

# Auxiliary Charged Particle Detection

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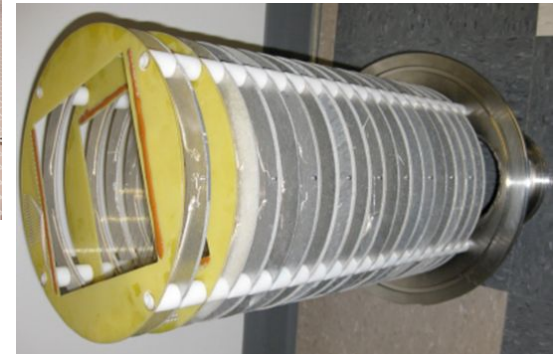
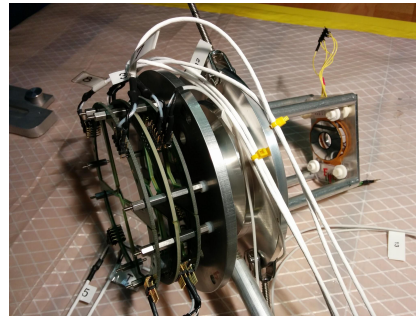
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## **Outline**

What systems/schemes have  
been used in HELIOS

Challenges and Issues for  
studies at ReA

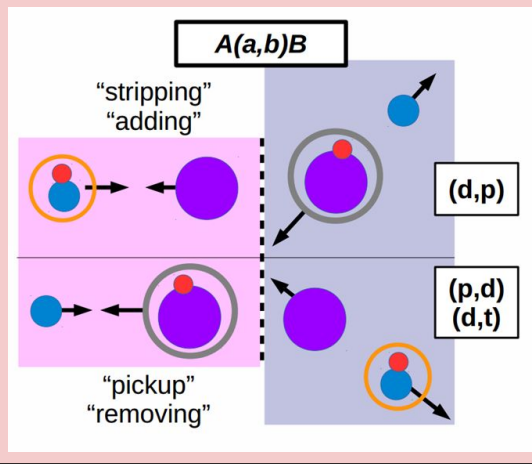


# Auxiliary Detectors for HELIOS

## Recoil Detection

To identify (A,Z) of beam-like reaction products

At minimum:  $A \pm 1$  nucleon



## Monitor Detectors

### *Beam Monitors:*

Normalization  $\rightarrow$  Abs. cross section  
Tuning, Beam Purity  
(time-dependent)

### *Target Monitor:*

Measure target stoichiometry.  
Monitor light target content in high dose measurements with heavy beams ( $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CD}_2$  targets)

## "Decay" Detectors

### *$\gamma$ -rays:*

**APOLLO** covered by  
A. Couture & J. Winkelbauer

Not many cases for  
charged particles, but one  
worth mentioning...

All will be more important  
for ReA studies:  
More intense RIBs  
Heavier isotopes  
Particle Decay Channels

# Recoil Detection - Silicon Arrays

Primarily Planar Si Arrays In  $\Delta E$ -E Telescope

Element identification up to  $Z=12-13$

Mass identification up to  $\sim Z=7$

Example:  $^{24,25}\text{Mg}$  at 10 MeV/u

Energy Deposited in 40 $\mu\text{m}$  Detector  $\approx 46$  MeV

Require good total energy resolution ( $\Delta E+E$ )

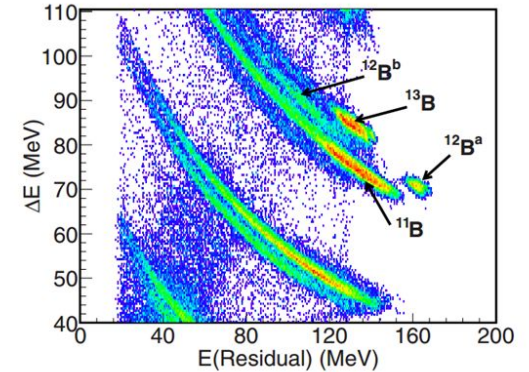
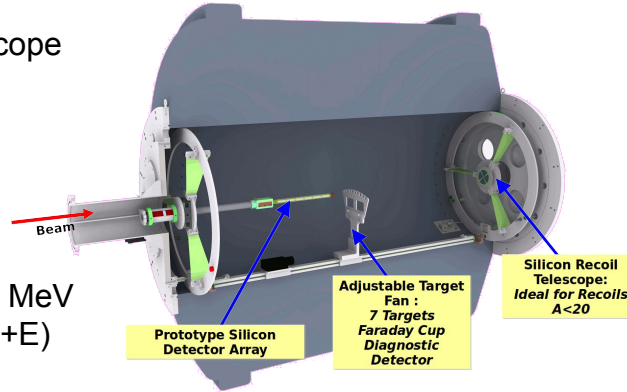
Thickest stack:  $\sim 1500$   $\mu\text{m}$

Max proton energy  $\sim 15.5$  MeV

Max alpha energy  $\sim 63$  MeV

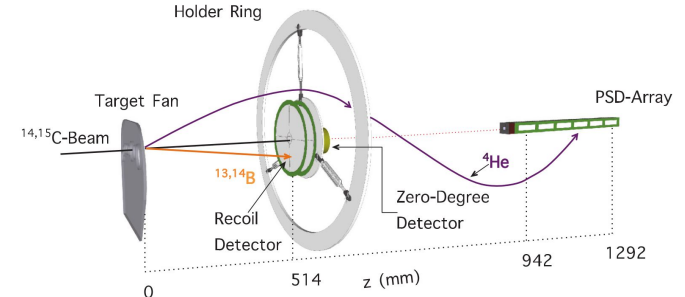
Max. Rates: 10's of kHz

The standard recoil solution for studies with light ion beams



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***In HELIOS:***  
 Si Recoil Arrays implemented covering forward lab angles for reaction studies in both “backward” ( $(d,p)$ ,  $(^6\text{Li},d)$ ) and “forward” ( $(d,^3\text{He})$ ,  $(d,\alpha)$ , ...) hemisphere configurations



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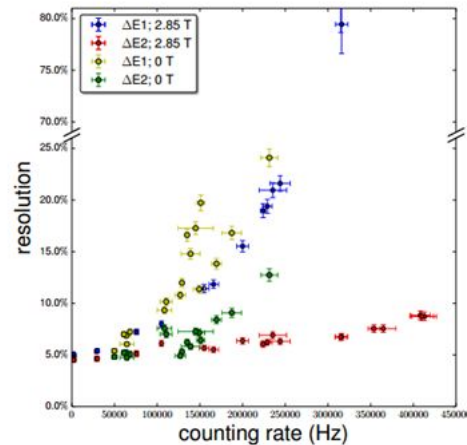
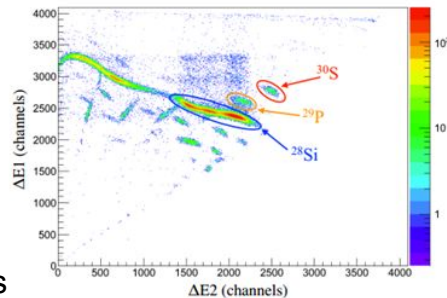
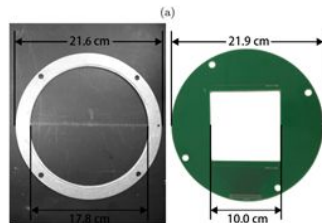
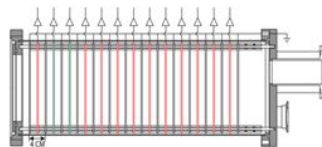
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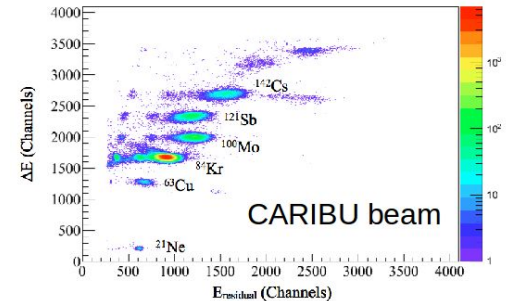
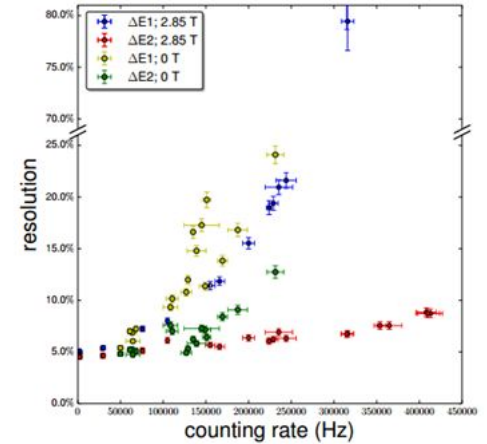
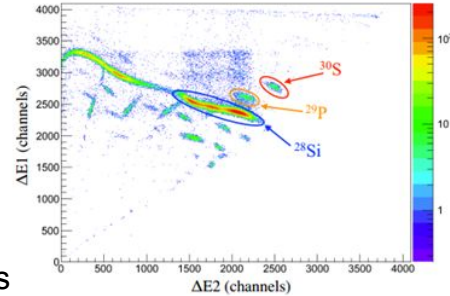
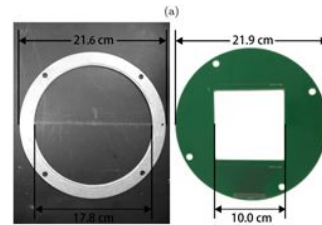
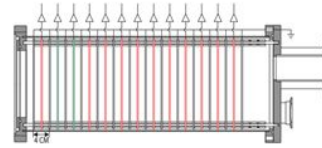
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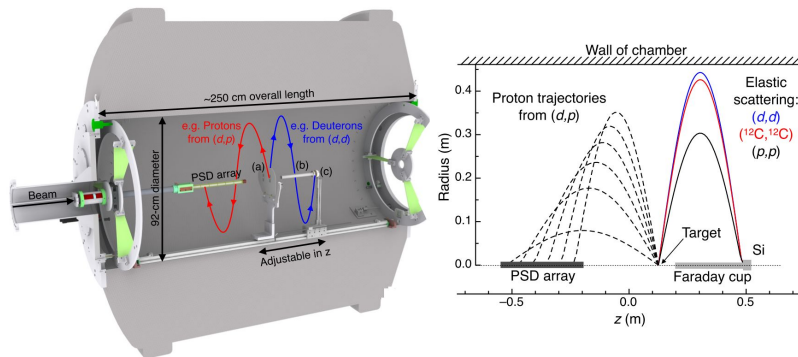


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# Monitor & Charged-Particle Detectors

## Target Monitoring: Si detectors



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## Beam Monitoring

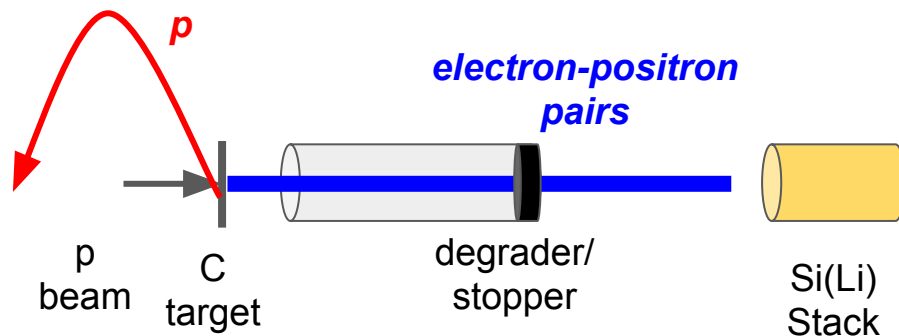
Attenuated SSB Detectors @ 0°

Successes with using small annular Si arrays at very forward & backward lab angles

## The Study of $^{12}\text{C}(p,p')^{12}\text{C}(0^+_{2})$

Measure the pair decay branch for the Hoyle State

Measure  $(\Gamma_{\pi}/\Gamma)$  to 5% or better... =  $6.7 \times 10^{-6}$



Measurement to be continued...  
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# (Very General) ReA SS Recoil Detector Parameters

	$A \leq 50$	$A > 50$
$10^{3-8}$ pps	<p>The current intensity &amp; stopping power regime</p> <p>Established recoil detector technologies can be used</p>	<p>Inverse Kinematics Consequences: Recoils emitted very small angles!</p> <p><b>Require ability to distinguish beam and recoils at nearly zero degrees!</b></p>
$>10^8$ pps	<p>High rates threaten recoil detector performance and health</p> <p><b>Require reliable beam rejection...</b></p>	<p><b>“Worst Case Scenario”</b> Heavy, Intense beams at 5-15 MeV/u (huge stopping powers)</p> <p><b>Rate and Z-resolution limited</b></p>

**ReA Beams:** Assuming pure beams with good emittance, and  $t_{1/2} \gtrsim 100\text{ms}$

**Intensities:** Many measurements achievable at  $>10^3$  pps (i.e., transfer).

Reaction studies with new solenoid spectrometer many require higher beam intensities:

- Measurement of small cross sections ( $< \mu\text{b}$ )
- Compensate for low-efficiency auxiliary detectors



# Solutions?

Short-term: use the established recoil detector designs to perform studies in the lighter mass,  $<10^8$  pps beams

## Silicon Arrays

- Raid the Micron Catalog...
- Highly segmented Si array w/ CsI(Tl) layer (HiRa-like) to identify charged particles from unbound states...

## Ionization Chamber(s)

- Development of new designs, featuring diff. lengths, anode configurations, preamps, ...
- Perhaps obtain gain of 50%-100% in rate ( $\sim$  MHz) with acceptable resolution?

Both have compact, established electronic and DAQ systems... Silicon arrays and ICs available on Day One

Long term: New Ideas! We need to actively start thinking outside the box

New Materials? Novel particle identification schemes?

Zero Degree Detectors for high rates and/or heavy beams... Recoil Separator?  
A device that can “eat” and separate the beam (SECAR-like)

*This is the time to  
discuss “wacky”  
ideas...*

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