

# New accurate measurements of neutron emission probabilities for relevant fission products

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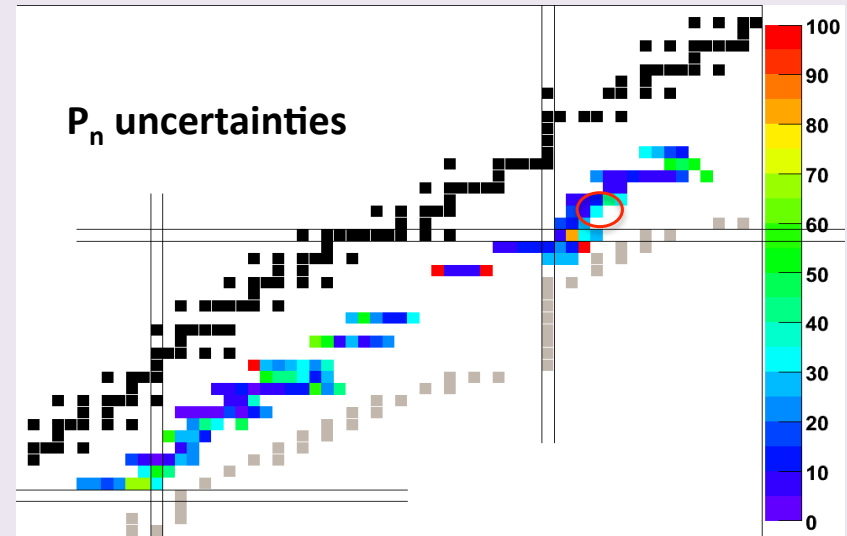
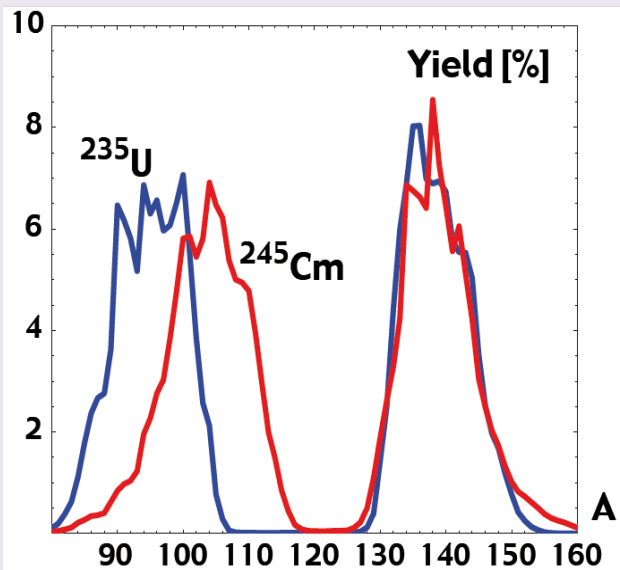
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# Motivation

- Nuclear reactor control: summation calculation of the delayed neutron fraction
- We try to improve data for fission products with :
  - Relatively large fission yields  $Y$
  - Few  $P_n$  experimental values
  - Relatively large uncertainties on  $P_n$

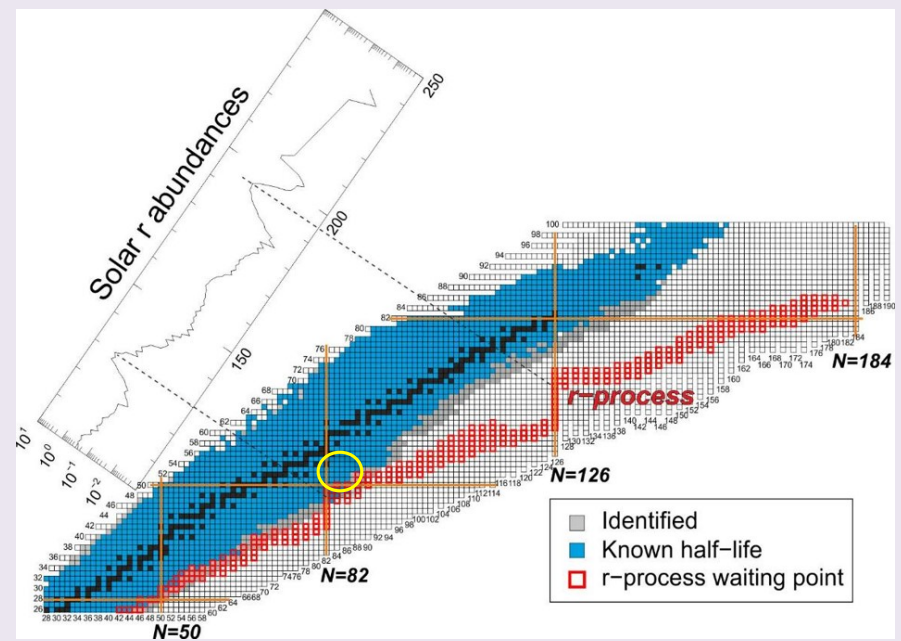
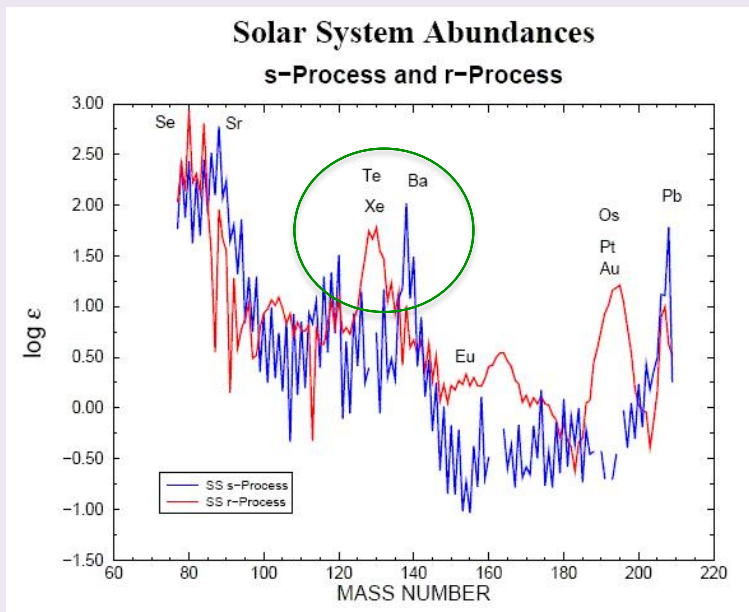
$$\bar{\nu}_d = \sum_i Y_i \cdot P_n^i$$



$P_n$ : Pfeiffer et al., PNE41(2002)39

# Motivation

- Pn Values are also important for the astrophysical r-process: They modify the final element abundance.
- We choose to measure fission products close to the r-process path around A=140



# Experiment: The goal



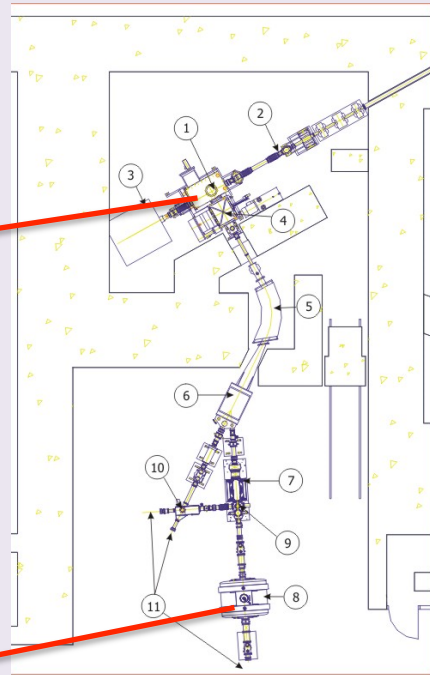
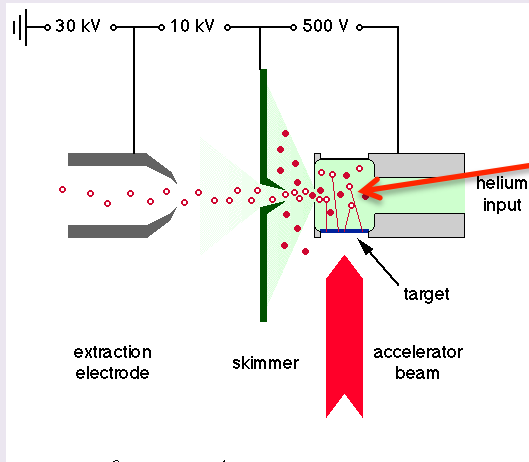
Nuclei with  $N > 82$   $Z > 50$ :  $^{138} \text{I}$ ,  $^{139} \text{I}$ ,  $^{140} \text{I}$ ,  $^{138} \text{Te}$  and  $^{135} \text{Sb}$ ,  $^{137} \text{Sb}$

$^{136}\text{Xe}$ >2.4E+21 Y 8.8513% 2 $\beta^-$	$^{137}\text{Xe}$ 3.818 M $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	$^{138}\text{Xe}$ 14.08 M $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	$^{139}\text{Xe}$ 39.68 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	$^{140}\text{Xe}$ 13.60 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	$^{141}\text{Xe}$ 1.73 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta^-$ -n: 0.04%	$^{142}\text{Xe}$ 1.23 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta^-$ -n: 0.21%	$^{143}\text{Xe}$ 0.511 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta^-$ -n: 1.00%	$^{144}\text{Xe}$ 0.388 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta^-$ -n: 3.00%
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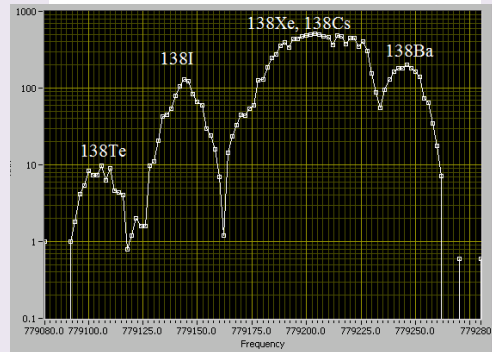
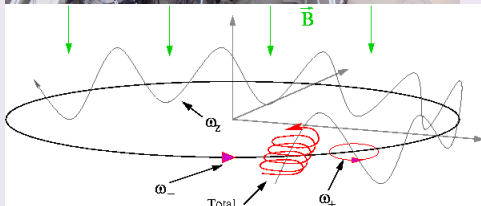
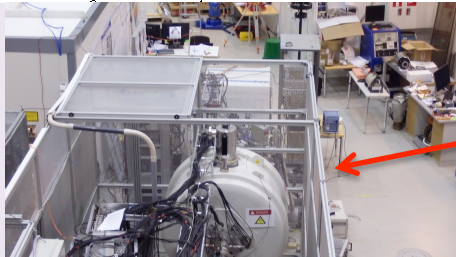
# Experiment: The facility



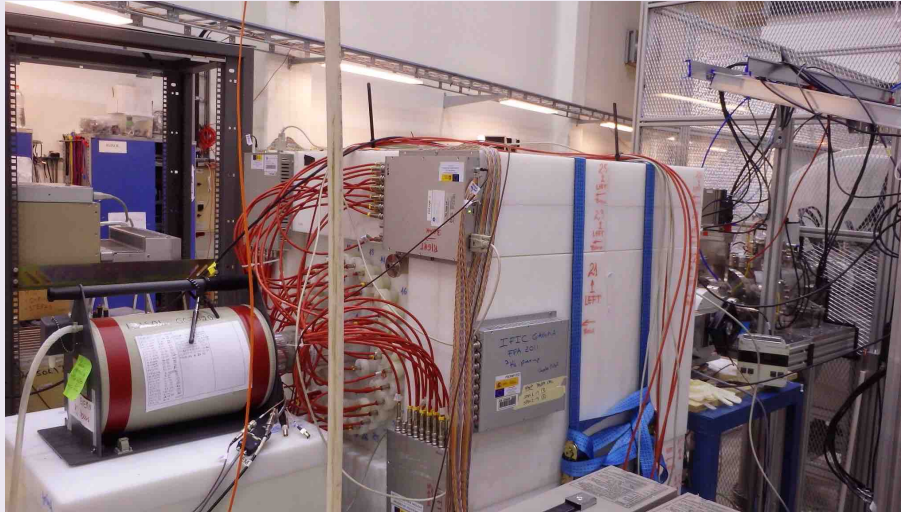
## IGISOL + Penning trap



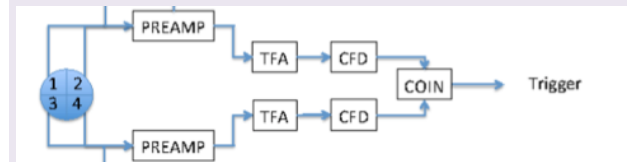
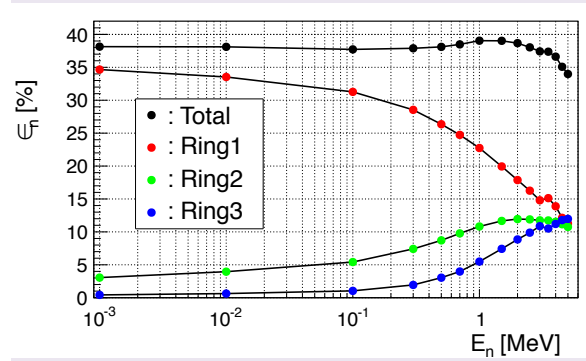
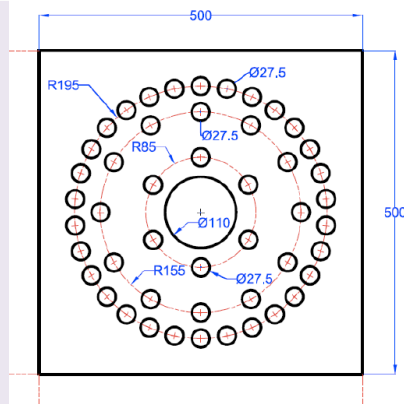
- Ion source with a Helium jet to extract ions
- Capable to extract refractory elements
- Fast extraction, so we can reach small half lives
- Mass separator connected to a Penning trap
- Isotopic purification



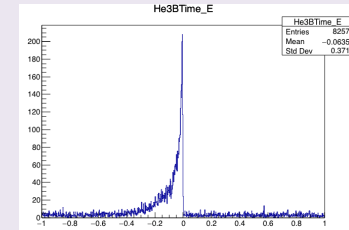
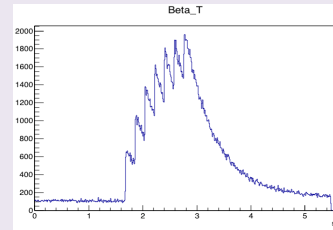
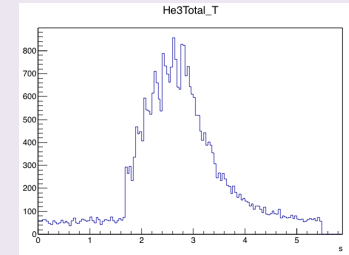
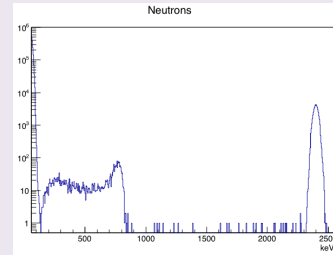
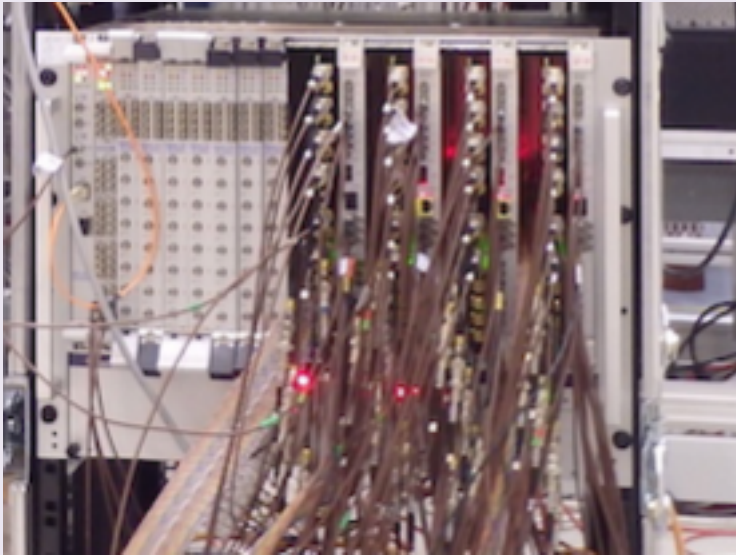
# Experiment: The detectors



- 48  $^3\text{He}$  detector of 8 atm
- Distributed in 3 rings
- $\sim 40\%$  efficiency
- Flat efficiency until 2MeV
- Ions implanted in a transport tape in the center of the detector
- Thin plastic detector close to the implantation area
- HpGe Detector fit in the matrix ( $\sim 10\text{cm}$  from center)
- Beta detector  $\sim 30\%$  efficiency



# Experiment: The DAQ



- Enhancement of our BELEN event-less DACQ
- Improved online analysis capabilities and display.
- Increased capabilities: More than one crate and up to 200 channels

# Experiment: Analysis issues

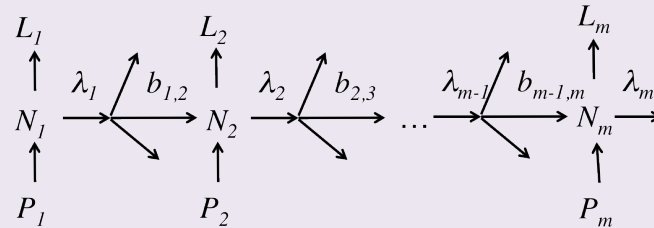


Problem:

- The daughter Xe is a noble gas: escape from implantation tape

Solution:

- Add a loss term to Bateman equations



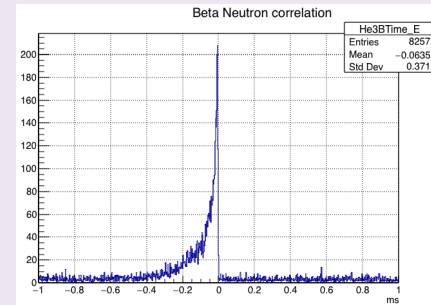
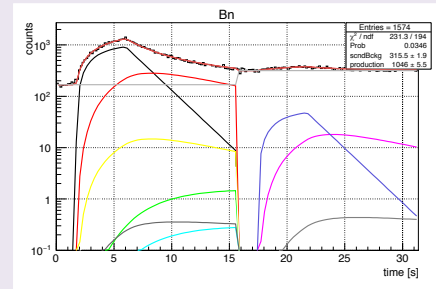
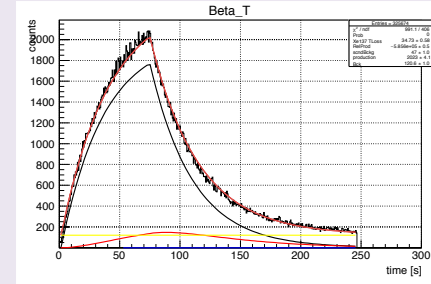
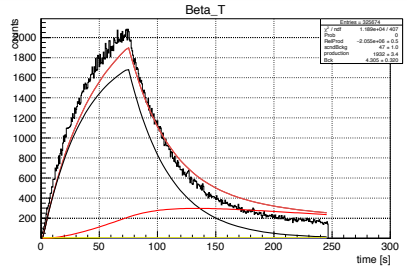
Two analysis ways:

- Betas and neutrons single counts.
- $\beta$ -n correlation: This method is dependent on the  $\beta$  detection efficiencies in the  $Q_{\beta n}$  window.

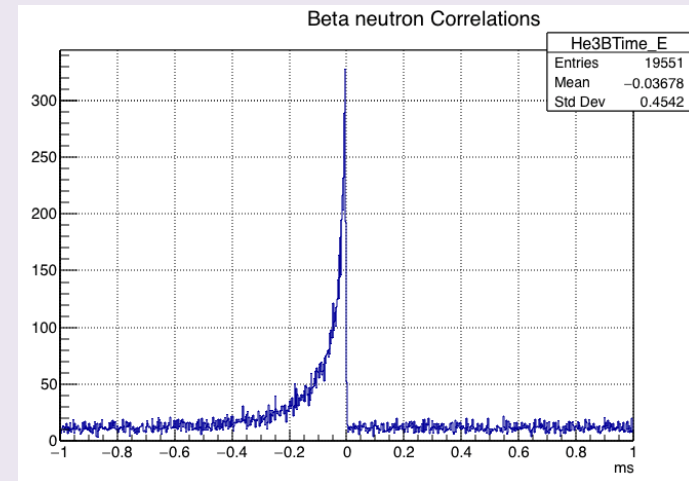
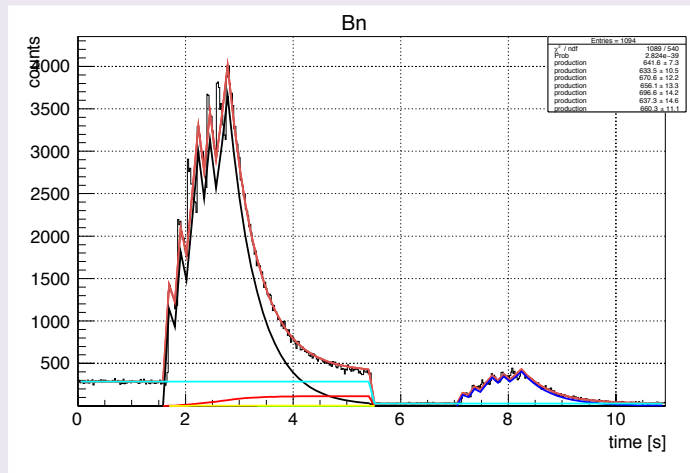
$$P_n = \frac{\epsilon_\beta}{\epsilon_n} \frac{N_n}{N_\beta}$$

$$P_n = \frac{\bar{\epsilon}_\beta}{\bar{\epsilon}_n \bar{\epsilon}_\beta^{-p_n}} \frac{N_{\beta n}}{N_\beta}$$

$$\bar{\epsilon}_\beta^{-p_n} \sim \bar{\epsilon}_\beta \rightarrow P_n = \frac{1}{\bar{\epsilon}_n} \frac{N_{\beta n}}{N_\beta}$$



# Experiment: Calibration $^{95}\text{Rb}$



$$\frac{\epsilon_{\beta}}{\epsilon_n} = \frac{1}{P_n} \frac{N_n}{N_{\beta}}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_{\beta}}{\epsilon_n} = 0.816(33)$$

$$\frac{-\overline{\epsilon}_n}{\overline{\epsilon}_{\beta}} = \frac{1}{P_n} \frac{N_{\beta n}}{N_{\beta}}$$

$$\overline{\epsilon}_n = 38.48(16)$$

Agrees with MC simulation

$$P_n = \frac{\epsilon_{\beta}}{\epsilon_n} \frac{N_n}{N_{\beta}}$$

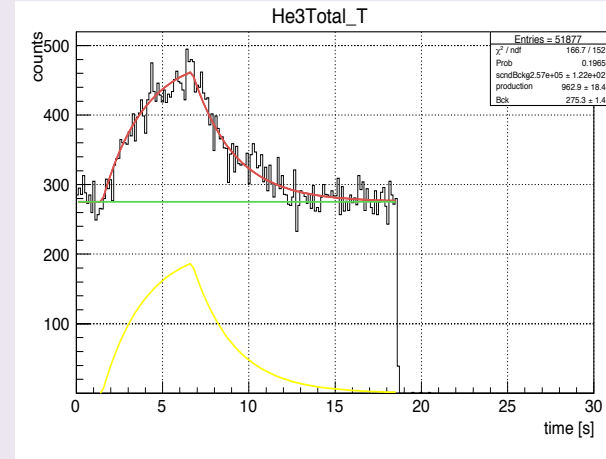
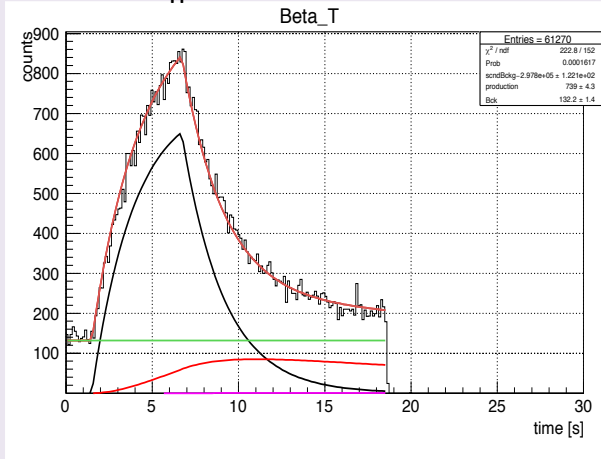
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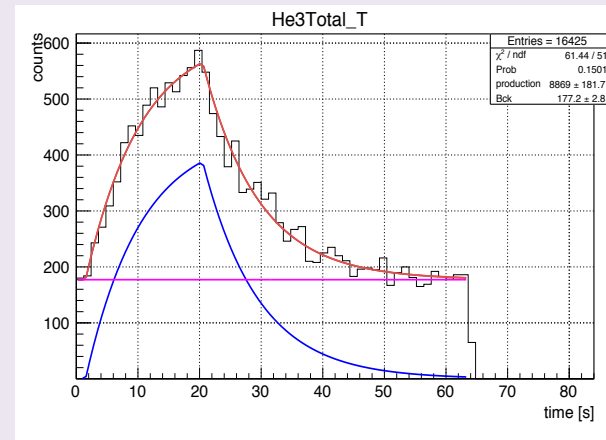
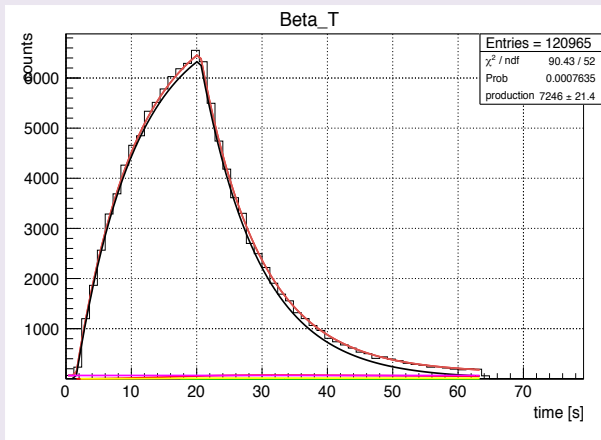
# Preliminary Results



$^{135}\text{Sb} : P_n = 24.5(9)\%$



$^{138}\text{I} : P_n = 4.98(18)\%$





# Preliminary Results: $^{138}\text{Te}$ precedents



- Only one measurement from 1975
- Mass separated A=138, low amount of  $^{138}\text{Te}$ .
- High uncertainty in  $P_n$  and  $T_{1/2}$

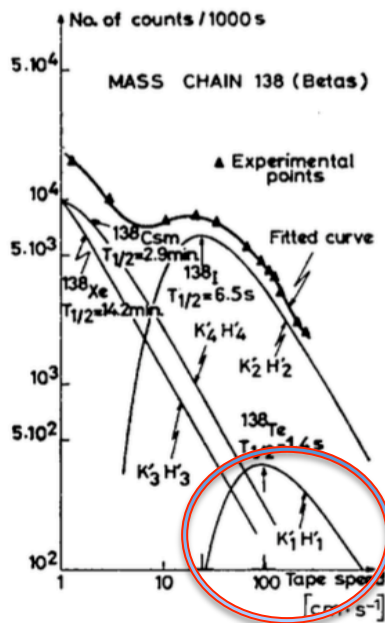


Fig. 17. The mass chain 138  $\beta$ -activity as a function of tape speed and its decomposition in  $KH'$  components.

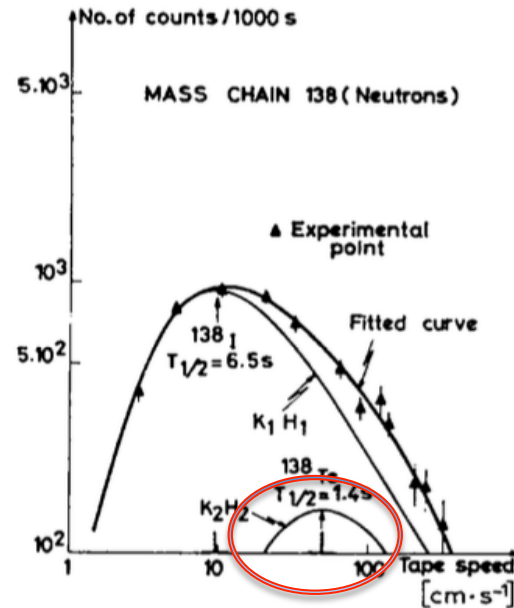
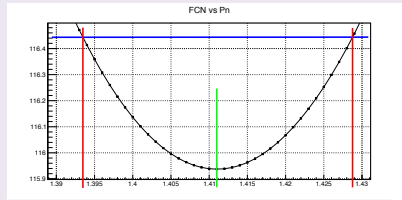


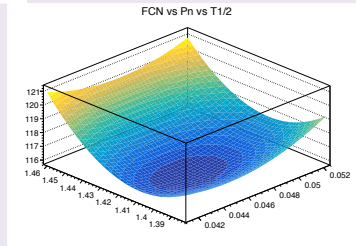
Fig. 10. The mass chain 138 neutron activity as a function of tape speed and its decomposition in  $KH$  components.

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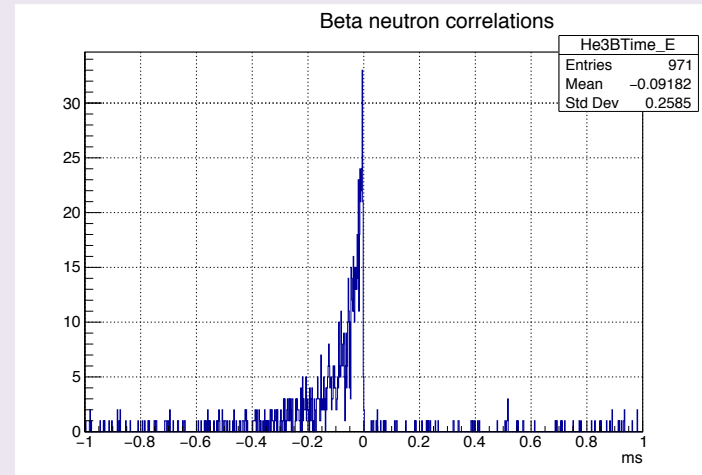
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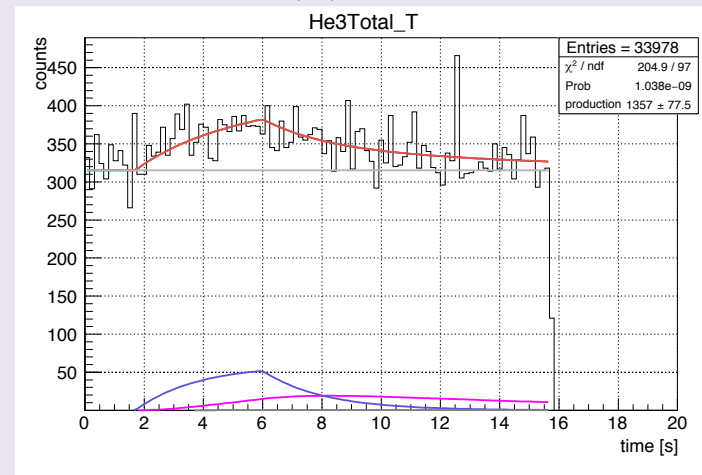
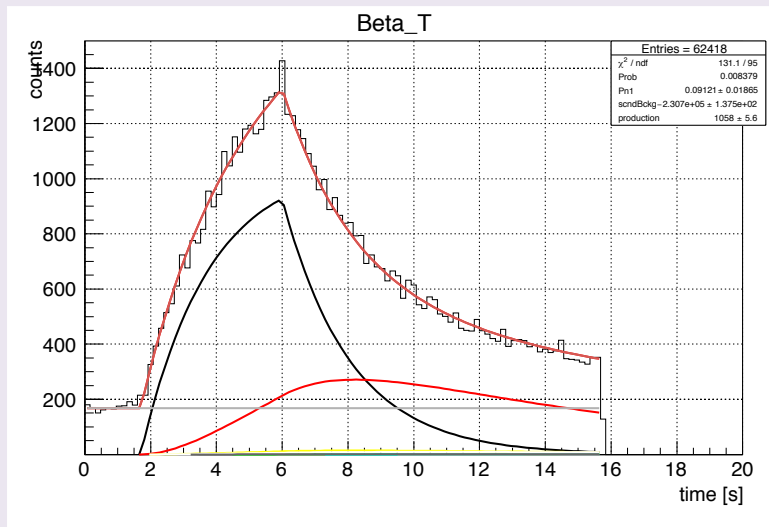
$$T_{1/2} = 1.41(2)\text{s}$$



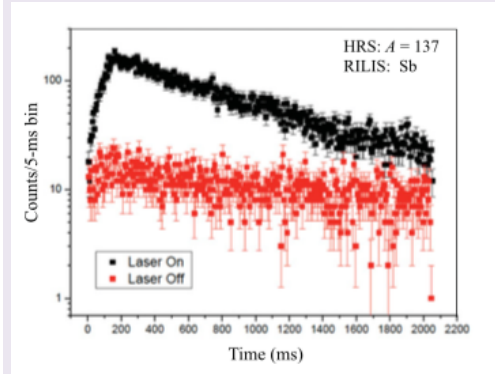
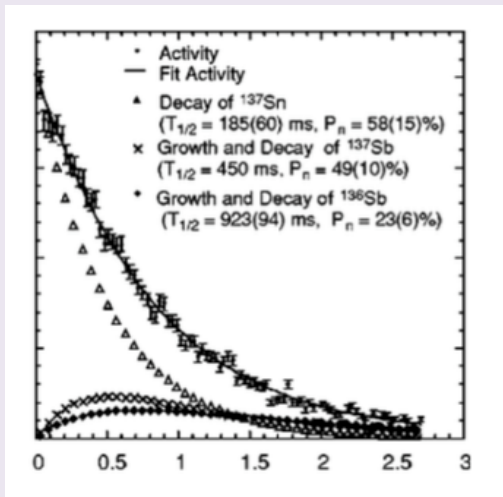
$^{138}\text{Te}$ :  $P_n = 4.3(3)\%$



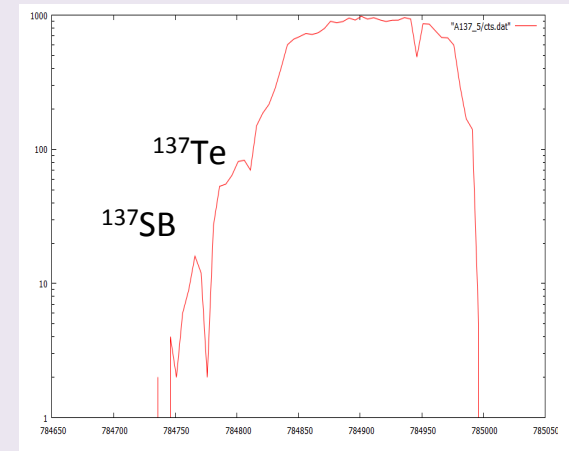
$^{138}\text{Te}$ :  $P_n = 4.3(2)\%$



# Preliminary Results: $^{137}\text{Sb}$ ?

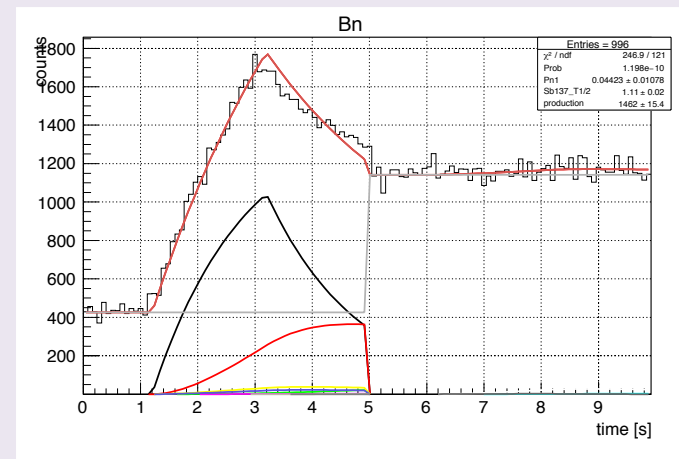


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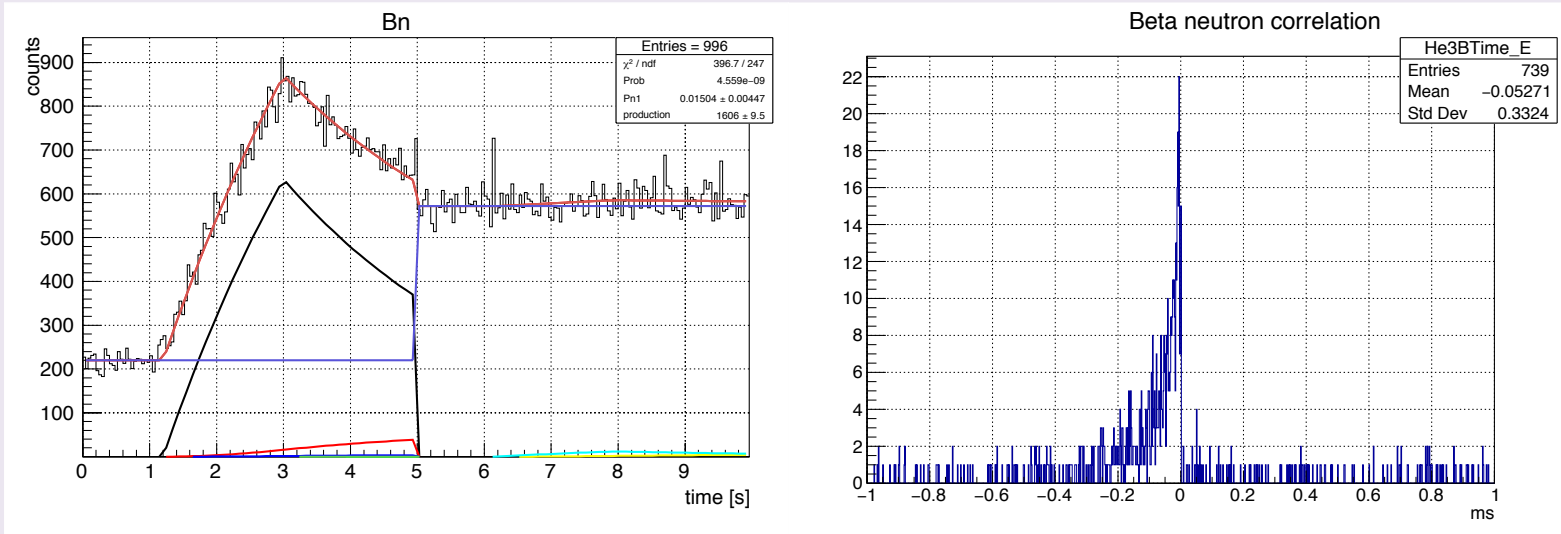
- In first measurement, systematics for  $^{133}\text{Sb}$  and  $^{135}\text{Sb}$  was used to obtain  $T_{1/2} = 0.45(5)\text{s}$ ,  $P_n = 49(10)\%$
- In the second experiment  $T_{1/2} = 0.492(25)\text{s}$  and no  $P_n$ .
- Our data:
  - Small production
  - Half life to fit plot: 1.1s, too long for previous values.



# Preliminary Results: But what about $^{137}\text{Te}$

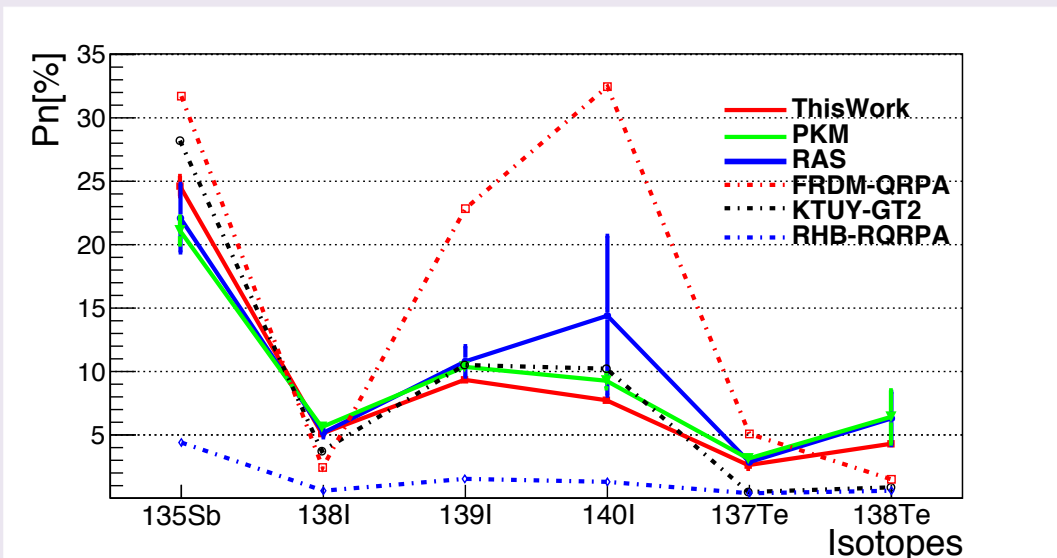


$^{137}\text{Te}$ :  $P_n = 2.6\%(3)$



We thought that we measure  $^{137}\text{Sb}$ , but we were measuring the tail of the  $^{137}\text{Te}$

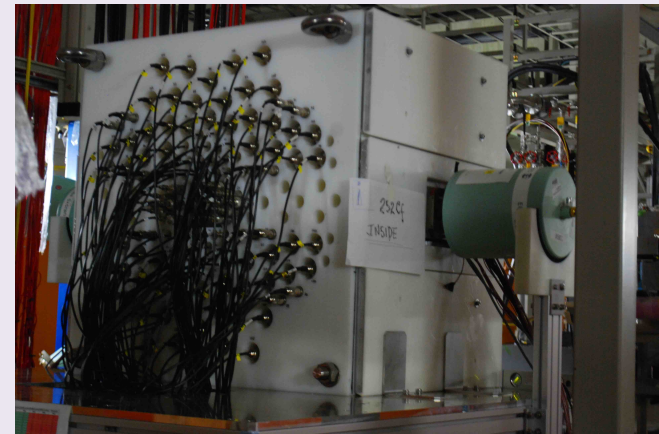
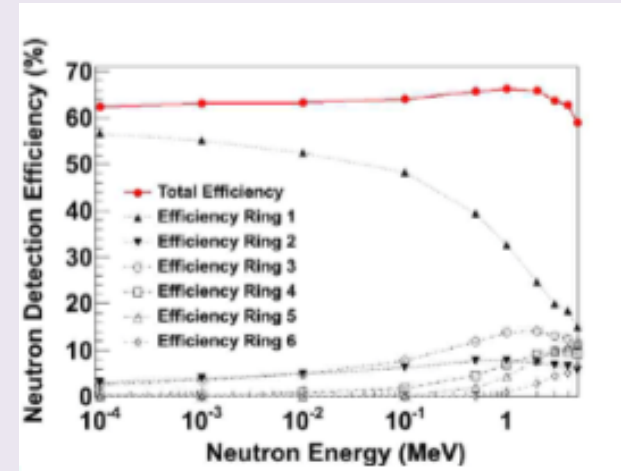
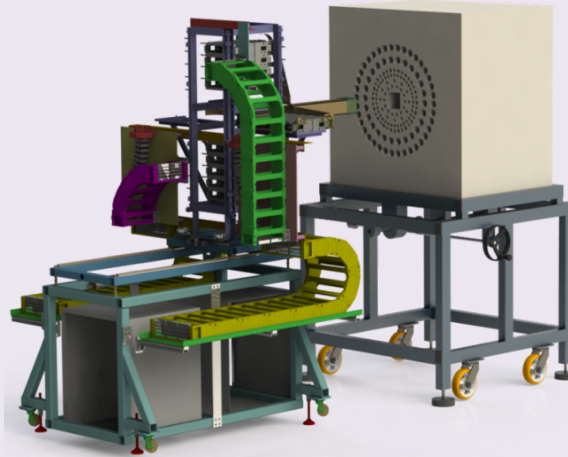
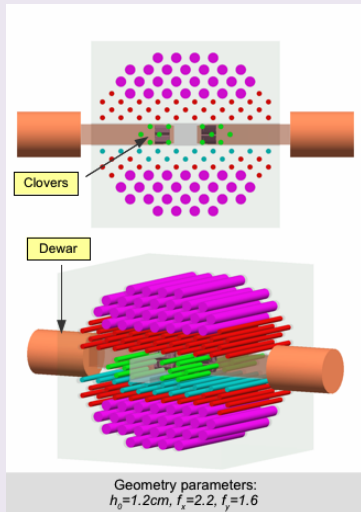
# Preliminary Results: Comparison with previous data



- RAS: Rudstam et al., ADNDT 53 (1993) 1
- PKN:Pfeiffer et al., Prog.Nuc.Ene. 41 (2002) 39
- KTUY-GT2:H. Koura, T. Tachibana, M. Uno, and M. Yamada, Prog. Theor. Phys. 113, 305 (2005).
- RHB-QRPA: Marketin PHYSICAL REVIEW C 93, 025805 (2016)
- FRDM-QRPA: Moeller et al., PRC67(03)55802

$P_n\%$	This Work	PKM	RAS	FRDM-QRPA	KTUY+GT2	RHB-QRPA
$^{135}\text{Sb}$	24.5(9)	22.0(27)	21.0(11)	31.71	28.03	4.4
$^{138}\text{I}$	4.98(18)	5.17(36)	5.56(22)	2.39	3.62	0.6
$^{139}\text{I}$	9.27(33)	10.8(12)	10.3(4)	22.84	10.48	1.5
$^{140}\text{I}$	7.60(28)	<b>14.4(63)</b>	9.2(6)	32.46	10.17	1.3
$^{137}\text{Te}$	2.6(3)	2.86(24)	3.04(16)	5.08	0.41	0.4
$^{138}\text{Te}$	4.8(23)	6.3(21)	6.3(21)	1.5	0.79	0.6

# Next step: BRIKEN



- The largest moderated neutron detector for beta-delayed neutrons
- The AIDA implantation detector
- BigRIPS spectrometer @ RIKEN
- Nov 2016 First commissioning in beam



# Conclusions

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- More accurate measurements for  $^{135}\text{Sb}$  and  $^{138, 139, 140}\text{I}$ .
- Improve for the badly known  $T_{1/2}$  and  $P_n$  of  $^{138}\text{Te}$
- We failed to measure  $^{137}\text{Sb}$  we planed to do in the future.
- Good test and training for the upcoming biggest  $^3\text{He}$  array -> BRIKEN

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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME



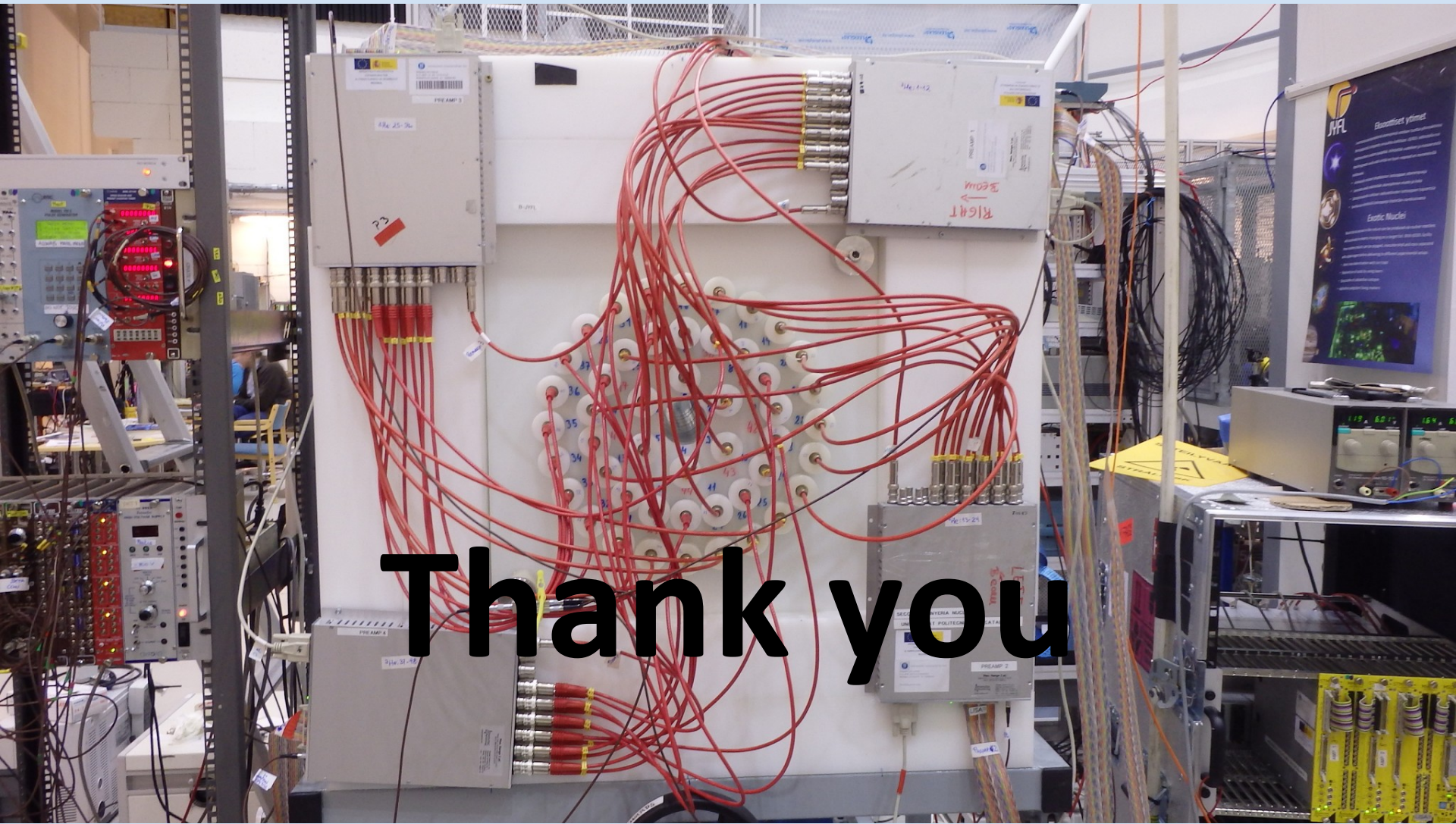
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