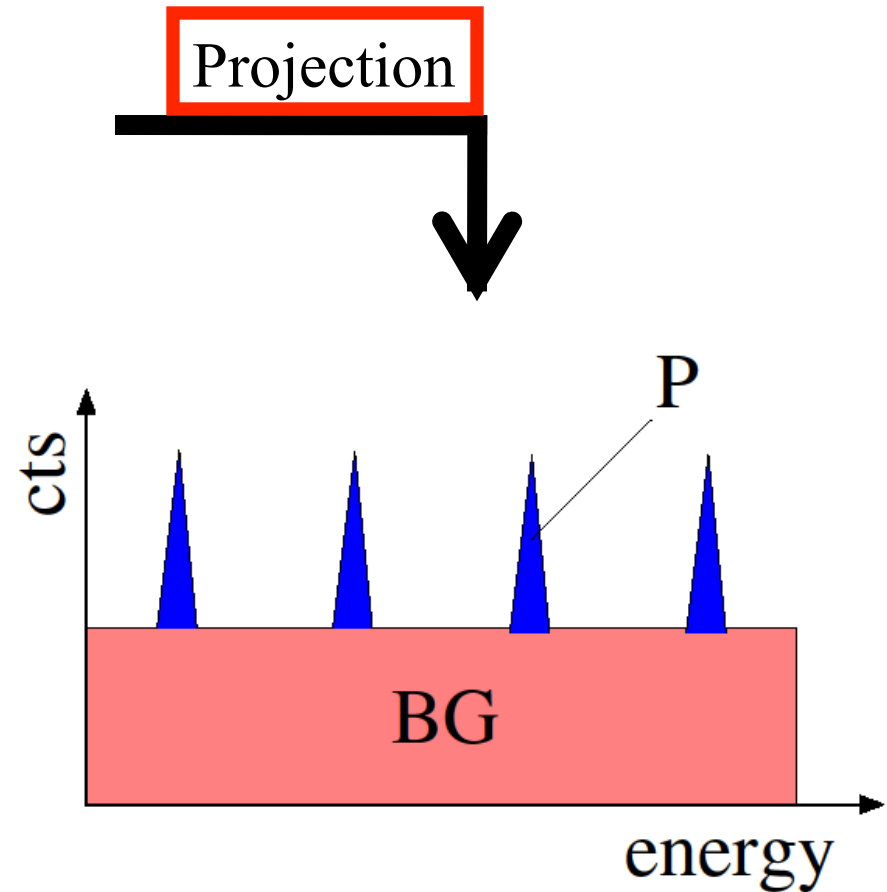
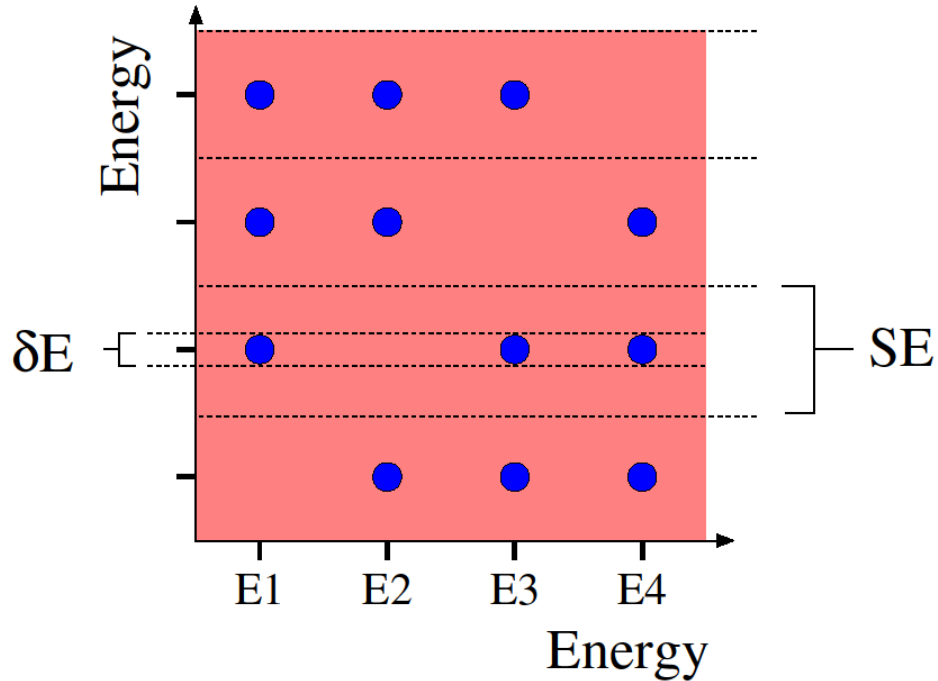
...using F-fold coincidences (here 'matrix' : F=2)

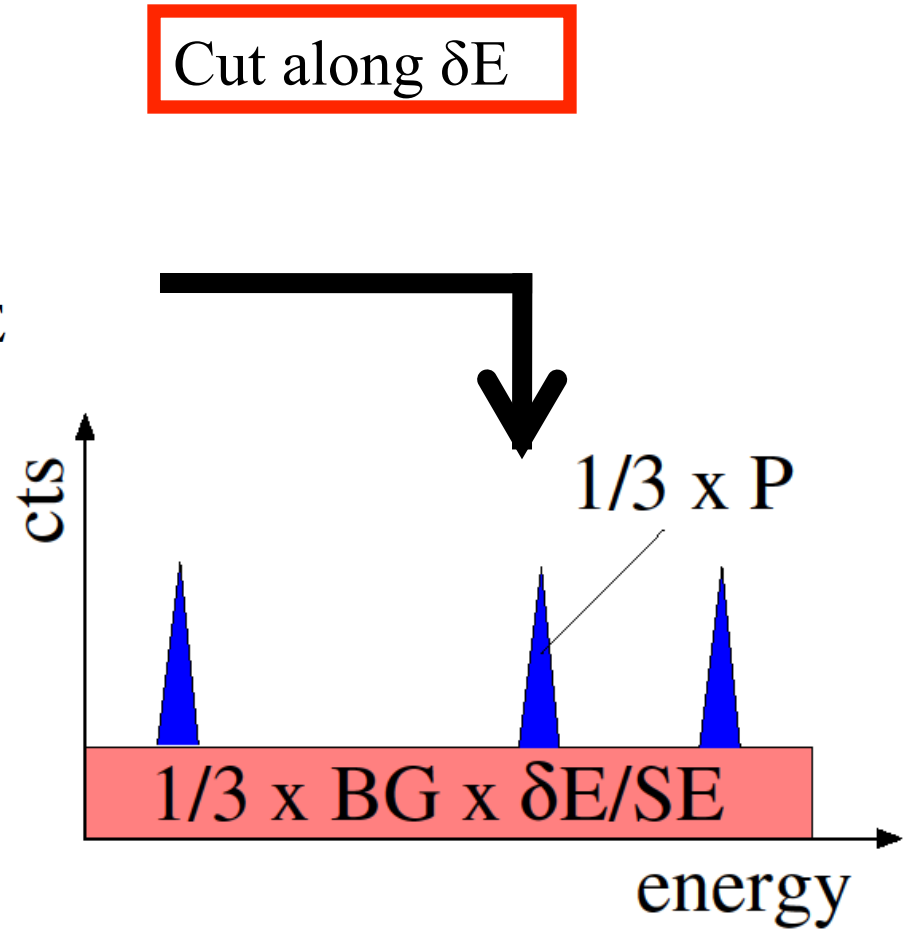
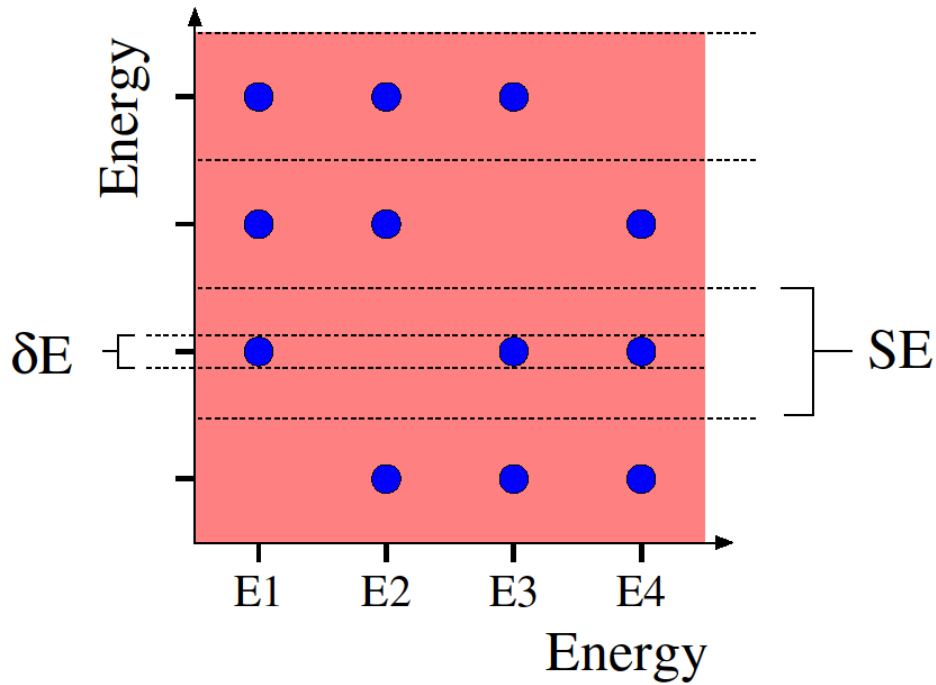


- $E_x$ - $E_y$  coincidences go into peak (blue)
- "everything else" spread over red area, as it isn't coincident with any  $E_x$

# Improving Peak-to-Background...

...using F-fold coincidences (here 'matrix' : F=2)





Improvement of  $P/BG$  by factor  $SE/\delta E$  !!!



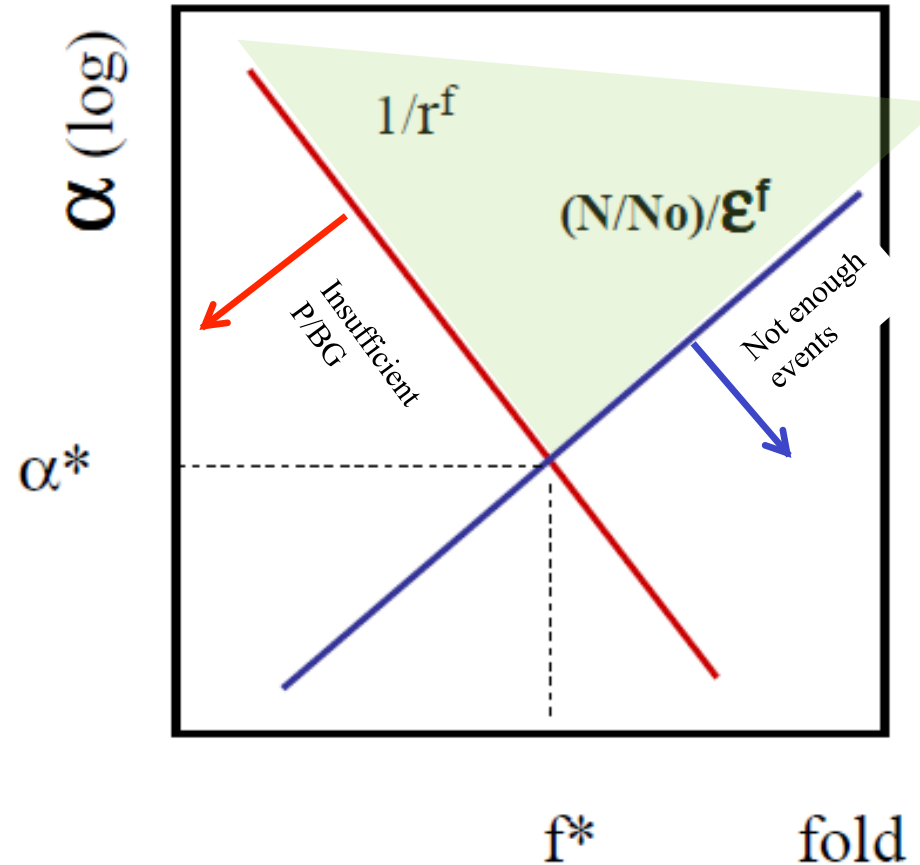
Note:  $r > 1$ ,  $\epsilon < 1$

With  $r \approx \left(\frac{SE}{\delta E}\right)\left(\frac{P}{T}\right)$

$$\alpha = 1/r^f$$

The counts in the peak of interest

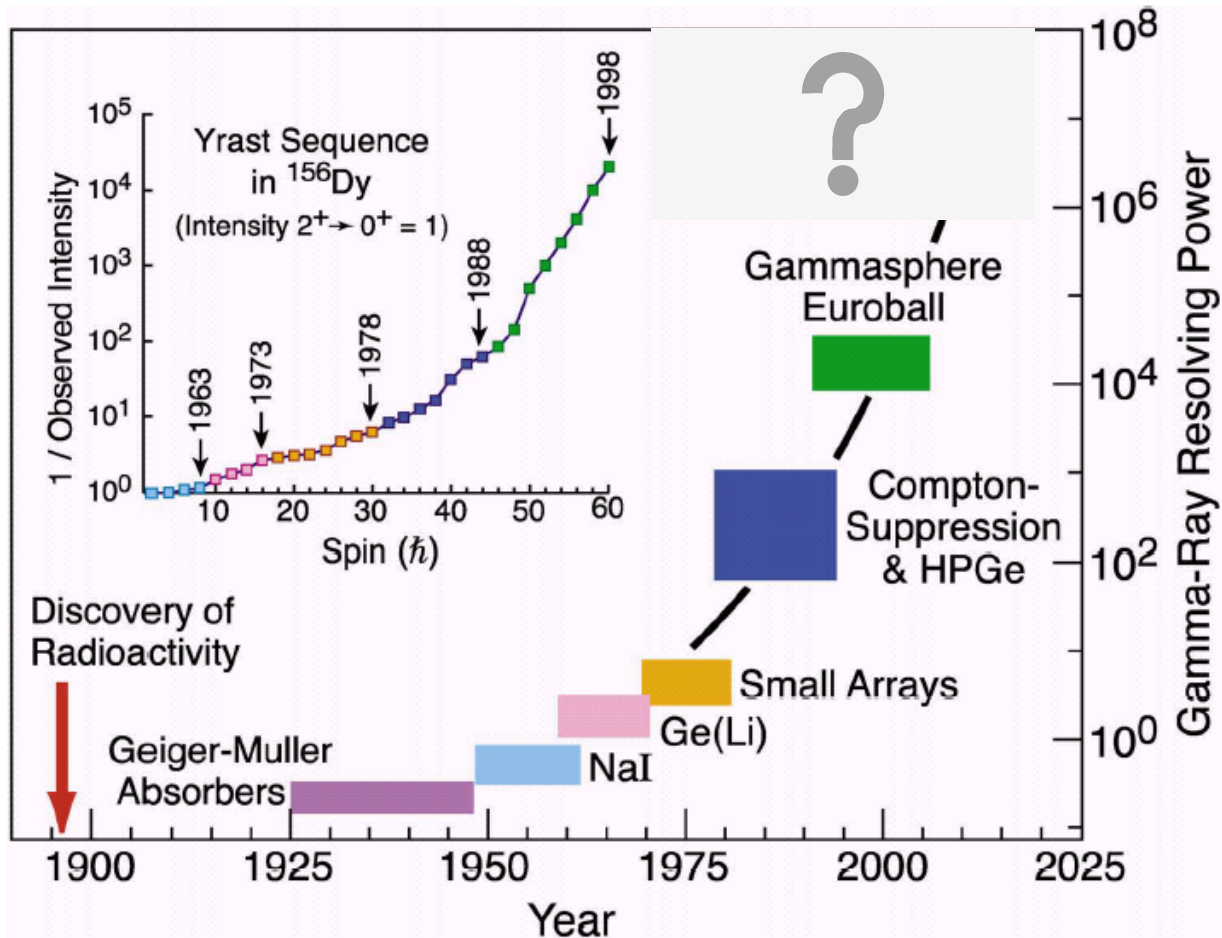
$$N = \alpha N_o \epsilon^f$$



The resolving power is

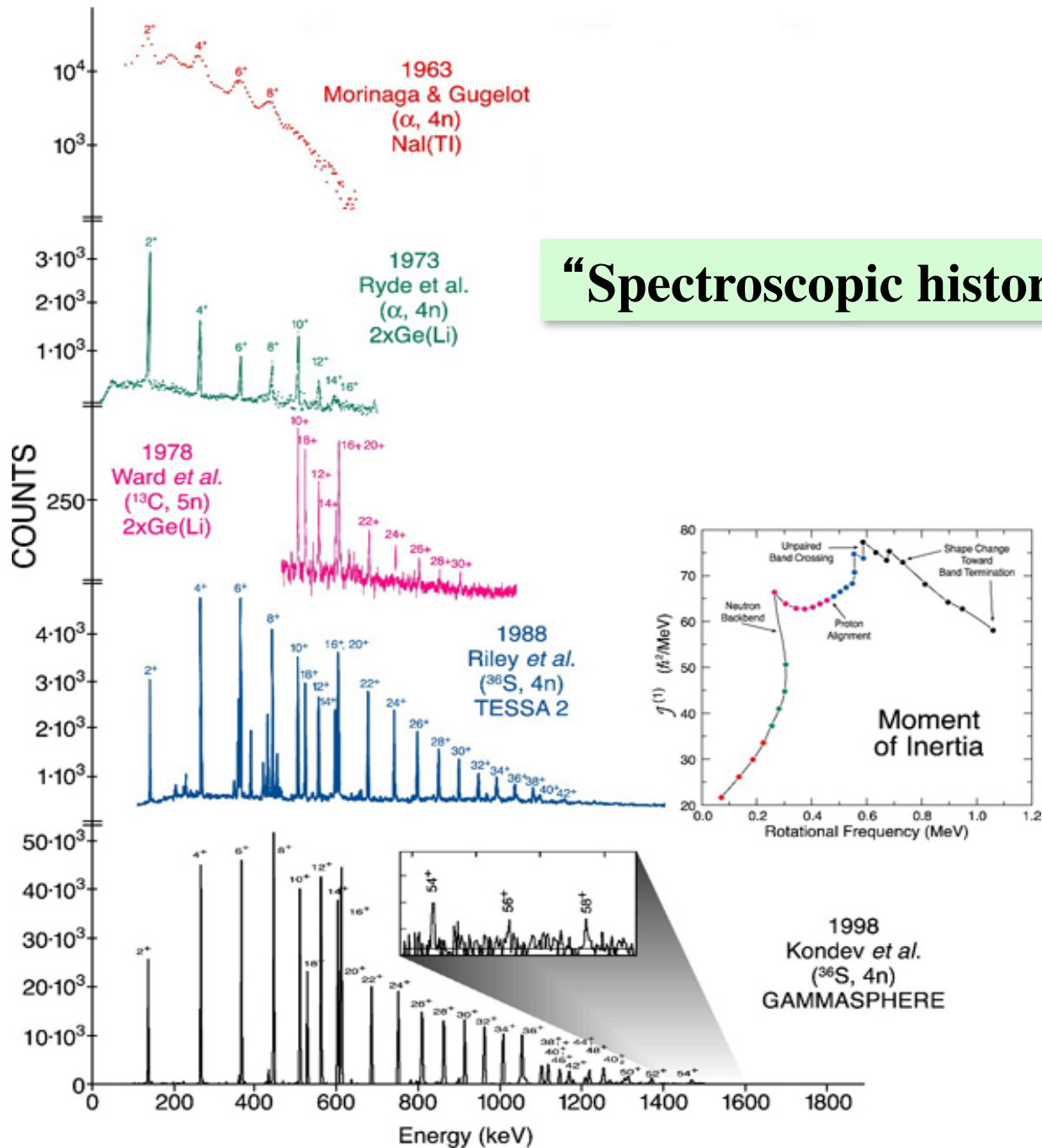
$$RP = \frac{1}{\alpha^*} = r^{f^*}$$

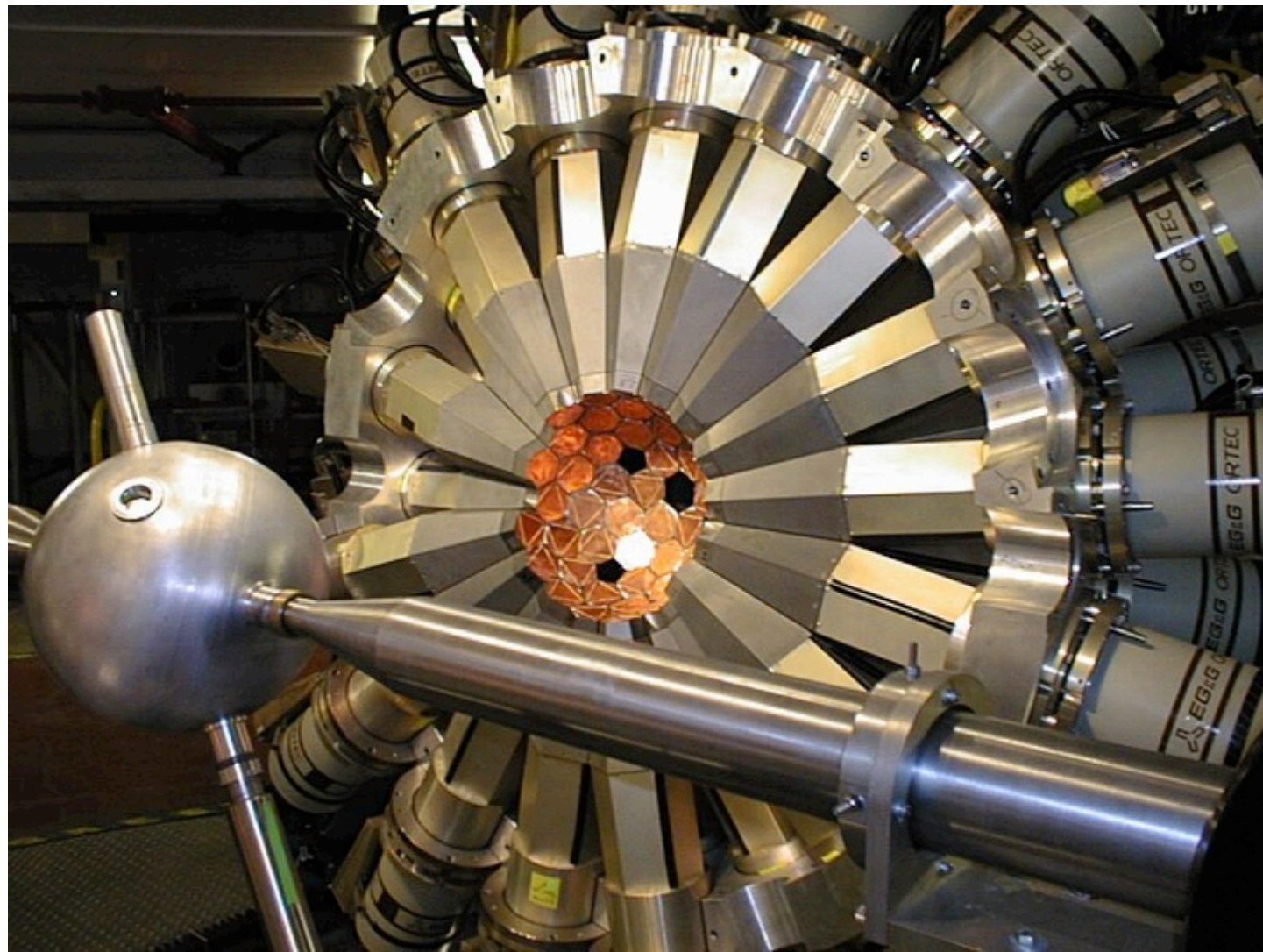
# Evolution of Gamma-ray Spectroscopy Resolving Power



**Development of new detectors and techniques have always led to discoveries of new and unexpected phenomena.**

# “Spectroscopic history” of $^{156}\text{Dy}$



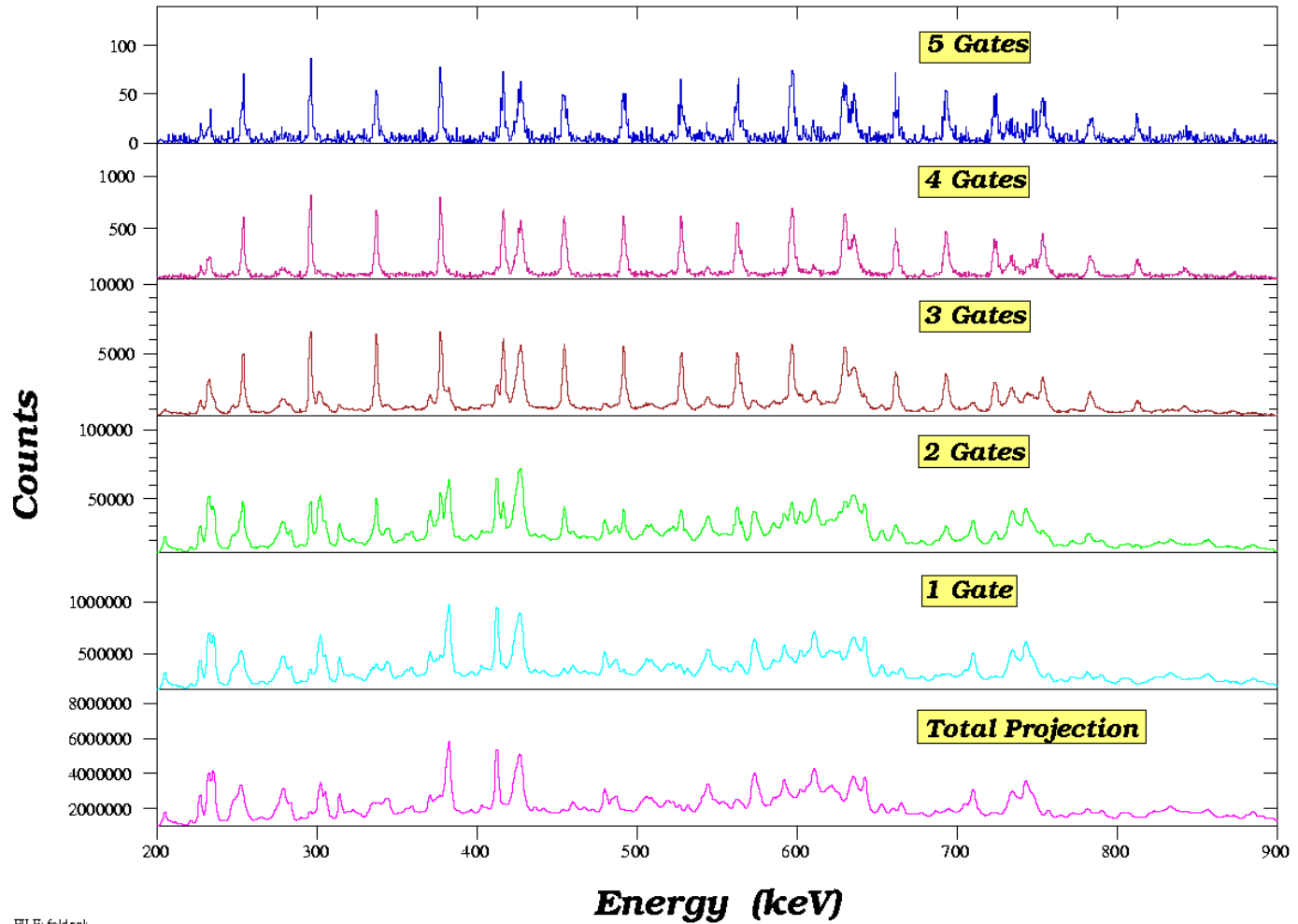


<b>Number of modules</b>	110
<b>Ge Size</b>	7cm (D) × 7.5cm (L)
<b>Distance to Ge</b>	25 cm

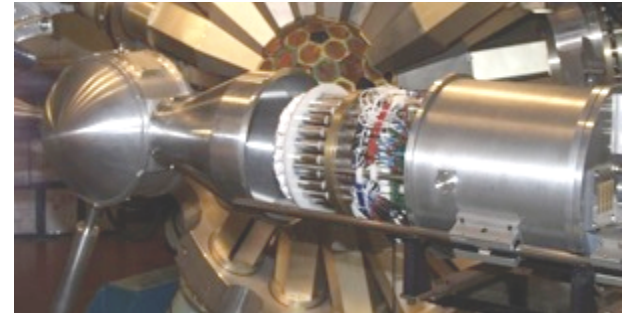
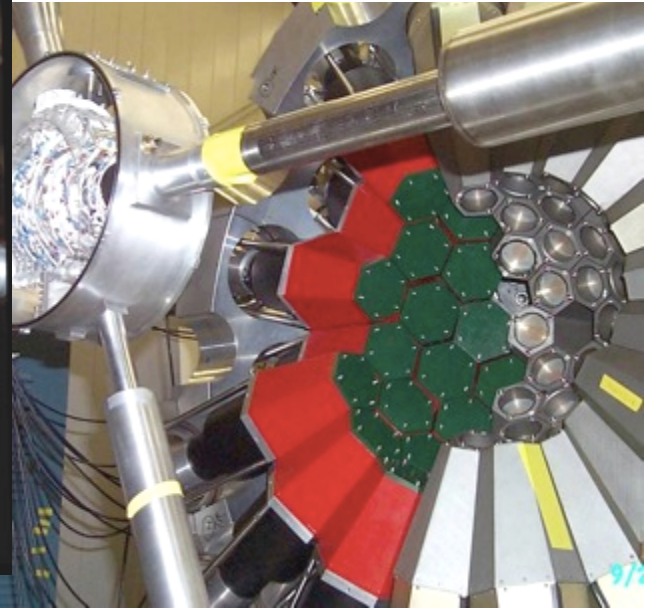
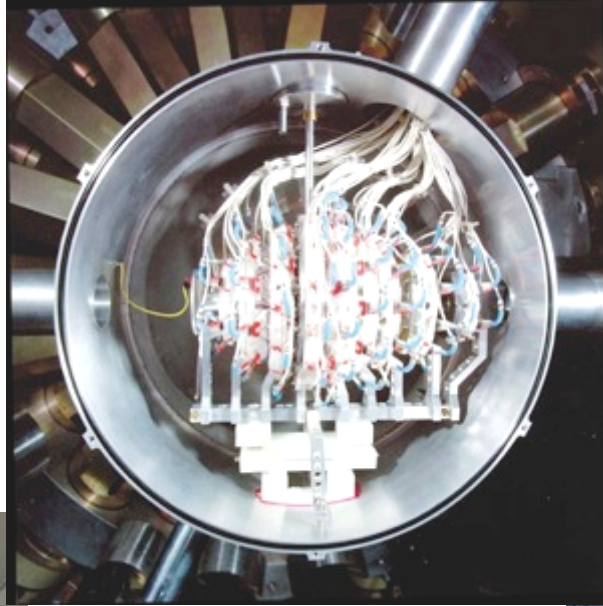
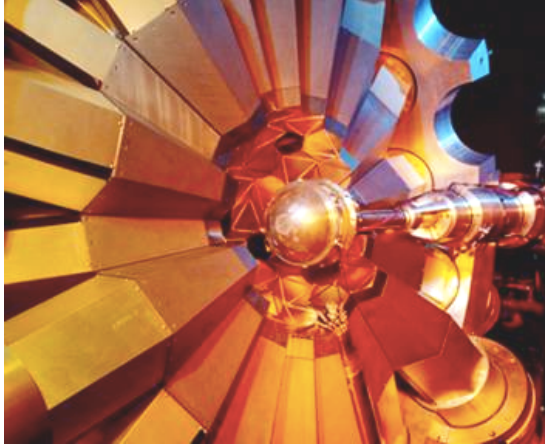
<b>Peak efficiency</b>	9% (1.33 MeV)
<b>Peak/Total</b>	55% (1.33 MeV)
<b>Resolving power</b>	10,000

# An example:

$^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{150}\text{Nd}$ , 201 MeV **GAMMASPHERE 70 Det.**



# Auxiliary Devices



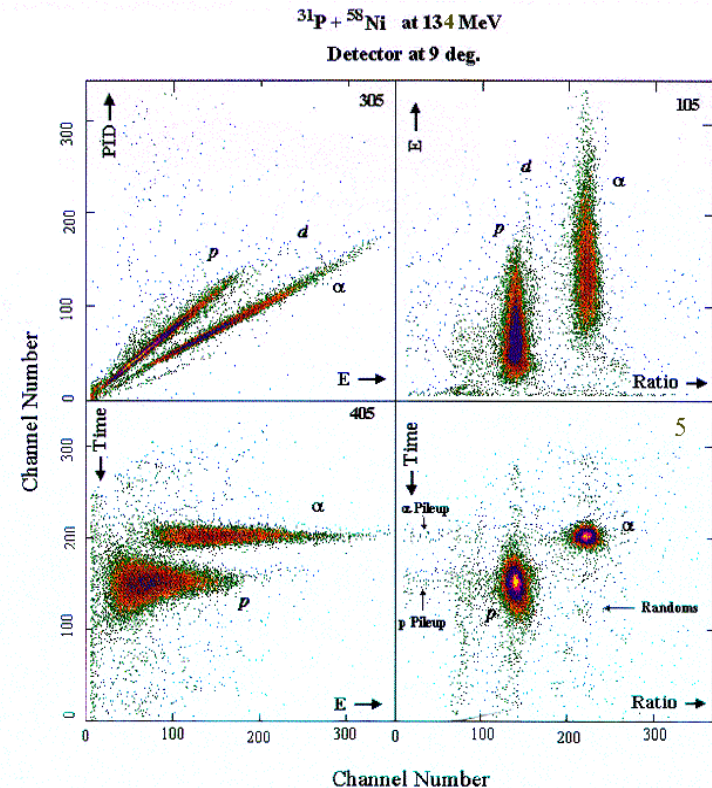
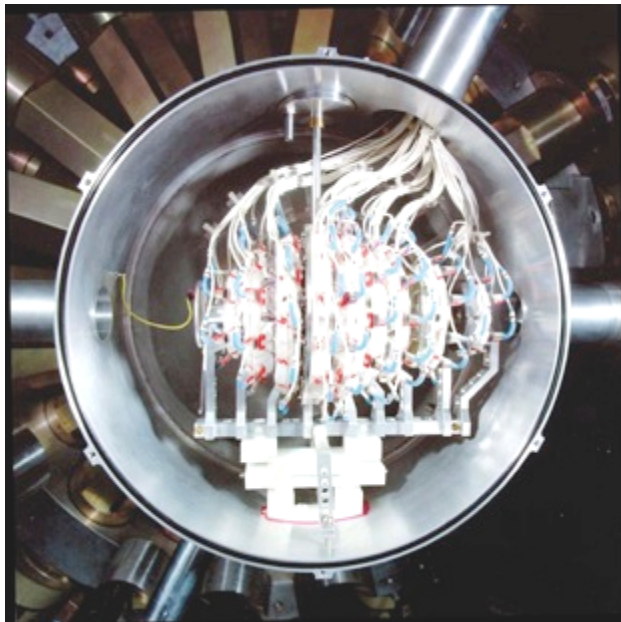
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Design, instrumentation and response characteristics of a  $4\pi$ -multidetector exit channel-selection device for spectroscopic and reaction mechanism studies with Gammasphere

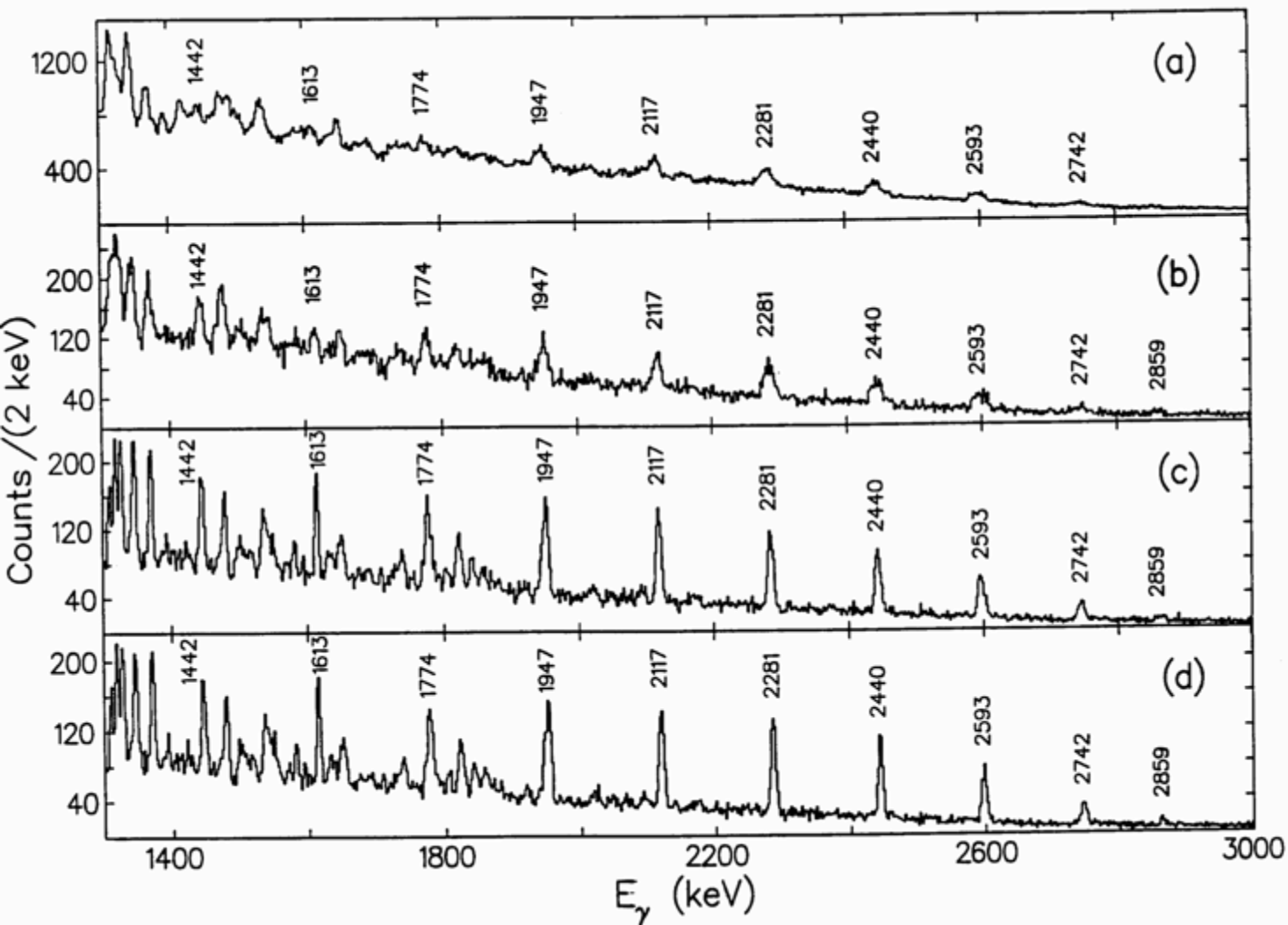
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■ Channel selection - lower background  
 ■ Recoil correction - better Resolution  
 $^{28}\text{Si} + ^{58}\text{Ni} \Rightarrow ^{80}\text{Sr} + \alpha 2p$  Yrast SD band  
 No Background subtraction



GS alone  $\gamma\gamma$

MB + GS  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  
no Recoil C.

MB + GS  $\gamma\gamma$   
+ RC (const  $\beta$ )

MB+GS  $\gamma\gamma$   
+ RC- $\beta(E_\pi)$





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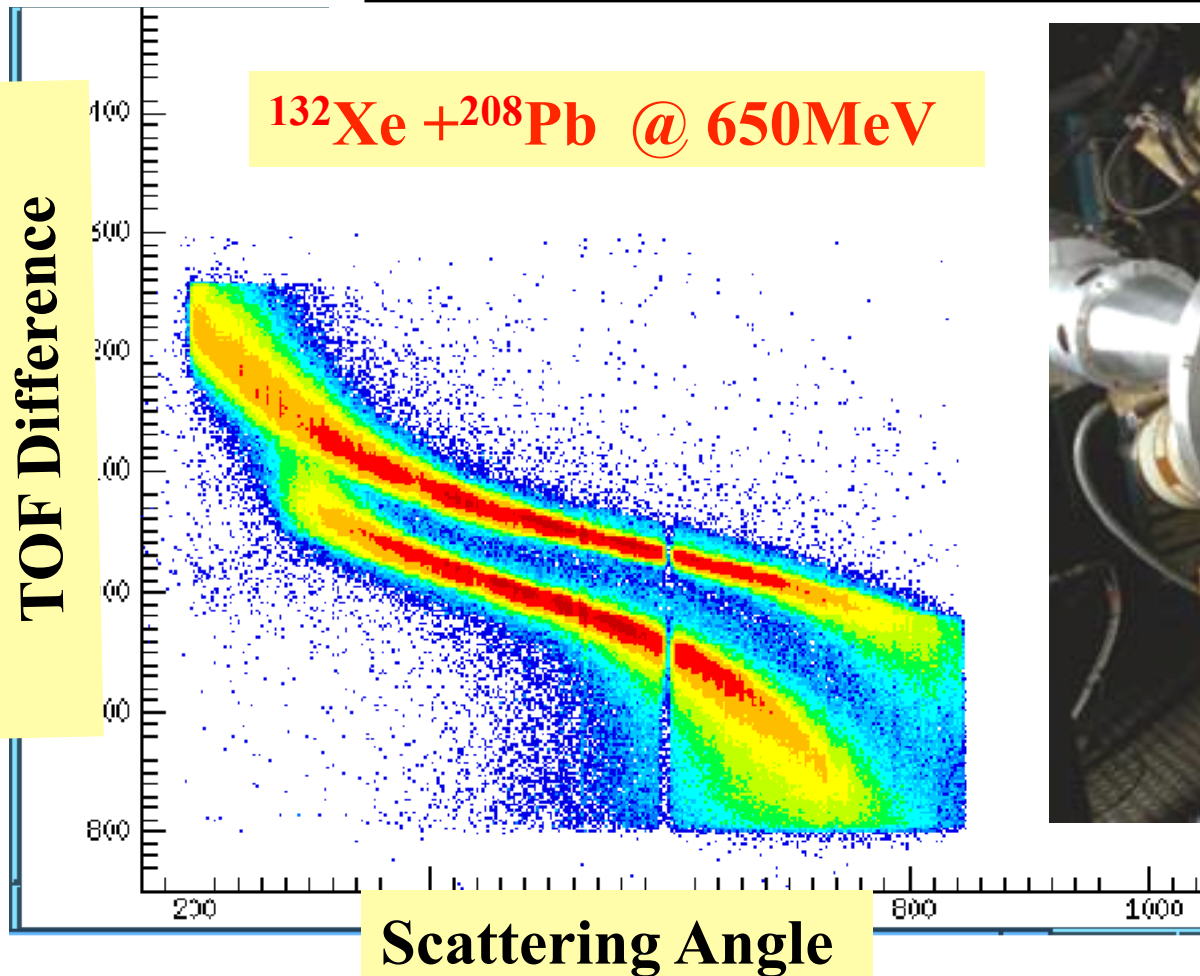
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## CHICO, a heavy ion detector for Gammasphere<sup>☆</sup>

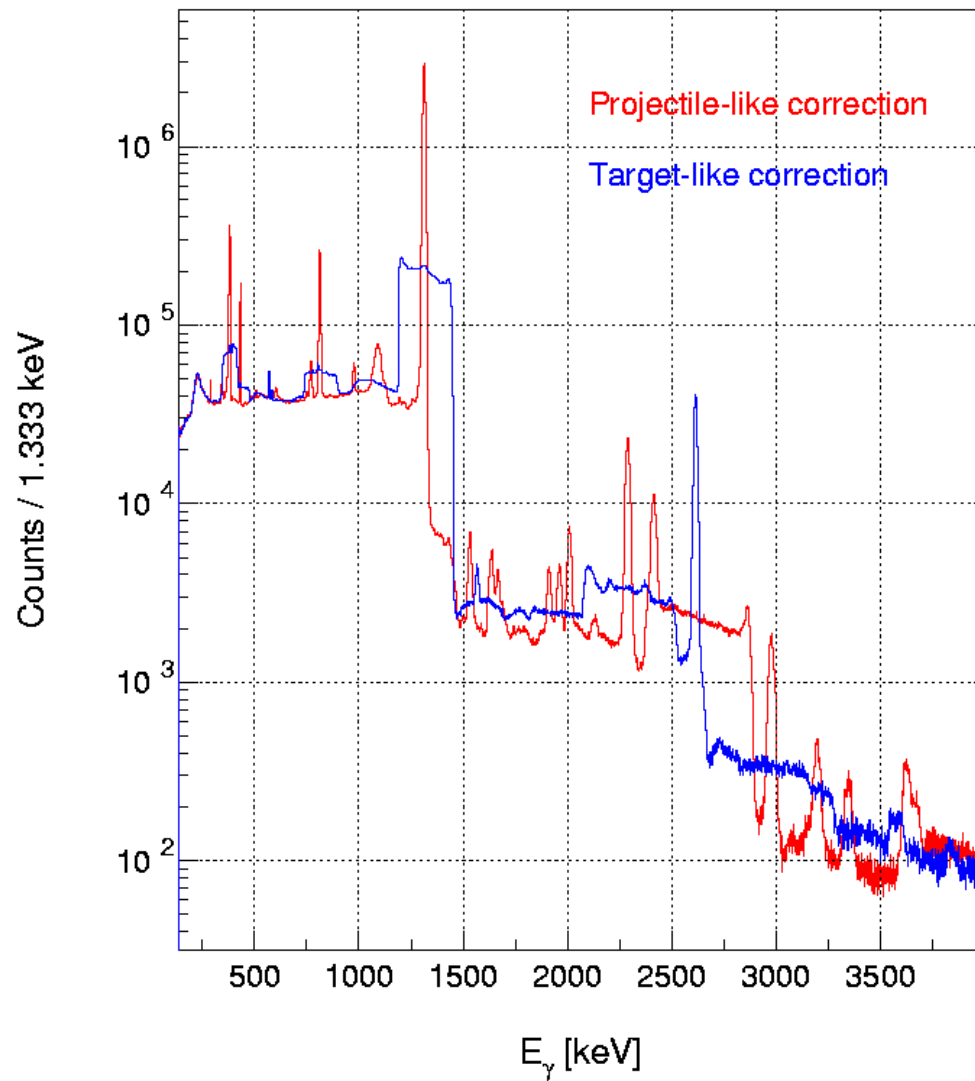
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$^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$  at 650 MeV

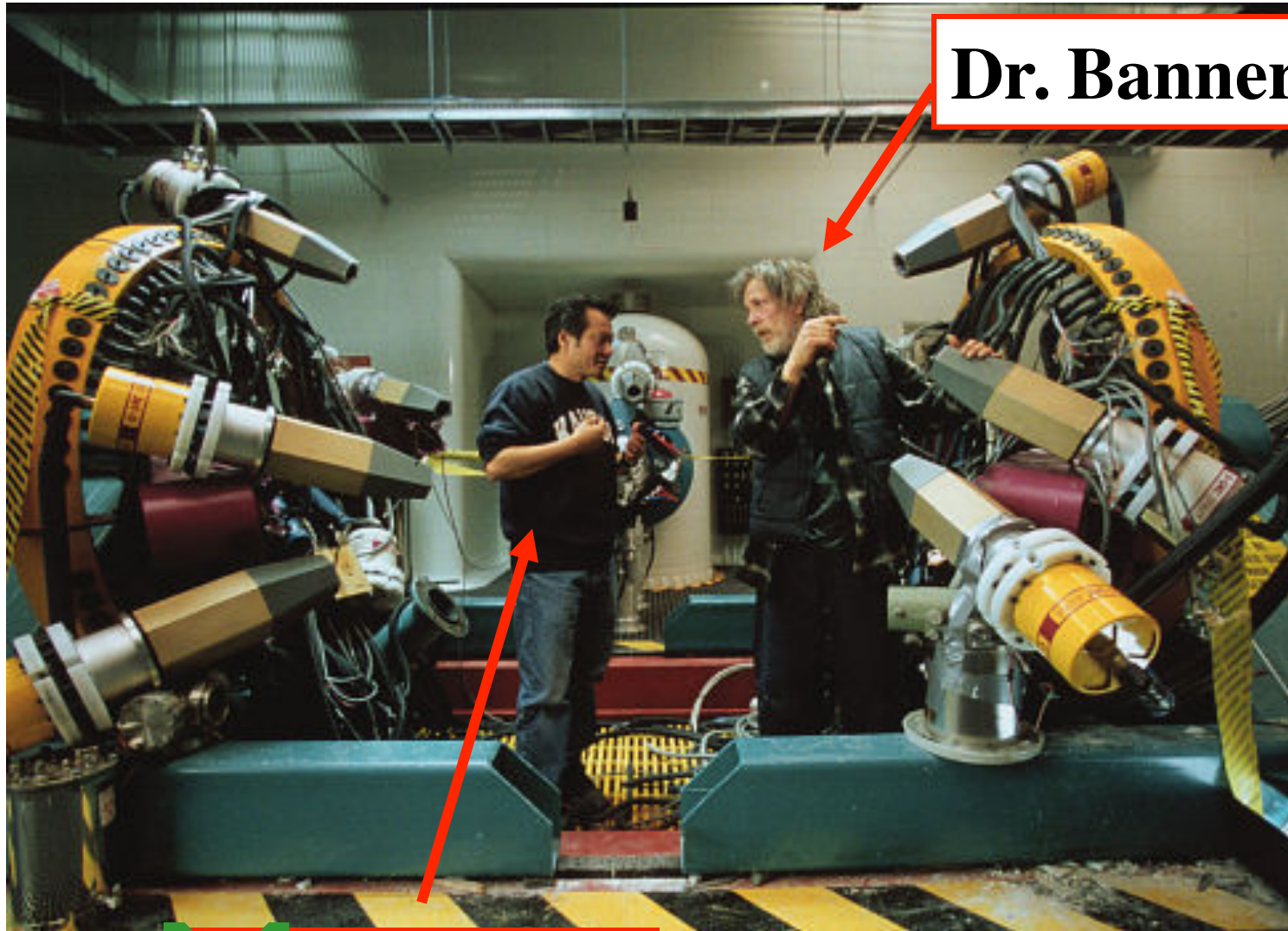




**The Most Famous  
GAMMASPHERE Experiment**

**Proposed by Dr. Bruce Banner in 2001**

## Setting-up the Experiment



**Dr. Banner Sr.**

~~Yang Lee~~





**ATLAS**  
Argonne Tandem Linear Accelerator System

*The prime national facility for nuclear structure research*

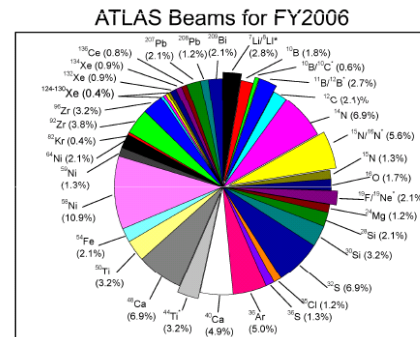
The ATLAS facility is a leading facility for nuclear structure research in the United States. It provides a wide range of beams for nuclear reaction and structure research to a large community of users from the US and abroad. The full range of all stable ions can be produced in ECR ion sources, accelerated in the world's first superconducting linear accelerator for ions to energies of 7-17 MeV per nucleon and delivered to one of several target stations. About 20% of the beam-time is used to generate secondary radioactive beams. These beams are used mostly to study nuclear reactions of astrophysical interest and for nuclear structure investigations.

**User community**

ATLAS provides beams and experimental instruments for a large community of nuclear scientists. In 2006, there were 436 active users, including 75 graduate students. Typically, research at ATLAS results in 10 Ph.D. theses and 60 publications in peer reviewed scientific journals every year. Beam time is allocated based on the recommendations of a Program Advisory Committee which meets twice a year.



*GAMMASPHERE is one of the forefront instruments available for experiments at ATLAS. It consists of 110 Compton-suppressed Ge detectors used to detect gamma rays emitted from compound nuclei formed by fusion of accelerated heavy ions and target nuclei.*



\* Radioactive Beams comprised 17% of running time  
*Distribution of ATLAS beams in FY2006*

**Research programs**

The ATLAS research programs focus on the key questions that are central to our understanding of baryonic matter and on the description of the astrophysical processes that generate energy and produce elements in the stars. These areas of research have been endorsed in several major reviews of the science. Specific issues being addressed are 1) the quantum structure of nuclei, 2) nuclear shapes,

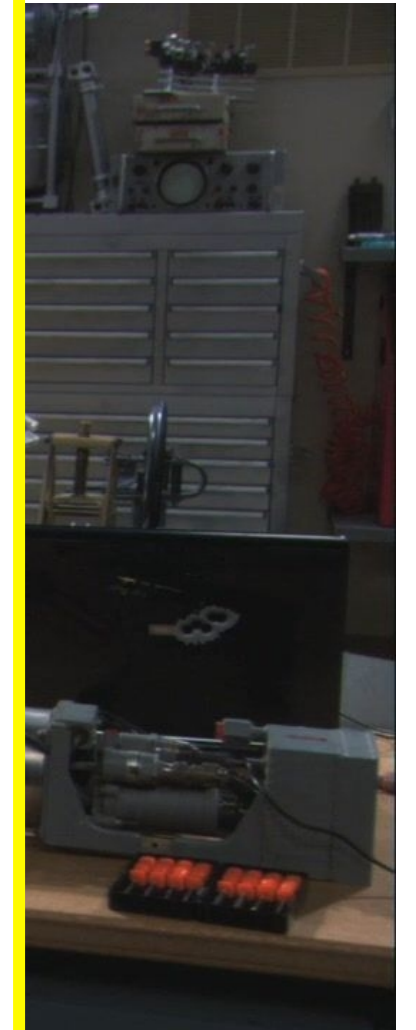
- 3) exotic decay modes, 4) masses of exotic nuclei, 5) fundamental interactions, 6) nuclear reactions of astrophysical importance, 7) properties of the heaviest nuclei and 8) accelerator mass spectrometry.

**Future developments**

Since its inception in 1985, the ATLAS facility has continually been upgraded in order to be at the forefront of nuclear research. At present, the Californium Rare Ion Breeder Upgrade, CARIBU, is being built. This facility will provide for the acceleration of neutron-rich fission fragments from a one Curie <sup>252</sup>Cf source to study neutron-rich nuclei, particularly those of relevance for the astrophysical rapid neutron capture process responsible for the production of a large fraction of the heavy elements in the Universe. A novel superconducting solenoid spectrometer, HELIOS, which is ideal for the study of the structure of these neutron-rich species, is under construction and an energy upgrade of ATLAS is also under way. In order to fully explore neutron-rich nuclei, a current frontier in nuclear physics research, a major new facility for beams of radioactive ions is in the planning stages.

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# Towards the “Ultimate” Ge Array

## Gamma-ray tracking detectors

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## GRETA: utilizing new concepts in $\gamma$ -ray detection<sup>☆</sup>

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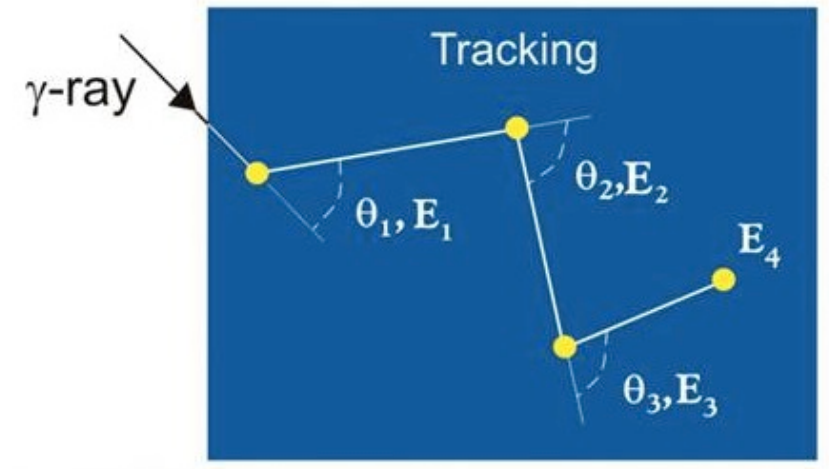
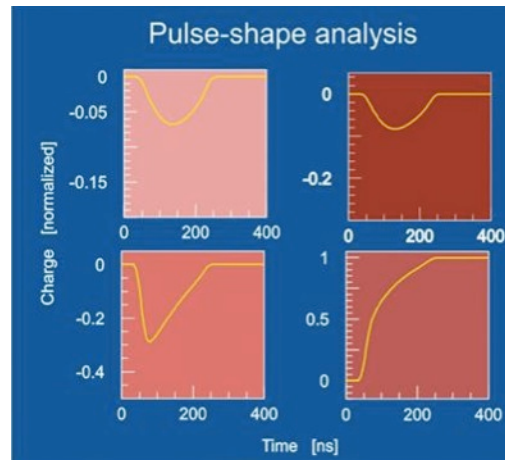
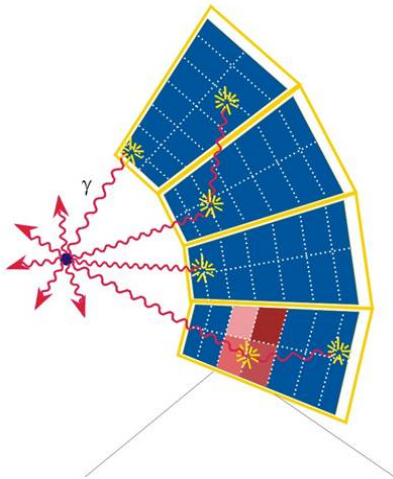
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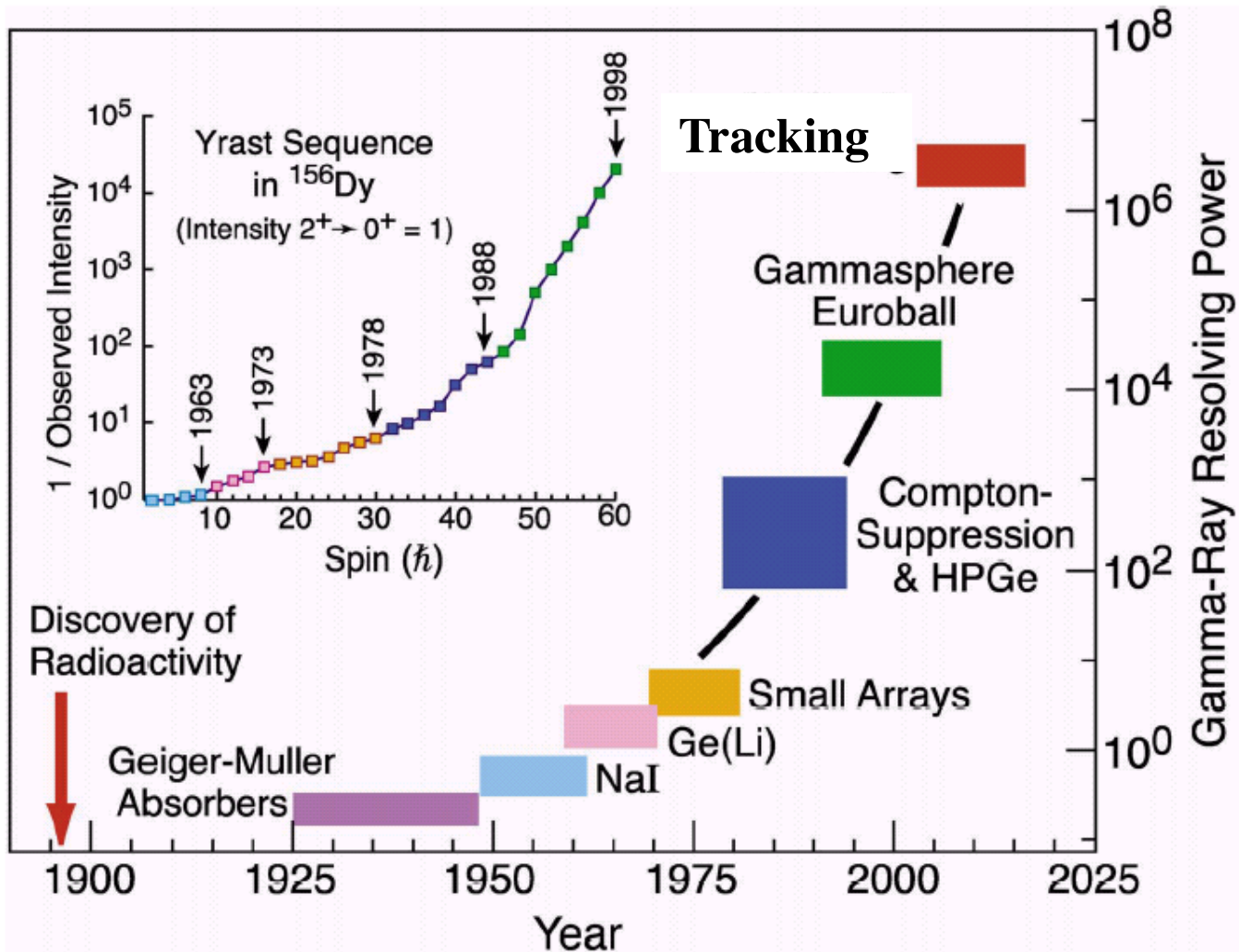
→ 3D position of interaction points

## Tracking of photon interaction points

→ energy and position of  $\gamma$ -ray

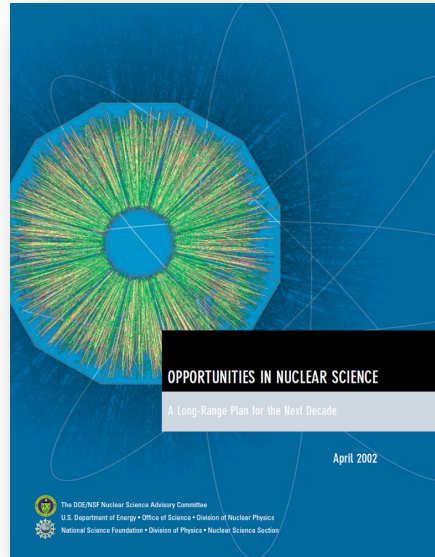
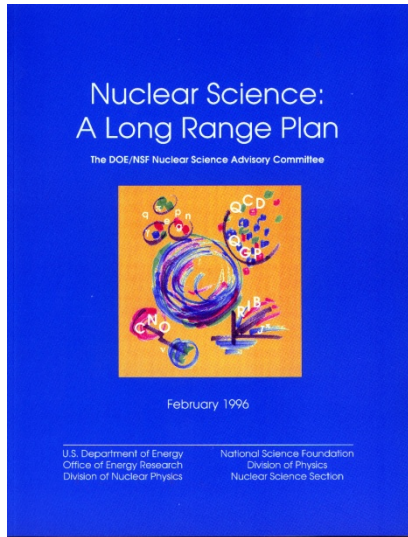


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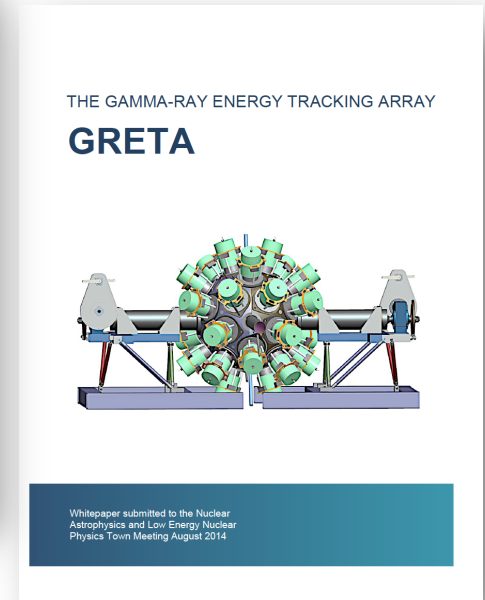
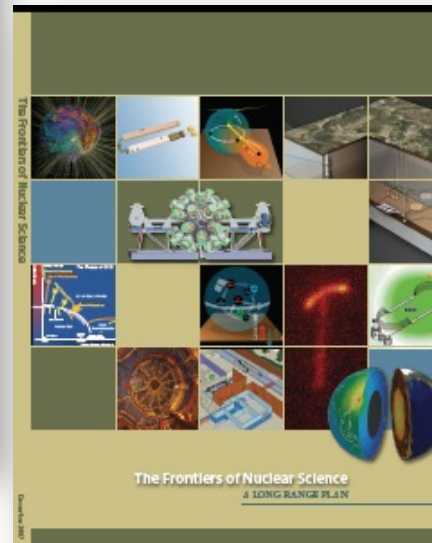




# Gamma-ray tracking and the Long Range Plans

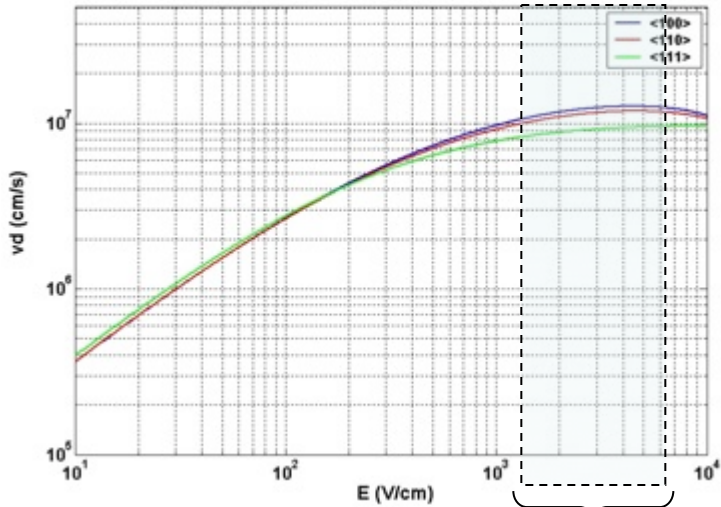


*“Construction of GRETA should begin immediately upon the successful completion of the GRETINA array”*  
2007 LRP

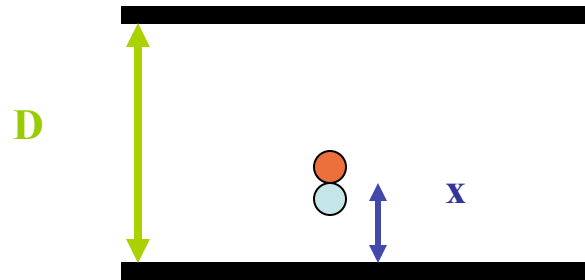


*“The detection of gamma-ray emissions from excited nuclei plays a vital and ubiquitous role in nuclear science. The physics justification for a  $4\pi$  tracking array is extremely compelling, spanning a wide range of fundamental questions in nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics, and weak interactions.”* 2002 LRP

*Calculated electron drift velocity*



*Typical HPGe  
Operation fields*

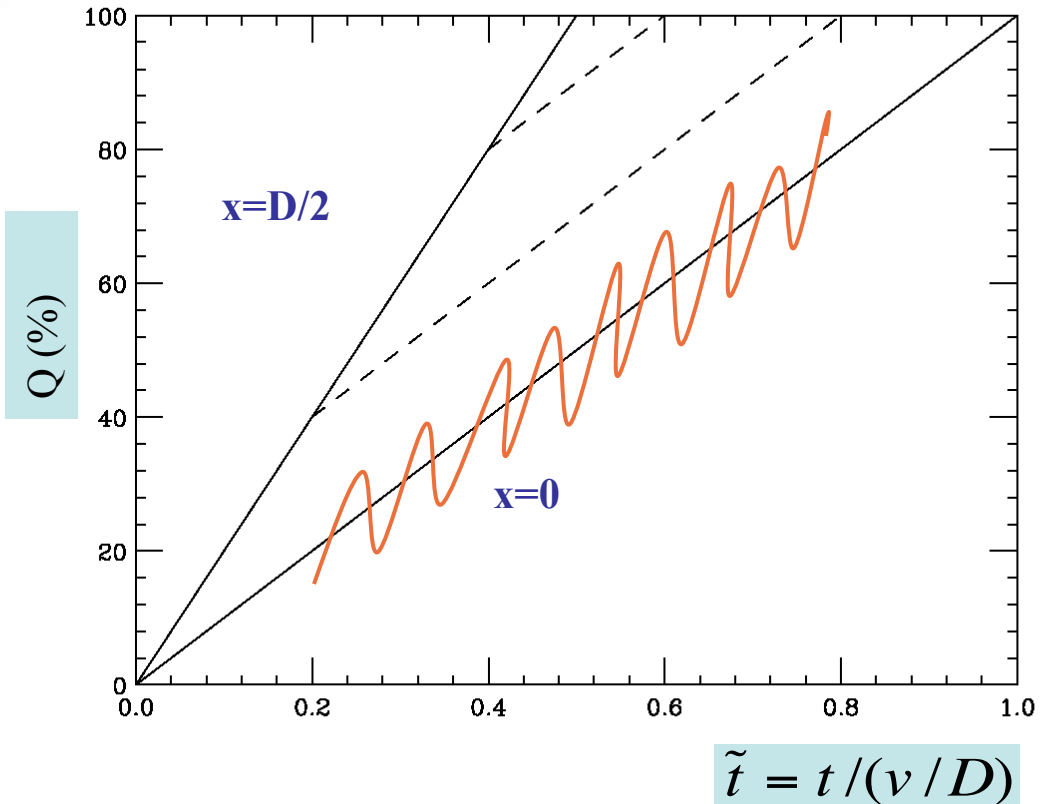


$$\delta x \geq (D / Q)\sigma$$

$$\delta x \geq 1\text{mm}$$

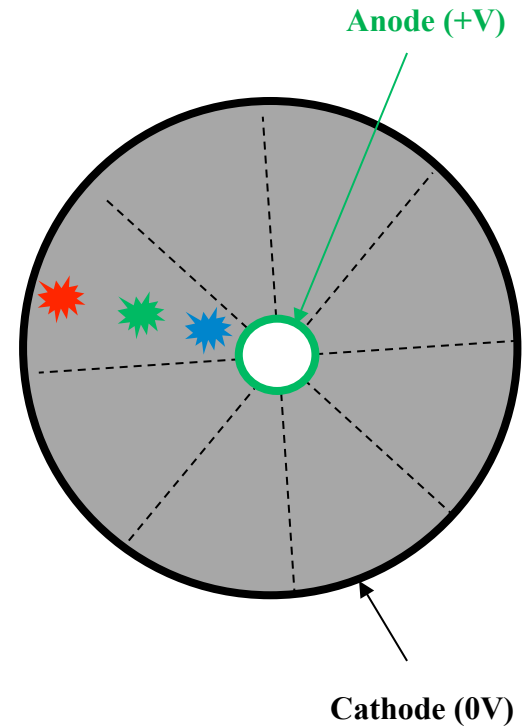
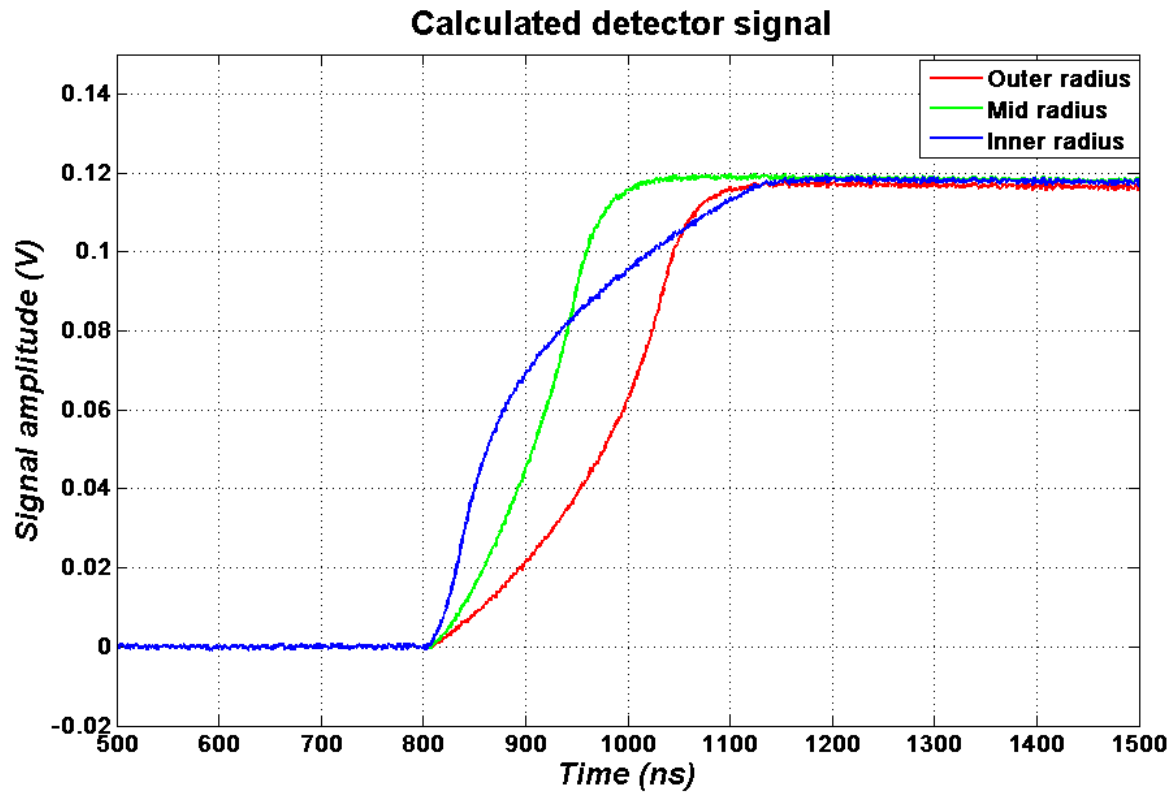
.....  $v \approx 0.1\text{mm} / \text{n sec}$

$10\text{n sec/mm}$

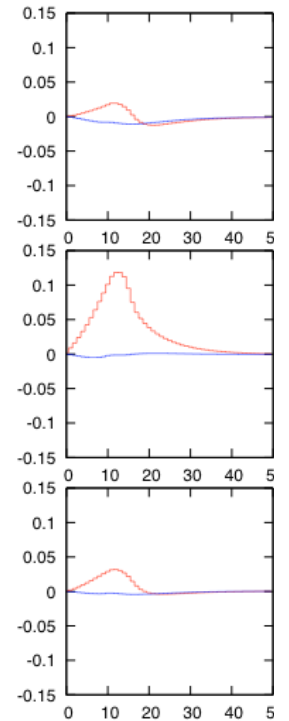
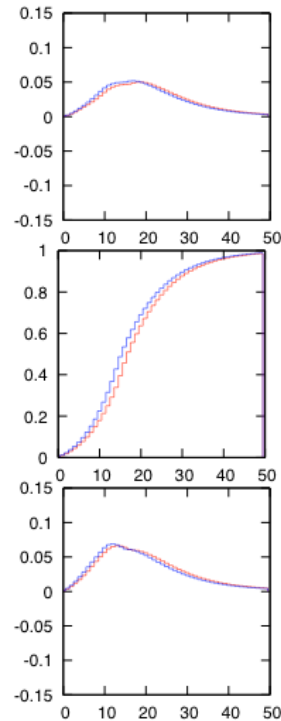
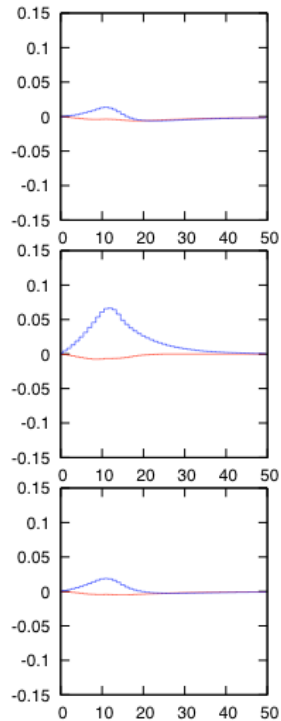
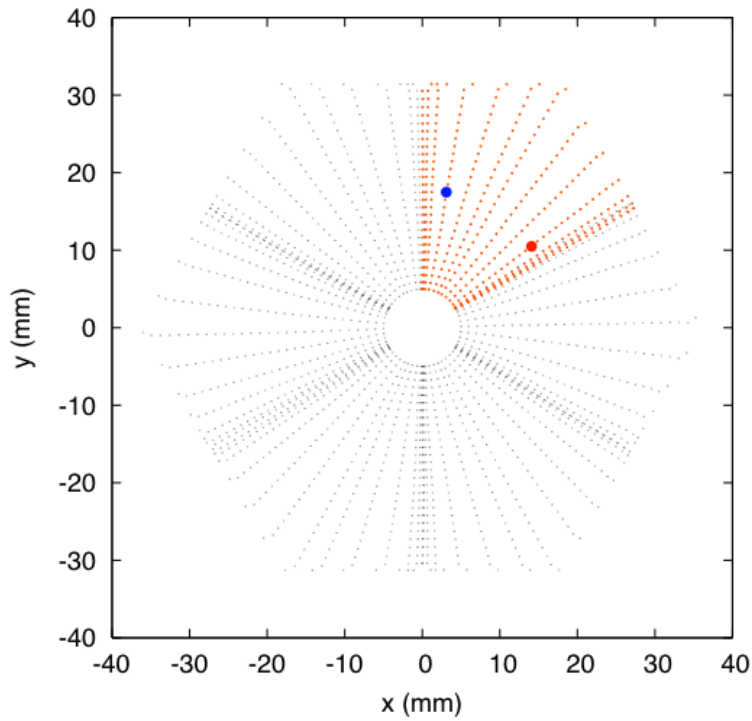


$$\tilde{t} = t / (v / D)$$

# Position sensitivity



# Position sensitivity



# Technical Challenges

## ■ Advances in Ge detector production

- Segmentation size ~ 2 cm → 30-40 segment/crystal
- Planar or irregular tapered hexagon shape

## ■ Fast electronics

- ADC with 10 nsec sampling rate, > 12 bit resolution

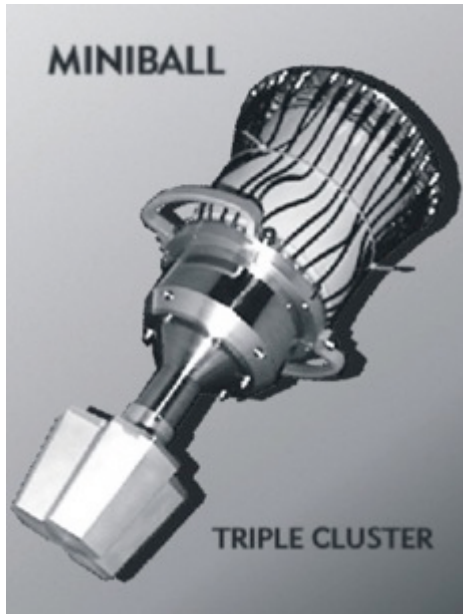
## ■ Efficient algorithms

- Signal analysis – position
- Tracking – scattering sequence

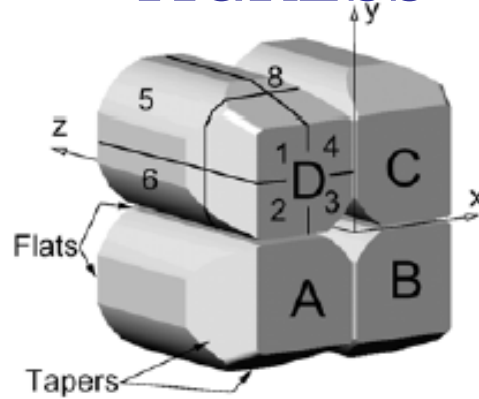
## ■ Computing power

# Segmented Germanium Detectors

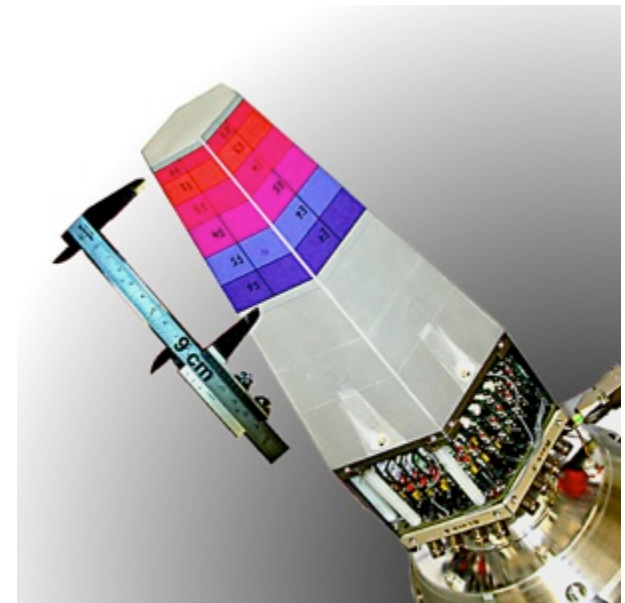
## MINIBALL



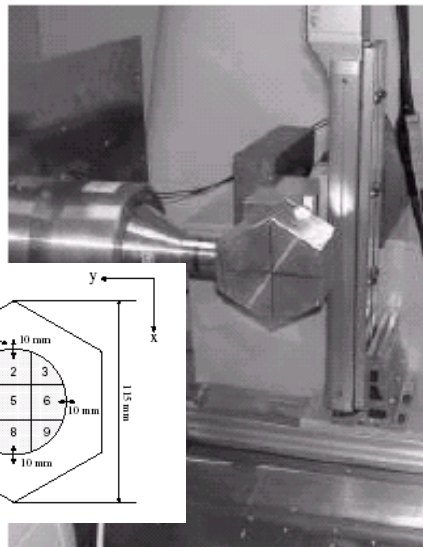
## TIGRESS



## AGATA



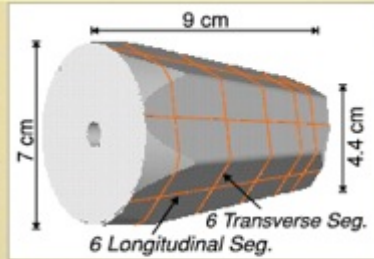
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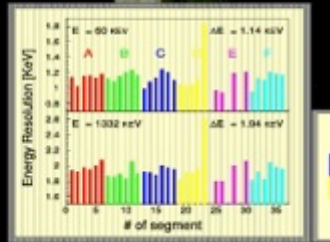
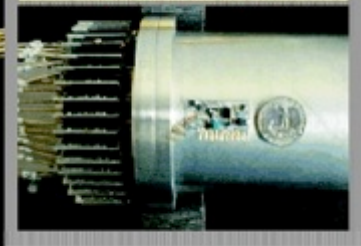
# Prototype detectors at LBNL

**GRETA : 36-fold Segmented  
Prototype Detector**

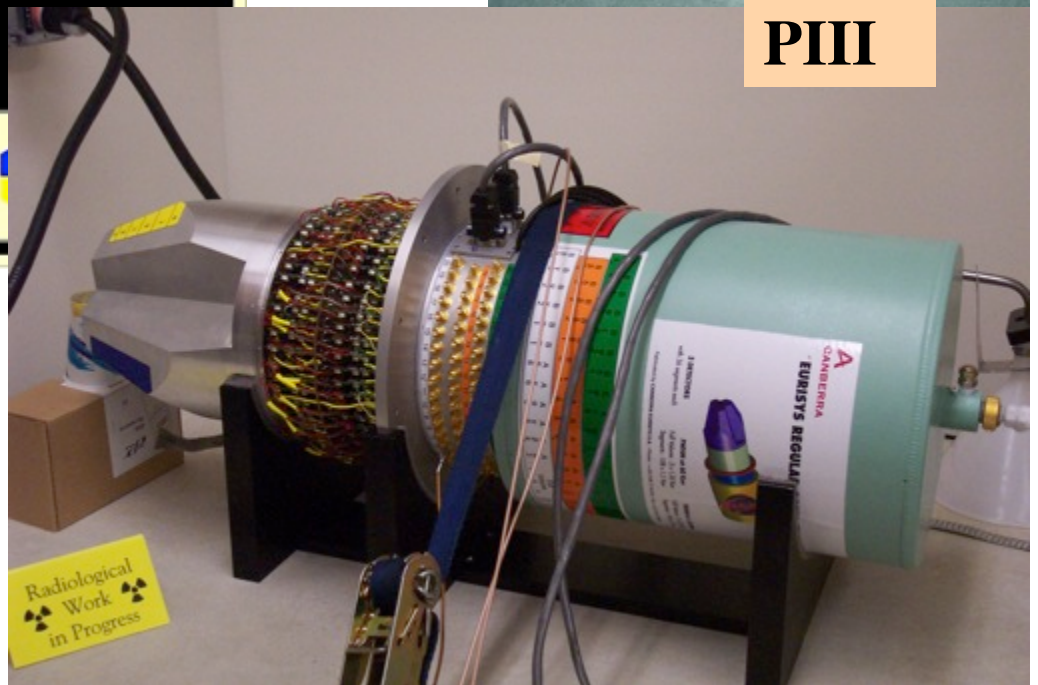
PII



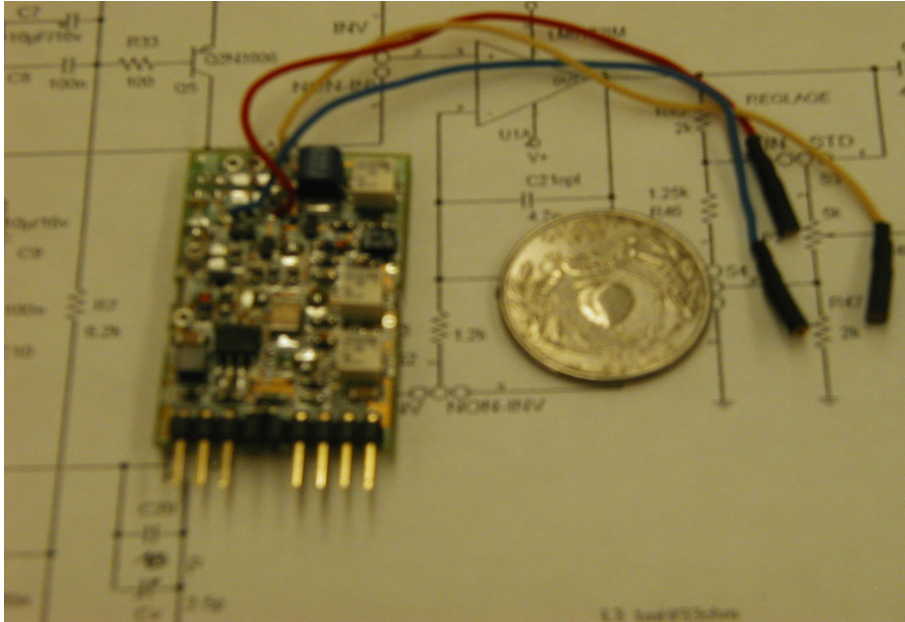
**LBNL Preamplifier**



PIII



# Pre-Amps



## Eurisys PSC823

FET	IF1320
Gain	200mV/MeV
Rise Time	~40nsec
Decay Time	50μsec
Power	50mW

Performance with detector:	Energy resolution	1.15 keV Am
		2.5 keV Co
	Noise level	4 keV (20MHz)



# Electronics

Digitizer module (LBNL)

14bit, 100 MHz

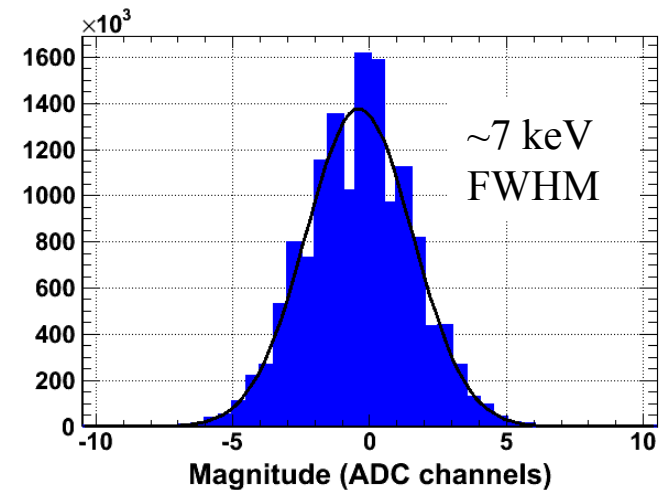
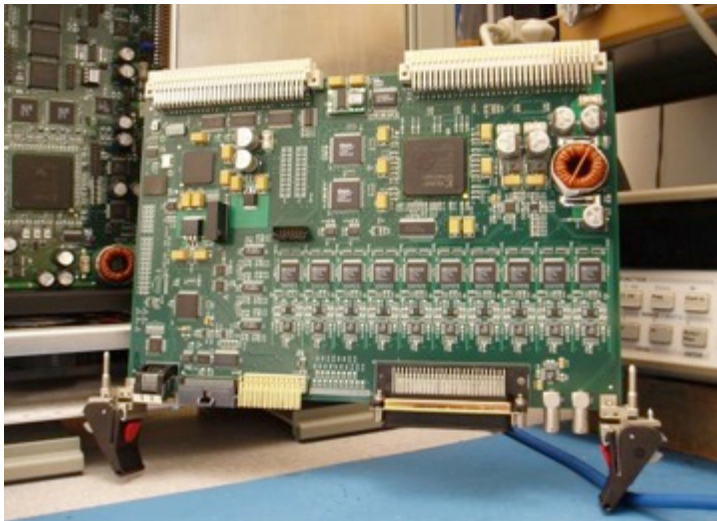
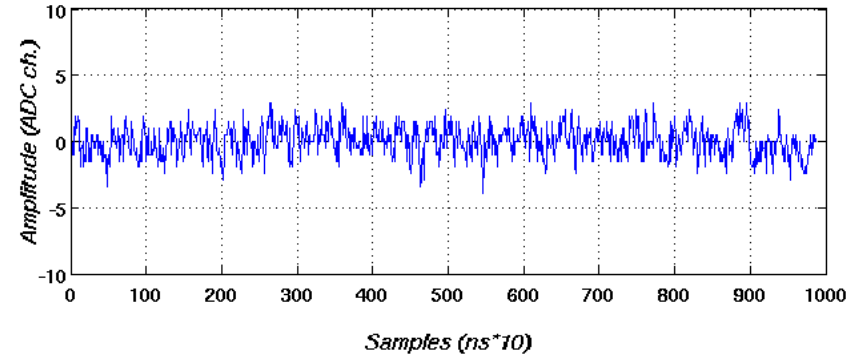
Energy

Leading edge time

Constant fraction time

Pulse shape

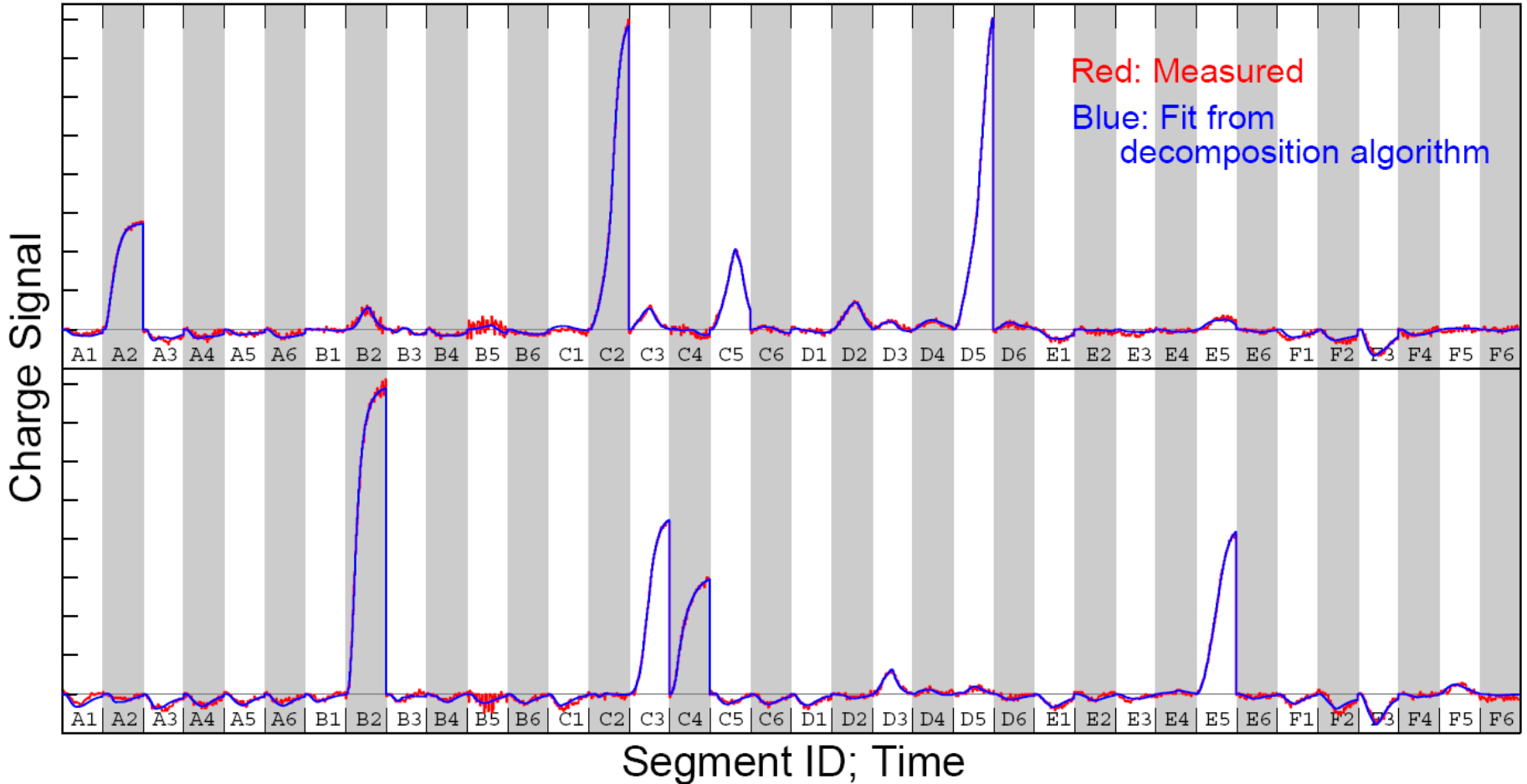
Signal trace - ch. 26



# Signal Decomposition

- Use the measured signal shapes from the segments – net charge and induced signal.
- Compare with a library of (measured/calculated) basis signal shapes of single interaction.
- Determine the energy and position of interaction points.
- Why is it hard?
  - Multiple interactions in one segment.
  - Multiple segment with net charge in a detector.
  - Computing intensive calculation.

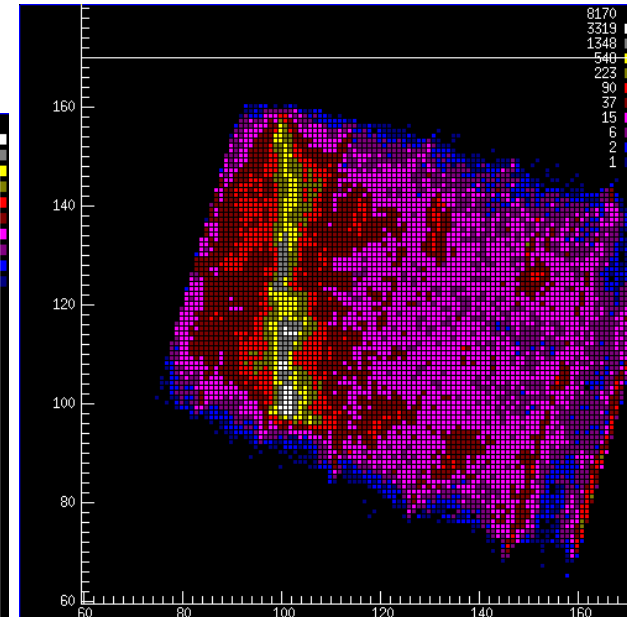
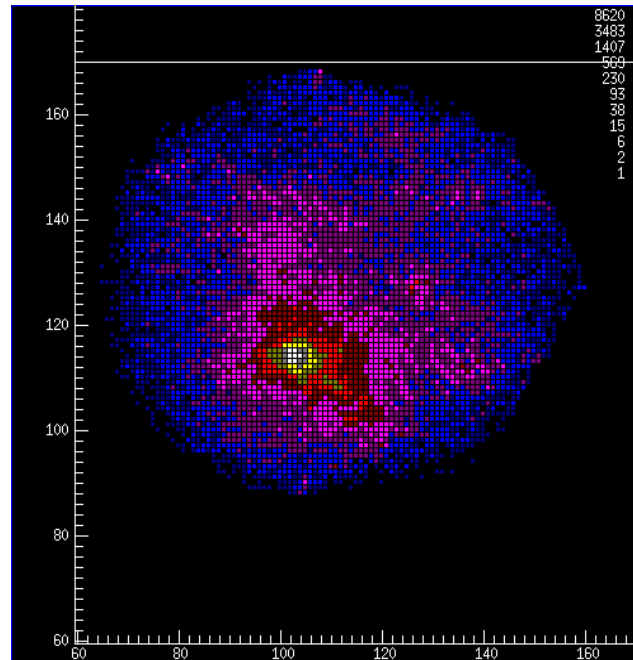
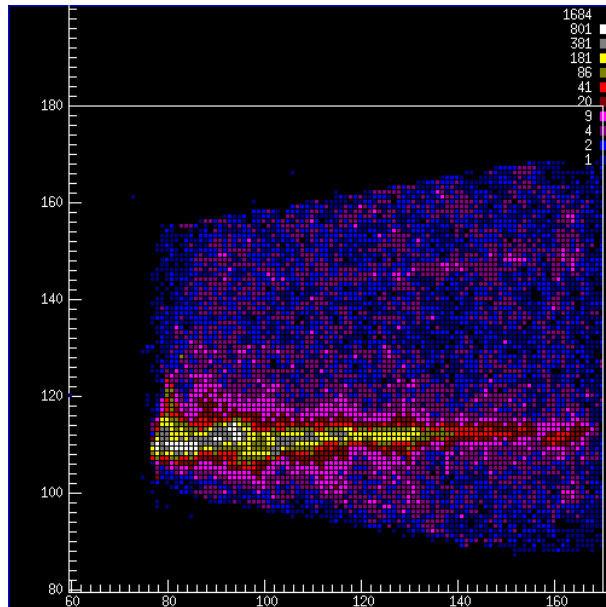
- Measured signals with multiple gamma ray hits (red), fitted with a linear combination of basis signals (blue), using Grid search followed by least-square fitting.
- The analysis gives (x, y, z, E) of the interaction points.



# Position resolution

- Collimated beam of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  663 keV
- Highest energy point from signal decomposition

singles

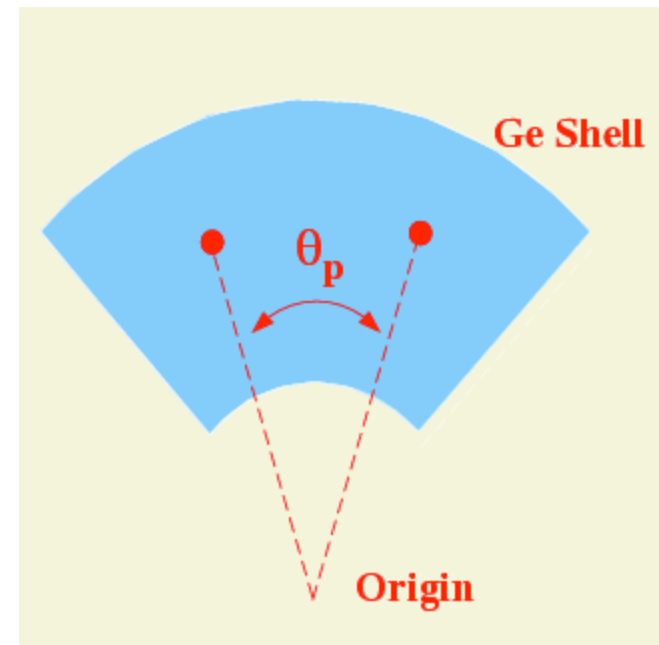
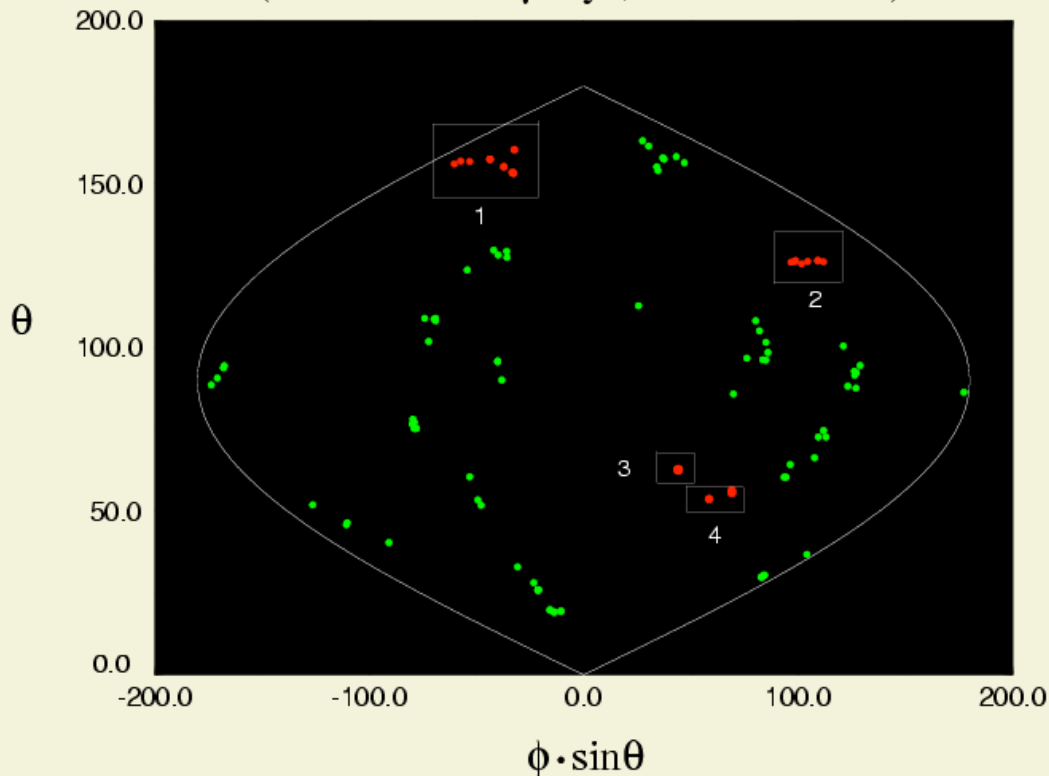


■  $\sigma_{x,y,z} \sim 2 \text{ mm}$

# Tracking

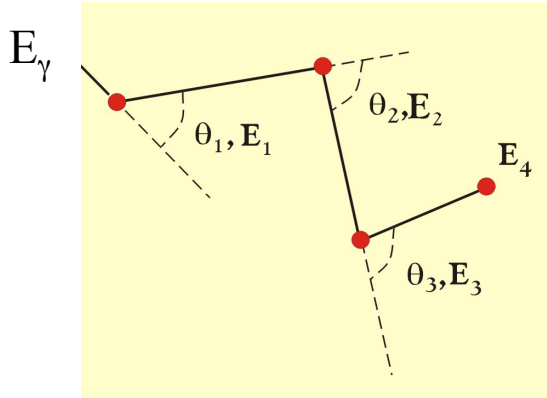
## first step – cluster finding

"World Map" showing interaction pts. in Ge shell  
(25 coincident  $\gamma$ -rays,  $E = 1.33$  MeV)



Any two points with  $\theta < \theta_p$  are grouped into the same cluster

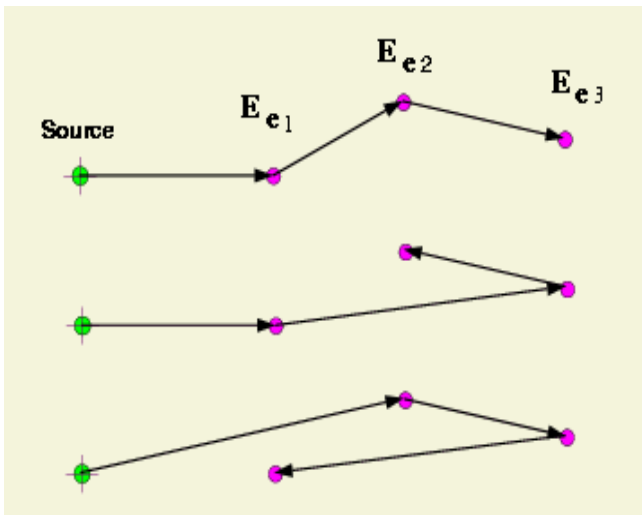
# Tracking



$$E_e = E_\gamma \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{E_\gamma}{0.511} (1 - \cos\theta)} \right)$$

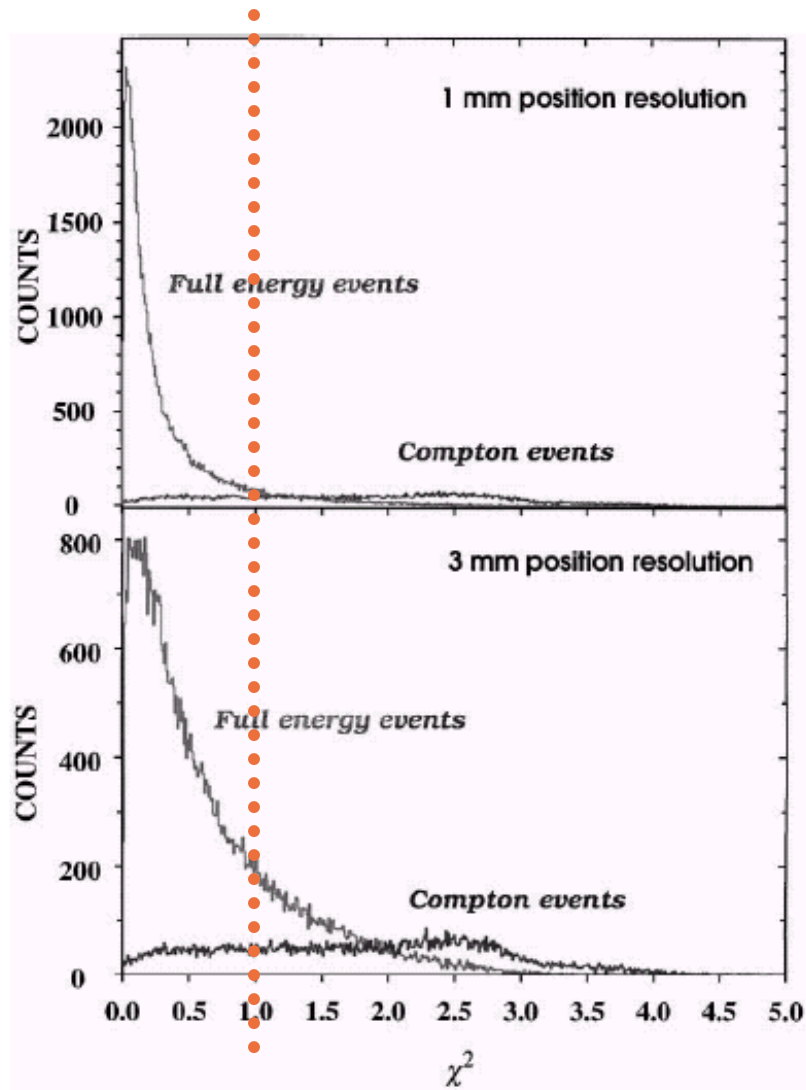
Problem:  $3! = 6$  possible sequences

Assume:  $E_\gamma = E_{e1} + E_{e2} + E_{e3}$ ;  $\gamma$ -ray from the source



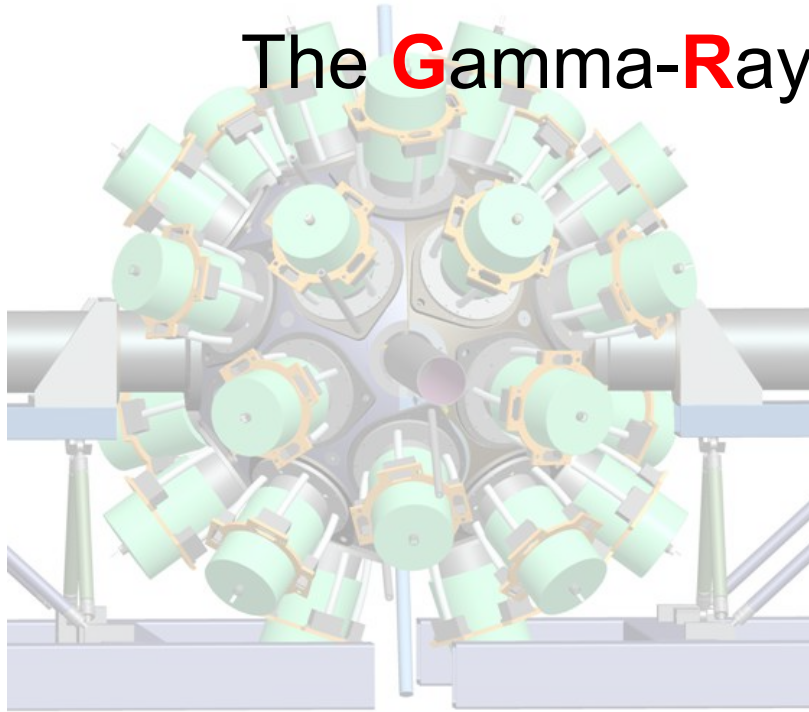
$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left( \frac{\theta^i - \theta_C^i}{\sigma_\theta^i} \right)^2$$

Sequence with the minimum  $\chi^2 < \chi^2_{\max}$   
 → correct scattering sequence  
 → rejects Compton and wrong direction



$\epsilon \sim 40\%$  and P/T  $\sim 55\%$

# The **G**amma-**R**ay **E**nergy **T**racking **A**rray



**ADVANCED GAMMA TRACKING ARRAY**





## Key properties

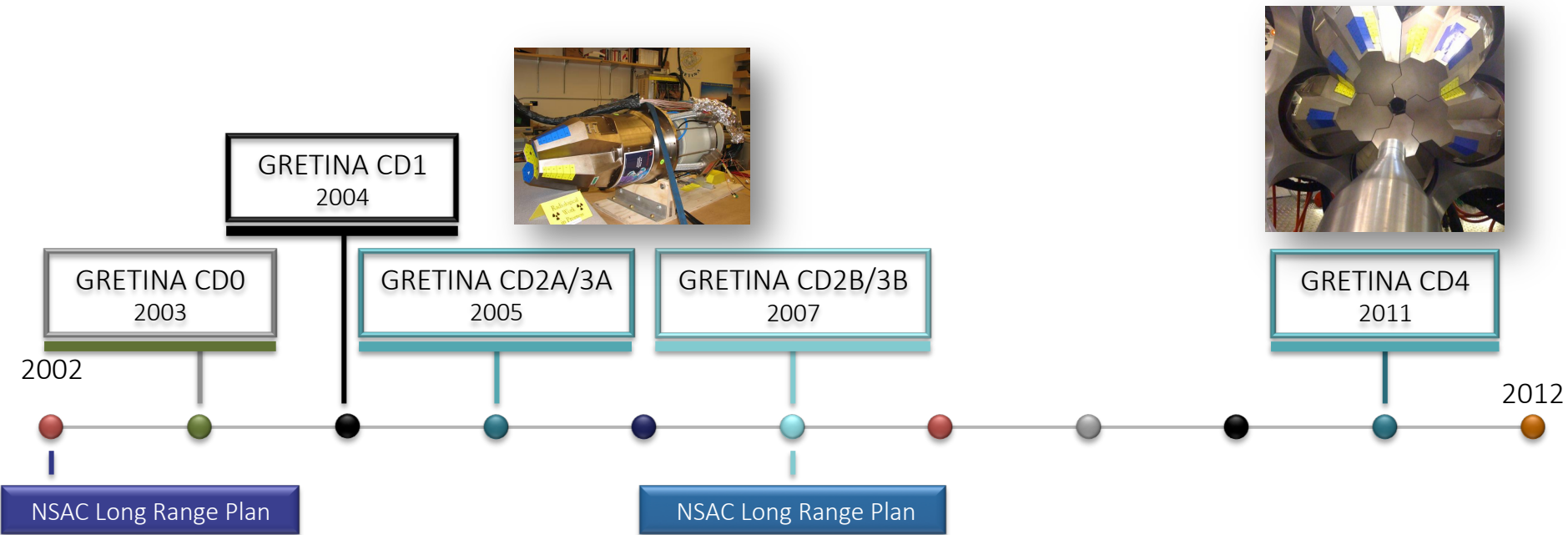
- Efficiency ( $\sim 40\%$  at 1MeV)
- $4\pi$  Coverage  
No solid angle lost to Compton suppression shields.  
Angular distributions/correlations.  
High-energy efficiency by proper summing of scattered  $\gamma$ -rays.
- Position resolution ( $\sigma_{x,y,z} = 2$  mm)  
Position of 1<sup>st</sup> interaction --> Excellent Doppler reconstruction, in-beam energy resolution.
- Peak-to-background ( $\sim 55\%$ )  
Tracking --> Reject partial-energy events, maintaining good spectral quality.
- Polarization  
Compton-reconstructed full-energy event yield polarization information



# Gamma Ray Energy Tracking In beam Nuclear Array



## Critical Decisions





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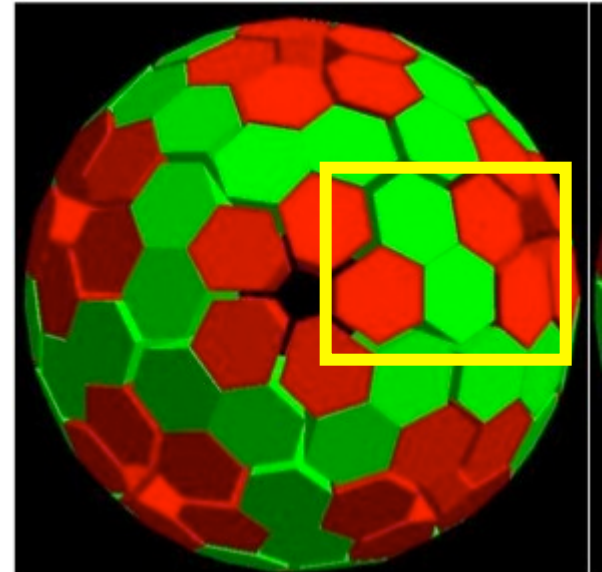
# Geodesic tiling of the sphere

12 pentagons and ...

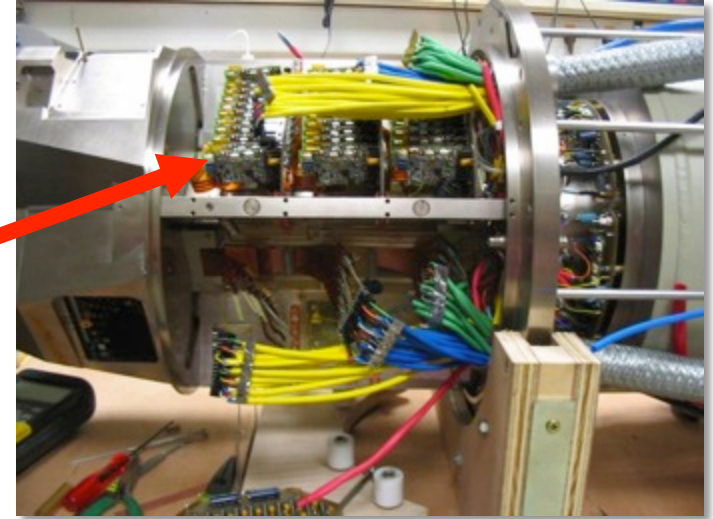
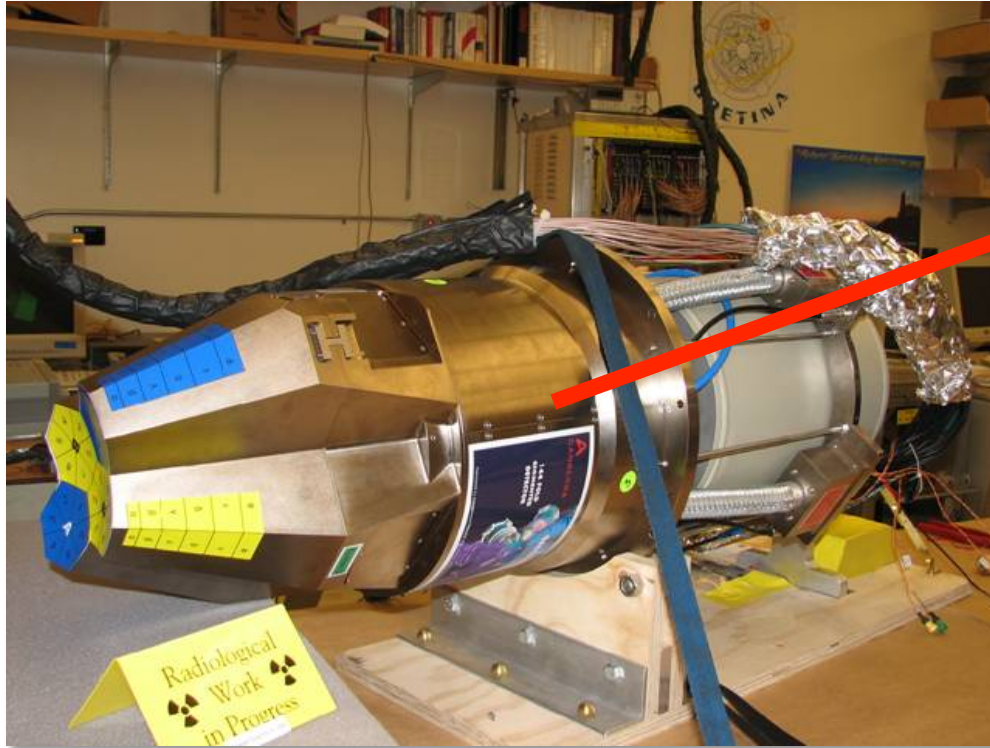
Number of hexagons	Number of different hexagonal shapes
80	2 (20, 60)
110	3 (20, 30, 60)
<b>120</b>	<b>2 (60, 60)</b>
150	3 (30, 60, 60)
180	3 (60, 60, 60)
200	4 (20, 60, 60, 60)

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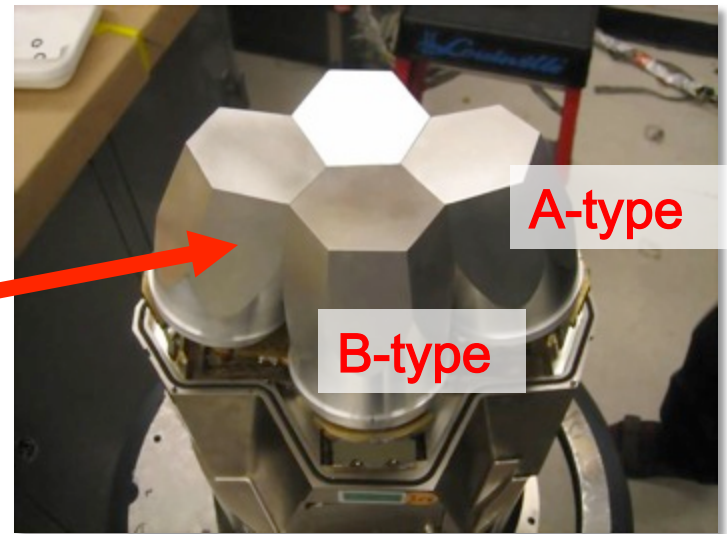
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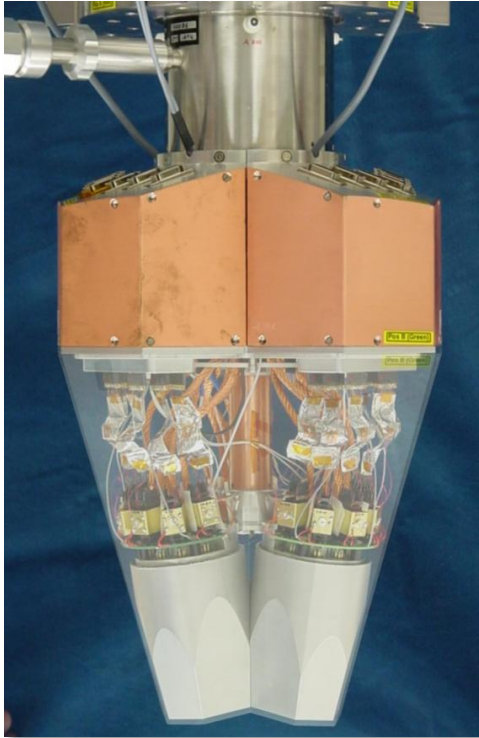
# Detector Modules (Canberra/France)



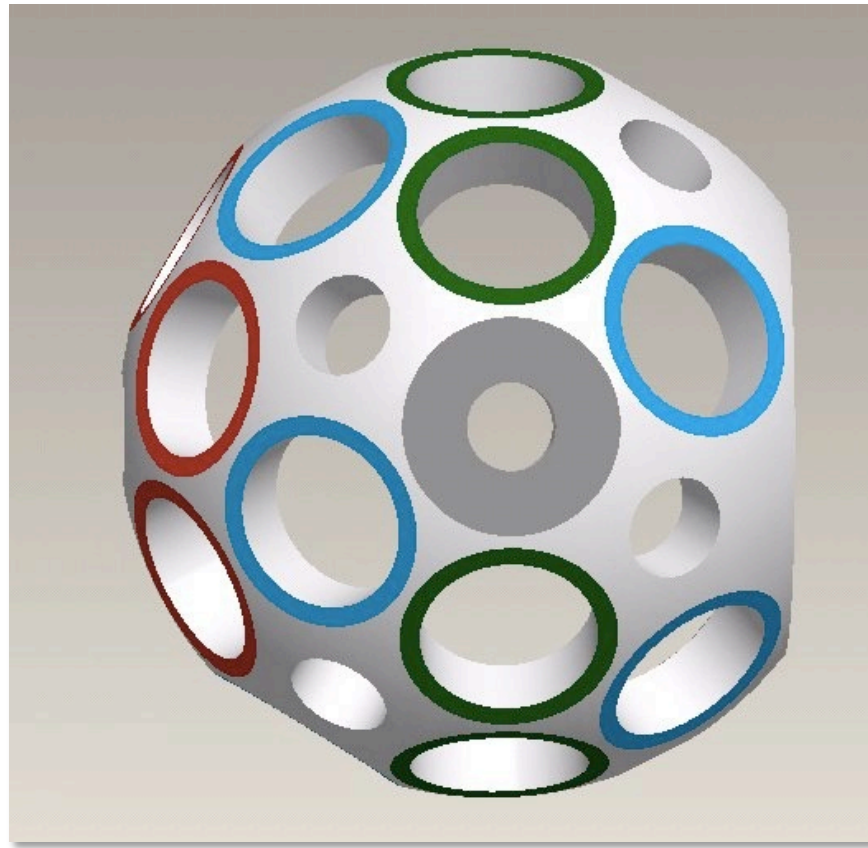
36 segments/crystal  
4 crystal/ module  
148 signal channels /module  
Cores Cold FETs  
Segments Warm FETs



# AGATA Demonstrator



Courtesy of Dino Bazzacco



RING	ANGLE	SLOTS
1	-	-
2	58	4
3	90	8
4	122	4
5	148	5

# Electronics and DAQ System

## Digitizer module

14bit, 100 MHz

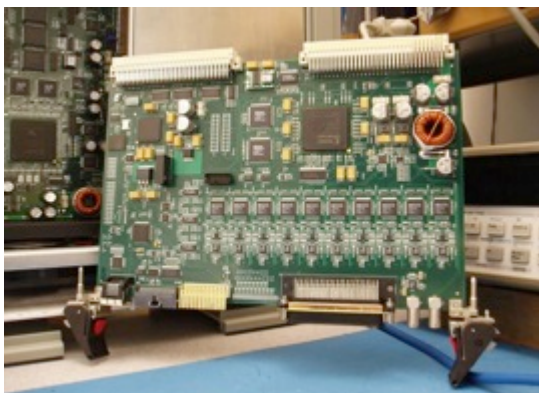
Energy

CC: 2.5, 5, 10, 30 MeV

S: 10 MeV

Leading edge time

Pulse shape



- Installed 62 nodes, 2 CPU/node, 4 core/ CPU



- 50 TB of disk space



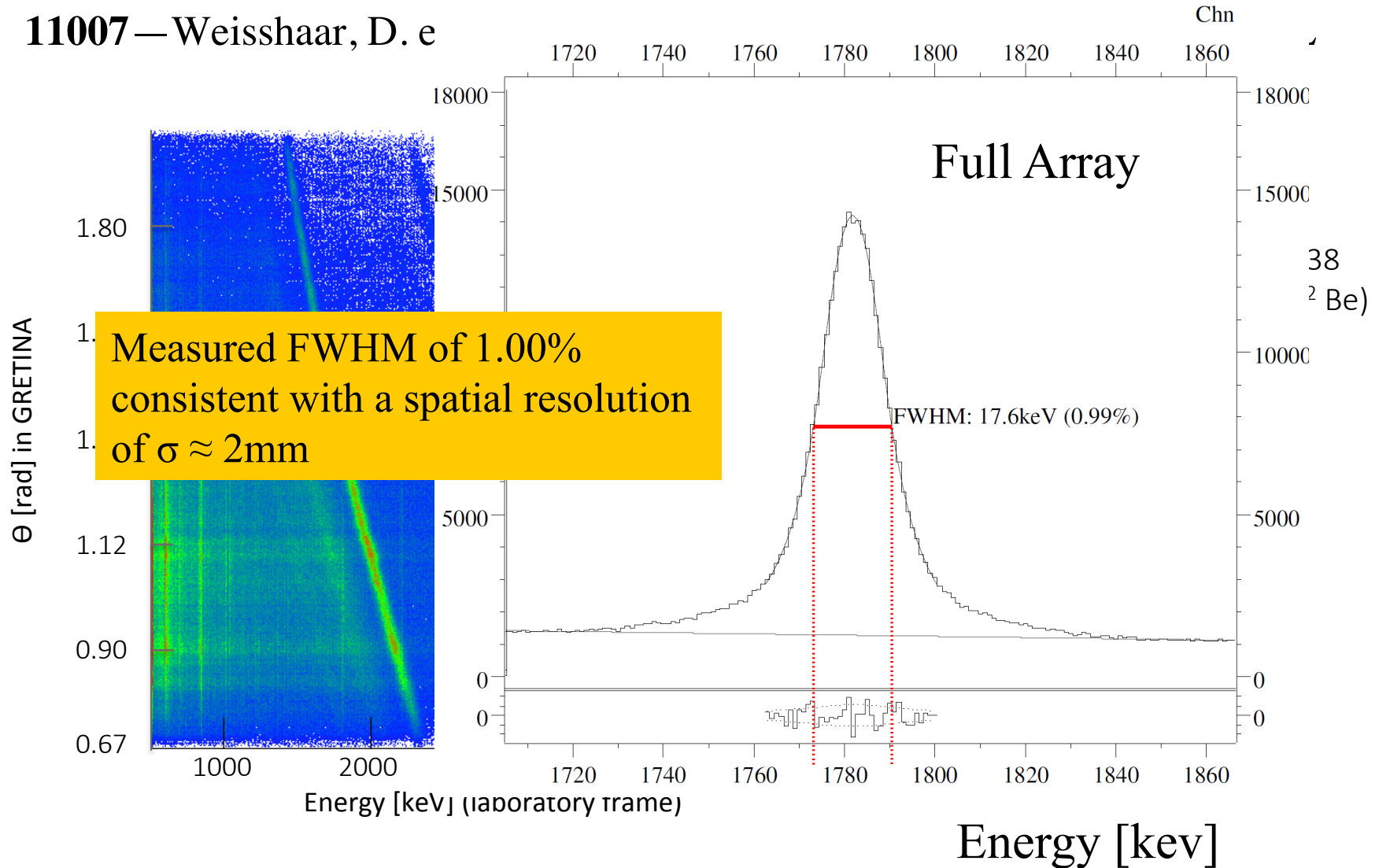
**EPICS**

56 Nodes  $\geq$  20000 gammas/s



# Position resolution

- 11007 — Weisshaar, D. e



# Efficiency and P/T: $^{60}\text{Co}$ source

**Singles Clustered Tracked**

**P/T=22%**

**Efficiency= 4.3%**

**P/T=40%**

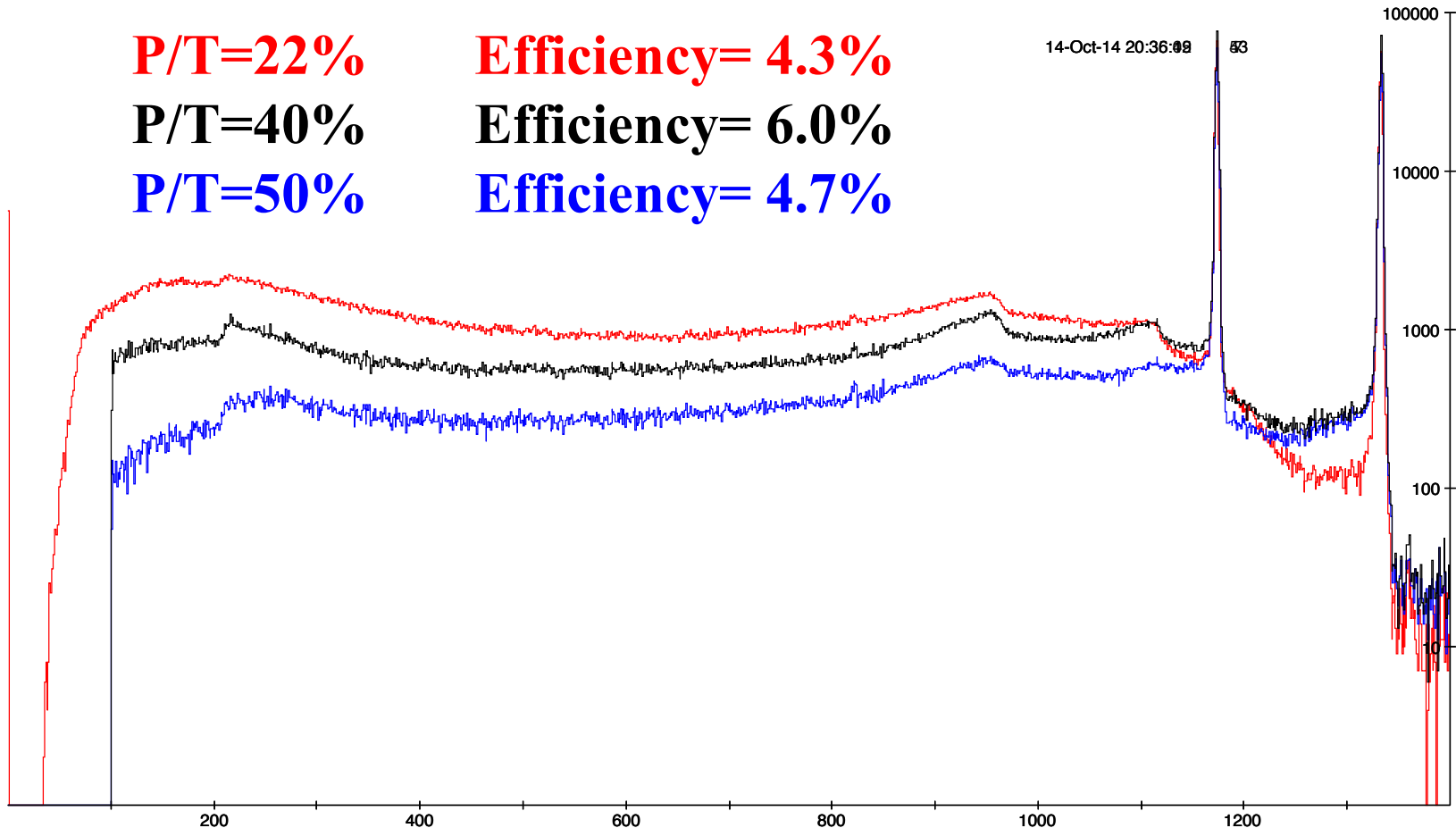
**Efficiency= 6.0%**

**P/T=50%**

**Efficiency= 4.7%**

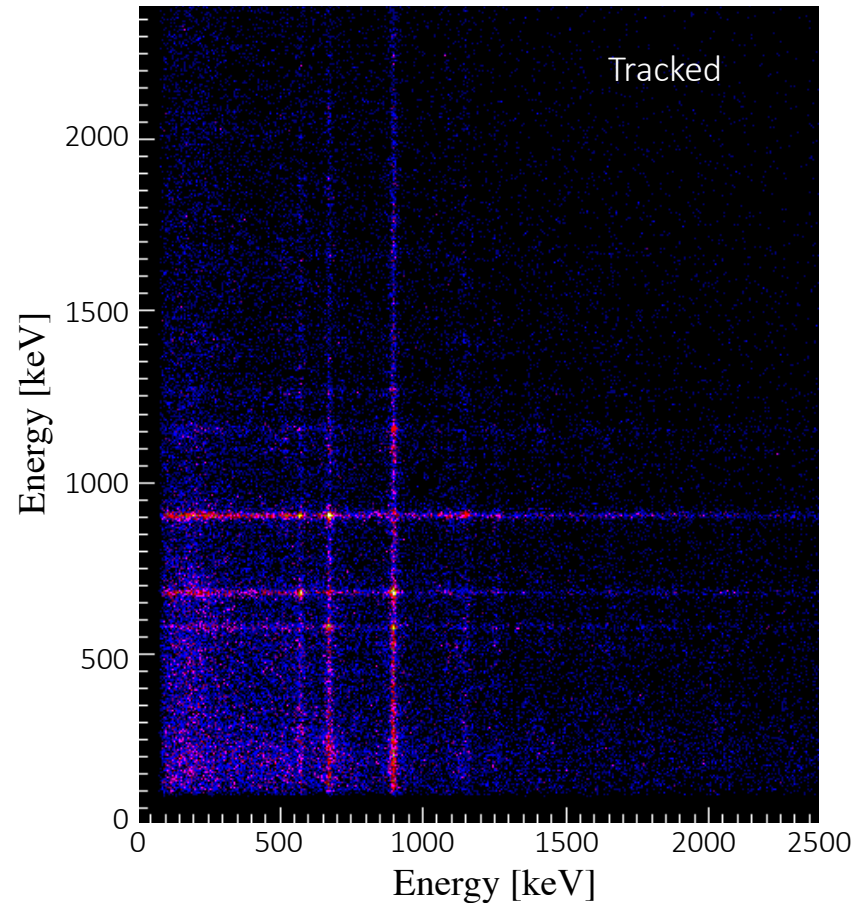
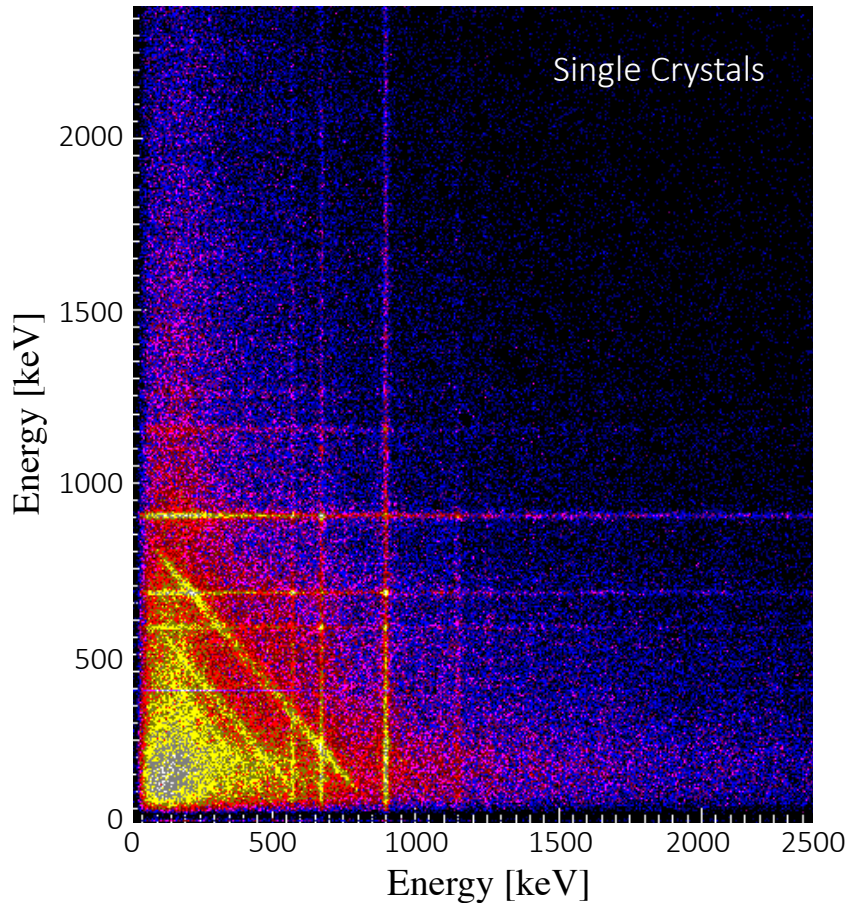
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# Tracking improves signal/background

$^{64}\text{Ge}$  populated in knockout from  $^{65}\text{Ge}$



Reduction of Compton background by tracking allows – for the first time – gamma spectroscopy with fast beams with spectral quality comparable to arrays with anti-Compton shields.

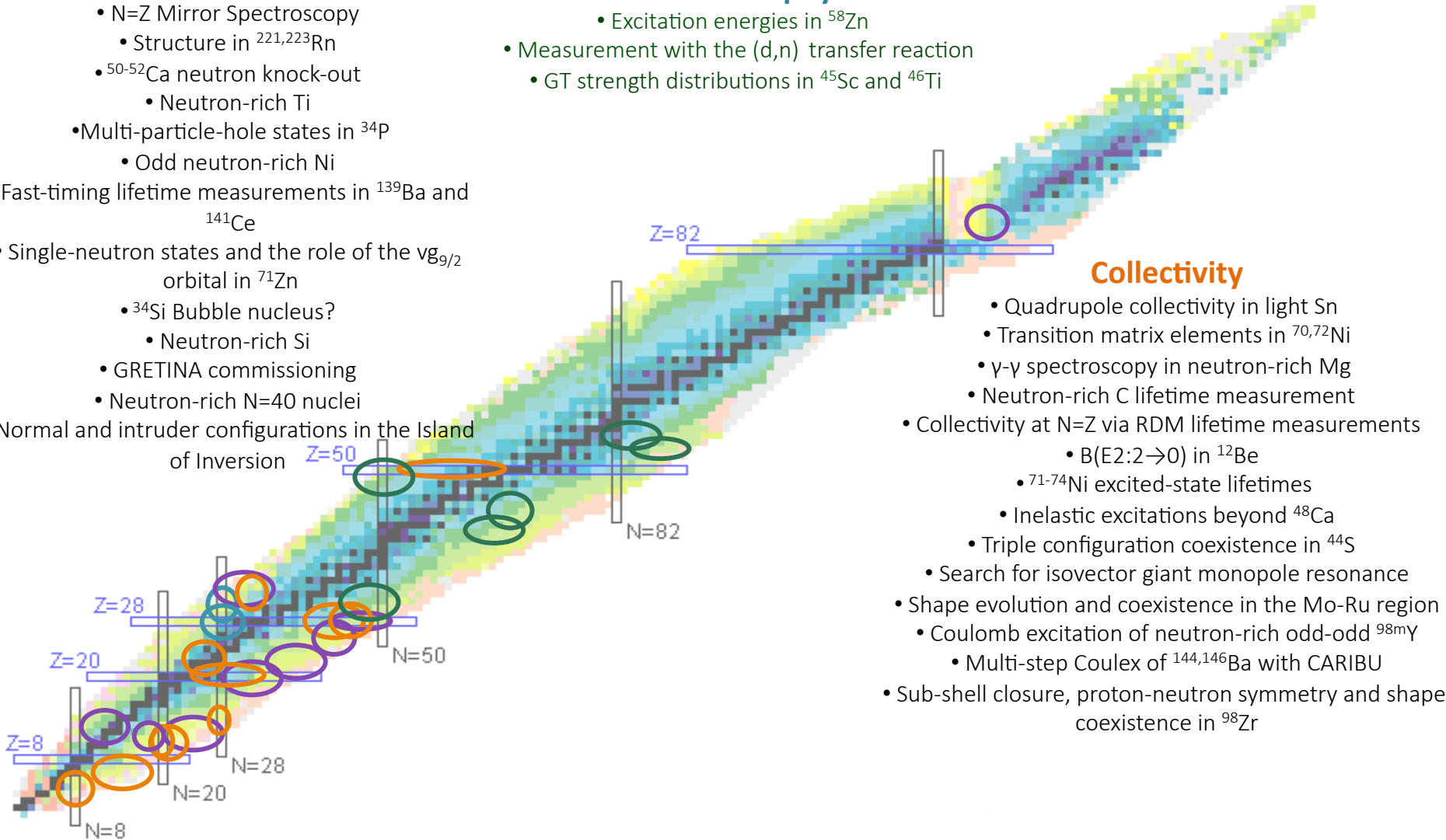
# Physics campaigns: NSCL(2012/13) and ATLAS(2014/15)

## Nuclear Shell Evolution

- N=Z Mirror Spectroscopy
  - Structure in  $^{221,223}\text{Rn}$
  - $^{50-52}\text{Ca}$  neutron knock-out
    - Neutron-rich Ti
- Multi-particle-hole states in  $^{34}\text{P}$ 
  - Odd neutron-rich Ni
- Fast-timing lifetime measurements in  $^{139}\text{Ba}$  and  $^{141}\text{Ce}$
- Single-neutron states and the role of the  $\nu g_{9/2}$  orbital in  $^{71}\text{Zn}$ 
  - $^{34}\text{Si}$  Bubble nucleus?
    - Neutron-rich Si
  - GRETINA commissioning
  - Neutron-rich N=40 nuclei
- Normal and intruder configurations in the Island of Inversion

## Nuclear Astrophysics

- Excitation energies in  $^{58}\text{Zn}$
- Measurement with the (d,n) transfer reaction
  - GT strength distributions in  $^{45}\text{Sc}$  and  $^{46}\text{Ti}$

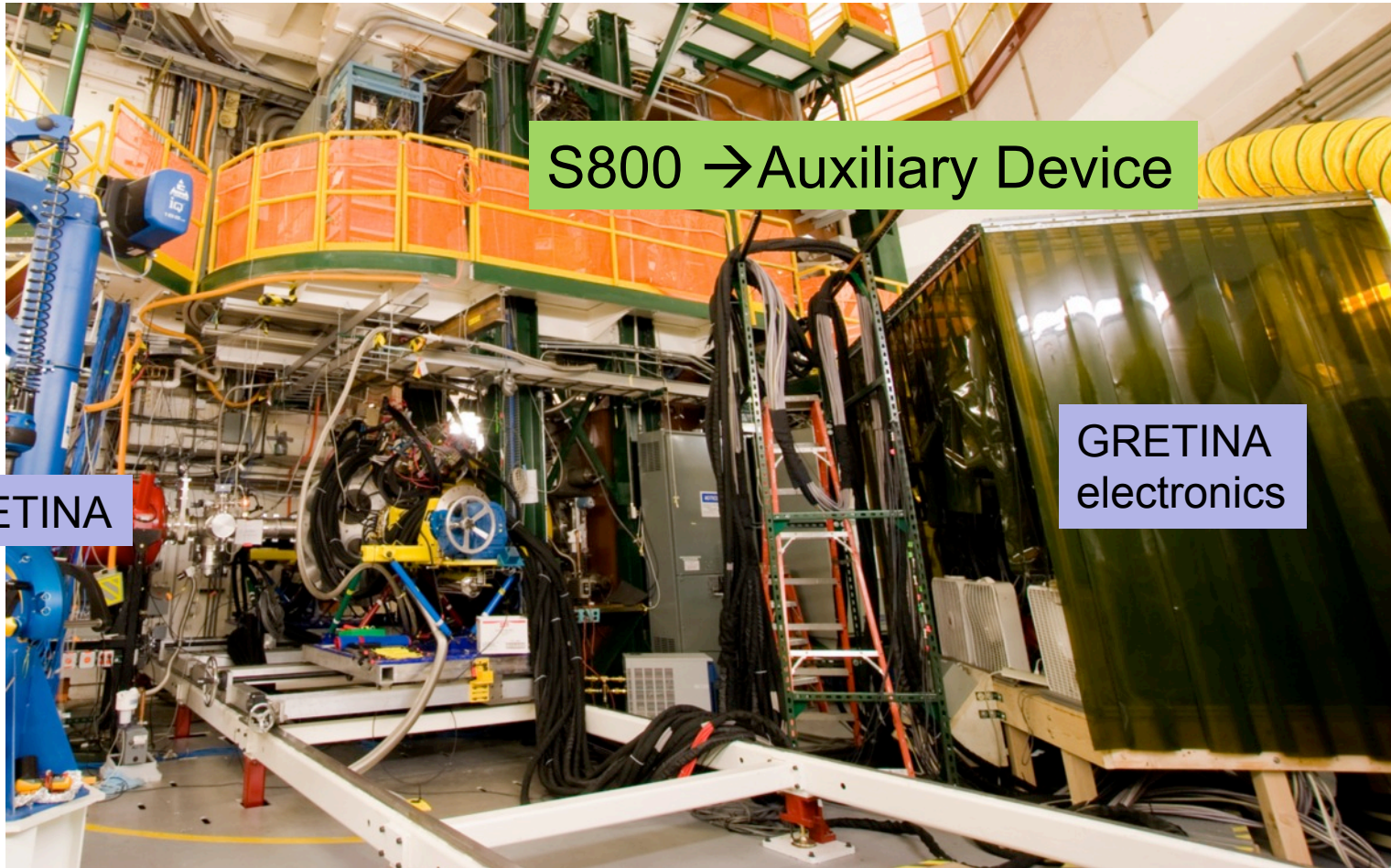


## Collectivity

- Quadrupole collectivity in light Sn
- Transition matrix elements in  $^{70,72}\text{Ni}$
- $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  spectroscopy in neutron-rich Mg
- Neutron-rich C lifetime measurement
- Collectivity at N=Z via RDM lifetime measurements
  - B(E2:2 $\rightarrow$ 0) in  $^{12}\text{Be}$
  - $^{71-74}\text{Ni}$  excited-state lifetimes
  - Inelastic excitations beyond  $^{48}\text{Ca}$
- Triple configuration coexistence in  $^{44}\text{S}$
- Search for isovector giant monopole resonance
- Shape evolution and coexistence in the Mo-Ru region
  - Coulomb excitation of neutron-rich odd-odd  $^{98m}\text{Y}$ 
    - Multi-step Coulex of  $^{144,146}\text{Ba}$  with CARIBU
- Sub-shell closure, proton-neutron symmetry and shape coexistence in  $^{98}\text{Zr}$

# Science campaign at NSCL: July 2012 – June 2013

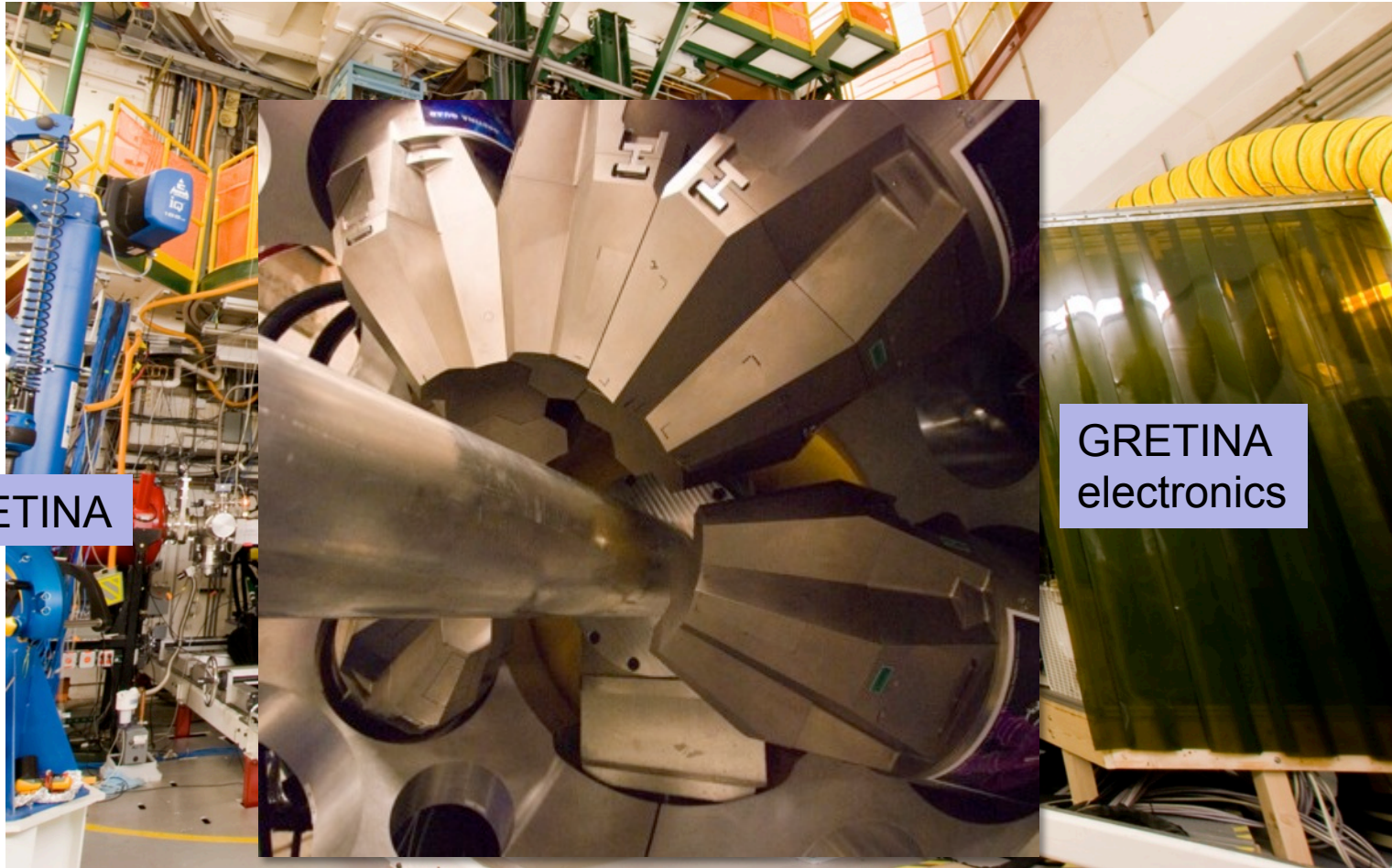
- 23 experiments approved: 3360 hours



GRETINA at target position of S800 spectrograph

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electronics

GREY-TINA at target position of S800 spectrograph



## Determining the $rp$ -Process Flow through $^{56}\text{Ni}$ : Resonances in $^{57}\text{Cu}(p,\gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$ Identified with GRETINA

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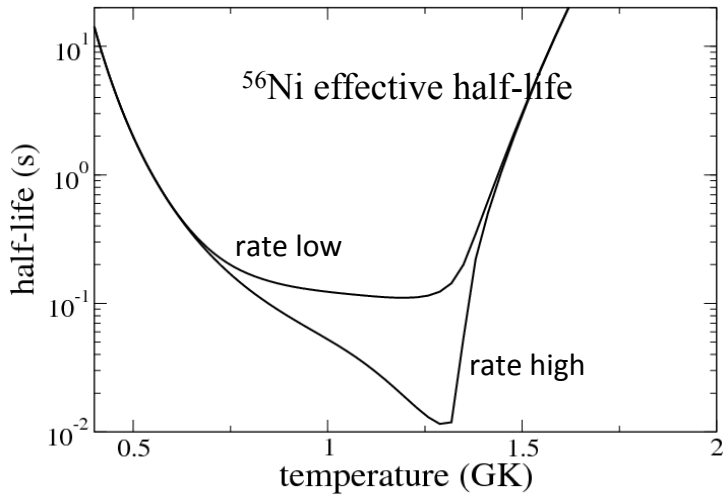
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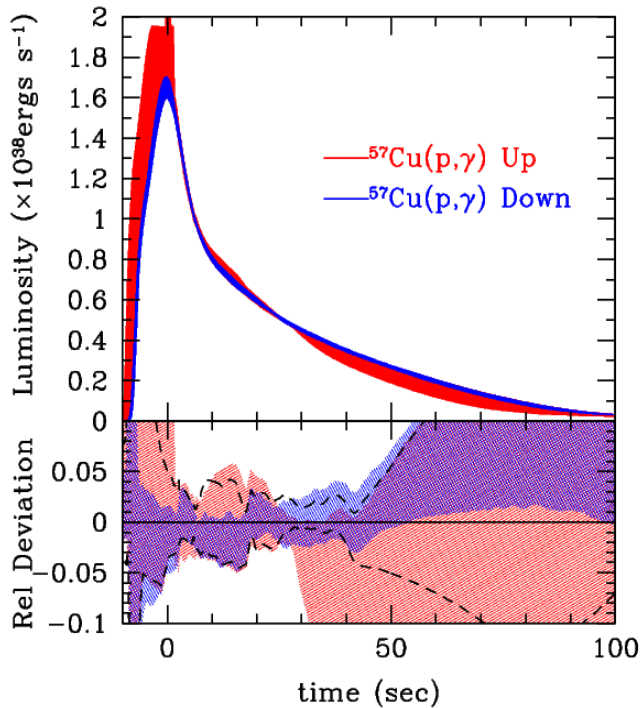
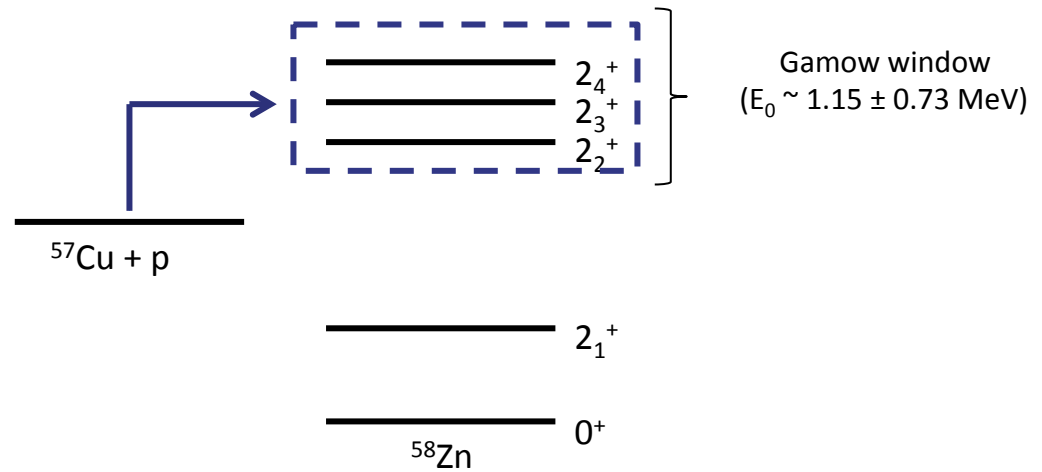
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The  $^{57}\text{Cu}(p,\gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$  stellar reaction rate has a significant effect in the light-curve emitted in X-ray bursts.  $^{58}\text{Zn}$  excitation energies are not known experimentally.

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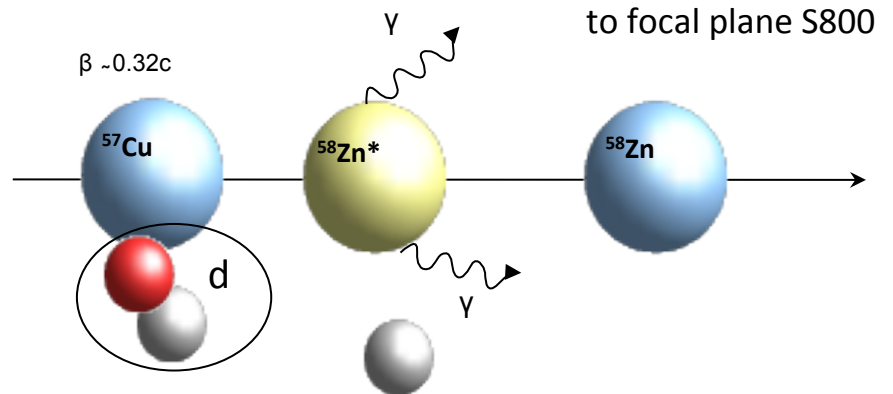


## Reaction rate dominated by $2^+$ resonances



Cyburtt et al. (to be published)

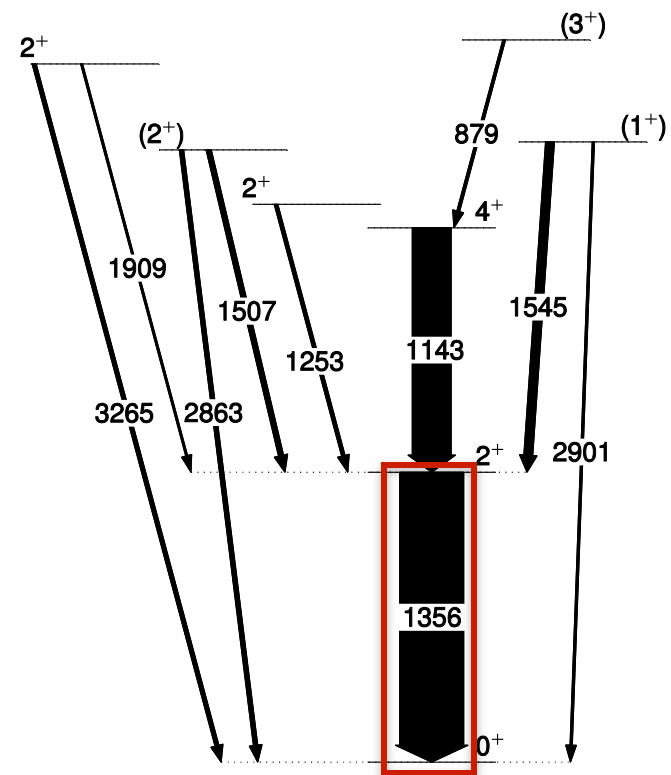
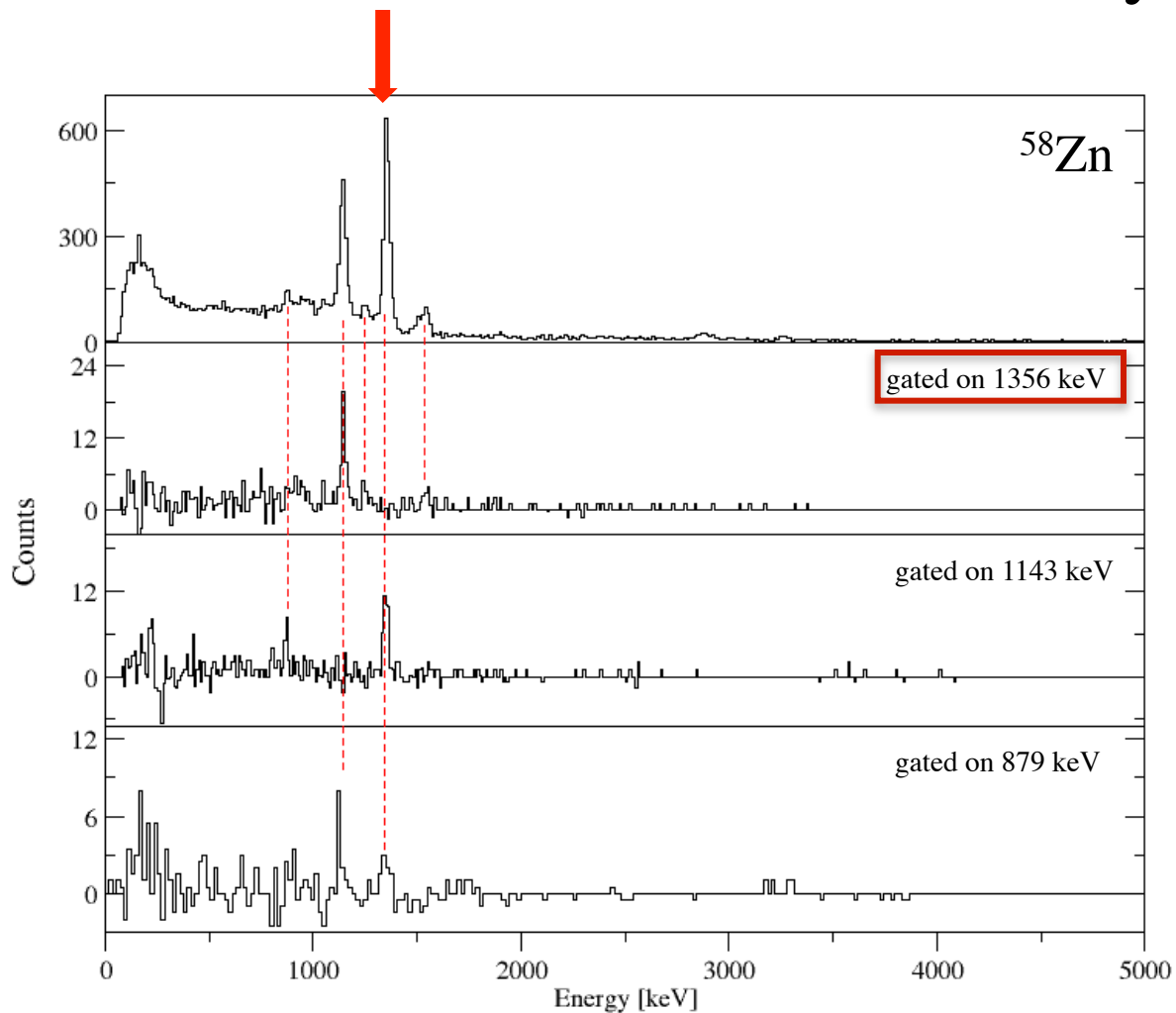
$^{57}\text{Cu}$  beam  $\sim 3 \cdot 10^4$  pps produced from stable  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  @ 160 MeV/u



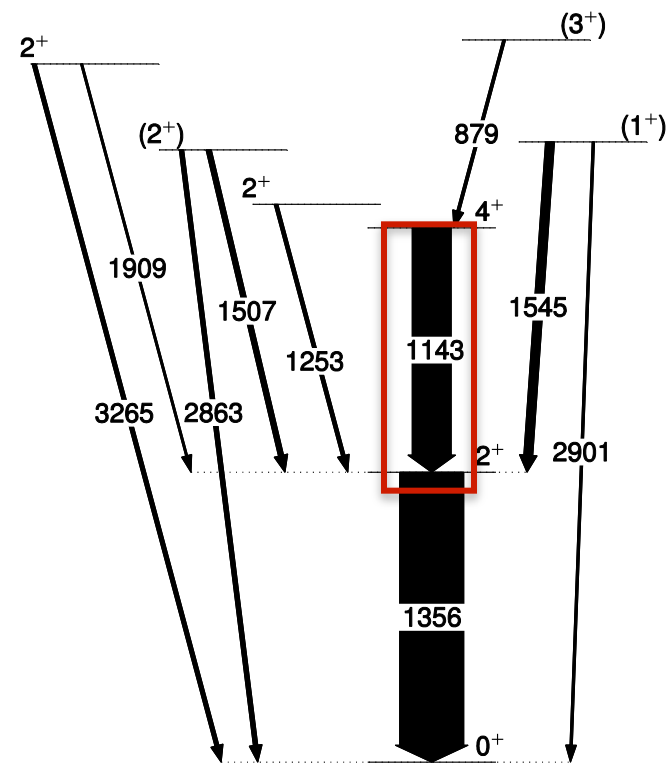
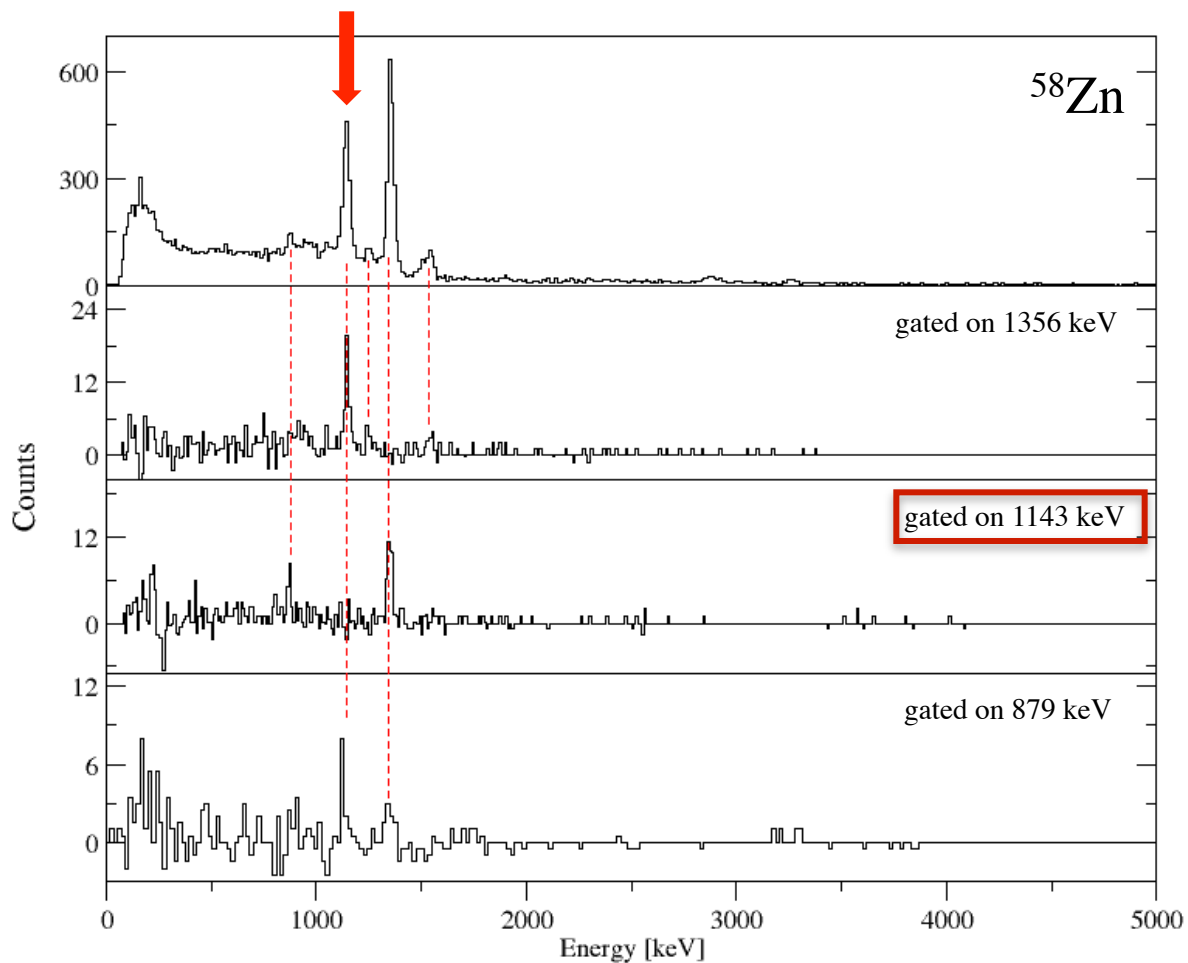
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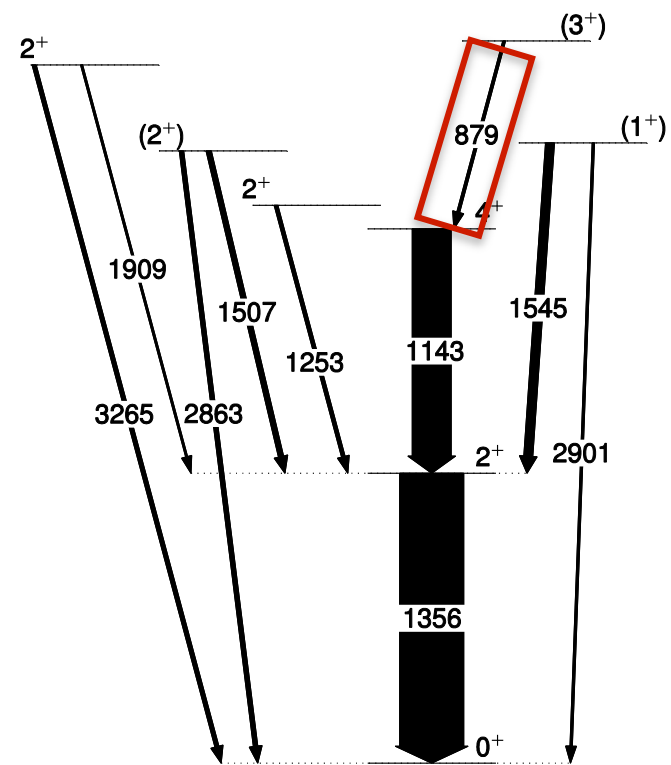
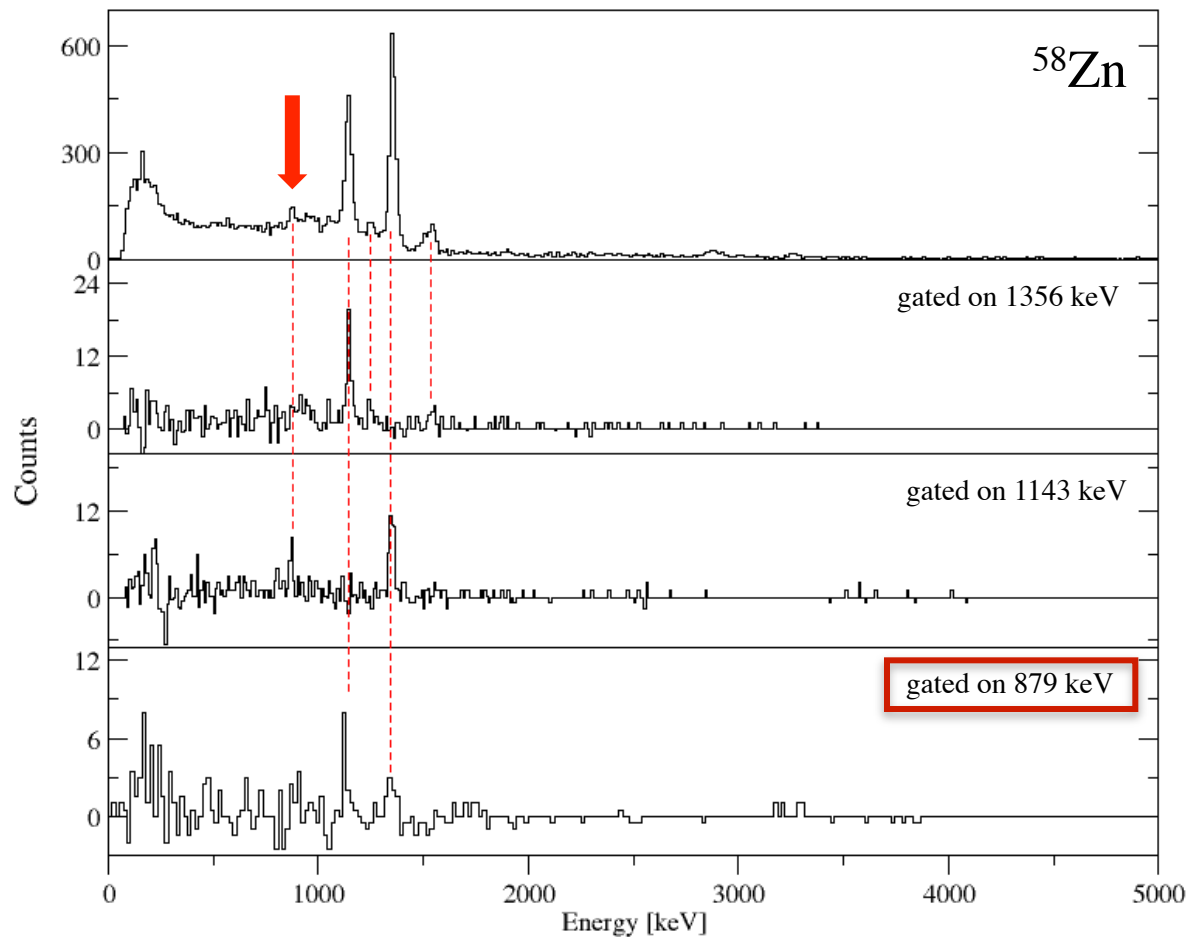
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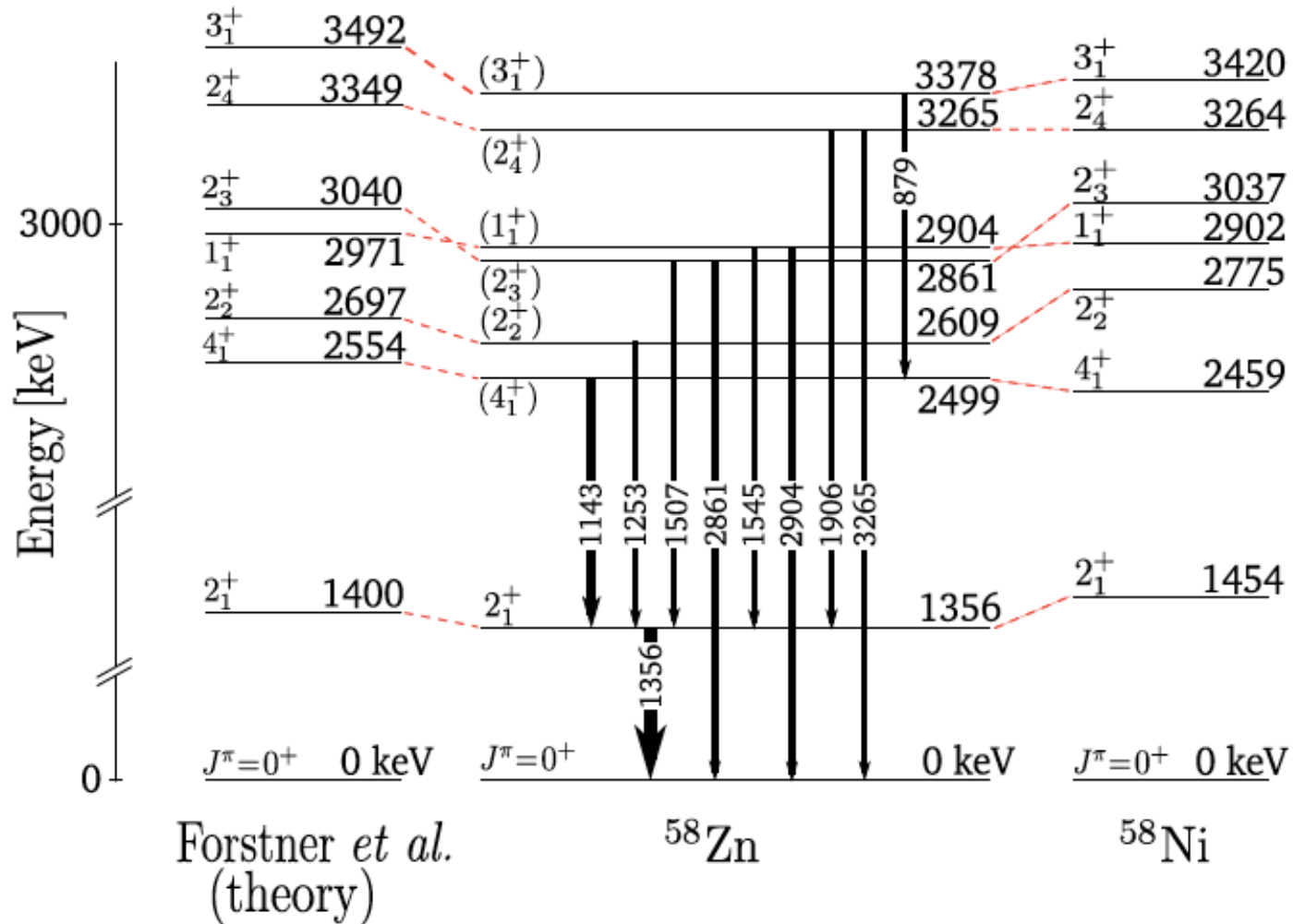


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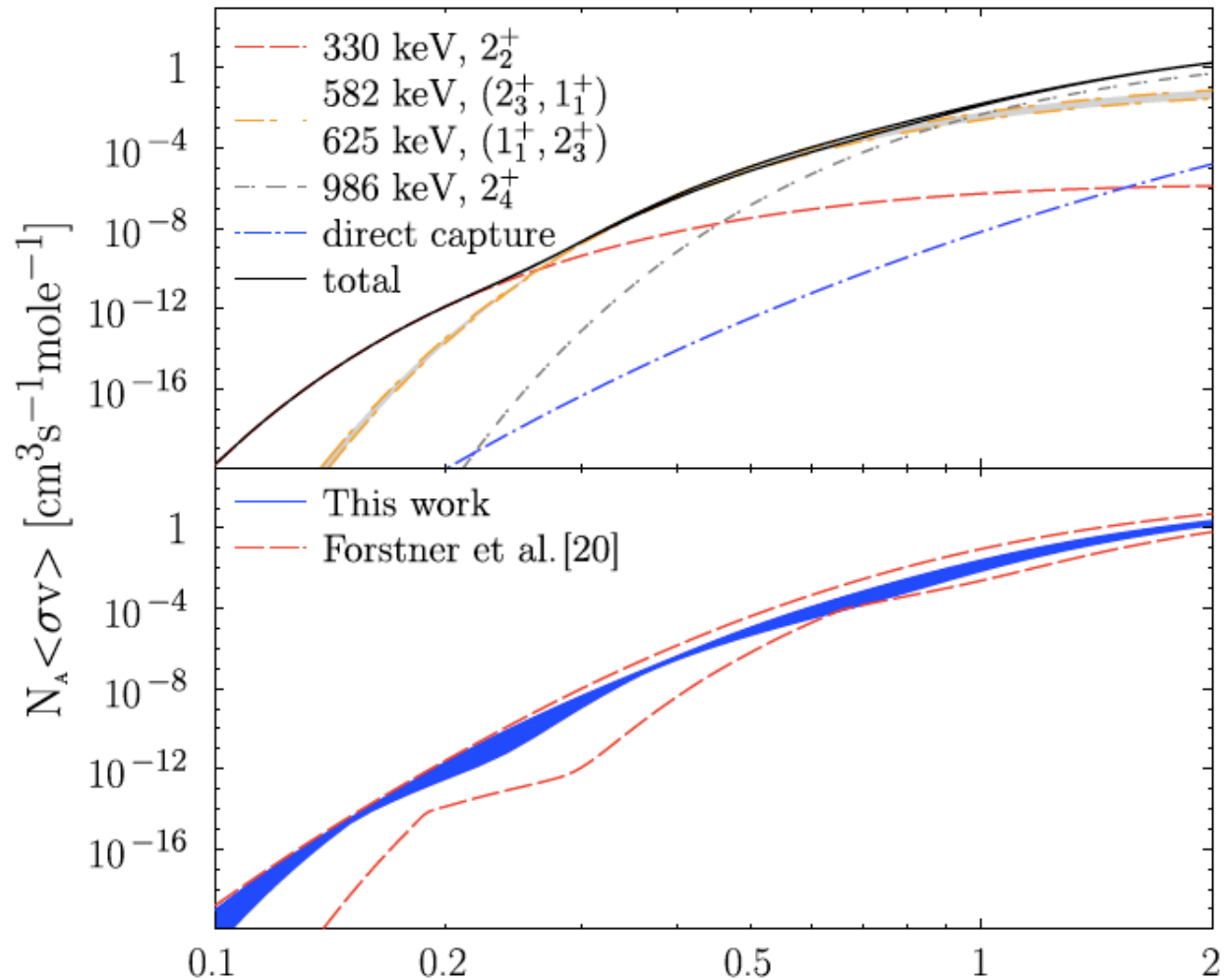


# Coincidence Analysis





Mirror Symmetry



$^{57}\text{Cu}(p,\gamma)^{58}\text{Zn}$  rate uncertainty highly reduced  
**→ Reliable prediction of A=56 in ashes**

The uncertainty in A = 56 nuclei production was reduced (from just this reaction) from a factor of 2 to about 20%.

# At ATLAS/ANL March 2014 – June 2015

■ 23 experiments approved: 3350 hours



Position Resolution

Good response for high-energy gammas

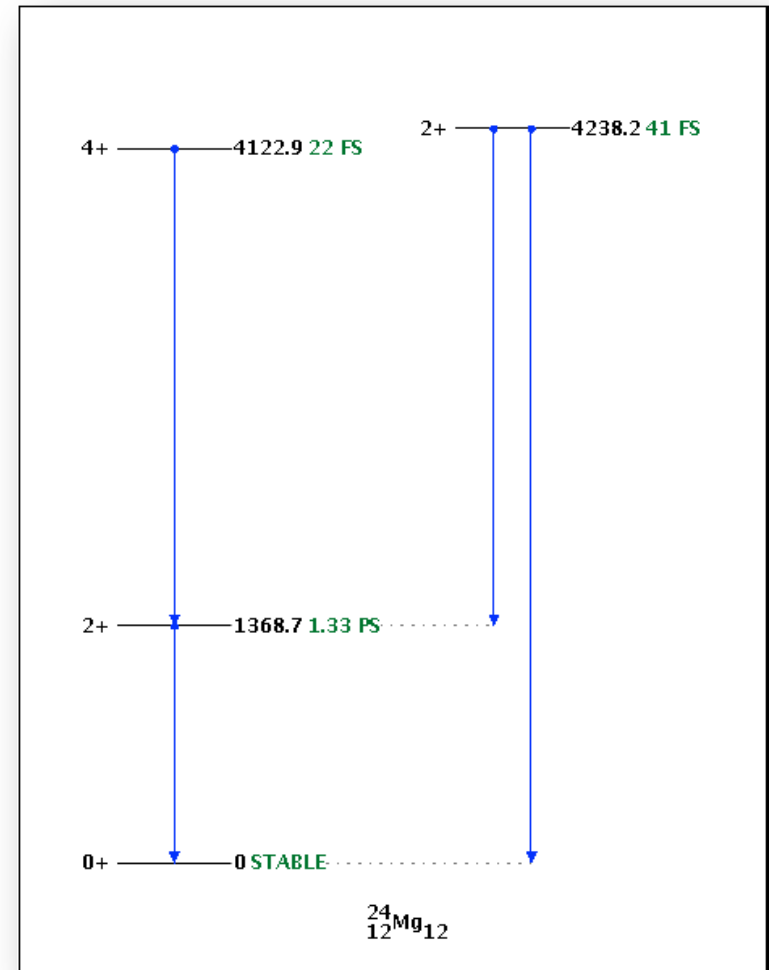
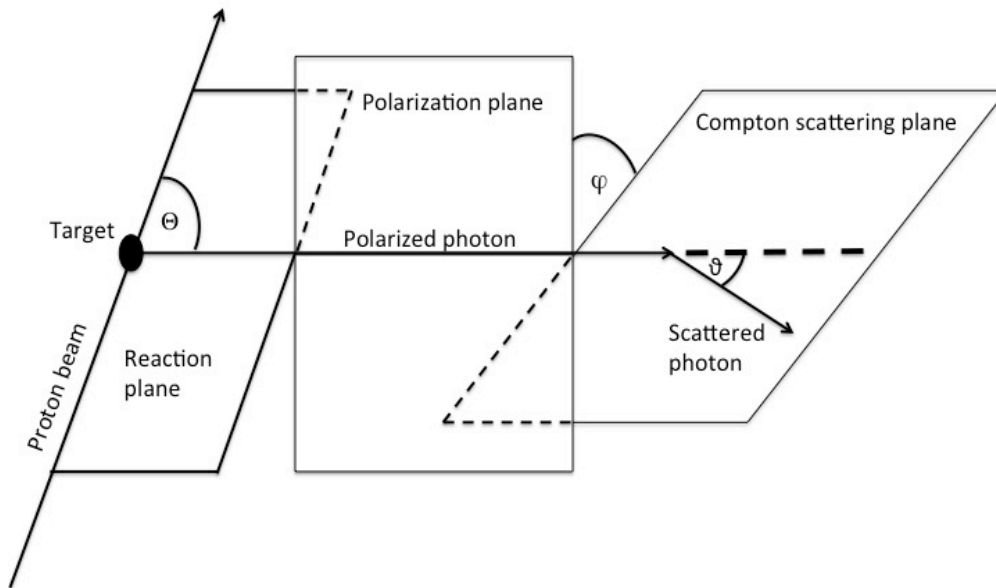
Polarization sensitivity

Neutron-rich nuclei – CARIBU beams

# Polarization

ANL ATLAS Experiment 1520x, A. Wiens *et al.*

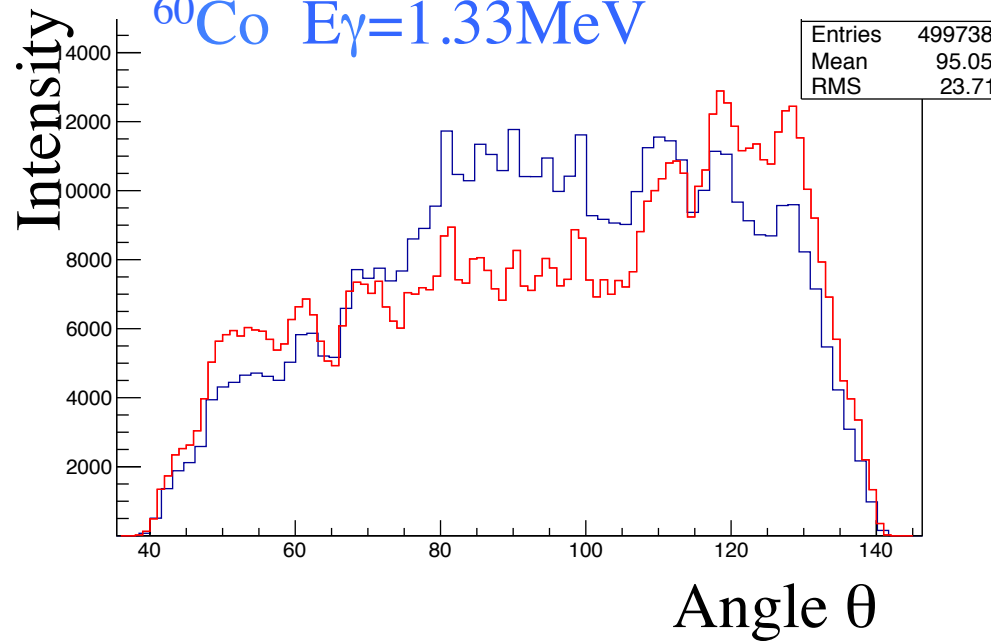
$^{24}\text{Mg}(p,p'\gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $E_p = 2.6$  and  $6$  MeV



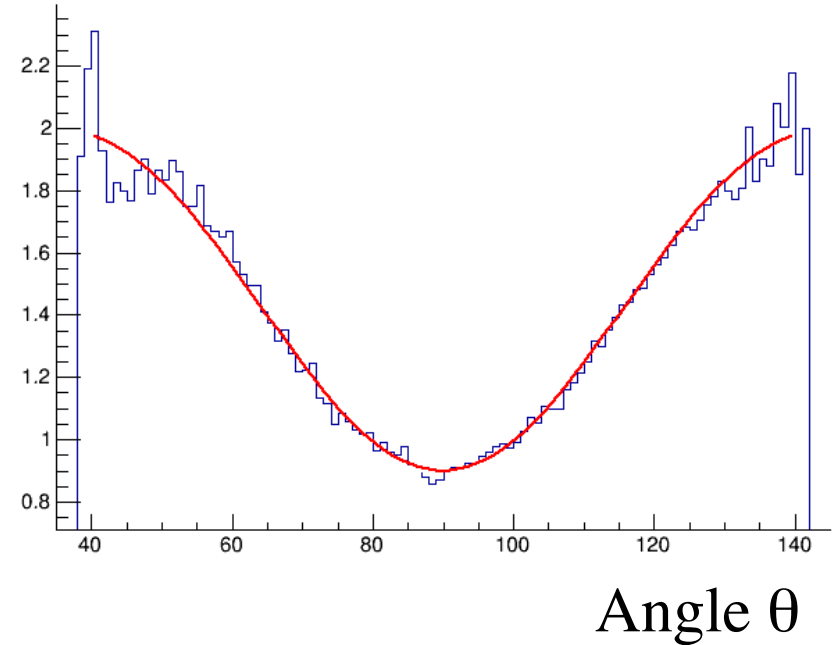
# Angular distributions

$^{24}\text{Mg}$   $E_\gamma=1.37\text{MeV}$

$^{60}\text{Co}$   $E_\gamma=1.33\text{MeV}$



Angular distribution tracked



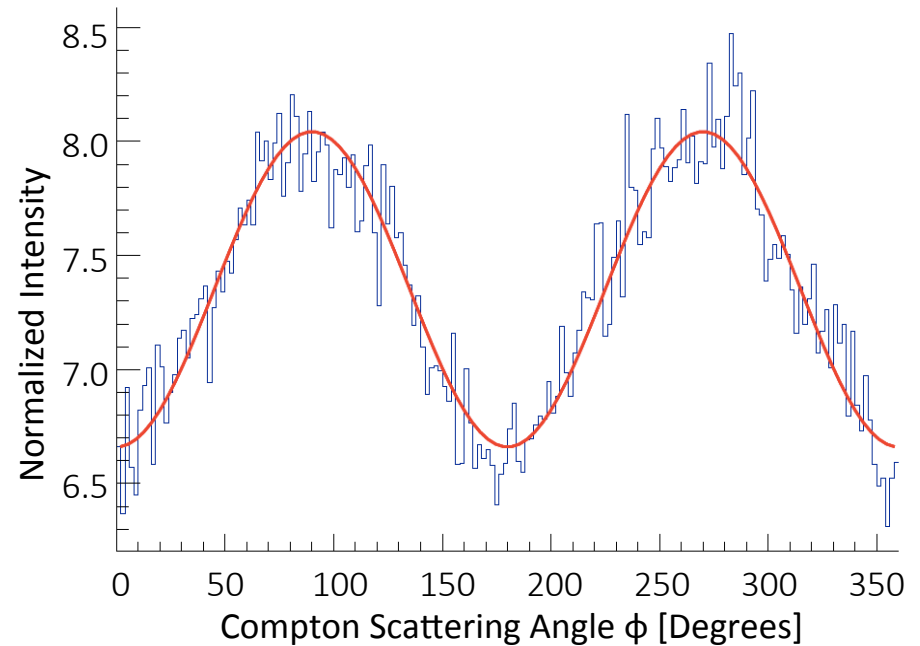
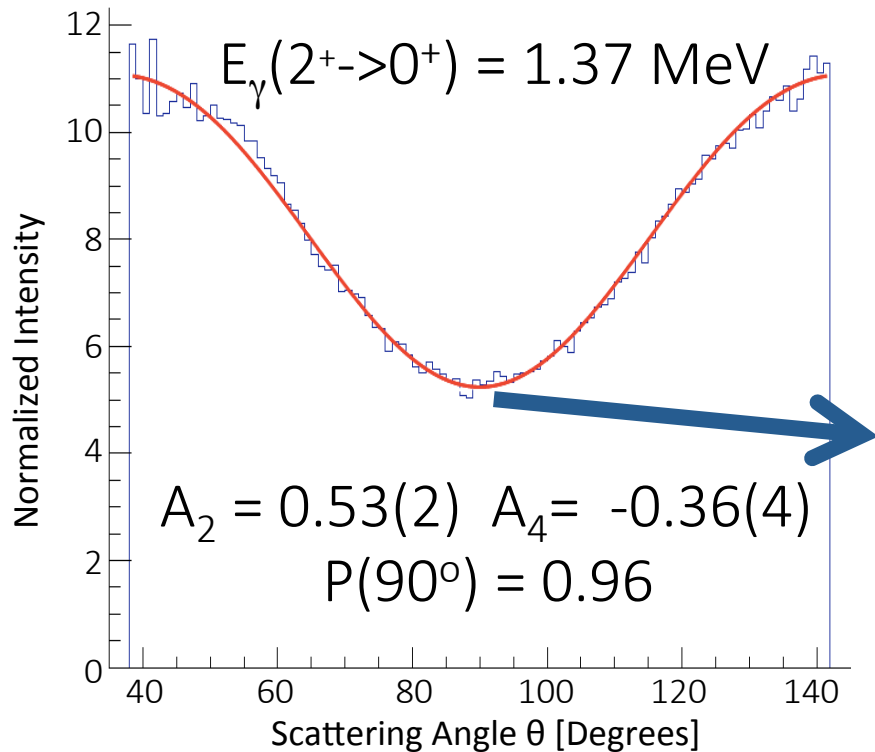
$$A_2 = 0.53(2) \quad A_4 = -0.36(4)$$

$P(M=0) \sim 100\%$     $P(M=1) \sim \text{few } \%$



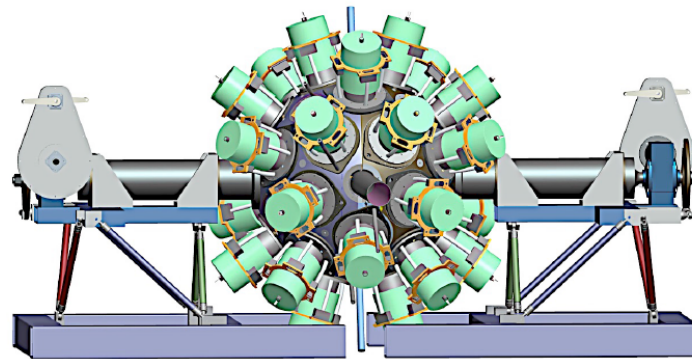
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{r_0^2}{2} \left( \frac{E_{\gamma'}}{E_{\gamma}} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{E_{\gamma'}}{E_{\gamma}} + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma'}} - 2 \sin^2 \vartheta \cos^2 \varphi \right]$$

Event by event polarization information



THE GAMMA-RAY ENERGY TRACKING ARRAY

# GRETA

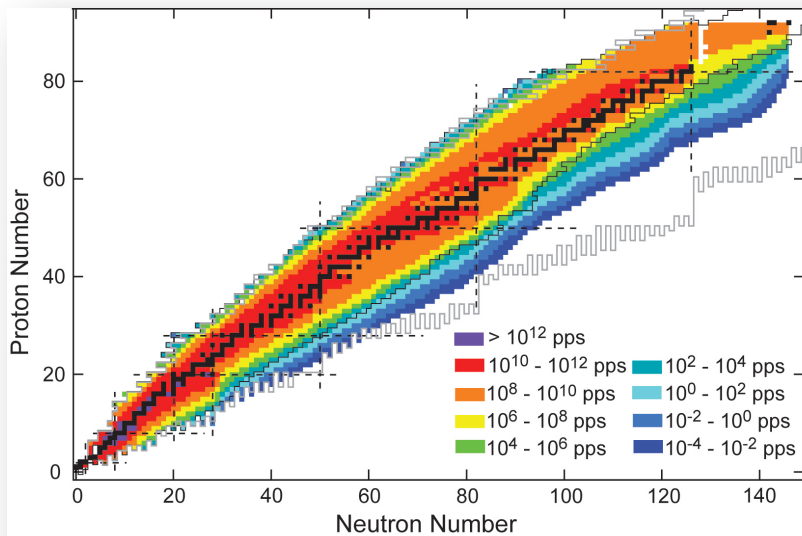


Whitepaper submitted to the Nuclear  
Astrophysics and Low Energy Nuclear  
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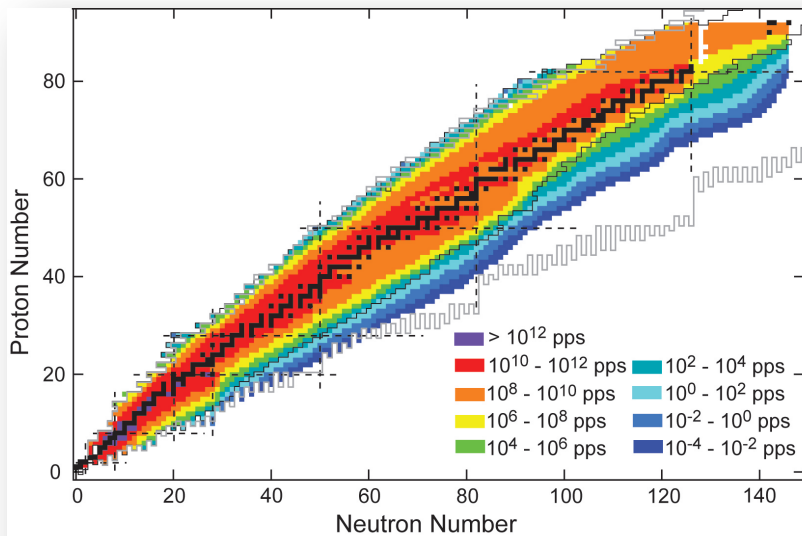
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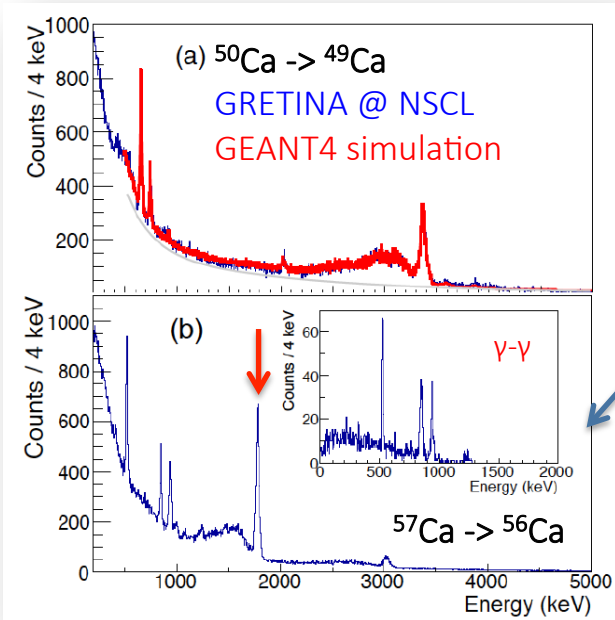
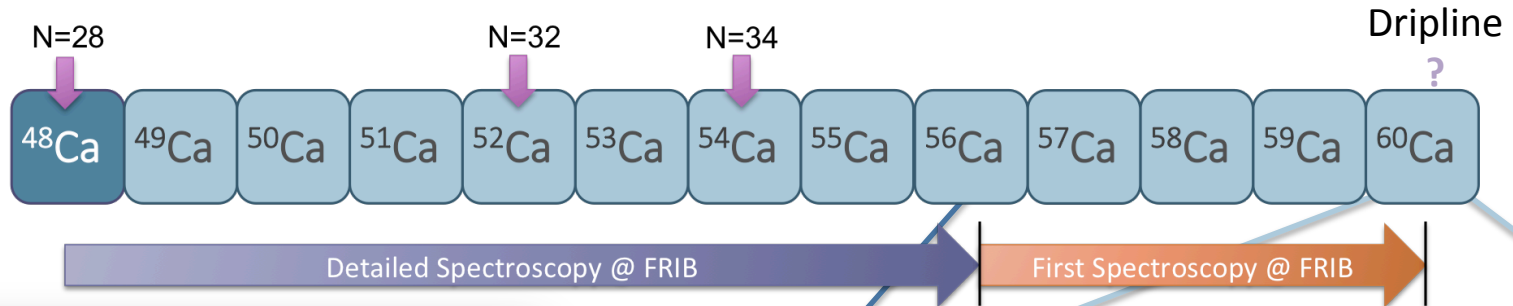
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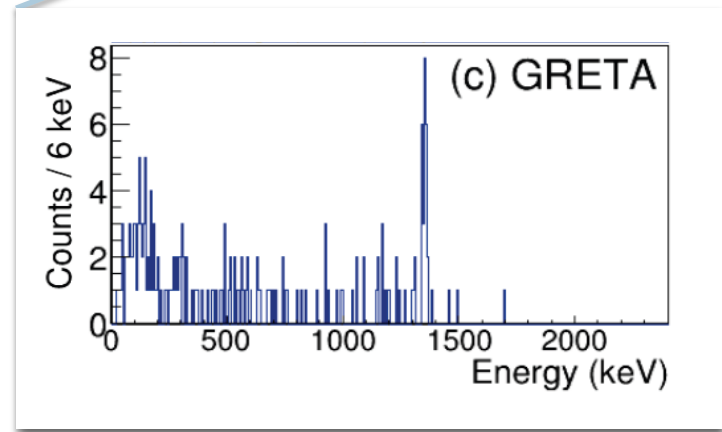
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# GRETA + High-Rigidity Spectrometer at FRIB

- The neutron-rich Ca isotopes beyond  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  provide dramatic examples of shell evolution
- Microscopic calculations suggest a sensitivity of the detailed structure to the inclusion of 3N forces



- Detailed studies of single particle structure, provide a critical test of effective interactions and 3N forces
- The structure around  $^{60}\text{Ca}$  informs the location of the dripline at  $Z = 20$



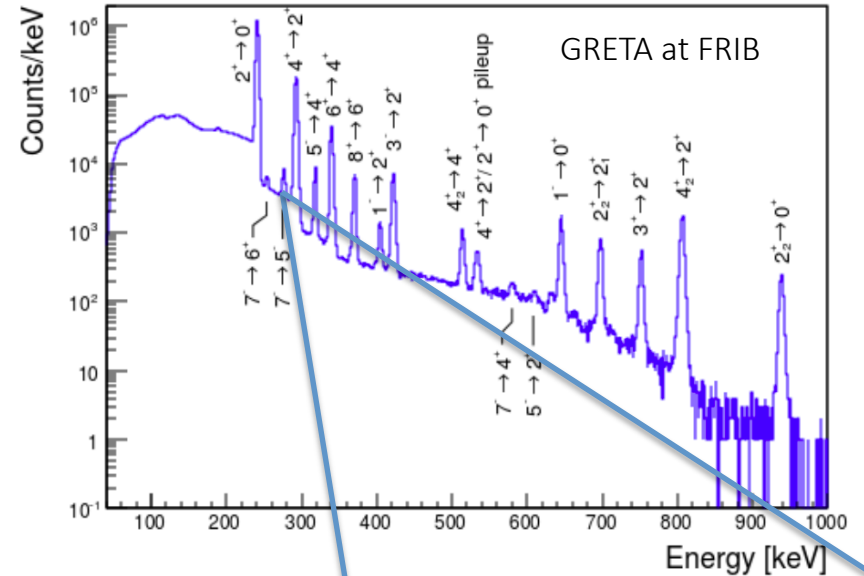
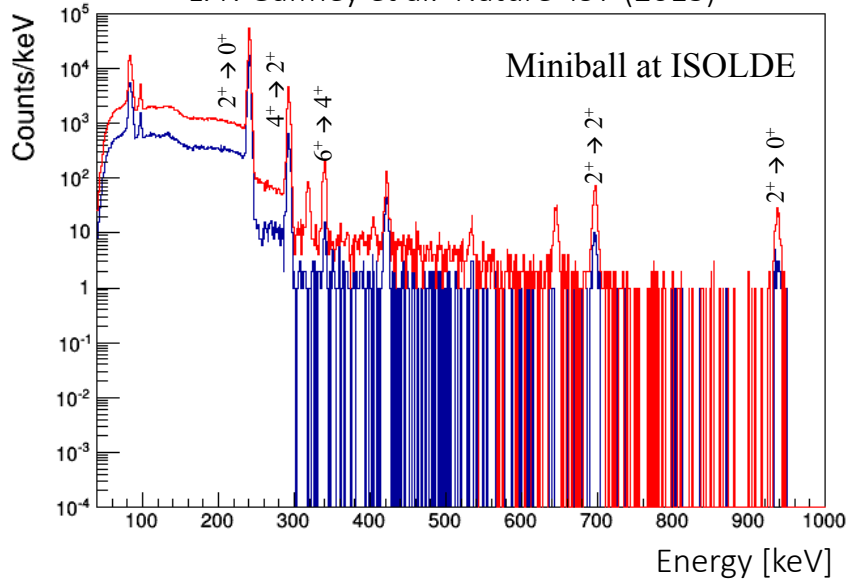
GRETA will have superior resolving power for fast-beam experiments compared to any other  $\gamma$ -ray detector

# GRETA and re-accelerated beams

Studies of octupole collectivity to guide searches for physics beyond the Standard Model

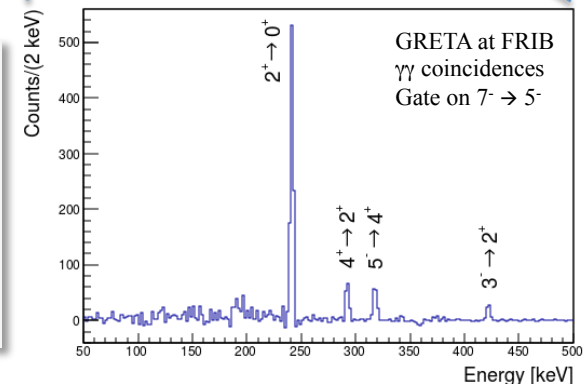
## Coulomb Excitation of $^{220}\text{Rn}$ on $^{120}\text{Sn}$

L. P. Gaffney et al. Nature 497 (2013)



4 $\pi$  GRETA combined with the FRIB reaccelerated beam intensity and energy provide a 100-fold or more increase in the intensity of transitions characterizing higher-spin states

Unprecedented discovery potential for identification and characterization of octupole-collective candidate nuclei for EDM searches.



# Applications of imaging gamma-rays

## High energy astrophysics

Correlate the detected photon to the source object as known from more precise observations in other wavelengths

## Biomedical research

Precise localization of radioactive tracers in the body

Cancer diagnosis

Molecular targeted radiation therapy

Monitor changes in the tracer distribution -> dynamical studies

## National security

Nuclear non-proliferation/ nuclear counter terrorism

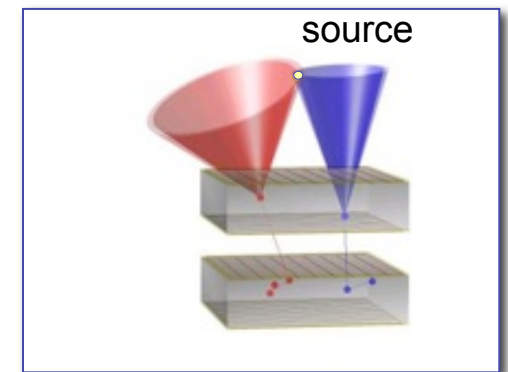
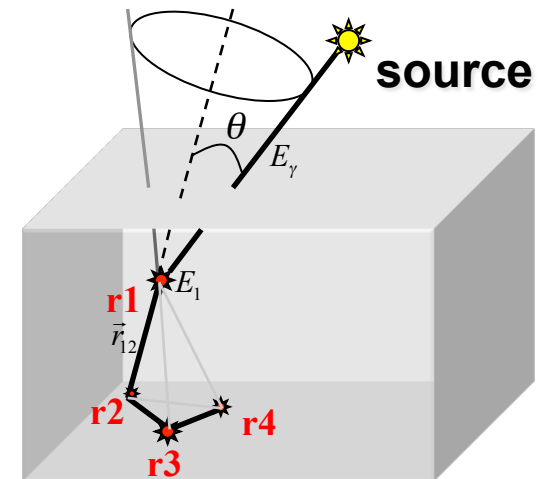
Contraband detection

Stockpile stewardship

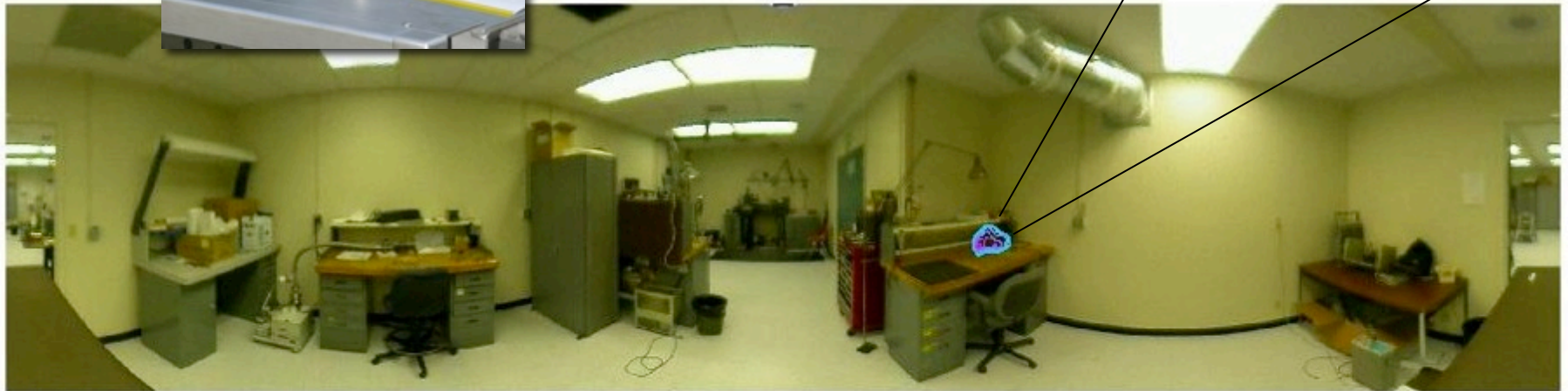
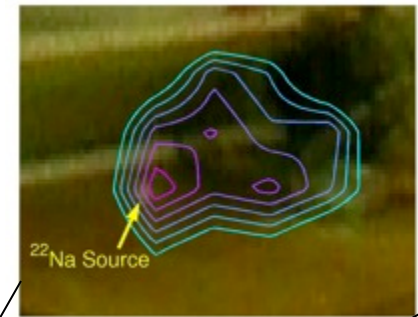
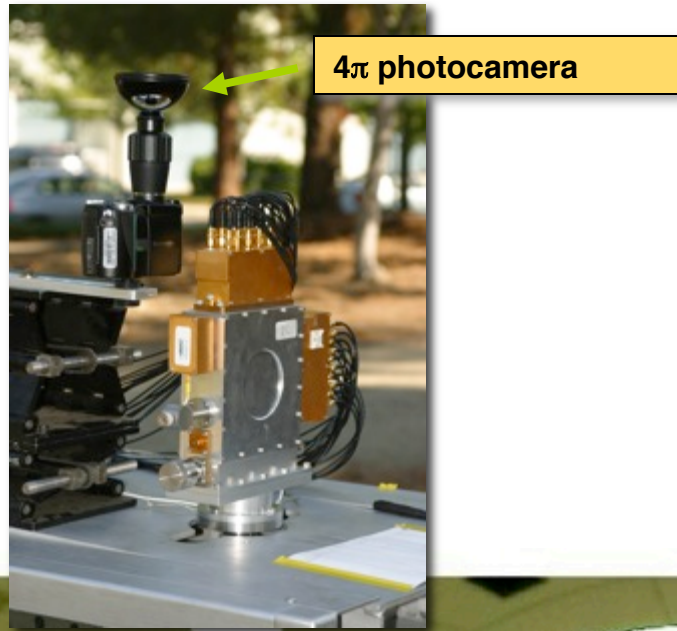
Nuclear waste monitoring and management

## Industrial non-destructive assessments

Determination of the material density distribution between the source and detector



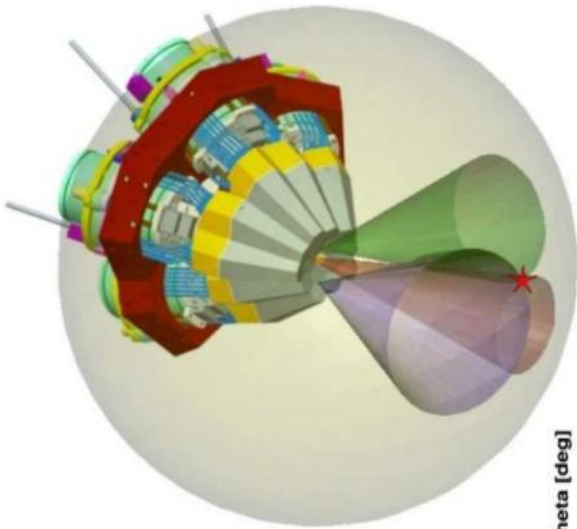
# $4\pi$ gamma-ray imaging



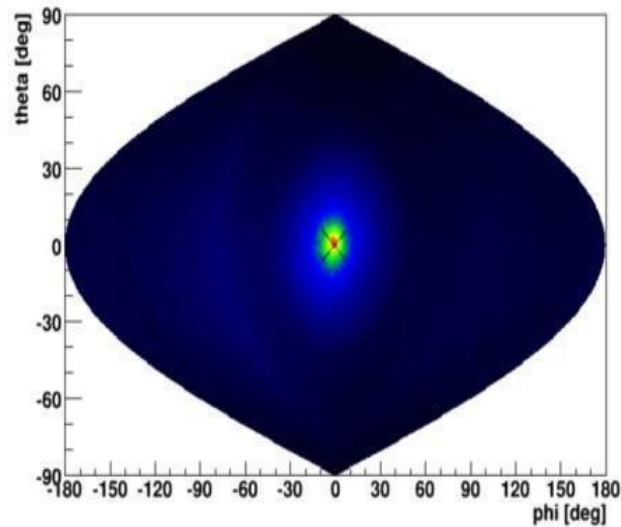


# Imaging of $E_\gamma=1332$ keV gamma rays

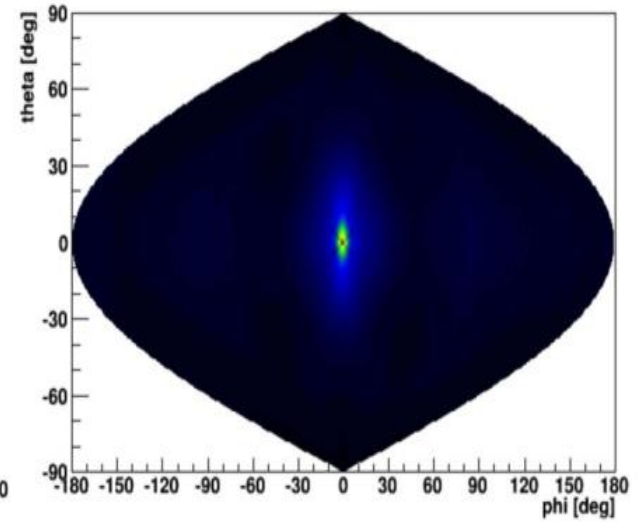
AGATA used as a big Compton Camera



Source at 51 cm  $\rightarrow$   $\Delta x \sim \Delta y \sim 2$  mm  $\Delta z \sim 2$  cm



All 9 detectors



One detector

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## Construction and commissioning:

The performance of the Gamma-Ray Energy Tracking In-beam Nuclear Array GRETINA

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## Operation at NSCL:

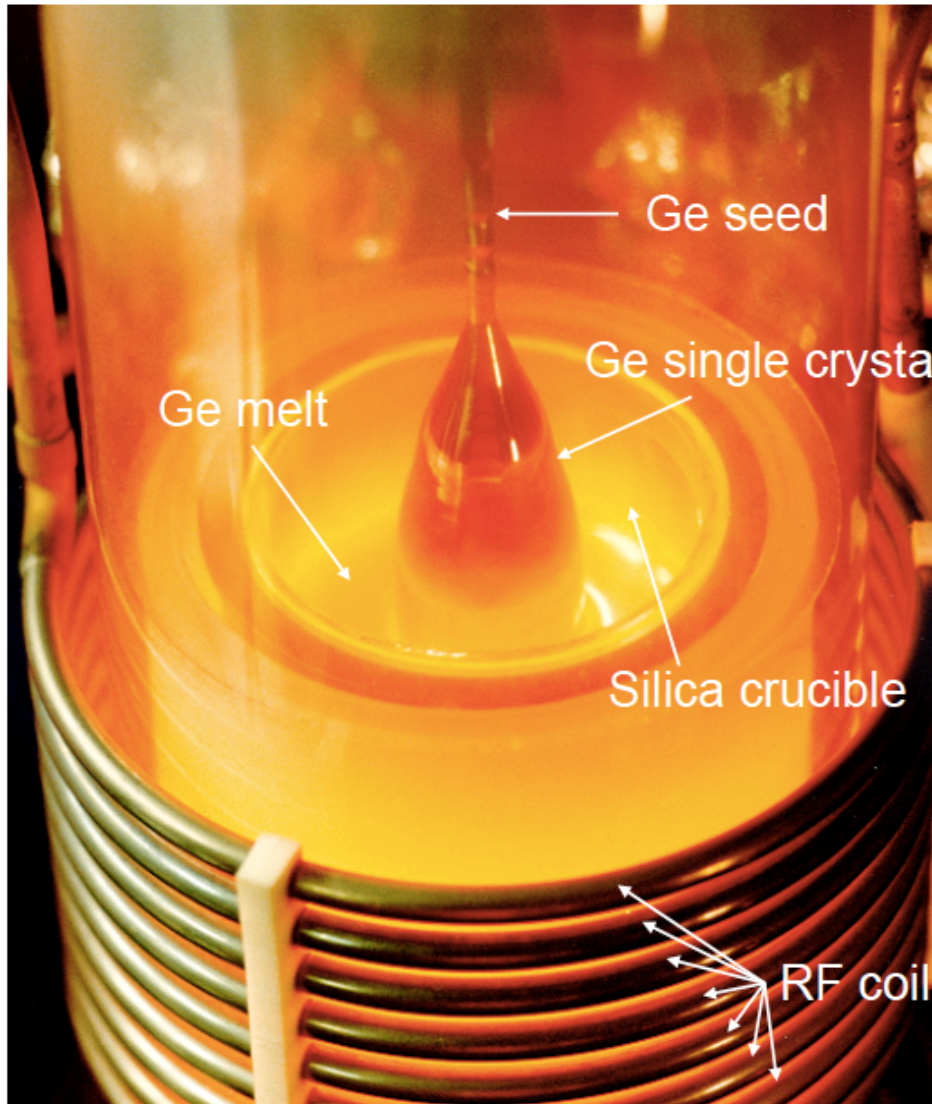
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**Thank You!**

EXTRA MATERIAL



An ultra-pure Germanium single crystal is being “pulled” from a melt contained in a silica crucible at 936°C. The atmosphere is pure Hydrogen. Heat is supplied by the water cooled radiofrequency (RF) coil surrounding the silica envelope. This bulk crystal growth technique carries the name of it’s inventor, “Jan Czochralski.”

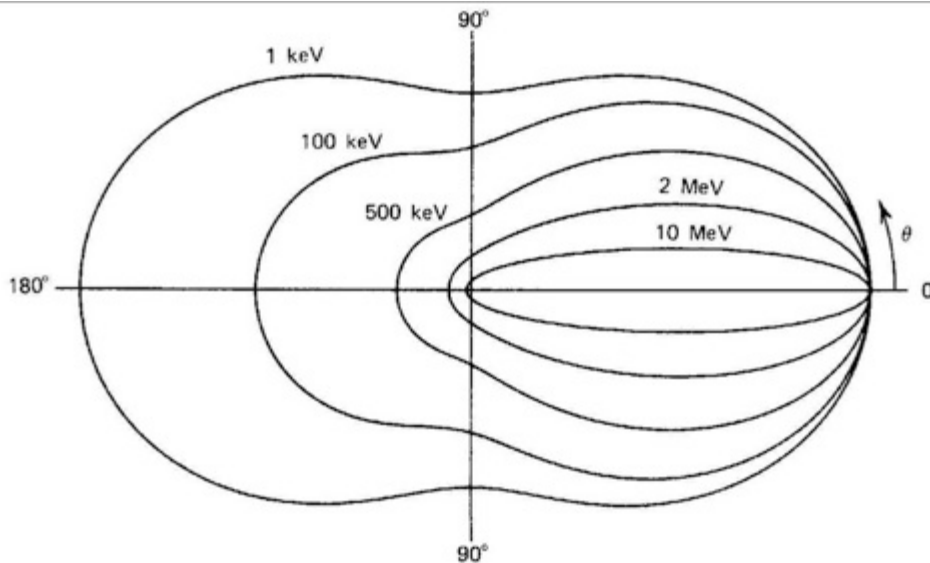
# Compton scattering: More Details

## Compton formula:

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{E}{m_0 c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$

Special case for  $E \gg m_0 c^2$ :  
gamma-ray energy after 180° scatter is  
approximately

$$E' = \frac{m_0 c^2}{2} = 256 \text{ keV}$$



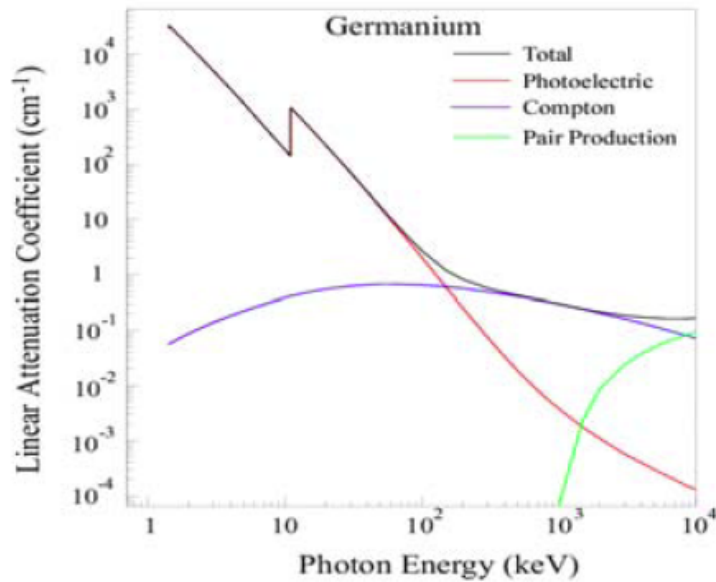
The angle dependence of Compton scattering is expressed by the **Klein-Nishina Formula**

## Forward scattering

( $\theta$  small) is dominant for  $E > 100 \text{ keV}$

**Figure 2-19** A polar plot of the number of photons (incident from the left) Compton scattered into a unit solid angle at the scattering angle  $\theta$ . The curves are shown for the indicated initial energies.

## Tracking - Use properties of $\gamma$ -ray interaction with Ge to determine the $\gamma$ -ray scattering sequence

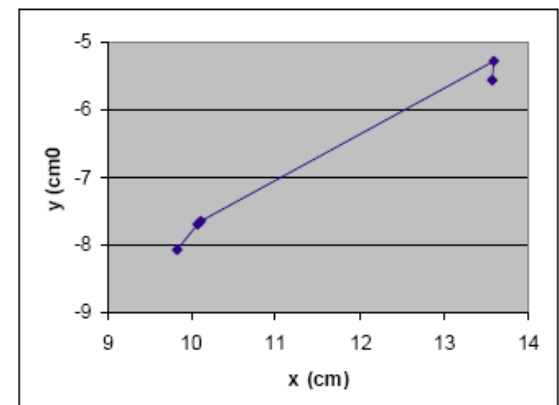
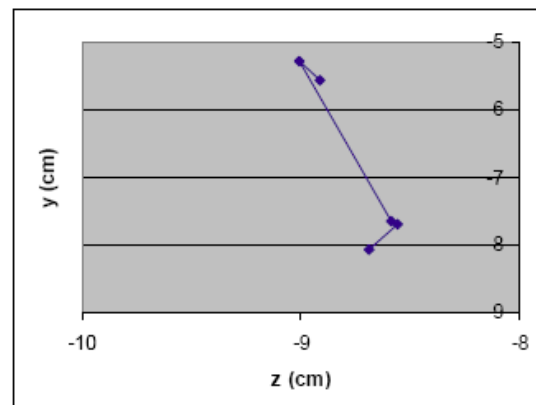
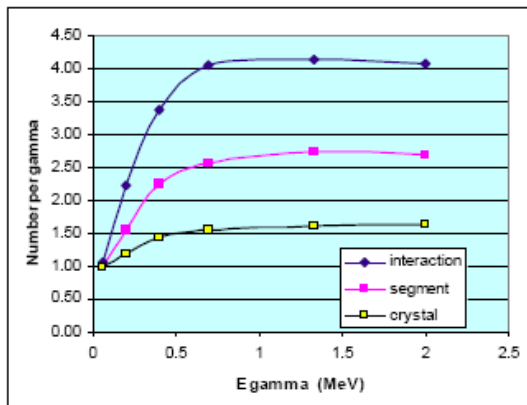


**Example; 1.33 MeV**

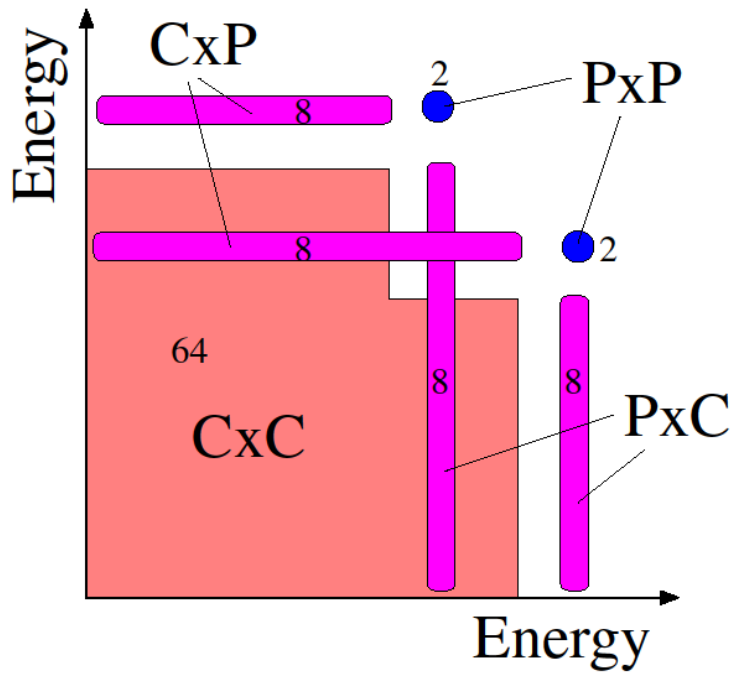
5 interactions: 4 Compton, 1 photo

Separation of interactions: 0.5 – 5 cm

x (cm)	y (cm)	z (cm)	E (MeV)
9.82	-8.07	-8.69	1.0184
10.07	-7.68	-8.56	0.0418
10.11	-7.65	-8.59	0.0044
13.58	-5.27	-9.01	0.1202
13.57	-5.55	-8.91	0.1452



....what we have to pay:



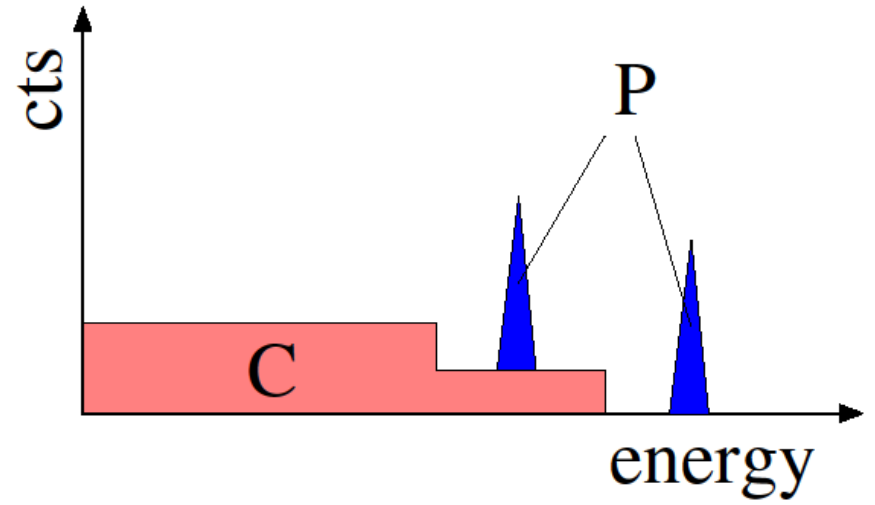
**P/T:** Probability to count a detected gamma in the Peak and NOT in the Compton plateau

Example:  $P/T=0.2$ , two gammas, 100 events

Detecting both in peak	PxP: 4%
1 in Peak, 1 as Compton	PxC: 16%
1 as Compton, 1 in Peak	CxP: 16%
Both as Compton	CxC: 64%

In projection we have 10 events in peak, but in a corresponding  $\delta E$  cut only 2 ( $10 \times P/T$ )

Conclusion: We **lose factor P/T** in peak intensity each time we increase Fold F.





# Signal Generation

- **Electric field**

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \rho \quad \rho : \text{impurity concentration}$$

*Boundary condition : applied bias voltage*

- **Weighting potential for segment  $k$**

$$\nabla^2 V_k = 0$$

*Boundary condition : 1 V on the segment  $k$   
0 V on all other segments*

# Signal Generation

- **Trajectory : for electrons and holes**

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}(\vec{E}) \quad \text{anisotropic}$$

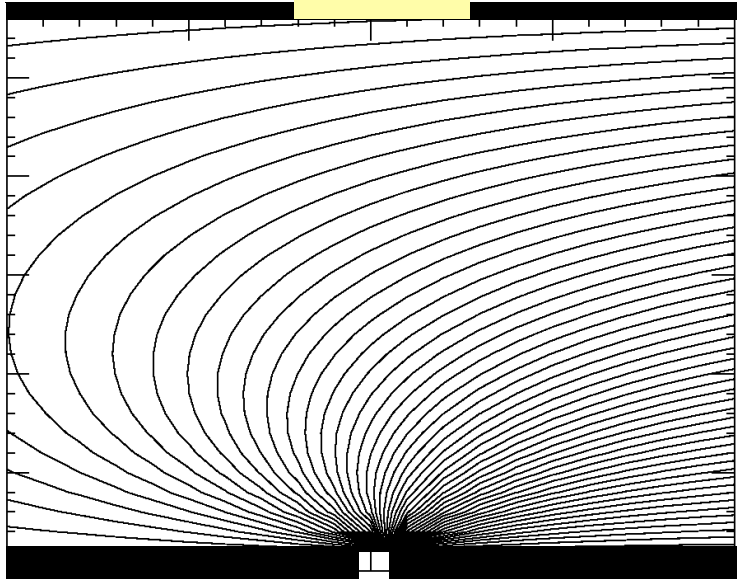
$$\vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}_0 + \int_0^t \vec{v} dt$$

- **Induced charge (S. Ramo, Proc. IRE 27(1939)584)**

If a charge  $q$  moves from position  $x_1$  to position  $x_2$ , then the induced charge on electrode  $k$  is

$$\Delta Q_k = q \left( V_k(\vec{x}_2) - V_k(\vec{x}_1) \right)$$

V=0

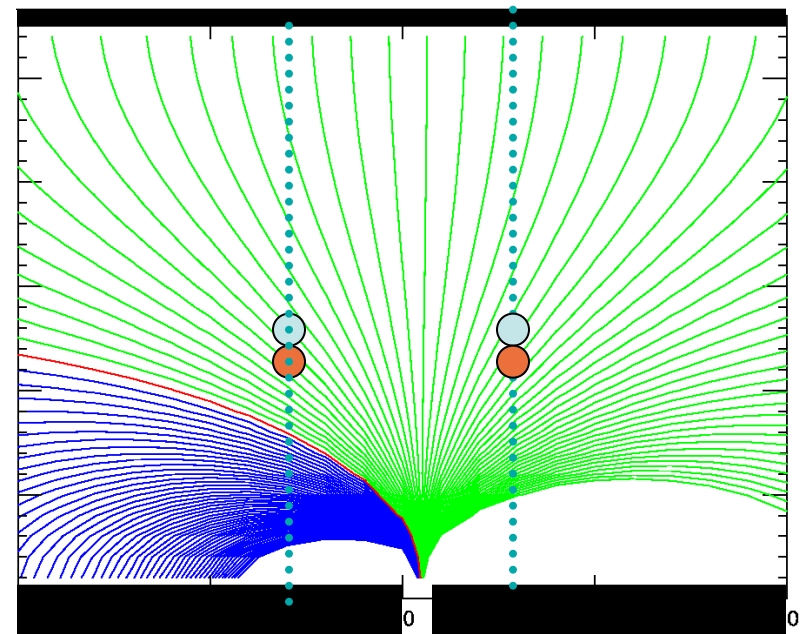


V=0

V=1

weighting potential

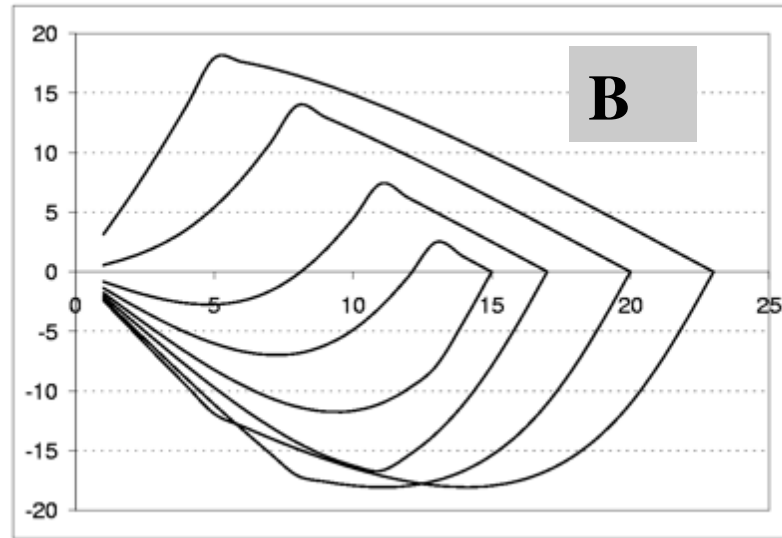
$E_x$  weighting field



B

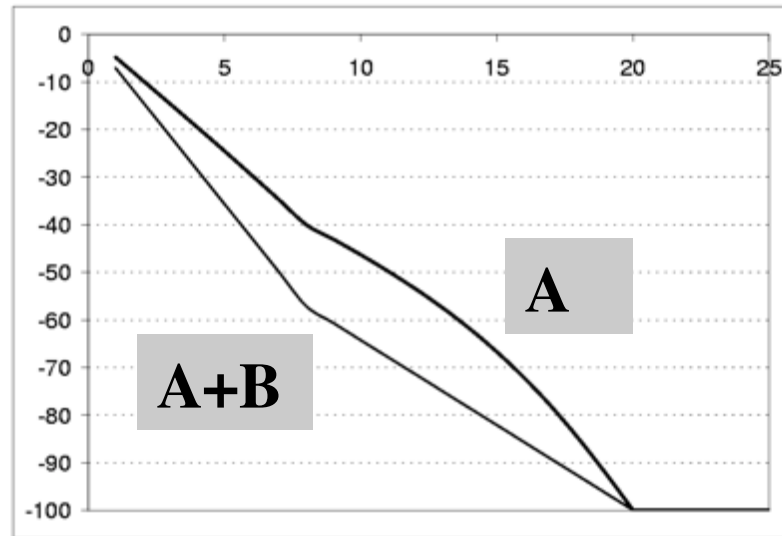
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$$\Delta Q \propto \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v} \Delta t = E_x v \Delta t$$

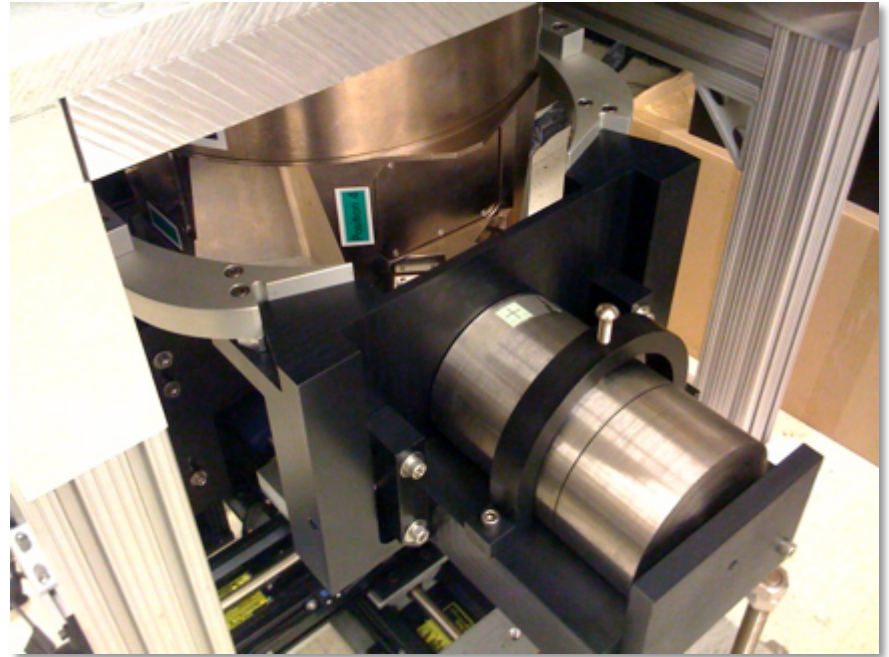
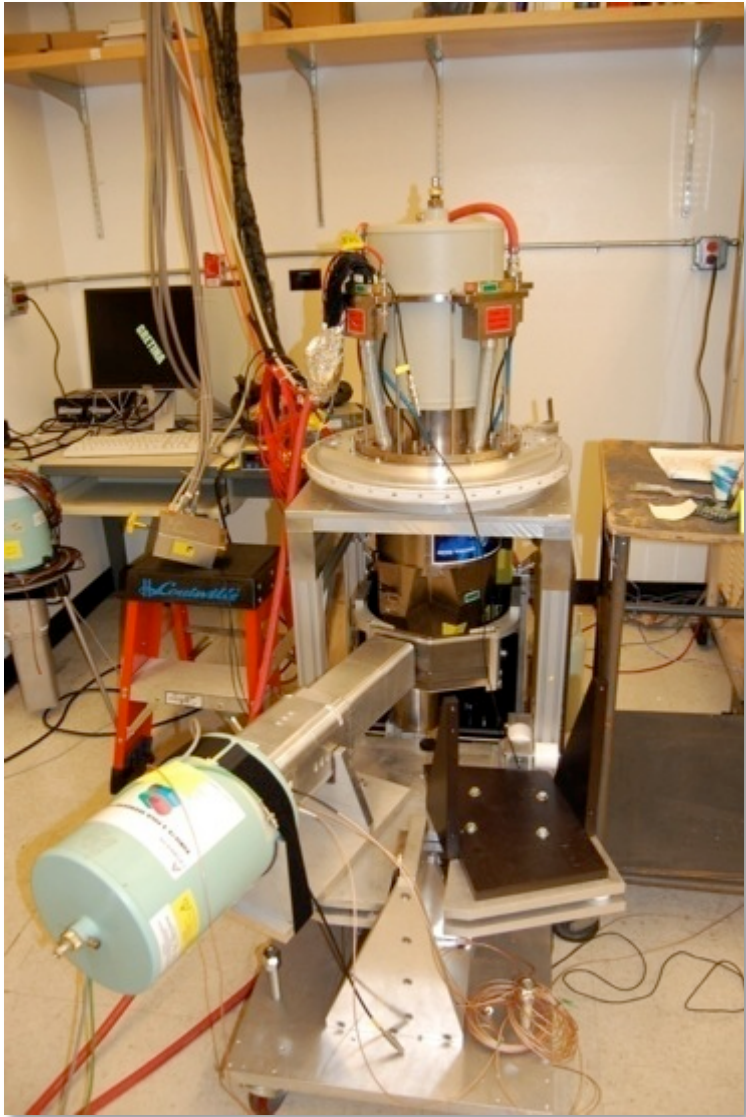


Q (%)

time



# Characterization



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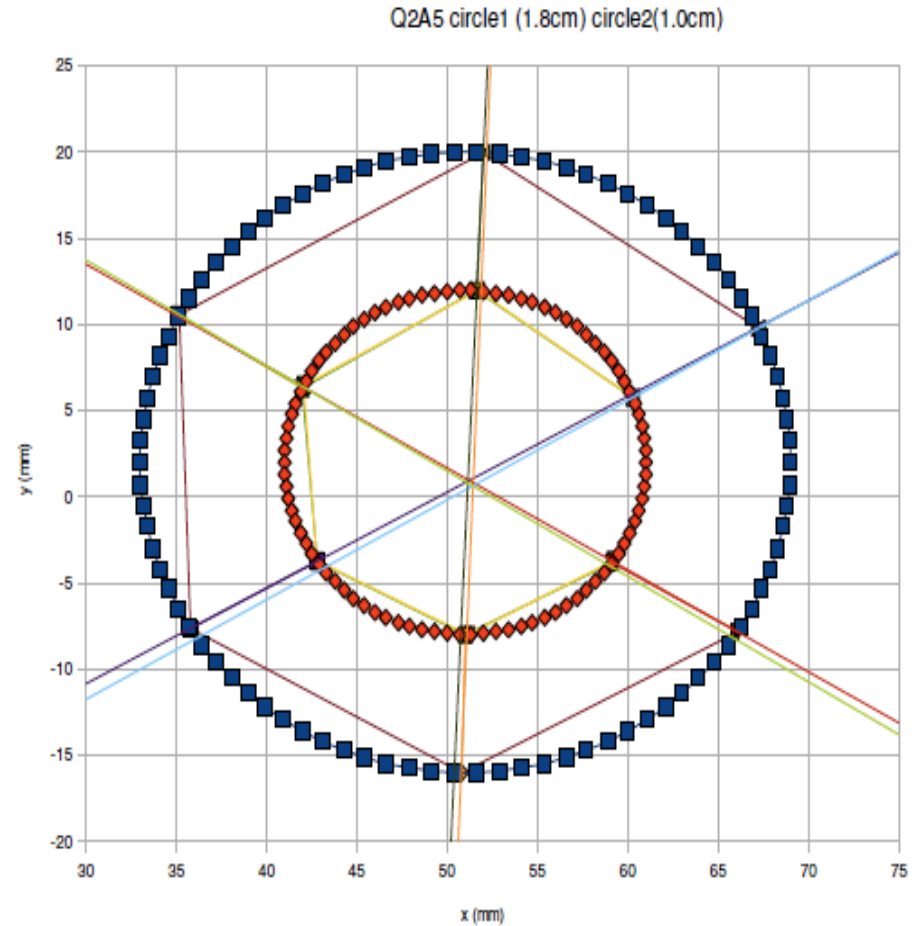
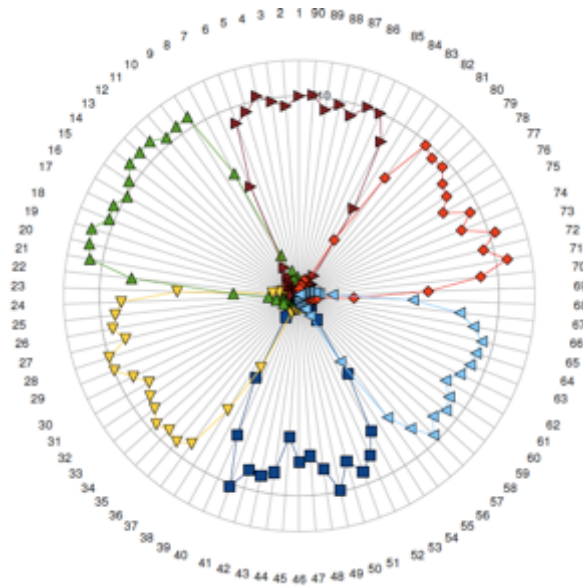
1 mCi  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  source (662keV)

Vertical, horizontal and slit collimators (1, 2 mm)  
to define x, y and z

Stepping motors in x, y, z (LabView Control)

Automatic scans.

# Am Surface scans



- Front segmentation lines are within 0.2 mm
- Accuracy of measurement is 0.15 mm
- Reproducibility after crystal replacement is 0.2 mm

# Inverse-kinematics proton scattering on $^{50}\text{Ca}$ : determining effective charges using complementary probes

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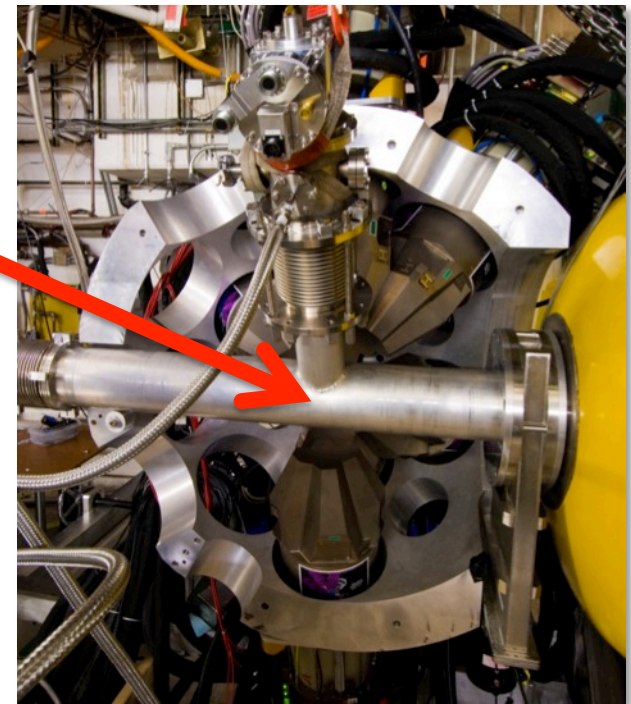
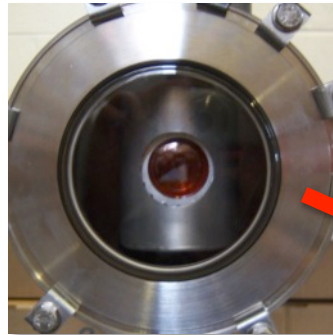
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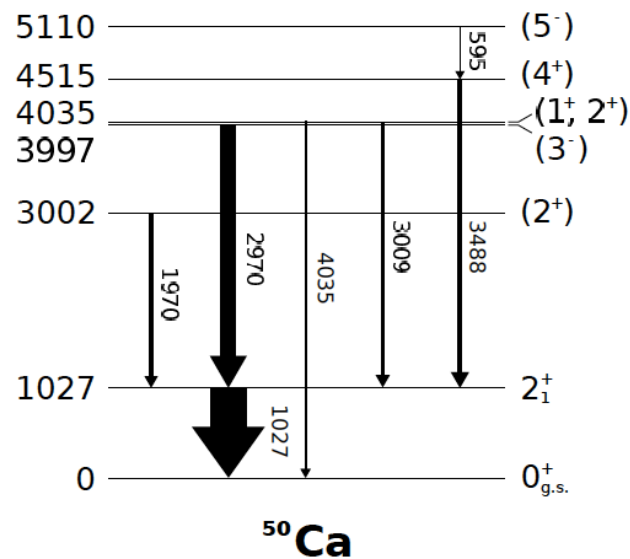
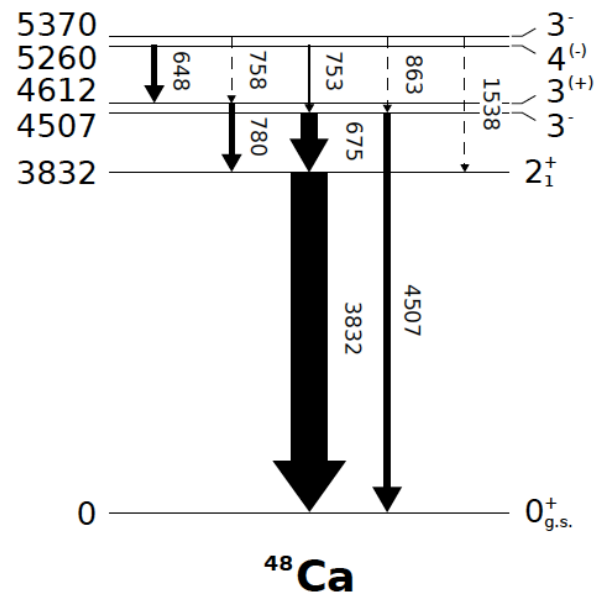
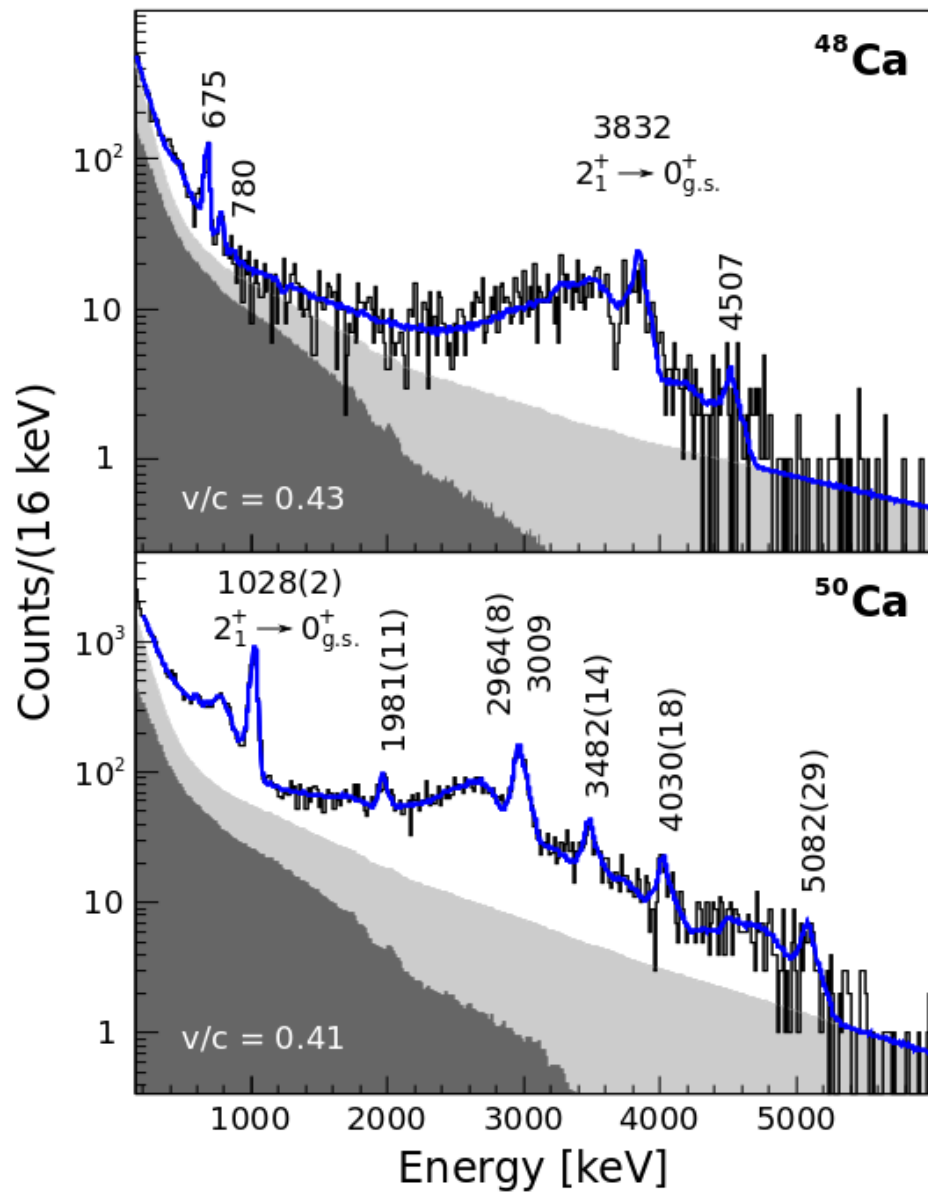
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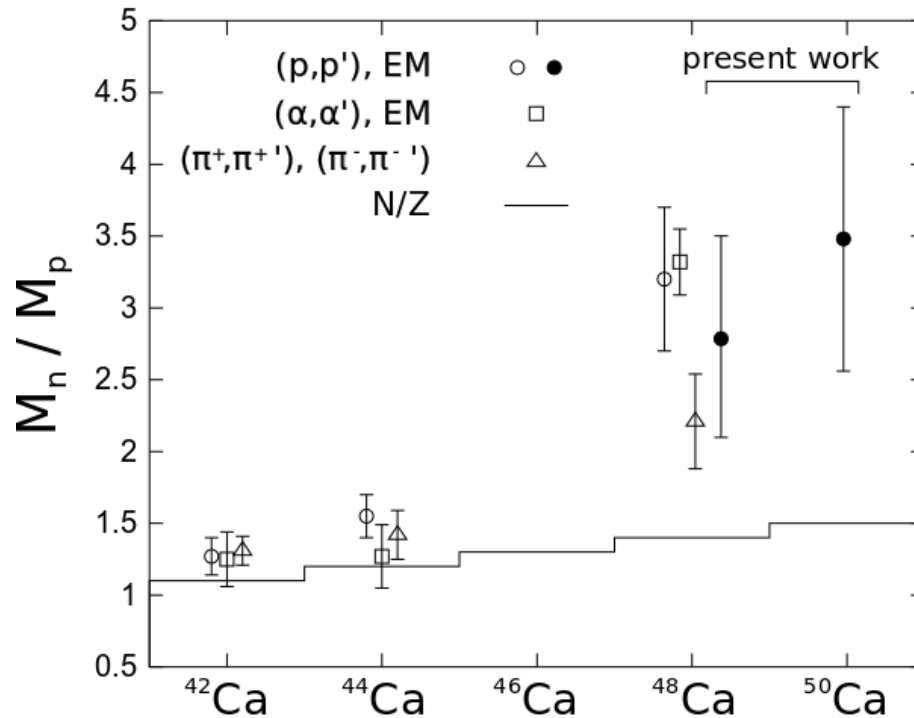
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(p,p') cross-sections are used to extract proton-scattering deformation lengths

Comparison with lifetime measurements determine the  $M_n/M_p$  ratios



$$\frac{e_p}{e_n} = \frac{M_n}{M_p} = 3.5(9)$$

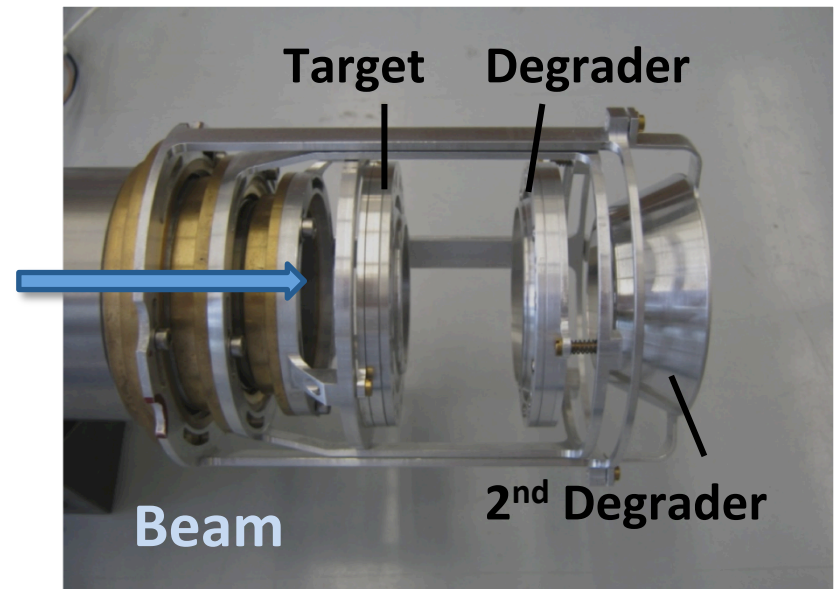
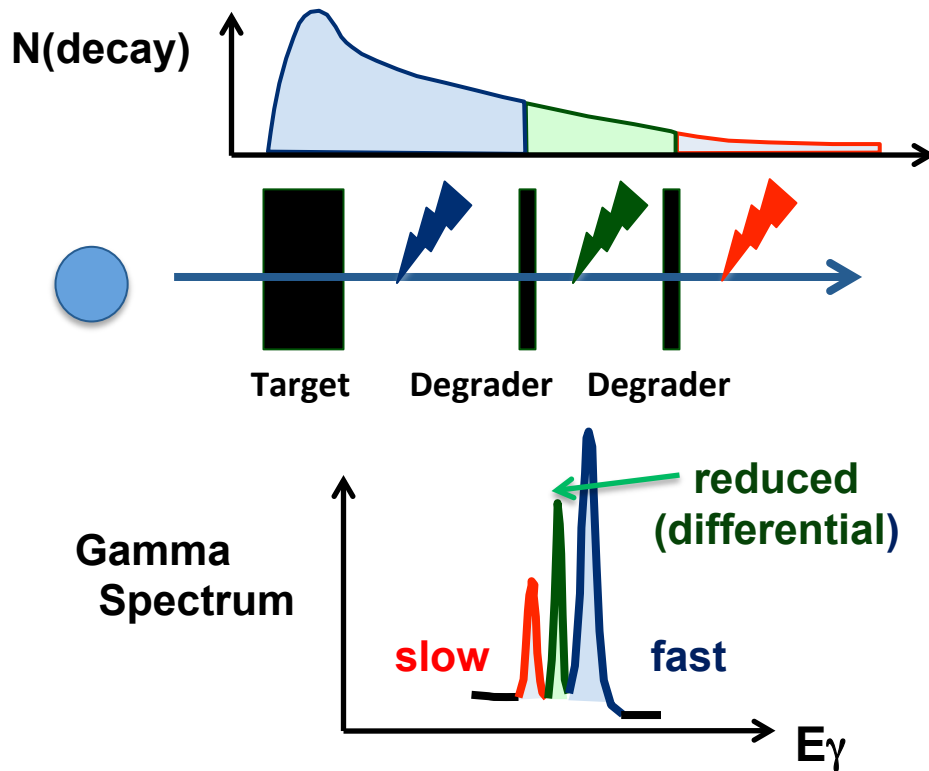
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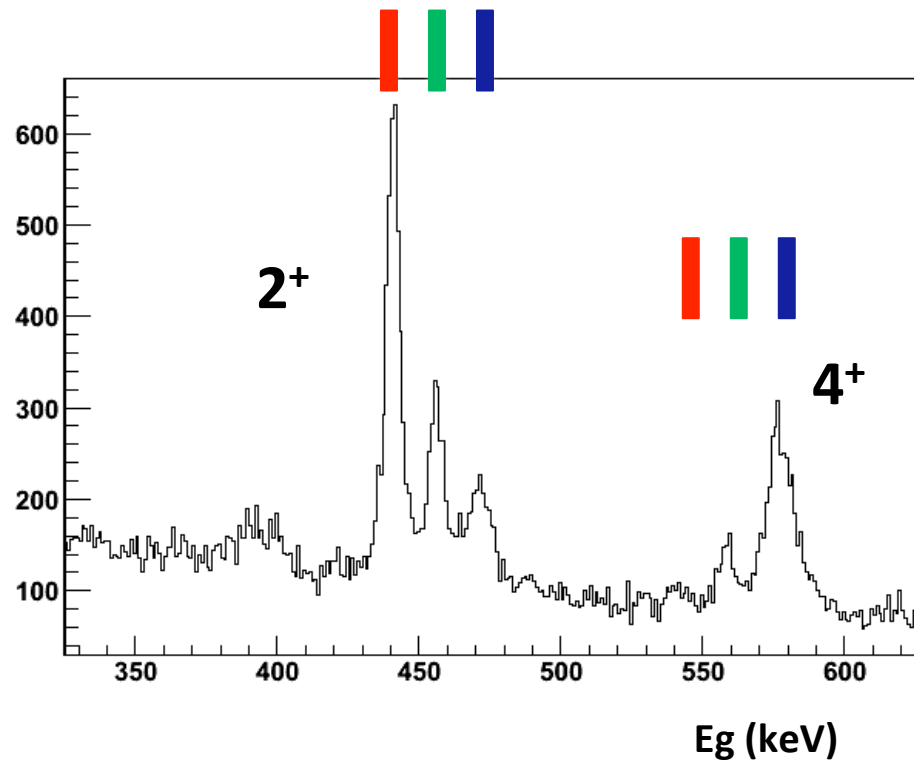
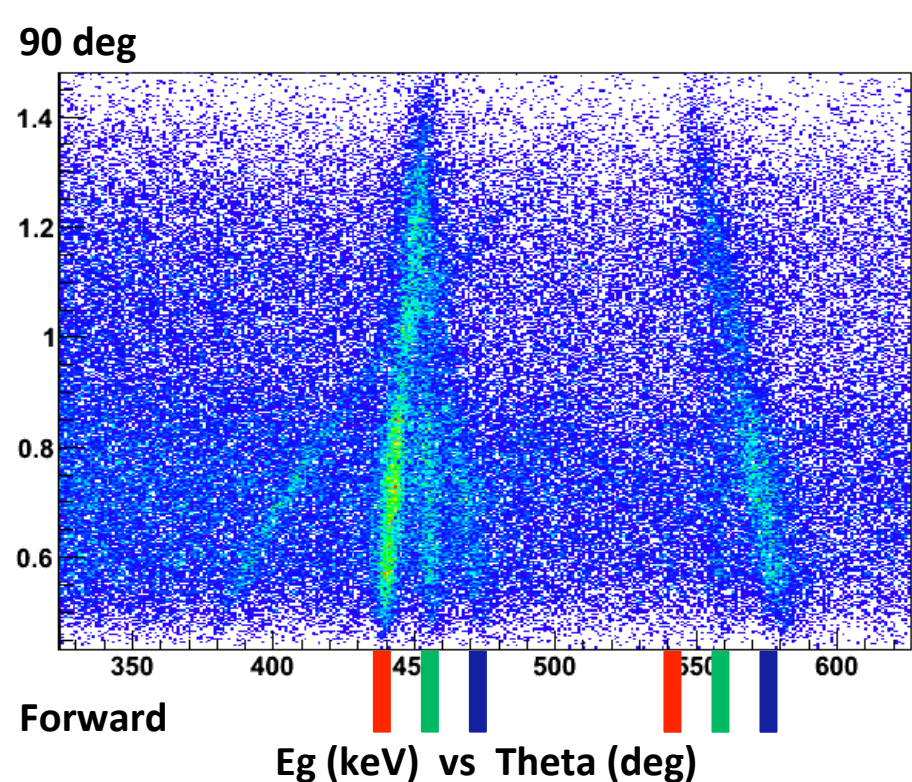
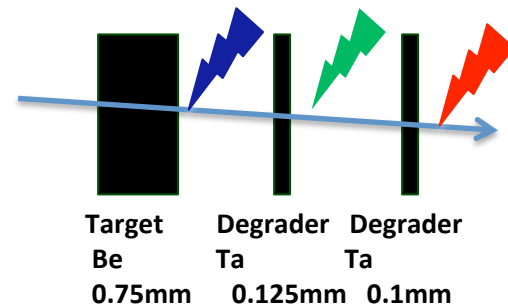
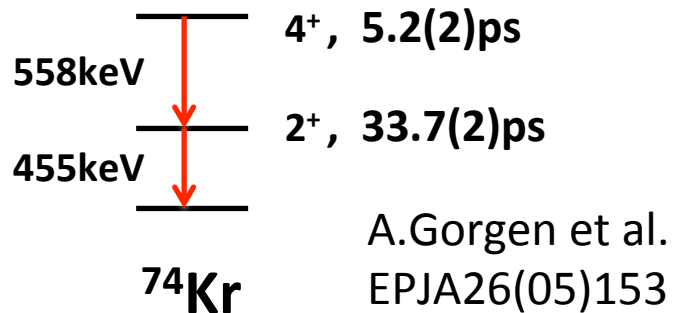
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## Nuclear Structure Towards $N = 40$ $^{60}\text{Ca}$ : In-Beam $\gamma$ -Ray Spectroscopy of $^{58,60}\text{Ti}$

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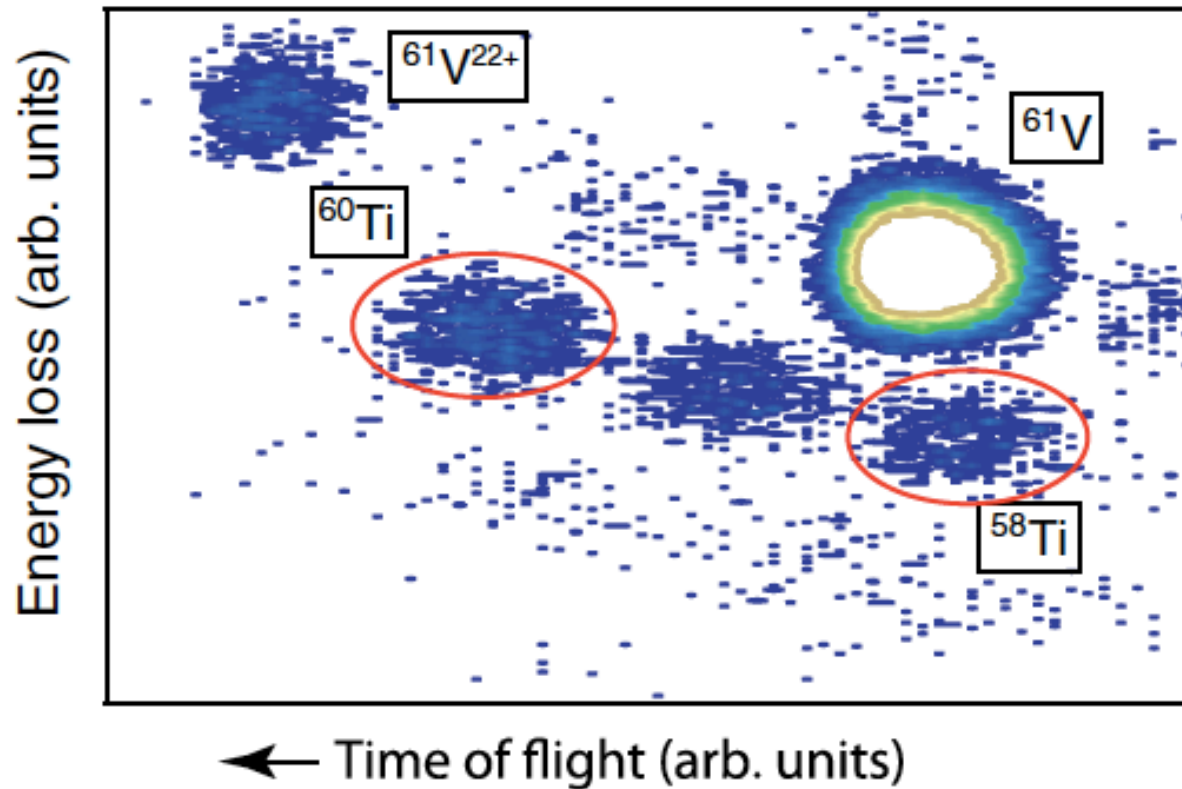
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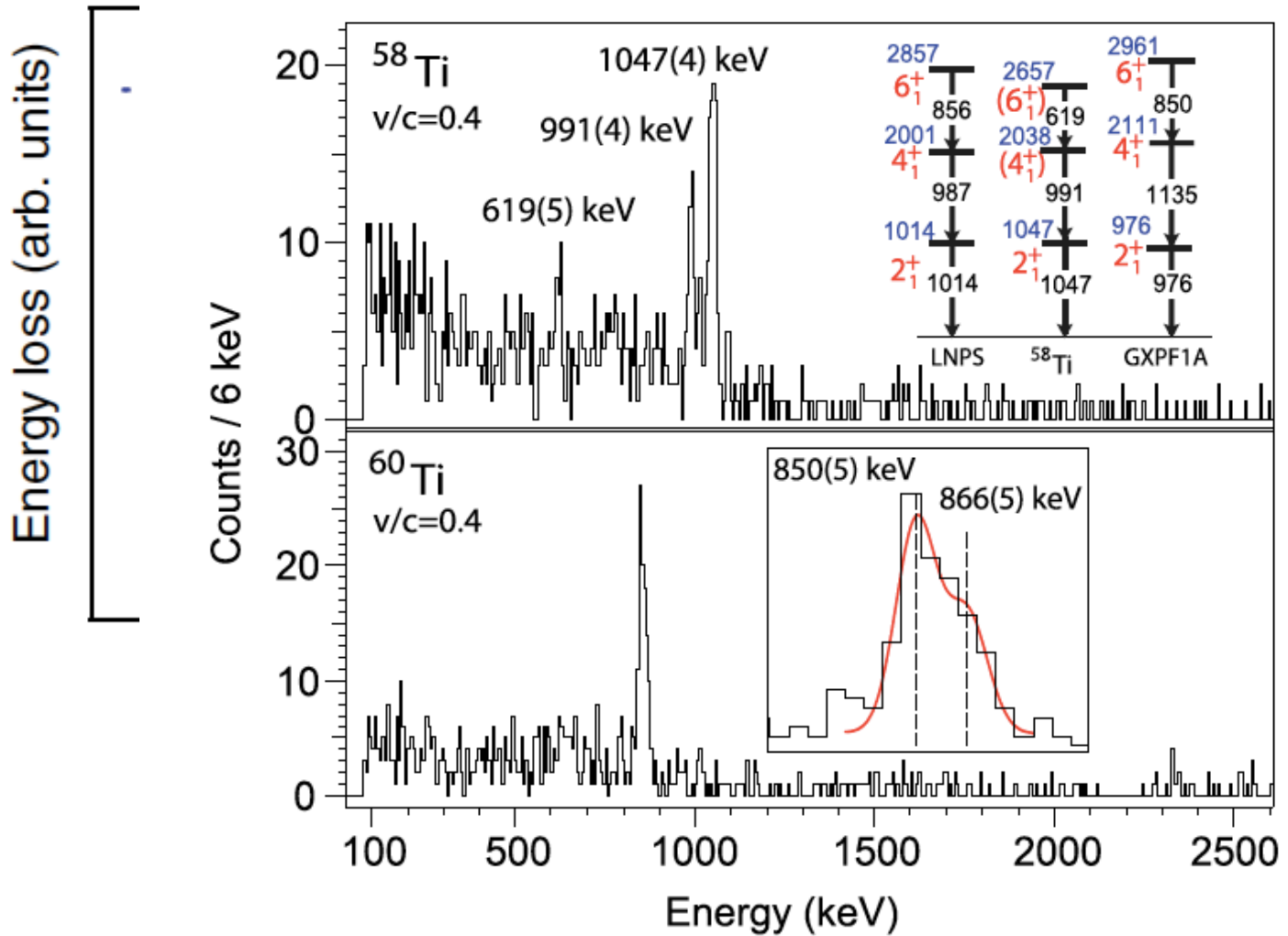
- Region around n-rich nuclei approaching  $N=40$  is subject of rapid shell evolution
- Neutron-rich  $^{58,60}\text{Ti}$  are a good testing ground to study shell evolution and unravel the driving forces
- Maybe the closest extrapolation points toward  $^{60}\text{Ca}$

$^{58}\text{Ti}$  and  $^{60}\text{Ti}$  were produced in the nucleon removal from  $^{61}\text{V}$  on a  $^9\text{Be}$  target

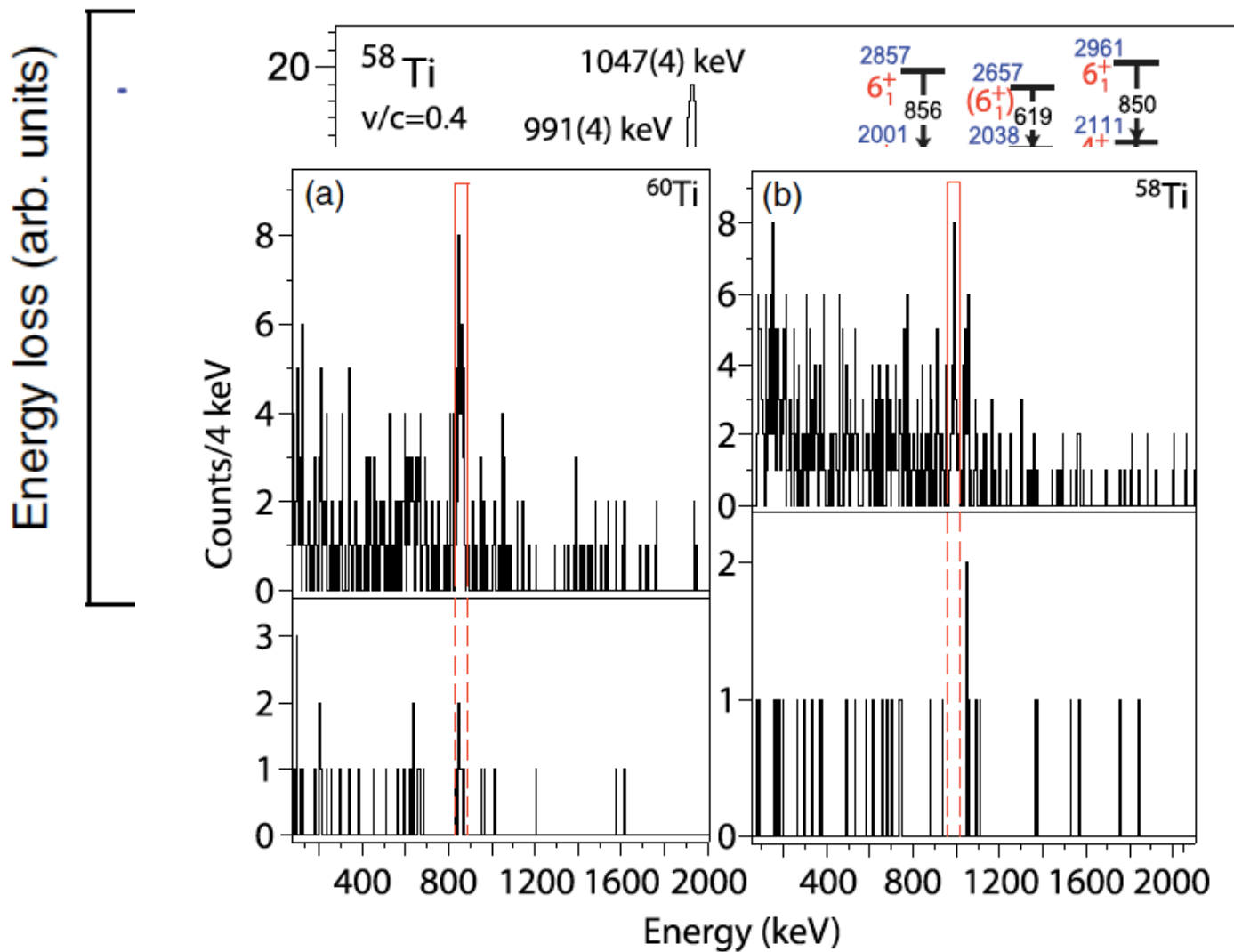
The  $^{61}\text{V}$  ions were produced from a 140-MeV/u primary beam of  $^{82}\text{Se}$

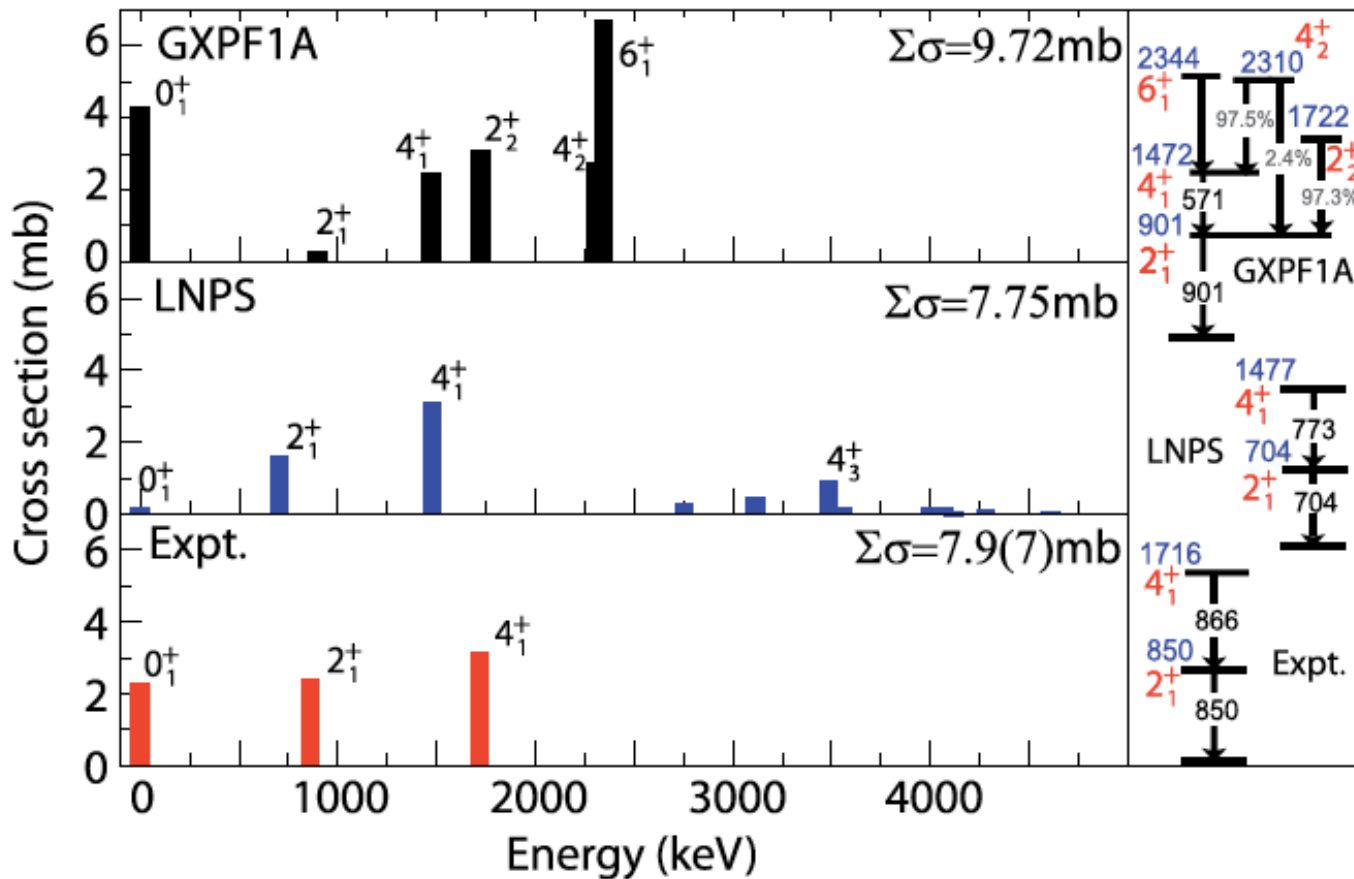


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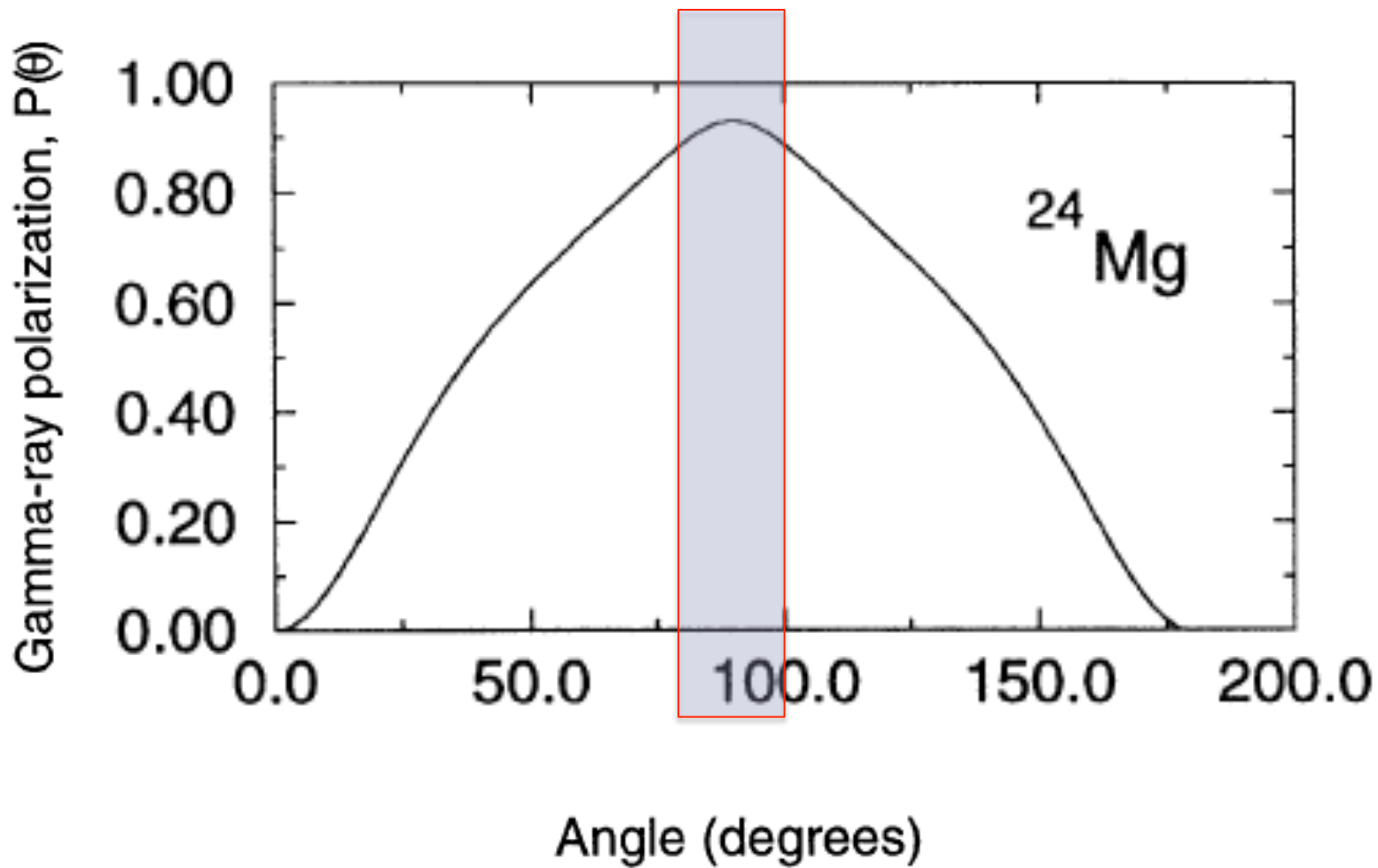
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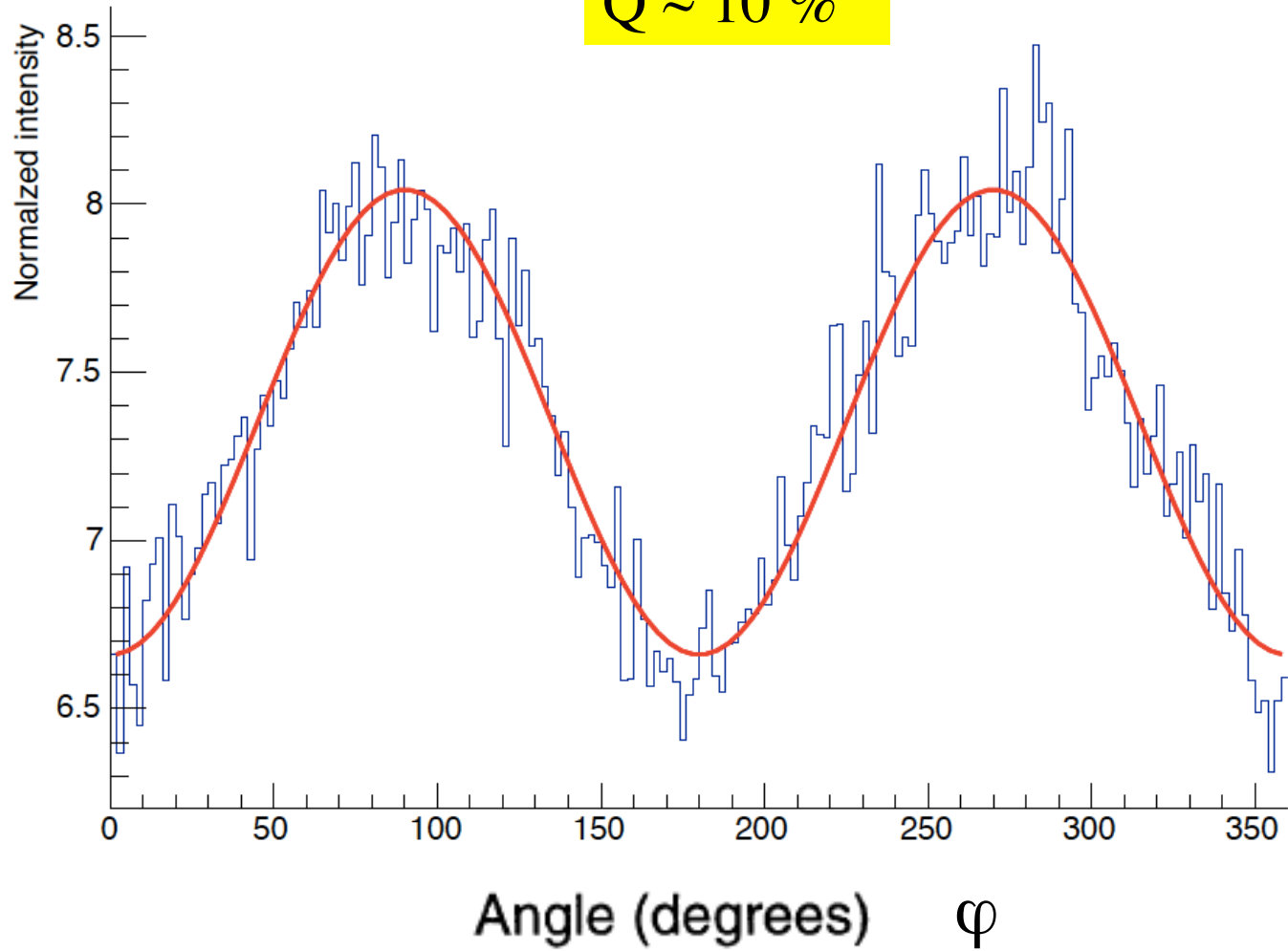
- Calculations restricted to the  $fp$  shell for neutrons predict many states to be populated in  ${}^9\text{Be}({}^{61}\text{V}, {}^{60}\text{Ti})\text{X}$
- Only the shell model calculations with the largest neutron model space correctly predict the strong population of two excited states only
- Excited states in  ${}^{60}\text{Ti}$  and knockout cross sections are closets benchmark yet to  ${}^{60}\text{Ca}$



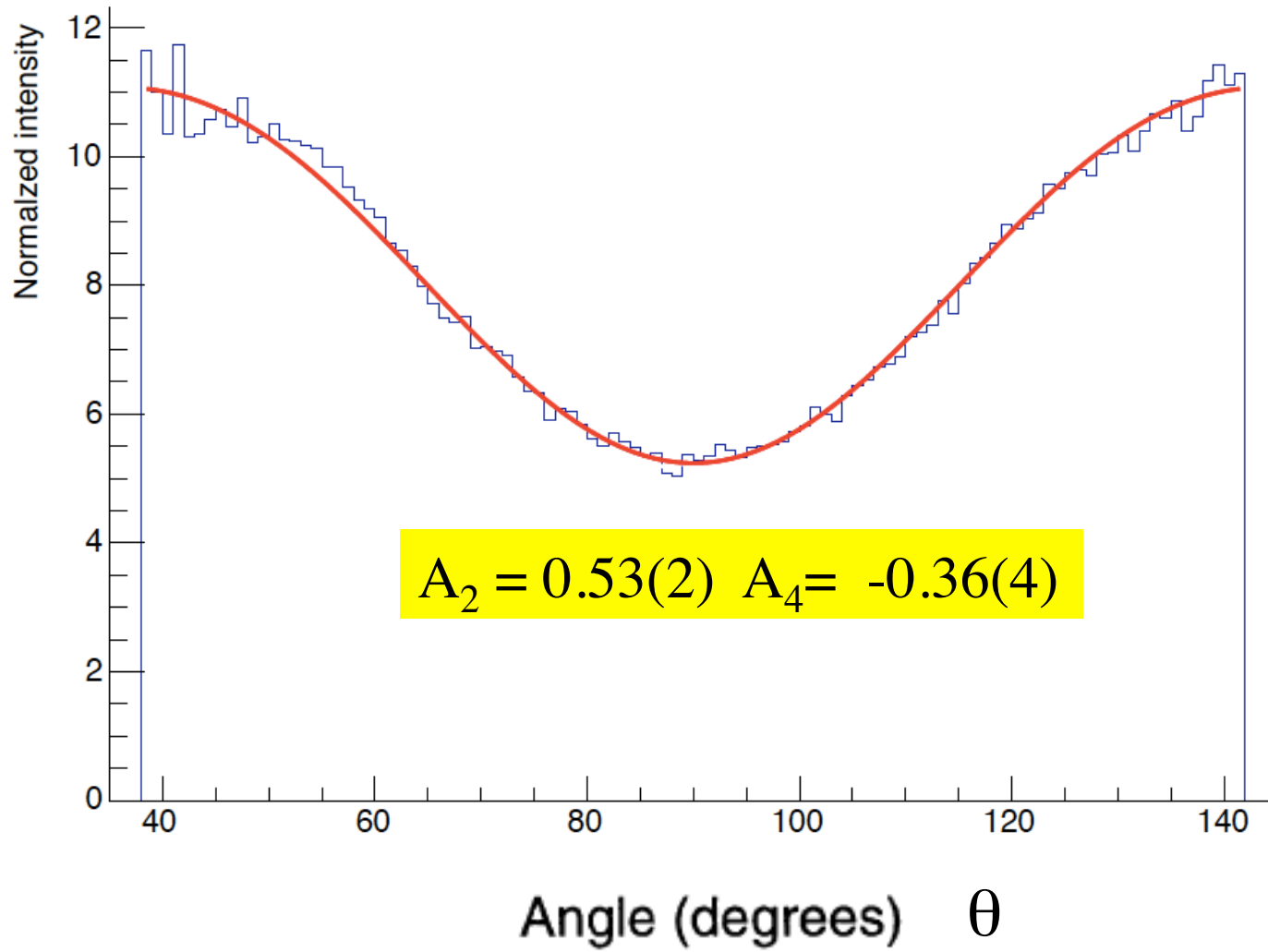


$$P(90) = 0.956$$

$Q \sim 10 \%$



# Angular distribution tracked



# From the Demonstrator to AGATA $1\pi$

Plans for the next few years

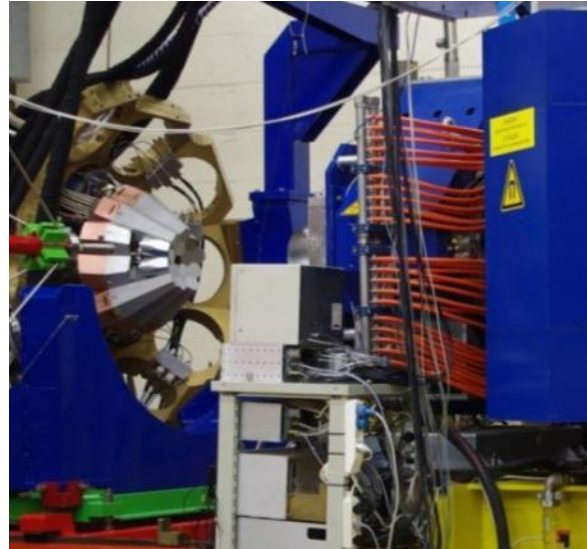
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15 crystals (5TC)  
Total Eff. ~6%



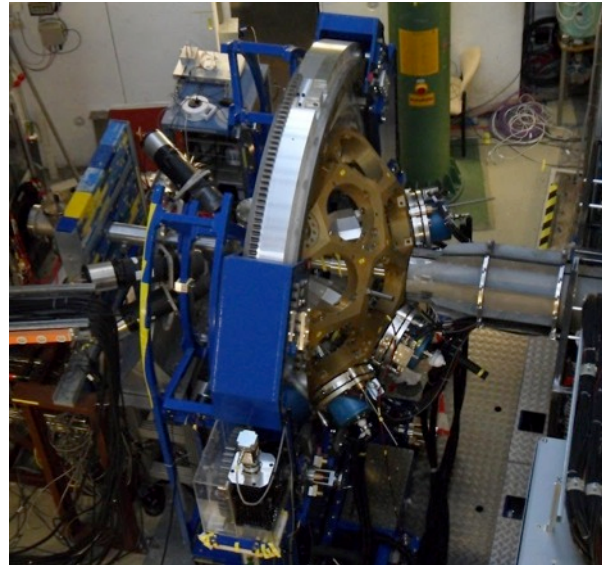
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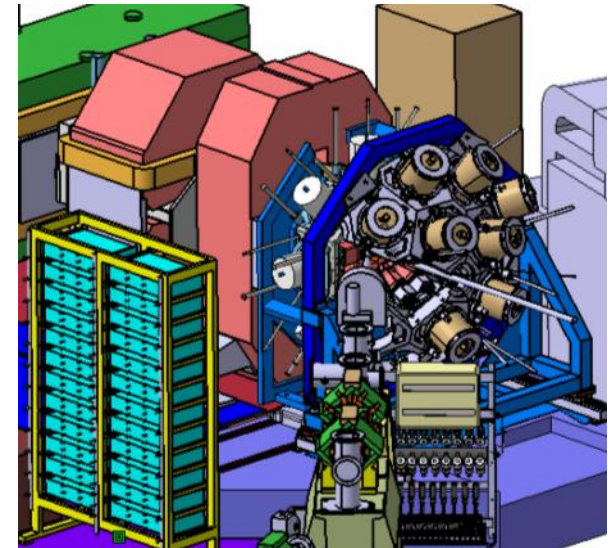
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Total Eff. ~15%



Demonstrator + PRISMA



AGATA + FRS



AGATA+VAMOS

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