

# Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



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The logo for the R3B experiment, consisting of the letters 'R3B' in a stylized, orange, serif font. The '3' is smaller and positioned between the 'R' and 'B'.

## Broad Scientific Themes of R3B

Single-Particle and Shell Structure

Collective Excitations

Equation of State

••• of Asymmetric Nuclei and Nucleonic Matter

The method: Scattering experiments with radioactive nuclei at high energy

heavy-ion inelastic (elm) scattering

peripheral and mid-central reactions

light ion induced scattering

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## Merits of using high beam energies:

- luminosity gain: maximum transmission of secondary beams, use of thick targets
- high efficiency and full-solid angle acceptance due to kinematical forward focusing
- quantitative description of reaction mechanisms
- fully stripped ions even for heavy nuclei
- compensating low beam intensities
- experiments possible for very exotic nuclei with low production rates (down to ~1 ion/sec)

# Broad Physics Programme



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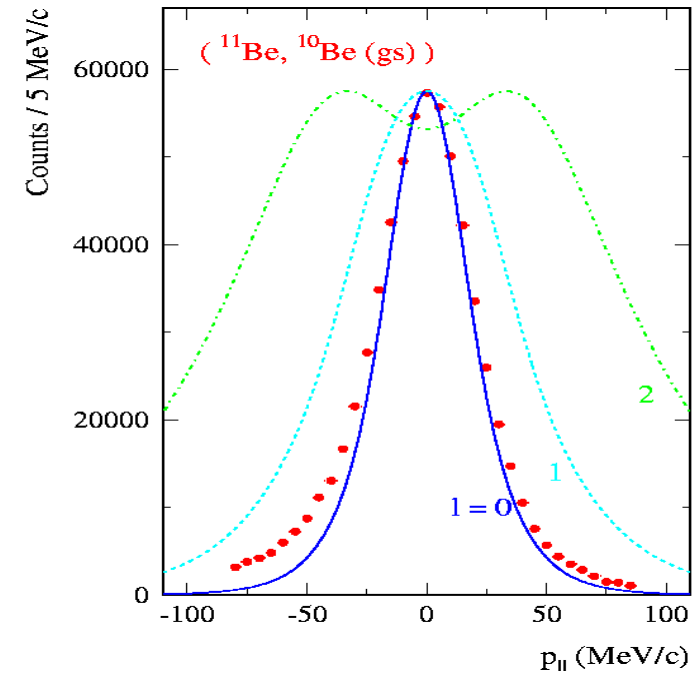
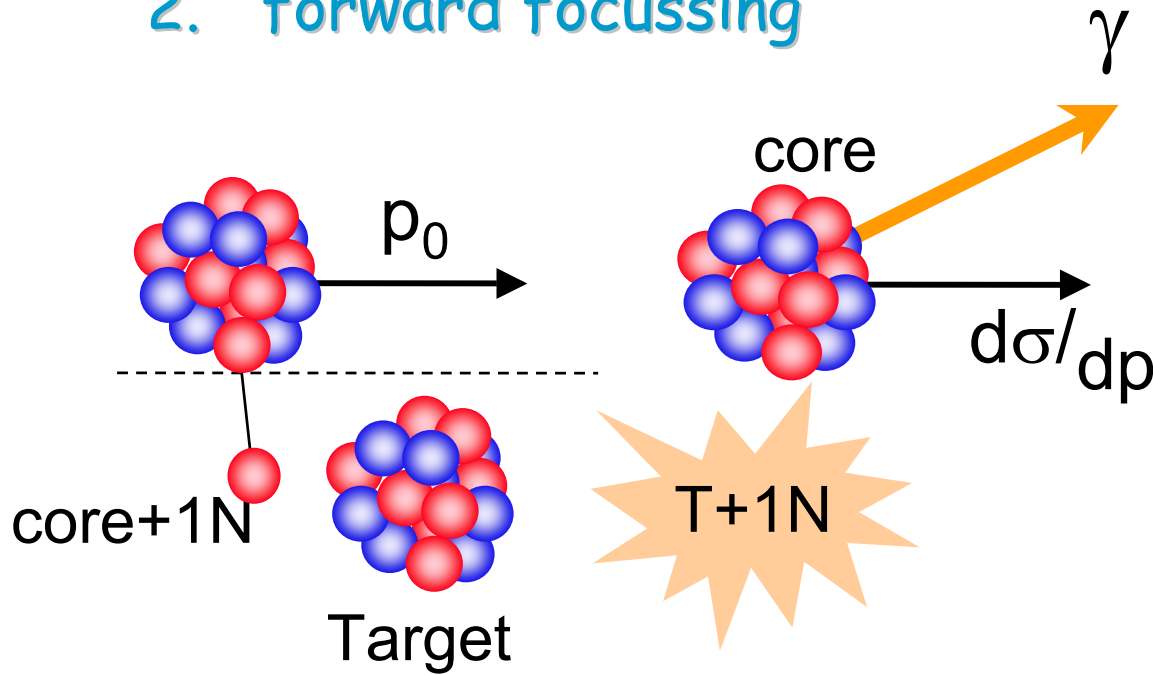
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# One-Neutron Removal Reaction in Inverse Kinematics

1.  $\sigma_{-1n} \sim 10\text{-}100\text{mb}$ ,  $\rho_s \sim 100\text{ mg/cm}^2$
2. forward focussing



$$\gamma \Rightarrow E^x_{\text{core}} \quad d\sigma/dp \Rightarrow \lambda_n \quad \sigma_{-1n}(J^\pi_{\text{core}}) \Rightarrow C^2S$$

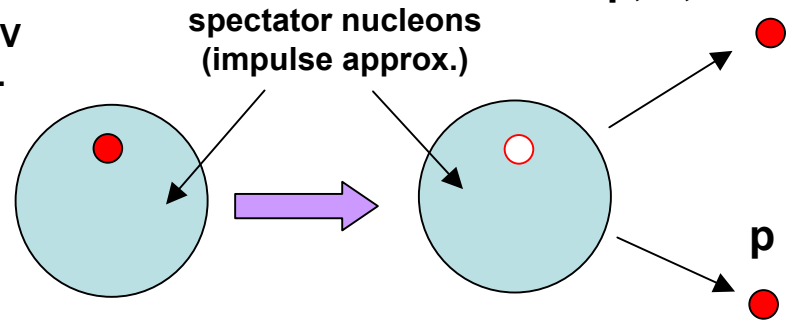
# Quasifree Hadronic Scattering

Separation energies and momentum distributions of nucleons in nuclei :  
 Separation energy spectra give levels  
 Angular correlation spectra give l-values

$E_p = 200-1000$  MeV

- impulse approx.
- minimise FSI

$p$



Can probe valence *and* deeply-bound nucleons  
 Simple picture is modified by nuclear medium :  
 distortion of distributions, absorption etc.

DWIA :

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2 dE_2} = S_p F_k \underbrace{\frac{d\bar{\sigma}_{pp}}{d\Omega}}_{\text{free n-n cross-section}} (E_0, \theta, P_{eff}) \underbrace{G(\mathbf{k}_3)}_{\text{distorted proton momentum distribution}}$$

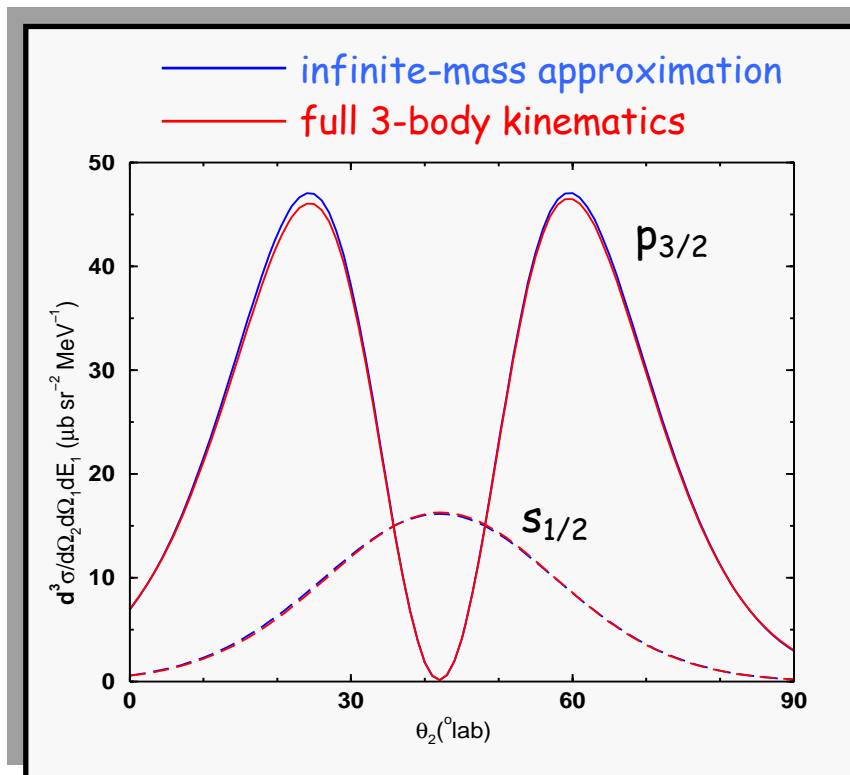
spectroscopic factor

free n-n cross-section

distorted proton momentum distribution

- Single particle structure in nuclei
- Long- and short-range correlations in nuclei
- Density and isospin dependence of in-medium n-n interaction
- Modification of meson and nucleon properties in nuclear medium

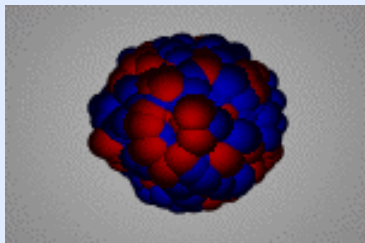
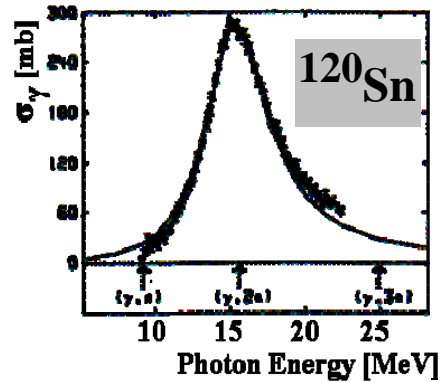
## Calculations: Surrey Theory Group



# The Dipole Response of Neutron-Rich Nuclei

## Stable nuclei:

100% of the E1 strength absorbed into the **Giant Dipole Resonance (GDR)**



## Neutron-Proton asymmetric nuclei: low-lying dipole strength

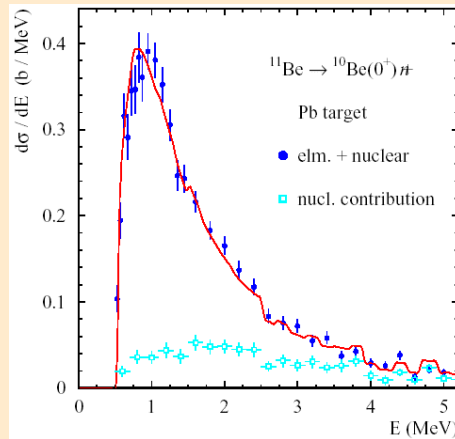
! threshold strength

! strong fragmentation

? new collective soft dipole mode (Pygmy resonance)

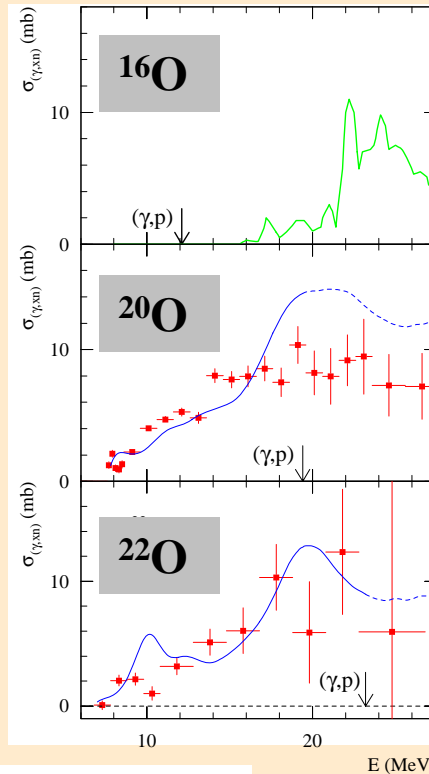
non-resonant transitions

The one-neutron Halo <sup>11</sup>Be

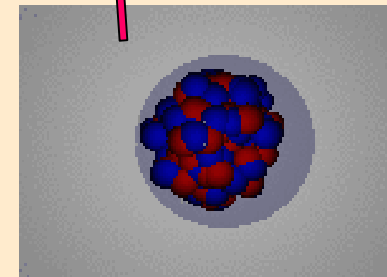
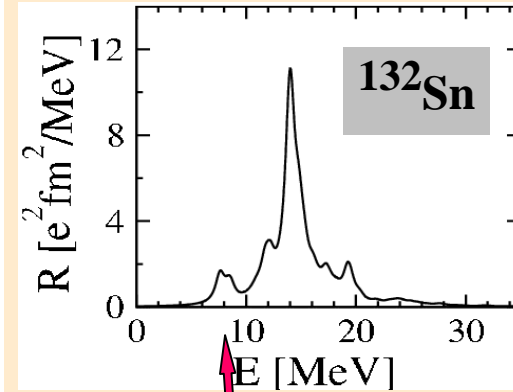


spectroscopic tool:

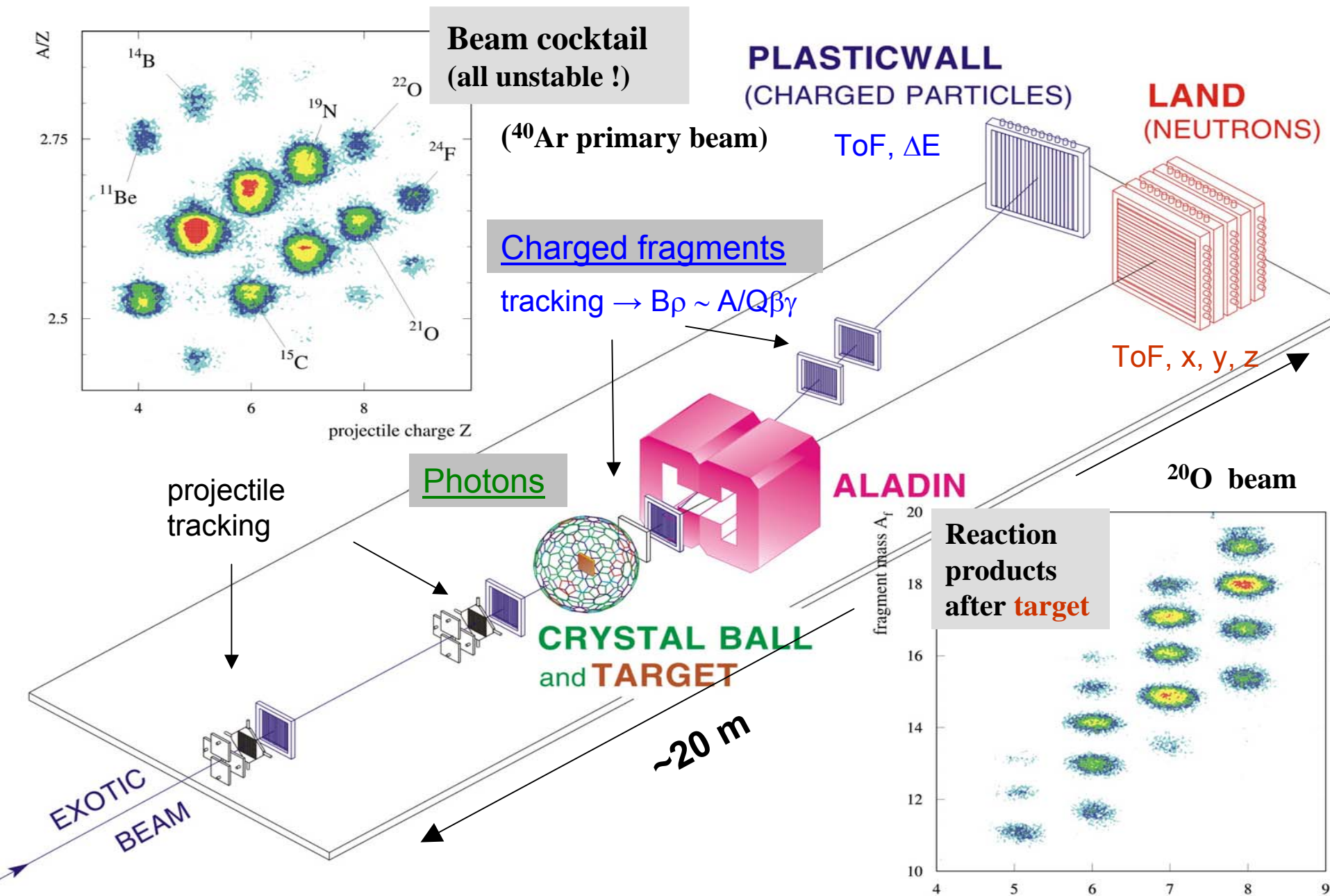
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE^*}(I_c^\pi) = \left(\frac{16\pi^3}{9\hbar c}\right) N_{E1}(E^*) \sum_{nlj} C^2 S(I_c^\pi, nlj) \times \sum_m |\langle \mathbf{q} | (Ze/A) r Y_m^1 | \phi_{nlj}(r) \rangle|^2.$$



Prediction: RMF (N. Paar et al.)



# LAND/ALADIN Reaction Setup

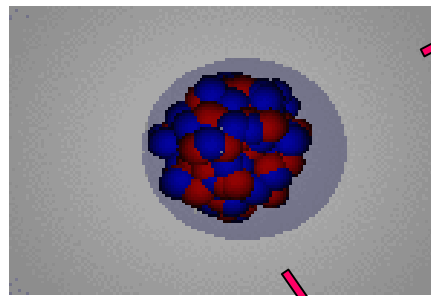
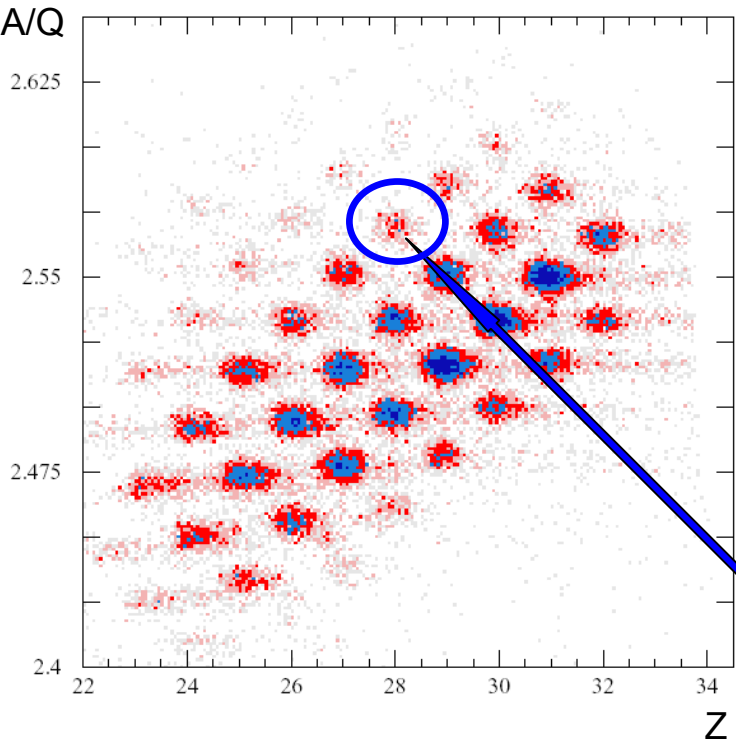
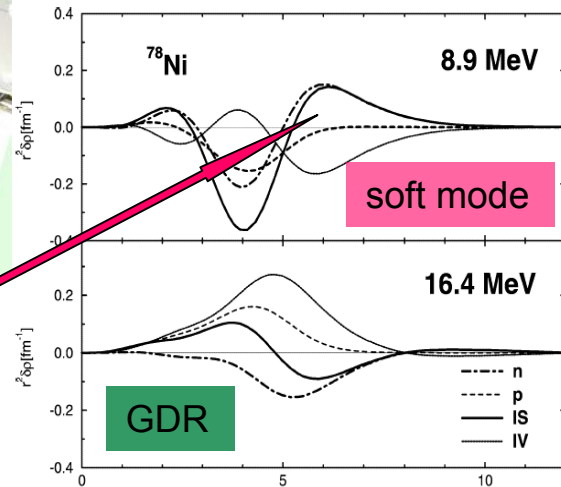




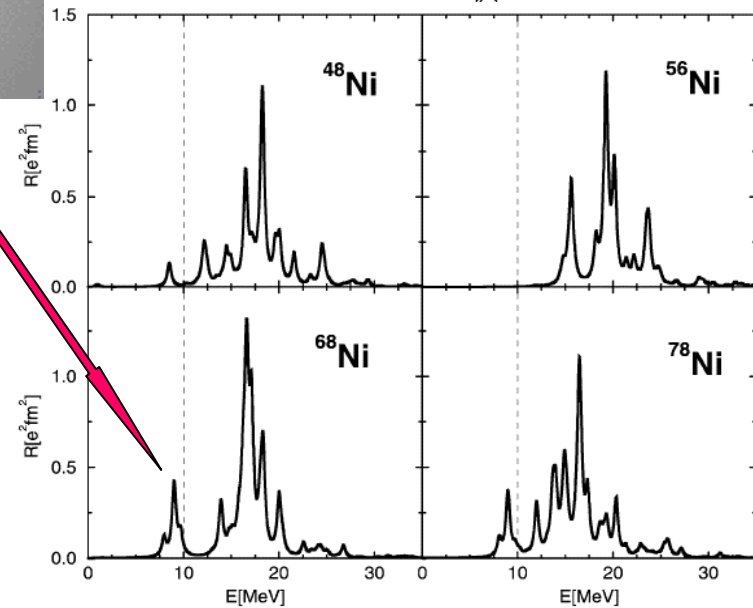
# First LAND experiment in Cave C in April/May 2005: Search for the collective soft dipole mode in n-rich Ni isotopes



Relativistic mean field calculations: Vretenar et al.



Mixed secondary  
beam in Cave C  
 **$^{72}\text{Ni}$  @500 MeV/u**  
**(~20 ions/sec)**



# Evolution of LAND/ALADIN to R3B ...

New Dedicated LAND-ALADIN Setup in Cave C

First experiments made 2005 ...

R3B is **continuous upgrade** of this setup before final move to FAIR area

**Already substantial UK involvement – present focus on QFS programme:**

- Participation by UK groups in first LAND/ALADIN experiment in Cave C, April/May 2005
  - n-rich Ni isotopes: collective soft dipole modes, one-nucleon removal reactions
- One-nucleon removal reactions part of first experiment: proton target, QFS
  - being analysed in Liverpool by S. Paschalis (PhD student)
- Initial Experiment of QFS Programme Approved. Will run late 2006 / early 2007
  - Spokesperson: R. Lemmon (Daresbury)
- Prototype Si  $\mu$ -strip detectors/readout bought by UK for target recoil detector. To be installed for initial QFS experiment
  - Liverpool, Birmingham, Surrey and Daresbury groups
- Substantial theoretical involvement by Surrey theory group in QFS programme

**Also large involvement of UK groups in Active Target Projects:**

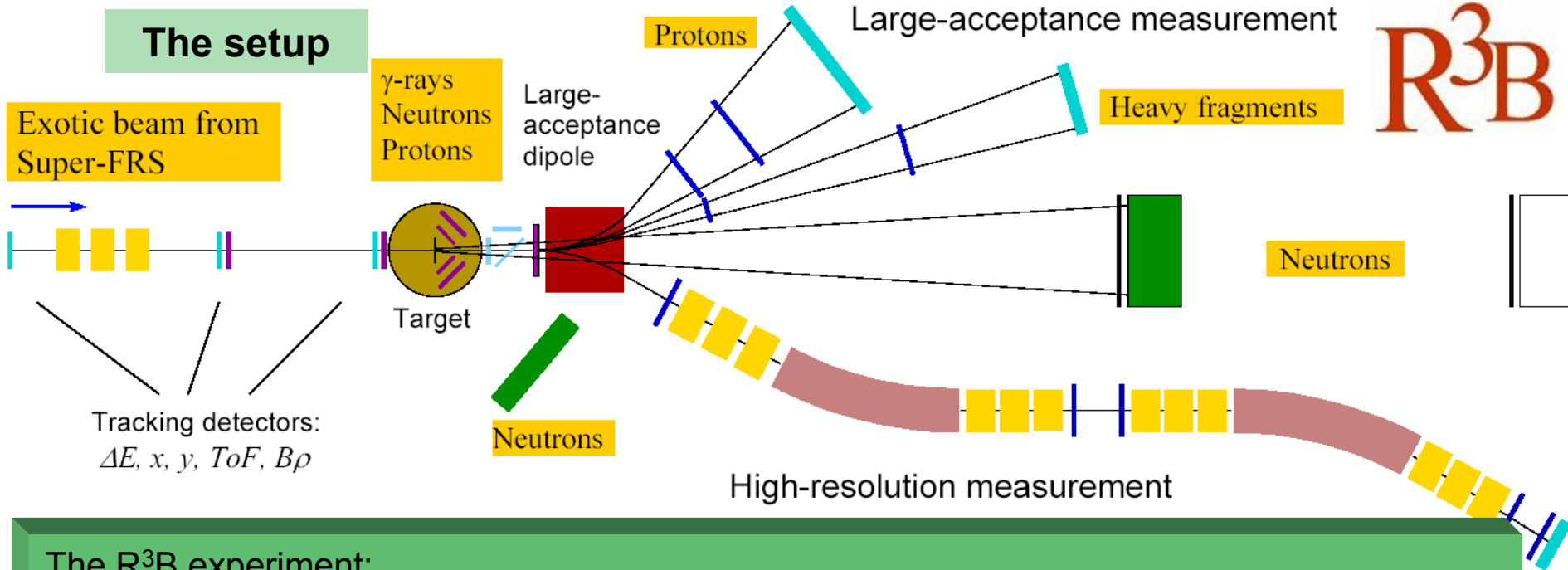
- ACTAR of JRA EURONS 6<sup>th</sup> Framework: R&D in simulation, readout chambers, ASIC/FEE/DAQ
- Liverpool, Birmingham, Daresbury
- B. Fernandez-Dominguez (postdoc - Liverpool)
- Experiments with prototype MAYA at GANIL

**Physics output from now to FAIR Day One and beyond ...**

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## The R<sup>3</sup>B experiment:

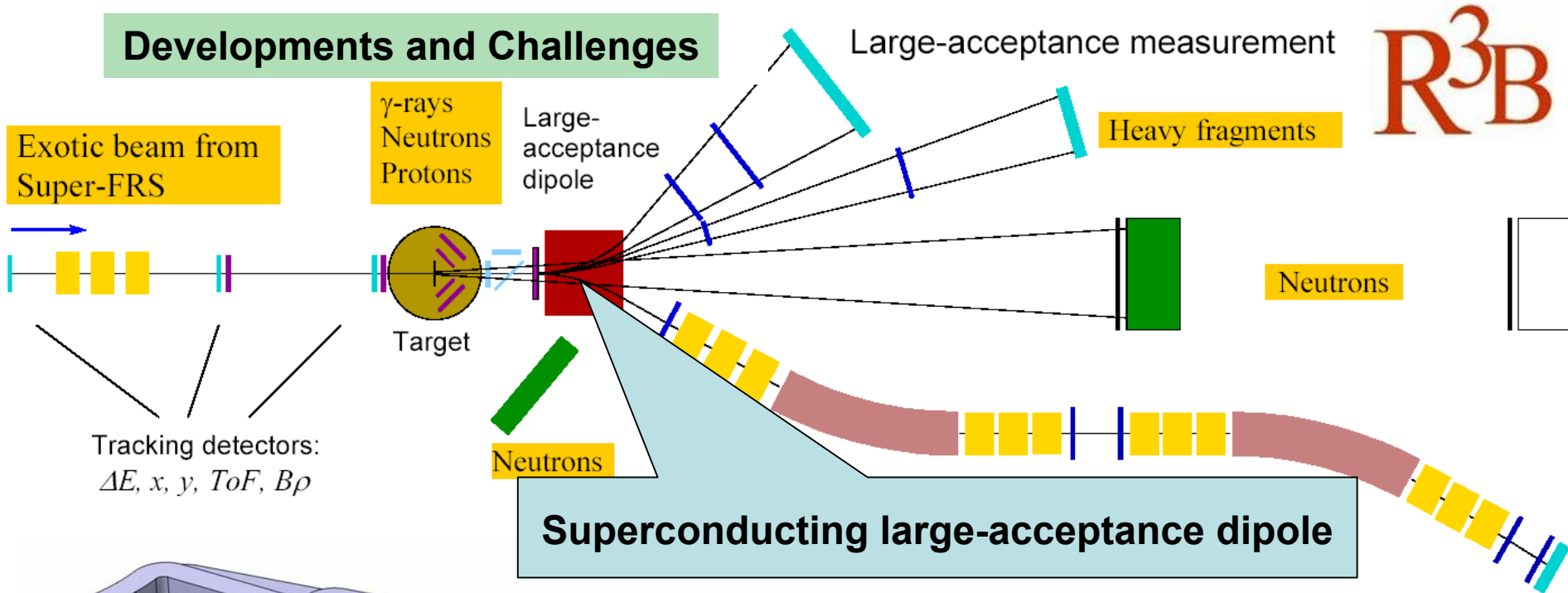
- identification and beam "cooling" (tracking and momentum measurement,  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$ )
- exclusive measurement of the final state:
  - identification and momentum analysis of fragments  
(large acceptance mode:  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-3}$ , high-resolution mode:  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$ )
  - coincident measurement of neutrons, protons, gamma-rays, light recoil particles
- applicable to a wide class of reactions

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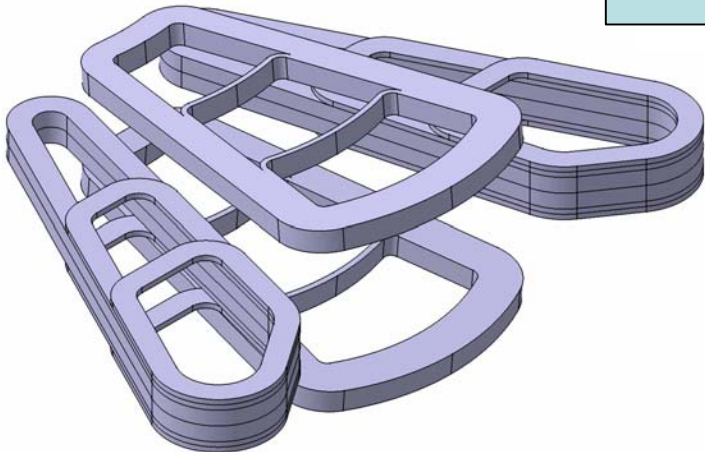
High field integral (5 Tm) → high beam energies

Active shielding → dipolar field, low fringe fields

Large acceptance → full-acceptance measurements

Superconducting coils → low operation cost

18° bend for 15 Tm beams ( $\sim 1 \text{ GeV/u } ^{132}\text{Sn}$ )

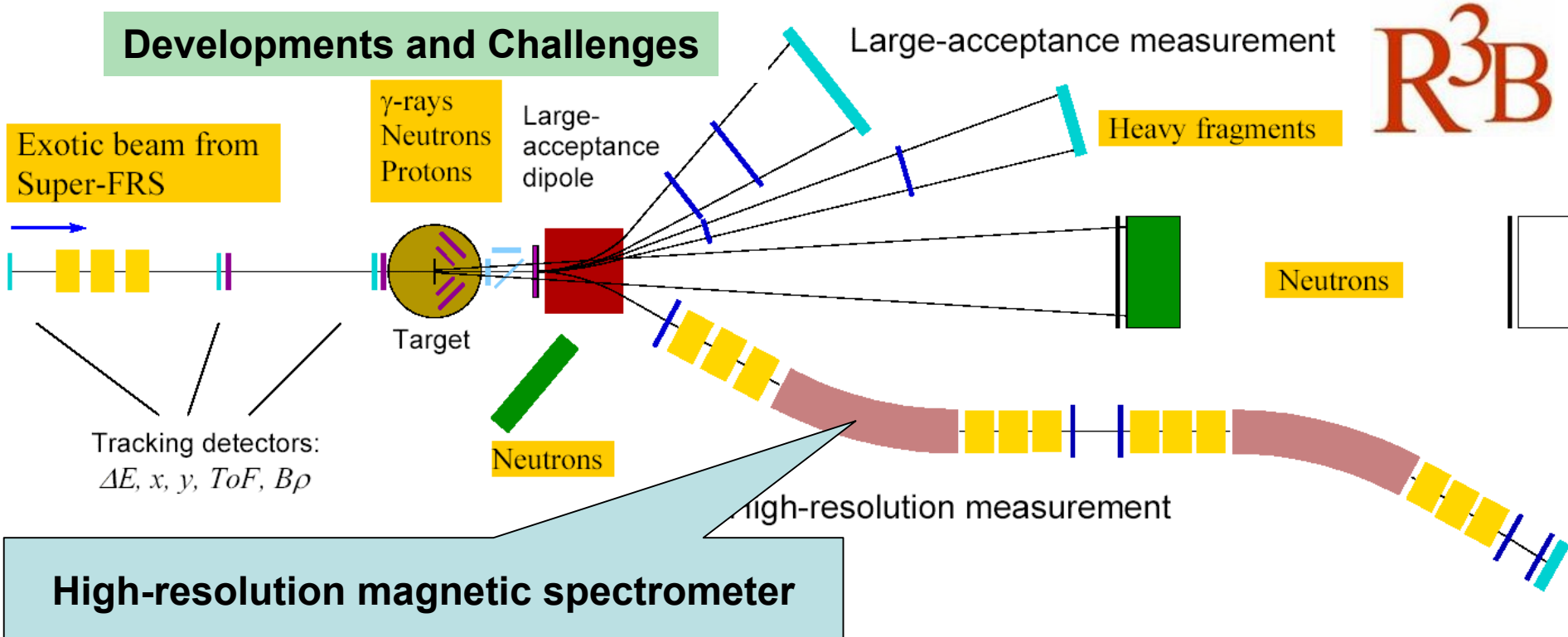


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Design goals:

momentum resolution  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$   
dispersion matching? or tracking

acceptance:  $\geq$  Super-FRS

Initial design close to Super-FRS

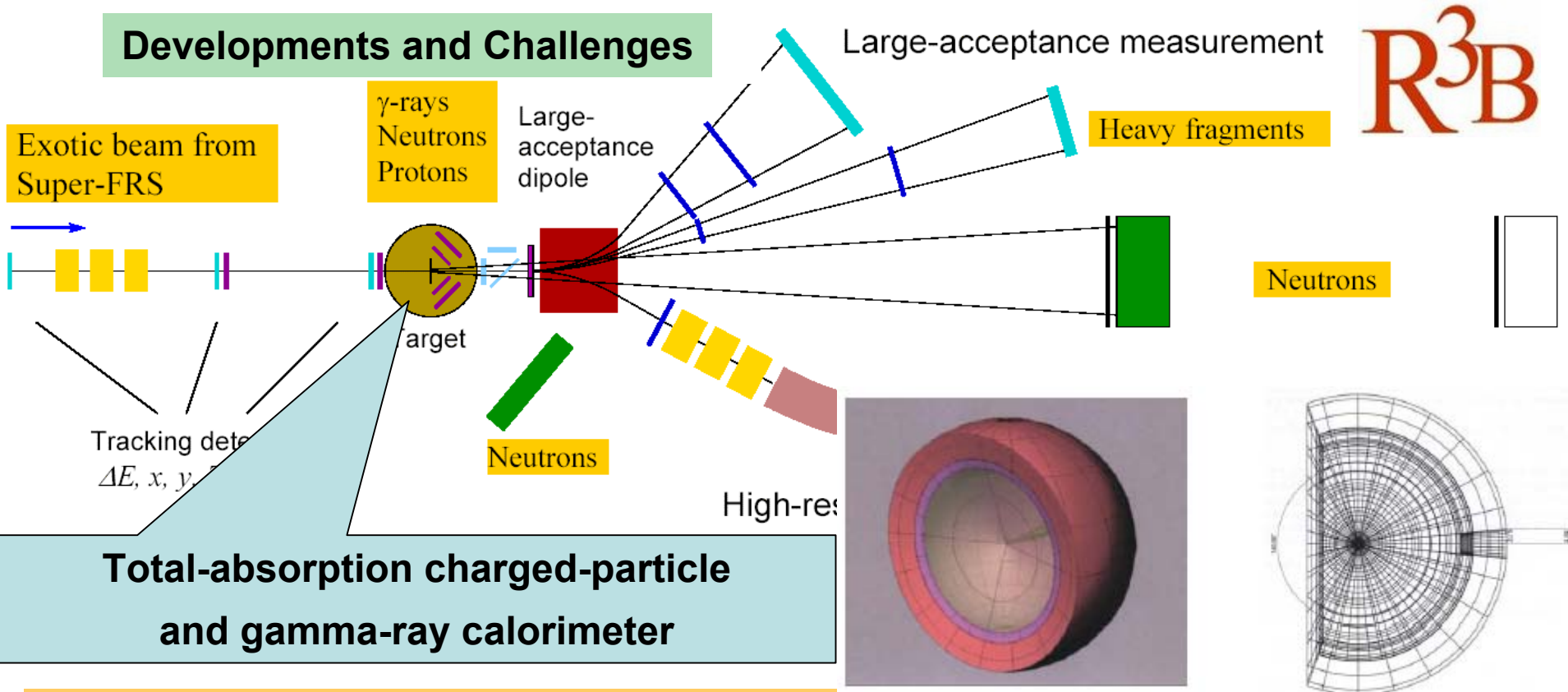
Possible involvement of Cockcroft  
Accelerator Institute ?

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High efficiency for high-energy  $\gamma$  ( $\sim 15$  MeV lab)

High  $\gamma$ -sum energy efficiency

Good resolution ( $\sim 2\%$  including Doppler broadening)

Calorimeter for high-energy protons

common development phase for EXL, R3B, DESPEC

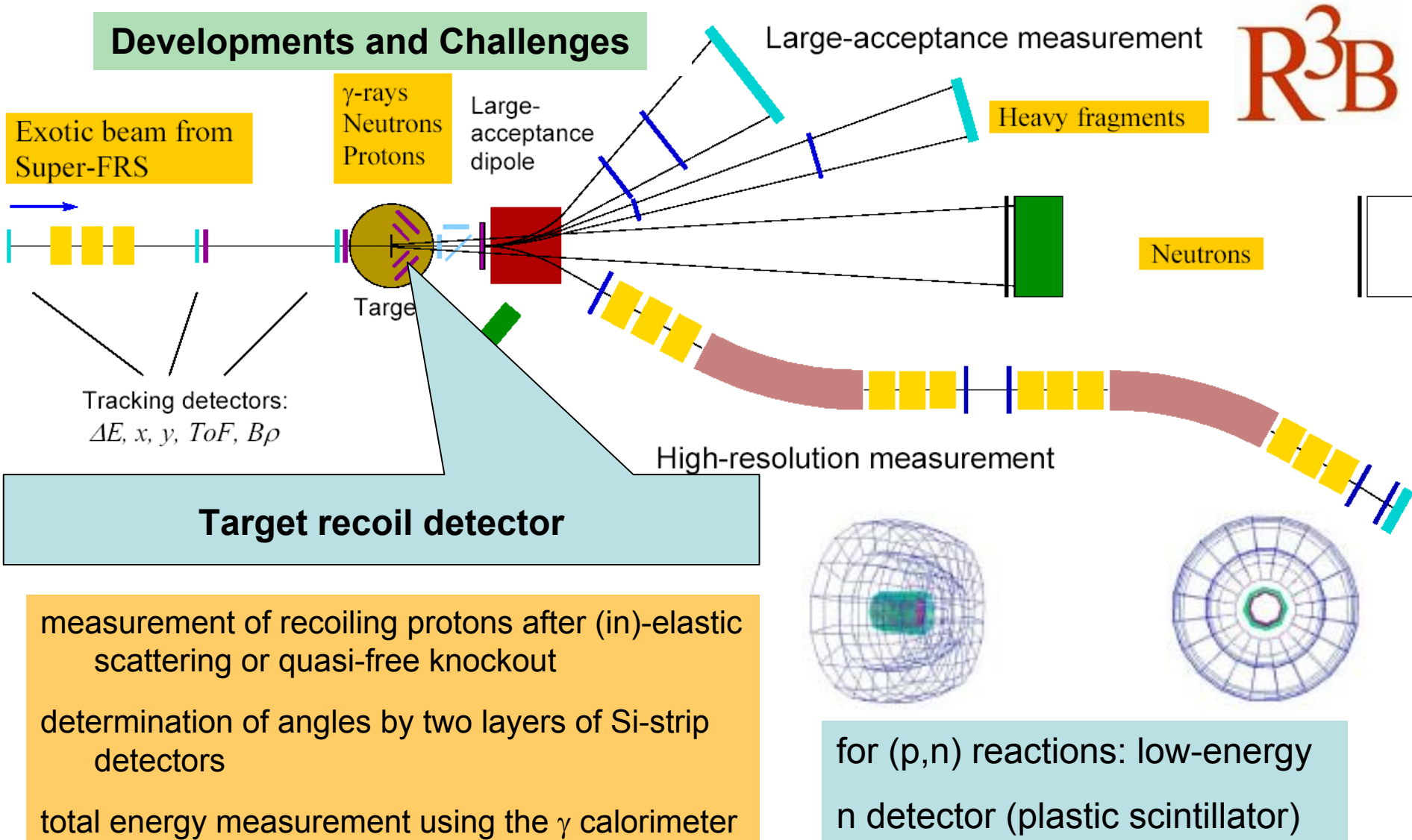
possible solution: cooled NaI or CsI, very high granularity ( $\sim 10.000$ )

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measurement of recoiling protons after (in)-elastic scattering or quasi-free knockout

determination of angles by two layers of Si-strip detectors

total energy measurement using the  $\gamma$  calorimeter

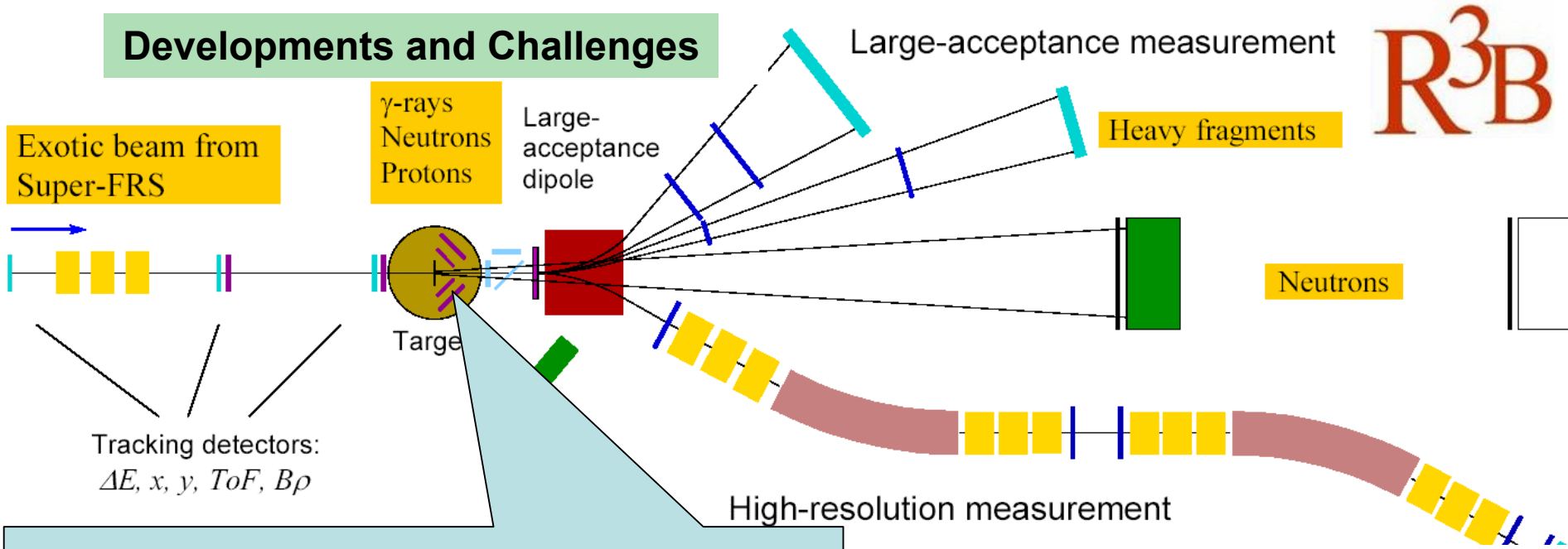
for (p,n) reactions: low-energy n detector (plastic scintillator)

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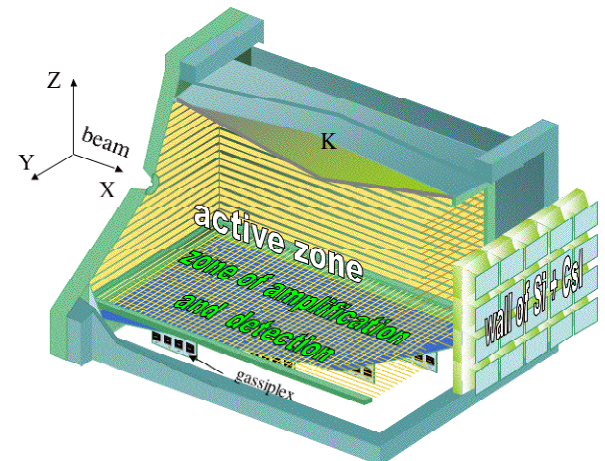
R<sup>3</sup>B

## Alternatively: Active Target

measurement of recoils in reactions with low-momentum transfer

Complementarity with EXL: See talk of M. Chartier

R&D supported by ACTAR JRA of EURONS 6<sup>th</sup> Framework – substantial involvement of UK groups



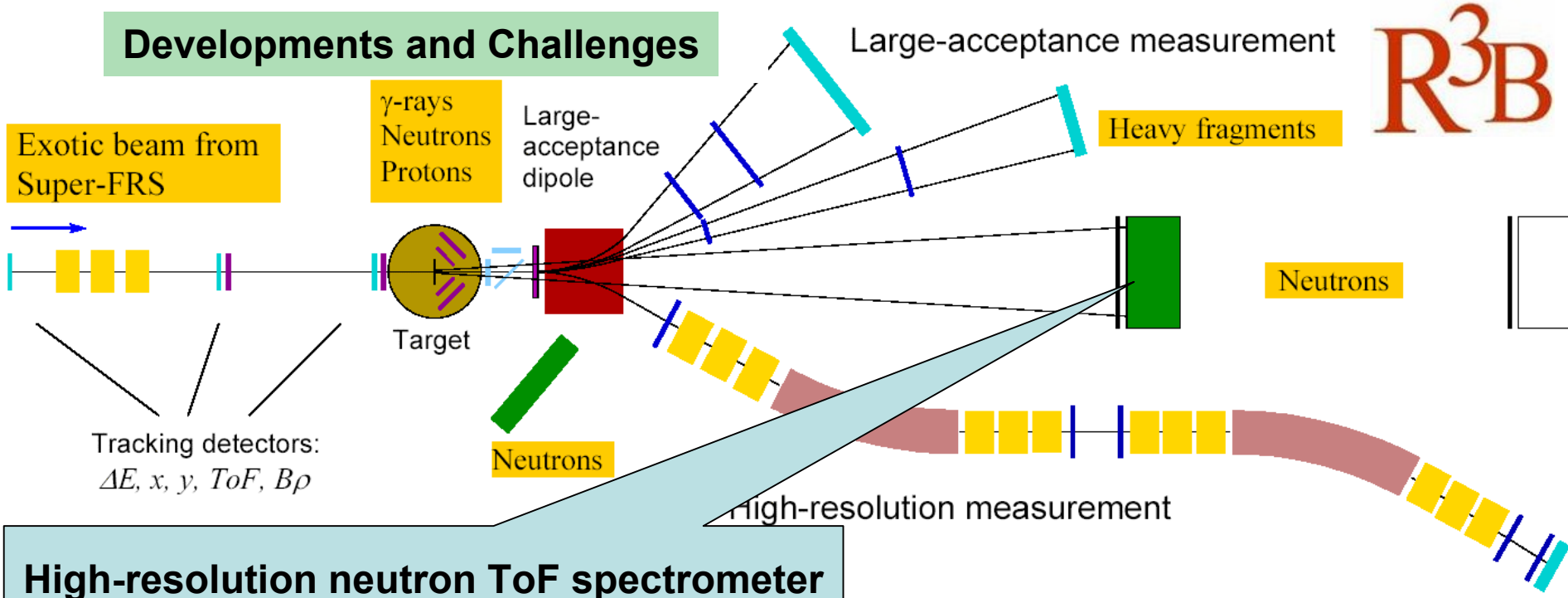


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## High-resolution neutron ToF spectrometer

goal: improvement in time- and position resolution by a factor of three compared to LAND

→ improved resolution in excitation energy

→ improved multi-hit recognition

possible solution:

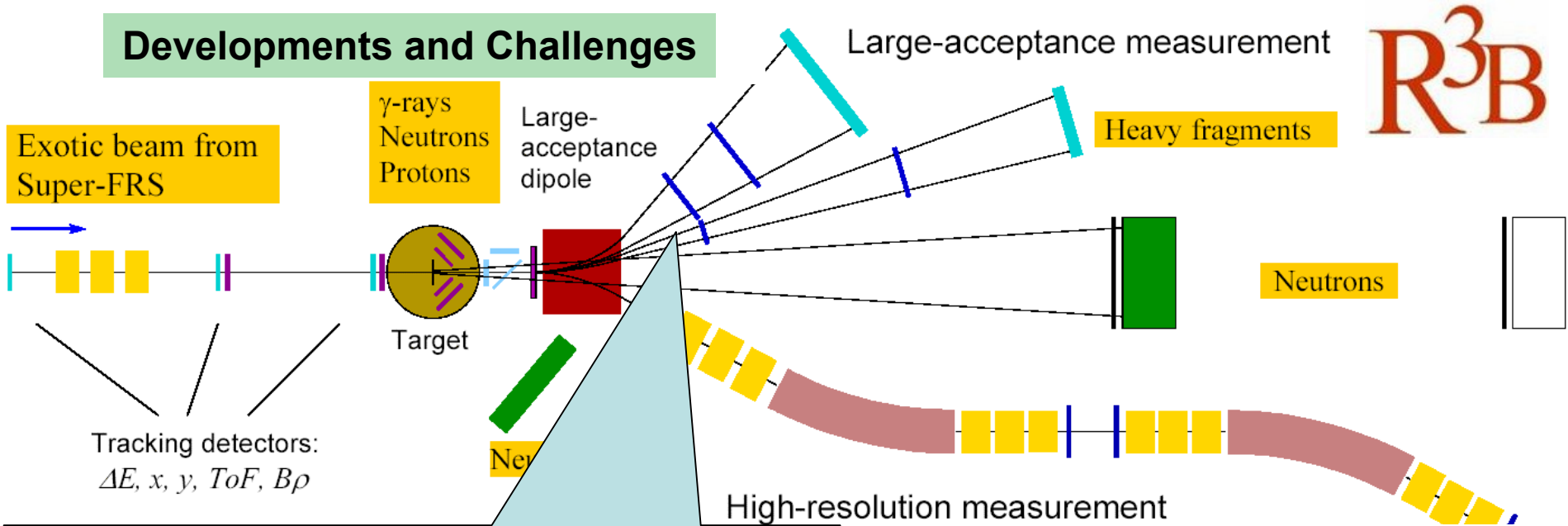
converter plus detection of charged particles using RPCs

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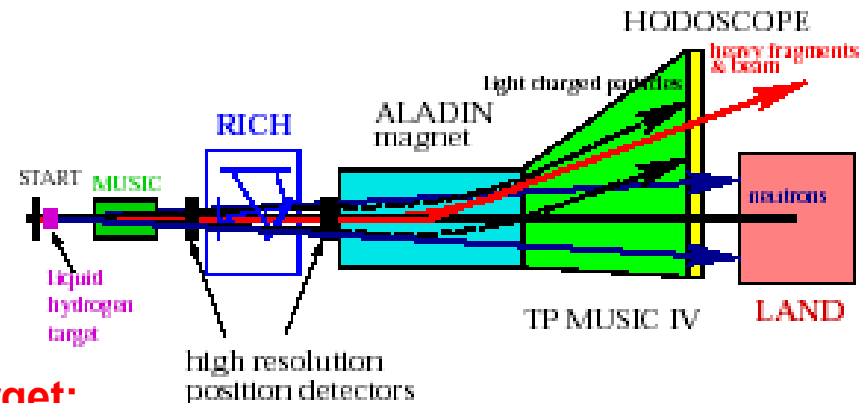
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## Developments and Challenges



## Multi-track charged-particle detector, TPC

Kinematically complete measurements of heavy-ion collisions: projectile fragmentation, multi-fragmentation, collective flow, fission, spallation



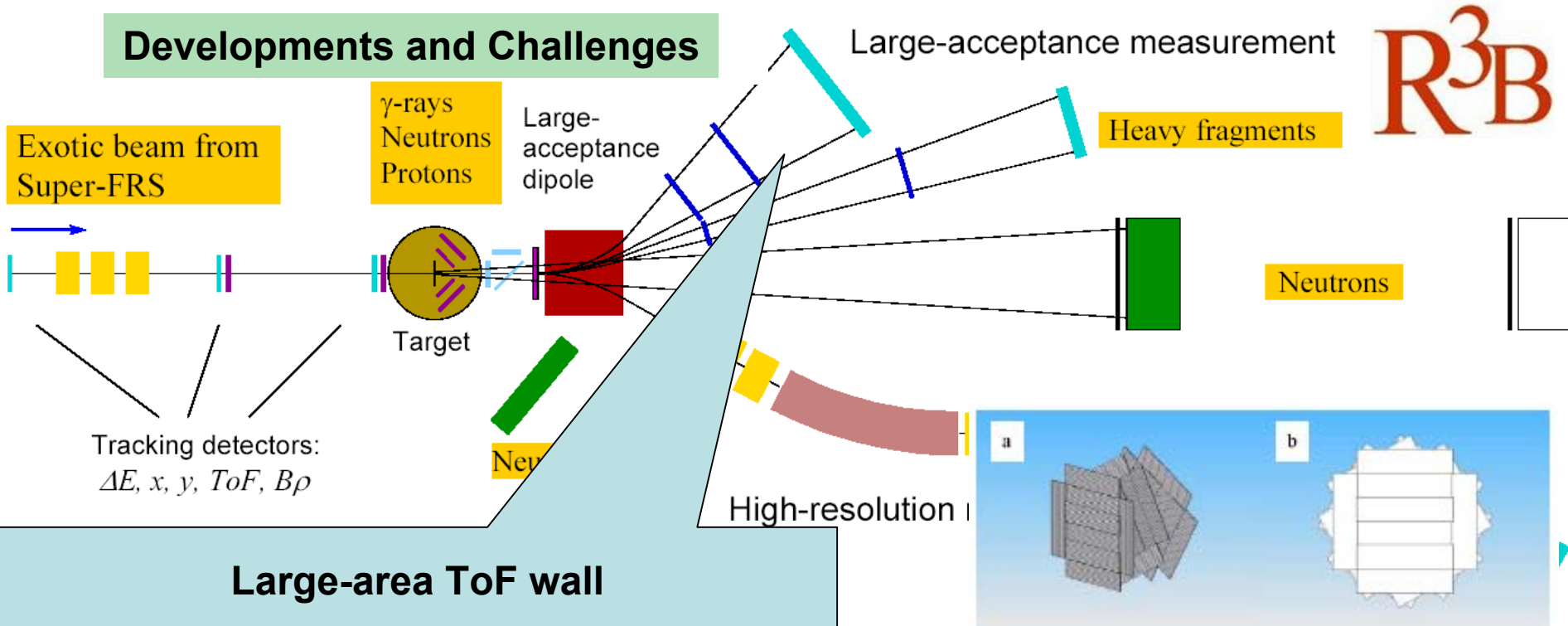
**Strong overlap in technology with Active Target:**  
readout chambers (GEMs,  $\mu$ Megas), ASICs, FEE/DAQ, ...

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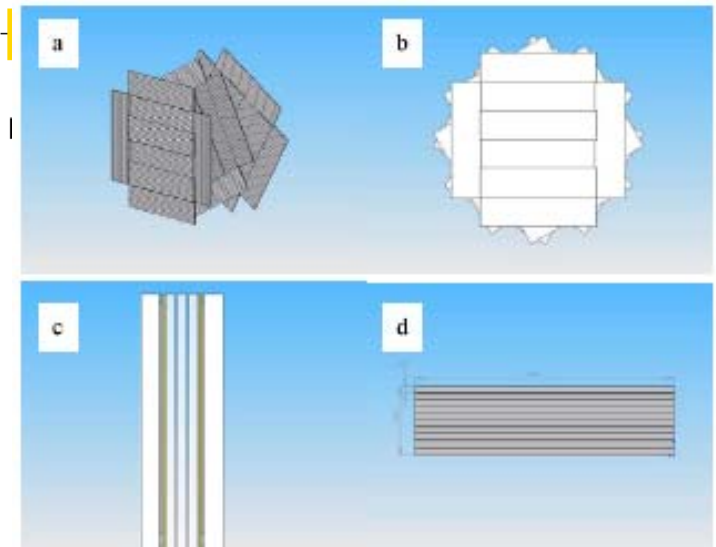
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kinematical complete measurement of spallation reactions and fission

high-resolution ToF measurement of charged particles

RPC based detection principle considered

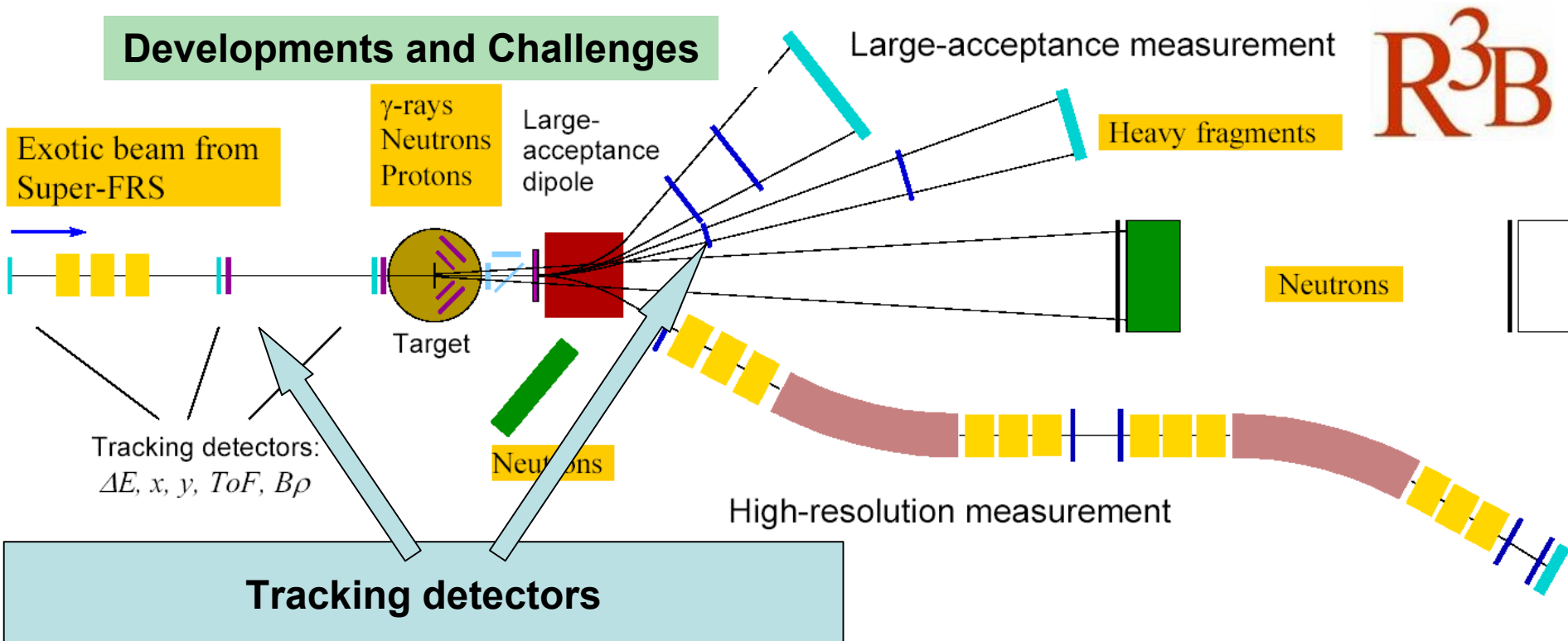


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Diamond detectors

Si-strip detectors

Low-mass tracking detectors

Drift chambers

### Momentum Resolution

tracking through dipole field: 4 position measurements

momentum resolution limited by straggling in detectors

detector thickness 200  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\sigma_x=50 \mu\text{m}$ )  $\rightarrow \Delta B\rho/B\rho \sim 0.8 \times 10^{-3}$

50  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\sigma_x=15 \mu\text{m}$ )  $\rightarrow \Delta B\rho/B\rho \sim 0.4 \times 10^{-3}$

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## Summary



## Key features of the experimental approach

- capable to accept the maximum beam energy (max rigidity of Super-FRS: 20Tm)  
max transmission for fission products (max intensity)
- and full emittance: 'individual cooling' (tracking and momentum measurement,  $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$ )
- access to short-lived nuclei (flight path  $\sim \mu\text{s}$ )
- use of thick targets ( $\sim \text{g/cm}^2$ )  $\rightarrow$  luminosity gain
- kinematical complete measurement
- full-solid angle measurement plus high detection efficiency
- quantitative description of reaction mechanisms
- fully stripped ions even for heavy nuclei
- large cross sections for many reactions (e.g. elm excitation  $\sim 1 \text{ b}$ , knockout  $\sim 100 \text{ mb}$ )

$\rightarrow$  **compensating low beam intensities**

$\rightarrow$  **experiments possible for very exotic and short-lived nuclei** (even with low rates,  $\sim 1 \text{ ion/sec}$ )



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