



## Lecture 2: targets

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Targets for low energy measurements:

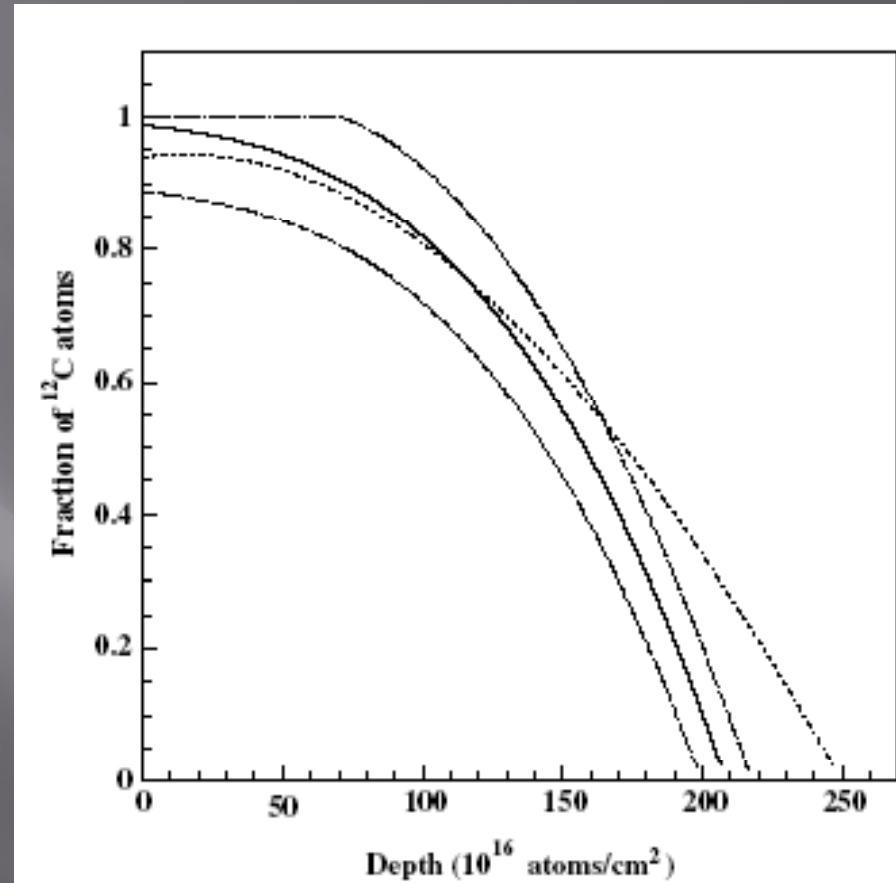
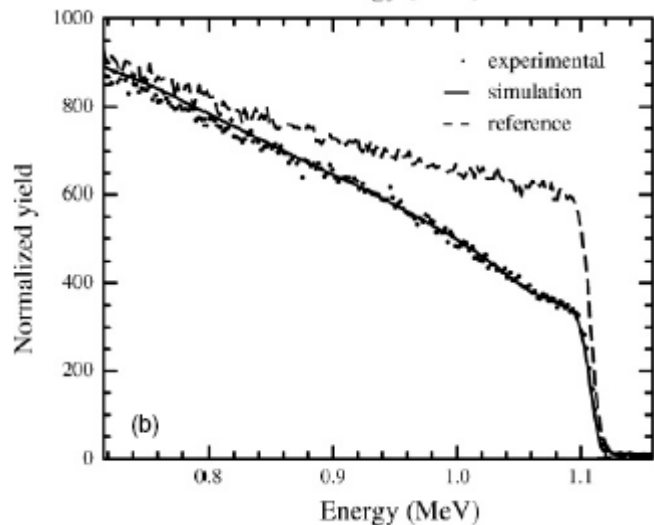
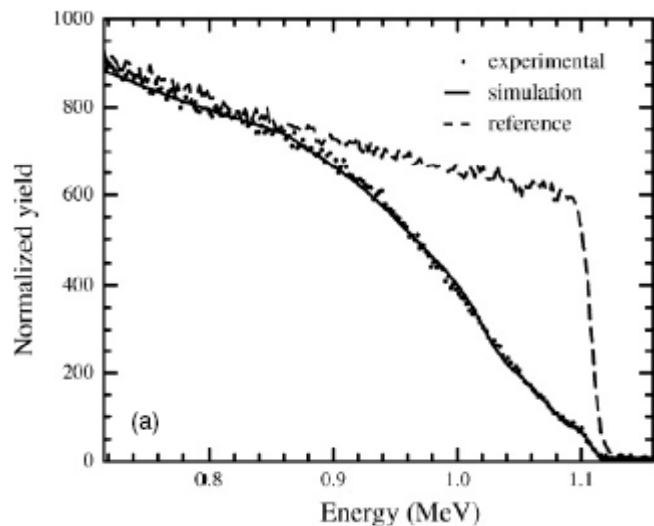
- Deterioration
- Composition
- Thickness

2 possible solutions. solid targets and gas targets

# Isotopic enrichment by ion implantation: $^{12}\text{C}$ in Au

Reaction of interest:  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$

background reaction:  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$



R  
B  
S

Note: target stoichiometry and structure change the stopping power and influence the effective energy and the yield.

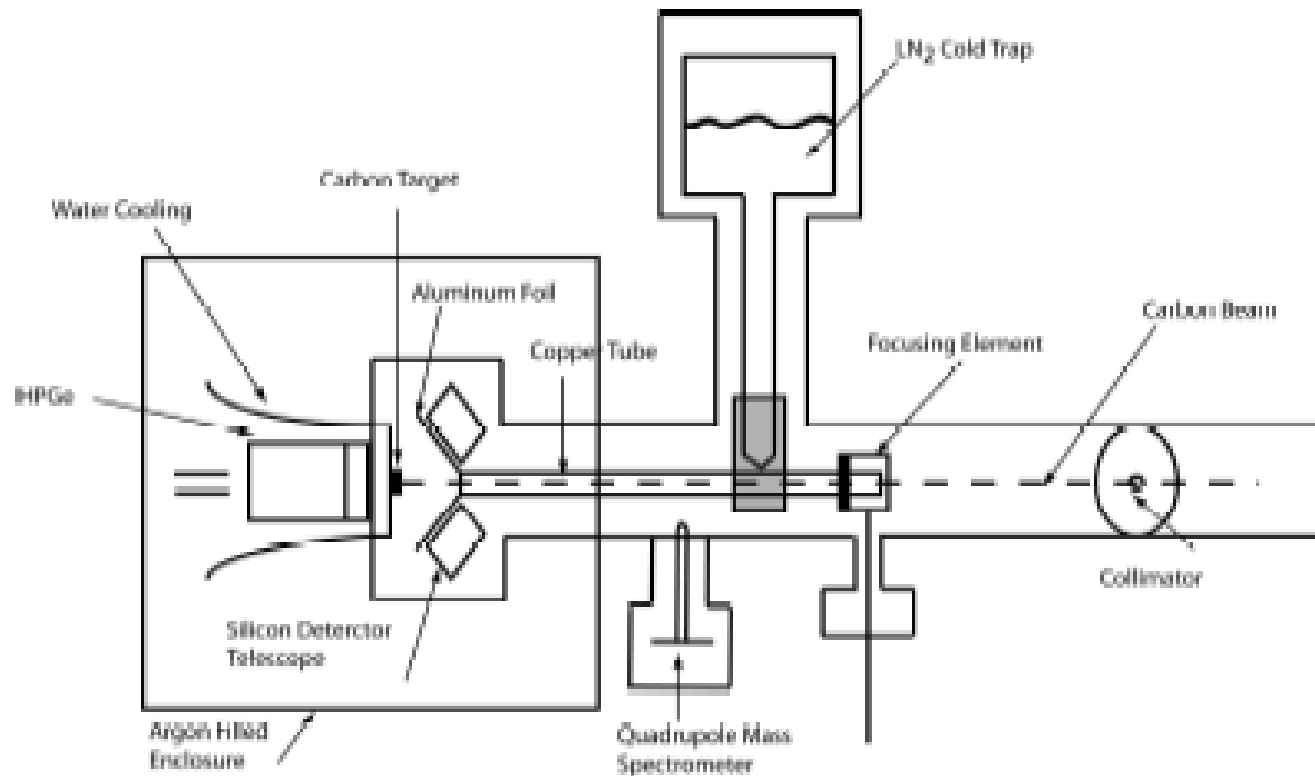
Assuncao, et al PRC 73, 055801 (2006)

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Purity: pure C targets

Reaction of interest:  $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C}, p)^{23}\text{Na}$

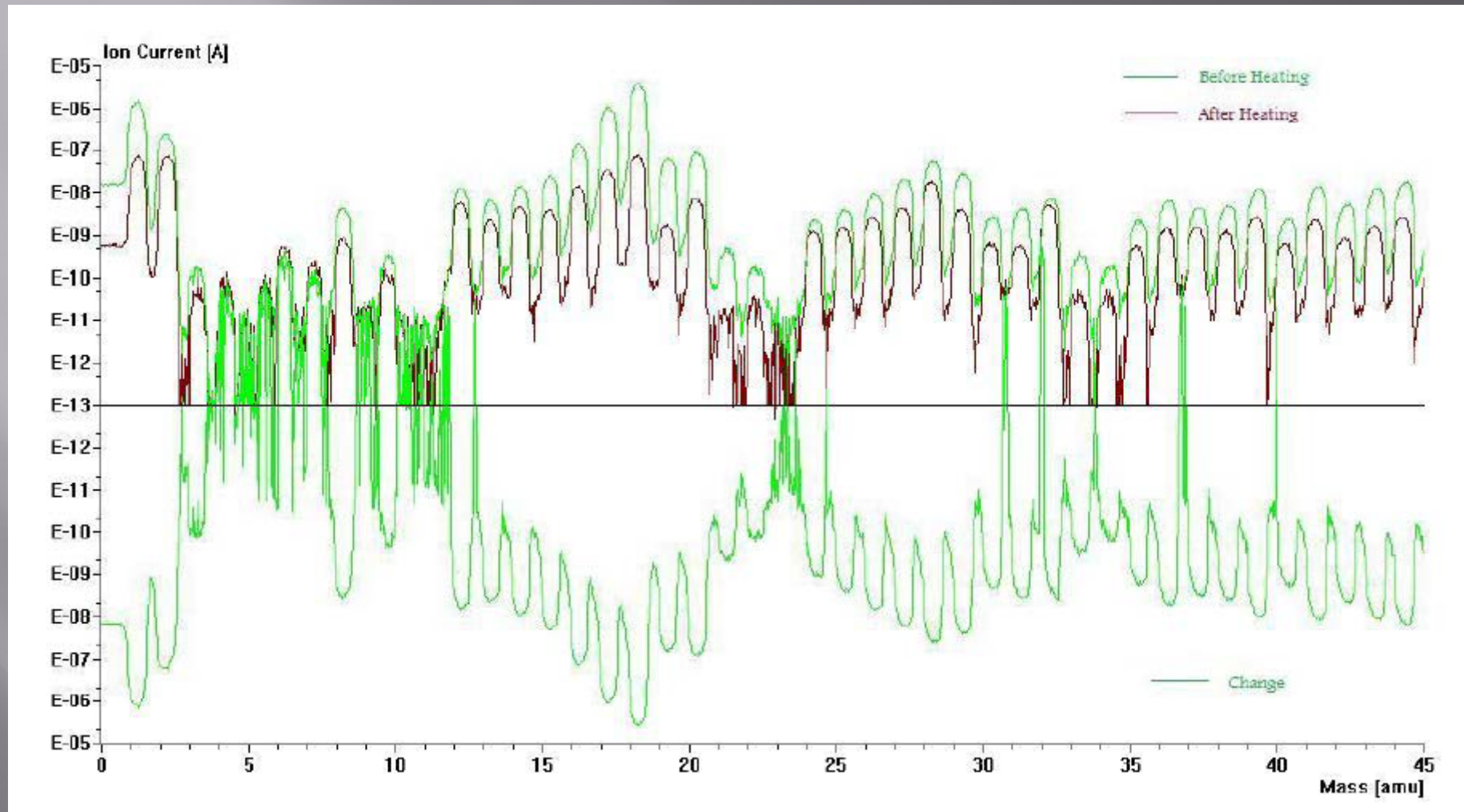
background reaction:  $d(^{12}\text{C}, p)^{13}\text{C}$



J. Zickefoose, PhD Thesis, University of Connecticut

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## Heating in vacuum: rest gas composition



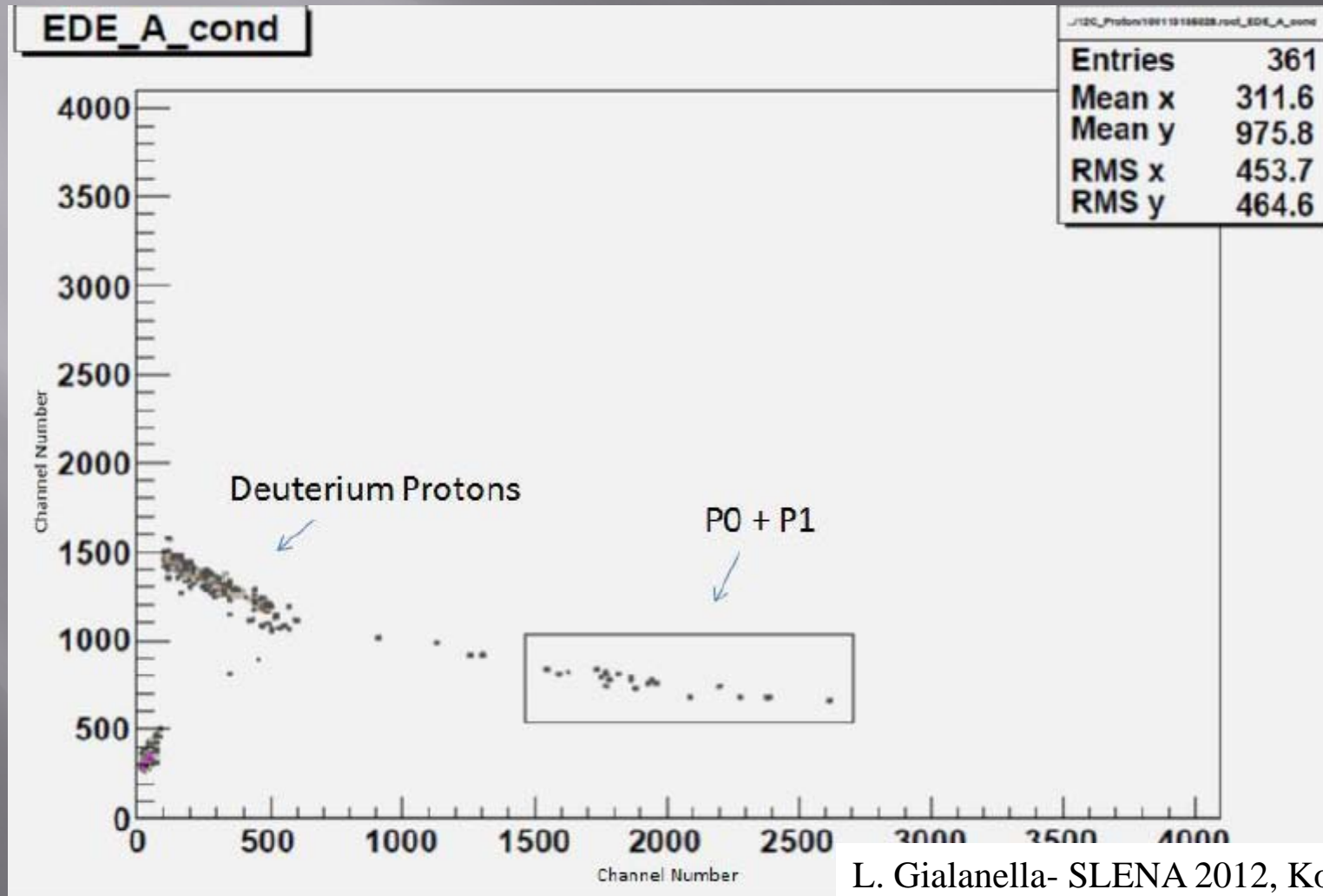
# Particle identification

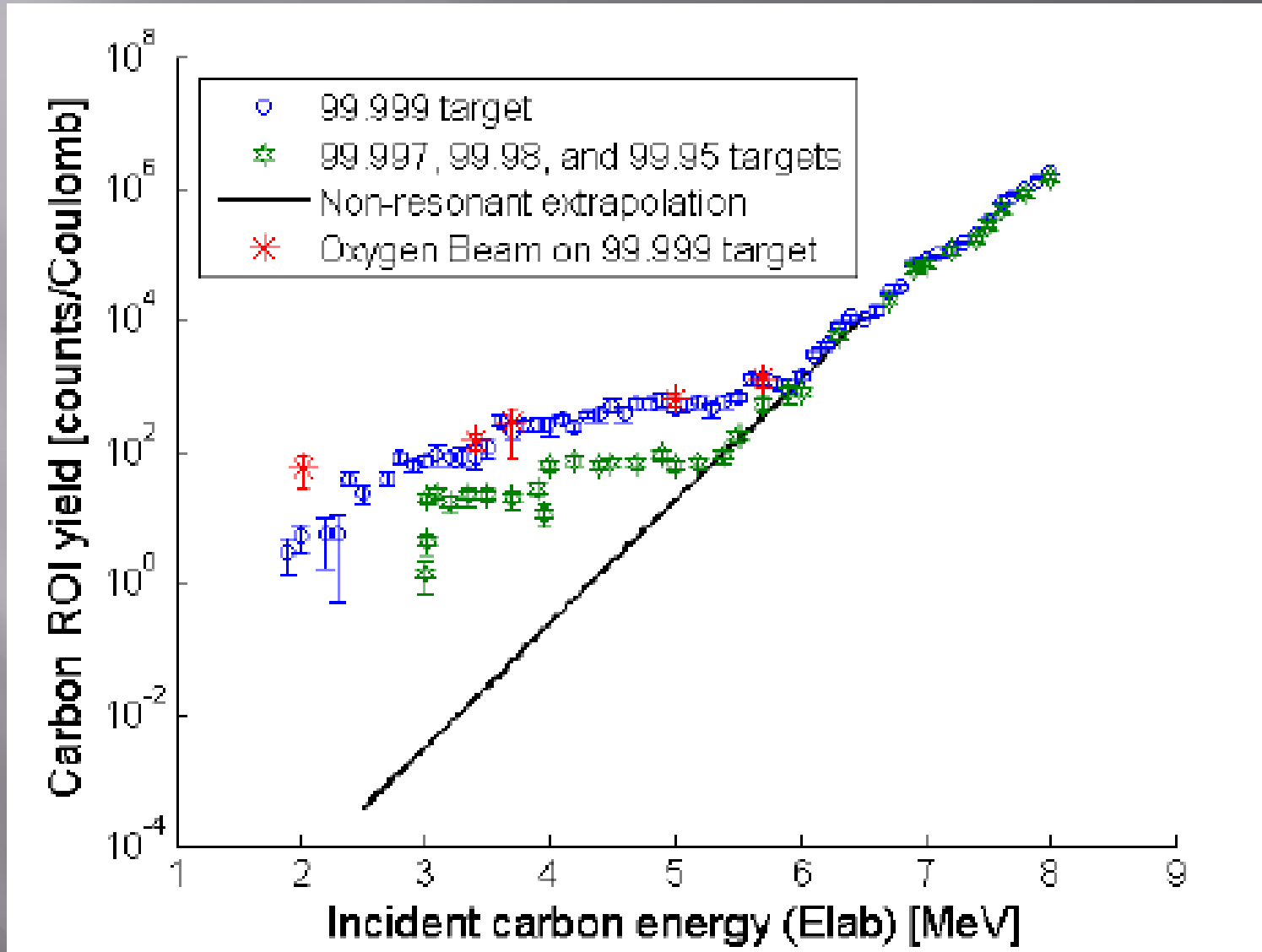
$\Delta E$

Eres

Bethe Block formula:

$$\Delta E \cdot E \propto MZ^2$$

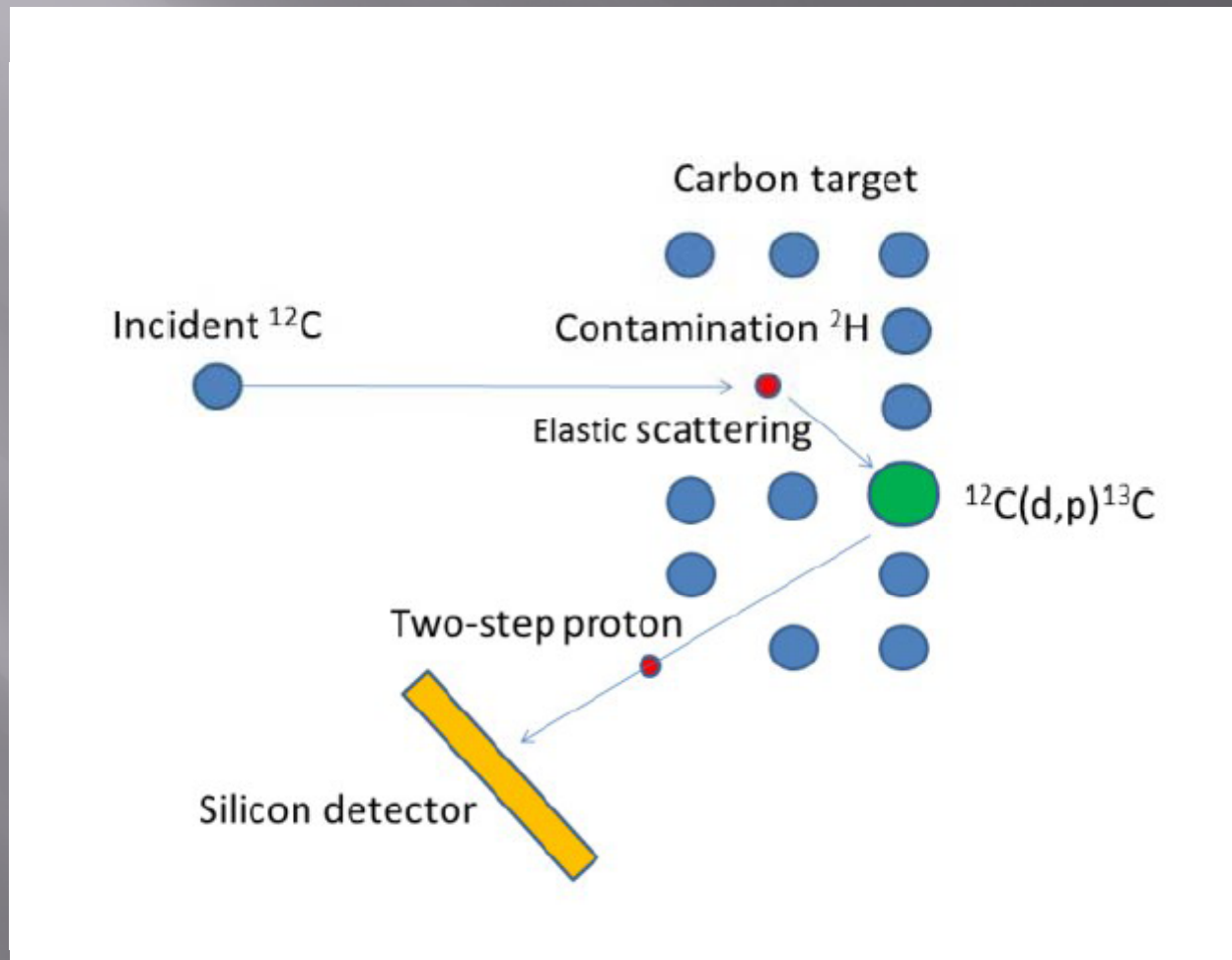




J. Zickefoose, *11th Symposium on Nuclei in the Cosmos - NIC XI - POS 2010*

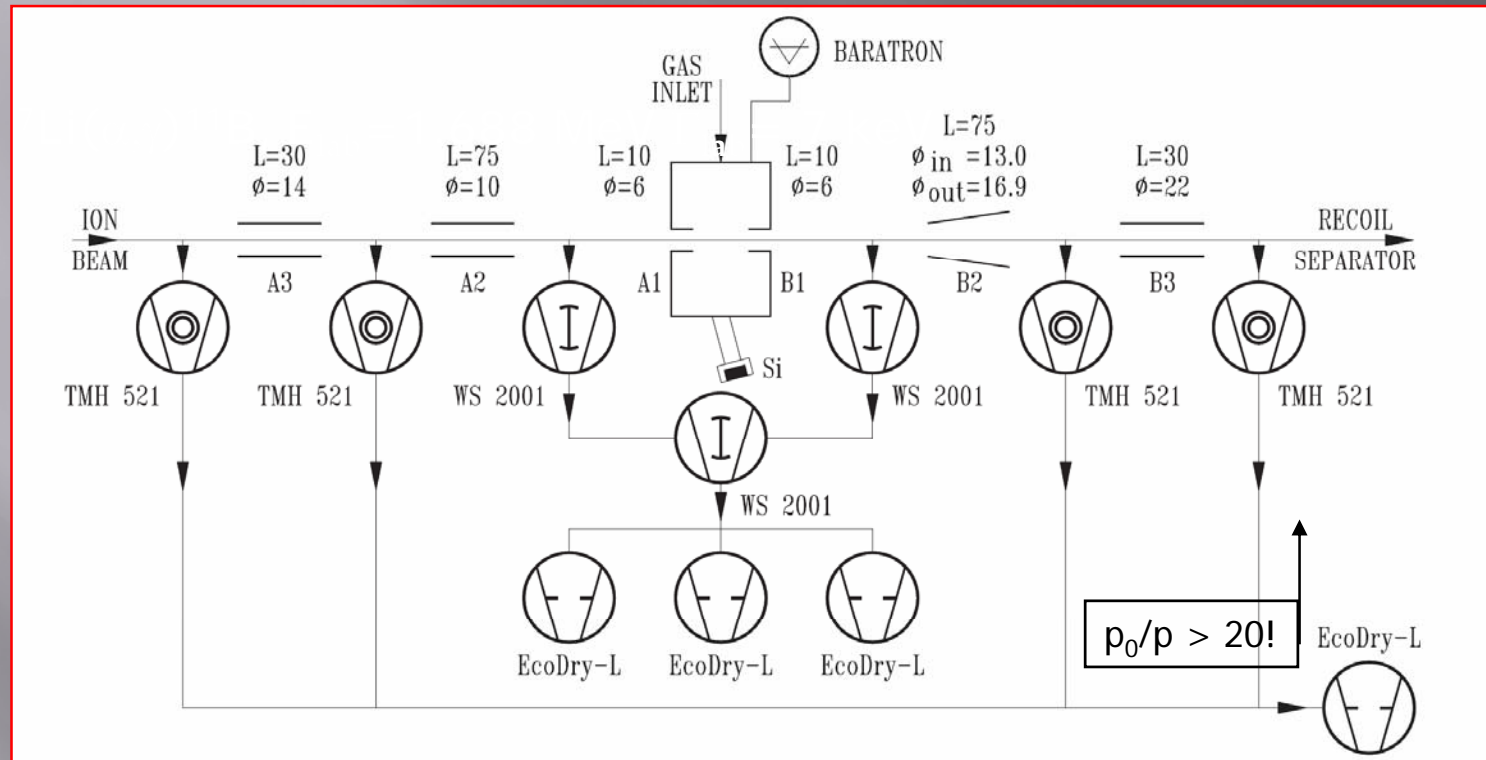
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## Two-step mechanism



# Isotopic enrichment by using inverse kinematics: gas targets

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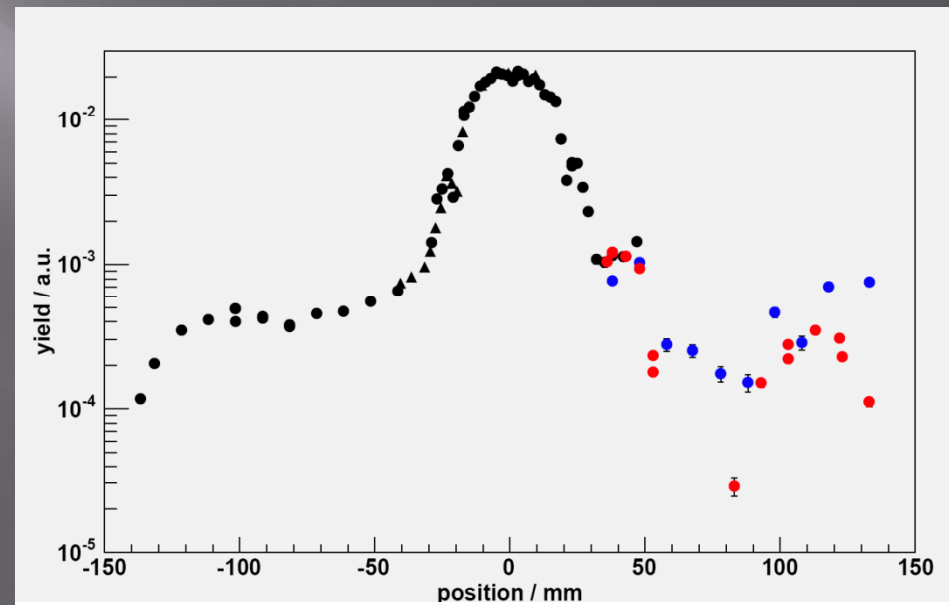
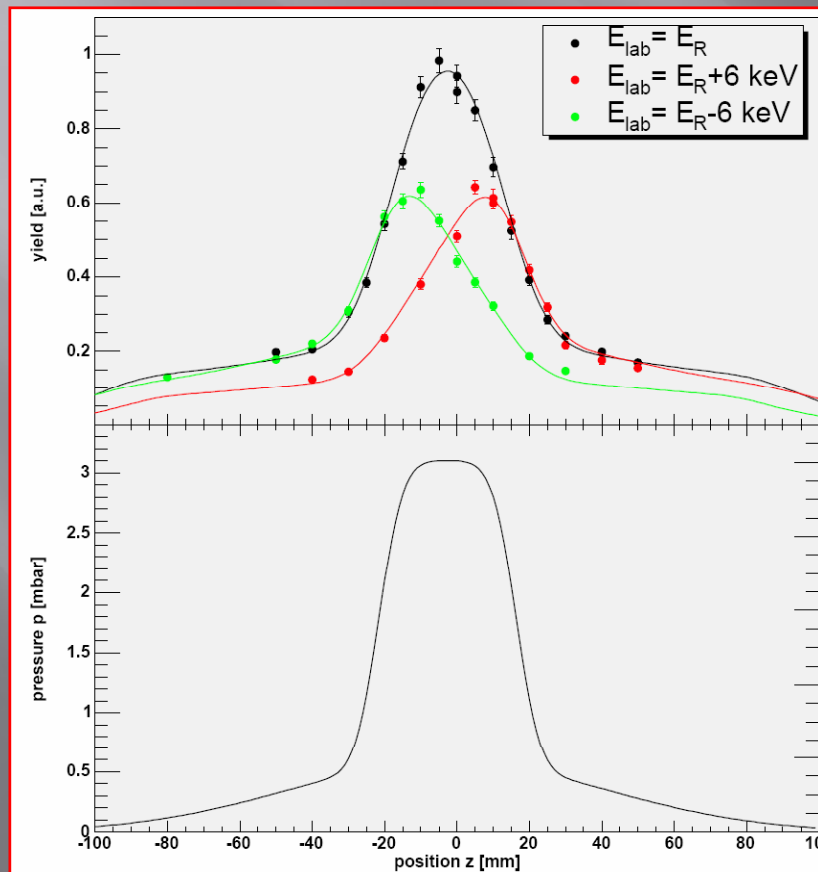




# Isotopic enrichment by using inverse kinematics: gas targets

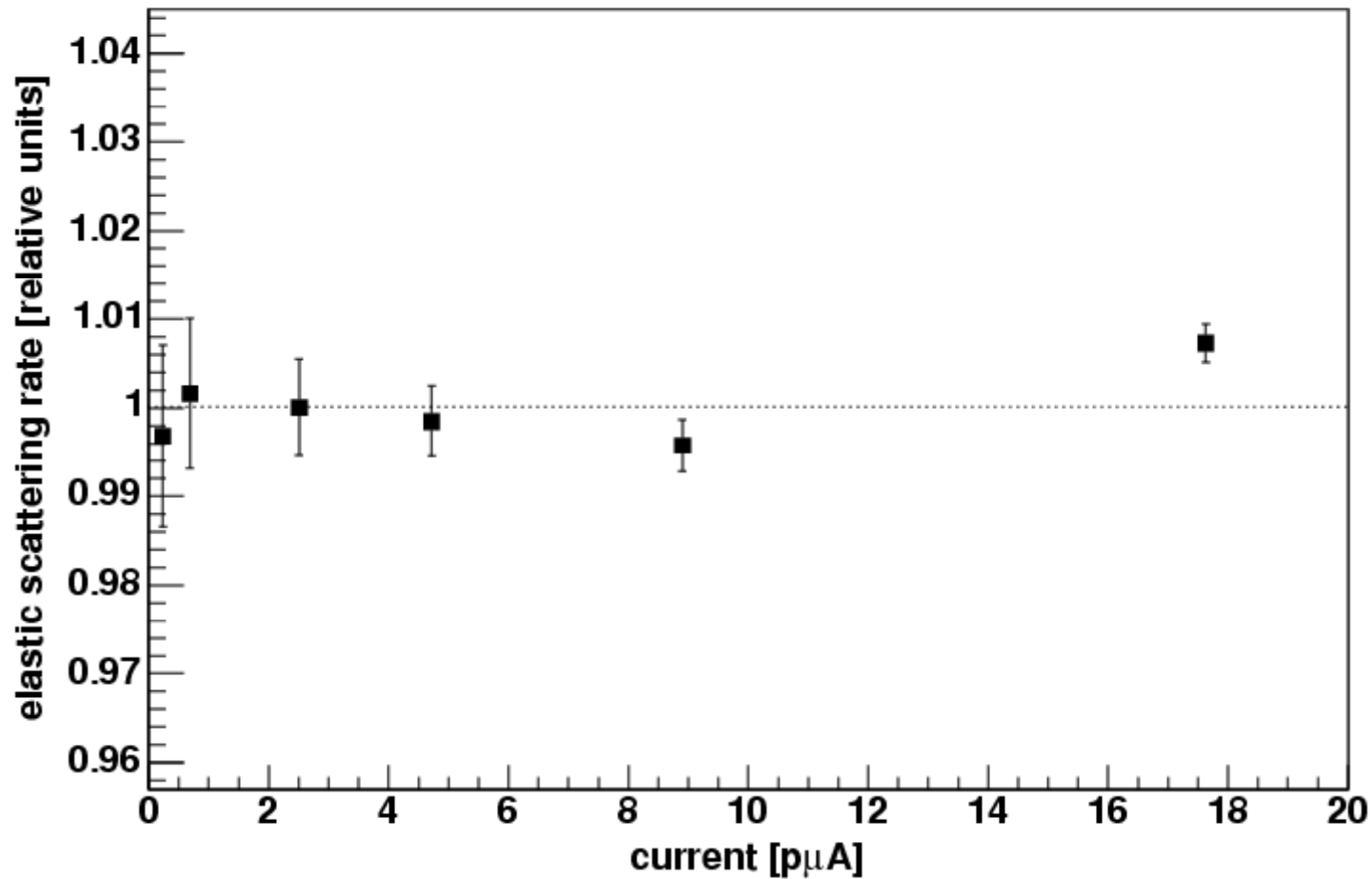
Reaction of interest:  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}$

$^7\text{Li}(\alpha, \gamma)^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $E_{\text{lab}} = 1.688 \text{ MeV}$   $\Gamma_{\text{lab}} = 7 \text{ keV}$



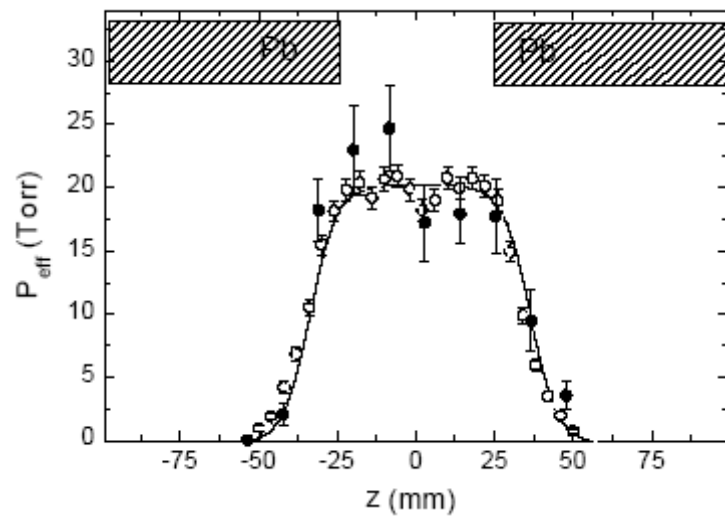
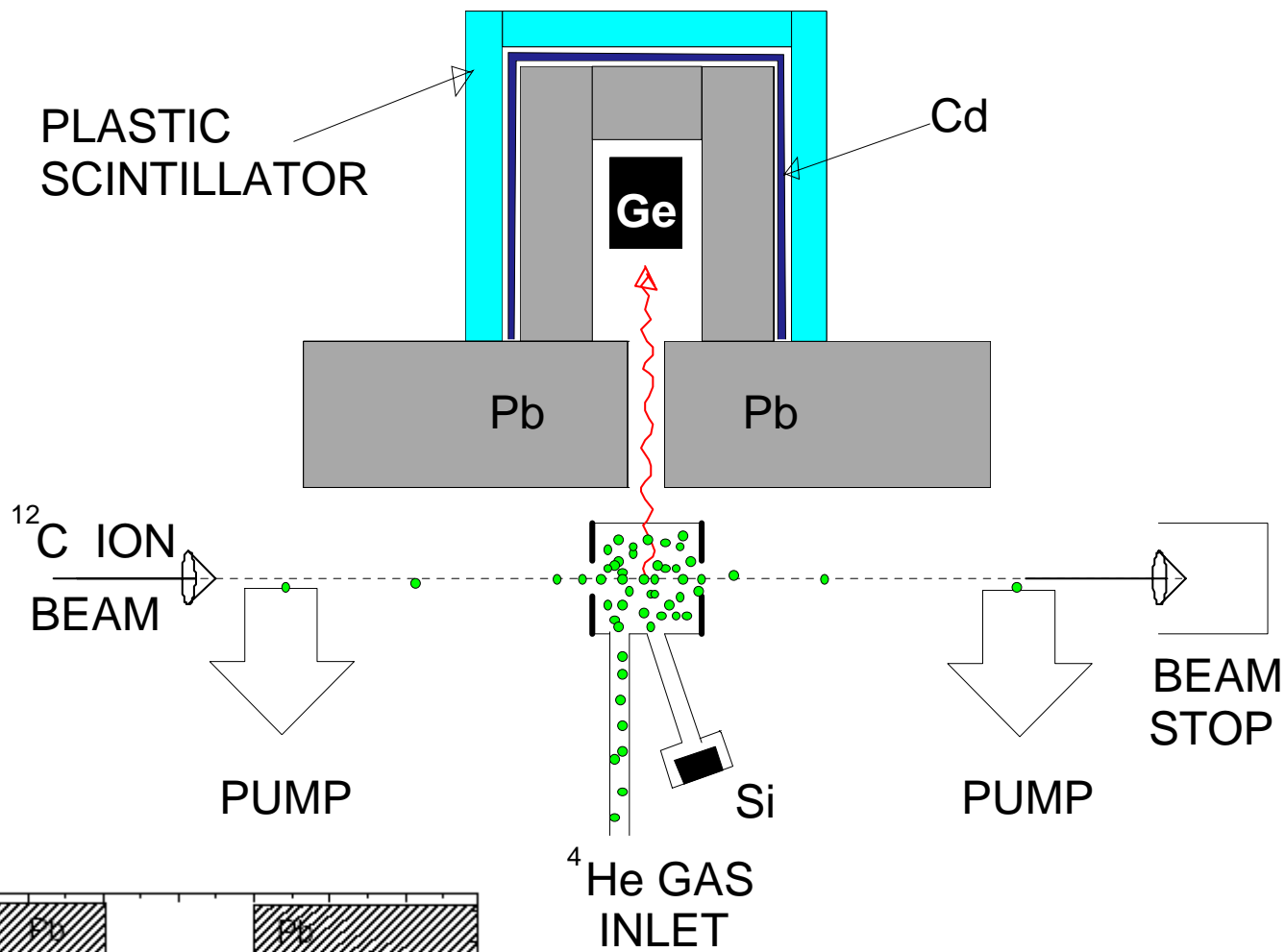
$^7\text{Li}(\alpha, \alpha')$   $E_{\text{lab}} = 3.325 \text{ MeV}$   $\Gamma_{\text{lab}} = 130 \text{ keV}$

# Normalization to $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\alpha)$ : test for heating of the target



Schuermann et al, NIM A 531 (2004) 428–434

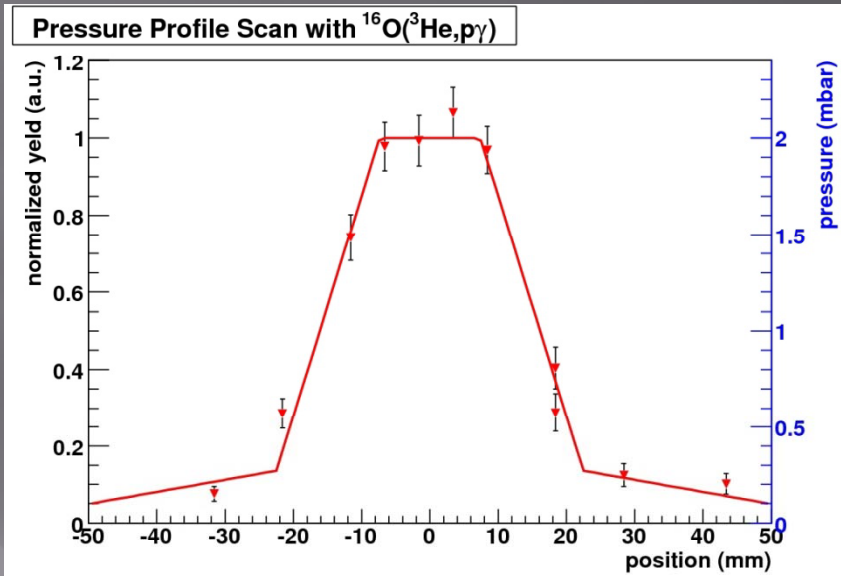
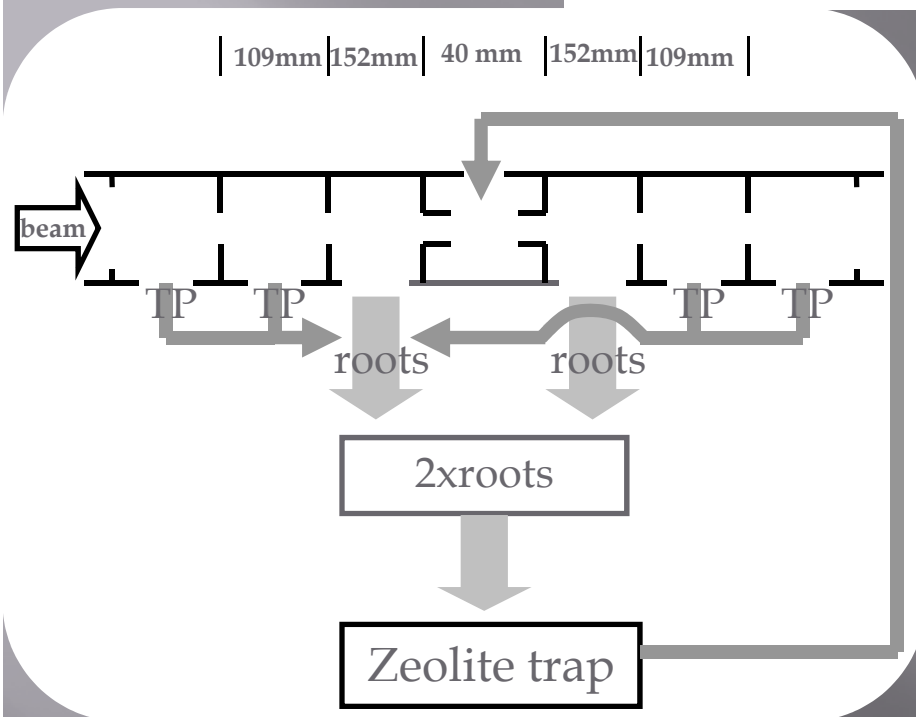
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Gialanella et al Eur. Phys. J. A **11**, 357-370 (2001)

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# Recirculating gas target

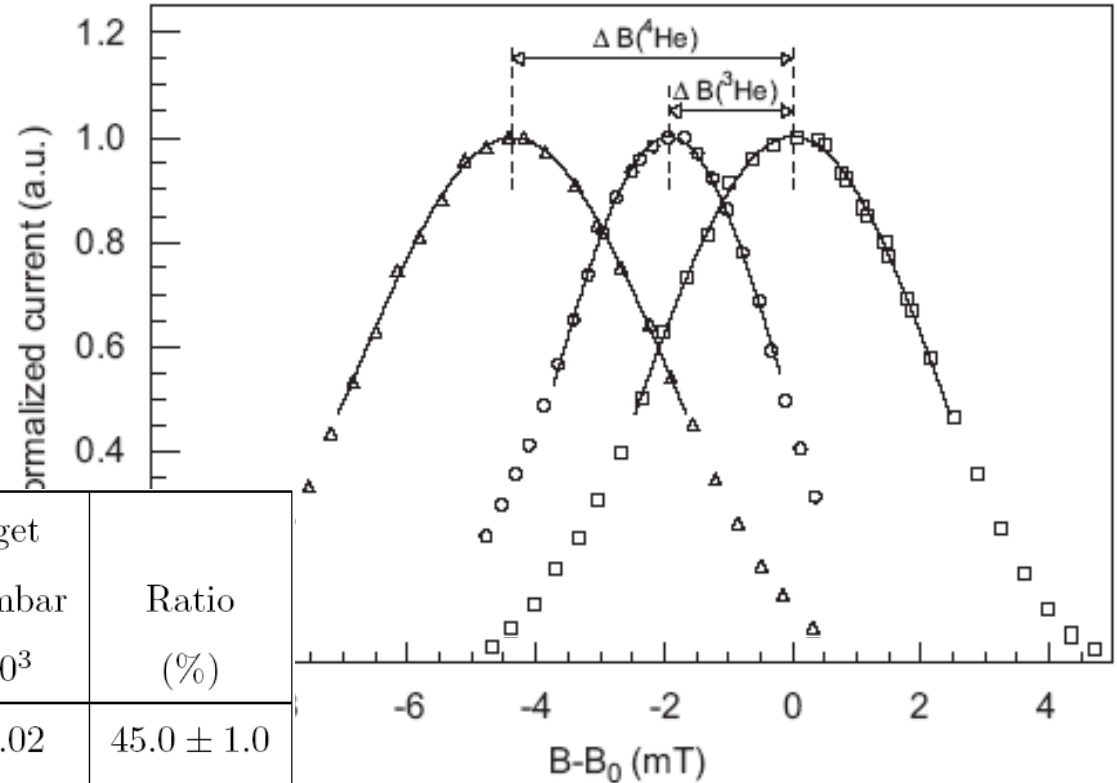


Thickness:  $2.00 \pm 0.08 \times 10^{17}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>

A. Di Leva et al. NIMA 595 (2008) 381-390

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# Energy loss measurements



ion	$E(\text{MeV})$	$^3\text{He}$ target $p = 2.00 \text{ mbar}$ $\frac{\Delta B}{B} \times 10^3$	$^4\text{He}$ target $p = 4.00 \text{ mbar}$ $\frac{\Delta B}{B} \times 10^3$	Ratio (%)
$^7\text{Li}^+$	1.68	$1.71 \pm 0.02$	$3.97 \pm 0.02$	$45.0 \pm 1.0$
$^{12}\text{C}^{2+}$	2.00	$3.21 \pm 0.03$	$7.17 \pm 0.03$	$44.8 \pm 1.2$
$^{12}\text{C}^{2+}$	4.50	$1.46 \pm 0.02$	$3.17 \pm 0.03$	$45.8 \pm 1.9$
$^{14}\text{N}^{2+}$	2.00	$3.49 \pm 0.02$	$7.50 \pm 0.02$	$46.5 \pm 0.6$
$^{16}\text{O}^{3+}$	4.50	$2.10 \pm 0.02$	$4.54 \pm 0.02$	$46 \pm 2$
weighted average				$45.9 \pm 0.5$

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Basic concepts in gas target design:  
continuity equation and gas flow conductivity

$$Q = p_A \cdot S_{\text{eff}} = p_V \cdot S_V$$

$$q_{pV} = C(p_1 - p_2) = \Delta p \cdot C$$

$$C = 135 \frac{d^4}{l} \bar{p} + 12.1 \frac{d^3}{l} \cdot \frac{1 + 192 \cdot d \cdot \bar{p}}{1 + 237 \cdot d \cdot \bar{p}} \text{ l/s} \quad (1.26)$$

where

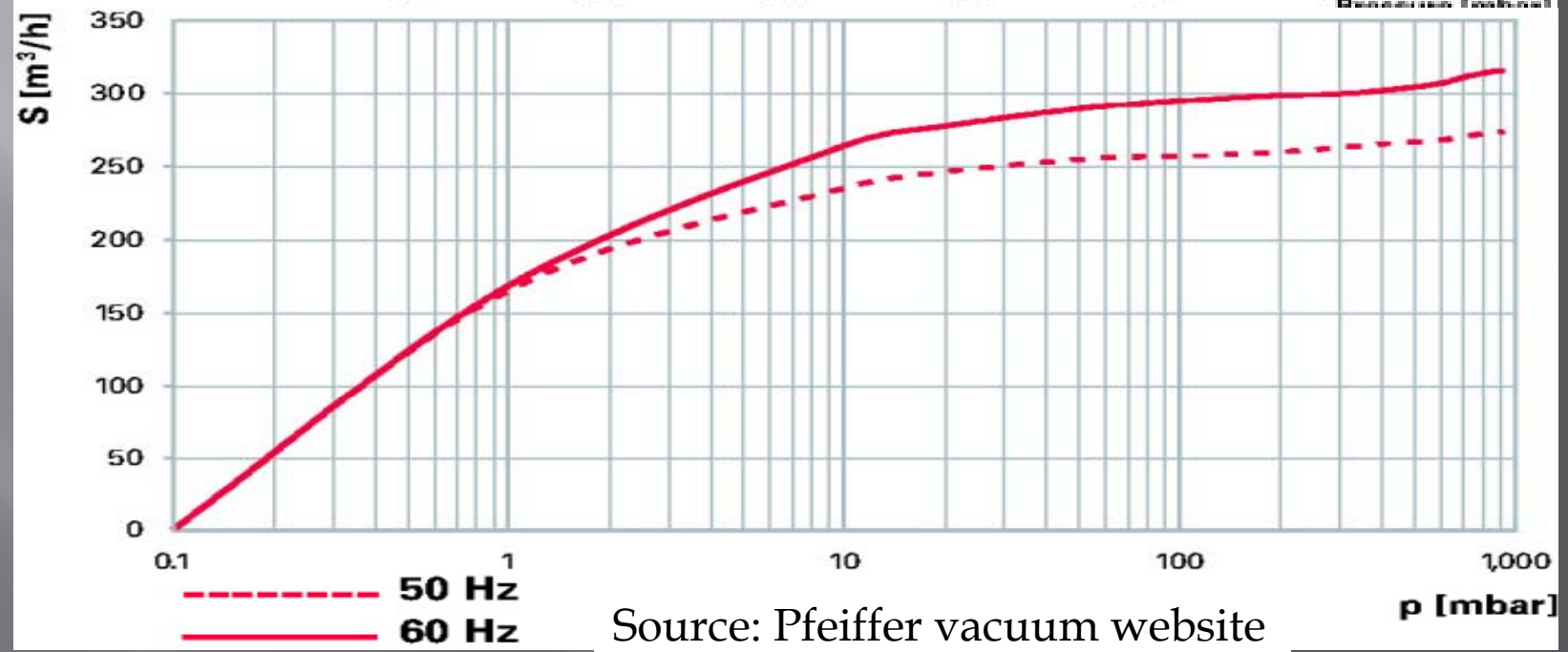
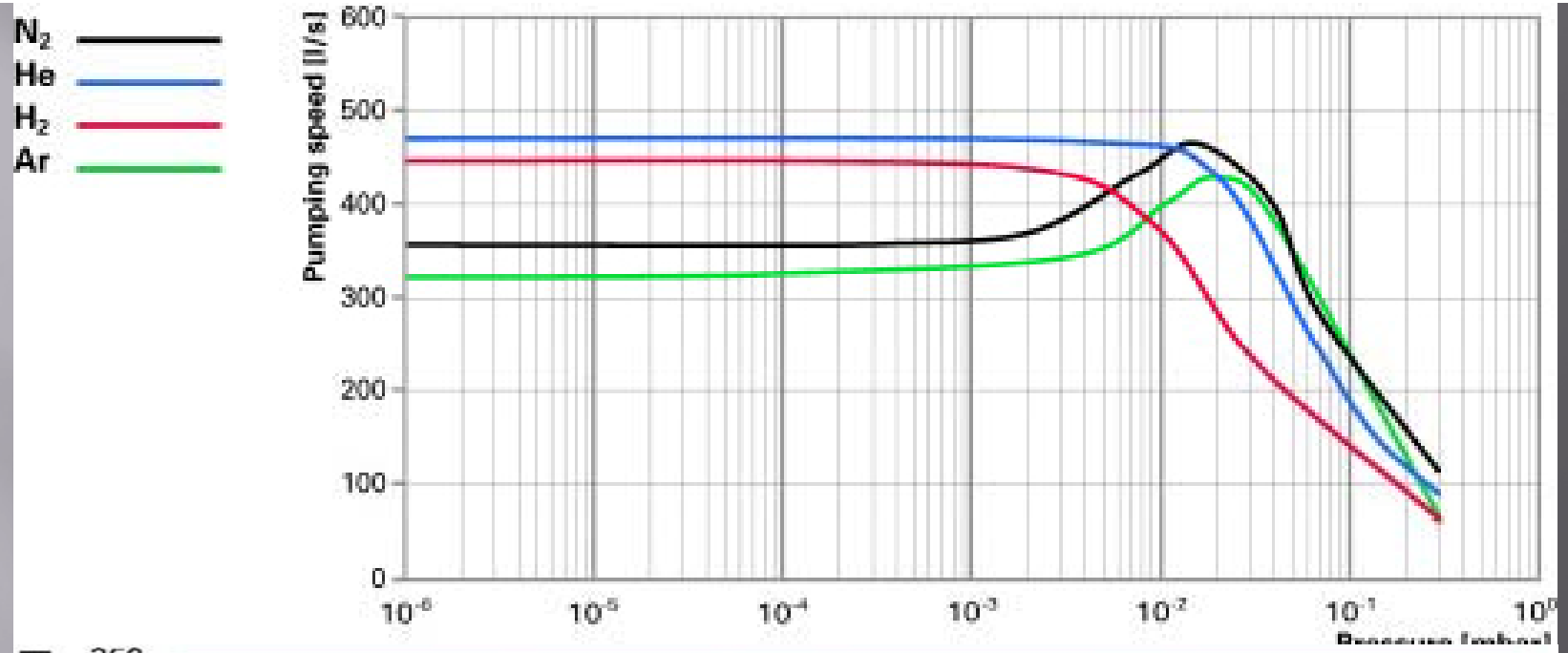
$$\bar{p} = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{2}$$

d = Pipe inside diameter in cm

l = Pipe length in cm ( $l \geq 10 d$ )

$p_1$  = Pressure at start of pipe (along the direction of flow) in mbar

$p_2$  = Pressure at end of pipe (along the direction of flow) in mbar



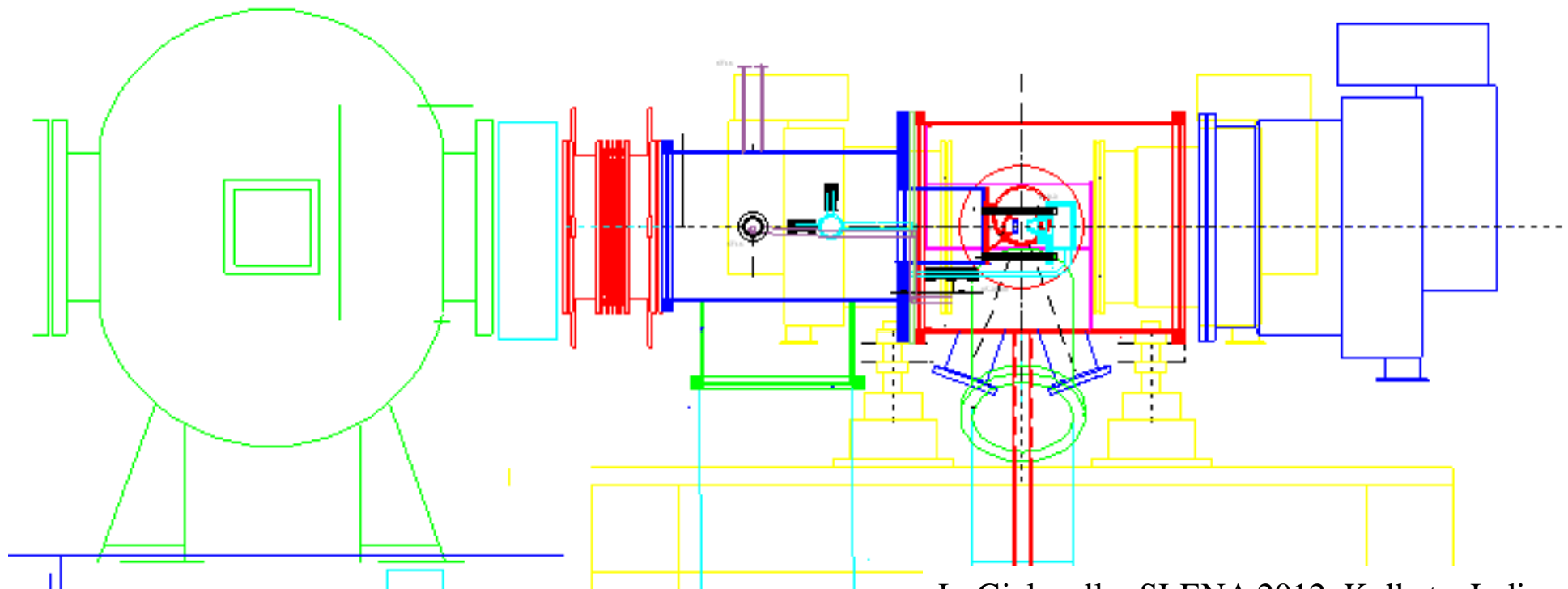
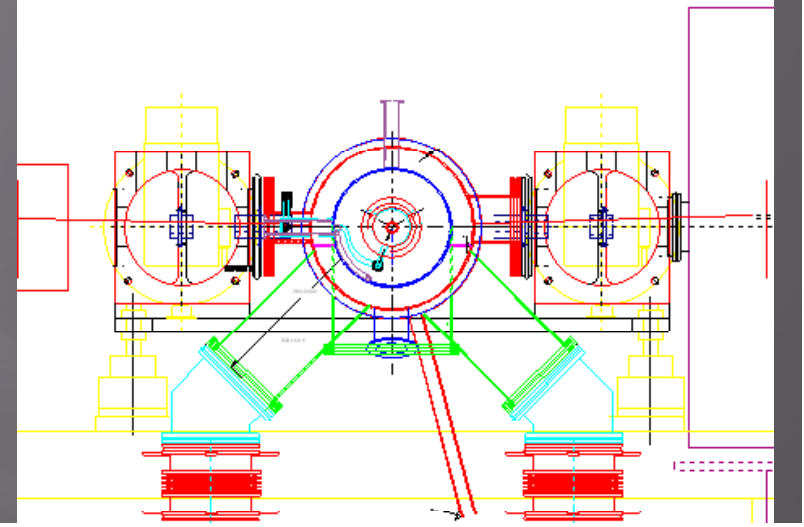
Source: Pfeiffer vacuum website

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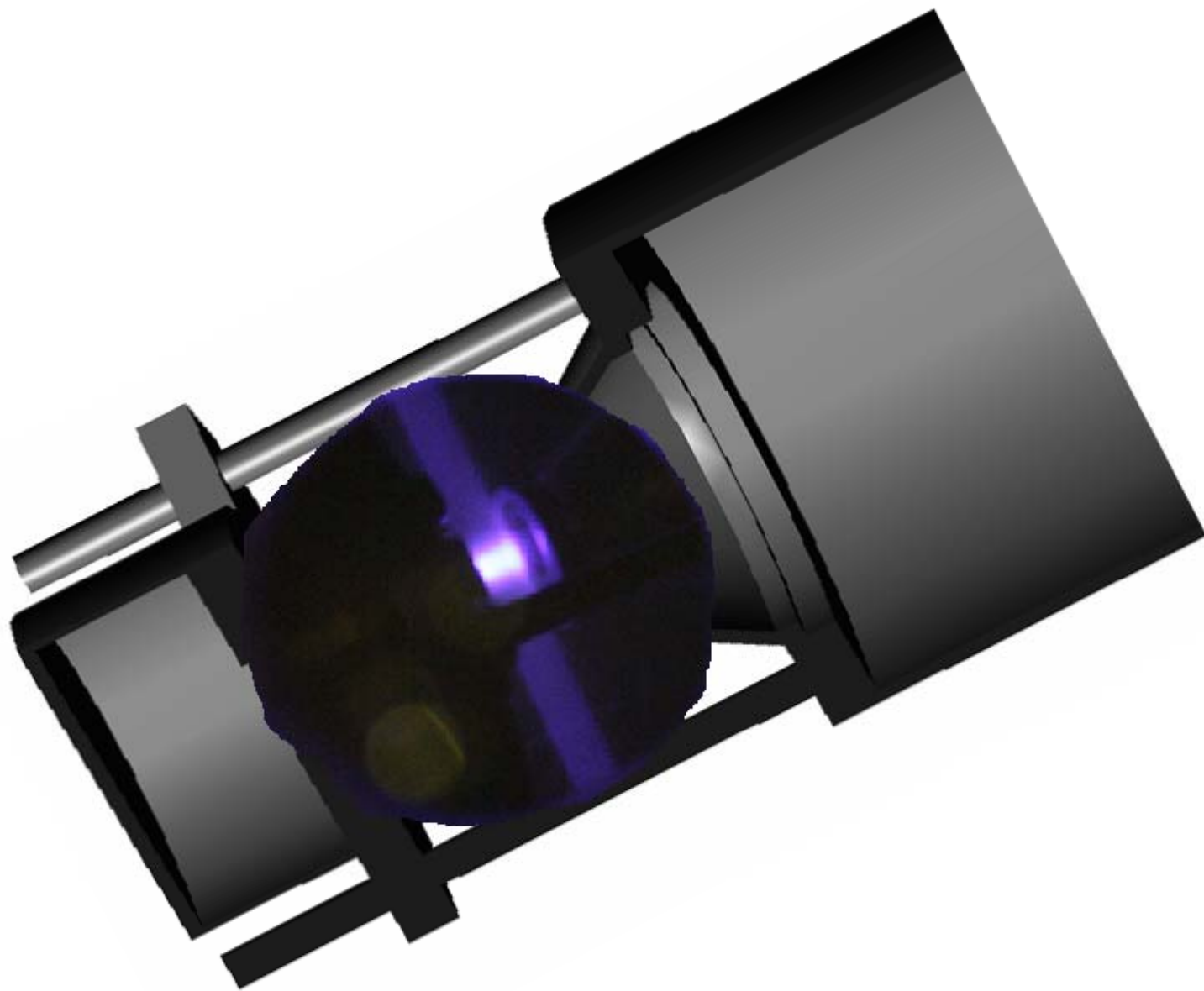
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## 2. Target

1. Thin jet gas target ( $4 \cdot 10^{17}$  at/cm<sup>2</sup>)
2. Compact
3. 1-2  $\pi$  for gamma detectors (NaI, HPGe)







ERNA test gas target

