

# LECTURE 4: DIRECT TRANSFER AND KNOCKOUT REACTIONS

NUCLEAR STRUCTURE  
STUDIED WITH  
SPECTROSCOPY AND REACTIONS

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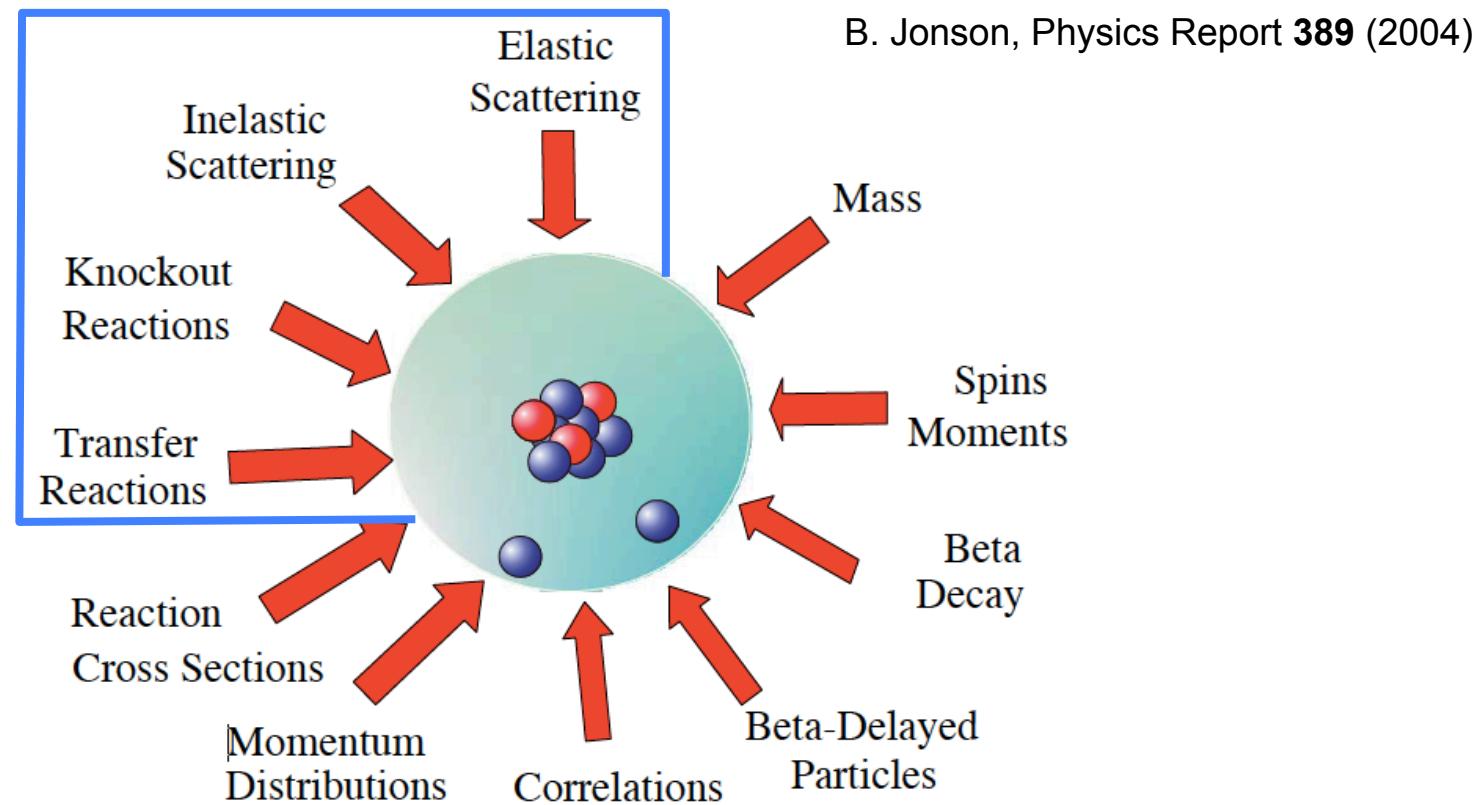
# Reactions: tools to excite and probe nuclear states

## Direct reactions

= cross section informs on structure

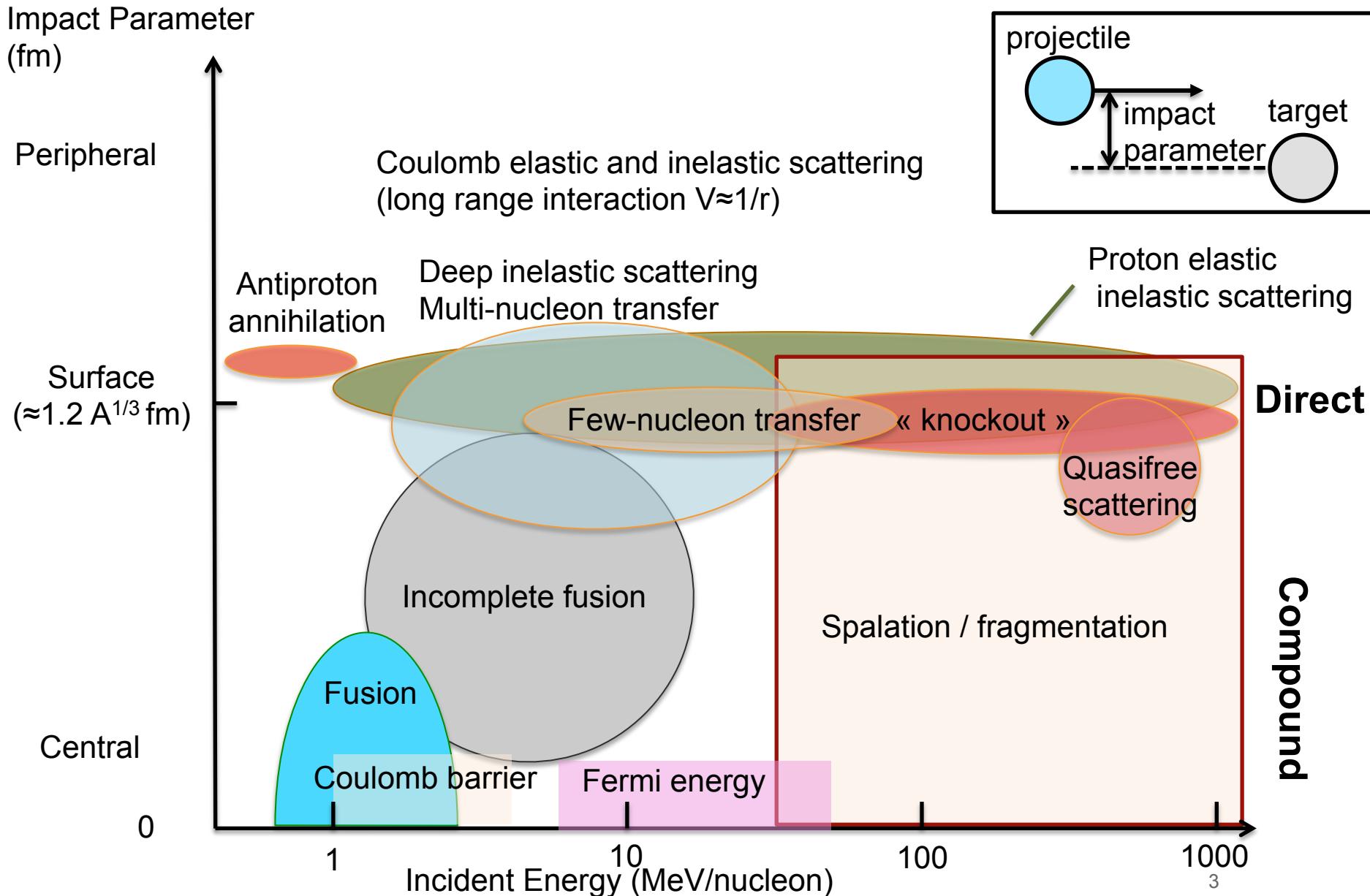
= final state keeps memory of initial state

= few degrees of freedom modified

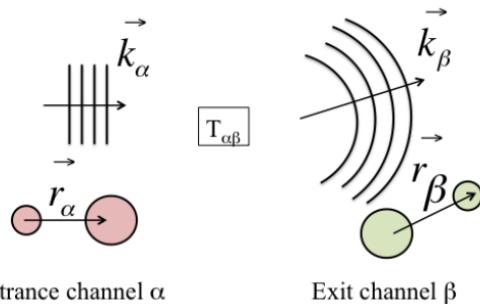


- ❑ **Reactions** are used for several reasons to
  - excite specific states and probe nuclear structure,
  - produce Radioactive Ions beams,
  - study nuclear dynamics and nuclear matter equation of state
- ❑ The dynamical quantum many-body problem **can not be solved exactly**
- ❑ **Approximations are made:** multiple feedback between experiment and theory

# Nuclear reactions



# Selectivity of direct reactions



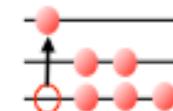
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\mu_\alpha \mu_\beta}{(2\pi\hbar^2)^2} \left(\frac{k_\beta}{k_\alpha}\right) |T_{\beta\alpha}(\vec{k}_\beta, \vec{k}_\alpha)|^2$$

General form  
Operator formalism

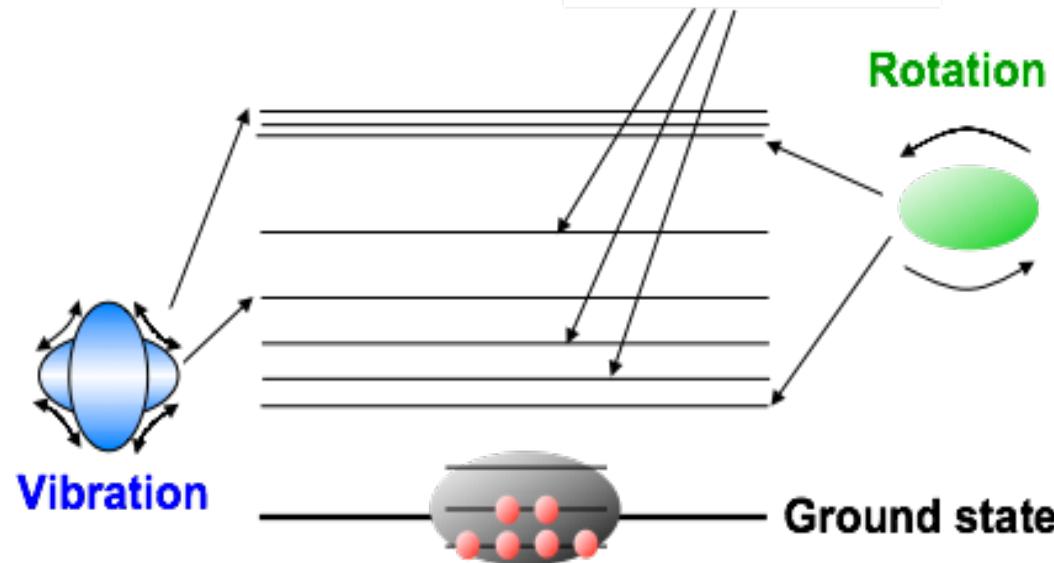
where  $T_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \beta | V | \alpha \rangle$  contains **structure & interaction** information

**Transfer, knockout**

**Single part. ex.**



**Inelastic scattering**



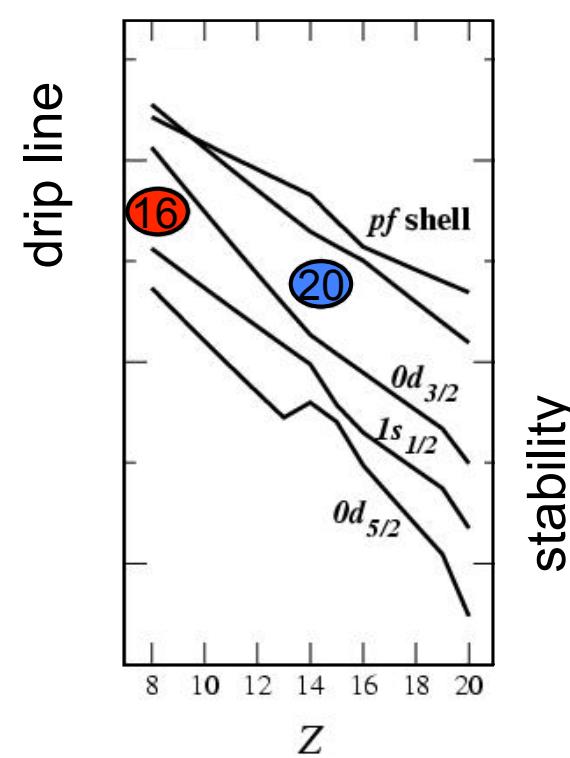
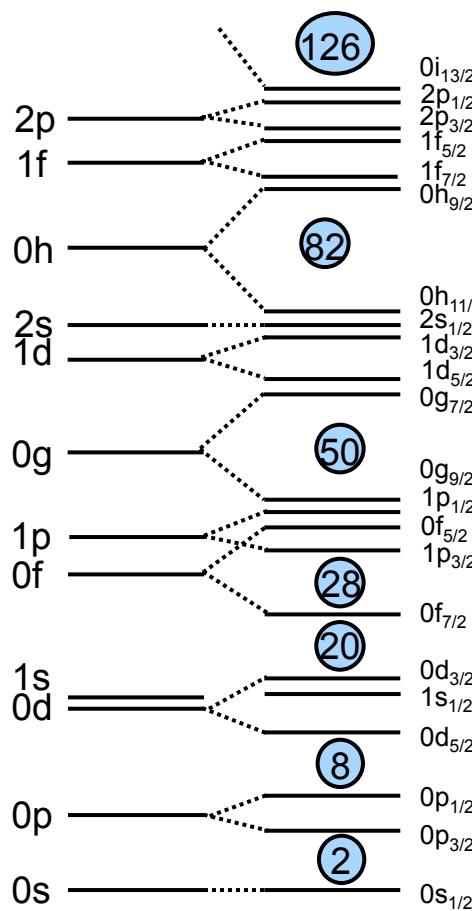
# Outline

- **Single-particle description**
  - Spectroscopic factors
  - The Baranger sum rule
- **Nucleon transfer at low energy**
  - the Distorted-Wave Born Approximation (DWBA)
  - experimental methods with exotic nuclei
  - detection systems for transfer
- **Intermediate-energy nucleon removal**
  - S-matrix theory and eikonal approximation
  - Physics case: breakdown of the N=8 shell closure in  $^{12}\text{Be}$
  - Quasifree scattering
  - Invariant-mass technique
  - Physics case: oxygen binding energy systematics
- **Short range correlations and stripping reactions**
  - Short Range Correlations (SRC) and spectroscopic strength reduction
  - Deeply-bound nucleon removal

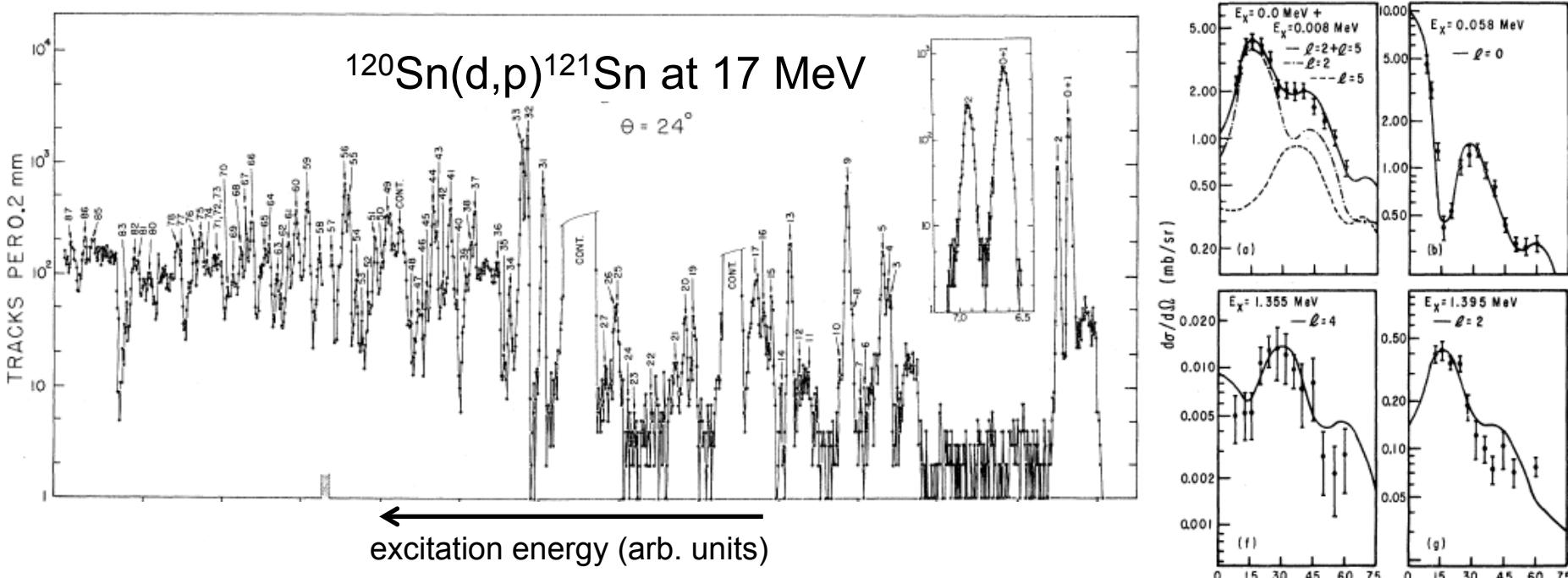
# Main motivation: probing the nuclear shells

## Direct reactions

- absolute excitation energy from invariant mass
- transferred angular momentum from angular distributions
- can resolve the nature of states (proton or neutron excitations / single-particle character)



# Transfer reactions



M.J.Bechara and O.Dietzsch, Phys. Rev. C **12** (1975).

- Direct: **surface process and selectivity**
- Transfer: **momentum matching**: Fermi velocities, 5 to 50 MeV/nucleon
- **Conservation** of spin, parity, angular momentum
- Typical cross section of 1 mb (for one final state):  $> 10^4$  pps for  $d\sigma/d\Omega$

# Intuitive view of Spectroscopic Factors (SFs)

**Spectroscopic factor:** the square overlap of a final state with a single particle state

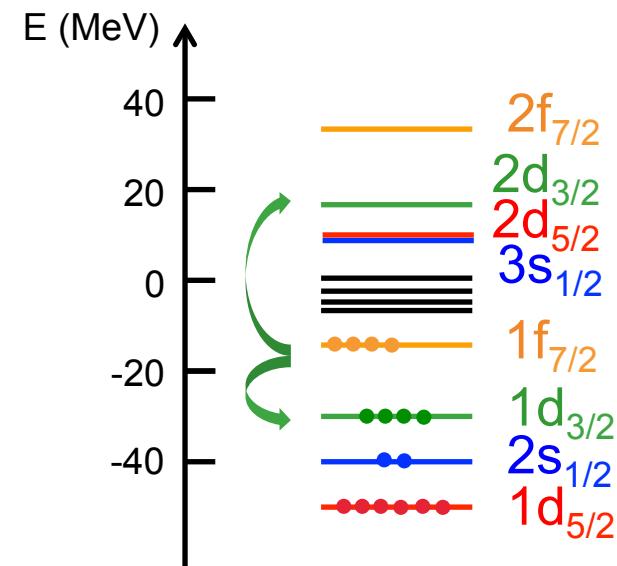
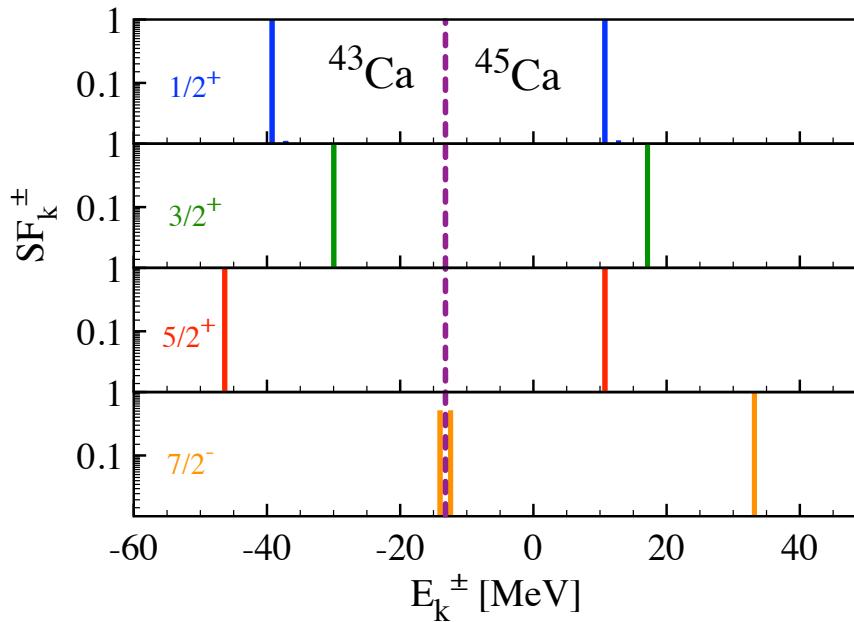
$$S_k^{nlj\pm} = \left| \left\langle \psi_k^{A+1} \left| a_{nlj}^{\pm} \right| \psi_0^A \right\rangle \right|^2$$

Pickup, ex:  $^{44}\text{Ca}(\text{d},\text{p})^{45}\text{Ca}$

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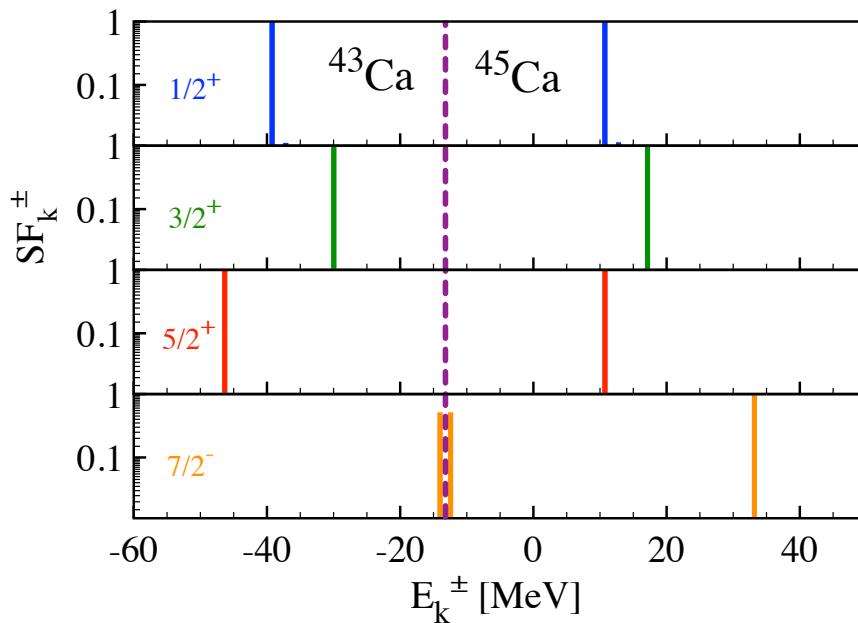
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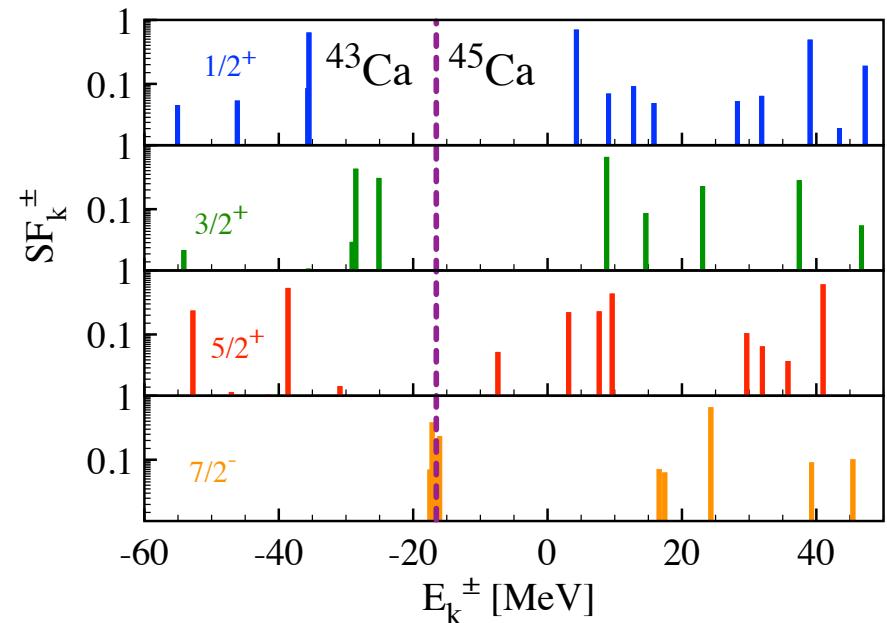
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Real (correlated)  $^{44}\text{Ca}$  nucleus



In reality:  $0 < \text{SF} < 1$

# Why spectroscopic factors are so important?

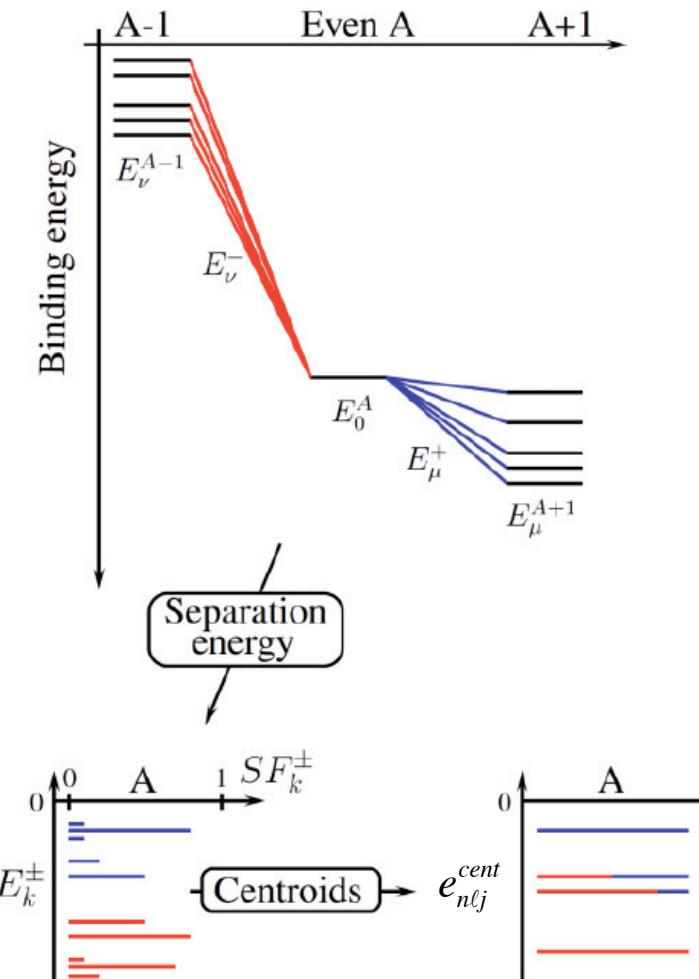
- Single particle energies  $e_{nlj}$  can be reconstructed from:
  - **physical state energies  $E_k$**  (observables) from pickup AND stripping
  - **spectroscopic factors  $S_k^{nlj}$**  (not observables)
- Remark (!): SPE not observables  
(i.e. modified under unitary transform of the Hamiltonian)

**Baranger sum rule:**

$$e_{nlj} = \frac{\sum_k S_k^{nlj+} (E_k - E_0) + S_k^{nlj-} (E_0 - E_k)}{\sum_k S_k^{nlj+} + S_k^{nlj-}}$$

M. Baranger, NPA **149**, 225 (1970)

- **In principle**, in a given theoretical framework, SFs can be obtained from **cross sections**.
- **Experimental and theoretical uncertainties are often considered too large** to extract single-particle energies directly from the Baranger equation.

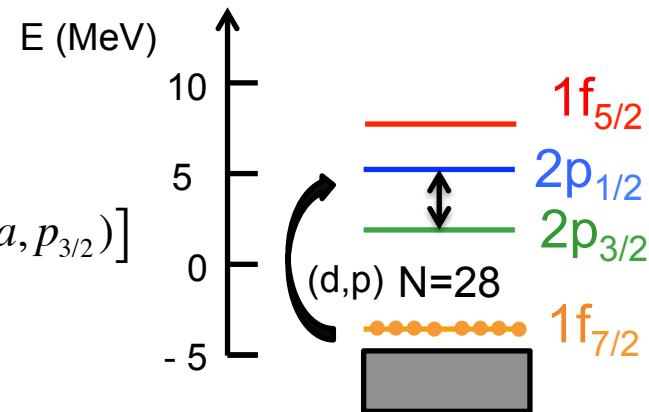


T. Duguet and G. Hagen, PRC **85** (2012)

## Reduction of the Spin-Orbit Splittings at the $N = 28$ Shell Closure

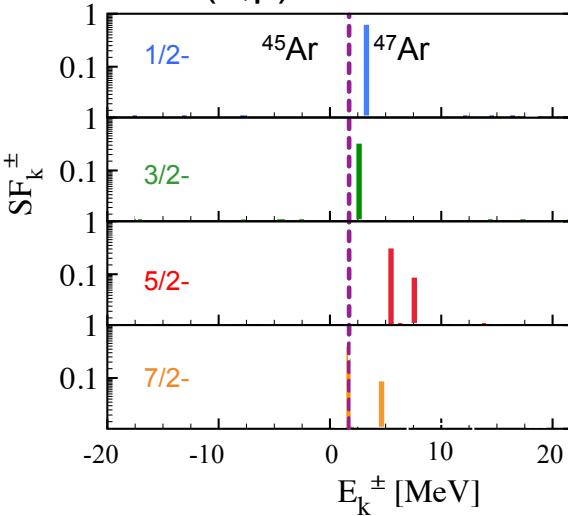
How does the  $p_{3/2}$ - $p_{1/2}$  spin-orbit splitting changes from  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  to  $^{46}\text{Ar}$ ?

$$\delta\varepsilon_{SO} = [\varepsilon(\text{Ar}, p_{1/2}) - \varepsilon(\text{Ar}, p_{3/2})] - [\varepsilon(\text{Ca}, p_{1/2}) - \varepsilon(\text{Ca}, p_{3/2})]$$



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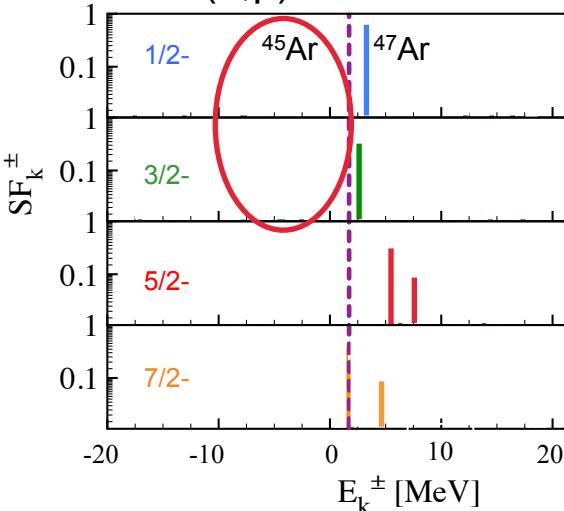
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What is missing in this analysis?

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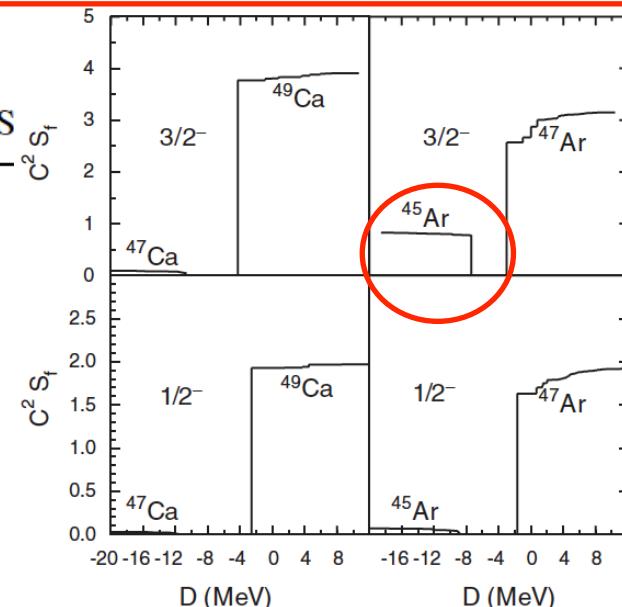
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## Comment on “Reduction of the Spin-Orbit Splittings at the $N = 28$ Shell Closure”

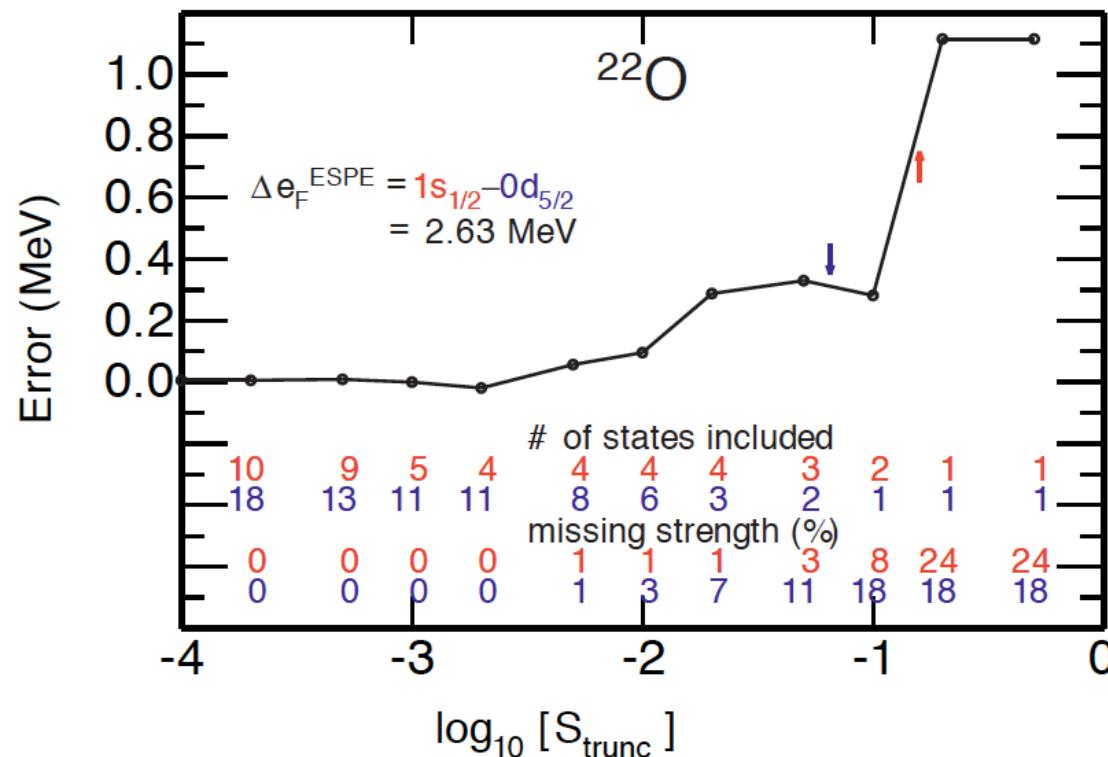
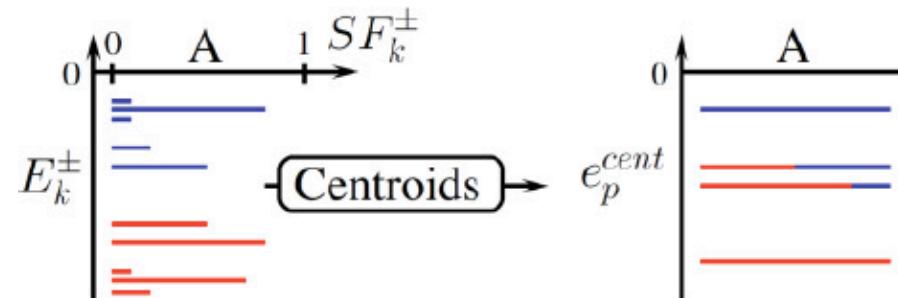
With correction from full strength, including « (d,t) $^{45}\text{Ar}$  »:

$\delta\epsilon_{SO} = +0.09(13) \text{ keV}$  → No spin-orbit reduction!



# Sensitivity study to shell gaps

$^{22}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{p})^{23}\text{O}$ ,  $^{22}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{t})^{21}\text{O}$  : a theoretical study by A. Signoracci, T. Duguet

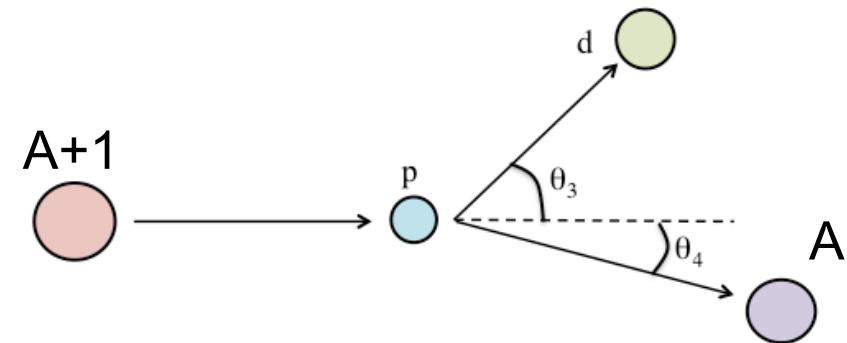


# Transfer reaction in the Born Approximation

**Plane wave approx.: p+(A+1) → d + A**

$$|\psi_\alpha\rangle = e^{i\vec{k}_p \cdot \vec{r}_p} \Phi_{A+1,\alpha}$$

$$|\psi_\beta\rangle = e^{i\vec{k}_d \cdot \vec{r}_d} \Phi_{A,\beta} \Phi_d(\vec{r}_n - \vec{r}_p)$$



**Transition matrix element**

$$T \propto \langle \psi_\beta | V | \psi_\alpha \rangle = \int e^{-i\vec{k}_d \cdot \vec{r}_d} \Phi_d^*(\vec{r}) \Phi_A^*(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k}_p \cdot \vec{r}_p} \Phi_{A+1} d^3 r_{A+1} d^3 r_p$$

In the case of a **pure single-particle neutron state**  $\Phi_{A+1,\alpha} = \Phi_{A,\beta} \phi_{n\ell j}(\vec{r}_n)$

$$T = \int e^{-i\vec{k}_d \cdot \vec{r}_d} \Phi_d^*(\vec{r}) \Phi_A^*(\vec{r}) V_{np}(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k}_p \cdot \vec{r}_p} \phi_{n\ell j} \Phi_A d^3 r_A d^3 r_n d^3 r_p$$

Fourier transform of  
The picked-up neutron

which leads to

$$T = \int e^{-i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}} \Phi_d^*(\vec{r}) V_{np}(\vec{r}) d^3 r \left( \int_R^\infty e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}_n} \phi_{n\ell j}(\vec{r}_n) d^3 r_n \right)$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k}_d - \vec{k}_p \quad \text{momentum carried by the picked-up neutron}$$

$$K = k_p - k_n / 2$$

# Transfer reactions: DWBA

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\alpha\beta} &= \left\langle \chi_{\beta}^{(-)} \Phi_{\beta} \left| V \right| \chi_{\alpha}^{(+)} \Phi_{\alpha} \right\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \left| \Phi_{A+1,\beta} \right\rangle = \sum_{nlj} \sqrt{S_{\beta}^{nlj+}} \left| \phi_{nlj} \Phi_A \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{nlj} \sqrt{S_{\beta}^{nlj+}} \int \chi_d^{(-)*}(\vec{k}_d, \vec{r}_d) \Phi_d^*(\vec{r}) \left\langle \Phi_A^* \phi_{nlj}^* \left| V_{np}(\vec{r}) \right| \Phi_{A+1,\beta} \right\rangle \chi_p^{(+)}(\vec{k}_p, \vec{r}_p) d^3 r_p d^3 r_d
 \end{aligned}$$

**deuteron wf & reaction process      nuclear structure**

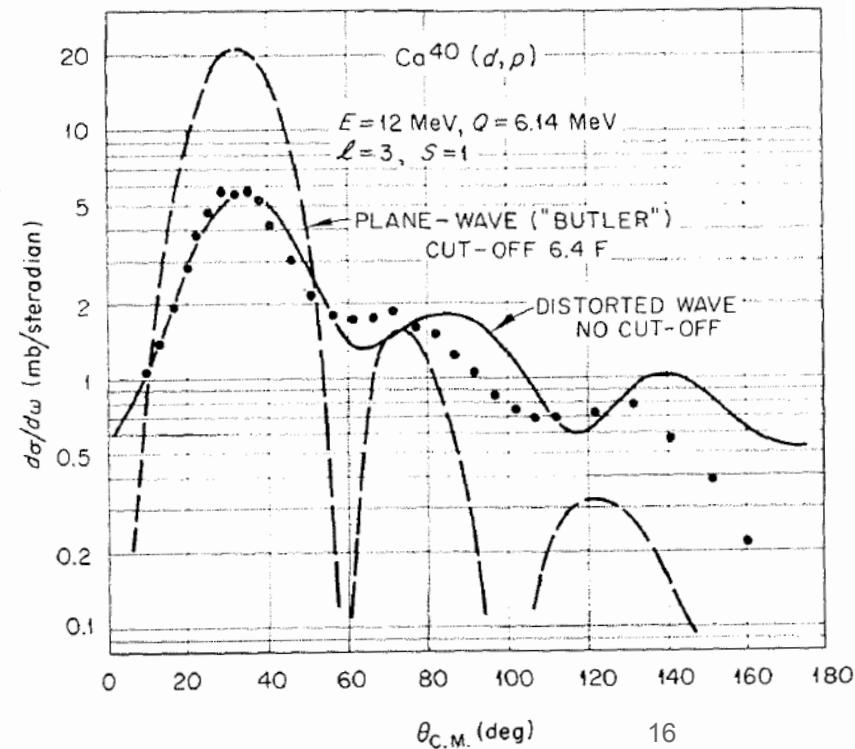
**Nota Bene:** in the DWBA, reaction mechanism and structure are separated

## Transfer cross section in DWBA

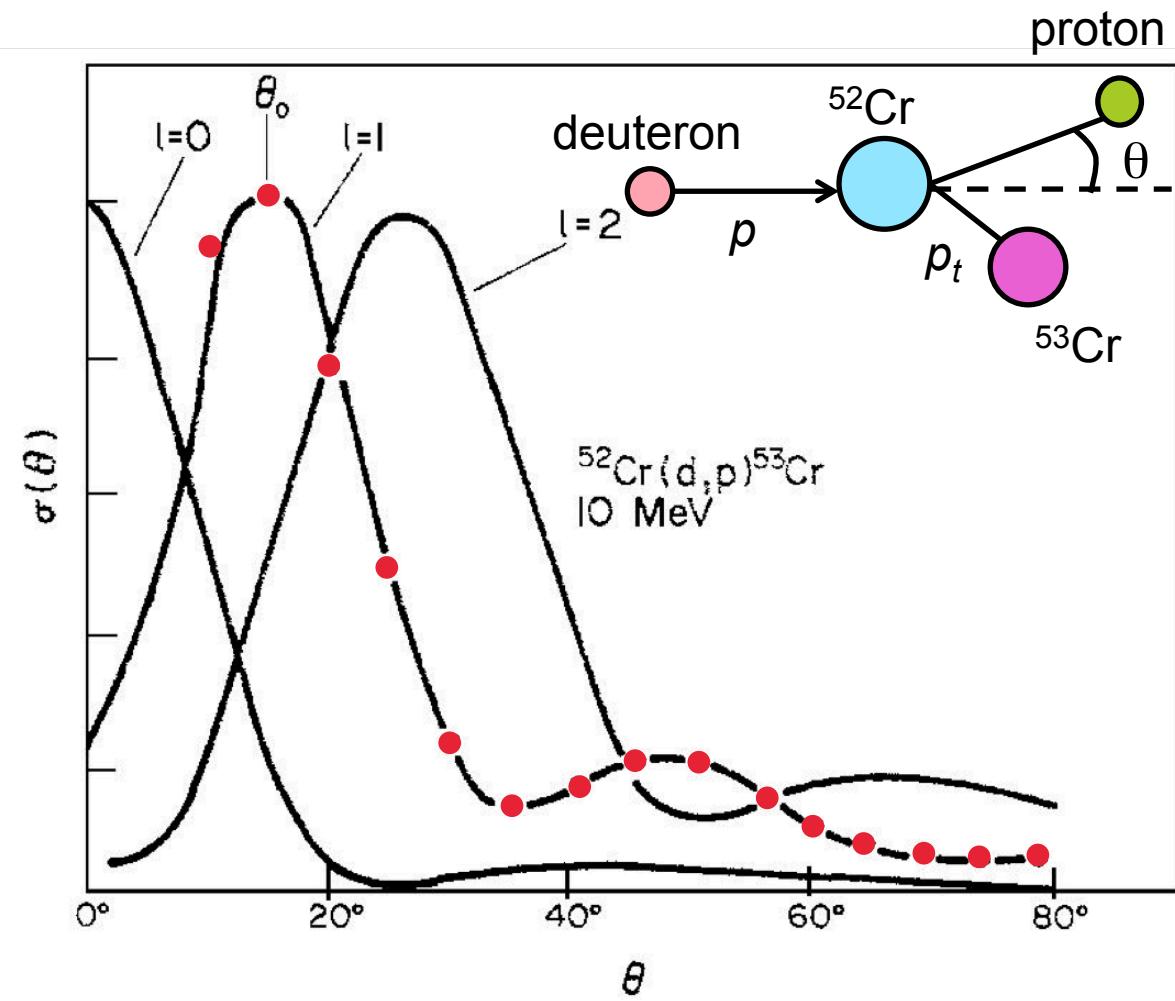
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{d\Omega} = \sum_{nlj} S_{nlj} \frac{d\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{d\Omega} \Big|_{nlj}$$

## Analysis of experiments

- 1) Measure  $d\sigma/d\Omega$
- 2) Calculate  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  single particle
- 3) Extract  $S_{nlj}$  by normalization of theo. vs exp.
- 4) Compare to  $S_{nlj}$  from theoretical structure model or use in the Baranger sum rule for ESPEs



# Transfer reactions: angular distributions



L.D. Knutson and W. Haeberli, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **3** (1980).

- Classical derivation:

$$\hat{L}^2 |\phi_{nlj}\rangle = (\ell + 1)\ell \hbar^2 |\phi_{nlj}\rangle$$

$$p_t \approx p \times \sin(\theta)$$

$$L = R \times p_t \Rightarrow Rp \sin(\theta) = \sqrt{(\ell + 1)\ell} \hbar$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_0 = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{(\ell + 1)\ell} \hbar}{Rp}\right)$$

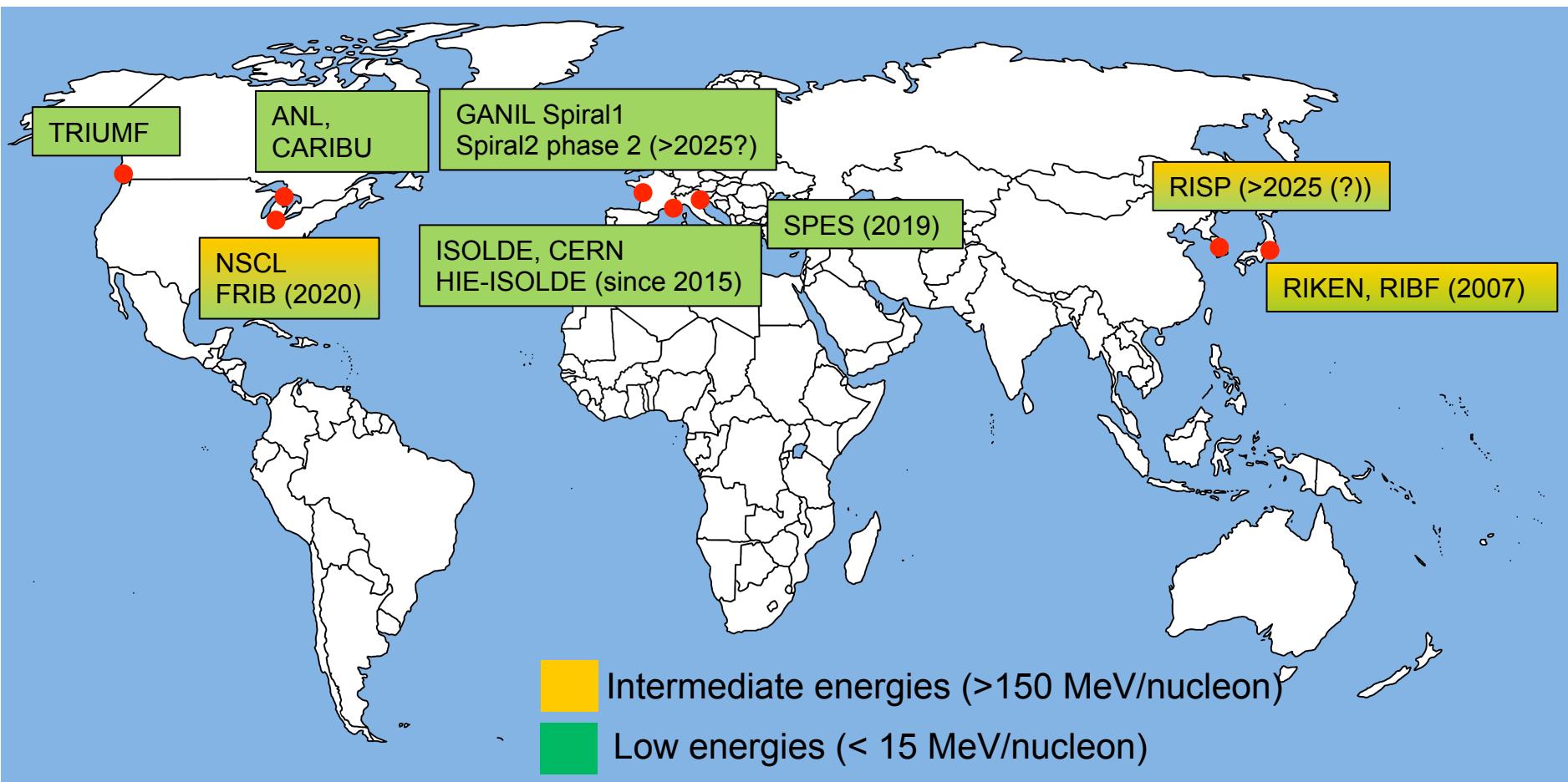
- Numerical application:

$$\ell = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_0 = 0^\circ$$

$$\ell = 1 \Rightarrow \theta_0 = 19^\circ$$

$$\ell = 2 \Rightarrow \theta_0 = 34^\circ$$

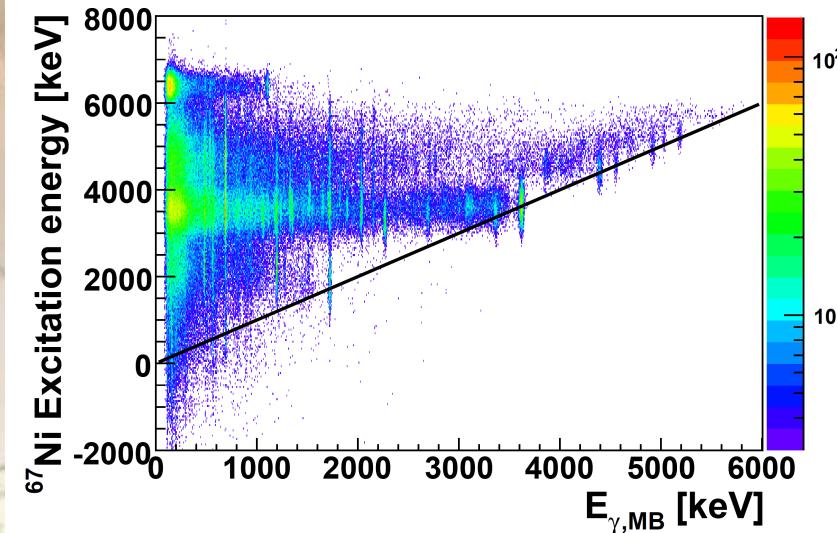
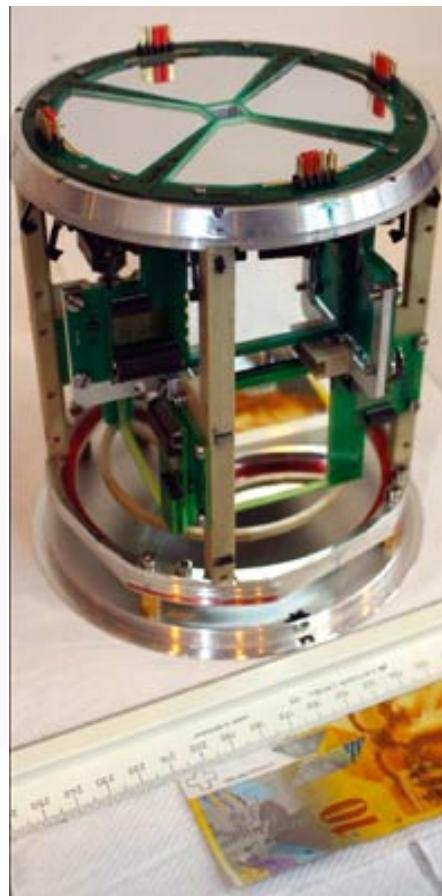
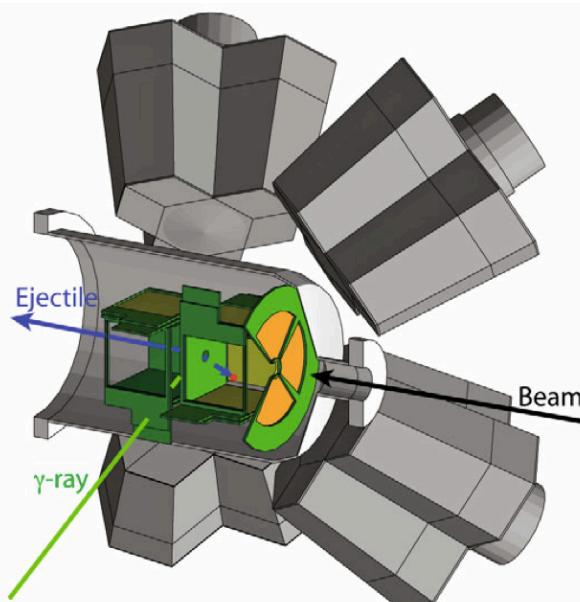
# ISOL RI beam facilities worldwide



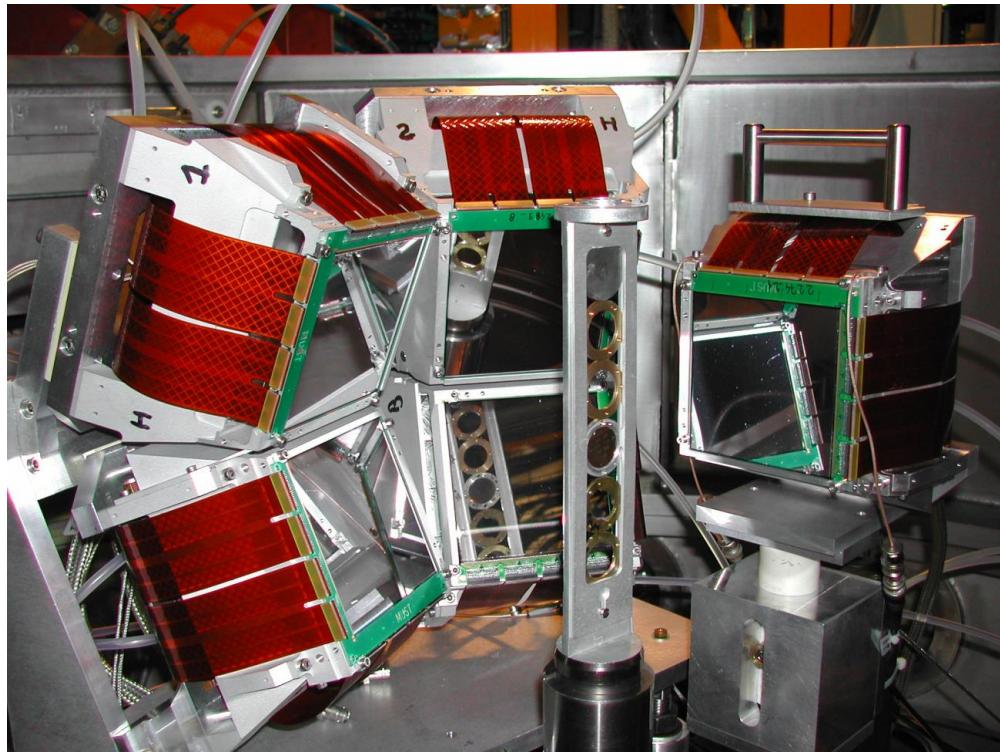
- ❑ Several low energy beam facilities suited for transfer reactions worldwide
- ❑ Many detector developments to adapt to low-beam intensities and/or resolution requirements

# Example of setup: TREX-Miniball at ISOLDE

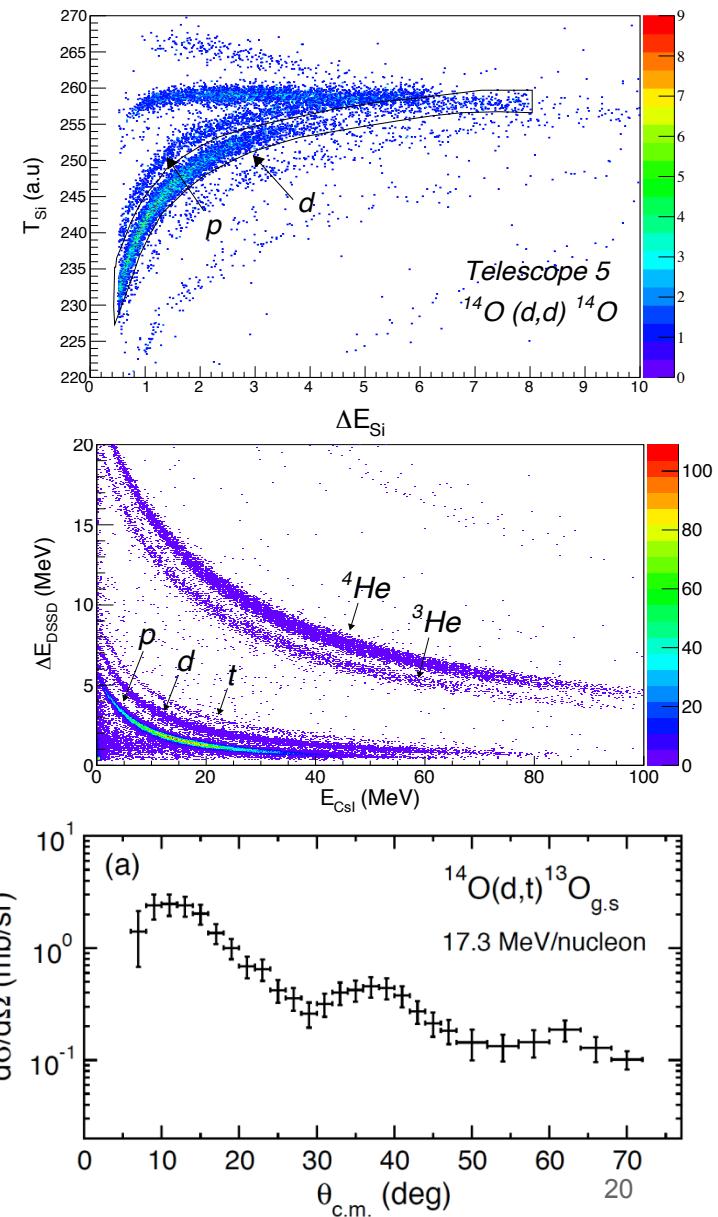
- T-REX+MINIBALL setup at **ISOLDE, CERN**: particle- $\gamma$  coincidences for direct reactions
- Position sensitive compact Si « box » for angular distributions
- **Particle resolution:** 150 keV FWHM for a 100  $\mu\text{g.cm}^{-2}$  target  
600 keV FWHM for a 1  $\text{mg.cm}^{-2}$  target
- **Photopeak gamma efficiency:** 5% at 1.3 MeV



J. Diriken et al. PRC 91 054321 (2015)

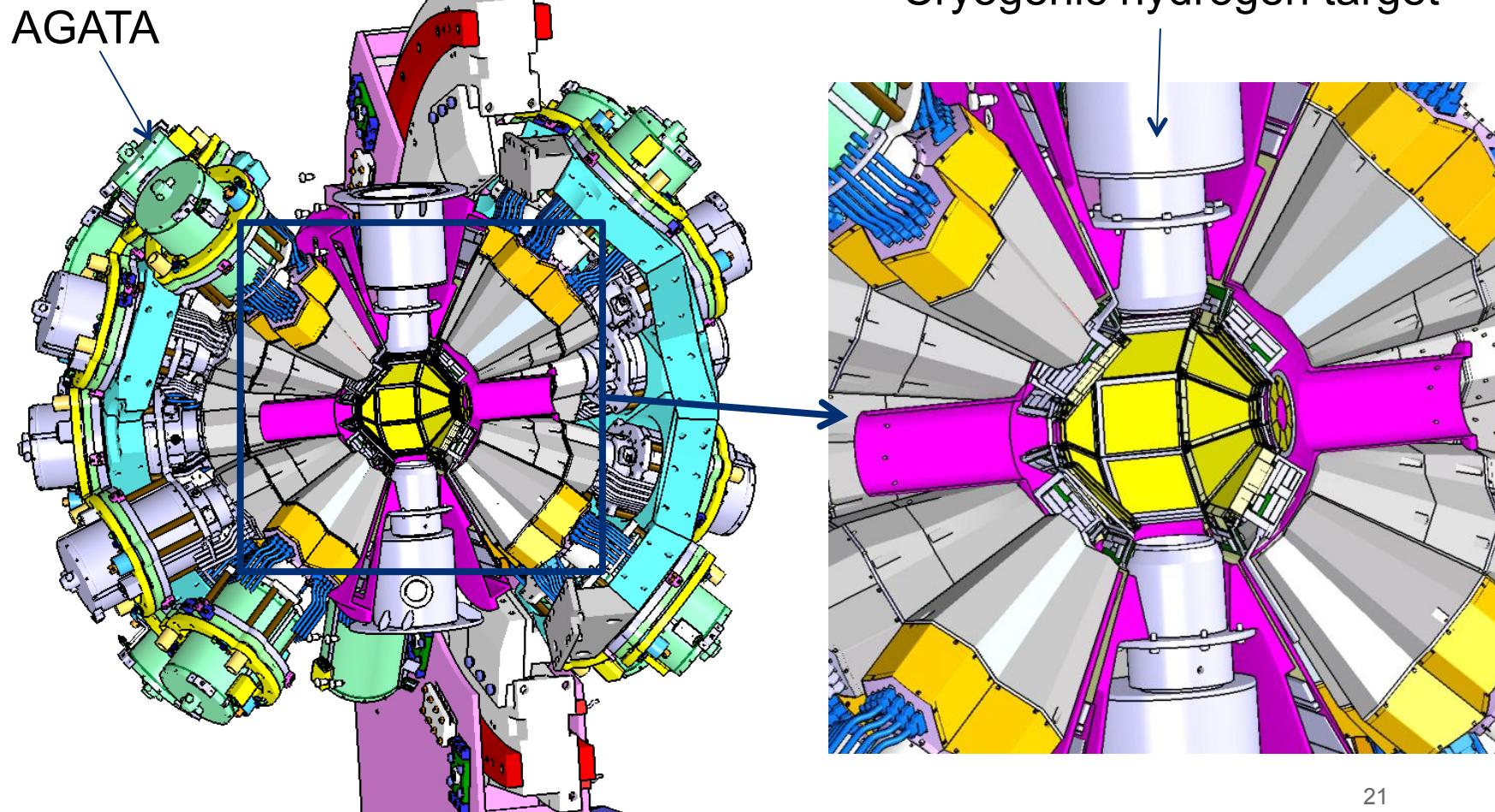
**MUST2**

- 6 MUST2 Telescopes, modular array
- 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> 300μm DSSSD (700 μm strips)
- SiLi (3 mm) or CsI
  
- Mostly used in GANIL, campaign at RIKEN in 2010
- Inspired from the previous MUST array
- E.C. Pollacco *et al.*, EPJA **25**, 287 (2005)

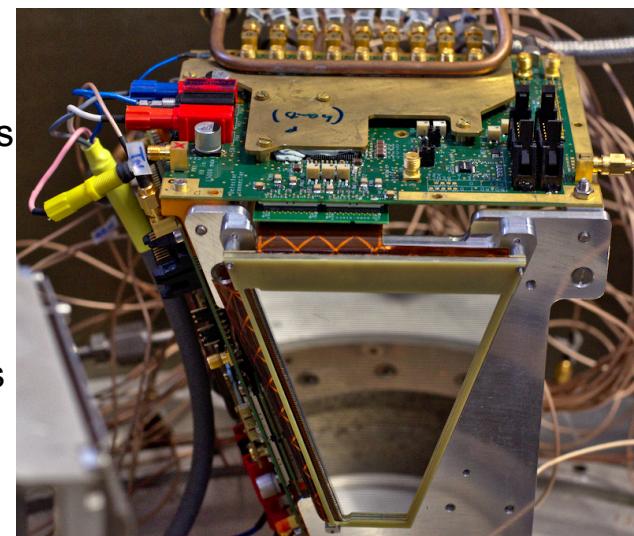
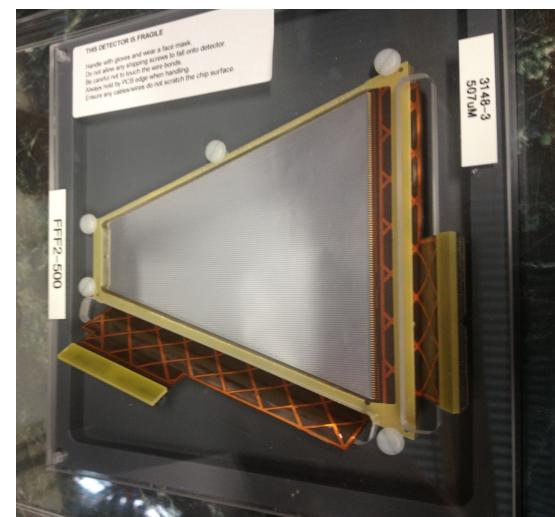
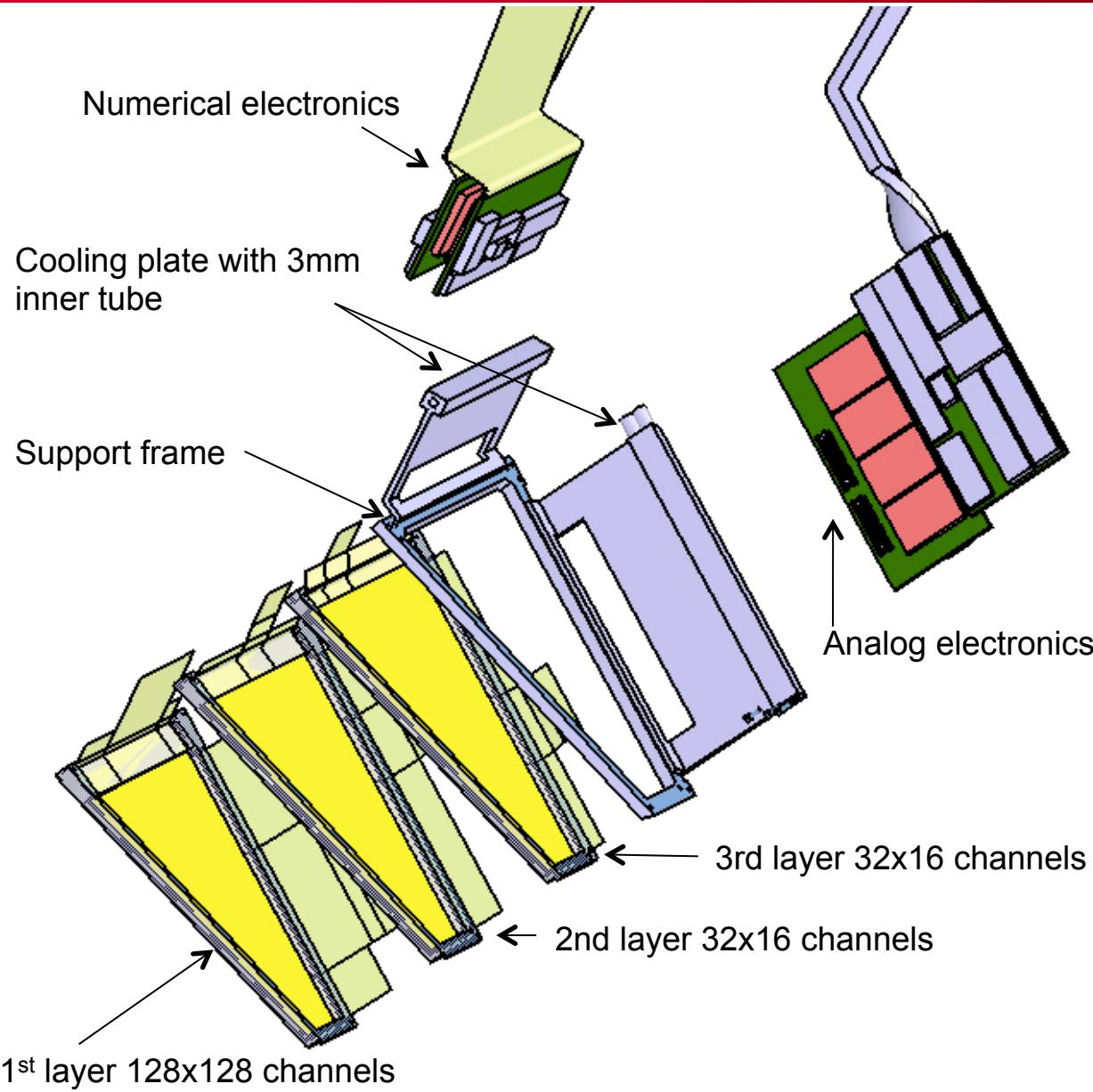


# GASPARD-TRACE

- next-generation of compact Si array
- compatible with AGATA
- driven by IPN Orsay and LNL (Italy)
- $4\pi$  Si array with new PID

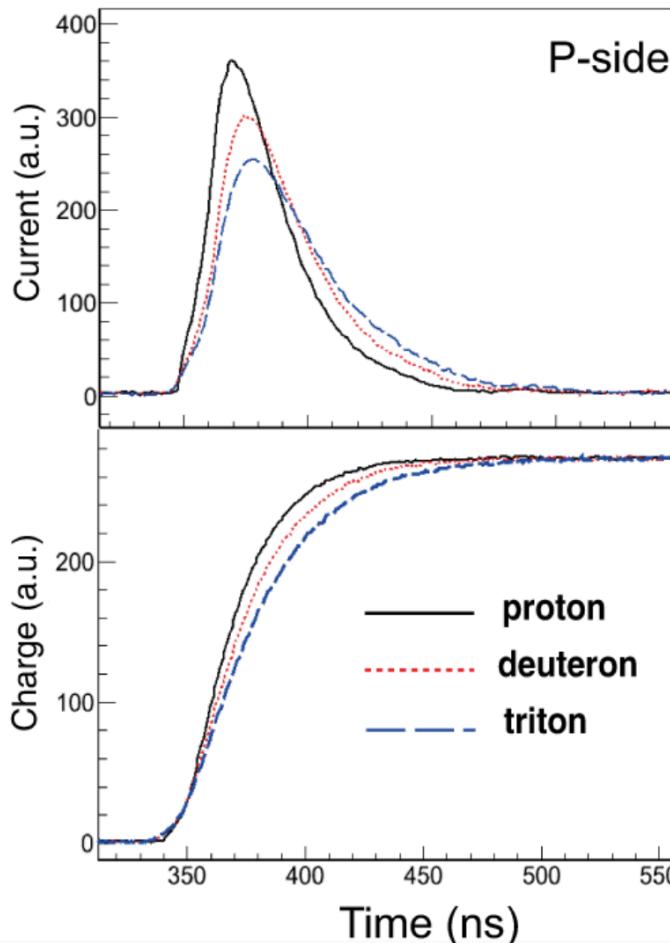


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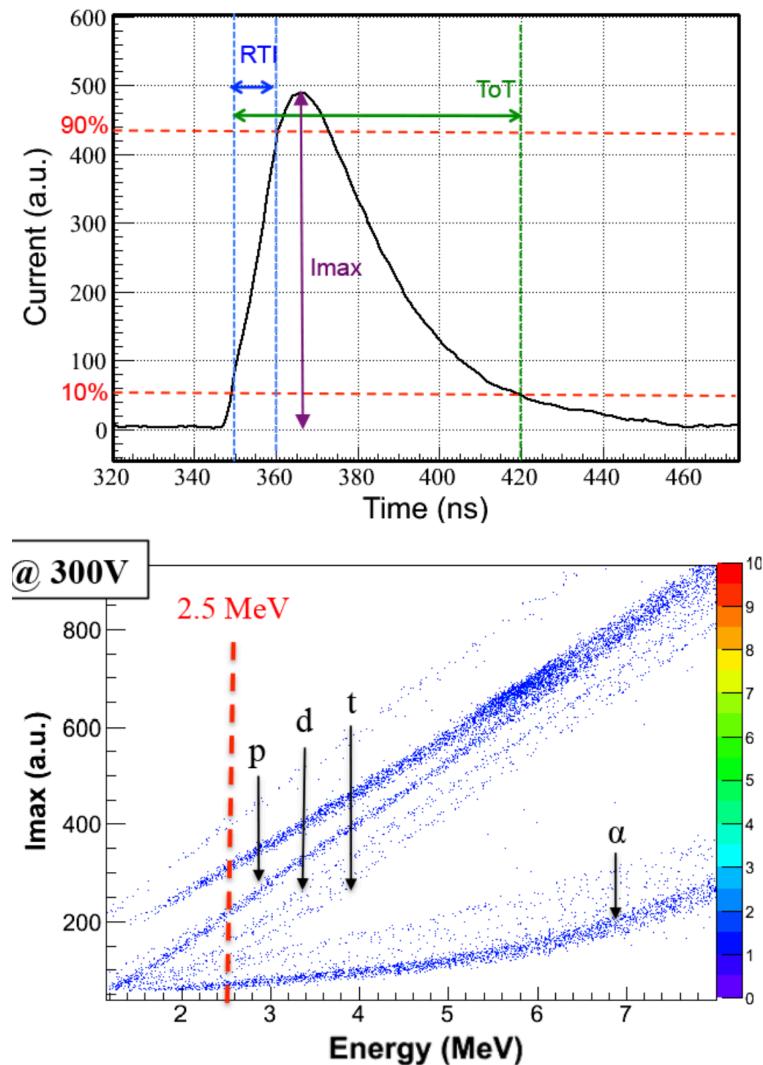


# GASPARD-TRACE

- digital electronics
- pulse-shape based PID
- demonstrated for individual strips of DSSDs



M. Assié et al., EPJA 51 11 (2015)



# CHyMENE: a pure and thin solid hydrogen target

## Objective

Solid H<sub>2</sub> or D<sub>2</sub> target 50 µm

50 µm H<sub>2</sub> = 350 µg.cm<sup>-2</sup>

Windowless

## CHyMENE specifications

Cryogenic Power: 15 W at 12 K

Extrusion speed: 2 to 10 mm/s

Correct positioning of the ribbon

Vacuum reaction chamber: 5.10<sup>-5</sup> mbar

Autonomy: At least 2 weeks

Target vertical translation: 100 mm

Target rotation: +/- 45 °

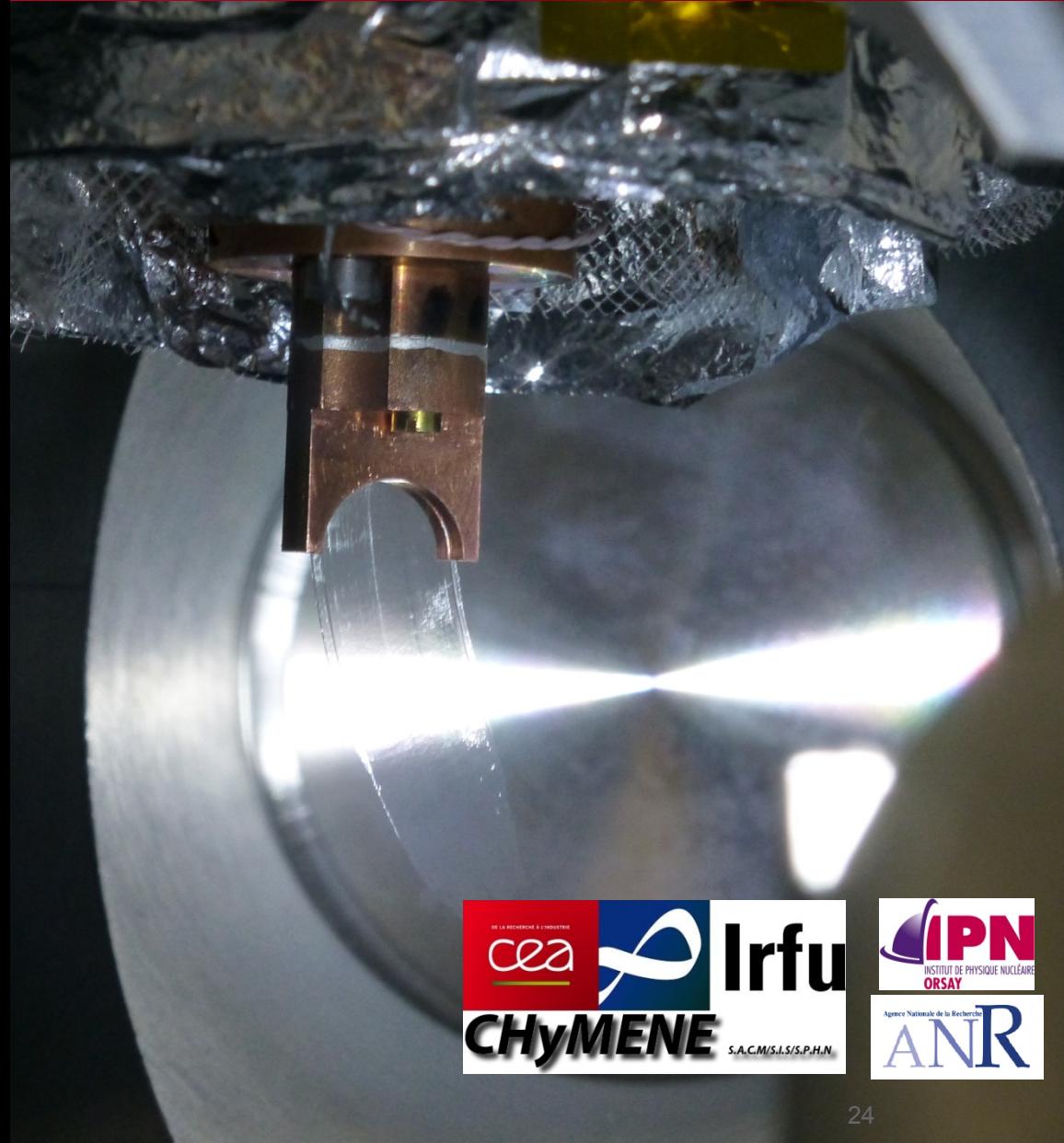
## Homogeneity

Estimated in-beam to about 10%

To be improved with current system

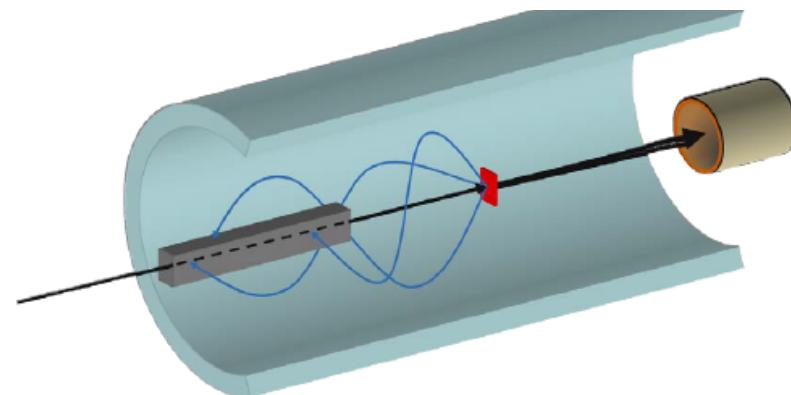
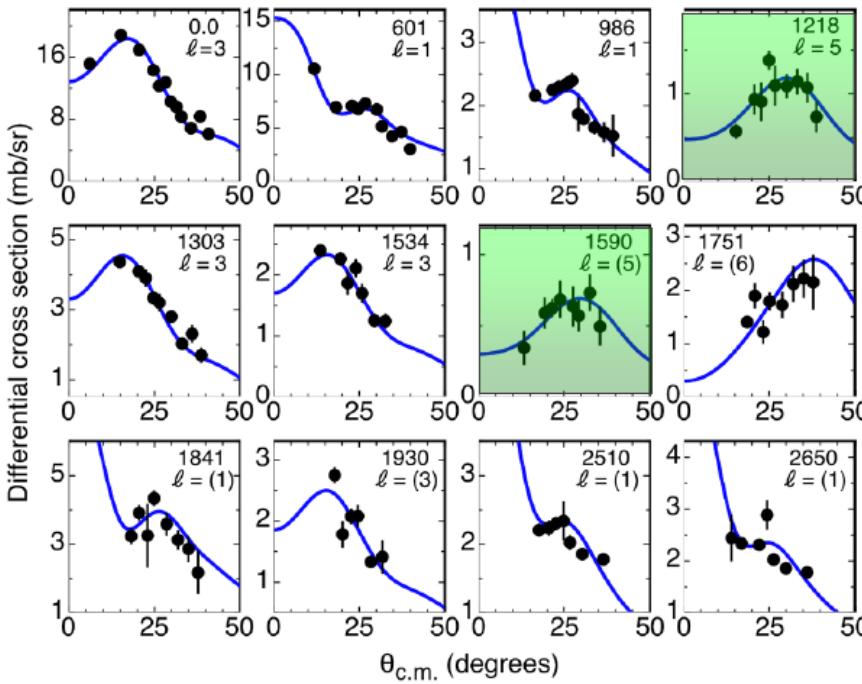
A. Gillibert *et al.*, EPJA **49** (2013).

Operational from 2017



# HELIOS

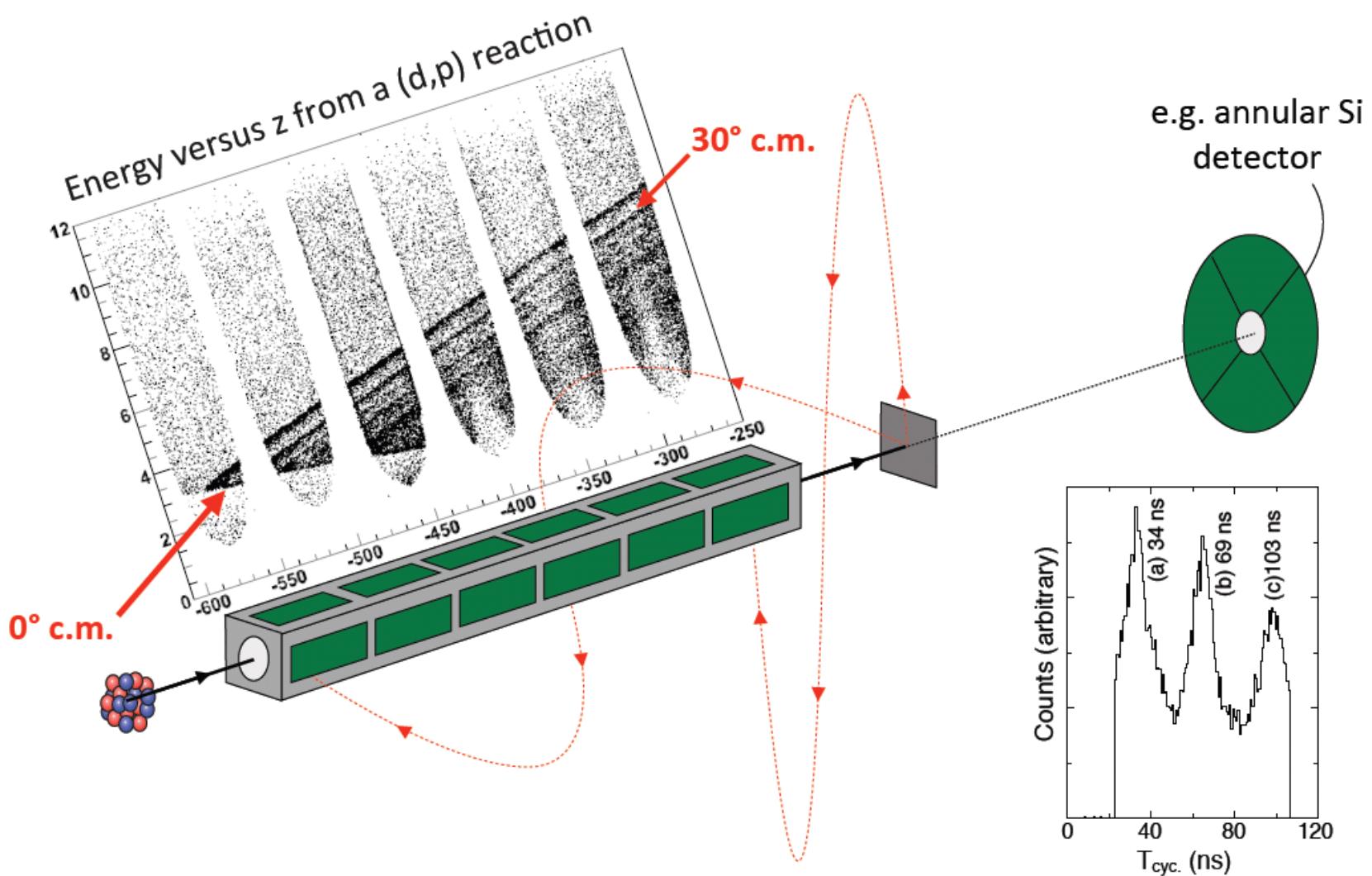
- HELIOS at ANL
- large efficiency, simple, excellent energy resolution for thin targets
- New concept based on E, ToF and magnetic field
- A. H. Wuosmaa *et al.*, NIM A 580, 1290 (2007)

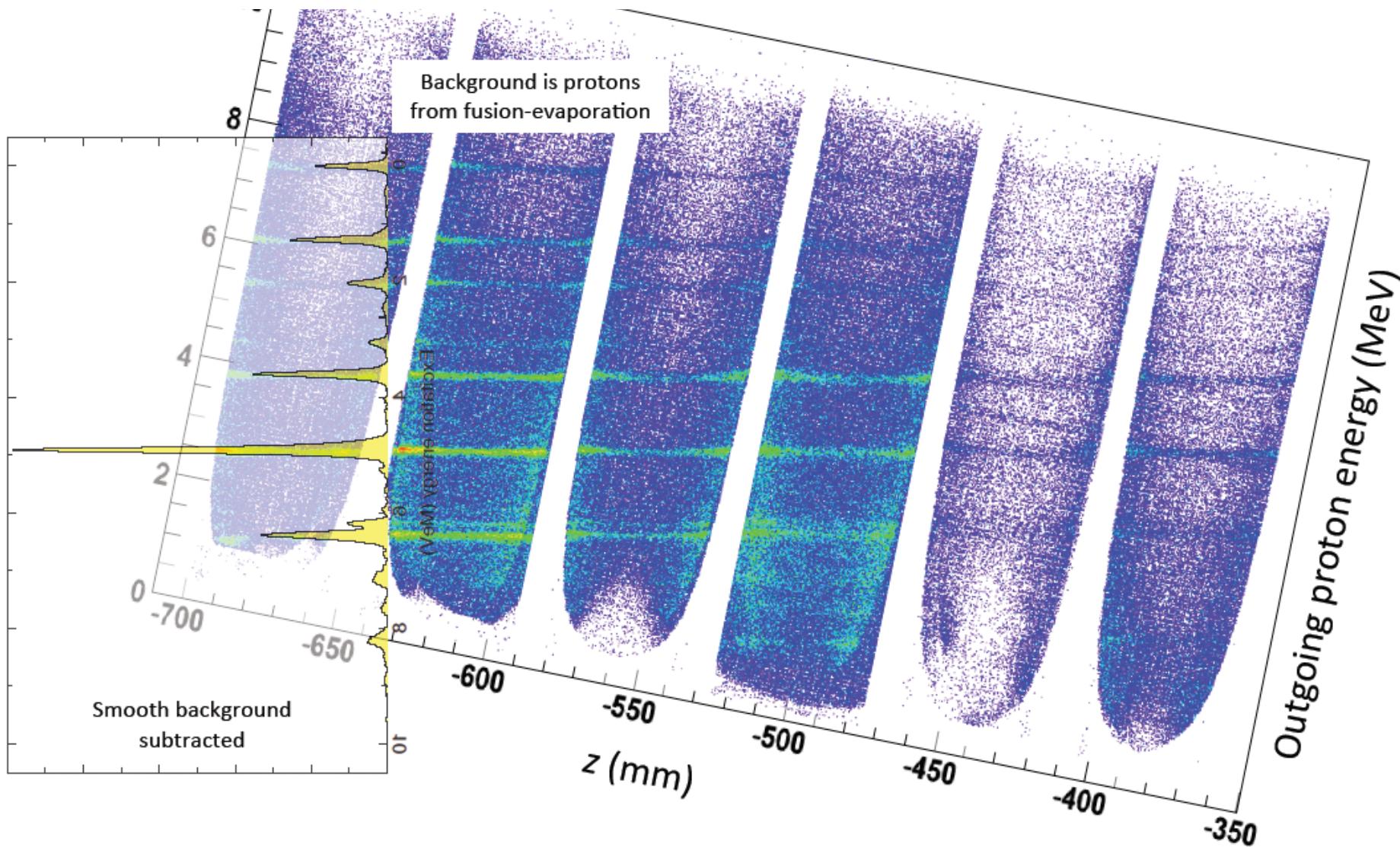


$$\frac{m}{q} = \frac{eB}{2\pi} \times T_{\text{flight}} \quad \text{Independent of energy!!}$$

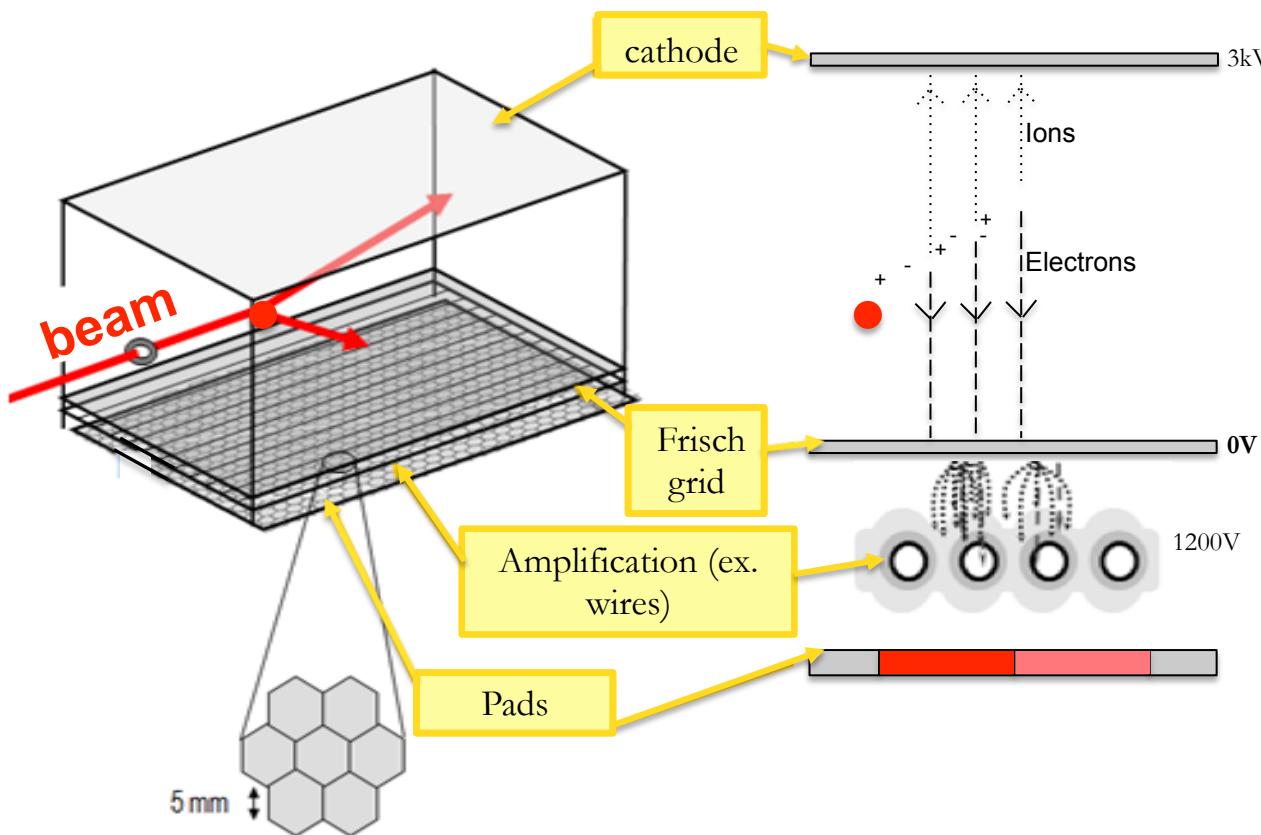
$$E_{\text{cm}} = E_{\text{lab}} + \frac{1}{2} m V_{\text{cm}}^2 - \frac{V_{\text{cm}} q e B}{2\pi} z$$

$$\theta_{\text{cm}} = \arccos \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q e B z - 2\pi m V_{\text{cm}}}{\sqrt{2mE_{\text{lab}} + m^2 V_{\text{cm}}^2 - m V_{\text{cm}} q e B z / \pi}} \right)$$





# Principle of Time Projection Chambers (TPC)



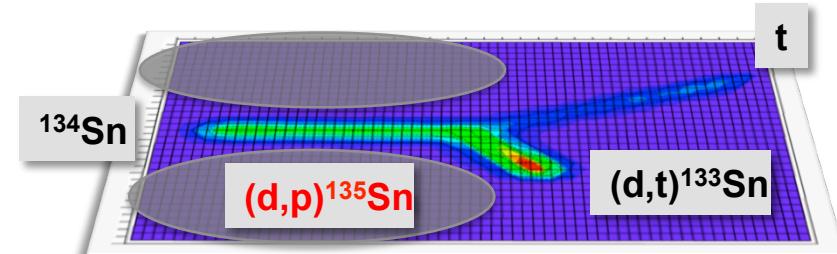
## Time Projection Chamber (TPC) :

1. The scattered deuteron or  $\alpha$  ionizes the gas
2. The electrons drift towards the Frisch grid
3. Amplification
4. Signal on each pad proportionnal to the amount of electrons

C. E. Demonchy *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. **573**, 145 (2007)

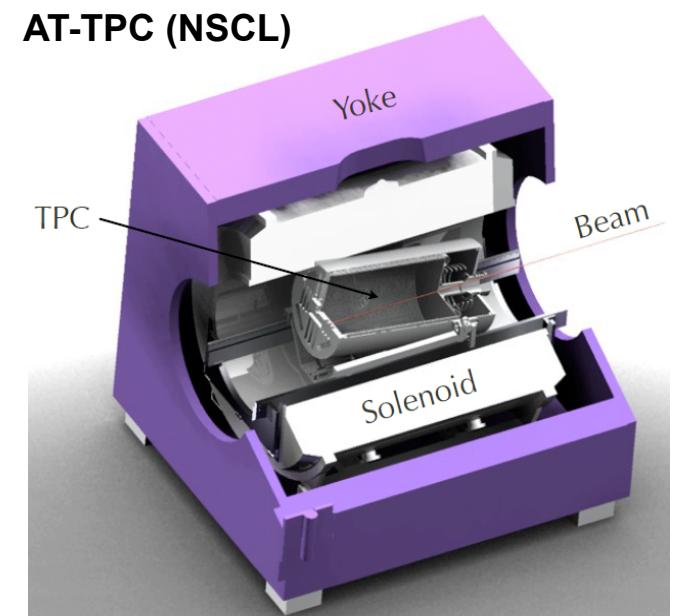
# TPCs: features and ongoing developments

- Several main advantages
  - Efficiency (factor 2-3 of gain)
  - Low thresholds
  - Thick targets (factor 5-10 of gain)
  - Angular and spatial resolution



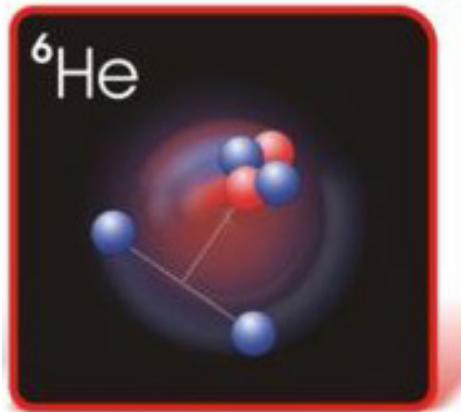
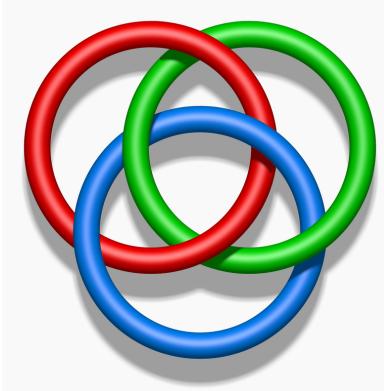
□ Wide physics cases	(MeV/u)
▪ Nucleon transfer	5-10
▪ Resonant scattering	8-10
▪ Nuclear astrophysics	10
▪ Giant resonances	50
▪ Decay (2p, β3p, ...)	>100

- Several TPCs for nuclear physics developed worldwide:
  - ACTAR (France): GANIL and Isolde
  - AT-TPC (USA): NSCL/FRIB
  - ACTAF (Russia): FAIR
  - Spirit TPC (Japan/USA): RIKEN
  - CAT (Japan): RIKEN



# Beyond single particles : few body correlations

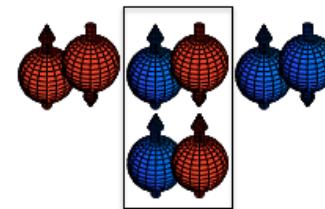
## T=1 pairing, dineutron



→ two-neutron transfer

## T=0 pairing

triplet



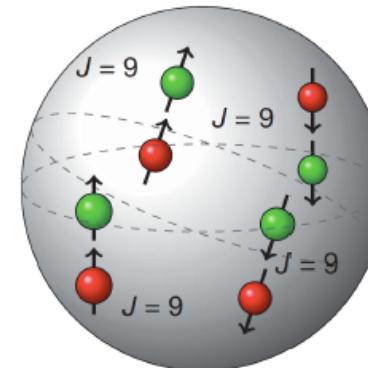
$T_z$ :

nn  
+1

np  
0

pp  
-1

Does this T=0 phase exist ?

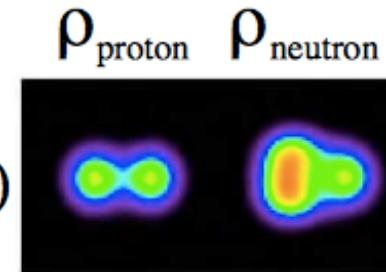


→ deuteron transfer

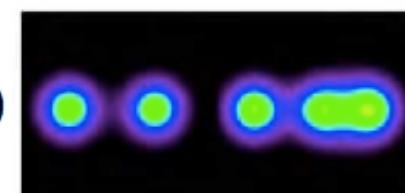
## $\alpha$ cluster states

$T=1$ ,

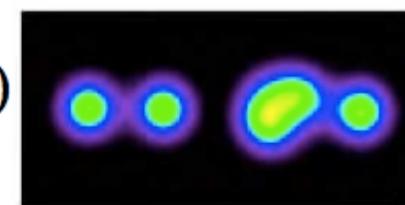
$T=0, {}^{10}\text{Be}(0_1^+)$



${}^{10}\text{Be}(0_2^+)$



${}^{10}\text{Be}(1_1^-)$



... small cross sections and more complex analysis than for one-nucleon transfer

# Interplay of structure and reaction: a challenge

- **Unitary transform and scale dependence of operators:**

Unitary transform  $U(s)$  ( $U^+(s)U(s)=1$ ) define equivalent Hamiltonians:

$$H(s) = U(s)HU^+(s) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} H(s)|\psi_k^A(s)\rangle = E_k^A |\psi_k^A(s)\rangle \\ |\psi_k^A(s)\rangle = U(s)|\psi_k^A\rangle \end{cases}$$

Observables  $\hat{O}(s) = U(s)\hat{O}U^+(s)$  lead to  $\langle\psi_k^A(s)|\hat{O}(s)|\psi_k^A(s)\rangle = \langle\psi_k^A|\hat{O}_k^A|\psi_k^A\rangle = O_k^A$

- **Not transforming an operator leads to a non observable quantity**

i.e. spectroscopic amplitudes vary under  $U(s)$  and or not observables

i.e. impulse approximation is  $s$  dependent

- **What would be the proper (ideal) way then?**

- 1) Define resolution scale  $s$  and specify  $H(s)$
- 2) Resolve the many-body (target+projectile) using  $H(s)$
- 3) Validate theoretical cross sections against measured values
- 4) Extract scale dependent SFs  $S(s)$  or SPEs  $e(s)$  from many-body structure calculation

- **The deuteron D-wave** (possible puzzling) example: D-wave component **not an observable**  
Unitary transform dependence of the wave function and operators

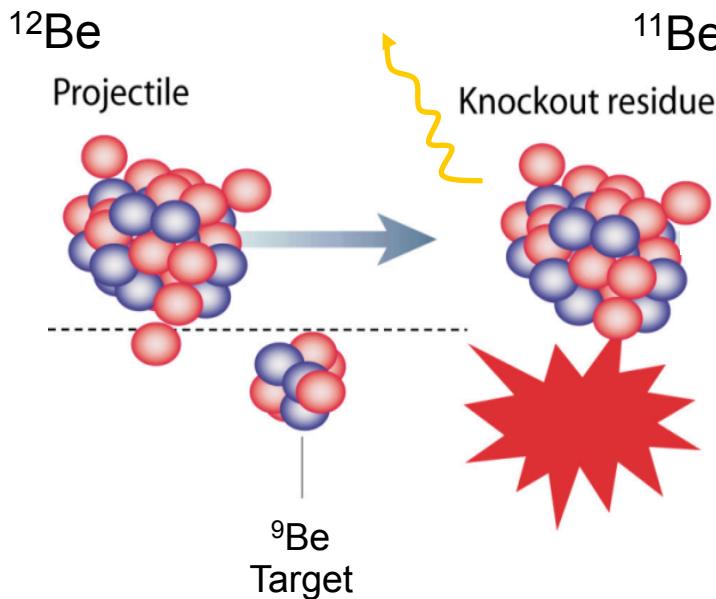
R.D. Amado, PRC **19**, 473 (1979), J.L. Friar, PRC **20**, 325 (1979)

S.N. More et al., Phys. Rec. C **92**, 064002 (2015)

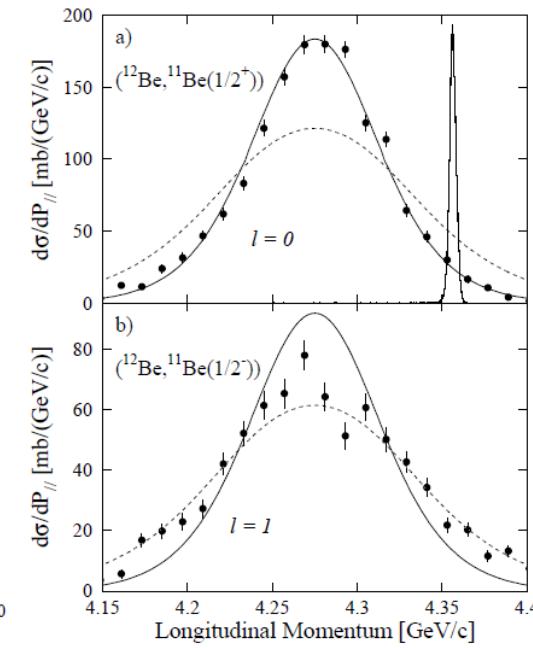
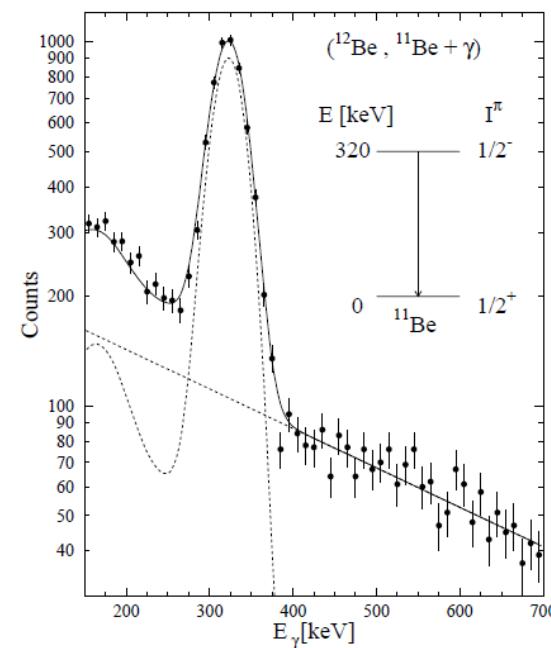
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  - Short Range Correlations (SRC) and spectroscopic strength reduction
  - Deeply-bound nucleon removal

# Inclusive knockout reactions

- **Inclusive** = detection of the projectile-like residue  
[what happens to the removed nucleon or target is unknown]
- **In-beam gamma spectroscopy** to tag final states (« **exclusive** » cross sections)
- Strong advantages for RIB: (i) **large cross sections** (1-100 mb), (ii) **thick targets** can be used

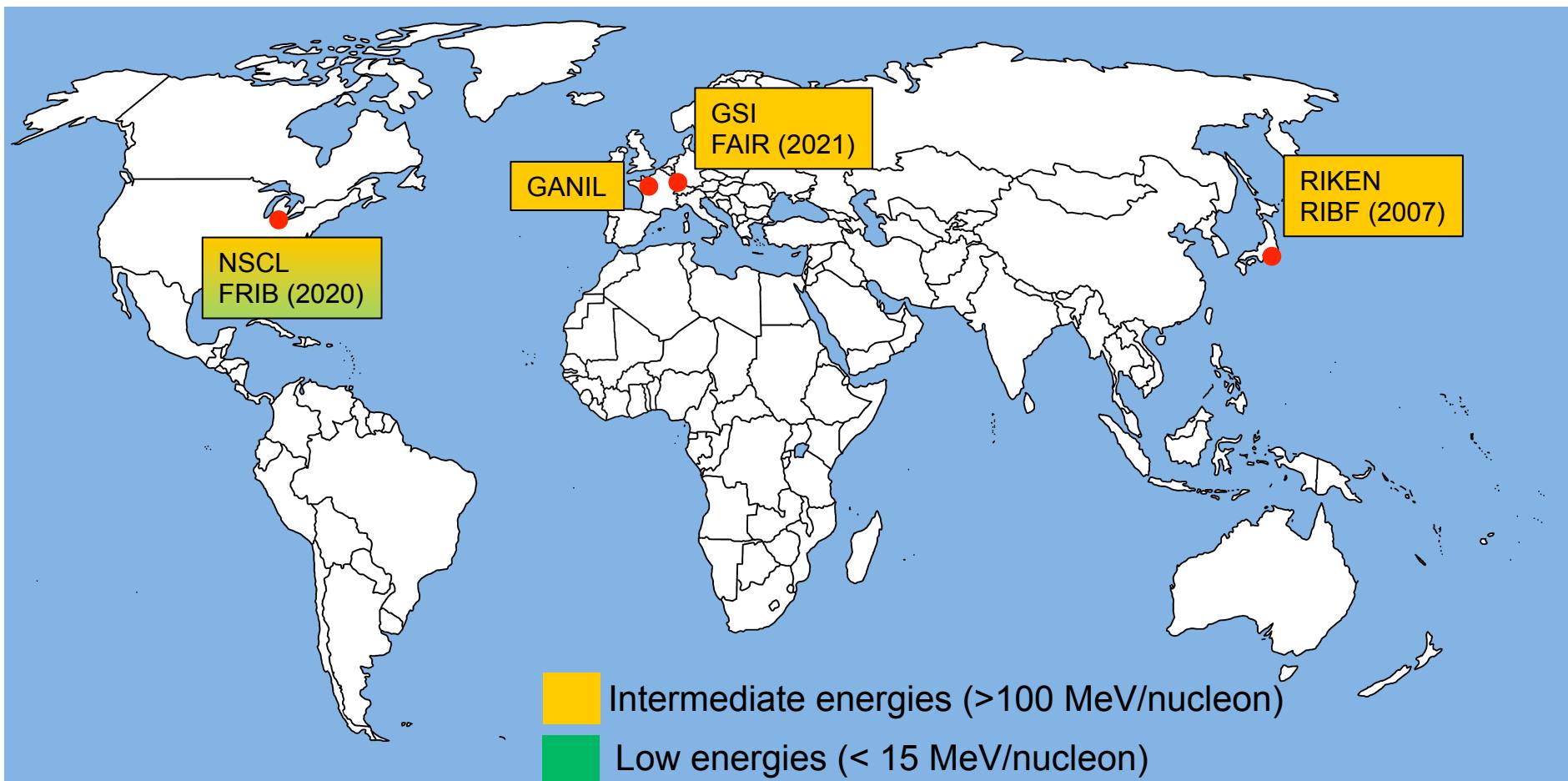


2000 pps  
80 MeV/nucleon, NSCL

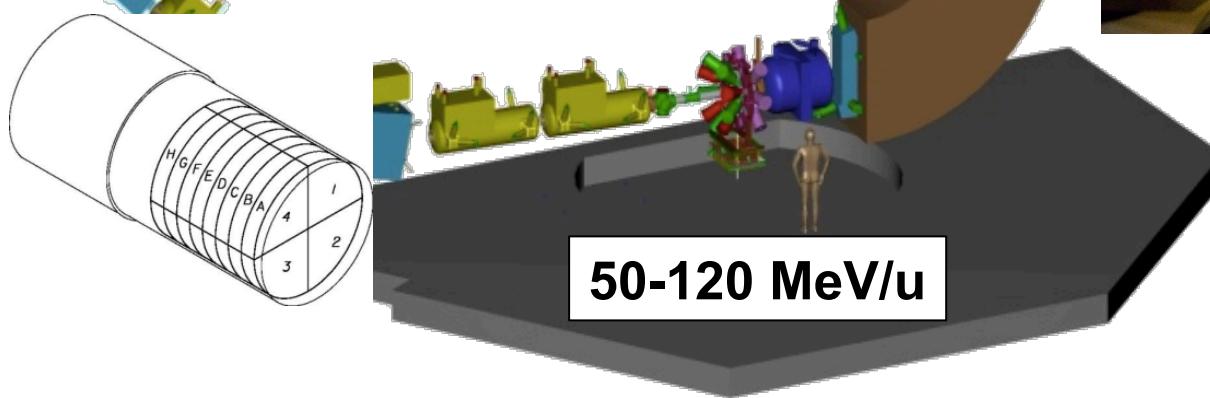
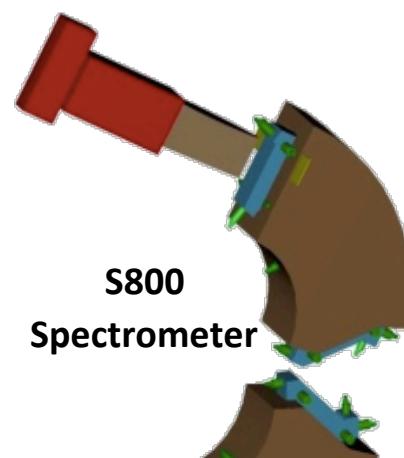
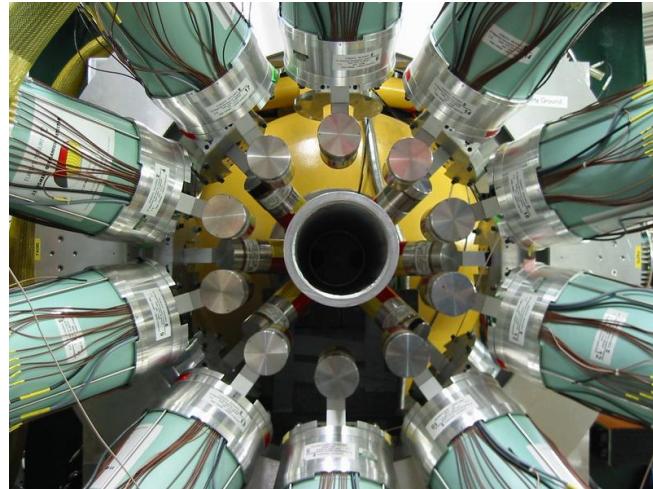


A. Navin *et al.*, PRL 85 (2000)

# Leading fragmentation RIB facilities in the world



# Example of setup: SeGA/GRETINA + S800 @ NSCL



**GRETINA=** US Ge array  
new generation / tracking  
(like AGATA in Europe)

**SeGa**=18 HPGe detectors

- Resolution=2-4% @ 1 MeV  $\beta=0.4$
- $\epsilon=2.5\%$  @ 1 MeV and  $\beta=0.4$

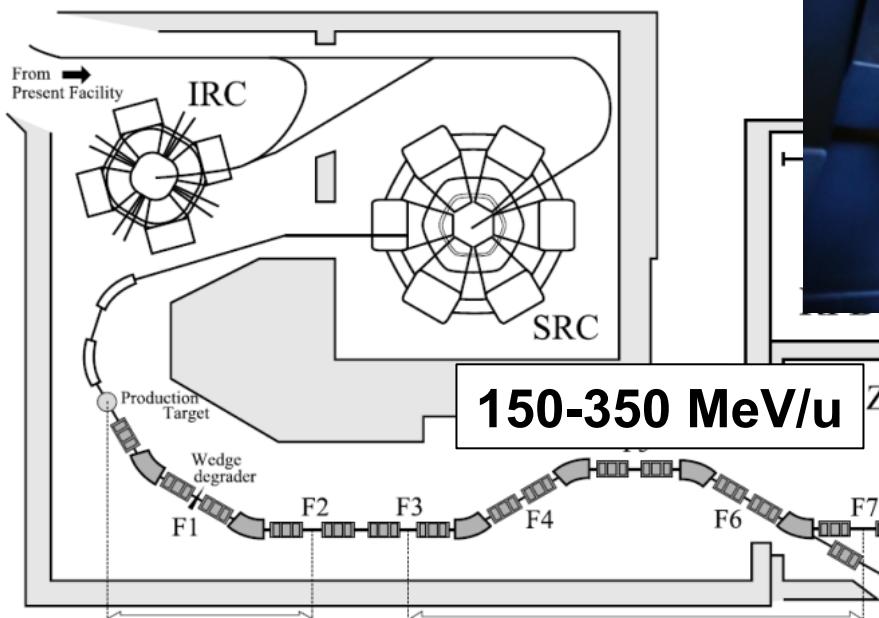
**GRETINA=Greta@MSU (2013-2014):**

- 7 quadruplets x 4 HPGe crystals
- Resolution 1% FWHM @ 1 MeV and  $\beta=0.4$
- $\epsilon=9\%$  @ 1 MeV and  $\beta=0.4$

# Another experimental setup: DALI2 @ RIBF

DALI2=186 NaI(Tl) crystals

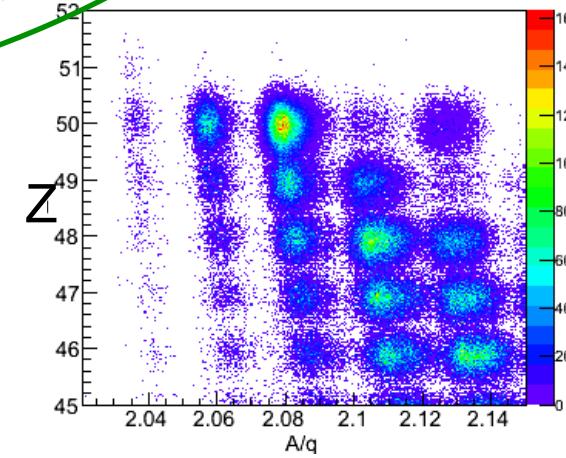
- Resolution=10% @ 1 MeV  $\beta=0.6$
- $\varepsilon=20\%$  @ 1 MeV and  $\beta=0.6$



## ZeroDegree Spectrometer

- Momentum acceptance:  $\pm 3\%$
- High resolution:  $P/DP \approx 6000$

T. Takeuchi *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A **763** (2014)

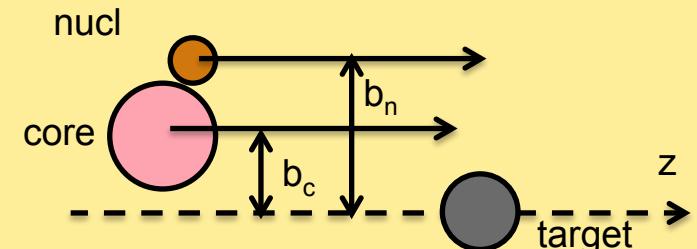


# Eikonal approximation, S matrix and knockout

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = s(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\text{and } S(\vec{r}) = e^{-i\frac{\mu}{\hbar^2 k} \int_{-\infty}^z U(\sqrt{b^2 + z'^2}) dz'} \quad \text{with } b = r_\perp$$

**Eikonal approximation: straight line**



**Single-particle cross section**

$$\sigma_{sp}(n\ell j) = \sigma_{sp}^{strip}(n\ell j) + \sigma_{sp}^{diff}(n\ell j)$$

**Stripping cross section** (the target is excited)

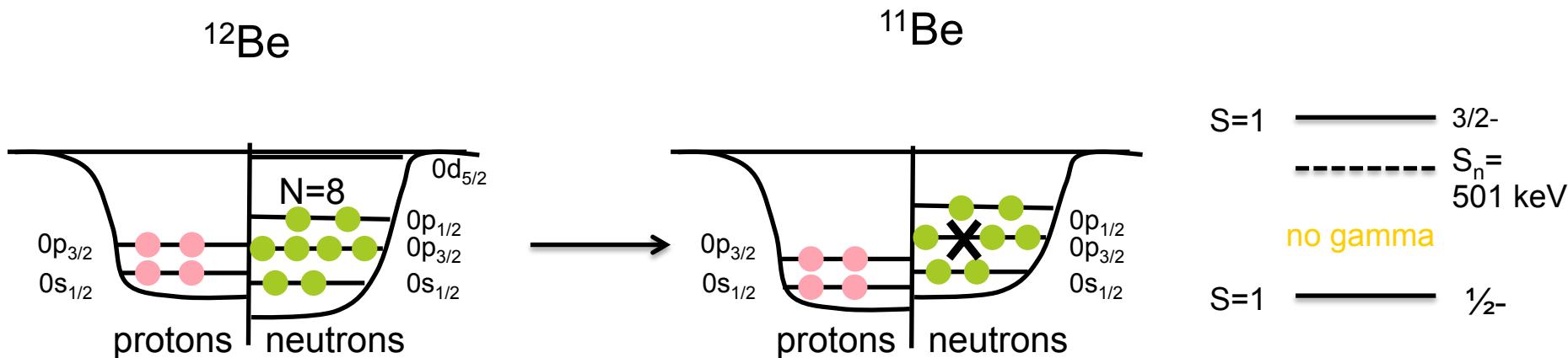
$$\sigma^{strip} = 2\pi \int_0^\infty b db \int d^3r \left| \phi_{n\ell j}(\vec{r}) \right|^2 \left| S_{core}(\vec{b}_c) \right|^2 (1 - \left| S_{nucl}(\vec{b}_n) \right|^2)$$

↑                      ↑  
Core « survives » × Nucleon « adsorbed »

**Diffractive cross section** (the target remains in its ground state)

$$\sigma_{diff} = 2\pi \int b db \left\langle \phi_0 \left| S_{core} S_{nucl} \right|^2 \phi_0 \right\rangle - \left| \left\langle \phi_0 \left| S_{core} S_{nucl} \right| \phi_0 \right\rangle \right|^2$$

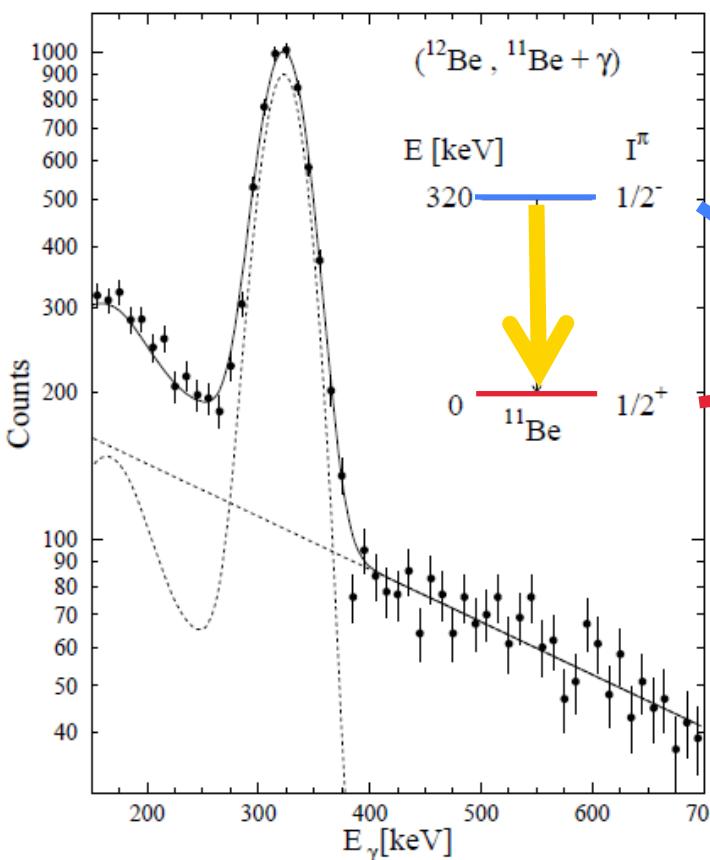
# Breakdown of the N=8 shell closure



First guess assuming N=8 shell closure  
**... but  $^{11}\text{Be}$  has a low excited state at 320 keV**

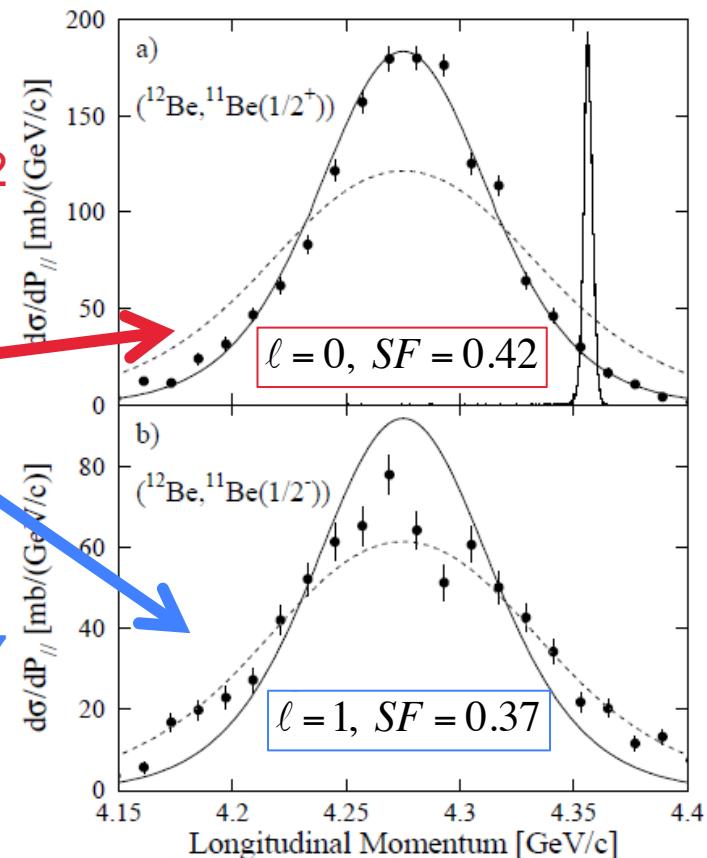
$^{12}\text{Be}(^9\text{Be}, X)^{11}\text{Be}$  at 80 MeV/nucleon

# Breakdown of the N=8 shell closure



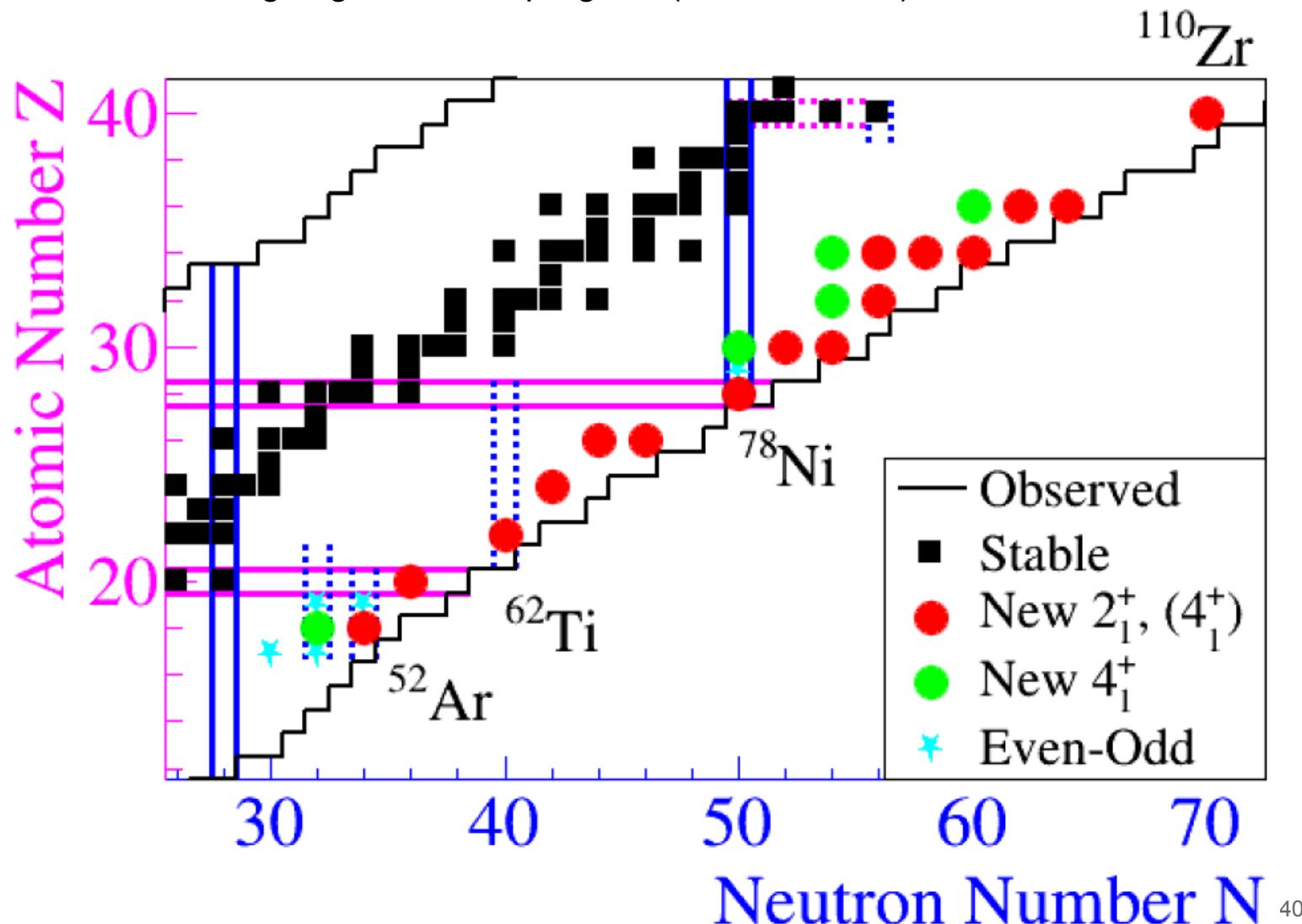
$\sigma_{1/2^+} = 32(5) \text{ mb}$   
 $\sigma_{\text{eik}}(l=0) = 76 \text{ mb}$   
 $\rightarrow SF = 32/75 = 0.42$

$\sigma_{1/2^-} = 17(3) \text{ mb}$   
 $\sigma_{\text{eik}}(l=1) = 47 \text{ mb}$   
 $\rightarrow SF = 17/47 = 0.37$

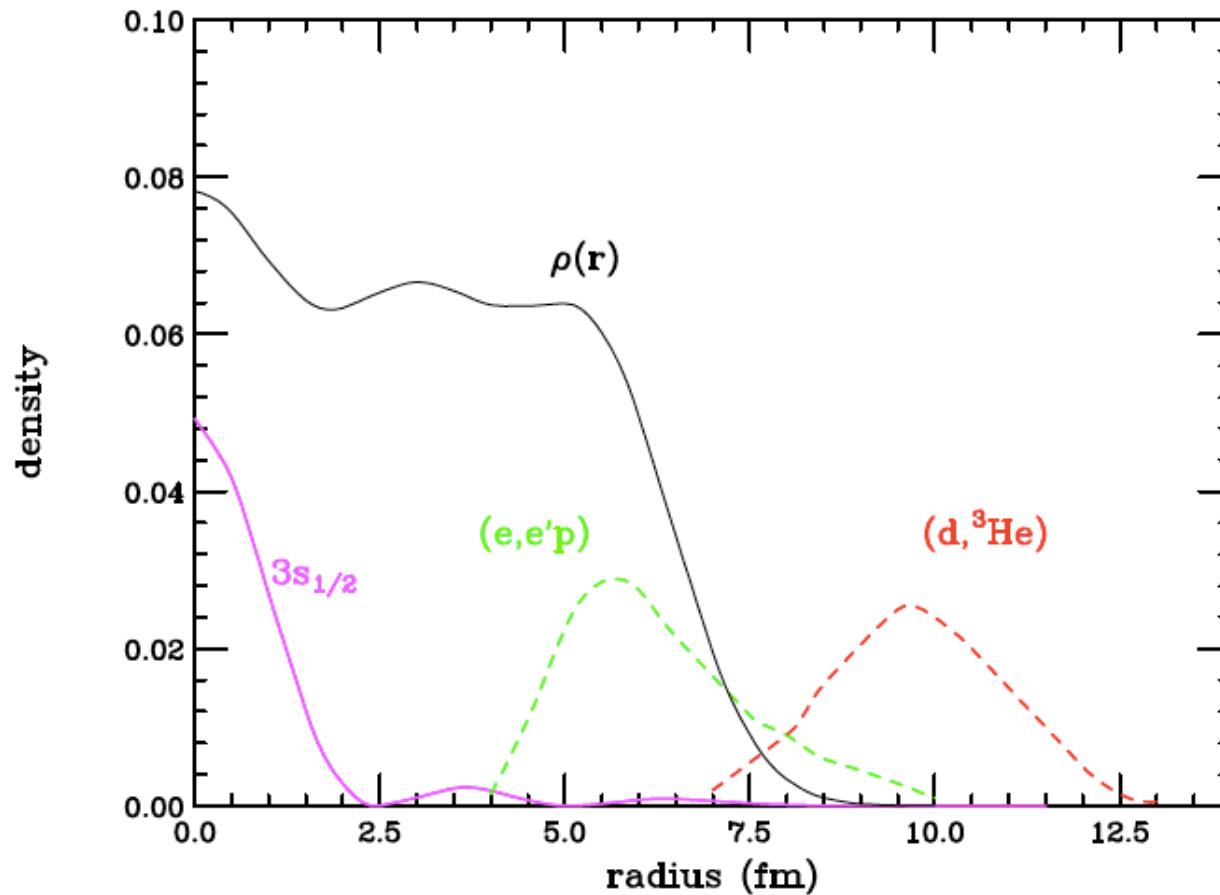


# In-beam $\gamma$ spectroscopy of exotic nuclei today

- RIBF best facility to explore very neutron rich nuclei
- Ongoing dedicated program (see Lecture 3)

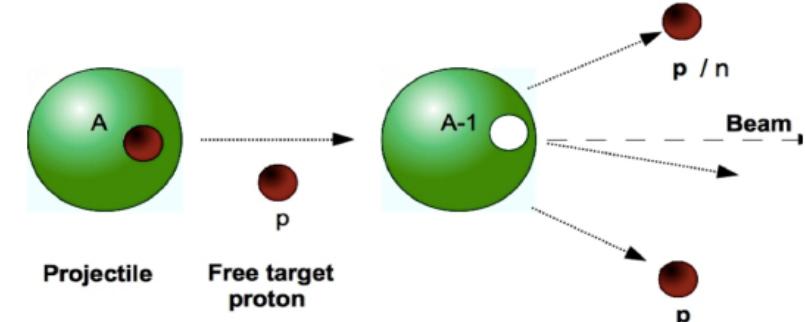
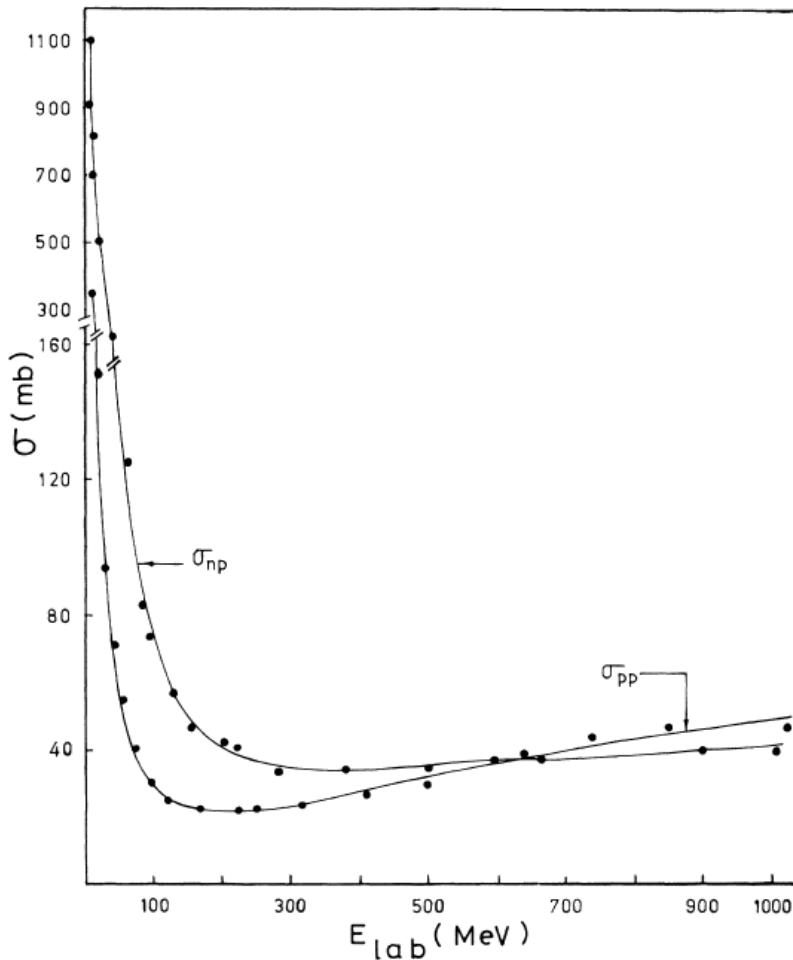


# Particle spectroscopy at intermediate energies



- **Missing mass:** absolute excitation energy, differential cross section
- **( $e, e'p$ ) best spectroscopic tool** proton stripping (electromagnetic interaction)
- Large momentum transfer: minimize final state interactions
- $(e, e'p)$  = not sensitive to neutron, not possible with short-lived nuclei
- **Exclusive ( $p, 2p$ ):** best (almost ideal) tool!

# Proton-induced quasifree scattering



**Distorted-wave Impulse Approximation:**

$$T_{p,pN} = \sqrt{S_{nlj}} \left\langle \chi_{k'_p}^{(-)} \chi_{k_N}^{(-)} \left| \tau_{pN} \right| \chi_{k_p}^{(+)} \phi_{nlj} \right\rangle$$

- **(p,2p) exclusive quasifree scattering** expected to be a clean high energy probe
- In inverse kinematics: best energies **from 300/nucleon to 1 GeV/nucleon to minimize FSI**
- Only one RIB facility in the world: GSI and FAIR in the near future

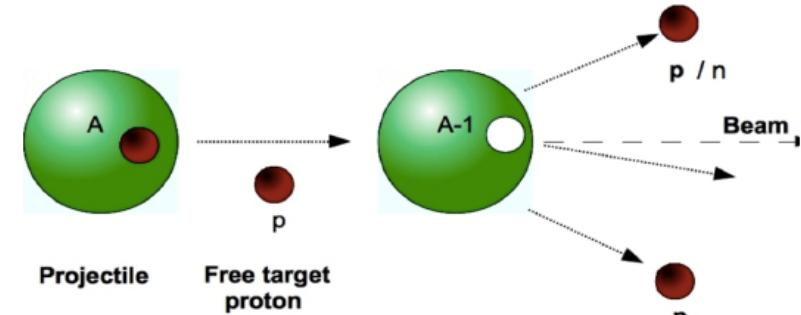
# ( $p, 2p$ ) quasifree scattering

## Kinematics (missing mass technique)

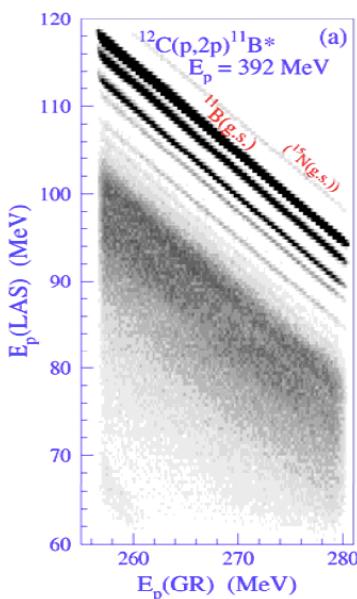
$$\vec{q}_\perp = +\vec{p}_{1\perp} + \vec{p}_{2\perp}$$

$$\vec{q}_{\parallel} = \frac{(\vec{p}_{1\parallel} + \vec{p}_{2\parallel}) - \gamma\beta(M_A - M_{A-1})}{\gamma}$$

$$E_s = T_0 - \gamma(T_1 + T_2) - 2(\gamma - 1)m_p + \beta\gamma(\vec{p}_{1\parallel} + \vec{p}_{2\parallel}) - \frac{q^2}{2M_{A-1}}$$

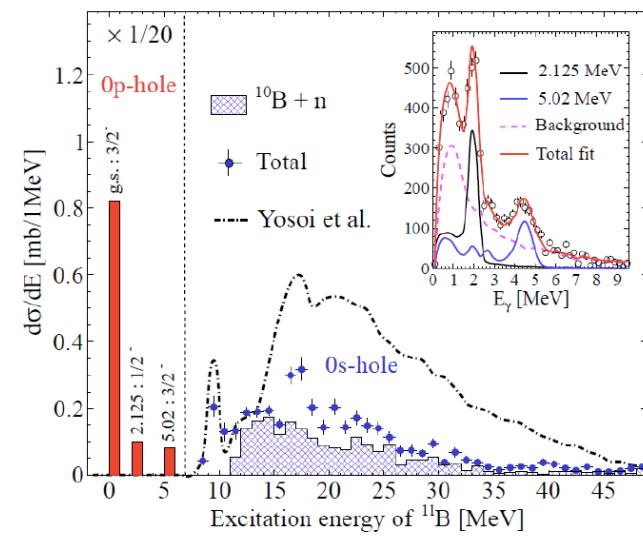
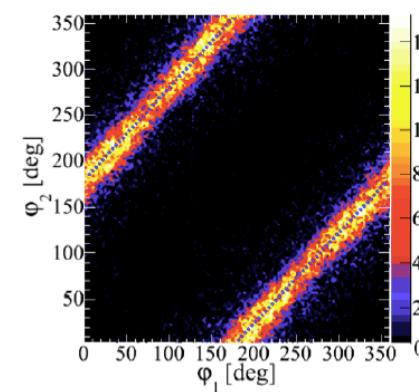


Direct kinematics  $^{12}\text{C}(p, 2p)^{11}\text{B}^*$ , RCNP (Japan)



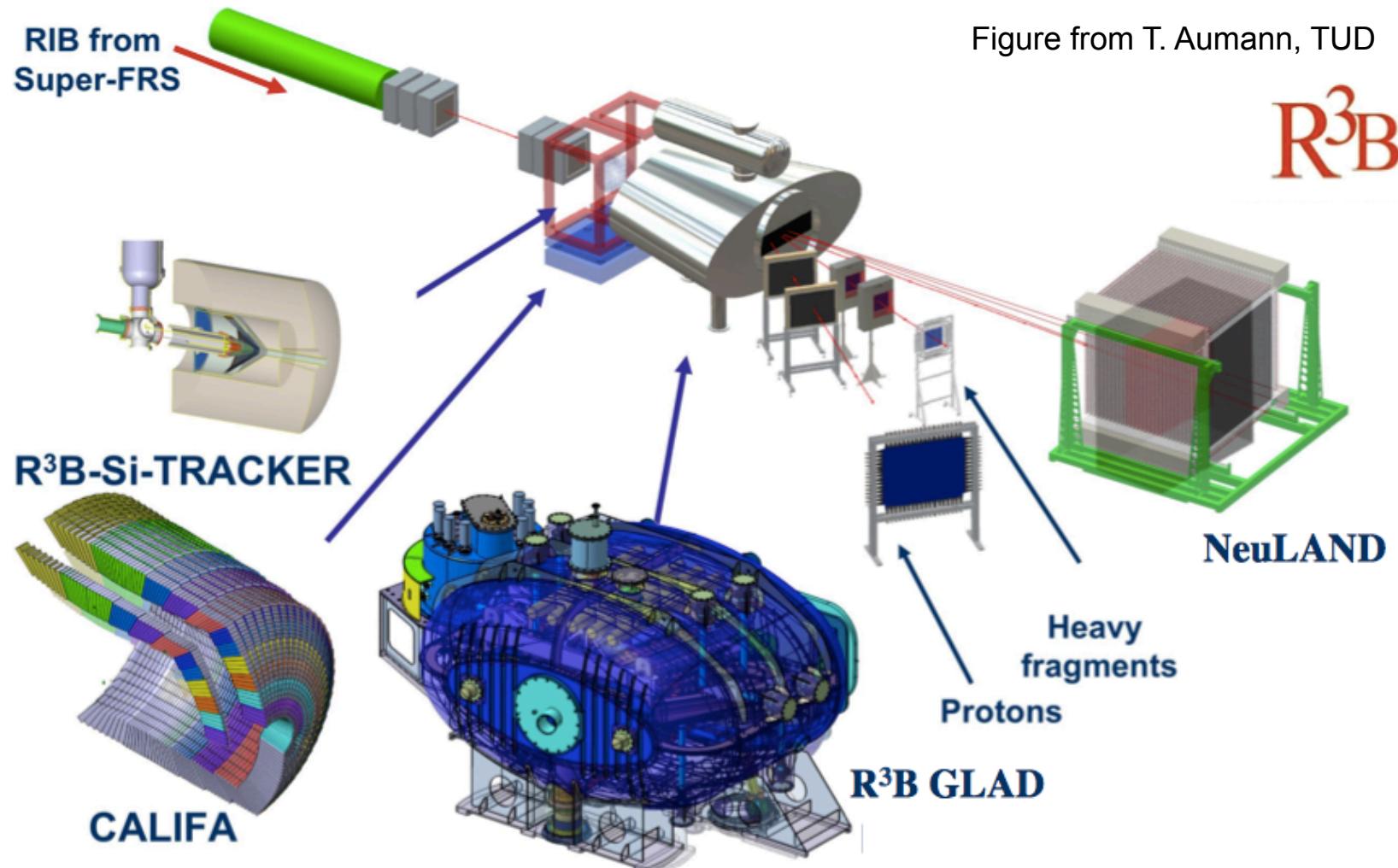
M. Yosoi et al., NPA 738, 451 (2004)

Inverse kinematics,  $^{12}\text{C}(p, 2p)$ , GSI .. towards R3B@FAIR



V. Panin et al., PLB 753, 204 (2016)

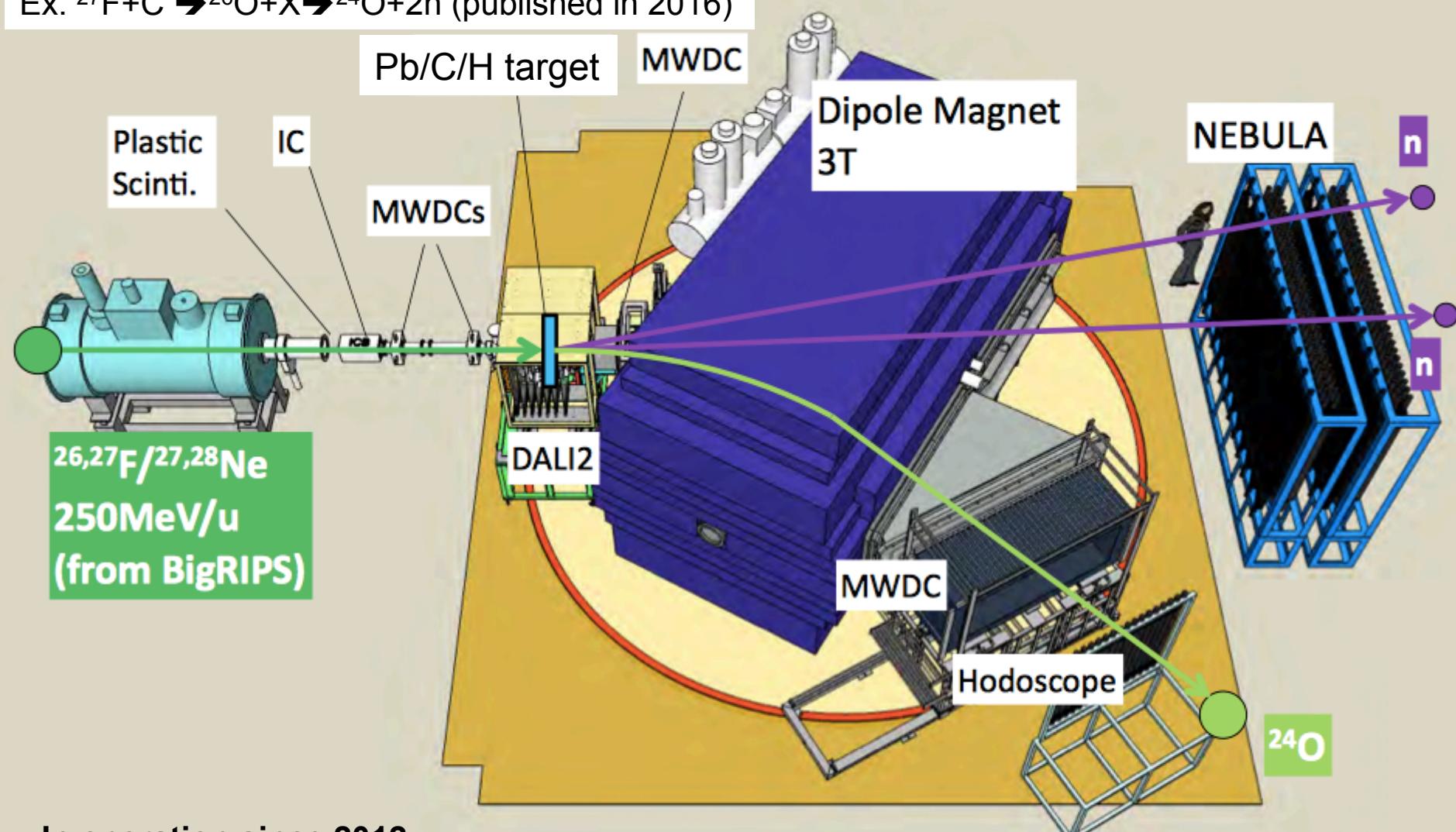
# The R3B project at GSI/FAIR



- GLAD magnet installed, detection (partly) exists
- First experiments foreseen in 2018

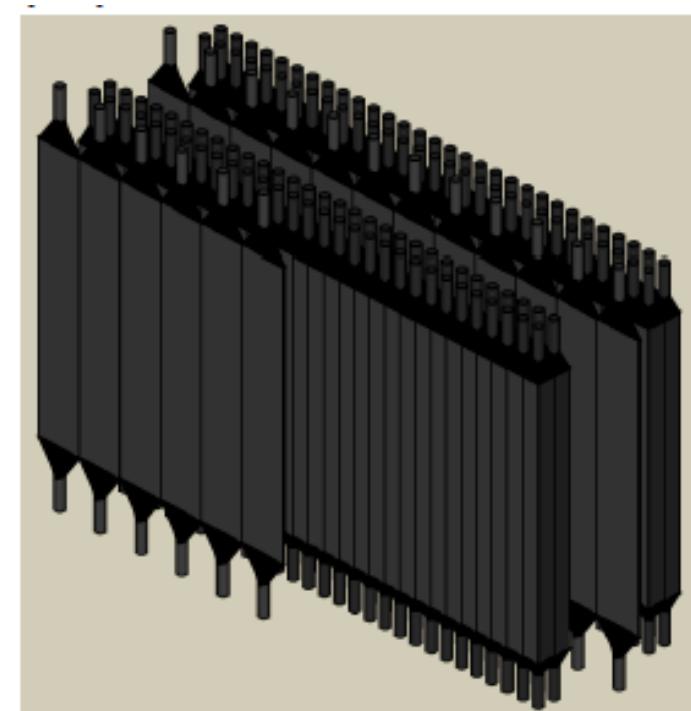
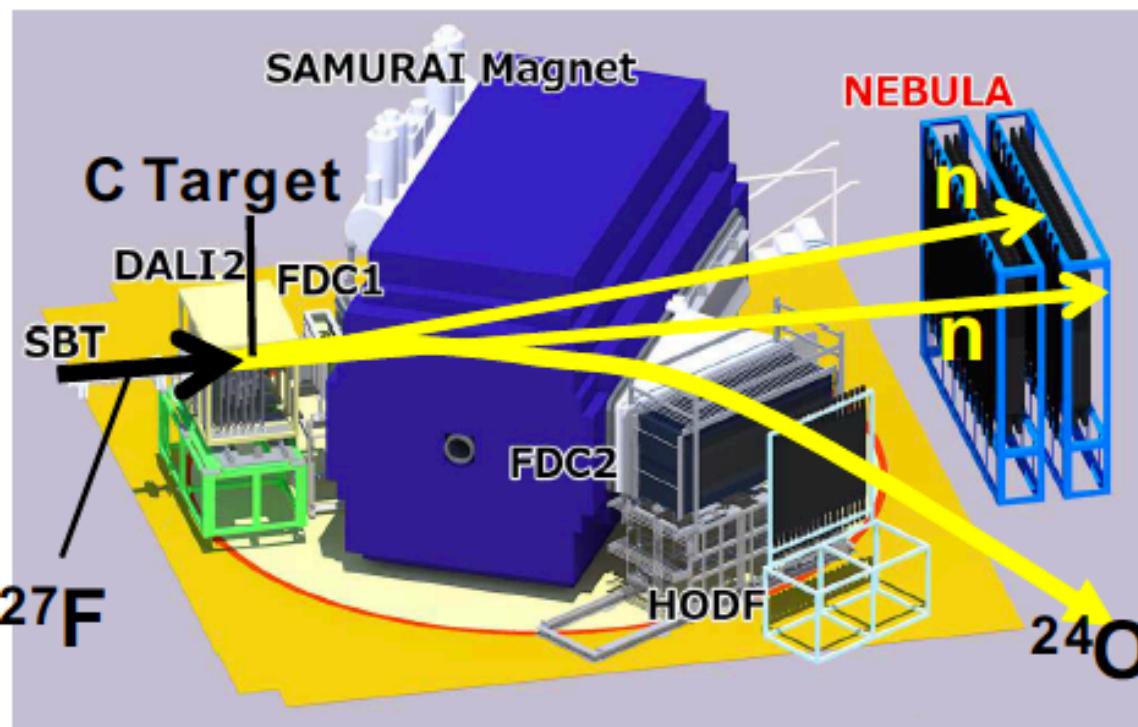
# Similar-concept setup at the RIBF: SAMURAI

Ex.  $^{27}\text{F} + \text{C} \rightarrow ^{26}\text{O} + \text{X} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{O} + 2\text{n}$  (published in 2016)



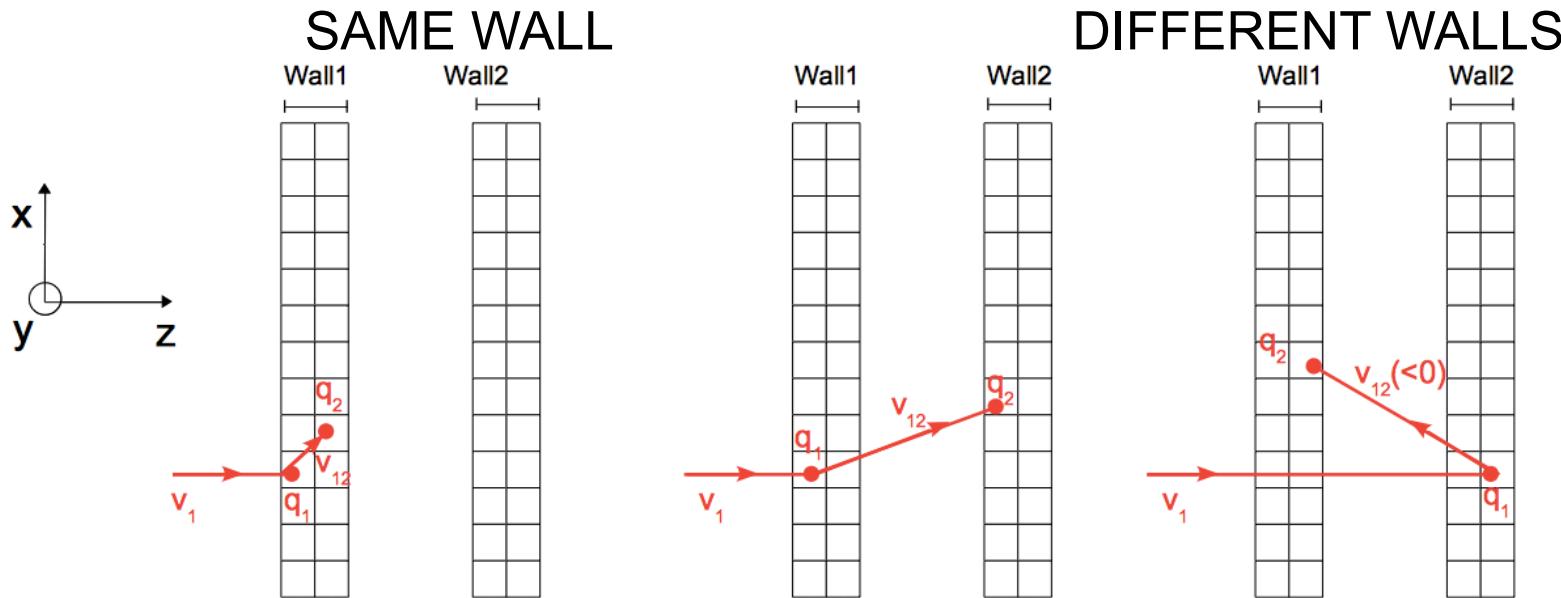
In operation since 2012

# Neutron detection



- Plastic scintillator, detection based on neutron scattering on Hydrogen atoms
- 1 wall: 60 detectors ( $12 \times 12 \times 180\text{cm}^3$ ) + 12 veto counters (to reject charge particles)
- Neutron energy determined via ToF,  $\sim 100$  ps time resolution
- With 2 walls: 40% efficiency for 1 n
- Multi –neutron detection capability

# Neutron detection

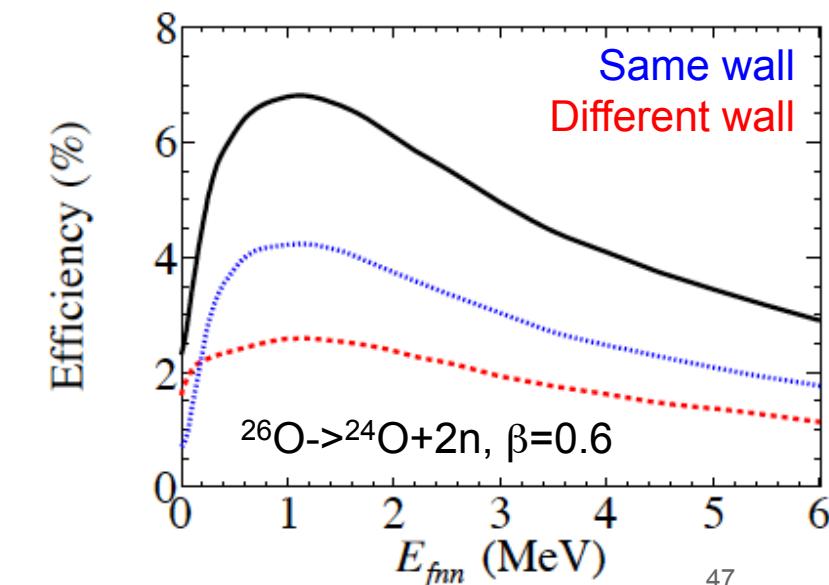


Same wall event → position information

- 2 hits are regarded as 1 hit if positions are close
- lose efficiency for small  $E_{\text{rel}}$

Different wall event → velocity information

- the event is true if  $\beta_{12} > \beta_1$   
– because crosstalk neutron must be slow
- can measure up to  $E_{\text{rel}} \sim 0$



- **NeuLAND** = High resolution fast neutron ToF spectrometer for R3B

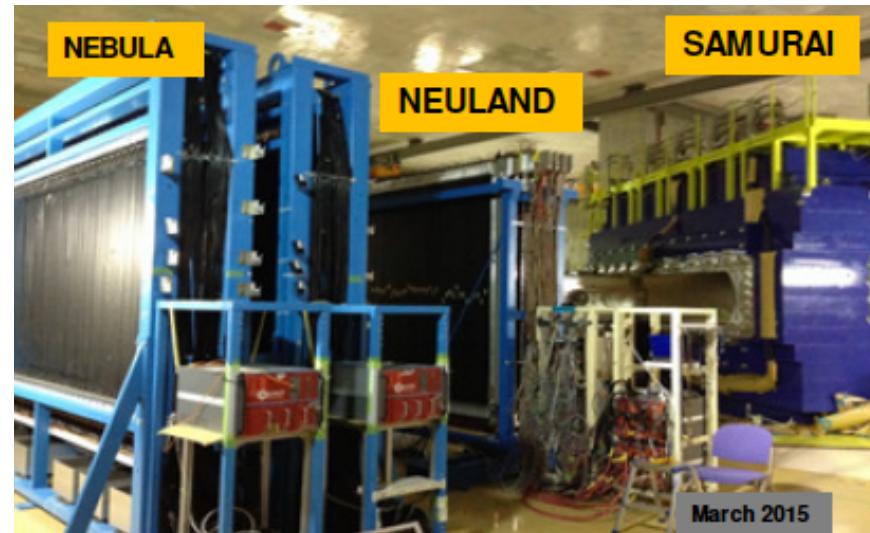
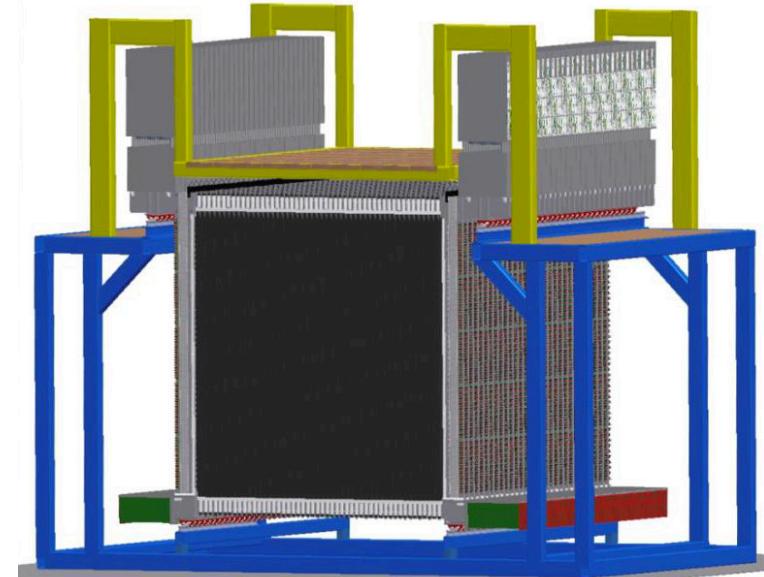
- **Characteristics**

- Efficiency 1n: 90% @ ~200MeV  
95% @ 1.0GeV
- 60% efficiency for 4n
- Separation up to 5 neutrons

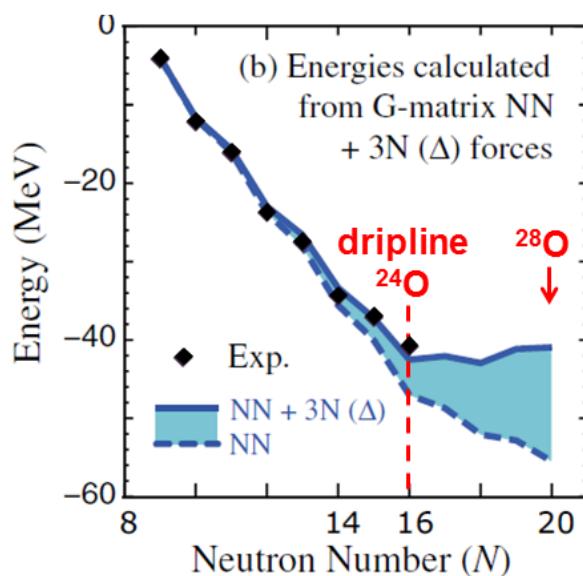
- **Technical specifications**

- Fully active plastic detector
- 3000 scintillator bars, 2.5m x 5cm x 5cm
- 6000 PMTs
- Each plane = 50 bars, two crossed planes form a double plane → 30 double planes
- Double planes act as modules, dedicated readout electronics and HV separable
- Full WxHxD = 2.5m x 2.5m x 3m

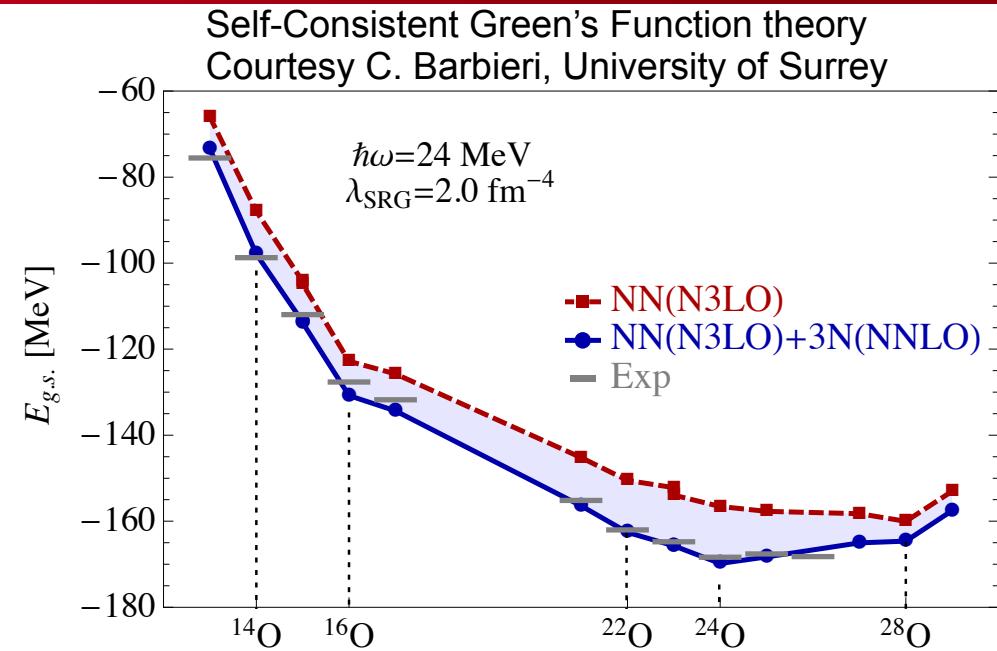
- Successfully used at RIKEN (2015-2017)
- RIBF: 4 double planes used



# Invariant mass spectroscopy beyond the dripline



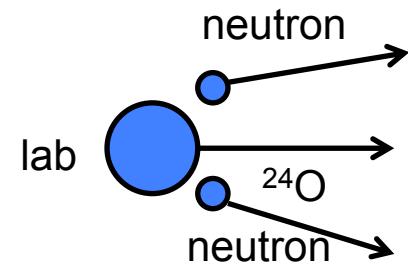
T. Otsuka *et al.*, PRL 105, 032501 (2010)



- Dripline location along the oxygen isotopes explained by 3N forces
- Separation energy accessible by INARIANT MASS technique:

$$M^2 c^2 = \left( \sum_i |\vec{P}_i|^2 \right) = (mc^2 + E^*)^2 / c^2$$

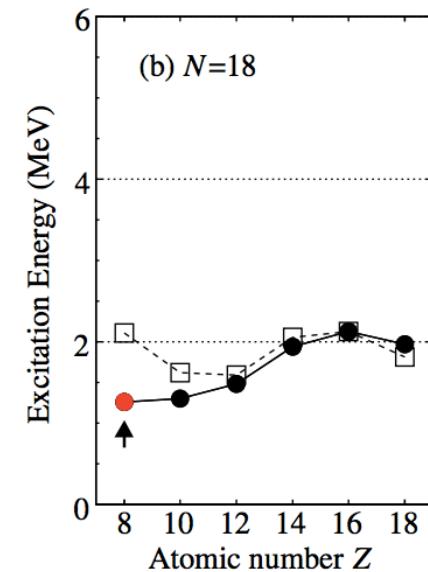
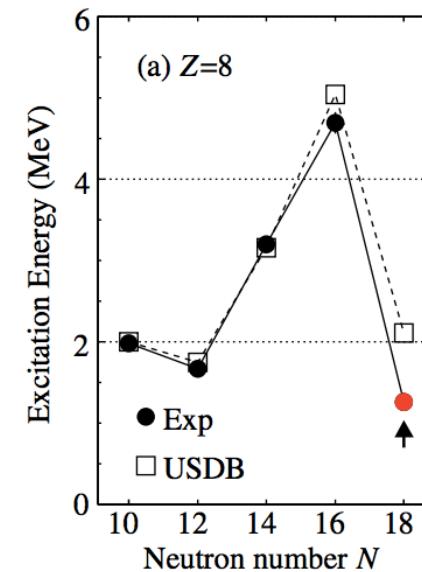
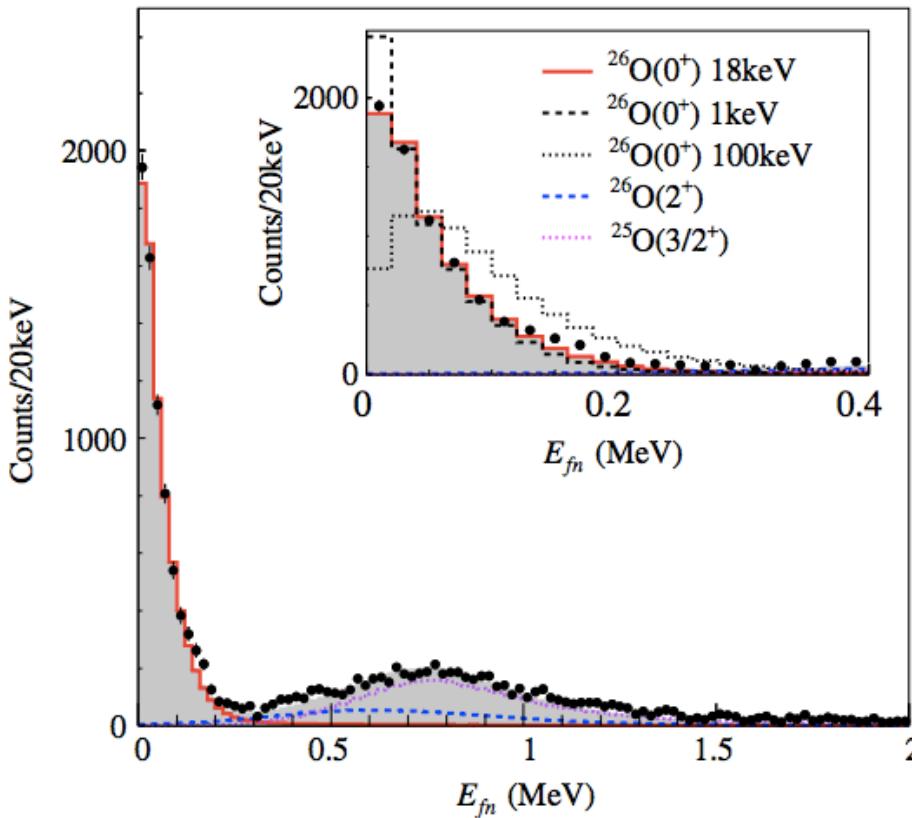
$^{26}\text{O}$ ,  $m_p$   
 $E^*$  in cm



- Neutron unbound heavy oxygen isotopes:  $^{25,26}\text{O}$  measured at SAMURAI

Y. Kondo *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 102503 (2016)

- Spectroscopy of  $^{28}\text{O}$  measured in December 2015 via  $^{29}\text{F}(p,2p)^{28}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{O} + 4n$

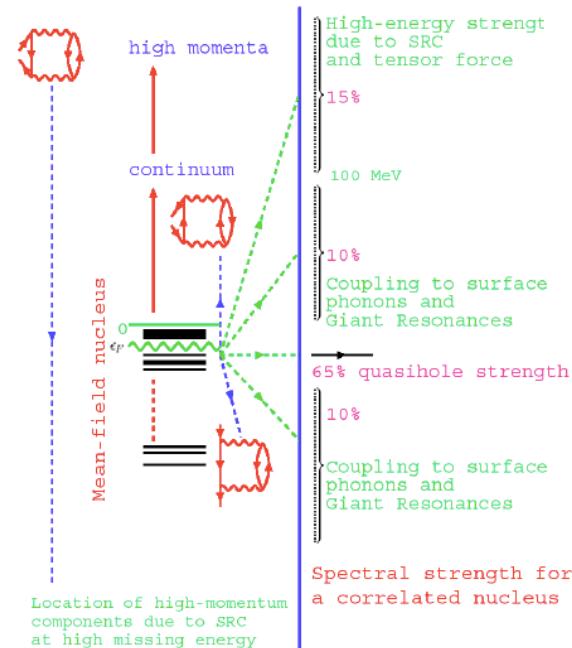
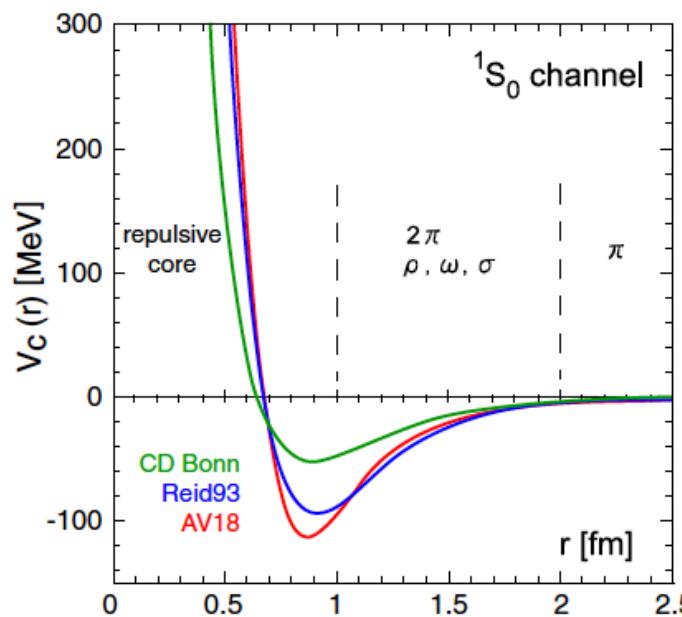
Nucleus  $^{26}\text{O}$ : A Barely Unbound System beyond the Drip LineY. Kondo,<sup>1</sup> T. Nakamura,<sup>1</sup> R. Tanaka,<sup>1</sup> R. Minakata,<sup>1</sup> S. Ogoshi,<sup>1</sup> N. A. Orr,<sup>2</sup> N. L. Achouri,<sup>2</sup> T. Aumann,<sup>3,4</sup> H. Baba,<sup>5</sup> et al.

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# Beyond shell model: short and long range correlations

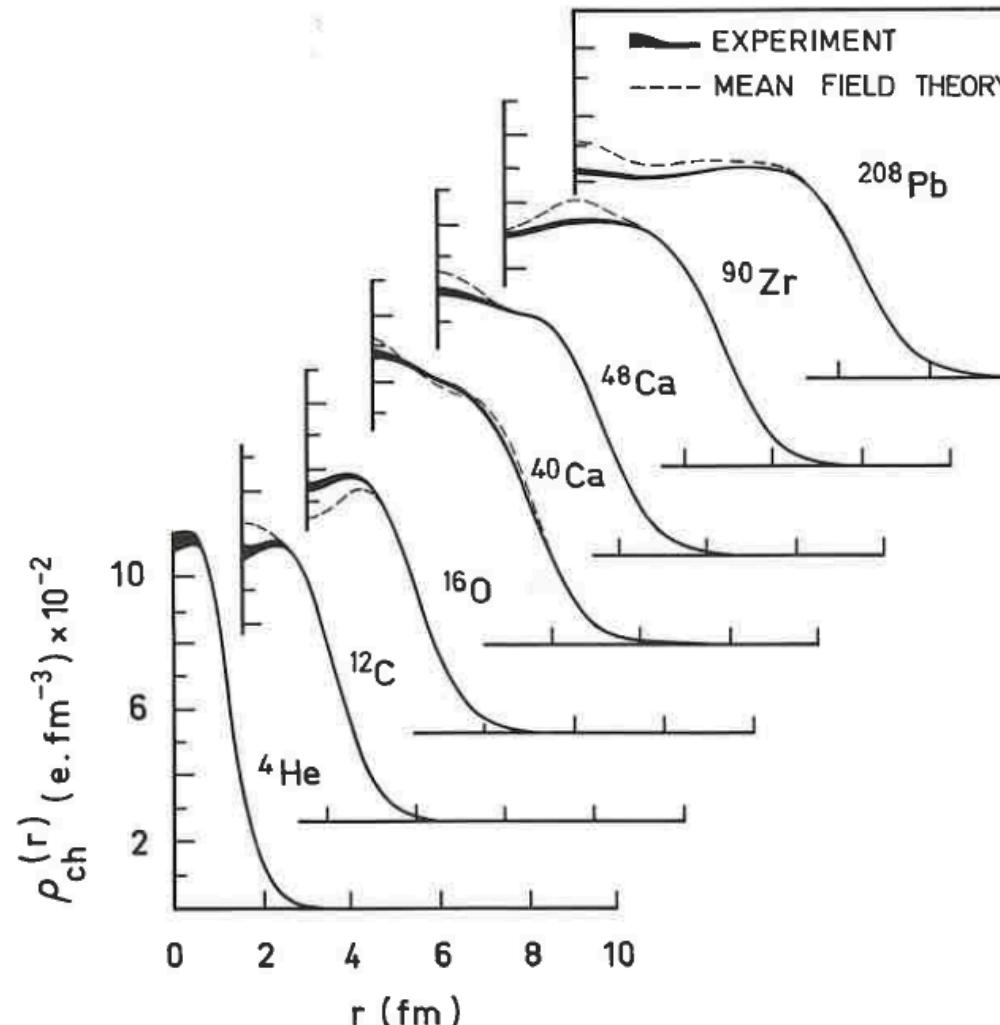
- The repulsive core of NN interaction implies **high momentum** in the nuclear wavefunction
- Modern theories generate **renormalized interactions without hard core**  
(Observables unchanged by these transformations)
- Actively debated today
- Model space is often / always reduced**

$$|\psi\rangle_{full} = |\psi\rangle_{space} + |\phi\rangle \otimes GR + \text{high momentum}$$

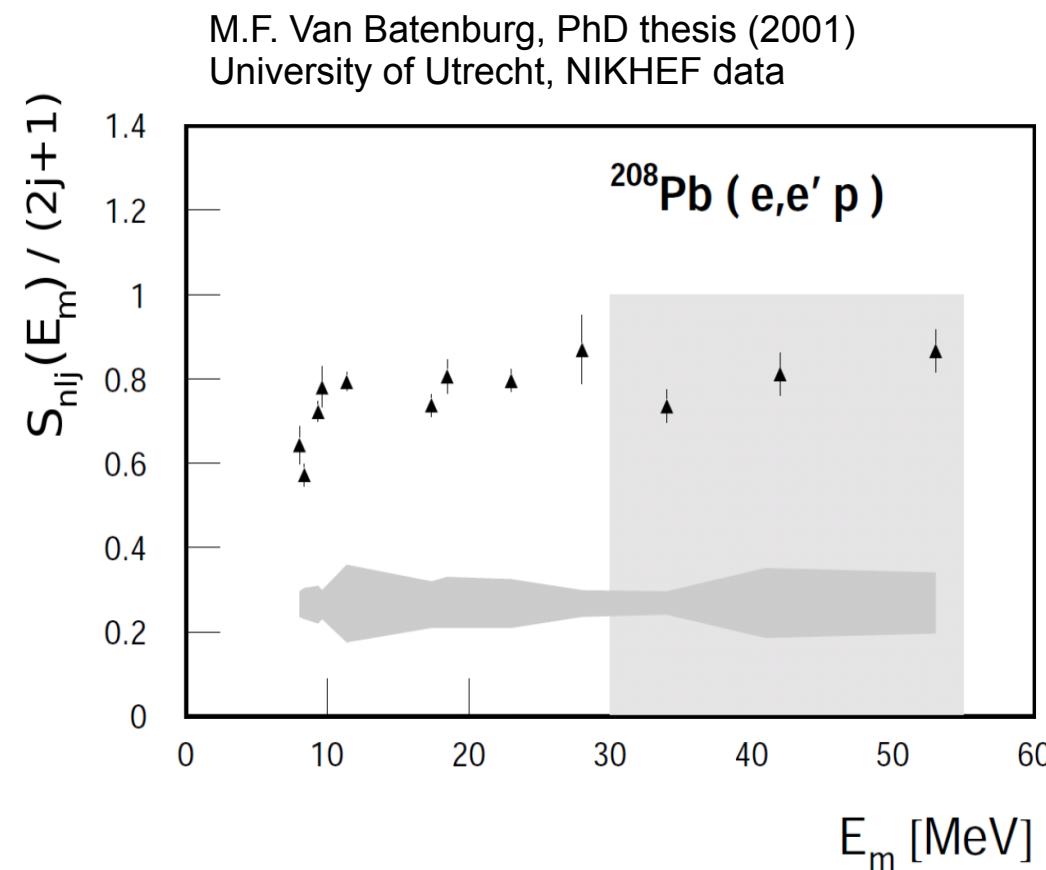
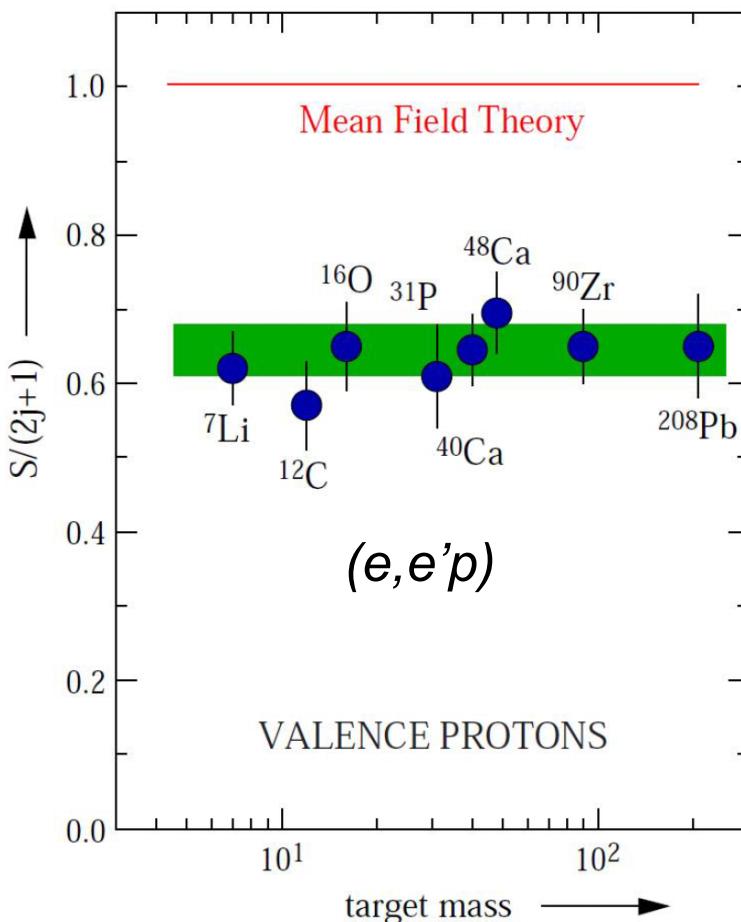


# Correlations beyond the mean field

- charge density distribution from electron elastic scattering
- depletion in inner region originating from **short-range correlations**



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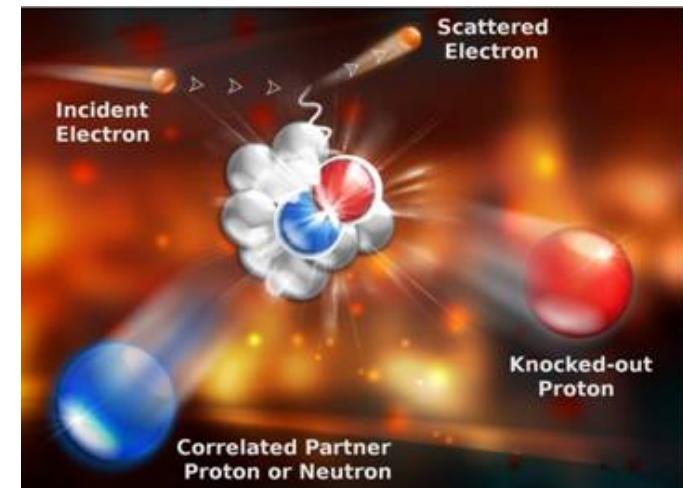
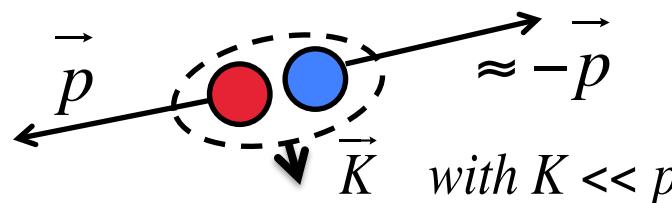


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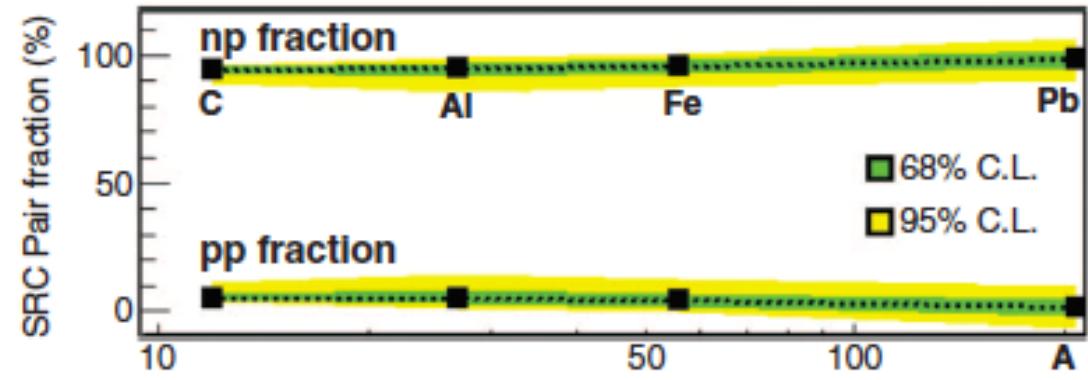
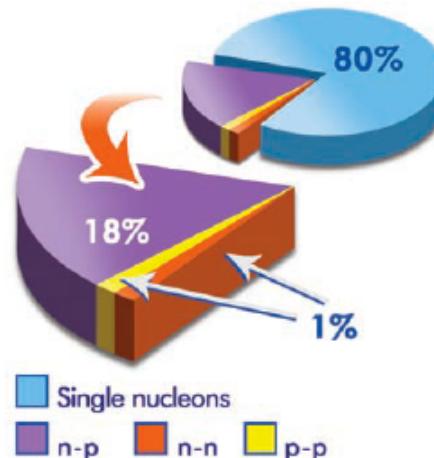
- Long range correlations coupling to high energy collective states (GR): **15-20%**
- Short range correlations (hard core): **10-15%**

# Further evidence for SRC/high-momentum correlations

- High-momentum nucleons contained in low-momentum pairs



- Experiment: Jlab, Subedi et al., Science 320 (2008)
  - $^{12}\text{C}(\text{e},\text{e}'\text{pn})$  @ 4.6 GeV
  - proton quasifree scattering
  - recoil correlated partner (back to back in center of mass)



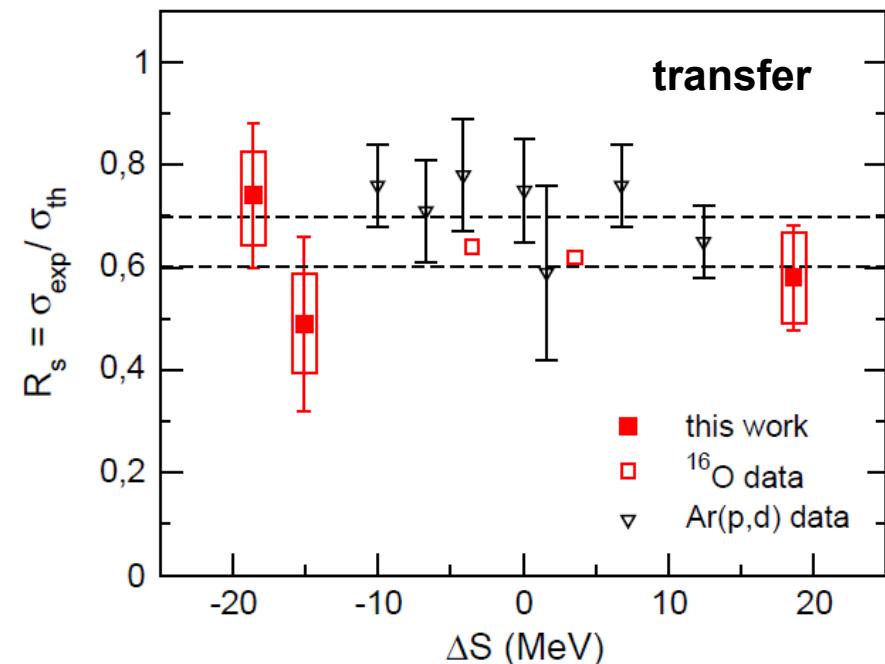
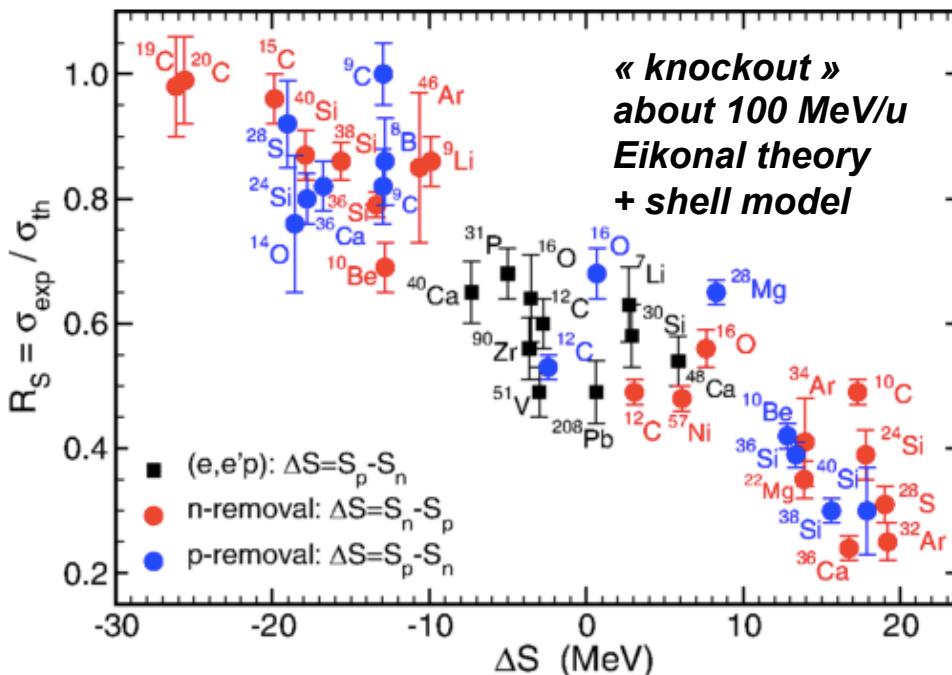
# Stripping cross sections from unstable nuclei

A. Gade *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **77** (2008)

J.A. Tostevin and A. Gade, Phys. Rev. C **90** (2014)

J. Lee *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **83** (2011).

F. Flavigny *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110** (2013).



- ❑ **Intermediate-energy knockout**
  - disagreement between theory (eikonal+shell-model) and experiment
- ❑ **Low-energy transfer**
  - **weak  $\Delta S$  dependence**
  - **ab initio calculations predict weak dependence**, in agreement with transfer analysis
- ❑ **Quasifree scattering** at  $\approx 500$  MeV/nucleon to be submitted soon

# Summary

- Elastic, inelastic, transfer, knockout and quasi-free scattering
- Unique probes for **quantum nuclear effects in Exotic Nuclei**:
  - ✓ Nuclear size and density distributions (elastic/inelastic scattering)
  - ✓ Nuclear collectivity (neutron vs protons, compression modes (GMR), ...)
  - ✓ Shell evolution with isospin
  - ✓ Short range correlations
  - ✓ Pairing correlations ( $T=1$ ,  $T=0$ )
  - ✓ Shape / configuration coexistence
- Importance of **hydrogen**-induced and exclusive reactions  
(simplest and cleanest hadronic probe among all)
- Large prospects and **detection developments** in view of new/recent RIB machines  
Ex. RIBF (Japan), FAIR, HIE-ISOLDE, SPES, SPIRAL2 (Europe) and FRIB (US)
- Coupling particle and gamma spectroscopy (compact arrays) is an asset
- Time projection chambers appear to be very promising tools for future
- **Reaction theory** “still in its infancy” compared to current nuclear-structure developments
- **Many new prospects**:  
ex. Fully consistent theory, p-bar annihilation, electron-RI collider, neutron-rich hypernuclei,...