



在NSCL基于ToF-B ρ 技术测量丰中子原子核的质量

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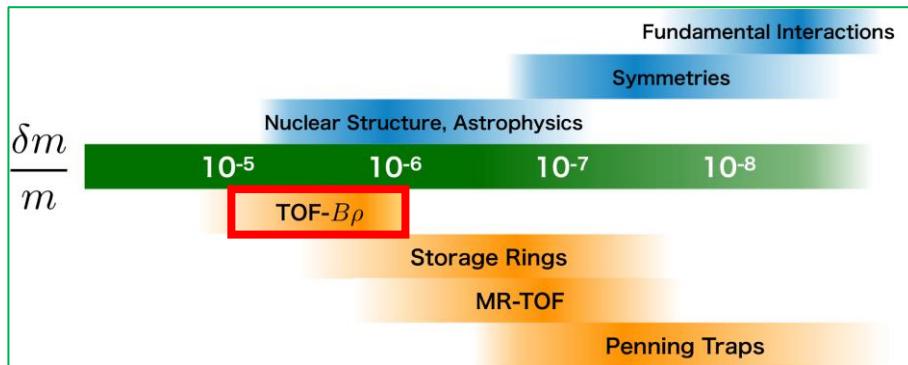
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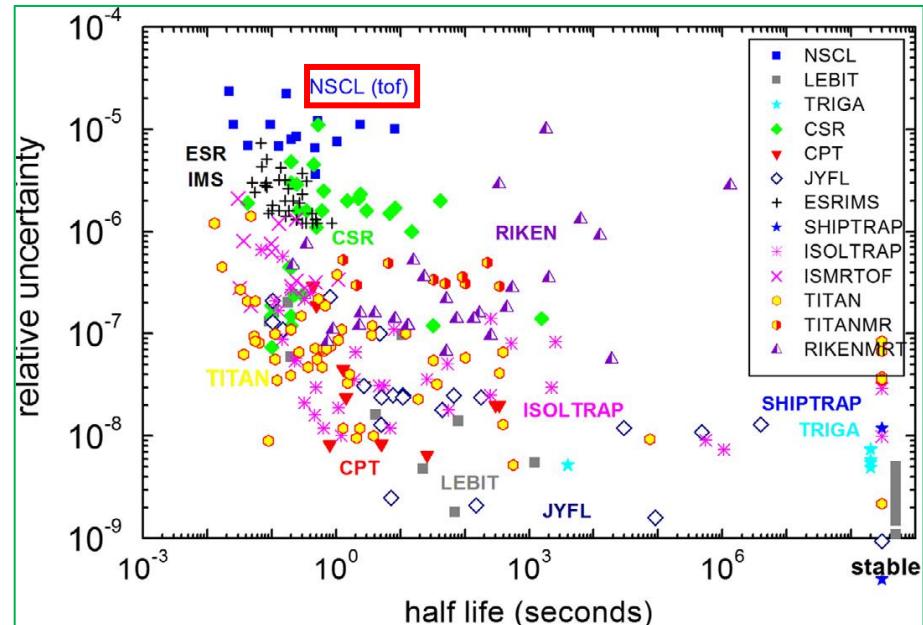
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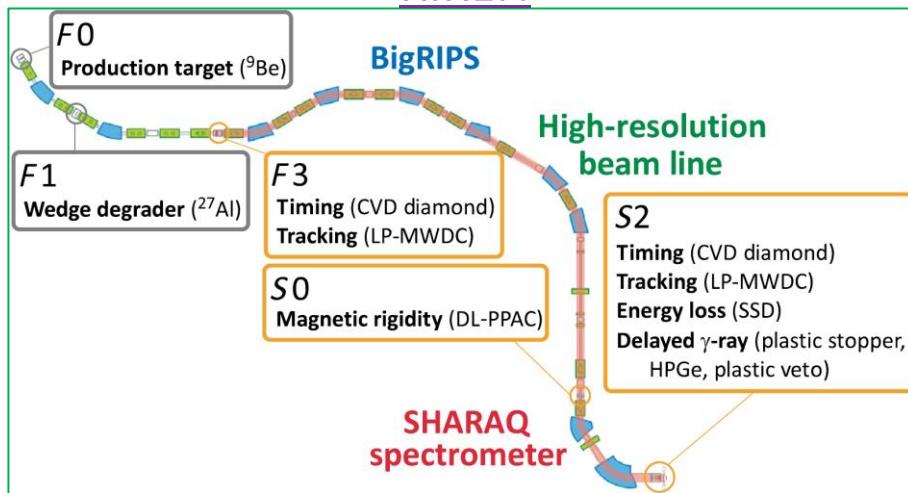
Mass measurement techniques



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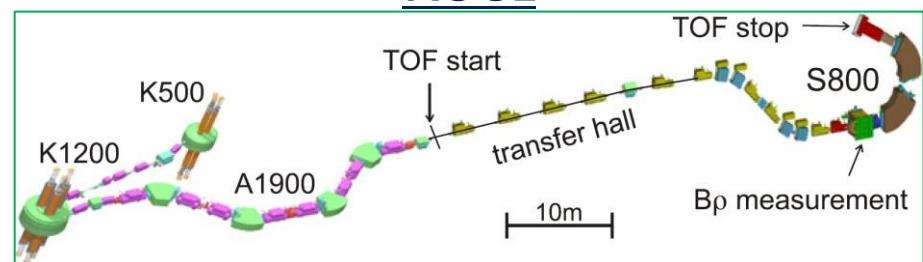


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S. Michimasa et al., PRL 121, 022506 (2018)

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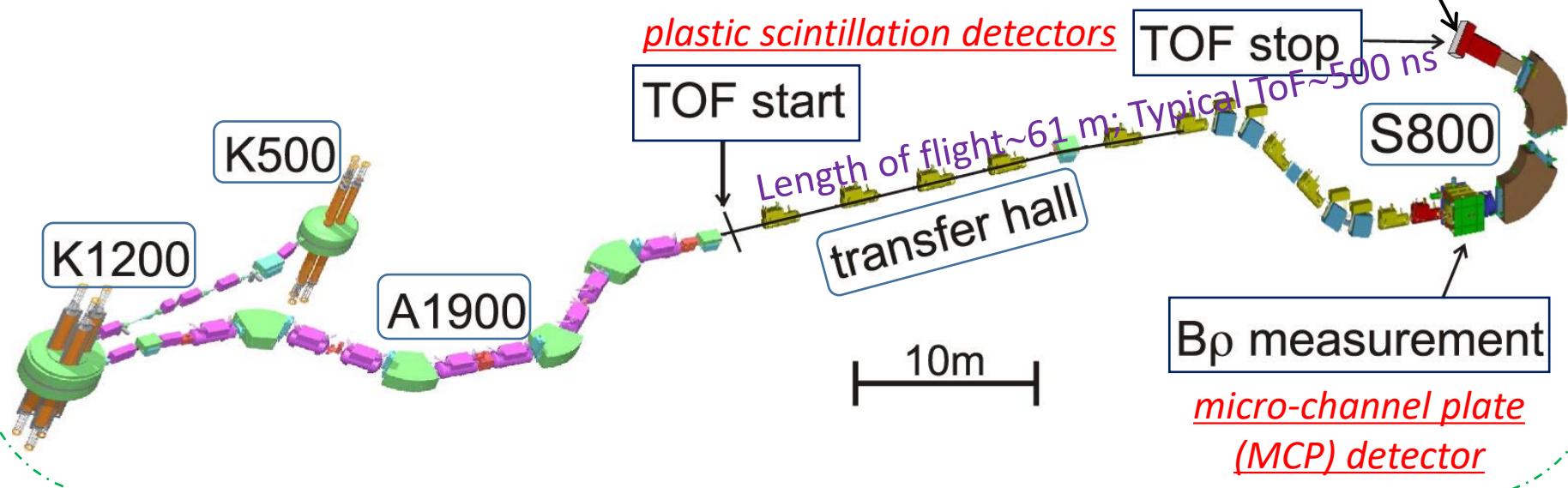
ToF-B β technique at NSCL

Ancillary Detectors:

2 CRDC detectors (measure position in ToF stop)

Silicon or Ionization chamber detectors (measure energy of fragments)

Hodoscope (CsI(Na), measure gamma rays emitted from isomers)



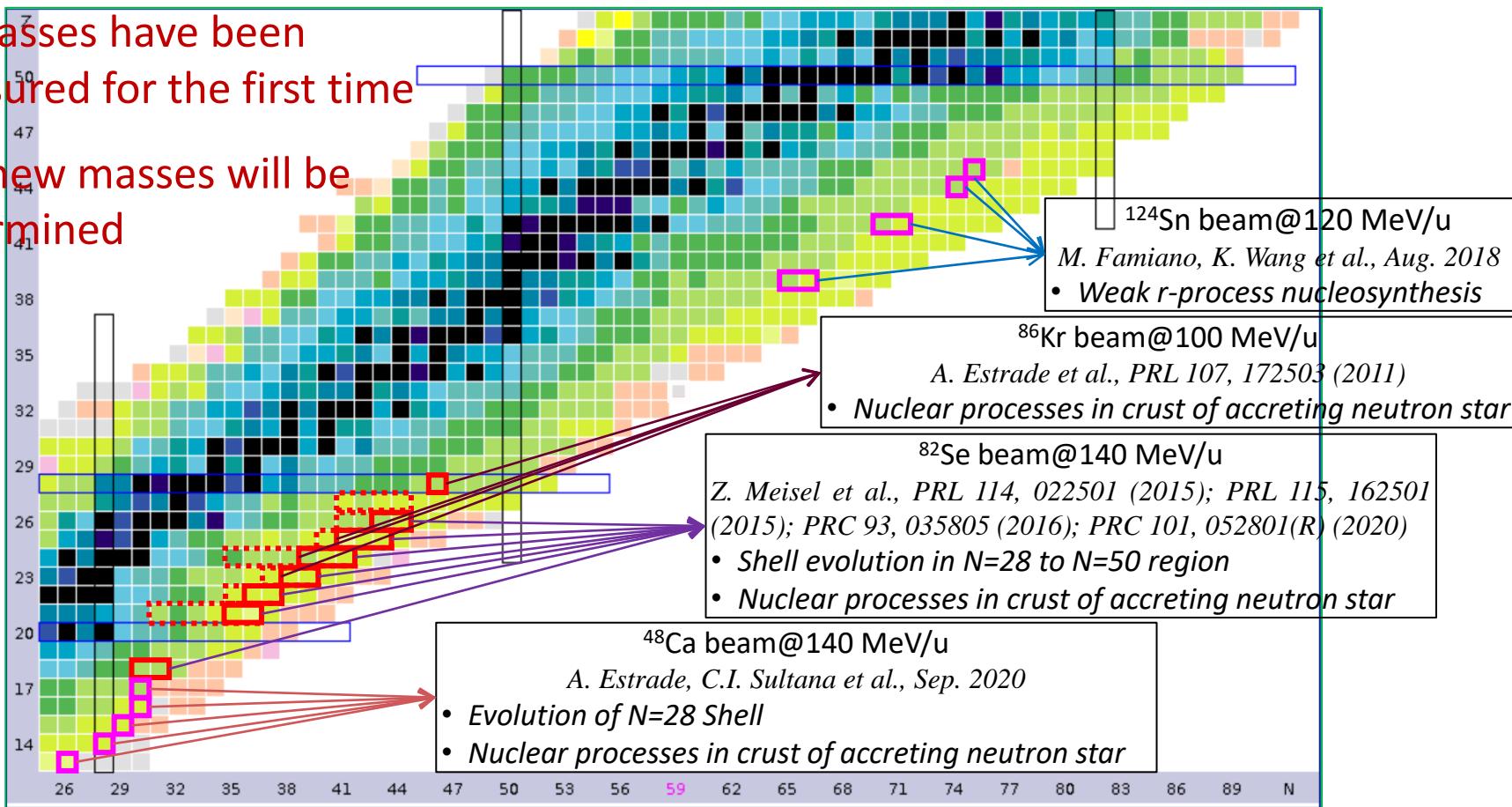
$$m = qB\rho \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{T}{L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{c^2}}$$

Applicable to the very short-lived nuclei with very low yields



Conducted experiments

- 17 masses have been measured for the first time
- ~10 new masses will be determined



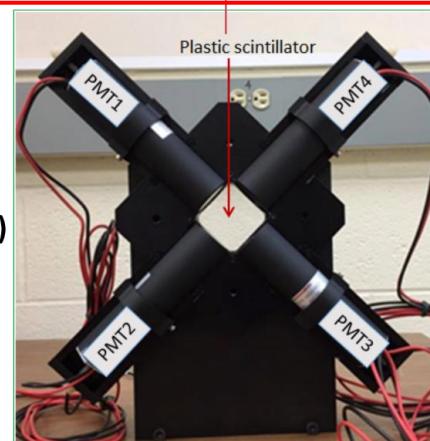


Test plastic scintillation detectors

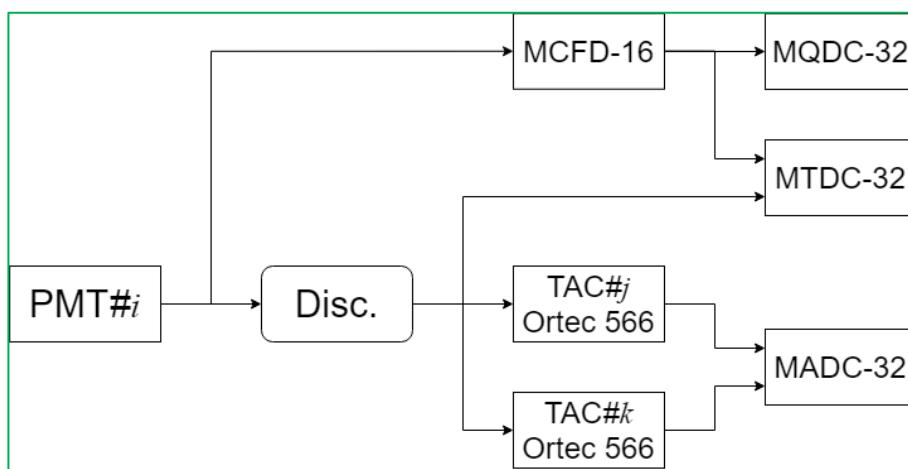
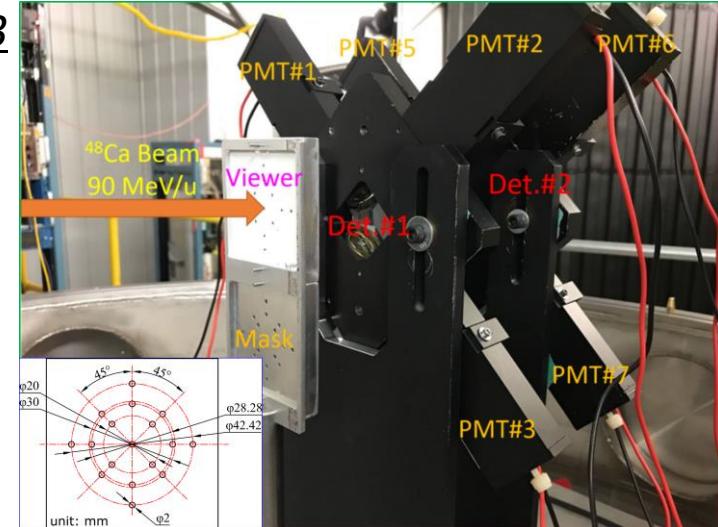
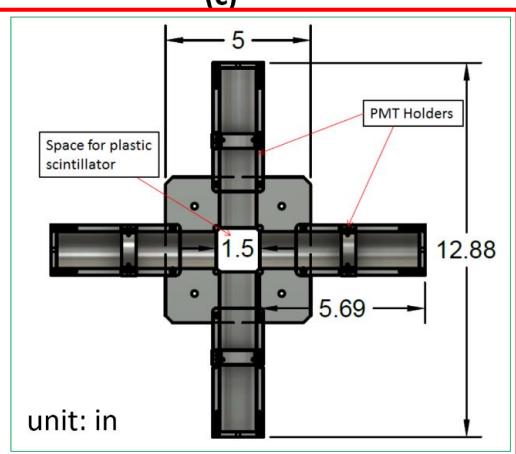


(a)

Plastic: EJ-228; PMT: H6533
(c)



(b)



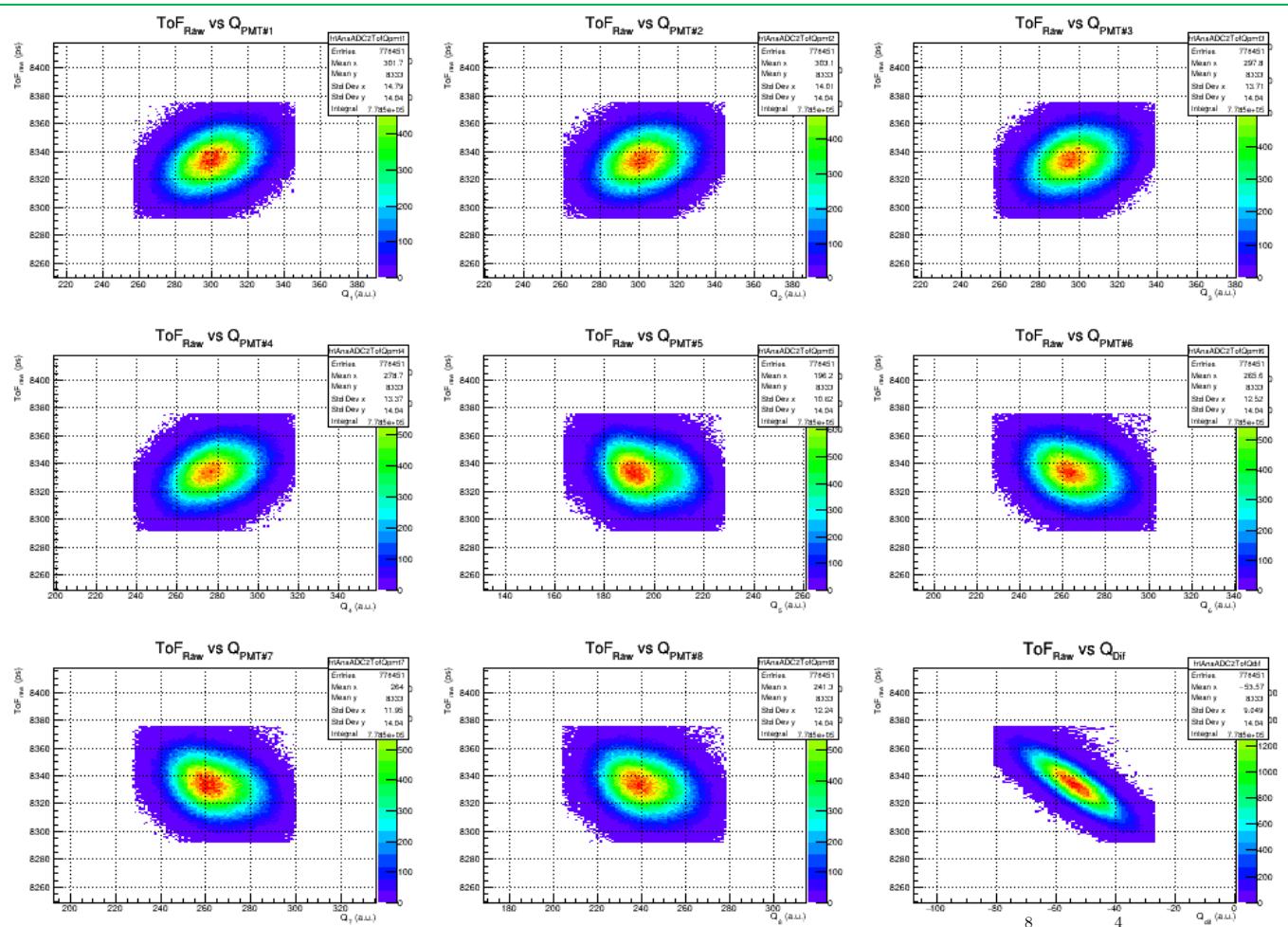
$$ToF = \frac{\sum_{i=5}^8 T_i}{4} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 T_i}{4}$$

- Investigate the ToF resolutions with different electronics and beam conditions
 - Time-walk correction
- Explore the positioning capability of this detector

K. Wang, A. Estrade et al., NIMA, 974, 164199 (2020)



Time-walk correction



$$ToF_{corr}^{(j)} = ToF_{raw}^{(j)} + \Delta_{ToF}^{(j)}$$

$$\Delta_{ToF}^{(j)} = ToF_{pivot} - f_{ToFraw}(\mathbf{Q}^{(j)})$$

$$f_{ToFraw}(\mathbf{Q}^{(j)}) = c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i \cdot Q_i^{(j)}$$

- $ToF_{corr}^{(j)}$: corrected ToF of j^{th} event
- $ToF_{raw}^{(j)}$: raw ToF of j^{th} event
- $\Delta_{ToF}^{(j)}$: correction value of j^{th} event
- f_{ToFraw}, c_i : fitting ToF_{raw} as a linear function of all PMT amplitudes \mathbf{Q} with parameters c_i
- $Q_i^{(j)}$: amplitude of i^{th} PMT of j^{th} event
- ToF_{pivot} : pivot ToF, constant for all events

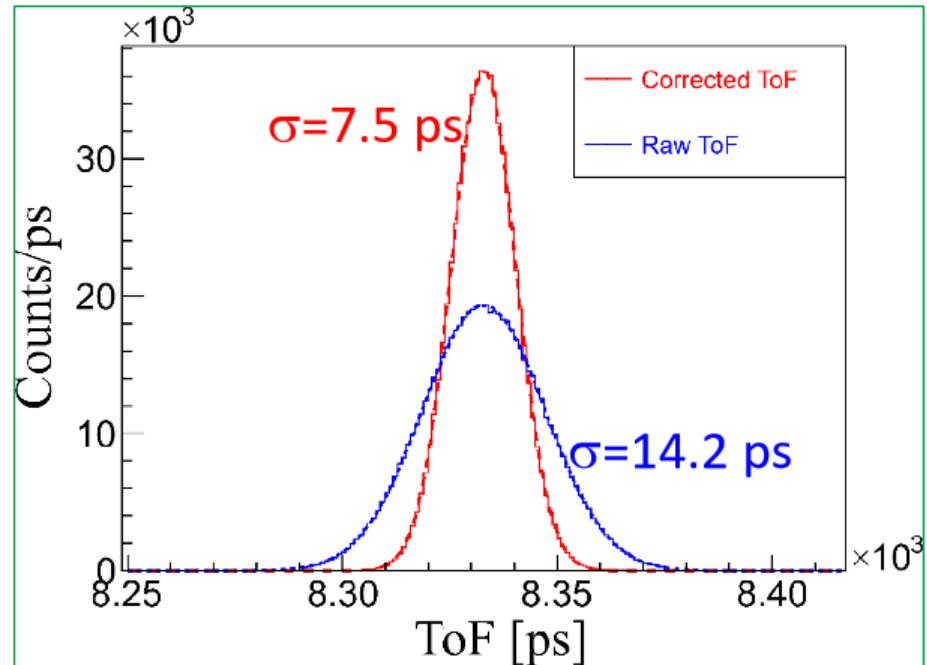
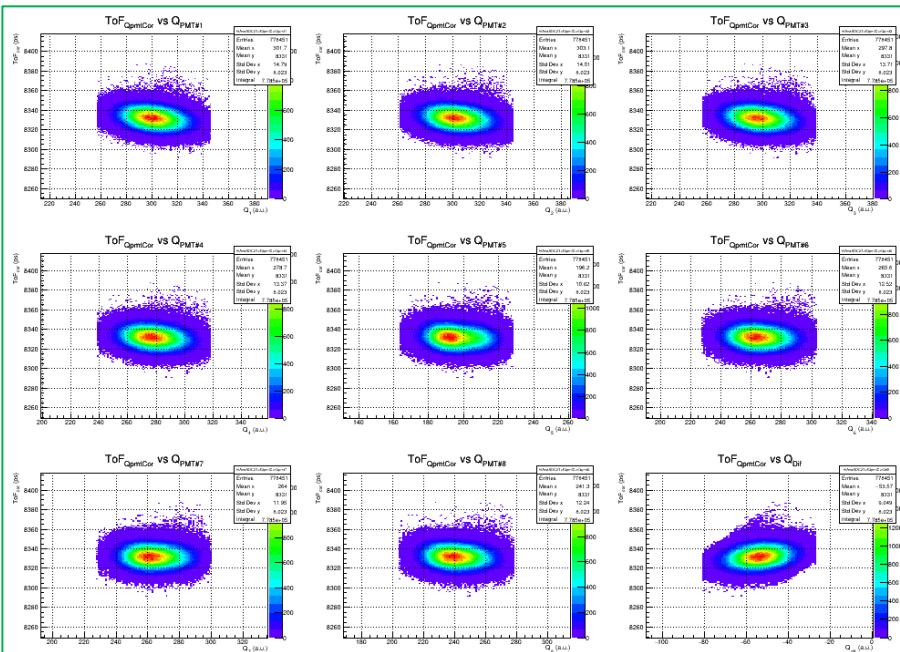
$$\Delta Q = \frac{\sum_{i=5}^8 Q_i}{4} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 Q_i}{4}$$

$$ToF_{pivot} = f_{ToF}(\bar{\mathbf{Q}}) = c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i \cdot \bar{Q}_i$$



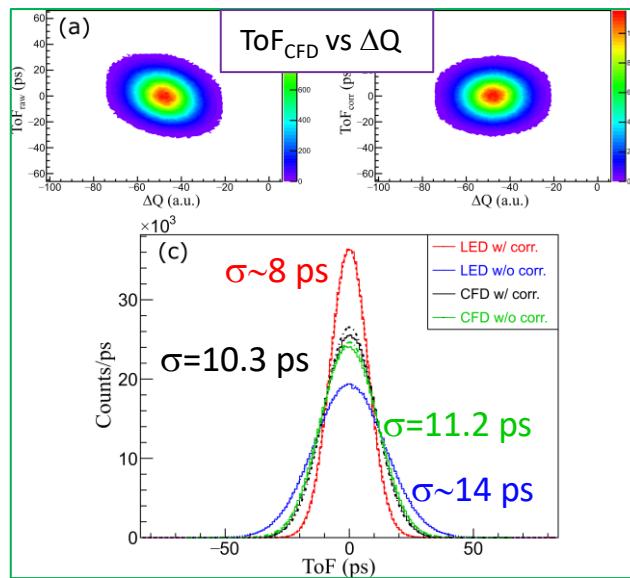
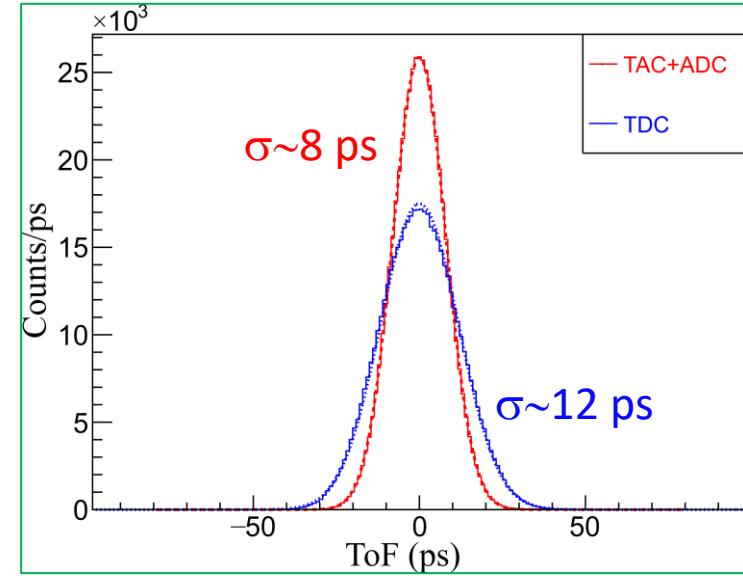
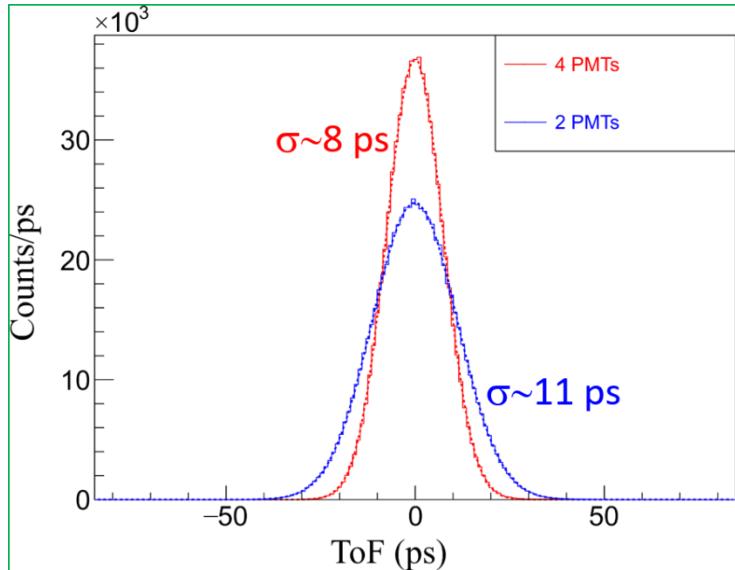


After time-walk correction



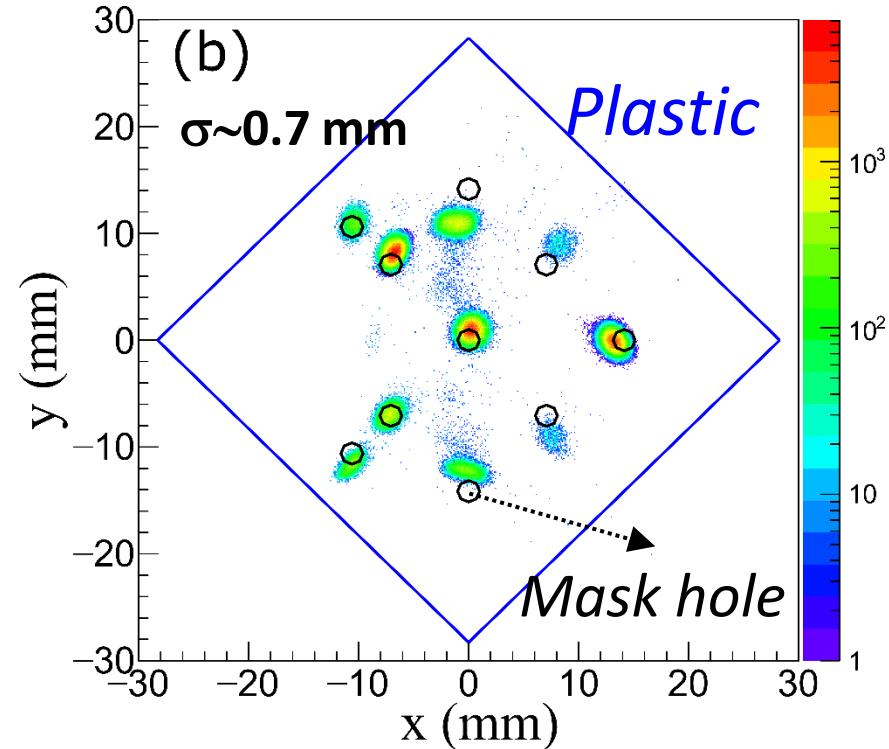
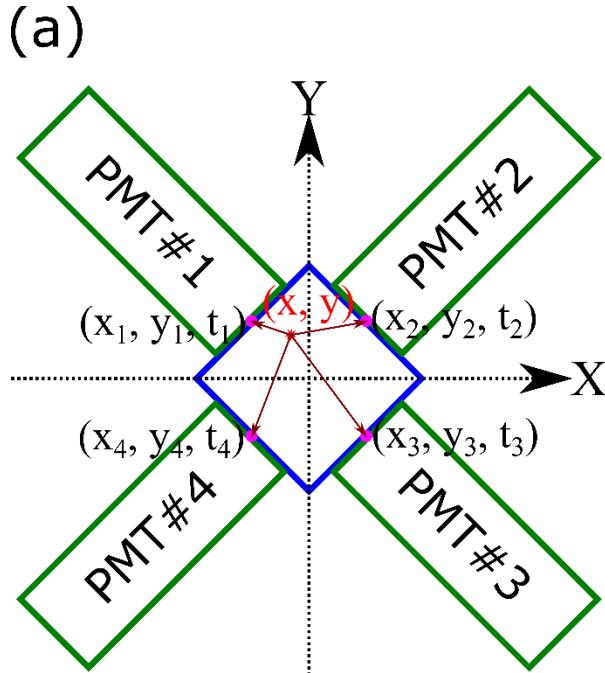


Comparison of ToF resolutions





Positioning capability

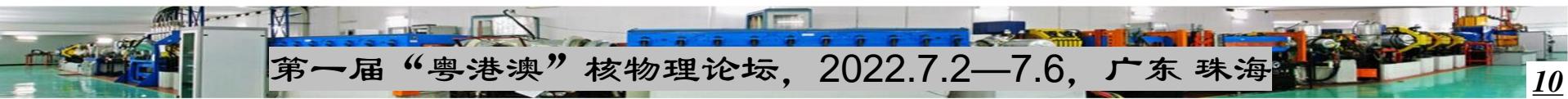


Calibrate positions using a mask

$$x_{\text{raw}} = t_1 - t_2 + t_4 - t_3$$
$$y_{\text{raw}} = t_4 - t_1 + t_3 - t_2$$

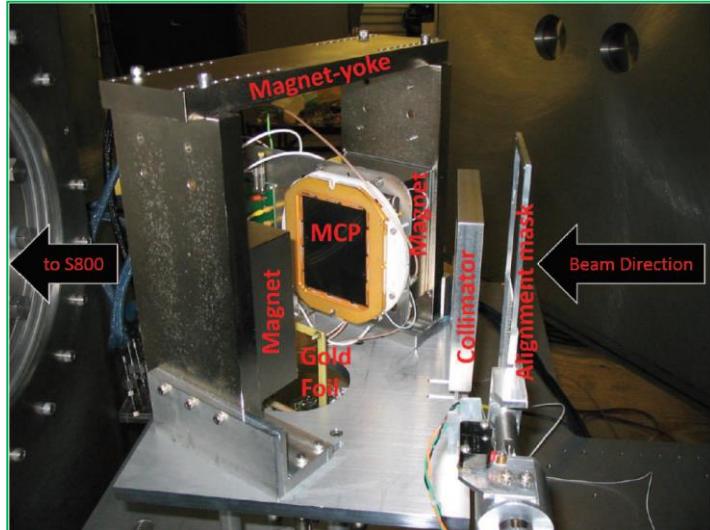
\Rightarrow

$$x_{\text{cal}} = a_0 + a_1 x_{\text{raw}} + a_2 y_{\text{raw}} + a_3 x_{\text{raw}}^2 + a_4 x_{\text{raw}} y_{\text{raw}} + a_5 y_{\text{raw}}^2$$
$$y_{\text{cal}} = b_0 + b_1 x_{\text{raw}} + b_2 y_{\text{raw}} + b_3 x_{\text{raw}}^2 + b_4 x_{\text{raw}} y_{\text{raw}} + b_5 y_{\text{raw}}^2$$

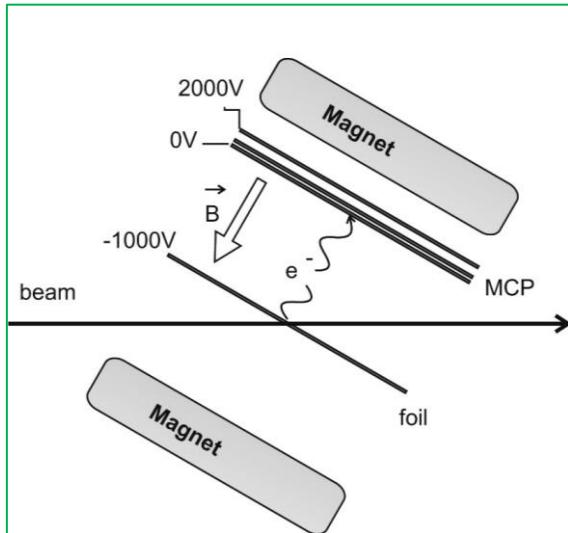




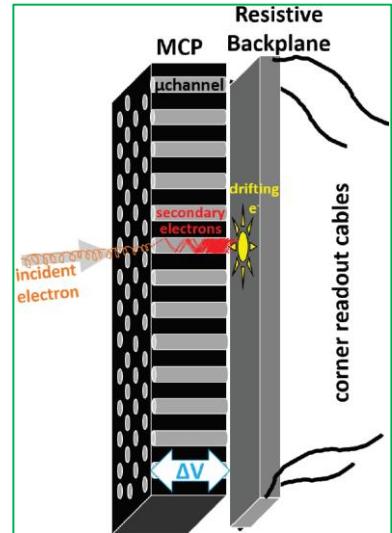
MCP detector



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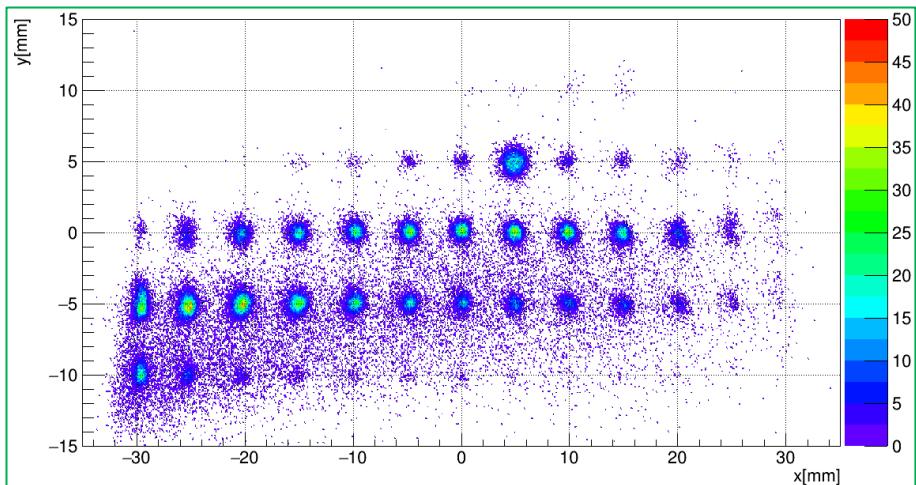


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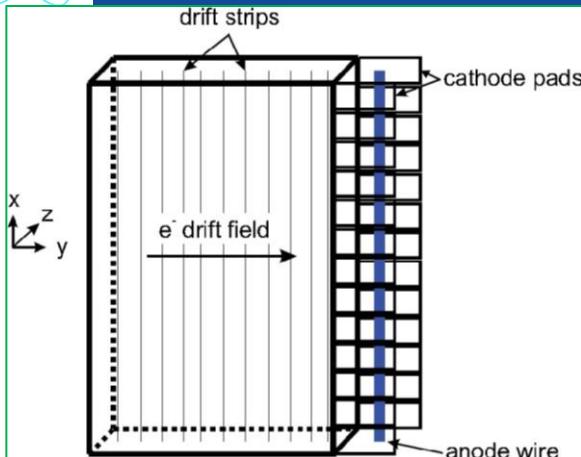
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- Beam position in foil can be derived from the difference between the charges in four corners of the backplane
- With the 1st order approximation, $B\rho = B\rho_0(1 + \Delta P/P) \approx B\rho_0(1 + x/D)$, x as the dispersive direction, D is the dispersion function (107 mm/%)
- Position resolution $\sigma_x \sim 0.7$ mm giving $\sigma_{B\rho}/B\rho \sim 6 \times 10^{-5}$

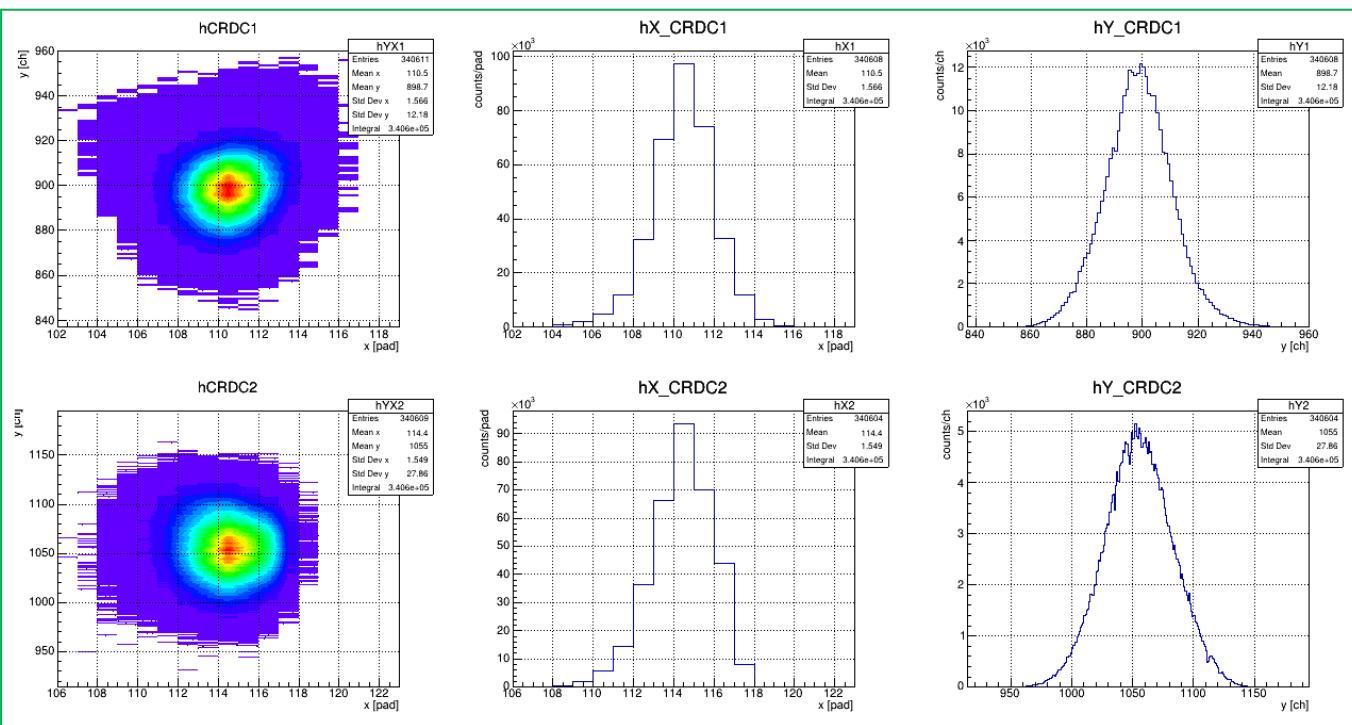




CRDC(Cathode Readout Drift Chamber) detectors



- **Y (non-dispersive direction):** drift time of electrons to anode wire
- **X (dispersive direction):** charge (induced by electrons on anode) distribution on 256 cathode pads:
$$X = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{256} i \cdot E_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{256} E_i}$$



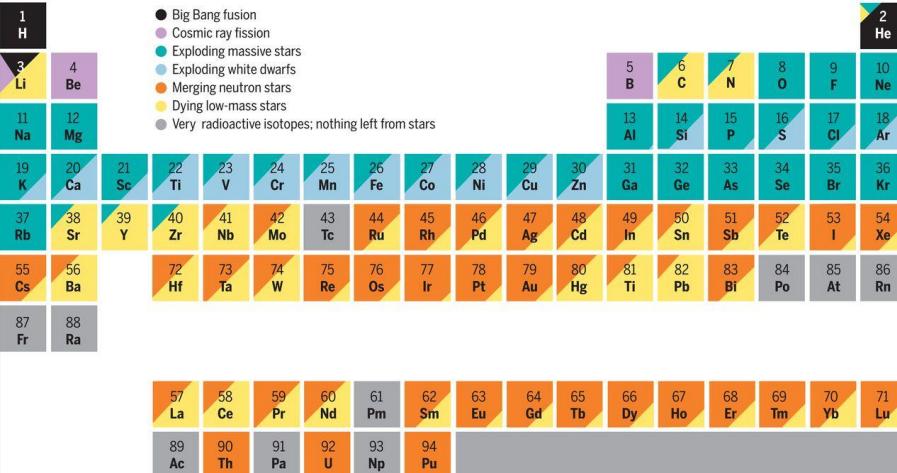


Mass measurement around ^{112}Mo



The evolving composition of the Universe

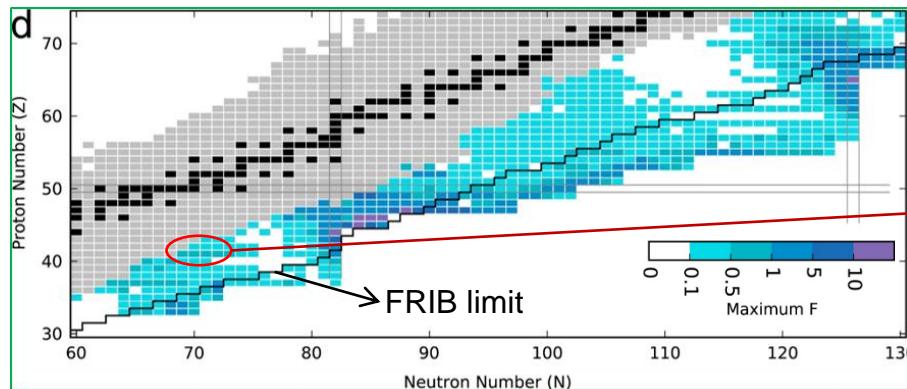
- Big Bang fusion
- Cosmic ray fission
- Exploding massive stars
- Exploding white dwarfs
- Merging neutron stars
- Dying low-mass stars
- Very radioactive isotopes: nothing left from stars



J. Johnson, Science 363, 474 (2019)

- Elements from Iron to Uranium are mainly made by neutron-capture processes

- slow neutron-capture process (*s*-process): **Dying low-mass stars**
- rapid neutron-capture process (*r*-process): **Merging neutron stars**



M. Mumpower et al., PPNP 86, 86 (2016)

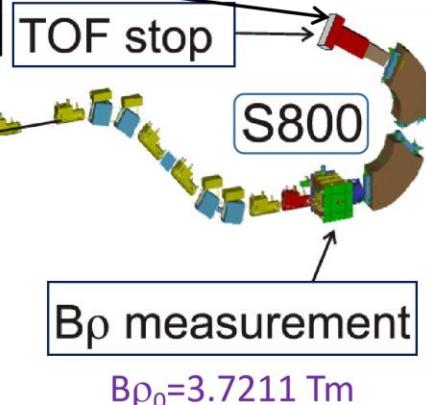
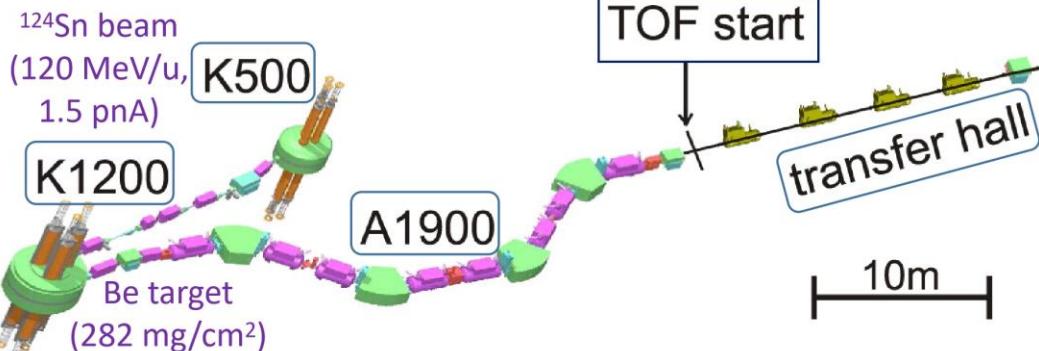
Measuring the masses of nuclei from Zr to Ru around $N=70$ can offer the better predictive masses of nuclei in *r*-process path



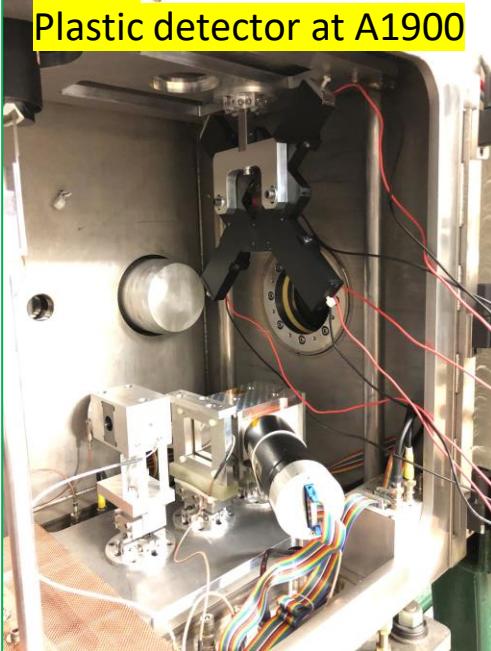
Experimental setup

2 CRDC detectors (measure position);
5 silicon detectors (measure energy of fragments);
Hodoscope (CsI(Na), measure gamma rays emitted from isomers)

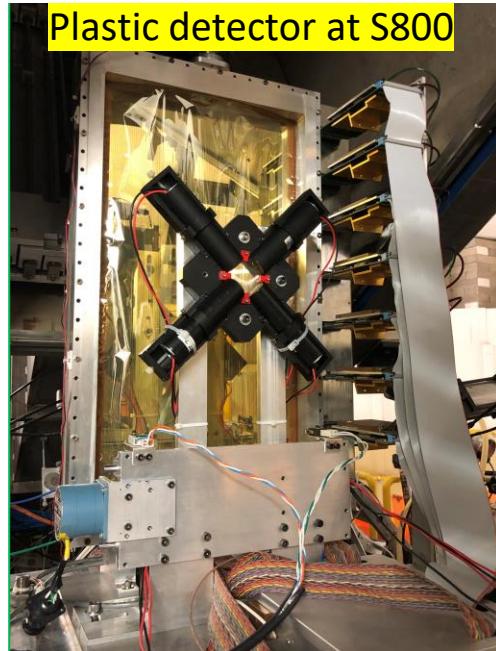
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Plastic detector at A1900



Plastic detector at S800



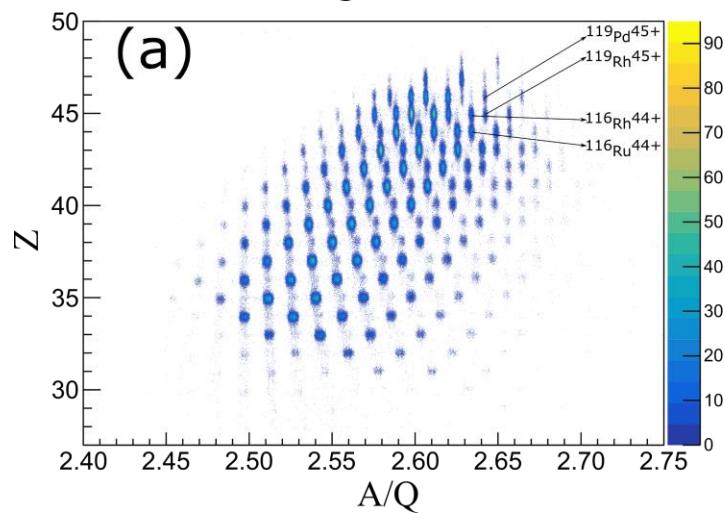
MCP detector at S800



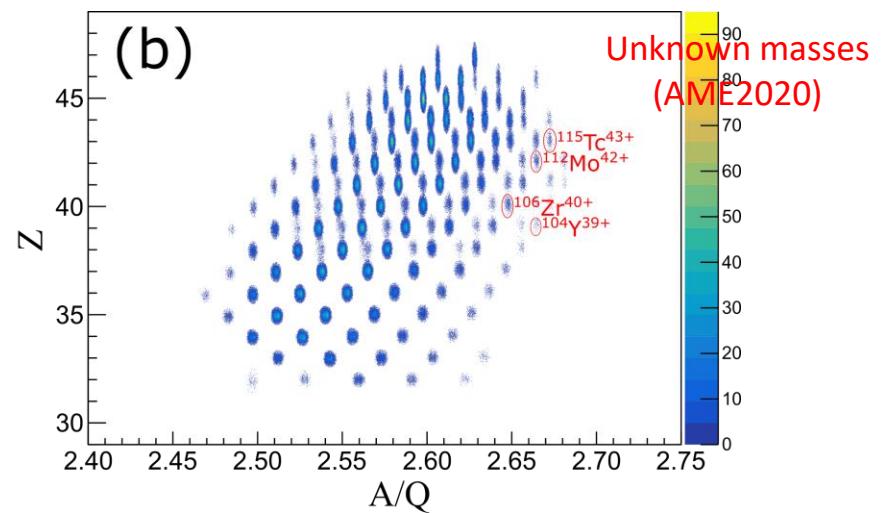


Z-A/Q PID plots

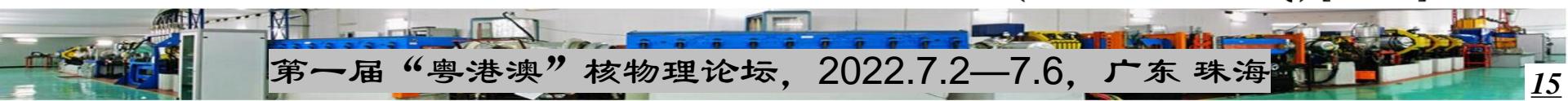
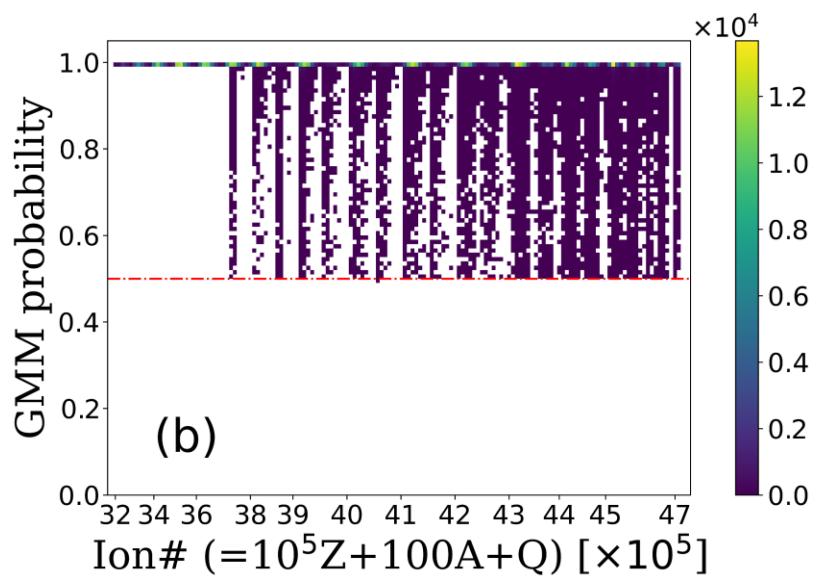
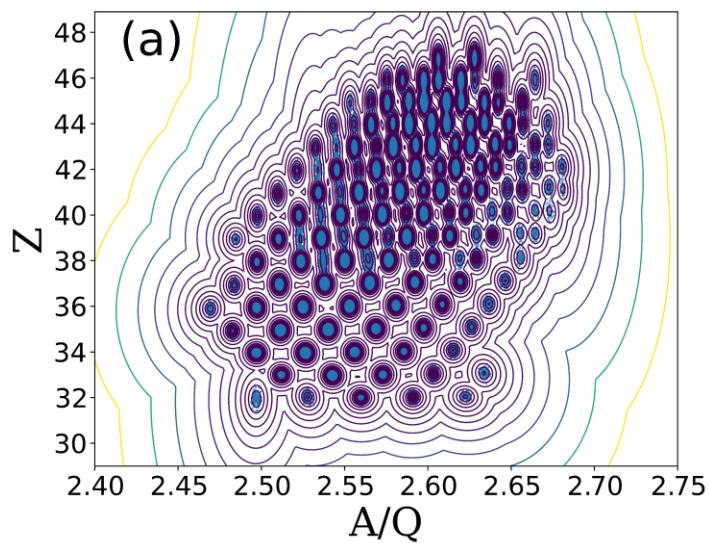
Original PID



PID using GMM



Gaussian-mixture model for clustering





Mass fit: event-by-event

$$\frac{m}{q} = p_0 + \sum_{i=1}^8 p_i \cdot x_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^8 p_{ij} \cdot x_i x_j + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^8 p_{ijk} \cdot x_i x_j x_k$$

$x_1 = \text{ToF}_{\text{raw}}$, $x_2 = Z$, $x_3 = X_{\text{MCP}}$, $x_4 = Y_{\text{MCP}}$, $x_5 = X_{\text{CRDC1}}$,
 $x_6 = Y_{\text{CRDC1}}$, $x_7 = X_{\text{CRDC2}}$, $x_8 = Y_{\text{CRDC2}}$

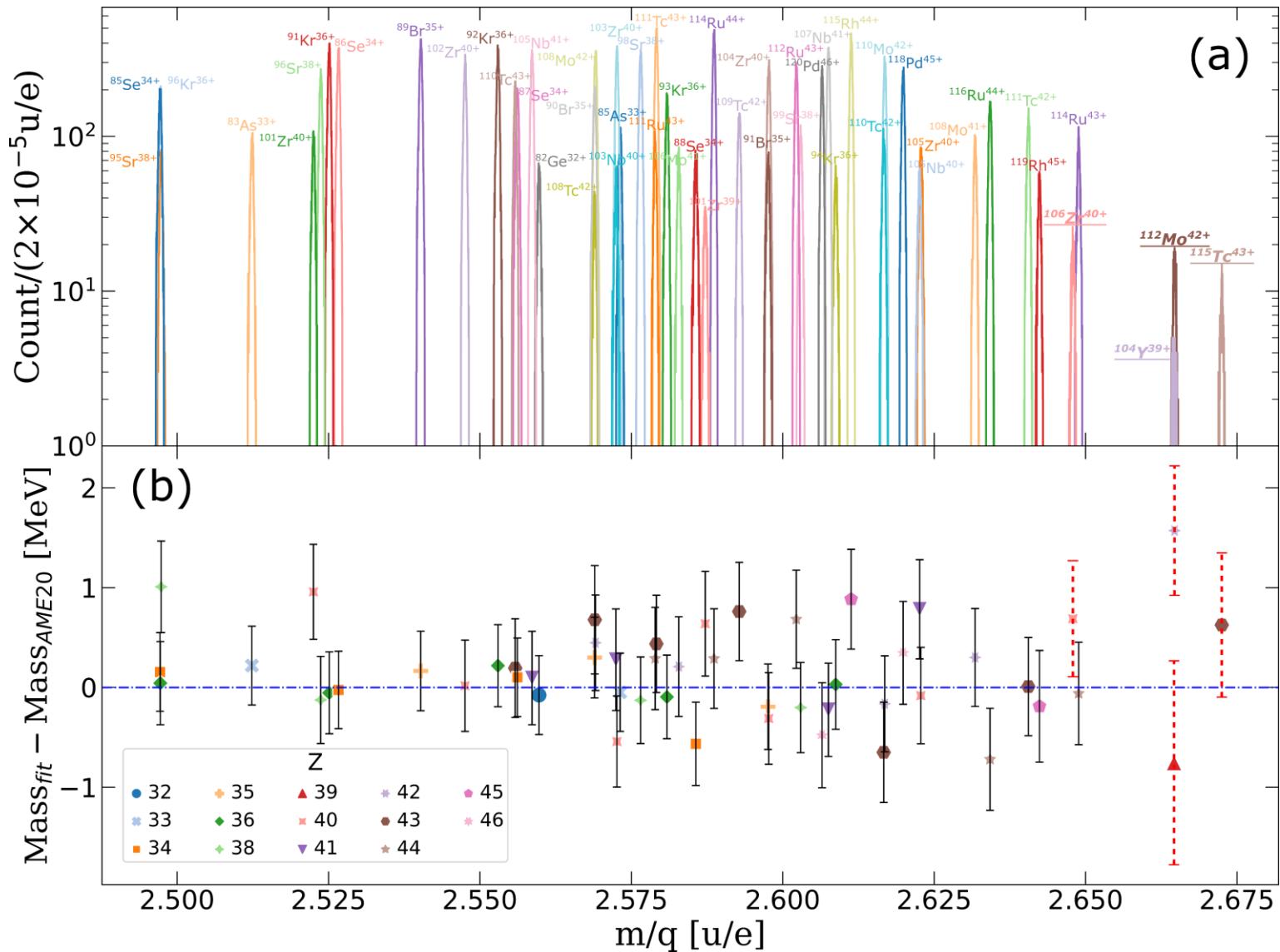
- 48 reference ions were selected from AME2020 with uncertainty of 2–25 keV without high-energy (>100 keV) isomers
- 300,000 events were used in the fit to obtain 165 parameters p_i
- M/Q for one kind of ion will be the weighted average of all the fitted m/q belonging to this ion
- **Statistical error:** the resolution of m/q distribution for each ion $\sim 9.0 \times 10^{-5}$, then the error is obtained as $\sim 3.5 \text{ keV/e}$ ($\sim 140 \text{ keV}$ for mass uncertainty)
- **Literal error:** σ^{lit} taken from AME2020
- **Systematic error:** using leave-one-out cross-validation with the event-by-event fit on the reference ions to achieve where $N=48$. Then $\sigma^{\text{syst}} = 10 \text{ keV/e}$.

$$1 - \sqrt{2/N} < \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{(M/Q_j^{\text{CV}} - M/Q_j^{\text{lit}})^2}{(\sigma_j^{\text{statCV}})^2 + (\sigma_j^{\text{lit}})^2 + (\sigma^{\text{syst}})^2} < 1 + \sqrt{2/N}$$





Results





Summary



- Plastic scintillation detectors with traditional electronics were tested using nuclear beam at NSCL.
- Conducted the first experiment of ToF-B ρ mass measurement at the NSCL for the r-process and measured 4 new masses.



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