

A fast ionization chamber for the detection of fusion-evaporation residues produced by the exotic beams of SPES: design, tests and first experiment

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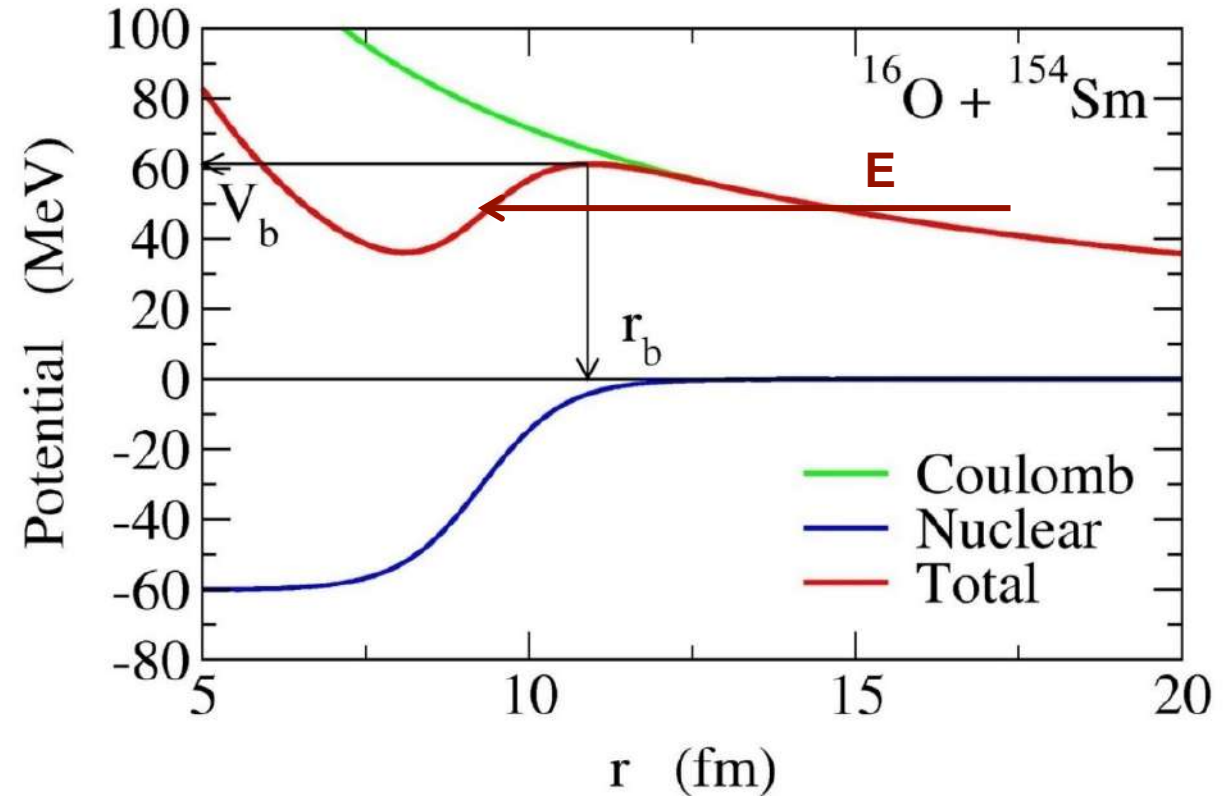
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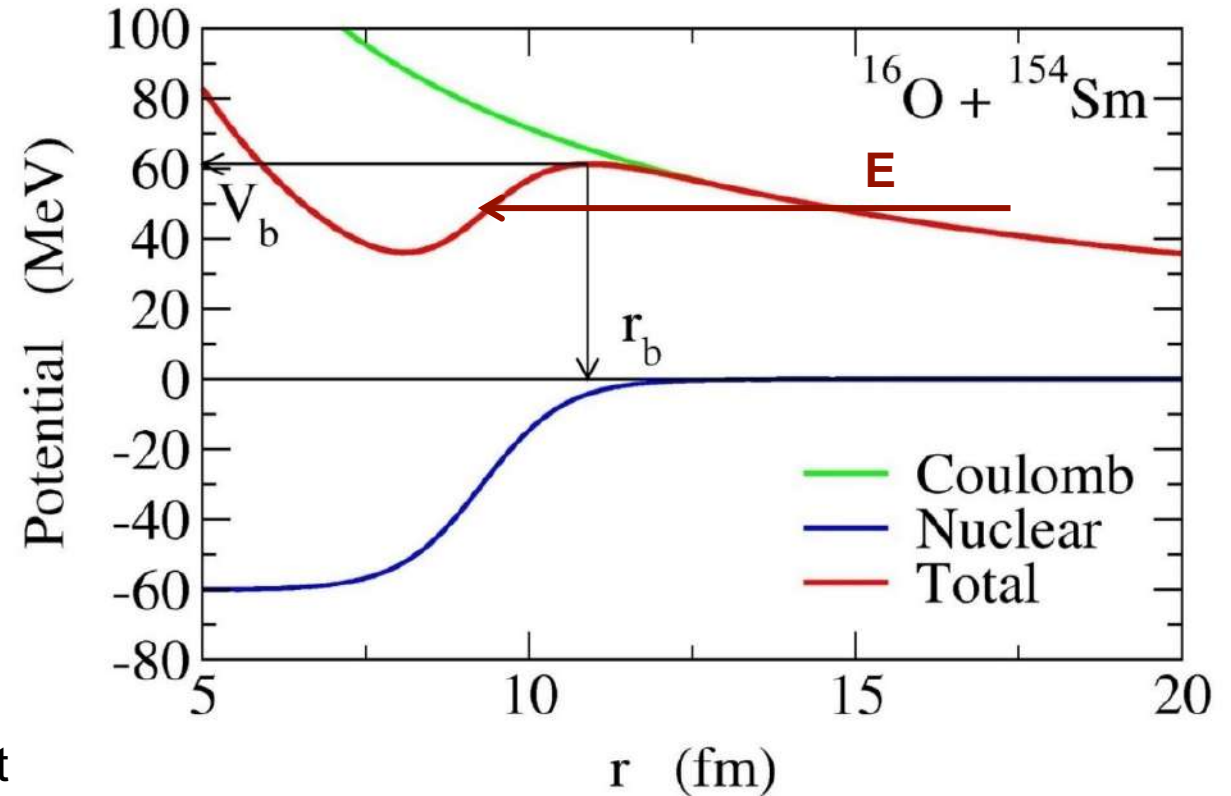
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Why sub-barrier fusion?

- Many-particle tunnelling effect
 - Many types of intrinsic degrees of freedom (collective vibrational, rotational states..)
 - Energy dependence of tunnelling probability
- Strong interplay between reaction and structure



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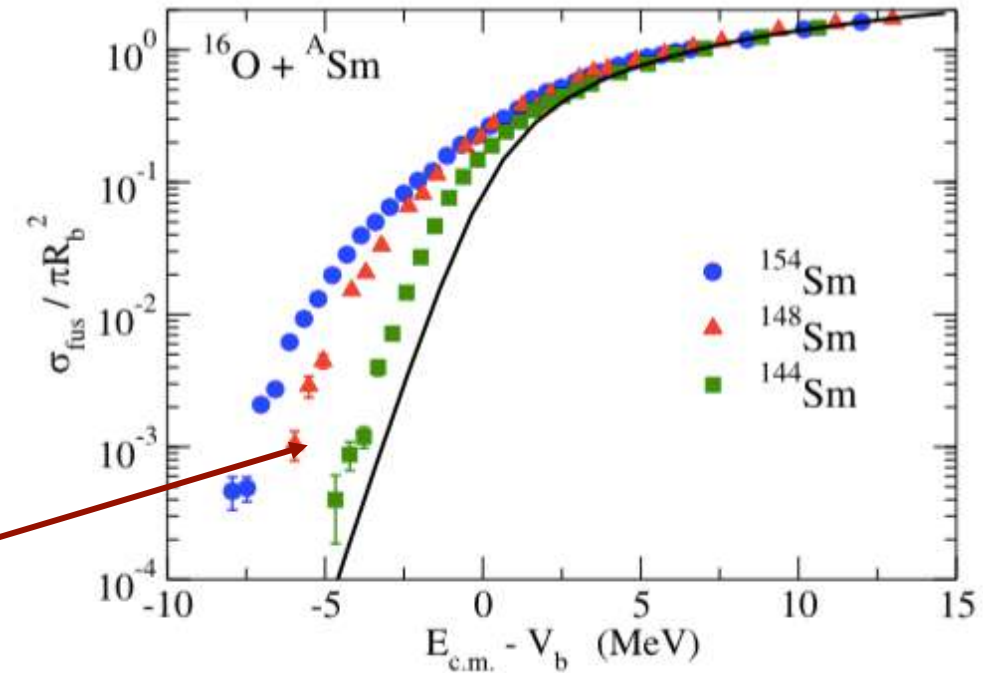
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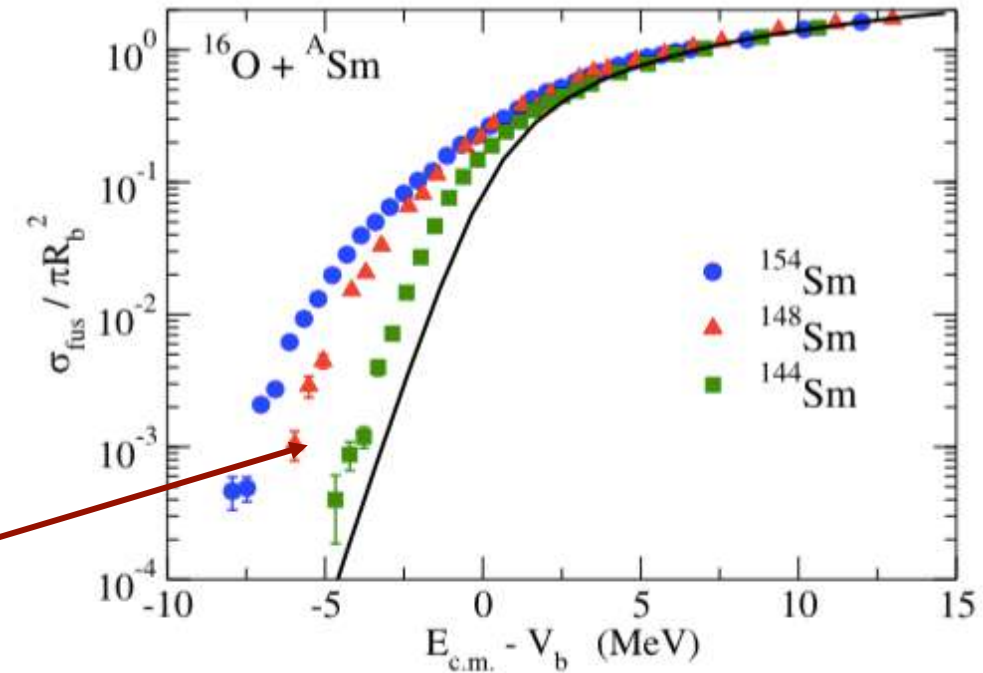
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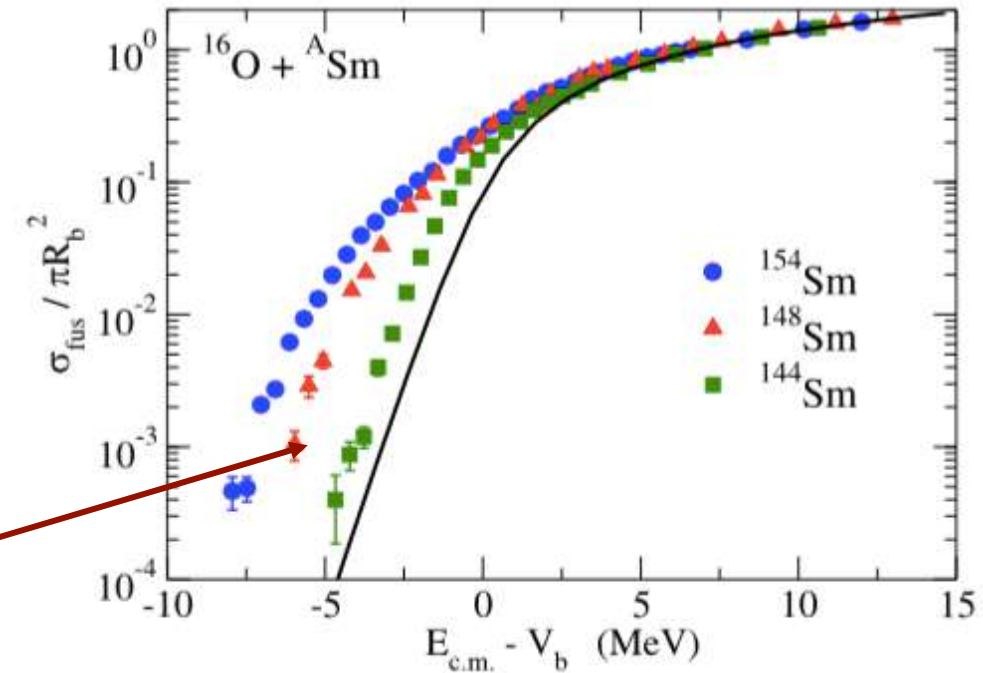
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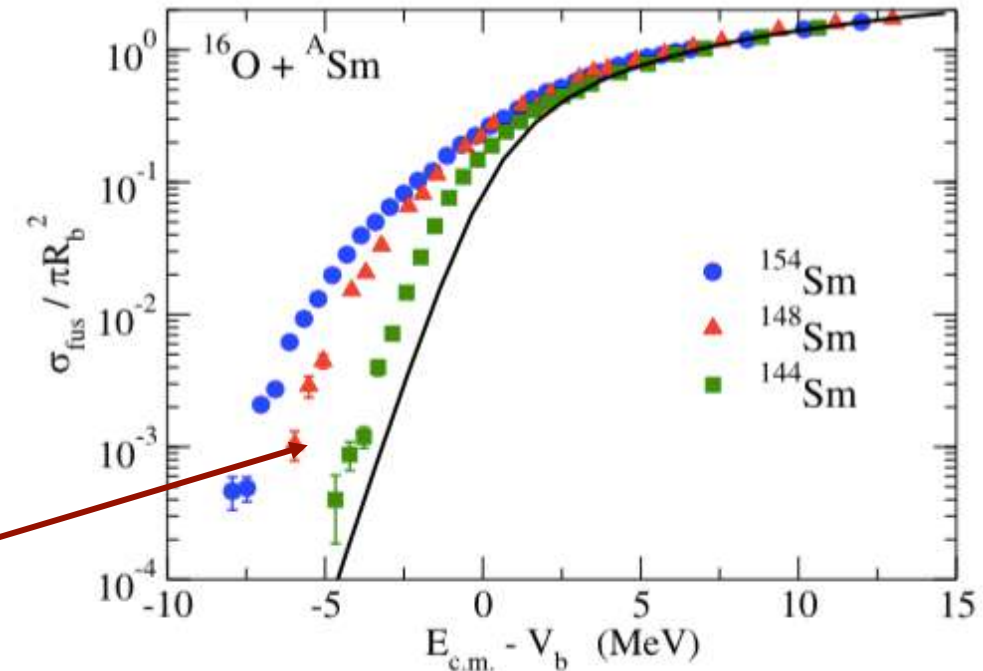
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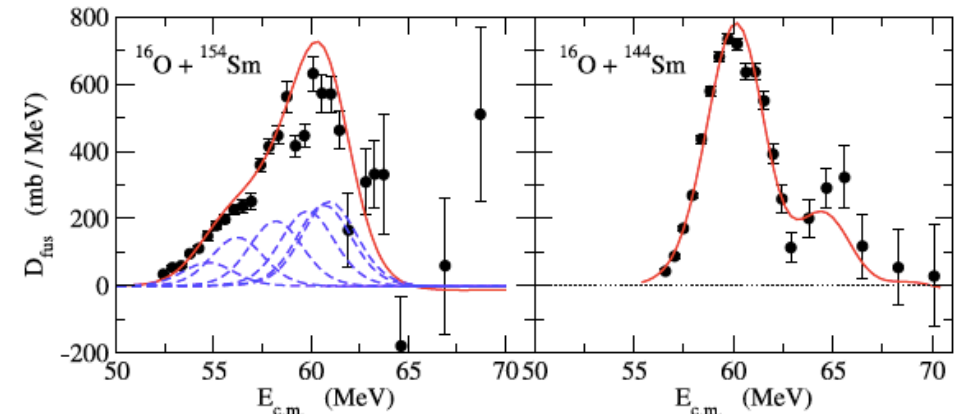
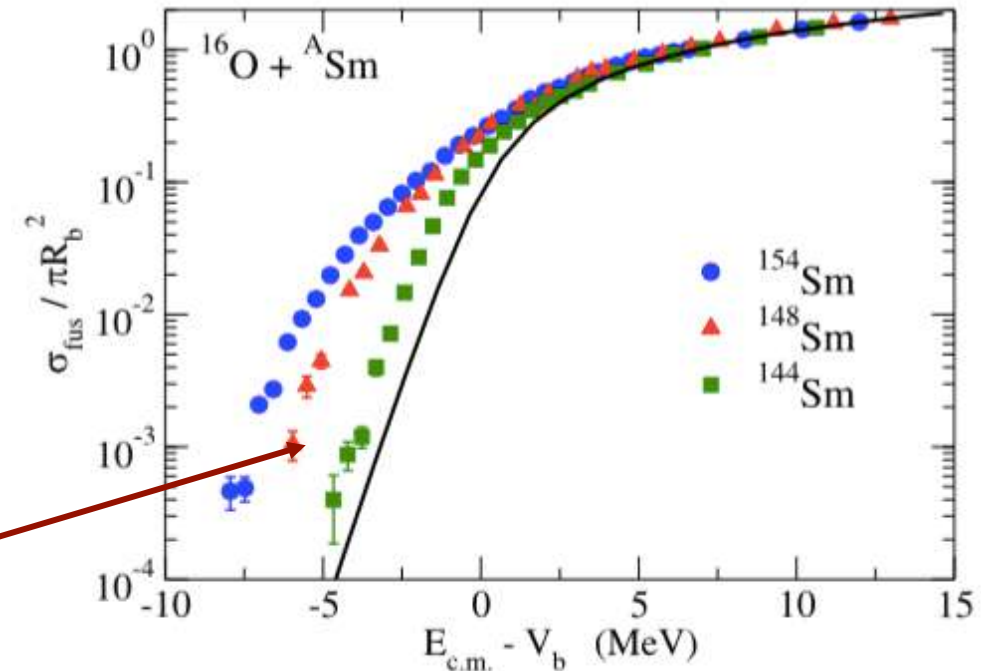
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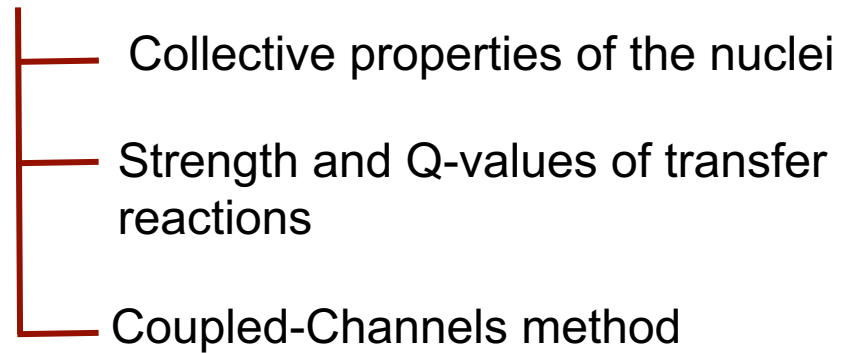
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Studies with stable beams showed a connection between dynamics of heavy-ion fusion and nuclear structure

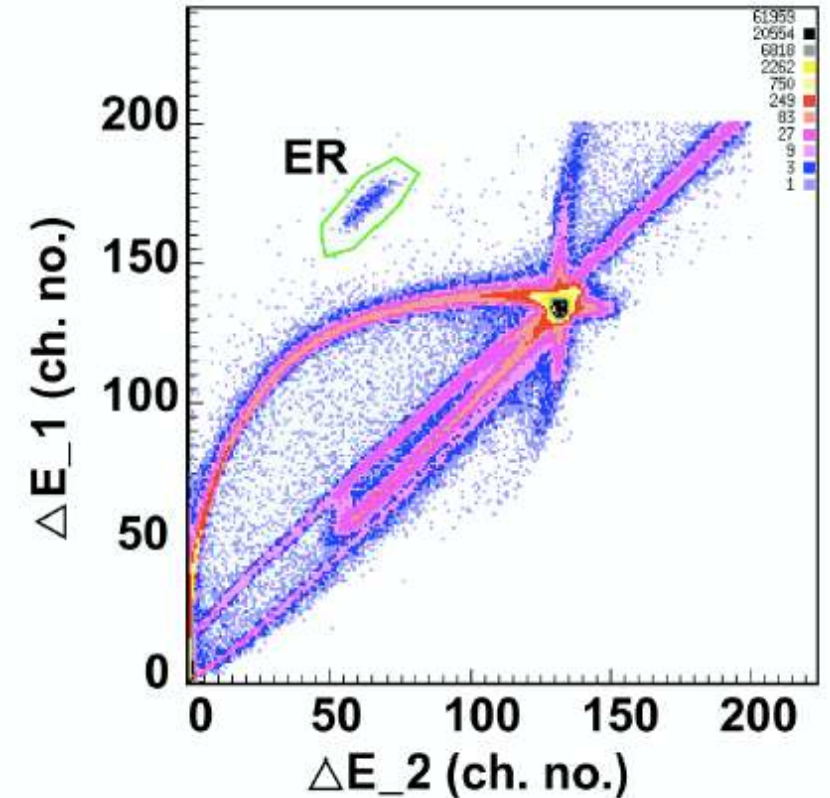


SPES beams will allow to investigate in more detail these issues

↳ Nuclear structure changes far from the stability

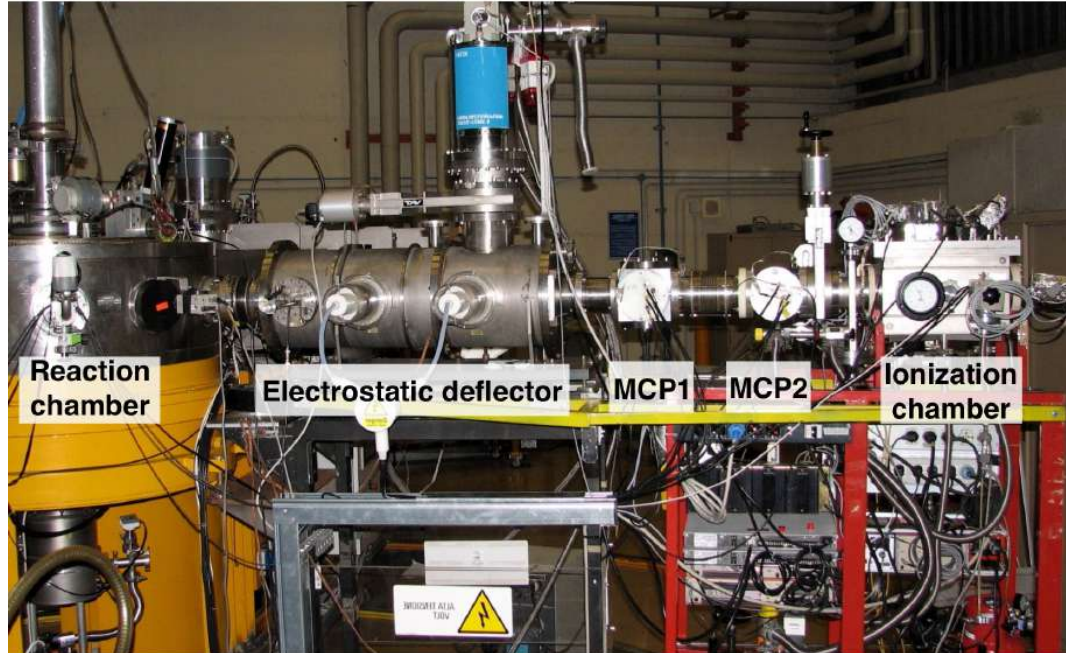
Interesting effects may show up in the study of fusion reactions near and below the Coulomb barrier, with the SPES exotic beams

Low intensity beams (10^5 pps) → Need set-ups with efficiency close to 100%



Direct detection of evaporation residues (ER)

- Beam suppression
- ER separation from residual beam



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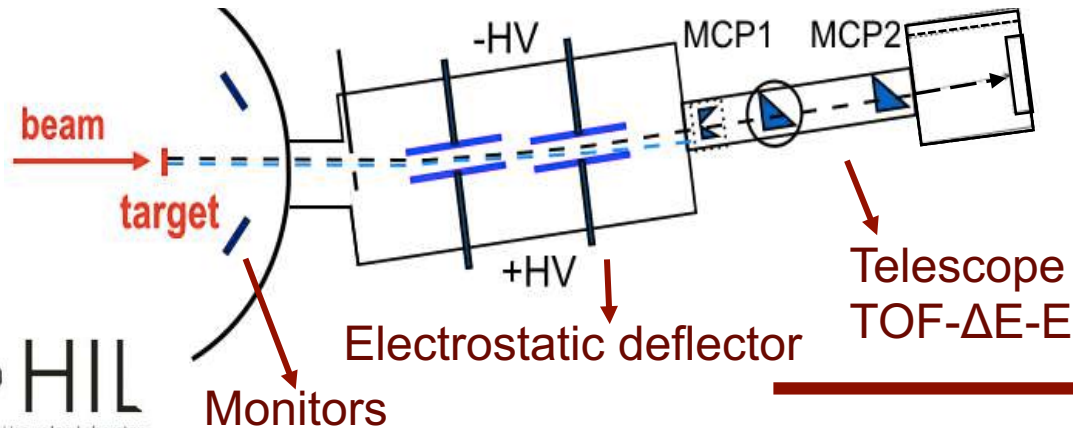
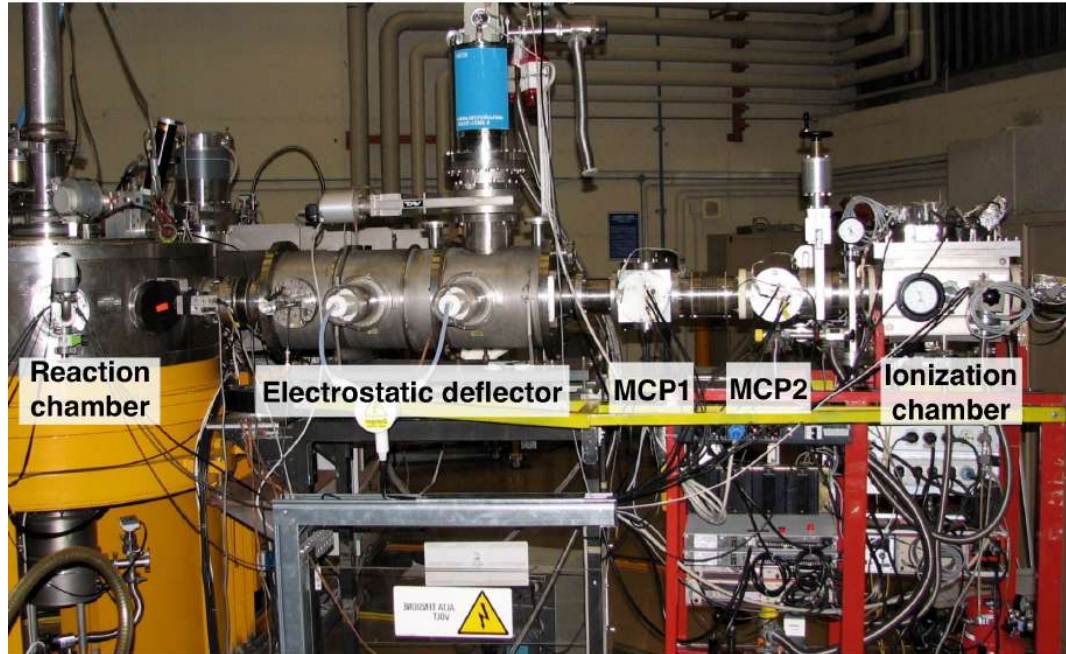
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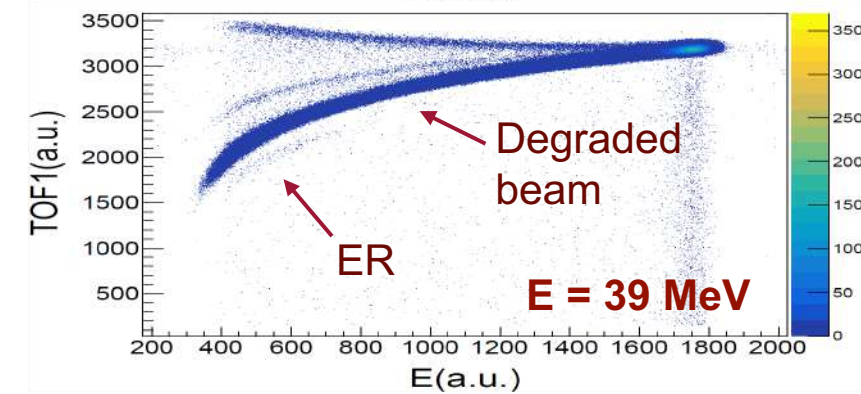
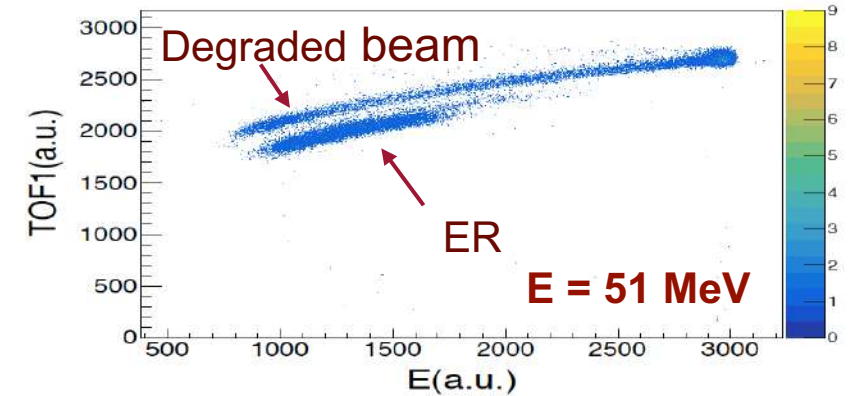
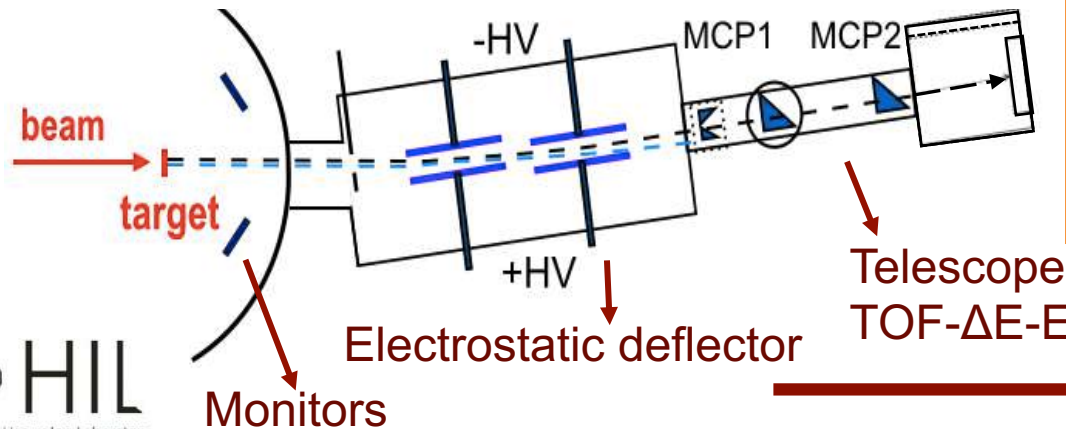
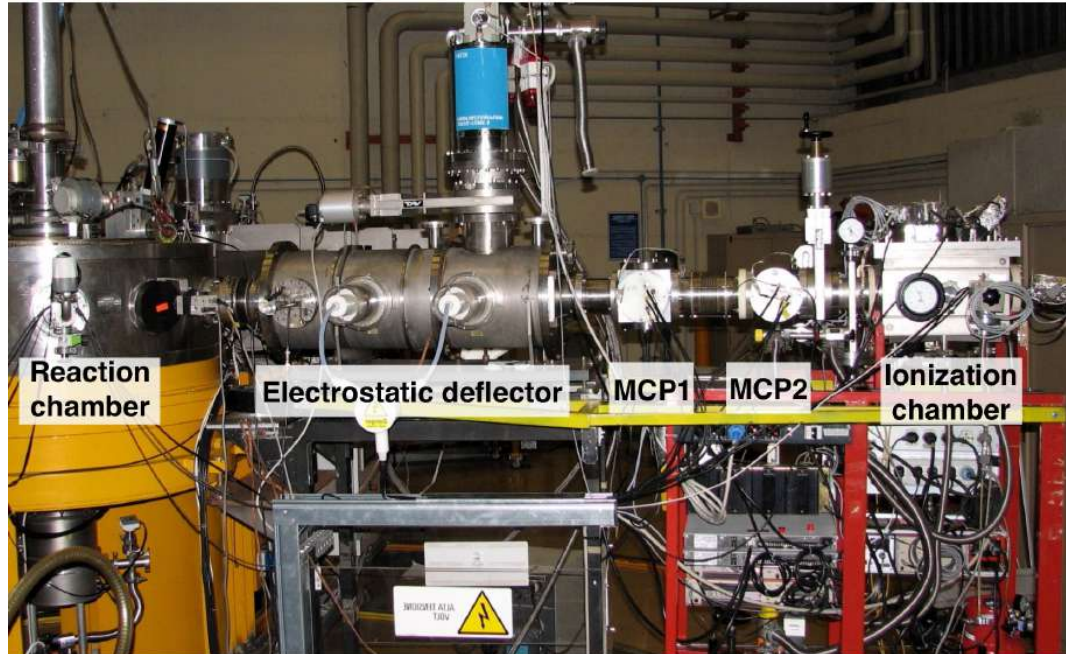
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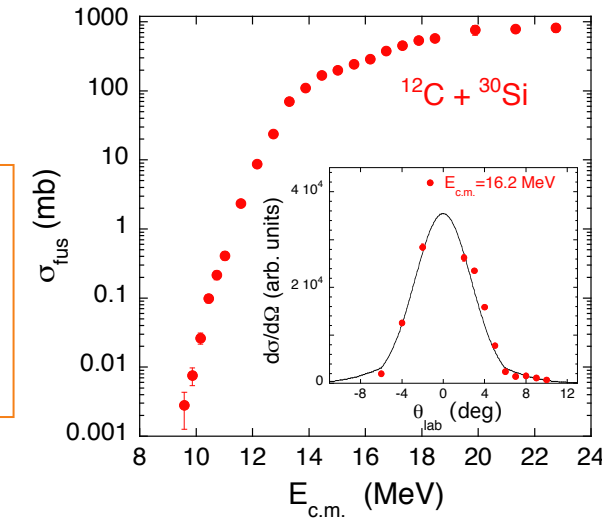
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Lowest measurable cross section
 $\approx 0.5-1.0 \mu\text{b}$



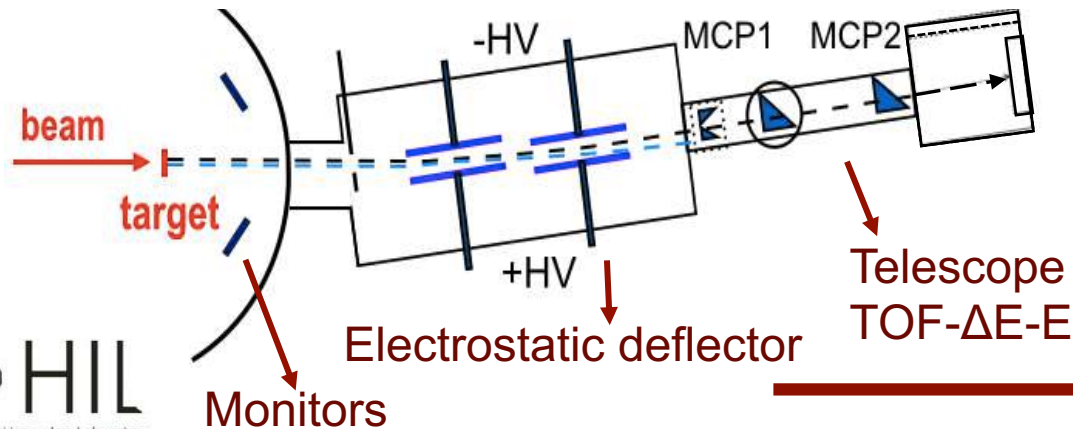
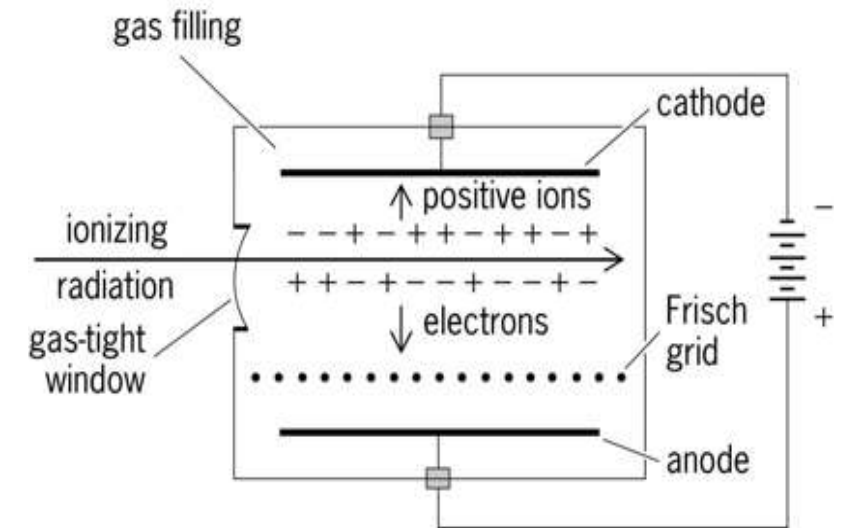
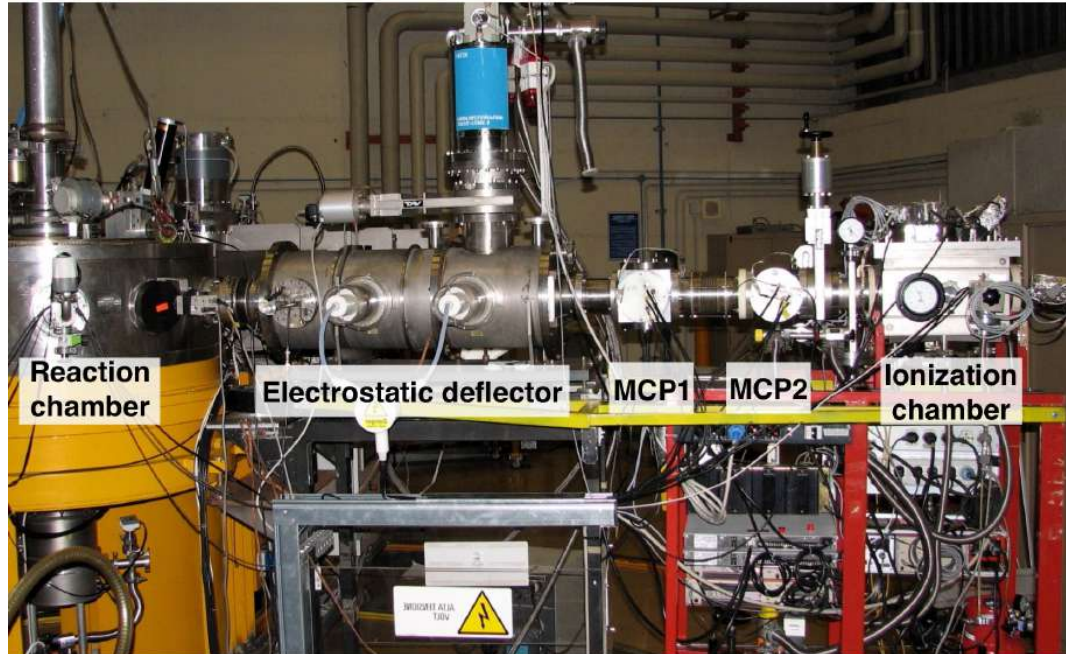
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Direct detection of evaporation residues (ER)

- Beam suppression
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- Contributes to an overall efficiency of 1% → Limit RIBS
- Limits the highest measurable counting rate



Counting rate
 $\lesssim 2-3 \text{ kHz}$

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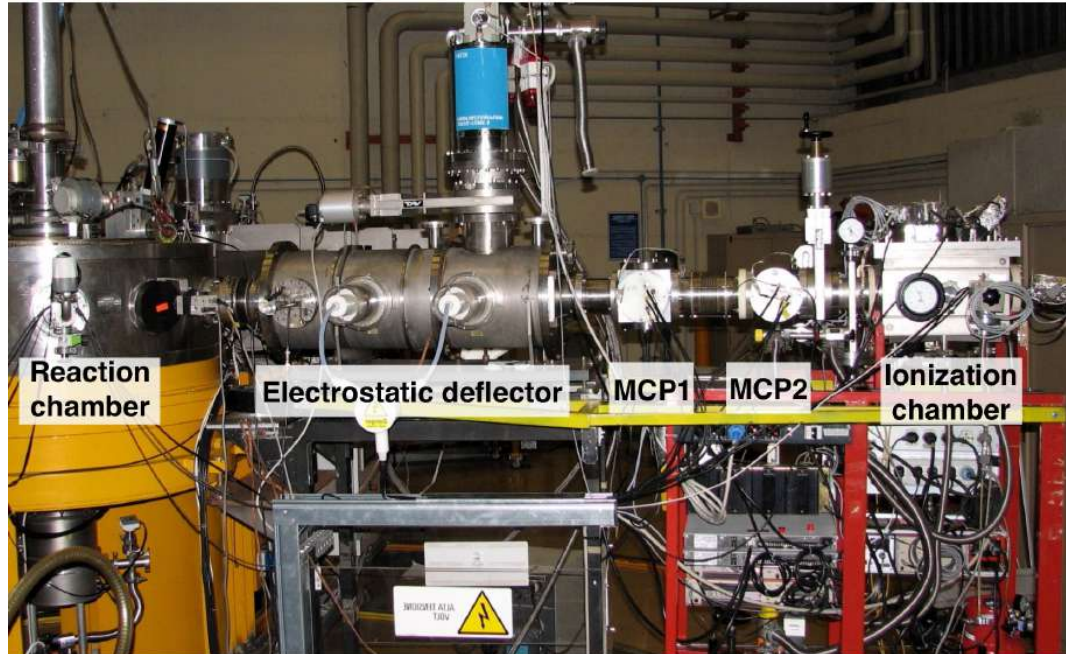
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Reaction chamber Electrostatic deflector MCP1 MCP2 Ionization chamber

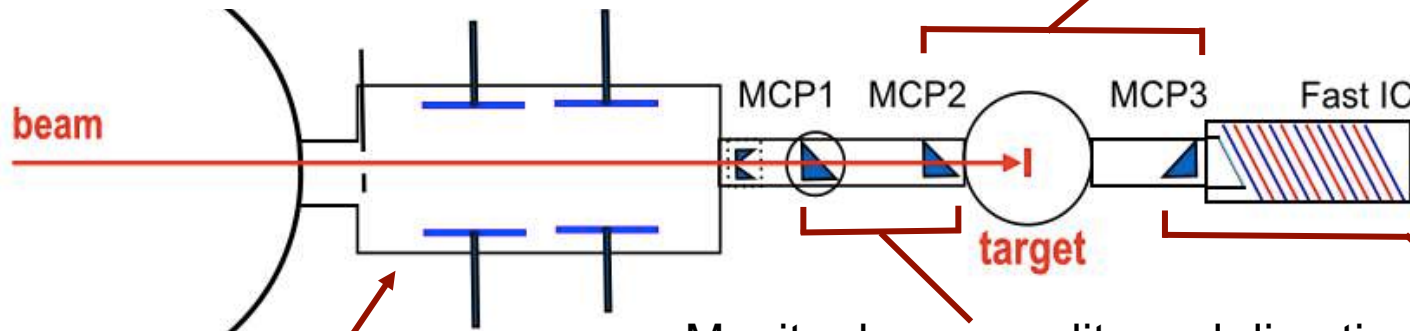
Low-intensity beams 10^5 ion/s



Fusion excitation function down to around **100 μ b.**

With a fast IC

With high intensity beams 10^7 - 10^8 ion/s the previous configuration of the set-up will be used



beam MCP1 MCP2 target MCP3 Fast IC

Time of flight

Monitor beam quality and direction

Telescope TOF- ΔE

Transmission configuration



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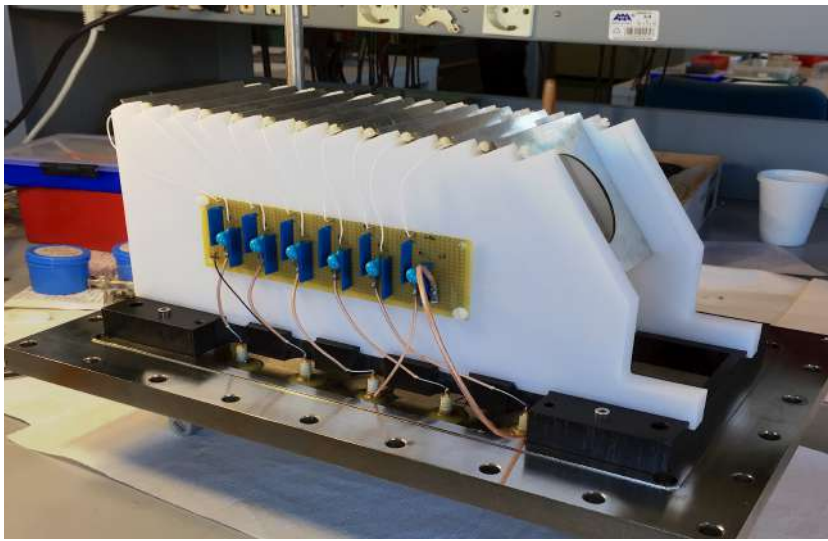
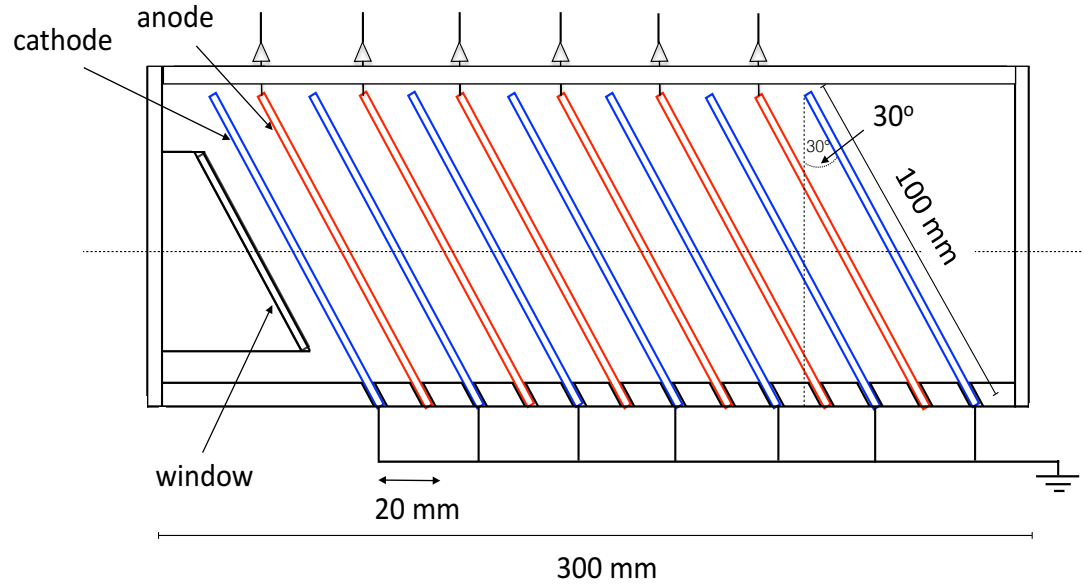
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Tilted electrodes

→ Reduction of drift length

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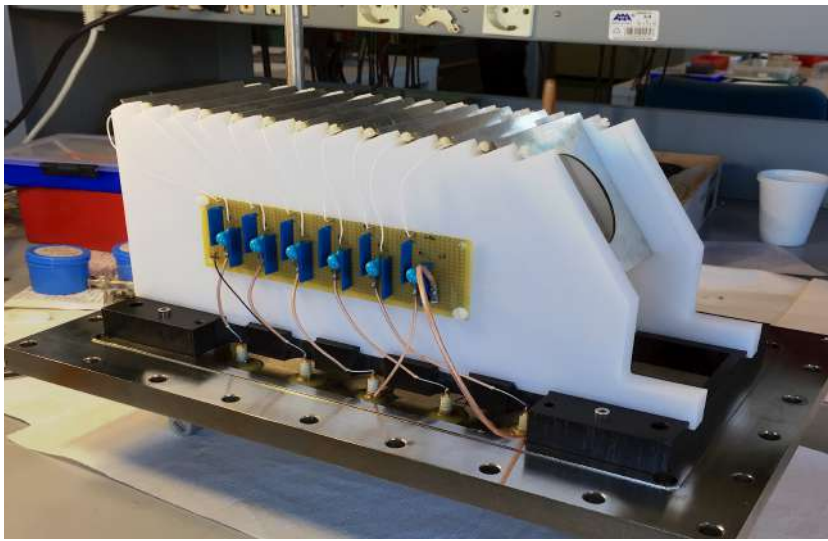
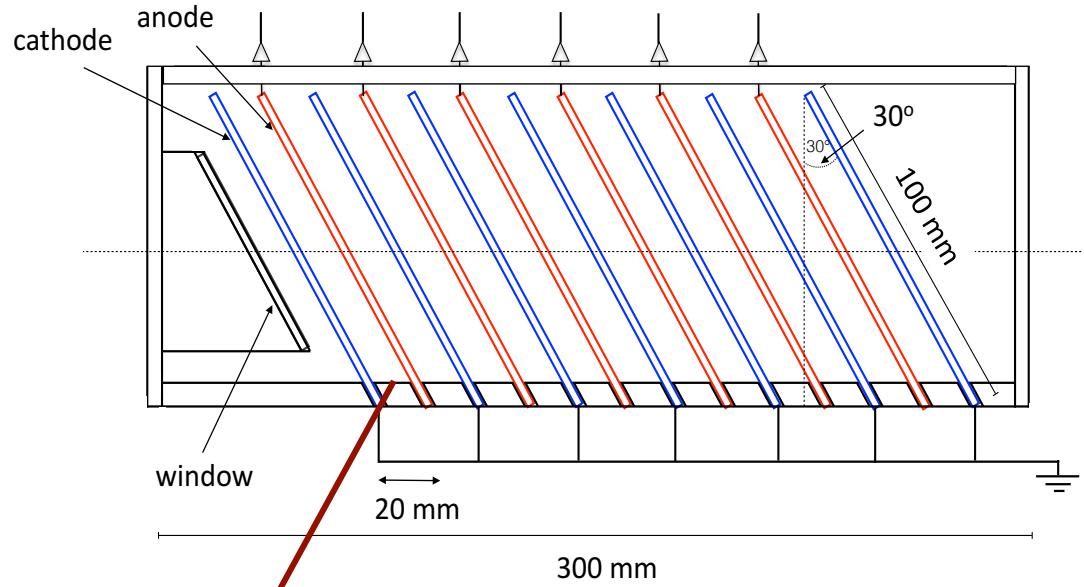
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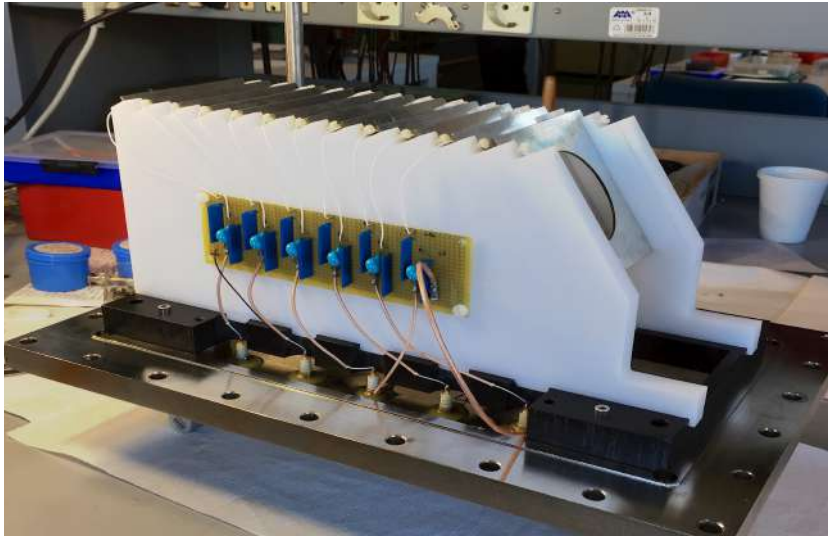
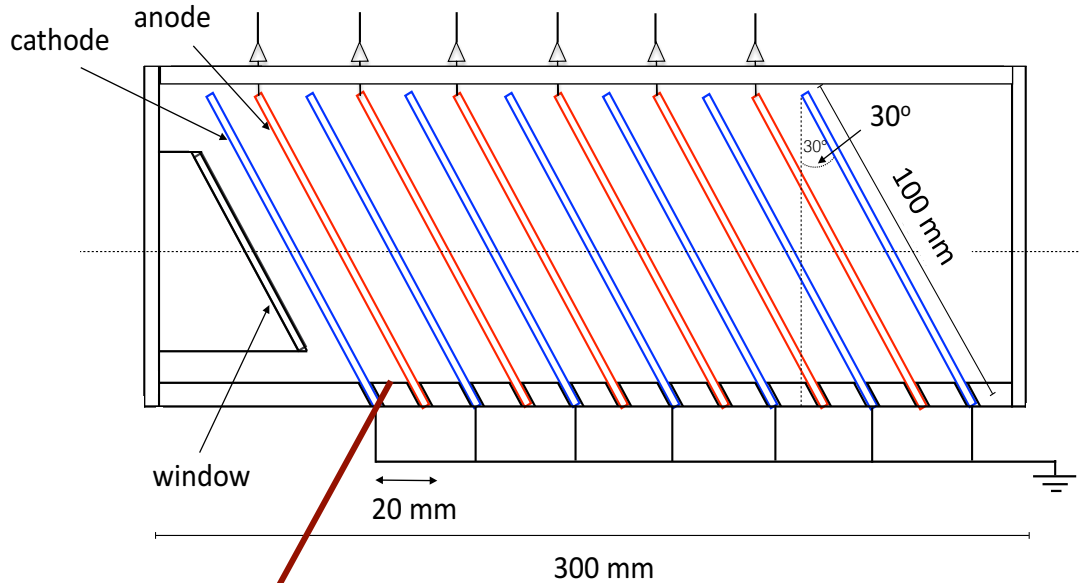
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By reducing the shaping time from 1 μs to 0.25 μs we expect a usable counting rate up to **$\approx 100-200$ kHz** according to the results obtained at ORNL

Collection time of Fast IC is shorter by a factor ≈ 5 →



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6 anodes and 7 cathodes
placed at 20 mm steps

Electrodes :

- gold coated tungsten wires (20 μm)
- 1 mm spaced wires
- copper coated fiberglass frames

Entrance window:

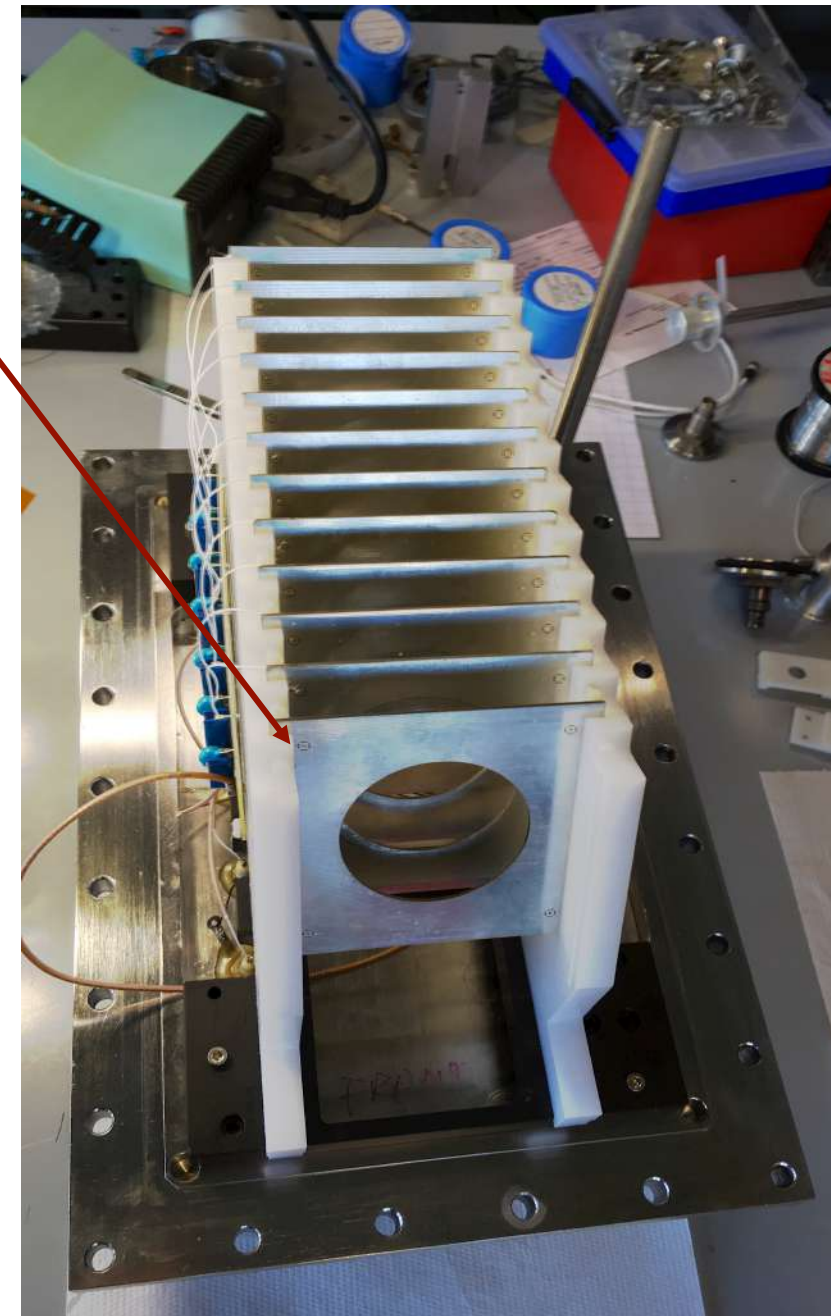
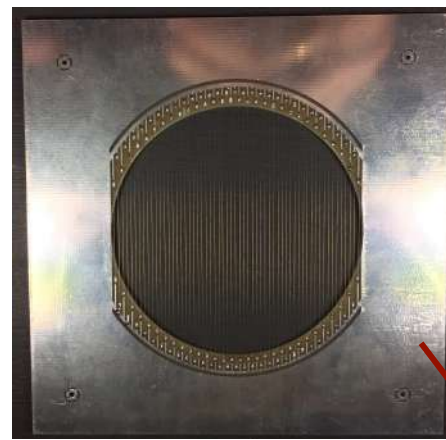
- tilted at 30° →
- 2 μm thick mylar

Each anode connected to
a BNC feedthrough

Delrin support fixed on
steel cover

To avoid significant
loss of energy of
low-energy
particles before
they reach the first
electrode

Easy replacement
of damaged
electrodes and
interchange with
conventional IC



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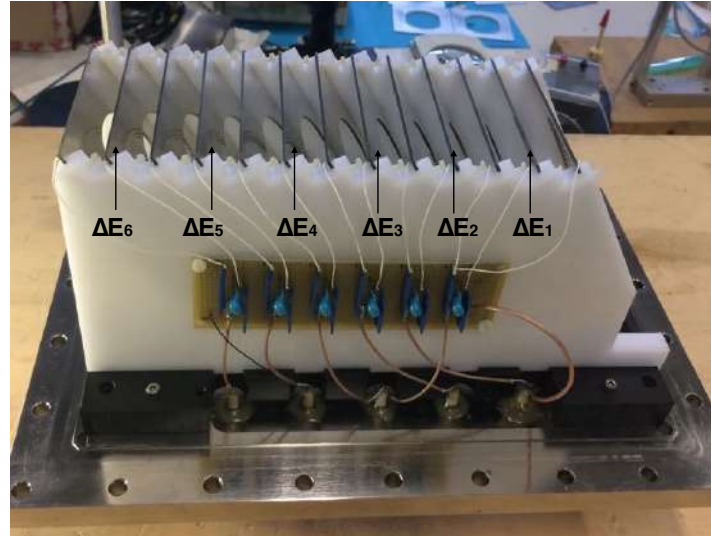
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Fast IC in complete
configuration with 6 signals ΔE_i



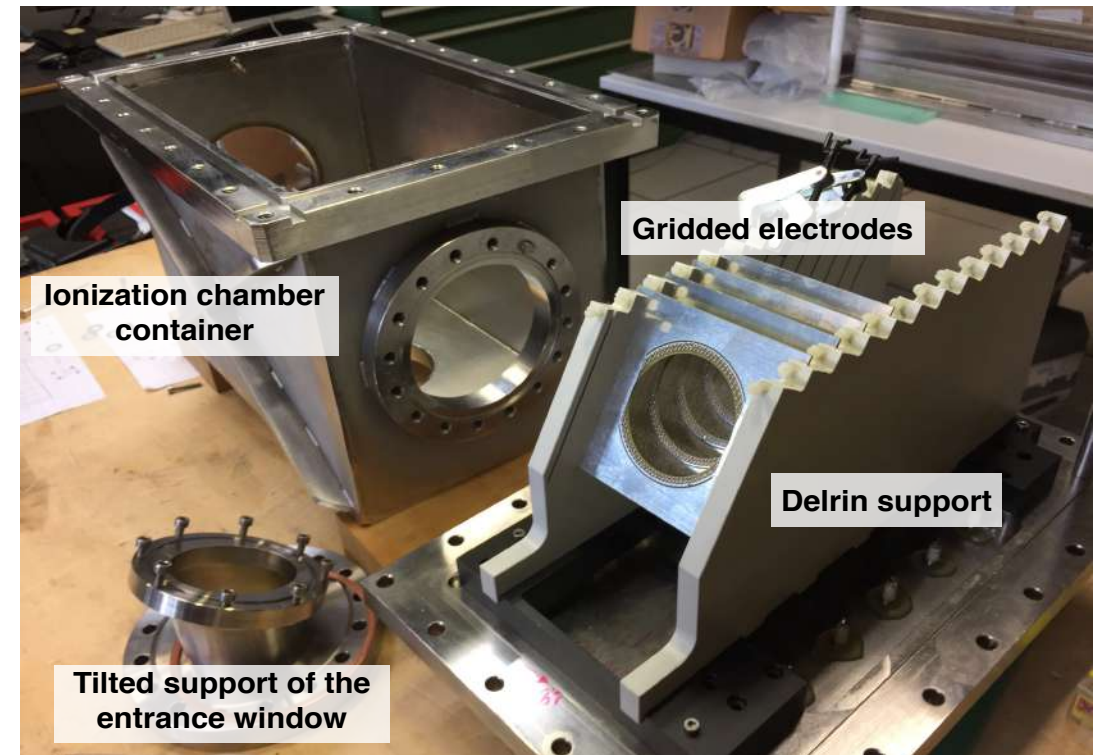
A total of 5 days tests have been performed using the reactions:

- $^{28}\text{Si} + ^{100}\text{Mo}$ (Fusion)
- $^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{28}\text{Si}$ (Fusion)
- $^{64}\text{Zn} + ^{58}\text{Fe}, ^{197}\text{Au}$
(Quasi-elastic scattering)



Entrance window

Highest
pressure used
200 mbar



Ionization chamber
container

Gridded electrodes

Delrin support

Tilted support of the
entrance window

^{28}Si beam at the energy $E_{\text{lab}}=125$ MeV on a ^{100}Mo target

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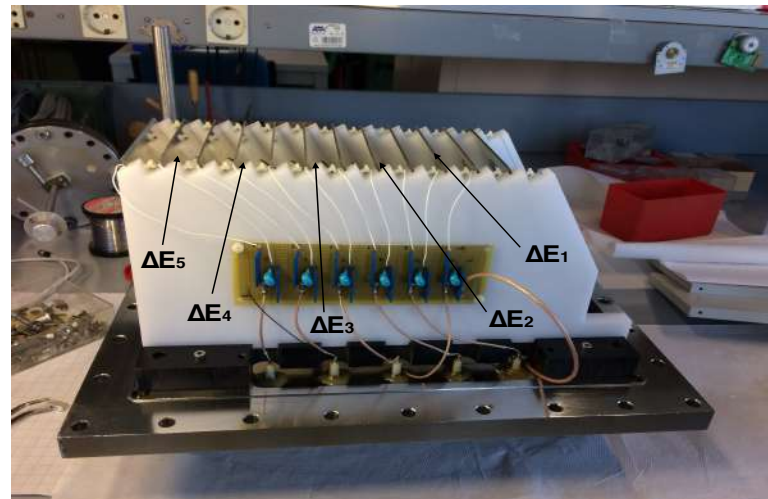
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Conventional window
perpendicular to beam axis

ORTEC2006 preamplifier
Canberra 2020 amplifier

CH4 gas pressure 7.6 mbar



Signals combined in two
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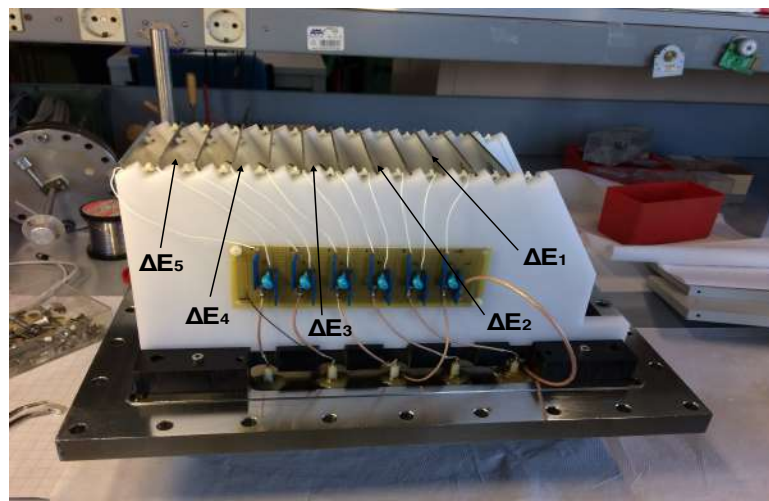
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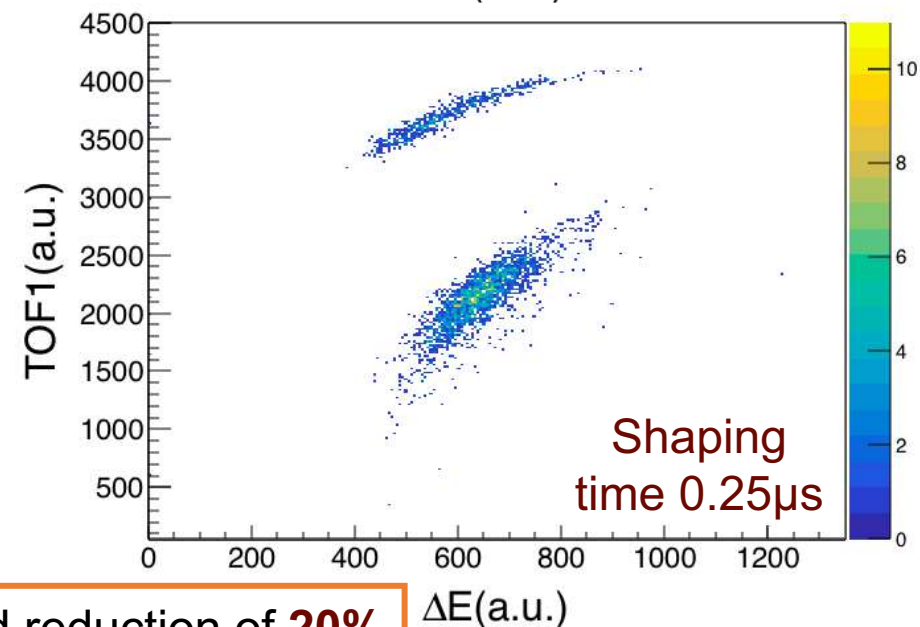
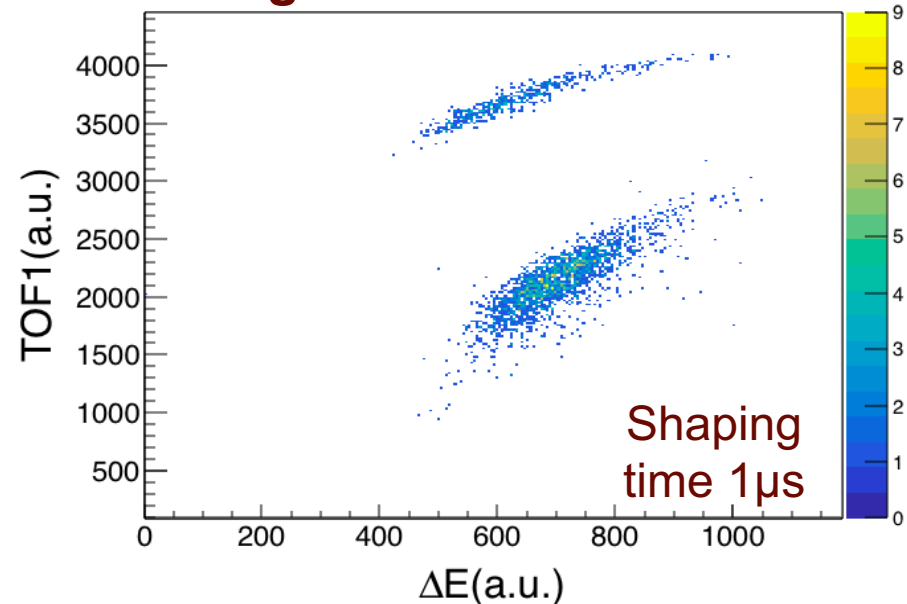
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Background reduction of **20%**

^{58}Ni beam at the energy $E_{\text{lab}}=190$ MeV on a ^{28}Si target

↳ A case resembling future SPES experiments in inverse kinematics

Shorter trigger gate

Conventional window perpendicular to beam axis

Mesytec MS-L16 preamplifier
Mesytec MSCF16 amplifier

↳ Shaping time $0.25 \mu\text{s}$

CH_4 gas pressure 30 mbar

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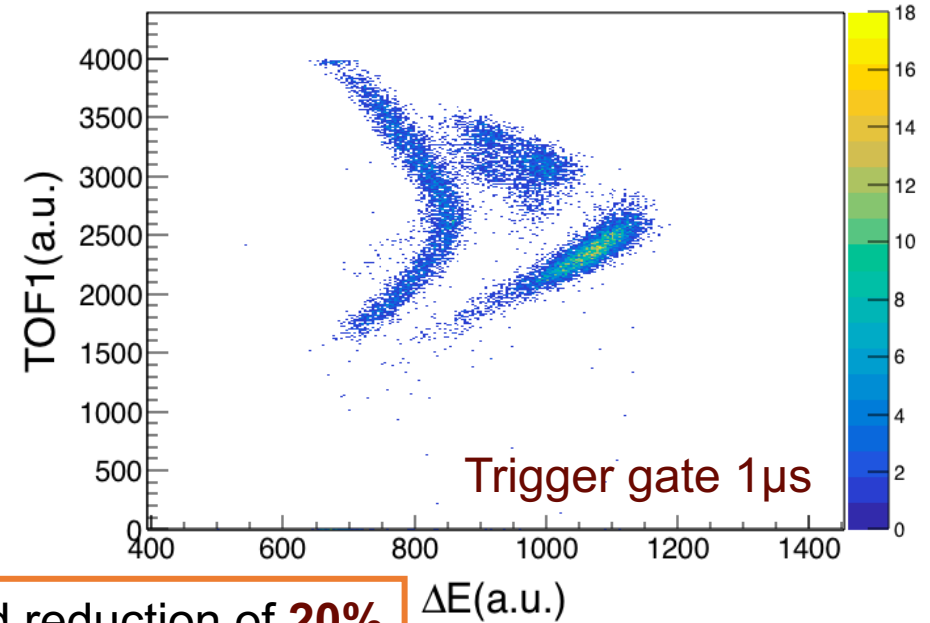
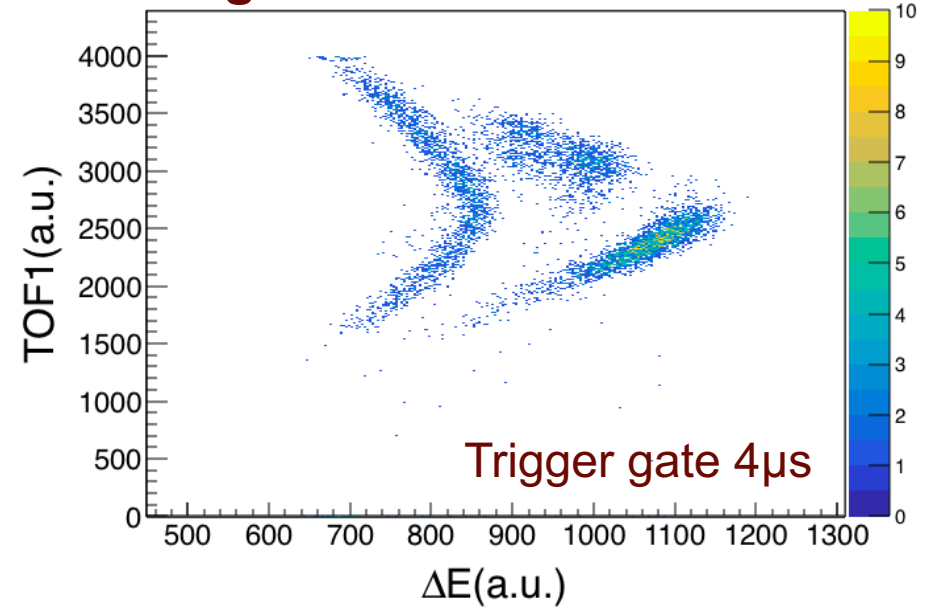
^{58}Ni beam at the energy $E_{\text{lab}}=190$ MeV on a ^{28}Si target

↳ A case resembling future SPES experiments in inverse kinematics

Shorter trigger gate

- Conventional window perpendicular to beam axis
- Mesytec MS-L16 preamplifier
Mesytec MSCF16 amplifier
↳ Shaping time $0.25 \mu\text{s}$
- CH4 gas pressure 30 mbar

Signals combined in two energy loss signals ΔE and $\Delta E1$



Background reduction of **20%**

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^{28}Si beam at the energy $E_{\text{lab}}=125$ MeV on a ^{100}Mo target

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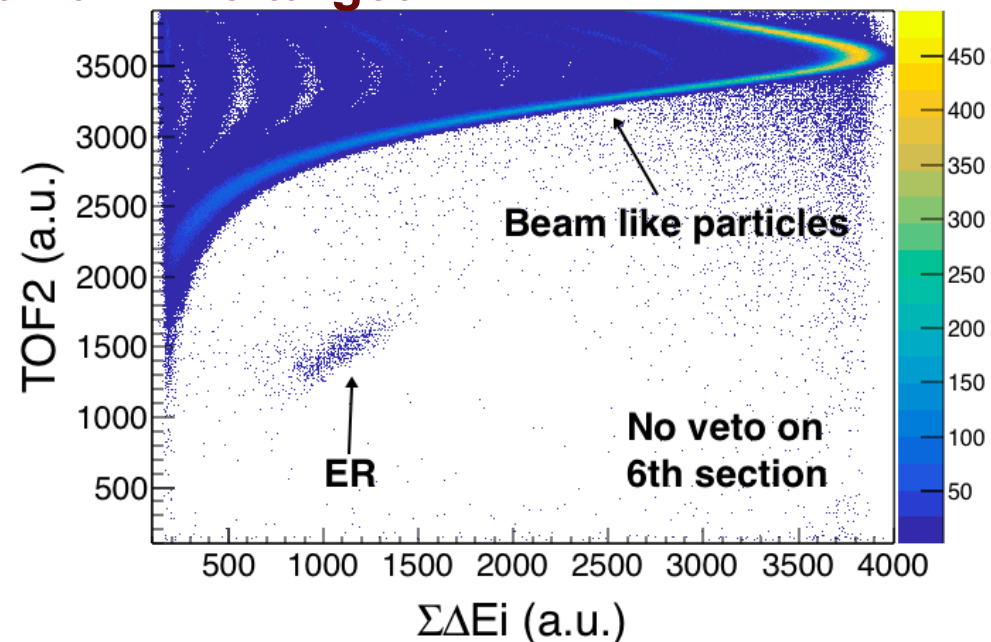
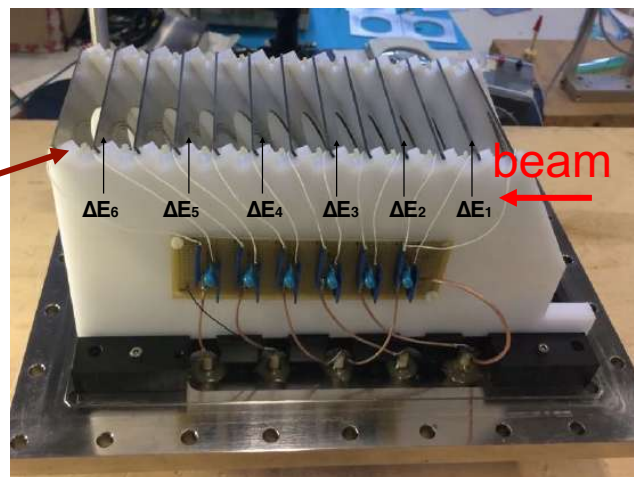
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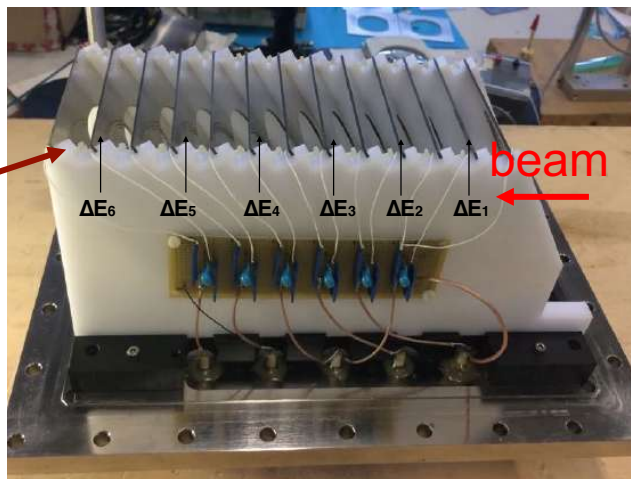
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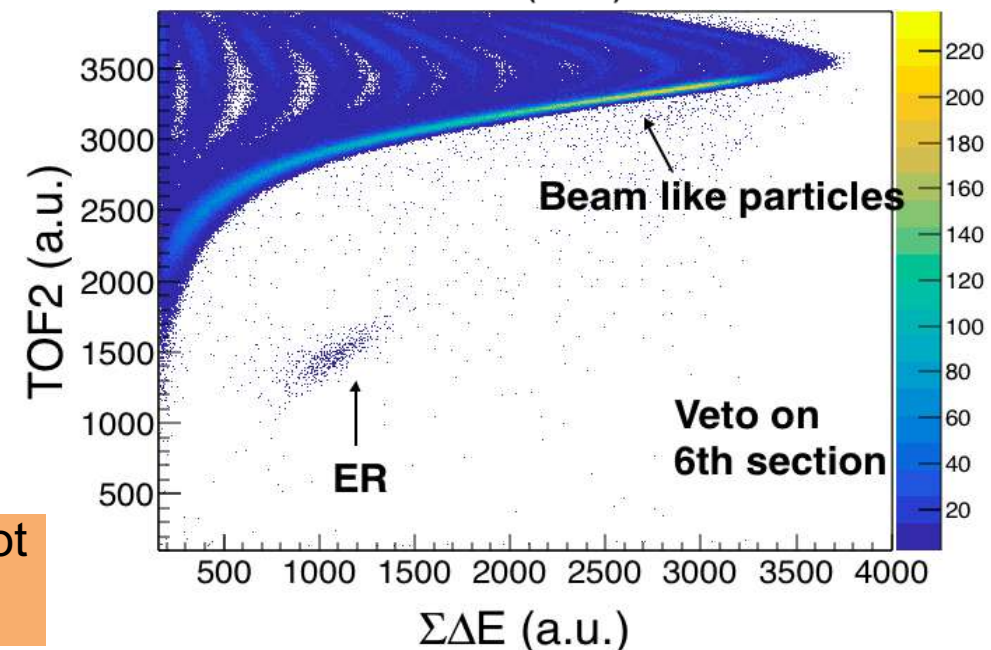
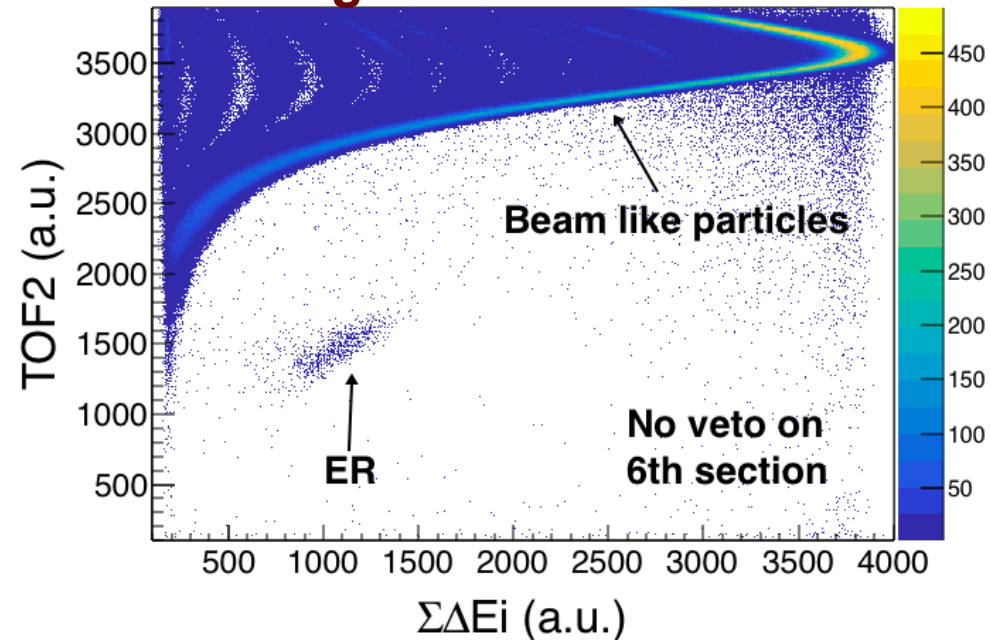
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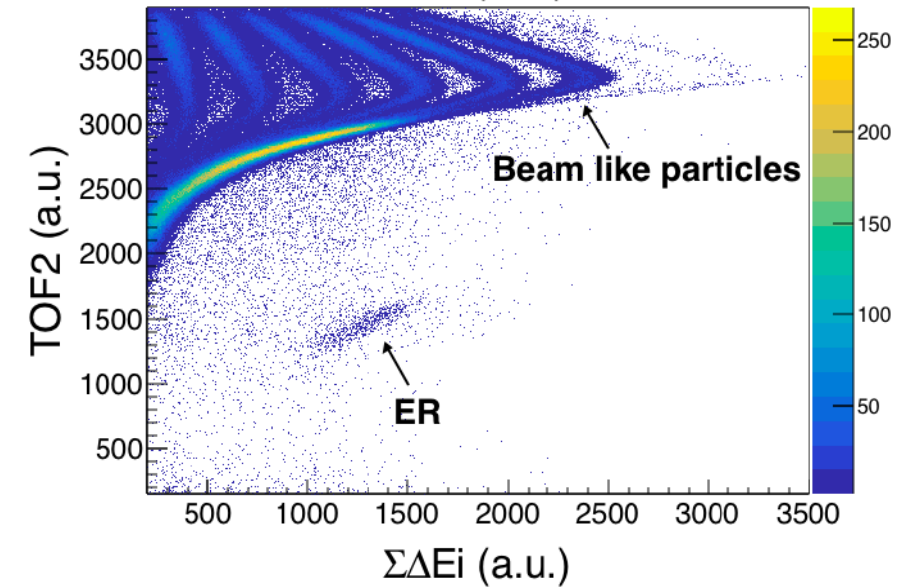
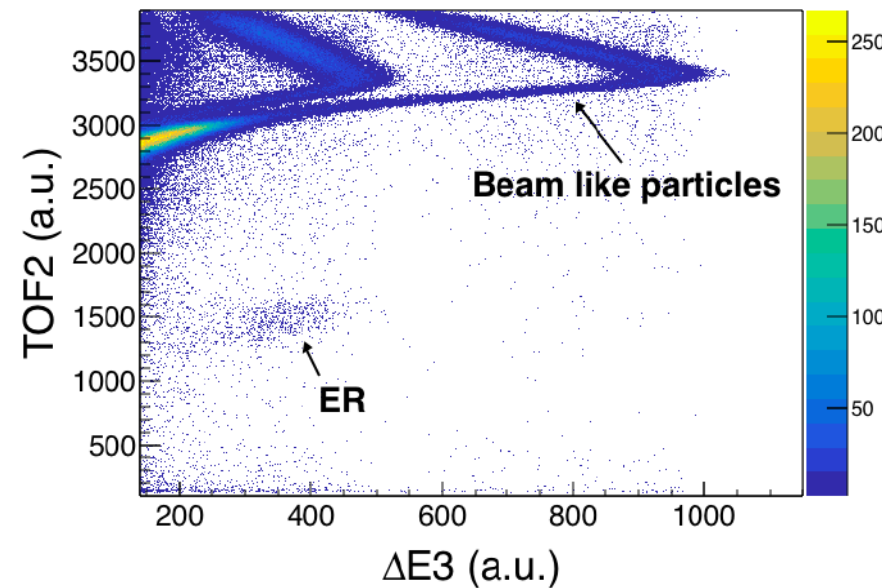
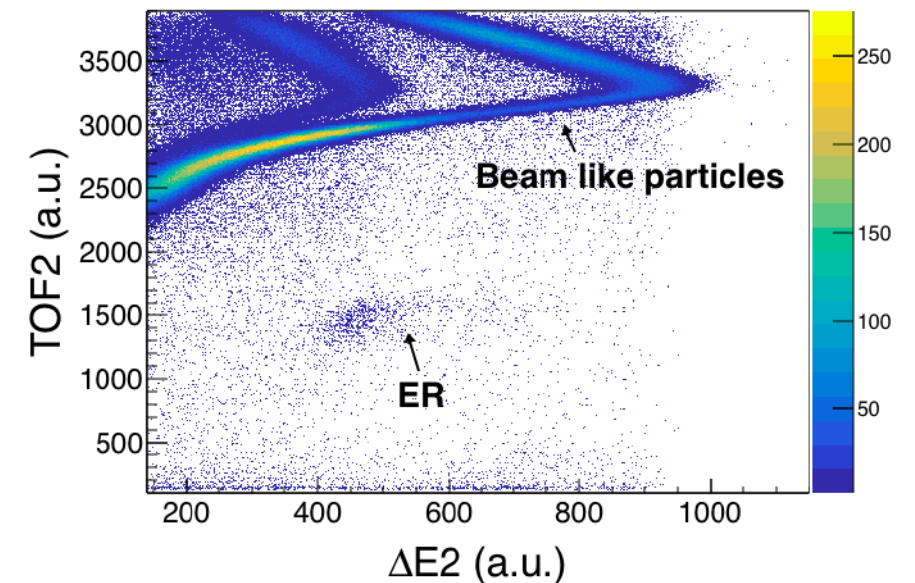
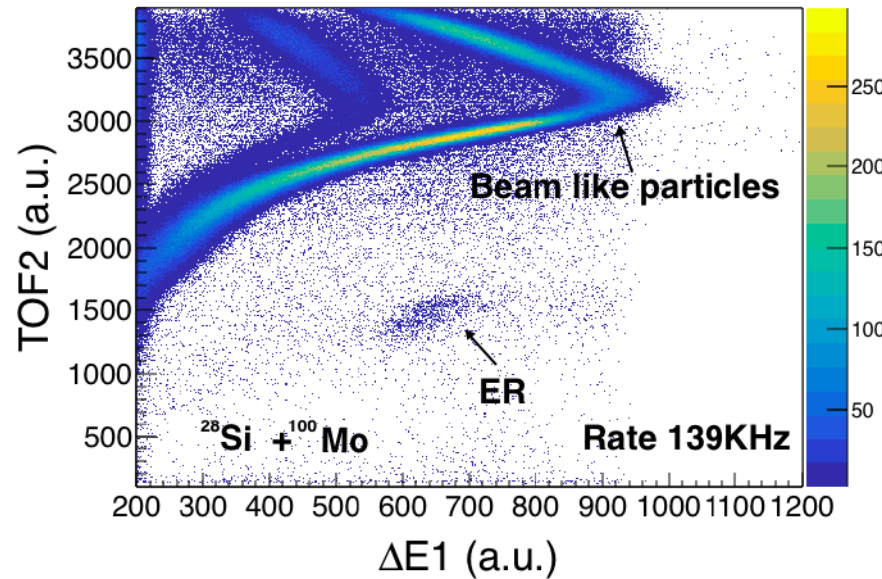
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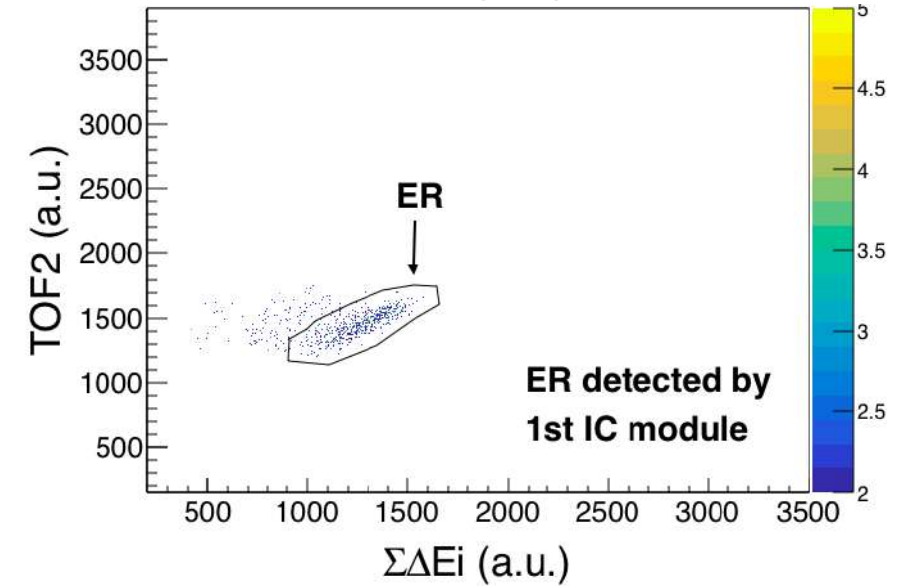
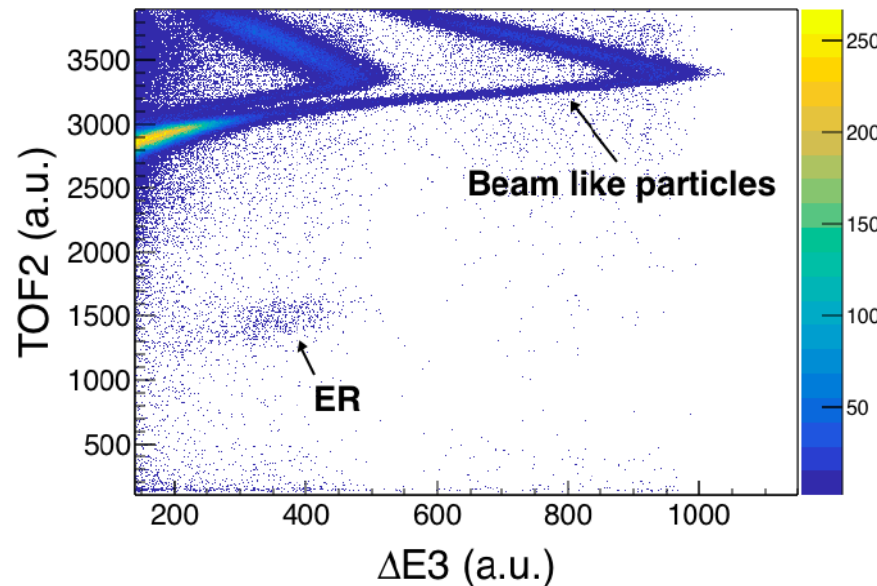
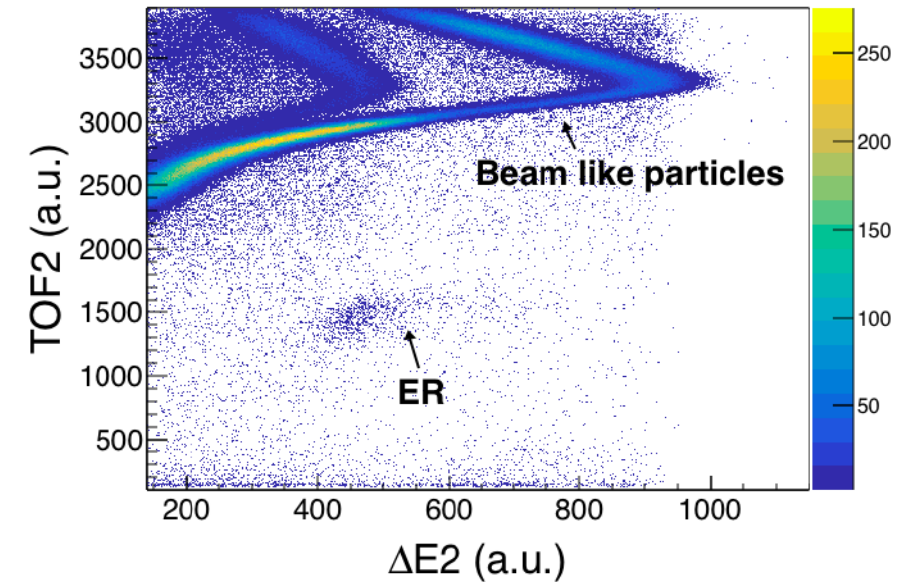
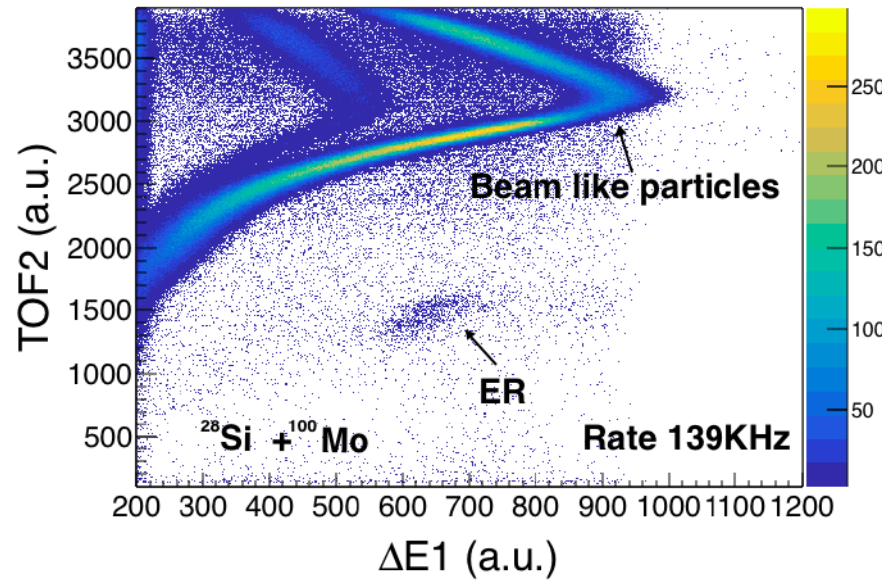
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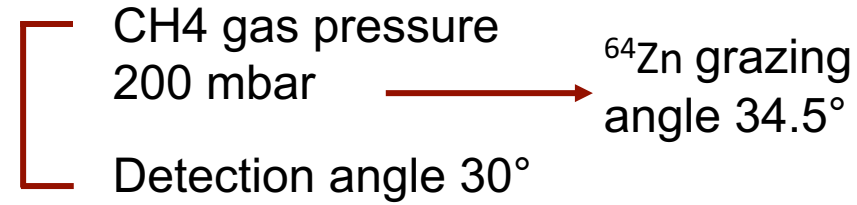
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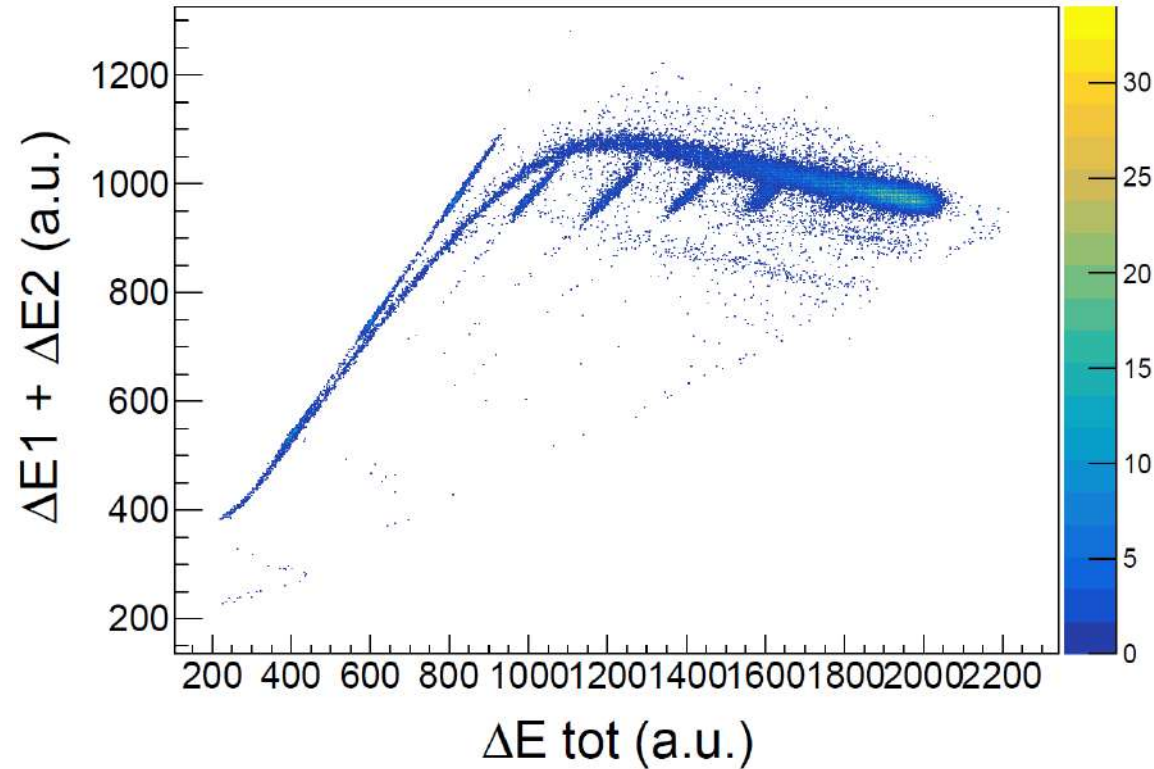
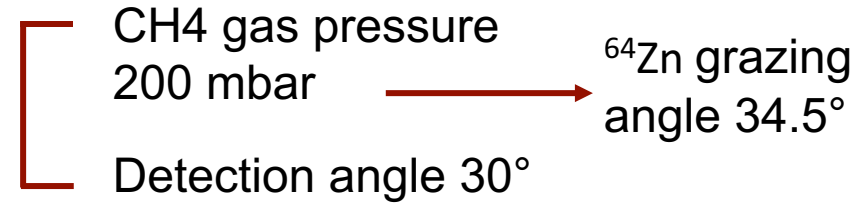
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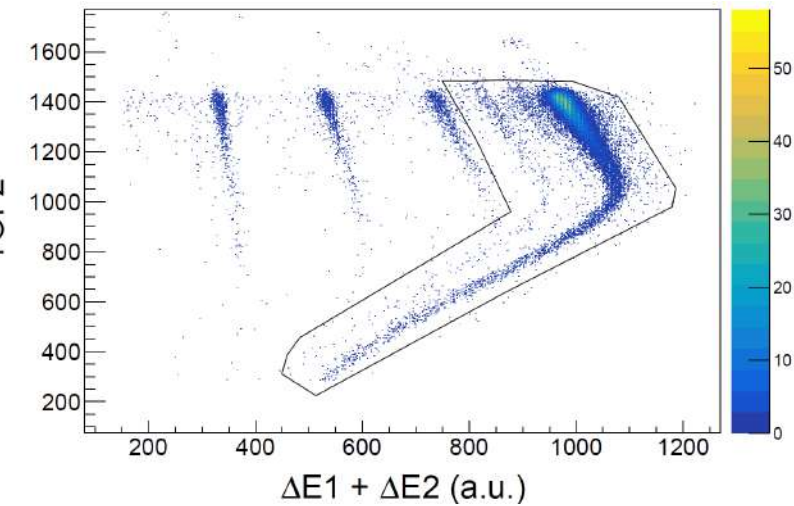
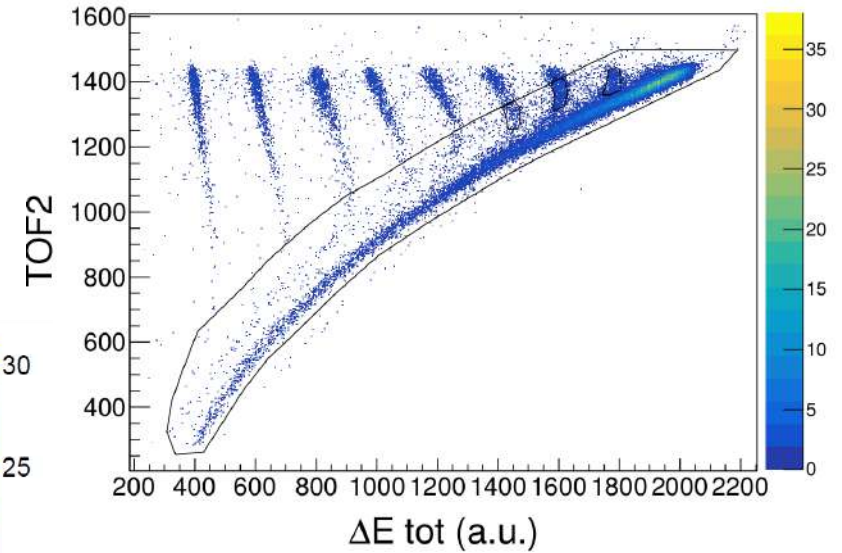
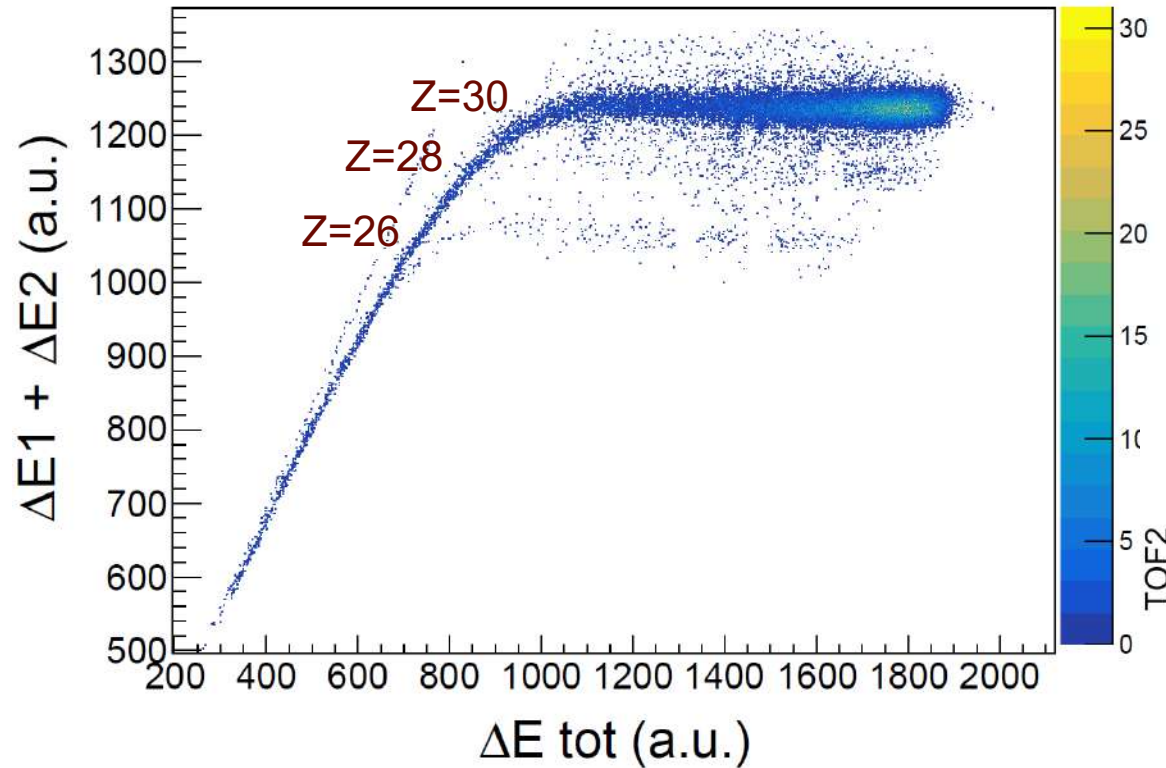
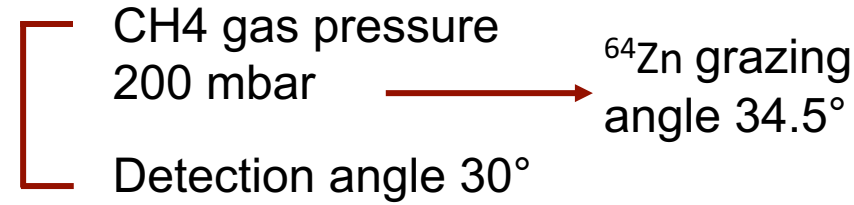
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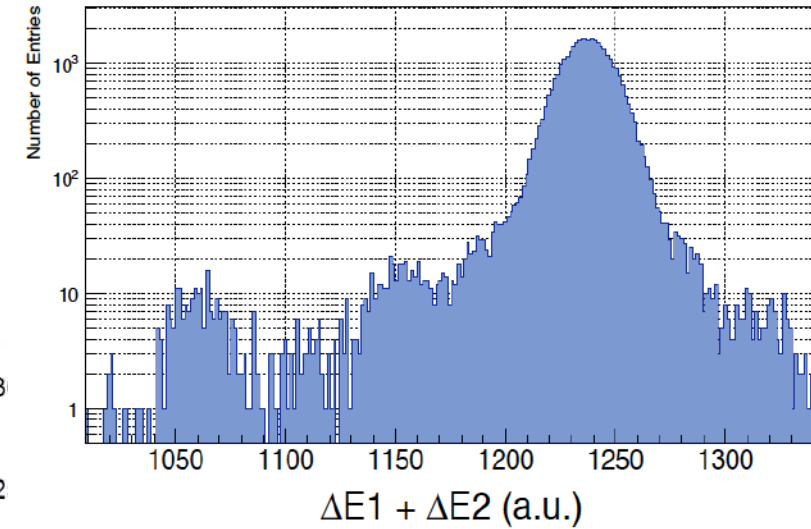
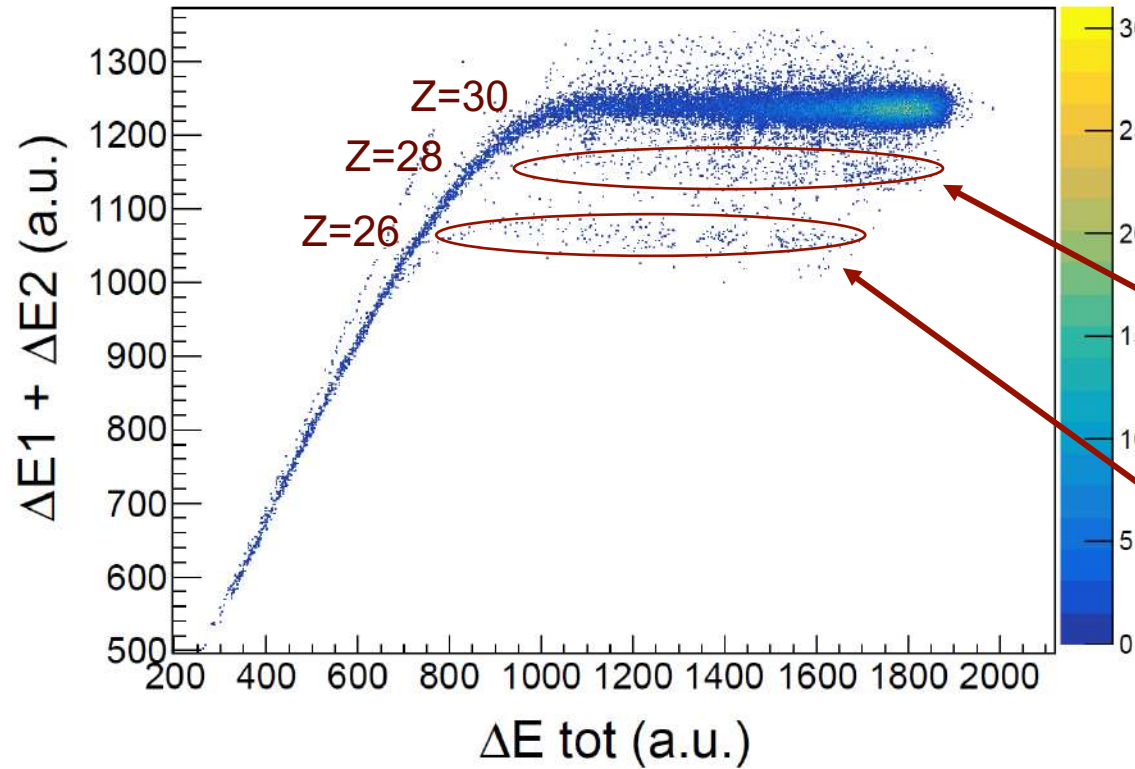
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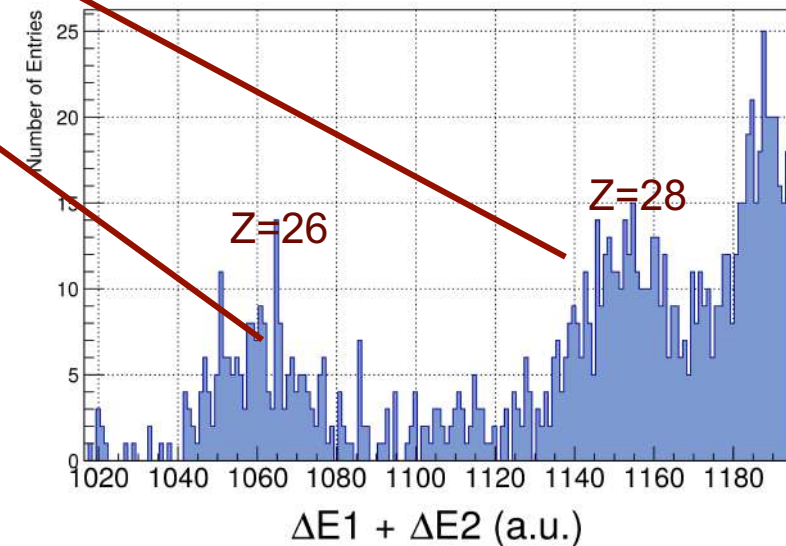
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CH4 gas pressure
200 mbar \longrightarrow ^{64}Zn grazing
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Detection angle 30°



Z resolution of $\frac{\Delta Z}{Z} \approx \frac{1}{38}$



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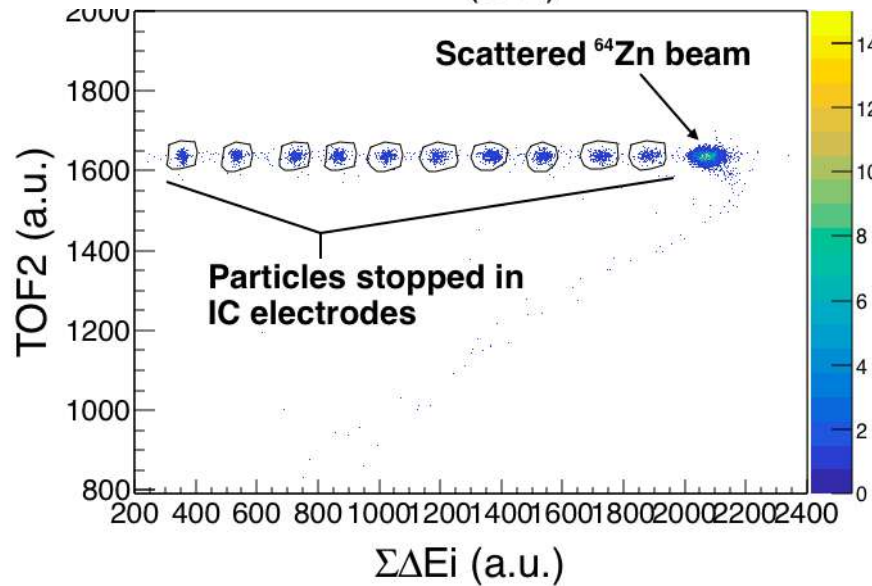
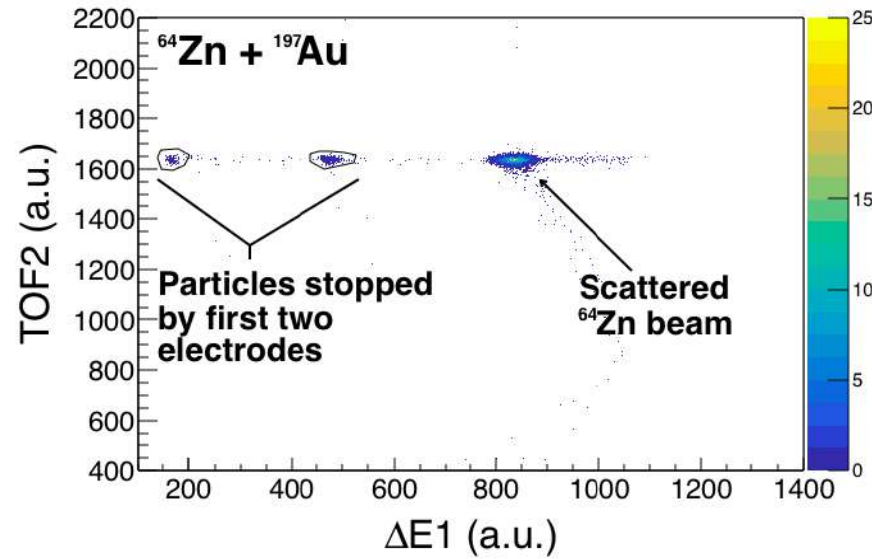
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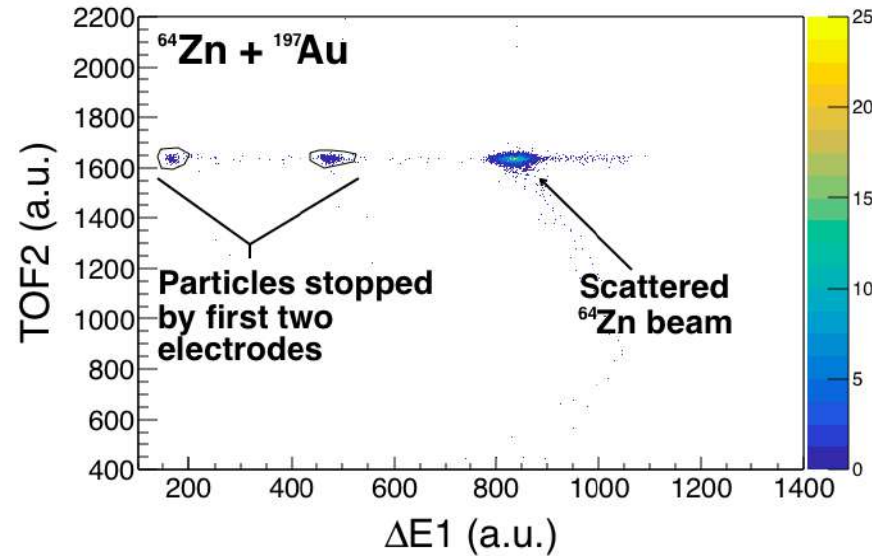
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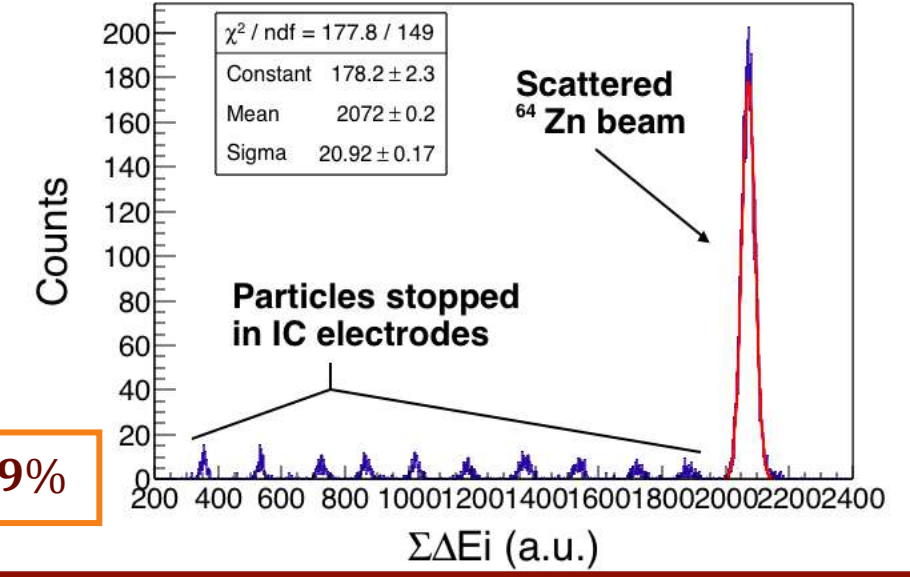
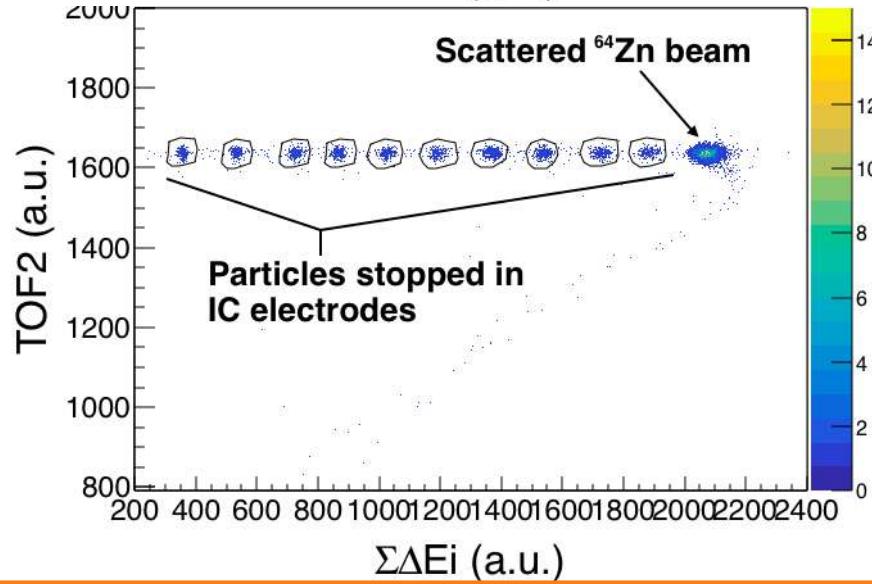
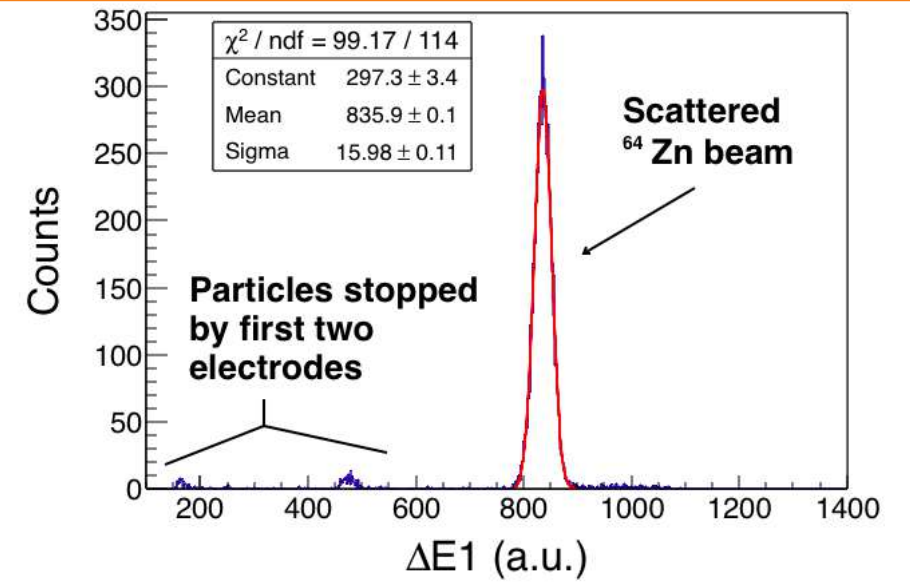
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Energy resolution of the single section $\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx 4.35\%$



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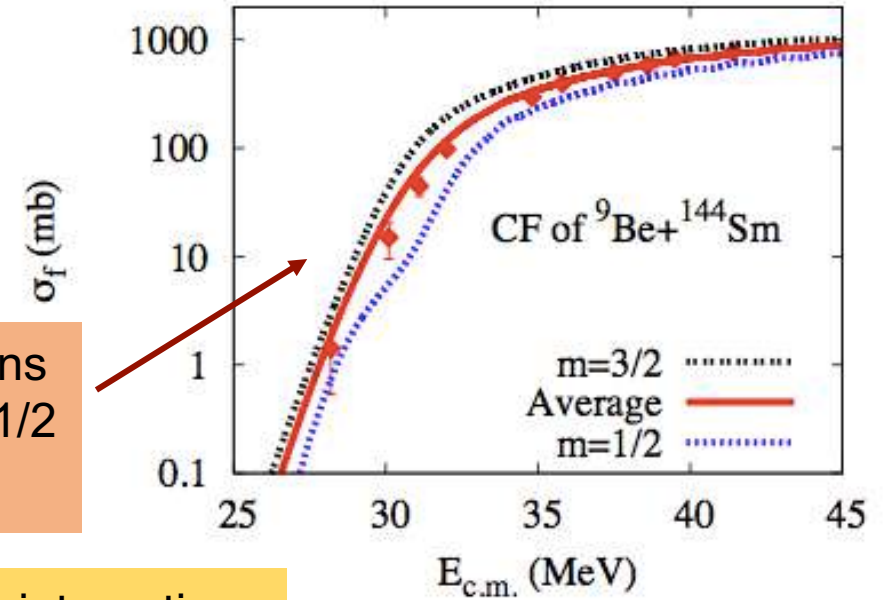
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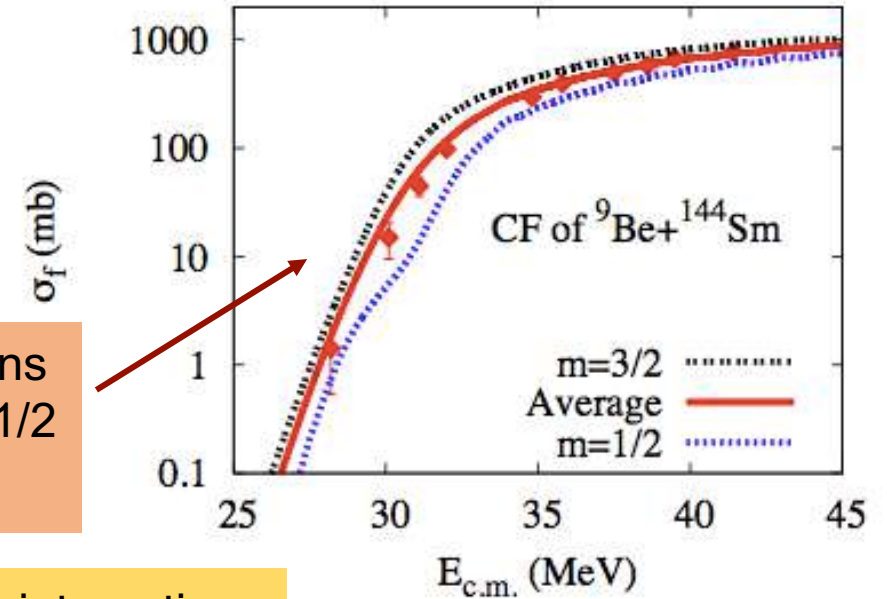
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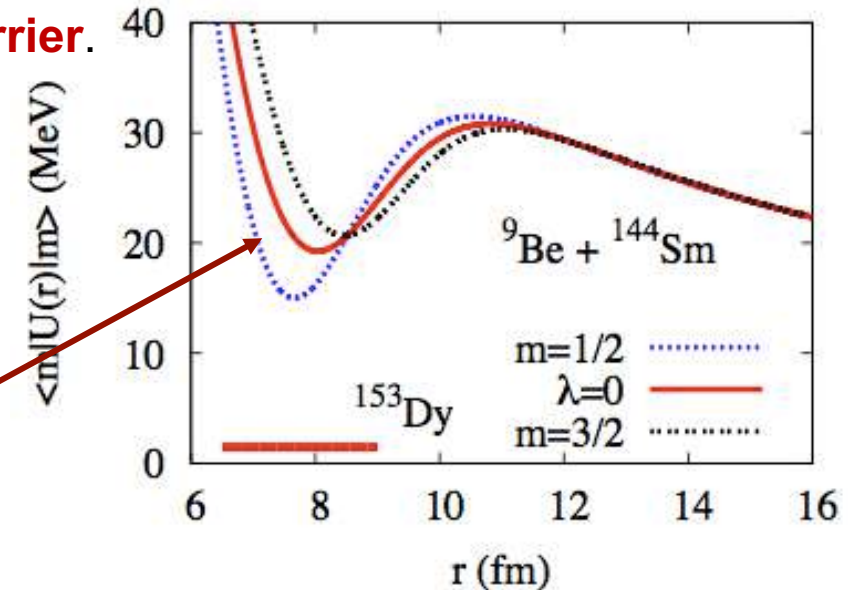
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Barriers differ by 2 MeV

Comparison between the two systems

No previous data were available



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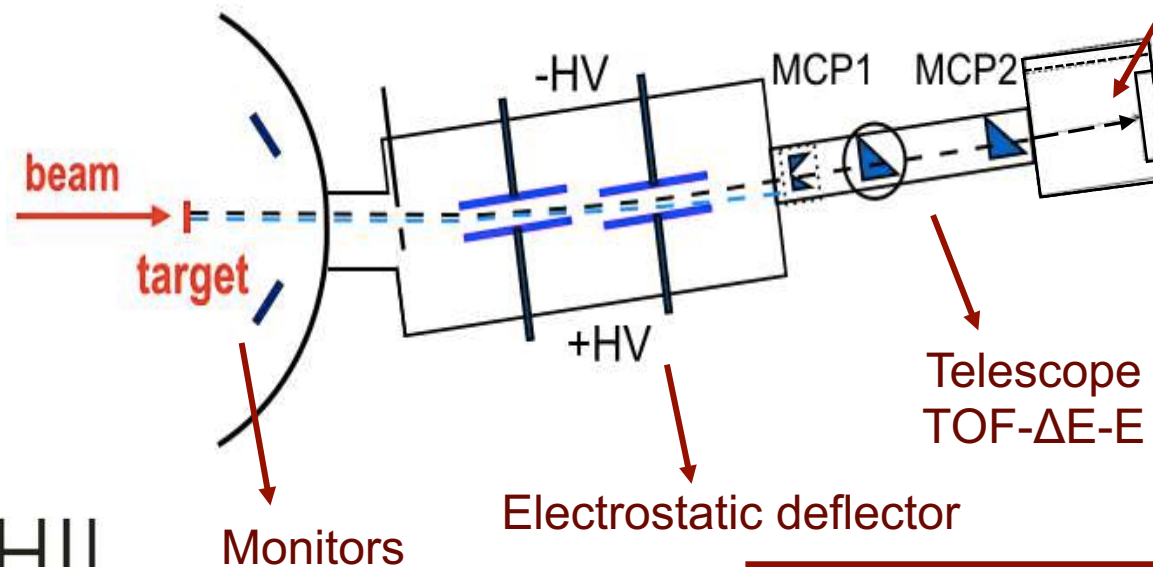
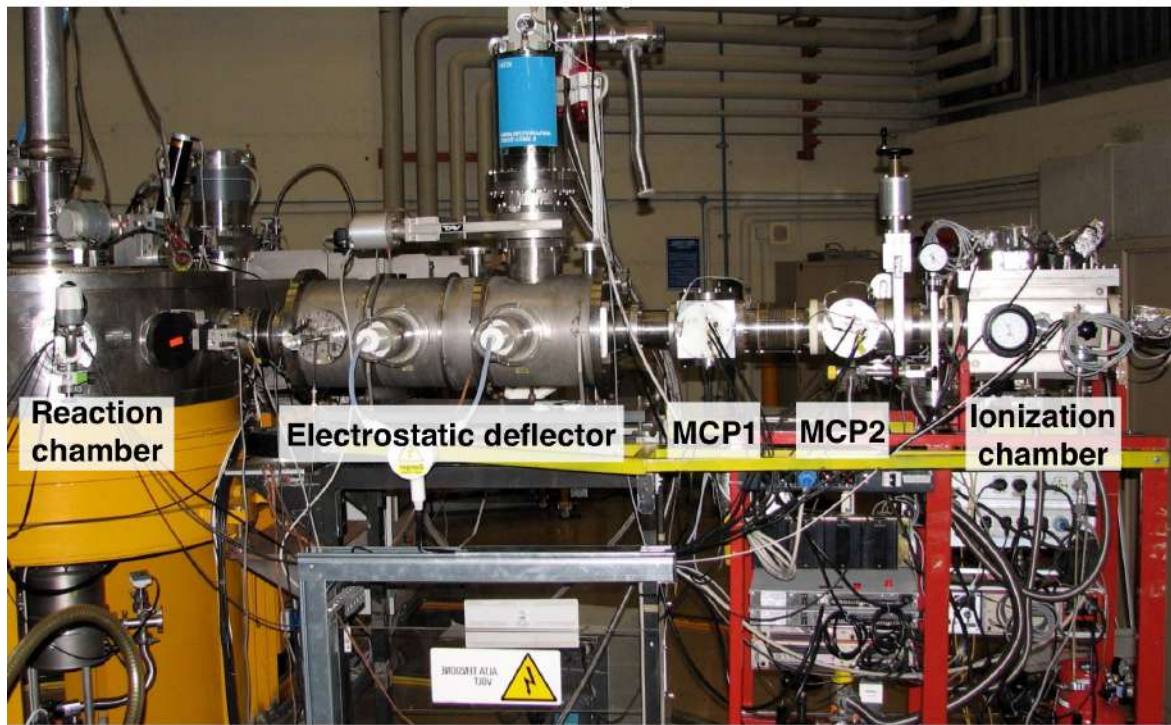
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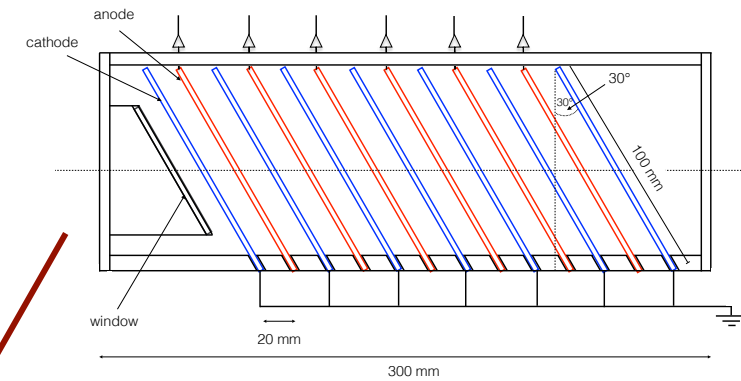
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- Beam suppression
- ER separation from residual beam



Fast IC

$^{50}\text{TiO}_2$ and ^{51}V targets of $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ thickness ($15 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ carbon backing)

Energy ranges:
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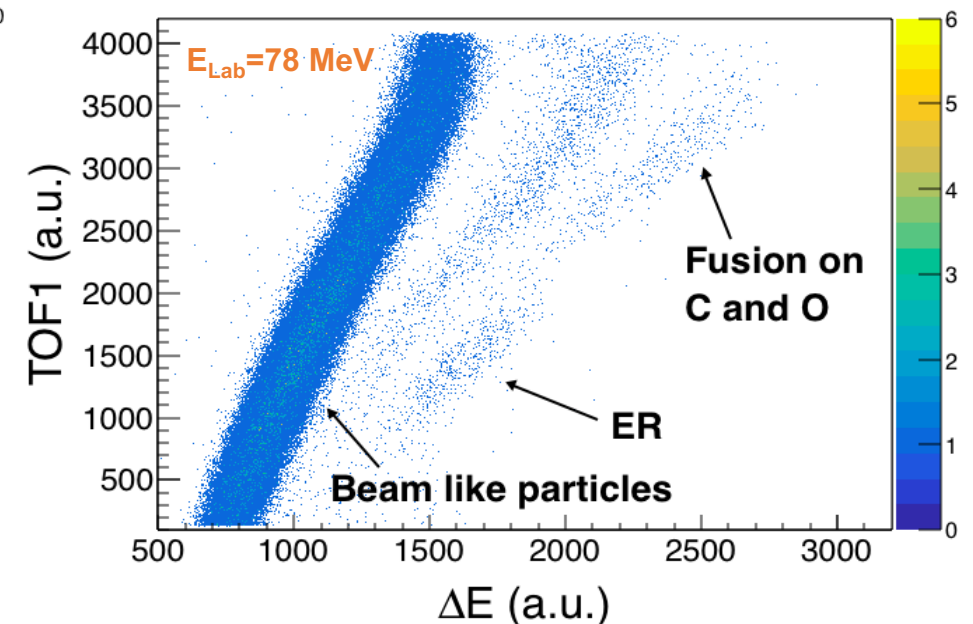
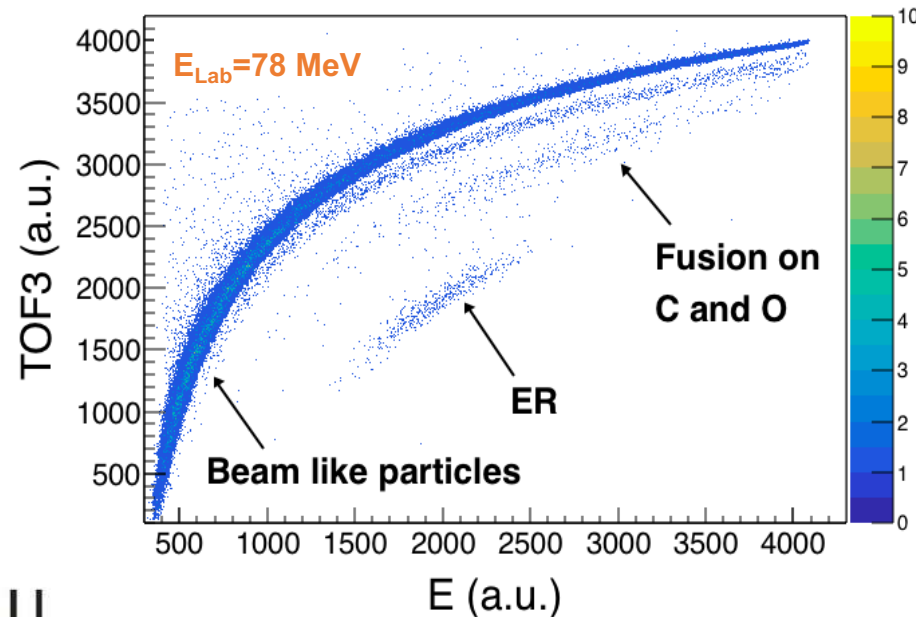
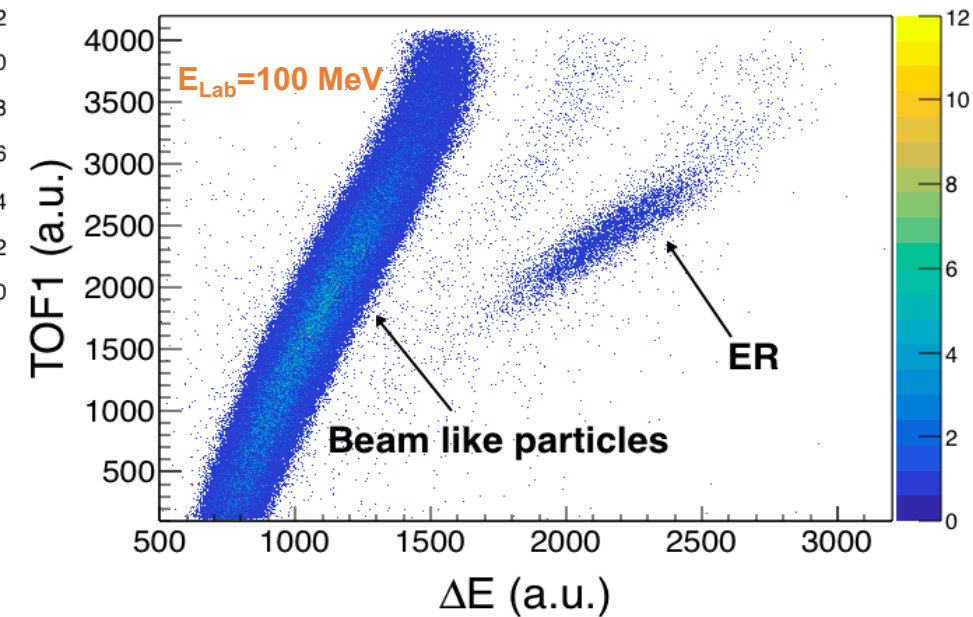
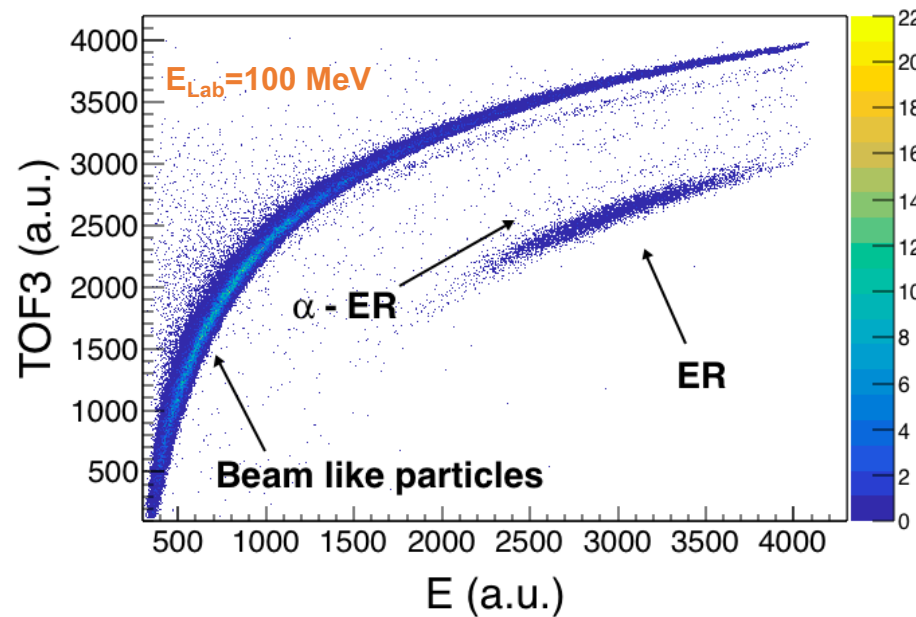
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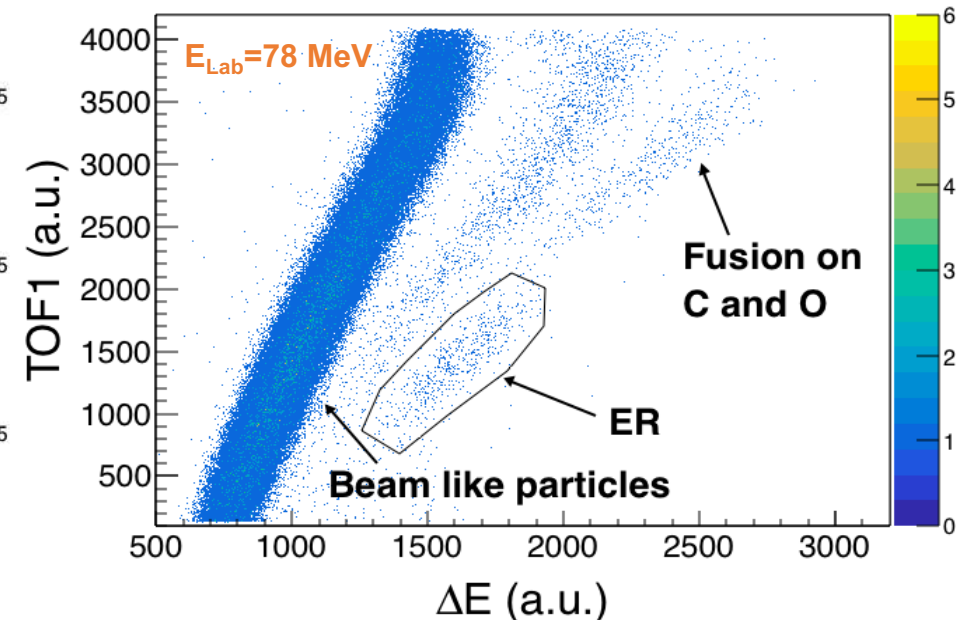
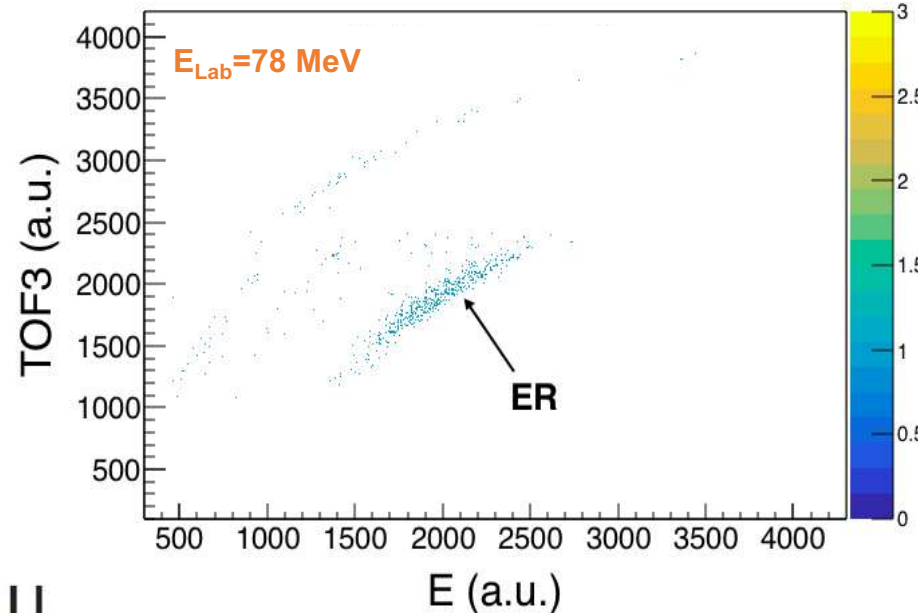
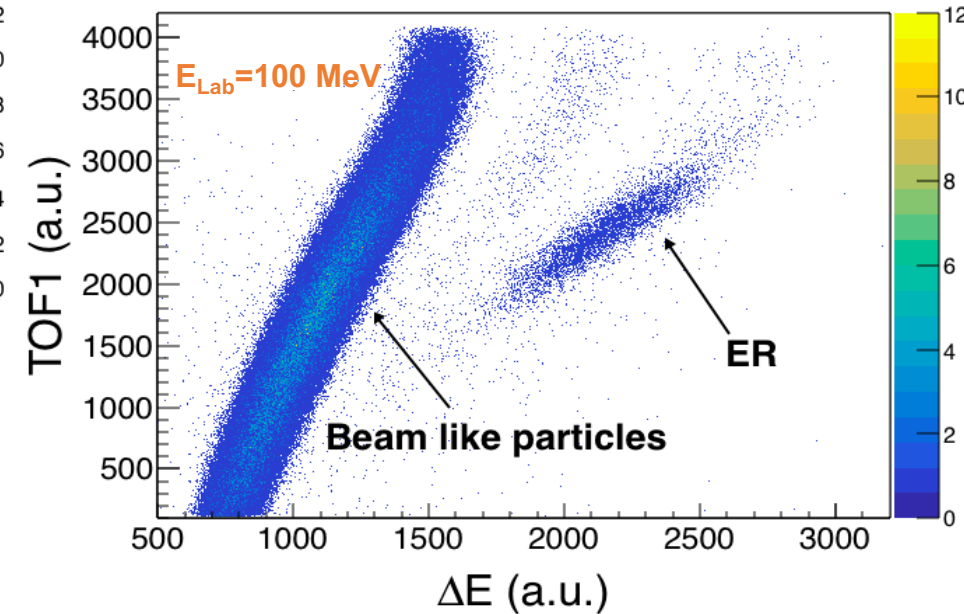
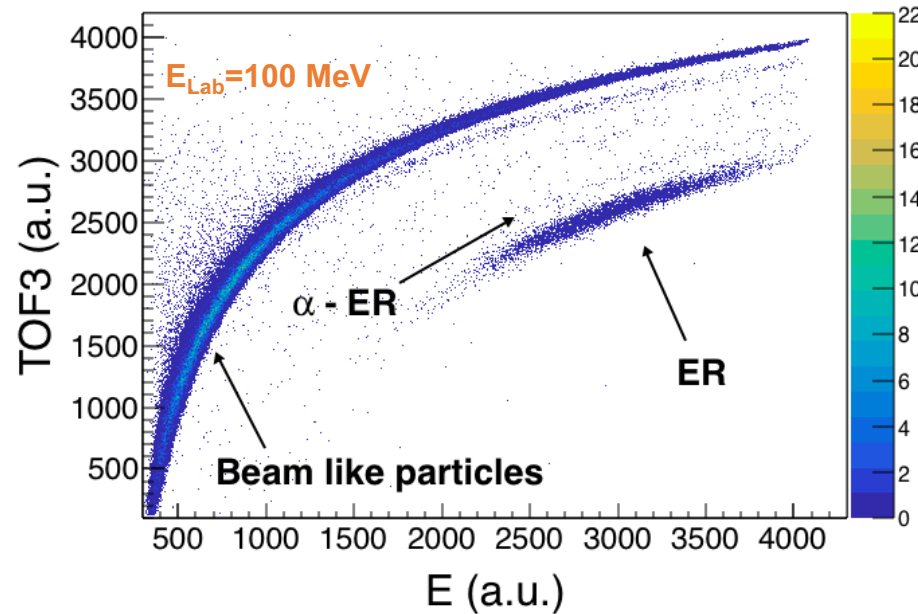
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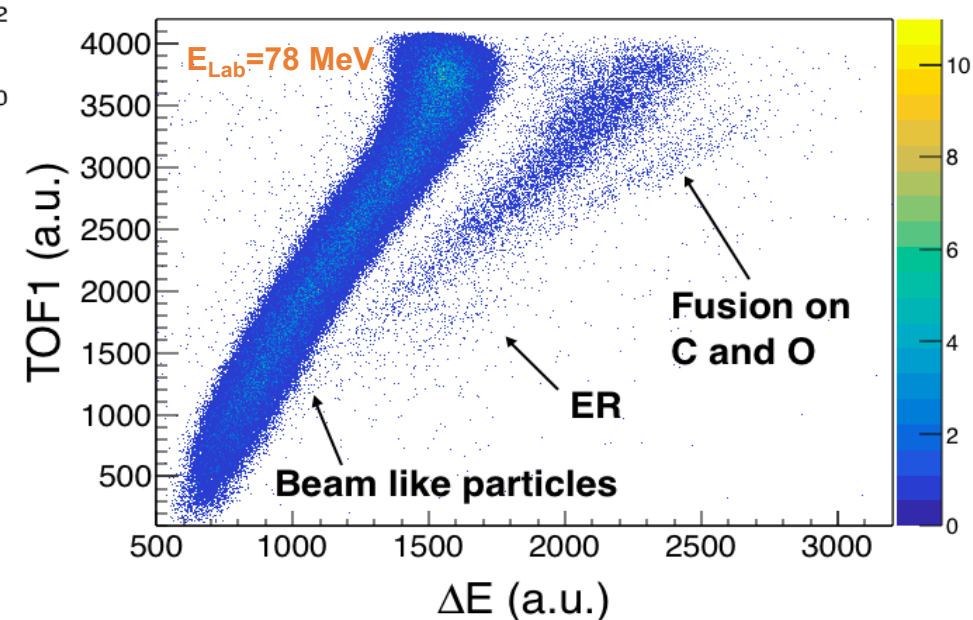
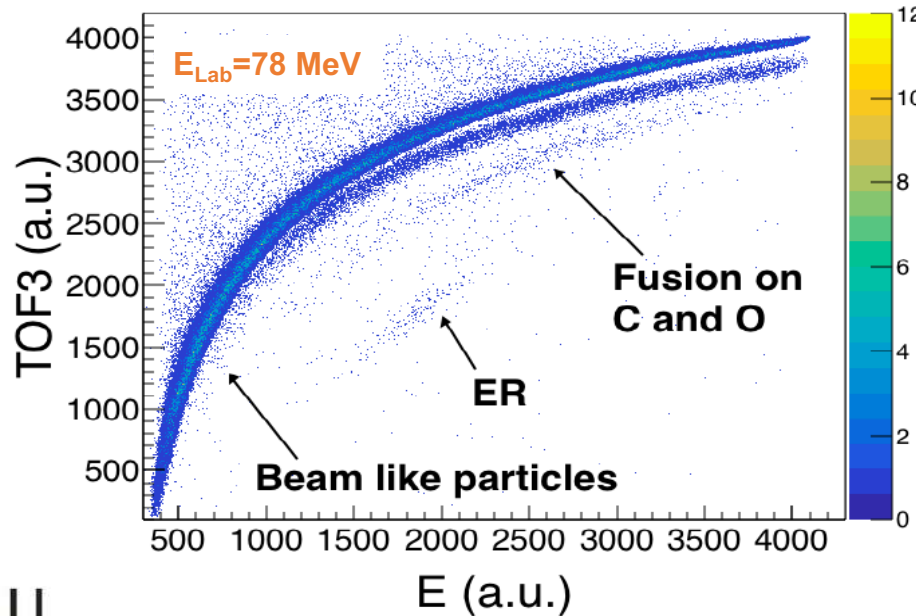
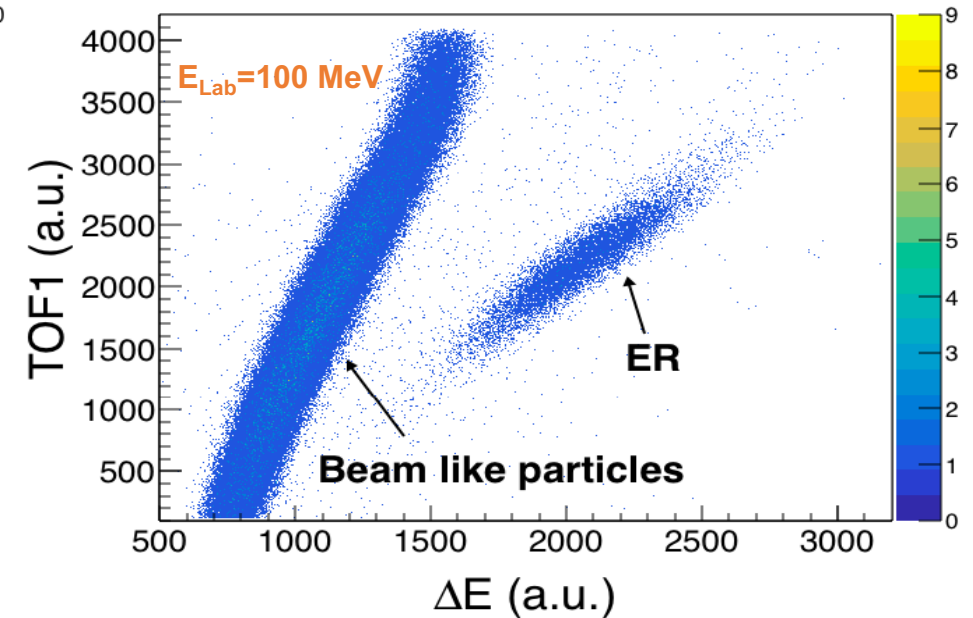
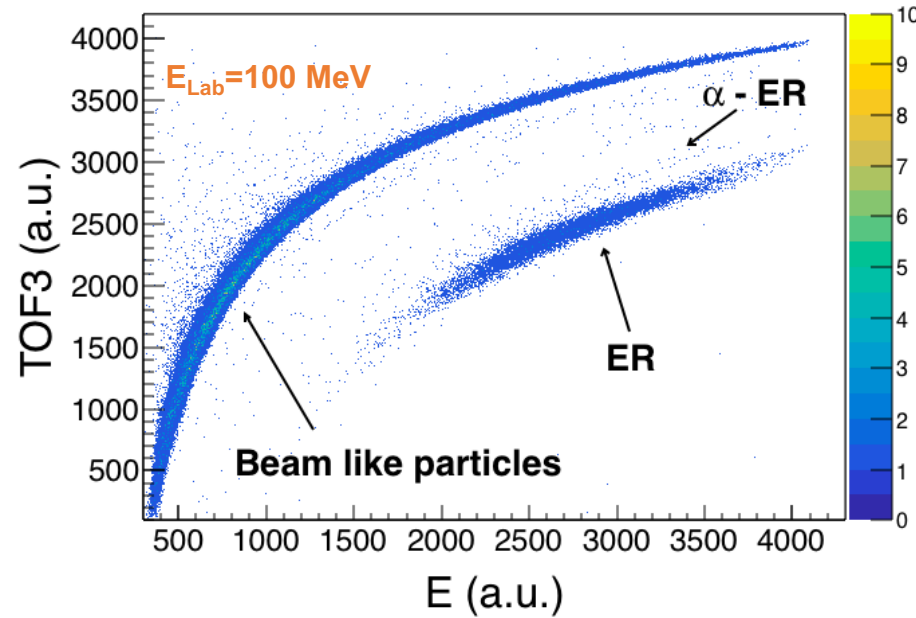
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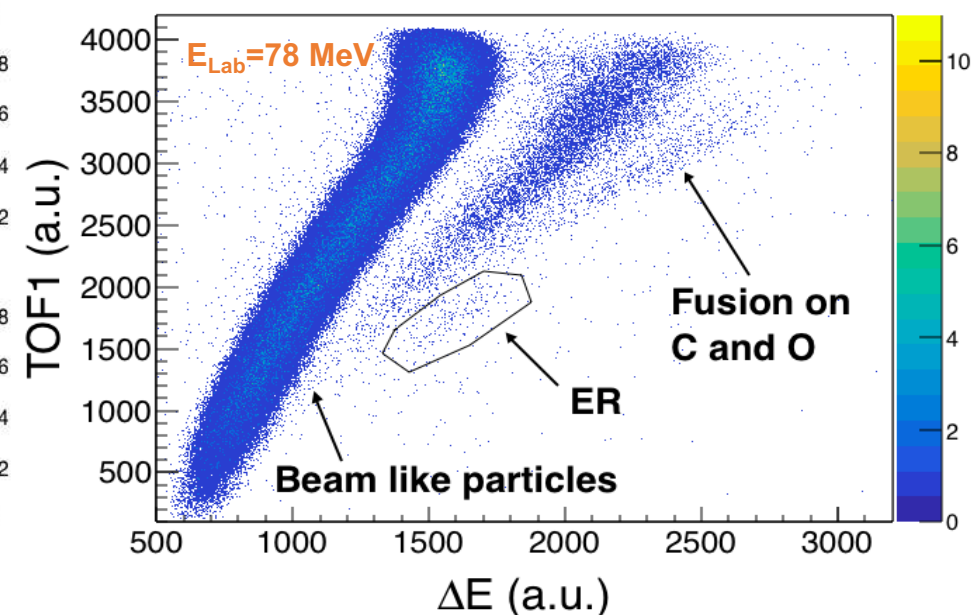
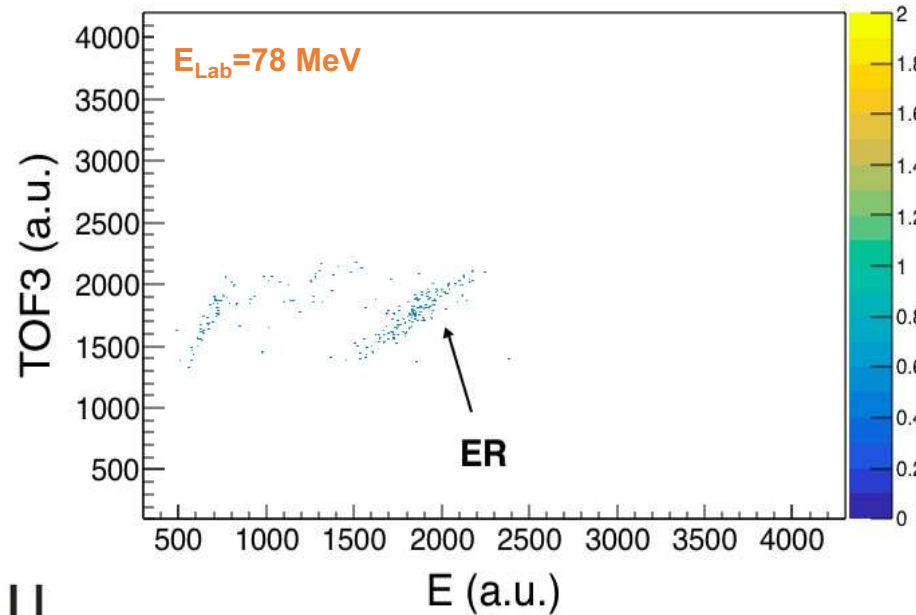
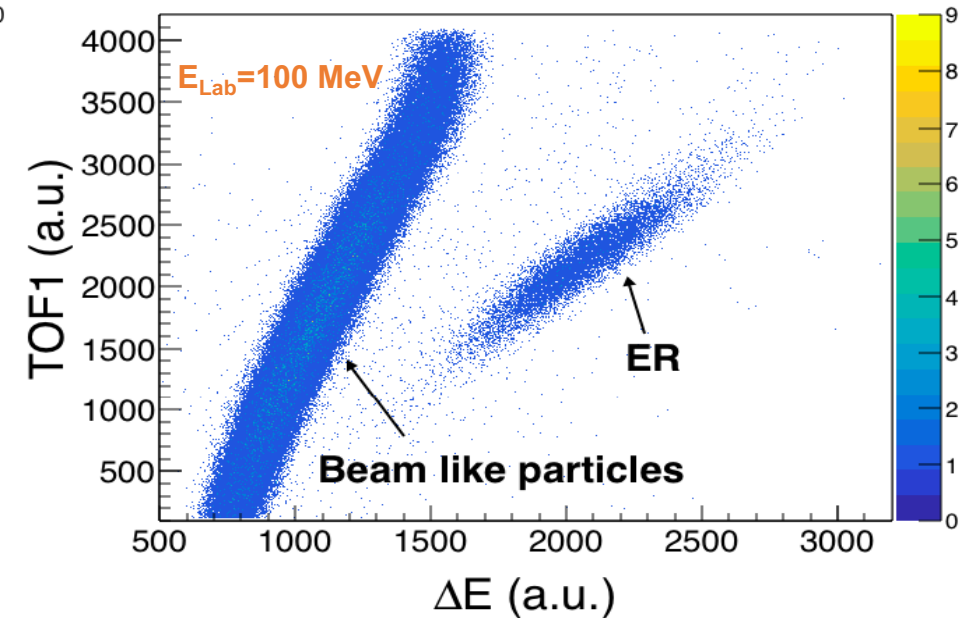
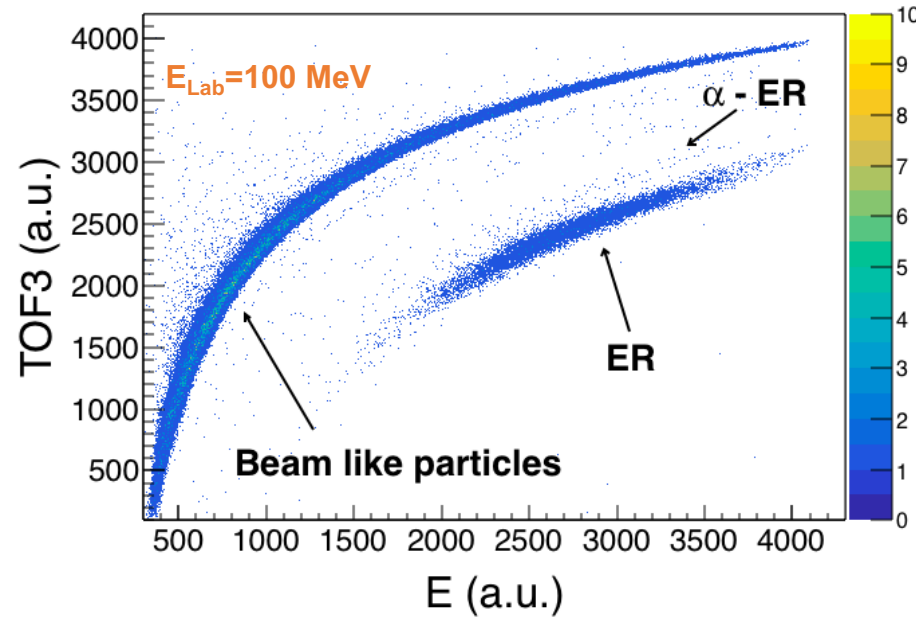
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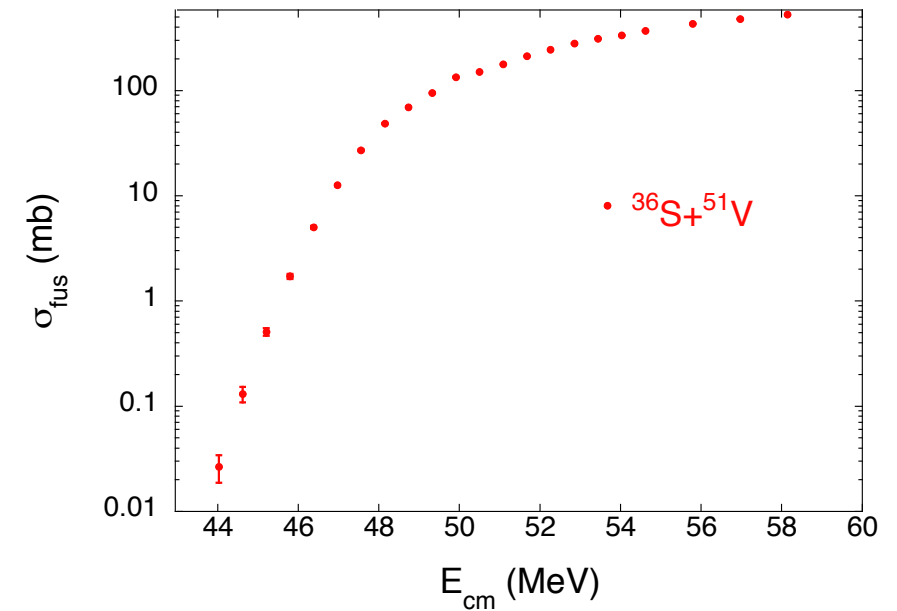
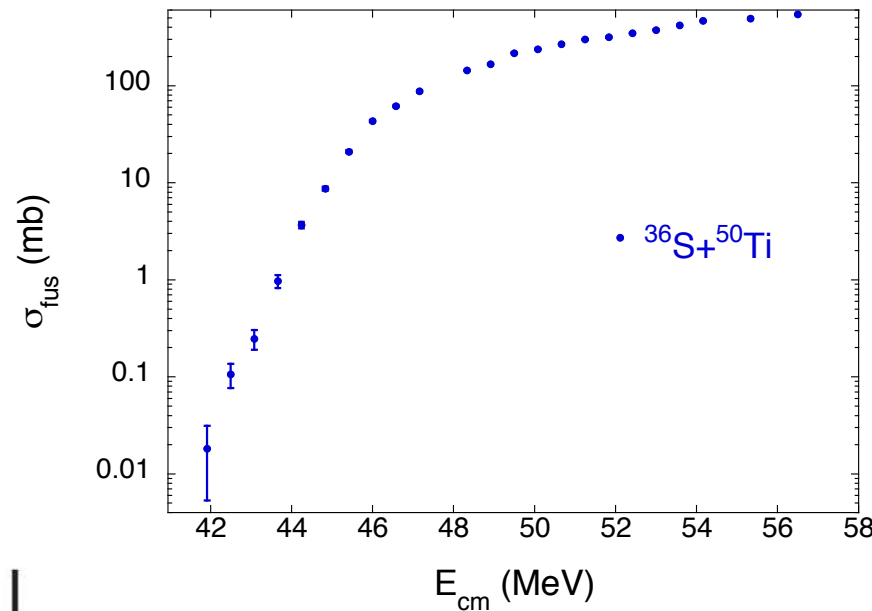
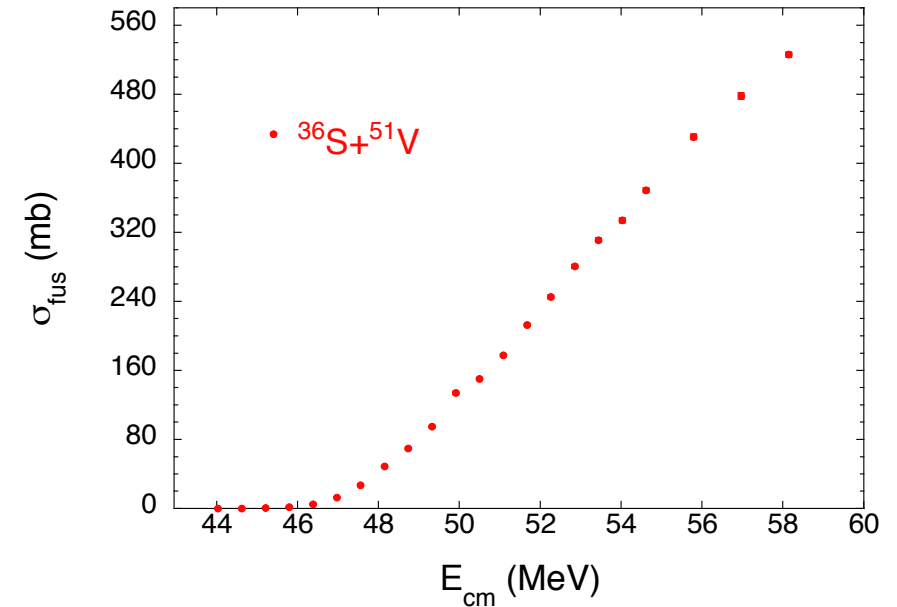
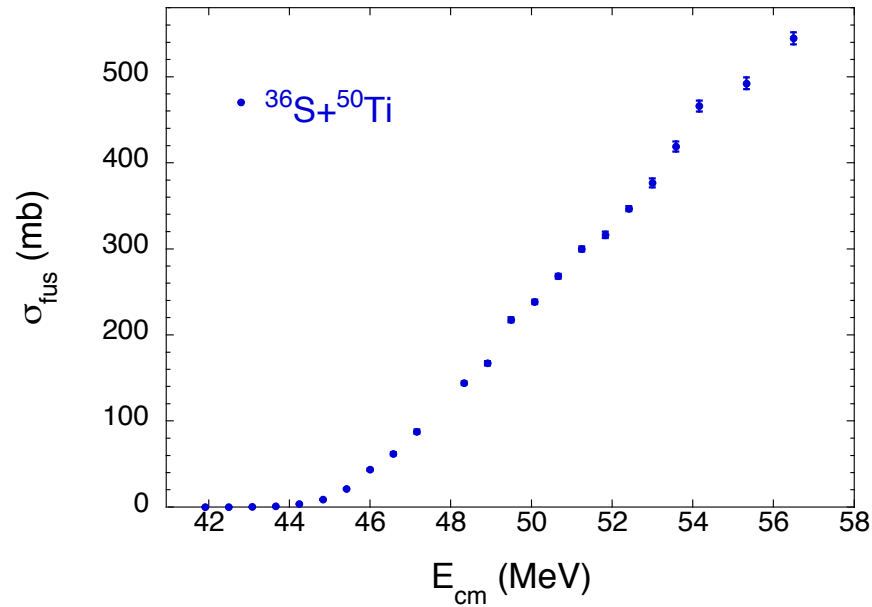
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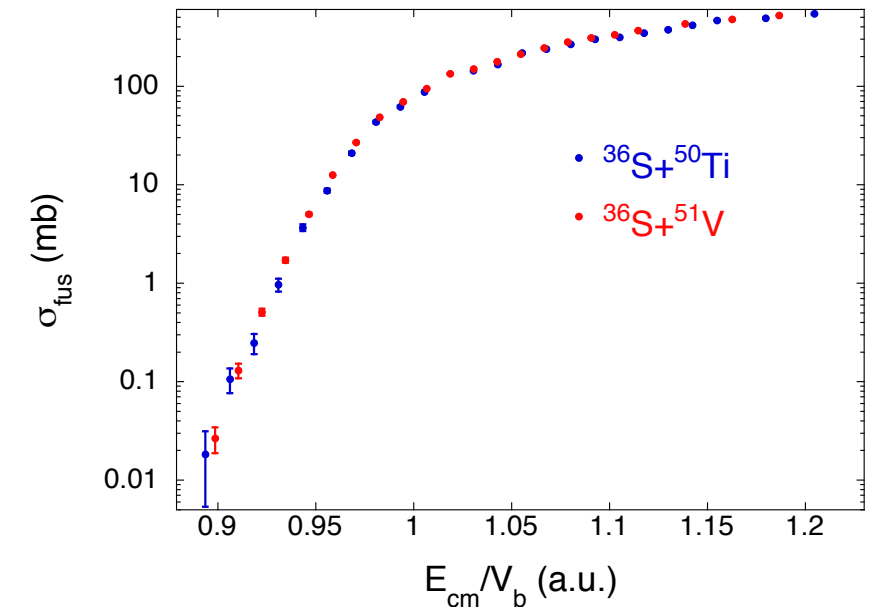
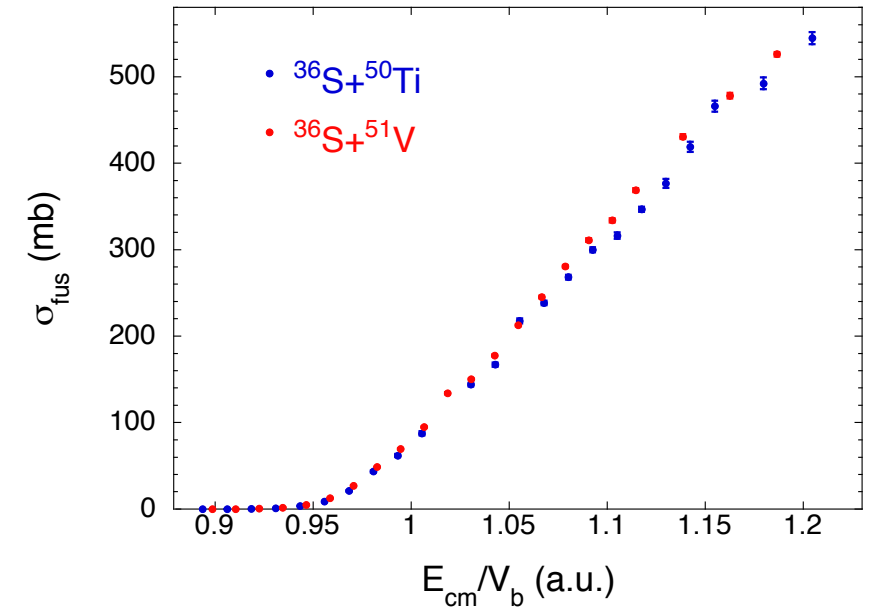
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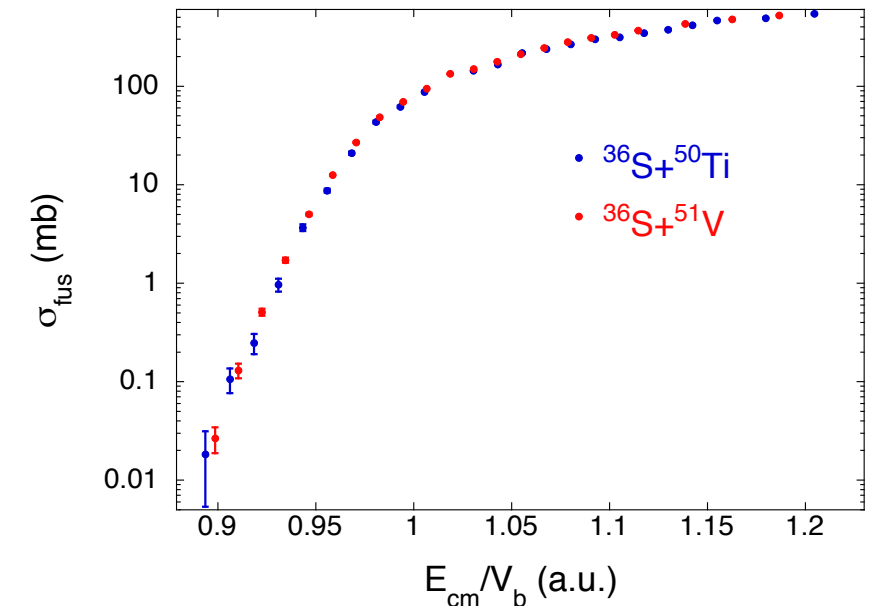
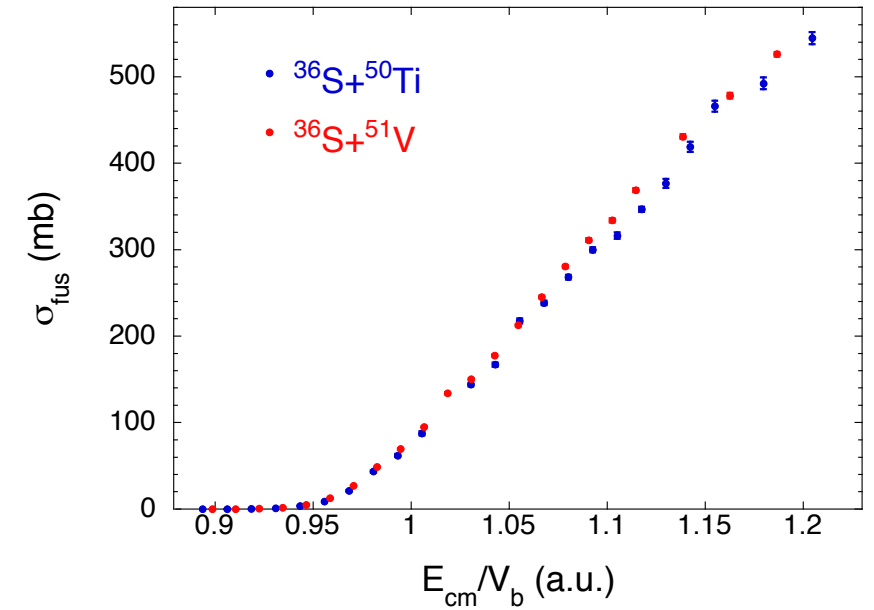
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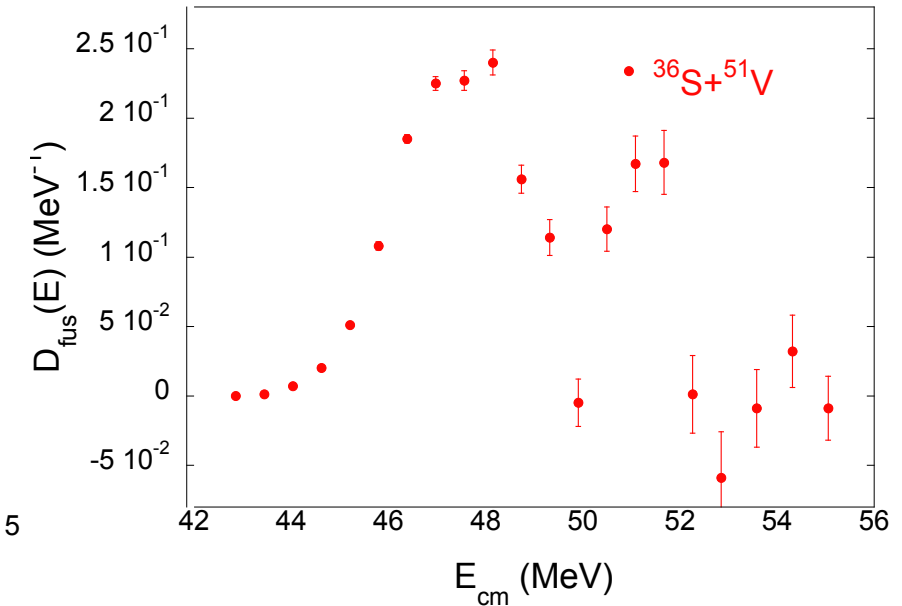
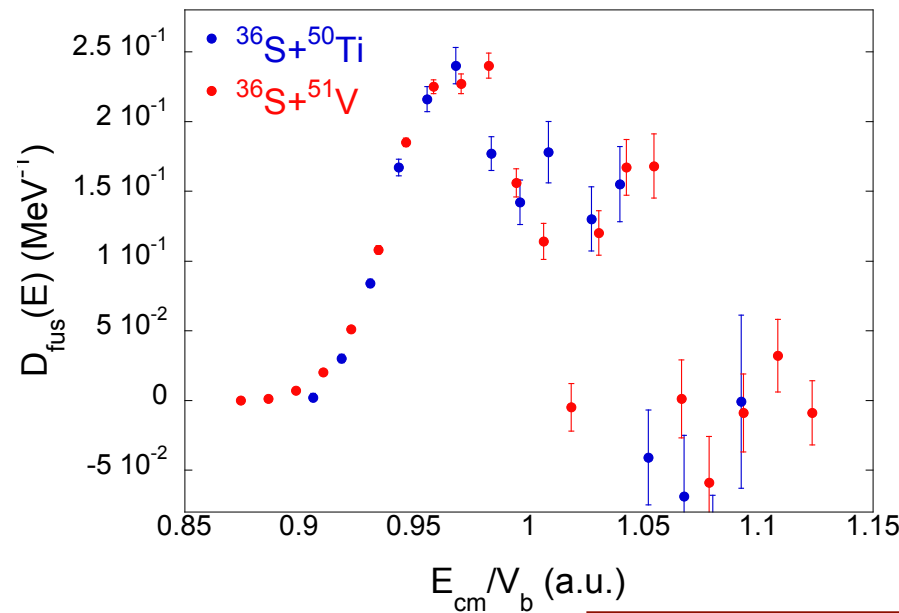
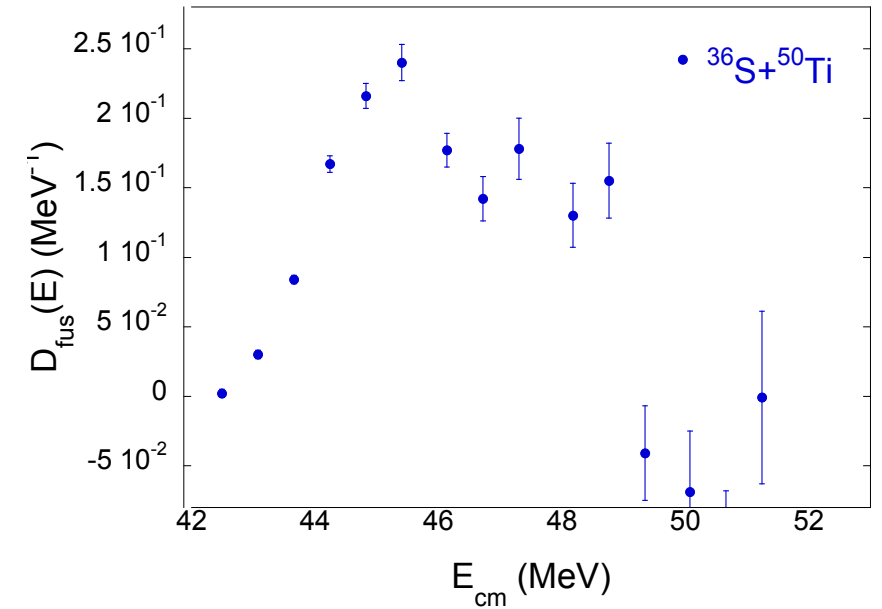
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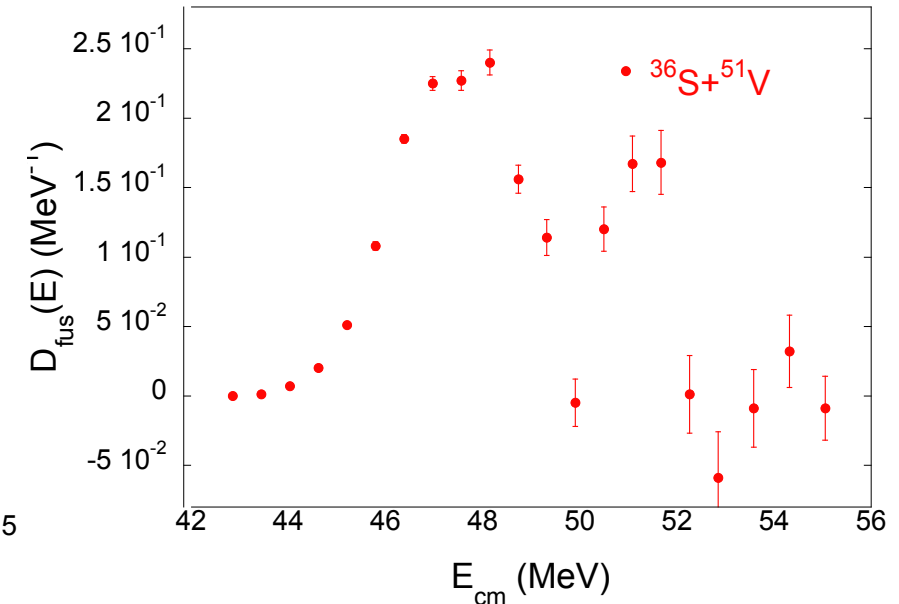
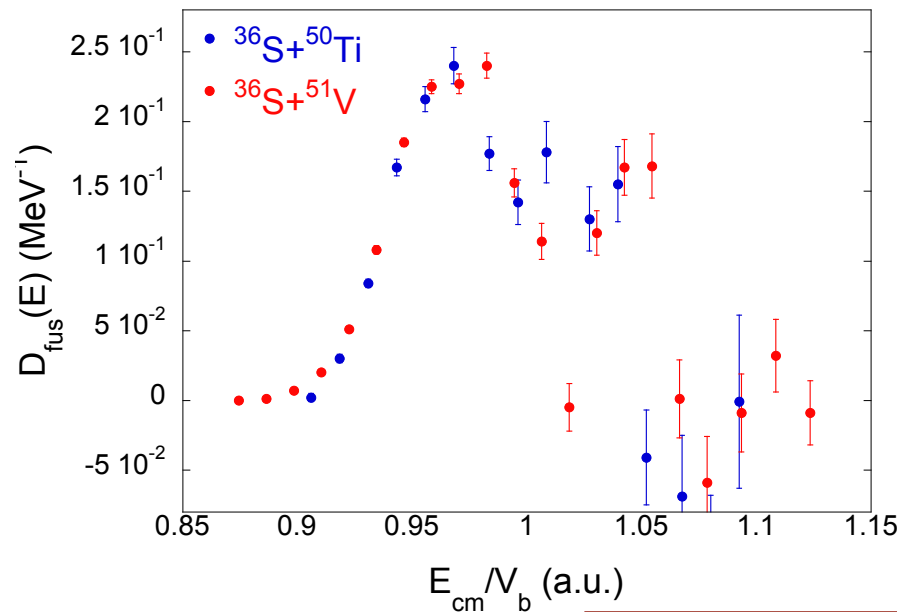
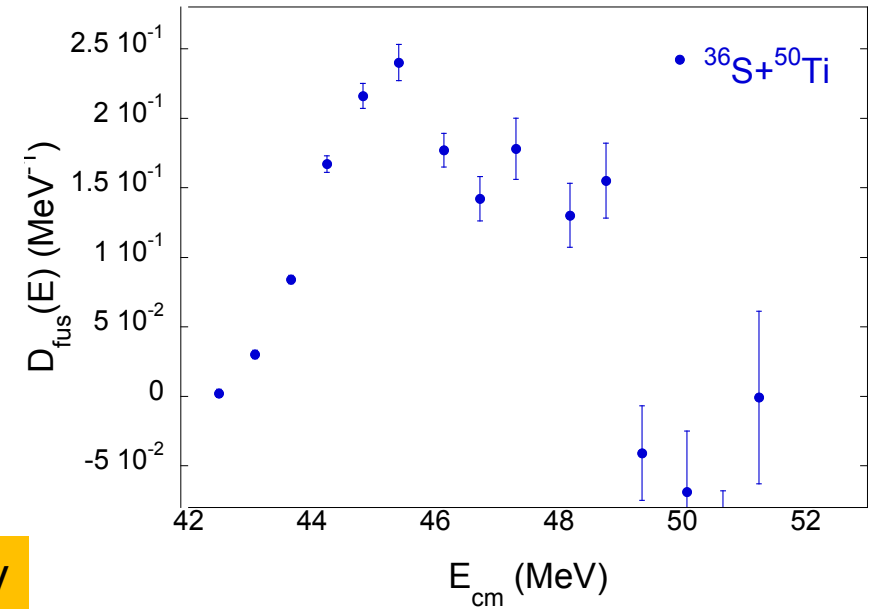
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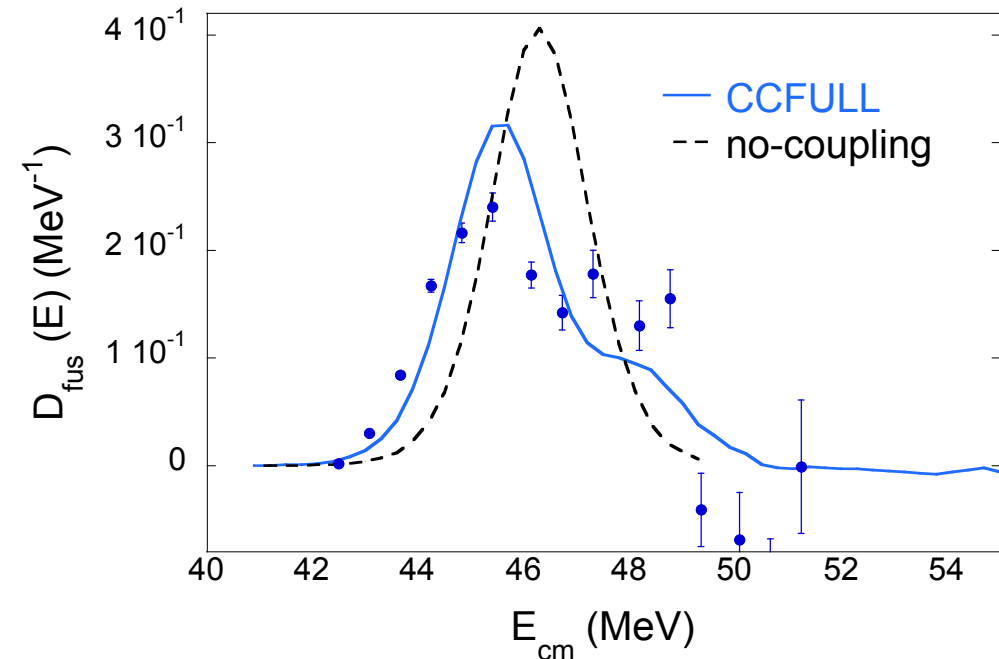
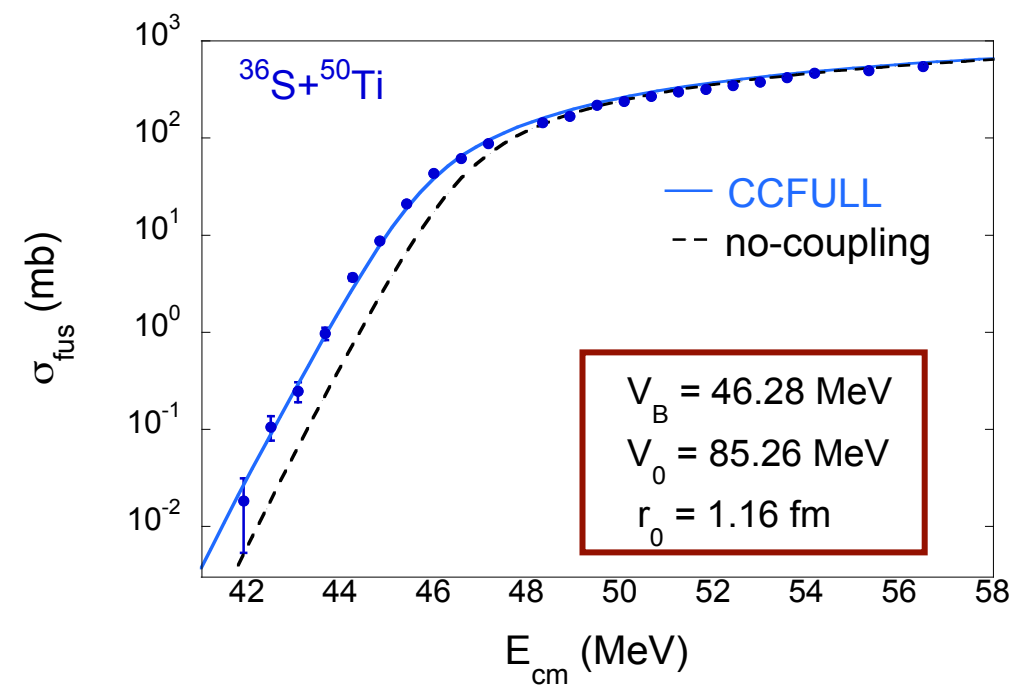
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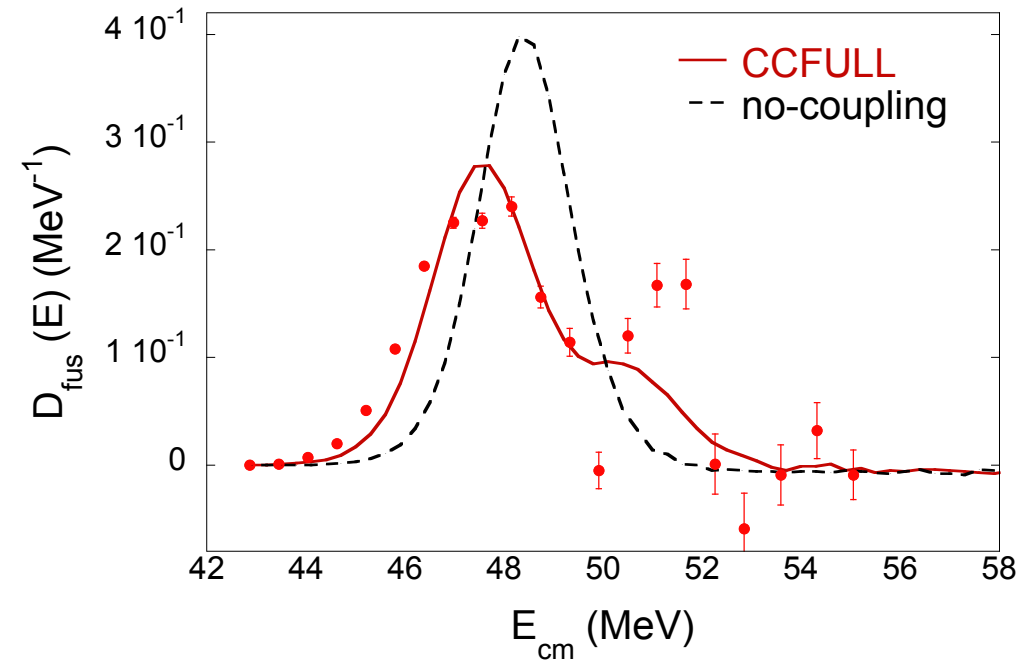
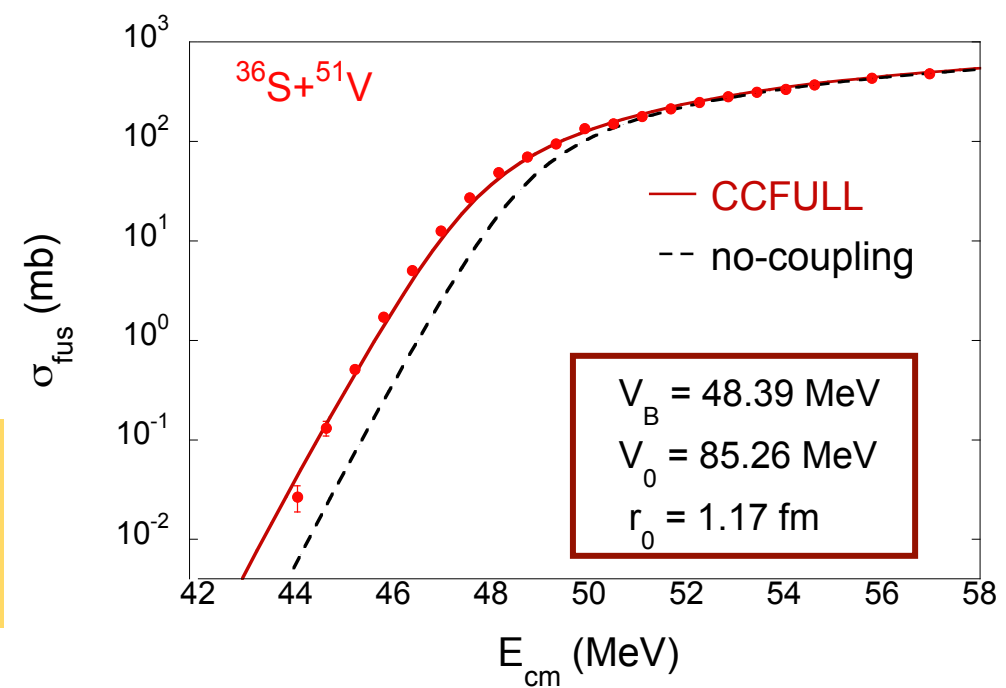
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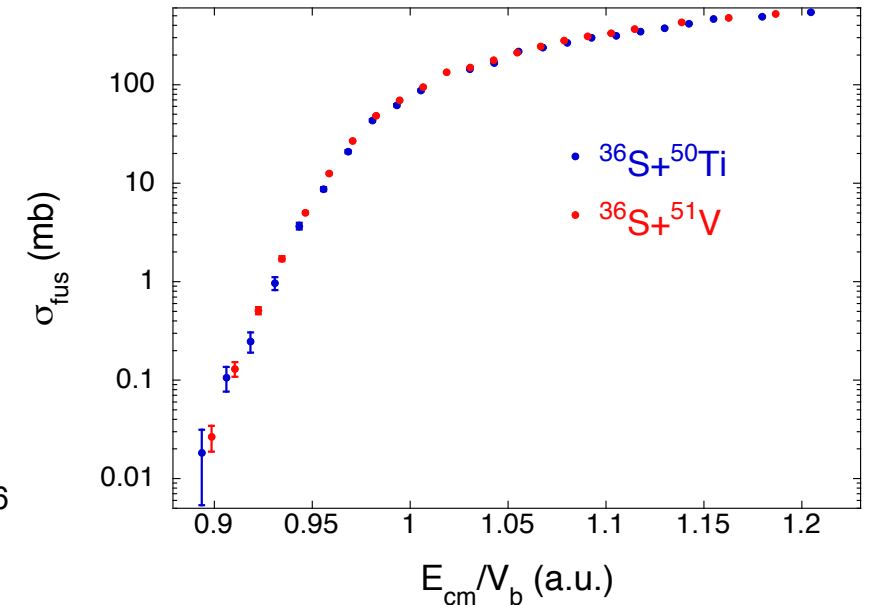
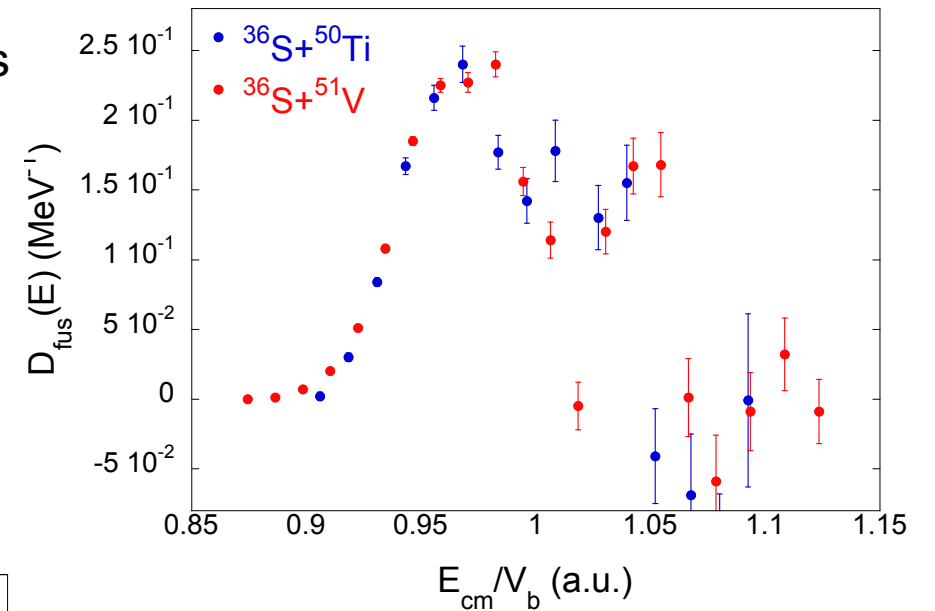
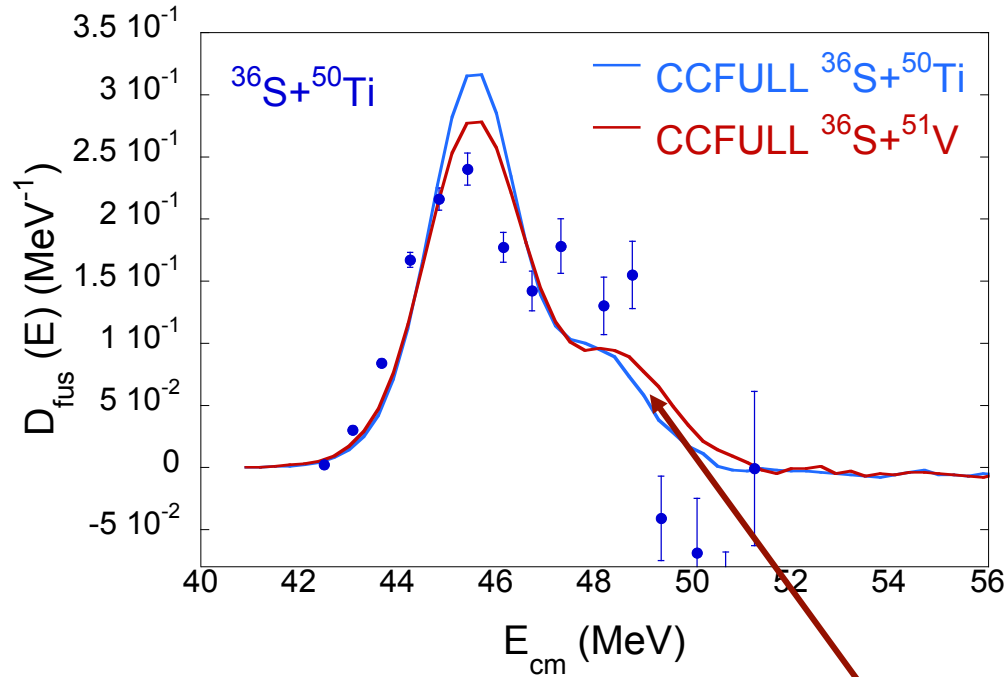
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Small difference between the two calculated barrier distributions around 51–52 MeV

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- The 13 tilted grid electrodes (transparency of **98%** each) significantly decrease the drift time of the electrons to anodes with respect to a conventional IC with transverse field
 - Reduction of shaping time to $0.25\mu\text{s}$
 - Shorter gate width of the DAQ of $1\mu\text{s}$
 - Highest counting rate of 140 kHz with the veto provided by the last IC section
- Z-resolution of 1/38 obtained for ^{64}Zn ions at about 3 MeV/A.
- Energy resolution of 2.06 % with ^{64}Zn ions at the energy of 2.3 MeV/A

The Fast IC has been used in one sub-barrier fusion experiment with stable beams

- Sub-barrier fusion of the two systems $^{36}\text{S}+^{50}\text{Ti}, ^{51}\text{V}$ has been measured at LNL to investigate the possible effect of the non-zero spin of the ^{51}V ground state
- Fusion cross sections measured down to values $\sim 20\ \mu\text{b}$.
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Sub-barrier fusion reactions with radioactive beams

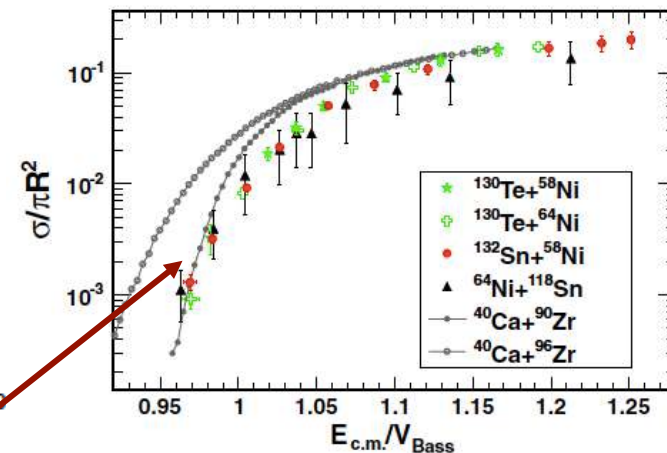
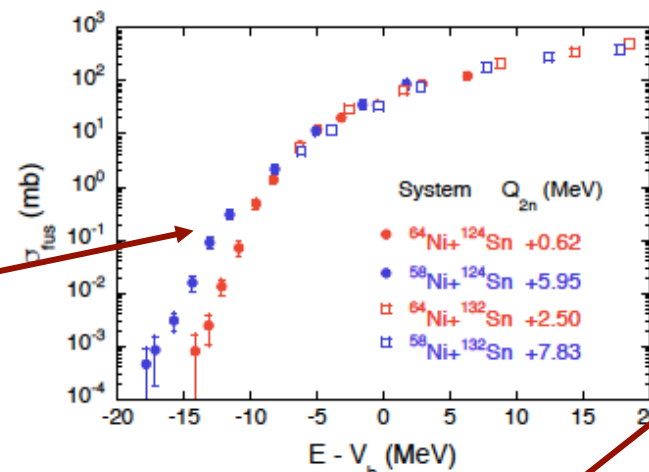
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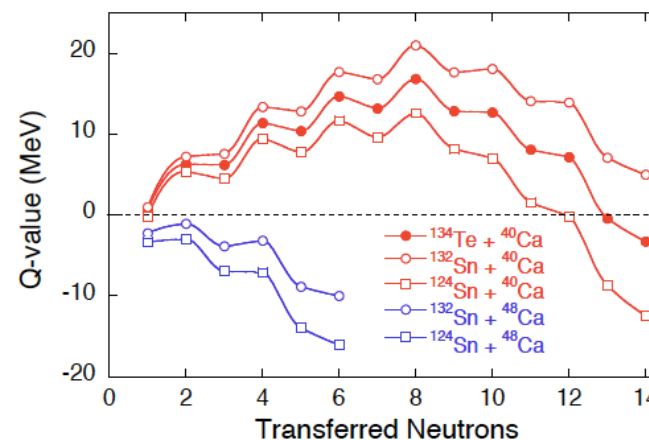
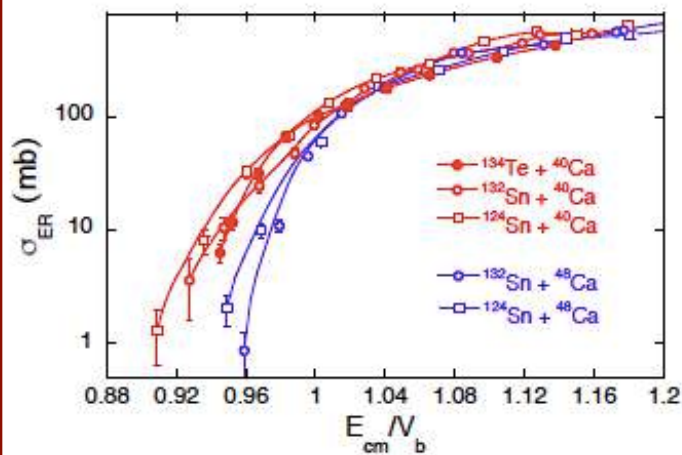
No differences between $^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{58,64}\text{Ni}$ and no enhancement with respect to $^{58,64}\text{Ni} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$.

Extra-enhancement appreciable at cross sections < 1 mb).

Positive Q-value transfer channels does not influence the fusion



Z. Kohley et al., Phys. Rev. Let. 107.20 (2011)



Negative Q-values for neutron transfer channels have smaller cross sections with respect to positive Q-value cases.

Very neutron rich exotic ^{132}Sn and ^{134}Te confirmed effect observed with stable beams.

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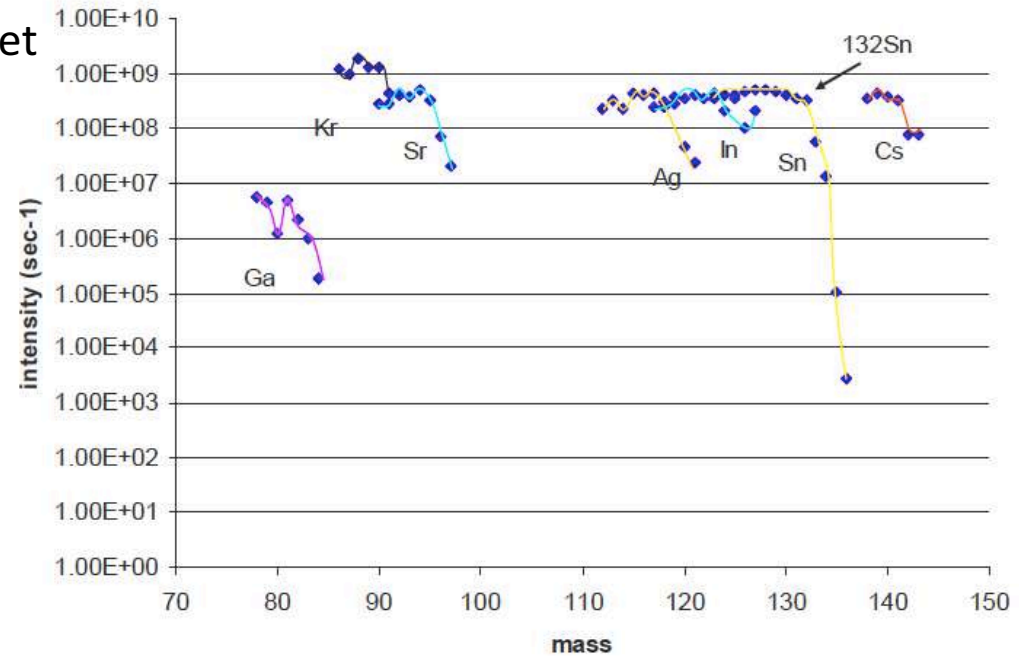
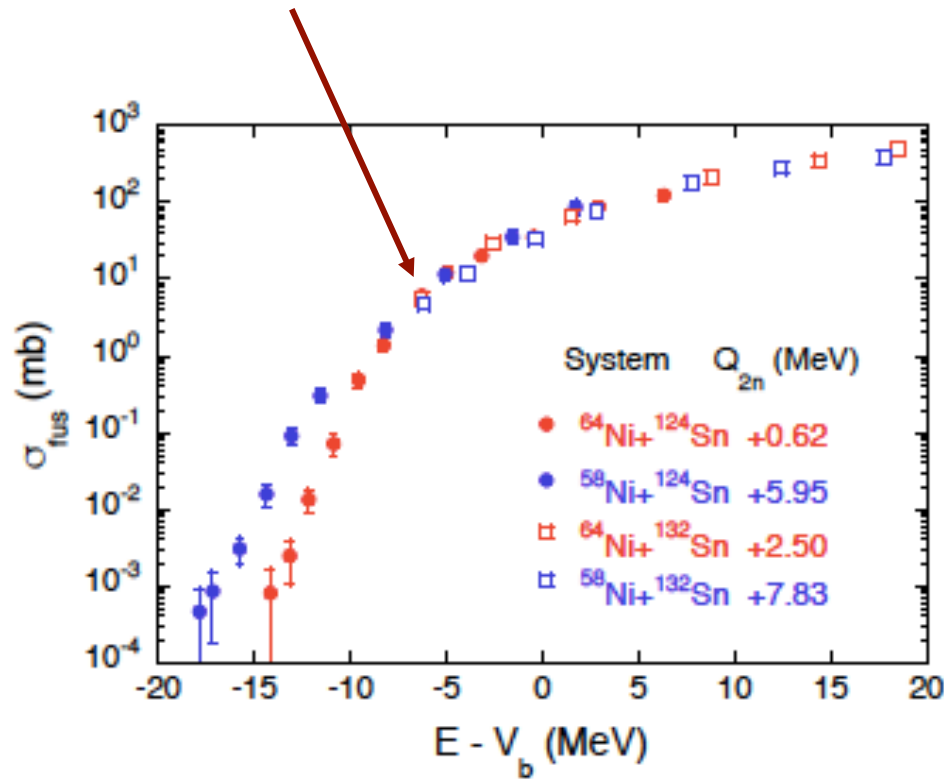


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- **SPES Phase 1** : 5 μ A proton current on Ucx target (10⁵ pps)

⁹⁶Sr, ⁹⁴Kr on ⁴⁰Ca and ²⁸Si targets neutron pick-up reactions Q-value +26MeV

¹³⁴Sn, ¹³⁶Te on light targets transfer channel effects on fusion < 1mb



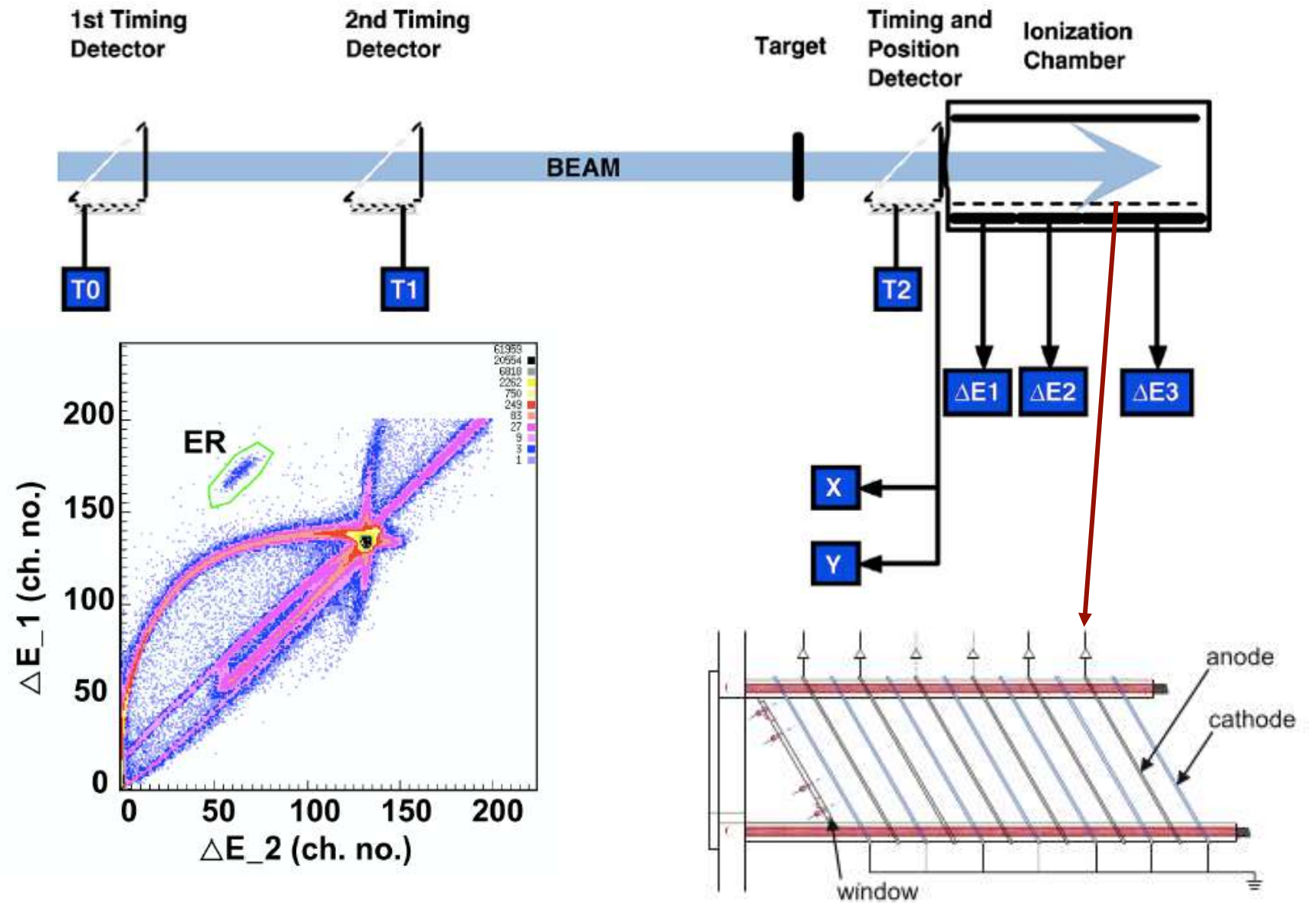
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- **SPES Phase 3** : 200 μ A proton current on all targets (mainly Ucx)

G. Prete et al., 'Theoretical Nuclear Physics in Italy' 1120 (2009)

<https://web.infn.it/spes/index.php/characteristics/spes-beams-7037/spesbeamstable>

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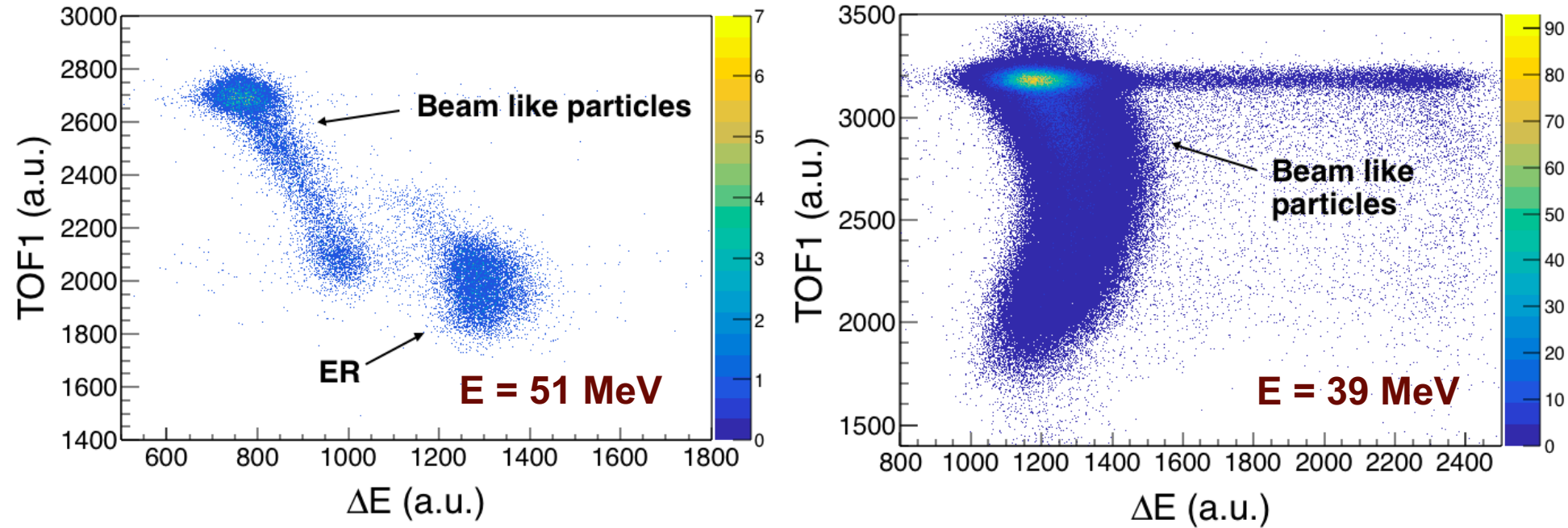
Maximum rate $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$ pps

J. F. Liang, D. Shapira, Phys.Rev. Lett. **91**, 152701, (2003)

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Measurement of low-energy fusion of $^{12}\text{C} + ^{30}\text{Si}$ in inverse kinematics at $\theta_{\text{Lab}}=3^\circ$



High background mainly due to the DAQ gate of $6\mu\text{s}$, due to the slow response of the IC compared to the MCPs and Si detectors

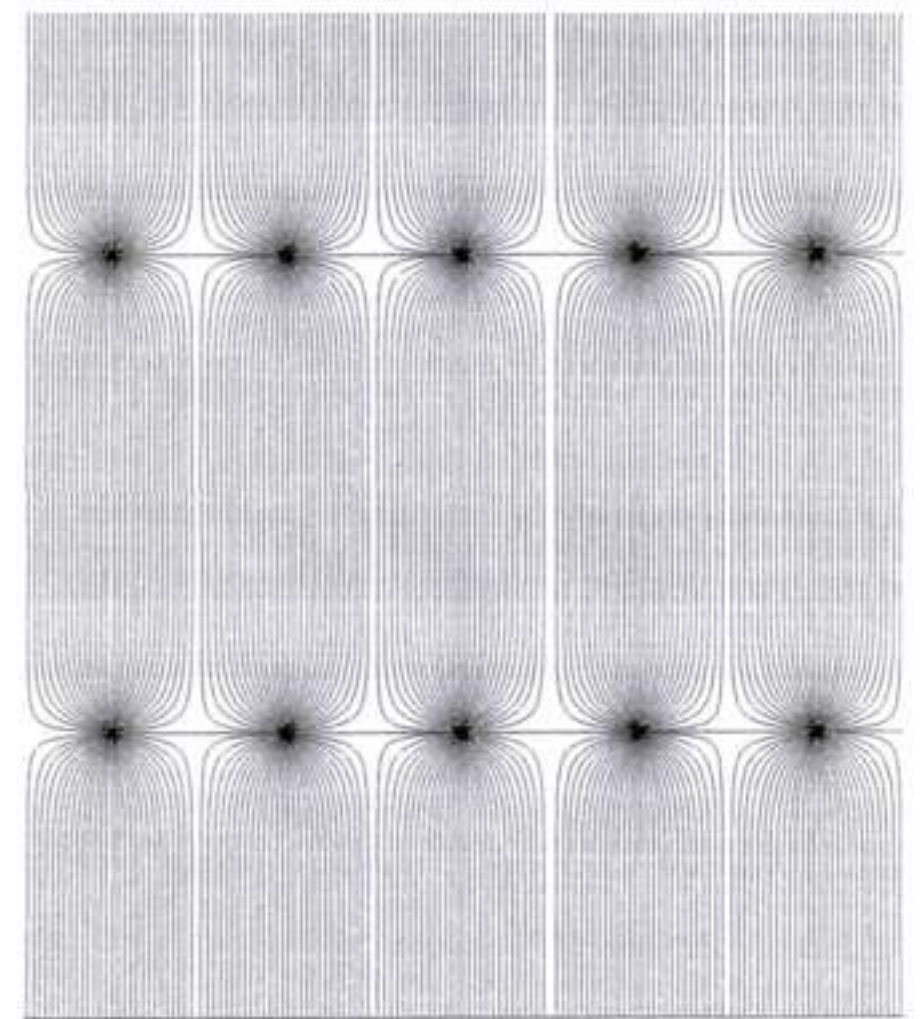
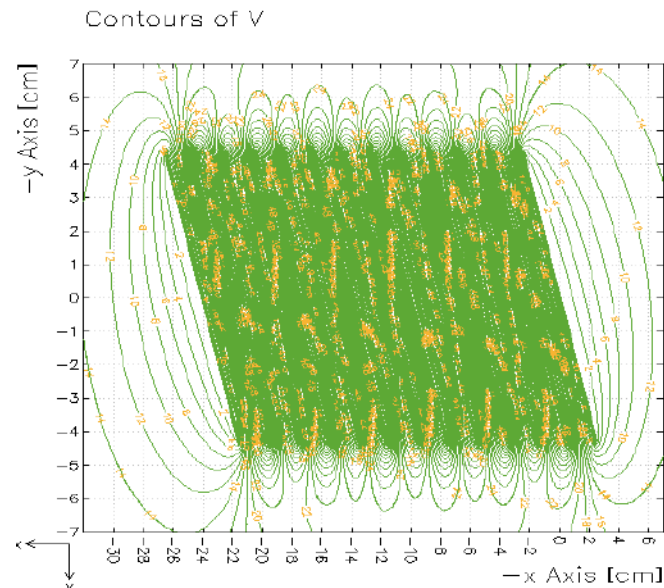
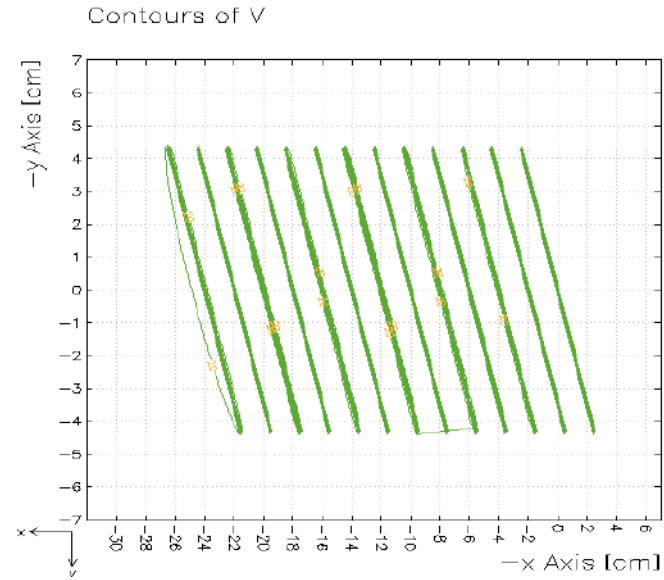
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GARFIELD field simulation

Equipotential lines

Electric field between two series of wires

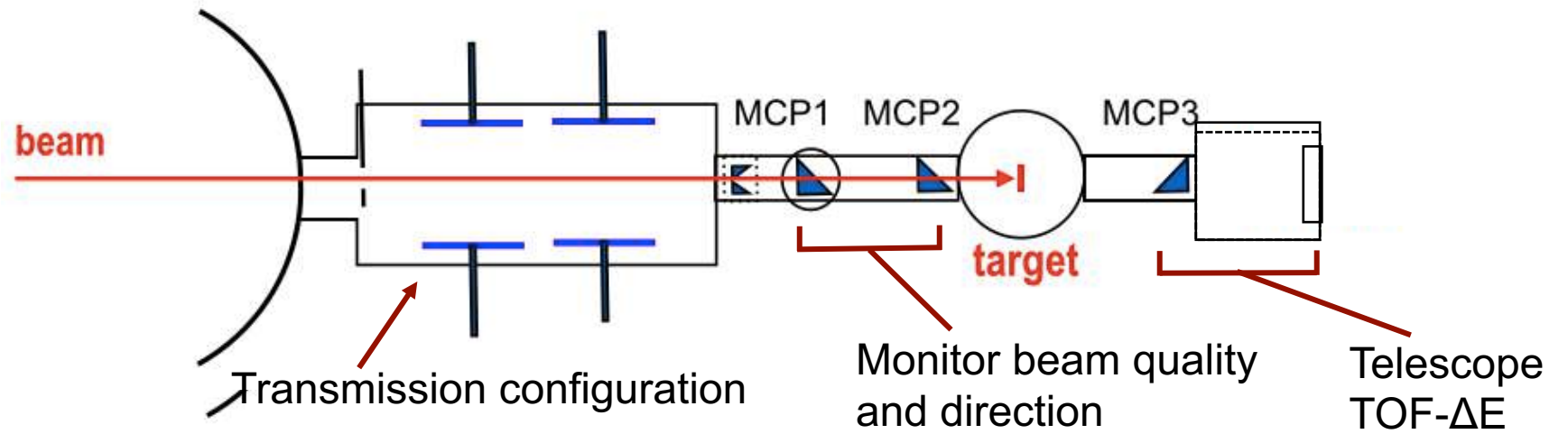
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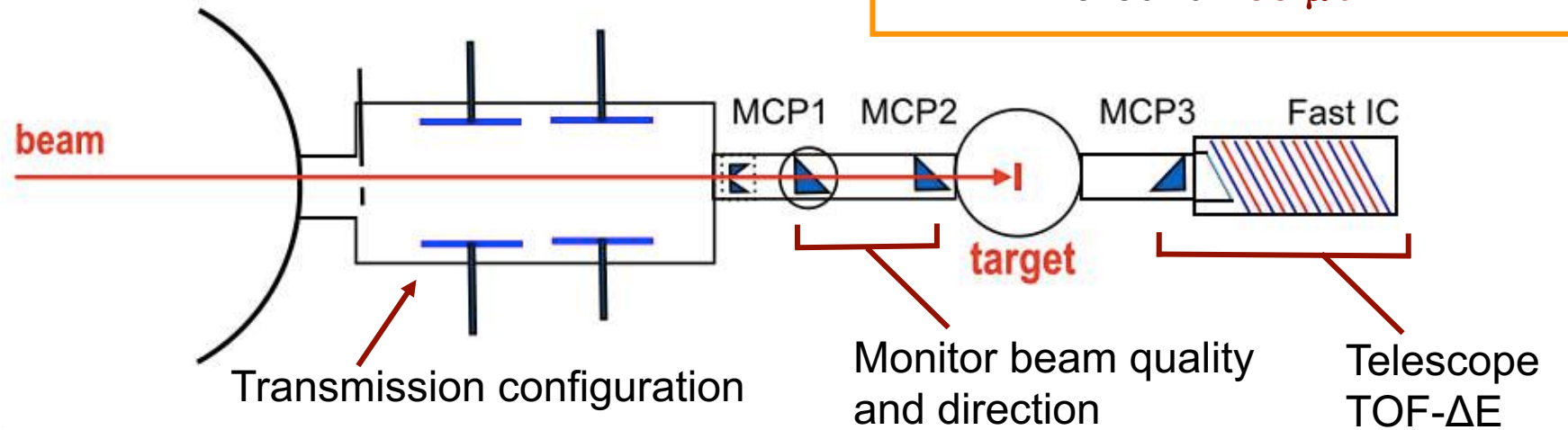
Low-intensity beams of $2 \cdot 10^4$ ion/s and target thick 1 mg/cm^2

Fusion excitation function down to **1 mb**.



Low-intensity beams 10^5 ion/s

Fusion excitation function down to around **100 μb** .



^{64}Zn at the ALPI-Piave beam energy of $E_{\text{lab}}=275$ MeV on a ^{197}Au target

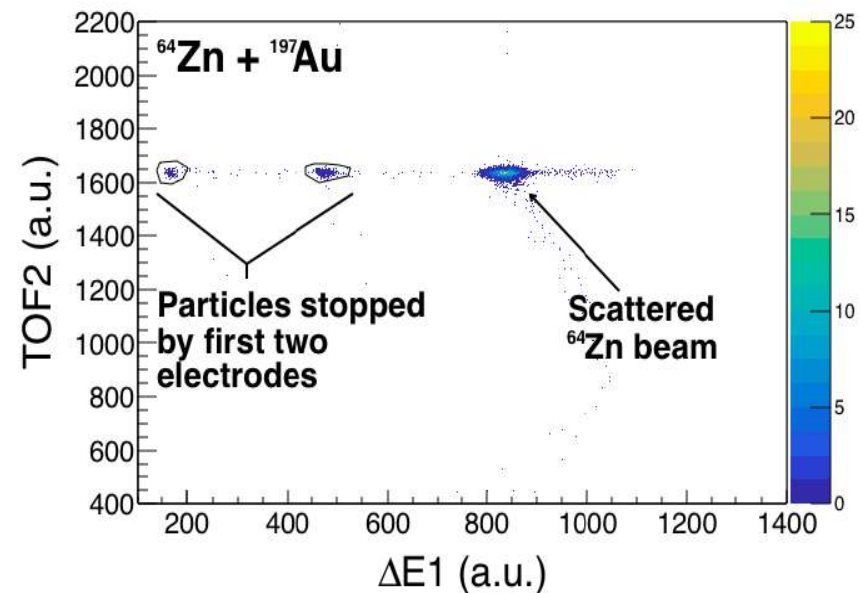
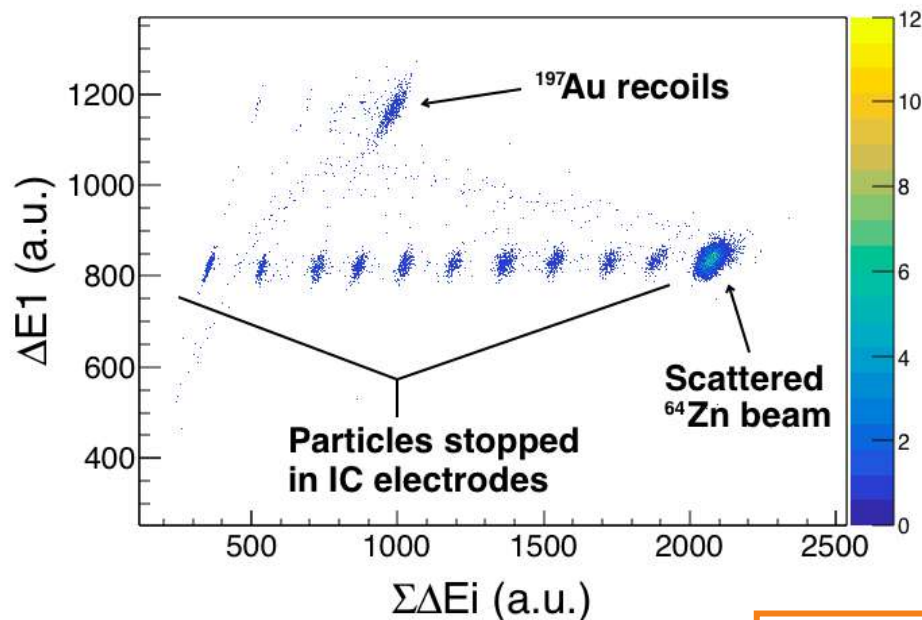
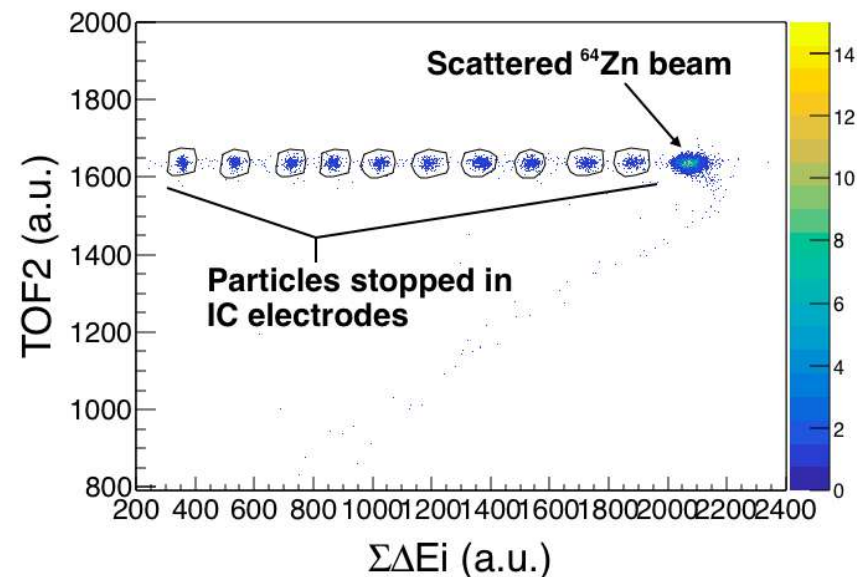
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CH4 gas pressure
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Detection angle 30°

MCP₁ signal used as trigger of DAQ

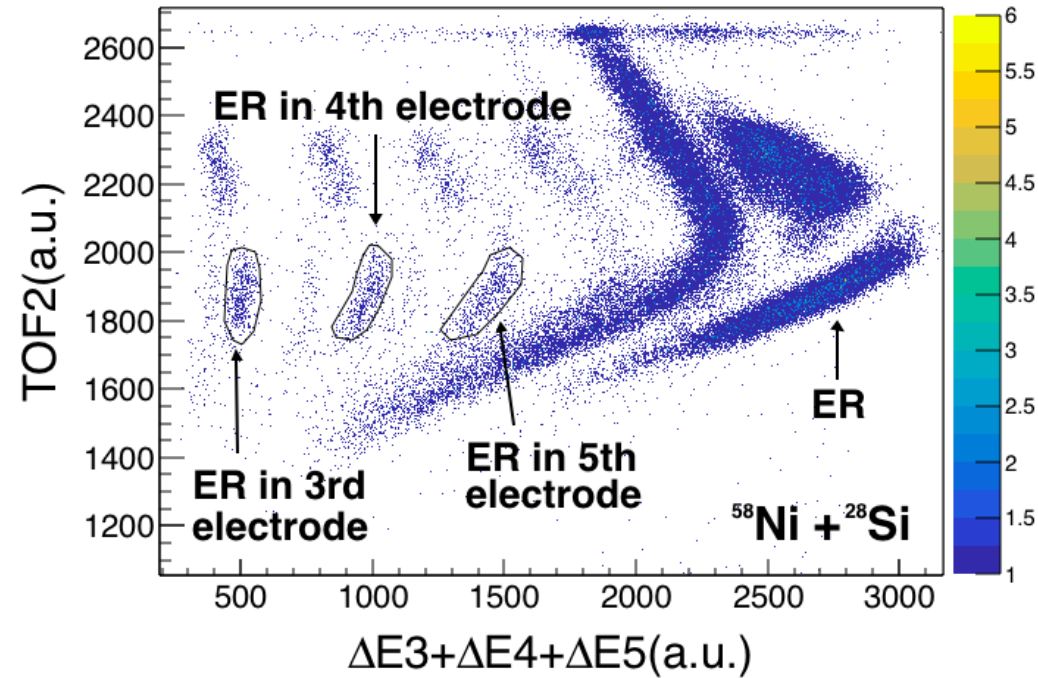
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Total transparency of the total of 13 electrodes of **75%**

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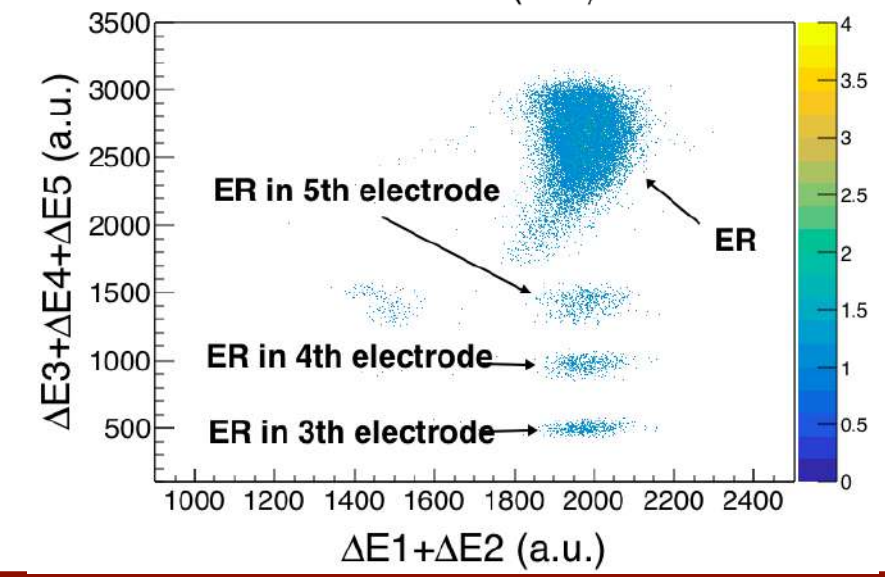
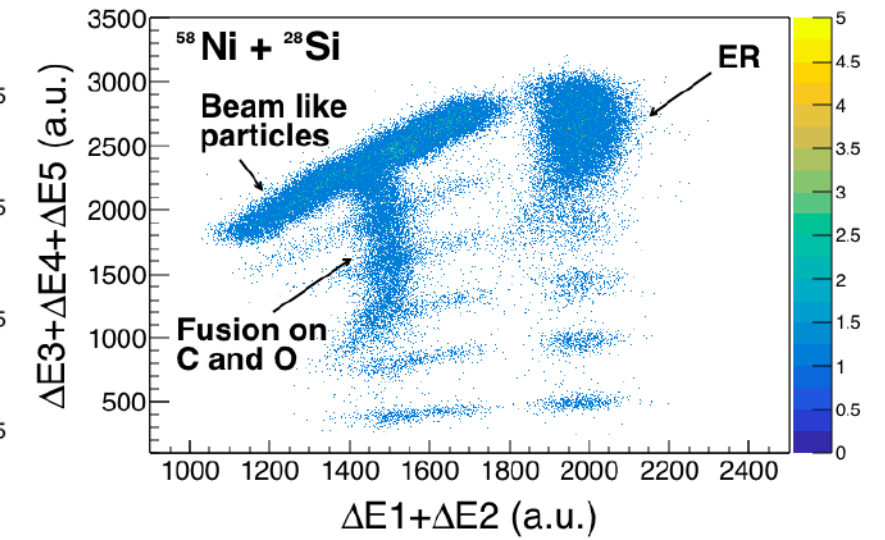
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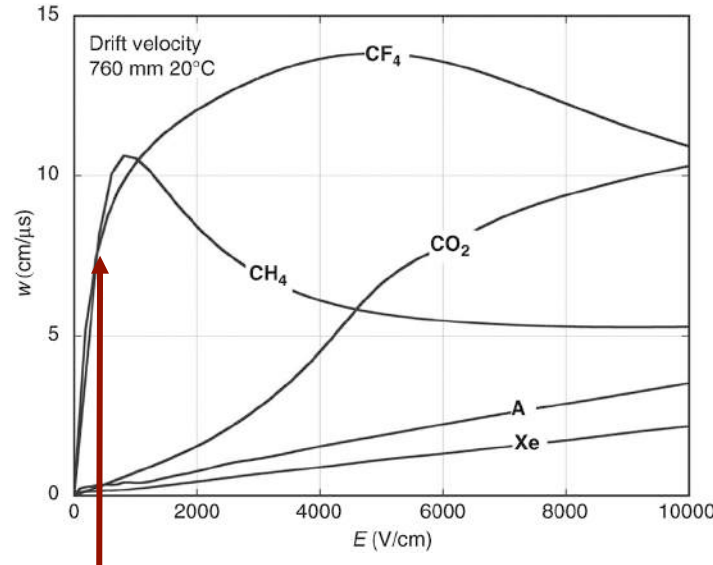
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^{28}Si beam at the energy of $E_{\text{lab}}=125$ MeV on a ^{100}Mo target

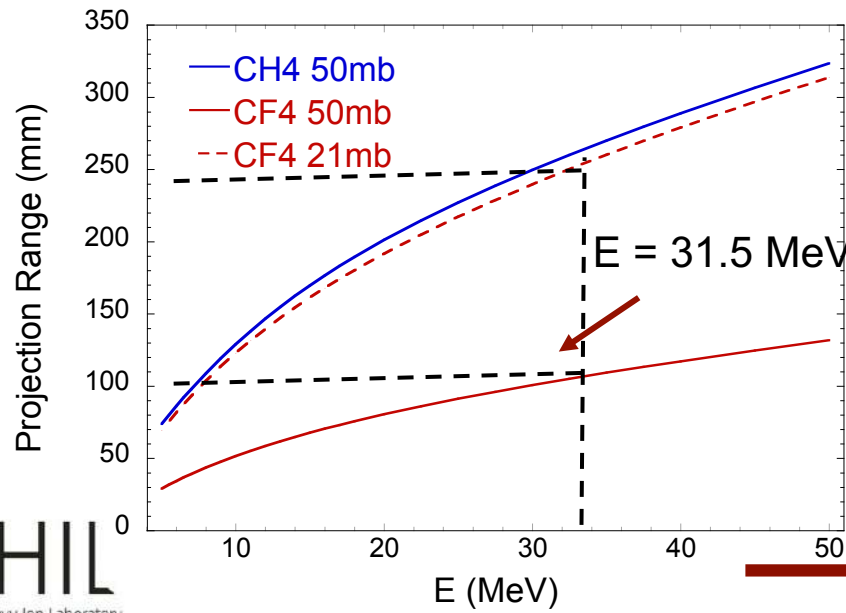
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Counting rate of 139 kHz

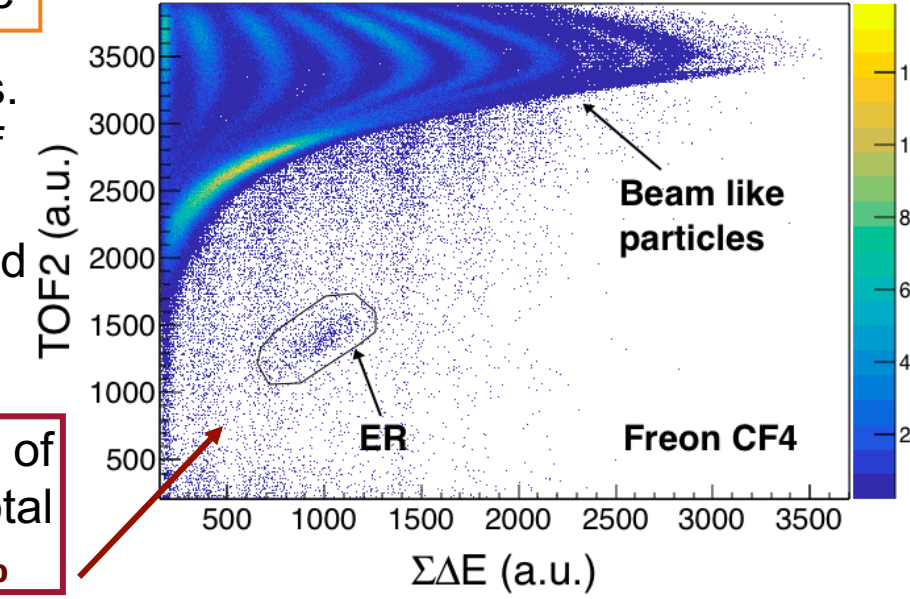
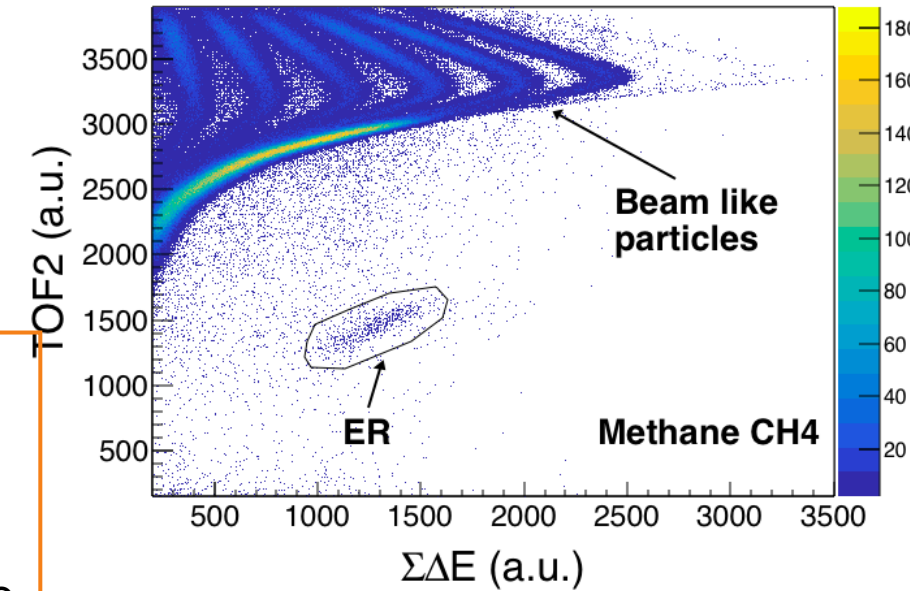
Electron drift velocity in freon is not higher in this voltage range

Voltage applied to IC does not exceed 500 V



Range vs. energy of the compound nucleus ^{123}Cs

Increase of Noise/Total of 10%



H. W. Fulbright. Nuclear Instruments and Methods 162 (1979), pp. 21–28

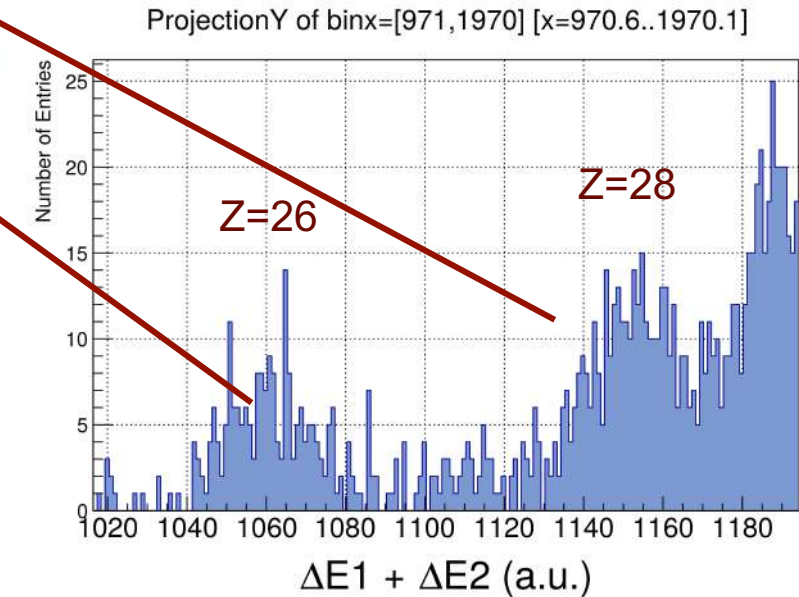
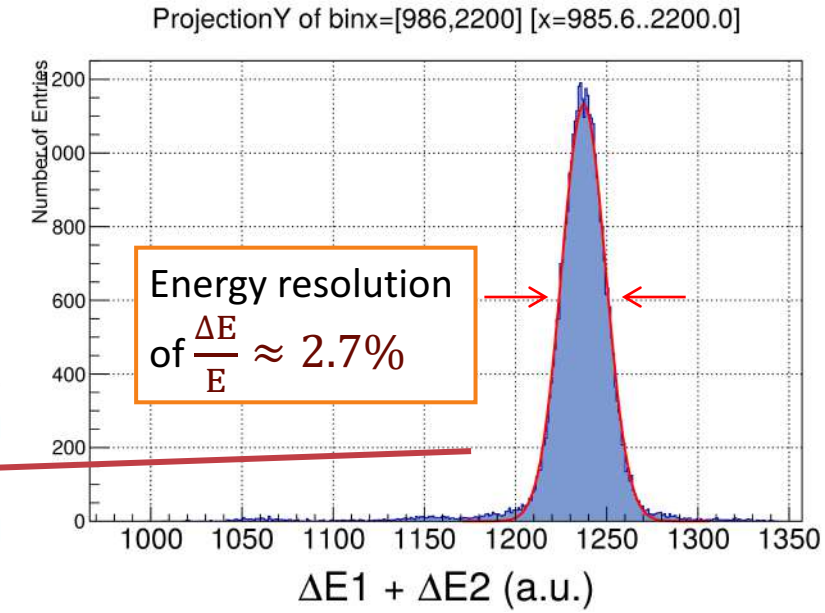
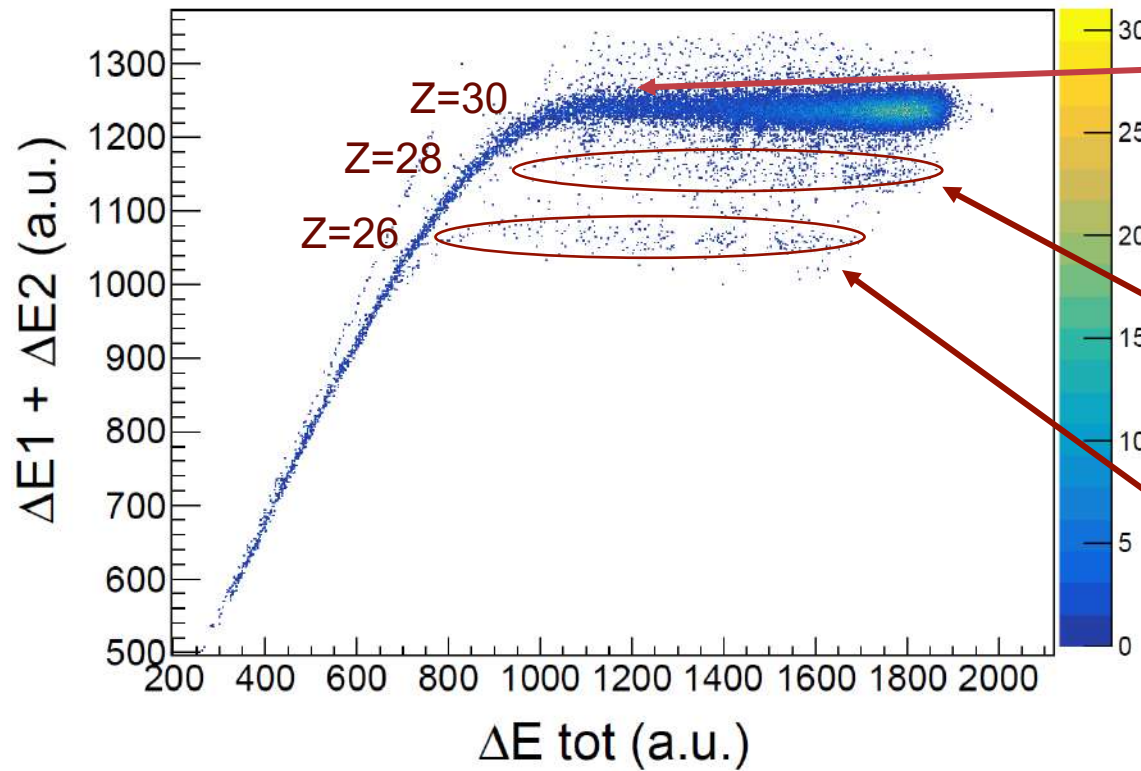


^{64}Zn at the ALPI-Piave beam energy of $E_{\text{lab}}=275$ MeV on a ^{54}Fe target

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CH4 gas pressure
200 mbar \longrightarrow ^{64}Zn grazing
angle 34.5°

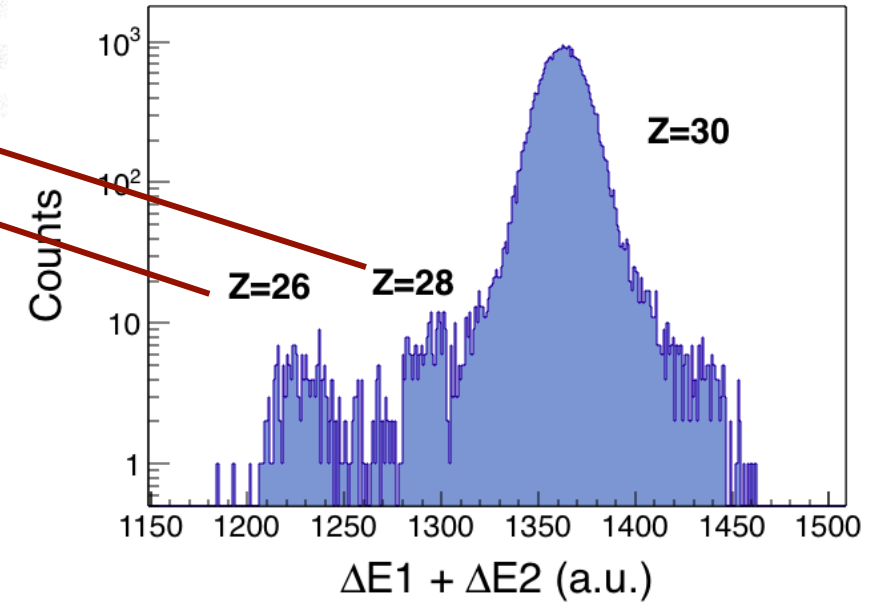
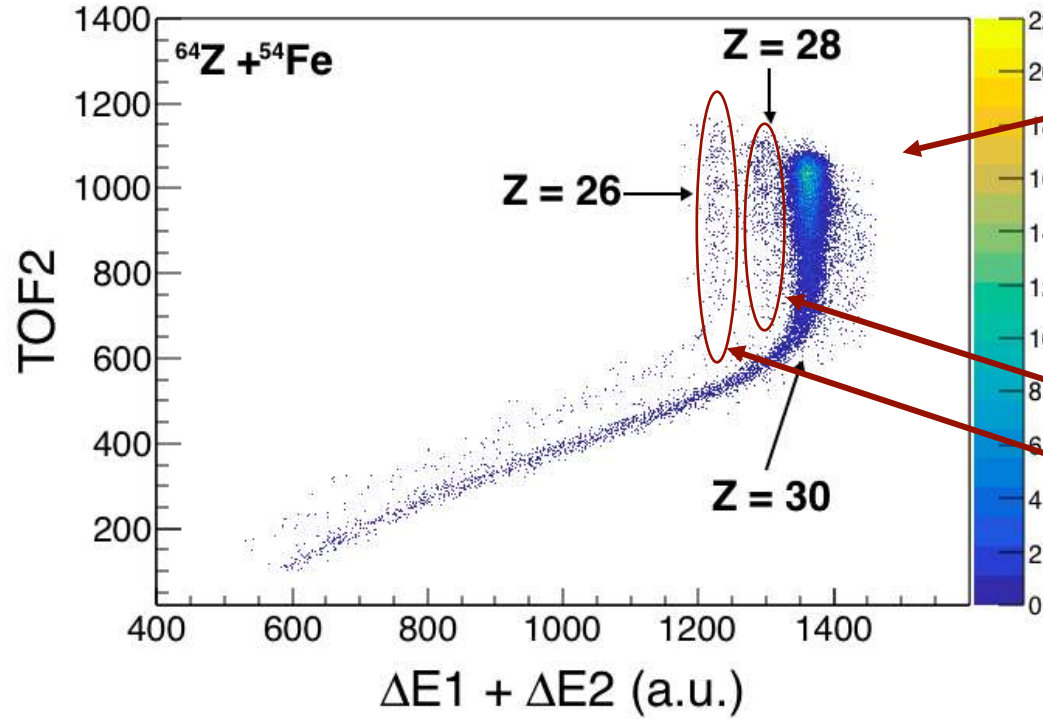
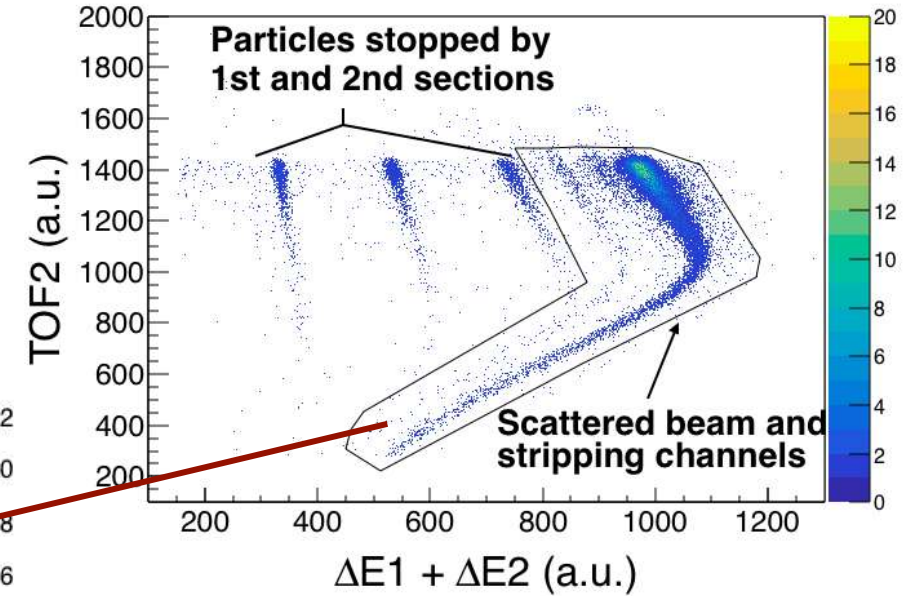
Detection angle 30°



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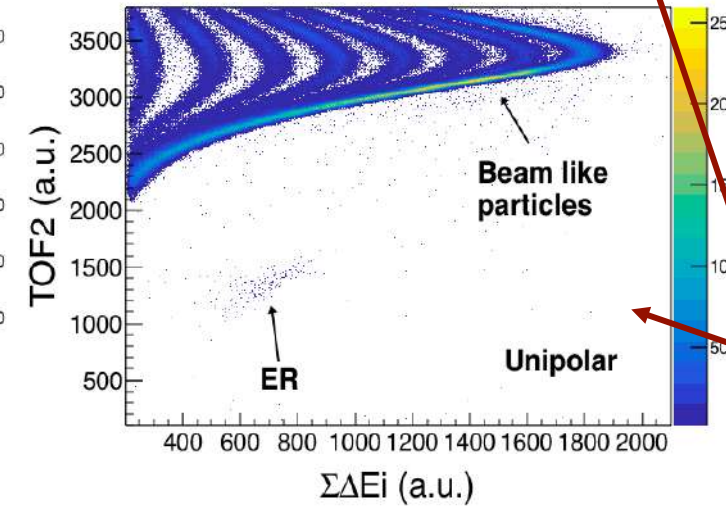
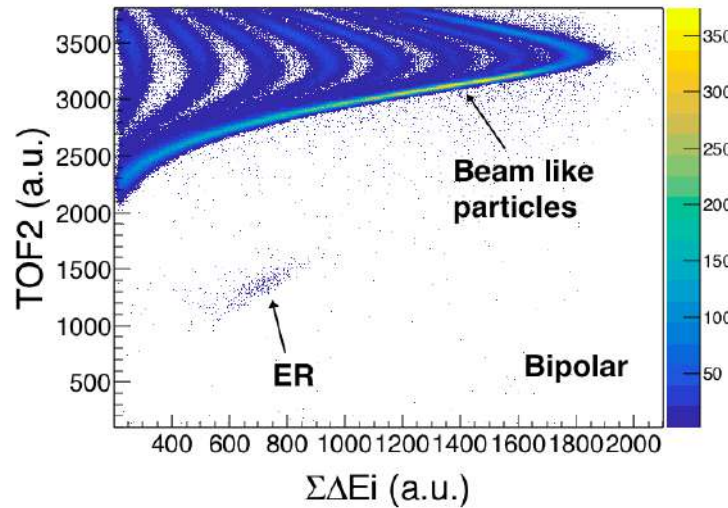
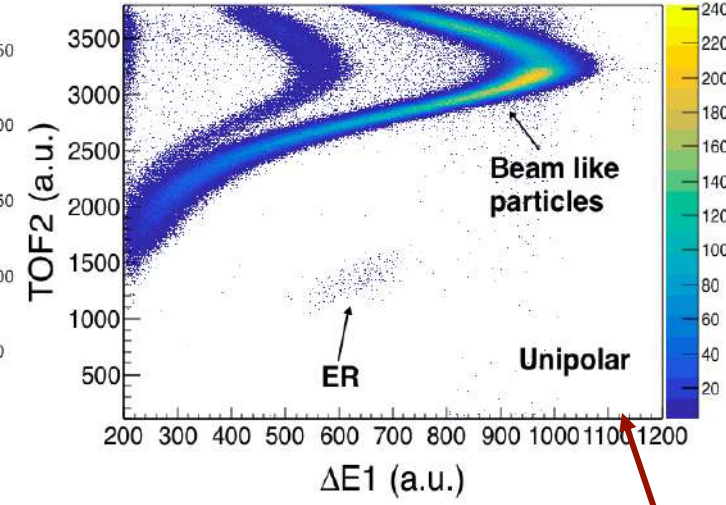
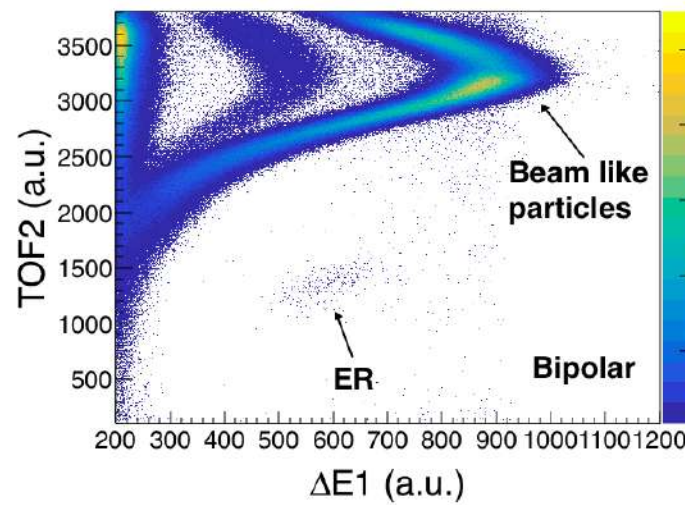
Z resolution of $\frac{\Delta Z}{Z} \approx \frac{1}{35}$



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Bipolar shaping of the spectroscopy amplifier to filter the residual positive ion tails, which lead to baseline fluctuation of the amplifier output.



Bipolar shaping restore the baseline of the spectroscopy amplifier

Counting rate
14 kHz

MCP₁ as
trigger of DAQ

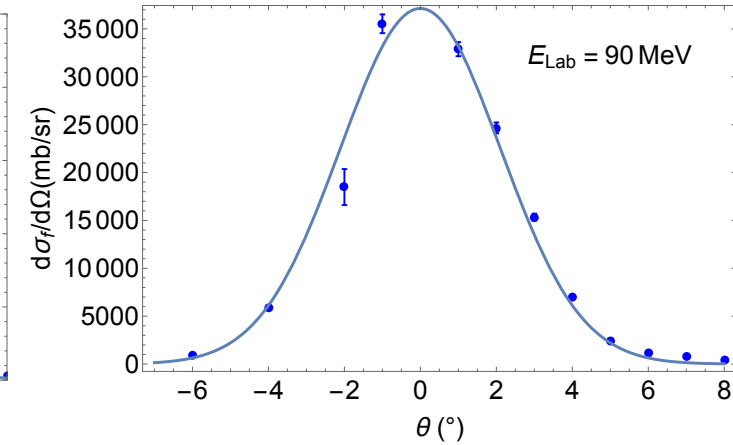
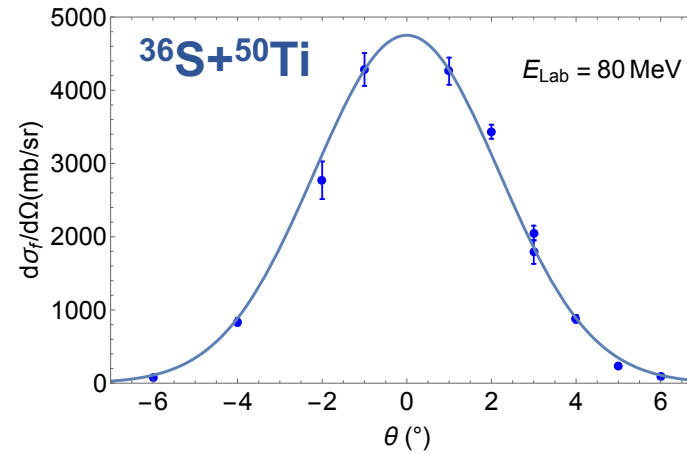
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reduction of **14%**

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Differential fusion cross section normalized with respect to Rutherford cross section:

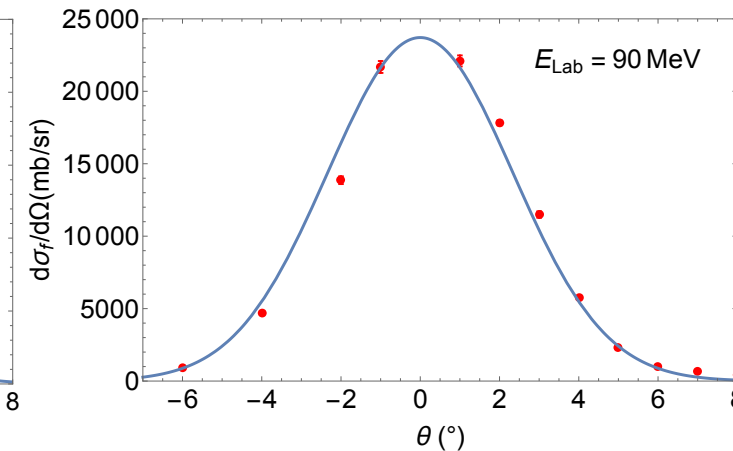
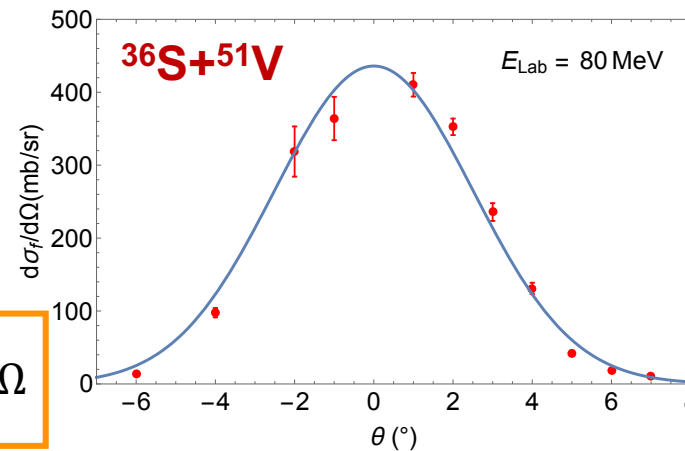
$$\frac{d\sigma_{fus}}{d\Omega} = \frac{N_{ER}}{N_{Mon}} \frac{\Delta\Omega_{mon}}{\Delta\Omega_{fus}^{geom}} \frac{d\sigma_{Ruth}}{d\Omega}(E) \frac{1}{T t t_{IC} t_{el}^{11}}$$

Two angular distributions for each system have been performed



By integrating over all the solid angle, the fusion cross section is obtained

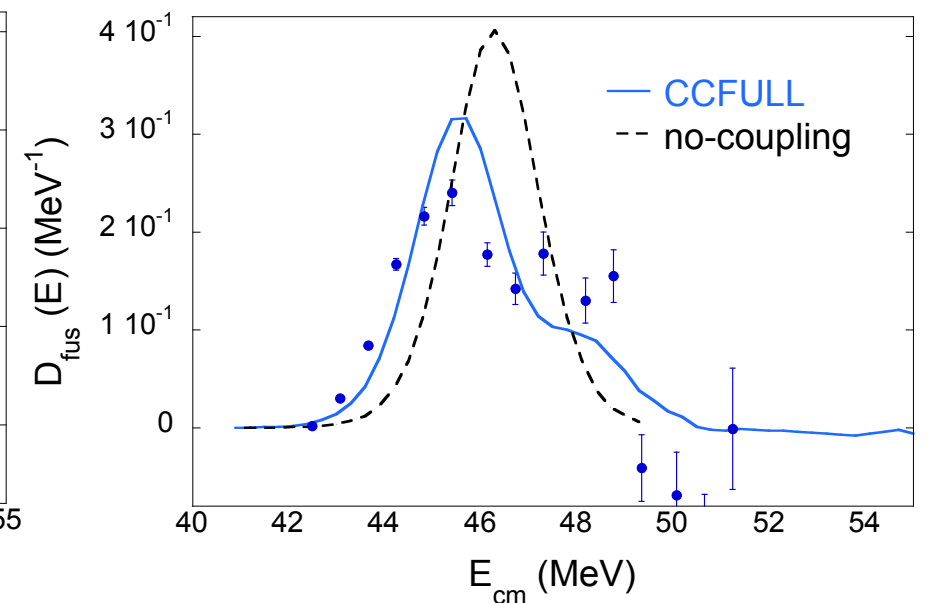
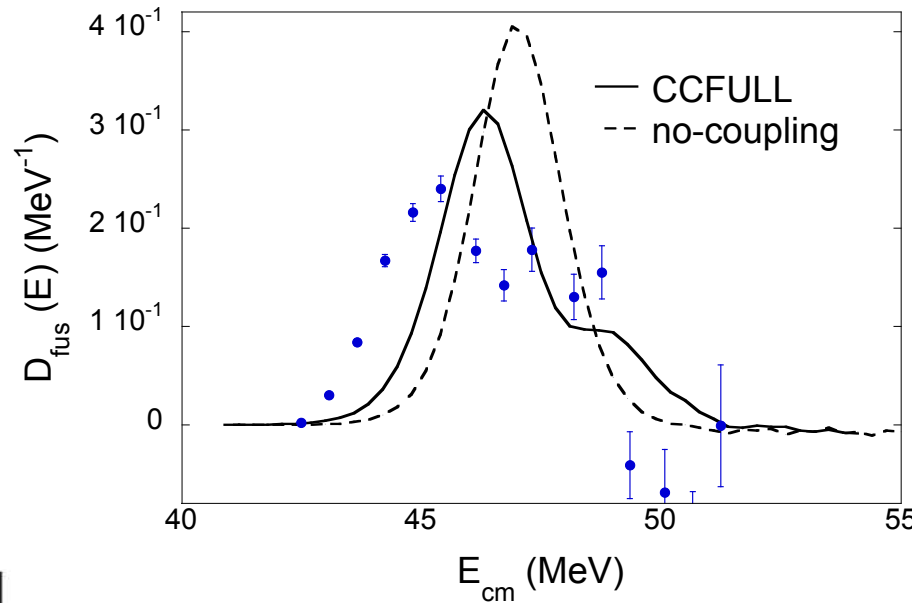
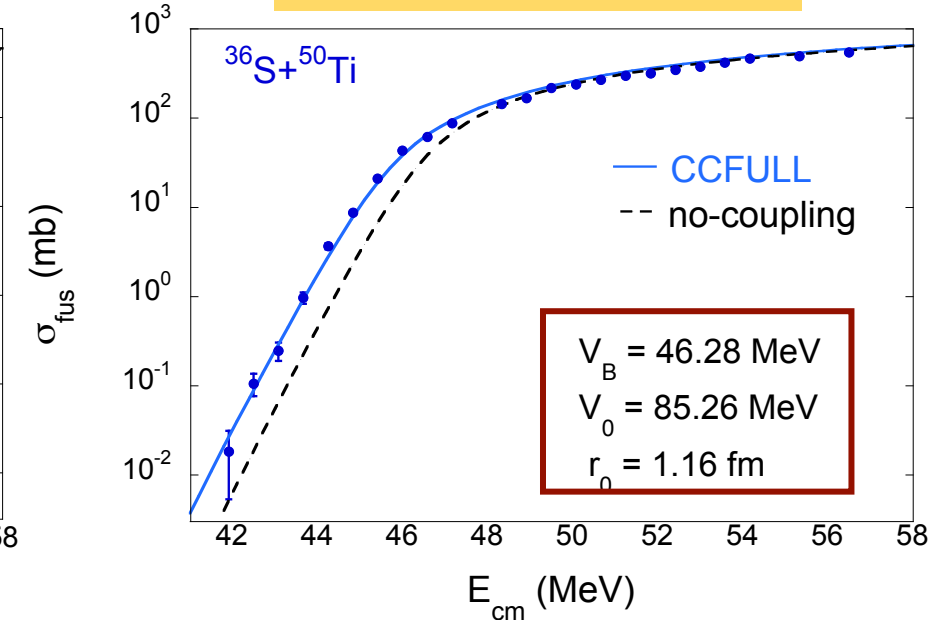
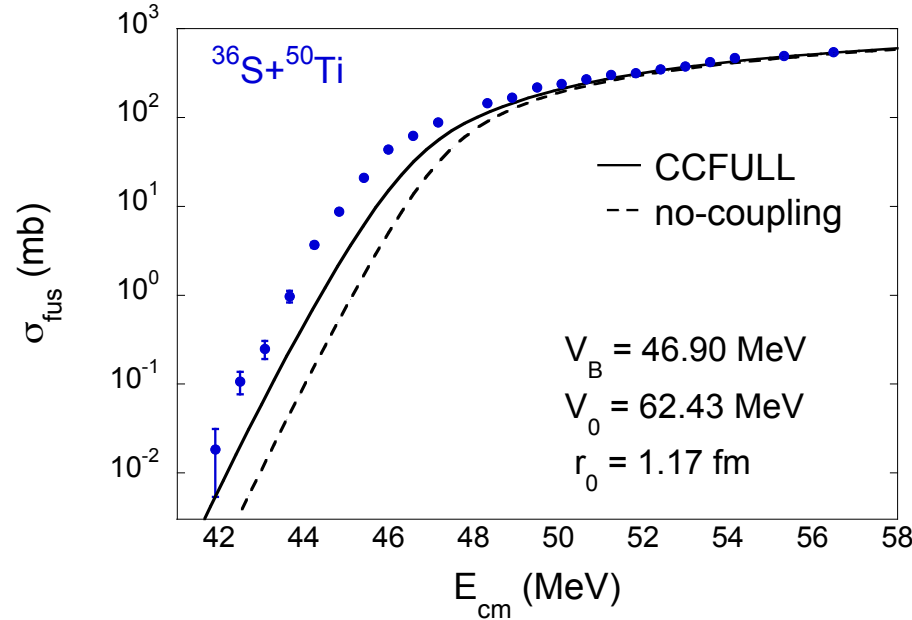
$$\sigma_{fus}(E) = \int \frac{d\sigma_{fus}}{d\Omega}(E, \theta) d\Omega$$



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CC fusion cross sections underestimate the experimental data

Adiabatic coupling to high-energy states

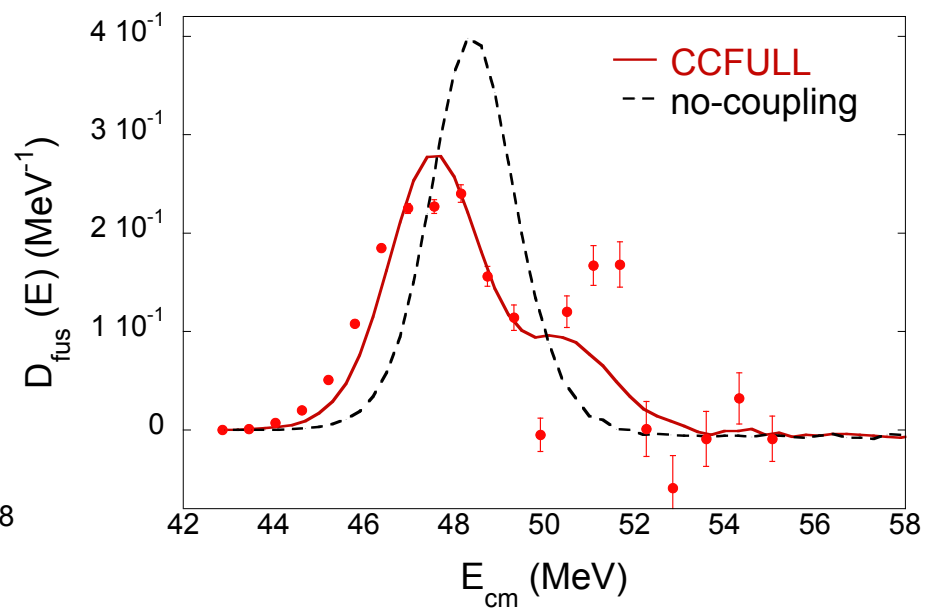
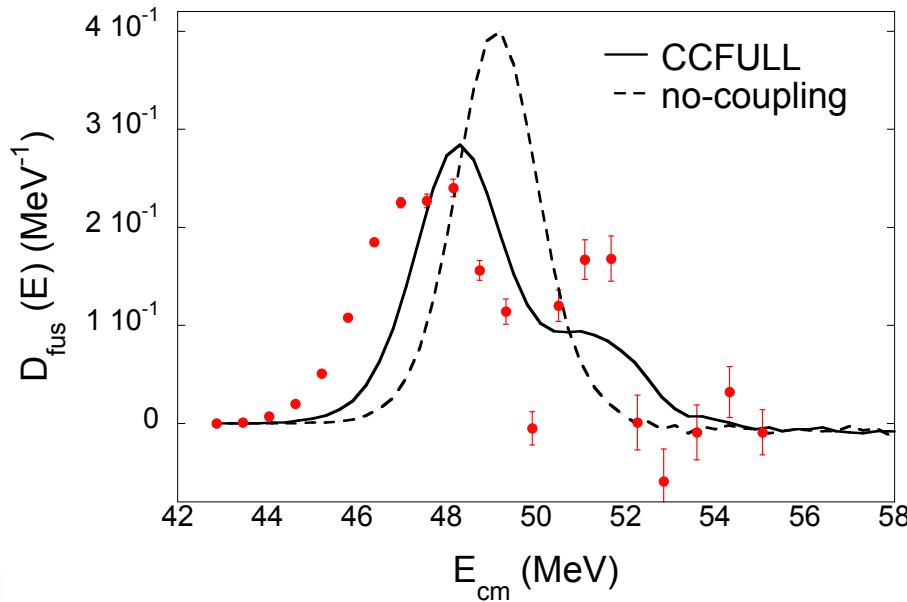
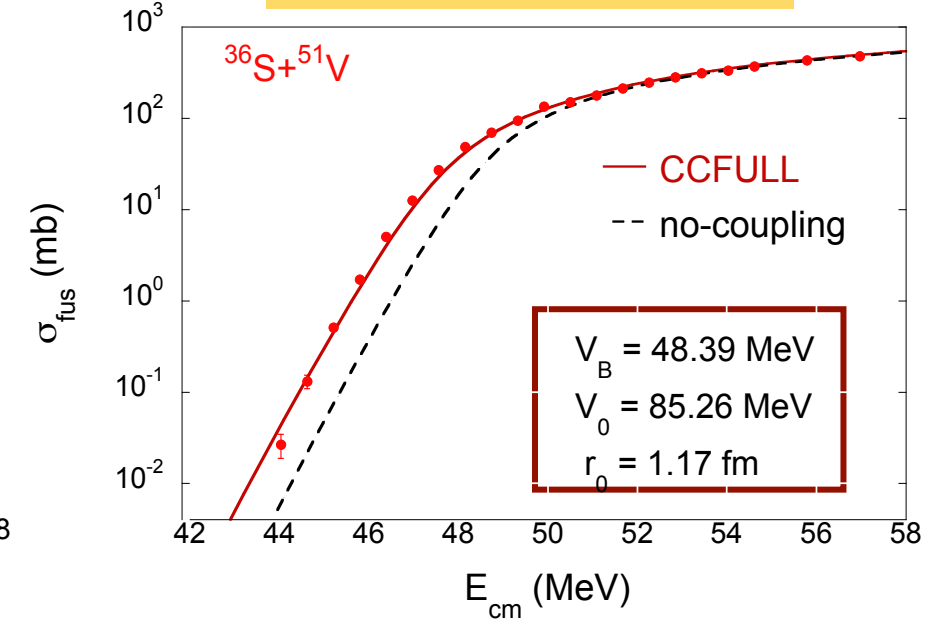
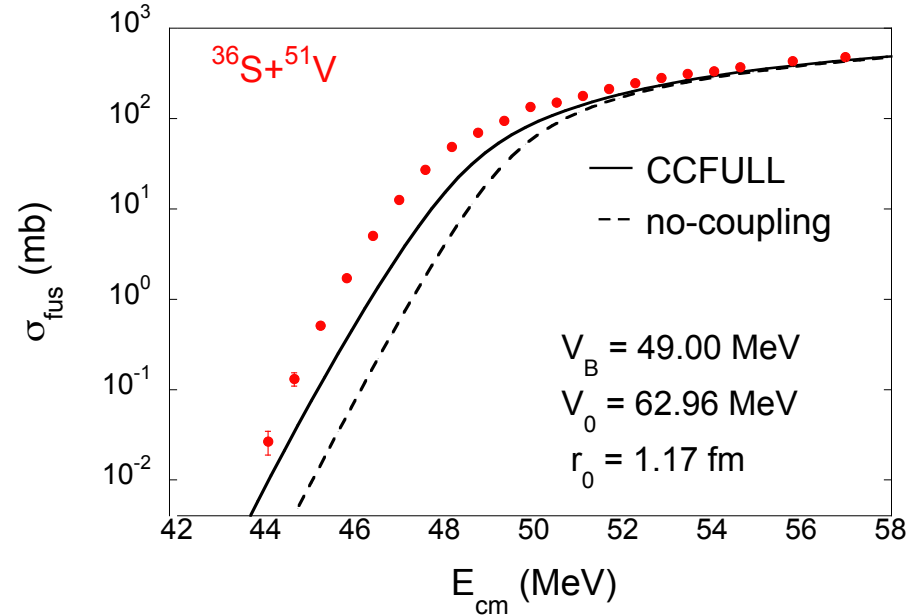


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A total of **eight** couplings have been included in the calculations, according to the transitions among the states in ^{51}V .

Level Coupling	Spin I	B(E2) (W.u.)	β
1 - 2	$5/2^- \rightarrow 7/2^-$	14.5	+ 0.06
	$\pm 1/2$		+0.165
	$\pm 3/2$		+ 0.21
	$\pm 5/2$		
2 - 3	$3/2^- \rightarrow 5/2^-$	10.0	-0.069
	$\pm 1/2$		-0.169
	$\pm 3/2$		
1 - 3	$3/2^- \rightarrow 7/2^-$	7.6	+0.127
	$\pm 1/2$		+0.095
	$\pm 3/2$		
1 - 4	$11/2^- \rightarrow 7/2^-$	8.5	+0.188
	$\pm 1/2$		+0.172
	$\pm 3/2$		+0.140
	$\pm 5/2$		+0.0919
	$\pm 7/2$		
1 - 5	$9/2^- \rightarrow 7/2^-$	3.1	-0.0246
	$\pm 1/2$		-0.07
	$\pm 3/2$		-0.103
	$\pm 5/2$		-0.109
	$\pm 7/2$		
2 - 5	$9/2^- \rightarrow 5/2^-$	2.8	+0.110
	$\pm 1/2$		+0.095
	$\pm 3/2$		+0.0649
	$\pm 5/2$		
2 - 6	$3/2^- \rightarrow 5/2^-$	7.0	-0.0577
	$\pm 1/2$		-0.141
	$\pm 3/2$		
1 - 6	$3/2^- \rightarrow 7/2^-$	8.6	+0.136
	$\pm 1/2$		+0.101
	$\pm 3/2$		

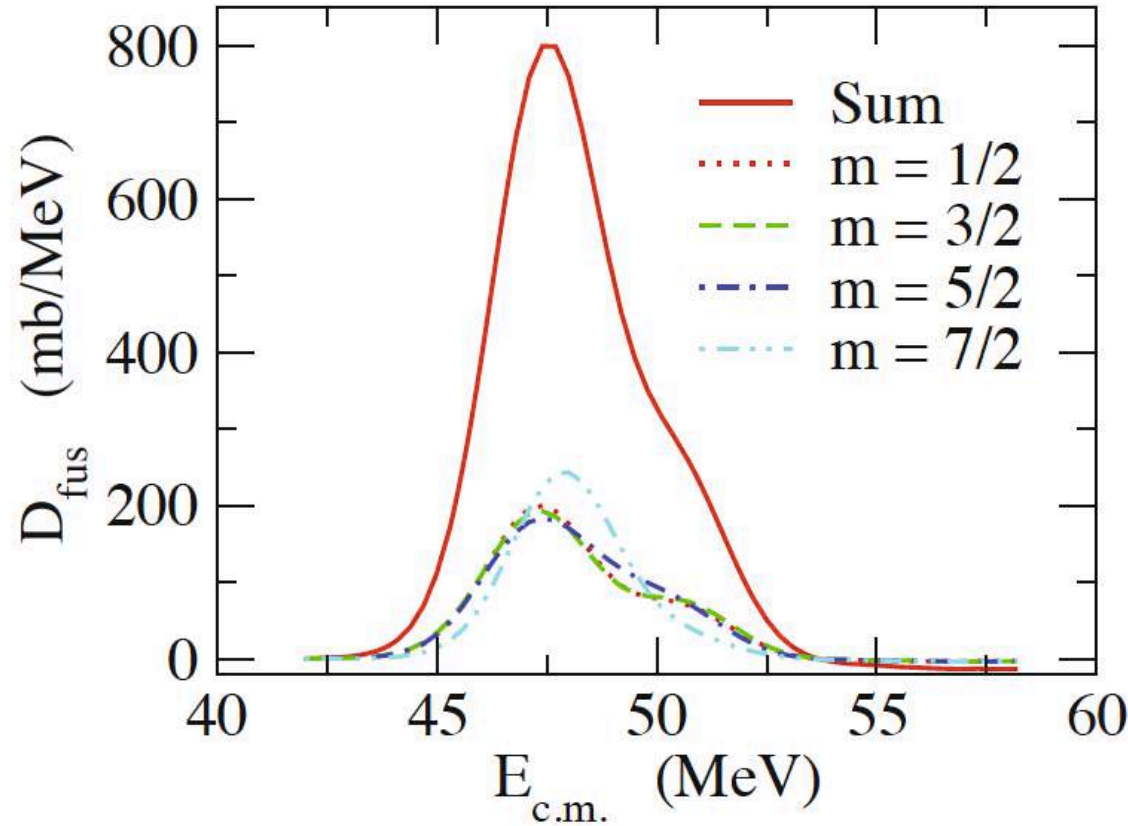
The deformation parameters have been calculated for each coupling between the i-th and the j-th channel

The sign of the deformation parameter was established by using the weak-coupling



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Four magnetic substates $m = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2$ and $7/2$ of the $7/2^-$ ground state of ^{51}V produce different Coulomb barriers.



- Barrier distributions for $m = 1/2$ and $3/2$ are almost equal, and similar to $m = 5/2$
- Barrier distribution for $m = 7/2$ is shifted towards high energies

└ Absence of the coupling between g.s - $5/2^-$ state

The shift towards high energies of the barrier distribution for $m = 7/2$ yields the difference between the barrier CC calculations of the two systems.

