

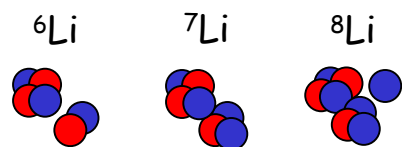
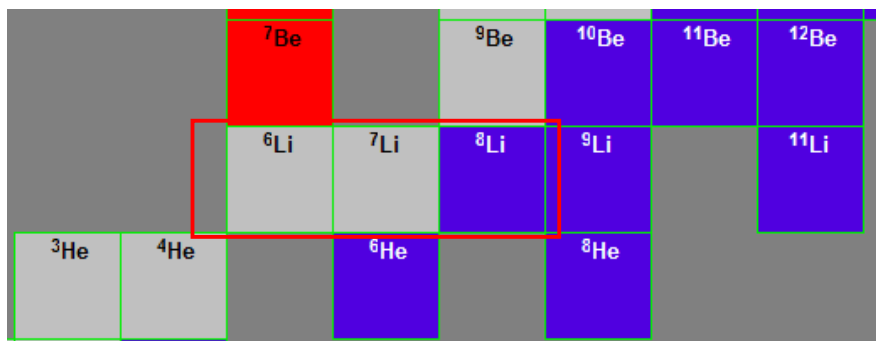
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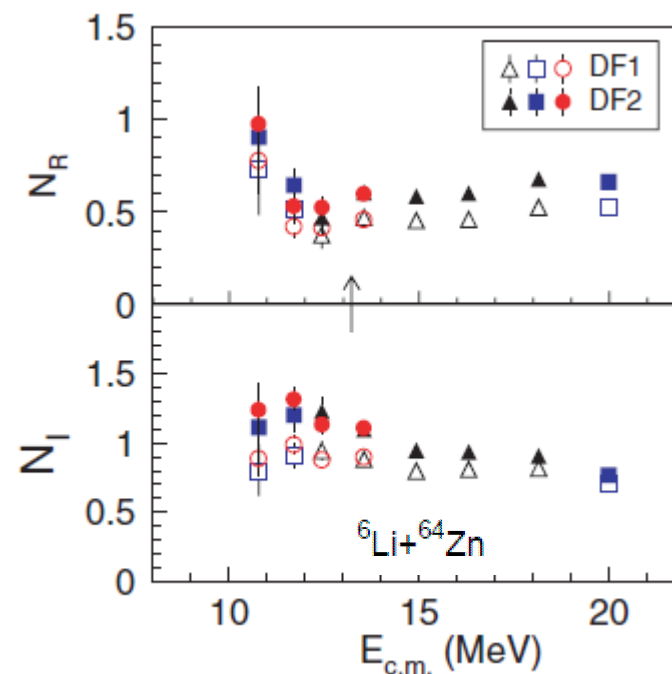
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Why to measure σ_R around the Coulomb barrier ?



- i) Following the trend of σ_R along the Li (${}^6,{}^7,{}^8,{}^9\text{Li}$) isotopic chain at low energy we can reveal changes in structures (e.g. ${}^6\text{-}{}^9\text{Li}$ isotopes).

- ii) At such energies we expect rapid variations of the real and imaginary part of the optical potential (Threshold Anomaly). Measuring σ_R we can put constraints on optical model parameters.



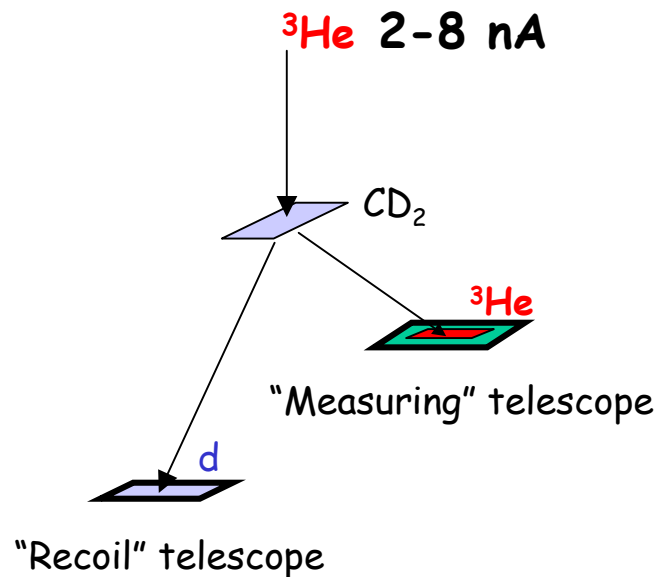
Zadro et al. PRC in press

How to measure σ_R

Direct Technique

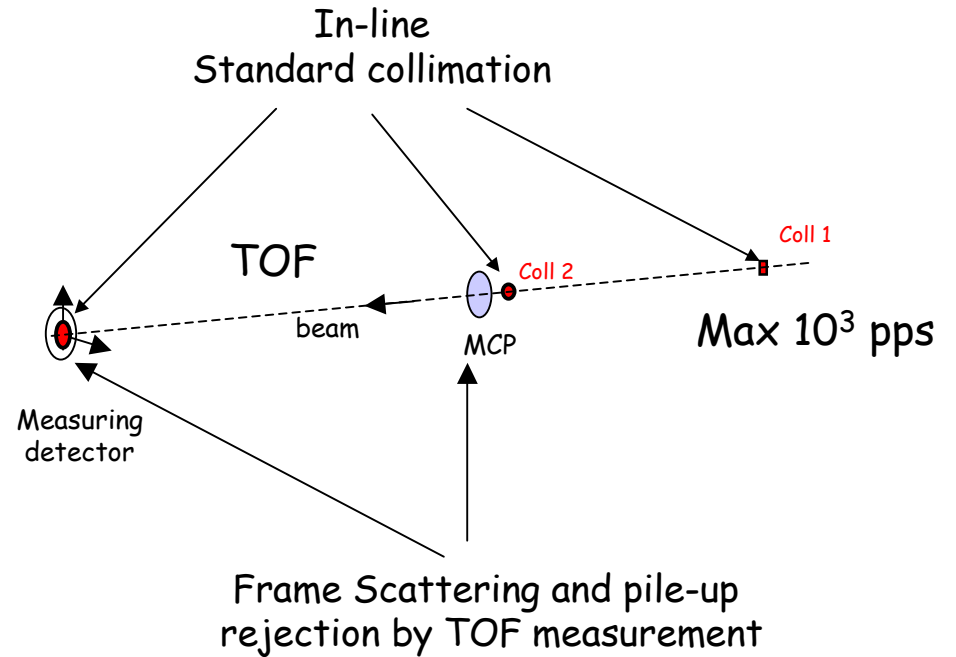
A silicon detector used as an active target

R.E. Warner



Kinematic coincidences (collimation)

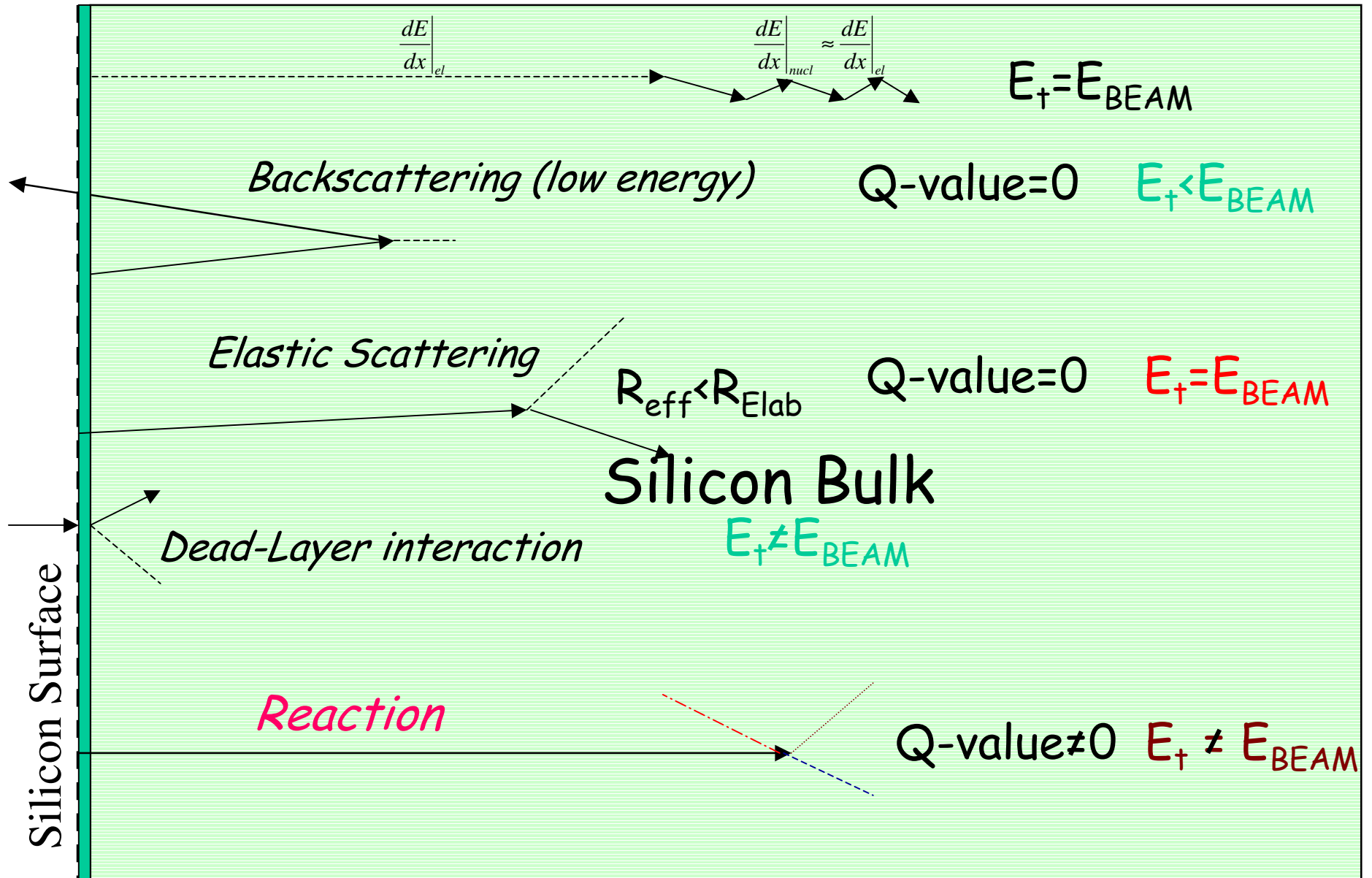
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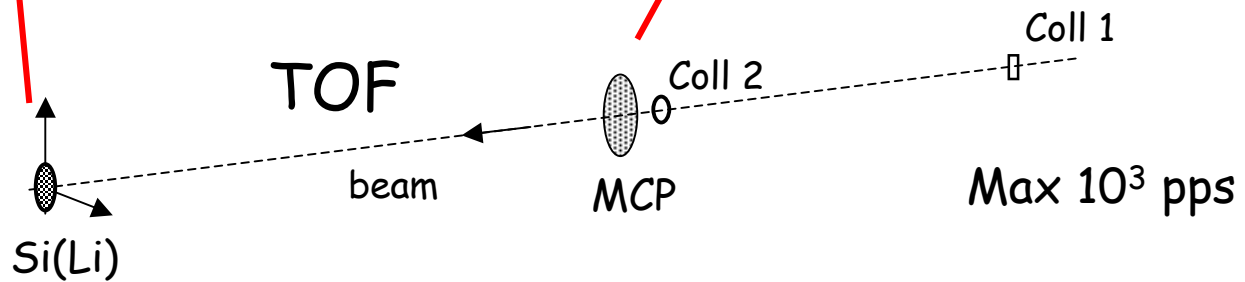
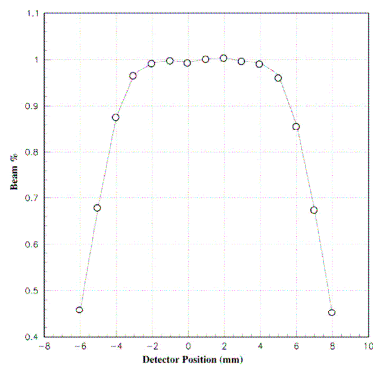
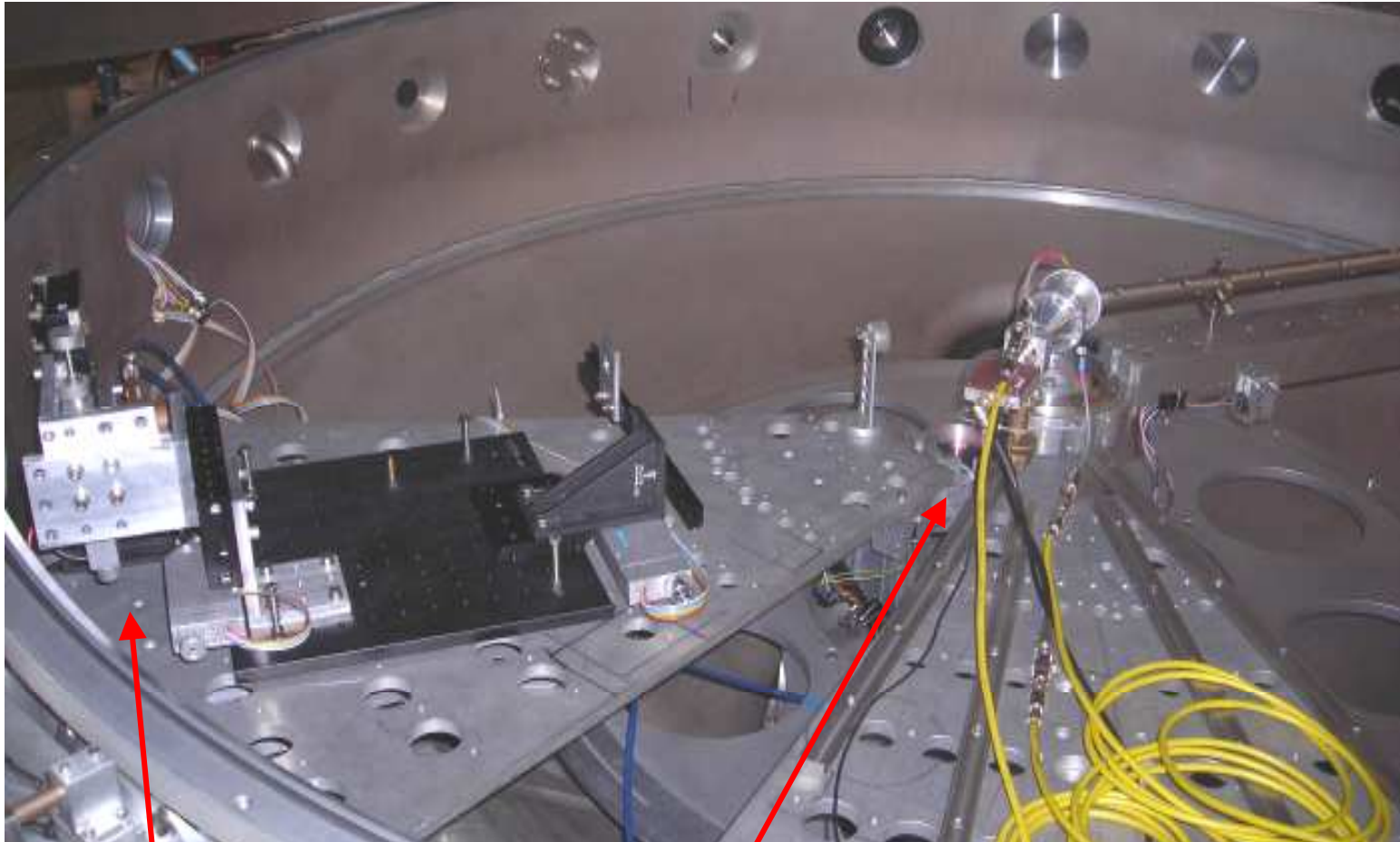
Suitable for low intensity
stable and radioactive beams

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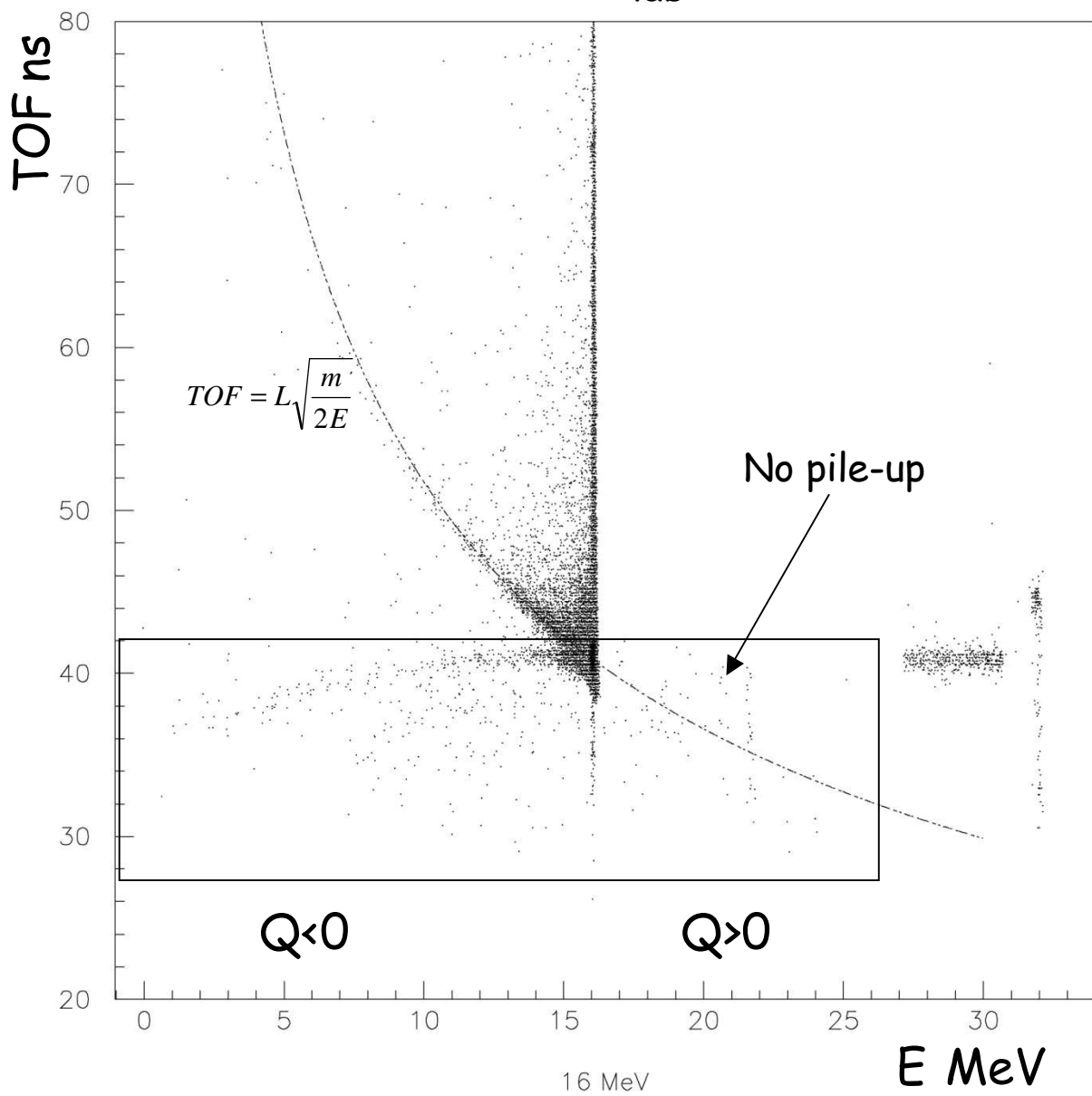
Charged Particle vs Silicon Detector



Experimental set-up 2000 scattering chamber at LNS-INFN

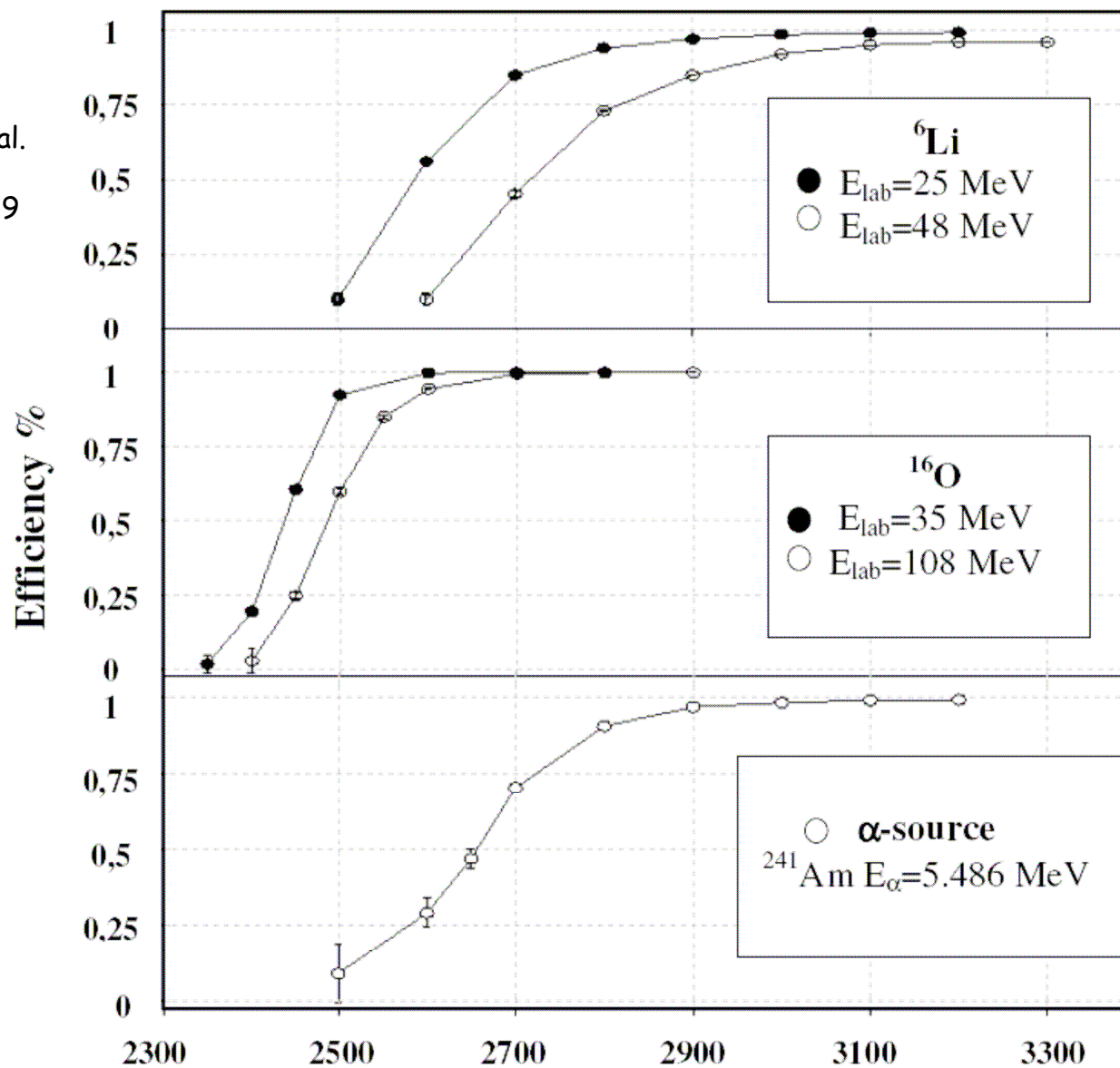


${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$ $E_{\text{lab}}=16$ MeV

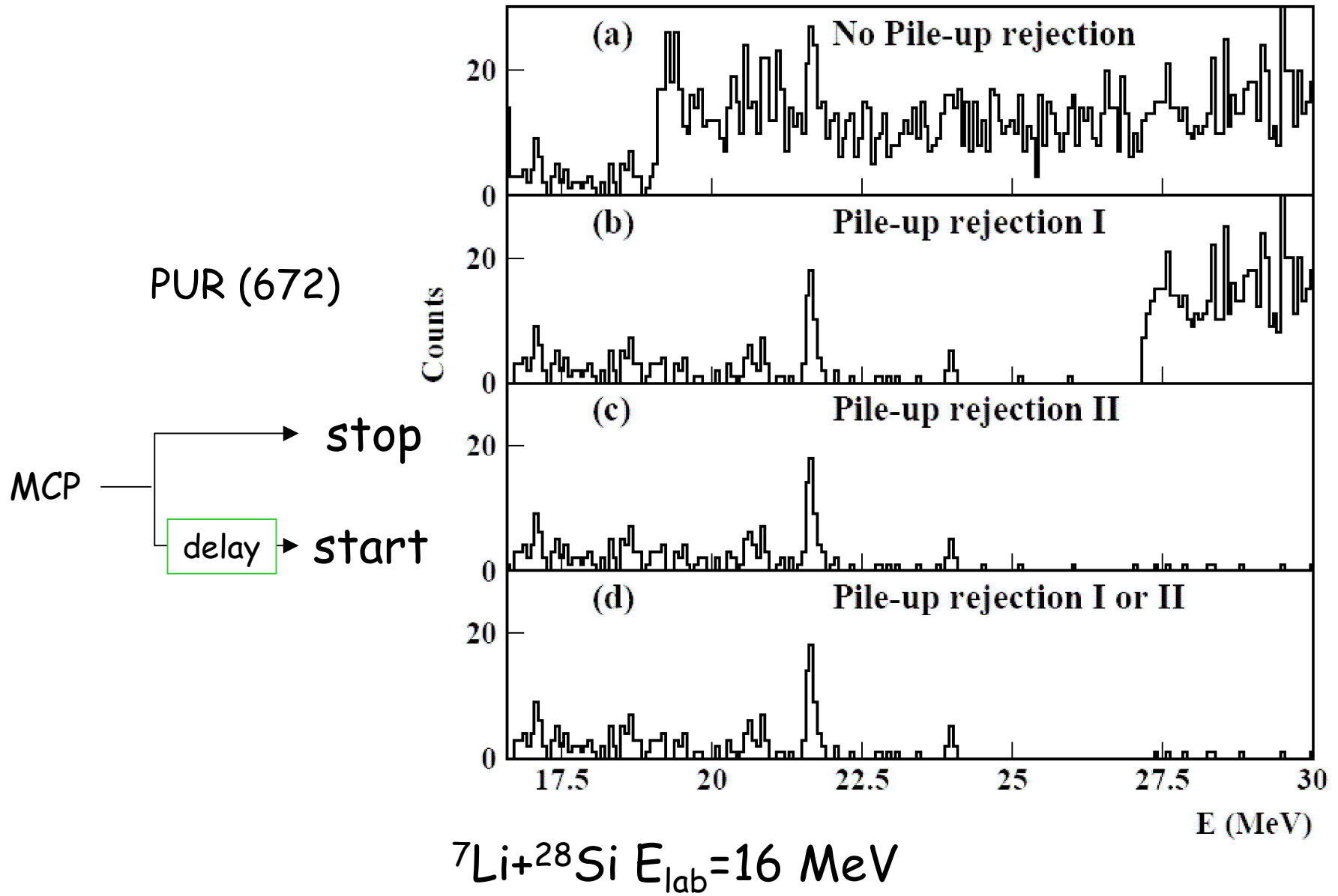


MCP efficiency - LiF coated emitter foil

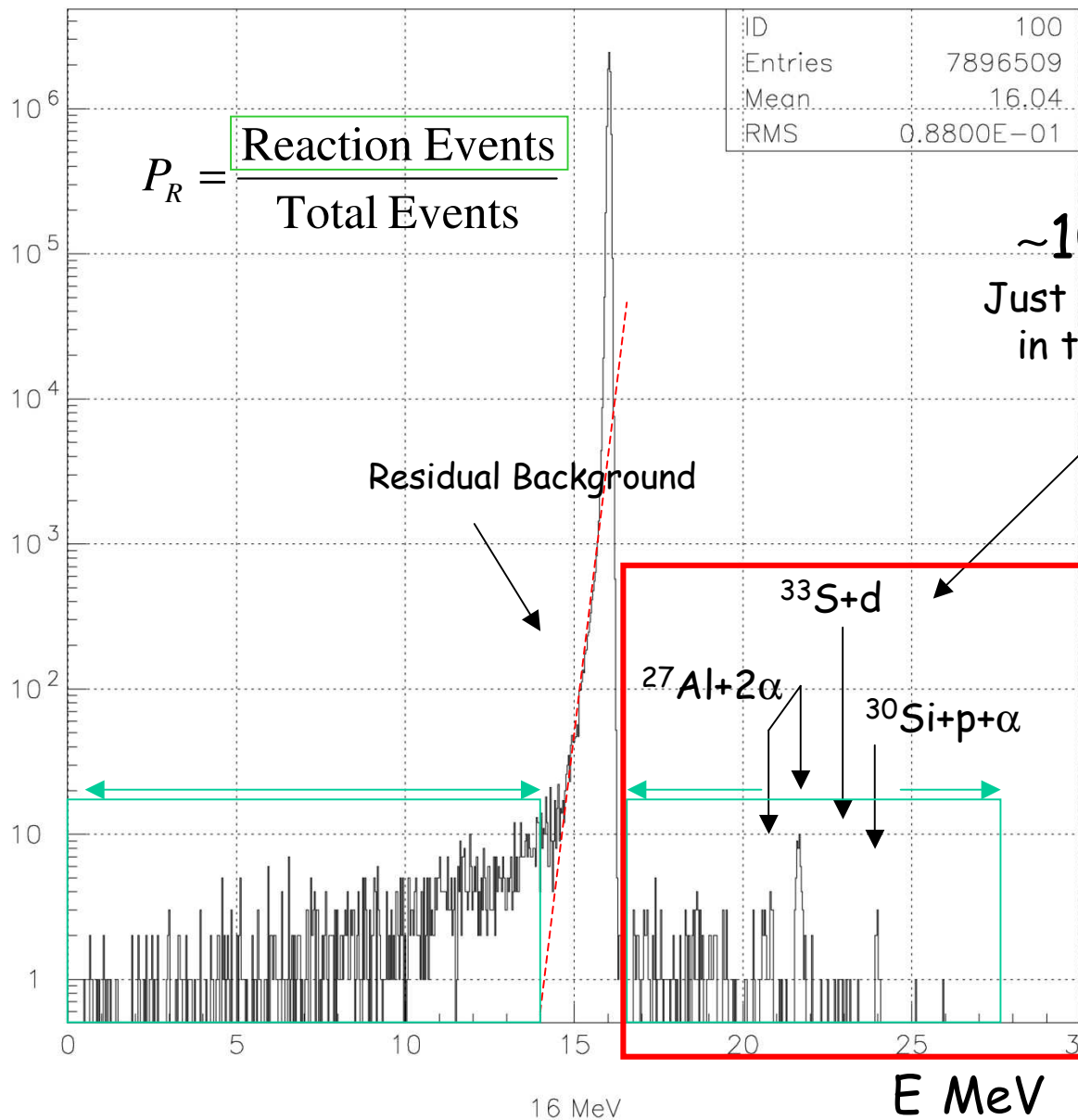
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Pile-up rejection - double rejection technique



3-4 hours ${}^7\text{Li}$ @ 800 pps



$$\bar{\sigma}_R = \frac{\int_0^{E_{\max}} \sigma_R(E) \left(\frac{dR(E)}{dE} \right)^{(dE/dx)^{-1}} dE}{\int_0^{R_{\max}} dR} = - \frac{\overset{\text{measured}}{m \cdot \log(1 - P_r)}}{\rho \cdot N_A R_{\max} \uparrow}$$

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m=mol-weight (28)

N_A=Avogadro number

R_{max}=Range of the projectile (in silicon)

ρ=target density

From P_r $\xrightarrow{\text{Unfolding}}$ σ_r

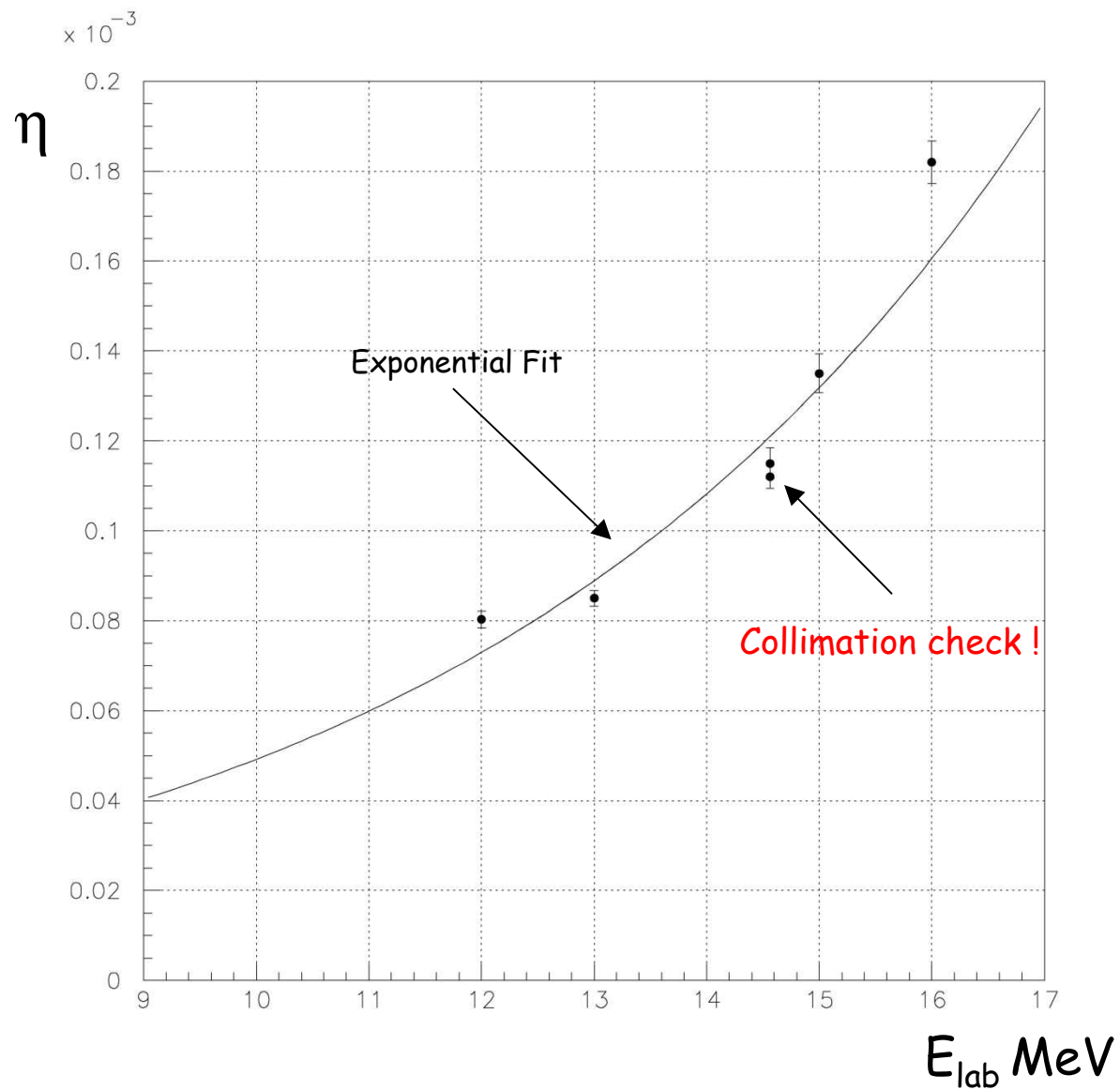
How to unfold ?

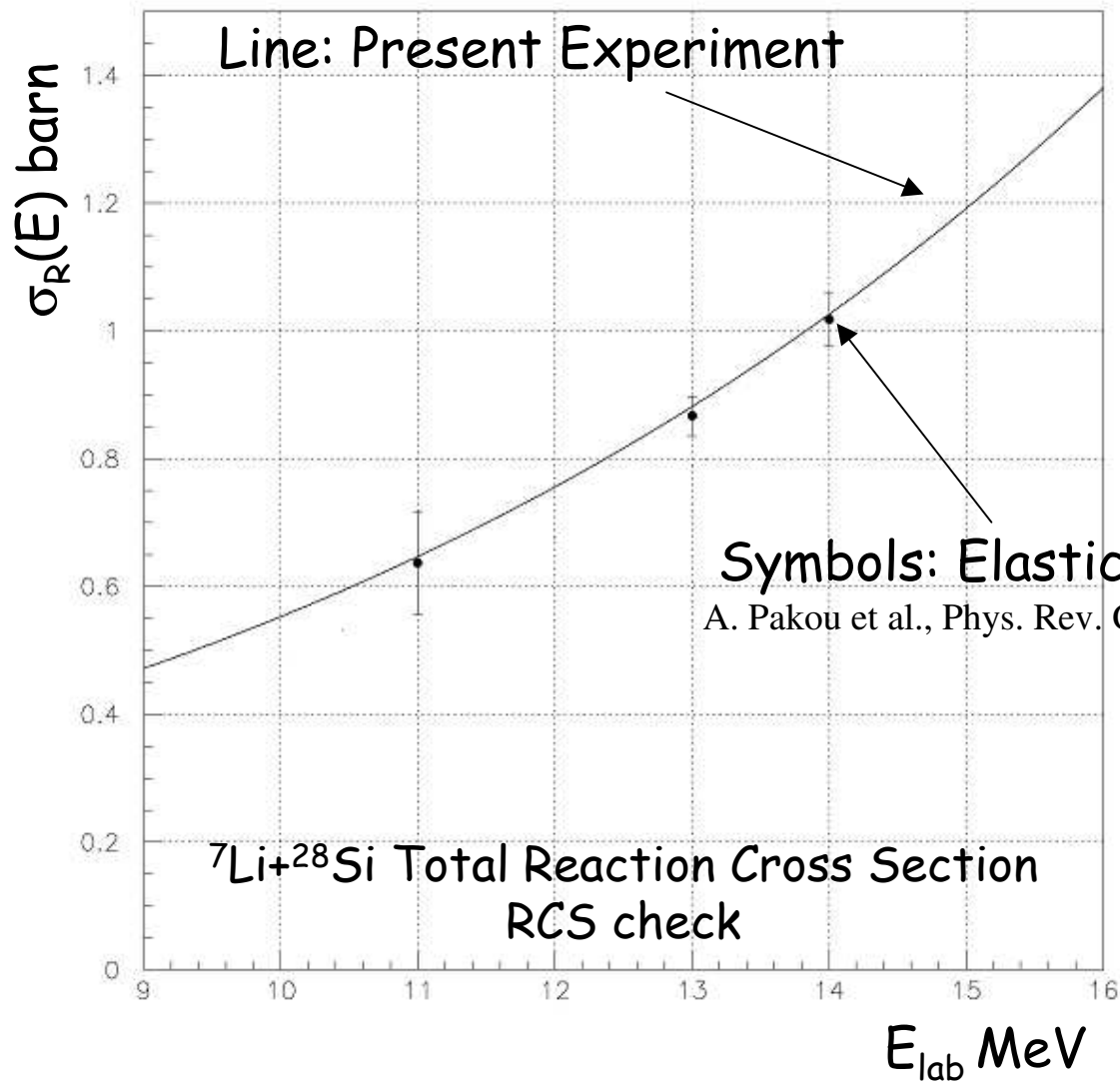
Stopping power

$$A_n(E_n) = - \frac{m \cdot \log(1 - P_R(E_n))}{\rho \cdot N_A}$$

$$\sigma_R(E_n) = \frac{dA}{dE} \cdot \frac{dE}{dx}$$

${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$ Reaction Probability Ex. Fun.





Conclusions

- Warner technique very effective in σ_R determination near the Coulomb barrier
- Specific reaction channels can be disentangled (Fusion - Transfer) by very low intensity beam (10^3 pps)
- Technique experimentally checked for the ${}^7\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$ system @ $E({}^7\text{Li})$ 12-16 MeV
- Work in progress for the ${}^8\text{Li}+{}^{28}\text{Si}$ system

Thank you

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