

The Energy Buncher at the SuperFRS Low Energy Branch

The energy buncher - the principle

Range straggling and resolving power

First tests with a precision degrader

Typical beam properties

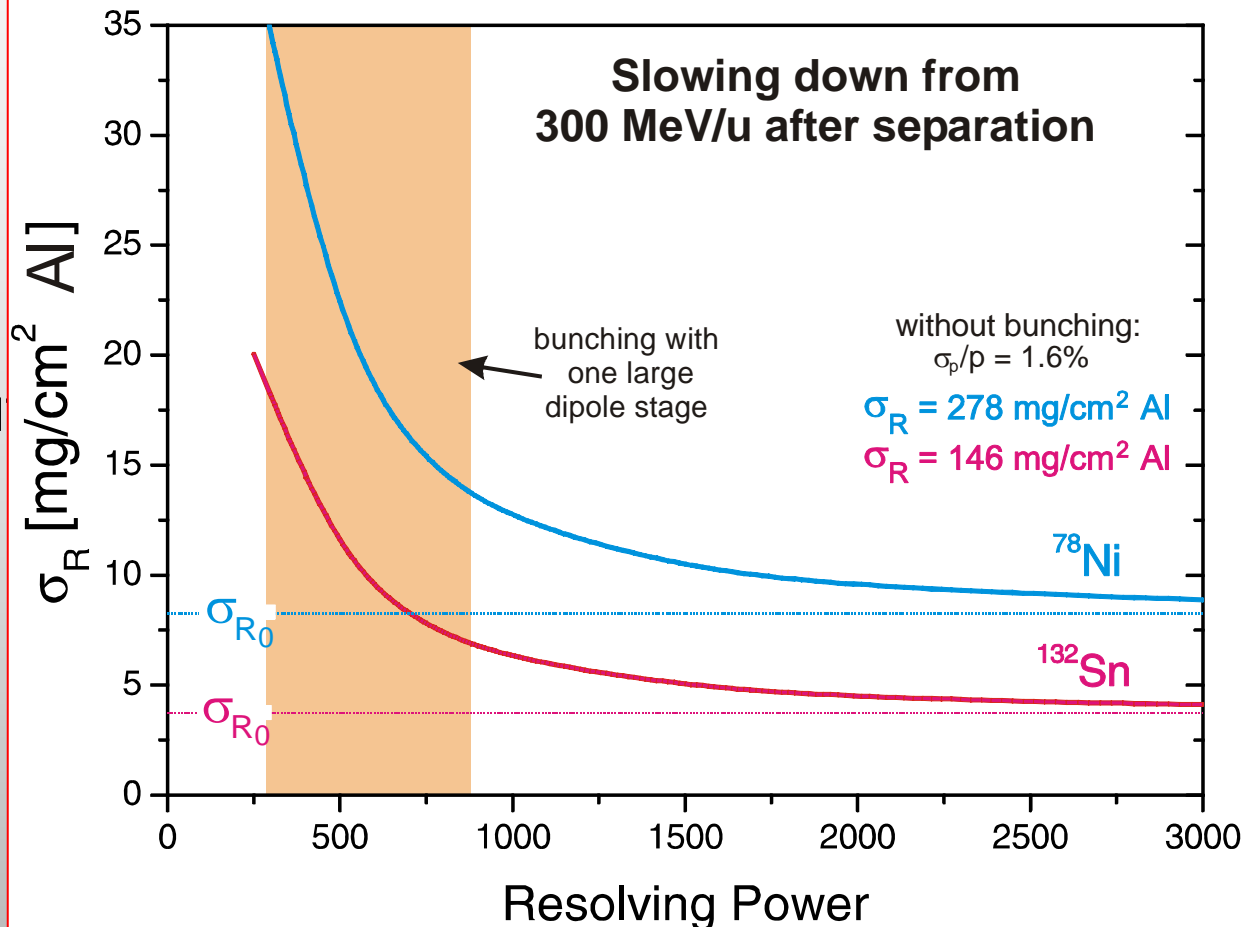
Energy buncher:

principle and ion-optical layout

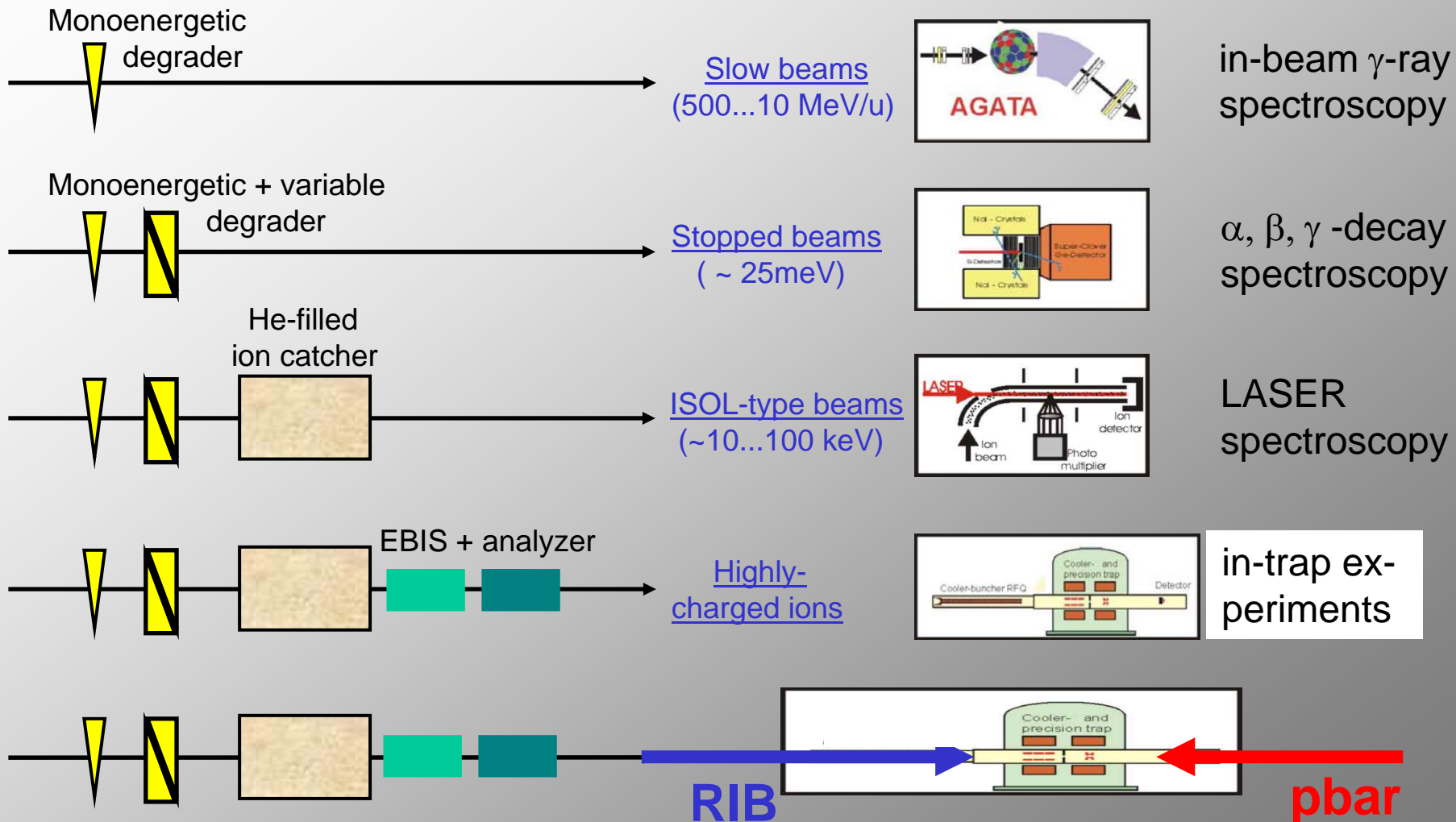
Princip

Layou

Resolution necessary for Range Bunching



Experimental opportunities and instrumentation



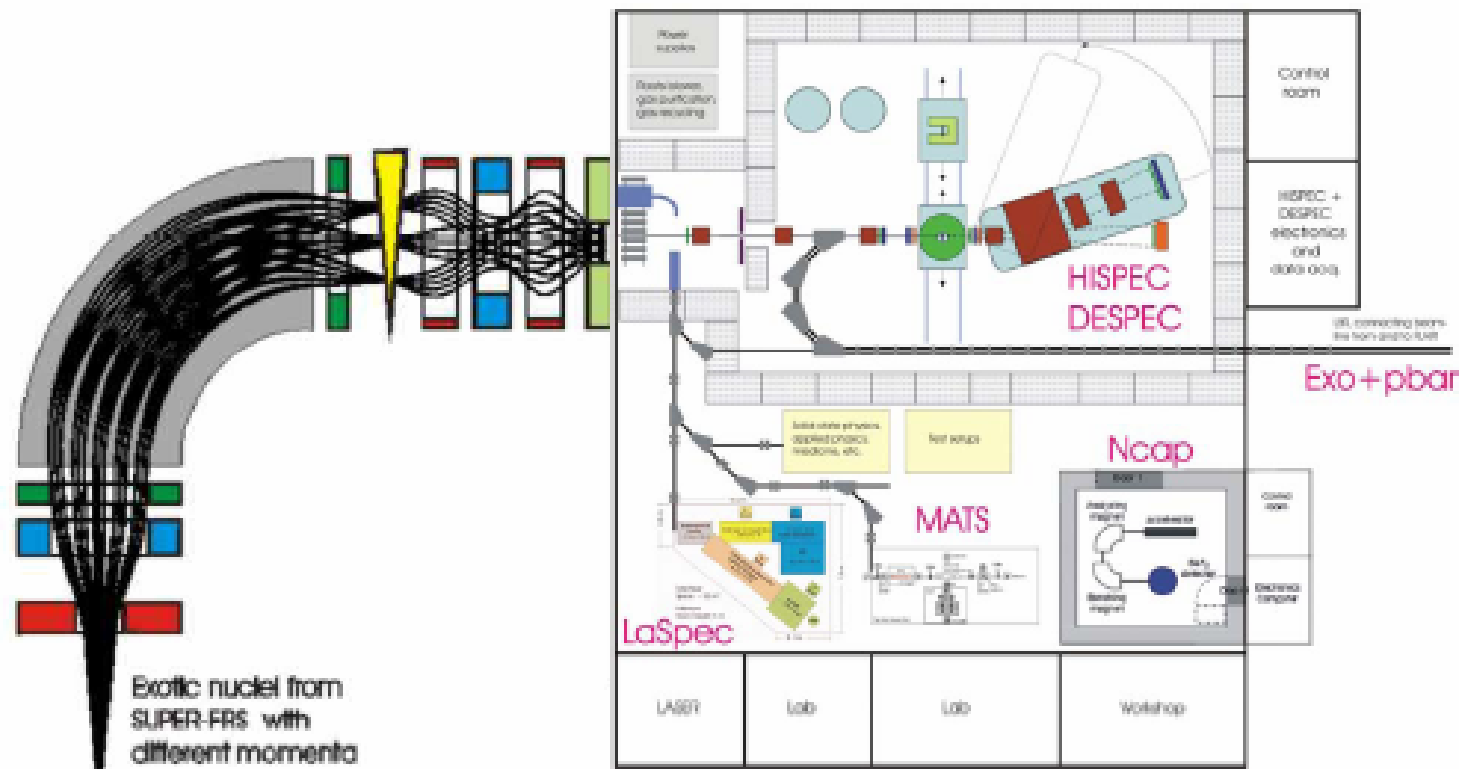
Unique feature: RIBs and pbar at (almost) the same place



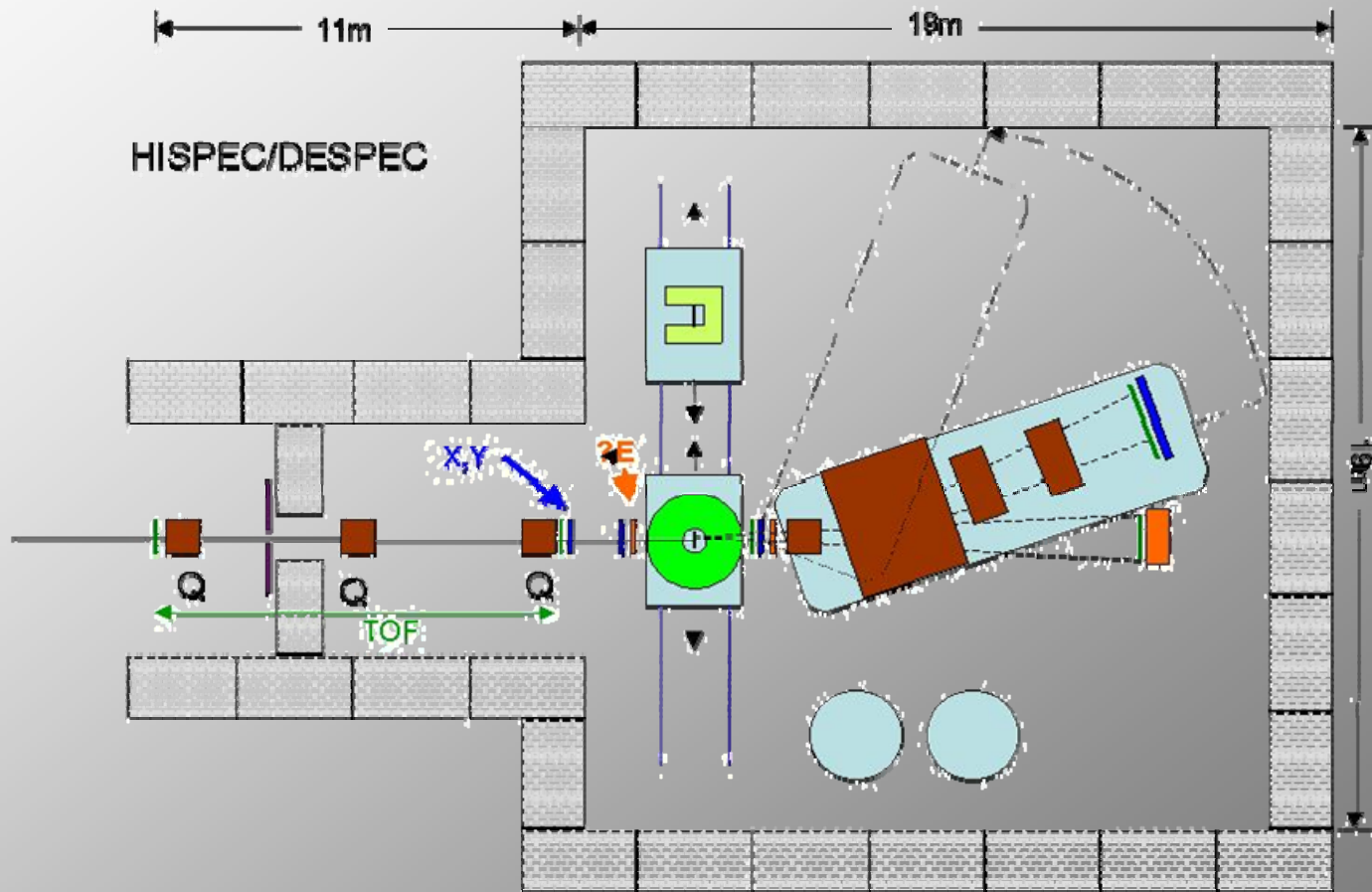
Dissemination: Low-Energy Branch of the Super-FRS

Energy buncher

Experimental area



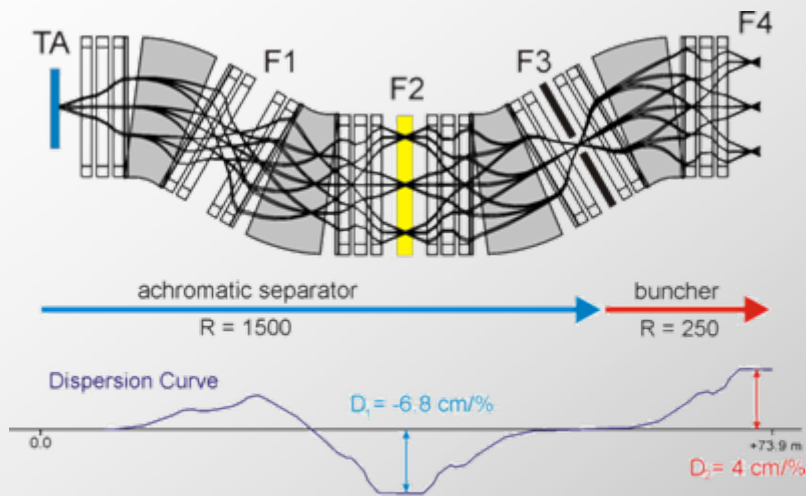
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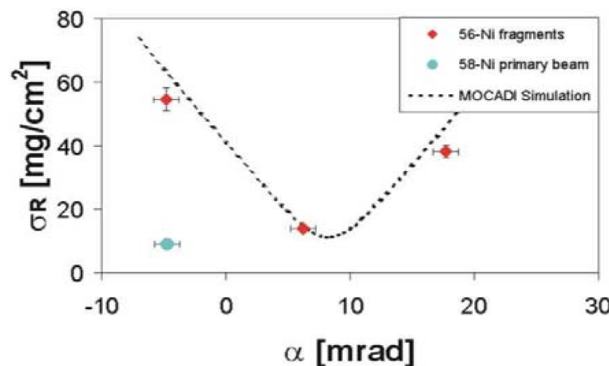
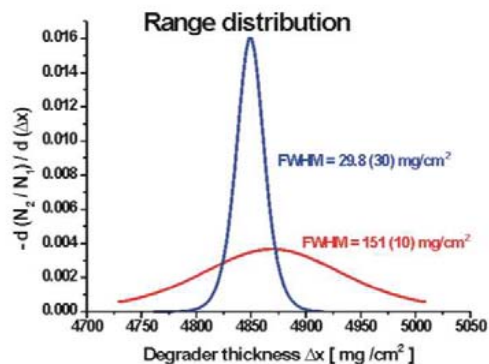
Tests and developments @ the FRS

Precision degrader system

Material:	Suprasil 2 (SiO ₂)
Surface roughness:	less than 10 nm
Maximum shape deviation:	less than 1 μm
Material homogeneity:	better than 10 ⁻⁴
Areal weight homogeneity:	better than 0.2 mg/cm ²
Minimum thickness steps:	180 μg/cm ²



Achromatic condition: $D_1 M_2 * \delta_1 + D_2 * \delta_2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0$
 achieve by $(\delta_2 = \kappa \delta_1)$ with $\kappa = 1.90 \sim p_{in}/p_{out}$

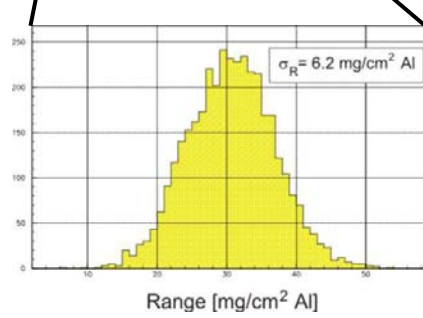
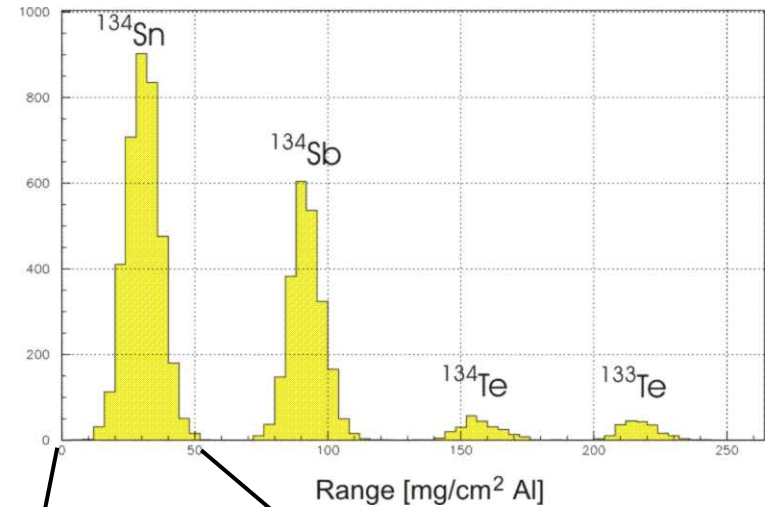
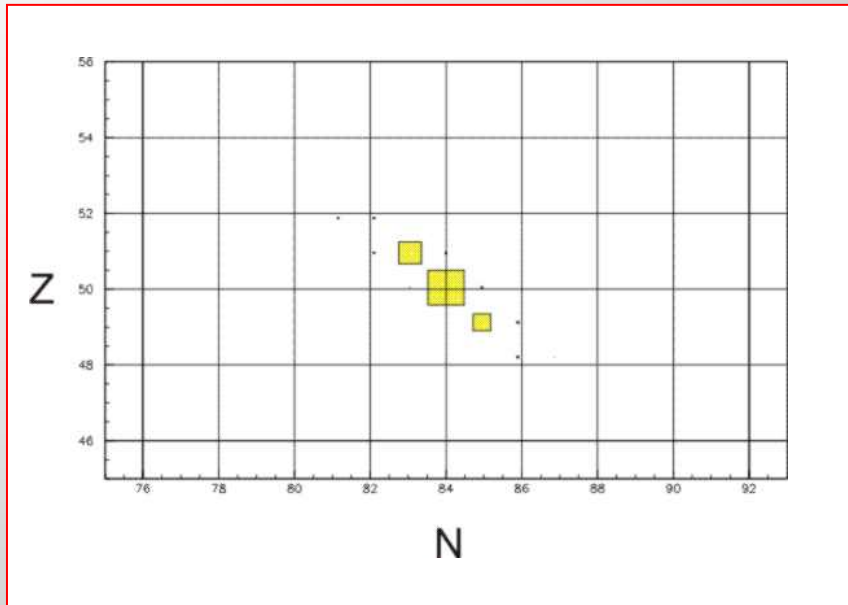


Separation characteristics and performance: purity of stopped beams



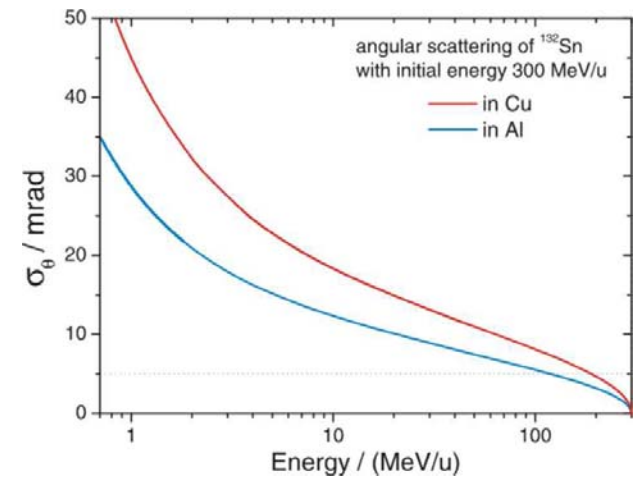
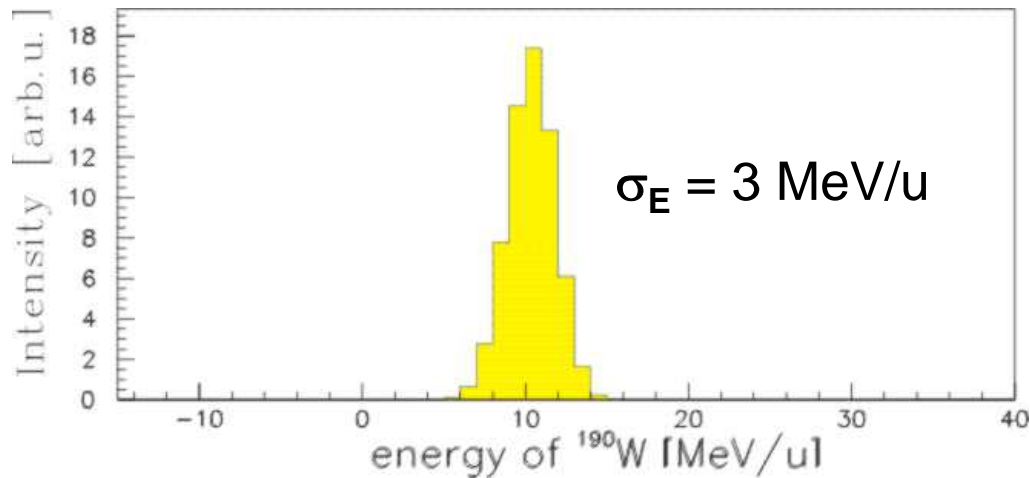
Example:

- * Separation of ^{134}Sn fission fragments
- * Range focusing with E-buncher ($p/\Delta p=600$)



$\sigma_R = 6.2 \text{ mg/cm}^2$
NB:
1 atm m He = $3\sigma_R$
100 μm Si = $4\sigma_R$

Characteristics of low-energy beams: energy and angular spread



Typical numbers:

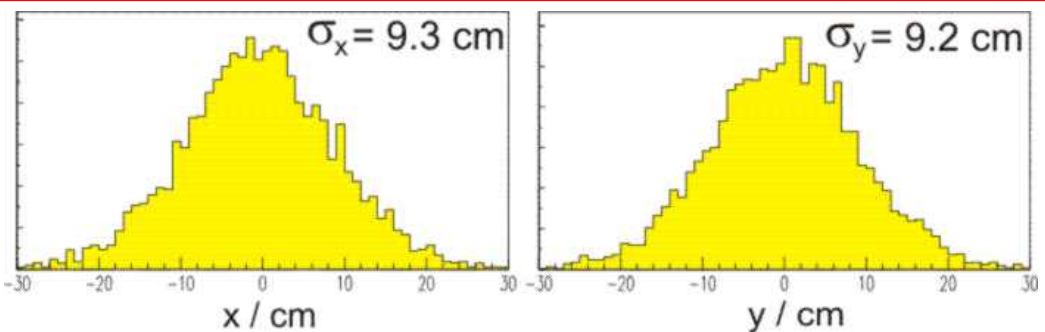
300 MeV/u: $\sigma_E \sim 0.3 \text{ MeV/u}$

$\sigma_\alpha \sim 5 \text{ mrad}$

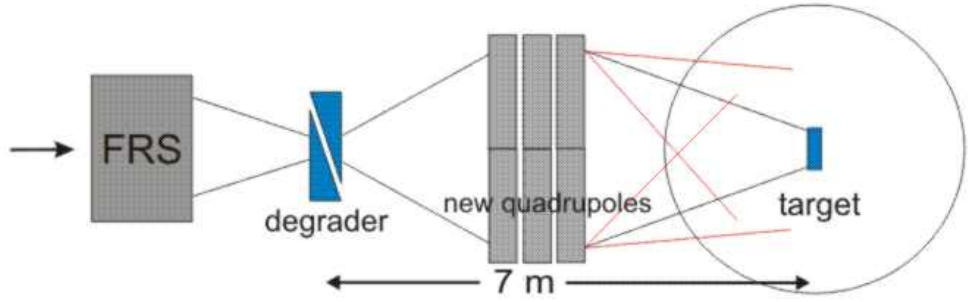
5 MeV/u: $\sigma_E \sim 3 \text{ MeV/u}$

$\sigma_\alpha \sim 20 \text{ mrad}$

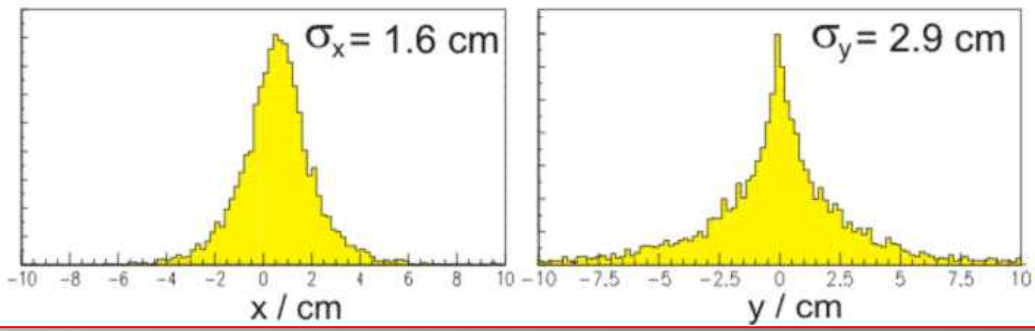
Refocusing system



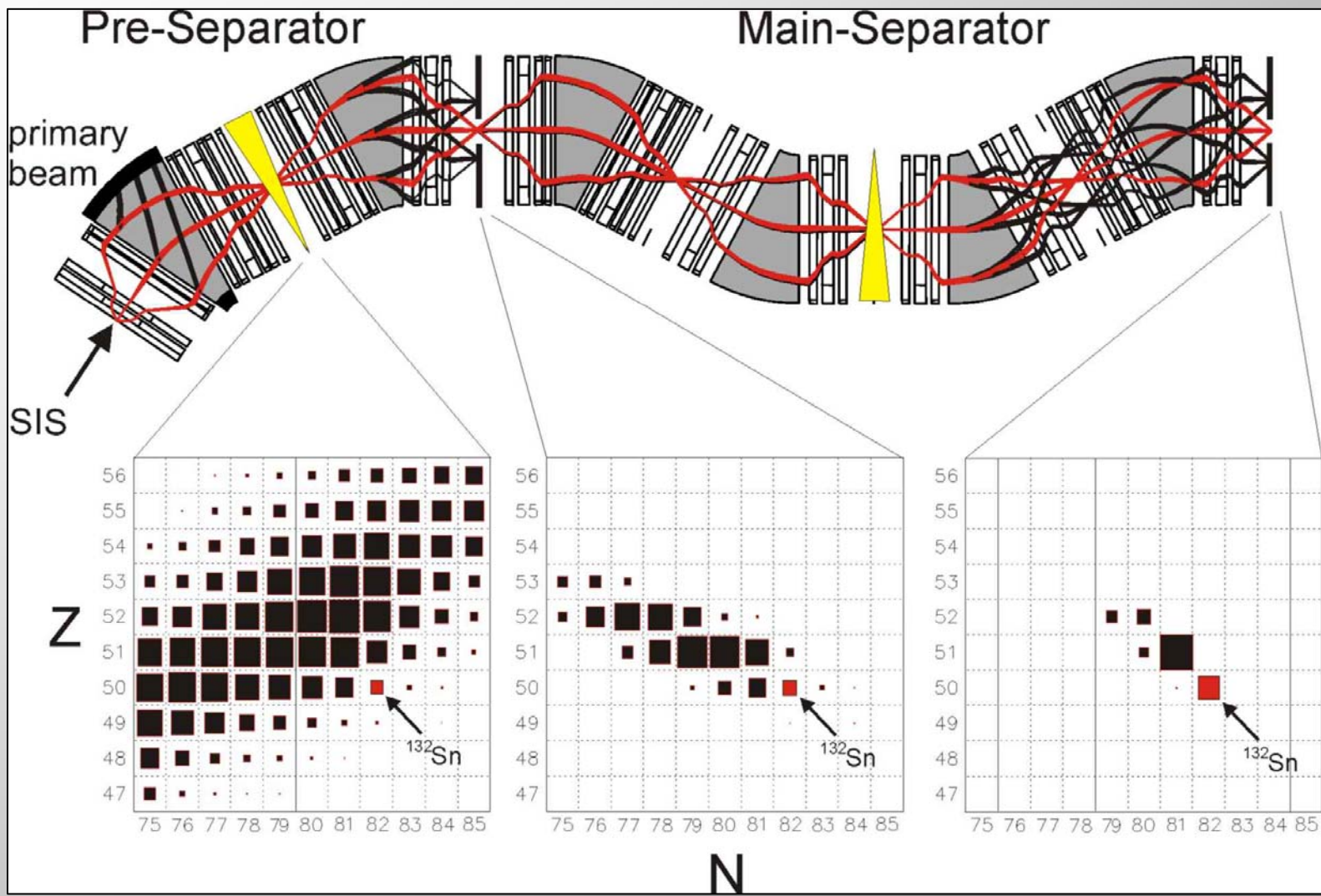
Refocusing of the low energy beam



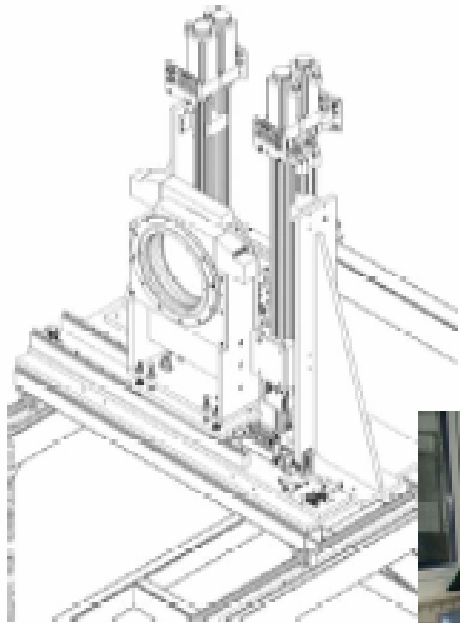
limit of E = 5 MeV/u \pm 2.5 MeV/u



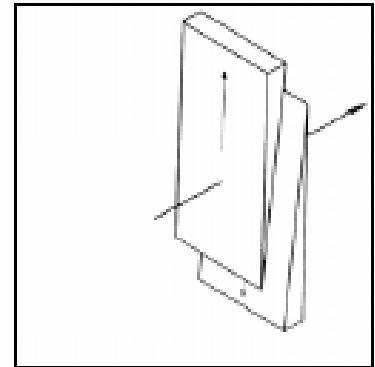
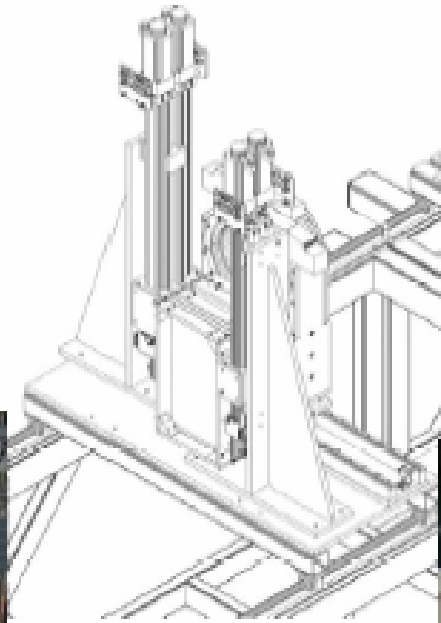
Layout and Separation Properties



Design and assembly of the degrader system



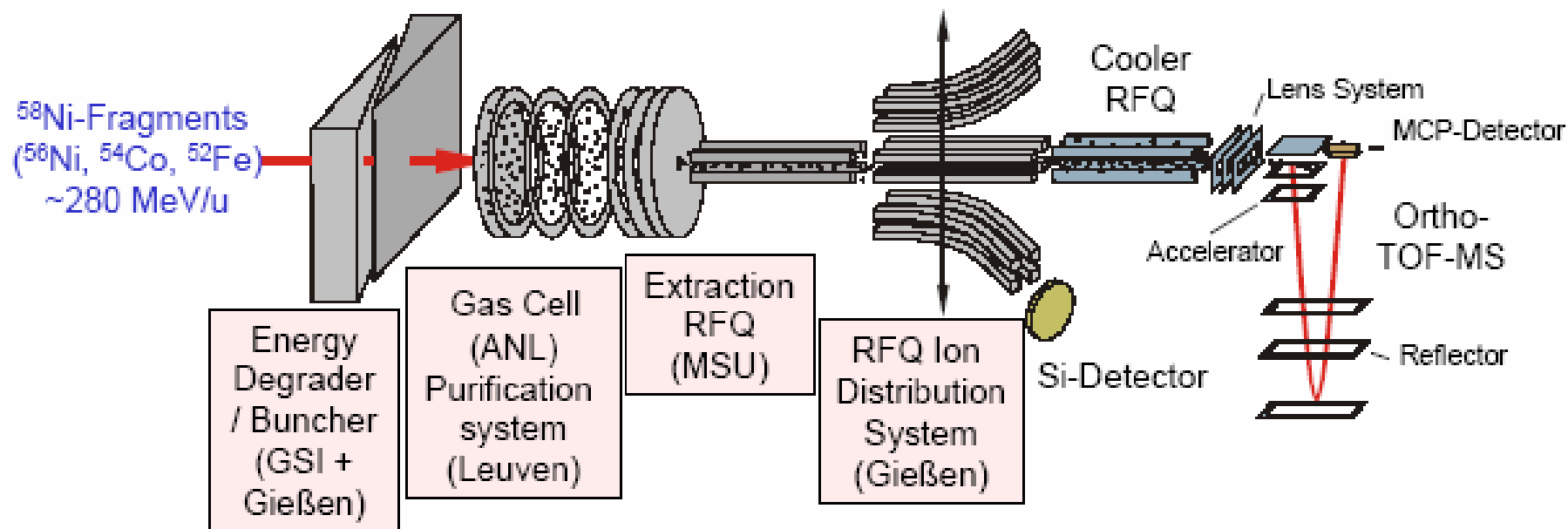
Rotational stages
(wedge angle)



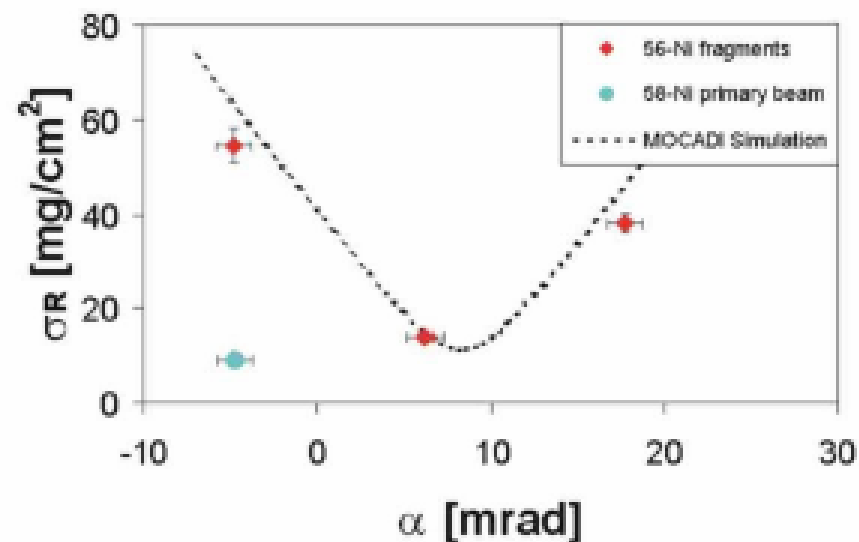
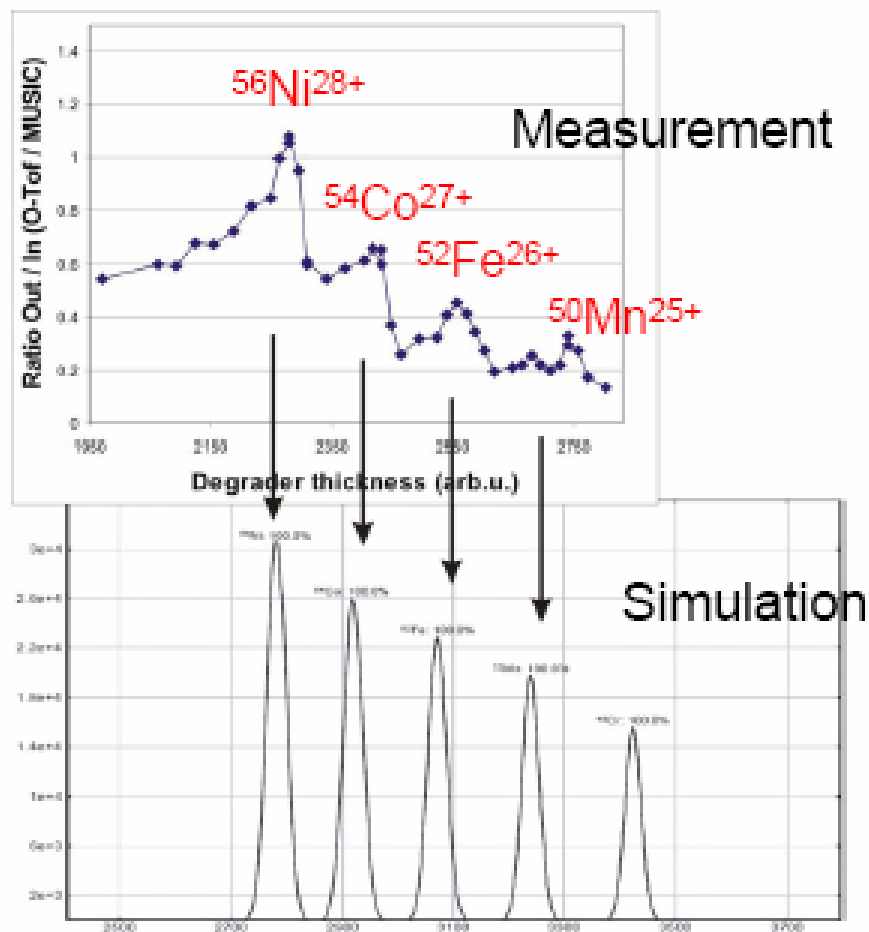
Linear drives
(quasi-continuous
thickness variation)



Schematic view of setup



Measurement of range distributions



$$\sigma_R \approx 10 \dots 13 \text{ mg/cm}^2$$

Gas cell: $\sim 2 \text{ mg/cm}^2$