

# ISOL Targets for HIE-ISOLDE with $6\mu\text{A}$ , 2GeV proton beam from PSB

The logo for HIE-ISOLDE Design Study, featuring a stylized "HIE" in blue and white.  
HIE-ISOLDE  
Design Study

- HIE-ISOLDE physics requests, priorities for HIE-DS
- Yield vs integrated yields : target sintering, going to Linac 4 (6 $\mu$ A)
- New neutron converter for fission products
- Motivation to go for 2GeV
- Liquid metal target: LIEBE project

# ISOLDE production units → HIE-ISOLDE ?

**Transfer lines (>5)**

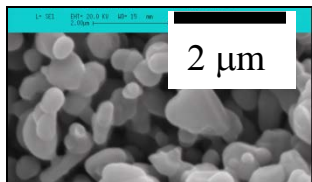
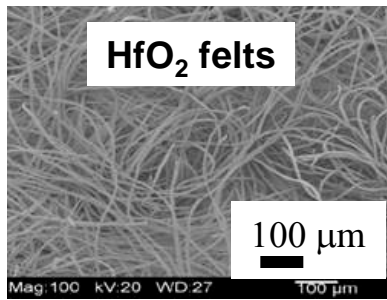
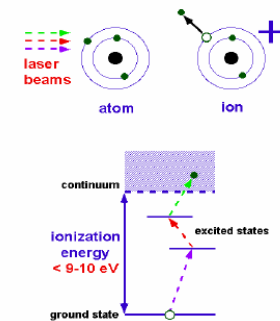
## Target materials (30):

- Refractory oxides carbides ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , SiC, nano  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ )
- Solid metals (Ta, Nb, Mo)
- Molten metals (Pb, La, Sn)
- Molten salt ( $\text{NaF-LiF}$ )

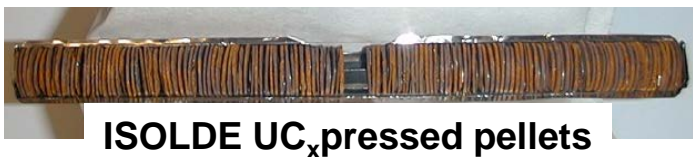
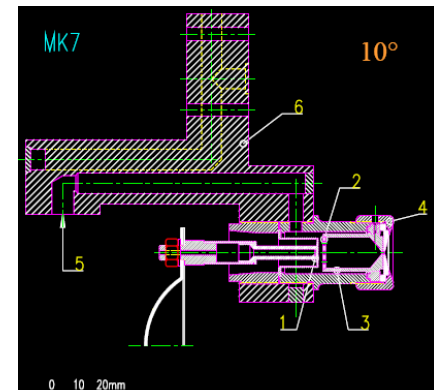
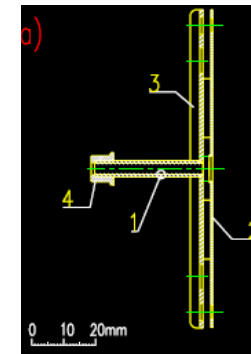
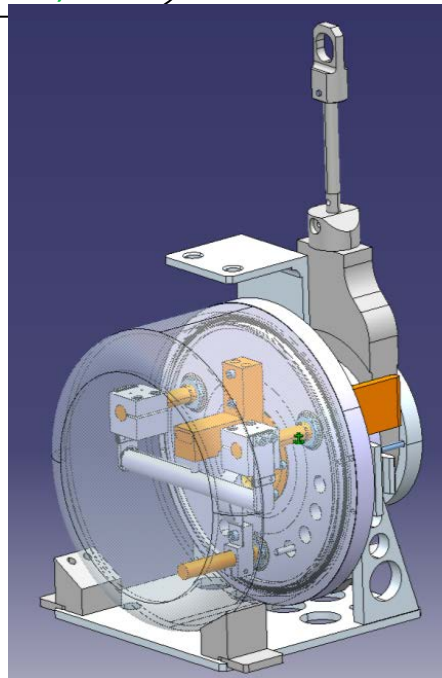
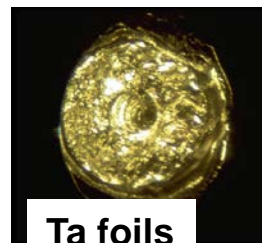
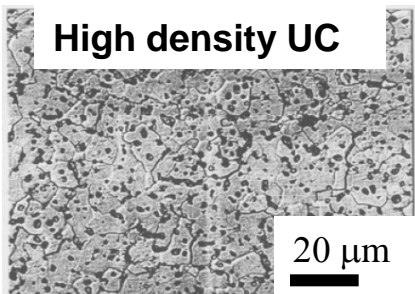
## Ion sources (>5):

- Surface (W, Re, GdB6)
- FEBIAD, RF Plasma
- LIST

### Laser Ionization

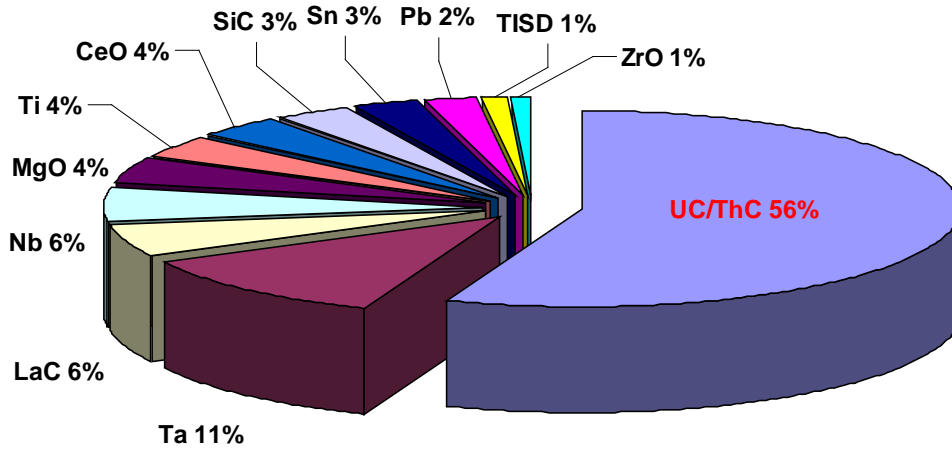


nm/sub- $\mu\text{m}$  SiC

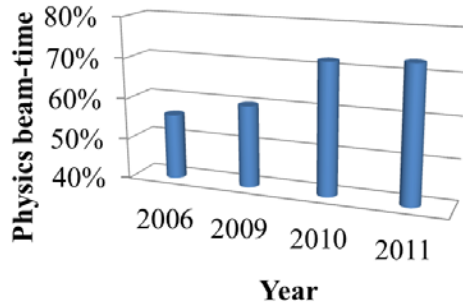


# Target unit requests: ISOLDE and HIE-ISOLDE

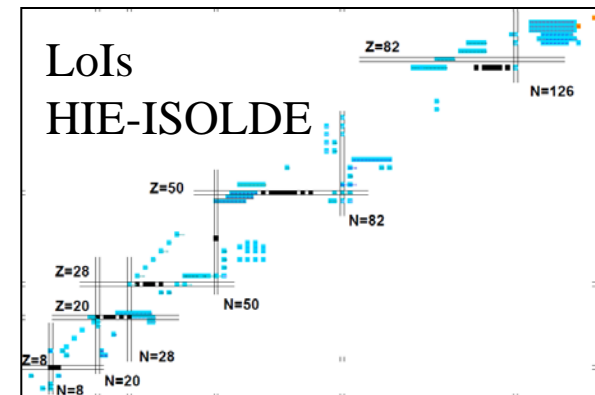
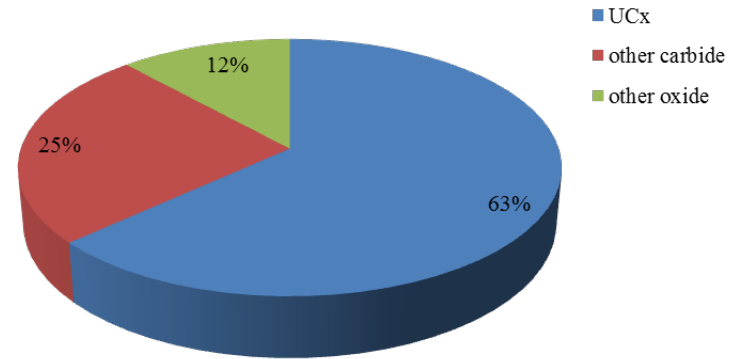
Target distribution 2006



12 UCx units / year (total ~25-30)



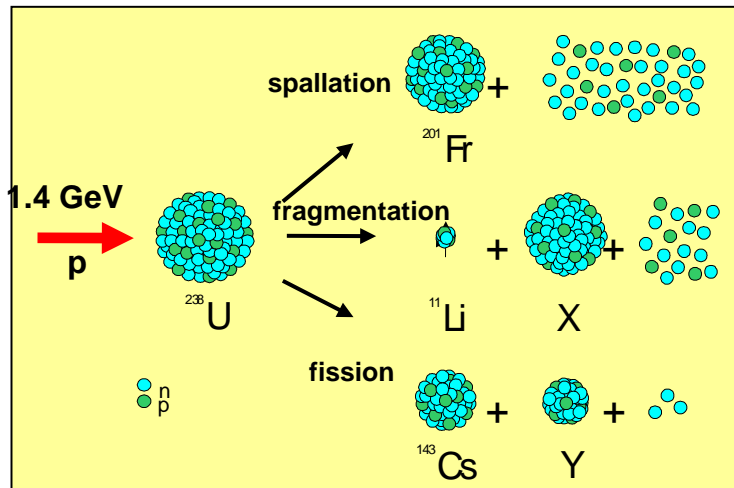
Allocated shifts for HIE-ISOLDE at INTC Jun 2013



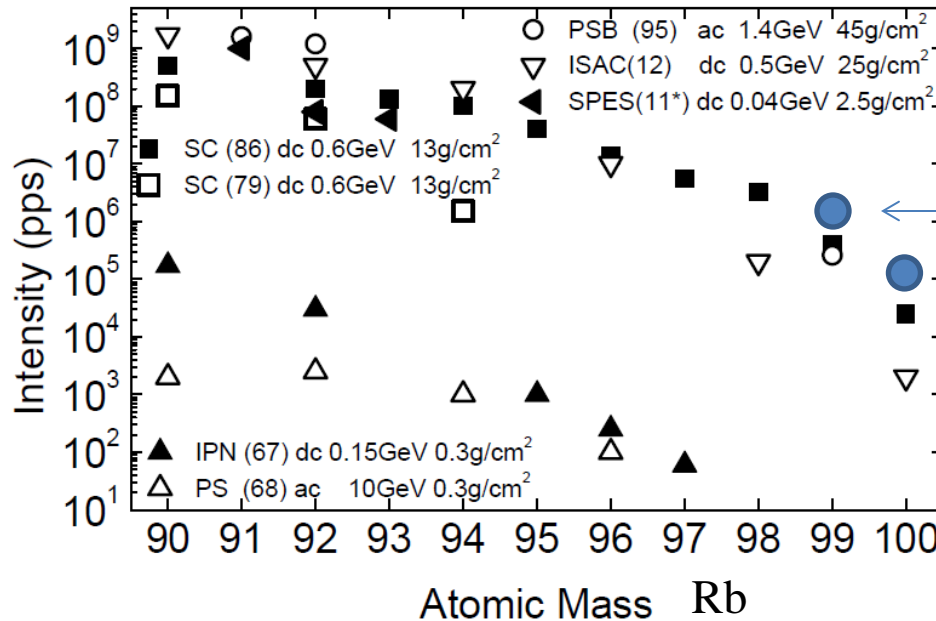
# ISOLDE Beams and production units

RIB intensity [s <sup>-1</sup> μA <sup>-1</sup> ]	Proton beam Intensity [s <sup>-1</sup> μA <sup>-1</sup> ]	Avogadro Numb.	Diffusion+ Effusion Efficiency
$I = \int \sigma(E) \Phi(E, x) \rho(x) \frac{N}{A} dx \varepsilon_{\text{diff + eff}} \varepsilon_{\text{ion}}$			
Cross section [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	Target density [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Atomic Mass [g]	Ionization Efficiency

**2 GeV !!!!**



# Rb intensities (not integrated)



HIE-ISOLDE 6 $\mu$ A-2GeV  
(SPIRAL 2, RAON,  
ISOL@Myrrha not shown)

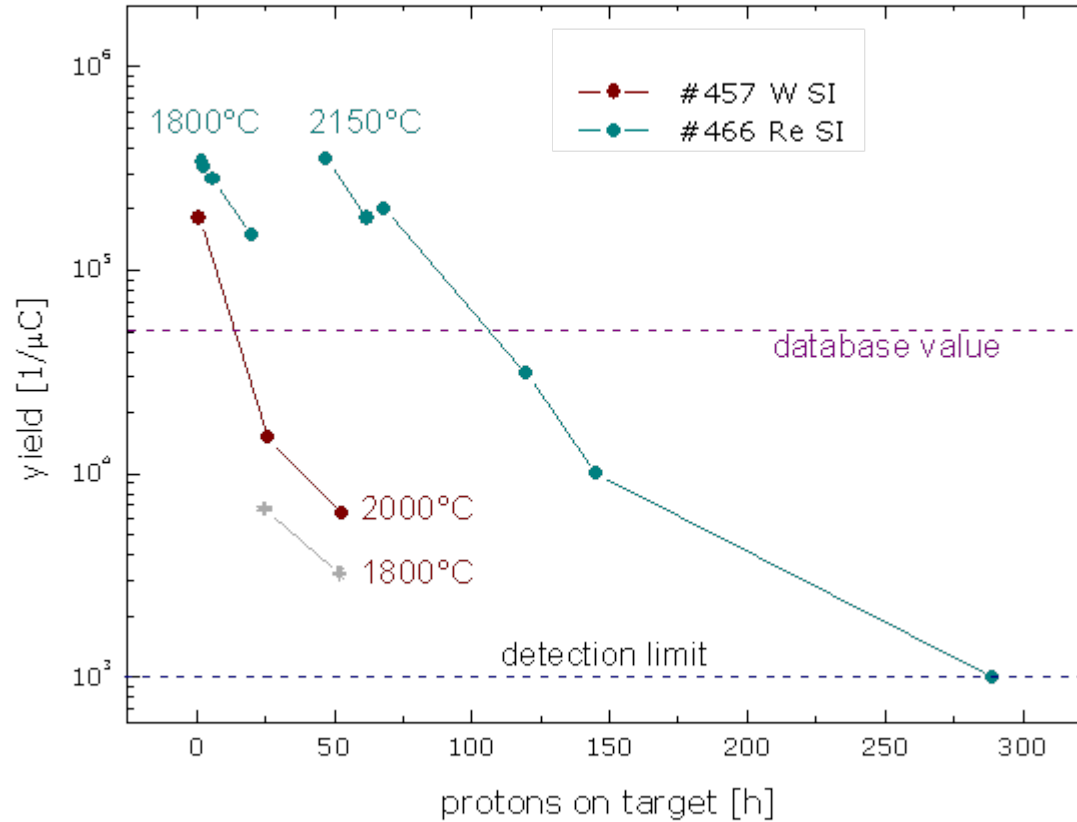
ISAC2/ARIEL  
should also gain

Figure of merit of a given radioactive ion beam facility:

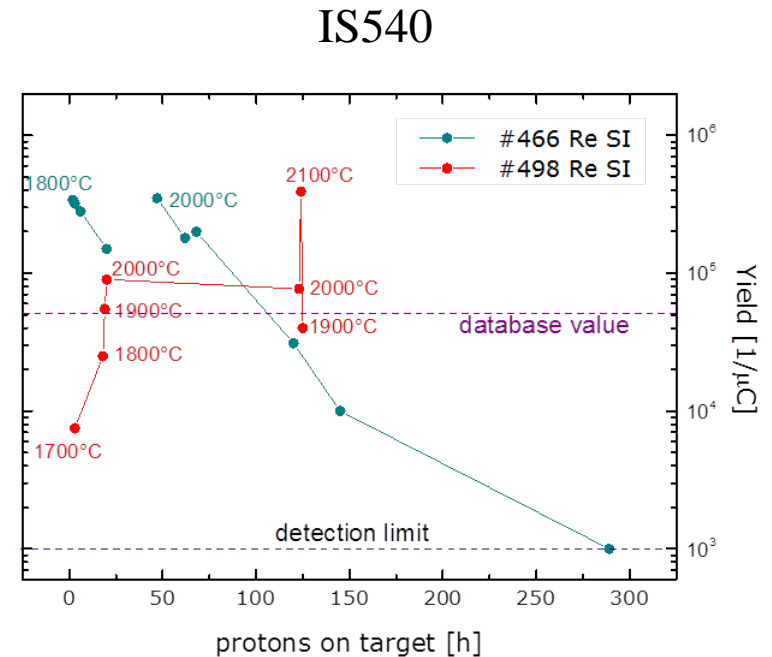
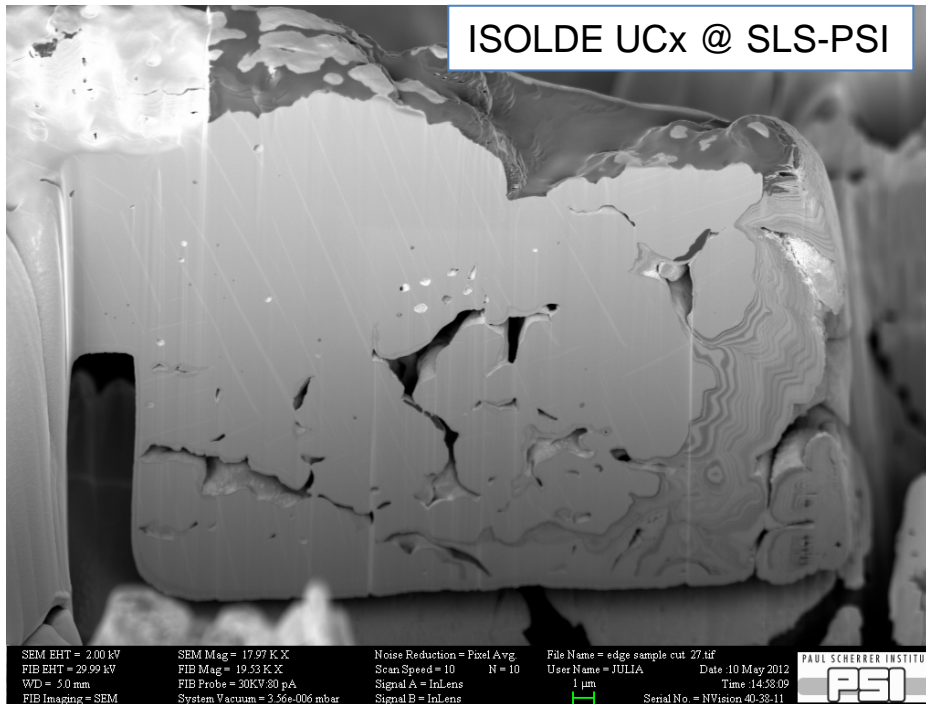
- ❖ Diversity of available beams.
- ❖ Beam **intensity** (secondary ions/ primary beam  $\mu$ C).
- ❖ Beam quality, for instance **purity**, time structure and emittance.
- ❖ Facility down-time.
- ❖ Stability of beam intensity **over time**.

# Integrated yield UCx stability over run

30Na beams



Tests of nanoUCx UC498 @CERN and @IPNO



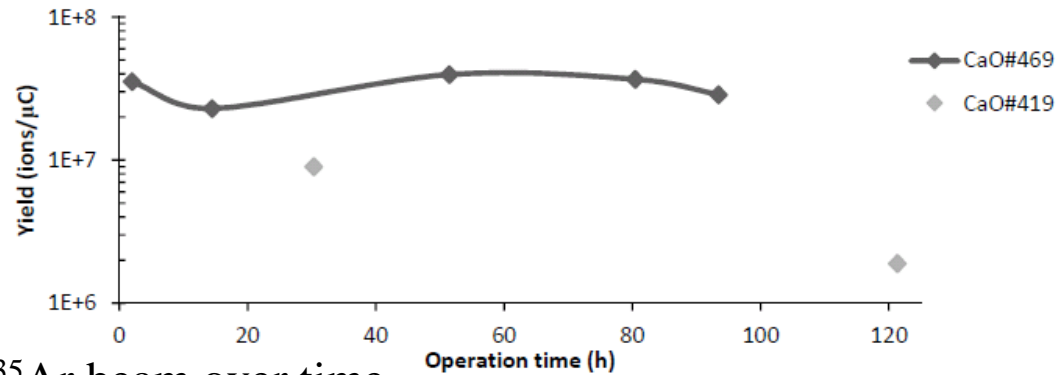
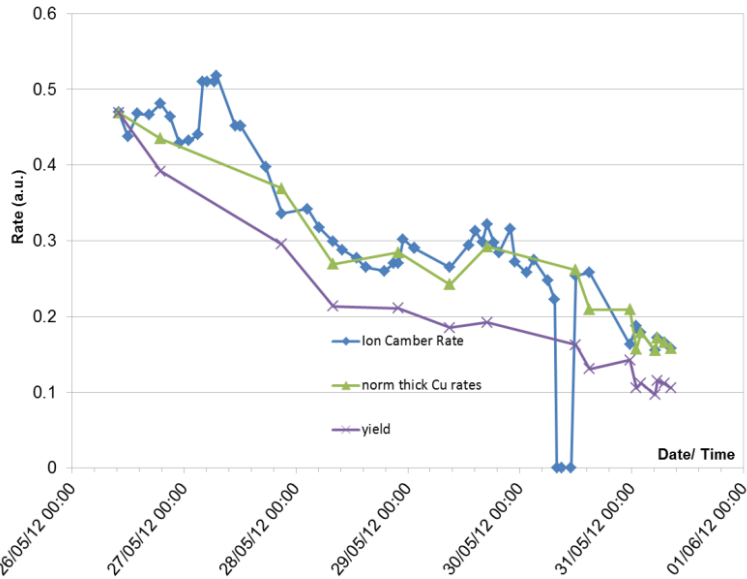
New UCx less prone to sintering: should be capable of withstanding higher beam pulse intensity



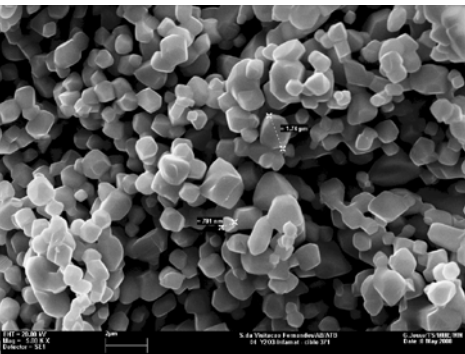
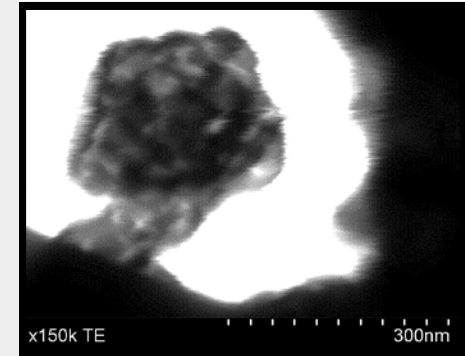
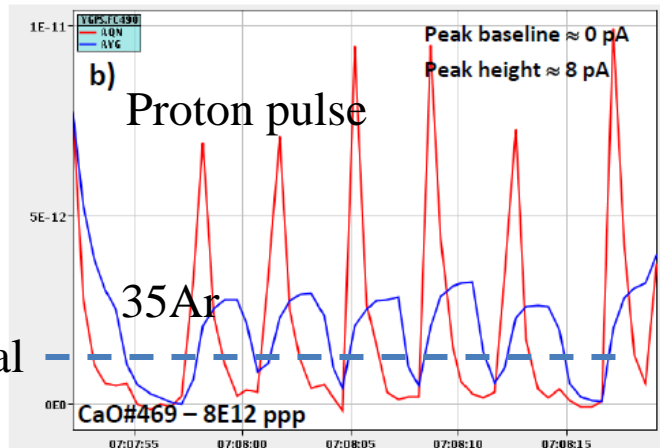
# Other targets – pulsed nature of the beam

$^{72}\text{Kr}$  from sub- $\mu\text{m}$   $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  vs  $^{35}\text{Ar}$  from nano  $\text{CaO}$

72Kr rate #475 YO\_VD7



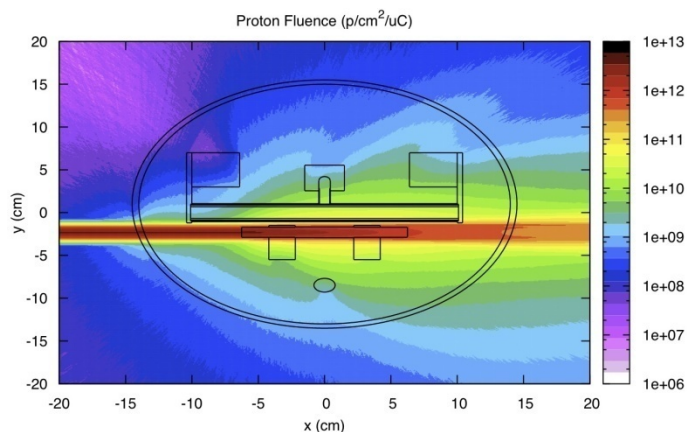
$^{35}\text{Ar}$  beam over time



Hypothetical impurity

See presentation M. Czapski T. Stora

Improvement of fission product yields (for ex.  $^{80}\text{Zn}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Cd}$ ) and further reduction of isobaric contaminants ( $^{80}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Cs}$ )

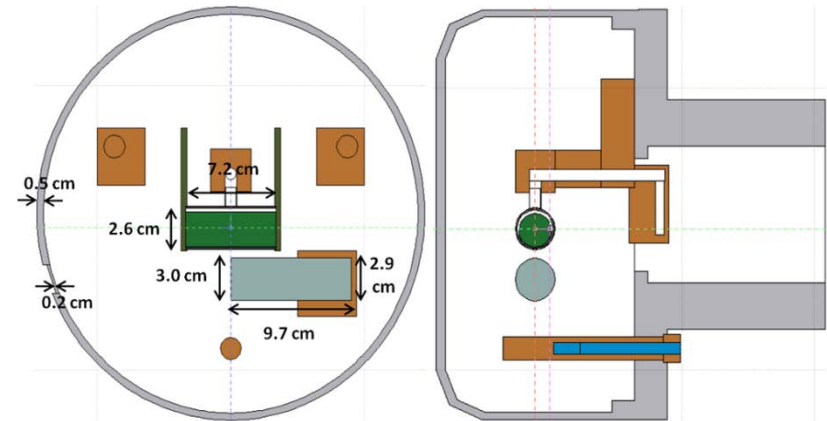
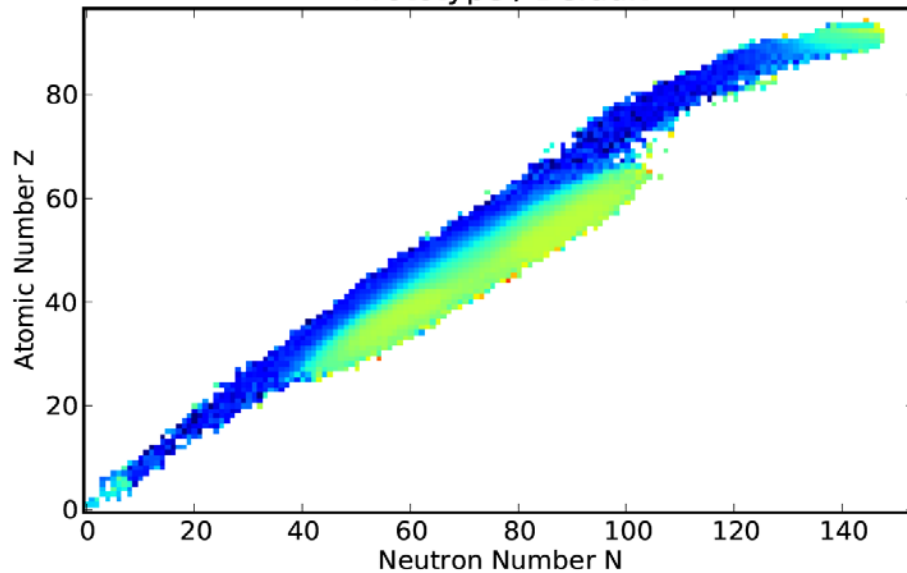


R. Luis et al.  
Eur. Phys J. A  
2012

See presentation S. Cimmino

# Neutron converter

Prototype / Default

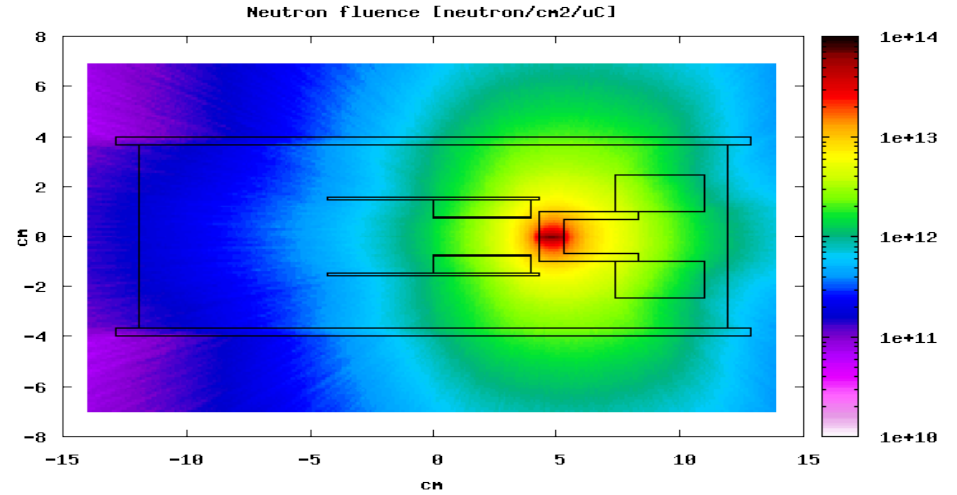
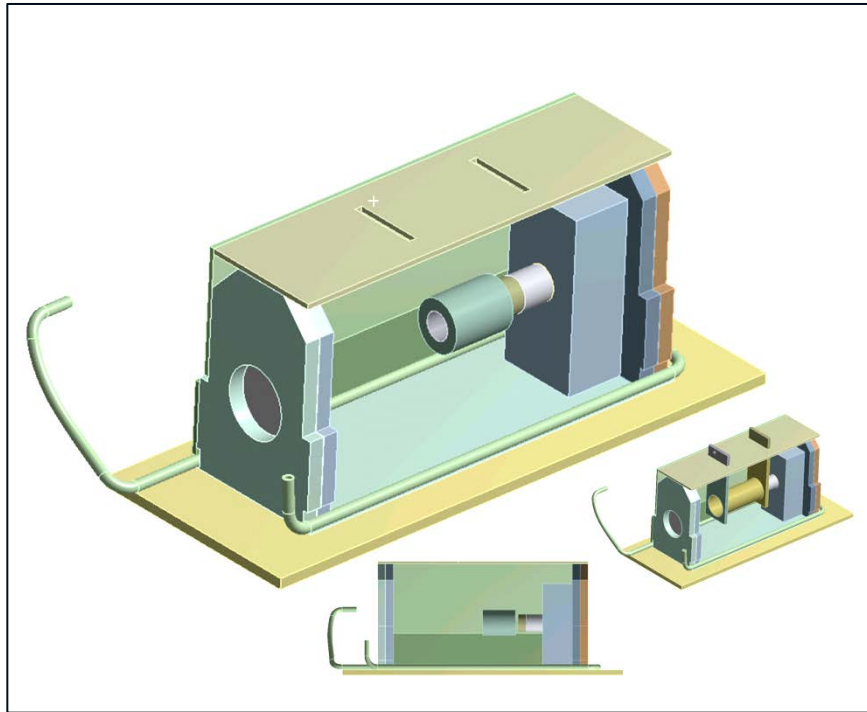


(1st version at ISOLDE:

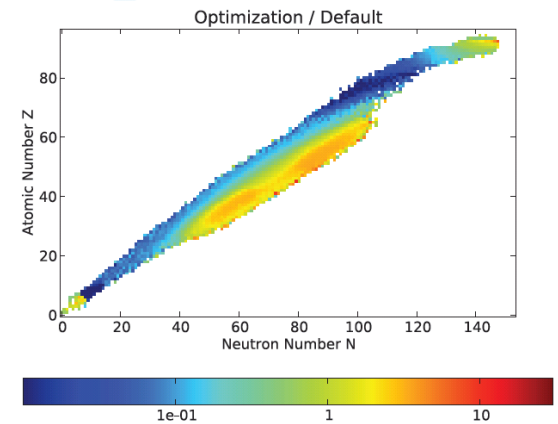
A. Gottberg, T. Mendonca, R. Luis et al.

Experimental tests of an advanced neutron-to-neutron converter at ISOLDE-CERN, ready for Subm. To NIMB)

# Neutron converter v2.0



Goal : R. Luis et al.  
Eur. Phys J. A 2012



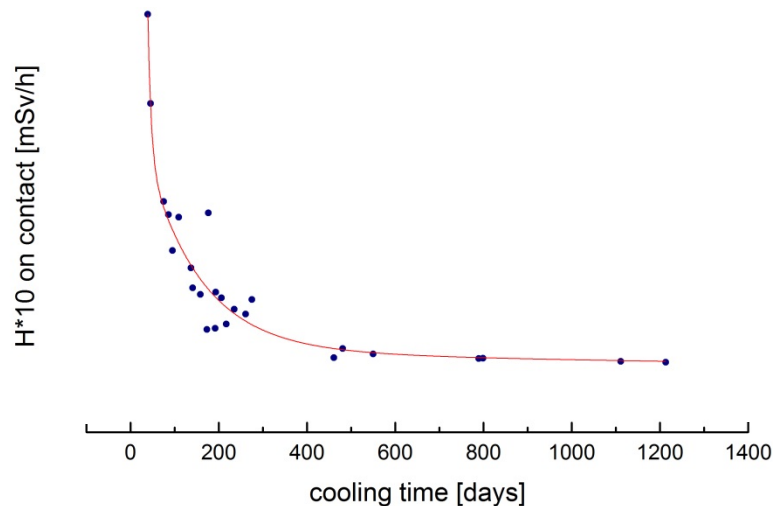
S. Cimmino et al.  
In collaboration with TRIUMF, P. Bricault

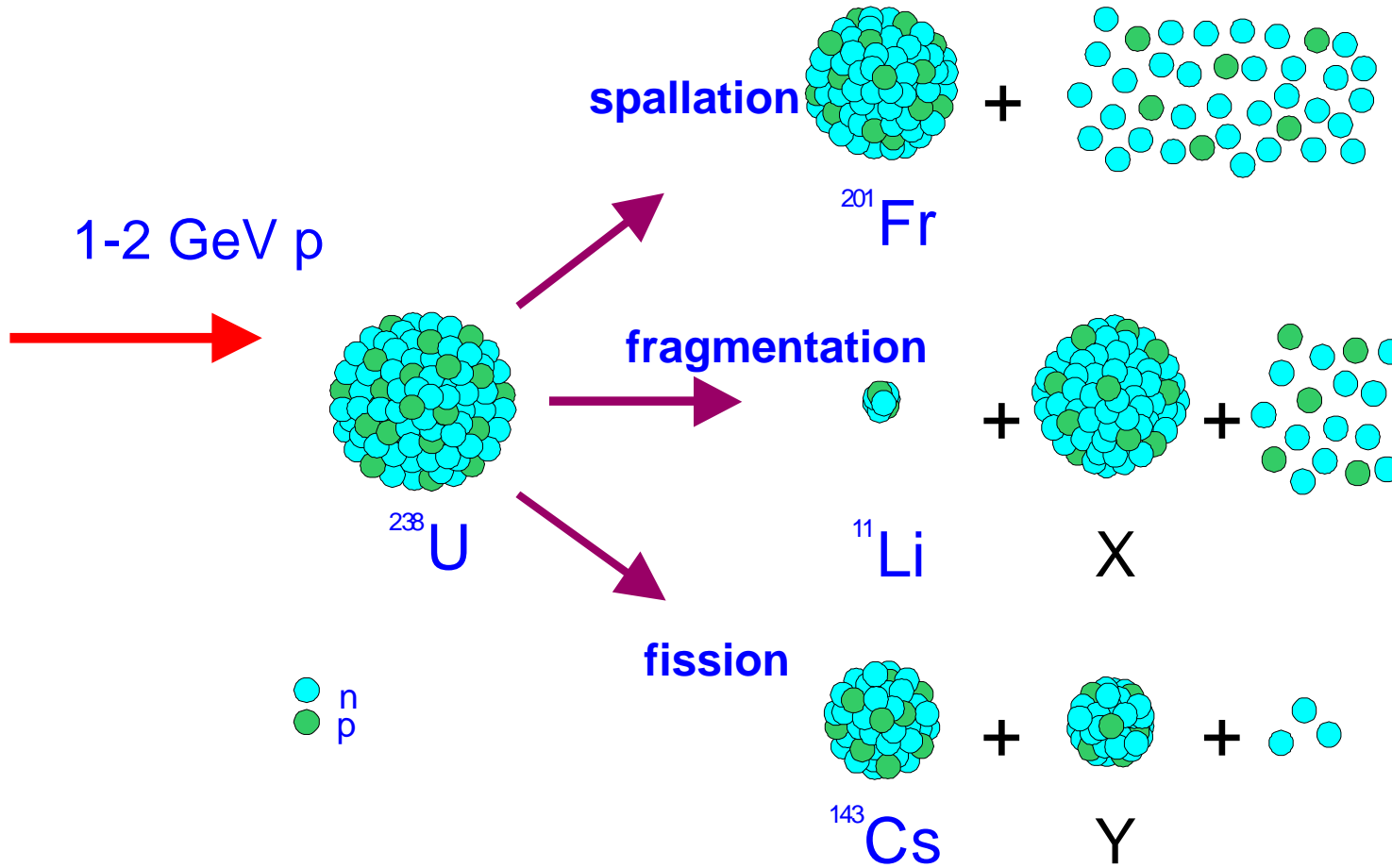
Tests of nanoUCx UC498@CERN  
and @IPNO

New UCx Target : ~ 50% standard ISOLDE target density

→ One needs to revisit the max # proton on UCx target for dismantling compatibility

→ Nuclearisation of targets, improvement of safety : Presentation by S. Cimmino







Yield:

$$Y = I X \sigma \epsilon_{rel} \epsilon_{ion} \epsilon_{sep} \epsilon_{transp}$$

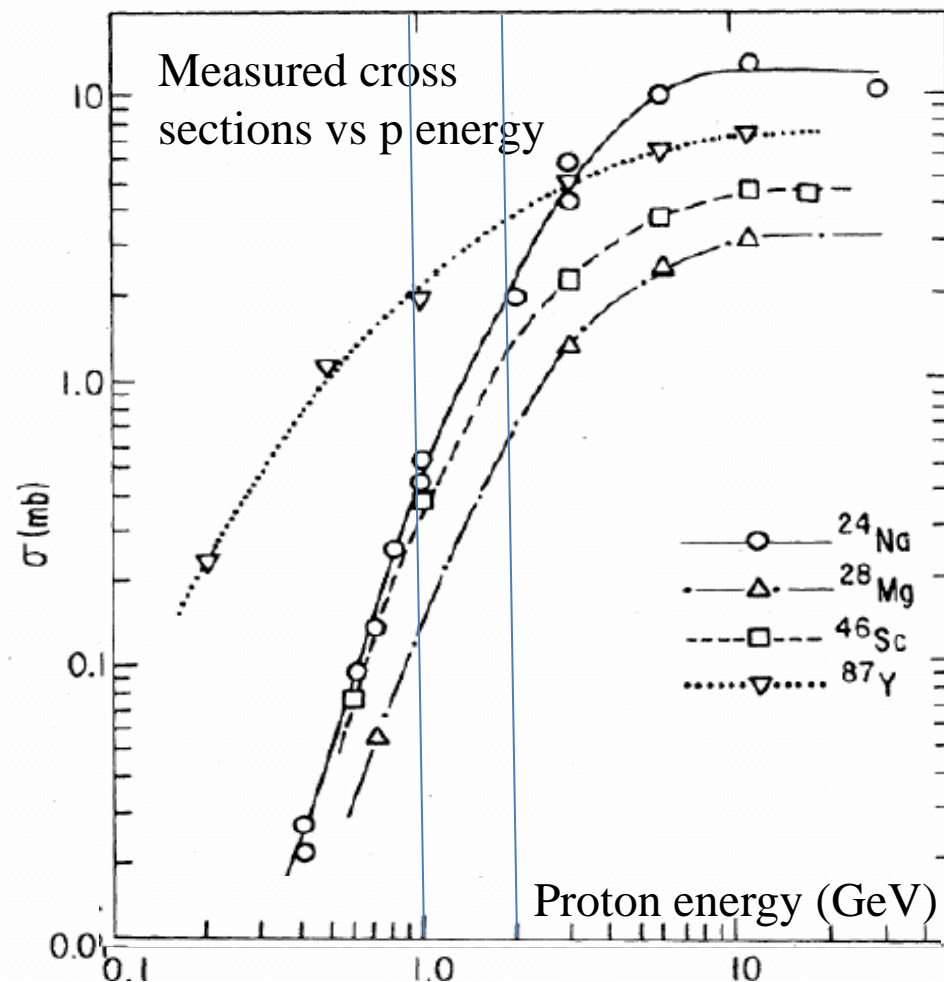
Proton beam intensity

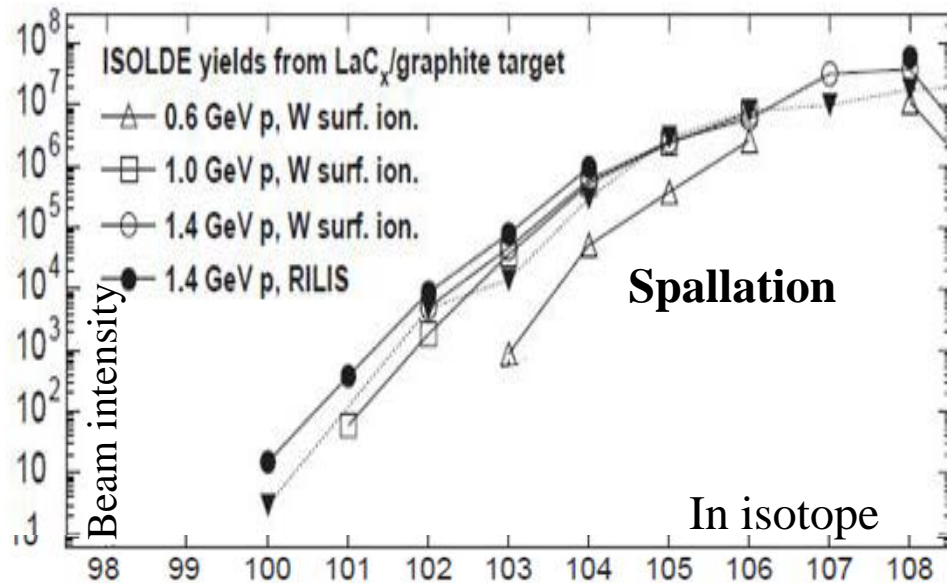
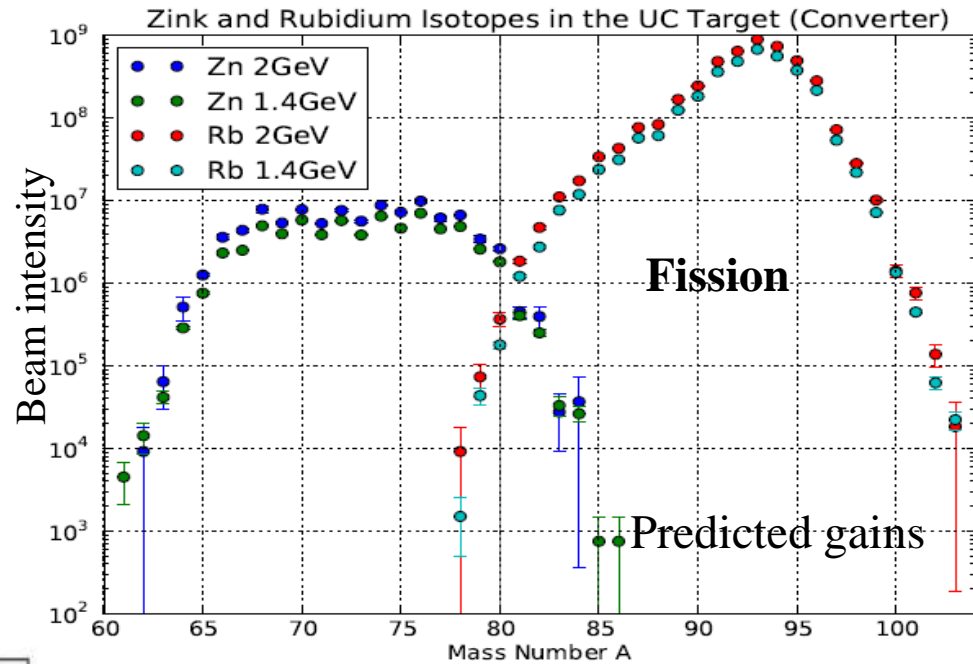
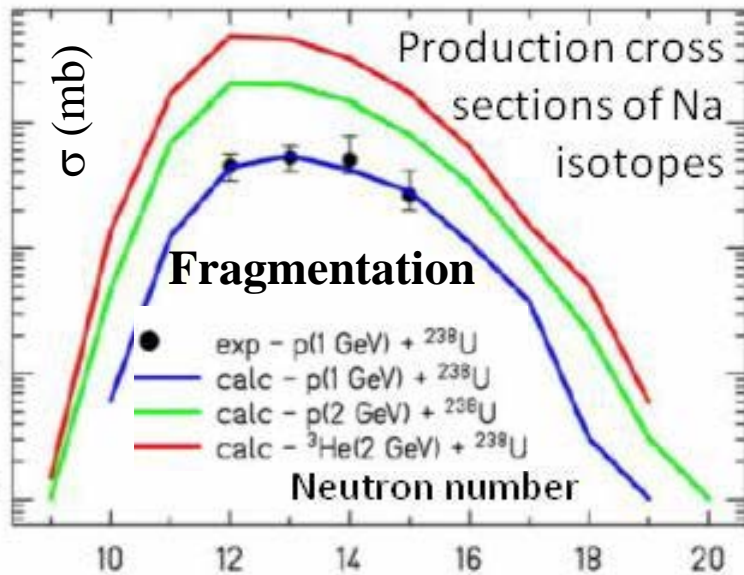
Target thickness

Production cross section

Efficiencies (release, ionization, mass-separation, transport)

- Increase in proton energy from 1/1.4 GeV to 2 GeV will **increase the cross section ( $\sigma$ )**, and thus **the yield**





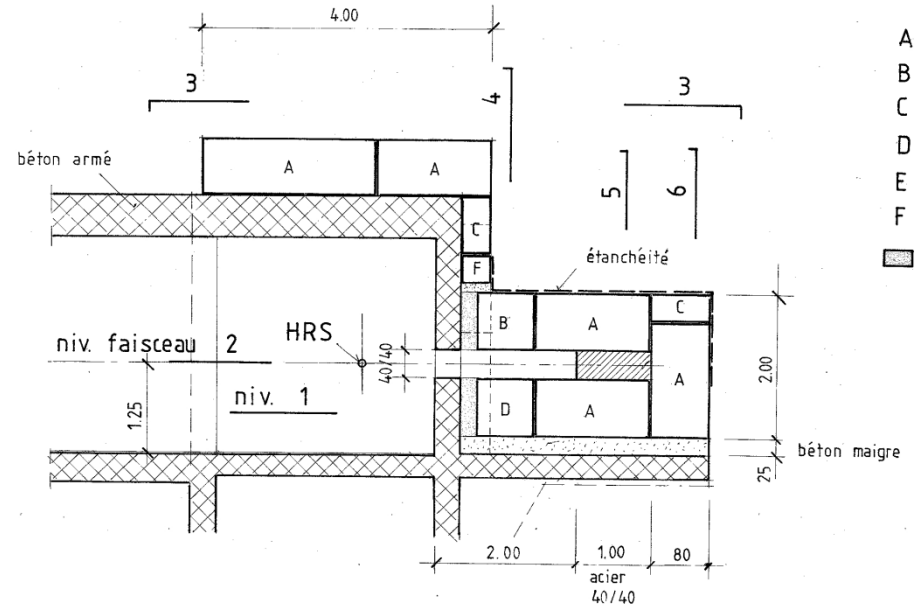
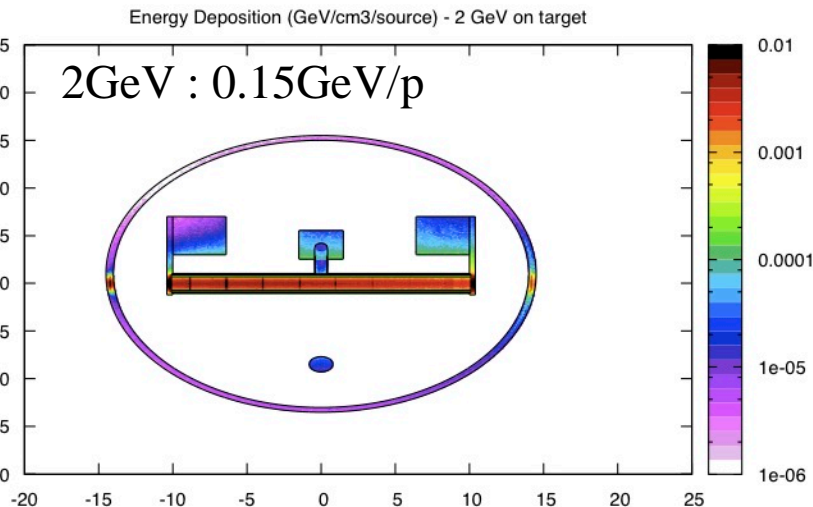
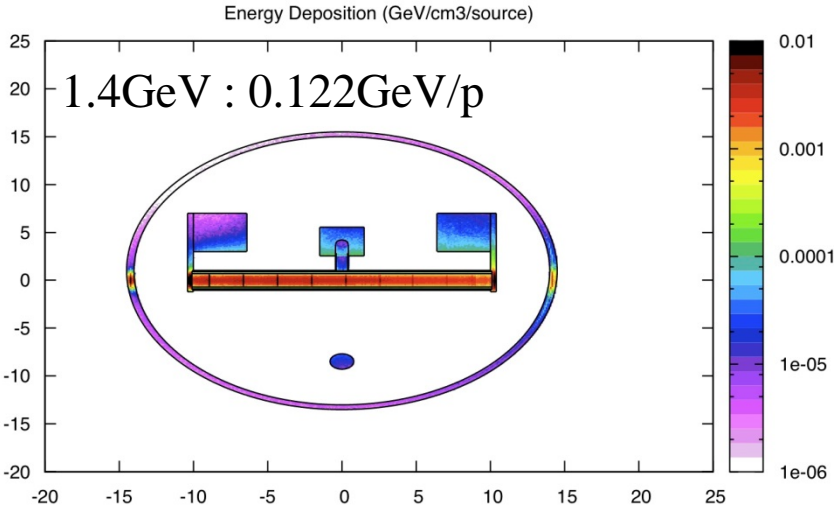
## Expected gains:

- fission products: 1.4 on average;
- fragmentation products: x2 to x5;
- spallation products: over x6

2GeV proton driver will better recreate the EURISOL aims



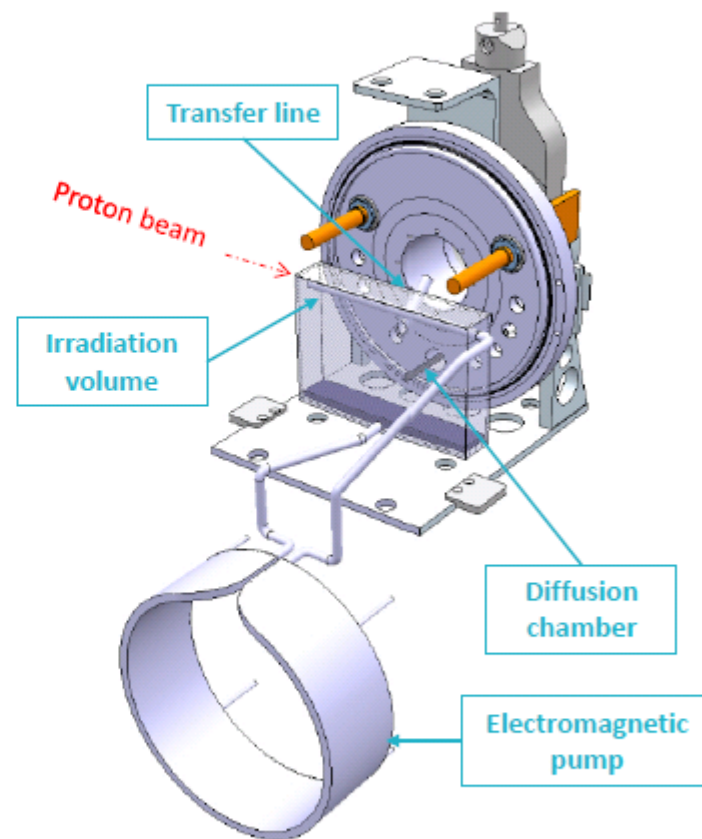
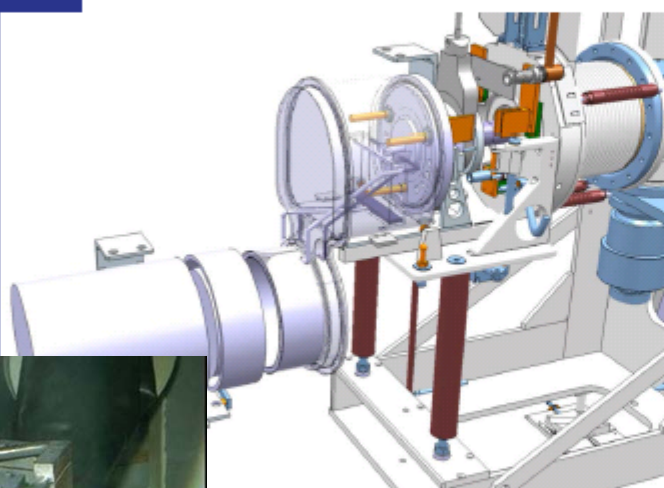
# Targets 2GeV vs 1.4 GeV



See presentation V. Troncale,  
A. Polato, L. Morejon

# Liquid eutectic Pb/Bi loop for EURISOL LIEBE project

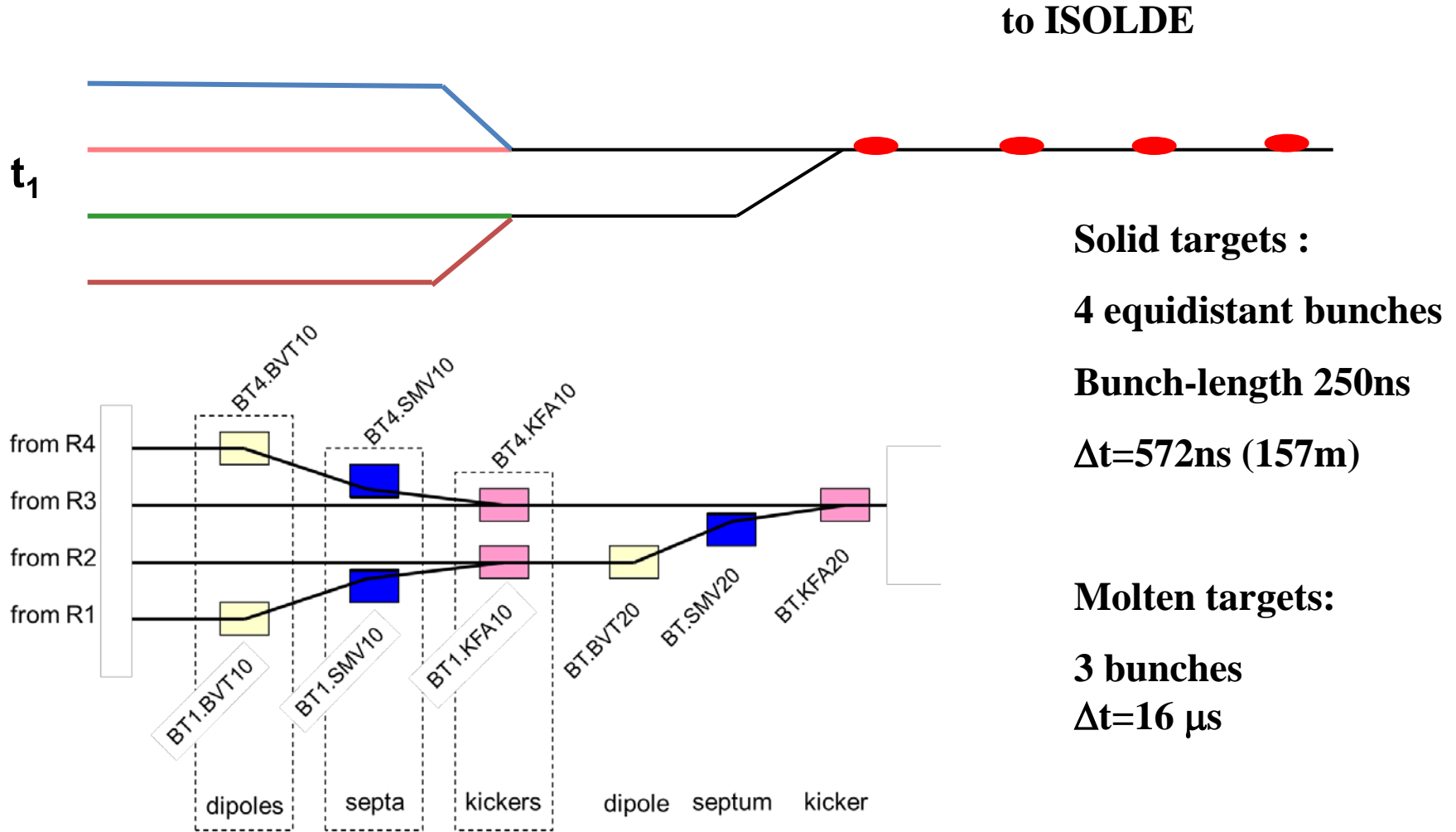
- PhD project of M. Delonca
- Online test in 2015



Liquid metal target: **Cracked**  
container welds

Courtesy of V. Barozier and M. Delonca

# PSB time structure

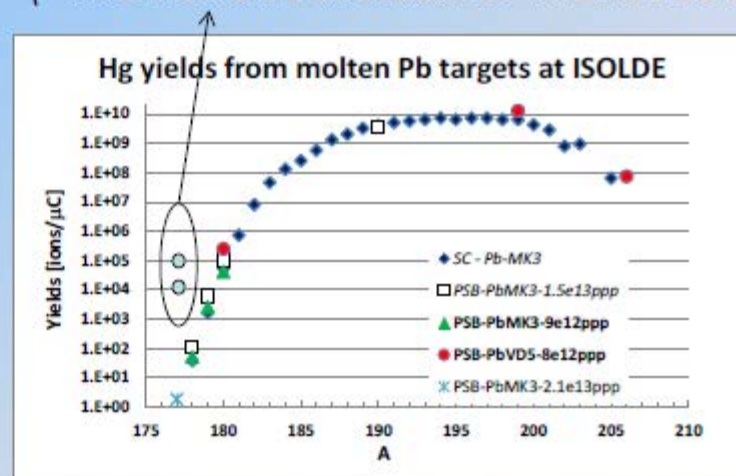


# Projected Hg beam intensities

177Hg Beam intensity at FRIB (400kW)  
(accessed Oct 2012)

Beam intensity at EURISOL in pps:  
 X100 (100 $\mu$ A p beam)  
 X10 VADIS ion source  
 X20 release efficiency  
 X2  $\sigma$  if 2GeV p  
 8% Post-acceleration  
 (~1/15 would be available at HIE-ISOLDE)

Beam		
AZ	209Bi	
Energy	210.2	MeV/u
Fragment		
Energy	160.4	MeV/u
B <sub>&gt;</sub> (Q=Z)	4.204	Tm
Fast beam rate	3.37e+5	pps
Stopped beam rate	1.03e+5	pps
Reaccelerated beam rate	1.85e+4	pps



# Team & Collaborations

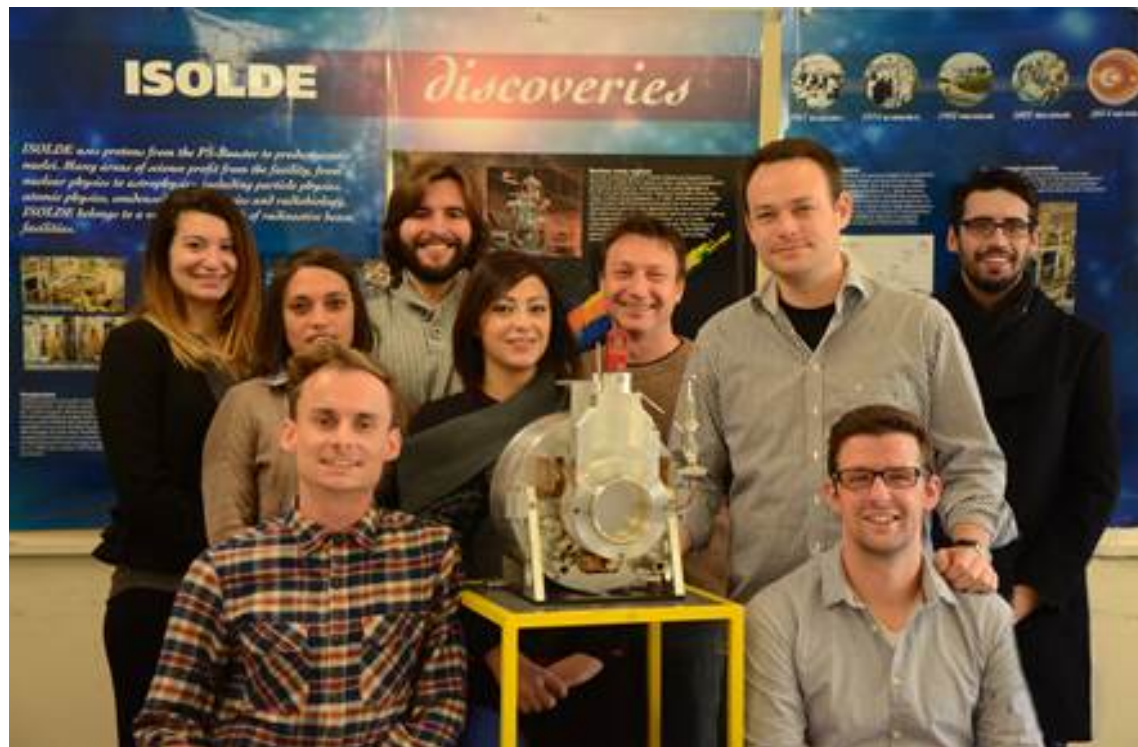
- E. Barbero, B. Crepieux, M. Owen, S. Marzari: production, infrastructures
- C. Seiffert : Molecule evaporation (Gentner, CERN)
- R. Luis : Neutronics (ITN, Lisboa)
- R. Augusto : Fluka, MEDICIS (Adl, CERN)
- Dr. A. Gottberg : Target materials, incl. Uranium (ENSAR-FP7, ActiLab).
- J. P. Ramos : Target nanomaterials (Univ. Aveiro)
- M. Czapski : Material analysis support (CATHI ITN Marie-Curie program)
- Dr. T. Mendonca : High power targetry
- S. Cimmino : Thermal management (CATHI ITN Marie-Curie program)

GANIL, IPNO, INFN, PSI (Uranium, ENSAR “ActiLab”), TRIUMF, JAEA  
ITN (neutronics, UCx)

EPFL, Aveiro, ITN (materials)

ESS, CEA, SCK•CEN-Myrrha, SINP, PSI (high power targetry)

- 6 $\mu$ A, 2GeV protons for HIE-ISOLDE gives a competitive edge to the facility.
- Already some technical solutions for targets to cope with these new beam parameters are identified:
  - New UCx sinters less and new neutron converter: 60-70% of present beam requests for HIE-ISOLDE physics proposals
  - Circulating loop for liquid metal targets
  - The remaining oxides and carbides : Better insights in aging expected.
- Max number of protons on targets could be revisited: impact on operation
- staggered beam with 4 rings from PSB might be required for ALL targets
- Investigations for the target infrastructures will be key drivers (ventilation, beam dump, etc)



For complementary informations, see presentation at ISOLDE workshop by C. Seiffert

**Thank you !**