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Status of LAMPS for Nuclear Symmetry Energy at RAON

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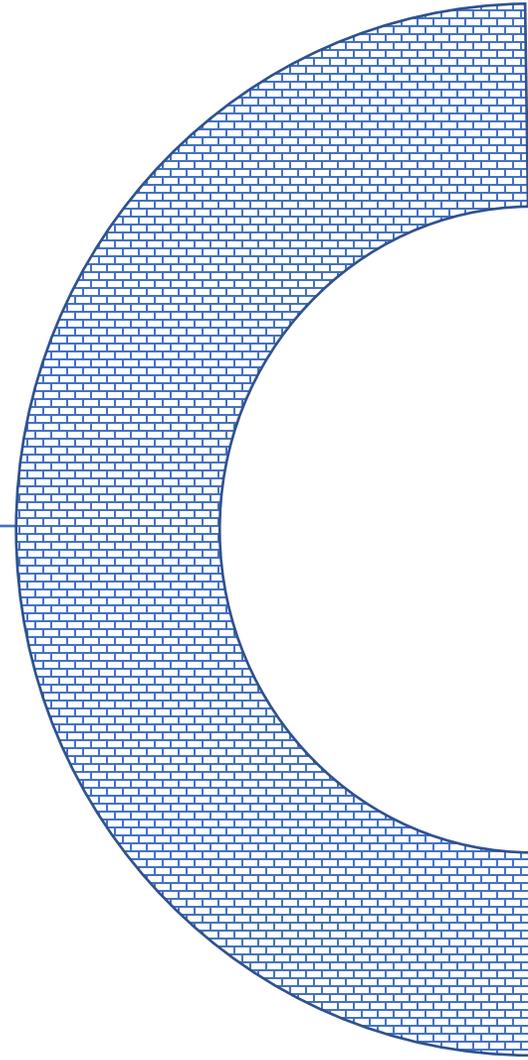
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Part 1.

Physics goal of LAMPS:
Nuclear equation of state & symmetry energy



Main physics objective of LAMPS

- Equation of state (EoS) & symmetry energy E_{sym} of nuclear matter [$\delta = (N - Z)/(N + Z)$]:

$$E/A = \varepsilon(\rho, \delta) = \varepsilon(\rho, \delta = 0) + E_{sym}(\rho)\delta^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta^4) + \dots$$

$$E_{sym}(\rho) = S_0 + \frac{L}{3} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{K_{sym}}{18} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^2$$

$$L = \frac{3}{\rho_0} P_{sym} = 3\rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial E_{sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho=\rho_0}, \quad K_{sym} = 9\rho_0^2 \left. \frac{\partial^2 E_{sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho^2} \right|_{\rho=\rho_0}$$

- Theoretical approach
 - Estimate of $\varepsilon(\rho, \delta)$ by using some density functionals or variational calculations
- Experimental approach
 - Constrain EoS & E_{sym} with the controlled laboratory experiments at specific densities (determined largely by the beam energy and less effectively by the system size)

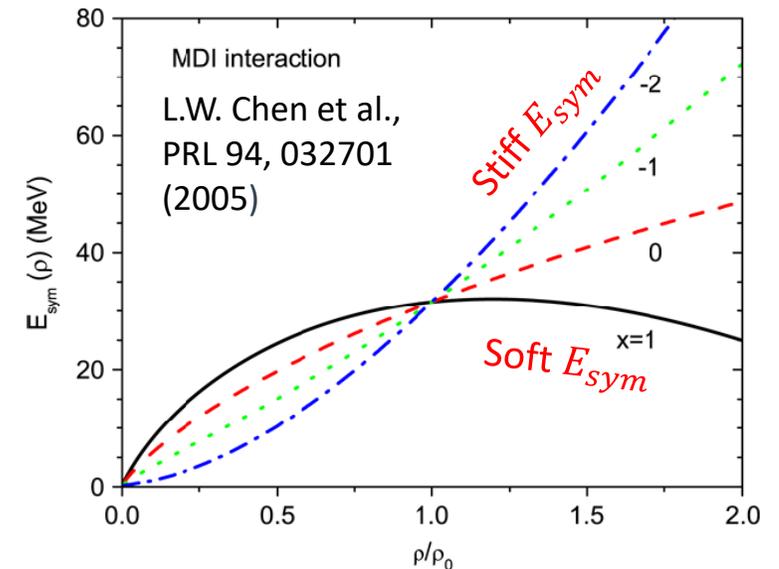
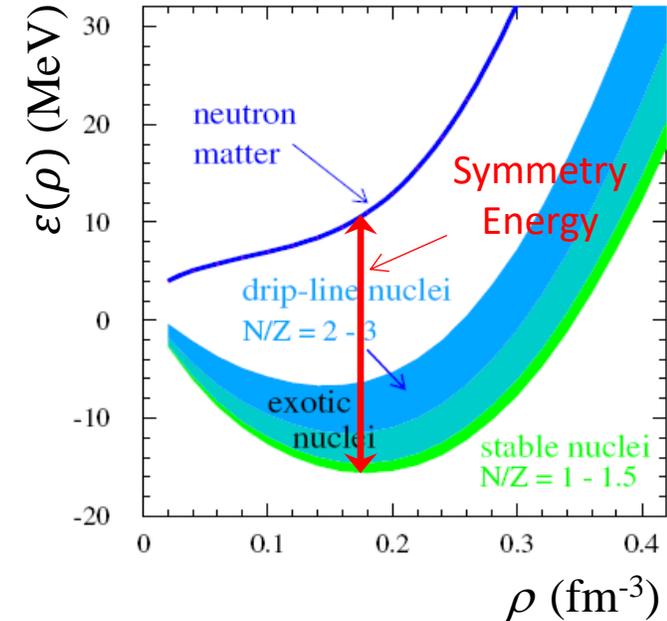
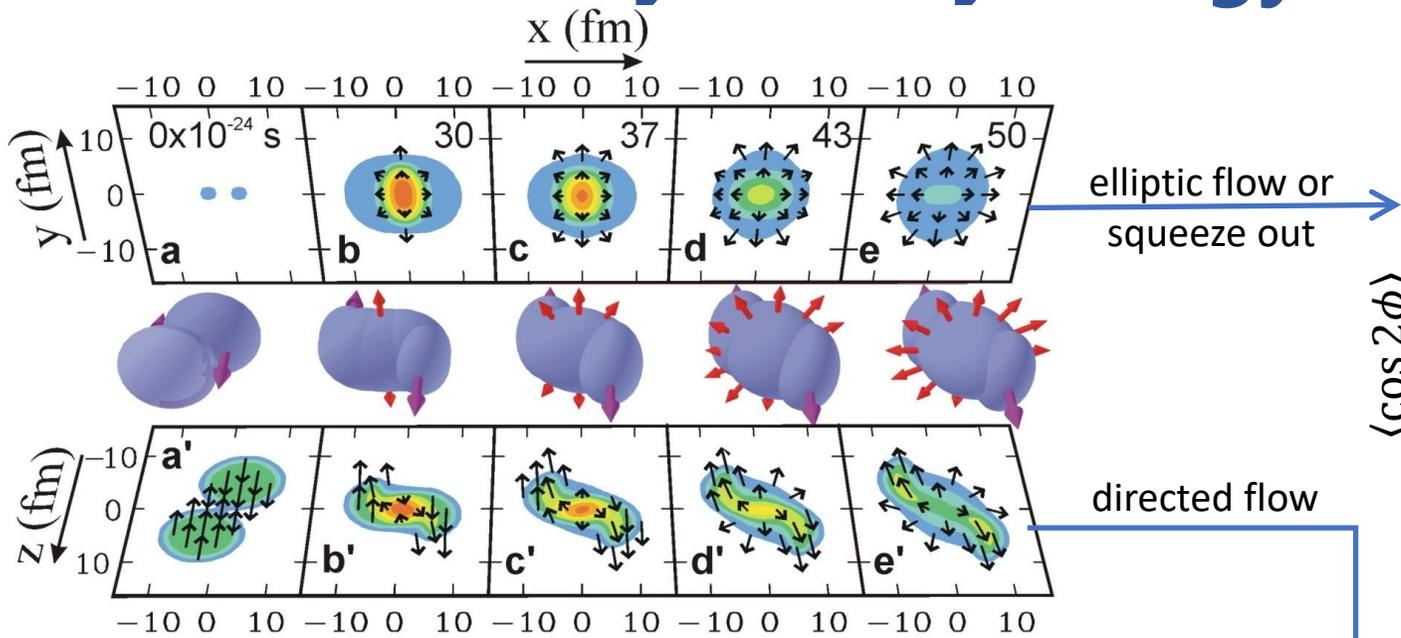
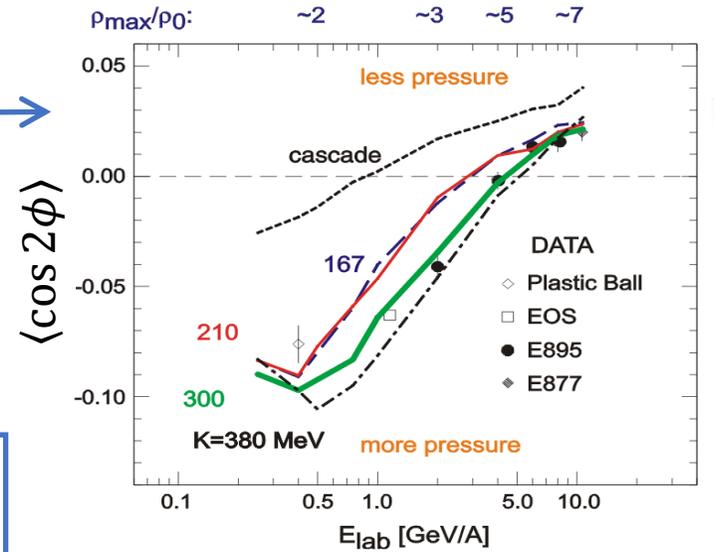


Figure adopted from
Danielewicz et al.,
Science 298,1592 (2002)



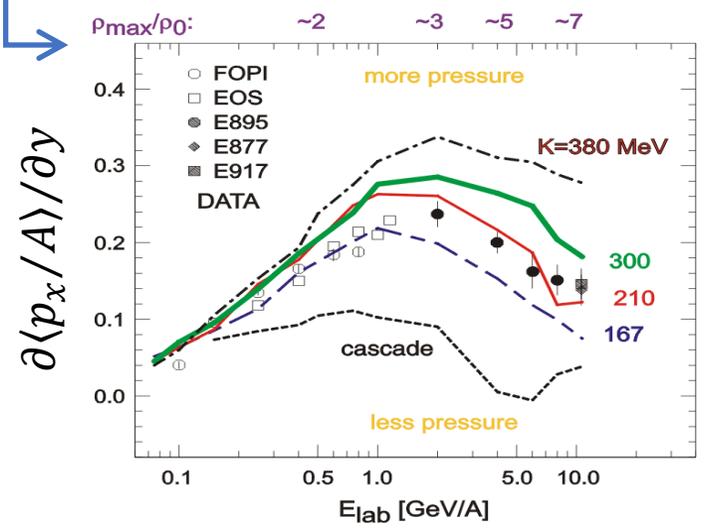
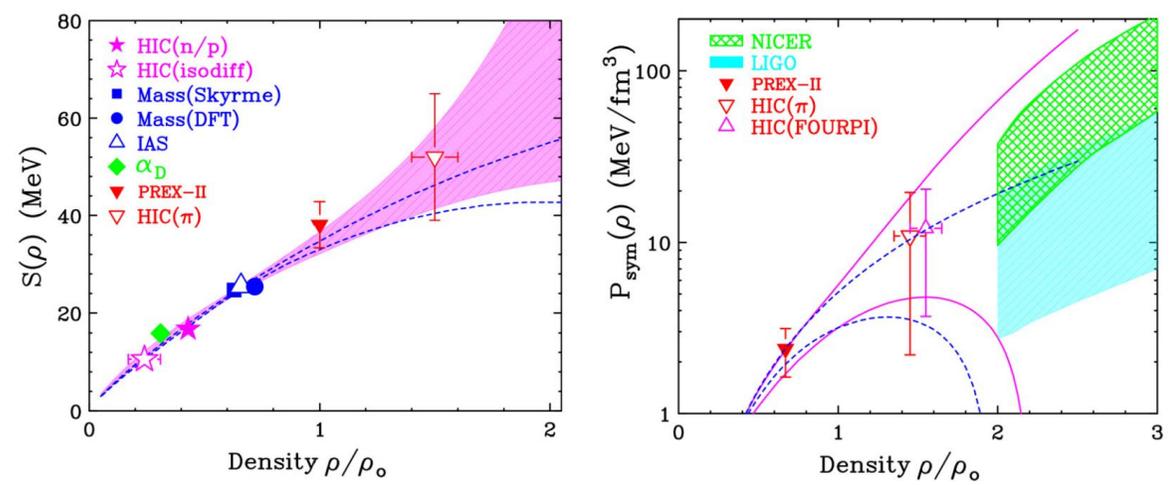
Symmetric matter



in plane
out of plane

Lynch & Tsang,
PLB 830, 137098 (2022)

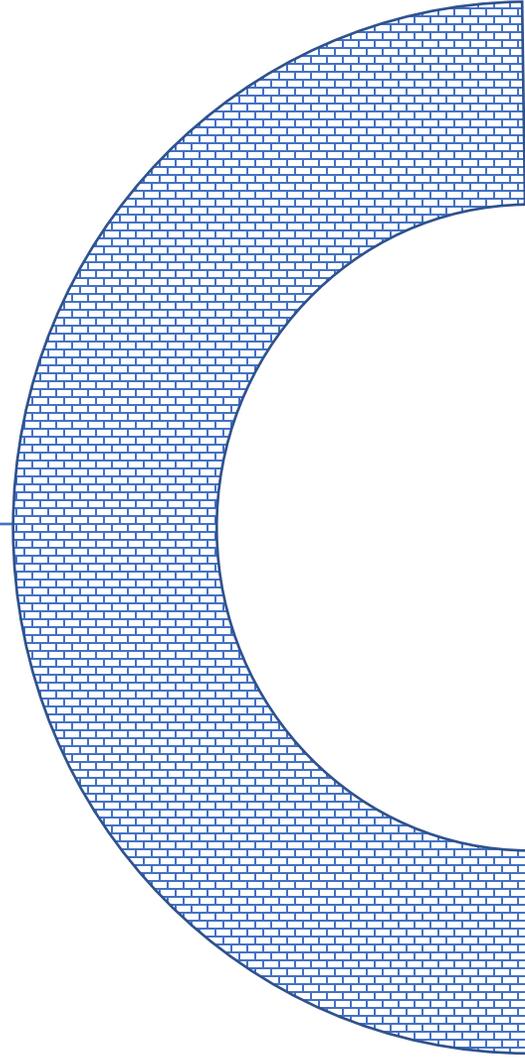
Recent constraint of the symmetry energy

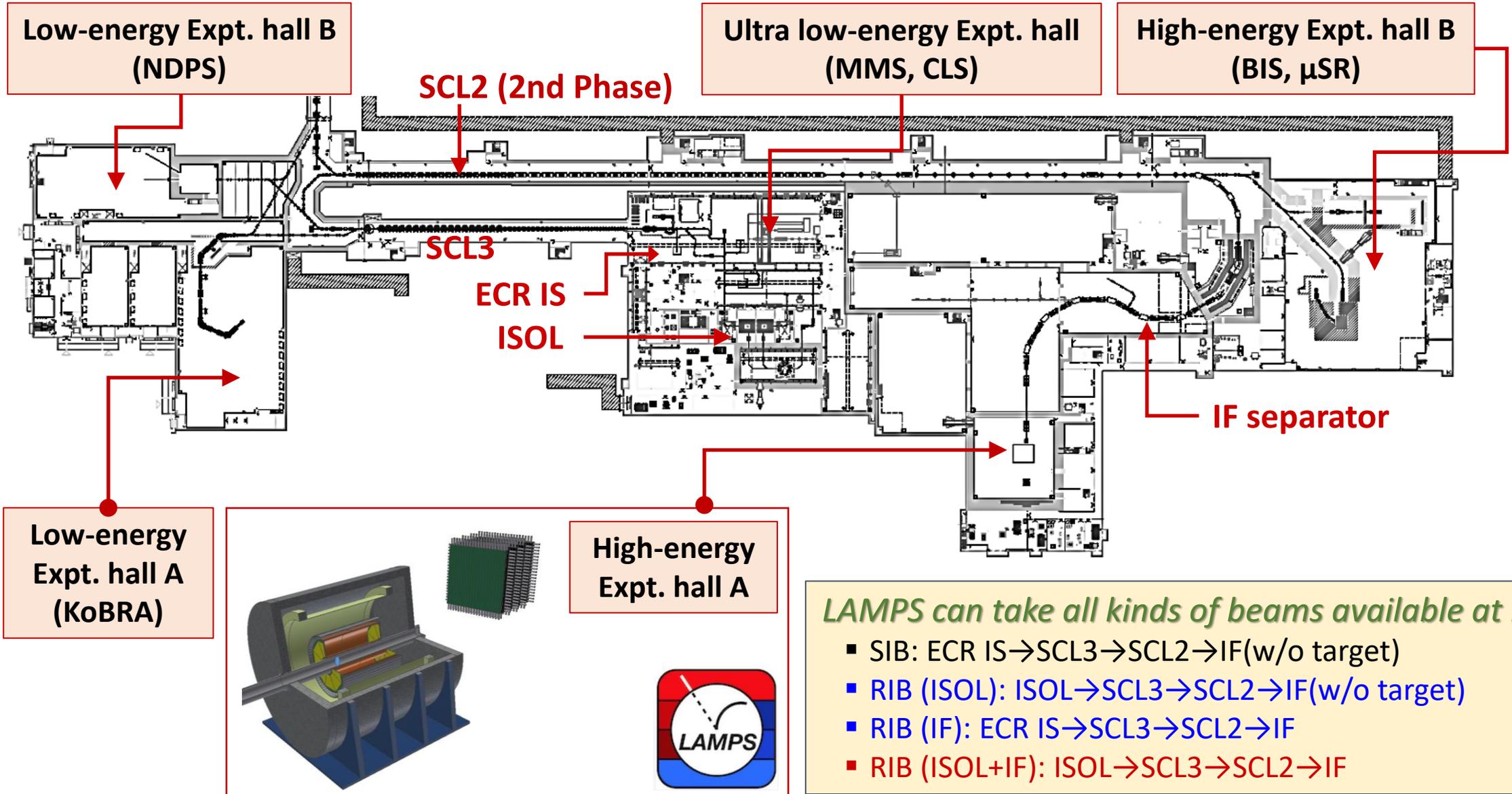


- Requirements for EoS experiments
 - Systematic change of the **system size** and N/Z of the collision system
 - Systematic change of the **beam energy** to cover a wide range of ρ/ρ_0
 - Analysis of **diverse observables** as functions of the collision **centrality** and **momentum**
 - Better to preserve the **symmetric configuration** of the detection system
- Representative observables
 - Particle spectra and yield ratios of isospin mirror particles, such as n/p , ${}^3\text{H}/{}^3\text{He}$, ${}^7\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Be}$, π^-/π^+ , etc.
 - Collective flow: v_1 & v_2 of n , p , and fragments
 - Azimuthal angle dependence of n/p ratio relative to the reaction plane
 - Isoscaling phenomenon in nuclear multi-fragmentation process
 - Isospin transportation: isospin diffusion and drift
 - **$E1$ transitions (giant and pygmy dipole resonances): peak position and magnitude**
(Some theories suggest that PDR is sensitive to the radius of the neutron skin for unstable nuclei.)
 - **Angular dependence of the gamma emission**
- Detectors
 - Large acceptance charged particle tracking (from pions to fragments)
 - Neutron (and gamma) detector
 - Event characterization detector for centrality and the reaction plane

Part 2.

LAMPS detection system @ RAON



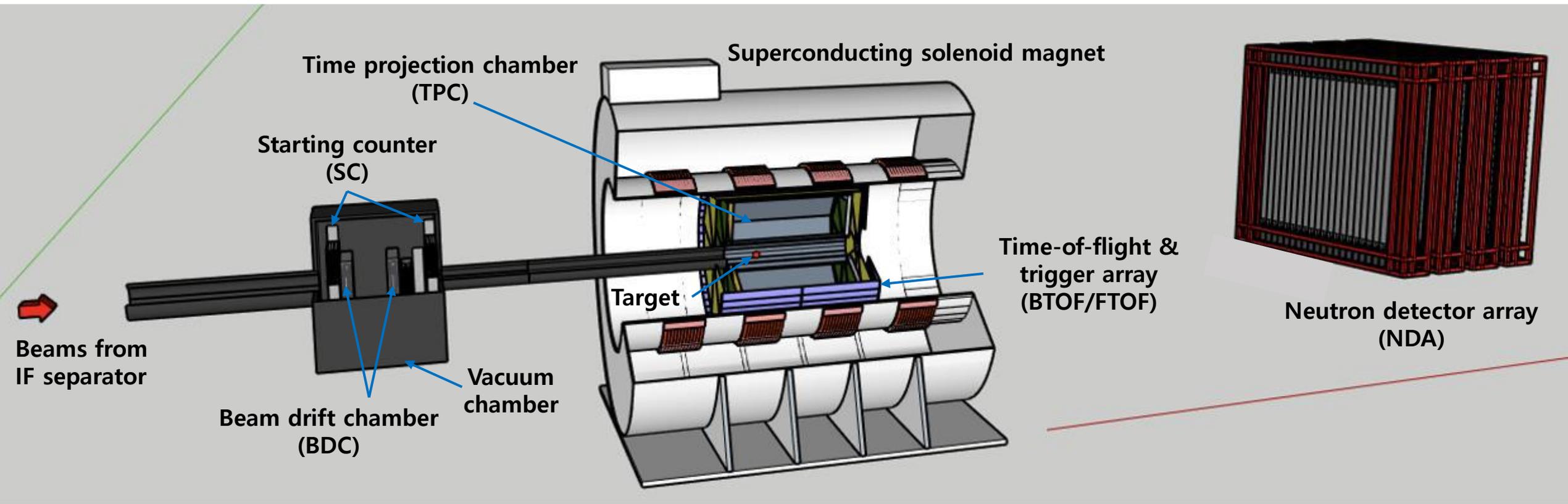


LAMPS can take all kinds of beams available at RAON!

- SIB: ECR IS → SCL3 → SCL2 → IF (w/o target)
- RIB (ISOL): ISOL → SCL3 → SCL2 → IF (w/o target)
- RIB (IF): ECR IS → SCL3 → SCL2 → IF
- RIB (ISOL+IF): ISOL → SCL3 → SCL2 → IF

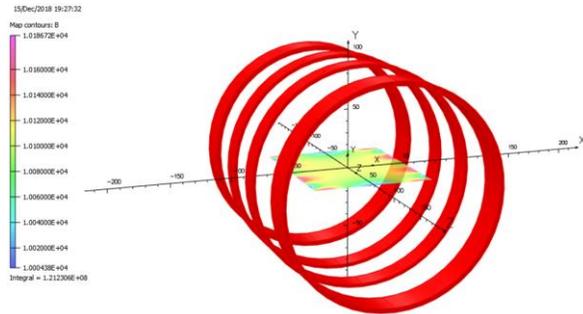
Overall design of LAMPS

- **LAMPS: Large Acceptance Multi-Purpose Spectrometer**
 - TPC with $\sim 3\pi$ sr acceptance for tracking light charged particles ($Z=1,2,3$)
 - Beam energy up to 250 MeV/u for ^{132}Sn ; Intensity up to 10^8 pps (TPC can take only $\sim 10^{4-5}$ pps)
 - *Useful system not only for nuclear EoS, but also for nuclear structure*



- Design parameters

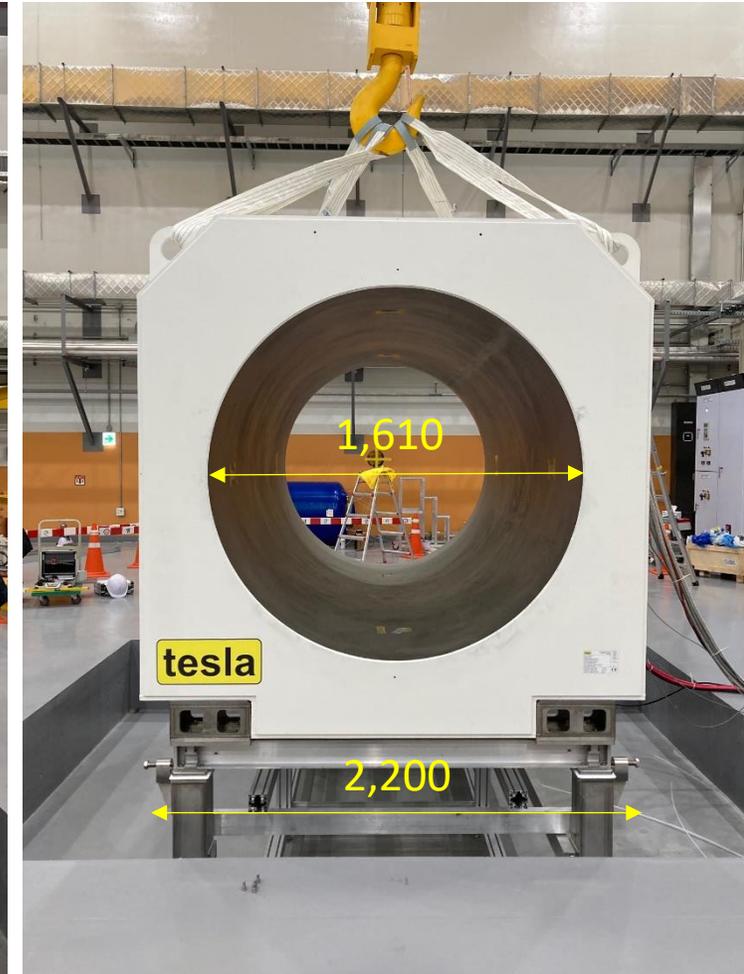
- Superconducting solenoid magnet
- Dim.: 3,000(L) X 2,200(W) X 2,250(H) mm³
- Diameter of bore: 1,610 mm
- Max. field: 1 Tesla
- Variation of B field over TPC volume:
 - (Simulation) $\pm 0.94\%$
 - (Measurement) $-0.86 \sim 0.67\%$

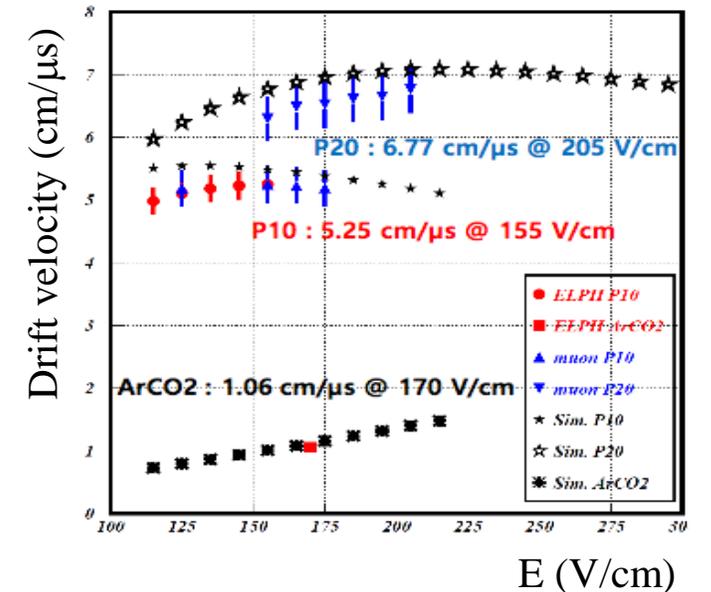
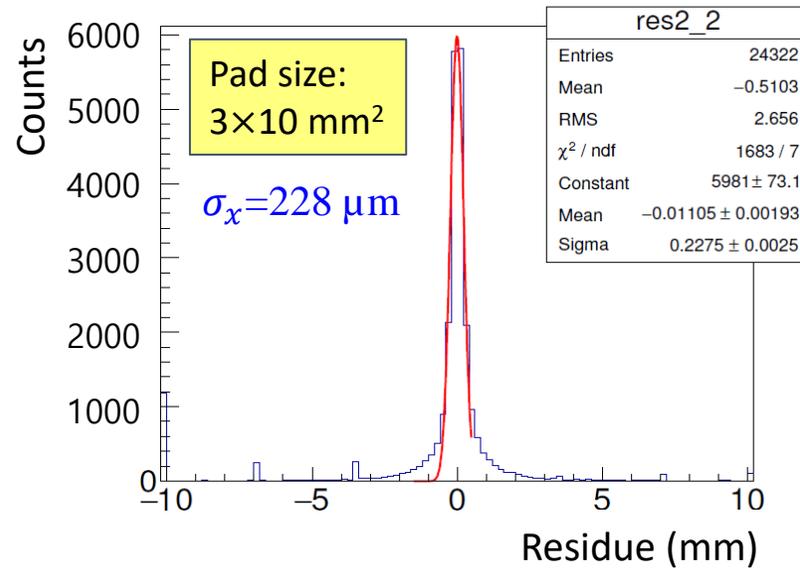
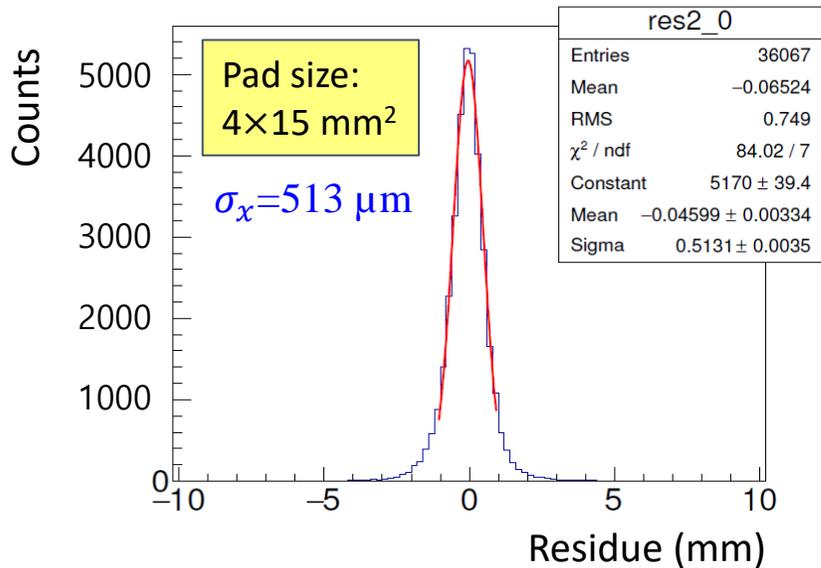
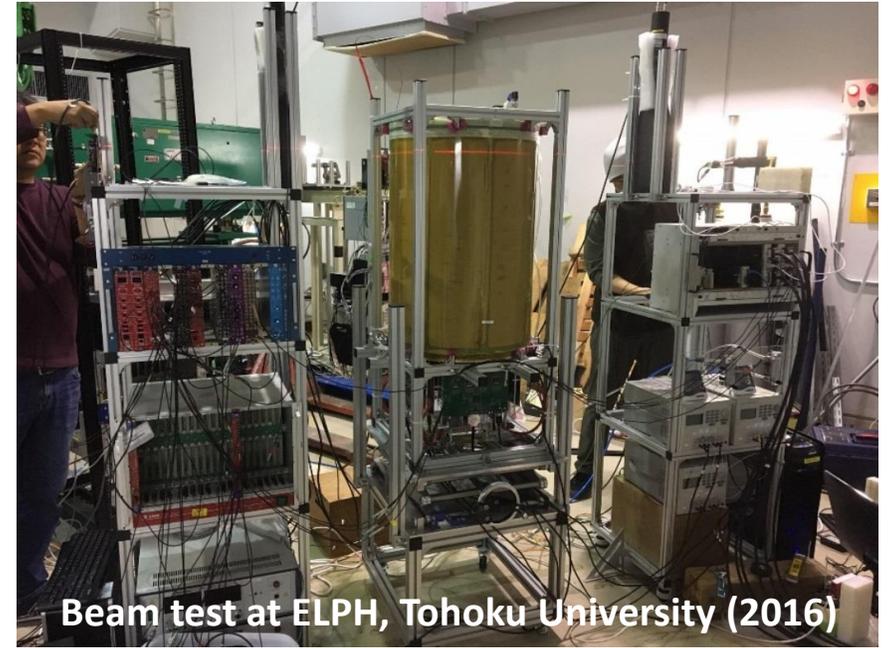
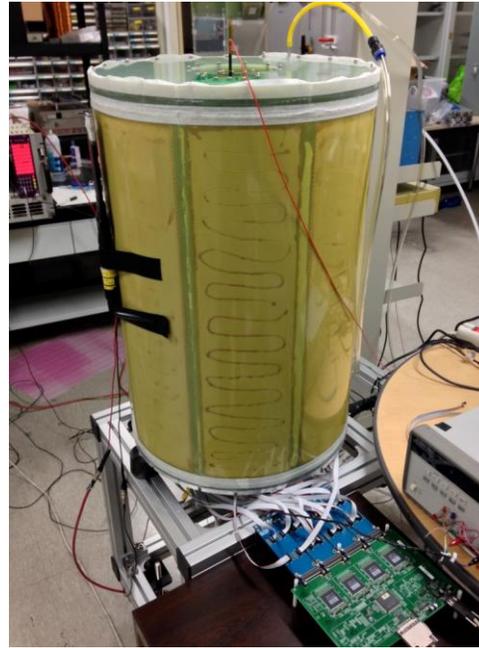
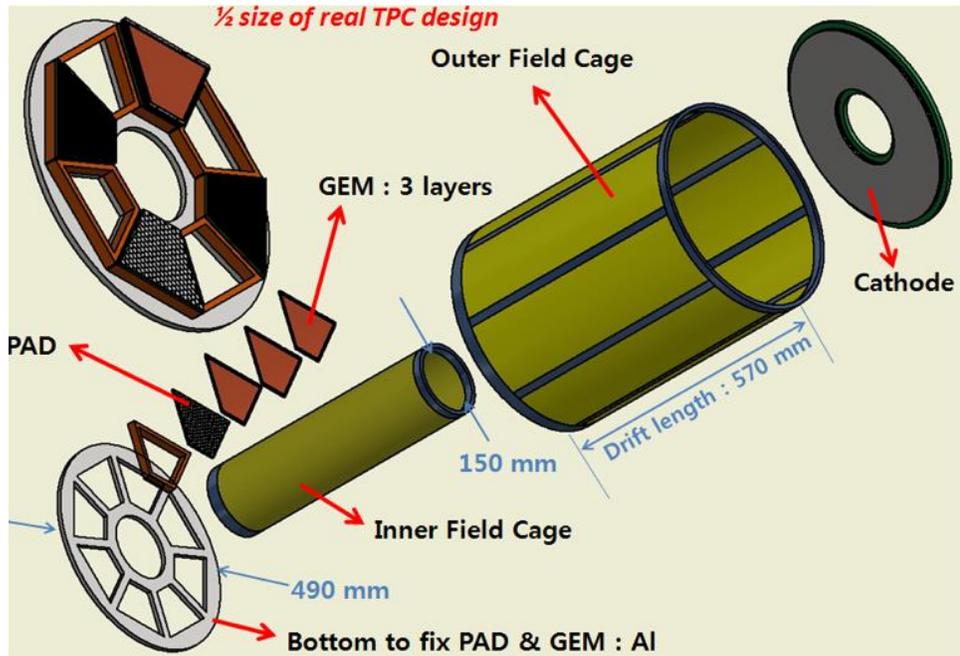


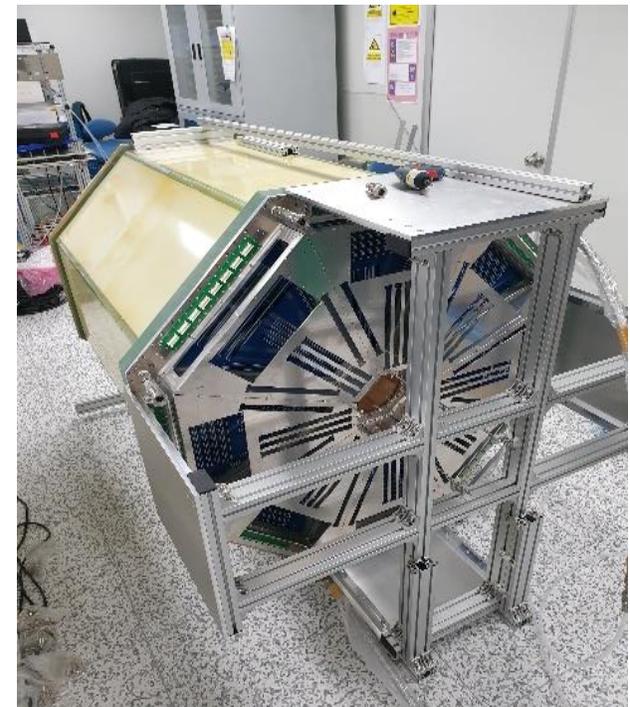
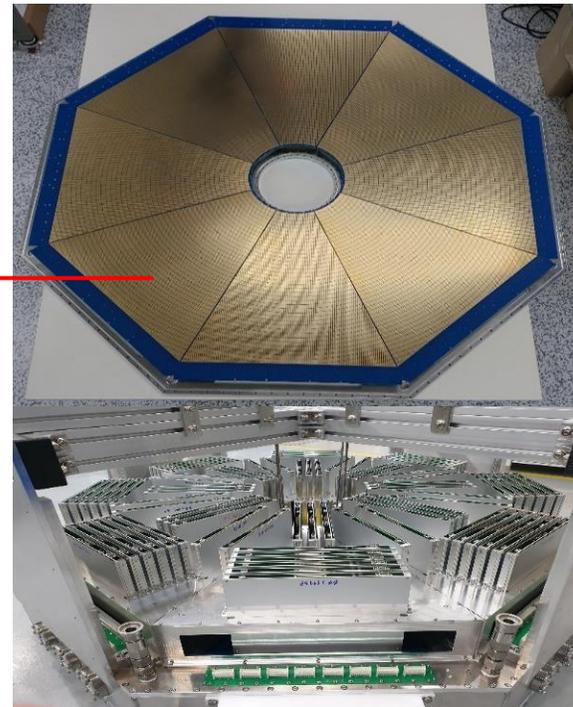
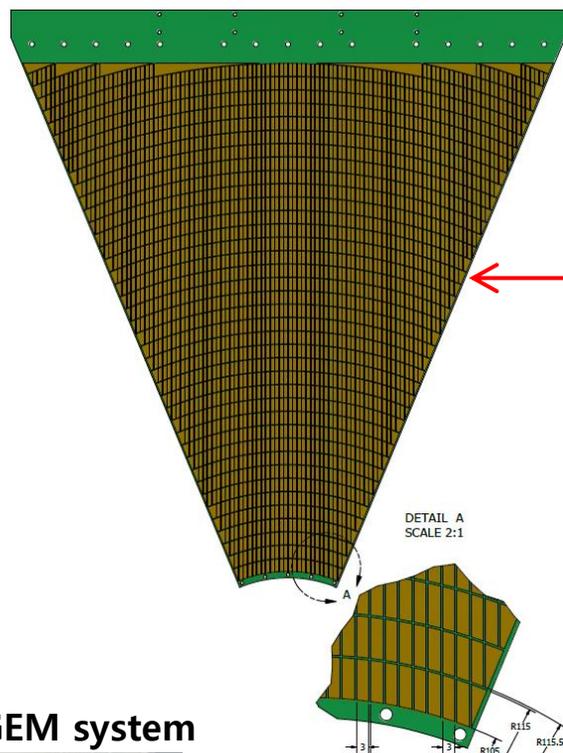
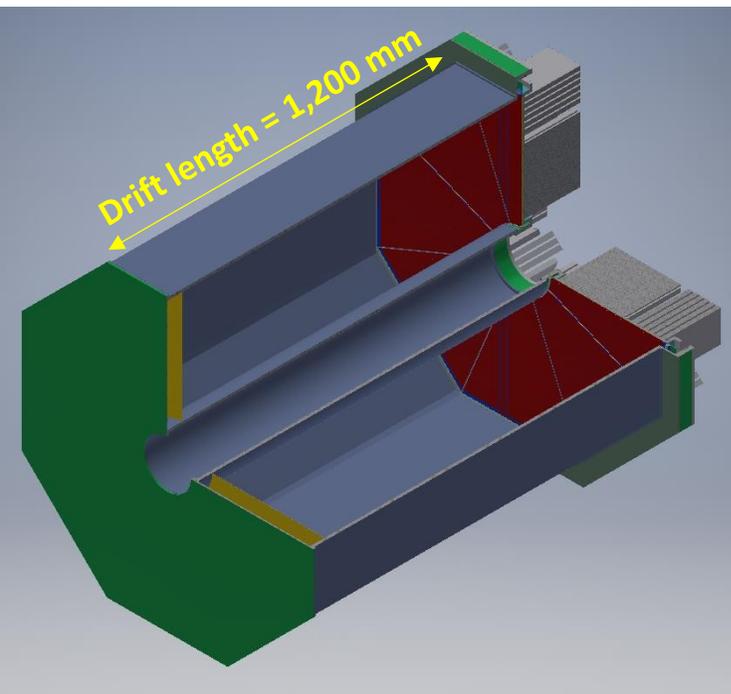
- Passive quench protection
- Conduction cooling with 4 K vessel thermal shield and vacuum vessel

- Construction

- Mfr. by Tesla Engineering Ltd., UK
- Installation completed at RAON in 2021

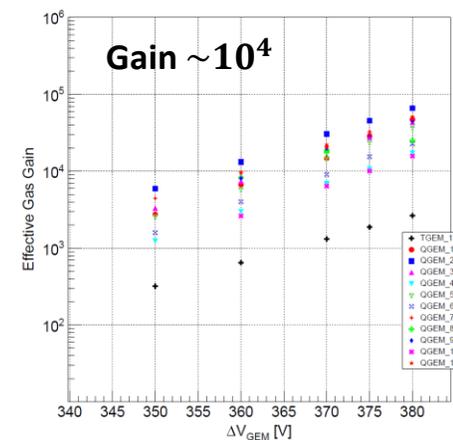
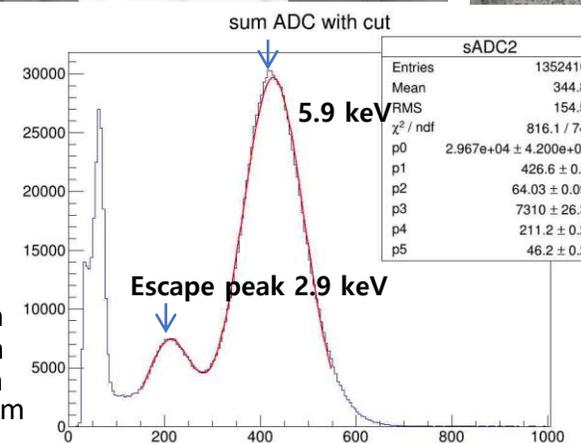
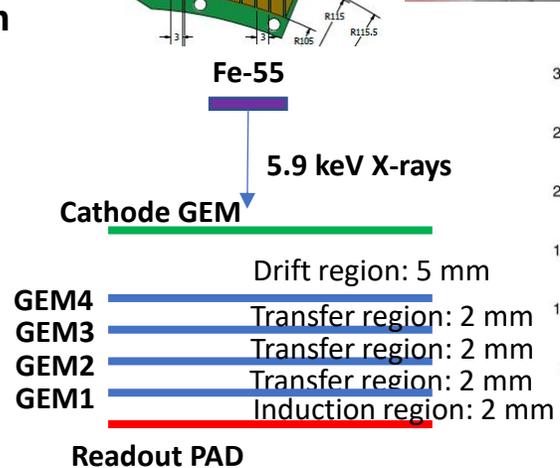
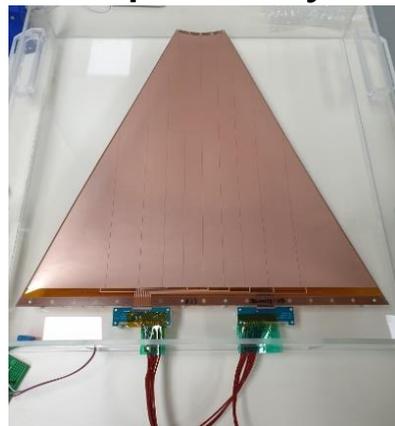






- Gas vessel (Rohacell + G10): $X/X_0 \sim 1.45\%$
- Pad Dim.: $3 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$
- Ch. #: 21,584
- FEE (GET electronics):
11 AsAD/sector
 $\times 8 \text{ sectors} = 88 \text{ AsAD}$
(22 CoBo, $3 \mu\text{TCA}$)

Quadruple GEM system

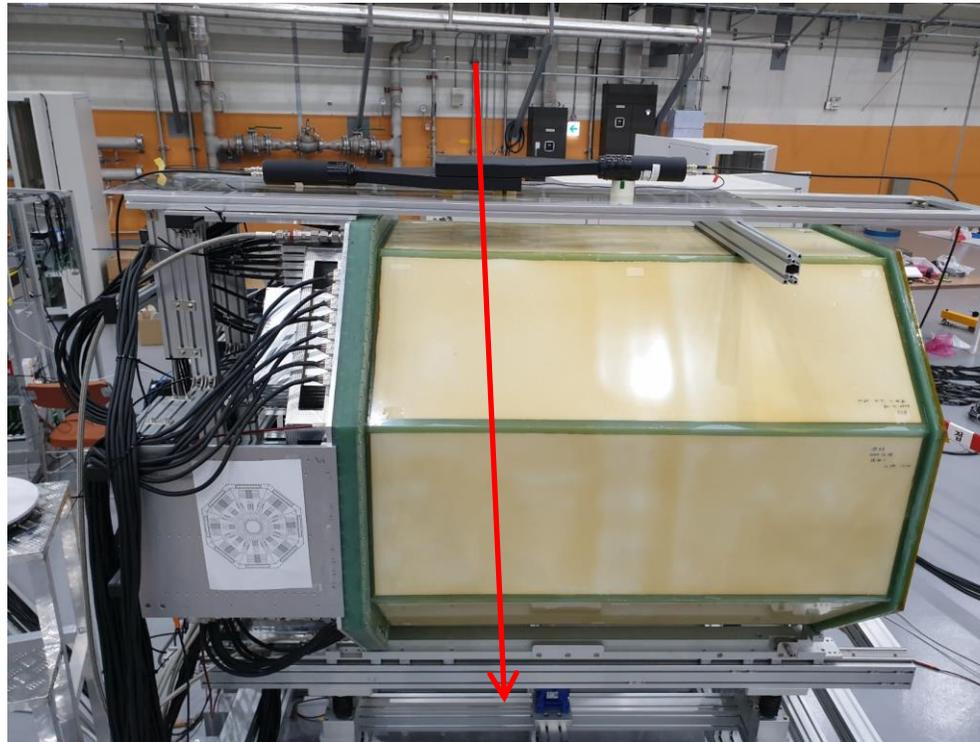


- Cosmic muon trigger
 - Coincidence of two scintillators (scintillator size: 20 x 20 cm² each)
 - Trigger positions at 30, 60 and 90 cm with the drift fields of 115, 125 and 135 V/cm

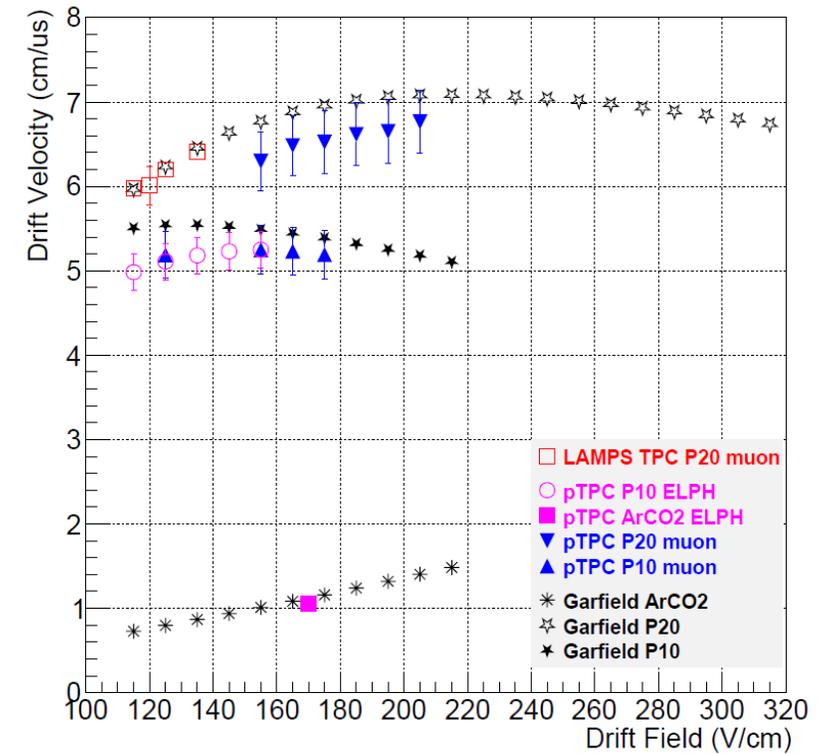
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Cosmic muon test

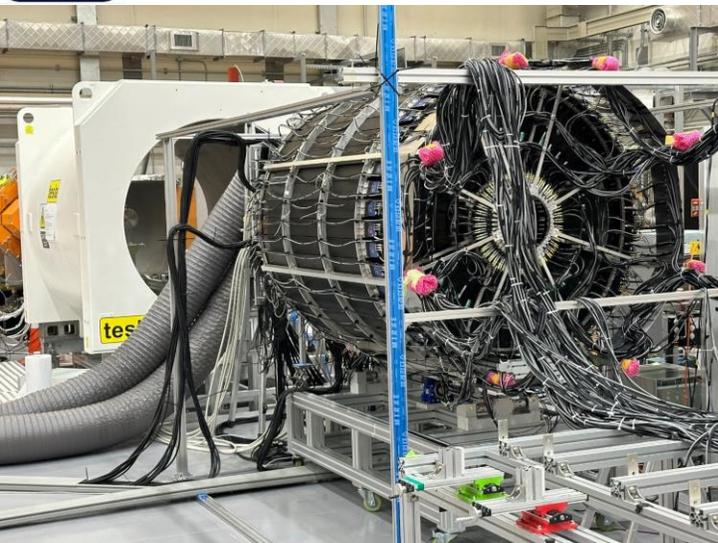


Drift velocity data

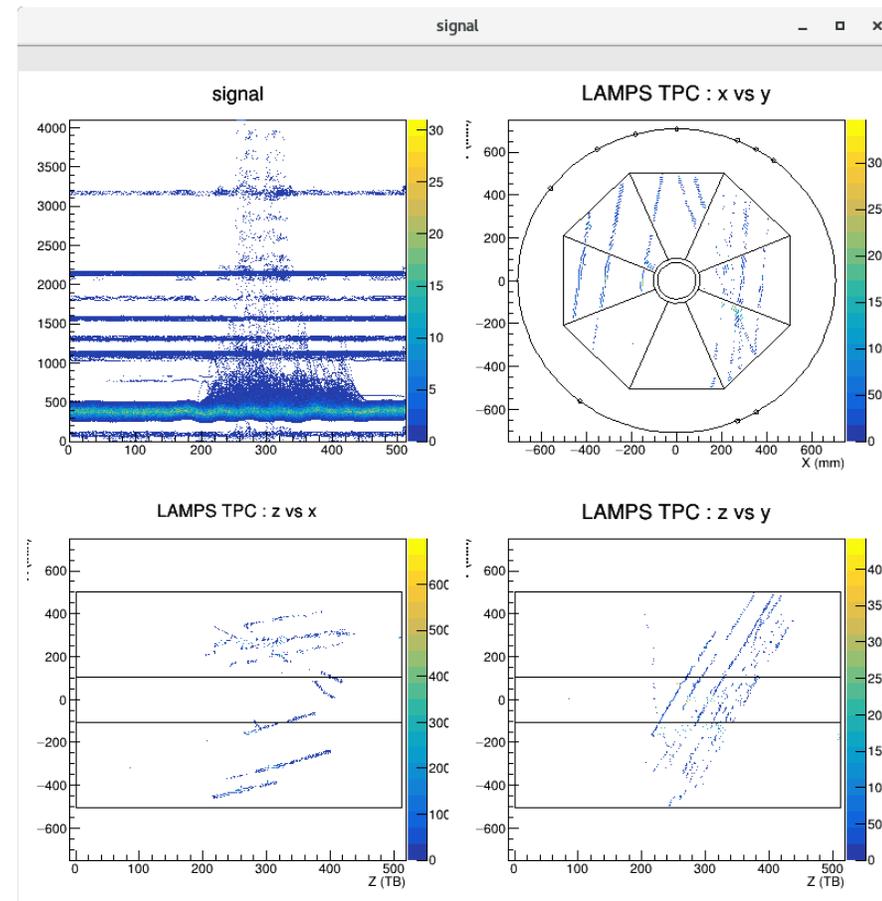
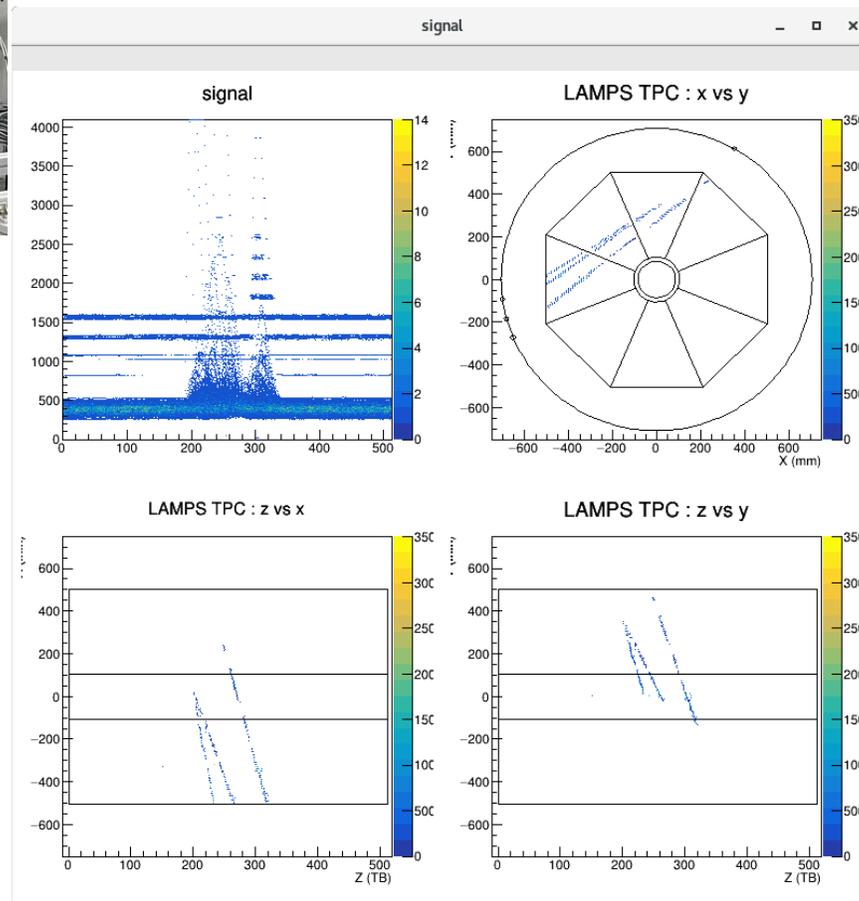
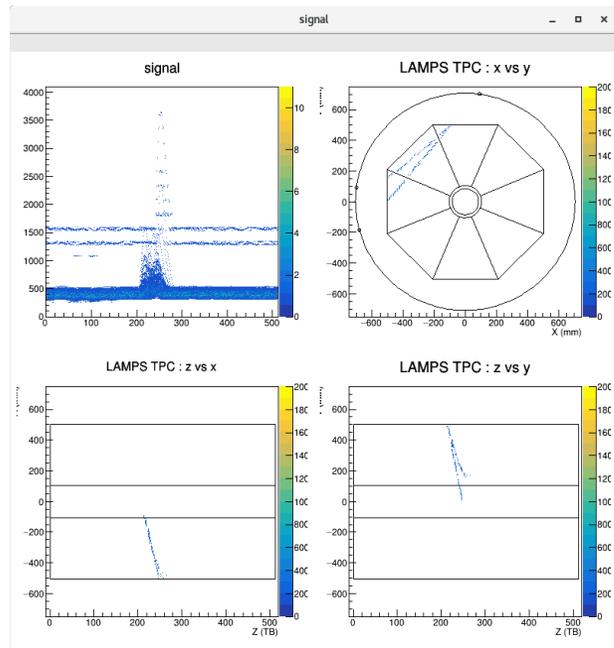


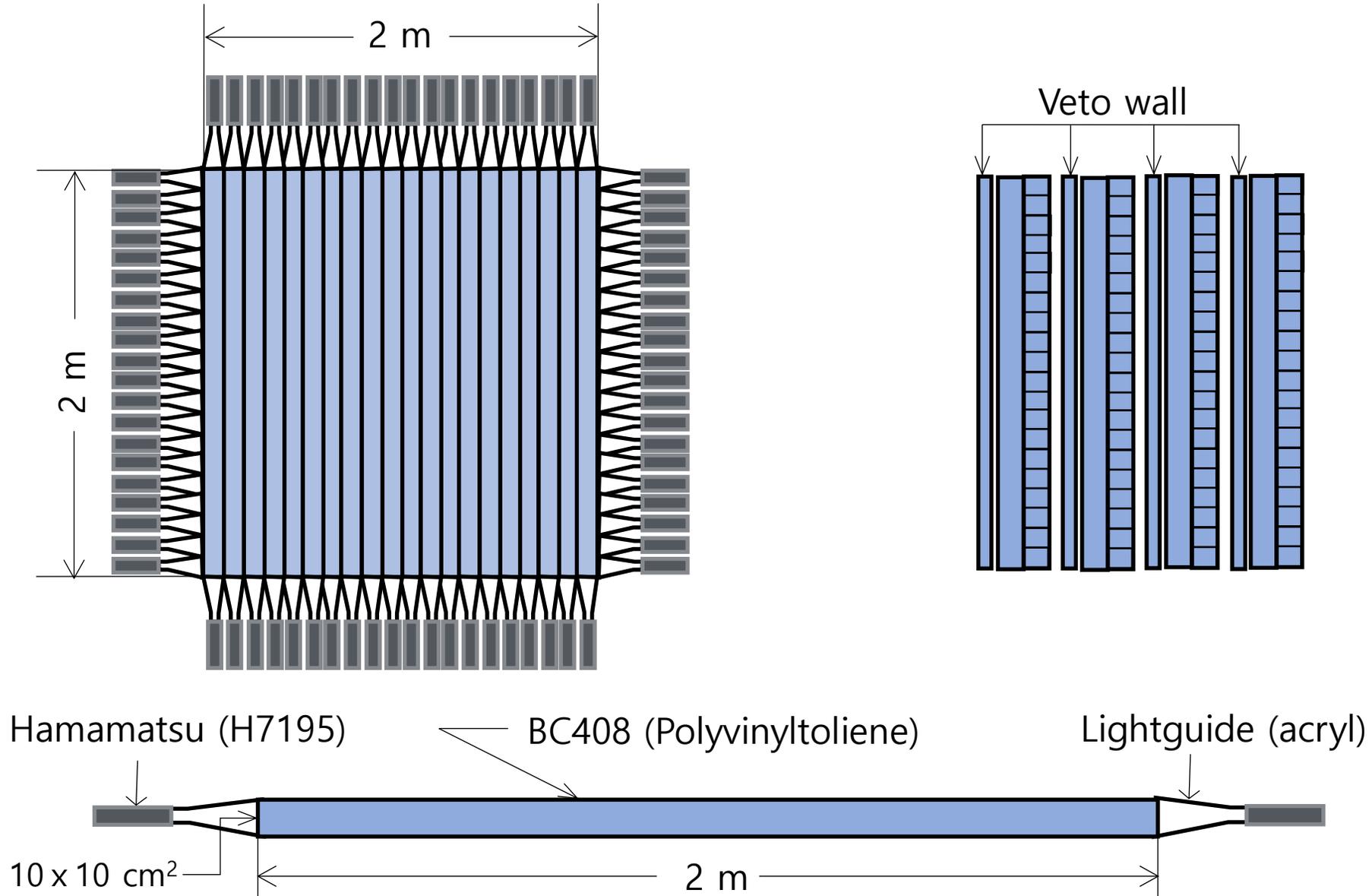
- Surrounding TPC for measuring the time-of-flight and providing trigger
- Number of scintillators & dimensions:
 - BTOF: (48) 1500 X 90 X 10 mm³ each
 - FTOF: (48) 500 X (90, 24) X 5 mm³ each
- MPPC readout from both ends
- Installation completed in 2022



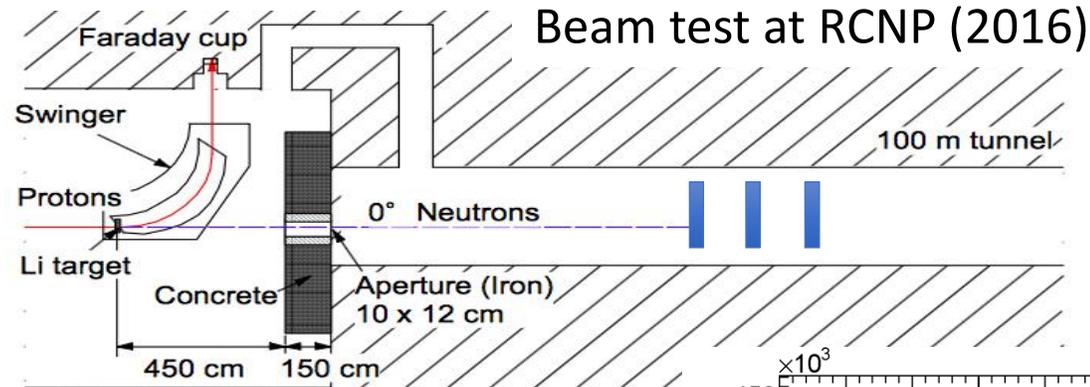


- We have developed the LAMPS trigger electronics system (LTE).
- The integrated system (TPC+BTOF/FTOF+SC) is continuously taking the cosmic data using LTE.
- Some examples of the cosmic events triggered by TOF are displayed below:



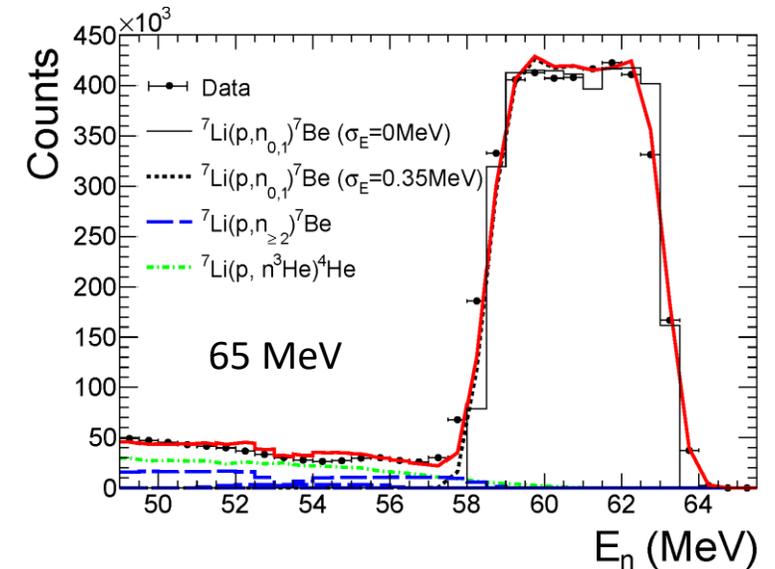
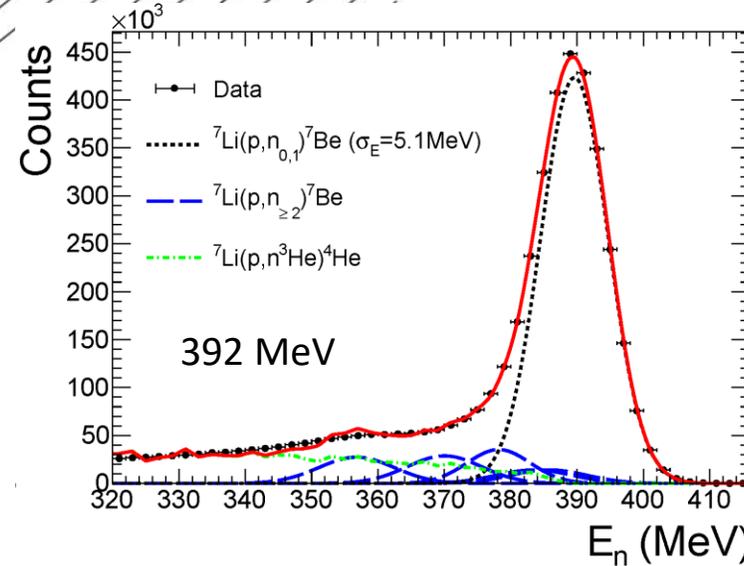
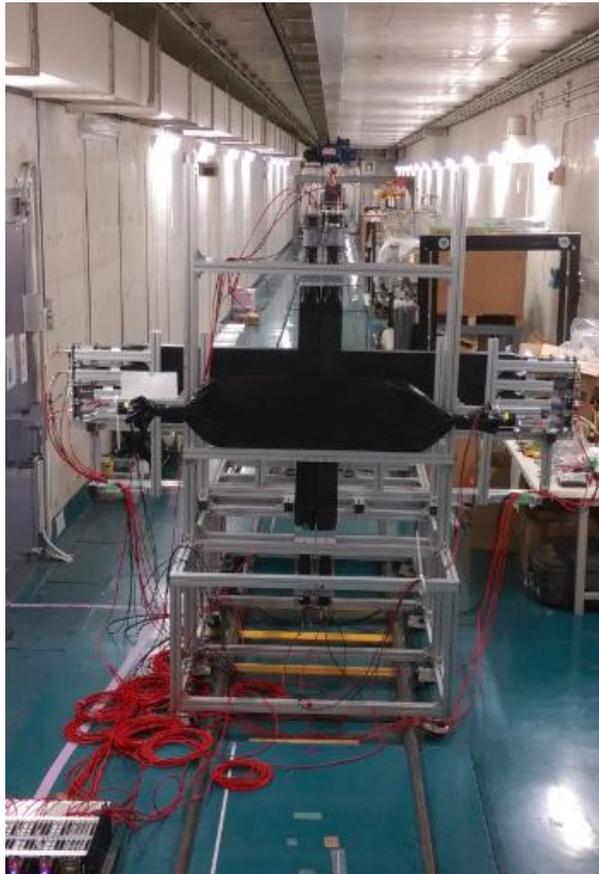


NDA: Performance test with prototype



● Beam specifications

- Production reaction: $p + {}^7\text{Li} \rightarrow n + {}^7\text{Be}$
- Neutron beam: 1×10^{10} n/sr/ μC @ 65 and 392 MeV
- Background neutrons above 3 MeV is < 1% [NIMA 629, 43 (2011)]



- Significant energy-loss effect in the Li production target at 65 MeV
- Energy resolution (FWHM): 3.1% @ 392 MeV, 1.3% @ 65 MeV
- (Cosmic-ray test) Time resolution(FWHM): 309 ps, Position resolution(FWHM): 4.8 cm [H. Shim et al., NIMA 927, 280 (2019)]

- The complete detector system was developed, built, and tested using cosmic rays.
- Custom-made FADC were developed, produced, and tested.
- *We will bring LAMPS NDA to RIBF/RIKEN in early 2025 and use it for the cluster structure Expt.*



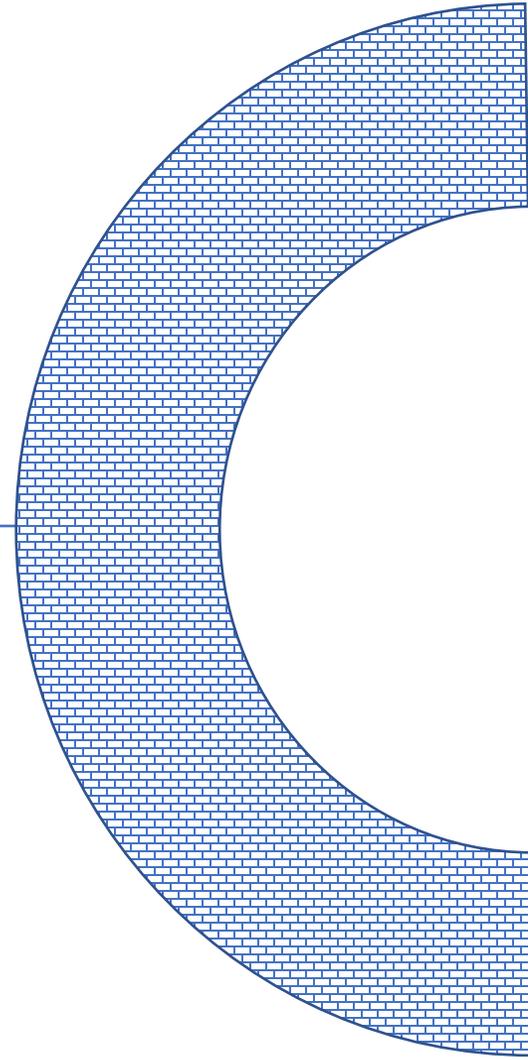
Assembled detector system at the Sejong Campus of Korea Univ.



First station assembled at the high-energy experimental hall of the RAON facility

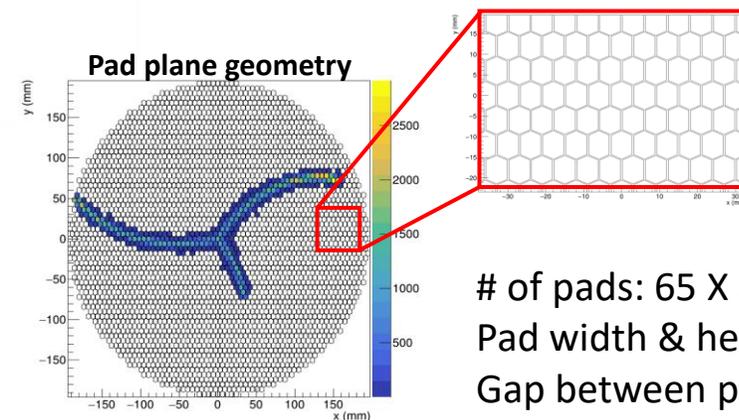
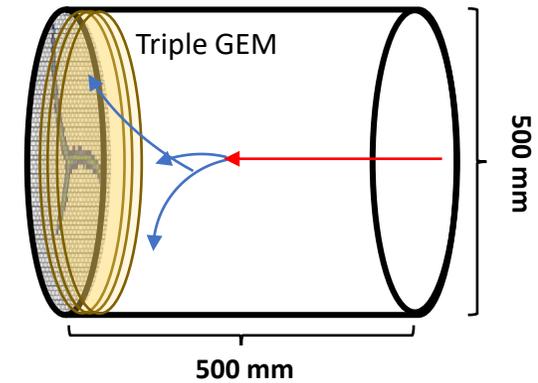
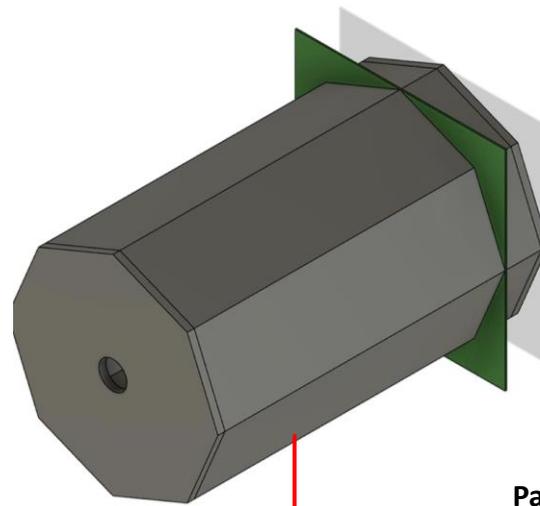
Part 3.

Detectors for the low-energy experiments



- Superconducting solenoid magnet
 - $B_{max} = 1.5$ T
 - Diameter & length of the detector installation space = 60 cm each
 - Commissioning successfully done in 2019

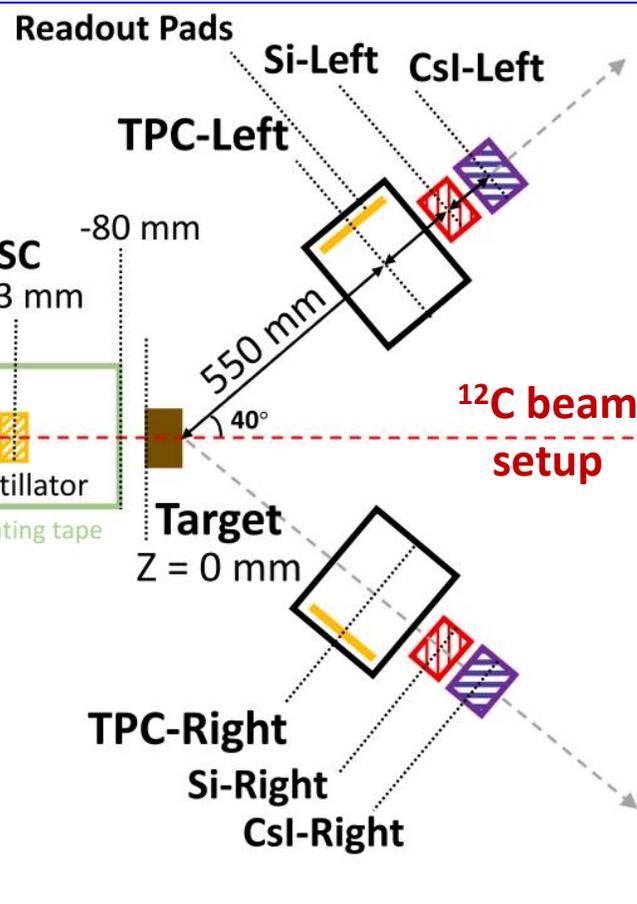
- Design of AT-TPC (Sejong Univ.)
 - Number of channels: > 3,000
 - $\phi \simeq 40$ cm
 - Cylindrical shape similar to the LAMPS TPC



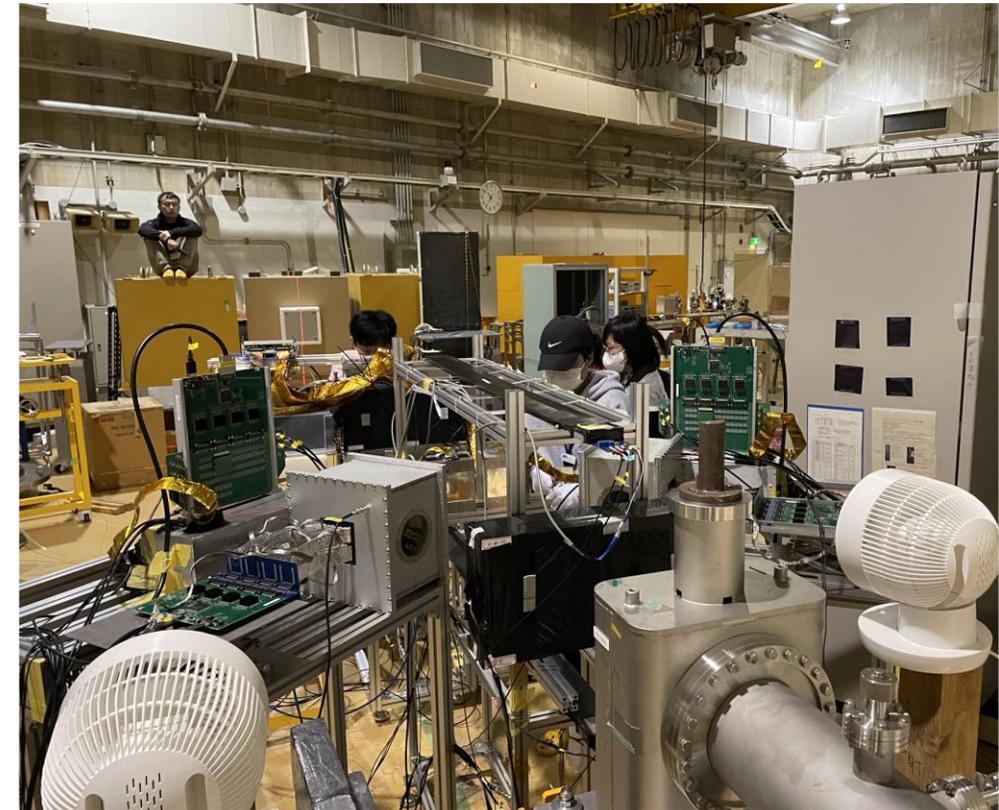
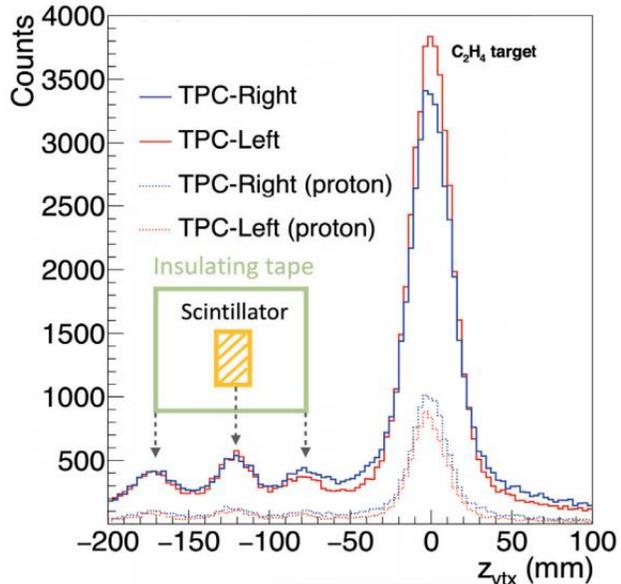
of pads: $65 \times 65 = 3,300$
 Pad width & height: 6 mm each
 Gap between pads: 0.5 mm

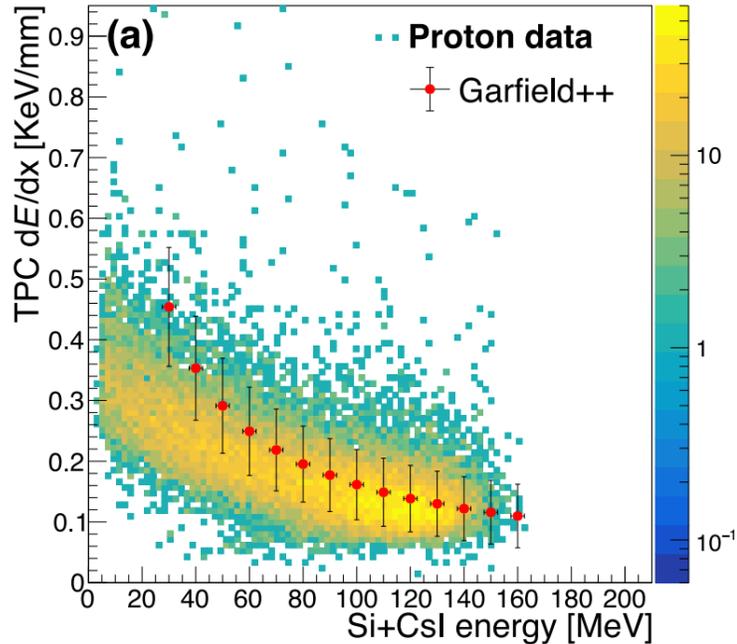
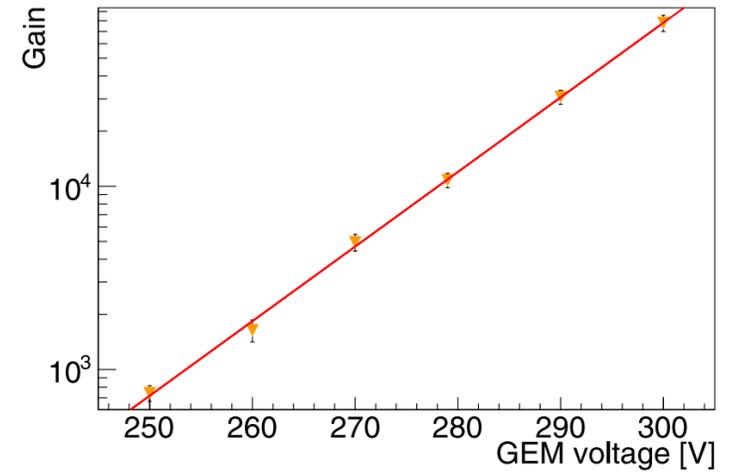
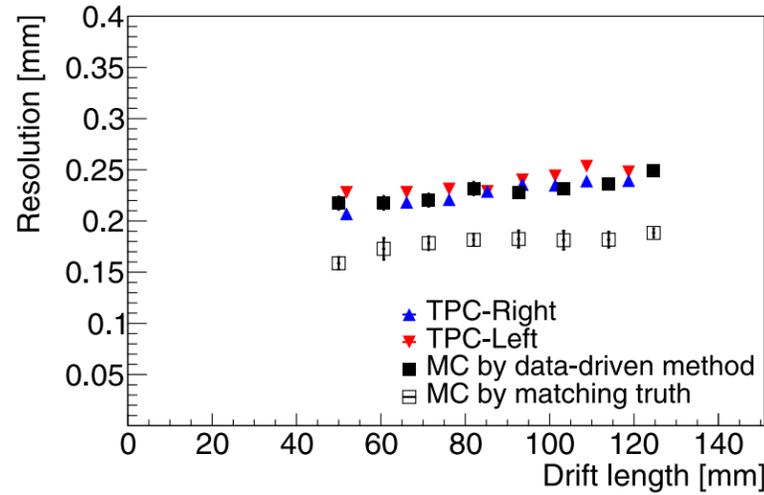
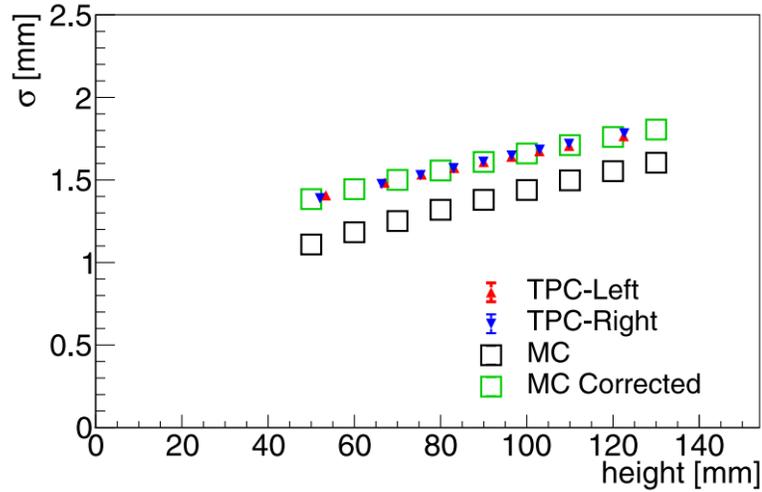
- Beam test of two prototypes at HIMAC in Japan in Feb. 2023
 - Beams: p @ 100 MeV, ^{12}C @ 200 MeV/u, 10^6 ppp
 - Performance test for LAMPS detectors including AT-TPC [Y. Cheon et al., NIMA 1066, 169610 (2024)]
 - Analyzing $^{12}\text{C}(p,2p)$ Quasi-Free Scattering (QFS) events

Prototype AT-TPC →



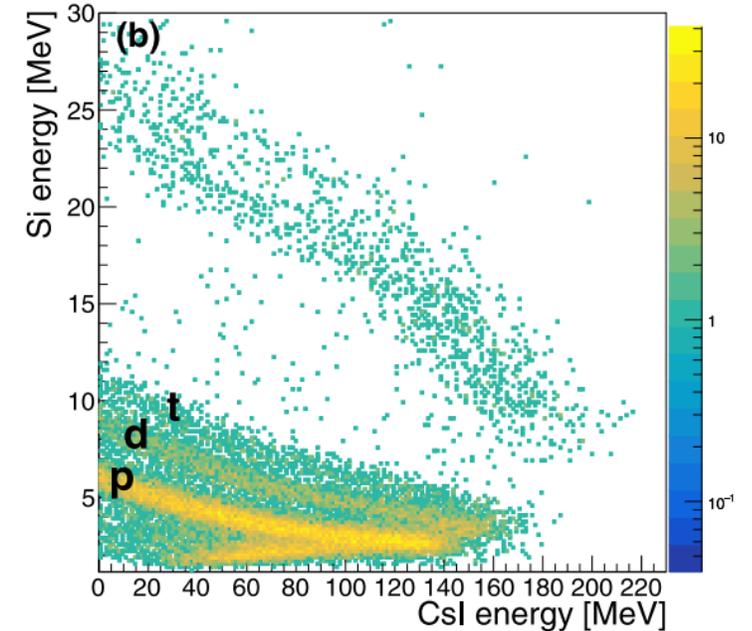
↓ Reconstructed vertex distribution by AT-TPC



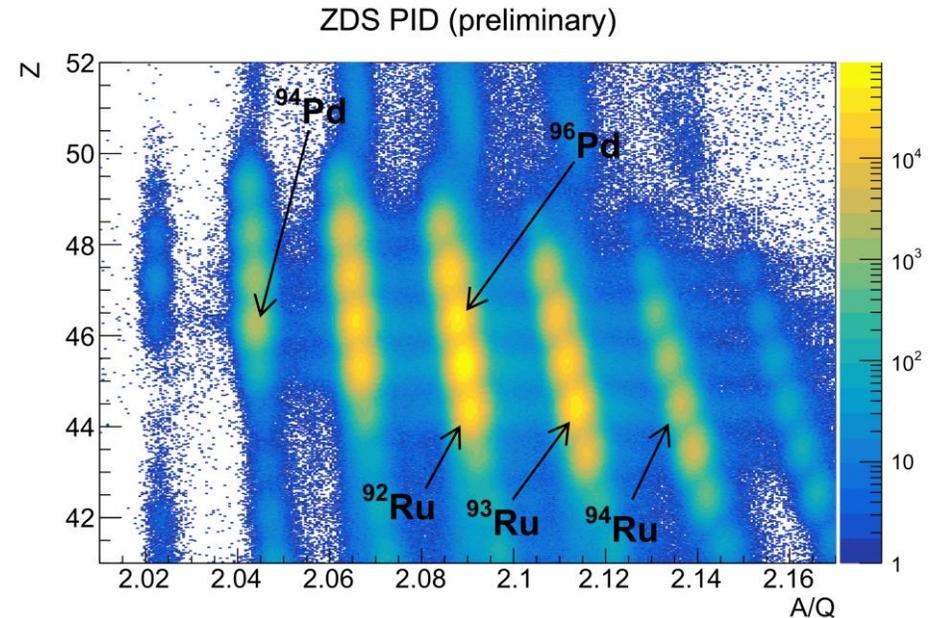
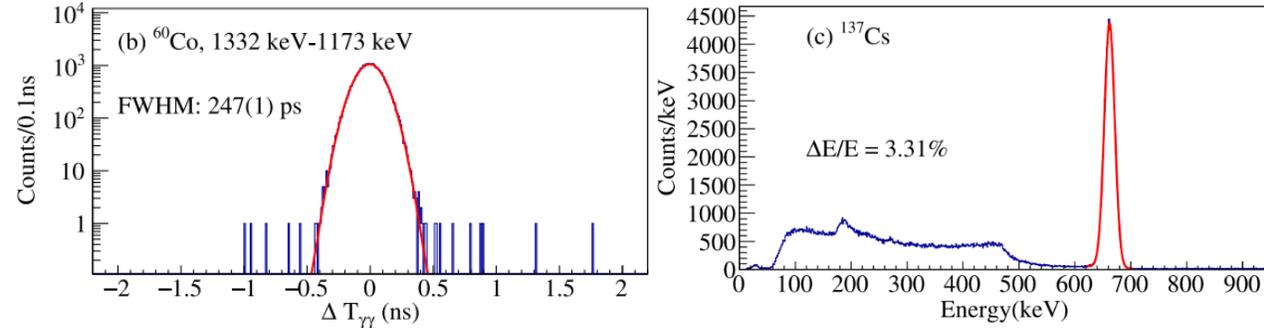


- ↖ Transverse diffusion of electrons vs. drift length
- ↑ Spatial resolution vs. drift length
- ↗ Gain vs. GEM bias voltage
- ΔE vs. E for Si+Csl (PID)
- ← Correlation of dE/dx (TPC) vs. $\Delta E + E$ (Si+Csl) for protons

[NIMA 1066, 169610 (2024)]

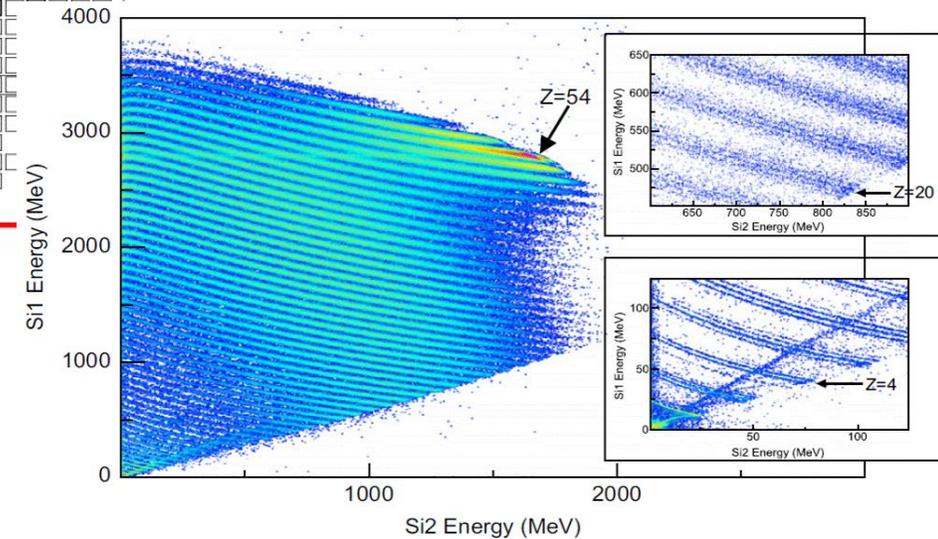
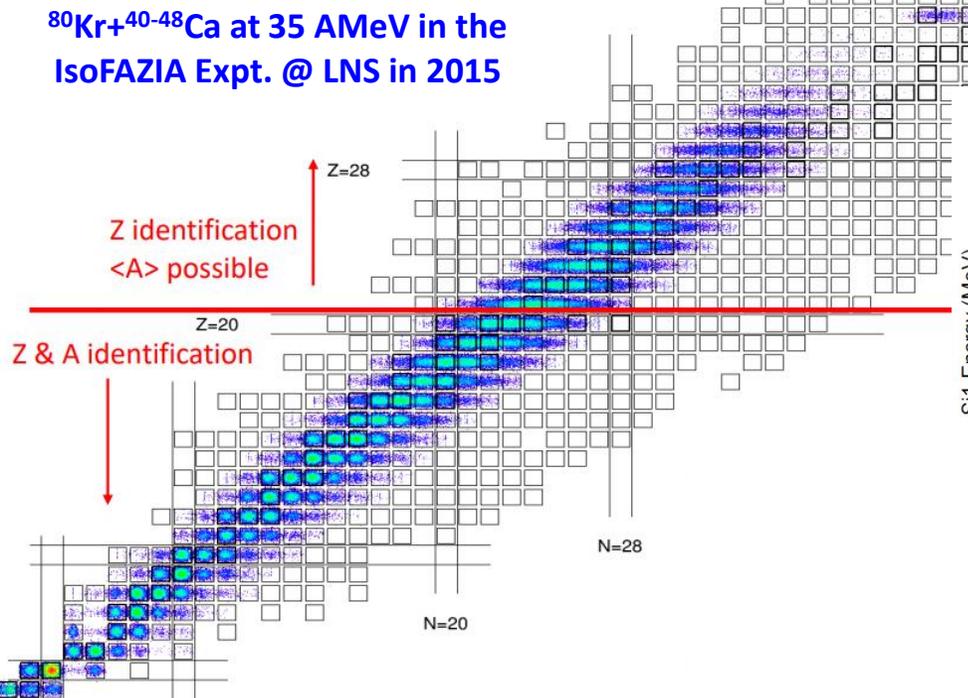
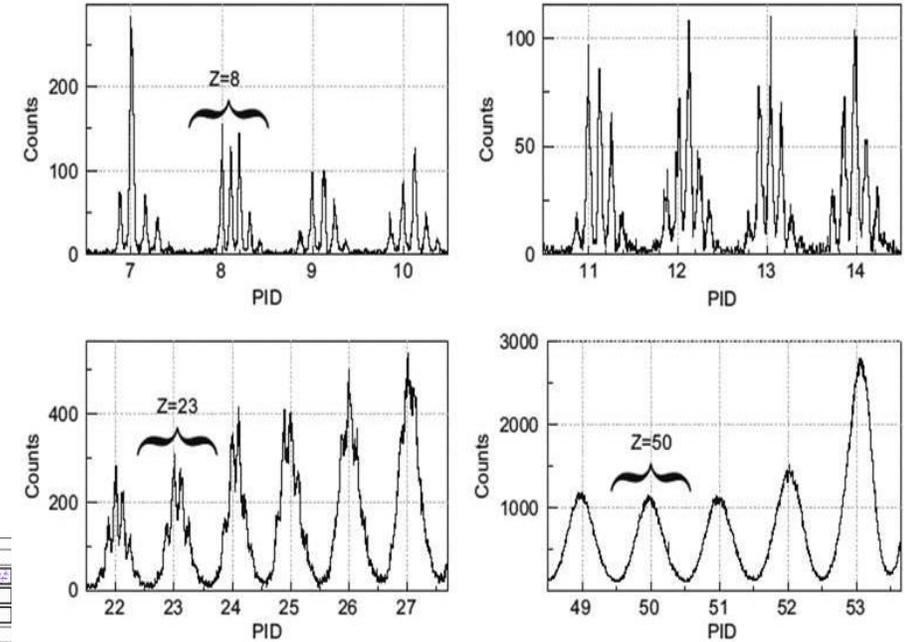
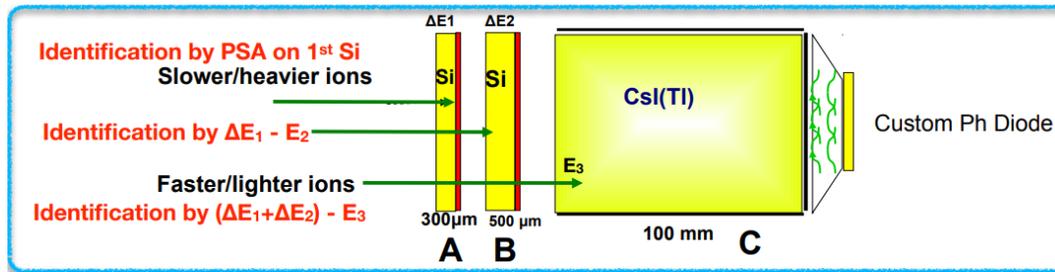


- LaBr₃(Ce) fast-timing γ -detector array
 - Total 36 LaBr₃(Ce) modules
 - Characteristics: $R_t < 250$ ps, $R_E < 3.5\%$
- **Formed *IDATEN* Collaboration = KHALA + FATIMA**
 - The largest acceptance fast-timing γ -detector array
 - Commissioning experiment at RIBF in June 2024

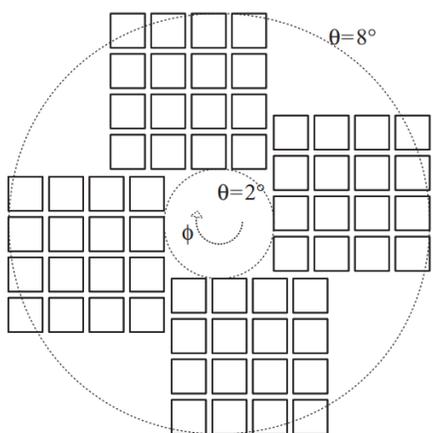
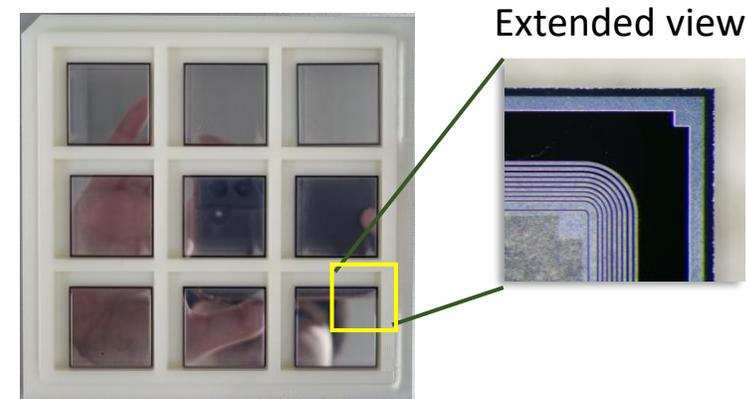
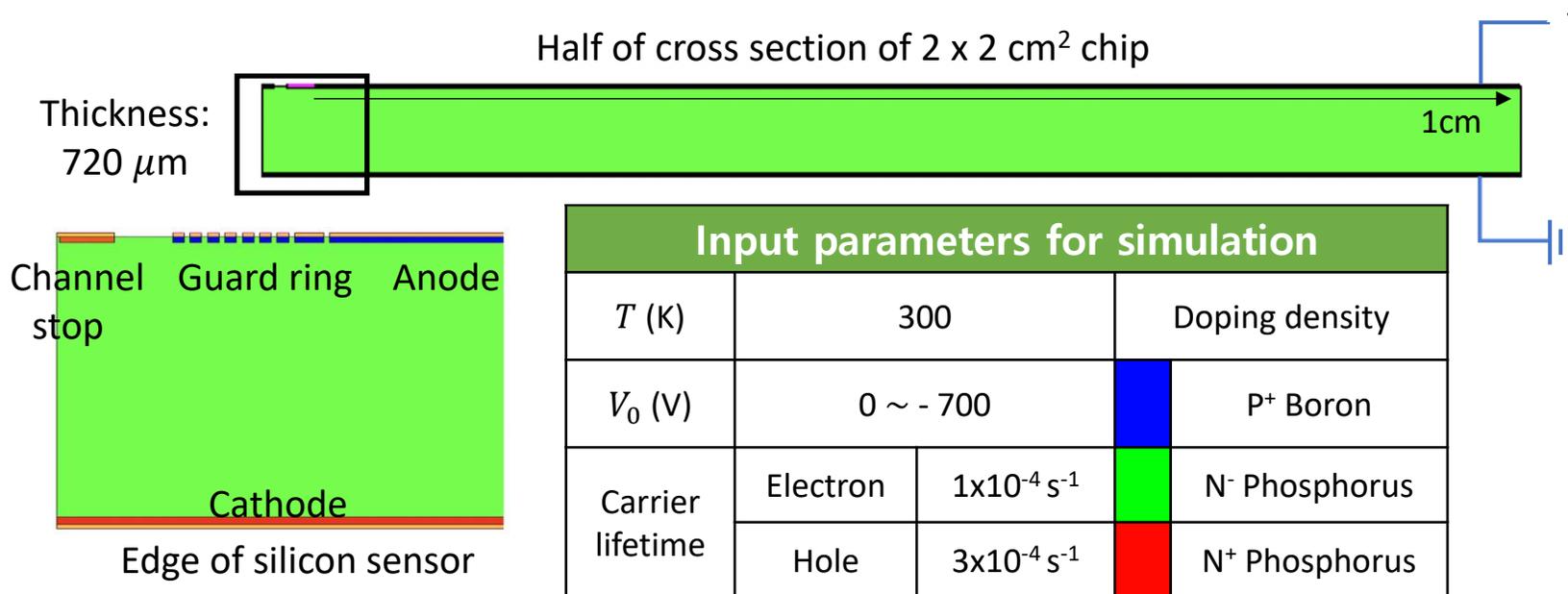


- Some of isotopes, e.g., ⁹⁴Pd, ⁹⁶Pd, ⁹⁴Ru, have not yet been studied.

- FAZIA: One block consists of 16 Si₁+Si₂+CsI telescopes with a cross-section of 2 × 2 cm².
 - New Si chips are being developed in Korea.
 - New FEB electronics with modern components are manufactured in Korea.

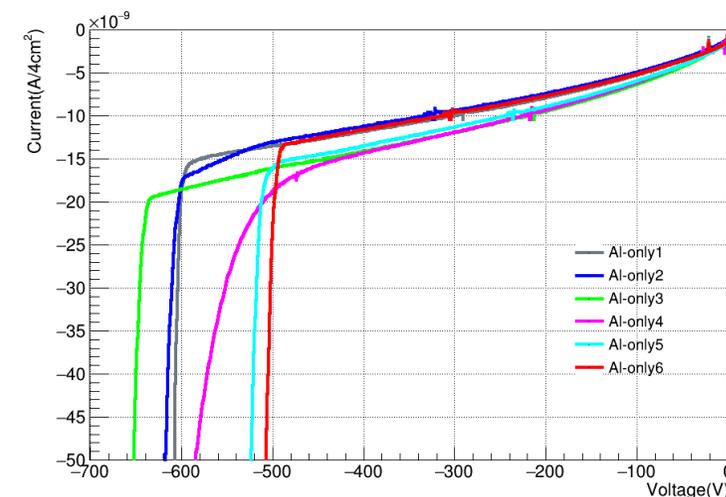


● Design of PiN sensor using TCAD: Simulation setup



→ Results

- Breakdown voltage point is close to -600 V
 - Enough to reach full depleted voltage (400 V)
- We are also developing 150 μm-thick chips.
- ← We plan to build 4 FAZIA blocks by the end of 2025 for the experiments at RAON.



Summary

- Purpose of LAMPS
 - Detailed investigation of *nuclear equation of state (EoS) and symmetry energy*
 - We are also exploring the possibility to use LAMPS for the nuclear structure.
- Status of the LAMPS detector system
 - All detector elements were developed, manufactured, and assembled.
 - Performance test with cosmic muons using LTE for the integrated system is in progress.
 - The high-energy beams from SCL2 at RAON will be available in ~2030 or later.
 - Thus, we are exploring the possibility to utilize the LAMPS detector elements for other experiments until the SCL2 is ready.
 - *The neutron detector array will be used for the cluster structure Expt. at RIBF/RIKEN.*
 - *LAMPS TPC can be used for the EOS experiment at other Labs. (e.g., FRIB).*
 - *KHALA LaBr3 system is being used for the IDATEN experiment at RIBF.*
- *Any idea using the LAMPS detector elements are welcome!*



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