

The baryon density of the Universe from an improved measurement of $D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ cross section at LUNA

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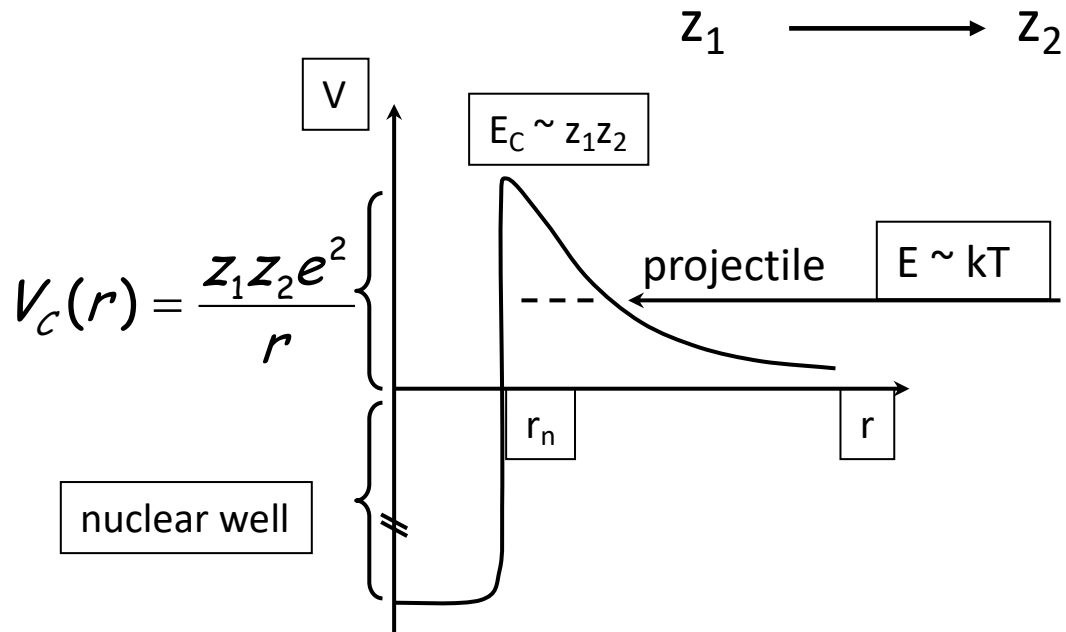
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Charged particle reactions in the cosmos and stars

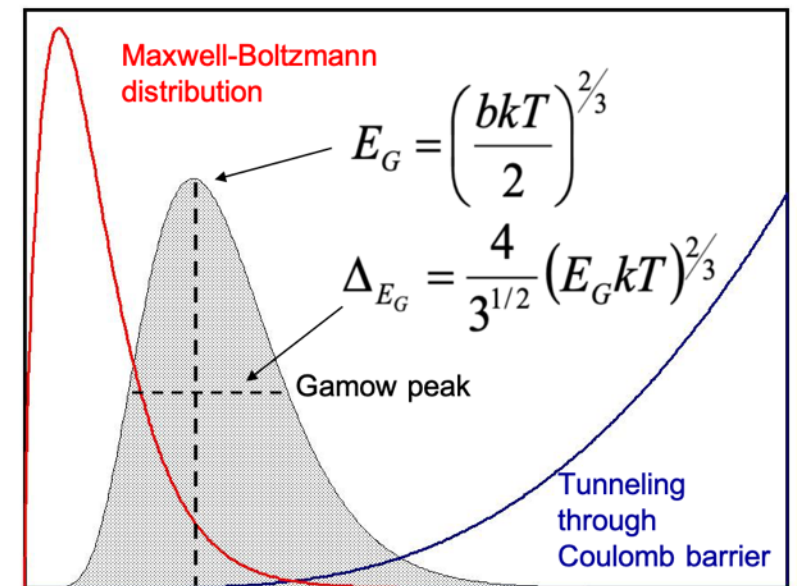


$$\sigma(E) = \frac{S(E)}{E} \exp(-2\pi\eta) \quad \eta = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar v}$$

$S(E)$ = Astrophysical Factor

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \left(\frac{8}{\pi \mu} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{(kT)^{3/2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{S(E)}{E} \exp\left[-\frac{b}{E^{1/2}}\right] E \exp\left[-\frac{E}{kT}\right] dE$$

	T [T9]	E_G (keV)
p+D	5	300
	1	100
	0.1	23



Experimental Challenges of Direct Measurement



$$\text{Counting Rate} = N_p \times N_t \times \text{cross section} \times \text{detection efficiency}$$

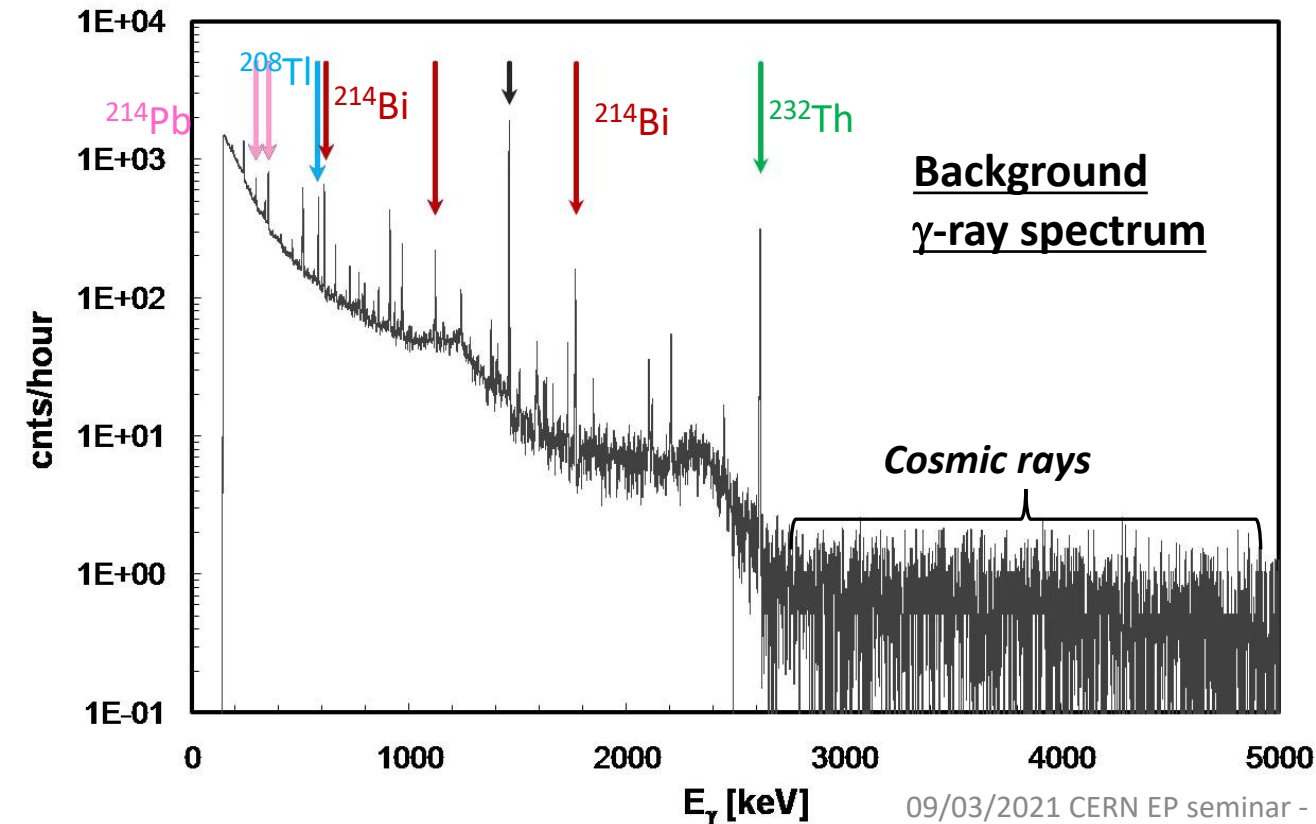
10^{14} pps ($\sim 50 \mu\text{A } q=1+$)

$\sim 10^{17}$ atoms/cm² gas target density

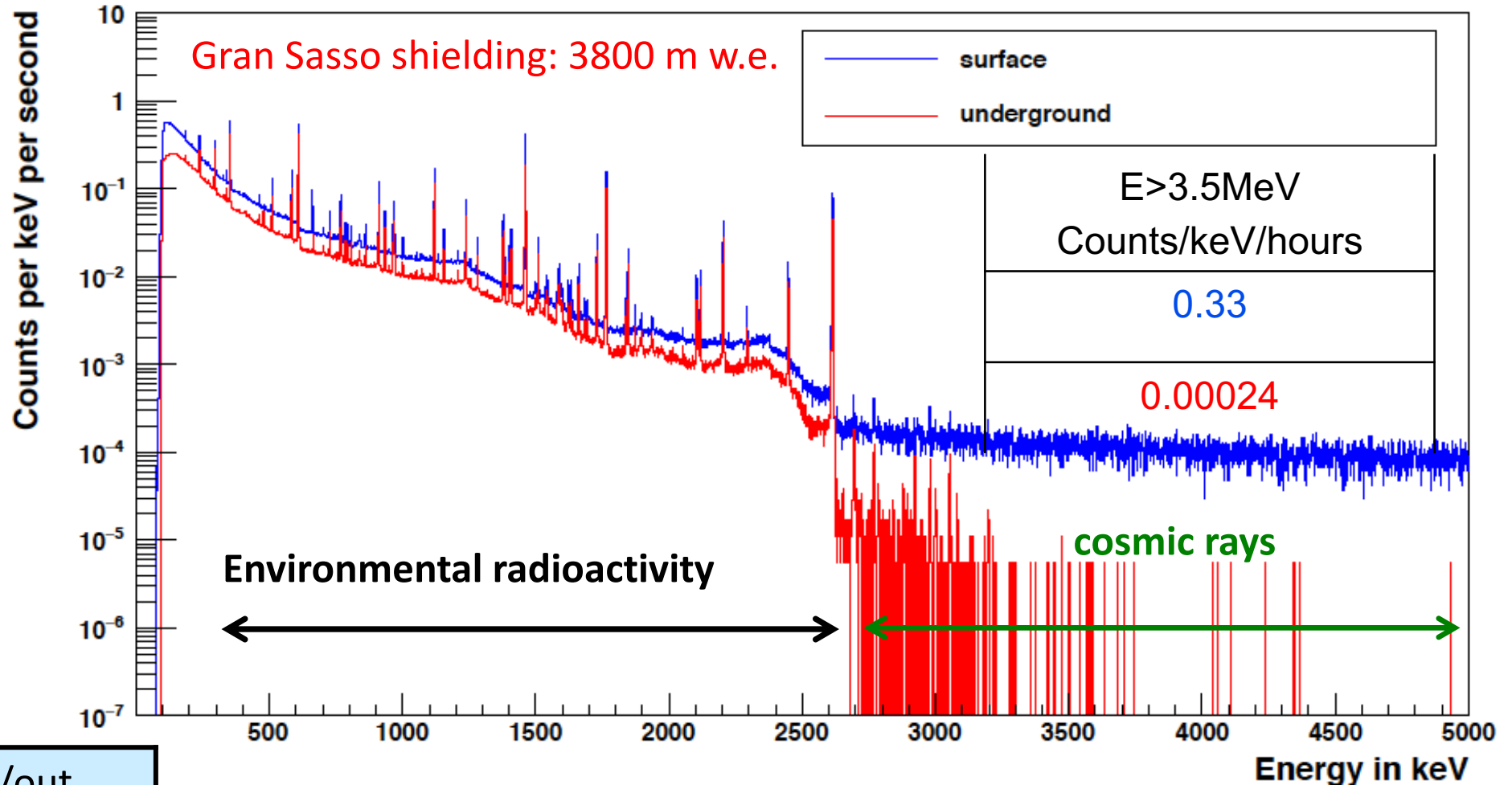
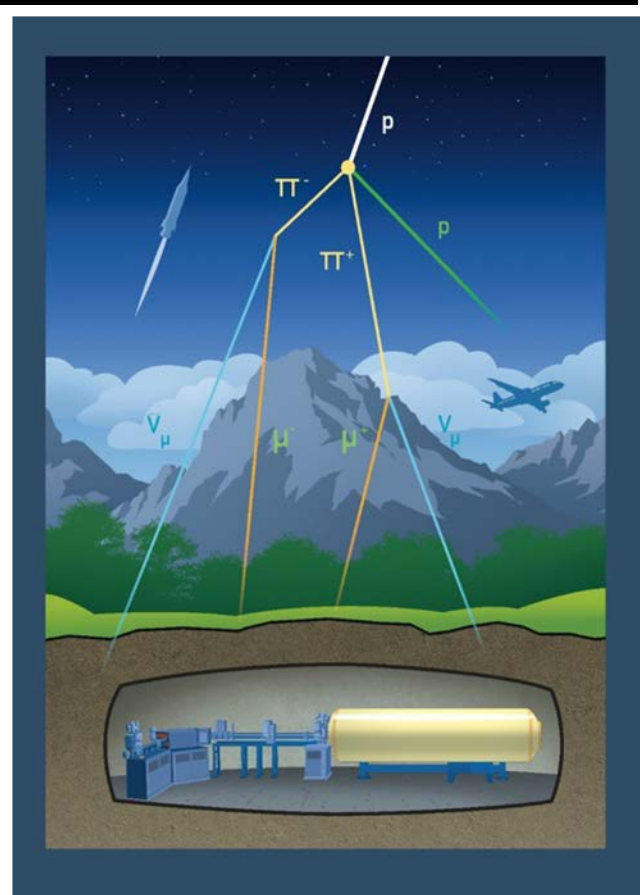
$\sim 10^{-32}$ cm²

$\sim 0.1\%$ for high energy γ rays (HPGe detectors)

C ~ 0.3 counts/hour

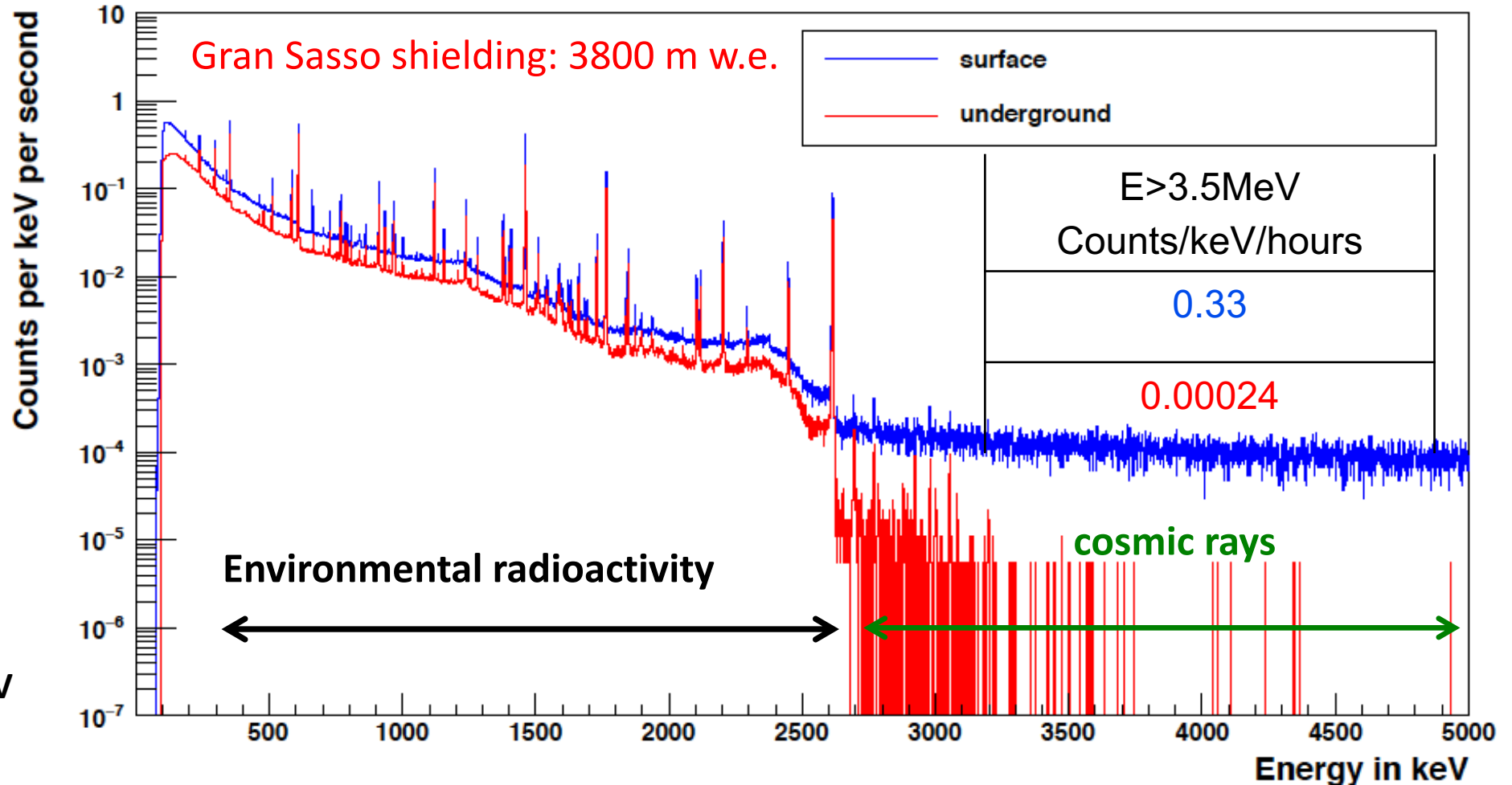
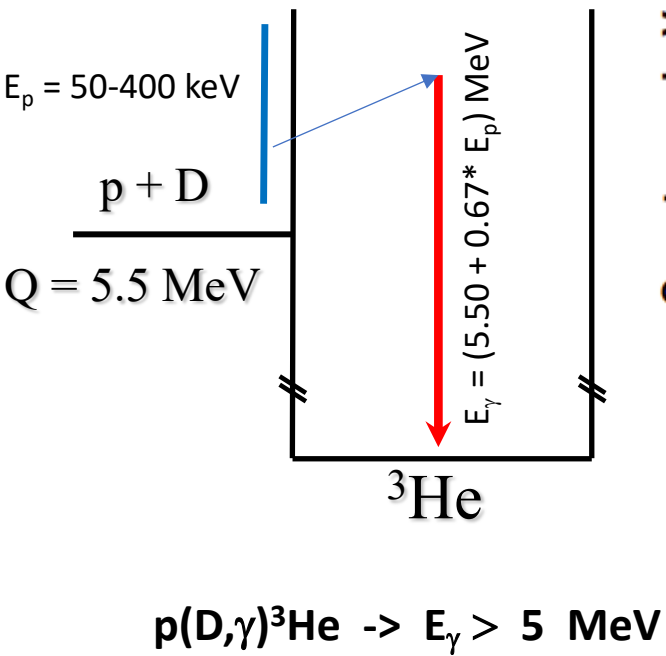


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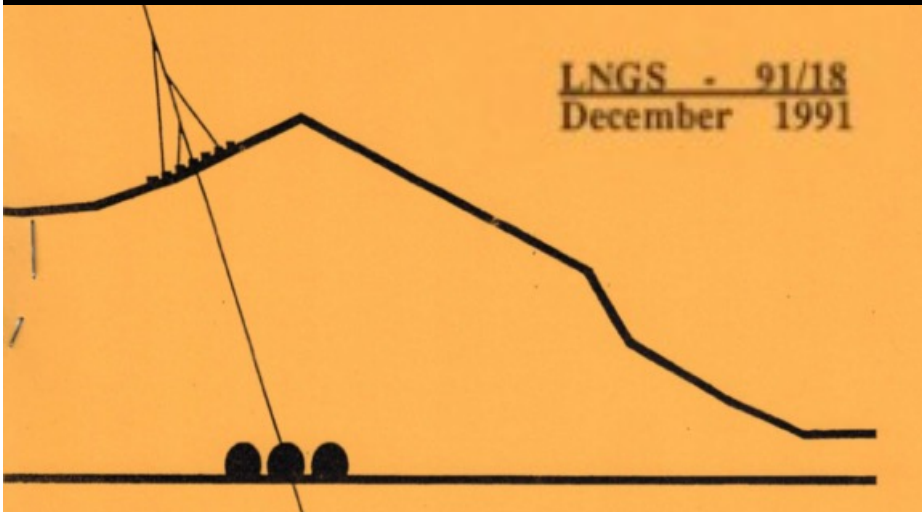
Radiation	LNGS/out
muons	10^{-6}
neutrons	10^{-3}

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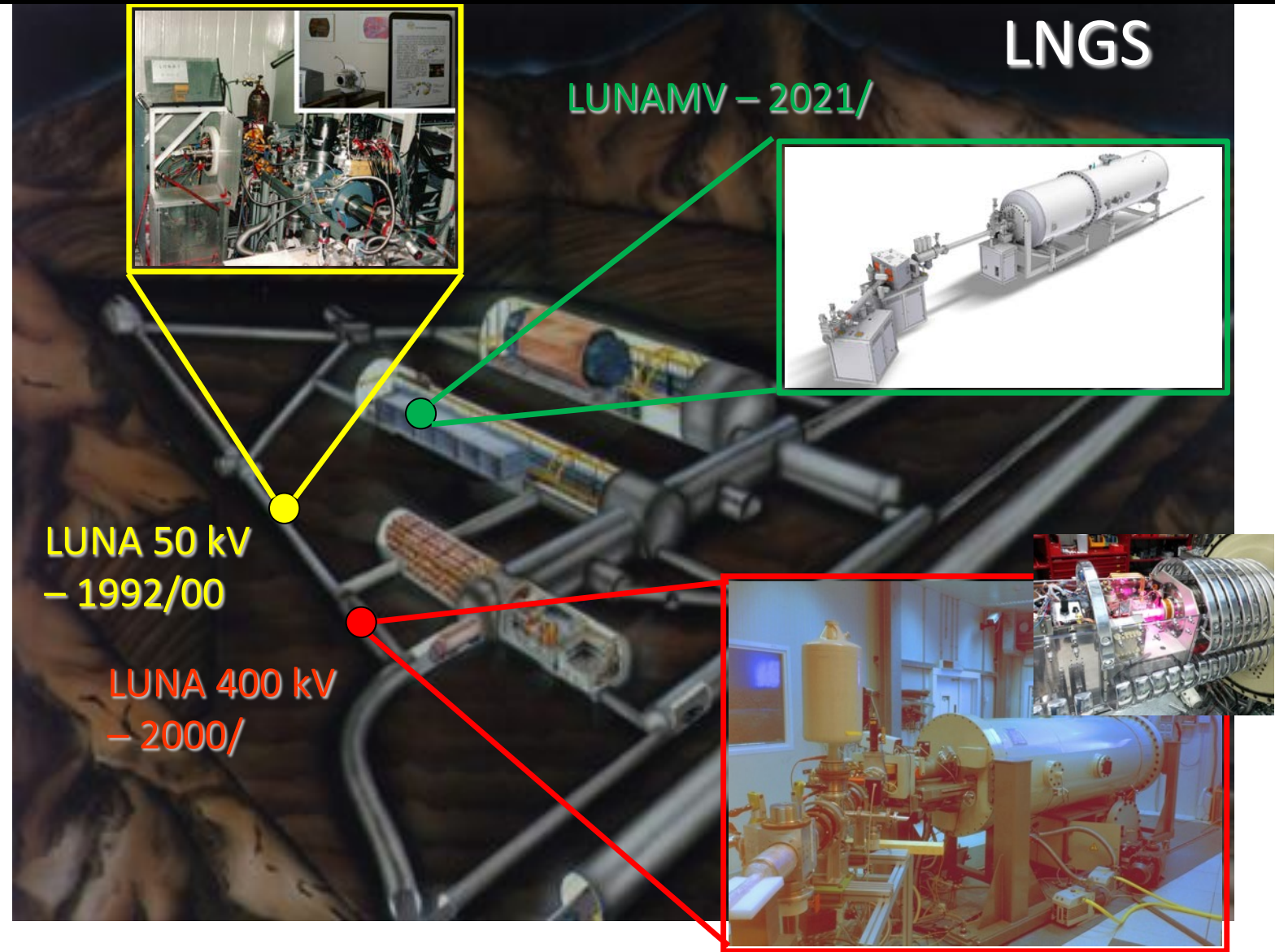


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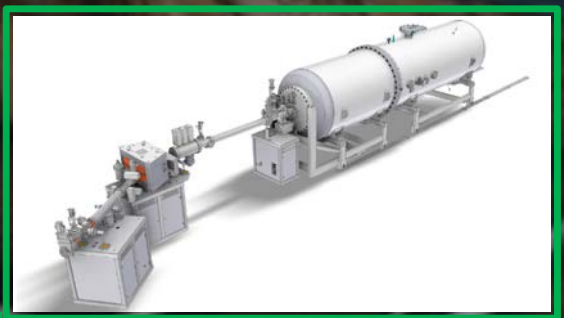


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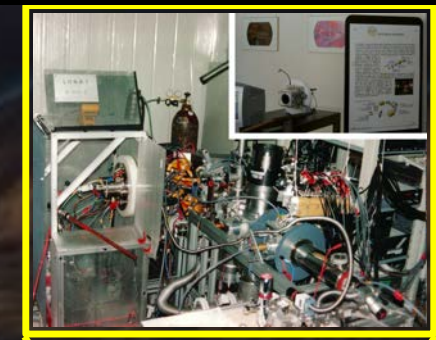
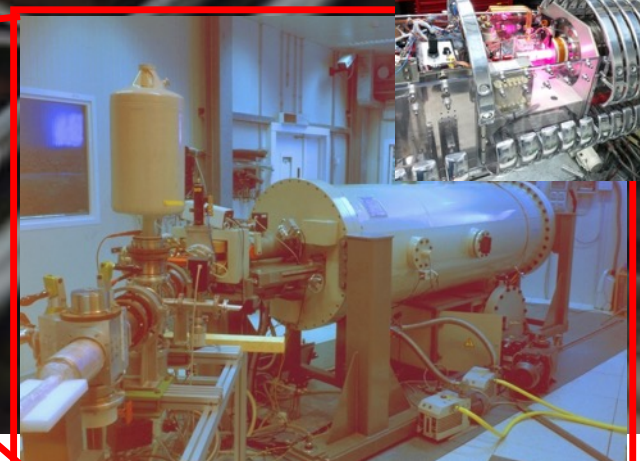
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Main topics:

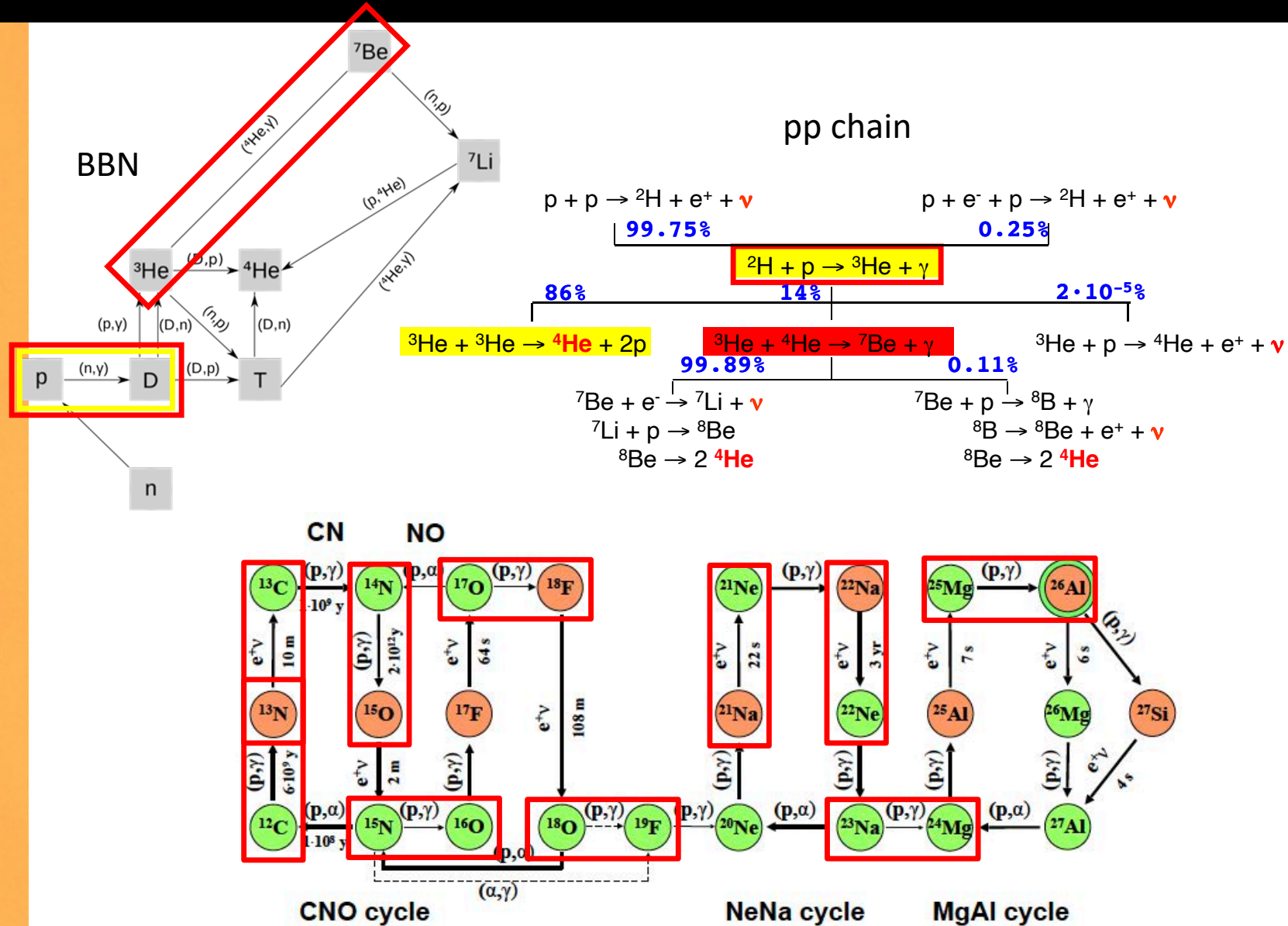
- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
- Hydrogen stellar burning;
- Solar neutrino;
- Age of globular clusters.

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LNGS will remain world reference for this field

Age of Globular Clusters and C production in AGB:

Main neutron sources:

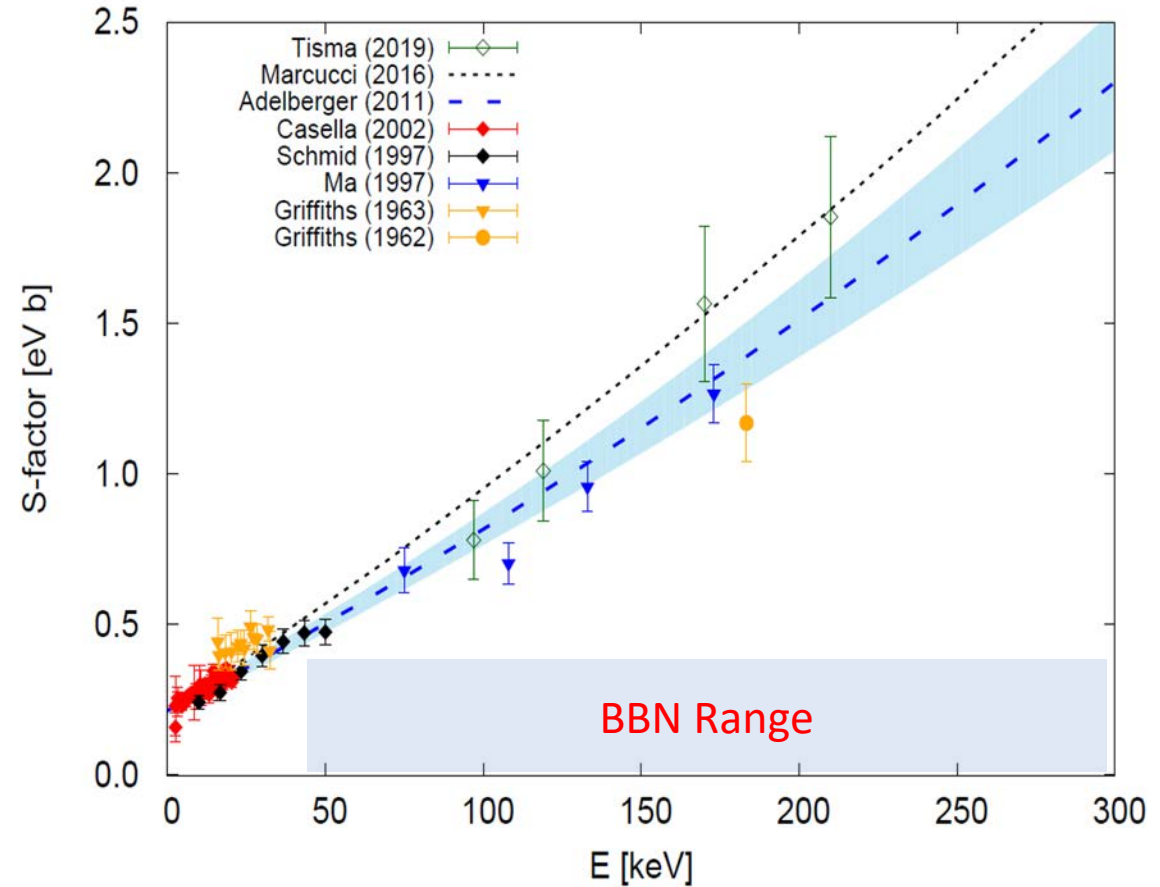
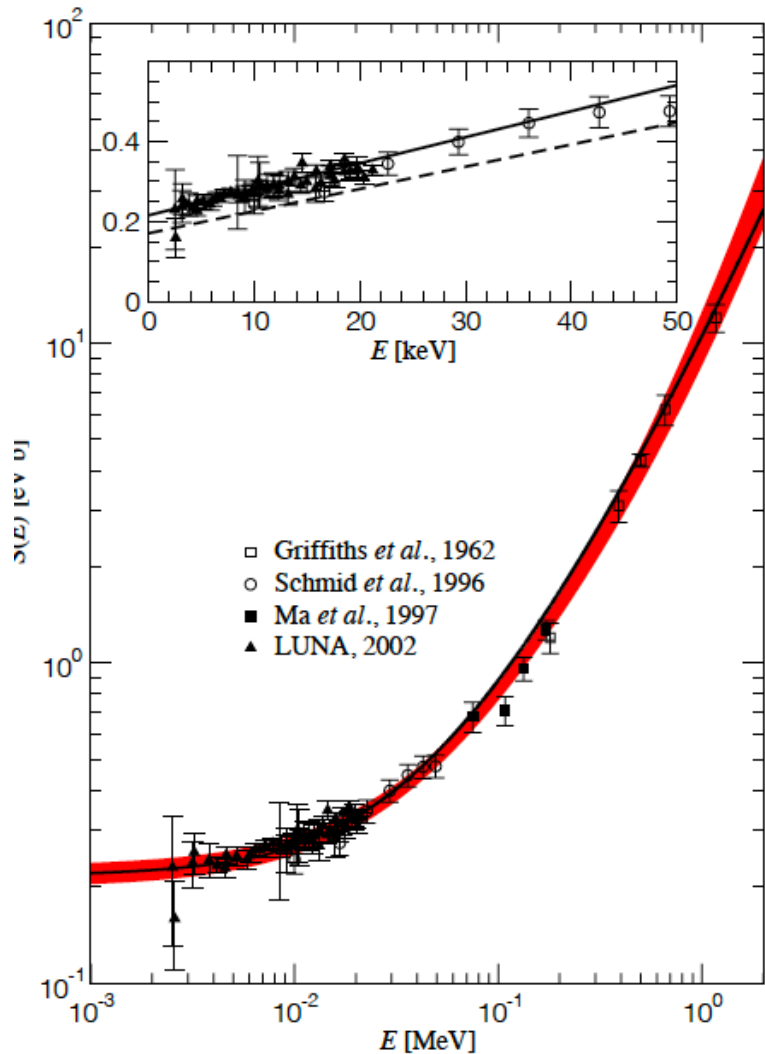
He and advanced burnings:



D(p, γ)³He: State of the art

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Solar fusion cross sections. II. The pp chain and CNO cycles

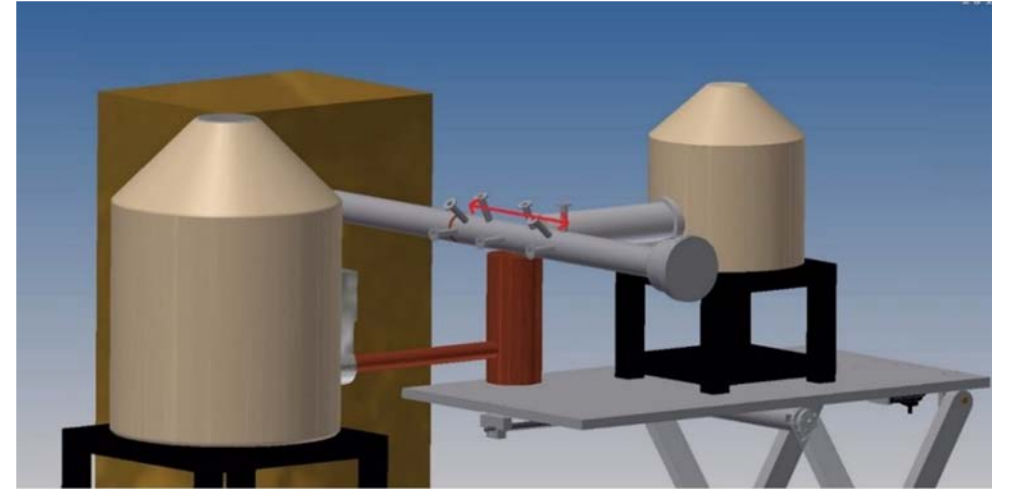


- Experimental data: two datasets available in the BBN energy range with a systematic error of 9-15%
- Ab initio calculations disagree with experimental data

$D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$: experimental setup

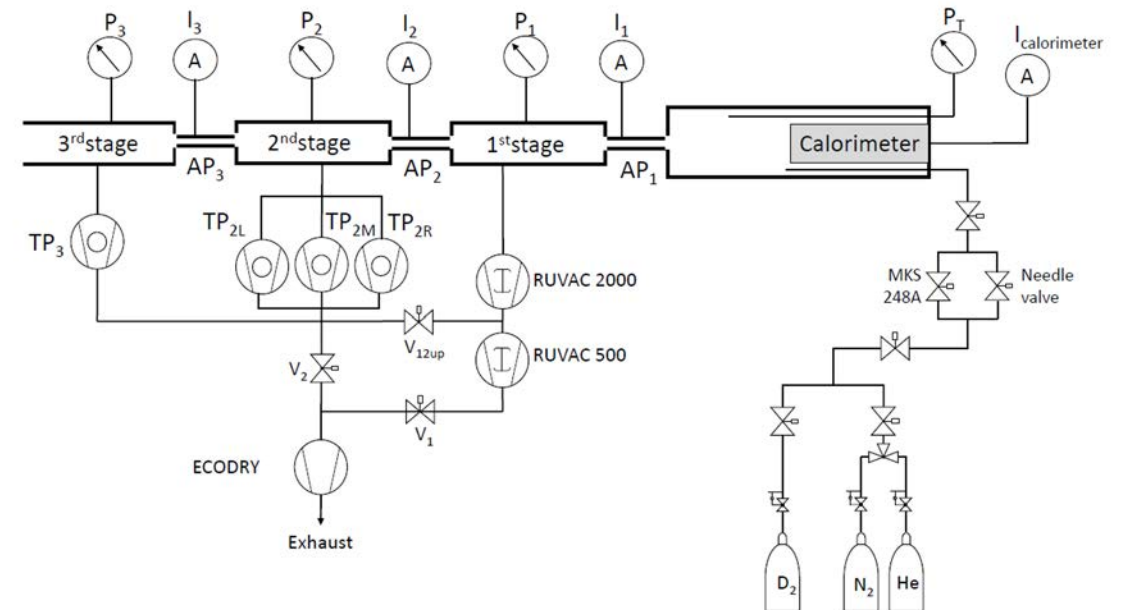
Measurement goal:

- Cross section measurement with $\sim 3\%$ accuracy
- $E_{\text{cm}} = 30\text{-}300$ keV

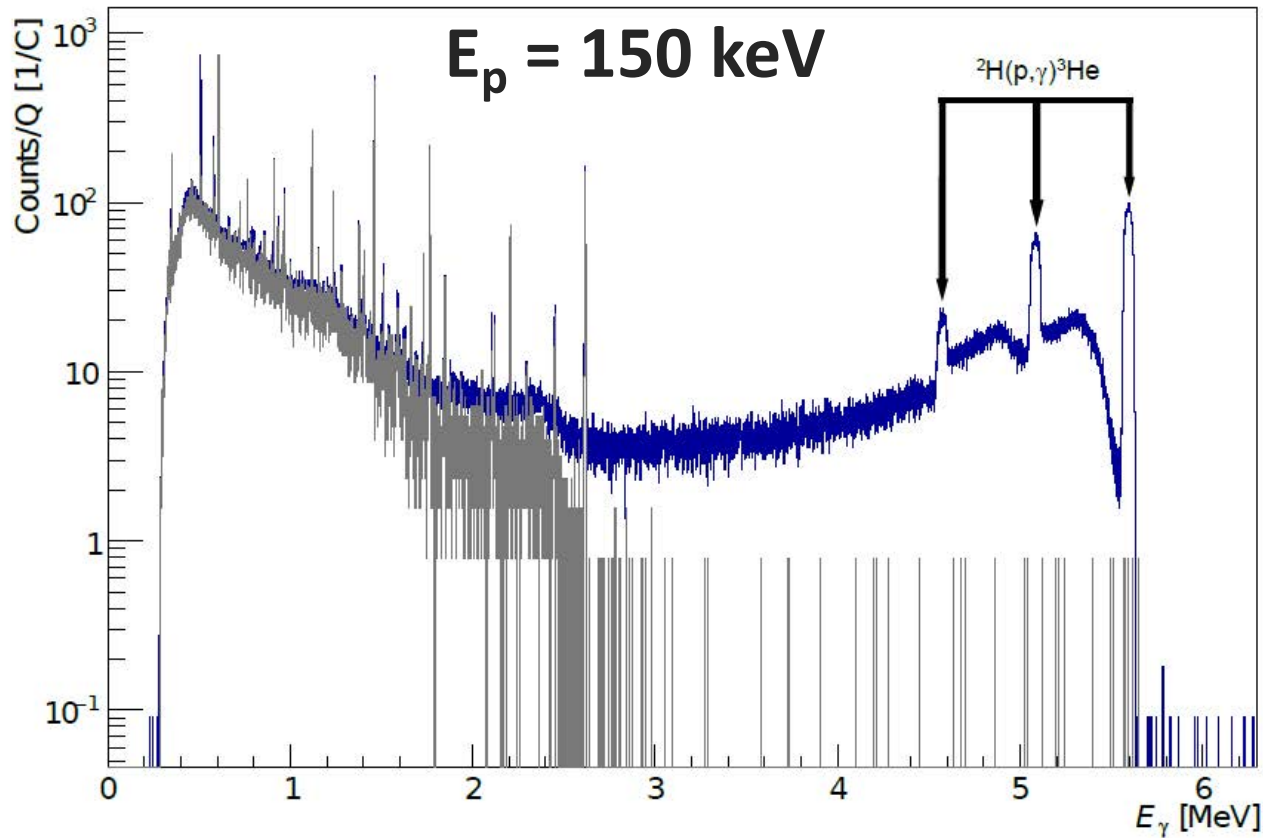


Experimental setup:

- Proton beam
- D_2 windowless gas target ($P=0.3$ mbar)
- HPGe detectors for γ -rays



D(p,γ)³He: data analysis



$$N_{\gamma}(E) = N_p N_D \sigma(E) \mathcal{E}(E)$$

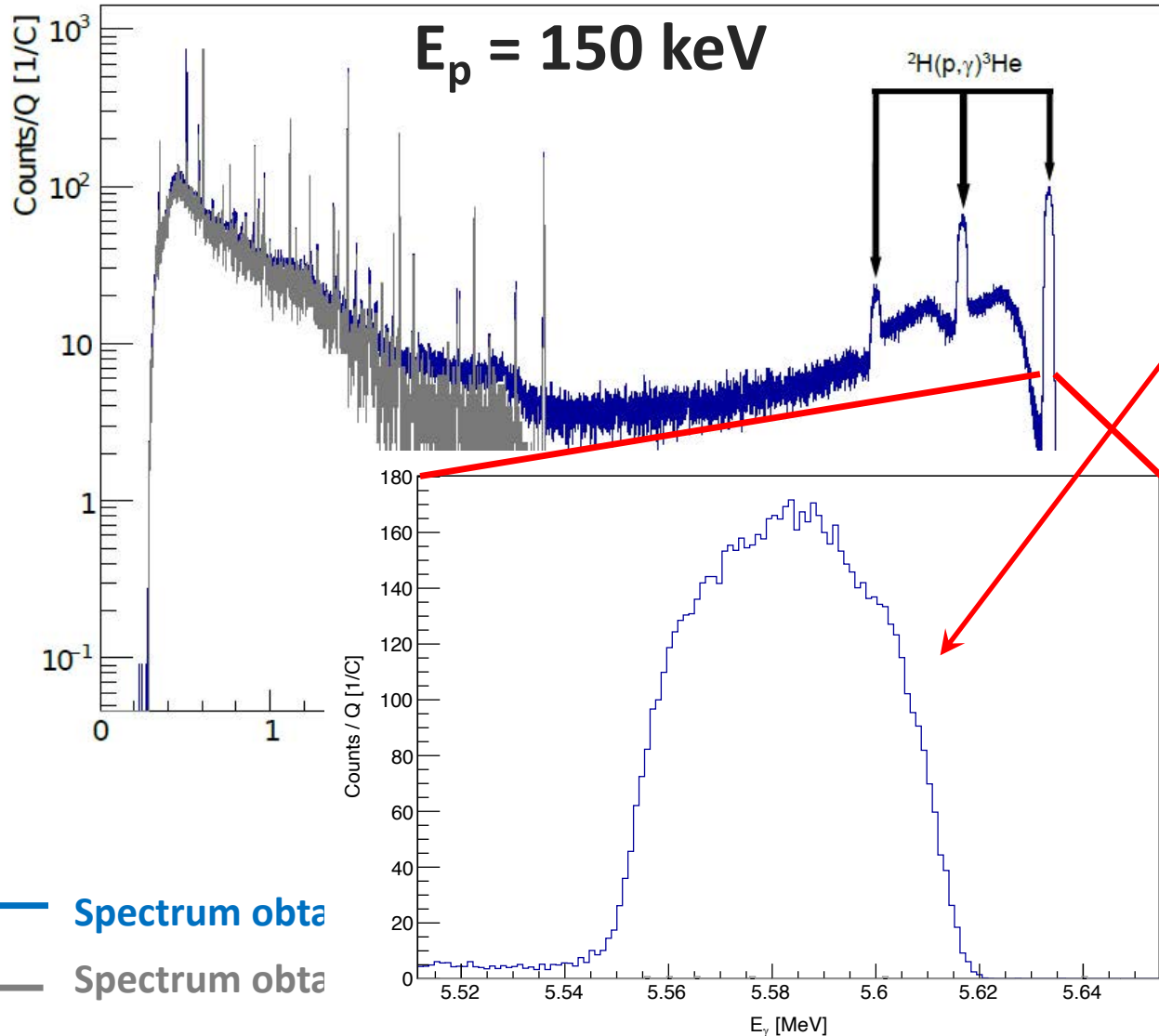
$$N_D = \int_0^L \rho(z) \mathcal{E}(z, E) W(z) dz$$

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{N_{\gamma}(E)}{N_p \int_0^L \rho(z) \mathcal{E}(z, E_{\gamma}) W(z) dz}$$

— Spectrum obtained @ $E_p = 150$ keV with D_2 gas target (P=0.3 mbar)

— Spectrum obtained @ $E_p = 150$ keV with ^4He gas target (P=0.3 mbar)

D(p,γ)³He: data analysis



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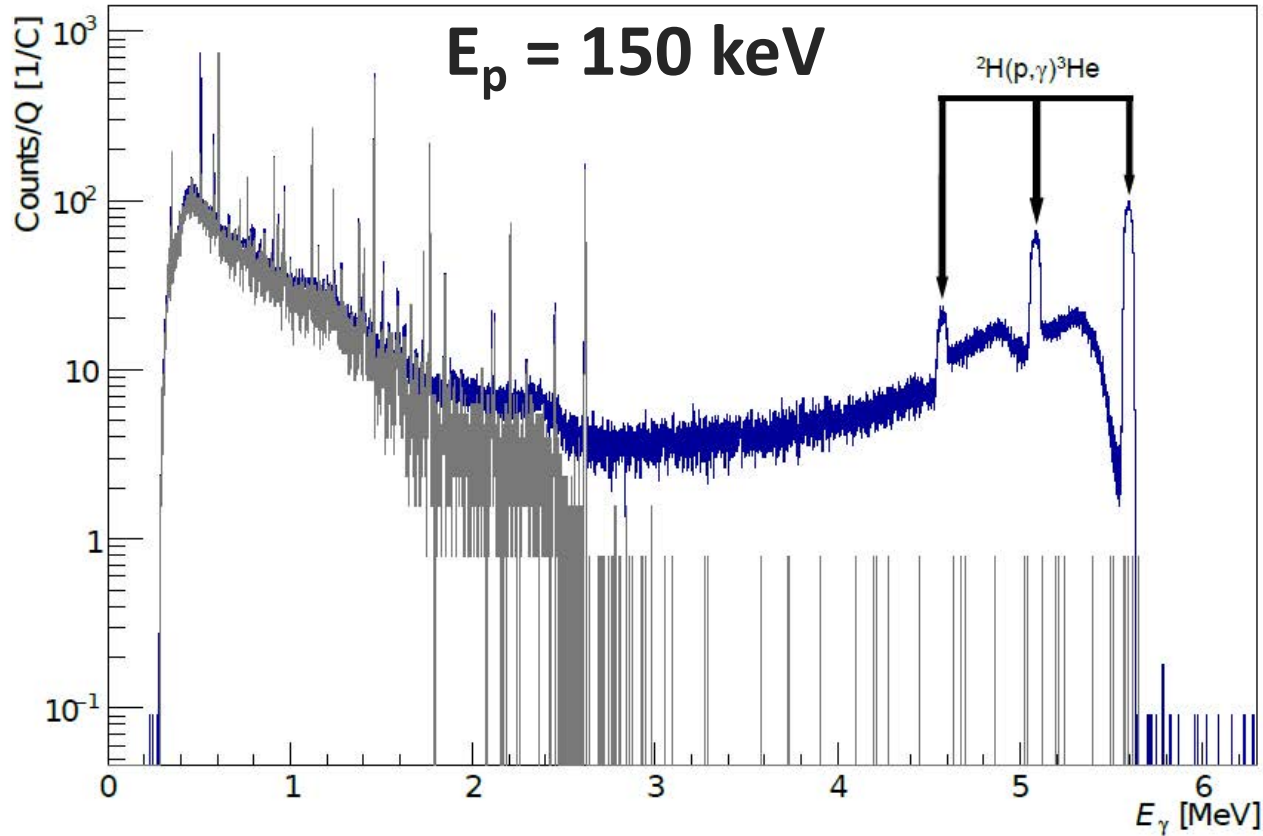
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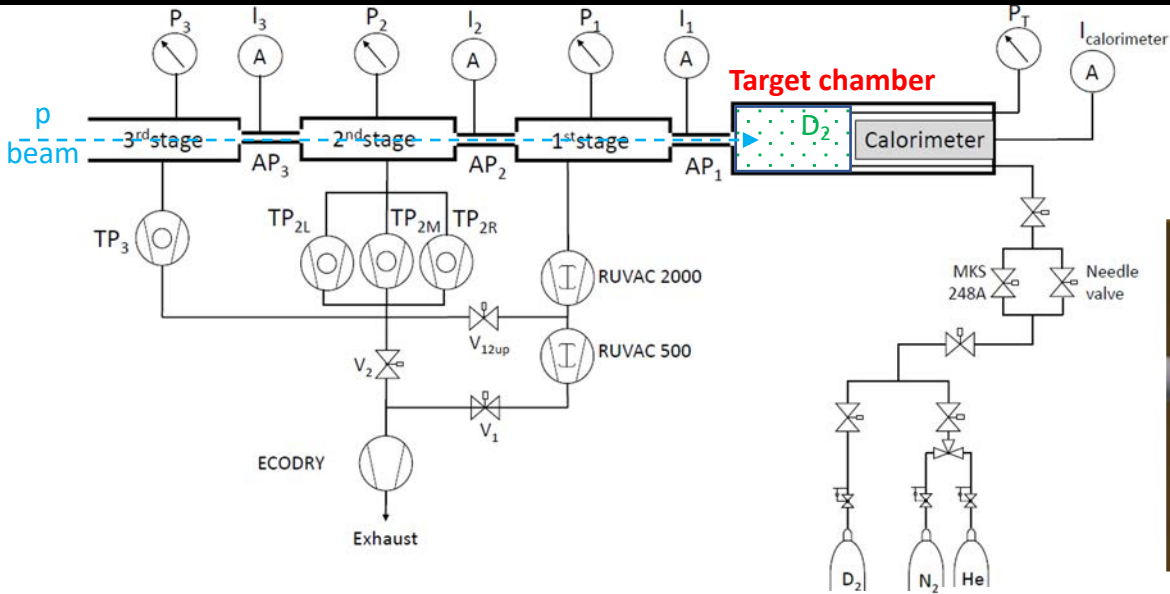
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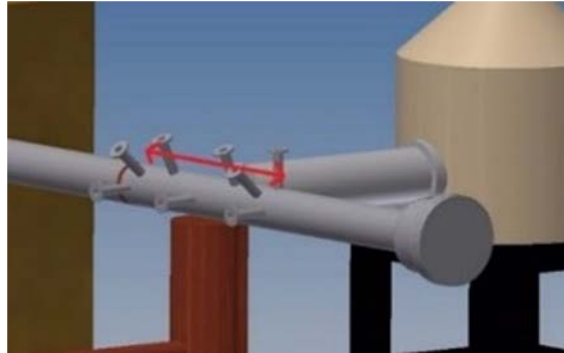
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— Spectrum obtained @ $E_p = 150 \text{ keV}$ with ${}^4\text{He}$ gas target (P=0.3 mbar)

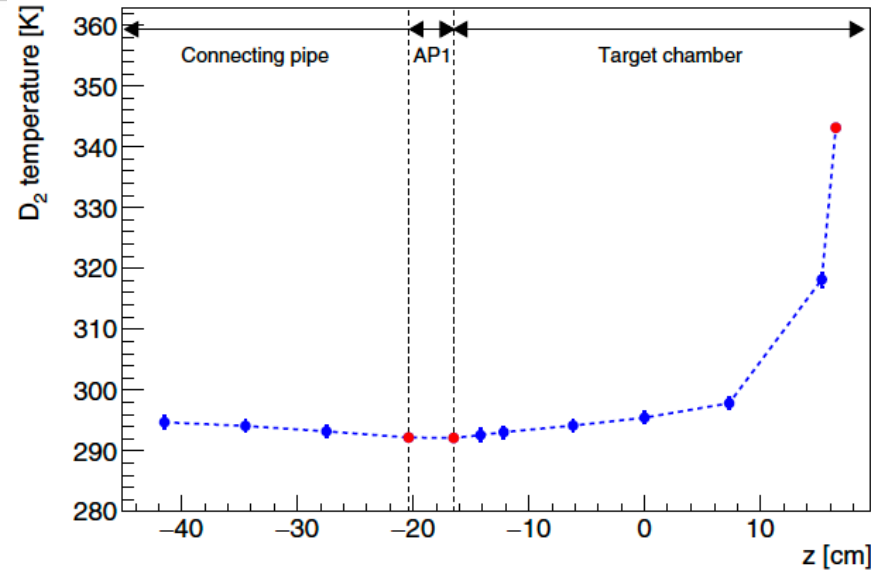
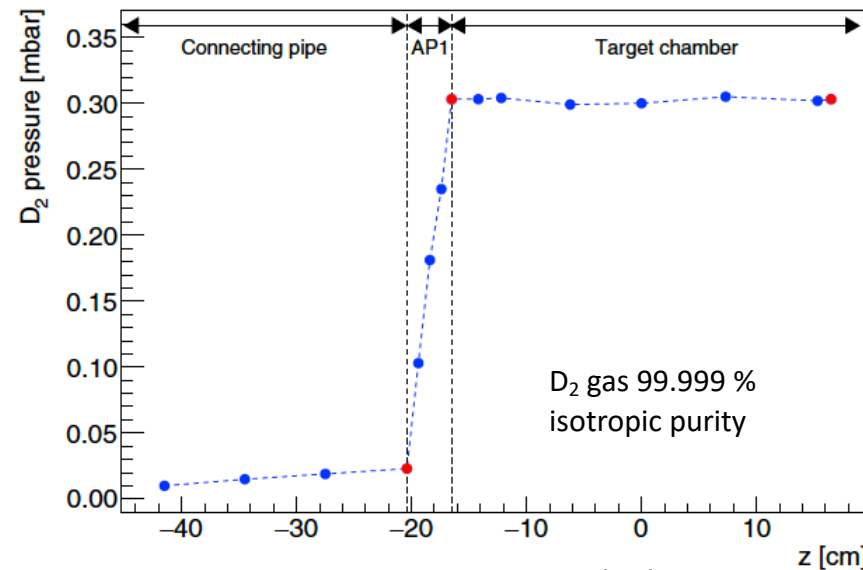
D(p,γ)³He: systematic uncertainties



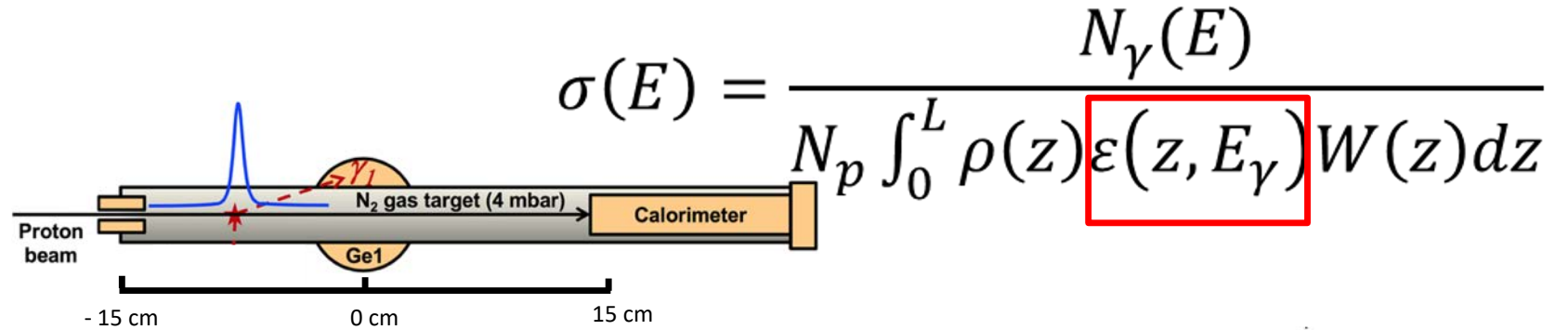
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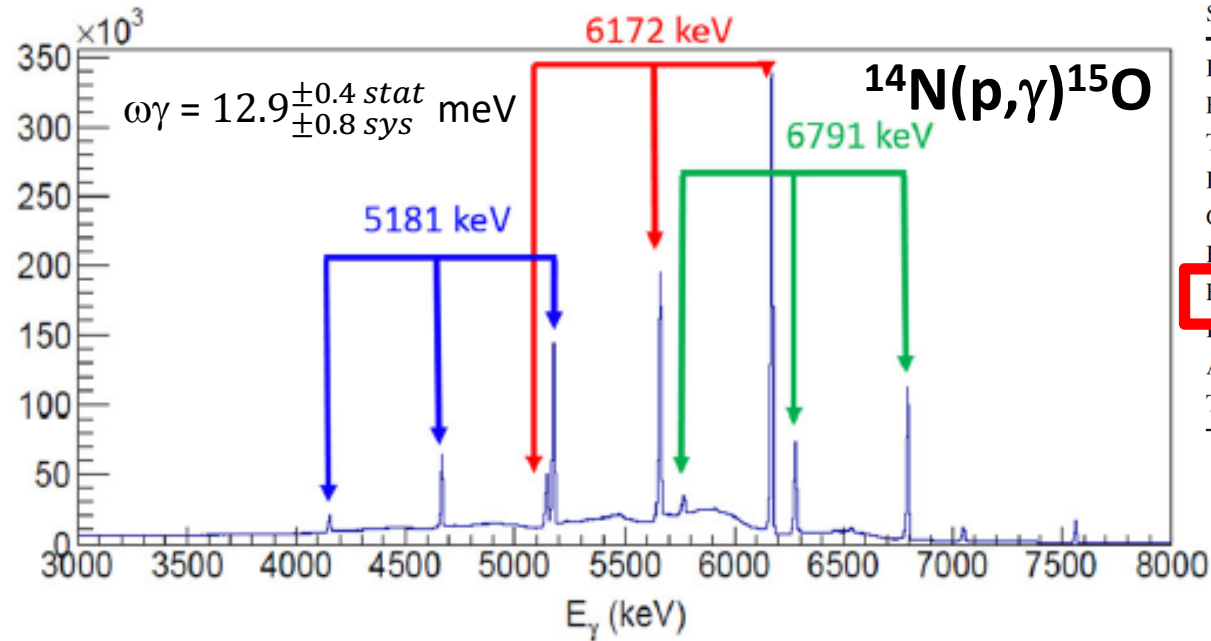
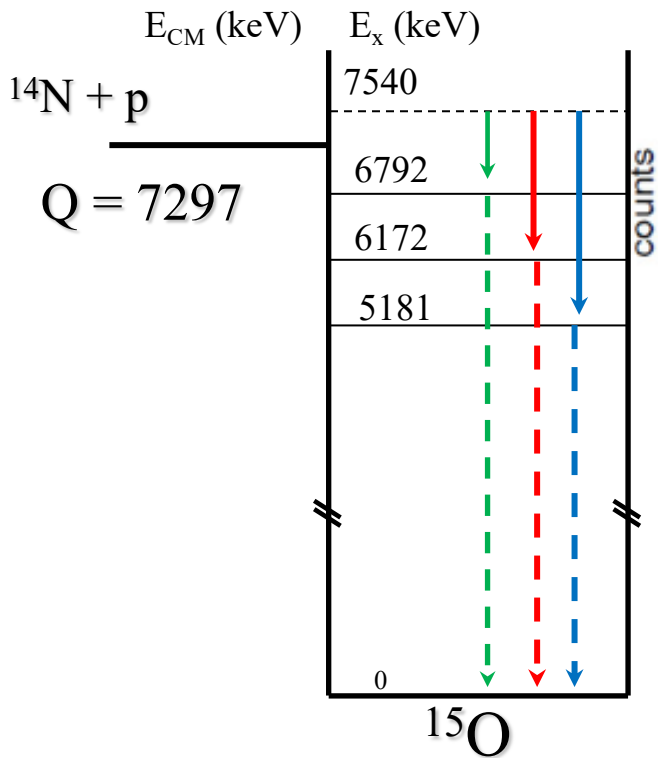
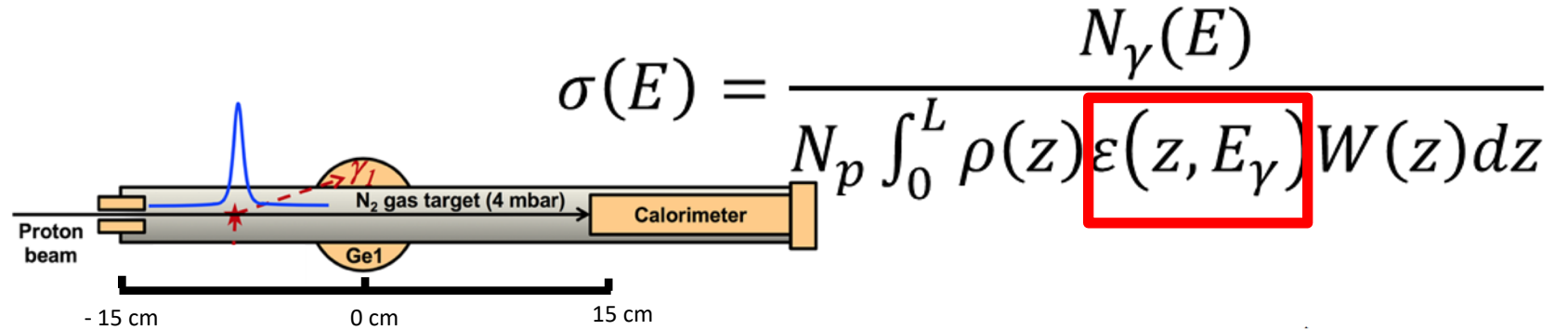
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D(p,γ)³He: systematic uncertainties

E_x [keV]	BR [%]
6792	23.0 ± 0.3
6172	58.3 ± 0.3
5181	16.9 ± 0.2

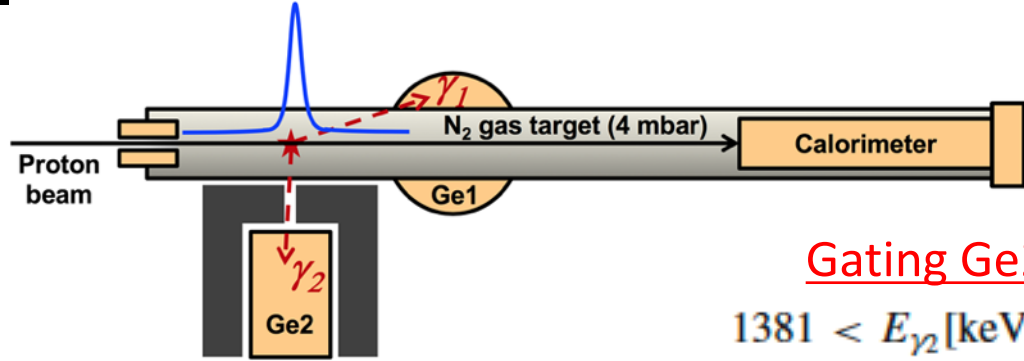


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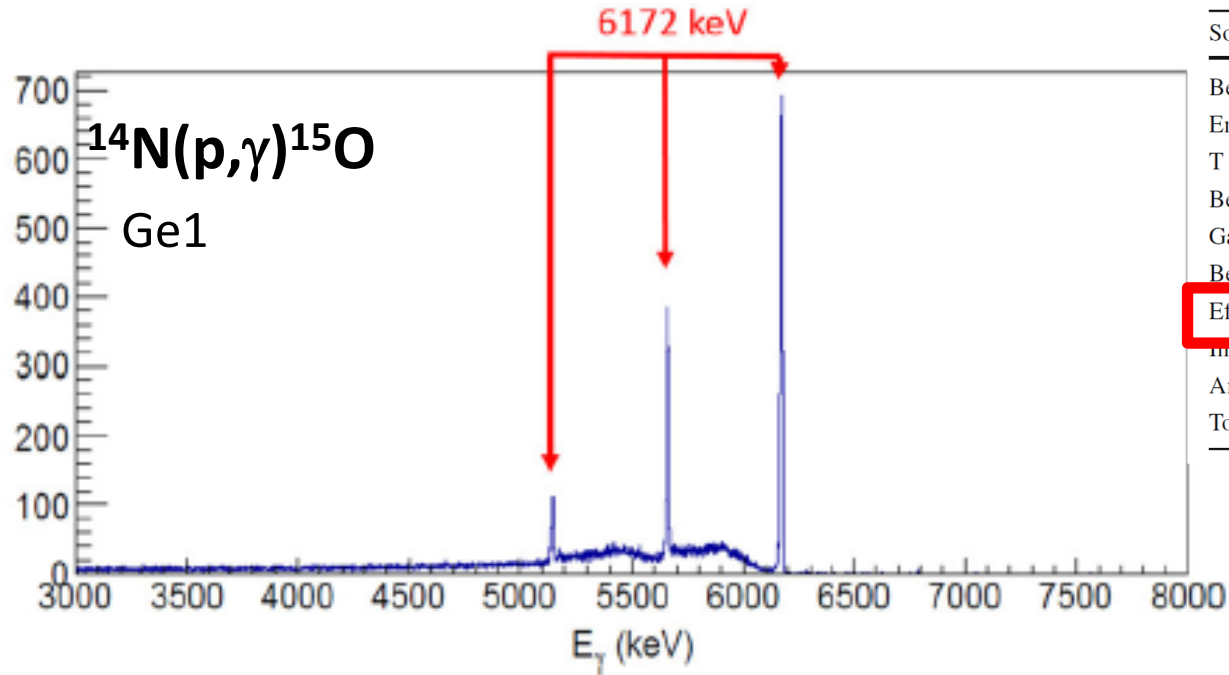
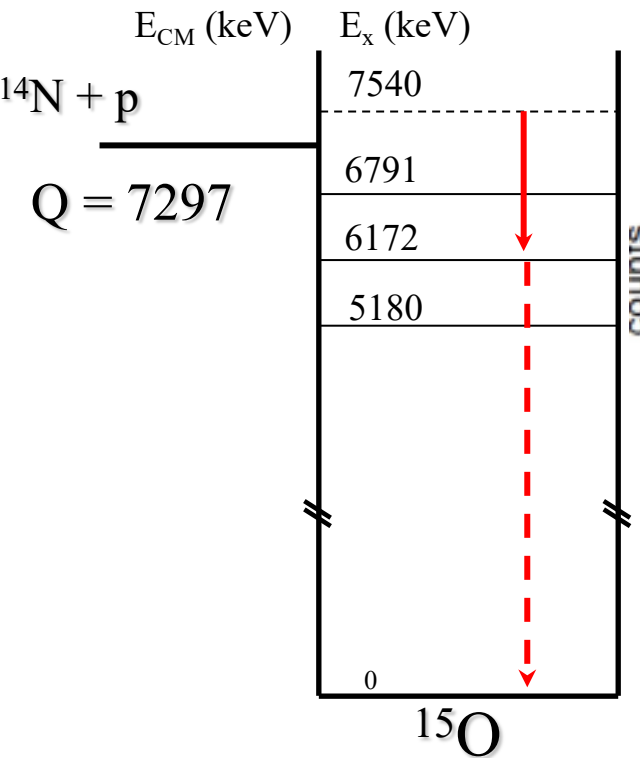
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Gating Ge2

$$1381 < E_{\gamma_2} [\text{keV}] < 1389$$

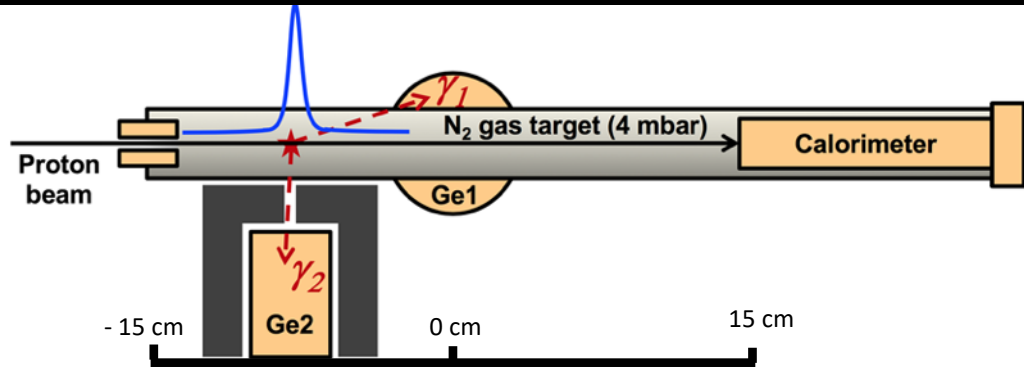


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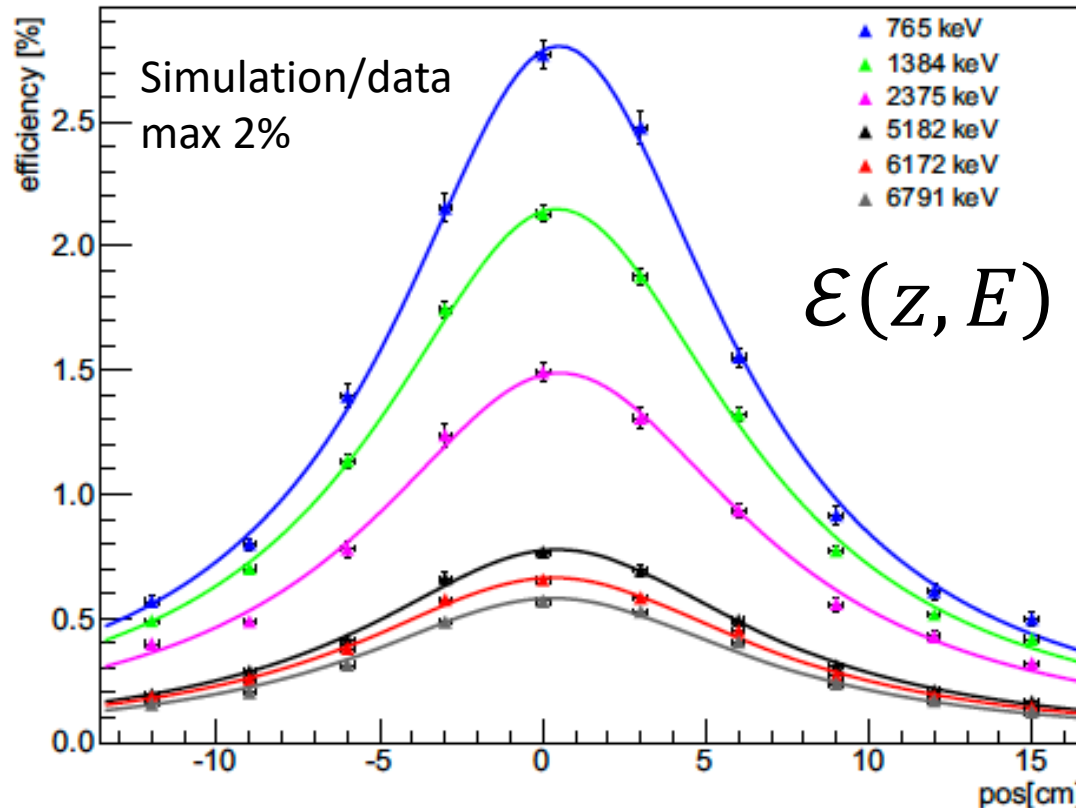
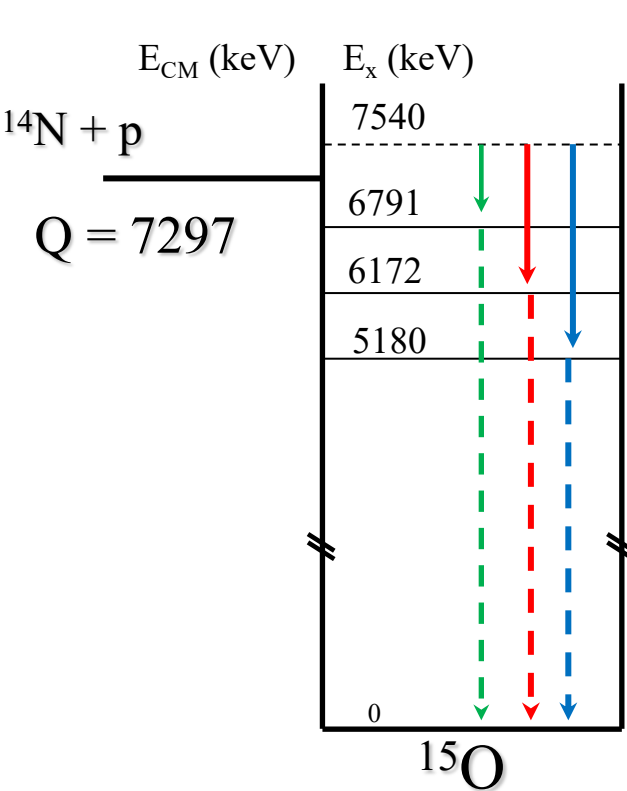
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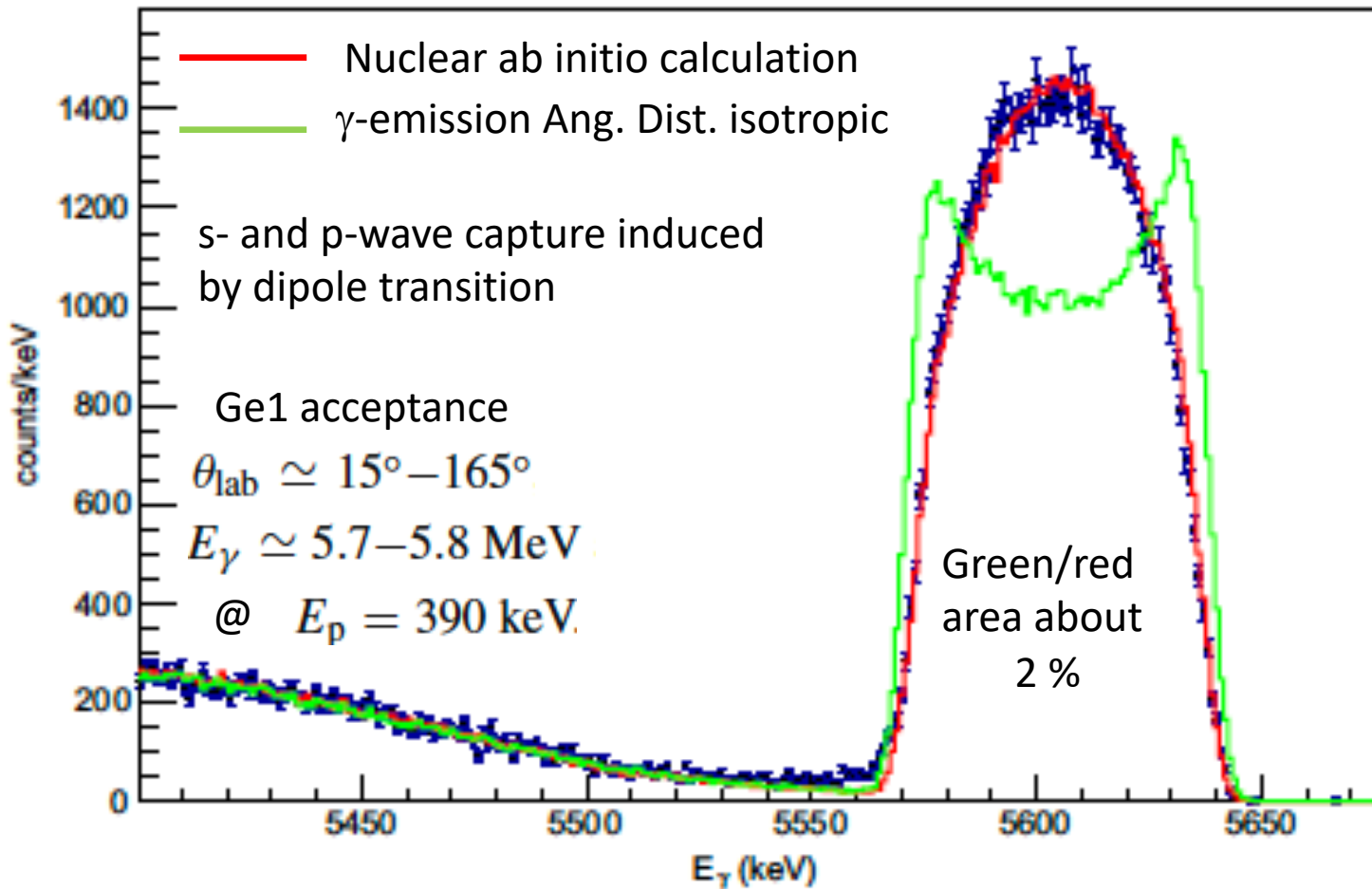
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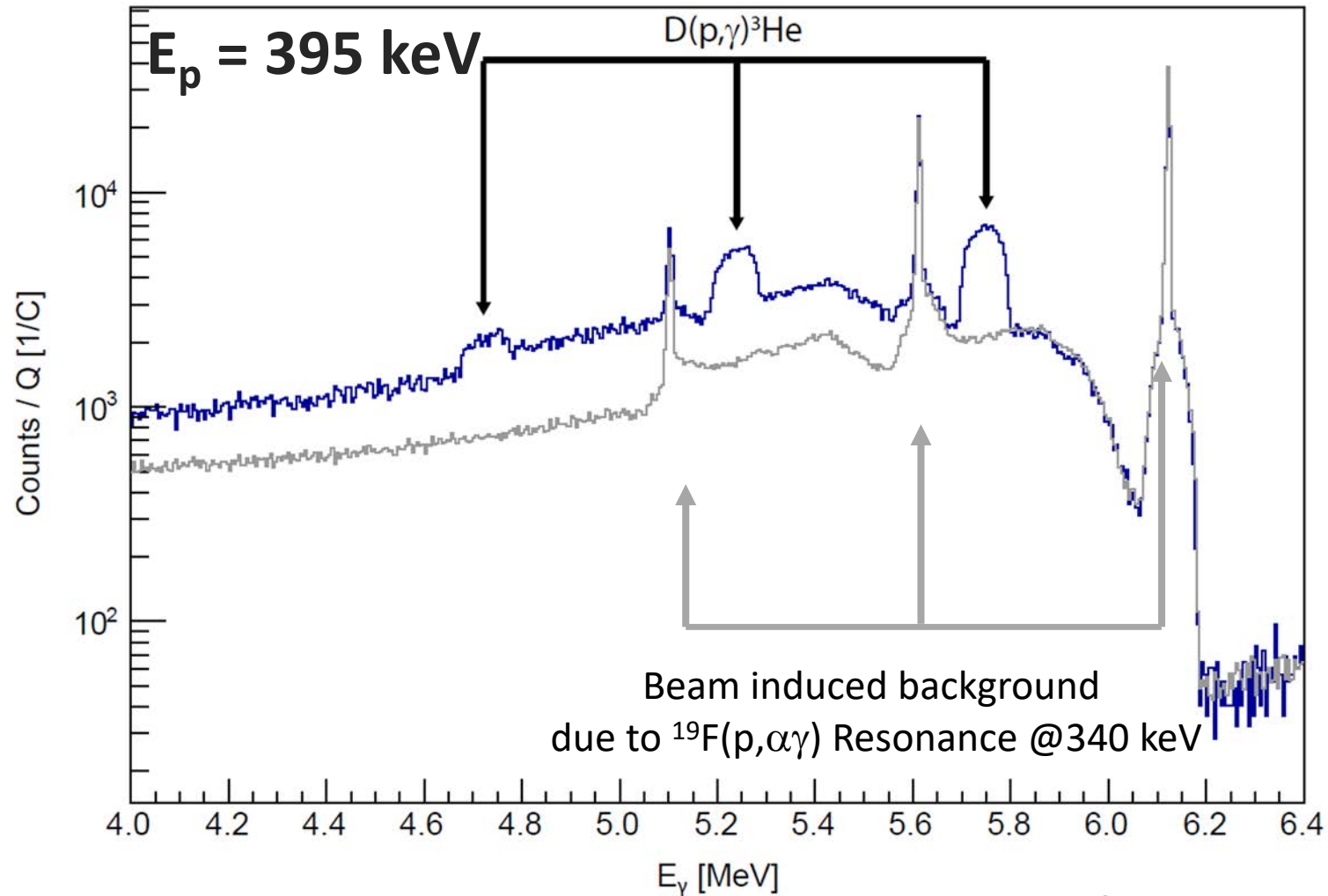
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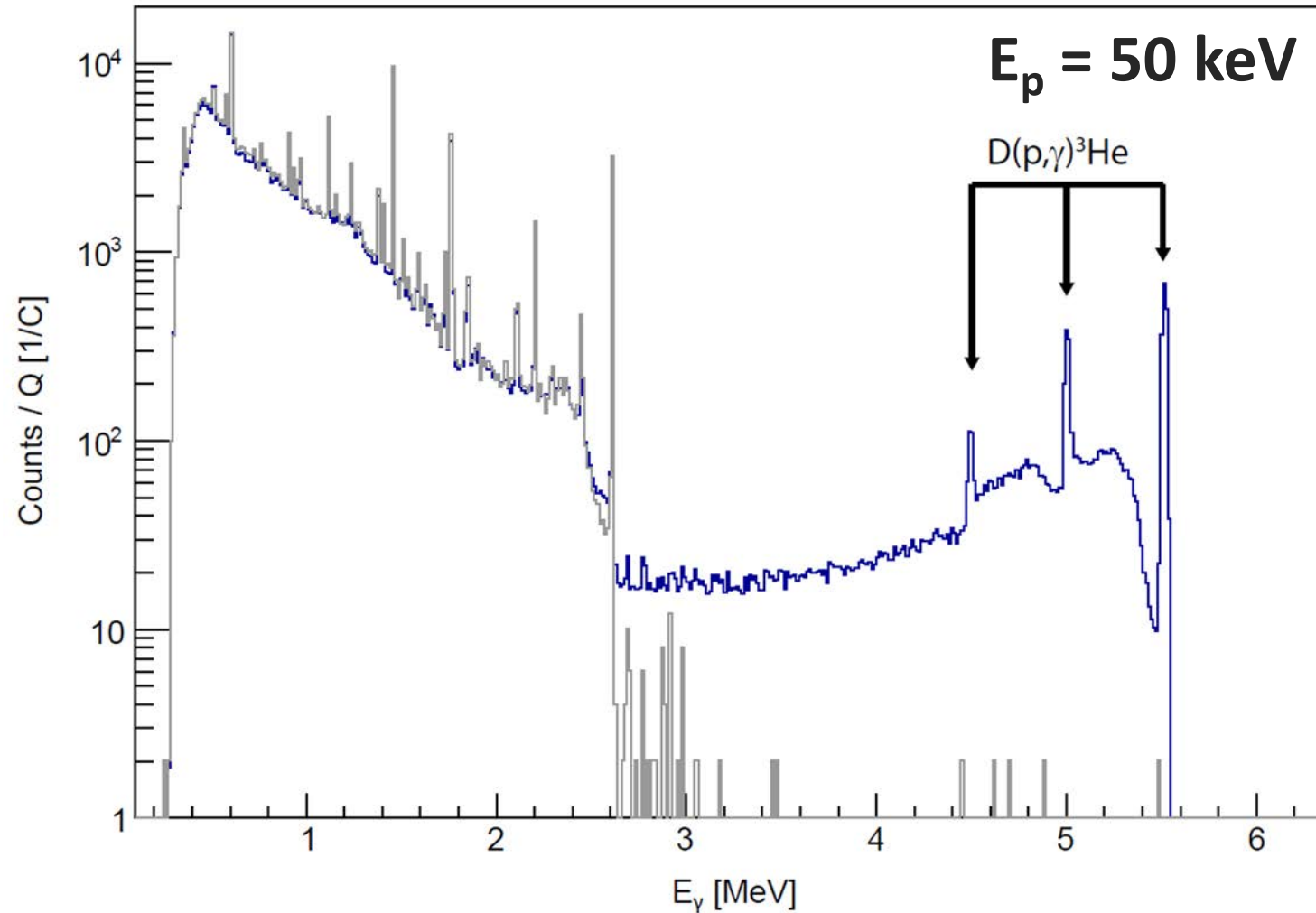
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D(p, γ)³He: beam induced background



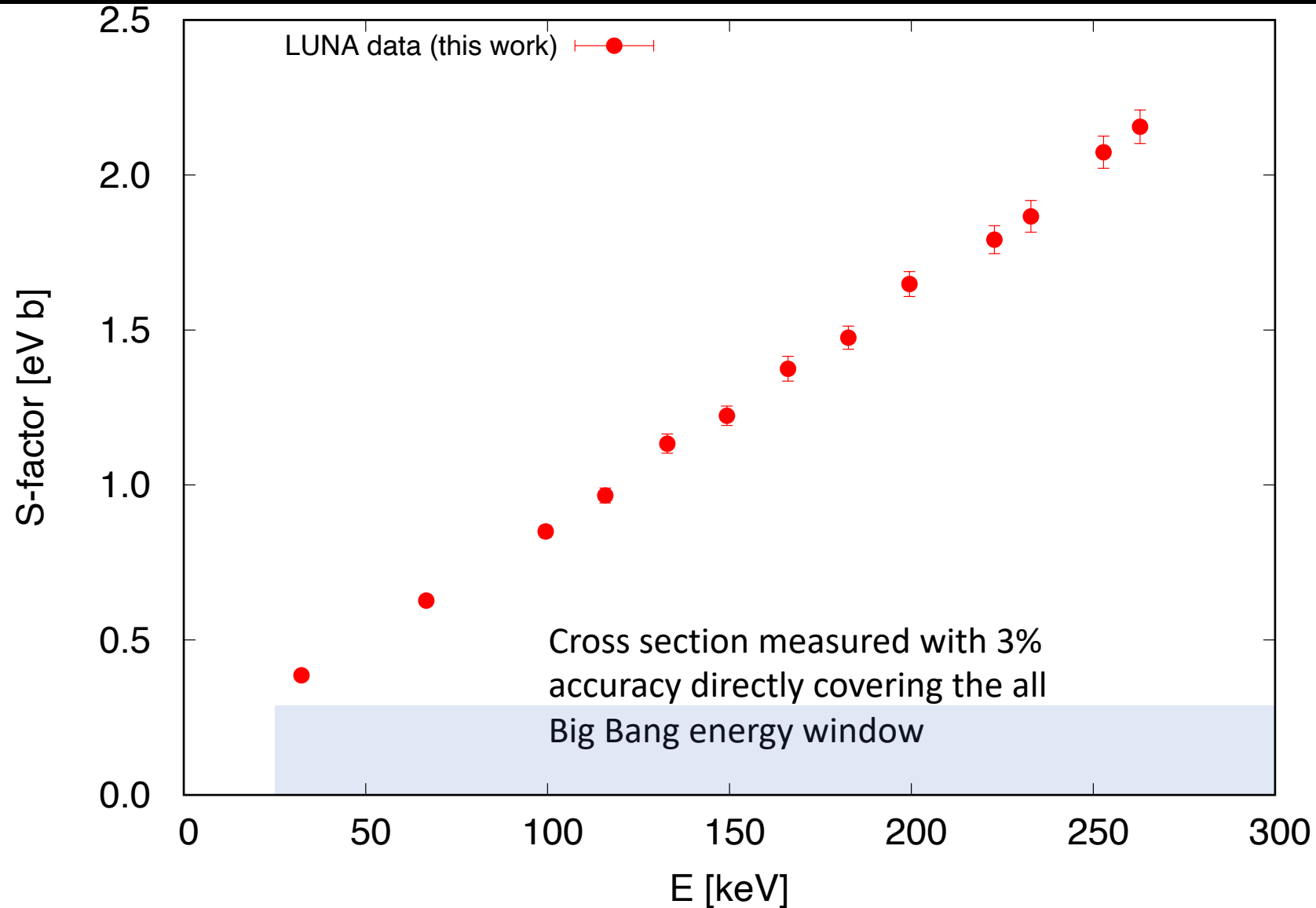
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- Spectrum obtained @ $E_p = 395$ keV with ⁴He gas target (P=0.3 mbar)

$D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$: lowest energy spectrum

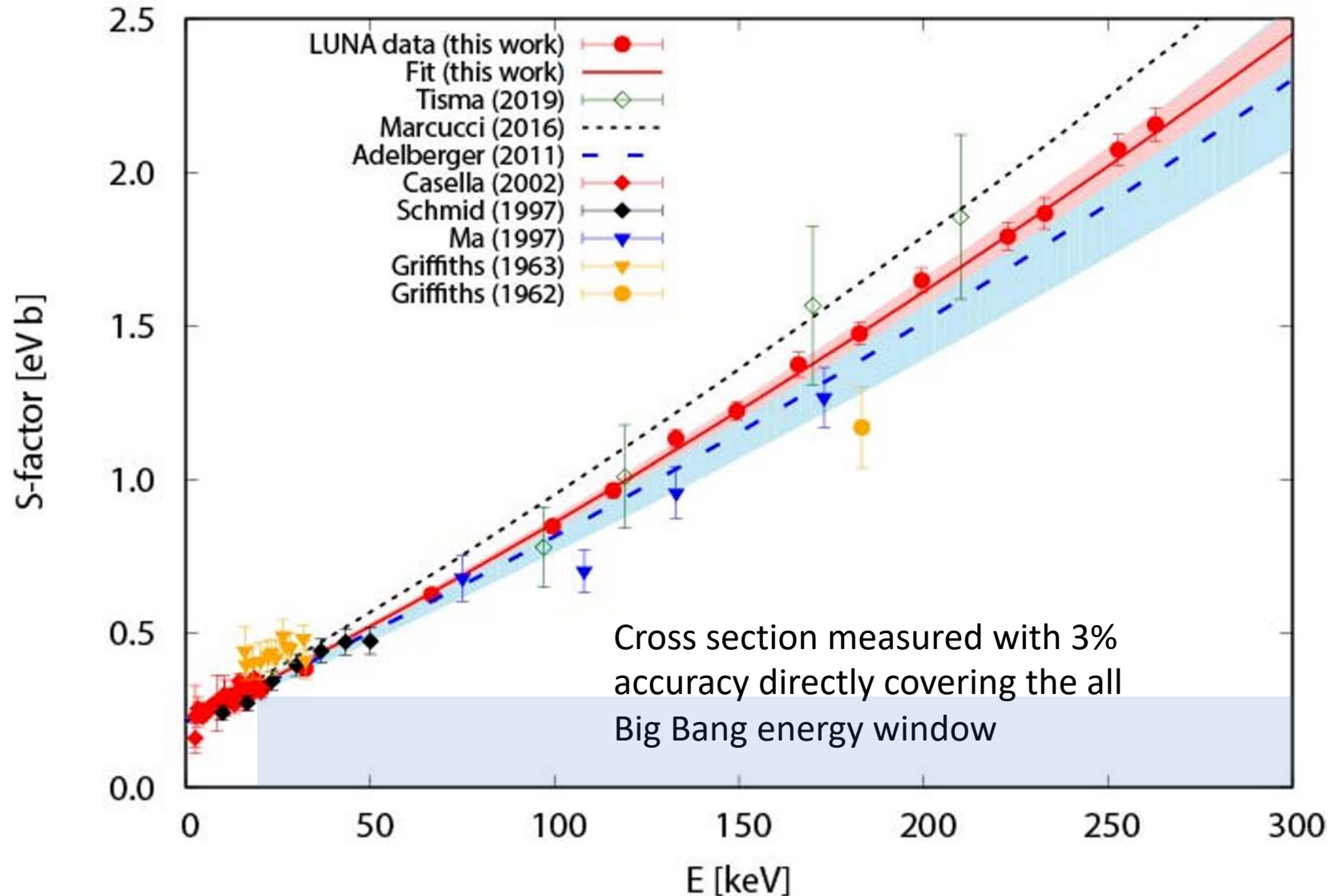


- Spectrum obtained @ $E_p = 50 \text{ keV}$ with D_2 gas target ($P=0.3 \text{ mbar}$)
- Spectrum obtained @ $E_p = 50 \text{ keV}$ with ^4He gas target ($P=0.4 \text{ mbar}$)

$D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$: S-factor results



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