

Experimental Challenges of Fusion Reactions in Nuclear Astrophysics

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Motivation : what has happened inside the stars ?

- ***Screening problems(cross section enhancement by electrons) in stars (super novae, neutron stars, stars like the Sun) p-p chain reactions are strongly correlated to phenomena observed in atomic physics, plasma physics and nuclear physics***
- ***Laboratory experiments to realize stellar condition are incomplete***
To satisfy all condition is impossible
- ***for understanding of nature ideas, data of atomic physics, nuclear physics as well as other fields are crucial.***

- *The idea that nuclear reactions in stars may be affected by the surrounding plasma was first discussed by Schatzman(1948) and Salpeter(1954). The weak and the strong screening limits were treated by Salpeter.*
- *The limit depends on the ratio of the Coulomb energy to the mean kinetic energy of the particles*
- *Typical plasma particles with mean energy kT and ignored the kinetic energy of the interacting particles (by Salpeter's first approach)*

After about half century

We would study

- 1) Surrounding effects to discover several (more) hidden phenomena,*
- 2) Surrounding effects to study neutrino production and its related problem,*
- 3) Surrounding effects for fusion plasma in various stellar states.*

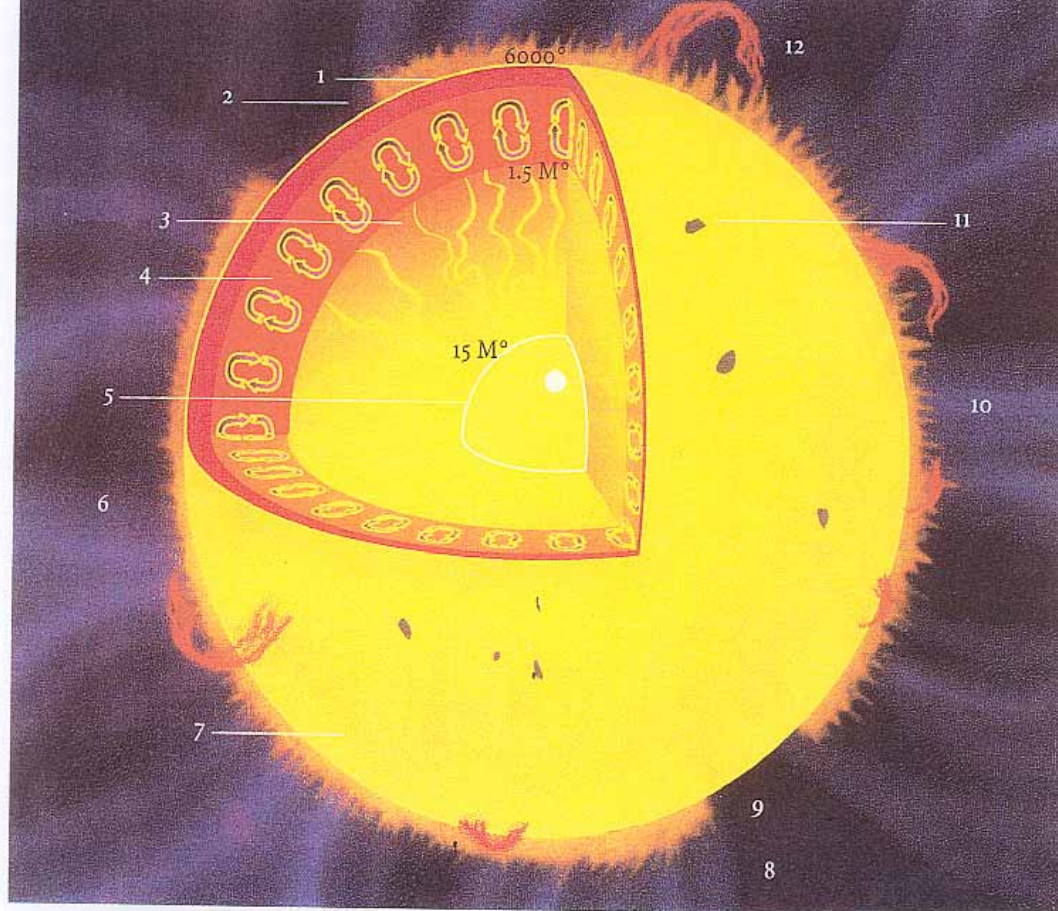
In elementary particle physics

- ***Recent strong motivation to study the effect due to the surrounding of interacting particles; electron screening might solve the so called neutrino deficient problem. –so many works for this issue.***

however

Motivation : What has happened inside the stars or in the Sun ?

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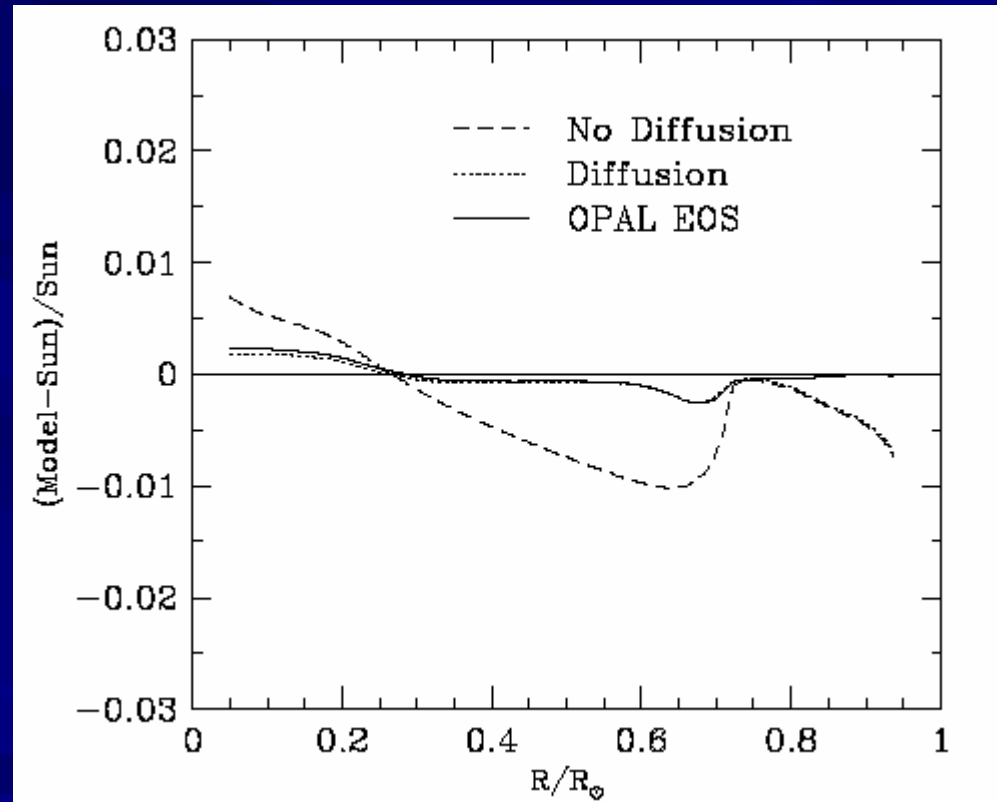


from Sun, Earth and Sky by Prof. K.R. Lang

Interior View of the Sun

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Comparison of sound speeds predicted by different standard solar models with the sound speed measured by helioseismology.



Solar model and solar interior

The Sun has radius $R_s = 6.96 \times 10^{10}$ cm and mass $M_s = 1.99 \times 10^{33}$ g; its mass density 1.41 g/cm³ on average

- *Interiors of main sequence stars such as the Sun are dense plasma constituted mostly of hydrogen.*
- *The total luminosity is $L_s \sim 3.85 \times 10^{26}$ W, $L_s/M_s \sim 1.93 \times 10^{-7}$*
- *The central part of the Sun has a mass density of approximately 1.56×10^2 g/cm³ a temperature of approximately 1.5×10^7 K*
- *A pressure of approximately 3.4×10^5 Mbar*
- *The mass fraction of hydrogen are 0.36 near the center and 0.73 near the surface.*

■ Brown dwarfs

Central temperature and mass density of a brown dwarf may range $(2-3) \times 10^6$ (6E) K

And $10^2 \sim 10^3$ g/cm³

■ Jupiter

The mass density, temperature, and pressure of its interior (outside the central rock) $2 \sim 5$ g/cm³, 5000~ 20000 K and 30 bar, respectively.

■ White dwarfs

A final stage of stellar evolution

1 solar mass compressed to a characteristic radius of 5000 km and an average density of 10^6 g/cm³

type-I supernova, a white dwarf with an interior consisting a carbon-oxygen mixture; a kind of binary-ionic mixture with a central mass density of $10^7 \sim 10^{10}$ g/cm³ and a temperature of $10^7 \sim 10^9$ K

■ Neutron star

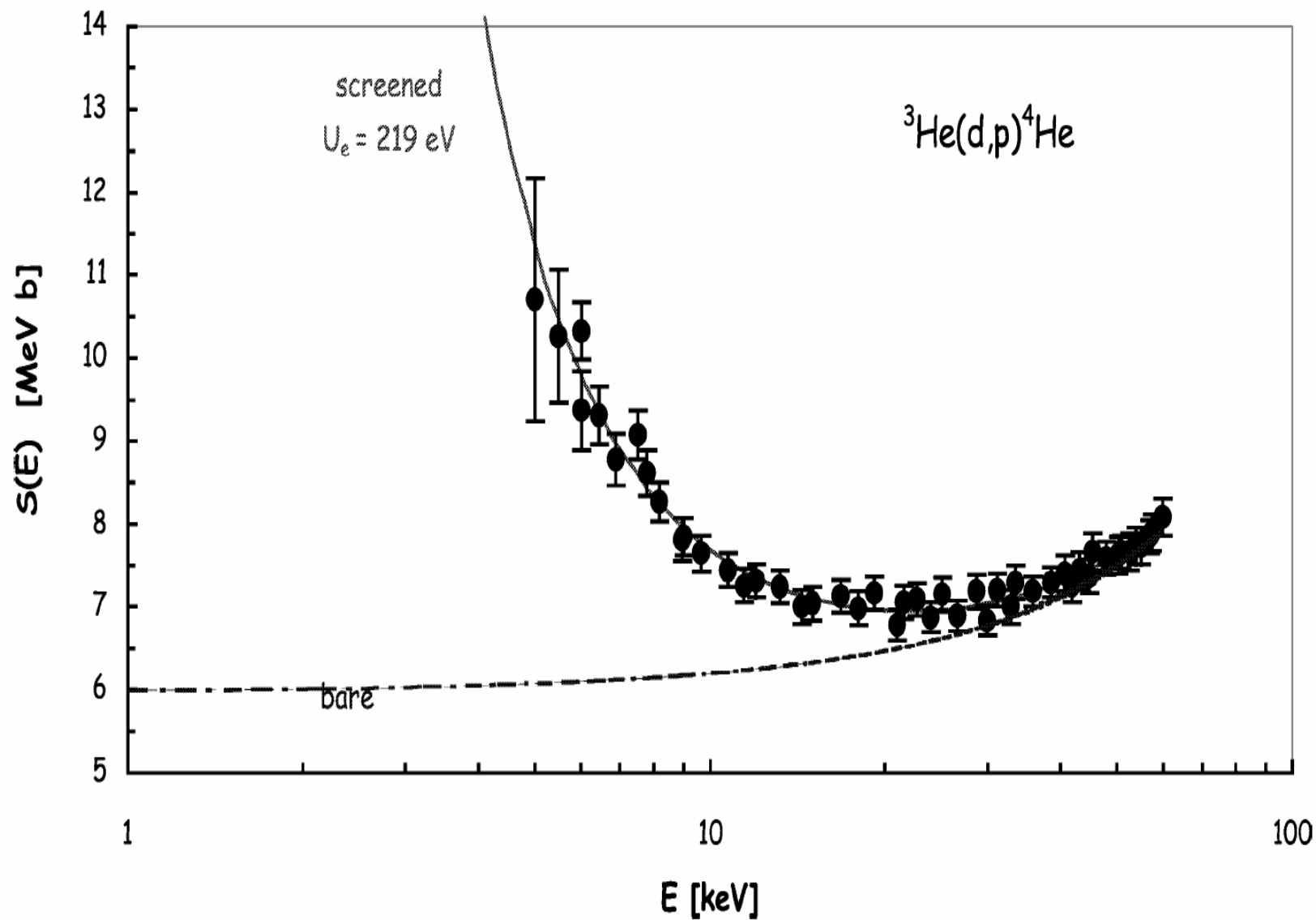
radius ~10 km density in the range of $10^4 \sim 10^7$ g/cm

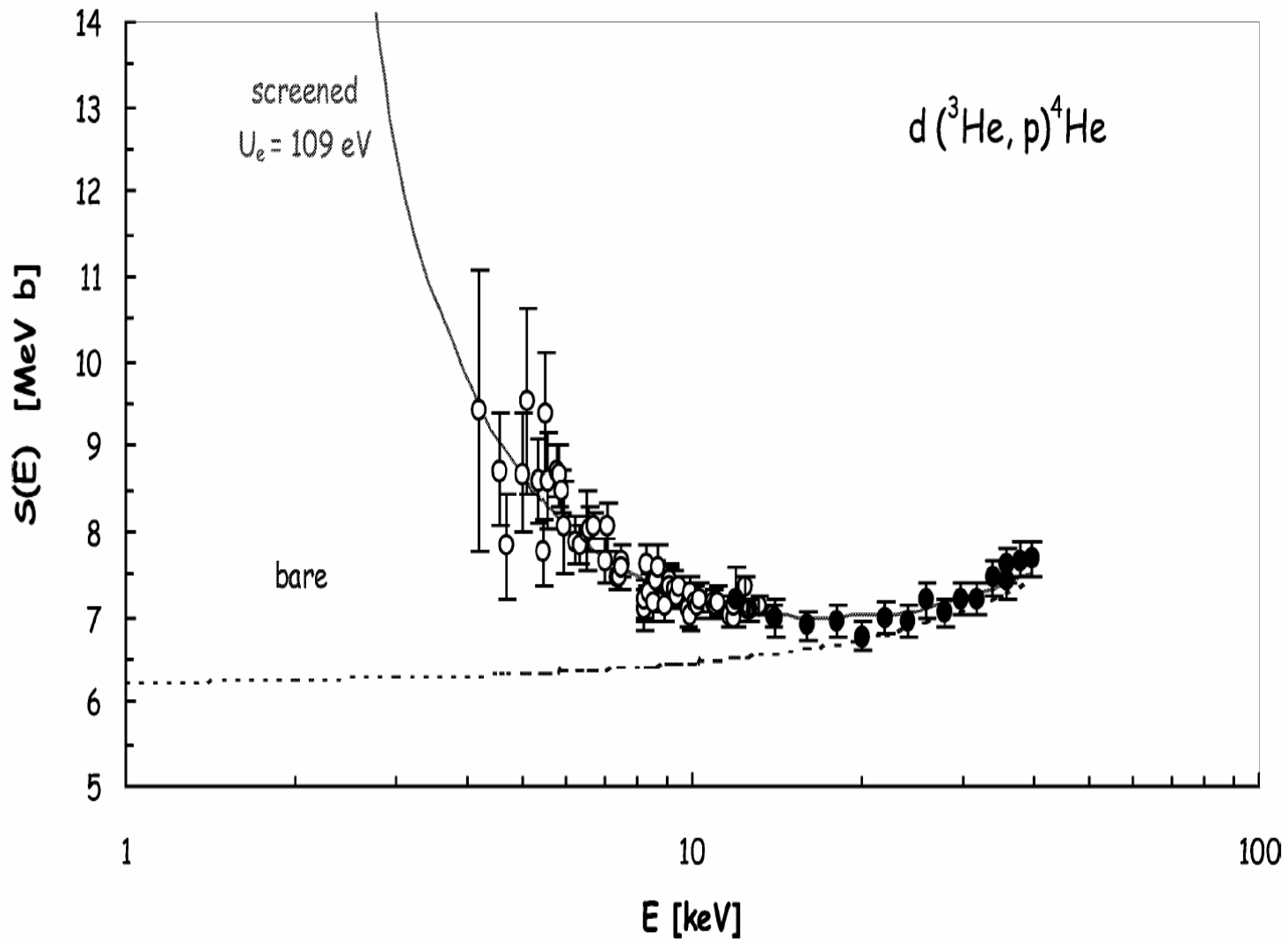
From Nuclear fusion in dense plasma, Rev. of Modern Physics (1993)

■ *Surrounding of interacting particles*



in stellar condition
in laboratory condition





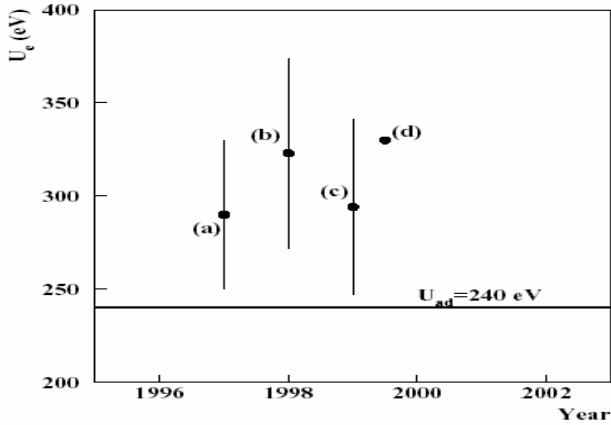


Fig. 1. Screening potential for ${}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{He},2p){}^4\text{He}$ interaction obtained by (a),³⁶⁾ (b),³⁸⁾ (c),³⁷⁾ and (d).³⁸⁾

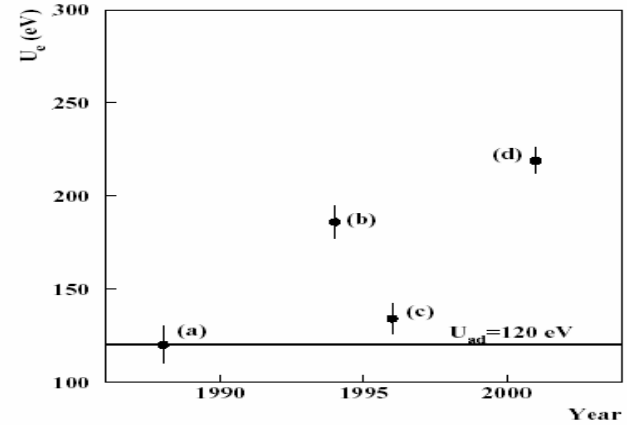


Fig. 2. Screening potential for ${}^3\text{He}(\text{d},\text{p}){}^4\text{He}$ interaction obtained by (a),¹⁵⁾ (b),⁴⁾ (c),⁵⁾ and (d).²¹⁾

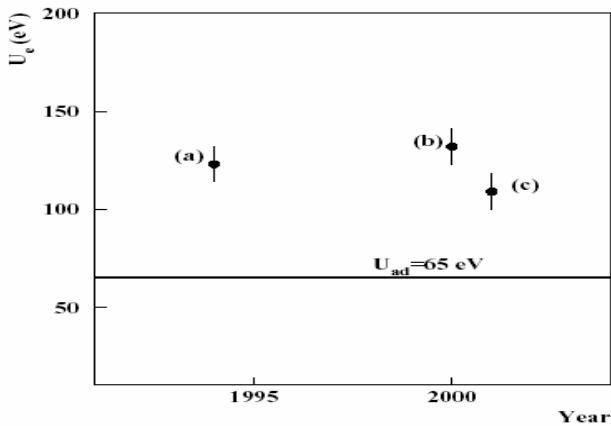


Fig. 3. Screening potential for $\text{d}({}^3\text{He},\text{p}){}^4\text{He}$ interaction obtained by (a),⁴⁾ (b),⁷⁾ and (c).²¹⁾

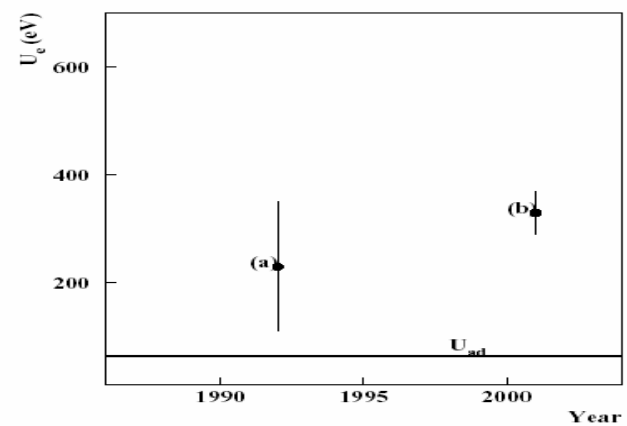


Fig. 4. Screening potential for ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{d}){}^4\text{He}$ and ${}^7\text{Li}(\text{p},\alpha){}^4\text{He}$ interaction obtained by (a) and (b).³⁹⁾

Cross section enhancement due to

Screening potential

Energy loss of charged particles in matter

Coulomb explosion

Non-linear effect

Beam-plasma interaction

Strong magnetic and electric effect

Vacuum polarization effect

Unclear experimental condition

Quests in nuclear astrophysics and experimental approaches is never-ending and intriguing subject.

Nowadays, in order to discover new and stimulating things in nuclear astrophysics precise measurements are needed.

Experimental approach, related expts.

Anomalous stopping power

recent discovery of quantum effect by which the atoms become nearly transparent for the ions at very low energy by C. Rolfs et.al.

Short note

Energy loss of deuterons in ^3He gas: a threshold effect

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Abstract. The energy loss of deuterons in ^3He gas was measured at $E_d = 15$ to 100keV using the ^3He pressure dependence of the $^3\text{He}(d,p)^3\text{He}$ cross-section at a given incident energy. At the highest energies, the observed energy loss is in good agreement with a standard compilation. However, with decreasing energy the experimental values drop steadily below the theoretical values and near $E_d = 18\text{keV}$ they drop sharply (within 1keV) reaching the domain of nuclear stopping power. This threshold behavior is due to the minimum $1e \rightarrow 2e$ electron excitation of the He target atoms, i.e. it is a quantum effect. Some consequences are discussed.

PACS. 26.50.+f Hydrostatic stellar nucleosynthesis – 24.10.Br Energy loss and stopping power

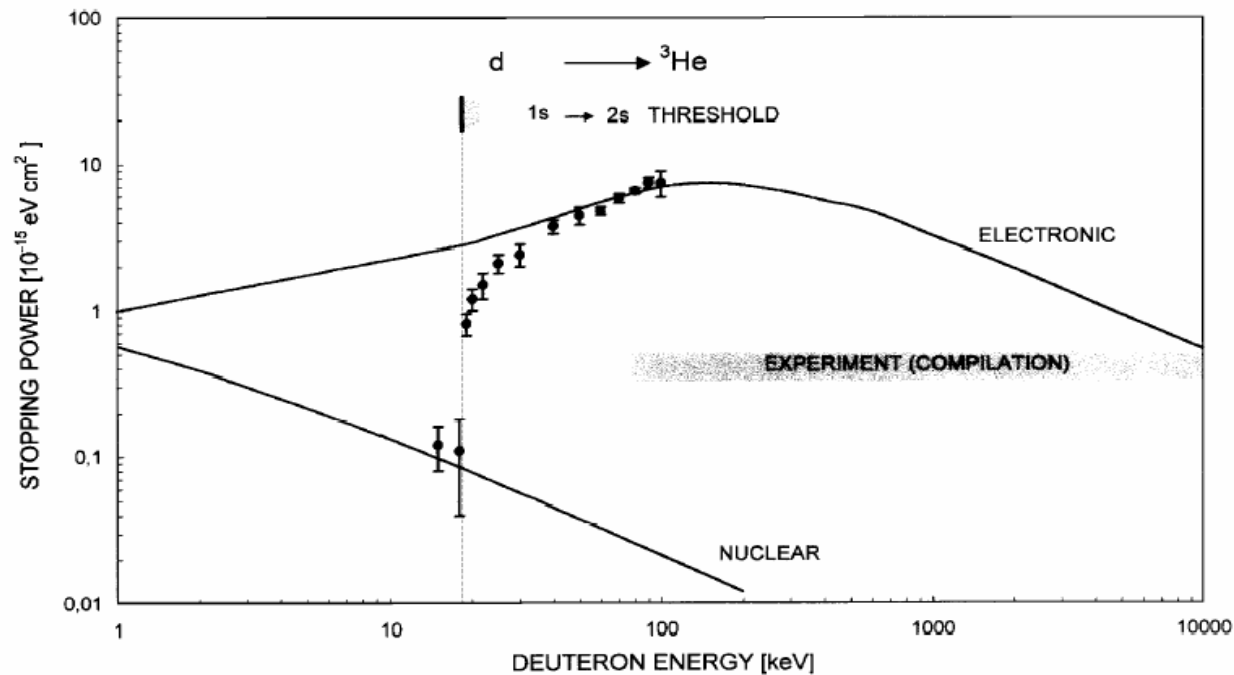


Fig. 2. Energy loss of deuterons in ^3He gas as function of deuteron energy. The “electronic” curve represents the electronic stopping power from the compilation [3] based on data above 80 keV (shaded box) and the “nuclear” curve is the expected nuclear stopping power [3]. The present data show a threshold effect in the electronic stopping power at $E_d = 18$ keV.

Theoretical approaches (many works have been done for standard solar model to solve the so-called neutrino puzzle, other works are perspectives for nuclear fusion in dense plasma)

- i) electrons and ions in stellar plasma(Shaviv)***
- ii) bound electrons(Beryaev)***
- iii) very dense plasma (Ichimaru)***
- iv) electrons in solid materials (Not only for astrophysics but also for low temp. fusion study)***

Electron screening in molecular fusion reactions

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Abstract

Recent laboratory experiments have measured fusion cross sections at center-of-mass energies low enough for the effects of atomic and molecular electrons to be important. To extract the cross section for bare nuclei from these data (as required for astrophysical applications), it is necessary to understand these screening effects. We study electron screening effects in the low-energy collisions of $Z = 1$ nuclei with hydrogen molecules. Our model is based on a dynamical evolution of the electron wave functions within the TDHF scheme, while the motion of the nuclei is treated classically. We find that at the currently accessible energies the screening effects depend strongly on the molecular orientation. The screening is found to be larger for molecular targets than for atomic targets, due to the reflection symmetry in the latter. The results agree fairly well with data measured for deuteron collisions on molecular deuterium and tritium targets.

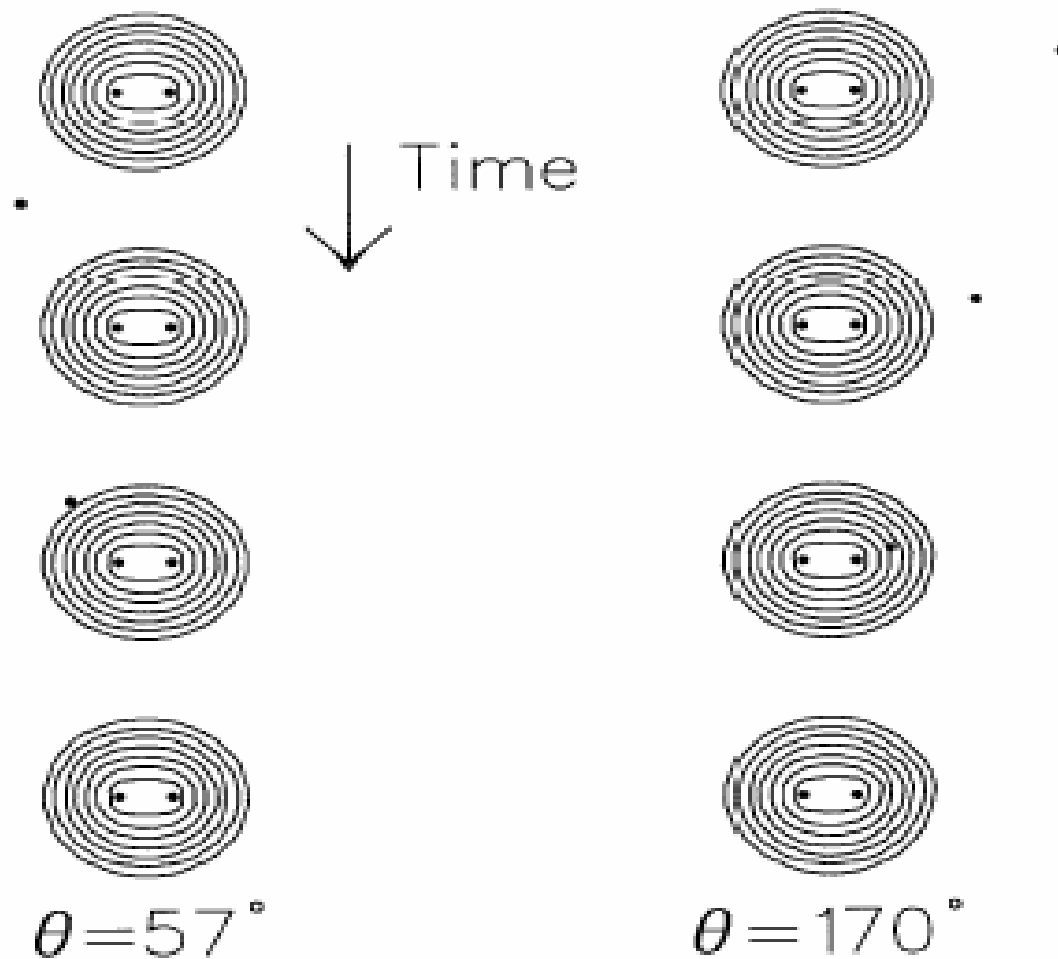
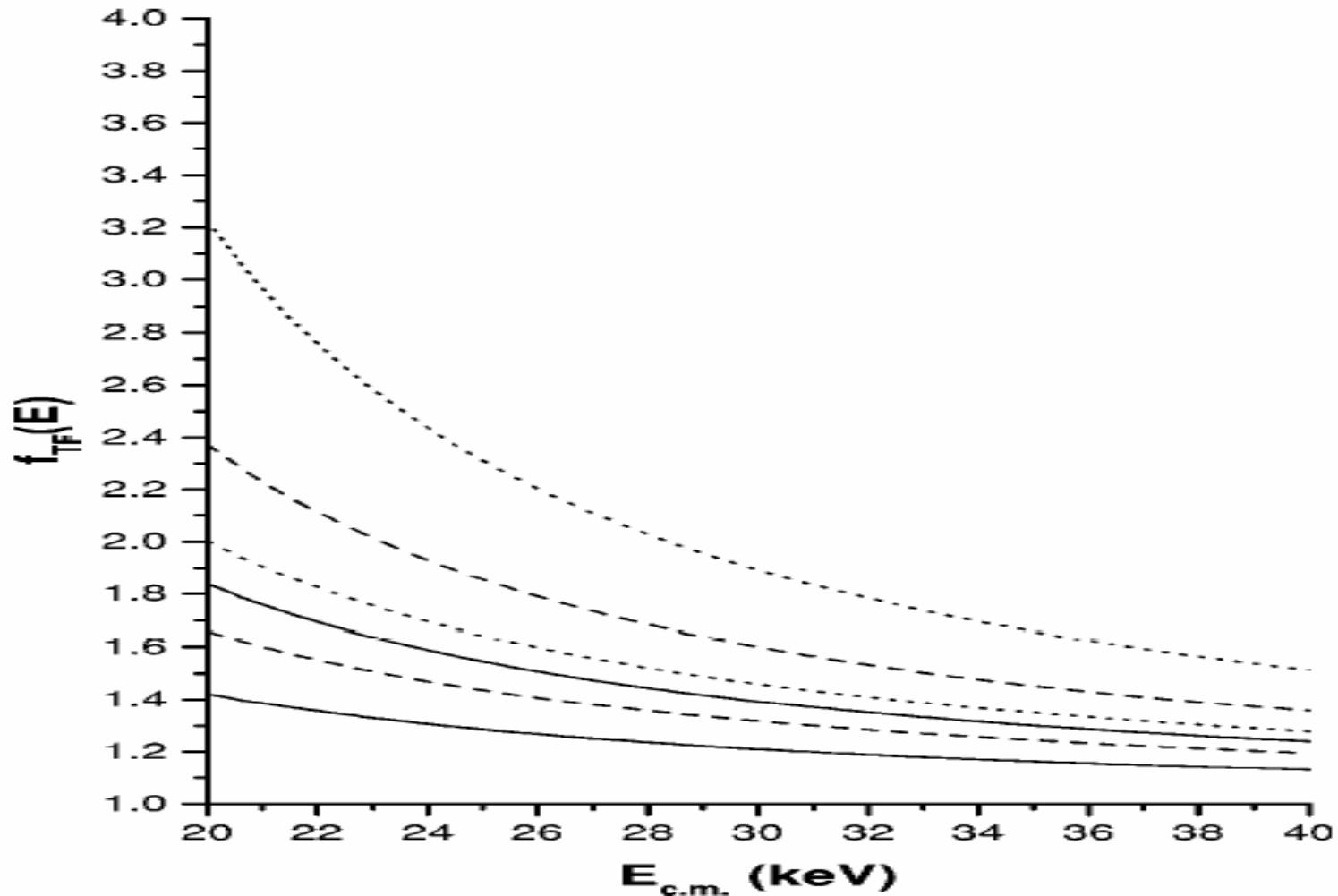


Fig. 2. Time evolution of the electron density for the collision with a hydrogen nucleus on a hydrogenic molecule at a collision energy of $E = 2.5$ MeV and at $\theta = 57^\circ$ (left side) and $\theta = 170^\circ$ (right side). The electron density is plotted as equally spaced contours. The positions of the nuclei are marked by dots.

The screening enhancement factor for the most important astrophysical nuclear reactions of the CNO bi-cycle, $^{13}\text{C}(p,\gamma)^{14}\text{N}$, $E_{\text{gp}}=24.5$ keV, $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$, $E_{\text{gp}}=27.2$ keV, $^{16}\text{O}(p,\gamma)^{17}\text{F}$, $E_{\text{gp}}=29.8$ keV, solid, dashed and dotted sudden(lower) and adiabatic(upper)

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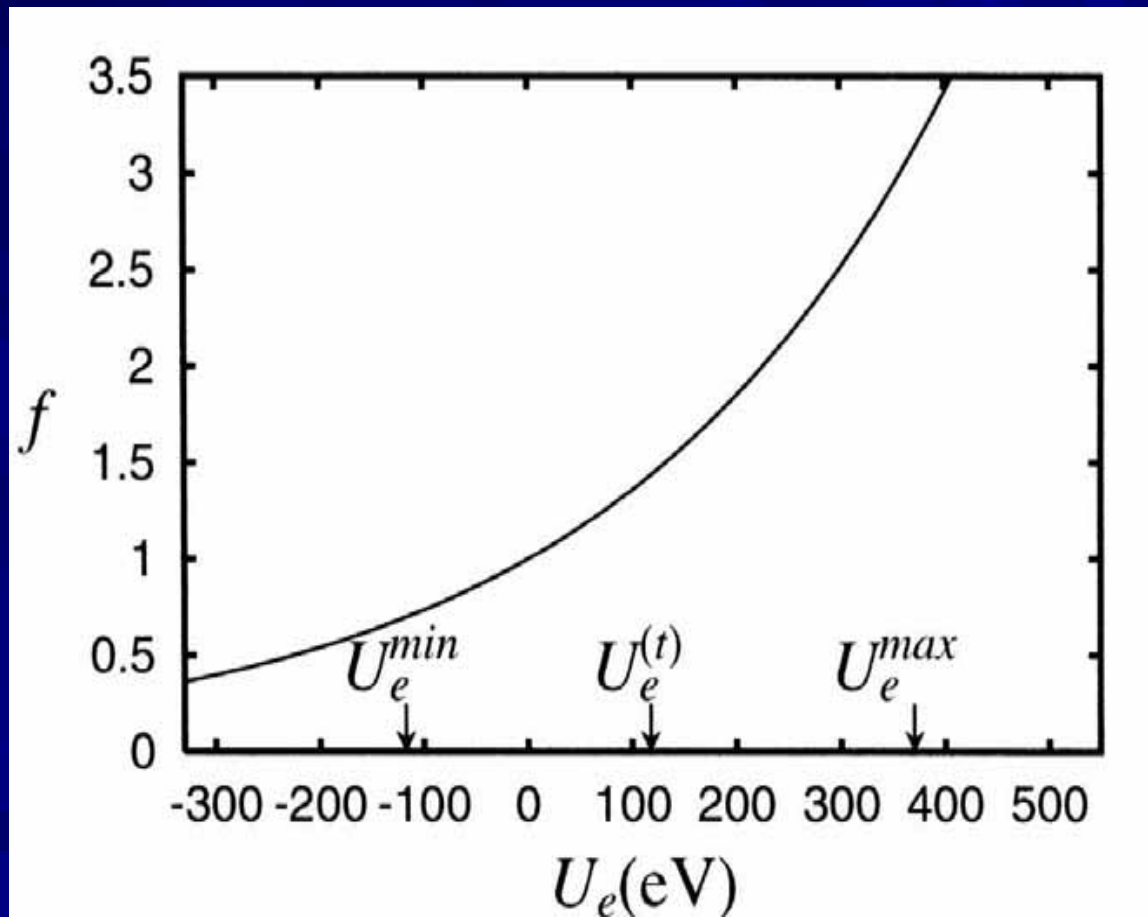
Influence of electron capture and Coulomb explosion on electron screening in low nuclear reactions in laboratories[recent theoretical studies by N. Takigawa and Y. Kato]

TABLE II: The apparent screening energy caused by the Coulomb explosion $U_e^{(a)}$ at each molecular beam energy.

D_2^+		D_3^+	
$E(\text{keV})$	$U_e^{(a)}(\text{eV})$	$E(\text{keV})$	$U_e^{(a)}(\text{eV})$
6.02	155.2	5.01	213.0
6.45	154.1	5.50	209.8
6.90	153.0	6.01	206.7
7.51	151.8		
8.18	150.5		
9.02	149.2		

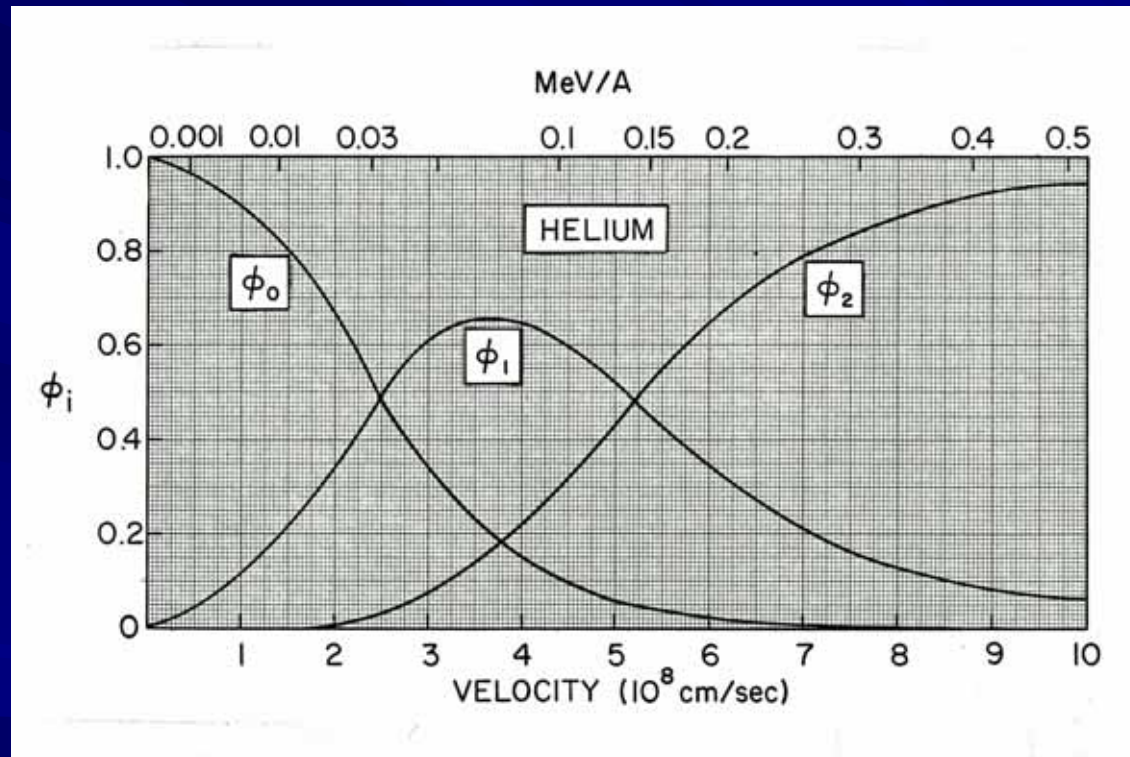
TABLE I: Comparison of the screening energy estimated by taking electron capture by the projectile into account $U_e^{(c)}$, that estimated by ignoring it U_e and the experimental value U_e^{exp} .

Reaction	E_{min} (keV)	U_e (eV)	$U_e^{(c)}$ (eV)	U_e^{exp} (eV)
D(d,p)T	1.62	22.0	35.7	25 ± 5 [17]
$^3\text{He}(\text{d,p})^4\text{He}$	5.01	119.1	117.5	219 ± 7 [18]
D($^3\text{He},\text{p})^4\text{He}$	4.22	70.6	105.3	109 ± 9 [18]



The fraction of the total beam of ions with charge i plotted as functions of the ion velocities

from Nuclear Reaction Analysis by Marion/Young



$^3\text{He}^{++}$ ion beam

Precise measurement of cross section of $^3\text{He}(^3\text{He},2p)^4\text{He}$ by using He-3 doubly charged beam

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Abstract

The fusion cross section of $^3\text{He}(^3\text{He},2p)^4\text{He}$ at a center of mass energy of 30 to 50 keV has been measured by using a helium-3 doubly ionized beam at a low-energy high current accelerator facility, OCEAN. Free from molecular interference in the beam, the measurement determines the astrophysical S-factor with better statistical and systematic errors than previous data. By using singly and doubly charged helium-3 ions, the facility envisages to provide the data from high energy to Gamow energy regions.

EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY

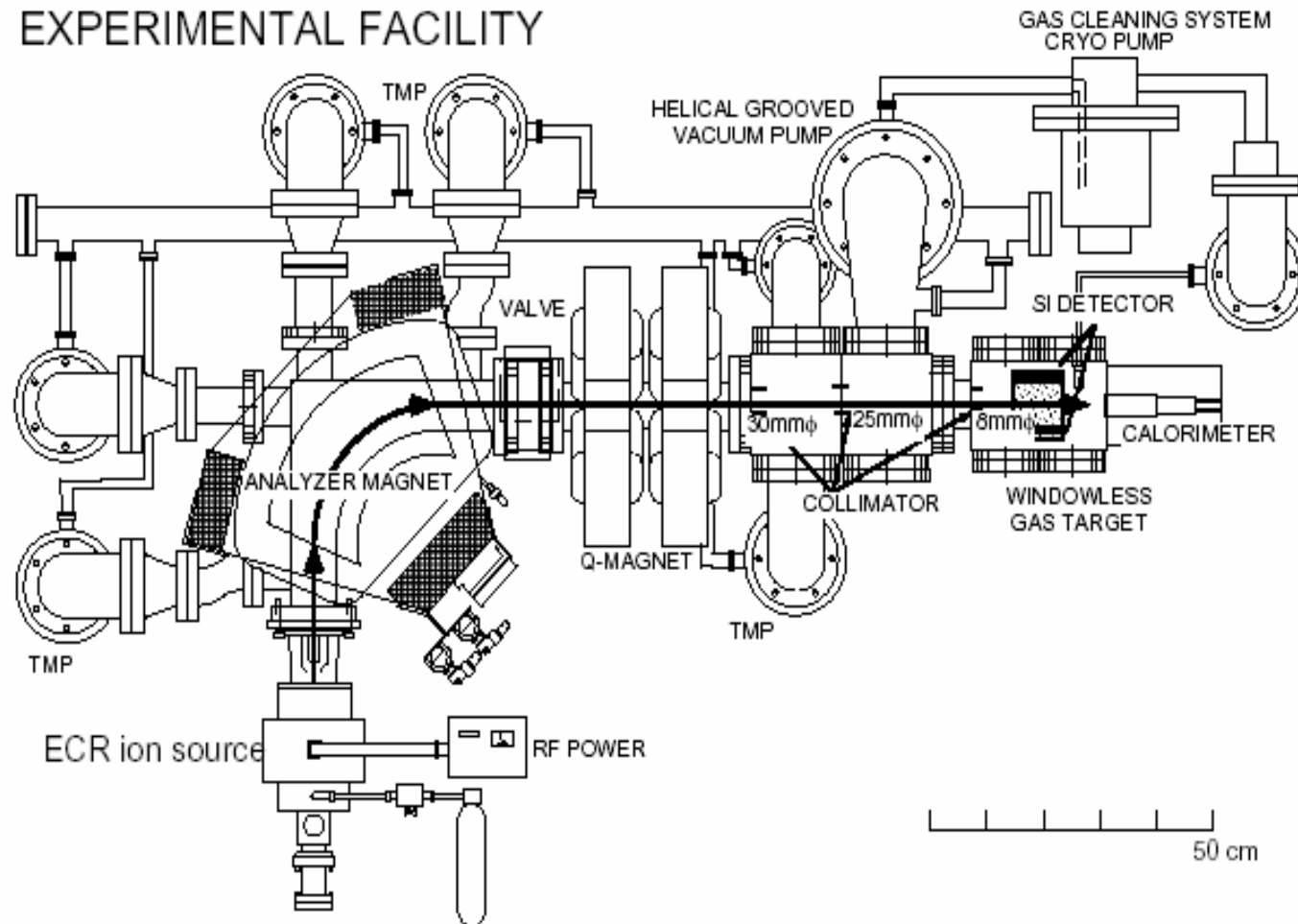
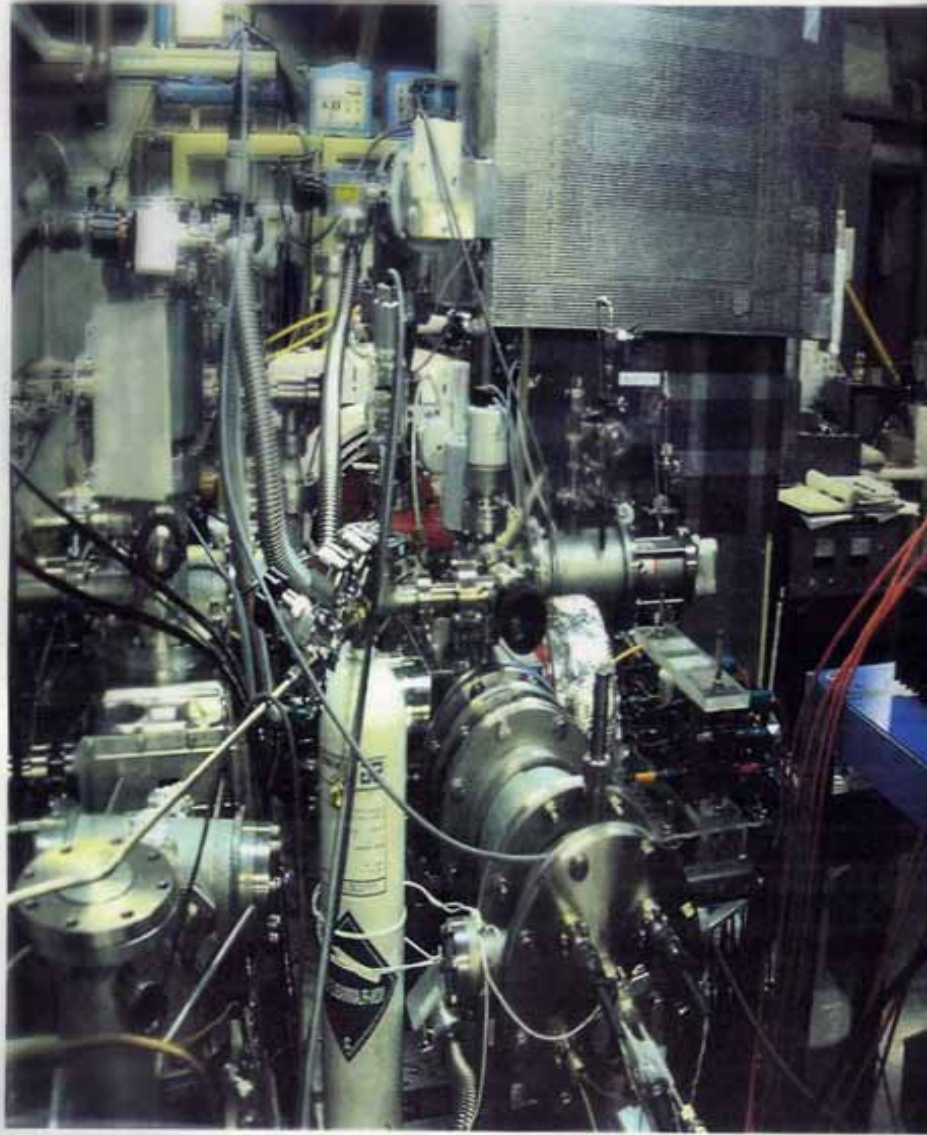
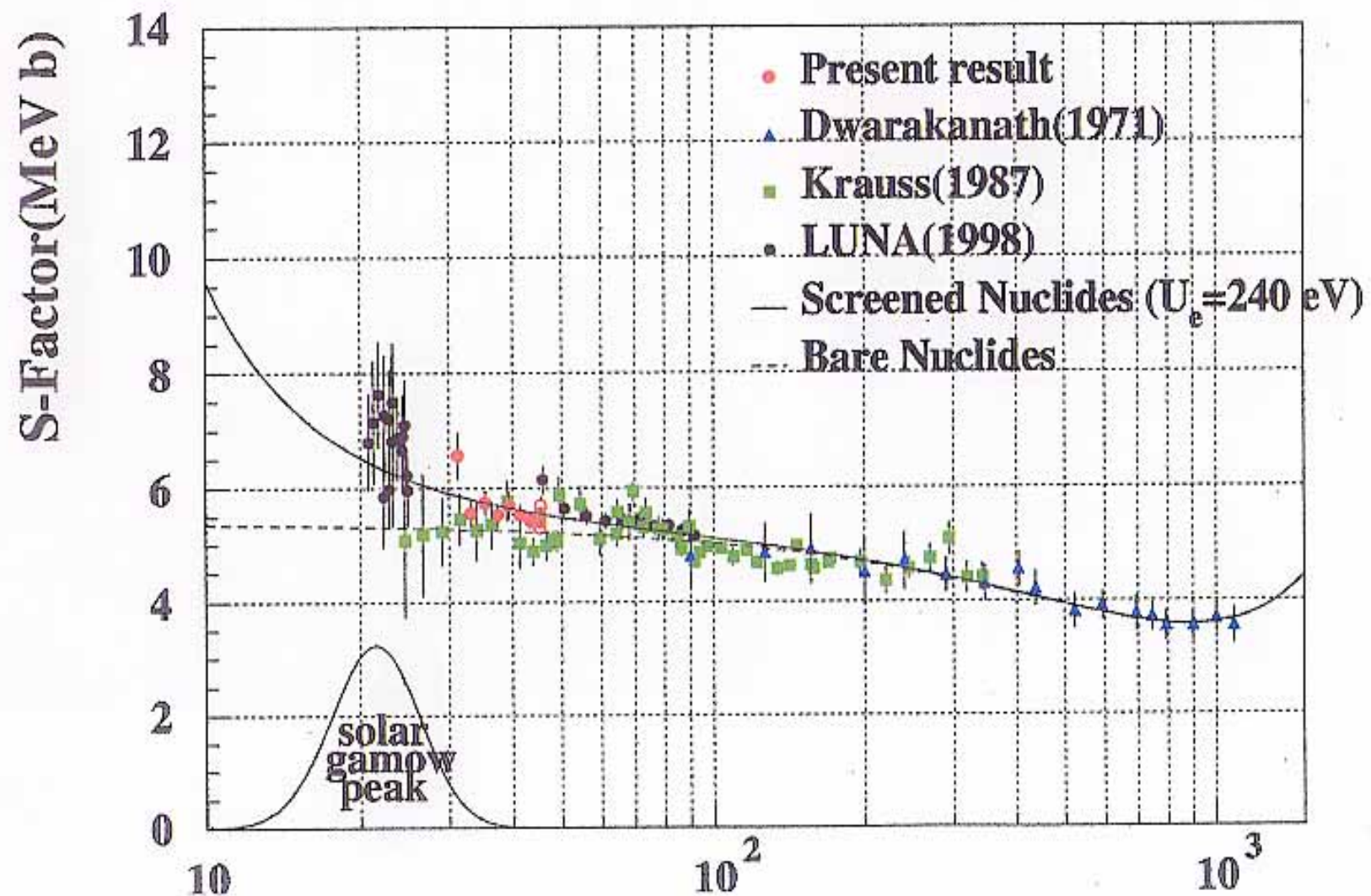


FIG. 1: Complete layout of Osaka University Cosmological Experimental Apparatus for Nuclear Physics, OCEAN .



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**New experimental approach to determine the electron screening
potential of various atomic configurations for fusion reaction**

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Our claim(2)

- *Theoretical estimate for screening potential (U_e)*
should be usually considered as a constant.

But it should be as a energy dependent term

Charge state during transmitting the gas target would affect the screening potential Takigawa and Kato, to be published

■ $^3\text{He} + ^3\text{He} \rightarrow 2p + \alpha$ reaction



■ charge state of incident beam

■ screening potential for each beam

■ $^3\text{He}(2+) + ^3\text{He}$ gas target adiabatic limit 171 eV

■ $^3\text{He}(1+) + ^3\text{He}$ gas target 254 eV

■ $^3\text{He}(0+) + ^3\text{He}$ gas target 241 eV

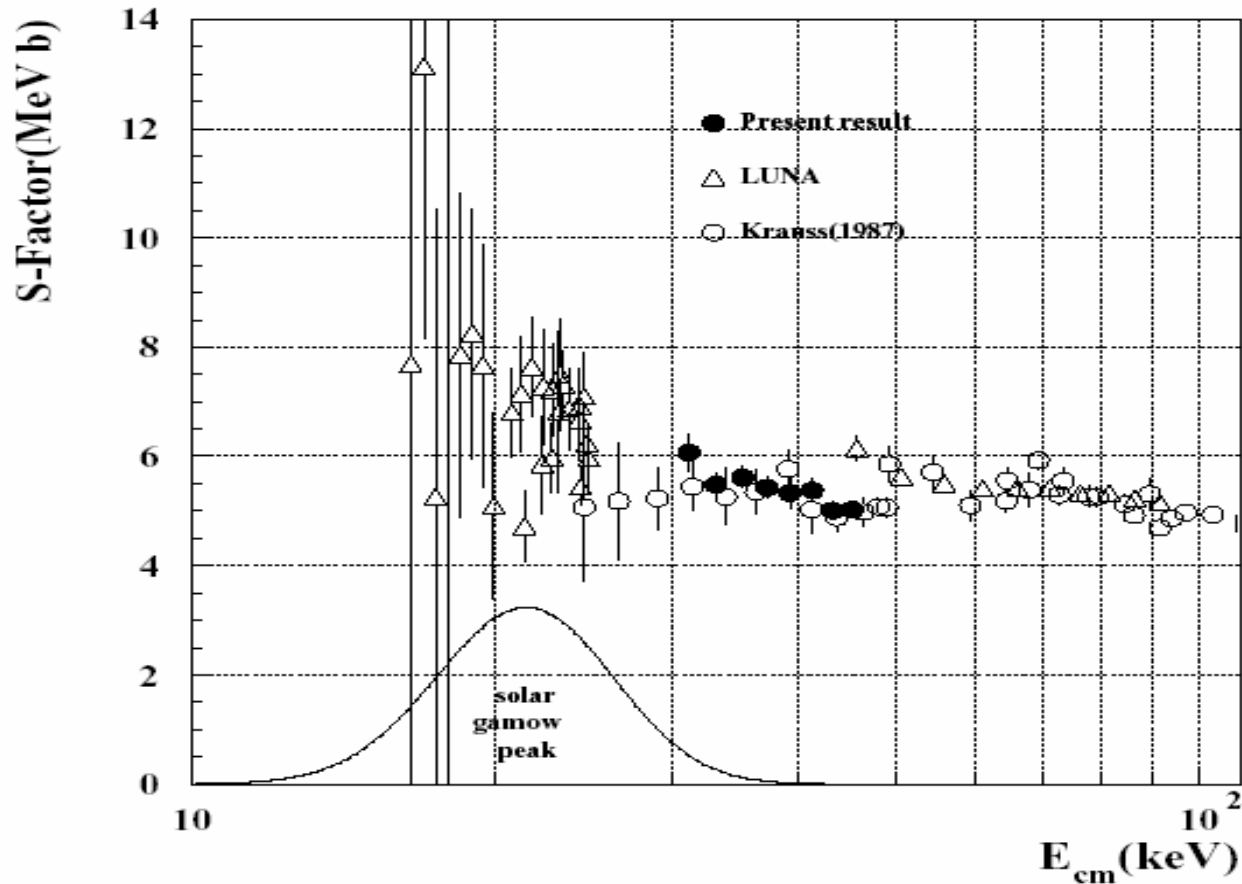
■ exp 432 \pm 29 eV

Claim(3)

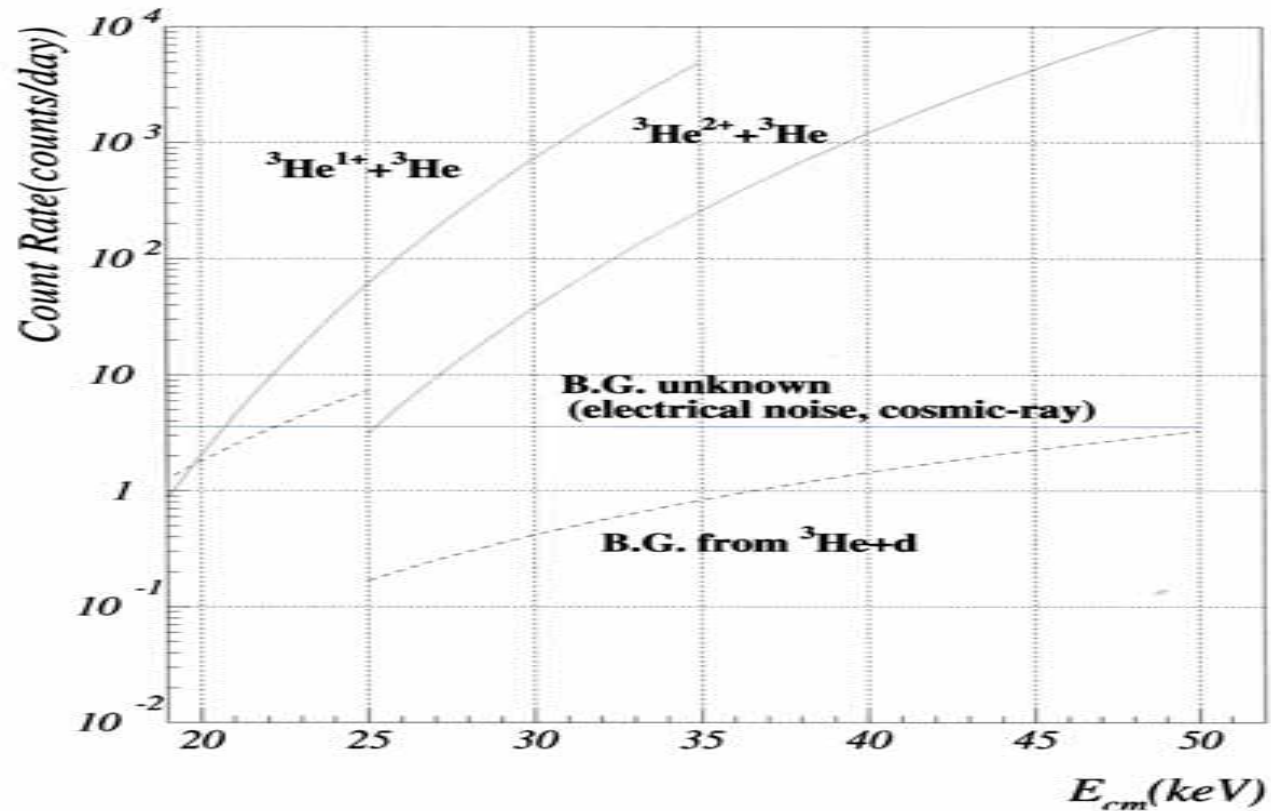
- Maximum enhancement or medium or incomplete enhancement has happened or not (this is not clear so far)
- After effects from time dependent collision phenomena with appropriate electronic states of ions and atoms would be measured

we could extrapolate $S(E)$ factor to the value at required energy(Gamow energy)

Osaka Univ. Cosmological Experimental Apparatus for Nuclear Physics



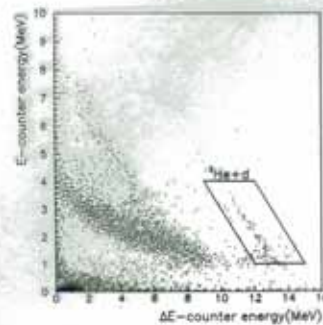
Counting rates



Background

deuteron contamination in the target

$^3\text{He} + d$ in $^3\text{He} + ^3\text{He}$ experiment \Rightarrow **0.2 ppm**



no gas target
gas circulation



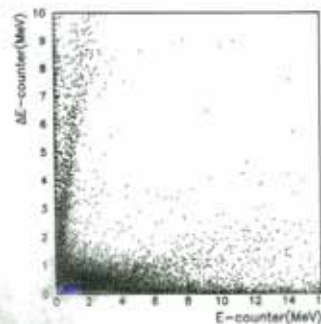
$\sim 10^{-4}$ Torr at target

~~assume water component~~
measured



0.1 ppm

other B.G. (electronic noise, cosmic-ray)

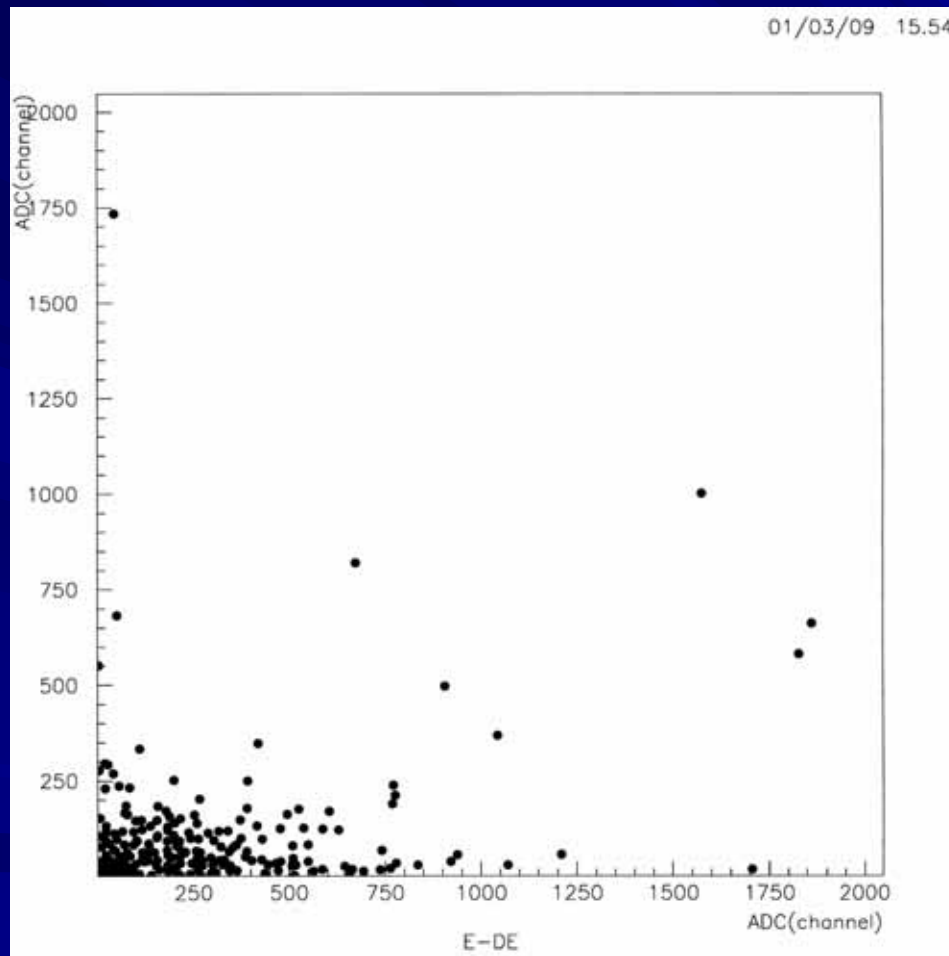


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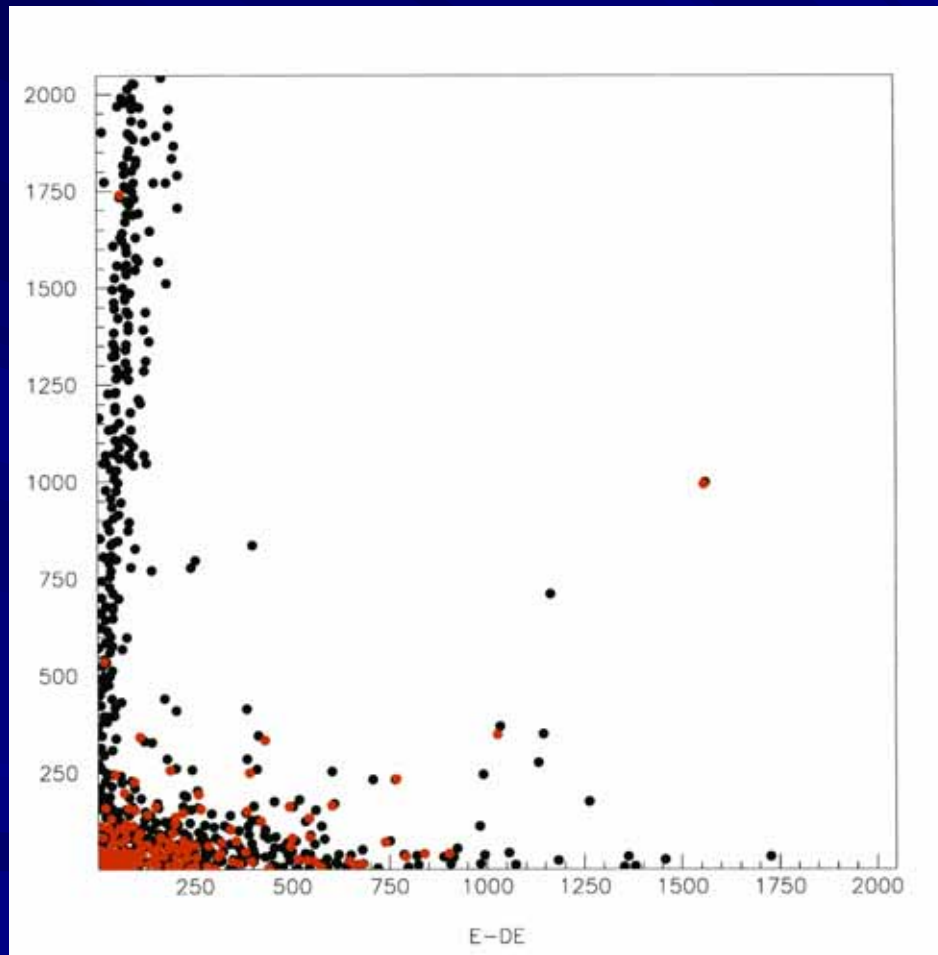
μ -on $2 \text{ MeV cm}^2 / \text{g}$

ΔE 70 keV

E 450 keV



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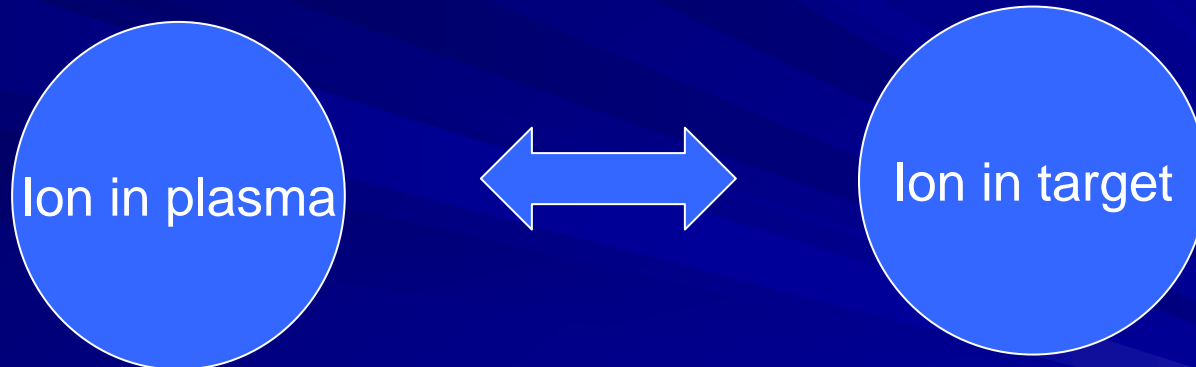


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Plasma (ion production) ---- beam----- gas (neutral)
ECR Ion Source Target

■ **Plasma diagnostics**

■ **Photon observation**



Visible light(1s4s-1s2p) observation

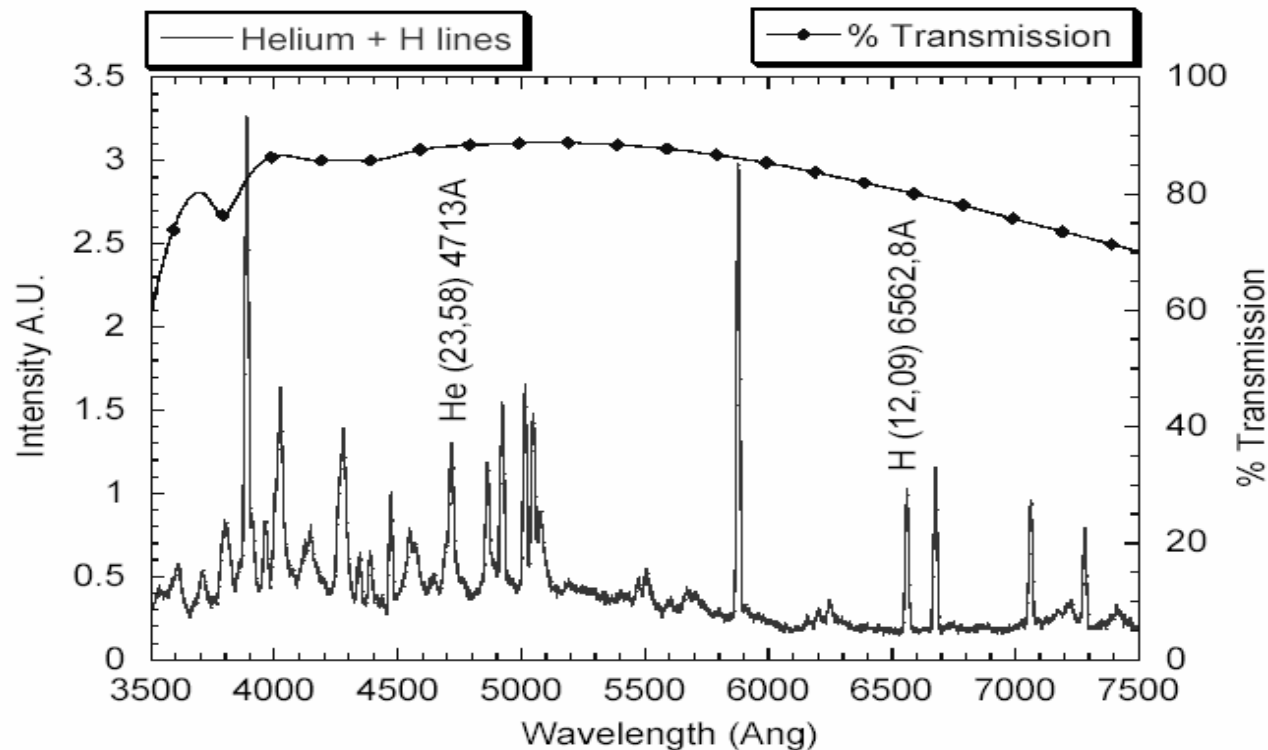


Fig. 1 First order of diffraction of the atomic lines produced inside the ECRIS. One can see the name of the element, the energy needed to reach the initial state and the wavelength of the radiative de-excitation in angström. The dot line shows the transmission of the glass windows.

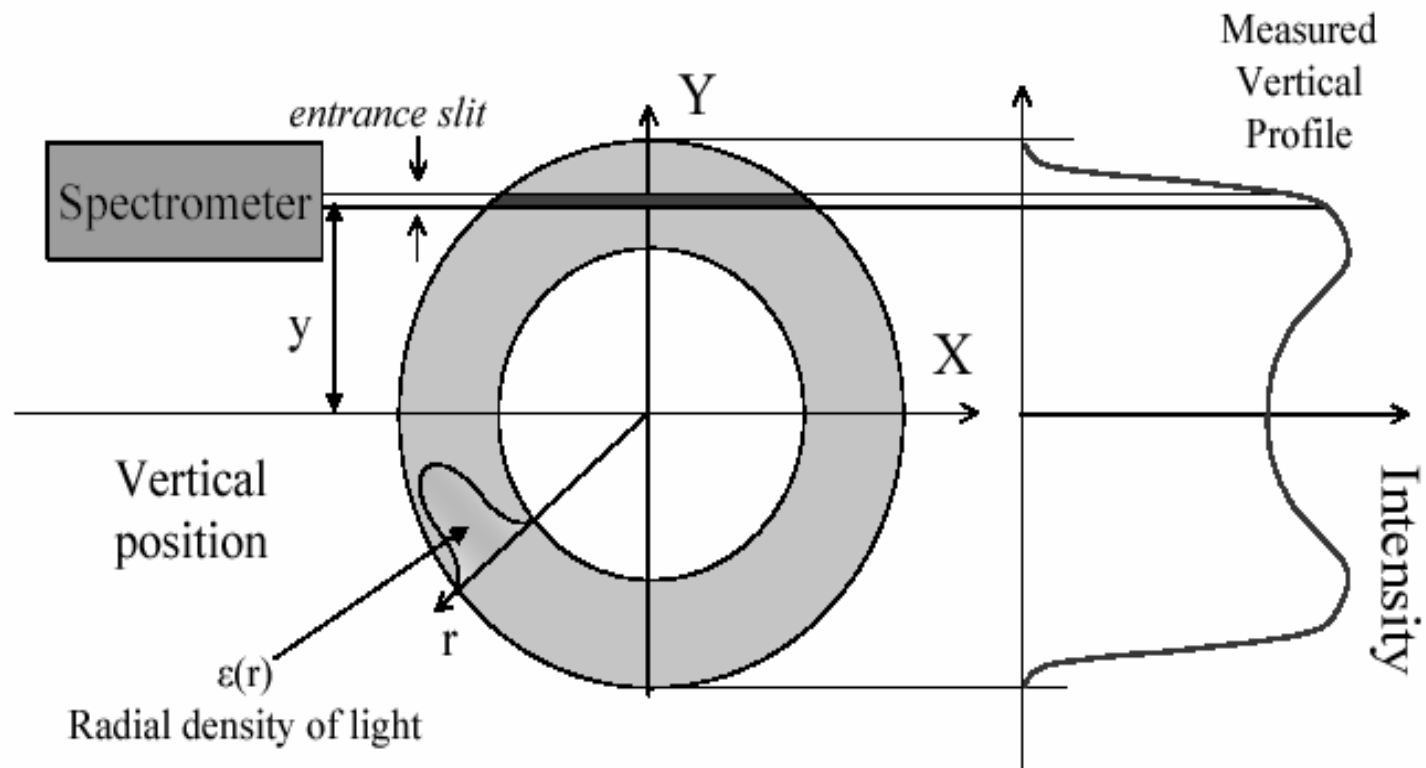
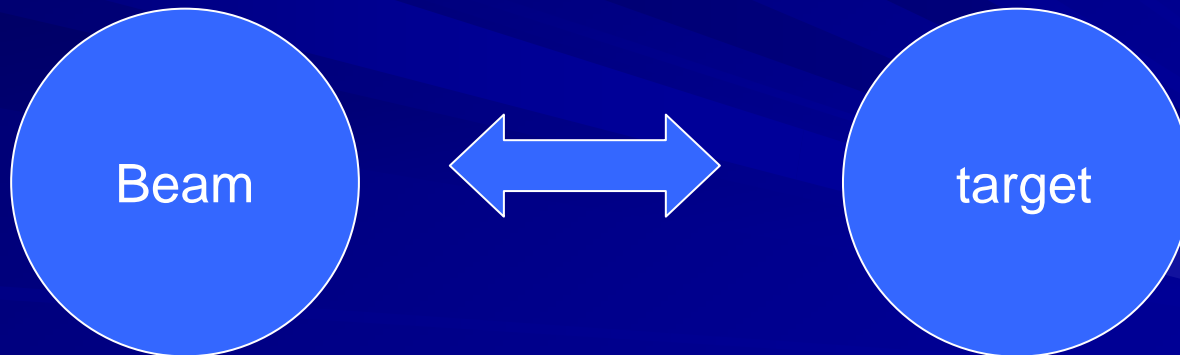
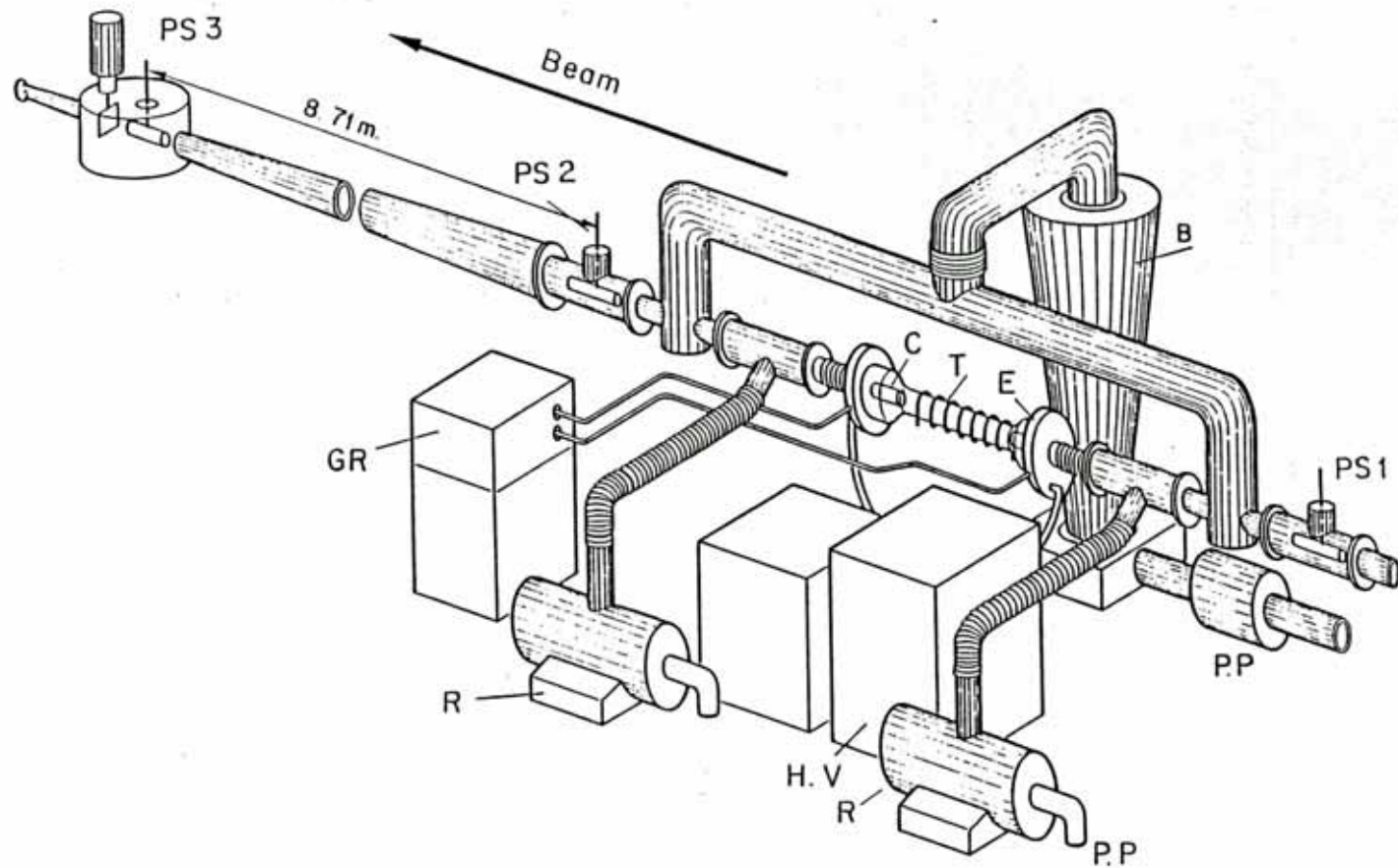


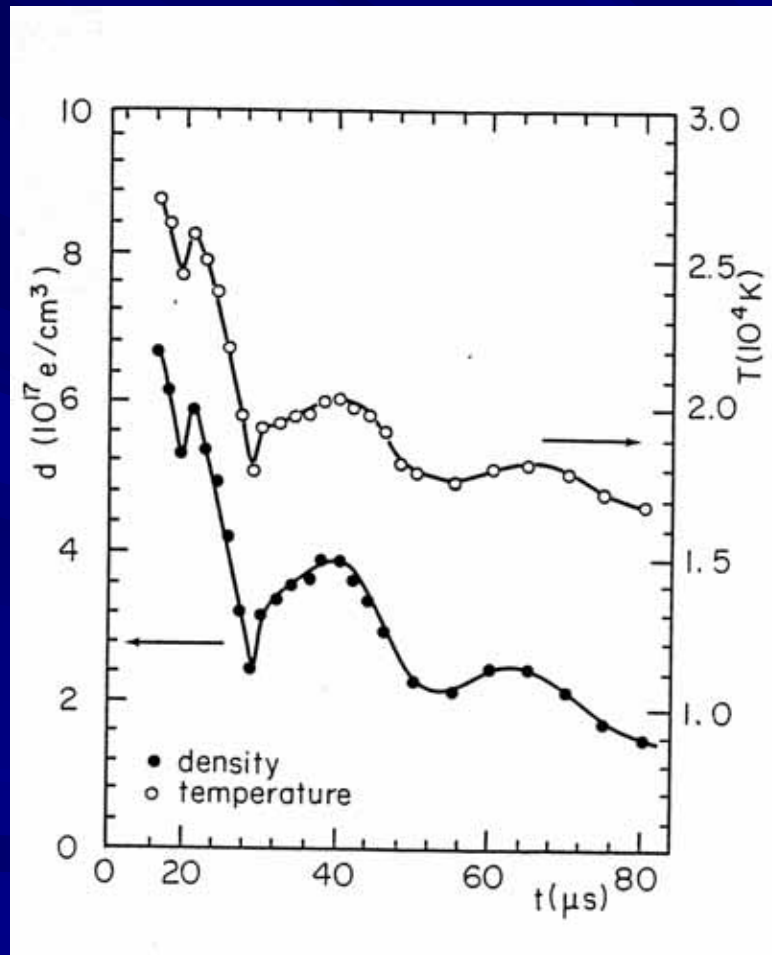
Fig. 4 Vertical cut of the “hollow” heating zone. The spectrometer at the y vertical position measured the intensity of the atomic lines emitted from a thin slice of plasma.

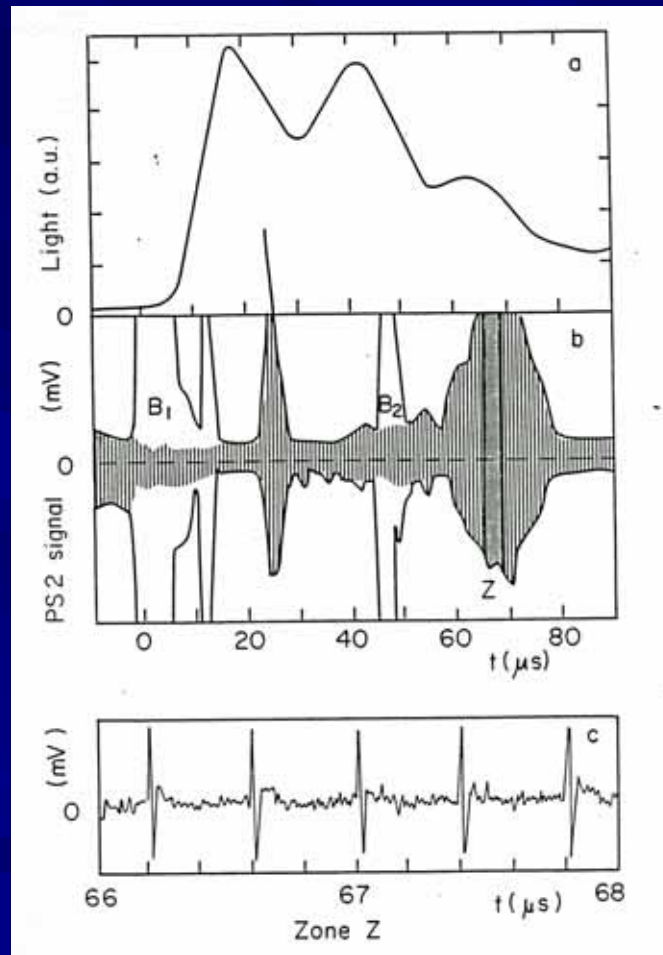
Nuclear Reaction at very low energy ~ At stellar condition

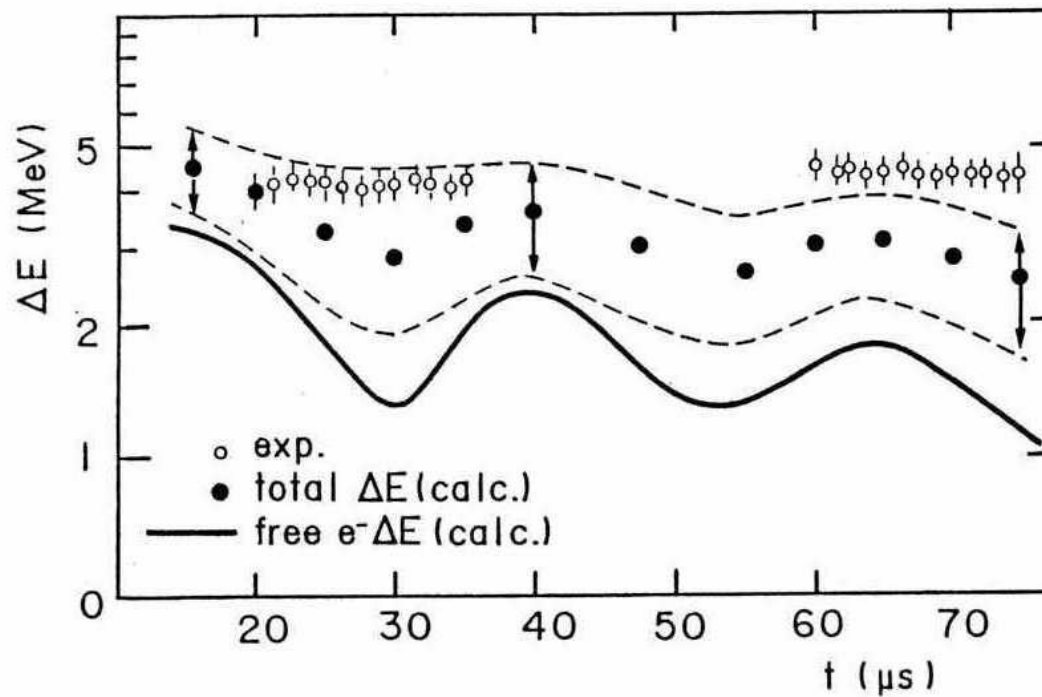
With Z_{1e} + Z_{2e}









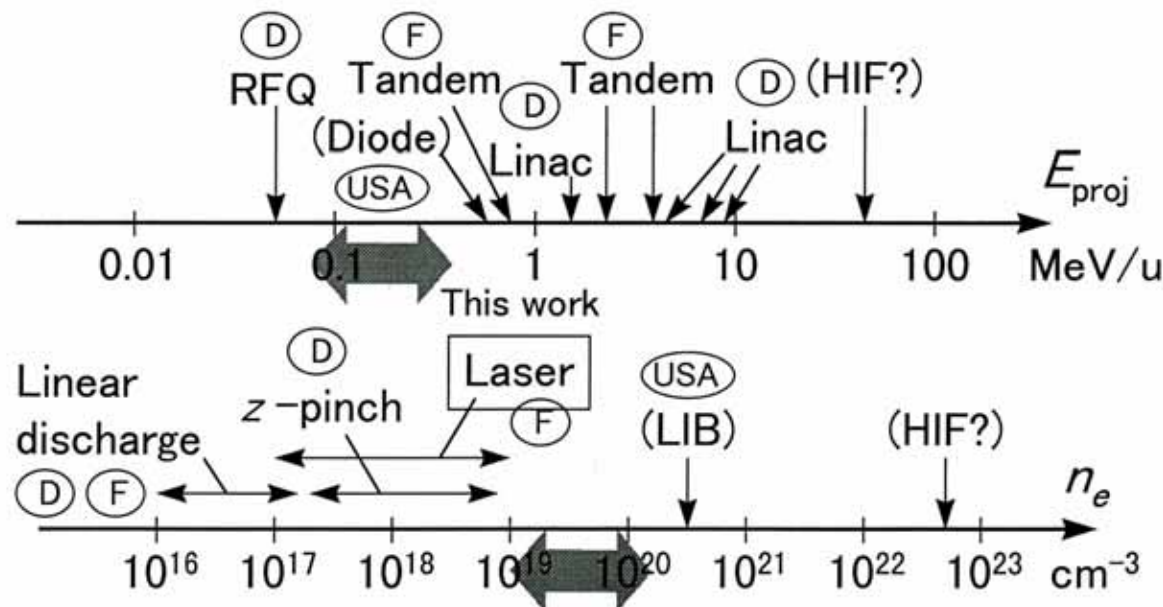


S + Plasma 13 kV

Beam-plasma interaction research (1982-) :
No data exist at $\sim 100 \text{ keV/u}$, $n_e > 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.



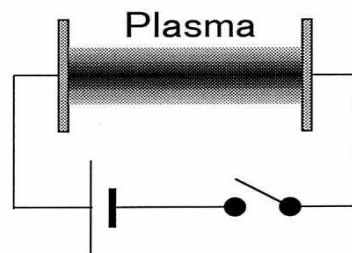
◆ Scope of projectile energy E_{proj} / electron density n_e



Application of a laser plasma is suitable to obtain higher electron densities.

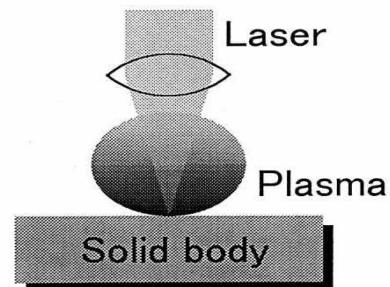
◆ Discharge plasma:

- Long lifetime
- Large size
- Complicated vacuum pumping system
- Large discharge current



◆ Laser plasma:

- High density
- Short lifetime
- Small size
- Large density gradient
- No discharge current



Stopping power for projectile ions in a cold/plasma target



- ◆ Modified Bethe formula ;

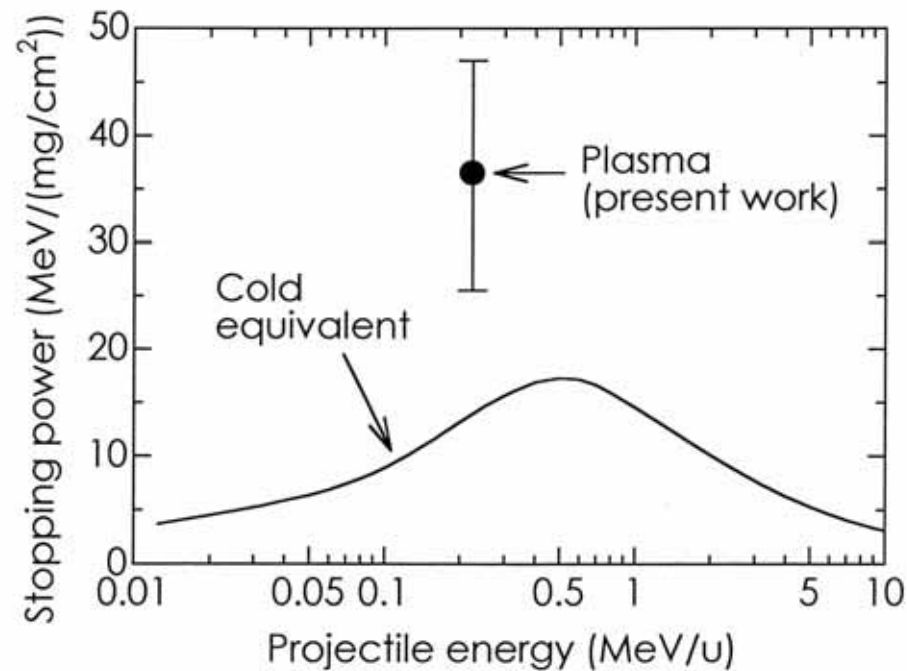
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \propto Z_{\text{eff}}^2 \cdot \ln \left(\frac{b_{\text{max}}}{b_{\text{min}}} \right)$$

(Z_{eff} = effective charge = averaged charge state n)

- ◆ Expectation:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx}(\text{cold}) < -\frac{dE}{dx}(\text{Plasma})$$

Preliminary result : Stopping power of a LiH plasma ($n_e \sim 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$) for 225 keV/u ^{16}O ions.



Clear and definite answer for this entangled problem

- **Ion trap apparatus for nuclear astrophysics**
- **Larger capacity than existing installation**
- **Bare beam and bare target**
- **Higher luminosity than storage ring**
- **Stable operation in a few months**

We prefer to realize terrestrial experiments as it is at stellar condition

Nature

Core of the sun or
Interior of supernovae

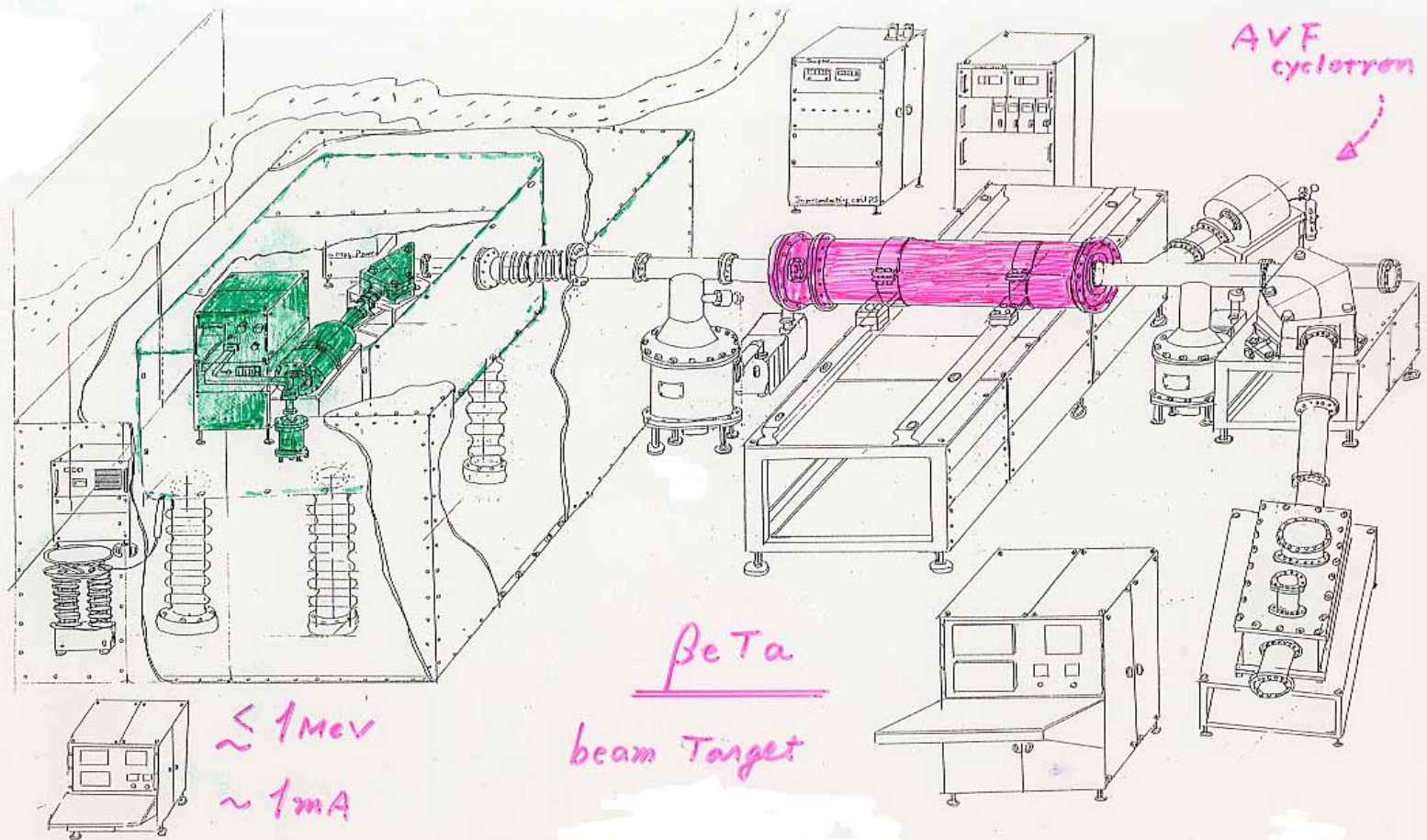
Laboratory

high density
high temp
plasma
atomic state

Nuclear Astrophysics Researches in Ion Trap
Apparatus **NARITA**

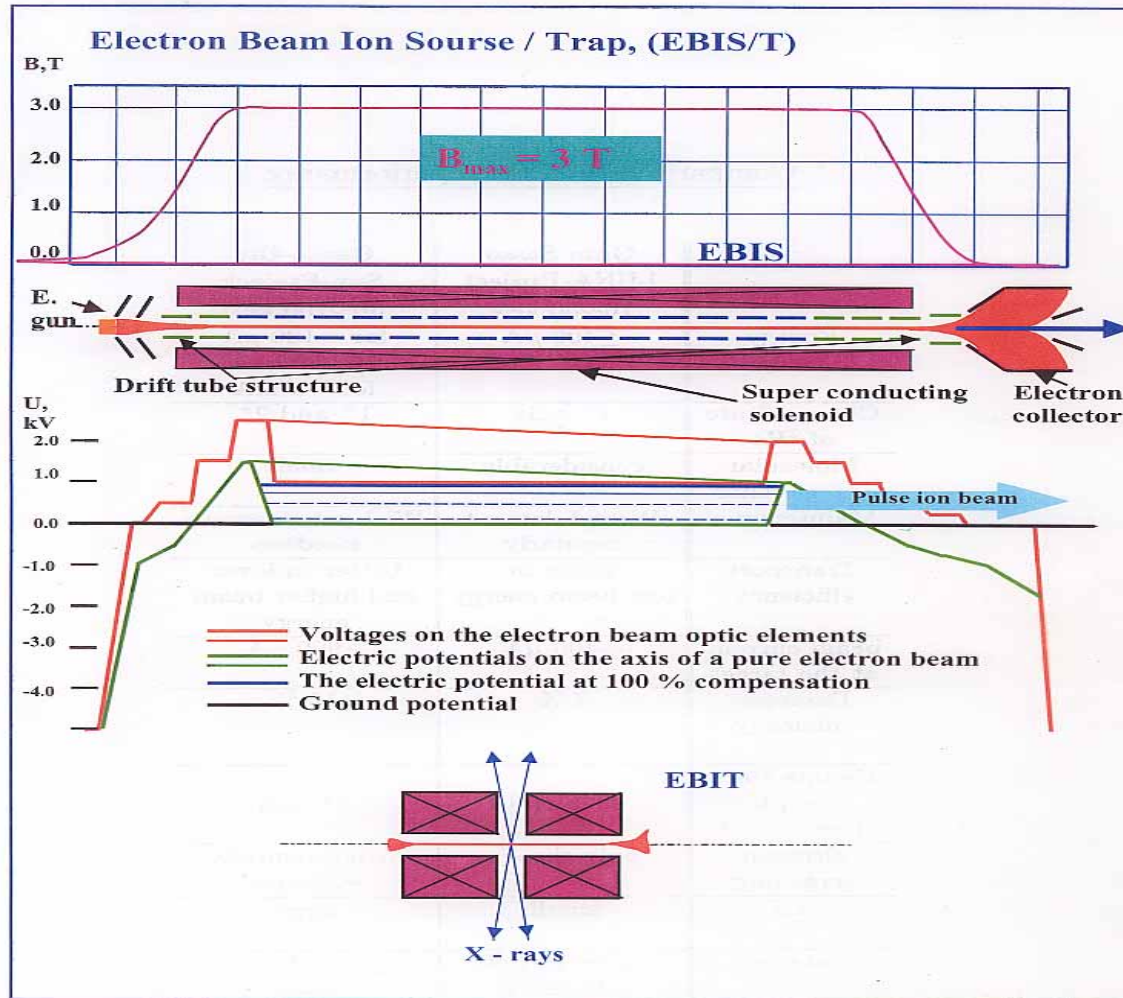
- **Consists of**
- **BeTa**
- **Ion Source with High Brightness at high voltage platform**
- **RI production stage by AVF cyclotron**

Beam -Target Experiment in RCNP Osaka Univ.



NARITA-Project

Electron beam ion trap



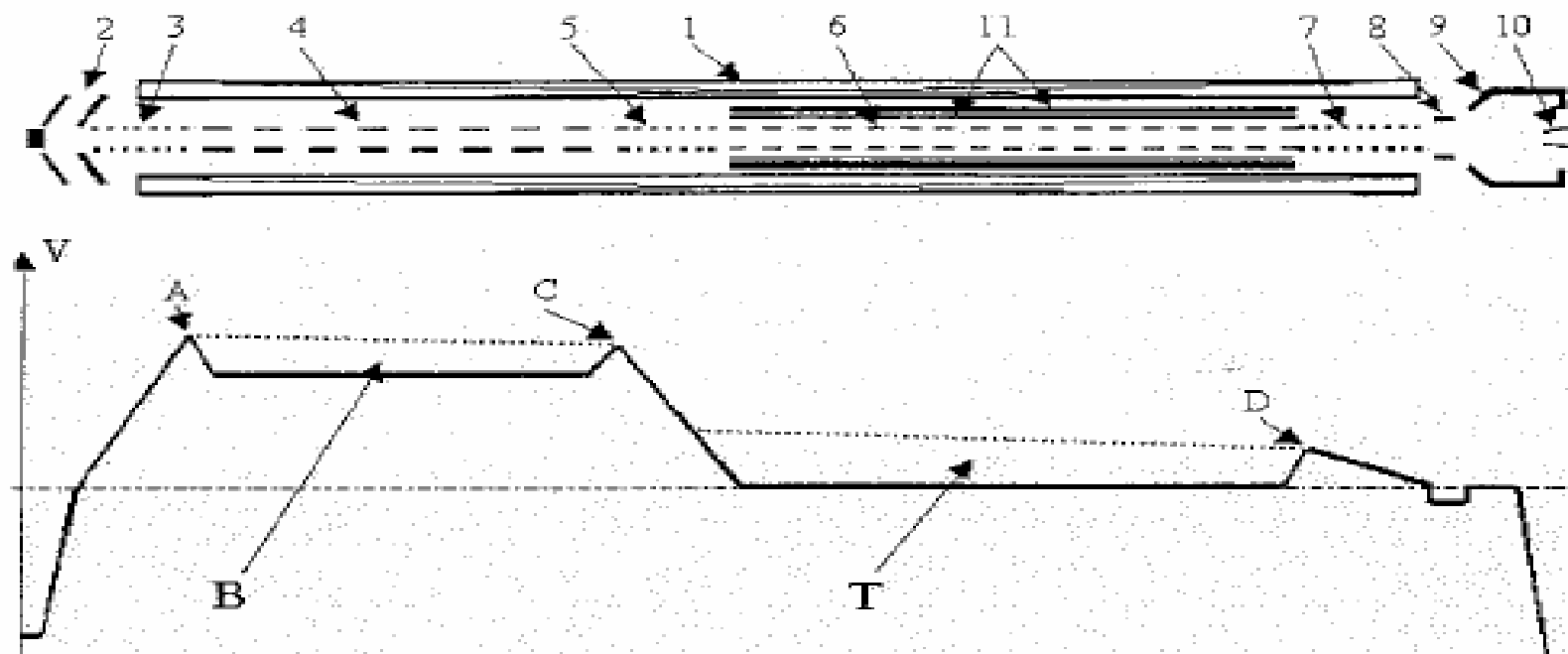


FIG. 1. Schematic view of the BeTa apparatus (up) and of the voltage (V) distribution along its axis (down): (1) super conducting solenoid, (2) electron gun, (3) electron accelerating tube and gun vacuum separator, (4) drift tube section for a beam nuclei trap, (5) ion accelerating tube and a middle vacuum separator, (6) drift tube sections for target nuclei trap, (7) electron collector vacuum separator, (8) electron suppressor, (9) electron collector, (10) ion extractor; (A), (C), (D) potential barriers of ion traps, (B) beam nuclei potential trap, (T) target nuclei potential trap.

■ *the ion capacity of the trap(the maximum number of elementary positive charge in the trap)*

■ $C^+ = 3.36 \times 10^{11} I_e L E_e^{-1/2}$

I_e ; *beam current in amperes*

L ; *length of the trap in meters*

E_e ; *electron energy in keV*

Compensation time; the positive space charge of the residual gas ions completely compensates the electron beam space charge

n; density of the residual gas

E_e; electron energy

I_e; ionization potential of the residual gas

$$\tau_c = 7.5 \times 10^4 \frac{E_e^{1/2}}{n \ln(E_e/I_e)} I_e$$

Proto-type experimental apparatus

- **$E_e=10 \text{ keV}$, $I_e=14.2 \text{ eV}$,**
if we assume compensation time is 5 sec.

- **$n = \sim 10^{-8} \text{ Pa}$ (very low pressure)**

***will be required pressure inside the trap,
Now we are testing the proto-type apparatus,
by using ANAC ionizer.***

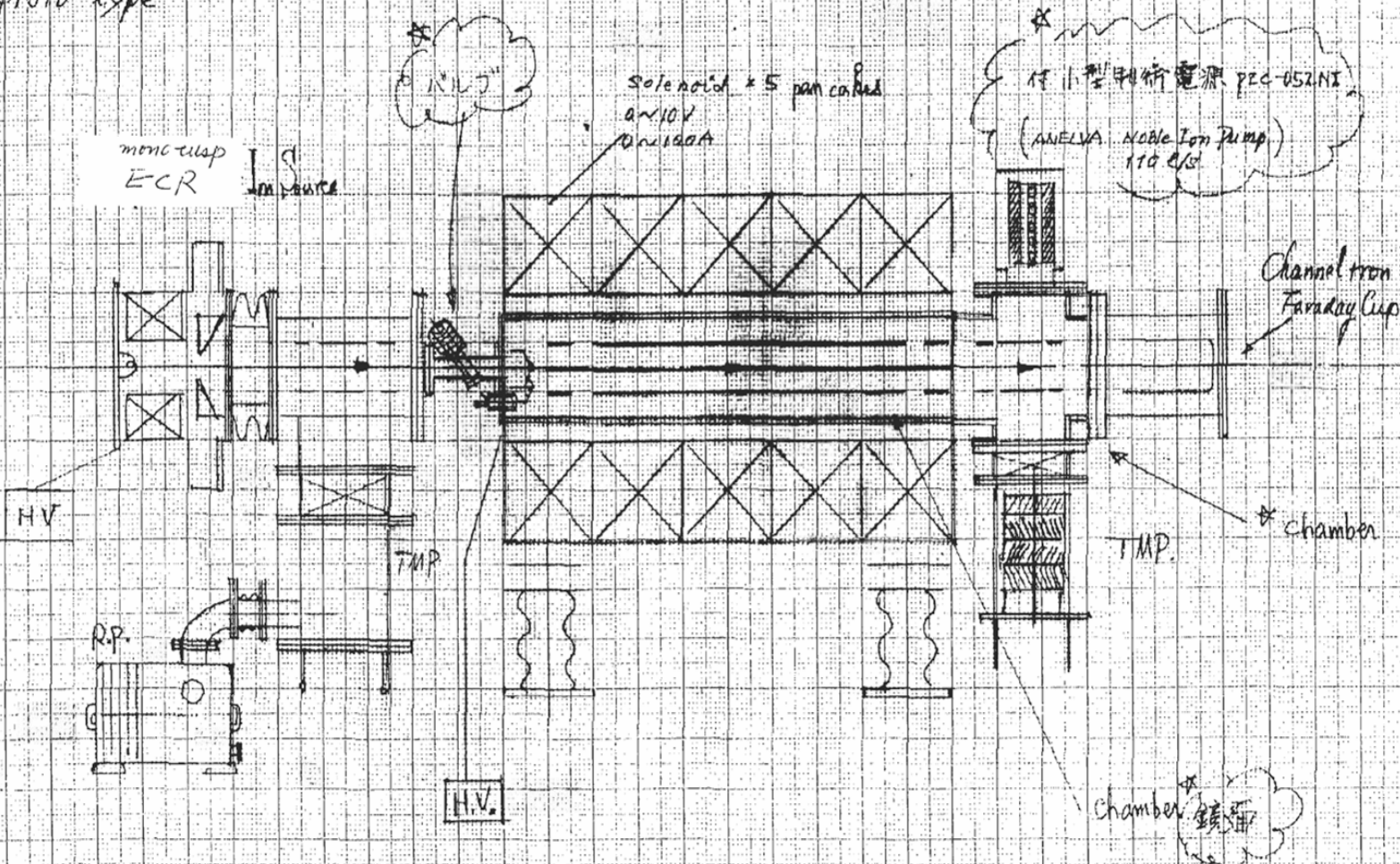
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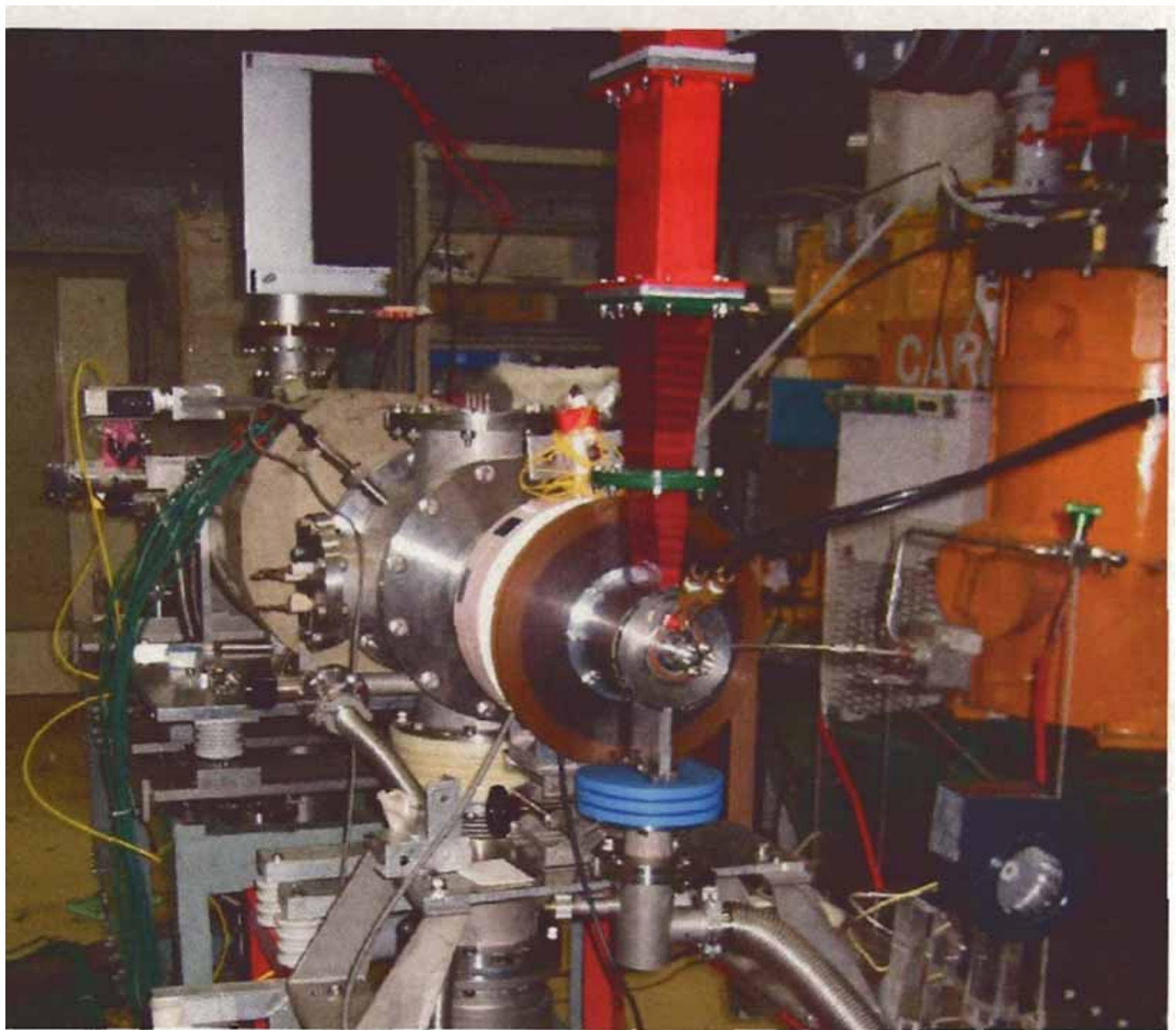
Electron Beam Ion Trap

Proto-type

$\sim 10^{-12}$ Torr

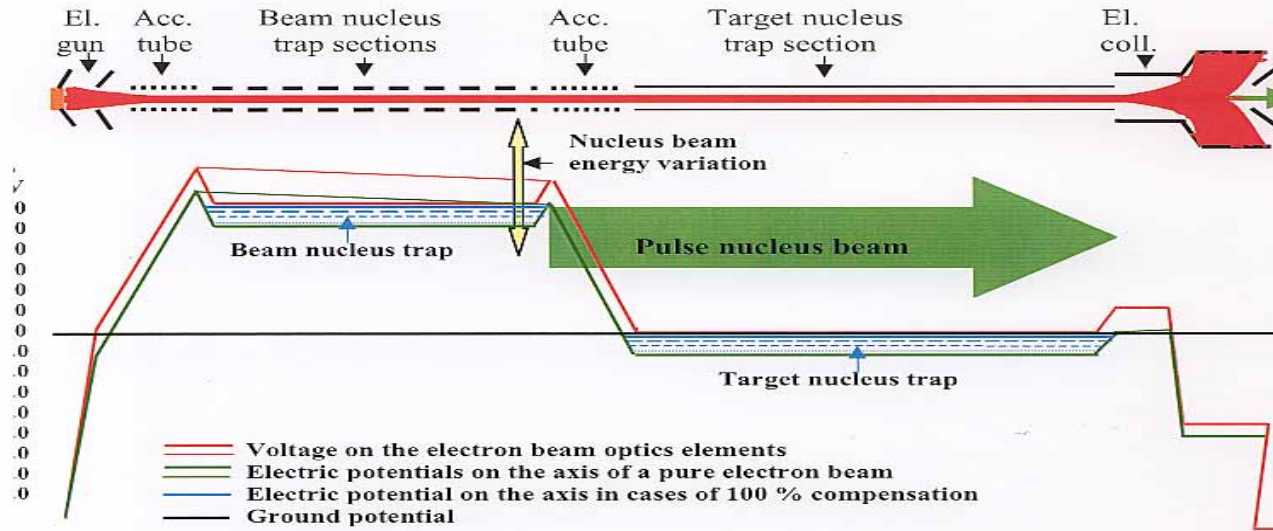
inside trap





Electron **Beam** Mode of the BeTa Operation

a) Pulse nucleus beam mode



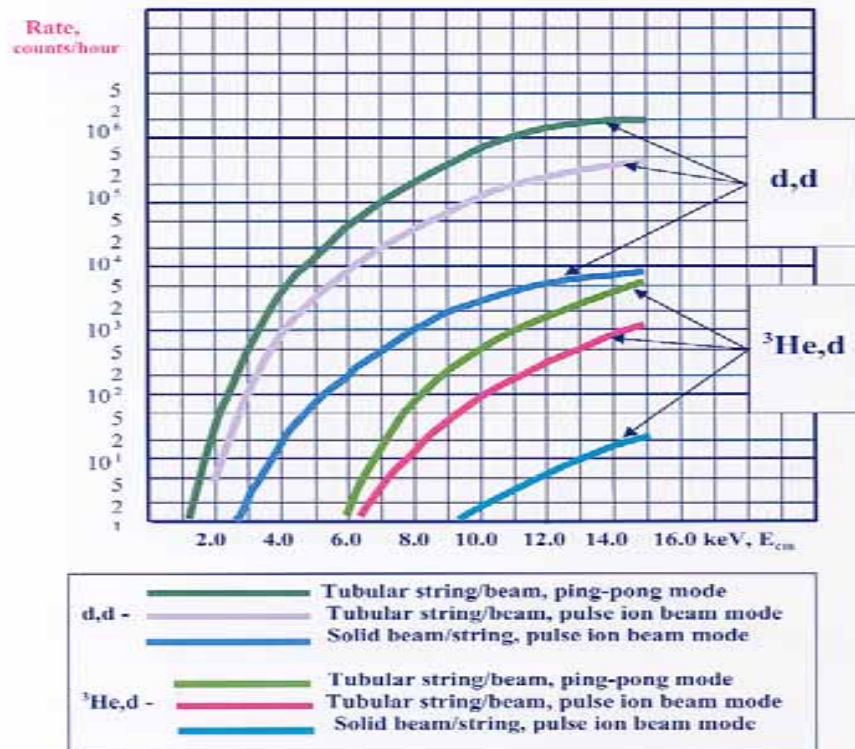
beam — target overlap



Along the axis cross sections of
a nucleus beam trap, of a nucleus beam and of a nucleus target trap,
in an electron beam.

Expected counting rates

Expected proton counting rates for $d(d,p)t$ and ${}^3\text{He}^{2+}(d,p){}^4\text{He}^{2+}$ reactions in various modes of the BeTa operation



Proposal on studies of $p + {}^7\text{Be}^{4+}$ reaction at low energy

- ***1) the electron beam(or string) of 10^3A/cm^2 ,
of 100A current of 1.4 m length and
of 3cm radius is used for ionization ${}^7\text{Be}^{4+}$
as a target***
- ***2) 2.5×10^{12} of ${}^7\text{Be}$ nuclei at the target
thickness 2.5×10^{13} length/cm²***
- ***3) cross section = 1×10^{-34} cm² and 50%
efficiency***
- ***4) proton beam 40mA at 70 keV***

${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$ is the most important and the most uncertain nuclear physics input used in solar neutrino calculation

$p + {}^7\text{Be}^{4+}$ reaction

at low energy

2counts/hour

expected

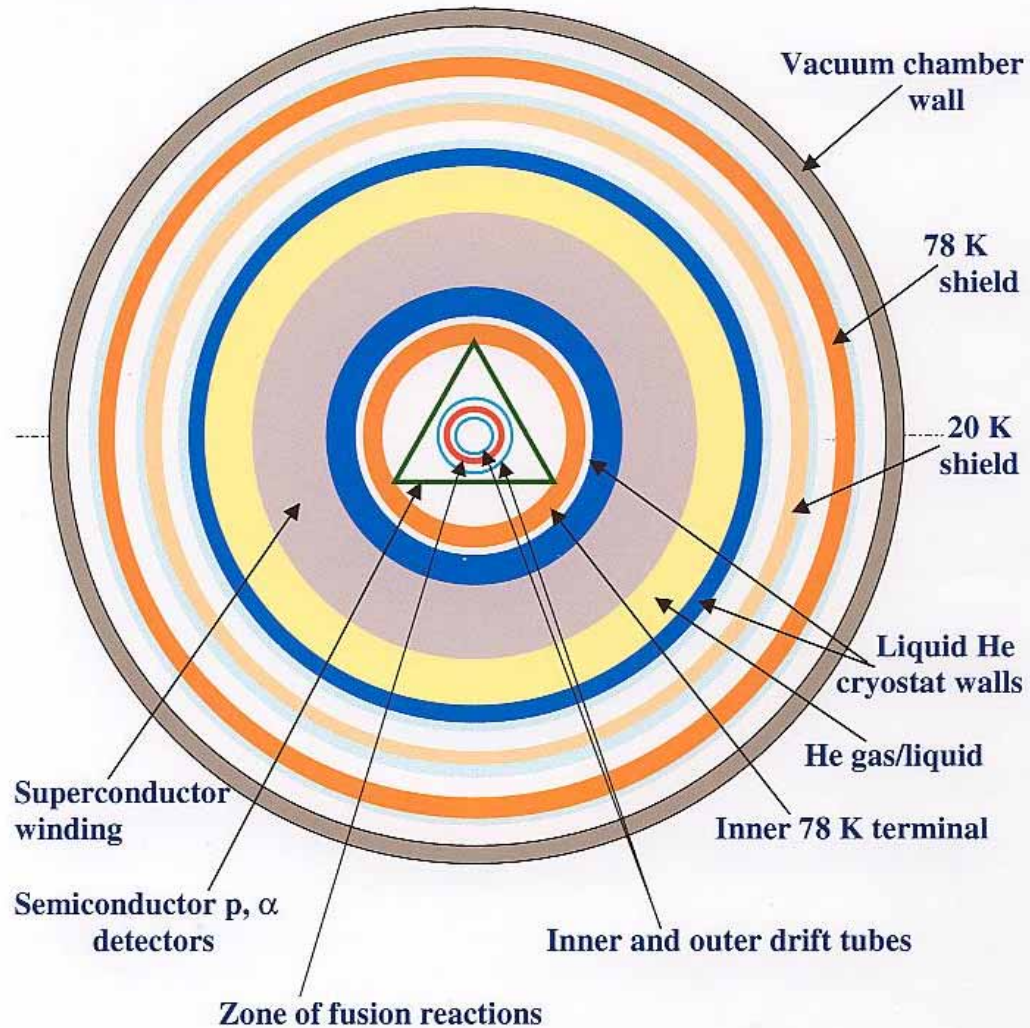
Conclusion

- 1) To meet terrestrial experiment as stellar condition we will be able to select Temperature, density, pressure, atomic state and also do material such as solid, liquid, gas, plasma***
- 2) On going experiment will be the state selective experiment for interacting particles in atomic states***
- 3) We showed feasibility of meas. for bare to bare nuclear reaction at similar condition as stellar state,***
- 3) Proposed BeTa and NARITA installation (It seems sophisticated apparatus for nuclear astrophysics)***
They will be possible tool to study astrophysical S-factor free from the enhancement of screening potential.

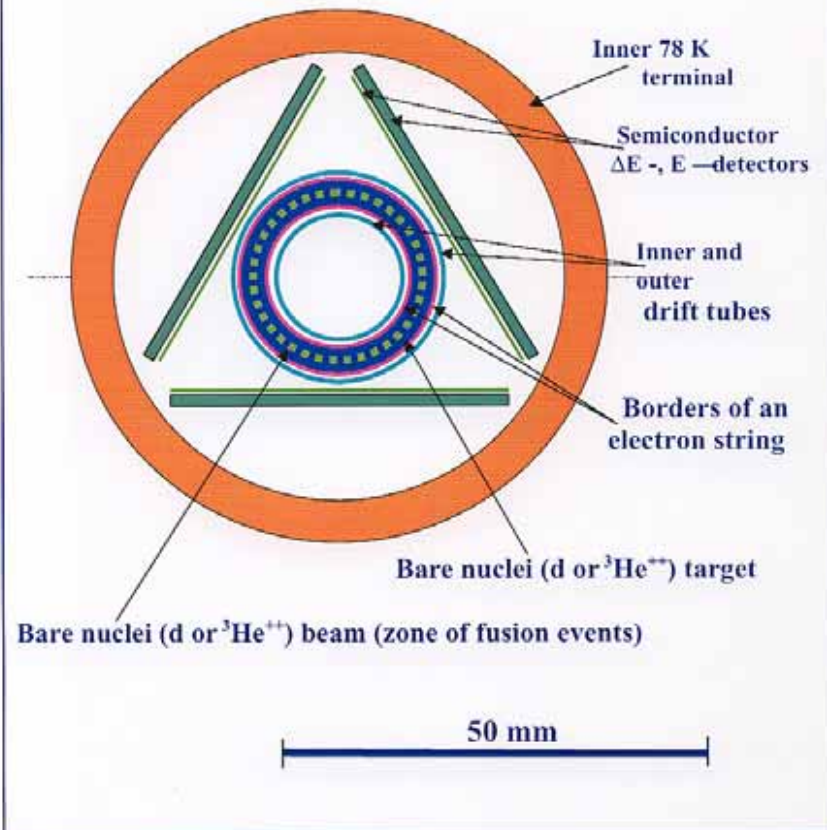
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Schematic view of a transverse cross section of the BeTa apparatus



Transversal cross section view of the inner region of the BeTa apparatus



Experimental approach, related to this problem

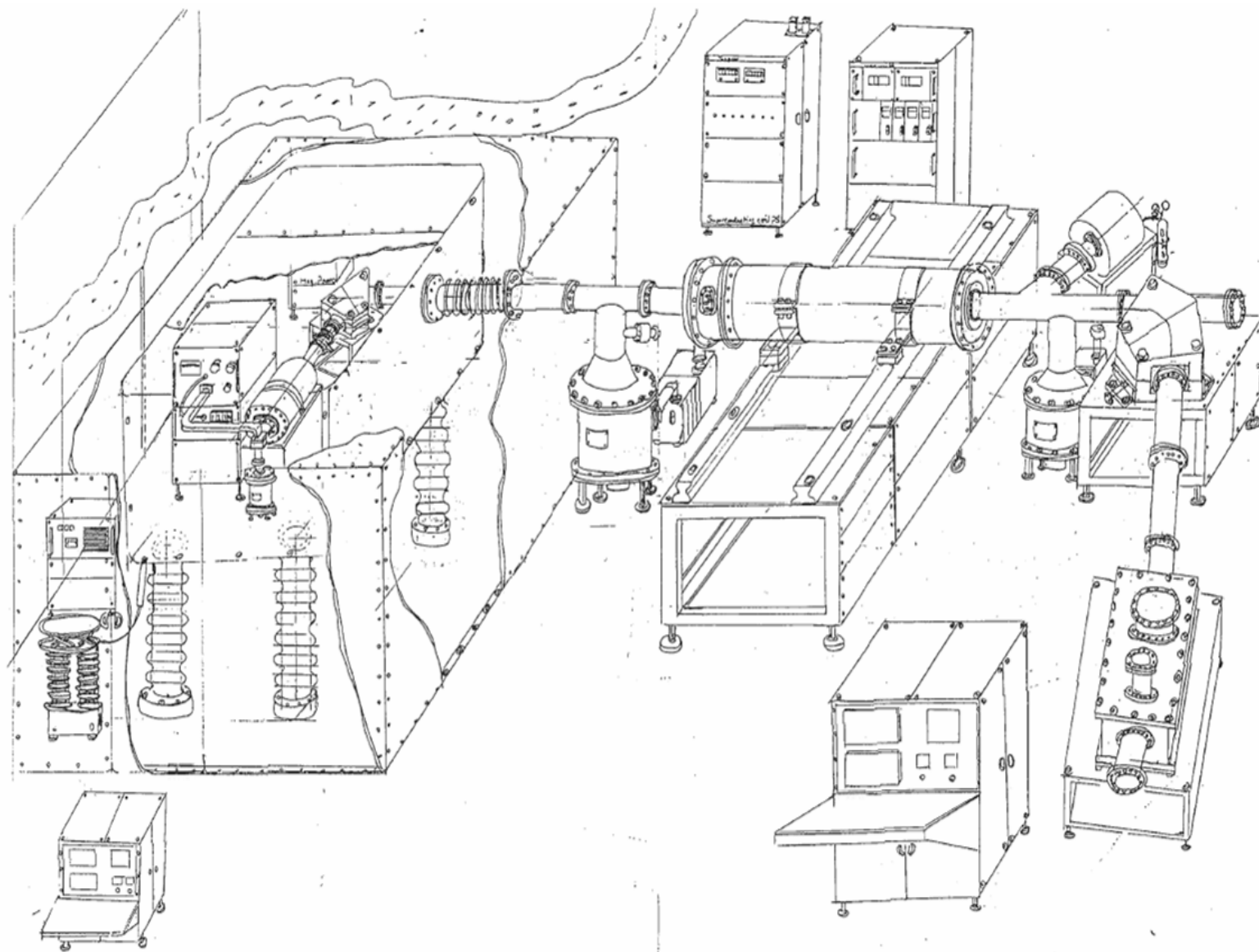
iii) For electron configuration of target and incident particles

combination between various target and incident particle: atom and molecule

Ingenuous experimental devices; storage ring

Nuclear Astrophysics Researches in Ion Trap Apparatus

- *Consists of*
- *BeTa*
- *Ion Source with High Brightness at high voltage platform*
- *RI produced by AVF cyclotron*



Plasma (ion production) ---- beam----- gas (neutral ECR Ion Source Target

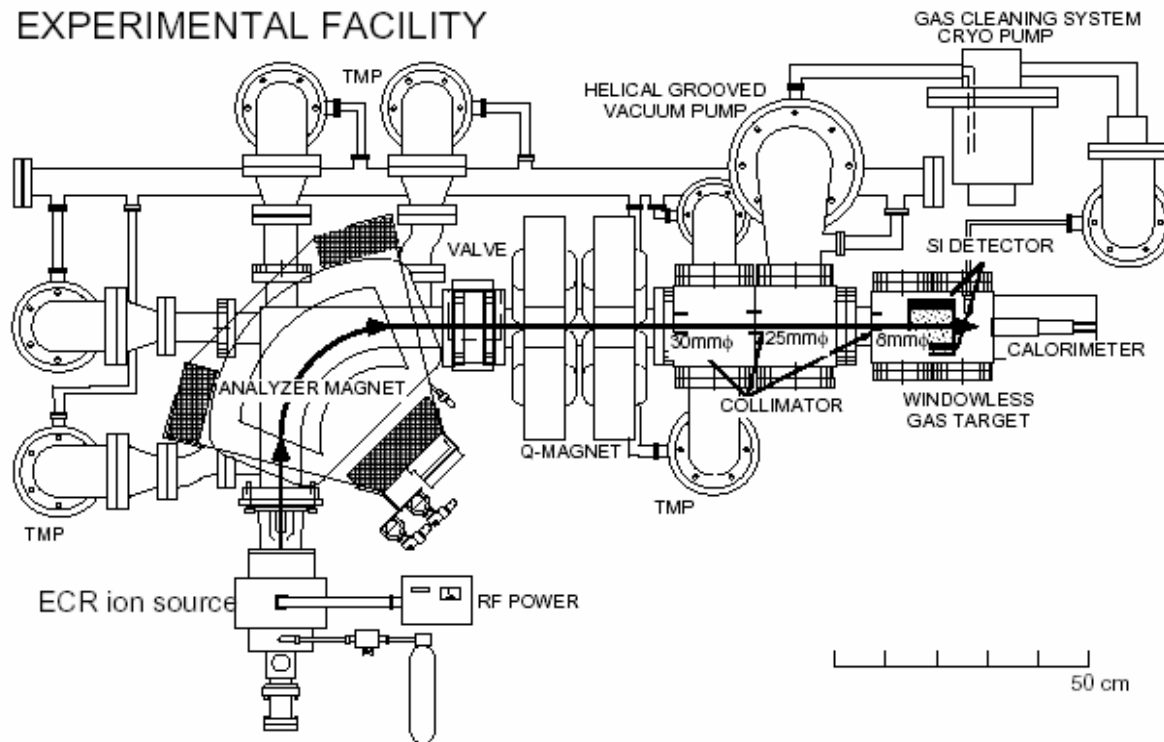


FIG. 1: Complete layout of Osaka University Cosmological Experimental Apparatus for Nuclear Physics, OCEAN .

The shielding effect reduces the Coulomb potential and eases the penetration of the coulomb barrier. During the discussion we use following expressions for astrophysical S-factor with screening potential U_e and enhancement factor f ;

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{S(E)}{E} \exp[-2\pi\eta(E)] \quad \text{where, } \eta(E) = Z_1 Z_2 \alpha (2E / \mu c^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$S(E)$; astrophysical $S(E)$ – factor

$\eta(E)$; Sommerfeld parameter

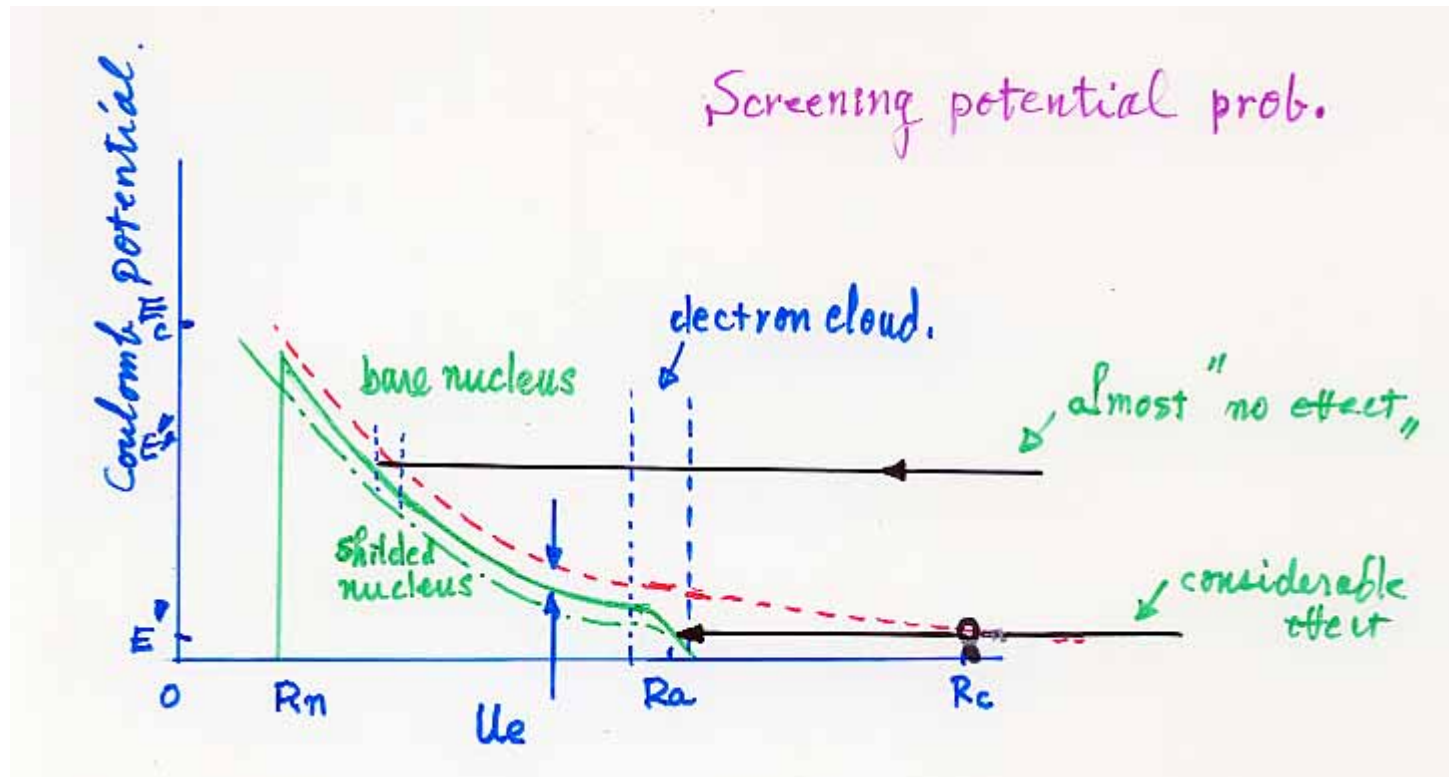
Z_1 and Z_2 ; initial nuclei charge

μ ; reduced mass

enhancement factor; f

$$\begin{aligned} f &\equiv \frac{\sigma(E + U_e)}{\sigma(E)} \\ &= \frac{S(E + U_e)}{S(E)} \frac{E}{E + U_e} \frac{\exp[-2\pi\eta(E + U_e)]}{\exp[-2\pi\eta(E)]} \\ &\approx \exp\left\{\pi\eta(E) \frac{U_e}{E}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Screening Potential



Screening energies

(ref. K.Langanke and C.A.Barns, Advance of Nucl. Phys.)

Comparison of Screening Energies ΔE Determined by Best Fit from Experimental Data^(19,24,25) with the Adiabatic Limits

Reaction	ΔE (eV) experiment	ΔE (eV) adiabatic limit
$d(^3\text{He}, p)^4\text{He}$	180 ± 30	119
$^6\text{Li}(p, \alpha)^3\text{He}$	470 ± 150	186
$^6\text{Li}(d, \alpha)^4\text{He}$	380 ± 250	186
$^7\text{Li}(p, \alpha)^4\text{He}$	300 ± 280	186
$^{11}\text{B}(p, \alpha)^8\text{Be}$	620 ± 65	348

(1) Status of The Problem

Experimental approach, related expts

- i) For low energy beam collision expts. we have to avoid the ambiguity of energy loss from stopping power; We need precise measurement of stopping power of various incident particles with different energies in various medium***

Mobility of radio-active beams or PET might be available tools for this issue

Claim(3)

- **Maximum enhancement or medium or incomplete enhancement has happened or not (this is not clear so far)**
- **After effects from time dependent collision phenomena with appropriate electronic states of ions and atoms would be measured**

we could extrapolate $S(E)$ factor to the value at required energy(Gamow energy)

Improved information on the $^2\text{H}(^6\text{Li},\alpha)^4\text{He}$ reaction extracted via the “Trojan horse” method

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TABLE I. Parameters obtained from a second order polynomial fit of the THM data shown in Fig. 2. The extracted screening potential energy and the value predicted by the adiabatic approximation are also given.

$S(0)$ [MeV b]	S_1 [b]	S_2 [MeV ⁻¹ b]	U_e [eV]	U_e^{ad} [eV]
16.9 ± 0.5	-41.6	28.2	320 ± 50	186