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# Study of exotic nuclei at RIKEN

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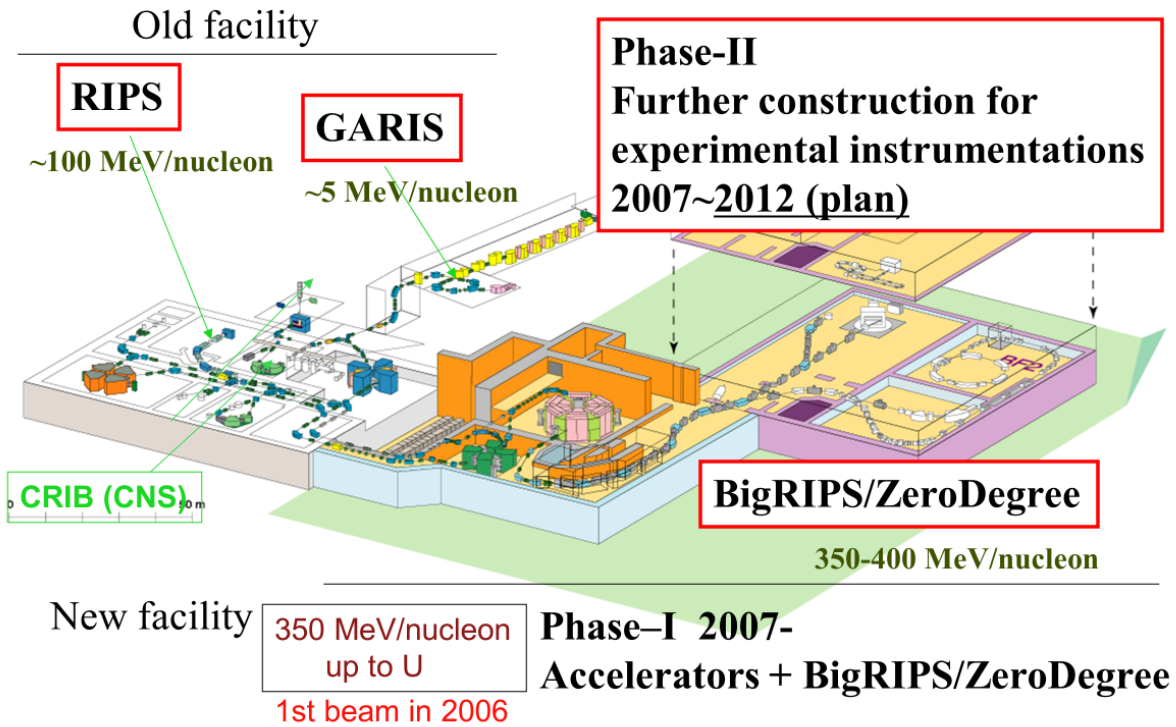
RIKEN Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science

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“First Physics Results after the RIKEN Upgrade”,

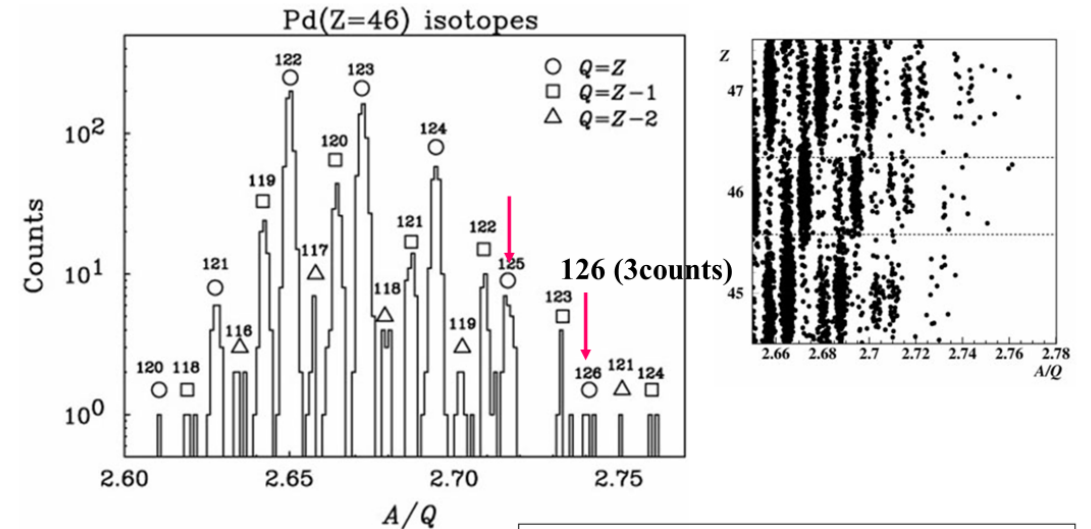
VI Balkan School on Nuclear Physics, Trojan, Bulgaria, September 2008

### RIBF Facility Layout



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

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

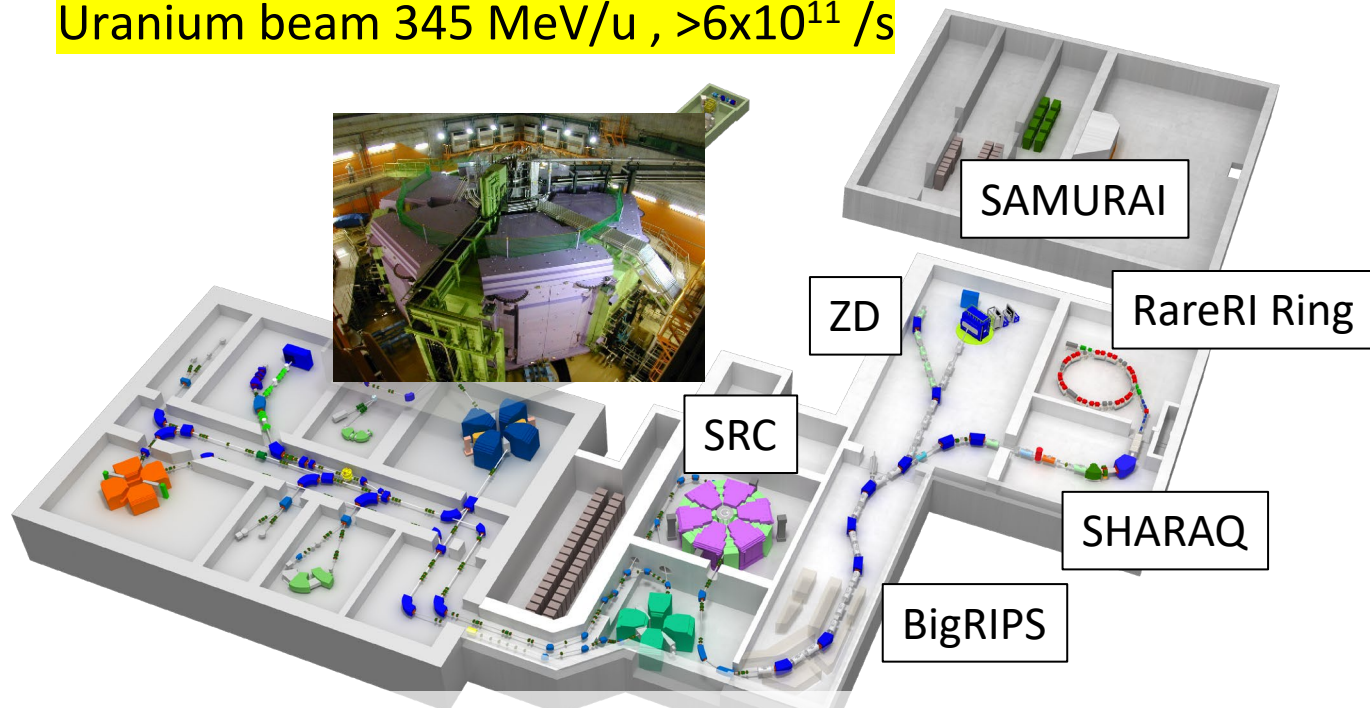


A/Q resolution(r.m.s): 0.041% at Z=46  
Bp resolution (r.m.s): 0.02%

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

# Radioactive-isotope (RI) Beam Factory (RIBF)

SRC: Superconducting Ring Cyclotron  
World's First and Strongest K2600MeV  
Uranium beam 345 MeV/u ,  $>6 \times 10^{11}$  /s



BigRIPS Superconducting RI beam Separator

In-flight separator

World's Largest Acceptance

High magnetic rigidity 9 Tm

$\sim 250$  MeV/u



Three spectrometers

for reaction studies with fast RI beams

ZeroDegree



SAMURAI



SHARAQ + OEDO (univ. of Tokyo, CNS)

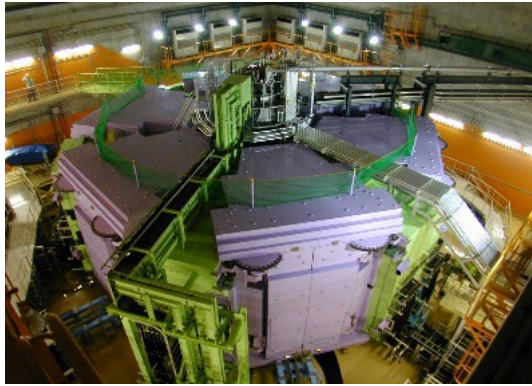


A storage ring (Rare RI Ring)

dedicated to mass measurement

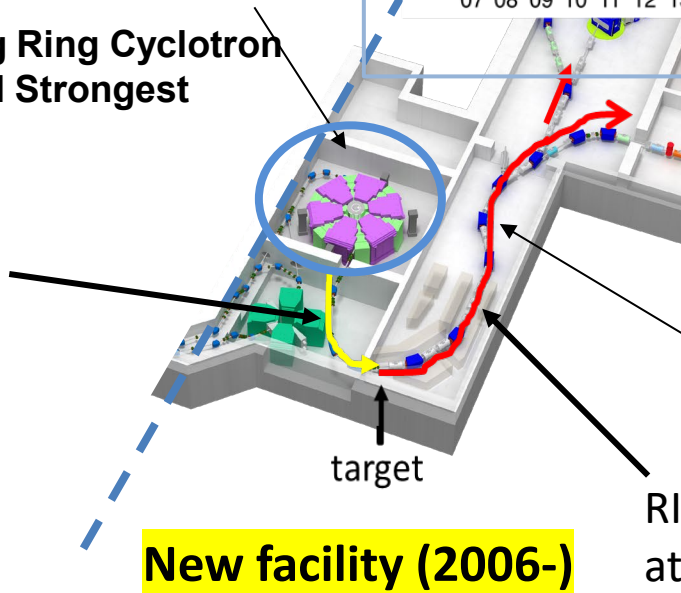


# Accelerators and In-flight Separator at RI Beam Factory



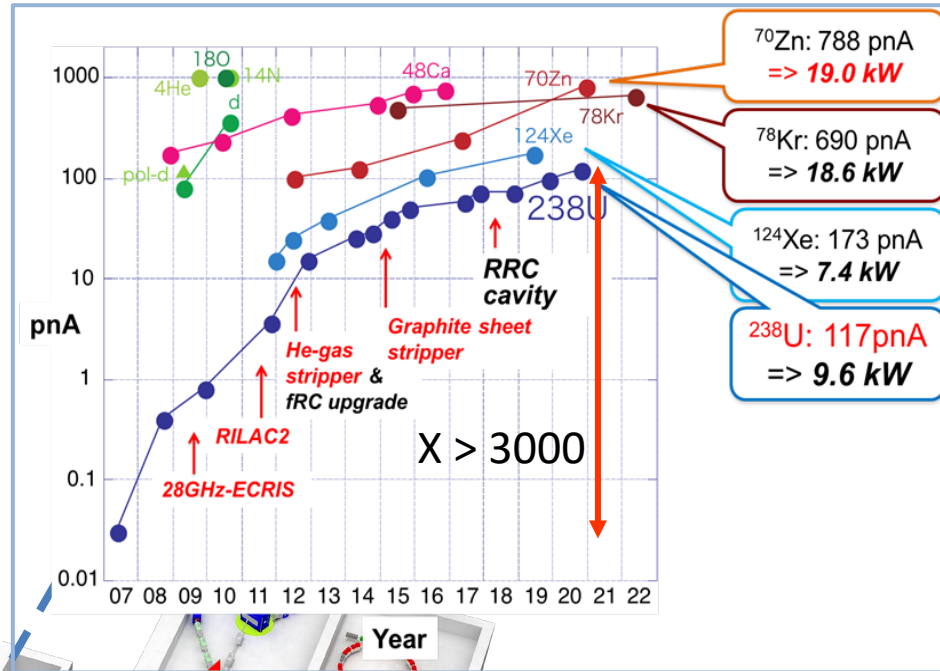
**SRC:**  
Superconducting Ring Cyclotron  
World's First and Strongest  
K2600MeV

primary beams  
at 345 MeV/u



**New facility (2006-)**

RI beams  
at ~250 MeV/u

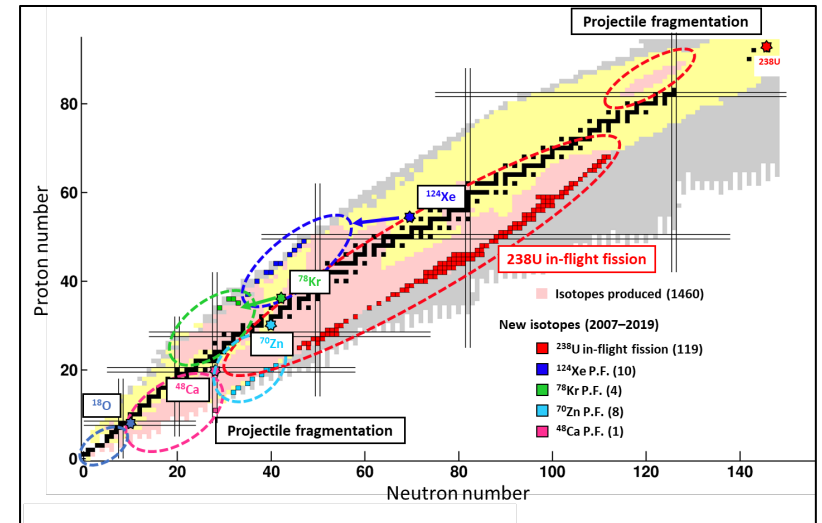


**Beam Intensity of SRC**  
as a function of year

**>170 new isotopes created since 2007**



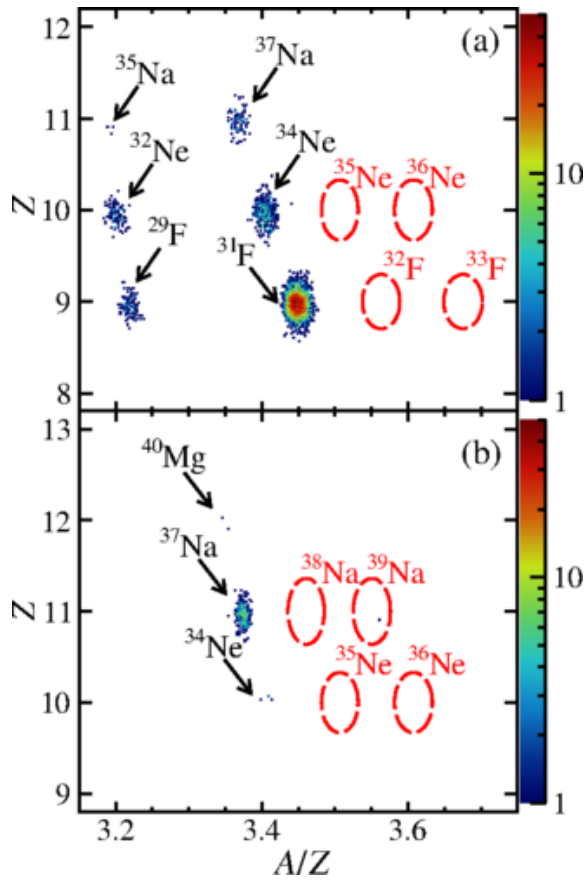
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# Recent Discovery of New N-rich Isotopes at RIBF

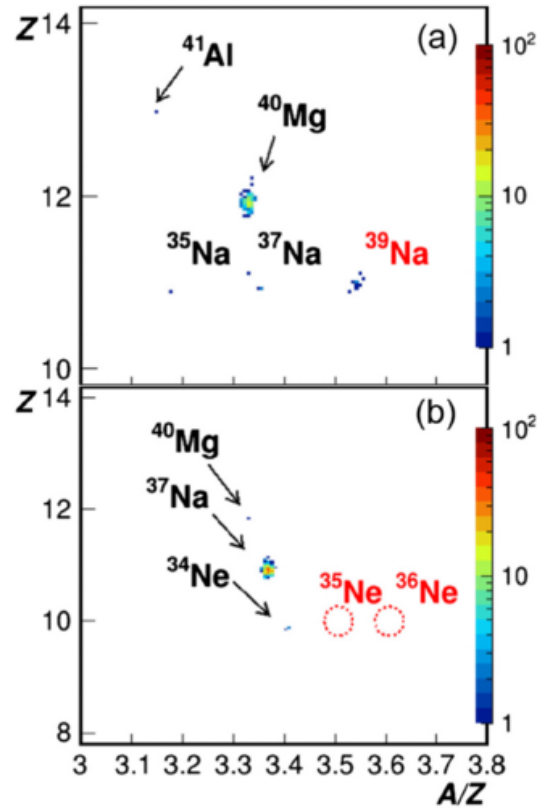
## Location of neutron drip line in F and Ne

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

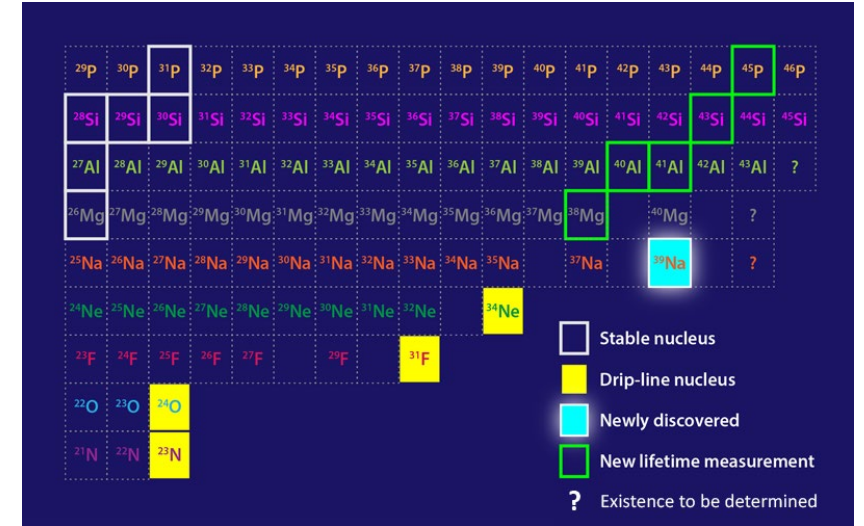


## Discovery of <sup>39</sup>Na

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



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



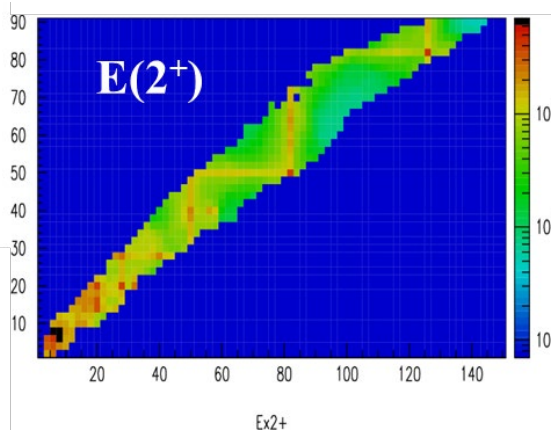
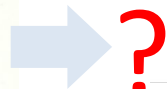
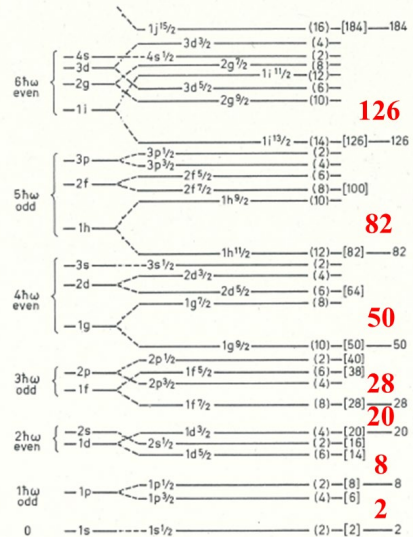
## A New Isotope of Sodium - Periodic Table of Videos



Prof. Martyn Poliakoff, University of Nottingham in UK

# Why neutron-rich nuclei?: Large isospin-asymmetry

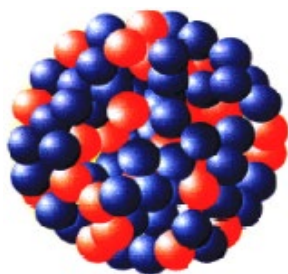
## Shell-evolution: magicity loss and new magicity



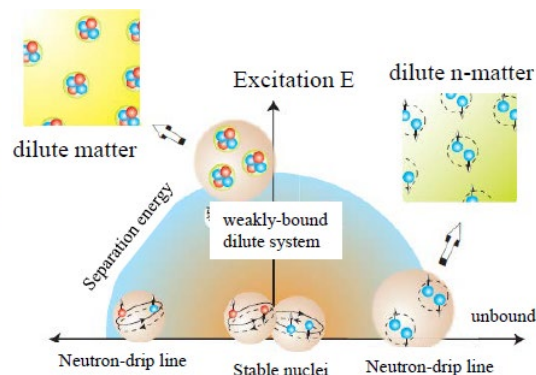
## Neutron-neutron correlation in the vicinity of the dripline



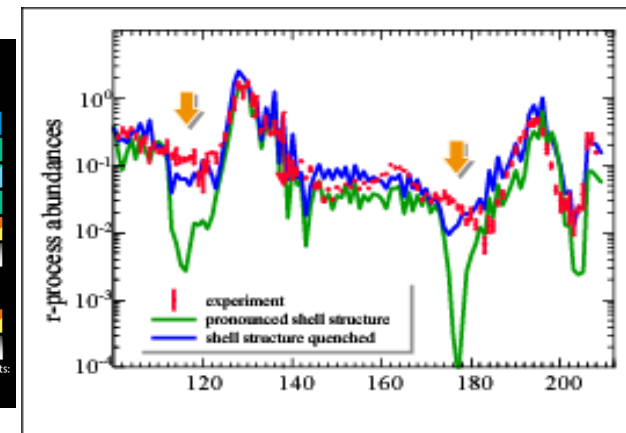
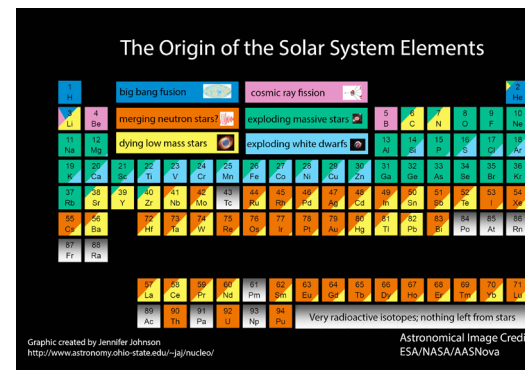
$^{11}\text{Li}$   
(two neutron halo)



$^{208}\text{Pb}$

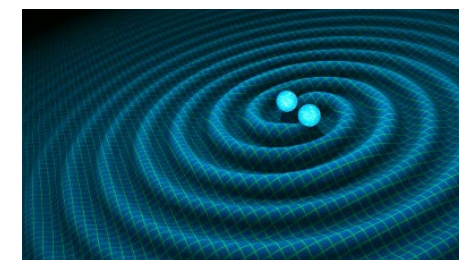
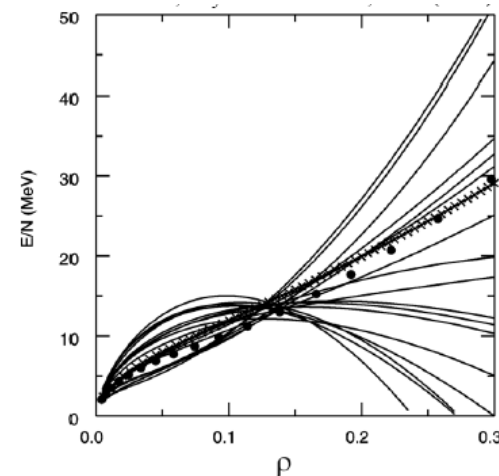


## r-process path : nucleosynthesis up to U



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

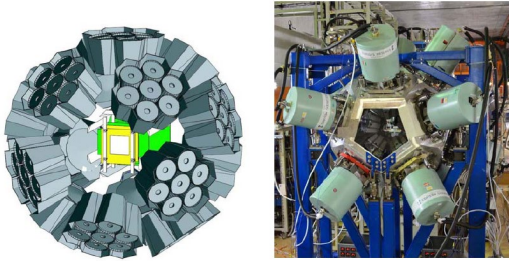
## Equation-of-state in asymmetric nuclear matter SN explosion, neutron-star, gravitational wave



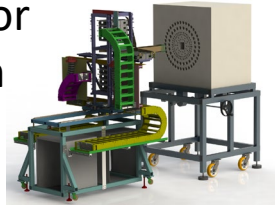
gravitation wave  
from neutron-star mergers  
Space.com

# Large-Size International Collaborations

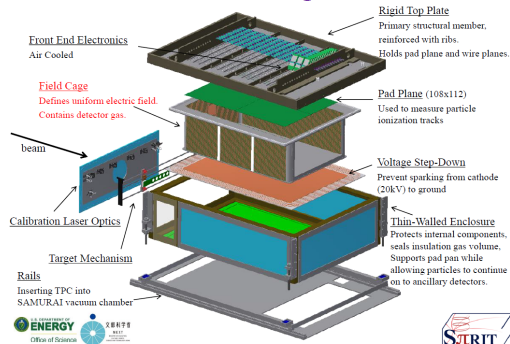
EURICA (2011-2016):  
EUroball-RIKEN Cluster Array



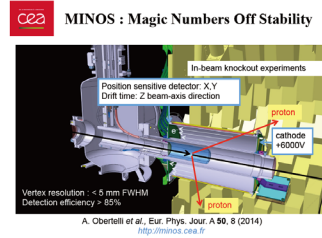
BRIKEN(2017-2021):  
He-3 detector array for beta-delayed neutron



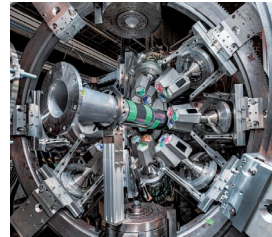
SpiRIT TPC (2015-):  
heavy-ion collision program for EOS



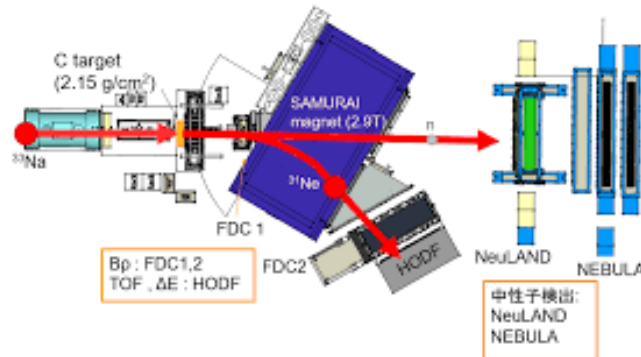
SEASTAR (2014-2017):  
thick liq. H<sub>2</sub> + TPC+Nal  
for in-beam gamma spectroscopy



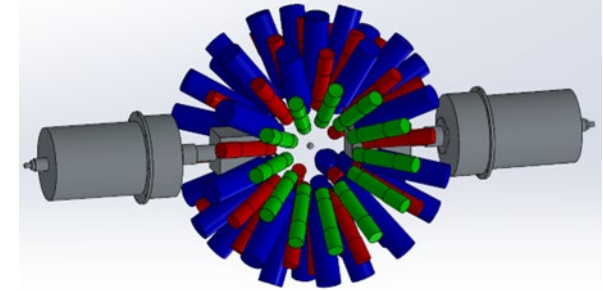
HiCARI (2019-2021):  
Tracking Ge detectors  
for in-beam gamma spectroscopy



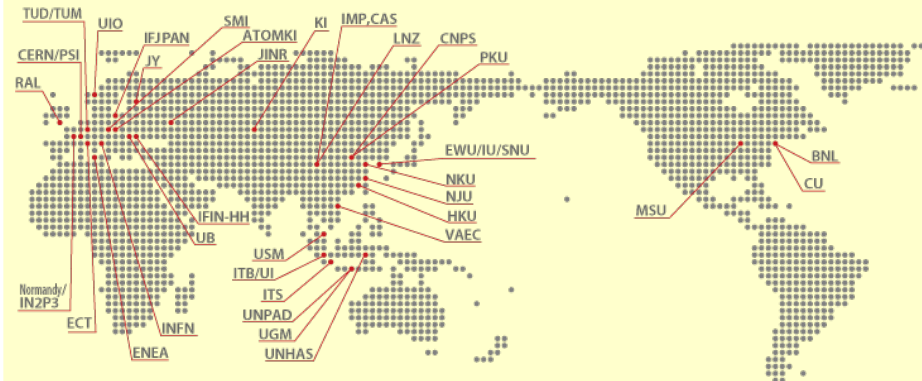
SAMURAI (2012-):  
neutron detectors + CsI+...  
for neutron correlation



IDATEN (2021-):  
84 LaBr<sub>3</sub> (Ce) + 2 Cover Ge detectors  
to measure lifetime of excited states



MoUs with  
48 institutions and universities in 20 countries



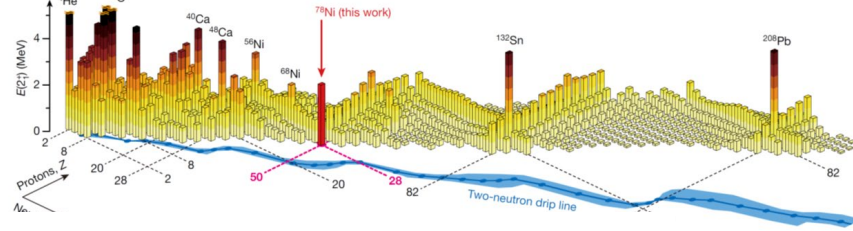
# Very selected highlights in 2007-2022

## Shell-evolution: magicity loss and new magicity



New magicity at N=34 (Nature 2013)

Double magicity of Ni-78 (Nature 2019)



Shell evolution in the Cu isotopes  
(Nature Physics 2019)

Ichikawa on 11th

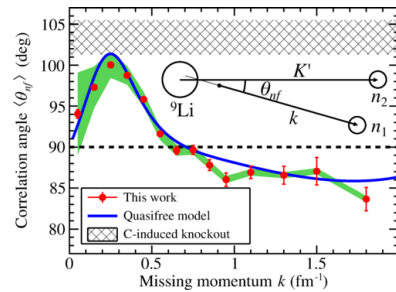
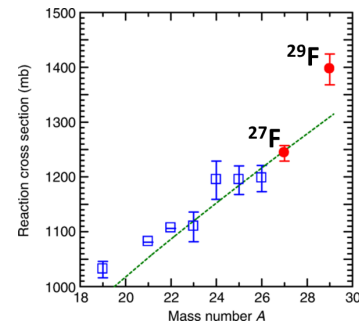
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Two-neutron halo F-29 (PRL 2020)

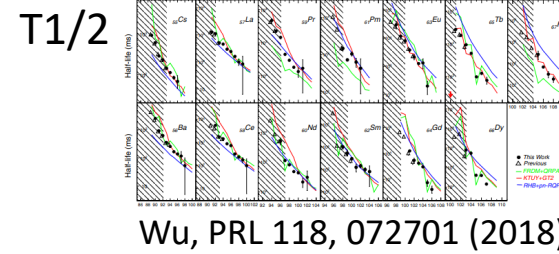
Surface localization of dineutron in Li-11 (PRL 2020)

Tetra-neutron system

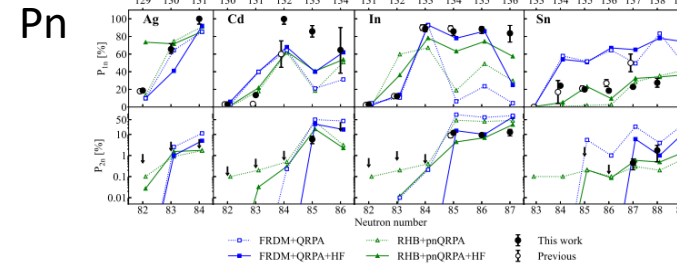
(PRL 2016, Nature 2022)



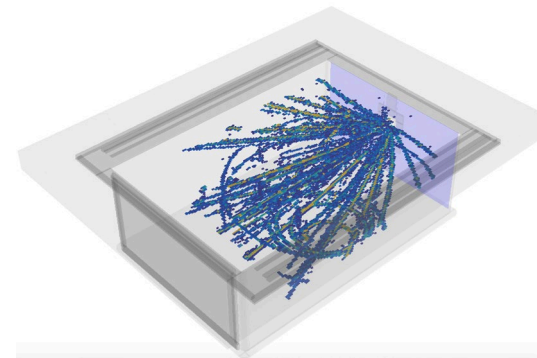
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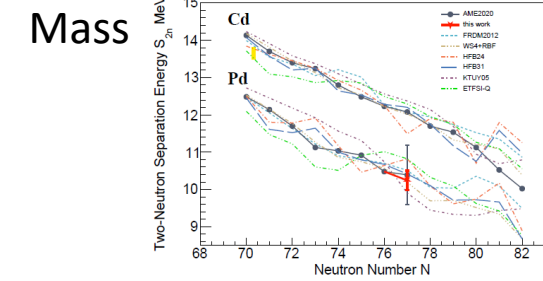
Wu, PRL 118, 072701 (2018)



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

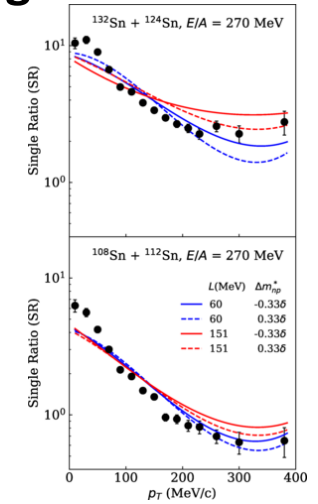


Estee, PRL 126, 162701 (2021)



Li, PRL 128, 152701(2022)

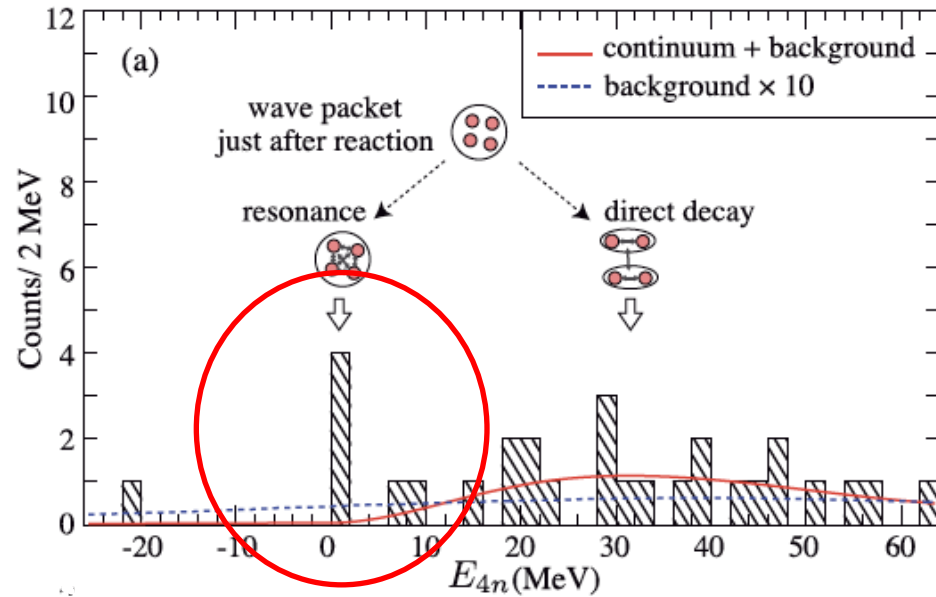
Phong,  
PRL 129, 172701 (2022)



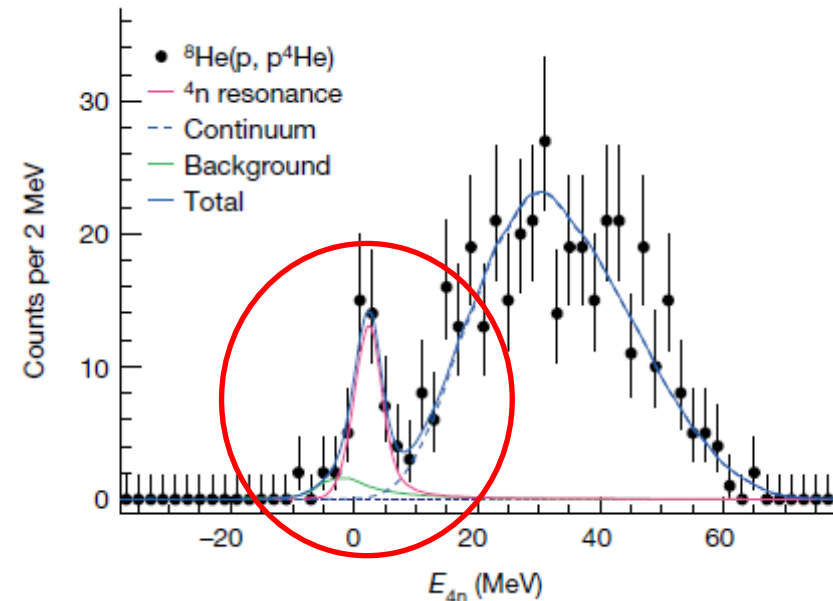


# A “nucleus” with Atomic-Number Z=0: Observation of Tetra-neutron system

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



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



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

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

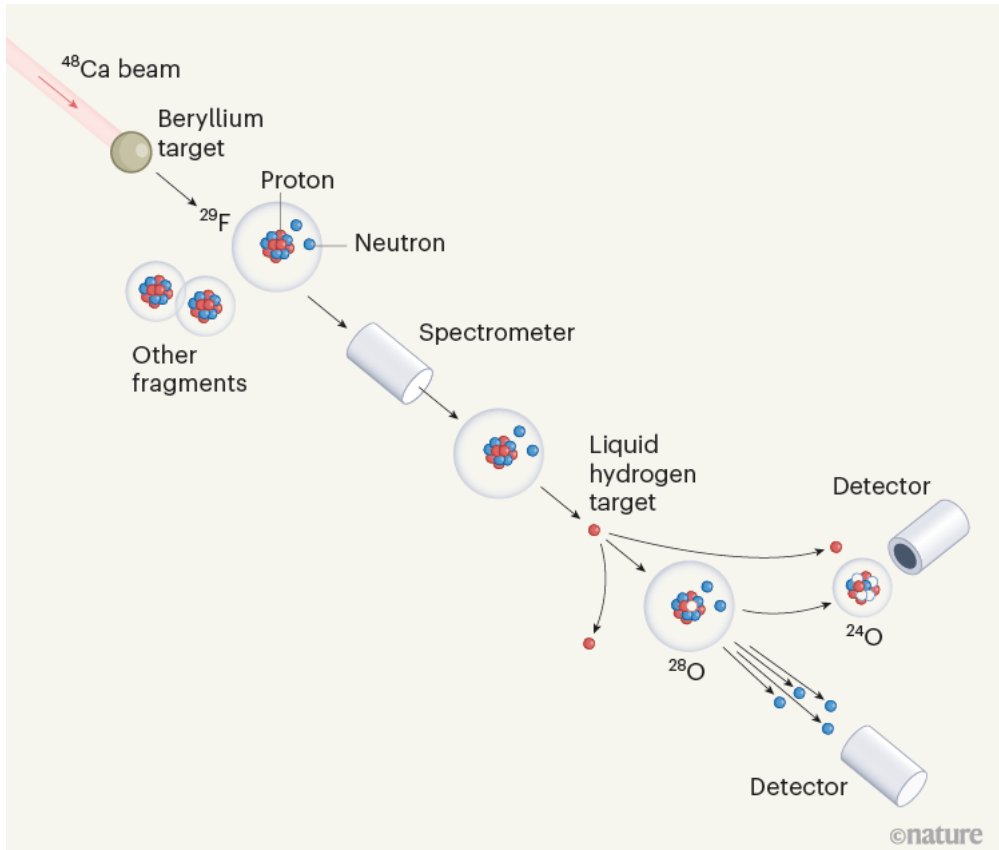
**T=3/2 3NF ?**

**EOS in asymmetric nuclear matter?**

**Other reactions such as  ${}^6\text{He}(p, 3p) {}^4\text{n}$  ?**

# First observation of $^{28}\text{O}$

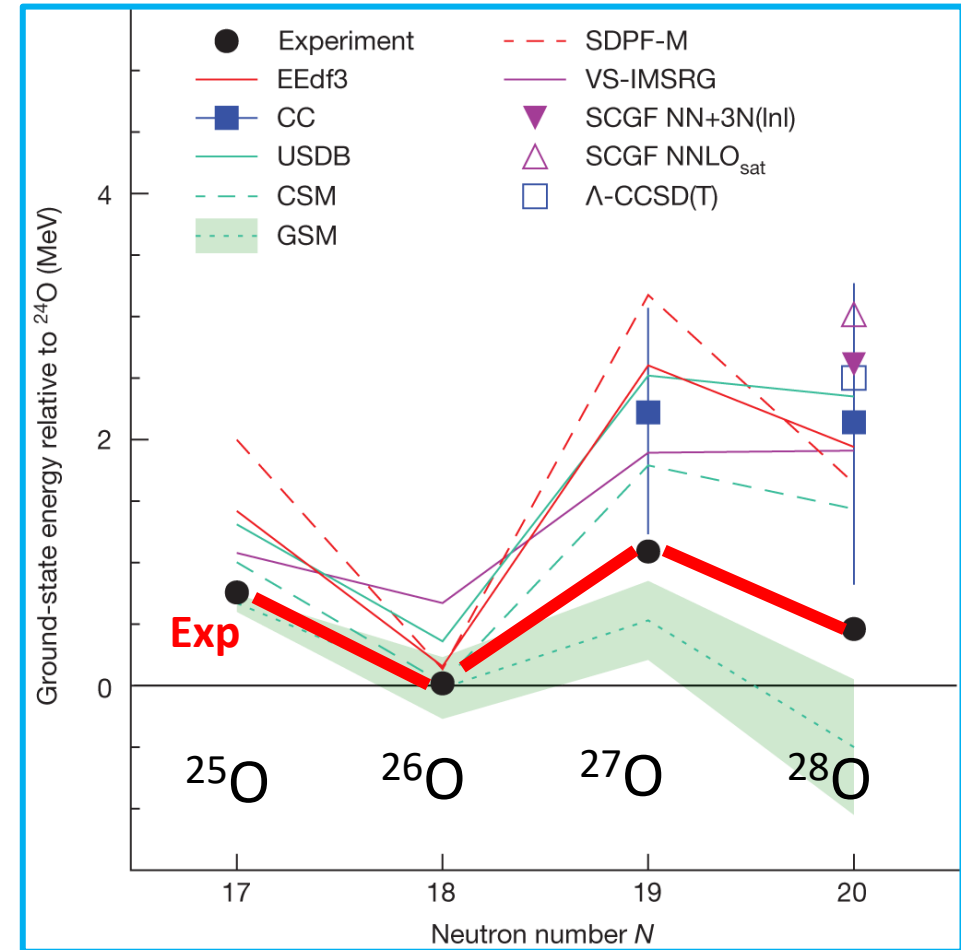
Rituparna Kanungo,  
Nature, NEWS AND VIEWS, 30 August 2023



Kondo et al., Nature 620, 965-970 (2023)

SAMURAI Collaboration

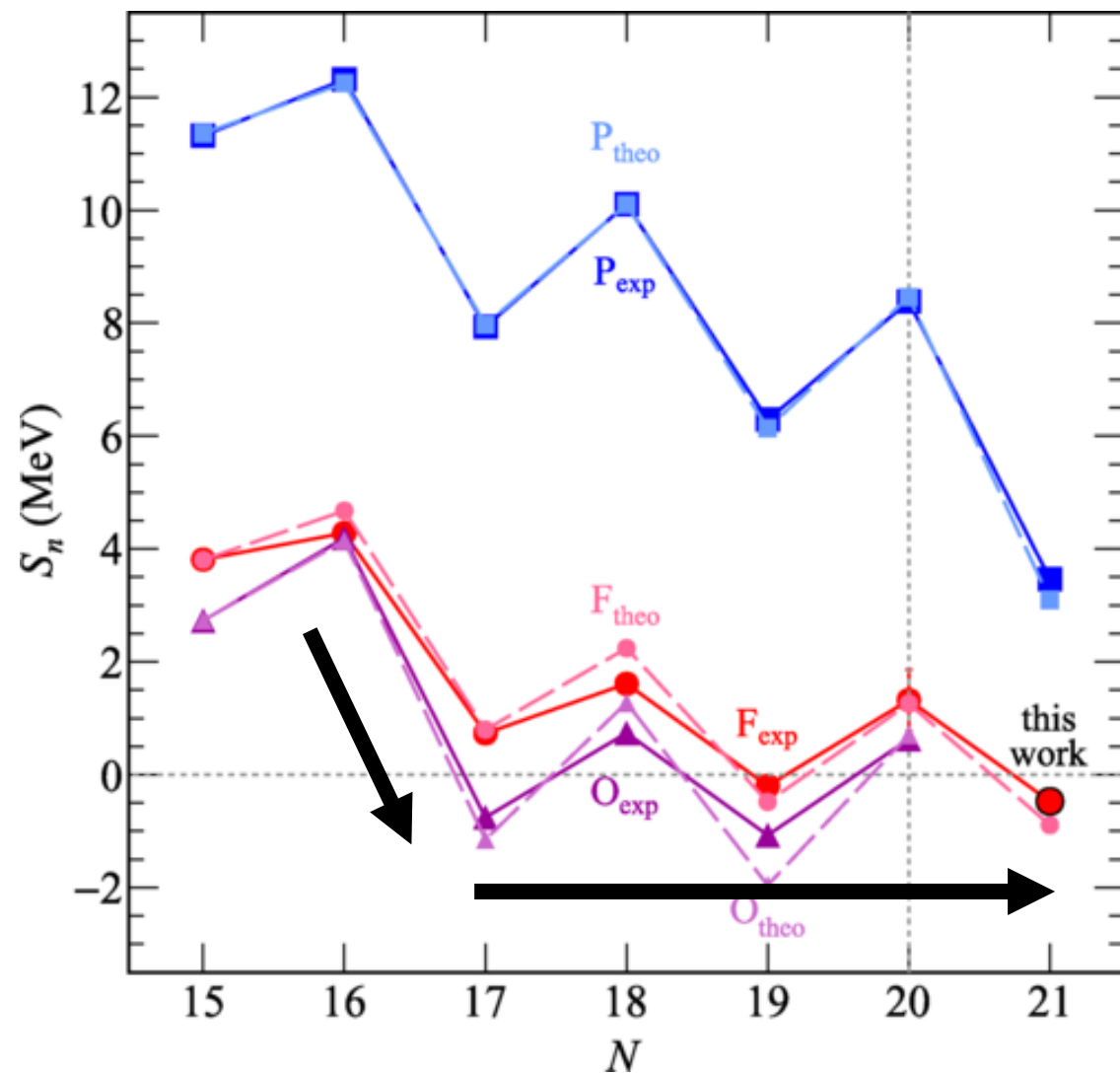
Ground-state energy relative to  $^{24}\text{O}$



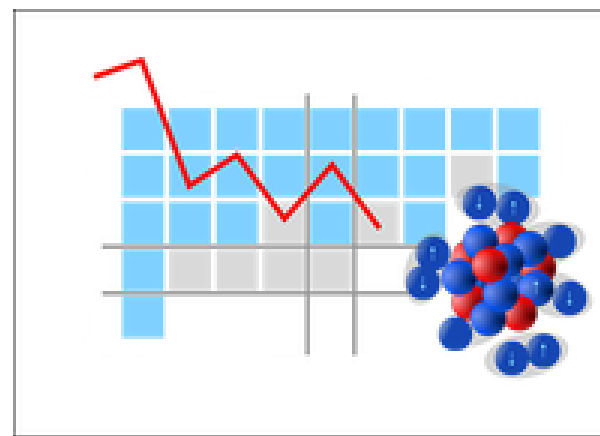
No stability enhancement at  $N=20$   
 $^{28}\text{O}$  is not double-magic

# Magicity versus Superfluidity around $^{28}\text{O}$ viewed from the Study of $^{30}\text{F}$

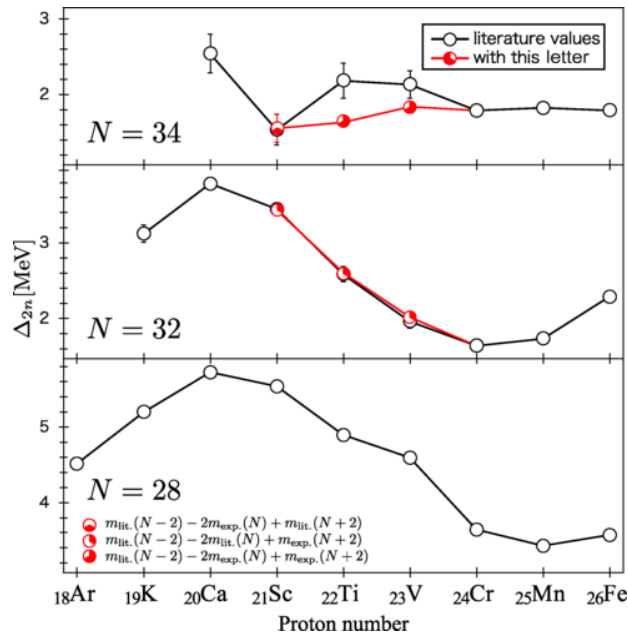
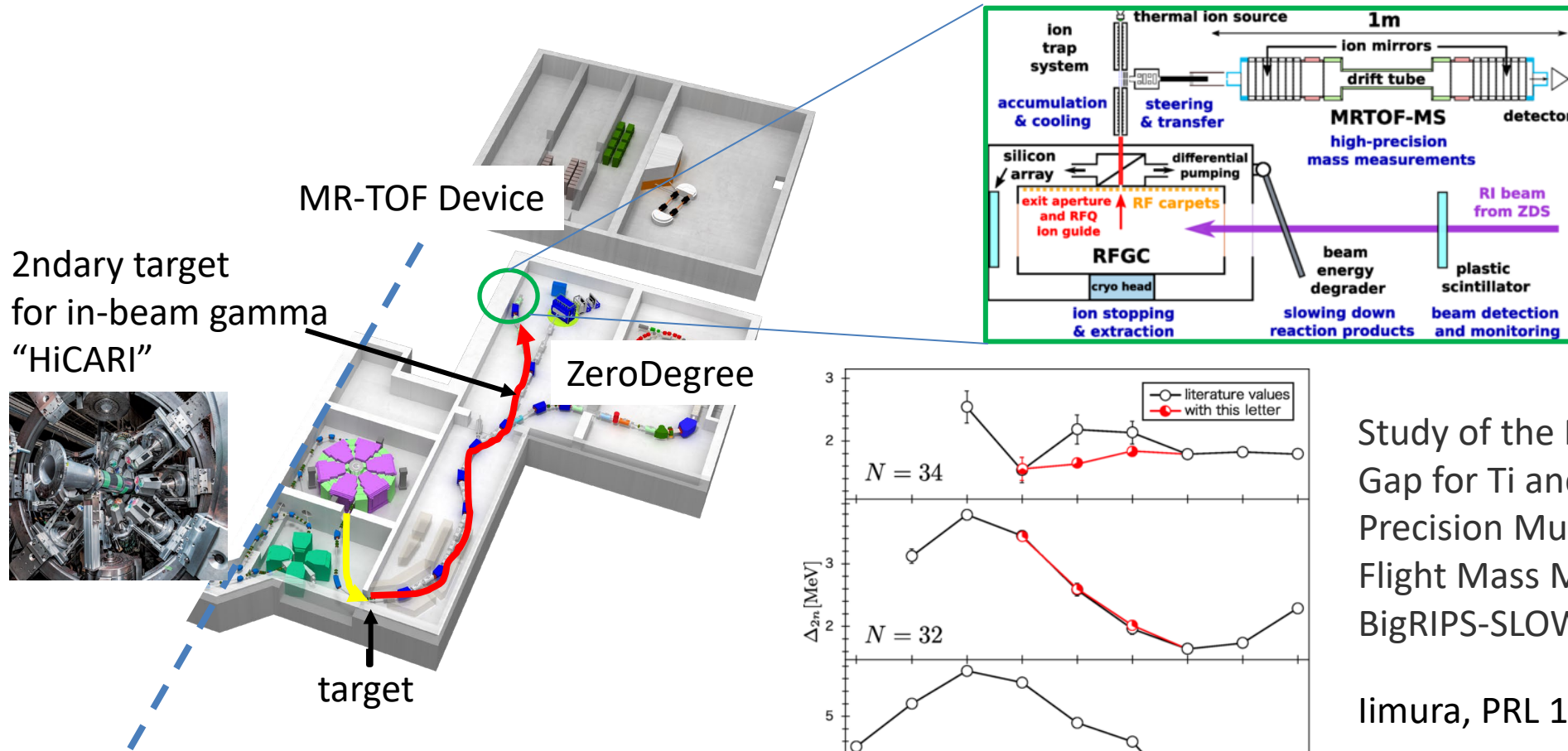
Kahlhow et al., PRL 133, 082501 (2024)



Large drop of stability at  $N > 16$   
Sn stays constant at  $N > 16$   
Large mixing of sd and pf shells?



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

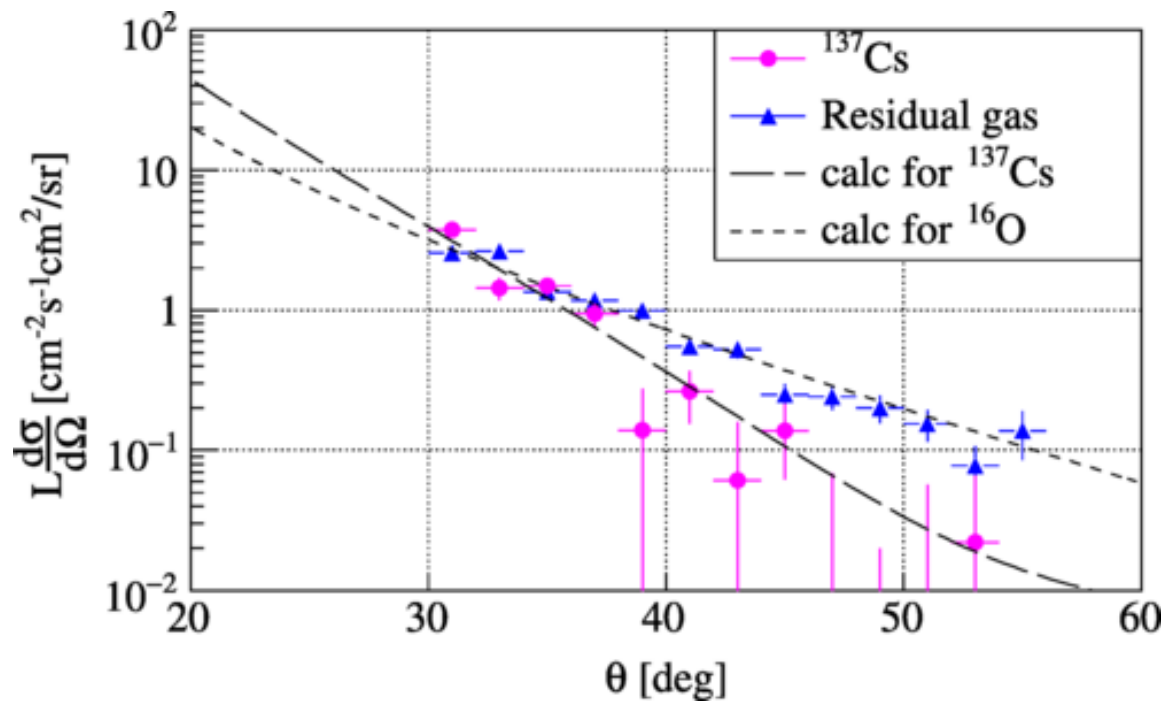


Study of the N=32 and N=34 Shell Gap for Ti and V by the First High-Precision Multireflection Time-of-Flight Mass Measurements at BigRIPS-SLOWRI

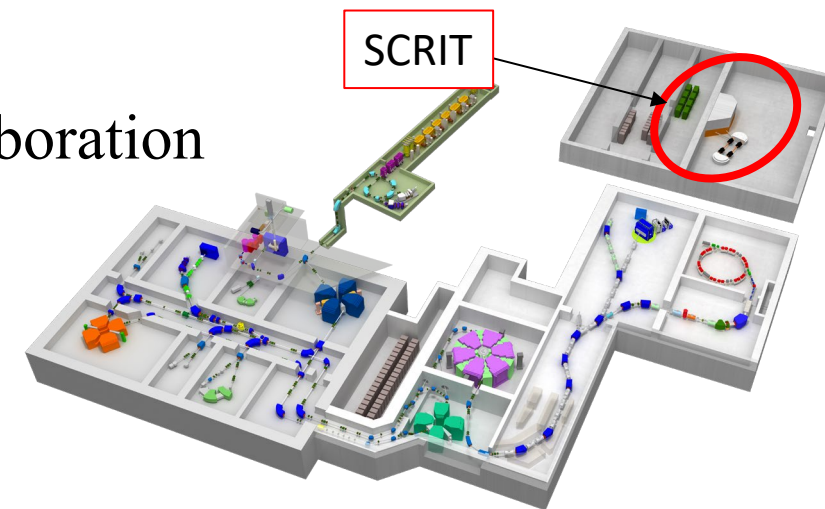
Imura, PRL 130, 012501 (2023)

# First Observation of Electron Scattering from Online-Produced Radioactive Target

Tsukada, Wakasugi, Suda, Onishi et al.,  
PRL 131, 092502 (2023)



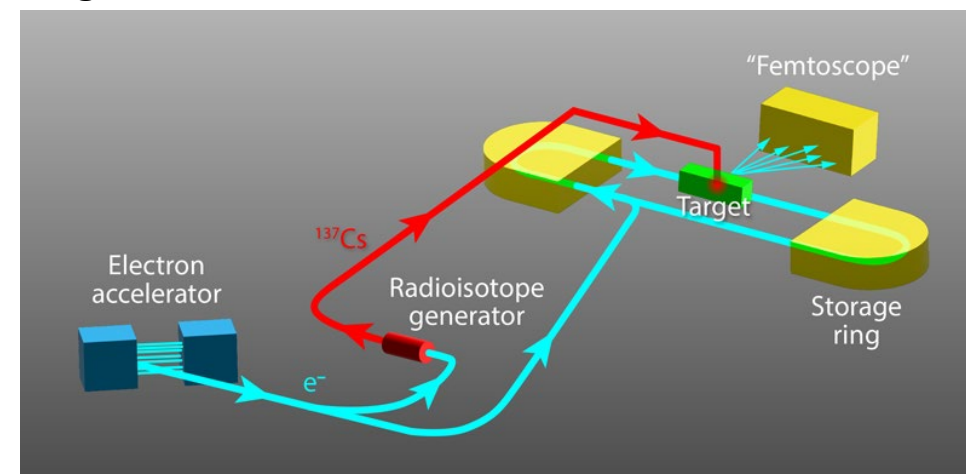
## SCRIT Collaboration



What Do Unstable Atomic Nuclei Look Like?  
Patrick Achenbach, Physics 16, 144, 2023  
August 30, 2023

Towards Sn-132 by increasing  
the electron-beam power

Ohnishi in the afternoon today!



# KEK Wako Nuclear Science Center : KISS1.5 project has been launched

## Production of exotic nuclei via multinucleon transfer reactions

KISS : Ar-gas cell + laser-induced ionization

KISS1.5 : He-gas cell

Construction budget for KISS1.5 has been supported by the JSPS grant since 2024 for 5 years.

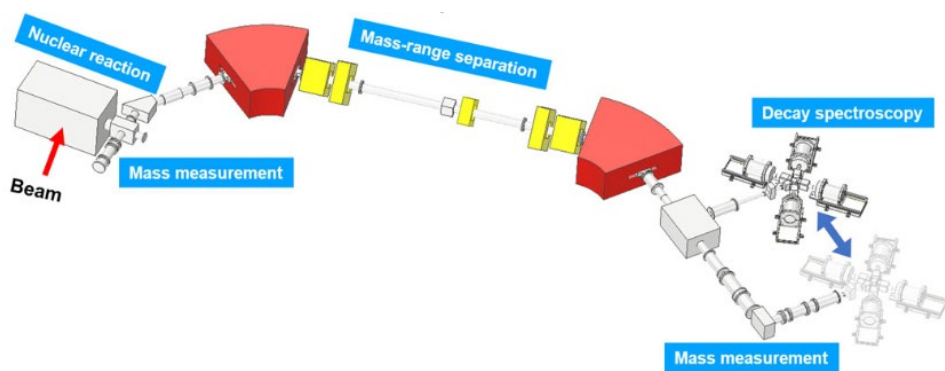
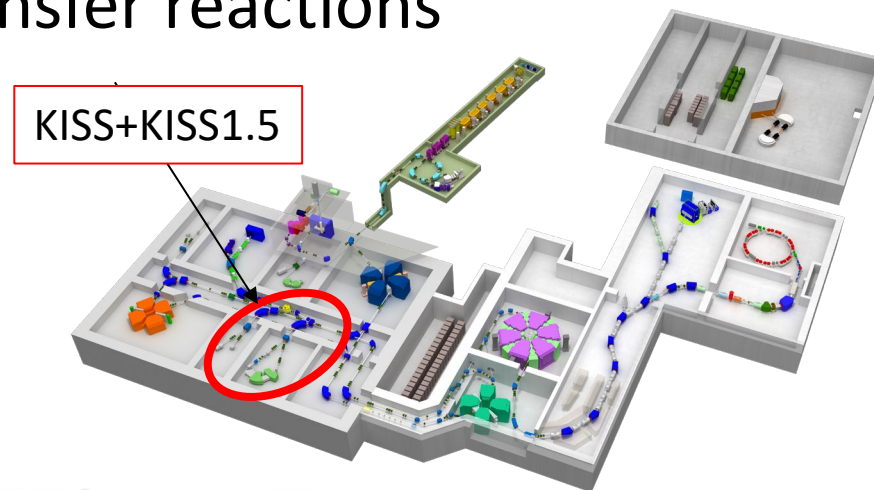


Figure 2. Schematic view of KISS-1.5

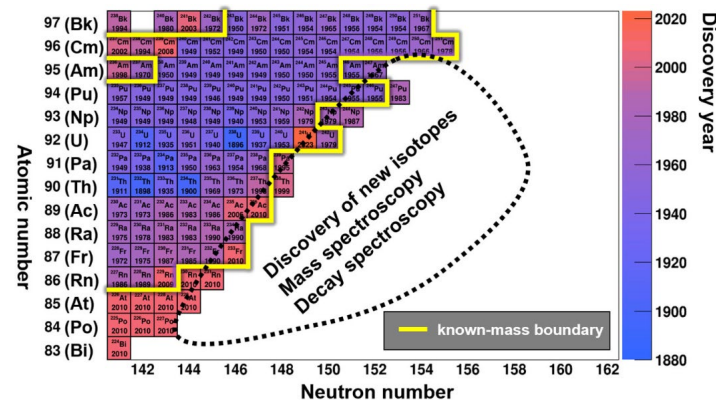


Figure 3. Discovery years of neutron-rich actinides and area of interest in this research

[https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/kaken\\_25\\_shinki06/24h00008\\_saitaku\\_gaiyo\\_en.pdf](https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/kaken_25_shinki06/24h00008_saitaku_gaiyo_en.pdf)

International Workshop (KEK-WNSC, Univ of York, RIKEN and JAEA)

MNT24 “Exploring the heavy exotic neutron-rich nuclides via multinucleon transfer reactions”

July 2-5, 2024 at RIKEN

# Super-Heavy Elements



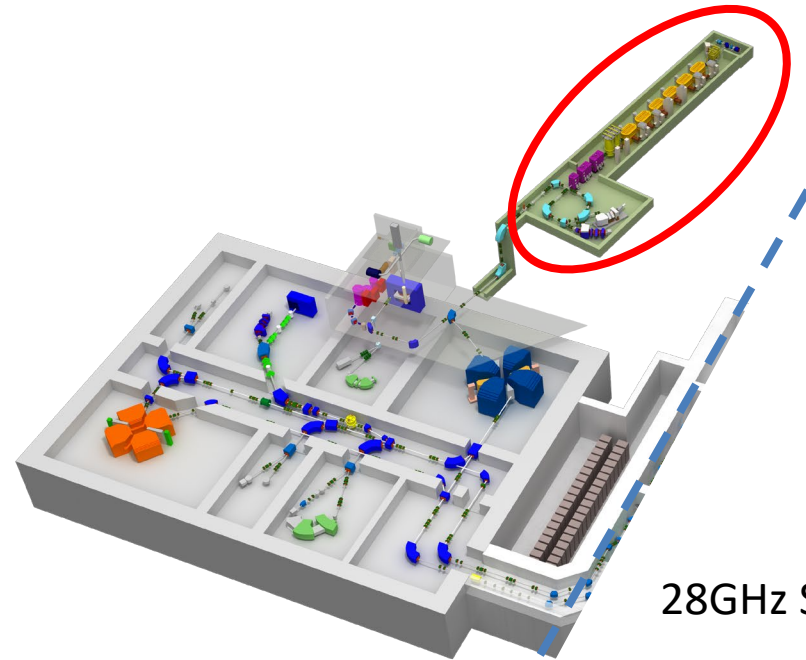
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| 1 |           |           |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             |          |           |            |             | 18         |           |
| 1 | H         |           |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             |          |           |            |             |            | 2         |
|   | hydrogen  |           |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             |          |           |            |             |            | helium    |
|   | 1.008     |           |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             |          |           |            |             |            | 4.0026    |
| 2 | 3         | 4         |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | 5        | 6         | 7          | 8           | 9          | 10        |
|   | Li        | Be        |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | B        | C         | N          | O           | F          | Ne        |
|   | lithium   | beryllium |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | boron    | carbon    | nitrogen   | oxygen      | fluorine   | neon      |
|   | 6.94      | 9.0122    |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | 10.81    | 12.011    | 14.007     | 15.999      | 18.998     | 20.180    |
| 3 | 11        | 12        |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | 13       | 14        | 15         | 16          | 17         | 18        |
|   | Na        | Mg        |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | Al       | Si        | P          | S           | Cl         | Ar        |
|   | sodium    | magnesium |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | aluminum | silicon   | phosphorus | sulfur      | chlorine   | argon     |
|   | 22.990    | 24.305    |             |               |          |            |            |           |            |              |             |             | 26.982   | 28.085    | 30.974     | 32.06       | 35.45      | 39.948    |
| 4 | 19        | 20        | 21          | 22            | 23       | 24         | 25         | 26        | 27         | 28           | 29          | 30          | 31       | 32        | 33         | 34          | 35         | 36        |
|   | K         | Ca        | Sc          | Ti            | V        | Cr         | Mn         | Fe        | Co         | Ni           | Cu          | Zn          | Ga       | Ge        | As         | Se          | Br         | Kr        |
|   | potassium | calcium   | scandium    | titanium      | vanadium | chromium   | manganese  | iron      | cobalt     | nickel       | copper      | zinc        | gallium  | germanium | arsenic    | selenium    | bromine    | krypton   |
|   | 39.098    | 40.078    | 44.956      | 47.867        | 50.942   | 51.996     | 54.938     | 55.845    | 58.933     | 58.693       | 63.546      | 65.38       | 69.723   | 72.630    | 74.922     | 78.971      | 79.904     | 83.798    |
| 5 | 37        | 38        | 39          | 40            | 41       | 42         | 43         | 44        | 45         | 46           | 47          | 48          | 49       | 50        | 51         | 52          | 53         | 54        |
|   | Rb        | Sr        | Y           | Zr            | Nb       | Mo         | Tc         | Ru        | Rh         | Pd           | Ag          | Cd          | In       | Sn        | Sb         | Te          | I          | Xe        |
|   | rubidium  | strontium | yttrium     | zirconium     | niobium  | molybdenum | technetium | ruthenium | rhodium    | palladium    | silver      | cadmium     | indium   | tin       | antimony   | tellurium   | iodine     | xenon     |
|   | 85.468    | 87.62     | 88.906      | 91.224        | 92.906   | 95.95      | 101.07     | 101.07    | 106.42     | 106.42       | 107.868     | 112.41      | 114.82   | 118.71    | 121.76     | 127.60      | 126.90     | 131.29    |
| 6 | 55        | 56        | 57-71       | 72            | 73       | 74         | 75         | 76        | 77         | 78           | 79          | 80          | 81       | 82        | 83         | 84          | 85         | 86        |
|   | Cs        | Ba        | lanthanoids | Hf            | Ta       | W          | Re         | Os        | Ir         | Pt           | Au          | Hg          | Tl       | Pb        | Bi         | Po          | At         | Rn        |
|   | caesium   | barium    | lanthanoids | hafnium       | tantalum | tungsten   | rhenium    | osmium    | iridium    | platinum     | gold        | mercury     | thallium | lead      | bismuth    | polonium    | astatine   | radon     |
|   | 132.91    | 137.33    | 138.905     | 178.49        | 180.95   | 183.84     | 186.21     | 190.23    | 192.22     | 195.08       | 196.967     | 200.59      | 204.38   | 207.2     | 208.98     | 209         | 210        | 222       |
| 7 | 87        | 88        | 89-103      | 104           | 105      | 106        | 107        | 108       | 109        | 110          | 111         | 112         | 113      | 114       | 115        | 116         | 117        | 118       |
|   | Fr        | Ra        | actinoids   | Rf            | Db       | Sg         | Bh         | Hs        | Mt         | Ds           | Rg          | Cn          | Nh       | Fl        | Mc         | Lv          | Ts         | Og        |
|   | francium  | radium    | actinoids   | rutherfordium | dubnium  | seaborgium | bohrium    | hassium   | meitnerium | darmstadtium | roentgenium | copernicium | nihonium | flerovium | moscovium  | livemoreium | tennessine | oganesson |

## Search for Element 119 SRILAC+GARIS3

Element 113 “Nihonium”

New setup towards the element 119 and beyond

intensity and energy upgrade of the heavy-ion linac  
new separator with a large acceptance

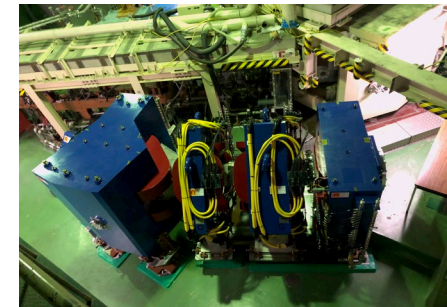
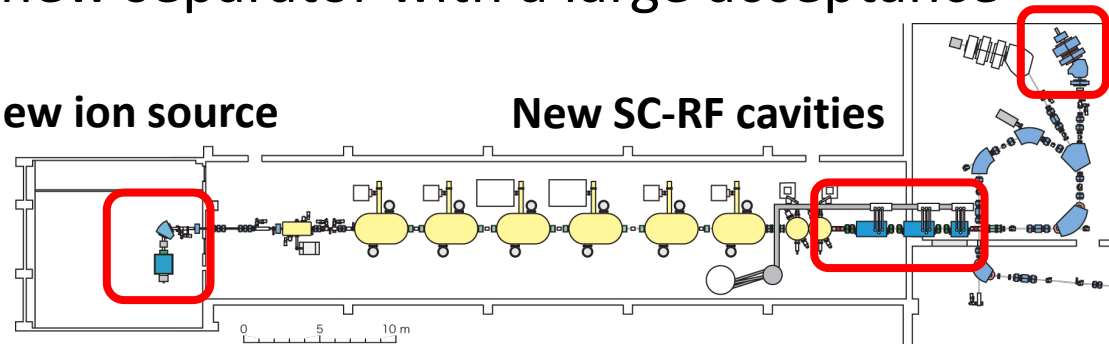


Old facility (1986-)

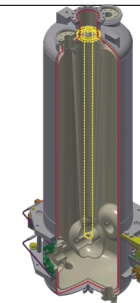
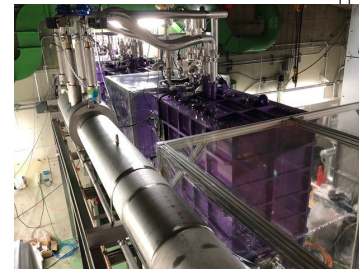
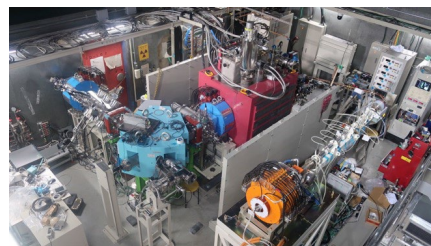
New ion source

New SC-RF cavities

28GHz SC-ECR



New separator  
GARIS3



# RIBF upgrade toward the heavy mass region

“RIBF Facility Upgrade Project”

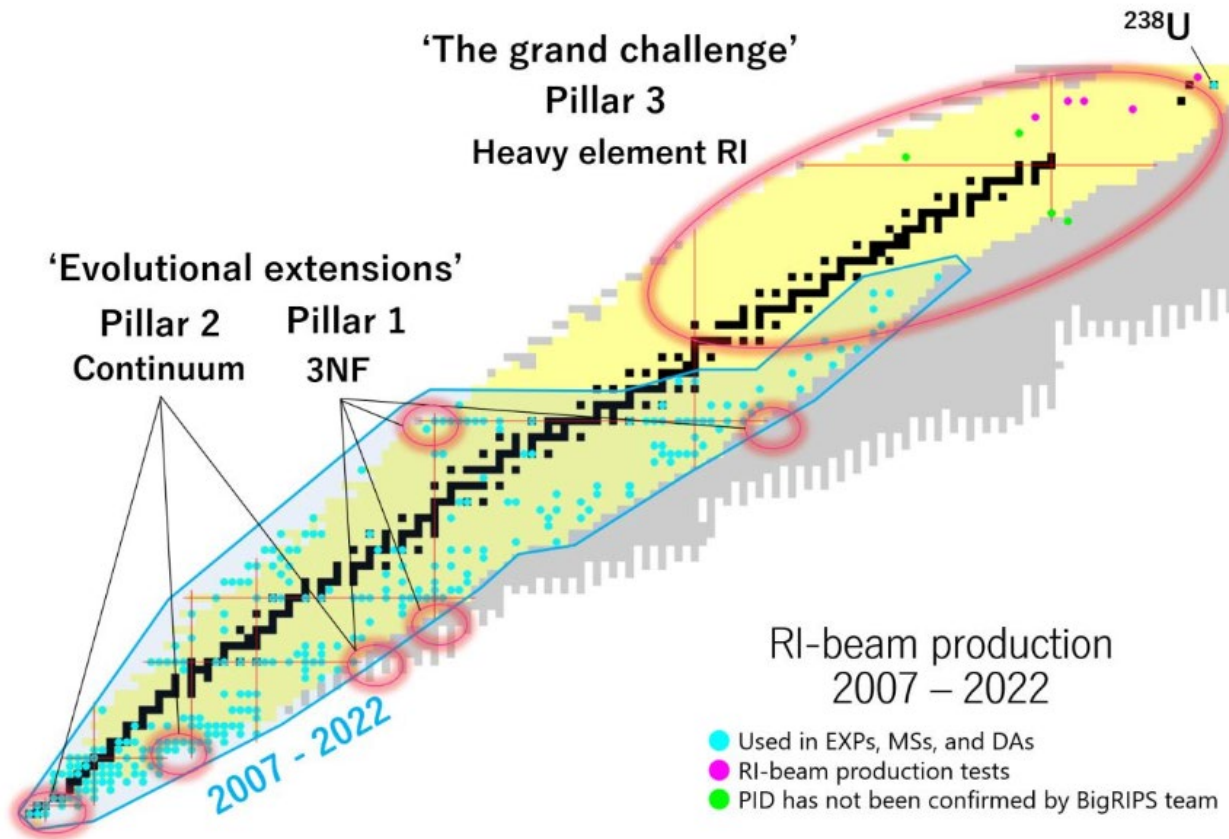
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Heavier mass region to be newly explored

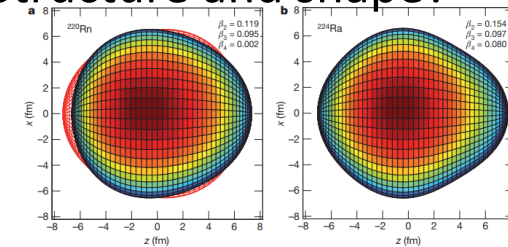
Reaction study at  $\sim 250$  Me/u and lower with three spectrometers

Compared with FRIB and RAON, thicker 2ndary target can be utilized because of higher energy of RI beams

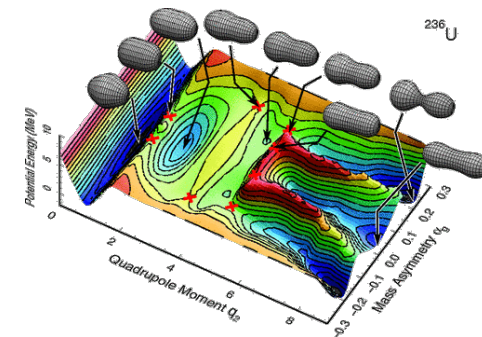
N-force and Coulomb, both are strongly correlated



Structure and shape?



Dynamics of alpha-decay and fission?

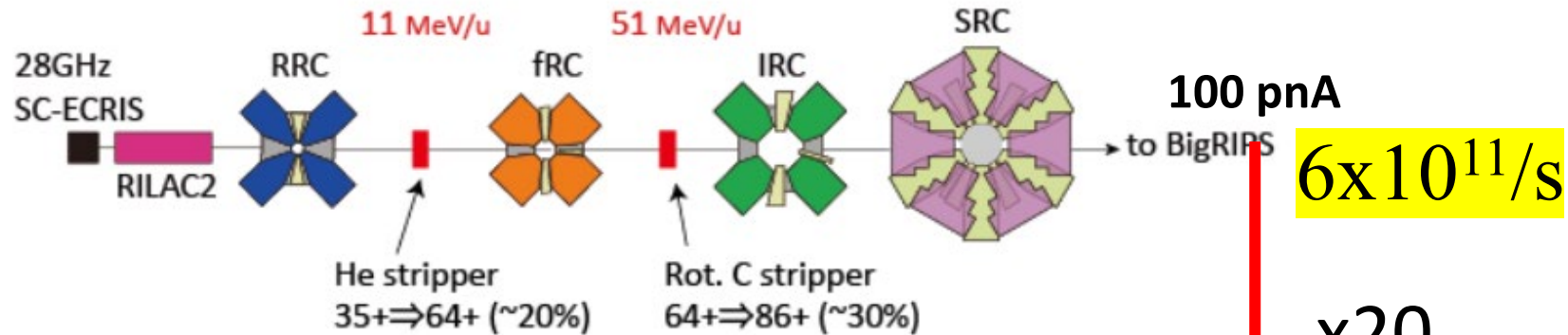




# RIBF upgrade plan to have more intense U beam

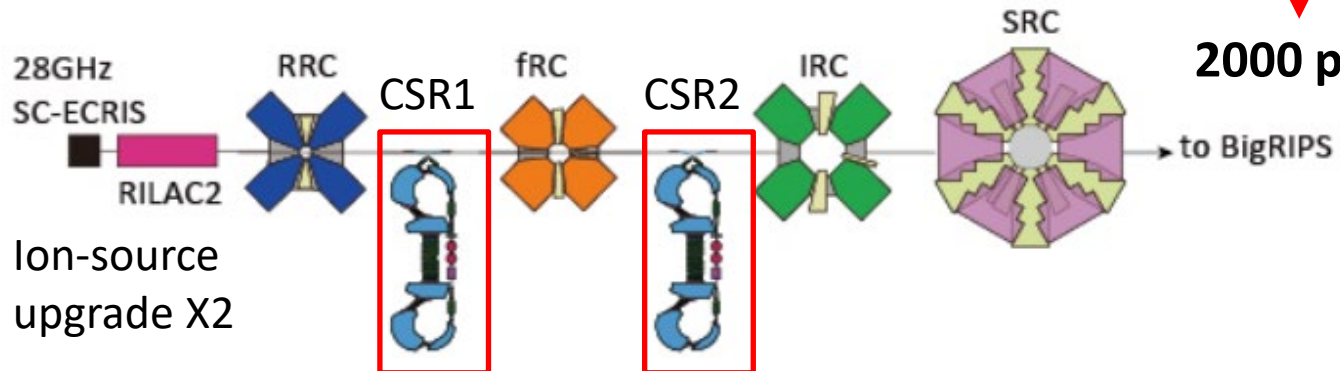
Courtesy of Imao

## Present Acceleration Scheme



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

## Upgrade plan



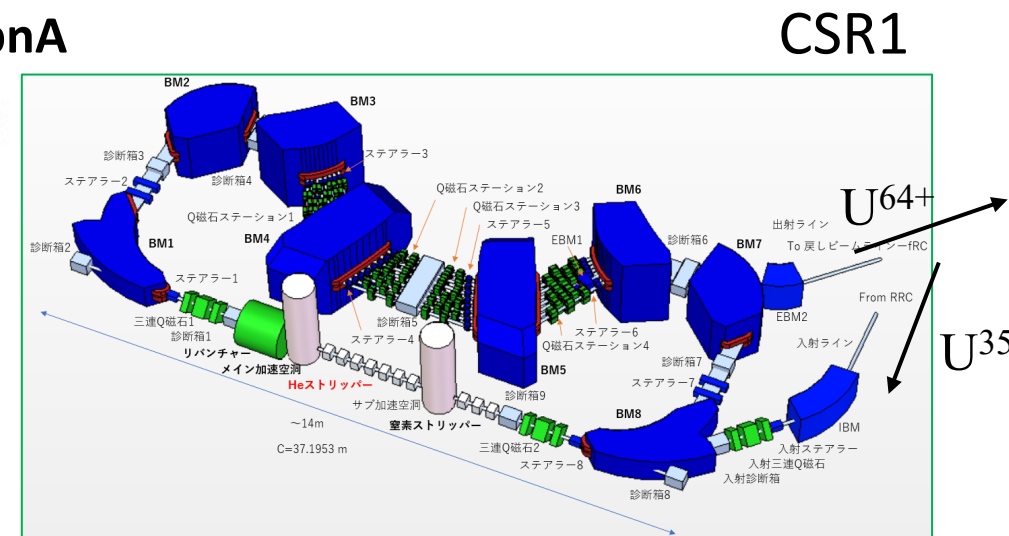
Ion-source upgrade X2

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

$1 \times 10^{13}/s$

x20

“Recycling of heavy-ion beams”



# Status Summary

2023 June TAC dedicated to Charge Stripper Ring 1

2023 July Nishina Center Advisory Council (NCAC)

“RIBF Facility Upgrade Project” submitted to NCAC

[https://www.nishina.riken.jp/researcher/RIBFupgrade/RIBF\\_Upgrade\\_NCAC.pdf](https://www.nishina.riken.jp/researcher/RIBFupgrade/RIBF_Upgrade_NCAC.pdf)

In light of the international landscape with major rare isotope accelerator facilities like FRIB and SPIRAL2 ramping up and FAIR and ARIEL in the future, it is critical for the sustained success of RIBF to stay at the forefront of the field. The science program enabled by the RIBF upgrade is exciting, in particular by opening access to isotopes at the extremes of the nuclear chart, which are important for understanding the origin of the heavy elements and the limits of existence of atomic nuclei. **The NCAC endorses the proposed RIBF upgrade in the strongest possible terms.**

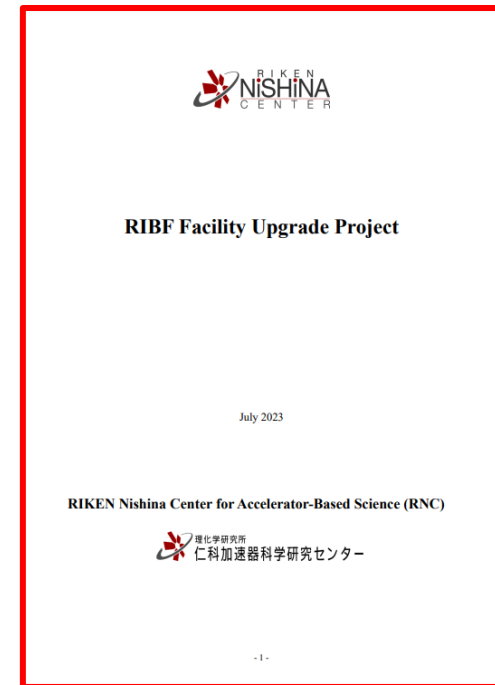
2023 December RIKEN Advisory Council

RIKEN’s advanced scientific infrastructure remains world-leading and forms a powerful and effective basis for international collaboration, but there are concerns that some infrastructure is aging and in need of replacement or upgrade.

2024 Jan Int’l WS “Advancing physics at next RIBF (ADRIB24)”

more than 100 participants, 50% were young generations (20-30’s years old)

**Budget is being requested**



# Summary and Future Perspectives

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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 is preparing to access the heavy mass region. Budget for the RIBF upgrade is being requested.

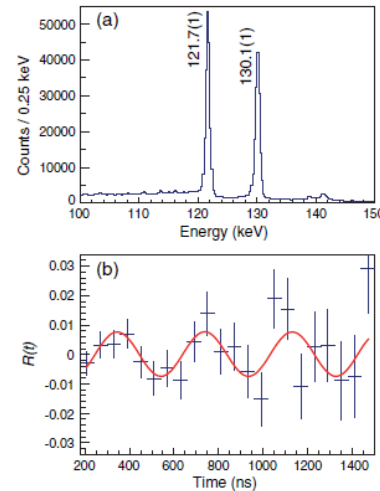
Welcome to join the nuclear physics programs at RIBF!

# Co-authored papers of Dimiter L. Balabanski and Hideki Ueno

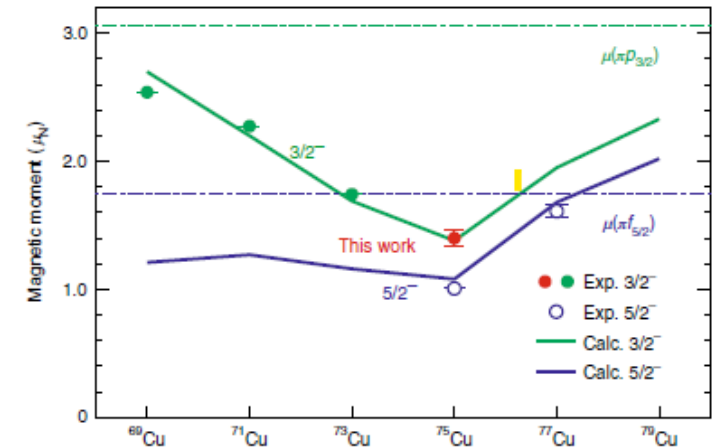
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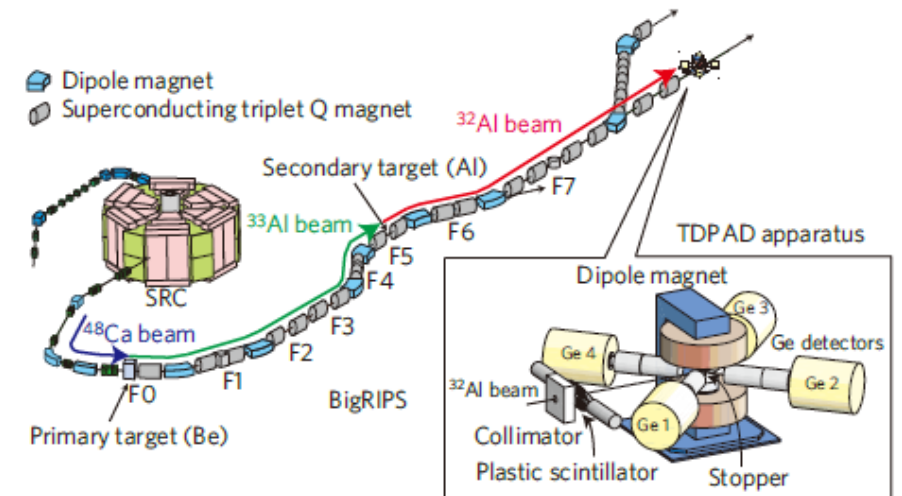


Cu-75m (2019)



Spin-aligned RI beam  
Production (2012, 2013)

Ichikawa on 11th



Dimiter, Happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday !  
I wish you every happiness