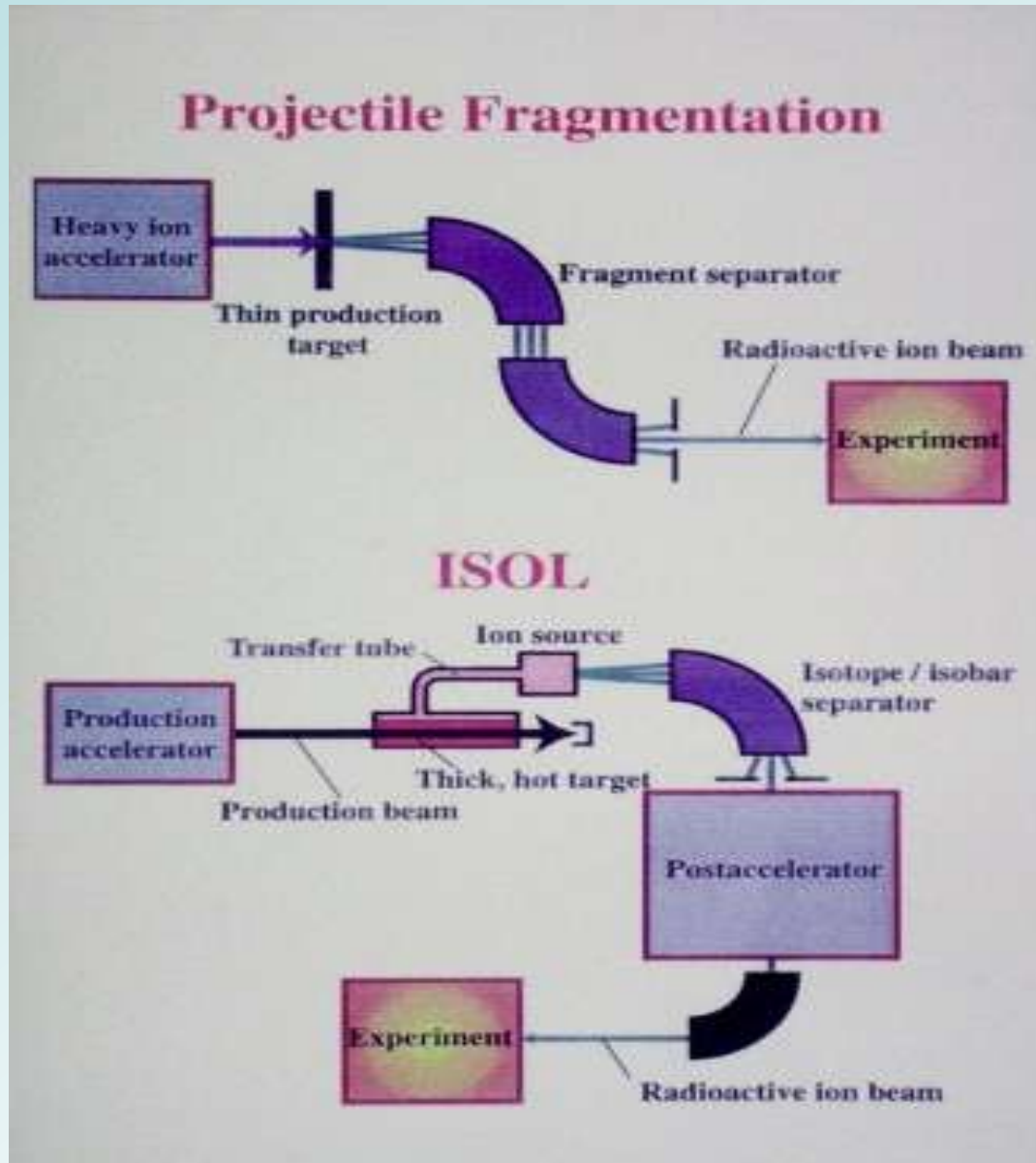


Techniques for radioactive beam production



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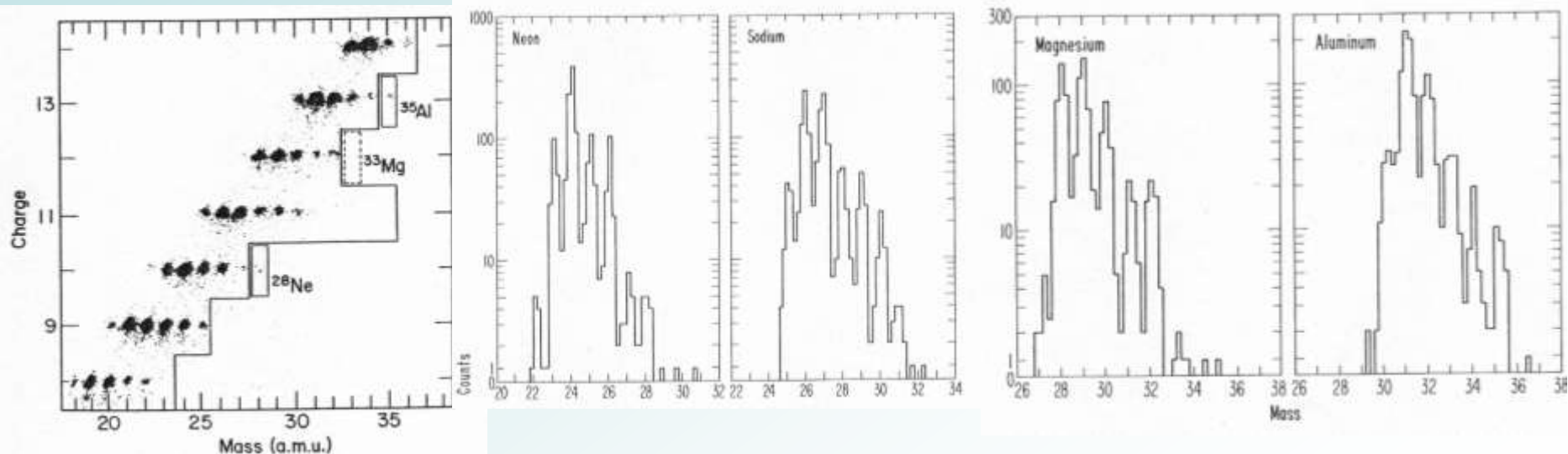
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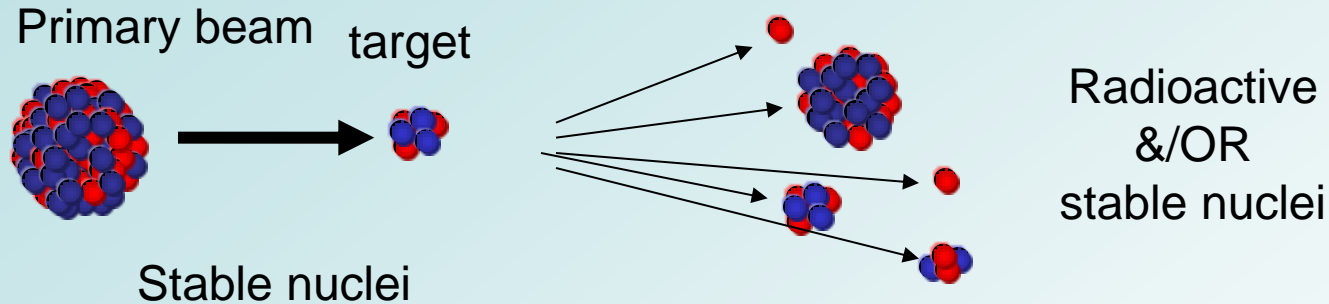
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Fragmentation beams: generality

What we need to produce a fragmentation beam?

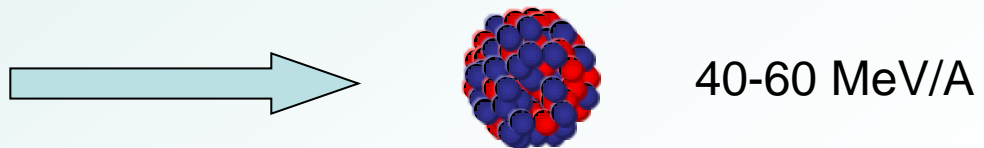
We need to have an high energy beam to produce fragmentation reactions



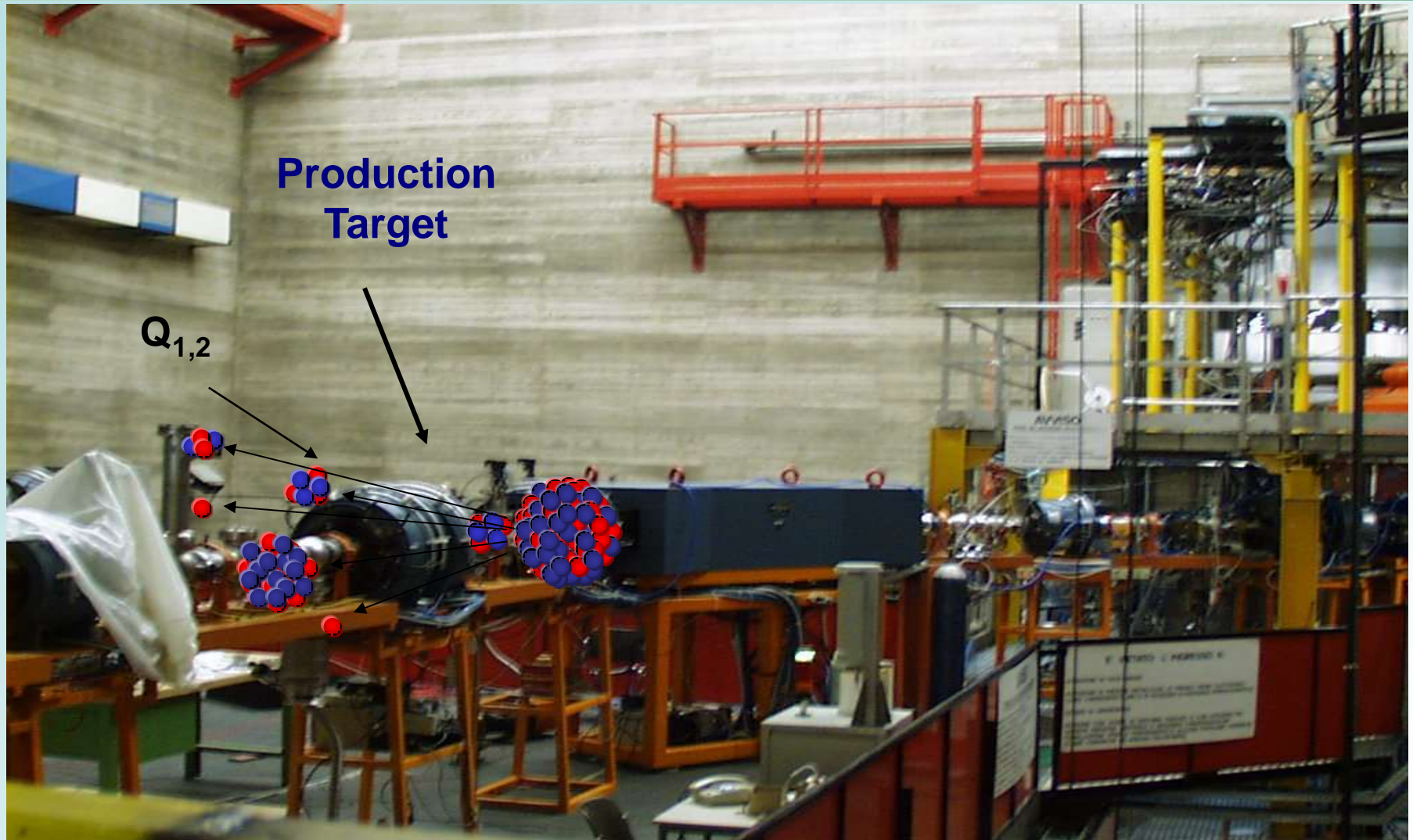
Characteristics of the fragmentation reactions is that fragments are emitted in forward direction with velocity similar to that of the projectile especially if a light target is used



To produce the Beam we use our cyclotron

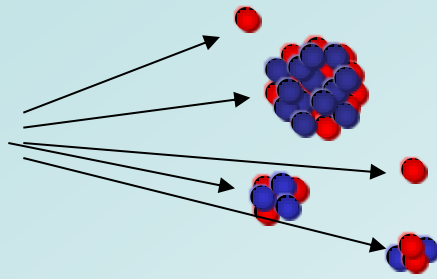


Fragmentation beams : beam production

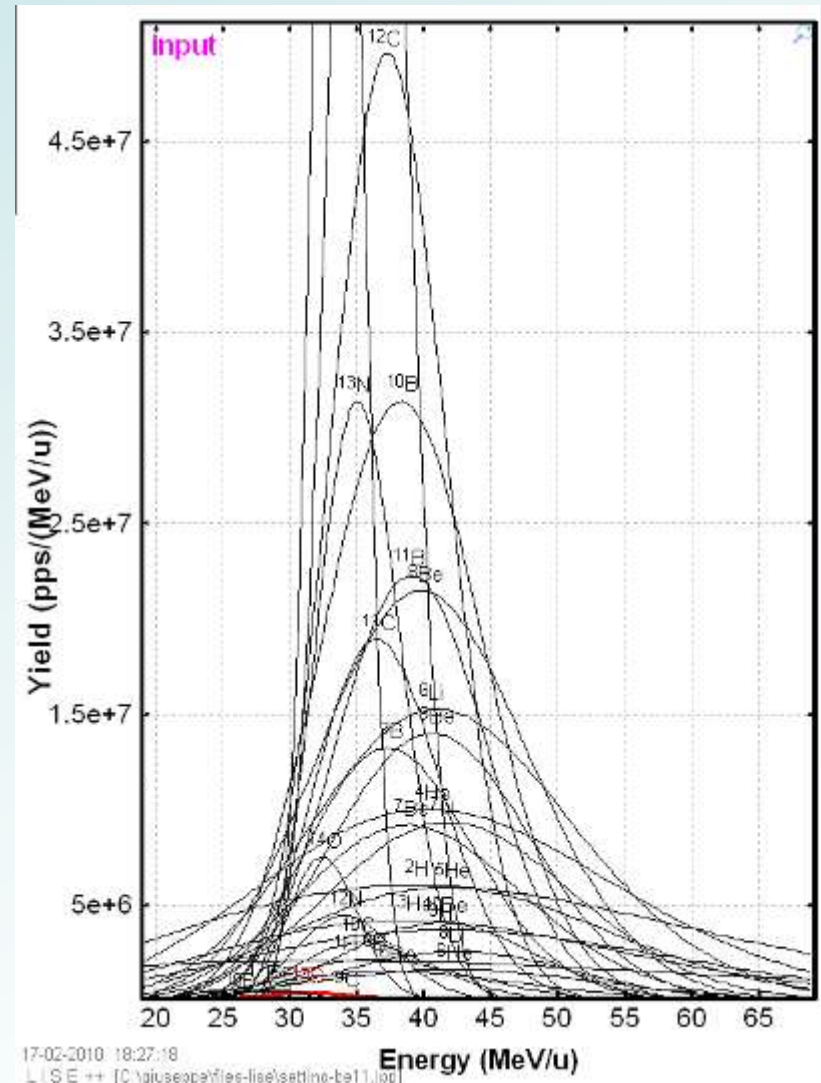


Fragmentation beams : energy distribution

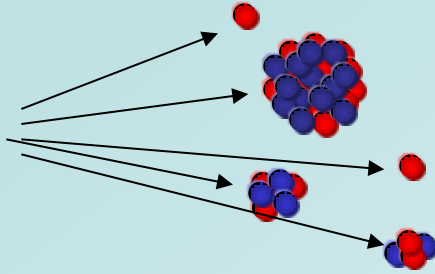
$^{16}\text{O} + ^9\text{Be}$ (2.5mm) at 55 MeV/A



after the collision we produce many beams with some energy and angular spread characteristic of the reaction



Fragmentation beams :The Lorentz force

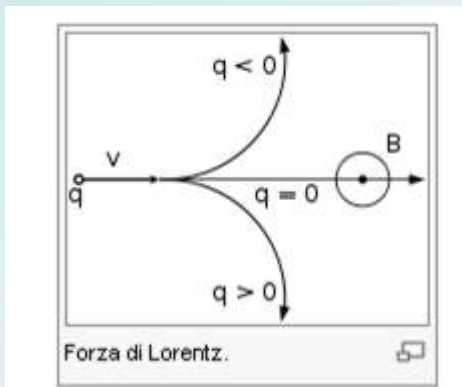


The produced fragments are inside the beam tube and see the magnetic field of dipoles, quadrupoles, and other elements.



The Lorentz force will move them along the beam line, changing their velocity direction.

$$\vec{F}_l = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$



$$q \cdot v \cdot B = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

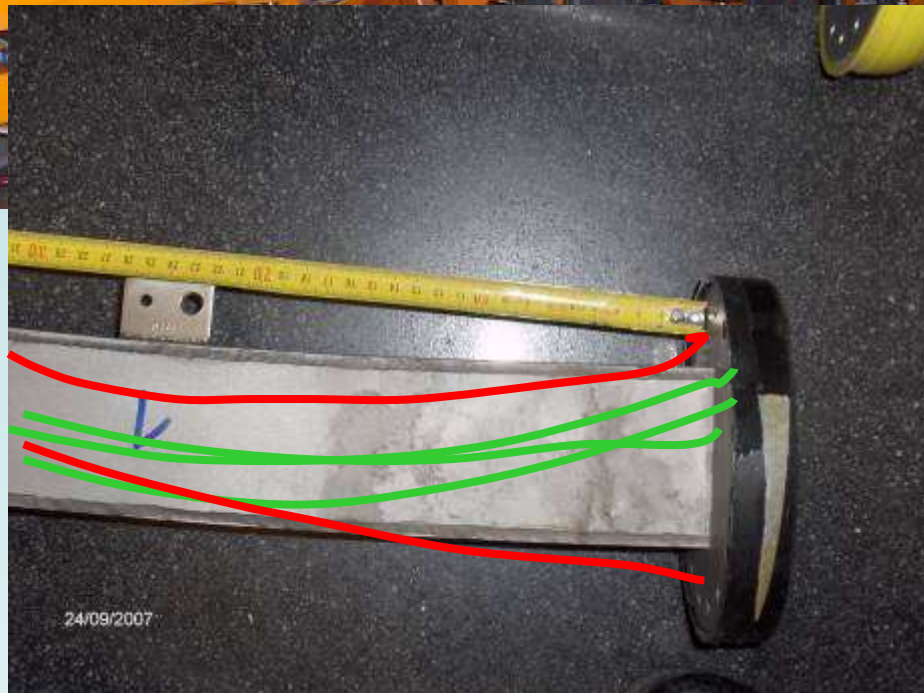
Particles will move along a circular trajectory with a radius determined by the interplay between the Lorentz (B) and the centripetal force.

$$R = \frac{mv_0}{qB}$$

An important parameter is the $BR = mv/q$ of the particle, determining the curvature radius.

Fragmentation beams :what is a dipole

Inside a dipole there is a vacuum chamber where all the fragments move with their velocity



This chamber has a finite size, therefore the magnets can accept a range of br all those that are inside the width of the vacuum chamber

Fragmentation beams : How to perform calculations

I hope you have understood that once we know the velocity (vector) charge and mass of a particle produced in the fragmentation reaction you can calculate the destiny of such particle inside the beam line – and if you want use this particle as a beam you can adjust the magnetic fields of your beam line to transport it in a place where you have your detector and you can do a reaction

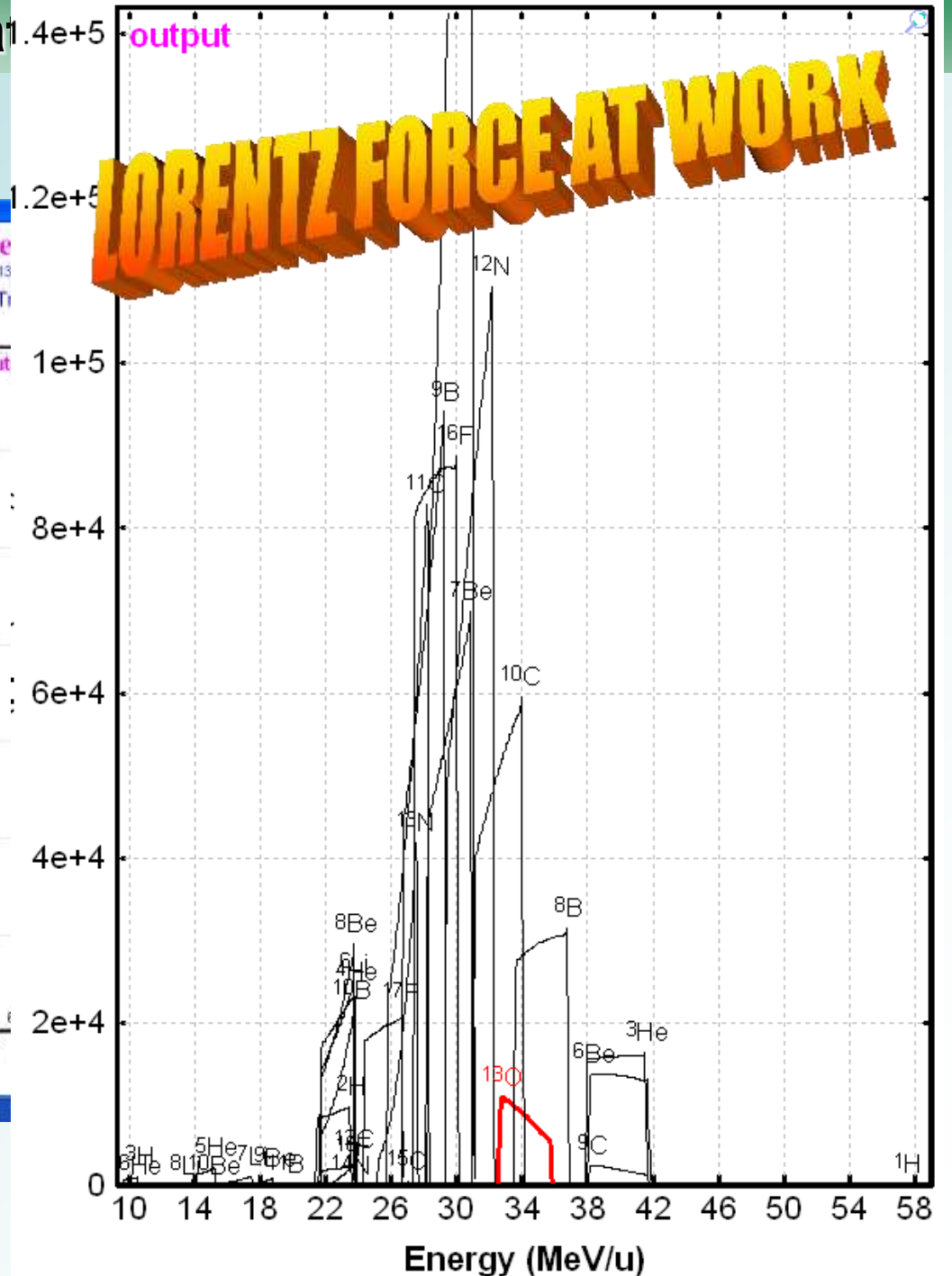
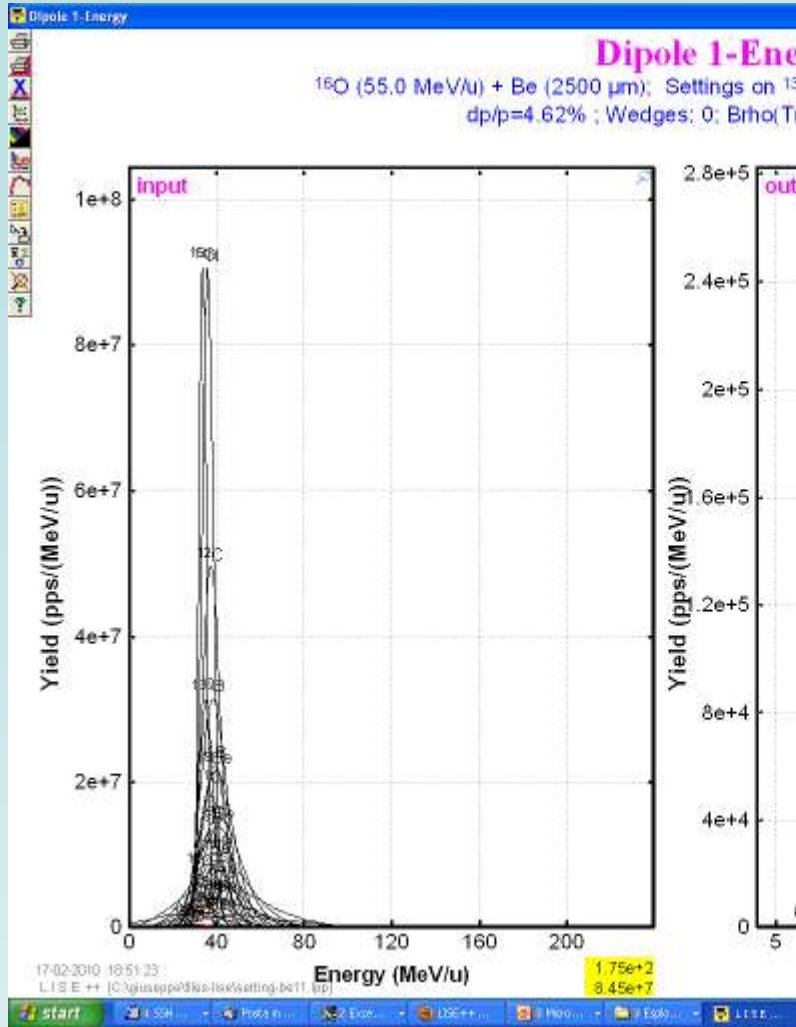
To follow the destiny of a fragmentation beam we can use a program, LISE, able to reconstruct the production of such ions and the transport along a beam line that we can define with the appropriate characteristics

You can get this program free from:

<http://groups.nscl.msu.edu/lise/lise.html>

Fragmentation

And see the effect of the dipole



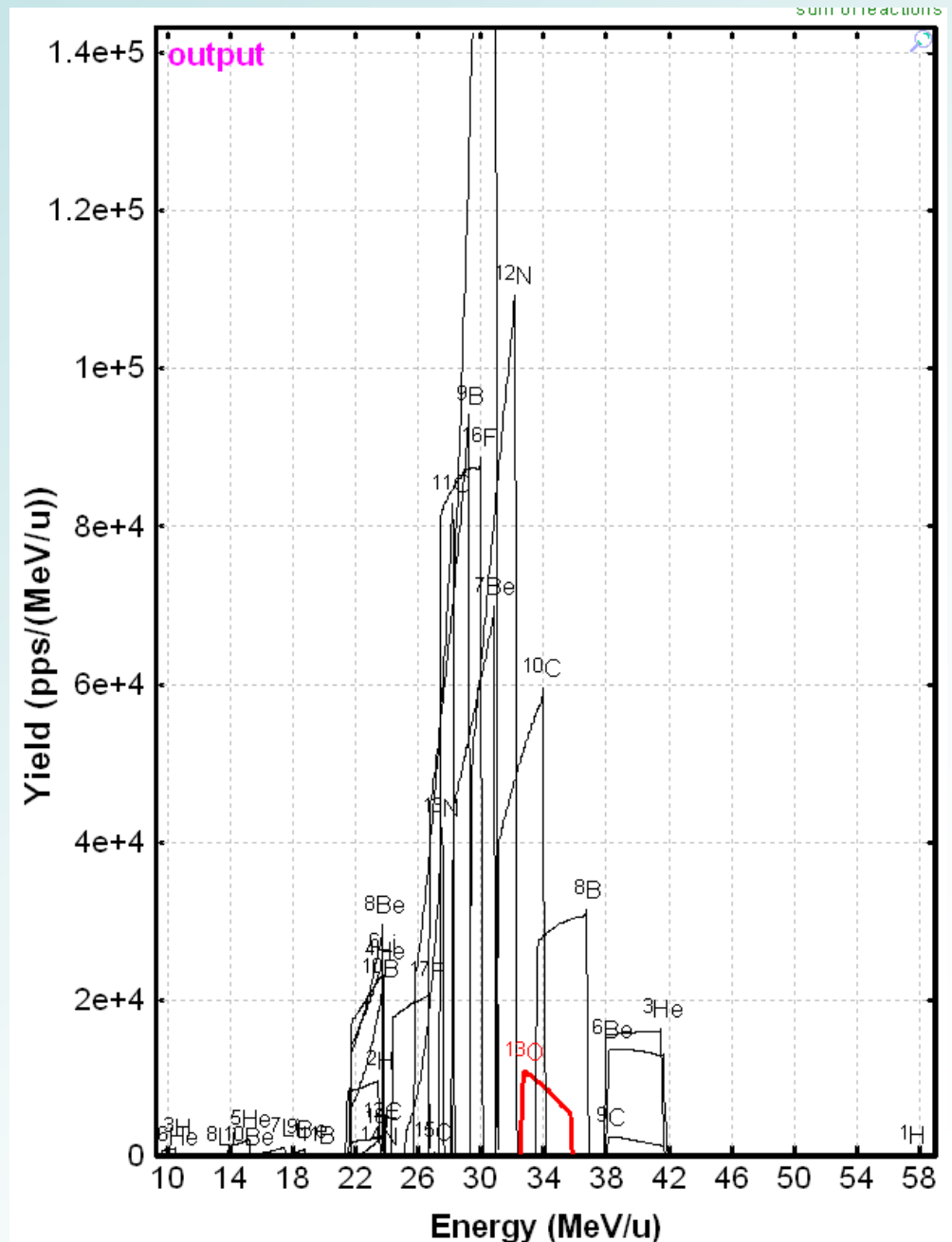
Fragmentation beams : effect of the magnets

What happens?

If we select a magnetic field of the dipole we will select a $B\rho$ i.e. only particles with

$$B\rho = MV/Q$$

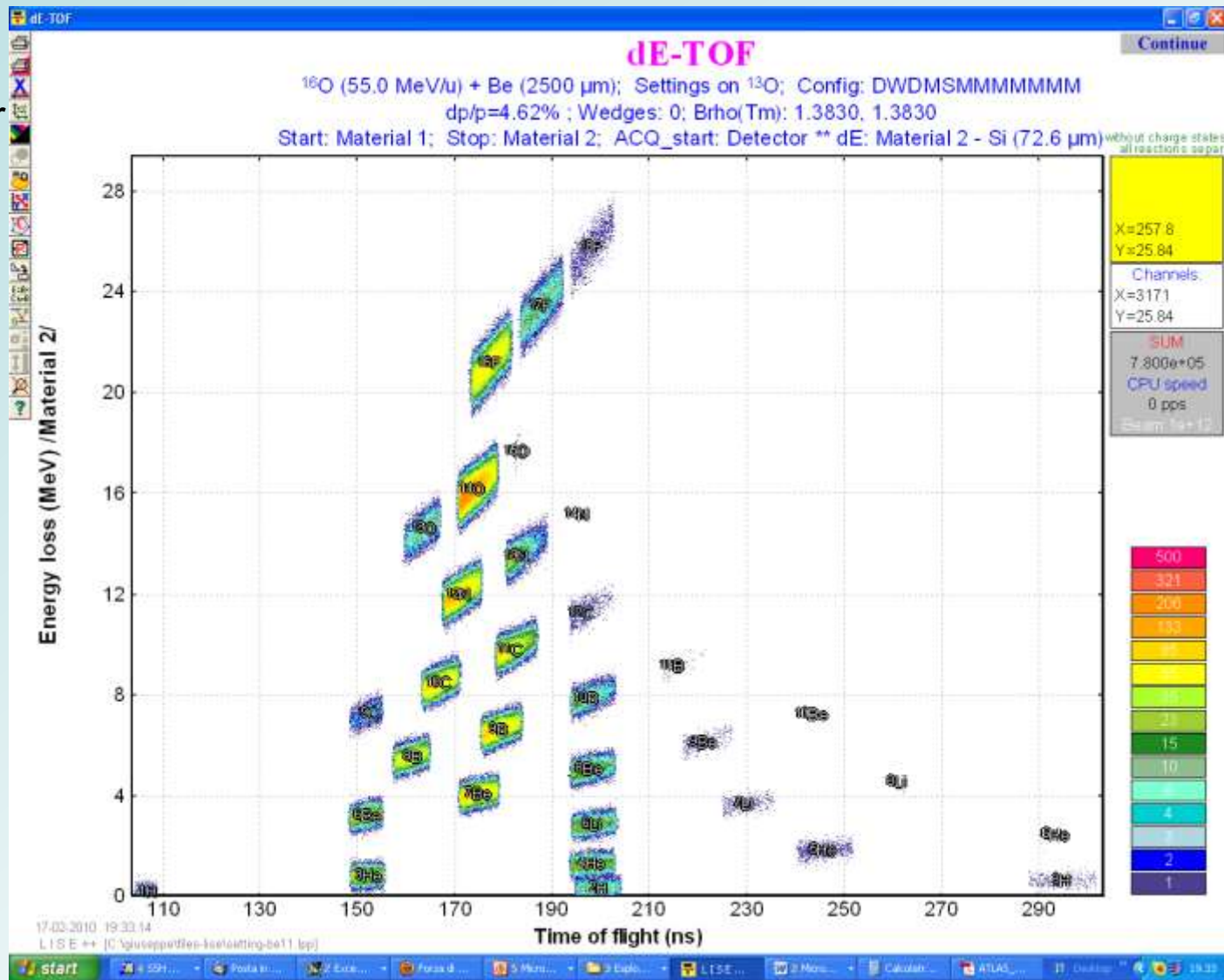
The acceptance window of the magnets in x so selects an interval of particles with defined M/Q having a certain ΔV (also the impinging angle obviously play a role V and B are vectors) therefore we select just a window of the production energy spectrum of each particle



Fragmentation beams: final products

We can follow what happens at the end of the fragment separator where we have some detectors to characterize the beam

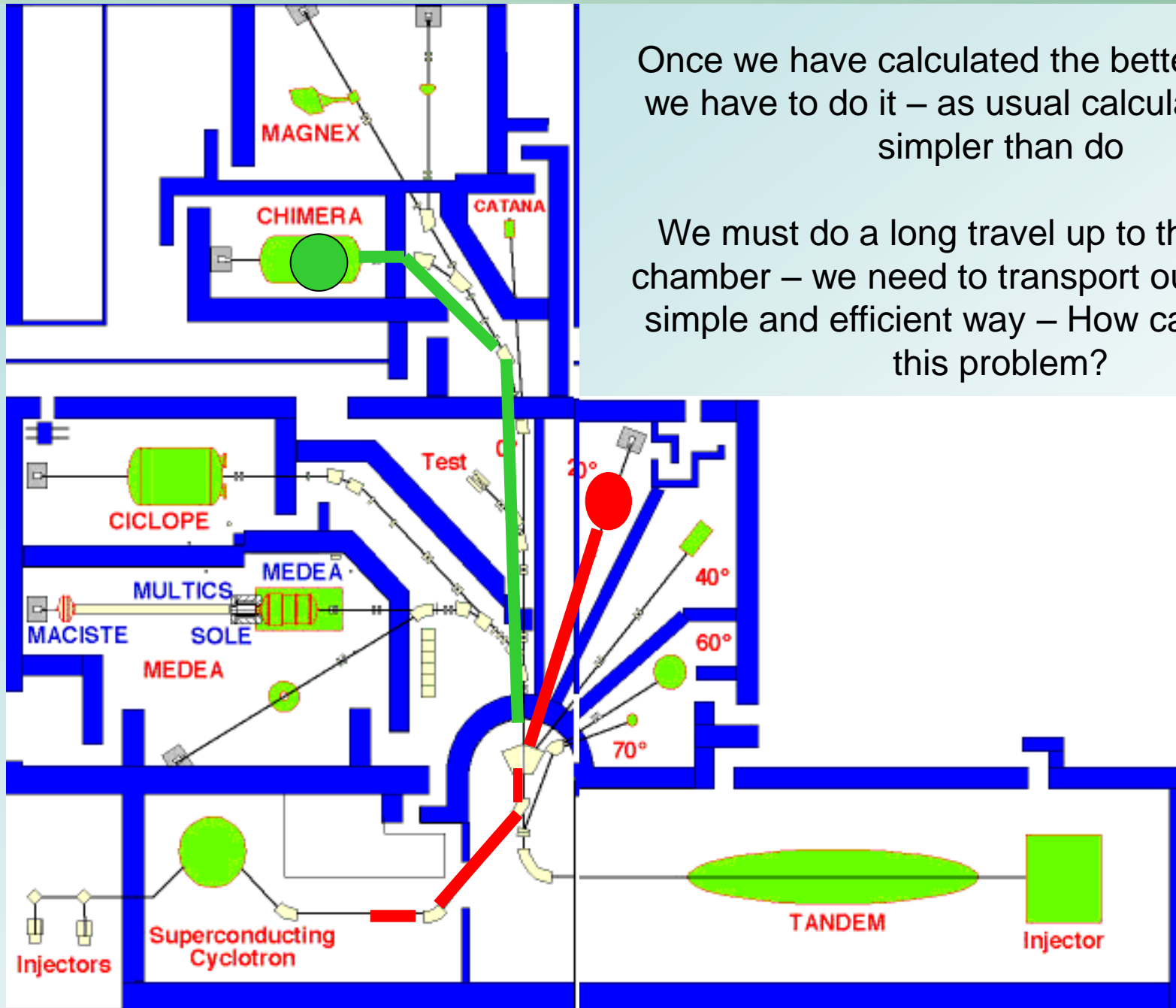
This is a typical plot that we can produce with LISE showing the produced particles as seen by a detector that gives us the energy loss (ΔE) and the TOF of the produced beams – we will see better later this kind of plot



Transport

Once we have calculated the better transport, we have to do it – as usual calculate is much simpler than do

We must do a long travel up to the reaction chamber – we need to transport our beam in a simple and efficient way – How can we solve this problem?



Transport: how to control?

We know the right magnetic field for the best transport – we have to give the right current to the magnets in order to produce this field!

To do this we need to measure magnetic field every where, difficult and expensive - moreover we have always misalignments and they should be taken into account by the calculation

Practice - we have to look the beam after each element and adjust fields in order to improve the transport.

Good idea but the beam has very small intensity even 1000 part/s if we use standard allumina we do not have enough light

The solution to this problem is to built a system to see low intensity beams

However there are other solutions when such a system is not available

One can use a “pilot beam”; a beam with the same magnetic rigidity of the radioactive beam we want to transport

Transport: pilot beam

Use a “pilot beam” a beam with the same magnetic rigidity of the radioactive beam we want to transport

I want to produce and transport ^{13}O using a primary beam of ^{16}O on a target of ^9Be 1.5mm thick , with LISE I can calculate what is the best $b\rho$ for my system, it is 1.5673Tm

I have a primary beam of ^{16}O of 55MeV/A charge 6+ i.e. $b\rho=2.8881\text{ TM}$
If I insert a degrader I can decrease the V getting the right $b\rho$

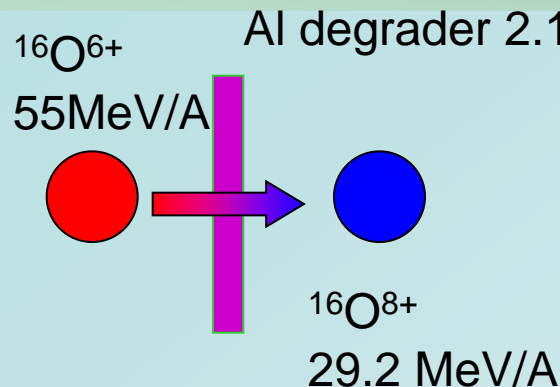
The screenshot shows the 'Beam' window of the LISE software. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Beam energy:** Energy (29.177 MeV/u), TKE (466.68 MeV), Brho (1.567 Tm), P (3.758 GeV/c), U (5.83e+4 KV).
- Beam intensity:** 1714 enA, 214.2 pnA, 1.3388e+12 pps, 0.1 KW.
- Emittance (Beam CARD (sigma)):** 1. X (1.5 mm), 2. T (3.3 mrad), 3. Y (1.5 mm), 4. P (3.3 mrad), 5. L (0 mm), 6. D (0.05 %).
- beam respect to spectrometer:** dX (0 mm), dT (0 mrad), dY (0 mm), dP (0 mrad), dT (0 degrees), dP (0 degrees).
- Other parameters:** Energy Loss in the target box [KW] (0.1), RF frequency (20 MHz).

Buttons for 'Ok' and 'Cancel' are visible at the bottom left.

I need to reduce the energy of the ^{16}O to 29.177 MeV/A

Transport: pilot beam



I need O16 of 29.177 MeV → I must insert a degrader of 2.18 mm Al where the primary beam will lose the necessary energy (not only he will be also totally stripped)

Physical calculator

A	Element	Z	Q
16	O	8	8

Stable

Table of Nuclides

Energy 55.0175 MeV/u Energy 55 AMeV

Brho 2.16644 Tm TKE 880 MeV

Erho 214.157 MJ/C Velocity 9.87174 cm/ns

P 5195.86 MeV/c Beta 0.3292859

p_trnspt 0.649482 GeV/c Gamma 1.059064

After

Energy Remain. E-Loss

Block	Z \ Thickness	MeV/u	MeV	MeV	<Q>
M FP_PIN	Al 2180 micron	29.194	466.96	413.04	8.00
M FP_SCI					

after/into Si 500 micron

Energy Remain 50.6433 MeV/u

Energy Loss 69.964 MeV

Energy Strag.(sigma) 0.052096 MeV/u

Angular Strag.(sigma) 3.3998 mrad (plane)

Lateral spread (sigma) 0.17094 microns

Brho (for Q=Z) 2.0762 Tm

Equilibrium values for material "Si"

Charge State <Q> 8

dQ (sigma) 0.01

Thickness 0.15683 mg/cm2

Range and Energy Loss to Si

Range dRange (sigma)

849.296 2.7164 mg/cm2

3645.05 11.658 micron

Energy Remain. 0.000 MeV/u

Material thickness 849.3 mg/cm2

for energy rest 3645 micron

Calculation method of

Energy Losses 2 Energy straggling 1

Charge States 3 Angular straggling 1

Print Help Quit

Transport : pilot

Now another reaction I want a neutron rich beam, ^{11}Be I can use a ^{13}C primary beam
lets use 45 MeV/A beam $^{13}\text{C}^{5+}$

LISE suggest that the best bp with a be9 target of 1.5mm is 2.8129 Tm

Physical calculator

A Element Z Q
13 C 6 6
Stable

Table of Nuclides

Energy 78.0042 MeV/u Energy 78.0243 AMeV
Brho 2.8129 Tm TKE 1014.32 MeV
Erho 325.486 MJ/C Velocity 11.5554 cm/ns
P 5059.72 MeV/c Beta 0.3854475
p_trnspt 0.843286 GeV/c Gamma 1.083741
After

Block	Z \ Thickness	MeV/u	MeV	MeV	<Q>
M	Material 2 Si 140 micron	77.369	1006.1	8.2535	6.00
M	Material 3				
M	Material 4				
M	Material 5				
M	Material 6				
M	Material 7				
M	Material 8				

after/into Si 140 micron

Energy Remain 77.3695 MeV/u
Energy Loss 8.2535 MeV
Energy Strag.(sigma) 0.024904 MeV/u
Angular Strag.(sigma) 1.2139 mrad (plane)
Lateral spread (sigma) 0.013863 microns
Brho (for Q=Z) 2.801 Tm

Equilibrium values for material "Si"

Charge State <Q> 6
dQ (sigma) 0
Thickness 0.11048 mg/cm2

Range and Energy Loss to Si

Range	dRange (sigma)
<input type="radio"/> 2271.55	7.7854 mg/cm2
<input type="radio"/> 9749.14	33.414 micron

Energy Remain. 0.000 MeV/u
Material thickness 2271.5 mg/cm2
for energy rest 9749.1 micron

Calculation method of

Energy Losses 2 Energy straggling 1
Charge States 0 Angular straggling 0

Print Help Quit

We should have a larger energy we cannot use the degrader

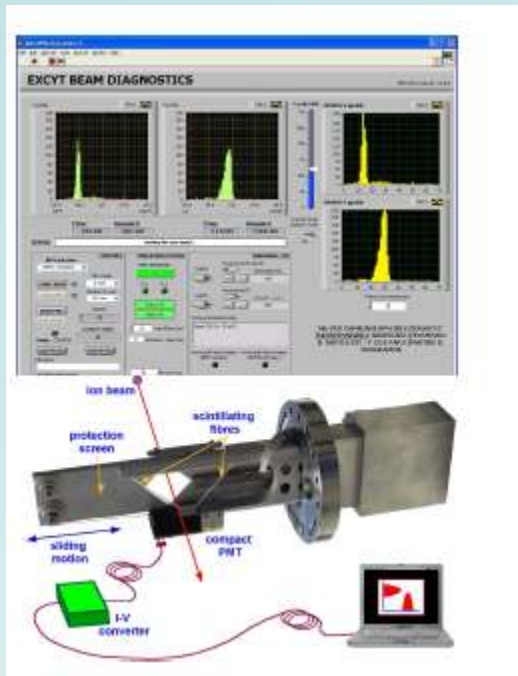
However "fortunately" The bp of $^{13}\text{C}^{5+}$ 55 MeV/A is: 2.822 Tm

Very near to the one necessary so in this case we can use the primary beam as a pilote beam – however this is a little dangerous
Imagine what happens if the 9Be is broken, the direct primary beam will arrive in your secondary target

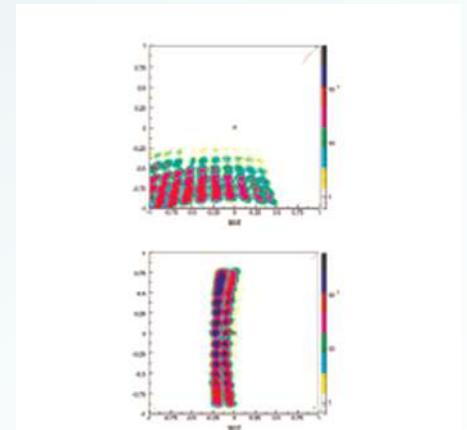
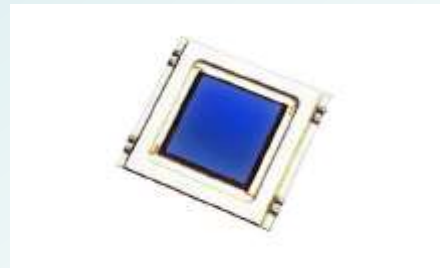
Transport: diagnostic

So it is not easy to get a pilot beam what can we do?
Use a dedicated diagnostic system to monitor the beam

At LNS we have different devices to perform this diagnostic
The first one is a scintillating fiber used for EXCYT but a little slow



The new one is based on a simple position sensitive silicon detector that produce a simple picture of the beam spot with very fast refresh with a behavior very similar to an allumina

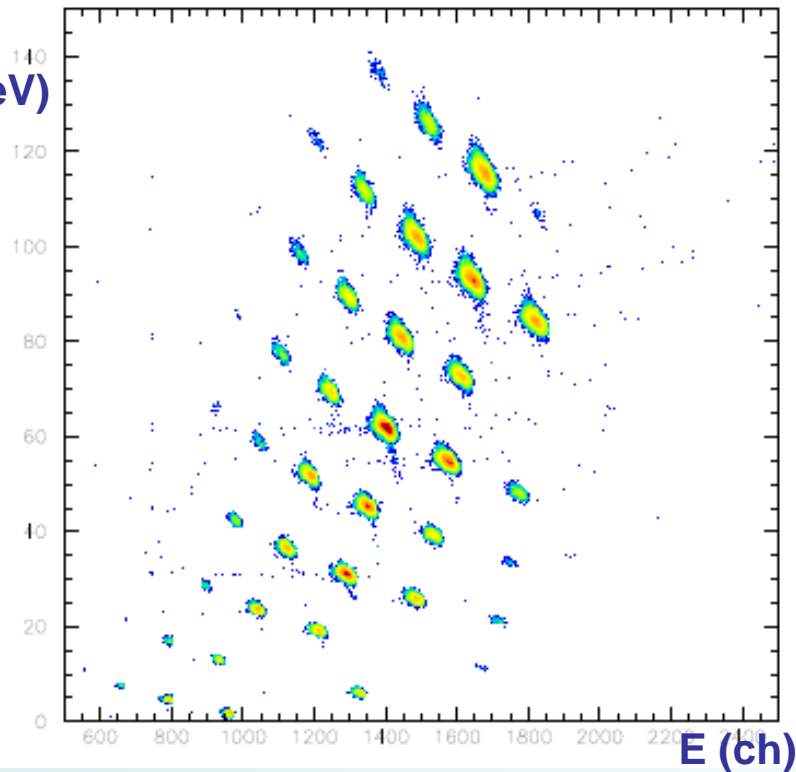


We can also use simple scintillators that work like a faraday cup where one can optimize the transport simply looking to the detector rate

IDENTIFICATION

We have produced our beam and we have transported up to the reaction chamber – now we must use it, however this is a complex beam, in reality there are many beams – some time it is possible to clean it producing only one beam – more often this is impossible, so to use it we must identify it event by event

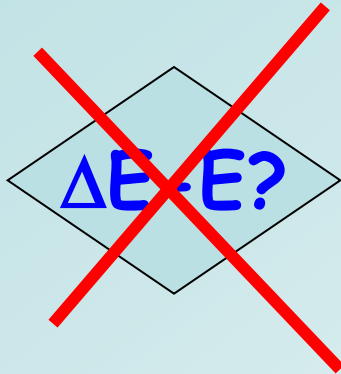
ΔE
(MeV)



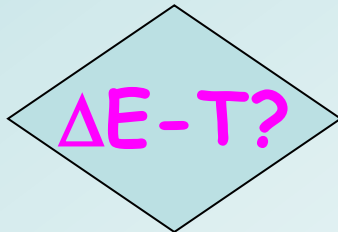
This is for instance a beam produced using ^{20}Ne at 45 MeV/A on a ^9Be target. When impinge in a telescope we can build a ΔE -E scatter plot and identify the various charges and masses arriving on the target.

IDENTIFICATION: flow chart

I cannot change the beam characteristics if I want to use it

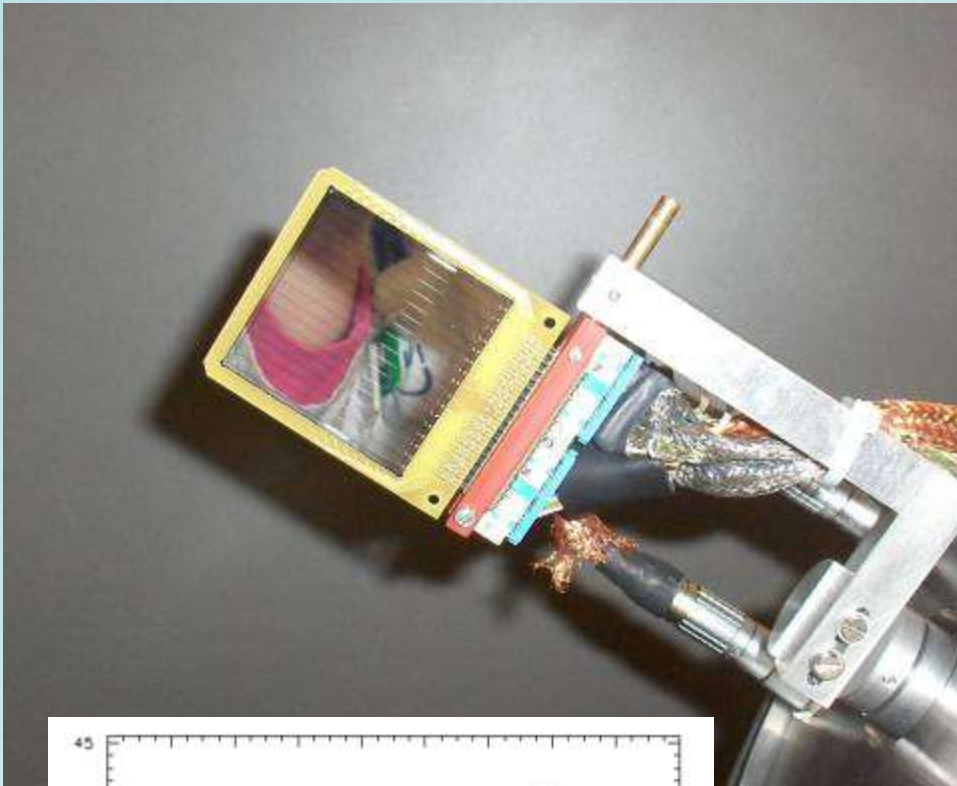


I cannot stop the beam
in the tagging detector

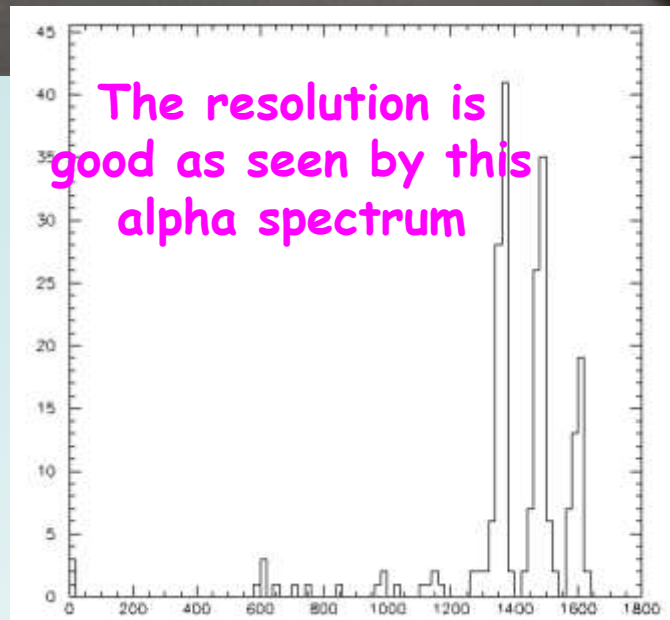
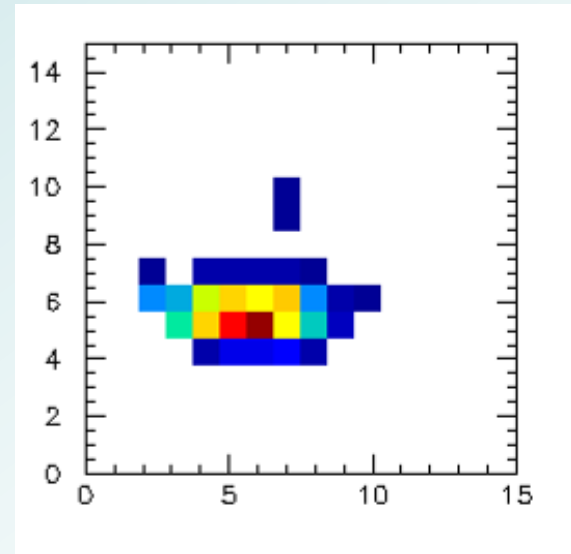


What can I use for ΔE?

IDENTIFICATION: ΔE position tagging

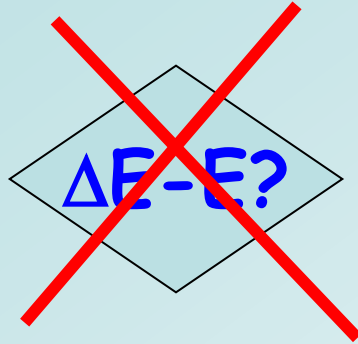


For the ΔE I can use a X-Y strip detector

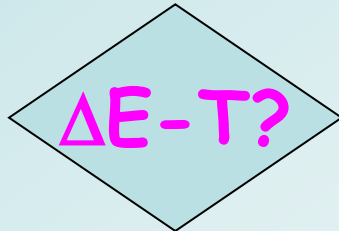


From the position of the strip I can get the XY image of the beam (like for the detectors on the diagnostic system)

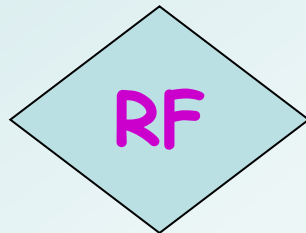
IDENTIFICATION: flow chart



I cannot stop the beam
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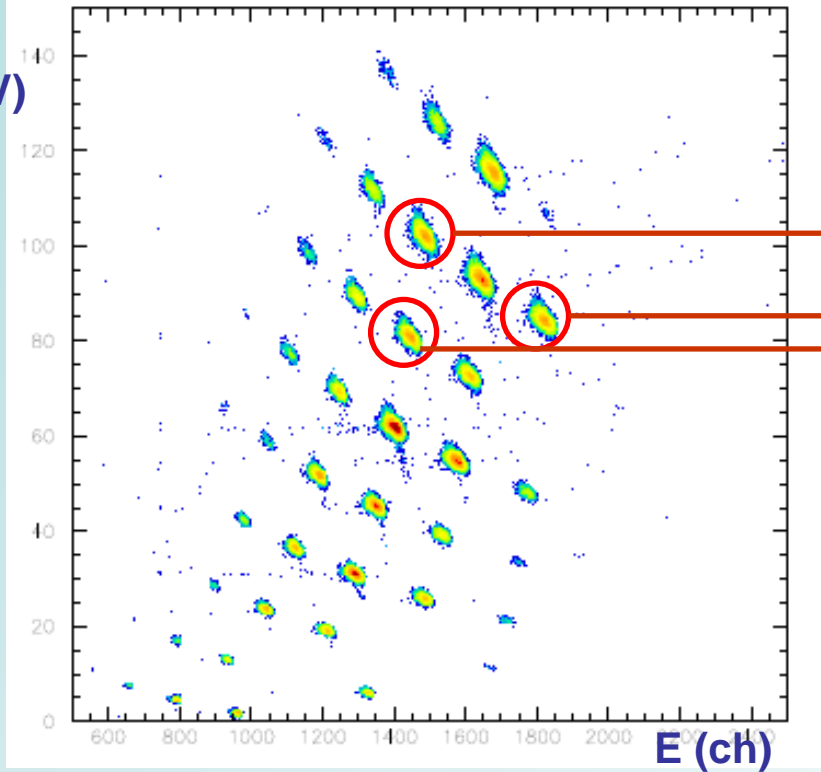
Possible but
how can I measure T?



Max time difference
= RF cycle 30ns
Resolution??

IDENTIFICATION: RF time tagging

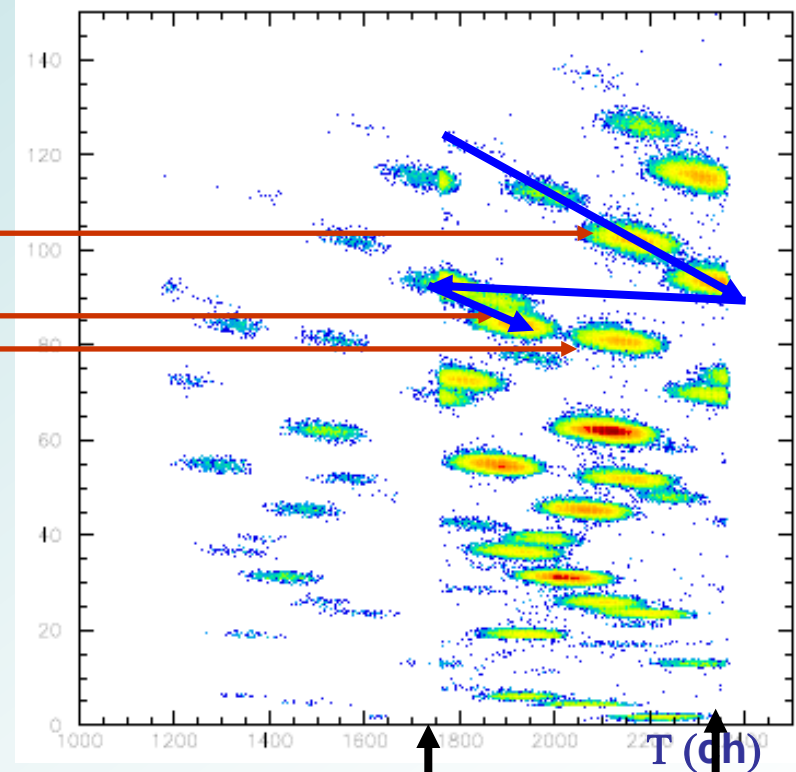
ΔE
(MeV)



^{20}Ne

^{18}Ne

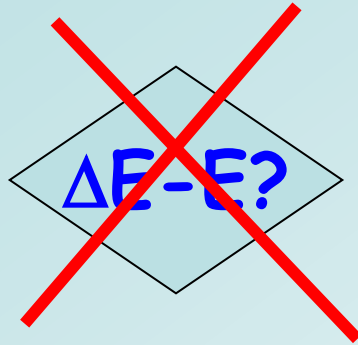
^{18}F



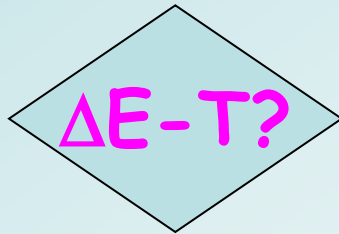
30 ns

The identification is possible however there are some ambiguities due to the backbending of the measured times

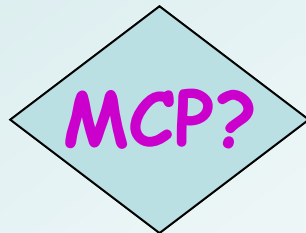
IDENTIFICATION : flow chart



I cannot stop the beam
in the tagging detector



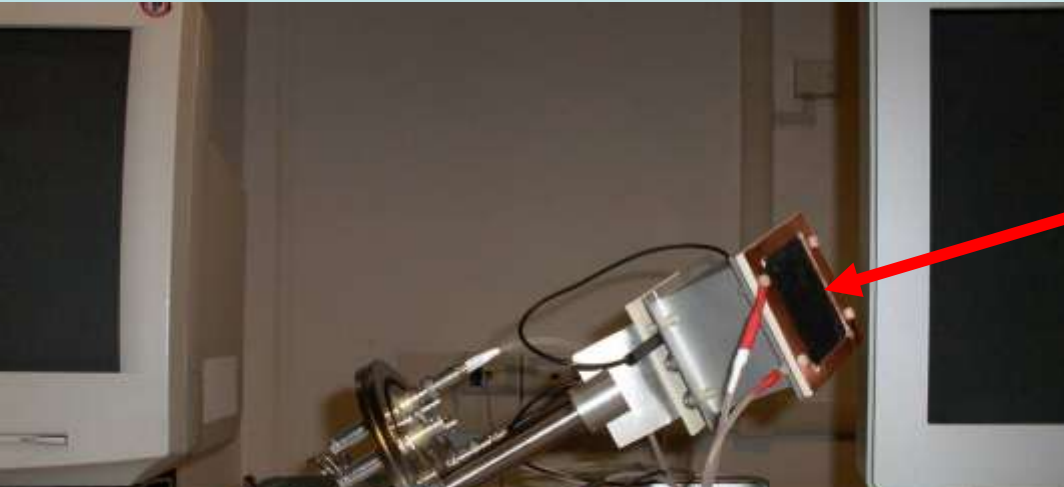
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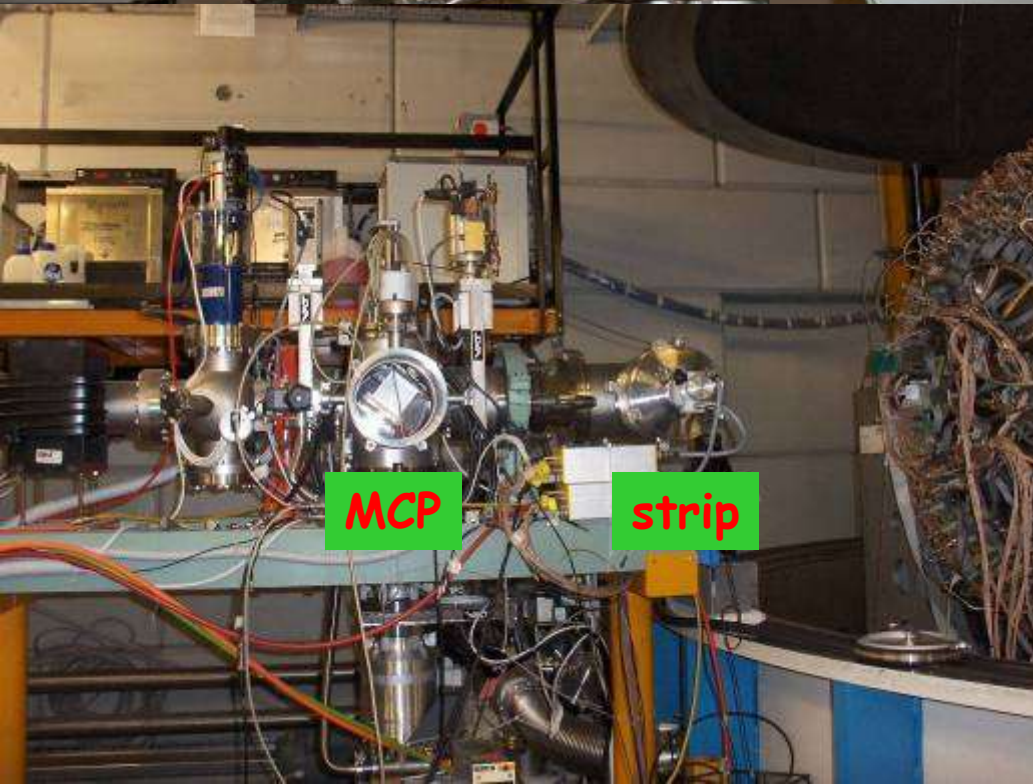
Efficiency???

IDENTIFICATION: MCP time tagging

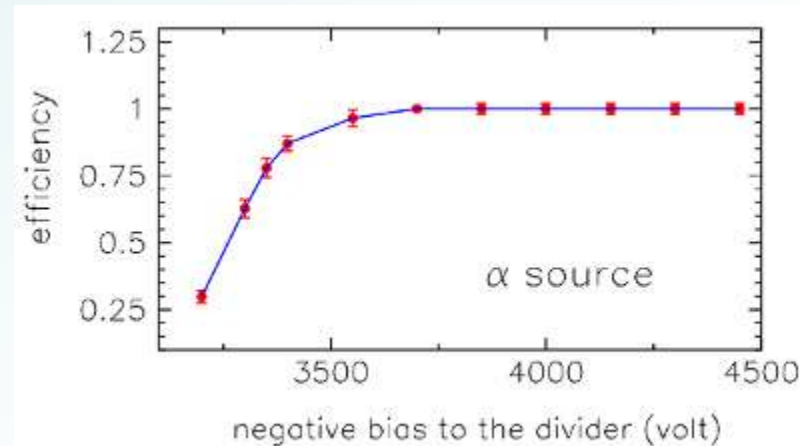
Large surface MCP 44*62 mm²



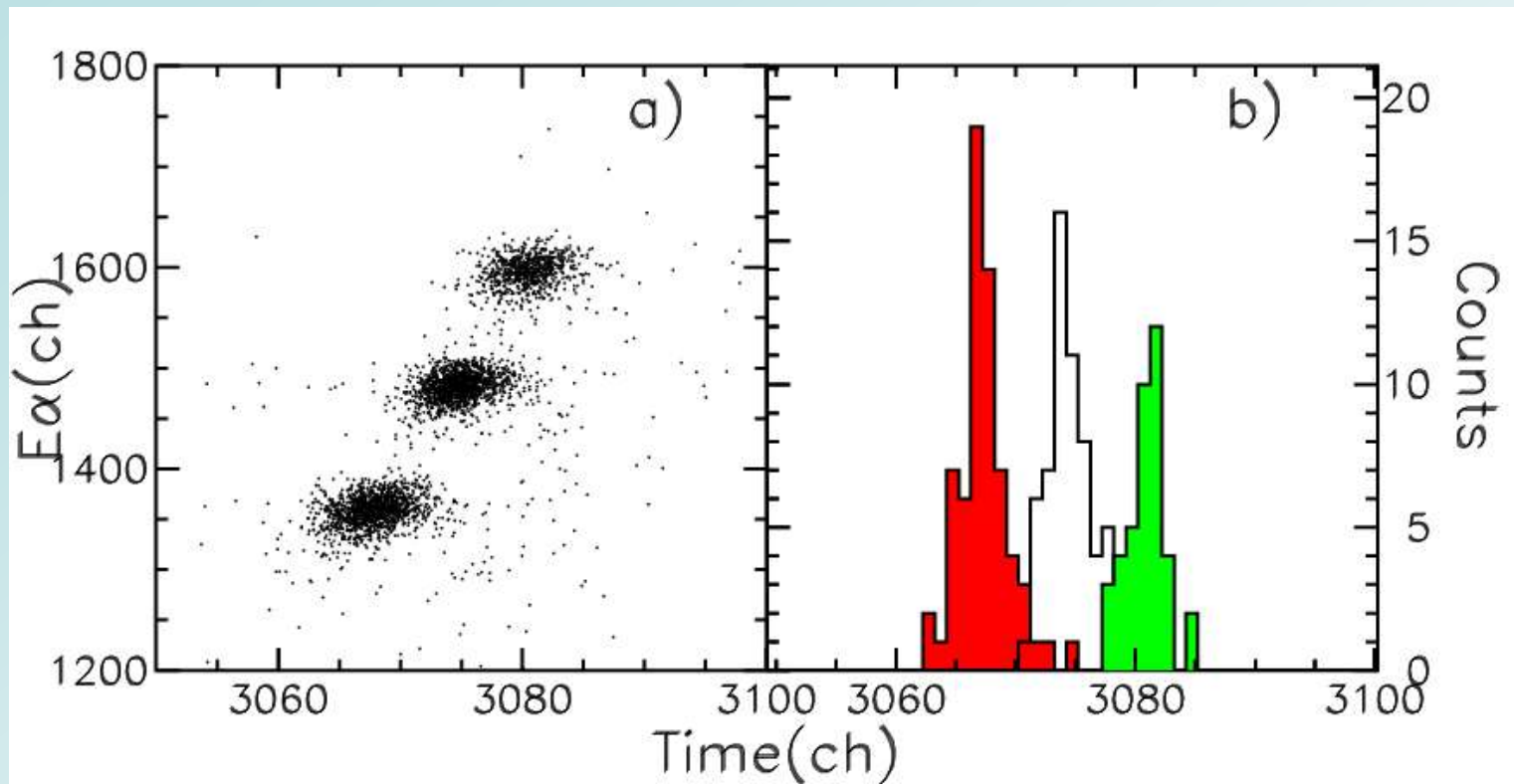
To enhance the electron emission we evaporate on an aluminized mylar foil
LiF



We can measure the efficiency with α -source putting MCP and strip at 70cm

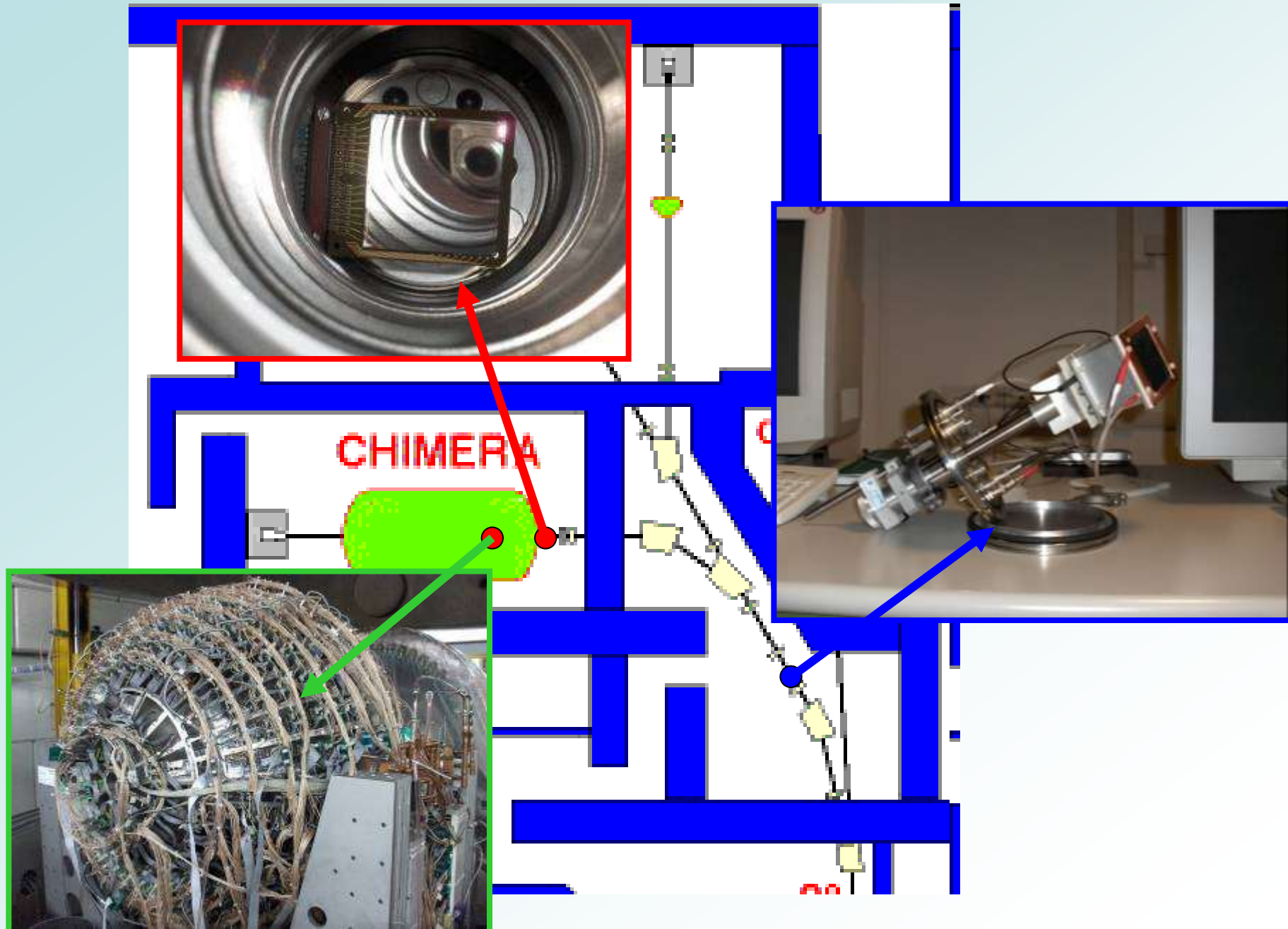


IDENTIFICATION: MCP resolution



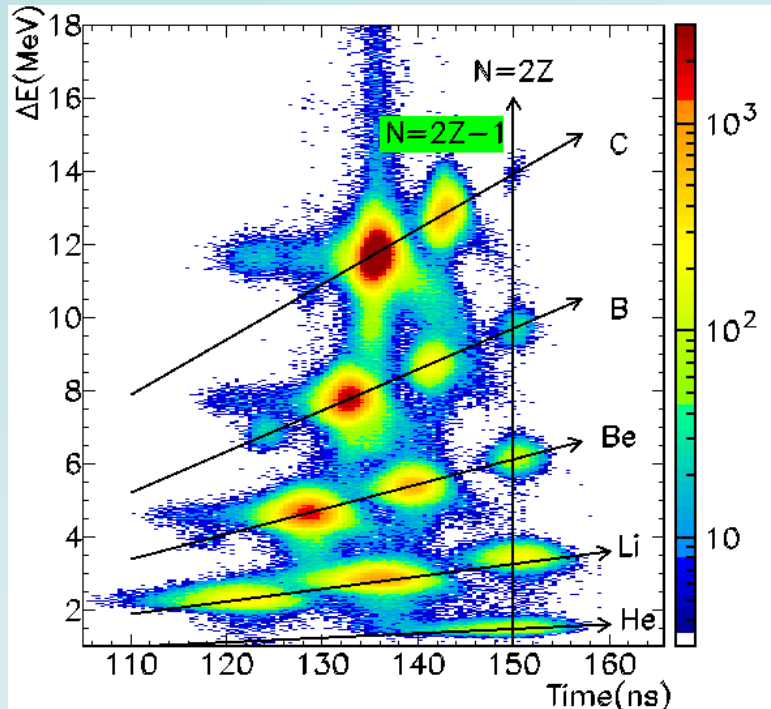
We get a good time resolution < 500ps (1 ch TDC 250ps)

IDENTIFICATION: tagging system layout

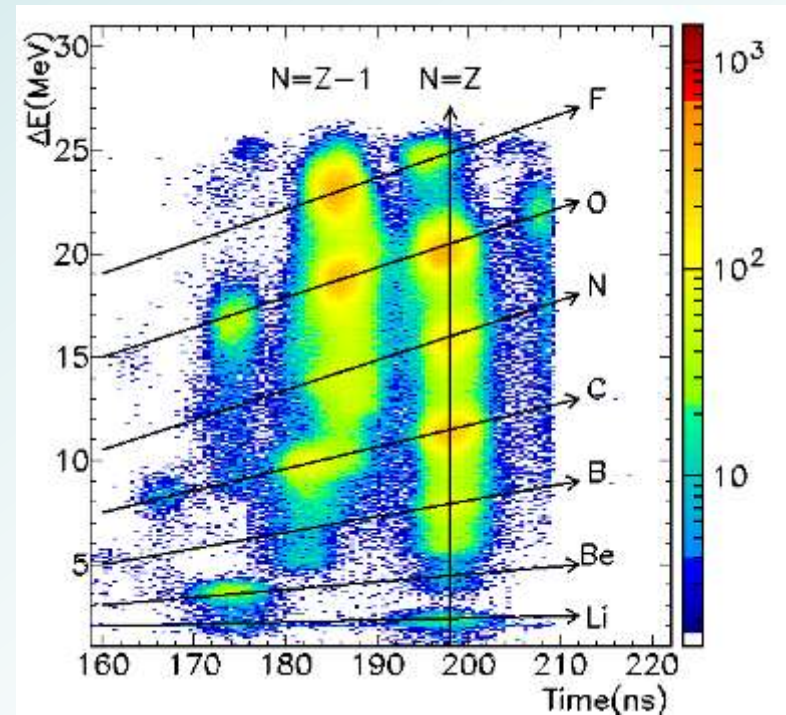


IDENTIFICATION : some results

We did various runs this is with primary beam ^{18}O on target of ^9Be 1.5mm and magnet centered on ^{11}Be a strip $140\mu\text{m}$ thick was used



This is with primary beam ^{16}O on target of ^9Be 1.5mm and magnet centered on ^{17}F a strip $70\mu\text{m}$ thick was used

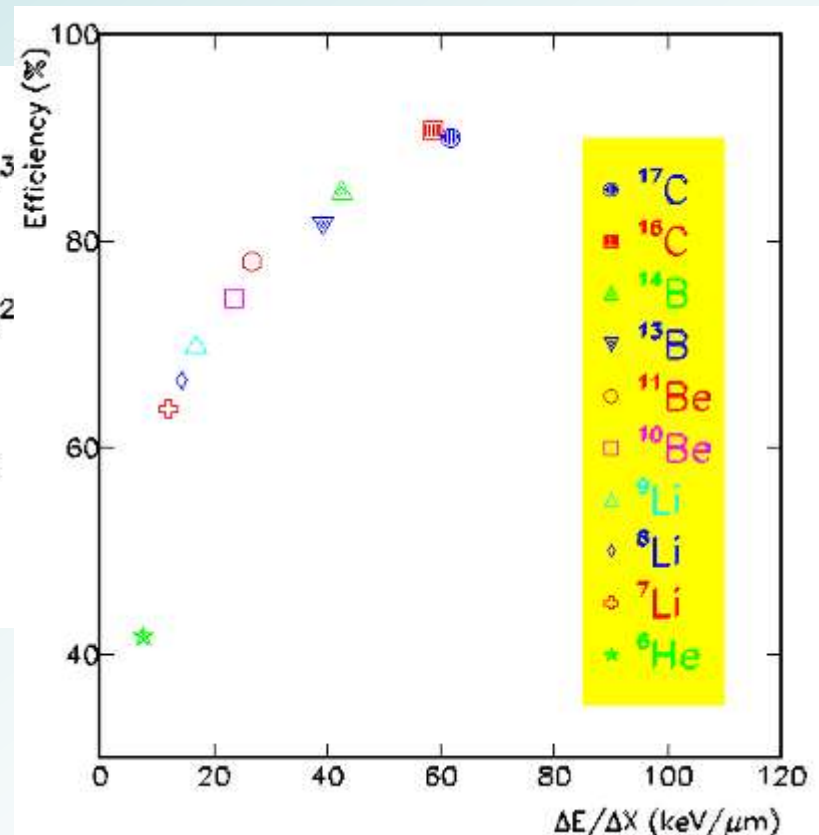
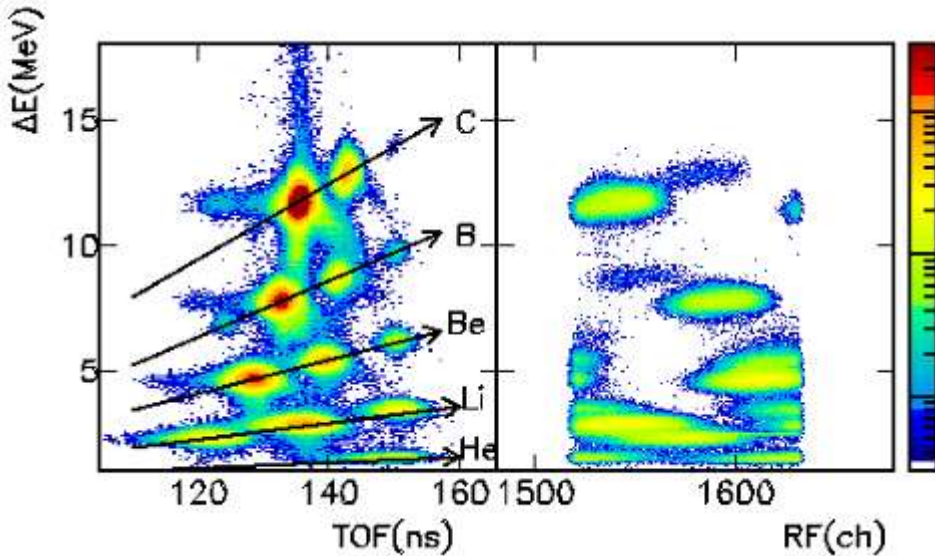


Note some problems due to non uniform detector thickness

IDENTIFICATION : some results

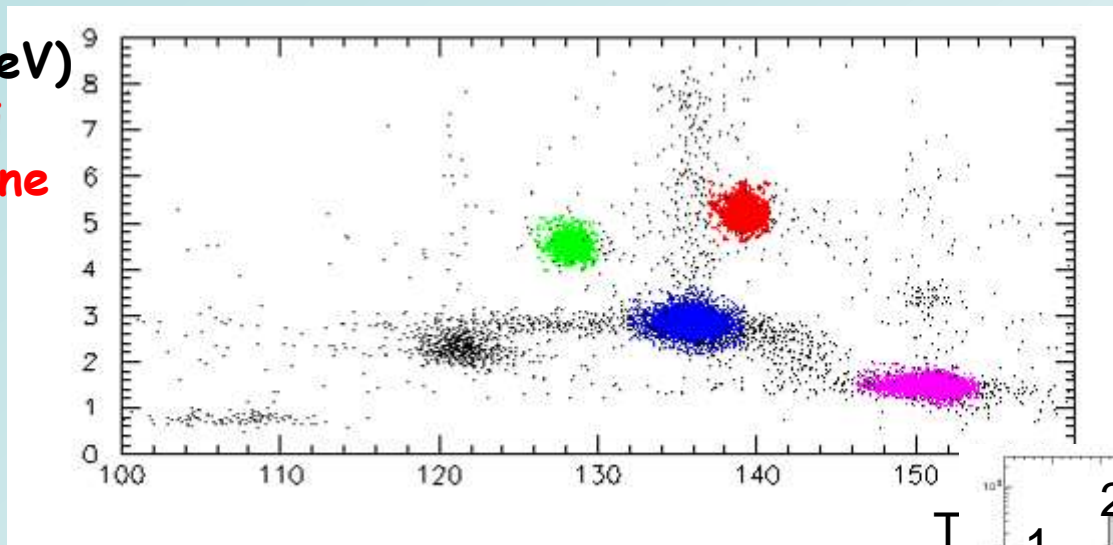
The efficiency of MCP was not 100% as for the alpha source, when MCP is missing identification is not lost because we still have RF

Counting the events for which we do not have MCP we can measure the efficiency



Sistema di Tagging – matrici di identificazione delle reazioni

$\Delta E(\text{MeV})$
Matrice di
identificazione
dei fasci
 $\Delta E/\text{TOF}$



^{11}Be

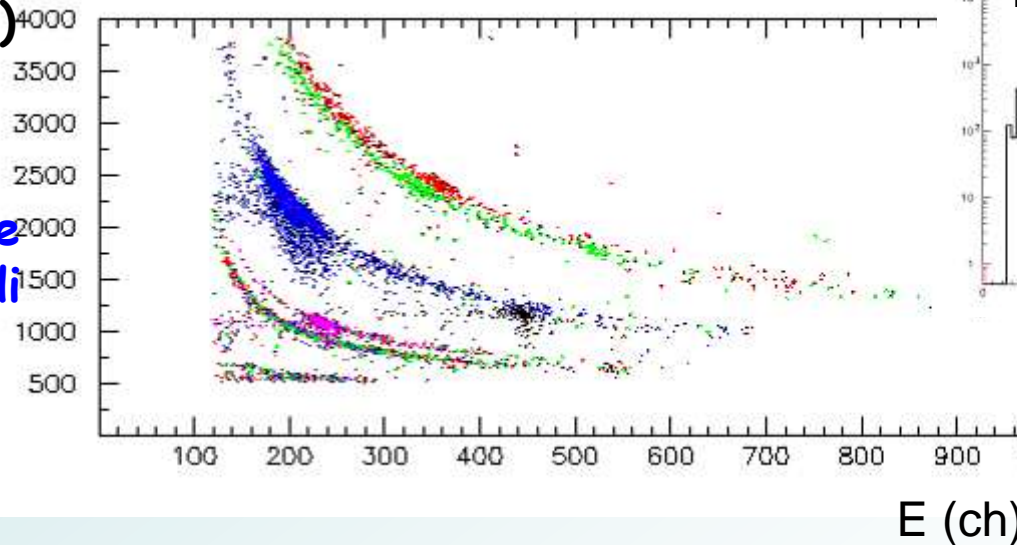
^{10}Be

^8Li

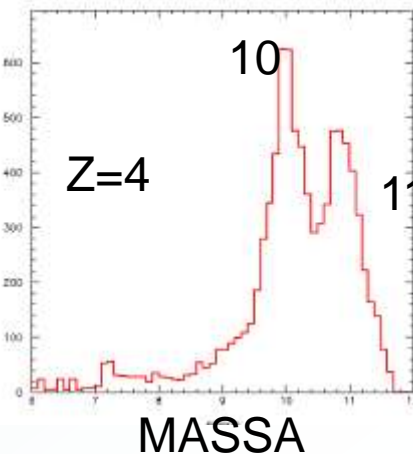
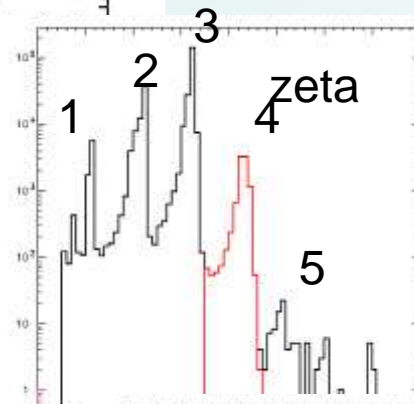
^6He

$\Delta E(\text{ch})$

Matrice di
identificazione
dei prodotti di
reazione
 $\Delta E-E$
Tel 66 4.1°



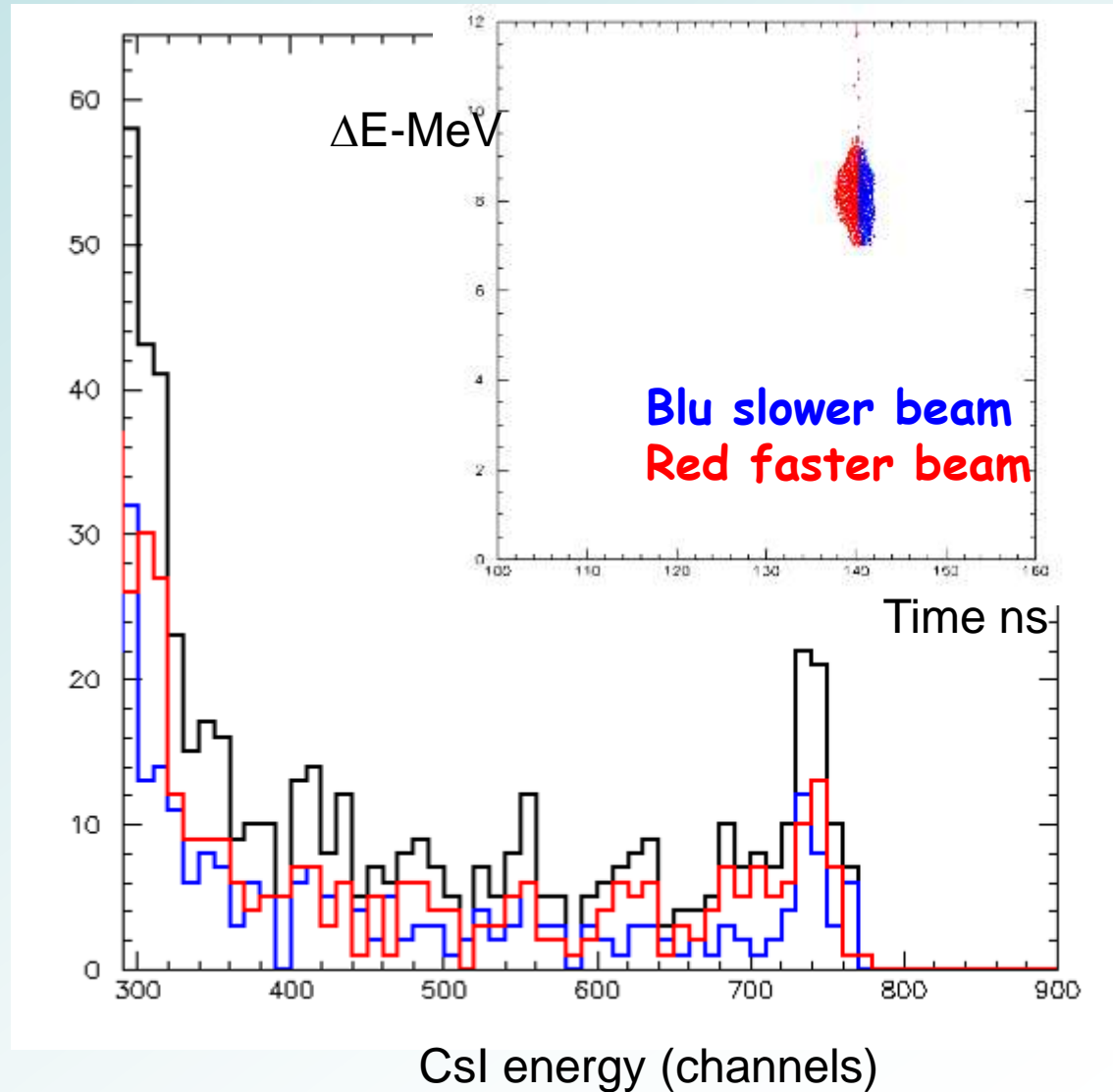
E (ch)



MASSA

IDENTIFICATION : energy tagging

From the time of flight
once well calibrated we can
also get the energy of the
beam



IDENTIFICAZIONE : energy tagging

Un dipolo disperde il fascio in funzione del suo bp cioè della sua velocità e quindi anche della sua energia



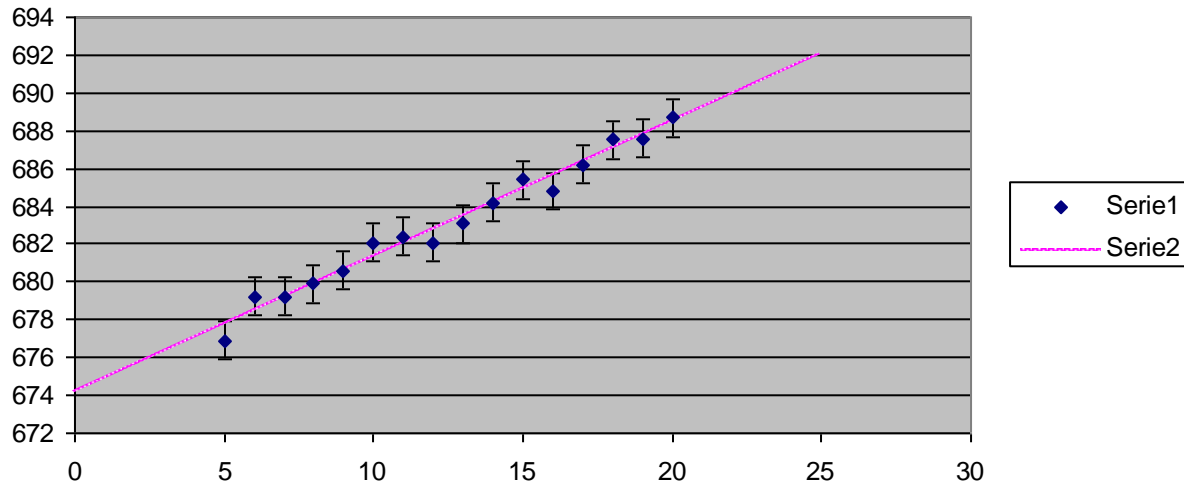
Selezionando gli eventi 13B+p e sommando l'energia delle particelle rivelate etot



Fit posizione picco etot per fascio 13B in funzione della strip la variazione di etot dal fit è

$$E_{tot} = n_{stri} * 0.7154 + 674.2$$

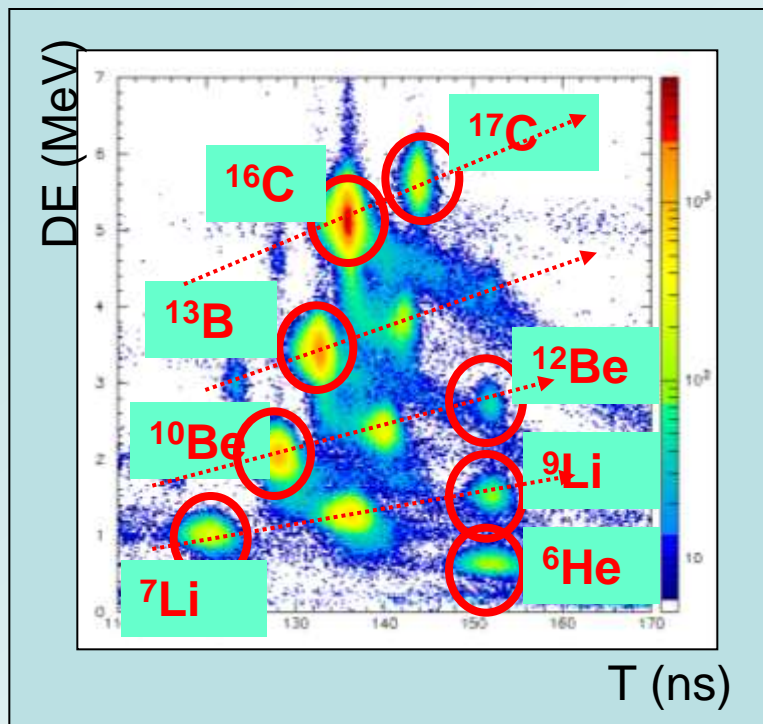
Variazione dell'ordine di 0.1% per strip circa 2% su 20 strip in E si confronta bene con 1% in P



Risultati test della nuova linea

I test sono stati condotti con fasci primari di ^{18}O da 55 MeV/A e di ^{36}Ar da 42 MeV/A usando rispettivamente bersagli da 1.5 mm e .5 mm di ^9Be

Con ^{18}O sono stati prodotti :



Con un fascio di circa 88W 5.5×10^{11} p/s

Fascio KHz

^{16}C 40

^{17}C 4

^{13}B 23

^{11}Be 6 ottimizzato

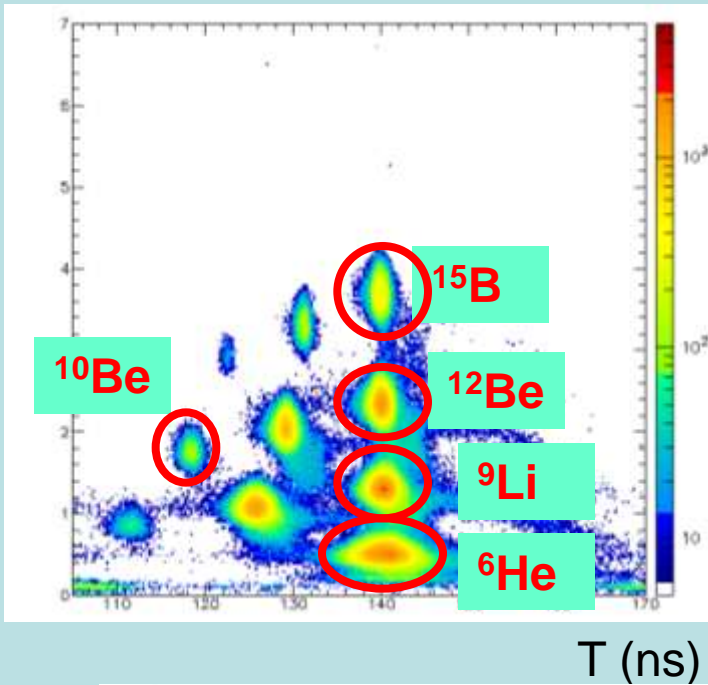
^{10}Be 21

^8Li 11

Energie circa 40-50 MeV/A

Finestra impulso $\Delta P/P < 1\%$

Con ^{18}O sono stati prodotti :



Con un fascio di circa 75W 4.4×10^{11} p/s

Fascio Khz

^{15}B 0.3

^{14}B 0.9

^{12}Be 1.5

^{11}Be 0.7

^9Li 2.0

^8Li 1.6

^6He 3.8

NB spessore target non ottimo

Con un fascio di circa 75W 4.4×10^{11} p/s

Fascio hz

^{14}Be 4

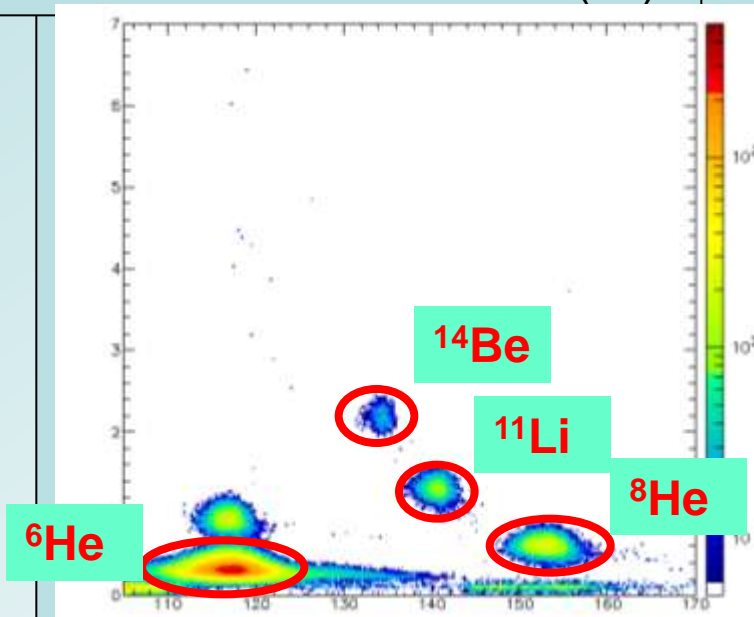
^{11}Li 20

^9Li 40

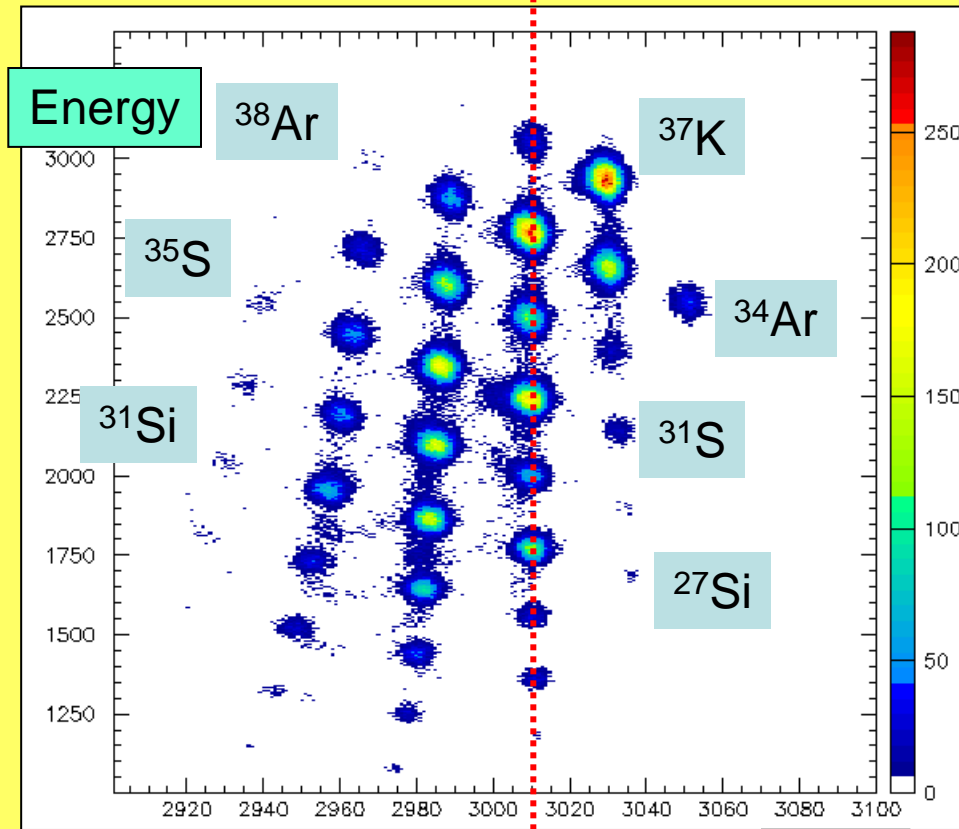
^8He 80

^6He 980

Nb spessore target non ottimo (fattore 2)



Primario ^{36}Ar 42 MeV/A



N=Z (Same time)

Time

Con un fascio di circa 25W 1×10^{11} p/s

Fascio KHz

^{37}K 14

^{36}Ar 12

^{35}Ar 8.5

^{34}Ar 1.8

^{33}Cl 1.5

^{34}Cl 6.5

^{31}S 0.8

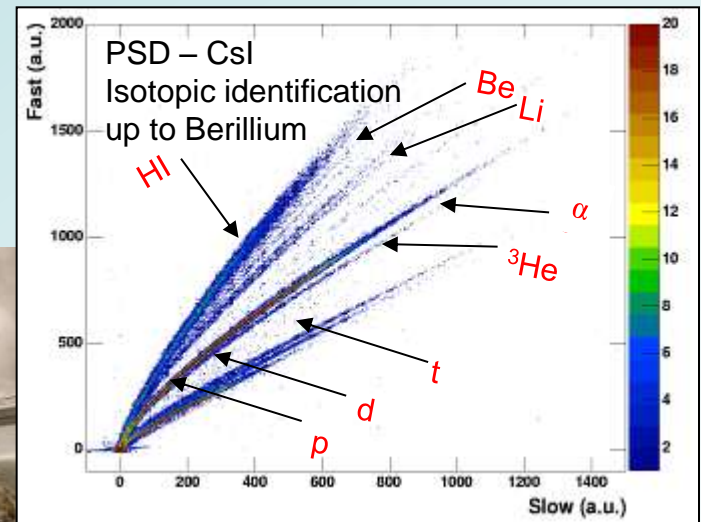
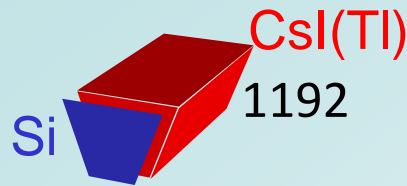
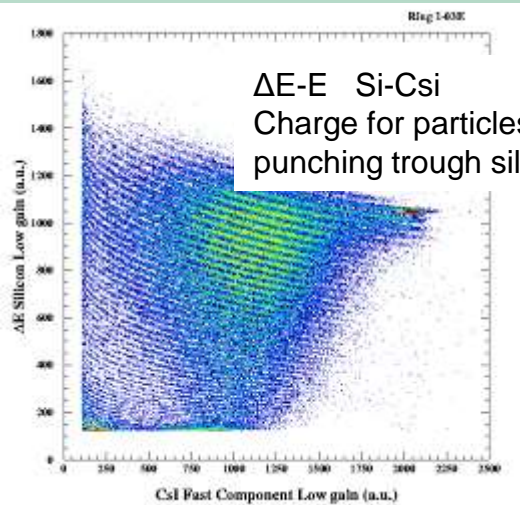
^{32}S 10

^{28}Si 5

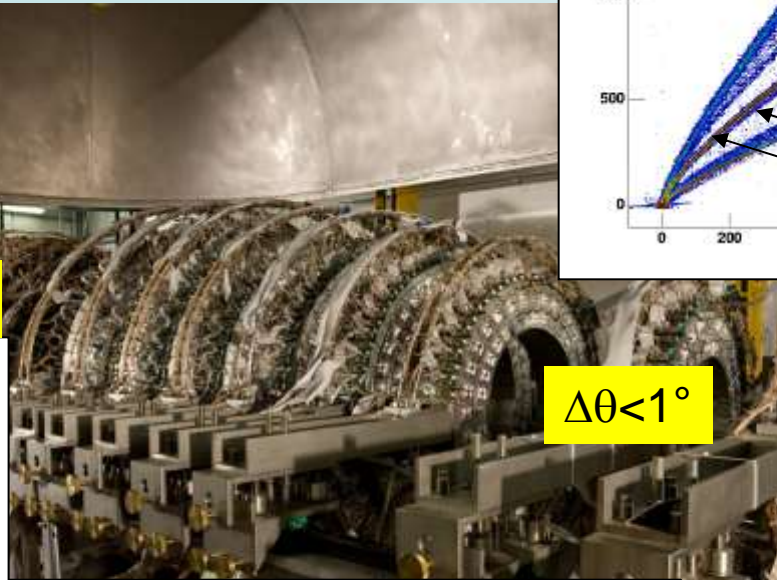
^{29}Si 6.5

Energie attorno 20-25 MeV/A

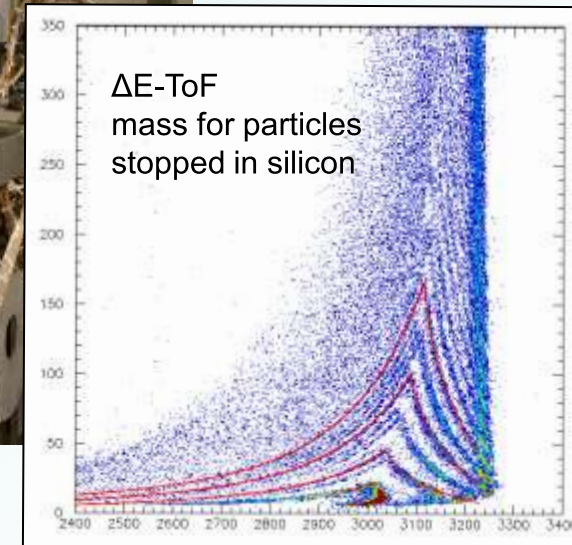
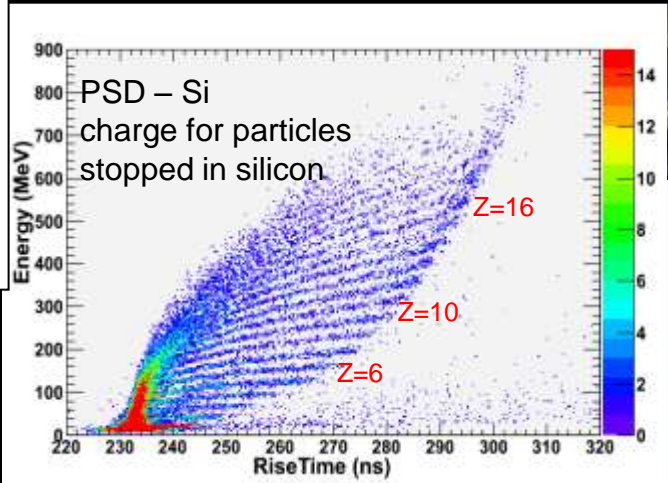
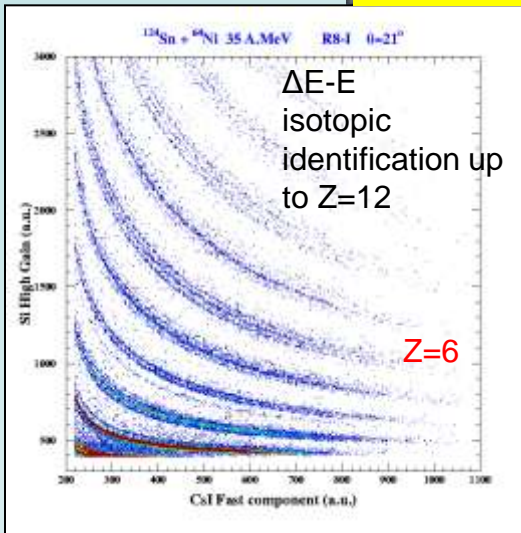
The CHIMERA detector : particle identification methods



$\Delta\theta=8^\circ$



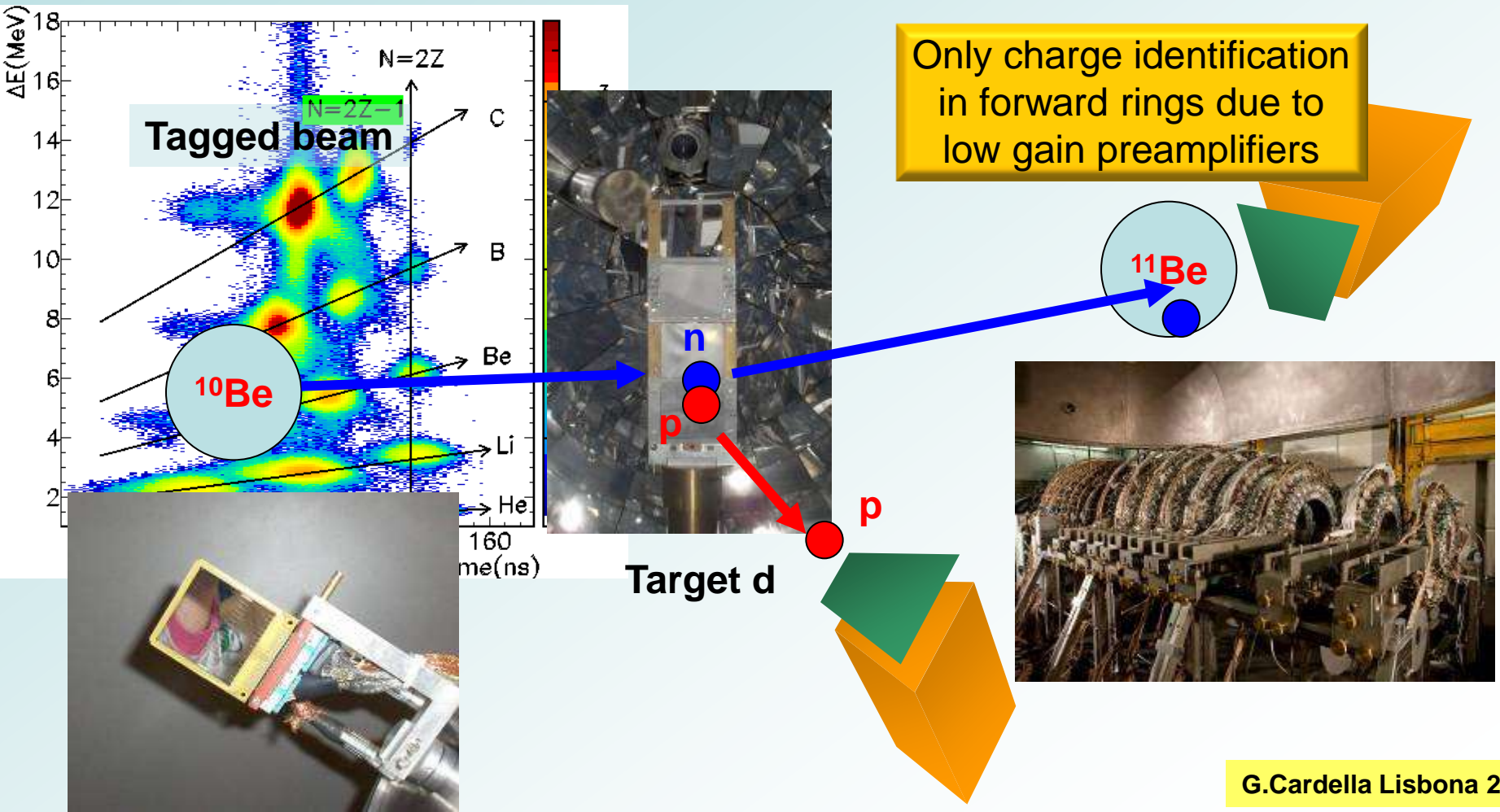
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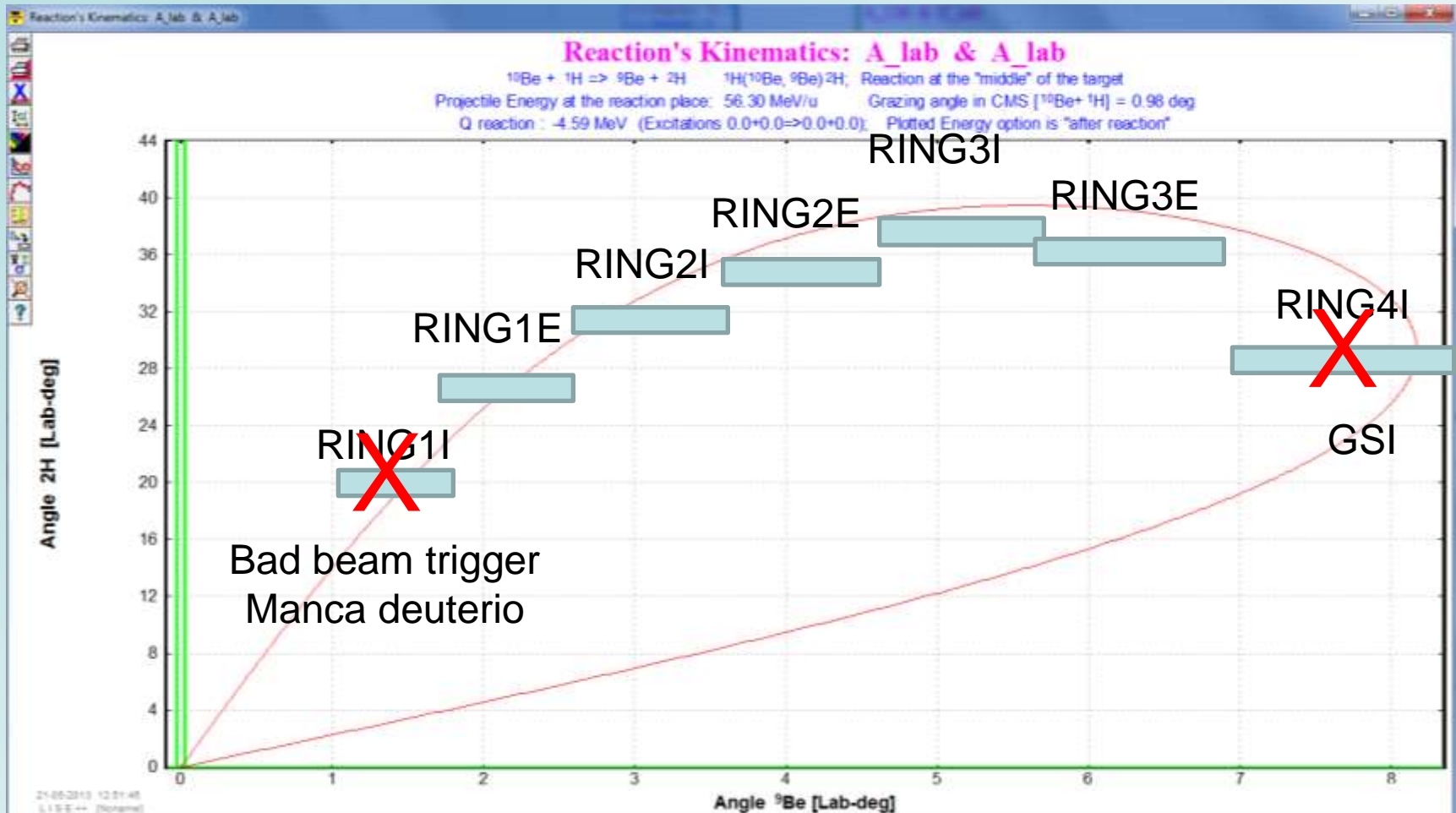
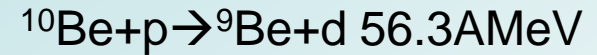
-Neutron transfer reactions near halo nuclei -

We want to study elastic scattering and transfer reactions of light nuclei on p, d targets to look for halo or other nuclear structure effects

EVENT SELECTION performed with kinematic coincidences – we measure in binary reactions both reaction partners cleaning the events

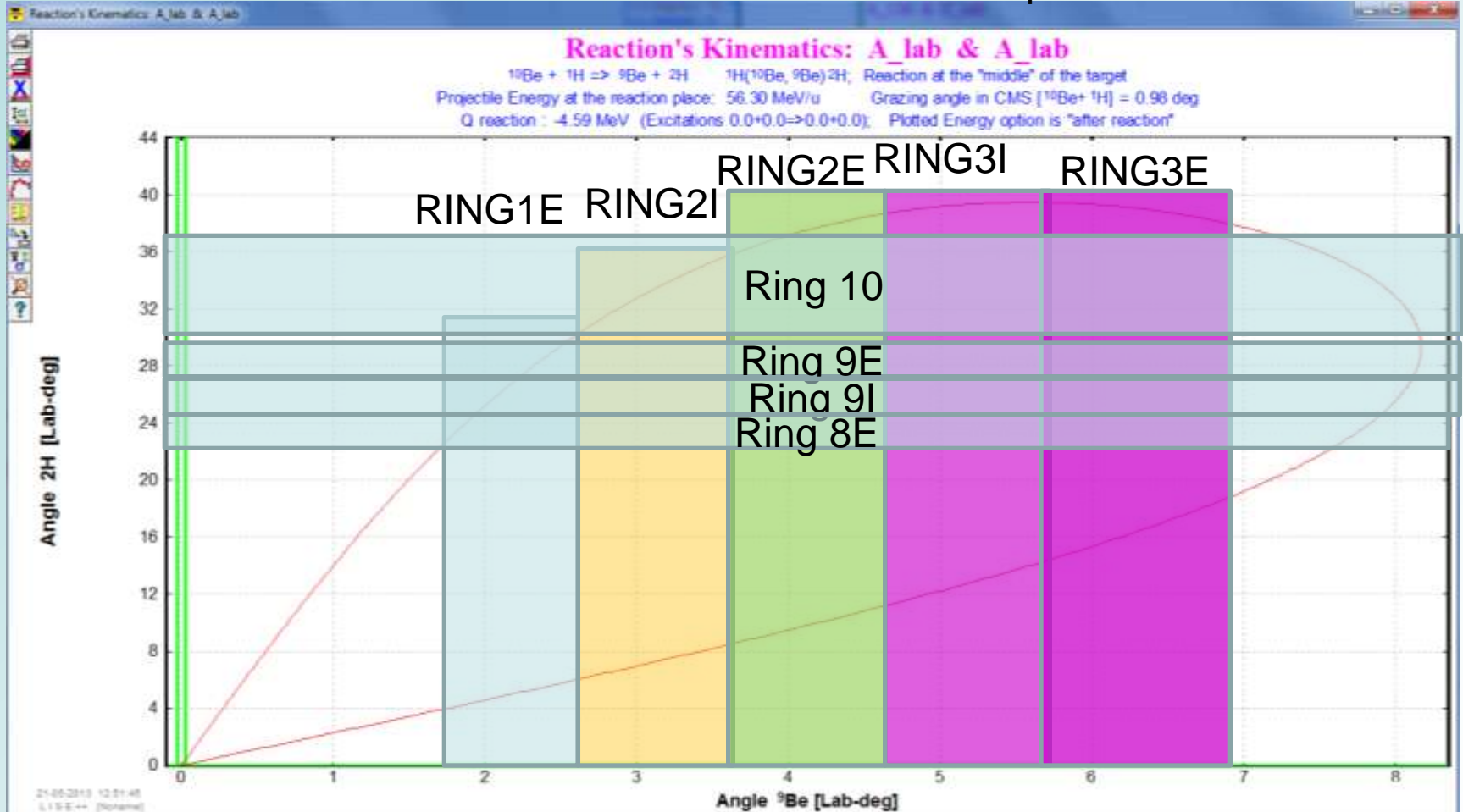
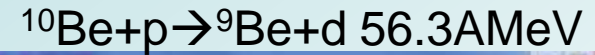


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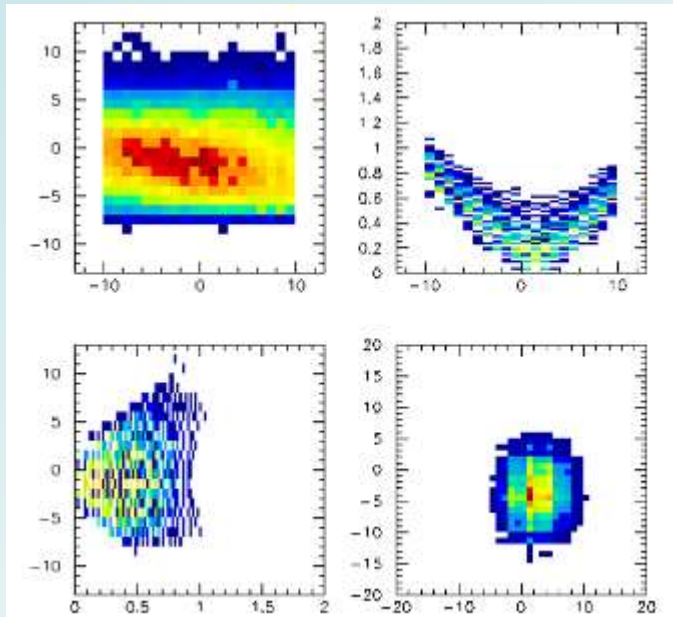
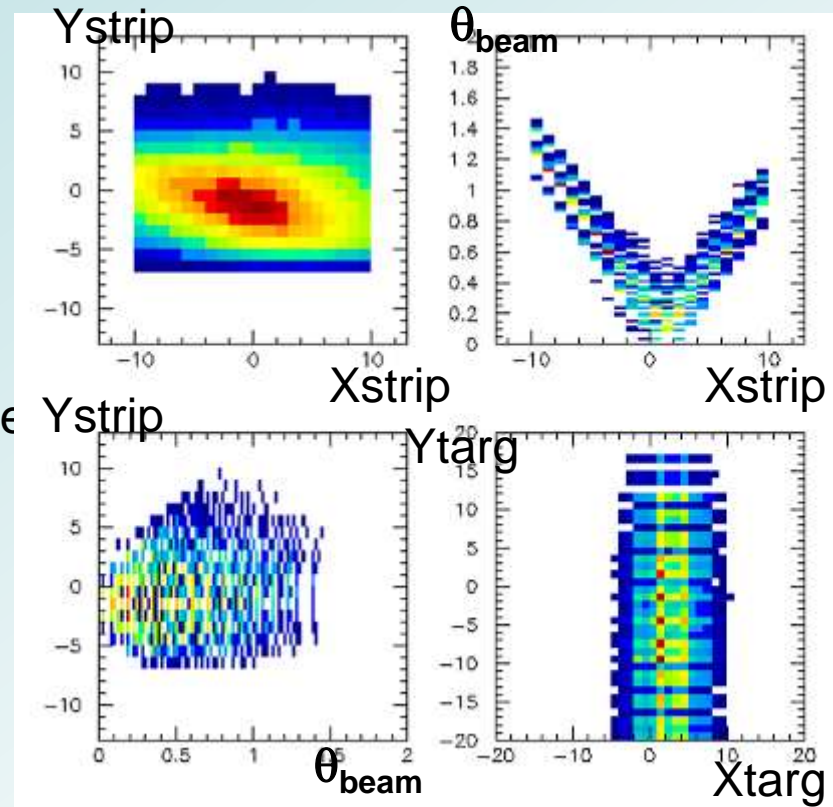
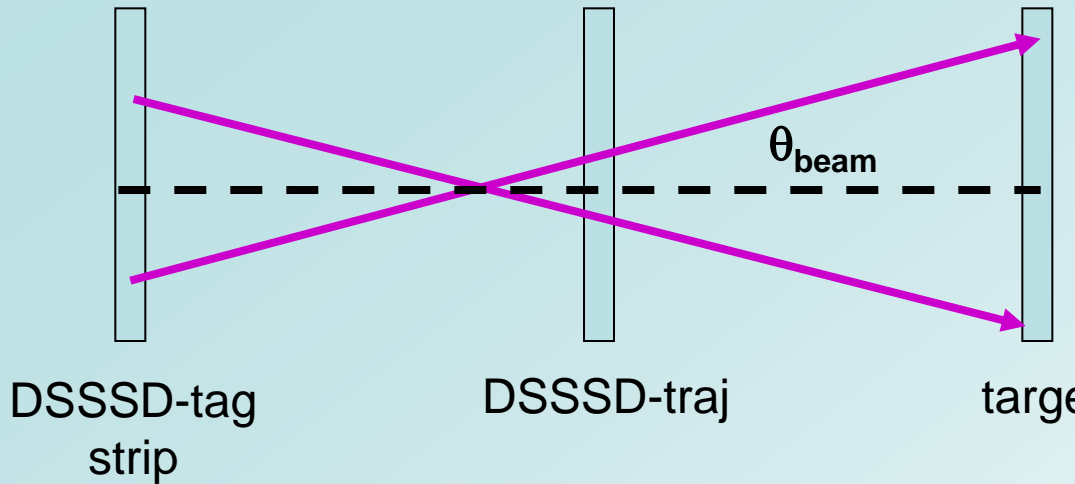
Solo 5/6 punti per estrarre una decina di parametri dwba !!!!

-Neutron transfer reactions near halo nuclei -



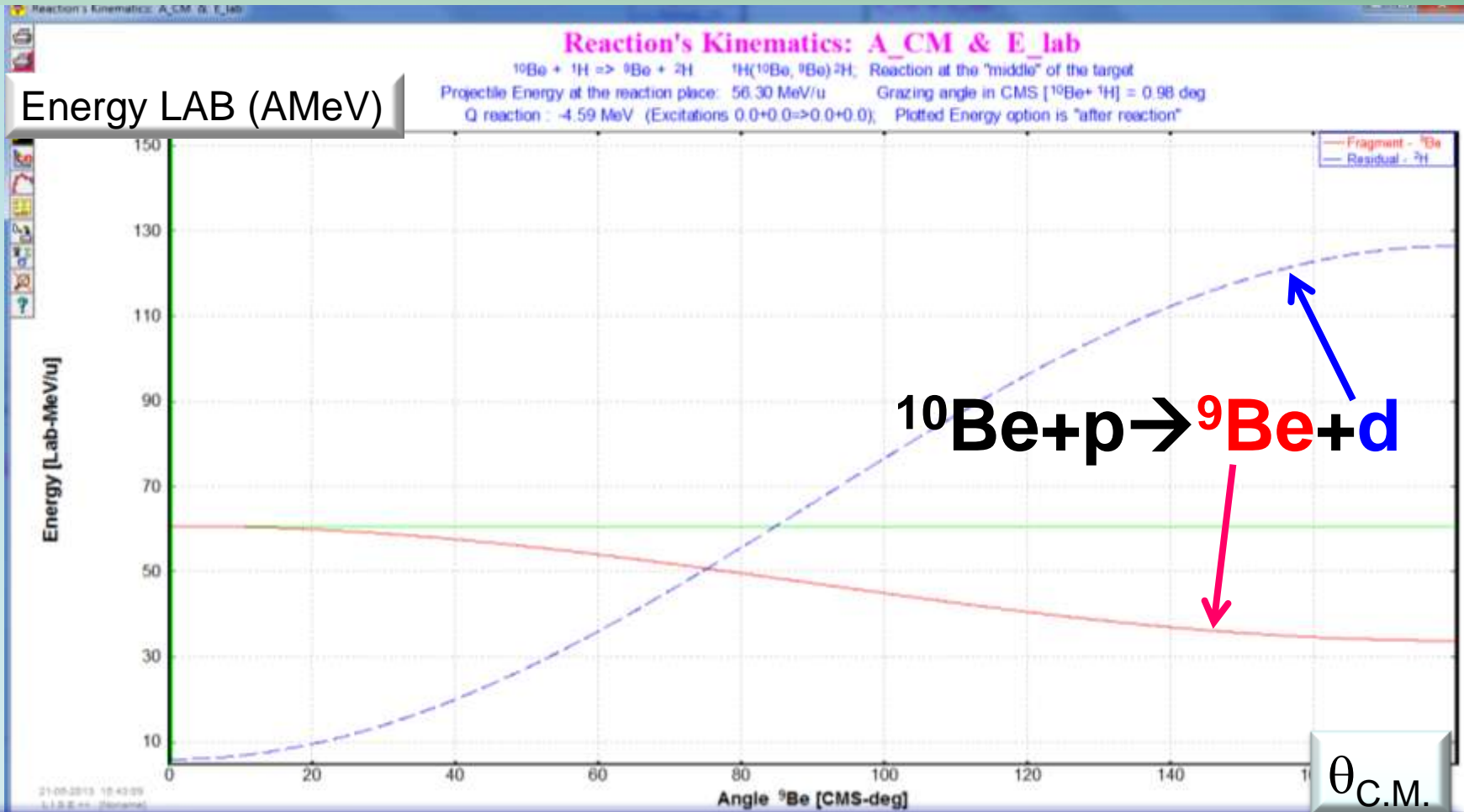
Possiamo sfruttare gli incroci con i rivelatori in coincidenza dove riveliamo i deutoni ma si guadagnano solo pochi punti

Production and transport test: beam trajectory



Divergenza del fascio dell'ordine di un grado potremmo utilizzarla per misurare altri punti ma rende molto complesso il calcolo dell'angolo solido

– Advantages of binary kinematics -



The lab energy of the detected particle determines the CM emission angle

Due to the relatively good energy resolution we can get an angular distribution with much better resolution than the physical steps of our detectors

Come estraiamo la sezione d'urto?

Prima di tutto dobbiamo pulire per bene gli eventi

- 1) Selezioniamo il fascio incidente
- 2) Identifichiamo in carica e se possibile in massa le particelle

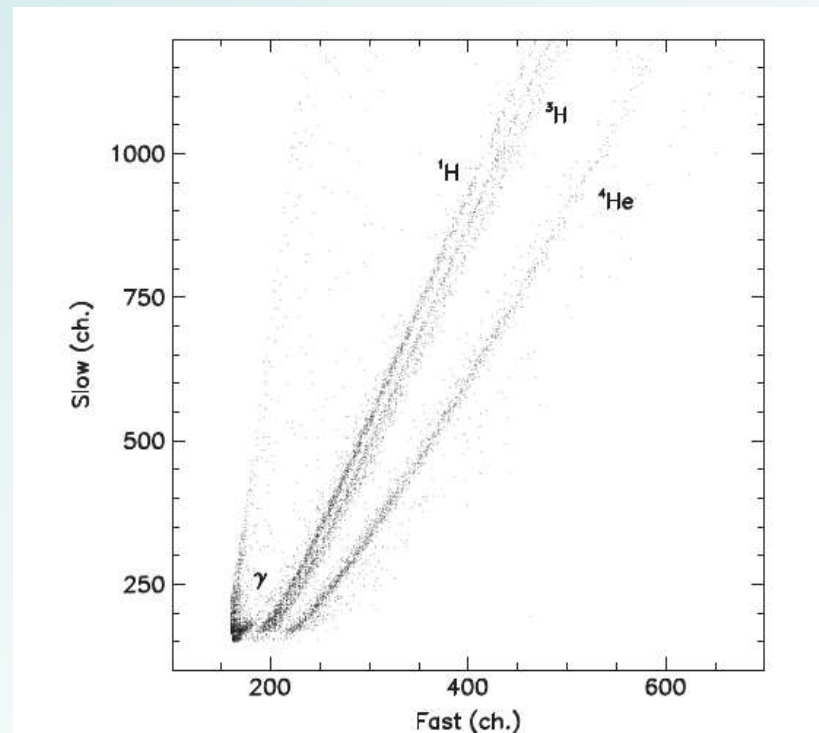
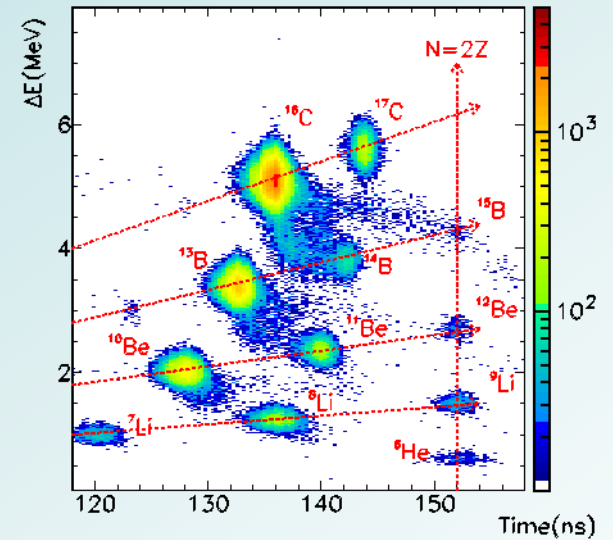
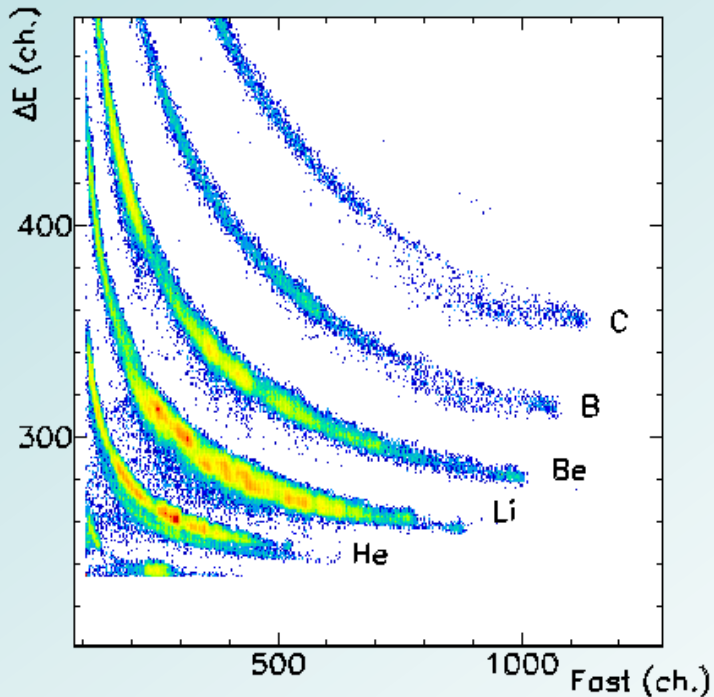
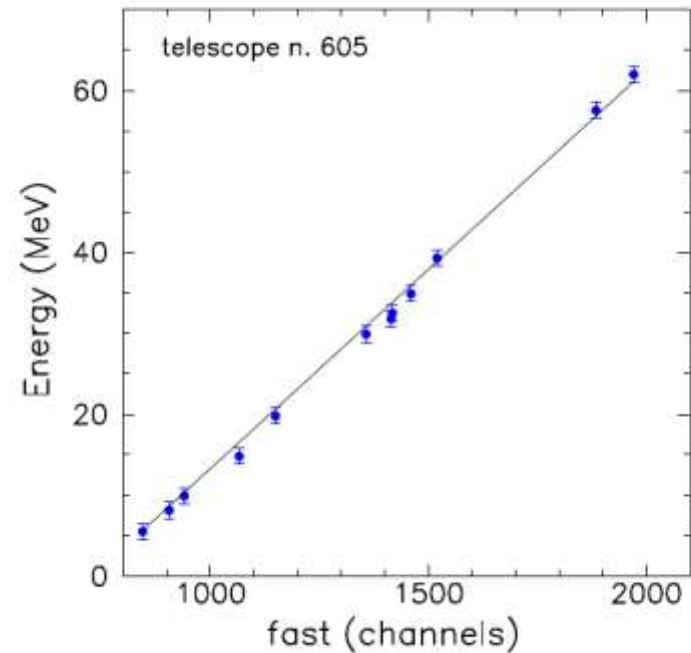
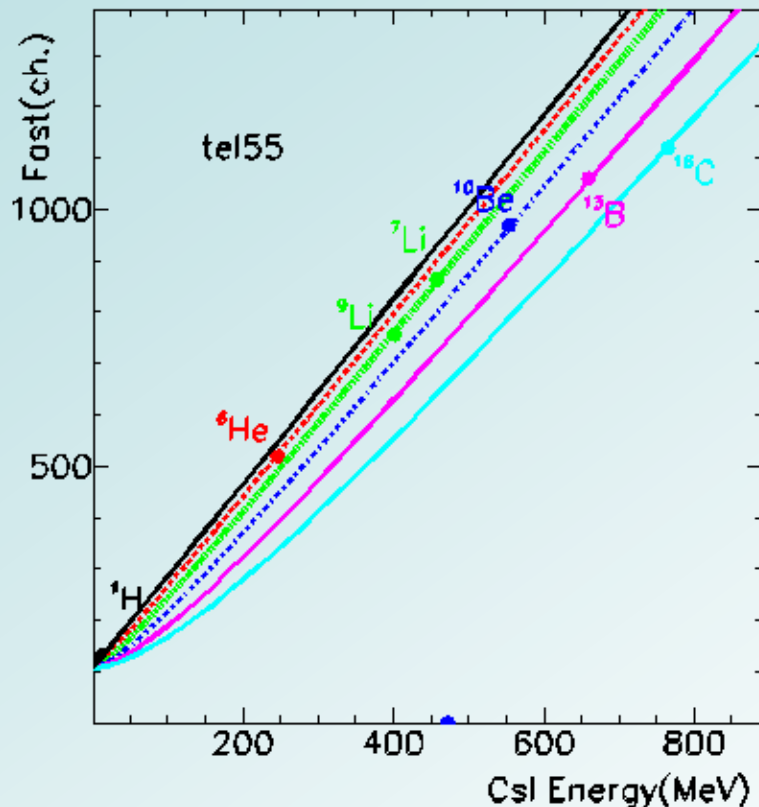


Fig. 4. Fast-slow scatter plot of a telescope at 34° . γ -Rays, proton, deuteron tritons and α -particles are identified.

Come estraiamo la sezione d'urto?

3) Calibriamo in energia le particelle rivelate

Per i protoni/deutoni è abbastanza semplice la risposta è quasi lineare, usiamo vari scattering elastici/inelastici di protoni



Più complessa è la calibrazione degli ioni pesanti a causa di effetti di quenching del segnale legati alla densità di ionizzazione (ioni con carica maggiore hanno una minore resa luminosa relativa)

$$L = a_1 \{ E - a_2 A Z^2 \ln[(E + a_2 A Z^2) / (a_2 A Z^2)] \} + a_0$$

Formula di Horn basata sull'ipotesi di Birk

D.Horn et al, NIM A320(1992)273.

J .B . Birks, The Theory and Practice of Scintillation Counting (Pergamon, 1964) 465.

Come estraiamo la sezione d'urto?

3) Imponiamo la coincidenza tra le due particelle e verifichiamo le leggi di conservazione:

- i) l'energia finale è uguale all'energia incidente tenuto conto del Q?
- ii) Si conserva l'impulso? L'impulso può essere conservato in cinematica binaria solo se le due particelle sono emesse ad un angolo ϕ relativo di 180°

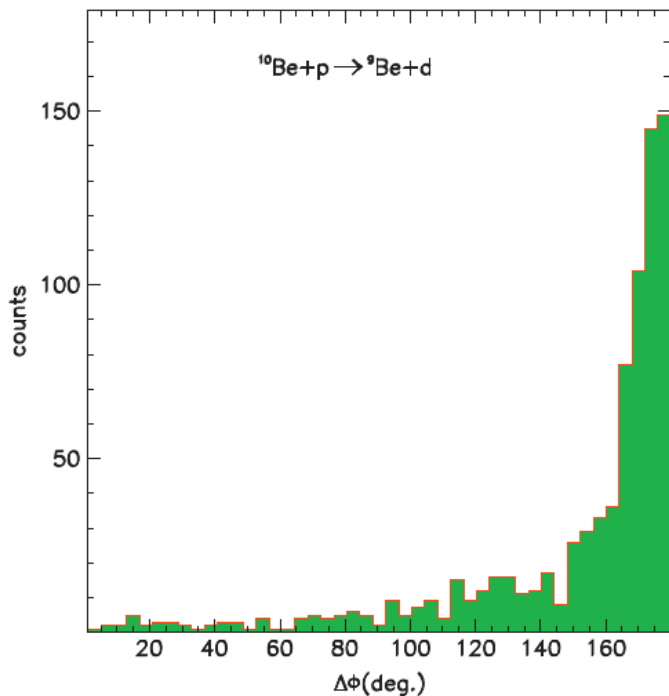


Fig. 5. Relative angle $\Delta\phi$ between the telescopes selected in coincidence in the reaction $^{10}\text{Be}+p \rightarrow ^9\text{Be}+d$. The peak at 180° is due to kinematical coincidences.

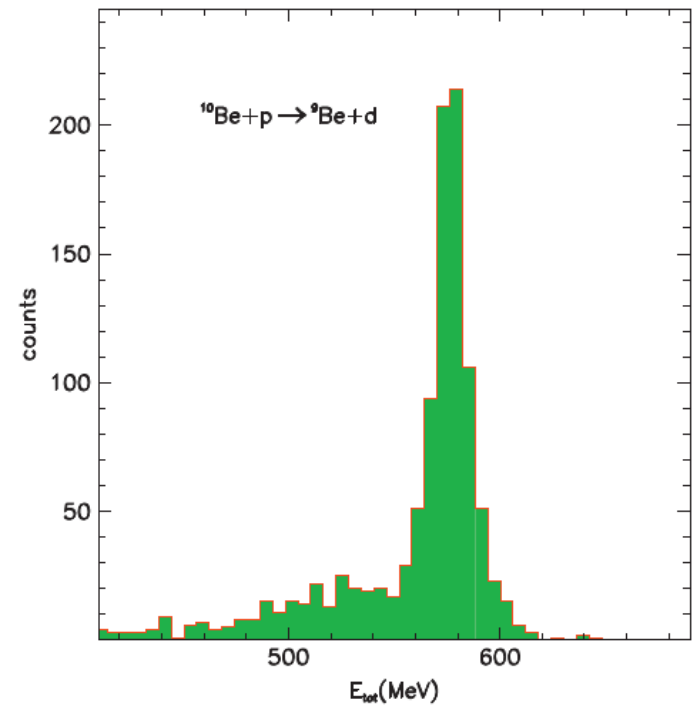


Fig. 6. Total kinetic energy detected in the reaction $^{10}\text{Be}+p \rightarrow ^9\text{Be}+d$.

Selezioniamo quindi solo le coincidenze con etot e $\Delta\phi$ corretti

Facciamo più attenzione all'energia totale il picco è largo almeno 20 MeV a causa delle risoluzioni sperimentali ($>1\%$ etot Csl) ΔP beam 1% potremmo popolare livelli eccitati del Be9 e non solo il GS.

Non in questo caso il primo livello eccitato del 9Be ha $E^*=1.684$ MeV decade nel canale $2\alpha+n$ non avremmo Be nel canale finale

A questo punto otteniamo lo spettro in energia di tutti i deutoni rivelati in coincidenza

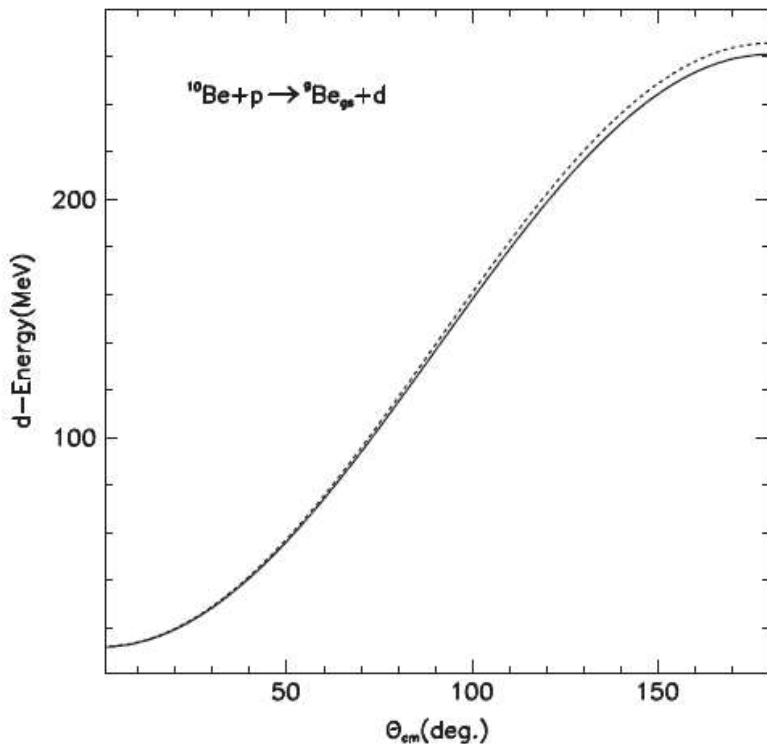


Fig. 8. Kinematical correlation between the deuteron energy and the θ_{cm} in the reaction $^{10}\text{Be} + p \rightarrow ^9\text{Be}_{gs} + d$ 58 A MeV (full line). Dashed line is computed for a beam energy of 59 A MeV.

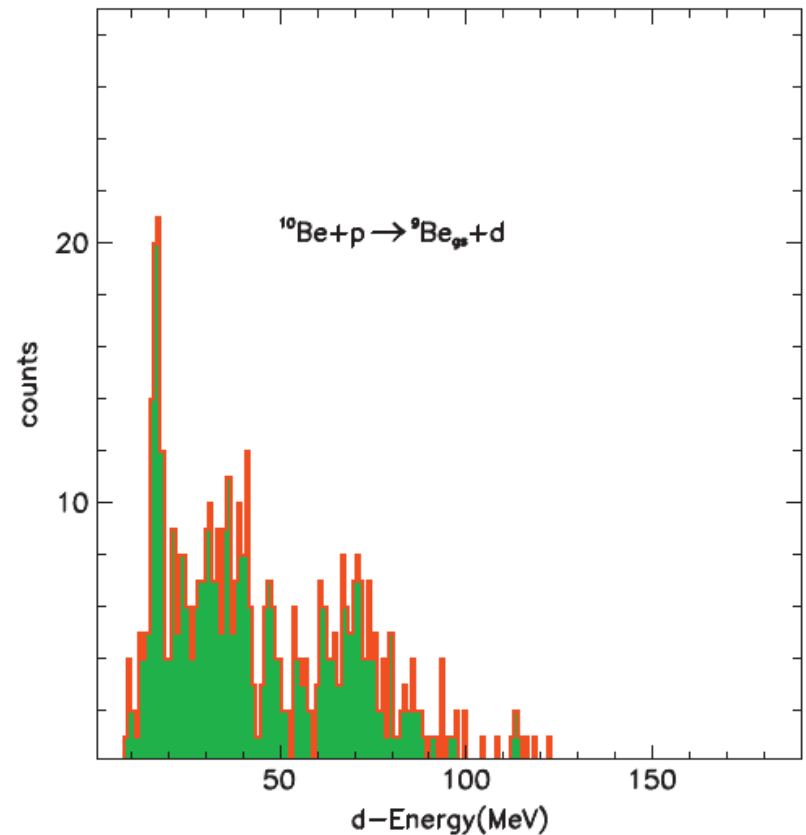


Fig. 7. Deuteron energy spectrum from the reaction $^{10}\text{Be} + p \rightarrow ^9\text{Be}_{gs} + d$.

Ogni punto dello spettro in energia può essere convertito in un angolo nel CM occorre fare attenzione al calcolo dell'angolo solido per ottenere $dN/d\Omega$

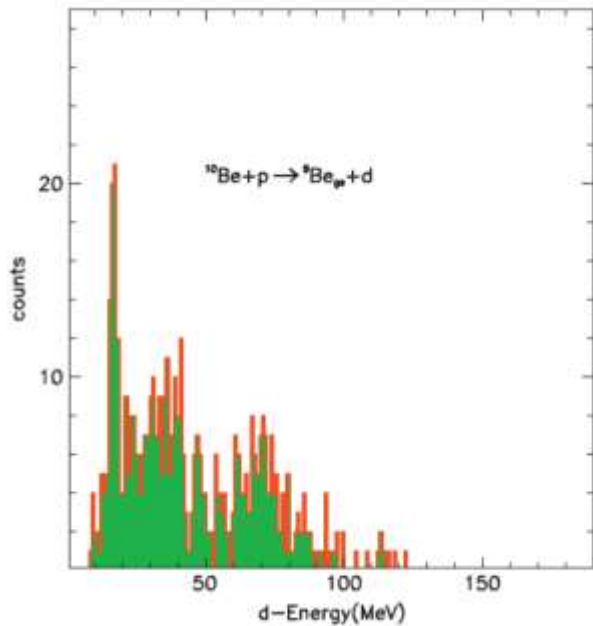


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Ogni punto dello spettro è una funzione $N(E1,E2)$ dove $E1$ ed $E2$ sono i limiti minimo e massimo di energia che ho imposto nel mio canale

Ho una relazione che lega E a θ , $E(\theta)$ per cui so che $E1$ corrisponde a $\theta1$ ed $E2$ corrisponde a $\theta2$

N è quindi il numero di conteggi che ho nel centro di massa tra gli angoli $\theta1$ e $\theta2$

Se divido per l'angolo solido sotteso tra $\theta1$ e $\theta2$ ottengo $N/D\Omega$

Ho assunto di avere efficienza 100% di modo da calcolare l'angolo solido come l'angolo sotteso dall'arco di sfera tra $\theta1$ e $\theta2$ ovviamente occorre correggere per l'efficienza

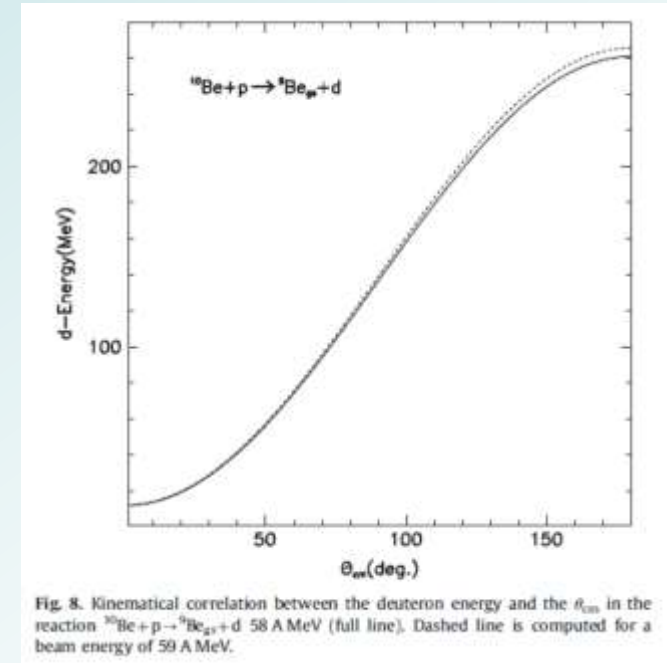
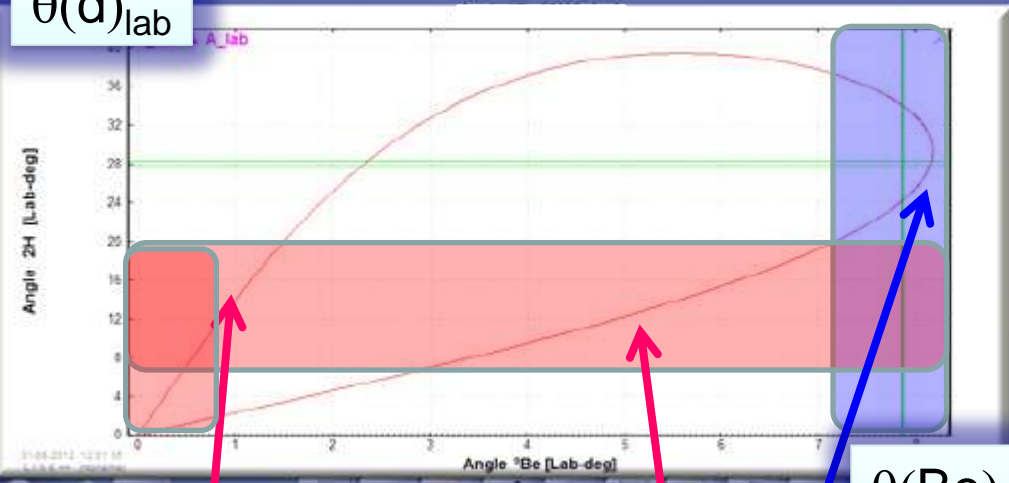


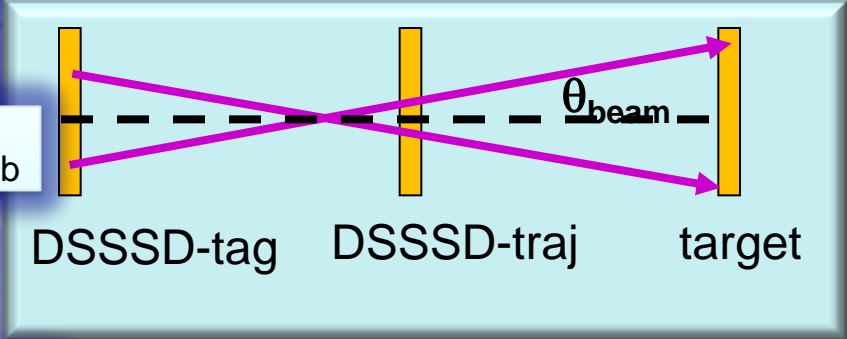
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– $^{10}\text{Be}+p \rightarrow ^9\text{Be}_{\text{g.s.}}+d$ – efficiency effect of missing rings -

$\theta(d)_{\text{lab}}$

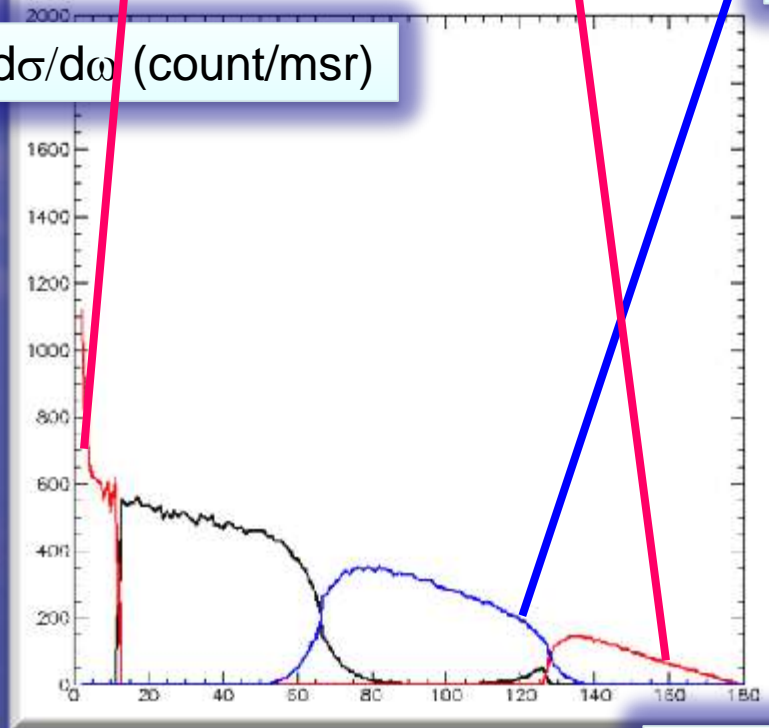


CHIMERA ring 4-7 were used at GSI for another experiment so we have lost coincidences - we need efficiency correction

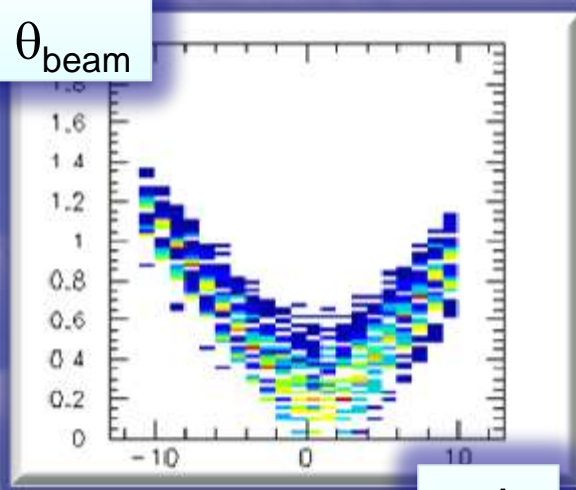


$\theta(^9\text{Be})_{\text{lab}}$

$d\sigma/d\omega$ (count/msr)



θ_{beam}



strip

Simulations account also for the angular spread of the fragmentation beam

$\theta_{\text{C.M.}}$

Alla fine di tutto questo lavoro

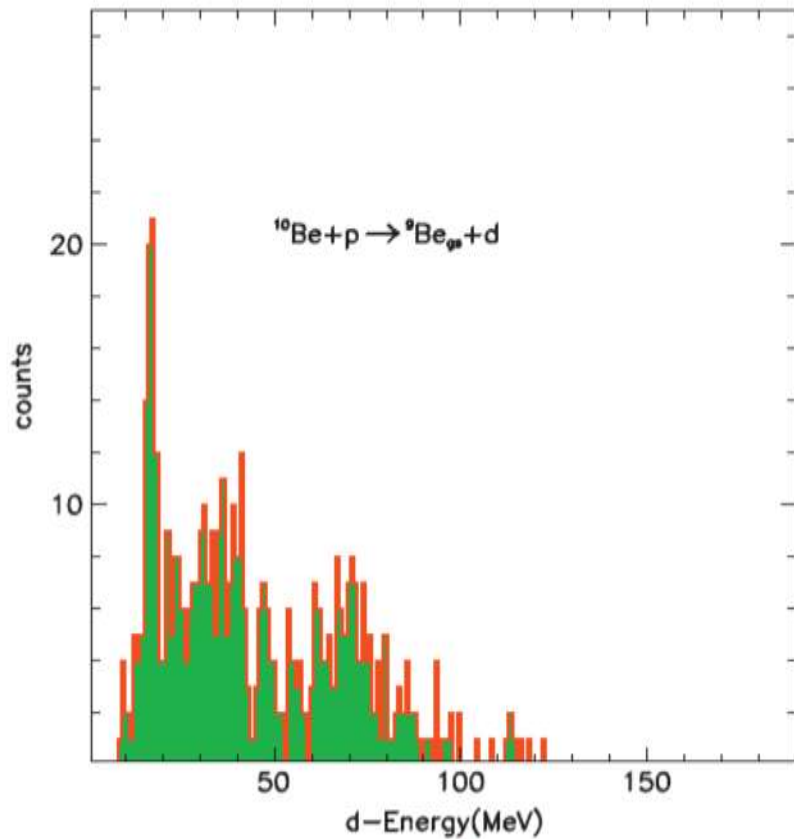


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Abbiamo raddoppiato il numero di punti e soprattutto ottenuto una notevole risoluzione angolare

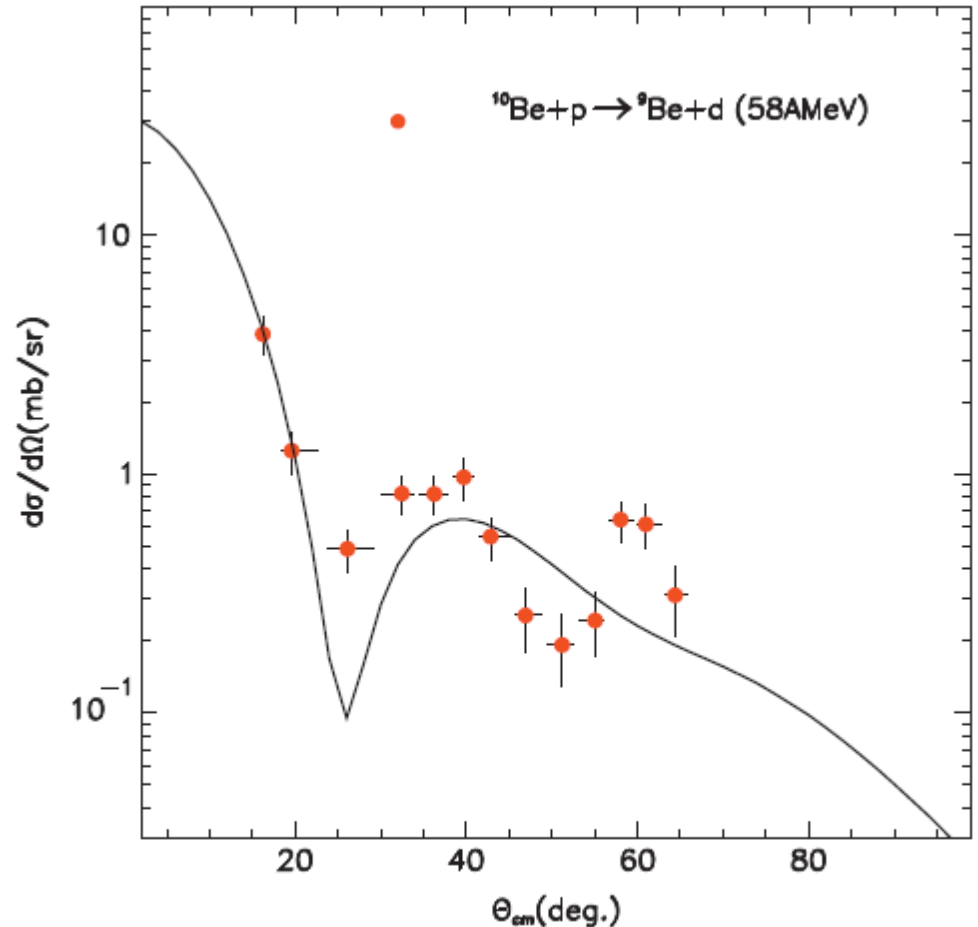


Fig. 9. Angular distribution converted from the deuteron energy spectrum of Fig. 7 (full dots). The line is a standard DWBA calculation following Ref. [32].