

# Studies of unstable nuclei with spin-polarized proton target



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# Outline

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- Direct reaction of spin-polarized light ions
- Solid polarized proton target for RI-beam
- Experimental programs undergoing
  - Proton elastic scattering from  ${}^{6,8}\text{He}$
  - $(p,2p)$  knock-out reaction on oxygen isotopes
- Future applications
  - Proton resonant scattering
  - Polarizing neutrons and RIs

# Spin-dependent interaction in unstable nuclei

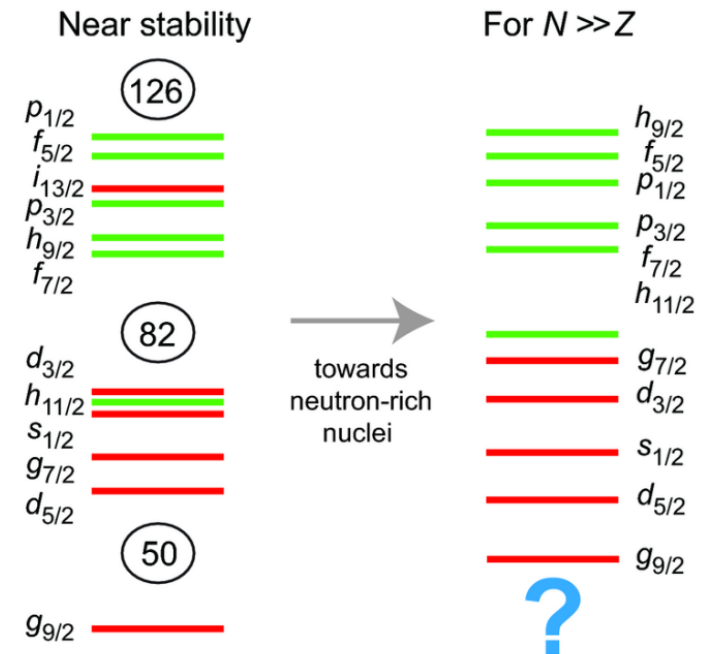
- Spin-dependent interaction
  - Spin-orbit int., tensor int., 3NF
  - ⇔ Magicity, binding energy, ...

Spin-dependent int. in unstable nuclei attract increasing interest.

## ex.) Change of shell structure

- Tensor interaction, 3NF
  - T. Otsuka et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95 (2005) 232502.
  - T. Otsuka et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105 (2010) 032501.
- Spin-orbit interaction
  - J. Dobaczewski et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 72 (1994) 981.
  - G. A. Lalazissis et al., Phys. Lett. B 418 (1998) 7.
  - B. S. Pudliner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 76 (1996) 2416.

## Nuclear Shell Structure



- Mean field near stability
- Strong spin-orbit term
- Mean field for  $N \gg Z$
- Reduced spin-orbit
- Diffuse density
- Tensor force

# Polarization study of unstable nuclei

## ■ Direct reactions induced by polarized light ions

- Powerful probe for studying manifestation of **spin-dependent interactions** in nuclei

### □ Reactions

- $(\vec{p}, p')$ ,  $(\vec{p}, n)$  spin-isospin response
- $(\vec{p}, d)$ ,  $(\vec{d}, p)$ ,  $(\vec{p}, pN)$  spin-parity of single particle/hole states
- $(\vec{p}, p)$ ,  $(\vec{d}, d)$  3-body force, spin-orbit interaction

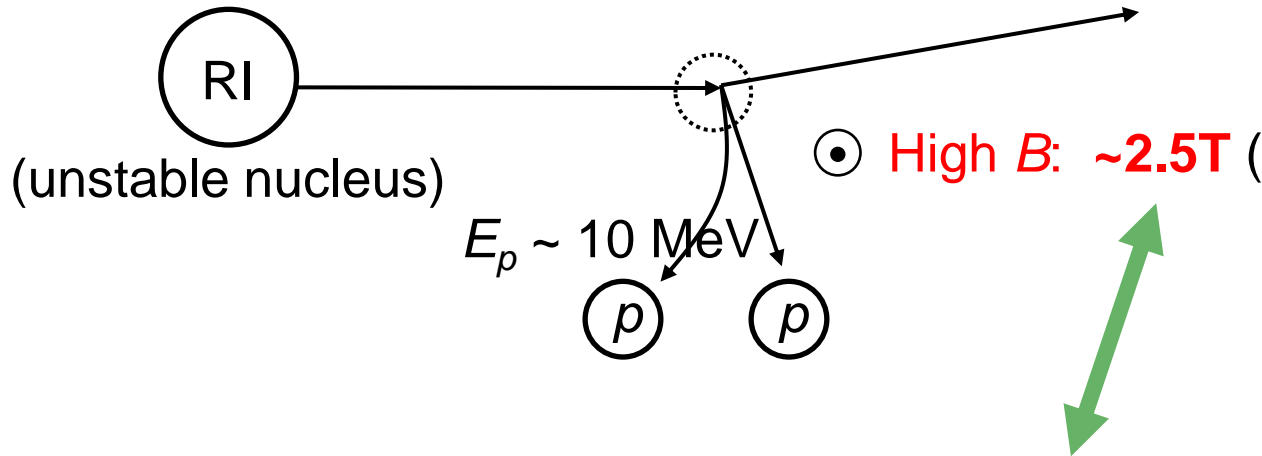
### □ Method

Radioactive ion beam + **polarized target** (*key element*)

**Reaction of polarized light ion** × **Physics of unstable nuclei**

# Polarized target for inverse kinematics

- Inverse kinematics



- Solid pol. proton target at **0.1 T**

- High electron polarization in photo-excited aromatic molecule

A. Henstra et al. Phys. Lett. A 134 (1988) 134.

- **Independent** of mag. field strength

73%  $\Rightarrow$

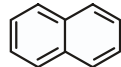
singlet      triplet



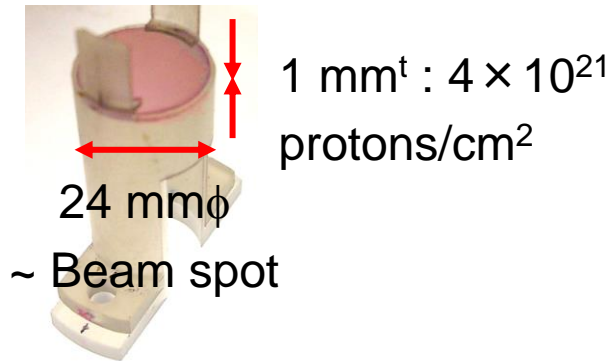
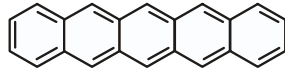
# Solid polarized proton target @RIKEN

Target material:

Naphthalene

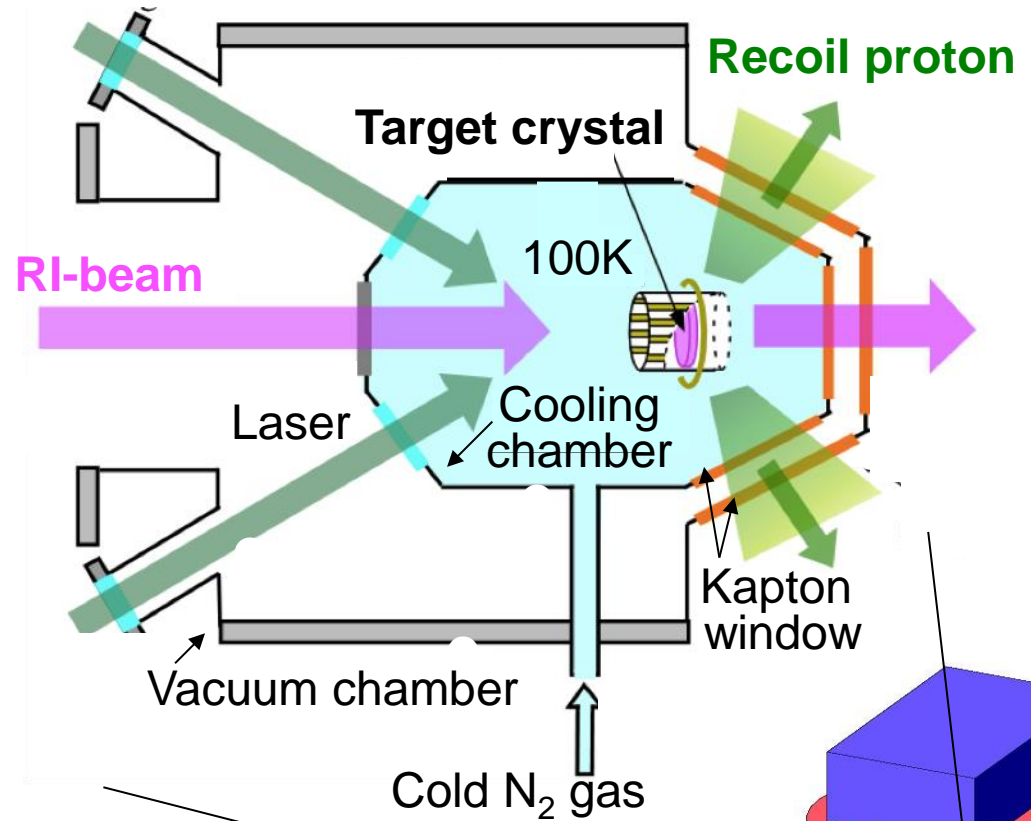


+ pentacene



T. Wakui et al., NIM A 550 (2005) 521.

T. Uesaka et al., NIM A 526 (2004) 186.



## Summary of target

**Material:** C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub> (solid)

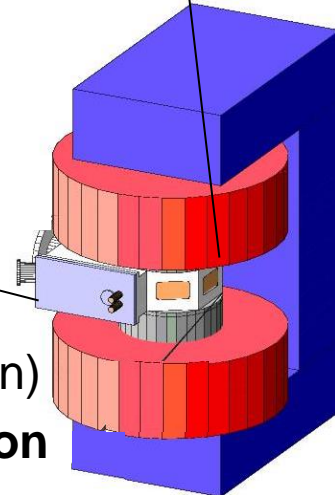
**Size:** 24 mm $\phi$ , 1-3 mm<sup>t</sup>

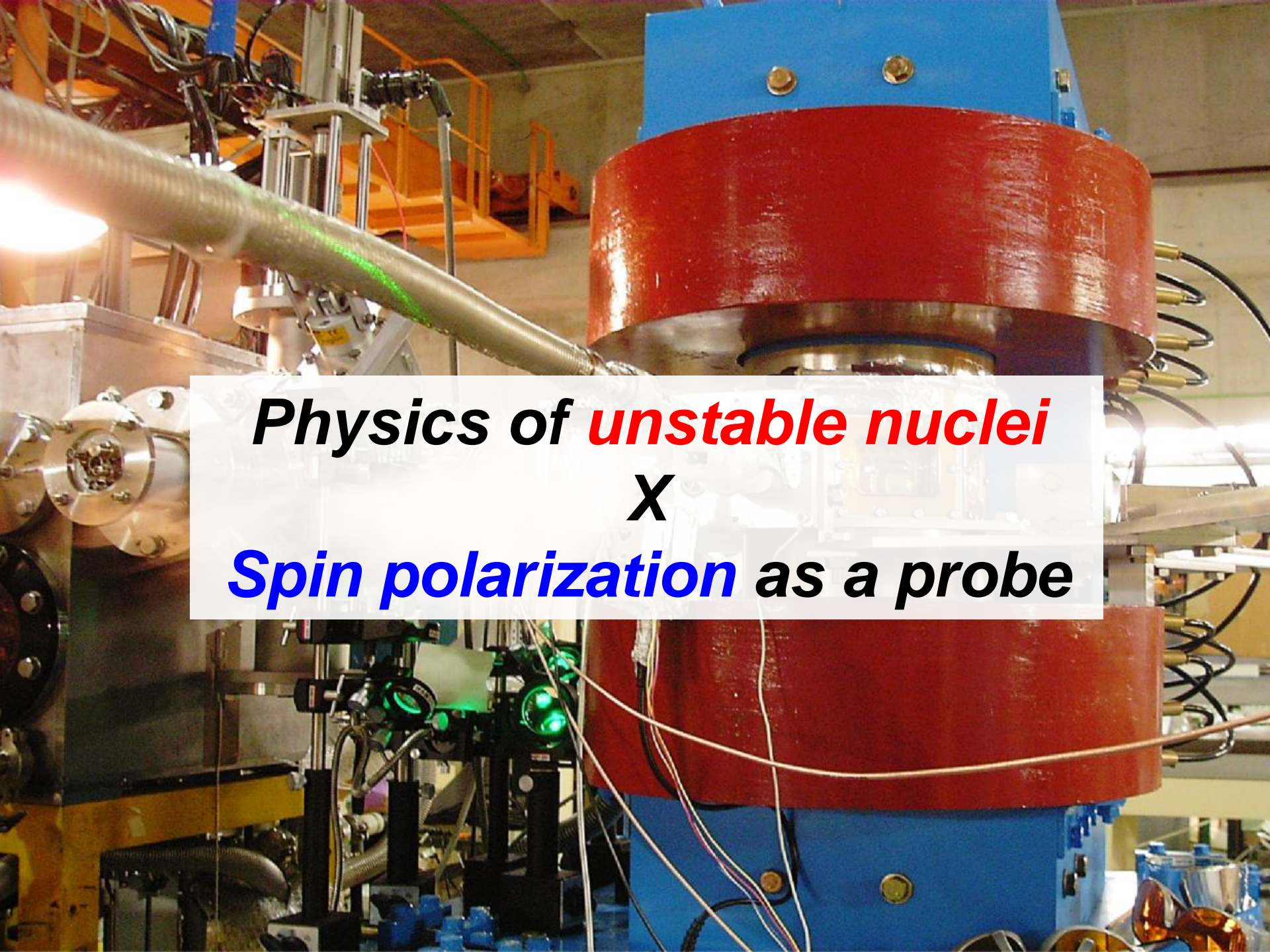
**Proton polarization:** ~ 20%

Mag. field of **0.1 T**

→  $\rho \sim 10$  m (20 MeV proton)

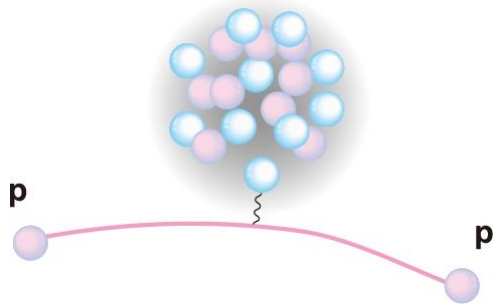
→ **Recoil particle detection**





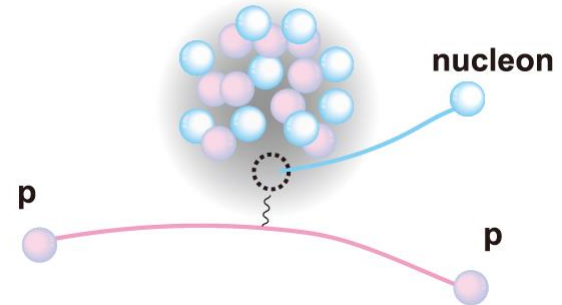
**Physics of *unstable nuclei***  
**X**  
***Spin polarization* as a probe**

(p,p) elastic



**Spin-orbit part** of optical potential

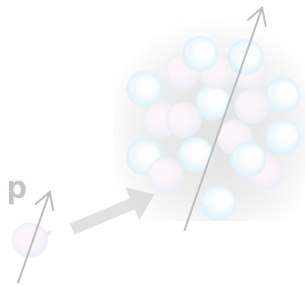
(p,pN) quasi-elastic



**Spin-orbit splitting**

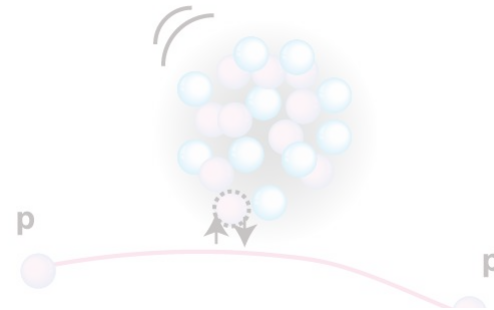
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Polarization transfer to RI



$\beta$ -NMR, **Magnetic moment**

(p,p) resonance elastic



Nuclear **spectroscopy**



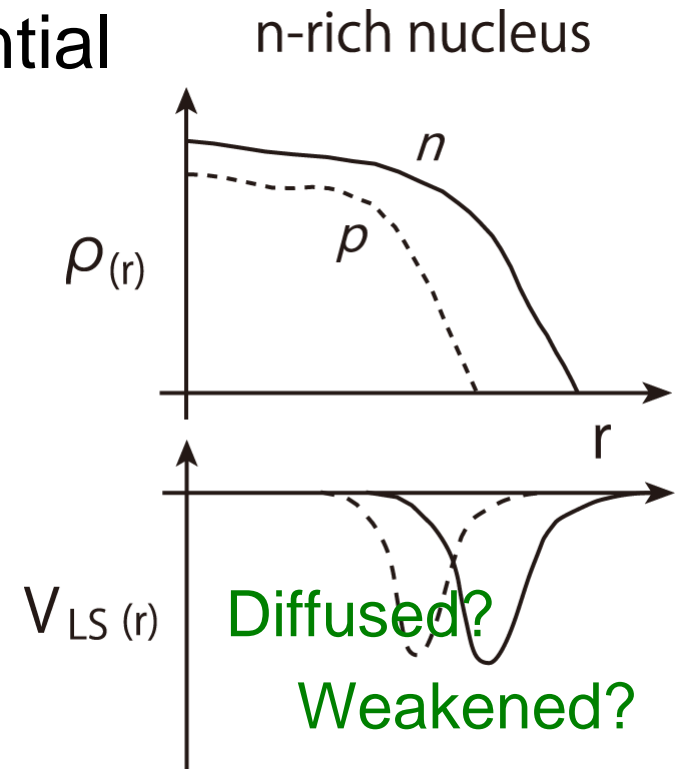
# Spin-orbit coupling in $pA$ scattering

- Spin-orbit term of optical potential

- Proton feels spin-orbit force at nuclear surface

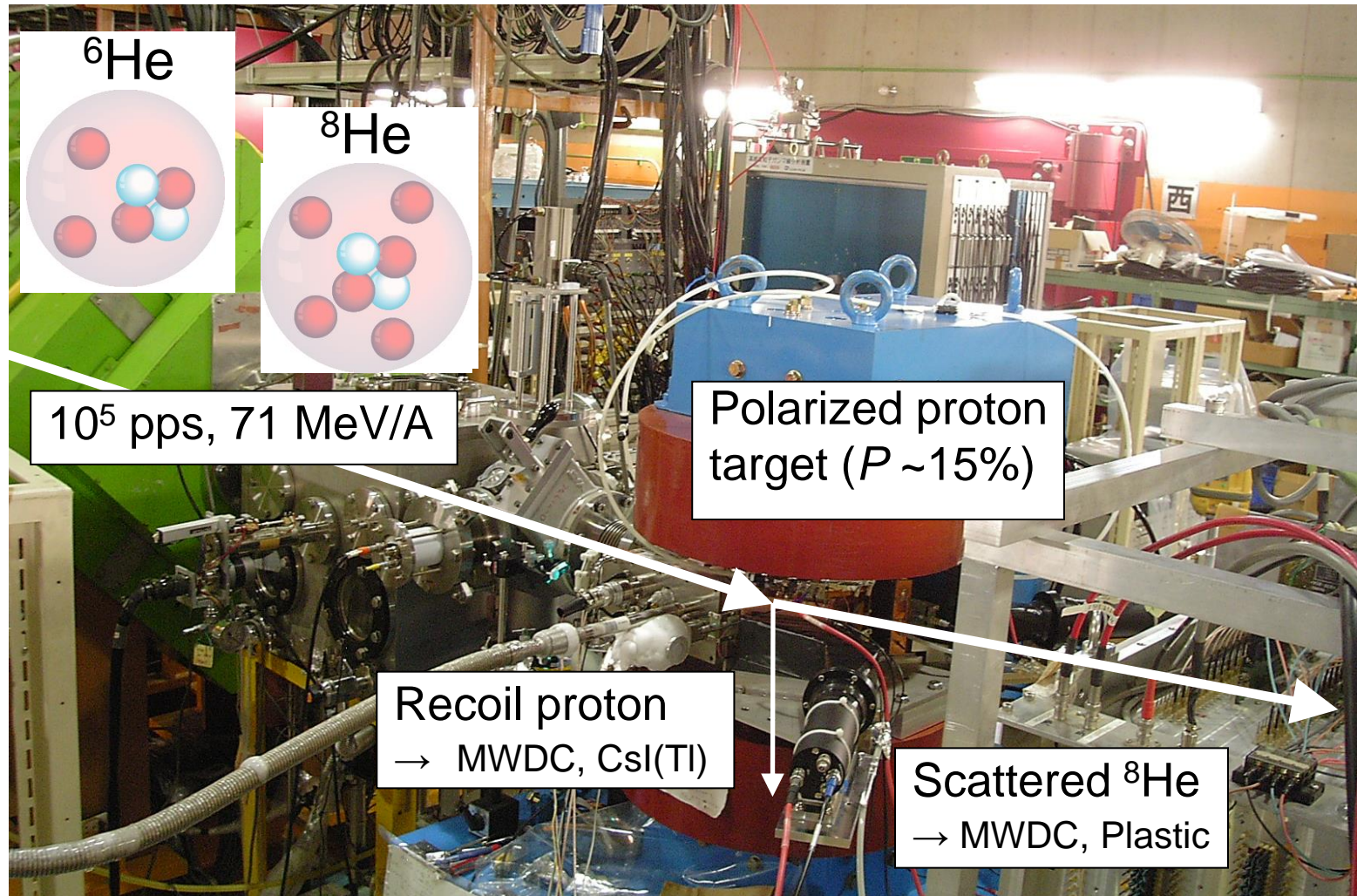
$$U_{\text{so}} = [1 + \alpha \rho(r)]^{-1} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\rho}{dr}$$

- Neutron-rich nuclei: extended neutron distribution (neutron halo/skin structure)



How does **extended neutron distribution** affect the **spin-orbit part of optical potential**?

# $p$ - ${}^{6,8}\text{He}$ elastic scattering at 71 MeV/A



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# Spin asymmetry for $p\text{-}^{6,8}\text{He}$ scattering

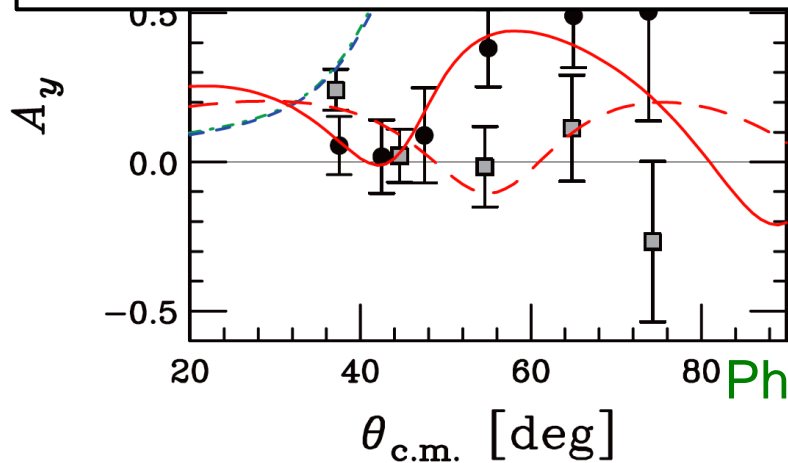
S.S. et al., Phys Rev C 84, 024604 (2011)  
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**Spin-orbit potential in  
 n-rich helium isotopes:  
 shallow and extended**

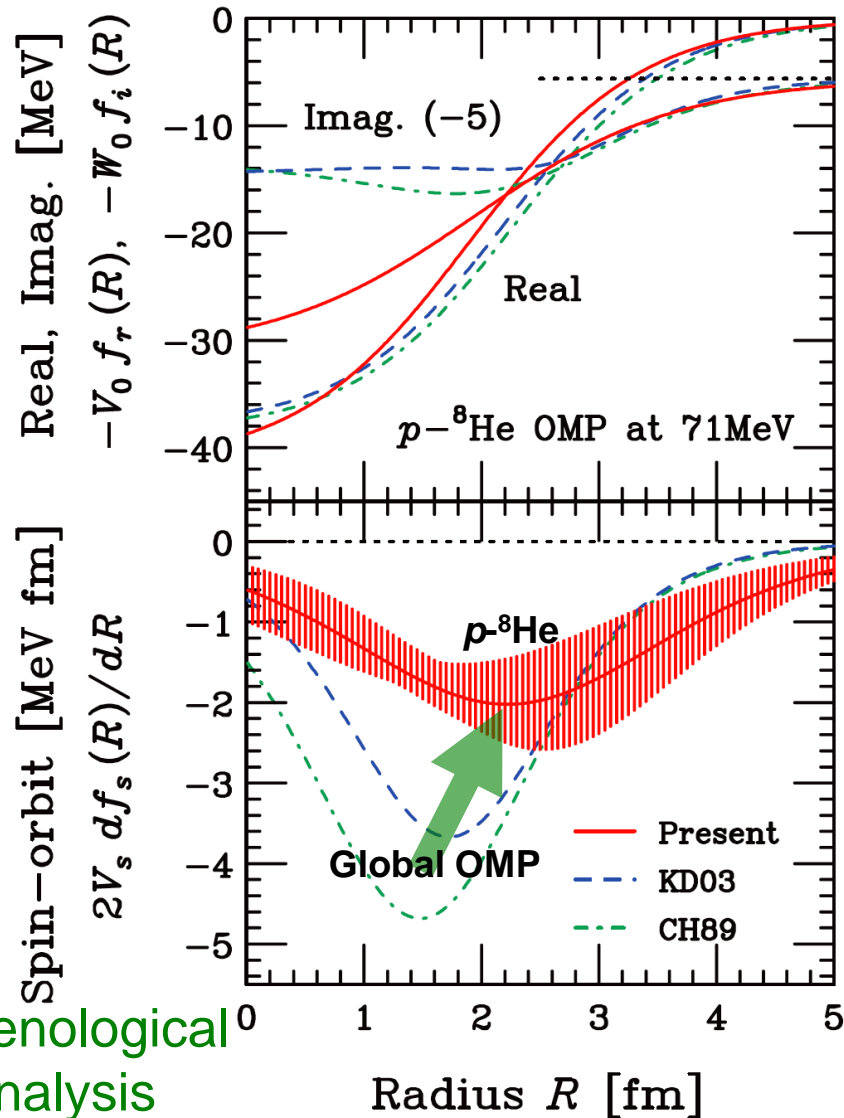
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**Less steep and extended  
 density distribution?**

→ **Measurement @200MeV**

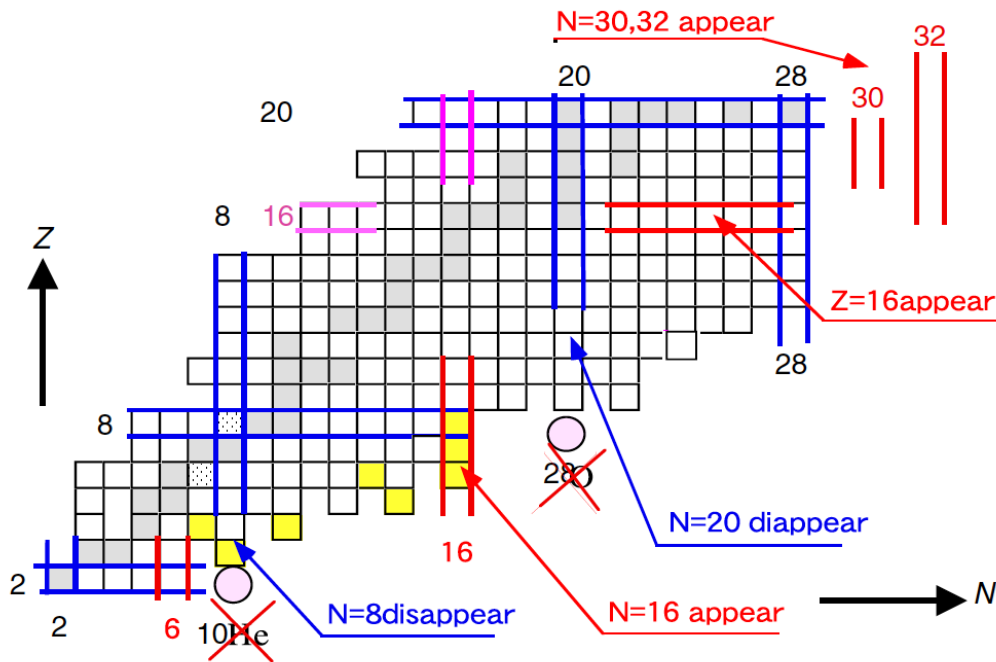


Phenomenological  
 OM analysis

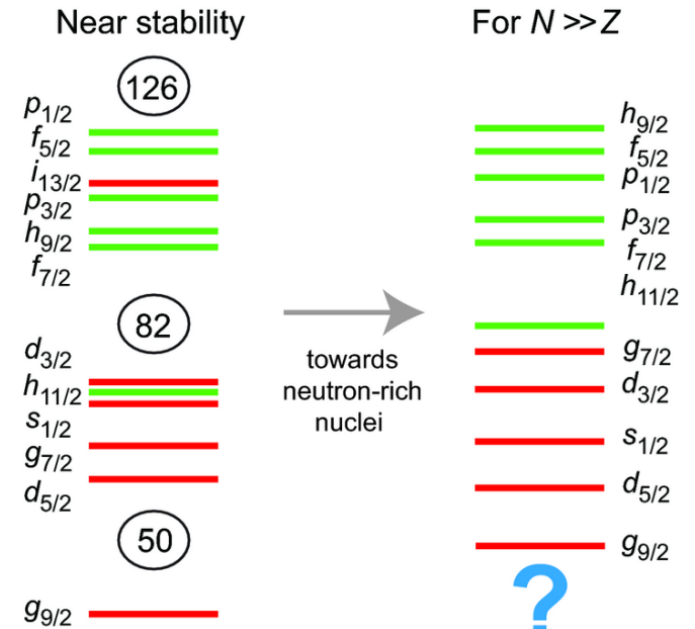


# Change of shell structure in $n$ -rich nuclei

I. Tanihata et al. / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 68 (2013) 215–313



## Nuclear Shell Structure



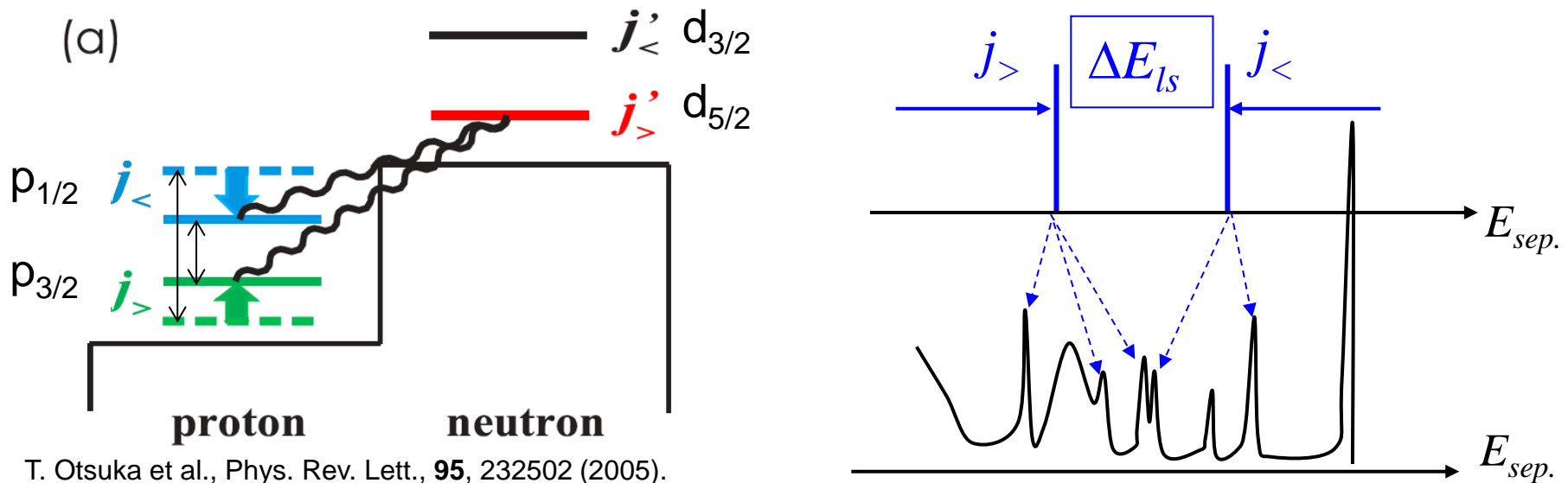
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Magic numbers newly appear or disappear (change of shell structure)

Reduction of spin-orbit splitting ( $E_{j=l-1/2} - E_{j=l+1/2}$ )

# $(\vec{p}, 2p)$ reaction as spectroscopic tool

- Determination of spin-orbit splitting
  - Single-particle states are fragmented
  - $(\vec{p}, 2p)$  reaction  $\rightarrow$  distribution of  $j_>$  and  $j_<$  strengths

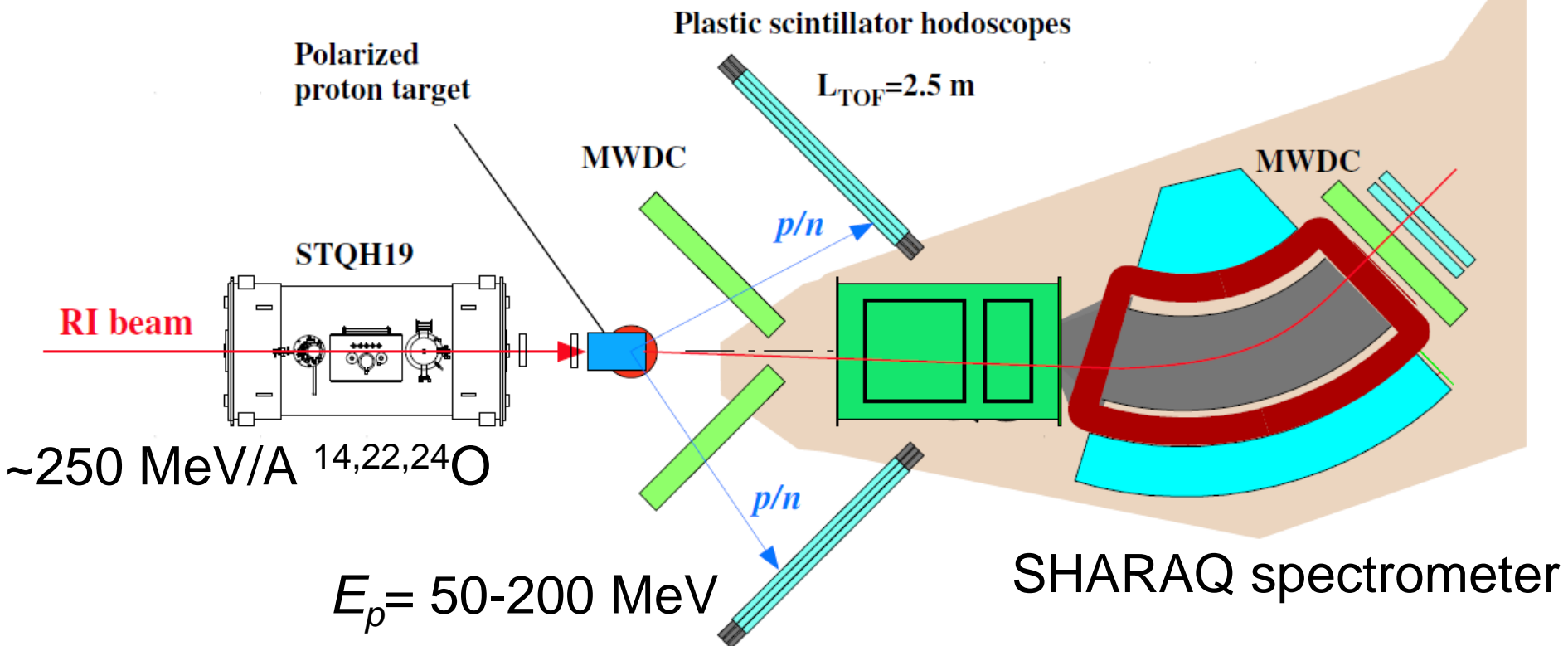


Change of spin-orbit splitting explored with  $(\vec{p}, 2p)$

# $(\vec{p}, 2p)$ knock-out reaction on $^{14, 22, 24}\text{O}$

- Experiment @SHARAQ, RIBF

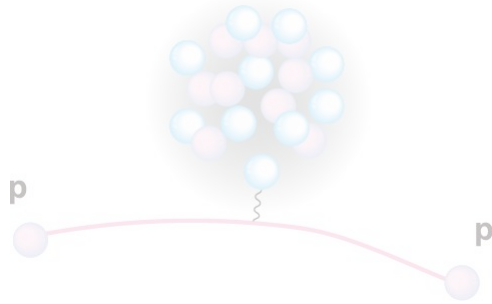
*Talk by S. Kawase  
in the next Session!*



*Data analysis now going on*

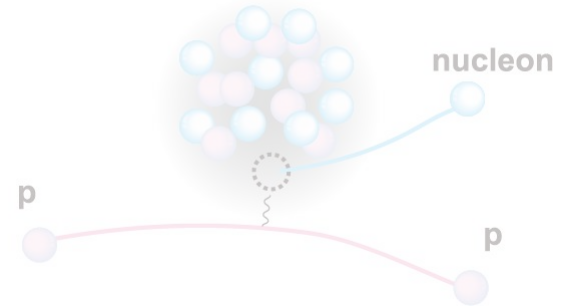
T. Uesaka, S. Kawase, L. Tang et al.,  
Experiment carried out in 2012

(p,p) elastic



**Spin-orbit part** of optical potential

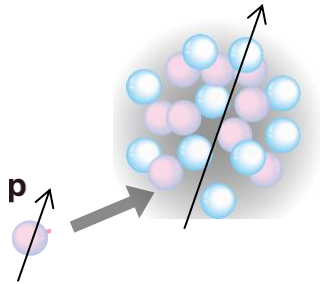
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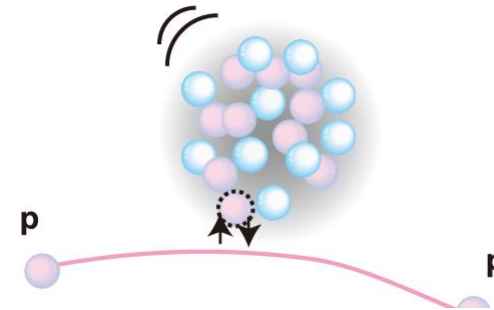
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**Polarization transfer to RI**



$\beta$ -NMR, **Magnetic moment**

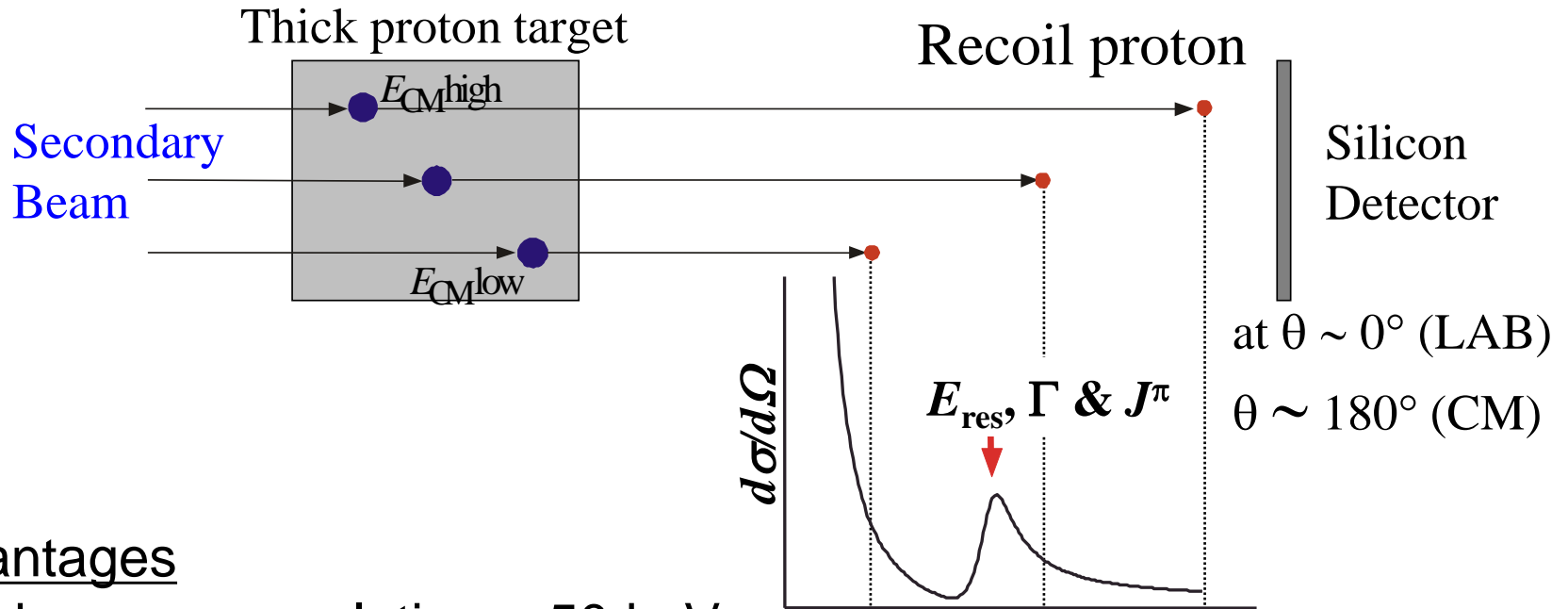
(p,p) resonance elastic



Nuclear **spectroscopy**

# Proton resonant scattering on RI

- Thick-target method in inverse kinematics
  - Excitation function scanned with single incident energy



## Advantages

- High energy resolution  $\sim 50$  keV
- Large cross section  $\sim 500$  mb/sr
- Relatively thicker target

$$E_{CM} = \frac{1}{4 \cos^2 \theta_p} \frac{A+1}{A} E_p$$

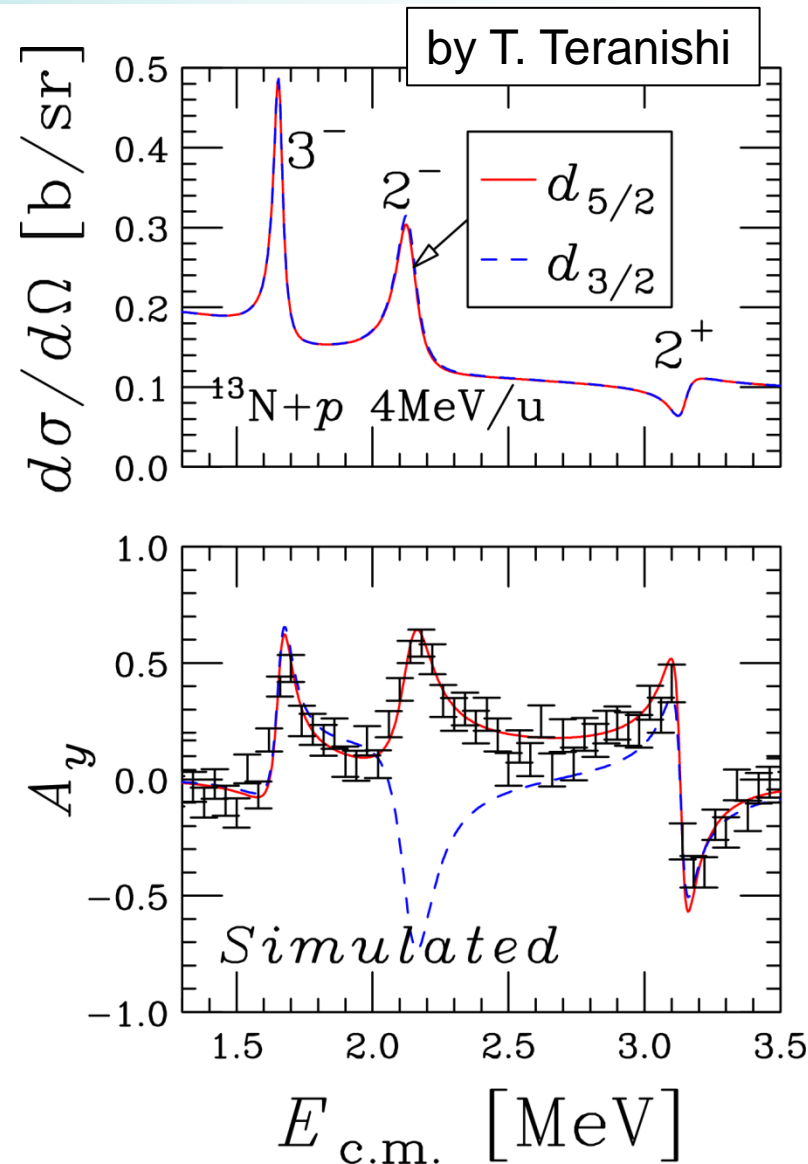
↑ 0.25~0.3

**Powerful tool for particle unbound states**



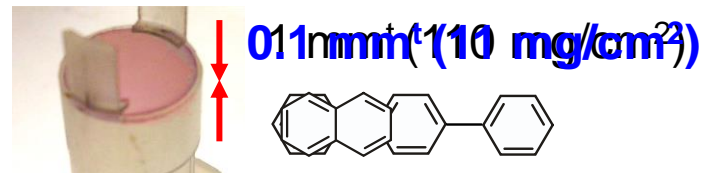
# Role of spin polarization

- Spin asymmetry
  - Determination of  $j$ 
    - Projectile w/ non-zero spin
    - Sensitive to configuration mixing
  - Information for extremely wide resonances
- Feasibility demonstration
  - $^{13}\text{N} + \vec{p}$  scattering
  - Monte-Carlo simulation
    - $P_p = 20\%$ , 10 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>,  
10<sup>5</sup> pps, 3 days, pure  $d_{5/2}$

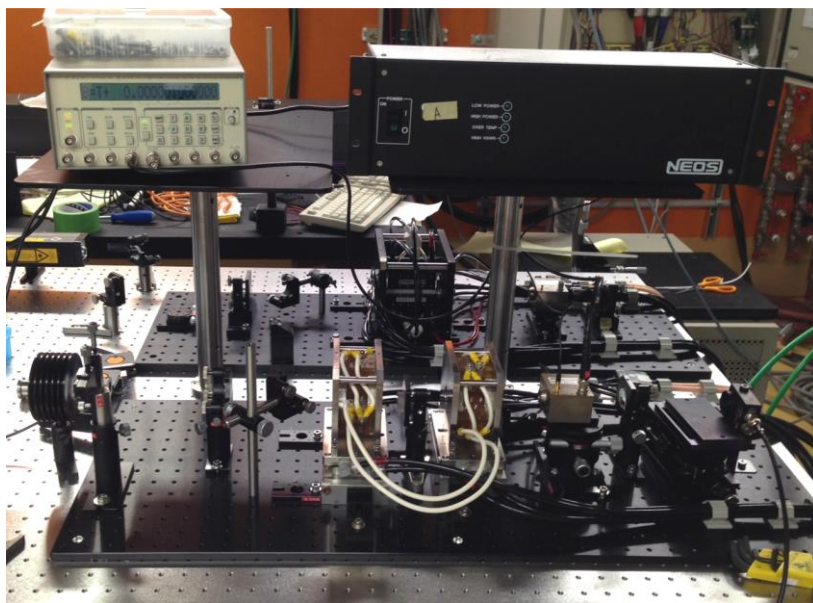


# Toward low- $E$ exp. with polarized protons

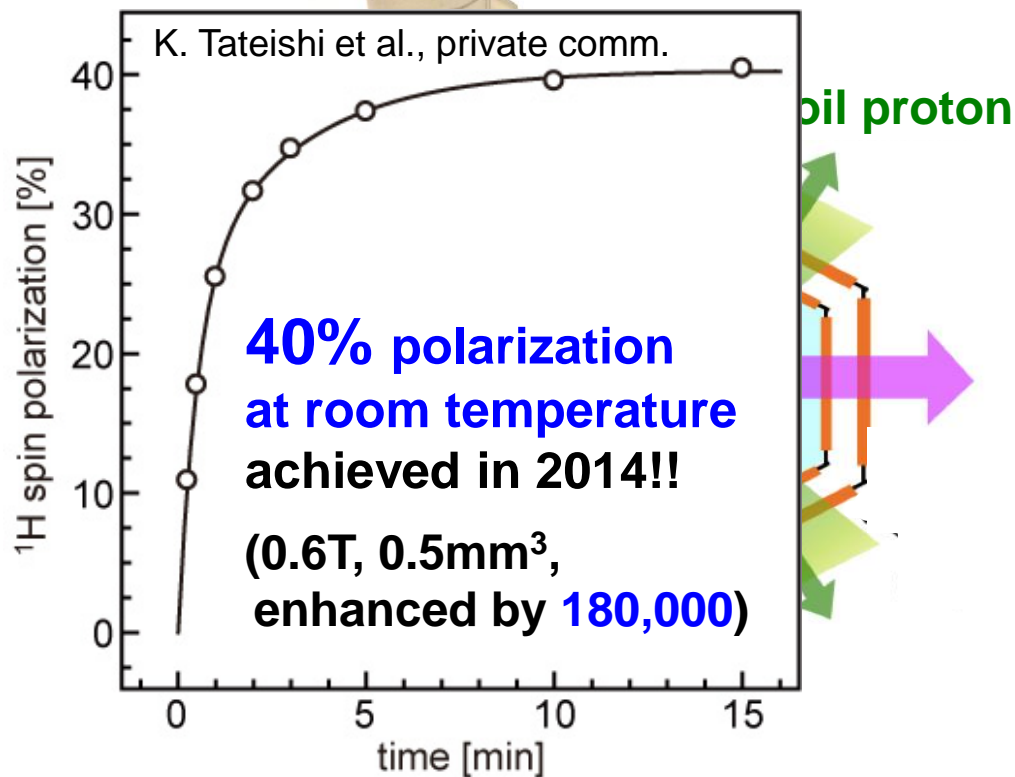
- New requirements for target



New laser w/ optimum  $\lambda$  (590nm)



K. Tateishi et al., to be submitted to JMR.



**Challenge: High proton polarization at room temperature**

# First experiment at low energy

Resonant elastic scattering



with a low-energy  ${}^9\text{C}$  beam at 5.6 MeV/u  
and **a spin-polarized proton target.**

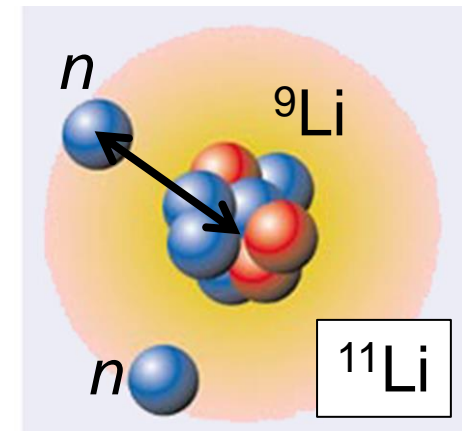
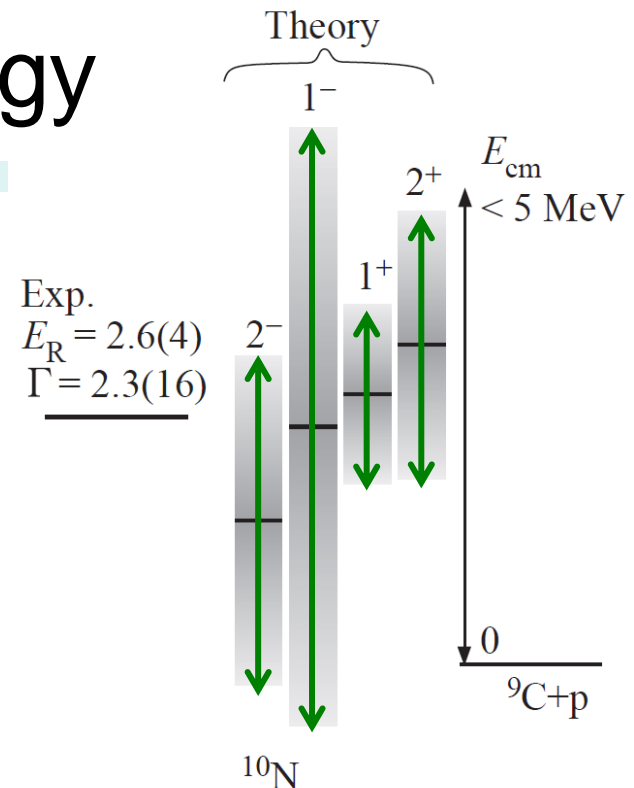
$d\sigma/d\Omega$  and **analyzing power**

→ **Search for extremely broad  ${}^{10}\text{N}$  resonances**

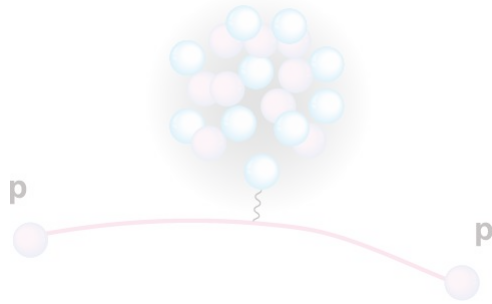
${}^{10}\text{N}$  ( $={}^9\text{C}+p$ ) ← mirror →  ${}^{10}\text{Li}$  ( $={}^9\text{Li}+n$ )

${}^{10}\text{Li}$ : subsystem of **borromean nucleus  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$**

→ **Understanding of  ${}^9\text{Li}+n$  potential**

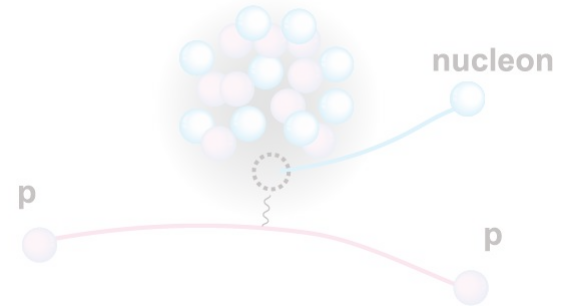


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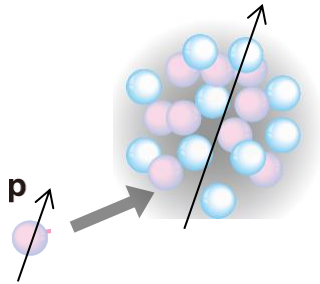
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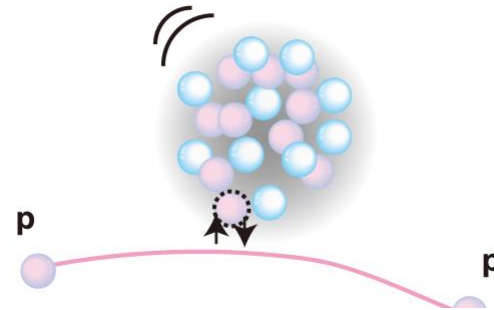
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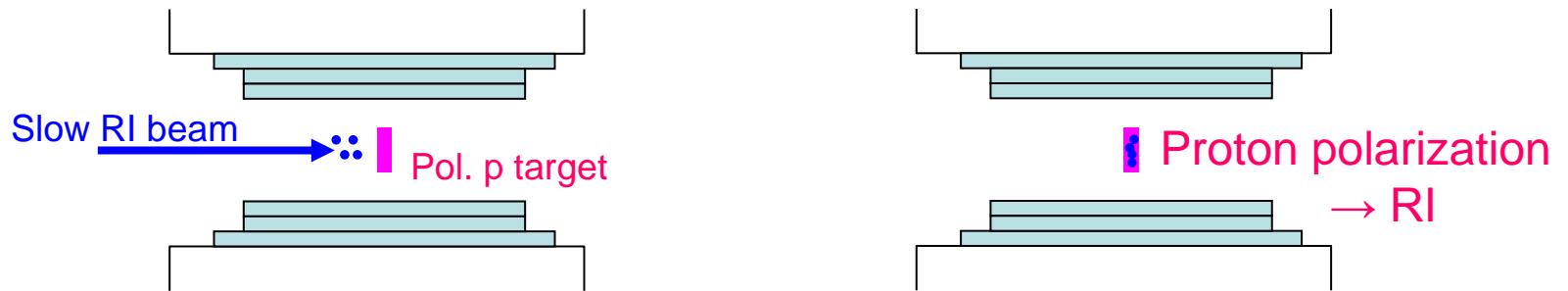
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Nuclear **spectroscopy**

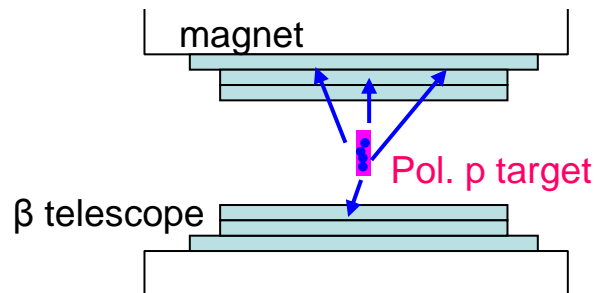
# Measurement of magnetic moment

- Polarization transfer to stopped RI



- “Cross-polarization technique” enables pol. transfer:  
Electron → Proton → RI (stable  $^{13}\text{C}$  has been tested)

- Measurement of **magnetic moment** by  $\beta$ -NMR



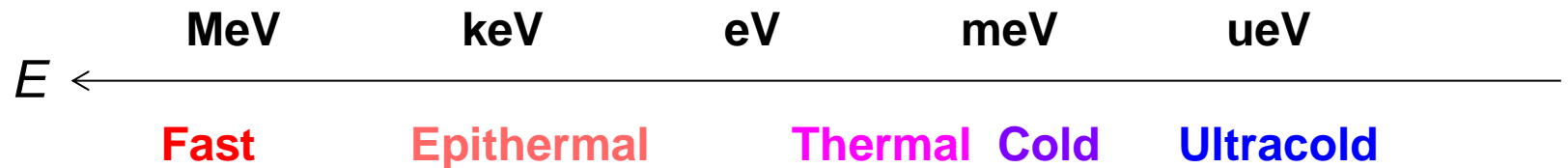
$$W(\theta) = 1 + AP \cos \theta$$

A : asymmetry factor

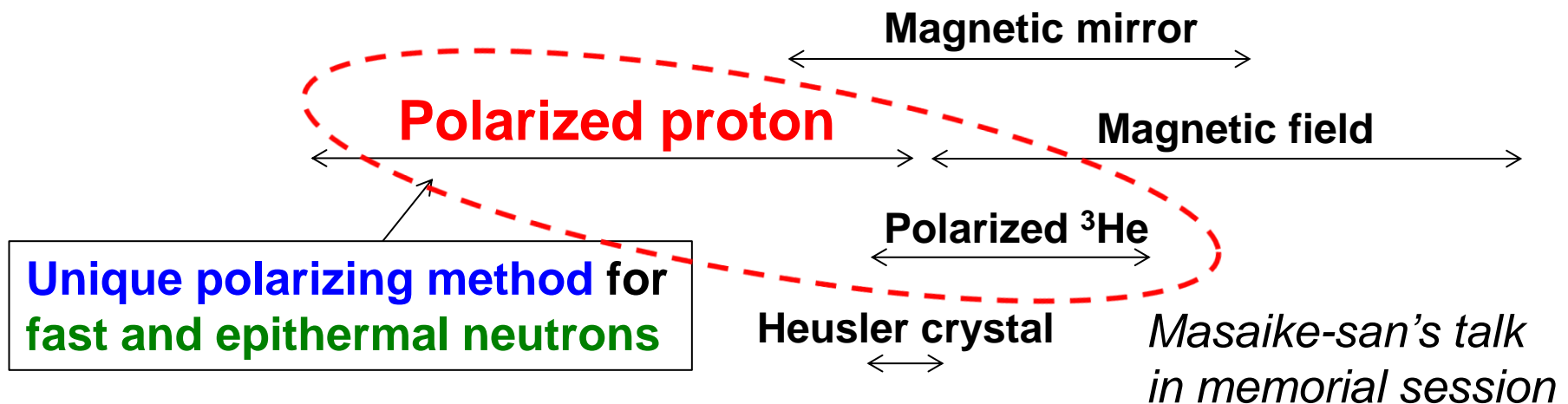
P : spin polarization

# Polarizing neutrons

- Neutron energy region



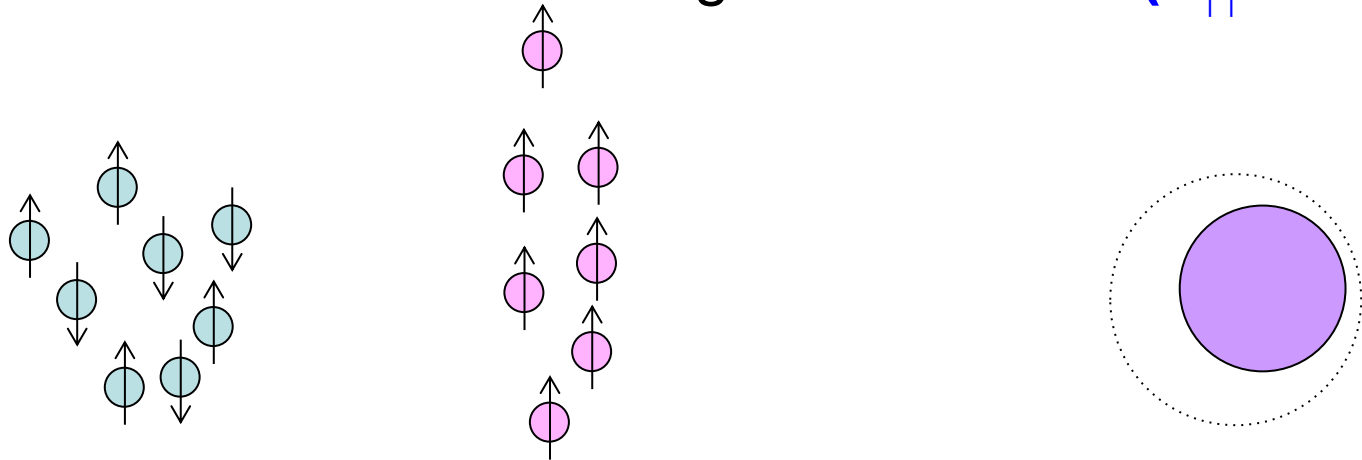
- Polarizing method



# Spin filter for neutrons

- Spin filter

- Difference between scattering cross section ( $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} \ll \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow}$ )



- Test of fundamental symmetry

- $P$ -violation is enhanced in p-wave resonance
  - Time-reversal invariance can also be tested!

Prof. H. Shimizu @Nagoya

$$\Delta\sigma_T = \kappa \frac{g_{CP}}{g_P} \Delta\sigma_P$$

$10^{-2}$   
 $10^{-3}$   
 present EDM upper bound

# Summary and perspective

- **Solid polarized proton target** ( $B \sim 0.1\text{T}$ ) has been constructed at RIKEN/CNS for **RI-beam exp.**
- Experimental programs with RI beams ongoing:
  - **Elastic scattering** to investigate **spin-orbit interaction**
  - $(\vec{p}, 2p)$  **knock-out reaction** to determine **spin-orbit splitting**
- Future applications planned:
  - **Resonant scattering**
  - $(\vec{p}, d)$  **transfer reaction** ] for **nuclear spectroscopy**
  - Polarizing **neutrons** and **stopped RIs**



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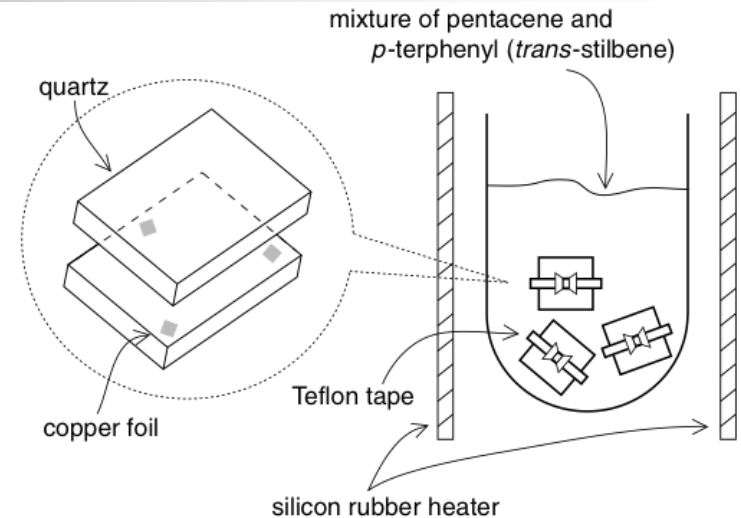
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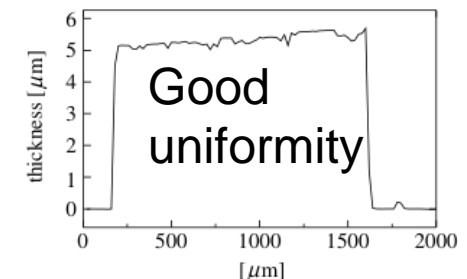
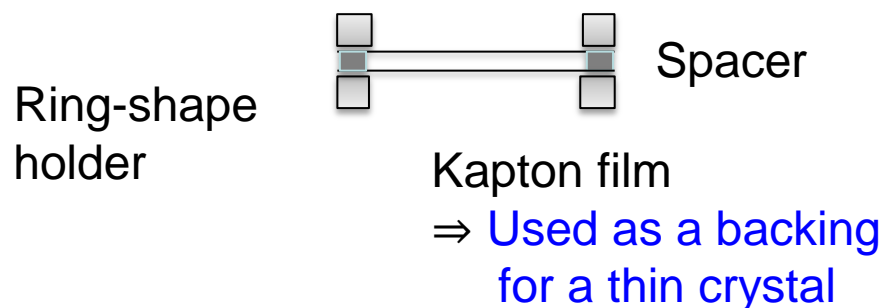
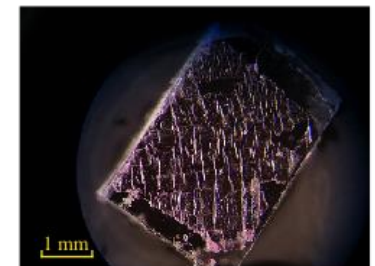
# Fabrication of thin target (1/2)

K. Tateishi, J. Phys. Soc.  
Jpn. 82 (2013) 084005

- Cell method
  - Grow single crystal between two glass plates
  - Crystal thickness can be adjusted from 1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$



- Film method (under development)
  - Use Kapton films instead of glass



# Fabrication of thin target (2/2)

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- Sublimation method
  - Proof-of-principle test succeeded two days ago!
  - Heat up one side of crystal in vacuum, let the crystal sublimate
  - Thickness is controllable. Uniformity is to be checked
- Just by polishing
  - Too fragile?

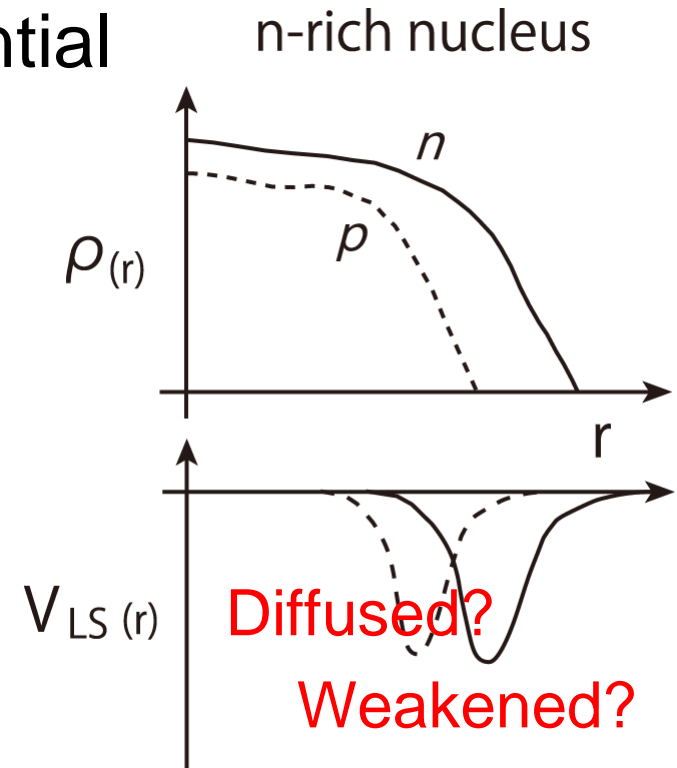
# Spin-orbit coupling in $pA$ scattering

- Spin-orbit term of optical potential

- Proton feels spin-orbit force at nuclear surface

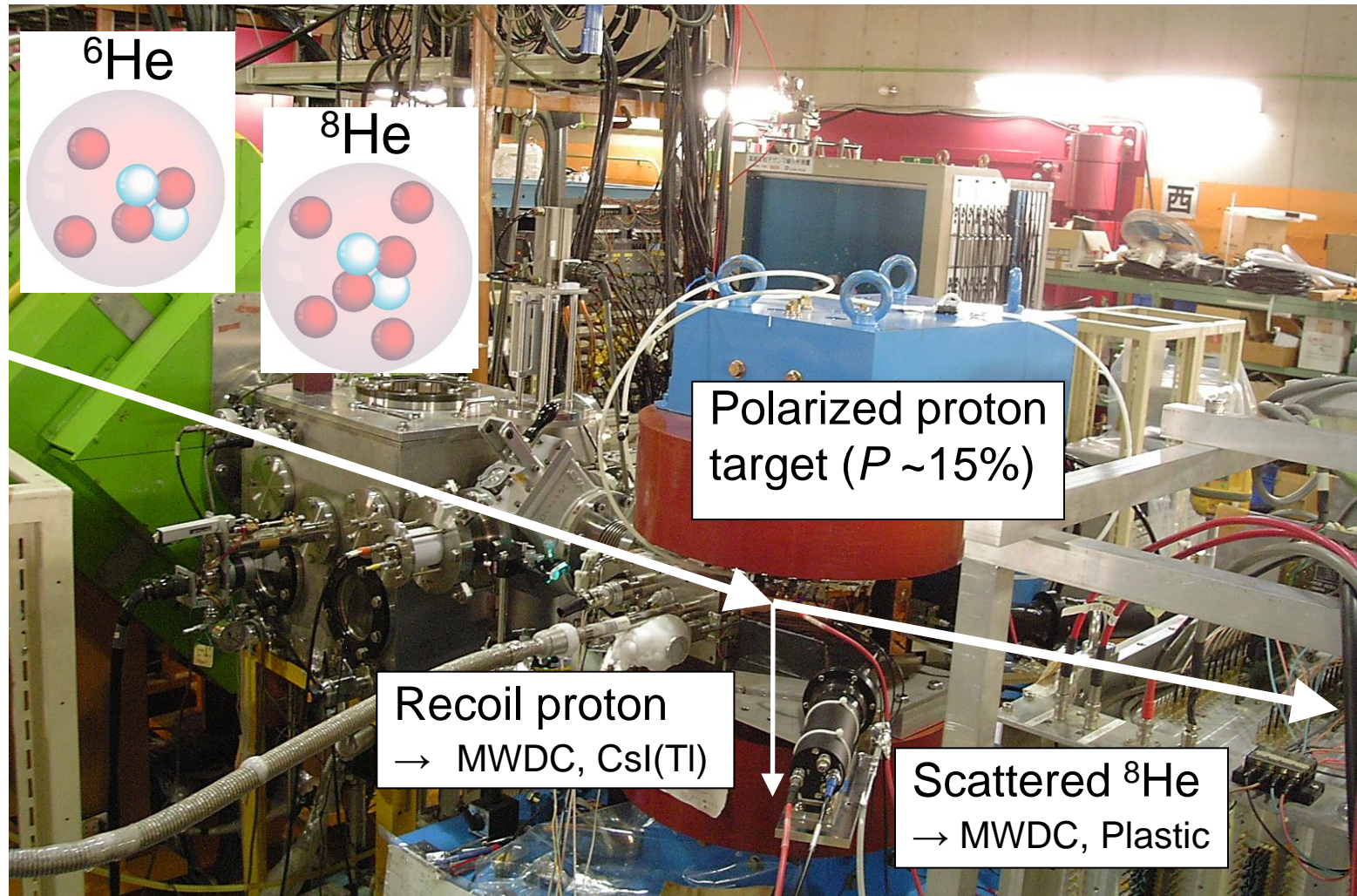
$$U_{\text{so}} = [1 + \alpha \rho(r)]^{-1} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\rho}{dr}$$

- Nuclei with extended neutron distribution



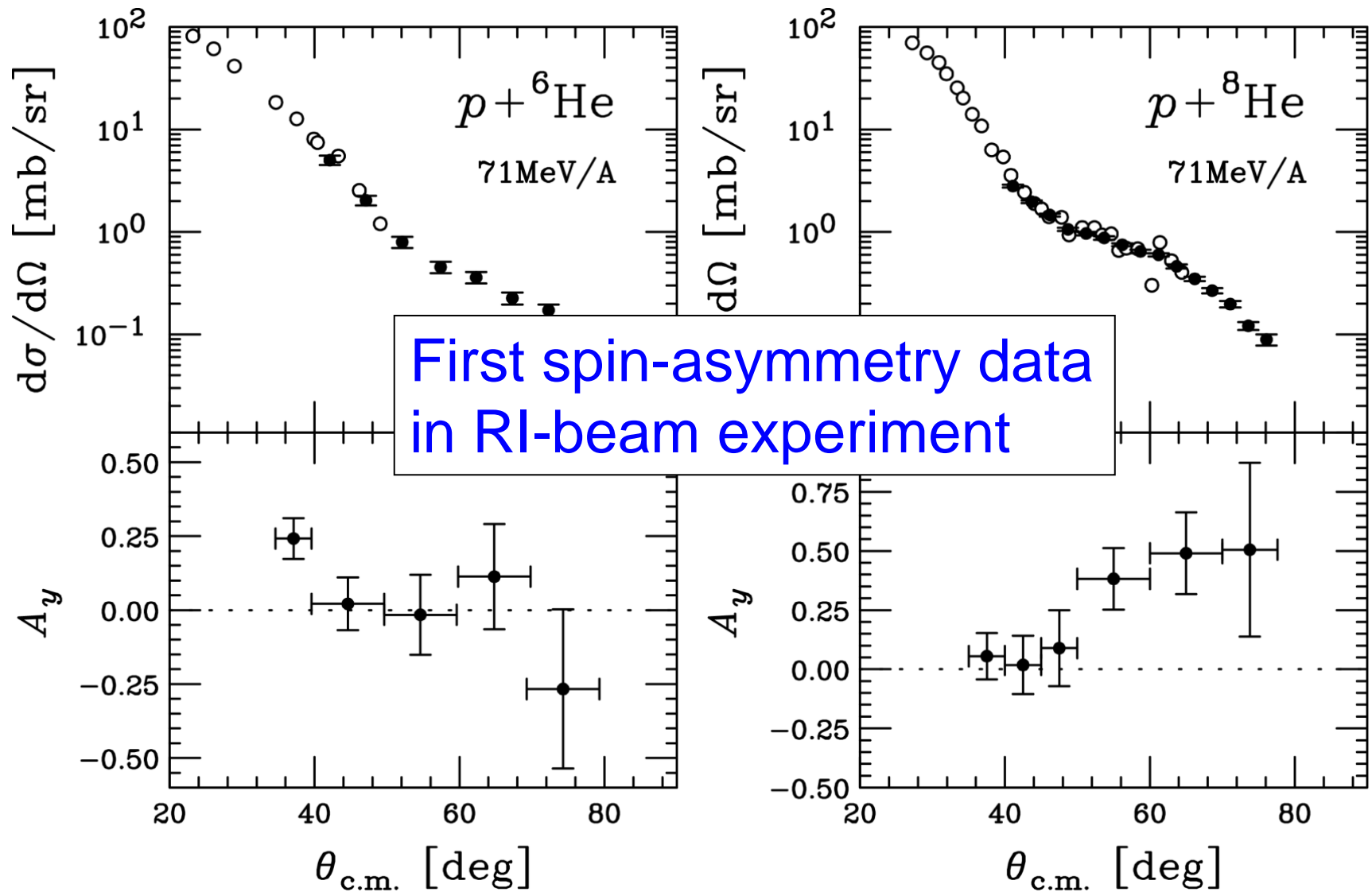
How does **extended neutron distribution** affect the **spin-orbit potential**?

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# Experimental data

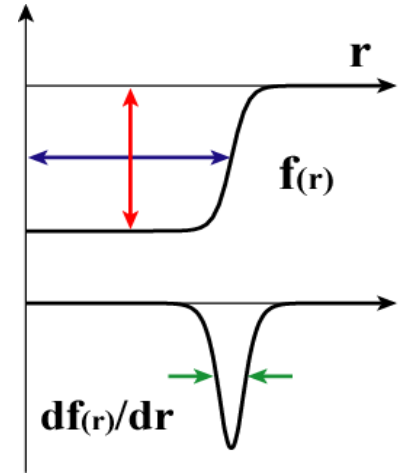


# Optical potential is assumed

- Phenomenological potential

- Parameter: Depth, Radius, Diffuseness

$$f(r; r_0, a_0) = \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \frac{r - r_0 A^{1/3}}{a_0} \right) \right]^{-1}$$



- Central term: WS type, Spin-orbit term: **Fermi type**

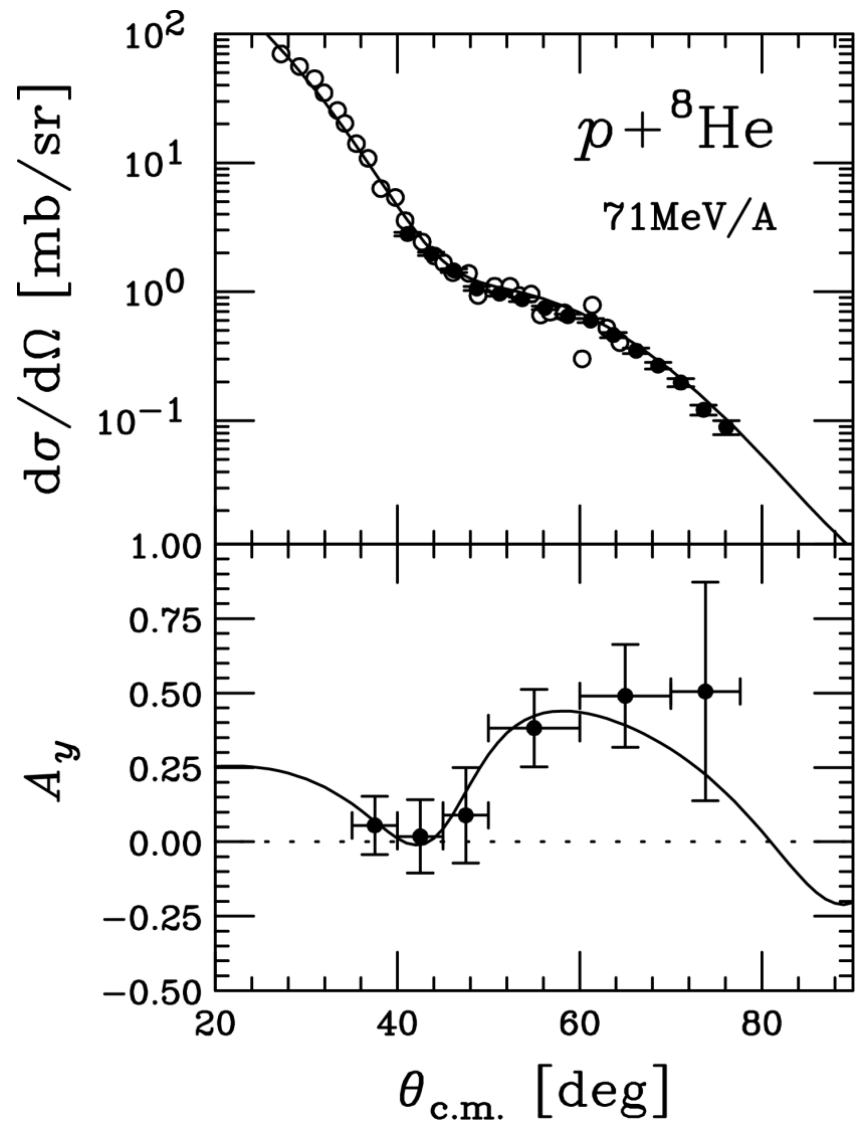
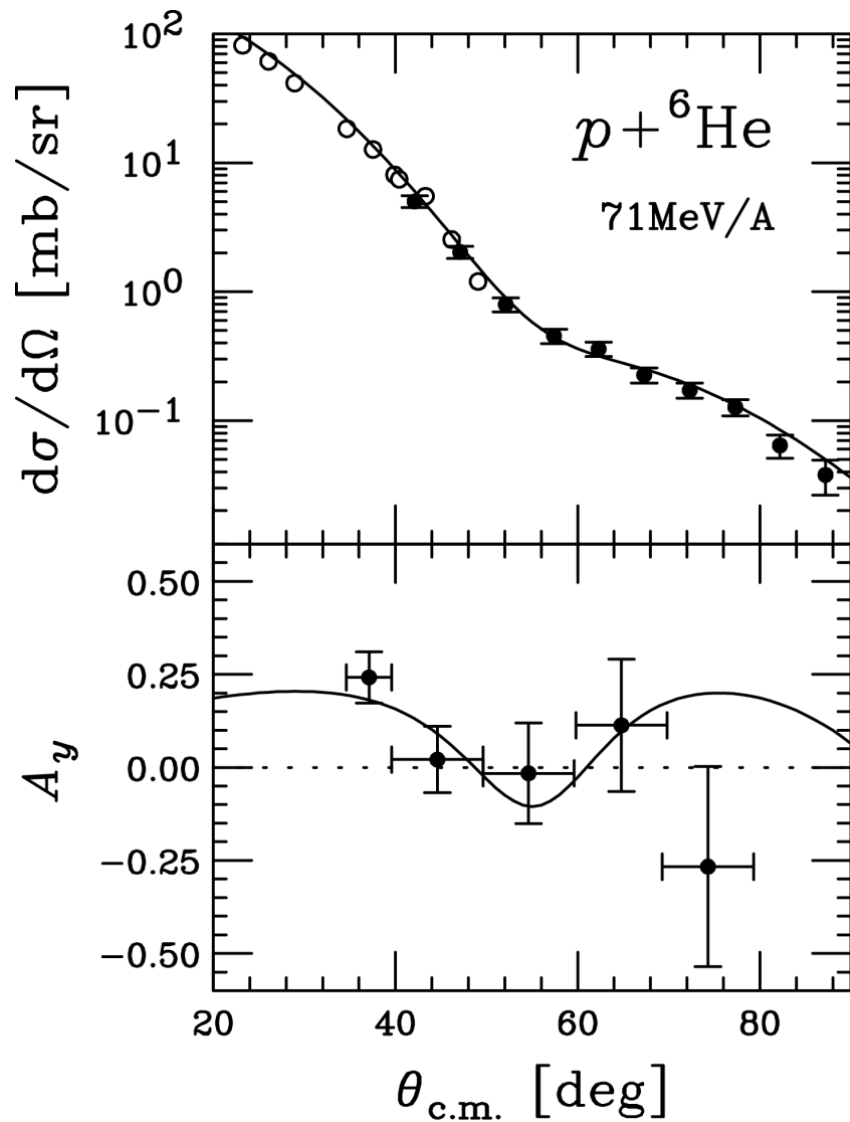
$$U(r) = V_{Coul}(r) + \boxed{V_R f(r; r_R, a_R)} + \boxed{iW_{wv} f(r; r_{wv}, a_{wv})}$$

$$- 4a_{ws} W_{ws} i \frac{d}{dr} f(r; r_{ws}, a_{ws})$$

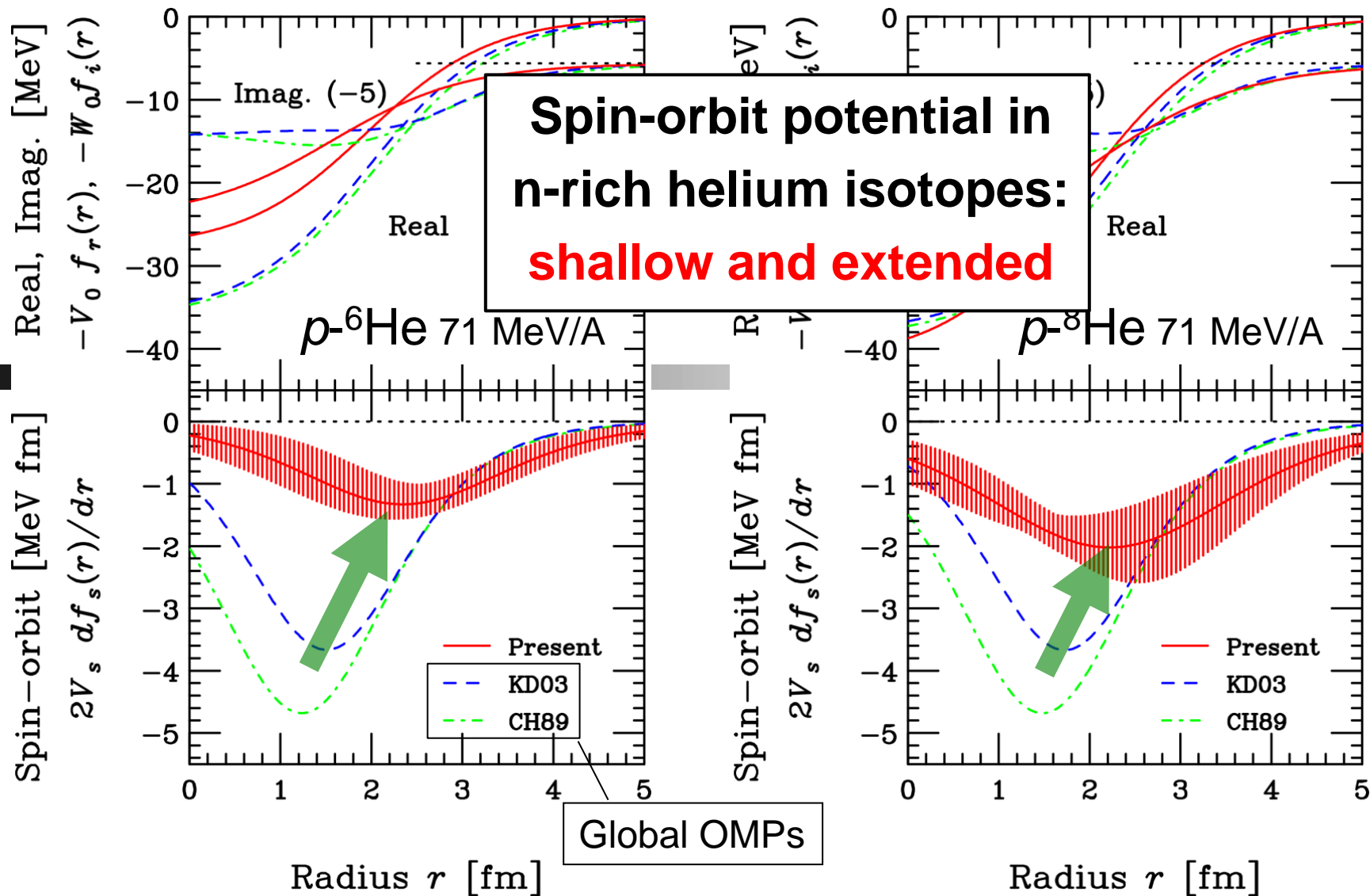
$$+ \boxed{V_{ls} \left( \frac{\hbar}{m_\pi c} \right)^2 \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f(r; r_{ls}, a_{ls}) (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L})}$$



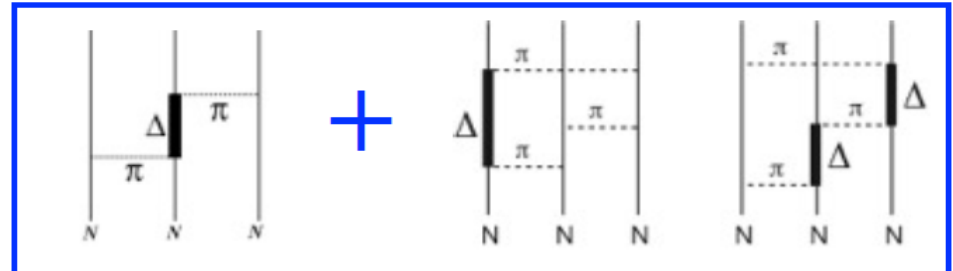
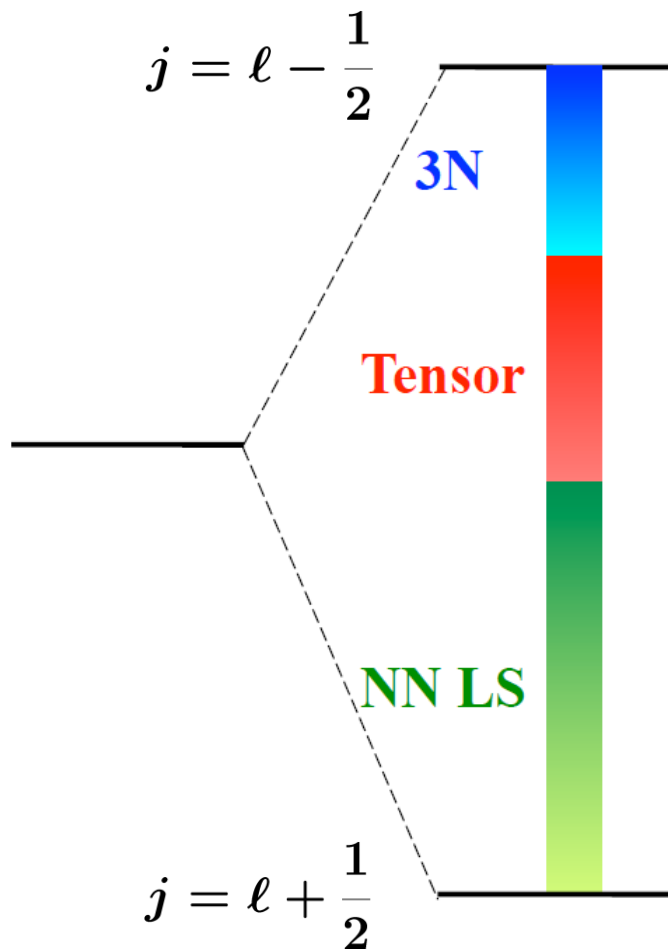
# Fitted to data



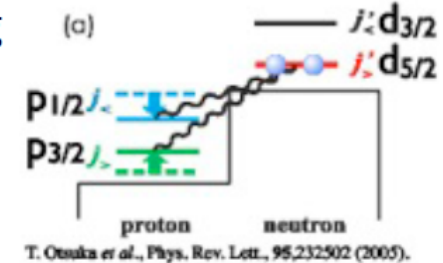
# Obtained potentials. Strange behavior!



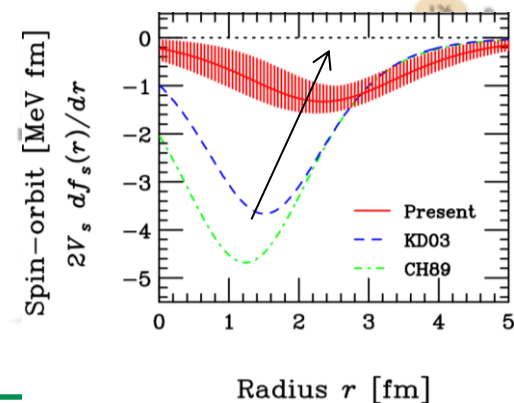
# Closer look at spin-orbit splitting



**First-order tensor effect by Otsuka**  
**2p2h+Pauli-blocking**  
 → Myo, Kato

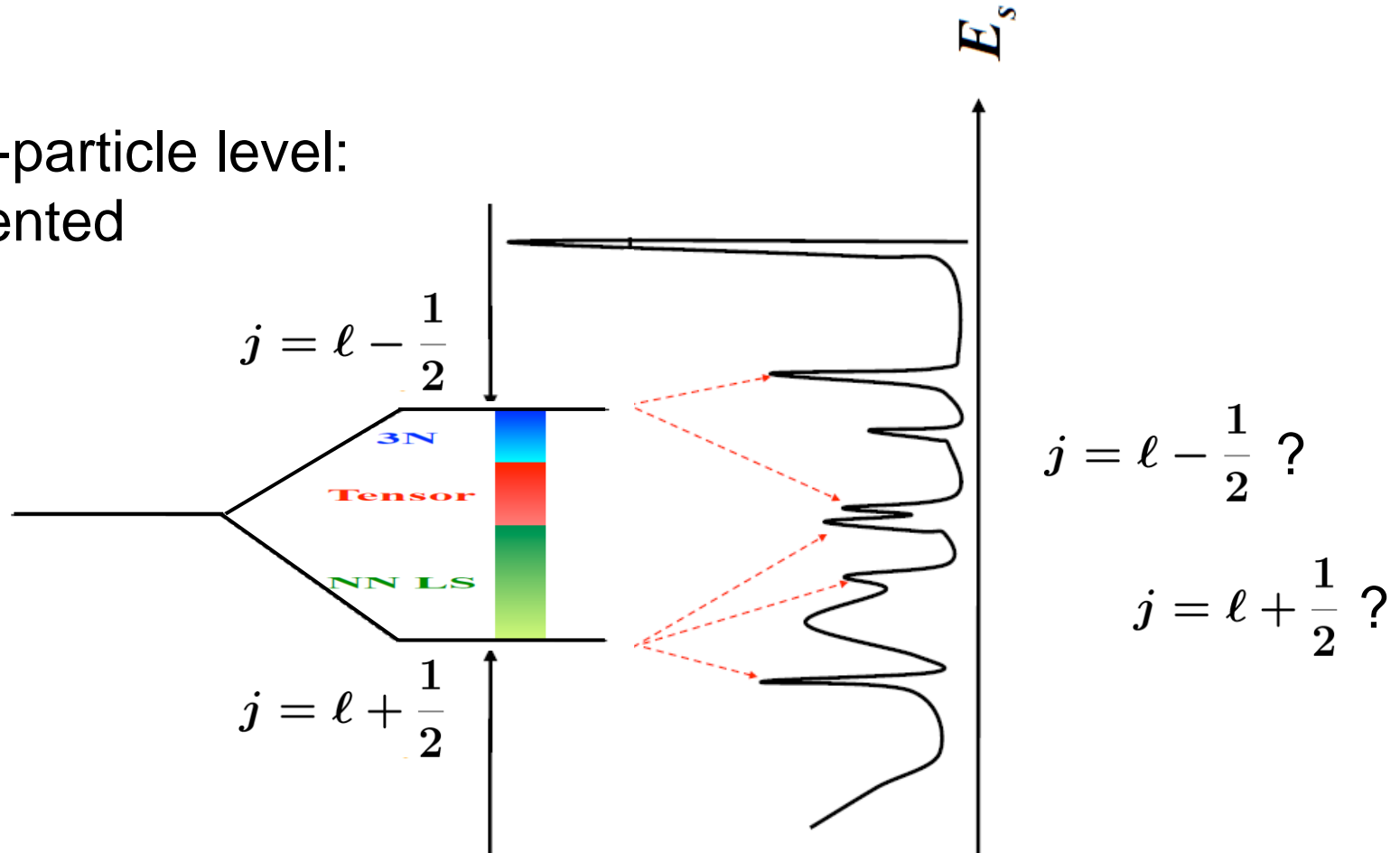


**Mean-field effects**



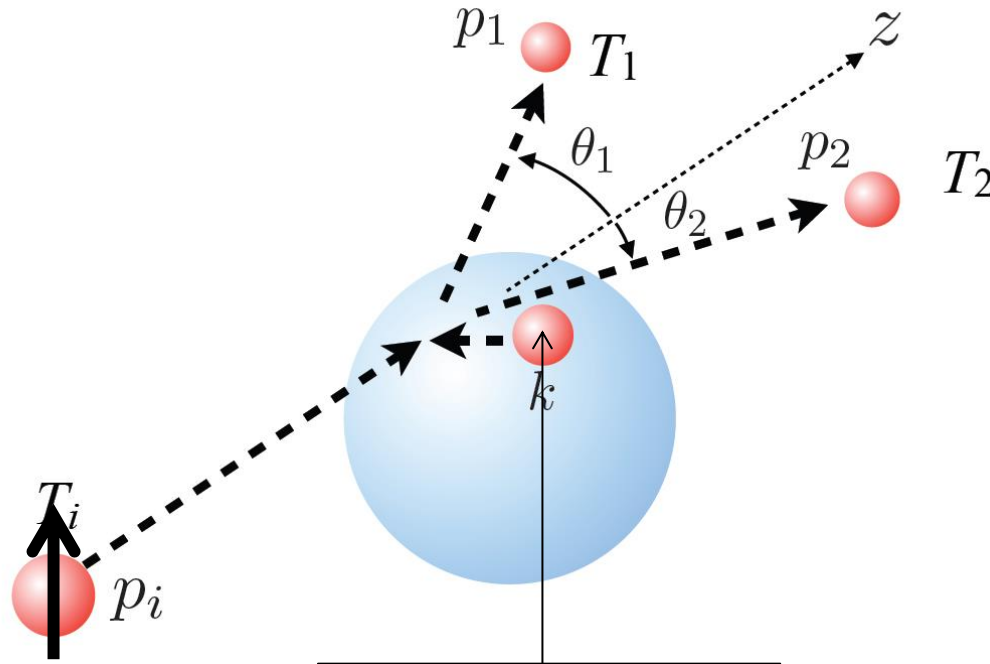
# Determination of spin-orbit splitting

Single-particle level:  
fragmented



Measure binding energy  $E$  and assign  $L$  and  $J$  state-by-state

# $J$ assignment by $(\vec{p}, 2p)$ reaction

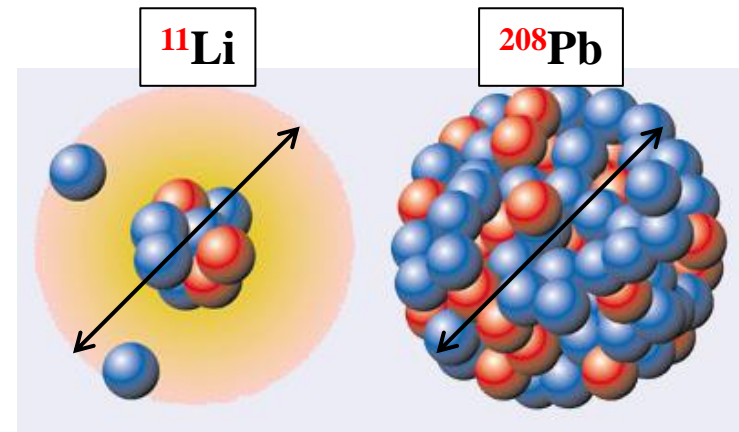


$$j = \ell - \frac{1}{2} ?$$
$$j = \ell + \frac{1}{2} ?$$

# Experimental plan 1: ${}^9\text{C}+p$ (partially approved)

## ■ Why is ${}^{11}\text{Li}$ bound?

- ${}^{11}\text{Li}$  = borromean nucleus  
( ${}^9\text{Li} + n + n$ : 3-body system)
- Where is the ground state?
- What is the spin-parity?
- What is the  $n - {}^9\text{Li}$  potential?
- Spectroscopy of unbound  ${}^{10}\text{Li}$
- Information of  ${}^{10}\text{N}$  (IAS of  ${}^{10}\text{Li}$ )
- ${}^9\text{C}+p$  resonant scattering

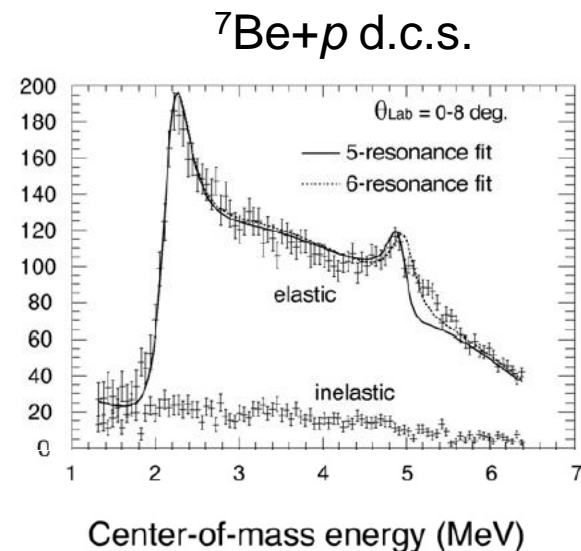


Borromean ring



# Experimental plan 2: ${}^7\text{Be}+p$

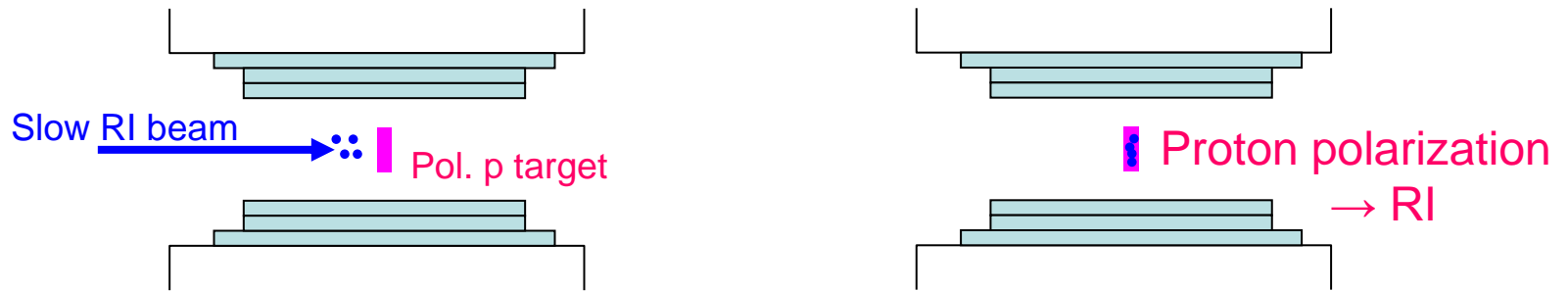
- Solar neutrino problem
  - Resonances in  ${}^8\text{B} \Leftrightarrow$  Reaction rate of  ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$   
(key reaction in **solar  ${}^8\text{B}$  neutrino production**)
  - Resonances of 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>+</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>+</sup>  
**Not found** (probably due to extremely large width)
  - **Polarization data** will be useful for finding them!
  - **New spectroscopic method for nuclear astrophysics**



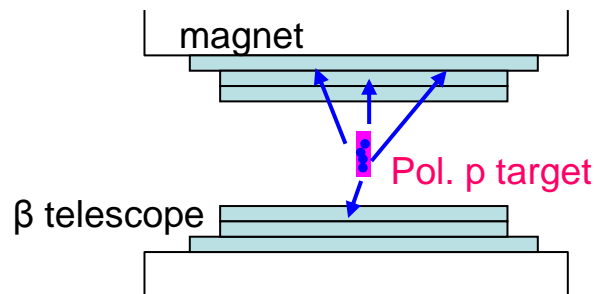
CRIB (CNS/RIKEN)  
by H. Yamaguchi  
PLB 672 (2009) 230.

# Measurement of magnetic moment

- Polarization transfer to stopped RI



- Measurement of **magnetic moment** by  $\beta$ -NMR
  - Angular distribution of  $\beta$  rays with respect to pol. axis



$$W(\theta) = 1 + AP \cos \theta$$

A : asymmetry factor

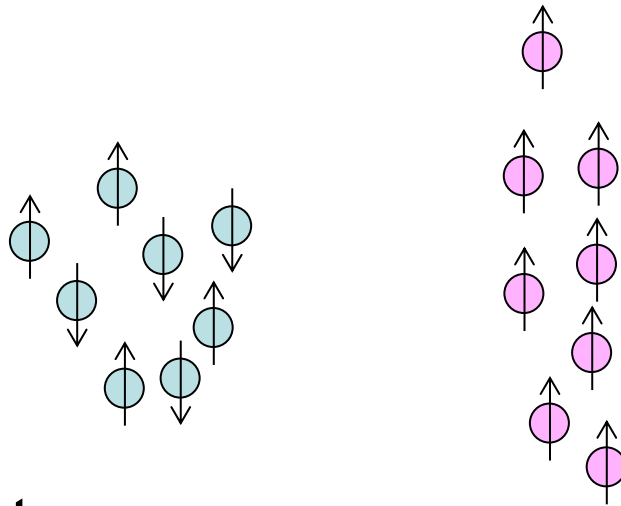
P : spin polarization



# Production of slow neutron beam

- Neutron spin filter

- Difference between scattering cross section ( $\sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow} \ll \sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow}$ )



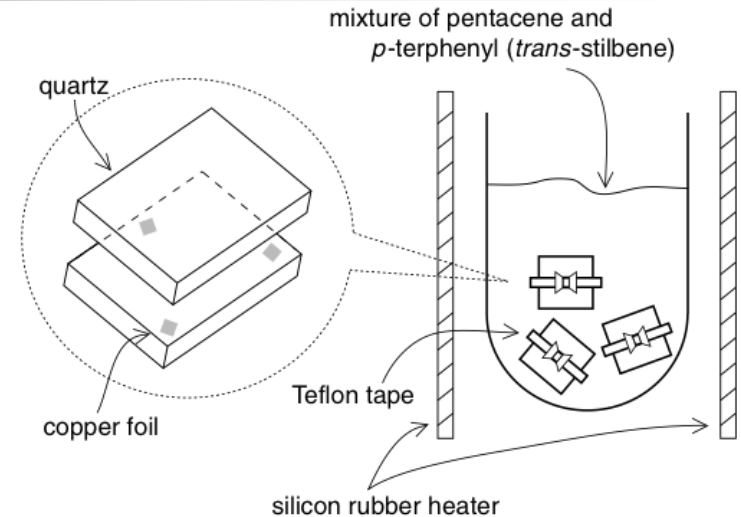
- Advantages

- Any energy (cold, thermal, hot neutrons)  
 $\Leftrightarrow < 20\text{meV}$  (super mirror polarizer)
- Low magnetic field of 0.3T, no complicated cryostat  
 $\Leftrightarrow 2.5\text{T}, 0.5\text{K}$  (standard neutron filter)

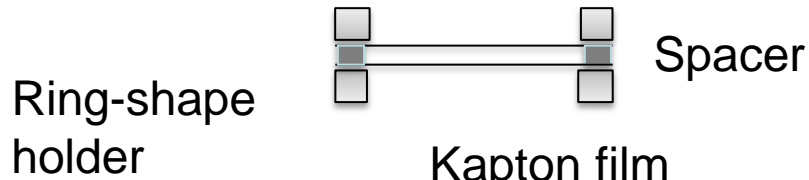
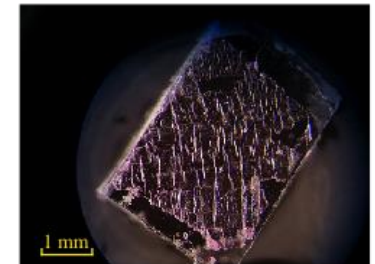
# Fabrication of thin target

K. Tateishi, J. Phys. Soc.  
Jpn. 82 (2013) 084005

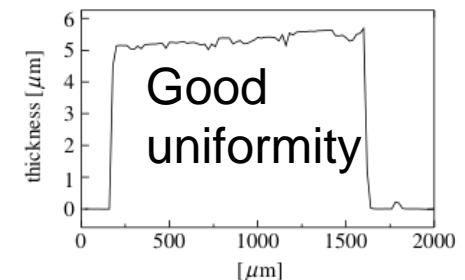
- Cell method
  - Grow single crystal between two glass plates
  - Crystal thickness can be adjusted from 1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$



- Film method (under development)
  - Use Kapton films instead of glass



⇒ Used as a backing  
for a thin crystal

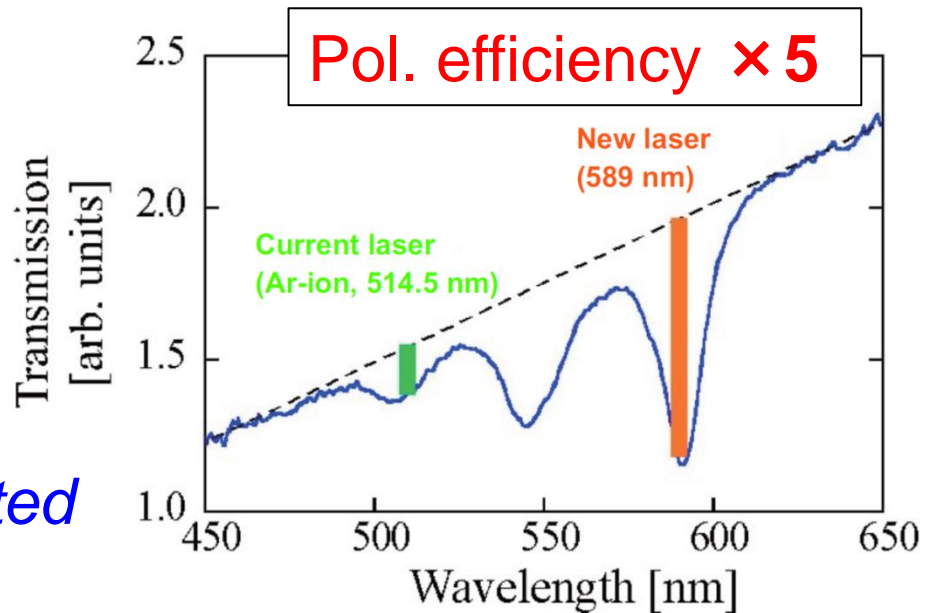
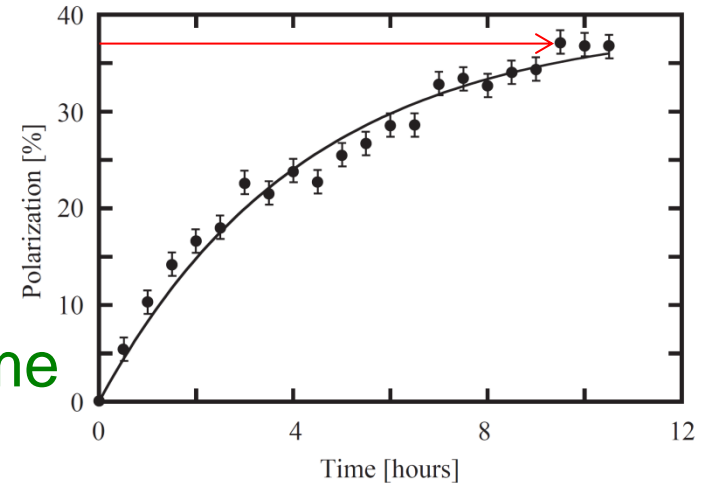


# Enhancement of polarization

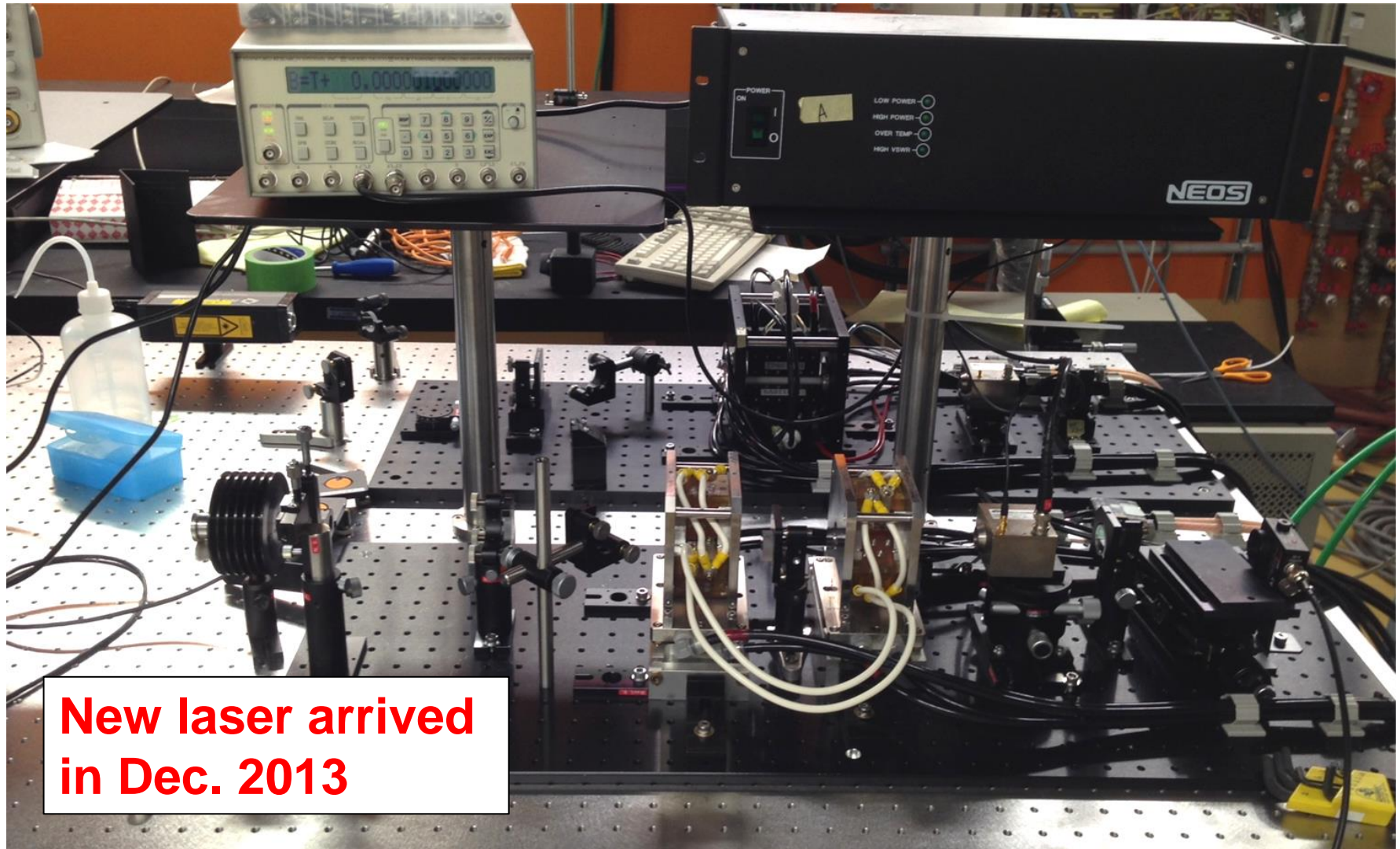
- Bottleneck of polarization
  - **Small crystal: 37%**
    - ⇔ Large crystal: 13-20%
  - **Shortage of laser power / volume**
  - Mismatch of wavelength

- New laser
  - Optimum  $\lambda$ : 589 nm
  - High power: 10 W  
(50 times higher)

*Just arrived and being tested*



# Enhancement of polarization



**New laser arrived  
in Dec. 2013**

# Expected polarization

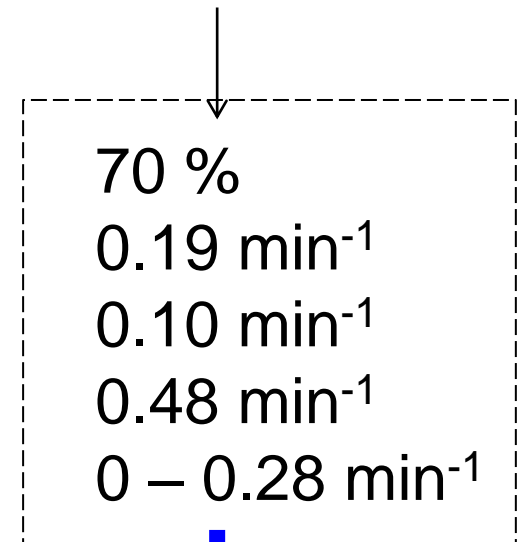
## ■ Estimation

$$P_p = \frac{A P_e}{A + G_{\text{int}} + G_{\text{para}} + G_x}$$

$P_e$	Electron polarization
$A$	Build-up rate
$G_{\text{int}}$	Relax. rate (intrinsic)
$G_{\text{para}}$	Relax. rate (paramagnetic)
$G_x$	Relax. rate (e dynamics)

$P_p$  **Proton polarization**

Evaluated from current parameters. Laser power is assumed to be **12W**.



**15 ± 2 %**

# Applications of room-temp. polarization

- Hyper-sensitivity Magnetic Resonance Imaging
  - Use of proton polarization in thermal equilibrium
    - $P_p: \sim 5 \times 10^{-4} \% \Leftrightarrow 14.1\% \text{ (Present)}$
  - Polarization transfer to  $^{13}\text{C}$
- Quantum computing
  - Long coherent time
- Structure analysis
  - Spin filter using  $\sigma_{\uparrow\downarrow} \gg \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}$
  - Polarized neutron beam

# Study of resonance state of rare isotope

- Resonant proton scattering

- Information of energy, width,  $J^\pi$  of resonance states

- Excited states of proton-rich nuclei
    - g.s. of nuclei outside proton drip line
    - IAS of neutron-rich nuclei

- $A_y \Rightarrow$  total angular momentum “ $j$ ”

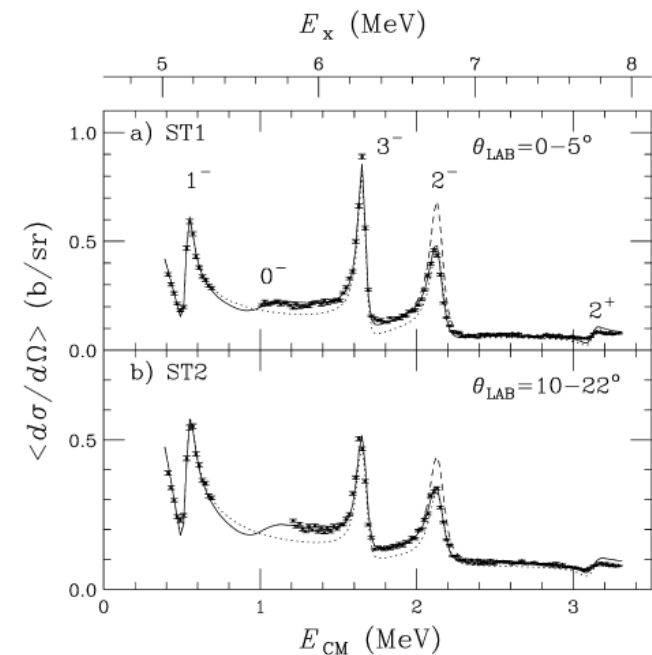
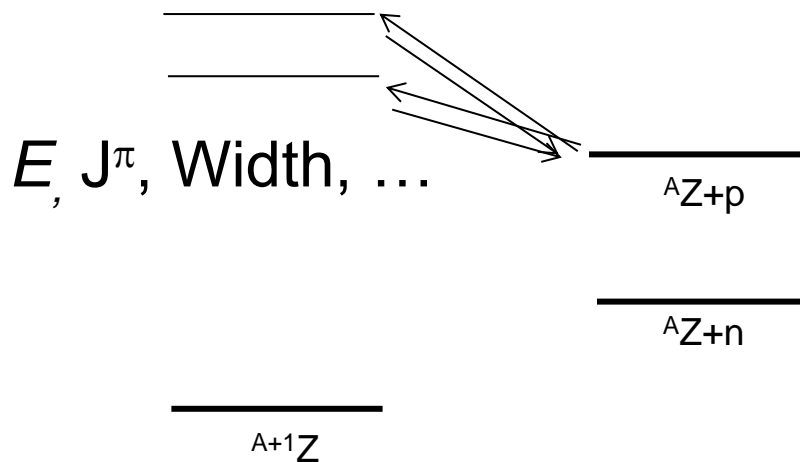
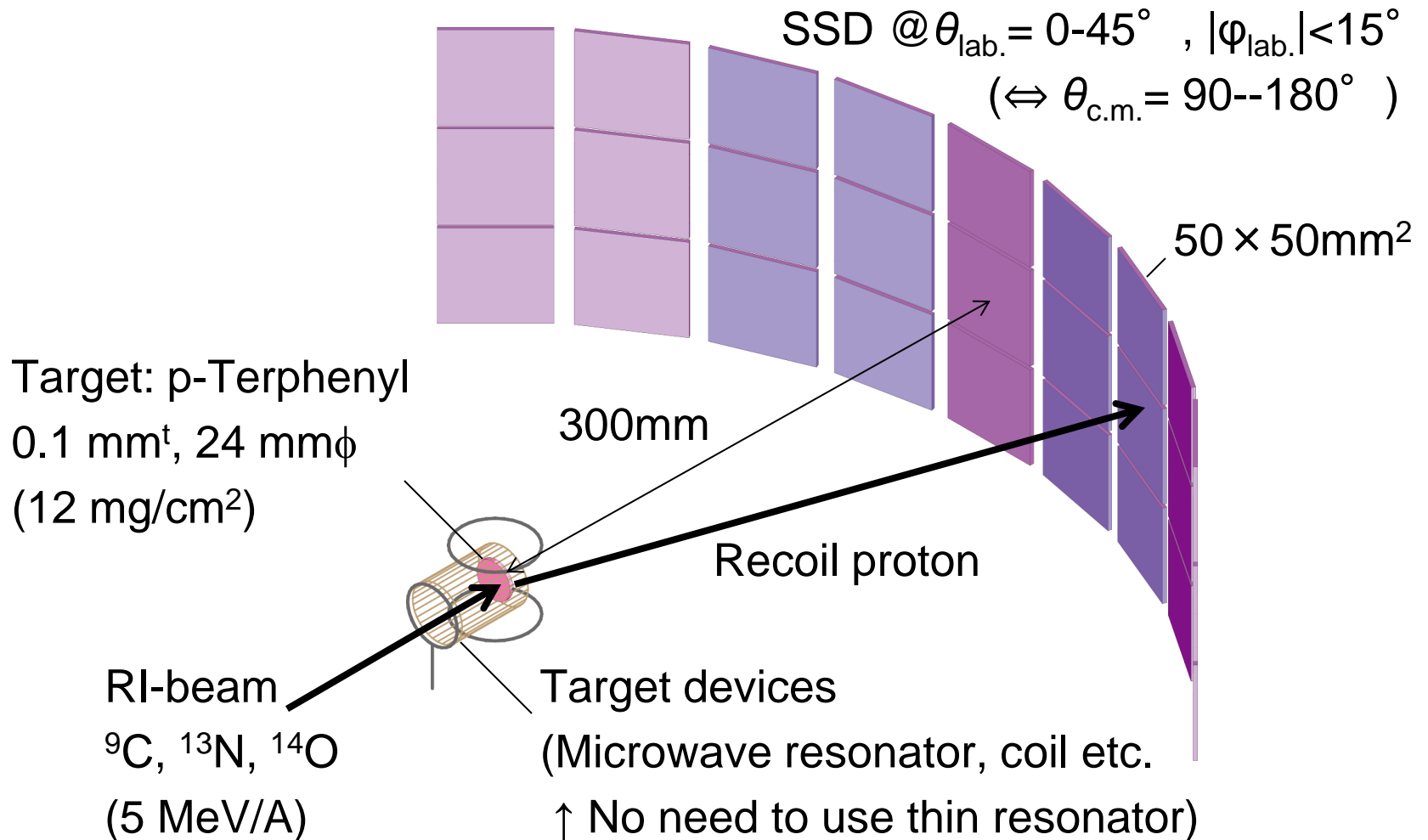


Fig. 3. Experimental excitation functions for the  $^{13}\text{N} + p$  scattering measured by (a) ST1 and (b) ST2. The solid lines show the result of the fitting calculation. The dashed lines represent the result when  $J^\pi$  for the 6.8 MeV level is changed to  $3^-$ . The dotted lines show the result without a contribution of the  $0^-$  level at  $E_x = 5.71$  MeV. The gaps at  $E_{CM} \sim 0.8$  MeV are due to the detector dead layers.

# Solid polarized proton target @RIKEN

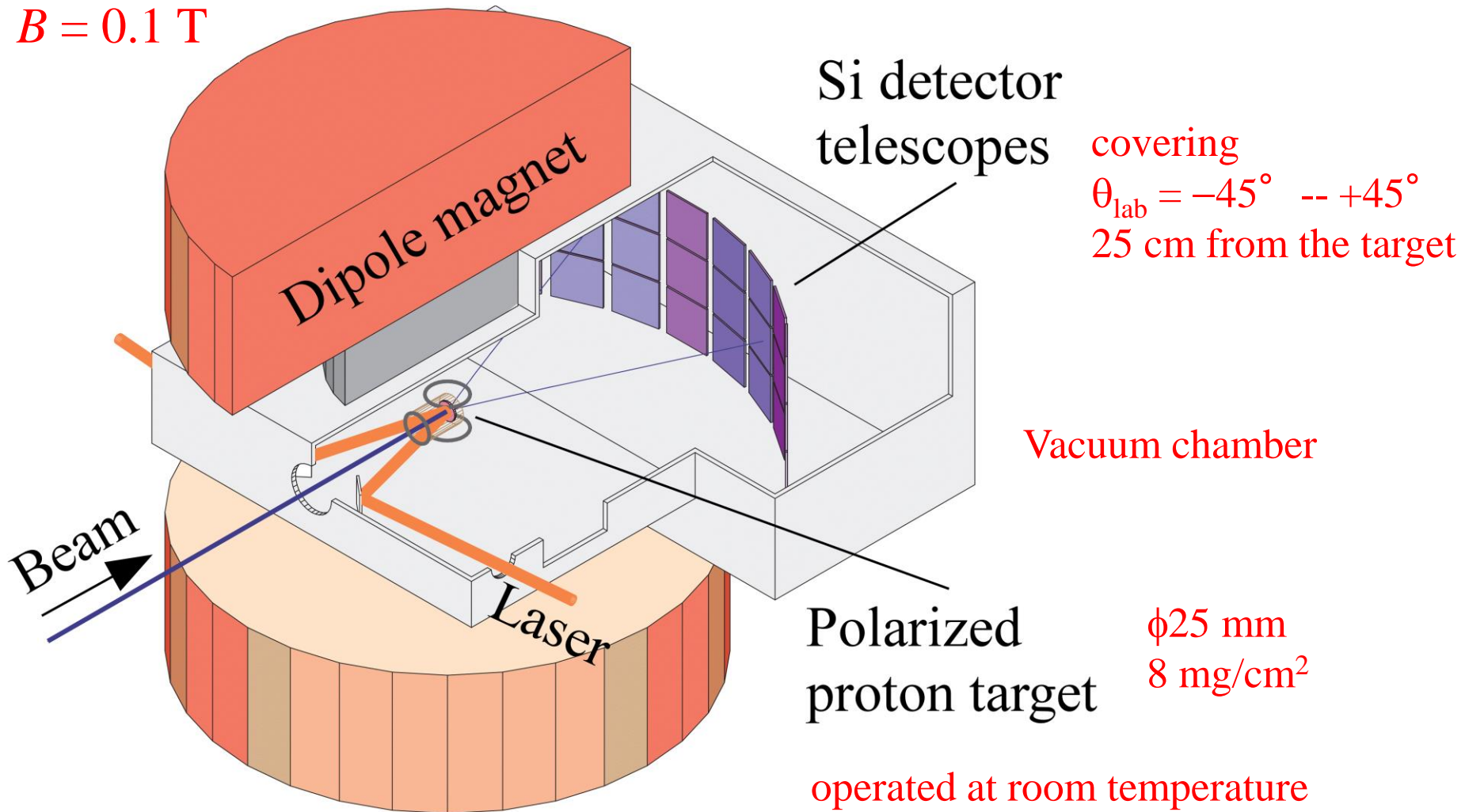
- Experimental setup in low-energy exp.





# Experimental setup

$B = 0.1 \text{ T}$

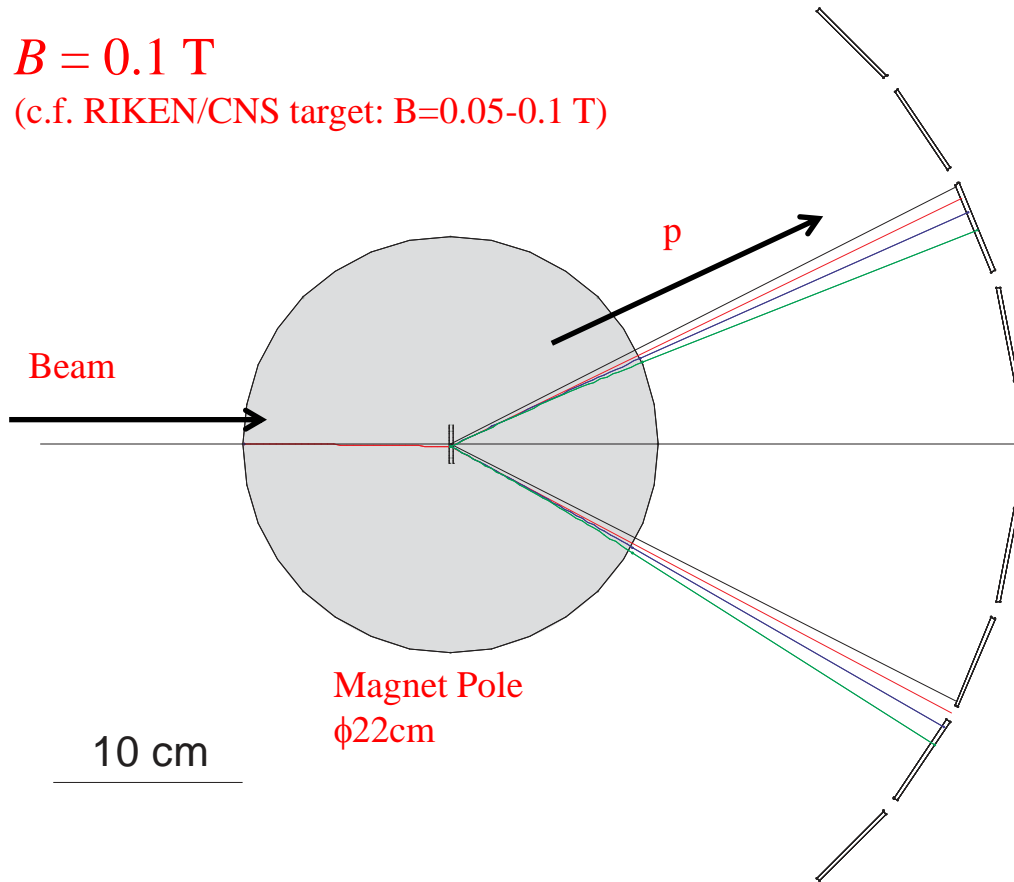


Laser: 10W,  $\lambda = 589 \text{ nm}$

# Bending of particle trajectory in mag. field

$B = 0.1 \text{ T}$

(c.f. RIKEN/CNS target:  $B=0.05\text{-}0.1 \text{ T}$ )



— No magnetic field  
 $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 22.5^\circ$

—  $E_p \gg 5 \text{ MeV}$   
(beam bending)

—  $E_p = 5 \text{ MeV}$

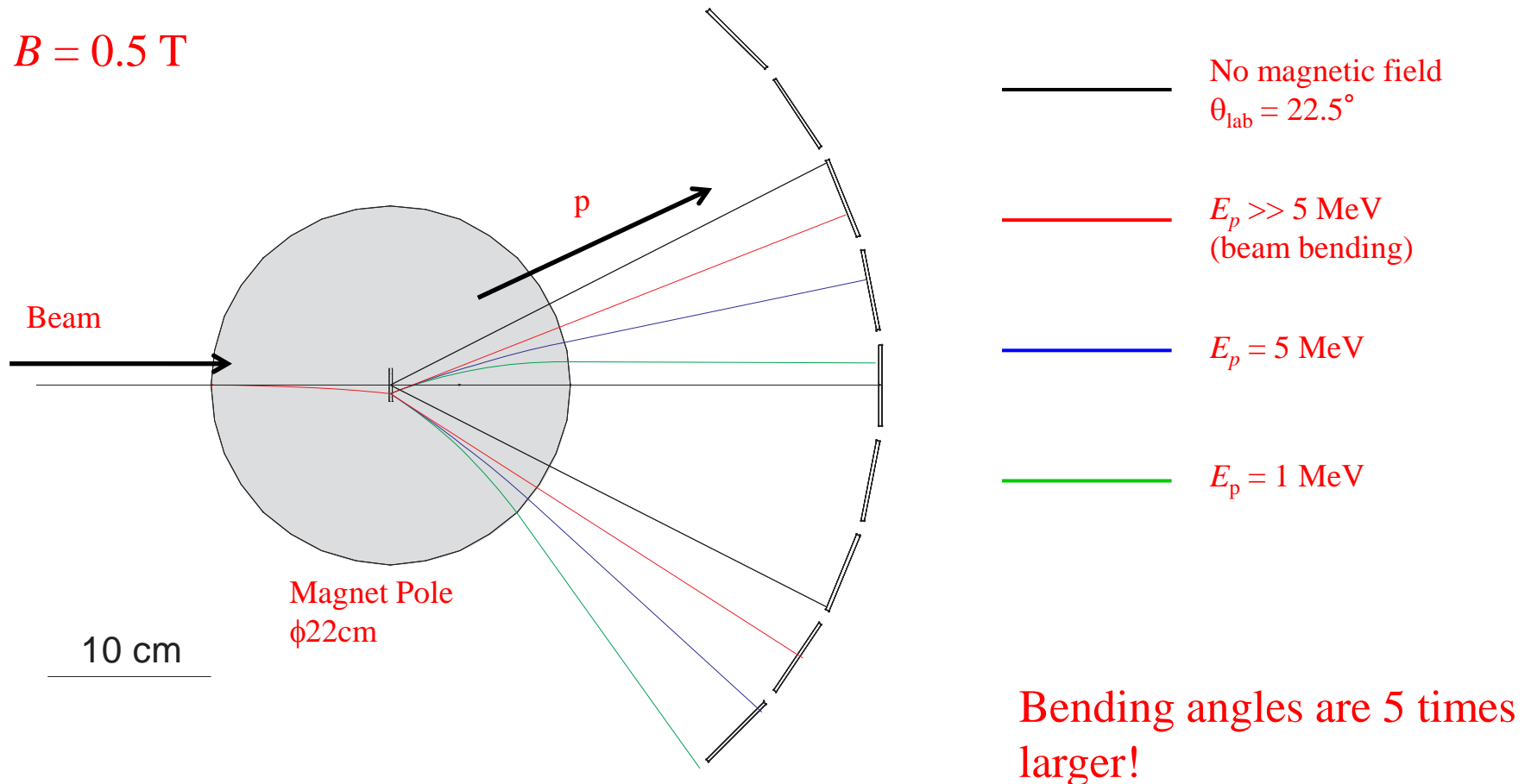
—  $E_p = 1 \text{ MeV}$

Proton bending angle =  $4^\circ$   
at  $E_p = 1 \text{ MeV}$

Beam bending angle =  $1^\circ$   
at  $E(^{13}\text{N}) = 4 \text{ MeV/u}$

It is not difficult to make corrections for the trajectory bending in the data analysis.

# $B = 0.5 \text{ T}$ case for comparison...



Detectors need to cover a large angular range for a single scattering angle.

# Material thickness

- Energy loss of recoil proton and RI-beam
  - Typical energy: 1-10MeV (proton),  $\sim 7\text{MeV/A}$  (RI)
  - Range of recoil proton: 10-20 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

