



The 3rd Nuclear physics School for Young Scientists (NUSYS2023)
August 6th-13th 2023

Physics with exotic nuclei –its achievement and perspective–

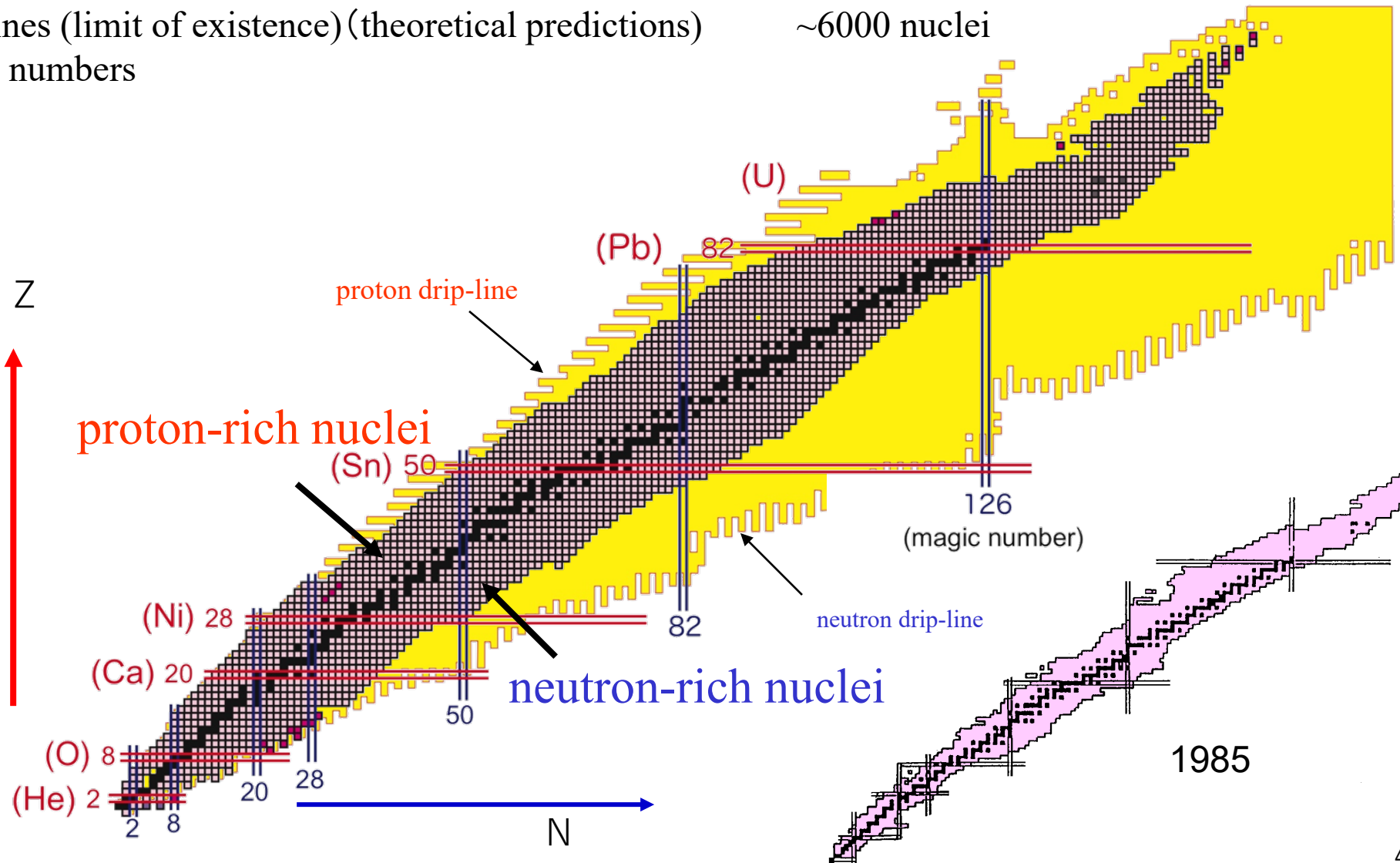
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Exploration of the Limit of Existence

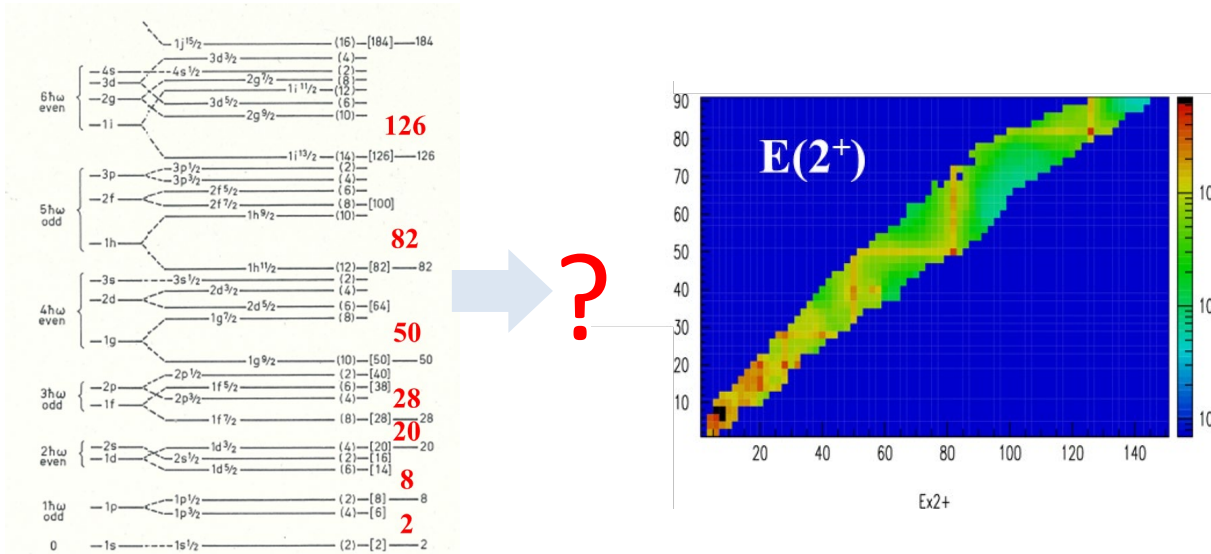
- stable nuclei
- unstable nuclei observed so far
- drip-lines (limit of existence) (theoretical predictions)
- magic numbers

~300 nuclei
~3300 nuclei
~6000 nuclei

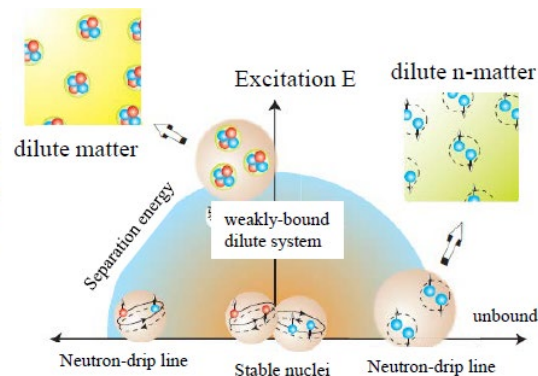
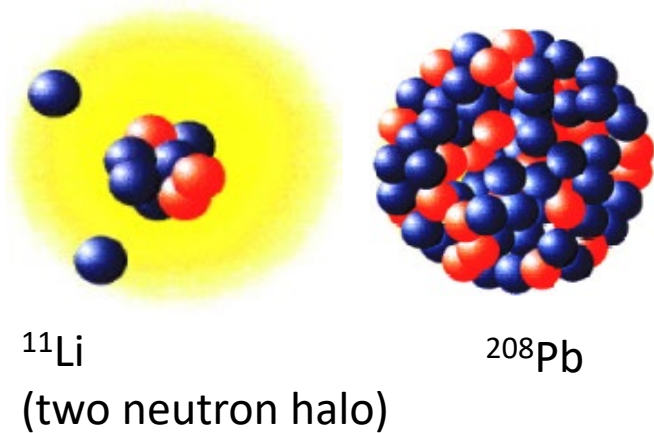


Why neutron-rich nuclei?: Large isospin-asymmetry

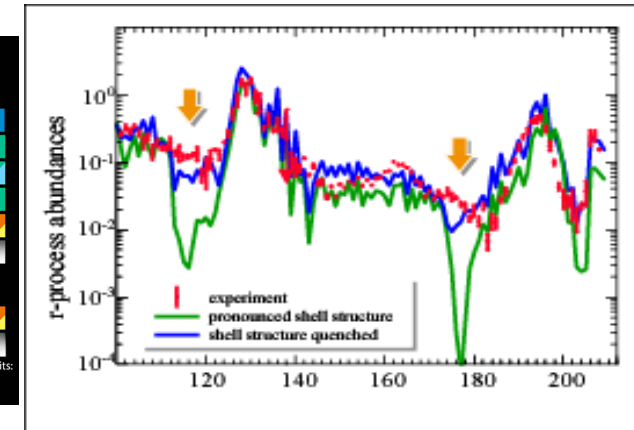
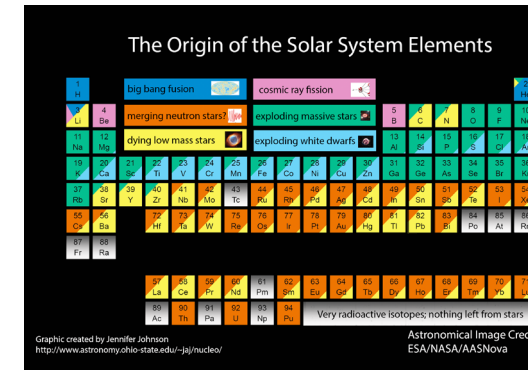
Shell-evolution: magicity loss and new magicity



Neutron-neutron correlation in the vicinity of the dripline



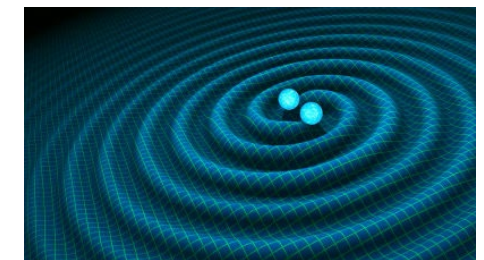
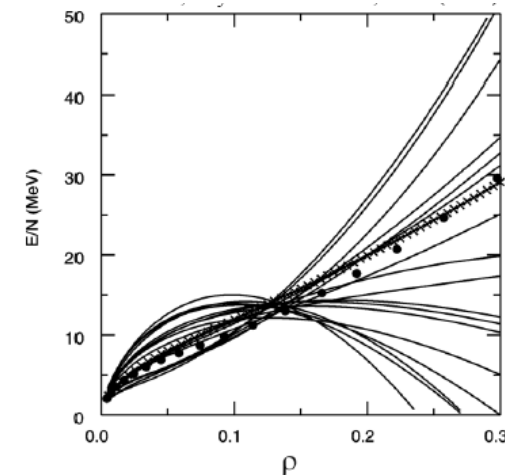
r-process path : nucleo-synthesis up to U



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<http://www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/~jaj/nucleo/>

Equation-of-State in asymmetric nuclear matter SN explosion, neutron-star, gravitational wave

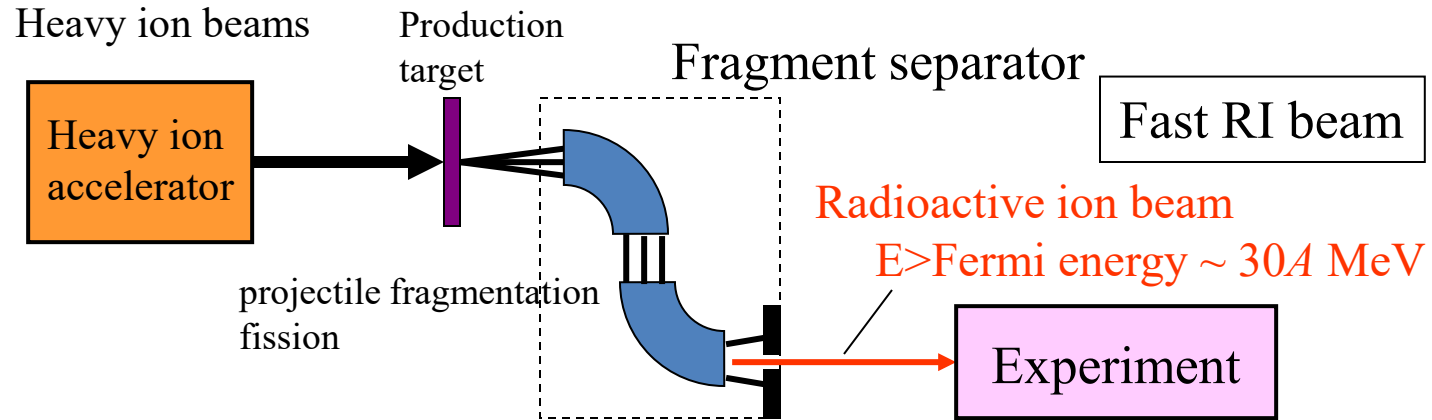


gravitation wave
from neutron-star mergers

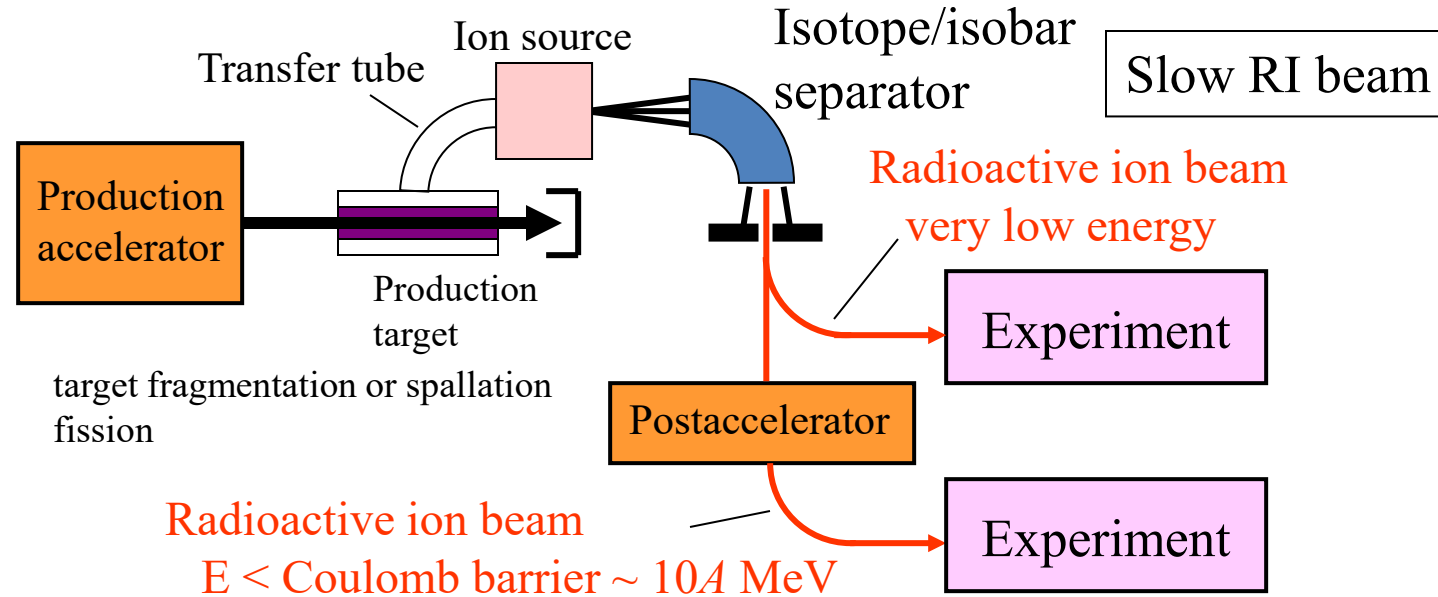
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In-flight and ISOL methods to produce radioactive isotopes

In-Flight Method

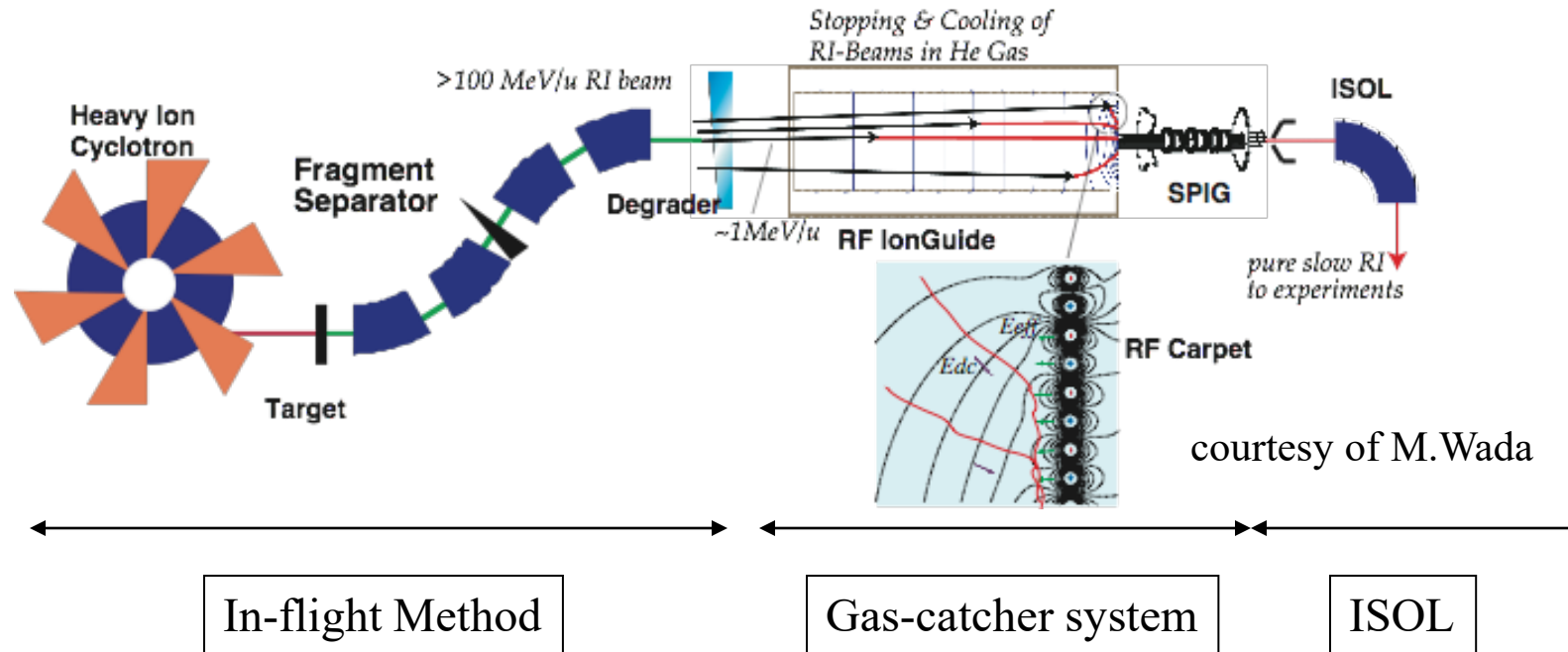


ISOL Method



New experimental techniques to have very slow RI beams

RIKEN, NSCL/MSU, ANL, GSI



High energy, large variety of species,
Poor optical qualities

large variety of species,
good optical qualities,
nice purity

Takamine san

History of In-flight Method

0th Generation (70's-80's) LBNL

“Discovery” of Projectile Fragmentation

T. Nakamura, HS, H.Watanabe,
Prog. Part. and Nucl. Phys. (2017)

1st Generation (80's) GANIL/LISE

LISE was originally designed for atomic-physics

Establishment of Separation Technique $B\rho$ - ΔE - $B\rho$ Method

2nd Generation (90's) GSI/FRS, NSCL/A1200-1900, GANIL/SISSI, RIKEN/RIPS, RIBLL/IMP.....

Large-Collection Technique

Max. $B\rho$ and Large Acceptances

RIKEN/RIPS

Emittance-transformation

GANIL/SISSI

Further Purification Methods

ExB filter

GANIL/LISE, NSCL

rf-deflector

RIKEN/RIPS

In-flight Fission for neutron-rich nuclei

GSI/FRS

Combination of separator

+High-Res. Spectrometer

GANIL/SPEG, NSCL/S800,

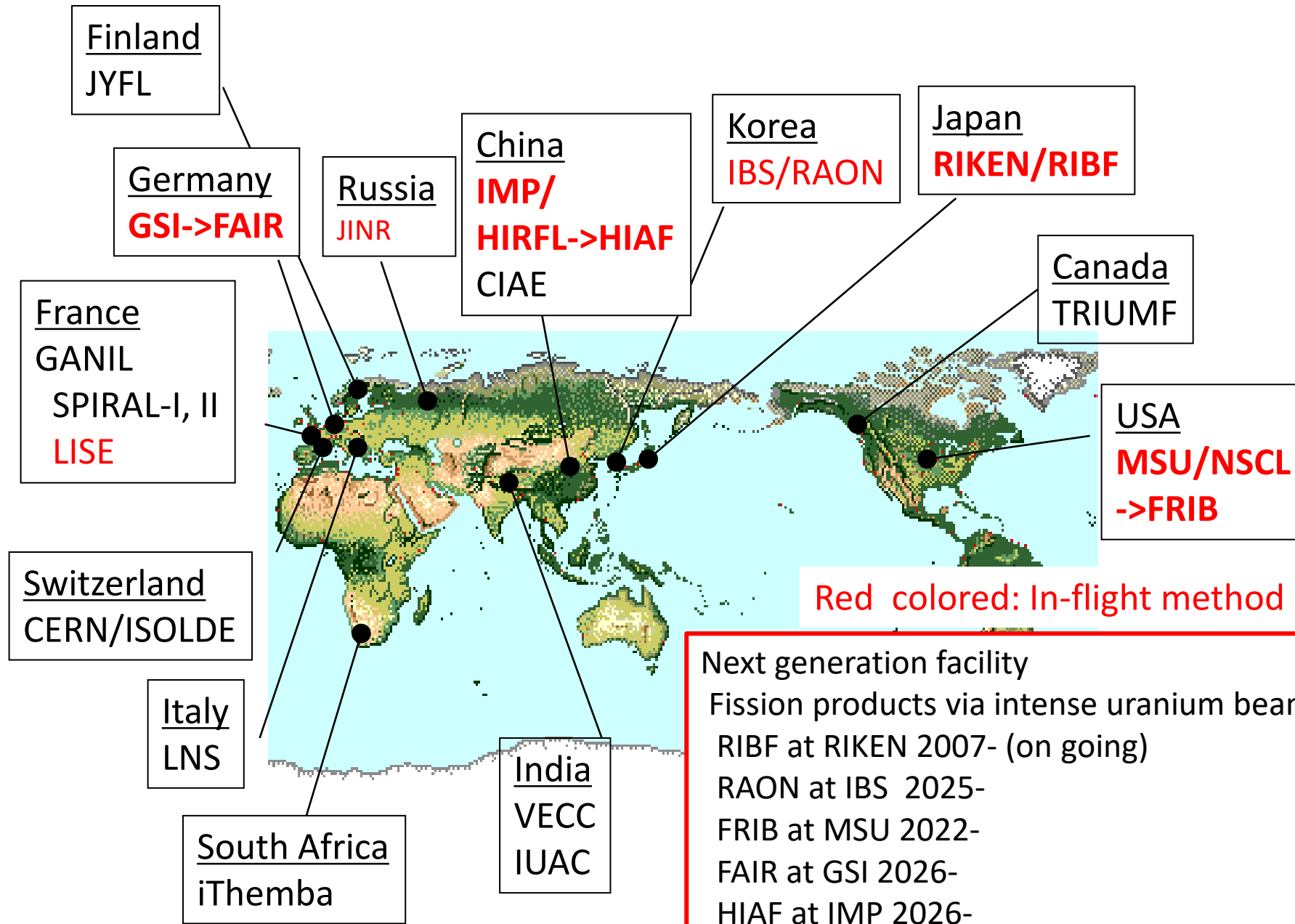
+ storage ring

GSI/ESR

3rd Generation (00's-20's) RIKEN/RIBF, MSU/FRIB, GSI/FAIR, IMP/HIAF, IBS/RAON

High-Power Heavy-Ion Beams up to U

Major RI Beam Facilities in the world



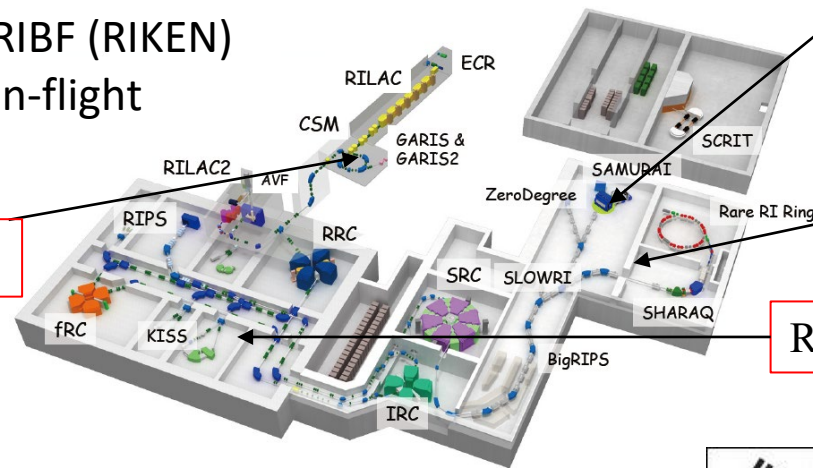
Large-scale facilities in operation and under construction in North-East Asia



RIBF (RIKEN)
In-flight

119th, 120th

10 MeV/u



Reaction study at $\sim 300 \text{ MeV/u}$
EOS w/ RI beams (high density $\sim 2\rho_0$)

E-degraded RI beams at $\sim 20 \text{ MeV/u}$ or less
Low-E reactions w/ RI beams

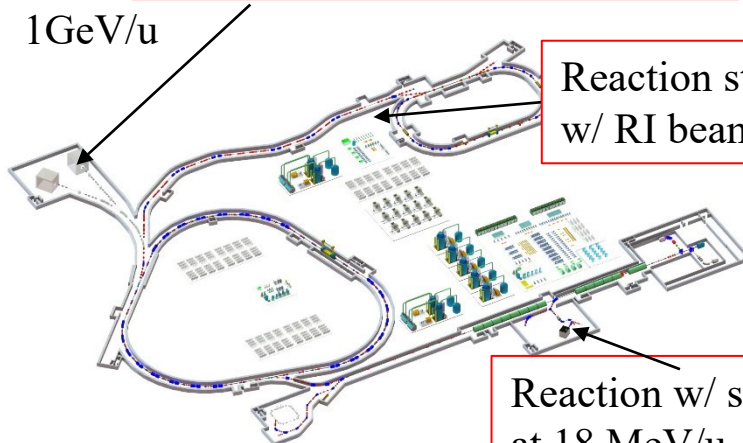
RI production at 10 MeV/u w/ stable HI



HIAF (in-flight)

EOS w/ stable beams
HI collisions (high density $\sim 5\rho_0$)

1 GeV/u



Reaction study at $\sim 1 \text{ GeV/u}$
w/ RI beams

Reaction w/ stable HI
at 18 MeV/u



Material sciences
at $\sim \text{keV/u}$

RAON
(in-flight+ISOL)

Seung-Woo Hong

RI beams at 140 MeV/u
High quality RI beams
at 200 MeV/u

High quality RI beams
at 19 MeV/u
Reactions w/ stable HI

Youjin Yuan

NSFC(China)-NRF(Korea)-JSPS(Japan) A3 Symposium on
“Nuclear Physics in the 21st Century”, Nagoya, 18-20th Sept., 2018
A3 Foresight Program launched in 2019 for five years



Exotic nuclei explored at in-flight separators

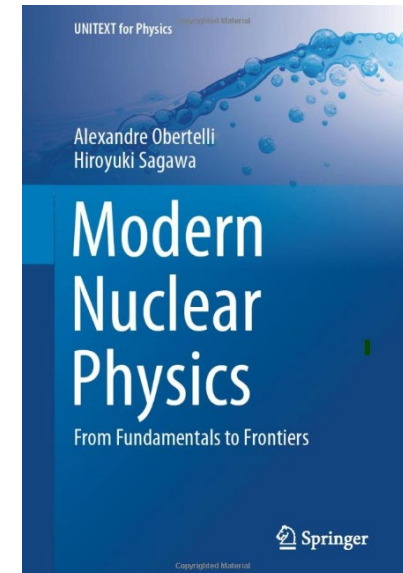
T. Nakamura, H. Sakurai, H. Watanabe

Prog. Part. and Nucl. Phys. 97, 53-122 (2017)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppnp.2017.05.001>

Modern Nuclear Physics From Fundamentals to Frontiers

Alexandre Obertelli and Hiroyuki Sagawa
UNITEXT for Physics, Springer, 2021

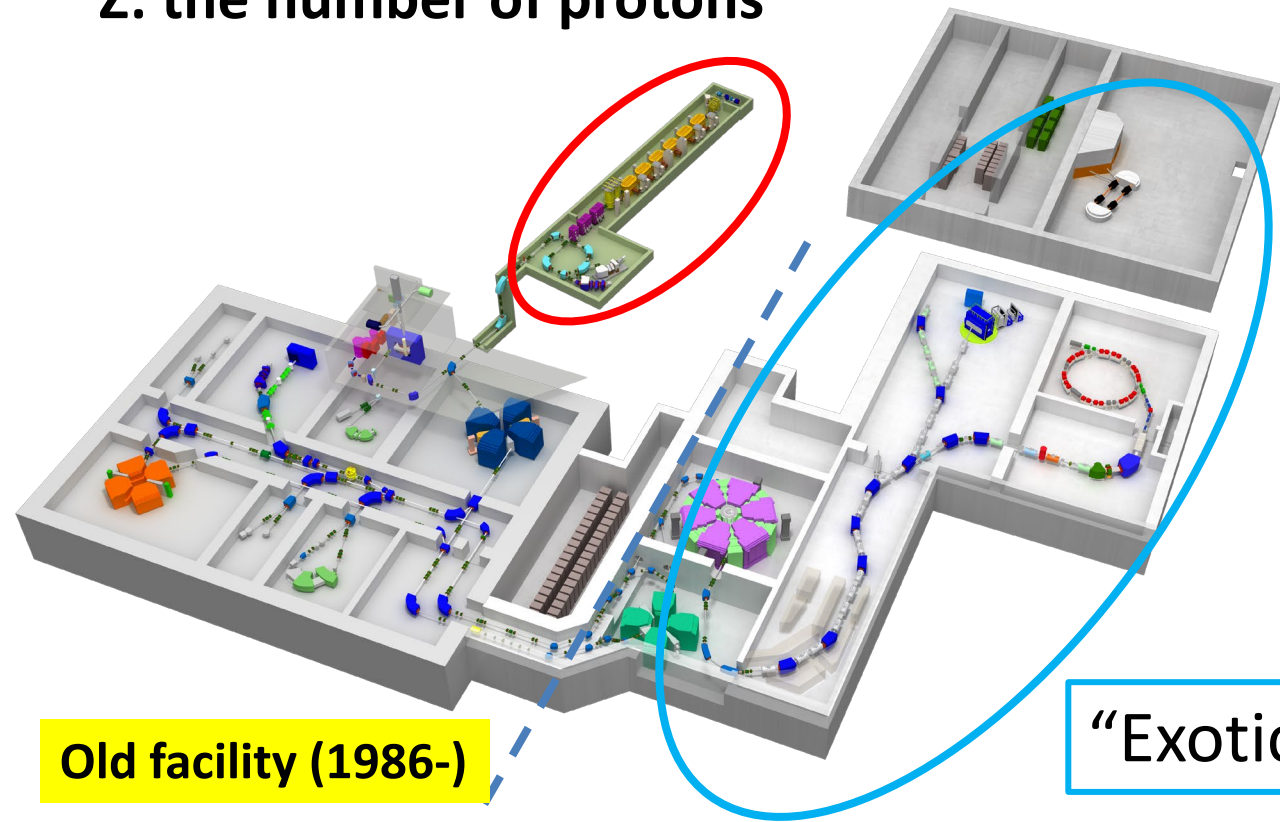


Low-energy nuclear physics at RI Beam Factory

“Super-Heavy Elements”

Towards a high Z

Z : the number of protons



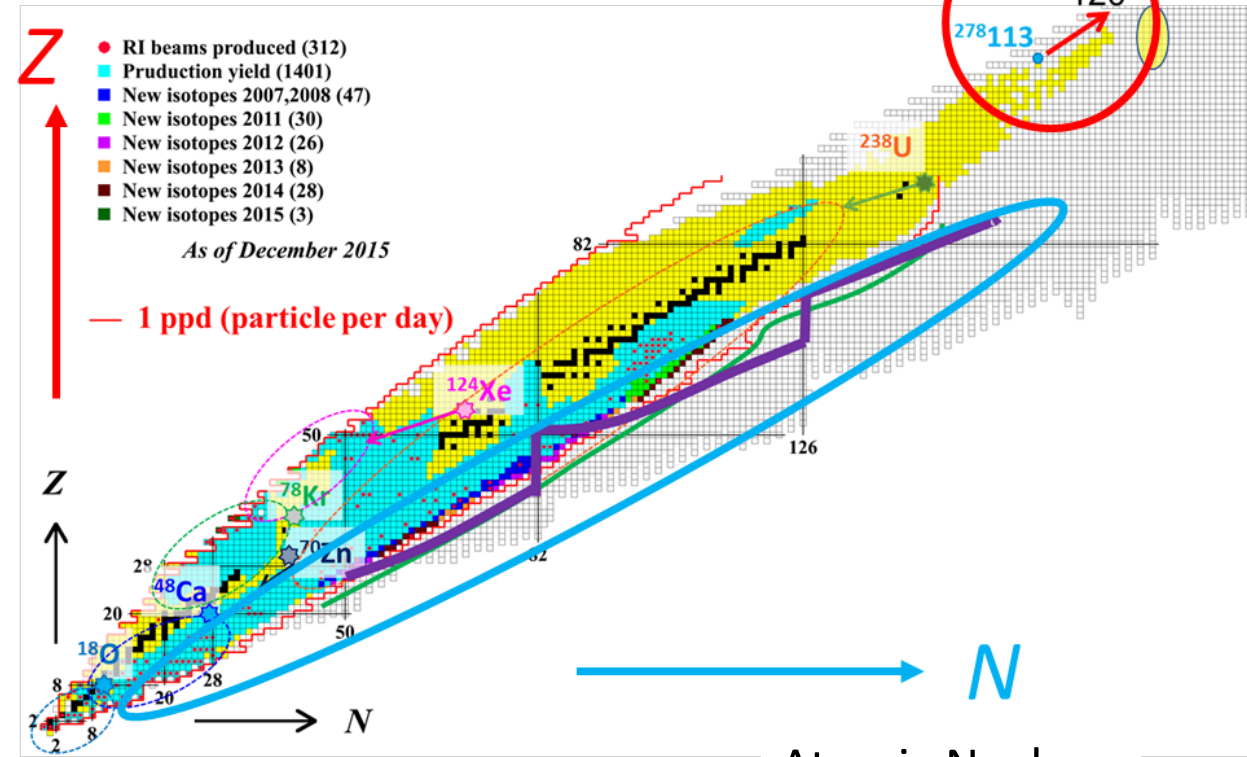
Old facility (1986-)

New facility (2006-)

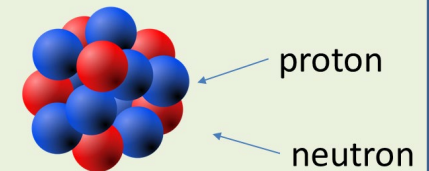
“Exotic Nuclei”

Towards a high N

N : the number of neutrons



Atomic Nucleus



“Super-Heavy Elements”

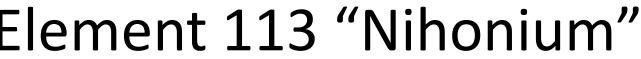
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Search for Element 119
SRILAC+GARIS3

Old facility (1986-)

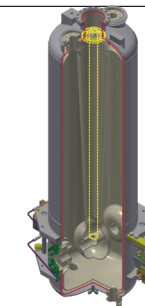
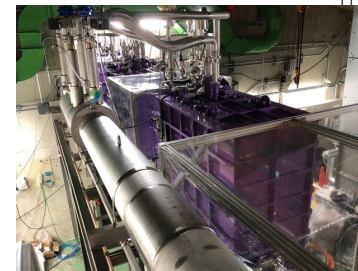
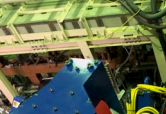
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Old facility (1986-)



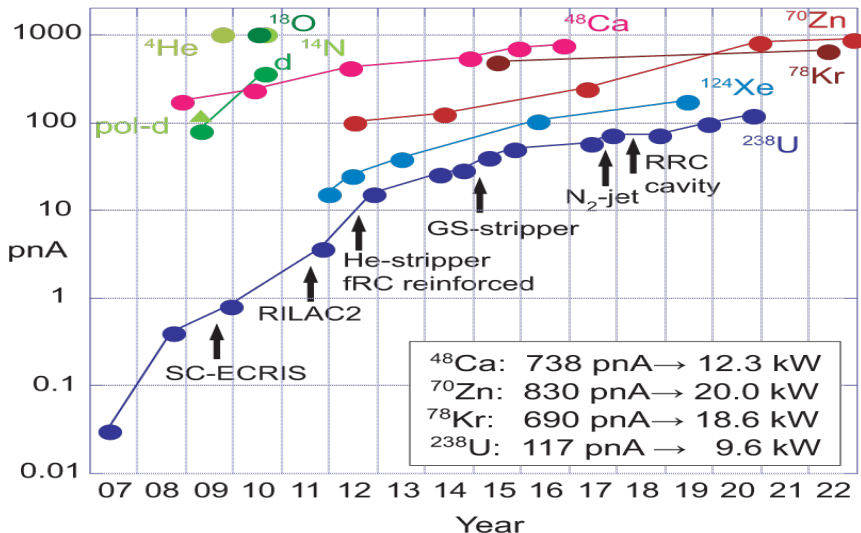
New setup towards the element 119 and beyond

New ion source

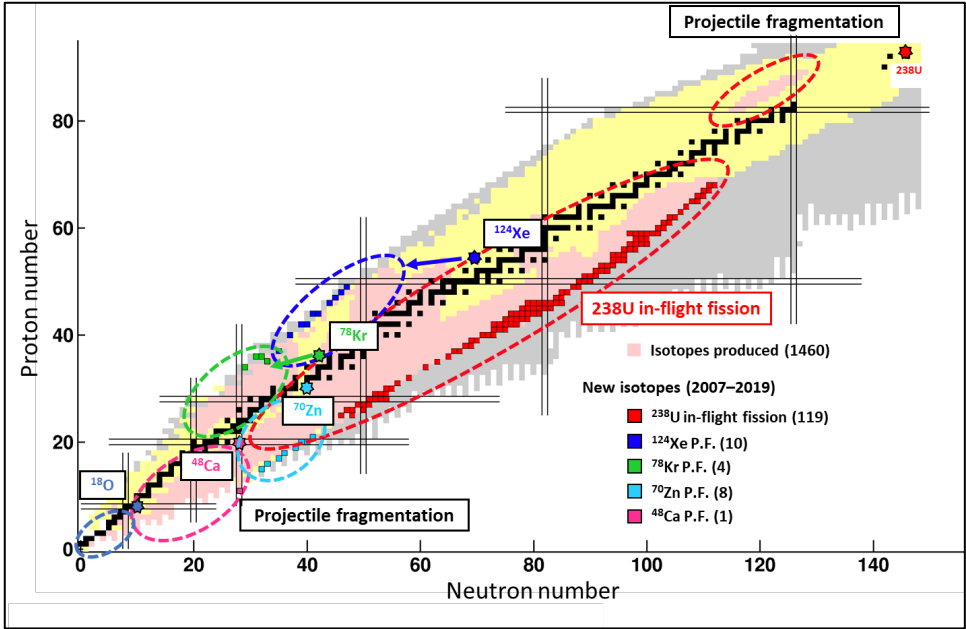


Accelerators and In-flight Separator at RI Beam Factory

Beam Intensity of SRC as a function of year



156 new isotopes created since 2007



SRC:
Superconducting Ring Cyclotron
World's First and Strongest
K2600MeV

primary beams
at 350 MeV/u

target

New facility (2006-)

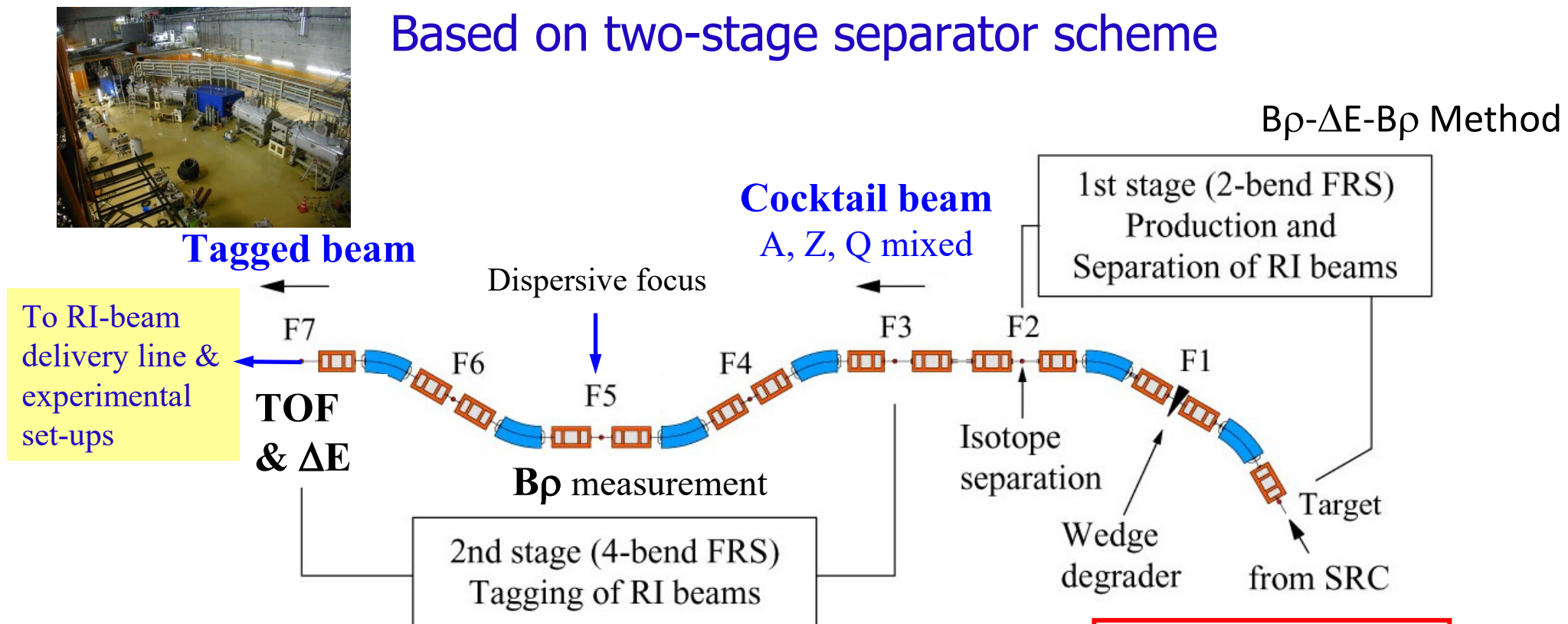
RI beams
at ~250 MeV/u

BigRIPS:
Superconducting RI beam Separator
In-flight separator
World's Largest Acceptance
High magnetic rigidity 9 Tm

Delivery of tagged RI-beam

T. Kubo et al.

Based on two-stage separator scheme



Identify RI-beam species Z , A/Q by measuring ΔE , $B\rho$, TOF in an event-by-event mode using beam-line detectors on the 2nd stage. Aim at tagging rate up to 1×10^6 pps.

In-flight fission of ^{238}U at 350 MeV/u
 $\Delta\theta \sim 100$ mr
 $\Delta p/p \sim 10\%$

Standard

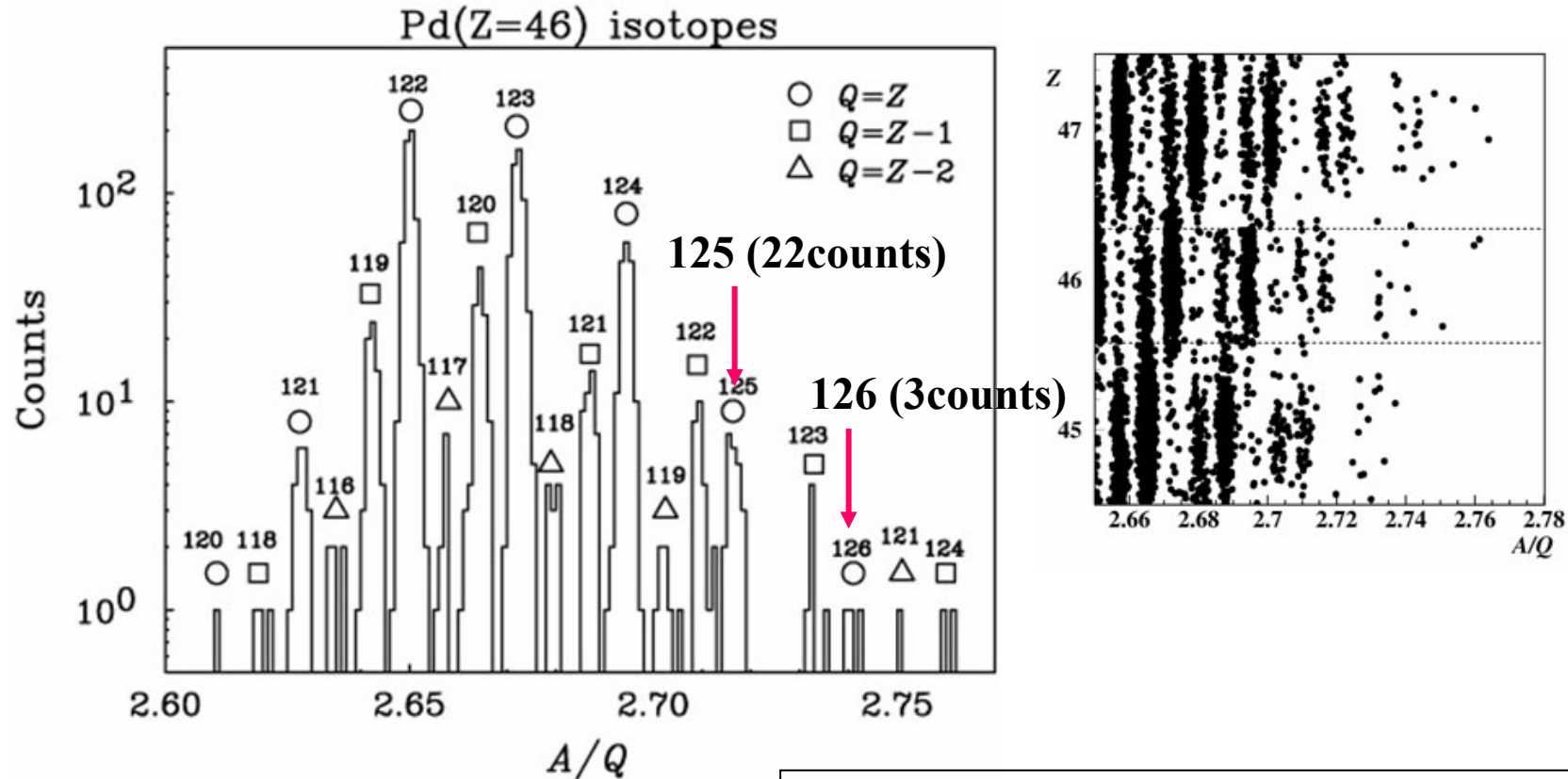
$B\rho$ -TOF-dE-**E**
 Z , A , Q

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New Scheme

$B\rho$ -TOF-dE
 Z , A/Q

Identification of new isotopes $^{125,126}\text{Pd}$



Total dose 3.6×10^{12} for 25 hrs
I ~ 0.01 pA on average

A/Q resolution(r.m.s): 0.041% at Z=46
Bp resolution (r.m.s): 0.02%
 ΔT resolution (r.m.s.): 40 psec

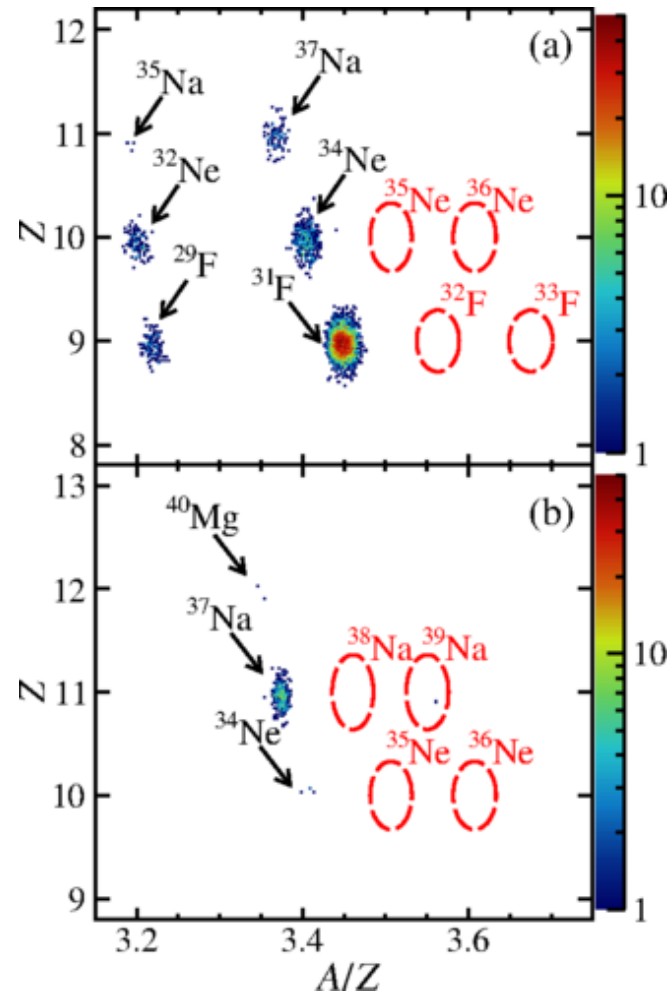
Cf. ^{124}Pd 19 counts, ^{125}Pd (cand.) 1count at GSI, 1997
PLB 415, 111 (97); total dose $\sim 1 \times 10^{12}$

T. Onishi et al, JPSJ 77 (08)083201.

Recent Discovery of New N-rich Isotopes at RIBF

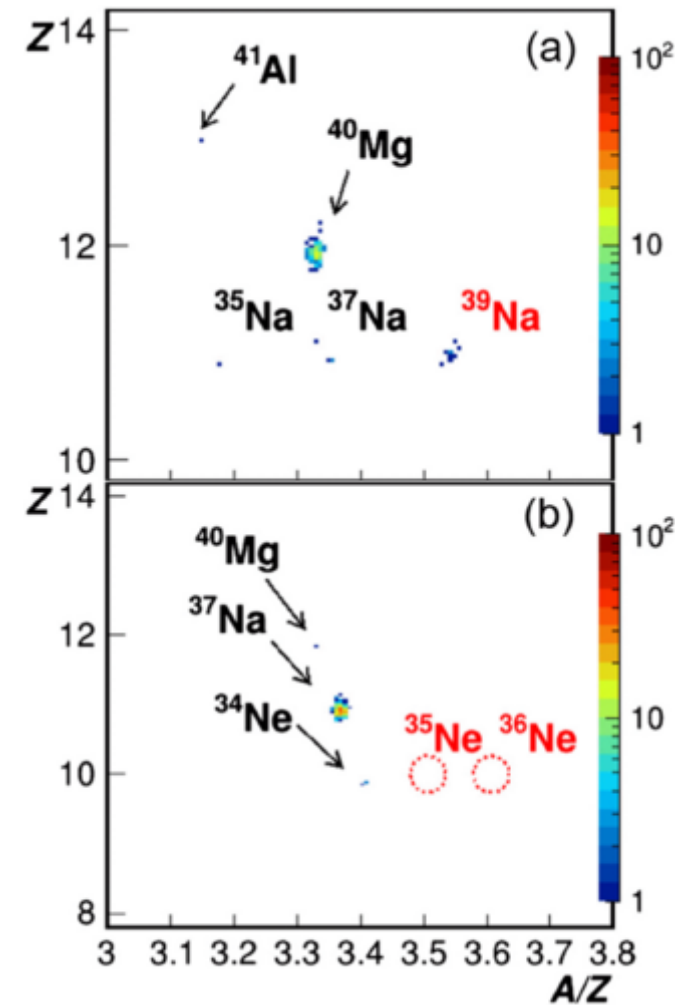
Location of neutron drip line in F and Ne

Ahn et al., PRL 123, 212501 (2019)



Discovery of ^{39}Na

Ahn et al., PRL 129, 212502 (2022)



See also "Probing the Limits of Nuclear Existence" Blumenfeld, *Physics* 15, 177 (Nov. 16, 2022)

A YouTube on Na-39 !

A New Isotope of Sodium - Periodic Table of Videos April 4th, 2023

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vI0_DEIyTZU



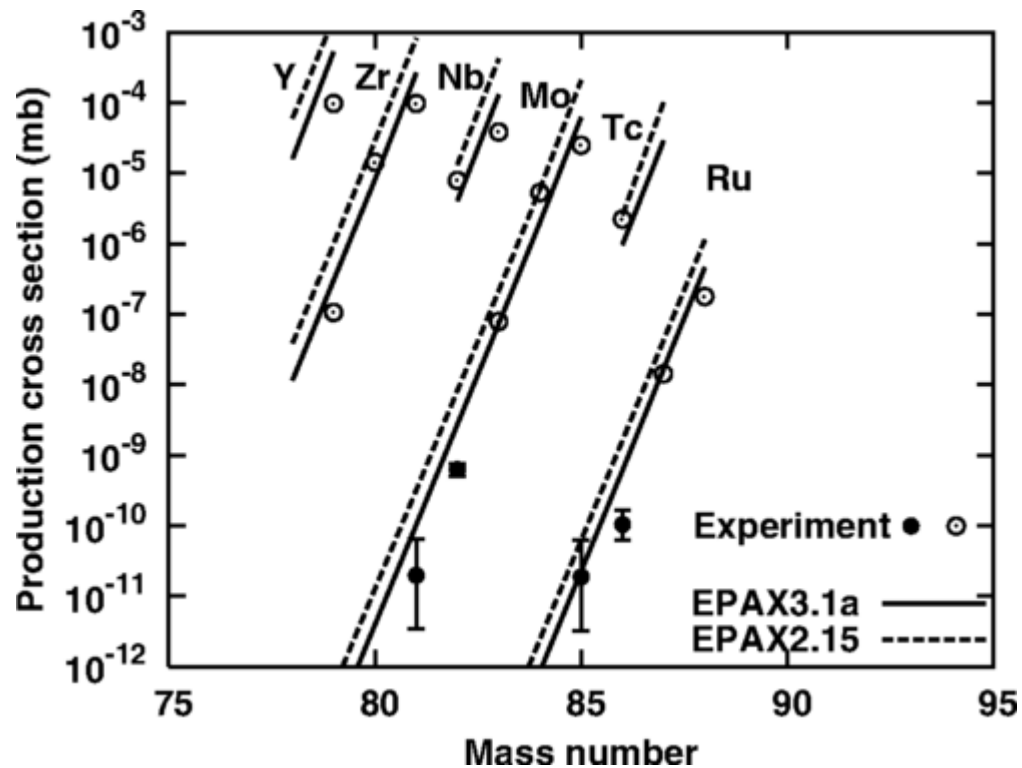
Prof. Martyn Poliakoff, University of Nottingham in UK

Production cross section measurements at BigRIPS

When you design an experiment, you need to estimate an intensity of radioactive isotope beams. The intensity depends on not only intensity of primary beam and target thickness but also production cross sections.

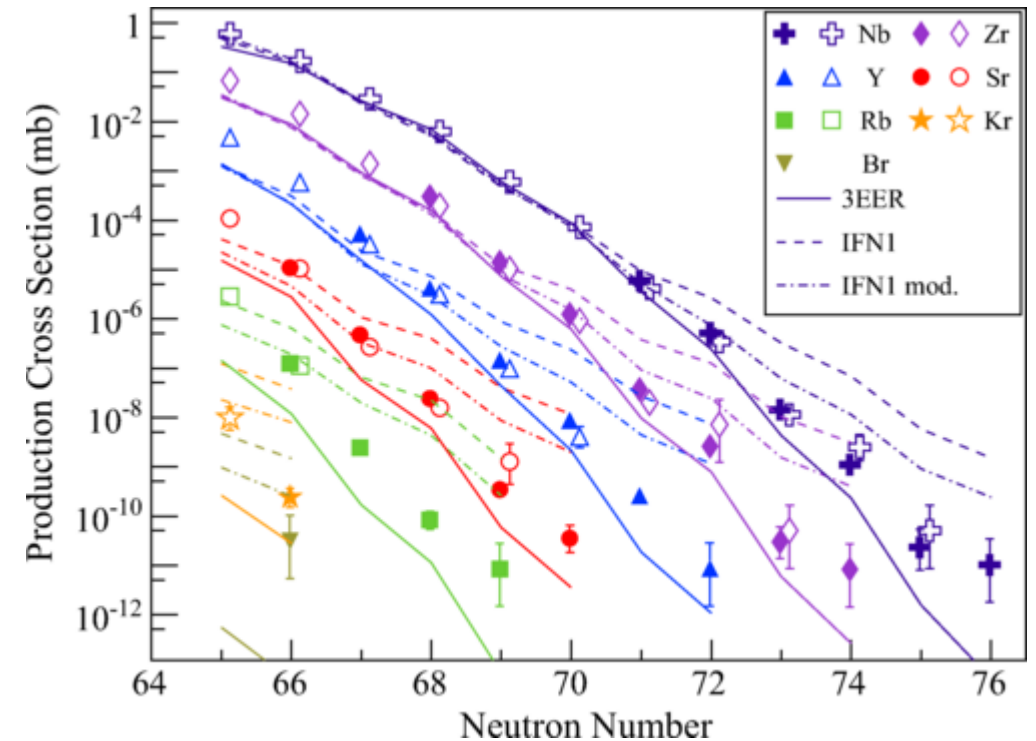
Sumikama et al., PRC 96, 034604 (2017)

345 MeV/u Xe-124 beam + Be target



Sumikama et al., PRC 103, 014614 (2021)

345 MeV/u U beam + Be target



Experimental Devices

Three spectrometers for reaction studies with fast RI beams

ZeroDegree



SAMURAI



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SHARAQ + OEDO (Univ. of Tokyo, CNS)



A storage ring (Rare RI Ring)
dedicated to mass measurement

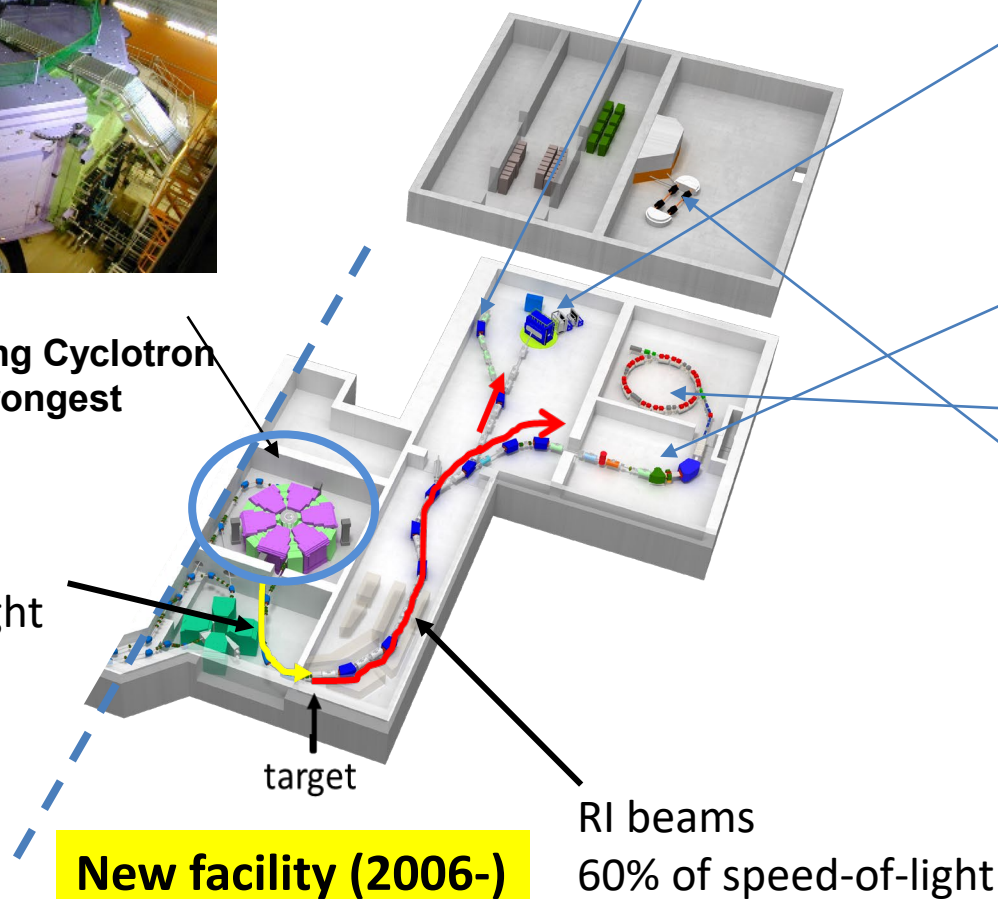
SCRIT + RUNBA based on ISOL

SCRIT: Suda san



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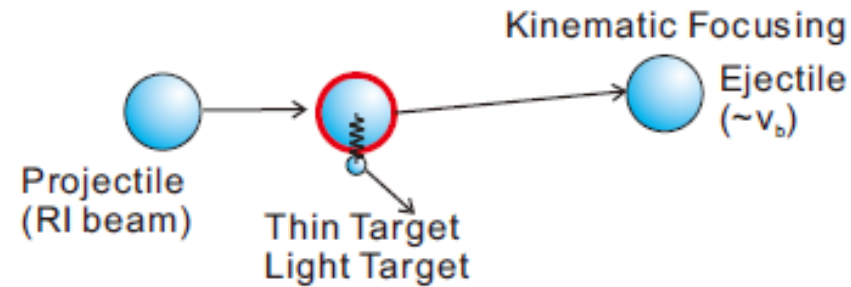
primary beams
70% of speed-of-light



New facility (2006-)

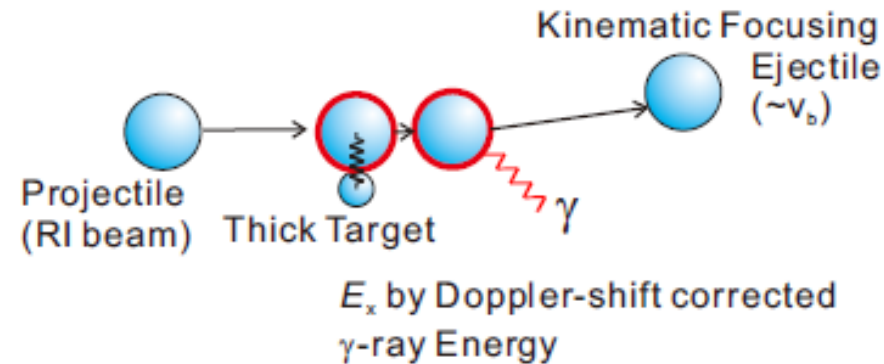
RI beams
60% of speed-of-light

a) Missing Mass Method

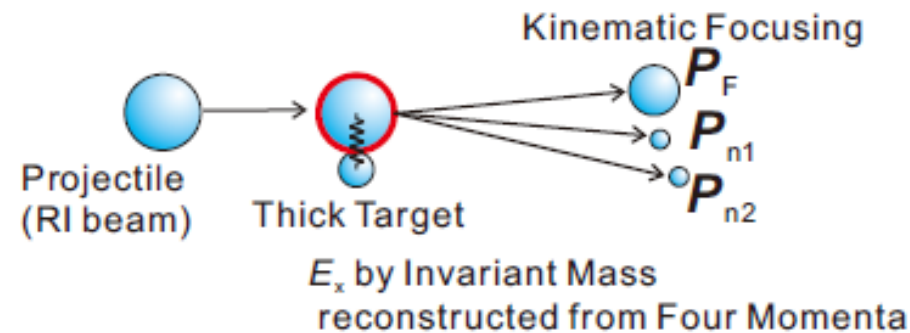


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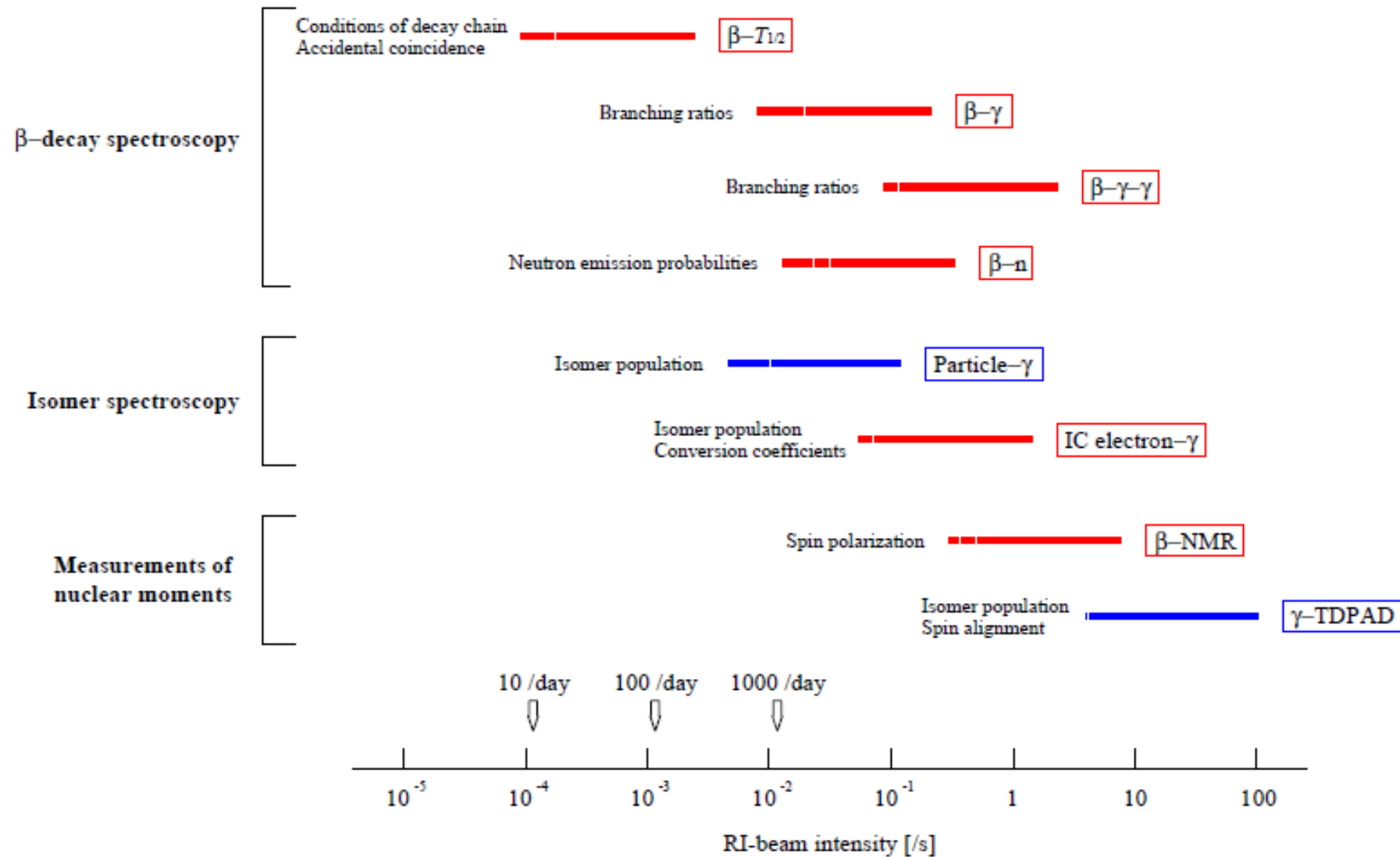
b) In-beam γ -ray spectroscopy



c) Invariant mass spectroscopy

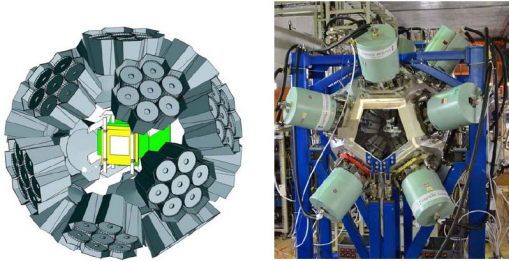


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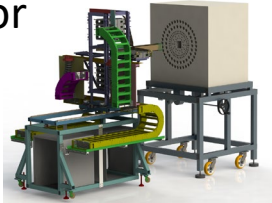


Large-Size International Collaborations

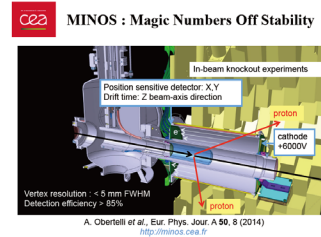
EURICA (2011-2016):
EUroball-RIKEN Cluster Array



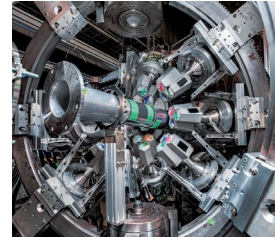
BRIKEN(2017-2021):
He-3 detector array for
beta-delayed neutron



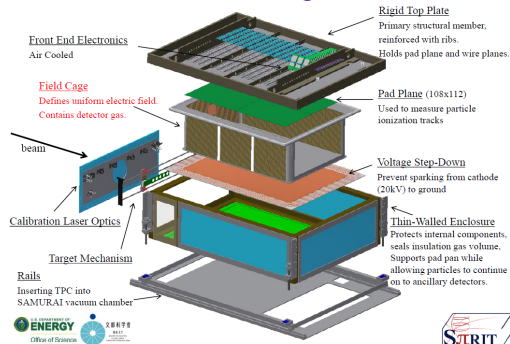
SEASTAR (2014-2017):
thick liq. H₂ +TPC+Nal
for in-beam gamma
spectroscopy



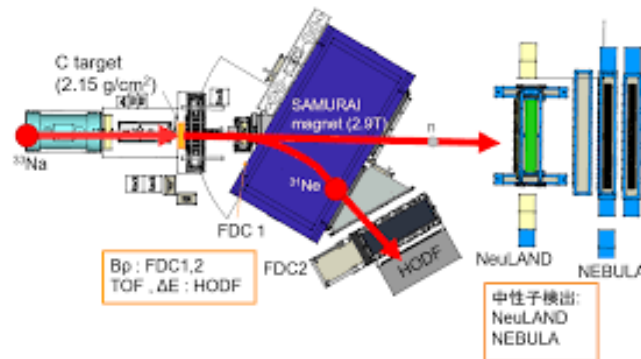
HiCARI (2019-2020):
Tracking Ge detectors
for in-beam gamma
spectroscopy



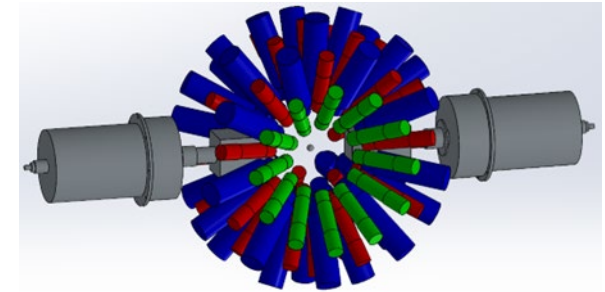
SpiRIT TPC (2015-):
heavy-ion collision program for EOS



SAMURAI (2012-):
neutron detectors + CsI+...
for neutron correlation

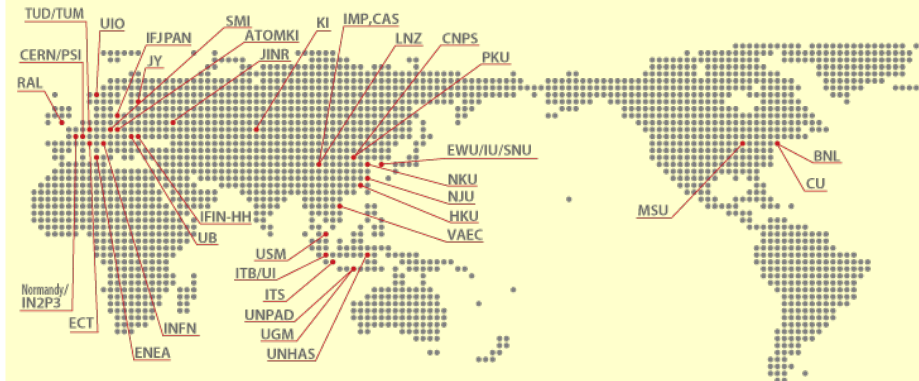


IDATEN (2021-):
84 LaBr₃ (Ce) + 2 Cover Ge detectors
to measure lifetime of excited states



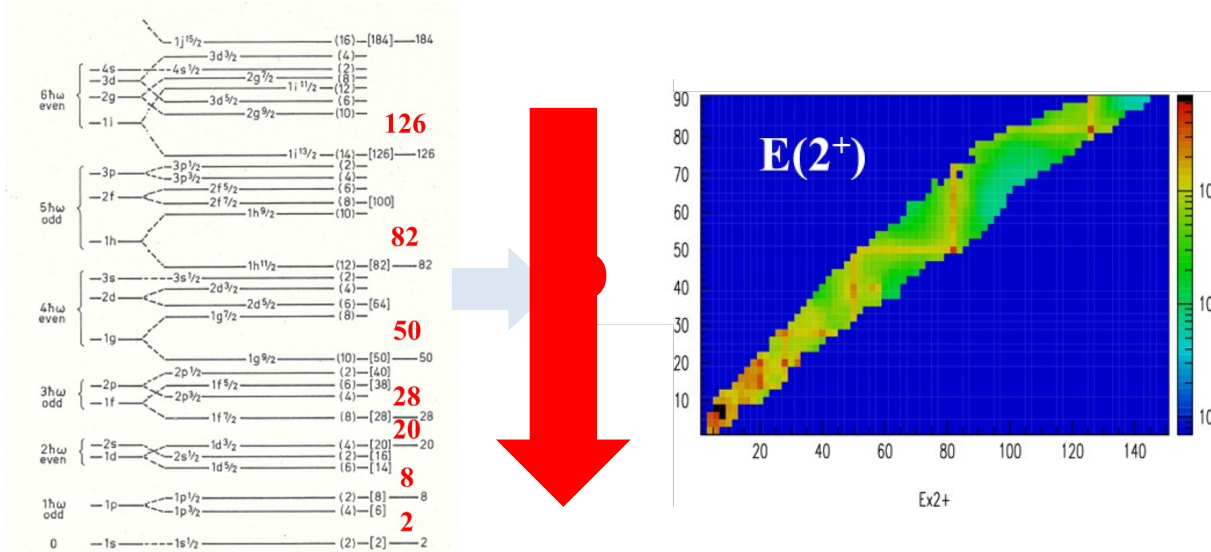
UK-Korea-China Collaboration

MoUs with
48 institutions and universities in 20 countries

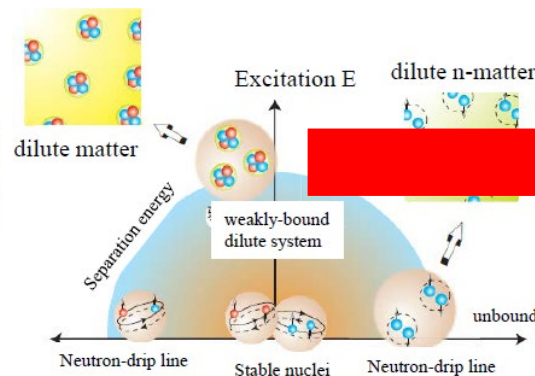
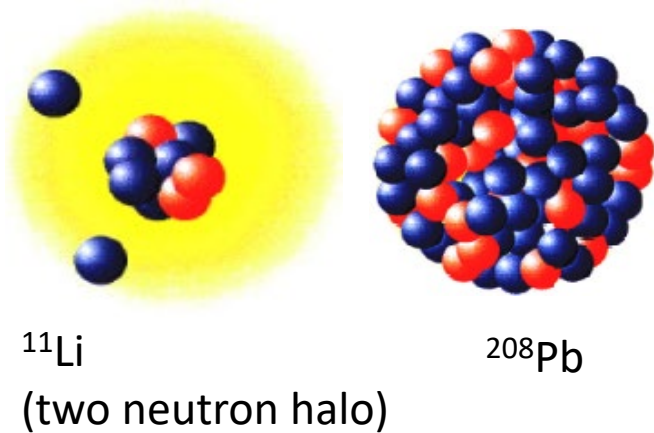


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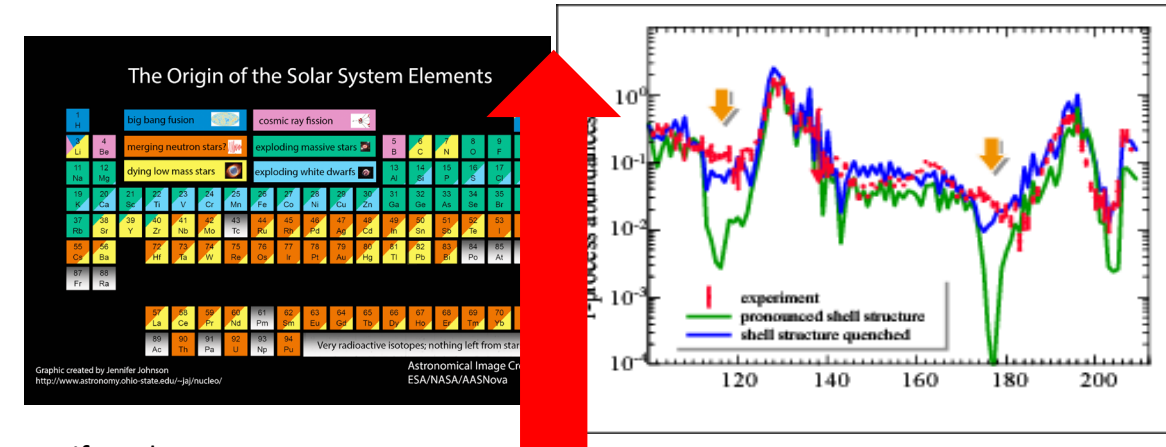
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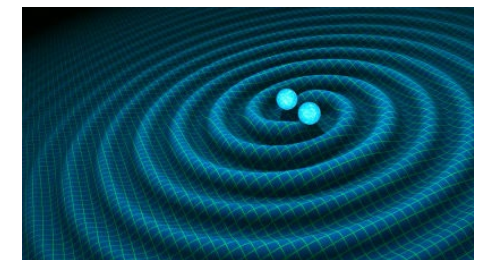
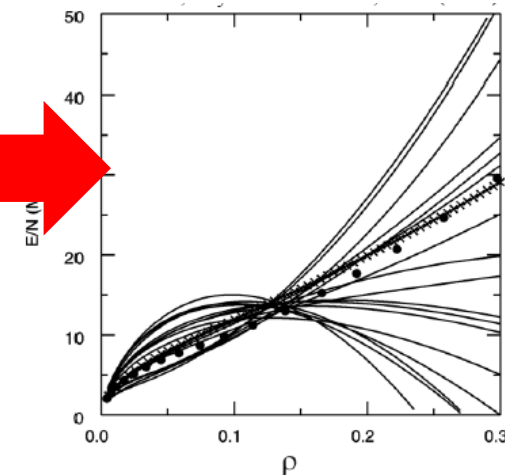
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<http://www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/~jaj/nucleo/>

Equation-of-State in asymmetric nuclear matter SN explosion, neutron-star, gravitational wave



gravitation wave
from neutron-star mergers

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Shell Evolution



Mayer & Jensen

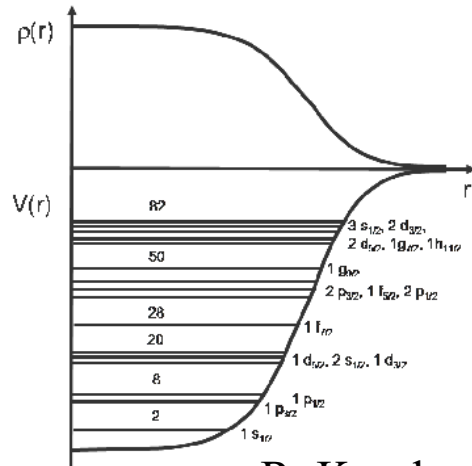
Nobel Prize 1963

Shell Structure

One-body potential

Large LS term

(surface contribution)

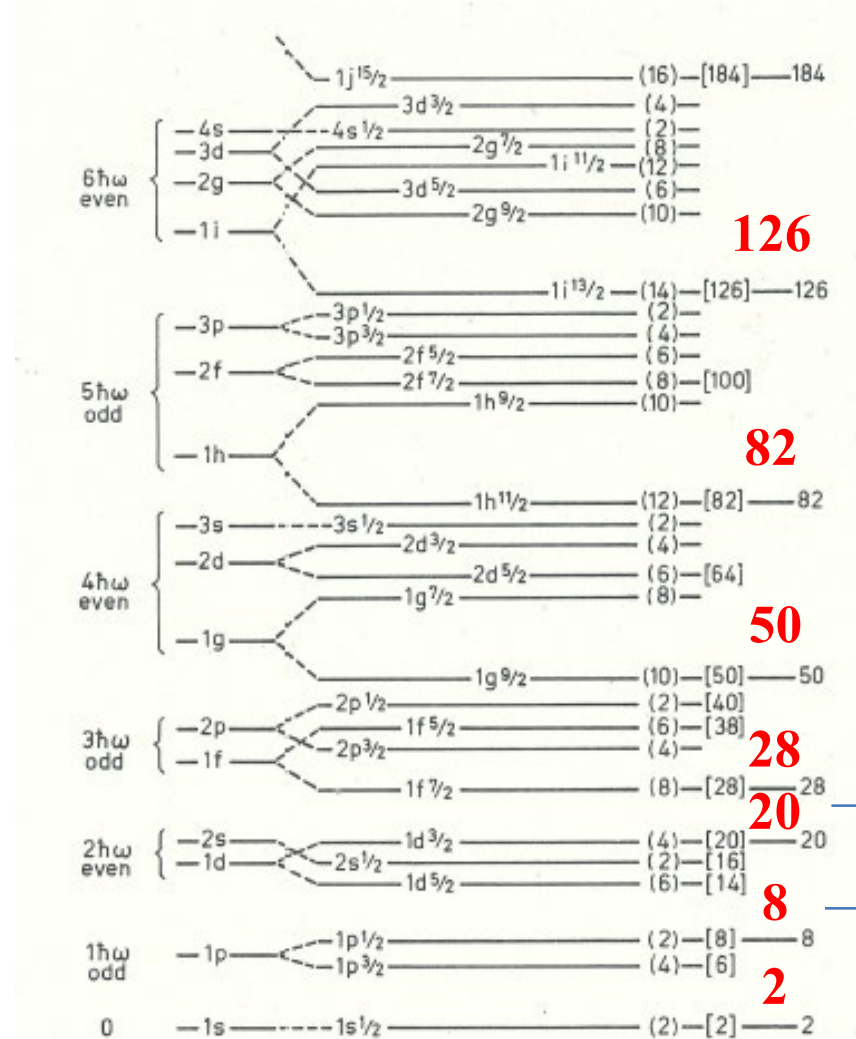


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Magic numbers ->

2, 8, 20, 28, 50 ...

Stable nuclei



Neutron-rich nuclei

loss
loss

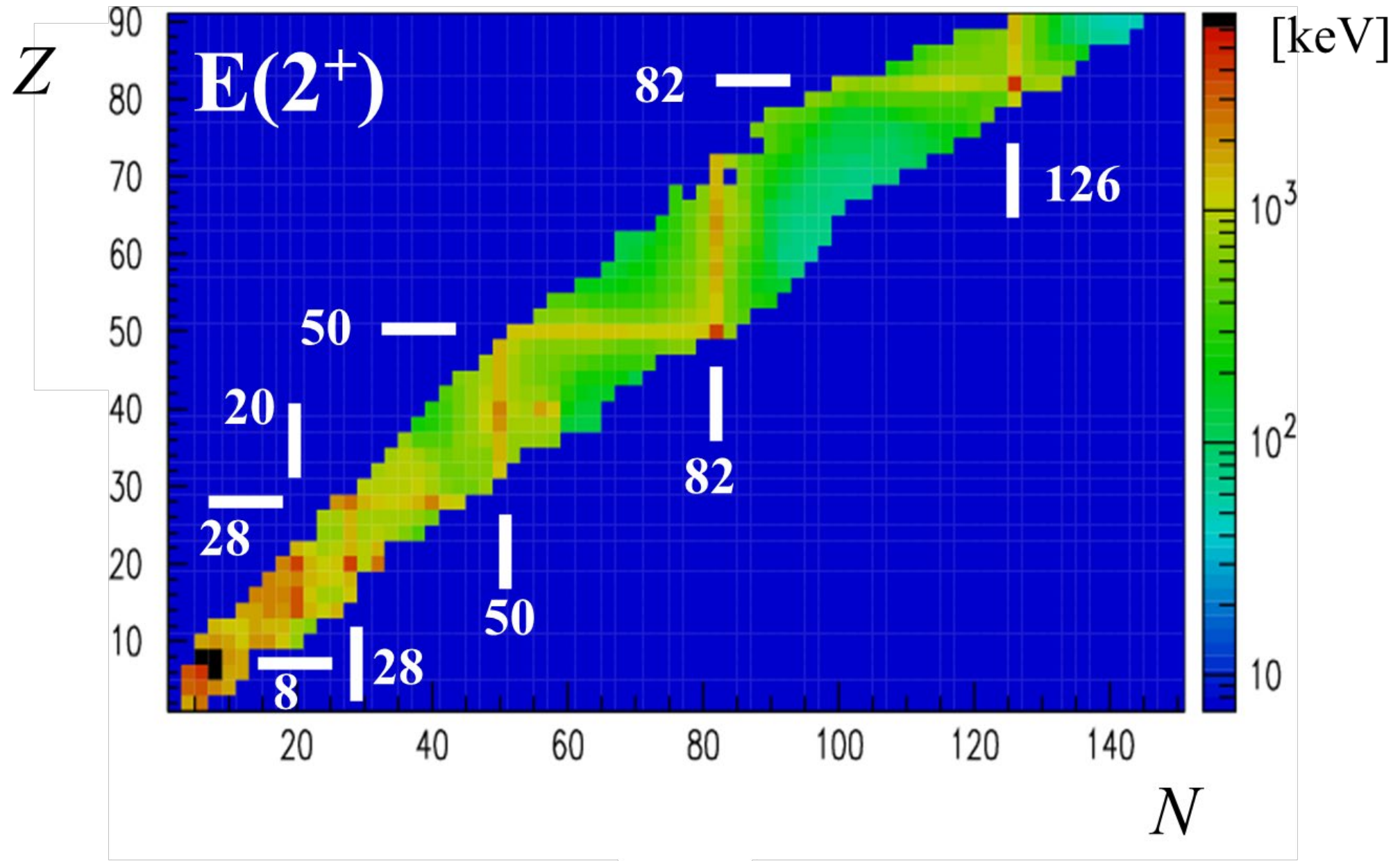
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N=16

New magicity
In Oxygen

Otsuka san

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



Spectroscopy via reactions with in-beam gamma method



Sunflower Collaboration

Secondary target: H_2 , C, Pb....
Gamma-detectors : DALI2 NaI array
to measure de-excited gamma rays

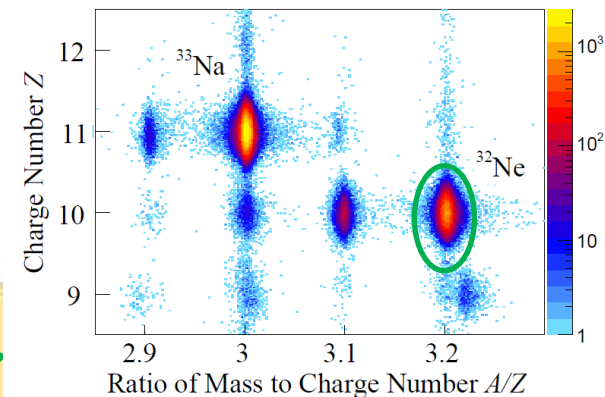
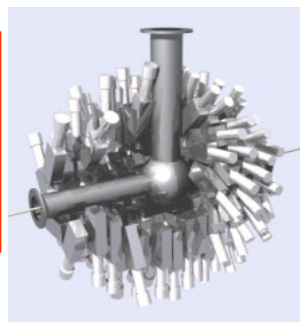
S.Takeuchi et al., NIM A 763, 596-603 (2014)

Ca-48 Acceleration
at Super-Conducting Cyclotron

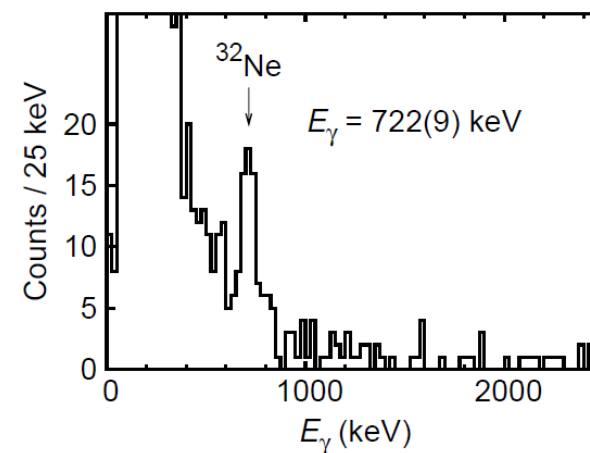
Ca-48 beam
345A MeV

Be production target
fragmentation

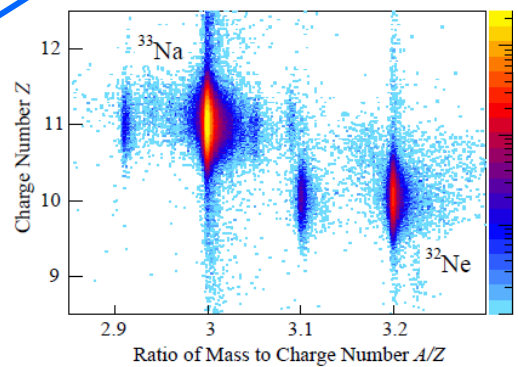
To deliver intense RI beams
PID for RI beams

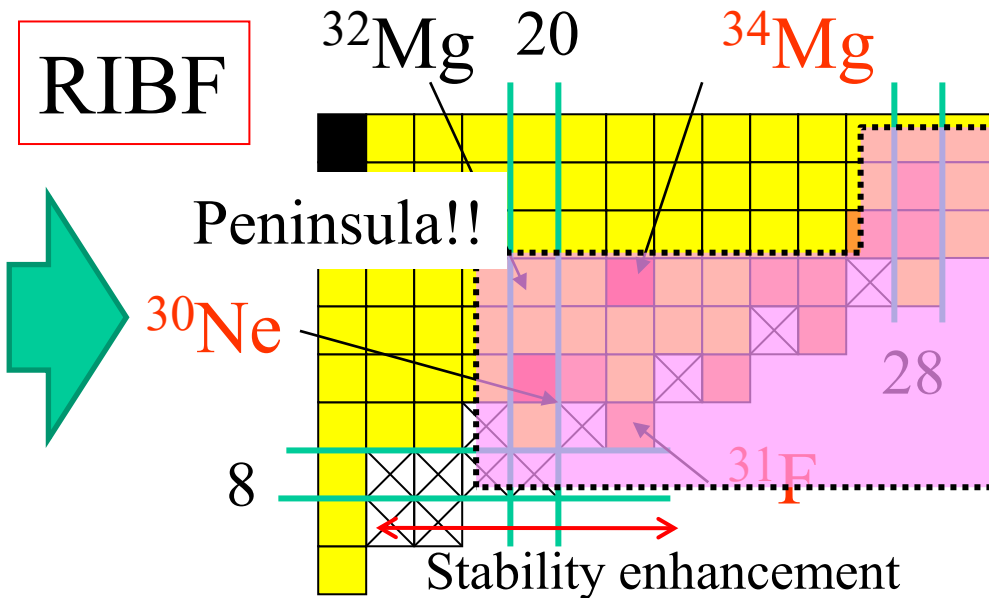


PID at ZeroDegree



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





Doornenbal, Scheit, et al.
Ne-32 1st excited states: PRL 103, 032501 (2009)
New states in ^{31,32,33}Na: PRC 81, 041305R (2010)
Mg-36,-38: PRL111, 212502 (2013)
F-29: in preparation
Takeuchi et al.
Si-42 : PRL109, 182501 (2012)
P.Fallon et al.
Mg-40 : PRC 89, 041303 (2014)

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

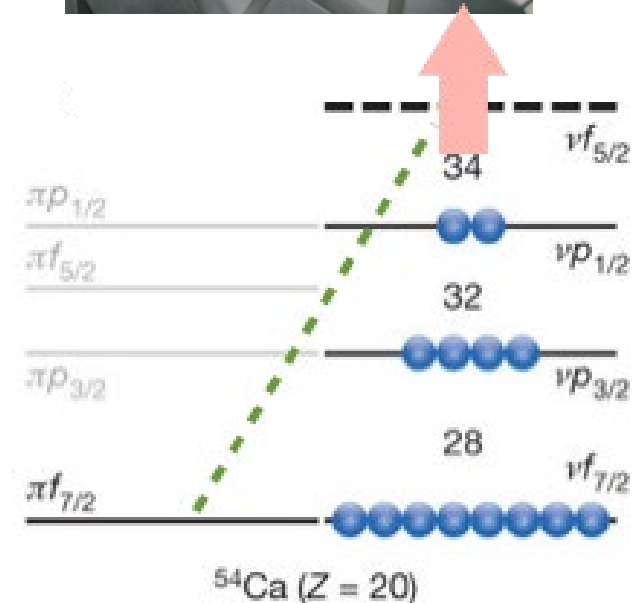
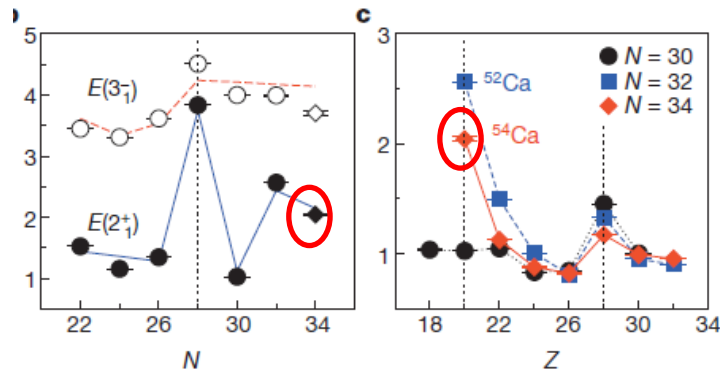
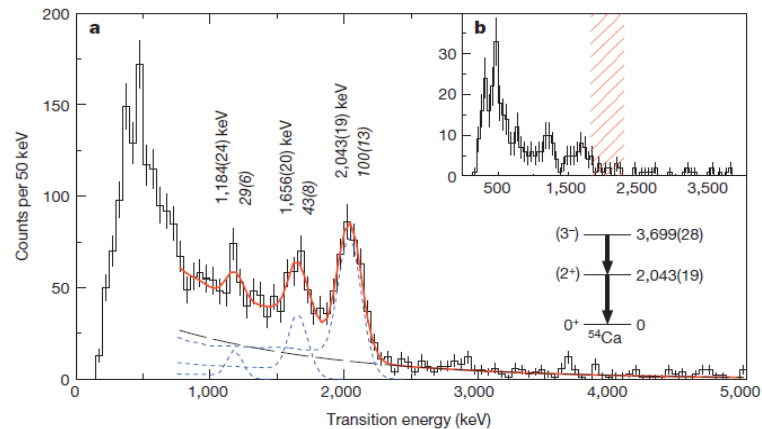
D. Steppenbeck et al., Nature 502

Zn-70 primary beam (100 pA max)

Ti-56 120 pps/pA, Sc-55 12 pps/pA

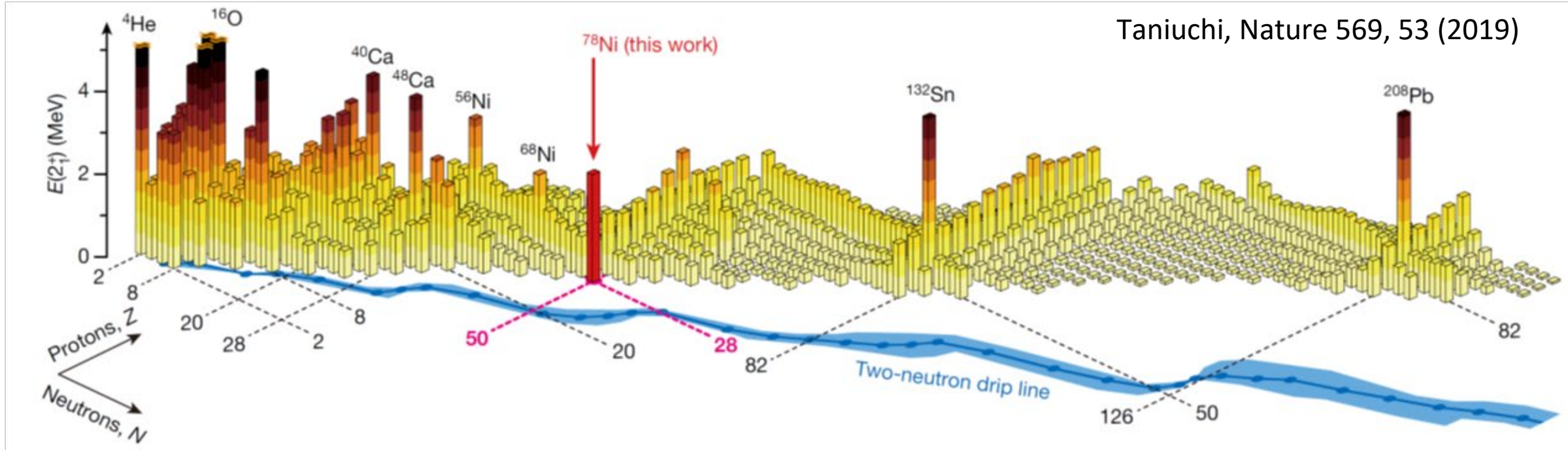
Zn-70 \rightarrow Ti-56, Sc-55

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



Magicity and its loss through determining $E(2^+)$ in even-even nuclei

^{78}Ni revealed as a doubly magic stronghold against nuclear deformation

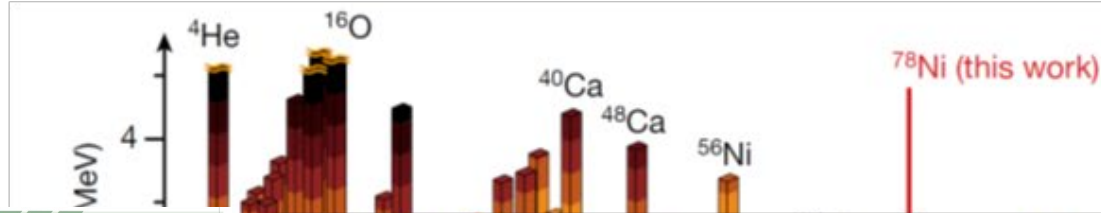


Beyond ^{78}Ni , no magicity at $Z=28$ or $N=50$?

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

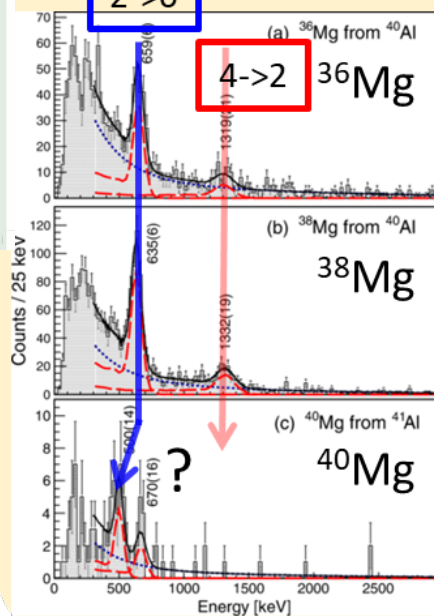
^{78}Ni revealed as a doubly magic stronghold against nuclear deformation

Taniuchi, Nature 569, 53 (2019)



Mysterious structure in ^{40}Mg

Crawford et al., PRL 122, 052501 (2019)



Sudden change of the structure between ^{38}Mg and ^{40}Mg

^{40}Mg has larger deformation than ^{38}Mg .

Origin of the 2^{nd} excited state is mystery.
No theory reproduces the data.

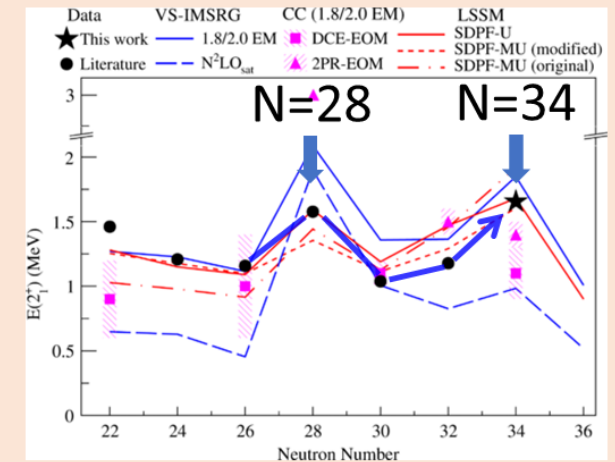


sub-shell gap at $N=34$
Nature 2013

Robustness of the $N = 34$ Subshell Closure

H.N. Liu et al., PRL 122, 072502 (2019)

$E(2^+)$ of ^{52}Ar is higher than that of ^{50}Ar !



No big shell gap at $N=32$ but $N=34$ in Ar

Recent mass measurements show $N=32$ gap in Sc, but no gap at $N=34$

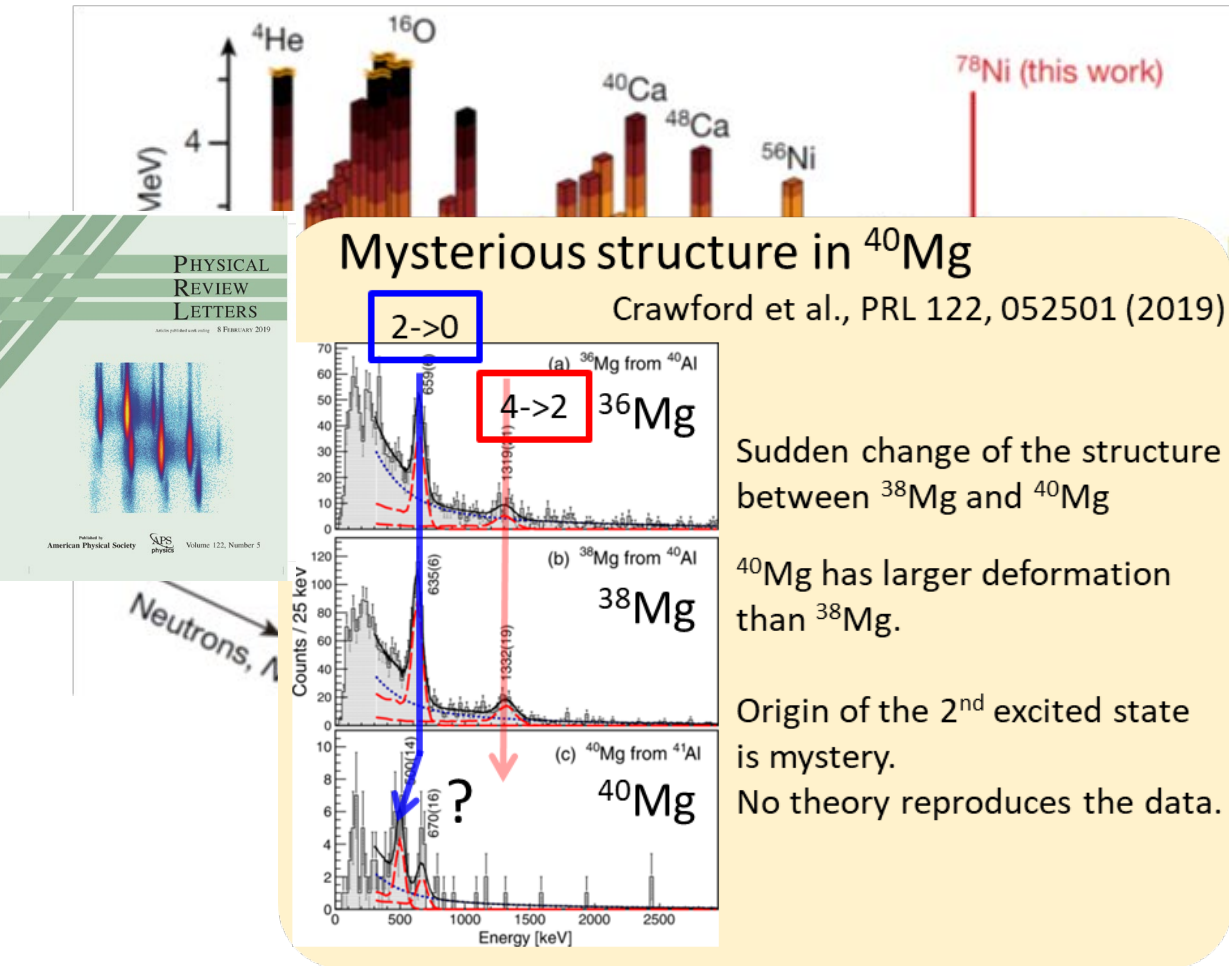
Leistenschneider, PRL **126**, 042501 (2021)

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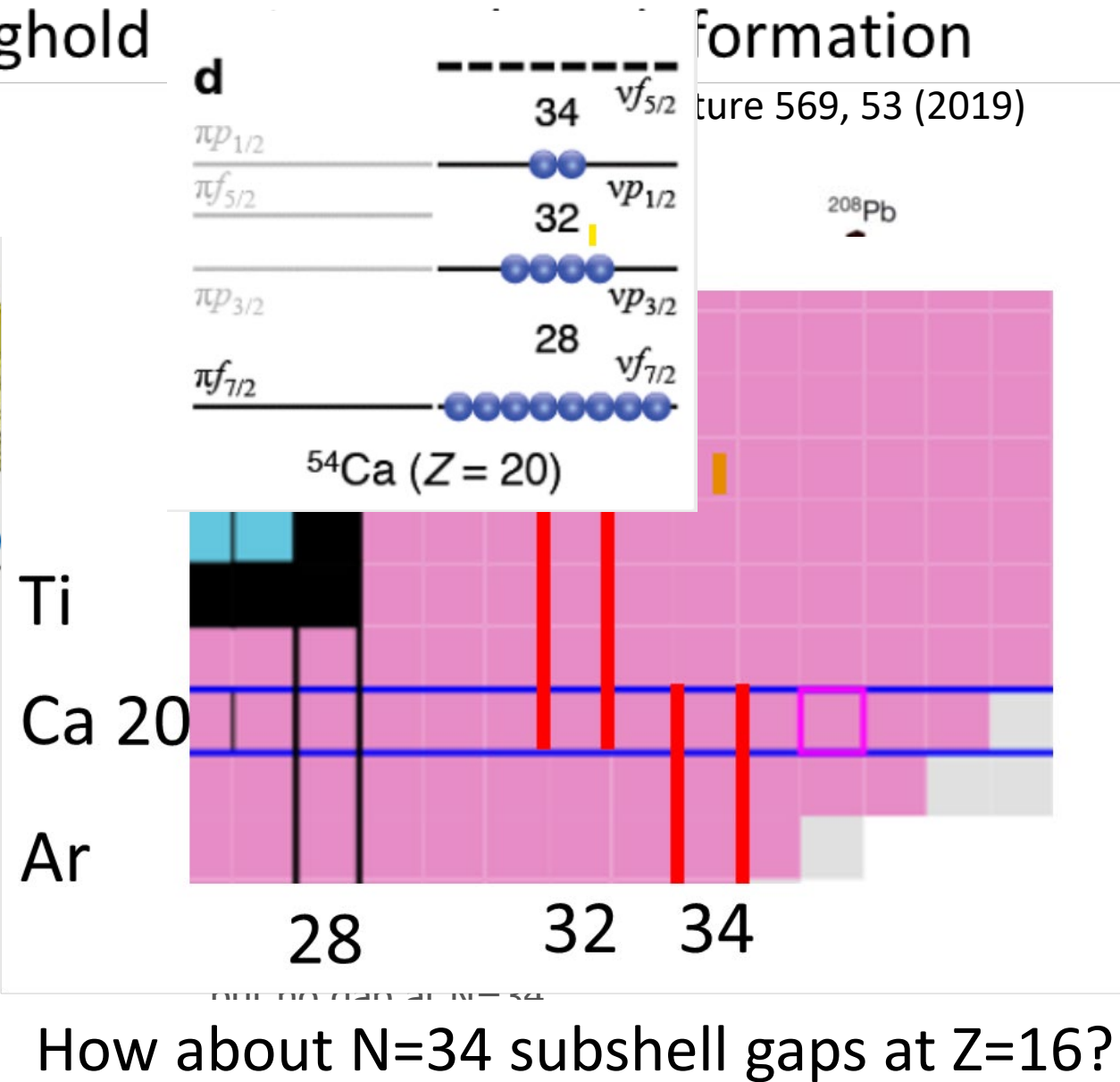
Magicity loss at $N=28$ upto $Z=12$

Magicity and its loss through determining E(2⁺)

⁷⁸Ni revealed as a doubly magic stronghold

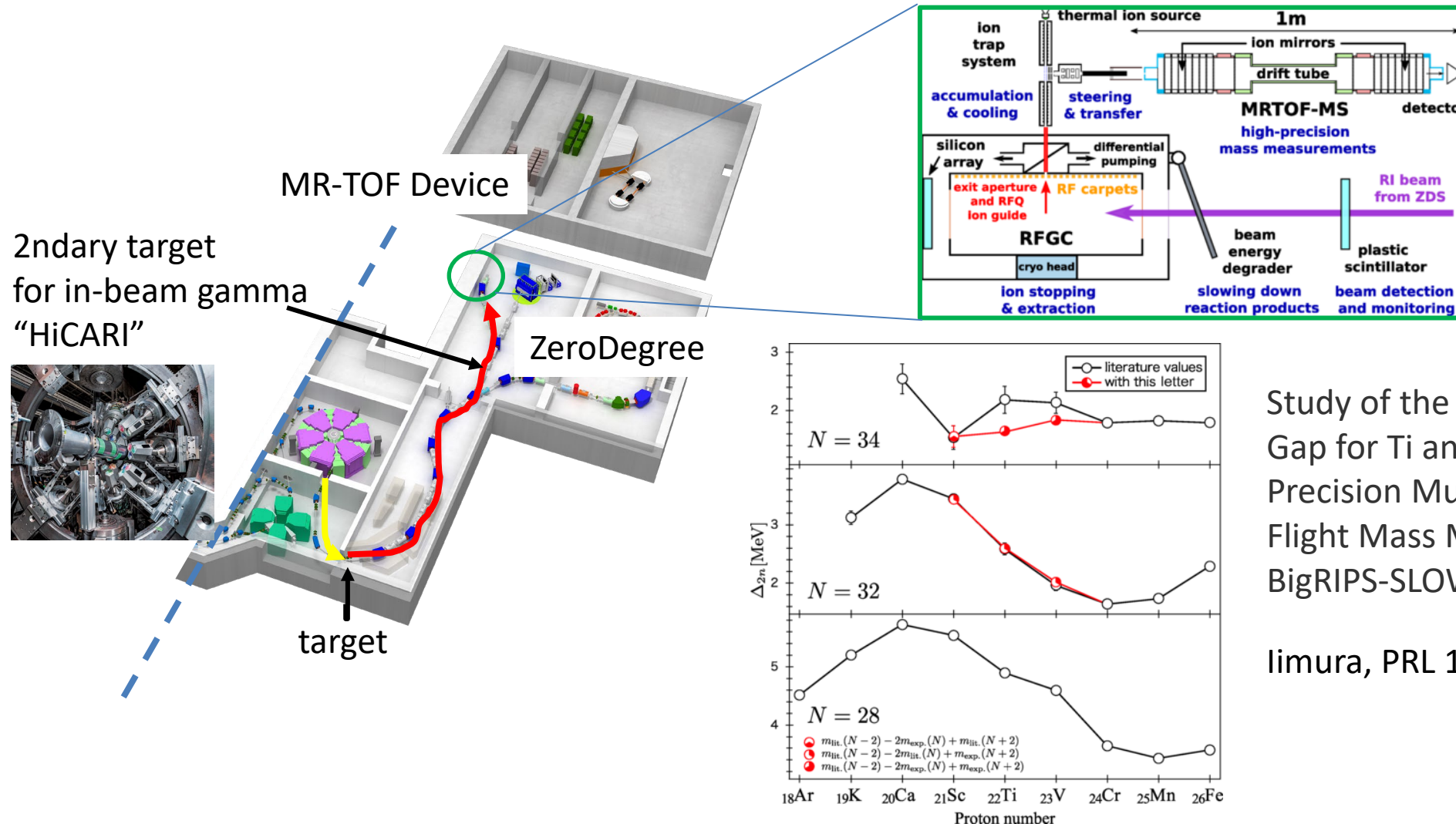


Magicity loss at N=28 upto Z=12



Combination between in-beam programs and mass measurements with MR-TOF
Development of an efficient way in utilizing costly radioactive beams

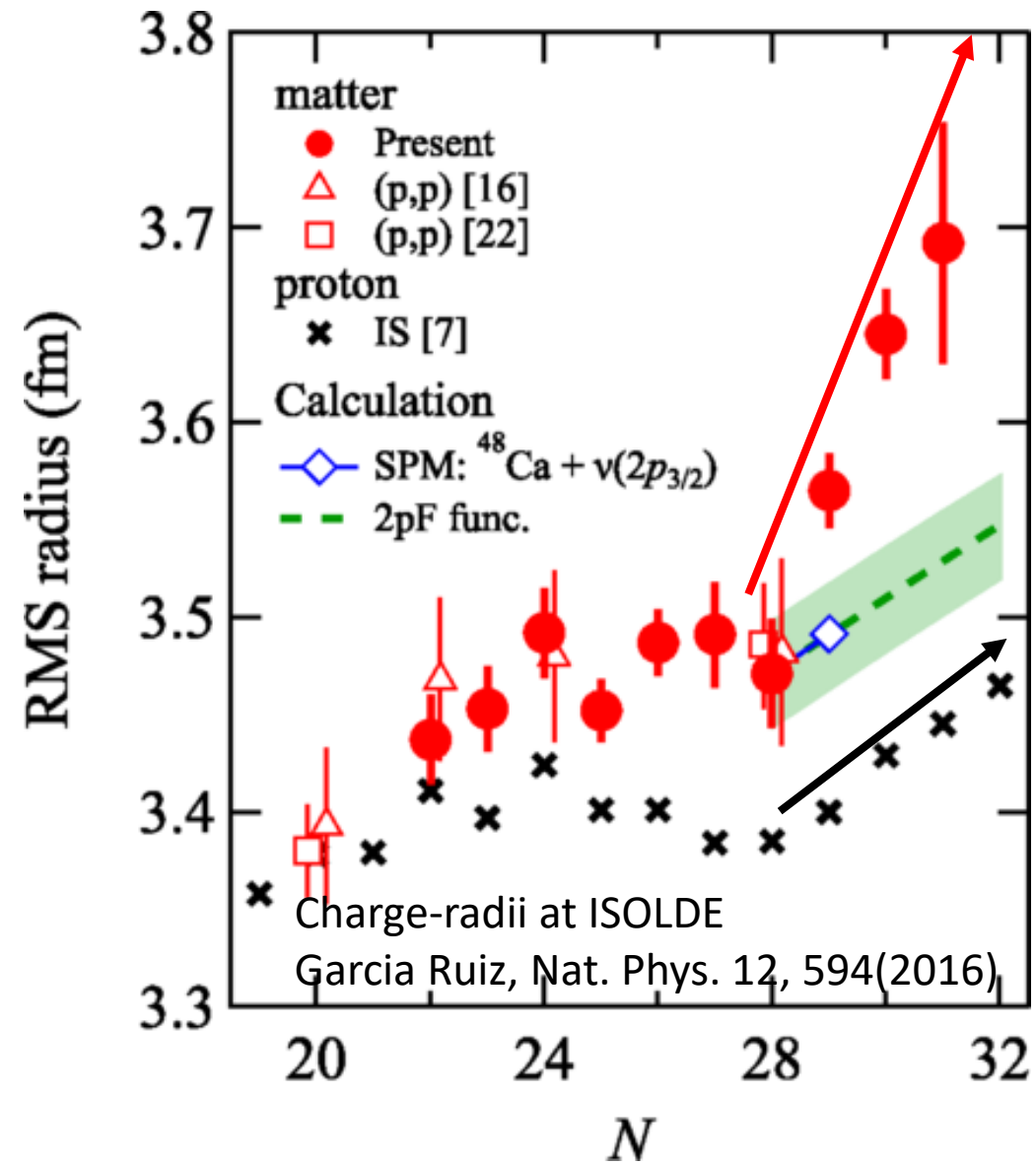
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Study of the $N=32$ and $N=34$ Shell Gap for Ti and V by the First High-Precision Multireflection Time-of-Flight Mass Measurements at BigRIPS-SLOWRI

Iimura, PRL 130, 012501 (2023)

Neutron-rich Ca isotopes



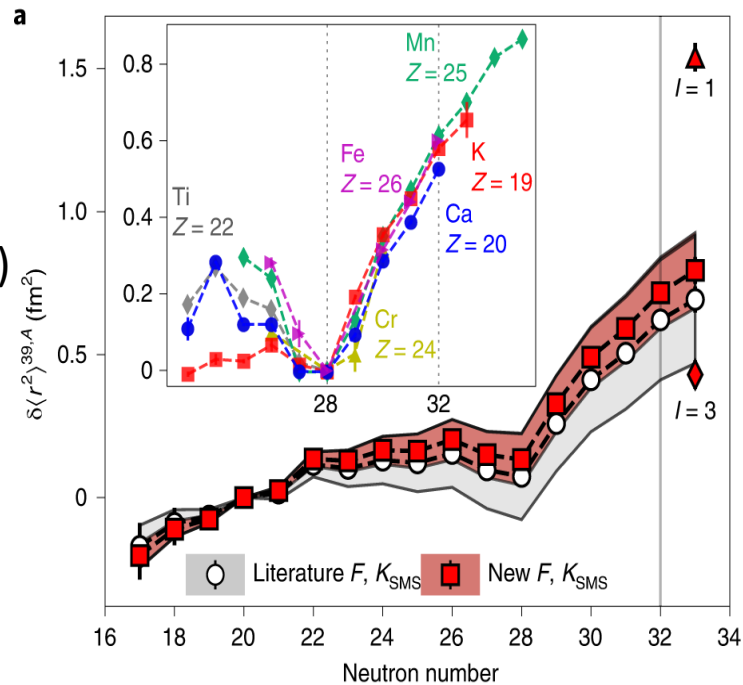
Nuclear-matter radii at RIKEN
Tanaka, PRL 124, 102501 (2020)

Transmission method

Why nuclear matter radii
dramatically increase beyond $N=28$?
How about beyond $N=32, 34$ subshell closures?

Charge-radii of the K isotopes
ISOLDE
Smooth change over $N=32$
Koszons, Nat. Phys. 17, 439(2021)

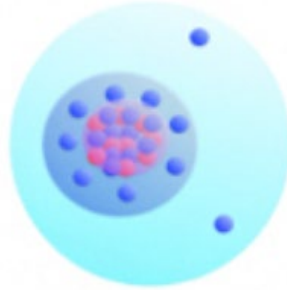
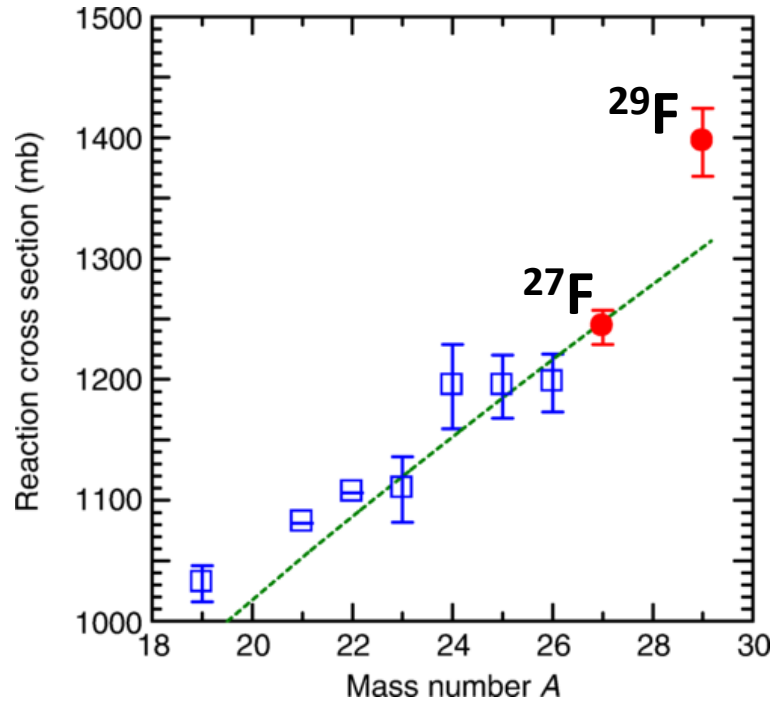
The Ca isotopes are unique
to study neutron-dynamics
including 3NF.
Spin-parity and location of excited
states in the Ca isotopes
are to be studied in the future.



Neutron-neutron correlation

Discovery of Two-neutron halo ^{29}F

Bagchi, PRL 124, 222504 (2020)



Core deformation

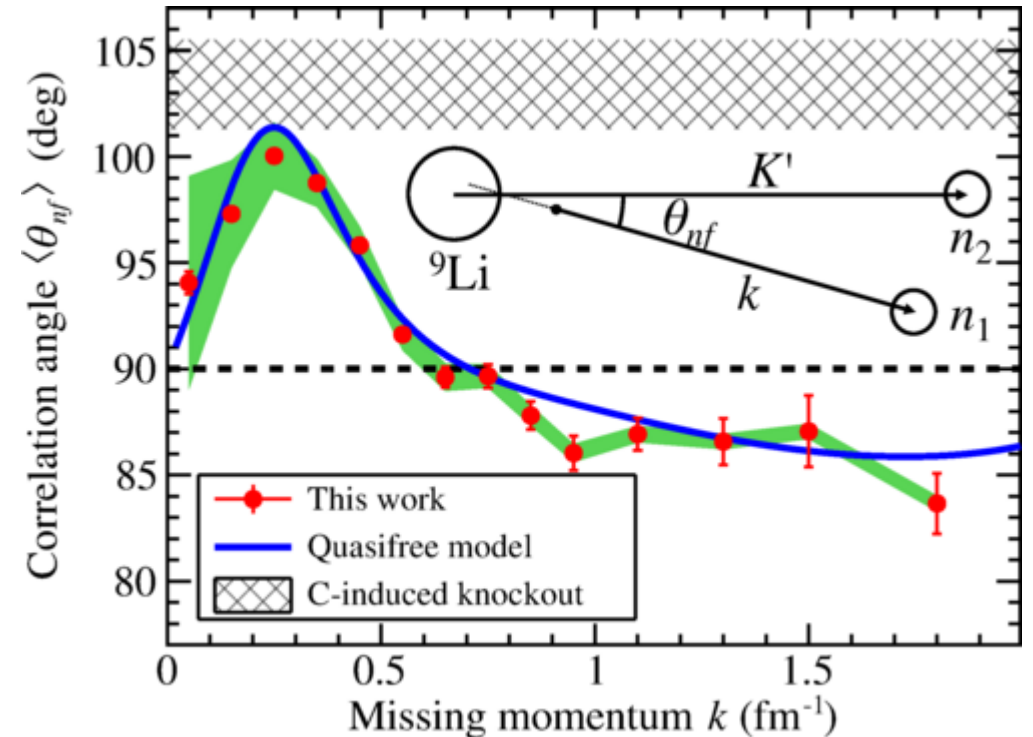
One neutron halo ^{31}Ne and ^{37}Mg have deformed cores.

Magicity loss at $N=20$, the deformation of the core nucleus ^{27}F may contribute to the halo formation

Revel, PRL 124, 152502 (2020)

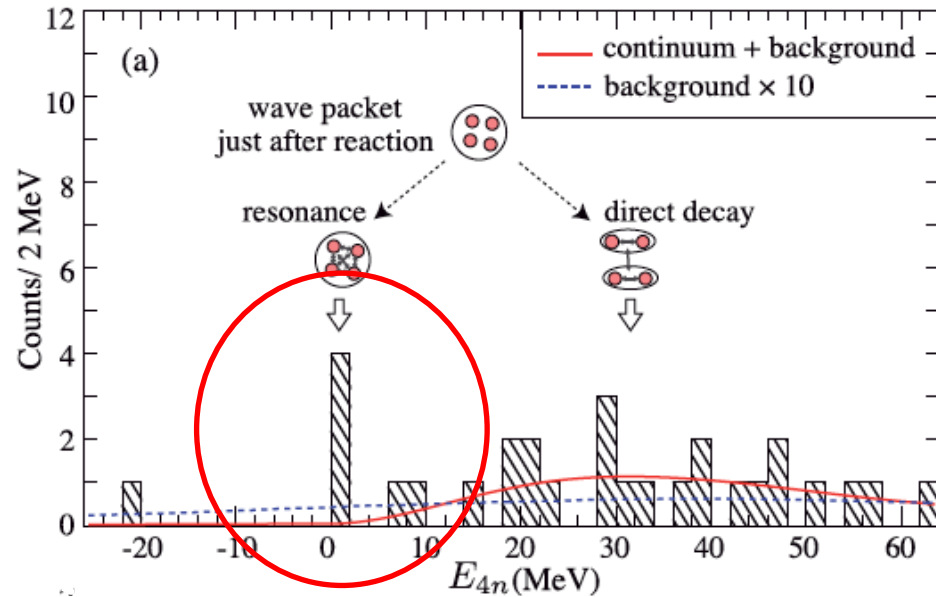
Surface Localization of The Dineutron in ^{11}Li

Kubota, PRL 125, 252501 (2020)



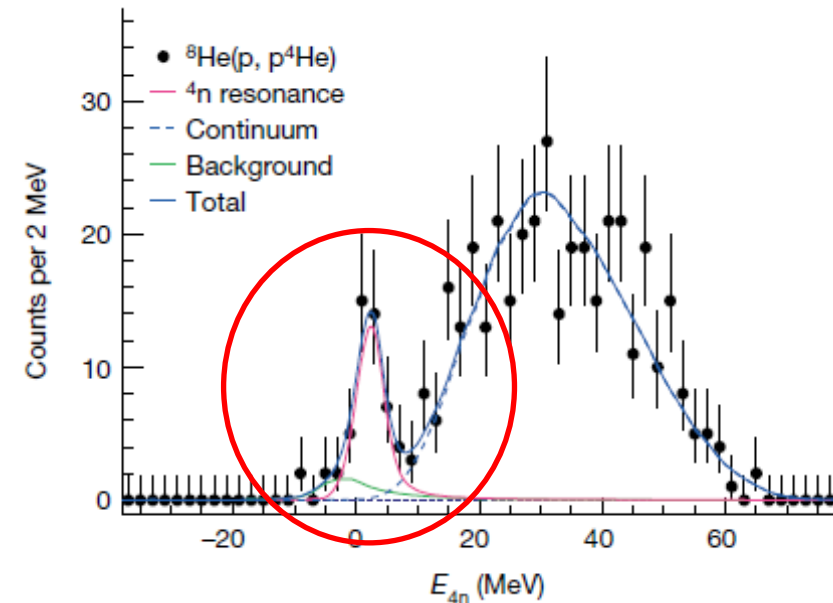
A “nucleus” with Atomic-Number $Z=0$: Observation of Tetra-neutron system

$^4\text{He}(^8\text{He}, ^8\text{Be})\ ^4n$ at SHARAQ



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

$^8\text{He}(p, p\alpha)\ ^4n$ at SAMURAI

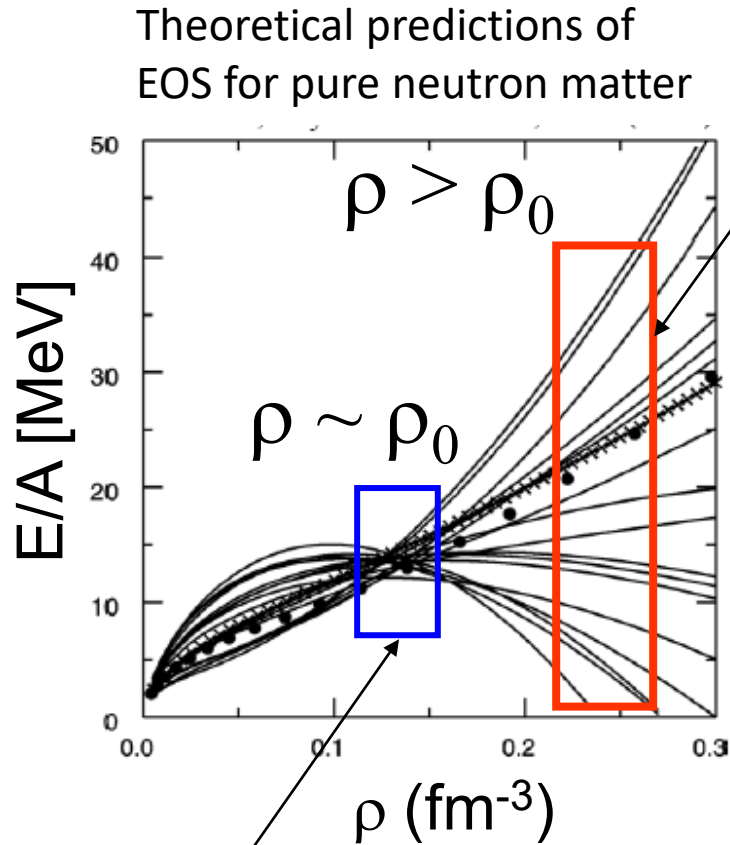


Duer, Aumann, et al., Nature 606, 678 (2022)

$T=3/2$ 3NF ?

EOS in asymmetric nuclear matter

EOS in Asymmetric Nuclear Matter



BA Brown PRL, 2000

many works on-going
at the world-wide facilities

How to obtain information of EOS
at high densities or to give constraints?

1. Interactions?

T=3/2 3NF is becoming important at a high density

For example, tetra neutron system

2. Mean-field effects?

Mean-field at a high-density
created by n-rich HI collisions
at 270 MeV/u

SpiRIT Collaboration

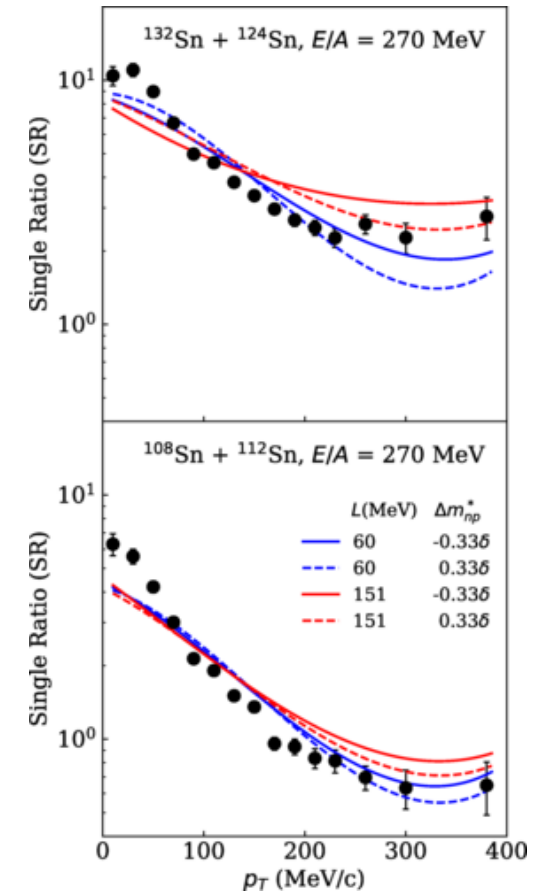
Bao-An Li

constraints given by pion-
production, light-fragment

Jhang, PLB 813, 136016 (2021)

Estee, PRL 126, 162701 (2021)

Kaneko, PLB 822, 136681 (2021)

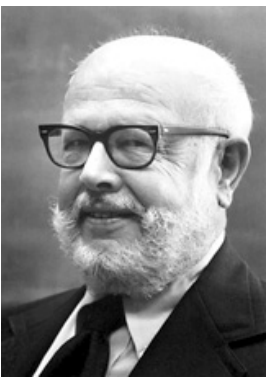


The r-process nucleosynthesis

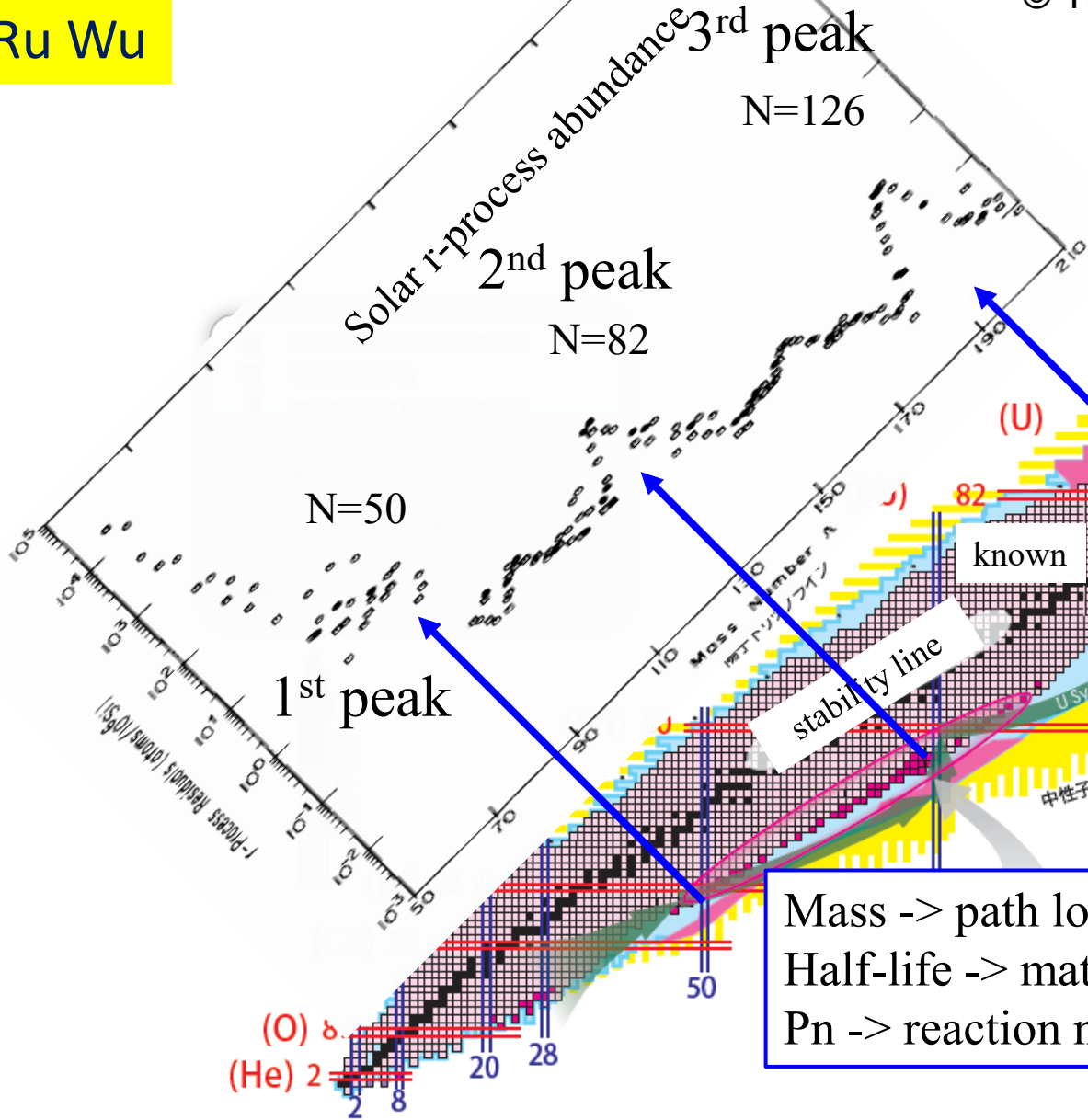
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1983 Nobel Prize Physics

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Supernova? NS merger?

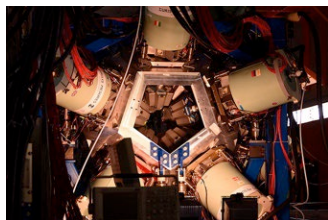
r-process path
rapid neutron-capture
vs beta-decay

Supernova explosion?
NS merger?
Or both?

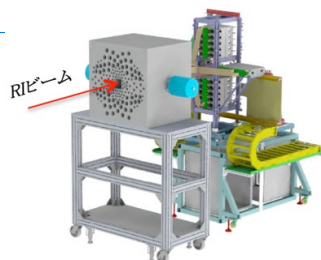
Mass -> path location
Half-life -> matter flow
Pn -> reaction network

Decay properties of neutron-rich nuclei: T/2 and Pn

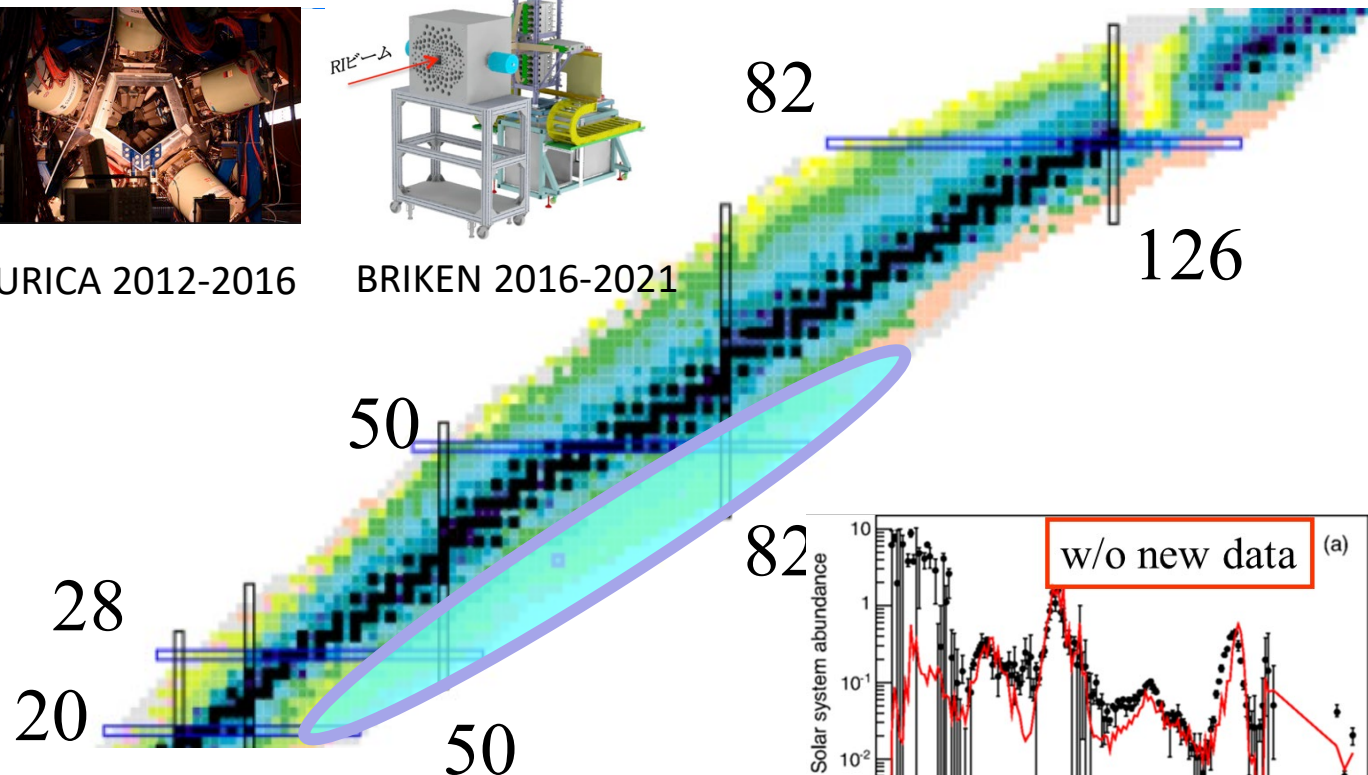
EURICA, BRIKEN Collaborations



EURICA 2012-2016



BRIKEN 2016-2021



T1/2: EURICA

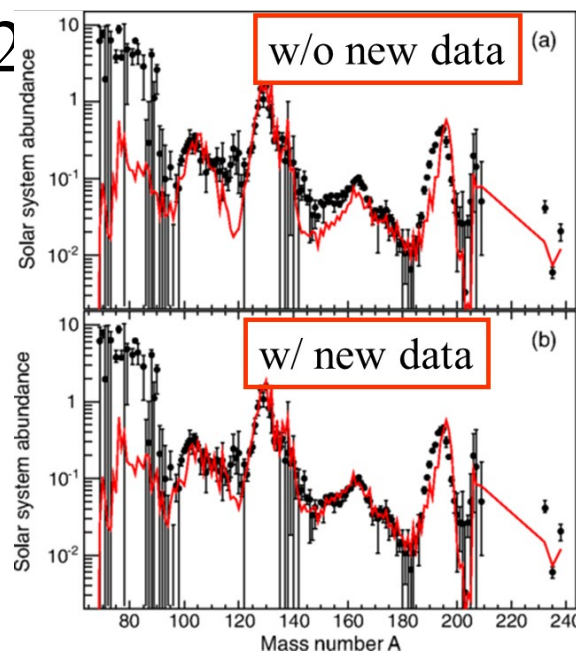
Nishimura, PRL 106, 052502 (2011)

Xu, PRL 113, 032505 (2014)

Lorusso, PRL 114, 192501 (2015)

Wu, PRL 118, 072701 (2017)

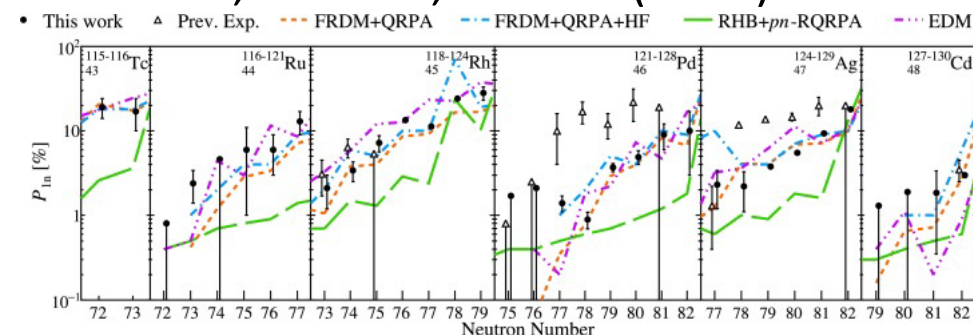
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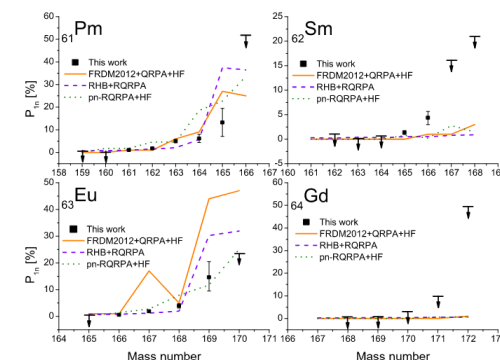
Pn: BRIKEN

Gd: Yokoyama, PRC 100, 031302(R) (2019)

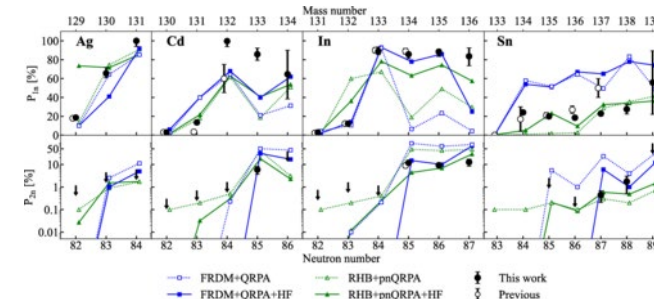
Tc-Rh: Hall, PLB 816, 136266 (2021)



Pm-Gd: Kiss,
APJ 936, 107 (2022)

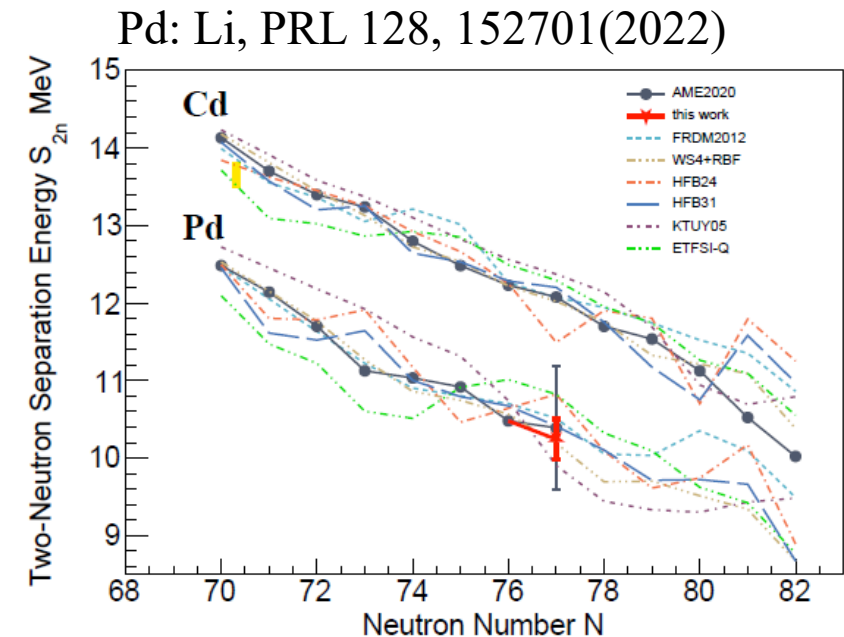
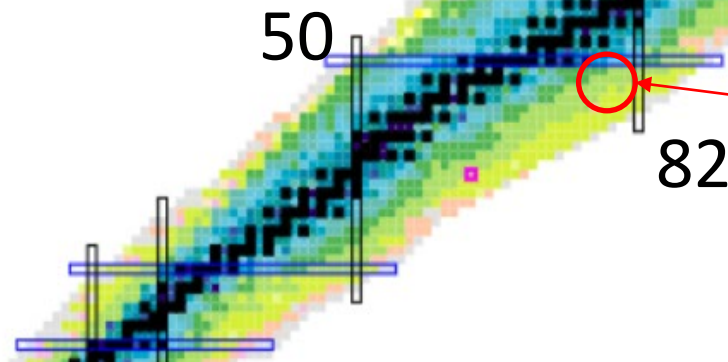
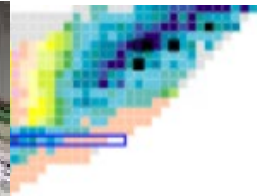


Ag-Sn: Phong,
PRL 129,
172701 (2022)



Recent mass measurements for the r-process path

First result with Rare-RI Ring at RIKEN!

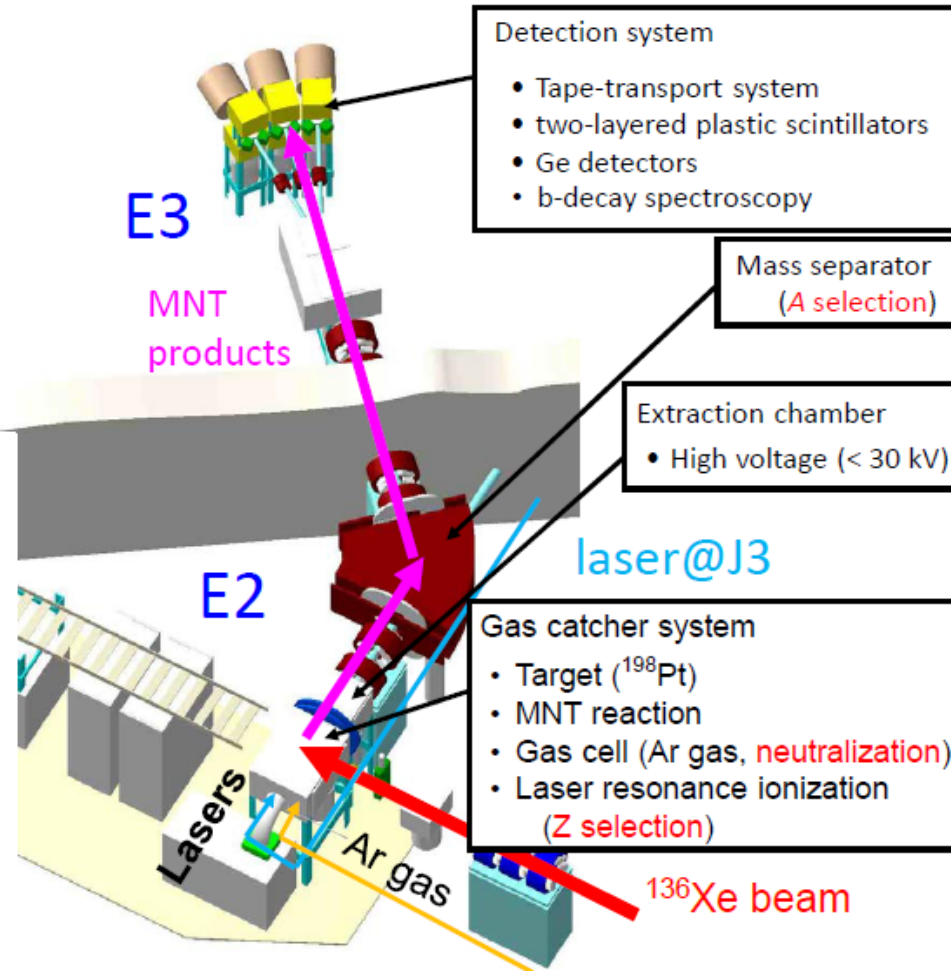
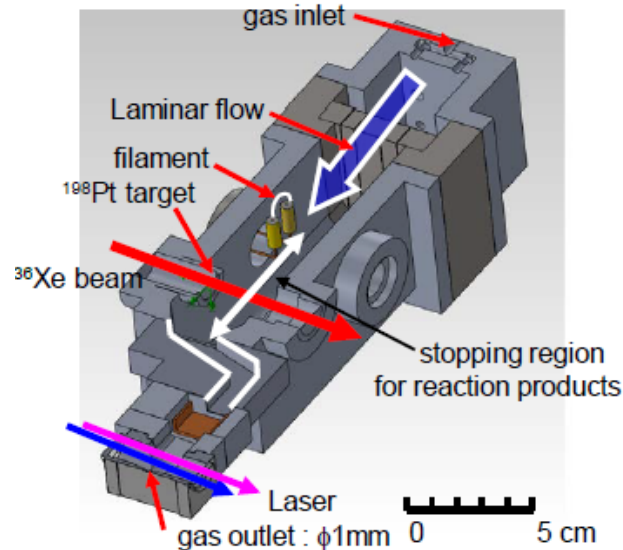
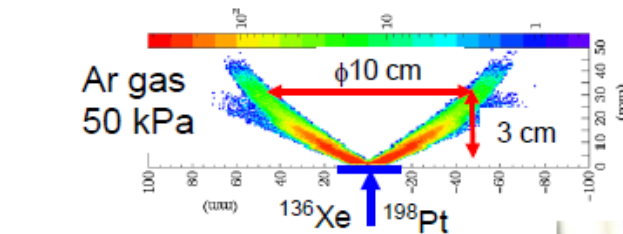


MR-TOF mass measurements are ongoing too!

KEK Isotope Separation System (KISS)

Identification of astrophysical site for 3rd peak on r-process

Lifetime measurement of $N = 126$ nuclei produced via deep inelastic scattering

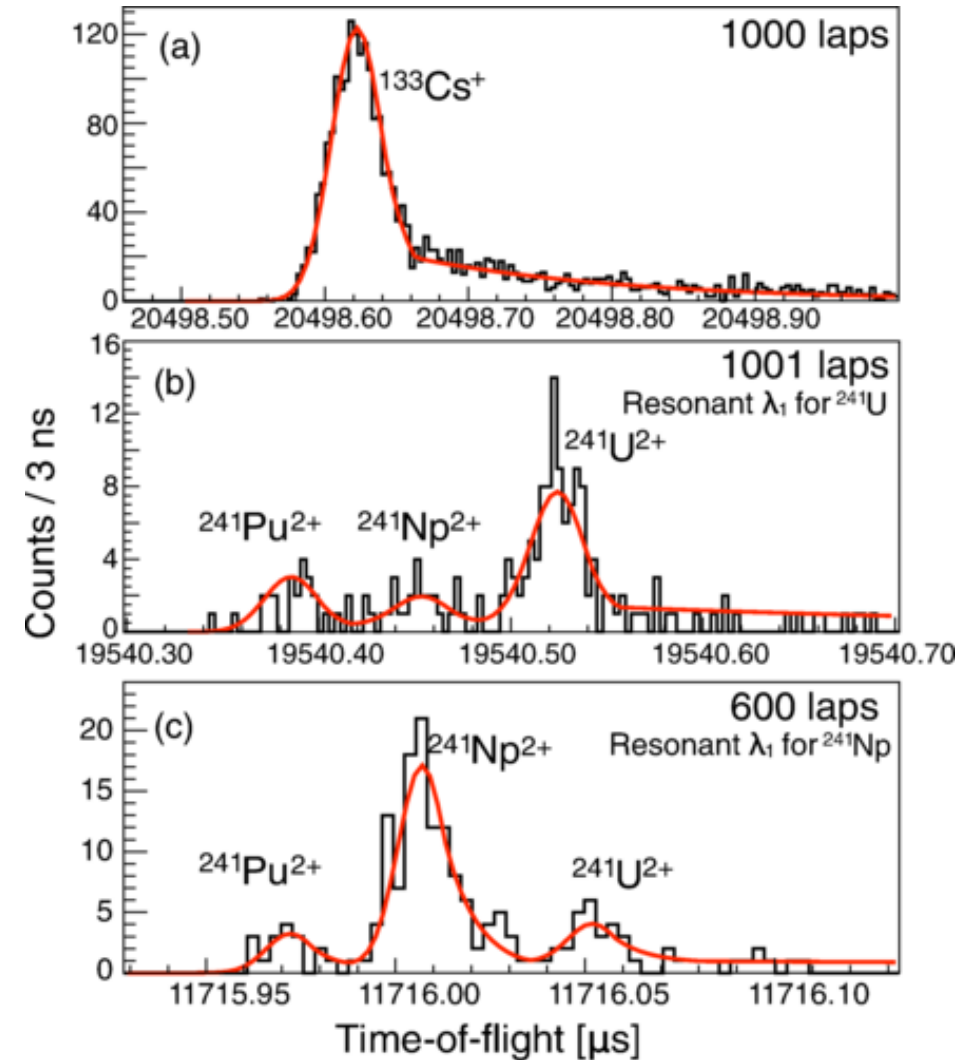
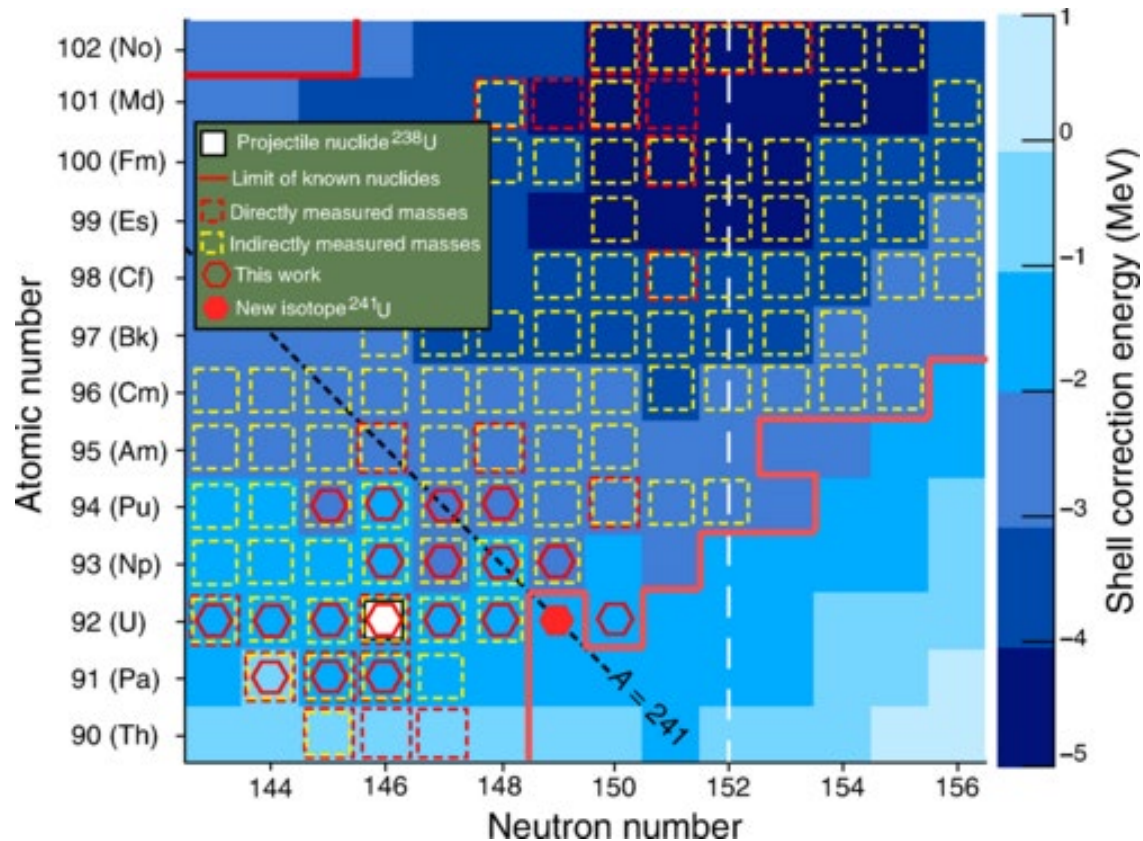


gas cell+ laser ionization + separator + detector

Discovery of New Isotope ^{241}U and Systematic High-Precision Atomic Mass Measurements of Neutron-Rich Pa-Pu Nuclei Produced via Multinucleon Transfer Reactions

Niwase et al., PRL 130, 132502 (2023)

10.75 MeV/u U-238 beam +Pt-198 target

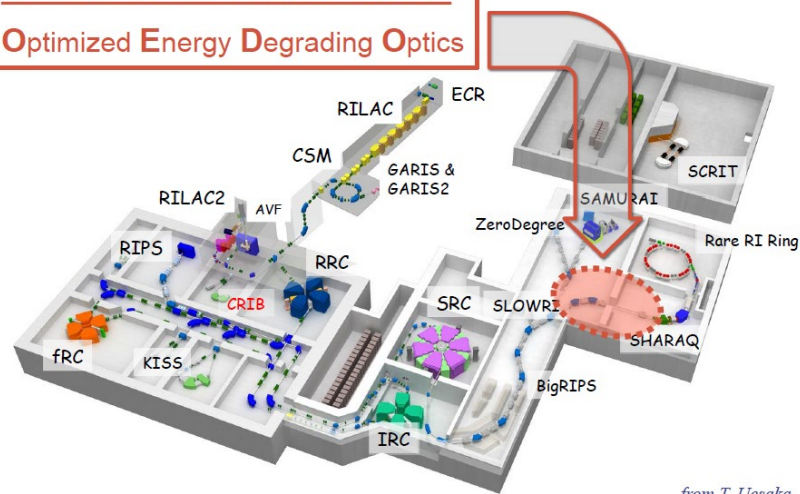


CNS-RIKEN: OEDO Project

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OEDO Beam-line

Optimized Energy Degrading Optics



Energy-degraded radioactive isotope beams

Nucleon transfer reactions (10A – 50A MeV)

Pair transfer / Cluster transfer (10A – 20A MeV)

Deep inelastic collisions (incomplete fusion) (5A – 30A MeV)

Fusion reaction (~ 5A MeV)

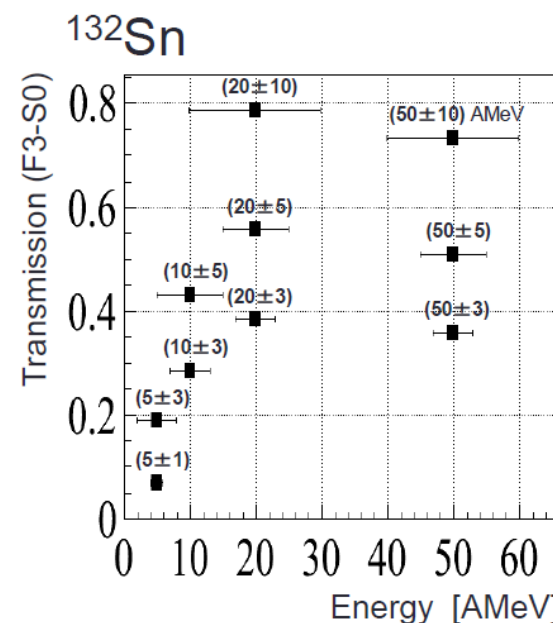
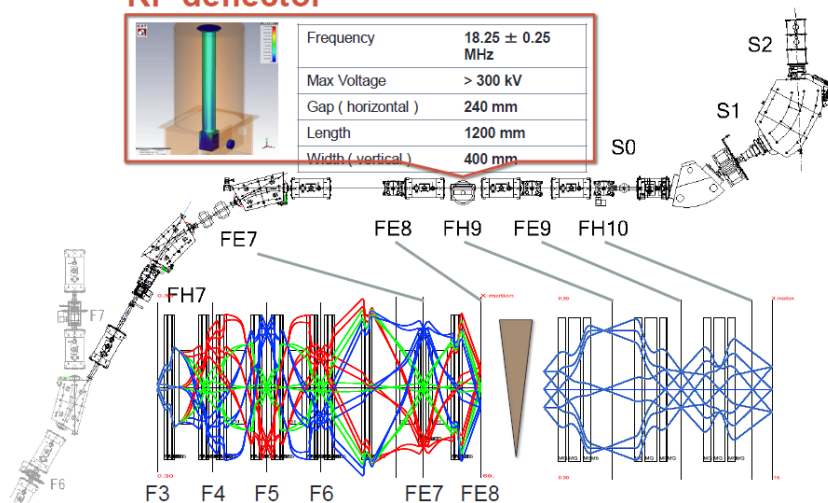
Coulomb excitation reactions for low-energy gamma rays (~ 50A MeV)

Transmission and intensity

Magnet configuration and optical condition

RF deflector

Frequency	18.25 ± 0.25 MHz
Max Voltage	> 300 kV
Gap (horizontal)	240 mm
Length	1200 mm
Width (vertical)	400 mm



Transmission (F3 - S0)

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Intensity @ F3

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Intensity @ OEDO (S0)

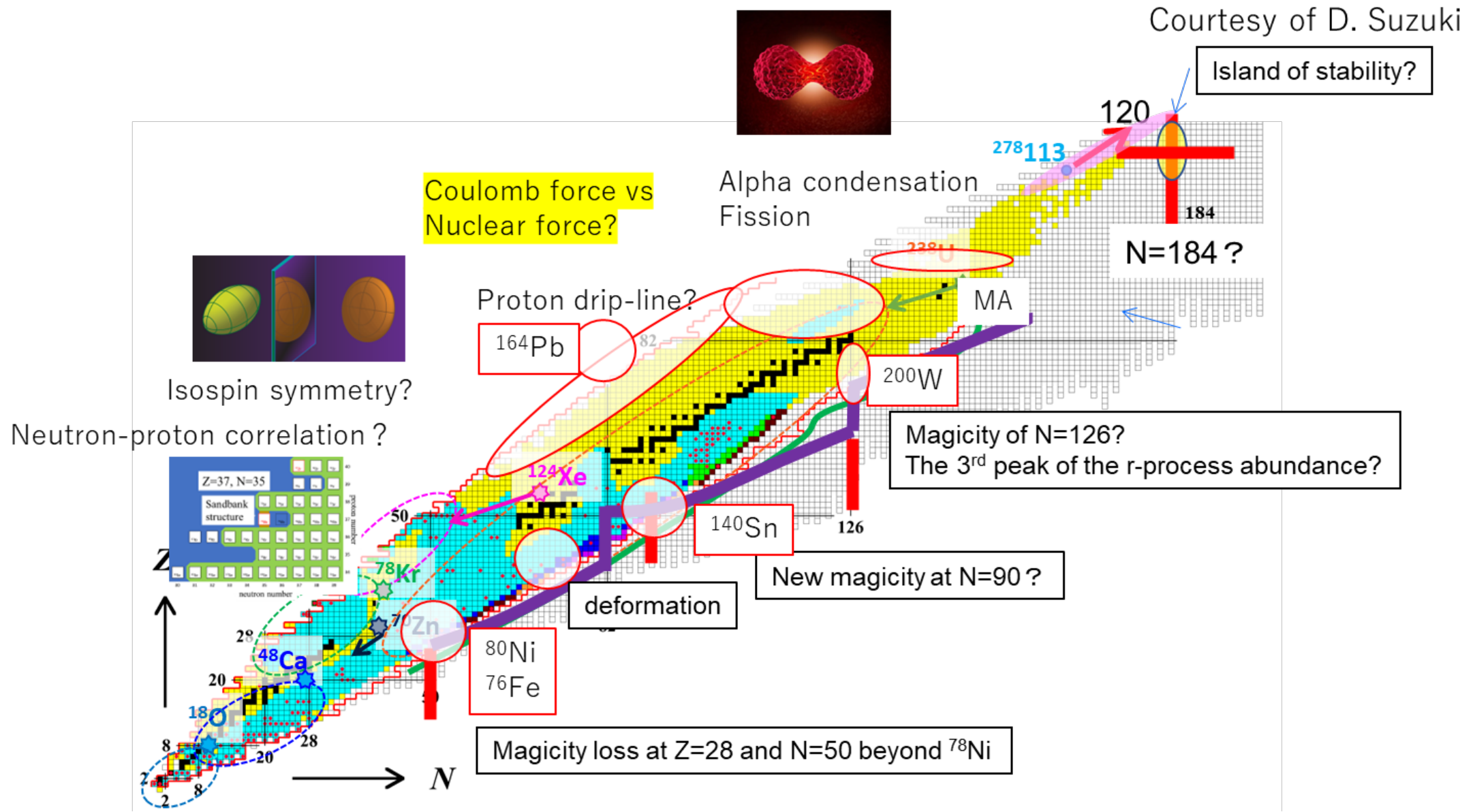
Typical example of ^{132}Sn

based on actual intensity in experiment by using 345 AMeV 30pnA U primary beam (Apr. 2015)

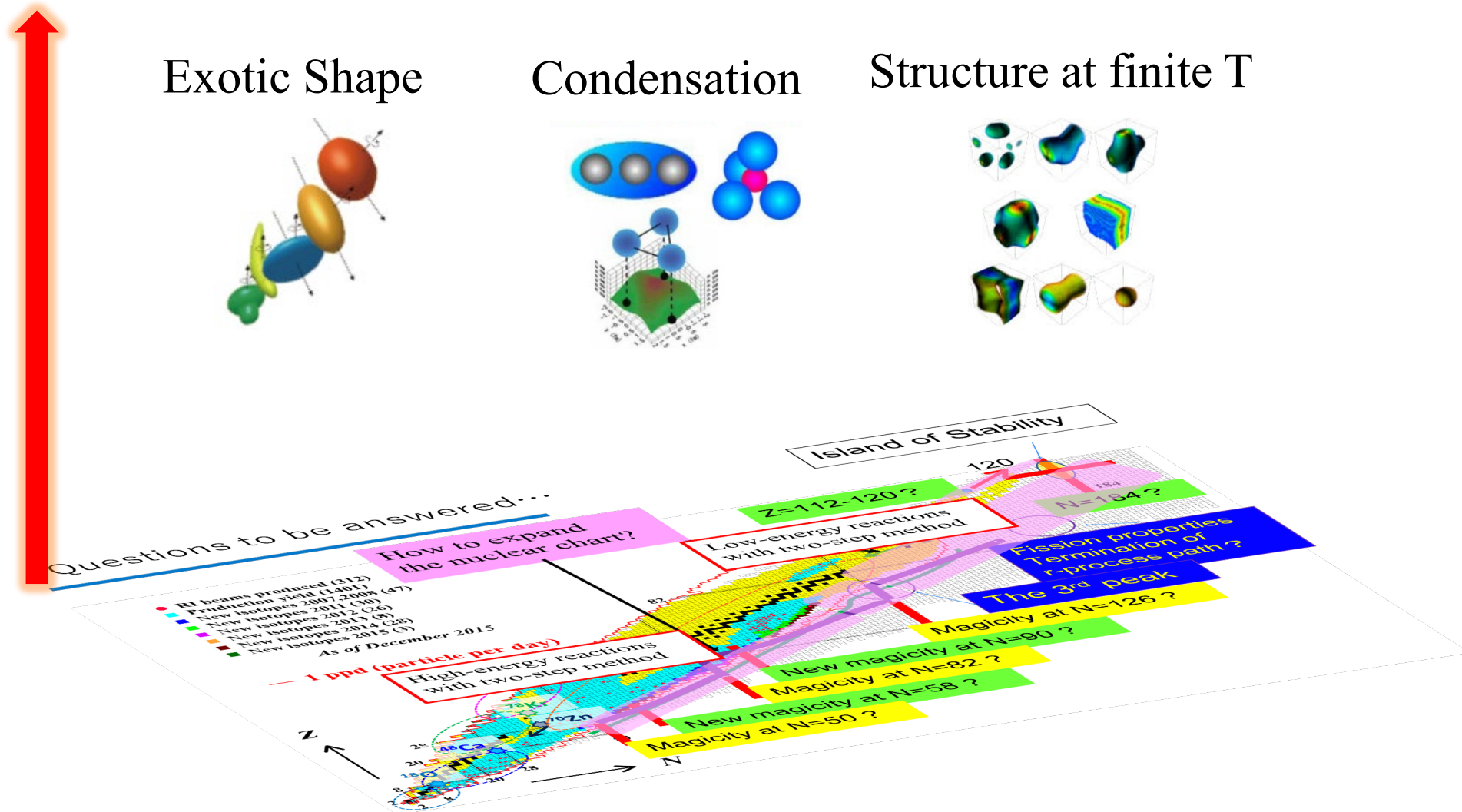
Intensity @ F3 (Apr. 2015)	2.5×10^6 [pps]
50 ± 5 AMeV @ S0	1.3×10^6
20 ± 3 AMeV @ S0	9.5×10^5
10 ± 3 AMeV @ S0	7.5×10^5
5 ± 1 AMeV @ S0	1.7×10^5

cf. 1.4×10^4 pps ^{132}Sn in CARIBU proposal

Further challenging towards more neutron-rich and heavy isotopes

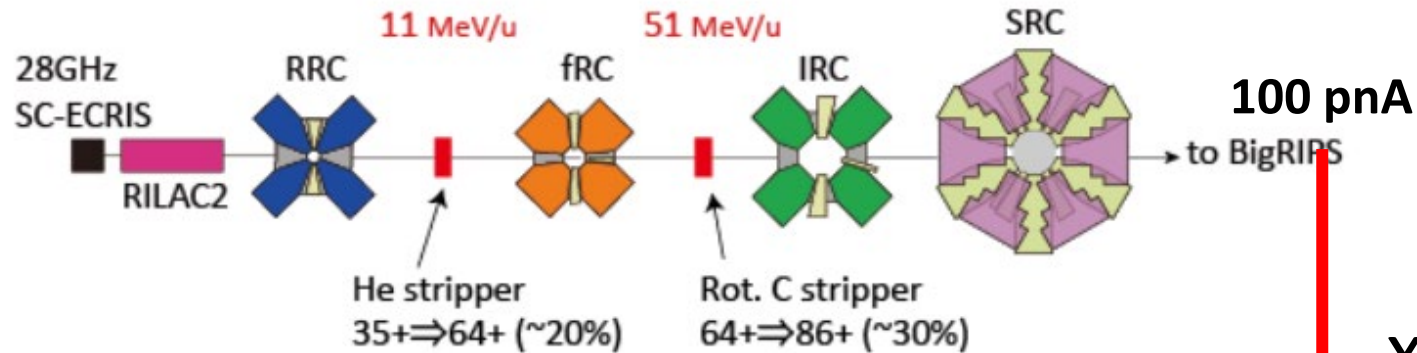


High Excitation Energy and High Spin States



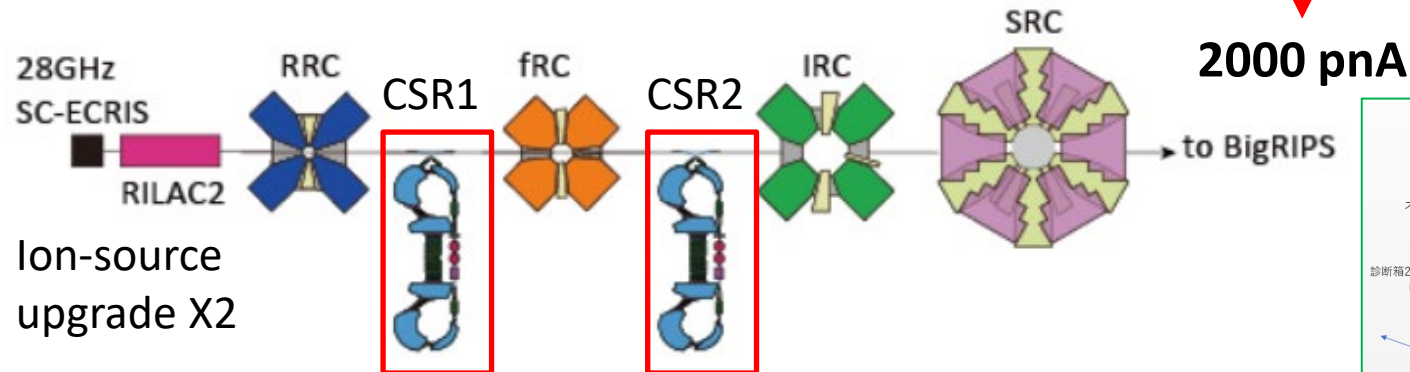
RIBF upgrade plan to have more intense U beam

Present Acceleration Scheme



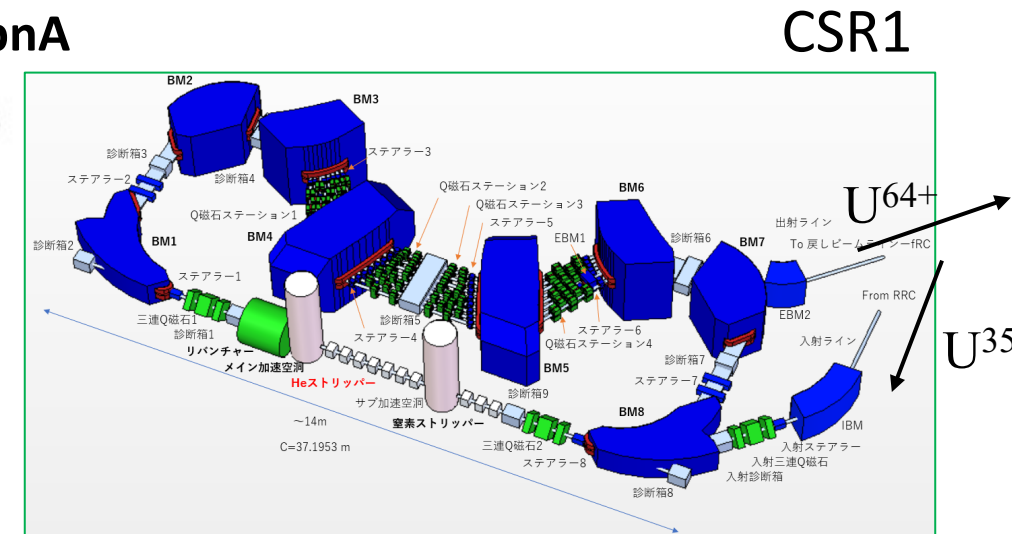
Large loss at the strippers : transmission efficiency is about 6%

Upgrade plan



Charge Stripper Rings : beam recycling technology to increase transmission efficiency by a factor of 10

Requesting the construction budget now



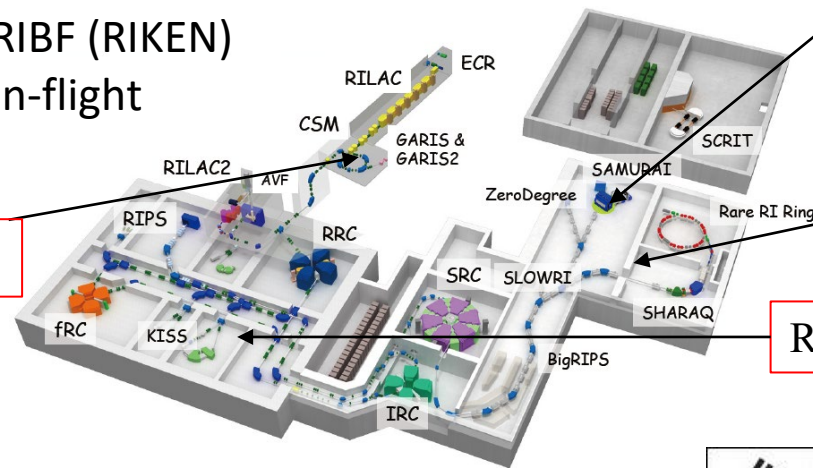
Large-scale facilities in operation and under construction in North-East Asia



RIBF (RIKEN)
In-flight

119th, 120th

10 MeV/u



Reaction study at $\sim 300 \text{ MeV/u}$
EOS w/ RI beams (high density $\sim 2\rho_0$)

E-degraded RI beams at $\sim 20 \text{ MeV/u}$ or less
Low-E reactions w/ RI beams

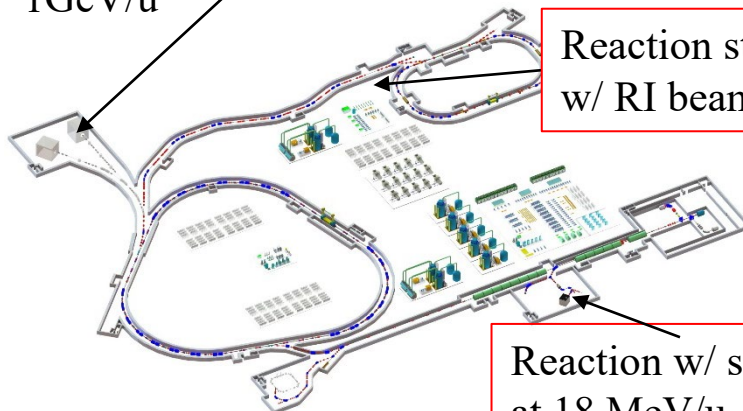
RI production at 10 MeV/u w/ stable HI



HIAF (in-flight)

EOS w/ stable beams
HI collisions (high density $\sim 5\rho_0$)

1 GeV/u



Reaction study at $\sim 1 \text{ GeV/u}$
w/ RI beams

Reaction w/ stable HI
at 18 MeV/u



Material sciences
at $\sim \text{keV/u}$

RAON
(in-flight+ISOL)

Seung-Woo Hong

RI beams at 140 MeV/u
High quality RI beams
at 200 MeV/u

High quality RI beams
at 19 MeV/u
Reactions w/ stable HI

Youjin Yuan

Summary and Future Perspectives

RIBF is one of the world leading facilities in low energy nuclear physics

RIBF is maximizing discovery potentials and research opportunities in low-energy nuclear physics.

RIBF is producing many of data for “neutron-rich” nuclei and finding many of discoveries in shell evolution, neutron-neutron correlation, EOS and the r-process path.

The RIBF intensity upgrade plan is at the top priority of Nishina Center to further strengthen the RIBF facility.

The proposal has been submitted to MEXT in collaboration with CNS, KEK and RCNP.

Welcome to join the nuclear physics programs at RIBF.

More collaboration works are being encouraged for nuclear physics.