

Study of O-14 using resonant alpha scattering

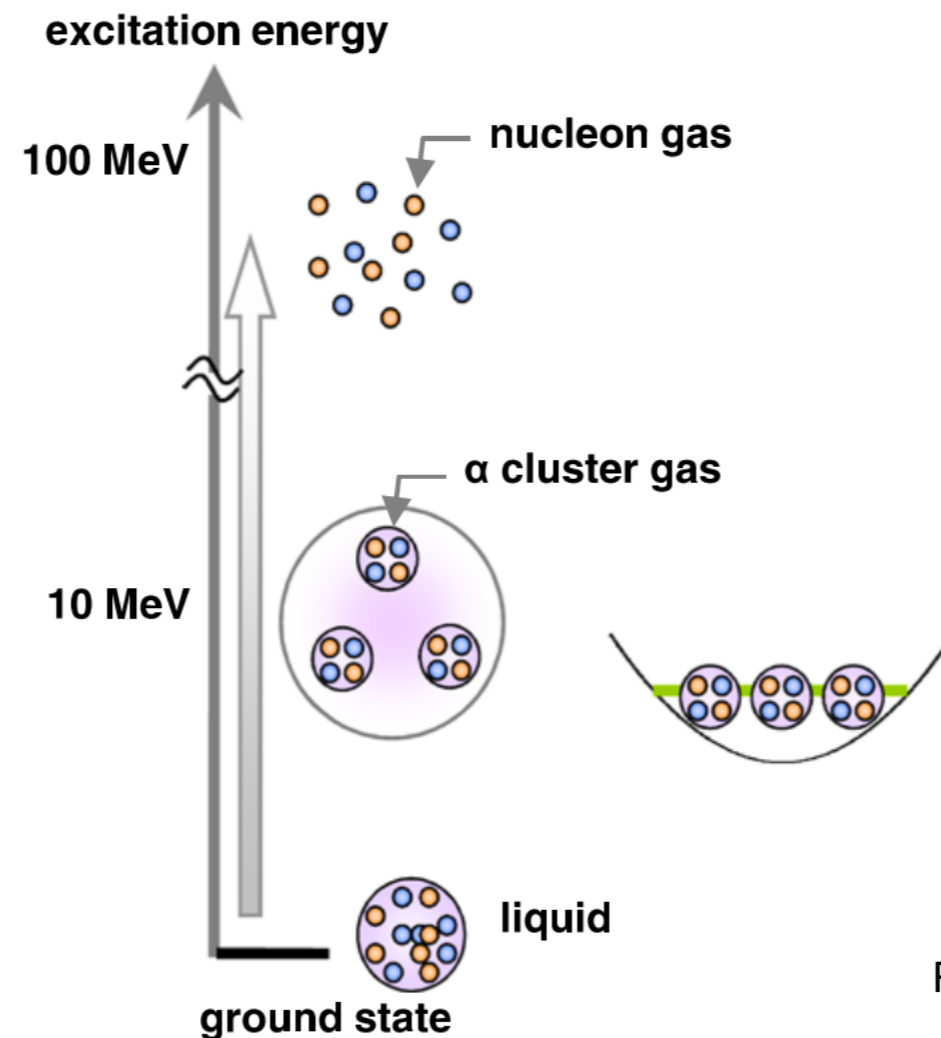
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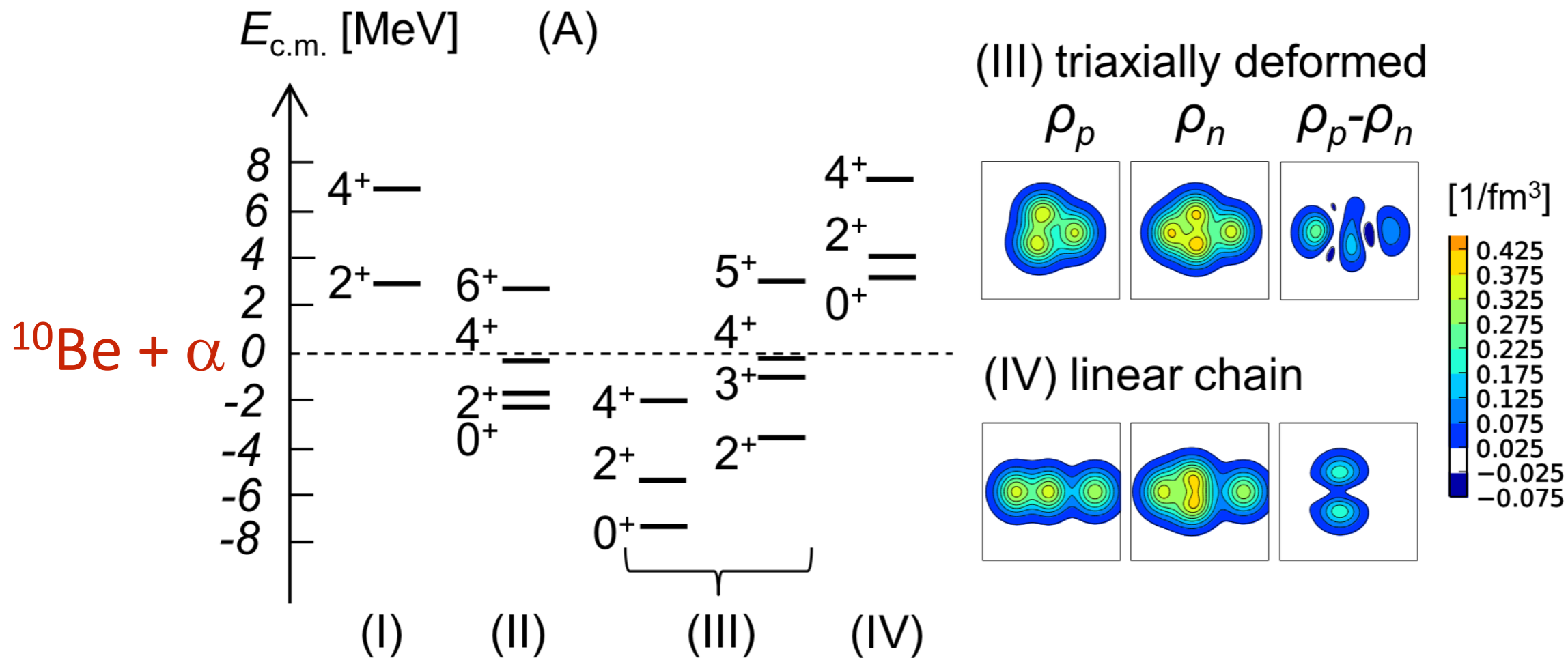
Clustering in Nuclei



Funaki et al. Prog. Nucl. Part. Phys. 82, 78 (2015)

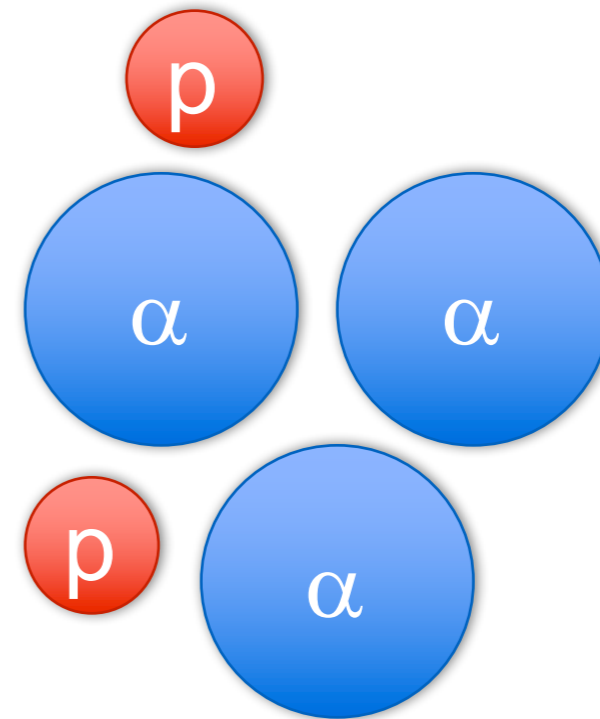
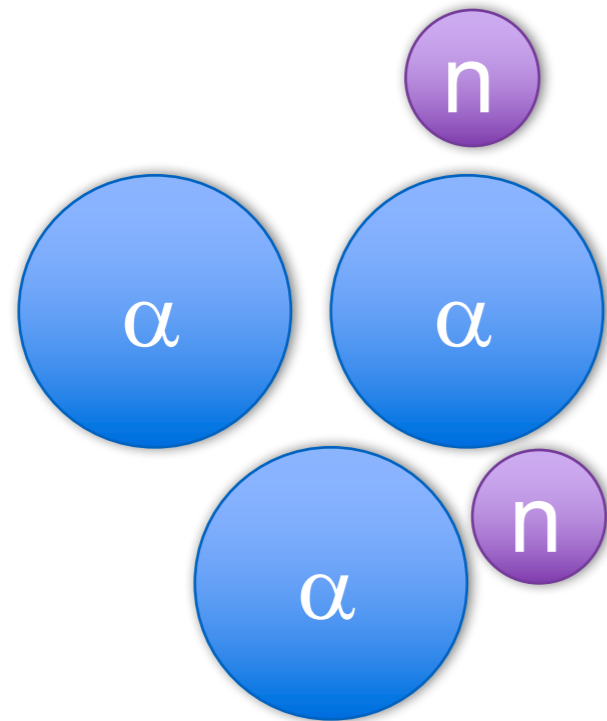
- What causes nuclei to cluster?
- Nuclear theory: Important paradigm
- Important for nucleosynthesis: He burning, cyclic cycles, *rp*-process

Linear chain in ^{14}C



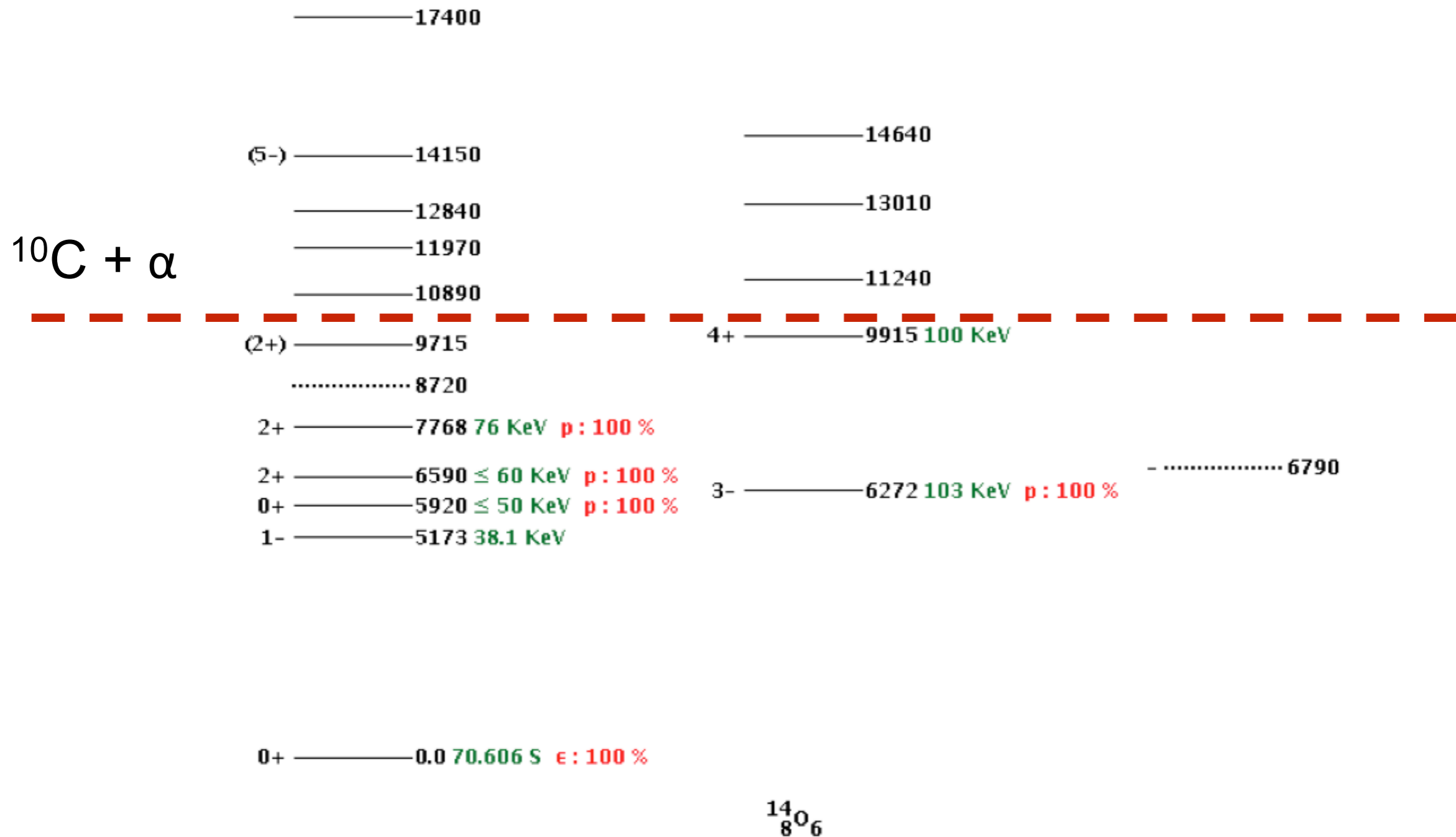
- Anti-symmetrized Molecular Dynamics (Suhara and Kanada-Enyo PRC 82, 044301 (2010))
- Triaxial and linear chain rotational bands (III) + (IV)
- Freer et al. PRC 90 054324 (2014), Fristch et al. PRC 93 014321 (2016)

Isospin symmetry: $^{14}\text{C}/^{14}\text{O}$



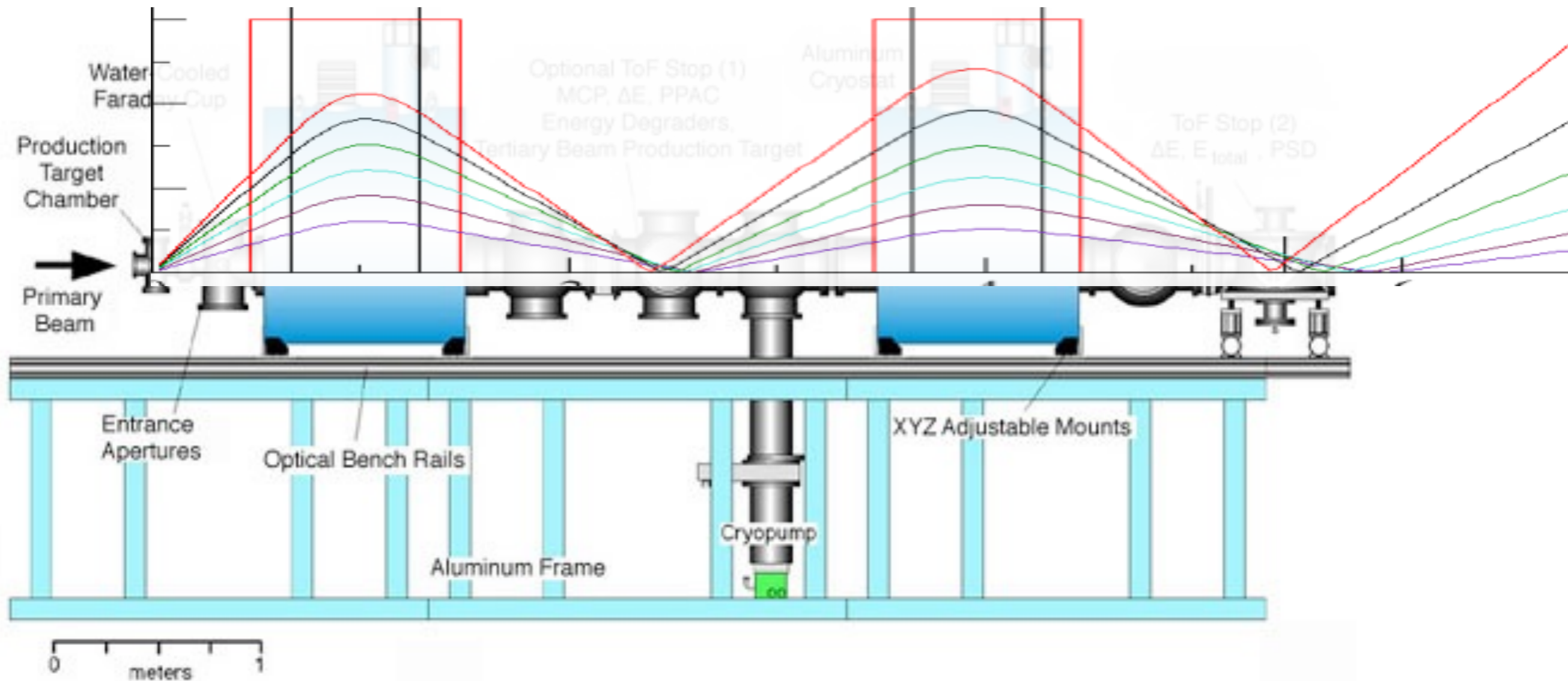
- Exchange neutrons for protons
- $^{10}\text{C} + \alpha$ experiment; ^{14}O

^{14}O cluster structure?



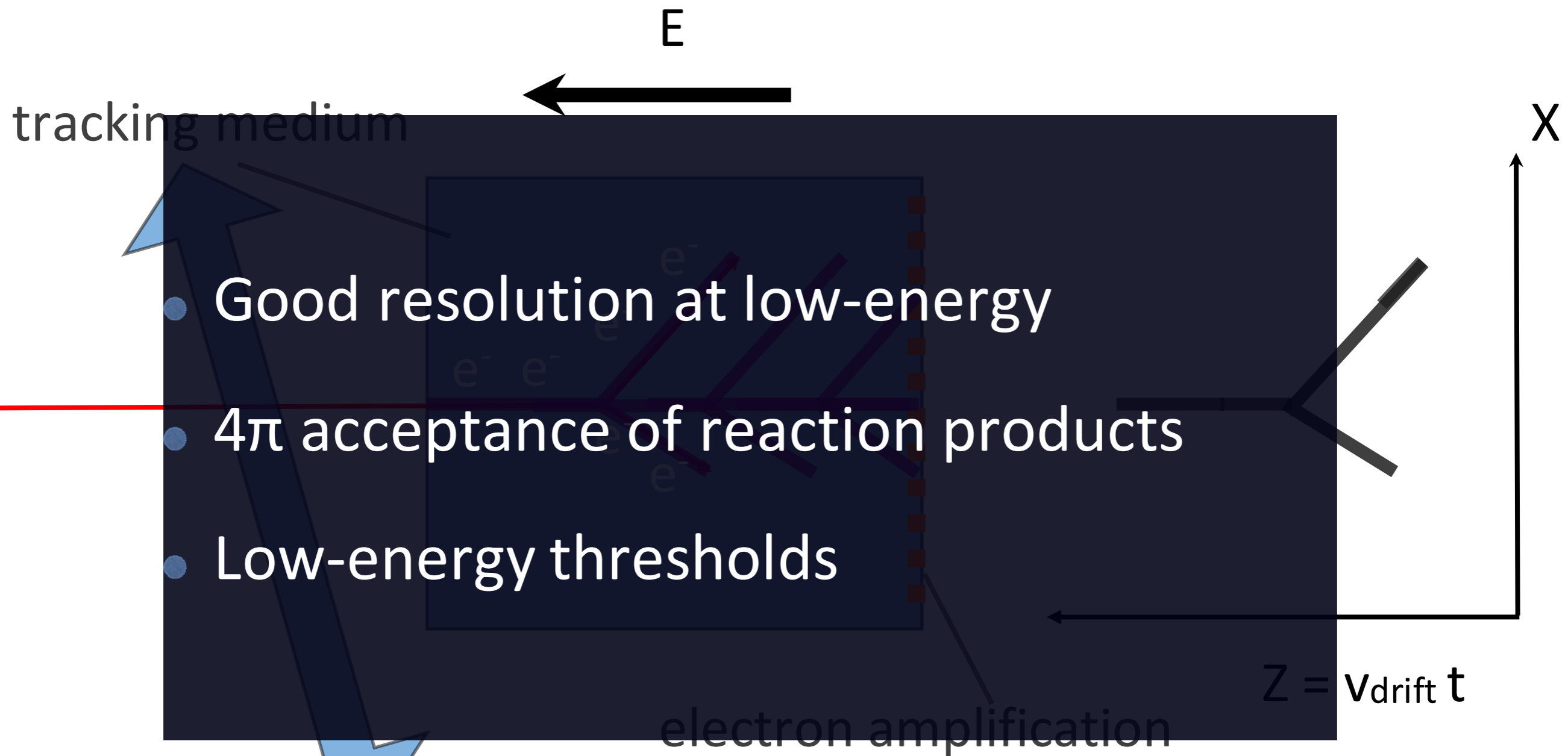
- Spins and parities for levels above alpha threshold
- Crucial for interpreting structure

TwinSol at Notre Dame



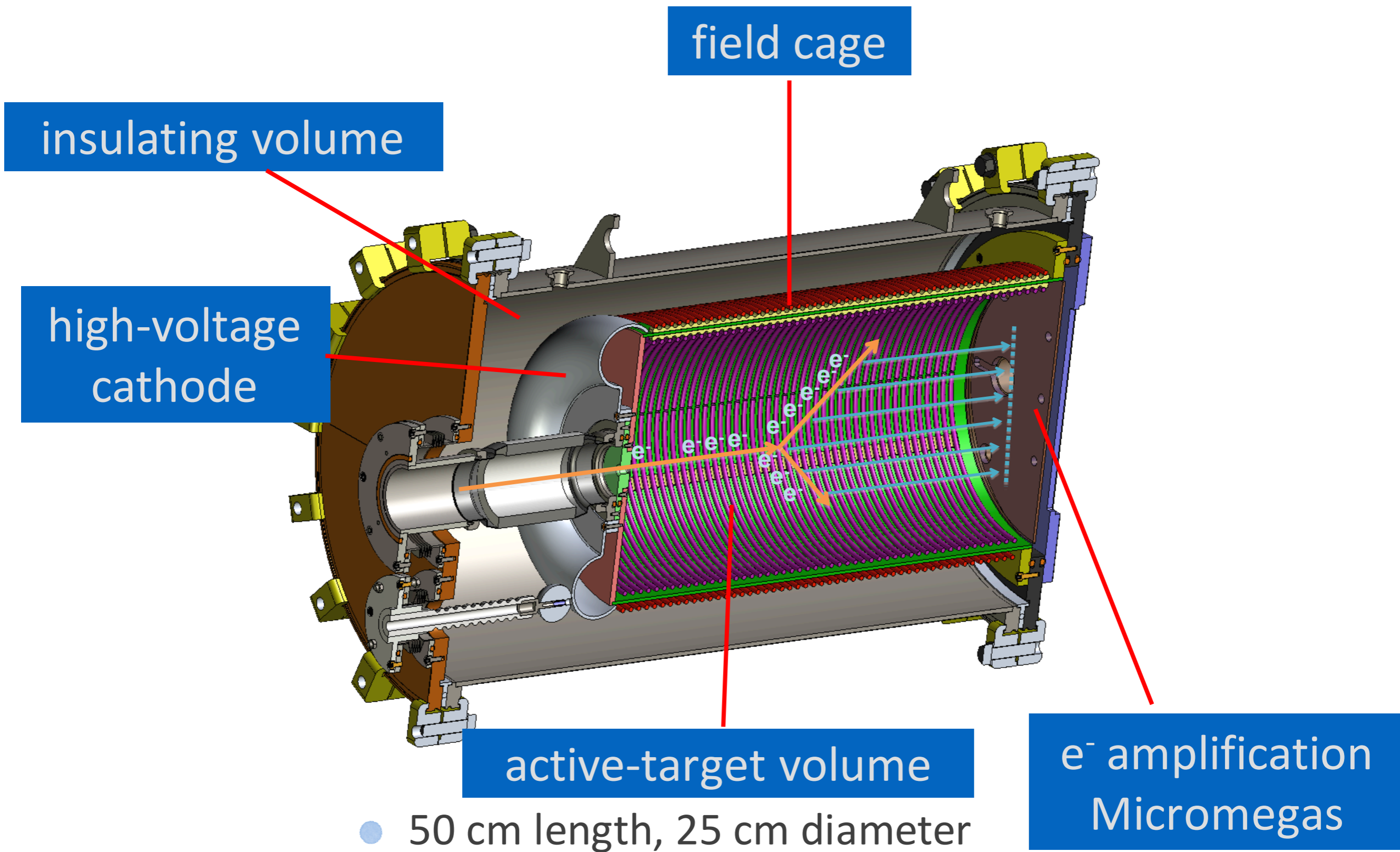
- Light radioactive-ion beams produced in flight
- charge exchange ${}^3\text{He}({}^{10}\text{B}, t){}^{10}\text{C}^*$, 52.5 MeV, **34.8 MeV**

Active-target Concept

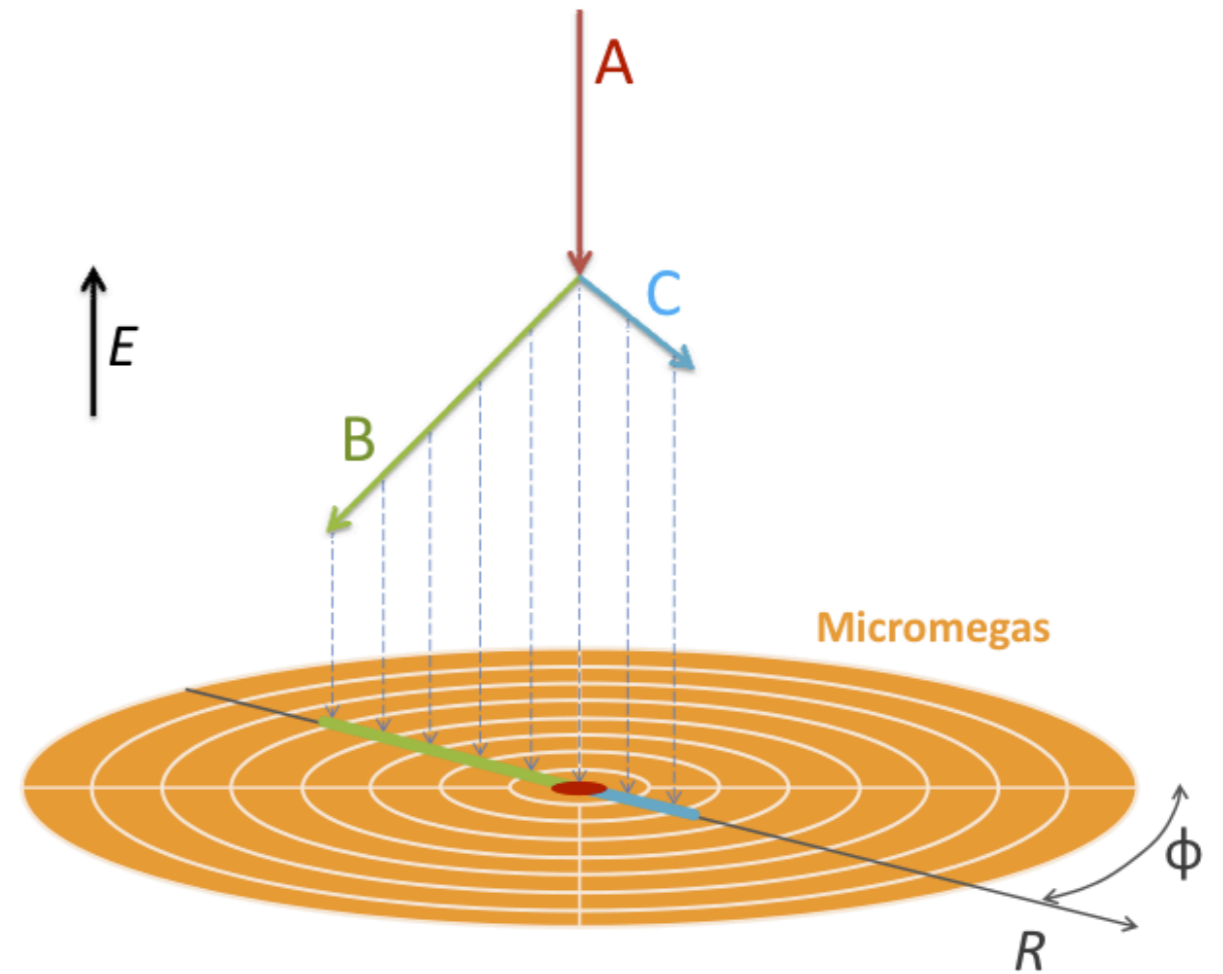
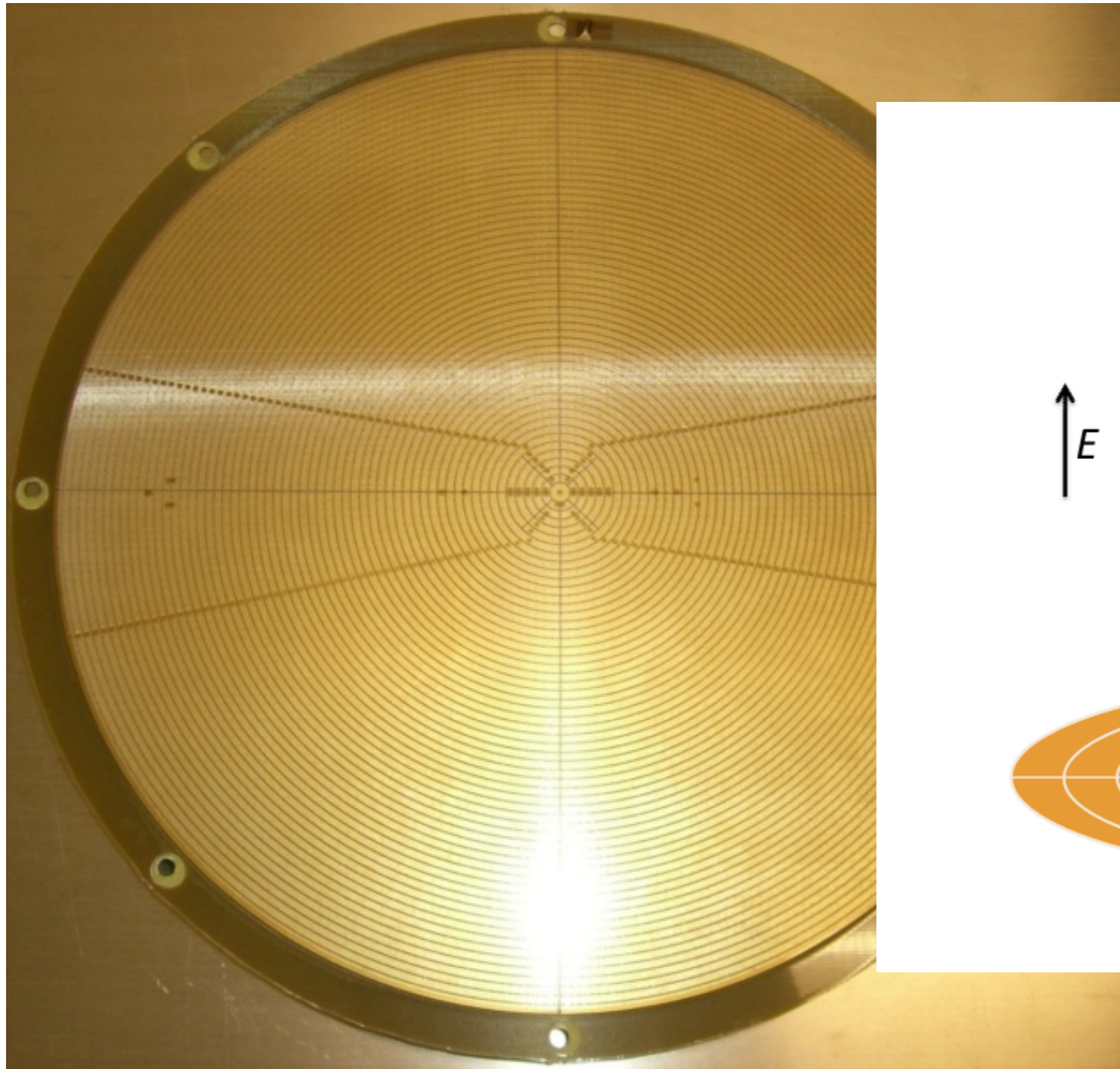


- Active-Target Time-Projection Chamber

Prototype AT-TPC

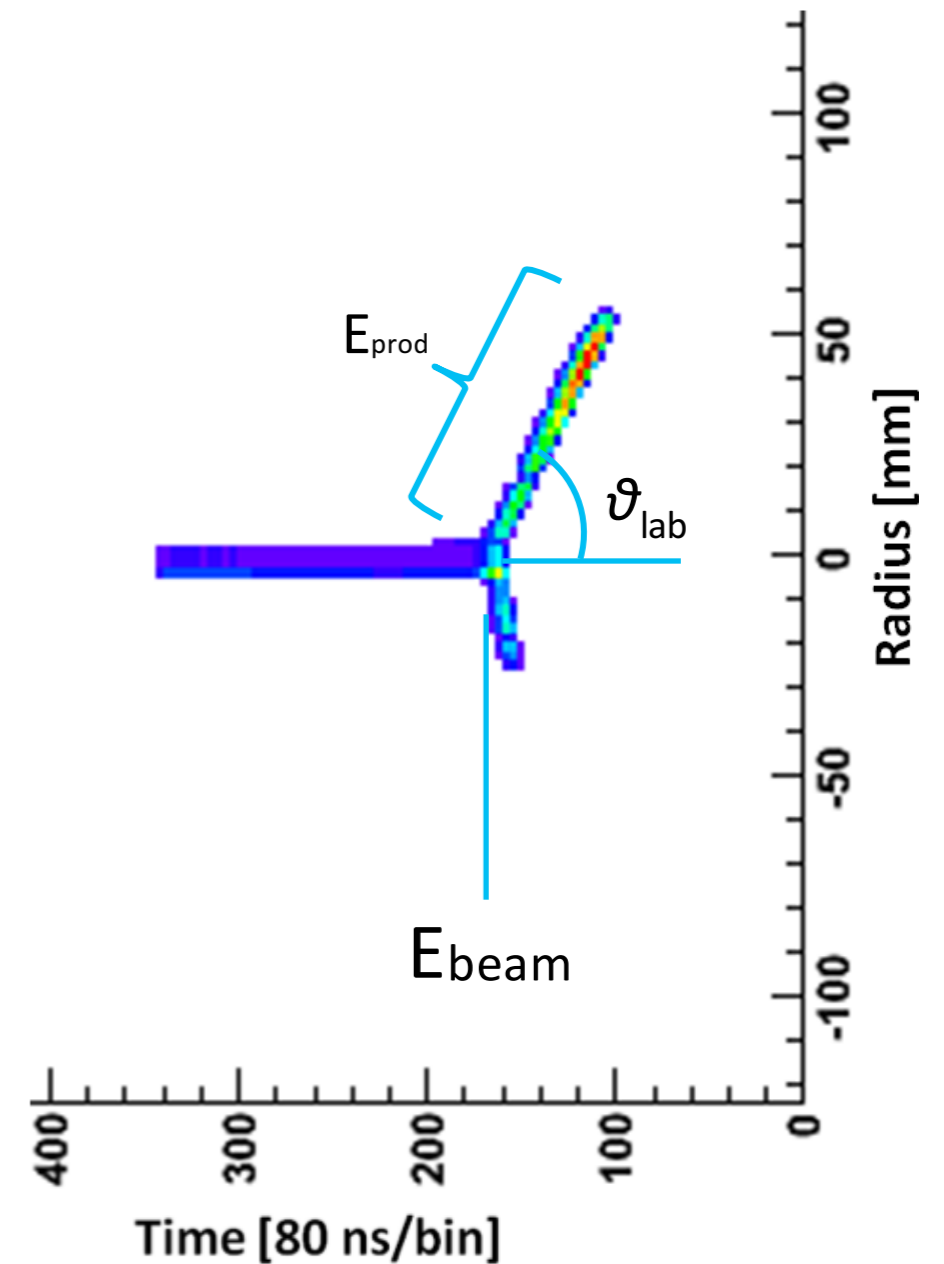


Prototype Micromegas

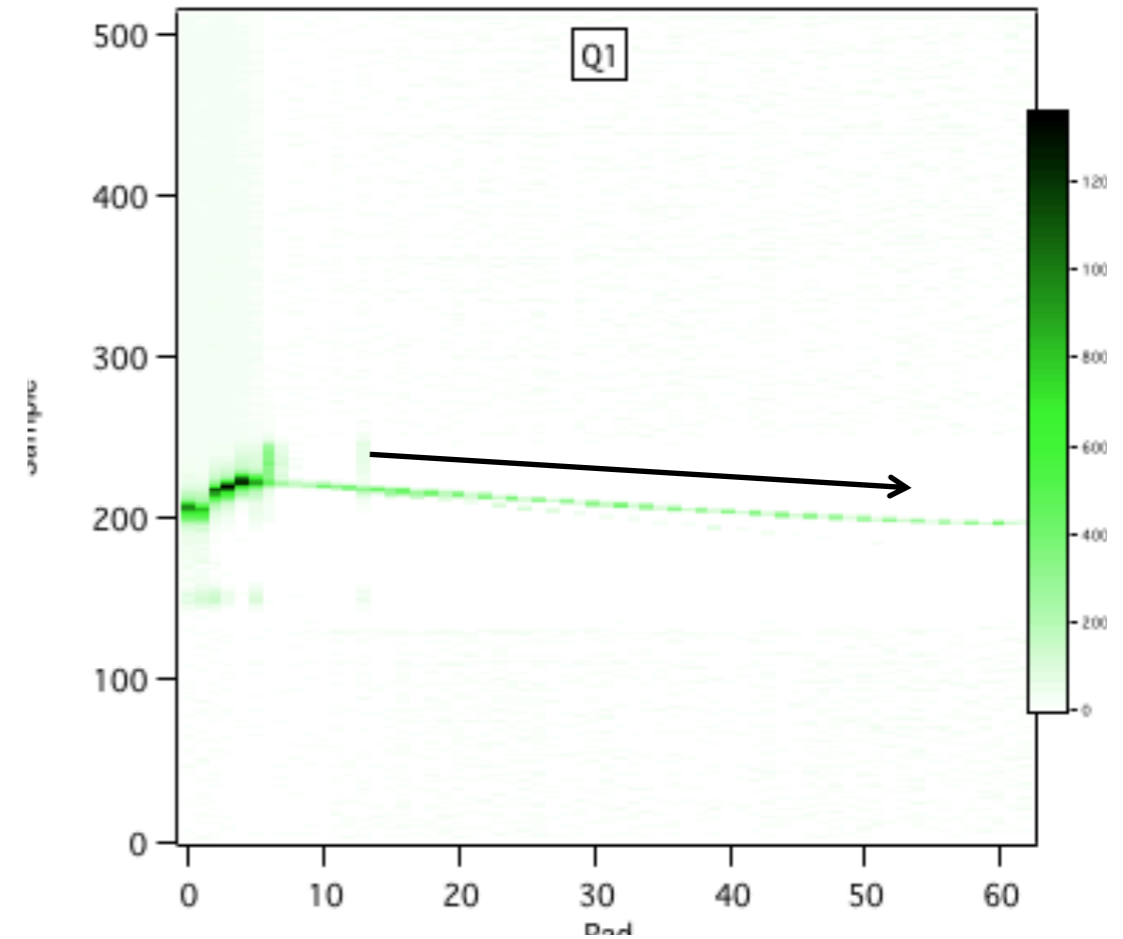
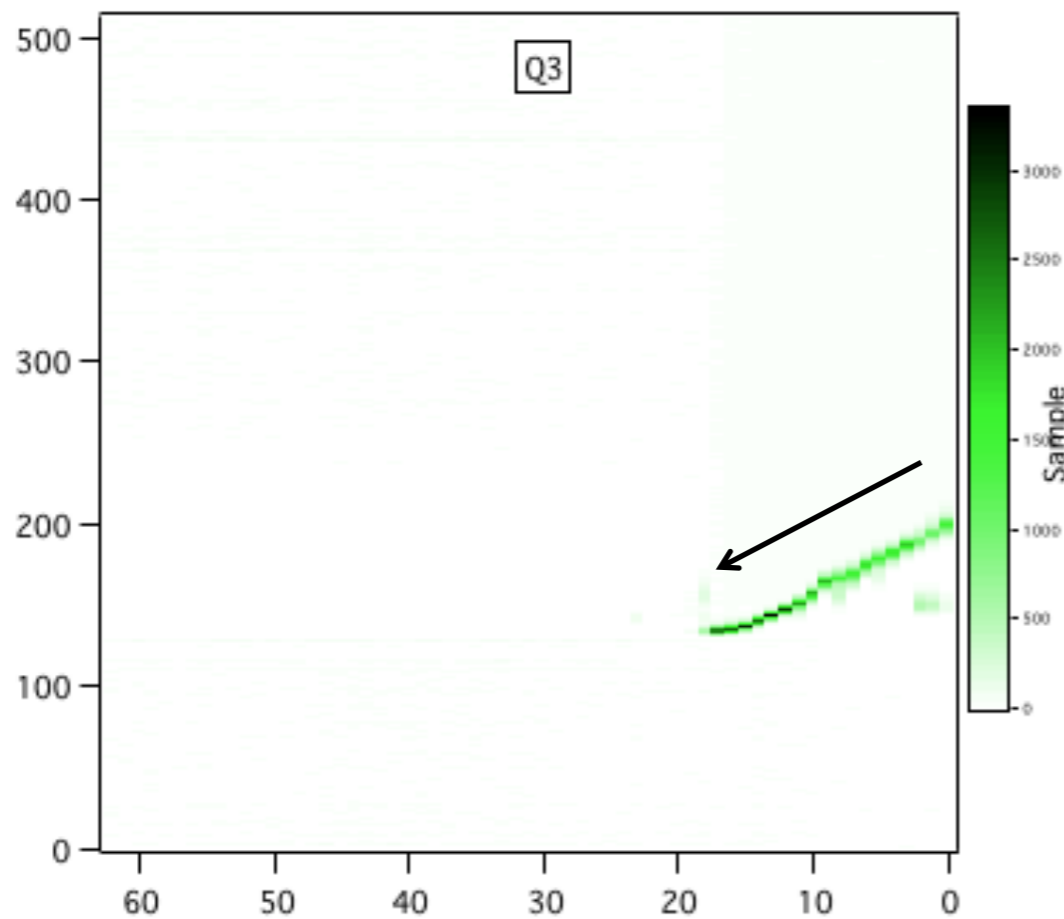


What we measure

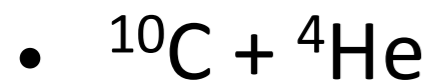
- Energy of beam, E_{beam}
- position
- Angle, θ_{lab}
- E_{beam} , E_{prod}
- Bragg curve
- Cross Sections: $d\sigma/d\Omega(E, \theta)$



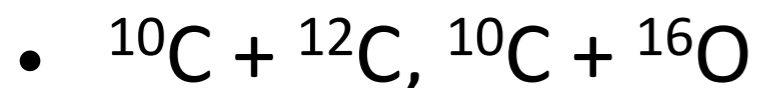
$^{10}\text{C} + \alpha$ experiment



- Several possible reactions



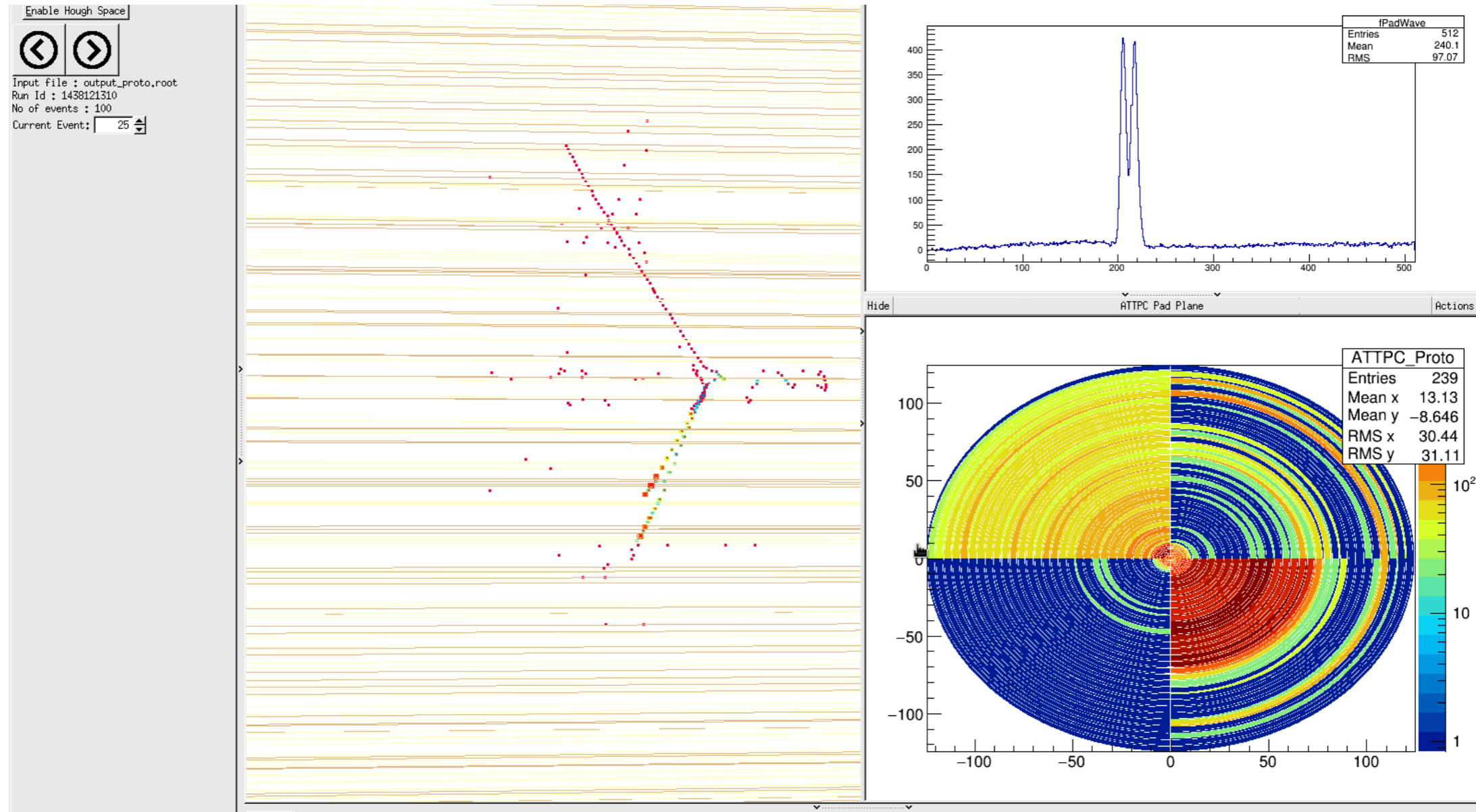
- Heavy + light



- 4.9×10^6 events, 5 days

- 8.4×10^8 ions in chamber

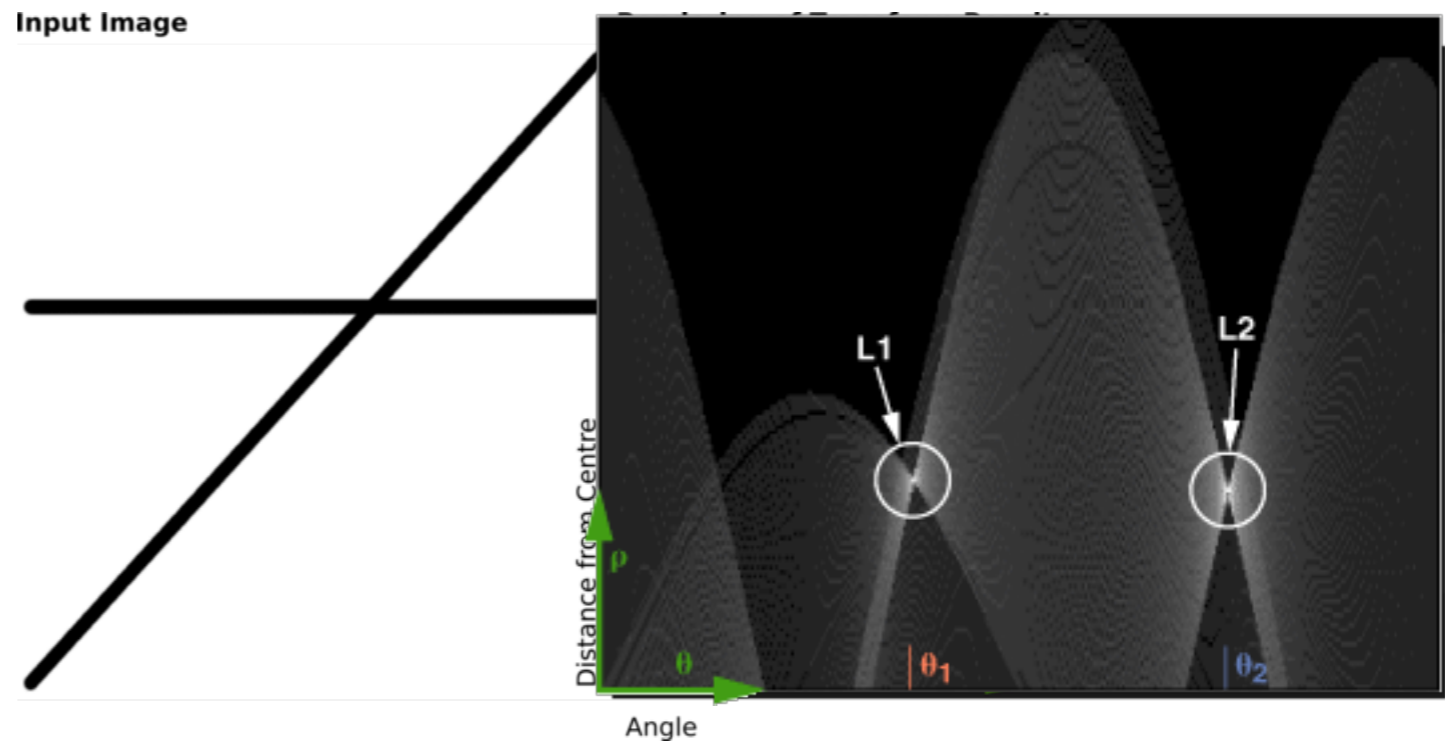
ATTPC ROOT: Track visualization



- Use of azimuthal angle: 3D track
- Visualization, tracking, analysis

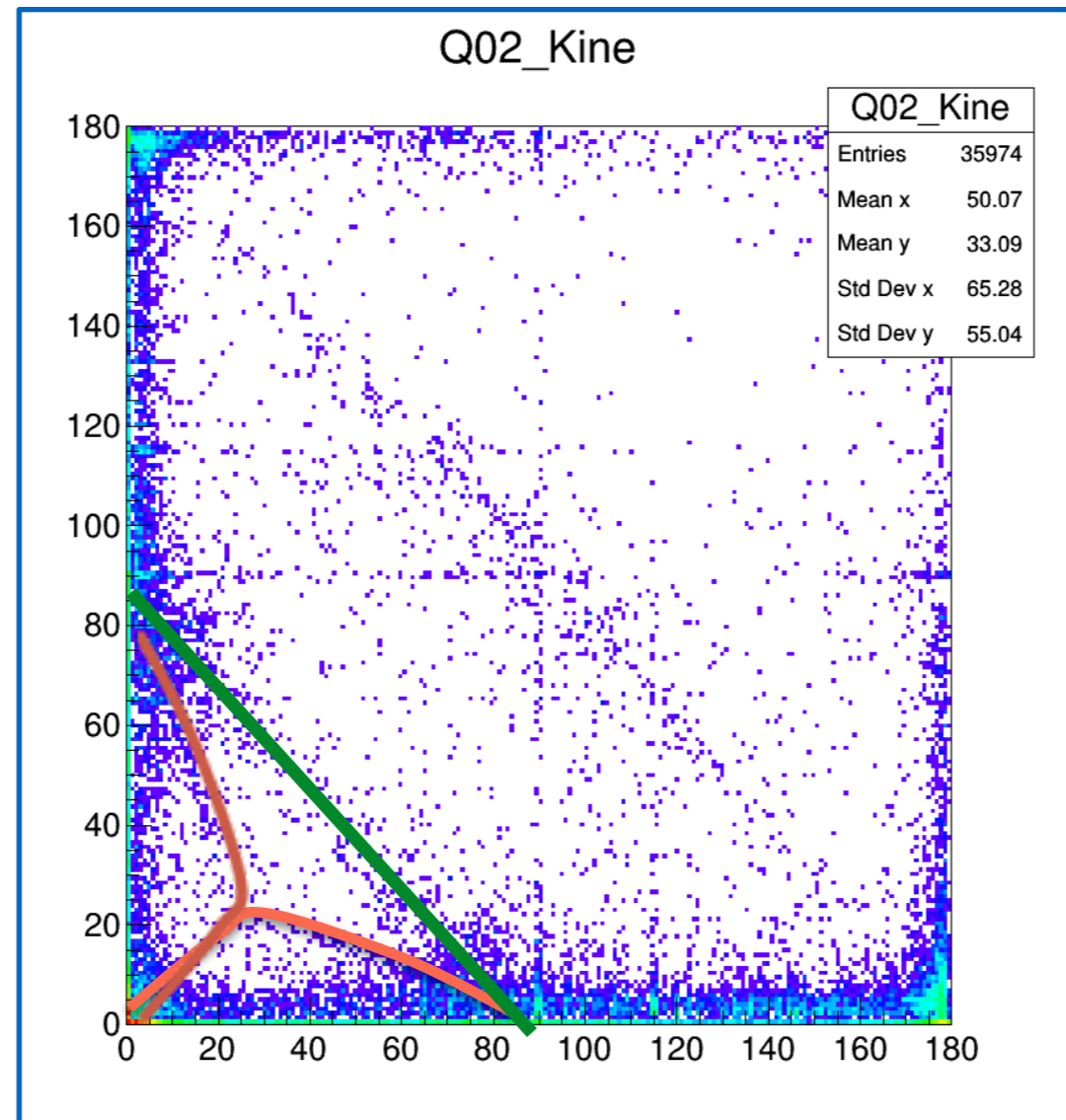
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Next steps: Tracking



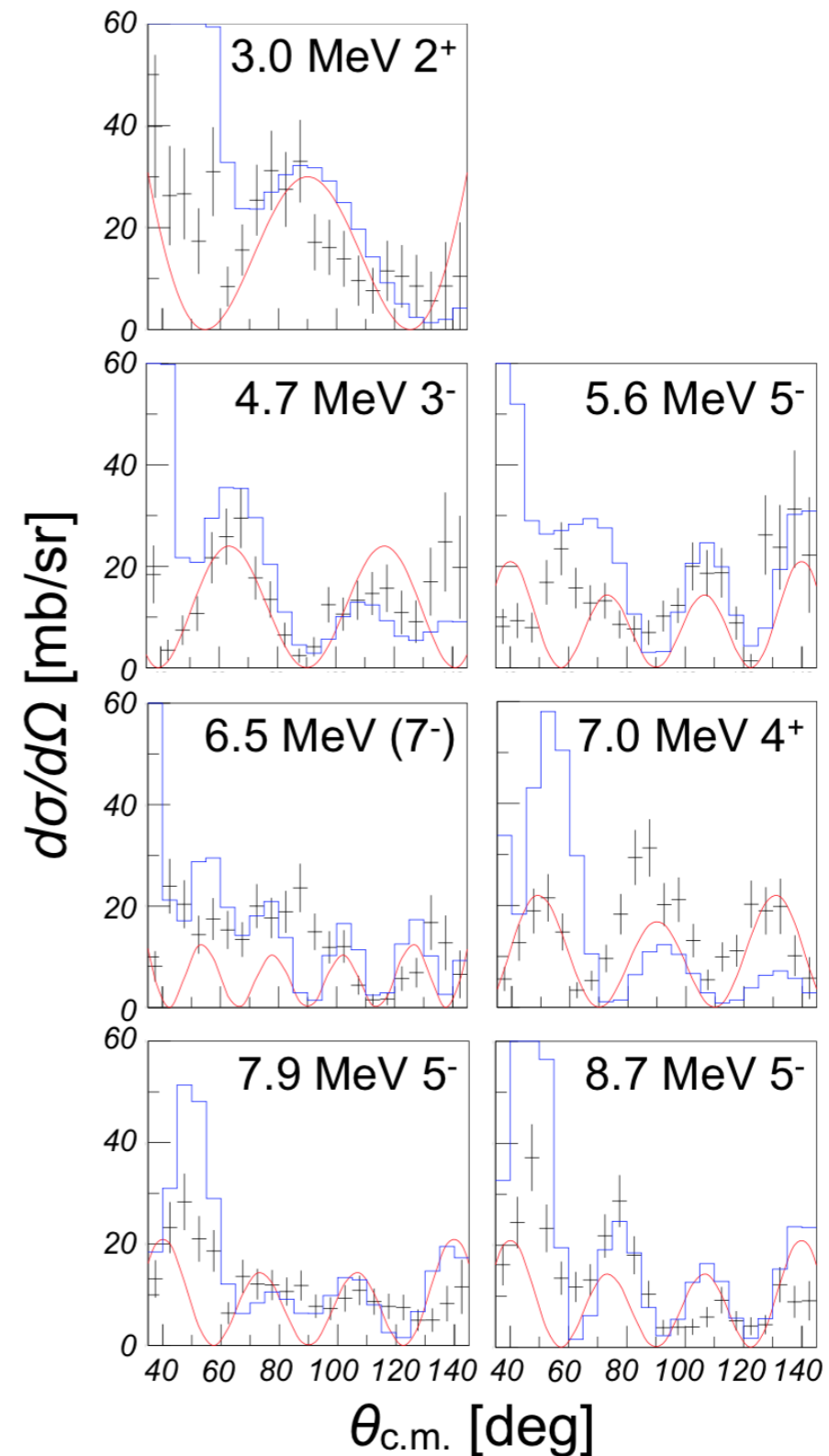
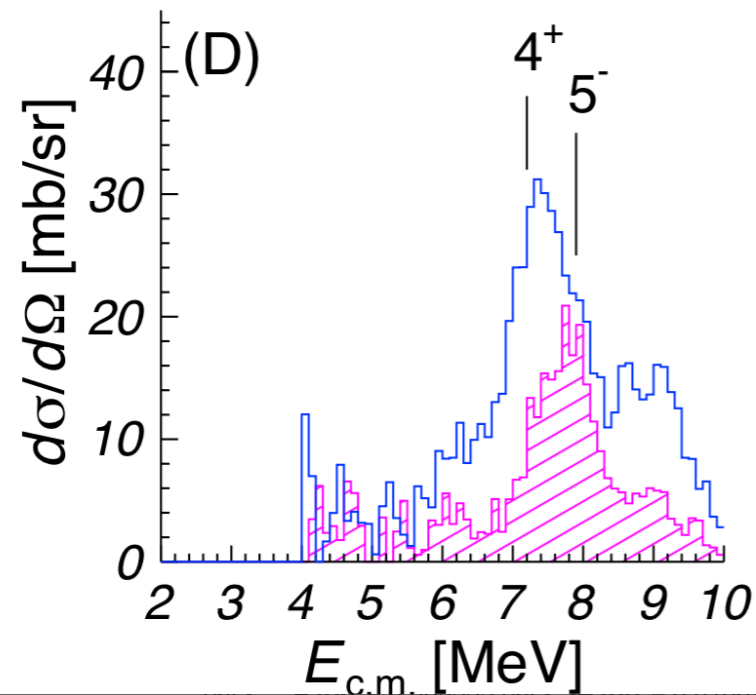
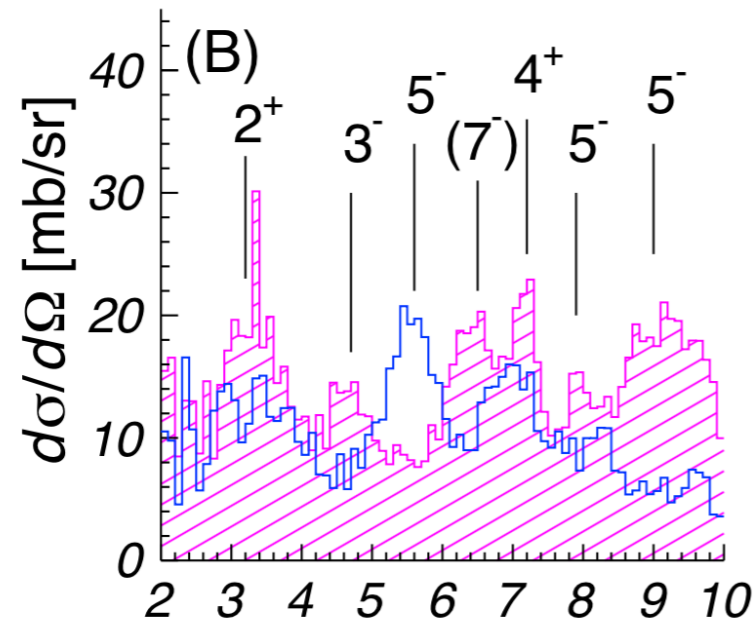
- Tracking algorithm
 - Find peaks quickly: *Tspectrum, Wavelet transform*
 - Construct tracks robustly: *Hough transform*
- Excitation functions; angular distributions

^{10}C - α angle-angle correlations



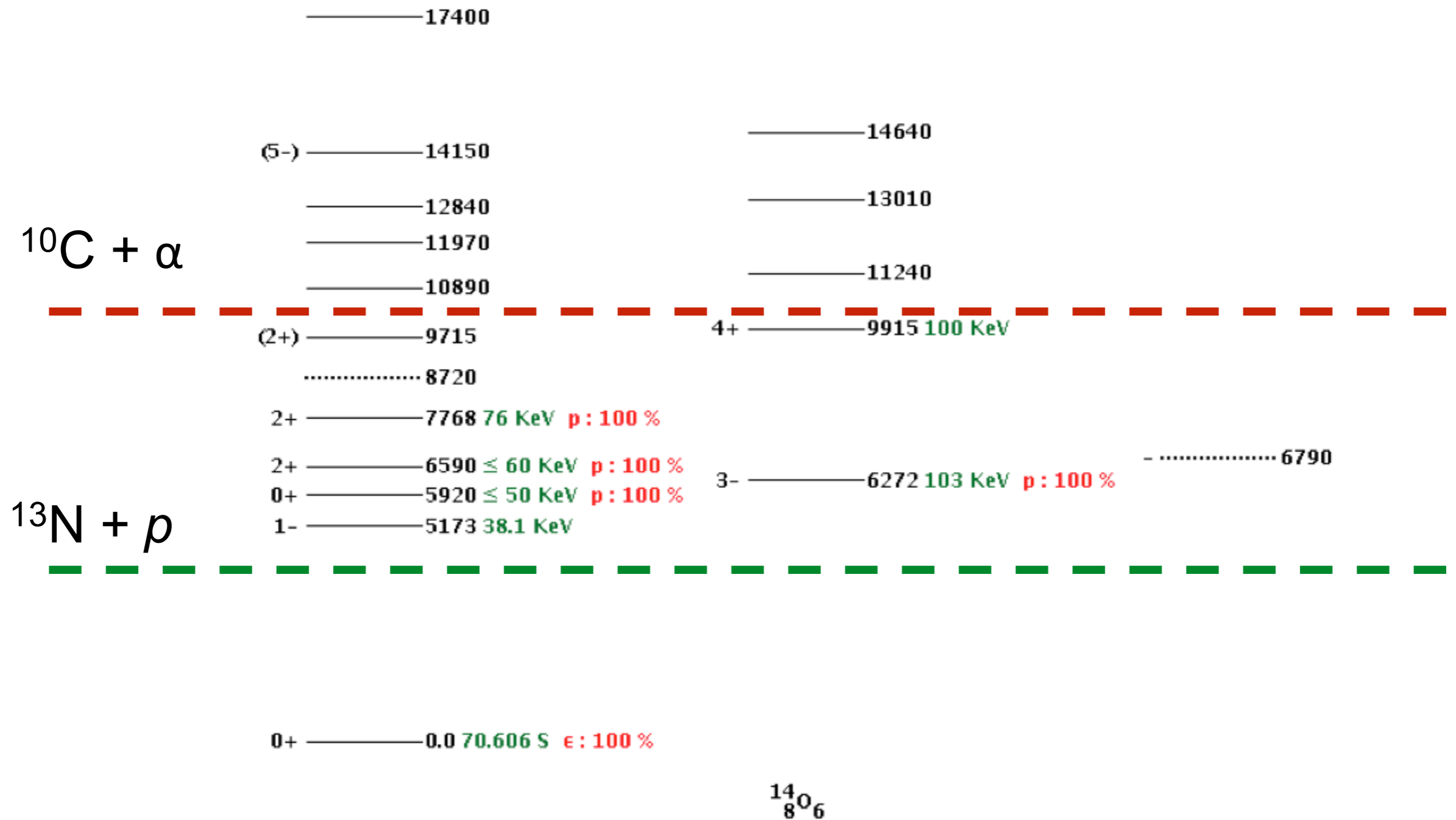
- 1 run (run 190), 10 files, 17000 events.
- ^{10}C and ^4He scattering
- Programming issues

^{14}C : Cross Sections and Angular Distributions

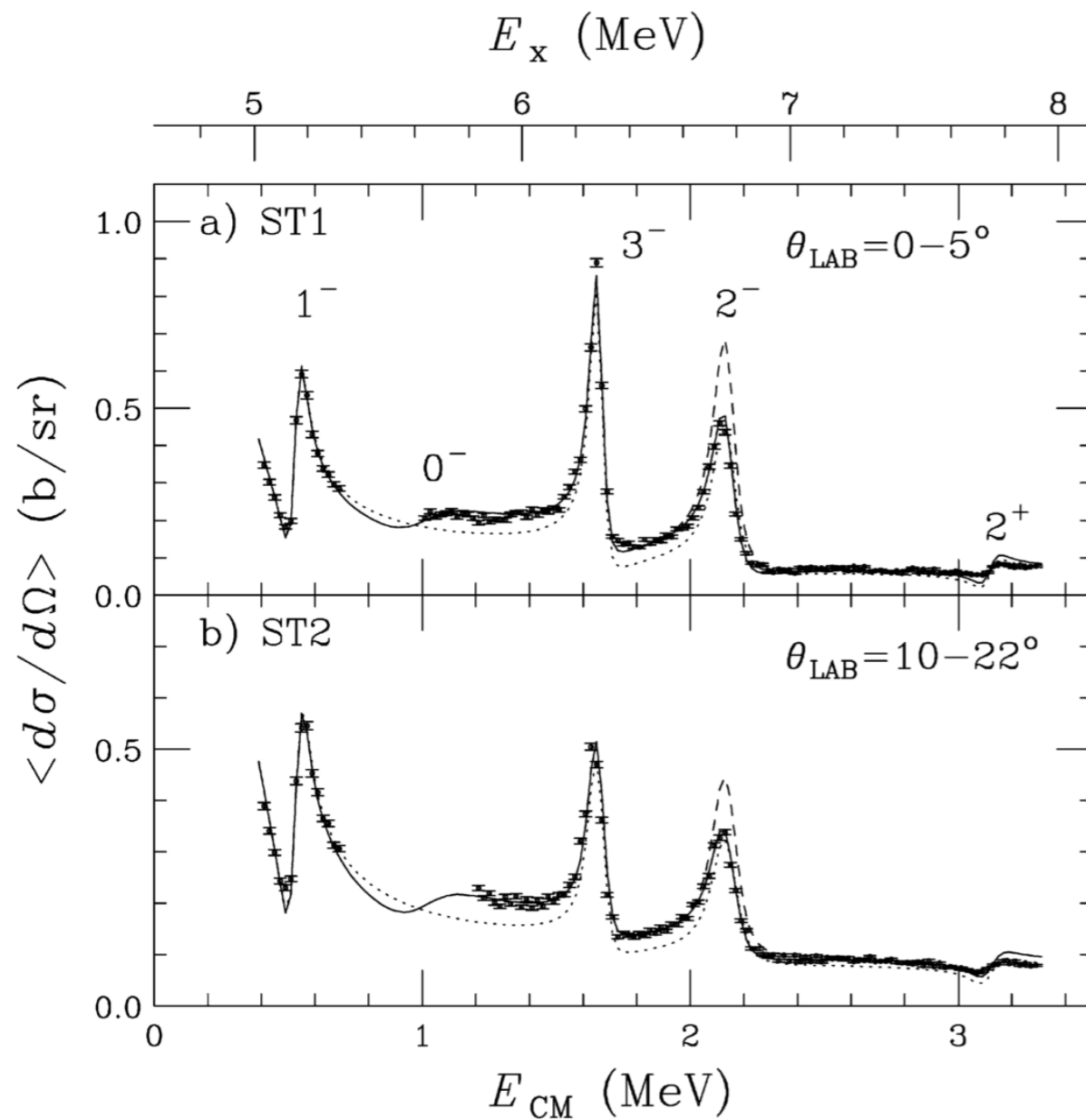


- Example from ^{14}C

^{14}O levels above p threshold



$^{13}\text{N} + p; ^{14}\text{O}$



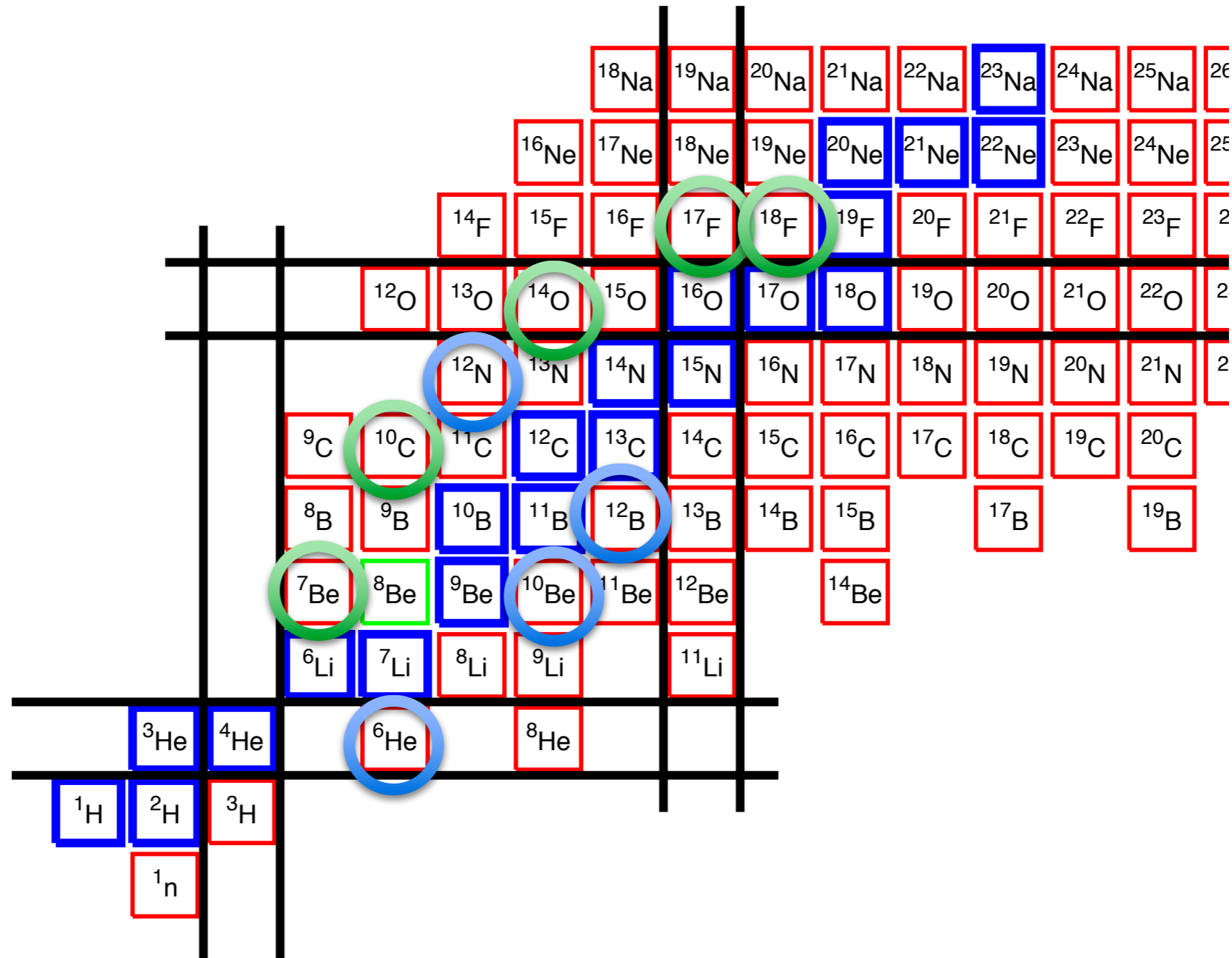
- Use of Dsigma IV code
- Hongwei Wang
- AZURE2
- Documentation
- Community of users
- Validated

- Teranishi et al. Phys. Lett. B 650, 129 (2007)

Summary

- Investigation of states above $^{10}\text{C} + \alpha$ threshold
 - TwinSol and PAT-TPC
- Analysis is ongoing
- Goal is precise measurements of differential cross sections
 - Elastic and inelastic
- Describe nuclear scattering: R-matrix analysis
 - Large alpha widths in ^{14}O ?
- Future work...

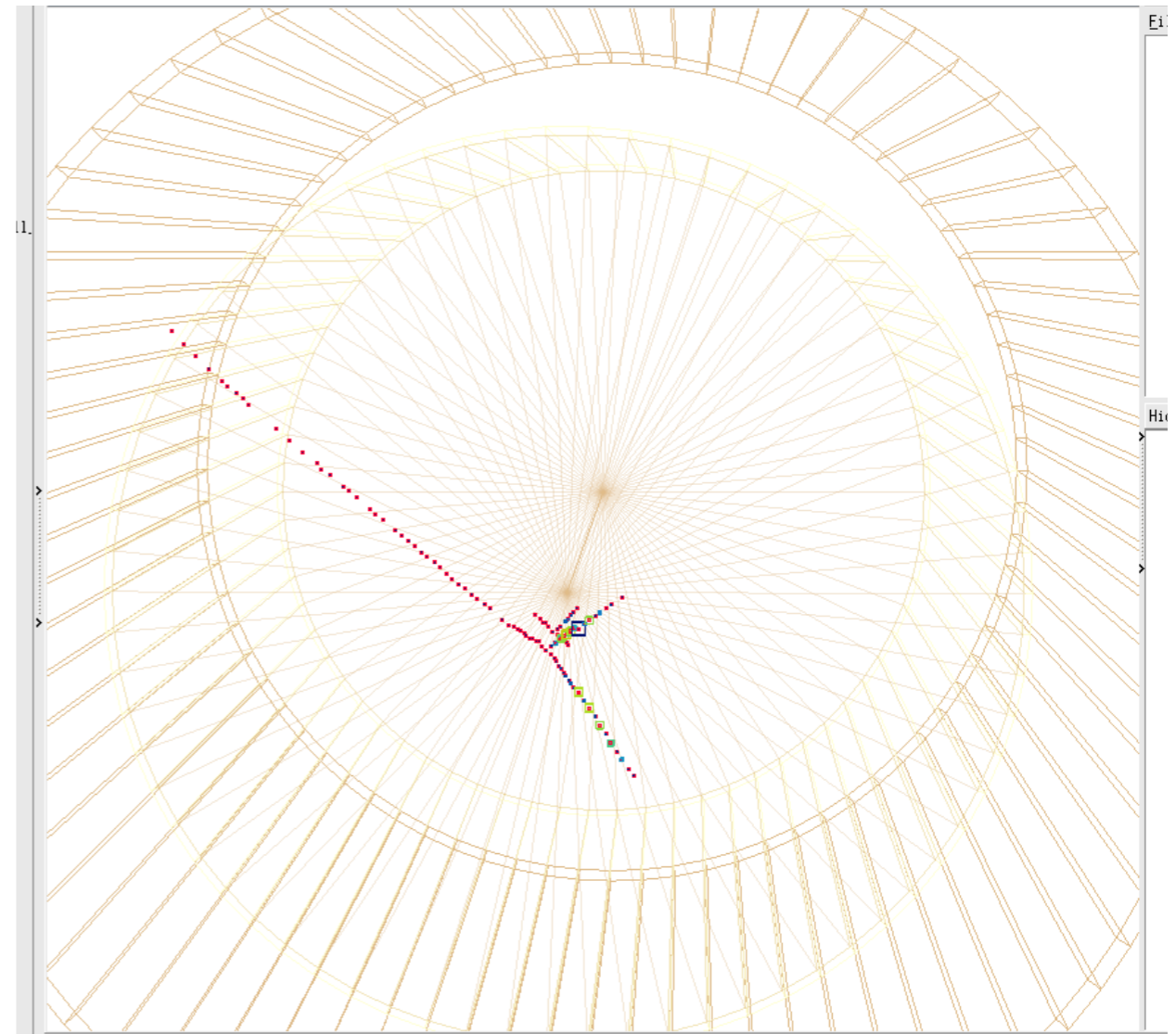
Present and Future TwinSol Beams



- 10^2 - 10^5 pps
- Program for studying novel alpha-cluster structure in light nuclei

Future explorations

- Cross section measurement at low energy
 - Gas target
- 3- and 4-body breakup
- Coulomb dissociation



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