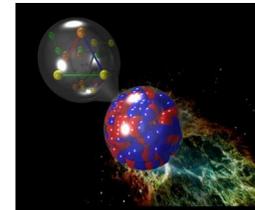




Advances in gamma-ray spectroscopy for nuclear Physics and Astrophysics

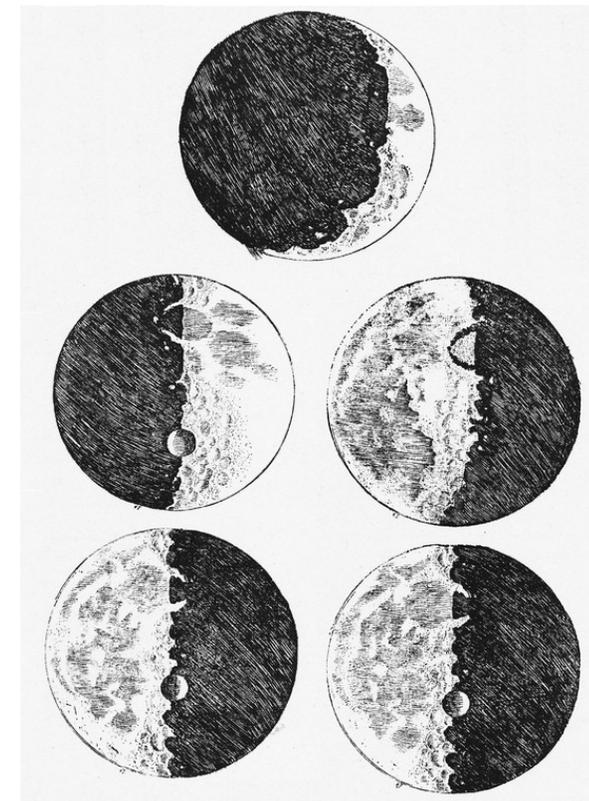
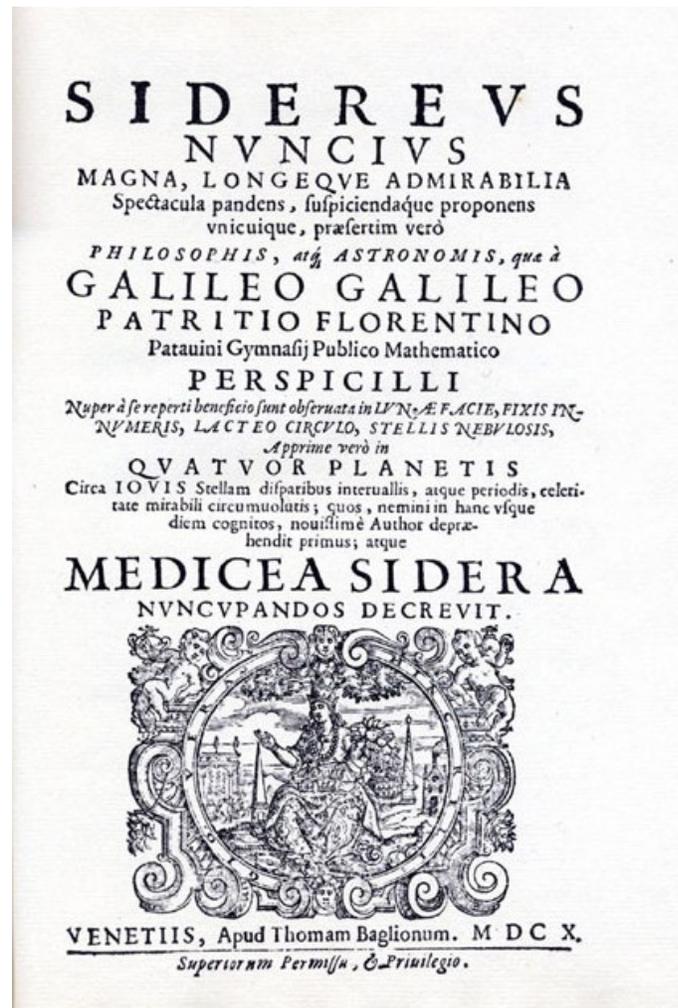
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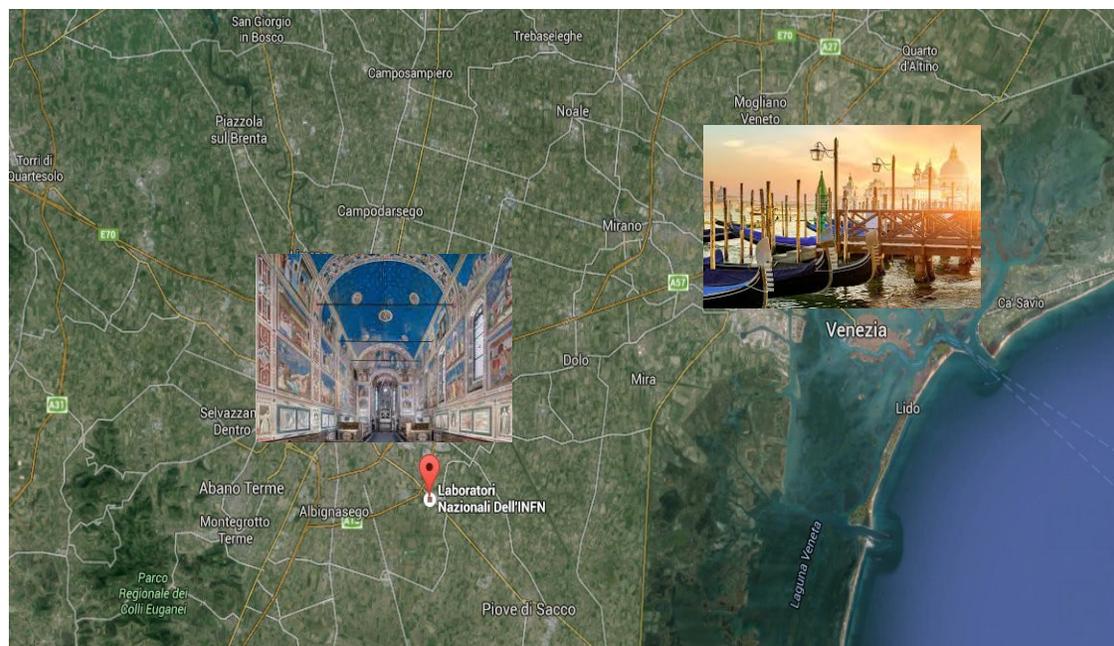


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My youth: XIX “ciclo” PHD

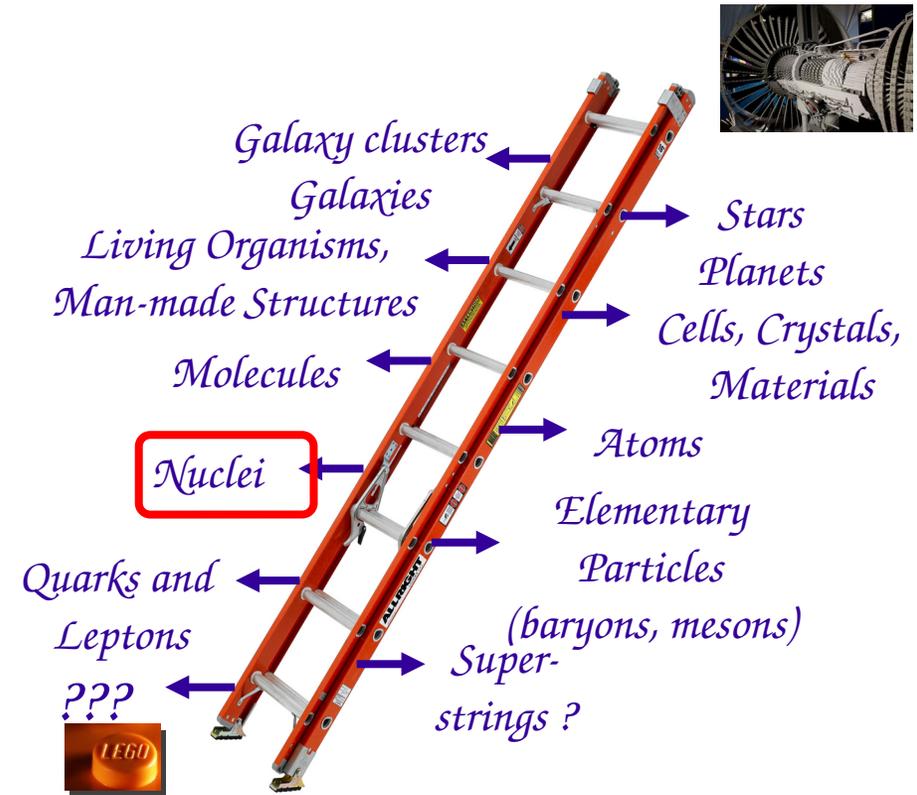
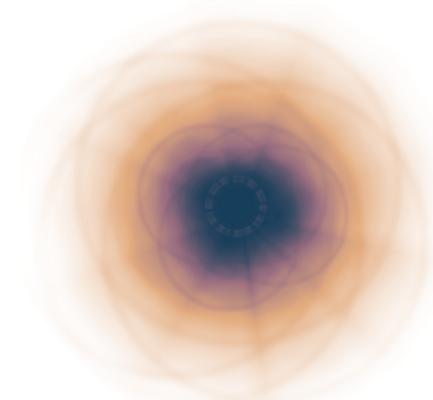
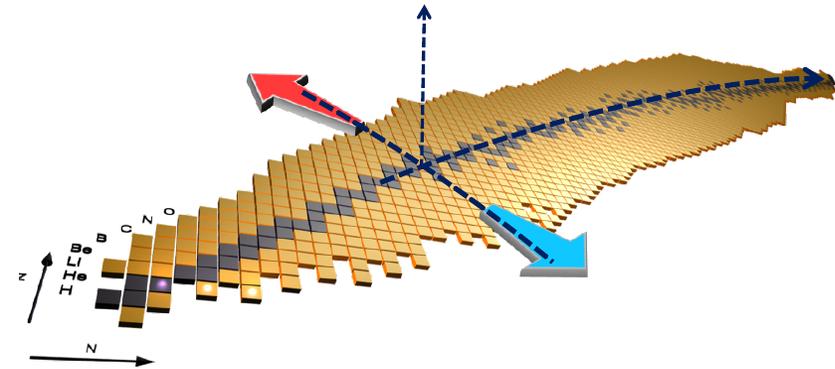


Outlook

- Why Nuclear Structure
- The leap
- Science campaign
- The future



Why NS?

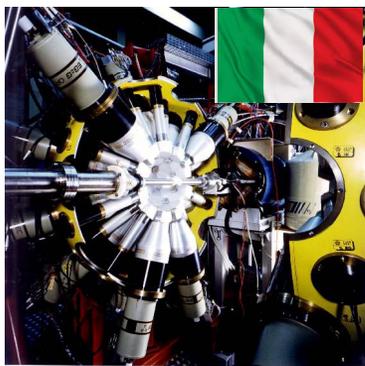
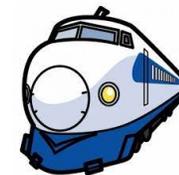


- Complex many-body quantal systems at mesoscopic scale
- Hamiltonian describes systems from few eV to GeV: 9 orders!!!
- Comprehensive theory starting from “first principles”

Credit W.Nazarewicz



Nuclear Structure (t)rail



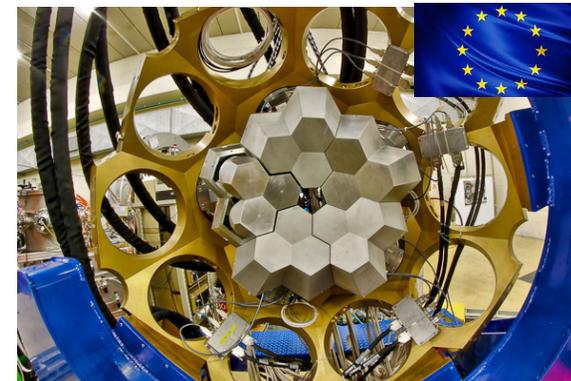
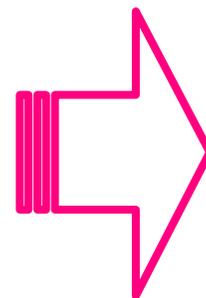
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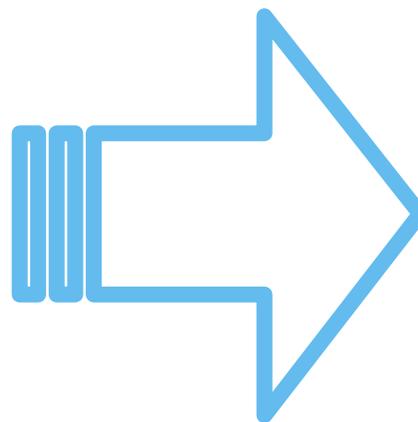
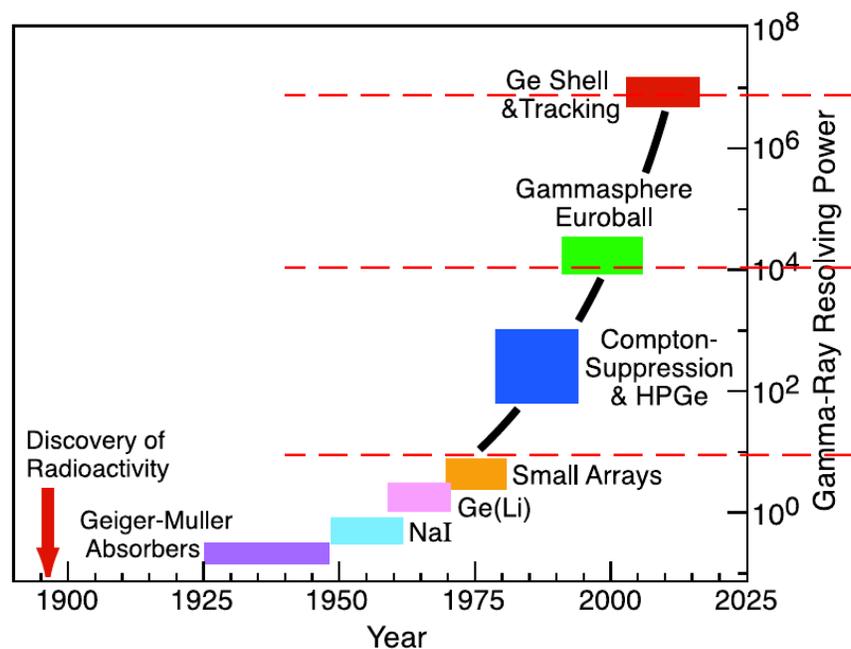


~2005



2010

Technological leap: γ -ray tracking

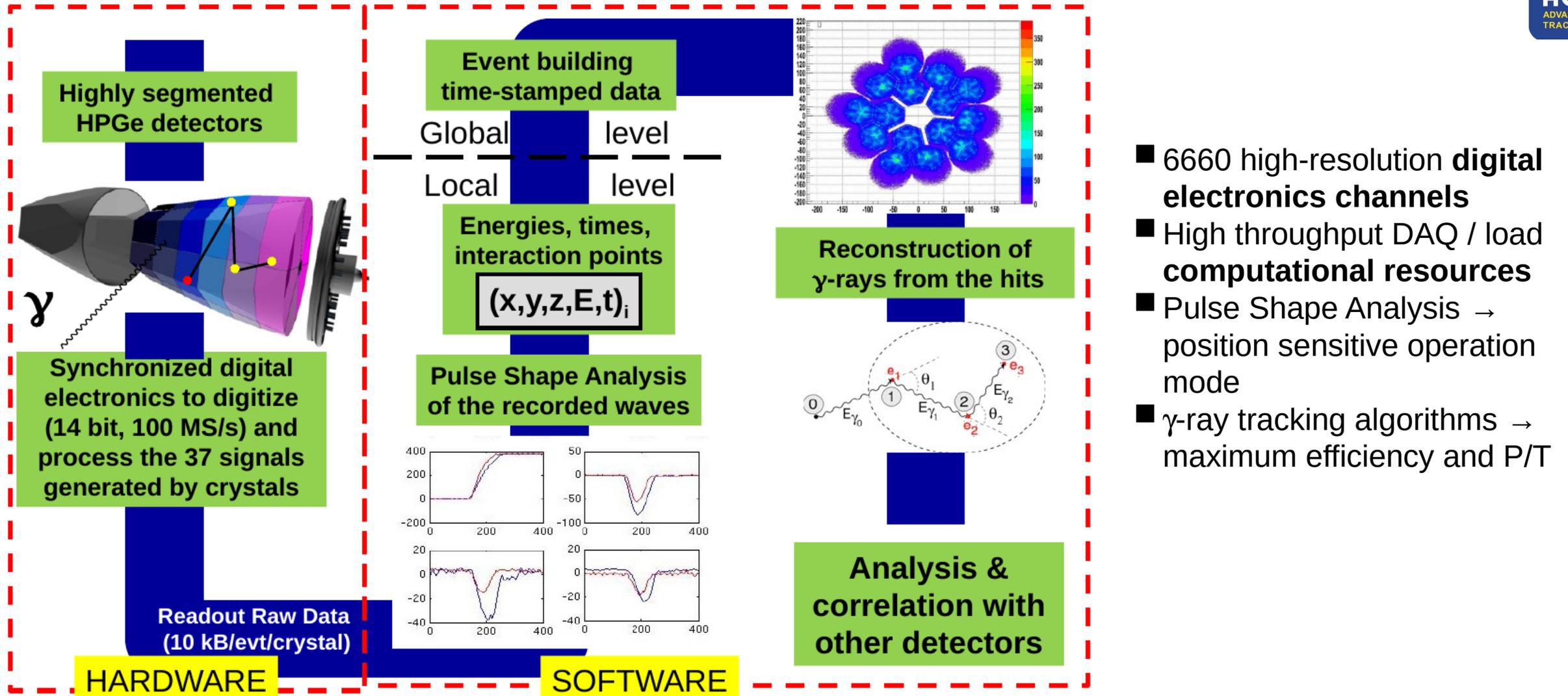


Resolving Power:

- Outstanding sensitivity for lifetime measurement ($\sim\Psi$)
- Reduced minimum detectable limit, cross section ($\sim E$)

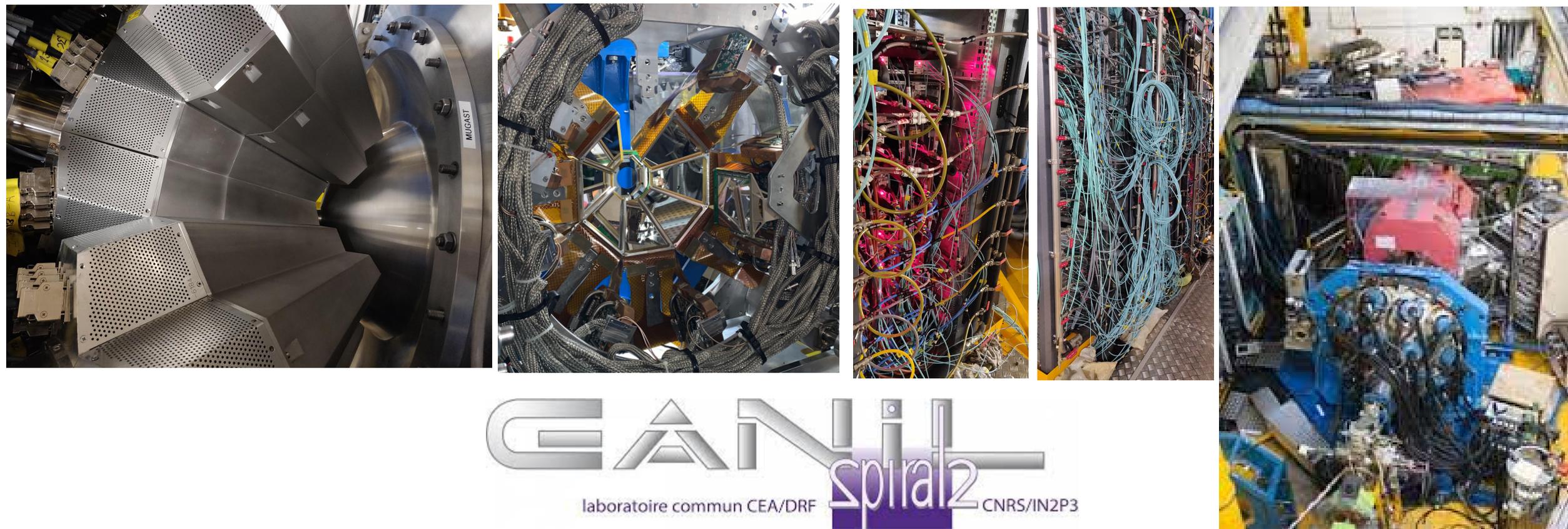
$$\Delta E_{\gamma} \Leftrightarrow \sim \sigma_{\theta} \text{ (fast moving ions)}$$

price to pay: complexity and cost



Scientific campaign

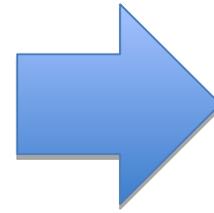
some evidence: highlights of the AGATA+MUGAST+VAMOS campaign



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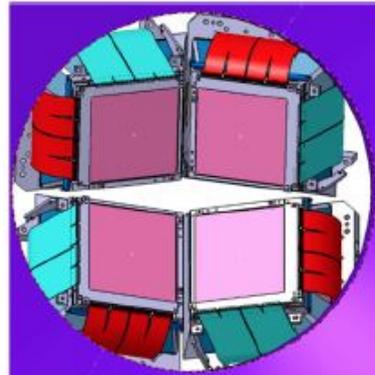
Once upon a time (2015)

- New Si DSSD for GASPARD-TRACE
- 1π AGATA at VAMOS
- New spiral1 beams
- Cryo target

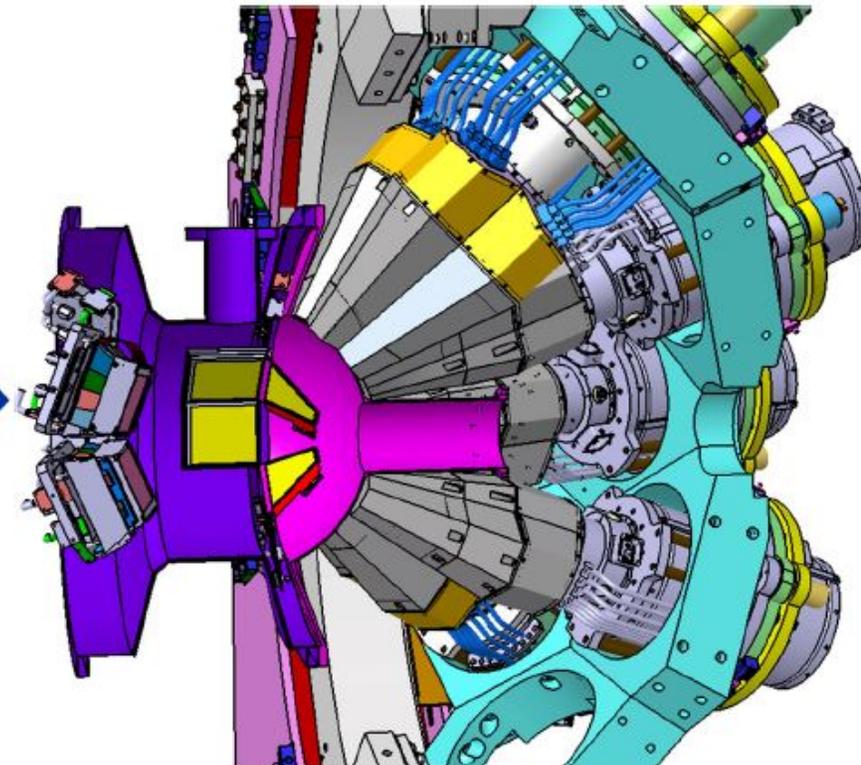
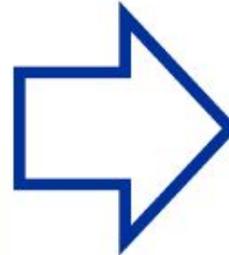
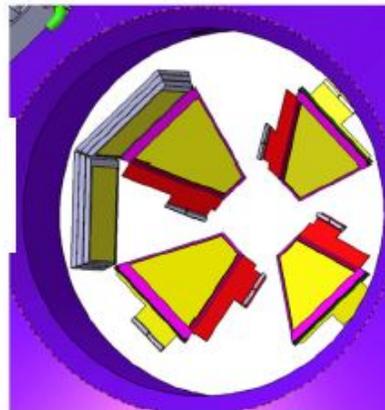


First high-resolution direct reaction studies using AGATA and ISOL RIB beams (2019)

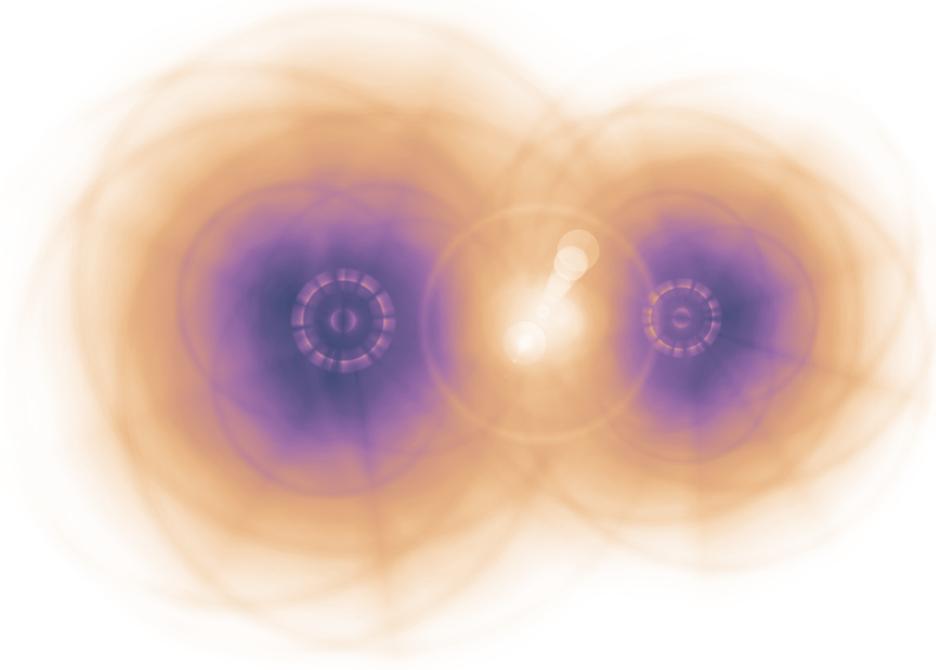
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**TRAPEZ. (GASPARD)
+ SQUARE (TRACE)**



Direct reaction with ISOL beam



nuclei A + B at energy E:

- predict initial and all final states
- predict C.S. for each one

- Selectivity :
Memory of initial state: single particle, np-nh, cluster

- Sensitivity:
C.S. carries W.F. information
Specific state structure
Probe $\ll \Delta\Psi \gg$

Credit A.Matta

MUGAST-AGATA-VAMOS set-up @ GANIL with Spiral1 beams

Unmatched worldwide performances and versatility for direct reactions

VAMOS

Acceptance of VAMOS : +/- 6 deg
VAMOS typical efficiency : ~80%
Numerical electronics NUMEXO2

Solid/cryogenic targets

AGATA

efficiency (18cm) at

1 MeV: 5.5% - ~8% (w add-back)
Angle resolution 1 deg

VAMOS

AGATA

MUGAST

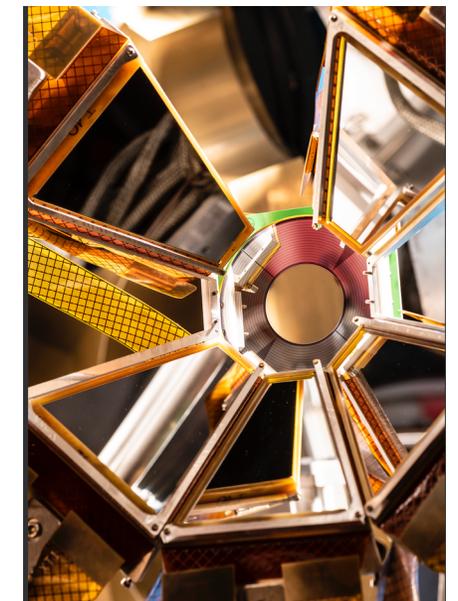
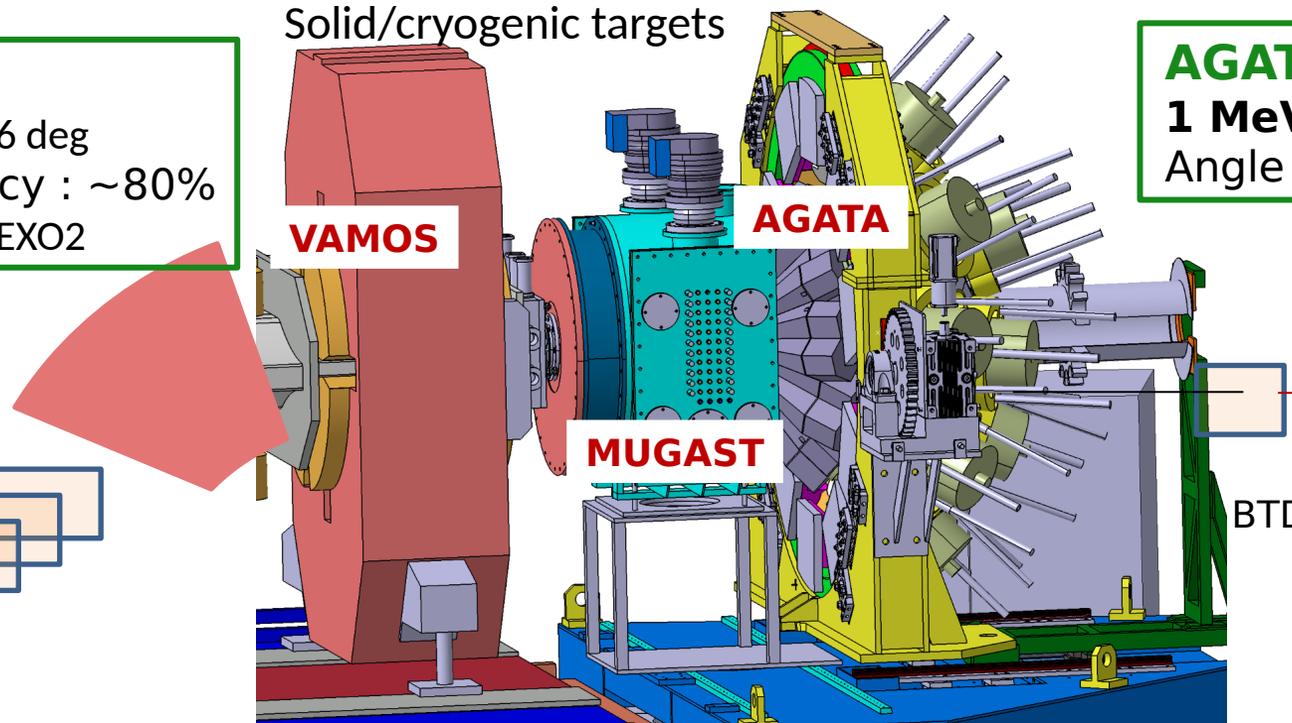
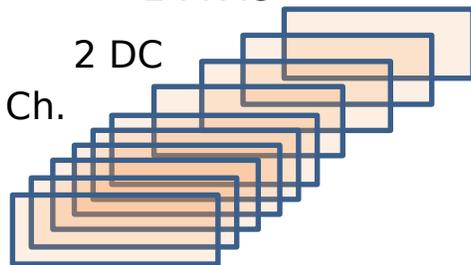
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Spiral1 radioactive beams

2 PPAC

2 DC

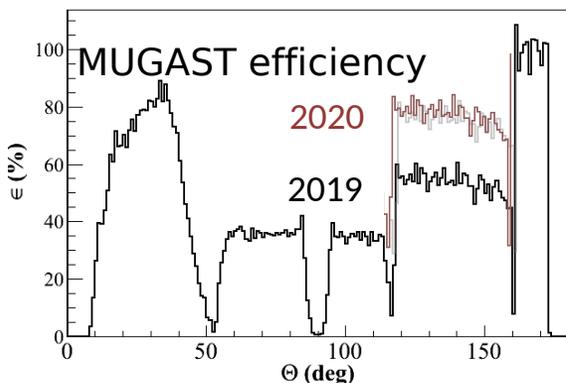
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MUGAST efficiency

2020

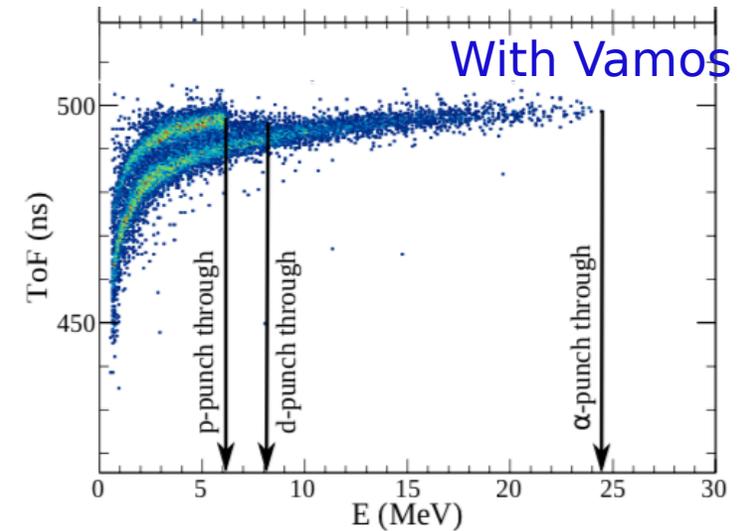
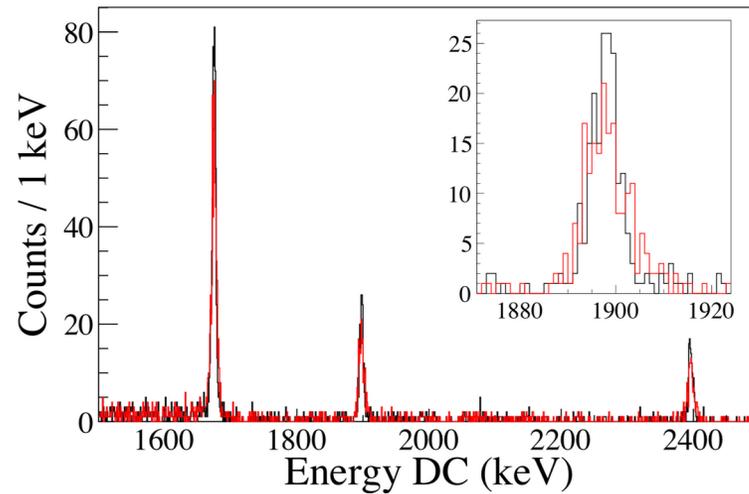
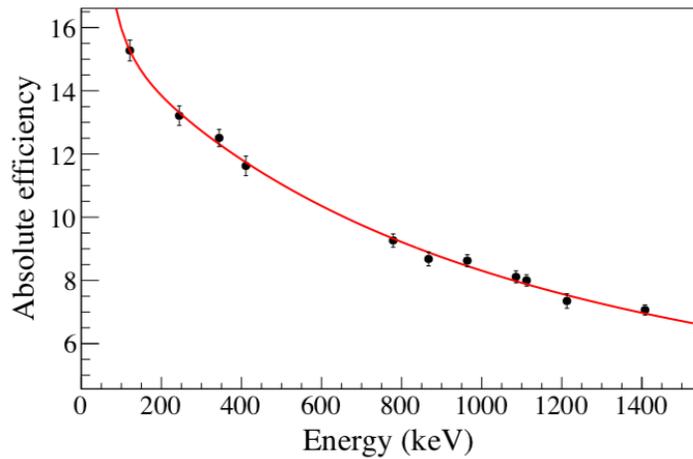
2019



MUGAST

Forward : 4 MUST2 (128X+128Y) DSSD 300um + CsI
Backward : 5 in 2019 (7 in 2020) trapezoid (128X+128Y) DSSD
500um + Annular (S1)
90 deg : square (128X+128Y) DSSD 500um
Granularity : 0.4 deg
~ 3000 channels all read by MUST2 integrated electronics

Performance set-up



- **AGATA abs ϵ_{ph}**
- **MUGAST at 18cm**
- **41 operational crystals**

- Doppler correction using:
- β beam at mid-target (red, 10 keV FWHM)
 - Using light particle info in MUGAST (black, 7 keV FWHM)

- Particle ID with MUGAST-VAMOS

M. Assié et al, NIMA (2021)

AGATA + MUGAST + VAMOS science campaign

2019

UNBOUND STATES
Above barrier narrow resonances in ^{15}F

PhD : V. Alcindor

I. Stefan (IJC lab), F. de Oliveira (GANIL)

$^{14}\text{O}(p,p')$ with few 10^5 pps



NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS.
Determining the $\alpha+^{15}\text{O}$ radiative capture rate

PhD : J. Sanchez Rojo

C. Diget (York), N De Séréville (IJC lab)

$^{15}\text{O}(^7\text{Li},t\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ with $4 \cdot 10^7$ pps



SHELL STRUCTURE

Is there a problem with protons in N=28 nucleus ^{46}Ar ?

A. Gottardo INFN, M. Assié IJCLab, D.M. UniPd

PhD : D. Brugnara

$^{46}\text{Ar}(^3\text{He},d\gamma)^{47}\text{K}$ with $4 \cdot 10^4$ pps

HeCTOr Target

2020



SHELL STRUCTURE
Lifetime measurements of 2_2^+ and 3_1^+ of ^{20}O by direct nucleon transfer

PhD : I. Zanon

E. Clément (GANIL), A. Goasduf (INFN)

$^{18}\text{O}(d,p\gamma)$ + DSAM

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Proton-neutron interactions across the N = 28 shell closure via $^{47}\text{K}(d,p)^{48}\text{K}$

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~~**NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS**
Neutron capture at the ^{85}Kr s-process branching~~

~~*F. Recchia (INFN), S. Palmerini*~~

~~$^{85}\text{Kr}(d,p\gamma)^{86}\text{Kr}$ with 10^8 pps~~

~~Approved in 2019, backlog~~

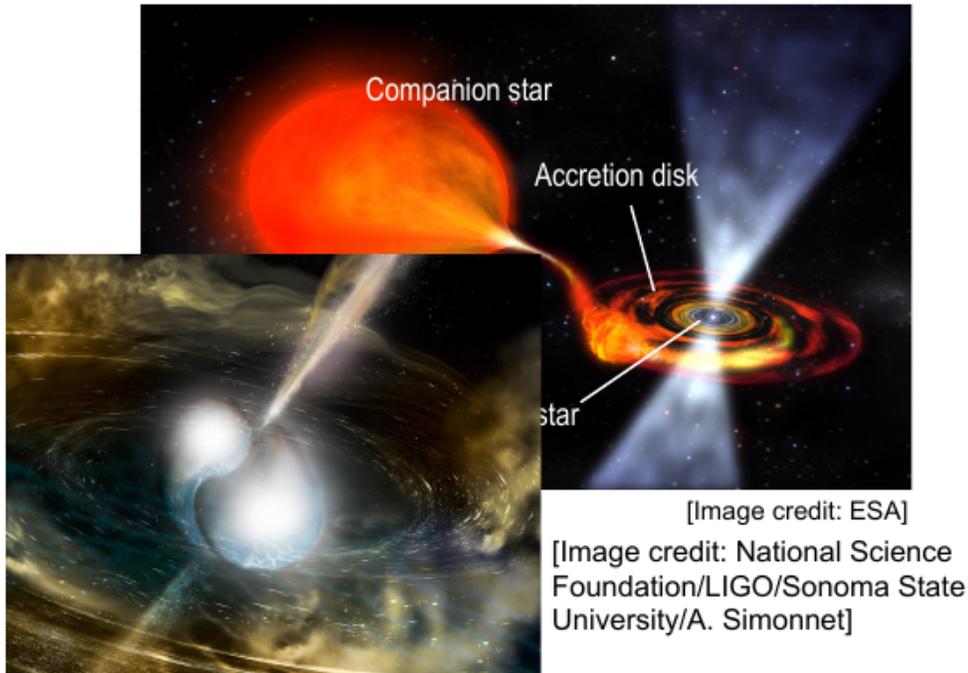
First time:

- α -transfer (stripping) at Ganil
- Lifetime measurement of states populated by transfer
- $(^3\text{He},d)$ reaction

With radioactive ion beams

MUGAST@LISE

Accreting neutron stars & X-ray bursts

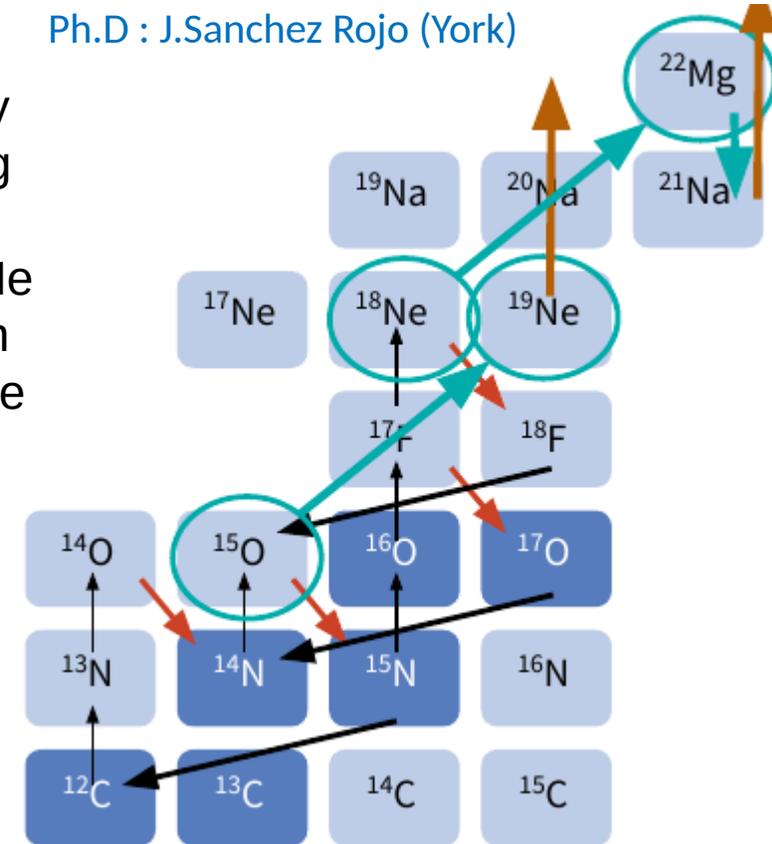


- NS accreting matter from companion; Accreted H is burned to He; ignition of Hot-CNO cycle
- Breakout from Neutron star Hot-CNO
- Break out point: $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$

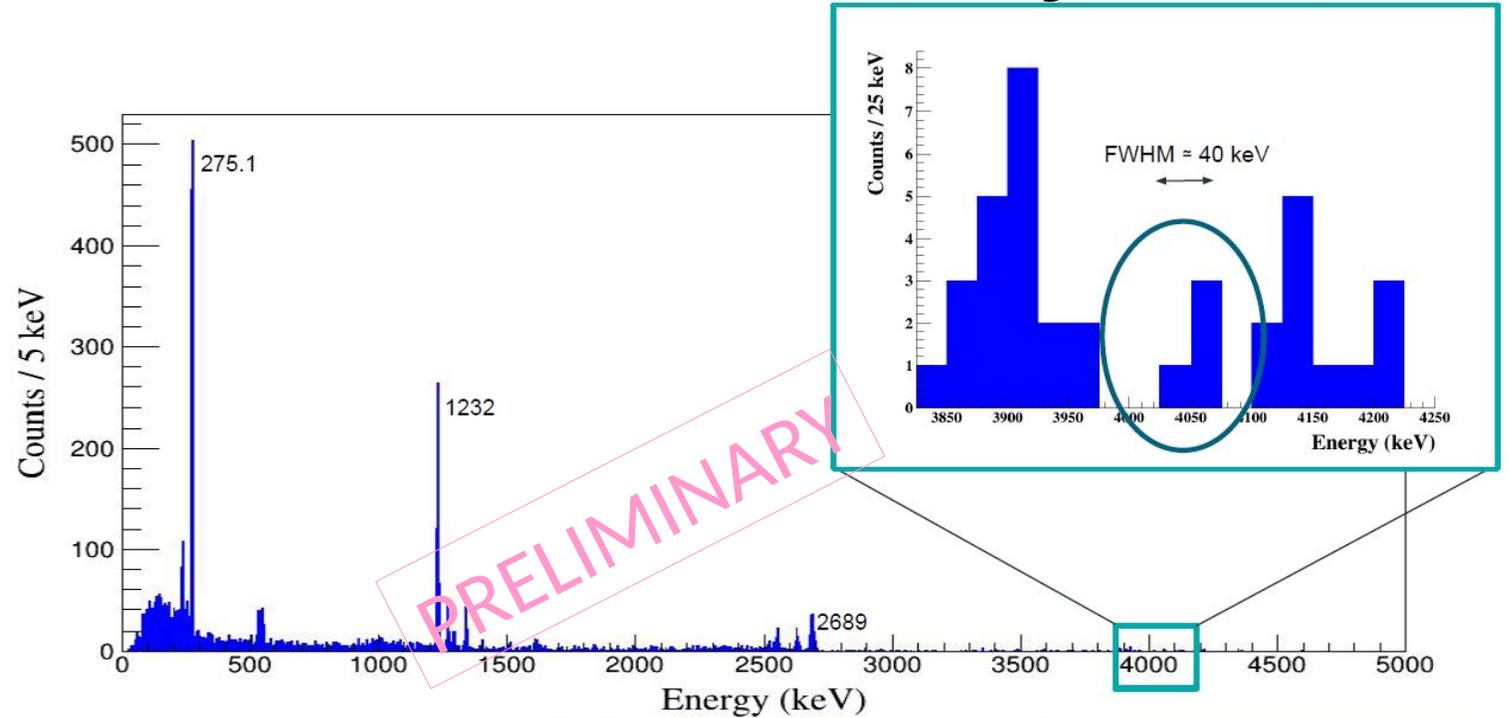
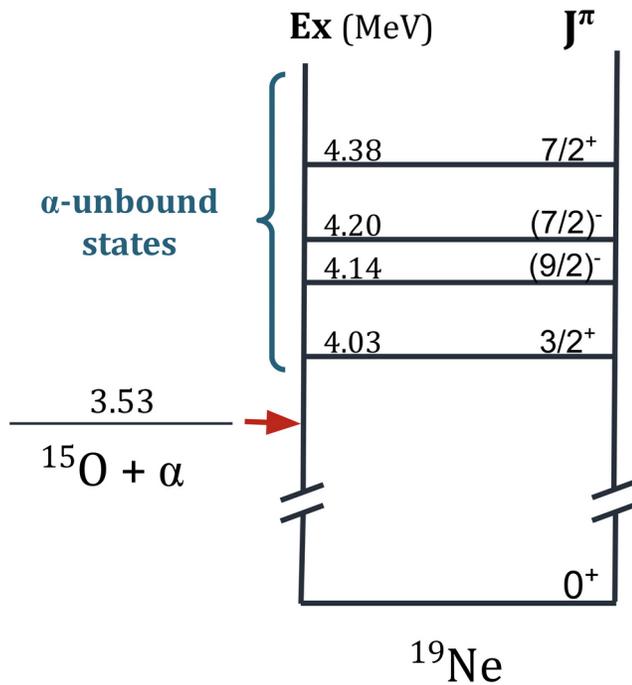


Spokespers: C.Diget(York), N.De Séréville(IJCLab)
Ph.D : J.Sanchez Rojo (York)

- Tension in former measurements, large uncertainty / inaccuracy
- Challenge of measuring the rate through the 4.033 MeV state in ^{19}Ne
- sensitive determination of the alpha capture rate



Pushing the limit of sensitivity



■ $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne} \leftarrow ^{15}\text{O}(^7\text{Li}, t)^{19}\text{Ne}$

From: J.Sanchez Rojo PhD thesis

■ Beam rate : $\sim 10^7$ pps and **triple coincidence (exp no background!)**: $\gamma + t + ^{19}\text{Ne}$

■ First position of interaction an add back

■ Minimum detection limit: **cross-section few $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$** \rightarrow new and accurate results

PARTIAL WIDTH CALCULATION

- ★ Partial widths and spin-parities determine the reaction rates

$$\Gamma_{\alpha} = 2P_l(r_c, E_r) \frac{\hbar^2 r_c}{2\mu} C^2 S_{\alpha} |\phi(r_c)|^2$$

- ★ **New results** for the first 3 resonances

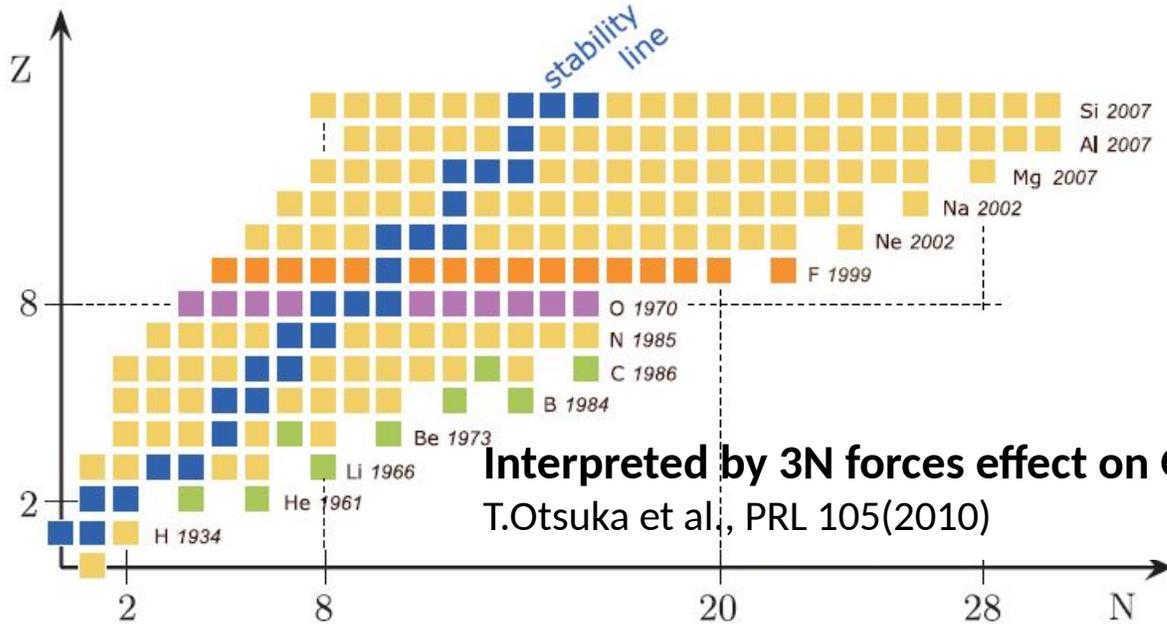
- ★ For the 4033 keV state (1 σ C.L.):

$$\Gamma_{\alpha} = 3.0_{-2.2}^{+4.0} \mu\text{eV}$$

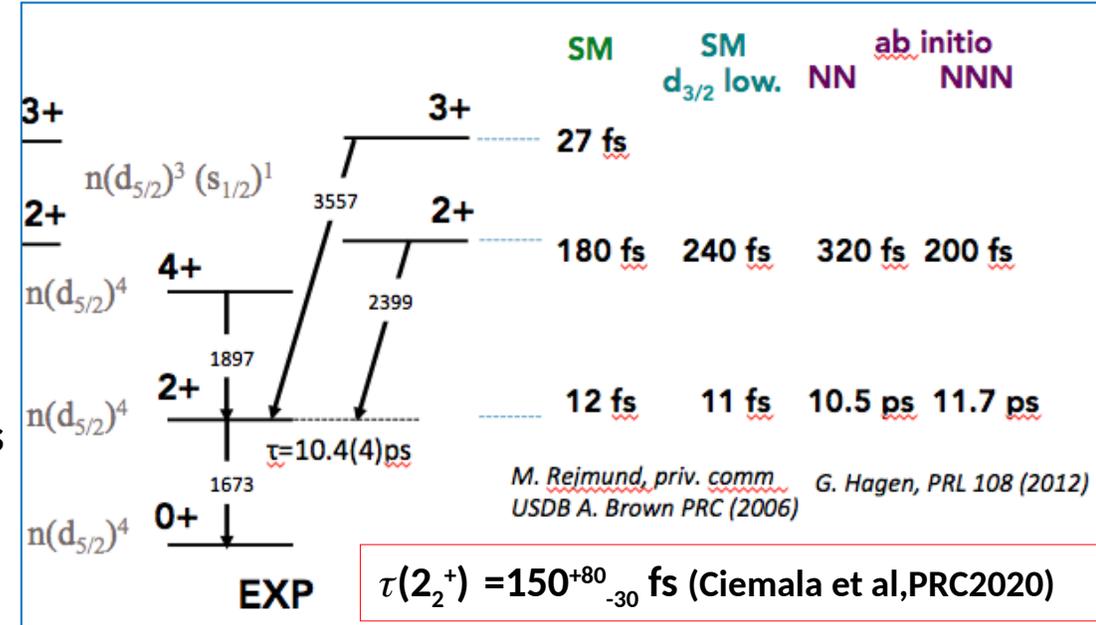
- ★ Reduced by a factor of 6, and below the previous lower (1 σ) limit.

| E_x (keV) | Γ_{α} (μeV) | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | This work | [Tan09] | [FLS10] |
| 4033 | $3.0_{-2.2}^{+4.0}$ | 17 ± 13 | 24(18) |
| 4140 | 0.28 ± 0.04 | 44 ± 20 | |
| 4197 | 3.0 ± 0.3 | 18 ± 9 | |
| 4379 | 128_{-68}^{+123} | 160_{-70}^{+110} | 150(6) |
| 4600 | $3.4_{-2.2}^{+4.4} \cdot 10^3$ | $24_{-10}^{+33} \cdot 10^3$ | $96(24) \cdot 10^3$ |

The oxygen anomaly



Interpreted by 3N forces effect on GS energies
T.Otsuka et al., PRL 105(2010)



Lifetime measurements of 2_2^+ and 3_1^+ in ^{20}O by nucleon transfer

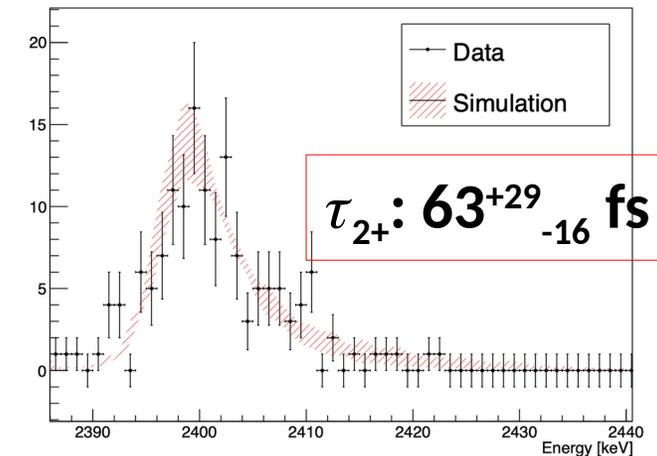
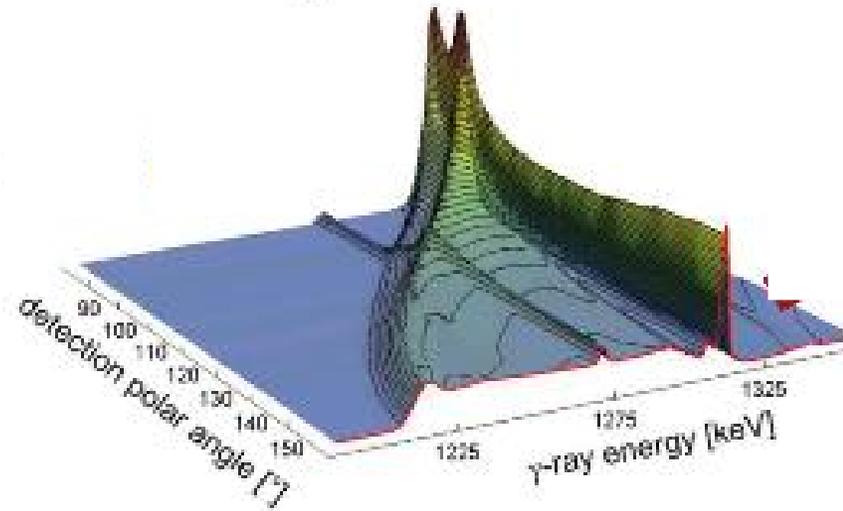
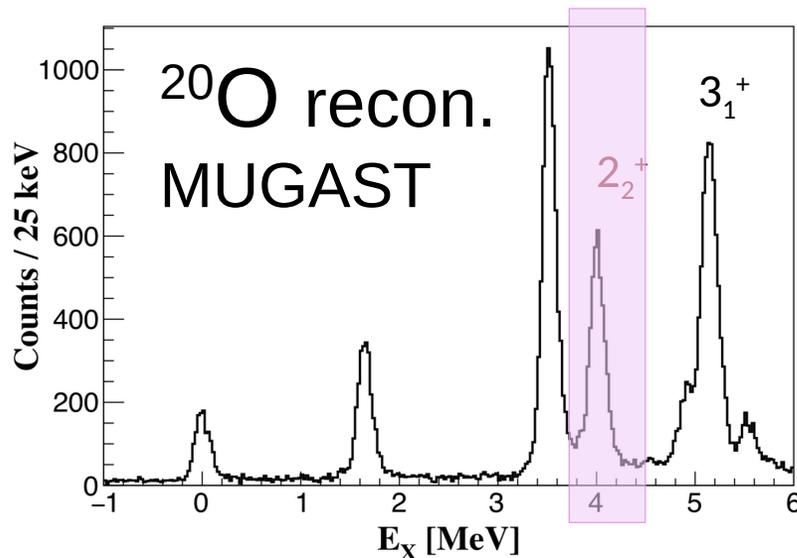
$^{19}\text{O}(d,py) + \text{DSAM}$

- Constrain relative position of $s_{1/2}$ and $d_{3/2}$ in n-rich oxygen
- Probe the 3-body interaction

Combination of DSAM + transfer to identify the entrance channel and control the feeding

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Ph.D : I.Zanon (Ferrara U.)

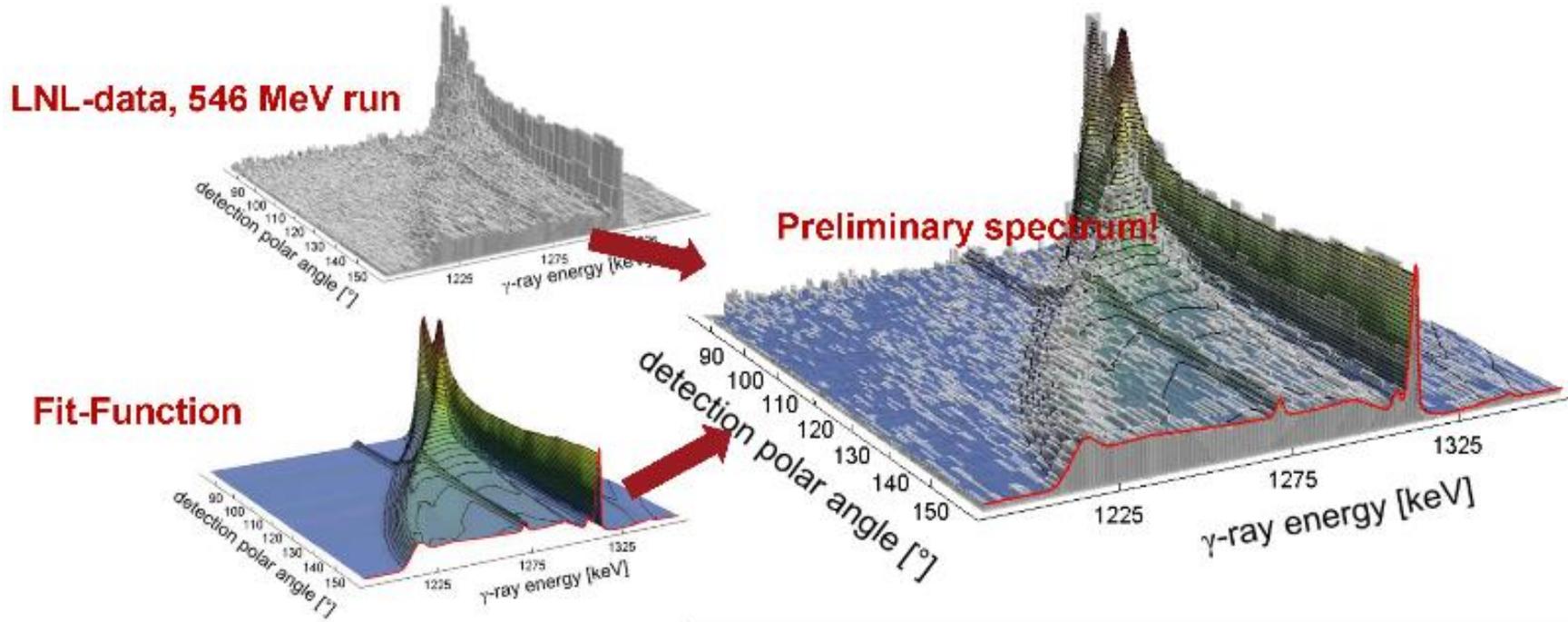
Role of 3-body forces



- **Triple coincidences:** reconstructed entry point (MUGAST) through transfer reaction to avoid top feeding + continuous-angle line shape (AGATA)+ channel selection (VAMOS)
- Lifetimes measured significantly shorter (thanks to **continuous angle resolution**) than predictions for the 2^+ , theoretical interpretation ongoing
- First lifetime measurement in the tens of femto-sec. scale (DSAM) using transfer reaction in inverse kinematics

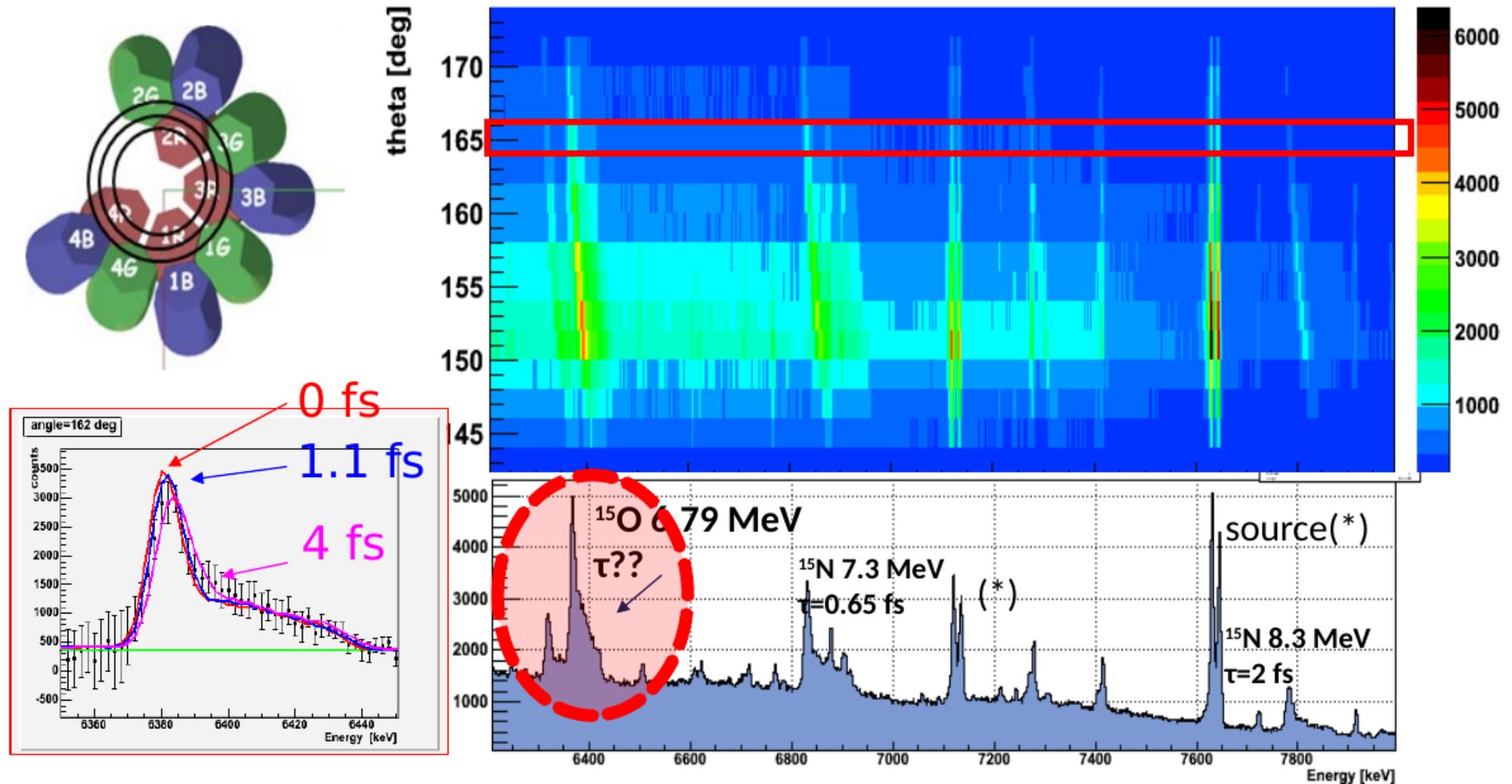
Angle \rightarrow Doppler Effect \rightarrow Lifetime

Continuous-angle DSAM represents an advancement of the “conventional” DSAM. It extends the γ -ray lineshapes analysis as a function of γ -ray energy to a lineshape analysis as a function of both γ -ray energy and polar angle of the γ -ray detection.



Ch. Stahl et al, CPC 214 (2017) 174

More convincing evidence for the lifetime sensitivity: sub fs !!



$^{14}\text{N}(^2\text{H},n)^{15}\text{O}$ reaction @ 32MeV (XTU LNL Tandem)

Direct lifetime measurement with 4 ATCs at backward angles (close to the beam-line)

Is there a problem with protons in N=28 ^{46}Ar ?

SHELL MODEL

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$^{46}\text{Ar}(^3\text{He}, d\gamma)^{47}\text{K}$ proton transfer

GOAL:

Proton shell structure at N=28 :

Measuring $\pi s_{1/2}$ depletion in ^{46}Ar --> indication on possible change in the $\pi s_{1/2}^-$

$\pi d_{3/2}$

First experiment with ^3He cryogenic target !

- ▶ Theory for neutrons WF :
 - confirming N=28 shell closure in ^{46}Ar
 - SDPF interaction describes valence-core neutrons interaction very well

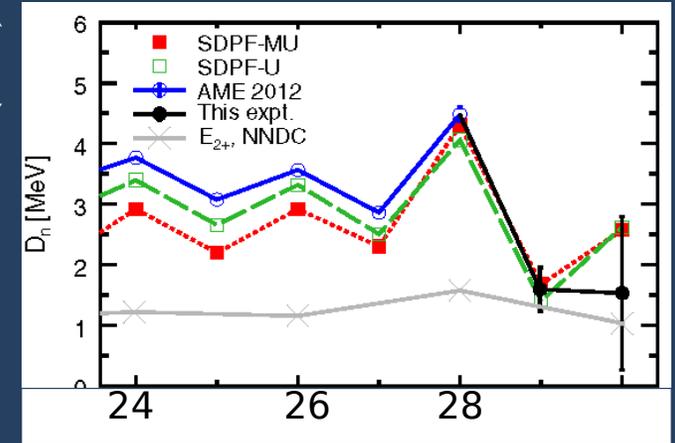
Large discrepancy with the measured B(E2) value at N=28: problem with the proton E2 contribution ?

- ▶ Proton shell structure at N=28 : inversion of $\pi s_{1/2}$ and $\pi d_{3/2}$

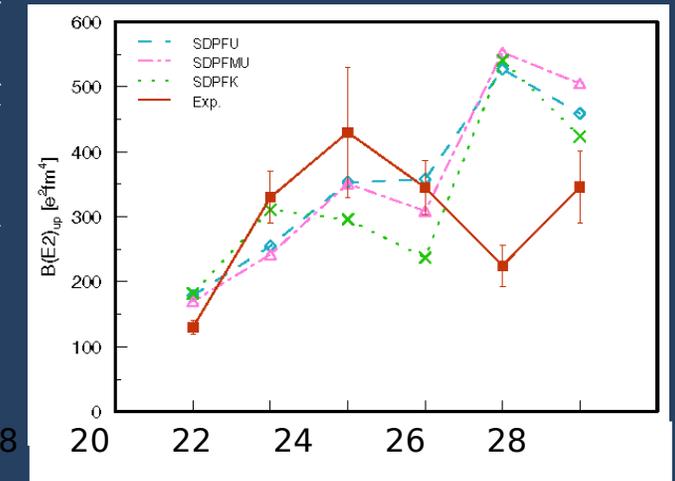
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Central density depletion linked to spin-orbit splitting reduction

Z. Meisel . PRL 114, (2015)

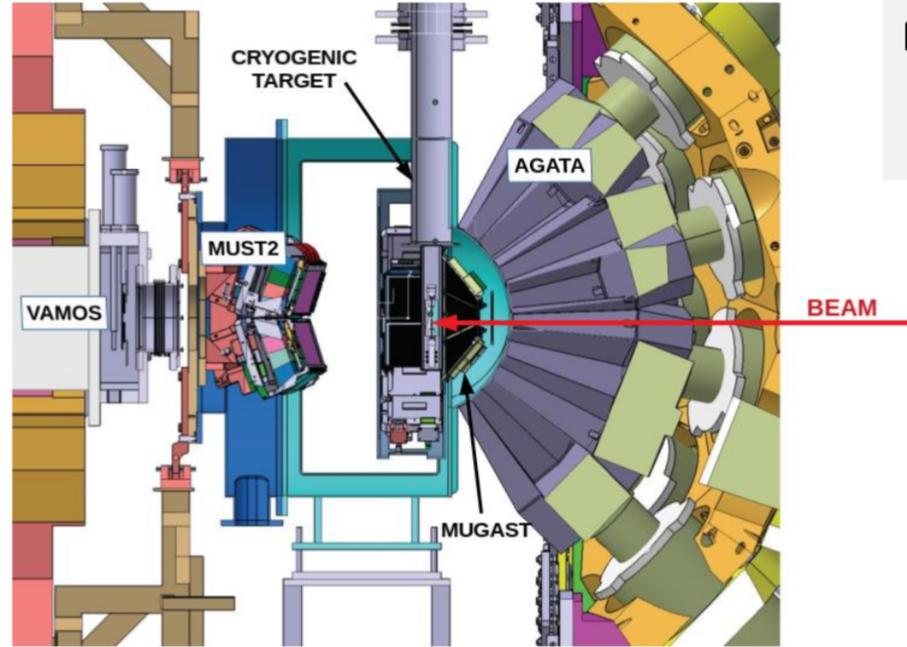
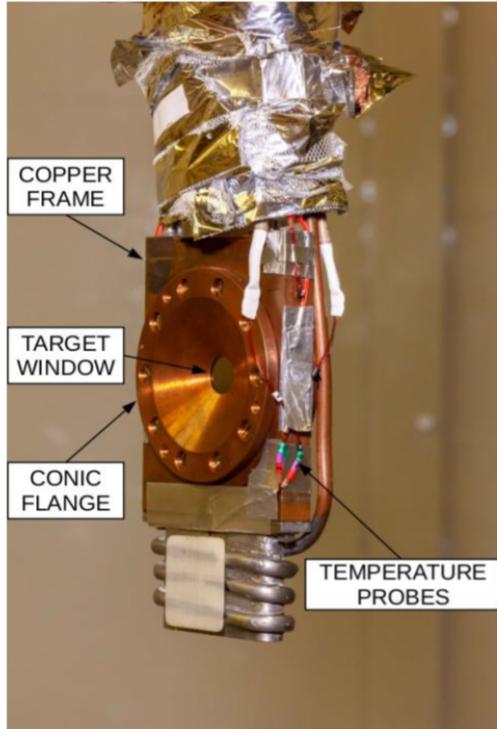


A. Gade et al., PRC 68, (2003)
S. Calinescu et al., PRC 93, (2016)



The HEcTOR cryogenic ^3He target

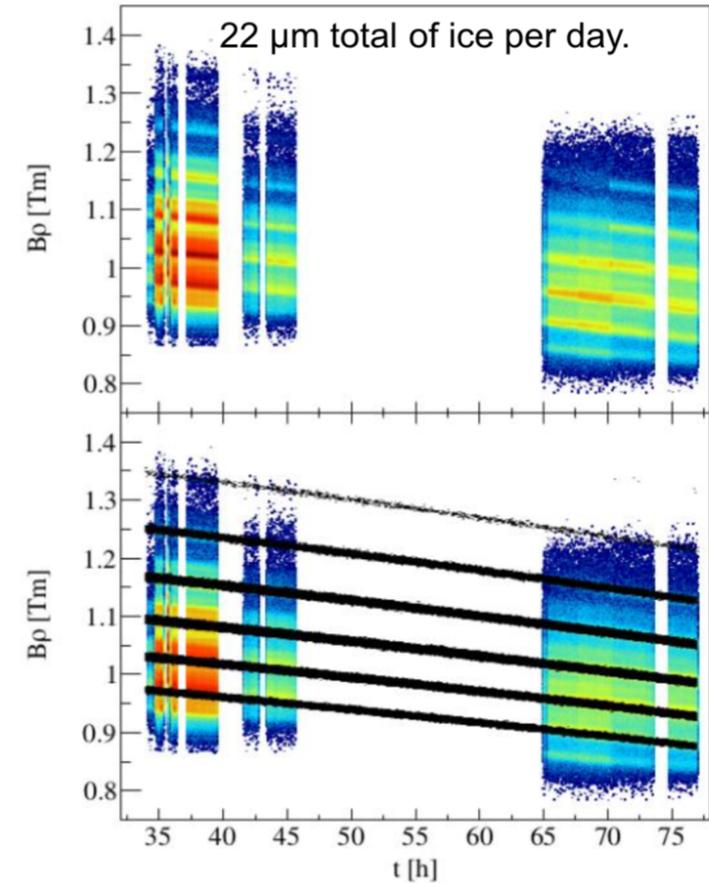
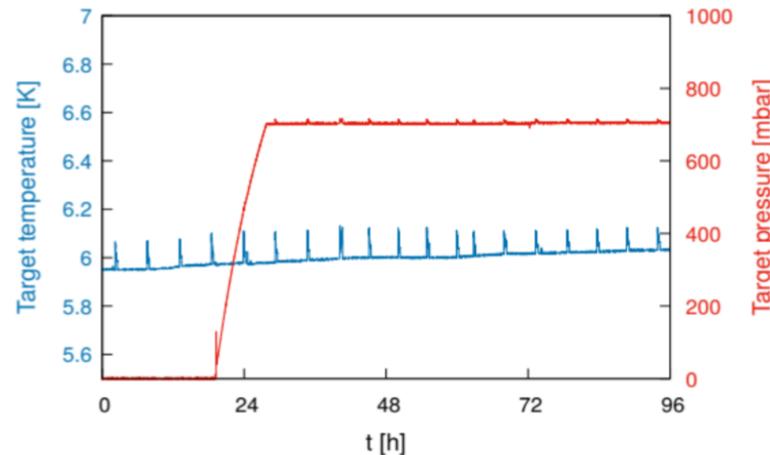
F. Galtarossa et al, NIMA (2021)



Monitoring of target with VAMOS :

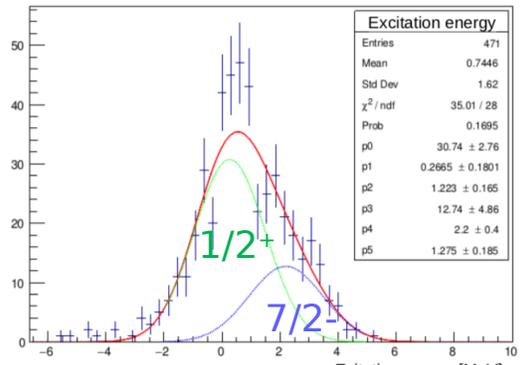
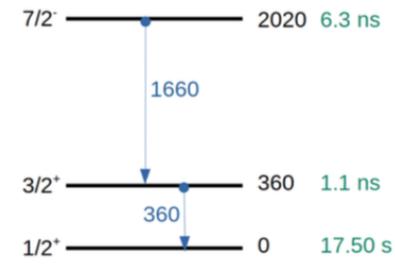
- Target **pressure & temperature stable**
- **Ice formation** on the target with time

- \varnothing 16 mm
- Opening angle: 130 deg.
- Havar windows: 3.8 μm
- $T \sim 6\text{-}7\text{ K.}$ / P up to 1 bar
- Equivalent thickness 2 mg/cm^2
- ^3He recycling
- LHe open circuit

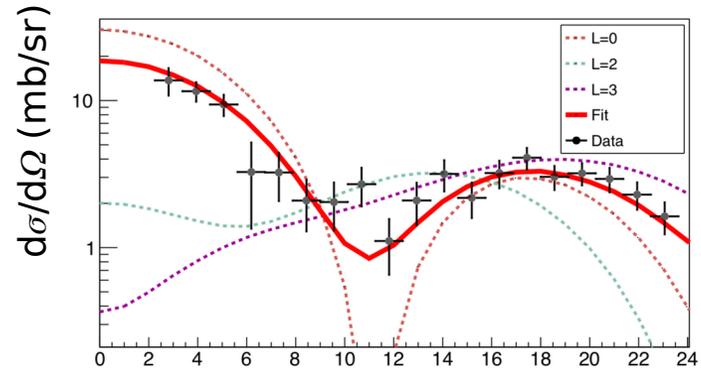


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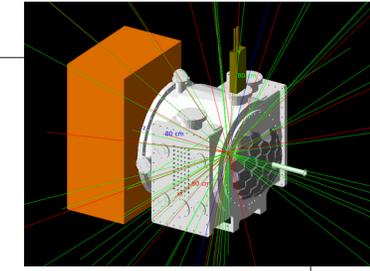
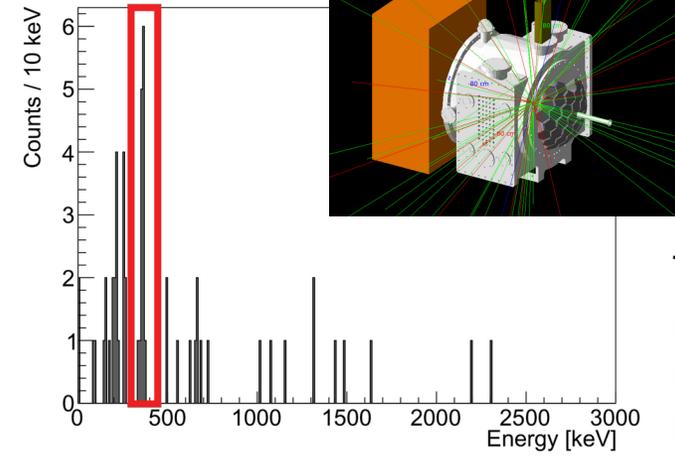
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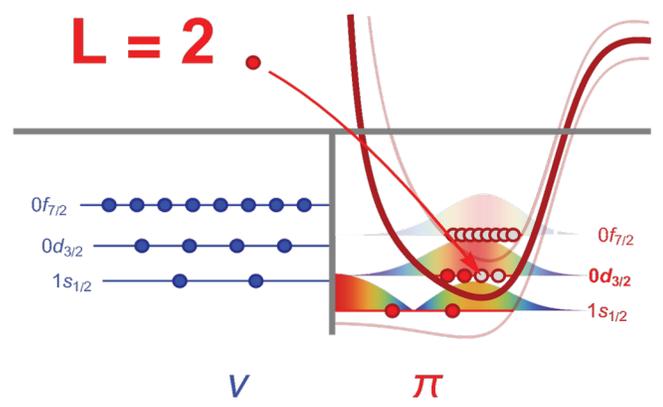
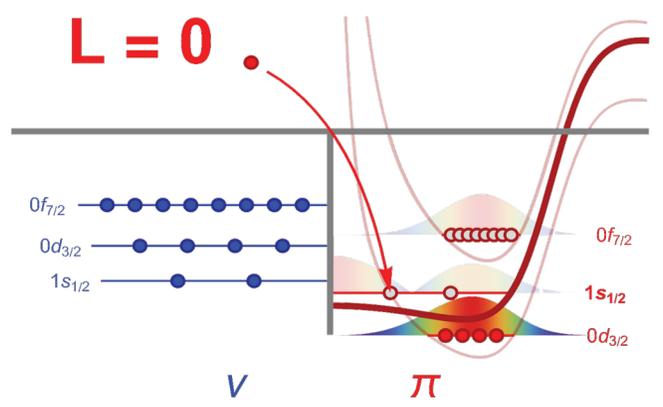
Excitation Energy (MeV)



angle CM (deg)



Triple coinc and simulation confirm the L=0 dominance

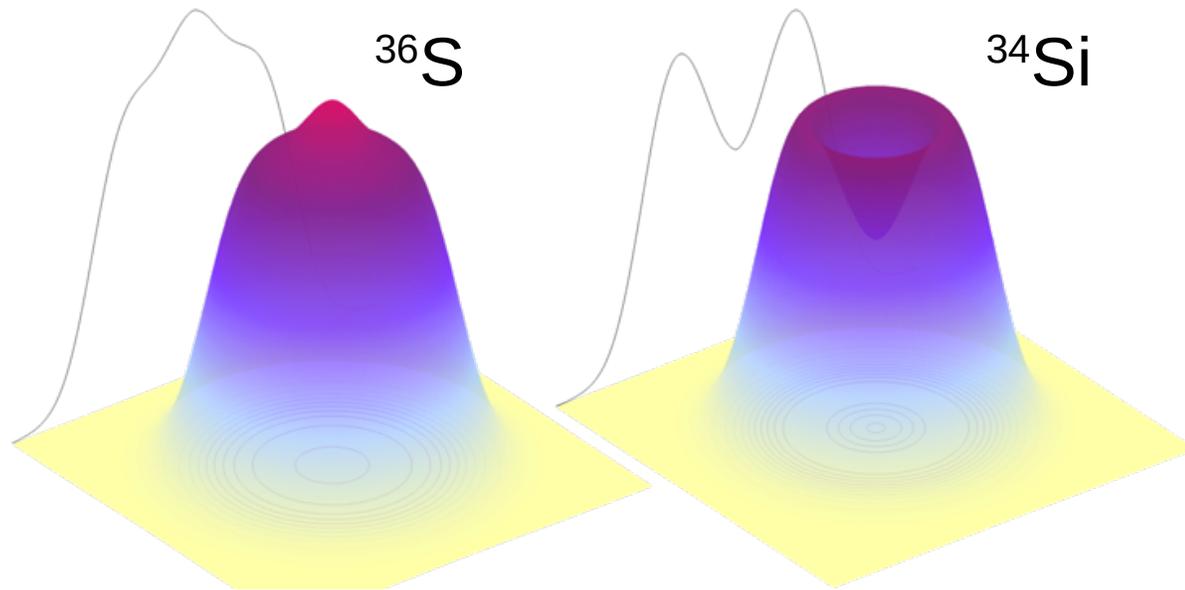


- L=2 transfer very much reduced !
- No direct gamma from $3/2^+$ observed from AGATA+VAMOS
- Reduced transfer to $3/2^+$
- High degree of occupancy of $\pi d_{3/2}$ in ^{46}Ar inconsistent with SM calculations

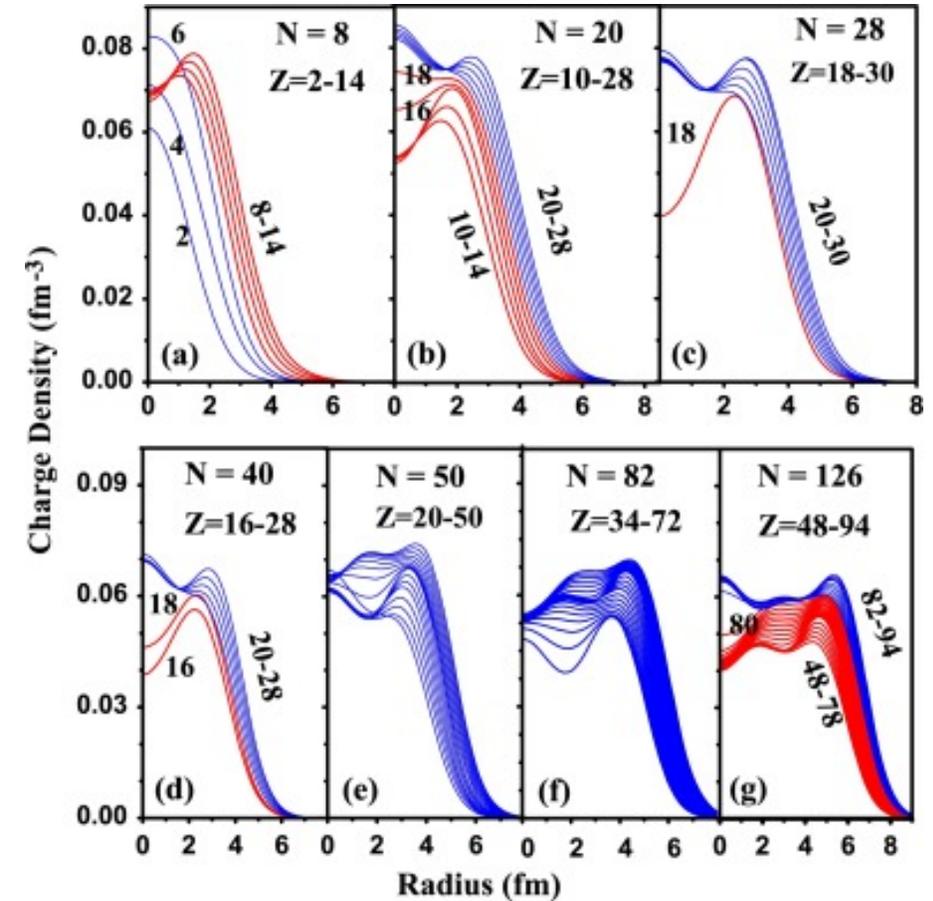


Bubble inside

nature physics 13, pages 152 (2017)



The calculated proton density for silicon-34 (right) and, for comparison, sulfur-36 (left), as a function of the distance from the center of the nucleus. At its center, silicon-34 has about half the proton density of a comparable nucleus.



Relativistic mean field calculations

The Future





Review

Physics opportunities with the Advanced Gamma Tracking Array: AGATA

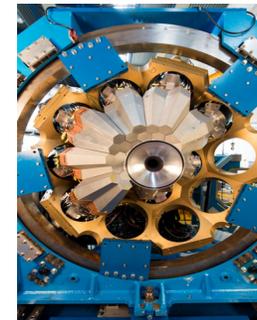
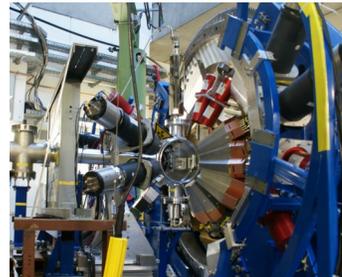
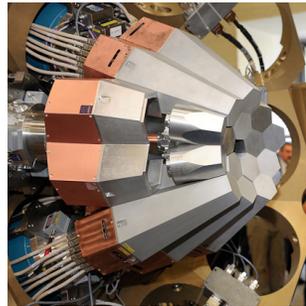
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- We close a circle after a ~10y journey of the array at the main European facilities
- This deserved a celebration..

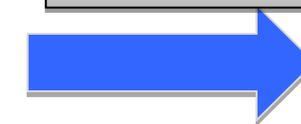
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Phase 1

Phase 2

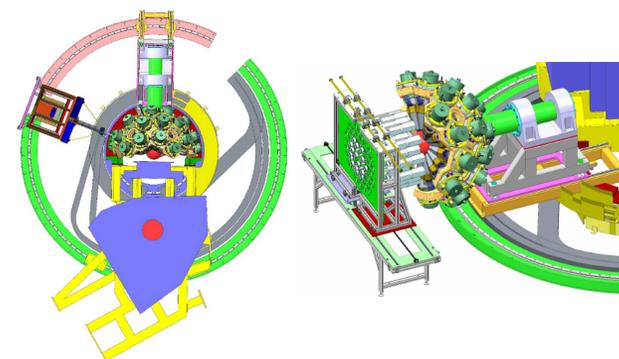
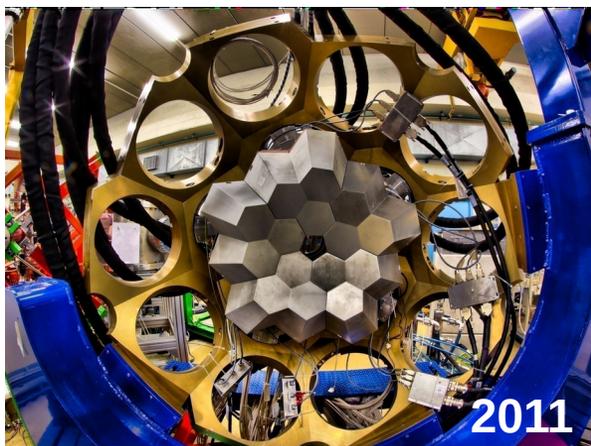


2022

CELEBRATION FOR THE 10(+2) YEARS
OF SCIENCE ACTIVITIES OF AGATA



The parcel



- Proton drip line: around ^{100}Sn using
- **intense stable beams** and AGATA+NEDA+EUCLIDES
- Neutron drip line: around ^{132}Sn with
- **SPES** beam and AGATA+GRIT+PARIS



From ground breaking to first commissioning 1 (26/4-3/5, 2022)

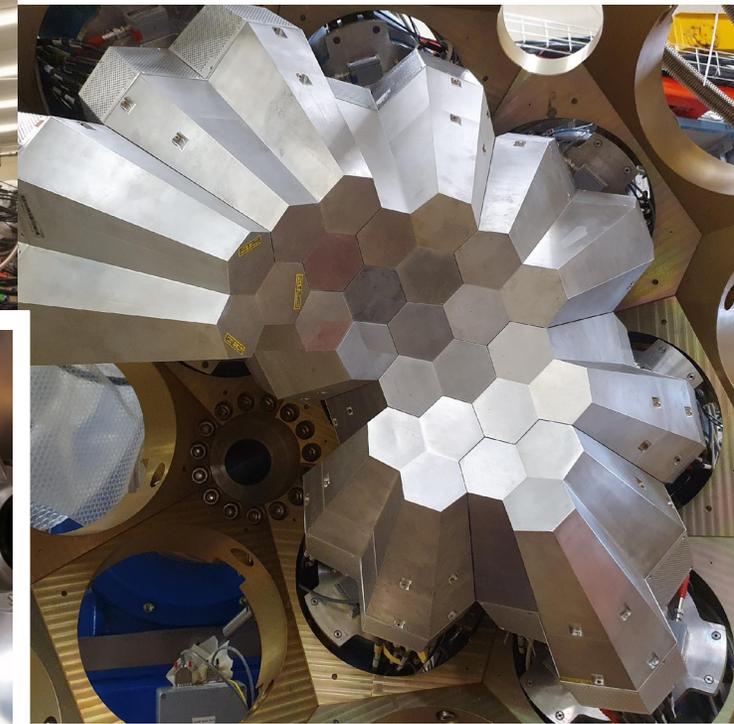
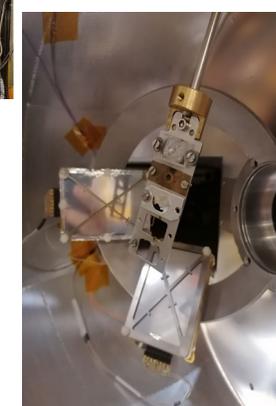
PRISMA setting
 ^{58}Ni @250MeV + ^{197}Au @ 0.2 mg/cm²

Multi-nucleon transfer
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2.5 mg/cm²

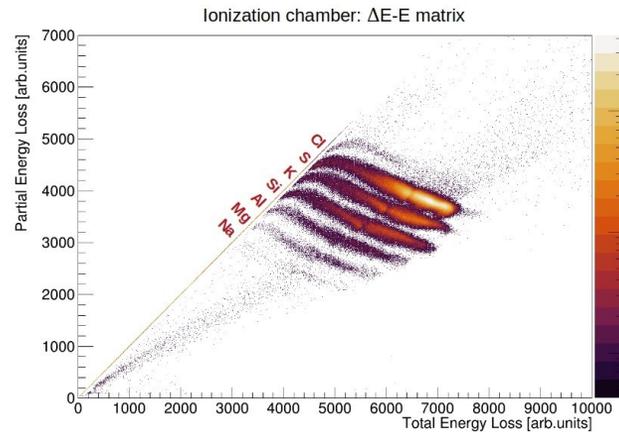
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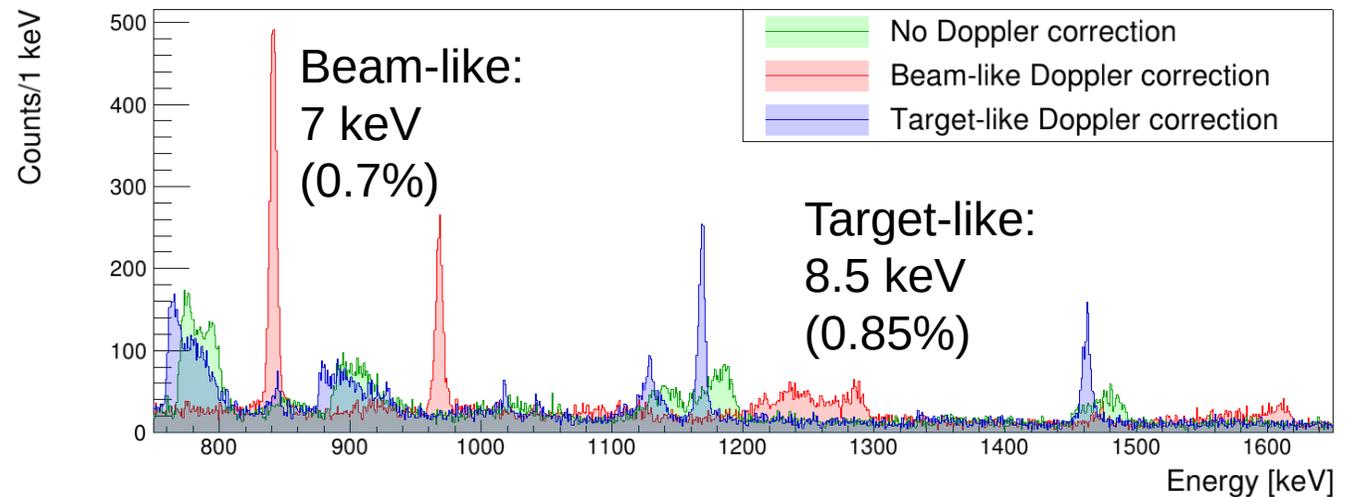
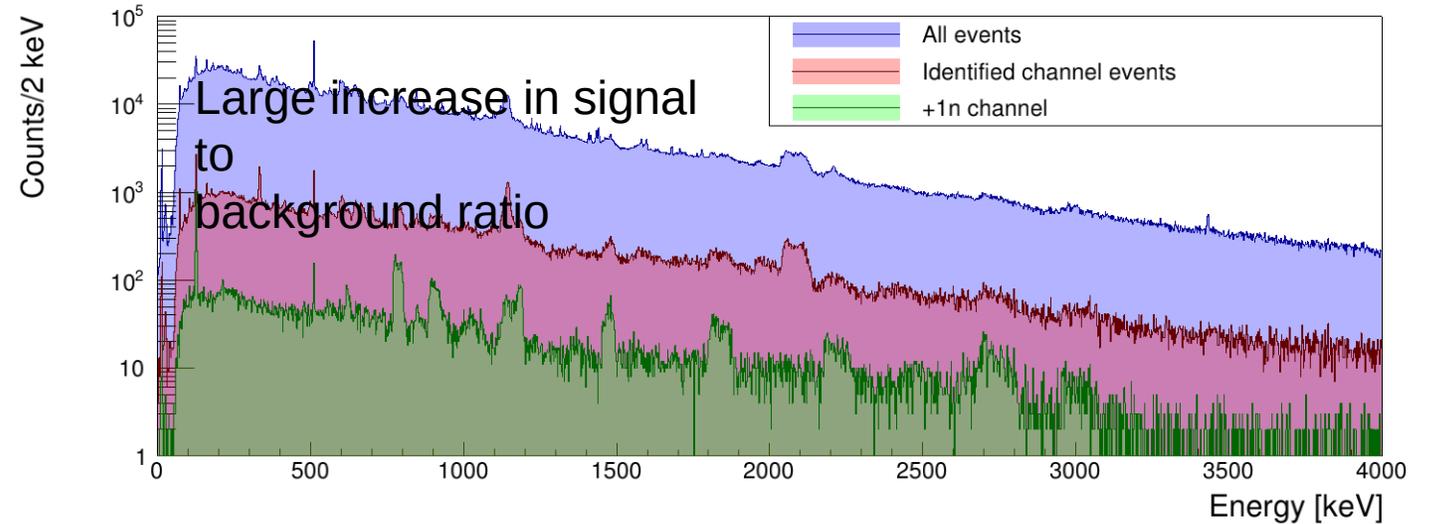
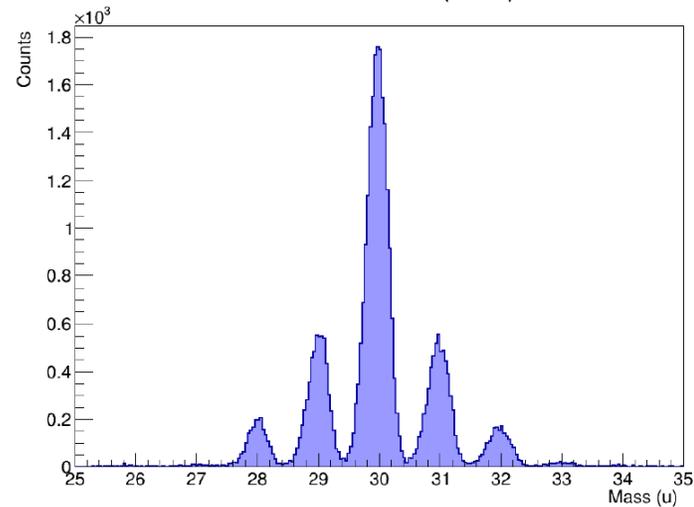
Ground breaking 10/3/2021



Commissioning: preliminary results

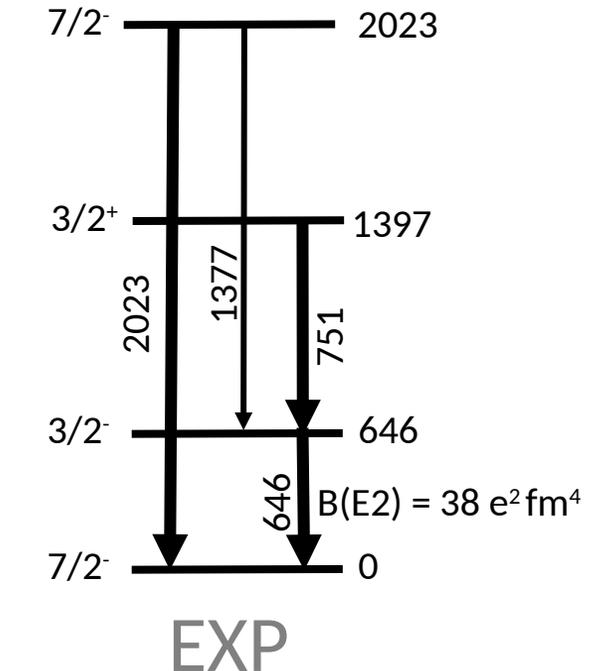
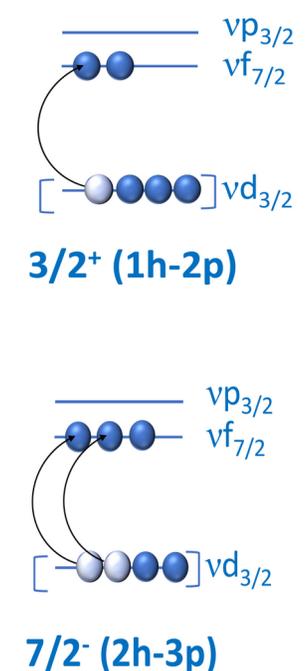
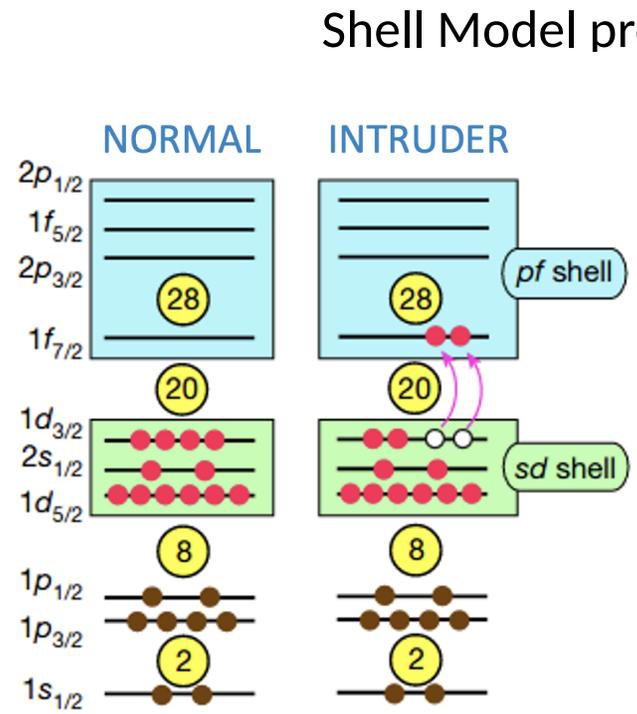


Mass distribution (Z=14)



First experiment: intruder states in ^{37}S

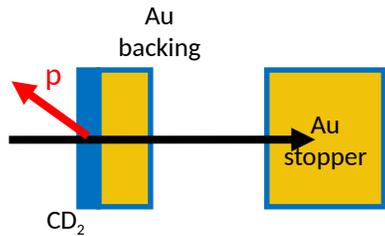
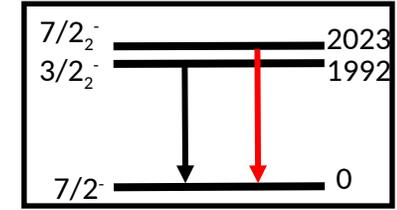
- Spokepersons: F. Galtarossa and A. Gottardo/ PhD thesis L. Zago
- One n transfer reaction to spot the mixing between normal and intruder configuration
- Low-lying states can not be explained as single-particle fragment: *intruder* configuration from the N=20 core breaking?



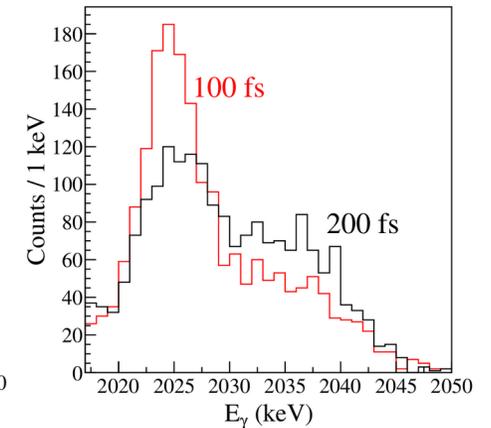
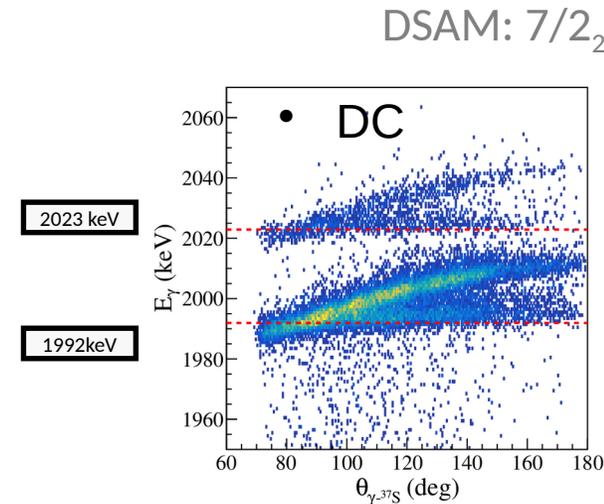
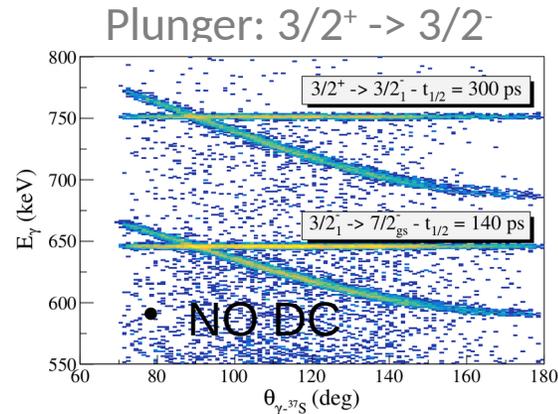
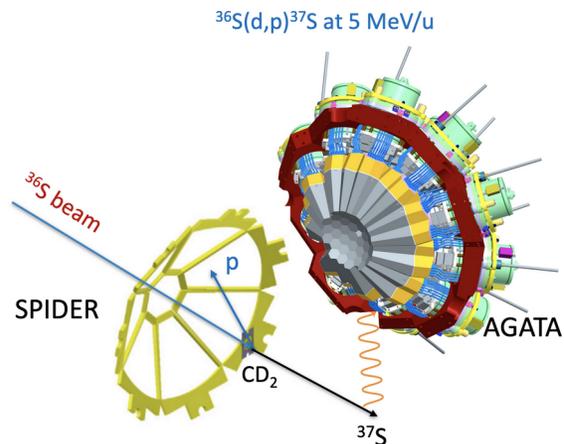
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Simulations for $^{36}\text{S}(d,p)^{37}\text{S}$ (N=21)

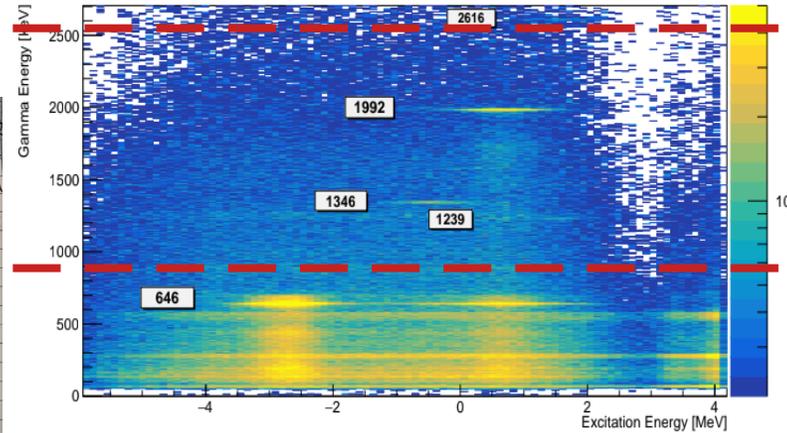


- The lifetime of the $3/2^+$ level is expected to be in the range **10-500 ps** -> **PLUNGER**;
- lifetime of the $7/2_2^-$ level is expected to be in the range **50-500 fs** -> **DSAM**
- ^{36}S beam provided by the TANDEM accelerator at **180 MeV** and **0.1 pA** ($\sim 5 \times 10^8$ pps);
- CD_2 target of **0.5 mg/cm²** ($\sim 5 \times 10^{19}$ atoms/cm² of ^2H);

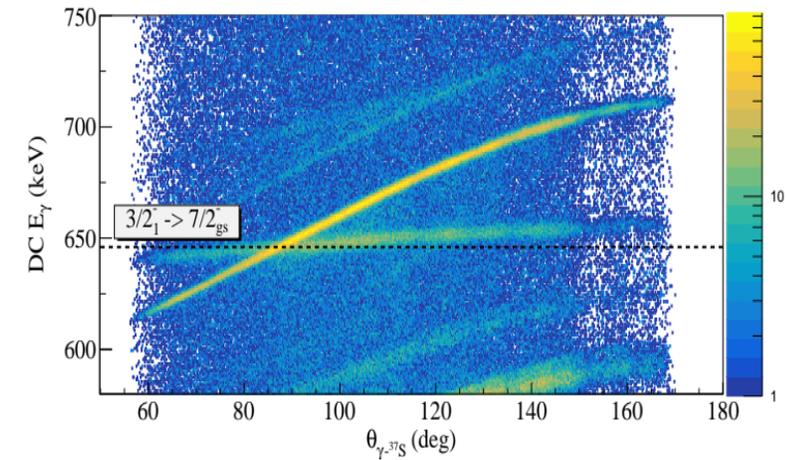
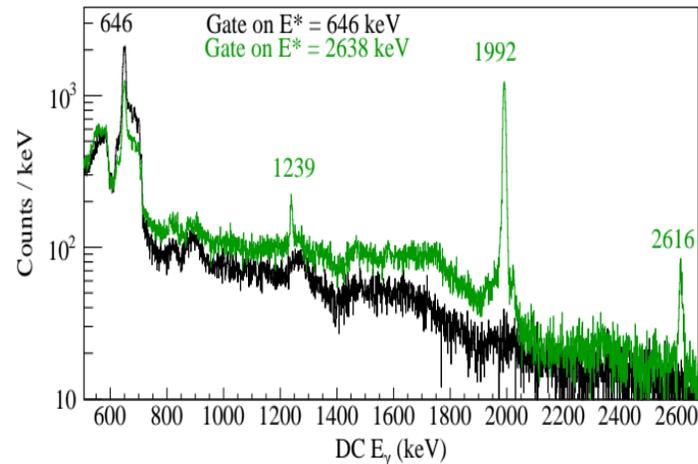
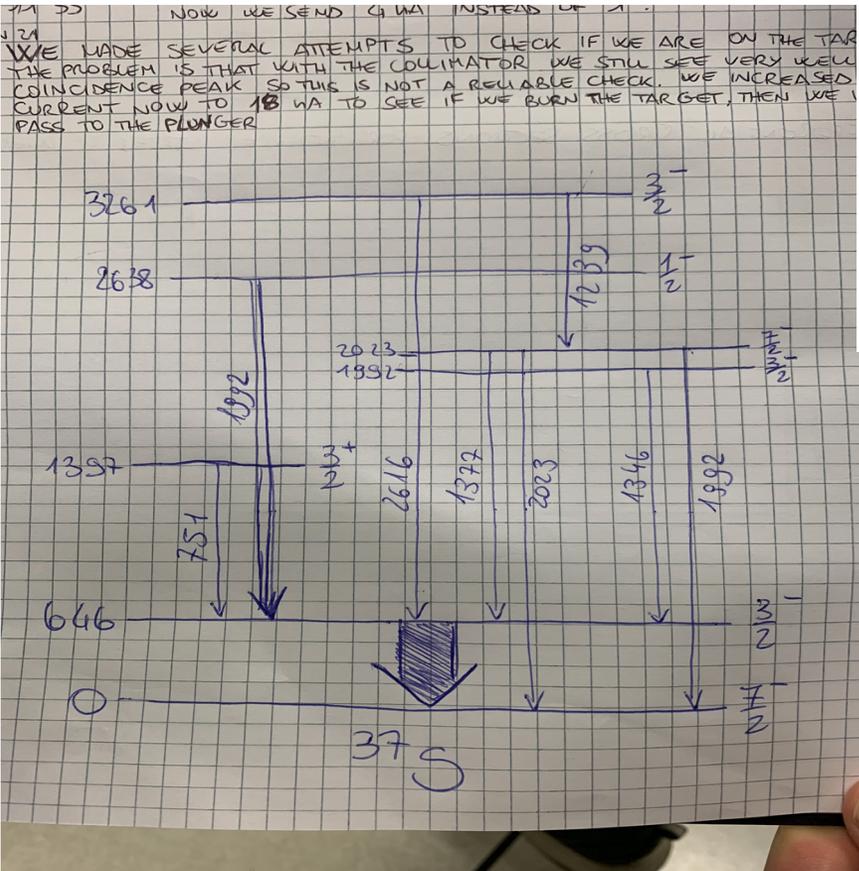


Freshly baked near line data

Excitation energy - Doppler corrected gamma energy for binary partner



- Entry point constrained by the reconstructed E_{ex} : lines of interest visible
- Lifetime from literature confirmed ~ 650 keV line



Conclusion and perspectives

- Technological leap is in mutual dependence with scientific findings
- Success of the direct measurement campaign using AGATA MUGAST VAMOS @ GANIL strongly depended on the enhanced resolving power of the complete detection setup
- To push further the limit of discovery we need, next to complete major on-going projects, to imagine new instruments



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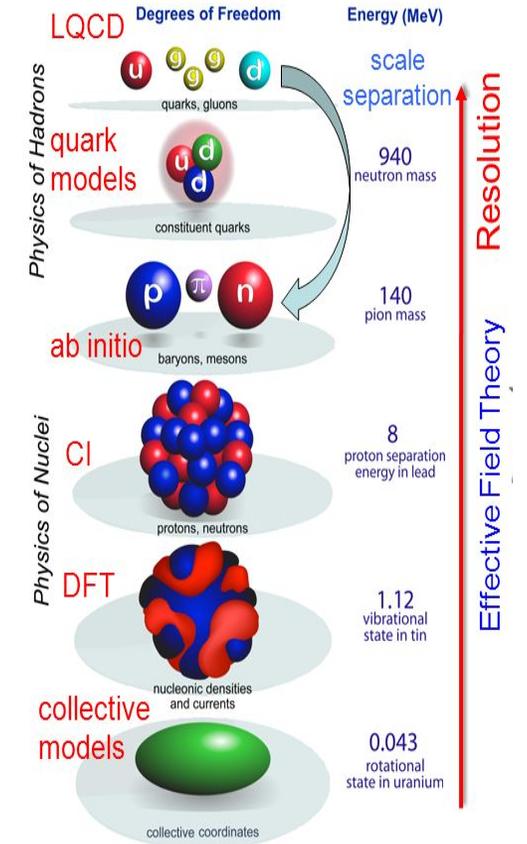
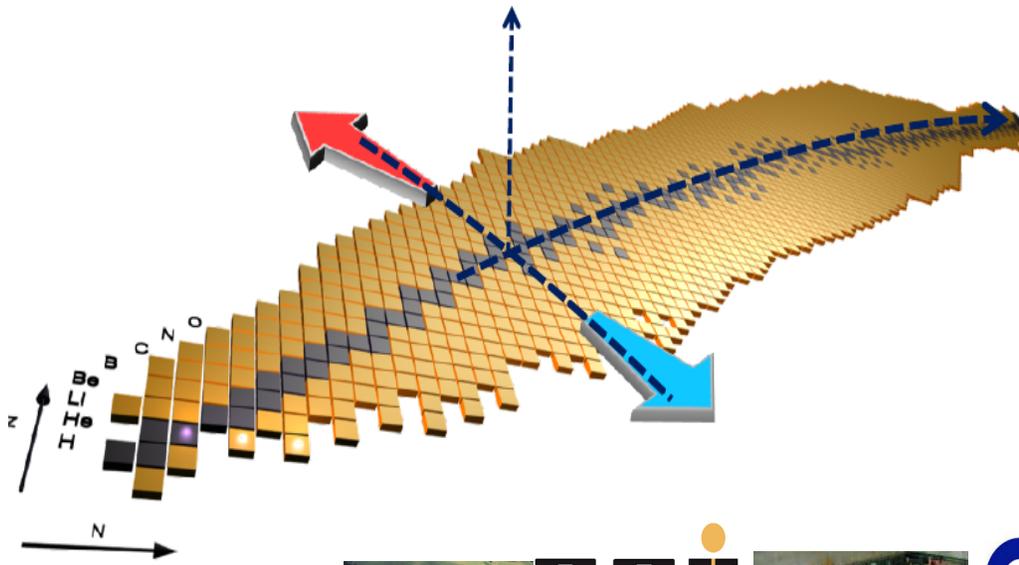
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Possibilities



Some possibilities

- Preparation, participation, data analysis of experimental runs

- Detector development and characterization



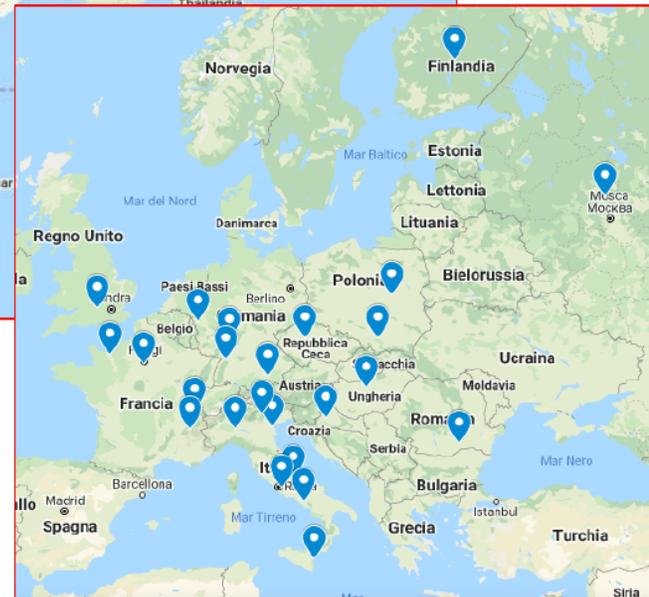
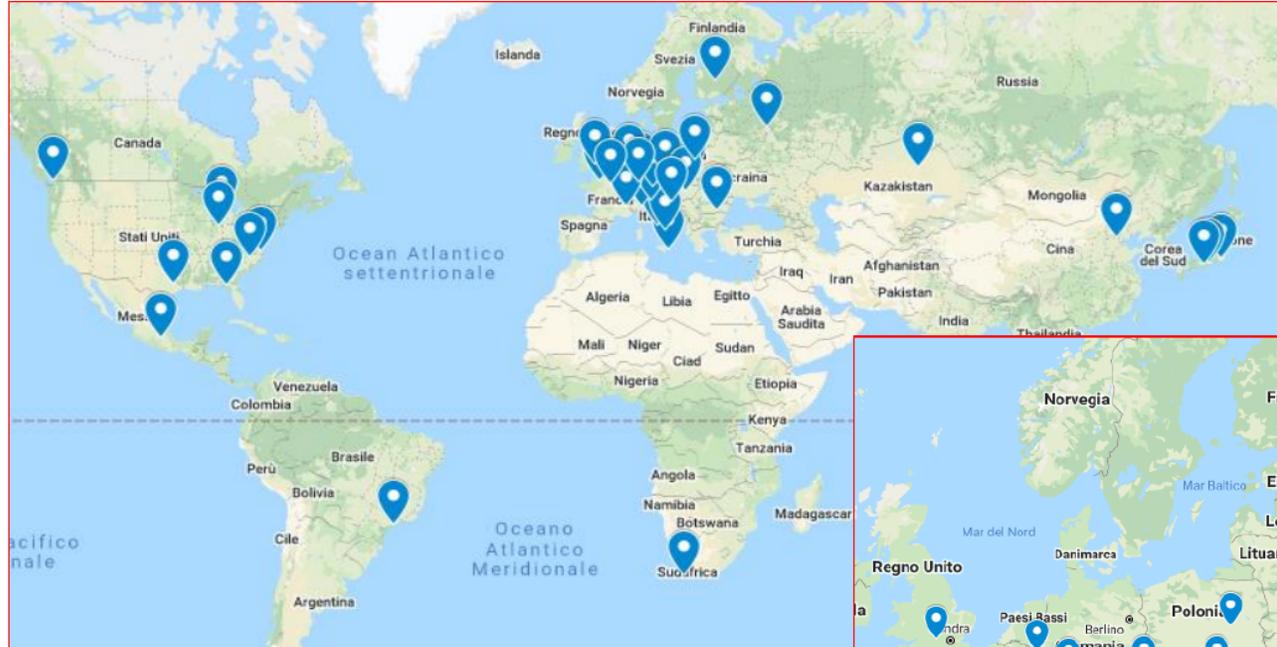
- Simulations



- Applications



Worldwide experiments

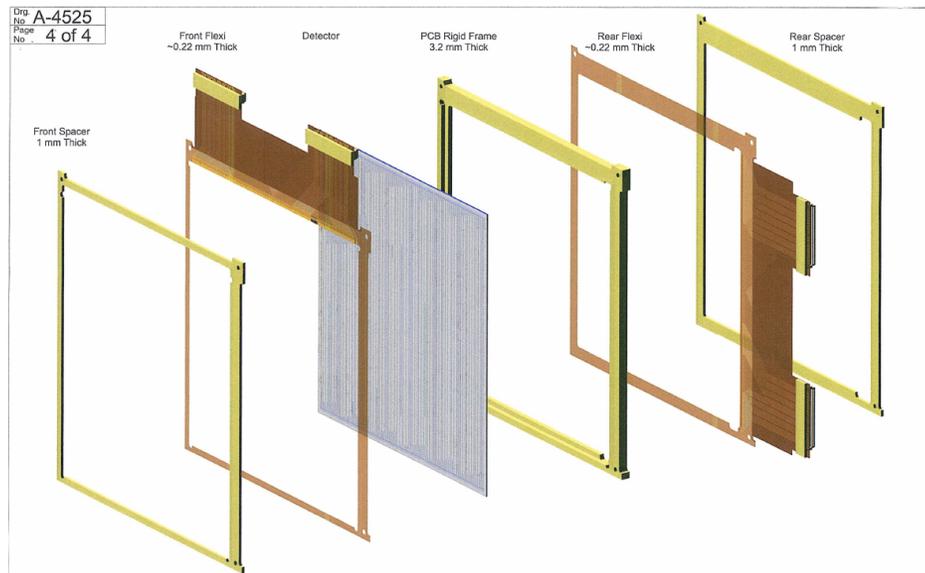


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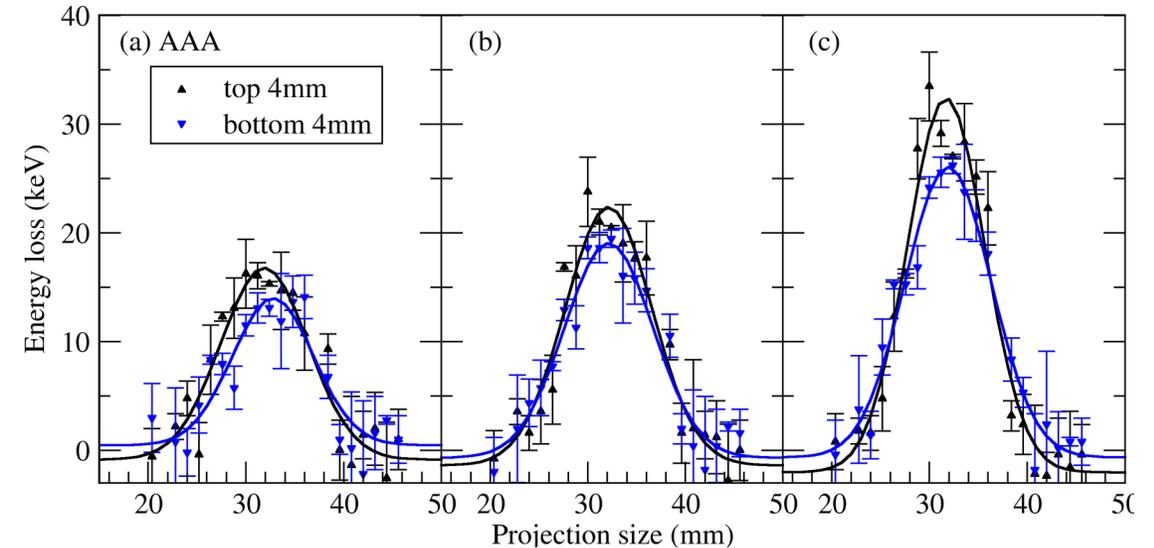
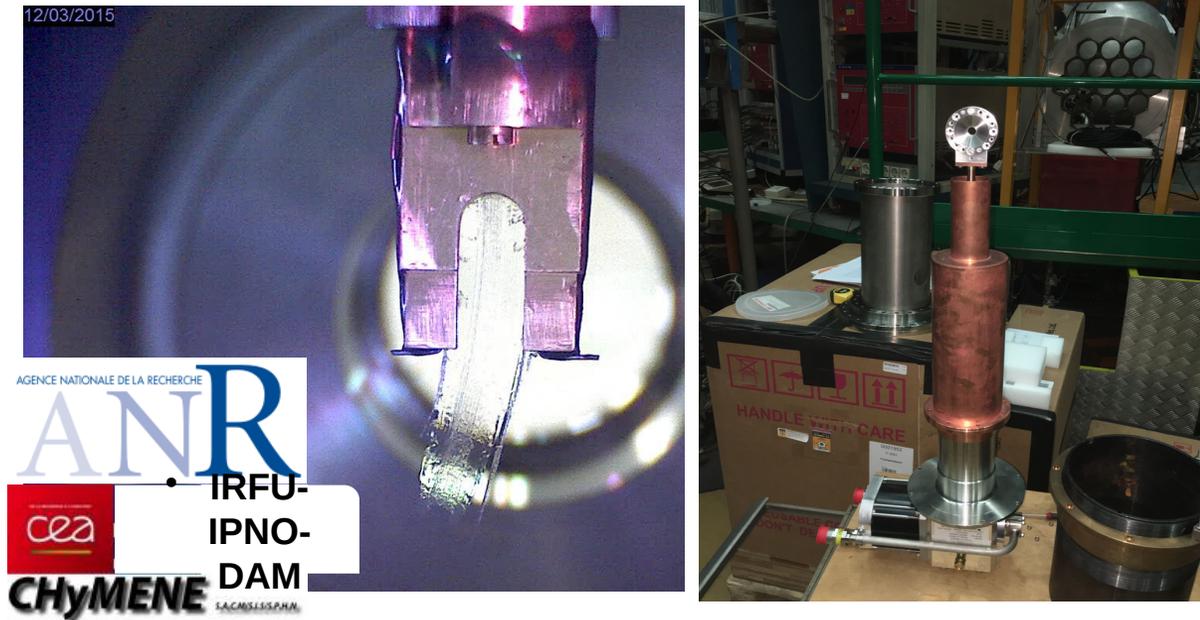


Detector development

- Montecarlo Simulation
- Detector test: Cutting-edge dets high segmentation, NTD (uniformity), 6" inches, Random cut (channeling)
- Exps @ ISOL facility in Italy and worldwide

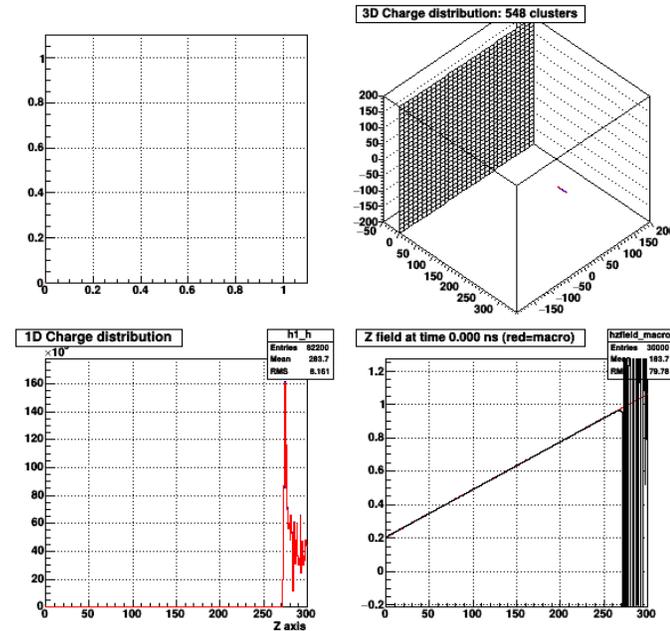
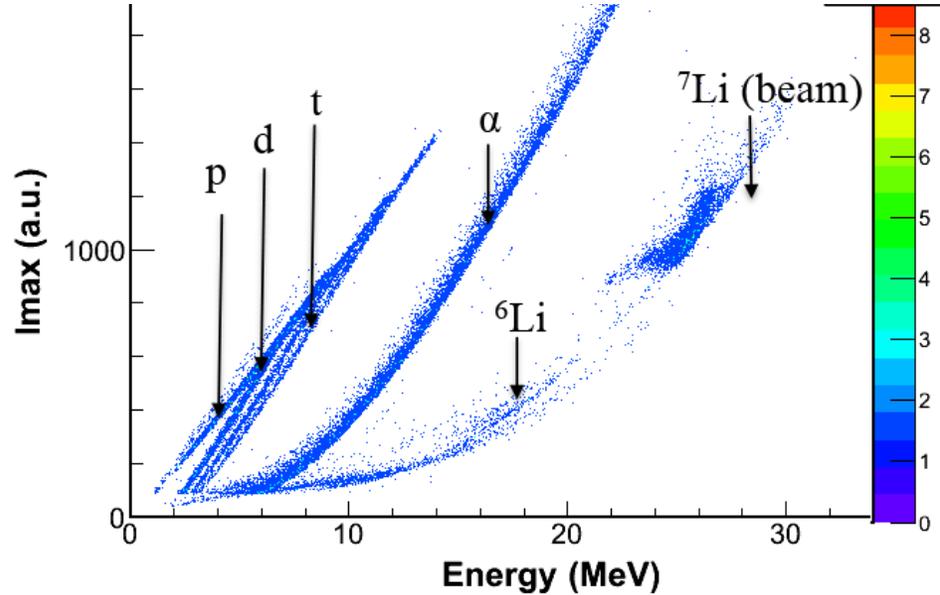
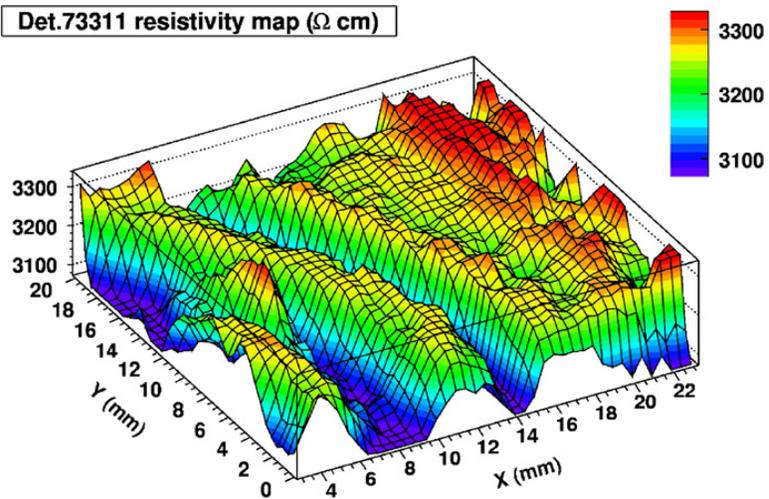


Target development



- Hydrogen (h,d) target in a solid phase near triple point ($\sim 17\text{K}$)
- Thickness 50 – 200 μm
- Commissioning: temperature, density and profile

Detector development and characterization



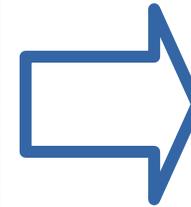
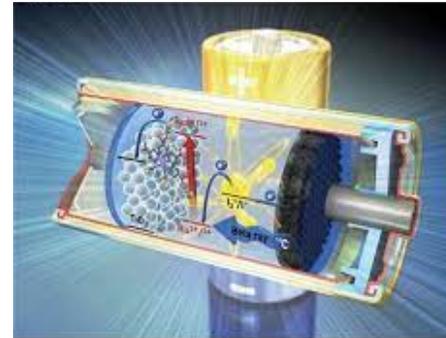
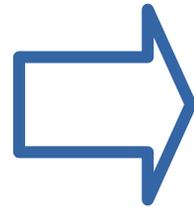
- Wire bonding (clean room)
- Non destructive Resistivity measurement: laser and alpha source

- Digital Pulse shape analysis:- numerical filters, NN (convolutional/ML perceptron)

- Signal simulation: drift/diffusion

Applications: beta batteries

Sviluppo batterie a bassa potenza e lunghissima durata per la medicina lo spazio e la sensoristica remota



Fisica di base

Applicazioni

Ambiente

INFN CSN3 :: MSc&BSC grants

<https://web.infn.it/csn3/index.php/it/>

News

[Definire il futuro a medio termine della fisica nucleare italiana I prossimi anni vedranno il completamento dei programmi di potenziamento nei...](#)

Ricerca in fisica nucleare

Nuclear Physics Mid Term Plan in Italy

2022-2027

Visita il sito web per maggiori dettagli:

Borse CSN3 e offerte lavoro

- Concorso per il conferimento di n. 4 borse di studio per attività di formazione per studenti universitari iscritti al 3° anno della laurea di primo livello in fisica nell'ambito del progetto formativo "Esplorando la Fisica Nucleare" ([Bando n. 23791](#) - [elenco laboratori ospitanti](#) - [elenco dei programmi di ricerca](#)).
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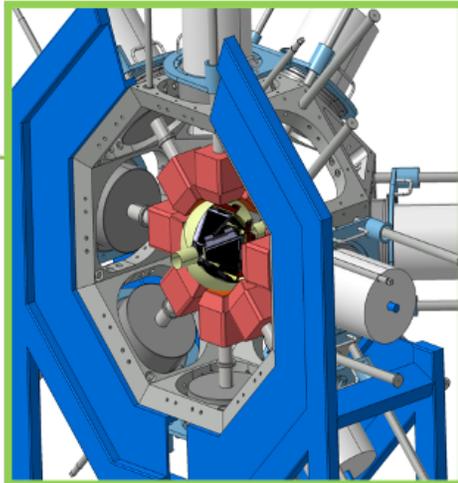
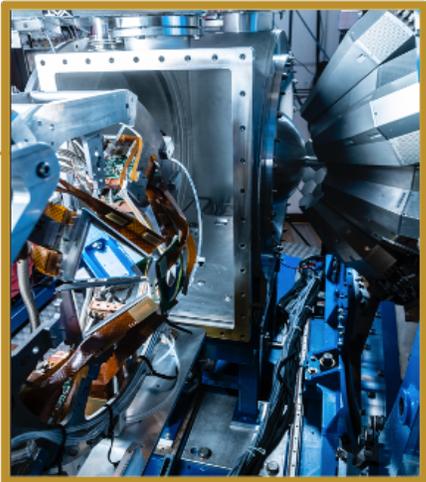
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If you are interested, thesis, internship offer etc can be found [here](#)



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- MUGAST-AGATA@VAMOS : a technical & scientific success
- Valuable integration&operation exercise !
- Next step : MUGAST-EXOGAM@LISE

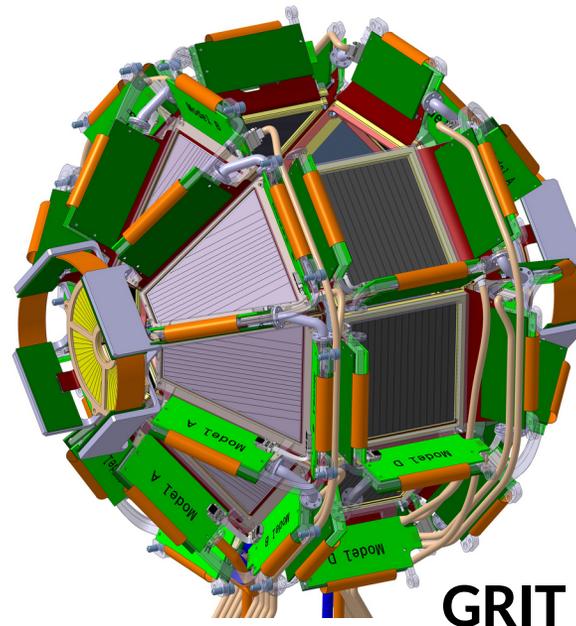


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