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## Preparations for the first EXL experiment FRS-User Meeting, 28 November 2011

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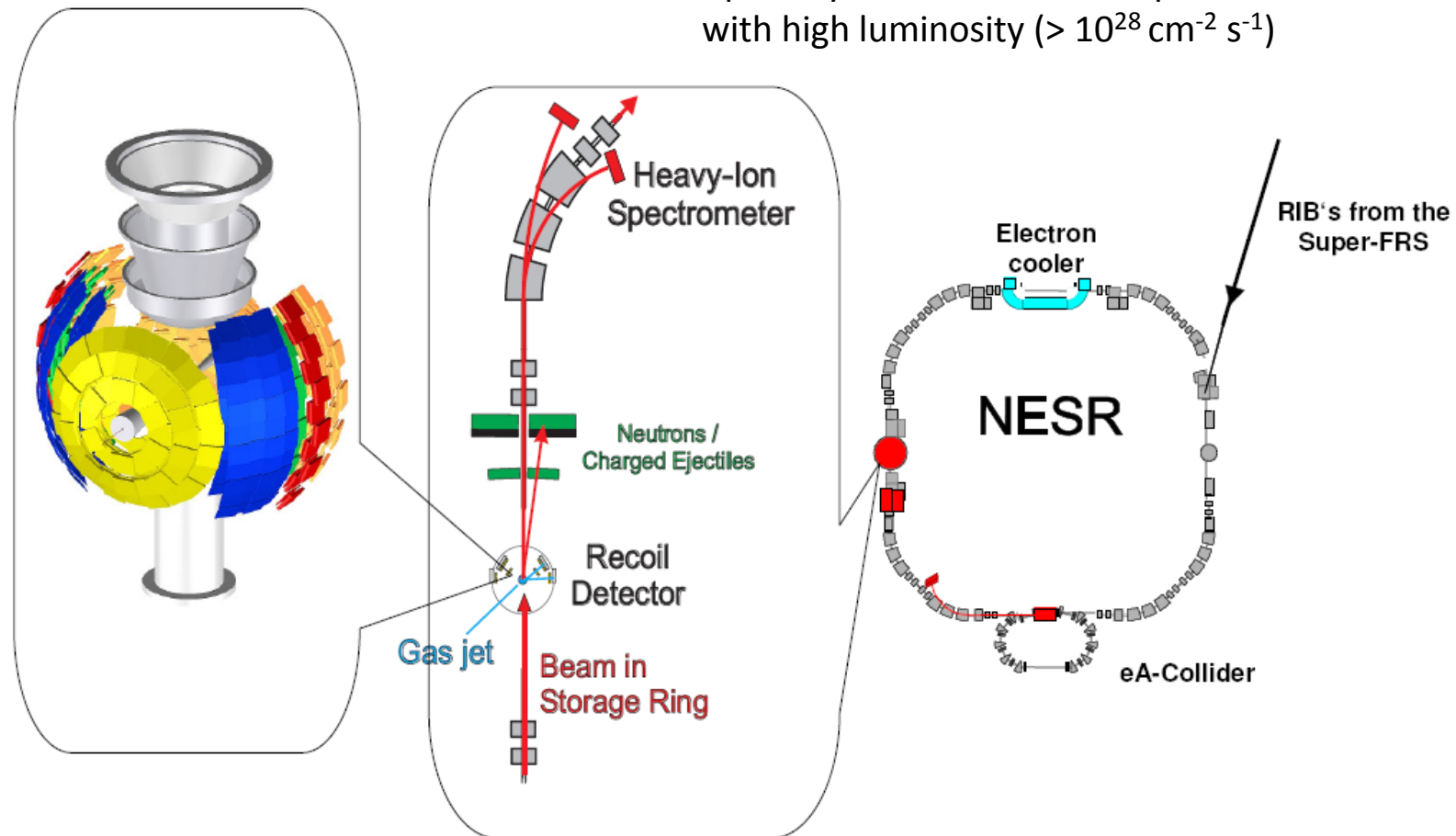
We will update the collaboration list in the coming months

**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
- ✓ Good energy and angular resolution
- ✓ Large solid angle acceptance
- ✓ Specially dedicated for low q measurements with high luminosity ( $> 10^{28} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

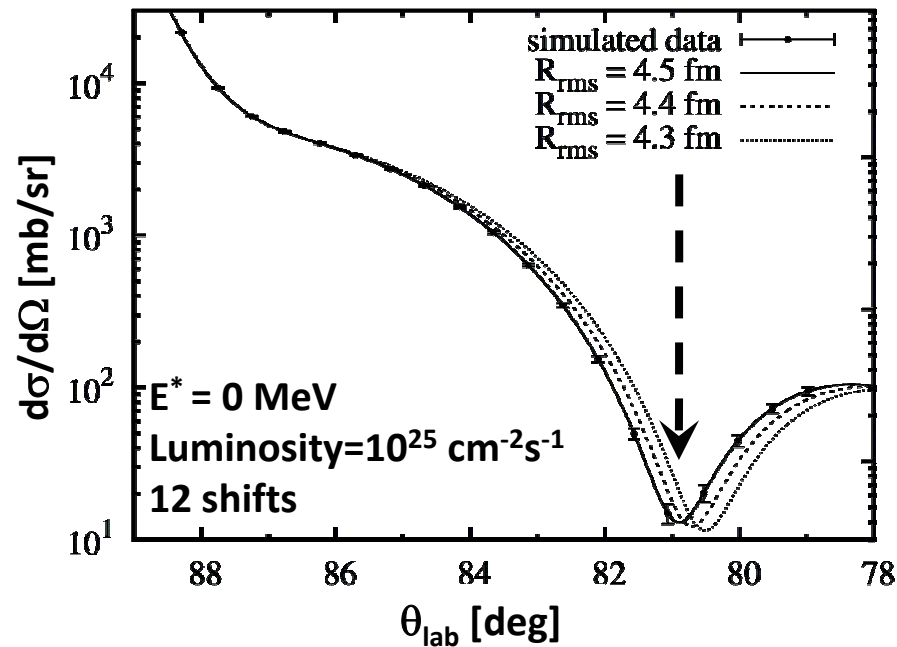


## Physics goals of the EXL program :

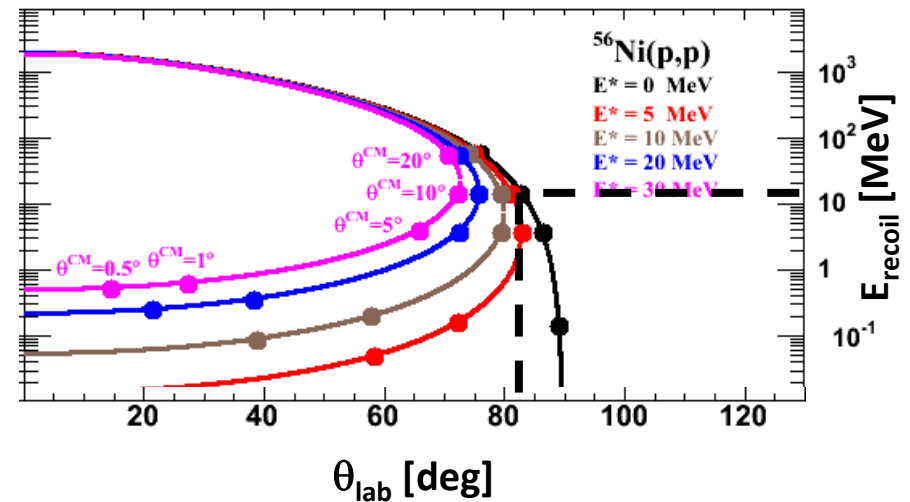
- ✓ **Nuclear Matter Distributions along Isotopic Chains** (ex. halo, skin structure)  
method: *elastic proton scattering at low  $q$ :*
  
- ✓ **Giant Monopole and Iso-Scalar Dipole Resonances** (ex. nuclear compressibility)  
method: *inelastic  $\alpha$  scattering at low  $q$*
  
- ✓ **Gamow-Teller Transitions** (ex. weak interaction rates for N=Z waiting point nuclei)  
method: *( $^3\text{He},t$ ), ( $d,^2\text{He}$ ) charge exchange reactions at low  $q$*

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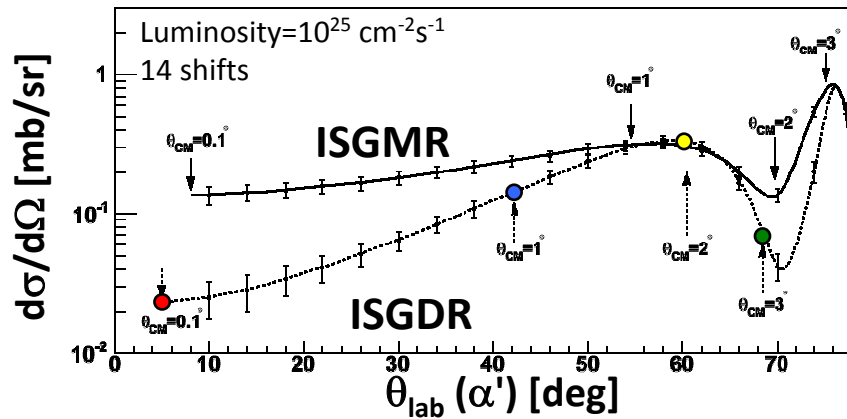


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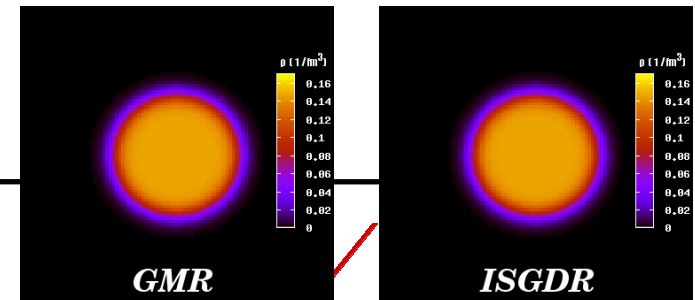
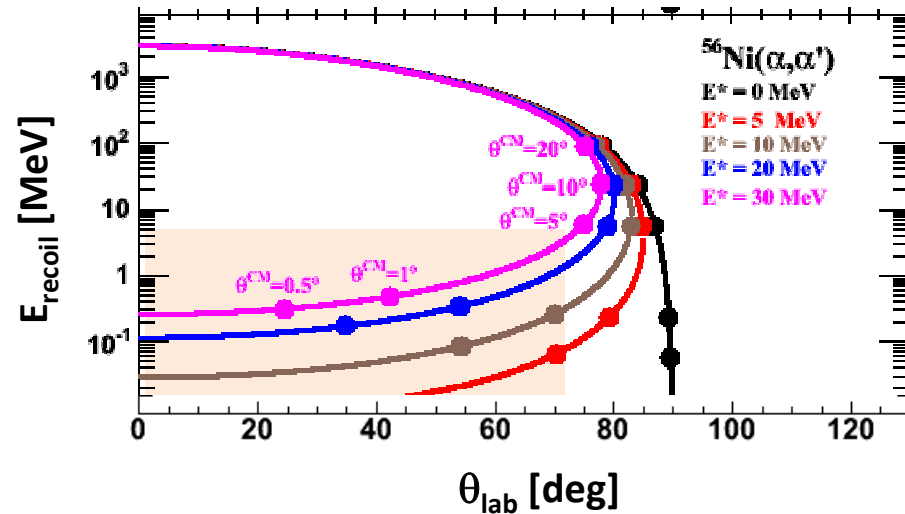
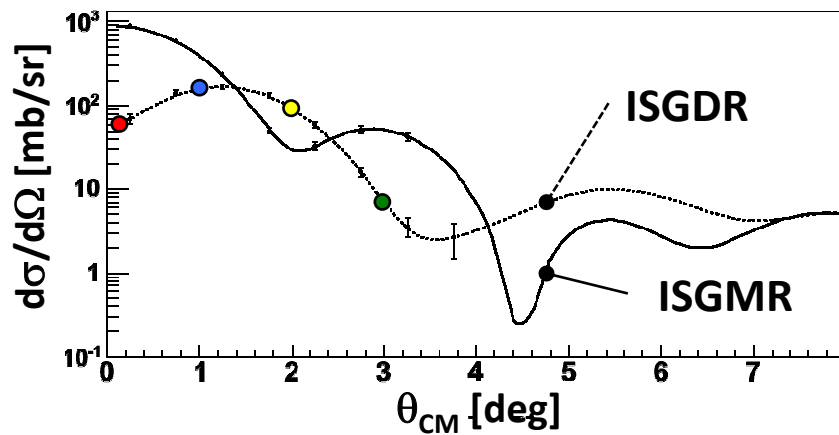


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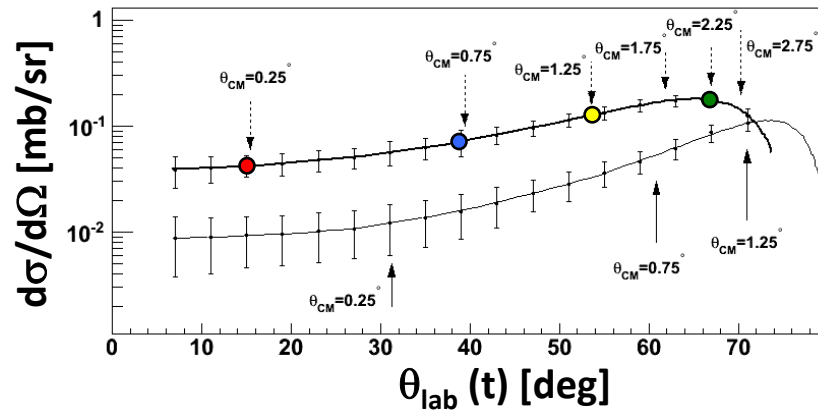


ISGMR: 19.5 MeV (Monrozeau *et al.*, PRL 100, 042501 (2008))  
 ISGDR: 30 MeV

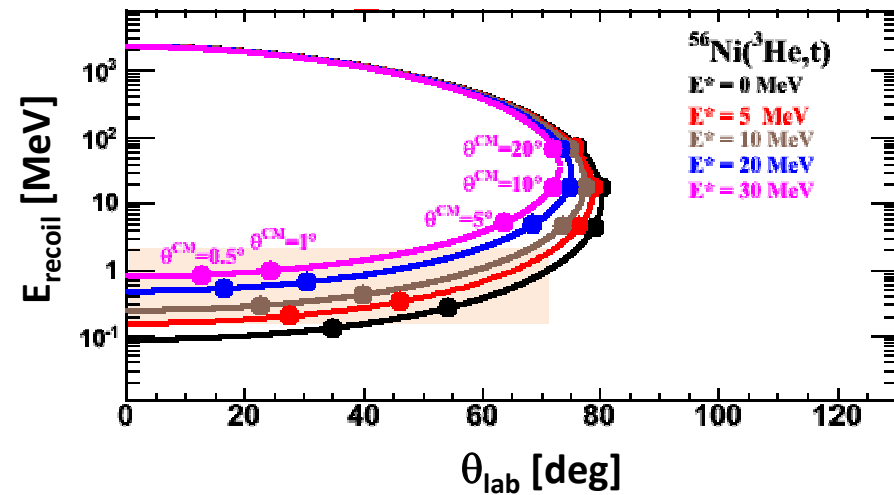
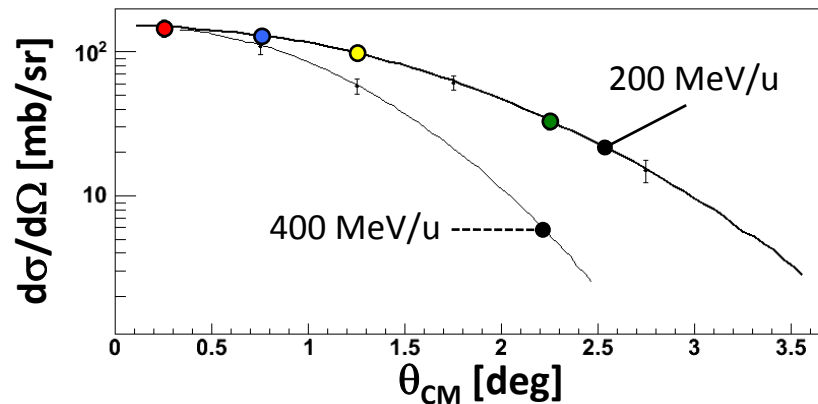


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Luminosity= $10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
 14 shifts  
 $E^*=4 \text{ MeV}$



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## Other experimental challenges

- ✓ **Ultra high vacuum**

- "Active flanges" : DSSDs are used as buffer between HV and UHV areas;
- target density and vacuum compatibility

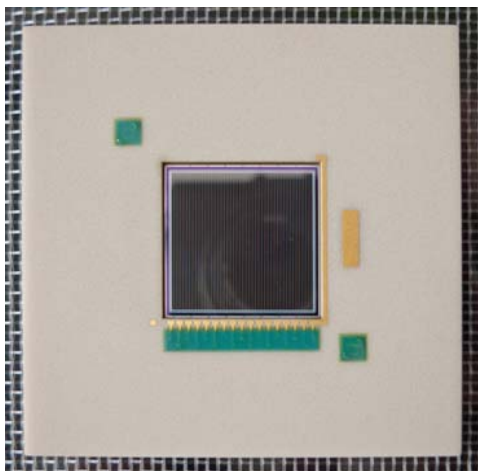
- ✓ **Half-life of the beam**

- half-life of the radioactive ions (6 days in the case of  $^{56}\text{Ni}$ );
- beam cooling  $\leftrightarrow$  multiple scattering in the dense target;

- ✓ **energy and angular resolution**

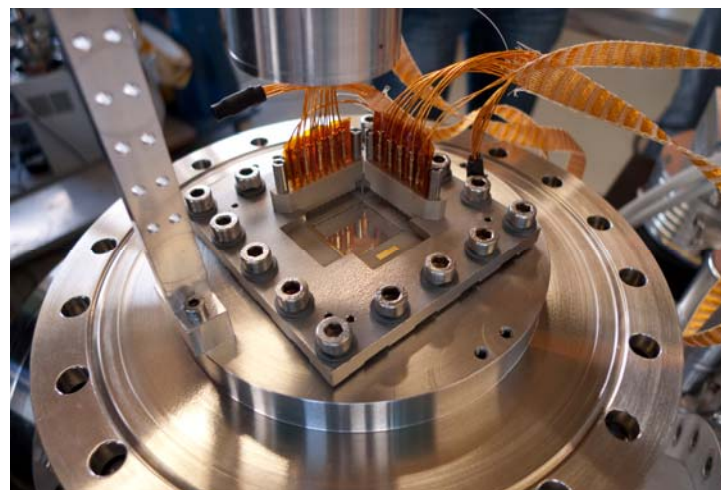
- energy threshold on DSSDs  $\sim 100$  keV minimal;
- target size;

- ✓ *vacuum solution with DSSDs [courtesy : B. Streicher (KVI/GSI) and M. Mutterer (GSI)]*



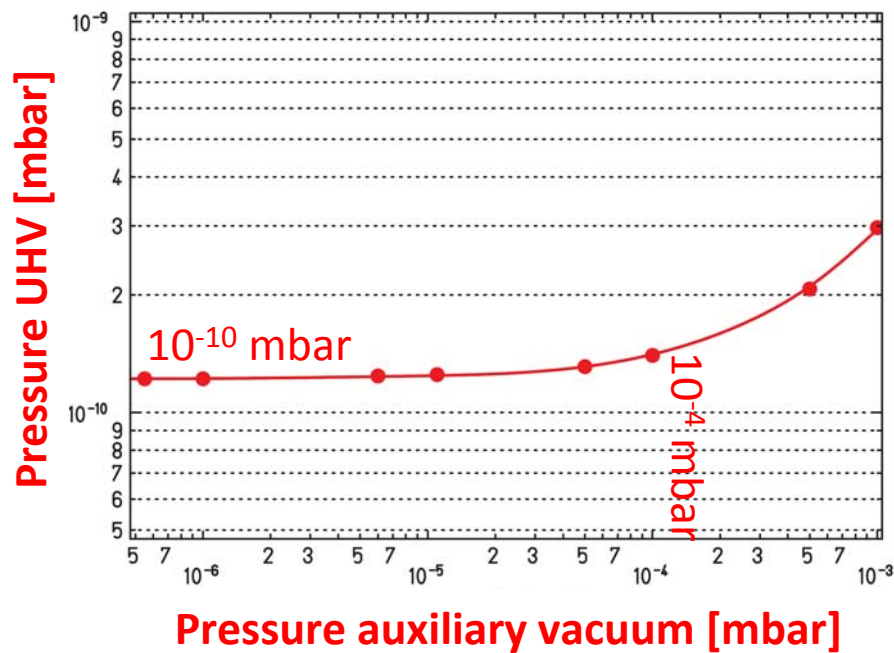
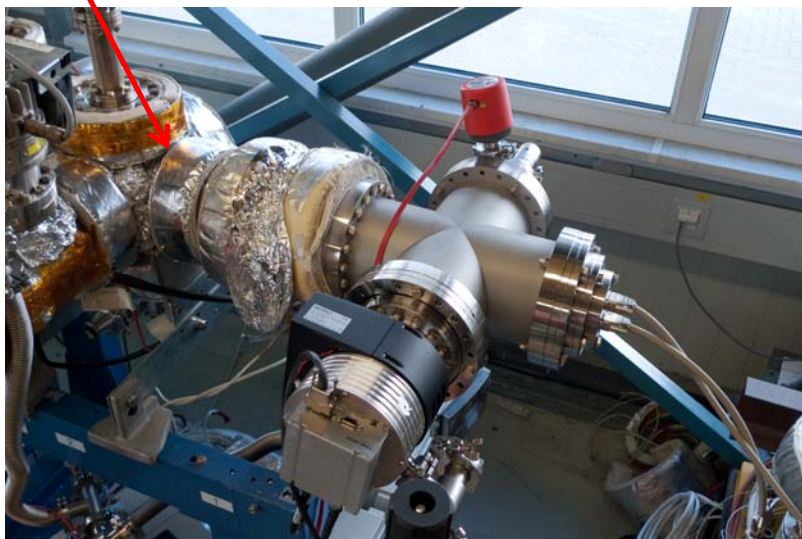
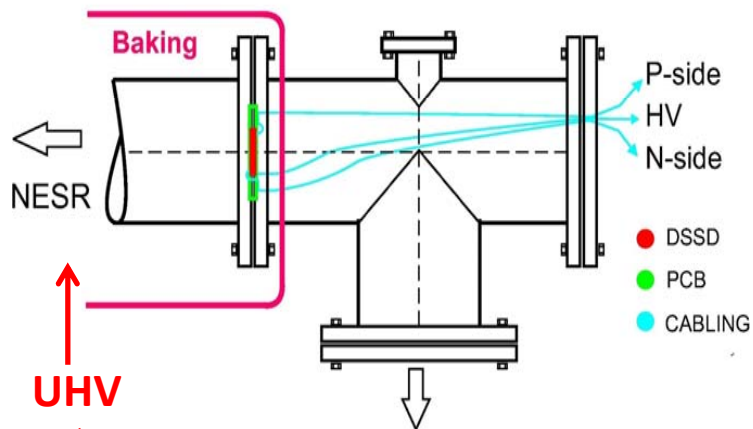
p-side ( $21 \times 21 \text{ mm}^2$ ) DSSD  
64x64 strips  
AlN PCB (ceramic – UHV)  
good heat conductivity  
<  $5 \mu\text{m}$  roughness after polishing

test setup :  
n-side facing auxiliary vacuum  
spring-pin connectors



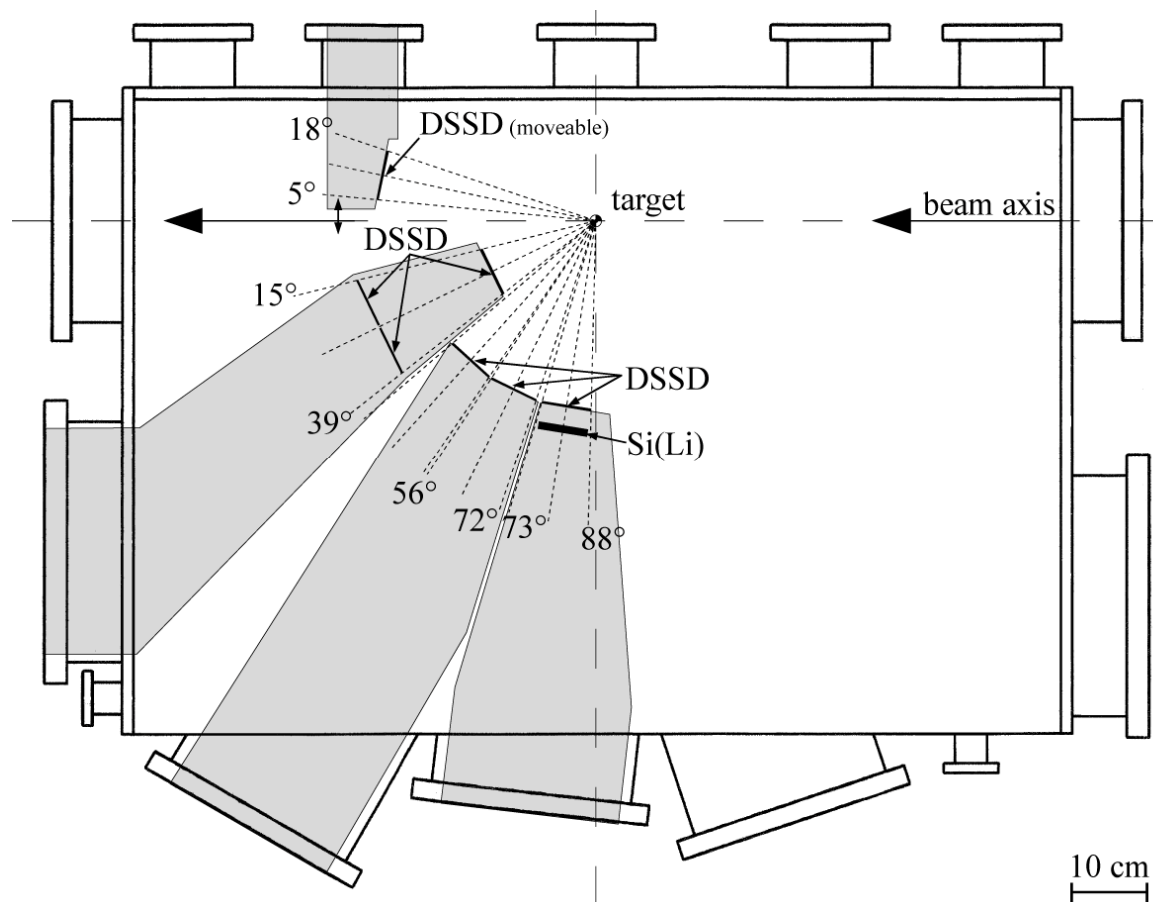


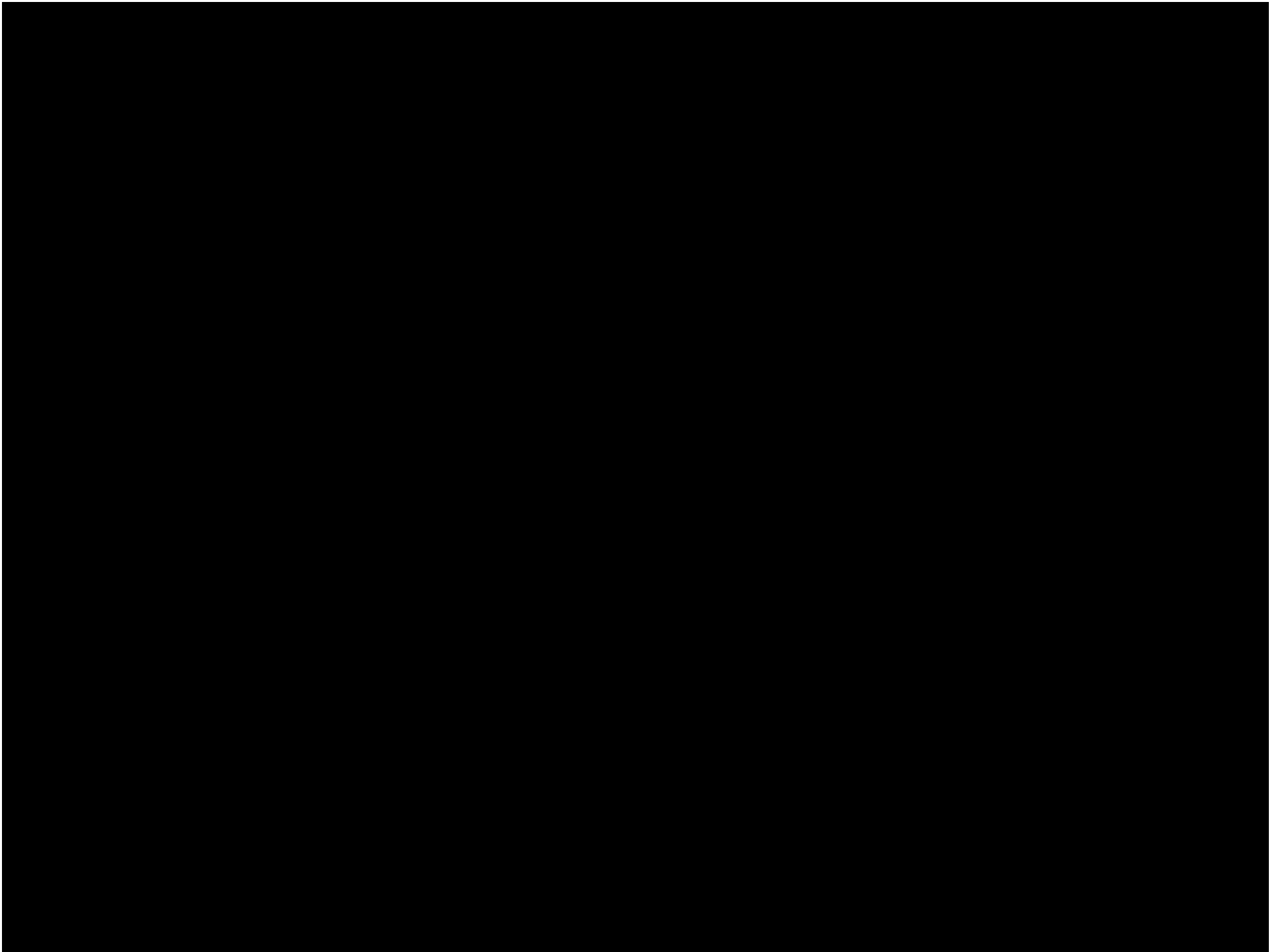
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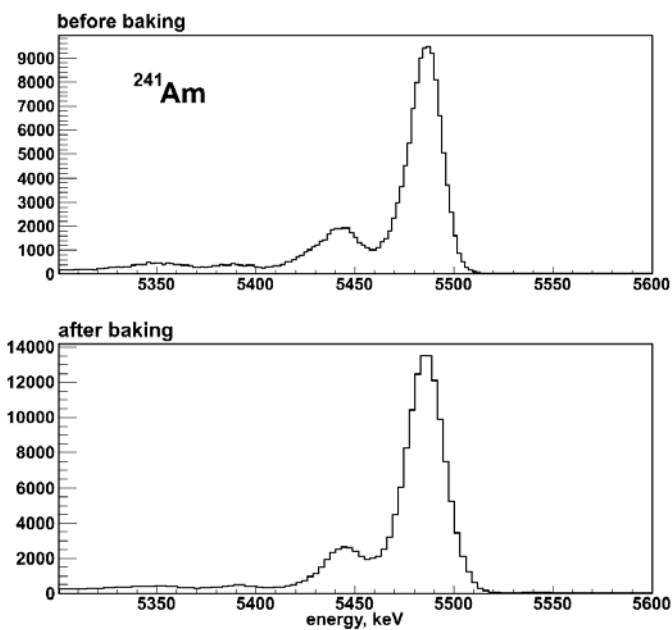
Streicher et al., NIM A 654 (2011) 604

✓ existing chamber to be installed in the ESR

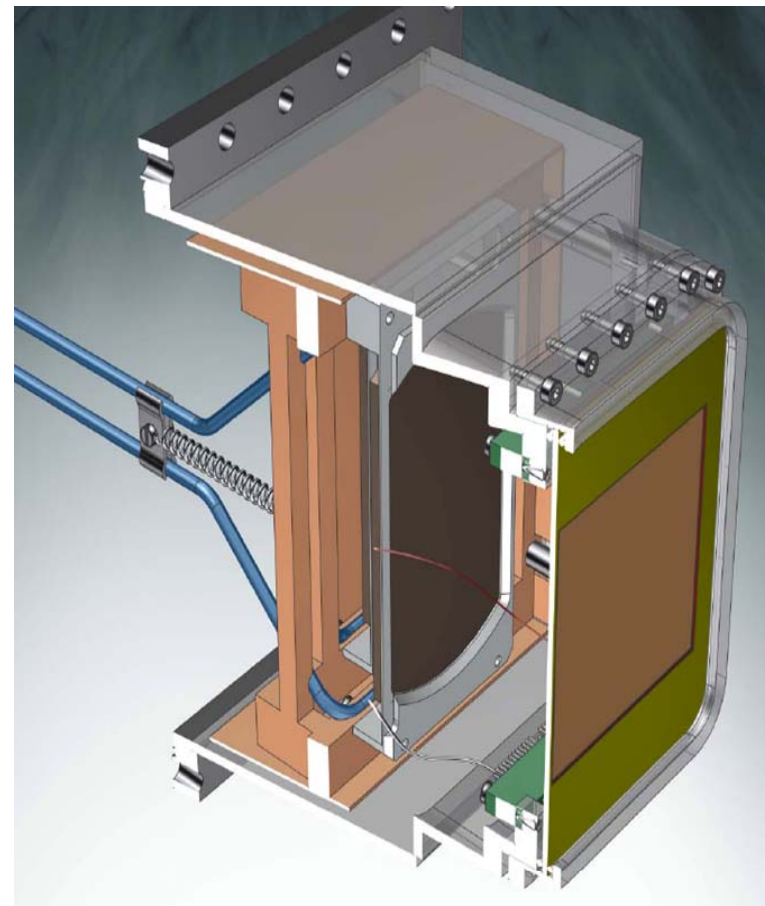




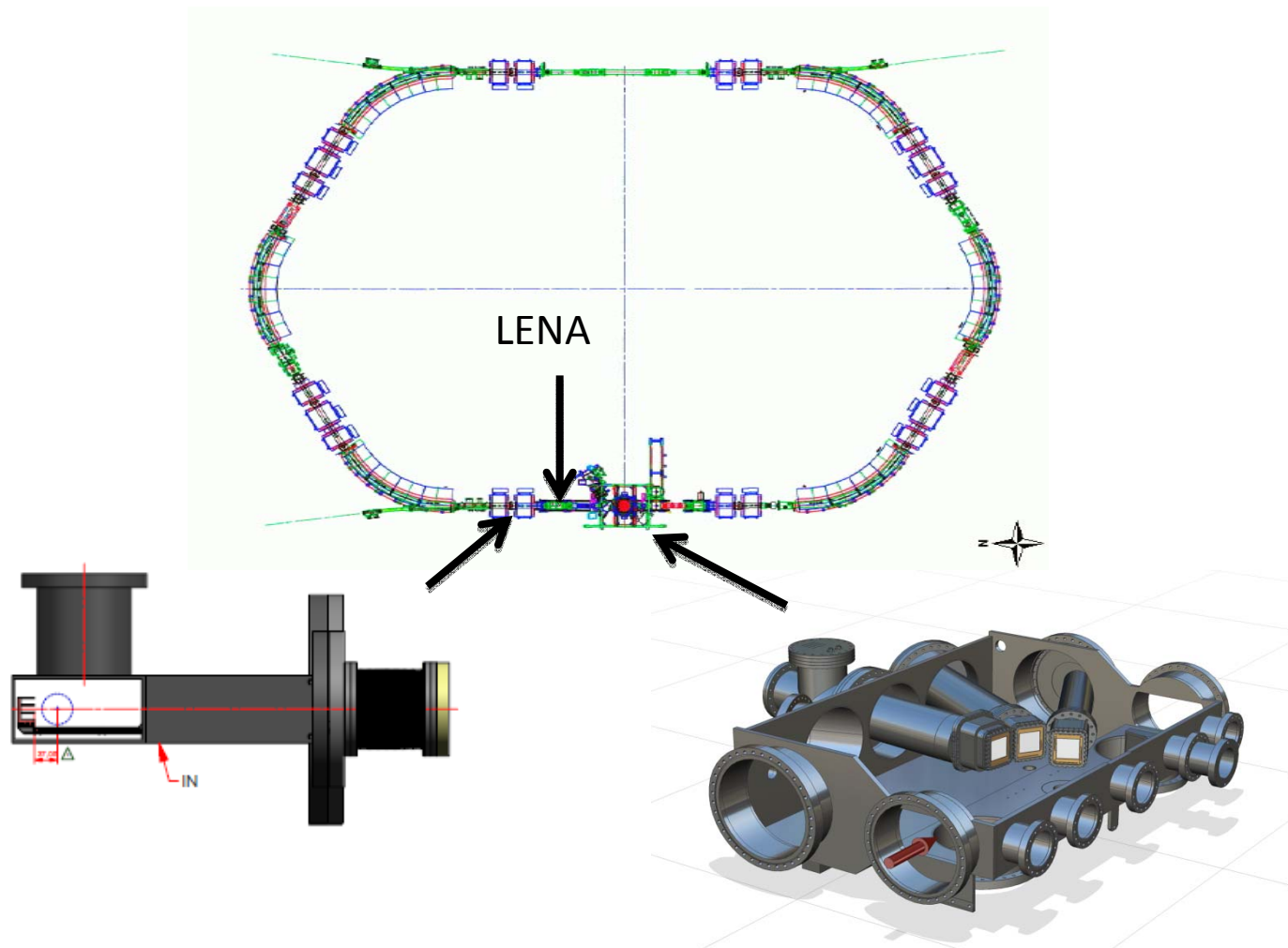
- ✓ *mechanical design status [courtesy : M. Lindemuller (KVI)]*



Spectral response unchanged after three baking cycles (to 200 °C)



# E105 Arrangement at ESR



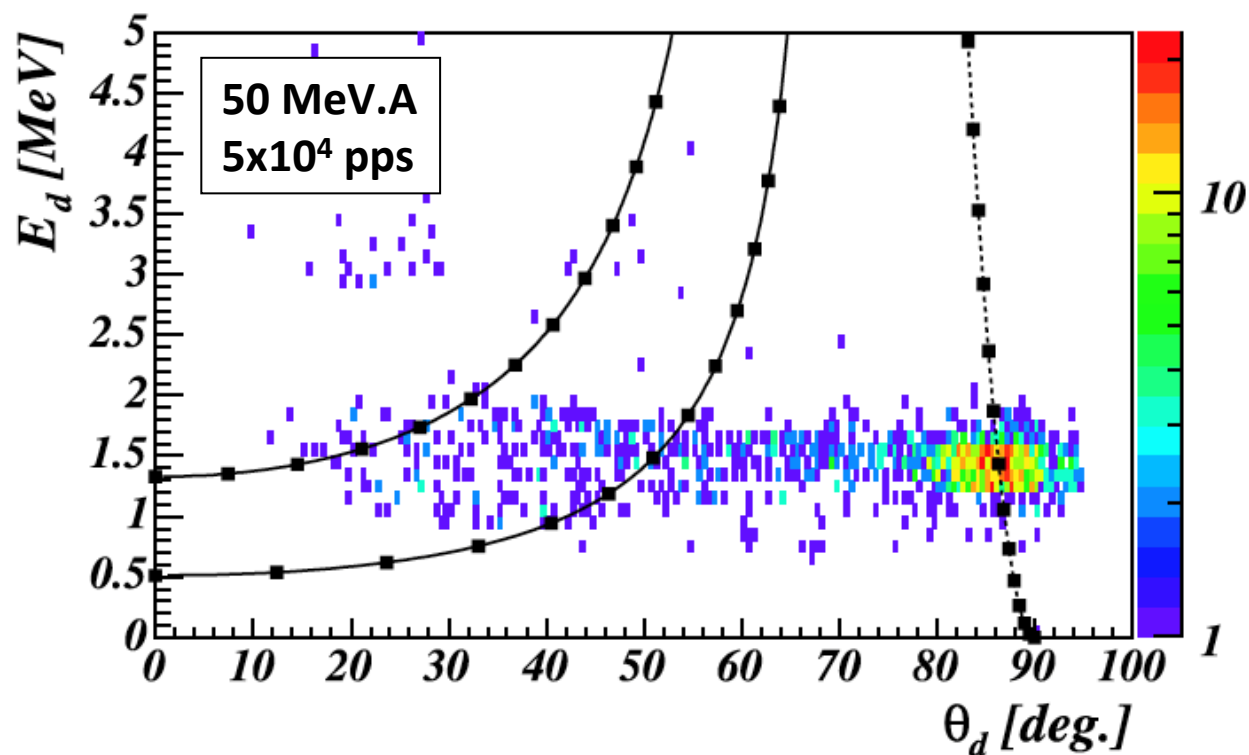
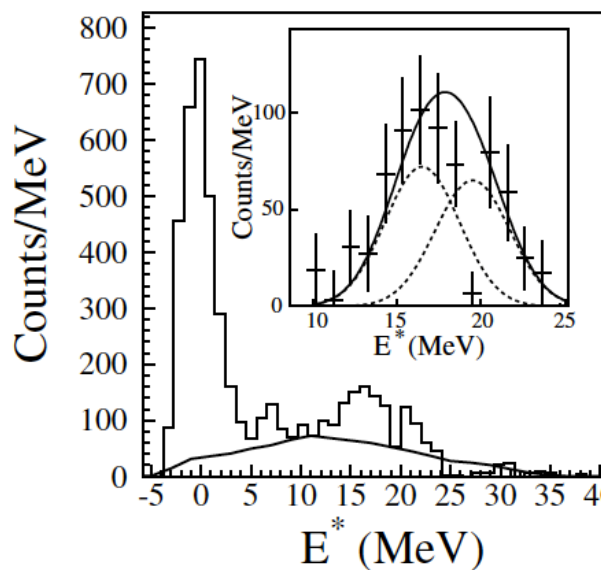
PRL **100**, 042501 (2008)

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### First Measurement of the Giant Monopole and Quadrupole Resonances in a Short-Lived Nucleus: $^{56}\text{Ni}$

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## Gamow-Teller Transition Strengths from $^{56}\text{Ni}$

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## Experiment E087

# Breakout from the hot CNO cycles in X-ray bursters: determination of the $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ reaction rate via a transfer study on the ESR

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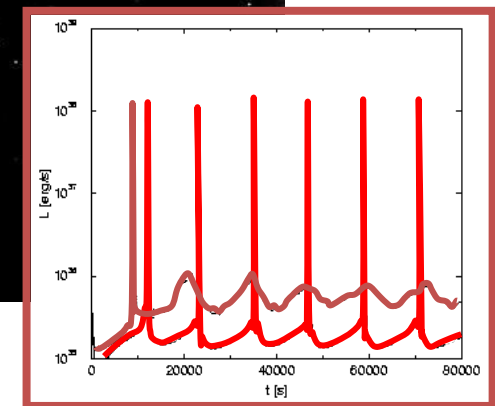
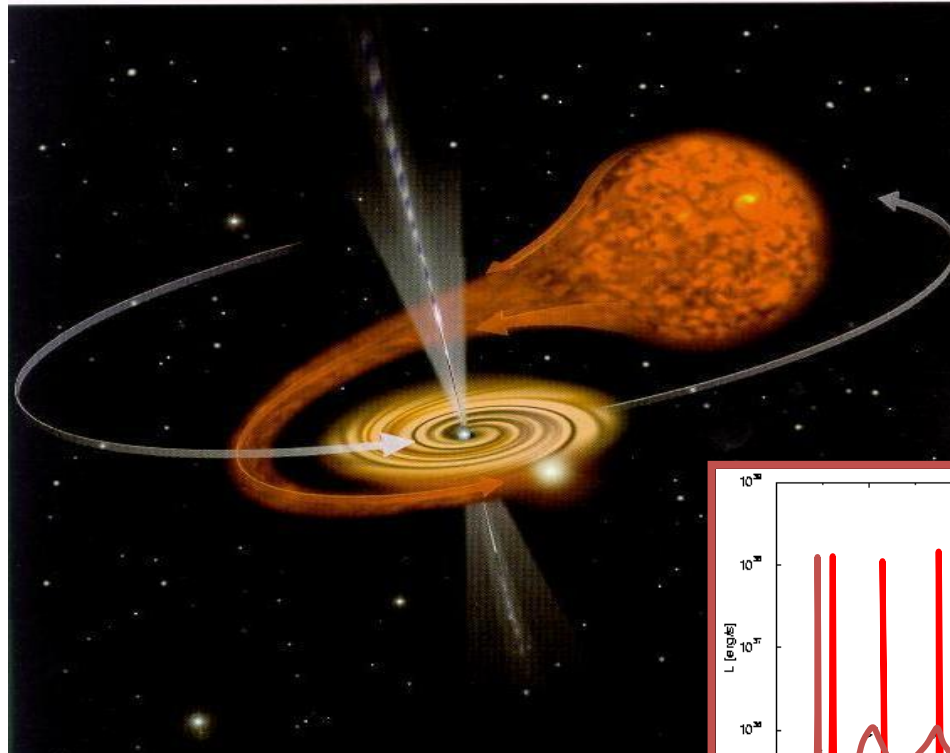
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# The $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$ reaction: the nuclear trigger of X-ray bursts

The observation of X-ray bursts is interpreted as thermonuclear explosions in the atmosphere of a neutron star in a close binary system.

As temperature and density at the surface of the neutron star increase, the CNO cycles leak through the  $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$  reaction.



Reaction regulates flow between the hot CNO cycles and rp process  
→ critical for explanation of amplitude and periodicity of bursts

A NEW ESTIMATE OF THE  $^{19}\text{Ne}(p, \gamma)^{20}\text{Na}$  AND  $^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{Ne}$  REACTION RATES AT  
 STELLAR ENERGIES

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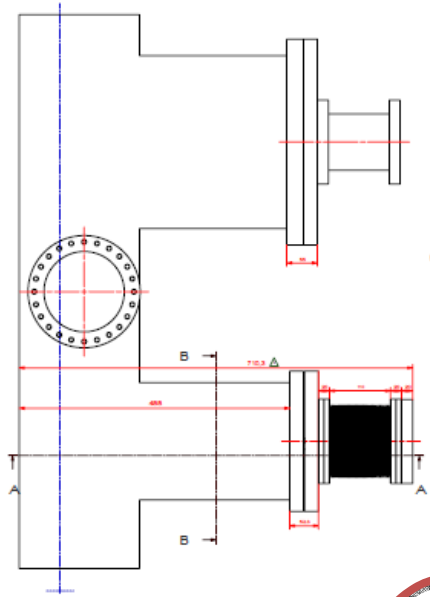
Rate dominated by a single  $3/2^+$  resonance in  $^{19}\text{Ne}$  at 504 keV

$\Gamma_\alpha$ (eV)	$\Gamma_\gamma$ (eV)	$\omega\gamma$ (eV)	$\omega\gamma = \omega \frac{\Gamma_a \Gamma_b}{\Gamma}$
7.2(−6)	0.073	1.44(−5)	

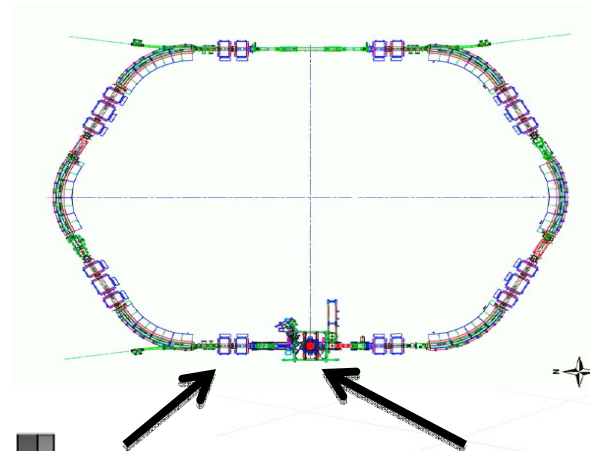
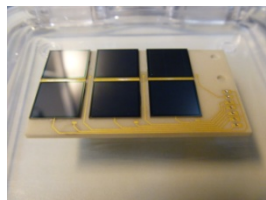
Key experimental uncertainty, alpha branching ratio,  $b_\alpha \sim 10^{-4}$

# E087 Arrangement at ESR

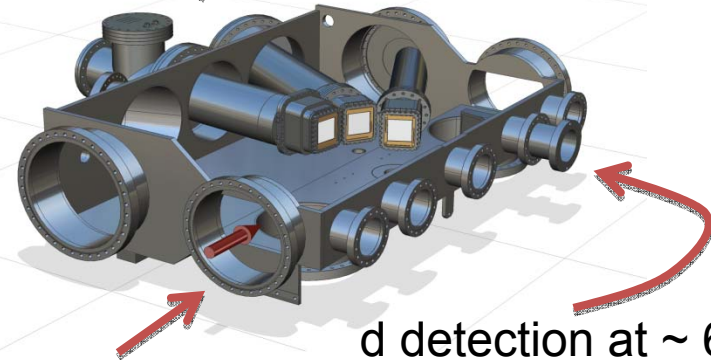
- Using the same experimental setup as E105
- Reaction:  $^{20}\text{Ne}(p, d)^{19}\text{Ne}^* \rightarrow ^{15}\text{O} + \alpha$  in inverse kinematics at 800 MeV (40 MeV/u)
- Shifts: 21



coincident  $^{15}\text{O}$  or  $^{19}\text{Ne}$  detected at  $\sim 1^\circ$  with 6 pin diodes in UHV



$^{20}\text{Ne}$  at 40 MeV/u



d detection at  $\sim 6-7^\circ$  with 2 x 1 mm Si detectors in pocket

# Plan for 2012

- First week of E105 with stable  $^{58}\text{Ni}$
- One week of E087 while understanding the first results of E105
- Second week of E105 with radioactive  $^{56}\text{Ni}$
- The same setup will be used for these experiments (target and detectors) making it very efficient.