

# Study the Neutron Shell Structure of $^{68}\text{Ni}$ via Missing Mass Spectroscopy

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## Introduction

The motivation is to investigate magicity at  $N=40$ , shell gap at  $N=50$ , and SO splitting of  $pfg$  shells in  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  with neutron adding and removal reactions.

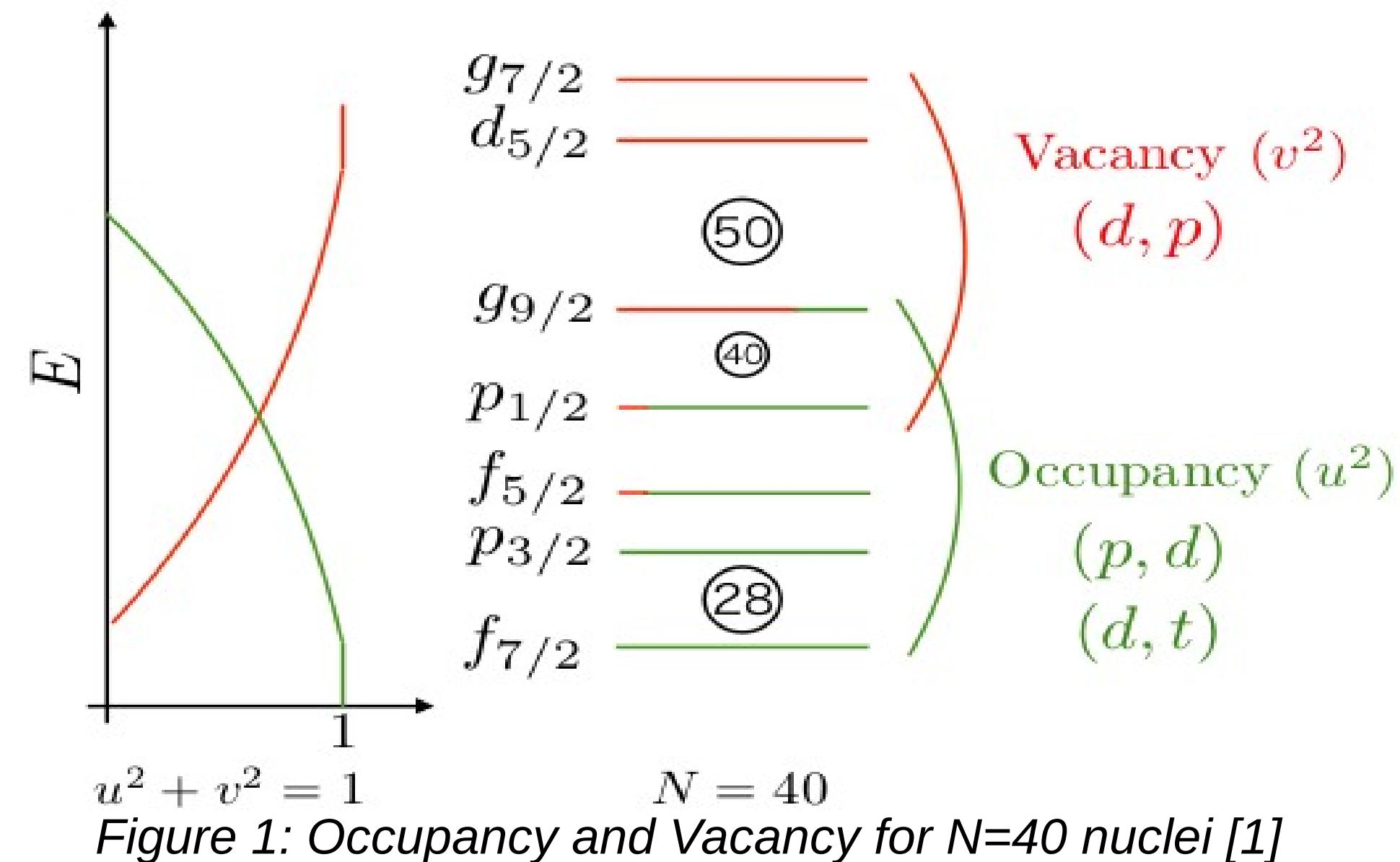
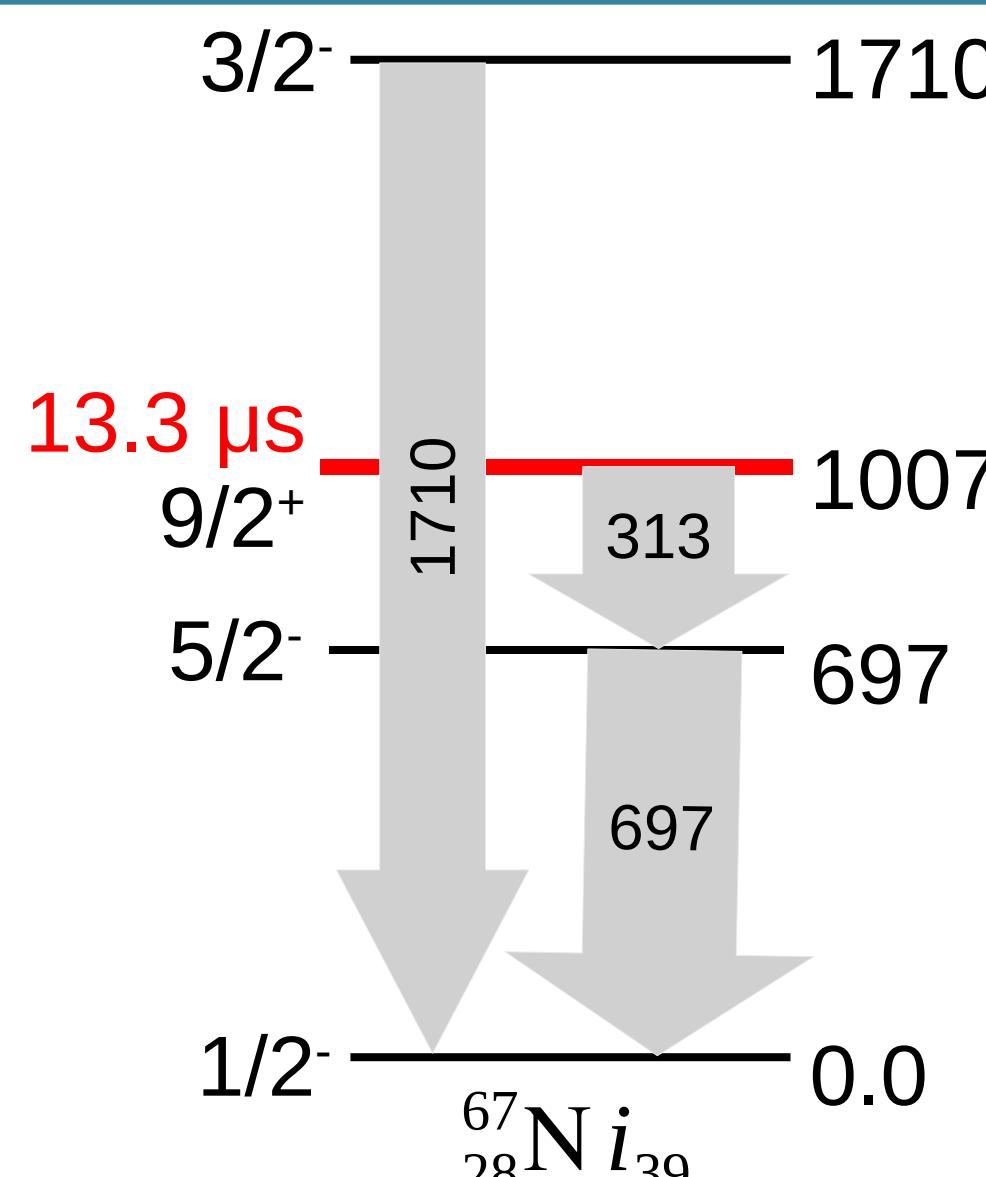
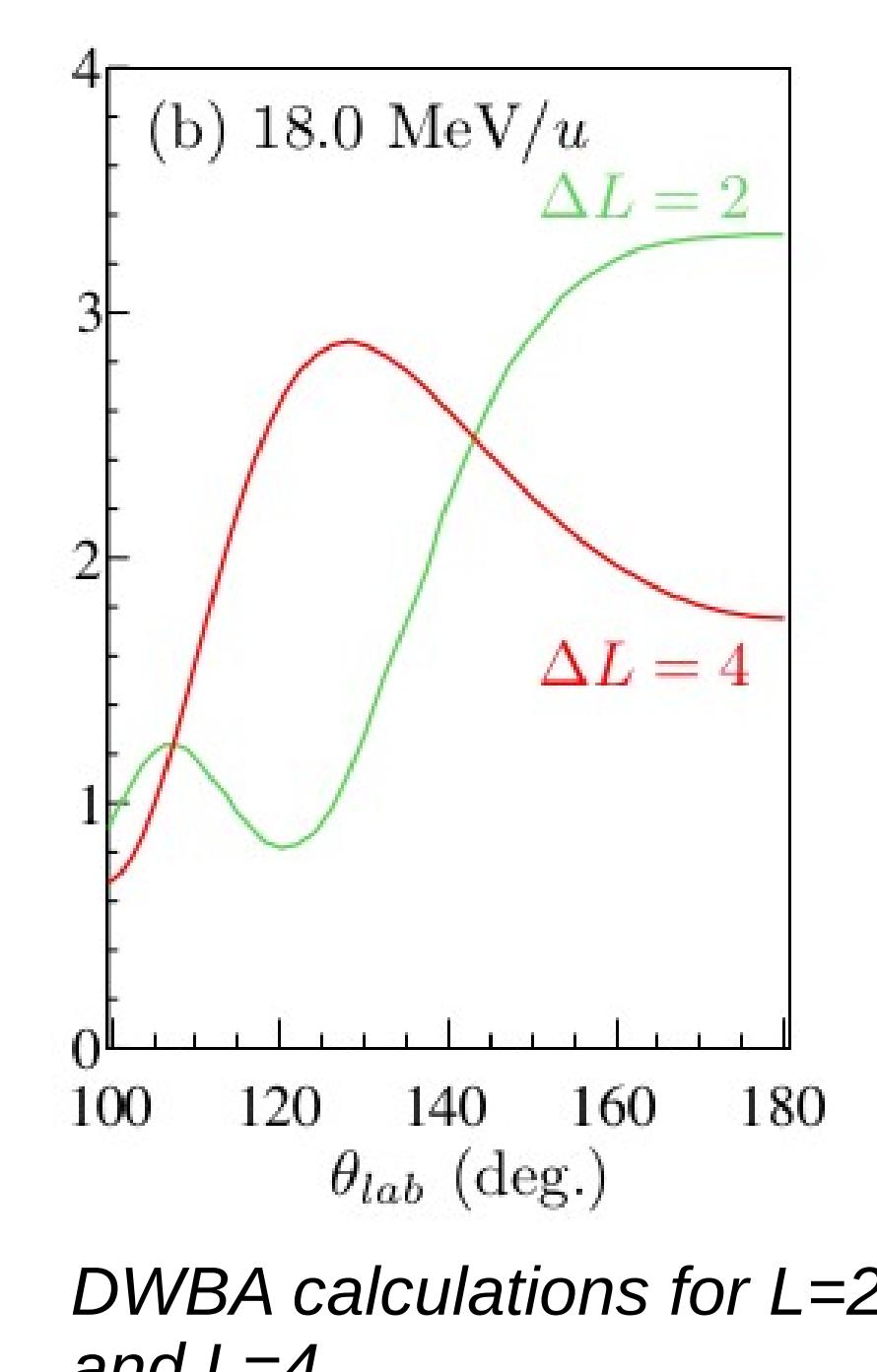
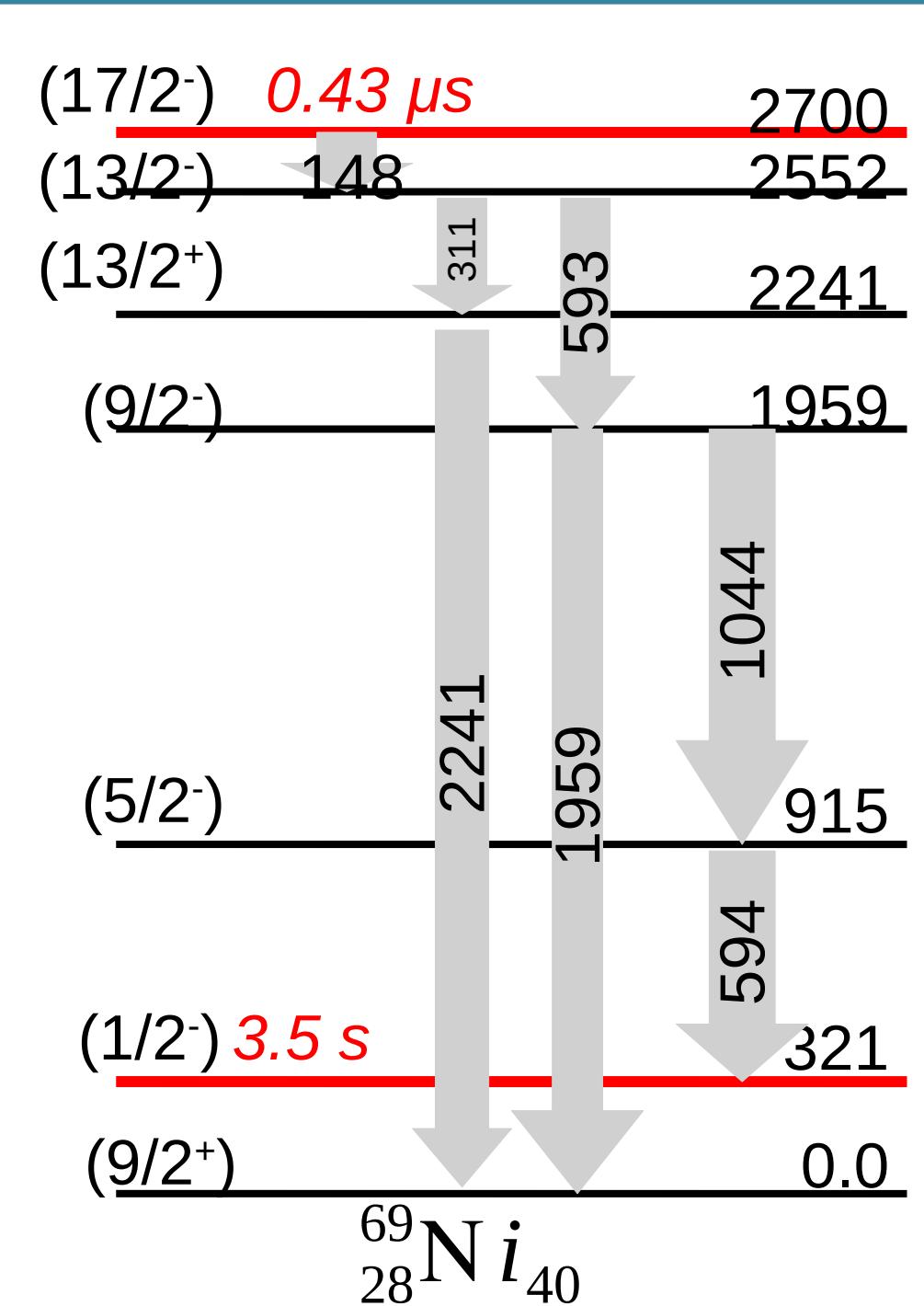


Figure 1: Occupancy and Vacancy for  $N=40$  nuclei [1]



States of  $^{67}\text{Ni}$  expected to be populated by  $^{68}\text{Ni}(d,t)^{67}\text{Ni}$  &  $^{68}\text{Ni}(p,d)^{67}\text{Ni}$  reactions.

The observation of isomer will be witness for  $N=40$  shell closure.

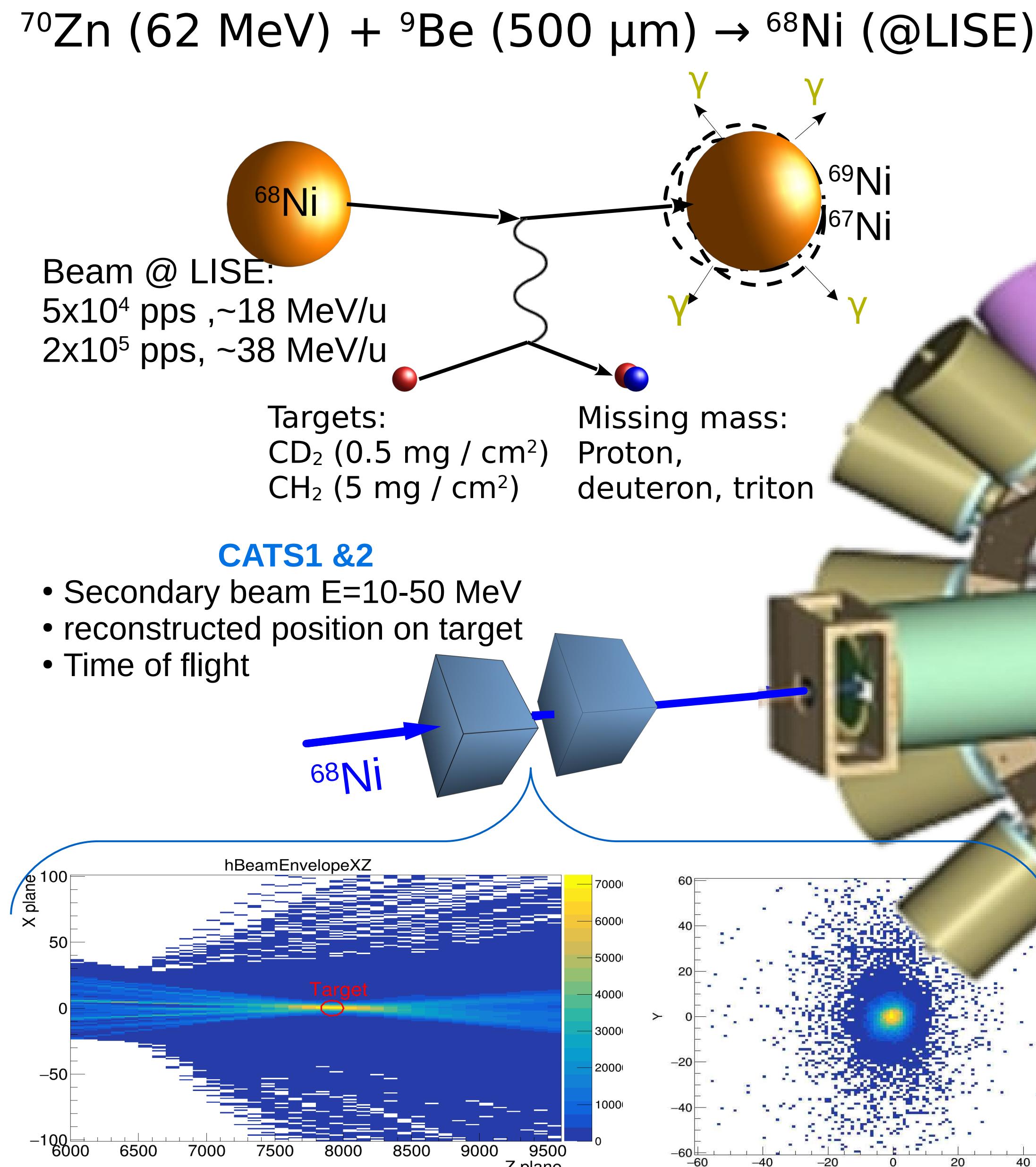


DWBA calculations for  $L=2$  and  $L=4$

Level scheme of  $^{69}\text{Ni}$

We hope to identify  $5/2+$  and  $7/2+$  leading to  $N=50$  shell gap.

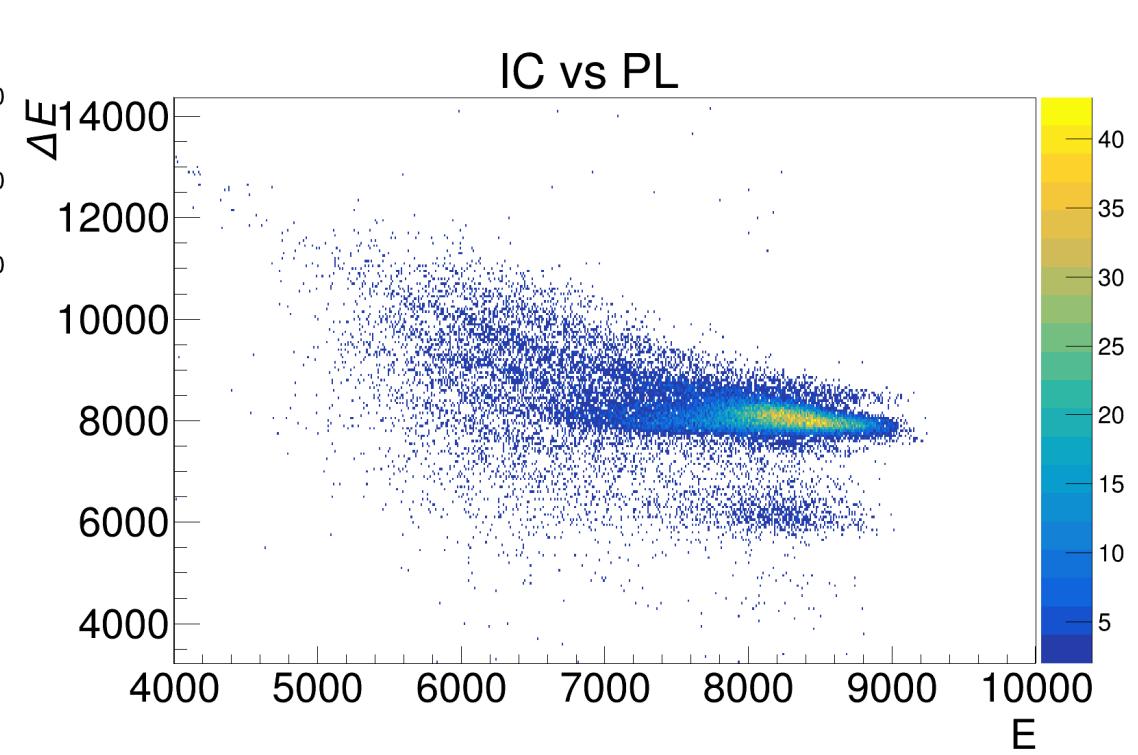
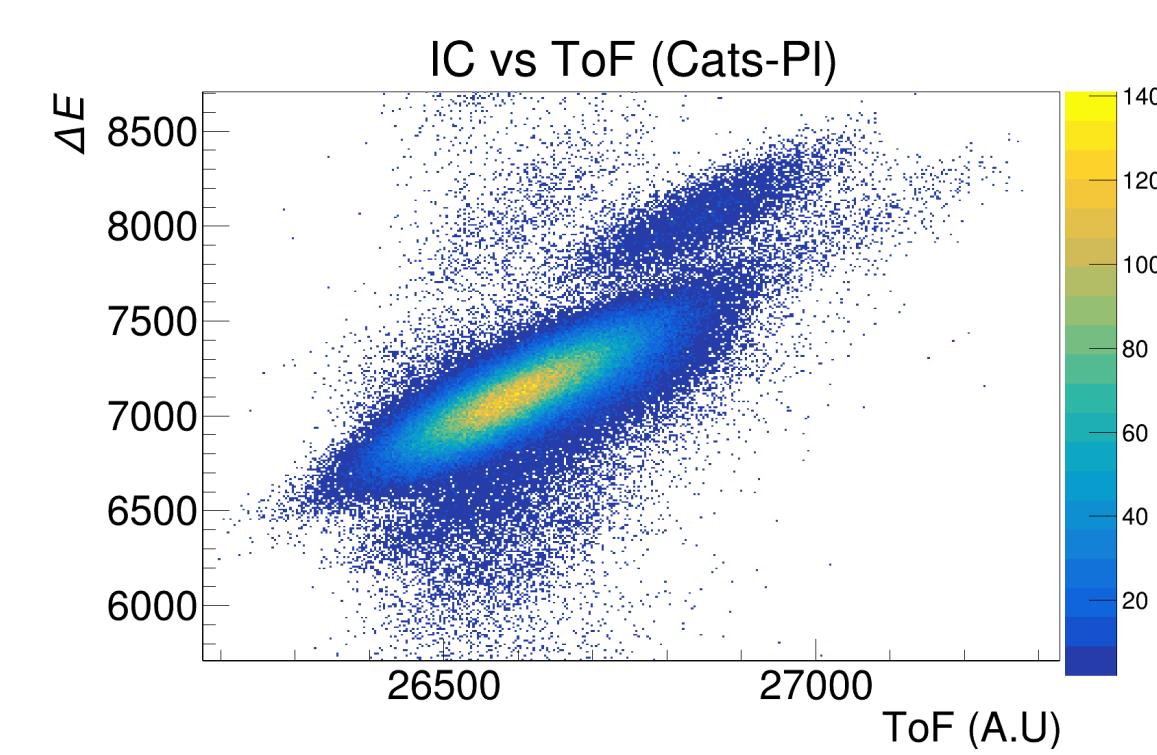
## Experimental Setup



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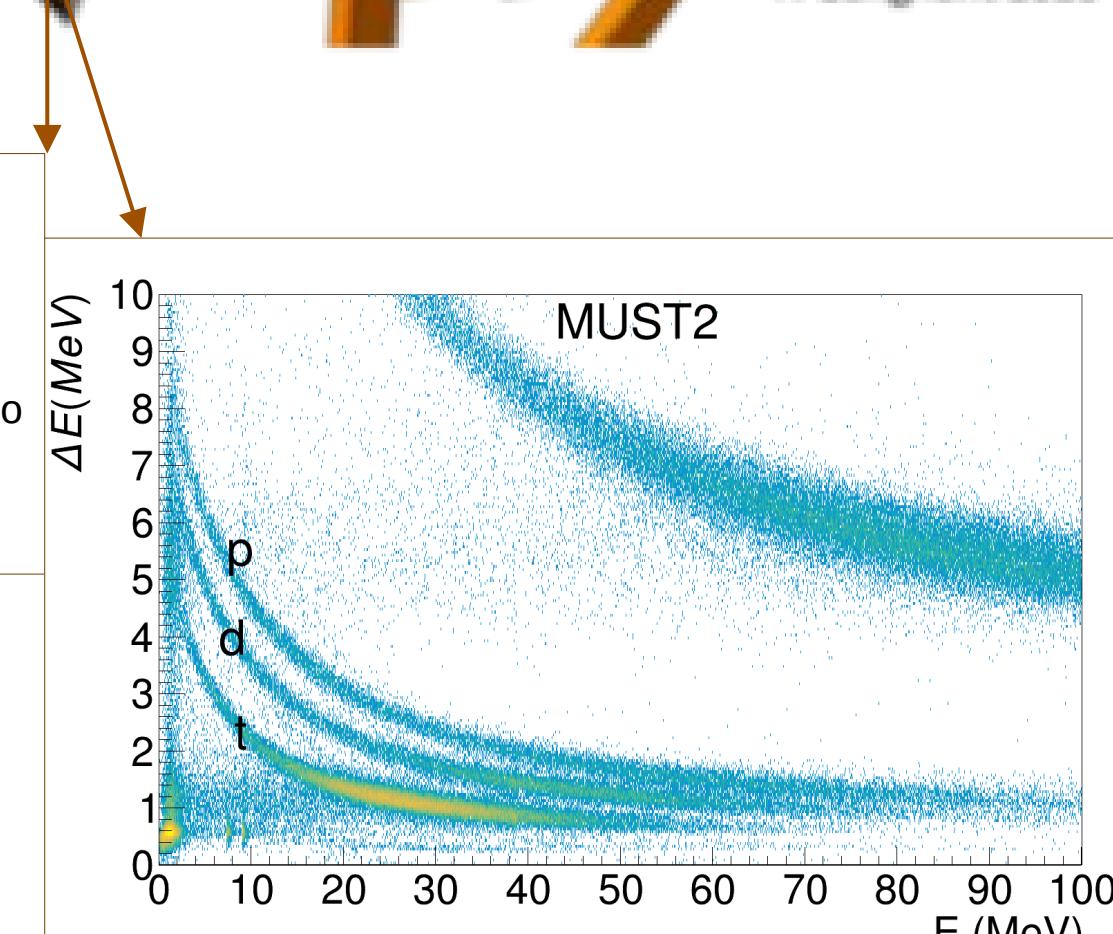
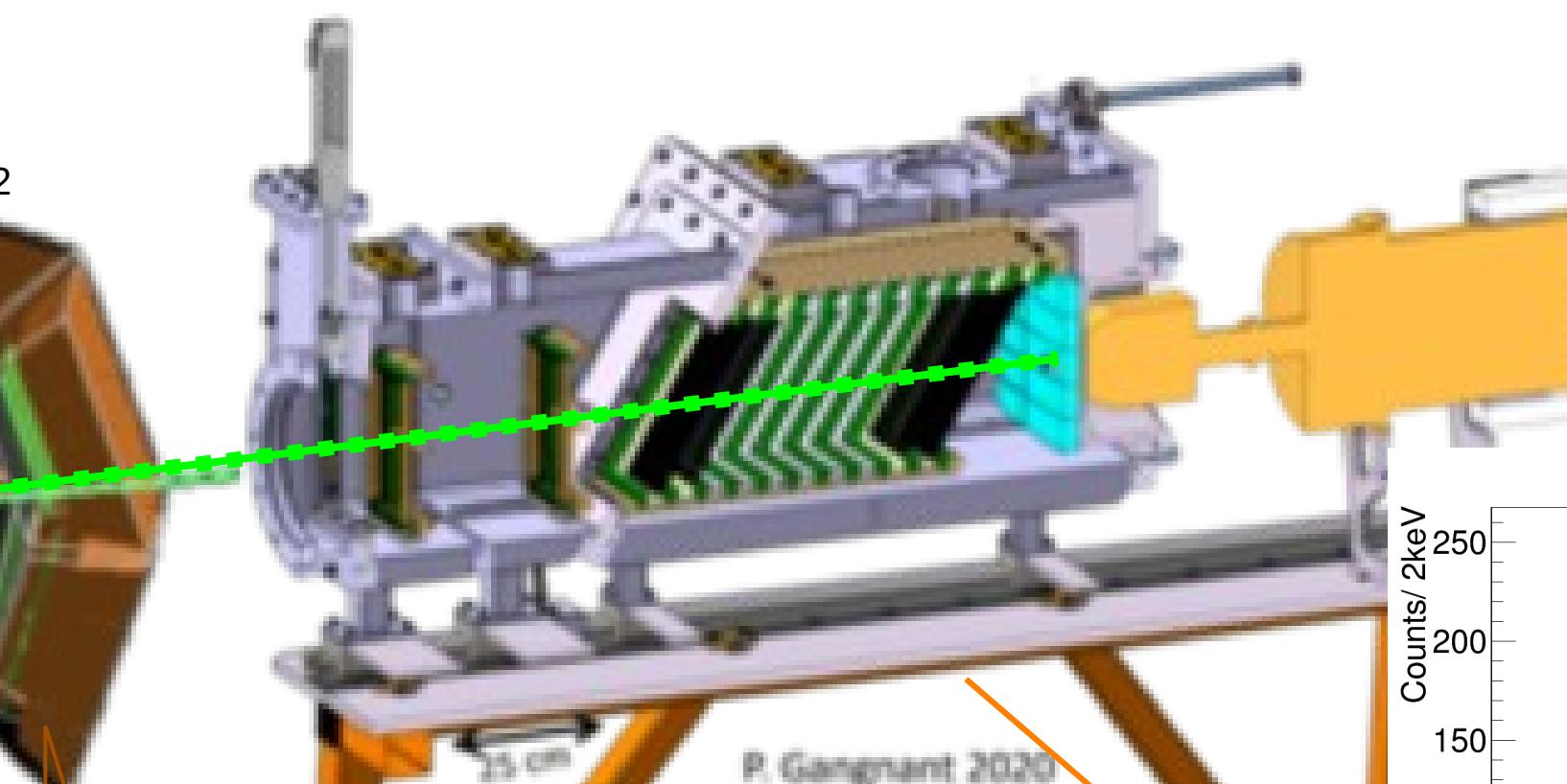
12 HPGe Clovers  
In beam  $\gamma$  measurement

For (d,p)  
5 trapezoidal DSSSDs  
MUGAST @ 110°-170°,  
60% acceptance



**Target:**  $\text{CD}_2, \text{CH}_2$

For (d,t) & (p,d)  
4 DSSSDs & CsI  
MUST2 @ 5° – 40°  
80% acceptance

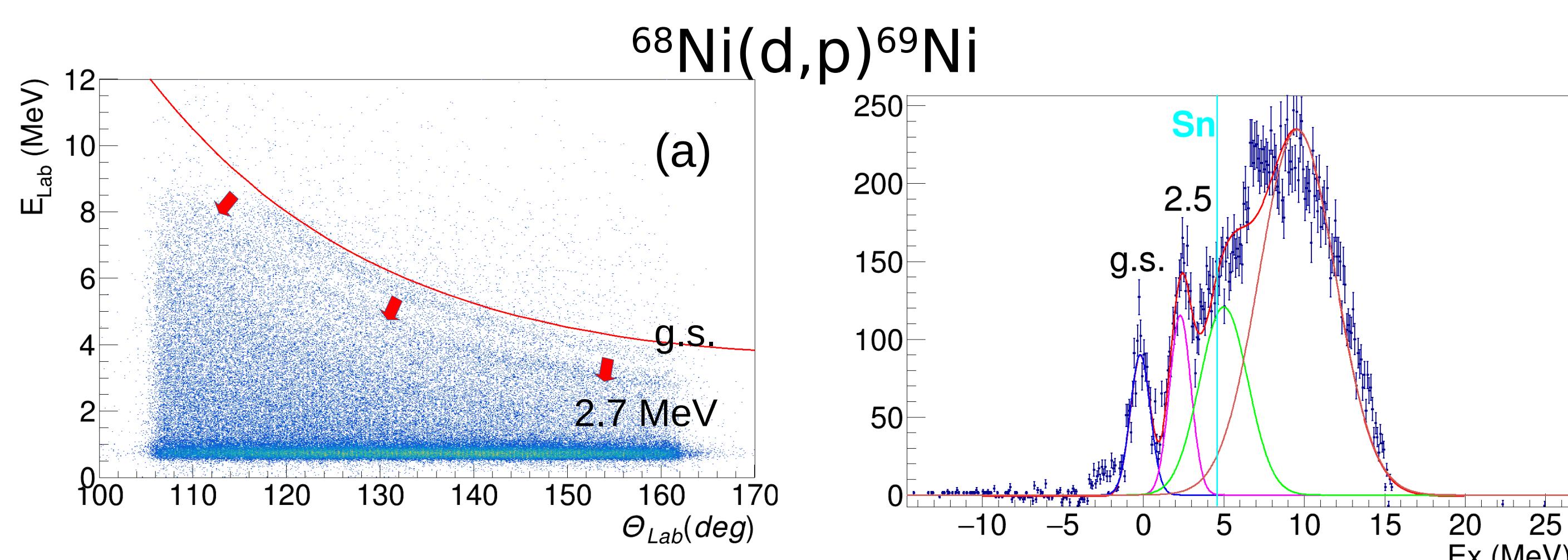


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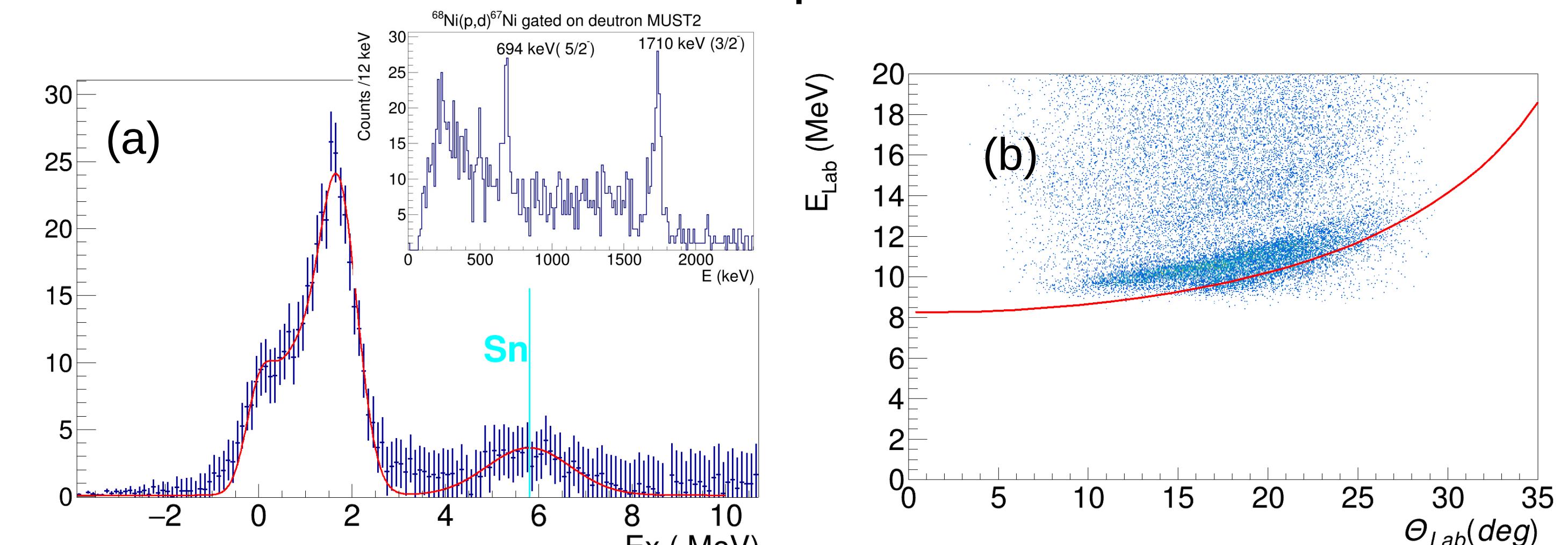
- ✓ Drift Chambers (DC) for XY measurement
- ✓ 5 tilted foils ionizing chambers (IC) for  $\Delta E$
- ✓ 5 Plastic Scintillators (PL) for Energy and clean up the reaction residue.
- ✓ 1 Exogam Clover (HPGe) for the isomers

## Results & Conclusion

The experiment was successfully performed in May 2023. The preliminary results for Kinematics and Missing mass excitation energies are shown below.



- (a) Kinematic curve for  $^{68}\text{Ni}(d,p)^{69}\text{Ni}$  reaction.
- (b) In the missing mass spectrum we can identify the g.s. level and 2.5 MeV. The preliminary Carbon subtracted Ex results are contaminated by break up reactions of deuterium ( $^{68}\text{Ni}/d \rightarrow p+n$ ) in further analysis we will optimize the subtraction and contamination.



- (a) The Ex spectrum with the rough Carbon reaction subtraction, at least two component was added to g.s. Further analysis will optimize Carbon subtraction. Inside figure shows the corresponding  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum.
- (b) The experimental data is well described by the kinematic curve of  $^{68}\text{Ni}(p,d)^{67}\text{Ni}$  reaction in ground state.

## References

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## Fundings

