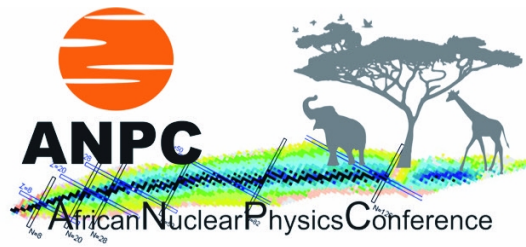




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# A new focal plane detector for the K600

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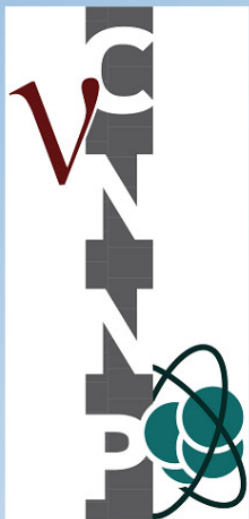
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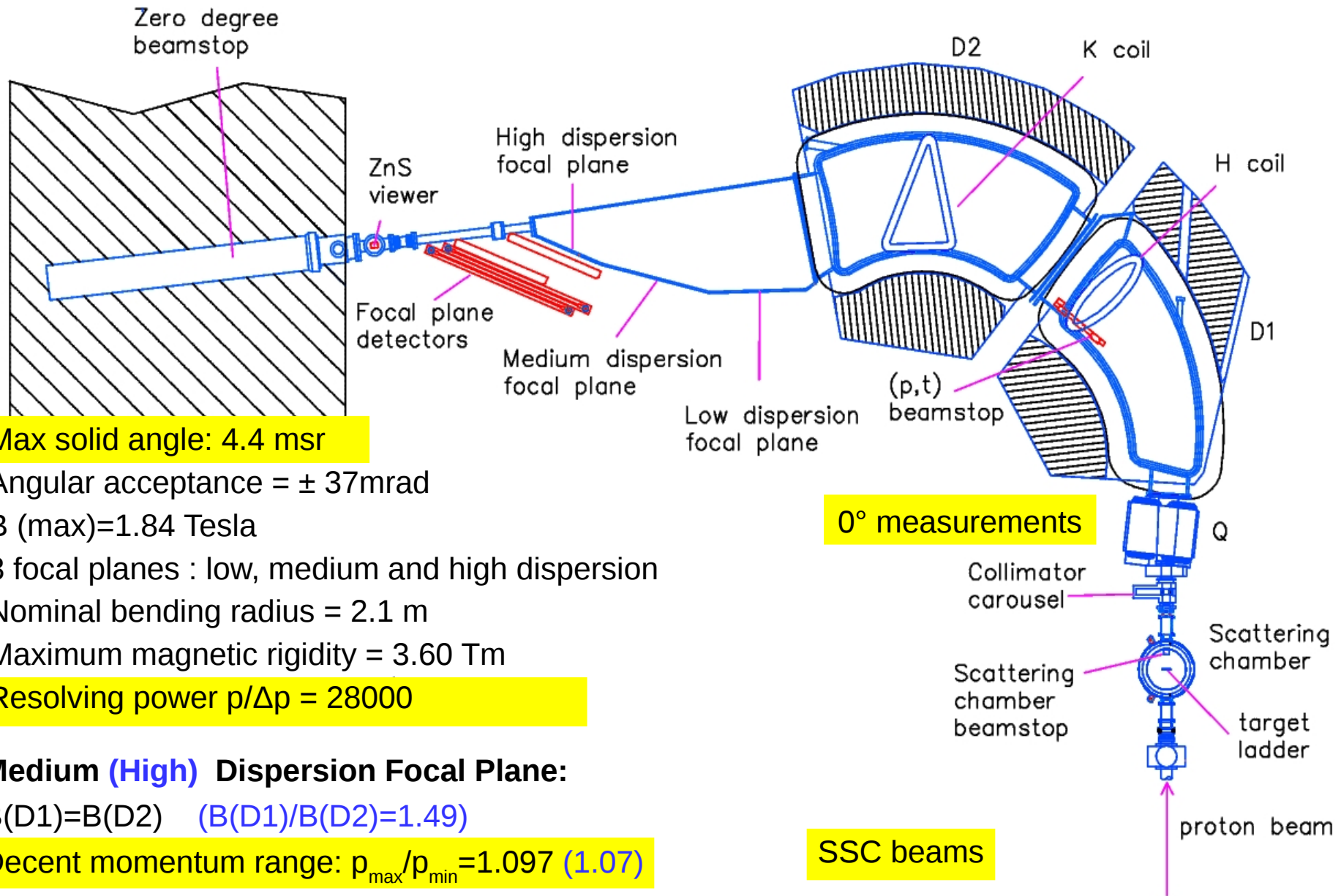
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# The K600: a kinematically corrected\*\* QDD magnetic spectrometer for light ions



BaGeL run: December 2018

# The K600: defining characteristics



Max solid angle: 4.4 msr

Angular acceptance =  $\pm 37\text{mrad}$

$B(\text{max})=1.84\text{ Tesla}$

3 focal planes : low, medium and high dispersion

Nominal bending radius = 2.1 m

Maximum magnetic rigidity = 3.60 Tm

Resolving power  $p/\Delta p = 28000$

**Medium (High) Dispersion Focal Plane:**

$B(D1)=B(D2)$  ( $B(D1)/B(D2)=1.49$ )

Decent momentum range:  $p_{\text{max}}/p_{\text{min}}=1.097$  (1.07)

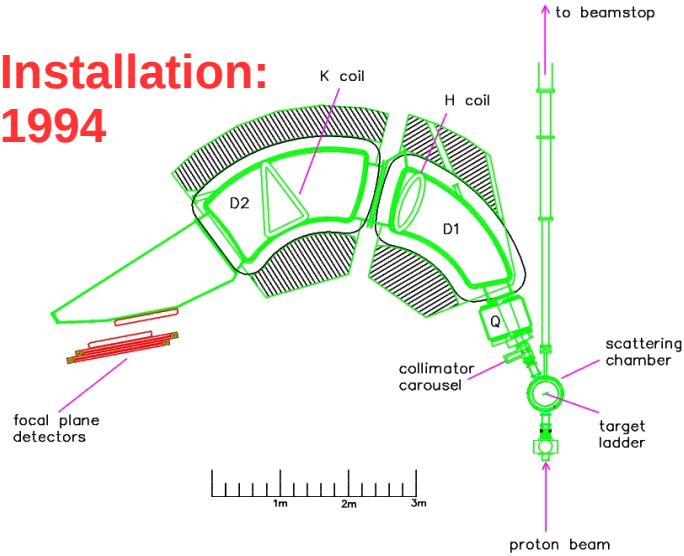
Horizontal magnification  $M_x = -0.52$  (-0.74)

Vertical magnification  $M_y = -5.5$  (-7.05)

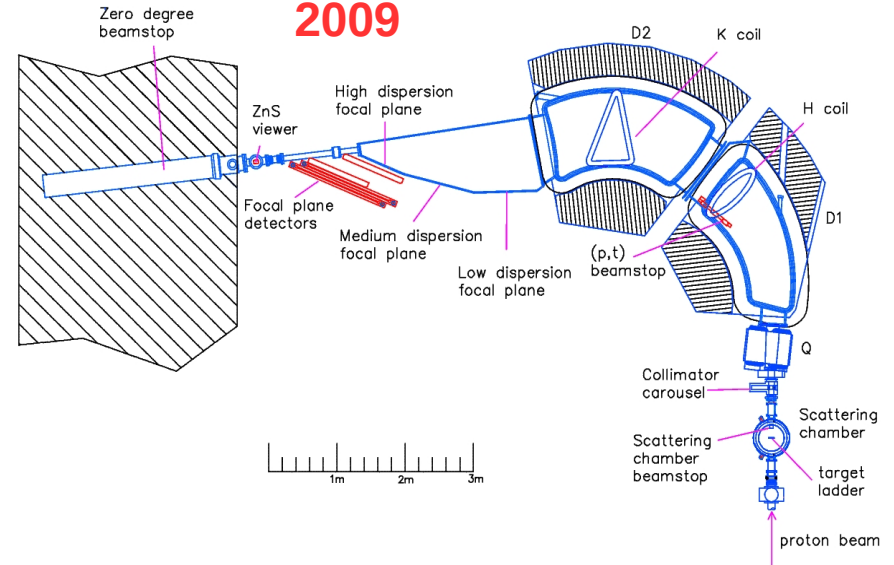
Dispersion: 8.4 cm/% (10.9 cm/%)

# The evolution of the K600

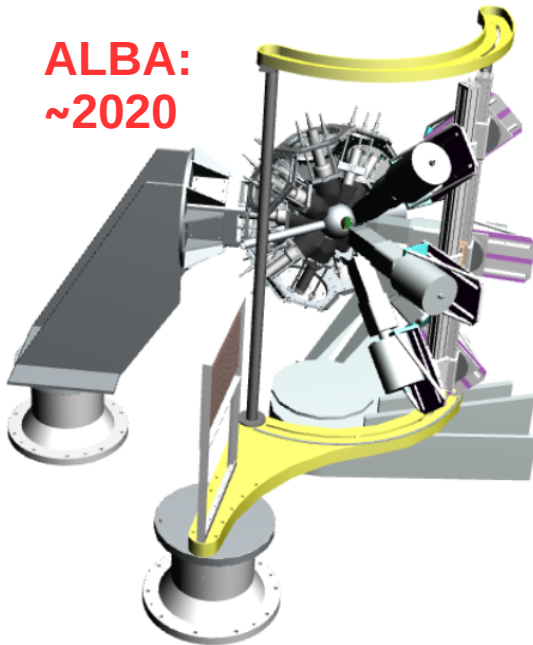
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**Zero degrees:  
2009**



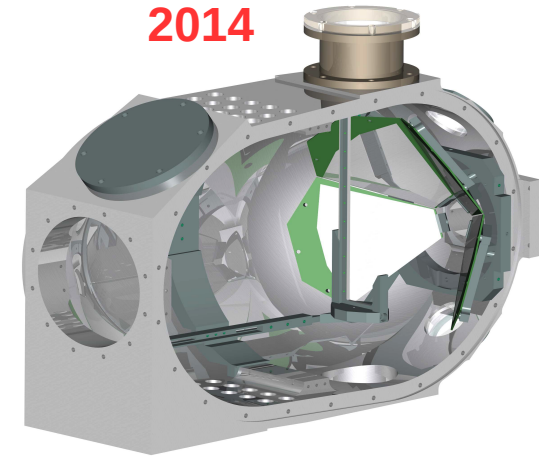
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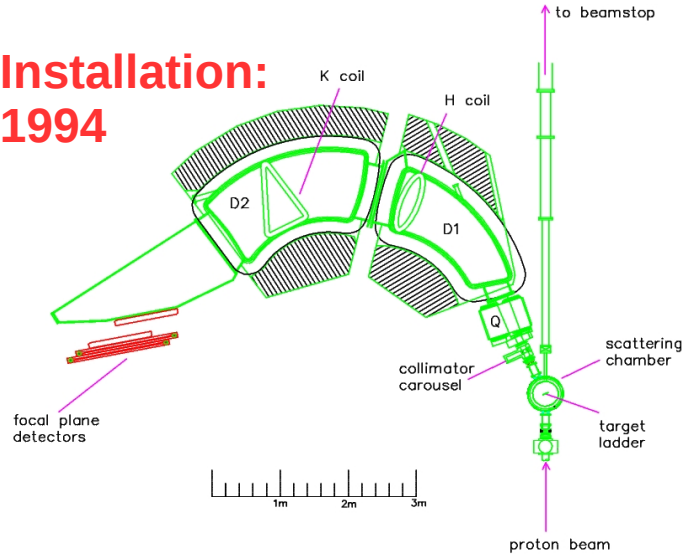


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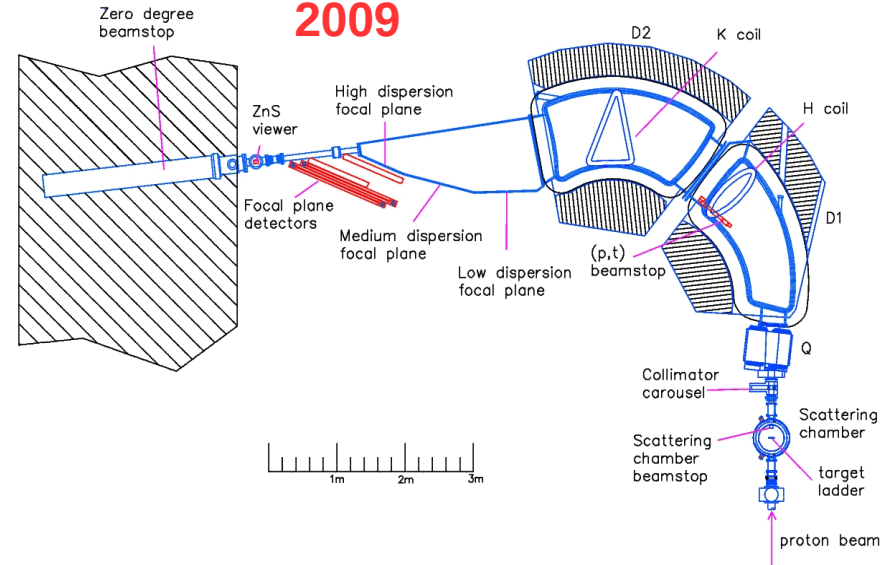


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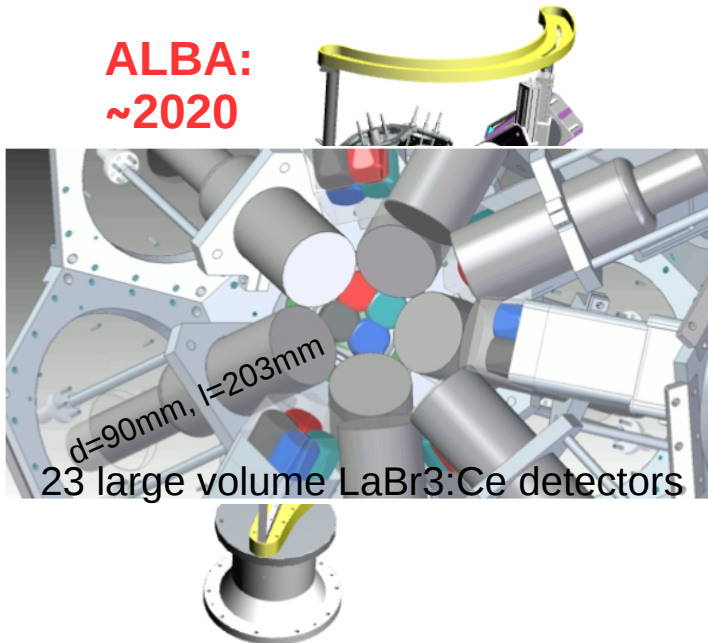
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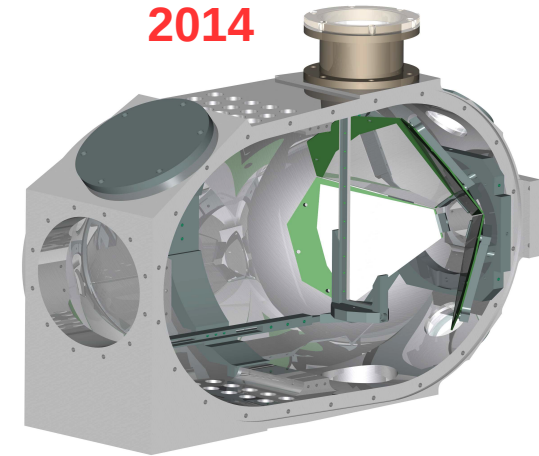
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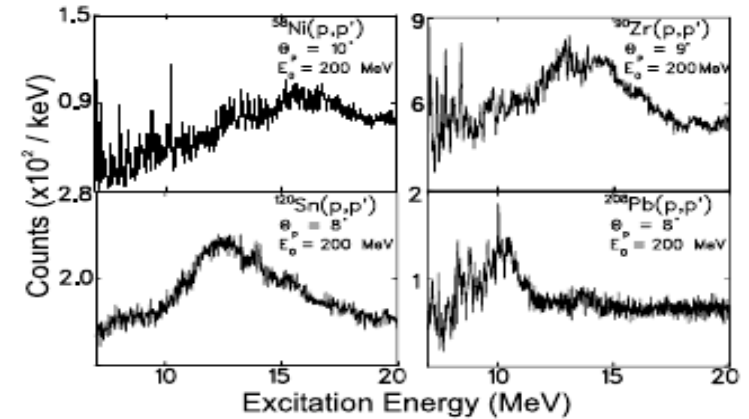


**A low E Focal Plane Detector: 20??**

# K600 physics program

High resolution **giant resonance** studies e.g.

- IVGDR: (p,p') with  $E_p = 200$  MeV at  $0^\circ$ ,  $\Delta E \sim 45$  keV (FWHM)
- ISGQR: (p,p') with  $E_p = 200$  MeV at  $7^\circ$ ,  $\Delta E \sim 30$ -45 keV (FWHM)
- ISGMR: ( $\alpha,\alpha'$ ) with  $E_\alpha = 200$  MeV at  $0^\circ, 4^\circ$ ,  $\Delta E \sim 70$  keV (FWHM)

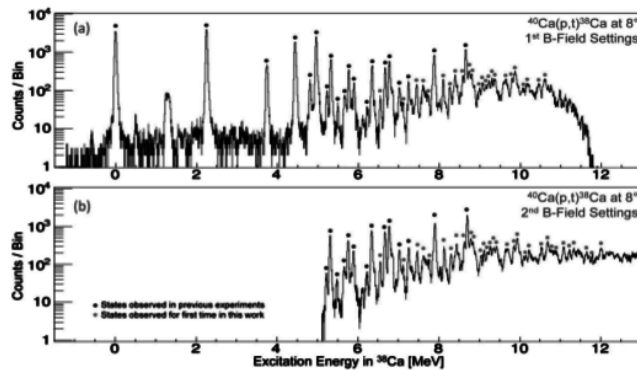
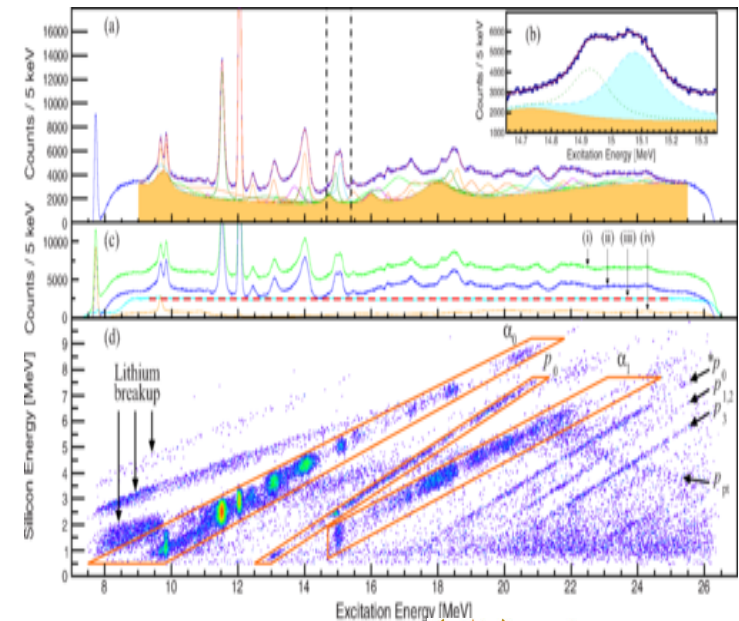


**Nuclear reaction mechanism studies** e.g.  $\alpha$  knockout (p,p $\alpha$ ) studies at  $E_p = 100$  MeV, or proton knockout (p,2p) at 200 MeV

Searching for **cluster states, their collective excitations and particle decay** through CAKE coincidences using e.g. high resolution (p,p') at 66 MeV, ( $\alpha,\alpha'$ ) = 200 MeV, (p,t) at 66 MeV

High resolution nuclear structure studies of nuclei for **astrophysical interest**: (p,t) at 100 MeV and  $0^\circ$

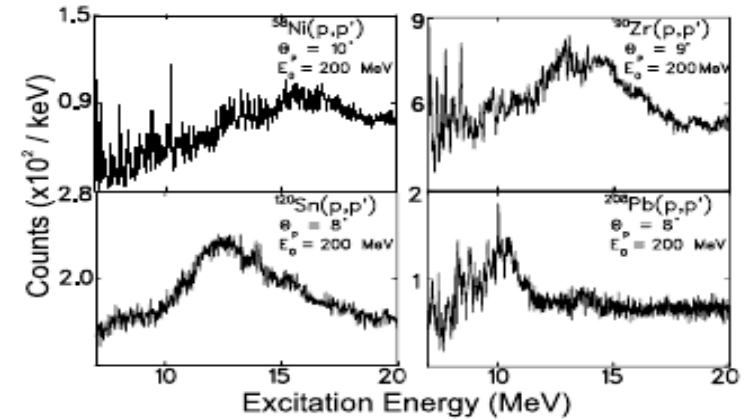
**PDR studies** in coincidence with the BaGeL gamma detector array: ( $\alpha,\alpha'$ ) with  $E_\alpha = 120$  MeV at  $0^\circ$



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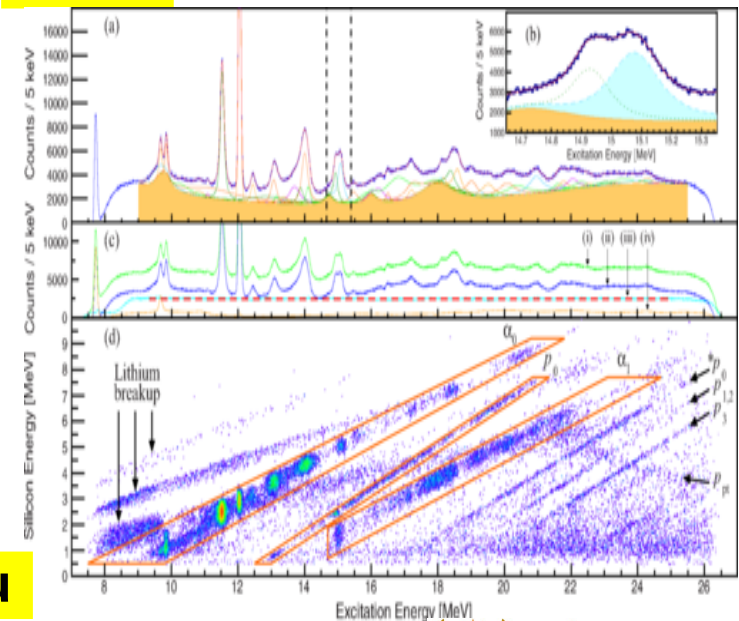


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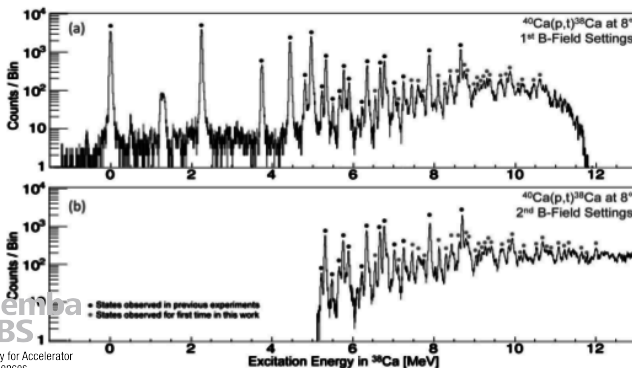
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**Z = 1,2**

**30-200 MeV/u**

**high energy resolution**





# Topics for research requiring new FPD

Low energy scattering

- low-spin modes for topics in clustering
- shape co-existence studies (coincident conversion electron spectroscopy)

Phil Adsley

Pete Jones

Alpha-cluster transfer using the (d,6Li) reaction

Phil Adsley

Two-neutron transfer using (p,t) for pairing studies

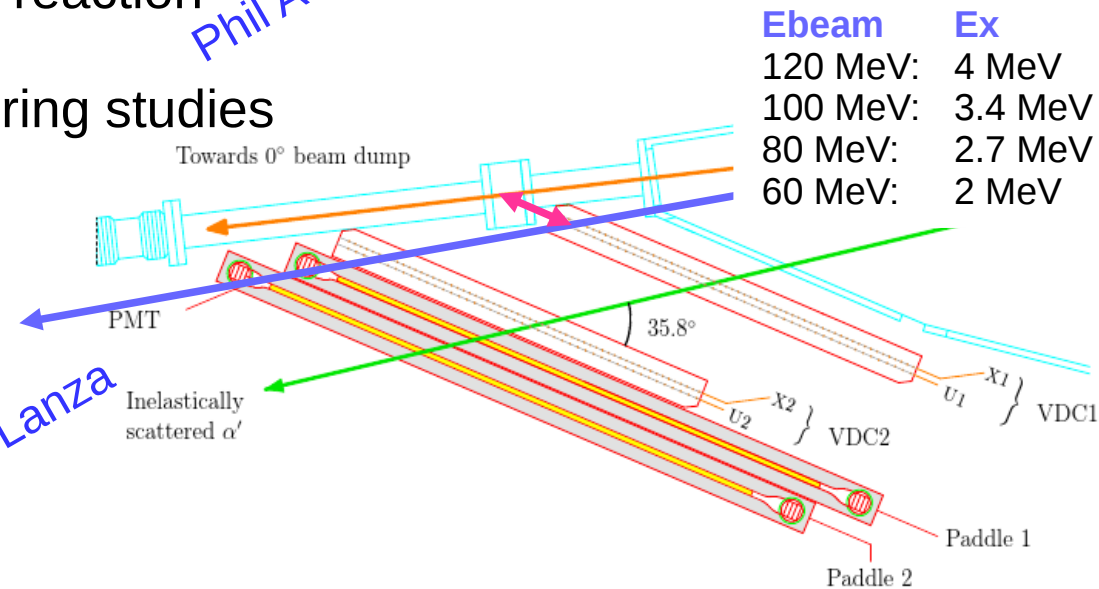
Also e.g. (4He,6He)

Single-nucleon transfer

- to high-L orbitals (d,3He)
- for PDR studies (d,p) and (p,d)

Edoardo Lanza

Coulomb excitation studies



## Particles in the focal plane:

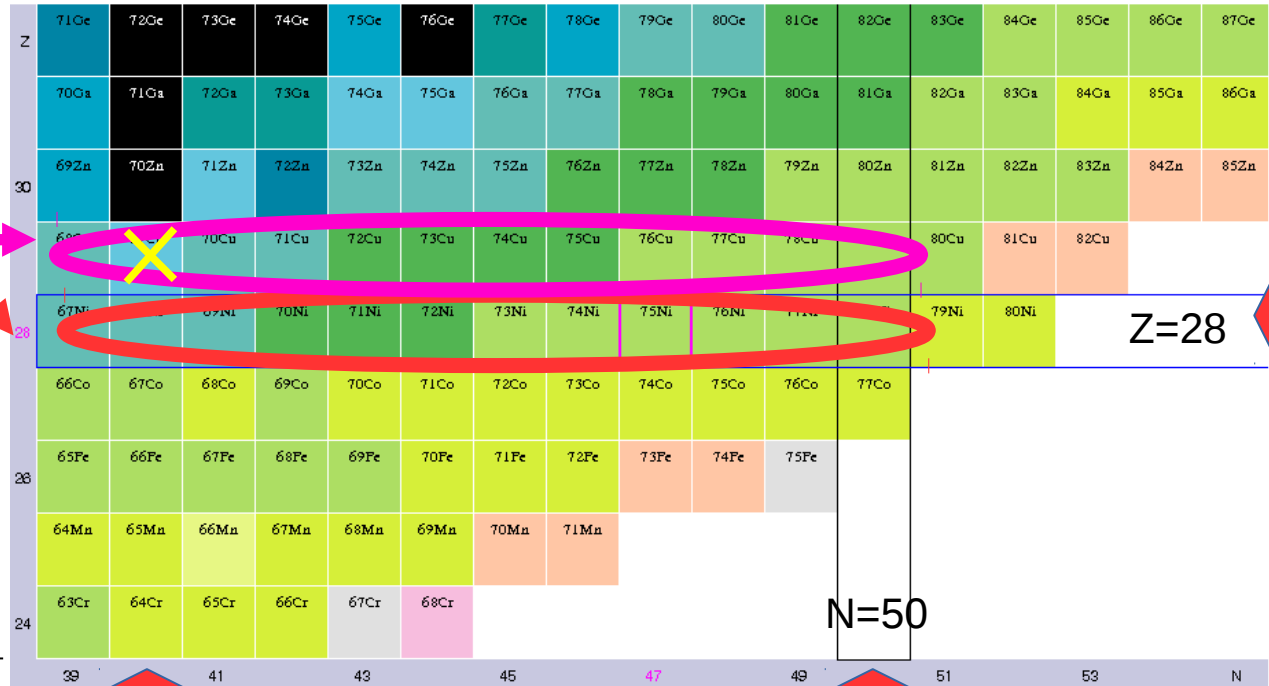
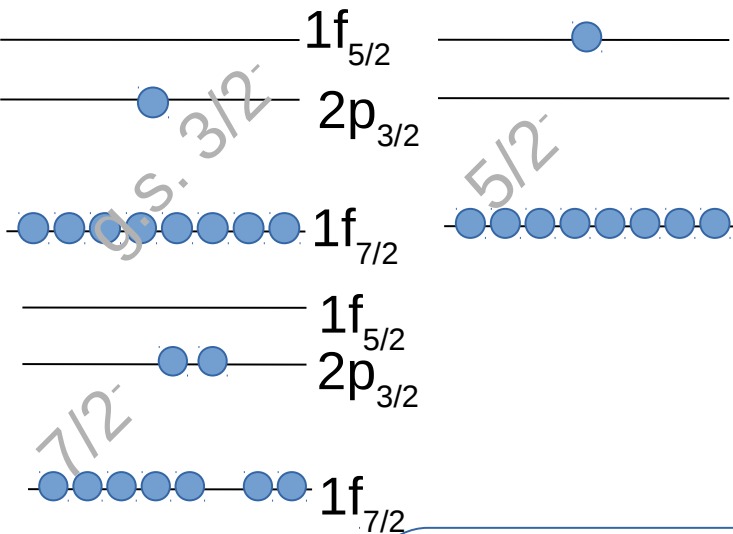
Protons	20 MeV
Tritons	10 MeV/u
3He	10-25 MeV/u
4He	10-15 MeV/u
6Li	8-12 MeV/u
12C	4 MeV/u
18O	4 MeV/u

# Probing the proton gap: behavior of $\pi f_{7/2}$

Understand evolution of Z=28 proton gap

Cu isotopes, Z=29  
1 p outside Ni core

Looking for E differences between orbitals



Start filling  $\nu g_{9/2}$  orbital

$^{78}\text{Ni}$ :  $\beta$  decay half-life suggest sizable magicity (PRL 113 (2014) 032505)

Orbitals behaviour will constrain the  $\pi f$  -  $\nu g_{9/2}$  proton-neutron interaction  
allow test of strength of the tensor interaction and determine the spin-orbit splitting in this region.

$^{70}\text{Zn}(d, ^3\text{He})^{69}\text{Cu}$   
Recent study at Orsay with the SplitPole @ 27 MeV  
Pierre Morfouace et al. PRC **93** 064308 (2016)

# Probing the proton gap: behavior of $\pi f_{7/2}$

Probing the Z=28 proton gap: behavior of  $\pi f_{7/2}$  orbital

Orsay Enge split pole at 6°, 9°, 12°, 15°, 18°, 21°, 24°

27 MeV deuteron beam

42 keV (FWHM) resolution

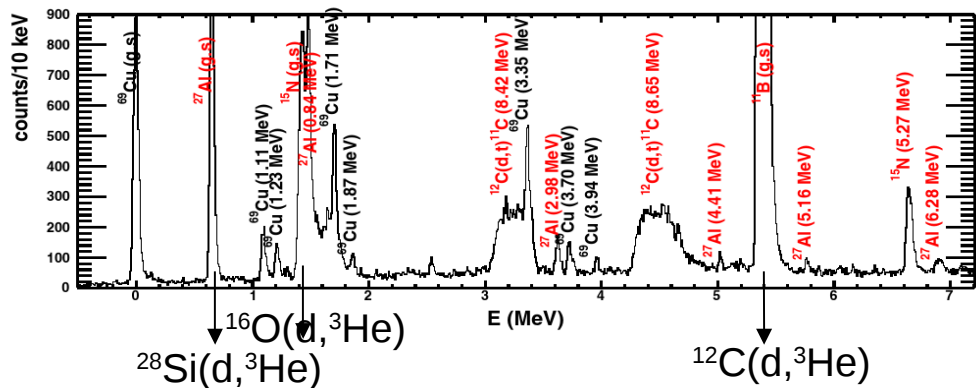
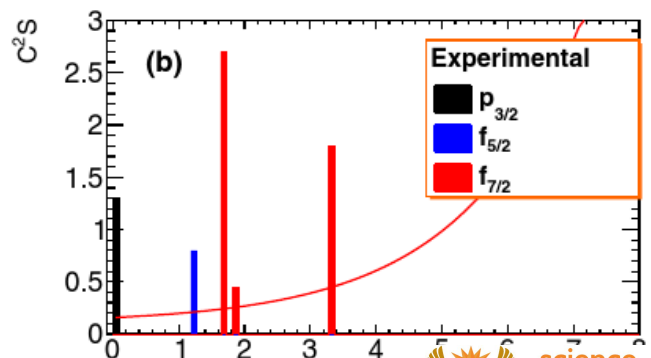
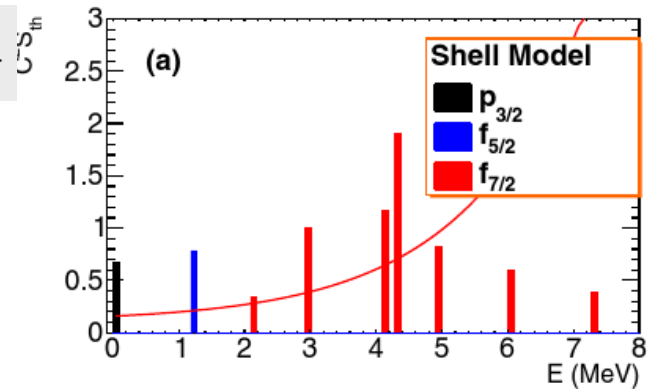
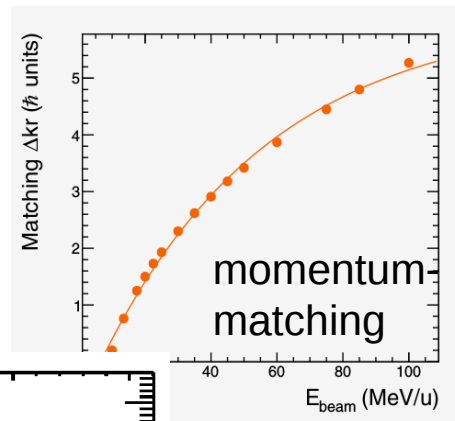
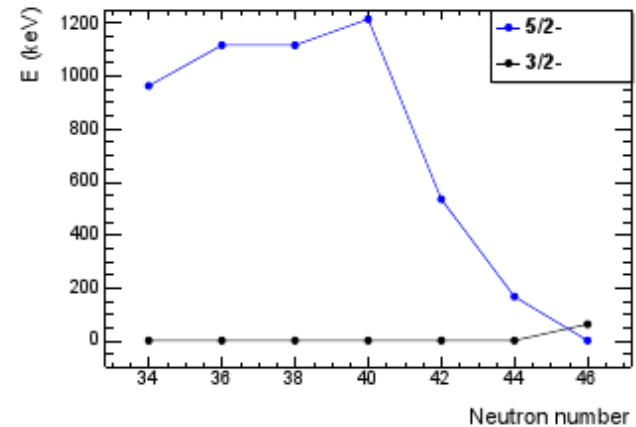
Angular distributions of states below 7 MeV to determine  $j\pi$

Missing strength, no proper momentum matching for L=3

Lower limit of  $7/2^-$  centroid established

$$E(f_{7/2}) = \sum \frac{C^2 S(7/2^-) E(7/2^-)}{C^2 S(7/2^-)} = 2.45 \text{ MeV.}$$

Need higher E beam from cyclotron  
(75-90 MeV deuterons)



# Why new detectors?

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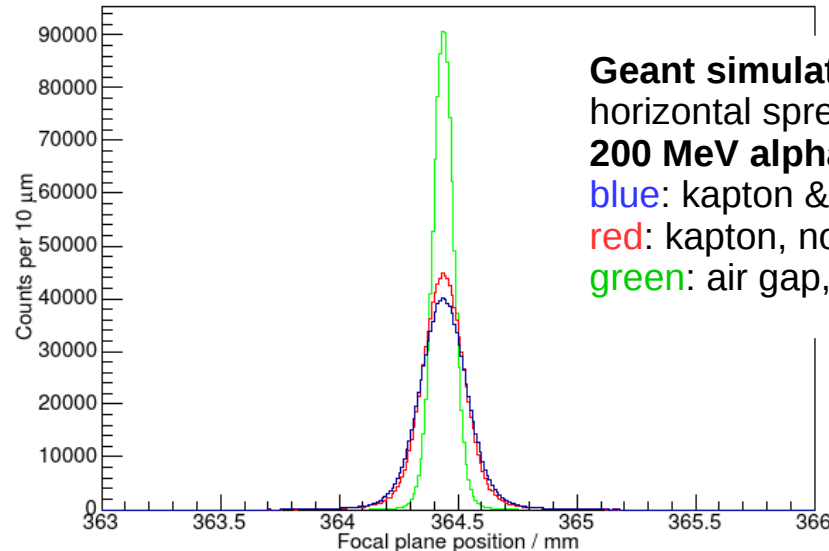
but also

3. Energy resolution affected by **straggling due to thick Kapton window** improve the energy resolution of high E ( $\alpha, \alpha'$ ) measurements

(Resolution of ( $\alpha, \alpha'$ ) at 200 MeV:  
~ 70 - 80 keV (FWHM)  
as opposed to 30 - 35 keV for p)

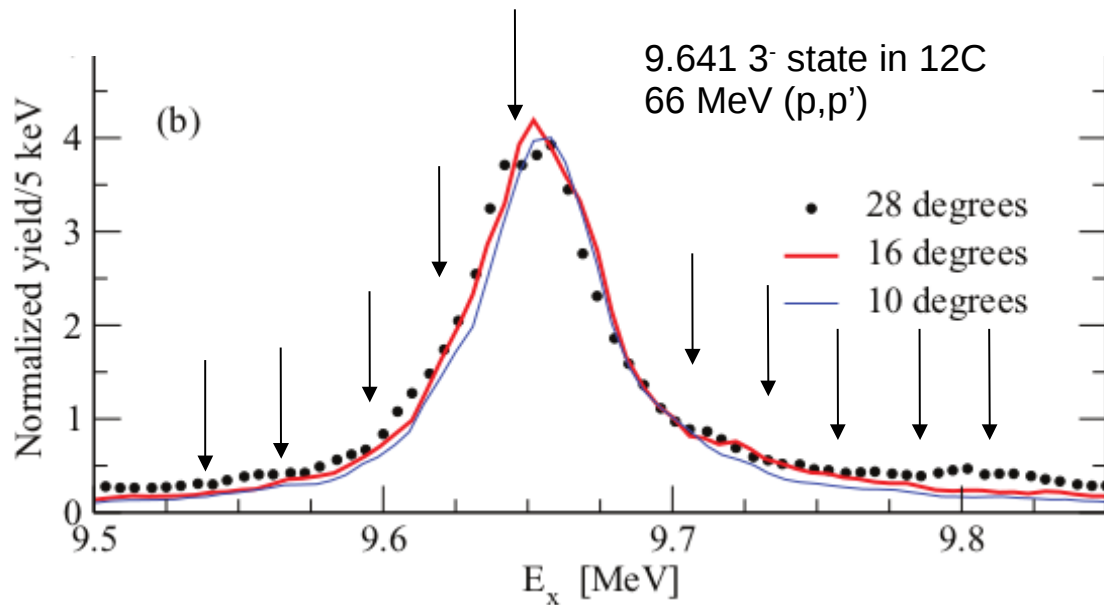
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4. Improve **periodicity problems** in short runs

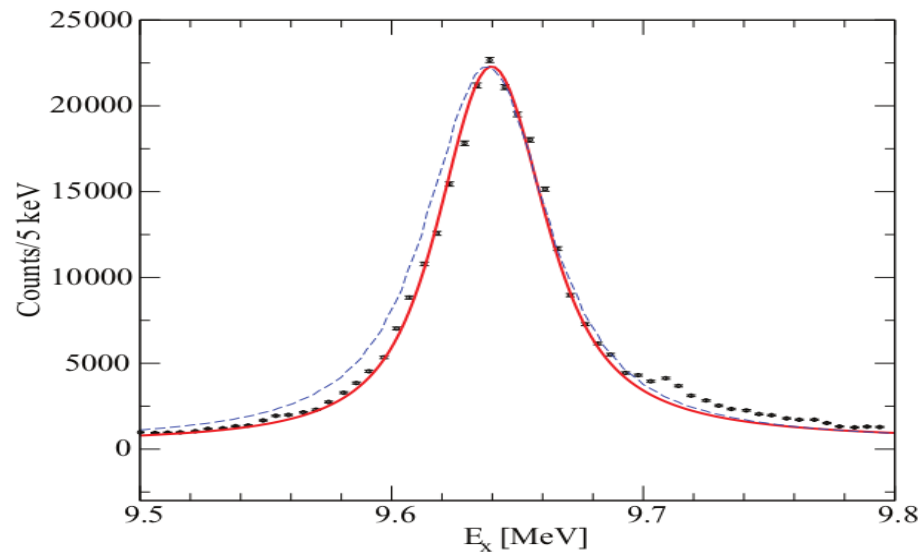


# Periodicity in position spectrum

4mm substructure sometimes seen...

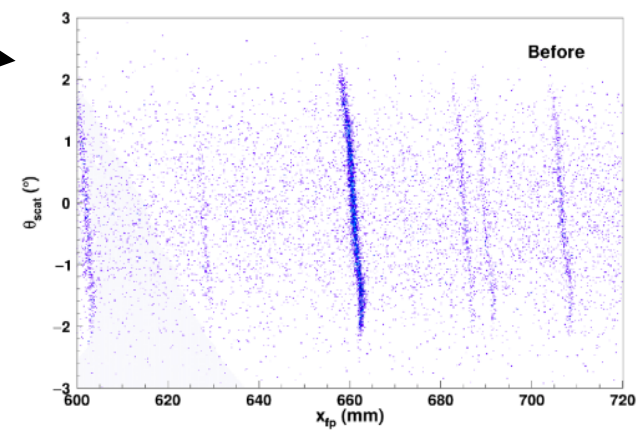
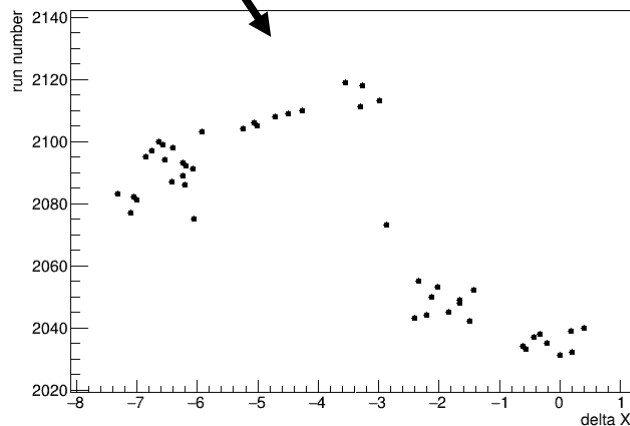


But most of the times not...



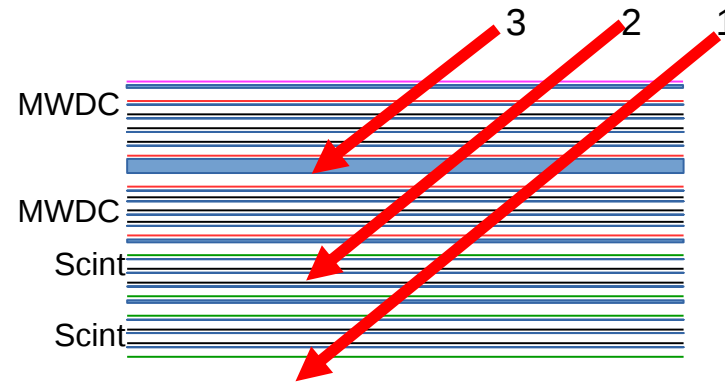
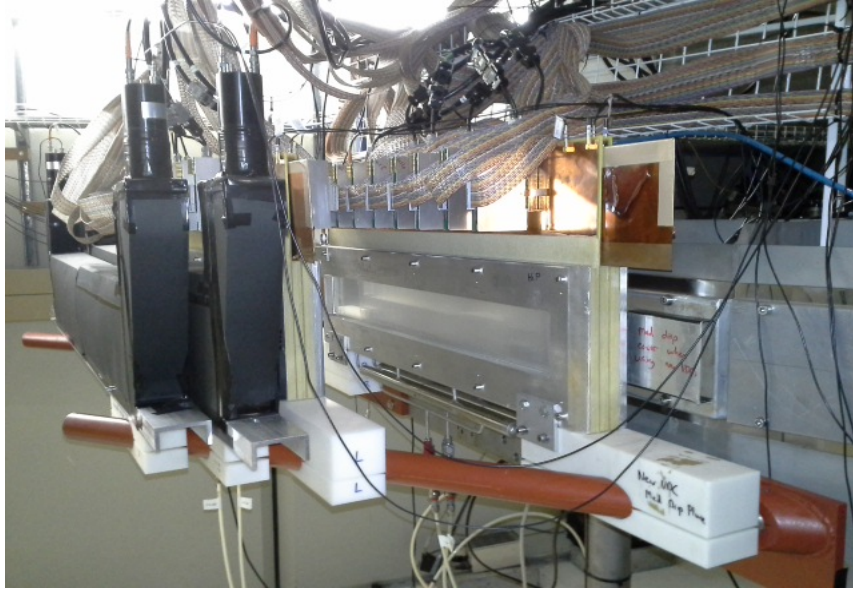
Can be avoided

- if you dont do magnetic kinematic correction
- during slightly longer experiments the SSC E changes wipe out 4mm structures



# Focal plane detector change

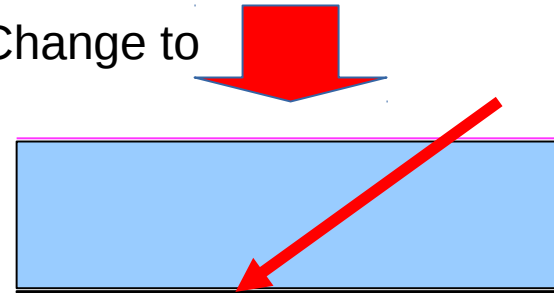
Low energy detection threshold determined by material budget



## TRIM estimations

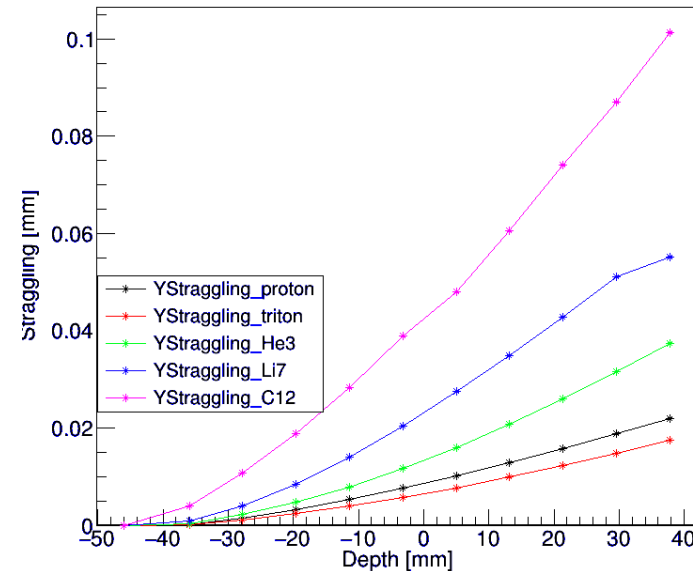
1. p: 43-200 MeV  
t: 68-200 MeV  
 $\alpha$ : 170-200 MeV
2. p: 21- 43 MeV  
t: 30 - 68 MeV  
 $\alpha$ : 78 - 170 MeV  
 $^7\text{Li}$ : above 165 MeV
3. p: above 14 MeV  
t: above 23 MeV  
 $\alpha$ : above 57 MeV  
 $^7\text{Li}$ : above 110 MeV

Change to



## New detectors: Proportional Drift Chambers

- ⇒ gas filled
- ⇒ operates at low pressure (~20 mbar)
- ⇒ entrance window: few  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Mylar
- ⇒ no wires, HV plane at the top
- ⇒ electrons drift vertically ⇒ TPC-like
- ⇒ position determined from cathode pads



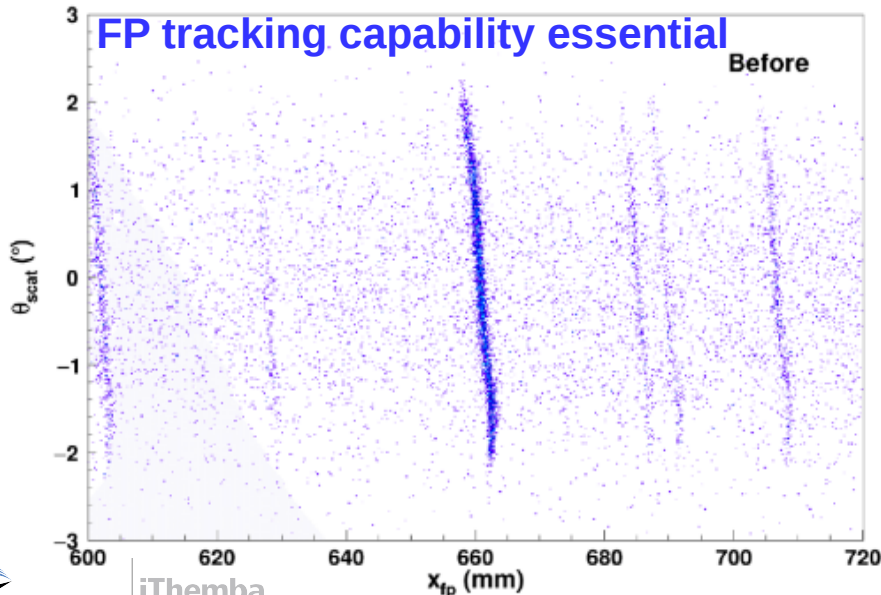
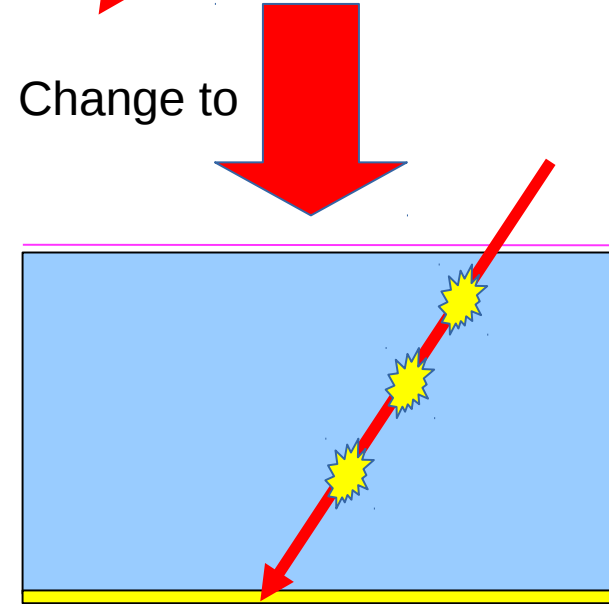
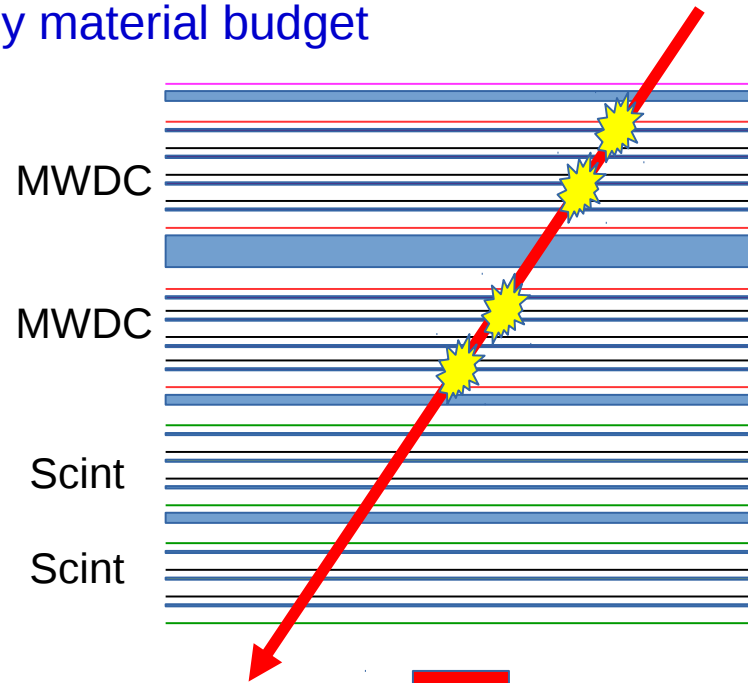
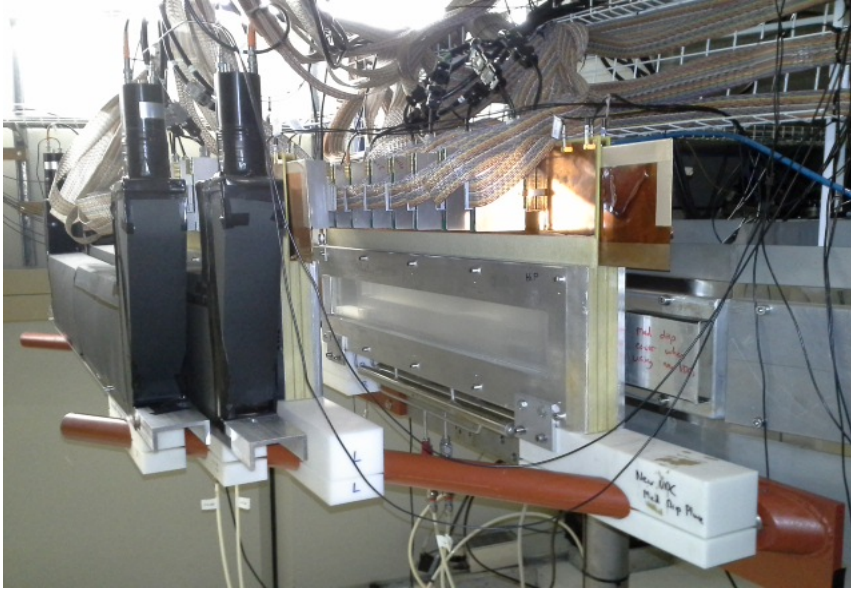
New detector:  
Straggling calculations

for 50 MeV  
p,t, $^3\text{He}$ , $^7\text{Li}$ , $^{12}\text{C}$

in 100 mbar Ar gas and  
1.5  $\mu\text{m}$  Mylar window

# Focal plane detector change

Low energy detection threshold determined by material budget





# Which new FPD system to use?

Lower detectable E range for Z=1,2  
& make Z>2 options available  
**reduce material budget**

Accurate position determination necessary  
Accurate angle determination necessary

$\Delta X$ : 0.35 mm       $\Delta\theta$ : 2 VDCs: ~1 mrad  
 $\Delta Y$  0.8 mm      1 VDC: ~ 15 mrad

## Low pressure focal plane detectors:

VAMOS @ GANIL

drift chambers with amplification wires and anode pads,  $T_{126} = 0$   
**dX = 270 micron, dY = 350 micron**

MAGNEX @ Catania

drift chambers with amplification wires and anode pads,  
**dX = dY = 0.6 mm, d $\theta$  = 5 mr** (test detector dX = 0.26 mm, only 12° to beam angle)

PRISMA @ Legnaro

Parallel Plates Avalanche Counters of Multi-Wire type (MWPPAC),  $T_{126} = 0$   
**dX = 1 mm, dY=2mm**

MDM @ Texas A&M

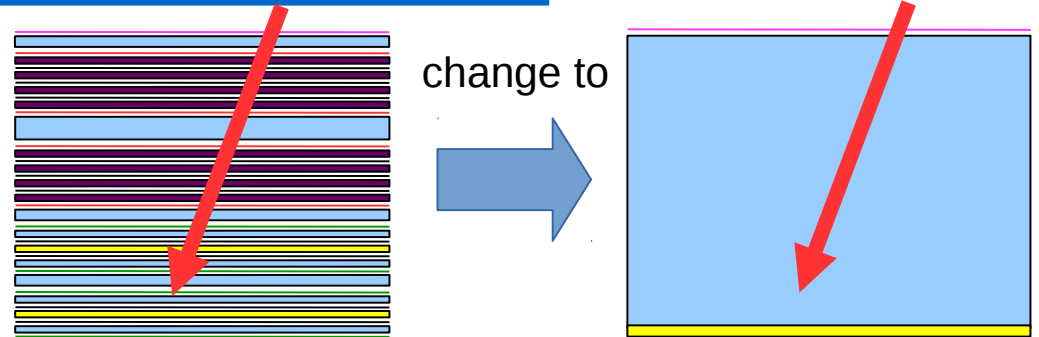
resistive wire ionization chamber, **dX = 1 mm,  $T_{126} = 0$**

Q3D @ Munich

cathode strip detector, for p,d,t,alpha, **dX = 0.1, no FP angle info**

Enge Split-pole @ TUNL

similar to Q3D at Munich, **no FP angle info**



- ⇒ gas filled
- ⇒ operates at low pressure (~20 mbar)
- ⇒ no wires, HV plane at the top/bottom
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*horizontal chromatic aberration*

# VAMOS and MAGNEX FPD systems

Drift chambers, drift region, amplification region,  
Amplification wires, induced signal on shaped pads

## VAMOS:

- energy resolution  $\delta E/E = 10^{-3}$
- momentum dispersion of 2 cm/%.

The FPD system of VAMOS, designed for

- light ( $A \leq 15$ ) fast particles ( $\sim 2-20$  MeV/u) from direct reactions
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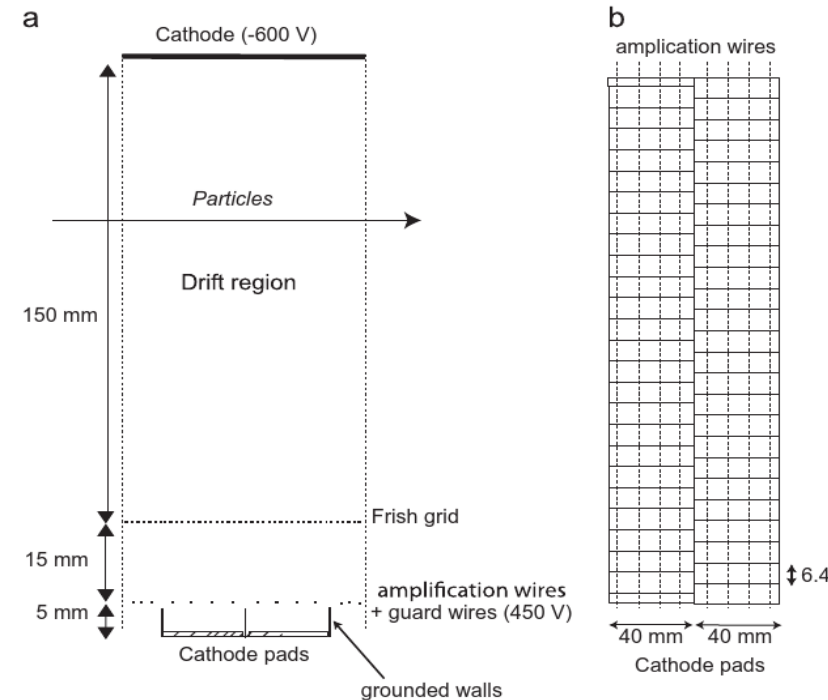
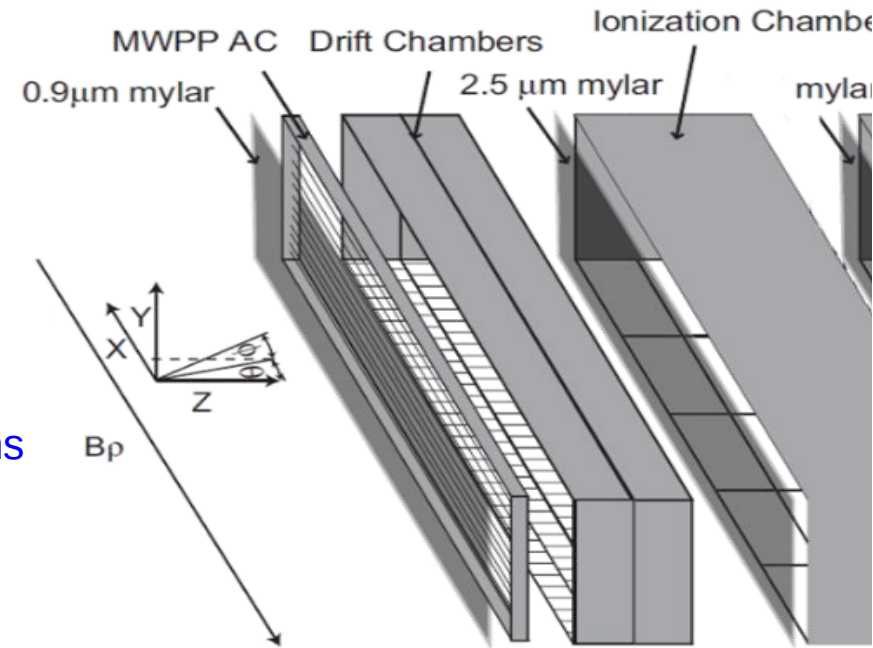
**Size:** 1000mm x 100mm x 150mm  
**Rate:** less than 10kHz  
**dX=270 micron, dY=350 micron**  
isobutane @ 6 mbar

## MAGNEX:

- energy resolution  $\delta P/P = 1/5400$
- momentum dispersion of 4 cm/%.

The FPD system of VAMOS, designed for ions 0.2 – 40 MeV/u

**Size:** 1360mm x 200mm x 96mm  
**Rate:** less than 5 kHz  
**DX=0.6 mm, dY=0.6 mm**  
isobutane @ 7-30 mbar



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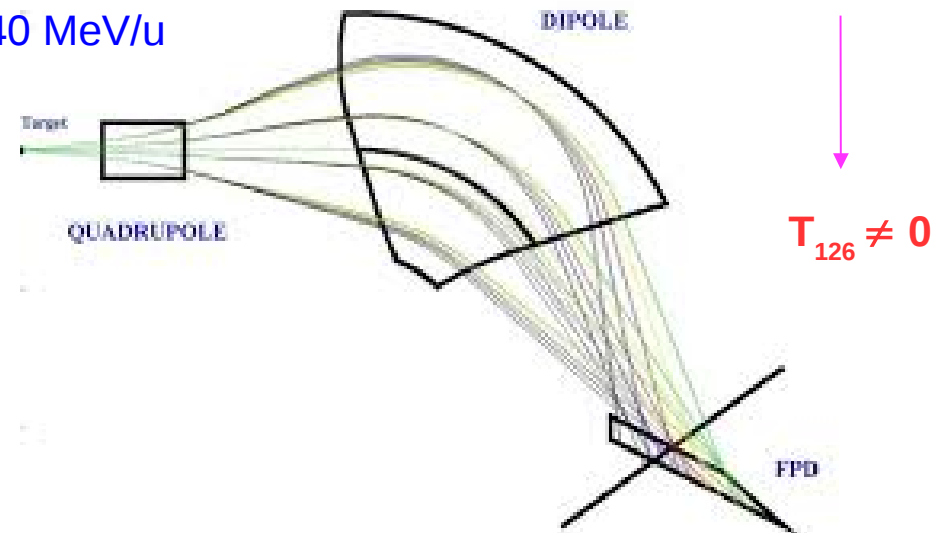
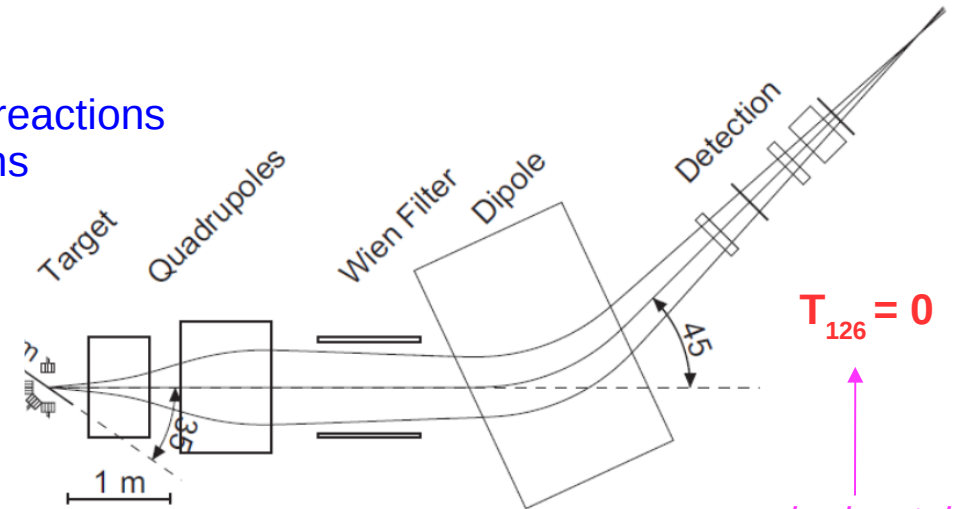
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**dX=270 micron, dY=350 micron**  
 isobutane @ 6 mbar

## MAGNEX:

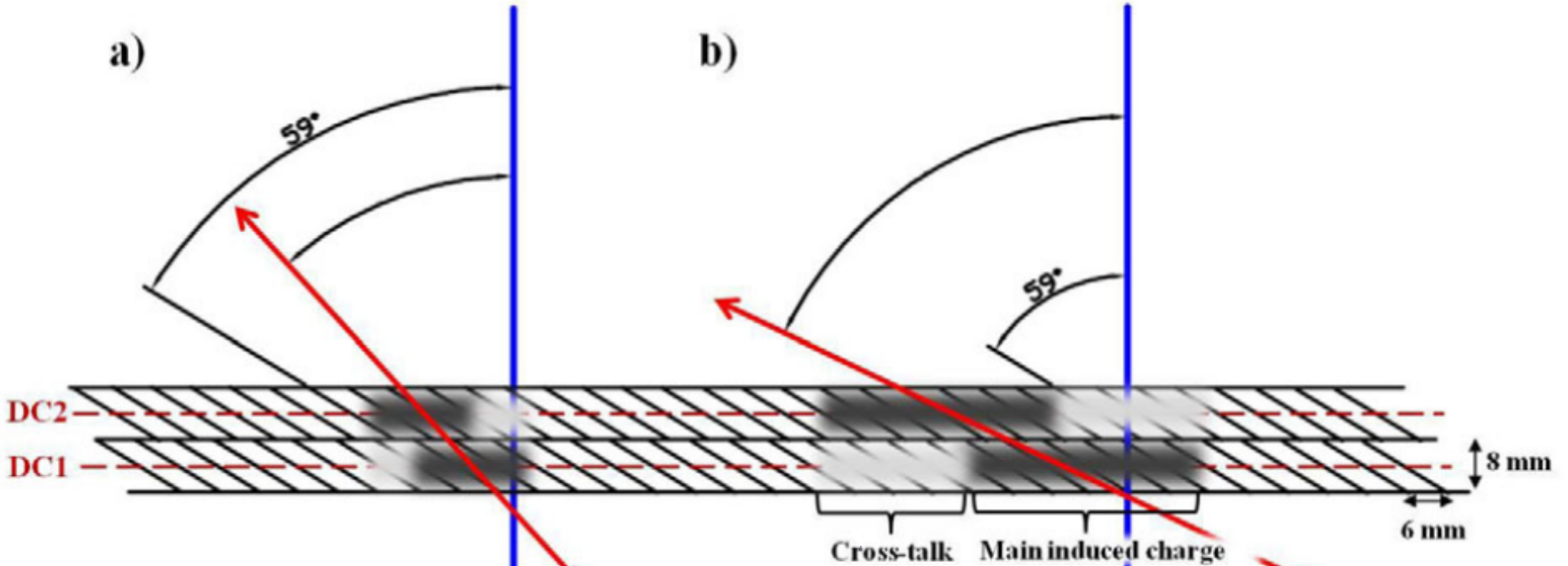
- energy resolution  $\delta P/P = 1/5400$
- momentum dispersion of 4 cm/%.

The FPD system of VAMOS, designed for ions 0.2 – 40 MeV/u

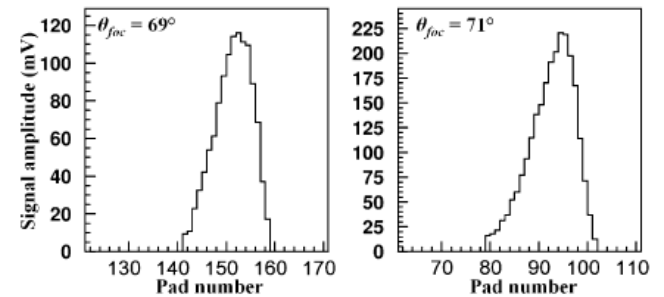
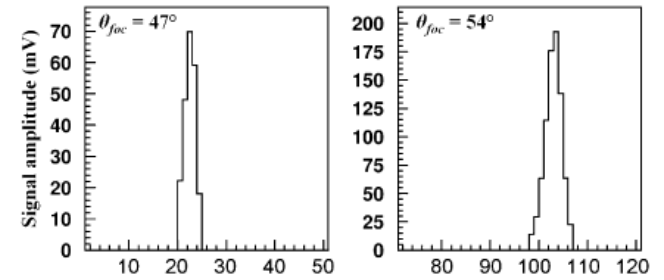
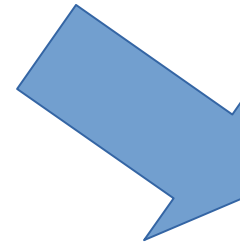
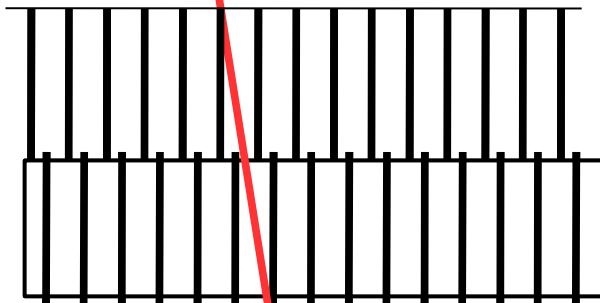
**Size:** 1360mm x 200mm x 96mm  
**Rate:** less than 5 kHz  
**DX=0.6 mm, dY=0.6 mm**  
 isobutane @ 7-30 mbar



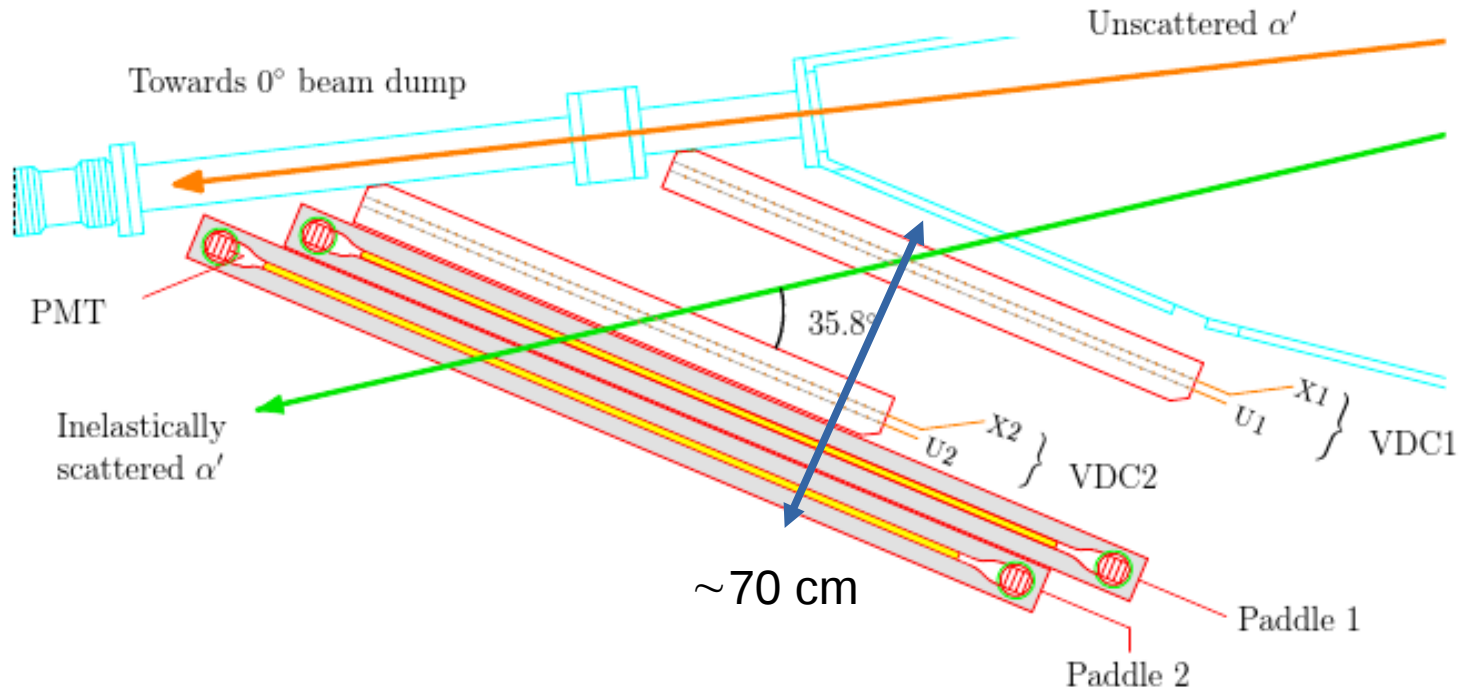
# FPD induction pad shape



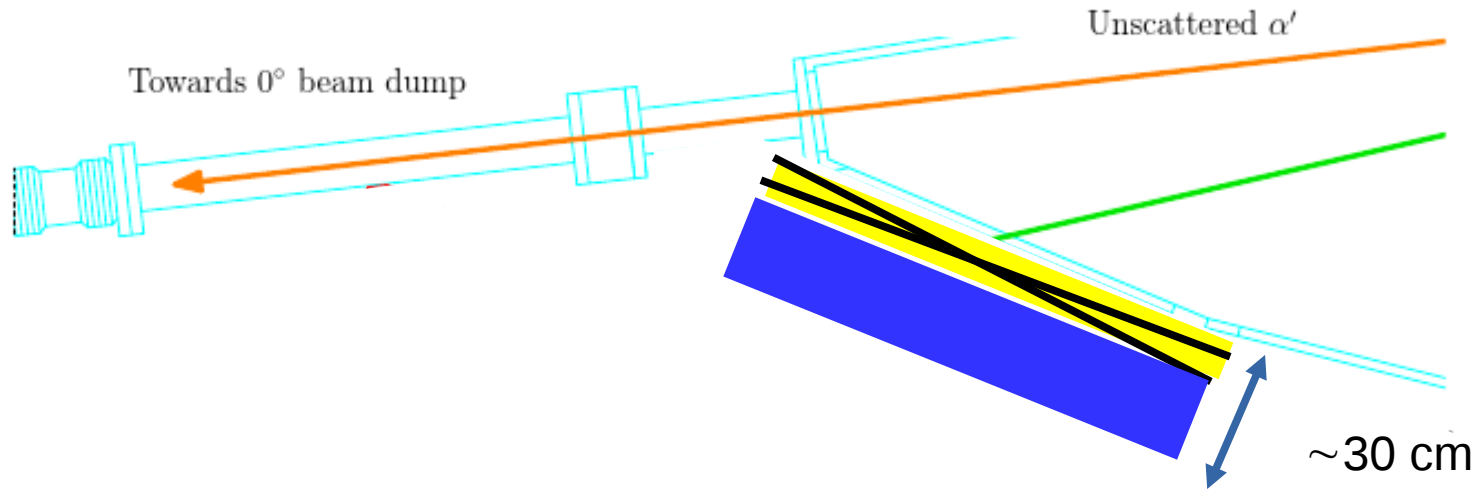
VS



# Focal plane detector change



# Focal plane detector change



CUSTOMER: iThemba LABS  
 COMMENT / DATE: opening 110x850, gate 130x900 05.04.2019

A	110
B	850
C	30
D	1083
E	78,5
F	145
G	50
H	1138
I	125
J	301
K	824,8
L	544
M	95
N	94
O	1049,8
P	270

quick connect fitting DN10 (open)      quick connect fitting DN10 (closed)

View Y

View X

sealing surface of O-ring groove

optional: with SV

closed

open

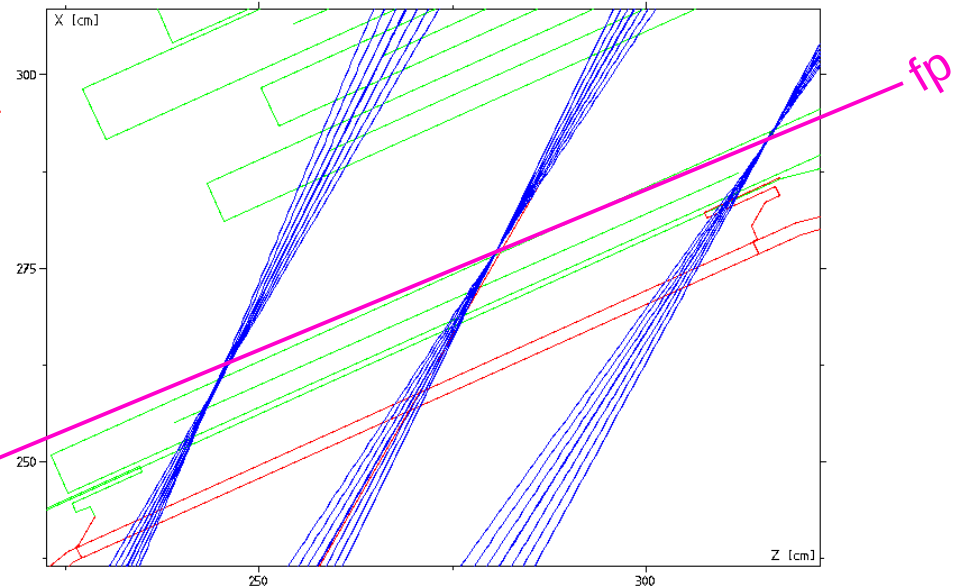
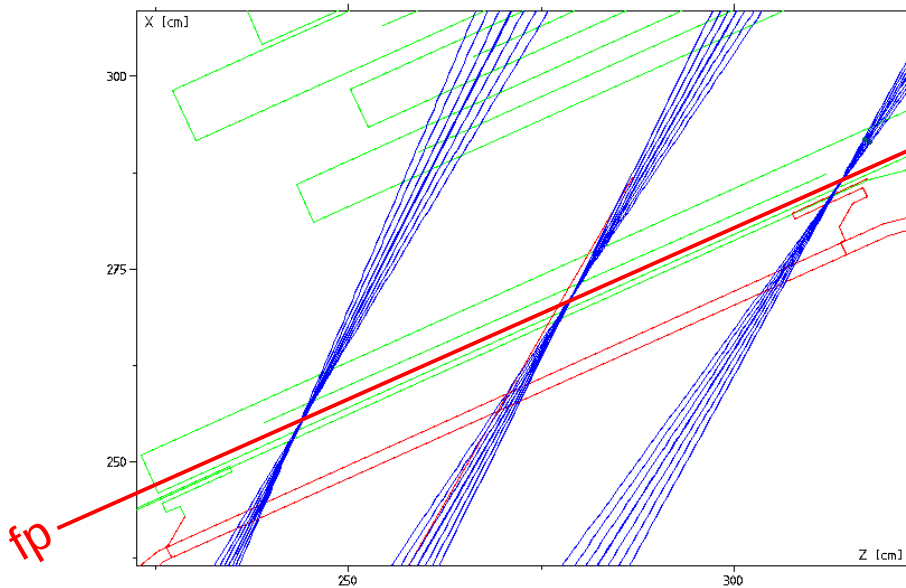
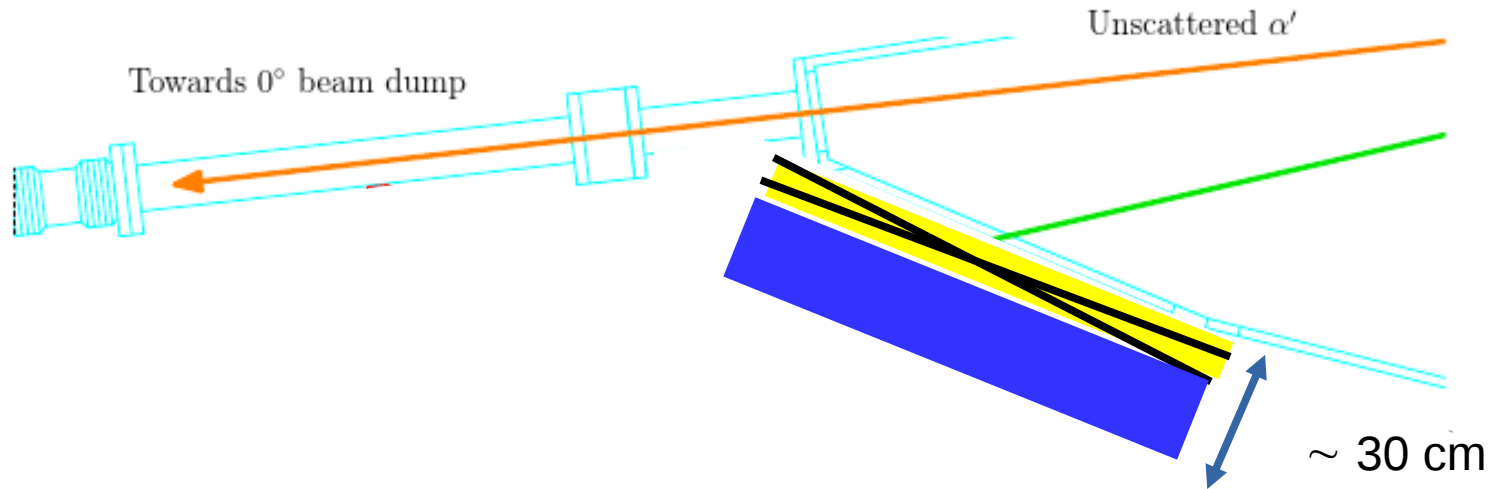
mounting position

with bellow feedthrough

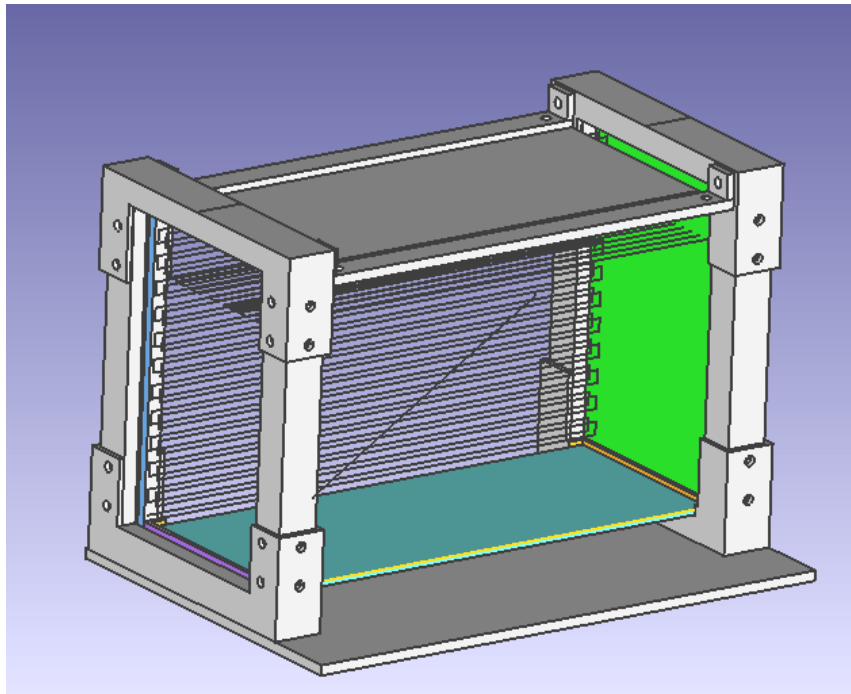
Rectangular gate valve HONGVAT direct  
 DIMENSIONAL SKETCH  
 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Scale	02L	0240X-B
Series	130 x 900	
Drawing No.	546729	A

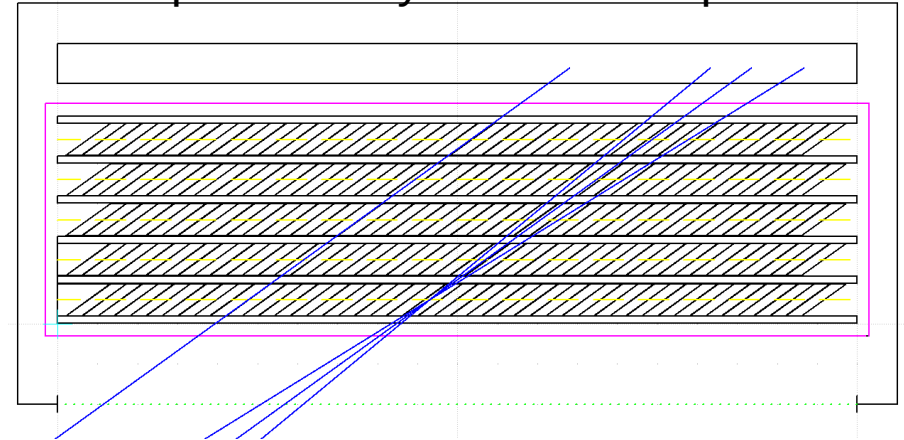
# Focal plane detector change



Must push focal plane downstream with K-coil  
Question: do we have enough dynamic range with K-coil?

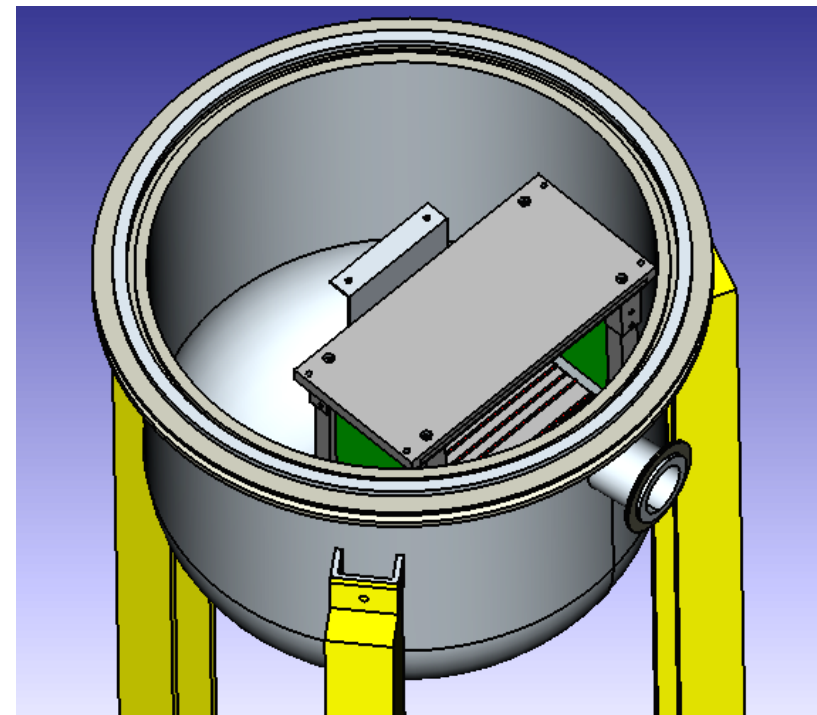


Topview of layout of anode pads:



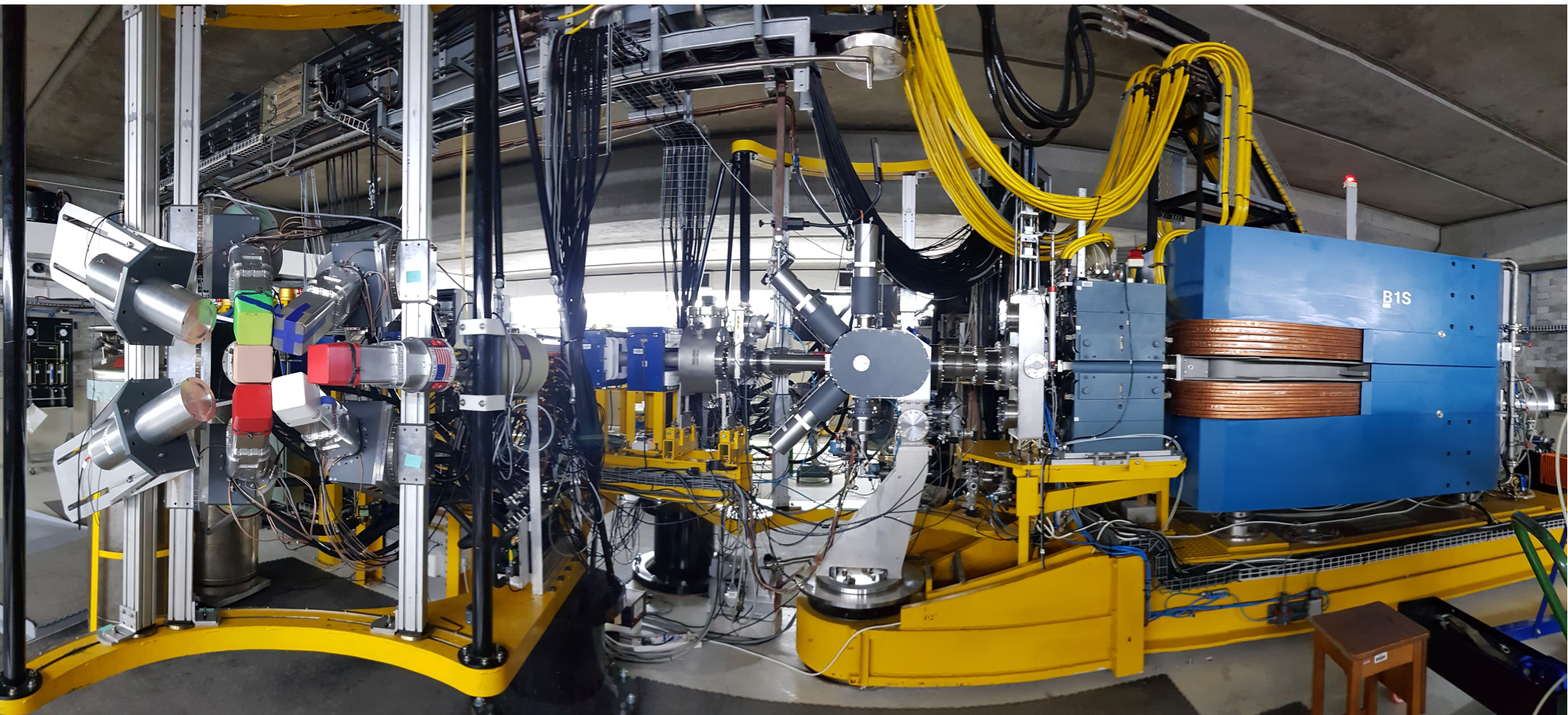
Build fieldcage: Drift region + amplification region:  
220 x 100 x 100 (W x H x D)

- Anode PCB with 5x46 channels: ( $\theta$  range:  $34^\circ$ - $38^\circ$  compared to Magnex:  $21^\circ$ - $43^\circ$ )
- 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$  entrance mylar window
- Bronkhorst pressure control system and Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> gas mixture
- DAQ and electronics
- Initial tests: Mesytec preamplifiers, amplifiers and CAEN ADCs
- Final system still undedicated (old: GASSIPLEX, new: CAEN Weeroc ASICs)
- Initial tests at Tandetron: 6 MeV p, 9 MeV 4He (2.25 MeV/u), 12 MeV 16O (0.75 MeV/u)
- Also try ThGEM and integrated pads (higher signal amplification at lowest gas pressures)



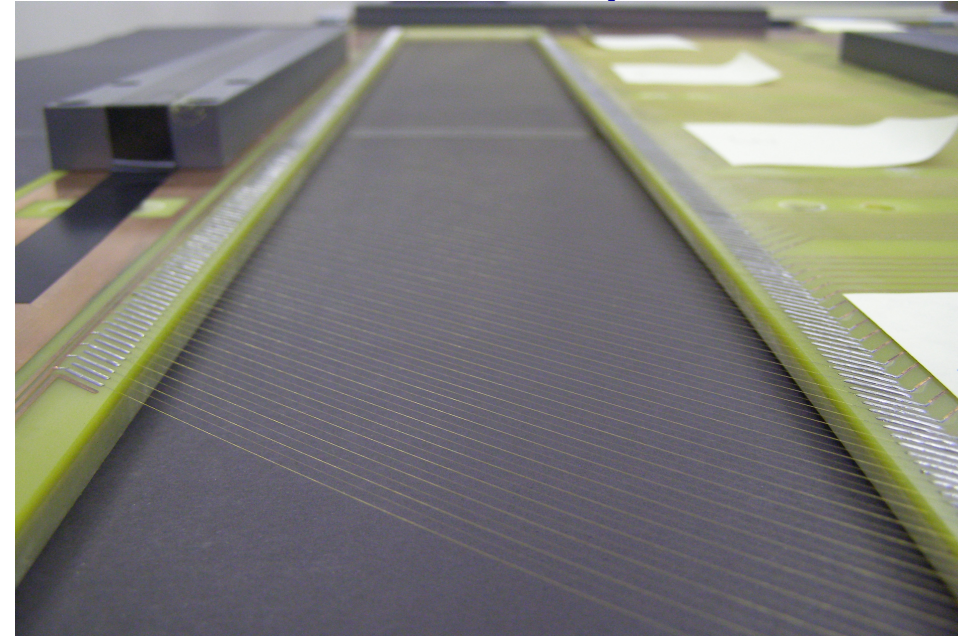
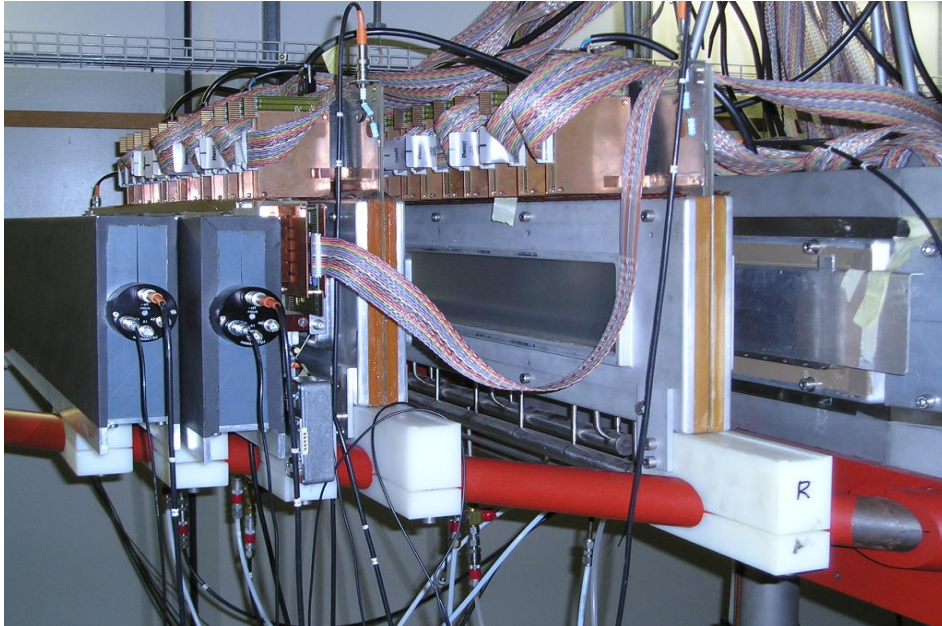


# Thank you



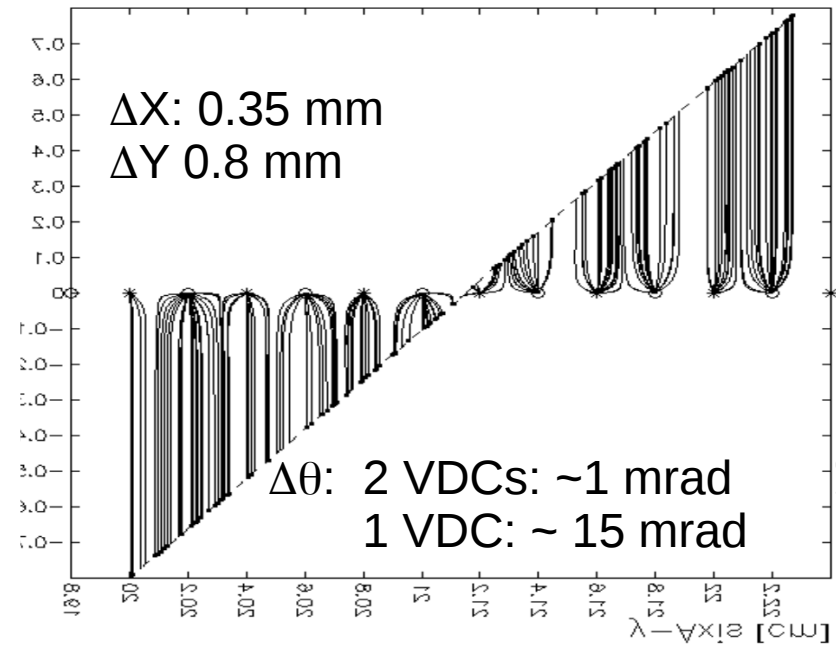
# Existing focal plane detectors

2 MWDC + 2 scintillators (2 generations available, built 1995 and 2008)

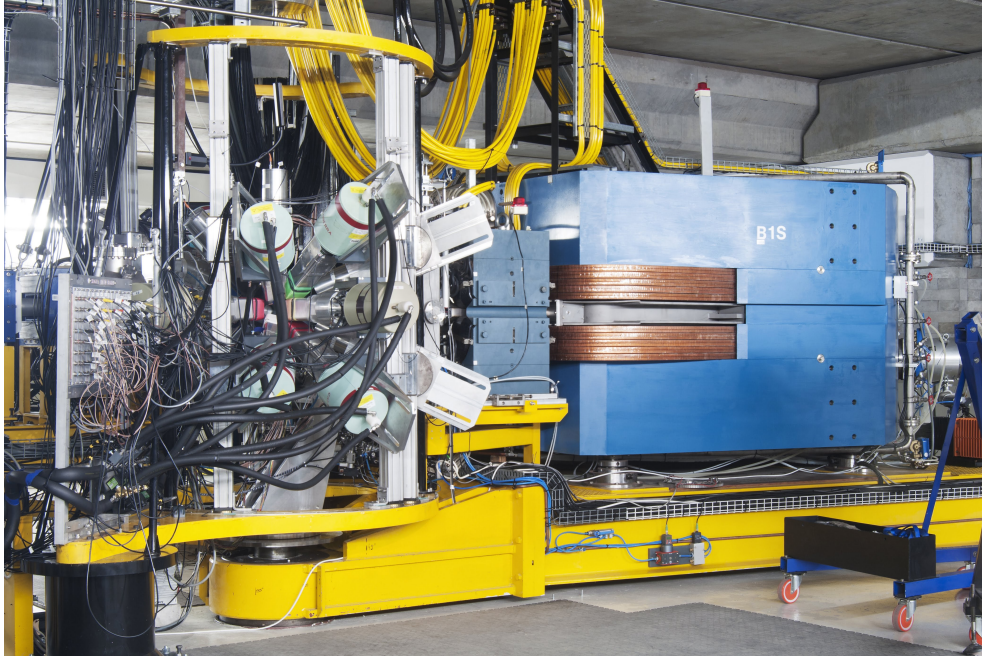


## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation:

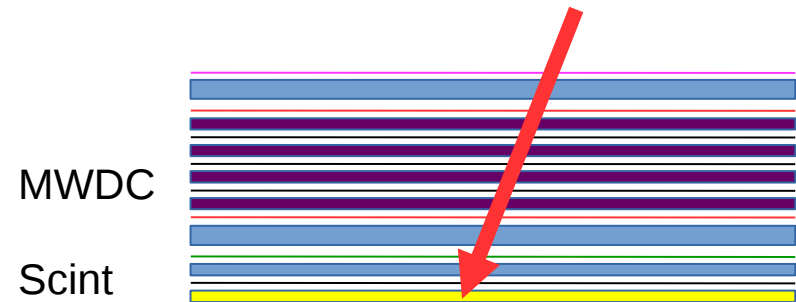
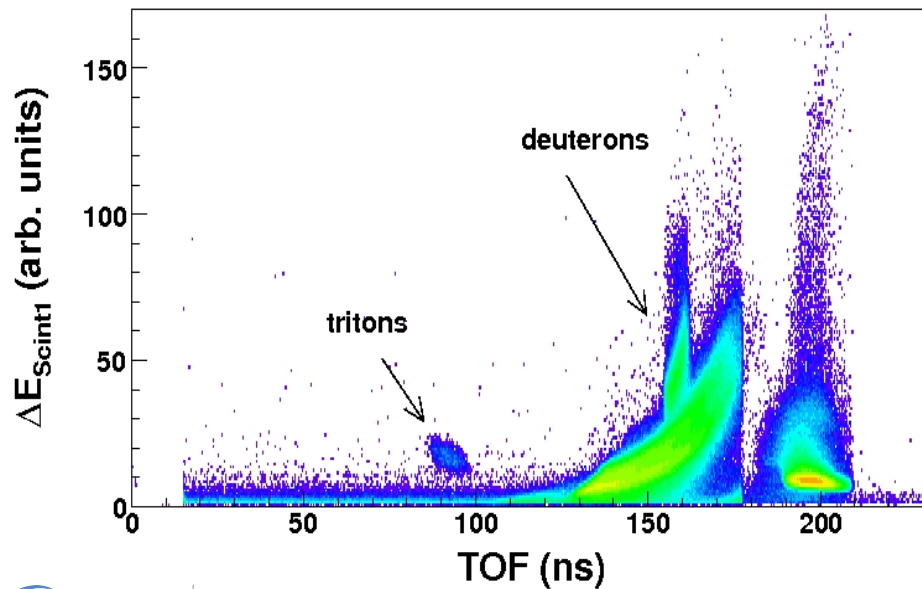
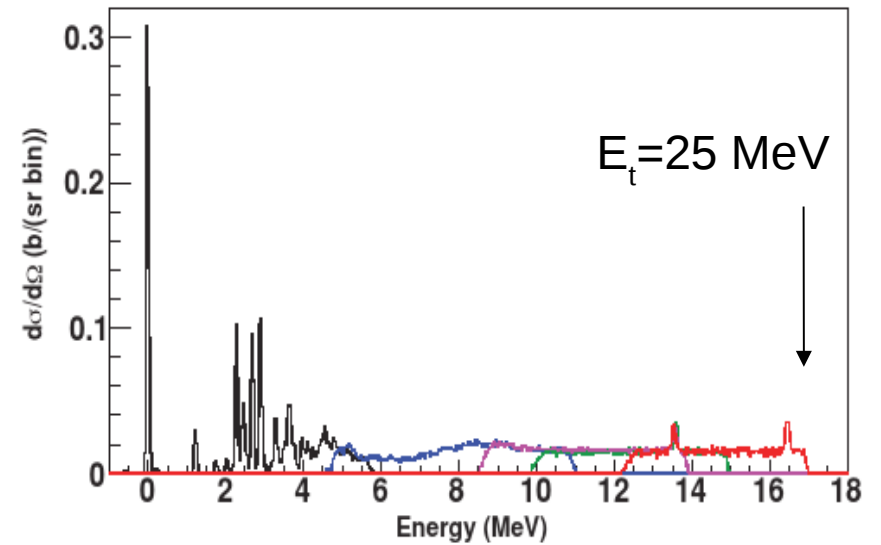
- 2 wireplanes (vertical and 50°), sandwiched between 3x Al 20 $\mu$ m HV planes (16 mm separation)
- 198 (X) + 143 (U) active wires per detector (682 signal wires in total)
- 20  $\mu$ m diameter Au plated W signal wires
- 50  $\mu$ m diameter Au plated W field shaping wires
- 90% Ar 10% CO<sub>2</sub> gas mixture



# GPV: too high E at iTL



$^{120}\text{Sn}(p,t)$  at 50 MeV at  $0^\circ \rightarrow$  GPV search



TRIM estimations

p: above 14 MeV

t: above 23 MeV

$\alpha$ : above 57 MeV

$^7\text{Li}$ : above 110 MeV

# GPV: signatures found at INFN-LNS

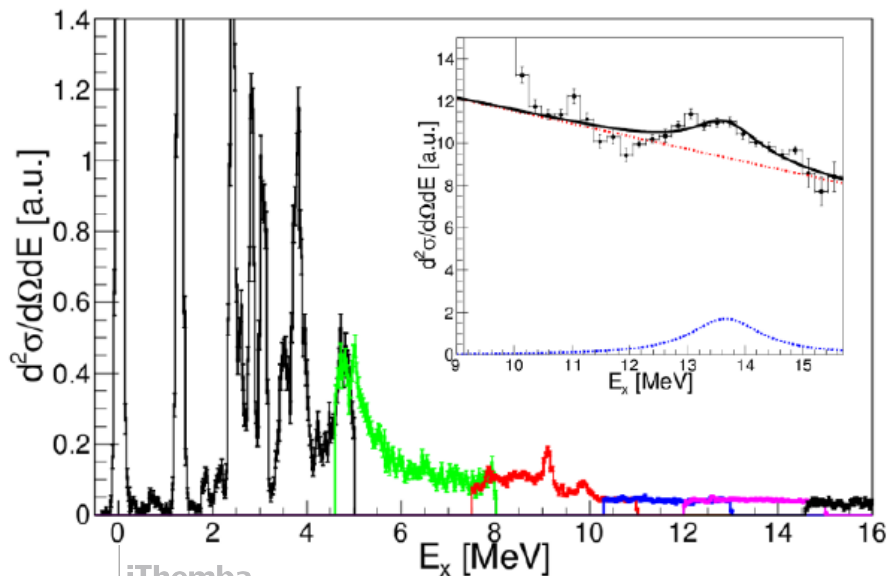


$^{120}\text{Sn}(p,t)$  at 50 MeV at  $0^\circ \rightarrow$  GPV search

@ iThemba LABS



B. Mougnot *et al.* PRC 83 037302 (2011)  
*No signature found*



Search for the GPV with MAGNEX

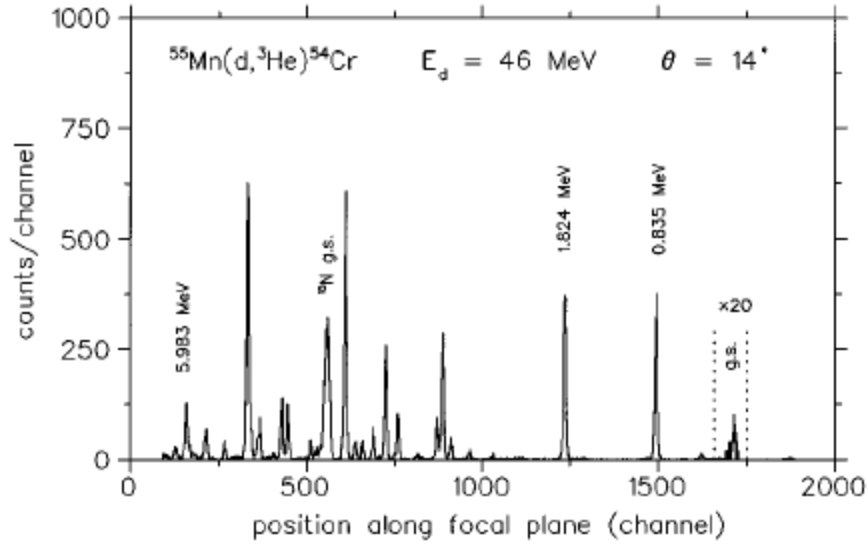
(p,t) measurement at:  $E_{\text{beam}} = 35$  MeV

Also see INFN-LNS study with  
( $^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O}$ ) reaction @ 84 MeV

# Existing focal plane: MWDC's + scintillators



PRC 54 (1996) p1773 R.T Newman *et al.*

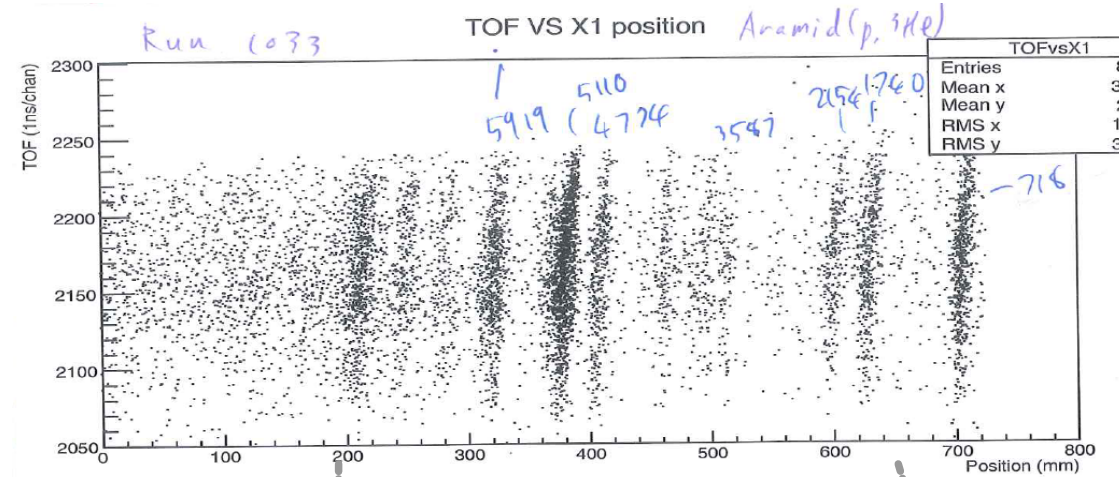


$E_{3\text{He}}$ : 37 – 43 MeV

40 keV FWHM:

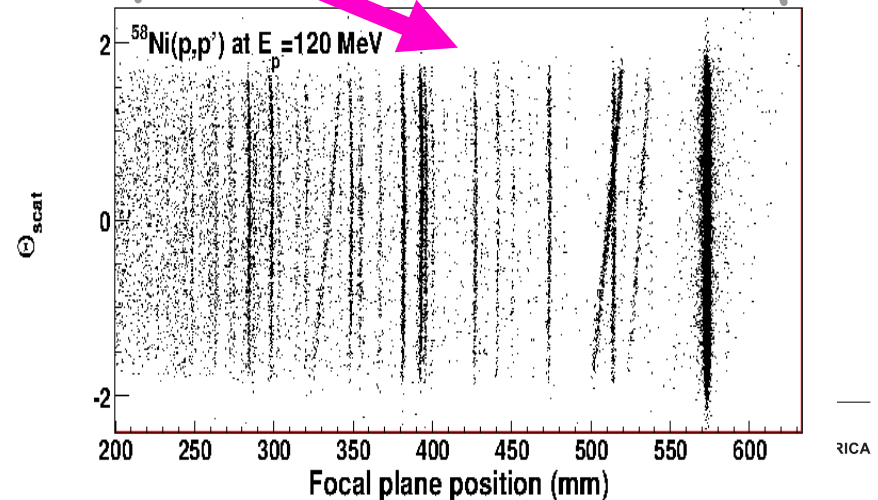
➔  $\Delta X = 4.65$  mm position resolution

aramid target: 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>



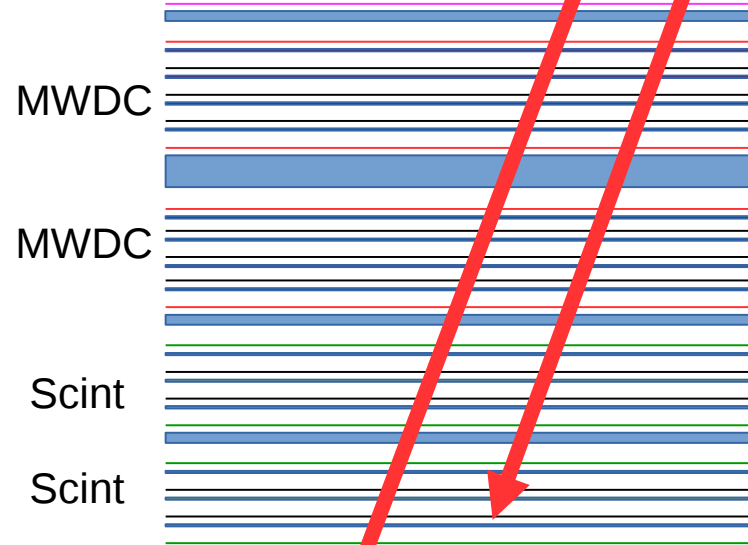
focal plane position (mm) ~ 62-72 MeV

**Not good!**  
**This is what you want!**



# Existing focal plane detectors

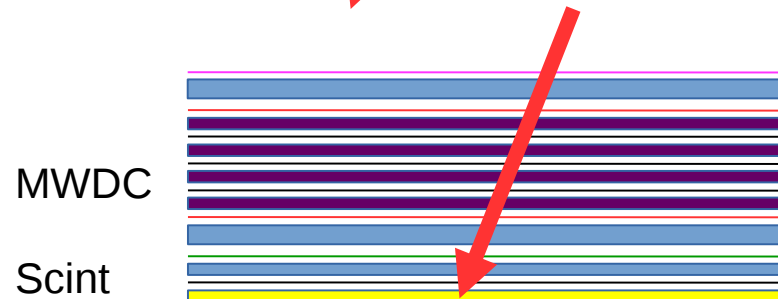
Low energy detection threshold determined by material budget



TRIM estimations  
p: 43-200 MeV  
t: 68-200 MeV  
 $\alpha$ : 170-200 MeV



TRIM estimations  
p: 21- 43 MeV  
t: 30 - 68 MeV  
 $\alpha$ : 78 - 170 MeV  
 $^7\text{Li}$ : above 165 MeV



TRIM estimations  
p: above 14 MeV  
t: above 23 MeV  
 $\alpha$ : above 57 MeV  
 $^7\text{Li}$ : above 110 MeV