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*Experimental Nuclear Physics in  
Mexican Facilities*

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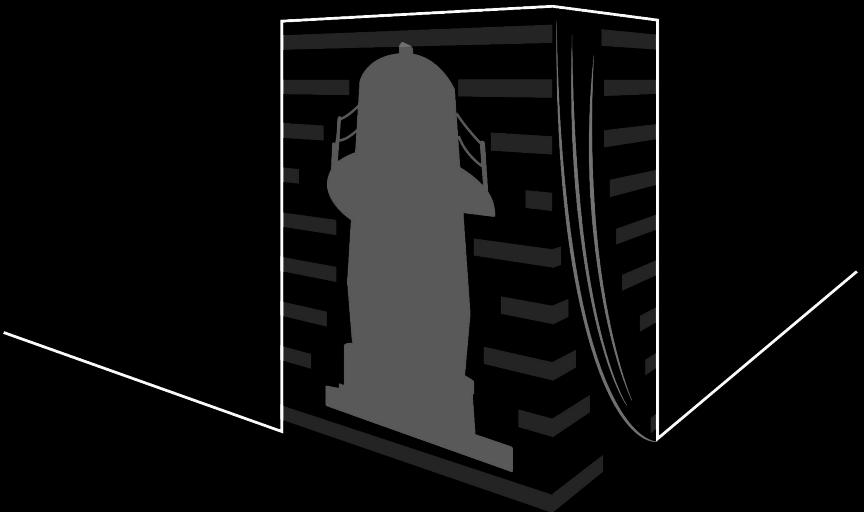
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# Outline

1. Accelerators in Mexico
2. Experiments @ the 5.5 and LEMA
3. Ongoing projects



# Laboratorio de Espectrometría de Masas con Aceleradores (LEMA) 1 MV Tandetron



2 MV Tandetron (2000) @ ININ



# 4 MV Tandem Pelletron (2005)



## 5.5 MV Single-ended CN-Van de Graaff (1988)



6 MV Tandem (1969) @ ININ

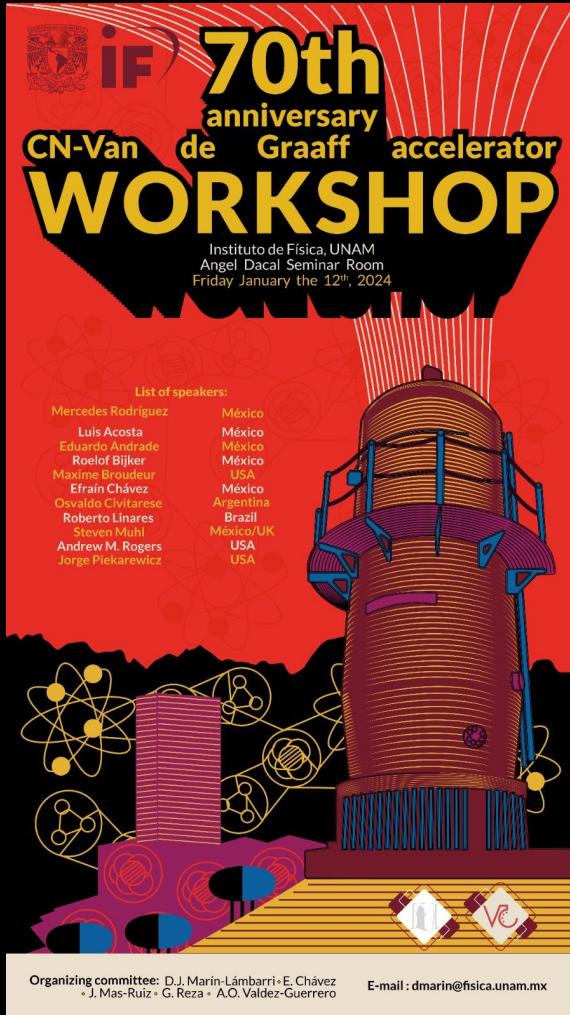


Single-Ended Type Van de Graaff Accelerators in the World



Taken from: E. Chávez presentation @ 70th anniversary CN-Van de Graaff accelerator WORKSHOP, January 2024

Was born in  
1954!!!!!!



# Single-Ended 5.5 MV CN-Van de Graaff

Beams: p, d,  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$   
 $I \leq 10 \mu\text{A}$



Logo: Alan Valdez



Over a 100 publications on Ion Beam Analysis (RBS, PIXE, NRA, ERDA) of surfaces and thin films  
(1990-2010)

Professor Eduardo Andrade



Monochromatic fast neutron production  
E. Chávez, A. Varela.

Nuclear Astrophysics; far subbarrier fusion reactions:  
L. Barrón

Atomic Physics and Material characterization by PIXE:  
J. Miranda.

Ion Beam Analysis: RBS,  
ERDA, NRA.  
E. Andrade.

Supersonic gas jet target station.  
E. Chávez, F. Favela

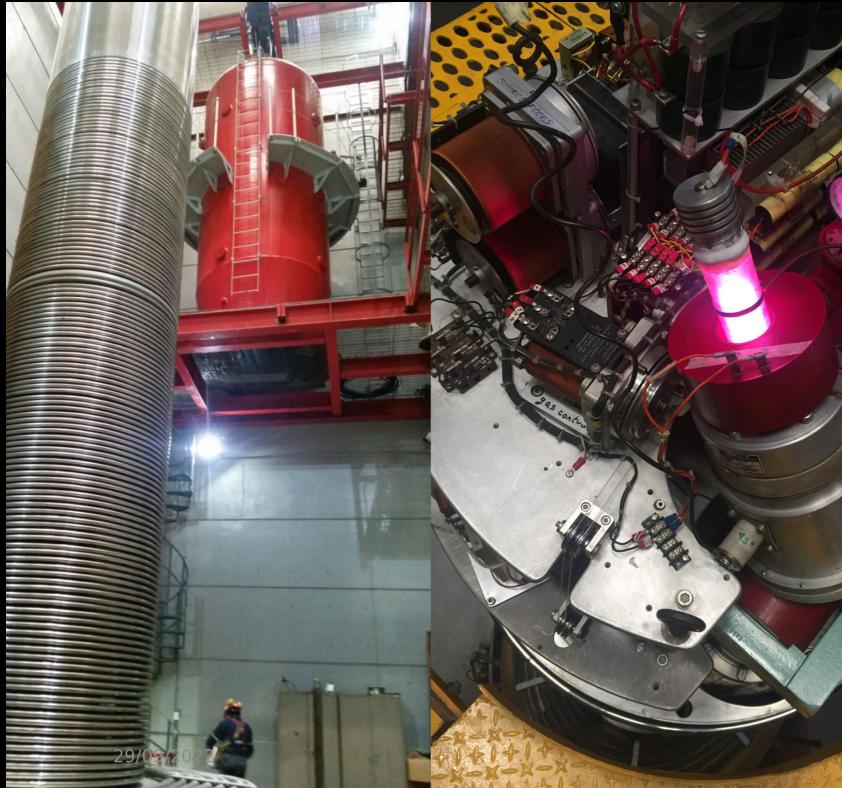
Positron source:  
O. de Lucio

In 2023 a new configuration of the ion source allowed the injection of heavier ion beams

$$E_{5.5}^{\max}({}^{132}\text{Xe}^{3+}) = 16 \text{ MeV}$$

C. G. Puigvert-Angulo, R. Espejel, C. Valencia, A. O. Valdez-Guerrero, J. Mas-Ruiz, R. Gleason, D. J. Marín-Lámbarri, H. Cruz-Manjarrez, J. C. Pineda, A. Huerta, E. Andrade, D. Belmont, R. Pérez-Damián, G. Reza, S. Sandoval-Hipólito, A. B. Zunun-Torres and E. Chávez "Upgrading of the CN-Van de Graaff accelerator at IFUNAM", JINST, 16 (2021) T08013

In 2017 the ion source suffered an incident



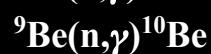
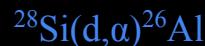
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## Activation Followed by Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AFAMS)

Experiments @ the 5.5 MV single-ended CN-Van de Graaff:

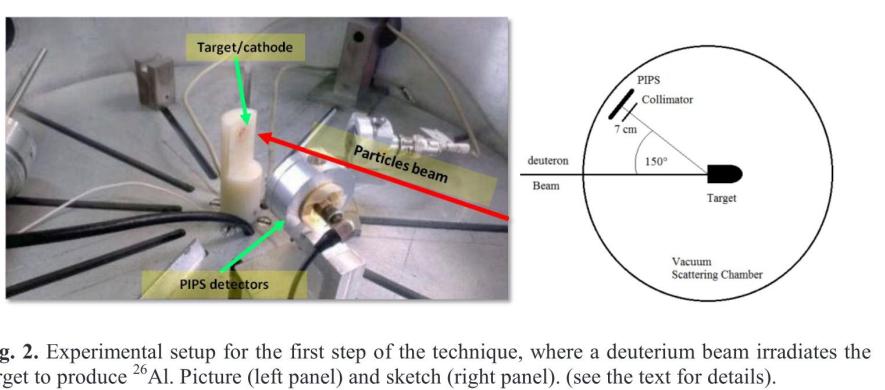
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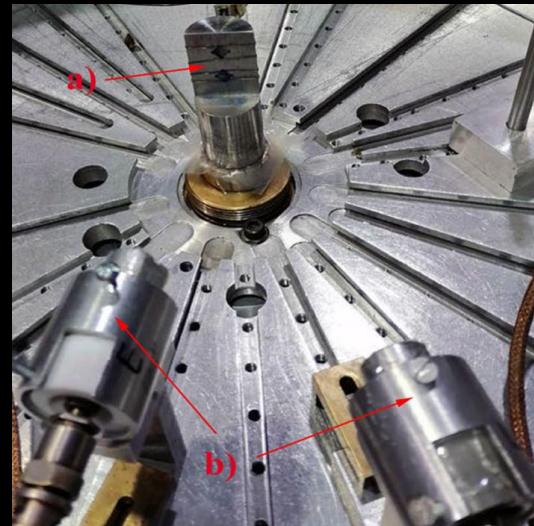


accelerator

# $^{28}\text{Si}(\text{d},\alpha)^{26}\text{Al}$ @ the 5.5 and ININ



**Fig. 2.** Experimental setup for the first step of the technique, where a deuterium beam irradiates the target to produce  $^{26}\text{Al}$ . Picture (left panel) and sketch (right panel). (see the text for details).



V. Araujo-Escalona, L. Acosta, E. Andrade, L. Barrón-Palos, O. de Lucio, F. Favela, A. Huerta, E. López, P. Santa Rita, C. Solís, E. Chávez, **The  $^{28}\text{Si}(\text{d},\alpha)^{26}\text{Al}$  reaction.** *J. Phys. CS* **730**, 012003 (2016)

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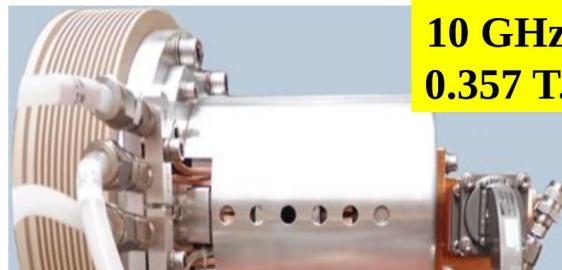
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Ongoing project to design and construct an  
**Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Source**  
(ECRIS)

High intensity light ions and high energy heavy ions

# ECR ION SOURCE

Model SO-150



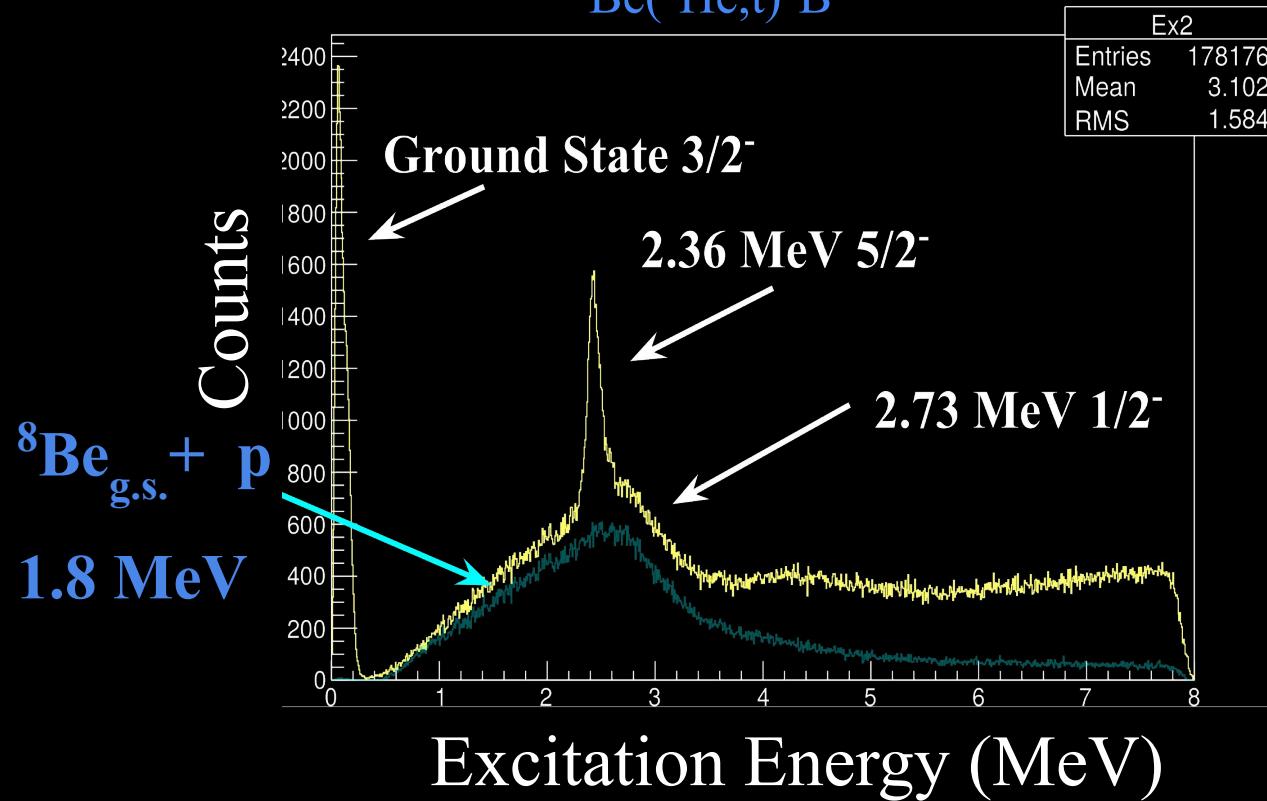
10 GHz  
0.357 T.

## Features

- High ion beam currents
- Positive ions
- Reliable operation
- Low maintenance
- Full permanent magnet
- Low power consumption
- Compact design
- Light weight

Specie	Electrical current	Specie	Electrical current
$^1\text{H}^+$	> 3 mA	$^{16}\text{O}^{+2}$	400 $\mu\text{A}$
$^4\text{He}^+$	> 3 mA	$^{16}\text{O}^{+4}$	50 $\mu\text{A}$
$^4\text{He}^{+2}$	300 $\mu\text{A}$	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{+4}$	100 $\mu\text{A}$
$^{12}\text{C}^+$	700 $\mu\text{A}$	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$	40 $\mu\text{A}$ *
$^{12}\text{C}^{+2}$	200 $\mu\text{A}$	$^{129}\text{Xe}^{+8}$	20 $\mu\text{A}$
$^{12}\text{C}^{+4}$	5 $\mu\text{A}$	$^{129}\text{Xe}^{+12}$	3 $\mu\text{A}$
$^{16}\text{O}^+$	> 1.5 mA		

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${}^9\text{Be}({}^3\text{He}, \text{t}) {}^9\text{B}$ 

D. J. Marín-Lámbarrí et al.. “Investigation of the low-lying excitation region in  ${}^9\text{B}$ ” - South African Institute of Physics, (2018), 107-111.

# Experimentos (estructura nuclear)

Estudio de la reacción  ${}^9\text{Be}(\text{p},\text{n}){}^9\text{B}$  con la finalidad de observar conclusivamente el primer estado excitado de  ${}^9\text{B}$ .

# MOmentum Neutron DEtector II MONDE II & SIstema Móvil de Alta Segmentación SIMAS

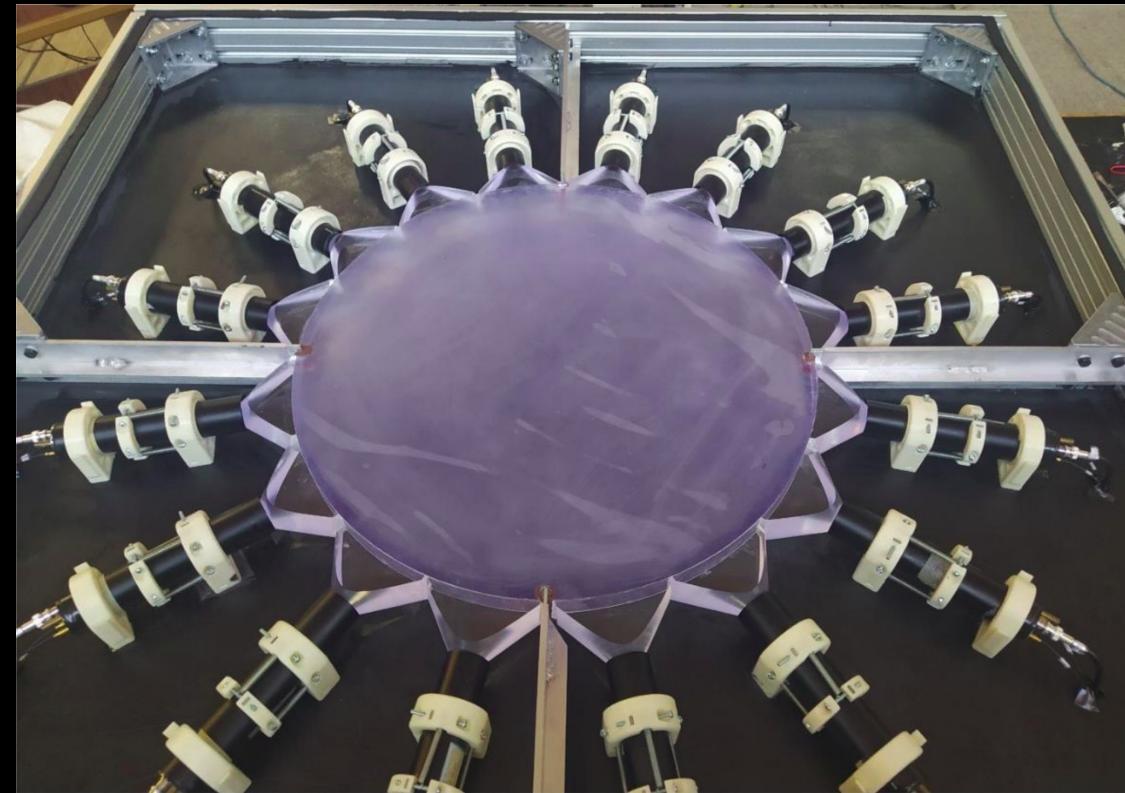


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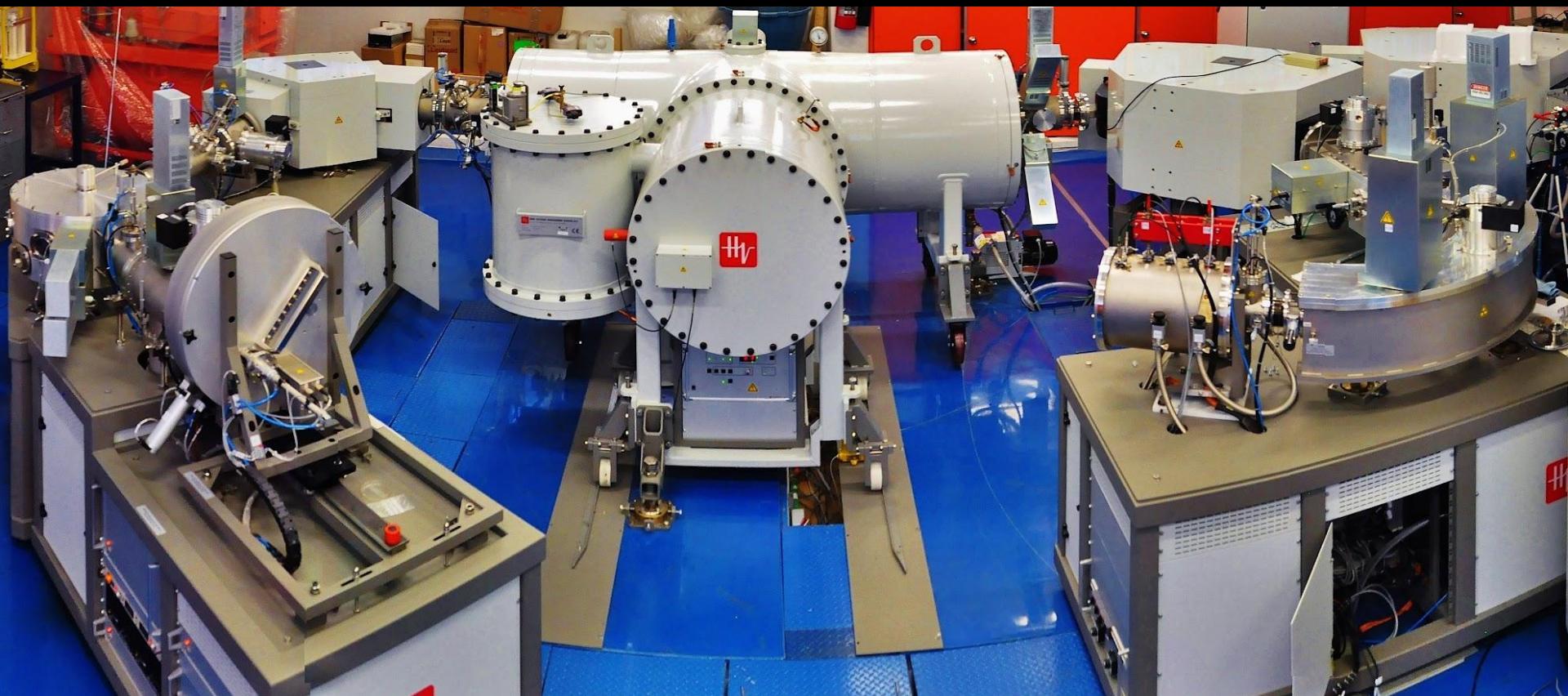


# MONDE II

Poster session: Luis Yaid Reyes Miranda



# Laboratorio de Espectrometría de Masas con Aceleradores (LEMA) 1 MV Tandetron



Main goal @ LEMA is  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$  dating

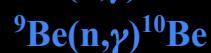
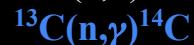
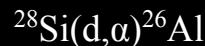
When the big bosses are not around

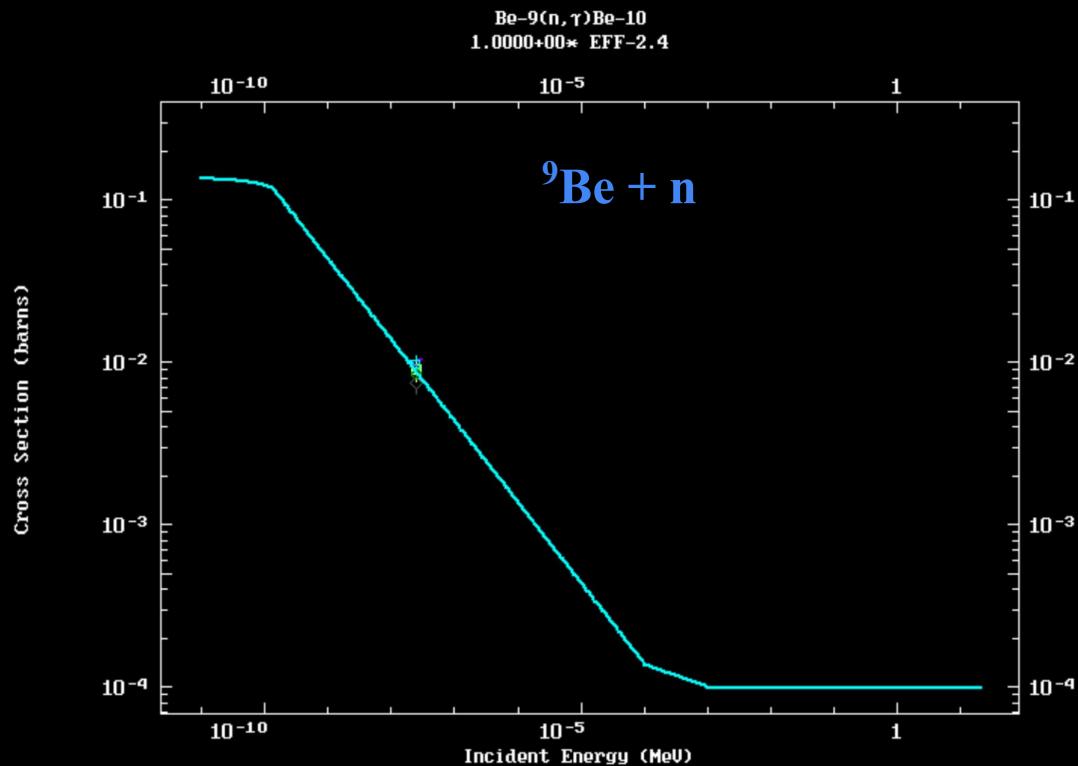


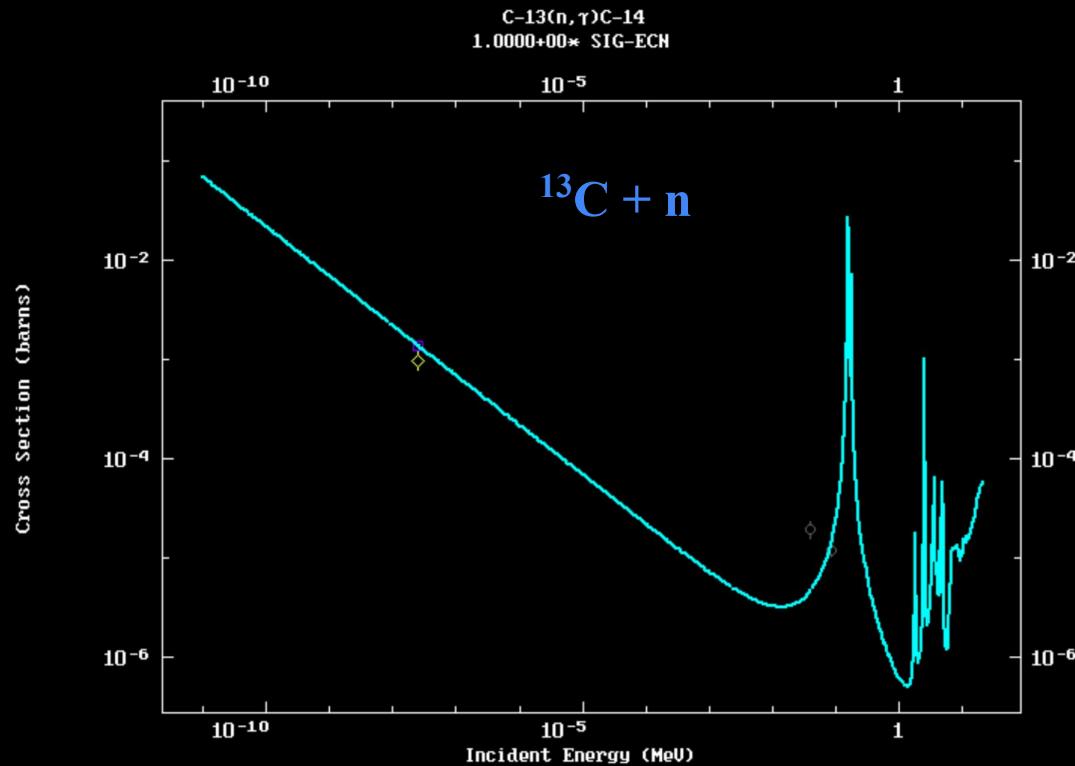
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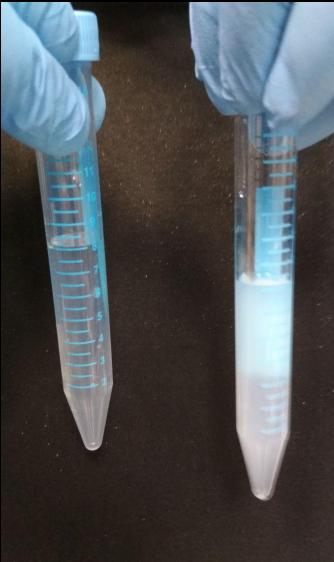
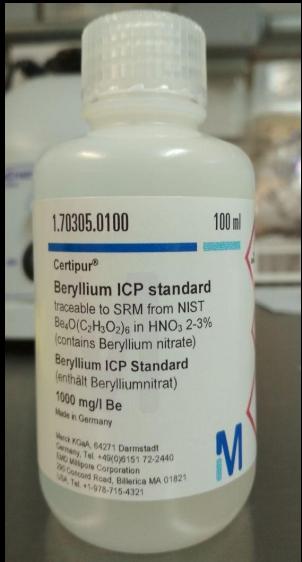






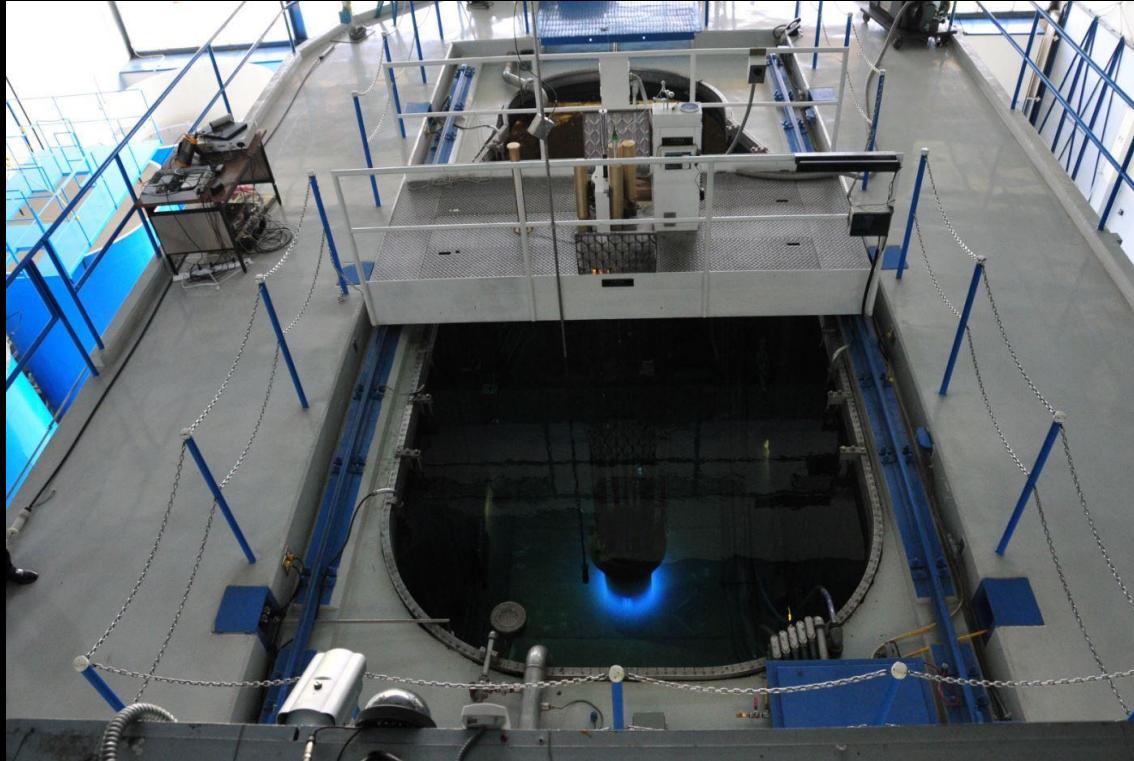
# Sample Preparation

## Cosmogenic Isotopes Laboratory @ LEMA)



Dra. G. Méndez  
Dr. Santiago Padilla

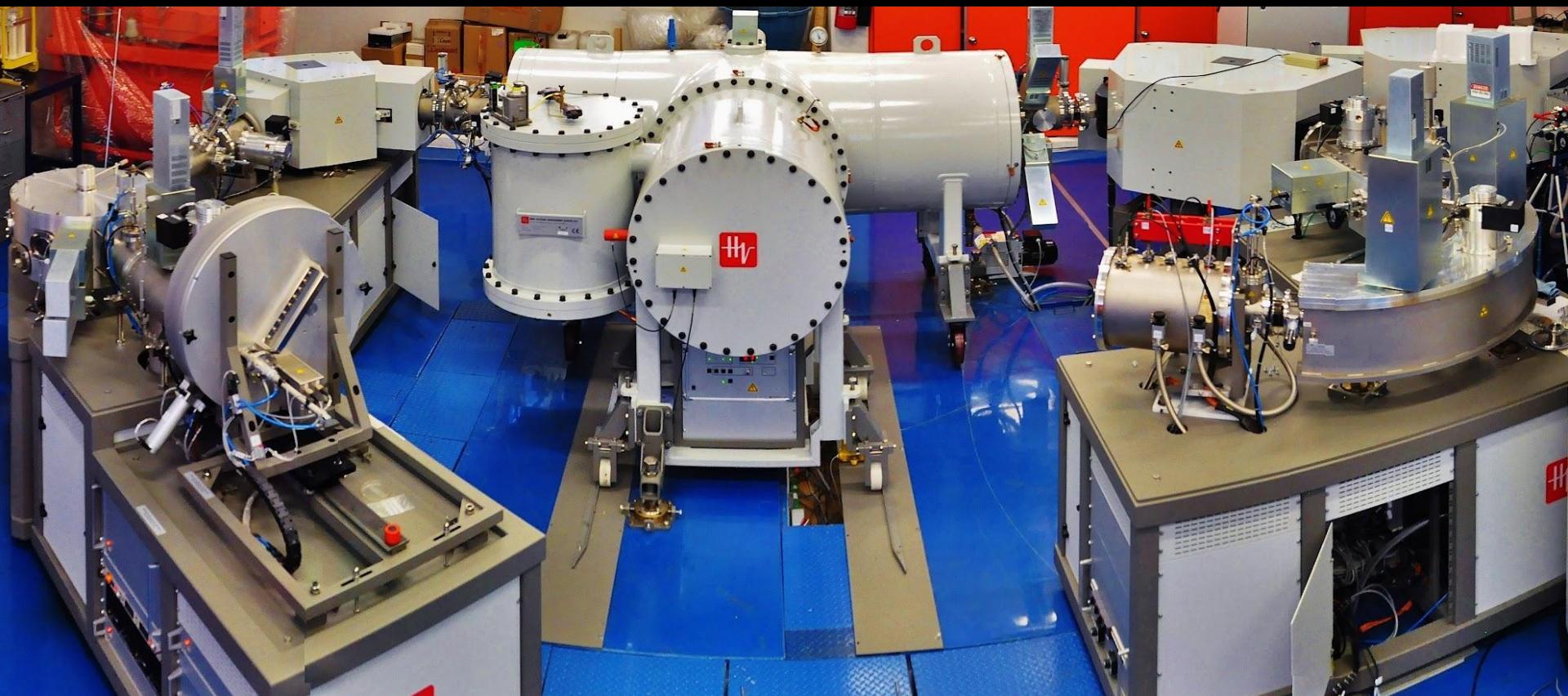
# TRIGA MARK III Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Nucleares (ININ)



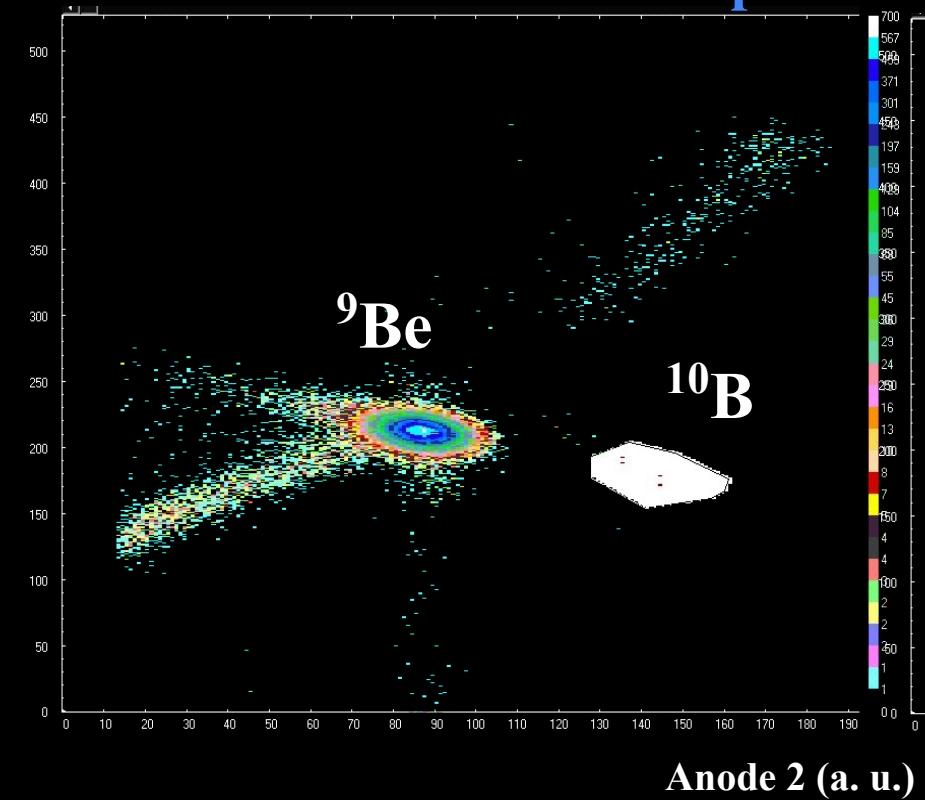


Irradiated sample inside the cathode, prepared by Sergio  
Martínez González

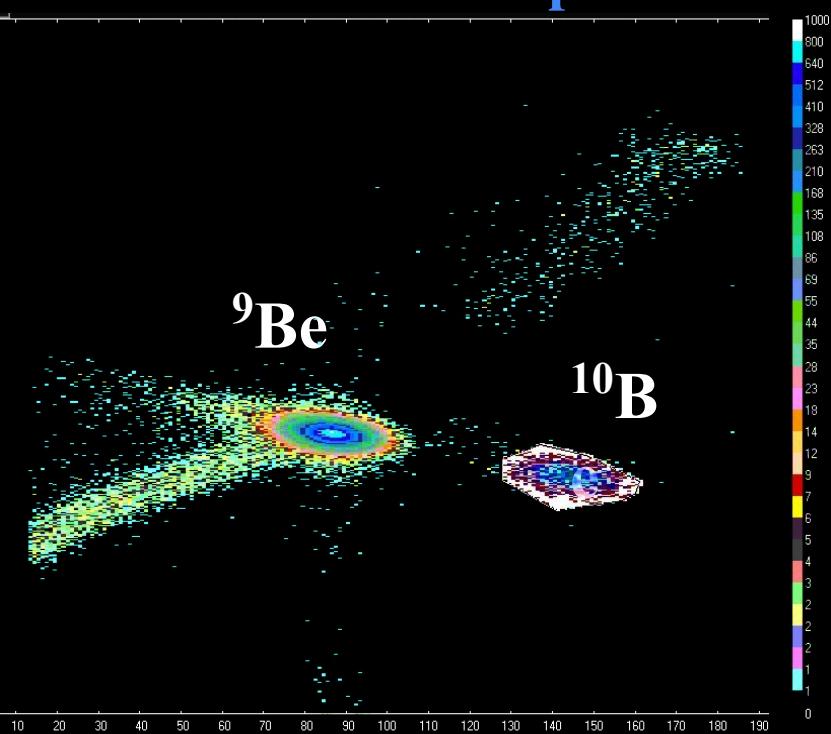
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## Non Irradiated Sample



## Irradiated Sample



# High Flux Accelerator-Driven Neutron Facility, University of Birmingham, UK



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HIGH FLUX  
ACCELERATOR-DRIVEN  
NEUTRON FACILITY

Extension of the project, near future.



# **$^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ Isotopic Ratio of a Research Nuclear Reactor Graphite Control Bar**

D. Belmont, D. J. Marín-Lámbarri, et al. “ $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  Isotopic Ratio of a Research Nuclear Reactor Graphite Control Bar”, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. B, 485 (2020) 10–12

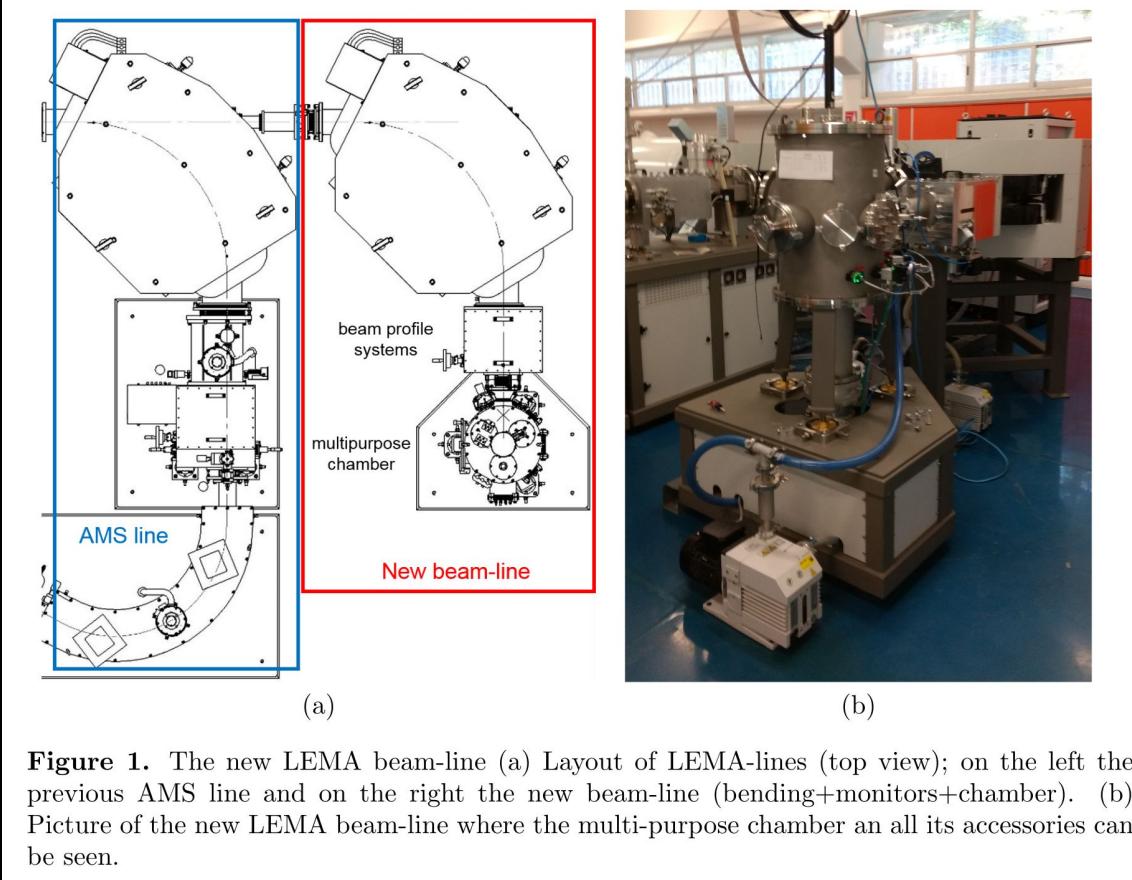


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In 2017 a New Beam Line was commissioned

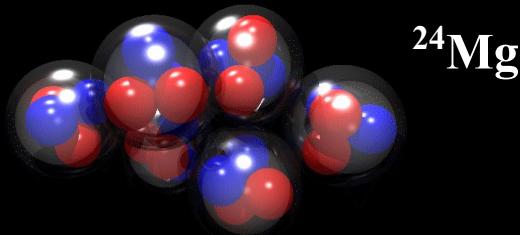
# Nuclear Physics Beam Line @ LEMA



**Figure 1.** The new LEMA beam-line (a) Layout of LEMA-lines (top view); on the left the previous AMS line and on the right the new beam-line (bending+monitors+chamber). (b) Picture of the new LEMA beam-line where the multi-purpose chamber and all its accessories can be seen.

## Present projects @ LEMA

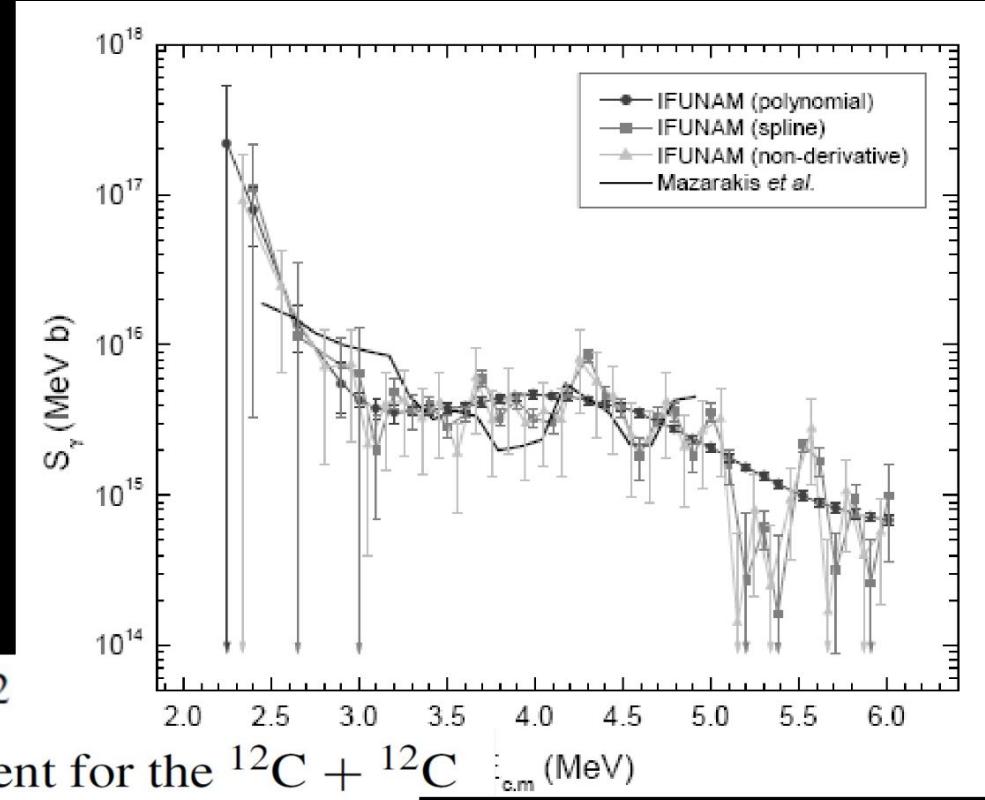
### $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ reaction



Nuclear Physics A 779 (2006) 318–332

Absolute cross sections measurement for the  $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$  system at astrophysically relevant energies

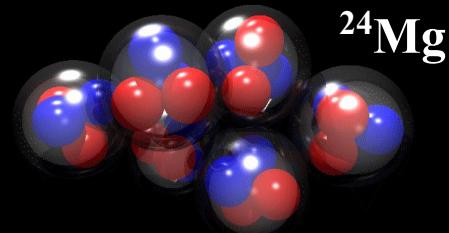
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-Instrumentation development for gamma-ray measurements:

$^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$  reaction

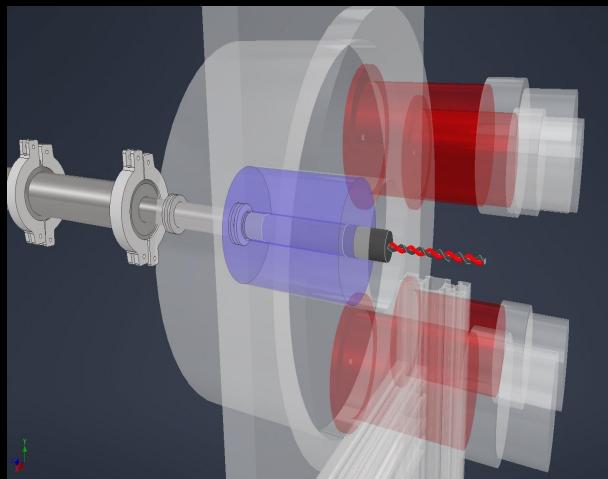
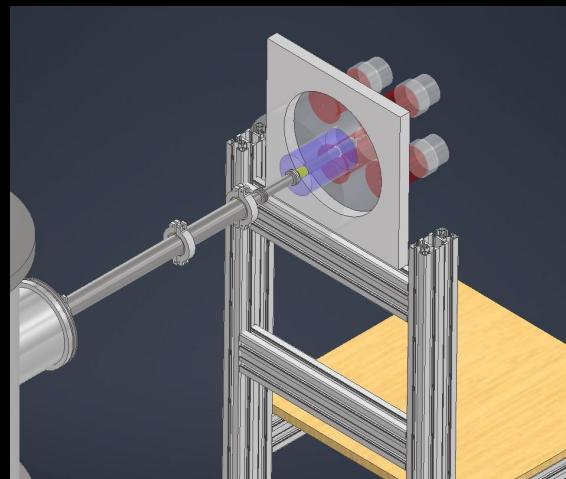
Prototype:



Design a detection array composed by a LaBr<sub>3</sub>/HPGe immersed in a NaI/organic scintillator as an active shield, immersed in a lead shielding.

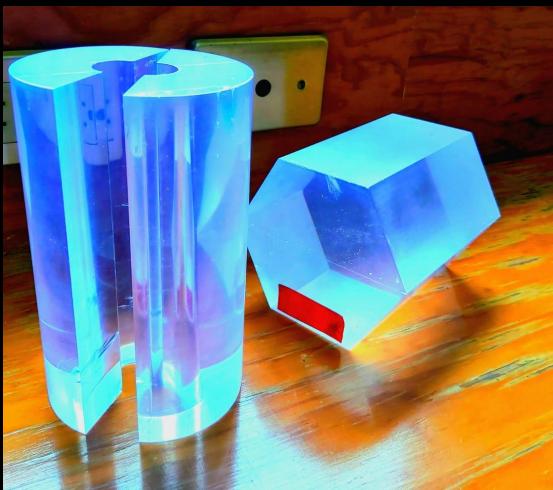
Poster Session: Frida Quintero and Jonathan Méndez

**LaBr<sub>3</sub>** detector immersed in an organic scintillator BC-408, immersed in a NaI (prototype II).

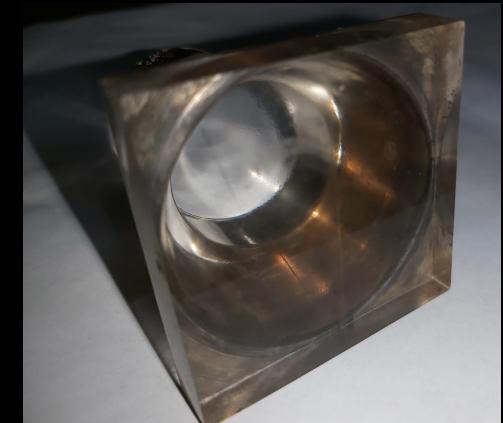
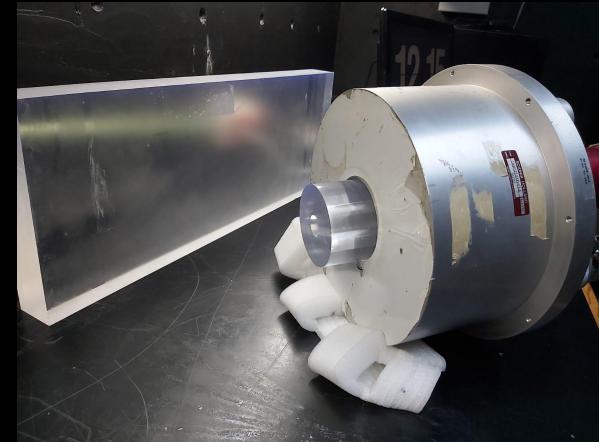


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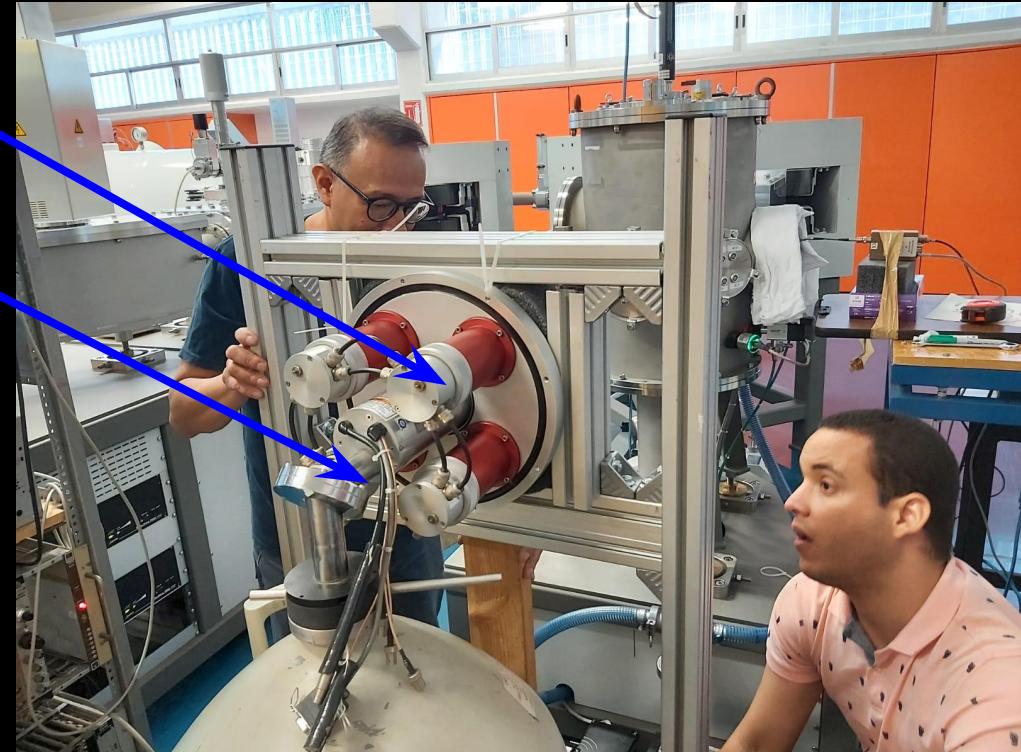
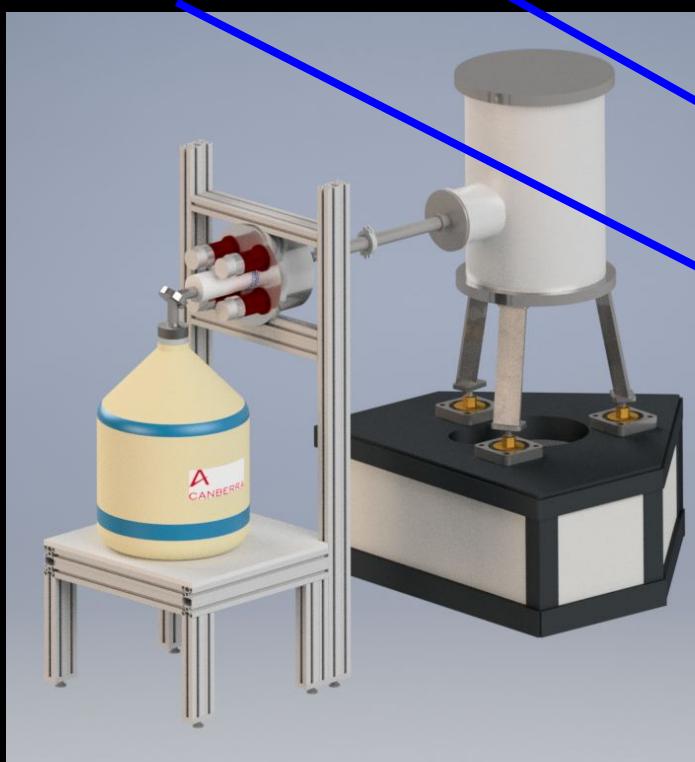
Maquinado en el **Taller del IFUNAM** y plateado en el **Taller del Instituto de Astronomía**.



Gerardo Meza  
Jesús Galindo



High Purity Germanium detector immersed  
in an inorganic scintillator NaI (prototype I).



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# Test ${}^{\text{nat}}\text{Mg}(\text{p},\gamma)$ reaction

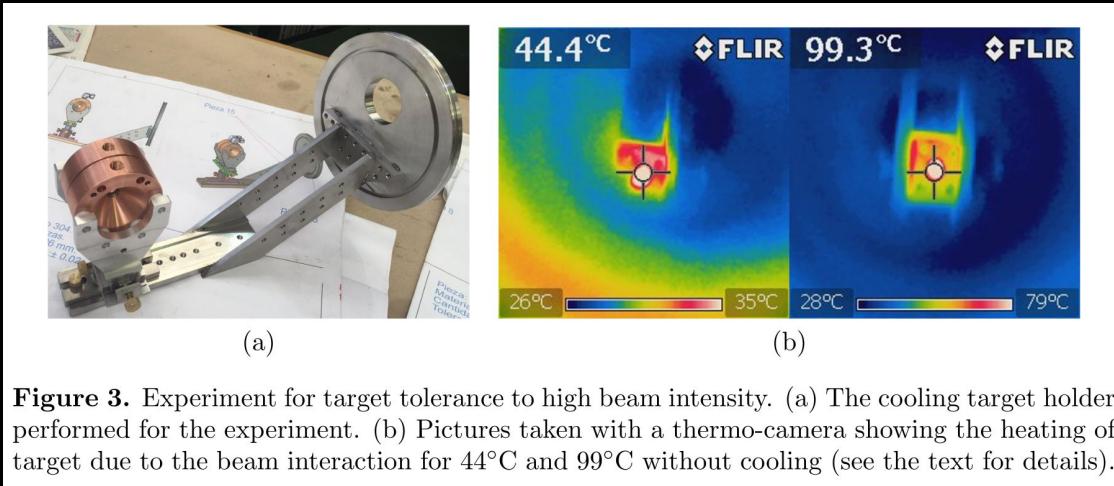


Jonathan Méndez García  
Luis Enrique Martínez Navarro



Arcadio Huerta, Accelerator operator @ LEMA

LEMA IF



**Figure 3.** Experiment for target tolerance to high beam intensity. (a) The cooling target holder performed for the experiment. (b) Pictures taken with a thermo-camera showing the heating of target due to the beam interaction for 44°C and 99°C without cooling (see the text for details).



**NUMEN Collaboration**

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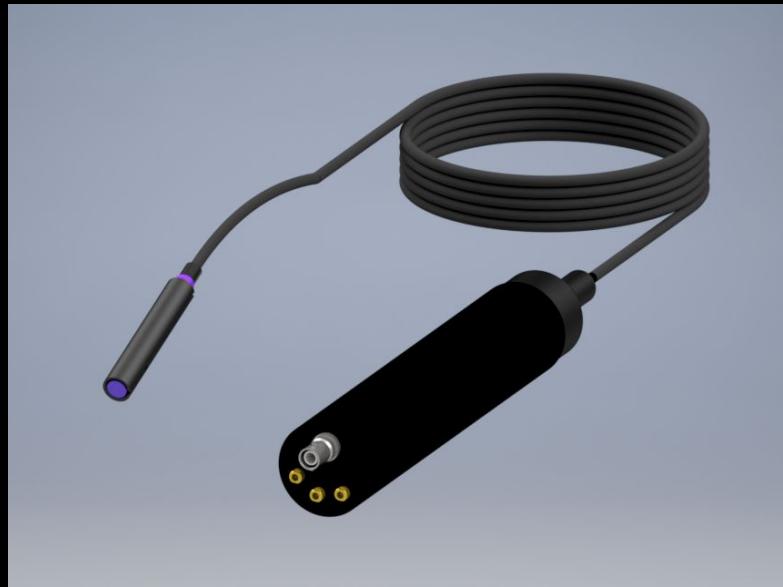
# Probing the Elastic Scattering Differential Cross Section for Al + p at Backward Angles in a Low Energy Regime

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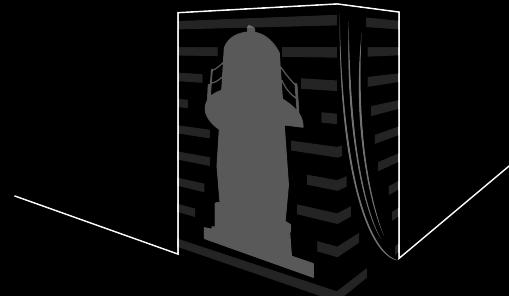


# Poster Session: Luis E. Martínez

In situ measurement of intense gamma radiation  
fields using an organic scintillator



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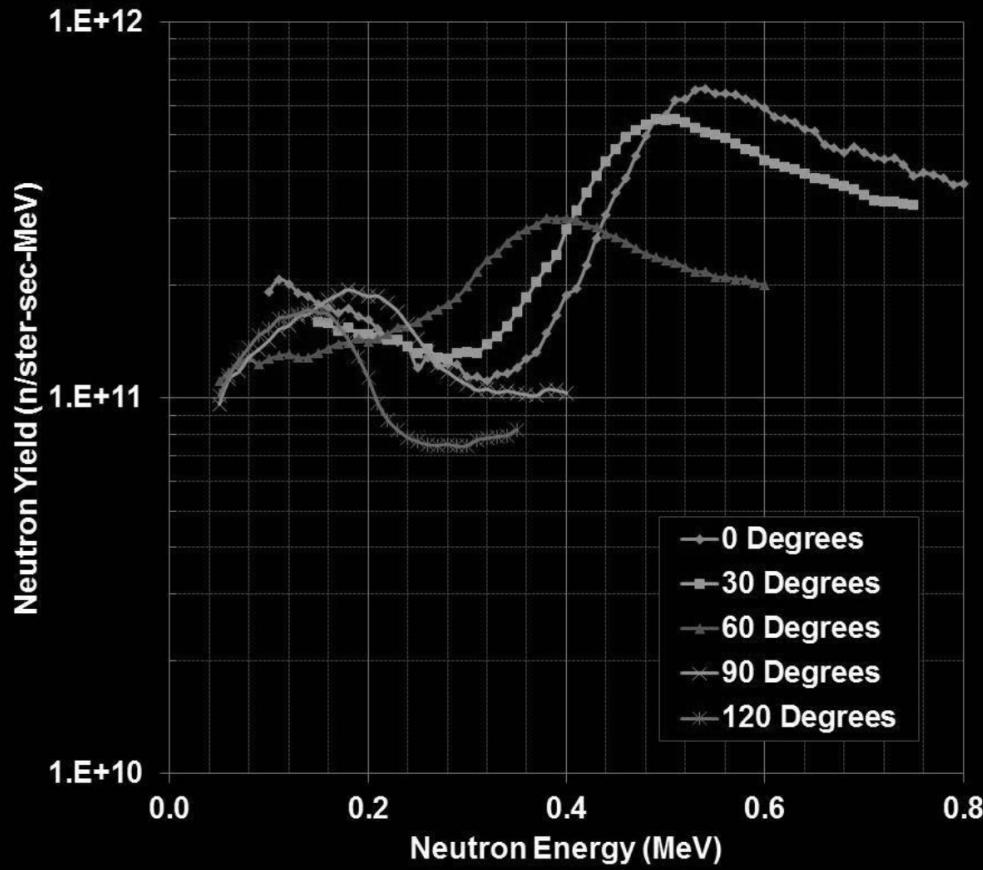


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## Appendix Figure 2: Neutron Flux Comparison



Results from MCNP6  
calculations  
normalised to 1 mA.