

Low Energy Nuclear Astrophysics at LNL

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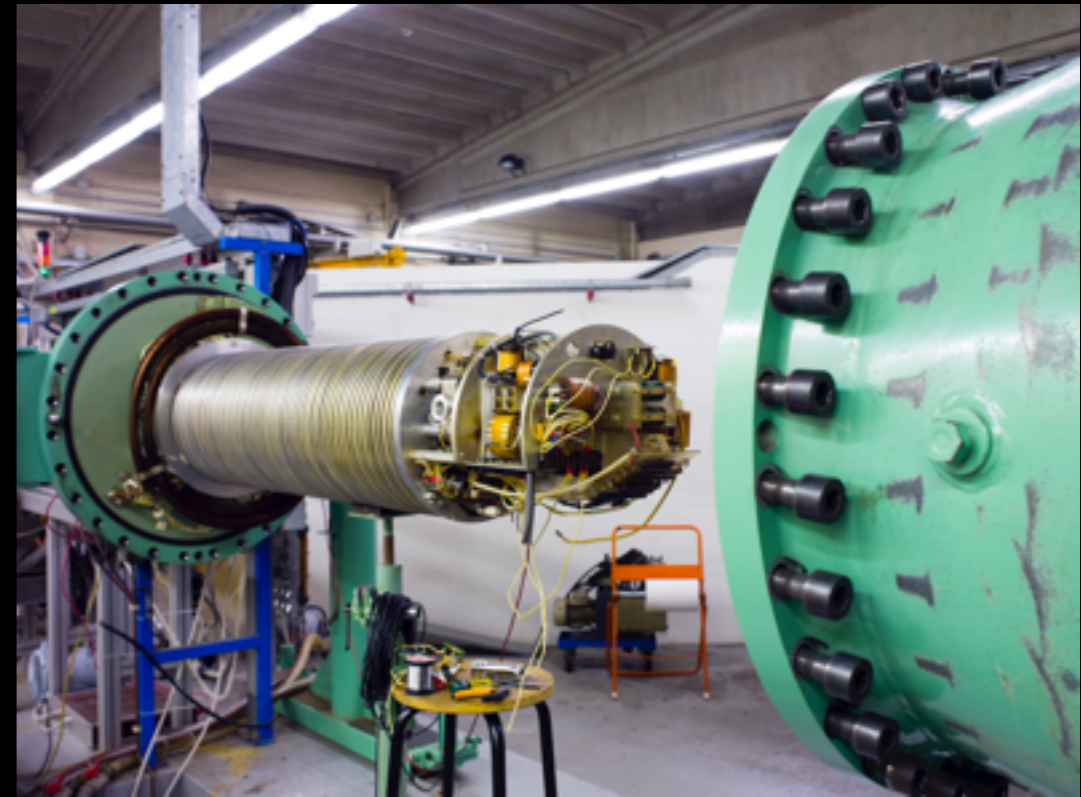
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# AN2000

2 MV single ended  
Beams: p,  $\alpha$ , deuterium

IBA, Nuclear Astrophysics, target characterisation,  
geological studies

$^{10}\text{B}(p,\alpha)^7\text{Be}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{16}\text{O}$  and  $^{25}\text{MgO}$  and  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$   
target characterisation



# CN Van de Graaf

Terminal ~ 7 MV

Beams: H,  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^{3/4}\text{He}$ , N (Continuous and pulsed beam)

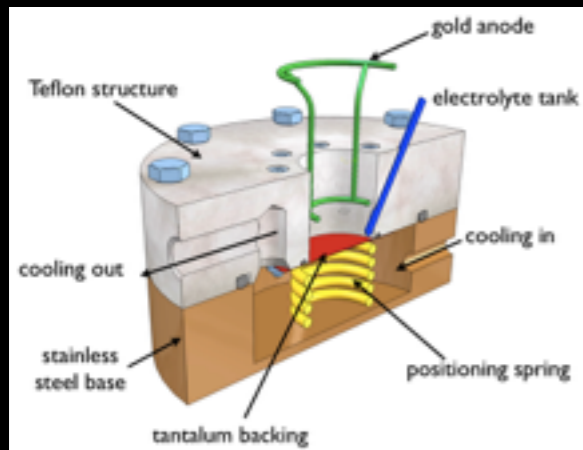
7 channels for different purposes:  
IBA, Nuclear Astrophysics, ....

Astro $^{25}\text{Mg}$ , CARTA, LENOS

# Target Preparation and Analysis

- ✦ Target lab (M. Loriggiola) can provide several target compounds with the evaporation technique
- ✦ Accelerator devoted to implantation that was used to create  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  targets one year ago with good results
- ✦ Reactive Sputtering setup
- ✦ RBS, NRA, ERDA, Micro-beam facilities at AN2000, and CN accelerators to study the target properties
- ✦ SIMS facility at the Padua University

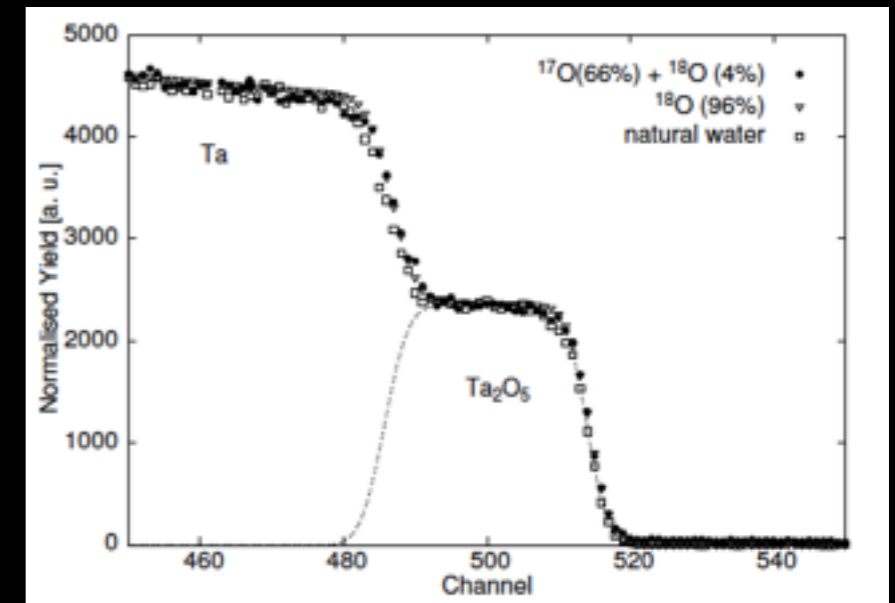
# Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> : for the study of <sup>17/18</sup>O(p,γ) and <sup>17/18</sup>O(p,α) at LUNA



<sup>17</sup>O up to 69% (5% <sup>18</sup>O)

problems: stoichiometry Ta:O  
and isotopic ratio <sup>17</sup>O/<sup>18</sup>O

Ta:O = 2:5 verified within 3% with RBS  
SIMS measurements for isotopic ratio

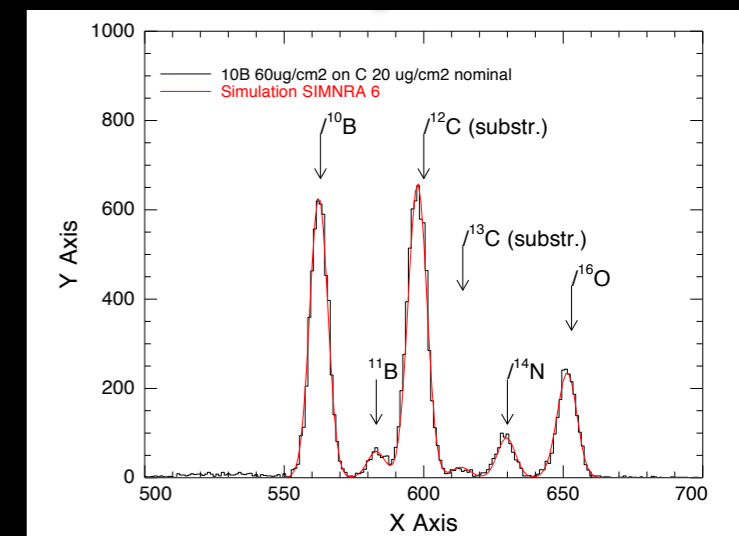
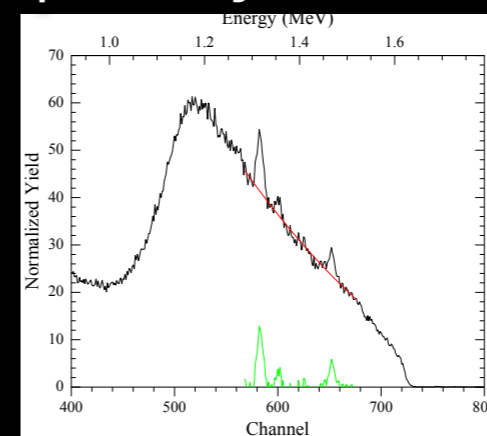


Caciolli et al., EPJA 48 (2012) 144

## <sup>10</sup>B(p,α)<sup>7</sup>Be study: <sup>10</sup>B/C or B<sub>4</sub>C/Si samples analysis

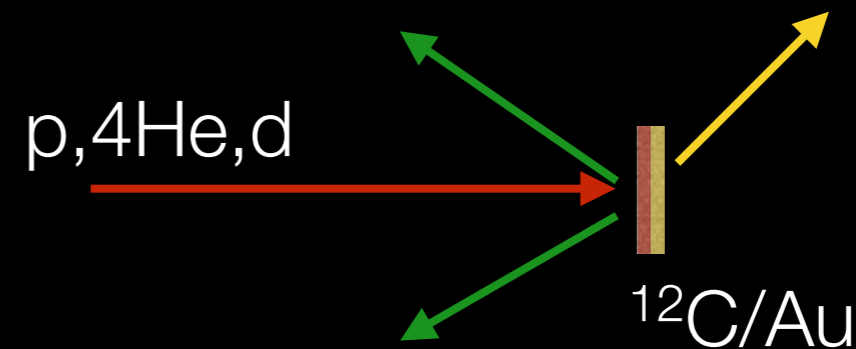
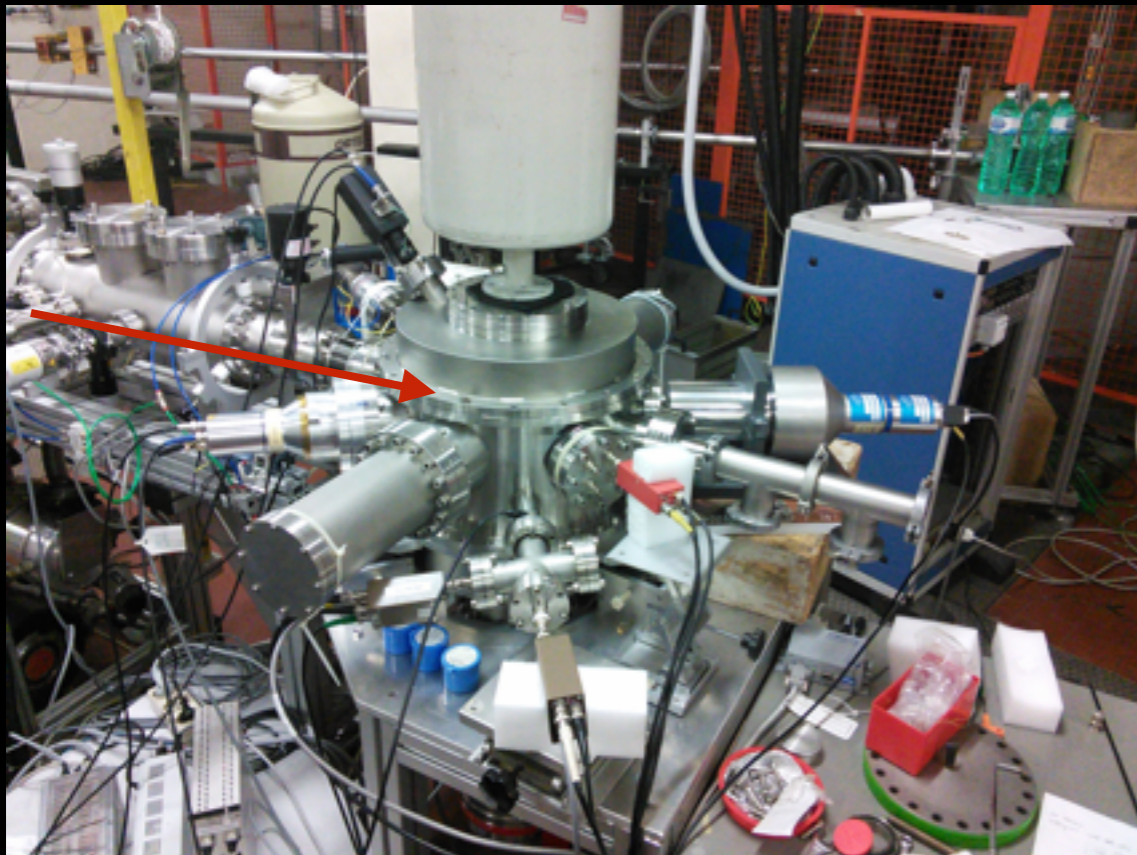
Both typology has been analysed with RBS and NRA techniques in order to characterise the targets completely

the analysis is necessary to also understand target contaminants



# CARTA: CARbon TArget

dedicated to study  $^{12}\text{C}$  target with a isotopic ratio  $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  above  $10^5$  to be used at LUNA-MV to study the  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction

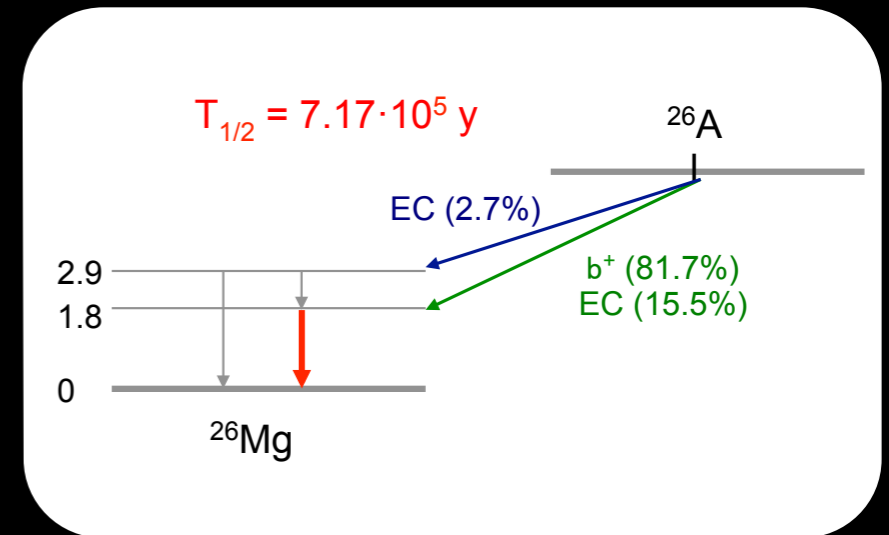


Ion Beam Analysis with charged particle and gamma detectors is used to characterise the target produced at Sidonie. **Preliminary tests reached a sensitivity of  $10^5$**  for the isotopic ratio and a samples analysis is planned for late 2014

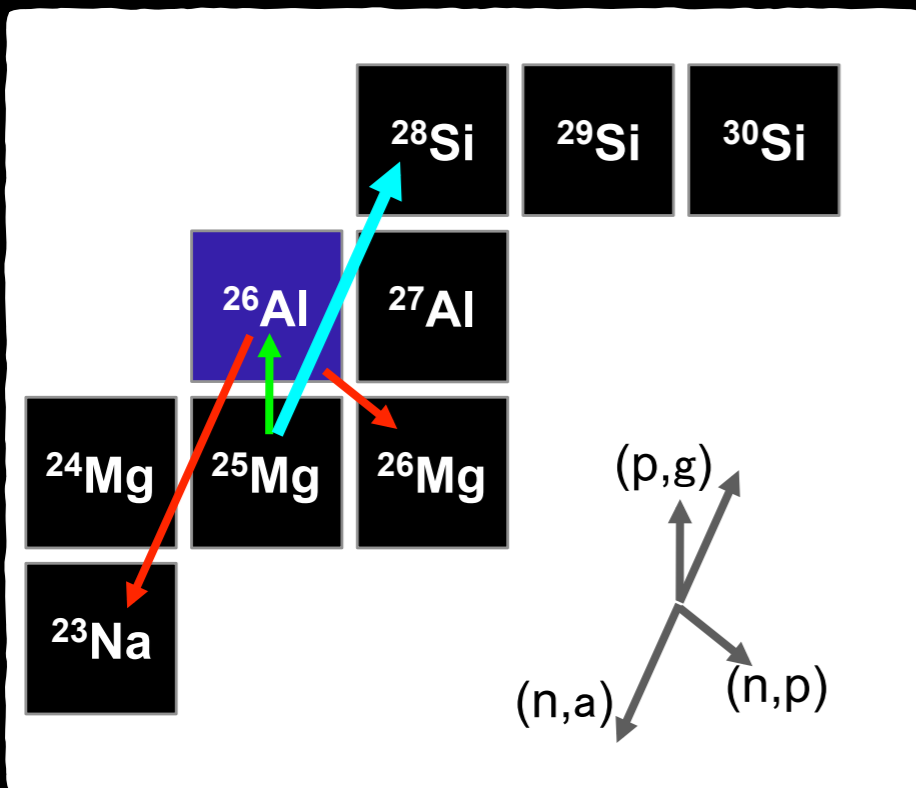
# Study of $^{25}\text{Mg}(\alpha, n)^{28}\text{Si}$

- The detection of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  in our Galaxy and in pre-solar meteorites is a direct proof of “recent” nucleosynthesis
- $^{26}\text{Al}$  is mainly produced by explosive C/Ne burning in stars with  $M > 8 M_{\odot}$  (Limongi and Chieffi 2006)

**$^{26}\text{Al}$  abundance:  $2.8 \pm 0.8 M_{\odot}$   
(INTEGRAL)**



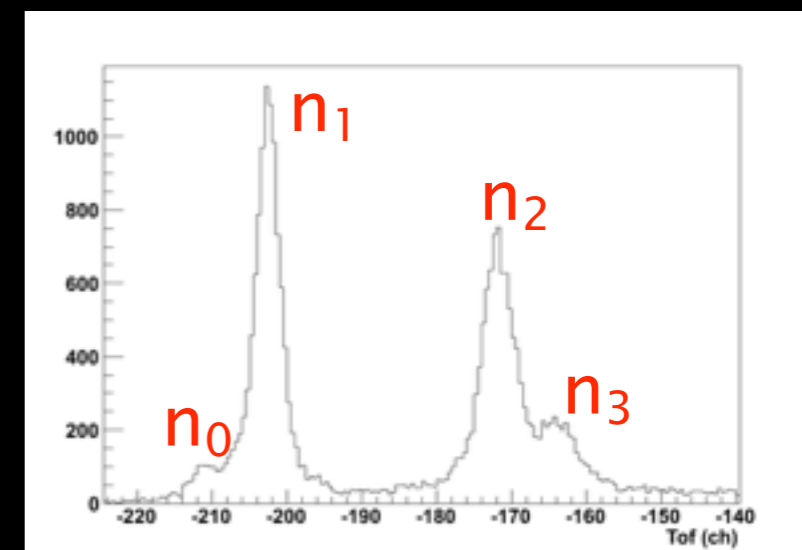
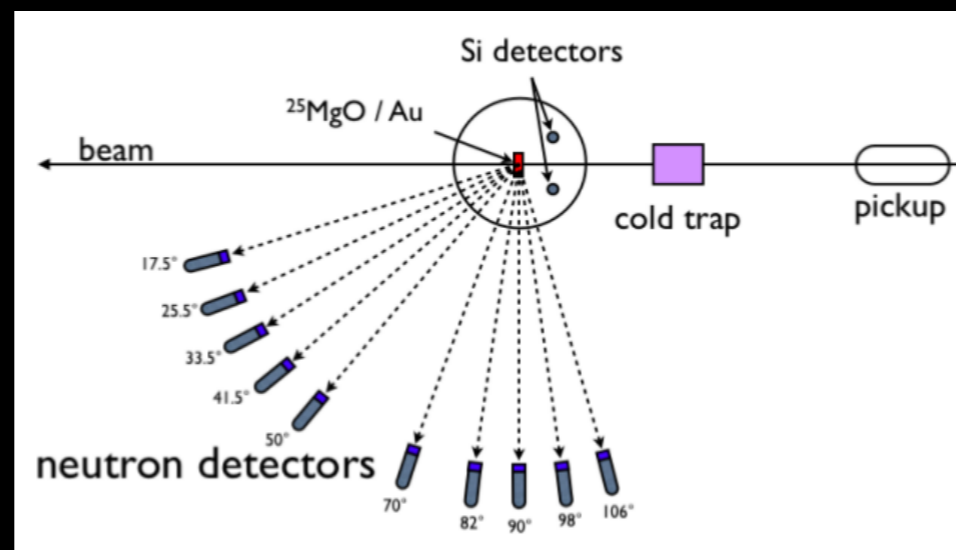
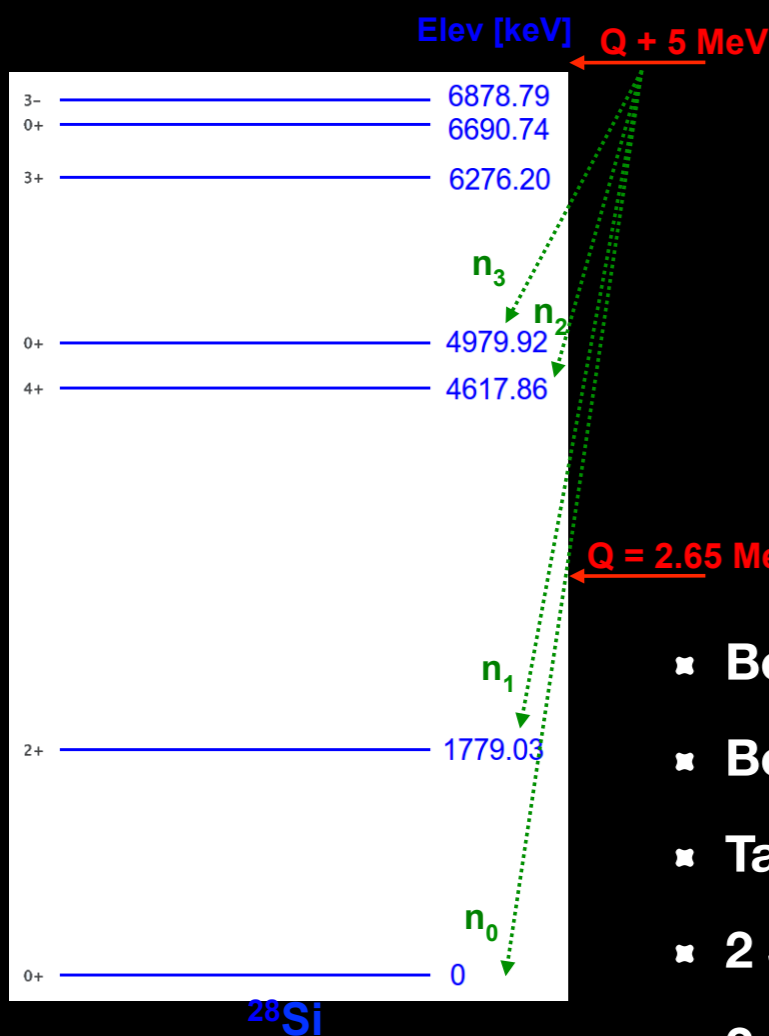
$^{26}\text{Mg}$  excess in solar grains



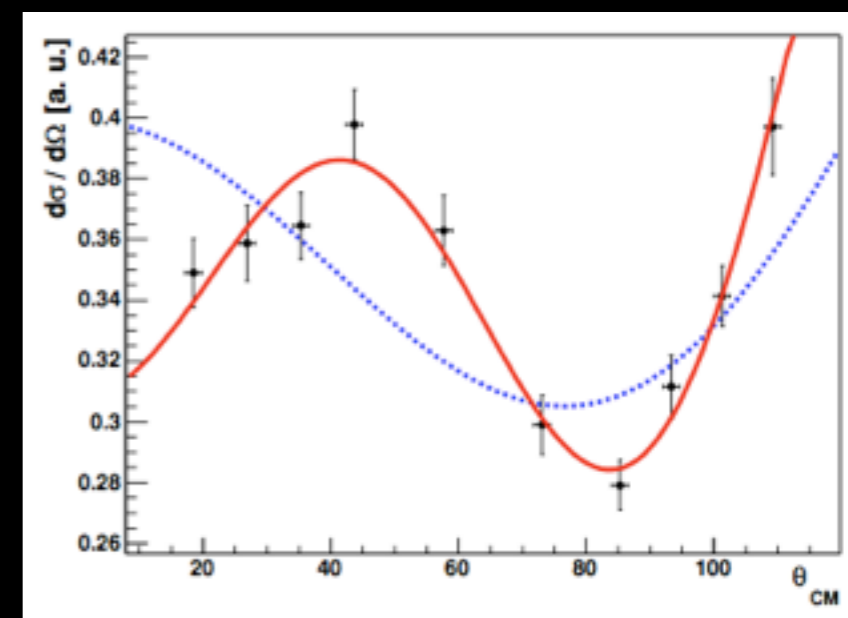
Reaction <sup>b</sup>	Rate Multiplied By				Source <sup>c</sup>	Uncertainty <sup>d</sup>
	10	2	0.5	0.1		
$^{25}\text{Mg}(\alpha, n)^{28}\text{Si}$	0.10	0.49	1.8	4.0	nacr	18%
$^{24}\text{Mg}(n, \gamma)^{25}\text{Mg}$	5.2	1.6	0.61	0.24	ka02	
$^{26}\text{Al}^{\dagger}(n, p)^{26}\text{Mg}$	0.14	0.58	1.6	3.2	present	
$^{25}\text{Mg}(p, \gamma)^{26}\text{Al}^{\dagger}$	1.7	1.4	0.58	0.14	il10	4%
$^{30}\text{Si}(p, \gamma)^{31}\text{P}$	0.51	0.77	1.3	2.0	il10	14%
$^{20}\text{Ne}(\alpha, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$	1.8	1.4	0.64	0.28	il10	11%

Iliadis et al, APJSS 2011

# The setup with RIPEN detectors



- Beam Energy: 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5 MeV
- Beam Current: 200 pA pulsed beam
- Target MgO/Au ( $70 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ,  $^{25}\text{Mg}$  95.75%)
- 2 Si detectors @  $150^\circ$
- 2 LaBr<sub>3</sub>(Cr) for  $\gamma$ -detection
- RIPEN placed from  $17.5^\circ$  to  $106^\circ$

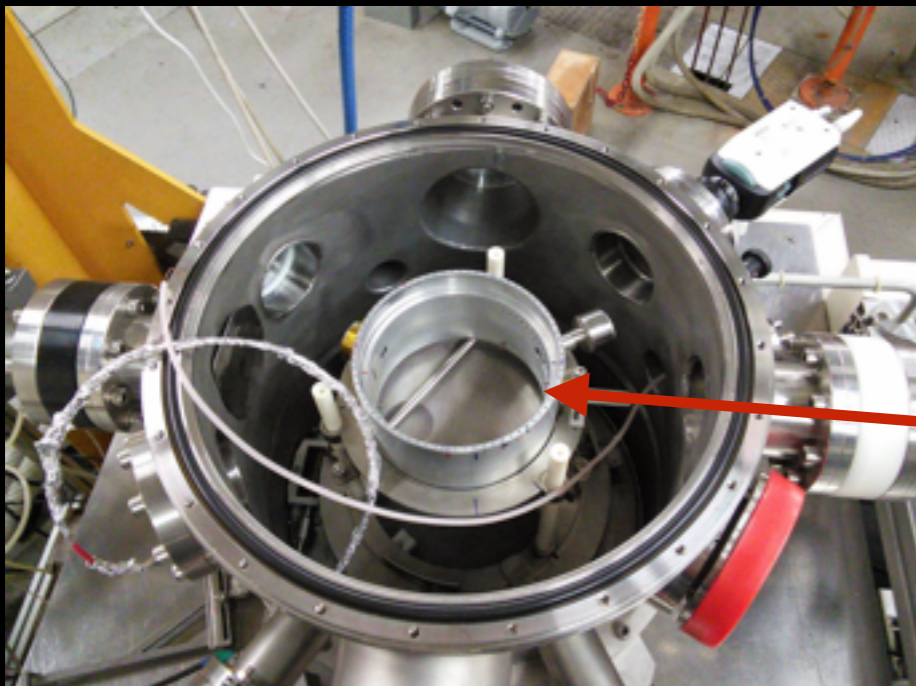


Setup realised by experts of the LUNA, RIPEN and Orione collaborations from LNL and Padua

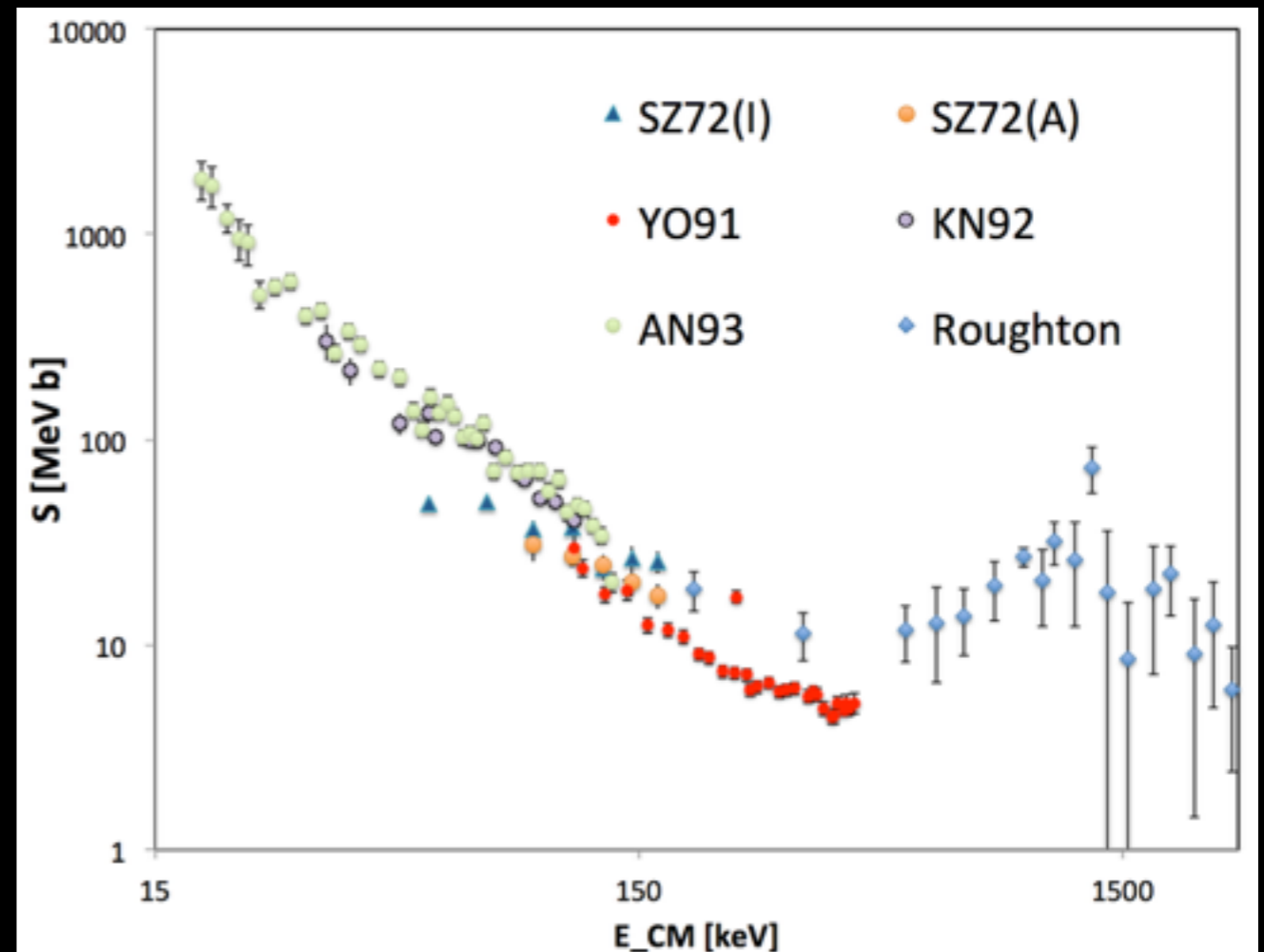
# Study of $^{10}\text{B}(p,\alpha)^7\text{Be}$

■ **Motivation:** BBN, nuclear fuels, Trojan Horse Method normalization

■ **Goal:** cross section obtained with activation and direct detection techniques from 1 MeV down to 300 keV



data taking in Dec 2014

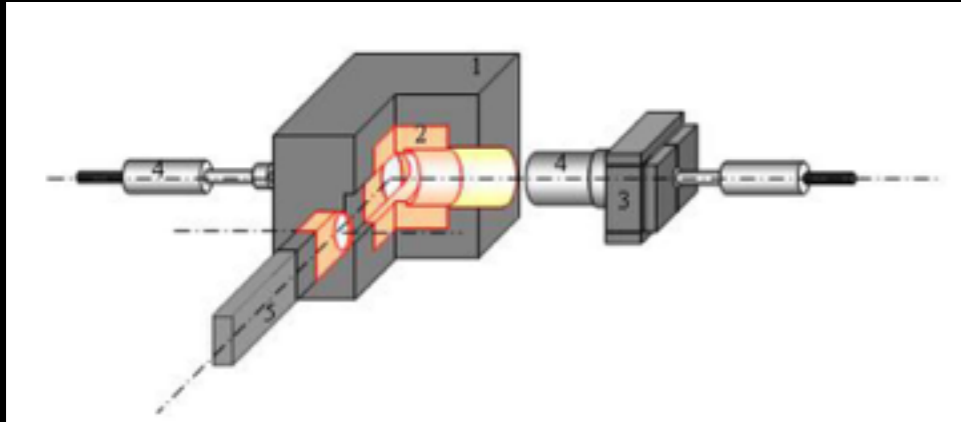


- ✦ target done in LNL by Loriggiola
- ✦ activation technique with the low counting facility of the LNL
- ✦ measure in collaboration with ASFIN group

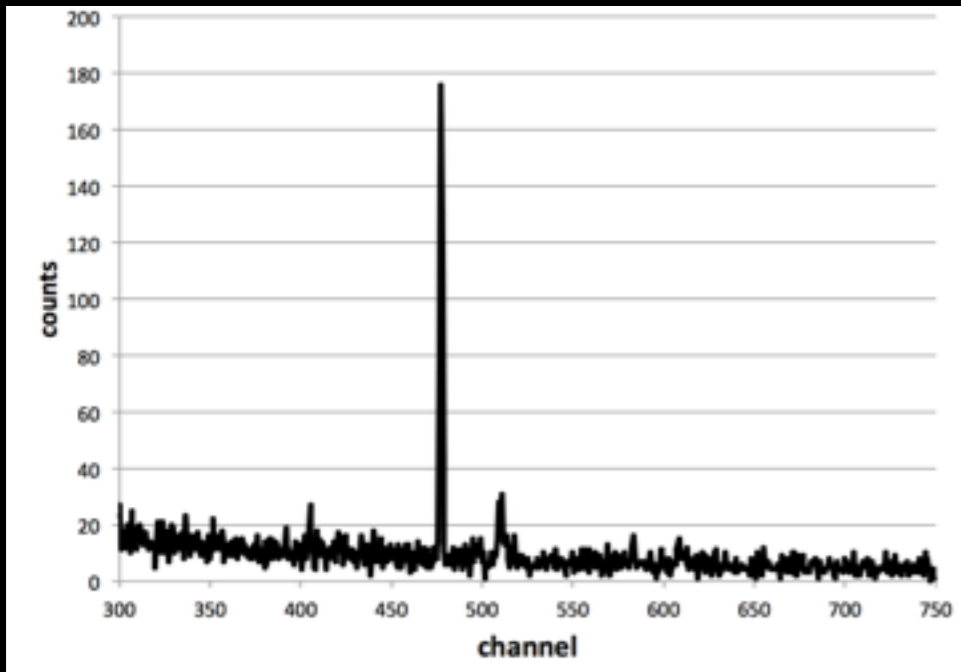


# $^{10}\text{B}(p,\alpha)^7\text{Be}$ preliminary results

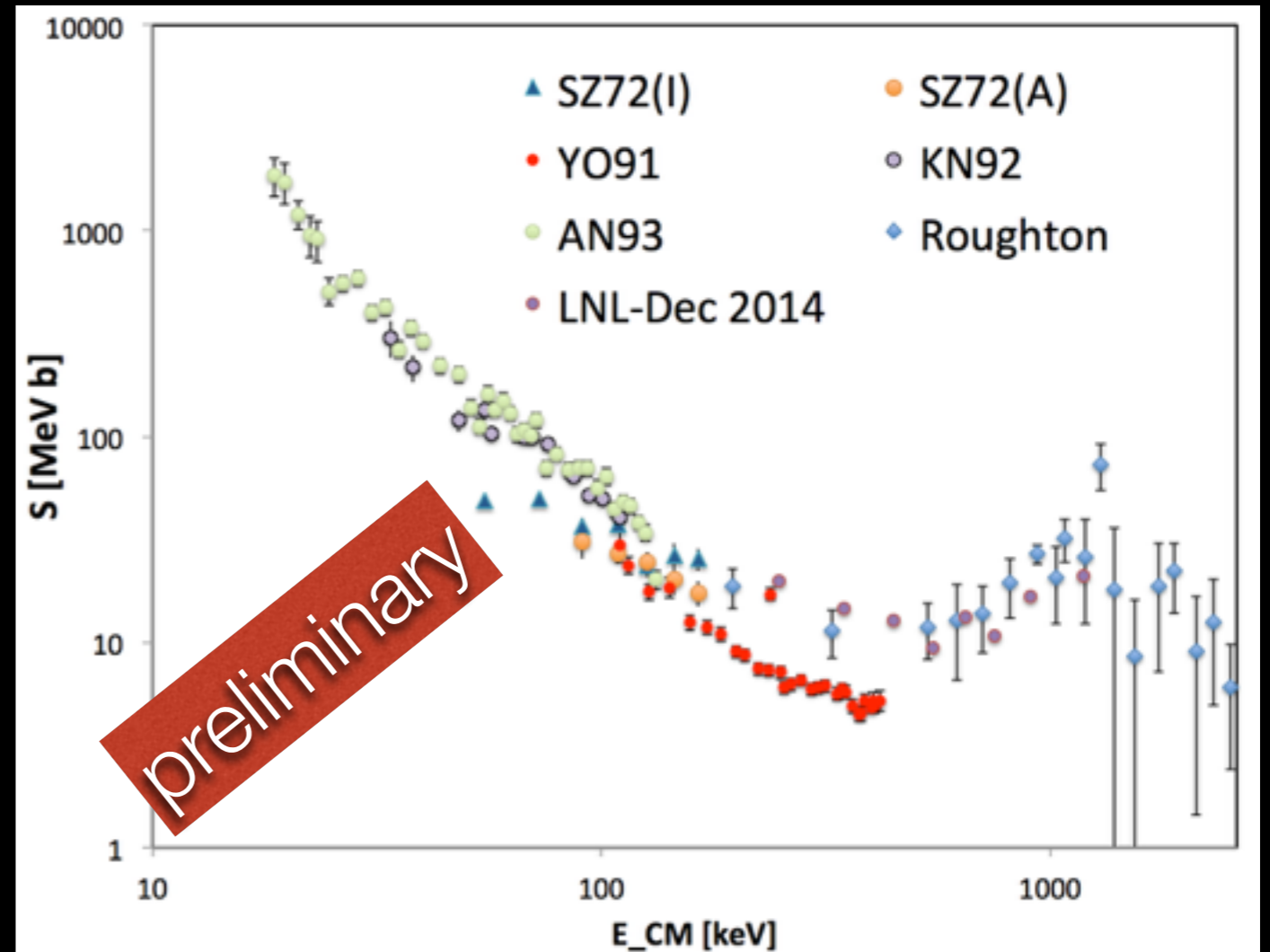
$^7\text{Be}$  decay counted in the low counting facility of LNL



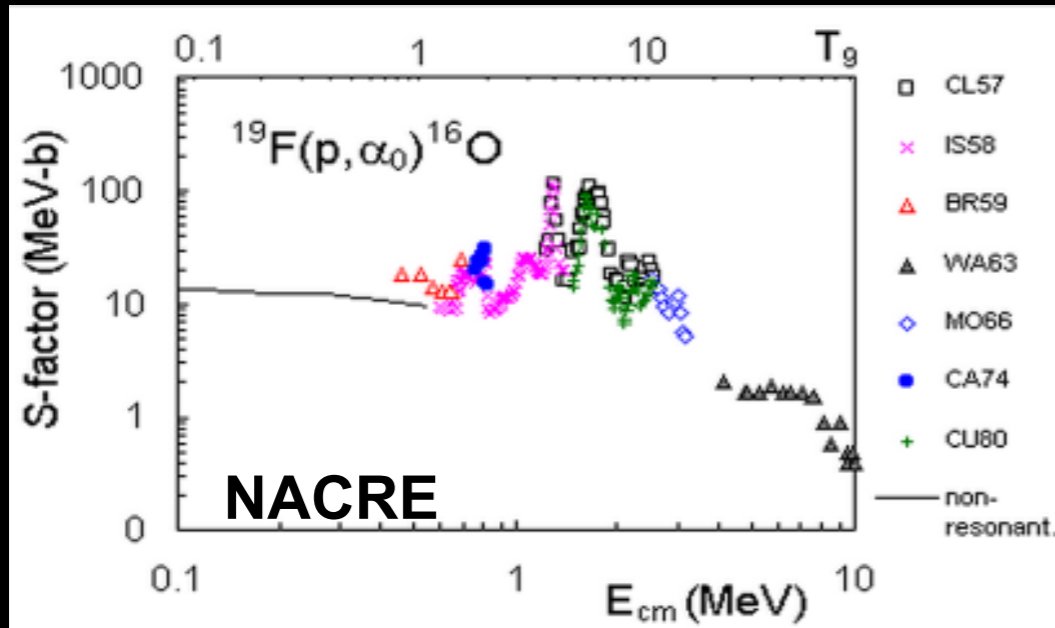
bck in ROI  $\sim 0.01$  cps



bck reduction  $\sim$  a factor of 100



# $^{19}\text{F}(p, \alpha_0)^{16}\text{O} - E \sim 0.2 - 0.6 \text{ MeV}$

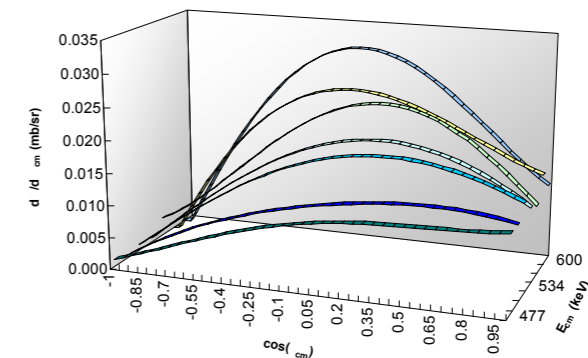
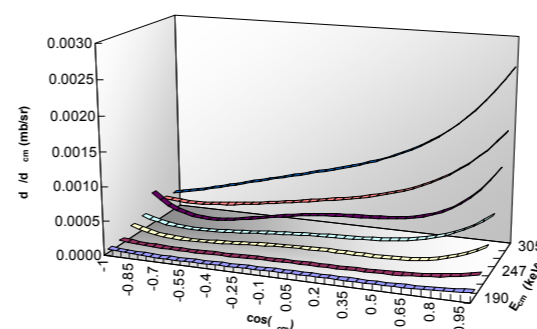
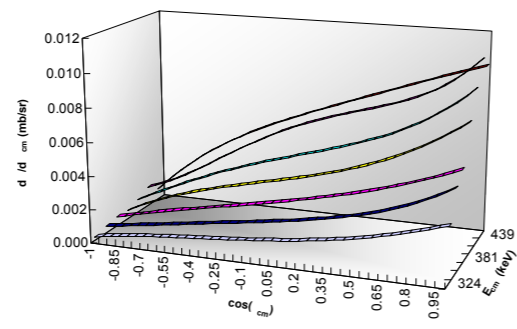
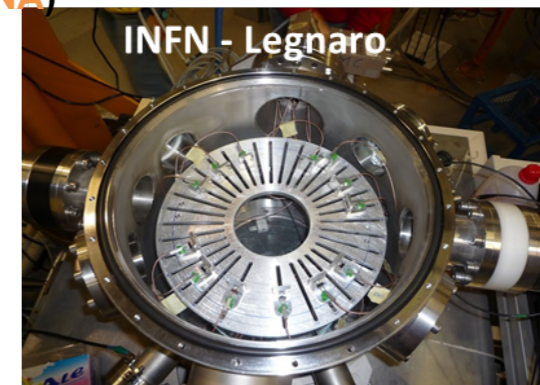


No existing data at energies below 600 keV

New experiment at the **AN-2000** accelerator in Legnaro (**NASPENA**)

*I. Lombardo, D. Dell'Aquila, A. Di Leva, I. Indelicato, M. La Cognata, M. La Commara, A. Ordine, V. Rigato, M. Romoli, E. Rosato, G. Spadaccini, C. Spitaleri, A. Tumino and M. Vigilante*

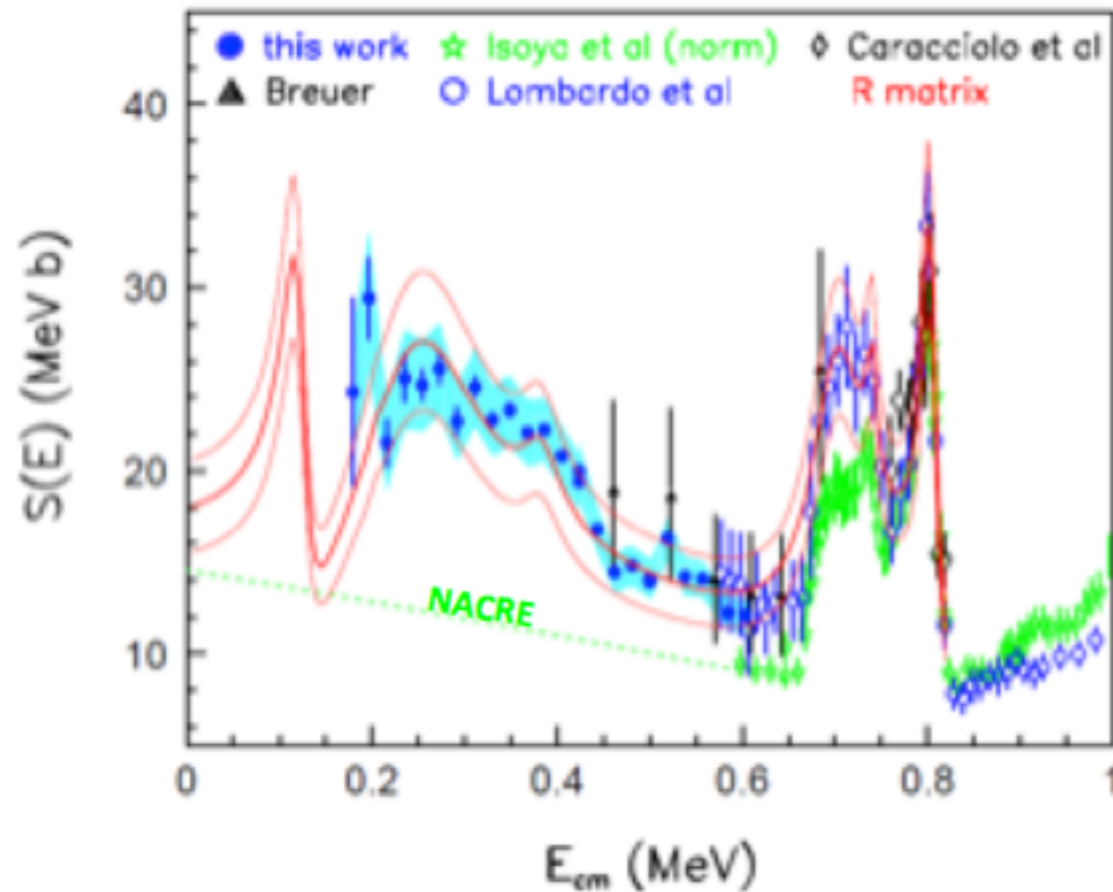
Importance of measuring **angular distributions!** (12 angles)



thanks to I. Lombardo

# $^{19}\text{F}(p, \alpha_0)^{16}\text{O} - E \sim 0.2 - 0.6 \text{ MeV}$

**S-factor at low energies** → **non-resonant** extrapolations (NACRE) based on **high energy** data  
 → **large ambiguities** ( $\approx 50\%$ ) on the **reaction rate** at stellar energies

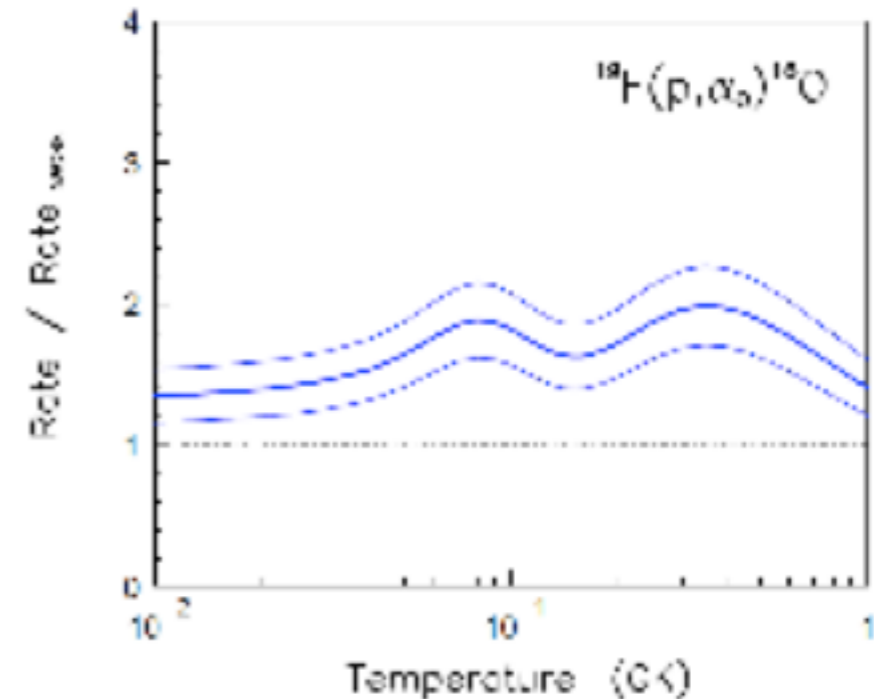


**Bumps at:**

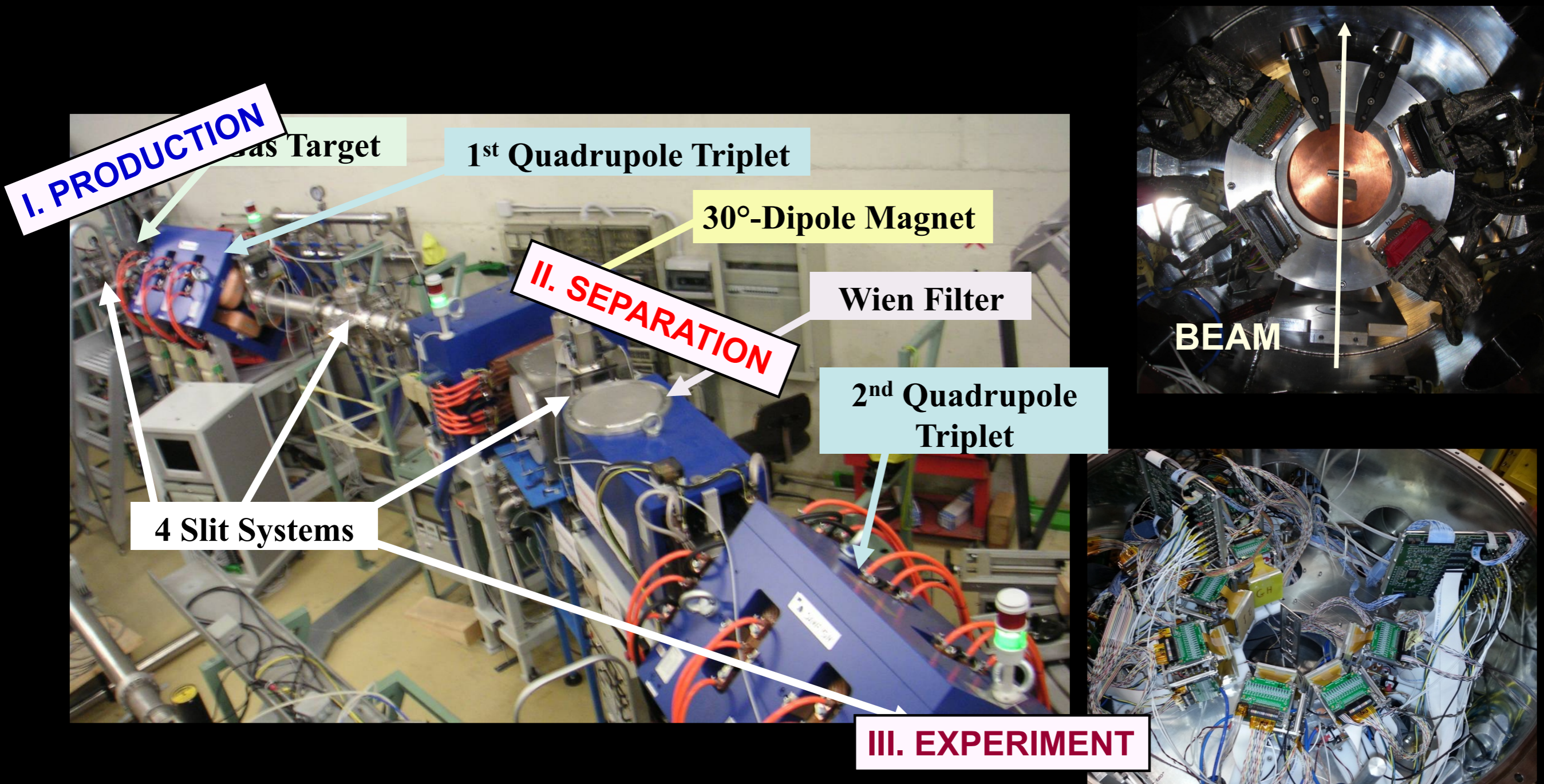
- $\approx 0.38 \text{ MeV}$  → **Breuer+THM**
- $\approx 0.25 \text{ MeV } 2^+ \rightarrow ^{16}\text{O}(\alpha, \alpha_0 \pi)$
- $0.2 \text{ MeV}$  → **THM**
- **interference** between  $2^+$  states at  $0.2$  and  $0.25 \text{ MeV}$

**Experimental S-factor much larger** than the **non-resonant extrapolation** from NACRE → **consequences in the Reaction**

**Rate determination (1.5 – 2 times larger)**

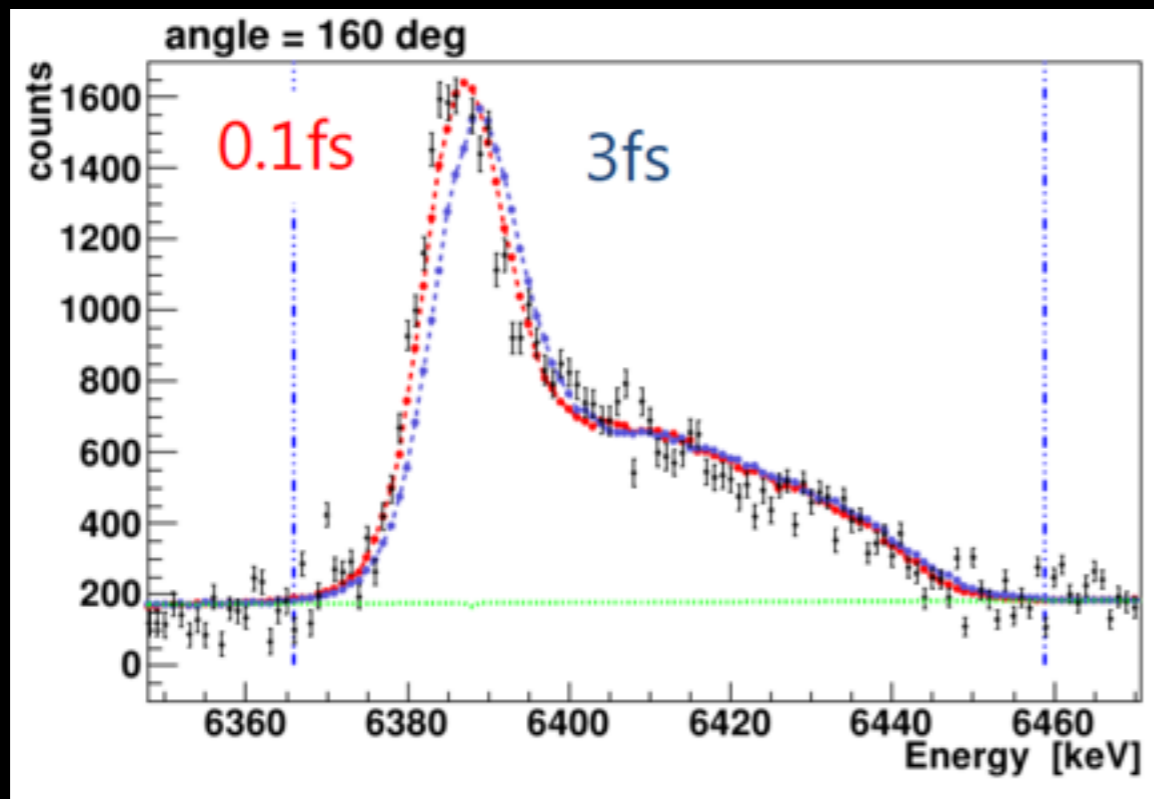
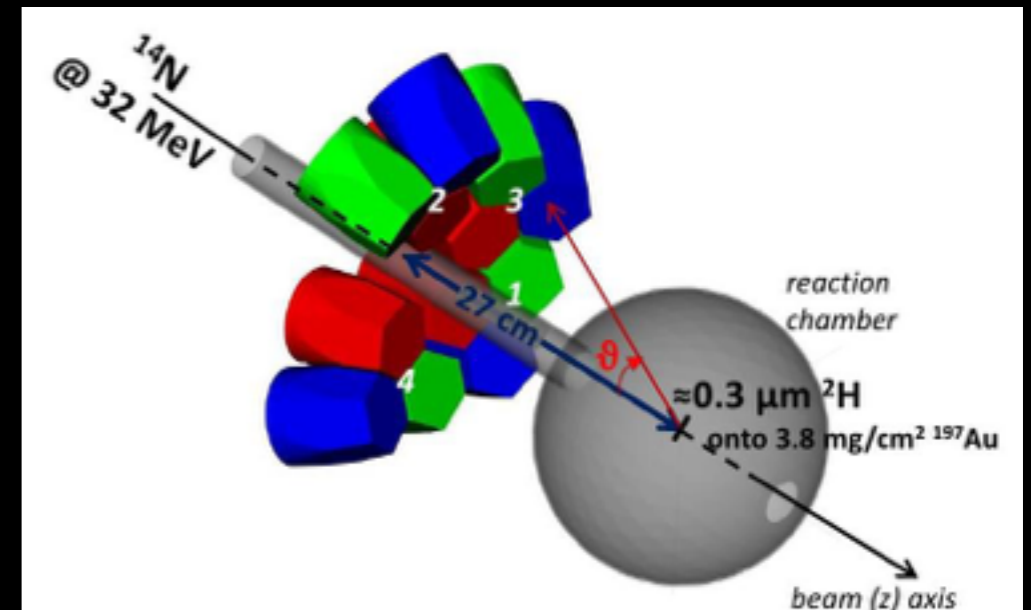
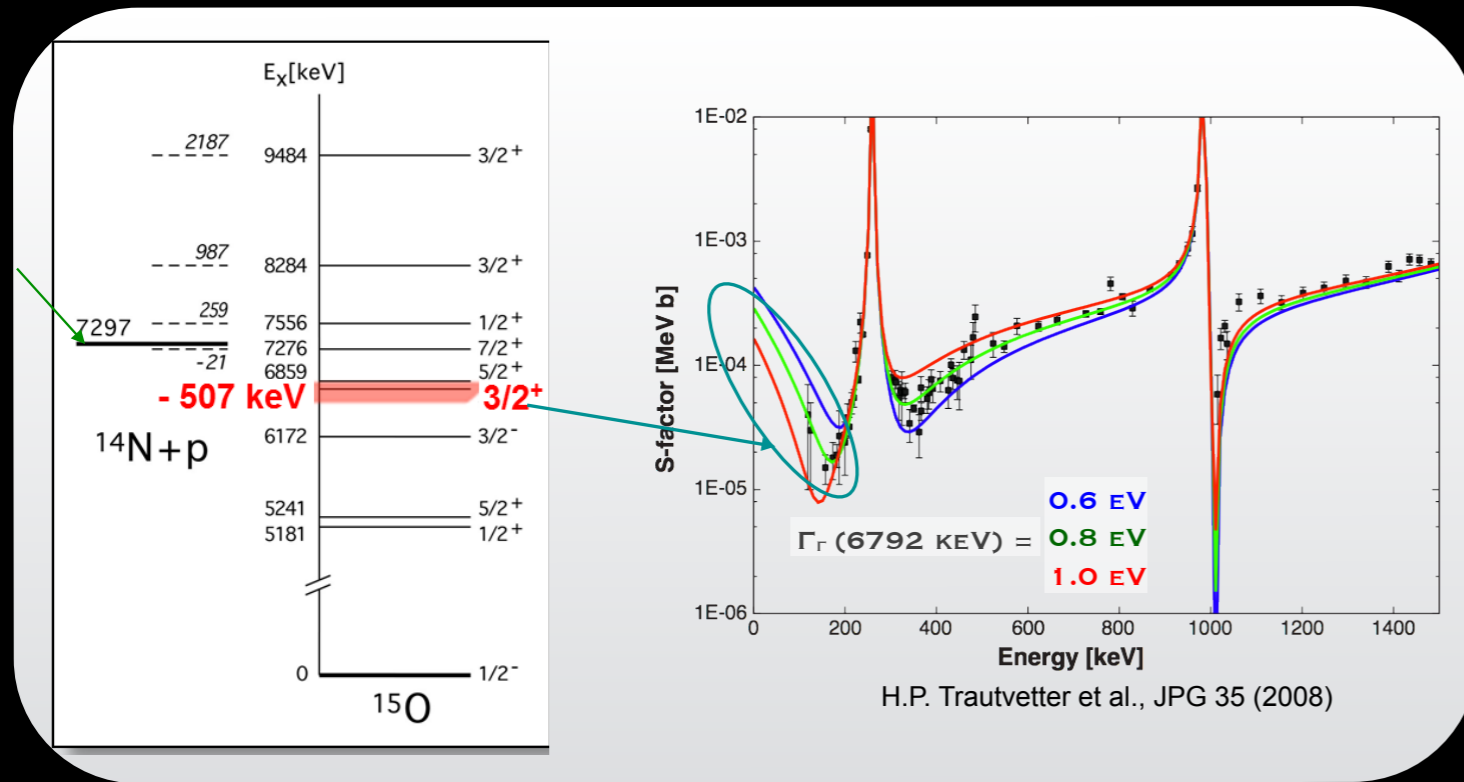
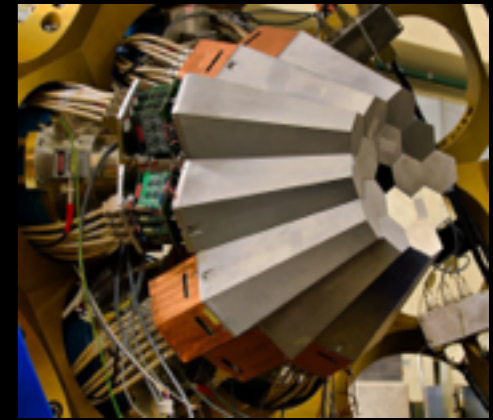


# ${}^7\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^4\text{He}$ with EXOTIC



${}^7\text{Be}$  beam  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^5$  ions

# $^{15}\text{O}$ experiment at AGATA



collaboration with the  
GAMMA group

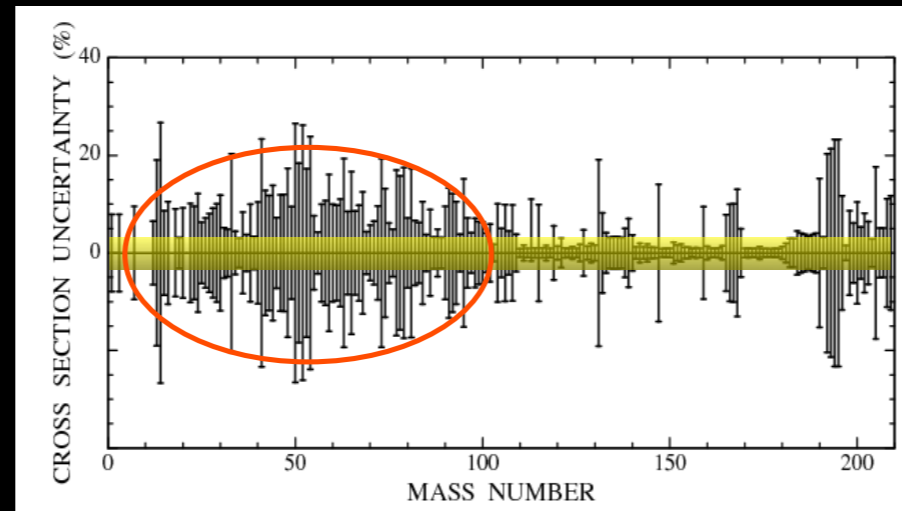
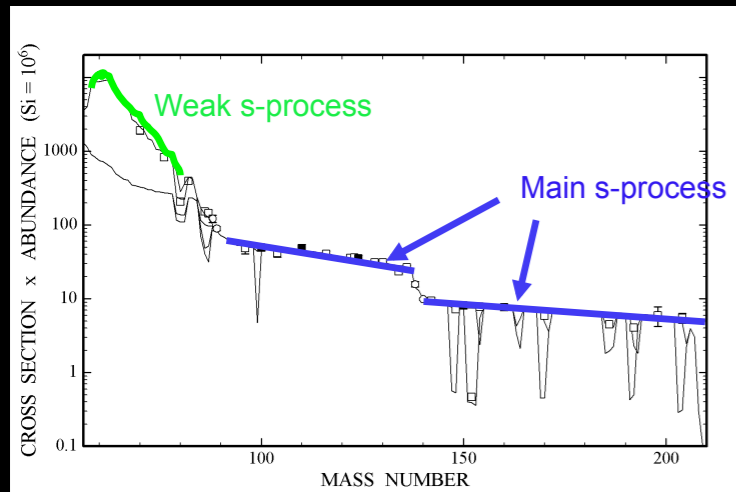
DSAM sensitivity below 1 fs

Michelagnoli et al, submitted to PRL

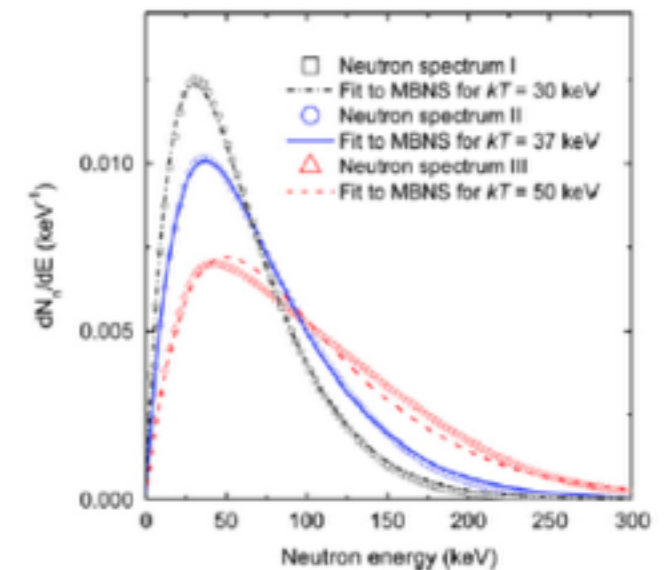
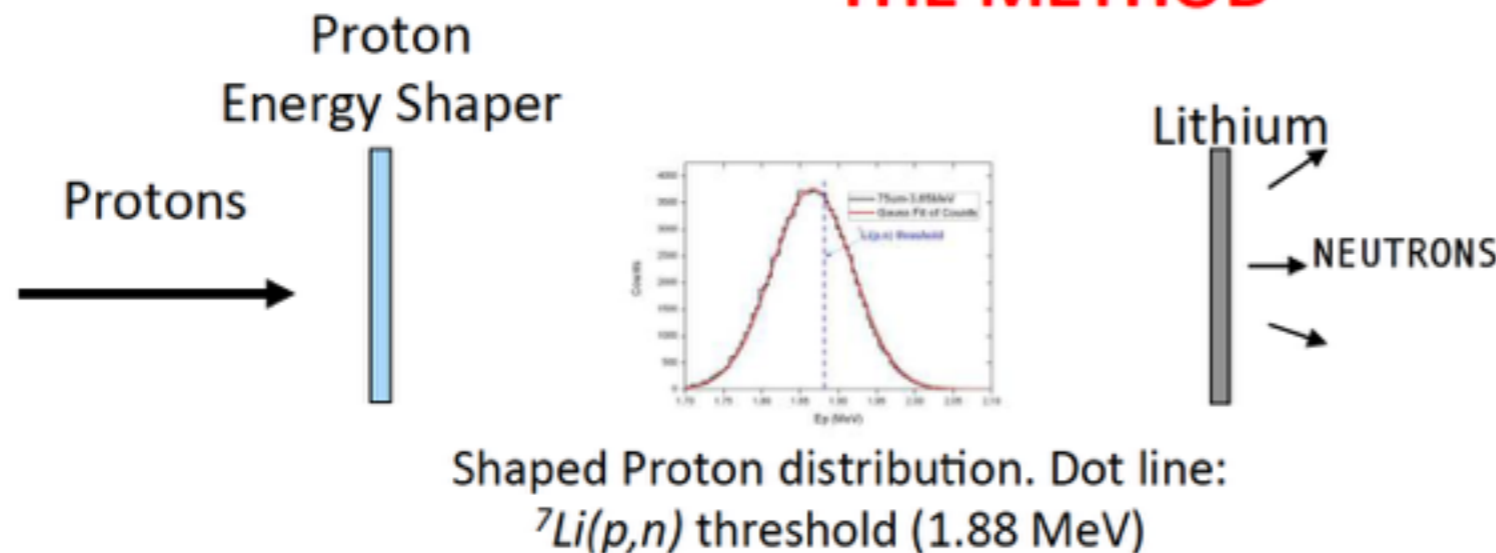
# Legnaro Neutron Source



At present strong needs of low energy facility with suitable pulsed beam for neutron TOF measurement.



## THE METHOD



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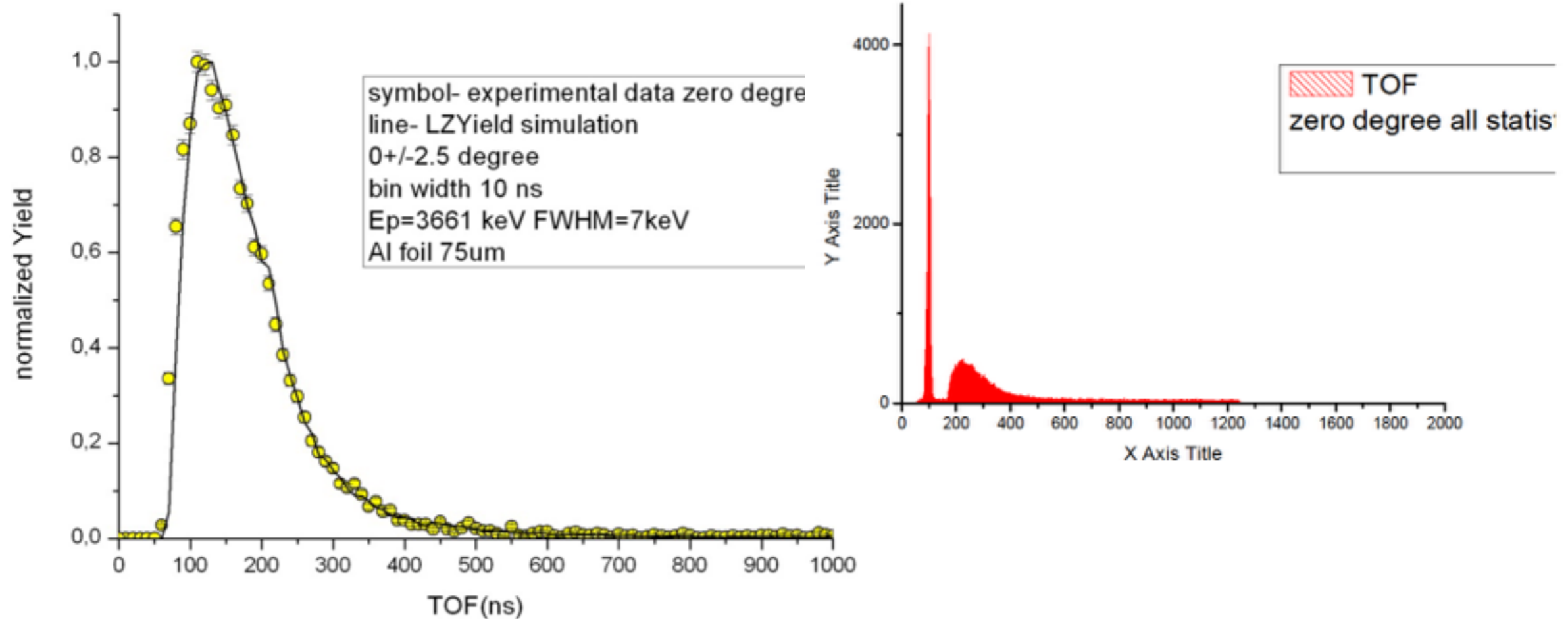
P.F. Mastinu *et al.*, NIM A 601, 333 (2009).

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CROSS SECTION x ABUNDANCE ( $\sigma_i = 10^6$ )



**Yellow points are our experimental data at  $0^\circ$ .**  
**Black line is the simulated neutron spectra with our code LZyield/MCNPX.**  
**We have calculated the response matrix with a detailed MCNPX calculations.**

ask P. Mastinu (INFN- LNL) for details

# Conclusion

- ✦ LNL has long tradition in Nuclear Physics and IBA
- ✦ Target production lab and facility to characterise the targets
- ✦ Low counting facility for activation measurements
- ✦ Two accelerators with energies below 7 MeV (next call deadline 3 June 2015)