



## Lecture 3: detectors

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No natural background

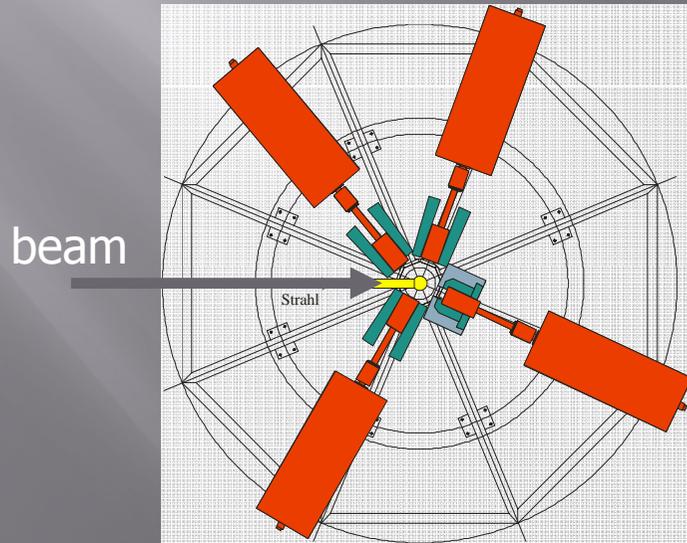
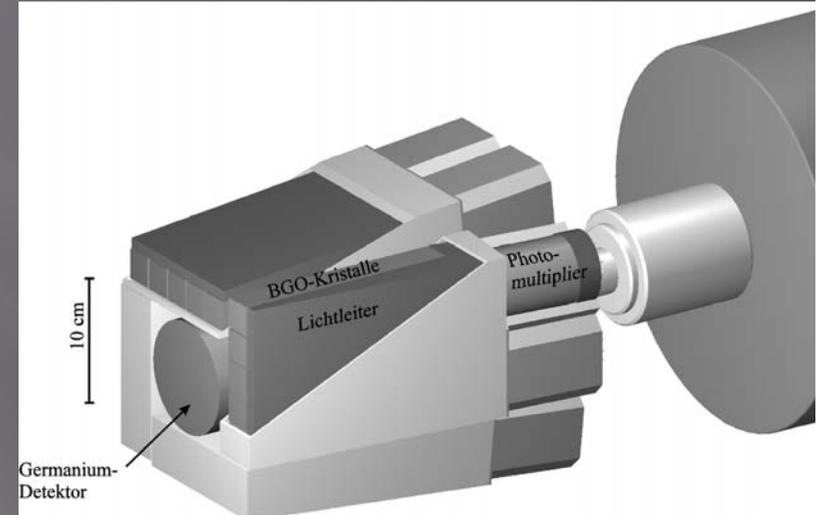
Radiative captures reactions

as an example:  $X(\alpha, \gamma)Y$

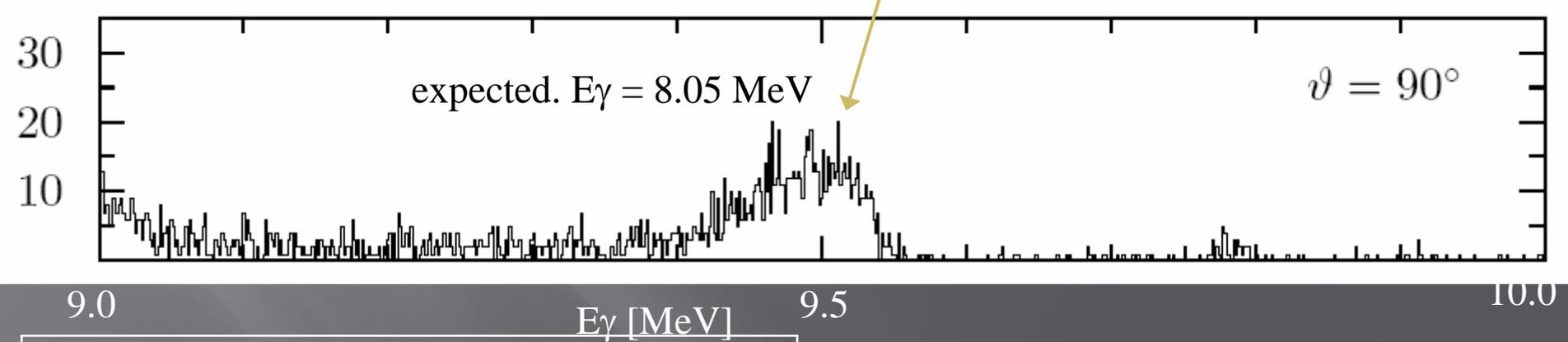
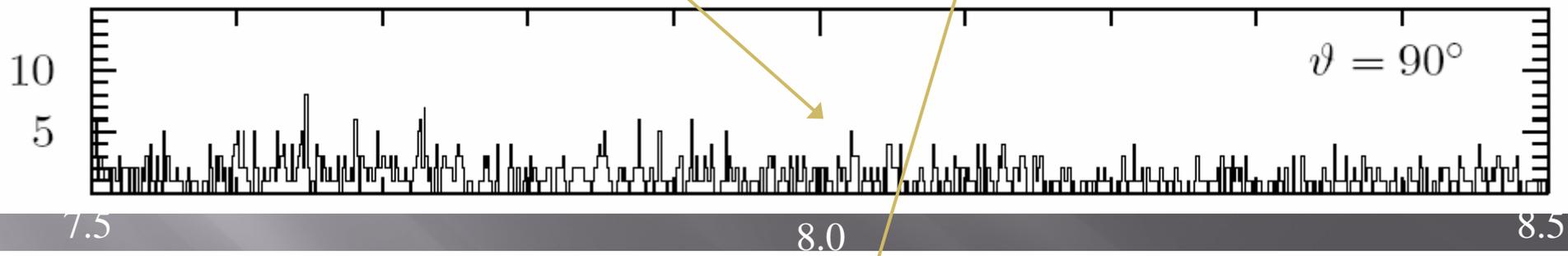
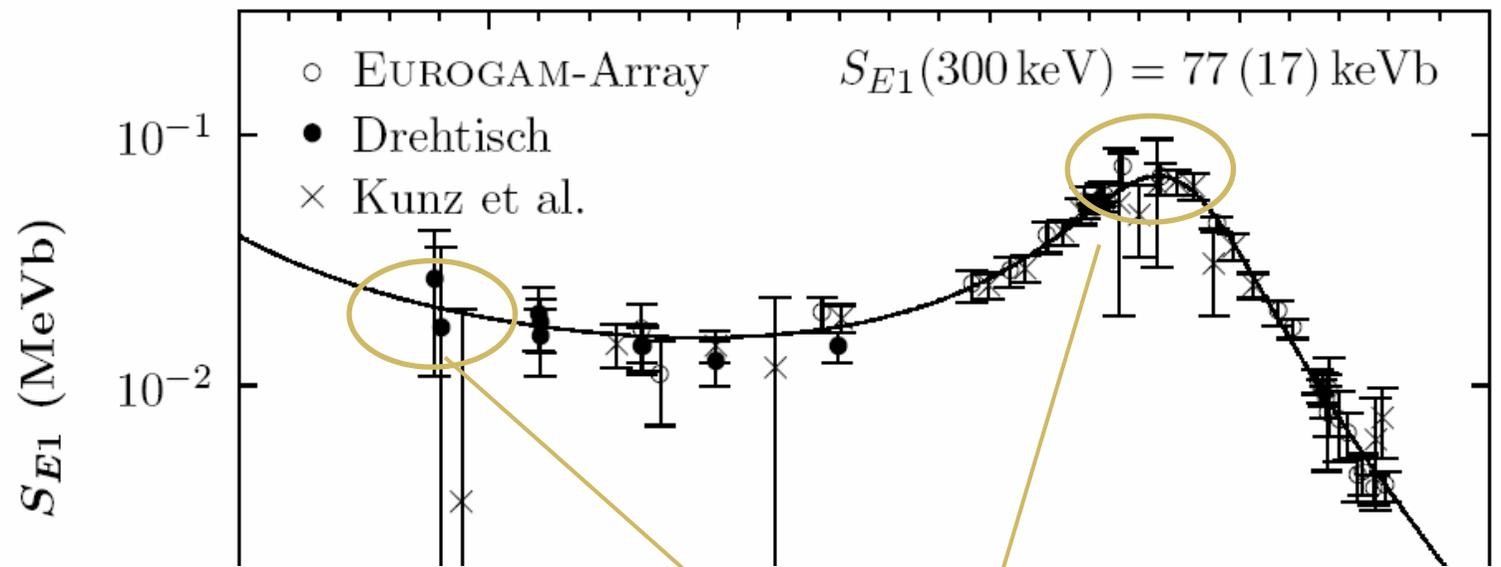
Cosmic background  
Natural radioactivity

# $^{12}\text{C}(^4\text{He},\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ Stuttgart

- $^4\text{He}$  beam on  $^{12}\text{C}$  solid target
- Targets: (low-energy) ion beam implantation
  - $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  separation of accelerated ions
- Array of Ge detectors
  - Eurogam
  - Ge surrounded by BGO crystals (active shielding)
    - Compton suppression
    - Cosmic ray suppression



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# Laboratory for Underground Nuclear Astrophysics



LUNA MV  
2012 ?

LUNA 1  
(1992-2001)  
50 kV

LUNA 2  
(2000 → ...)  
400 kV

LNGS  
(shielding  $\equiv$  4000 m w.e.)

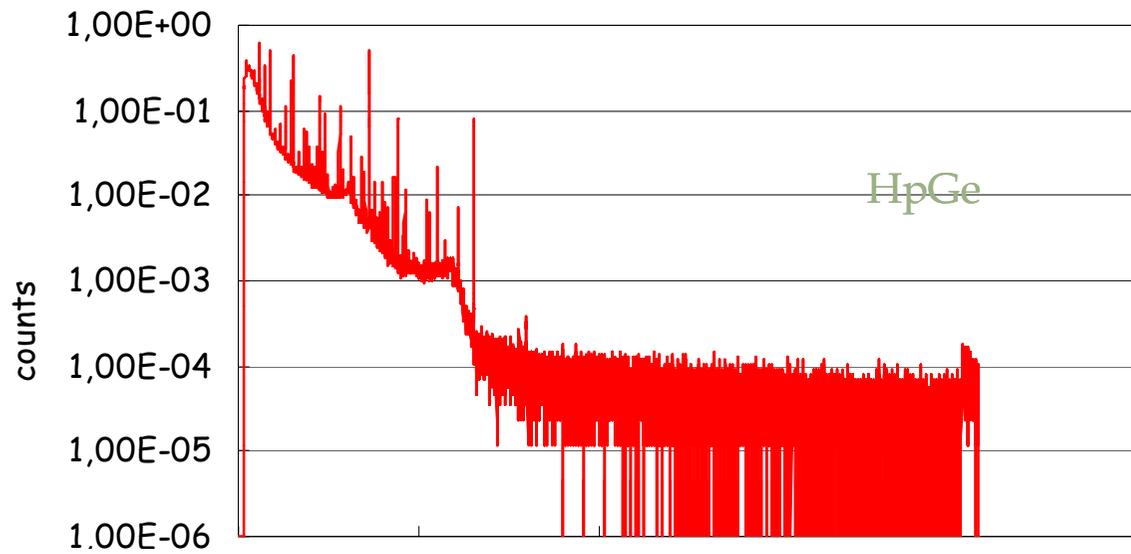
Radiation LNGS/surface

Muons  $10^{-6}$

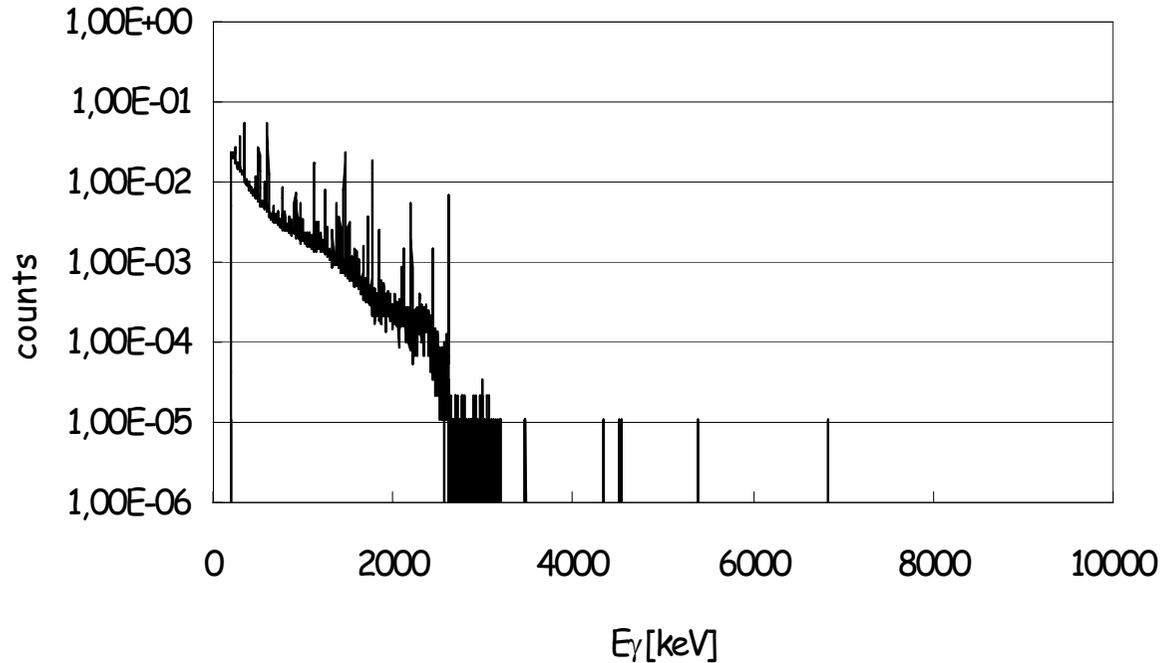
Neutrons  $10^{-3}$

Courtesy LUNA collaboration INFN

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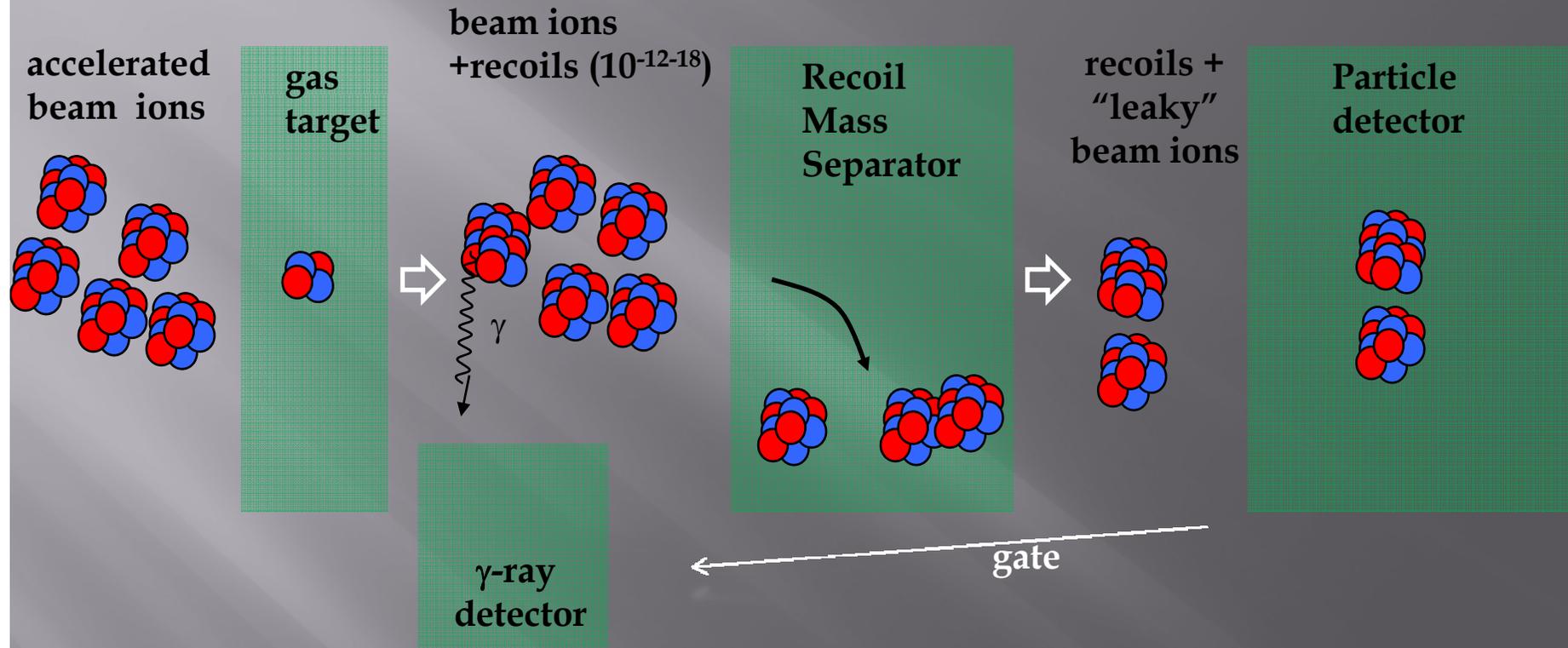
↓ GOING UNDERGROUND



$3\text{MeV} < E_\gamma < 8\text{MeV}$ :  
0.5 Counts/s

$3\text{MeV} < E_\gamma < 8\text{MeV}$ :  
0.0002 Counts/s

# RMS : working principle



$$N_{\text{recoils}} = N_{\text{projectiles}} \times n_{\text{target}} \times \sigma \times T_{\text{ERNA}} \times \Phi_q \times \epsilon_{\text{part}}$$
$$N_{\text{gamma}} = N_{\text{recoils}} \times \epsilon_g$$

# Recoil Separators

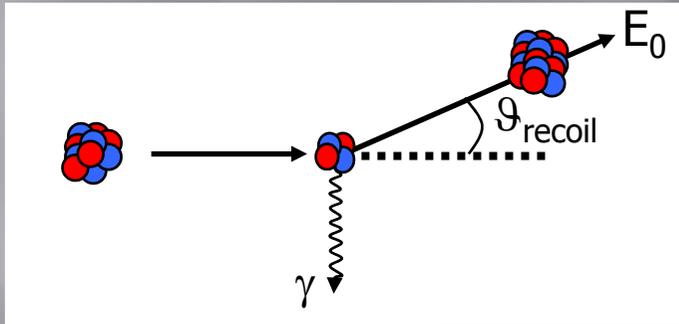
## basic principles

### Angular and energy broadening by $\gamma$ -ray emission

$$p_\gamma = E_\gamma / c$$

$$\vartheta_\gamma = 90^\circ$$

Full angular broadening



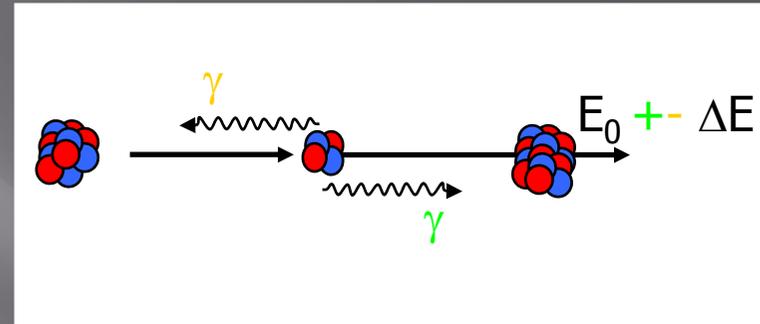
$$\vartheta_{\text{recoil}} \approx \tan^{-1}(\Delta p/p) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{E_\gamma/c}{p_{\text{recoil}}} \right)$$

$$\vartheta_{\gamma_{\text{max}}} = 26 \text{ mrad}$$

->  $\varnothing 52$  mm after 1 m !

$$\vartheta_\gamma = 0^\circ / 180^\circ$$

Full energy broadening



$$\Delta E/E_0 \approx 2 \Delta p/p = 2 \frac{E_\gamma/c}{p_{\text{recoil}}}$$

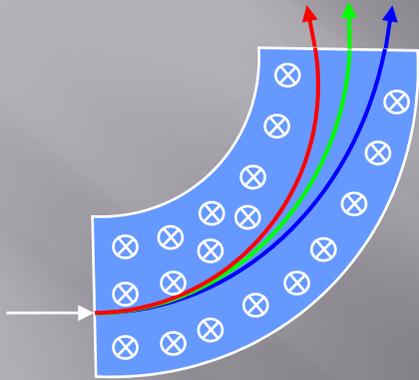
$$\Delta E \sim \pm 185 \text{ keV}$$

$$E_0 = 3.6 \text{ MeV}$$

**Example  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$**   
 $E_{\text{cm}} = 1.2 \text{ MeV}$   
 $E_\gamma = 8.4 \text{ MeV}$

# Recoil Separators

## basic separation principles

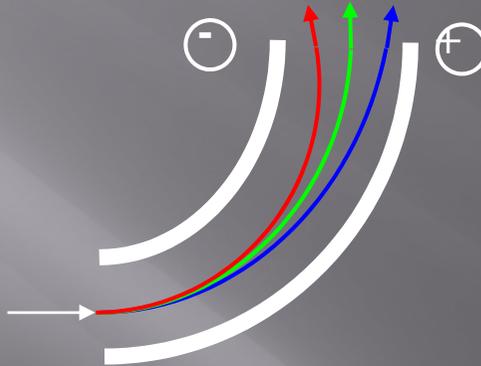


magnetic dipole

$$F_z = F_L$$

$$\frac{P}{q} = r \times B = \text{const}$$

Momentum filter

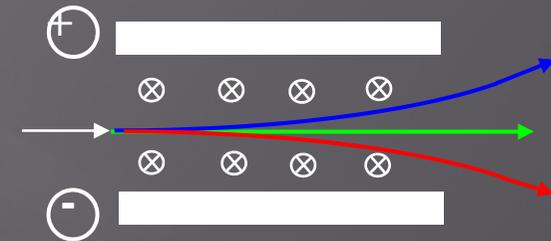


electric dipole

$$F_z = F_e$$

$$\frac{E}{q} = \frac{r \times U}{2 \times d} = \text{const}$$

Energy filter



Wien filter

$$|F_e| = |F_L|$$

$$v = \frac{U}{B \times d} = \text{const}$$

Velocity filter

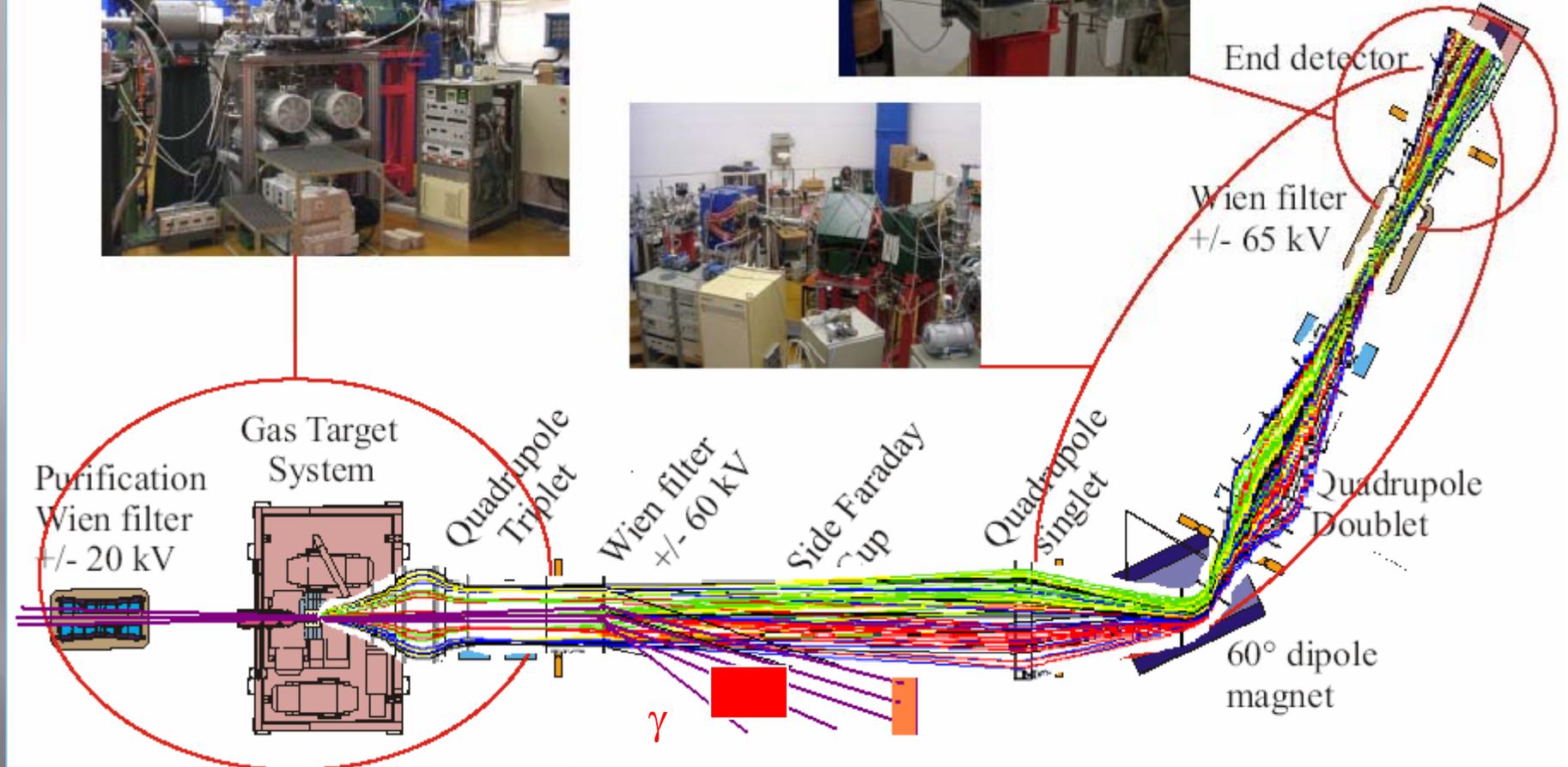
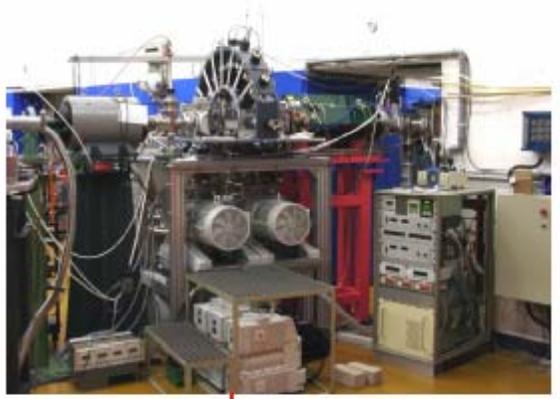
Charge insensitive for  $v=v_0$   
Variable analyzing power

Combine to  $\frac{m}{q}$  filtering

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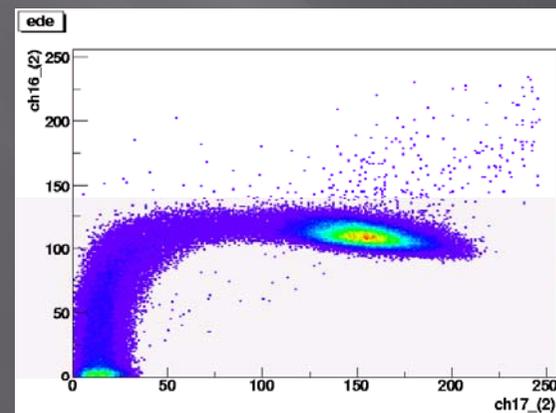
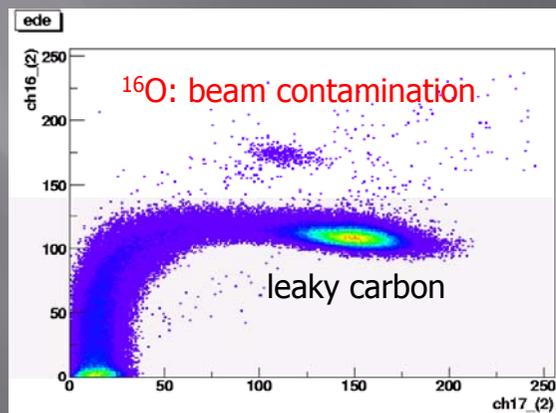
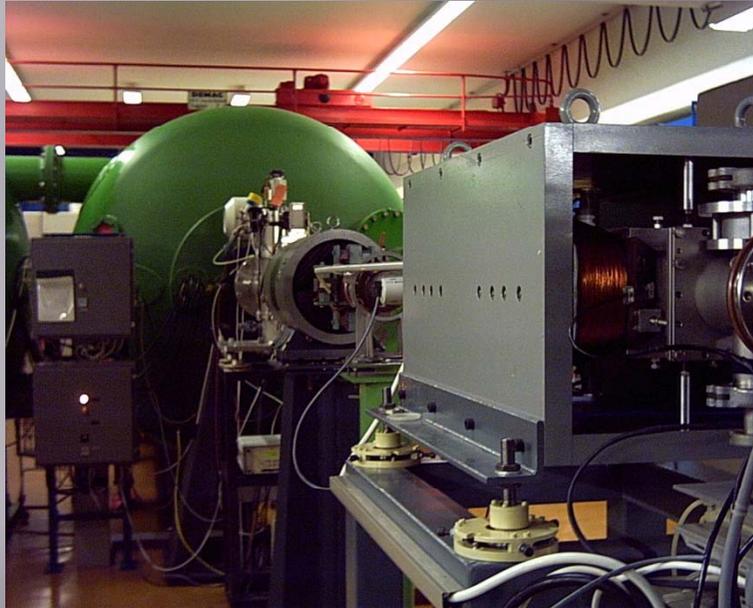
# ERNA Separator



Cosy Infinity M. Berz MSU

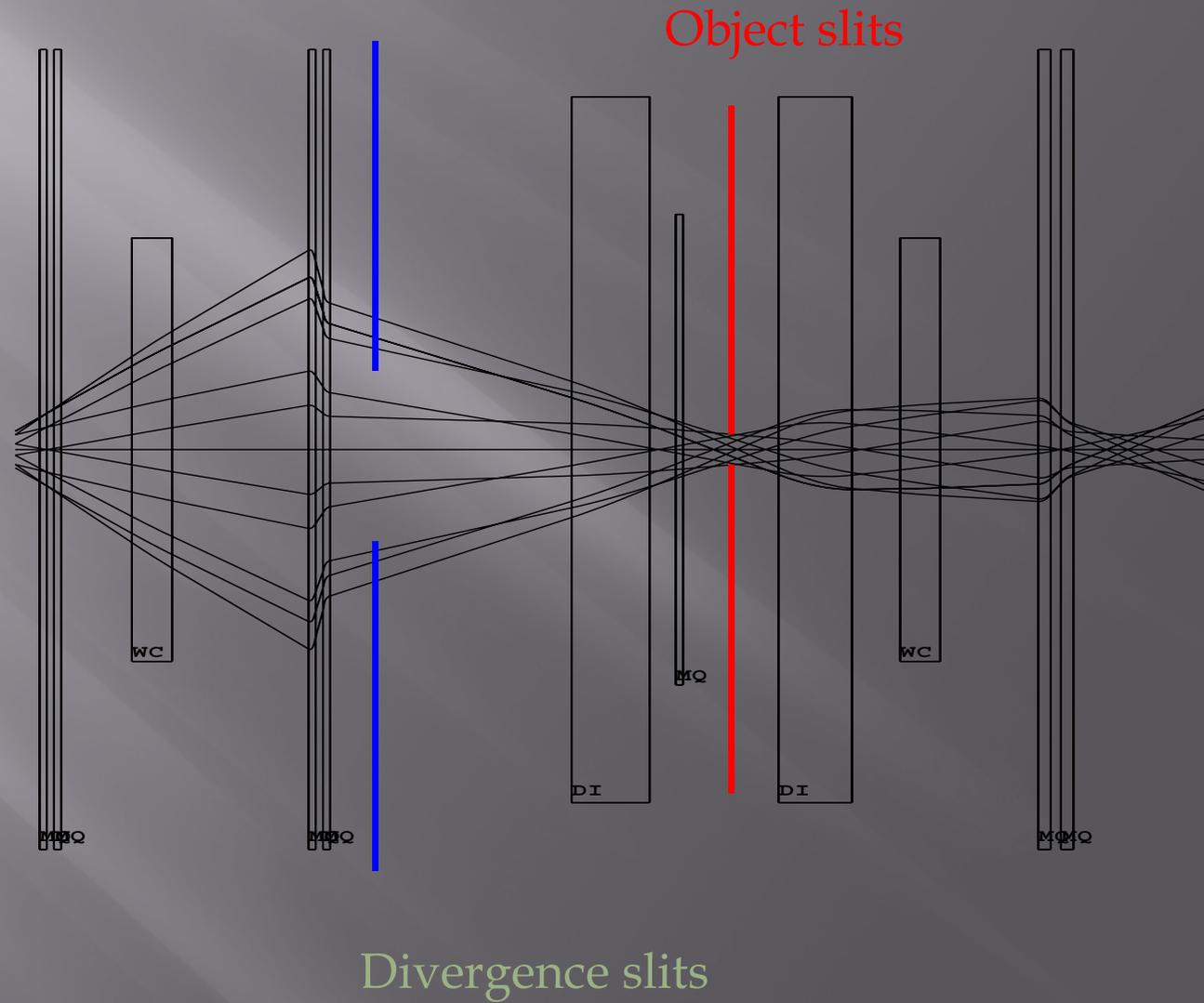
# Beam purification system

Wien-Filters



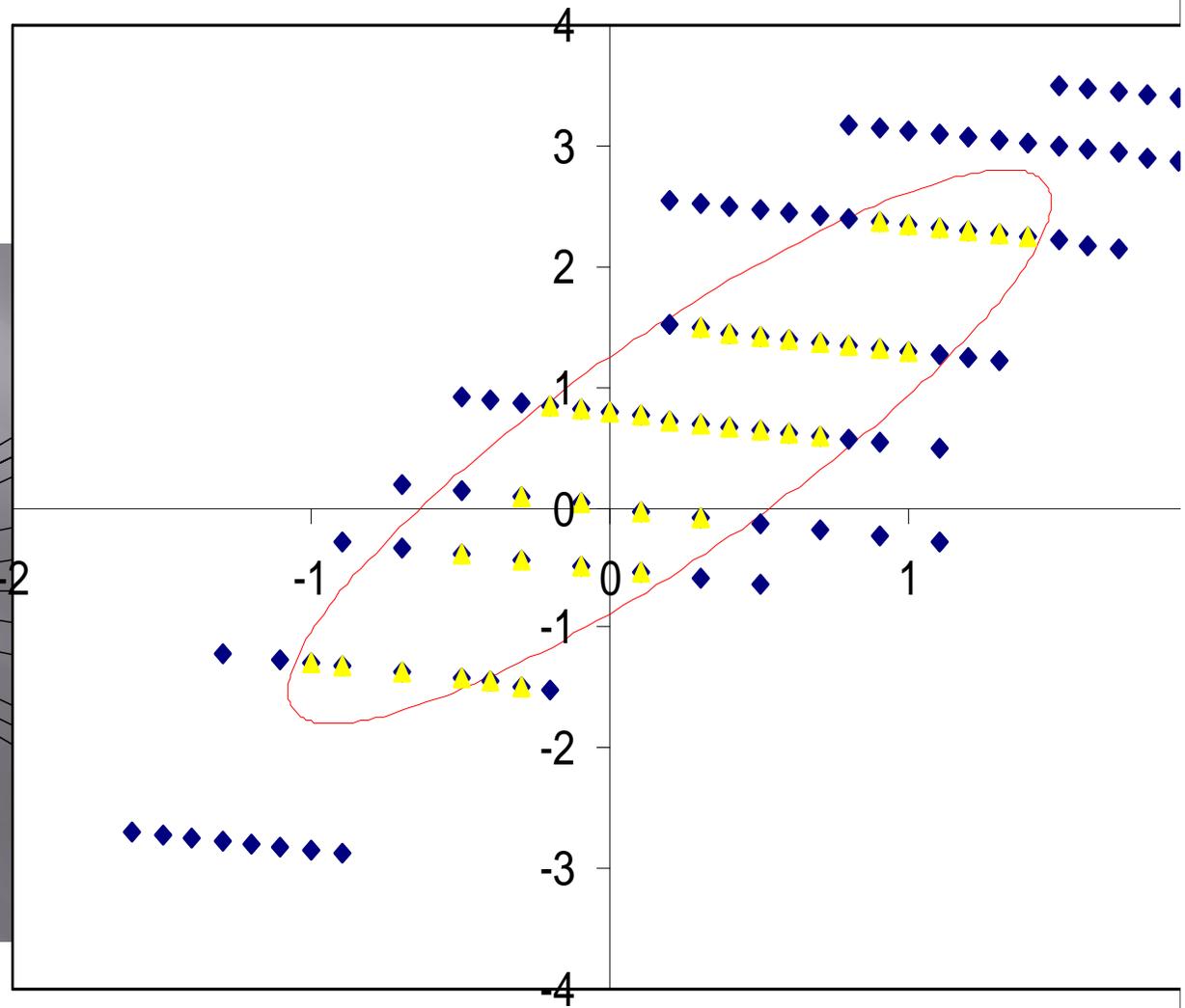
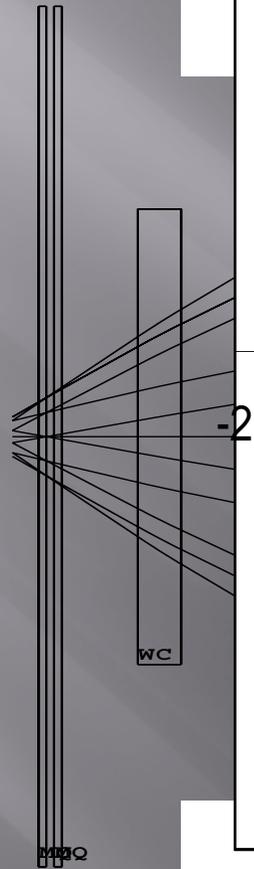
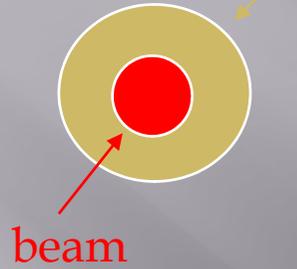
Separator set to Oxygen

Beam emittance



Beam emittance

Target collimator



Divergence slits

Beam intensity reduction by about 15%

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$N_{\text{projectile}}$



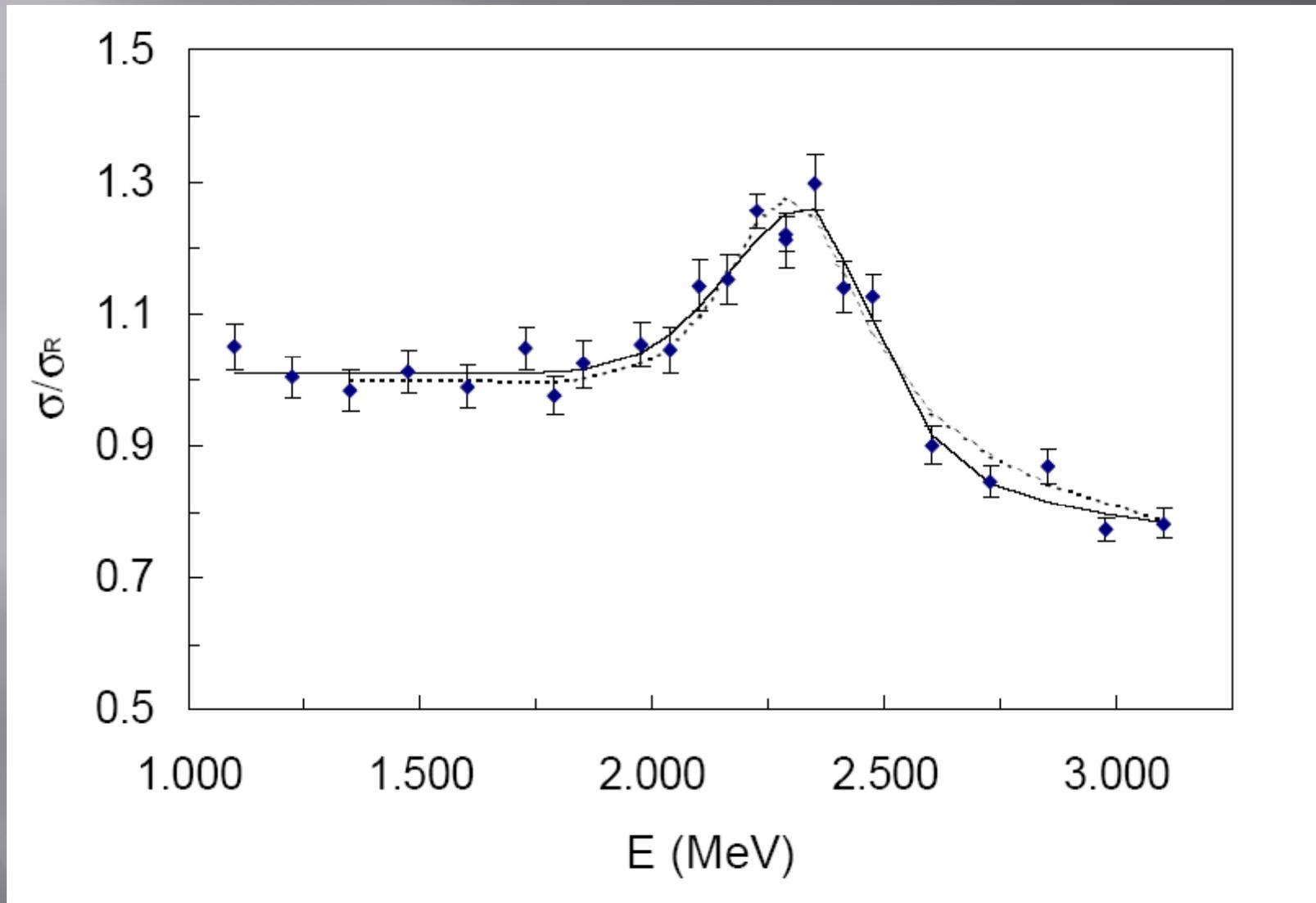
FC

$$N_{\text{elastic}} = N_{\text{projectiles}} \times \underbrace{d\sigma_{\text{el}}(\theta, E) / d\Omega \times \delta n_{\text{target}} \times \Delta\Omega \times \varepsilon_{\text{el}}}_{\text{Current measurement at FC (without target)}}$$

Current measurement at FC (without target)

Or alternatively

Deviation from Rutherford using a mixture:  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$  at  $75^\circ$

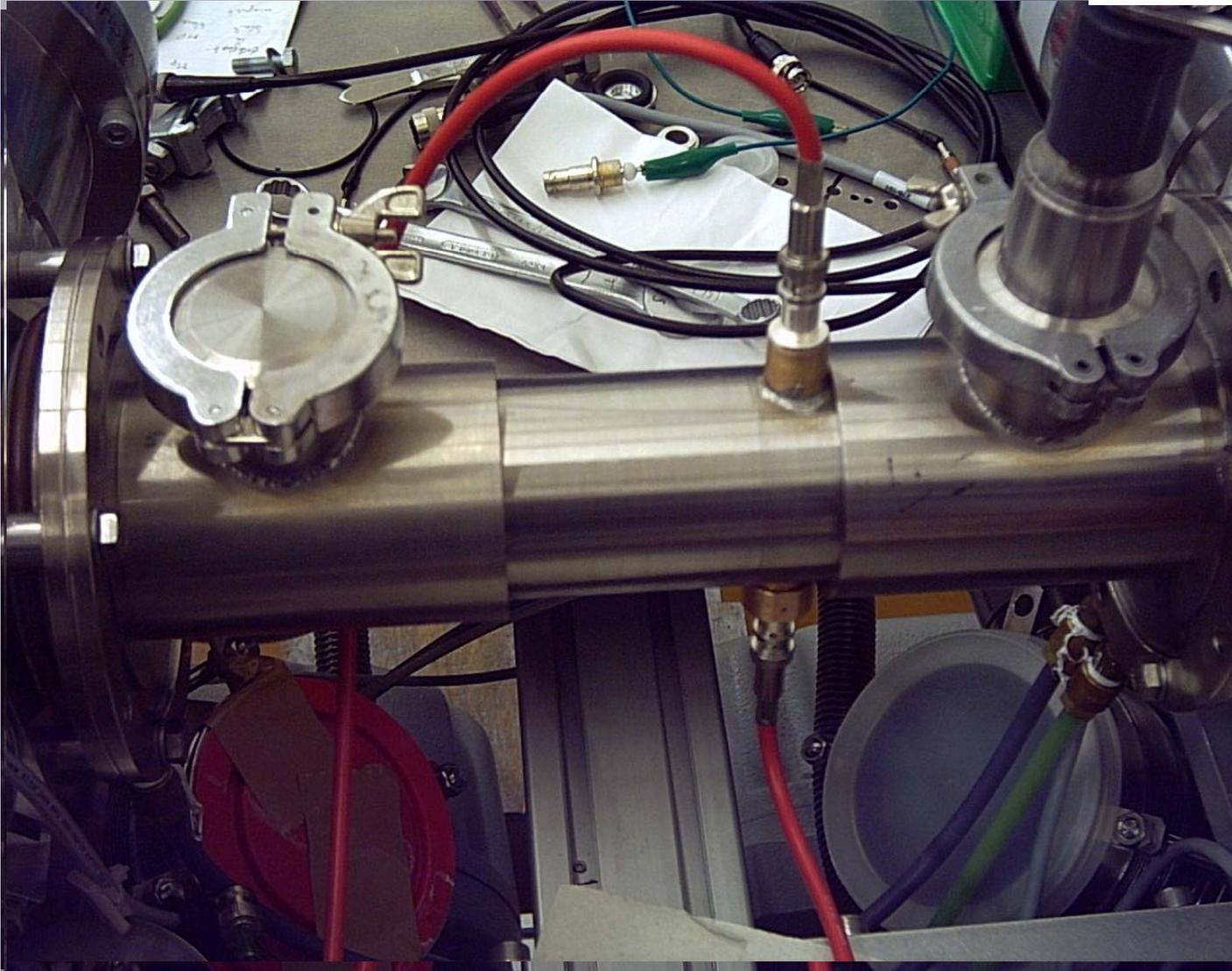


+ normalization to get an absolute scale, e.g.  $^1\text{H}(^{19}\text{F},\alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$   $E_{r,\text{cm}}=323$  keV

Angular acceptance  
along the gas target

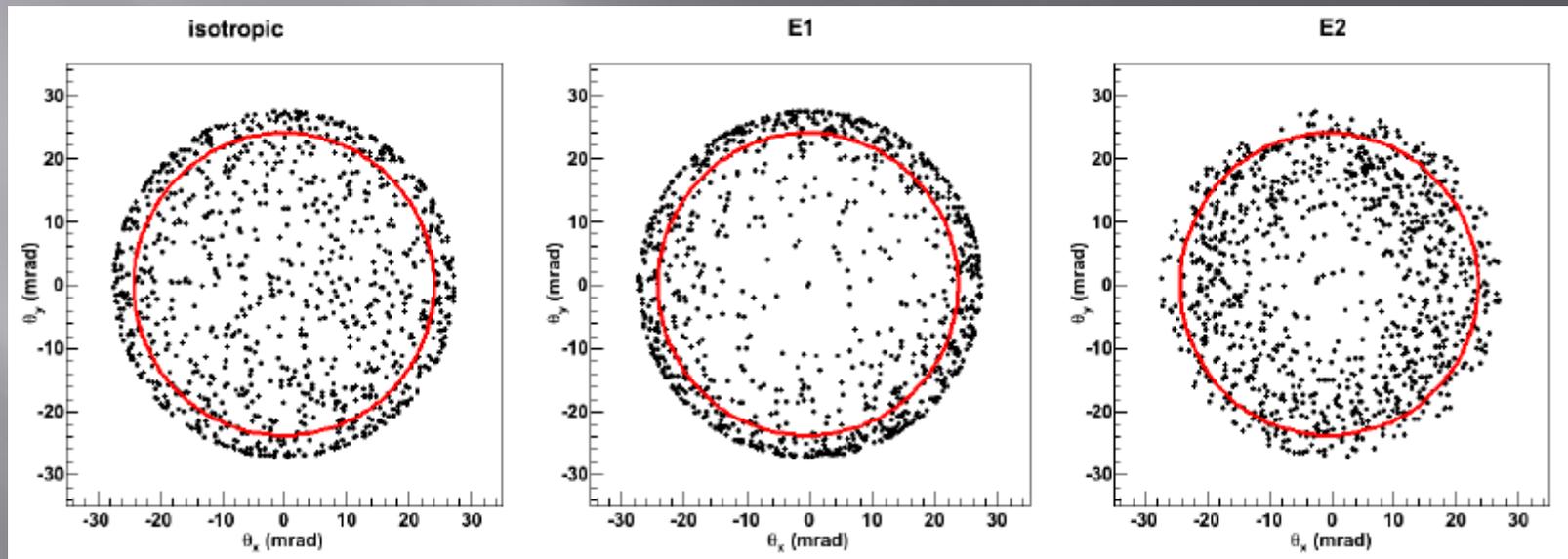
Energy acceptance

+ beam energy variation



Why is acceptance so important? An example:  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$  at  $E_{\text{cm}}=1$  MeV

Required acceptance: 27 mrad  
Actual acceptance: 24 mrad



Recoils  
Loss

47%  
(beam and target effects not included)

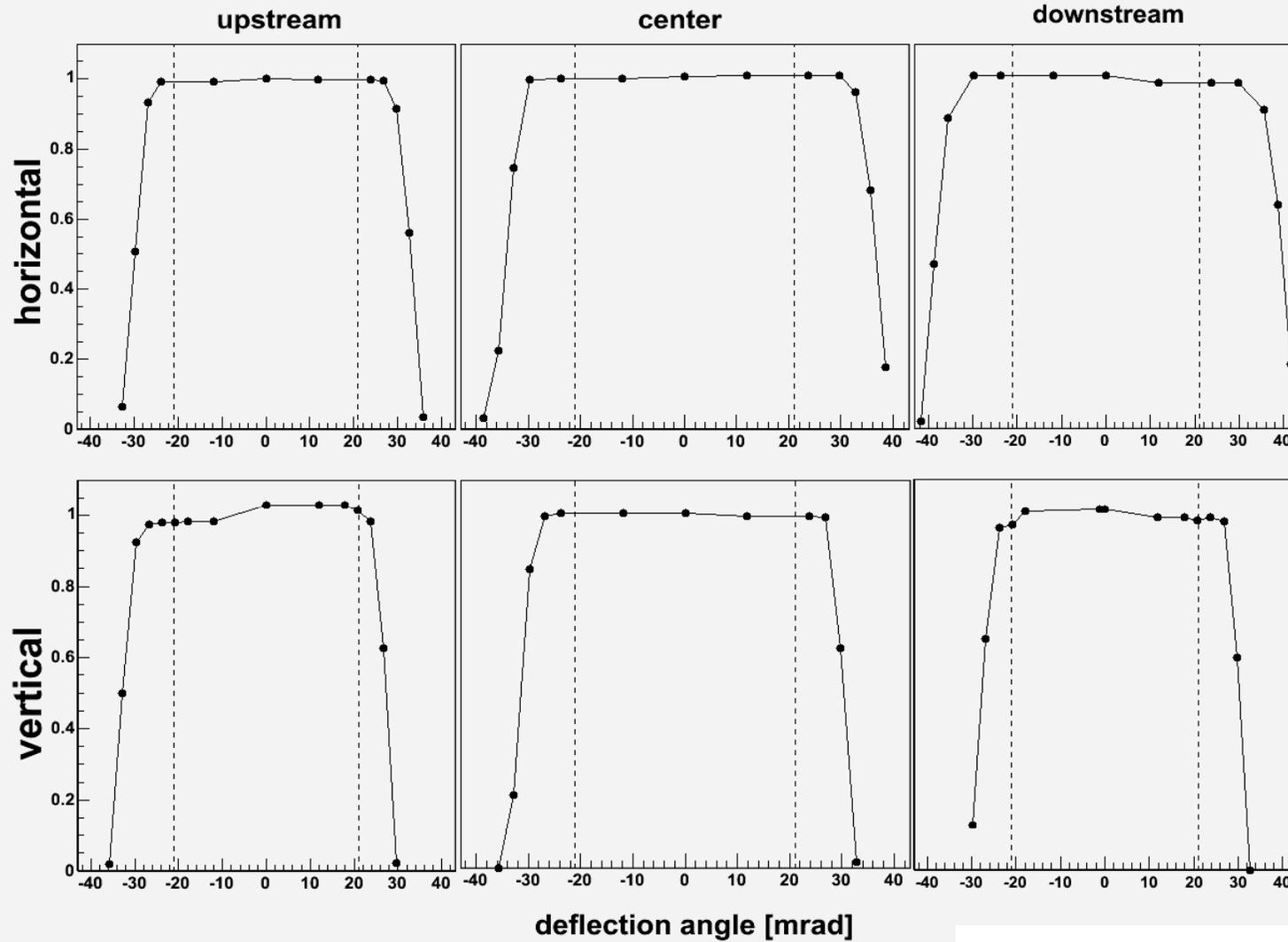
66%

23%

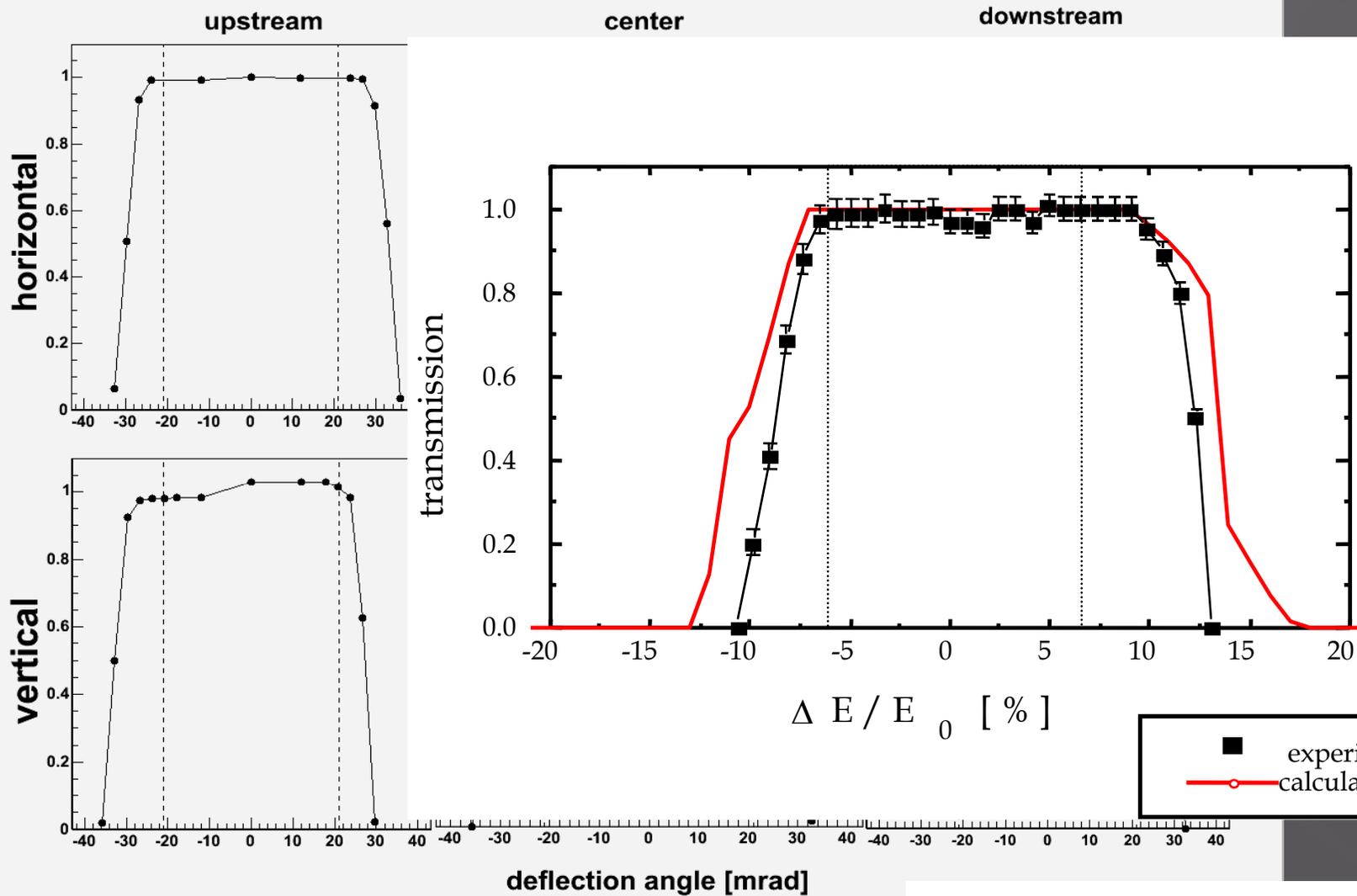
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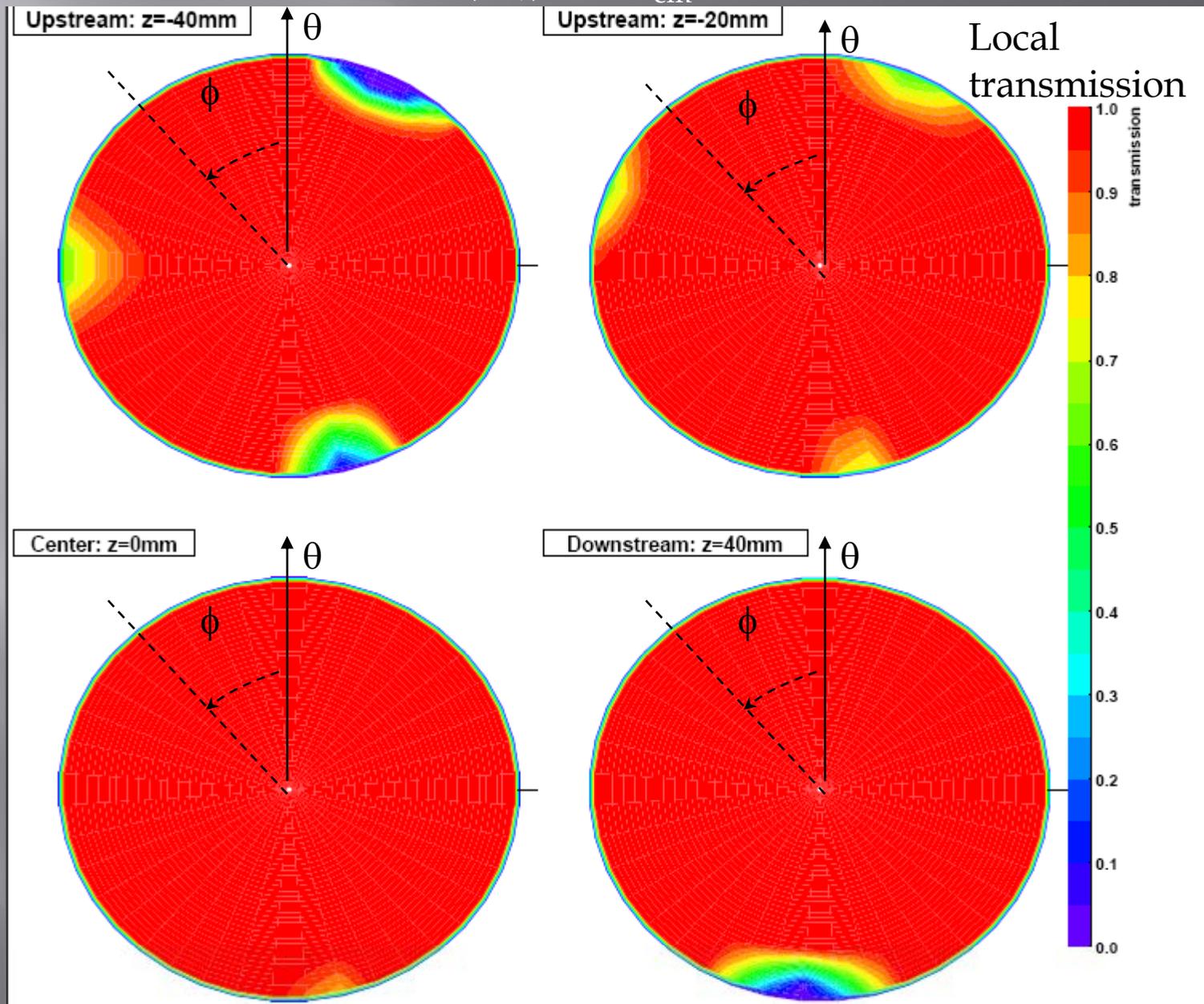
# Angular acceptance - experimental



Angular acceptance - experimental  
Energy acceptance - experimental



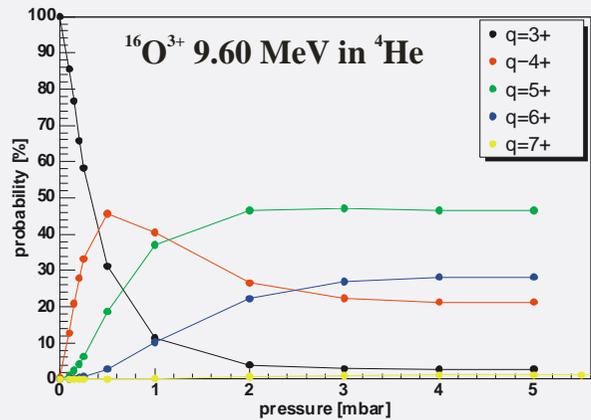
${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$   $E_{\text{cm}}=700\text{keV}$



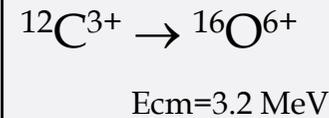
Integrated transmission  $> 99\%$

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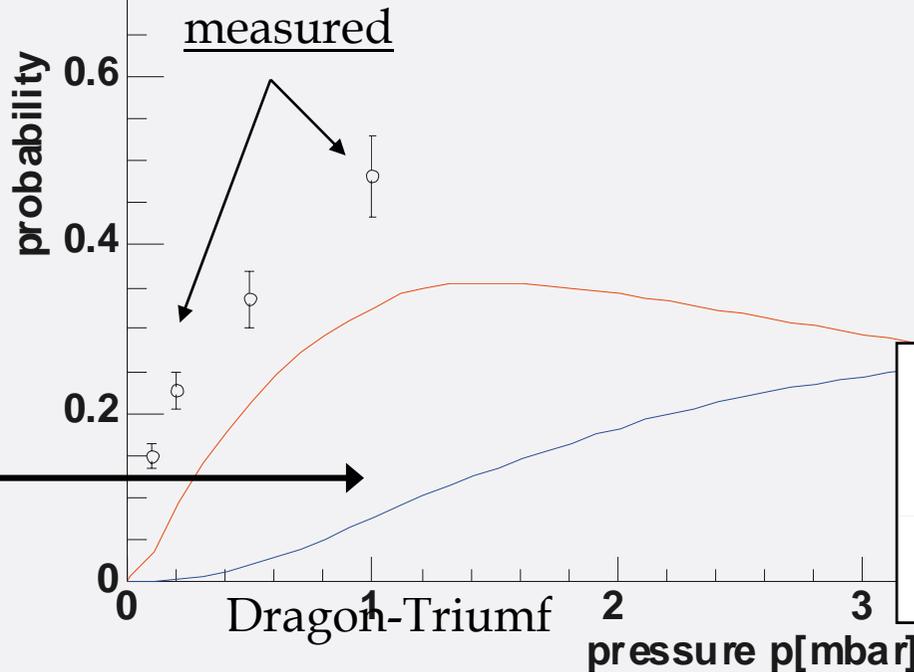
# Charge state distribution



measured using the charge state sensitivity of ERNA  
(measurement of currents, not single ions!)



integrate



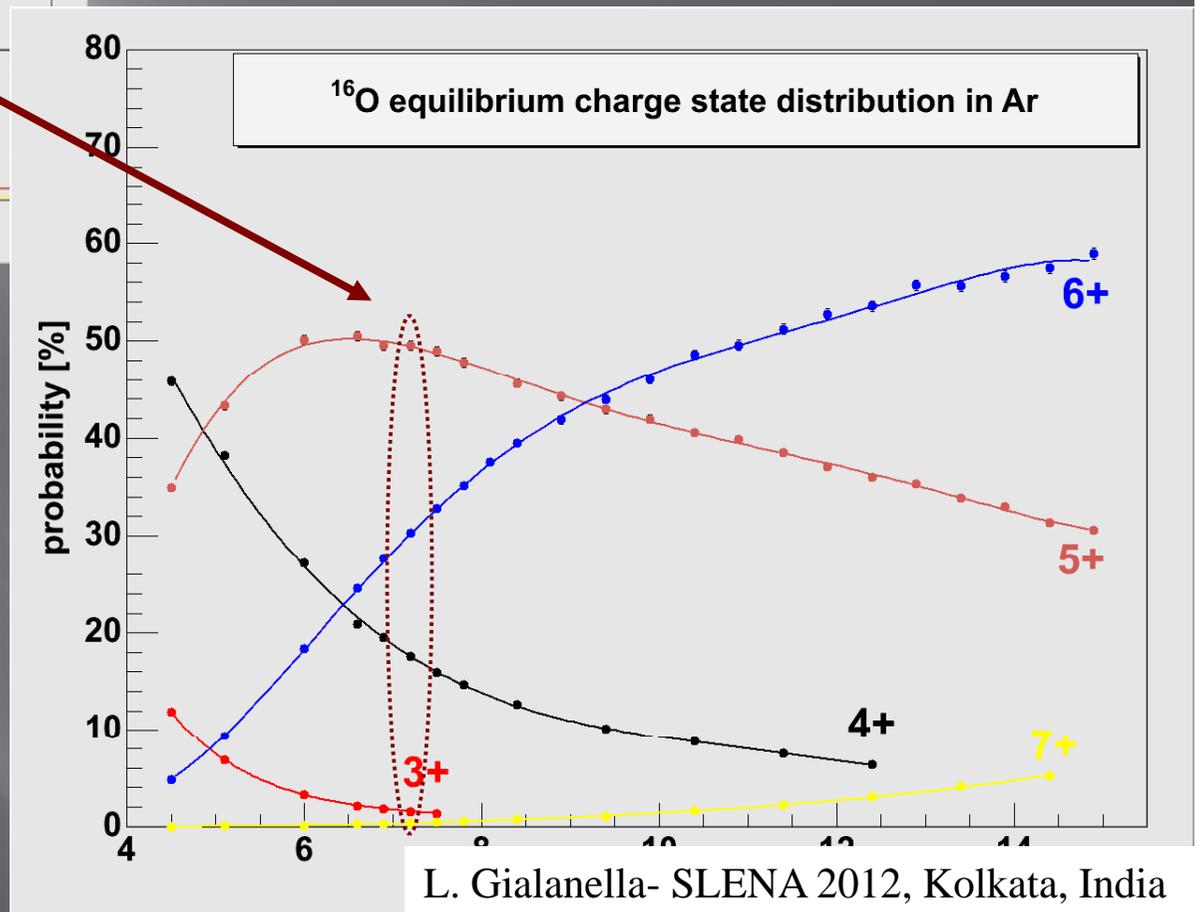
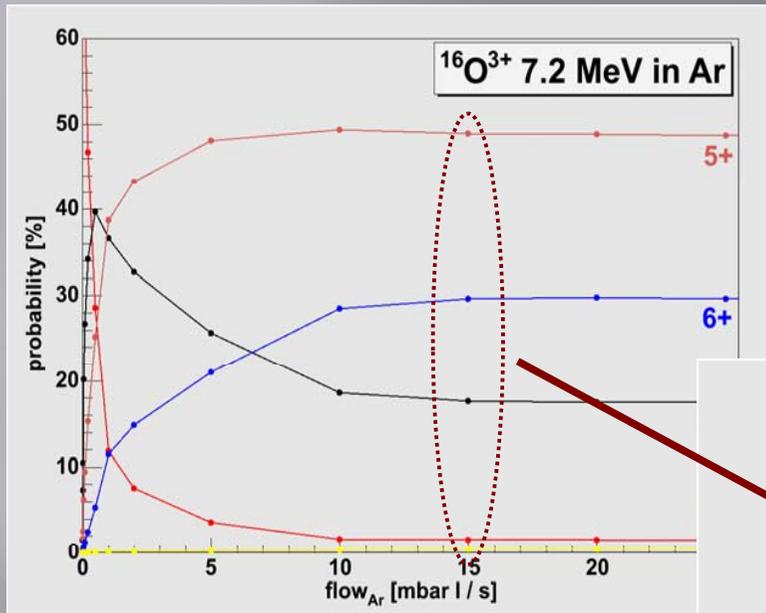
calculated

$$q_{\text{recoil}} = q_{\text{carbon}}$$

$$q_{\text{recoil}} = q_{\text{carbon}} + 2$$

**Solution:**  
post-target stripper  
or, when possible  
measurement in all charge states

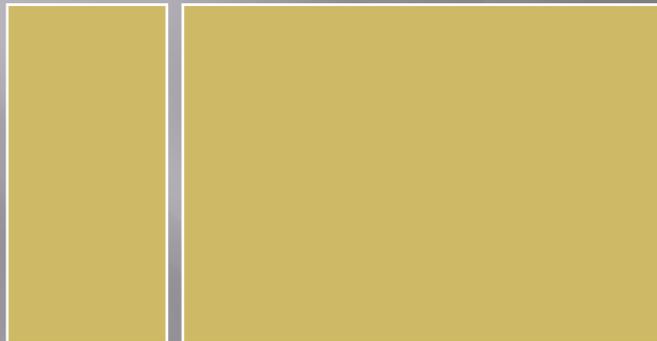
$^{16}\text{O}$  in Ar post stripper



# Recoil detection and identification

## Mass identification

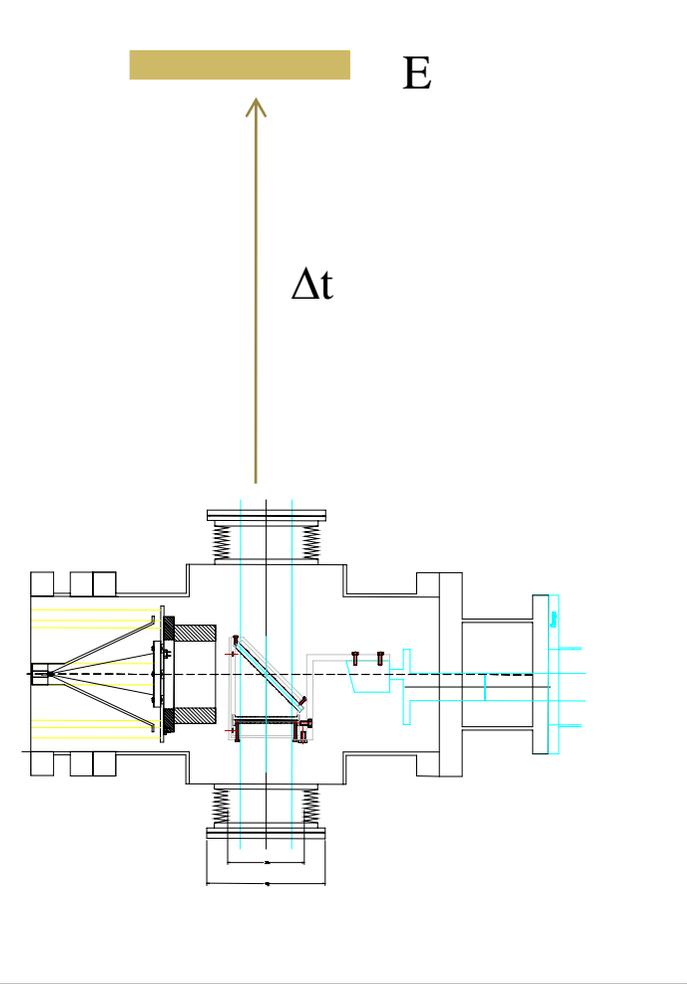
### Charge identification



$\Delta E$

$E_{res}$

$$\Delta E \cdot E \propto MZ^2$$



$$\Delta t = L (m/2E)^{1/2}$$

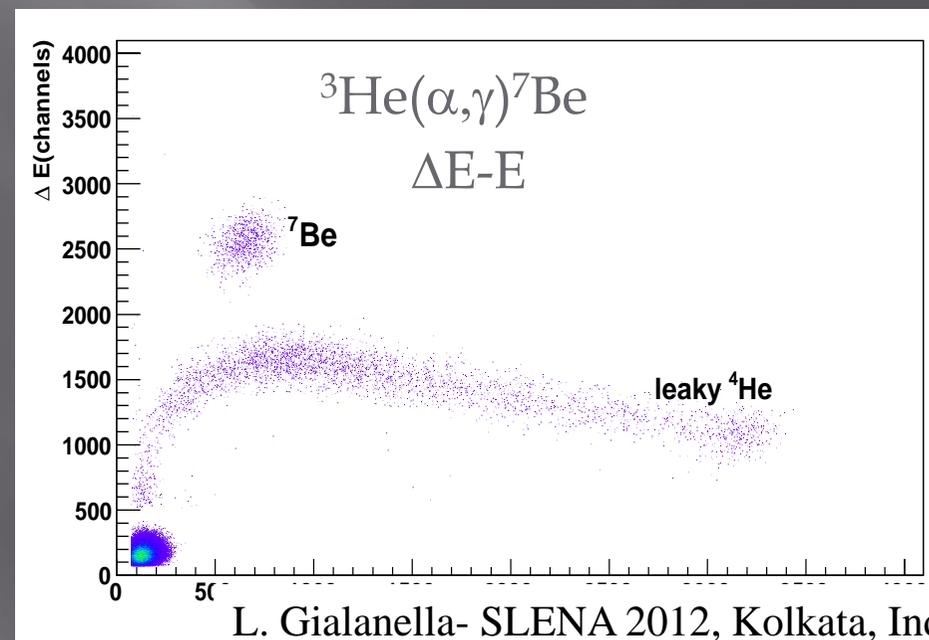
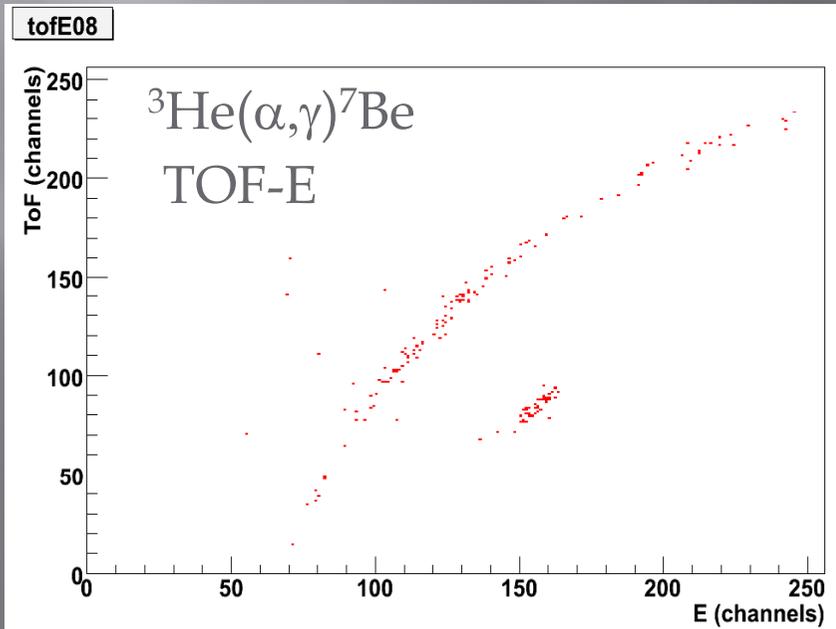
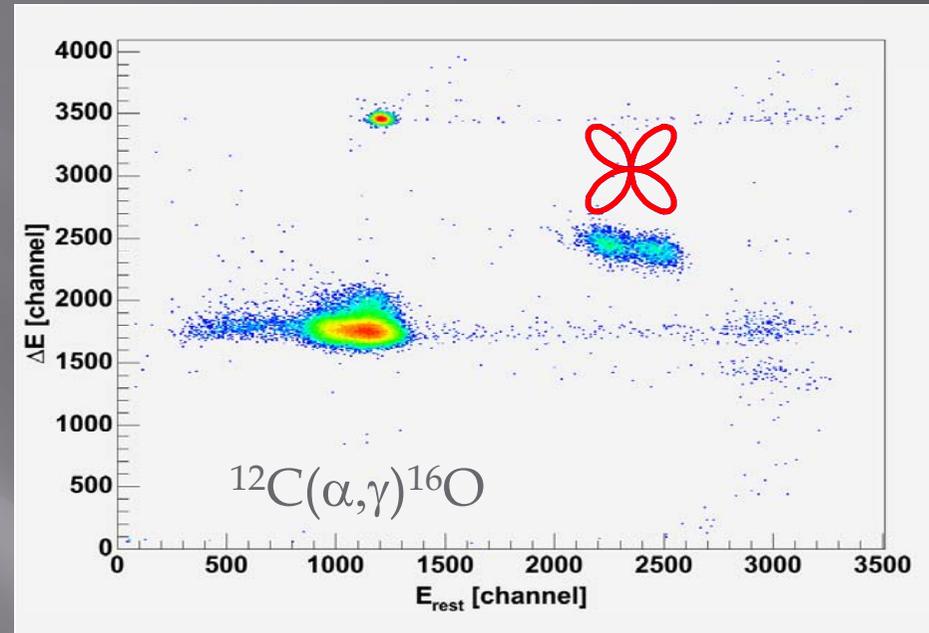
# Recoil detection

Full acceptance

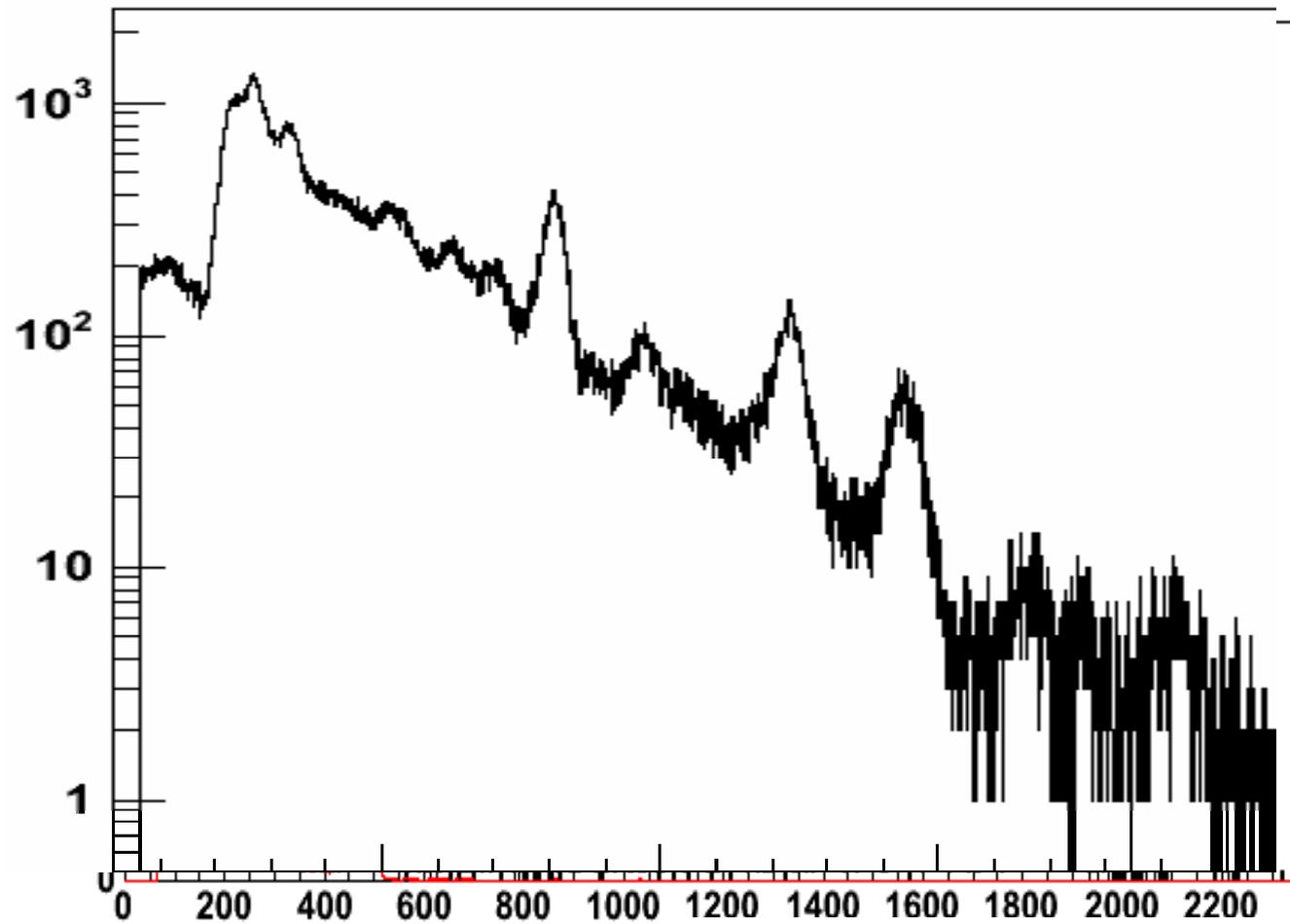
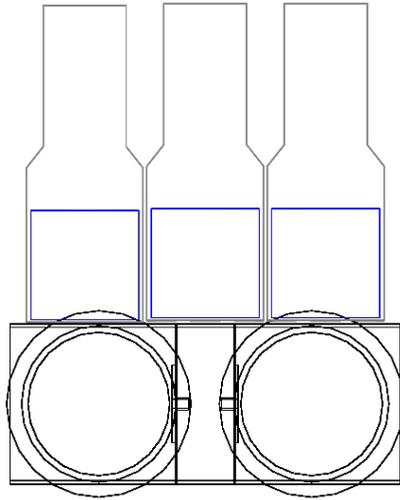
Suppression

Separator:  $10^{-10}$ - $10^{-11}$

Detector:  $10^{-3}$ - $10^{-6}$

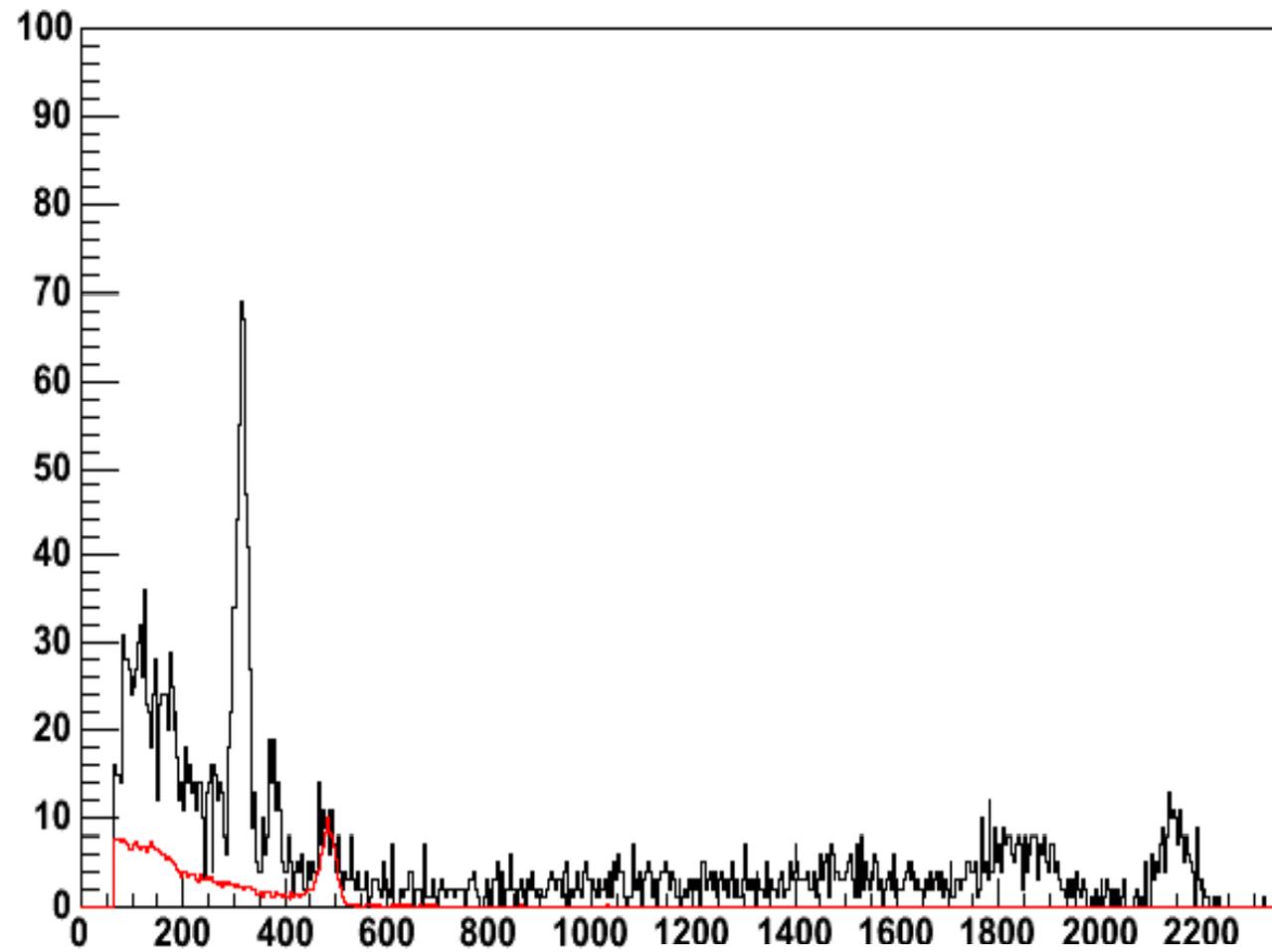
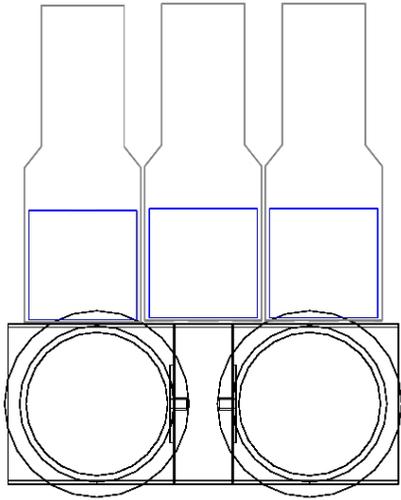


${}^3\text{He}(\alpha,\gamma){}^7\text{Be}$  -  $\gamma$  measurements

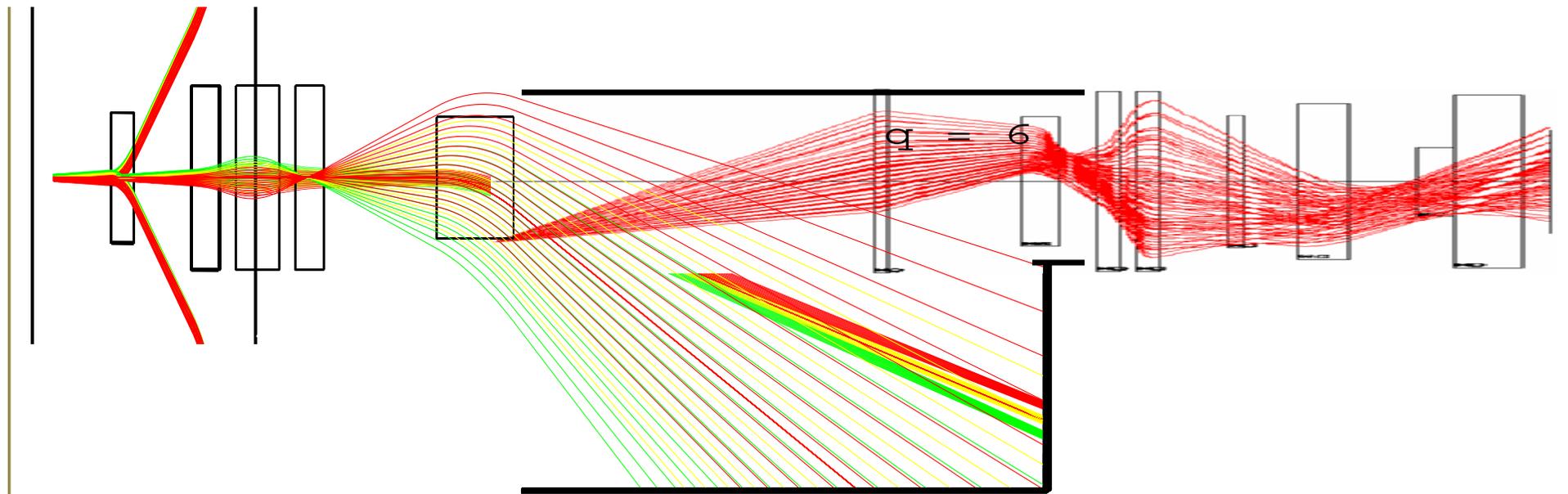


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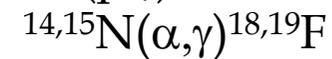
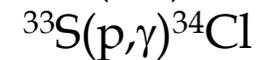
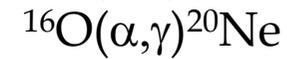
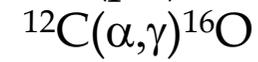
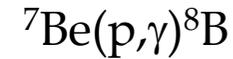
# Background and leaky beams



**ERNA  
at  
CIRCE,  
Caserta**

3MV Pelletron  
High intensity stable and  
radioactive ( ${}^7,{}^{10}\text{Be}$ ) ion beams  
(possible  ${}^{26}\text{Al}$ )

Plans:



SHE in nature

