



# The Radial Shape of Exotic Nuclei from Intermediate Energy Elastic Proton Scattering



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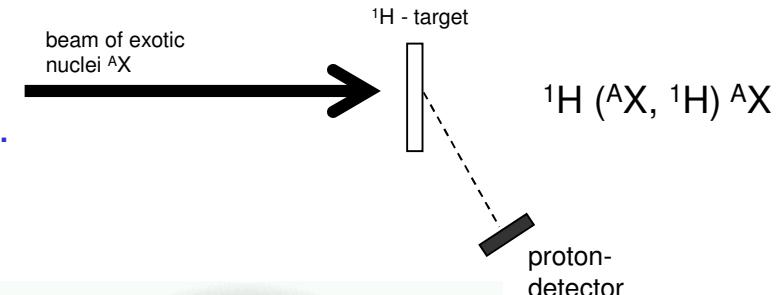


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- VI. Which Accuracy on Neutron Skins can be Reached?

# I. Introduction

## classical method of nuclear spectroscopy:

- ⇒ light ion induced direct reactions: (p,p), (p,p'), (d,p), ...
- ⇒ to investigate exotic nuclei: inverse kinematics



## past and present experiments:

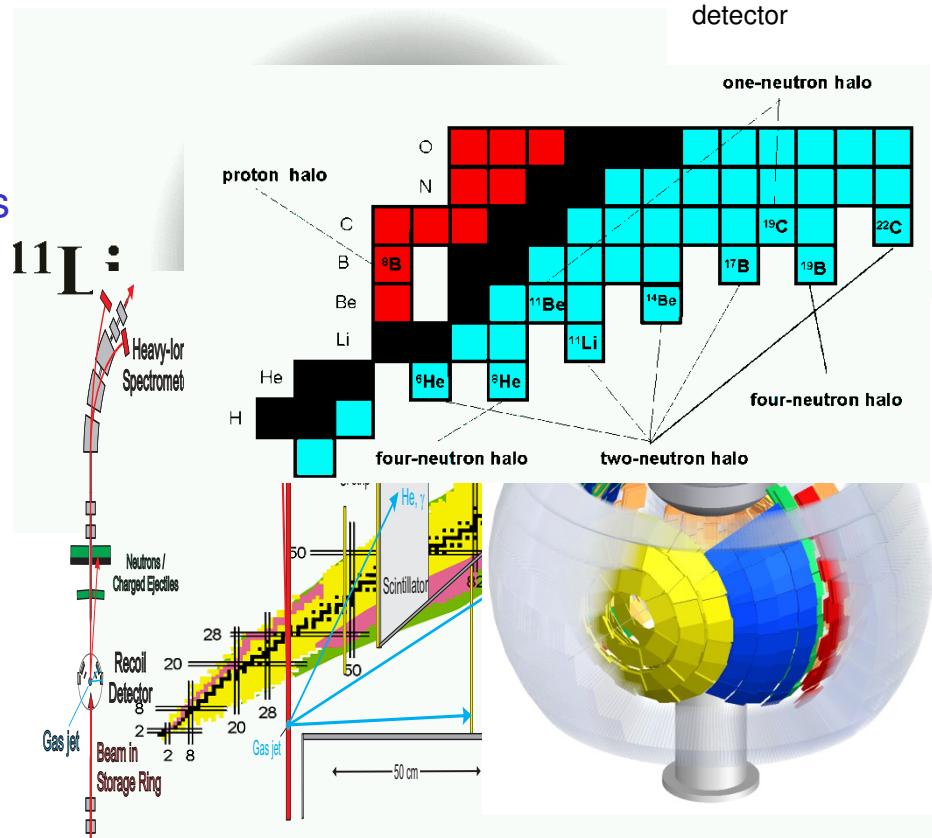
- ⇒ light neutron-rich nuclei: skin, halo structures
- ⇒ new technology: **concept of active target**

## future perspectives at FAIR:

- ⇒ profit from intensity upgrade (up to  $10^4$  !!)
- ⇒ explore new regions of the chart of nuclides and new phenomena
- ⇒ use new and powerful methods:

## EXL: direct reactions at internal NESR target

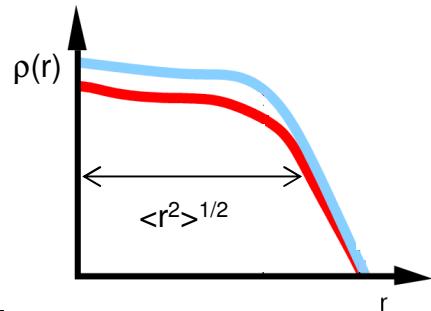
- ⇒ high luminosity even for very low momentum transfer measurements



## I. Introduction

The radial shape and size of nuclei is a basic nuclear property !

⇒ of high interest for nuclear structure and astrophysics



observables:

nuclear charge distribution:

$\rho_{ch}(r), \langle r_{ch}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$  ⇒ leptonic probes

nuclear matter distribution:

$\rho_m(r), \langle r_m^2 \rangle^{1/2}$  ⇒ hadronic probes

standard methods: (see also C.J. Batty et al., Adv. in Nucl. Phys. 19 (1989) 1-188)

nuclear charge distribution:

electron scattering  
isotope shifts  
muonic atoms

nuclear matter distribution:

(p,p), ( $\alpha,\alpha$ ), ( $\pi,\pi$ ), ....



## Definitions

- all nucleon distributions given are point distributions (distributions of point nucleons)
- nuclear matter distribution  $\rho_m(r)$   $\Rightarrow$  nuclear matter radius  $R_m = \langle r_m^2 \rangle^{1/2}$   
proton (charge) distribution  $\rho_p(r)$   $\Rightarrow$  proton (charge) radius  $R_p = \langle r_p^2 \rangle^{1/2}$   
neutron distribution  $\rho_n(r)$   $\Rightarrow$  neutron radius  $R_n = \langle r_n^2 \rangle^{1/2}$
- $\rho_m(r) = \rho_p(r) + \rho_n(r)$ , where  $\rho_p, \rho_n$  are normalized to number of protons, neutrons  
 $\Rightarrow A R_m^2 = N_p R_p^2 + N_n R_n^2$
- neutron skin thickness:  $\delta_{np} = R_n - R_p$
- note that experimentally determined charge densities are folded with size of the proton!

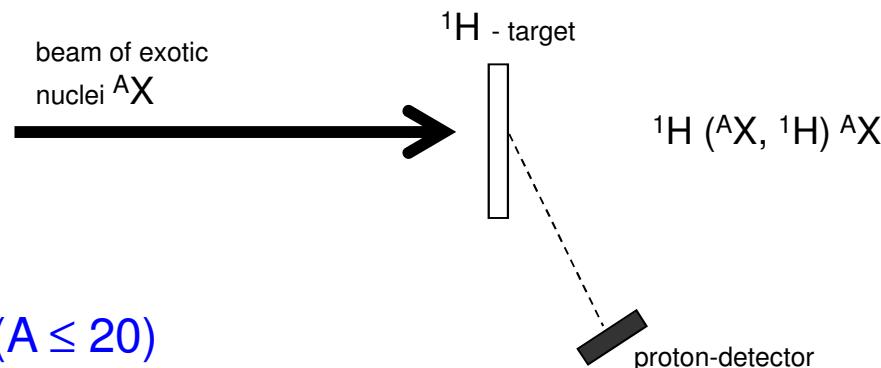
# Direct Reactions in Inverse Kinematics

classical method to observe spectroscopic information:

⇒ light ion induced direct reactions: (p,p), (p,p'), (d,p), ...  
(before RIB-facilities: limited to stable nuclei)

aim: use radioactive beams from RIB-facilities for  
nuclear structure studies off stability

method: Inverse Kinematics

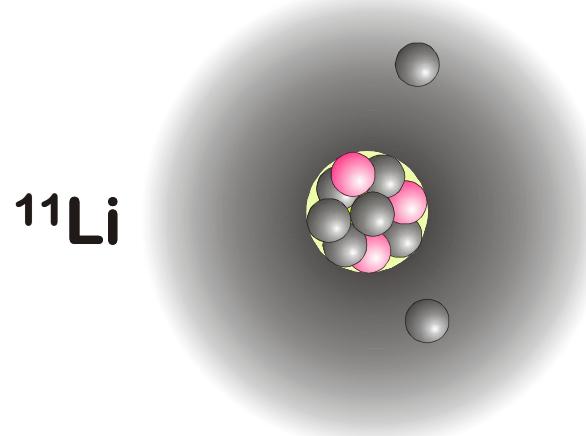


first generation experiments:

- mainly light neutron-rich nuclei ( $A \leq 20$ )
- extreme N/Z ratio  
⇒ new phenomena of nuclear structure

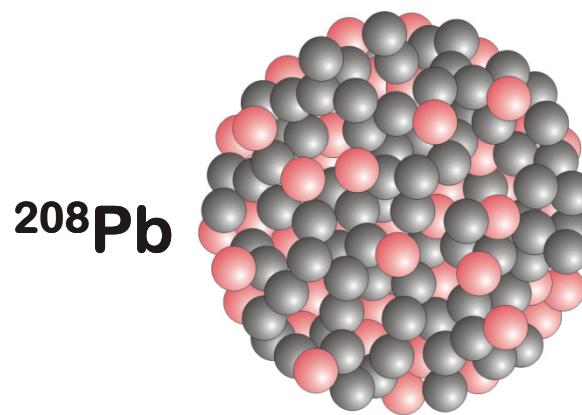
# Halo-Nuclei – a New Phenomenon of the Structure of Nuclei

## Density Distribution of Nuclear Matter



$^{11}\text{Li}$

extremely neutron-rich nuclei:  
neutron halo



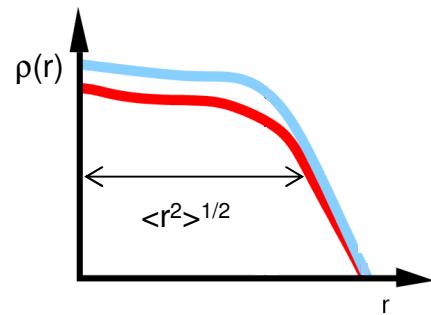
$^{208}\text{Pb}$

stable nuclei:  
neutrons and protons equally distributed

## II. Intermediate Energy Elastic Proton Scattering - a Tool to Study the Radial Shape of Exotic Nuclei

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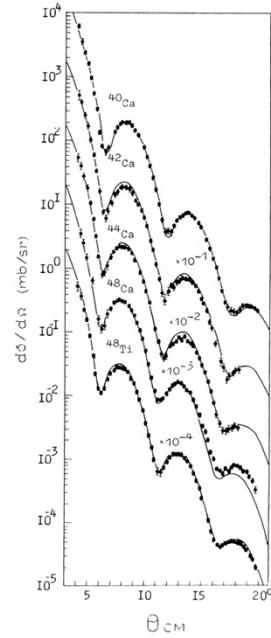
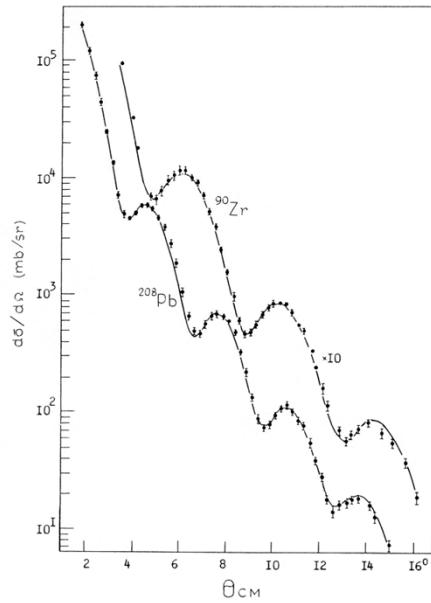
method: intermediate energy elastic proton scattering

- ⇒ well established method for determination of nuclear matter distributions (of stable nuclei)
- ⇒ what about exotic nuclei?

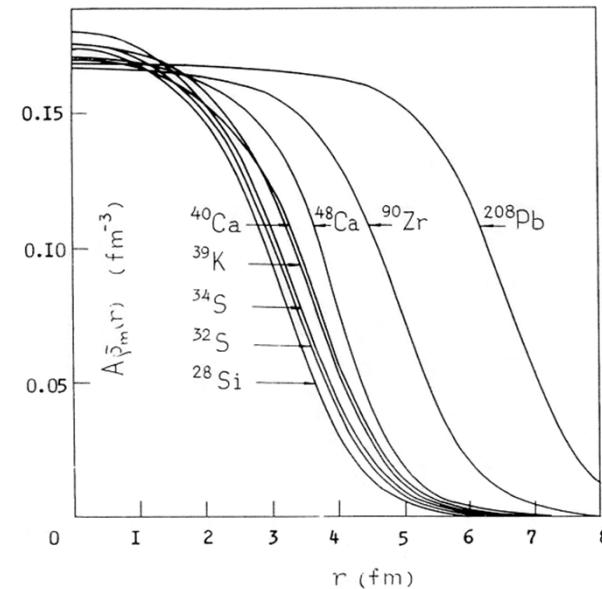
# Elastic Proton Scattering at Intermediate Energies around 1 GeV/u

well established method to investigate nuclear matter distributions of stable nuclei (see G. Alkhazov et al., Phys. Rep. 42 (1978) 89)

measured cross sections



deduced nuclear matter distributions



with radioactive beams  $\Rightarrow$  application to exotic nuclei

# Proton Scattering from Stable Nuclei

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 82, 044611 (2010)

## Neutron density distributions of $^{204,206,208}\text{Pb}$ deduced via proton elastic scattering at $E_p = 295$ MeV

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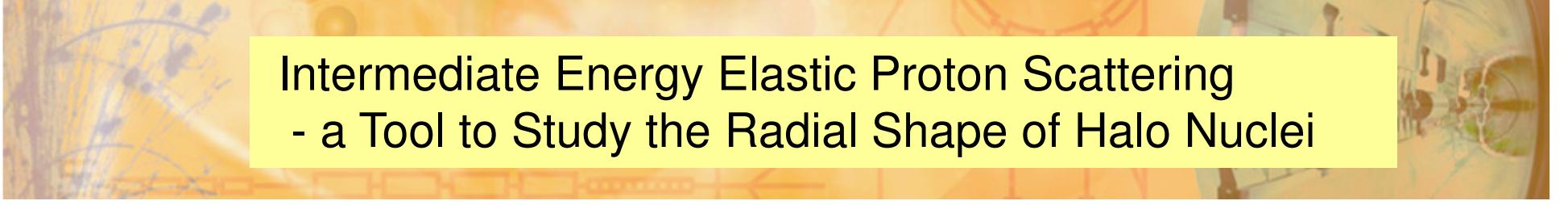
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Cross sections and analyzing powers for polarized proton elastic scattering from  $^{58}\text{Ni}$ , and  $^{204,206,208}\text{Pb}$  were measured at intermediate energy  $E_p = 295$  MeV. An effective relativistic Love-Franey interaction is tuned to reproduce  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  scattering data within the framework of the relativistic impulse approximation. The neutron densities of the lead isotopes are deduced using model-independent sum-of-Gaussians distributions. Their error envelopes are estimated by a new  $\chi^2$  criterion including uncertainties associated with the reaction model. The systematic behaviors of extracted error envelopes of the neutron density distributions in  $^{204,206,208}\text{Pb}$  are presented. The extracted neutron and proton density distribution of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  gives a neutron skin thickness of  $\Delta r_{np} = 0.211^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$  fm.



## Intermediate Energy Elastic Proton Scattering - a Tool to Study the Radial Shape of Halo Nuclei

aim: quantitative information on the nuclear matter distributions

method: intermediate energy (700 – 1000 MeV) elastic proton scattering

of special interest: light isotopes with halo-structure:  $^6\text{He}$ ,  $^8\text{He}$ ,  $^{11}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{14}\text{Be}$ ,  $^8\text{B}$ ,  $^{17}\text{C}$

for low momentum transfer:

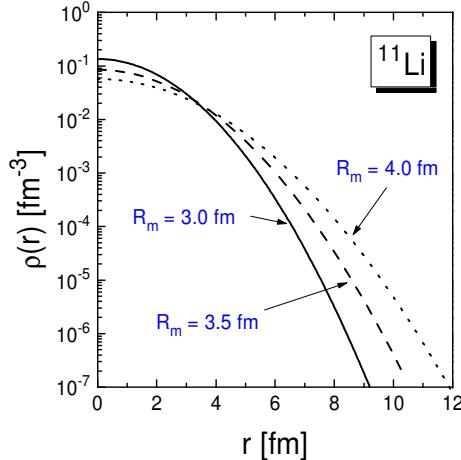
high sensitivity on the halo structure

⇒ determination of matter radii

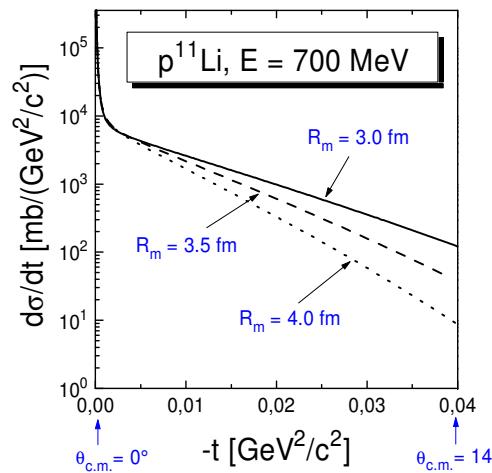
⇒ determination of the radial shape of the  
nuclear matter distribution

# Sensitivity of Elastic Proton Scattering on the Radial Shape of the Nuclear Matter Distribution

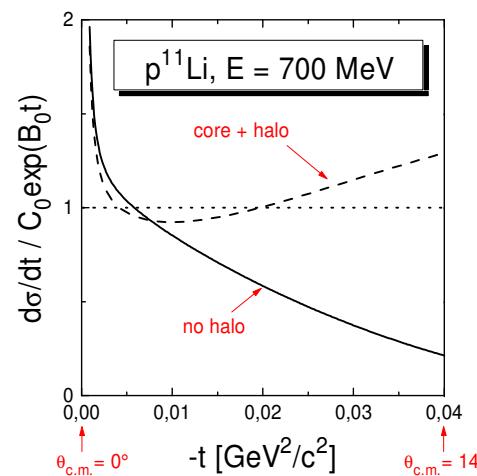
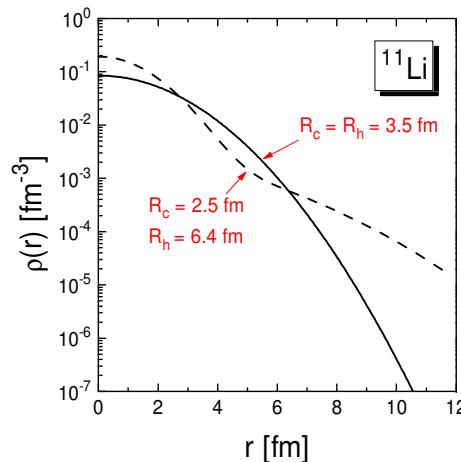
assumed matter distribution:



$d\sigma/dt$  for p-scattering at E=700 MeV:



slope of  $d\sigma/dt$   
→ matter radius  $R_m$



curvature of log ( $d\sigma/dt$ )  
→ halo structure



## Elastic Proton Scattering at Low and Intermediate Energies

for intermediate energy proton scattering ( $E_p \geq 700 - 1000$  MeV):

reaction mechanism and effective nucleon-nucleon interaction well defined

- ⇒ Matter distribution  $\rho(r)$  related to differential cross sections in straight forward way (Glauber theory)

for low energy proton scattering ( $E_p = 20 - 100$  MeV):

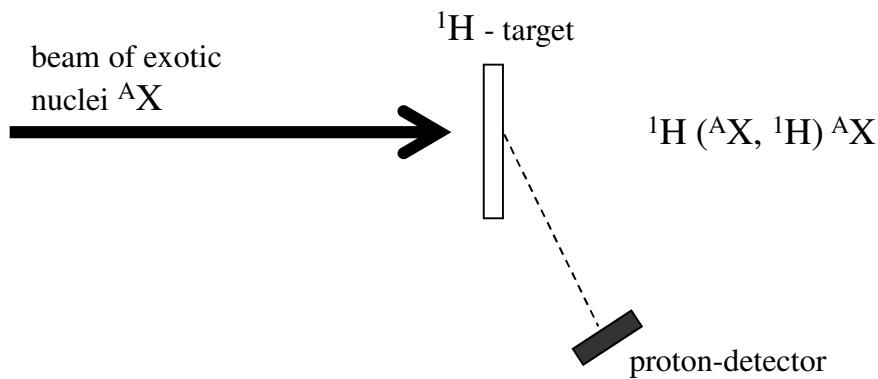
quantitative determination of  $\rho(r)$  limited by:

- potential ambiguities
- uncertainties in effective pp, pn interaction

## Experiments at Low Momentum Transfer

### experimental conditions:

- investigation of exotic nuclei  
⇒ method of “Inverse Kinematics”



- high incident energies ( $E = 700 \text{ MeV/u}$ )  
⇒ produce beam of exotic nuclei by projectile fragmentation at GSI:  
Fragment Separator FRS
- low beam intensities:  $10^2 - 10^4 \text{ sec}^{-1}$
- low recoil energies:  $T_R \leq 10 \text{ MeV}$   
⇒ needs thin target and large solid angle detector  
solution: recoil detector “IKAR” as active target

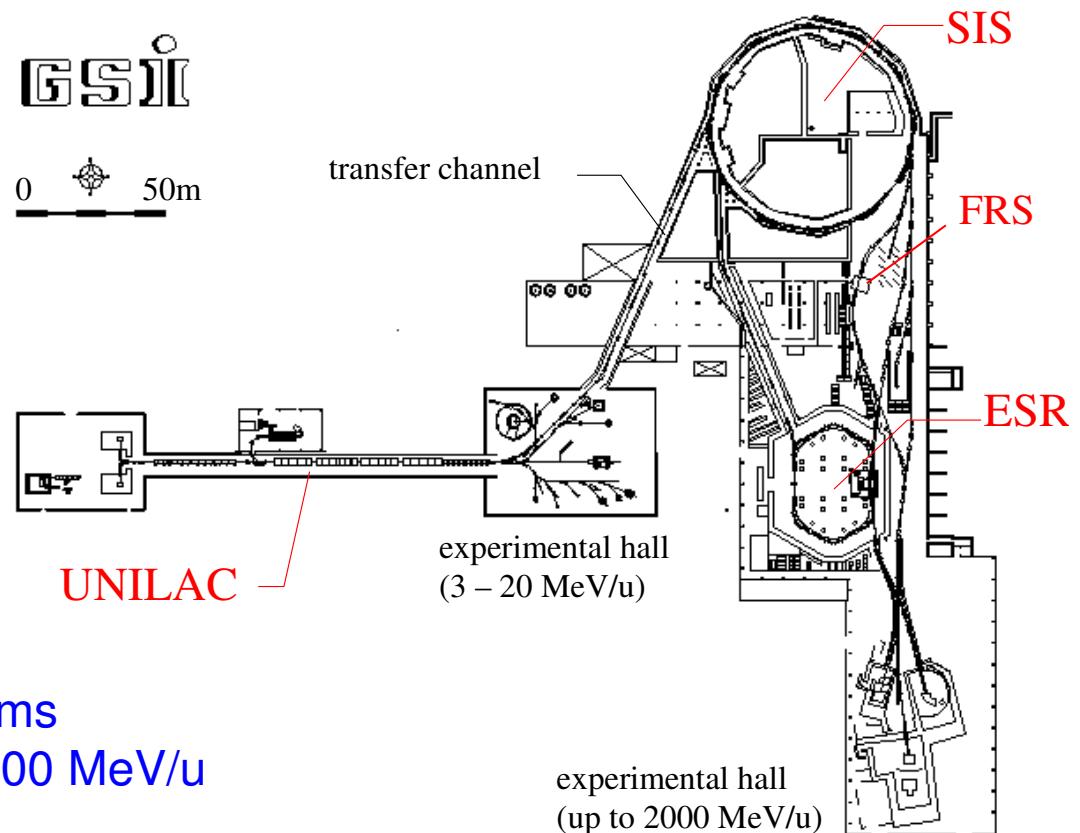
# The Present GSI Accelerator Facilities

**UNILAC:** universal linear accelerator  
all ions ( $^1\text{H}$  ...  $^{238}\text{U}$ )  
 $E = 3 - 20 \text{ MeV/u}$

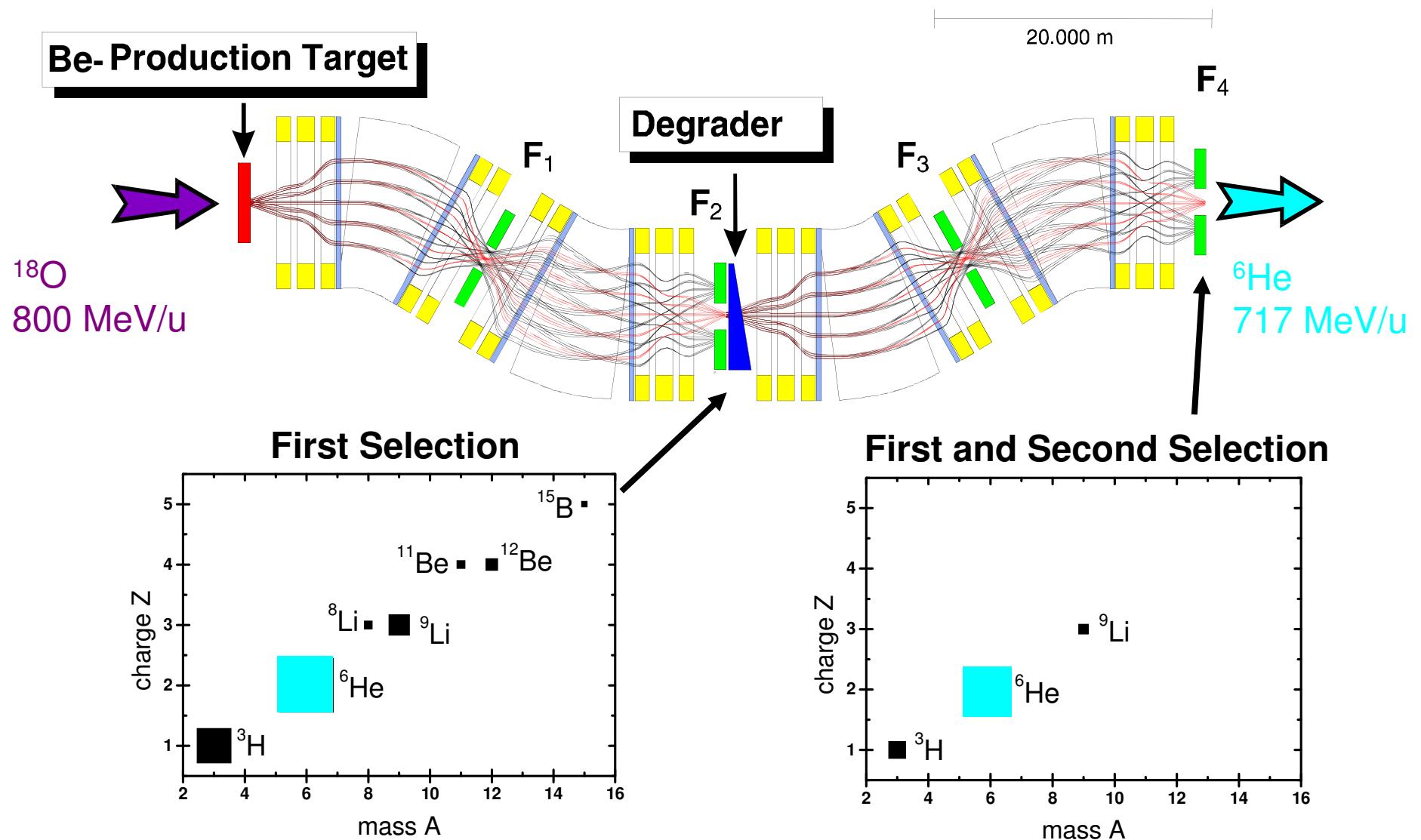
**SIS:** heavy ion synchrotron  
 $E = 100 - 2000 \text{ MeV/u}$

**ESR:** experimental storage ring  
beam cooling  
 $\Rightarrow$  excellent beam qualities

**FRS:** fragment separator  
projectile fragmentation  
 $\Rightarrow$  secondary radioactive beams  
with energies  $E \geq 100 - 1000 \text{ MeV/u}$

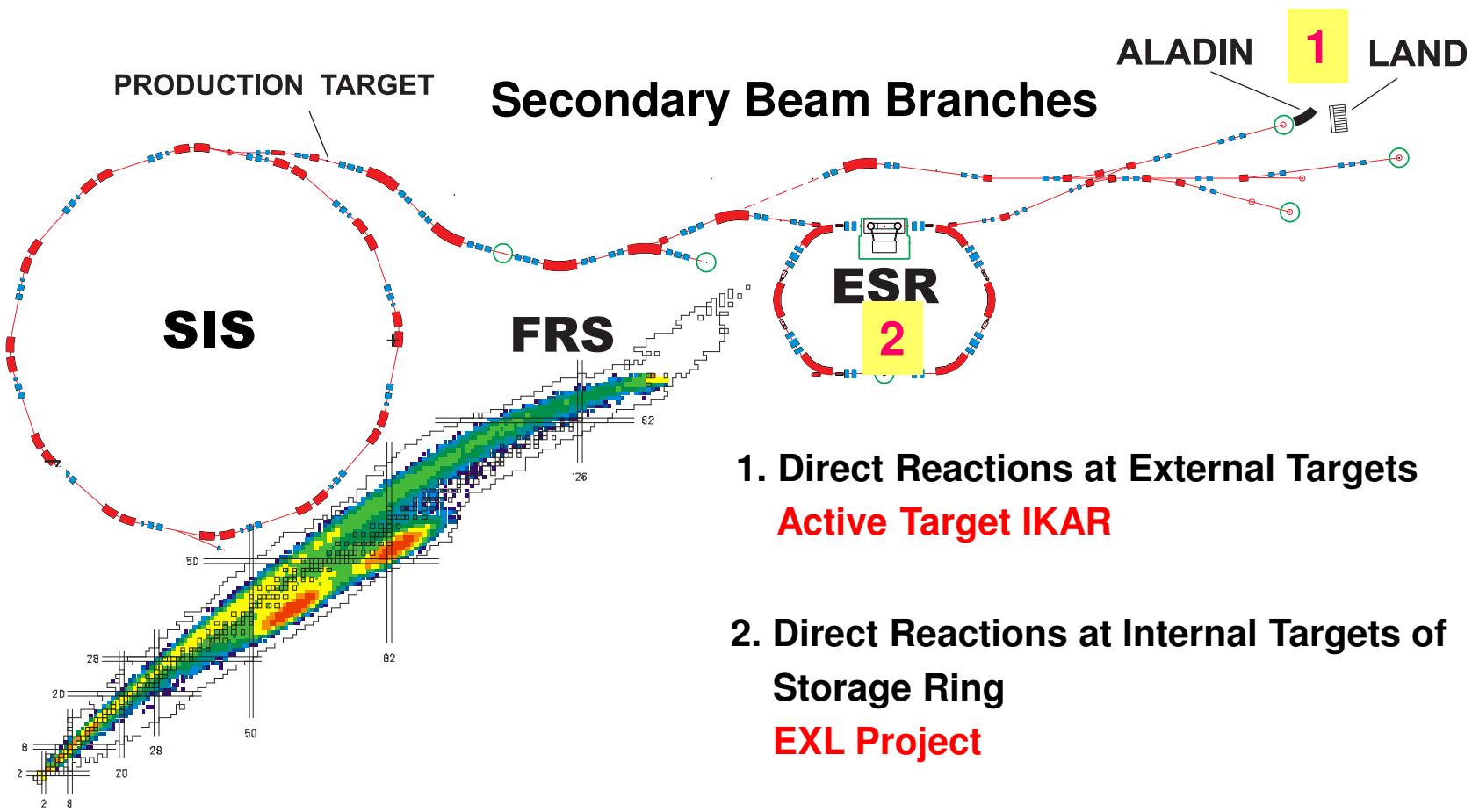


# Production and Separation of Exotic Nuclei with the FRS



# The Present Radioactive Beam Facility at GSI

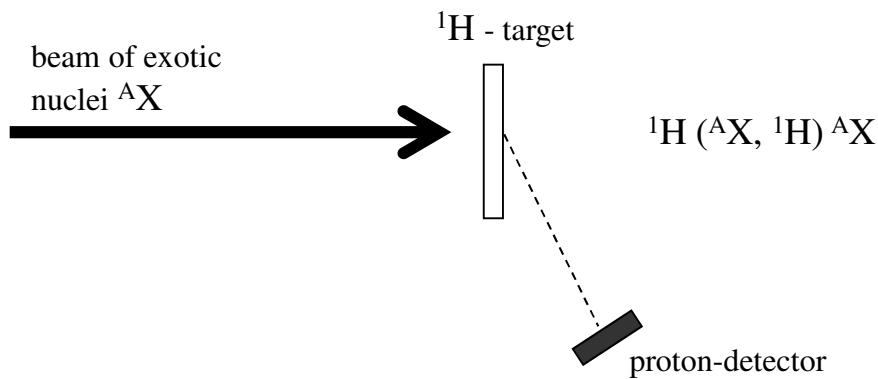
## FRS: In-Flight Separator & High-Resolution Spectrometer



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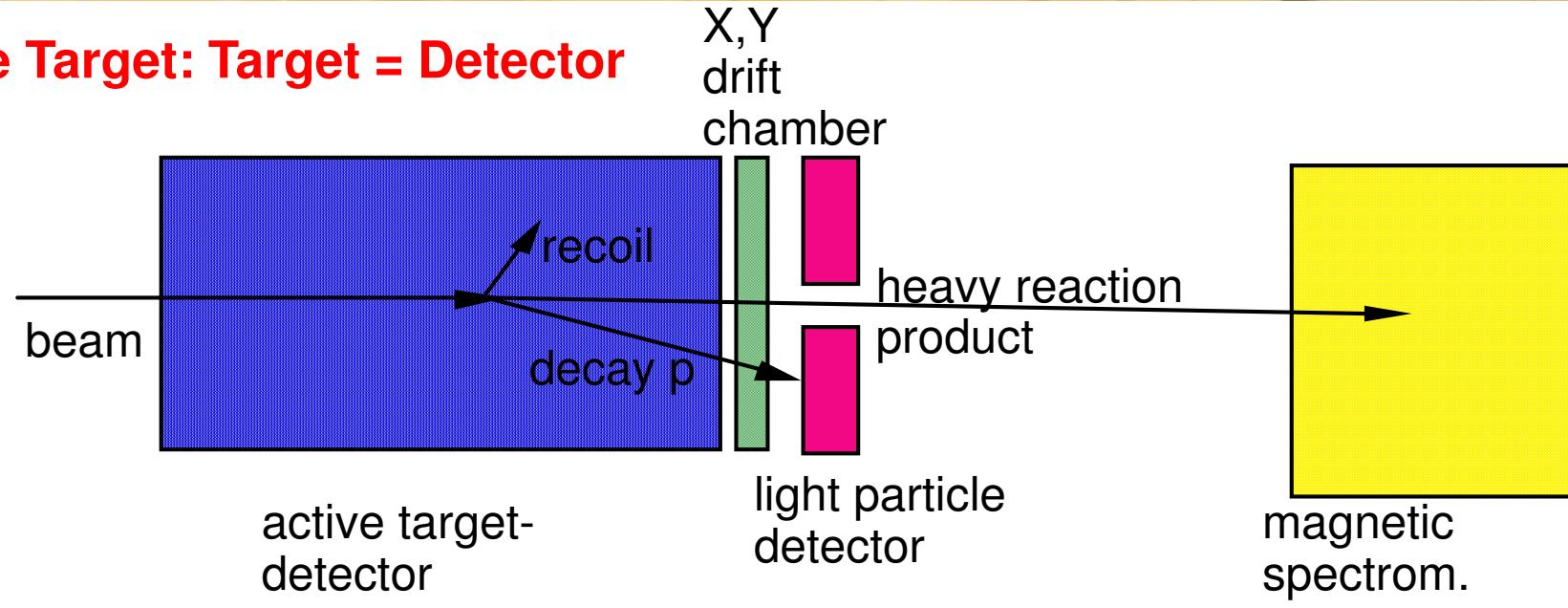
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## Direct Reactions with Active Targets

### Active Target: Target = Detector



⇒ advantage:

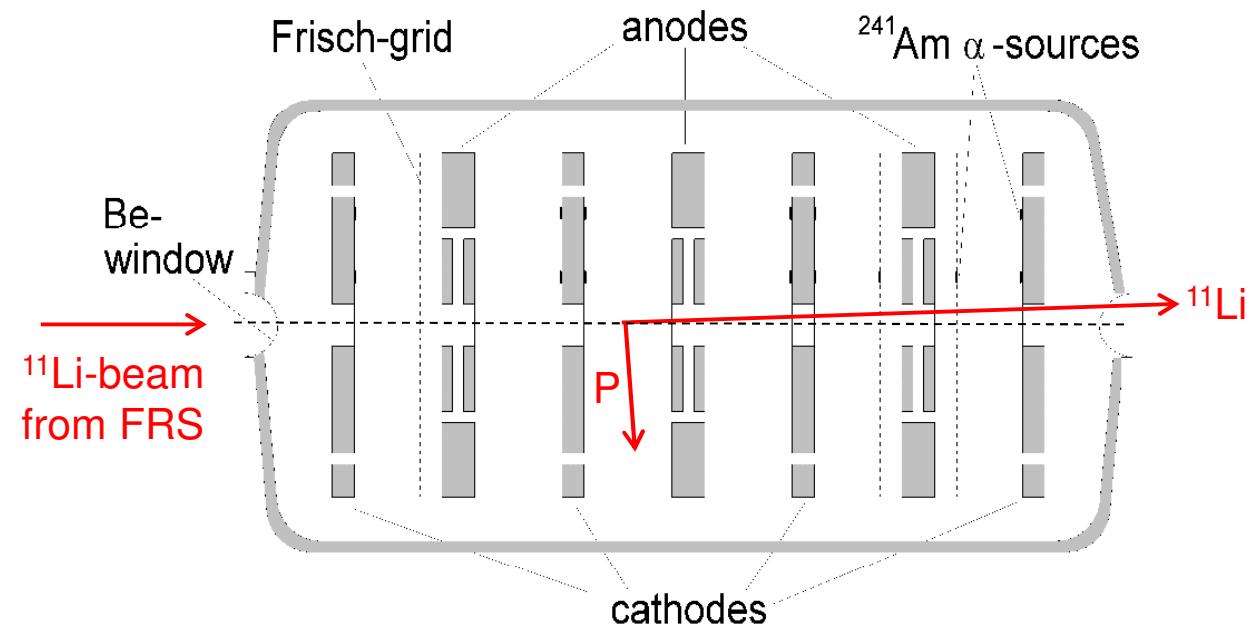
- low threshold
- high detection efficiency (rel. thick target)

# The TPC-Ionization Chamber IKAR as Active Target

(provided by PNPI St. Petersburg)

## detection principle:

H<sub>2</sub>-target = detector for recoil protons



## operating conditions:

H<sub>2</sub>-pressure: 10 atm

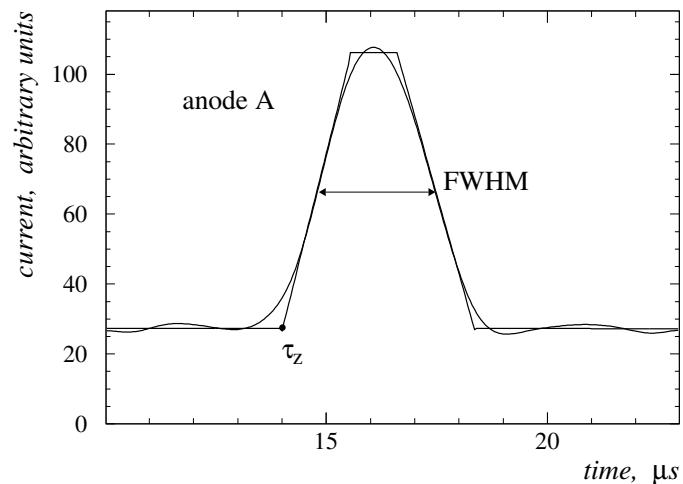
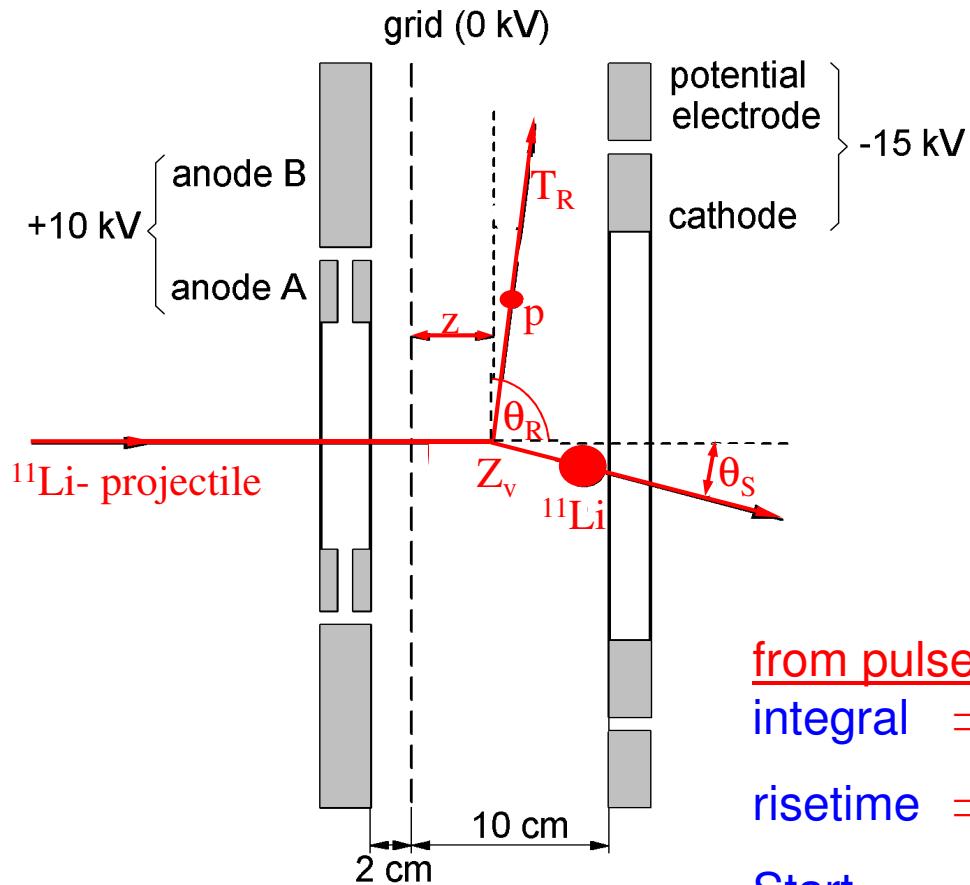
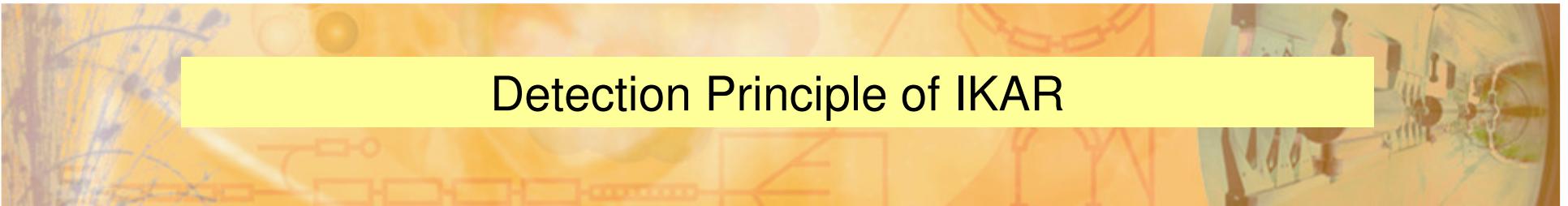
entrance window: 0.5 mm Beryllium

target thickness: 30 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (6 independent sections)

beam rate: ≤ 10<sup>4</sup>/sec

but: method limited to Z ≤ 6!

# Detection Principle of IKAR



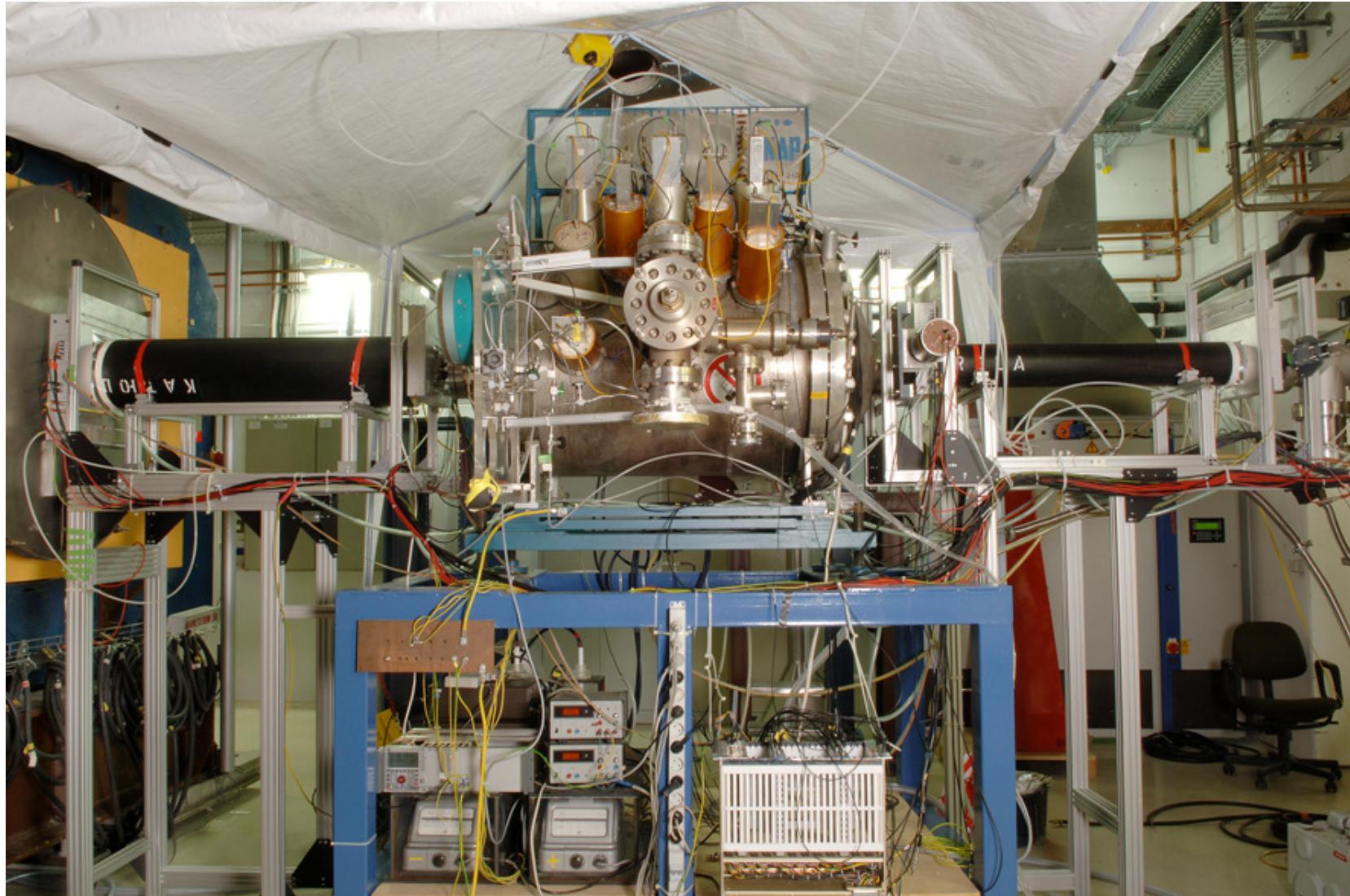
from pulse analysis:

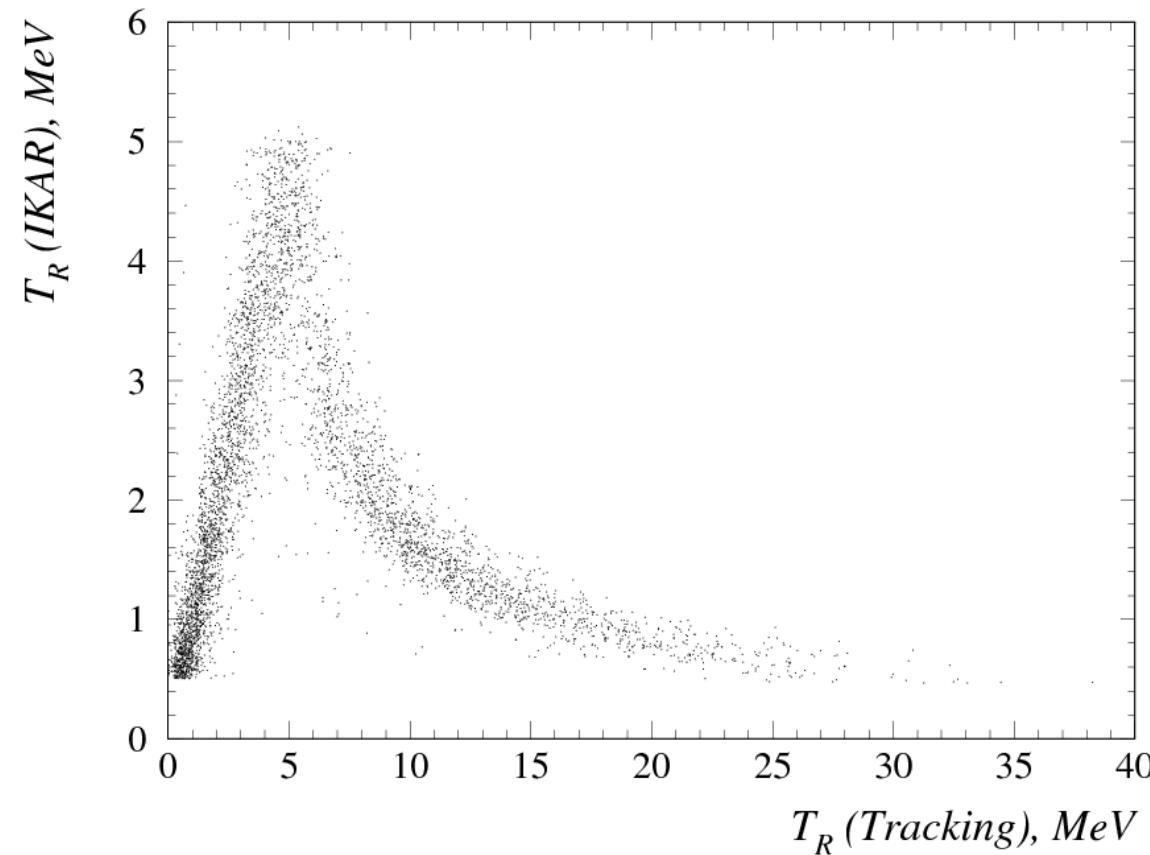
integral  $\Rightarrow$  recoil energy  $T_R$  ( $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} \leq 90 \text{ KeV}$ )

risetime  $\Rightarrow$  recoil angle  $\theta_R$  ( $\Delta \theta_{\text{FWHM}} \leq 0.6^\circ$ )

Start  $\Rightarrow$  vertex point  $Z_v$  ( $\Delta z_{\text{FWHM}} \leq 110 \mu\text{m}$ )

# The IKAR Experimental Setup



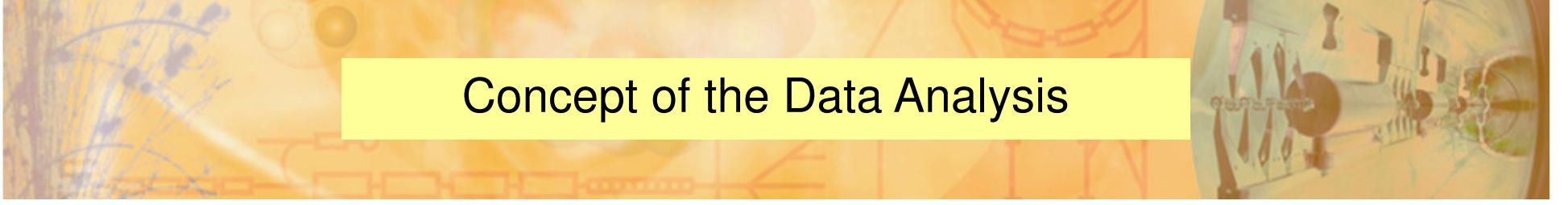


$T_R$  (IKAR): recoil-energy measured in the IKAR-detector

$T_R$  (Tracking): recoil-energy calculated from the measured scattering angle:  
$$T_R = \theta_S^2 p^2 / 2m_p$$

- S. R. Neumaier et al., Nucl. Phys. A 712 (2002) 247  
G. D. Alkhazov et al., Nucl. Phys. A 712 (2002) 269  
P. Egelhof et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 15 (2002) 27  
A. Dobrovolsky et al., Nucl. Phys. A766 (2006) 1

all experimental data are well described by Glauber calculations



## Concept of the Data Analysis

- Glauber multiple-scattering theory for calculation of cross sections:
  - use measured free pp, pn-cross sections as input (in medium effects negligible)
  - fold with nucleon density distribution
  - take into account multiple scattering (all terms!) (small for region of nuclear halo!)
- variation of the nucleon density distribution:
  - a) phenomenological parametrizations (point matter densities):
    - G: 1 Gaussian
    - SF: Symmetrized Fermi
    - GG: 2 Gaussians
    - GO: Gaussian + Harmonic Oscillator
  - b) “model independent” analysis:
    - SOG: Sum Of Gaussians
    - (standard method for electron scattering data:
      - I. Sick, Nucl. Phys. A 218 (1974) 509

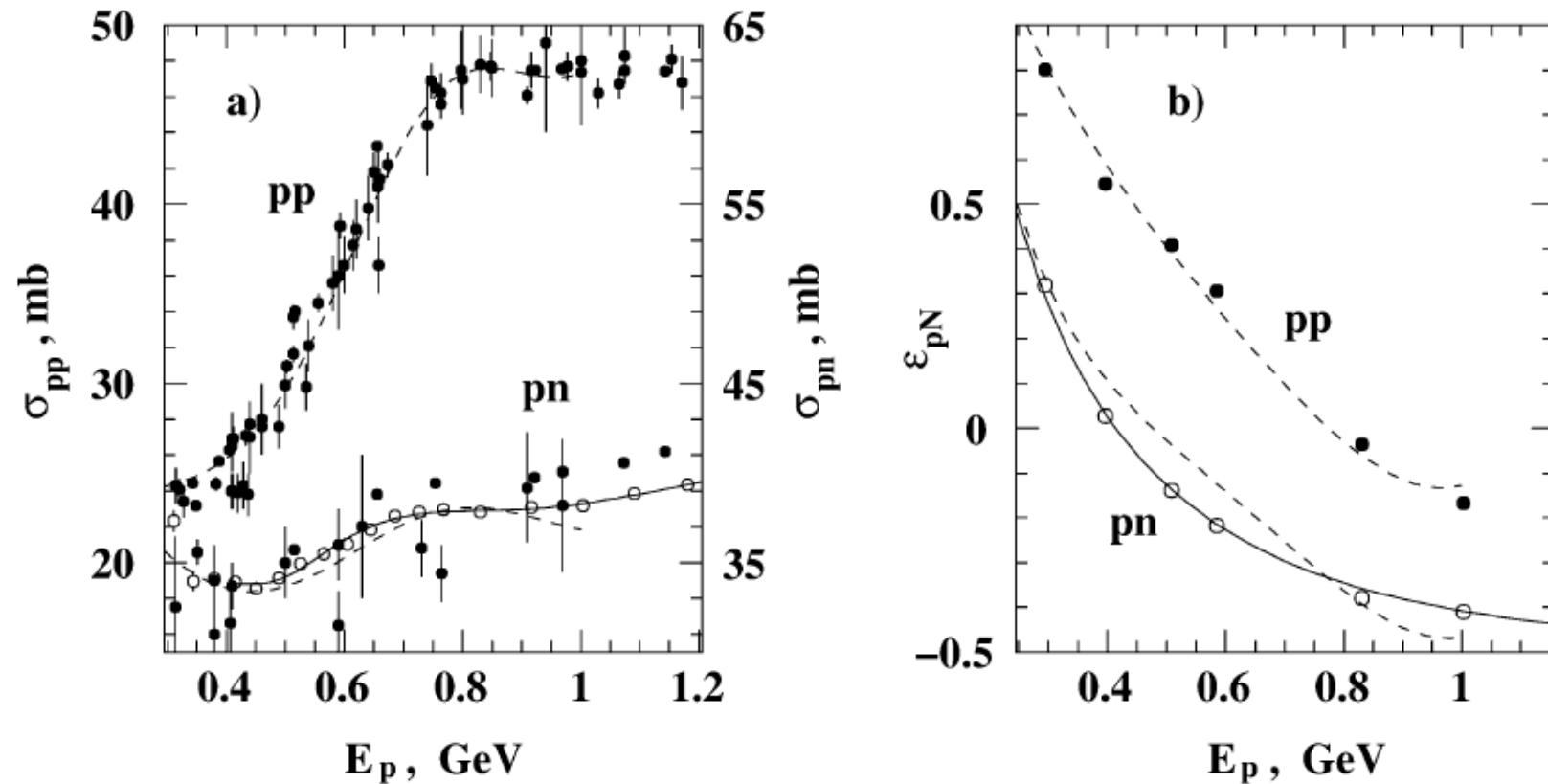
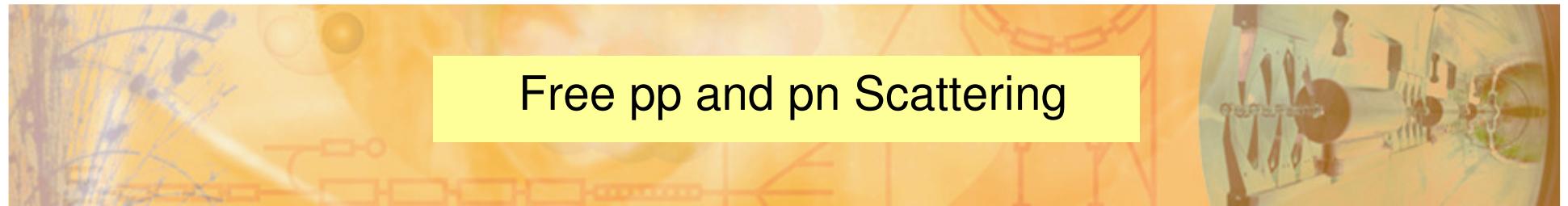
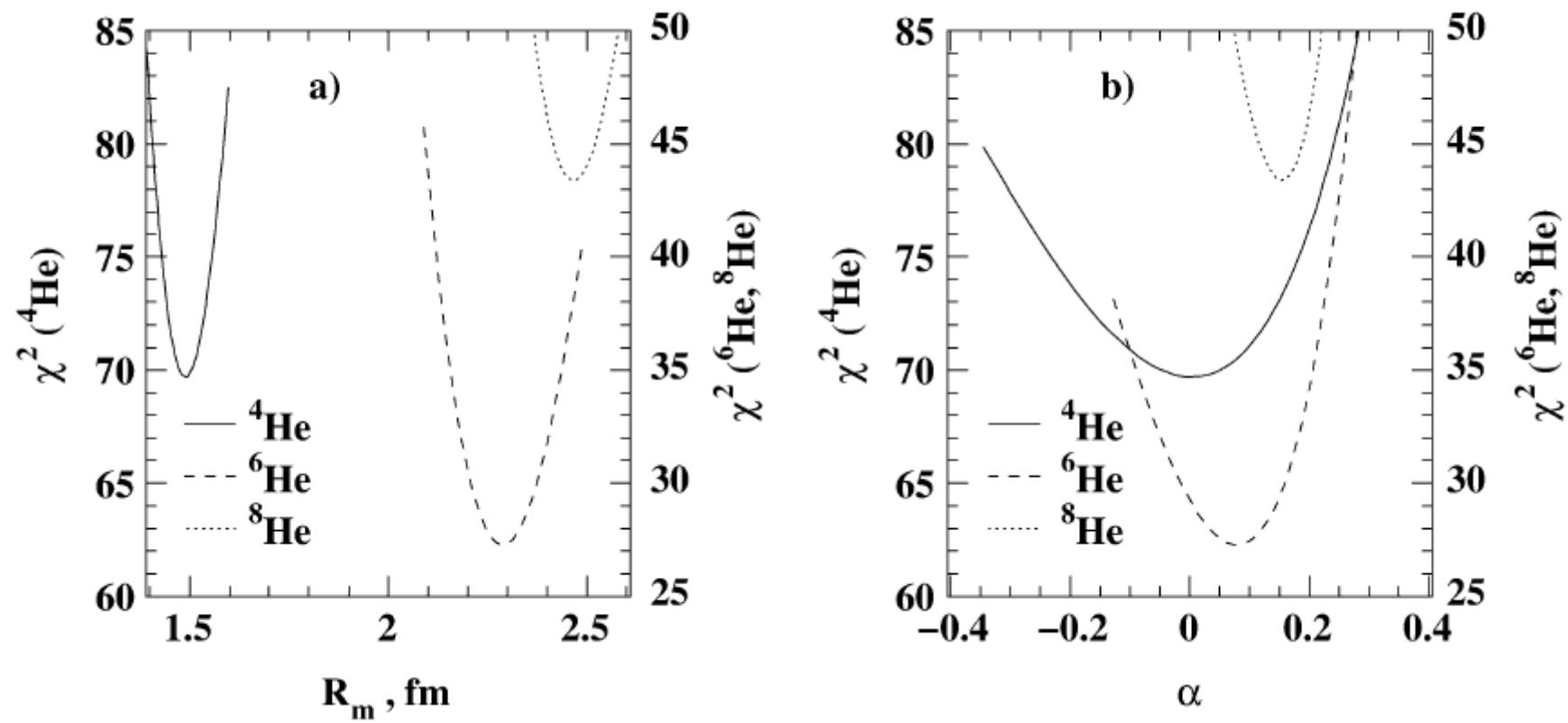


Fig. 2. (a) Energy dependence of the total cross sections  $\sigma_{pN}$  for free  $pp$  and  $pn$  scattering. The data are from Ref. [9] (dots and circles). The dashed curves result from a phase shift analysis [8]. The solid line is a smooth-function fit to the data from Ref. [10] (circles). (b) Energy dependence of the ratios  $\epsilon_{pN}$  of the real to the imaginary part of the  $pp$  and  $pn$  scattering amplitudes (dots and circles, respectively) obtained with the help of dispersion relations [11]. The data for  $pn$  scattering are fitted by a smooth function (solid line). The dashed lines represent the results of a phase shift analysis [8].

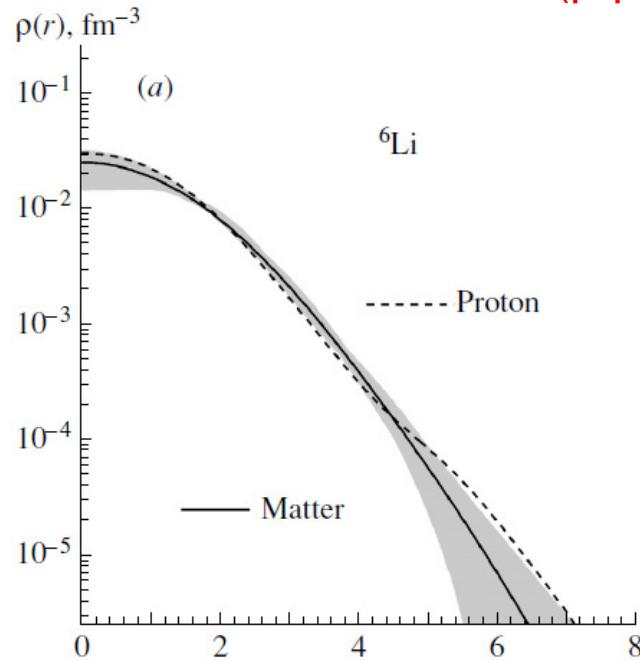
## $\chi^2$ Analysis



## Comparison of Matter Distribution and Charge Distribution of ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^4\text{He}$

for  ${}^6\text{Li}$ : charge distribution from (e,e) scattering (G.C. Li et al., Nucl. Phys. A 162 (1971) 583)

matter distribution from (p,p) scattering (present experiment)



charge radius:  $R_{\text{ch}} = 2.56 (5) \text{ fm}$

matter radius:  $R_m = 2.58 (7) \text{ fm}$   
(folded with size  
of the nucleon)

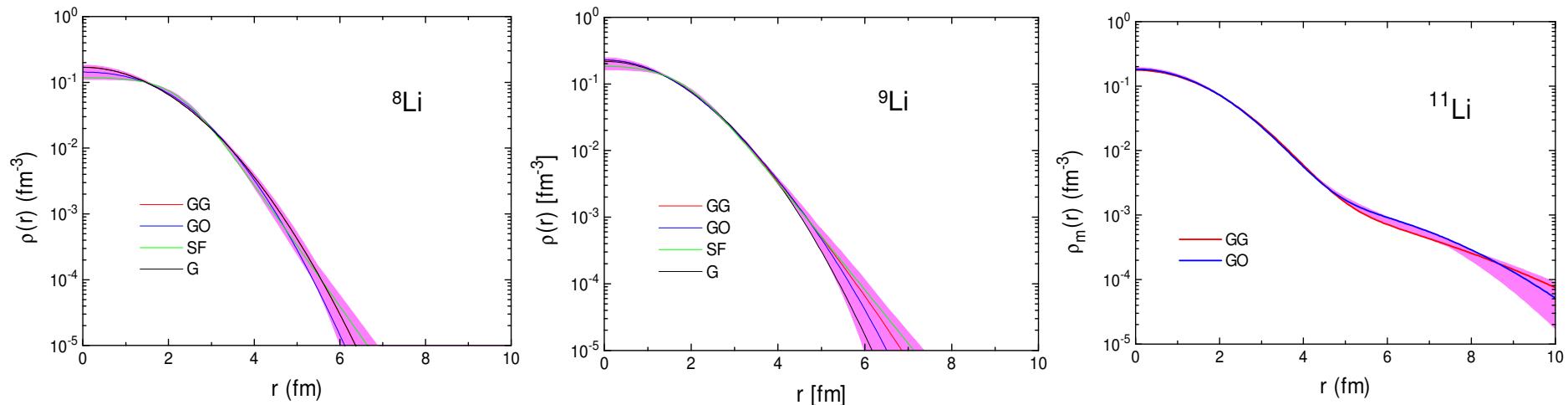
for  ${}^4\text{He}$ : charge radius from (e,e) scattering:  $R_{\text{ch}}=1.46 (6)$  (I.Sick et al., PRC77(2008)041302

matter radius from (p,p) scattering:  $R_m=1.49(3)$

good agreement

⇒ confirmation of experimental method and concept of data analysis

### III. Results on the Li Isotopes

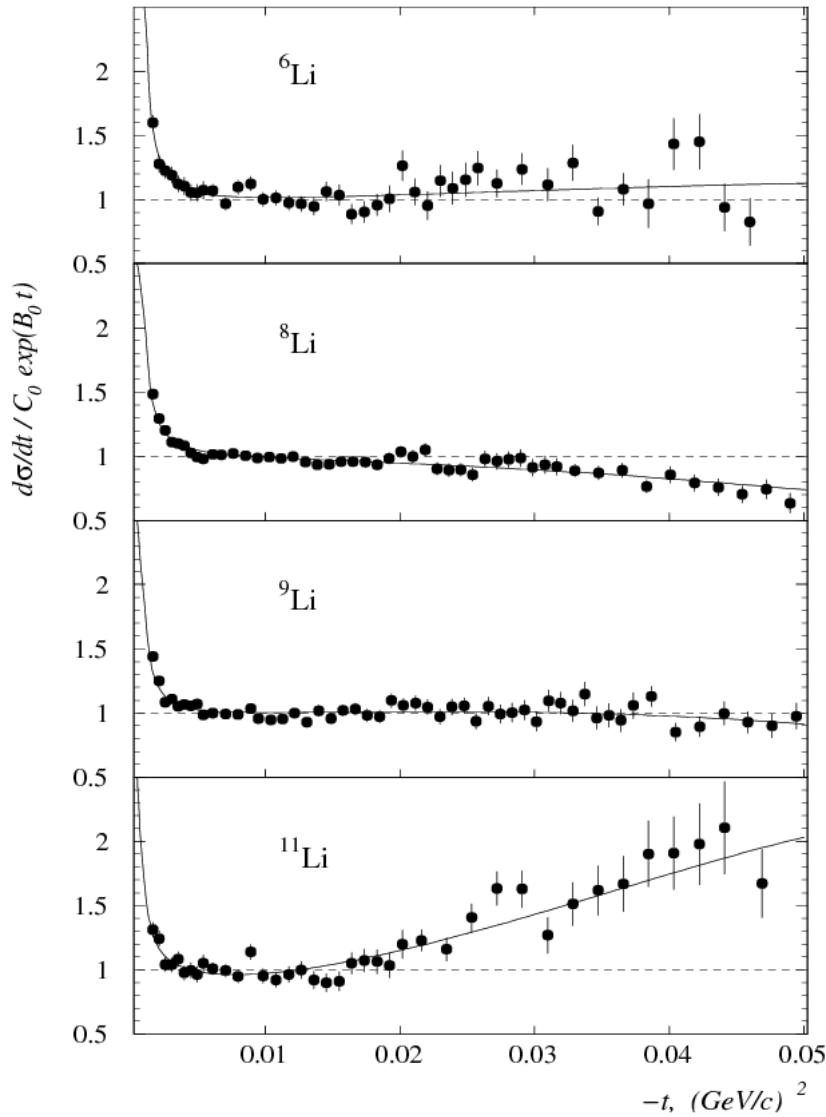


$$R_m = 2.50(6) \text{ fm}$$

$$R_m = 2.44(6) \text{ fm}$$

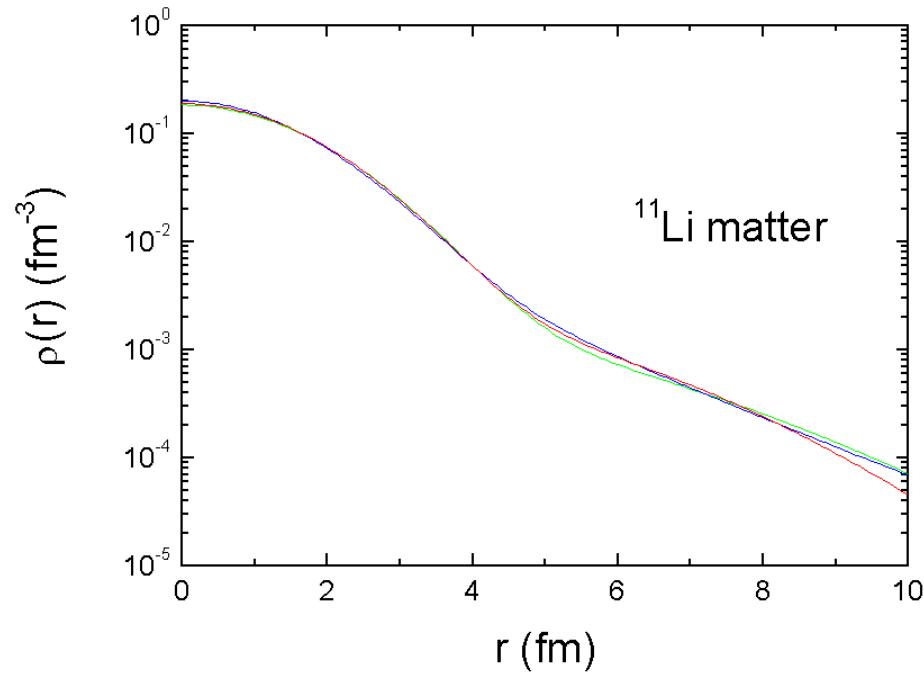
$$R_m = 3.71(20) \text{ fm}$$

## Sensitivity to the Halo-Structure



- clear evidence of halo structure in  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$
- “normal” behaviour for  ${}^8\text{Li}$  and  ${}^9\text{Li}$
- indication of possible halo-structure in  ${}^6\text{Li}$  (due to  $\alpha+d$  cluster structure?)

# Dependence of the Results on Constraints Implied in the Analysis



phenomenological parametrizations GG, GO without constraints

$$R_m = 3.71 (20) \text{ fm}$$

phenomenological parametrization GG + Hankel-function for asymptotic behaviour for  $r > 6$  fm

$$R_m = 3.72 (19) \text{ fm}$$

phenomenological parametrization GO with fixed  $(1s_{1/2})^2 : (0p_{1/2})^2 = 45 : 55\%$  (from Land-Collaboration: H. Simon et al.)

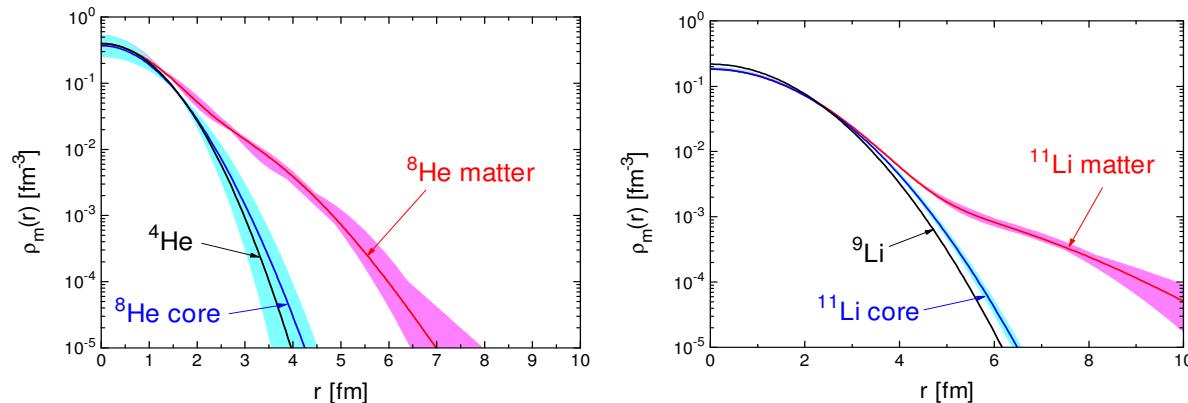
$$R_m = 3.53 (19) \text{ fm}$$

- model independent SOG analysis

$$R_m = 3.67 (15) \text{ fm}$$

# Investigation of Nuclear Matter Density Distributions of Halo Nuclei by Elastic Proton Scattering at Low Momentum Transfer

nuclear matter distributions:



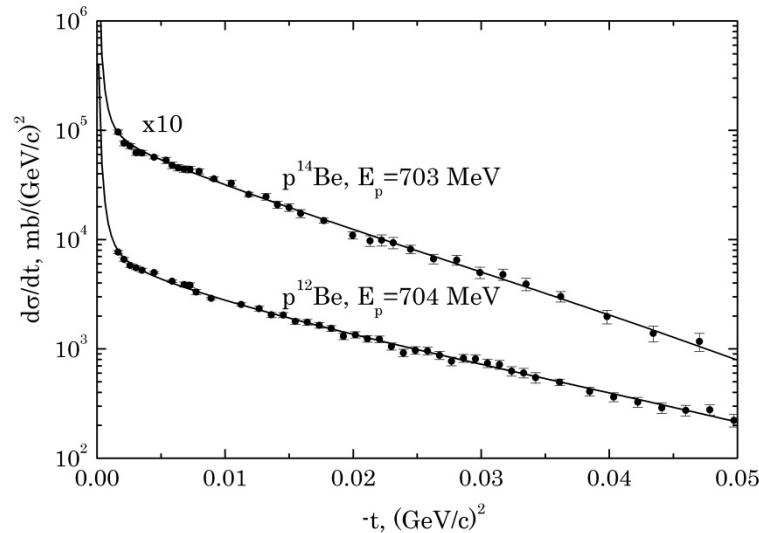
nuclear matter radii:

nucleus	$R_{\text{matter}}, \text{fm}$	$R_{\text{core}}, \text{fm}$	$R_{\text{halo}}, \text{fm}$
$^4\text{He}$	1.49 (3)	--	--
$^8\text{He}$	2.53(8)	1.55 (15)	3.22 (14)
$^9\text{Li}$	2.44 (6)	--	--
$^{11}\text{Li}$	3.71 (20)	2.53 (3)	6.85 (58)

- extended neutron distribution in  $^8\text{He}$  and  $^{11}\text{Li}$  obtained
- size of core, halo and total matter distribution determined with high accuracy
- the picture of a  $^9\text{Li}$  ( $^4\text{He}$ ) core + 2 (4) valence neutron-structure is confirmed for  $^{11}\text{Li}$  and  $^8\text{He}$

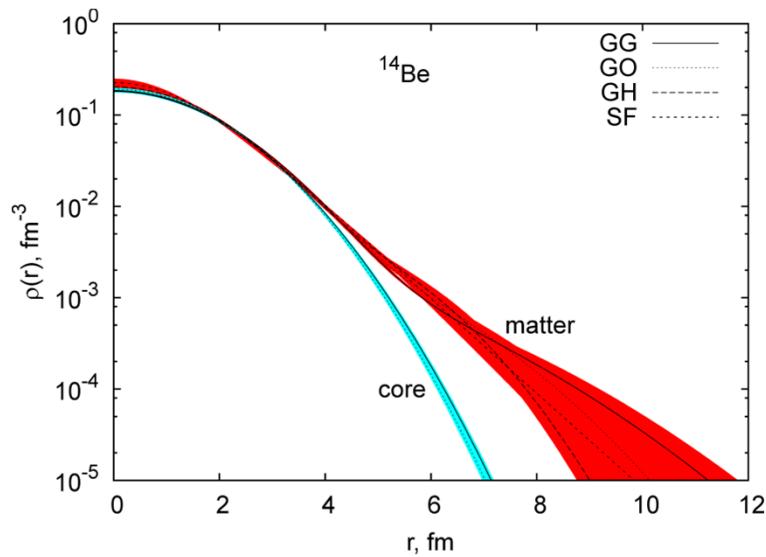
# Elastic Proton Scattering from $^{14}\text{Be}$

differential cross section:



S. Ilieva et al.,  
Nucl. Phys. A 875 (2012) 8

deduced nuclear matter distribution:



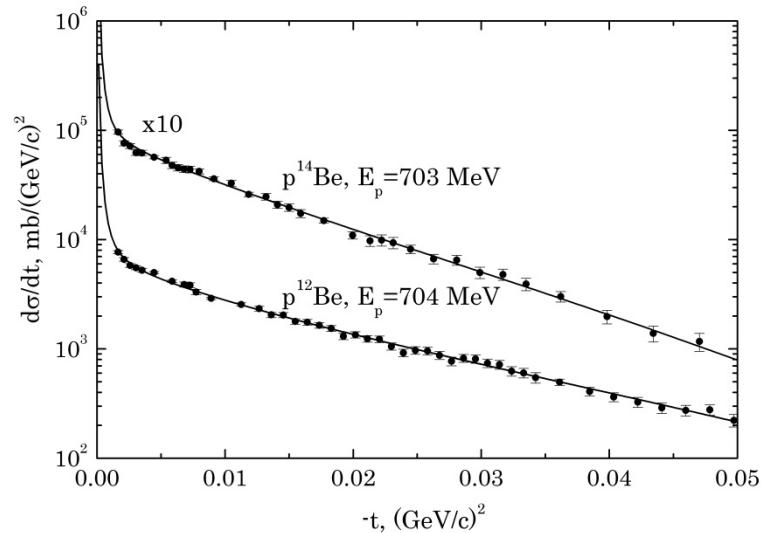
results for  $^{14}\text{Be}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{matter}} &= 3.25 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.11 \text{ fm} \\ R_{\text{core}} &= 2.65 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.11 \text{ fm} \end{aligned}$$

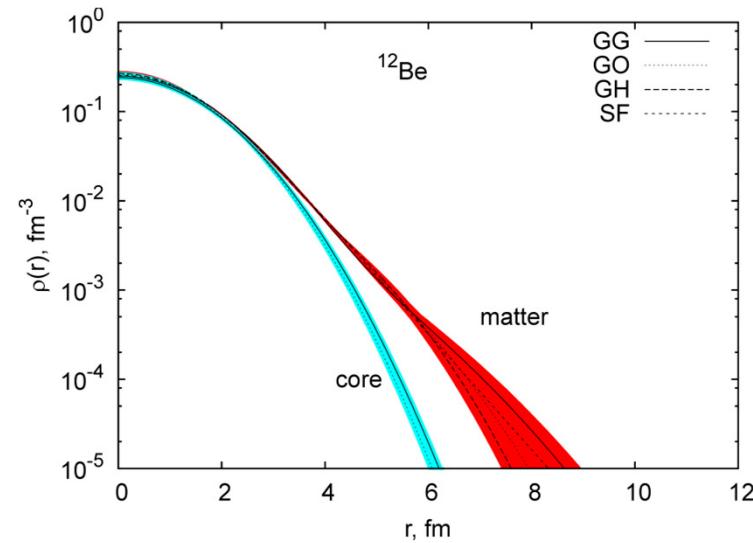
- $^{14}\text{Be}$  exhibits a pronounced core-halo structure
- the picture of a  $^{12}\text{Be}$ -core + 2 valence neutron structure is confirmed
- the present data favour a relatively large s-wave component  
( see I. Thompson et. al, Phys. Rev. C53 (1996) 708 )

# Elastic Proton Scattering from $^{12}\text{Be}$

differential cross section:



deduced nuclear matter distribution:



results for  $^{12}\text{Be}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{matter}} &= 2.71 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.06 \text{ fm} \\ R_{\text{core}} &= 2.17 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.09 \text{ fm} \end{aligned}$$

- $^{12}\text{Be}$  exhibits an extended matter distribution
- the contribution of (sd) intruder states is confirmed  
( see I. Thompson et al., Phys. Rev. C53 (1996) 703 )

## Determination of Neutron Radii and Neutron Skin Sizes

- needs input on proton (charge) distributions

⇒ use data from laser spectroscopy (isotope shift measurements):

for  ${}^8\text{He}$ : Z.-T. Lu et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 85 (2013) 1383

for  ${}^{9,11}\text{Li}$ : W. Nörtershäuser et al., Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 024307

for  ${}^{12}\text{Be}$ : A. Krieger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 142501

- neutron radius:

$$R_n^2 = \frac{1}{N_n} * \left( A R_m^2 - N_p R_p^2 \right)$$

- neutron skin size:

$$\delta_{np} = R_n - R_p$$

## Summary of all Data on Nuclear Radii

nucleus	$R_m$ , fm	$R_{core}$ , fm	$R_{halo}$ , fm	$R_p^*$ , fm	$R_n$ , fm	$\delta_{np}$ , fm
${}^8\text{He}$	2.53 (8)	1.55 (15)	3.22 (14)	1.88 (2)	2.71 (10)	0.83 (10)
${}^9\text{Li}$	2.44 (6)	--	--	2.11 (5)	2.59 (10)	0.48 (11)
${}^{11}\text{Li}$	3.71 (20)	2.53 (3)	6.85 (58)	2.38 (5)	4.10 (26)	1.72 (26)
${}^{12}\text{Be}$	2.71 (6)	2.36 (6)	4.00 (28)	2.39(2)	2.86 (9)	0.47 (9)

\*  $R_p$  from laser spectroscopy, unfolded from proton charge radius



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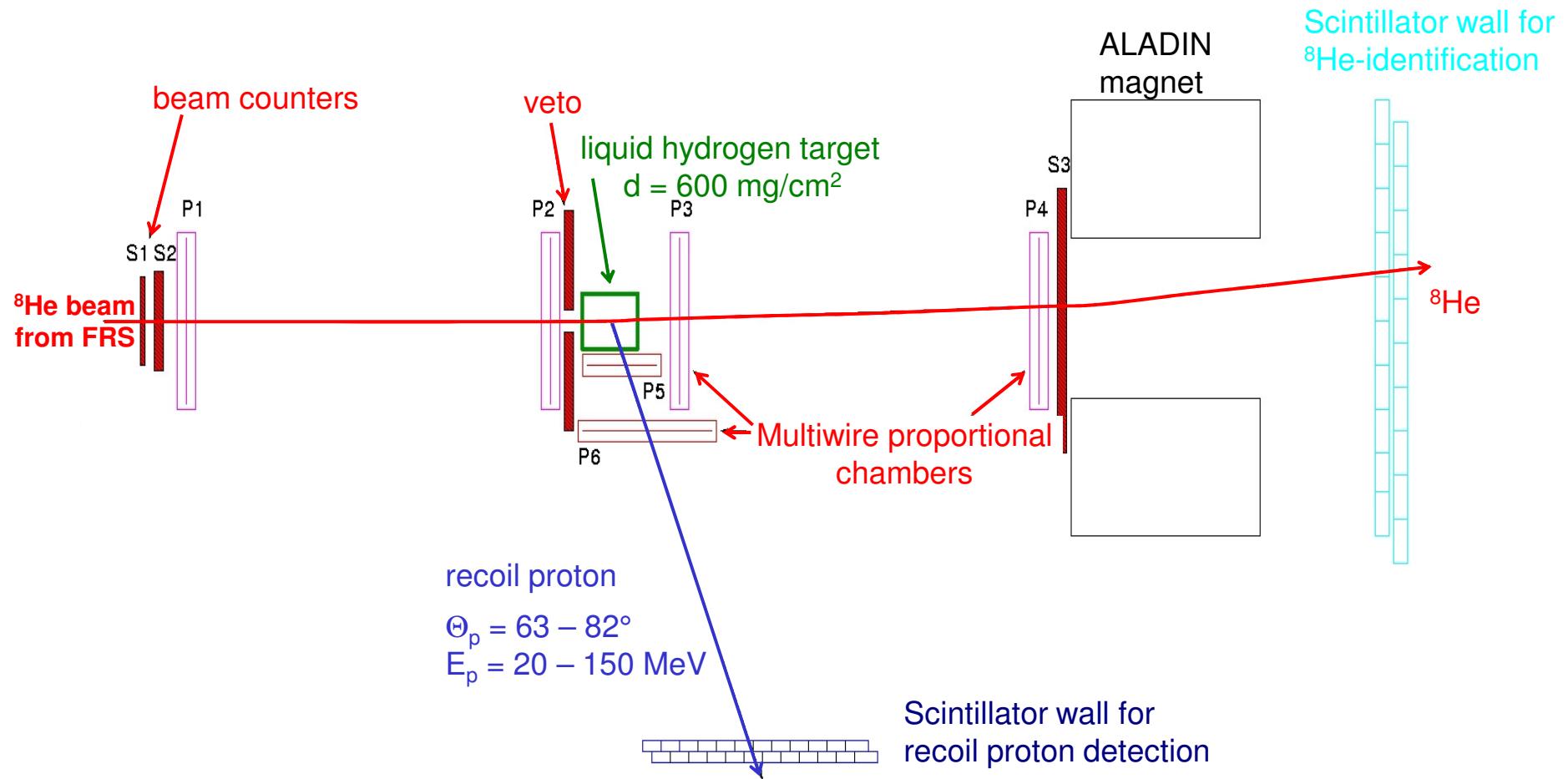
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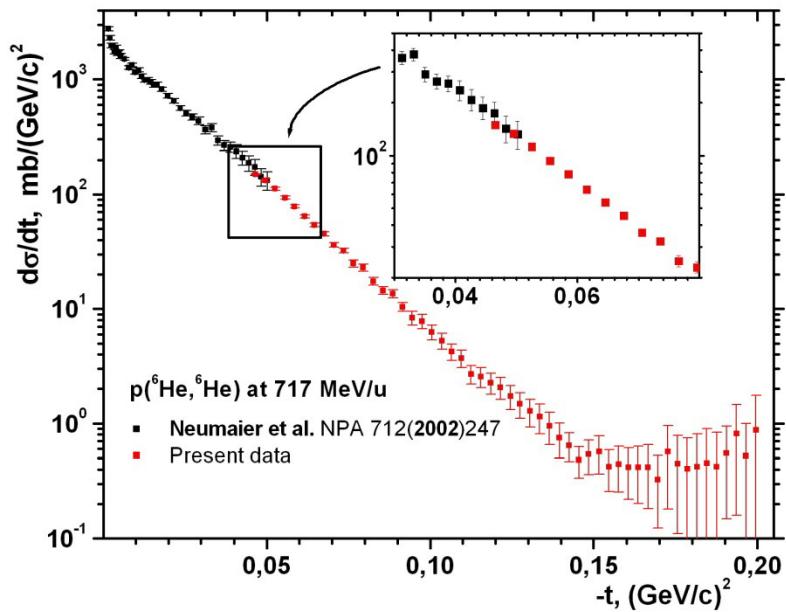
## IV. The Structure of Halo Nuclei from Elastic Scattering at Higher Momentum Transfer



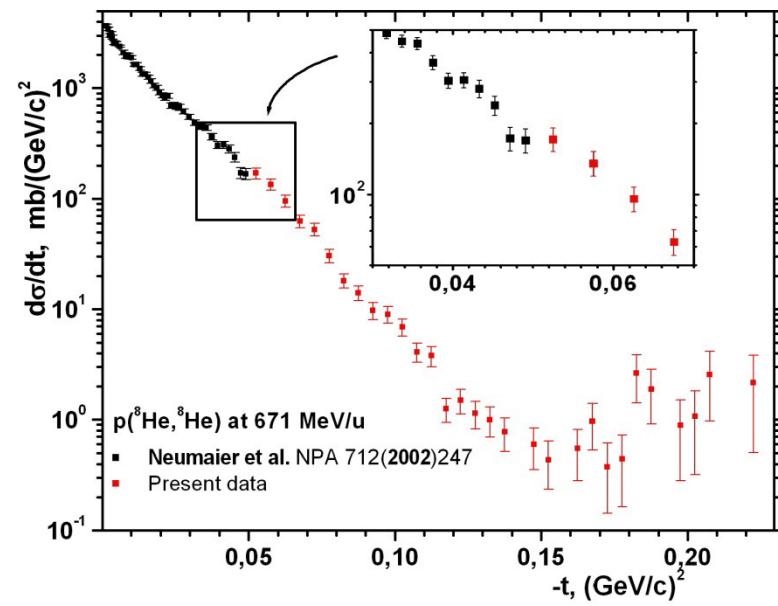
- $\text{LH}_2$  target used for first time in a scattering experiment with RIB's  
⇒ allows for low background measurements with high luminosity

# Experimental Cross Sections for $p^{6,8}\text{He}$ Elastic Scattering

$p(^6\text{He}, ^6\text{He}) \quad E = 717 \text{ MeV/u}$

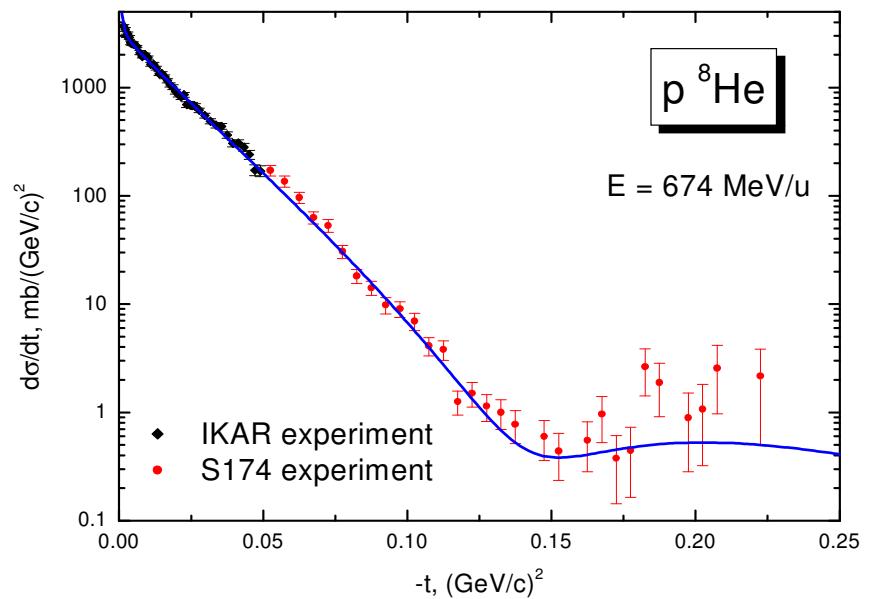
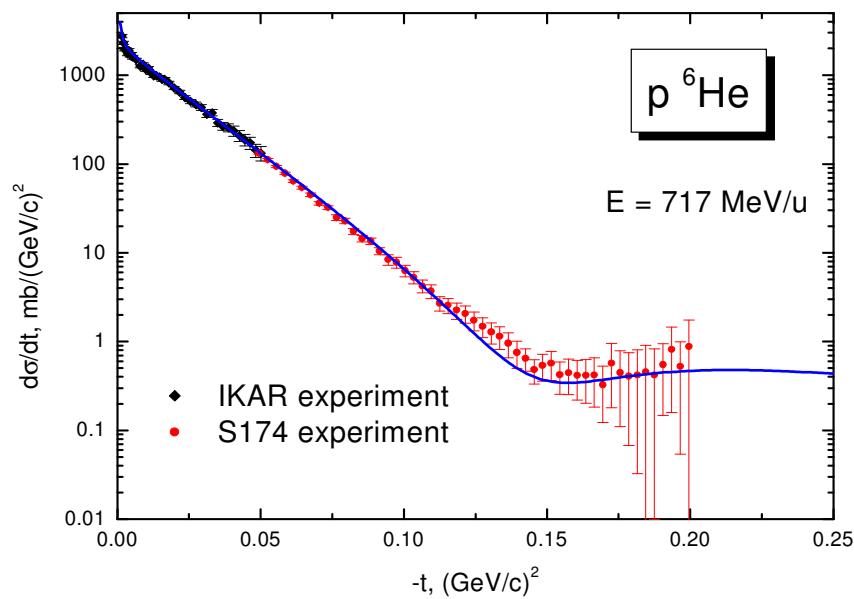


$p(^8\text{He}, ^8\text{He}) \quad E = 671 \text{ MeV/u}$



- IKAR experiment G. D. Alkhazov et al., Nucl. Phys. A712 (2002) 269
- S174 experiment O. Kiselev et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A641 (2011) 72

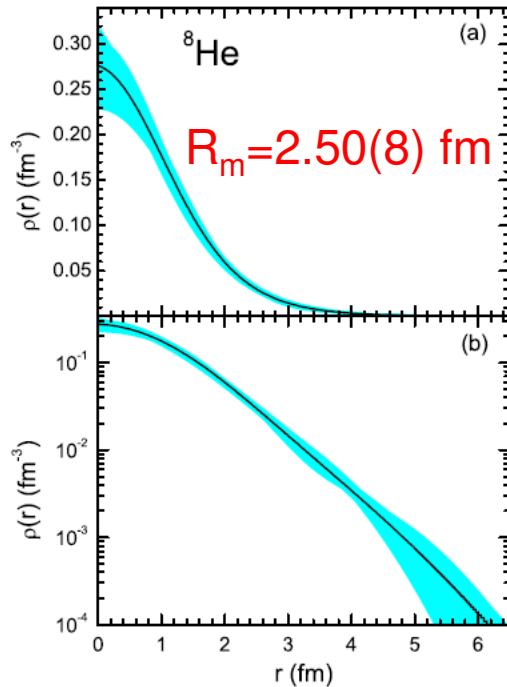
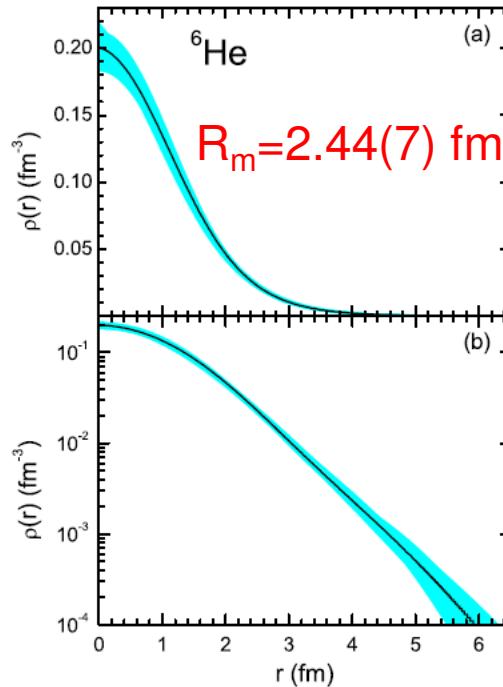
# Experimental Cross Sections for pHe Elastic Scattering



Glauber calculation provides a good description in the whole t-range

# Comparison of Results from IKAR and S174 Experiments

combined data (IKAR experiment and S174):  
recent analysis including spin-orbit interaction  
(X. L. Le et al., Phys. Rev. C92 (2015) 034608)



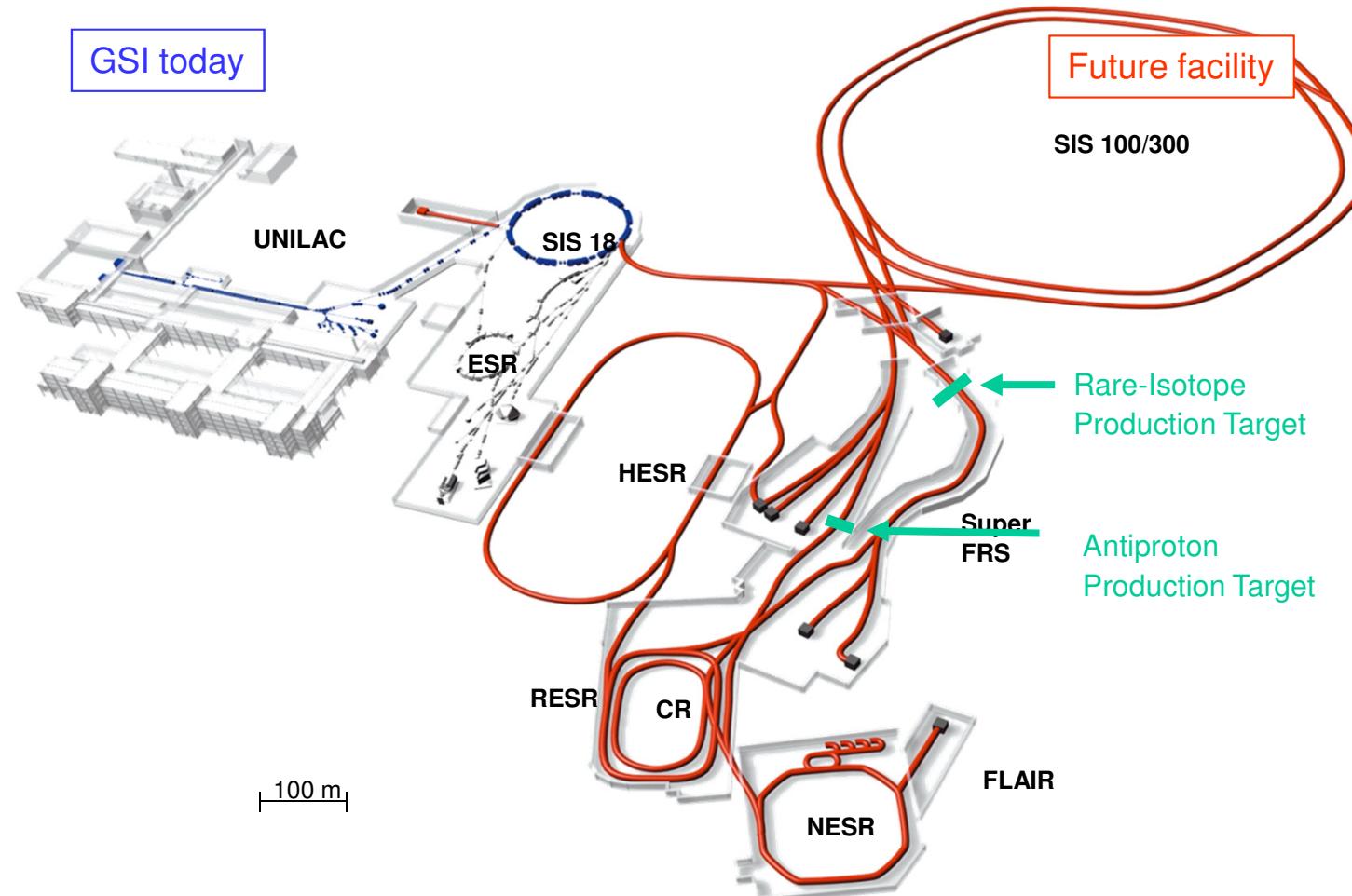
⇒ resulting matter distributions and matter radii fully consistent with results of previous IKAR experiment

only data at low momentum transfer (IKAR experiment):

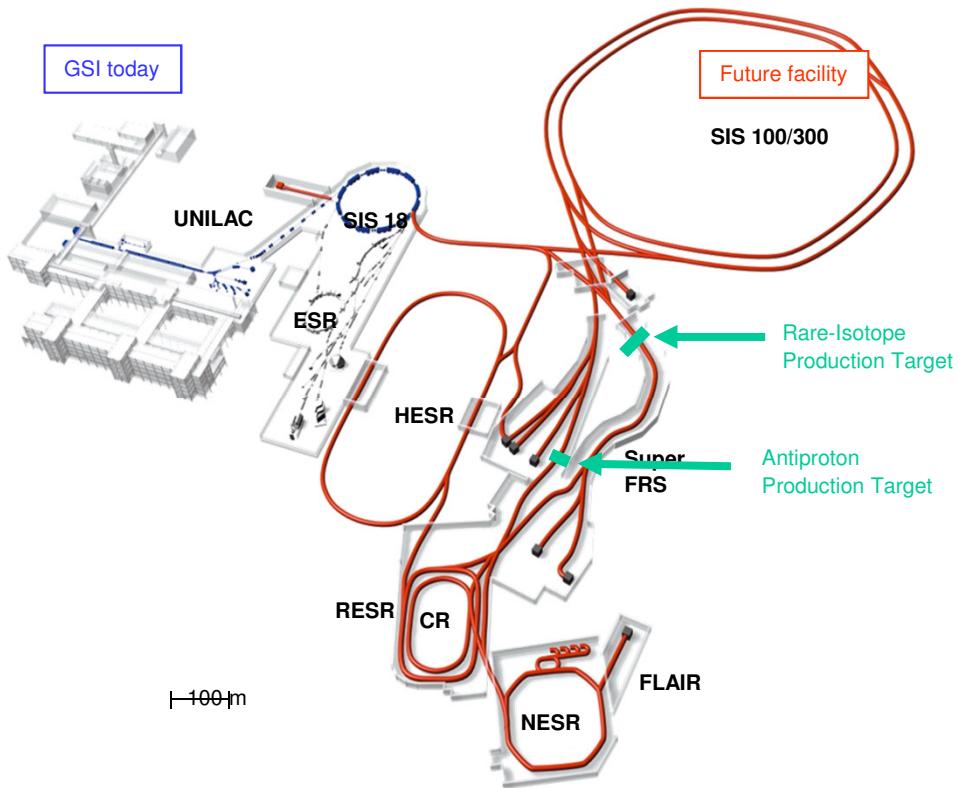
$${}^6\text{He}: R_m = 2.45(10) \text{ fm} \quad {}^8\text{He}: R_m = 2.53(8) \text{ fm}$$

# Perspectives at the Future International Facility FAIR

## FAIR: Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



# FAIR: Facility Characteristics



## Key Technical Features

- Cooled beams
- Rapidly cycling superconducting magnets

## Primary Beams

- $10^{12}/\text{s}$ ; 1.5-2 GeV/u;  $^{238}\text{U}^{28+}$
- Factor 100-1000 over present in intensity
- $2(4)\times 10^{13}/\text{s}$  30 GeV protons
- $10^{10}/\text{s}$   $^{238}\text{U}^{73+}$  up to 35 GeV/u
- up to 90 GeV protons

## Secondary Beams

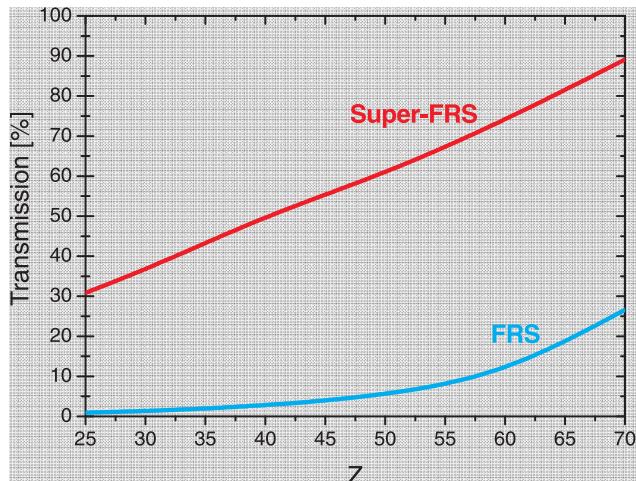
- Broad range of radioactive beams up to 1.5 - 2 GeV/u; up to factor 10 000 in intensity over present
- Antiprotons 3 - 30 GeV

## Storage and Cooler Rings

- Radioactive beams
- e – A collider
- $10^{11}$  stored and cooled 0.8 - 14.5 GeV antiprotons

# Nuclear Physics with Radioactive Beams at FAIR: **NUSTAR**: NUclear STructure, Astrophysics and Reactions

**I High intensity primary beams** from SIS 100 (e.g.  $10^{12} \text{ }^{238}\text{U}$  / sec at 1 GeV/u)

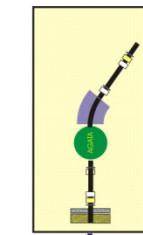


Pre-Separator

**II Superconducting large acceptance Fragmentseparator**

Optimized for efficient transport of fission products

**III Three experimental areas**

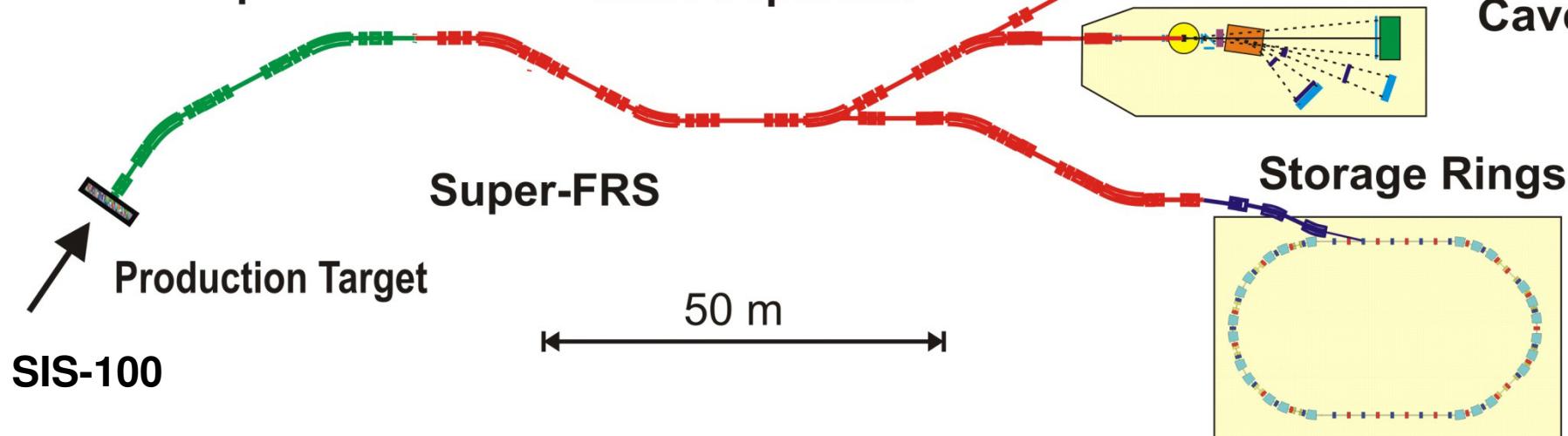


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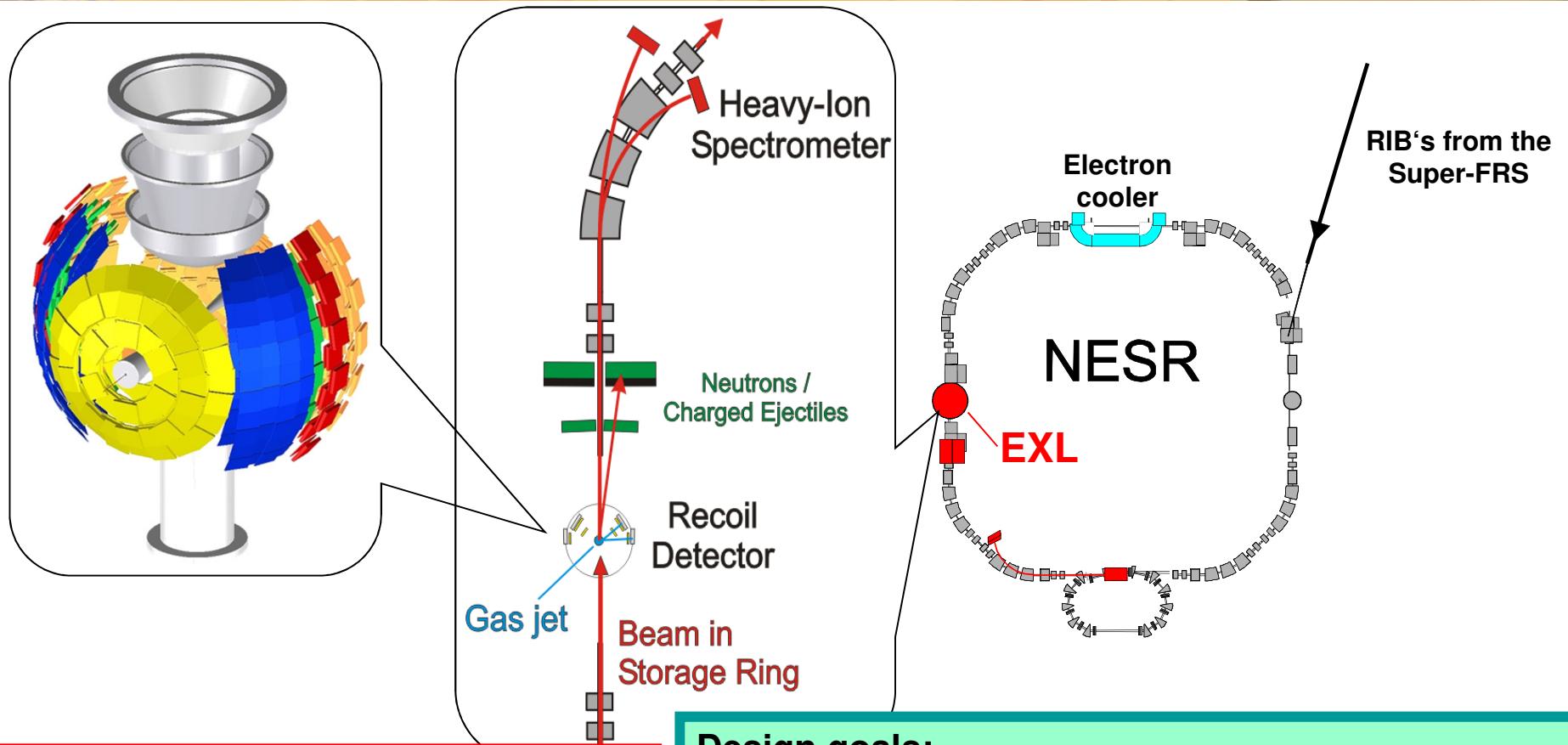
Main-Separator

High-Energy Cave

Storage Rings



# The EXL Project: EXotic Nuclei Studied in Light-Ion Induced Reactions at the NESR Storage Ring

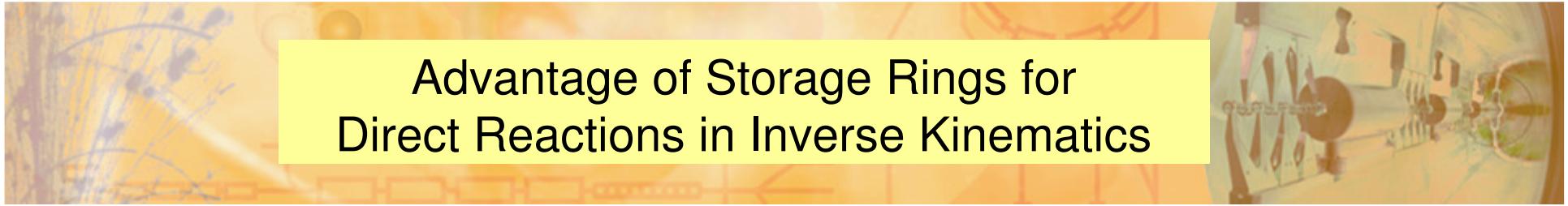


## Detection systems for:

- Target recoils and gammas ( $p, \alpha, n, \gamma$ )
- Forward ejectiles ( $p, n$ )
- Beam-like heavy ions

## Design goals:

- Universality: applicable to a wide class of reactions
- High energy resolution and high angular resolution
- Large solid angle acceptance
- Specially dedicated for low  $q$  measurements with high luminosity ( $> 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )



## Advantage of Storage Rings for Direct Reactions in Inverse Kinematics

- low threshold and high resolution due to: beam cooling, thin target ( $10^{14}$ - $10^{15}$  cm $^{-2}$ )
- gain of luminosity due to: continuous beam accumulation and recirculation
- low background due to: pure, windowless  $^{1,2}\text{H}_2$ ,  $^{3,4}\text{He}$ , etc. targets
- experiments with isomeric beams

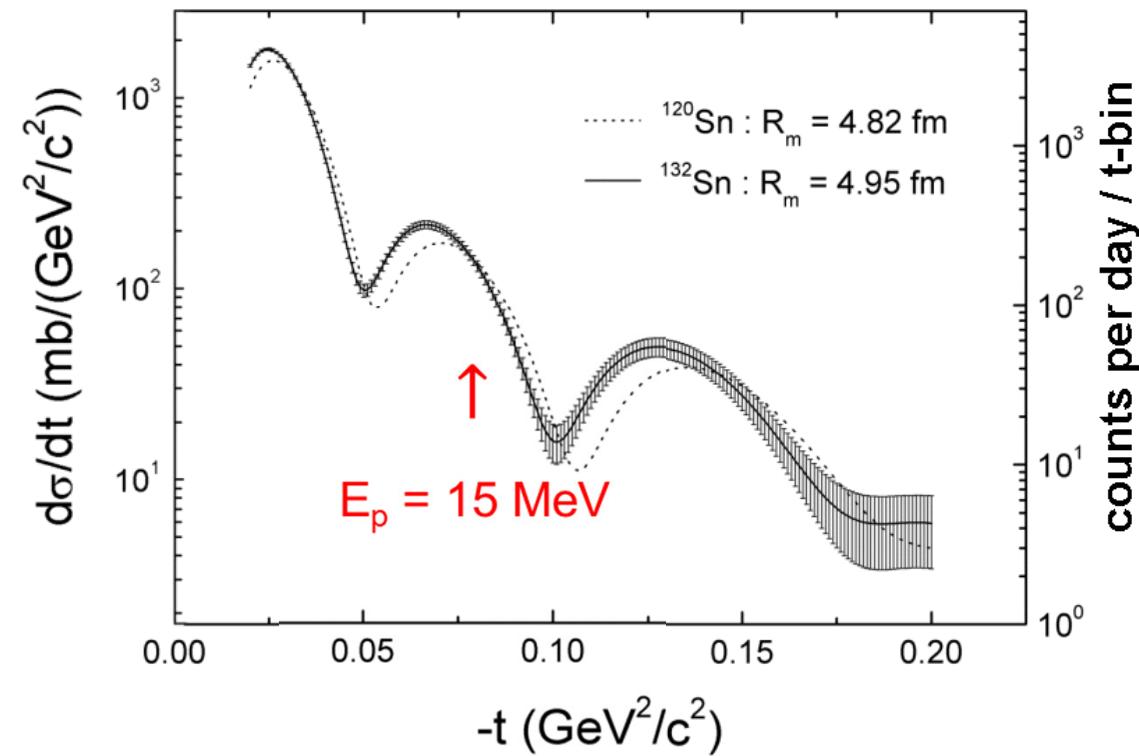
Experiments at very low momentum transfer can only be performed at EXL  
(except with active targets, but with substantial lower luminosity)

# Sensitivity to the Nuclear Matter Radius

reaction:  $p ({}^{132}\text{Sn}, p ), E = 700 \text{ MeV/u}$

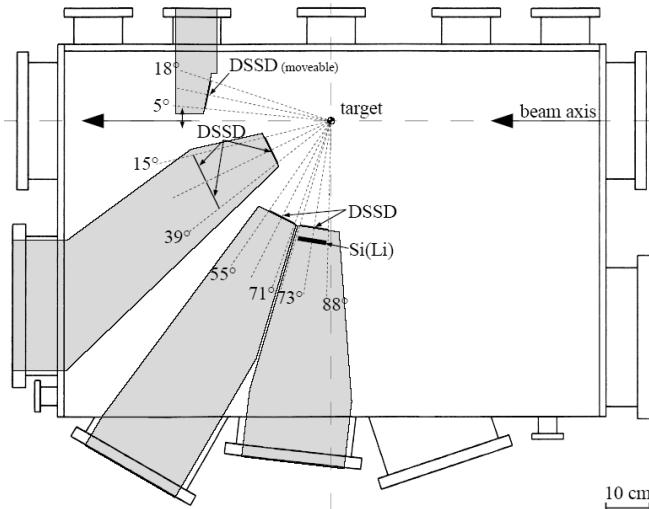
assumed intensity:  $5 \times 10^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

assumed target: active target of 1m at 1 bar



## V. Proposal E105: Feasibility Studies and First Experiments with RIB's at the ESR Storage Ring

**specially designed scattering  
chamber for the ESR:**



**reactions with  $^{58}\text{Ni}$ :**

**proof of principles and feasibility studies:**

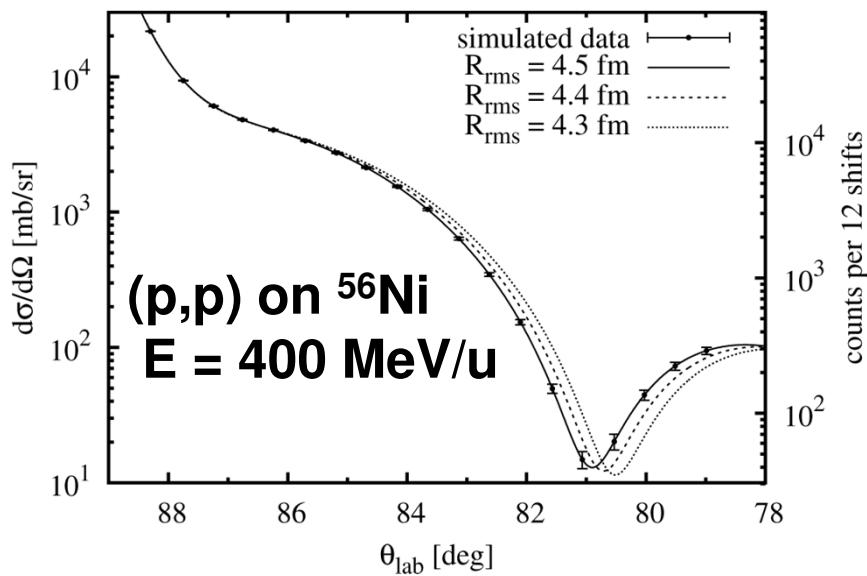
- UHV capability of detector setup
- background conditions in ESR environment at the internal target
- low energy threshold
- beam and target performance

**reactions with  $^{56}\text{Ni}$ :**

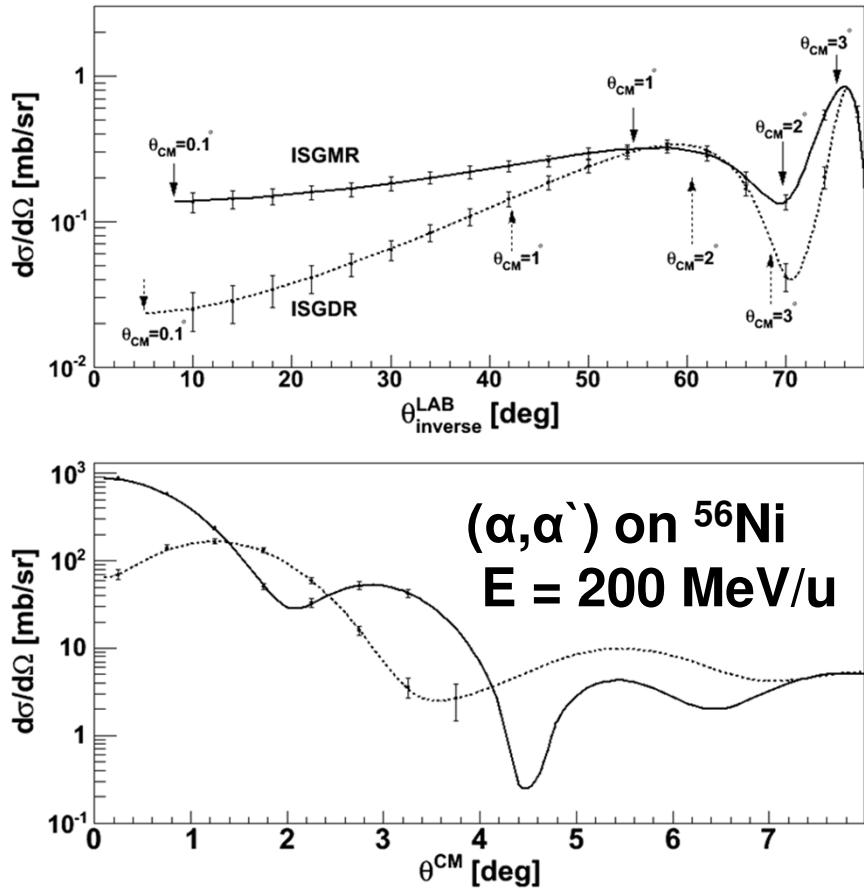
**$^{56}\text{Ni}$ : doubly magic nucleus!!**

- ( $p,p$ ) reactions: nuclear matter distribution
- ( $\alpha,\alpha'$ ) reactions: giant resonances (GMR)  
EOS parameters (nucl. compressibility)
- ( $^{3}\text{He},t$ ) reactions: Gamow-Teller  
matrix elements, important for astrophys.

## Theoretical Predictions



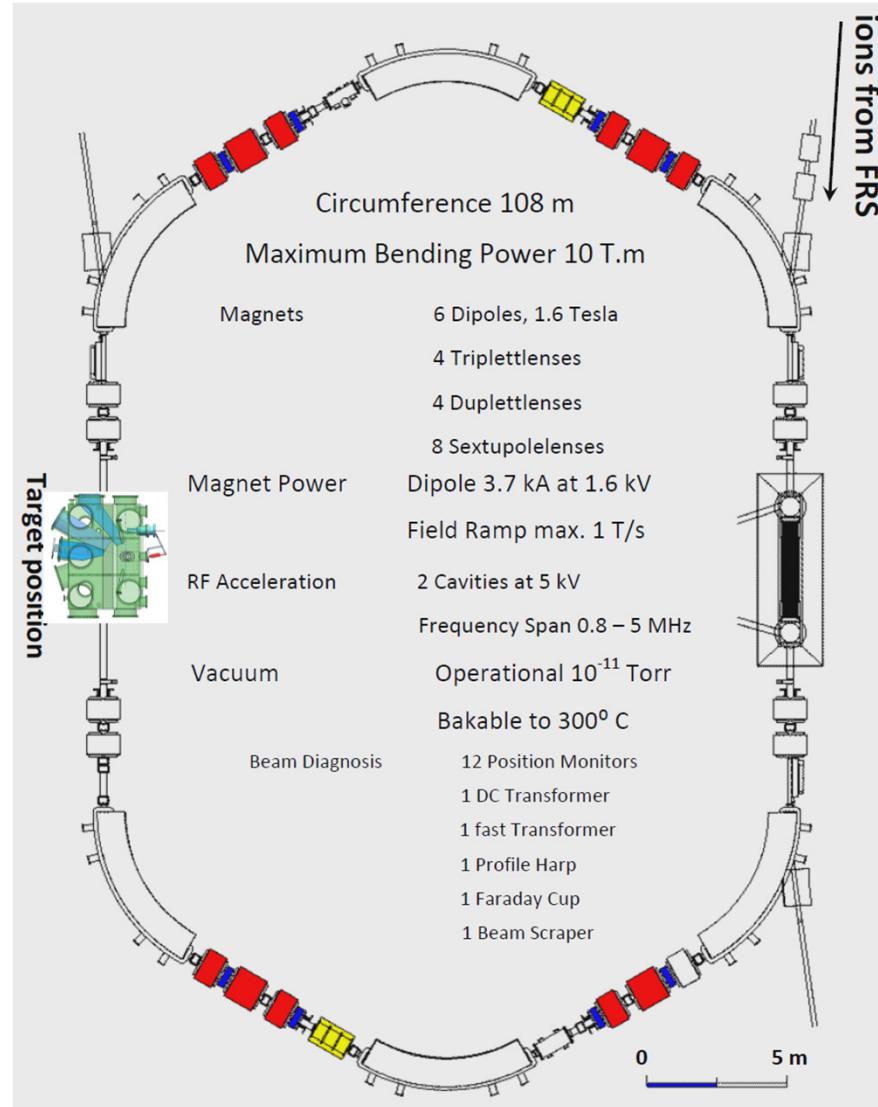
4 days with  $L = 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$   
 recoil energies: 1 – 45 MeV



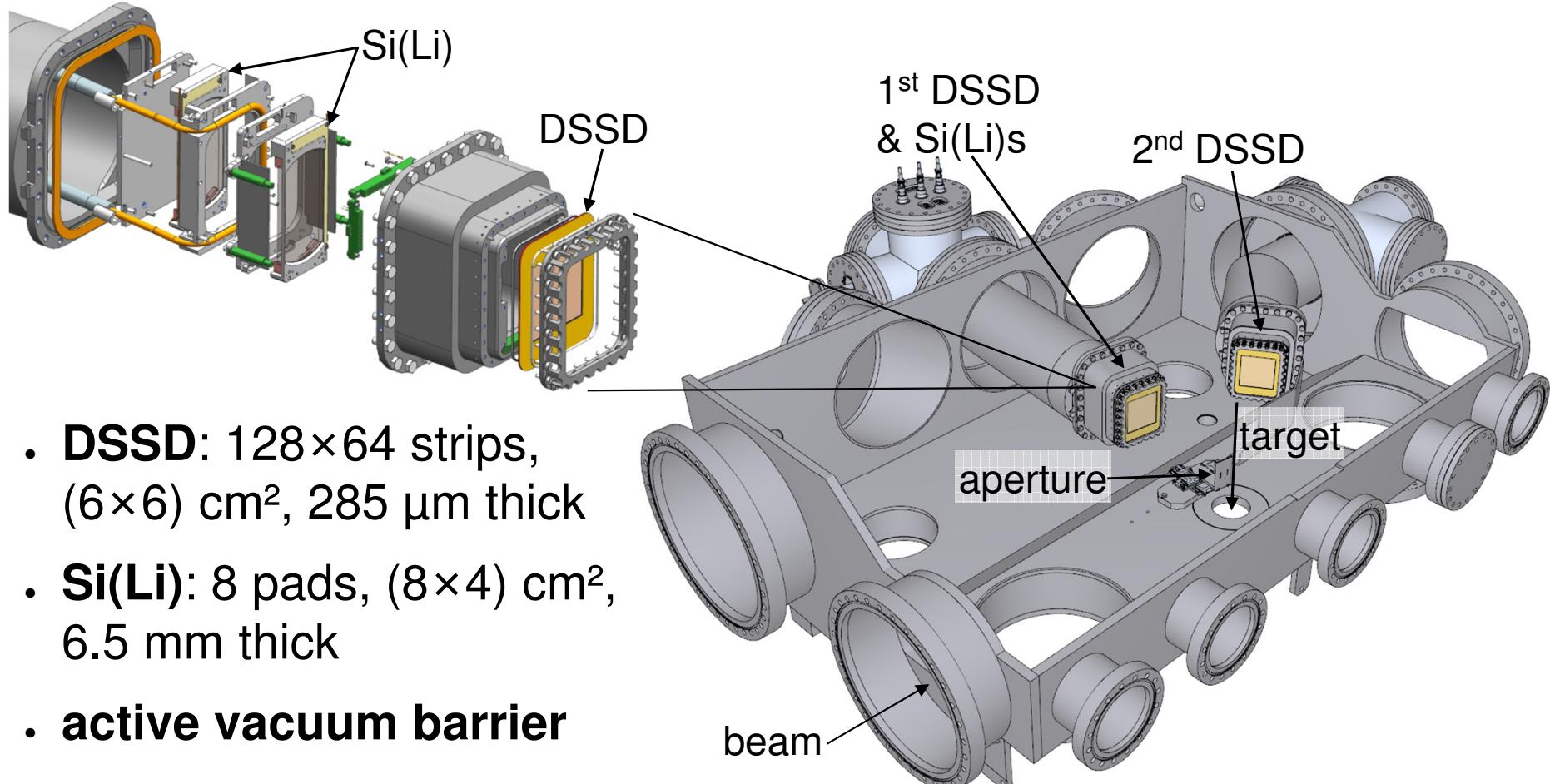
14 days with  $L = 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$   
 recoil energies: 200 – 700 keV

needed: large solid angle detectors with low threshold and large dynamic range

# Setup at the ESR Storage Ring

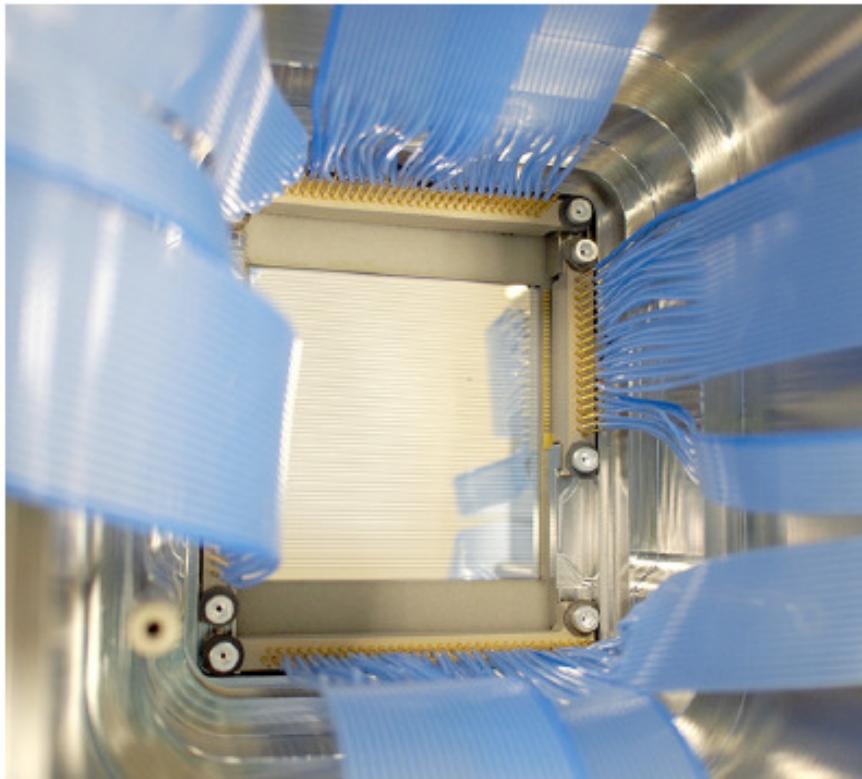


# Experimental Concept for the E105 Experiment

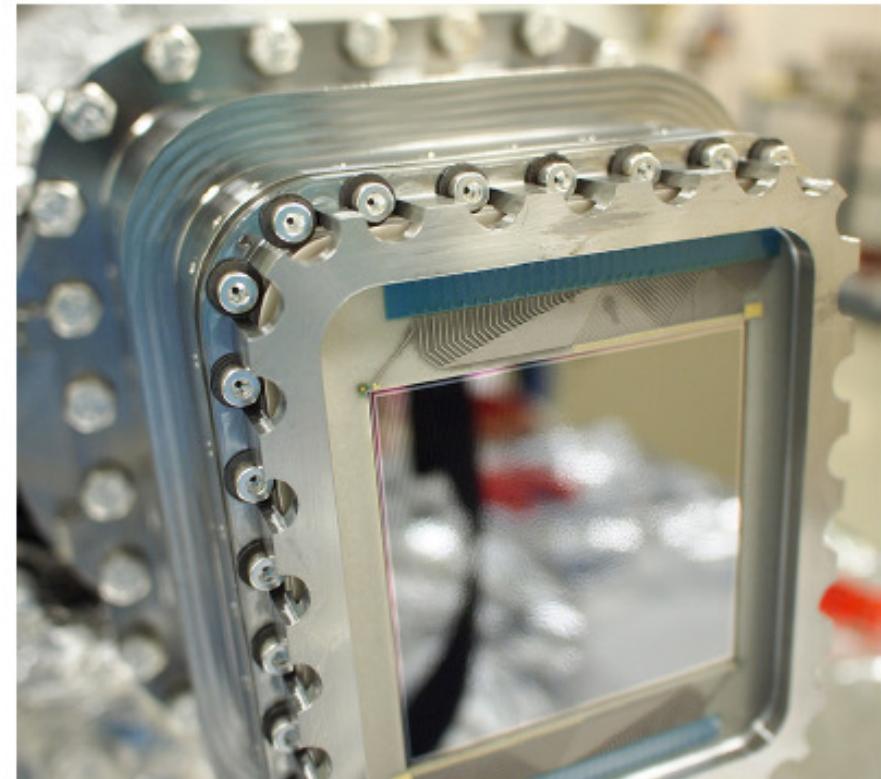


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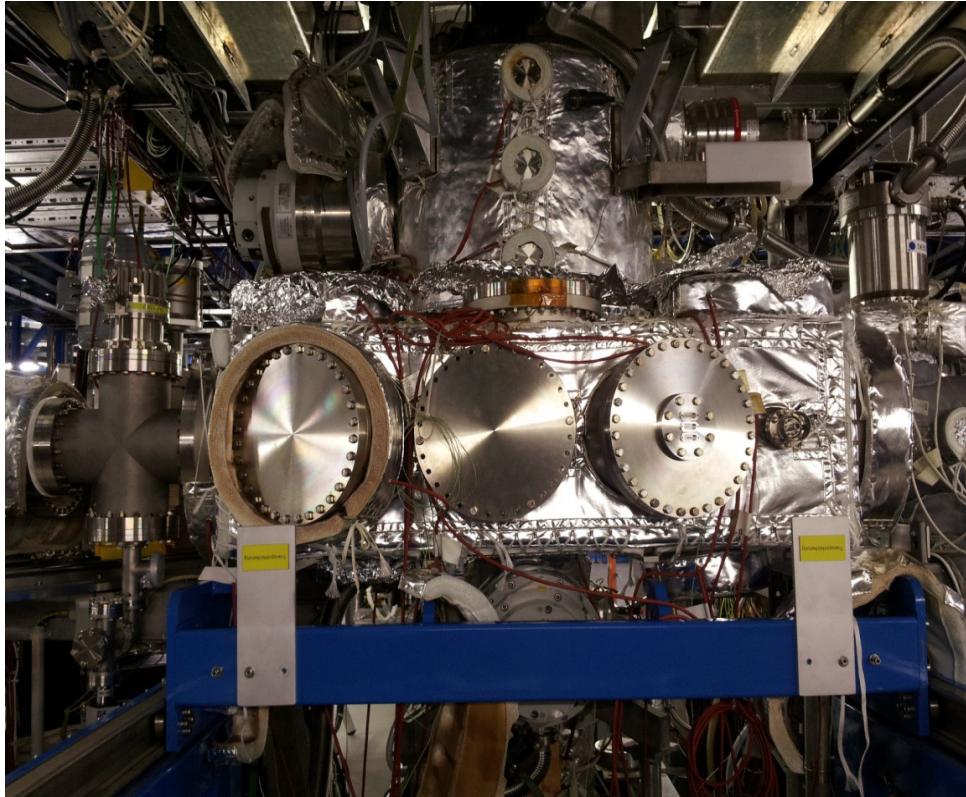
► Auxilliary vacuum side



► Ultra-high vacuum side

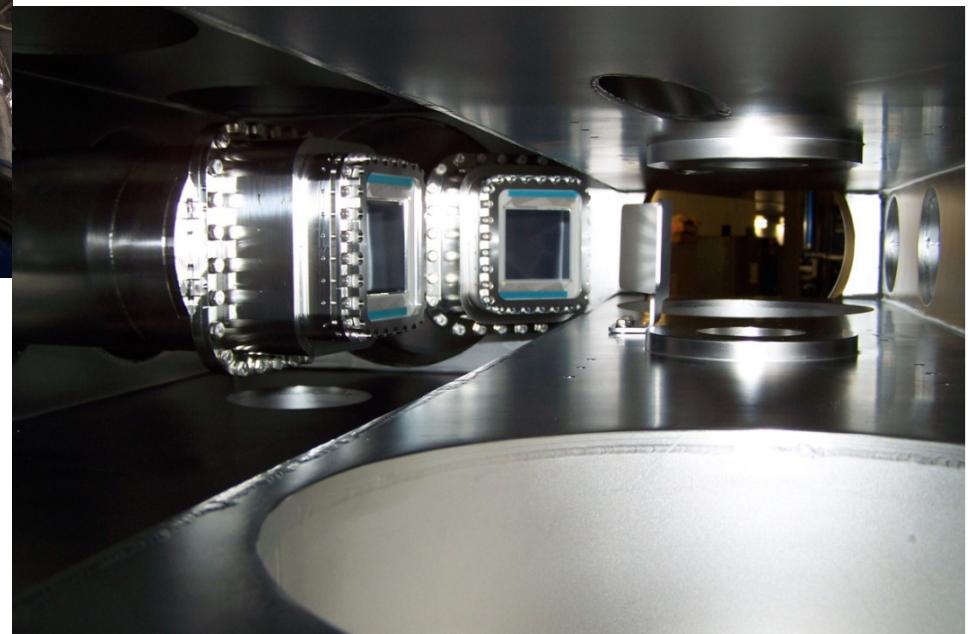


## Experimental Setup at the ESR



*challenge:*  
*UHV capable and bakeable*  
*DSSD and Si(Li) detectors*

*Scattering Chamber mounted  
at the Internal Target of the ESR*



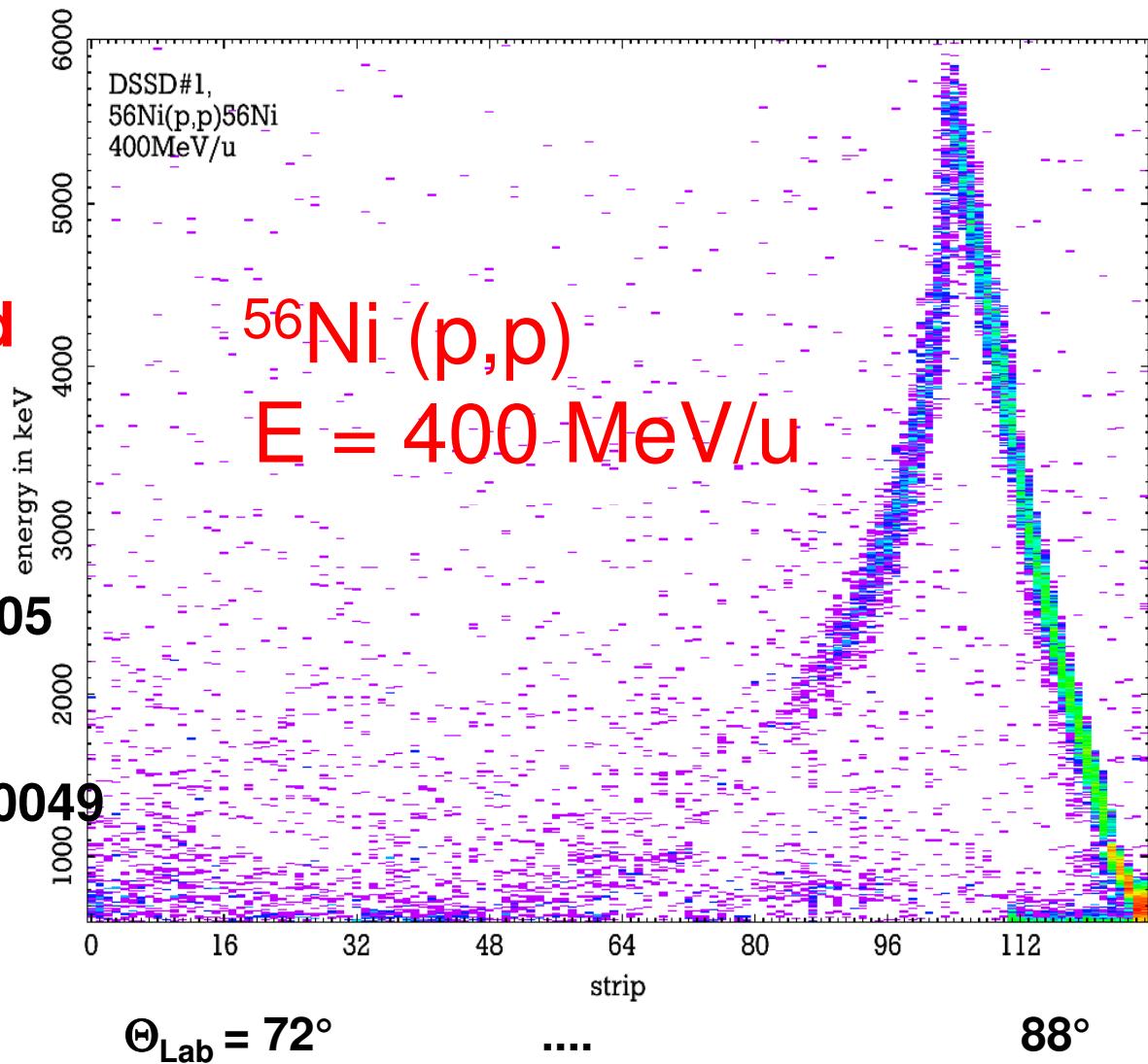
# First Results with Radioactive Beam

25. 10. 2012:

**First Nuclear Reaction  
Experiment with Stored  
Radioactive Beam!!!**

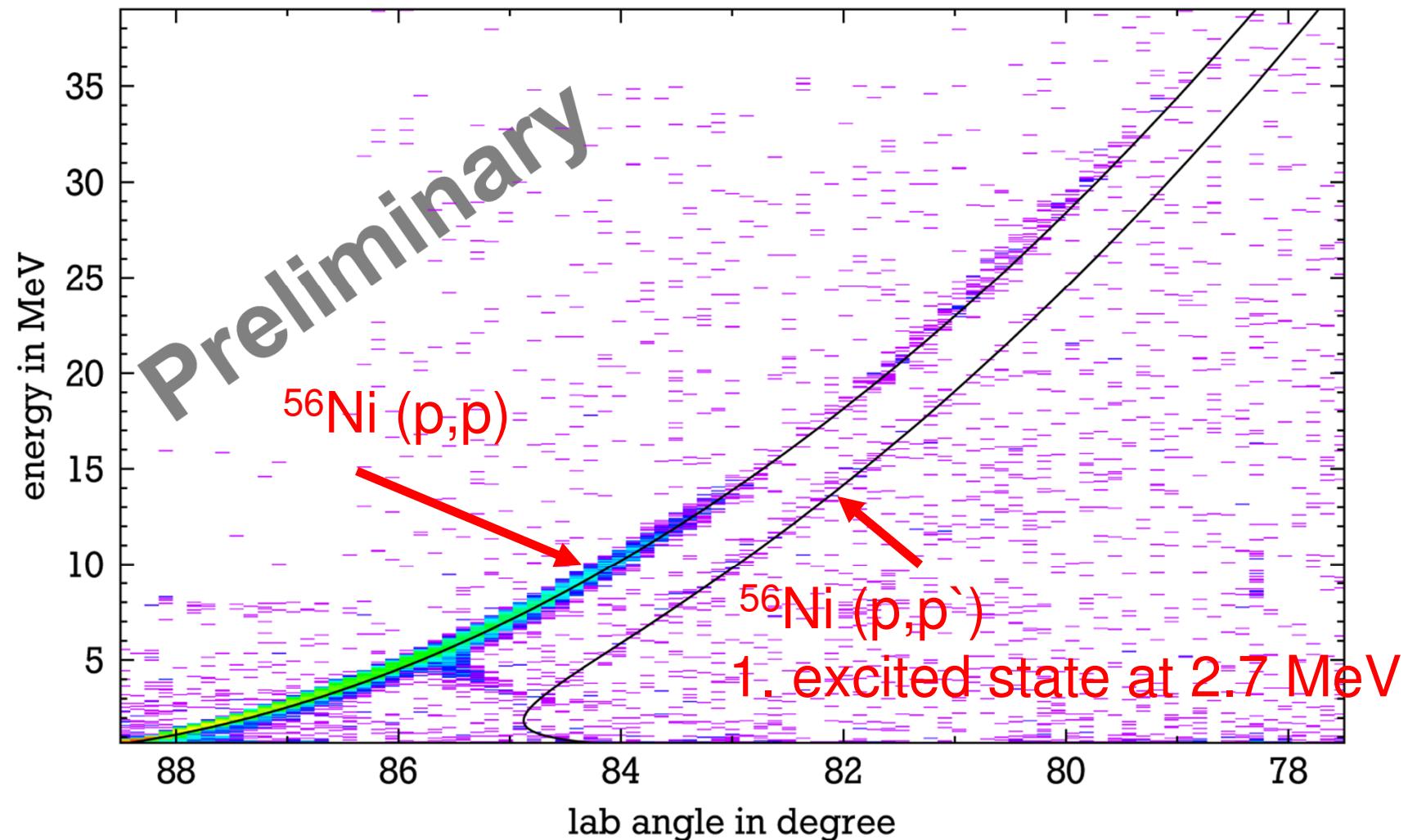
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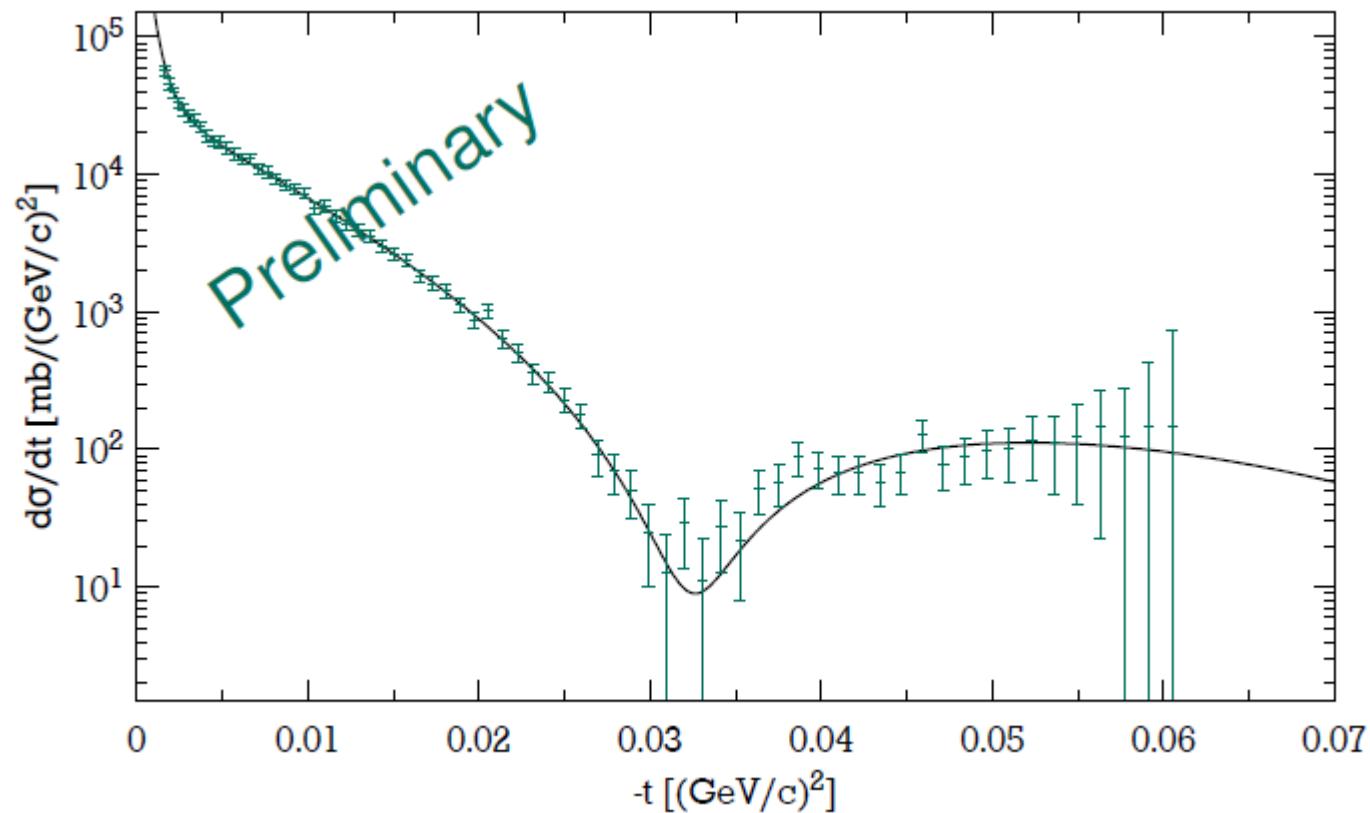
## First Results with Radioactive Beam

$^{56}\text{Ni}(\text{p},\text{p}')$ ,  $E = 400 \text{ MeV/u}$  Identification of Inelastic Scattering



# First Results with Radioactive Beam

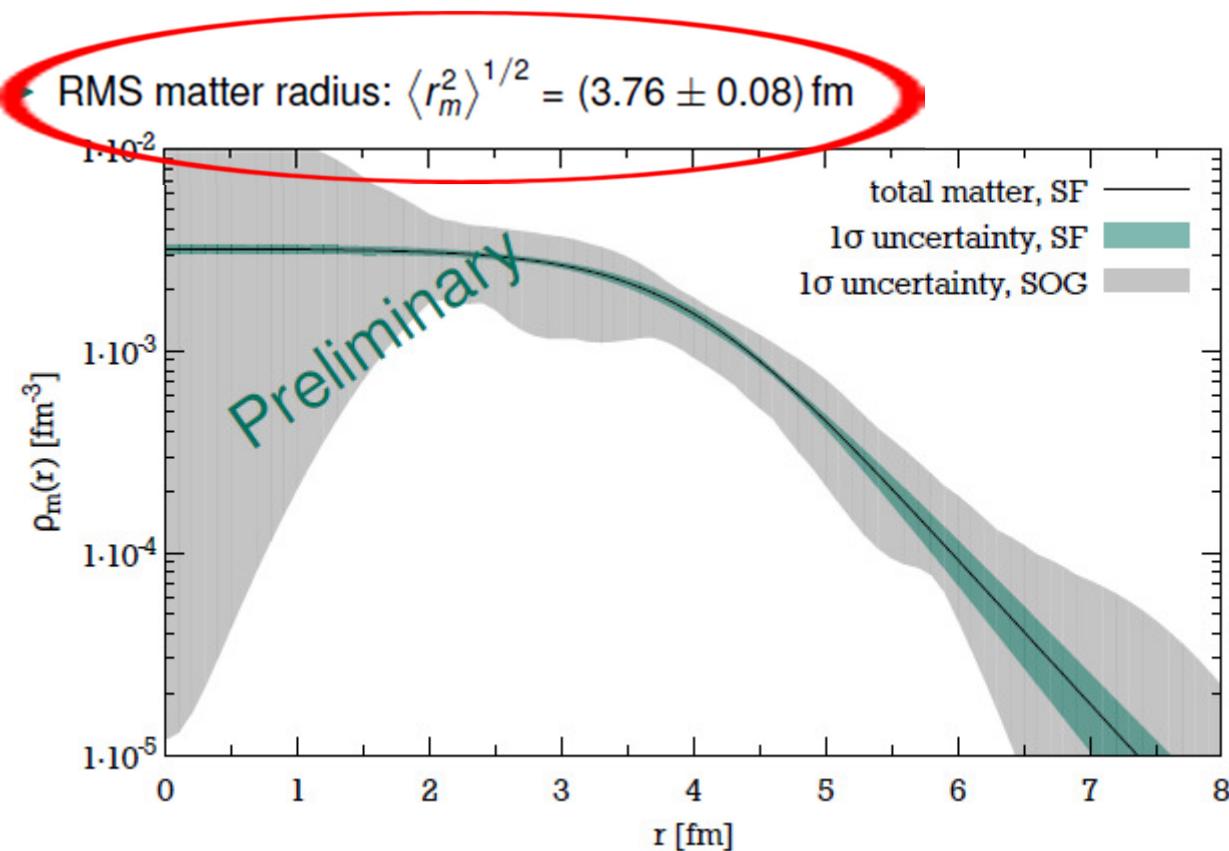
$^{56}\text{Ni}(\text{p},\text{p})$ ,  $E = 400 \text{ MeV/u}$  Angular Distribution  
Cross Section fitted using the Glauber Theory



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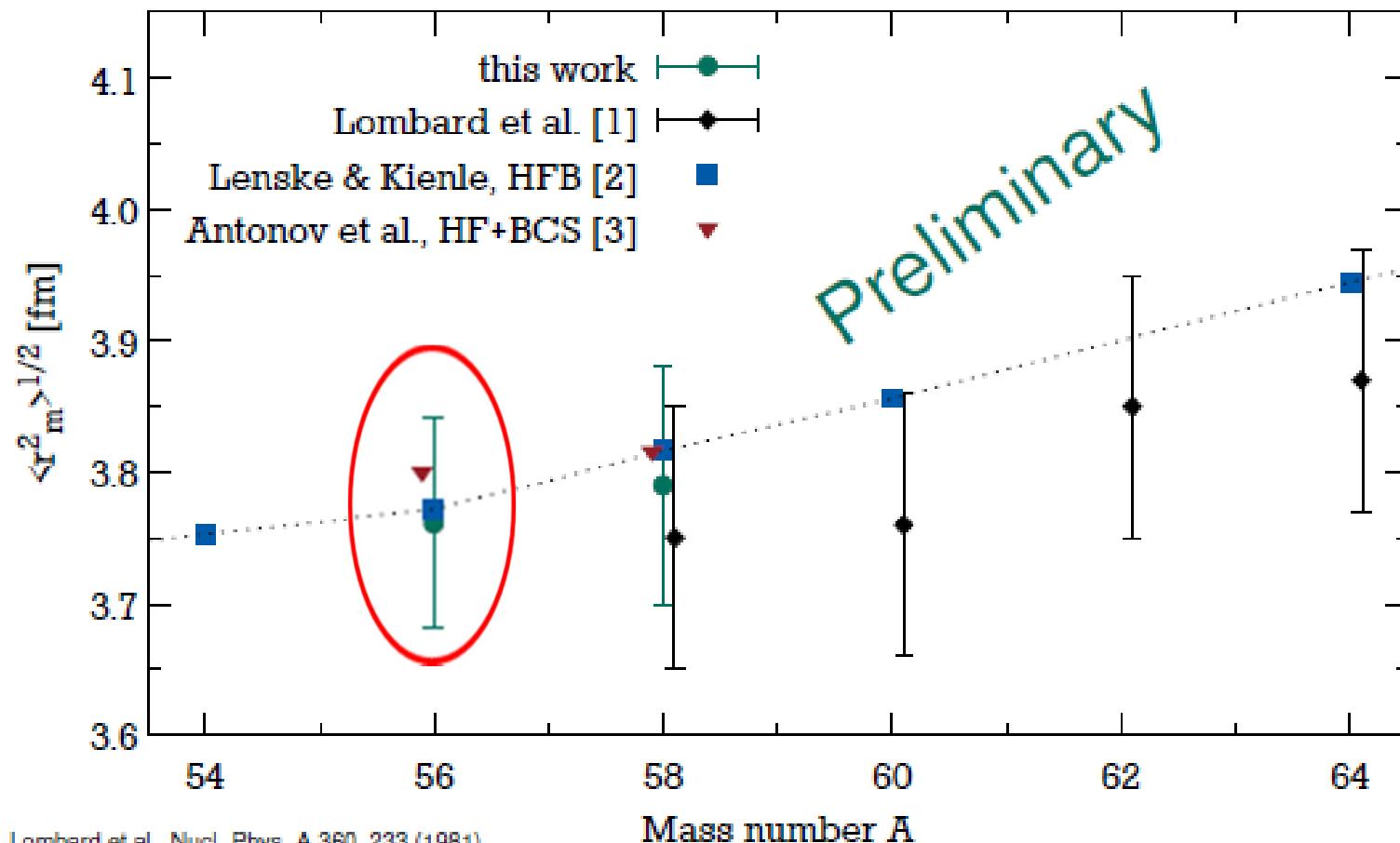
## First Results with Radioactive Beam

### Nuclear Matter Distribution of $^{56}\text{Ni}$



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# Nuclear Matter Radii in Ni Isotopes



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# Statistical and Systematical Uncertainties on the Matter Radius $R_m$

example:  $^8\text{He}$  (from: G. D. Alkhazov et al., Nucl. Phys. A712 (2002) 269)

Nucleus	$R_m$ (fm)	Total errors (fm)	Error contributions to $R_m$ from different sources, fm					
			Stat. errors	Model uncertainties <sup>a</sup>	$\sigma_{pN}$	$\epsilon_{pN}$	$\beta_{pN}$	<i>t</i> -scale
$^8\text{He}$	2.45	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02

<sup>a</sup> Deviations from the average values of the matter radii  $R_m$  deduced with the four model densities individually.

systematical uncertainties on  $R_m$ :  $\Delta R_m \sim 0.04$  fm

## VI. Which Accuracy on the Neutron Skin can be finally reached?

systematical uncertainties on  $R_m$ :  $\Delta R_m \sim 0.04$  fm

systematical uncertainties on  $R_p$ :  $\Delta R_p \sim 0.02$  fm  $\Rightarrow \Delta \delta_{np} \sim 0.05$  fm

(from Laser Spectroscopy, SCRIT, ELISE...)

additional contributions:

- statistical uncertainty
- approximations (Eikonal, Adiabatic, ...)
- nucleon correlations

important ingredients:

- calibration to neutron skin measurements with other methods (stable isotopes)
- resolve inelastic from elastic scattering (storage ring experiments)
- discriminate isomeric contributions in exotic beams (storage ring experiments)
- good statistics (FAIR intensities)



## Summary and Conclusions

- elastic proton scattering at intermediate energies is a powerful tool to study nuclear matter distributions of exotic nuclei
  - ⇒ the active target IKAR was successfully applied for low  $q$  measurements
  - ⇒ data on  $^{6,8}\text{He}$ ,  $^{6,8,9,11}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{12,14}\text{Be}$ ,  $^8\text{B}$  and  $^{17}\text{C}$  were obtained (in a direct way)
- the absolute differential cross sections allow to deduce:
  - ⇒ precise "model independent" nuclear matter radii
  - ⇒ the radial shape of nuclear matter distributions
- a combination with data from elastic electron scattering allows to determine the radial shape neutron skins
- in future powerfull experimental methods (EXL, ACTAR, ELISe at FAIR, SCRIT at RIKEN) will allow to reach high accuracy ( $\Delta (R_n - R_p) \leq 0.05 \text{ fm}$ ) data on neutron skins