

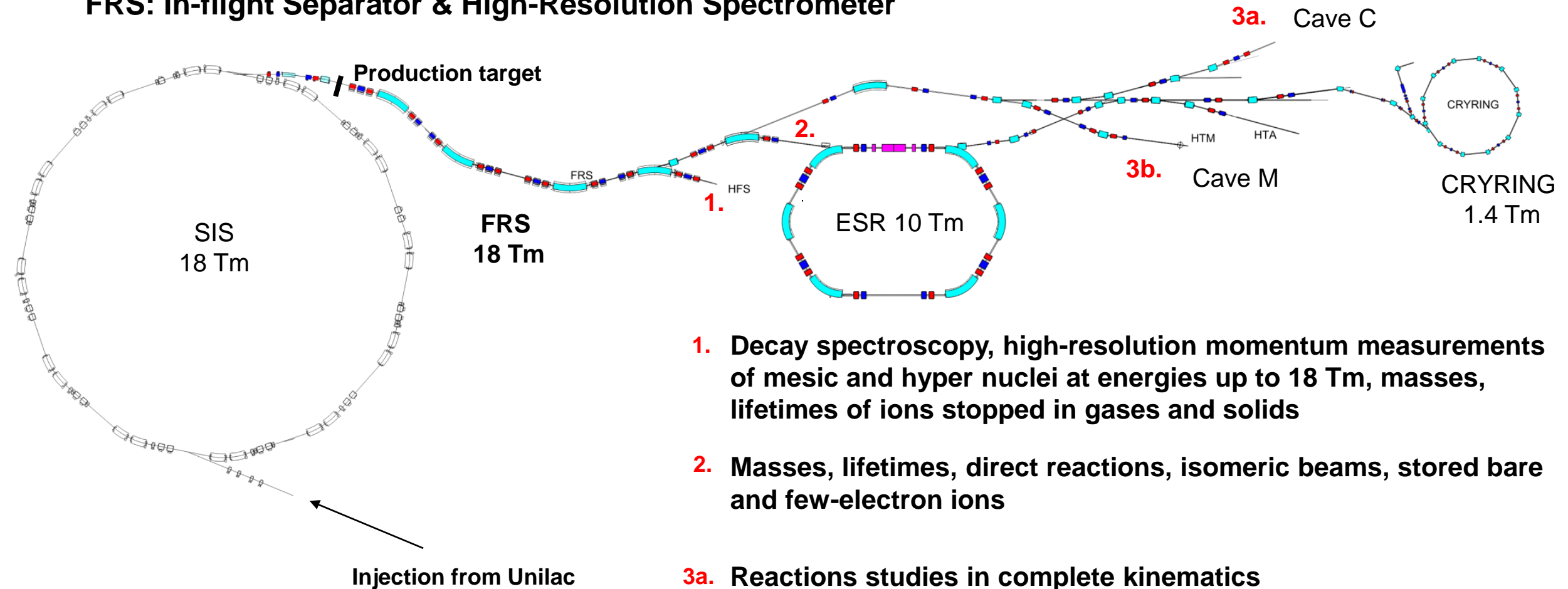
# New developments for experiments with the three branches of the Fragment Separator FRS

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# Exotic nuclear beams at GSI

## FRS: In-flight Separator & High-Resolution Spectrometer



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# Part 1: symmetric branch

Typical for experiments at the symmetric branch is a high level of flexibility at each focal plane

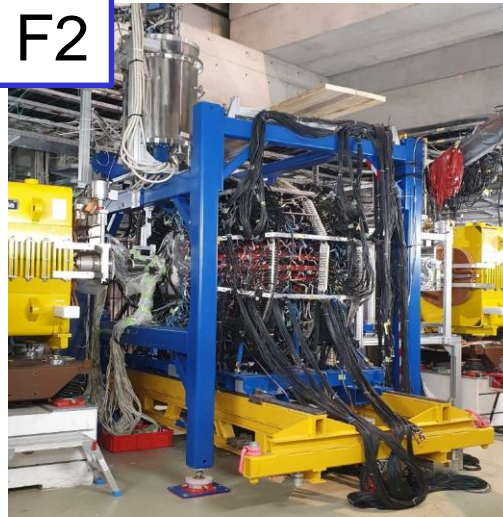
- Mechanical setup
- Targets, optics, degraders, primary beam energy

→ Optimized efficiency for each experiment

FRS F2

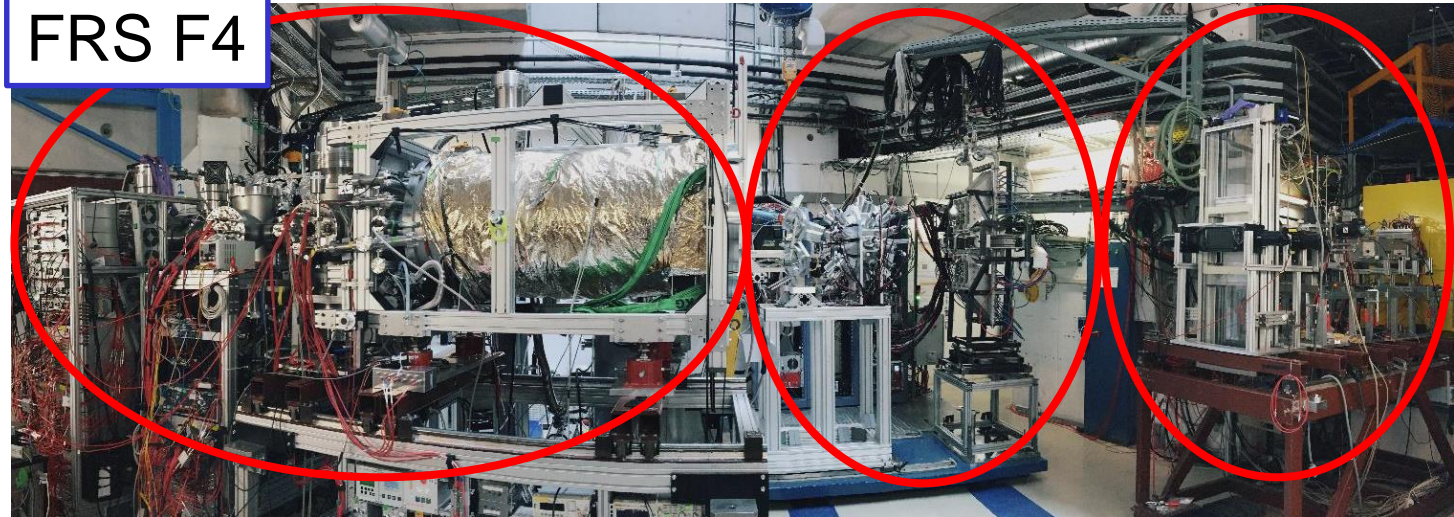


Standard setup



WASA setup

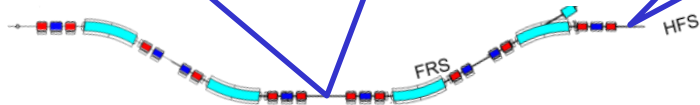
FRS F4



FRS Ion Catcher

HISPEC/DESPEC  
and other user setups

FRS standard  
Equipment  
for particle ID

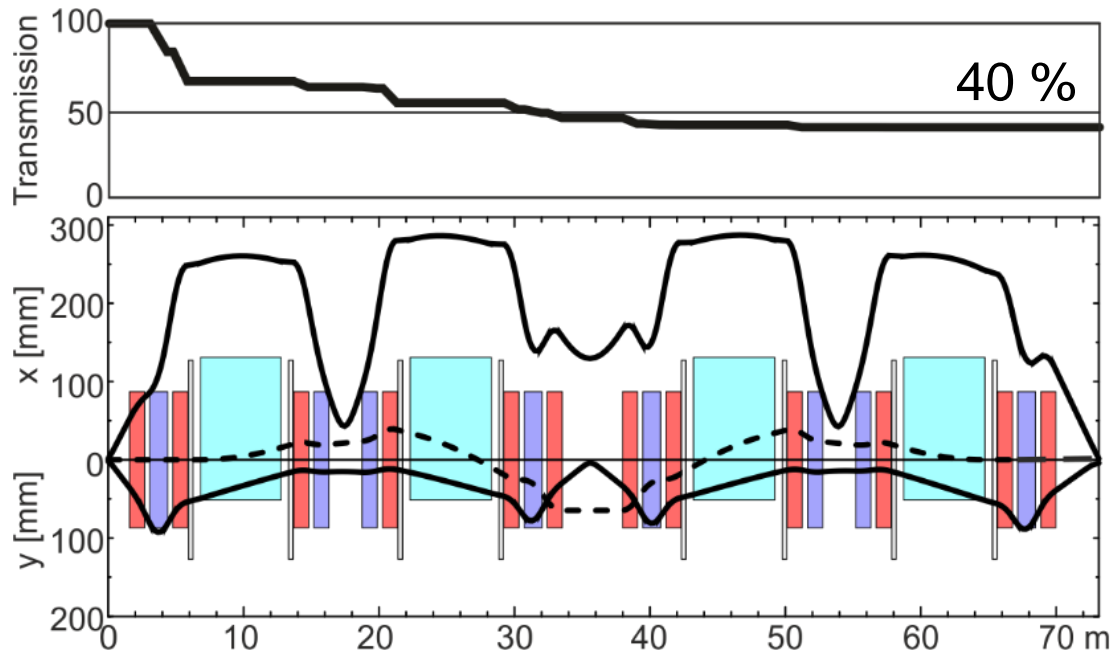




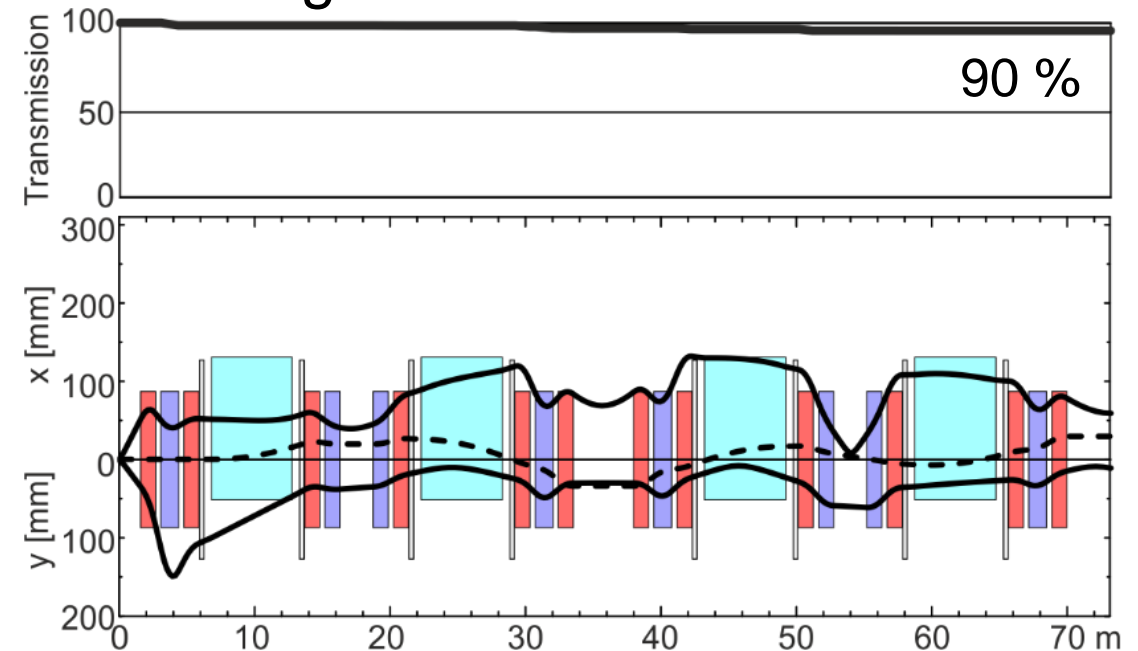
# Different ion-optical modes

Goal: Change the optics to increase yields of ion of interest

Standard mode



High transmission mode



$\varepsilon_x=50 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$ ,  $\varepsilon_y=50 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$ ,  $x_0=1.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $y_0=2.2 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\Delta p/p=2\%$

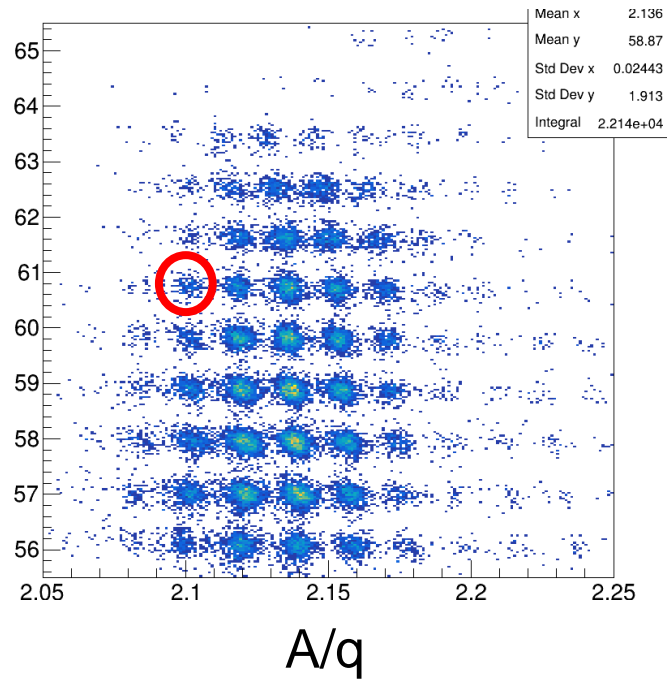
- **Two times higher transmission** by increased acceptance
- The increased momentum acceptance allows for e.g. **thicker targets (up to  $16 \text{ g/cm}^2 \text{ Be}$ )**

E. Haettner et al., NIMB, 463 (2020) 455-459

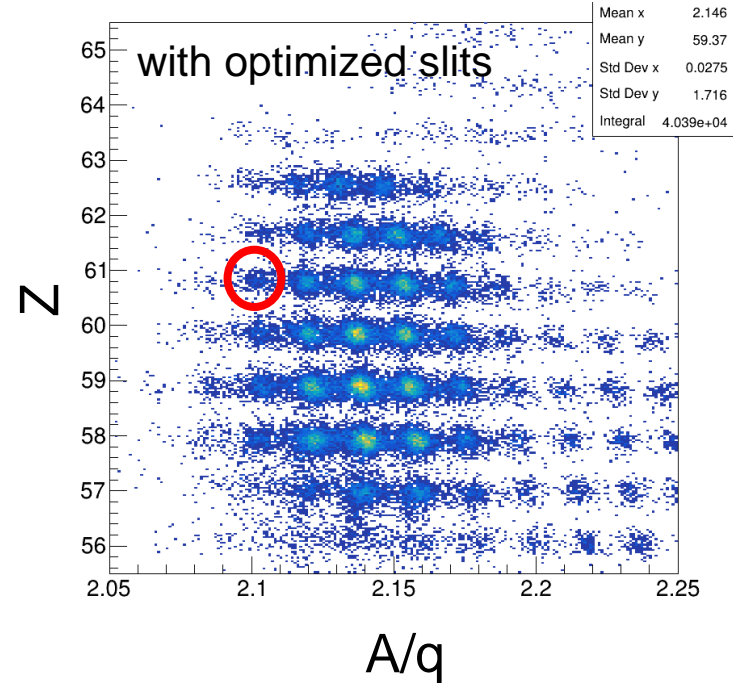
# Comparison standard mode and high transmission mode

Test case: 1025 MeV/u  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  on 4g/cm<sup>2</sup> Be

## Standard mode



## High transmission mode

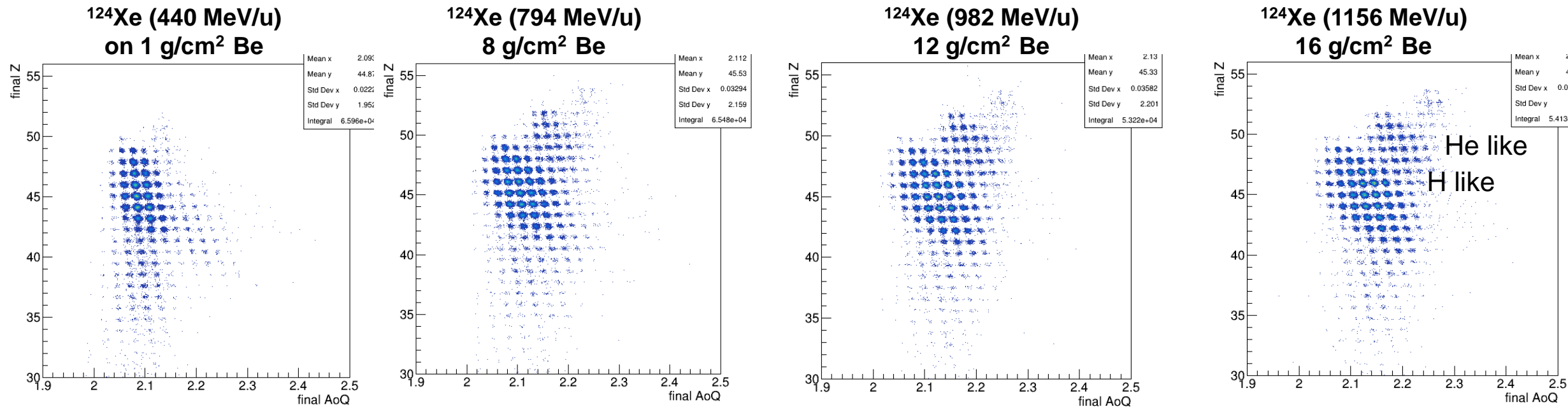


○ Centered fragment

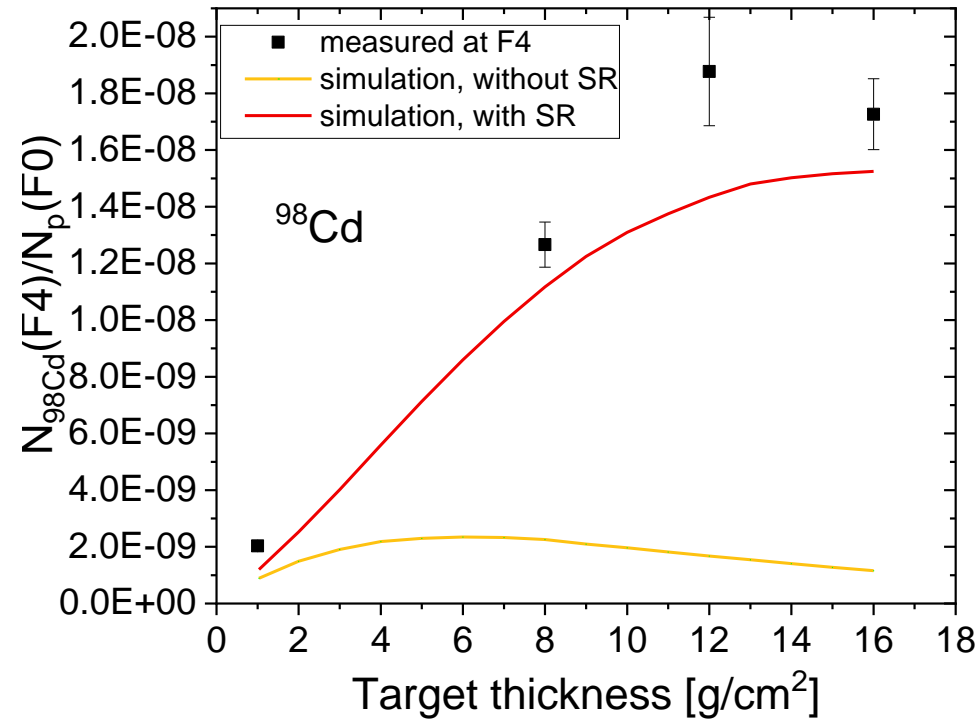
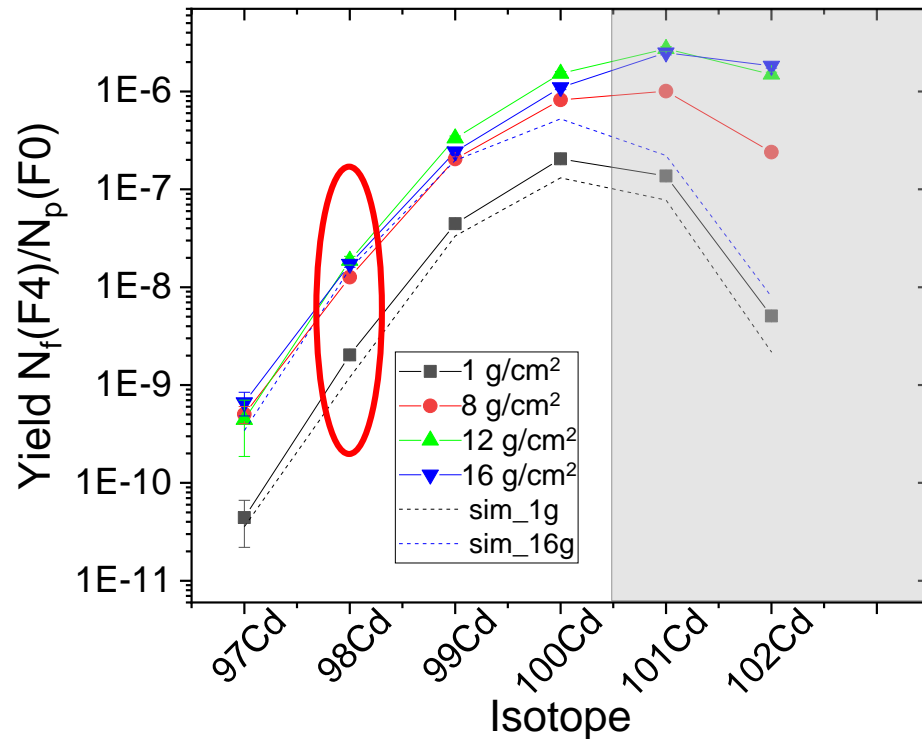
- PID is possible
- With full acceptance (slits open)
  - Shift of rate towards stability
  - Rate increase of centered fragment: x2.3
  - Total rate of fragments increase by x7
- With optimized acceptance
  - Total rate of fragments increase by x2.2
  - **Rate increase of centered fragment: x1.9**

# Experiment with secondary reactions in the production target

- $^{124}\text{Xe}$  beam on Be target of different thicknesses: 1, 8, 12, 16 g/cm<sup>2</sup> corresponding to 5, 22, 43, 87 mm!
- Centered fragment  $^{98}\text{Cd}$ :
  - Similar  $A/Z^2$  as the primary beam to minimize location straggling in the target
  - Far from primary beam secondary reactions can play a significant role to overall production
- Primary beam energy adjusted to preserve ion-optical conditions of FRS



# Experiment with secondary reactions in the production target



Simulation: measured x-sections[1], epax 3.1[2], LISE++[3], MOCADI[4]

[1] H. Suzuki et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. B 317 (2013) 756

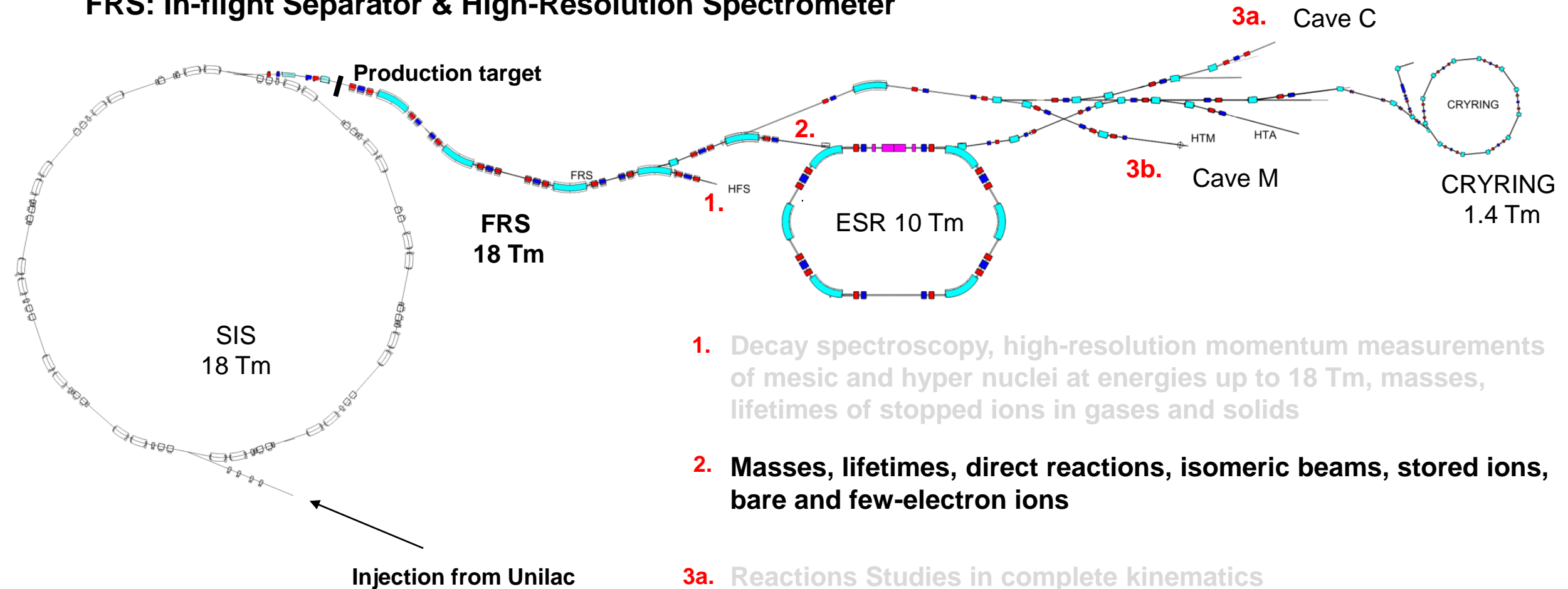
[2] K. Sümmerer, Phys Rev.C86(2012)014601

[3] N. Iwasa, H. Weick, H. Geissel, Nucl. Instr. Meth. B269 (2011) 752

[4] O.B. Tarasov, D. Bazin NIMB 266 (2008) 4657–4664

## Part 2 : ESR branch

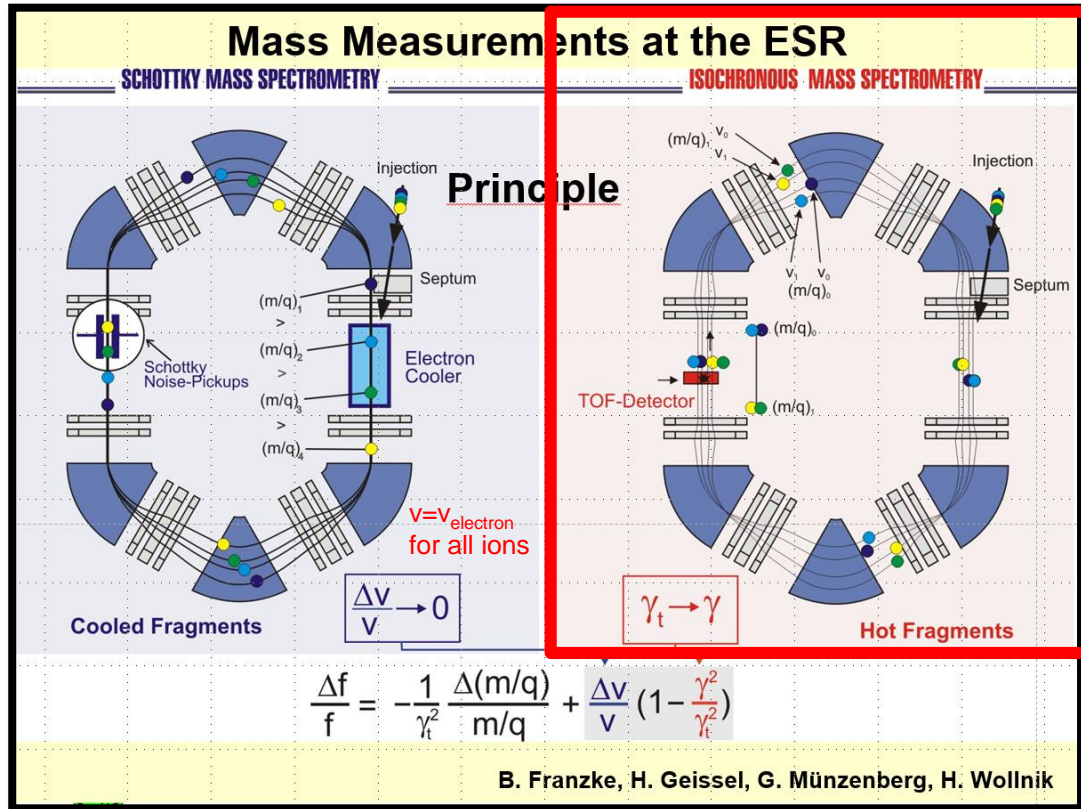
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# Isochronous mass spectrometry at FRS-ESR



High accuracy and high resolution isochronous spectrometry require  $B\rho$  or velocity measurements in addition to revolution time.

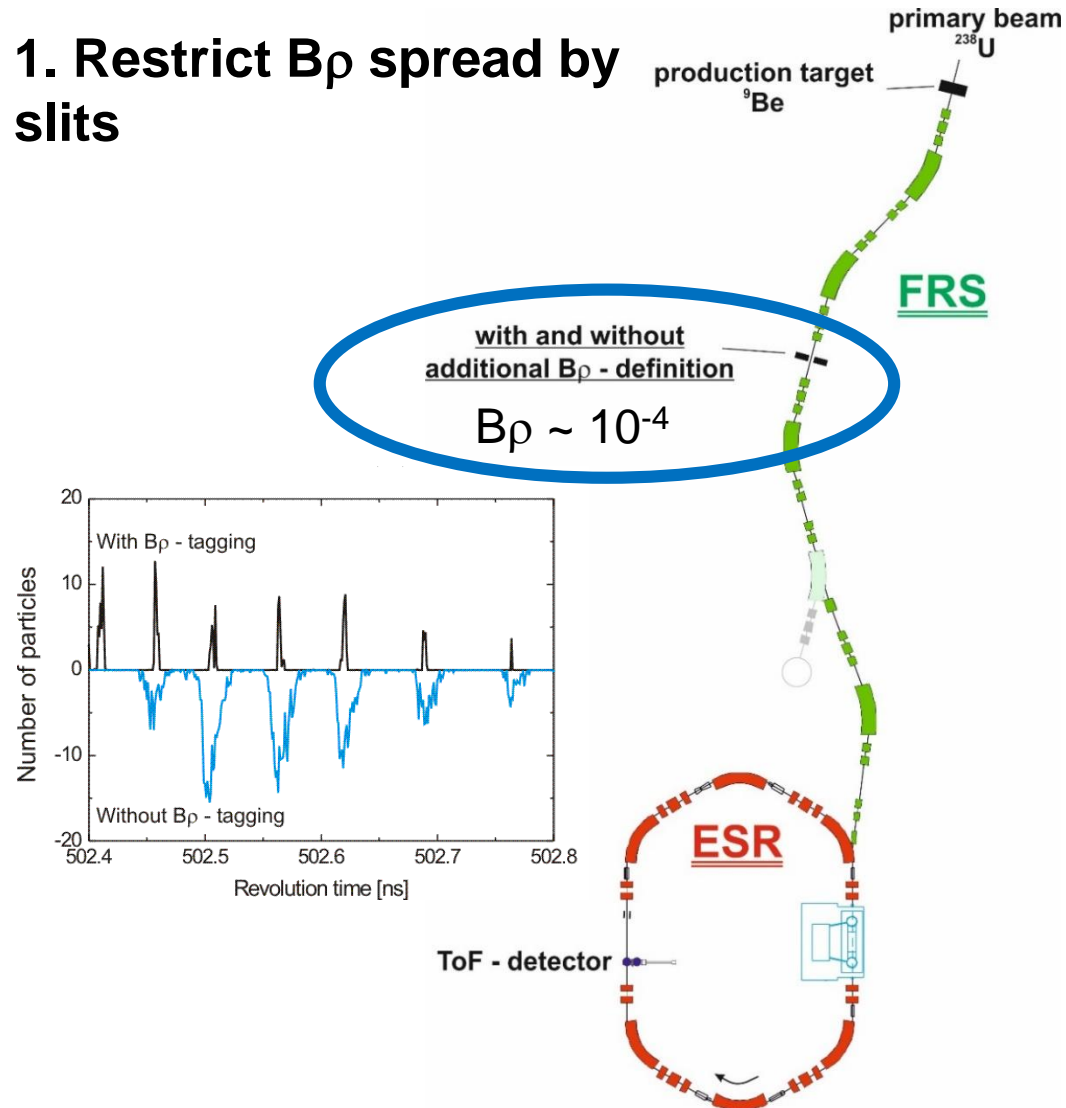
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$$\frac{m_1}{q_1} = \left(\frac{m_0}{q_0}\right) \frac{T_1}{T_0} \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_1} = \left(\frac{m_0}{q_0}\right) \frac{T_1}{T_0} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta_1^2}{1 - \left(\frac{T_1}{T_0} \beta_1\right)^2}}$$

A Ozawa et al. *Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys.* 03C009, 2012

# Isochronous mass spectrometry - $B\rho$ or velocity tagging

## 1. Restrict $B\rho$ spread by slits

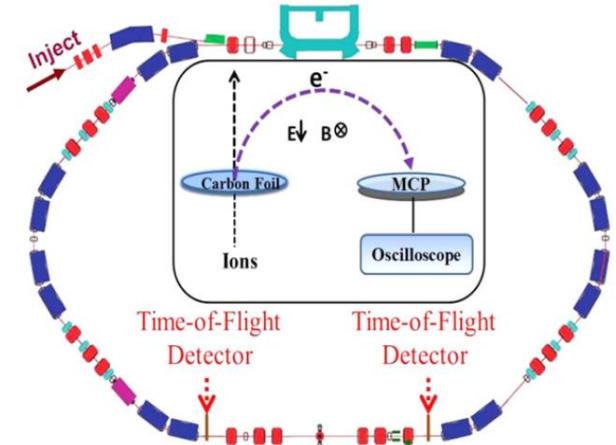


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## 2. Velocity determination by 2 ToF Detectors:

a) proposed ILIMA, CDR

b) implemented and in use in CSRe in Lanzhou, Y M Xing et al., Phys. Scr. 2015 014010

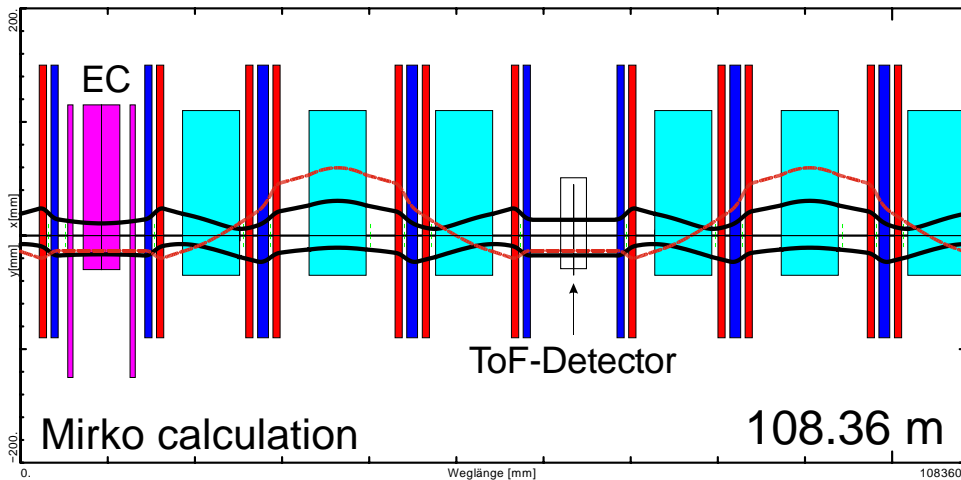
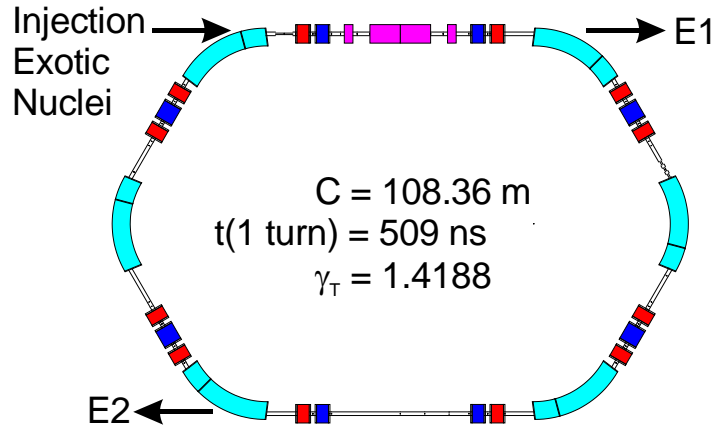


## 3. $B\rho$ determination via recording the betatron oscillation at a dispersive ring section.

proposed for HIAF SRing  
J.-H. Liu et al., NUCL SCI TECH (2019) 30:152

→ What can be done at the ESR?

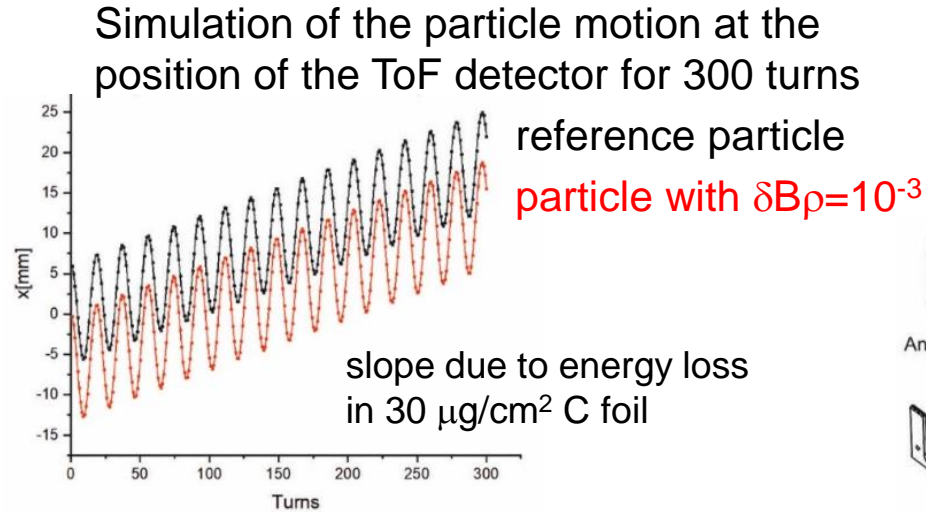
# Isochronous ESR and its ToF detector



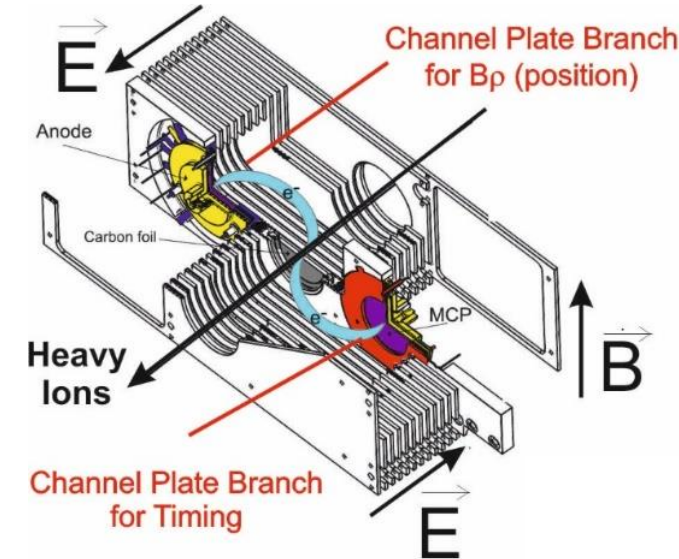
Isochronous lattice of ESR:  $Q_h = 2.32$   $Q_v = 2.26$

$\varepsilon = 20 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$ , dispersion line — = 0.2 %

H. Geissel, B. Franczak



Fit of the position data gives  $B_\rho$  with an accuracy of  $\sim 10^{-5}$



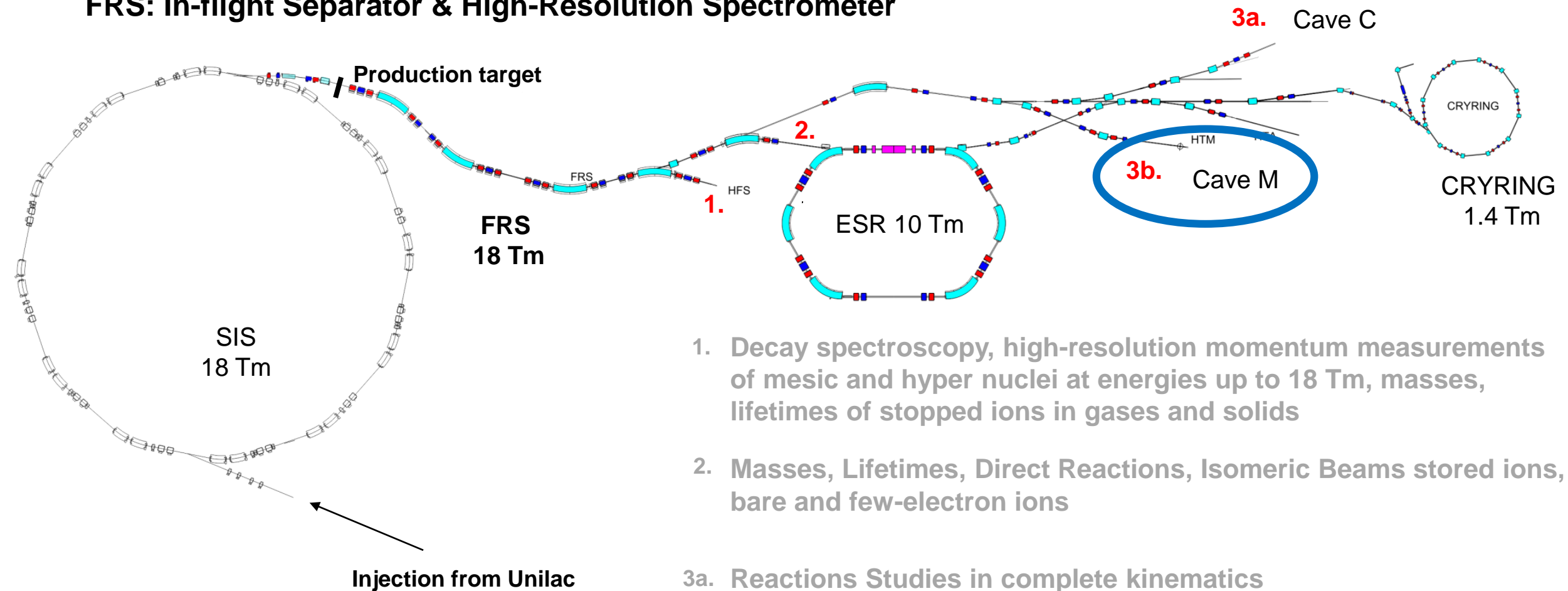
Simultaneous time and  $B_\rho$  determination could be realized by recording the betatron oscillation with a position sensitive anode in the second channel plate branch

H. Geissel and D. J. Morrissey, Handbook of Nuclear Physics in print



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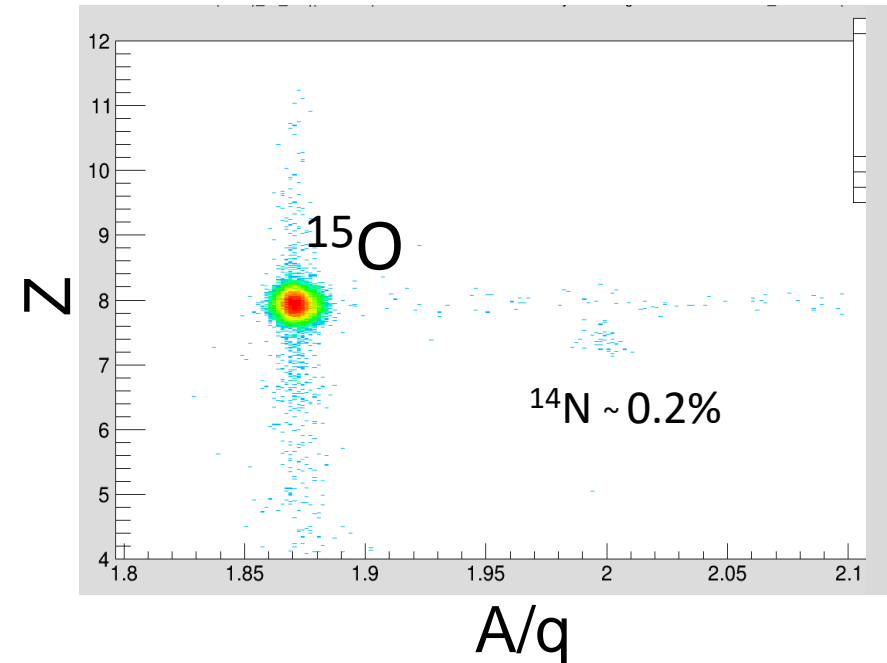
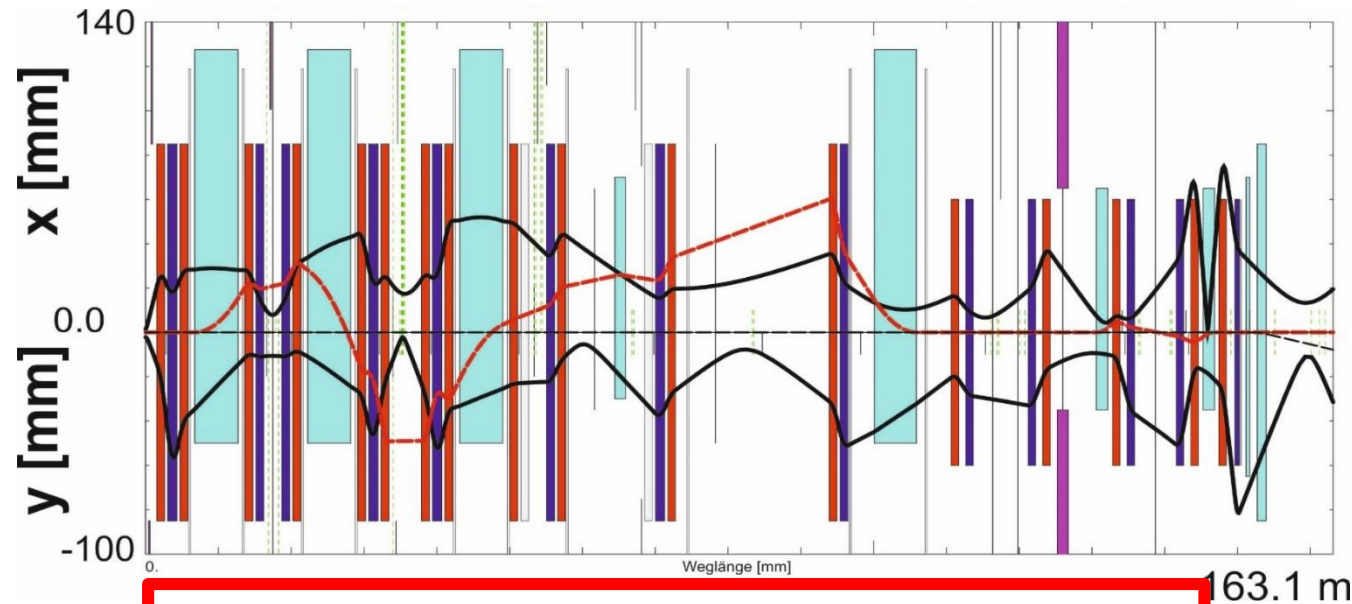
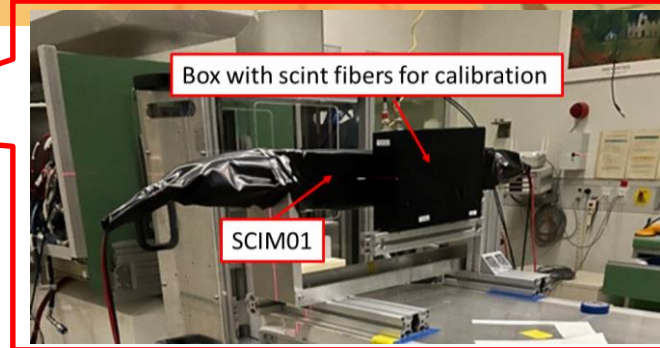
**3b. Bio-medical experiments with positron emitters**



# First experiments with FRS-CaveM using positron emitters

Time-of-Flight  
path length 126 m

Cave M



- Pure  $^{15}\text{O}$  beam in Cave M
- $^{15}\text{O}$  in Cave M per  $^{16}\text{O}$  in SIS:  $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
- $dp/p \sim 1.5\%$  (FWHM)

B.Franczak, H.Geissel, E.Haettner, D.Kostyleva,  
S.Purushothaman, C.Scheidenberger, Y.Tanaka et al.



# Perspective for treatment?

- Carbon, Nitrogen and Oxygen beams of  $\sim 10^{11}$  particles/cycle in SIS18 has been reached
- Measured conversion factor of  $6 \cdot 10^{-4}$  for SIS18-CaveM  $\rightarrow 6 \cdot 10^7$   $^{15}\text{O}$  /cycle
- With  $\sim 1\text{s}$  acceleration and  $1\text{s}$  extraction time  
 $\rightarrow \sim 3 \cdot 10^7$   $^{15}\text{O}$  /second on average
- **In-flight produced and separated positron emitters with intensities relevant for treatment are in reach**

Parameters for heavy ion tumor treatment  
Heidelberg Ion Therapy (HIT) Center

Parameter	Steps	Protons	Carbon
Energy	255	48 – 221 MeV/u	88 – 430 MeV/u
Penetration	255	20 - 300 mm	20 - 300 mm
Beam Size	4	8 – 20 mm	4 – 12 mm
Intensity	10	$8 \cdot 10^7 - 2 \cdot 10^9$ 1/s	$2 \cdot 10^6 - 8 \cdot 10^7$ 1/s

D. Ondreka, U. Weinrich, “The Heidelberg Ion Therapy (HIT) Accelerator Coming into Operation”,  
Proc. EPAC 2008, Genoa, Italy, 2008, pp. 979–981.

# Summary

During FAIR phase-0 program at GSI many NUSTAR experiments are performed with all FRS branches. These experiments make use of new developments and the flexibility:

- **Symmetric branch**
  - High energies and thick target allows to make efficient use of secondary reactions in the production target
  - New high transmission mode was successfully applied and the rate increased by a factor 2
- **ESR branch**
  - The isochronous mode requires  $B\rho$  or velocity measurement in addition to the measurement of the revolution frequency for high accuracy mass measurements. This can be fulfilled by a position measurement at a dispersive ring section.
  - The existing ToF detector in the ESR can be modified to measure position and time simultaneously.
- **Target hall branch**
  - Biomedical research program with positron emitters for hadron therapy is started at GSI ([www.gsi.de/BARB](http://www.gsi.de/BARB))
  - The GSI intensities for  $^{11}\text{C}$  and  $^{15}\text{O}$  ions can be similar to those routinely used for  $^{12}\text{C}$  at Heidelberg Ion Therapy (HIT) Center





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