



Nuclear Astrophysics at SPES

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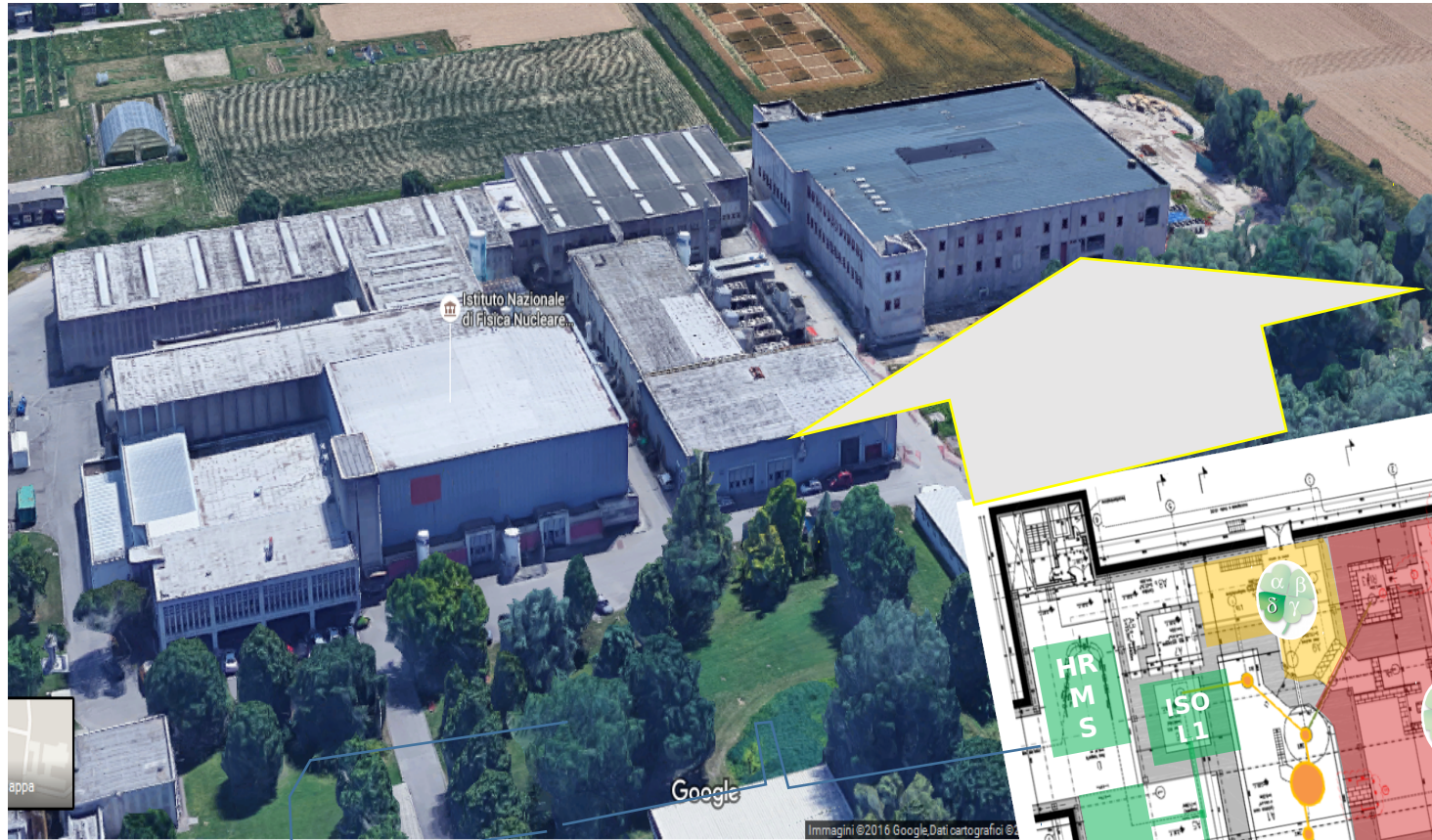


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■ SPES - Infrastructure

SPES - Layout

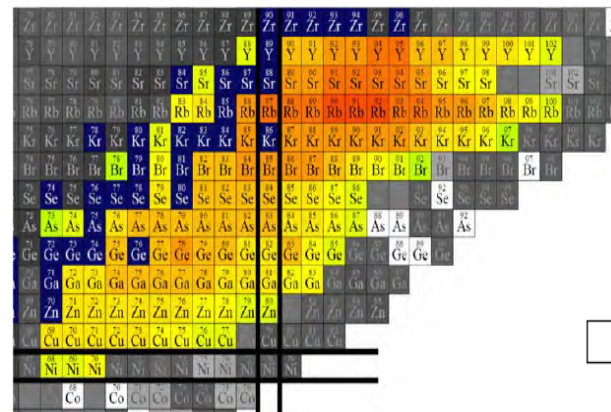
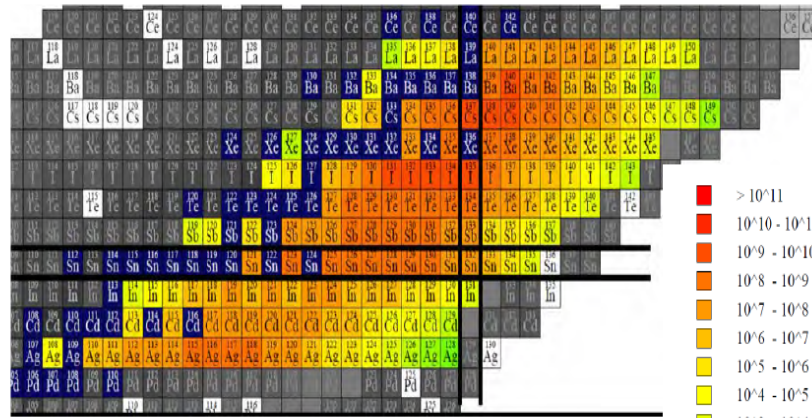
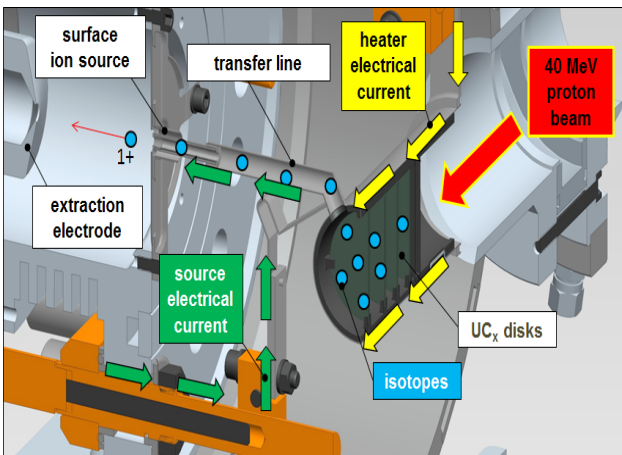


- 2nd generation ISOL facility: pure and intense beam
- 10^{13} fissions/s

Yield

■ UCx Target
 (... + not fissile also foreseen)

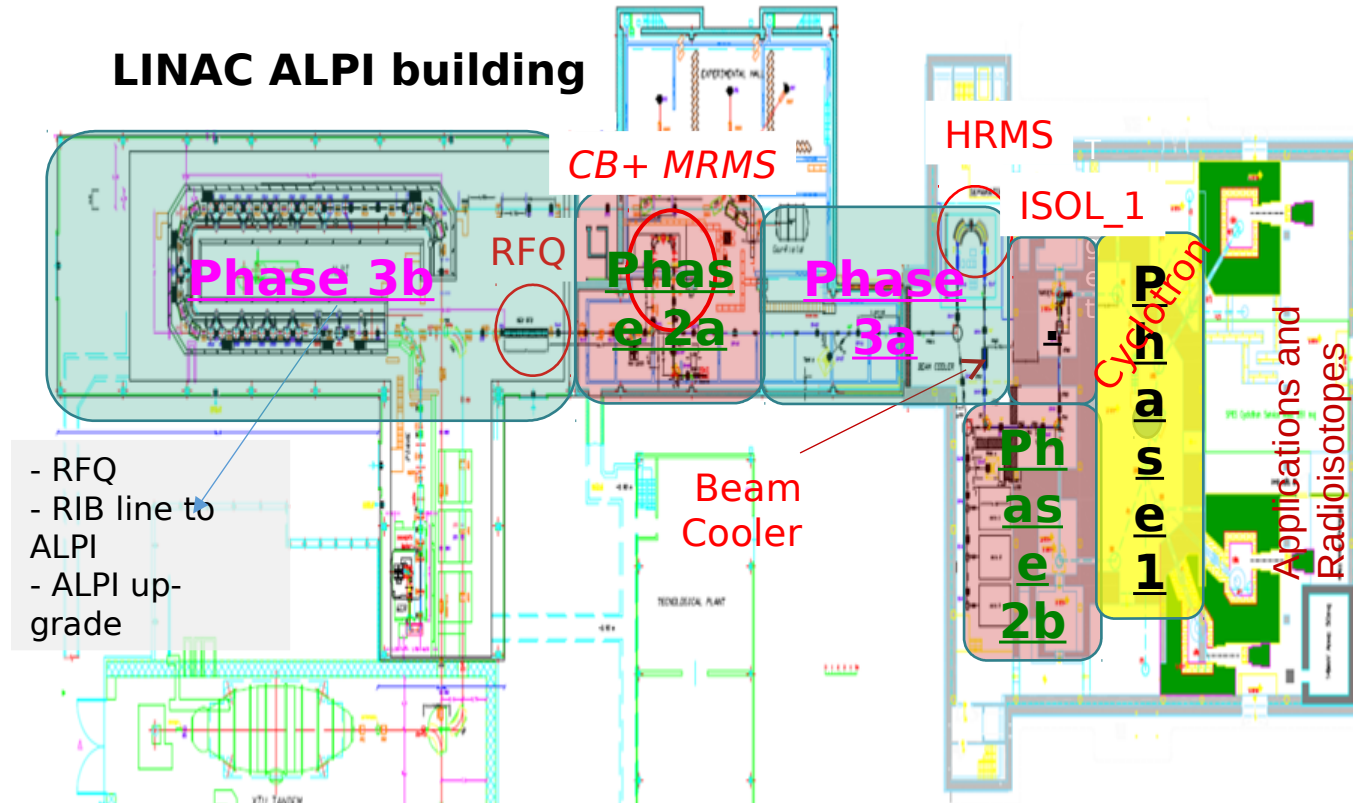
■ Expected intensity for reaccelerated beams



Courtesy of T. Marchi

- MCNPX Calculation
- BERTINI - ORNL (FF cross-sections)
- Release & ionization efficiency in agreement and re-scaled on HRIBF experimental values and currents (200μA/5μA)

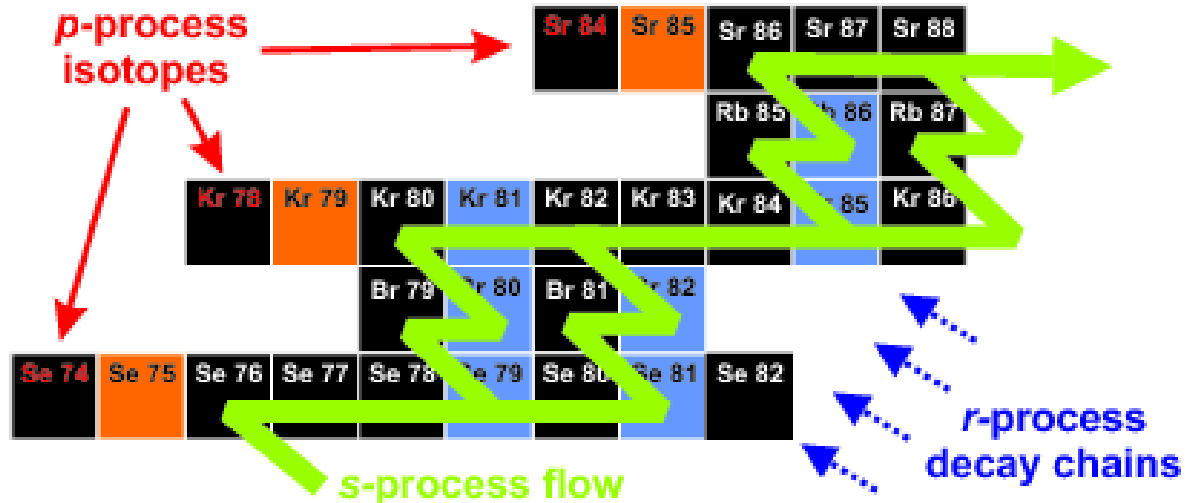
SPES - Timeline



- **Phase 1. 2016** - Building + First operation with the cyclotron
- **Phase 2. 2018-19** - From C.B. to RFQ + SPES target, LRMS, 1+ Beam Lines
- **Phase 3. 2020 - 21** - HRMS-BeamCooler + RFQ to ALPI

■ SPES – Astrophysics

Fission products @SPES



- β decay faster than n capture
- Neutron density 10^{6-7} n/cm^3
- Branching points: τ and n capture rate of the same order of magnitude
- key reaction: (n, γ)

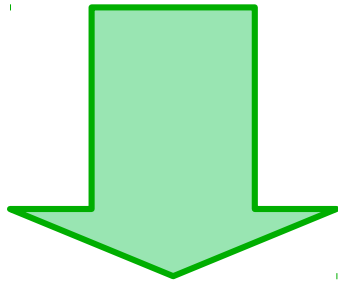
- n capture faster than β decay
- Neutron density 10^{20} n/cm^3
- Dripline and waiting points: plenty of ... nuclear structure information needed
- τ , masses, energy levels, J^π , s.p. strengths, (n, γ)

- indirect methods for RIB (TH, SR, ANC)

Reactions of interest

s process

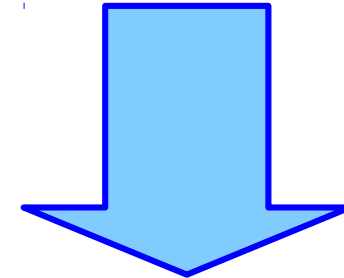
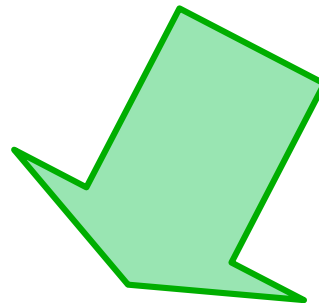
- (n,γ):
 - ^{79}Se , $^{81,85}\text{Kr}$, ^{86}Rb , ^{65}Zn , ^{121}Sn ,
 - ^{64}Cu , ^{108}Ag , ^{109}Pd , and ^{123}Sn and many more



- collaboration with INFN Pg and INAF Teramo
- 2 Lols presented at the 3rd SPES workshop in 2016
- Commissioning tests needed with stable beam

r process

- $^{123,131-134,131}\text{In}$, ^{133}Sb
- Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As



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■ SPES – indirect methods

Techniques for astrophysics

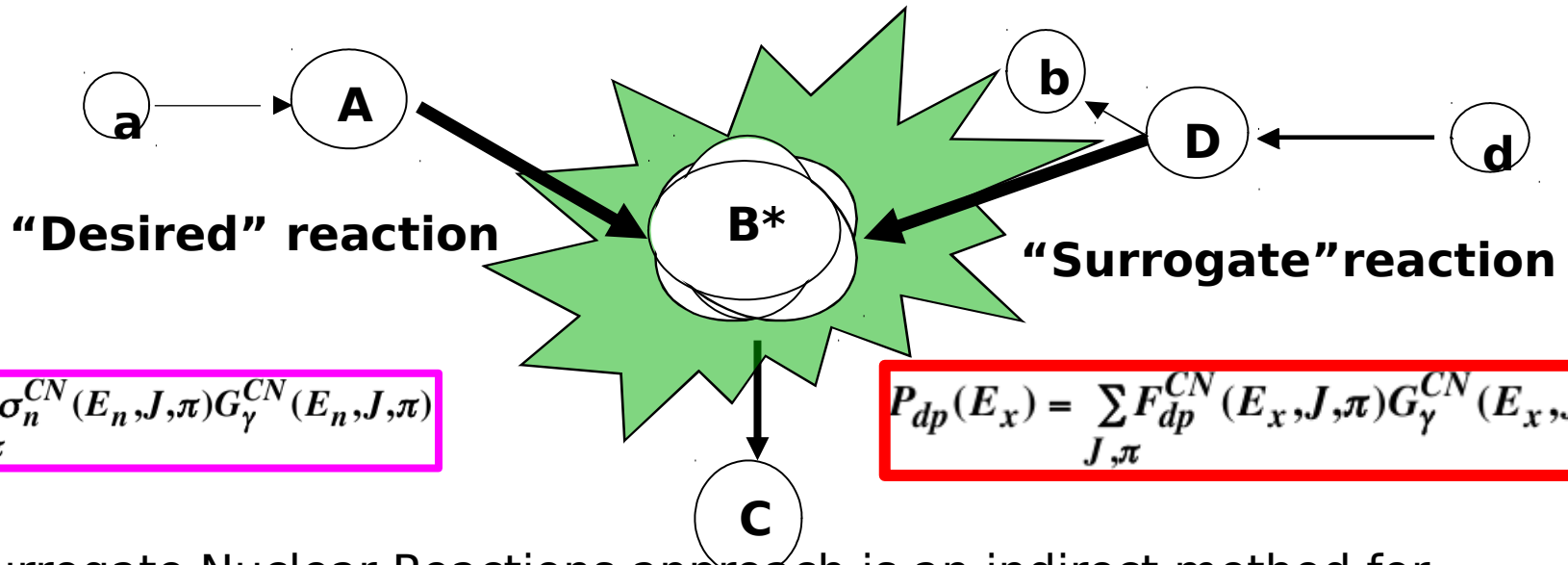
■ DIRECT Techniques: (LUNA, ERNA, DRAGON, ...): .. at relevant (stellar) energy range → low cross section (\sim pB/keV) but model independent

■ INDIRECT Techniques^(*): .. at lab energies (... → stellar energies) but always model dependent

- ✓Coulomb dissociation
- ✓Transfer reaction
- ✓Breakup of loosely bound nuclei
- ✓Trojan Horse method
- ✓Resonant spectroscopy - γ decay, resonant elastic scattering, etc
- ✓ANC methods
- ✓**Surrogate reaction method (SRM)**

^(*)Presentation by M. La Cognata at the last SPES workshop – 2016 LNL

Indirect approach: surrogate approach



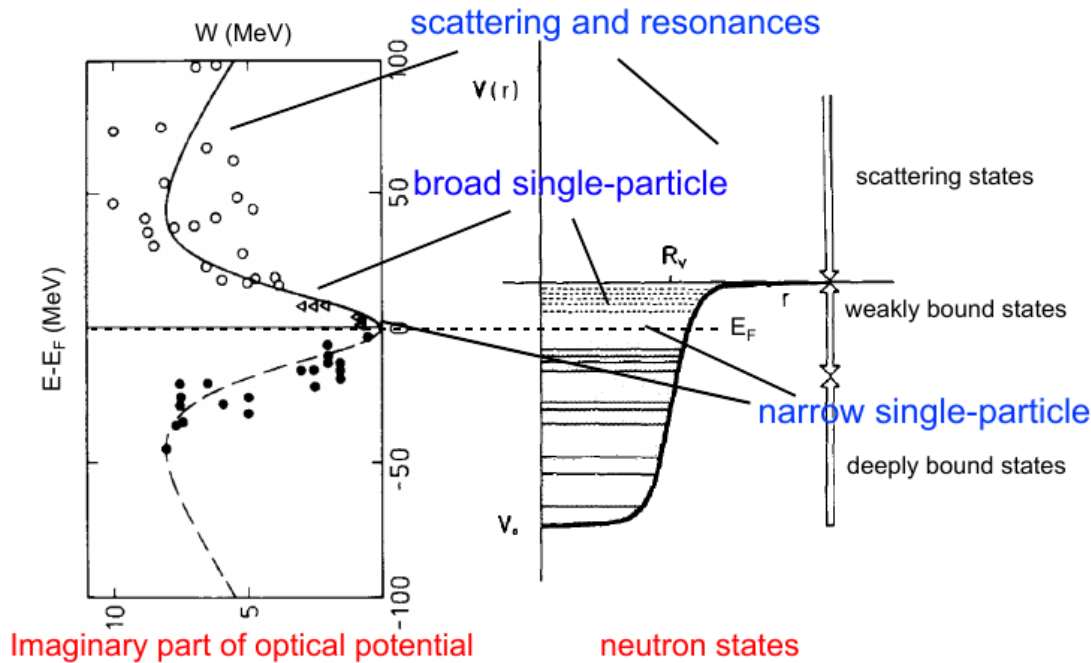
$$\sigma_{n\gamma}(E_n) = \sum_{J,\pi} \sigma_n^{CN}(E_n, J, \pi) G_\gamma^{CN}(E_n, J, \pi)$$

$$P_{dp}(E_x) = \sum_{J,\pi} F_{dp}^{CN}(E_x, J, \pi) G_\gamma^{CN}(E_x, J, \pi)$$

- The Surrogate Nuclear Reactions approach is an indirect method for determining cross section of CN reactions difficult to measure directly.
- Various direct-reaction mechanisms can be employed to create the compound nucleus of interest
- Different "compound-nuclear" decays can be considered

J.E.Escher, J.T.Burke, F.S.Dietrich, N.D.Schielzo, Rev. of Mod. Phys. 84 (2012)

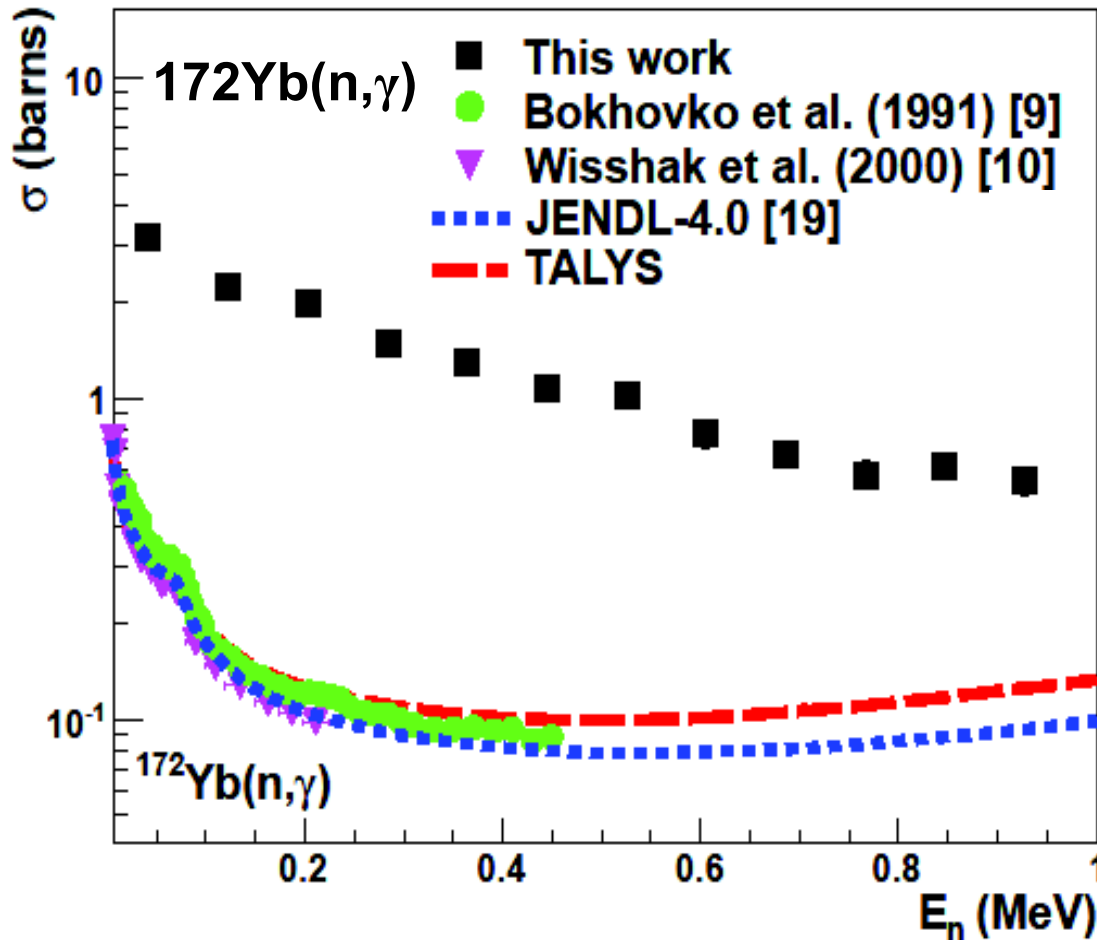
Entry level in the neutron capture



Mahaux, Bortignon, Broglia, Dasso, *Phy.Rev.*120(1985)1

- Spin distribution generally different from direct and surrogate reaction (s, p waves for the neutron). Mitigation still possible in the case of deuteron.
- Compound nucleus or resonances can be formed

benchmarks for (n, γ) cross sections ($^3\text{He}, ^4\text{He}$)



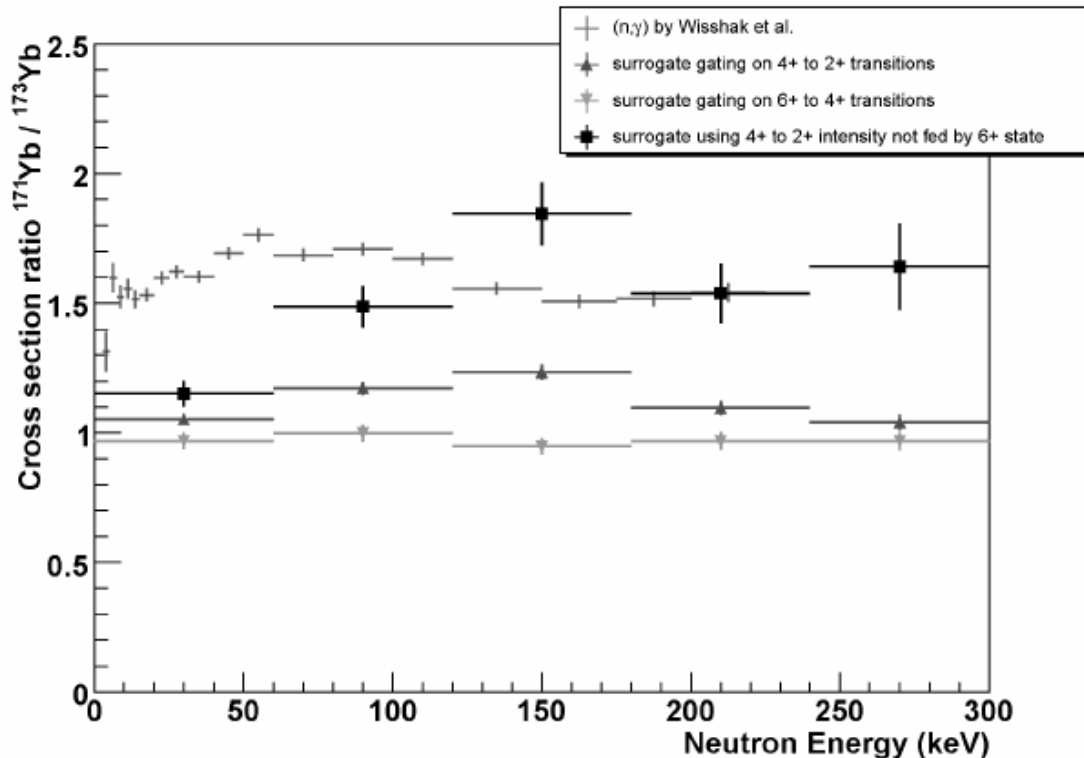
- Disagreement with the measure radiative capture data
- “complex” reaction mechanism

G.Boutoux et al., PLB 712 (2012), 319

(d,p) benchmark for (n,γ) cross sections

$^{171,173}\text{Yb}(d,p\gamma)$

$$\sigma_{n\gamma}^{WE}(E_n) = \sigma_n^{CN}(E_n) G_\gamma^{CN}(E_n) = \sigma_n^{CN}(E_n) \frac{N(d,p\gamma)}{\epsilon N(d,p)}$$



■ Spin dependence heavily affects the level of agreement: **from 60% to 15%**

■ Different gamma transitions sample different parts of the cascade

■ Disregarding the contribution of higher spin states brings the observed spin distribution closer to that of the neutron capture (low l transfer)

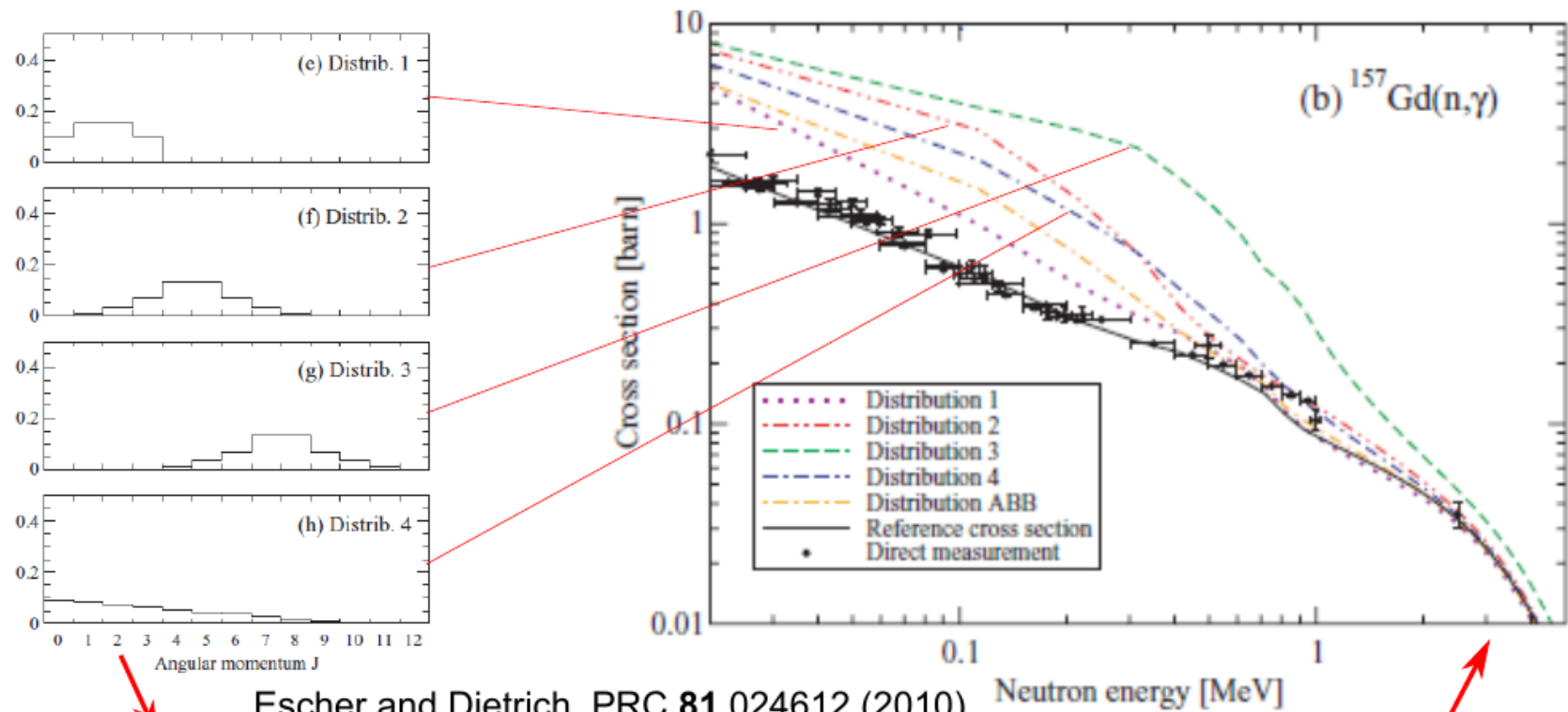
A.Ratkiewicz, J.A. Cizewski et al., EPJ Conf 93, 02012 (2015)

R.Hatarick et al., PRC81, 011602(R) (2010)

Weisskopf-Ewing approximation

$$\sigma_{\alpha\chi}(E_a) = \sum_{J,\pi} \sigma_{\alpha}^{\text{CN}}(E_{\text{ex}}, J, \pi) G_{\chi}^{\text{CN}}(E_{\text{ex}}, J, \pi) \xrightarrow{\text{W-E approximation}} \sigma_{\alpha\chi}^{\text{WE}}(E_a) = \sigma_{\alpha}^{\text{CN}}(E_{\text{ex}}) \mathcal{G}_{\chi}^{\text{CN}}(E_{\text{ex}})$$

Weisskopf-Ewing approximation: probability of γ decay independent of J, π



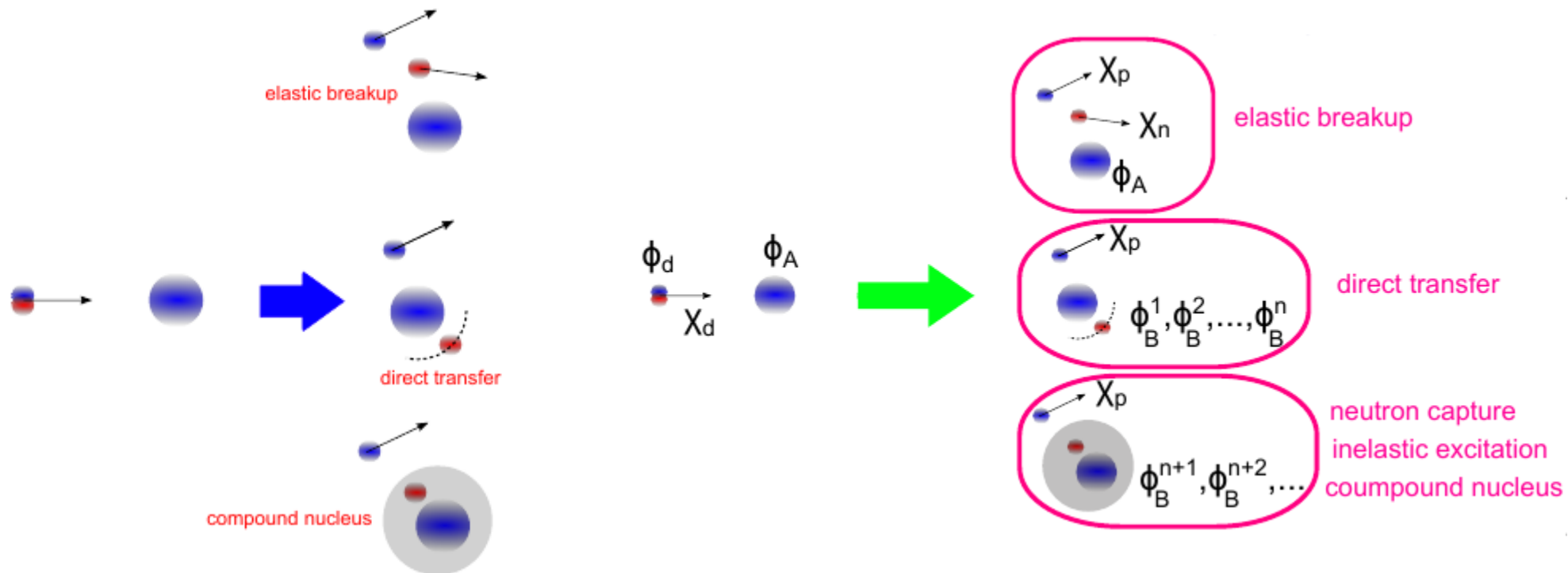
Escher and Dietrich, PRC 81 024612 (2010)

Different J, π \longrightarrow Different cross section for γ emission

Basics of theory from and experimentalist

Gregory Potel Anguilar (NSCL/FRIB) et al, Phys. Rev. C92.034611

Inclusive deuteron-induced reaction

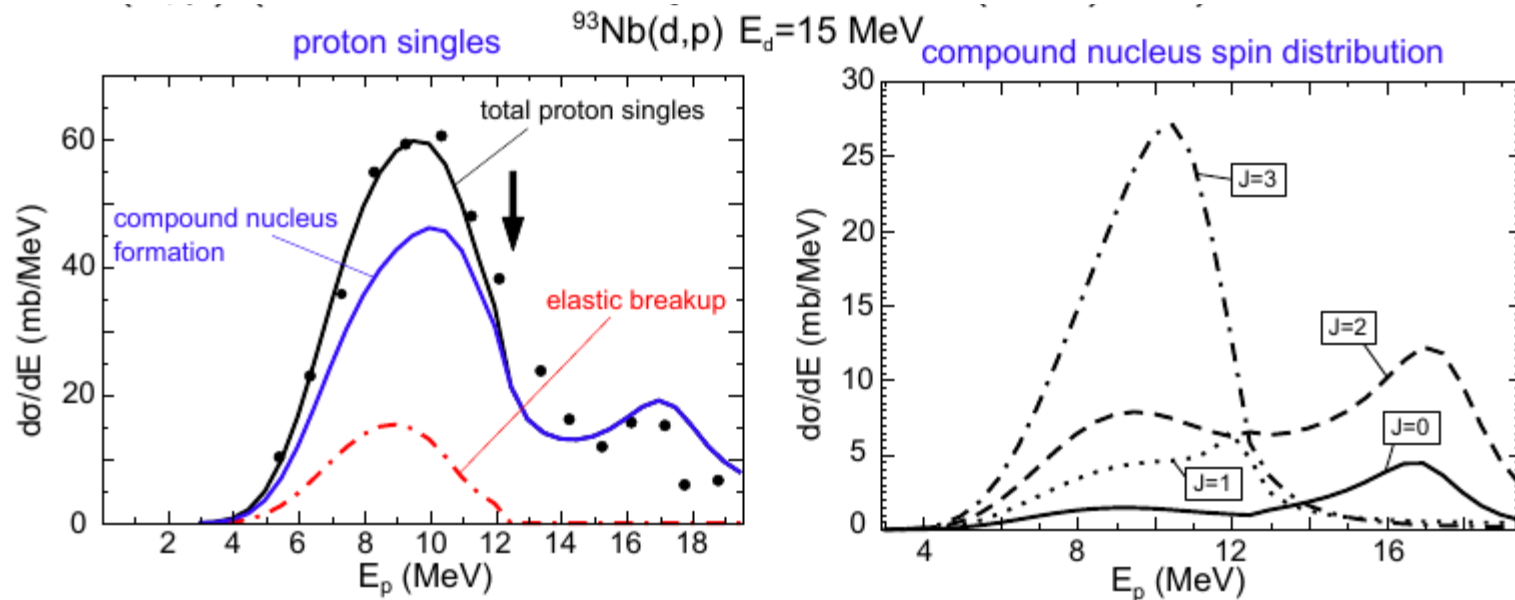


■ Calculation of the spin parity distribution to avoid the WE approximation

■ All the final states B need to be calculated

Theory to predict J, π distribution

Gregory Potel Anguilar (NSCL/FRIB) et al, Phys. Rev. C92.034611



- Spin-parity distribution for the compound nucleus
- Contributions from elastic and non elastic breakup disentangled
- Extendable to transfer of light clusters

■ SPES – Lols (q^+ , 1^+)

- Dedicated Nuclear Astrophysics
- Nuclear physics → Nuclear Astrophysics



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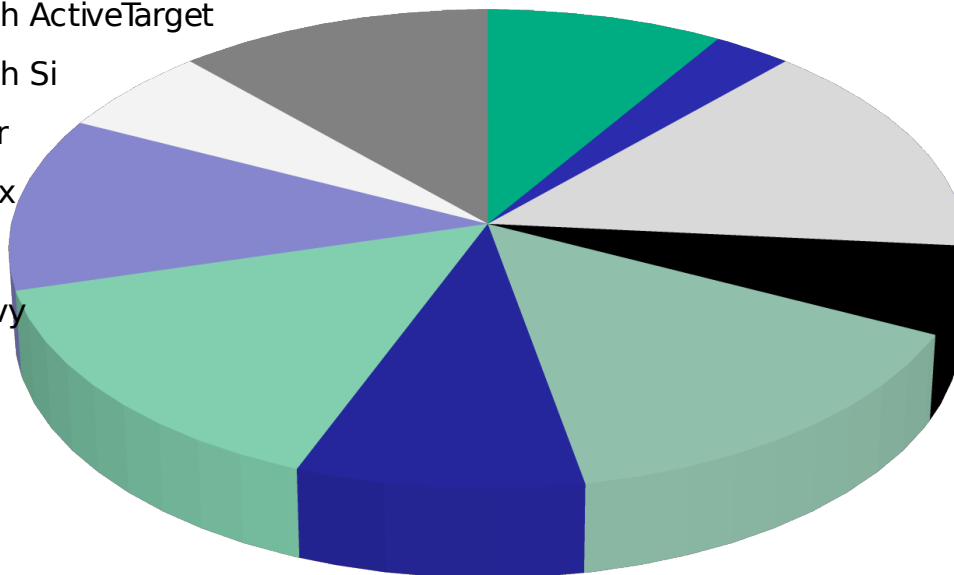
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46 LoI presented from around the world

SPES LOIs Topics

- GS properties
- moments
- Coulex
- DirReac with ActiveTarget
- DirReac with Si
- Mn transfer
- Collective ex
- Fusion
- Super Heavy
- Dymanics

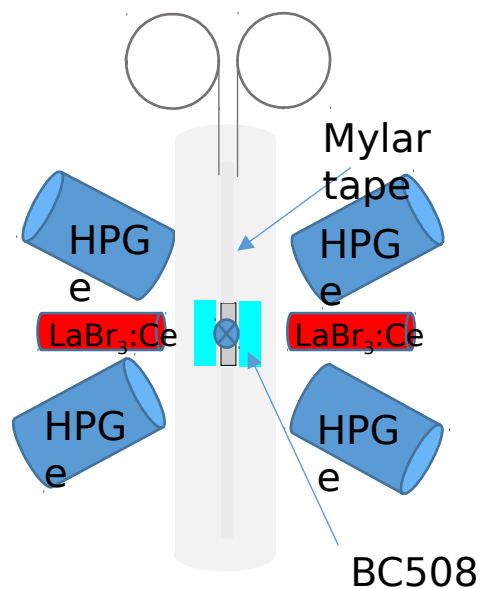
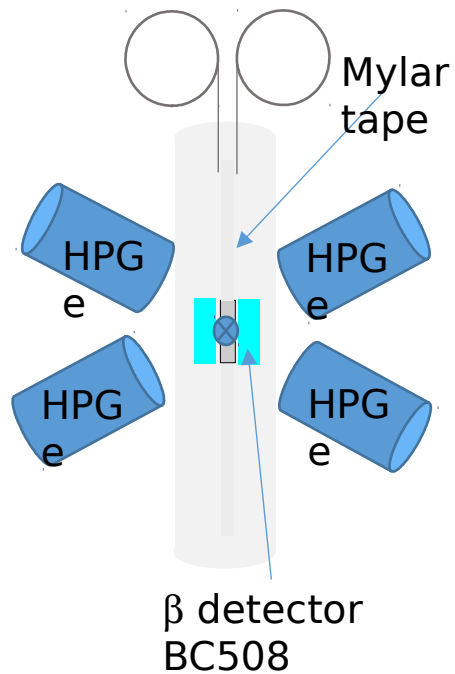


Nuclear Astrophysics

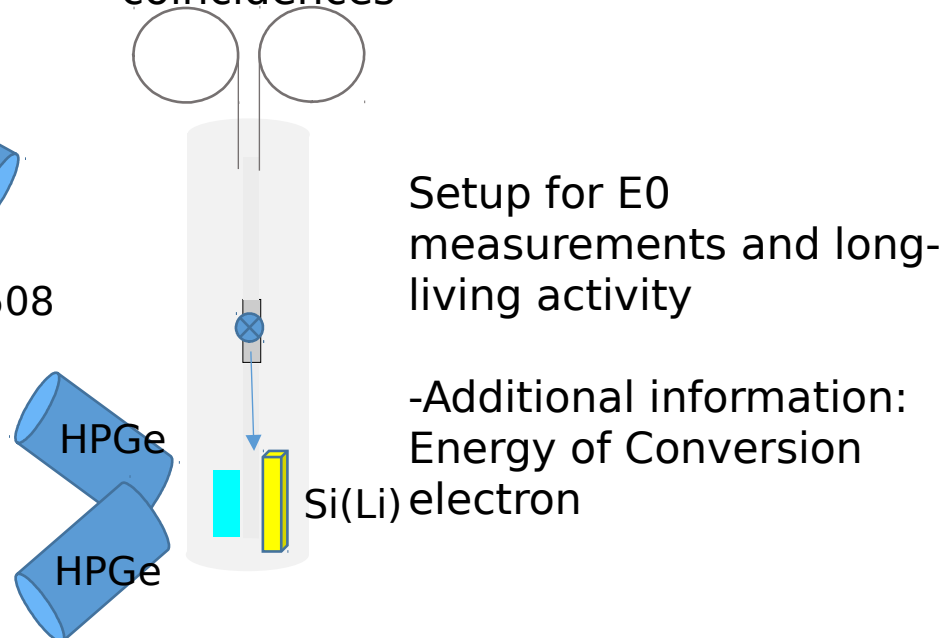
- Measurement of the decay characteristics of nuclei around $A=90$ relevant to the r-process nucleosynthesis [[T. Kurtukian-Nieto et al.](#)]
 - Letter of Intents for measurements at SPES on beta-decay properties of nuclei belonging to the s-process path [[S. Cristallo et al.](#)]
 - Study of beta-decay properties of neutron-rich isotopes approaching the r-process path [[D. Testov et al.](#)]
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- Measurement of astrophysical relevant reactions induced by alpha, protons and neutrons at the Gamow peak using the Trojan Horse method [[M. La Cognata et al.](#)]
 - Direct Reactions at SPES: Shell Evolution and Nuclear Astrophysics around $Z\sim 50$ and $N\sim 82$ [[D. Mengoni et al.](#)]
 - Letter of Intent for transfer reaction measurements at SPES for r-process nucleosynthesis [[S.D. Pain et al.](#)]
 - Measurements at SPES of n-capture cross sections on radioactive nuclei interesting for s-process nucleosynthesis [[O. Trippella et al.](#)]

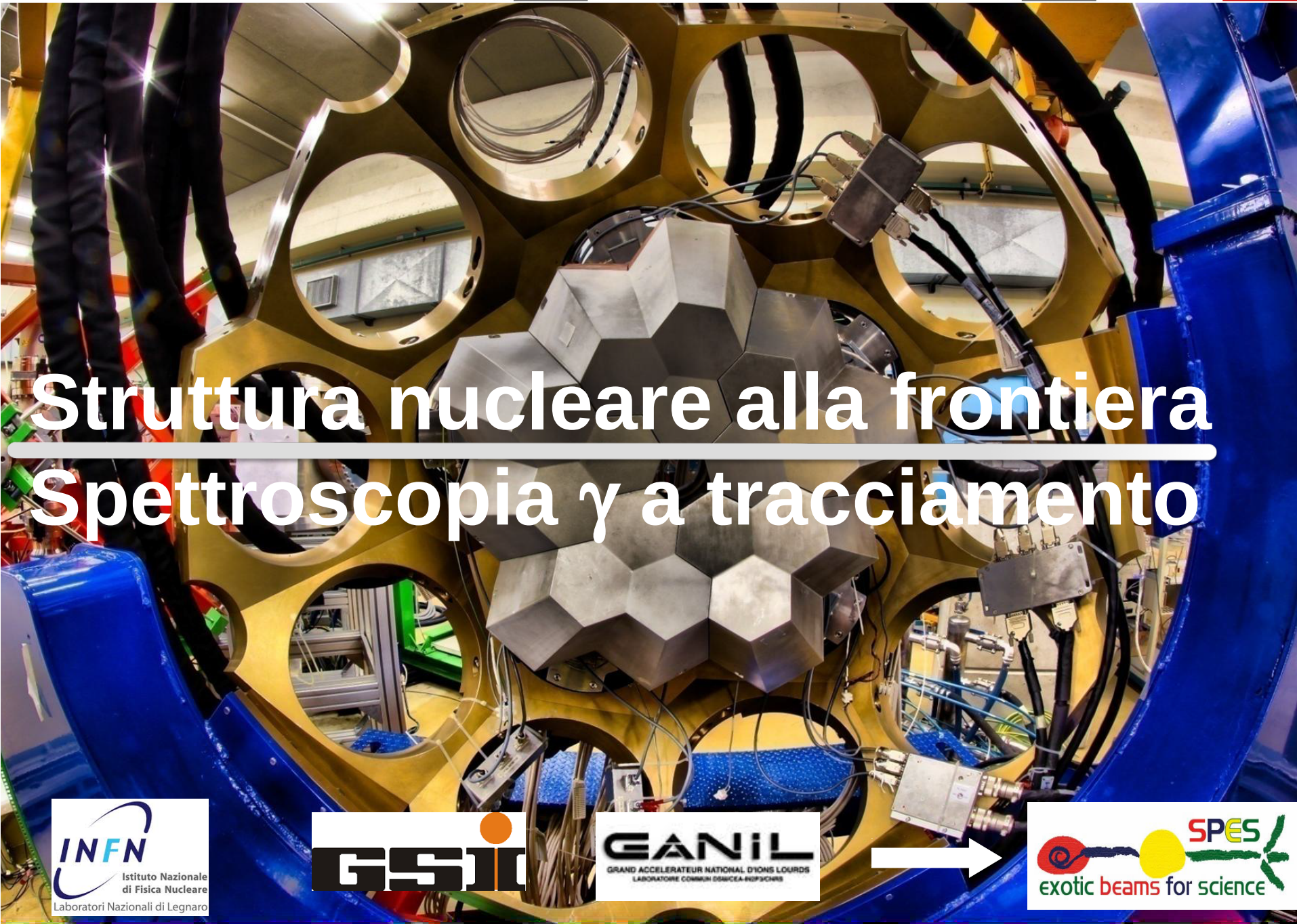
β -decay station

Minimal setup to extract $T_{1/2}$, P_n , β - γ coincidences
 Measured quantities: - Time of β emission
 - Energy and Time of γ decay



Fast-timing setup: lifetimes \sim ns range
 β - γ (LaBr₃:Ce)- γ (HPGe) coincidences





Struttura nucleare alla frontiera Spettroscopia γ a tracciamento



TRACE-MUGAST:

Nuclear structure by detecting light-charged particles

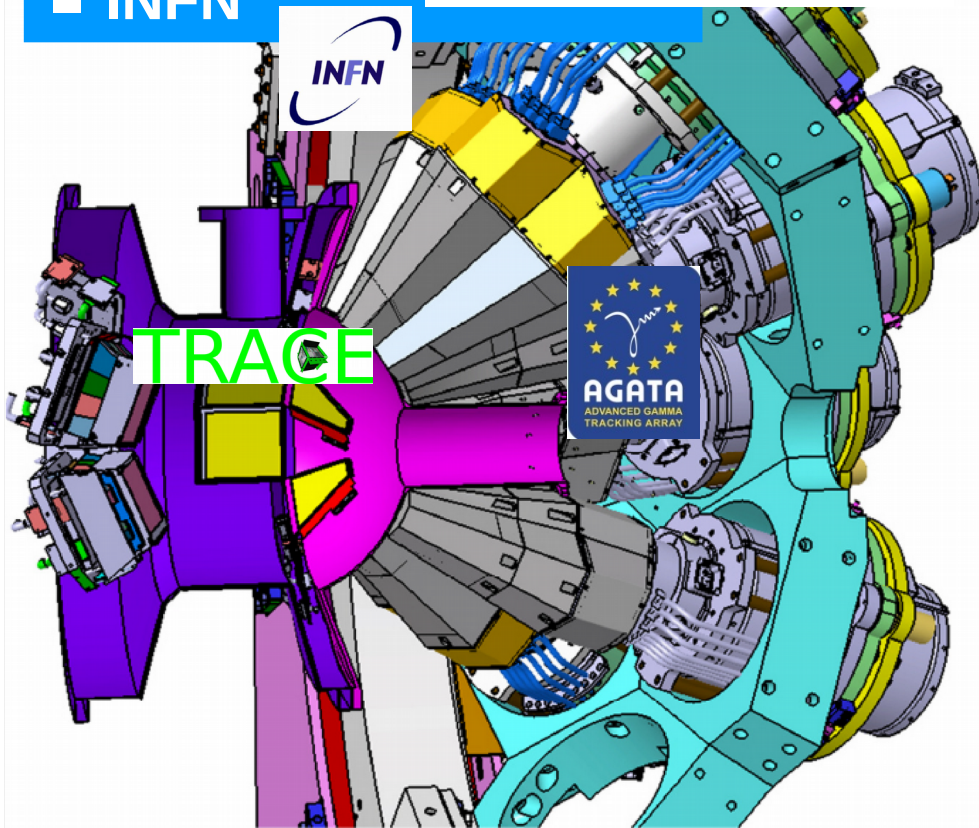
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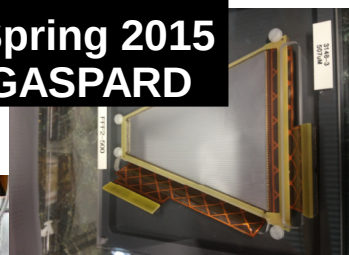
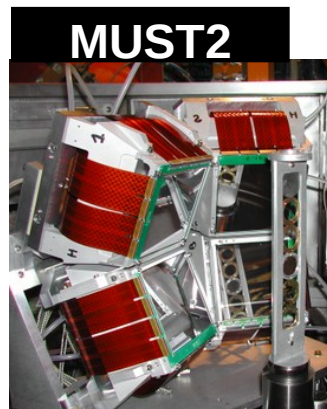
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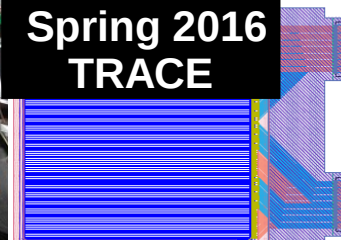
- Science campaign with AGATA at GANIL (>20 physics Lols/proposals)



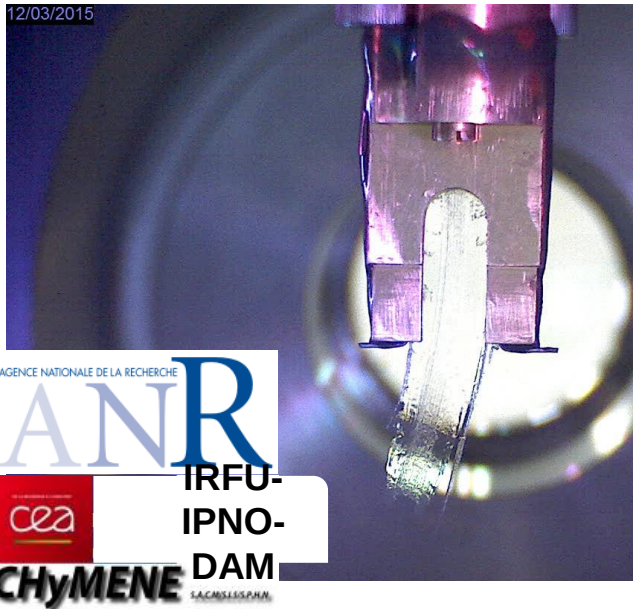
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Spring 2016
TRACE



Pure targets

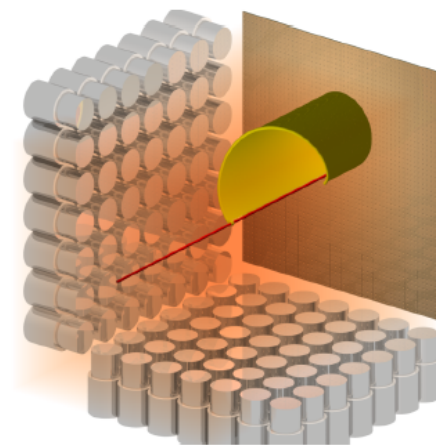


- Hydrogen (h,d) target in a solid phase near triple point ($\sim 17\text{K}$)
- Thickness 50 – 200 μm
- No window - C free
- Continuous flow in vacuum 2-10mm/sec
- Compatible with particle detection

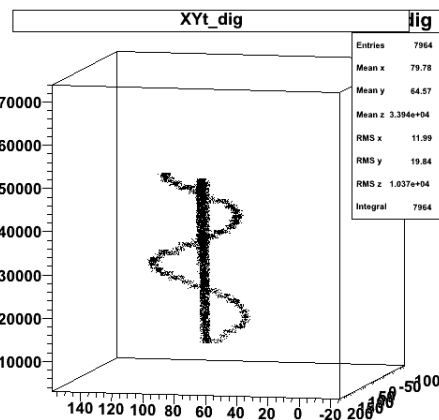
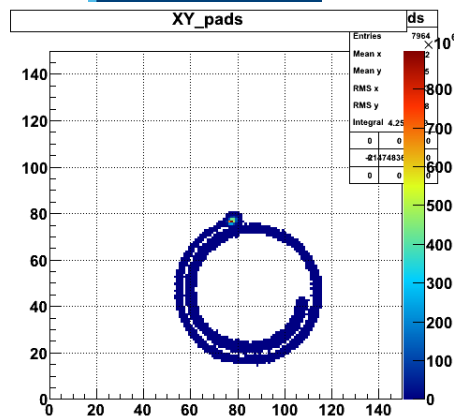
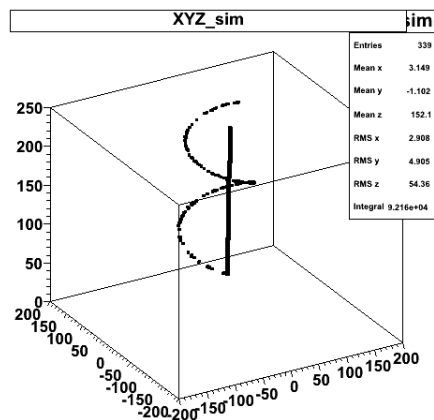


- H, D, ^3He , ^4He
- Dense: up to $\sim 10^{19}$ nuclei/cm 2
- localized: target size \sim beam spot size, and thin to prevent energy loss and straggling
- windowless
- Compatible with particle det.

ACTIVE TARGET demonstrator



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■ Conclusions

- SPES is a unique opportunity for the nuclear and astrophysics community
- Lols submitted for key nuclei in the s and r process
- Commissioning run under discussion to check the validity of the surrogate approach
- Ongoing open collaborations: any new idea is much appreciated and very welcome!!



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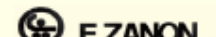
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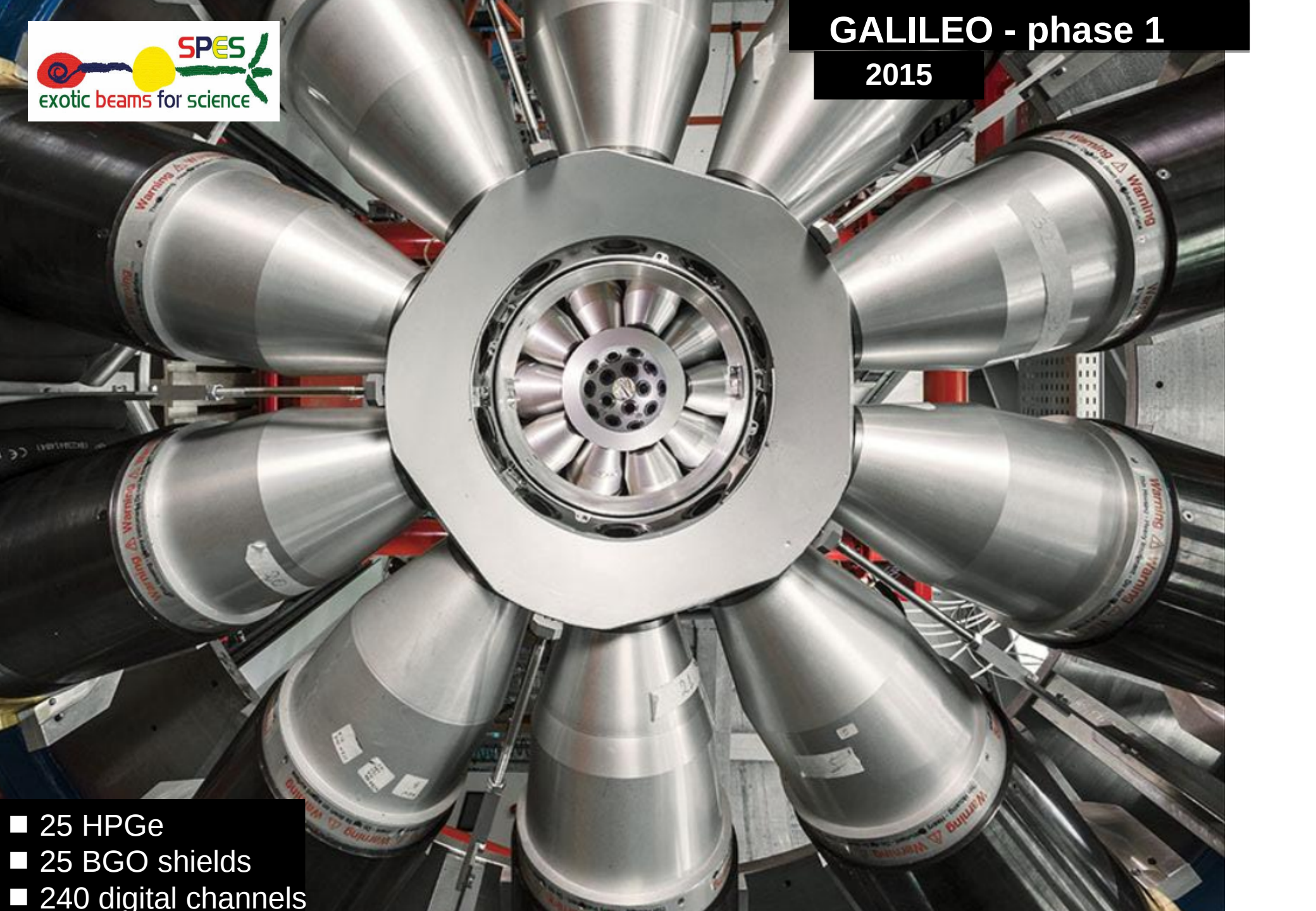
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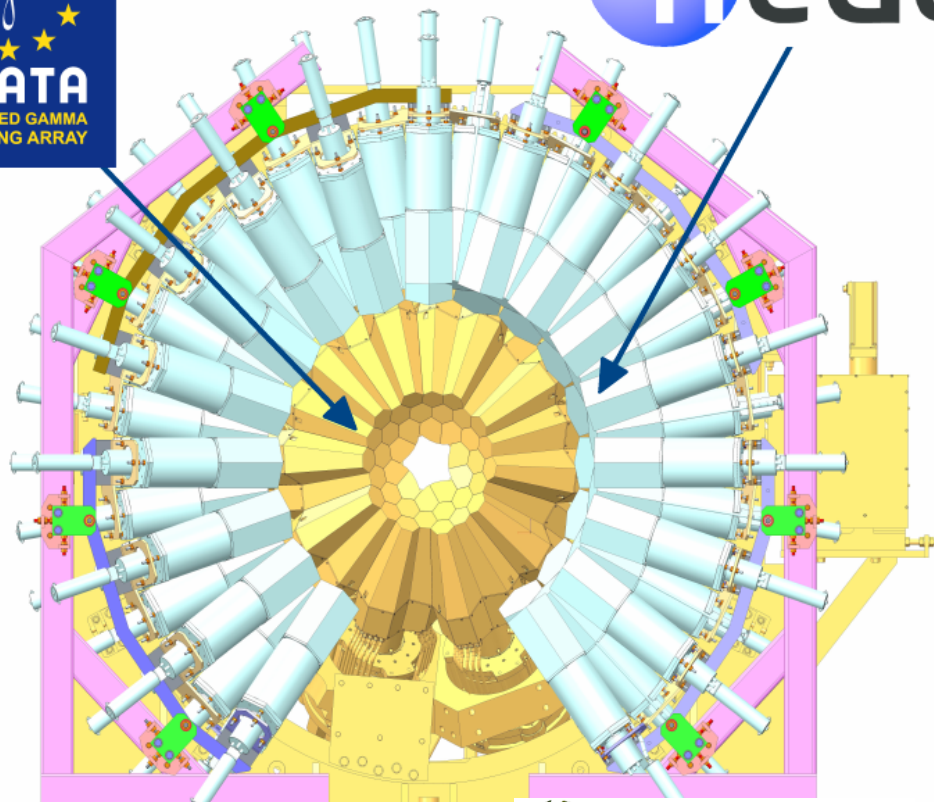
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- 25 HPGe
 - 25 BGO shields
 - 240 digital channels



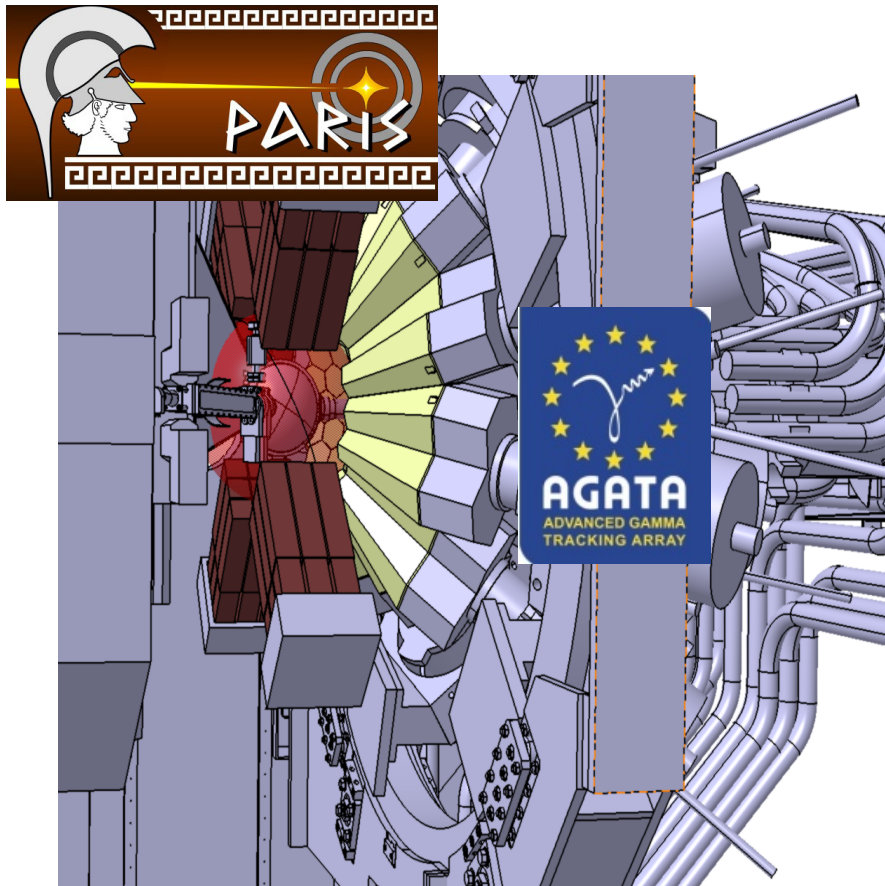
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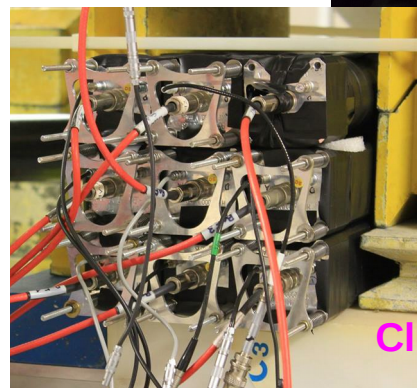
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High-efficiency gamma detectors PARIS, HECTOR+, HELENA



LaBr3@GALILEO



Cluster PARIS

Science campaign

- GANIL: 4 proposals accepted
- Orsay – IPNO : 6 proposals accepted
- 7 Lols at SPES

$T_{1/s}$ (s)
LIS

$I@5\mu A$
FEBIAD
(cps)

E_{max}
(MeV)

SIS

Be*	7	4	3	4.60E+06	2.E+07 **	9		● 2		● 2
Be*	10	4	6		3.E+07 **	13		● 2		● 2
F *	17	9	8	6.48E+01	2.E+07 **	15		● 4		● 4
F *	18	9	9	6.58E+03	2.E+06 **	14		● 4		● 4
Na*	21	11	10	2.25E+01		18	● 5			
Na*	22	11	11	2.60E+00		17	● 5			
Mg*	22	12	10	3.86E+00		17		● 5		● 4
Mg*	23	12	11	1.13E+01		16		● 5		● 4
Al*	24	13	11	2.05E+00		16	● 1	● 1		
Al*	25	13	12	7.18E+00	1E+04 **	15	● 1	● 1		
Al*	26	13	13	6.35E+00	1E+04 **	15	● 1	● 1		
Si*	26	14	12	2.21E+00	1E+03 **	17				● 4
Si*	27	14	13	4.16E+00	1E+03 **	16				● 4
P*	29	15	14	4.10E+00		15				● 4
Cl*	34	17	17	1.53E+00	5E+03 **	15				● 4

Nuclear physics → Astrophysics

Nuclear physics problem	Astrophysical application
Thermodynamical behavior of hot and deformed n-rich systems (isospin dependence of the nuclear EOS)	Physics of neutron stars and mechanism of explosion of supernovae and X-ray bursts
Superheavy nuclei (existence, lifetime, decay mode)	The r-process is probably halted by fission occurring in the region of unknown heavy nuclei with a large neutron excess
Clustering aspects in $N \neq Z$ nuclei	Influence on nucleosynthesis during explosive and quiescent burning stages
Modification of the shell model for N/Z far from stability (e.g. persistence of the $N = 82$ closure below $Z = 50$?)	Explosive neutron-capture nucleosynthesis processes
Nuclear spectroscopy, ANC, level energies and spectroscopic factors	Calculation of the reactions rates of processes of astrophysical relevance when measurements are not possible

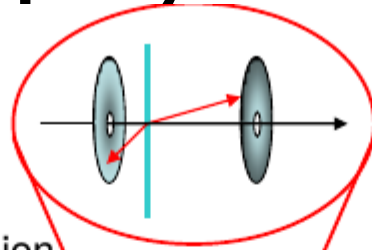
- Lifetime
- Masses
- Energy levels
- J, π
- Spectroscopic factors
- ... nuclear structure

■ SPES⁺⁺ – Future

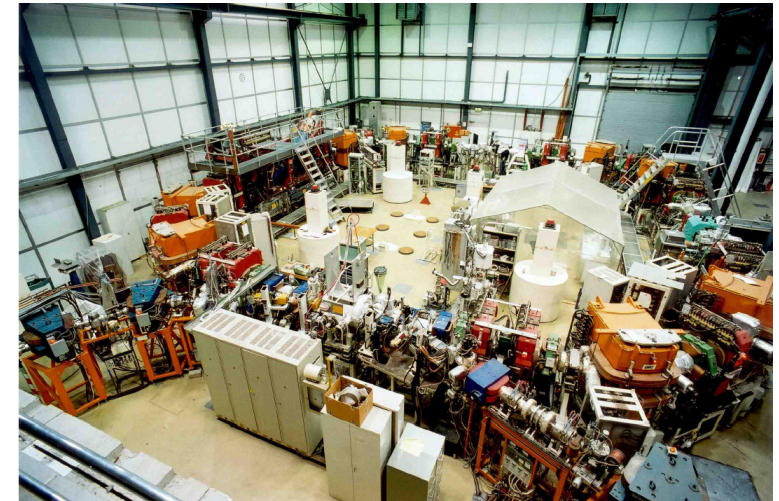
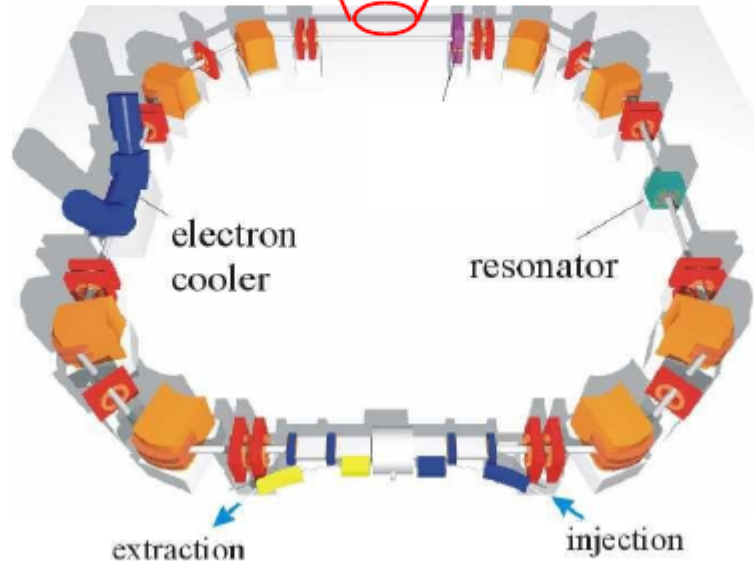
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Indirect Studies of Key Astrophysical Resonances

In-ring target chamber & heavy-ion recoil detection system in UHV



e.g. $d(^{26m}\text{Al}, p)^{27}\text{Al}$
destruction of ^{26}Al in
core collapse supernovae
- meteoritic abundances



Heidelberg