

# Nuclear Experiments with Radioactive Isotope Beams II

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Radioactive isotope productions  
and particle identification

In-beam gamma spectroscopy  
Decay spectroscopy

Mass spectroscopy

Invariant mass spectroscopy  
Missing mass spectroscopy  
Others

# RI Beam Factory

5 cyclotrons + 2 linacs

3 inflight separators

Experimental devices  
coupled with BigRIPS

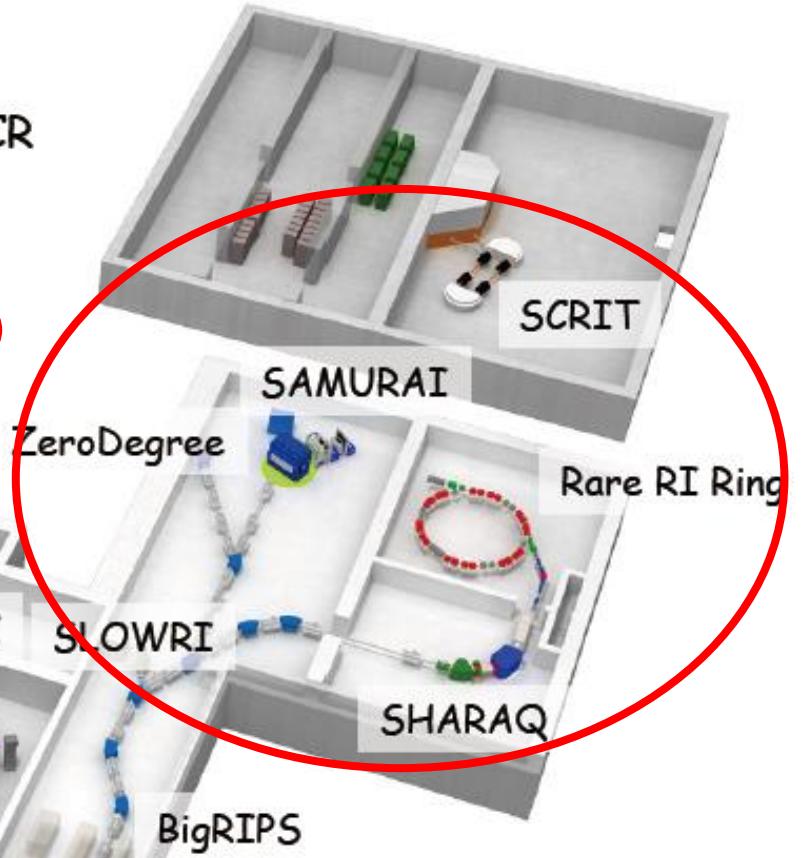
have been completed in FY13

“SHE”

113<sup>th</sup>  
Nh “Nihonium” CSM

RILAC ECR

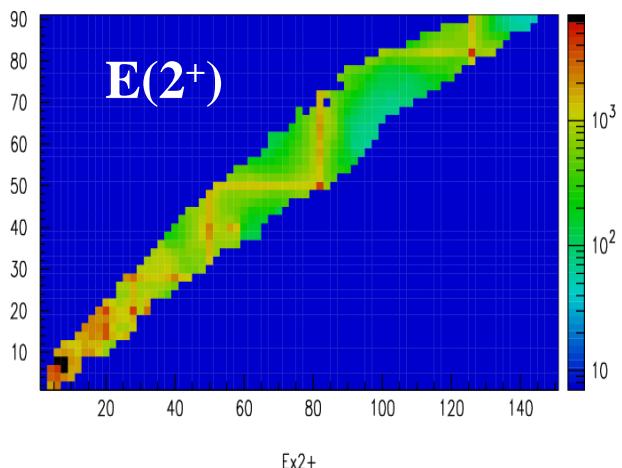
GARIS &  
GARIS2



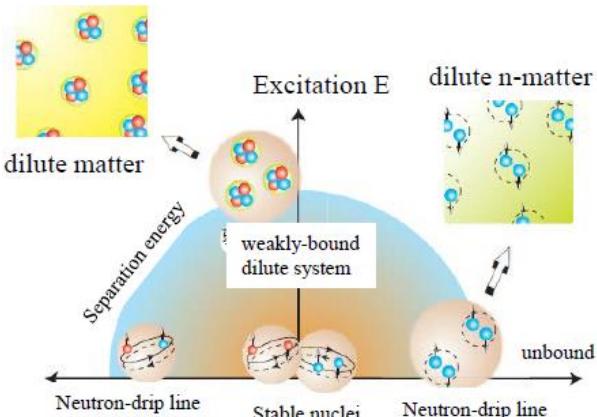
“Exotic Nuclei”

# Physics with Exotic Nuclei

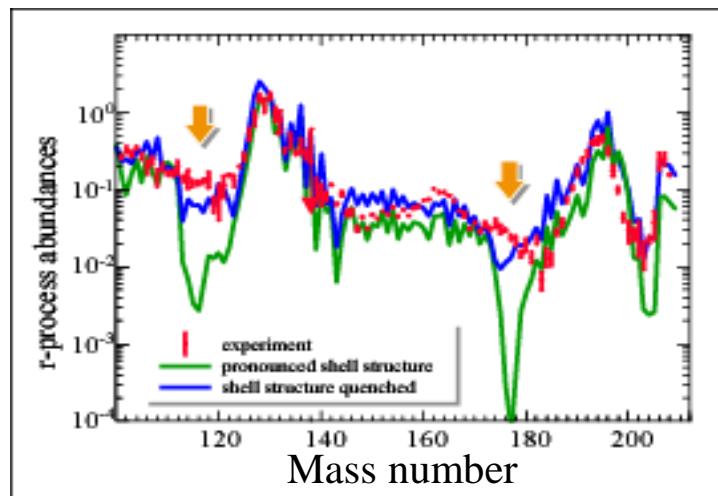
## Shell Evolution : magicity loss and new magicity



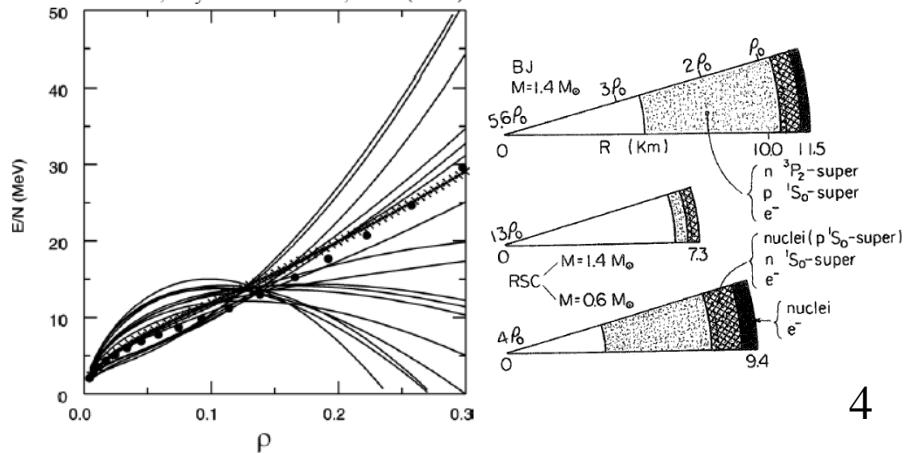
## Neutron Correlation in the vicinity of the Drip-line



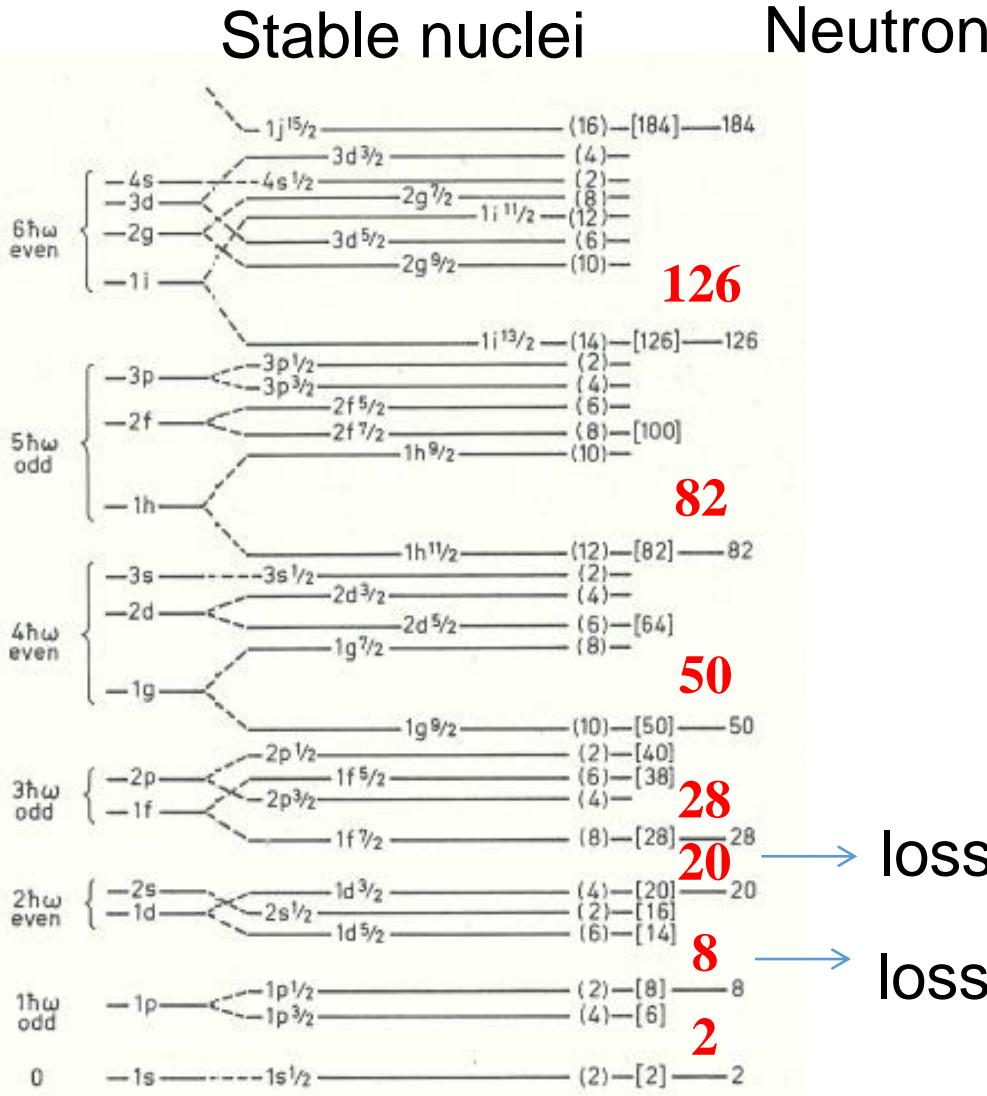
## R-process path: Synthesis up to U



EOS: asymmetric nuclear matter  
SN explosion, neutron-star,  
gravitational wave



# Nuclear Magic Numbers and Shell Evolution



## Neutron-rich nuclei

Mayer & Jensen

Nobel Prize 1963

Shell Structure  
One-body potential  
Large LS term  
(surface contribution)

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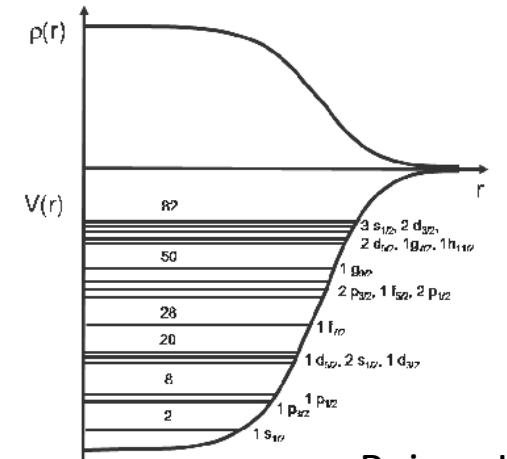
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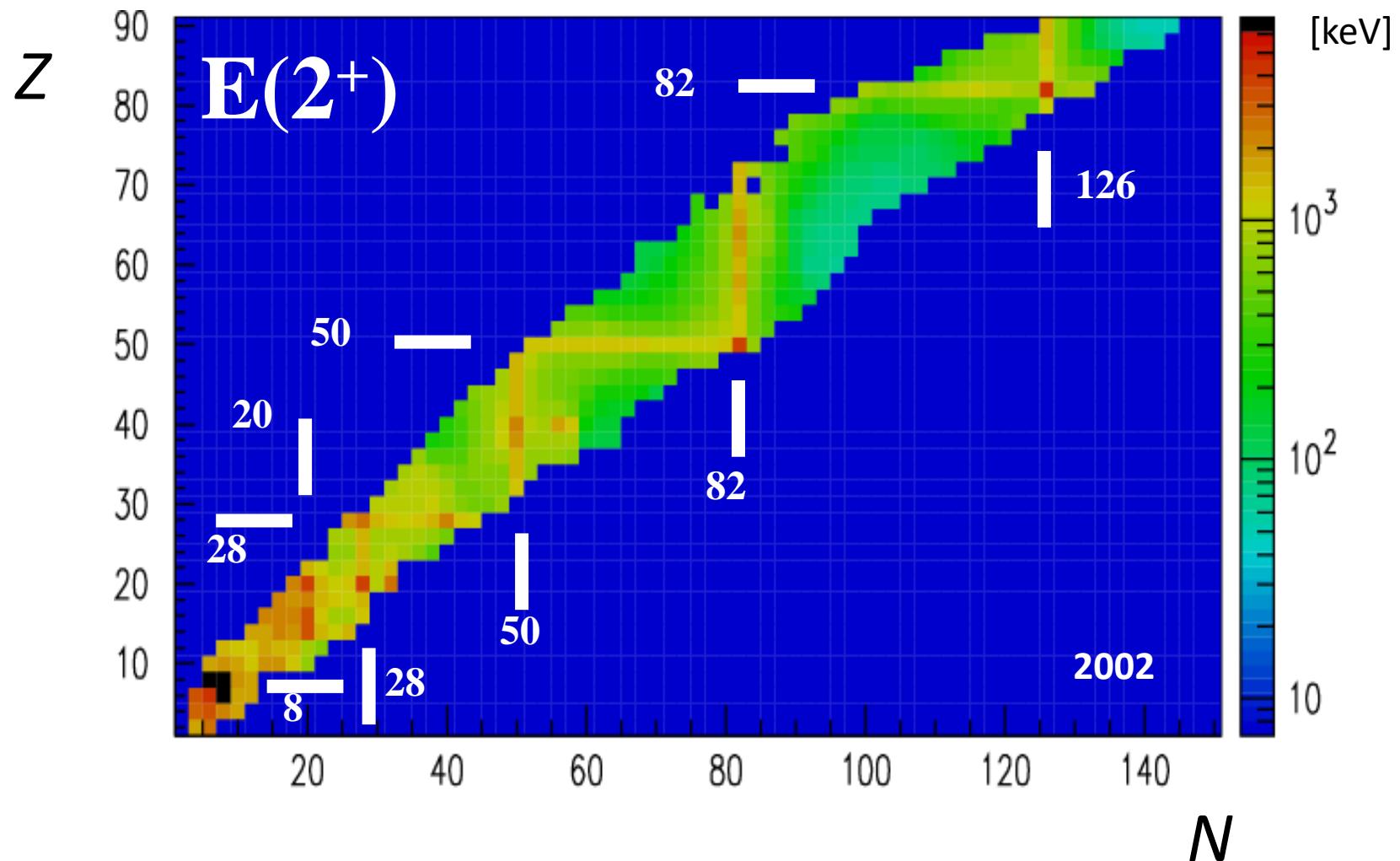
**N=16**



Reiner K.

Magic numbers ->  
**2, 8, 20, 28, 50 ...**

# Magicity and its loss through determining $E(2^+)$



# The 1<sup>st</sup> in-beam gamma experiment

1.E.1:  
3.A

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## GAMMA RAYS FOLLOWING ( $\alpha$ , xn) REACTIONS

H. MORINAGA<sup>†</sup> and P.C. GUGELOT  
*Instituut voor Kernfysisch Onderzoek, Amsterdam, Netherlands*

Received 14 January 1963

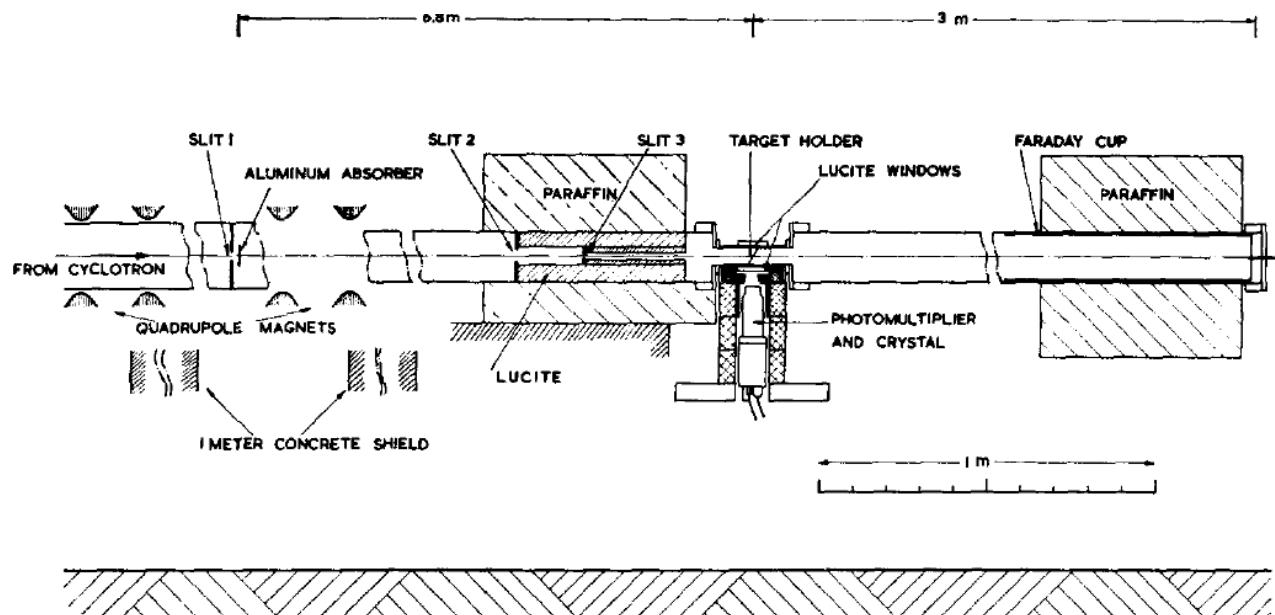


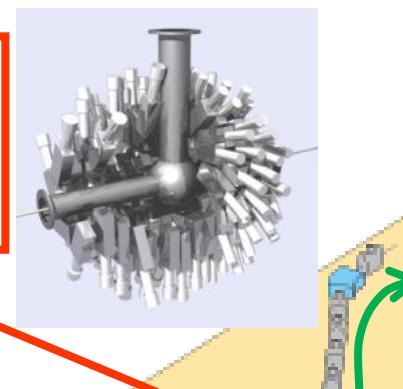
Fig. 2. Experimental set-up for the detection of gamma rays from thin targets bombarded by 27 to 52 MeV alpha particles.

# Spectroscopy via reactions with in-beam gamma method

Secondary target: H<sub>2</sub>, C, Pb....

Gamma-detectors : DALI2 NaI array  
to measure de-excited gamma rays

S.Takeuchi et al., NIM A 763, 596-603 (2014)

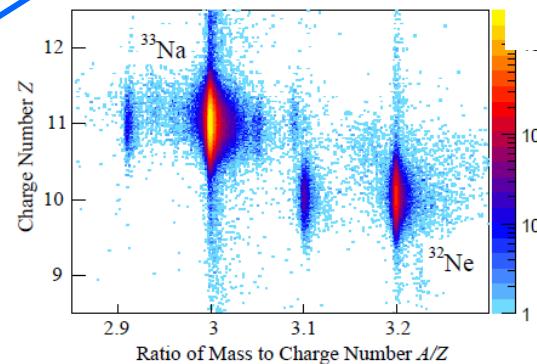


Ca-48 Acceleration  
at Super-Conducting Cyclotron

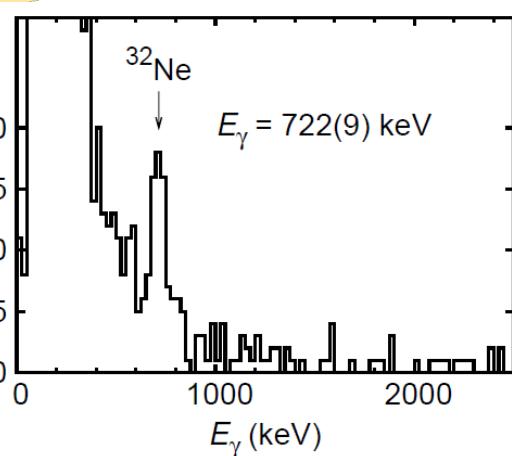
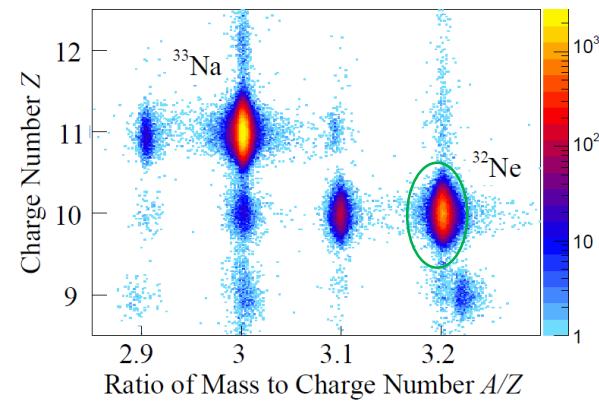
Ca-48 beam  
345A MeV

Be production target  
fragmentation

To deliver intense RI beams  
PID for RI beams



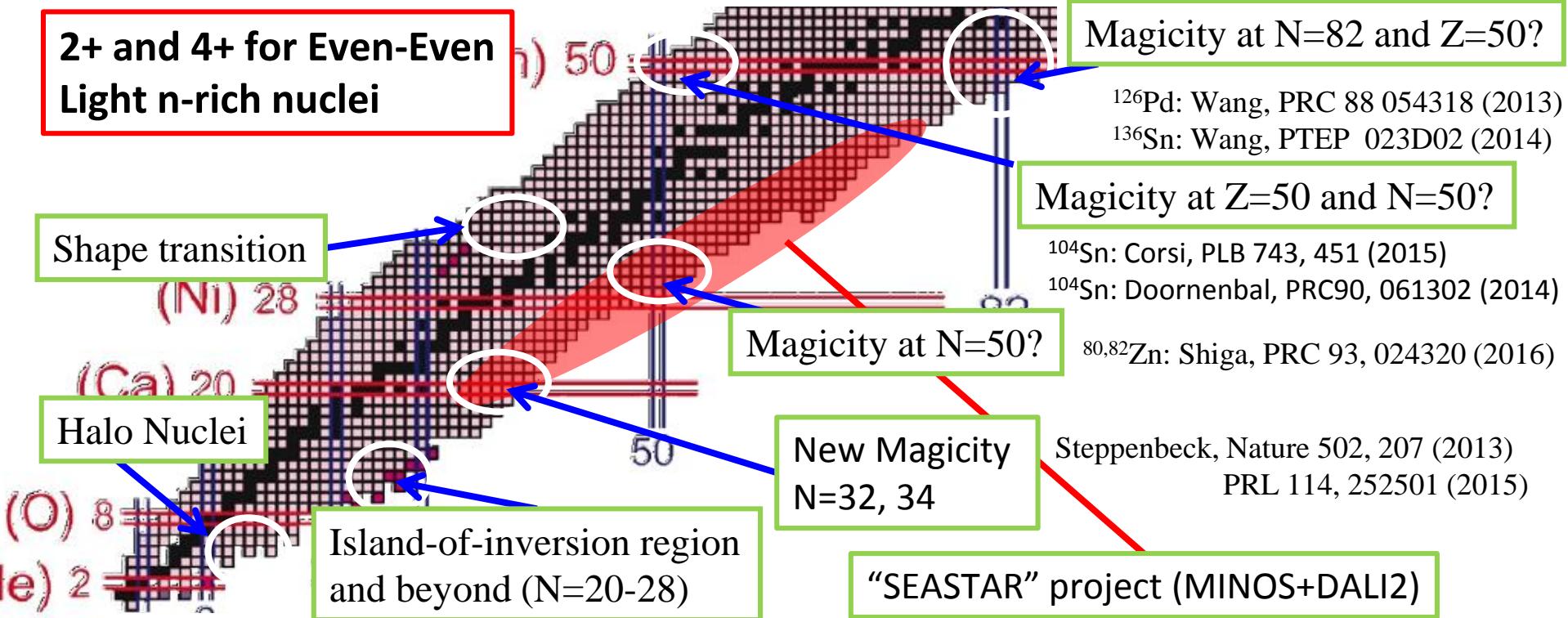
PID at ZeroDegree



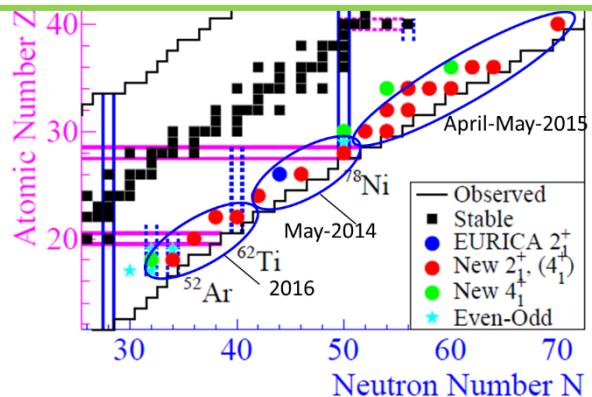
Doornenbal, Scheit et al.  
PRL 103, 032501 (2009)

# Achievements with DALI2 at ZD

**2+ and 4+ for Even-Even Light n-rich nuclei**

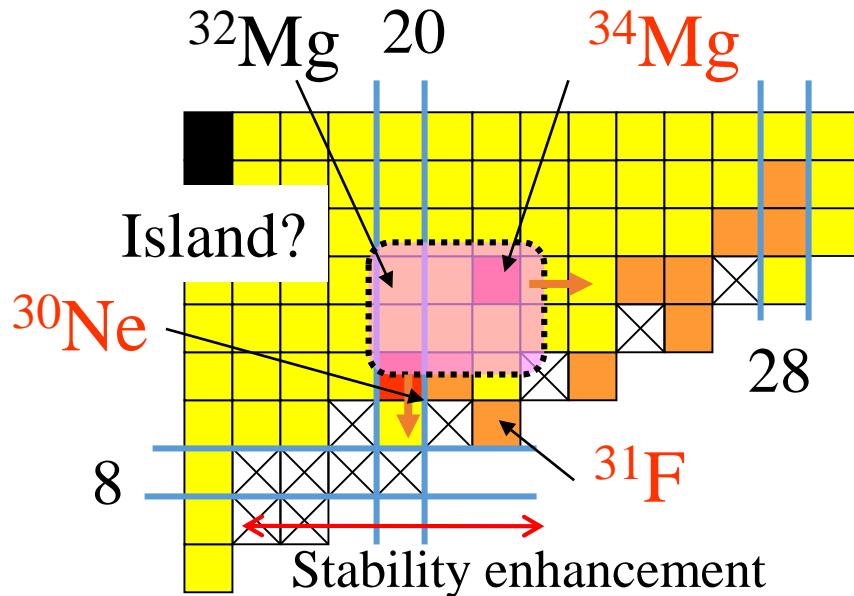


- $^{29}\text{Ne}$  : Kobayashi, PRC 93, 014613 (2016)
- $^{32}\text{Ne}$  : Doornenbal, PRL 103, 032501 (2009)
- $^{31,32,33}\text{Na}$  : Doornenbal, PRC 81, 041305R (2010)
- $^{33,34,35}\text{Na}$  : Doornenbal, PTEP 2014, 053D01 (2014)
- $^{36,38}\text{Mg}$  : Doornenbal, PRL111, 212502 (2013)
- $^{32}\text{Mg}$  : Li, PRC 92, 014608 (2015)
- $^{42}\text{Si}$  : Takeuchi PRL109, 182501 (2012)
- $^{40}\text{Mg}$  : Crawford PRC 89, 041303 (2014)
- $^{31}\text{Ne}$  : Nakamura, PRL 103, 262501 (2009),  
PRL, 112, 142501 (2014)
- $^{37}\text{Mg}$  : Kobayashi PRL 112, 242501,(2014)

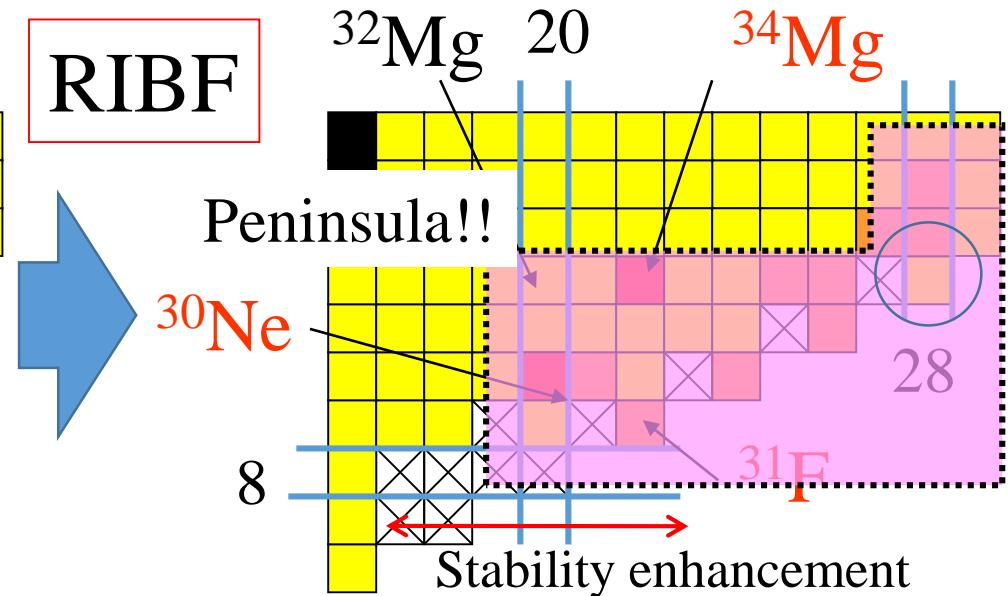


$^{66}\text{Cr}, ^{72}\text{Fe}$  : Santamaria, PRL 115:192501 (2015)

# Island-of-inversion and beyond



A large deformation at  $Z=10-12$   
in spite of  $N=20$   
A pilot-region for nuclear structure  
Interplay of three ingredients:  
Weakly-bound natures  
Tensor forces  
Pairing



Doornenbal, Scheit, et al.

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Takeuchi et al.

Si-42 : PRL109, 182501 (2012)

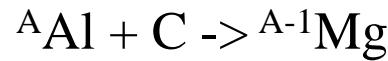
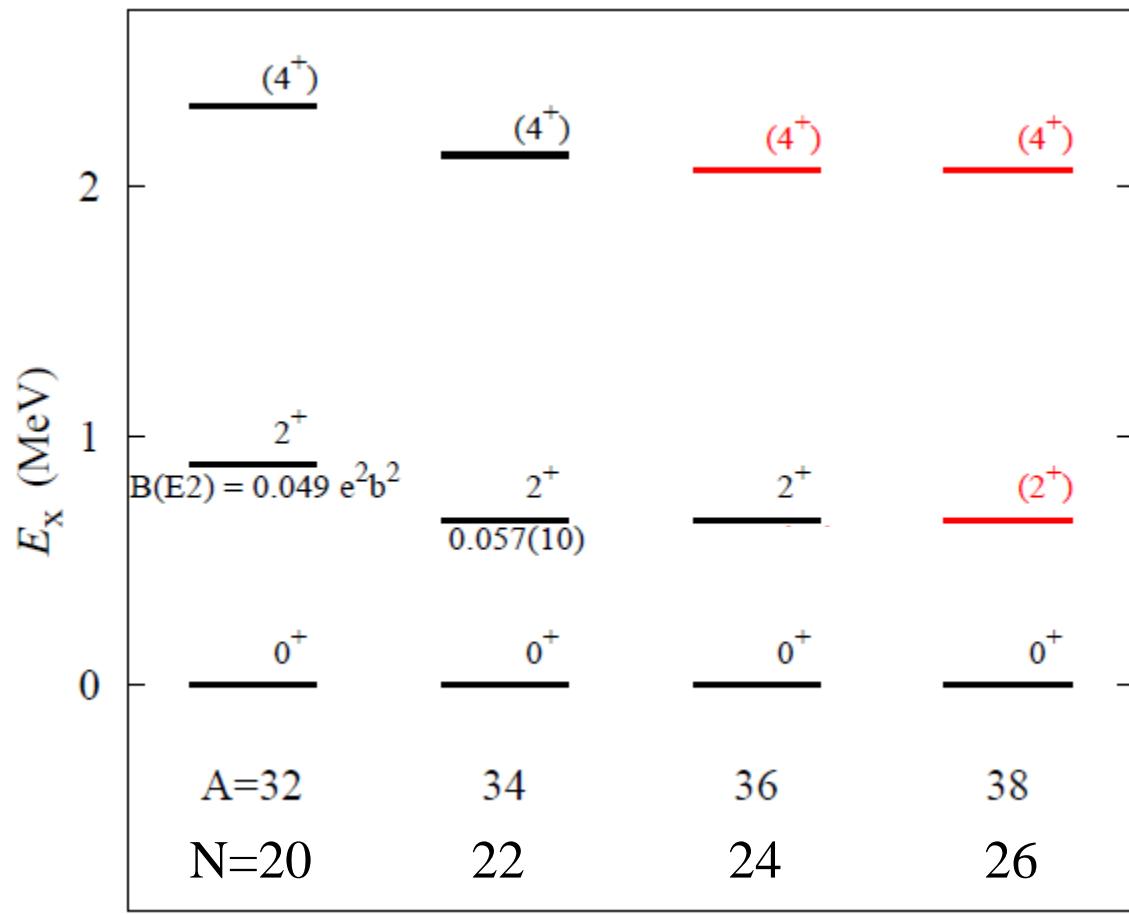
P.Fallon et al.

Mg-40 : PRC 89, 041303 (2014)

# Collectivity of the neutron-rich Mg isotopes

P. Doornenbal, H. Scheit et al. PRL111 212502 (2013)

## Excitation Energy of $2^+$ and $4^+$ in Mg



For  $A=34$  to  $38$

$E(2^+) \sim 700$  keV

$E(4^+)/E(2^+) \sim 3.1$

At  $N=22, 24, 26$  the nuclei  
are well deformed

No increase of  $E(2^+)$  at  $N=26$   
 $N=28$  for Mg is not magic?

$B(E2)?$

$Mn/Mp?$

$E(2^+), E(4^+)$  in  $^{40}\text{Mg}?$

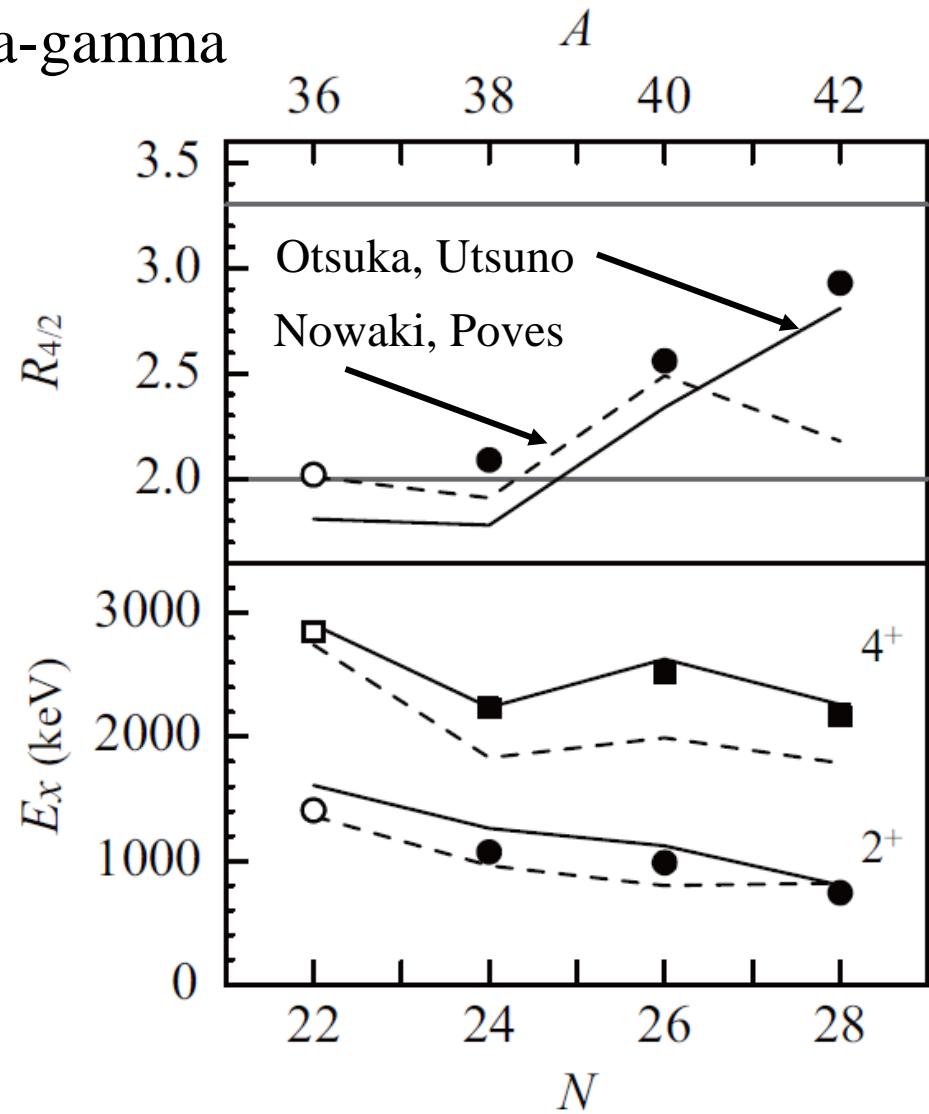
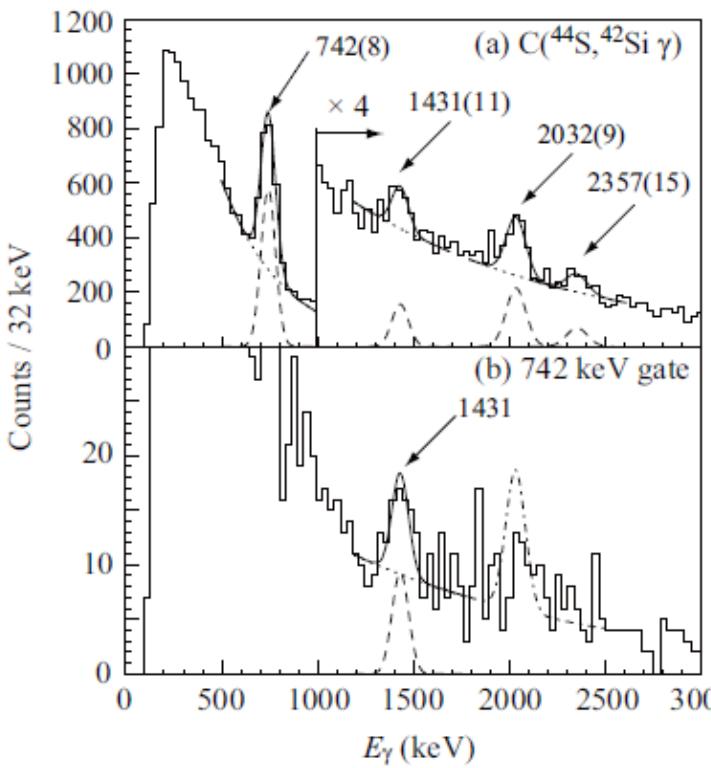
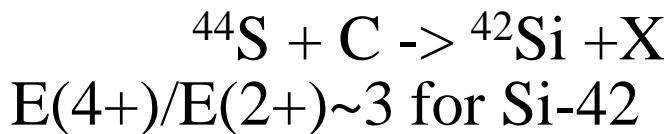
Energy of single particle states?

# Well developed deformation of $^{42}\text{Si}$

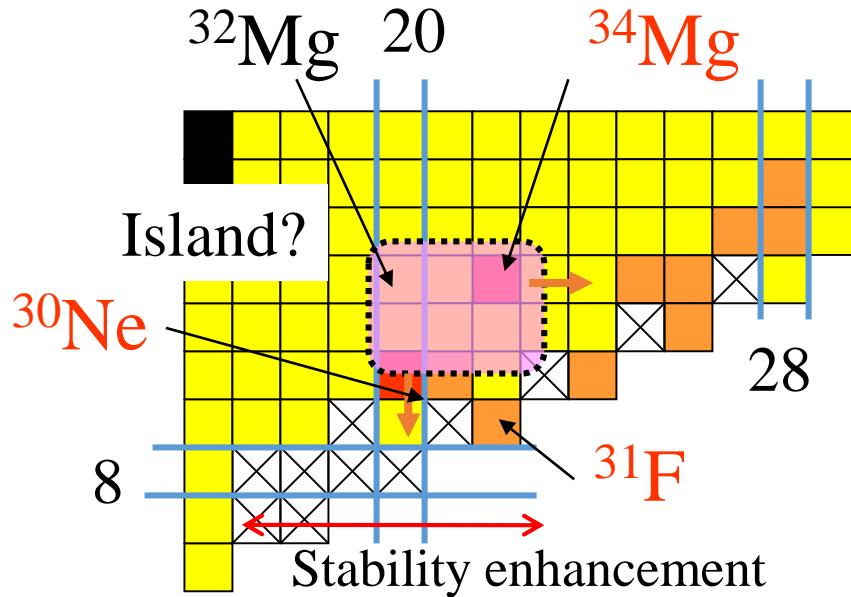
S. Takeuchi et al., PRL109, 182501 (2012)

Confirmation of 2+ energy observed at GANIL

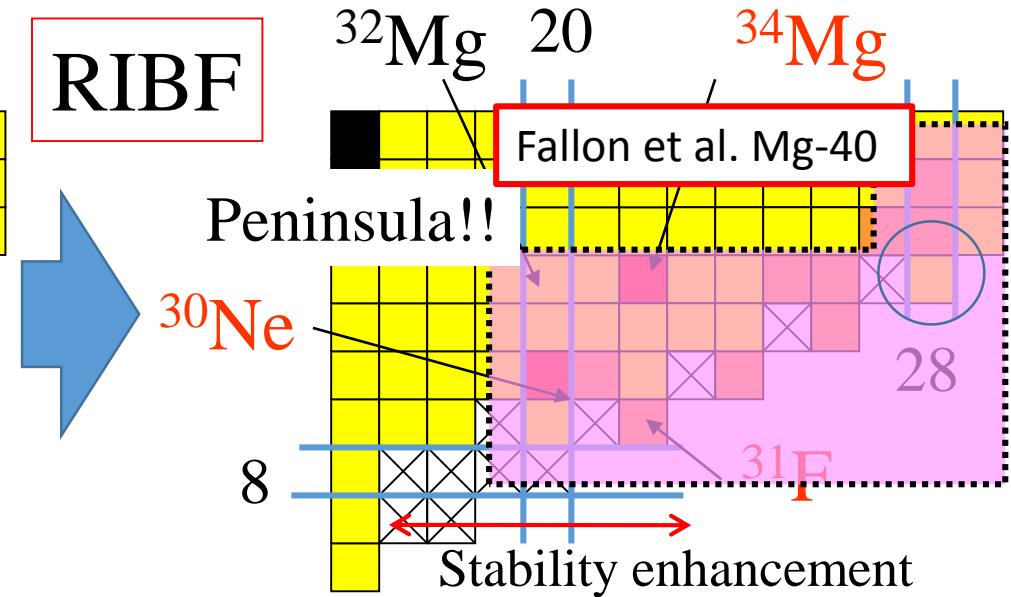
High statistic data allows gamma-gamma  
Coincidence



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Do What is the next “magic” ?

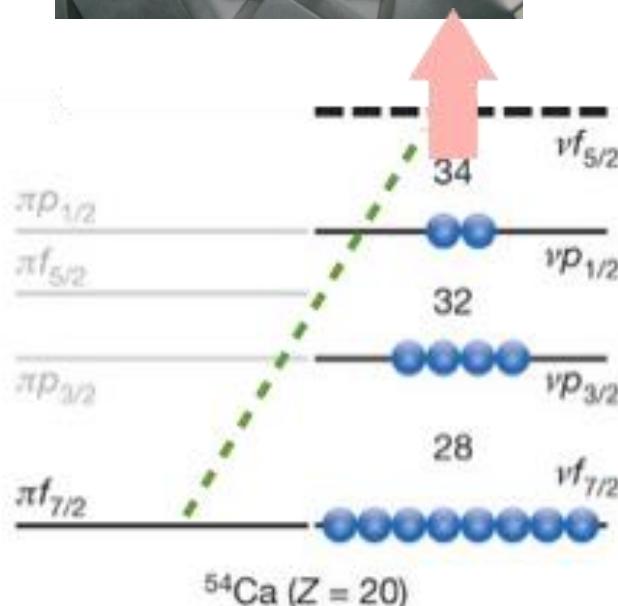
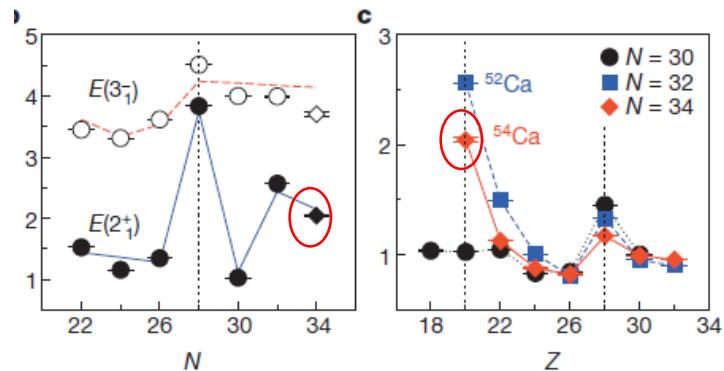
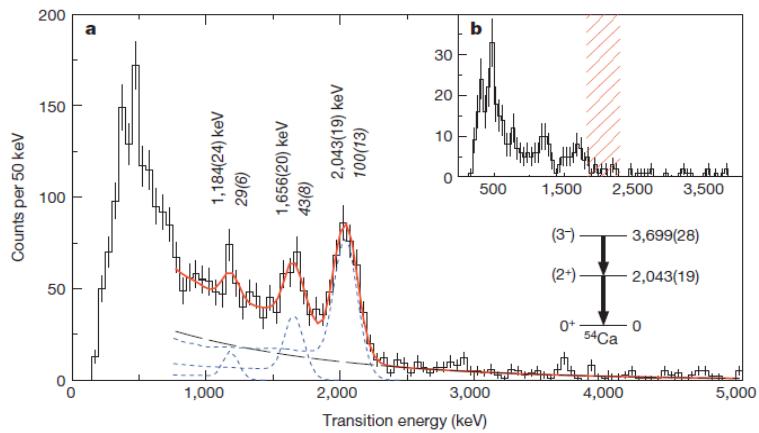
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# New “Magicity” of N=34 in the Ca isotopes

D. Steffenbeck et al., Nature 502

Zn-70 primary beam (100 pnA max)  
Ti-56 120 pps/pnA, Sc-55 12 pps/pnA

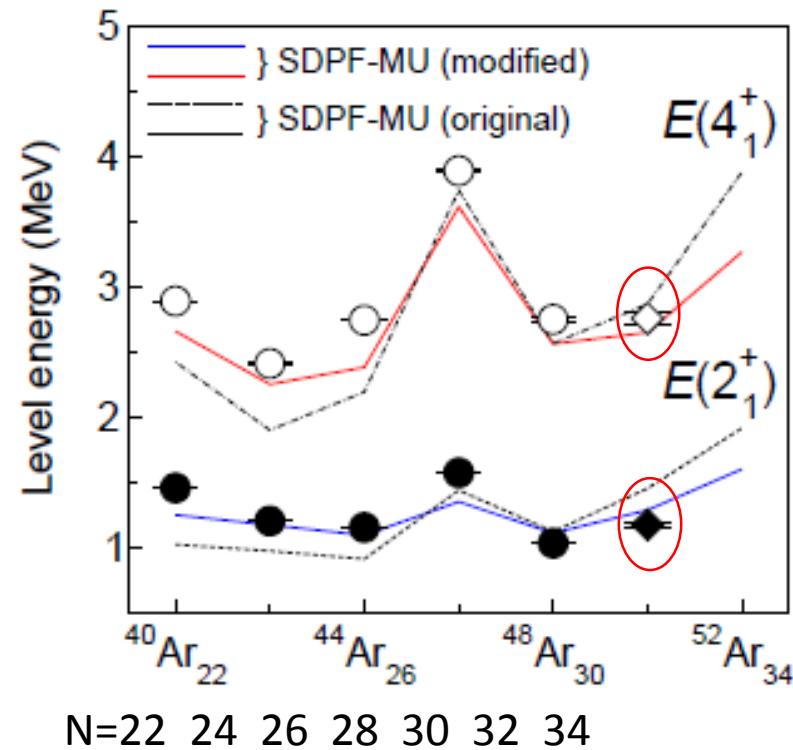
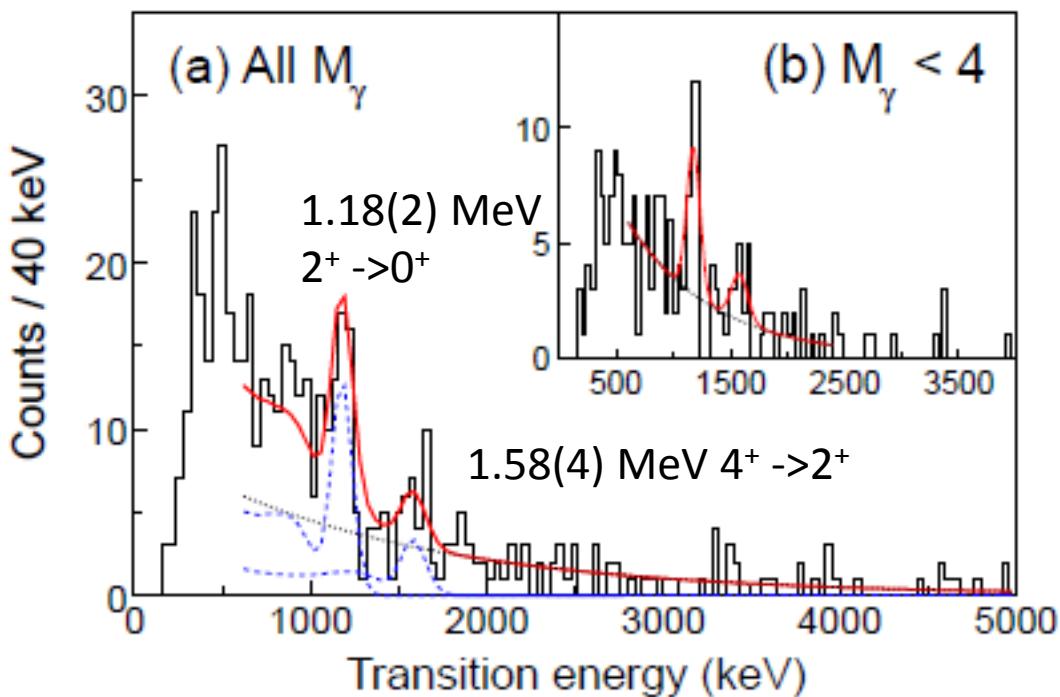
Zn-70  $\rightarrow$  Ti-56, Sc-55  
Ti-56, Sc-55 + Be  $\rightarrow$  Ca-54 + X



# “Magicity” in the Ar isotopes : Ar-50 (N=32)

D. Steppenbeck et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 252501 (2015)

Sum of the reaction channels



N=32 gap in Ar is similar at that in Ca and Ti...

How about Ar-52 (N=34)?

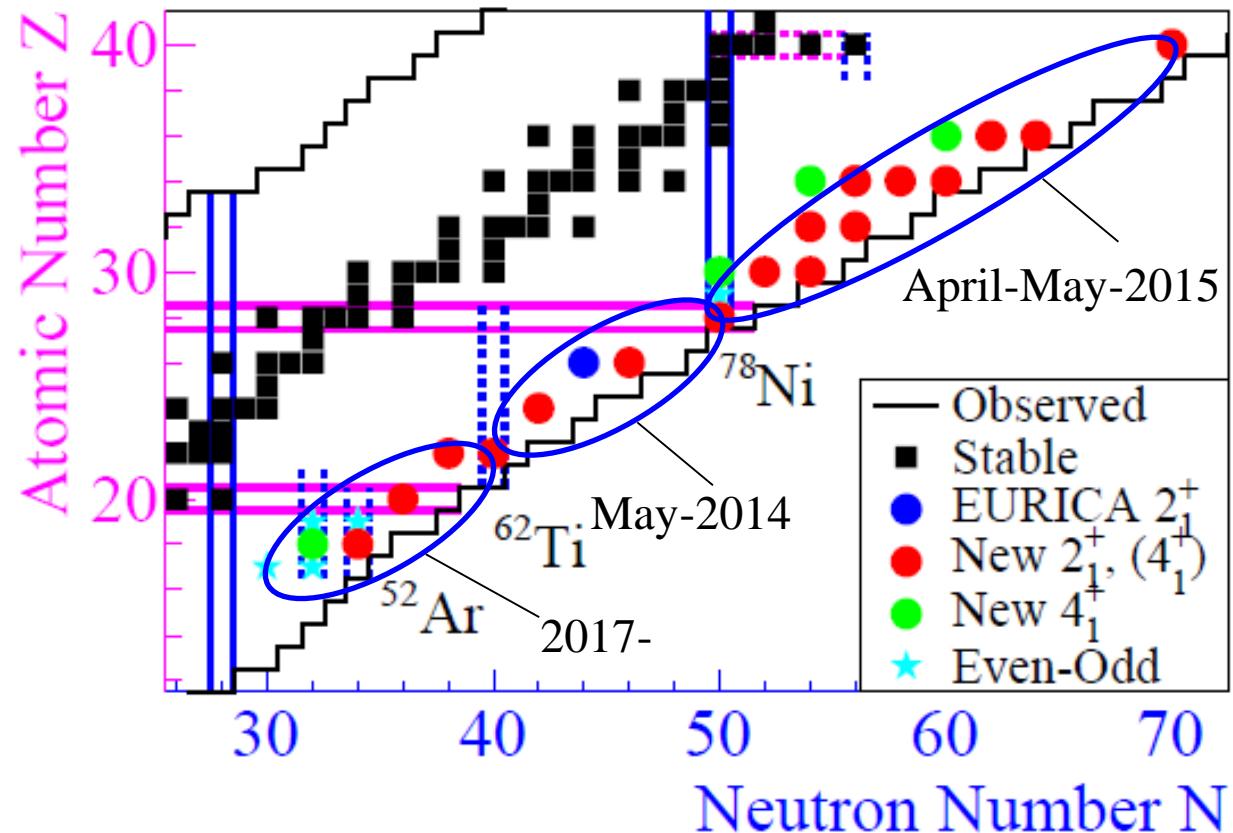
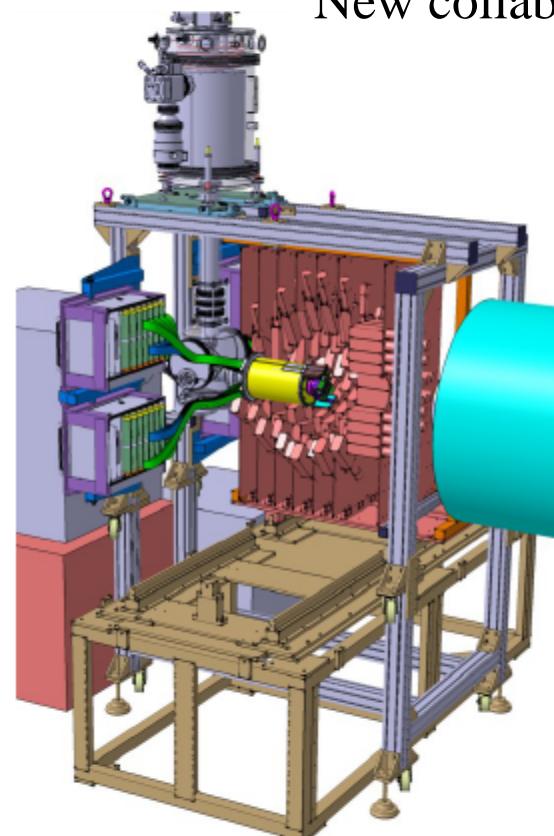
Ca-56 (N=36)?

Robustness of N=34 ?

# Shell Evolution And Search for Two-plus energies At the RIBF (SEASTAR) – a RIKEN Physics Program

Spokespersons: P. Doornenbal (RIKEN), A. Obertelli (CEA, RIKEN)

New collaboration scheme; Nuclear Physics News, 24 No2, 35       $^{110}\text{Zr}$



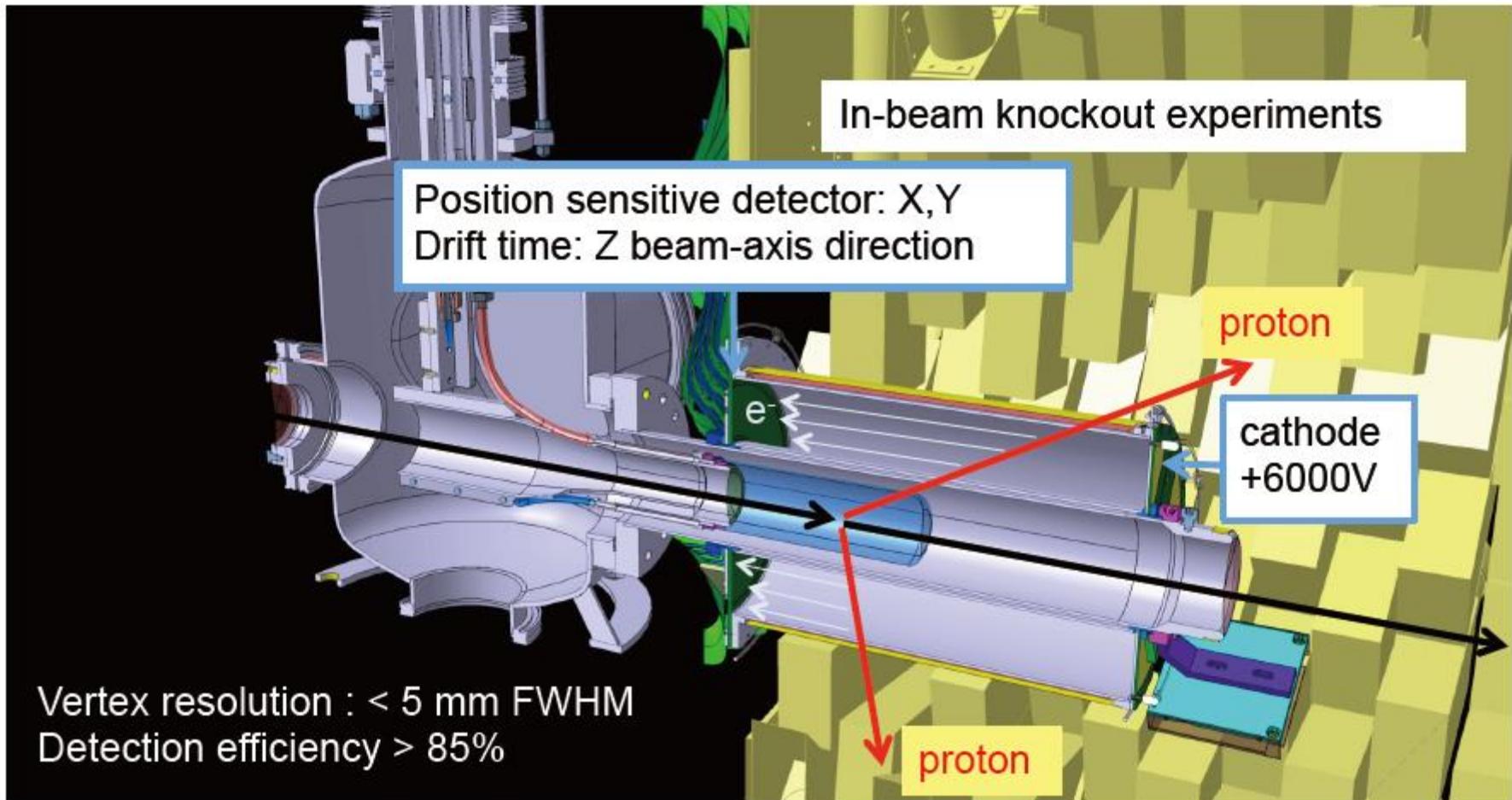
MINOS (100-mm thick Liq. $\text{H}_2$  target and TPC system,  $\Delta\beta = 20\%$  )

-> high luminosity and vertex position determination

DALI2 -> high efficiency

to access very neutron-rich nuclei

# MINOS : Magic Numbers Off Stability



A. Obertelli *et al.*, Eur. Phys. Jour. A **50**, 8 (2014)

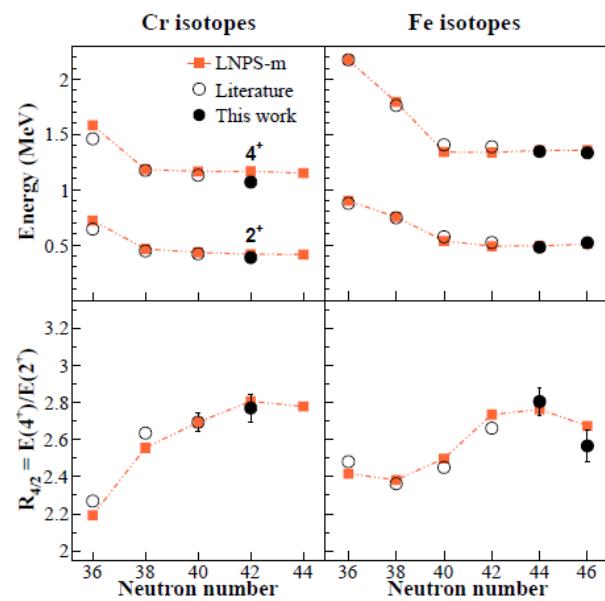
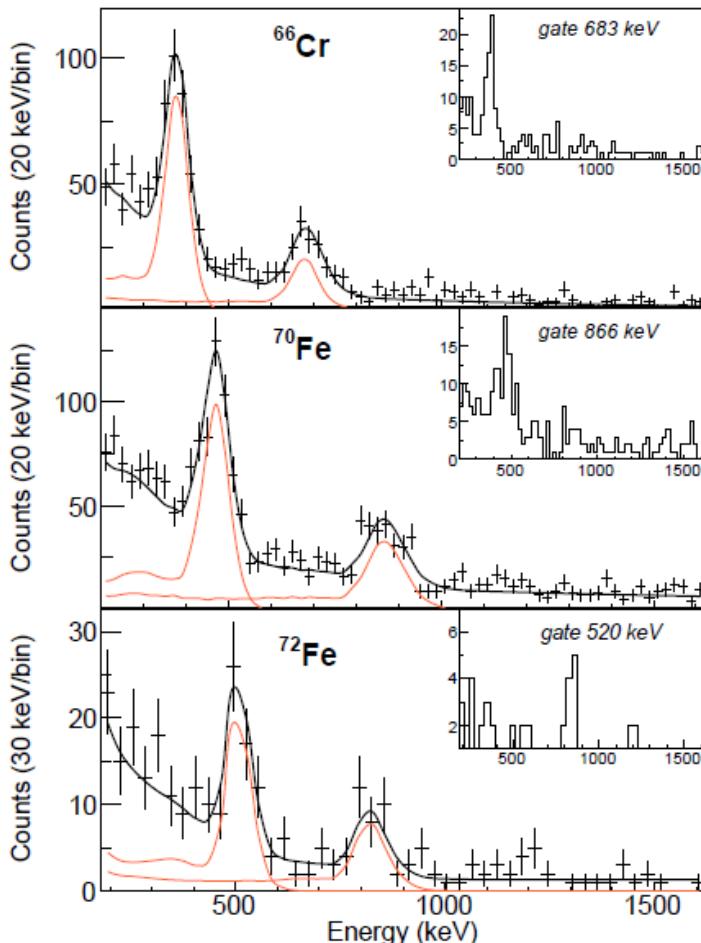
<http://minos.cea.fr>

A. Obertelli

# SEASTAR : The First Campaign May 2014

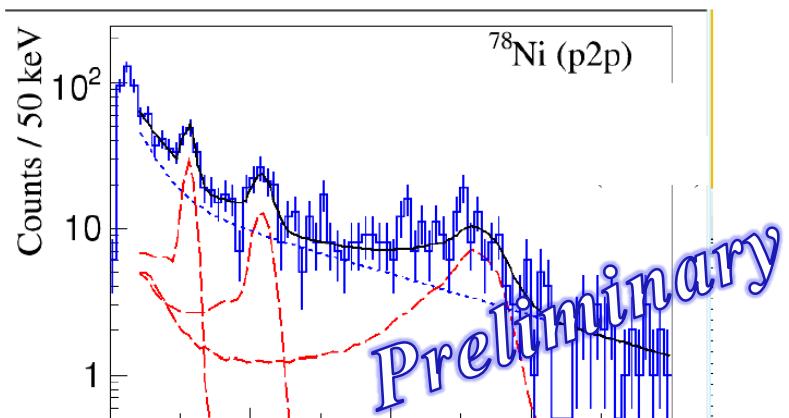
## (1) Extension of the N=40 Island-of-Inversion towards N=50 Spectroscopy of $^{66}\text{Cr}$ , $^{70,72}\text{Fe}$

Santamaria, Louchart, Obertelli et al,  
PRL 115, 192501 (2015)



## (2) First spectroscopy of $^{78}\text{Ni}$

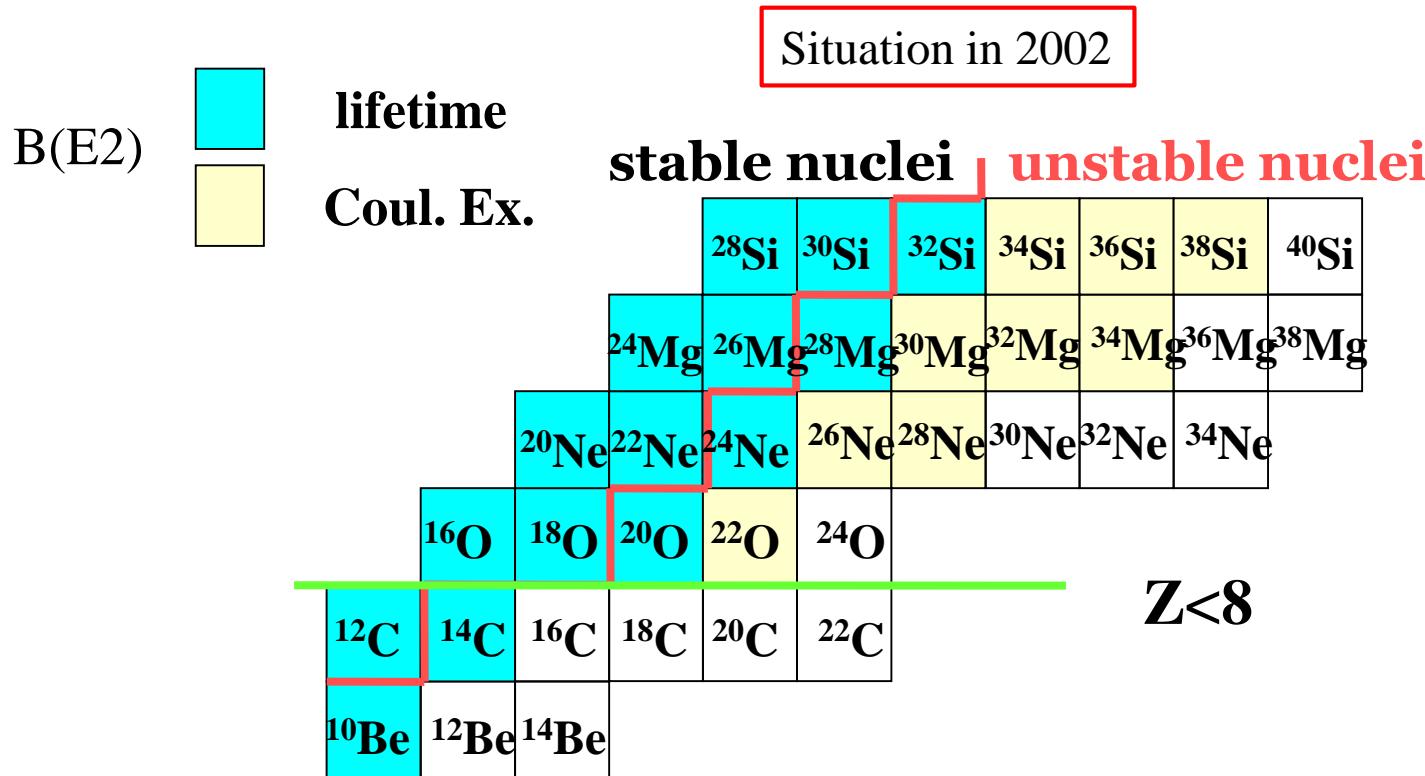
Taniuchi, Doornenbal, Yoneda et al., in preparation



## Lifetime measurement for excited states

Introduction of several works at the old facility RIPS  
Such lifetime measurement activities should be  
re-encouraged/re-organized at the new facility RIBF

# B(E2) measurement for the light mass region



No data for the neutron-rich Be and C isotopes

# In-beam Gamma Spectroscopy at the RIPS facility

H.J. Ong et al., Phys. Rev. C 78, 014308 (2008)

Lifetime measurements of first excited states in C-16 and C-18

H.J. Ong et al., Phys. Rev. C 73, 024610 (2006)

Neutron-dominant quadrupole collective motion in C-16

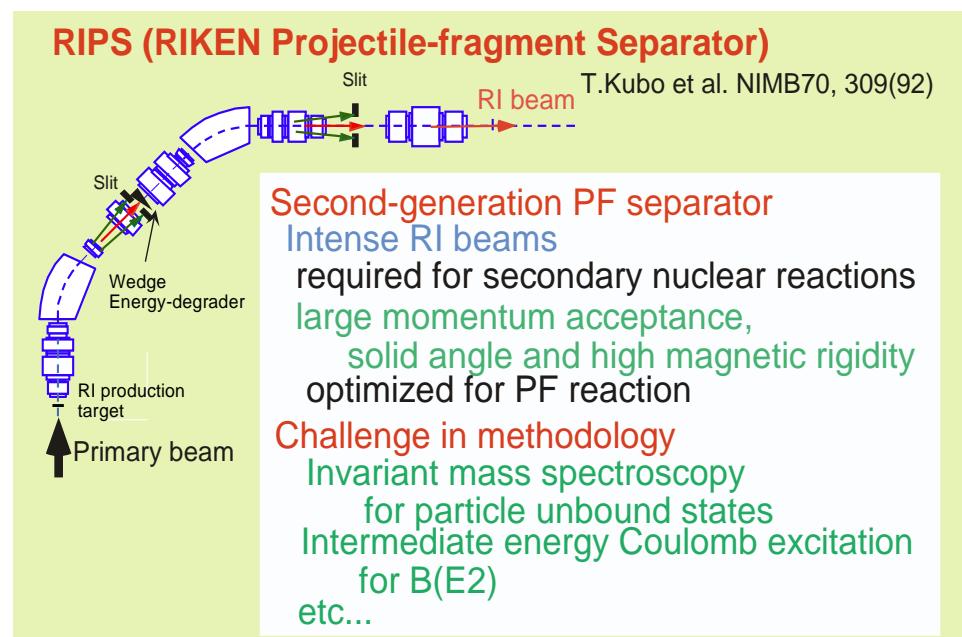
D. Suzuki et al., Phys. Lett. B 666, 222(2008)

Lifetime measurements of excited states in C-17

N. Imai et al., Phys. Lett. B 673, 179 (2009)

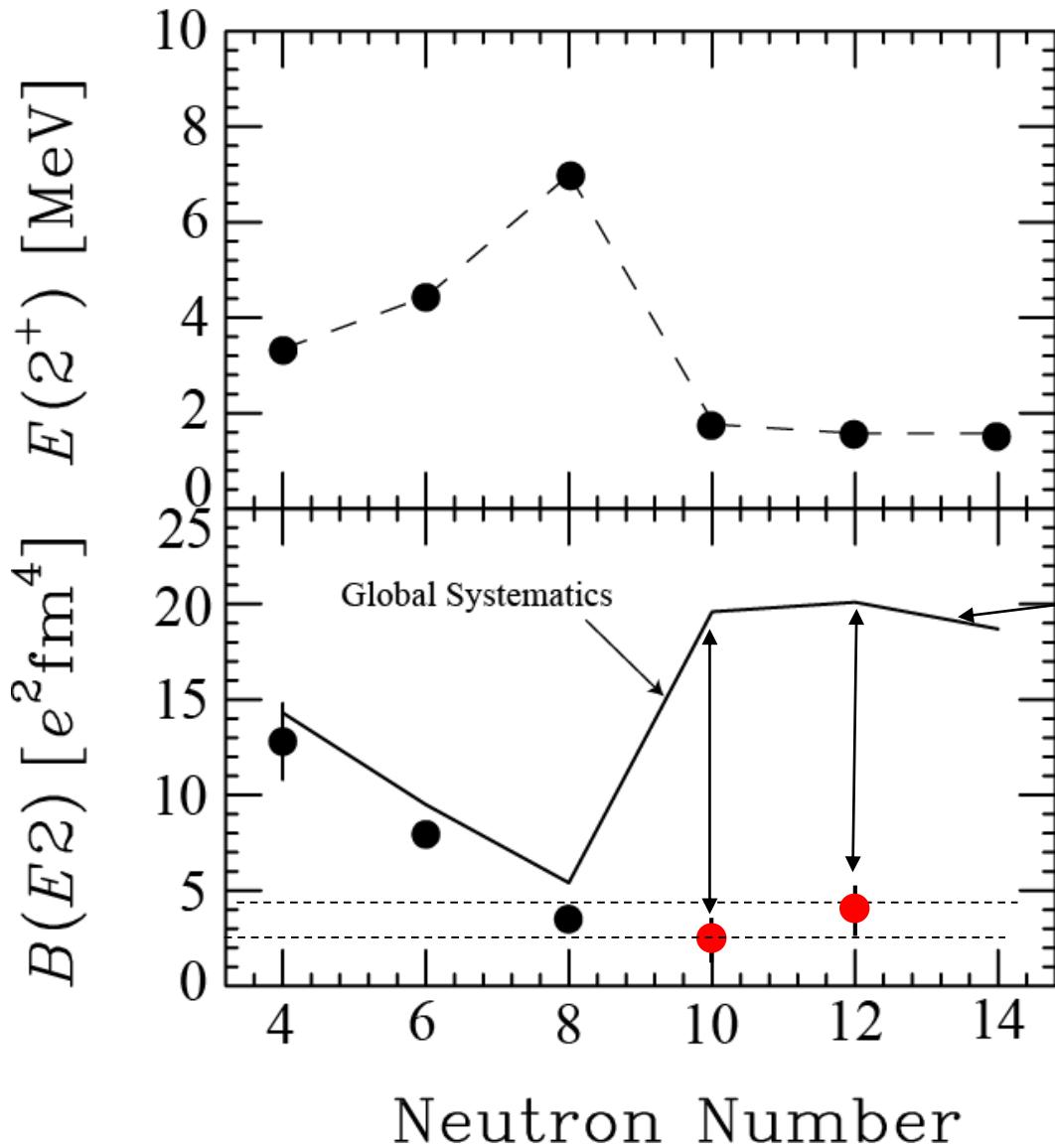
First lifetime measurements of 2+ state in Be-12

Lifetime measurements developed  
Recoil Shadow Method  
Doppler Shift Attenuation Method  
Recoil Distance Method  
to measure  $B(E2)$   
For light nuclei to which CEX is  
not applied.



# E(2+) and B(E2) systematics for Carbon isotopes

Ong, et al., Physical Review C 78 (2008) 014308

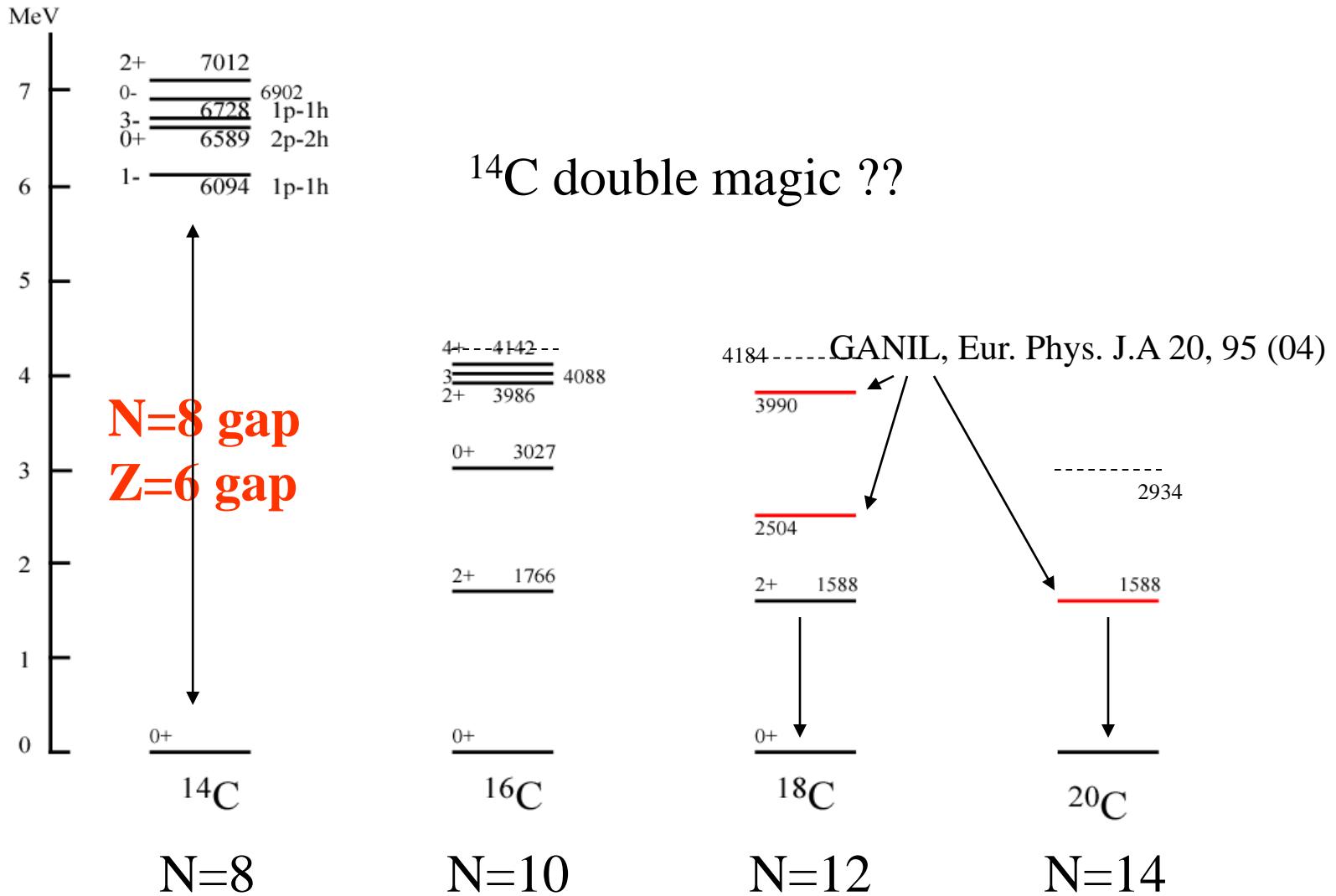


$$B(E2)_{\text{sys}} = (5140 \pm 900) E^{-1} Z^2 A^{-2/3}$$

**S. Raman et al, ADNDT 78,1(2001)**

significant discrepancy  
from  
Raman's systematics

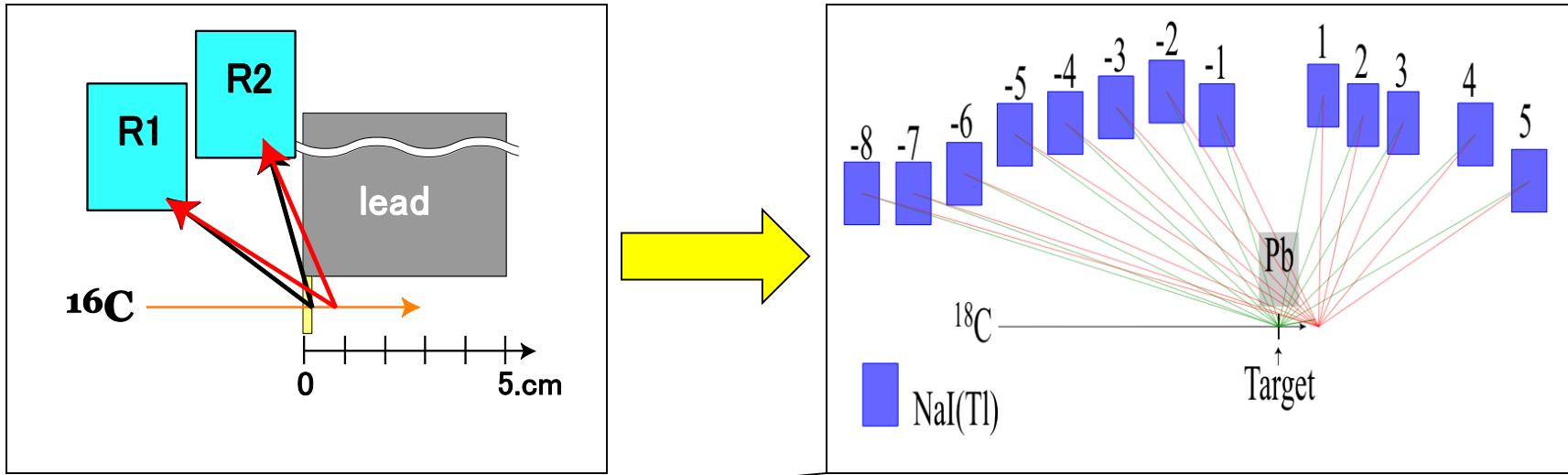
# Excited states in even-even C isotopes



# New data for transition strengths in $^{16, 17, 18}\text{C}$ based on an upgrade setup for recoil shadow method

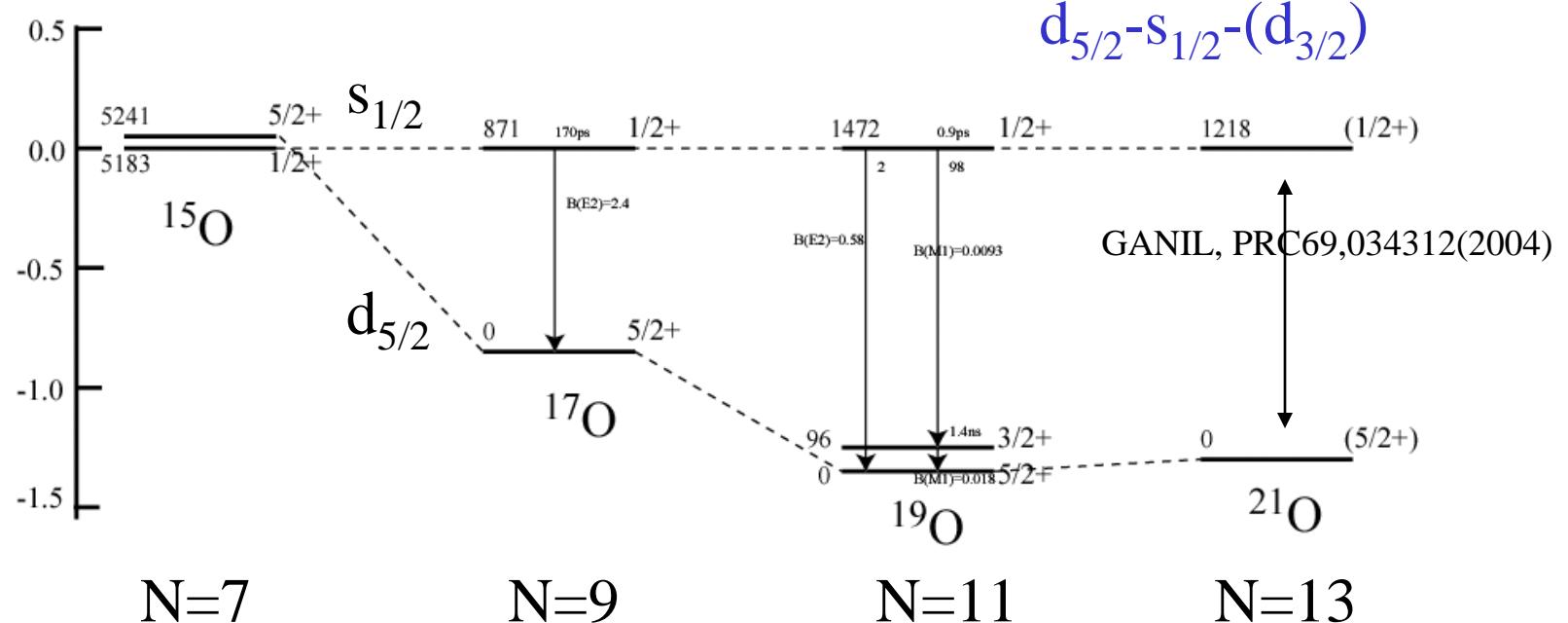
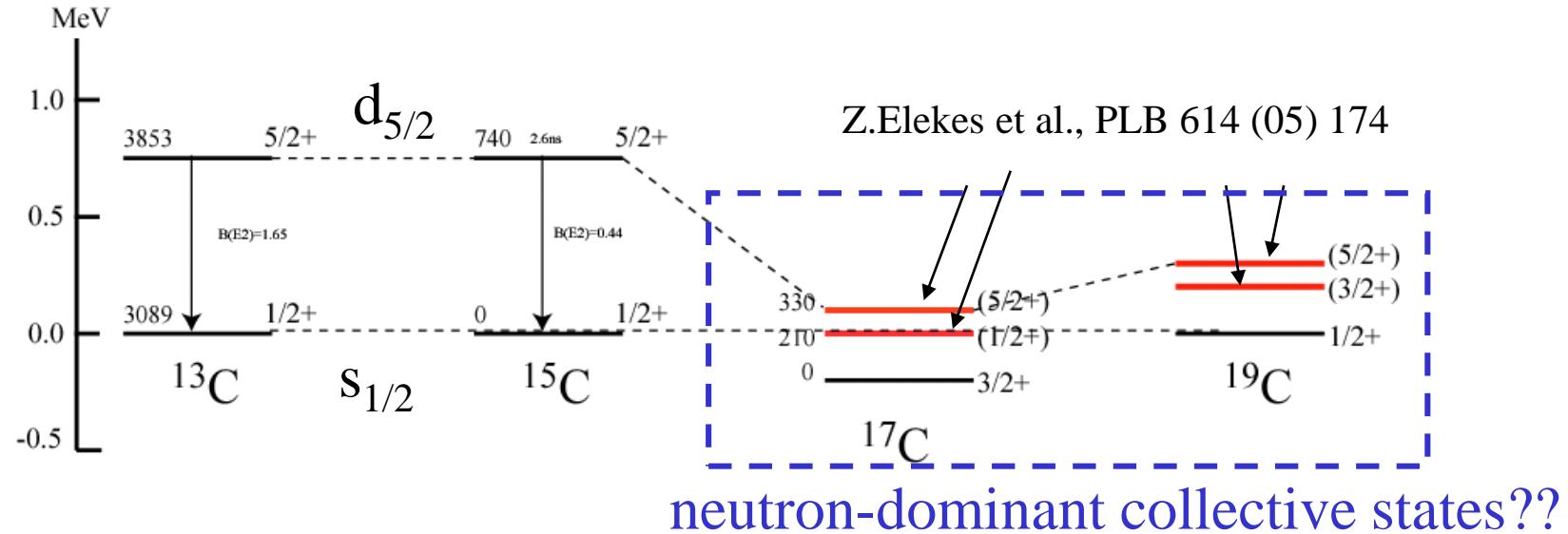
$^{18}\text{C}$ : Ong et al. PRC

$^{17}\text{C}$ : Suzuki et al. PLB



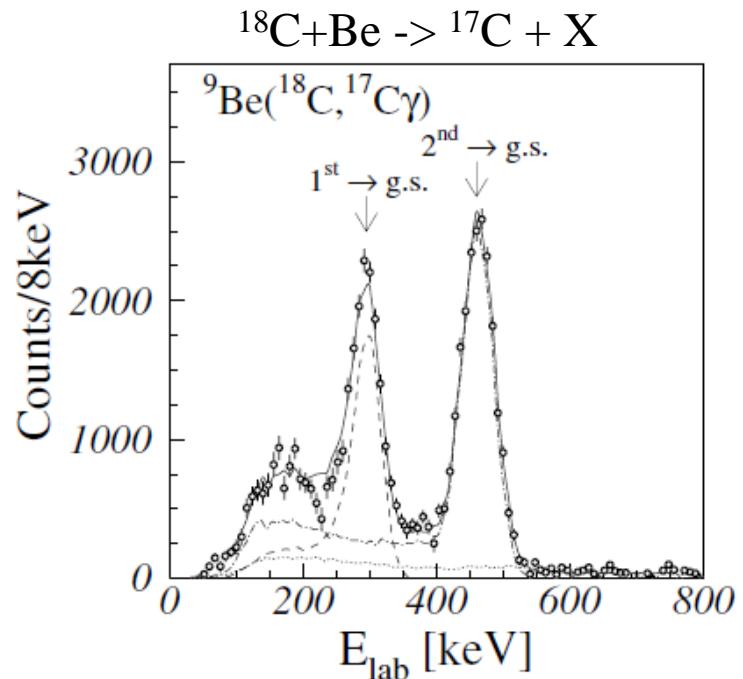
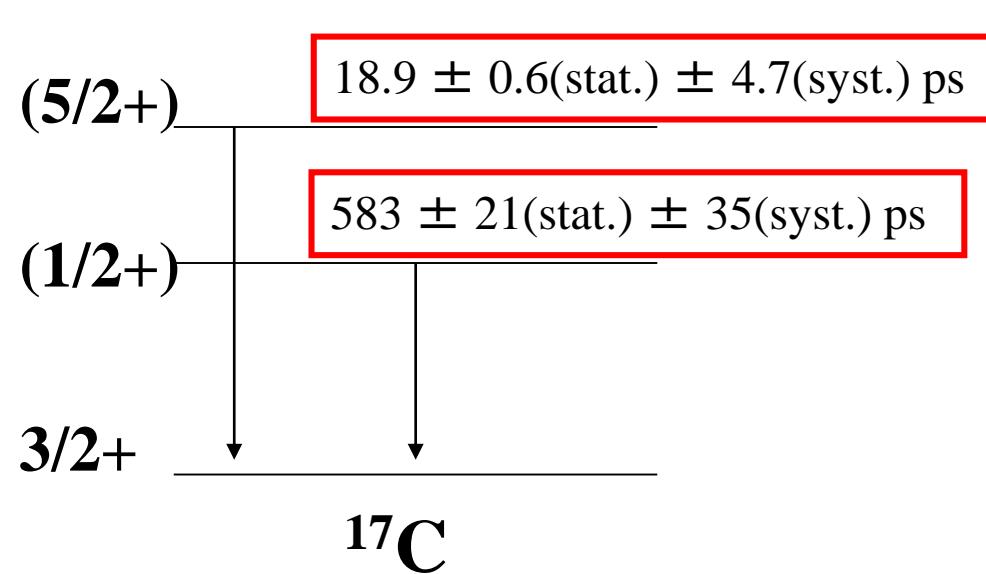
- Increased detectors
  - **improved statistics**
  - Various combinations
  - **increased sensitivity towards lifetime**
- Measurement with/without lead shield
  - $R_{\text{wPb}}/R_{\text{woPb}}$
  - **NO uncertainty due to angular distribution of  $\gamma$ -ray**

# Excited states in the odd C and O isotopes



# Life-time measurements of excited states in $^{17}\text{C}$

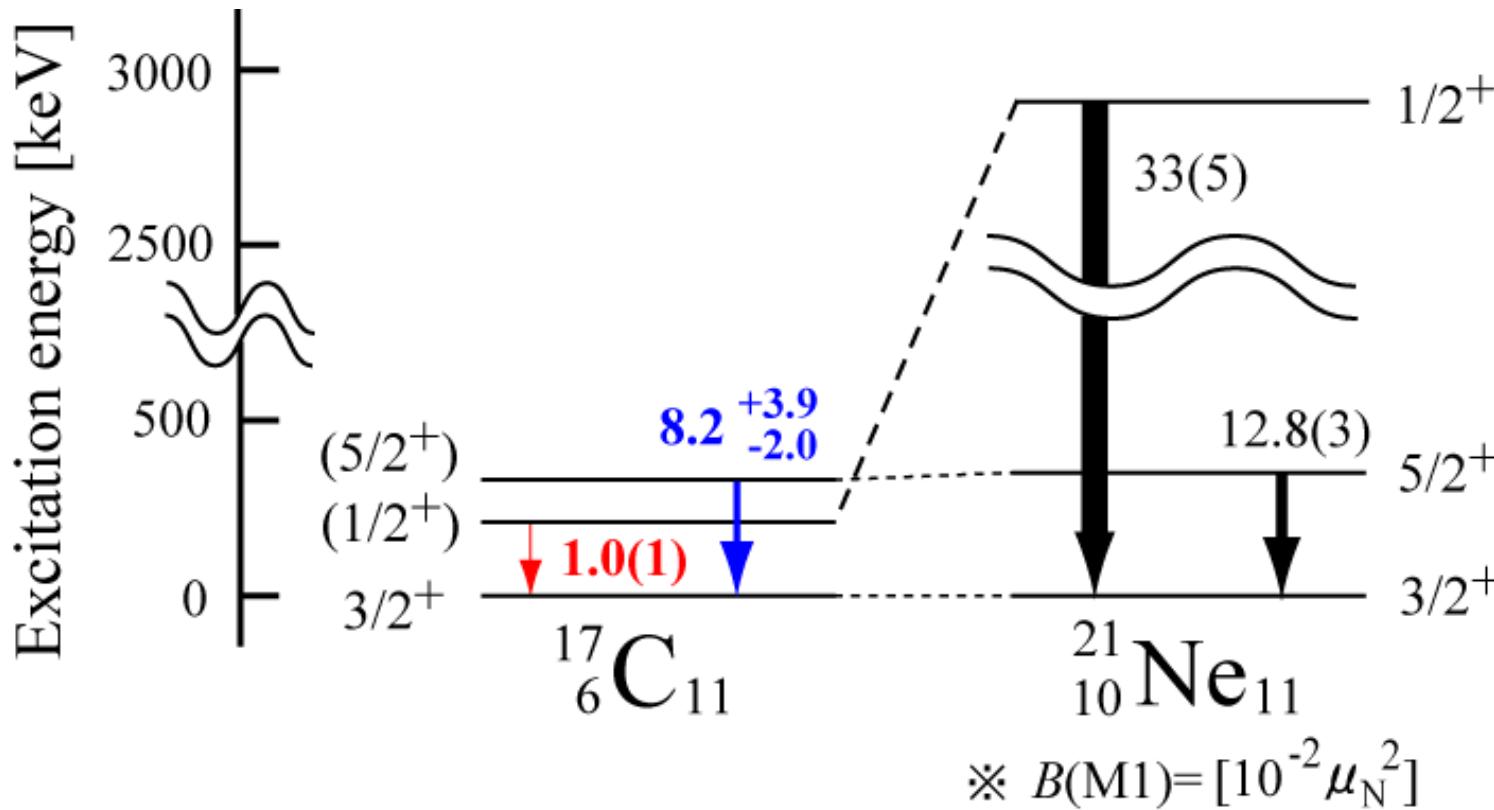
D. Suzuki, et al., PLB



$$B(\text{M1}; (1/2^+) \rightarrow 3/2^+) = (1.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2} [\mu_N^2]$$

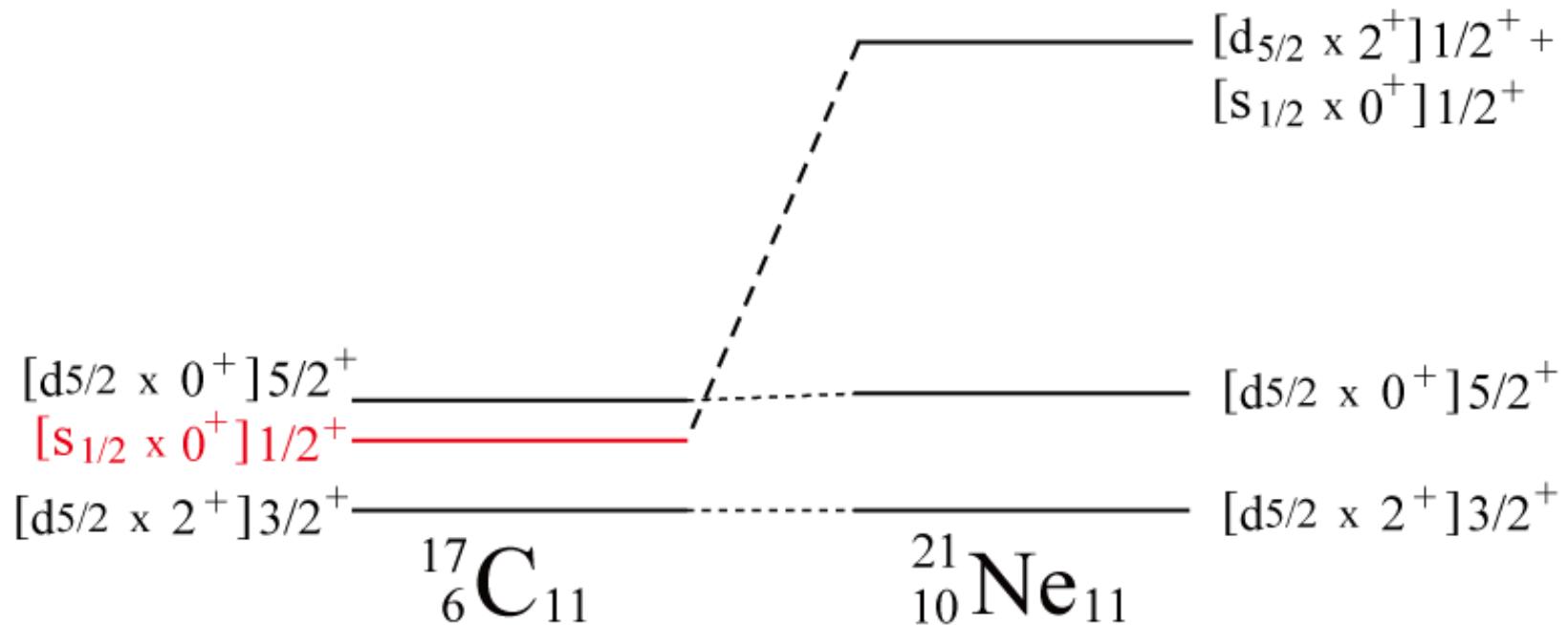
$$B(\text{M1}; (5/2^+) \rightarrow 3/2^+) = (8.2 + 3.2/-1.8) \times 10^{-2} [\mu_N^2]$$

# Comparison between $^{17}\text{C}$ and $^{21}\text{Ne}$



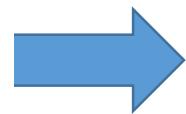
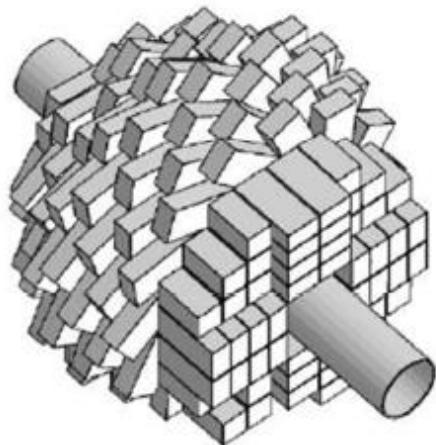
- $(5/2^+)$ ; Almost identical excitation energy and M1 strength
- $(1/2^+)$ ; Low excitation energy and small M1 strength  
⇒ Drastic change in the structure of the  $1/2^+$  state

# *s*-wave dominance in the $1/2^+$ state?

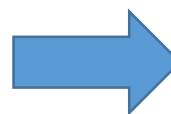
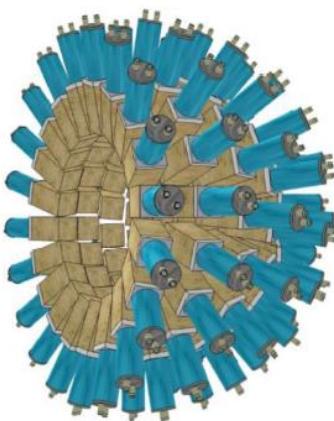


- $3/2^+$ ; the  $[d_{5/2} \times 2^+]^{3/2+}$  configuration is dominant.  
⇒ The  $1/2^+$  state of  $^{17}\text{C}$  may have a large amount of the  $[s_{1/2} \times 0^+]^{1/2+}$  configuration since the M1 transition between the  $s_{1/2}$  and  $d_{5/2}$  orbitals is forbidden.
- The  $1/2^+$  state of  $^{17}\text{C}$  may be a halo state ?.

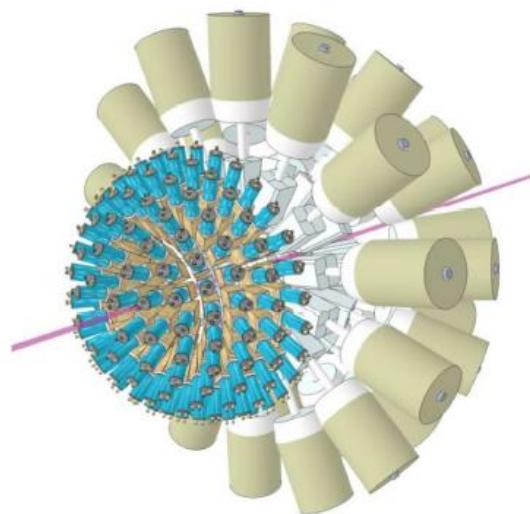
# Next Generation Gamma-ray Array



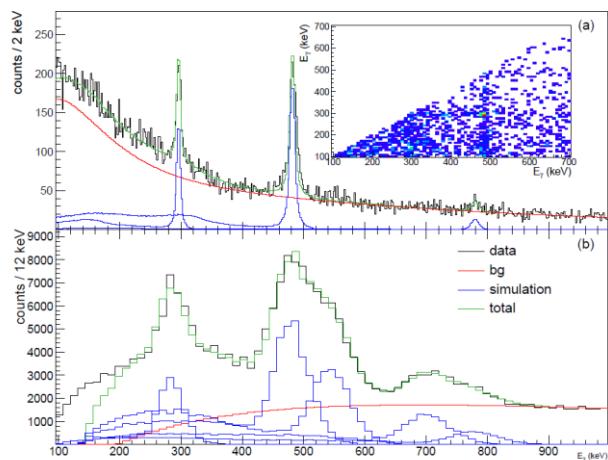
DALI2 (present)  
NaI crystals  
 $dE/E \sim 8\%$



SHOGUN (future)  
LaBr<sub>3</sub> crystals  
 $dE/E \sim 2\%$



Asia-Ball (5-10 years)  
Ge crystals  
 $dE/E \sim 0.2\%$   
+ SHOGUN



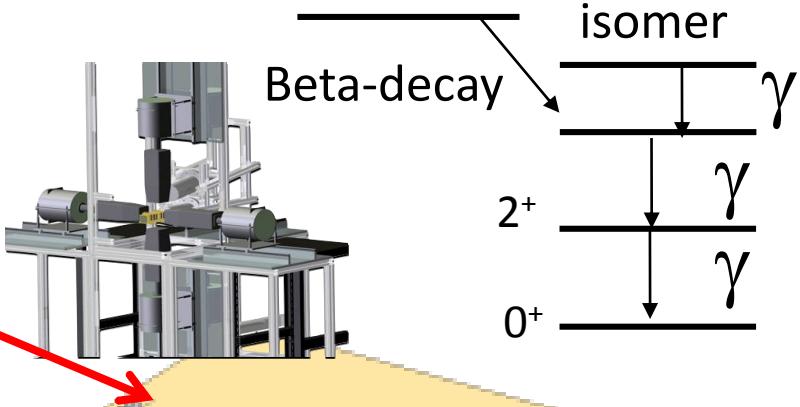
**Doppler corrected gamma energy spectra  
of Mg-33 (real data)**

Inelastic scattering with GRETINA at NSCL  
(K. Wimmer)

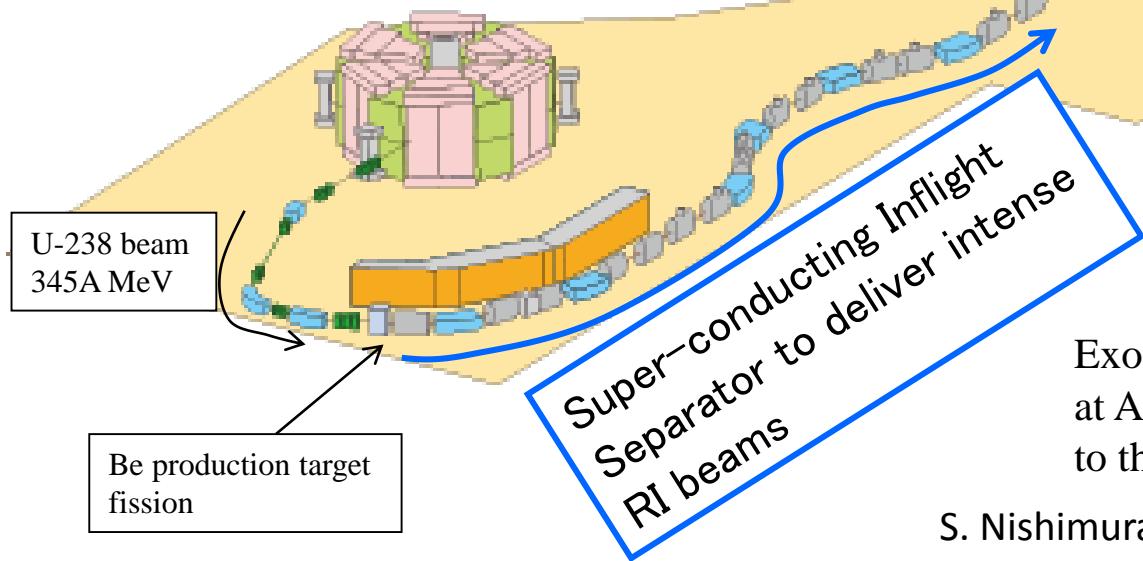
Neutron knockout with DALI2 at RIBF  
(D. Bazin)

# Decay Spectroscopy Setup

Beta-delayed gamma  
-> Ge detectors  
HI implanted and beta-rays  
-> active stopper (DSSSD)



U-238 Acceleration  
at Super-Conducting Cyclotron



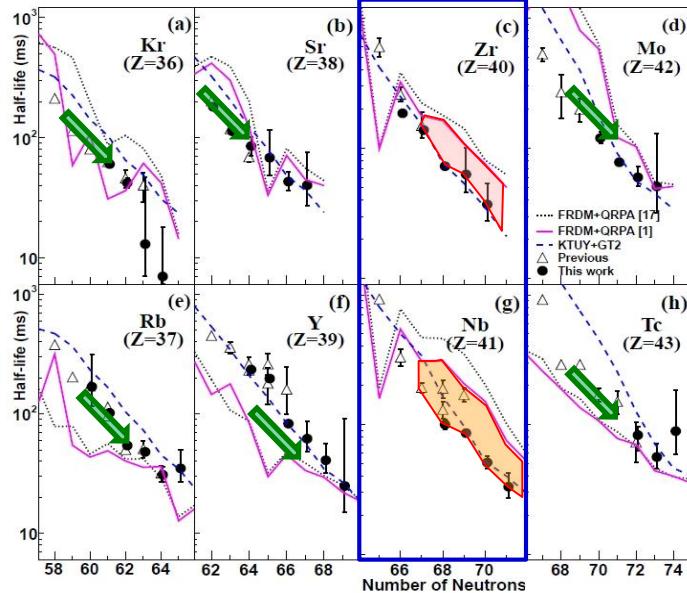
1<sup>st</sup> decay spectroscopy 2009 Dec.  
U beam intensity  
0.1-0.2 pA on average  
2.5 days for data accumulation

Exotic Collective-Motions  
at A~110 and Their Applications  
to the R-process

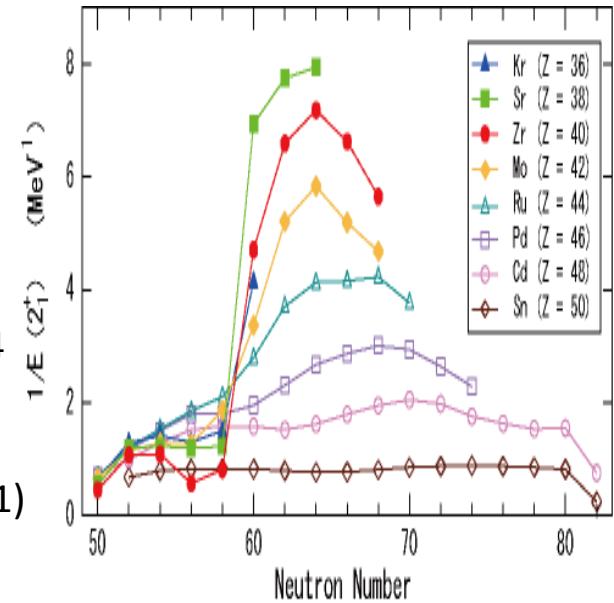
Particle Identification of  
RI beams

- S. Nishimura et al., PRL 106, 052502 (2011)  
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# Exotic Collective-Motions at A~110 and Their Applications to the R-process Nucleosynthesis

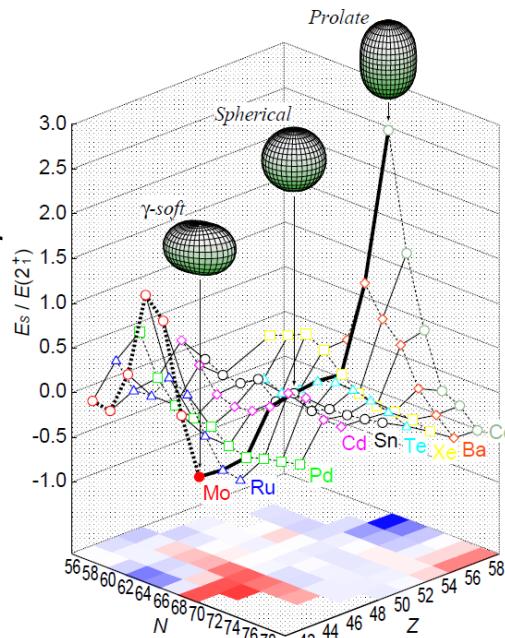
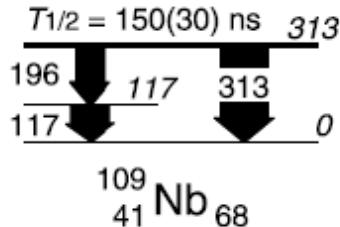


New Half-life data for  
18 new isotopes  
S. Nishimura et al.,  
PRL 106, 052502 (2011)



Deformed magic  $N=64$   
in Zr isotopes  
T. Sumikama et al.,  
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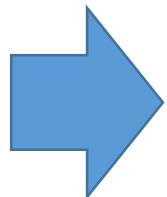
Low-lying level structure of Nb-109:  
A possible oblate prolate shape isomer  
H. Watanabe et al.,  
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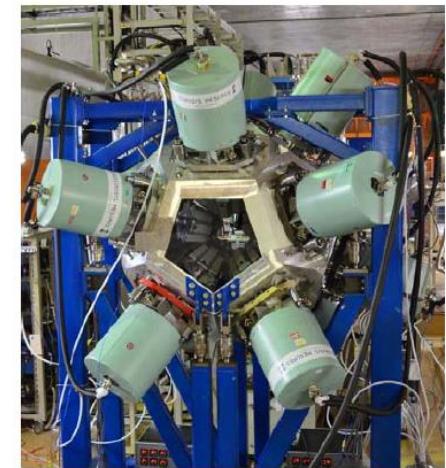
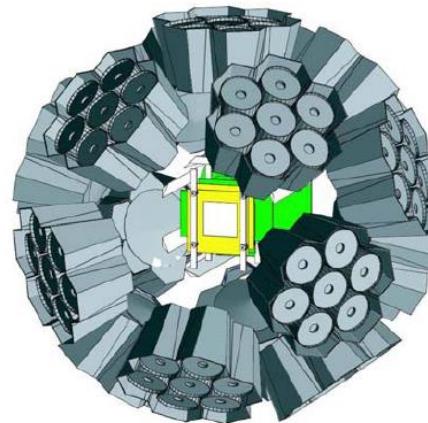
Development of axial  
asymmetry in neutron-rich  
nucleus Mo-110  
H. Watanabe et al.,  
Phys.Lett.B 704,270-275(2011)

# Decay Spectroscopy at RIBF

First decay spectroscopy in 2009



EURICA setup



EUroball-RIKEN Cluster Array

U-beam intensity ... x 50 times

- 0.2 pnA → 10 pnA



EURICA  
Collaboration

Gamma-ray efficiency ... x 10 times

- 4 Clover detectors (Det. Effi. ~1.5% at 0.662 MeV)

→ 12 Cluster detectors (Det. Eff. ~ 15 % at 0.662MeV)

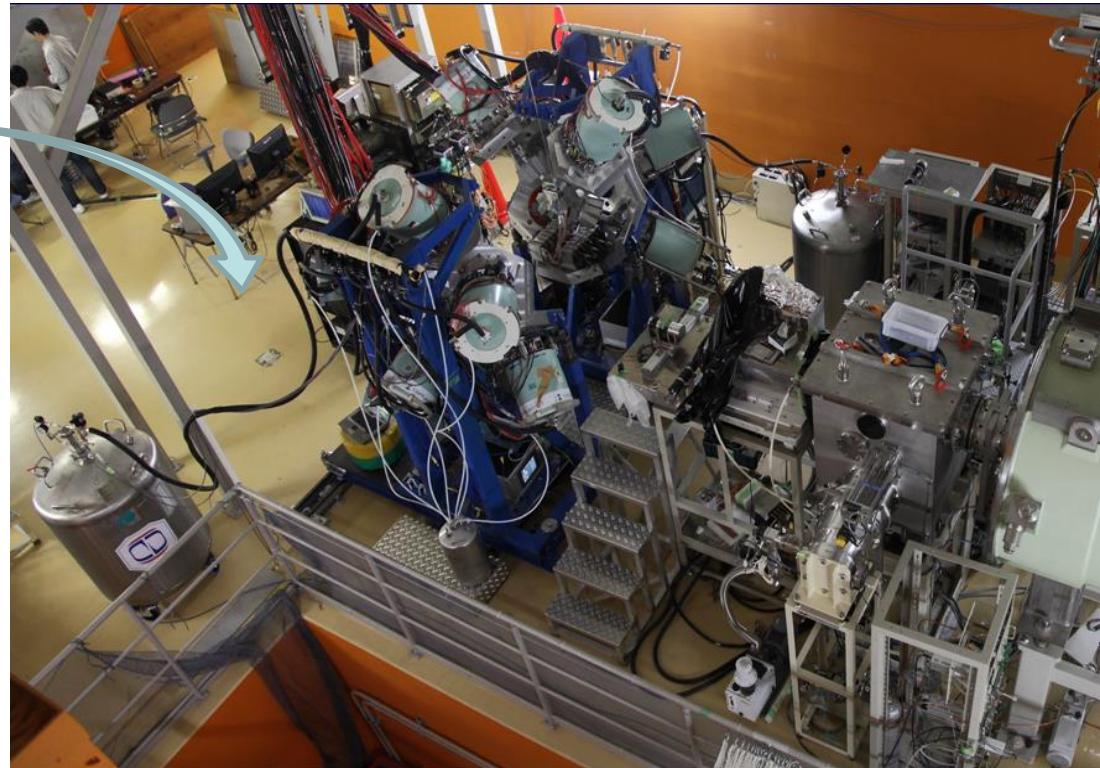
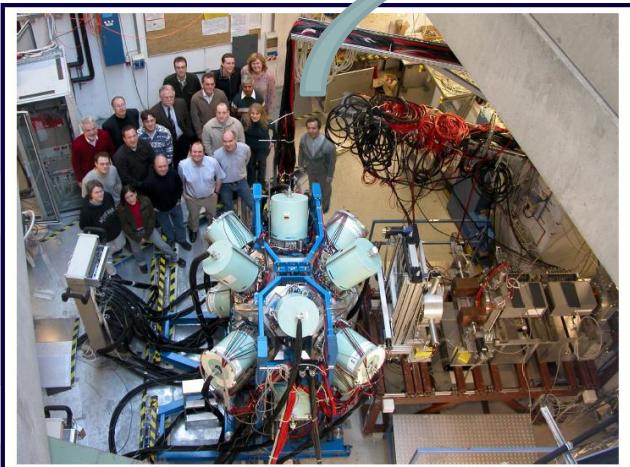
Beam time x 40 times

- 2.5 days (4 papers) → 100 days ... (160 papers)

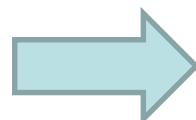
Si-strip: IBS-RIKEN

# EURICA Project at RIBF

EUROBALL-RIKEN Cluster Array (EURICA) 2012-16



Euroball Cluster detectors  
Support structure  
Readout electronics  
used for GSI-RISING



RIKEN RIBF  
(Japan)

2011 Nov.

# EURICA Installation



Ivan Kojouharov

Nick Kurtz

Henning Schaffner



# EURICA

## EUroball-RIKEN Cluster Array

2012-2016

### Beta-delayed gamma / Isomer Spectroscopy



12 Euroball Cluster detectors

Support structure

Electronics used for RISING

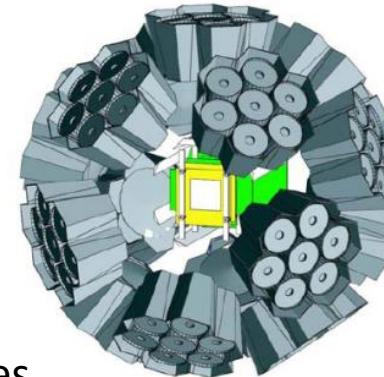


RIBF: decay station

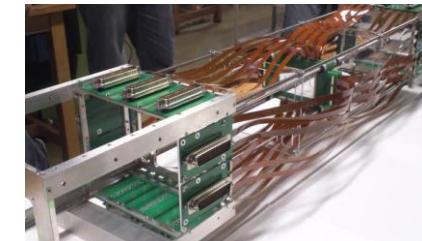
Active stopper: DS-SSD (WAS3ABI)

Liq. N<sub>2</sub> system, other infrastructures

+Additional detectors (LaBr<sub>3</sub>, Plastic ...)



WAS3ABI



230 collaborators from 19 countries

About 100 days were approved for physics run

Commissioning      March 2012

Physics Run      June 2012 – June 2016

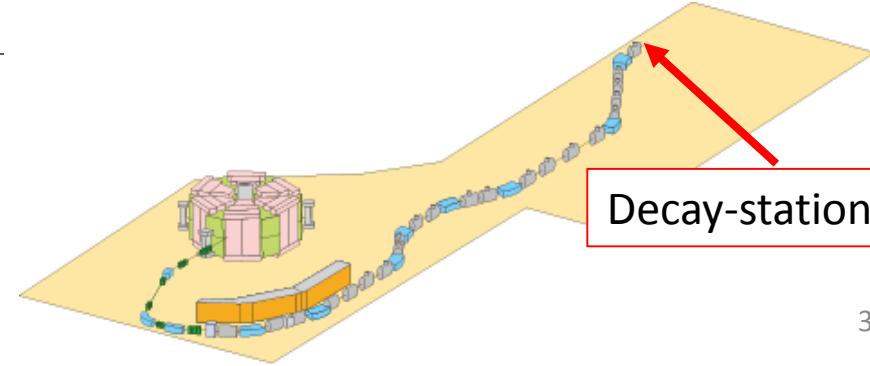
Publication at this time (August 2016)

23 papers (8 PRL, 5 PLB, 3 PRC(R), 7 PRC )

9 PhD Thesis + 1 Master Thesis

31 proceedings

8 technical articles



Decay-station

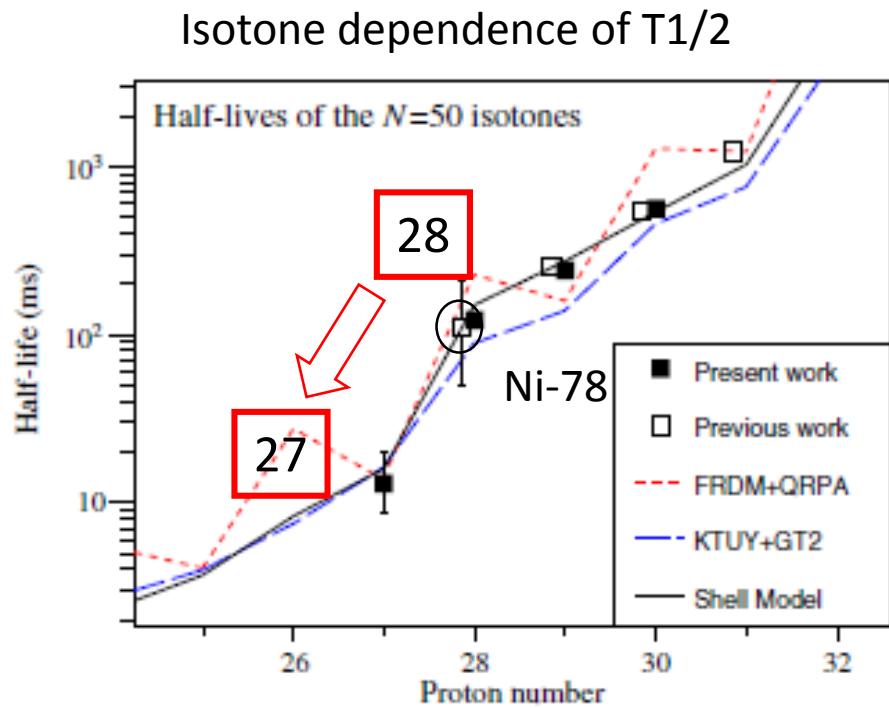
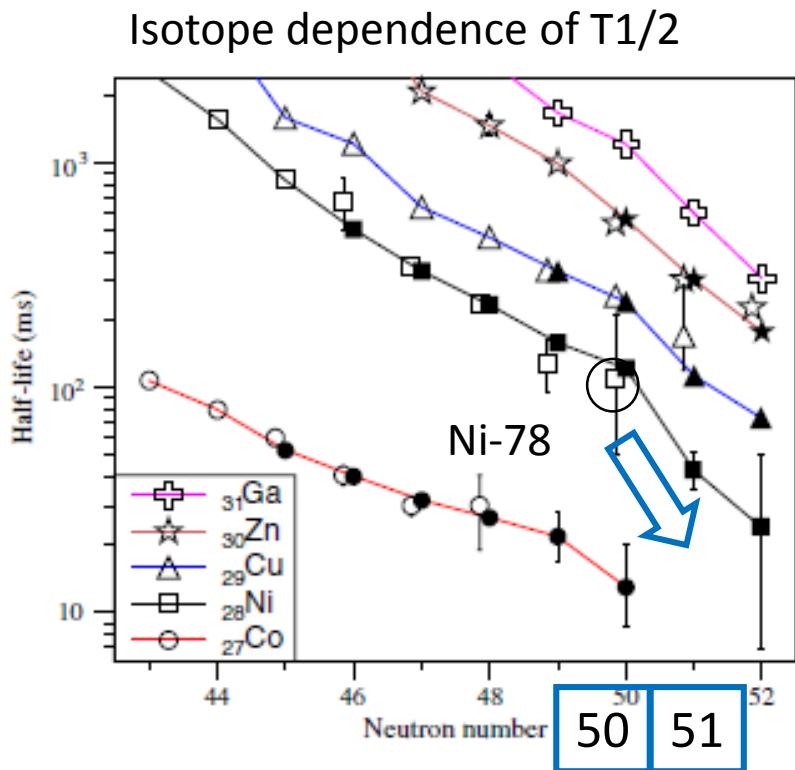
# $\beta$ -Decay Half-Lives of Co76,77, Ni79,80, and Cu81: Experimental Indication of a Doubly Magic Ni78

Xu and Nishimura et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 032505 (2014)



NP0702-RIBF10: S. Nishimura

Decay study for 75-78Co, 77-80Ni, 80-82Cu,  
and 82-83Zn near the N=50 shell closure



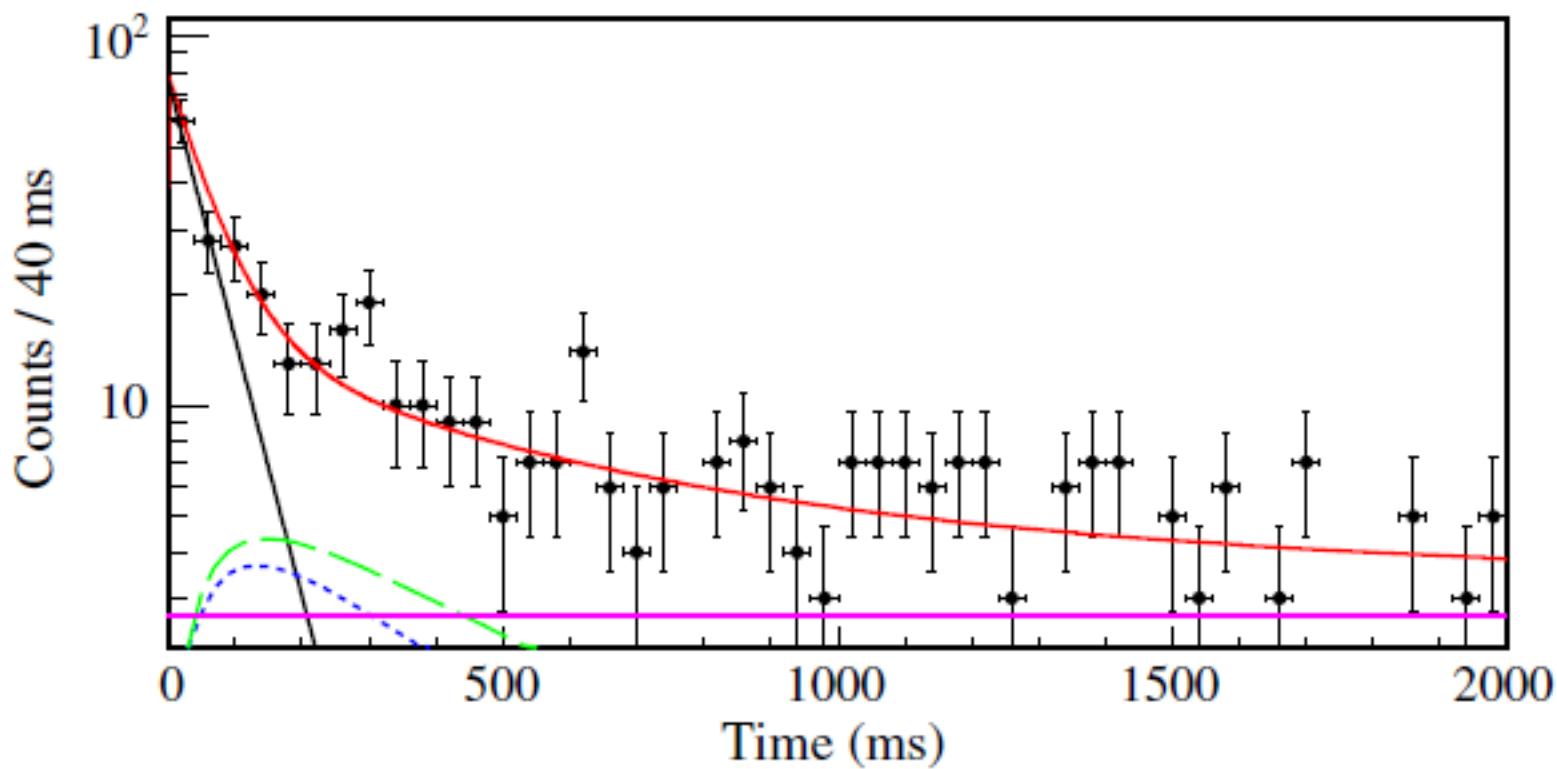
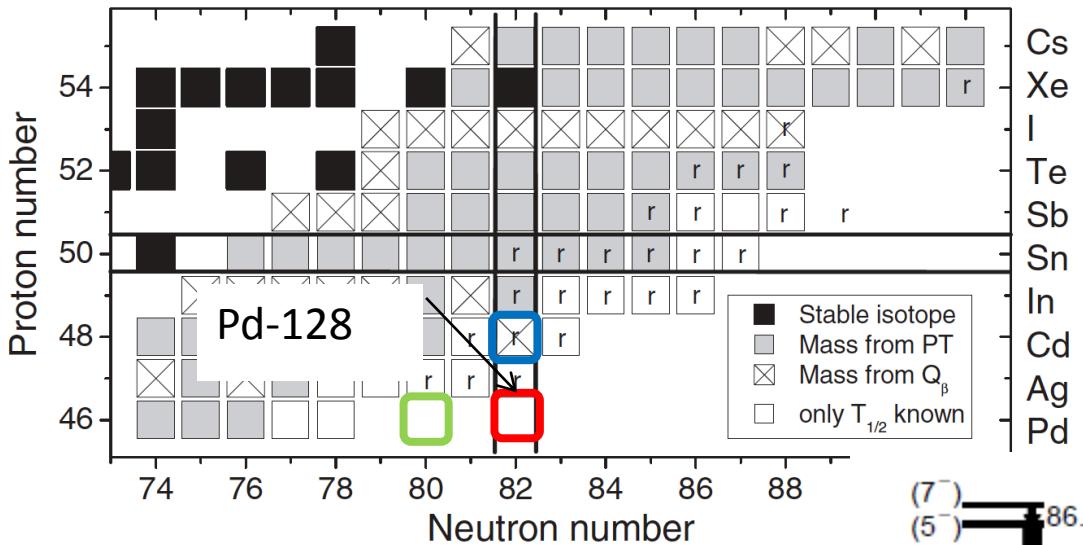


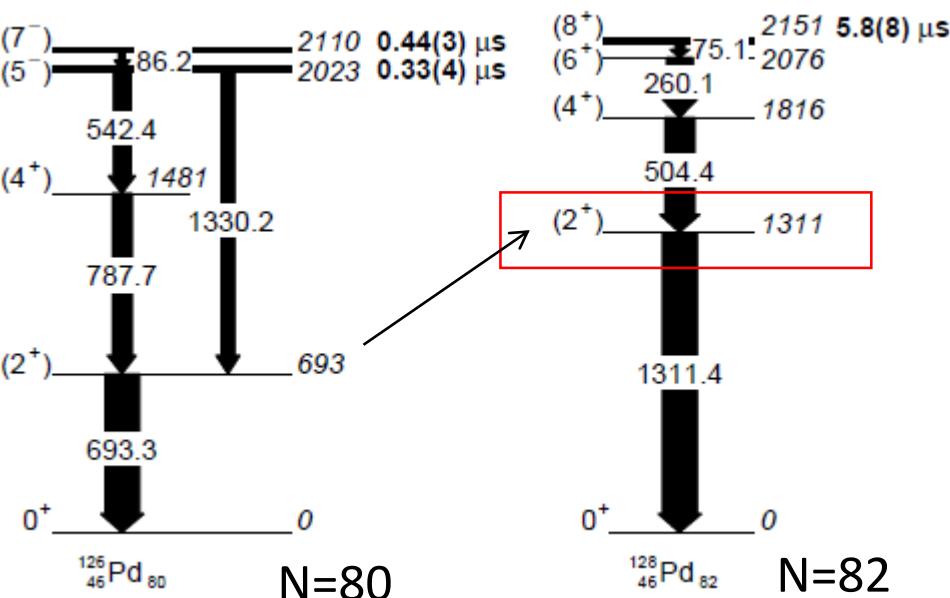
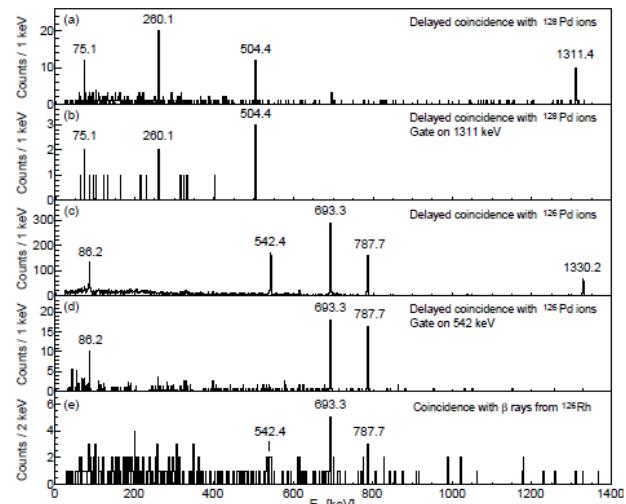
FIG. 2 (color online). Time distribution of the  $\beta$ -decay events correlated with implanted  $^{79}\text{Ni}$ . The fitting function (solid red line) considers the activities of parent nuclei (dashed-dotted black line),  $\beta$ -decay daughter nuclei (fine-dashed blue line),  $\beta n$ -decay daughter nuclei (dashed green line), a constant background (solid pink line), and other decay products (granddaughter nuclei, etc.), which are not drawn in the figure.

# Isomers in $^{128}\text{Pd}$ and $^{126}\text{Pd}$ : Evidence for a Robust Shell Closure at the Neutron Magic Number 82 in Exotic Palladium Isotopes

H. Watanabe et al., PRL 111, 152501 (2013)



Typical seniority-isomer  
observed in Pd-128  
→ No evidence of  
shell-quenching ....



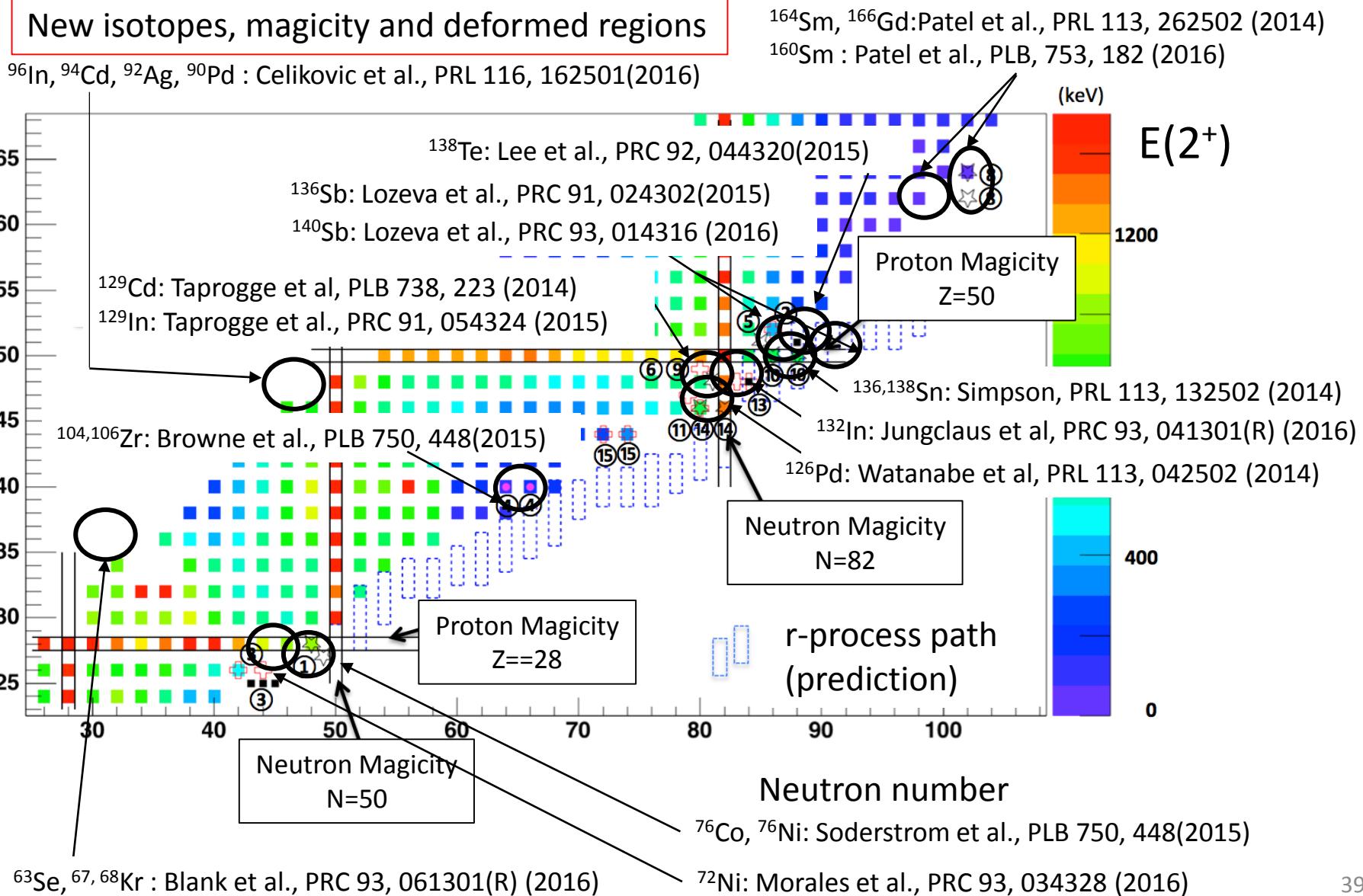


# EURICA Achievements in 2014-2016 (July)

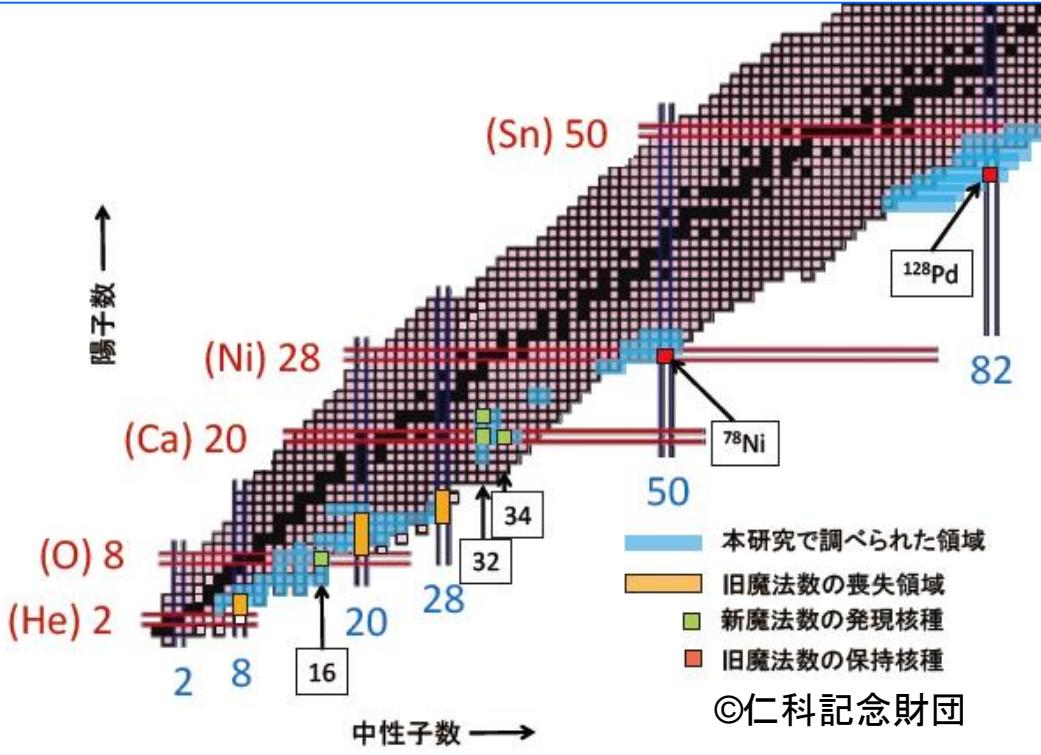
## - New Isotopes/ Isomer/ Beta-delayed gamma

### New isotopes, magicity and deformed regions

Proton number



# Shell Evolution



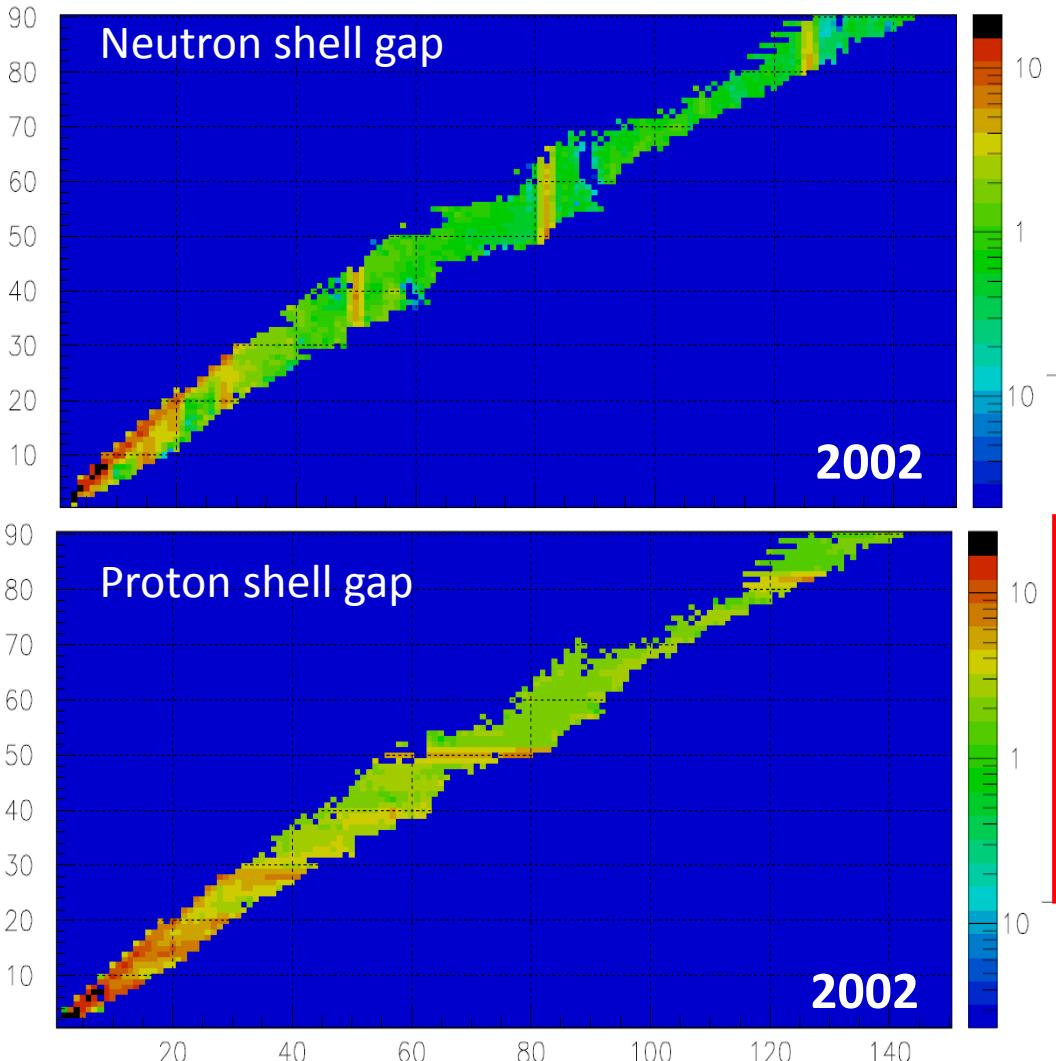
Magicity Loss at N=20, 28  
 New magic number N=34  
 Double magicity of  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  ( $Z=28$ ,  $N=50$ )  
 Magicity at N=82 with  $Z>46\dots$

## New Magicity of N=34

- $^{32}\text{Ne}$ : Doornenbal, PRL 103, 032501 (2009)
- $^{31,32,33}\text{Na}$ : Doornenbal, PRC 81, 041305R (2010)
- $^{33,34,35}\text{Na}$ : Doornenbal, PTEP 2014, 053D01 (2014)
- $^{32}\text{Mg}$ : Li, PRC 92, 014608 (2015)
- $^{36,38}\text{Mg}$ : Doornenbal, PRL 111, 212502 (2013)
- $^{42}\text{Si}$ : Takeuchi PRL 109, 182501 (2012)
- $^{40}\text{Mg}$ : Crawford PRC 89, 041303 (2014)
- $^{54}\text{Ca}$ : Steffenbeck, Nature 502, 207 (2013)
- $^{50}\text{Ar}$ : Steffenbeck, PRL 114, 252501 (2015)
- $^{66}\text{Cr}, ^{72}\text{Fe}$ : Santamaria, PRL 115:192501 (2015)
- $^{126}\text{Pd}$ : Wang, PRC 88 054318 (2013)
- $^{136}\text{Sn}$ : Wang, PTEP 023D02 (2014)
- $^{106,108}\text{Zr}$ : Sumikama, PRL 106, 202501 (2011)
- $^{126,128}\text{Pd}$ : Watanabe, PRL 111, 152501 (2013)
- $^{78}\text{Ni}$ : Xu, PRL 113, 032505 (2014)
- $^{136,138}\text{Sn}$ : Simpson, PRL 113, 132502 (2014)

# Mass measurements for shell evolution

Yamaguchi (Saitama U.), Wakasugi (RIKEN), Uesaka (RIKEN), Ozawa (Tsukuba U.), et al.



**Key technologies:**  
Isochronous ring  
 $\Delta T/T < 10^{-6}$  for  $\delta p/p = \pm 0.5\%$   
Individual injection triggered by  
a detector at BigRIPS  
efficiency  $\sim 100\%$   
even for a “cyclotron” beam

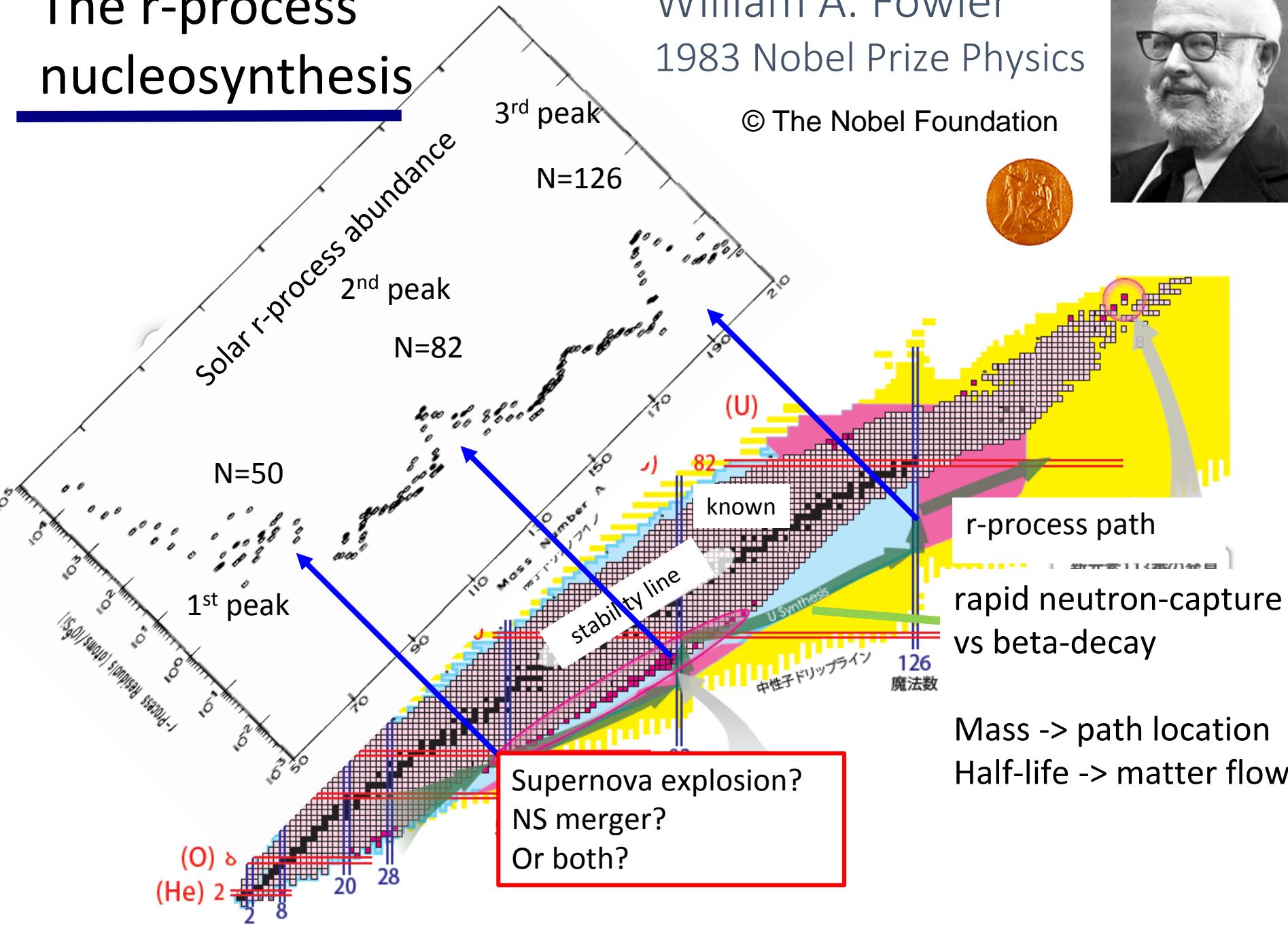
**Schedule:**  
**2015 Commissioning run**  
**2016~ Mass measurements of RI**

# The r-process nucleosynthesis

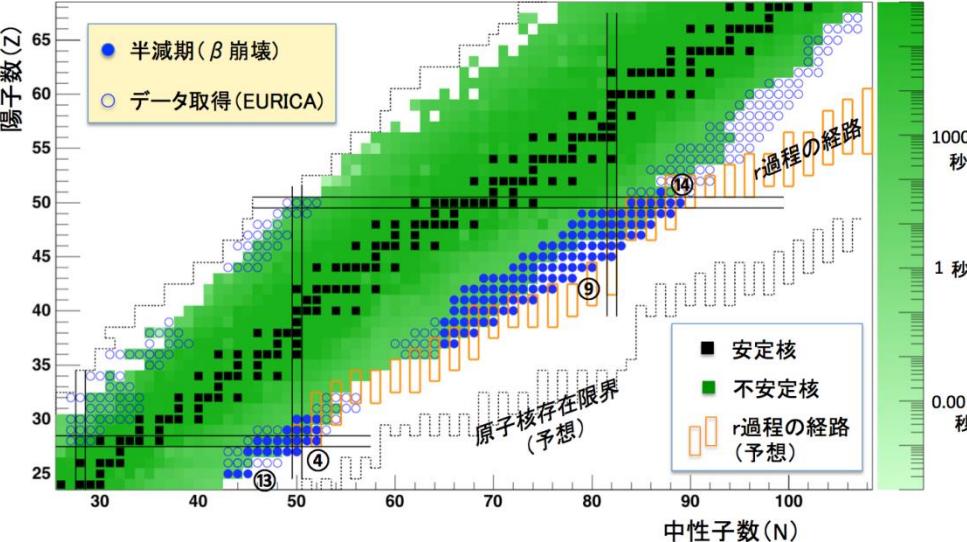
William A. Fowler  
1983 Nobel Prize Physics



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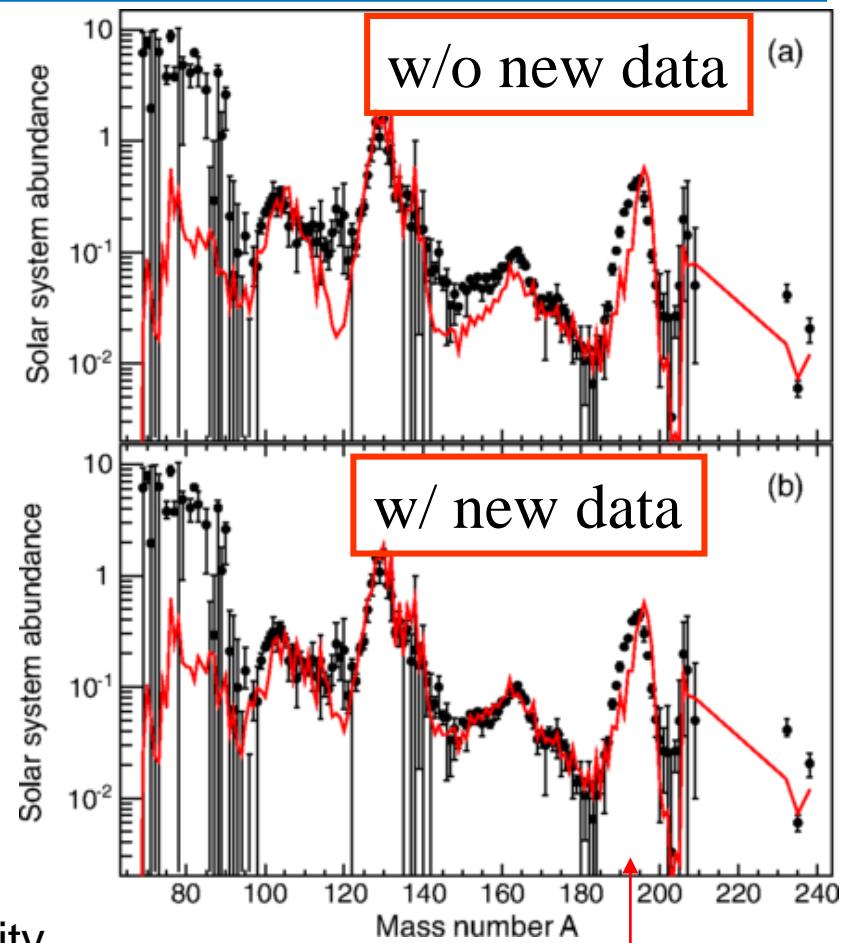


# “Revolution” in the r-process research



Bunch of  $T_{1/2}$  data for  $A \sim 100$   
A standard model assuming  $(n, \gamma)$   
equilibrium reproduces the r-abundance  
up to rare-earth region

Mass, beta-delayed neutron emission probability  
measurement in future



G. Lorusso, S. Nishimura *et al.* PRL. 114, 192501 (2015)

Next step should be  
towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> peak

S. Nishimura *et al.*, PRL. 106, 052502 (2011)

Z. Y. Xu, S. Nishimura *et al.*: PRL. 113, 032505 (2014)

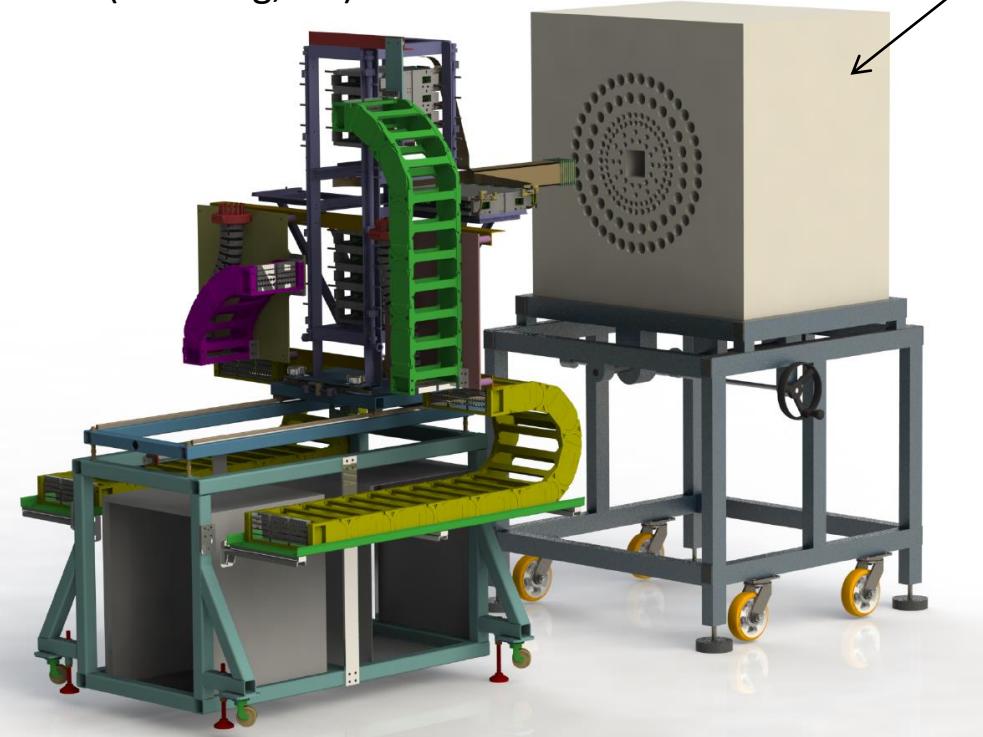
G. Lorusso, S. Nishimura *et al.*: PRL. 114, 192501 (2015)

G. Benzoni, A.I. Morales, H. Watanabe *et al.*: PRC 92, 044320 (2015)

P. Lee, C.-B. Moon, C. S. Lee, A. Odahara *et al.*: PLB 751, 107 (2015)

# BRIKEN: beta-delayed neutron detection (He-3)

AIDA (Edinburg, UK)



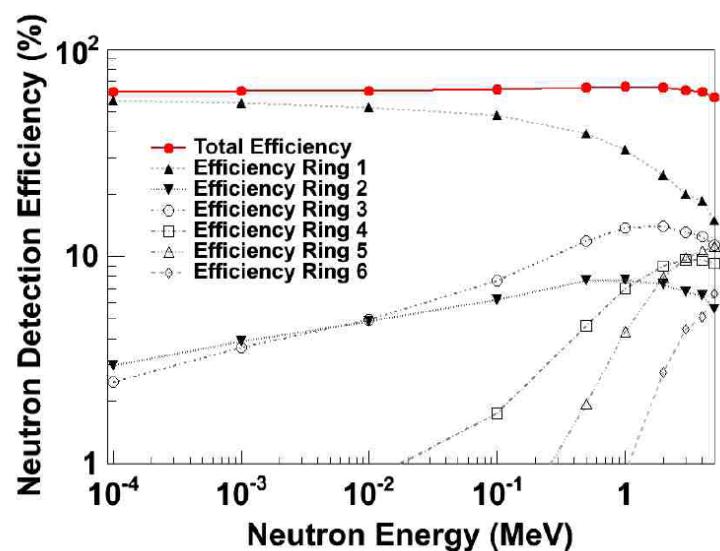
He-3 detector system

ORNL-JINR-GSI-UPC-RIKEN  
182 counters

Table 1:  ${}^3\text{He}$  tubes available within the BRIKEN Collaboration.

Owner	Pressure (atm)	Size Diameter (inch/cm)	Size Eff. Length (inch/mm)	Number of Counters
GSI	10	1 / 2.54	23.62 / 600	10
JINR	4	1.18 / 3.0	19.69/500	20
ORNL	10	2 / 5.08	24/609.6	67
ORNL	10	1 / 2.54	24/609.6	17
RIKEN	5.13	1 / 2.54	118.1/300	26
UPC	8	1 / 2.54	23.62/600	42
Total				182

Very high efficiency neutron detector →  
Survey of beta-delayed multi-neutron & T1/2  
2016-



# New Method for Spin Aligned RI-beam Production

Nuclear Spectroscopy Lab.

nature  
physics

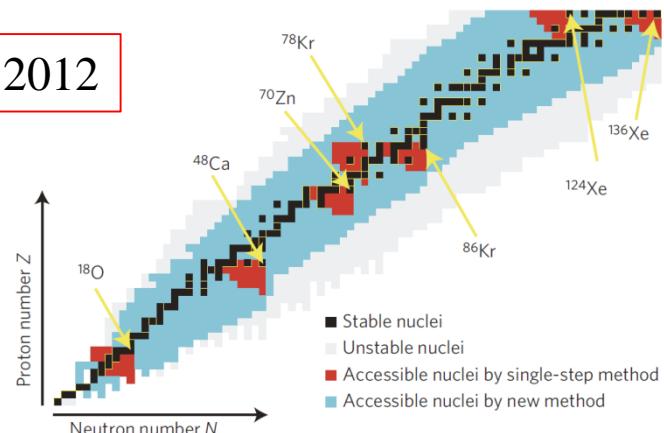
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PUBLISHED ONLINE: 21 OCTOBER 2012 | DOI: 10.1038/NPHYS2457

Oct. 2012

## Production of spin-controlled rare isotope beams

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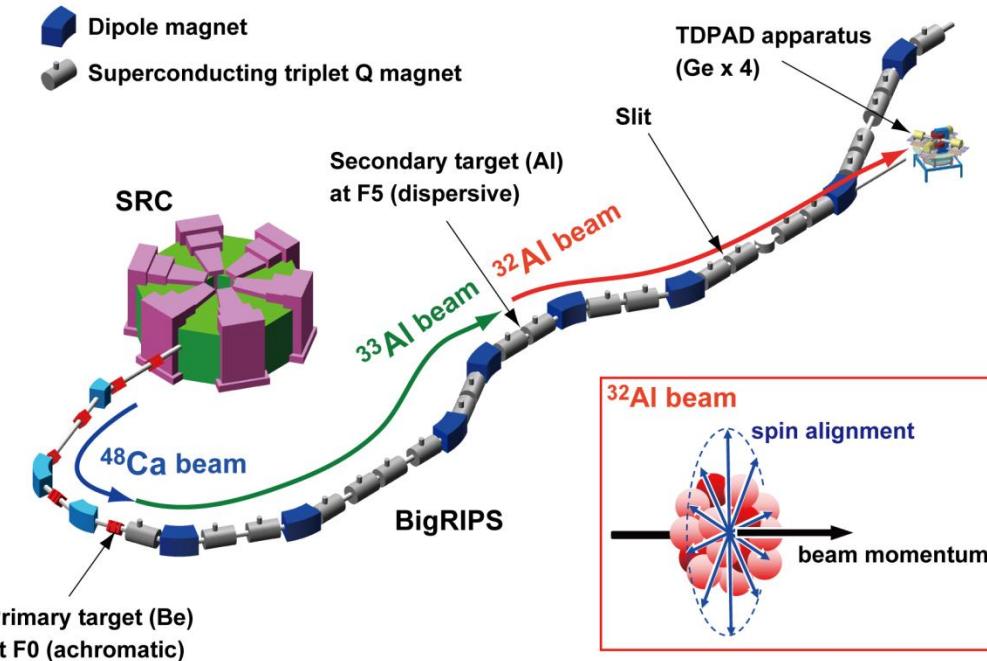


### Key 1:

Two step PF  
→ Maximize spin alignment

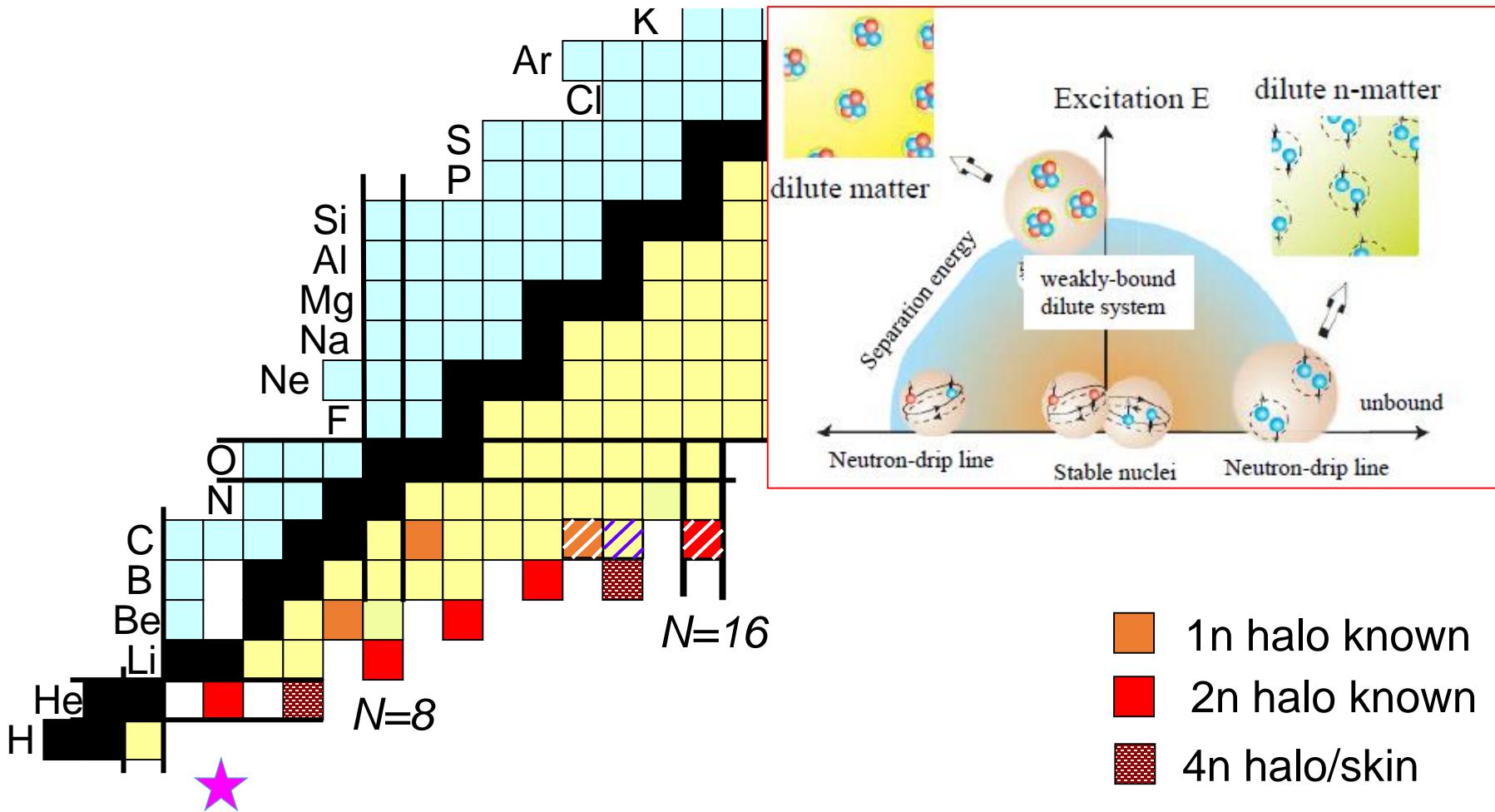
### Key 2:

Dispersion matching  
→ Maximize yield of two-step PF

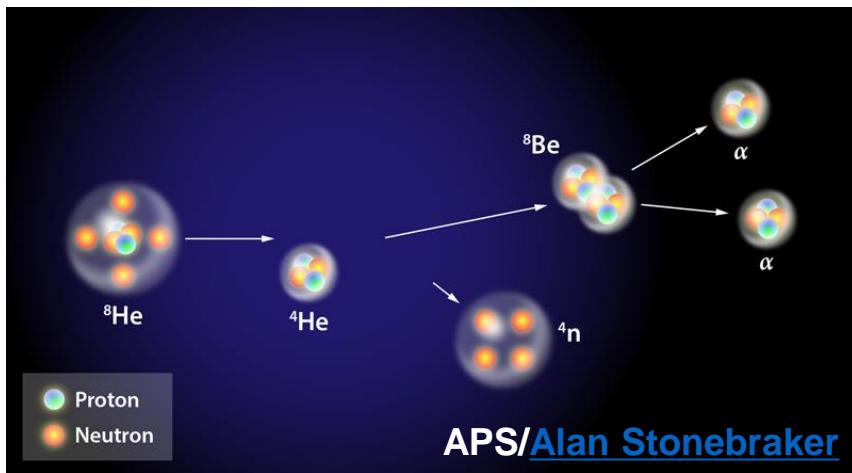


# Neutron Correlation in the vicinity of the Drip-line

Halo: low density nuclear (neutron) matter in the lab.  
Multi-neutron correlation on and beyond the drip-line?



# Element Number Zero: Tetra-neutron system



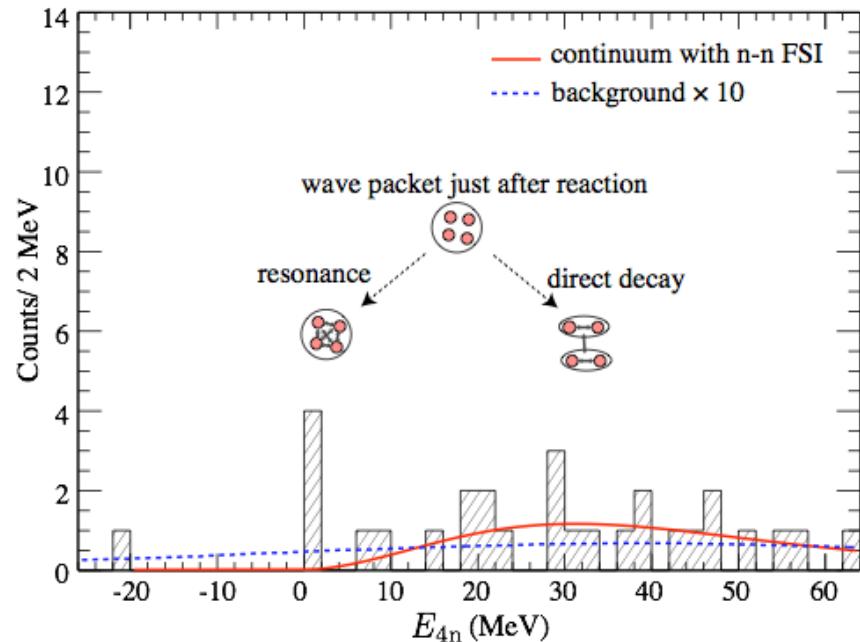
APS/[Alan Stonebraker](#)



**"Nucleus made only of neutrons"**  
**Benchmark for ab initio calculations**  
**NN, NNN, NNNN... interactions**  
**high T interactions**  
**Multi-body resonances**

**A high statistics experiment was conducted**  
**June 2016.**

Kisamori, Shimoura et al.,  
PRL 116, 052501 (2016)



Clear strength with  $4.9\sigma$  significance level  
 $E_{4n} = 0.83 \pm 0.65 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.25 \text{ (syst.) MeV}$

Upper limit of  $\Gamma = 2.6 \text{ MeV (FWHM)}$

Cross section:  $3.8 \text{ nb}$

(integrated up to  $\theta_{CM} < 5.4 \text{ degree}$ )

Energy resolution:  $1.2 \text{ MeV}$

Uncertainty of calibration:  $\pm 1.3 \text{ MeV}$

Background :  $0.02 \text{ events/2MeV}$



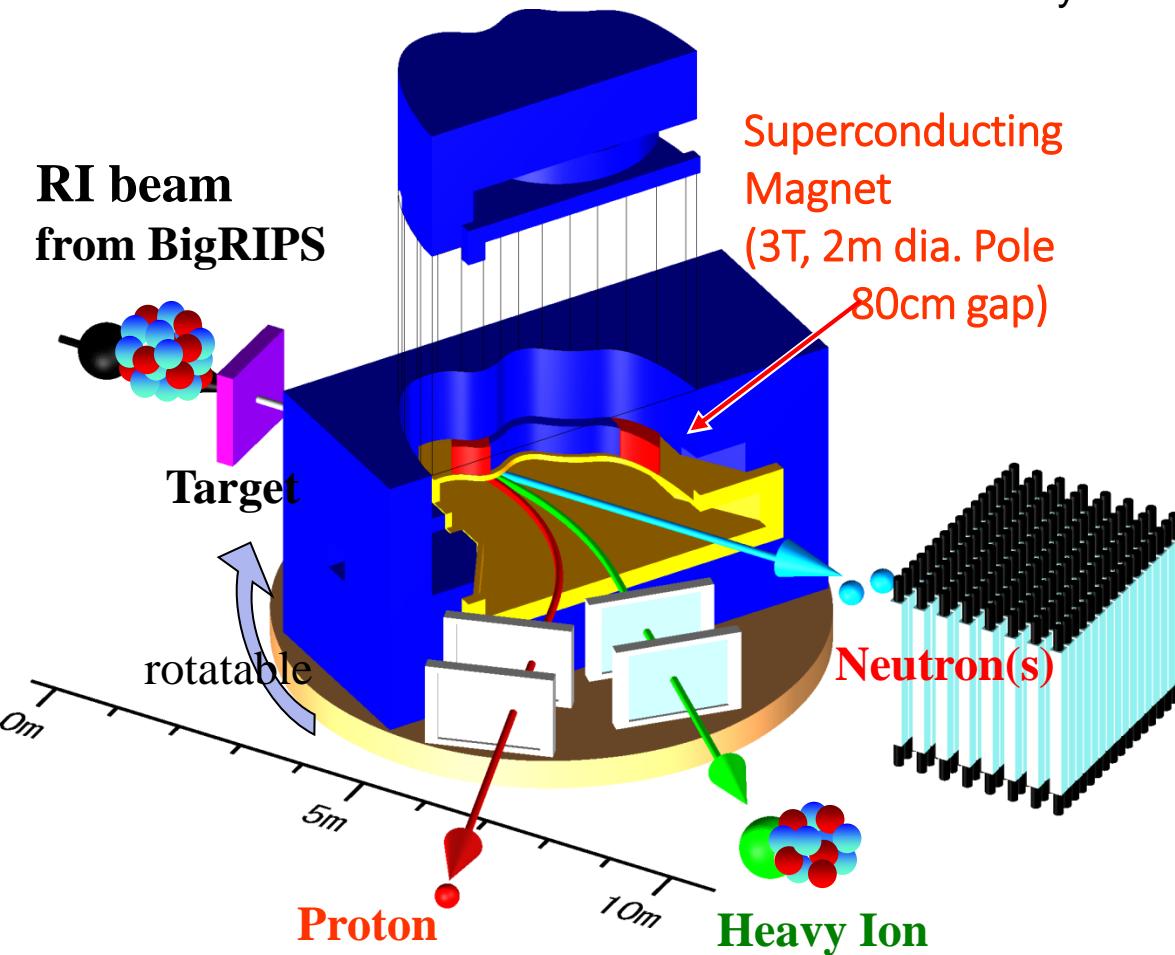
SAMURAI

# Superconducting Analyzer for MUlti-particle from RAdio Isotope Beam

Kinematically Complete measurements by detecting multiple particles in coincidence

T.Kobayashi et al., NIM B 317, 294 (2013).

RI beam  
from BigRIPS



## Large momentum acceptance

$$Bp_{\max} / Bp_{\min} \sim 2 - 3$$

## Good Momentum Resolution

$\Delta p/p \sim 1/700$  (designed value)  
( $5\sigma$  separation for  $A=100$ )

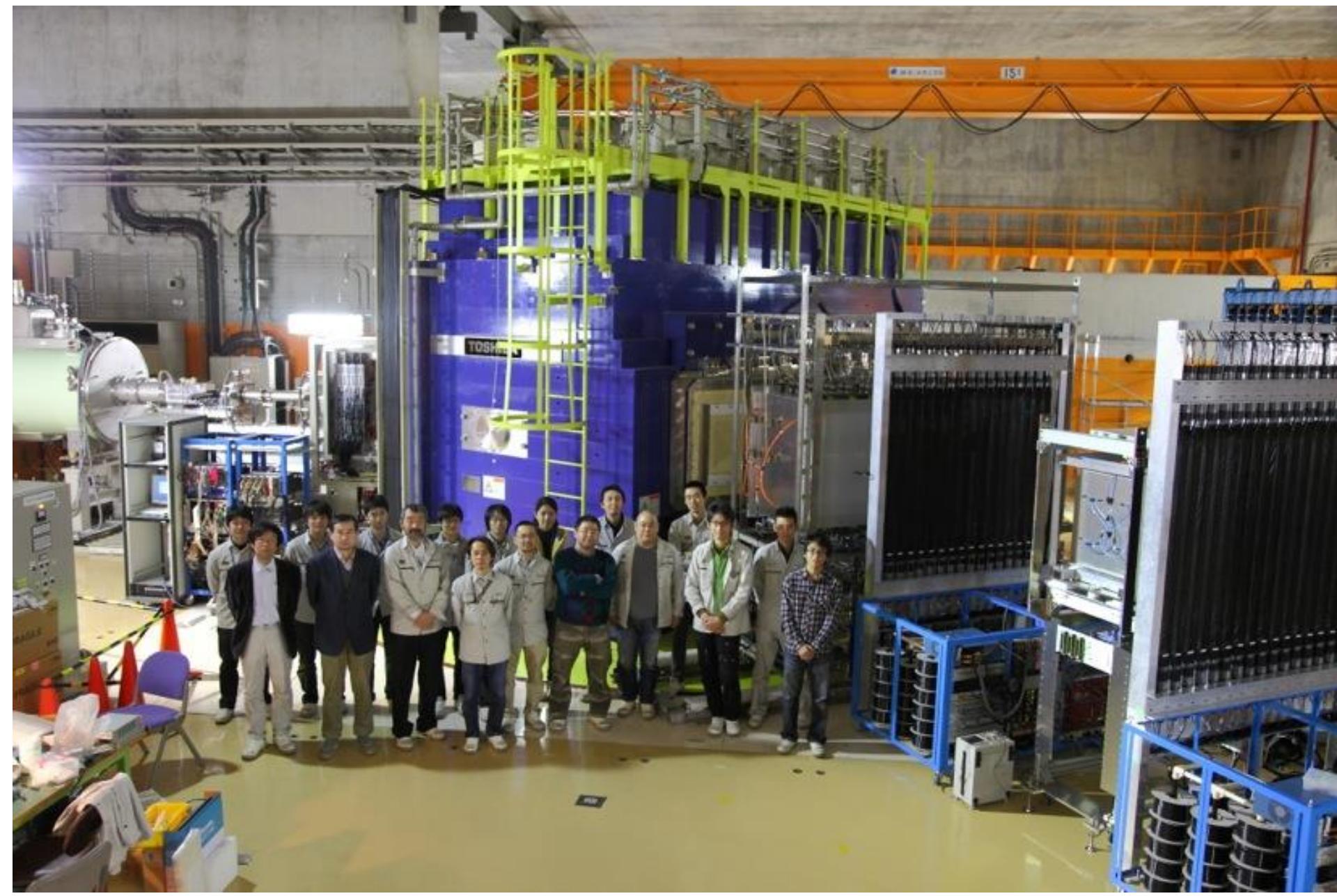
## Large angular acceptance for $n$

20 deg (H) x 10 deg(V)  
(~100% coverage  $< E_{\text{rel}} \sim 2 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
~ 30% coverage at  $E_{\text{rel}} \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$ )

## Stage: Rotatable (-5 -- 95 degrees)

## Versatile Usage

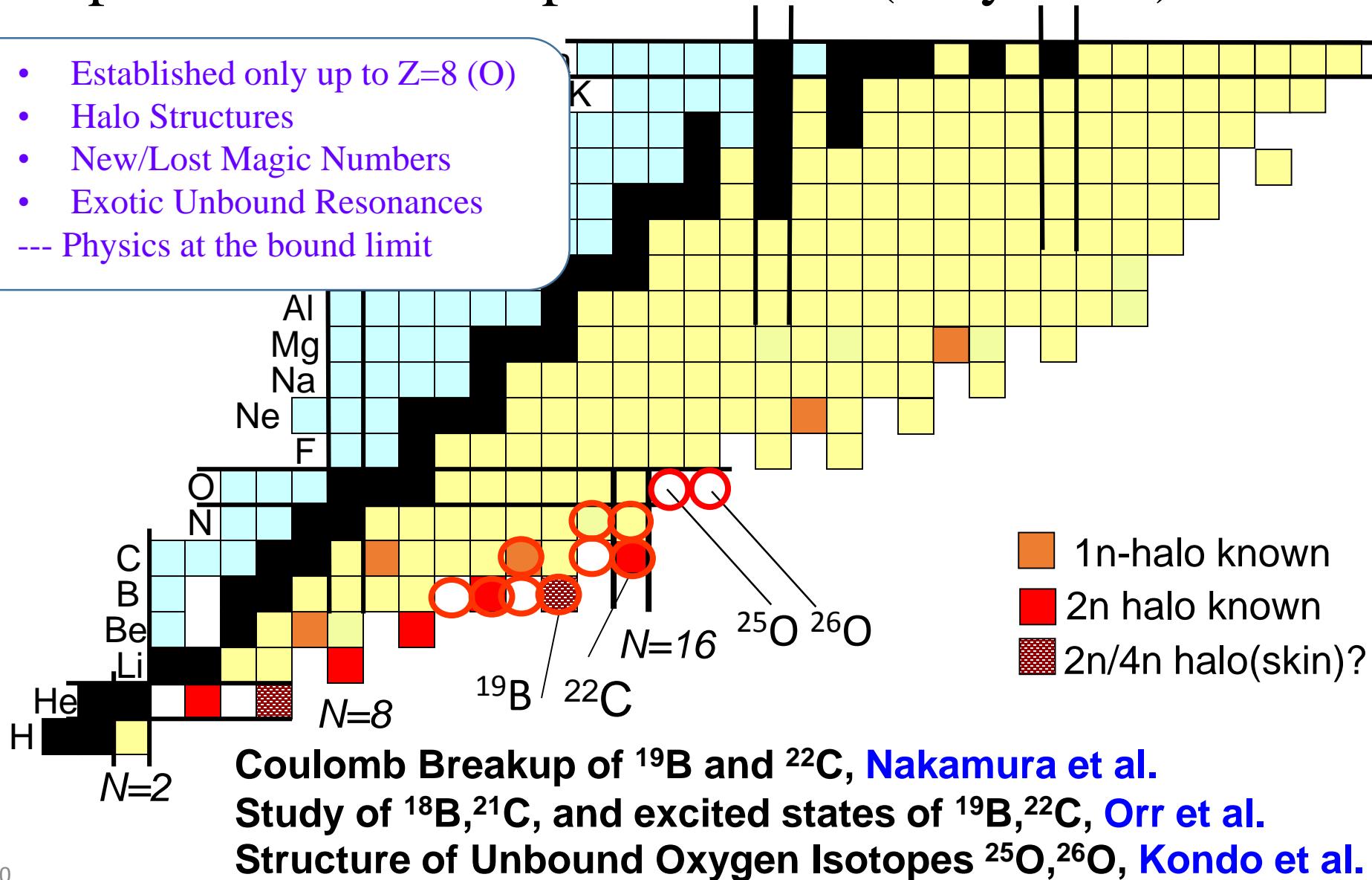
- Invariant mass for  $n+HI$
- Invariant mass for  $p+HI$
- $(p,n), (p,p'), (p,pn), (p,pp)$  etc.
- Heavy Ion Collision
- polarized deuteron, etc.



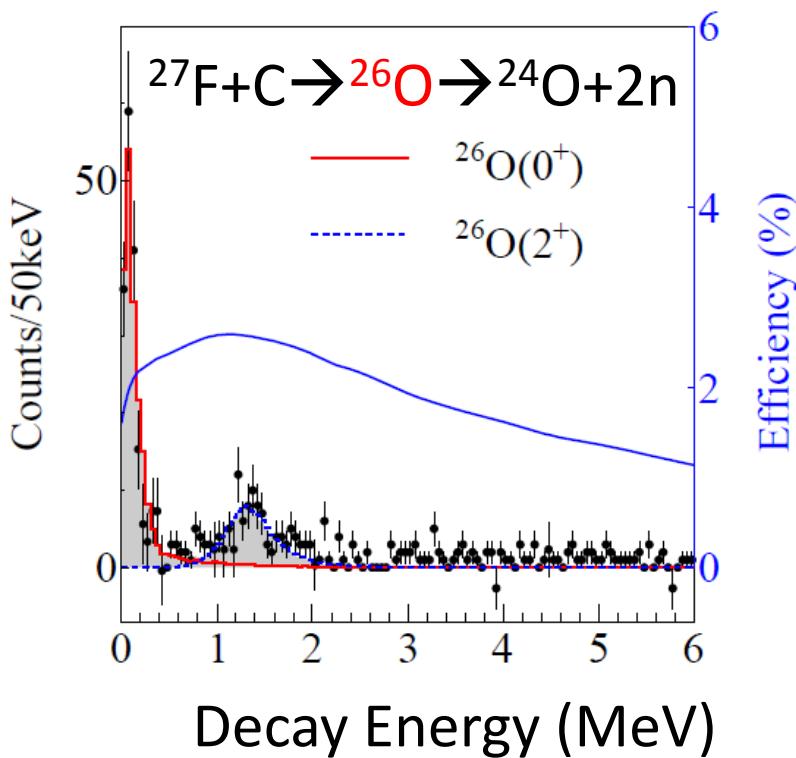
Commissioning Experiment March 2012

# Day-One Campaign Experiments at SAMURAI: Explore Neutron Drip Line (May 2012)

- Established only up to Z=8 (O)
- Halo Structures
- New/Lost Magic Numbers
- Exotic Unbound Resonances
- Physics at the bound limit



# $^{26}\text{O}$ : barely unbound



## Ground state

5 times higher statistics than previous study

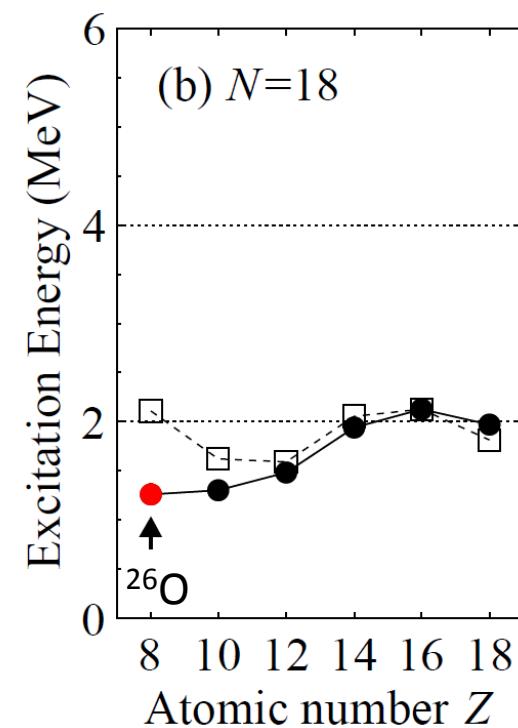
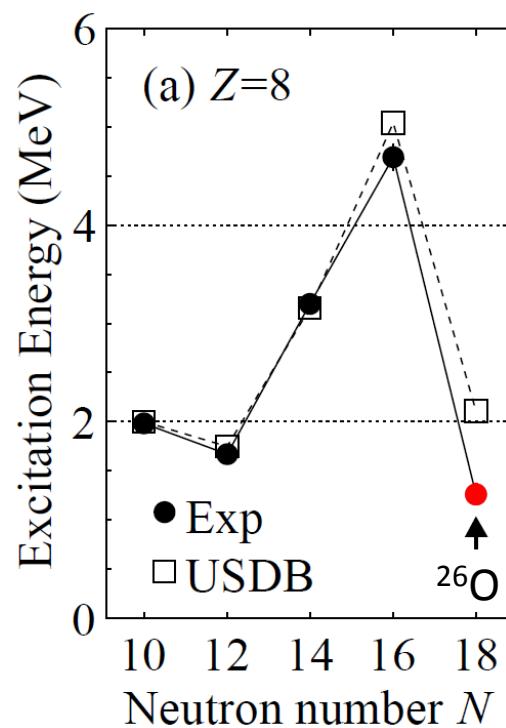
$$E_{\text{decay}} = 18 \pm 3(\text{stat}) \pm 4(\text{syst}) \text{ keV}$$

Finite value is determined for the first time

## $2^+$ excited state

$$E_{\text{decay}} = 1.28^{+0.11}_{-0.08} \text{ MeV}$$

Observed for the first time



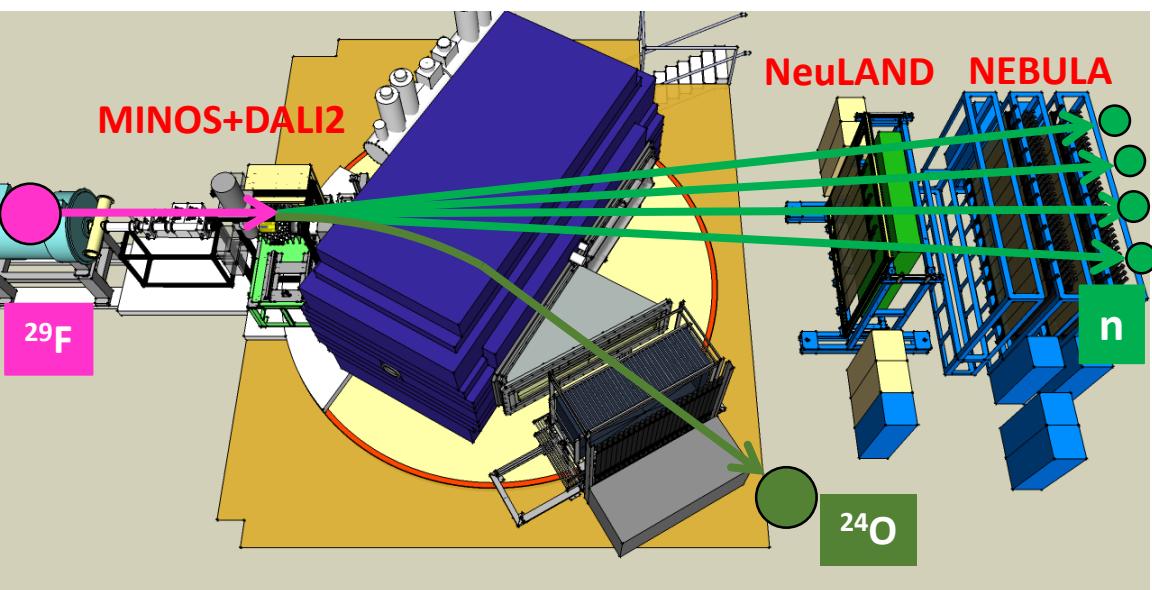
$N=16$  shell closure is confirmed

USDB cannot describe  $2^+$  energy at  $^{26}\text{O}$

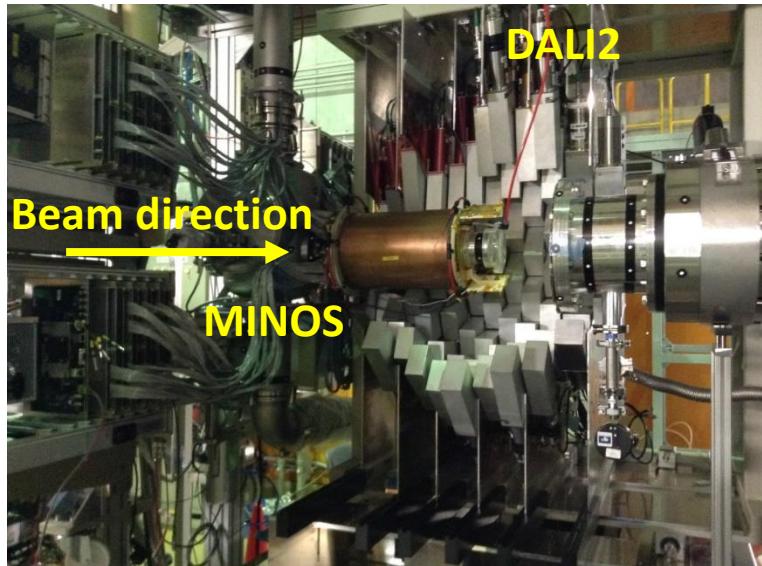
→ effect of pf shell? and/or continuum? Or other effects? (such as 3N forces, 2n correlation)

Y. Kondo et al., PRL 116, 102503 (2016)

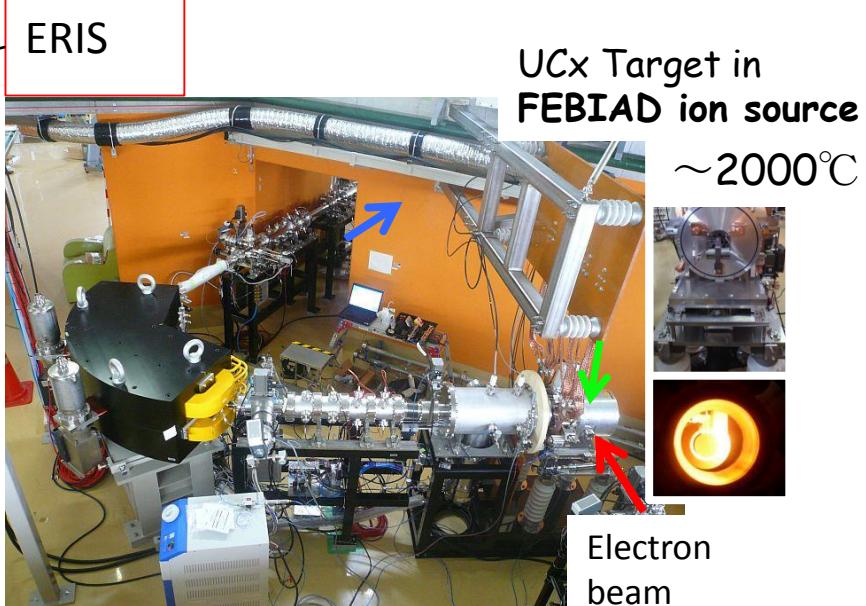
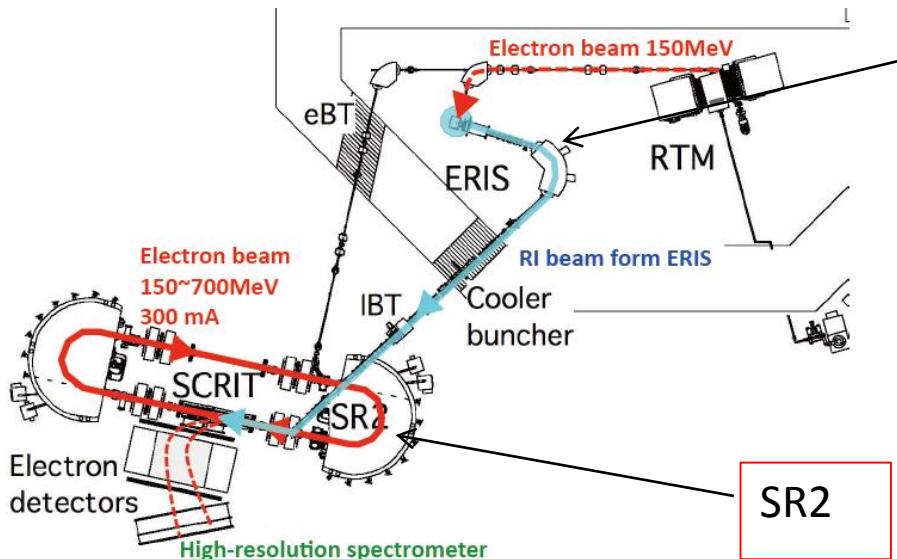
# Go much beyond the dripline: Extension to $^{28}\text{O}$ (SAMURAI21 (Y. Kondo) in Nov-Dec 2015)



Successfully done with SAMURAI  
+MINOS  
+NeuLAND  
+DALI2  
high intense beam ( $^{29}\text{F}$ : ~100 pps)  
88 participants from 25 institutes



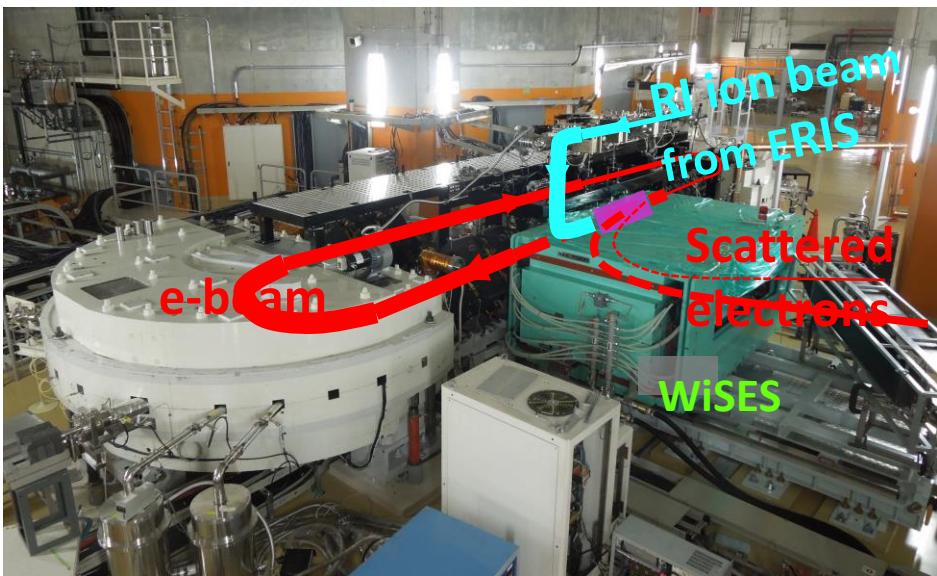
# SCRIT Facility for e+RI scattering



SR2 (SCRIT-equipped RIKEN Storage Ring)	
Energy	100 - 700 MeV
Stored current	300 mA (current operation)
Lifetime	~ 1 AH
Circumference	21.946 m
Tunes	1.62 / 1.58
$\beta$ -max	10.36 / 4.09 m

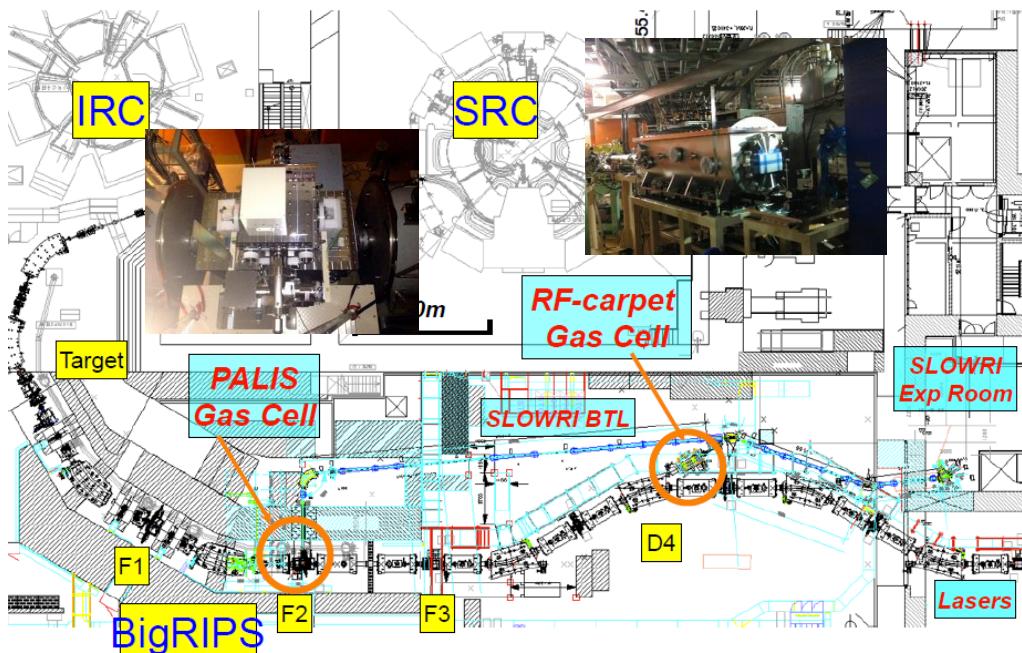
Luminosity of  $10^{27}/(\text{cm}^2\text{s})$  was achieved at the e-beam current of 250mA.

Efficiency improvement  
More high power beam 10W->1kW  
 $\rightarrow 10^{29}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

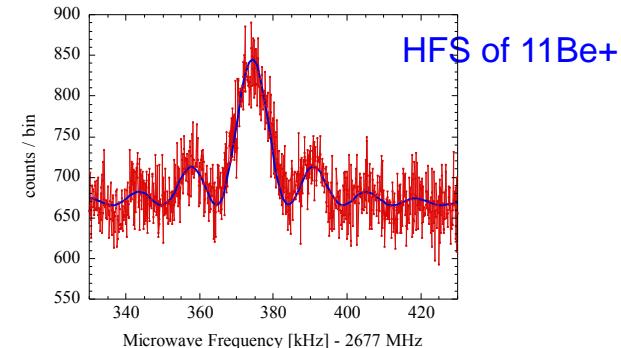


# SLOWRI Device for Trap Experiments

Wada, Sonoda et al.

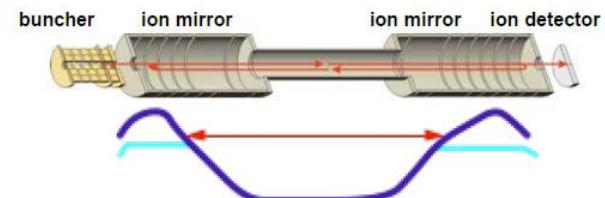


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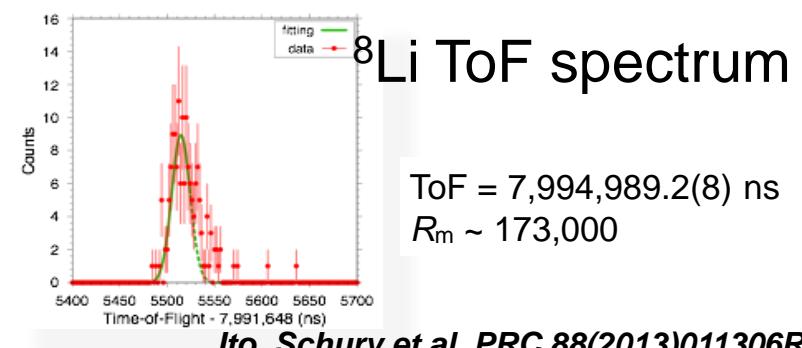
Takamine et al, PRL 112(2014)162502

## 2) Mass measurements of short-lived nuclei



## 3) Resonance Ionization Spectroscopy

Parasitic RI beam production, spin, moments, radii..



Ito, Schury et al, PRC 88(2013)011306R

# RI Beam Factory

5 cyclotrons + 2 linacs

3 inflight separators

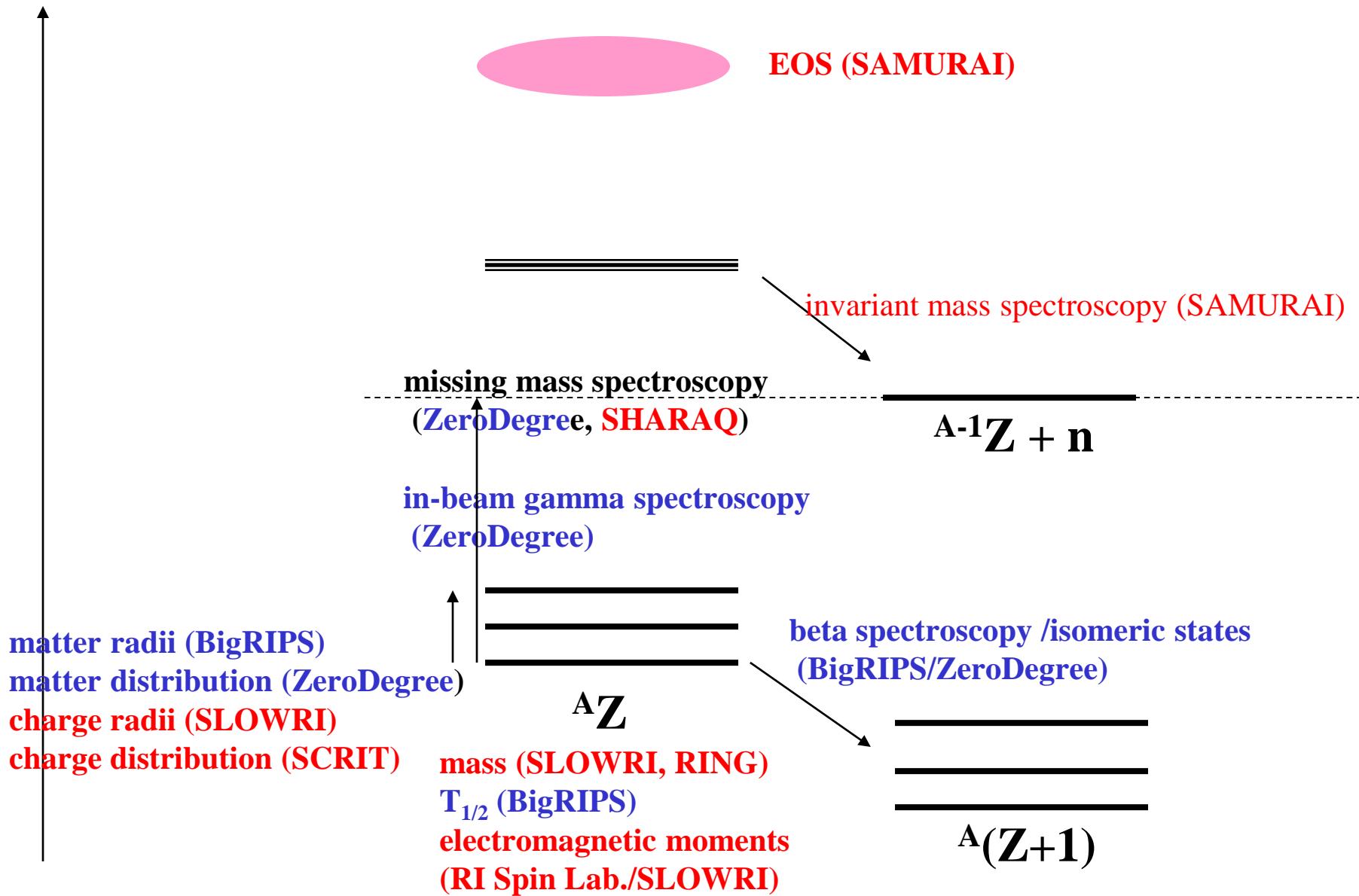
Experimental devices  
coupled with BigRIPS

have been completed in FY13



# Program for nuclear structure and matter at RIBF

$$E=mc^2$$



# Experimental Devices (1) : spectrometer

## ZeroDegree (2008-)

Beam line spectrometer  
low-p ( $E$ ) transfer reactions  
 $p/\Delta p \sim 2000-4000$

PID for ejectiles with  $A < 200$

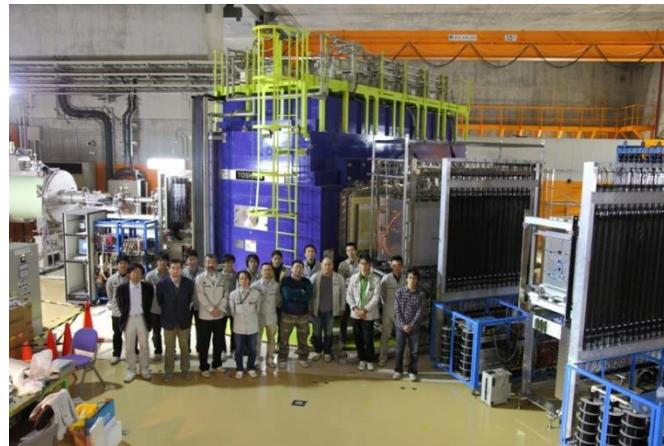
In-beam gamma spectroscopy for bound excited states  
missing mass with detectors for target recoiling



## SAMURAI (2012-)

Versatile spectrometer with a super. dipole magnet  
high-p ( $E$ ) transfer reactions  
 $p/\Delta p \sim 700$  at  $Z \sim 8$

Invariant mass spectroscopy for unbound states  
Neutron corr. in halo, O-26, GDR, alpha-cluster,  
EOS in HIC (2015-), 3NF...



## SHARAQ (2009-)

high-resolution spectrometer  
 $p/\Delta p \sim 15000$

missing mass spectroscopy with RI beams  
Exotic modes such as IVSMR, DGTR



# Experimental Devices (2) : unique device

## SCRIT (2012-)

e- + RI scattering for charge density distribution

U-238 photo-fission by 150-MeV e-beam (10W->1kW)

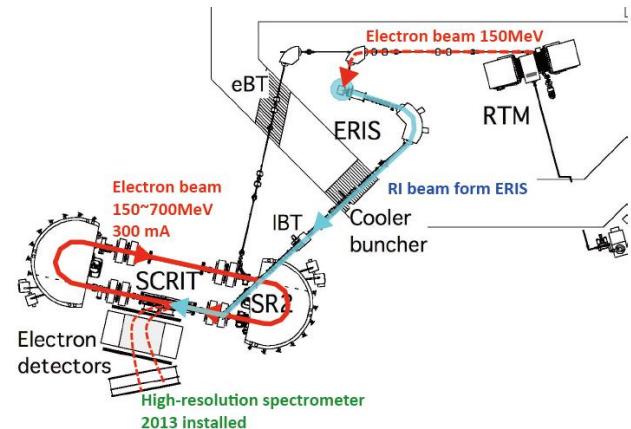
Electron beam 150-700 MeV 300mA

high-res. Spectrometer

Luminosity  $\sim 10^{27} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$  for stable isotopes

2015- data production

skin-thickness via p-elastic and e-elastic



## Rare-RI Ring (2013-)

Isochronous mass measurement  $\sim O(1)$  ppm

C=60.3m,  $p/\Delta p = +/- 0.5\%$

Trans. Emittance  $20\pi/10\pi \text{ mm mrad}$

2013- Commissioning

2016- data production



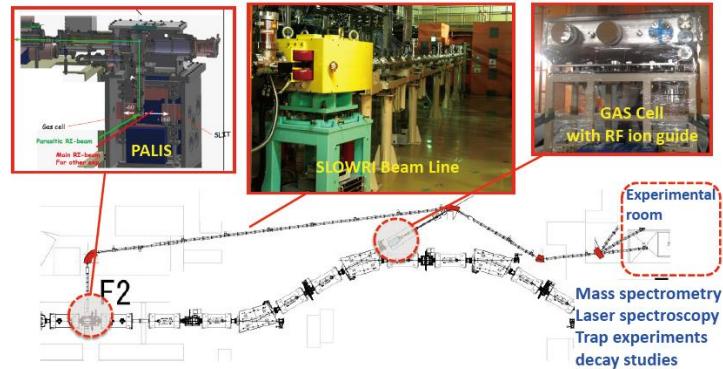
## SLOWRI (2014-)

Gas-catcher system to slow down RI beams

mass, laser spec., decay studies

2014 commissioning

2015 day-one exp.



# Transmutation for LLFP : Motivation

Nuclear transmutation facility dedicated for nuclear waste of FP?

FP is dominant in nuclear waste

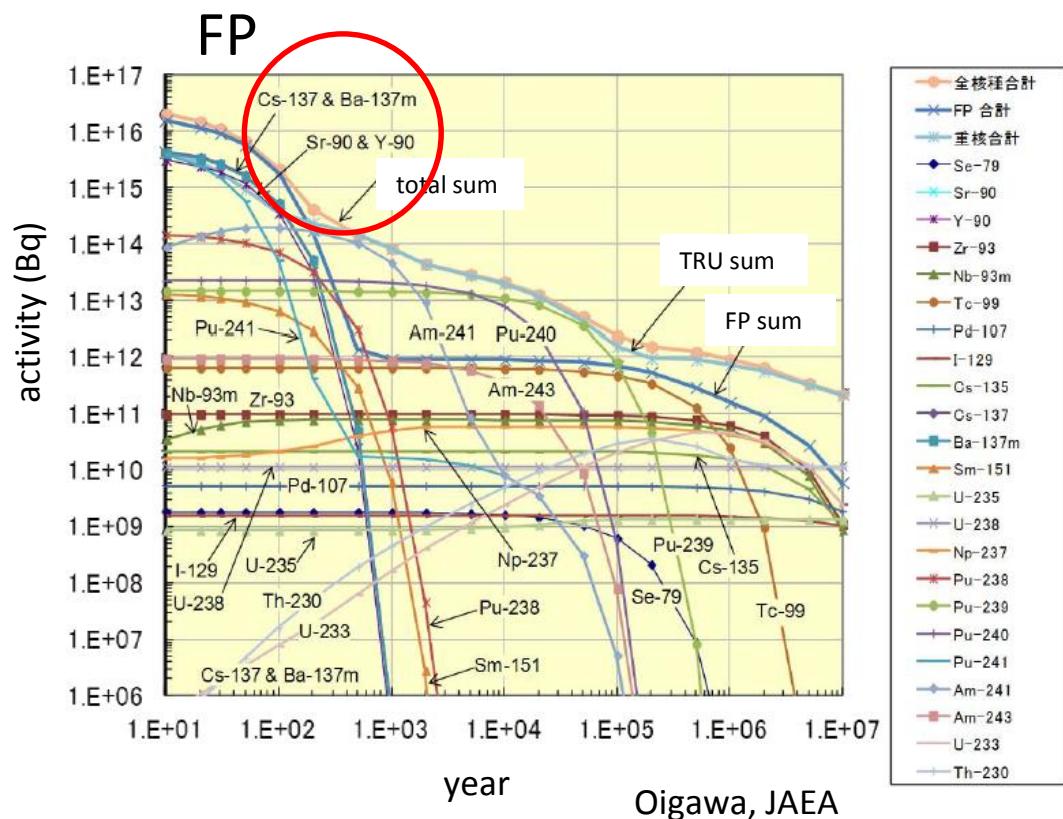
Partitioning technique +  
deep geological disposal  
are being considered...

MA -> ADS

FP -> ??

Possible FP transmutation?  
to minimize FP activities  
neutron induced  
transmutation with  
an accelerator system or  
others?

-> almost no reaction data...



# Transmutation for LLFP : The First Challenge April, 2014

Beam species	Beam energy [MeV/u]	Intensity [/s/10pnA]	Purity [%]
137Cs	186	1200	14
90Sr	187	7100	28

ZeroDegree Spectrometer

PID for reaction products  
to determine reaction  
channels.

