

# BREAKUP OF $^8\text{B}+^{90}\text{Zr}$ AT THE SUB-BARRIER ENERGY OF 26.5 MEV

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# MOTIVATION

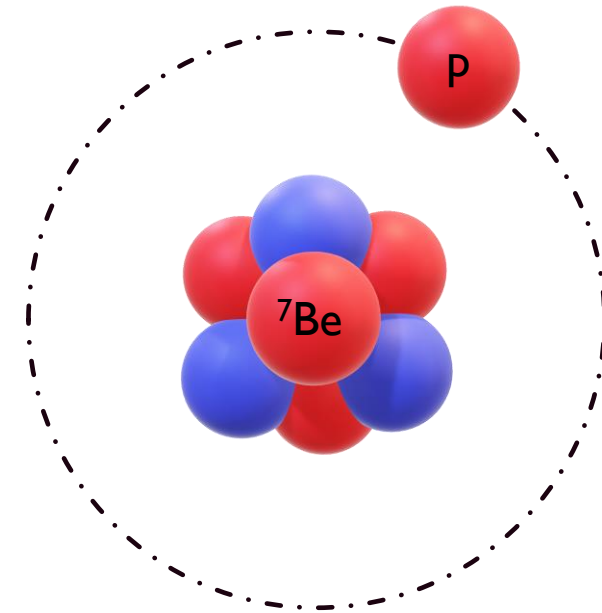
Interesting coupling effects below barrier

$^8\text{B}$ : - Weakly bound radioactive nucleus

- Proton halo structure

- Important for astrophysics

- Break-up threshold: 0.137 MeV



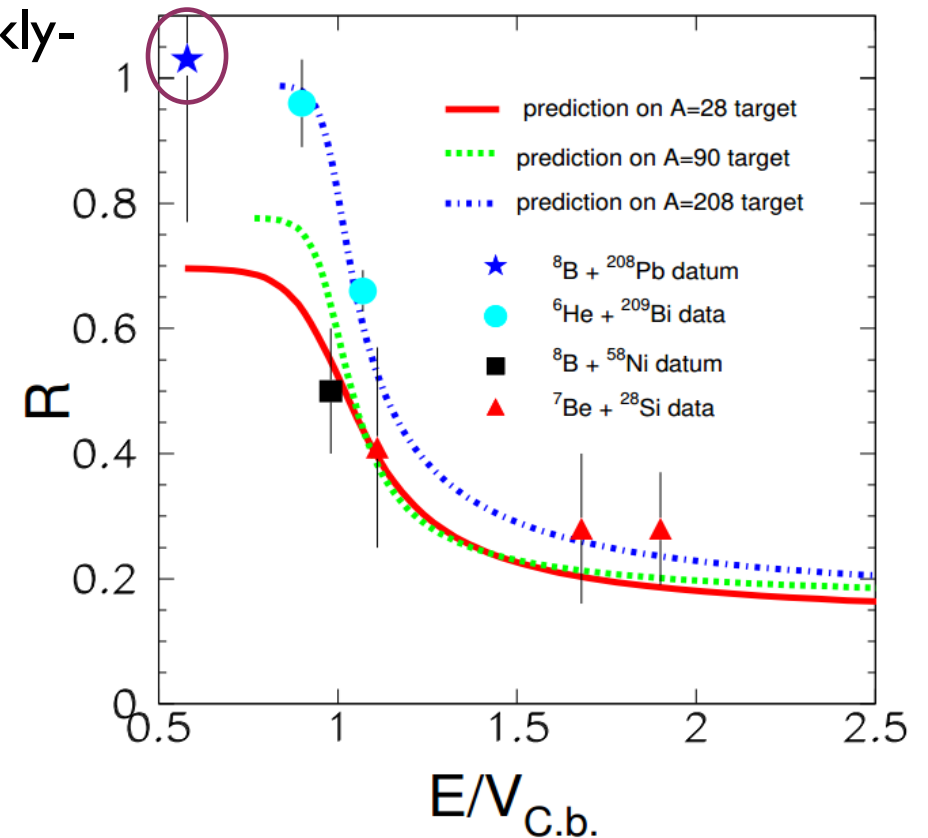
# MOTIVATION

Prediction of direct-to-total cross section ratios for weakly-bound nuclei (A. Pakou et al., Eur. Phys. J.A (2015) 51:55) :

- Heavy Targets: 100%
- Medium Mass Targets: 80%
- Light Targets: 70%

Medium Mass Target:  $^{90}\text{Zr}$

For  $^8\text{B} + ^{90}\text{Zr}$  at sub barrier energies break up is expected to be the dominant reaction channel.



From: A. Pakou et al., Phys. Rev. C **102**, 031601(R) (2020)

# MEASUREMENTS

I. Break-up of  ${}^8\text{B}+{}^{90}\text{Zr}$  at 26.5 MeV

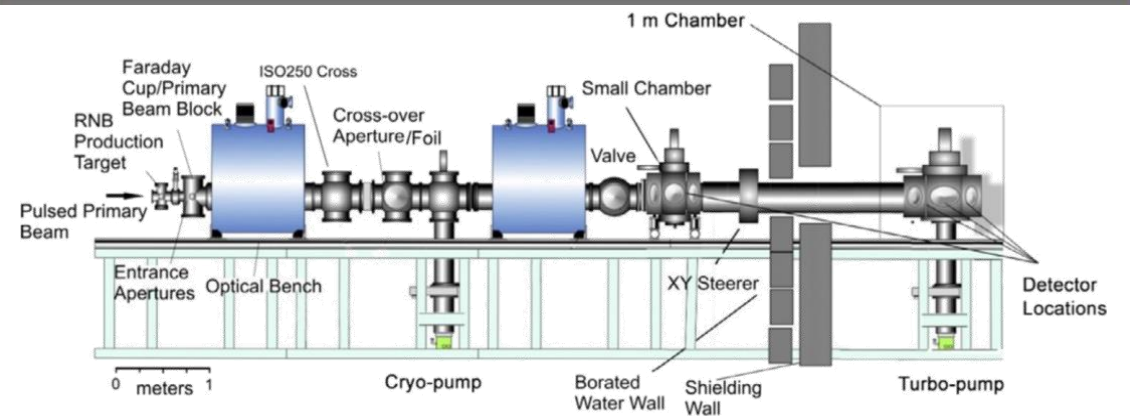
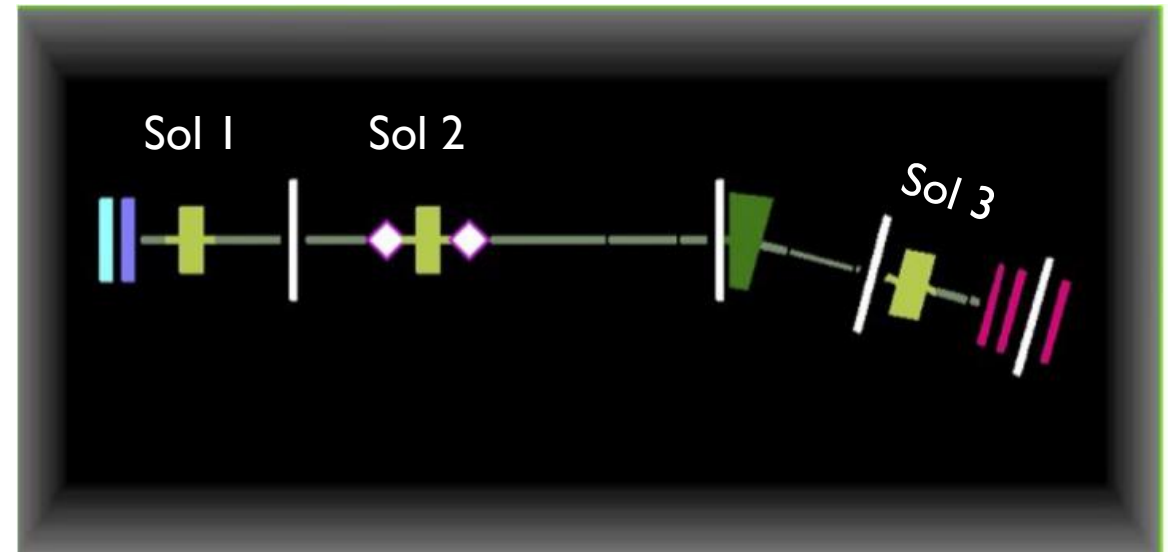
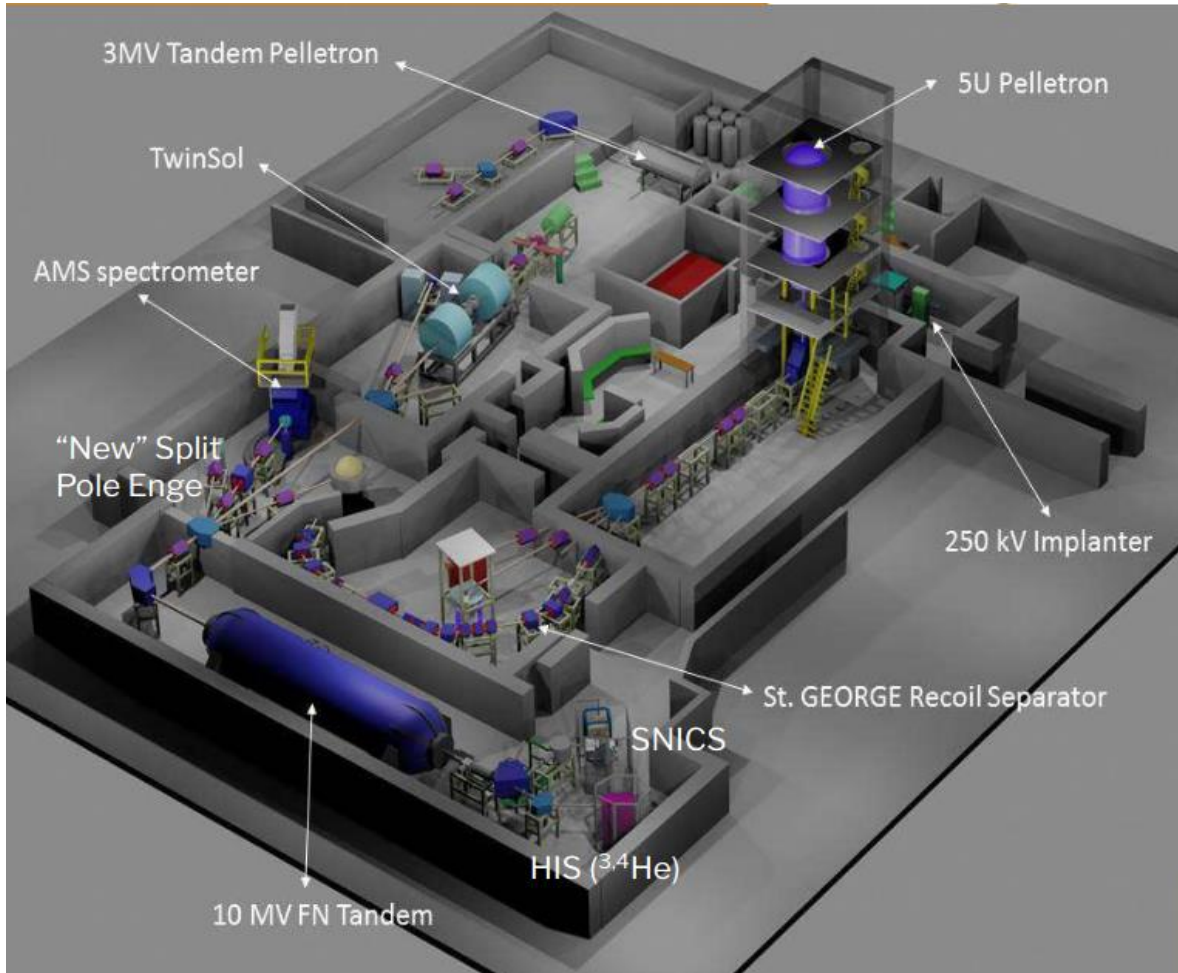
II. Elastic scattering of  ${}^8\text{B}+{}^{90}\text{Zr}$  at 26.5 MeV

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III. Elastic scattering of  ${}^7\text{Be}+{}^{90}\text{Zr}$  at 19.7, 21.3, 22.9, 26.6, and 27.5 MeV

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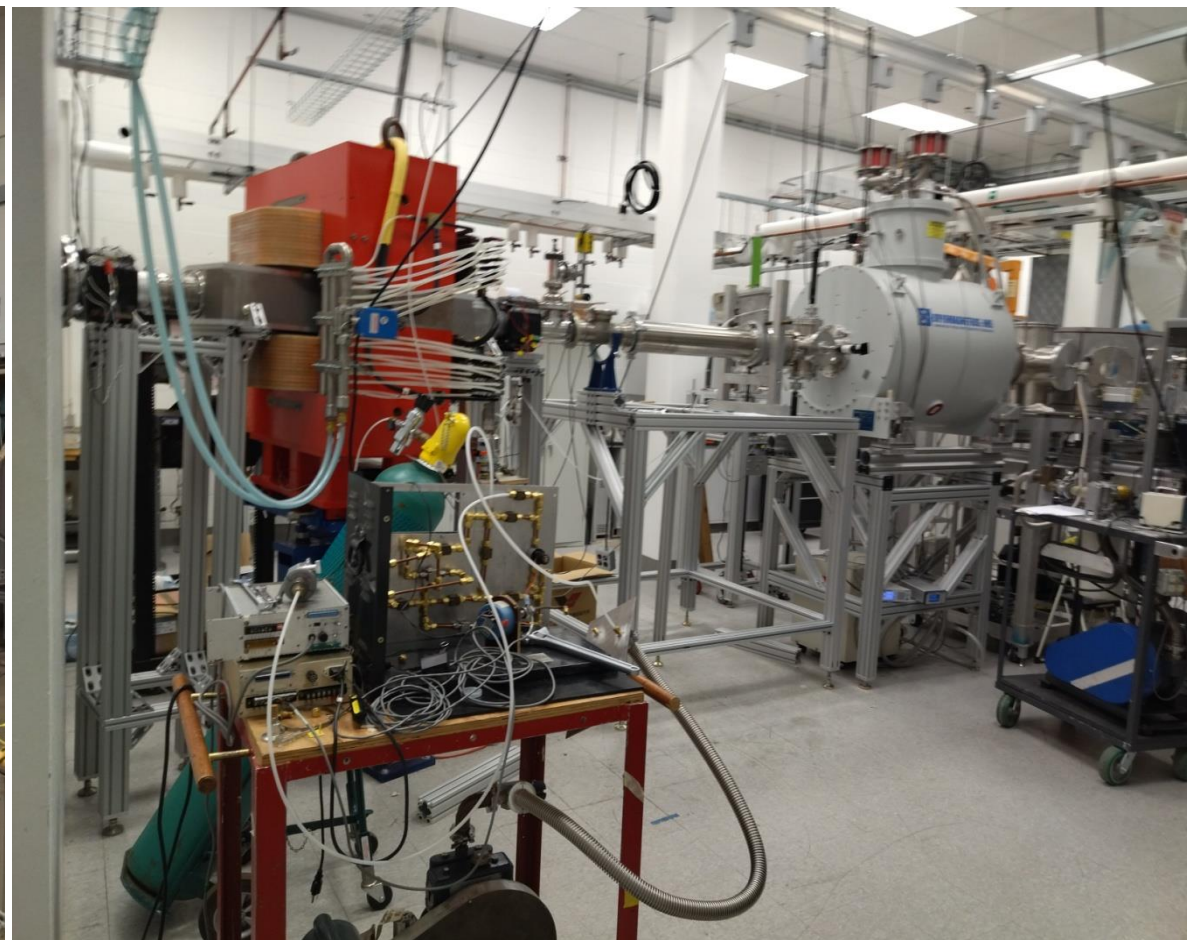
# TRISOL FACILITY (P. D. O'MALLEY NIM P.S., S.A 1047, 167784 (2023))



# BEAM PRODUCTION

- In flight production of the beams.
- For  $^8\text{B}$  Beam: 2p transfer reaction:  
 $\underline{^6\text{Li}(^3\text{He},n)^8\text{B}}$ ;  $^6\text{Li}(^3\text{He},d)^7\text{Be}$ ;  $^6\text{Li}(^3\text{He},^2\text{p})^7\text{Li} \rightarrow ^6\text{Li}@37\text{ MeV}$
- Beam Energies:  $^8\text{B}@27.7\text{ MeV}$   
 $^7\text{Be}@20.1\text{ MeV}$   
 $^7\text{Li}@14.9\text{ MeV}$
- Products separated by Time Of Flight (TOF) and  $\Delta E$ -E techniques.
- For  $^7\text{Be}$  beam:  $^6\text{Li}(d,n)^7\text{Be}$ ;  $^6\text{Li}(d,p)^7\text{Li}$

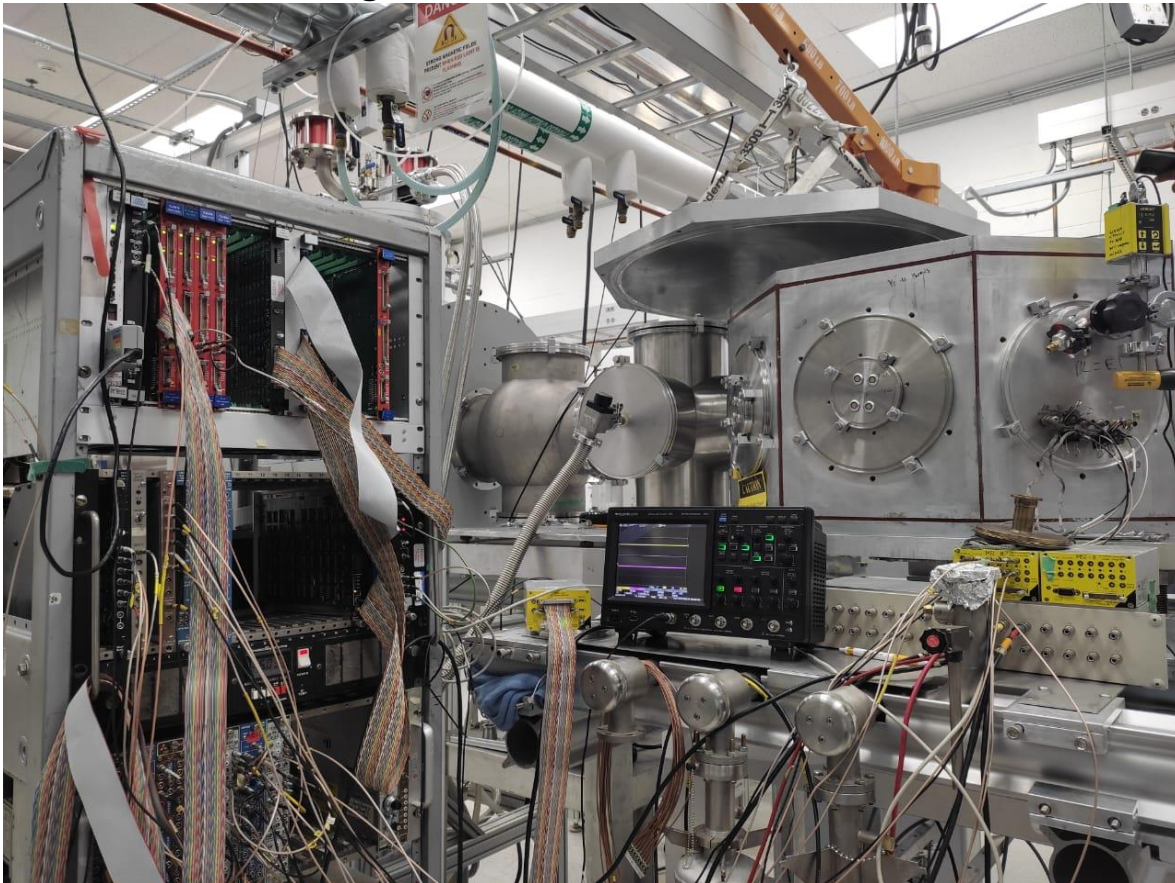
# BEAMLINE OF TRISOL



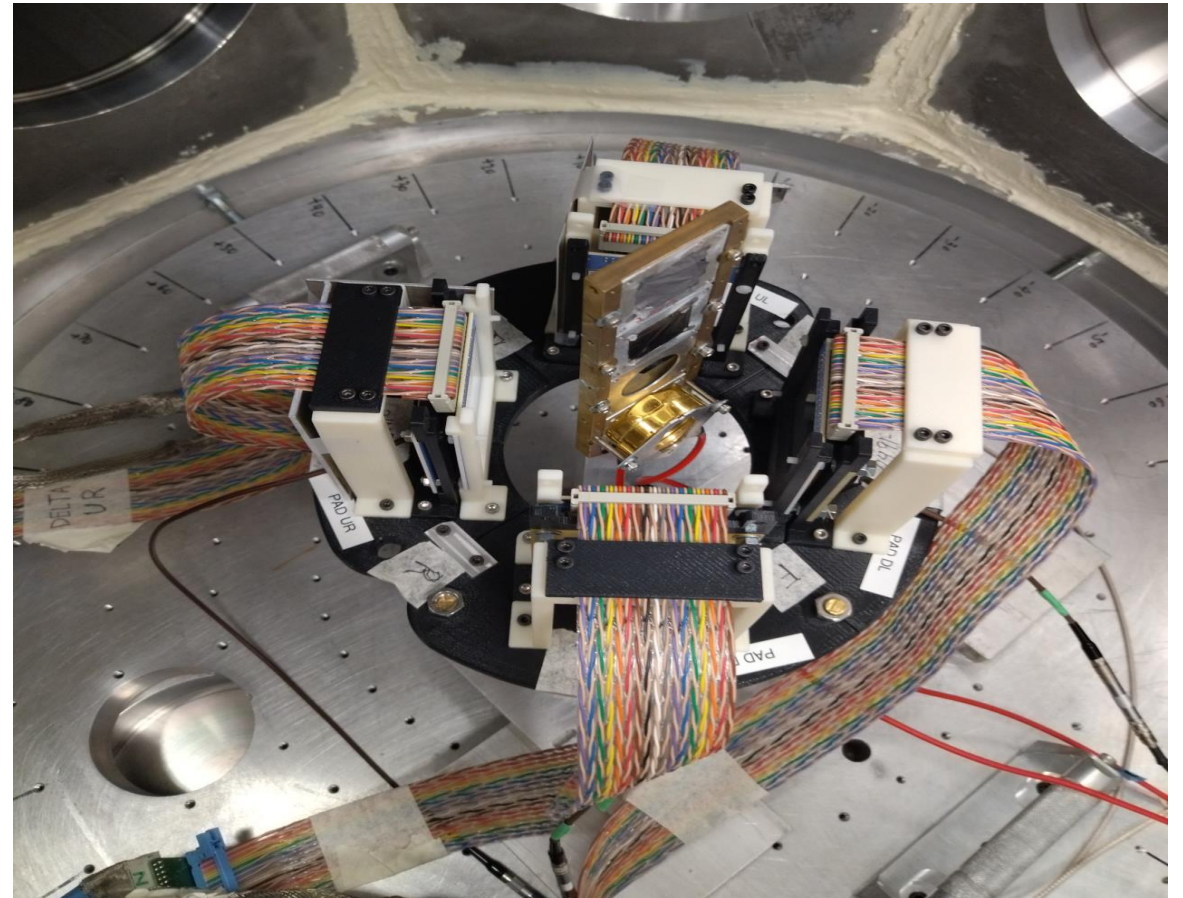


# EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP

Scattering Chamber

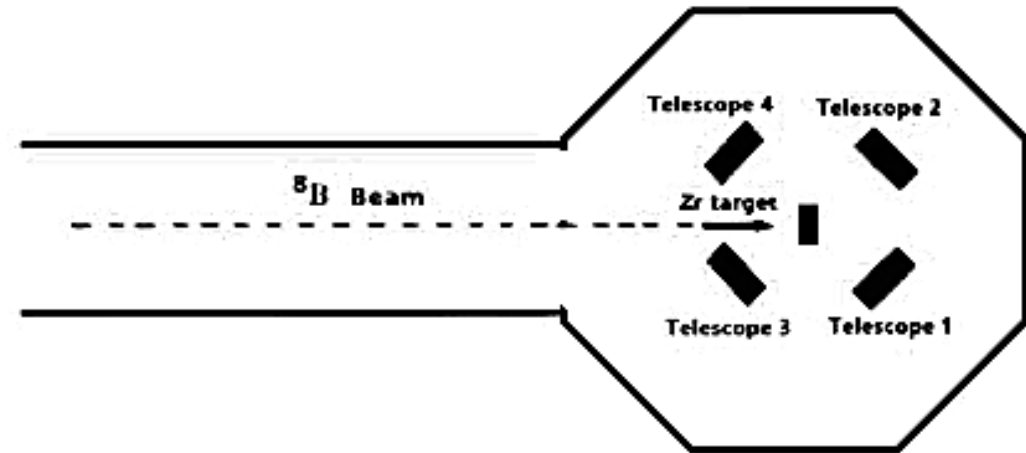


Detectors + Target Ladder in the scattering chamber



# DETECTOR SET-UP

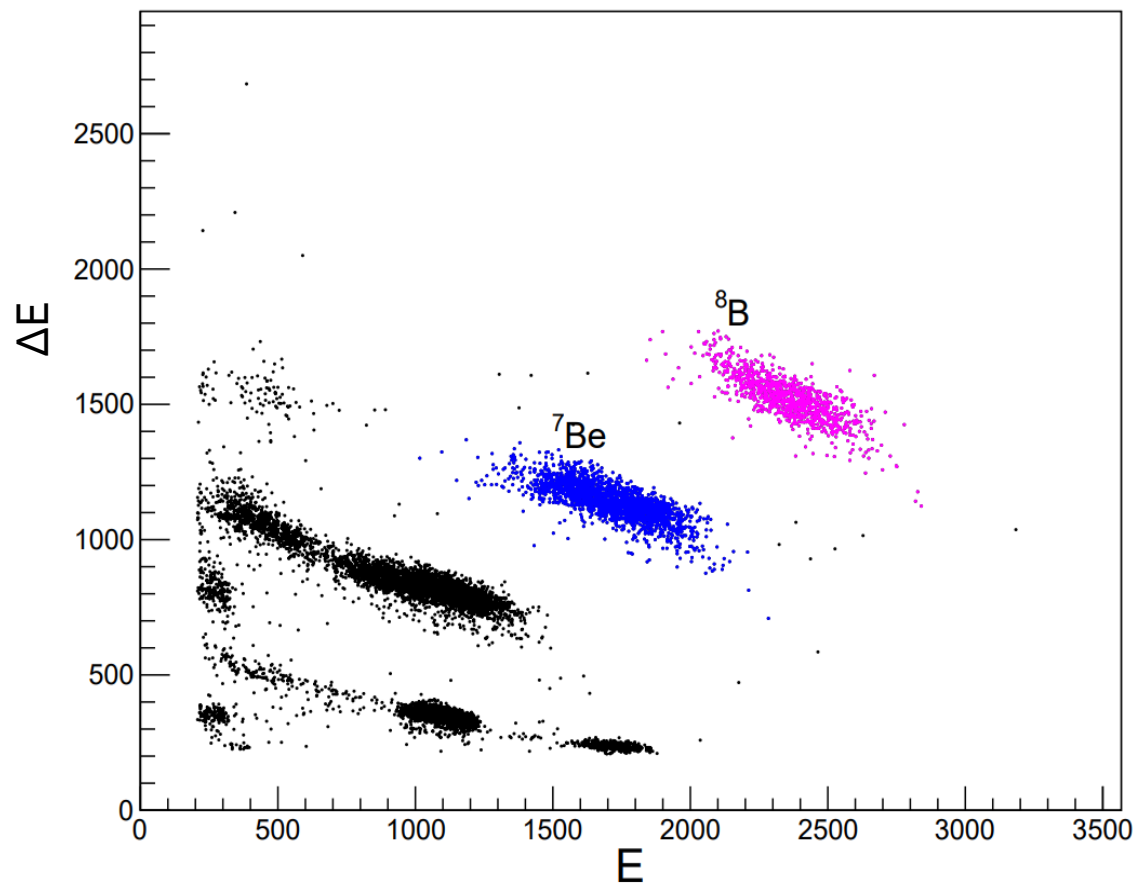
- Target thickness:  $1.95 \text{ mg/cm}^2$
- Telescope dimensions:  $5.4 \times 5.4 \text{ cm}$
- 4 DSSSD (Double Sided Silicon Strip Detectors)
  - 3 with thickness  $20 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
  - 1 with thickness  $15 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- 4 PAD Si detectors
  - Thickness  $130$  and  $500 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- Angular range: Forward Telescopes:  $20^\circ - 60^\circ$   
Backward Telescopes:  $110^\circ - 150^\circ$
- Detectors placed at  $\sim 6 \text{ cm}$  from the target in symmetrical positions.
- Beam Flux:  $\sim 1500 - 6000 \text{ pps}$



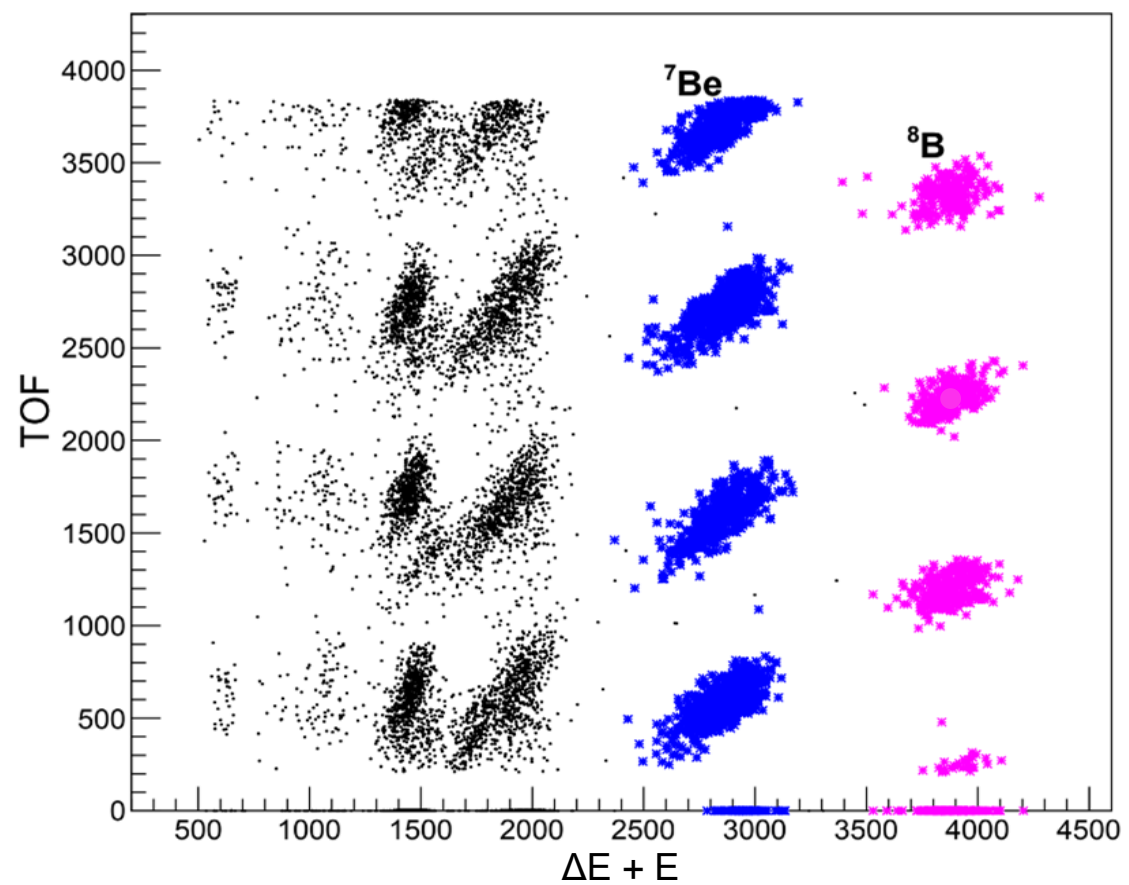
Detector Set-up

# DATA

$\Delta E - E$  Plot

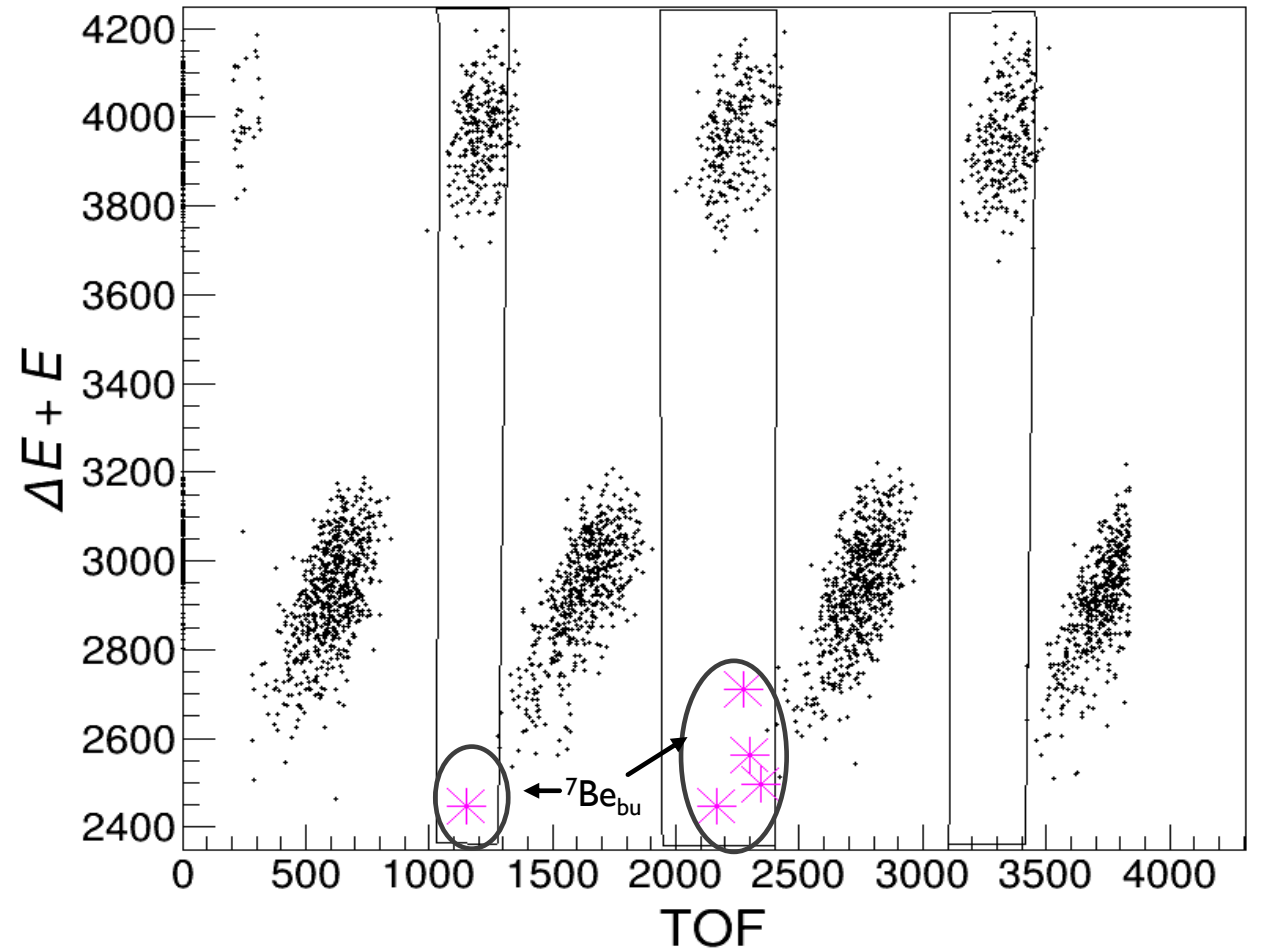


TOF Plot



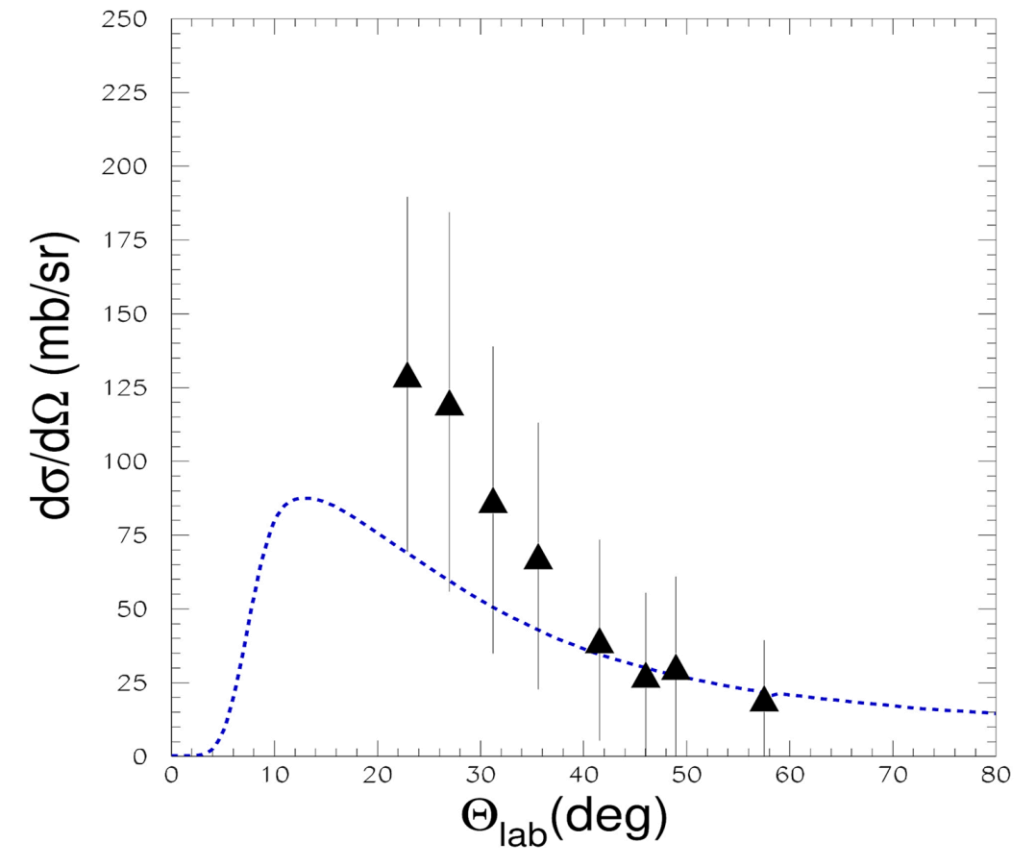
# BREAKUP ANALYSIS : TOF Spectrum

- Separation of elastic  ${}^7\text{Be}$  from break-up events is necessary
- Time Of Flight (TOF) technique
- Good separation between  ${}^8\text{B}$  and  ${}^7\text{Be}$  for part of the data.

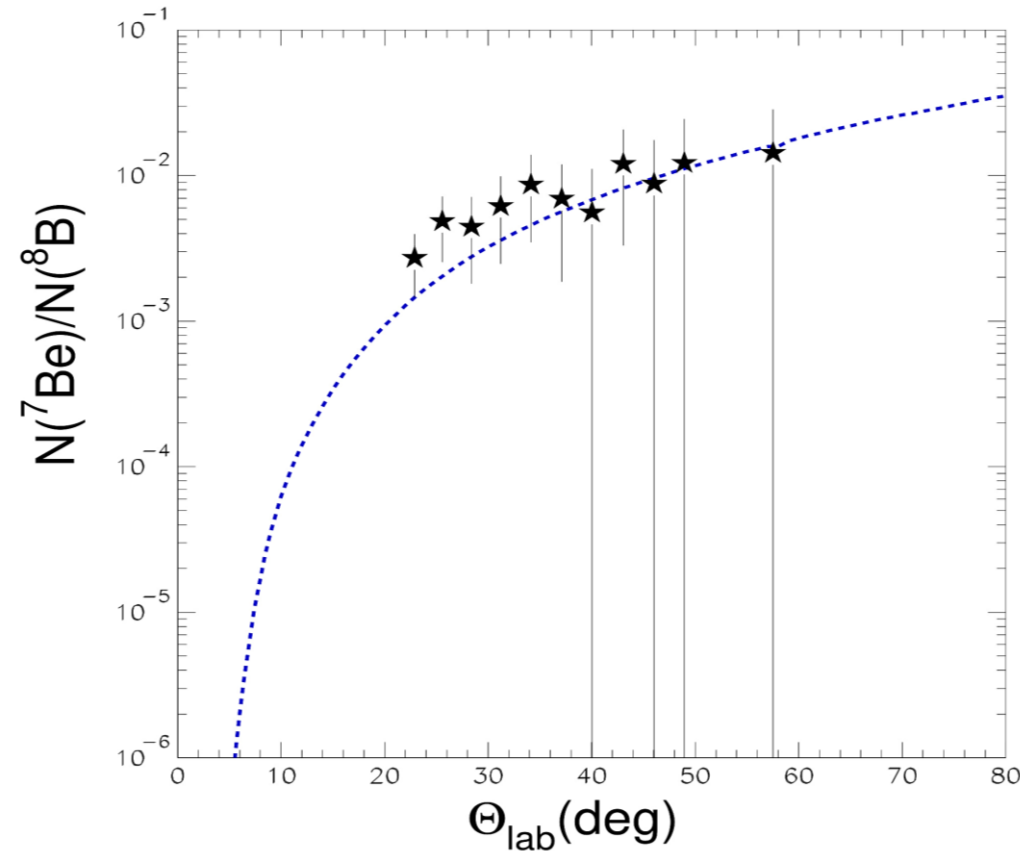


# BREAKUP ANALYSIS: Preliminary results

## Angular Distribution



## Probability



Blue Lines: CDCC

$$\sigma_{tot} = 180 \pm 50 \text{ mb}$$
$$\sigma_{bu}^{CDCC} = 211 \text{ mb}$$

→ Indication  
 $\sigma_{bu} = 200 - 250 \text{ mb}$

# SUMMARY - CONCLUSIONS

## Summary

- We measured breakup for  ${}^8\text{B}+{}^{90}\text{Zr}$  at the sub-barrier energy 26.5 MeV, at the *TriSol* facility of the University of Notre Dame.
- We have performed breakup analysis for part of our data using the Time of Flight (TOF) technique for the separation between the breakup products and the elastic  ${}^7\text{Be}$ .
- We presented preliminary results for the break-up differential cross sections and probabilities compared with CDCC calculations by A. Moro. Experiment and theory are in fair agreement.
- The break up cross section seems to exhaust the total reaction cross section. One cannot obtain absolute conclusions due to the large statistical errors.

## Next Steps

- Continuing of the break up analysis of the rest of the experimental data to improve statistics.
- Extraction the break-up cross section and the direct –to –total reaction cross section ratio.

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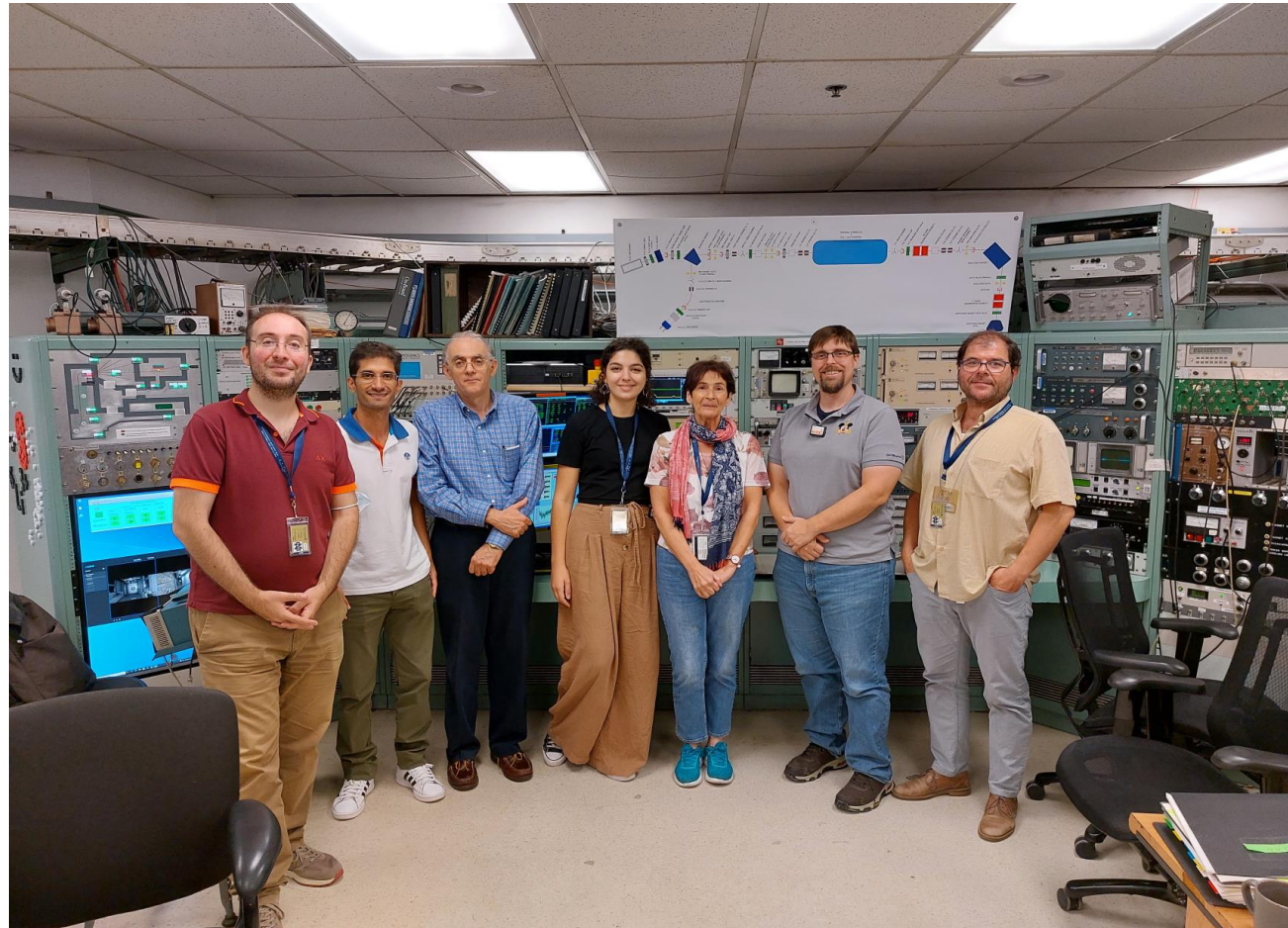


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