

# Physics with Exotic Nuclei and Exotic Atoms at Relativistic Energies

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\* Introduction ✓

\* Momentum Measurements, Ion Optics, ✓  
Spectrometers

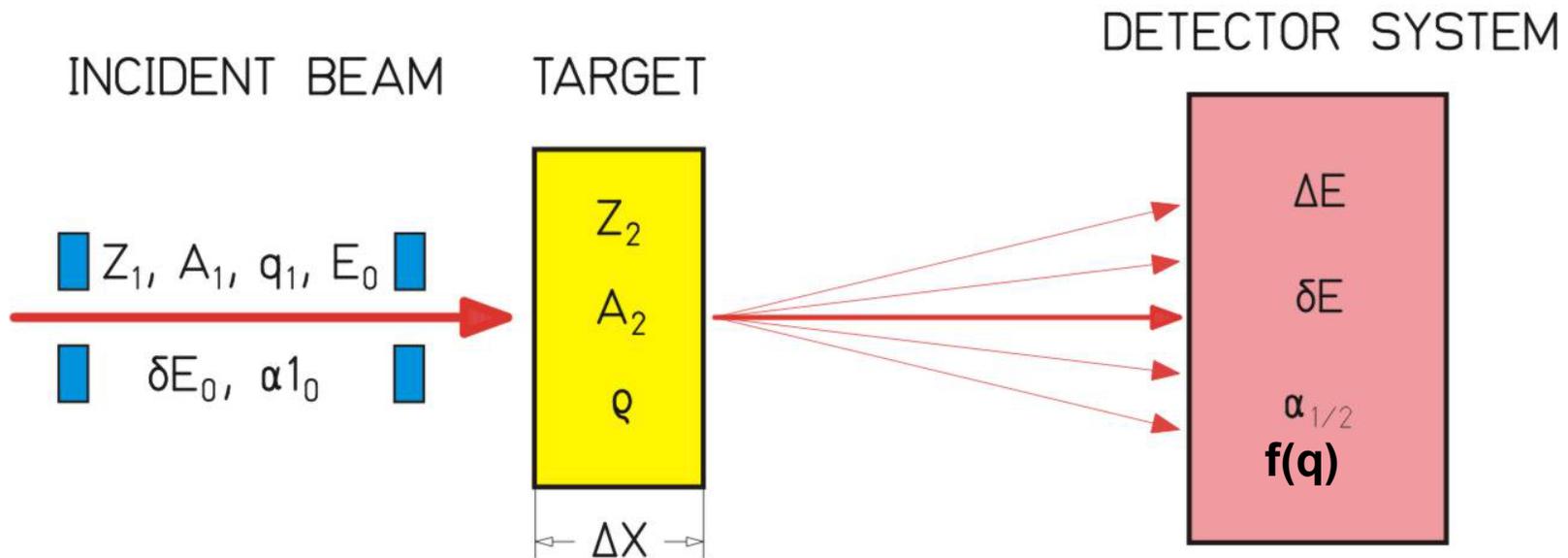
\* **Atomic Interaction of Heavy Ions with Matter**

**Literature: Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 195 (2002)**

**ICRU Report on Heavy Ion Stopping Powers  
submitted**

# Penetration of Heavy Ions through Matter

## TRANSMISSION EXPERIMENT



STOPPING  
MEASUREMENT

Target Investigations

Energy-Angle Measurements

# What will happen to the Projectiles and Target?

## Macroscopic Scale :

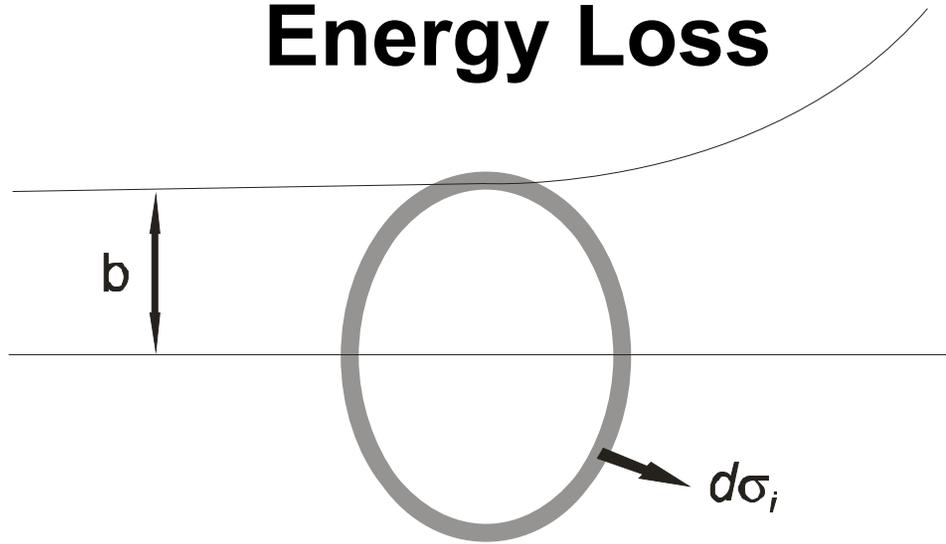
**Projectile : energy loss, angular scattering, charge state**

**Target : increase in T, radiation damage (defect formation)**

## Microscopic Scale :

- 1) Inelastic atomic collisions (excitation and ionization)
- 2) Elastic collisions (scattering in a Coulomb field)
- 3) Generation of photons (Bremsstrahlung)
- 4) Nuclear reactions

# Energy Loss



Cross section :

$$d\sigma_i = 2\pi b db$$

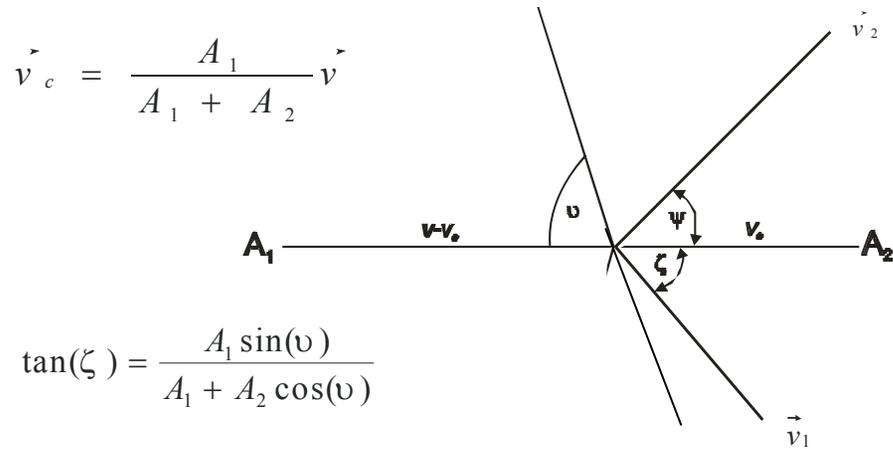
Probability hitting the target area :

$$P_i = N\Delta x\sigma_i$$

Mean energy loss :

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle = N\Delta x \sum_i \sigma_i T_i$$

# Energy Loss II



**Energy transfer to particle 2 :**

$$T = 4 \frac{A_1 A_2}{(A_1 + A_2)^2} E \sin^2\left(\frac{\psi}{2}\right), \quad E = \frac{1}{2} A_1 v^2$$

**Coulomb potential :**

$$V(r) = \frac{q_1 q_2}{r} \Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{\psi}{2}\right) = \frac{a}{2b}$$

Rutherford scattering

$$a = \frac{q_1 q_2}{\frac{1}{2} \mu v^2}, \quad \mu = \frac{A_1 A_2}{A_1 + A_2}$$

Collision diameter

Reduced mass

$$T(b) = \frac{2 q_1^2 q_2^2}{A_2 v^2} \frac{1}{b^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}$$

# Energy Loss III

Thomson formula :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = -\frac{2\pi q_1^2 q_2^2}{A_2 v^2} \frac{1}{T^2}$$

The same result is obtained if the scattering is treated quantum mechanically

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle = N \Delta x \int T d\sigma = -N \Delta x \frac{2\pi q_1^2 q_2^2}{A_2 v^2} \int_{T_{\min}}^{T_{\max}} \frac{dT}{T}$$

Elastic :  $q_1 = Z_1 e$

$q_2 = Z_2 e$

N number of  $A_2$  target atoms

Inelastic :  $q_1 = Z_1 e$

$q_2 = -e$

$NZ_2$  number of electrons with mass  $m_e$

Bohr theory (1913) :

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi Z_1^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} NZ_2 \int_{b_{\min}}^{b_{\max}} \frac{db}{b}$$

Integration would lead to infinite energy loss

$$b_{\min} = \frac{2|Z_1|e^2}{m_e v^2 \gamma^2}, b_{\max} = \frac{\gamma v}{\omega}$$

Collision time  $t = \frac{b}{v \gamma}$

Oscillation period of an electron  $\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

$$T_{\max} = 2m_e v^2 \gamma^2; \frac{2Z_1^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} \frac{4}{b_{\min}^2} = 2m_e v^2 \gamma^2$$

# Stopping Power (Force)

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = -\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{\Delta x}$$

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \left( -\frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{elastic}} + \left( -\frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{inelastic}}$$

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T energy transfer in a single collision

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{elastic}} = -\frac{2\pi Z_1^2 Z_2^2 e^4}{A_2 v^2} N \ln \left( \frac{T_{\max}}{T_{\min}} \right)$$

**Z<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>1</sub> :** atomic number and mass of projectile

**Z<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> :** atomic number and mass of target

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{inelastic}} = -\frac{2\pi Z_1^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} Z_2 N \ln \left( \frac{T_{\max}}{T_{\min}} \right)$$

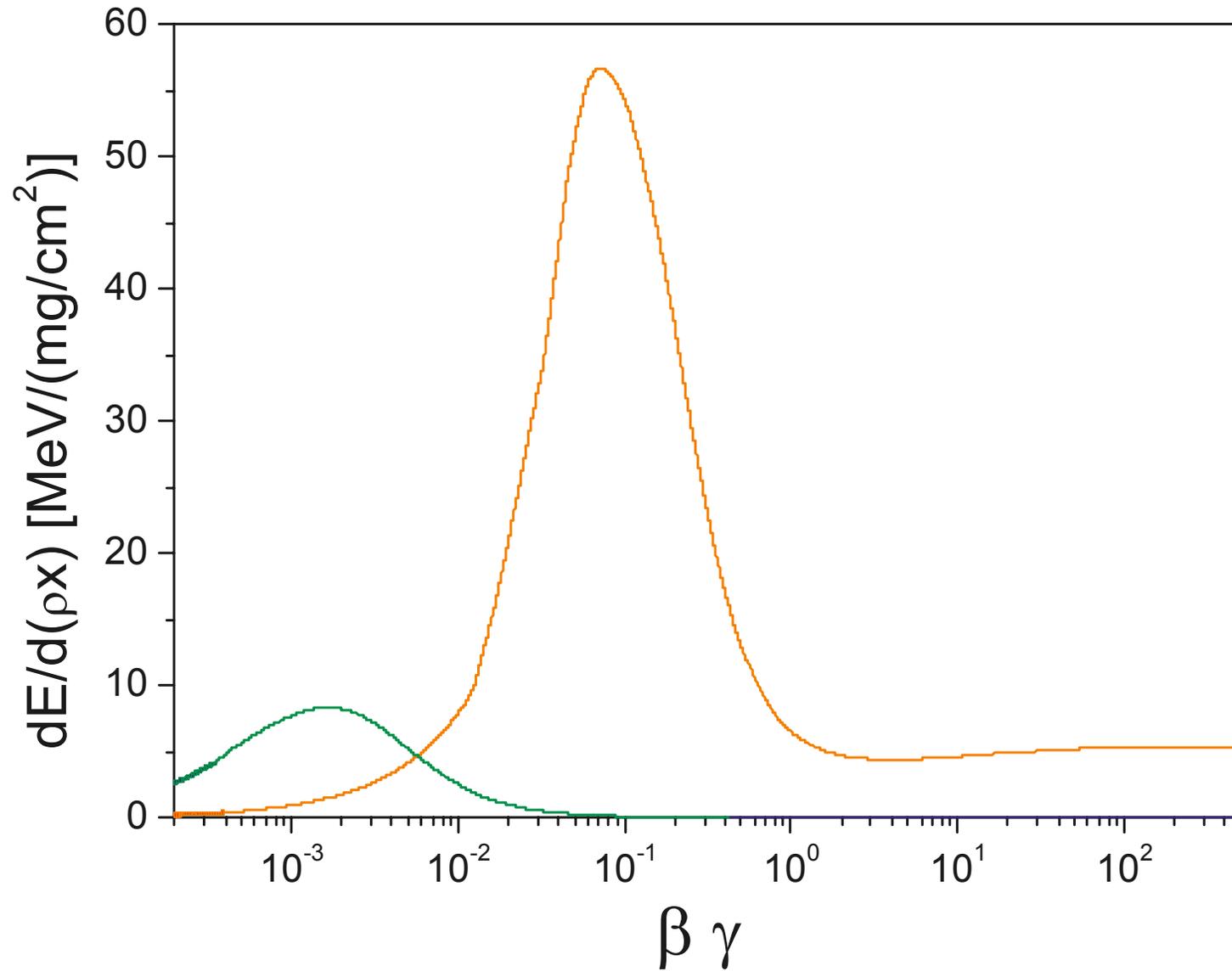
**v :** projectile velocity

**N :** targets atoms / cm<sup>3</sup>

$$\frac{\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{elastic}}}{\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{inelastic}}} \approx \frac{Z_2 m_e}{A_2} \approx \frac{1}{4000}$$

larger in the high energy region

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**Bohr :**

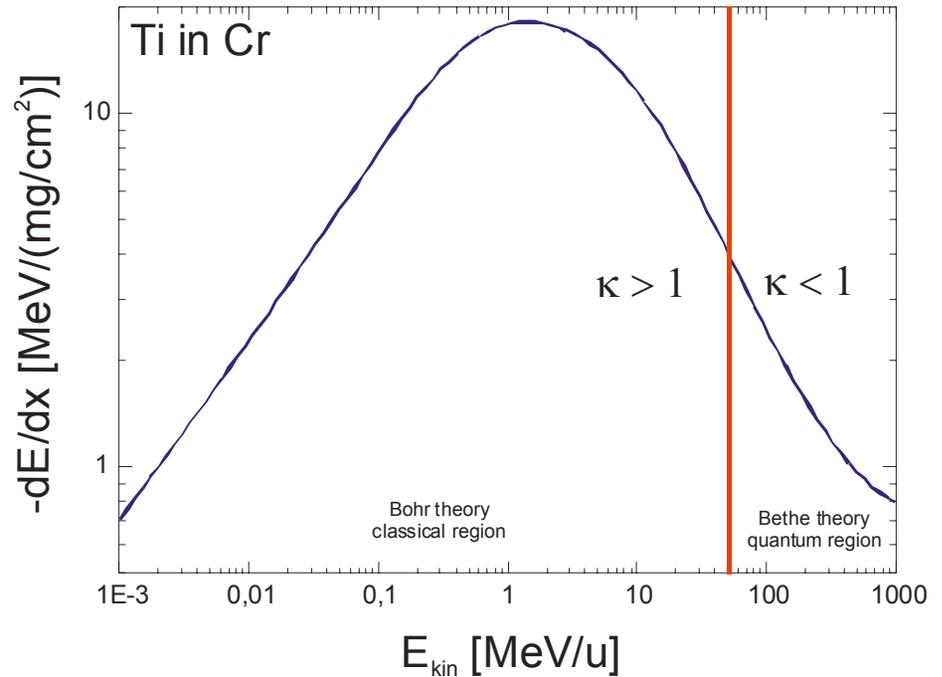
Classical valid if  $\kappa = \frac{2Z_1v_0}{v} > 1$

$$\left(-\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{inelastic} = \frac{4\pi Z_1^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} Z_2 N \ln \left[ \frac{m_e v^3 \gamma^2}{|Z_1| e^2 \omega} \right]$$

**Bethe :**

$$\left(-\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{inelastic} = \frac{4\pi Z_1^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} Z_2 N \left( \ln \left[ \frac{2m_e v^2 \gamma^2}{I} \right] - \beta^2 \right), \quad \kappa < 1$$

*I* : mean ionization potential



# Energy Loss Straggling

Energy straggling :

$$\Omega^2 = \langle \Delta E^2 \rangle - \langle \Delta E \rangle^2 \leftarrow \text{Average square fluctuation}$$

$$\Omega^2 = N\Delta x \int T^2 d\sigma$$

Energy straggling :

$$\Omega_{Bohr}^2 = 4\pi Z_1^2 Z_2 e^4 \gamma^2 N\Delta x$$

**Bohr Formula**

# Energy Loss in Thick Targets

Range :

$$R = \int_0^{E_i} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dE}{dx}(E)\right)} dE$$

Energy loss in thick targets :

$$d = \int_{E_f}^{E_i} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dE}{dx}(E)\right)} dE = R(E_i) - R(E_f)$$

$$\Delta E = E_i - E_f$$

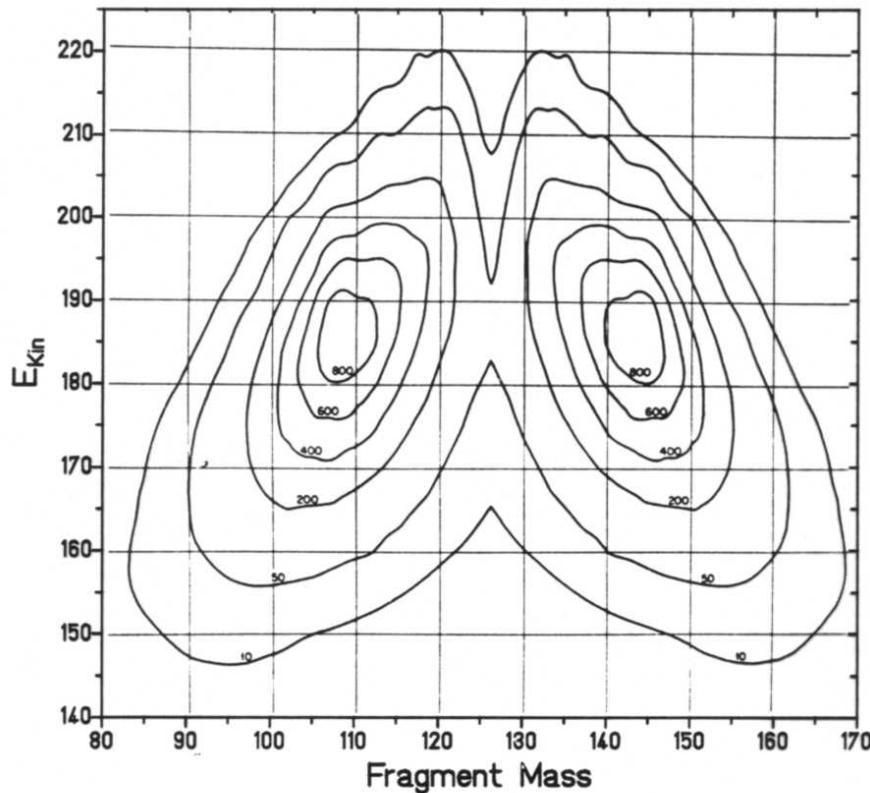
# Range Straggling

Range straggling :

$$\sigma_R^2 = \int_0^{E_i} \frac{d\sigma^2(E)}{dx} \frac{dE}{\left[\frac{dE}{dx}\right]^3} dE \quad \text{variance}$$

# The First Heavy Ion Experiments were done with Fission Fragments

Energy-Mass Distribution of  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  - Fission Fragments



**Problem:**  
**Large Phase Space**  
**Population**

# First Charge-State Studies with Swift Heavy Ions

**N. Bohr**

Phys. Rev. 59, 270 1941

"Velocity-Range Relation for Fission Fragments"

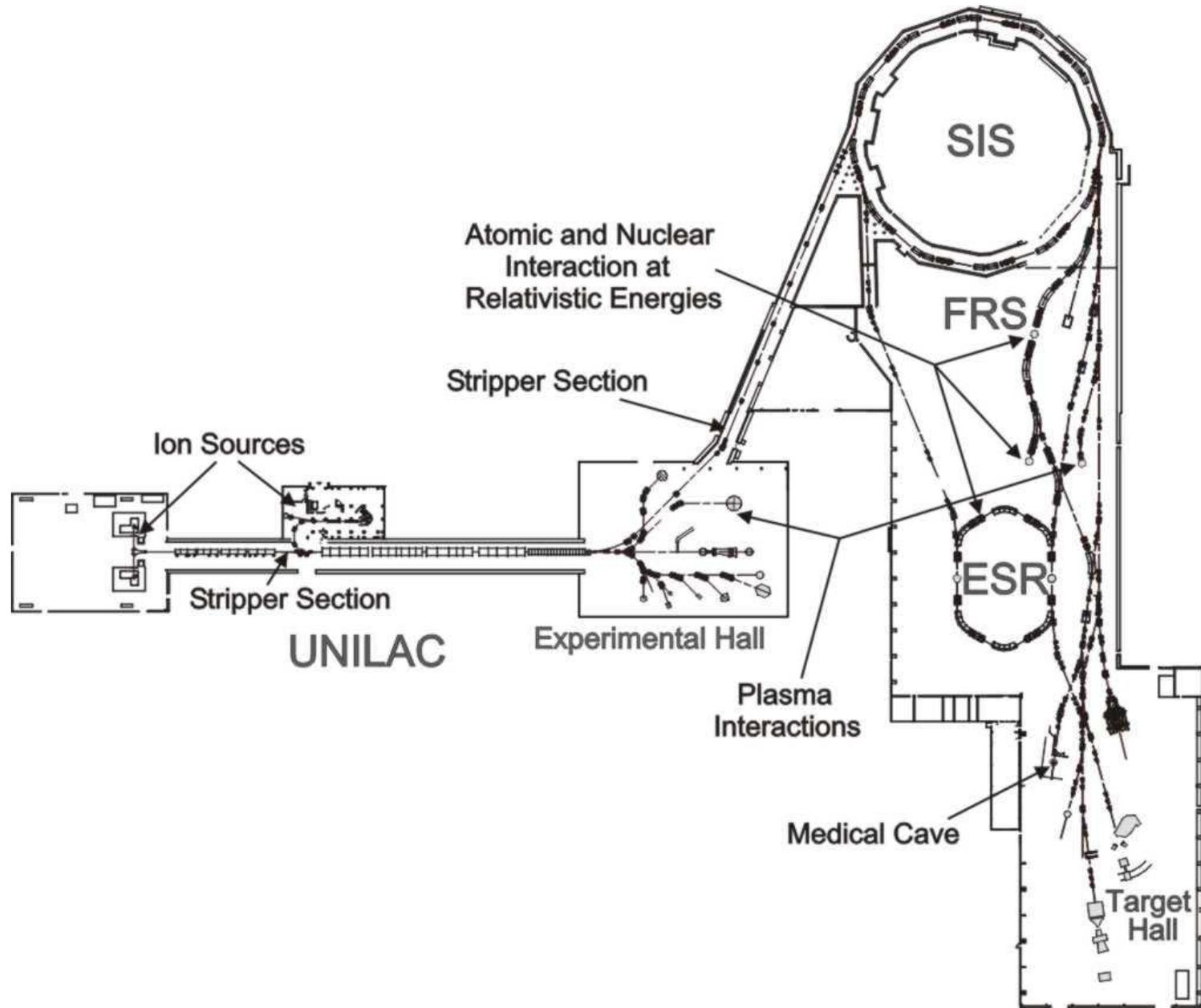
**"The Problem of primary importance is the estimate of the number of electrons carried with the fragment nucleus on its way through the gas"**

## **VELOCITY CRITERION:**

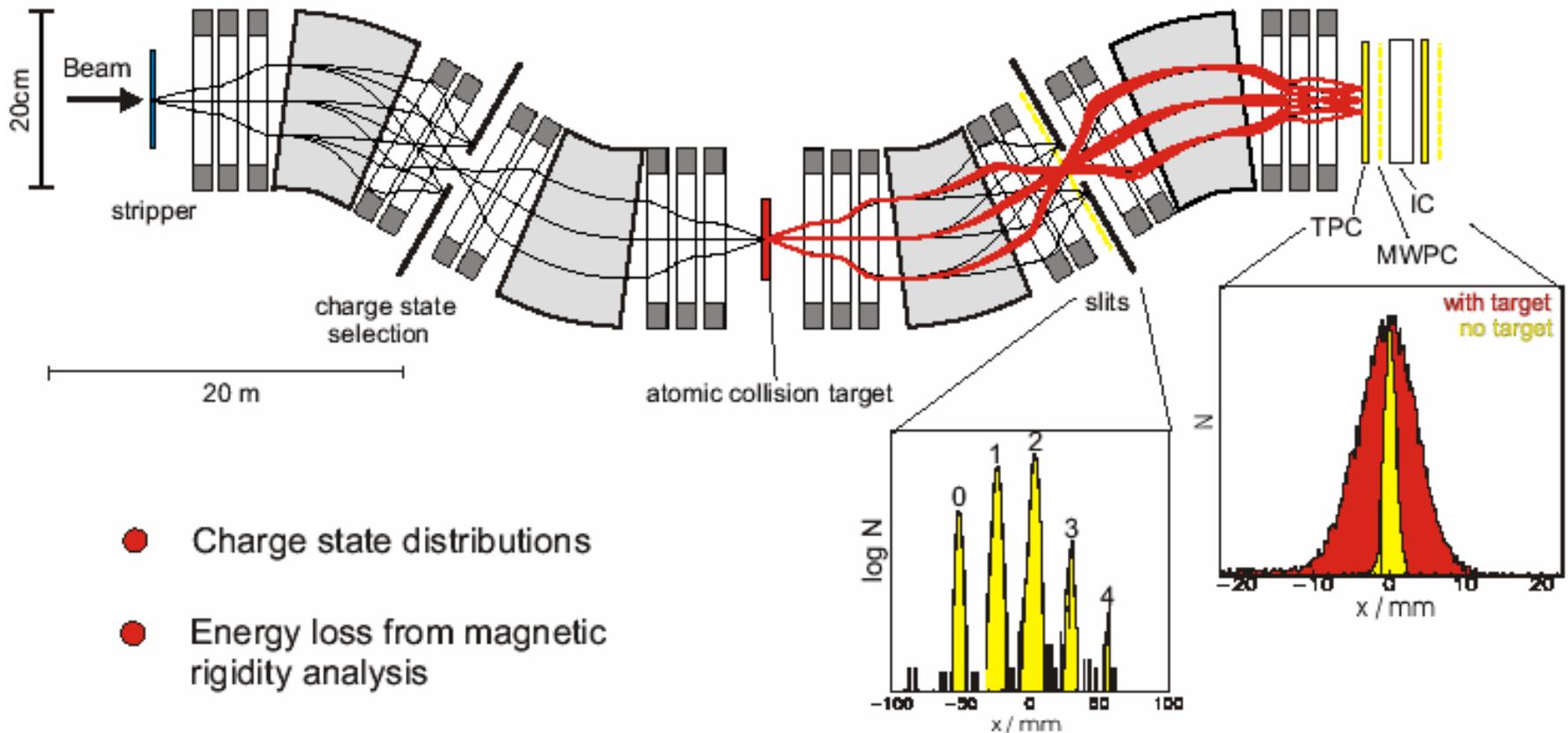
Electron capture and loss balance each other when the velocity of the most weakly bound remaining electron on the ion equals the collision velocity

$$q_{\text{eff}} = Z_1^{1/3} \frac{v}{v_0}$$

# Atomic Collision Studies with the FRS



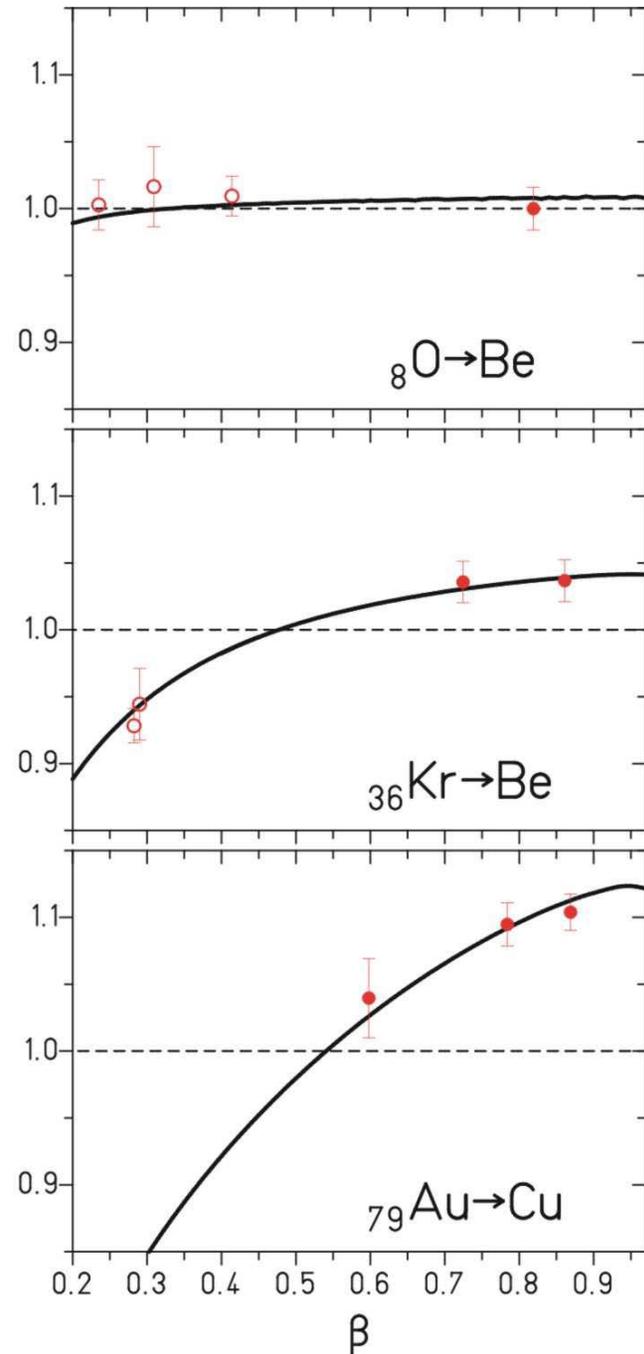
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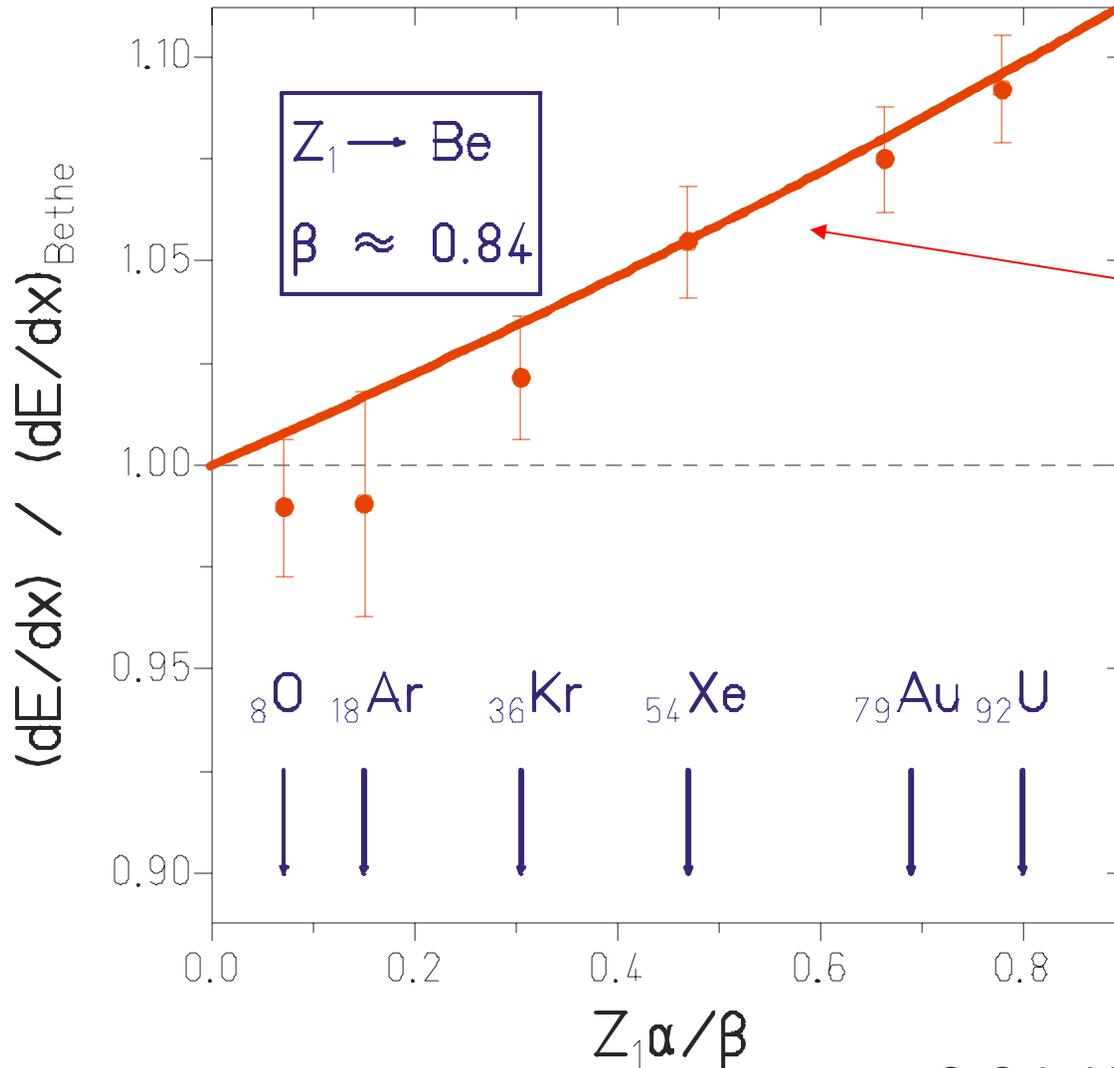
How well can  
the Bethe  
theory  
describe  
the stopping  
power of bare  
heavy ions?

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$(dE/dx) / (dE/dx)_{\text{Bethe}}$



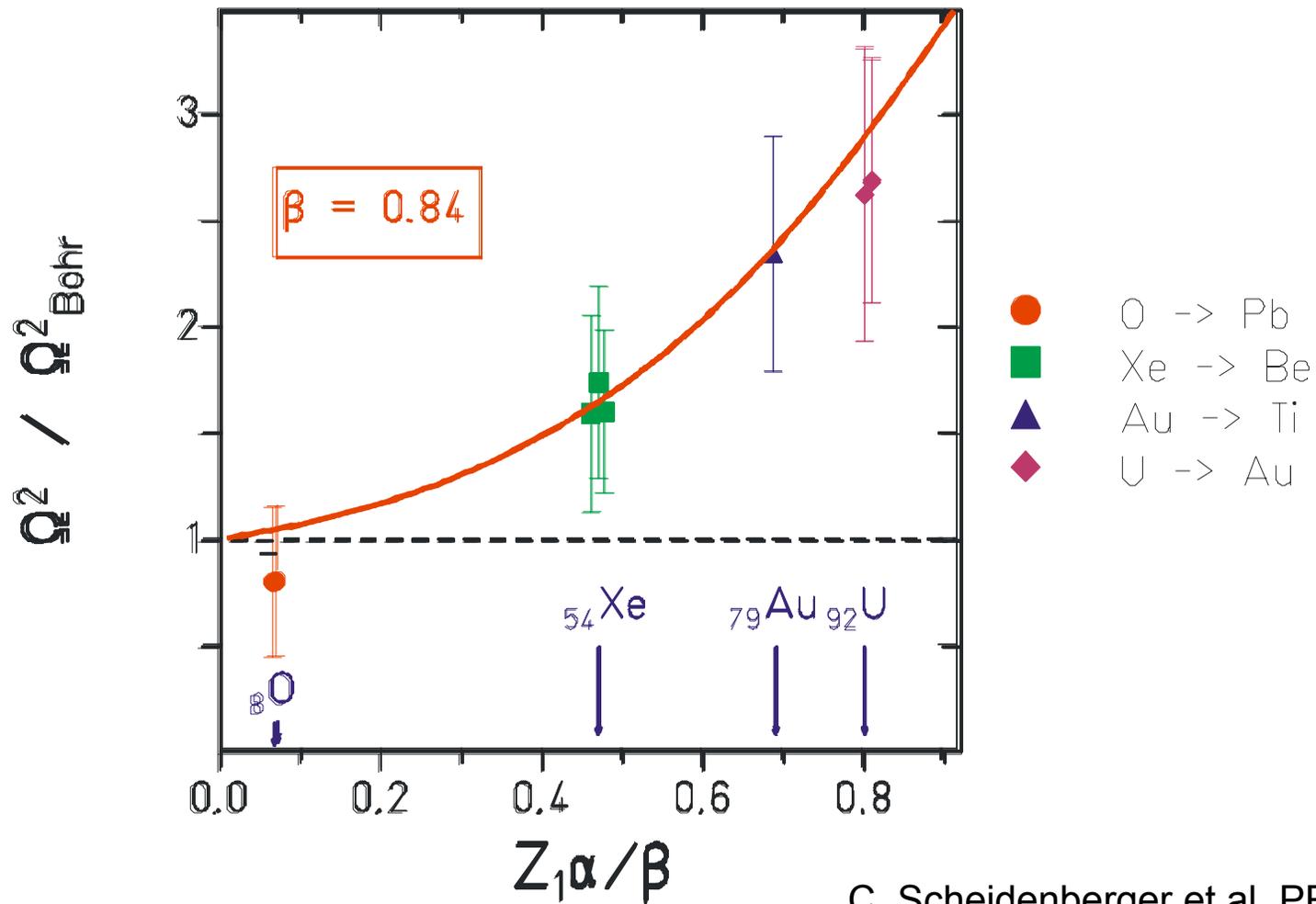
# Failure of the Bethe Theory



**New Theory  
developed  
by J. Lindhard  
and  
A. Soerensen  
after  
the experimental  
were published!**

Phys. Rev. A53  
(1996) 2443

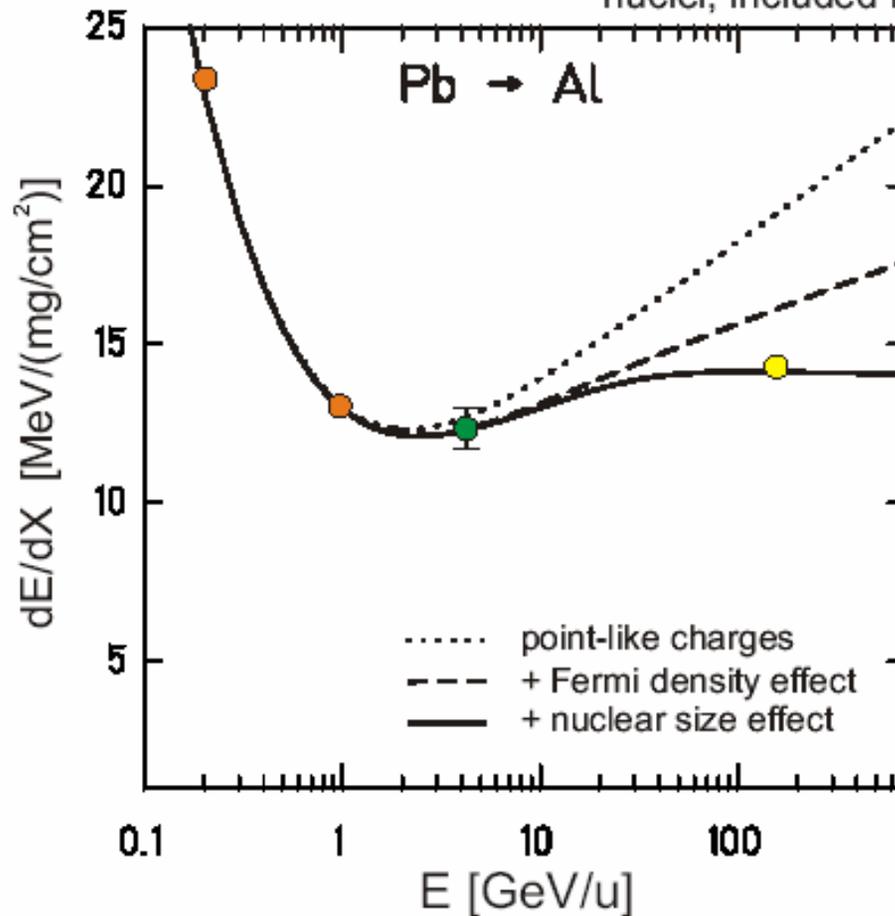
# Energy-Loss Straggling Experiments with Relativistic Heavy Ions



# Nuclear Size and Density Effect

● Fermi-density effect:  
polarisation of medium leads  
to screening of the projectile

● Nuclear size effect:  
De Broglie wave length becomes comparable  
to size of the nucleus, deviation from point-like  
nuclei, included in LS-theory

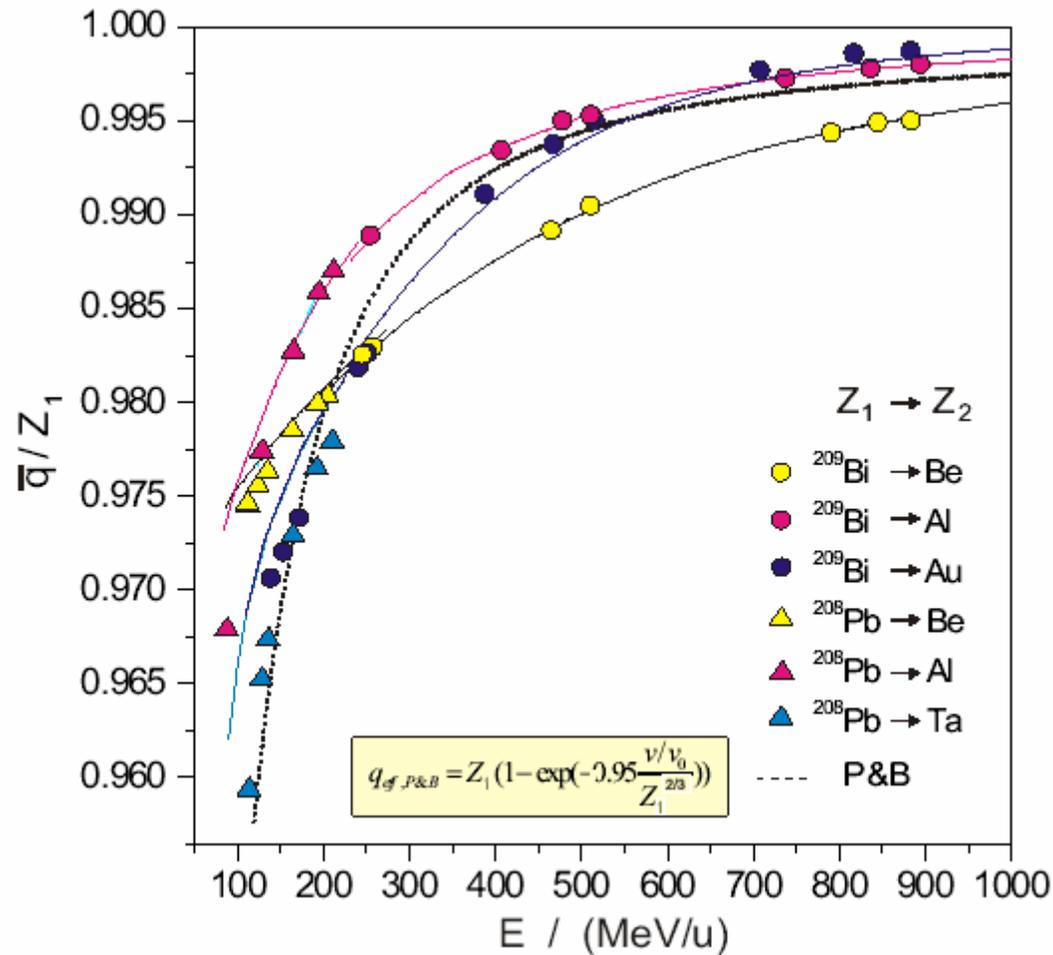


SIS/FRS, Scheidenberger, Weick et al.

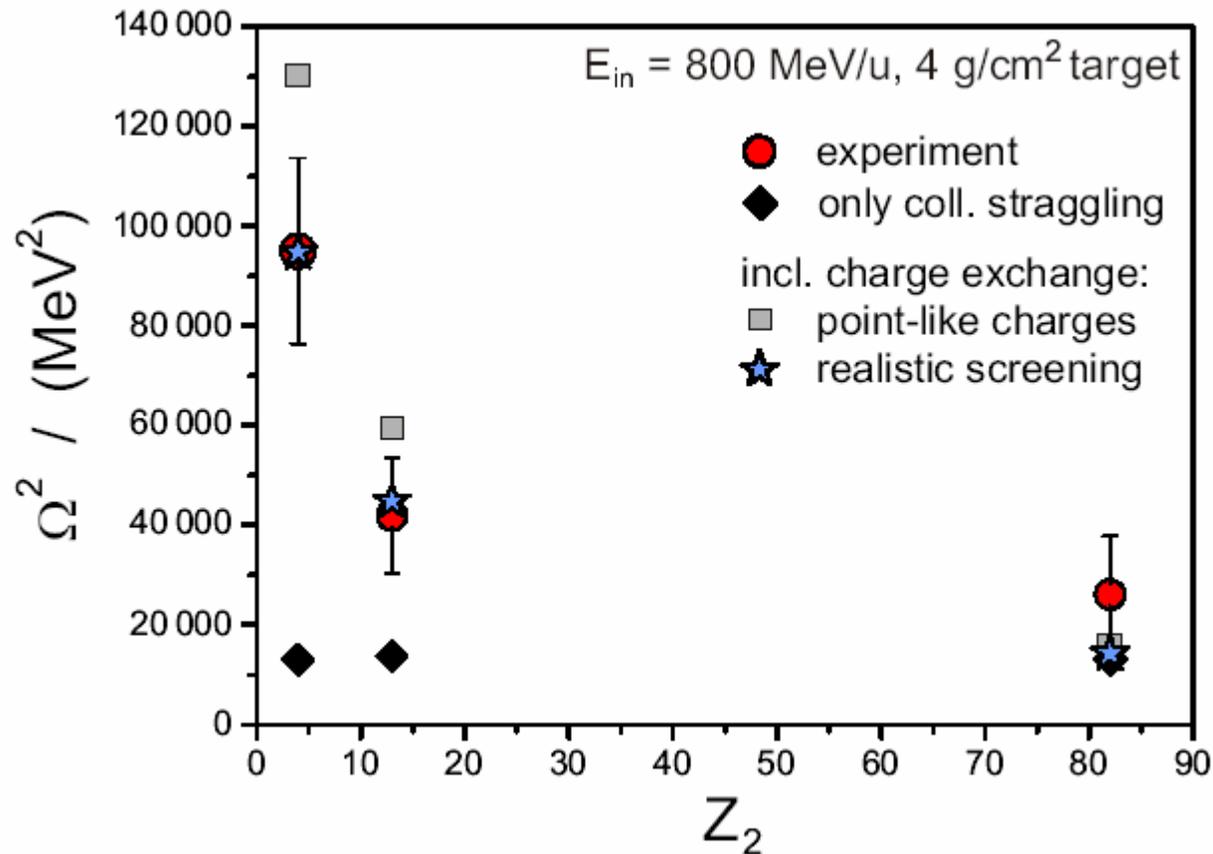
AGS, G. Arduini et al.

CERN-SPS, S. Datz et al.

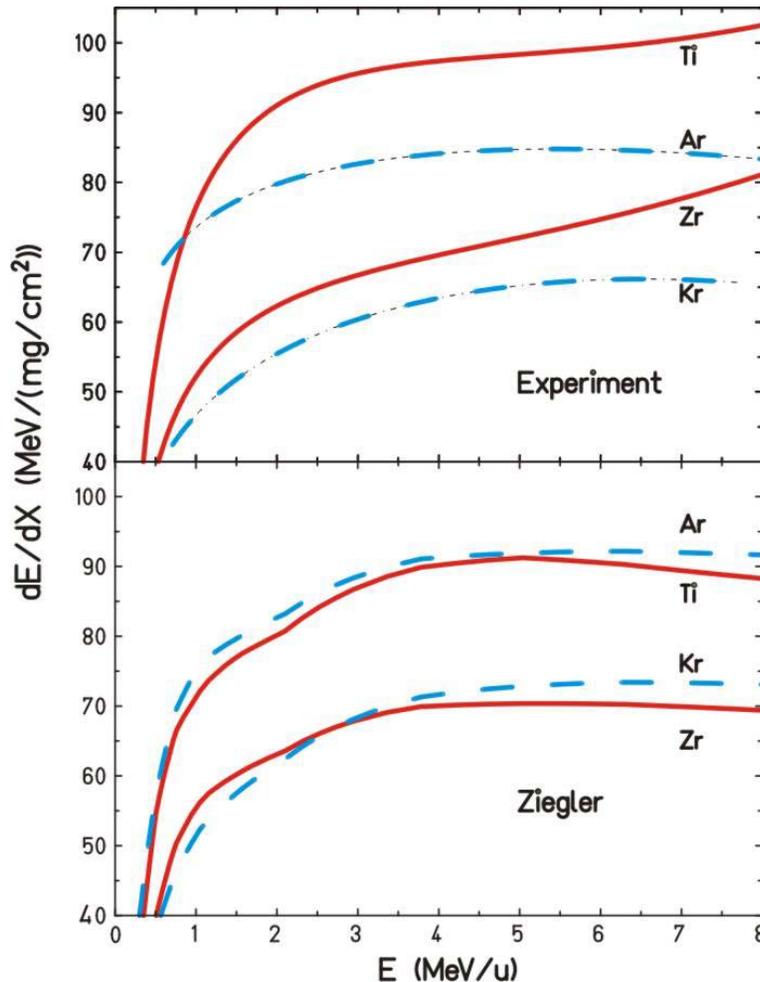
# Mean Charge States



# Energy Straggling -- Screening



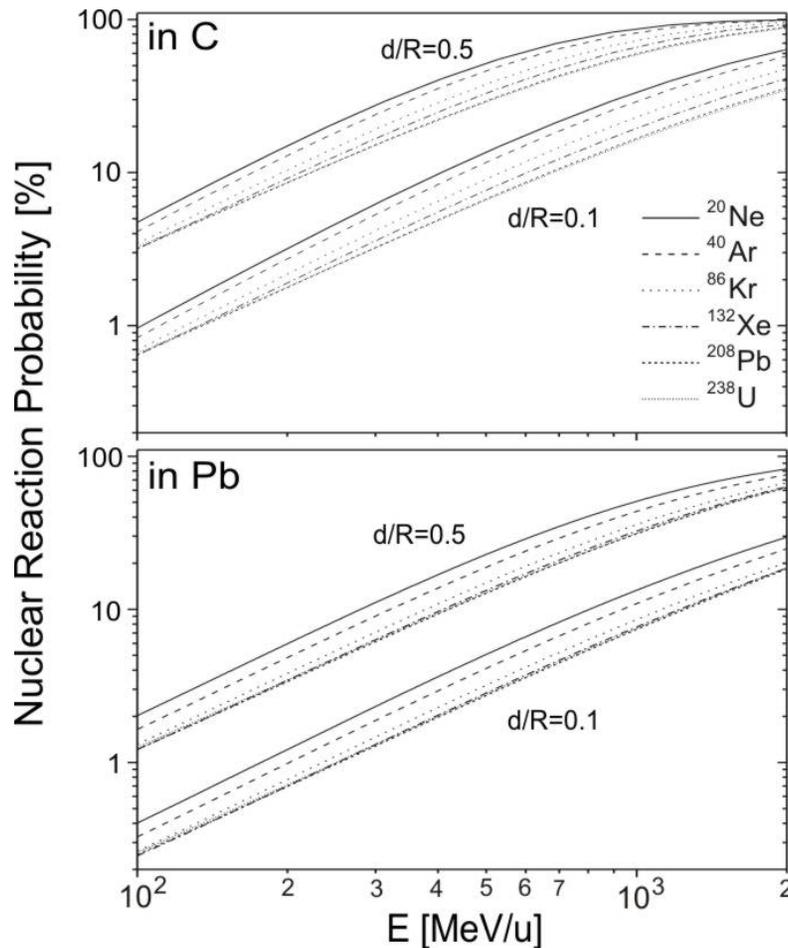
# Gas-Solid Difference in Stopping Powers



The experiment reveals a gas-solid difference in the stopping of partially stripped heavy ions.

Most widely used code does not include the experimental observation.

# Nuclear Reactions in Matter



macroscopic :

$$\sigma_{\text{reac}} = \pi R^2 \left(1 - \frac{B}{E_{\text{cm}}}\right); \quad \text{semiempirical,}$$

$$R = r_0 \left[ A_t^{1/3} + A_p^{1/3} + 1.85 \frac{A_t^{1/3} A_p^{1/3}}{A_t^{1/3} + A_p^{1/3}} - C(E) \right] + \dots$$

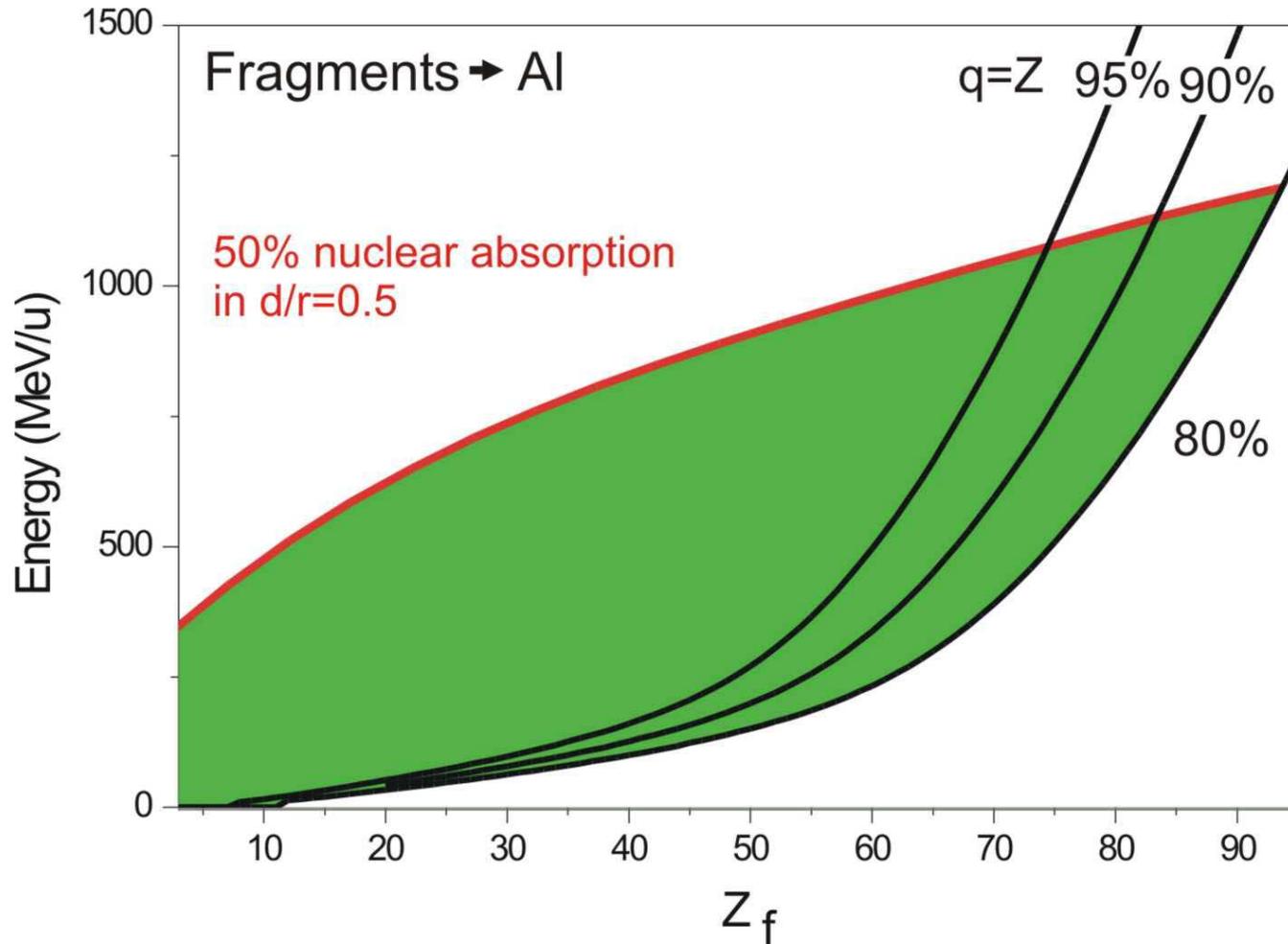
microscopic :

$$\sigma_{\text{reac}} = \int_0^{\infty} 2\pi (1 - T(p)) b \, db$$

$$T(b) = \exp\{-\sigma_{\text{NN}}(E) \int d^2r \rho_t(r) \rho_p(r-b)\}$$

Densities of Target and Projectile

# Ionisation Degree Nuclear Reactions in Matter



# Ionization Degree

## Operating Domain of the $B\rho$ - $\Delta E$ - $B\rho$ Separation

