

# New detection systems for direct reaction studies in Europe

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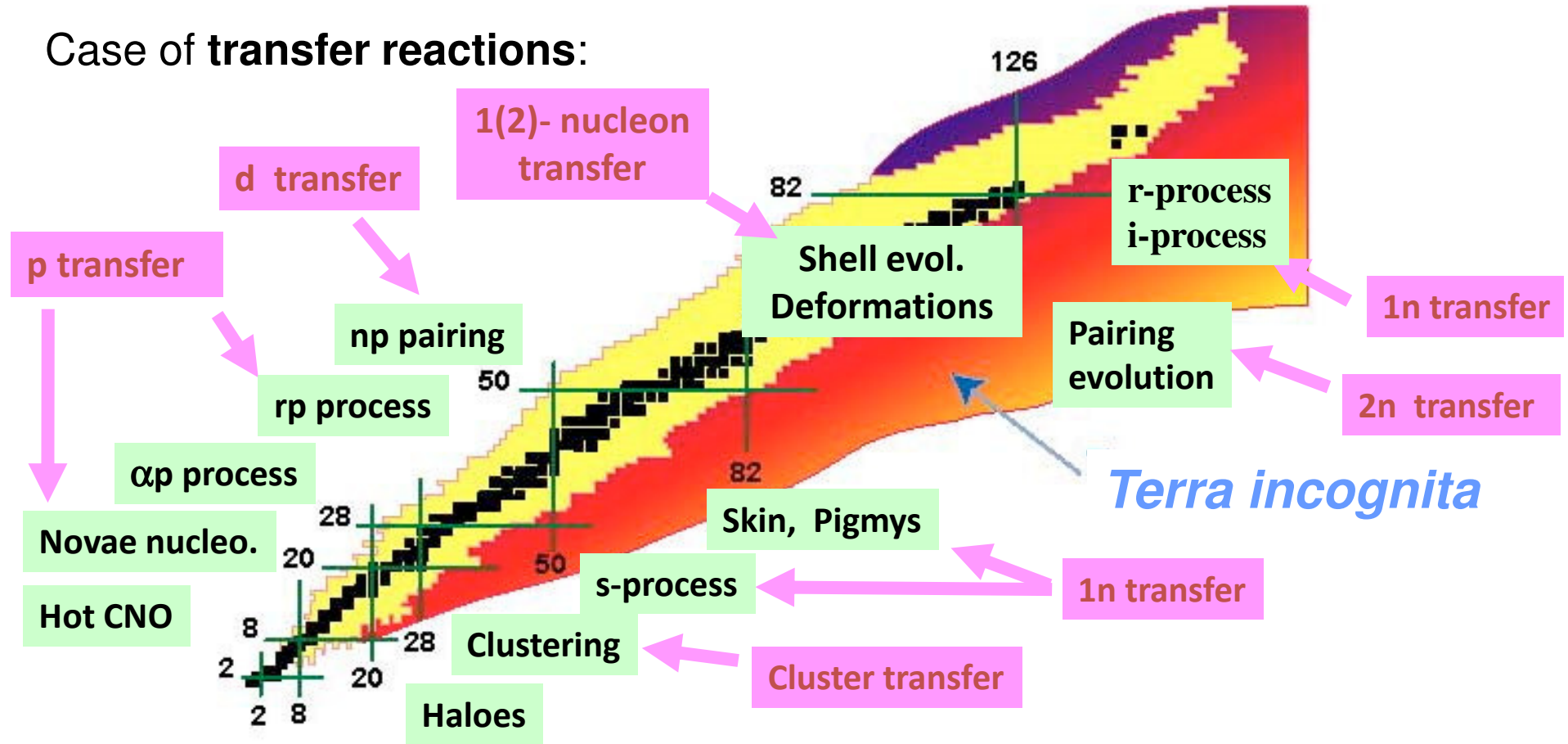
D.Beaumel,  
IPN Orsay

Lisbon meeting, Nov 15-16,2017

# Direct reactions

*A great tool to investigate Exotic Nuclei and Astrophysical processes*

Case of transfer reactions:



Good energy regime : 5 ~ 50 MeV/u



Core program for ISOL facilities

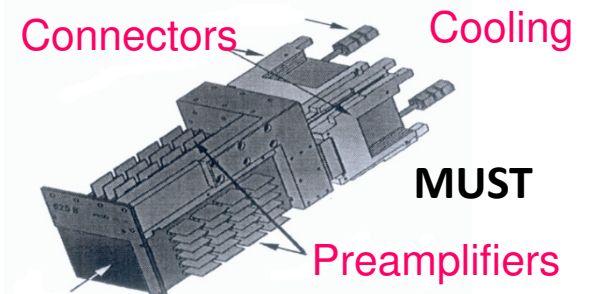
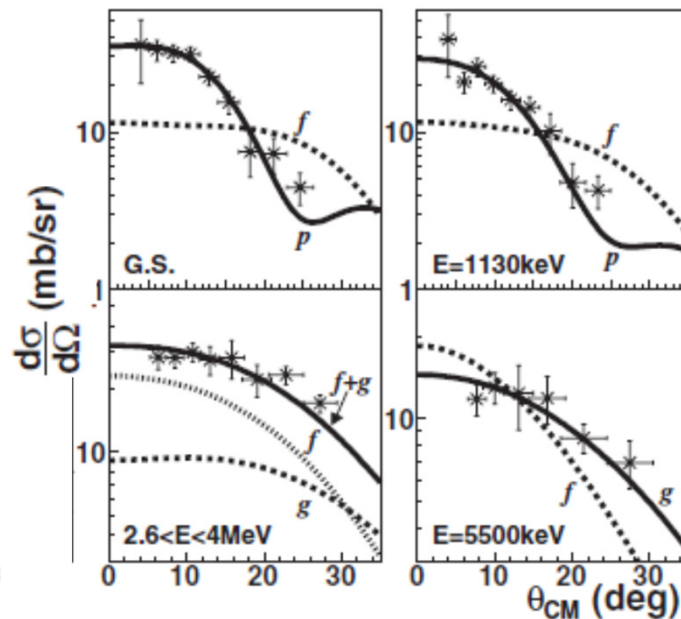
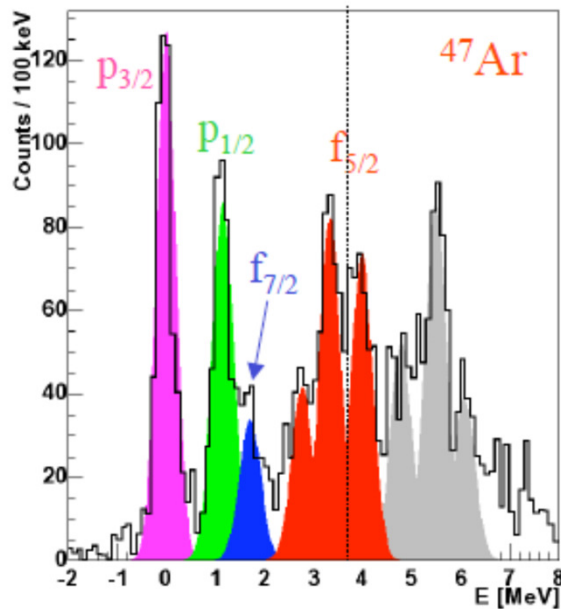
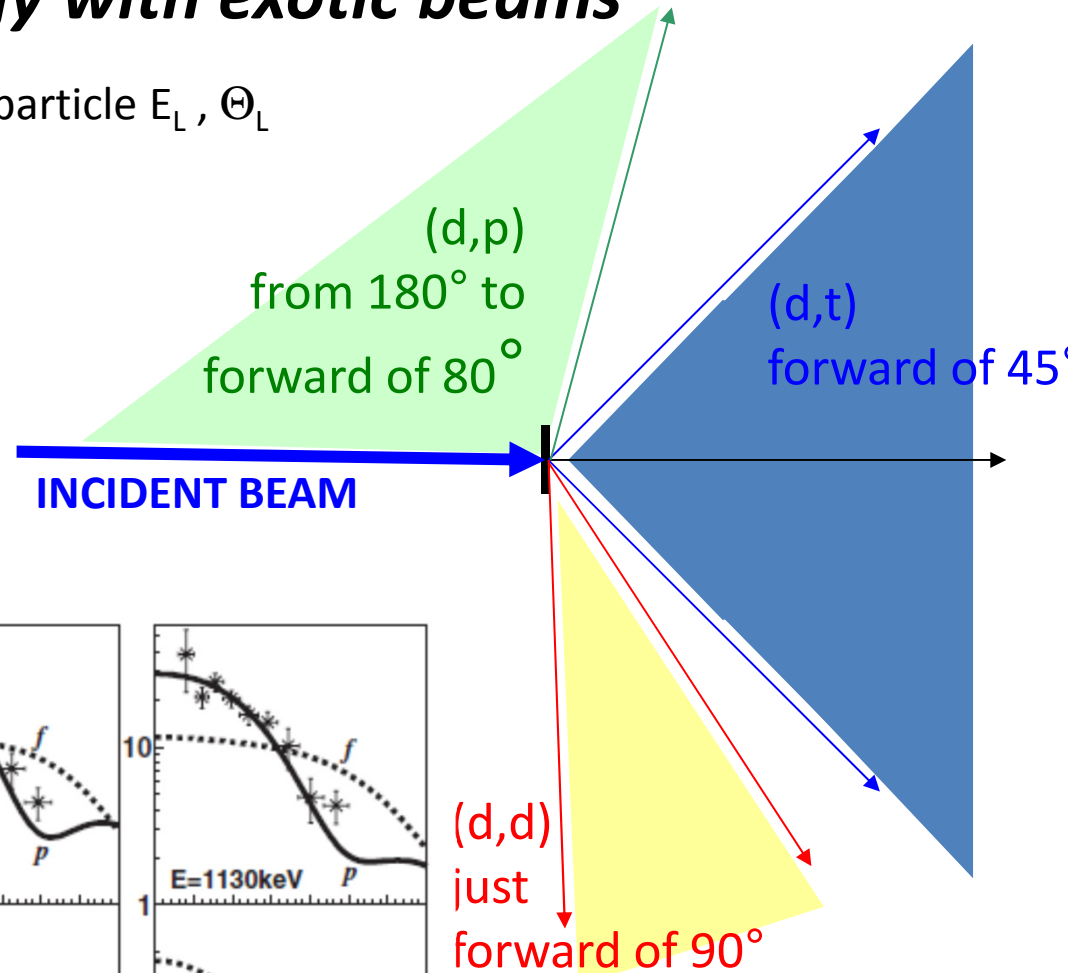
# Methodology with exotic beams

**Early works** : detect the light recoiling particle  $E_L, \Theta_L$

- Excitation energies
- Differential cross-sections

➔ **Spin, parities and Overlaps  $\langle i|f \rangle$**   
(Shell Model, ab initio,..)

Ex:  $^{46}\text{Ar}(d,p)$  @ GANIL/SPEG  
using the **MUST** array



**Reduction of N=28 gap**

L.Gaudefroy, O.Sorlin et al., PRL (2006)

Detectors

Y.Blumenfeld et al., NIM A421 (1999)

# Constraints due to kinematics

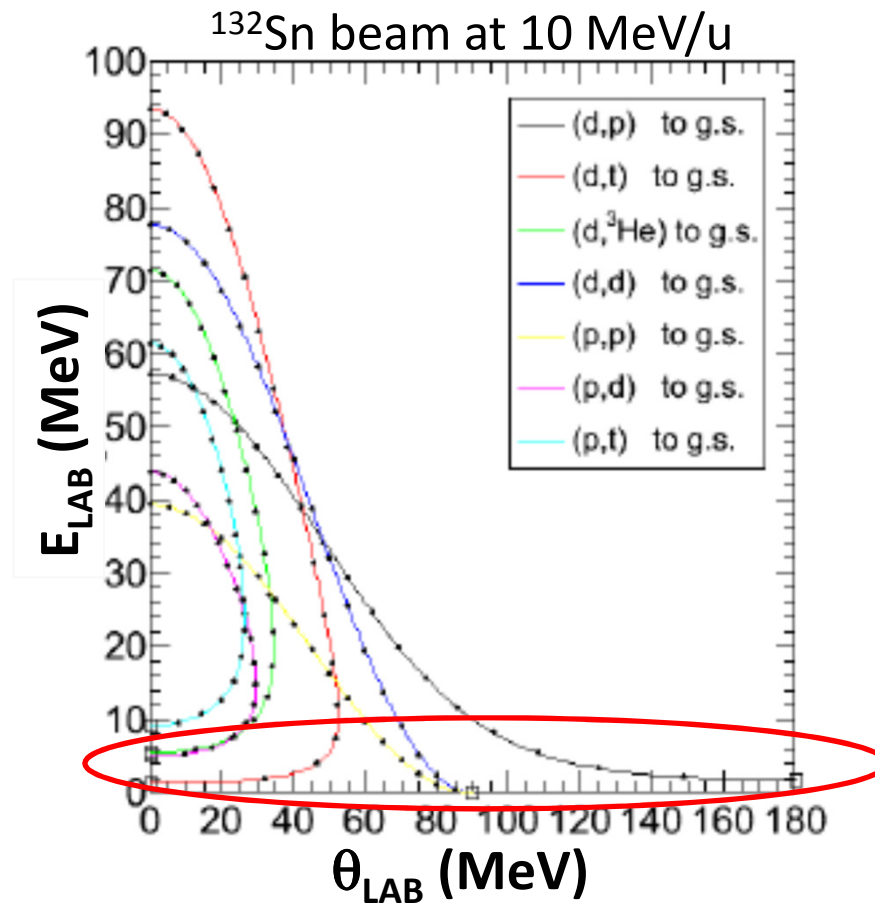
## Need

- Large angular acceptance
- Large dynamic range
- Low threshold
- Thin target

Kinematics weakly dependent  
On mass (and on E) of the beam  
➔ **General purpose system**

## Limitations

- Target thickness
- Kinematical compression  
(d,p) with 1mg/cm<sup>2</sup> CD2  
 $\Delta E_p \sim 100 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow \Delta E_x \sim 400 \text{ keV}$



NB: Need also

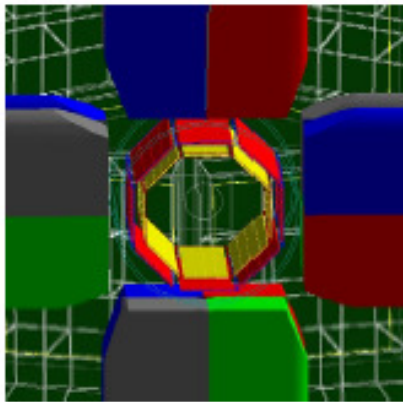
- Good PID for the recoil  
and the beam-like residue



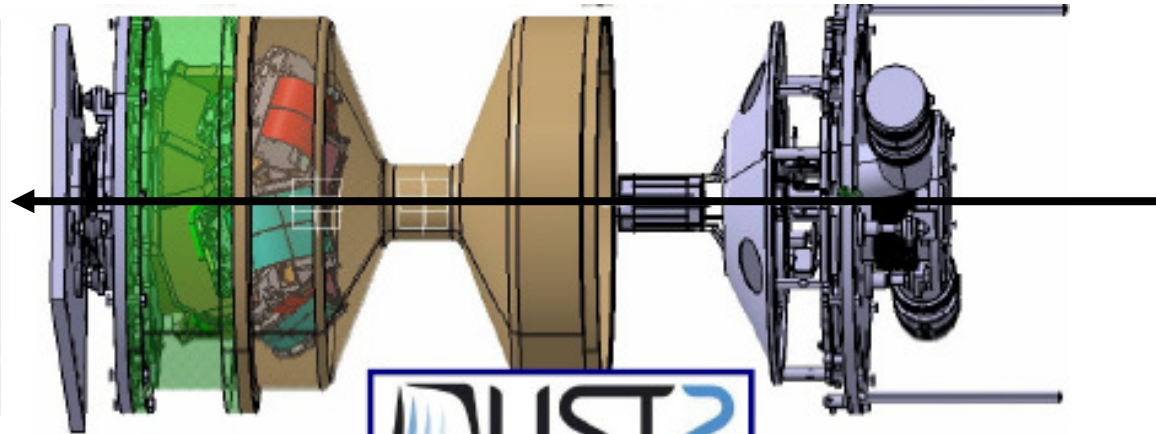
**DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS**

*Si-based systems currently operating  
for  $p$ - $\gamma$ coincidence measurements*

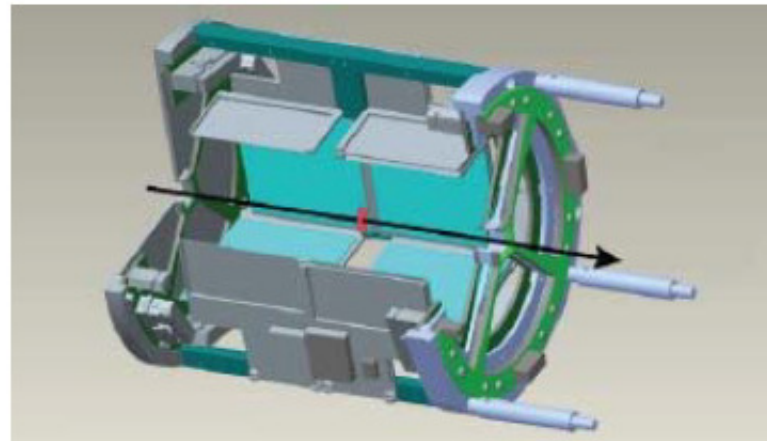
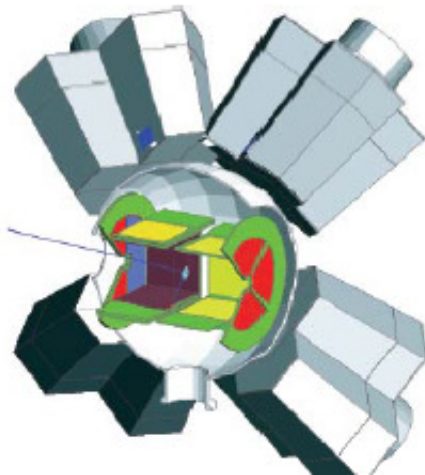
$\gamma$ -rays  $\Rightarrow E_x$



**4 EXOGAM**



**T-REX + MINIBALL**

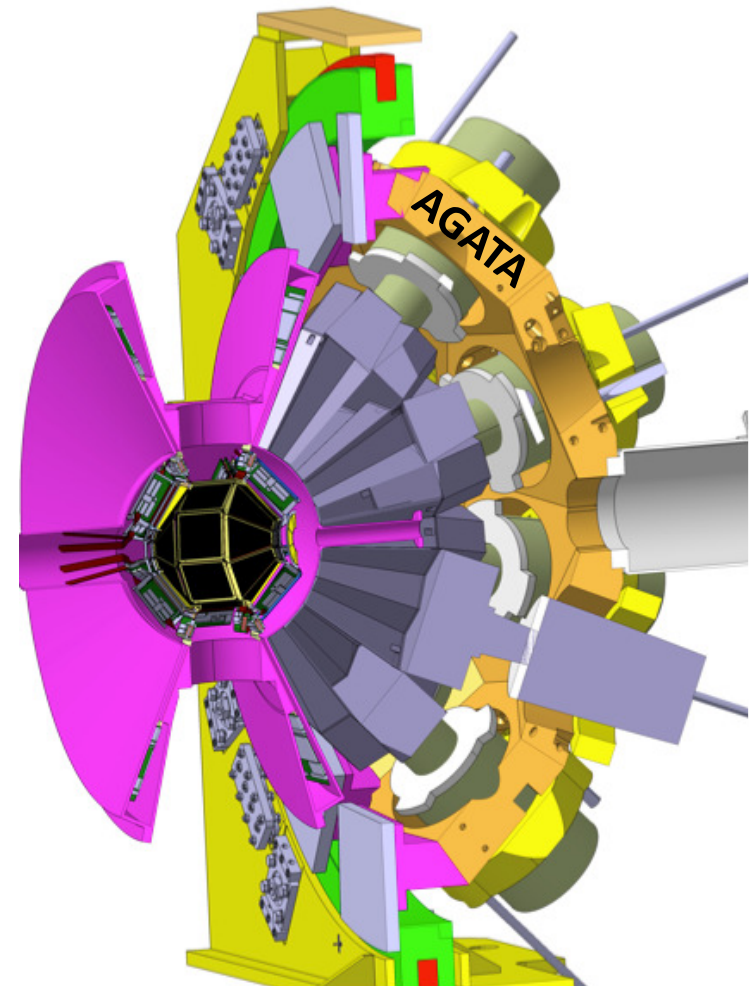
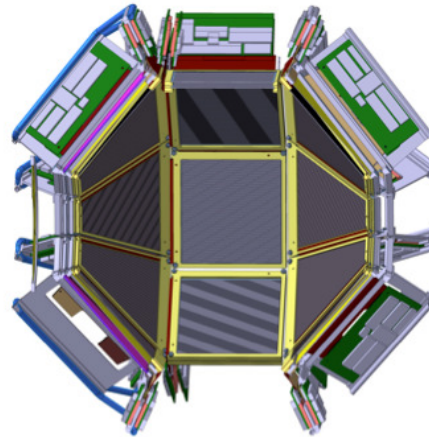
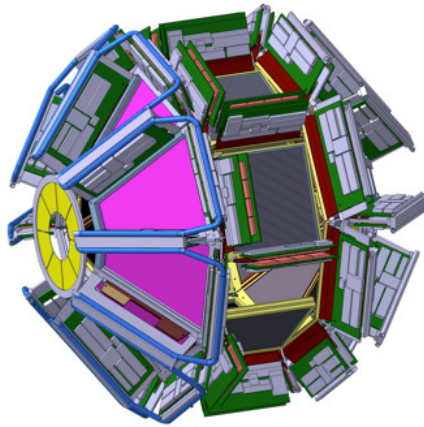


# GRIT project

(Granularity, Resolution, identification, Transparency)

(GASPARD-TRACE collaboration)

$4\pi$  Si array fully integrable in AGATA & PARIS



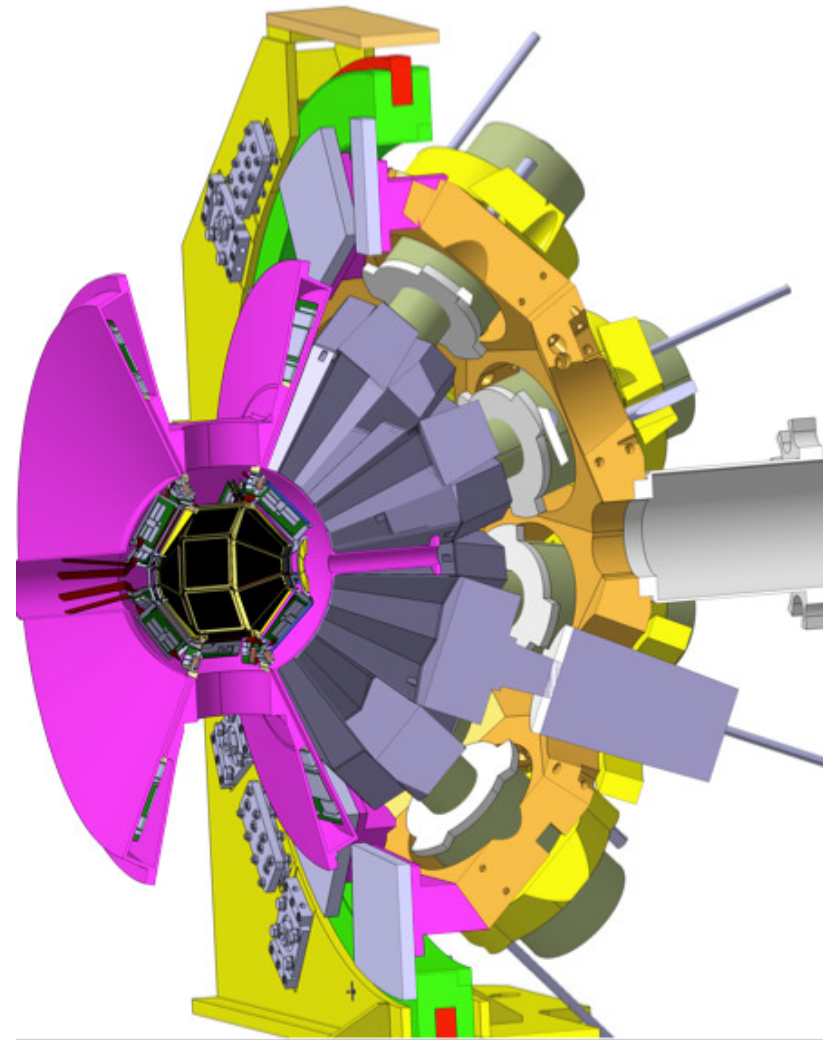
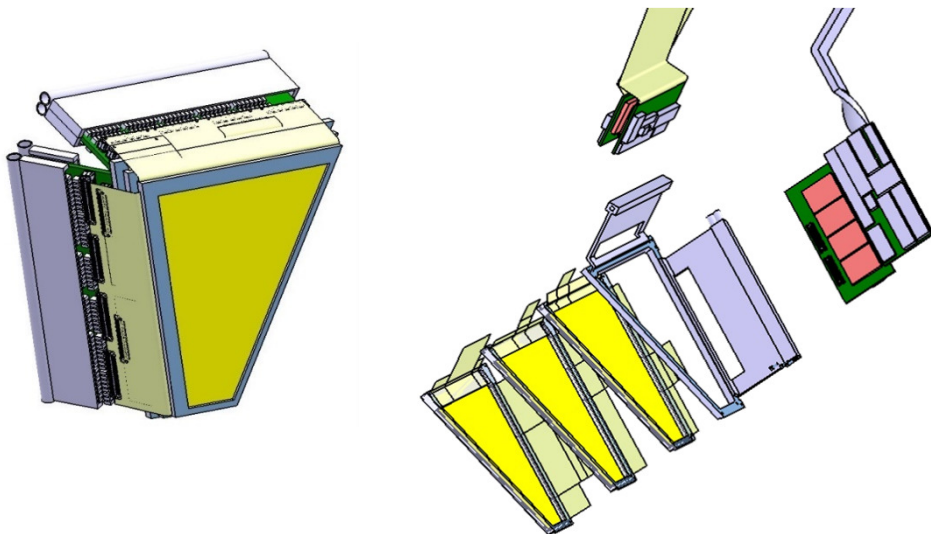
- High efficiency for particles and gamma-rays
- High granularity (strip pitch < 1 mm)
- Large dynamical range
  - 0.5 + 1.5 + 1.5 mm thick DSSD's (forward hemisphere)
  - 0.5 + 1.5 mm DSSD's (backward hemisphere)
- Special targets (Cooled  $^3,^4\text{He}$  cell, pure H, tritium)
- PID using Pulse Shape Analysis techniques
- New Integrated electronics

# GRIT Design

## Constraints :

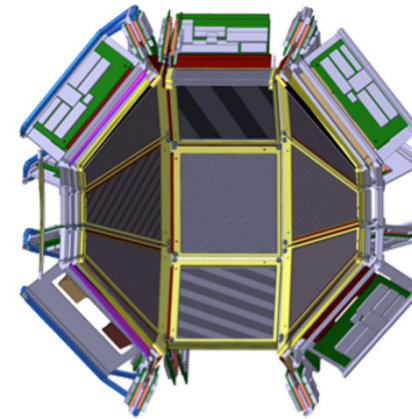
- AGATA radius = 23 cm (detectors + electronics)
- Integration of special targets (CHyMENE &  $^3,^4\text{He}$ )
- **Transparency to gamma-rays**
- FEE inside vacuum  $\rightarrow$  power dissipation few kW
- $\sim 10\,000$  electronics channels

- 2 detector's geometries + annular squared and trapezoids
- New telescope design
- Special chamber

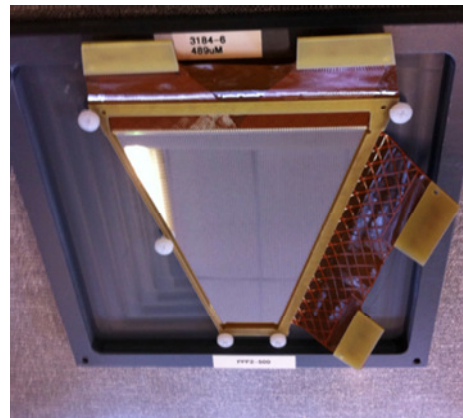
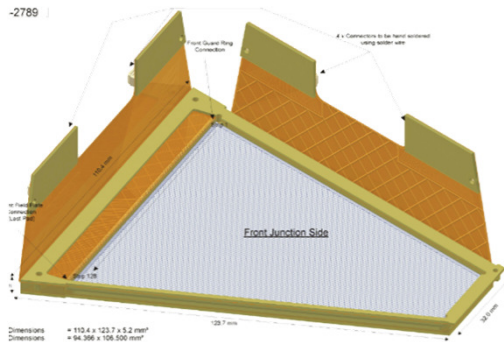


# Detectors for GRIT

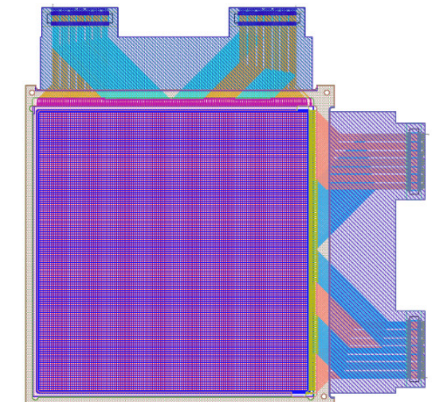
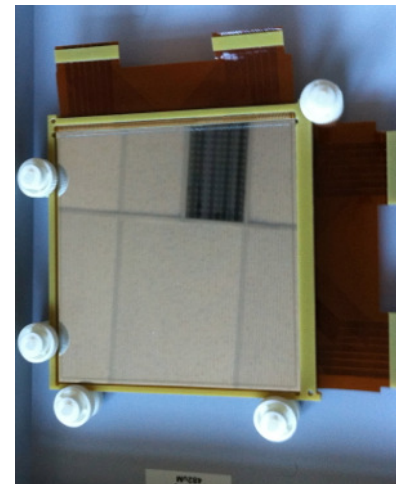
- Trapezoid and squared
- Special packaging: very thin frame  
Kapton readout at 90°
- NTD, random cut, reverse mount
- 6" wafers, 128 X + 128 Y
- Thin and thick



## Trapezoidal DSSD



## Squared DSSD



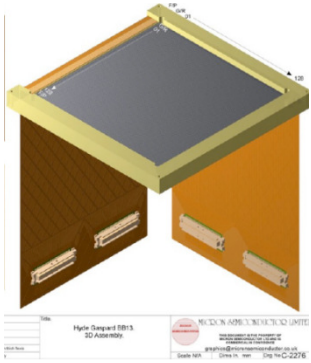
Commissioned :

- 2 prototypes 500um IPNO
- 4 pre-series (Surrey U., IPNO, Santiago)

Commissioned :

- 2 prototypes 500um INFN
- 1 prototype 1.5mm INFN





# PSA studies for GRIT

## R&D for highly segmented detectors

- 500 um nTD DSSD, BB13 design of MSL
- 8° cut, 128X+128Y

J. Duenas et al, NIMA 2012  
 J. Duenas et al, NIMA 2013  
 B. Genolini et al, NIMA 2013  
 J. Duenas et al, NIMA 2014  
 D. Mengoni et al, NIMA 2014  
 M. Assié et al, EPJA 2015

### Light particle discrimination @ Tandem-ALTO Orsay:

- Z=1 : **BB13**+PACI+MATAcq --> discrimination down to 2.5 MeV  
*M. Assié et al., EPJA (2015)*
- Z=2 : **BB13**+ PACI+WaveC → good discrimination <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He  
*M. Assié et al., in prep.*

### Best observable for PSD :

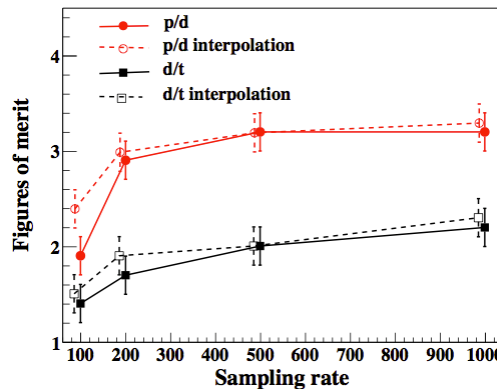
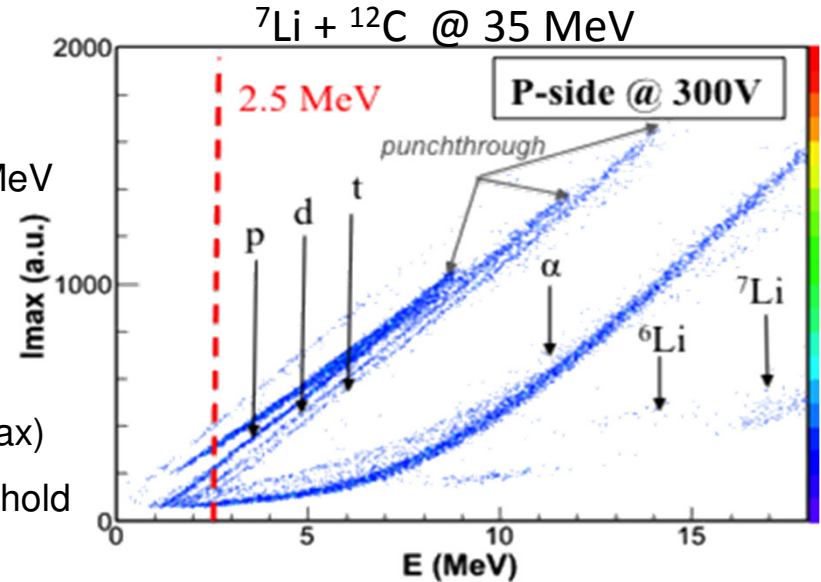
- At depletion -> Raw data : maximum of the current signal (I<sub>max</sub>)
- At nominal bias -> Filtered data : Haar filter + Time over Threshold

### Electronics specifications :

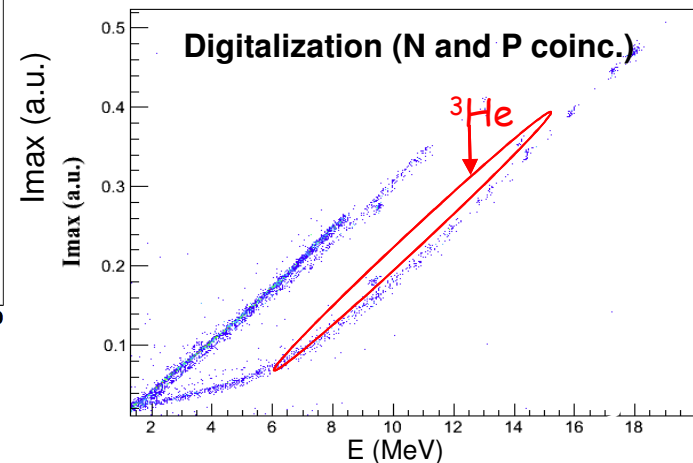
- ADC sampling rate : > 200MHz
- Noise study
- Time resolution needed

### To be investigated :

- capacitance effect
- radiation damage effect

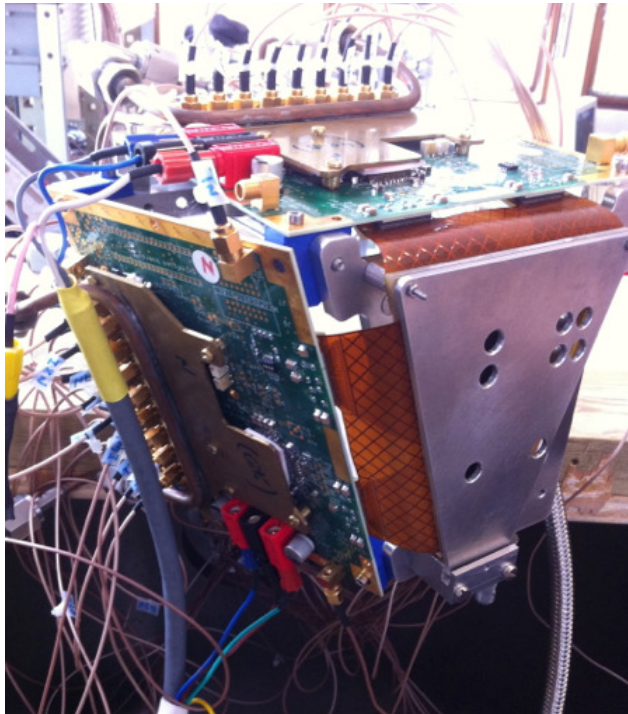


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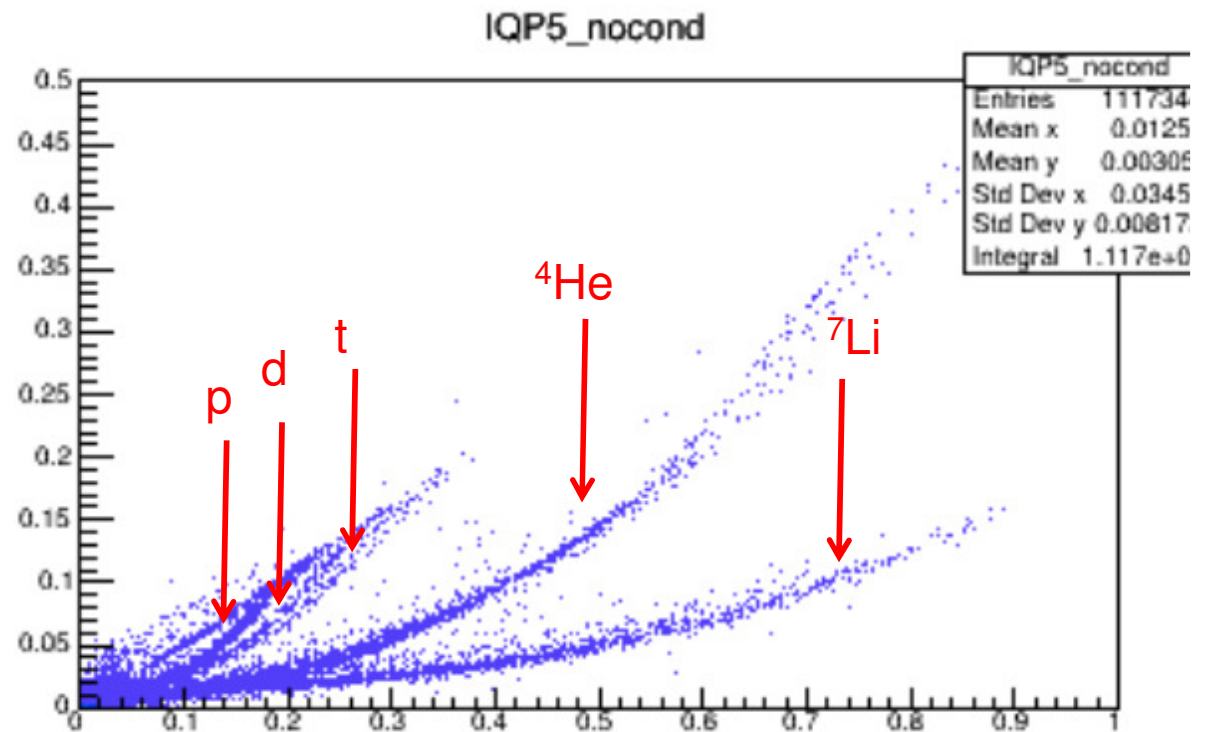


# Aside: Pulse shape analysis with trap. detectors

--> Test at ALTO 2 weeks ago for PSA with trapezoidal detectors



${}^7\text{Li} + {}^{12}\text{C}$  at 35 MeV



Online spectrum, no condition...

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# Electronics for GRIT

Preamplifier (IPNO)  
Digitization (INFN)

iPACI : integrated (ASIC) version of PACI

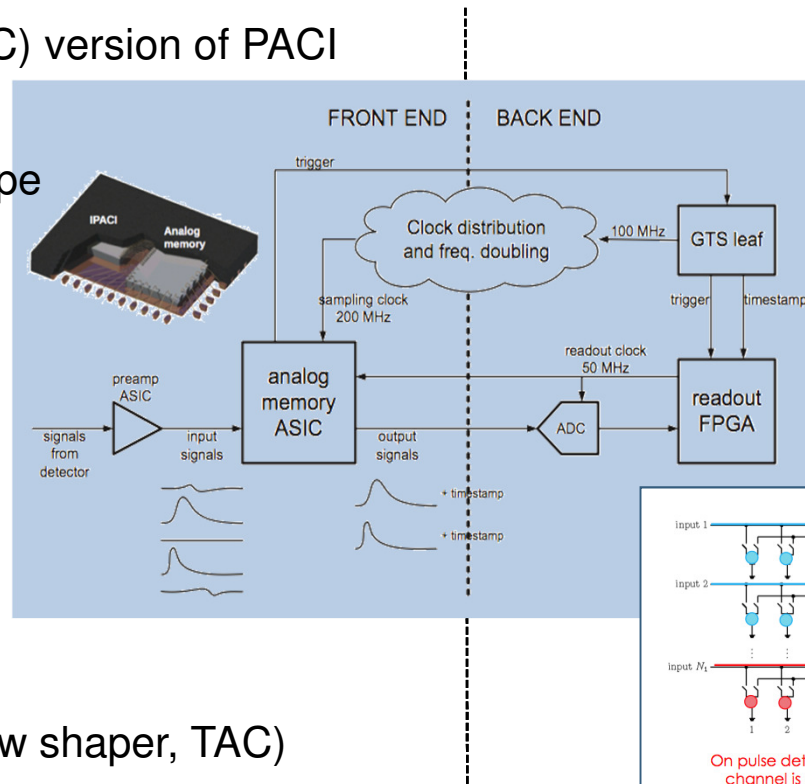
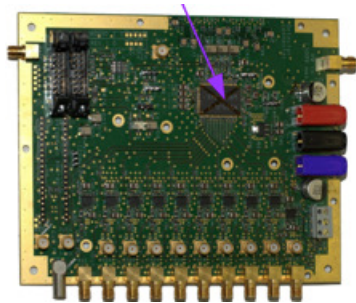
version 1 : june 2015

fully tested with prototype

E Range : 50 MeV

Current : +/- 1.5 V

Noise : 7 keV (FWHM)



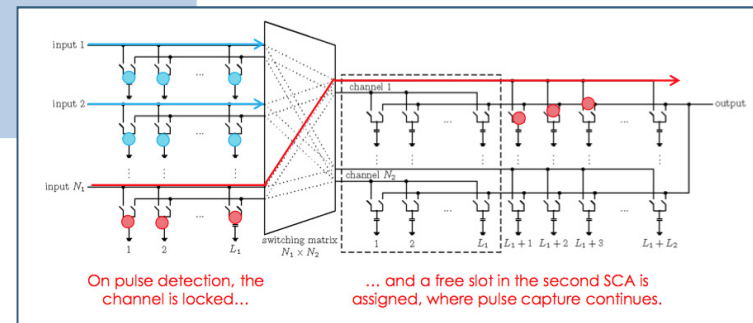
PLAS (R. Aliaga, Valencia)

ASIC analog memory

(switched capacitors)

- version 1 received sept. 201

NUMEXO2 : adaptation for  
our needs in progress



- version 2 (fast & slow shaper, TAC)  
end of 2017

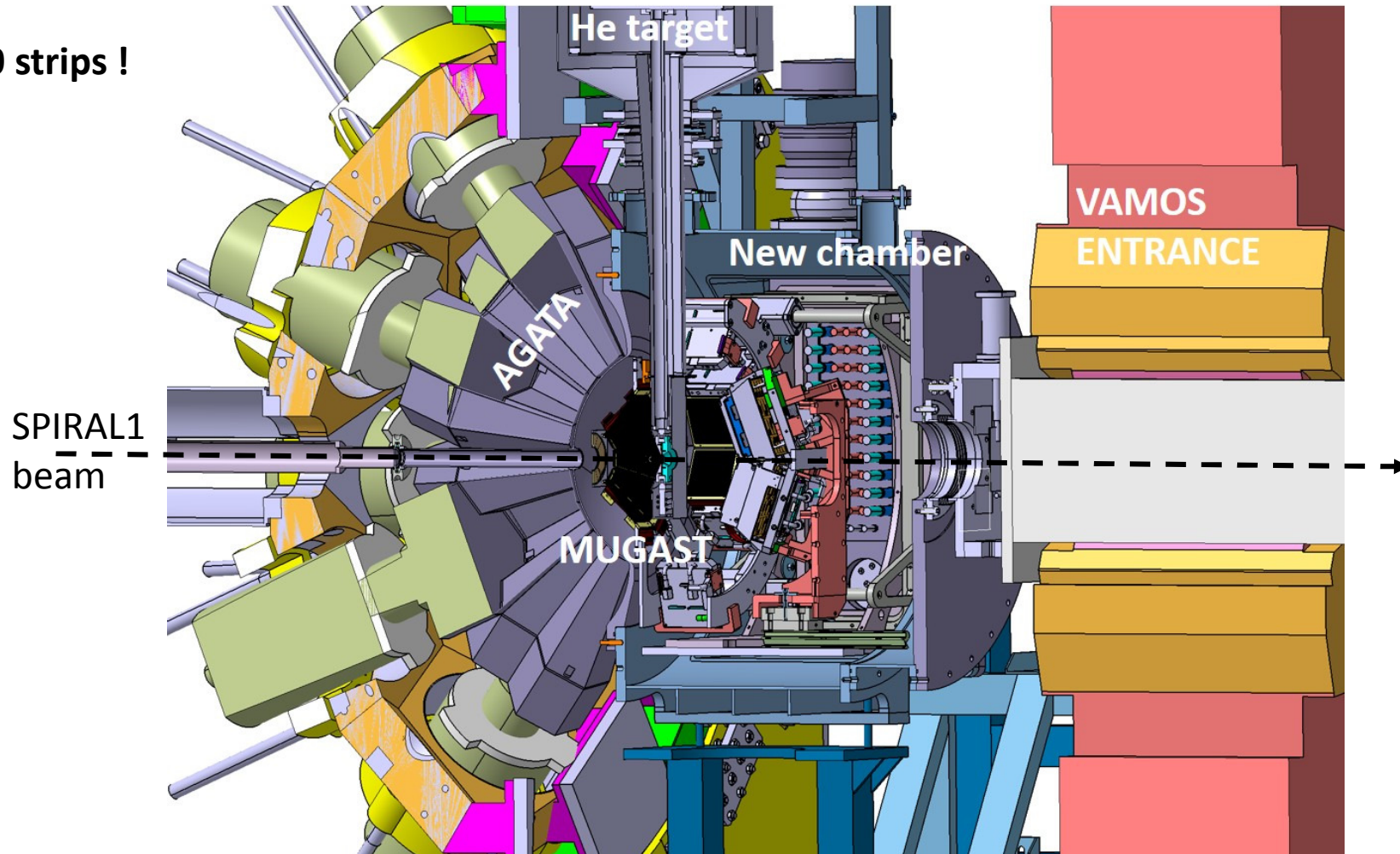
R. Aliaga, NIMA 800 (2015) :

**Tests 2017 : coupling iPACI+PLAS+ NUMEXO2**

## MUGAST *an intermediate step towards the ultimate array*

**MUGAST: New detectors of GRIT + MUST2 electronics coupled with AGATA @ VAMOS**  
⇒ **First High resolution Direct Reactions studies at Ganil (new SPIRAL1 beams)**

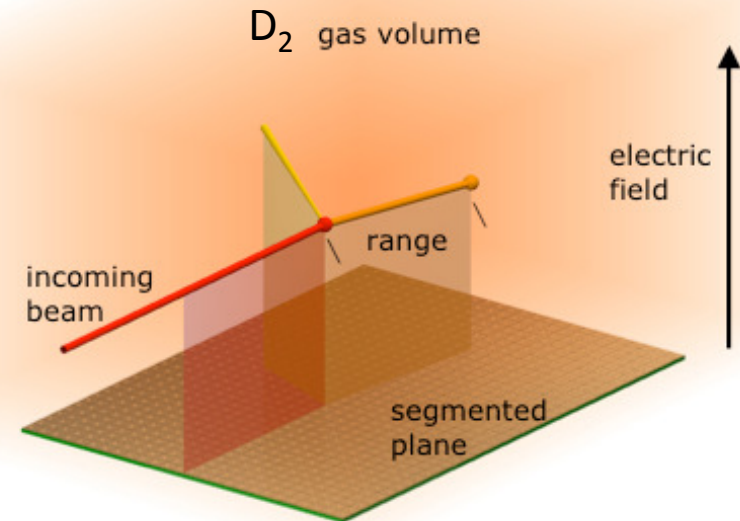
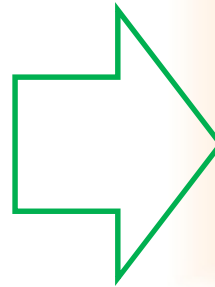
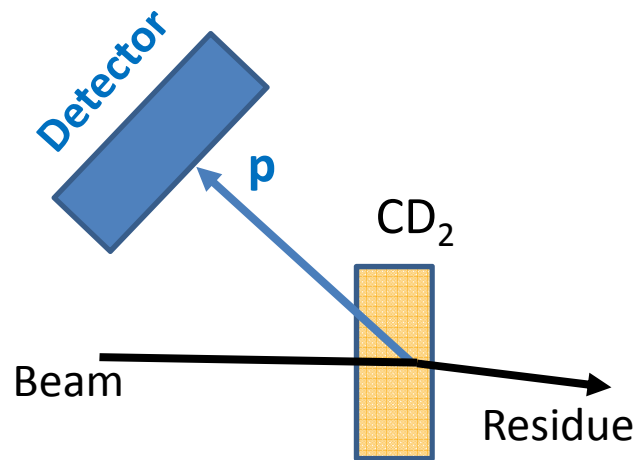
3000 strips !



First campaign with Spiral1 beams foreseen 2019-2020

# Active Target - concept

(d,p) reaction with SOLID target  
*Strong target effect on  $E_x$  resolution*



- **Vertexing allows use of thicker target without loss of resolution**
- Pure target

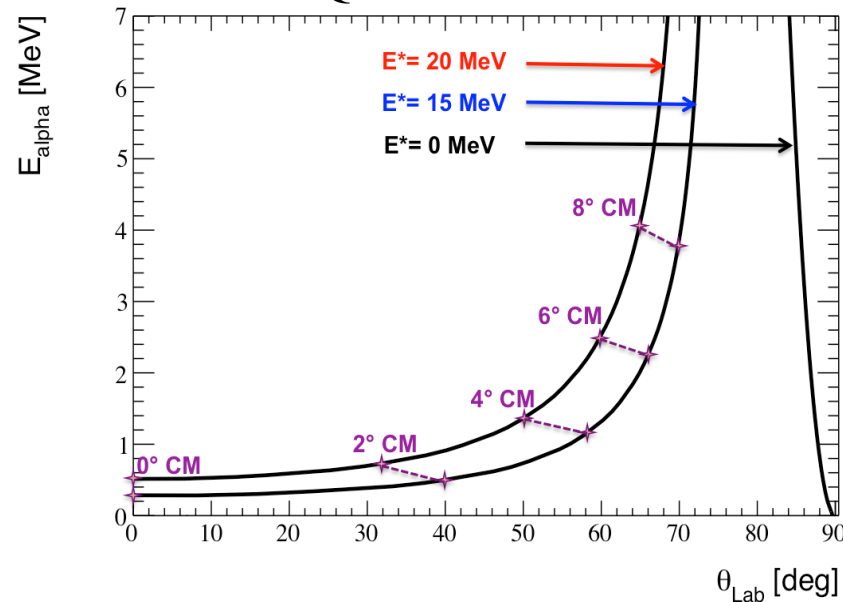
Well adapted for

- Very low intensity beams
- Study of excitation functions
- Very low energy recoils

# Low-E recoil reactions

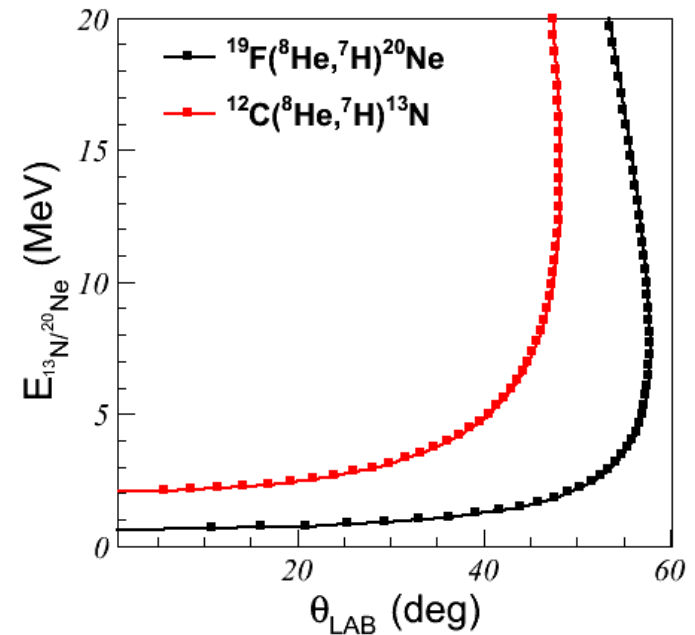
Giant resonances studies  
e.g. GMR

$^{68}\text{Ni}(\alpha, \alpha')$  @ 50 A MeV  
 $Q \approx -15$  MeV



Transfer with heavy ions

$^8\text{He}(^{19}\text{F}, ^{20}\text{Ne})^7\text{H}$  @ 15A MeV  
 $Q \approx -13$  MeV

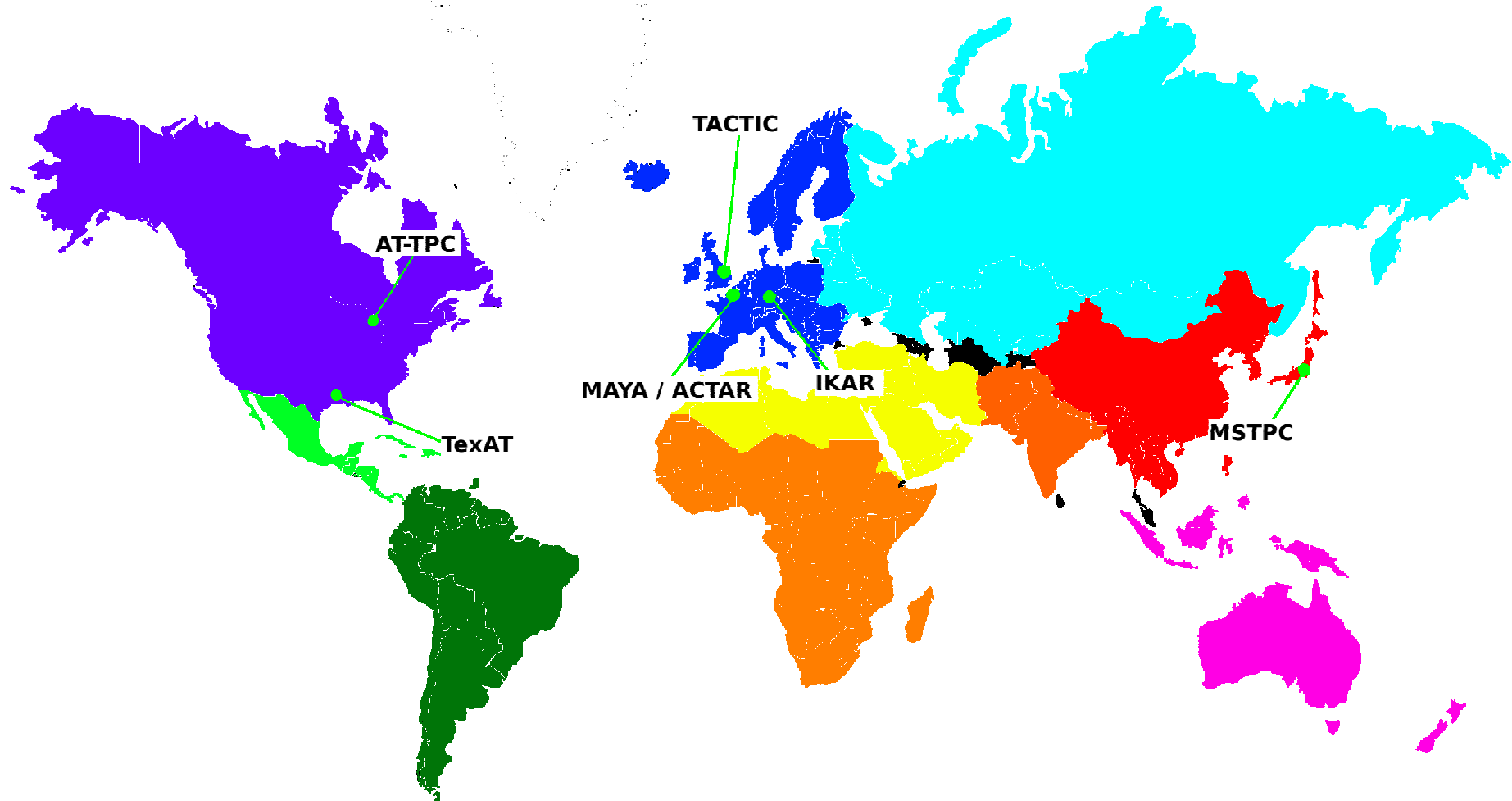


*M. Vandebrouck, PhD thesis, Université Paris-Sud XI (2013)*

# Active Targets Worldwide

- ❑ Study of nuclei with short half-life, produced with small intensity
- ❑ Use of thick target without loss of resolution
- ❑ Detection of very low energy recoils

■ Active target: (Gaseous) detector in which the atoms of the gas are used as a target



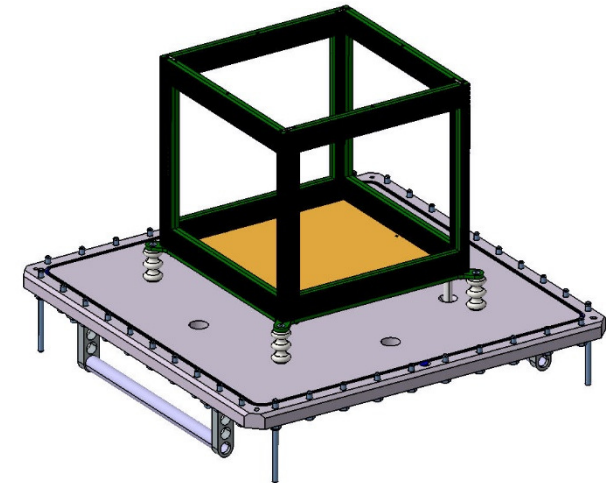
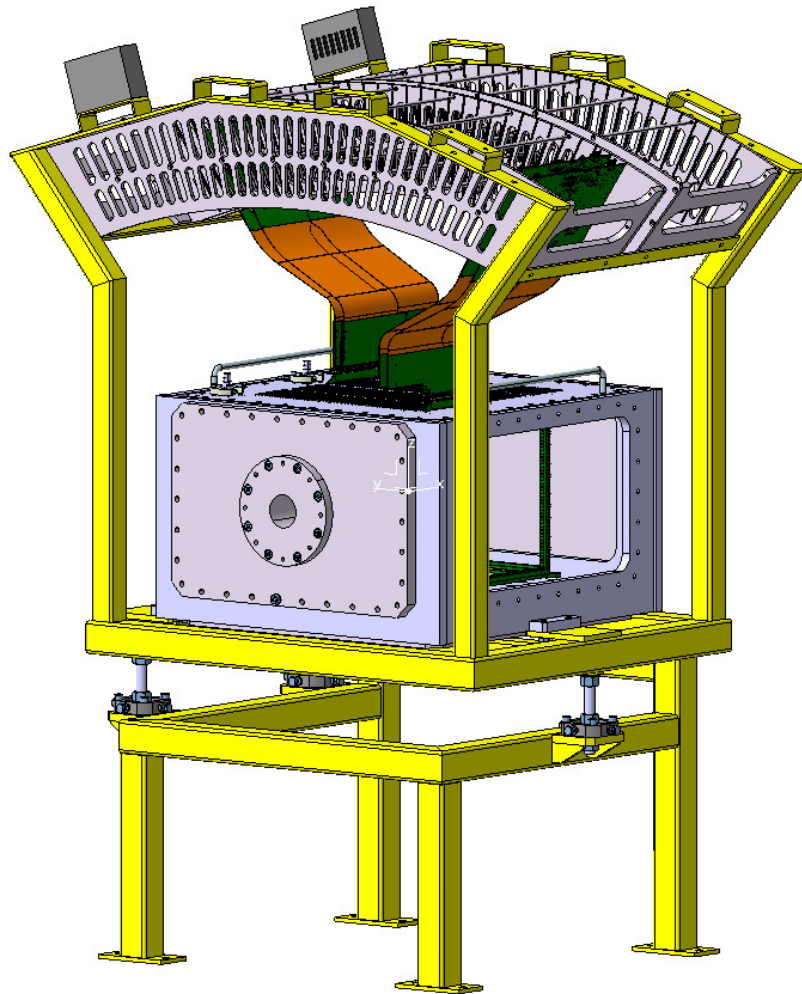
# ACTAR TPC

**ACTAR TPC: new generation active target** – ERC Grant G.F. Grinyer

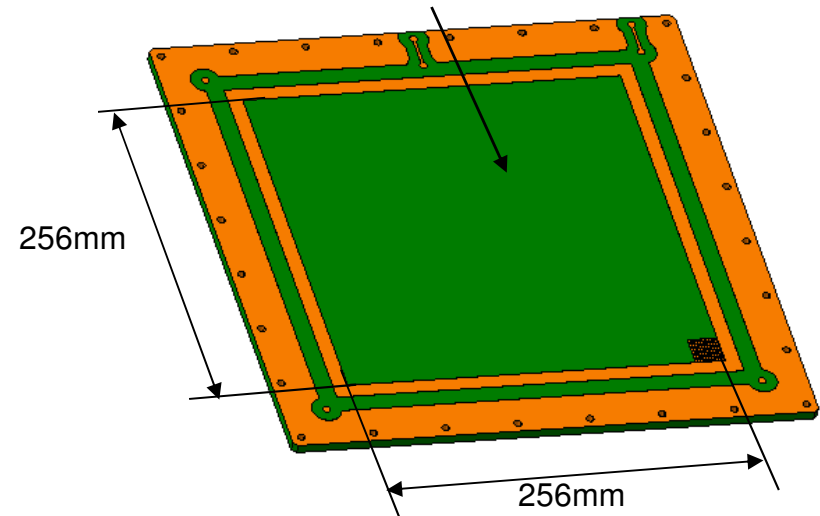
**Collaboration:** GANIL, KU Leuven, CENBG, CEA/Irfu, IPNO, Santiago U



European Research Council  
Established by the European Commission



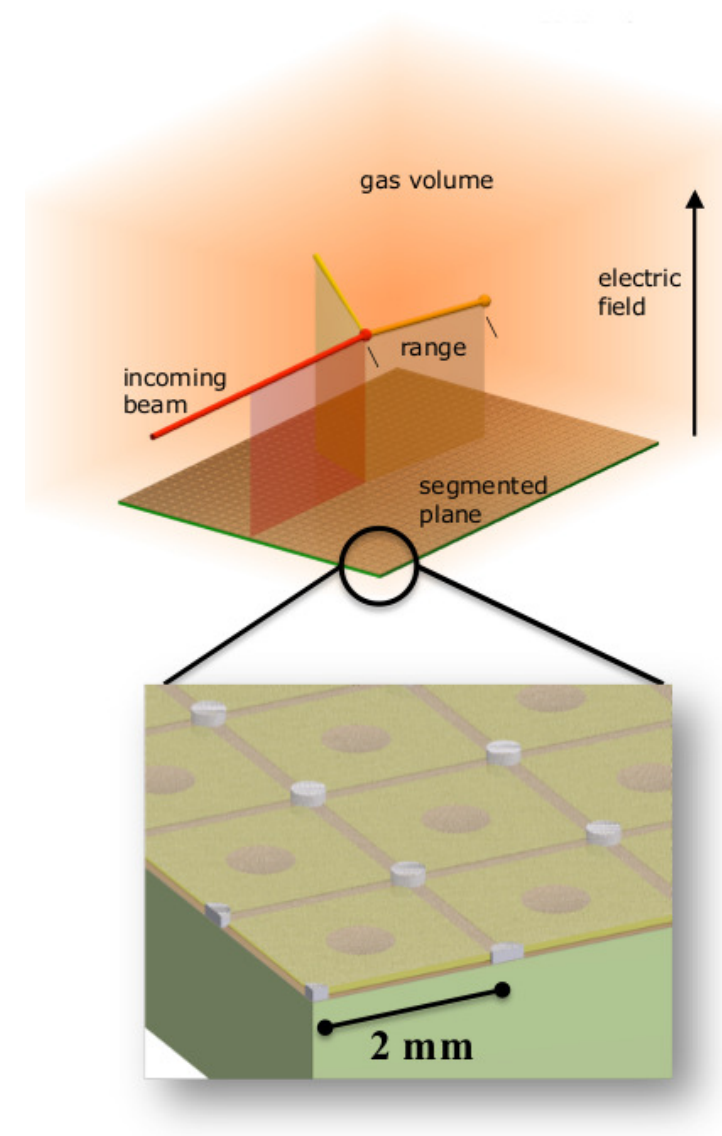
128x128 Pads 2x2mm area





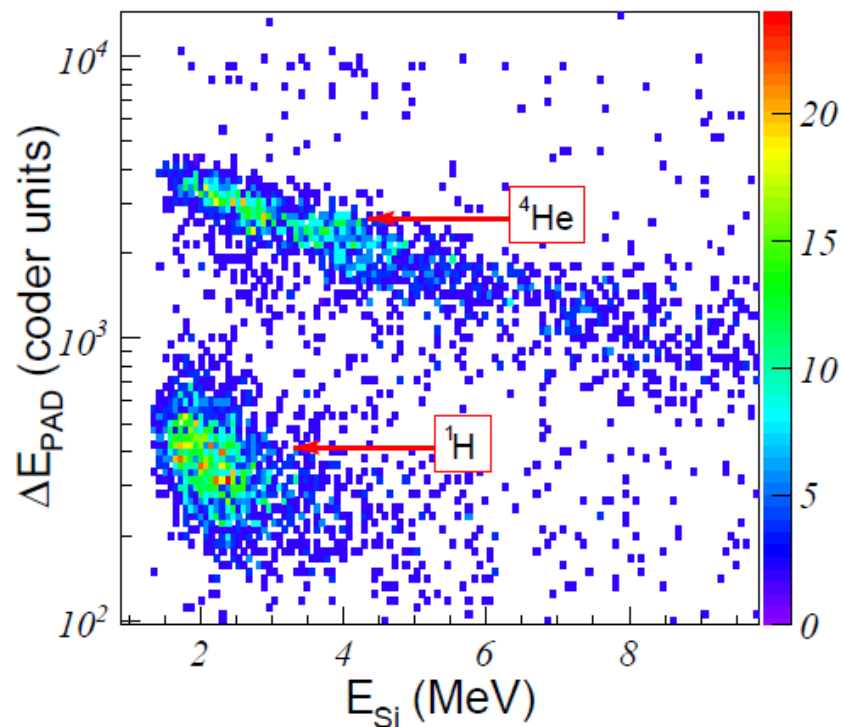
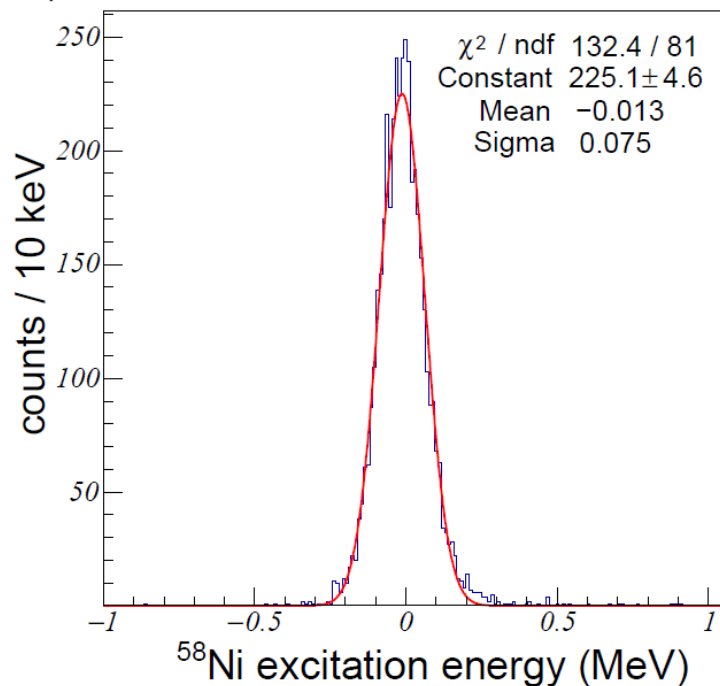
# ACTAR TPC: Detector design

- ❑ Drift region:
  - Demonstrator: 1 mm pitch single wire field cage
  - Final chamber: double wire field cage
  - Simulations ongoing
  
- ❑ Amplification region:
  - Micromegas, 220  $\mu\text{m}$  gap: OK for low pressure
  - Fast timing, robust, cost effective
  
- ❑ Segmented pad plane:
  - Very high density:  $2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$  (= 25 channels/cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Total 16348 electronics channels, digitized GET system**
  
- ❑ Auxiliary detectors:
  - Telescopes for escaping particles (Si+Si or Si+CsI)



**Detector performances with the 64x32 pads demonstrator:**

- **Angular resolution** tested with a laser (no straggling) :  
 $\Delta\Theta = 0.06^\circ$  FWHM
- Excitation energy resolution tested with  $^{58}\text{Ni}(p,p)$  @ Elab = 3A MeV  $\rightarrow \sim 0$  MeV  
 $\Delta E_x = 175$  keV FWHM
- PID capabilities (room for improvement)

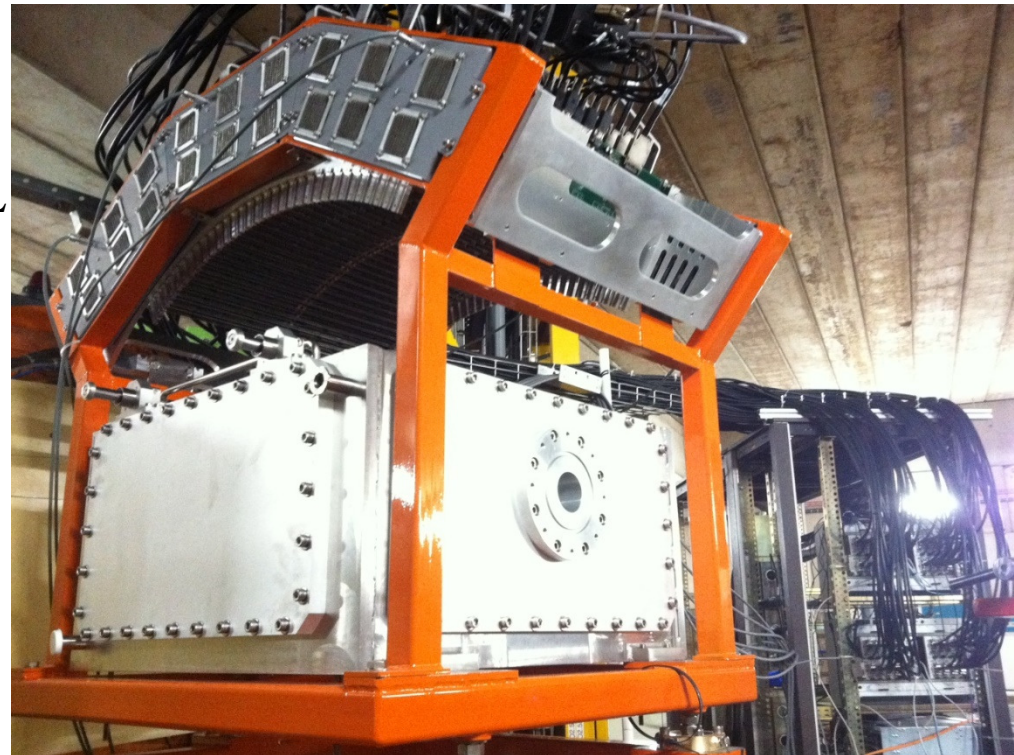


# ACTAR TPC: status and outlooks

ACTAR on G3 beam line

Status of the detector today:

- Mounted on the G3 beam line of GANIL
- All electronics plugged (~ 5% failure)
- Field cage successfully mounted and polarized
- First tests in alpha source ongoing
- Commissioning exp. end of November  
 $^{18}\text{O}(p,p)$  resonant scattering reaction



## Planned experiments (2018 - 2019)

- Resonant scattering with  $^{17}\text{F}$  and  $^{32}\text{Ar}$  on proton: SPIRAL1 beams
- Proton decay studies of  $^{48}\text{Ni}$  and  $^{54}\text{Ni}$ : LISE fragmentation beams

Experiments proposed at the coming GANIL PAC

# Workshop on Active Targets and Time Projection Chambers for High-intensity and Heavy-ion beams in Nuclear Physics

Second GDS Topical Meeting

*16-19 January 2018. Santiago de Compostela, Spain*

- Physics with Gas Detections Systems (GDS)
- Active Target and TPCs: ongoing and forthcoming projects
- Experiments with high-intensity and heavy-ion beams
- Gas properties for high-intensity and heavy-ion beams
- Ancillary detectors for high-intensity and heavy-ion beams
- Simulations and electronics for GDS

Information and registration:  
<https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/16443/>



**SpecMAT**

**Spectroscopy of exotic nuclei  
in a Magnetic Active Target**

# The instrument

- Active target

Efficiency

Tracking of particles trajectories

→ reconstruction of the vertex

large target thickness preserving  
good resolution

- Magnetic field

Parallel to the beam direction

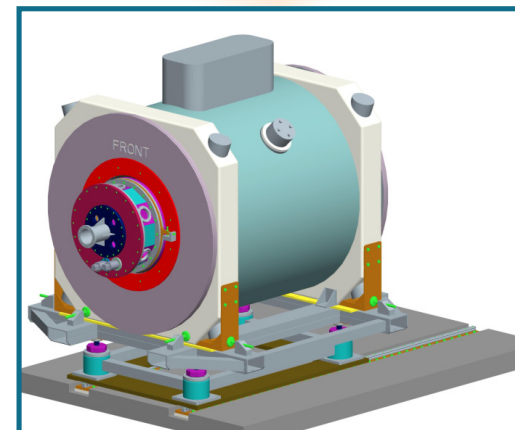
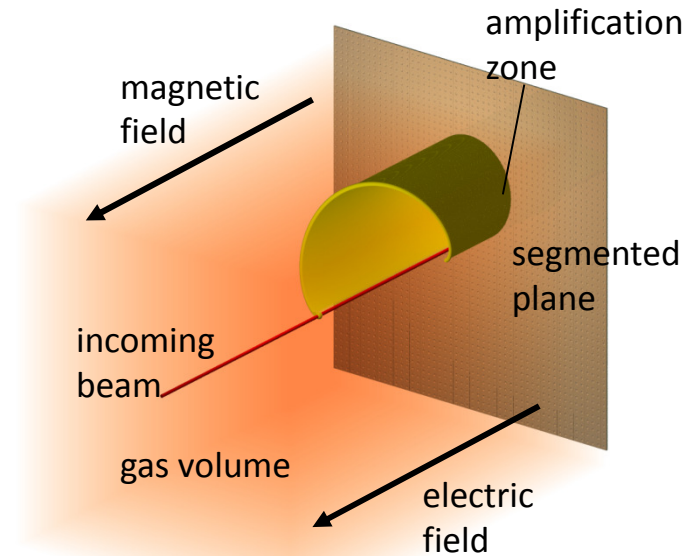
Confine charged particles

Minimize material

- Gamma-ray detection

Improve resolution

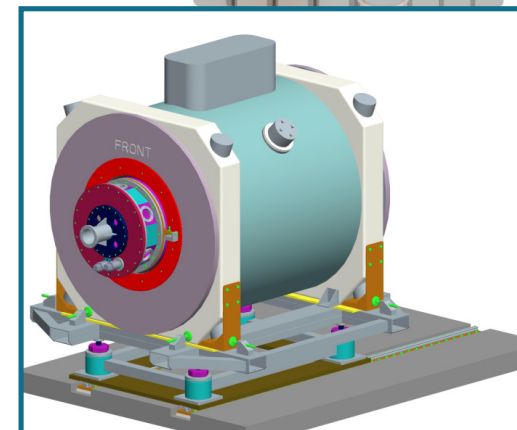
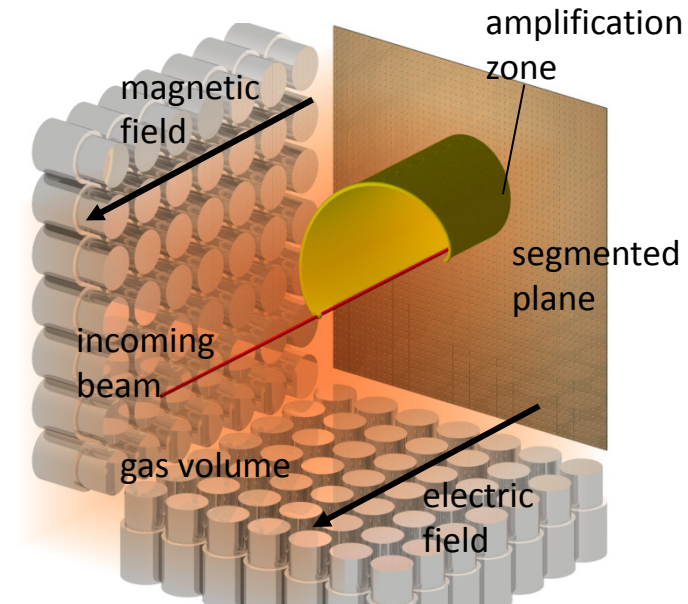
Scintillation crystals for good efficiency

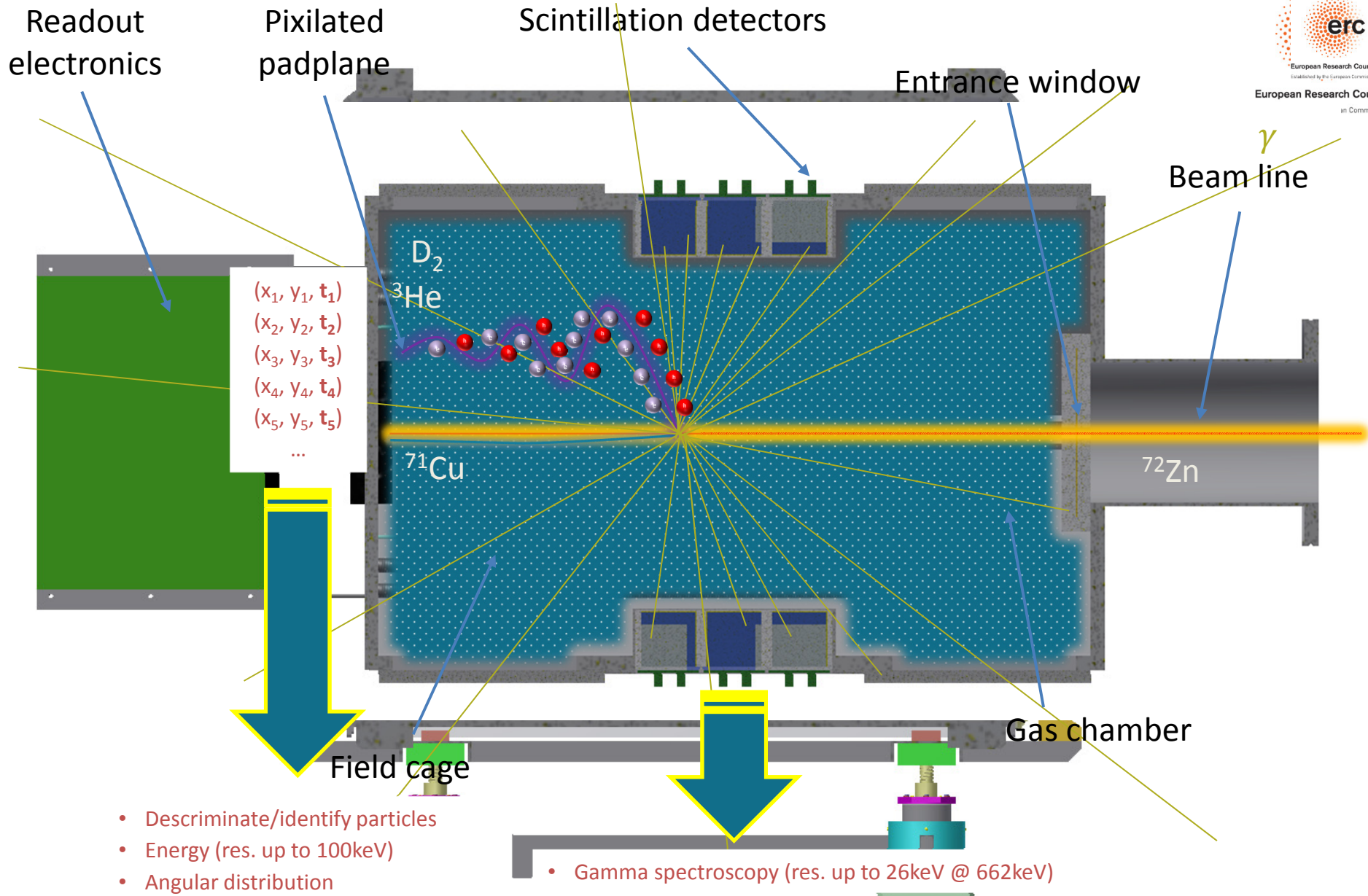


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Scintillation crystals for good efficiency

Challenge:  
optimise efficiency and energy resolution  
of gamma detection in magnetic field



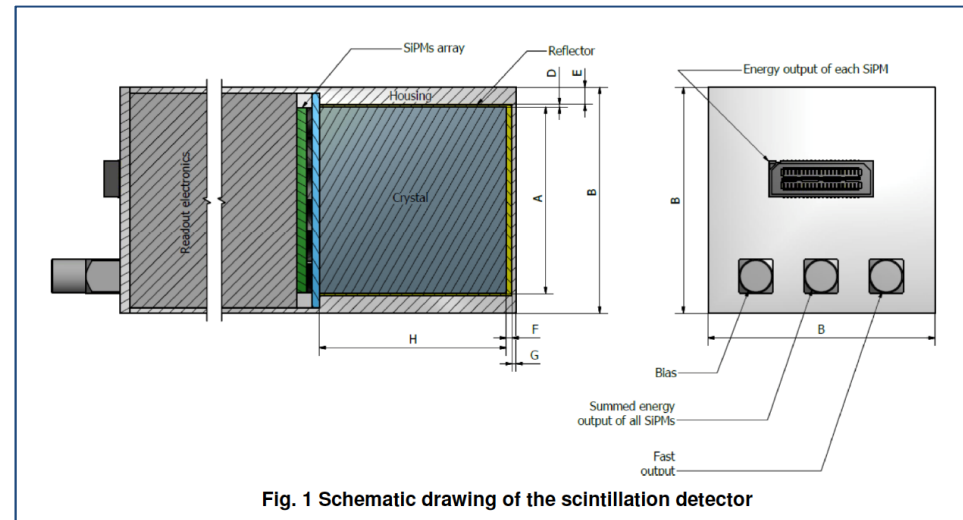




# Technical solutions

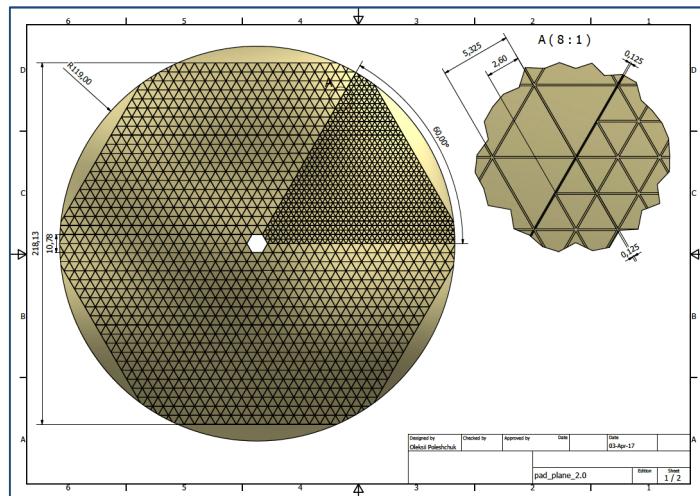
## Gamma detectors

- 2"x 2"x 2" CeBr<sub>3</sub> crystals from Hellma (Germany)
- J-series SiPM array
- Custom break-out board
- Assembly: Scionix (Holland) guaranteed resolution: **3.9%**

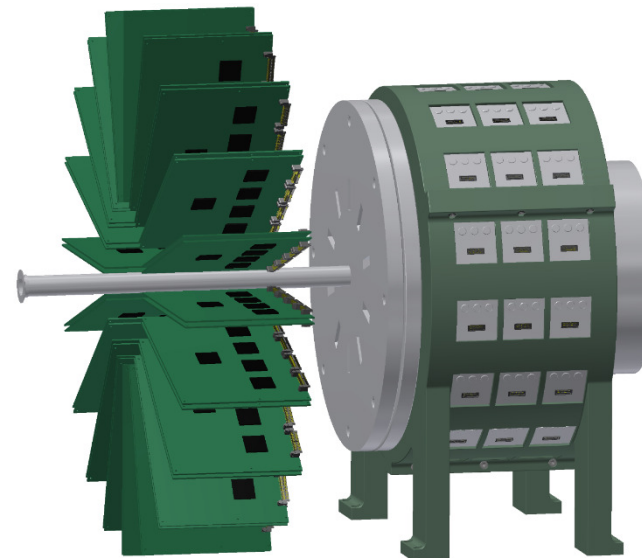


## GET electronics

Pad plan for commissioning



## Preliminary design



# *SpecMAT*

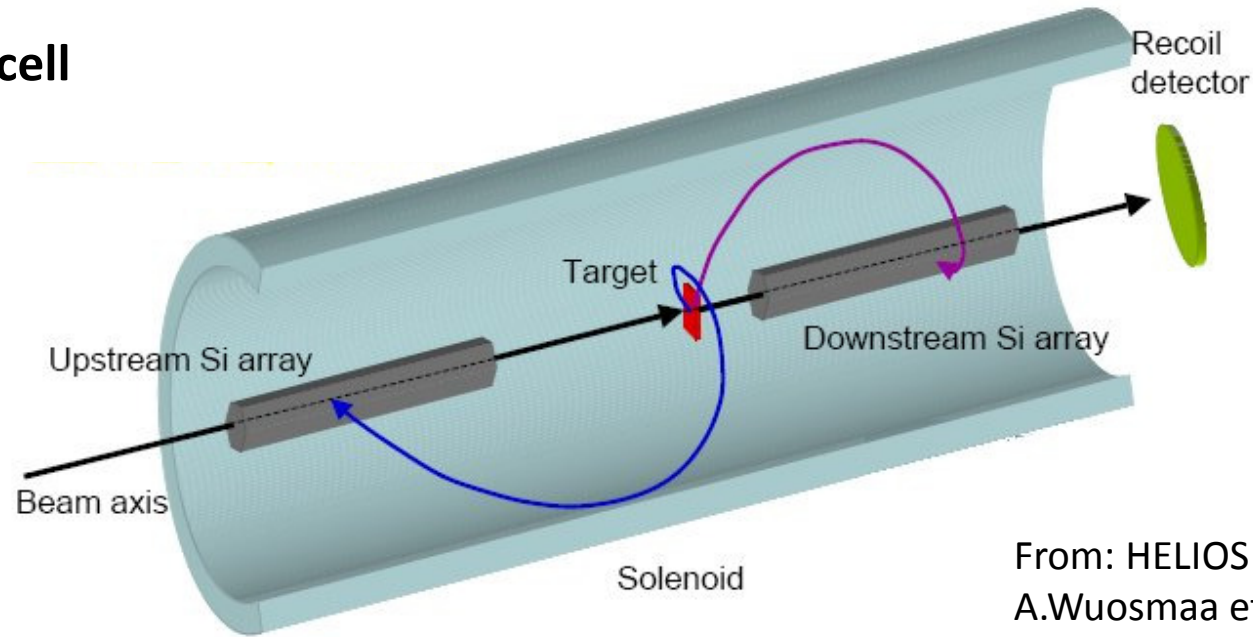
## *Plans and timelines*

- Scintillation detectors purchased, delivery within 8 months
- Chamber design in progress (drift cage, connectics,...)
- GET electronics (2000 channels) acquired
- First version pad plane and assembly by Spring 2018
- First commissioning measurements in 2018-19  
(2 Lol's submitted to INTC for the shutdown period)

# Solenoid Spectrometer systems

# Solenoid spectrometer concept

- Solid or gas-cell target
- $B = 2\sim 5\text{ T}$



From: HELIOS proposal  
A.Wuosmaa et al.

Light particles follow helical cyclotron trajectories and return to axis after single orbit  
 $\Rightarrow$  Can cover  $\cong 4\pi$  with 2 pencil-shape Si arrays

Particles travel a fixed period of time  
 $T_{cyc}(M,Q)$  indep. of  $E, \theta$

$\Rightarrow$  Can be used for PID

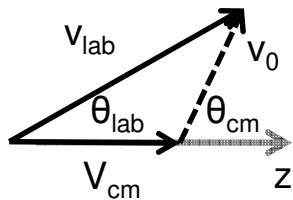
Particle	$T_{cyc}$ (ns) for 2T	$T_{cyc}$ (ns) for 5T
$p$	32.8	13.1
$d, \alpha$	65.6	26.2
$t$	98.4	39.4
${}^3\text{He}$	49.2	19.7

# Solenoid spectrometer concept

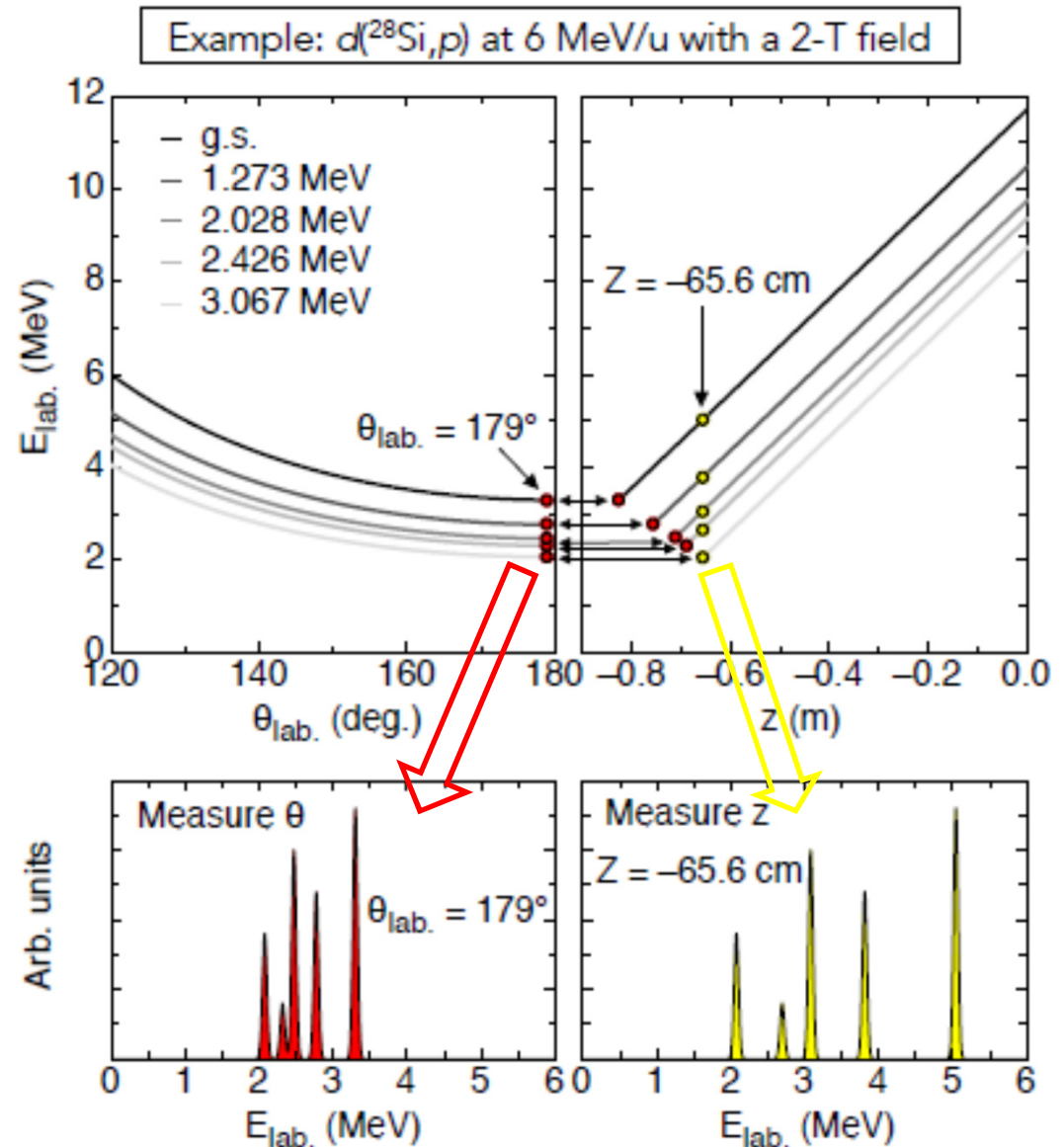
Removes kinematic compression

$$E_{\text{cm}} = E_{\text{lab}} + \frac{mV_{\text{cm}}^2}{2} - \frac{mzV_{\text{cm}}}{T_{\text{cyc}}}$$

$$\cos \theta_{\text{cm}} = \frac{v_{\text{lab}}^2 - V_{\text{cm}}^2 - v_0^2}{2v_0V_{\text{cm}}}$$



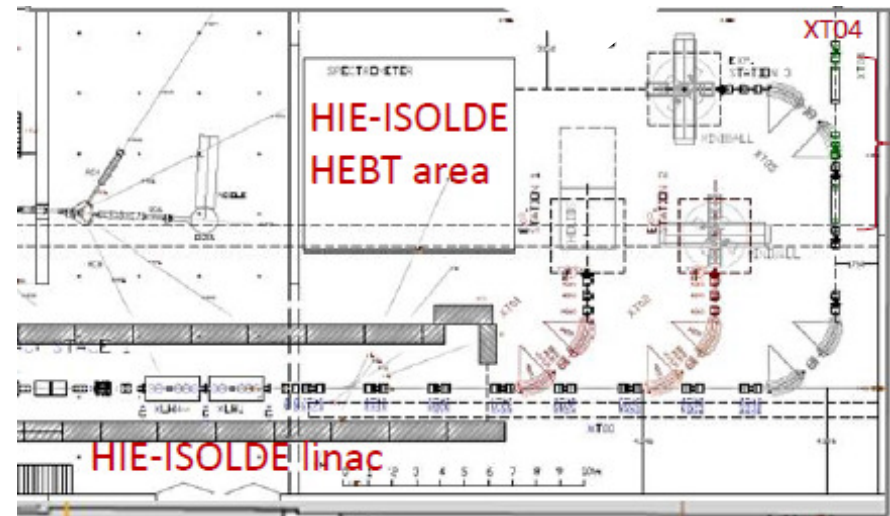
➤ Improved  $E_{\text{cm}}$  resolution



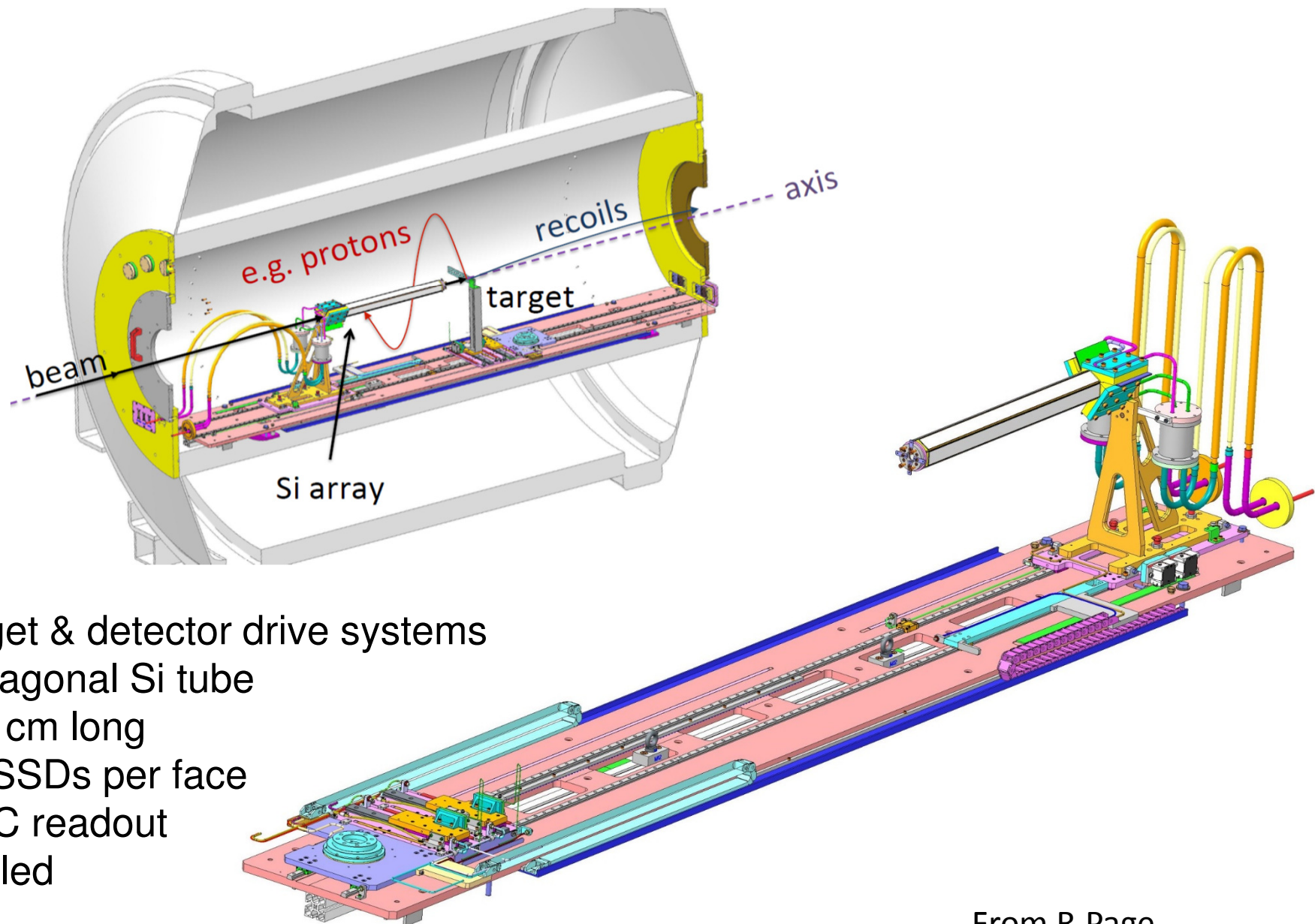
# The ISOLDE Solenoidal Spectrometer project



- UK STFC funded
- To be installed on XT02 beam line



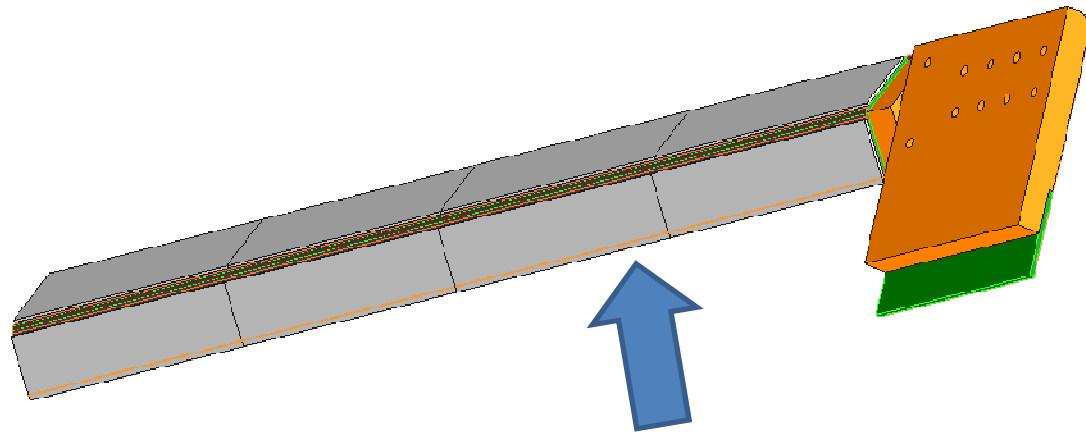
# ISS Mechanical Design



Target & detector drive systems  
Hexagonal Si tube  
~50 cm long  
4 DSSDs per face  
ASIC readout  
Cooled

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# ISS Si detector module



## READOUT

6 R<sup>3</sup>B ASICs  
0 – 50 MeV  
128 channels  
100 MHz time stamp  
daisy-chained



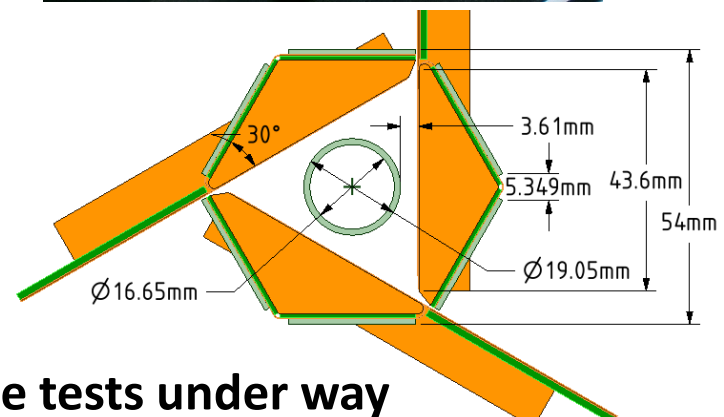
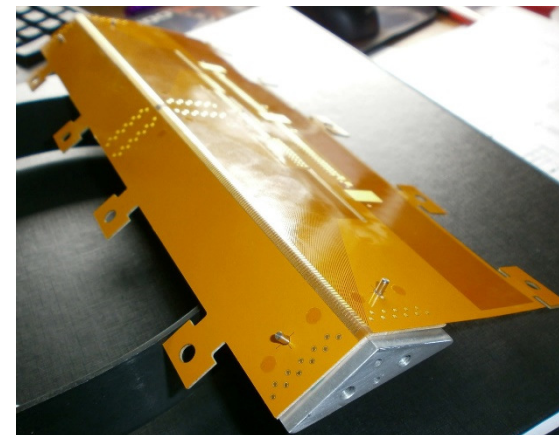
## DETECTOR

DSSDs: 1 mm thick

x: 128 × 0.95 mm

y: 11 × 2 mm

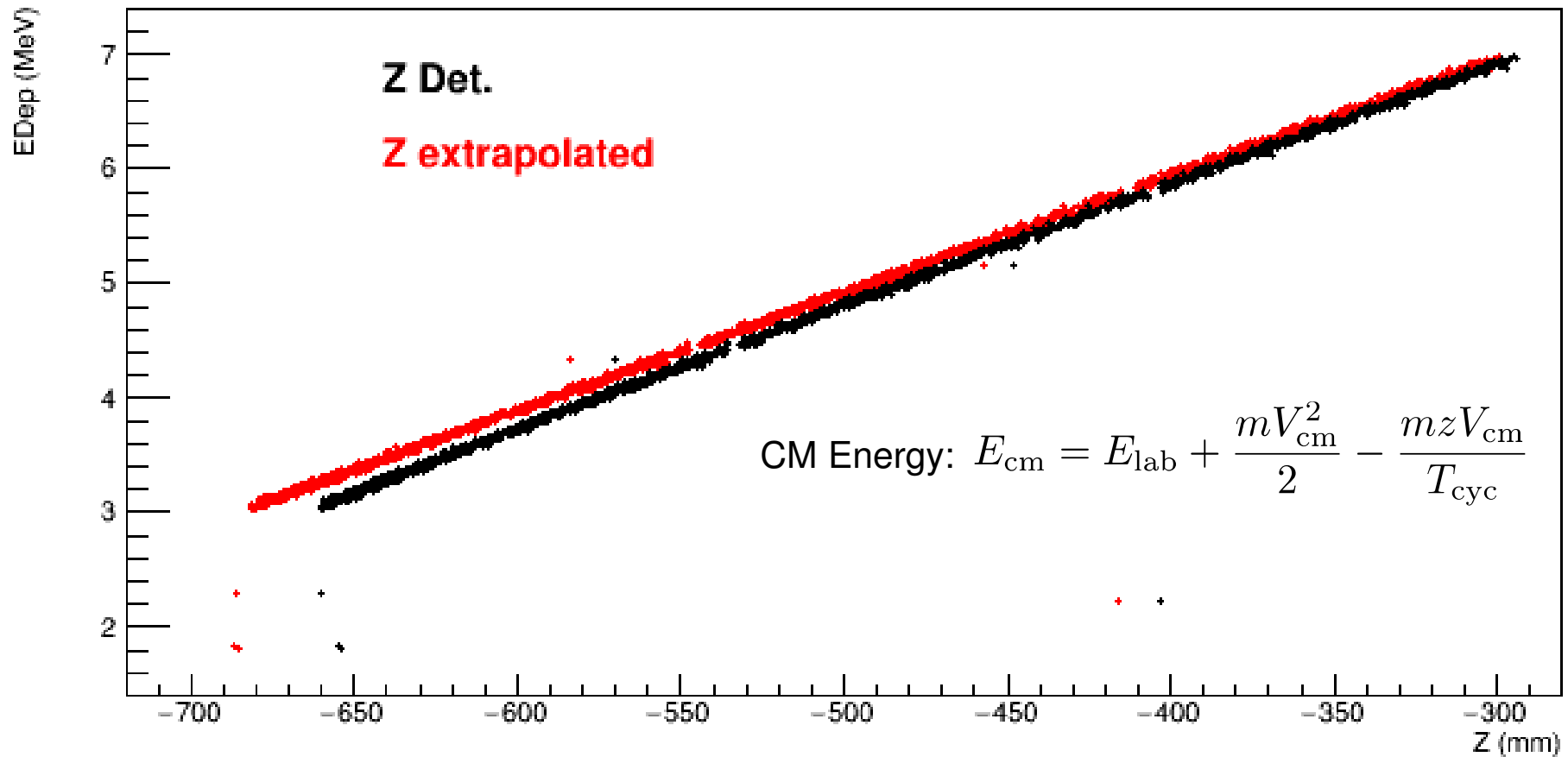
➤ First DSSDs delivered



Prototype tests under way



# Reconstructing the $z$ position



Algorithm devised by P. Butler  
Implemented in GEANT4 by M. Labiche

# Magnet procurement

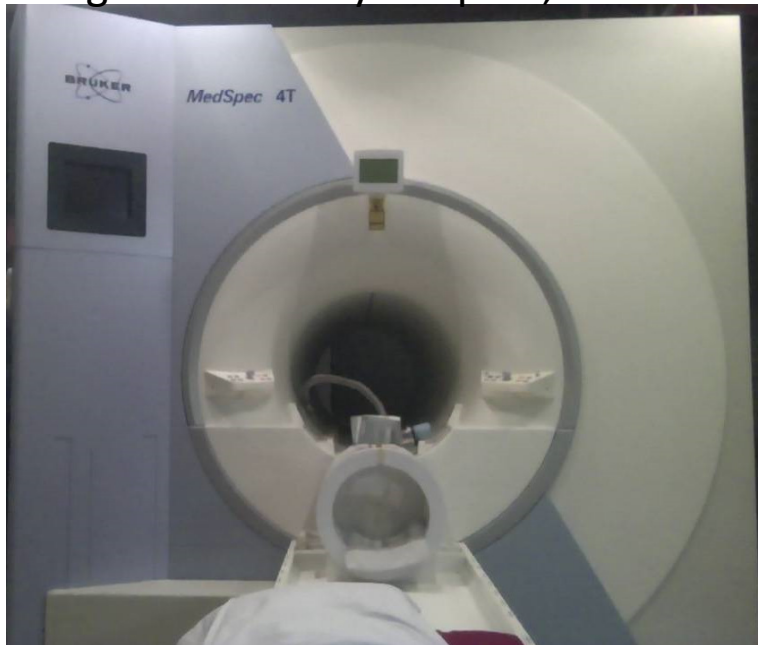
- Magnet available from Brisbane (UQ)
  - OR66 4T ex-MRI magnet
  - “Active shield” reduces stray field
  - Installed February 2003
  - Discharged then warmed ~2013

**Funding request (STFC/UoL)**

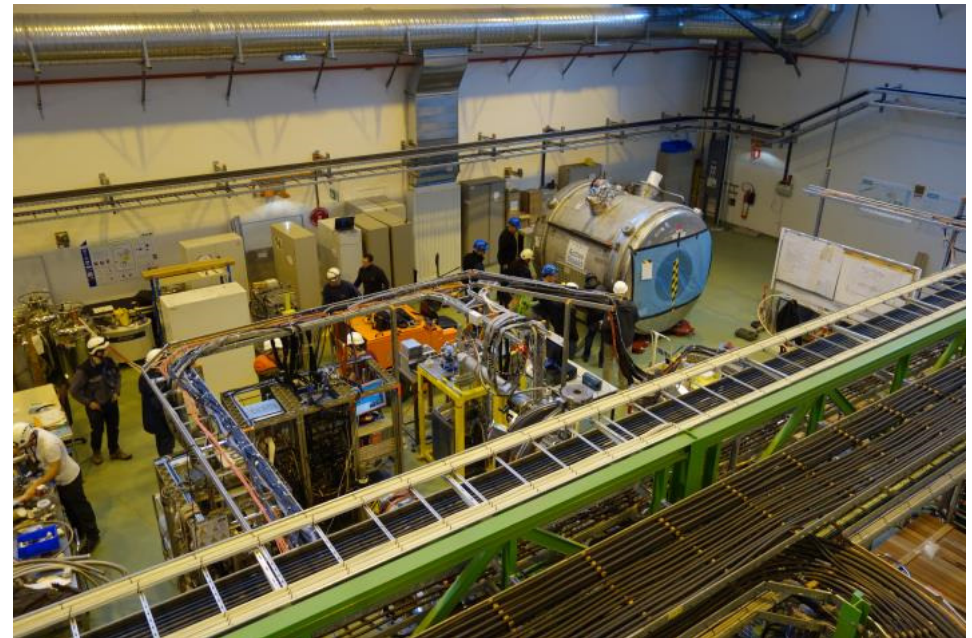
**June 2015**

**Magnet ordered November 2015**

Magnet in Wesley Hospital, Brisbane

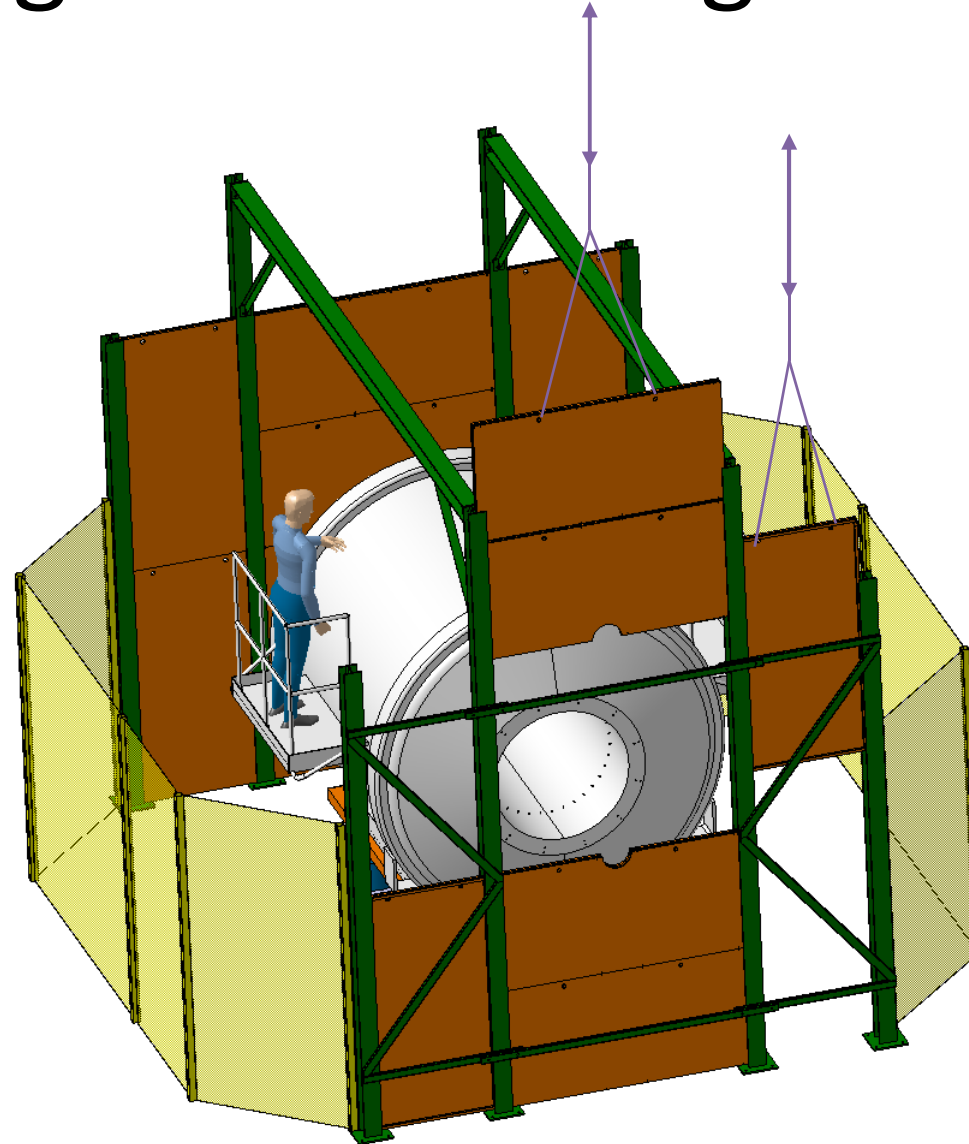


**Now installed in the Isolde Hall**



- Magnet recommissioned (cleaning, vacuum test, cooling...)
- ISOLDE integration continuing

# Magnetic shielding design



Jérémie Bauche, Kevin Buffet & Yacine Kadi (CERN)

# Exploitation plans

early exploitation before LS2

stable & long-lived isotope running during LS2

+ commissioning of the ISS Si array

+ commissioning of gas recoil detector...

followed by ISS running after LS2



*Thank you*