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# JENSA - the main target for the Recoil Separator for Capture Reactions (SECAR)

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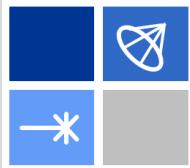
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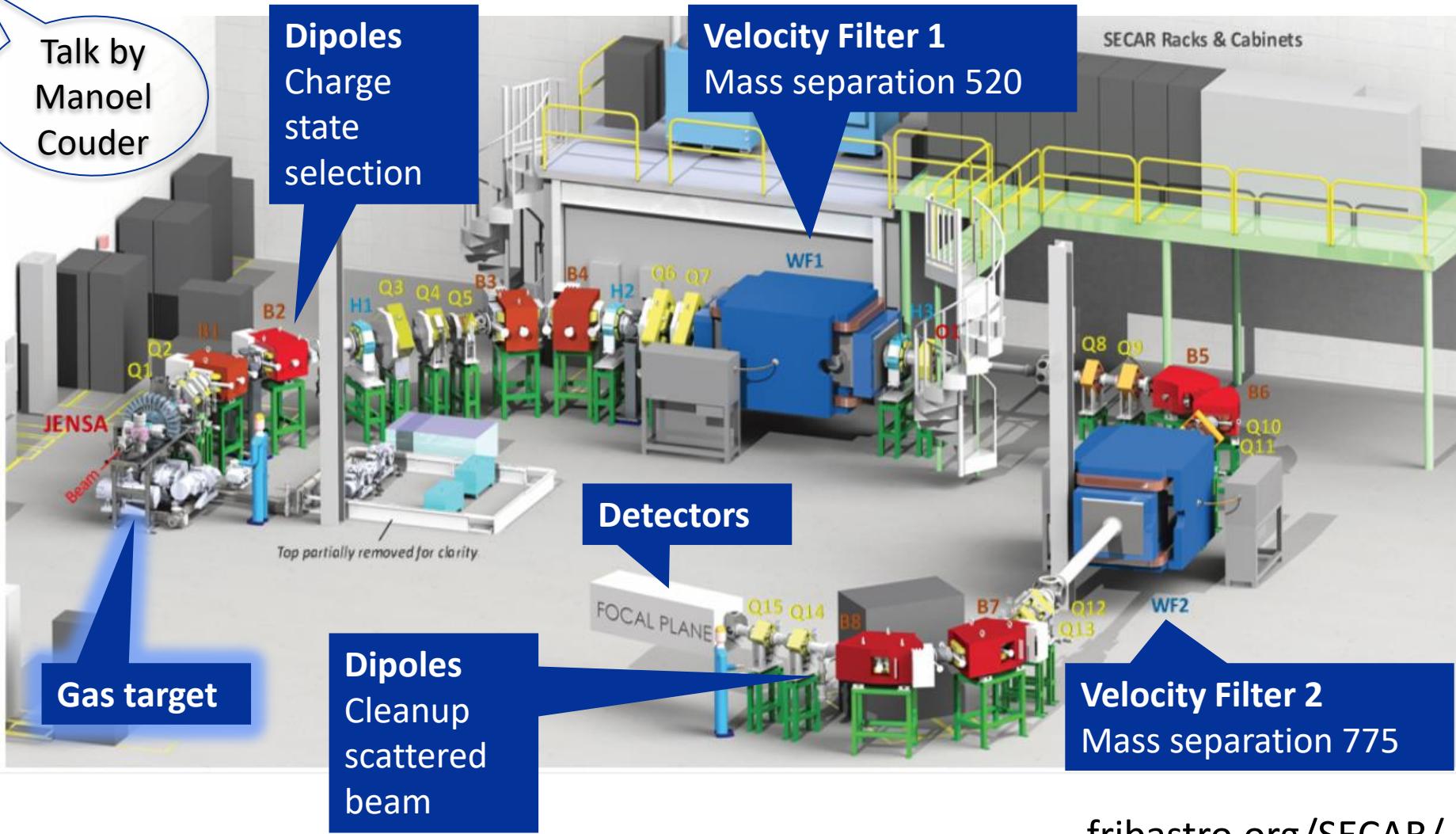
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# The Recoil Separator for Capture Reactions (SECAR)

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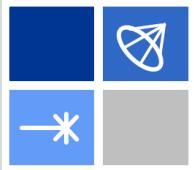


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# Why a gas jet target?

Classical Novae,  
Supernovae, X-ray  
bursts, etc.

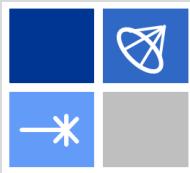
$(\alpha,p)$ ,  $(\alpha,\gamma)$ ,  $(p,\gamma)$ ,  
and  $(d,p)$  transfer  
reactions

Study in inverse  
kinematics with  
radioactive ion  
beams

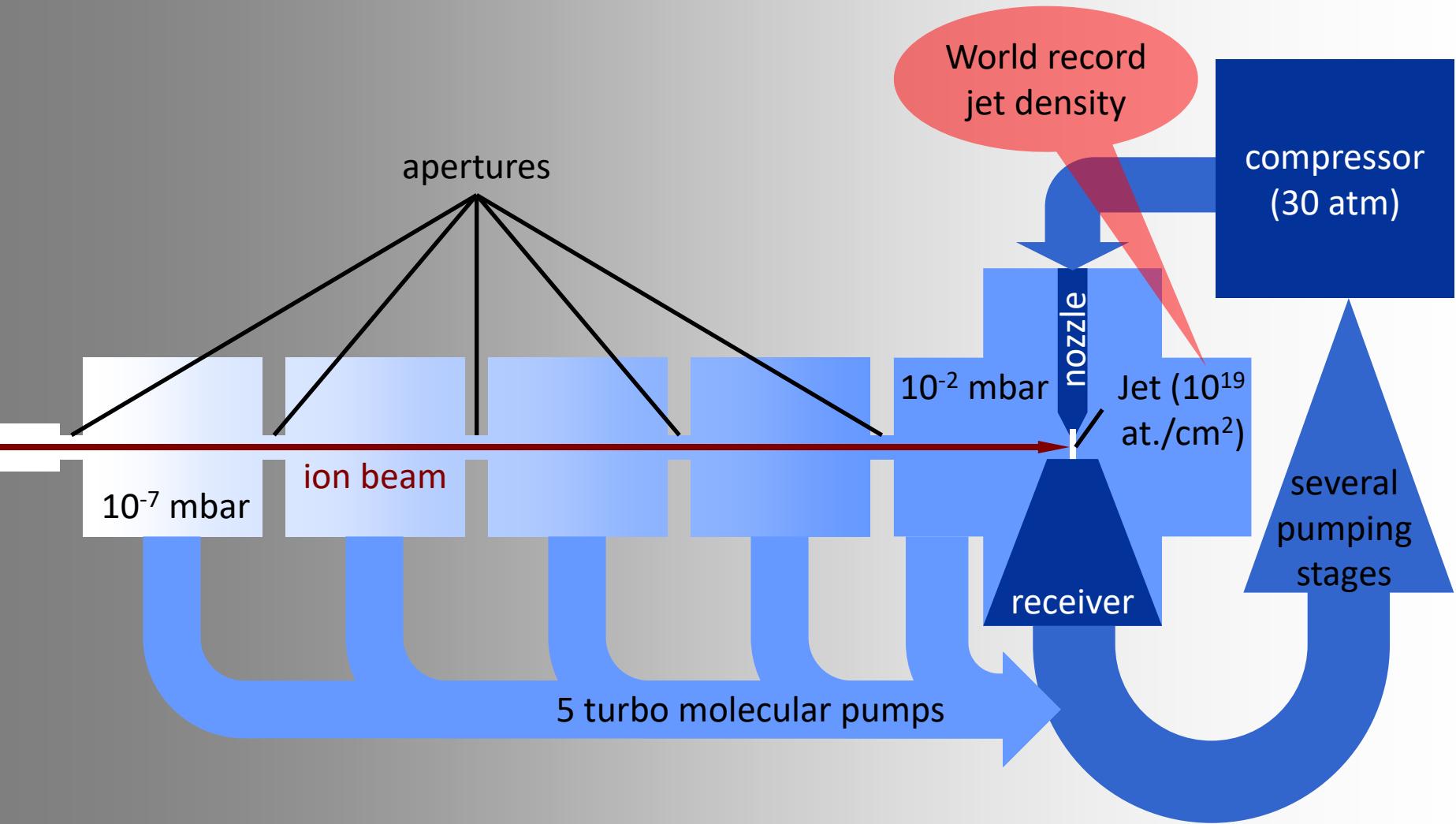
Chemically pure,  
highly localized  
target with high  
density and low  
energy straggling

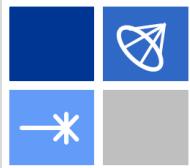
An artist's portrayal of a X-ray burst. By David A. Hardy ([www.astroart.org](http://www.astroart.org))

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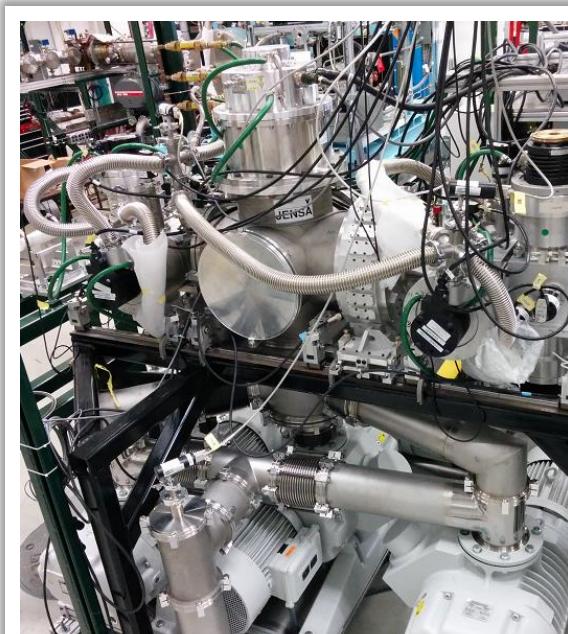
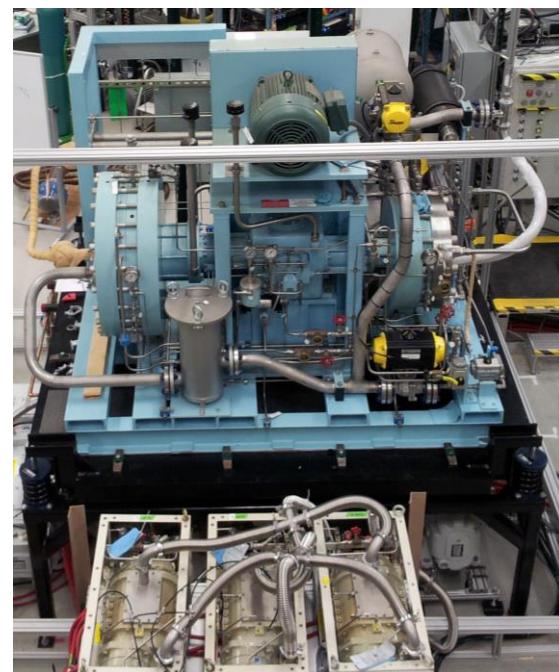
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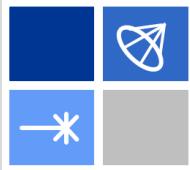




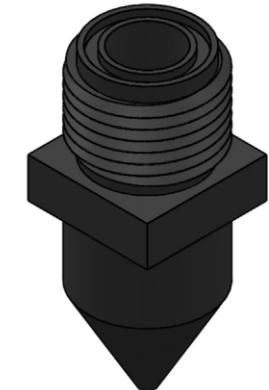
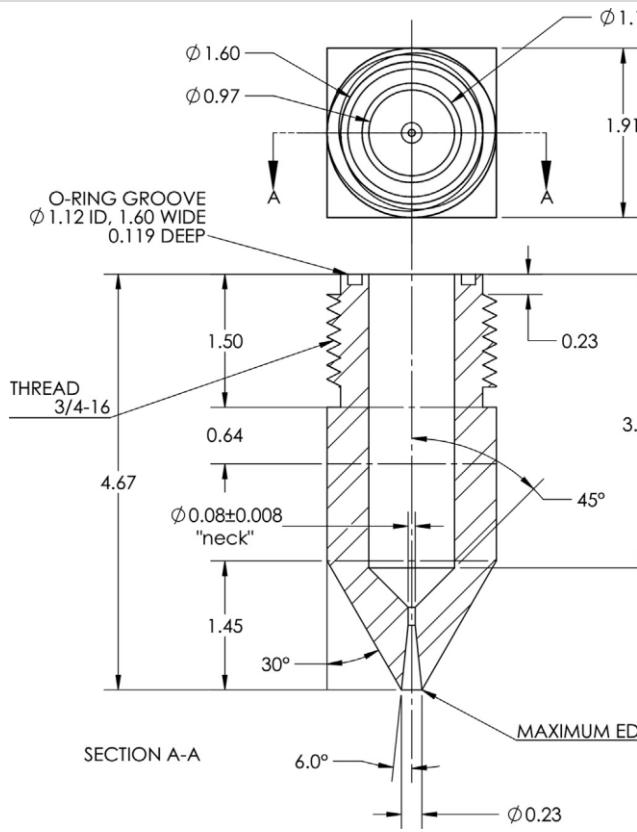
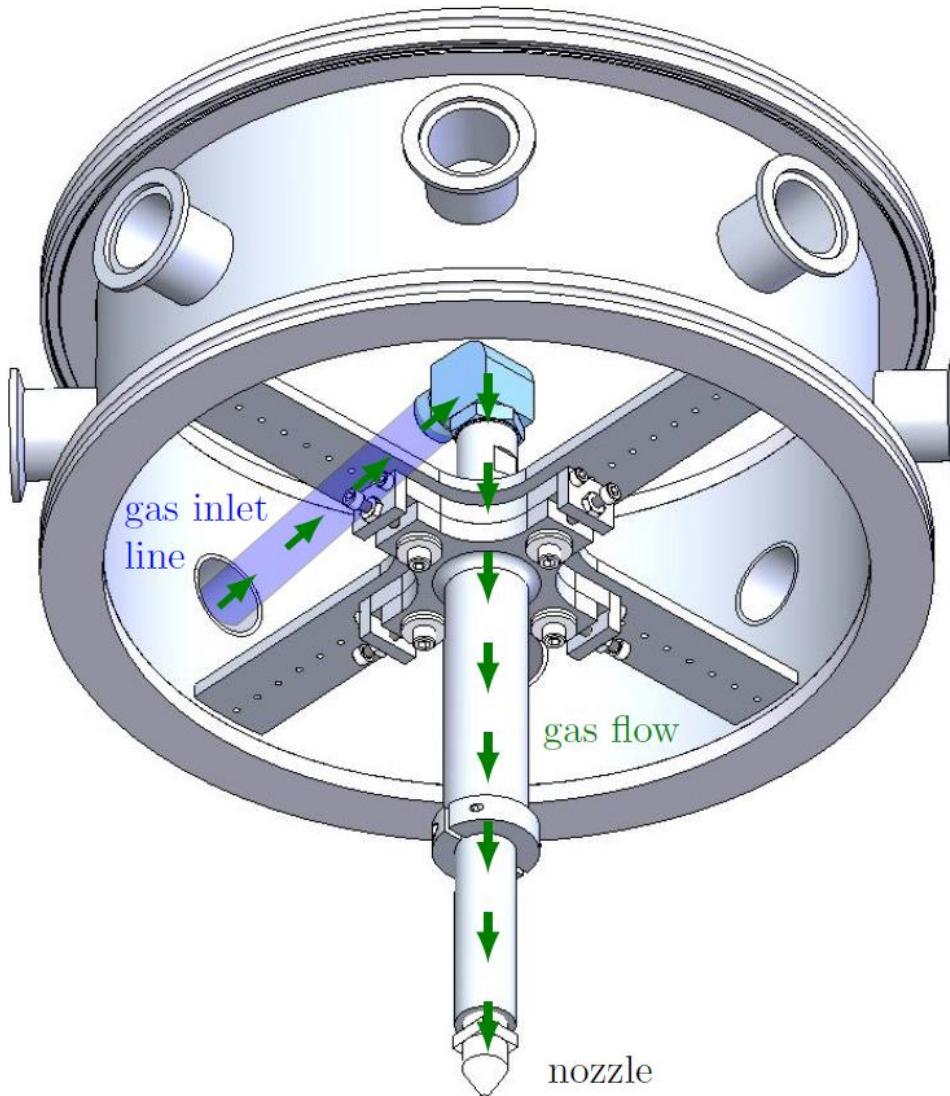
# The JENSA gas jet target at NSCL

## Jet Experiments in Nuclear Structure and Astrophysics





# Precise alignment of the nozzle



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Nozzle for a supersonic jet

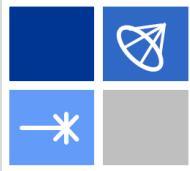
Minimum inner diameter

0.8 mm

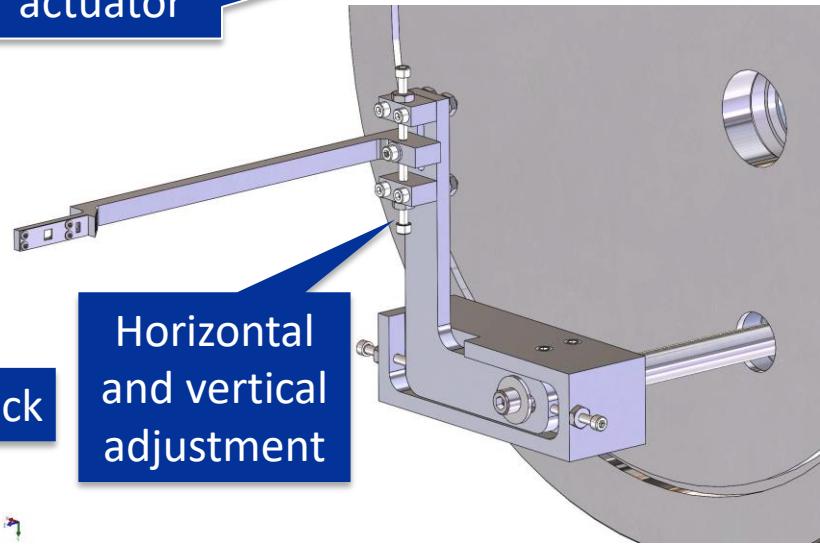
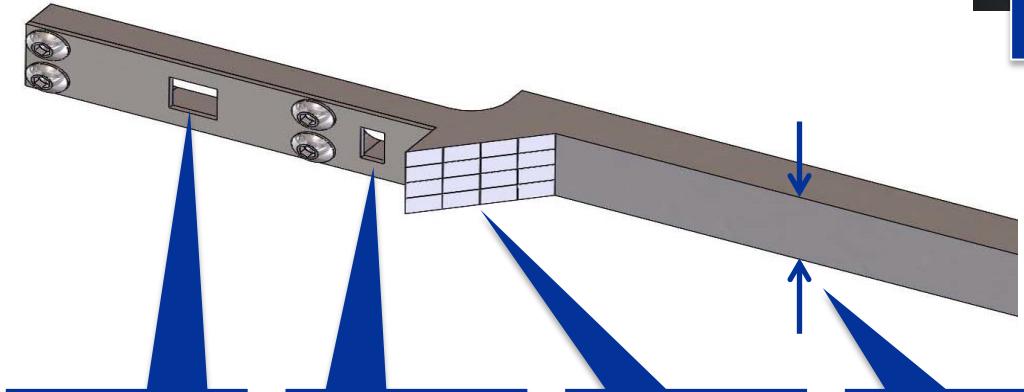
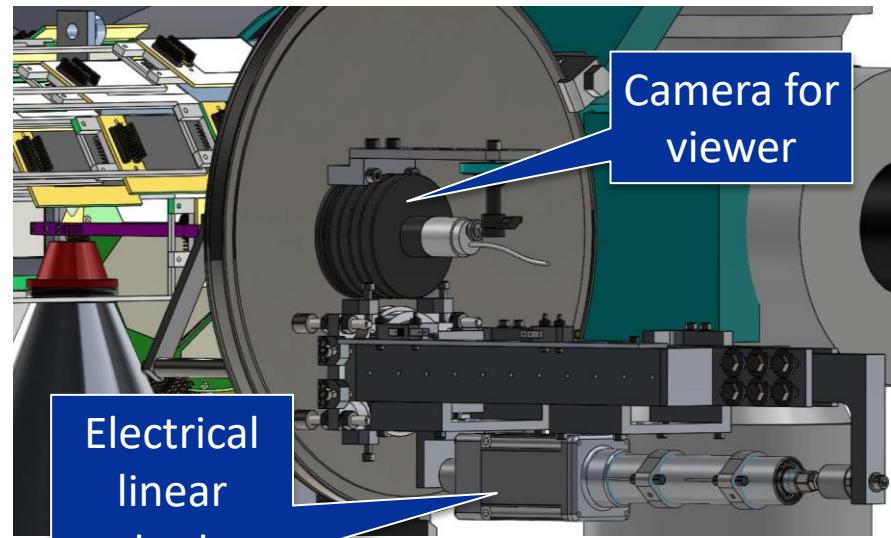
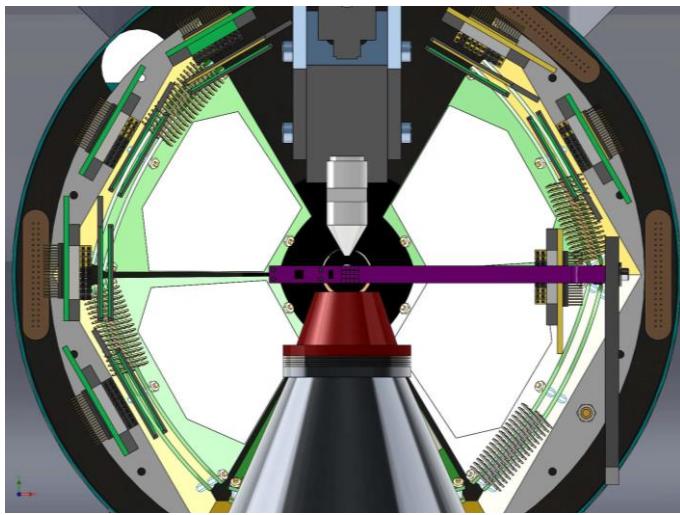


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# Beam viewer for transmission check



4x4-mm  
window

2x4-mm  
window

Viewer

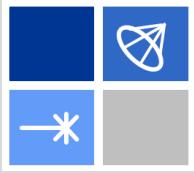
8 mm thick

Horizontal  
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adjustment

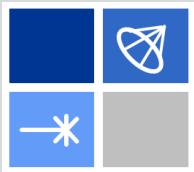


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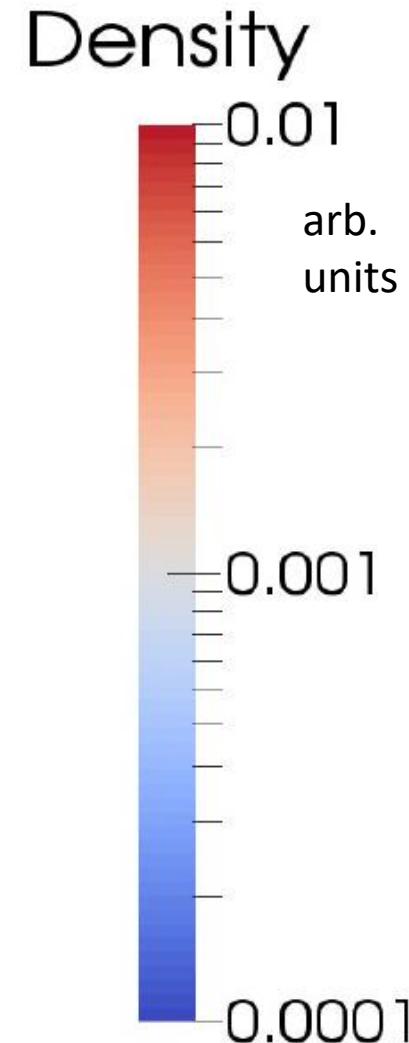
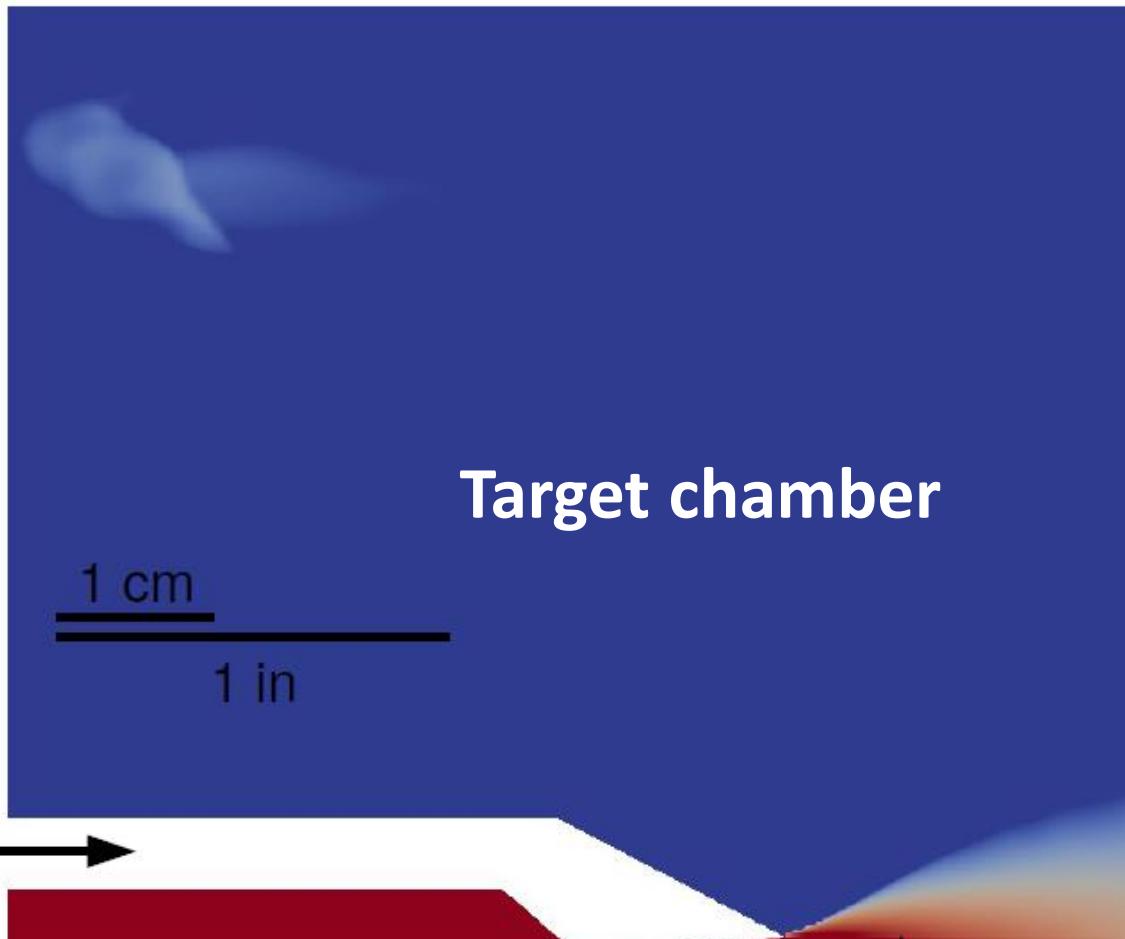
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# Jet thickness studies



# CFD simulation of the jet

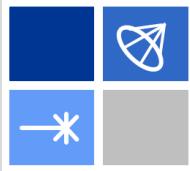


computational fluid dynamics  
(CFD) software: WIND-US

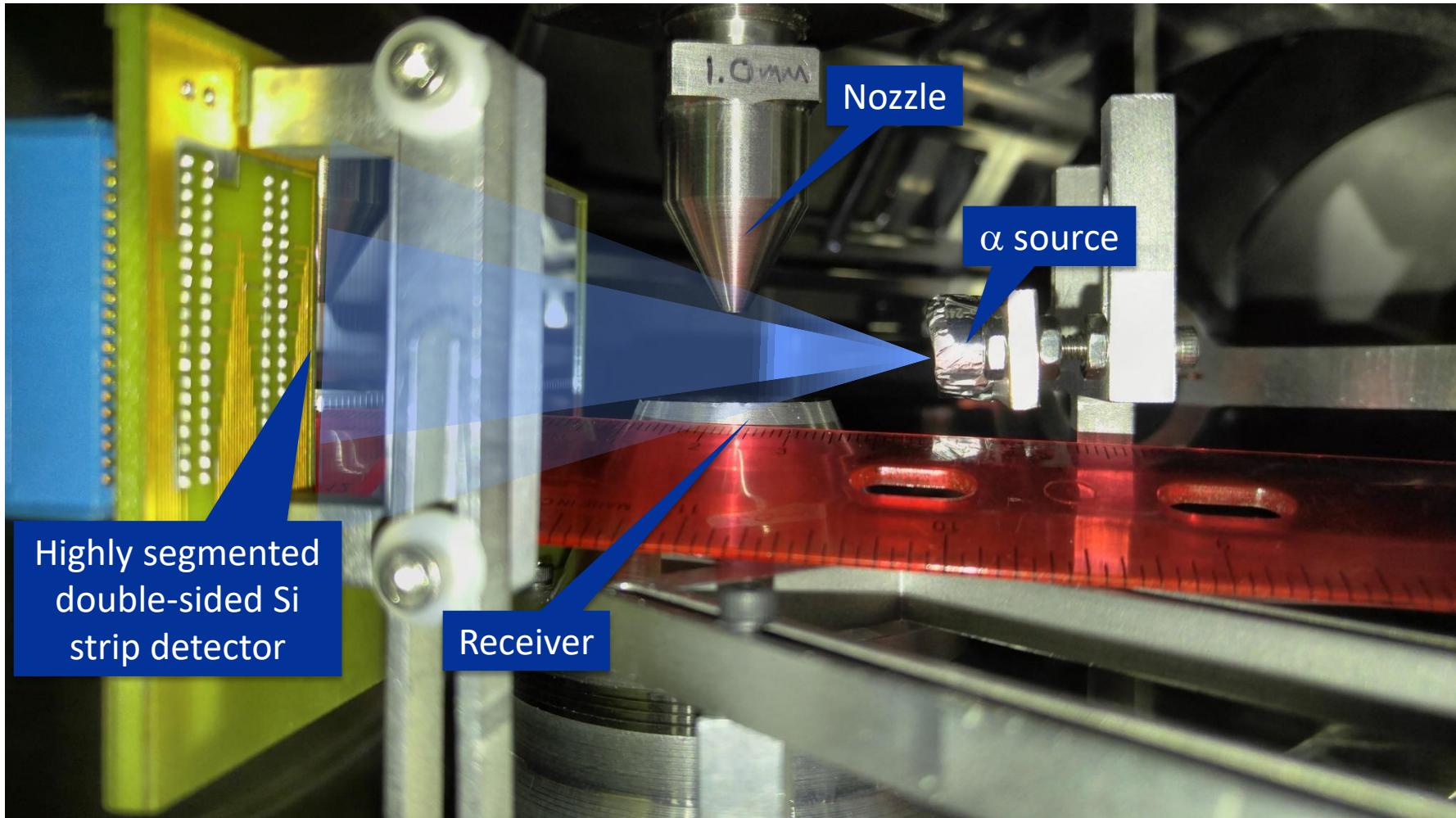


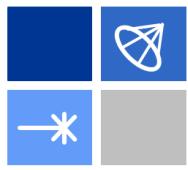
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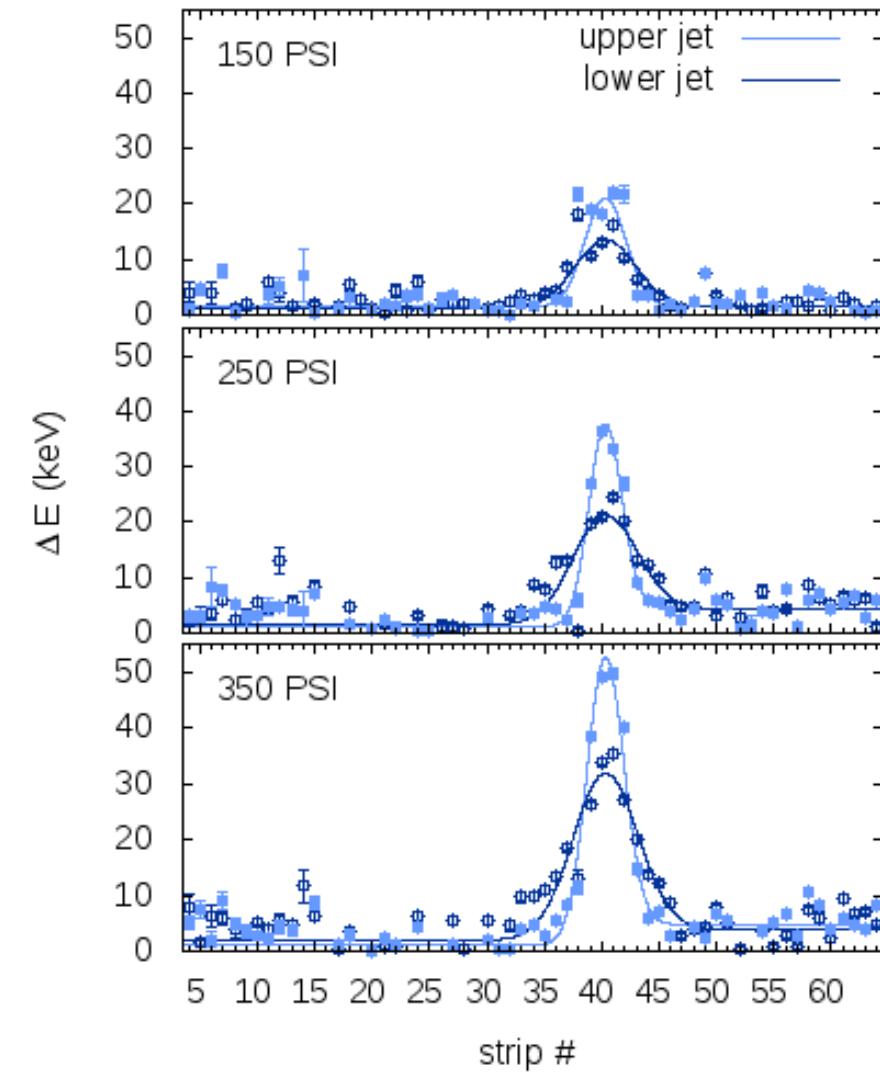
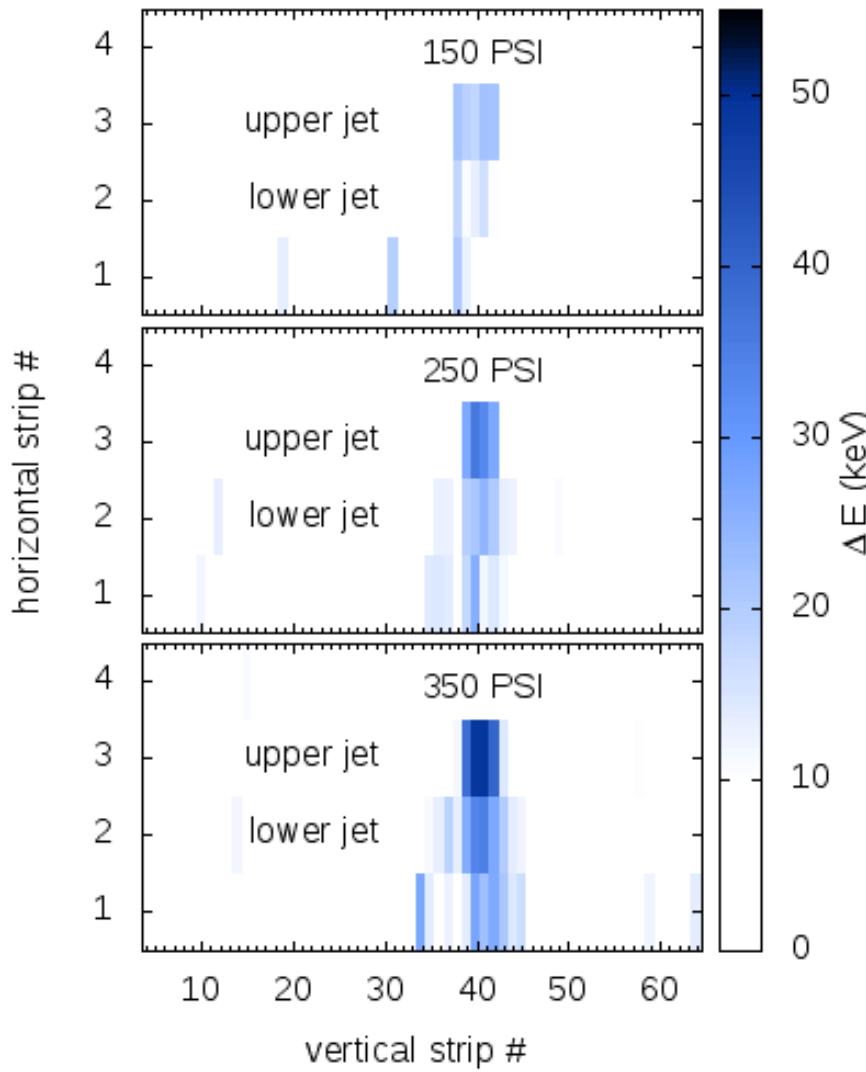


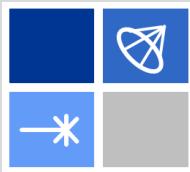
# Setup for jet thickness study





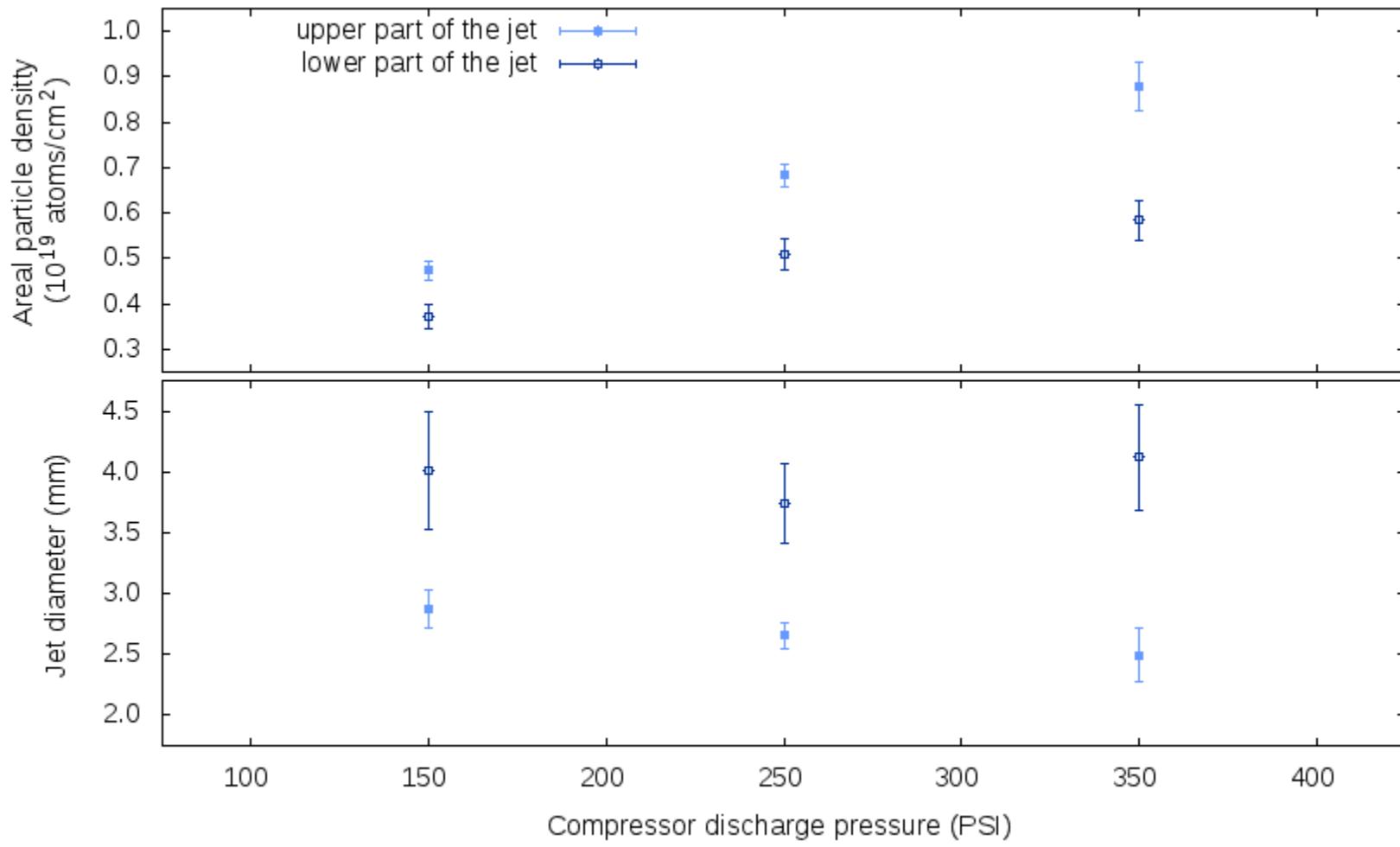
# Energy loss profiles



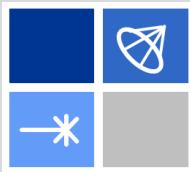


# $10^{19}$ atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> in less than 4 mm He jet

Density from measured energy loss and stopping power [1]



[1] C. Hanke and J. Laursen, Nuclear Instruments and Methods **151**, 253 (1978)

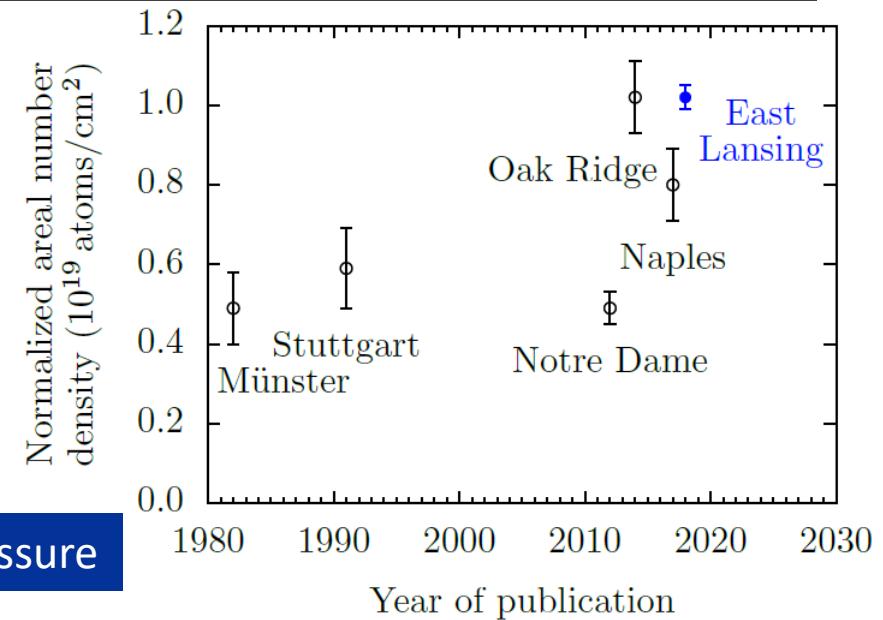


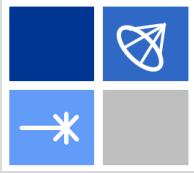
# Comparison of different He jets

Location	Year	Input pressure (kPa)	$^4\text{He}$ jet density ( $10^{18} \text{ at./cm}^2$ )	$^4\text{He}$ jet FWHM (mm)
Münster	1982	200	$0.34 \pm 0.06$	$2.5 \pm 0.2$
Stuttgart	1991	38	$0.078 \pm 0.013$	$2.6 \pm 0.2$
Notre Dame	2012	150	$0.259 \pm 0.021$	$2.2 \pm 0.2$
Oak Ridge	2014	2859	$10.2 \pm 0.9$	$5.1 \pm 0.3$
Naples	2017	700	$1.97 \pm 0.21$	not reported
East Lansing	2018	2515	$9.0 \pm 0.3$	$2.03 \pm 0.09$

JENSA is the most dense  
He gas-jet target

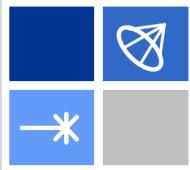
Normalized to 2.859 MPa input pressure



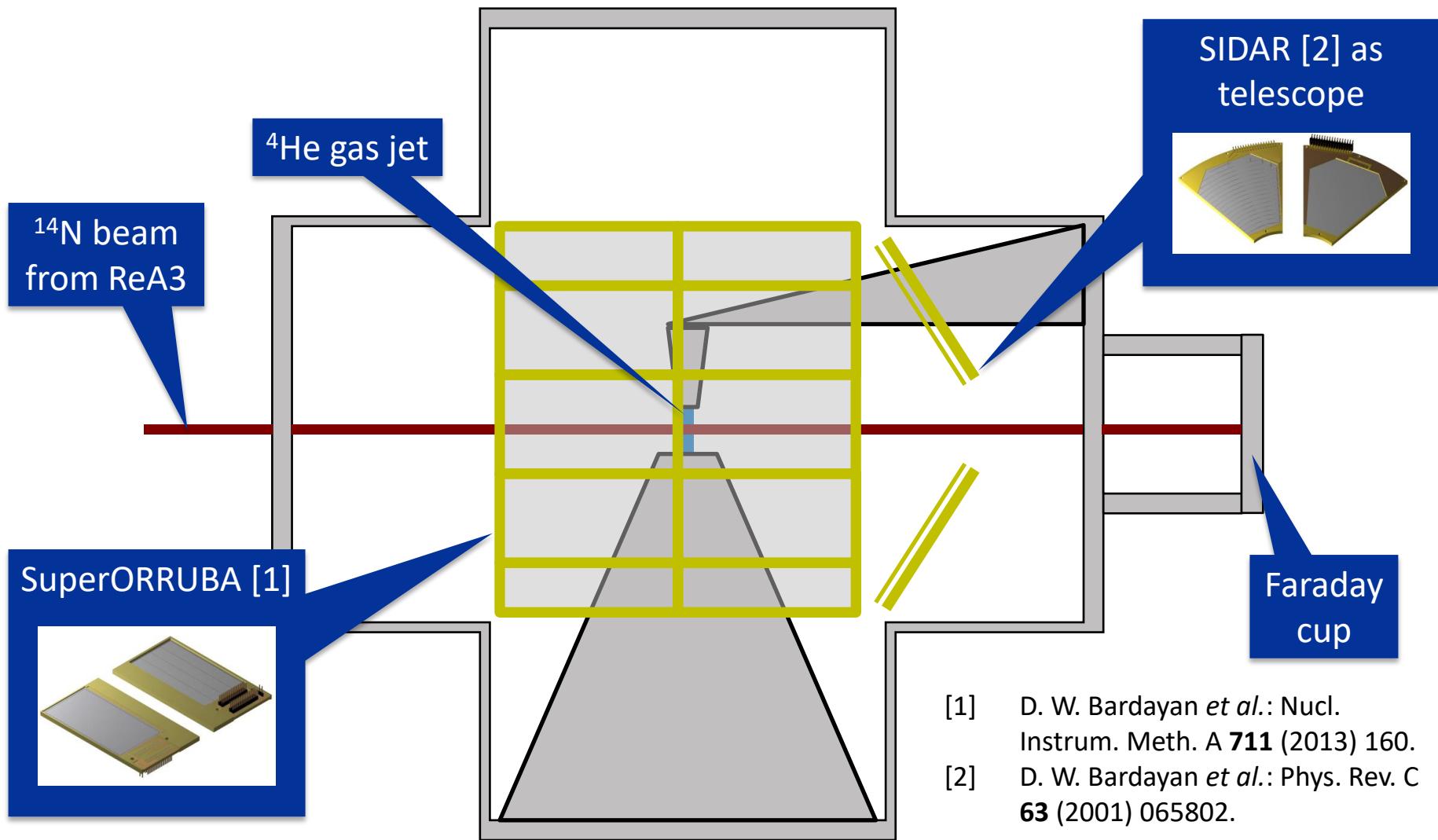


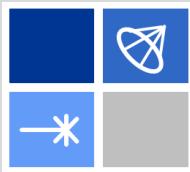
# Commissioning experiment at NSCL





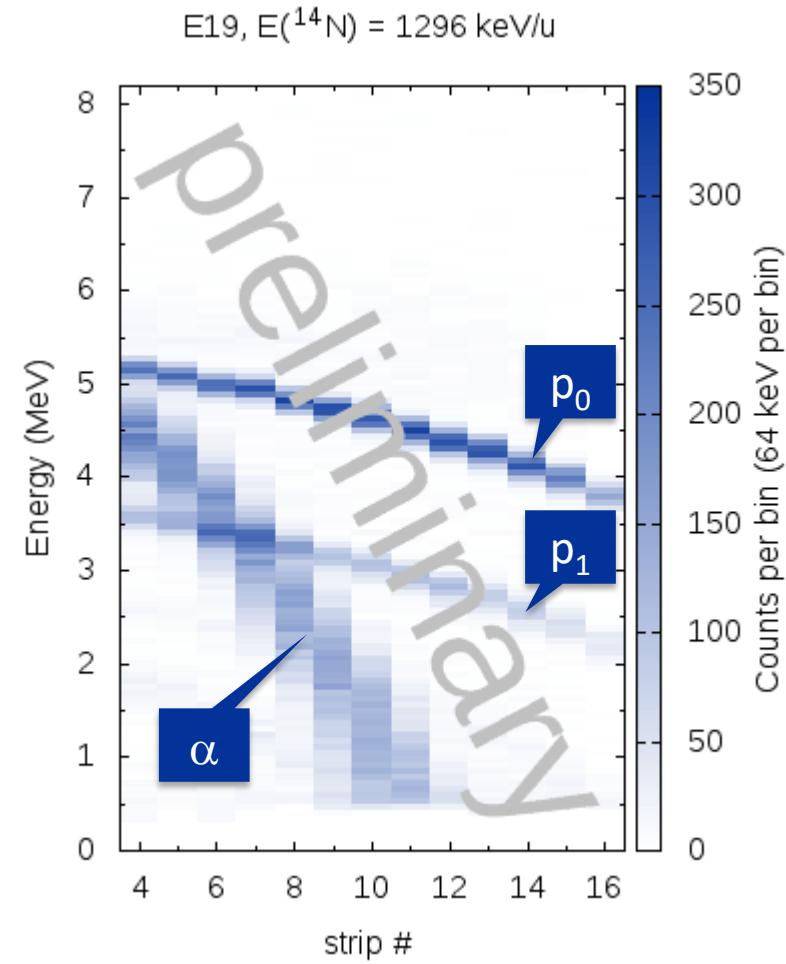
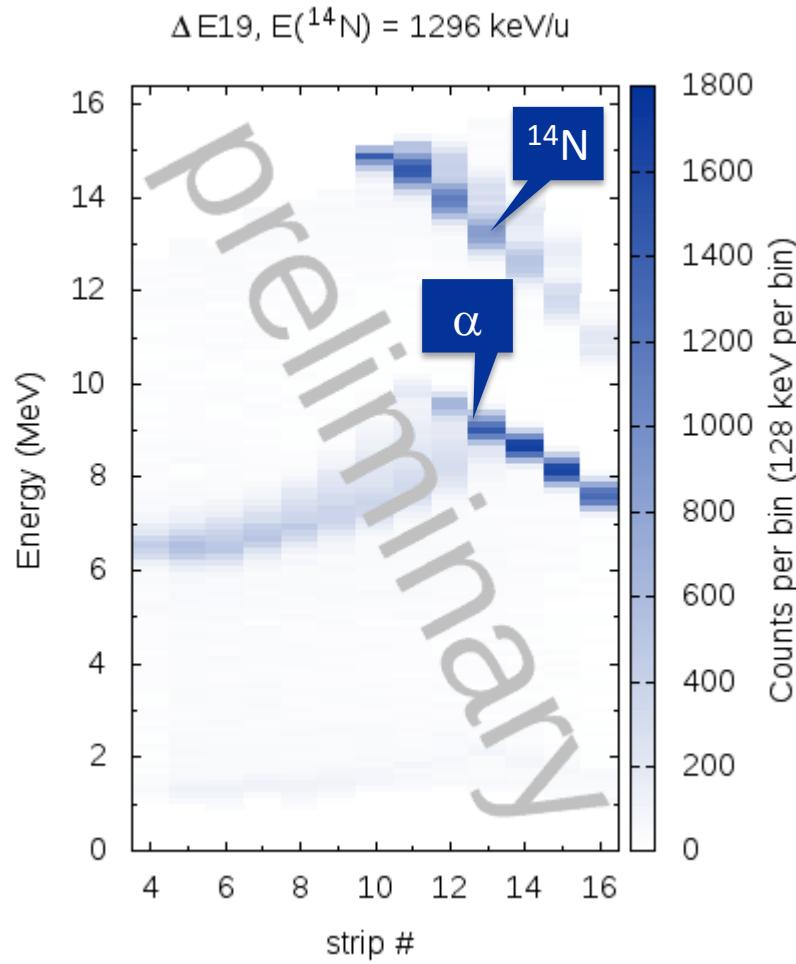
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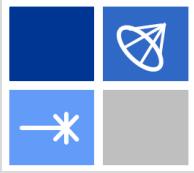




# $^4\text{He}(^{14}\text{N}, \text{p})^{17}\text{O}$ – preliminary results

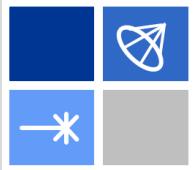
Segmented Si detector telescope



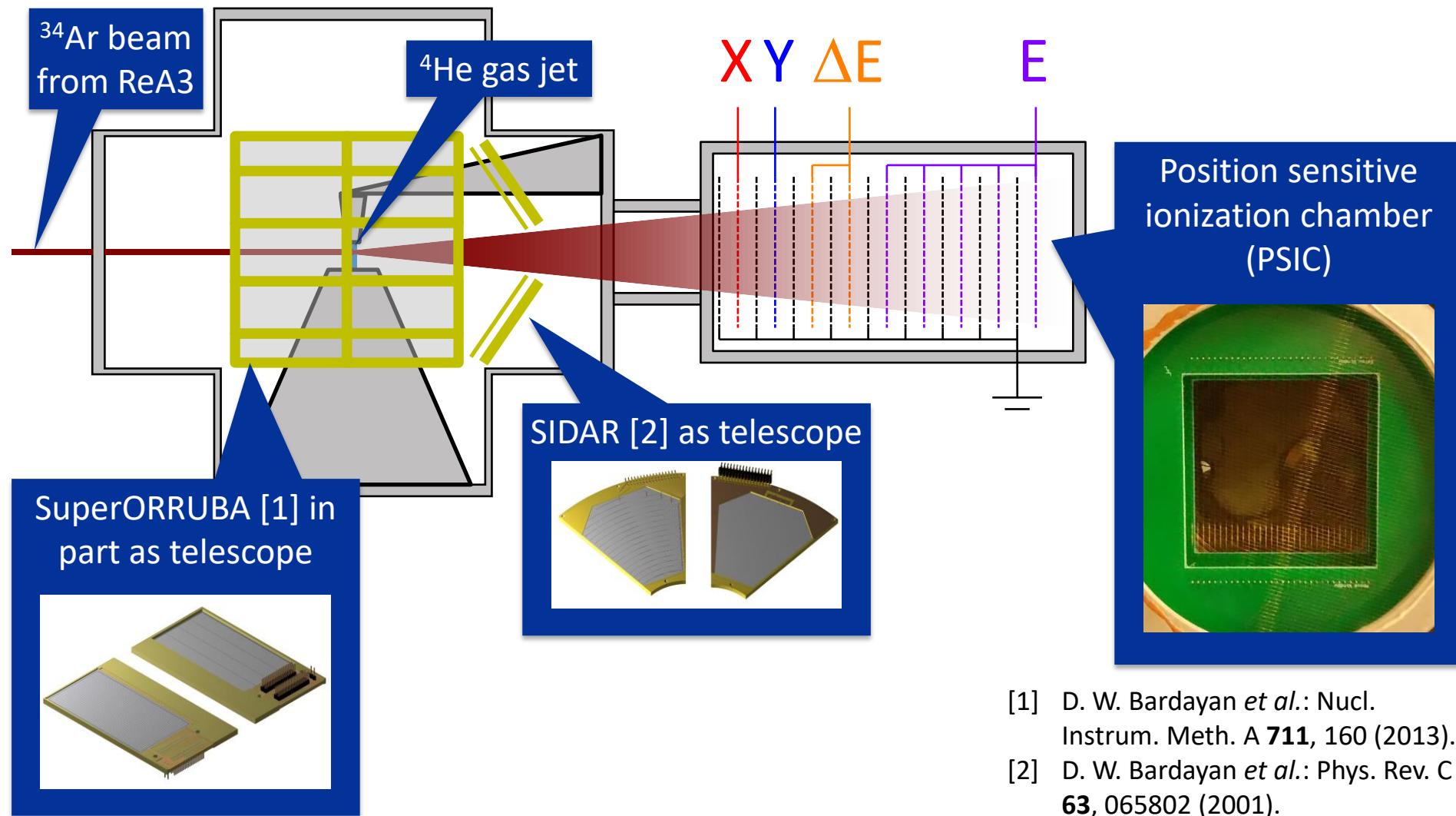


# First radioactive beam experiment

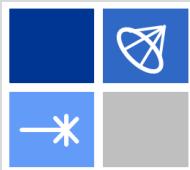




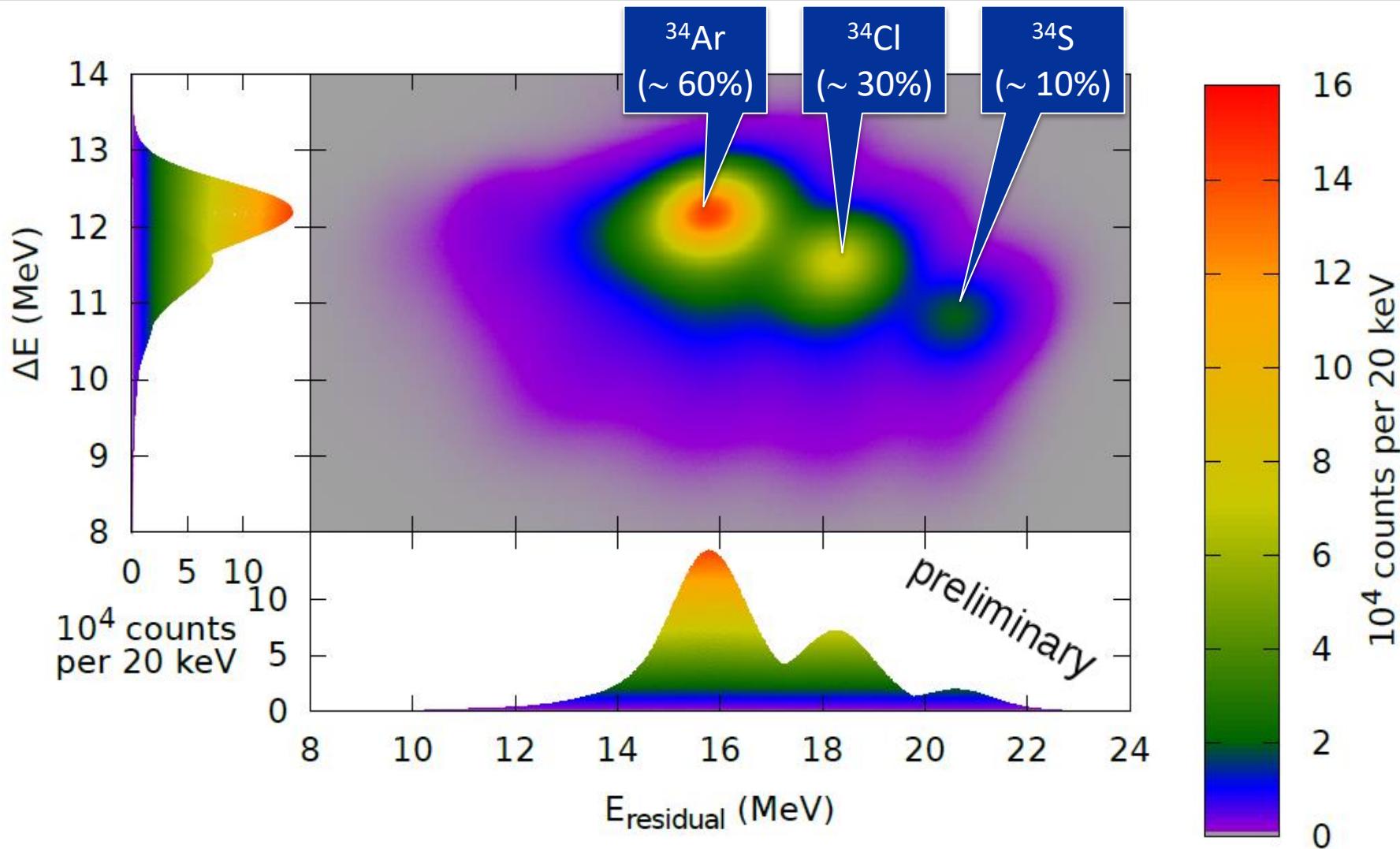
# Setup for ${}^4\text{He}({}^{34}\text{Ar},\text{p}){}^{37}\text{K}$ study



- [1] D. W. Bardayan *et al.*: Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A **711**, 160 (2013).
- [2] D. W. Bardayan *et al.*: Phys. Rev. C **63**, 065802 (2001).



~3000 pps at 1.625 MeV/u for 108 hours

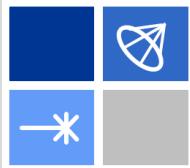


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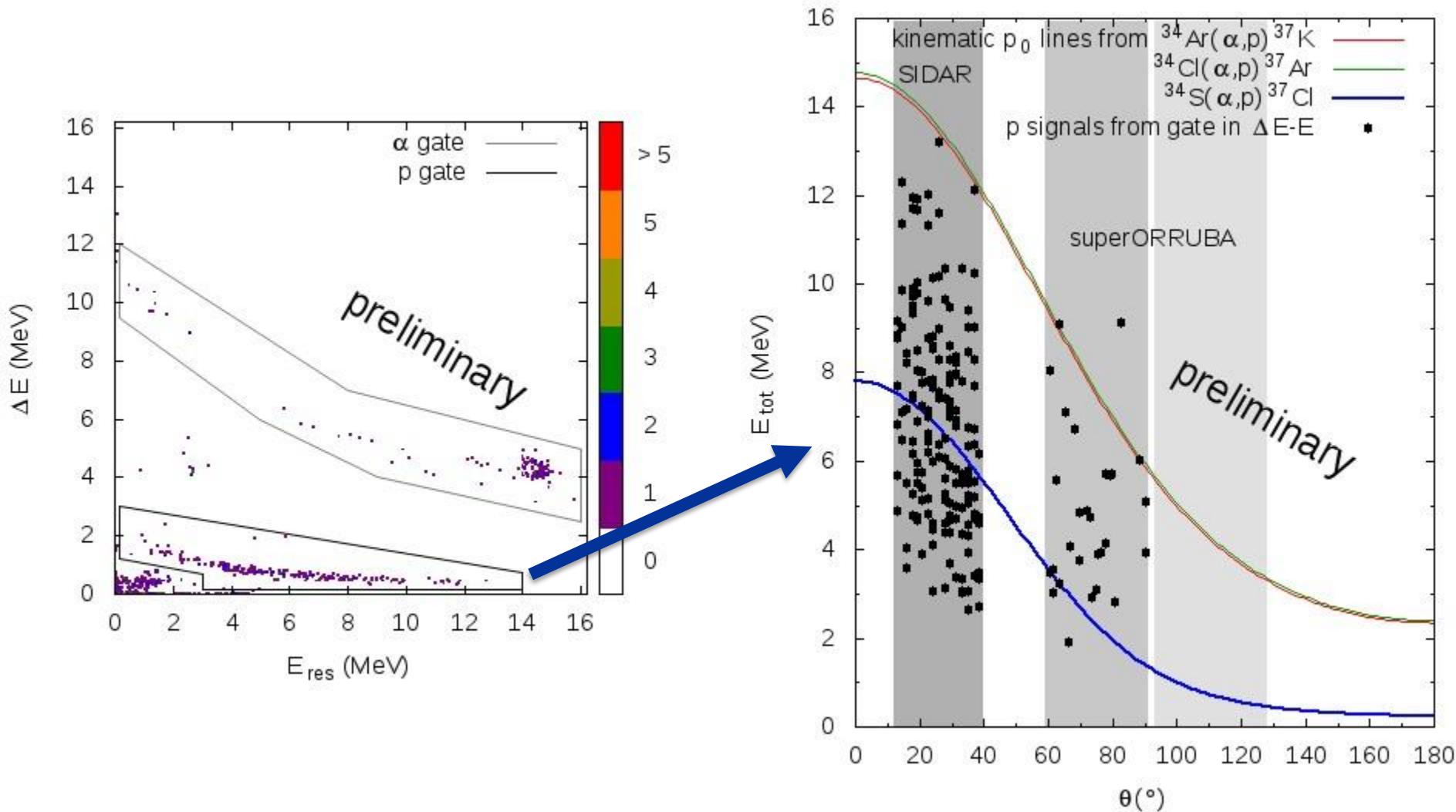
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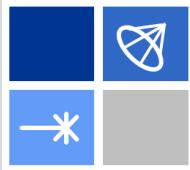
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# Proton signals in Si detectors





# Summary

JENSA successfully commissioned at ReA3/NSCL

He densities up to  $10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> demonstrated

Stand-alone operation

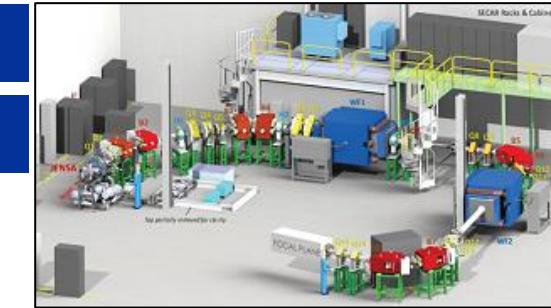
( $\alpha$ ,p), ( $p,\alpha$ ), ( $d,p$ ), ( $^3He,d$ ),...

First direct  $^{34}Ar(\alpha,p)^{37}K$  study



Target for SECAR

( $\alpha,\gamma$ ), ( $p,\gamma$ )



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