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**Exploring  $^{12}\text{B}$  Structure  
by  
 $^8\text{Li}-\alpha$  Resonant Elastic Scattering**

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# Outlook

**motivations**

- Exotic clustering
- g.s. behaviour of Boron isotopes
- $^{12}\text{B}$  : excited  $^8\text{Li}-\alpha$  cluster states

- Inverse kinematics resonant elastic scattering
- Inelastic scattering contaminations

**experimental method**

**set-up**

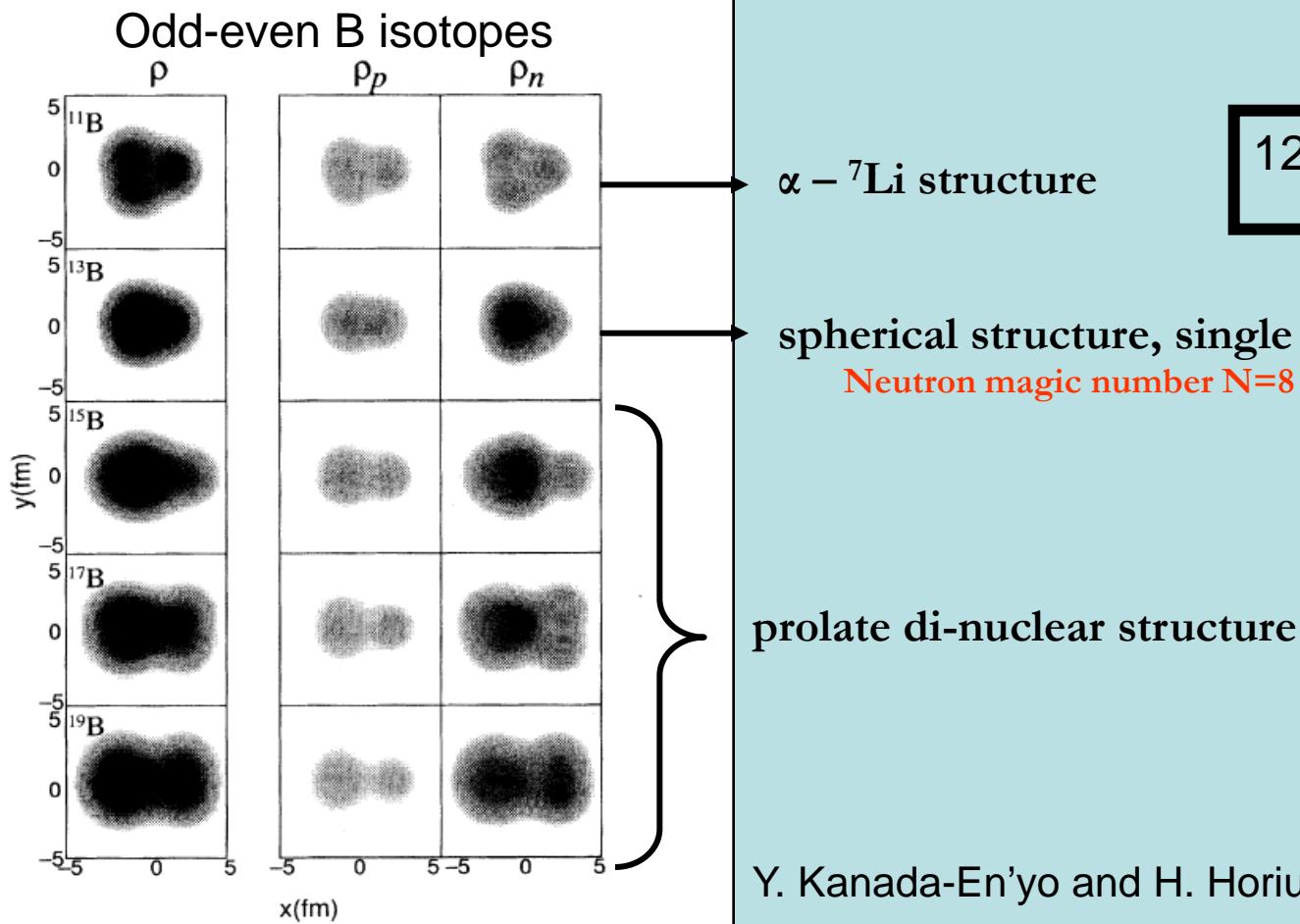
- $^8\text{Li}$  @ EXCYT
- $^8\text{Li}-\alpha$  experiment
- Preliminary results

# Exotic Clustering

description of unstable nuclei as di-nuclear structures

## Clustering in neutron rich nuclei

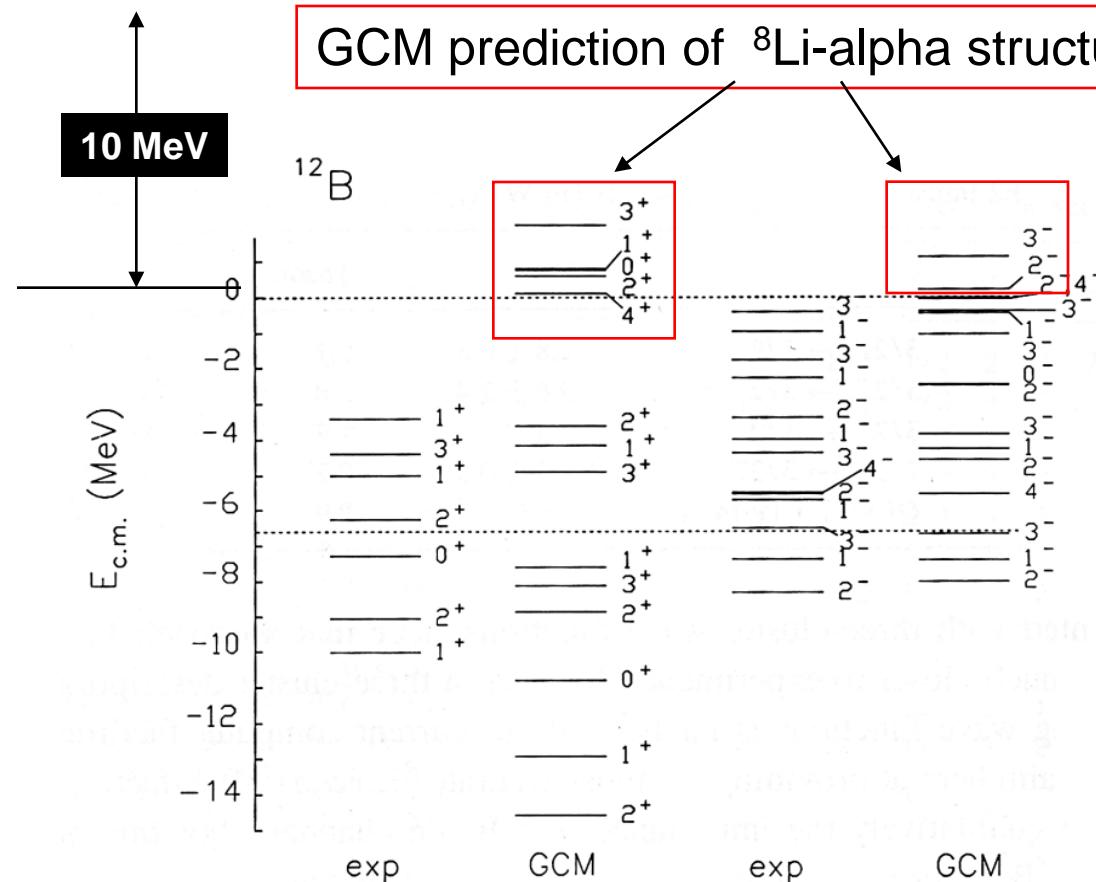
Matter density distribution in Boron isotopes ground states (AMD calculations):  
drastic changes in the isotopes structure with the increasing number of neutrons



Y. Kanada-En'yo and H. Horiuchi PRC 52 (1995) 647

# $^{12}\text{B}$

Search for  $^8\text{Li}-\alpha$  configurations of  $^{12}\text{B}$  states  
above the  $\alpha$ -decay threshold



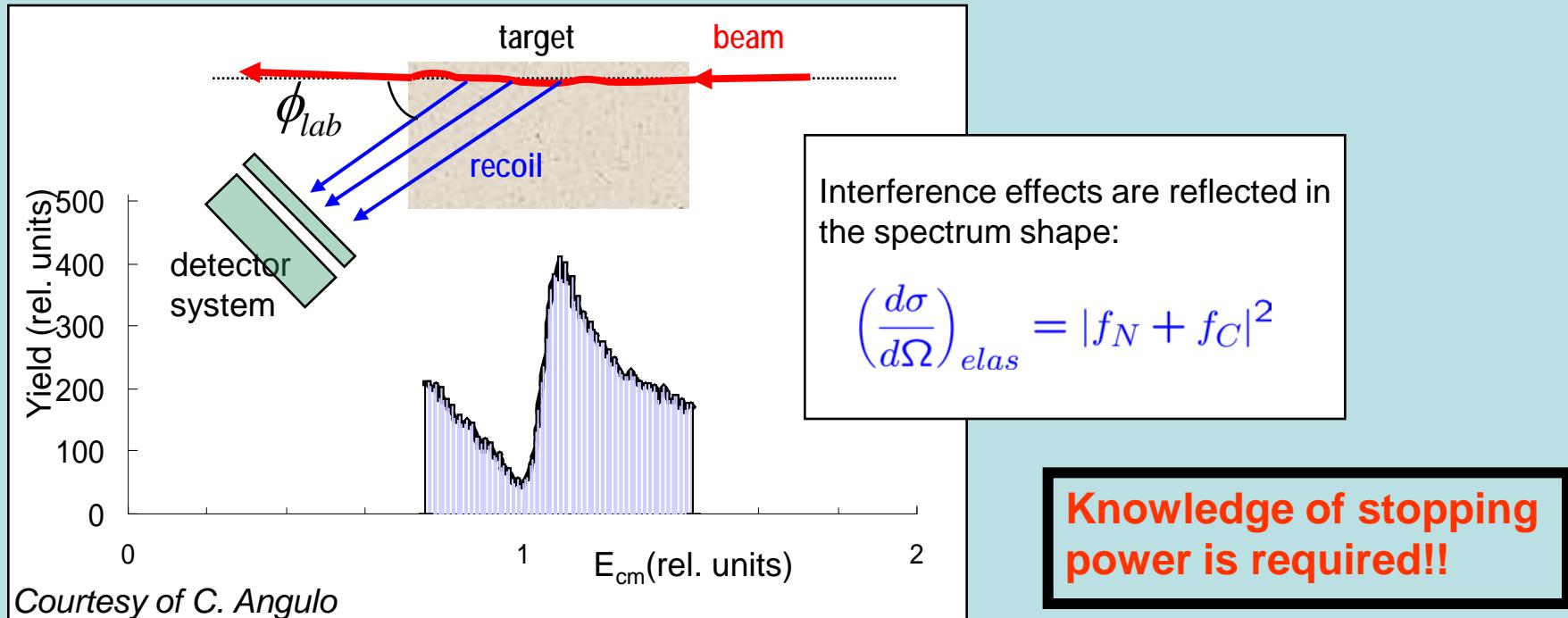
# Thick Target Inverse Kinematic resonant elastic scattering method



K. P. Artemov et al.

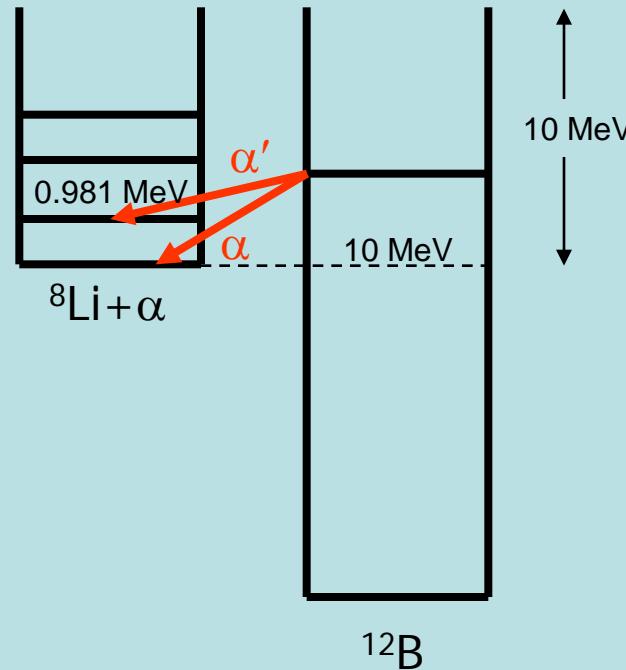
Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 52, 408(1990)

- beam energy loss in the target → wide range for  $E_{cm}$
- inverse kinematics → forward focused recoiling protons (negligible energy loss in the target)
- proton spectra → information on the resonance energy, orbital momentum, and proton width



# Inelastic scattering contamination in thick target experiments

$E_{cm}$  larger enough to open inelastic channels  
↓  
recoil spectra with elastic and inelastic event at the same energy



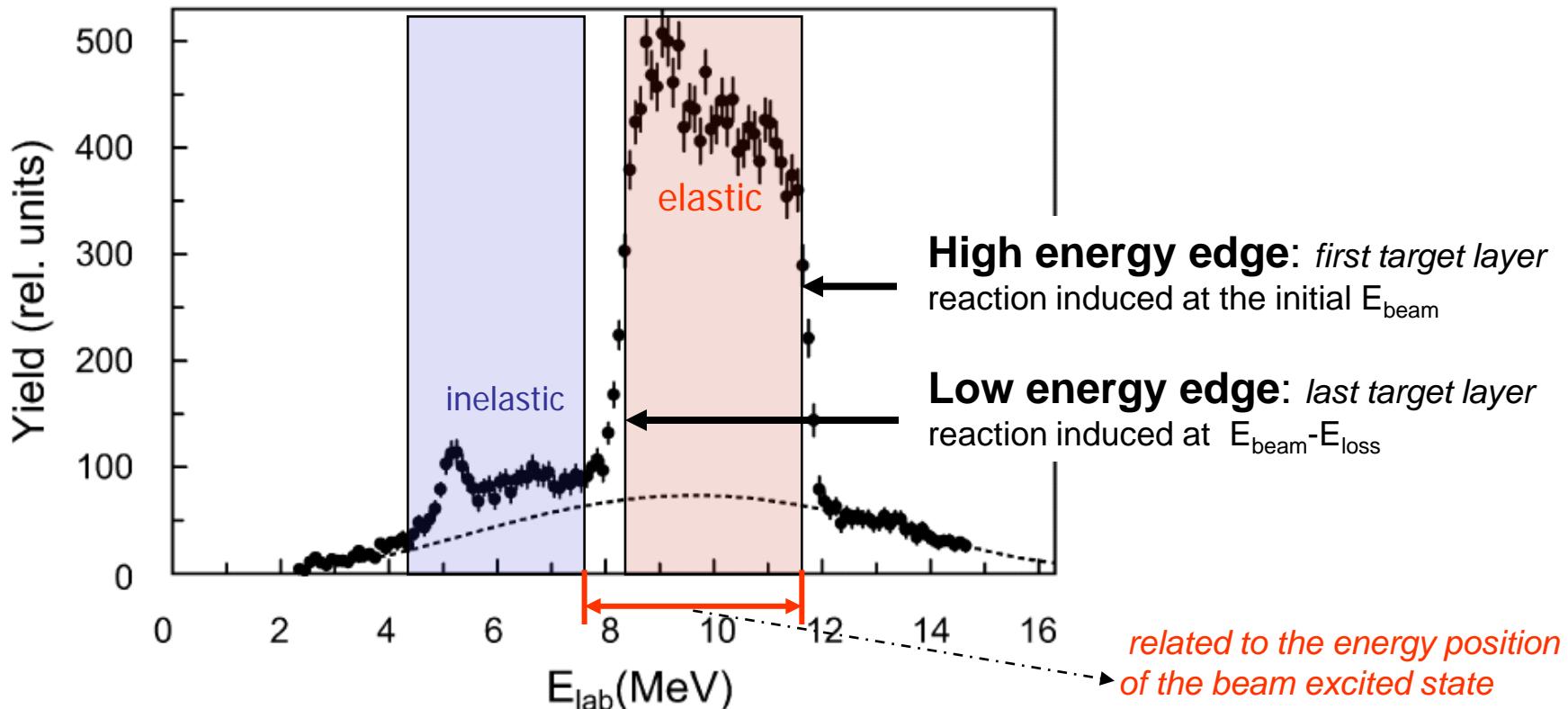
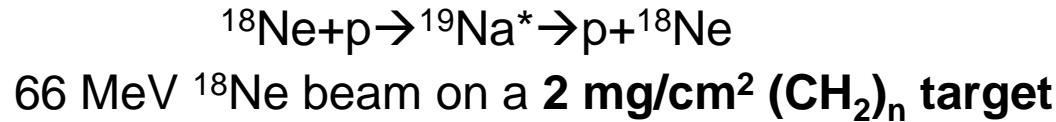
solutions

- Choice of the target thickness
- Time of flight measurement (extended target)

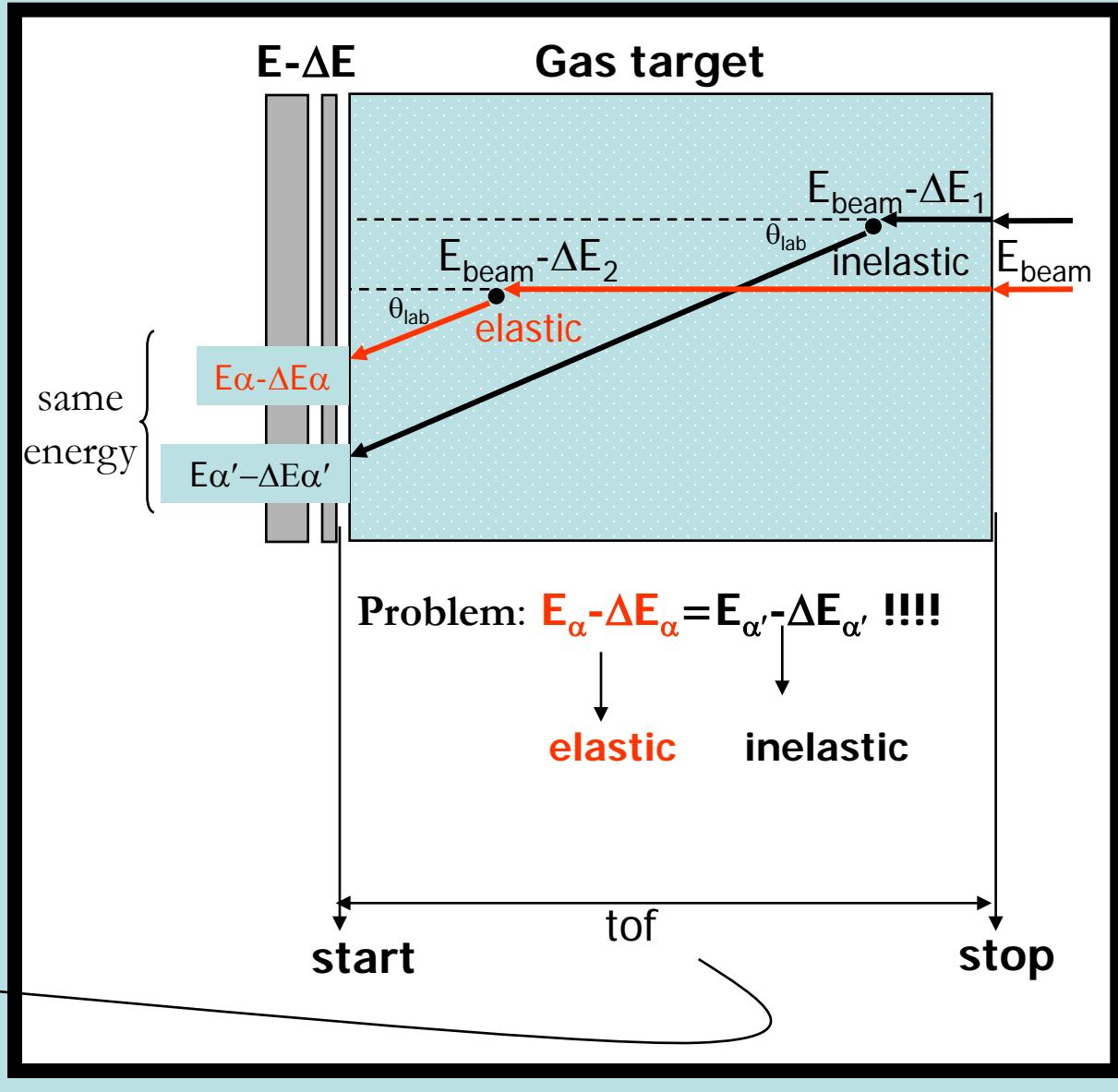
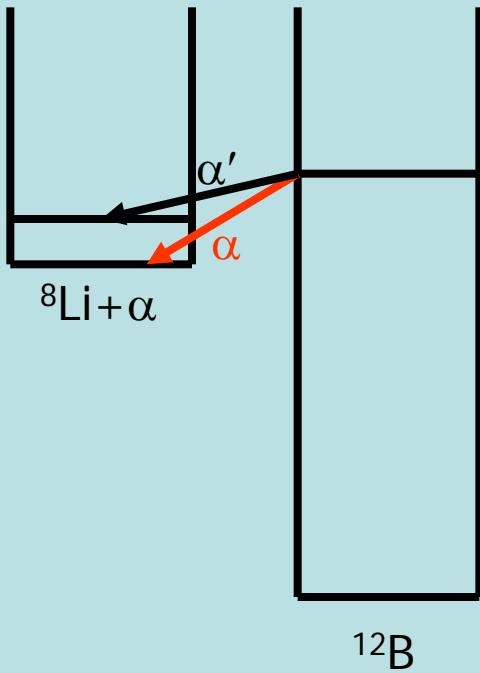
# The choice of the target thickness

- A very thick target → general overview of level scheme
- A thinner target → less straggling and more precise information on the investigated state

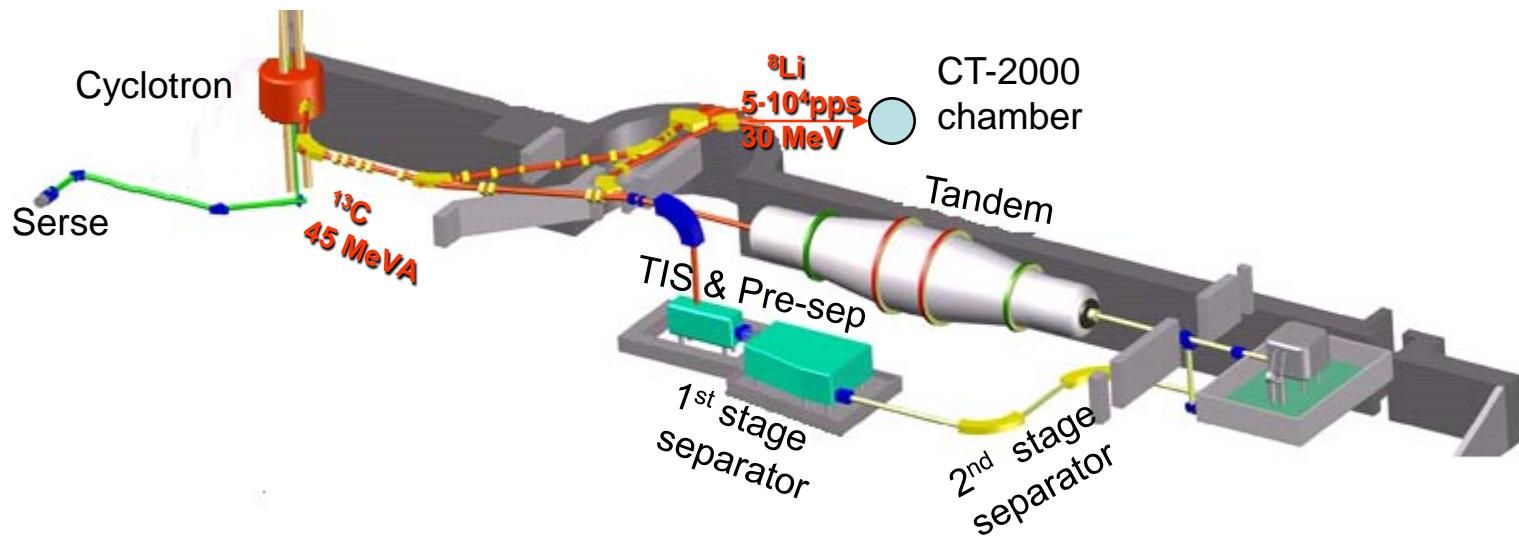
In general the target thickness and initial beam energy must be adapted to the experimental goal



# Time of flight and extended and infinite thick target

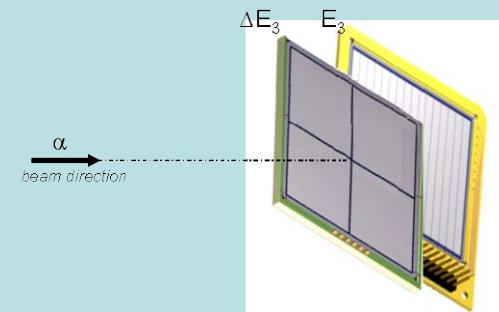
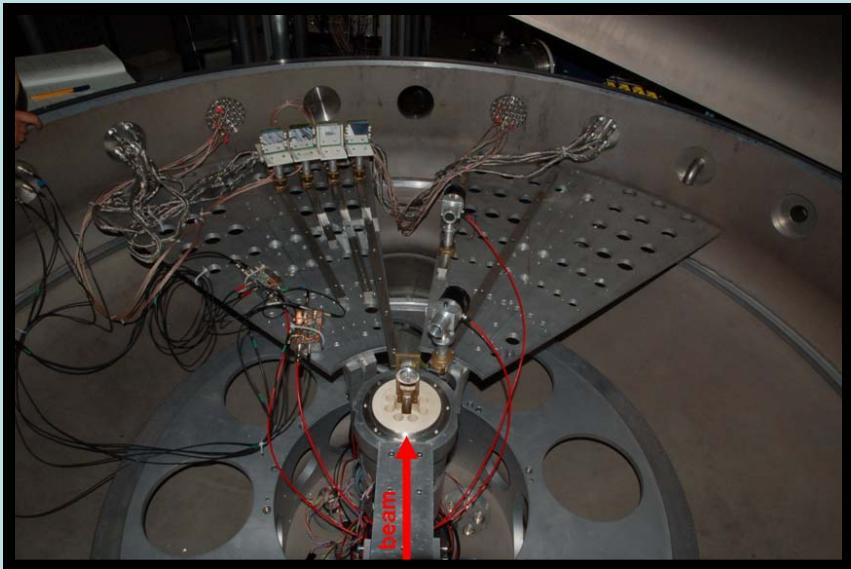
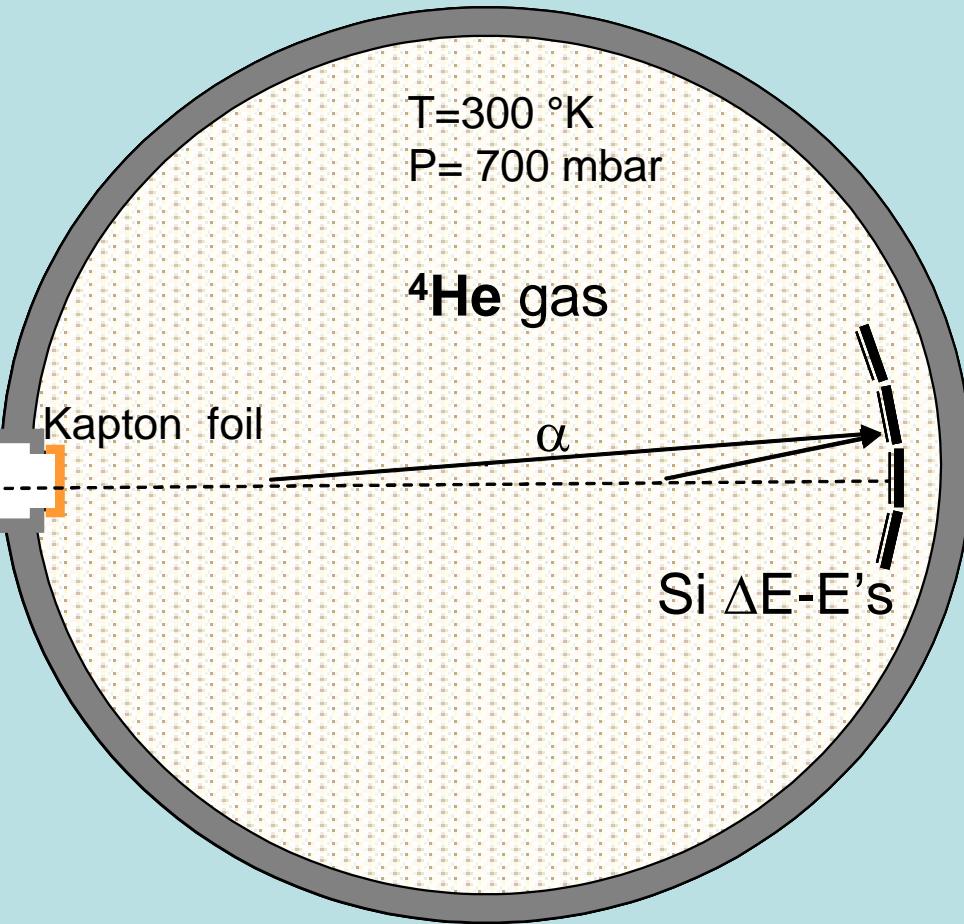


# $^{8}\text{Li}$ @ EXCYT, INFN-LNS Catania

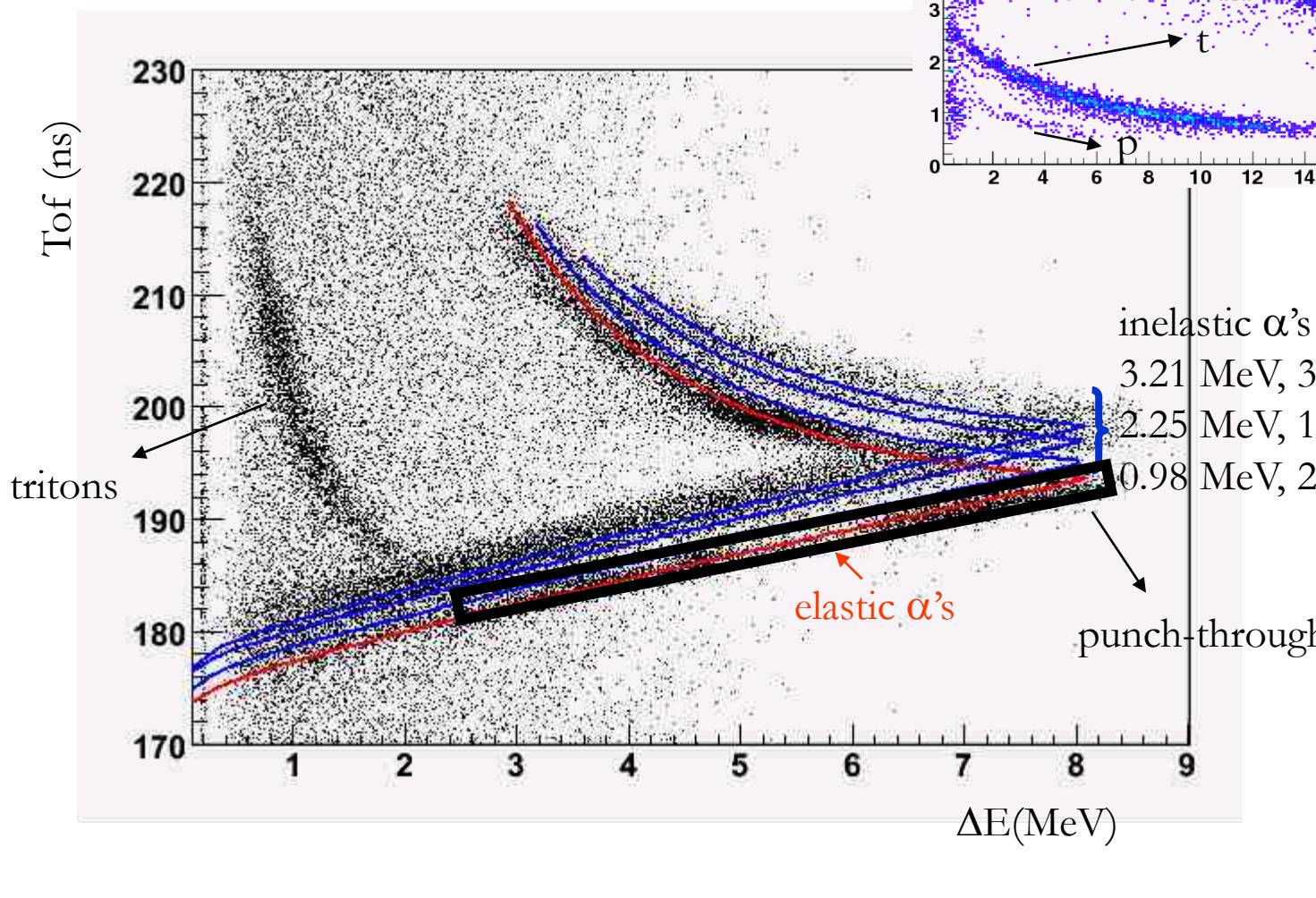


# Experimental Set-up

**EXCYT**       $E_b = 30.6 \text{ MeV}$   
 ${}^8\text{Li}$        $5 \cdot 10^4 \text{ pps}$   
                  MCP foil

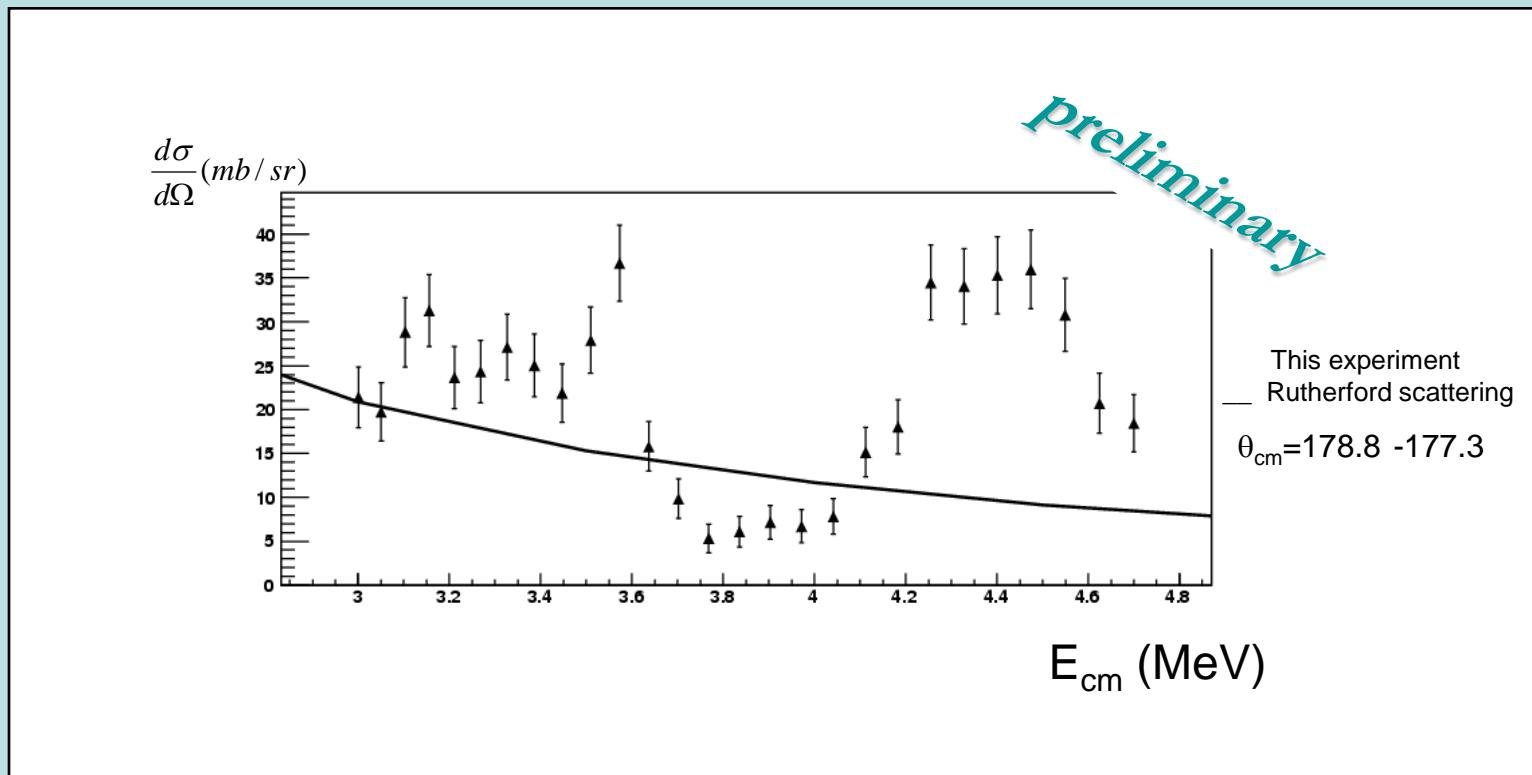


# Preliminary Results



# ${}^8\text{Li}$ - $\alpha$ elastic cross-section

${}^4\text{He}$  stopping power for  $\alpha$  and  ${}^8\text{Li}$   
 $\alpha$  detected position and energy  $\longrightarrow E_{\text{cm}}$  and  $\theta_{\text{cm}}$



Monte Carlo to evaluate experimental resolution  
R-matrix analysis  $\rightarrow E_R, \Gamma_\alpha$

# Conclusions

${}^8\text{Li} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}^8\text{Li} + \alpha$  has been studied by using a beam energy of E=30.6 MeV

The TTIK experimental technique with the tof measurement allows discrimination between elastic and inelastic (or other) scattering

${}^8\text{Li}$ -alpha elastic scattering cross section has been obtained around  $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 180^\circ$

Evidence for large resonances in the elastic cross section

## FUTURE ANALYSIS:

**Monte Carlo Simulation** including:

- beam profile (experimental collimation)
- energy and angular straggling for beam and recoil particles

R-matrix analysis to obtain the resonance parameters

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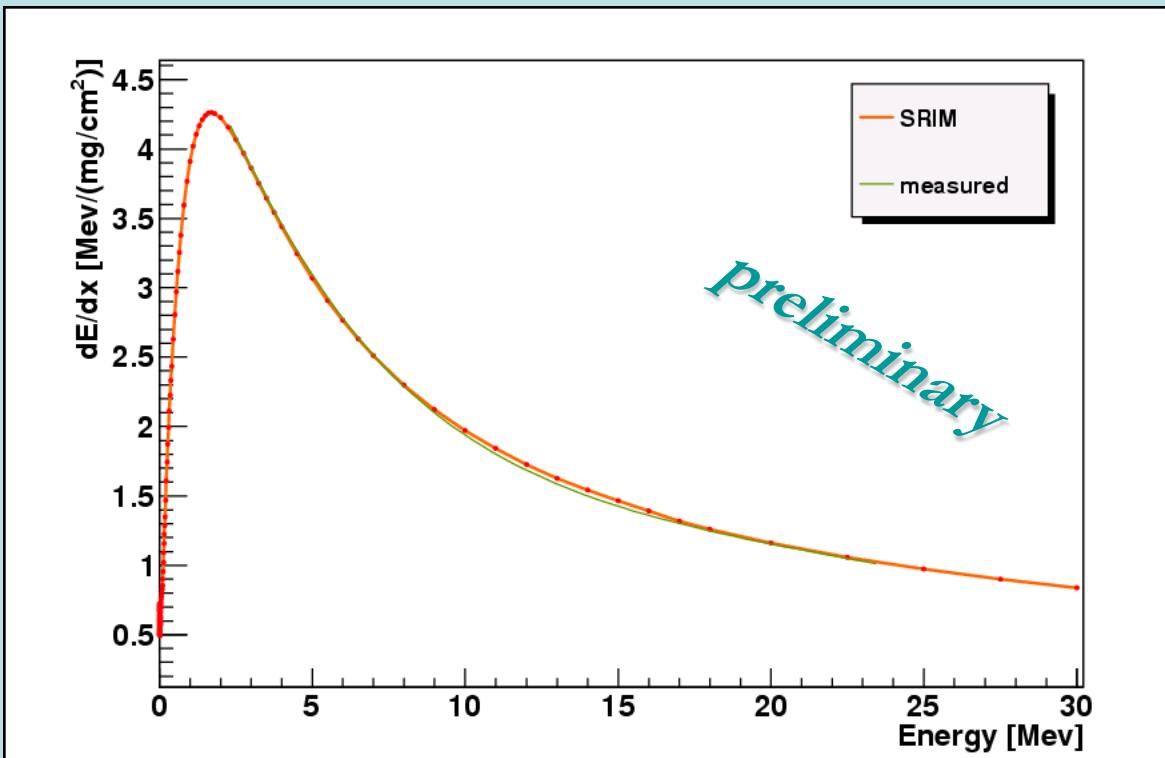
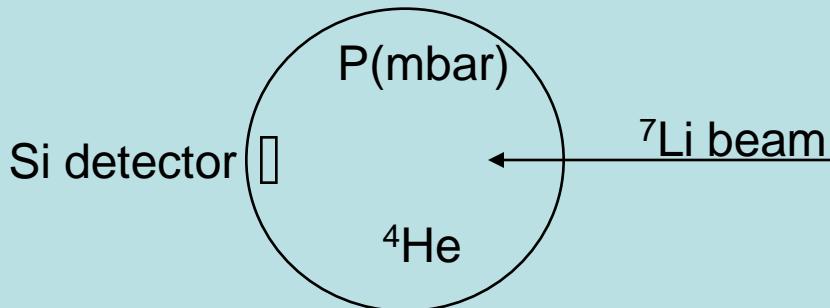
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# Stopping Power measurements

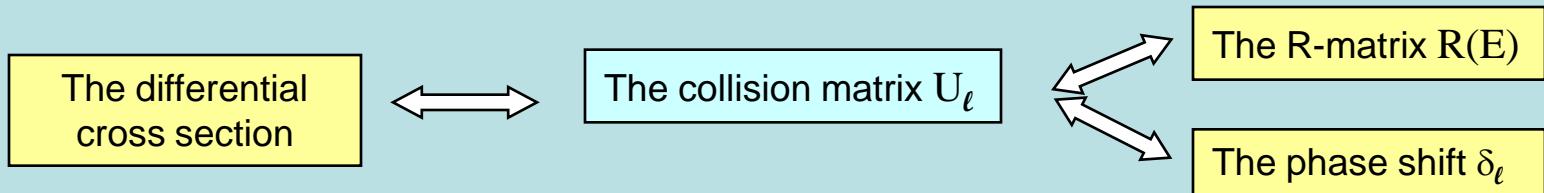
Measurement of the residual beam energy as a function of P



# How to extract the resonance parameters from the experimental data:

## The R-matrix formalism

A.N. Lane and R.G. Thomas, Rev. Mod. Phys. 30 (1958) 257-353.



$$\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4k^2} \left| \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) (1 - U_{\ell}) P_{\ell}(\cos(\theta)) \right|^2$$

$$U_{\ell} = \frac{I(ka)}{O(ka)} \frac{1 - L^* R(E)}{1 - L R(E)} = \exp(2i\delta_{\ell})$$

With the R-matrix for  $\lambda$  poles defined as:

$$R(E) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\gamma_{\lambda}^2}{E_{\lambda} - E}$$

Pole parameters  
(calculated or formal)

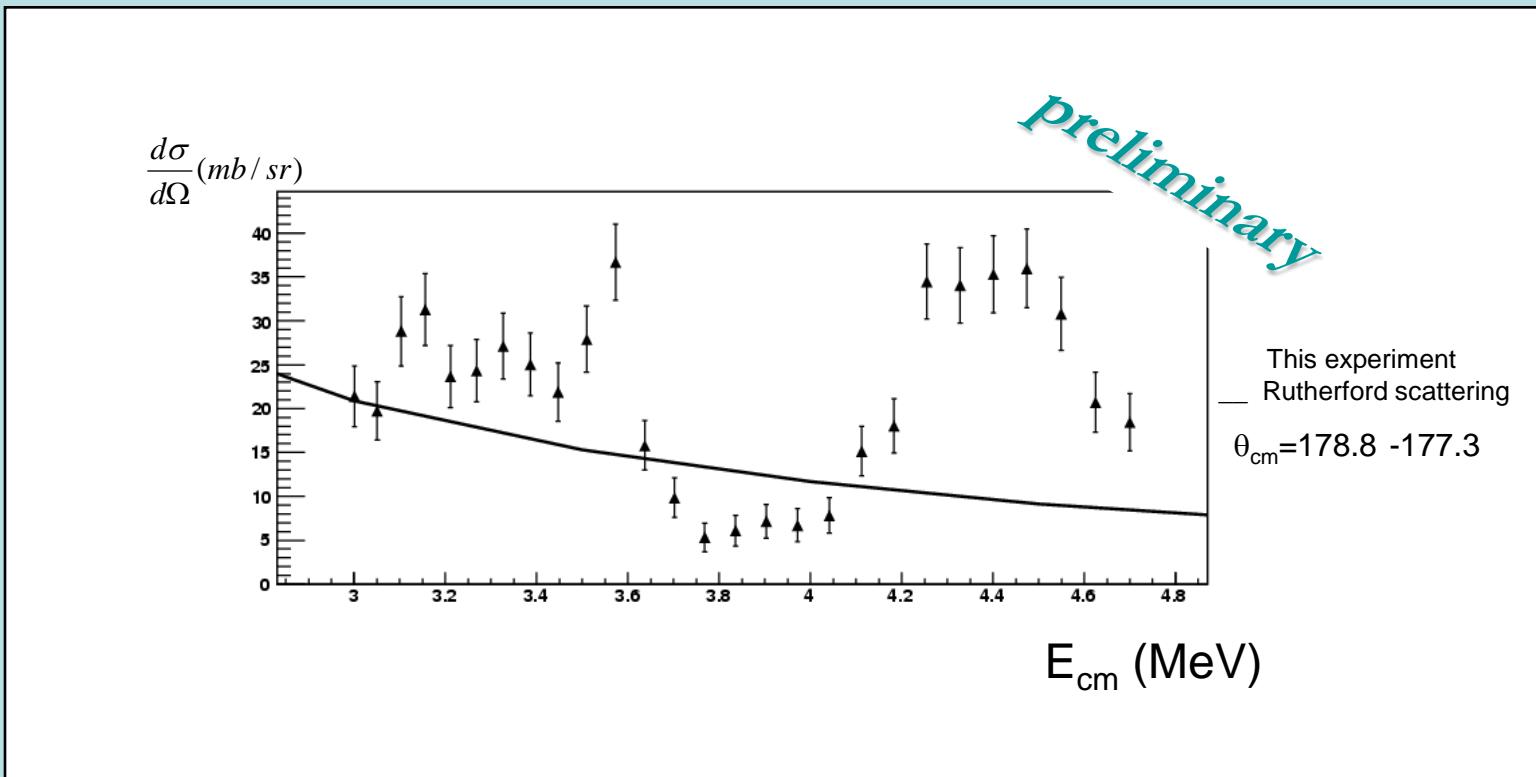
$$E_{\lambda}, \gamma_{\lambda}^2, \Gamma_{\lambda}$$

Resonance parameters  
(observed or experimental)

are related to

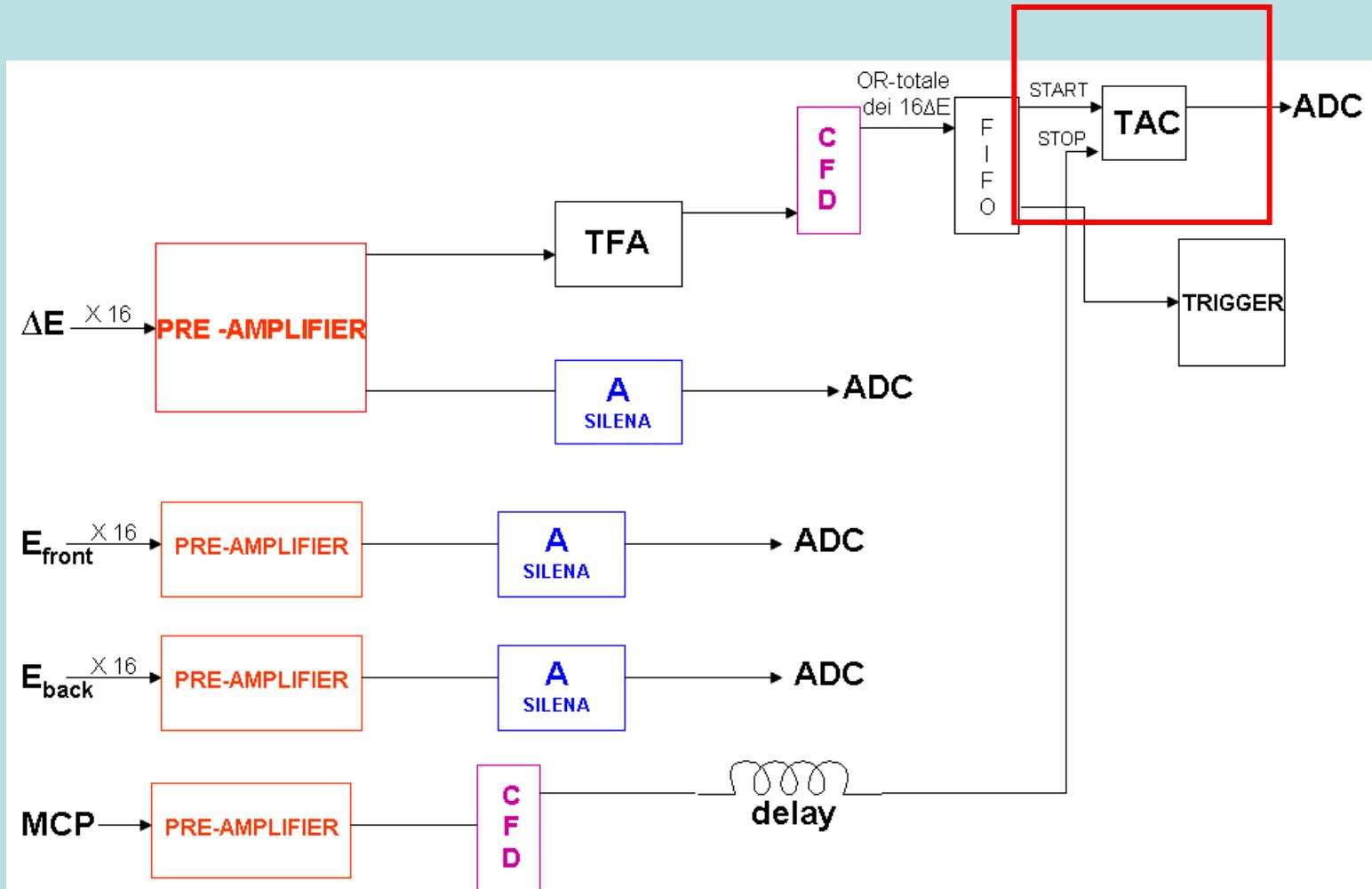
$$E_R, \gamma_R^2, \Gamma_R$$

# ${}^8\text{Li}$ - $\alpha$ elastic cross-section

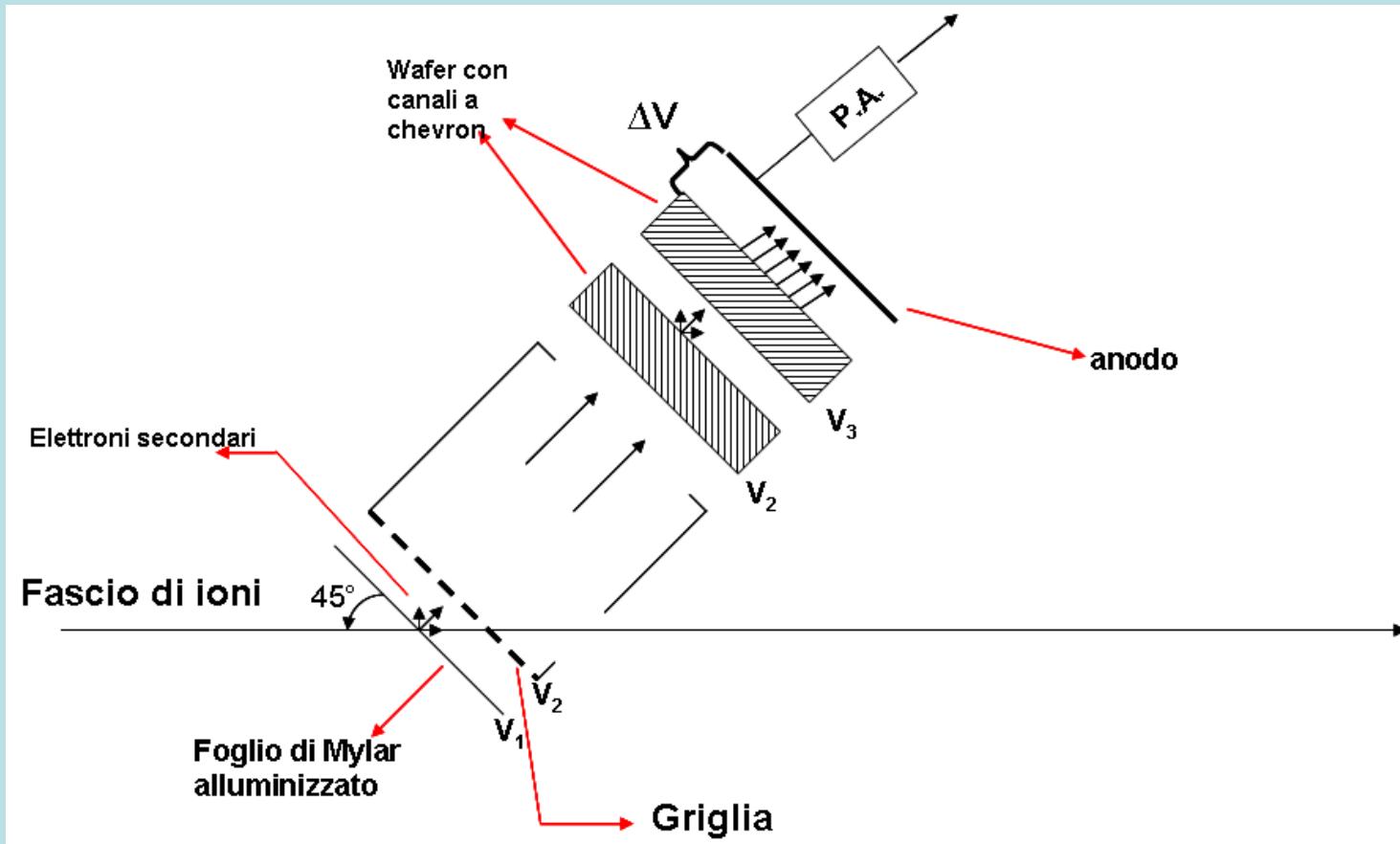


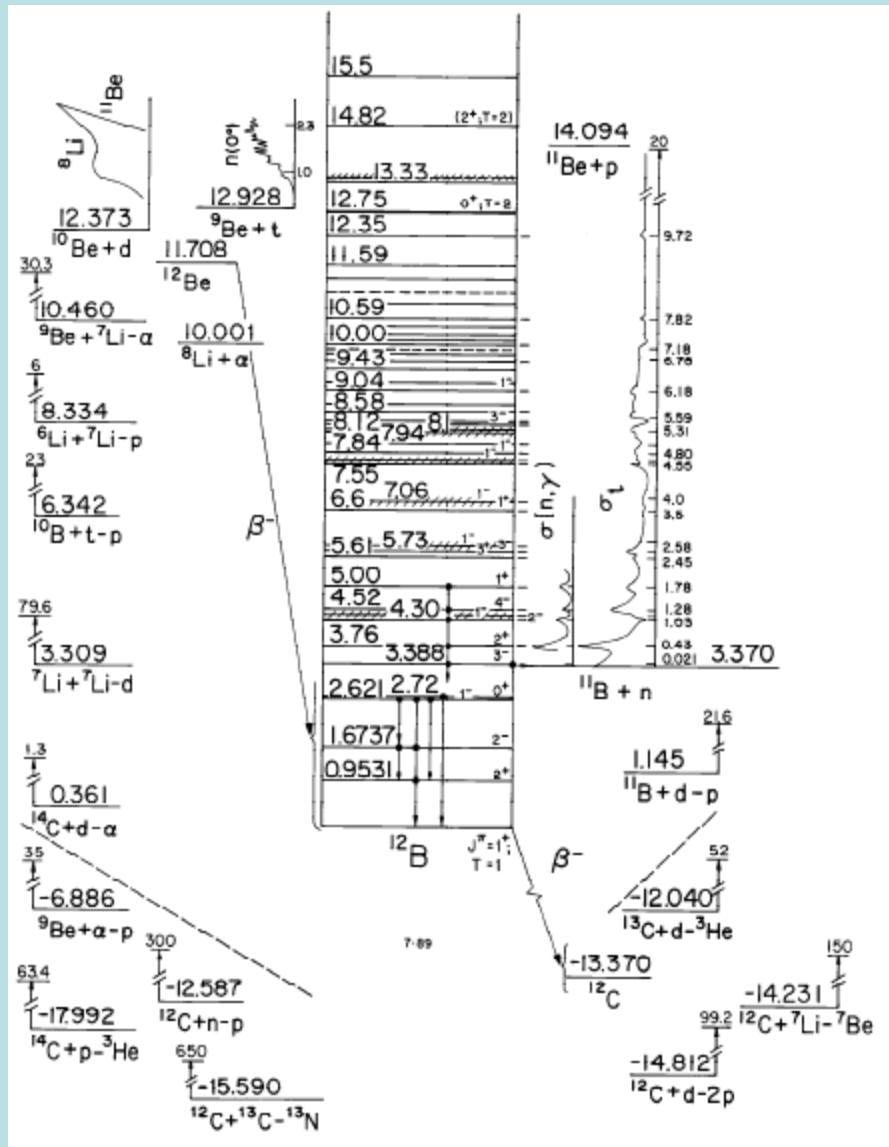
1	$12.75 \pm 50$	$0^+; T = 2$	$85 \pm 40$	${}^9\text{Be}({}^7\text{Li}, \alpha){}^{12}\text{B}$	${}^{14}\text{C}(\text{p}, {}^3\text{He}){}^{12}\text{B}$	
2	$13.33 \pm 30$		$50 \pm 20$	${}^9\text{Be}({}^7\text{Li}, \alpha){}^{12}\text{B}$		
3	$(13.4 \pm 100)$		broad			${}^{10}\text{B}(\text{t}, \text{p}){}^{12}\text{B}$
4	$14.82 \pm 100$	$(2^+; T = 2)$	$\leq 200$		${}^{14}\text{C}(\text{p}, {}^3\text{He}){}^{12}\text{B}$	
5	$15.5$			${}^9\text{Be}({}^7\text{Li}, \alpha){}^{12}\text{B}$		

# Time measurement



# Microchannel Plate





# The choice of the target thickness



66 MeV  $^{18}\text{Ne}$  beam on a **2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$**  target

