

# Decay Studies



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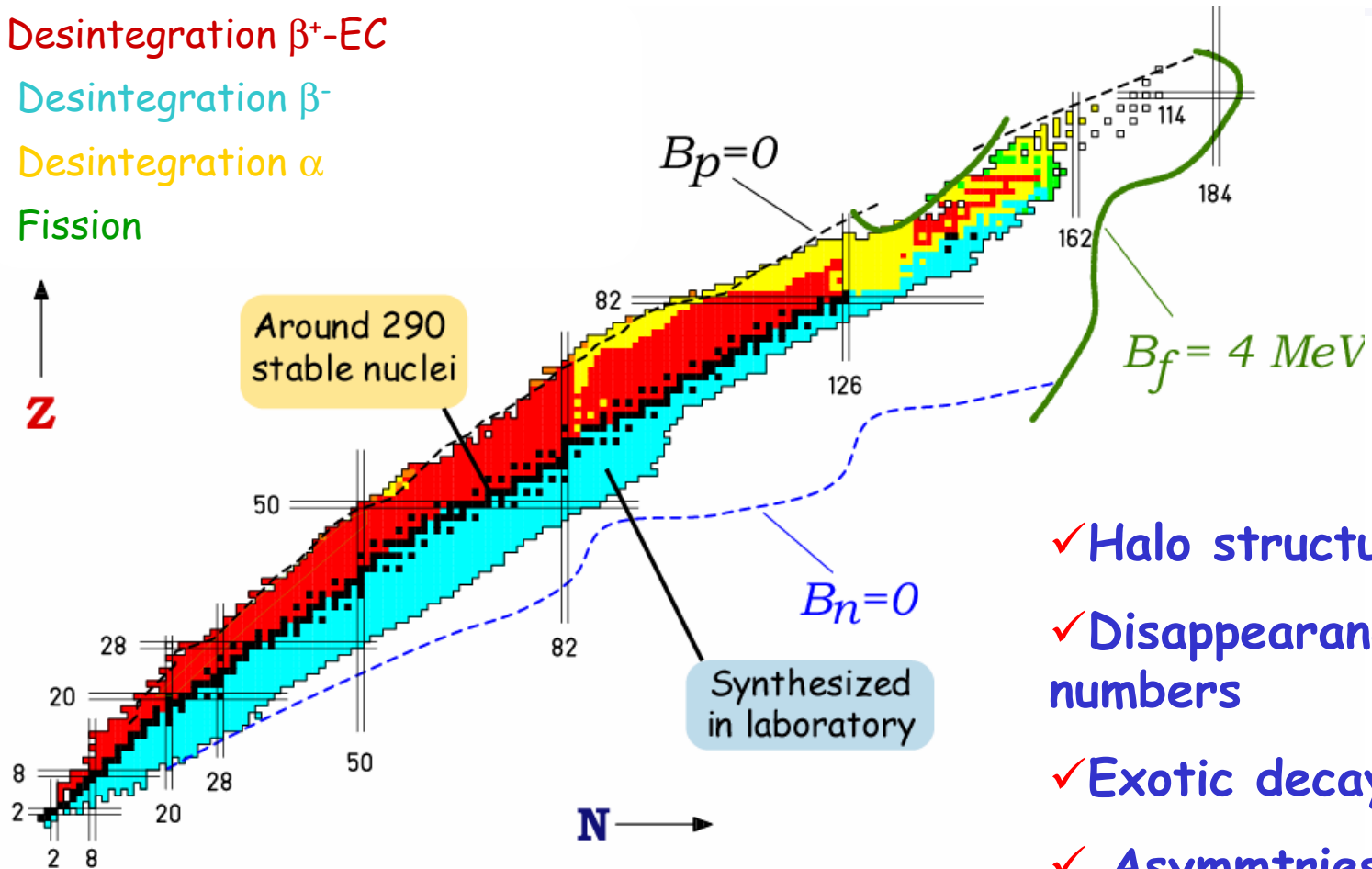
# Overview

Desintegration  $\beta^+$ -EC

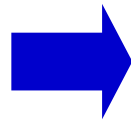
Desintegration  $\beta^-$

Desintegration  $\alpha$

Fission



Near the drip lines



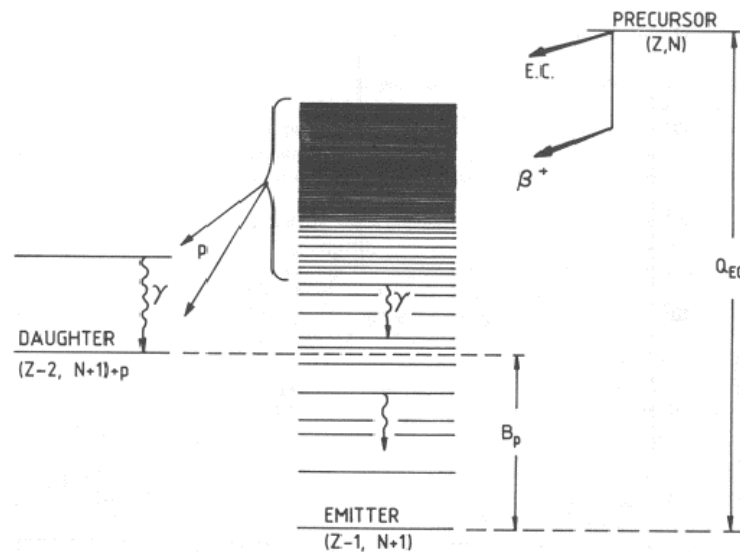
- ✓ Halo structure
- ✓ Disappearance of magic numbers
- ✓ Exotic decays
- ✓ Asymmetries
- ✓ Order to Chaos

# Beta-delayed Particle Emission

1916 Rutherford & Wood  $\beta\alpha$  [*Philos. Mag.* **31** (1916) 379]

1963 Barton & Bell identified  $^{25}\text{Si}$  as  $\beta p$

- The intensity of the particle depends of:
  - Beta intensity of the precursor
  - Probability of particle emission versus  $\gamma$



$$I_p^{if} = I_\beta^i \frac{\Gamma_p^{if}}{\Gamma^{if}}$$

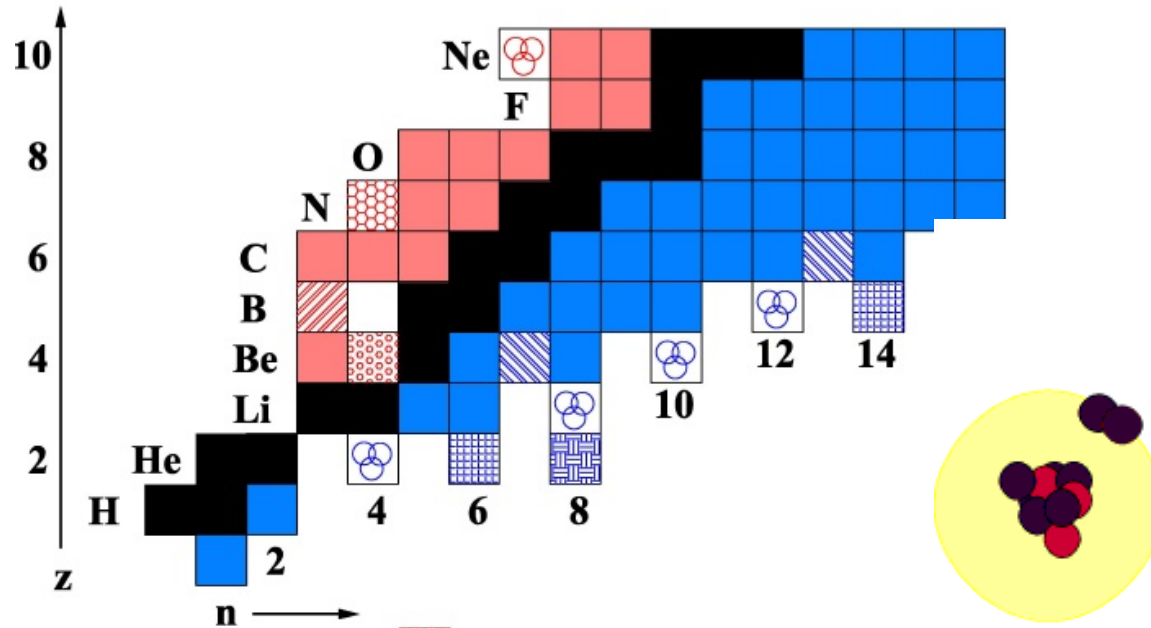
$E, \Gamma$









Level density

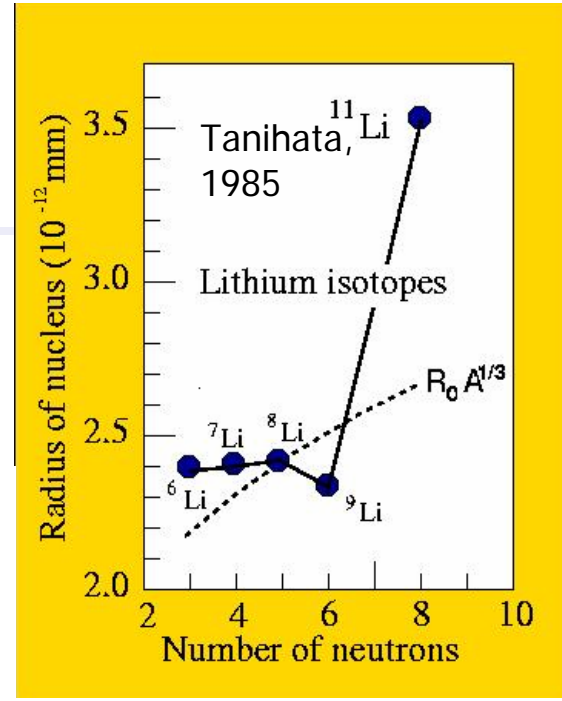
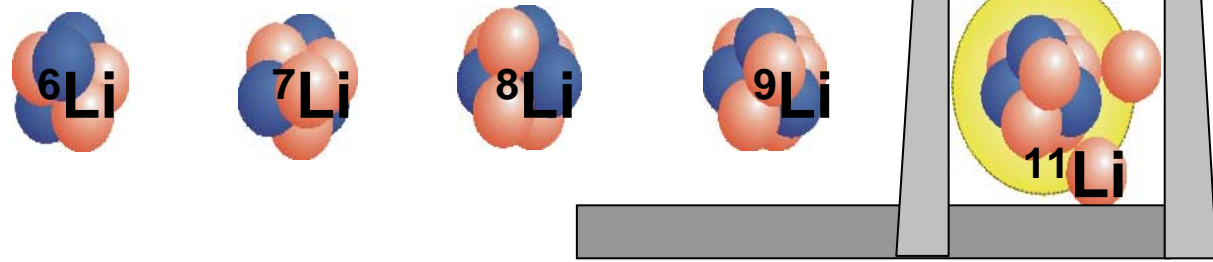
Spin, Isospin

$\beta$ -decay properties

# Halo nuclei

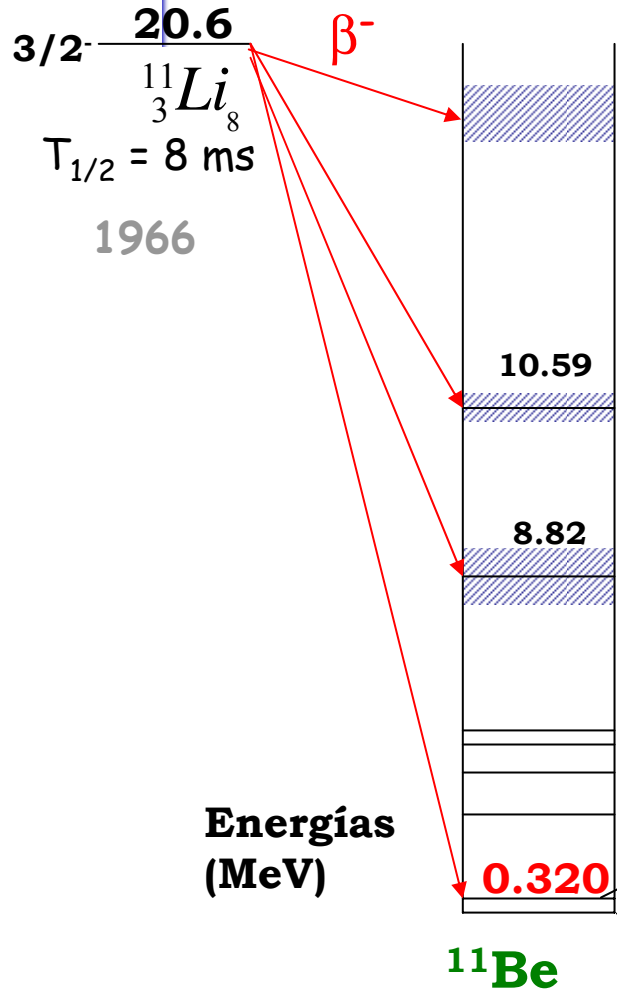


-  stable nuclei
-  neutron-rich nuclei
-  proton-rich nuclei
-  one proton halo
-  one neutron halo
-  Borromean nuclei
-  four neutron halo
-  nuclei of a special interest

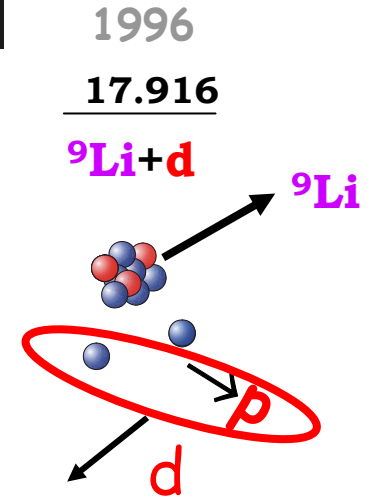
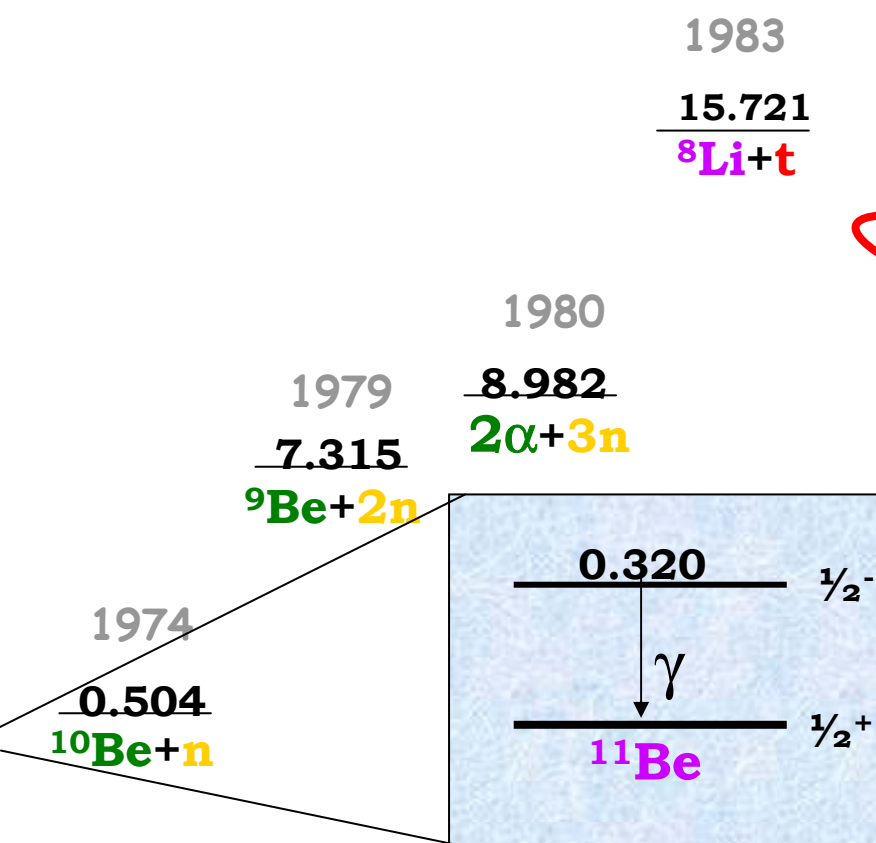


- ✓ Energy threshold effect
- ✓ Highlight by nuclear reactions
- ✓ Effects in beta decay

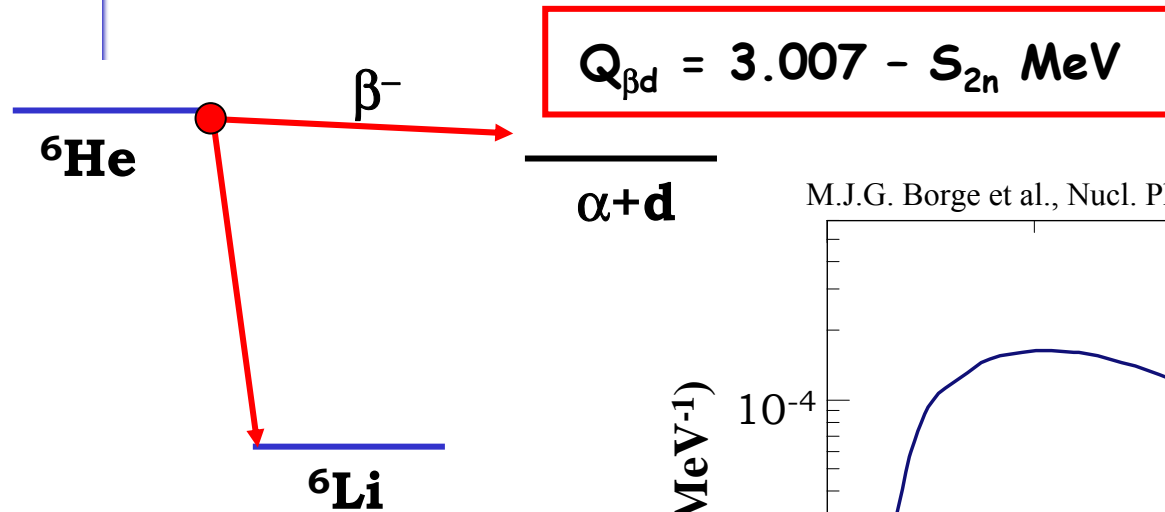
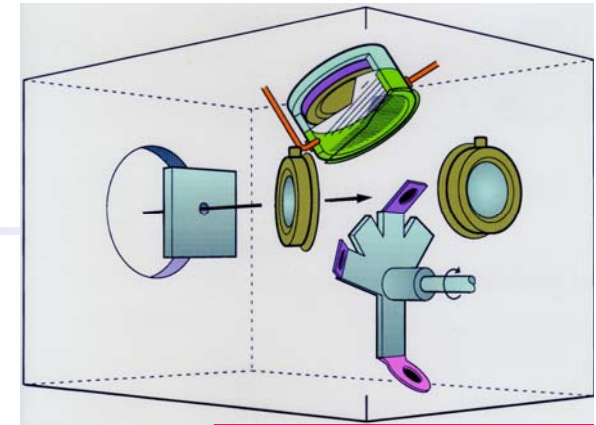
# Beta decay of an exotic nuclei



Even a neutron rich- nuclei emit charged particles

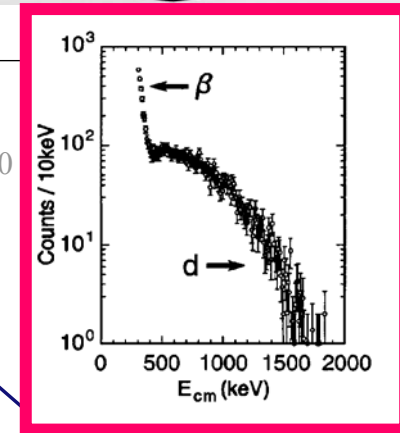


# Beta-delayed deuterons



M.J.G. Borge et al., Nucl. Phys. A560 (1993) 664

Anthony et al.,  
PRC 65 (2002) 034310

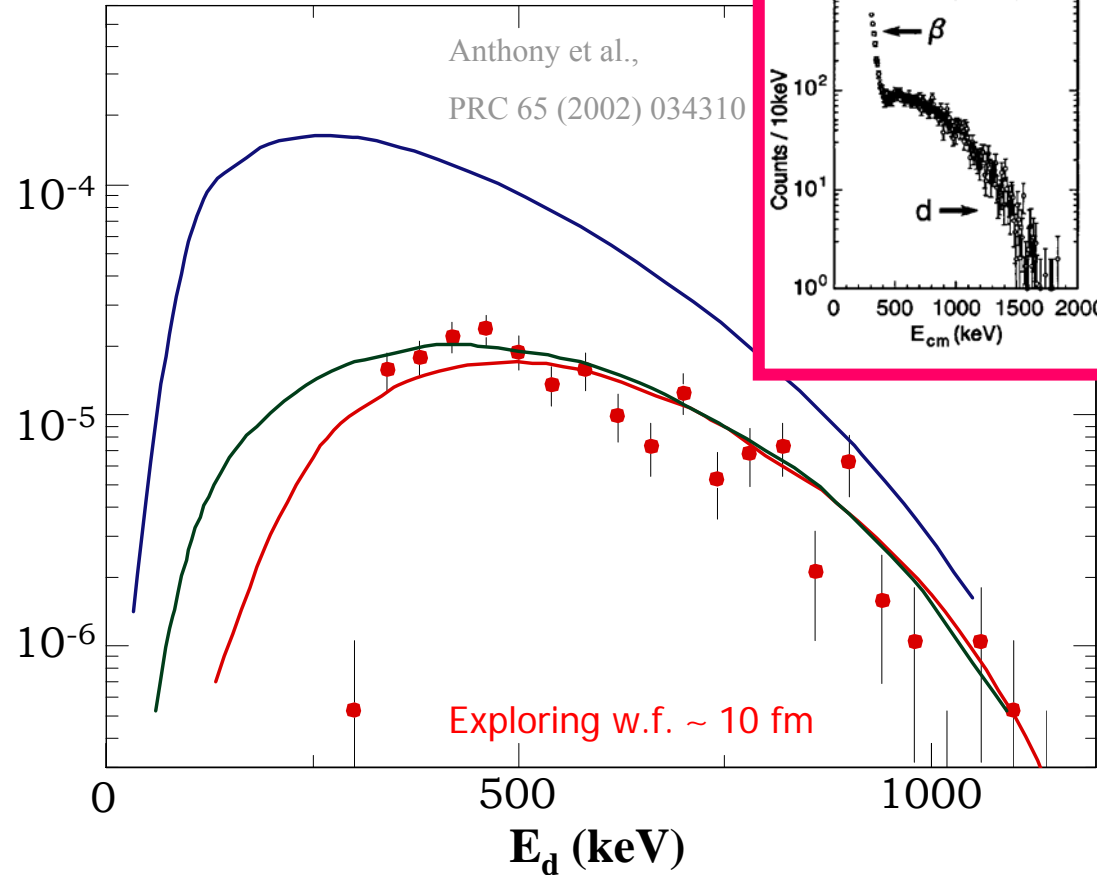


M.V. Zhukov et al., PRC47 (1993) 2937

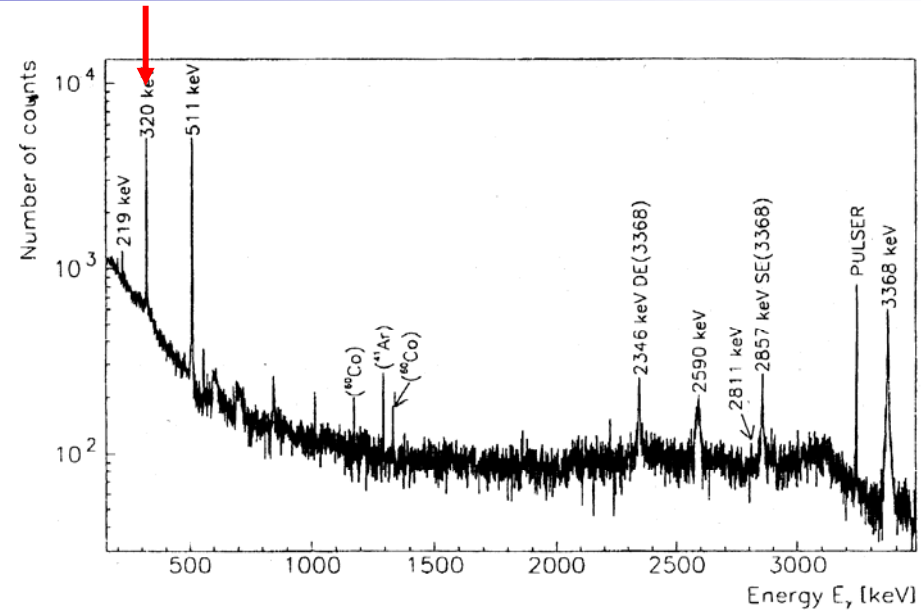
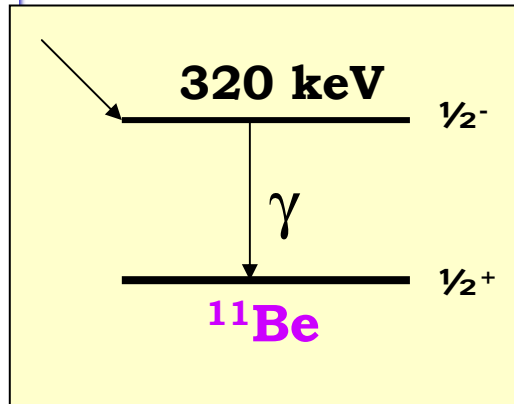
D. Baye et al., Prog. Th. Phys. 91 (1994) 271

F.C. Baker, Phys. Lett. B 322 (1994) 17

Intensity ( $\text{decay}^{-1} \text{ MeV}^{-1}$ )



# $^{11}\text{Li}$ , gamma rays



M.J.G. Borge et al., PRC55 (97) R8

N. Aoi et al., NPA616 (97) 181c

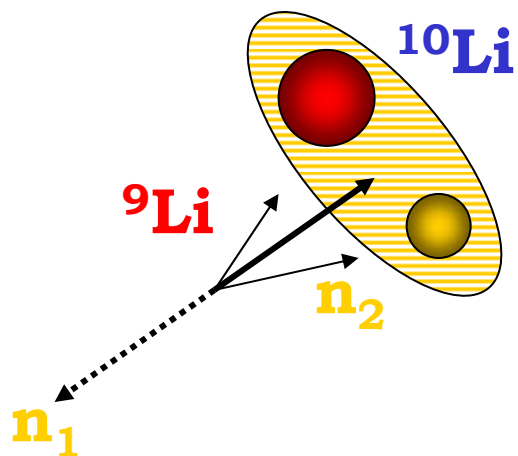
D. Morrissey et al., NPA627 (97) 222

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= 20.62 \text{ MeV}, T_{1/2} = 8.2 \text{ ms} \\
 b(320) &= 6.3(6) \% \\
 \log ft &= 5.73
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1s_{1/2})^2 / (0p_{1/2})^2 \sim 1$$



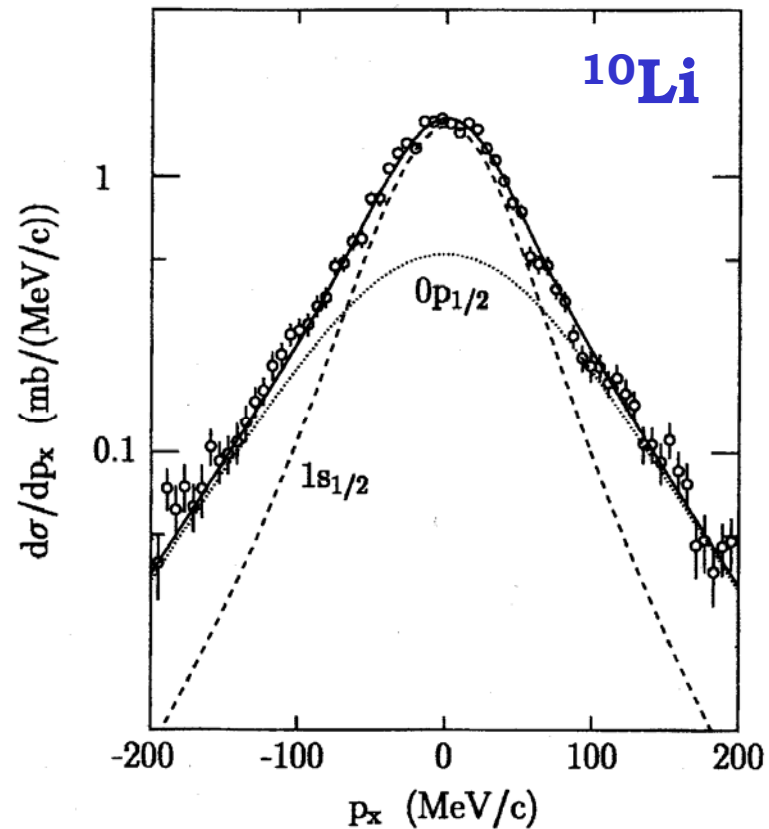
See presentation of Thomas Nilsson



$(1s_{1/2})^2 = 45(10) \%$

in the  $^{11}\text{Li}$  g.s

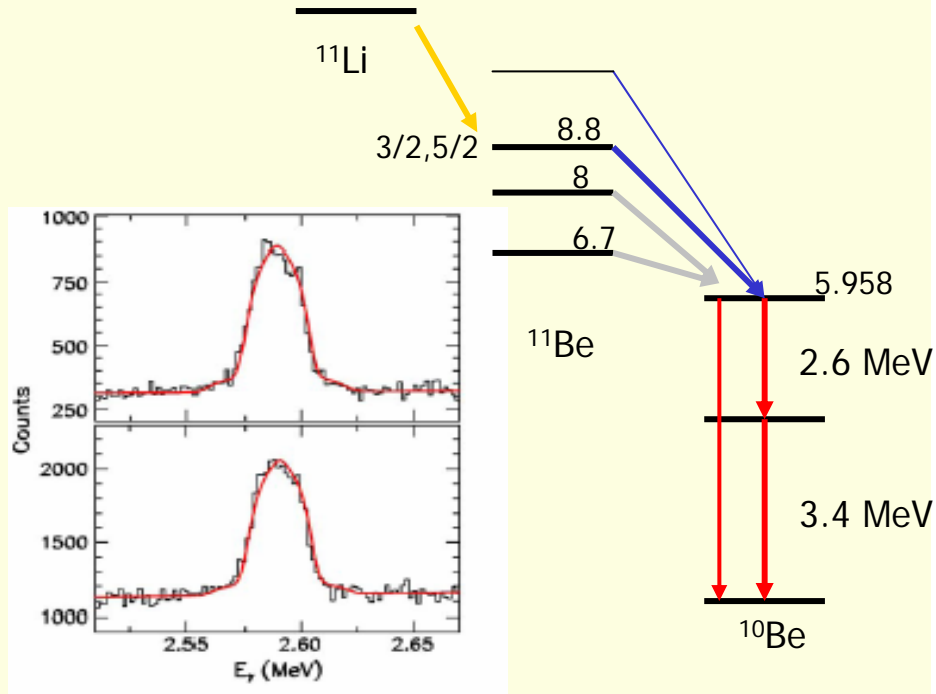
H. Simon et al., PRL 83 (1999) 496



Single-particle momentum distributions, Hankel functions

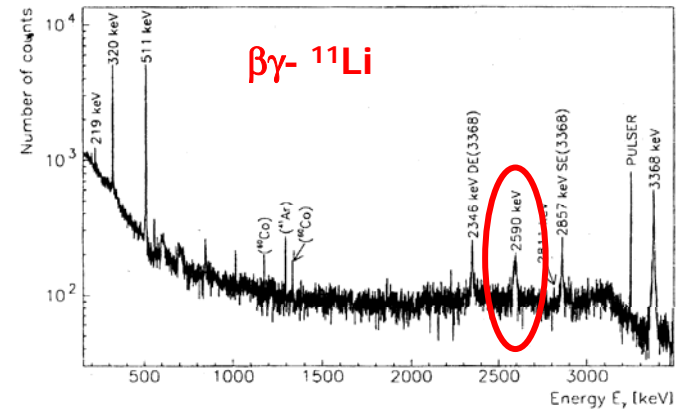


# Energy, spin & $T_{1/2}$ from $\gamma$ -line shapes in $^{11}\text{Li}$ decay



Fynbo, NPA 736 (2004) 39

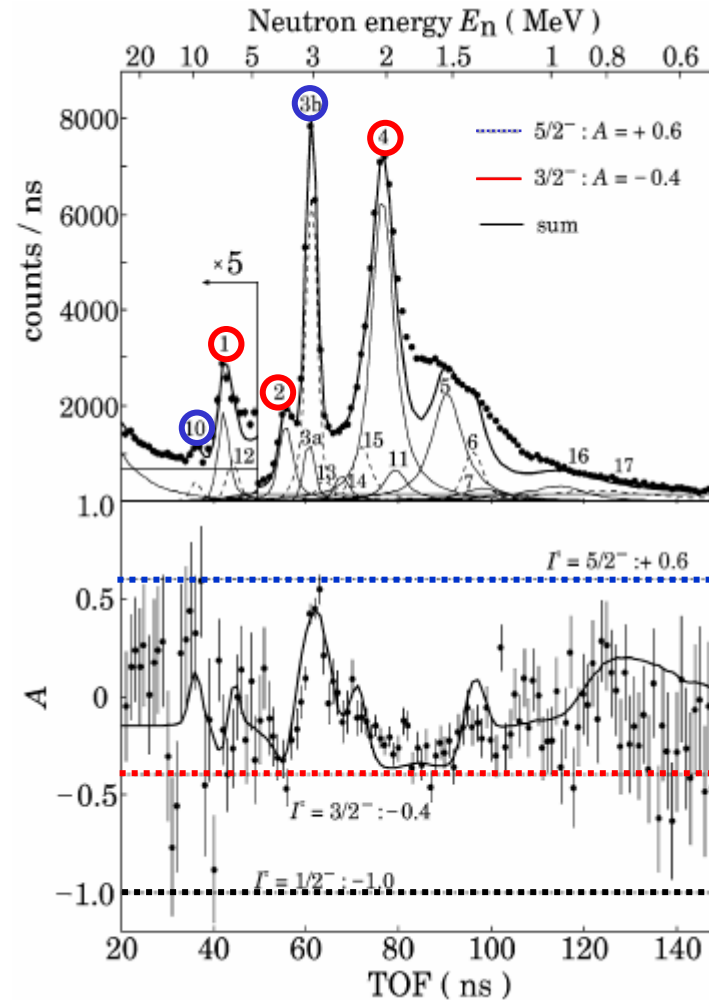
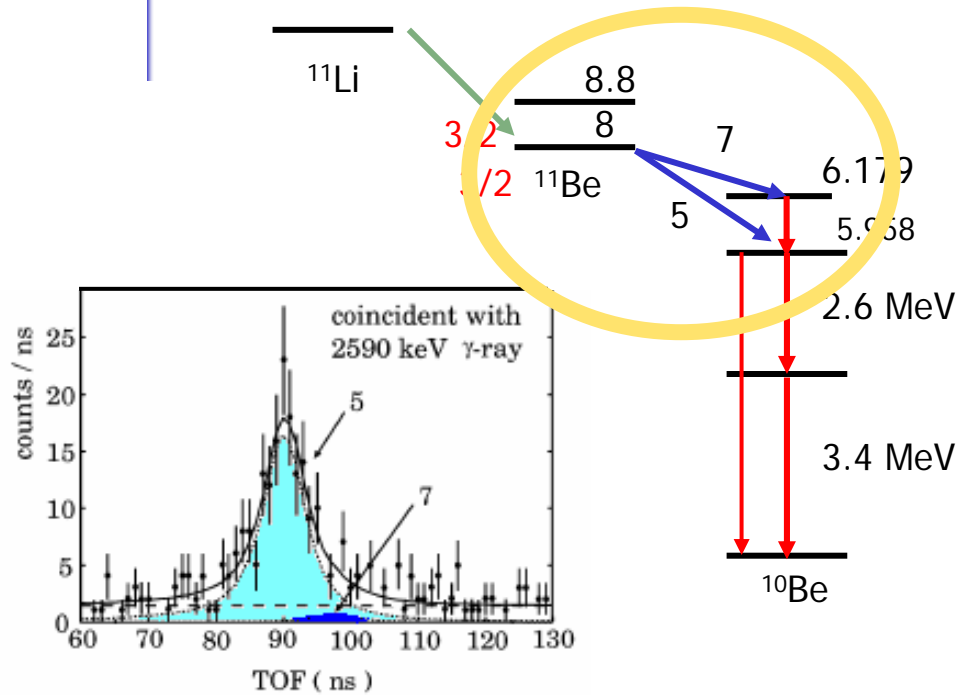
## Controversial interpretation of $\beta n$ in $^{11}\text{Li} \Rightarrow$ New Method



Doppler broaden  $\gamma$ -lines ( $\beta n \gamma$ )

- Decay of exotic neutron rich light nuclei
- Depends of energy of neutron
- $T_{1/2}$  of the bound state

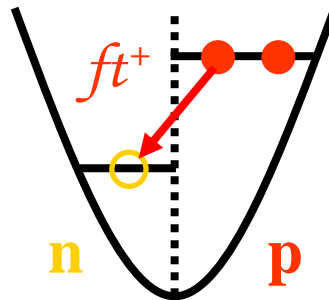
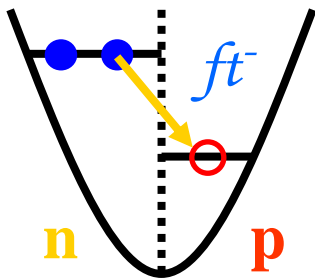
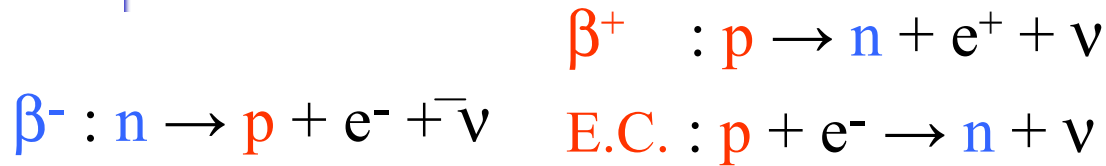
# Polarized radioactive beams: $^{11}\text{Li}$ @ TRIUMF



Hiriyama, Phys. Lett. B 611 (2005)239

- Spin polarized  $^{11}\text{Li}$  beam
- $\beta\gamma$ ,  $\beta n$ ,  $\beta n \gamma$  coincidences
- Spin and parities of 7 levels in  $^{11}\text{Be}$  assigned.

# Mirror Asymmetry & Systematics



$$\delta = \frac{ft^+}{ft^-} - 1$$

$$\delta = \delta_{\text{nuc}} + \delta_{\text{SCC}}$$

Thomas et al., AIP Conf. Proc 681, p. 235

➤ Allowed Gamow-Teller transitions  
( $\log(ft) < 6$ )

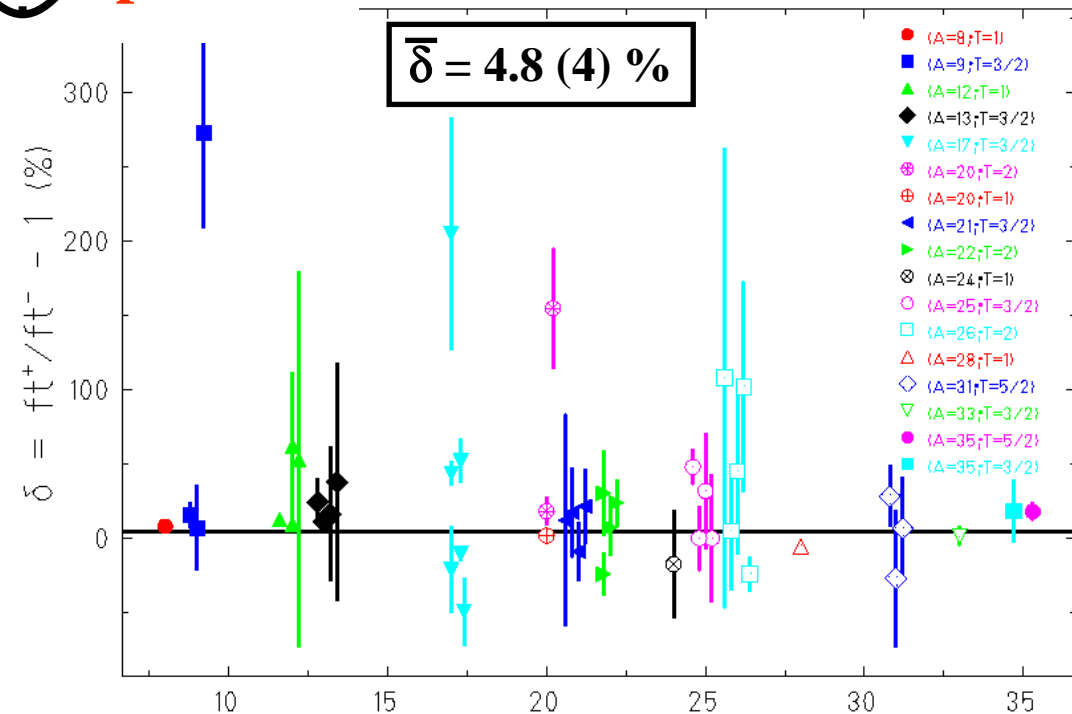
→ 17 couples of nuclei

→ 46 mirror transitions

Average asymmetry  $\delta$  :

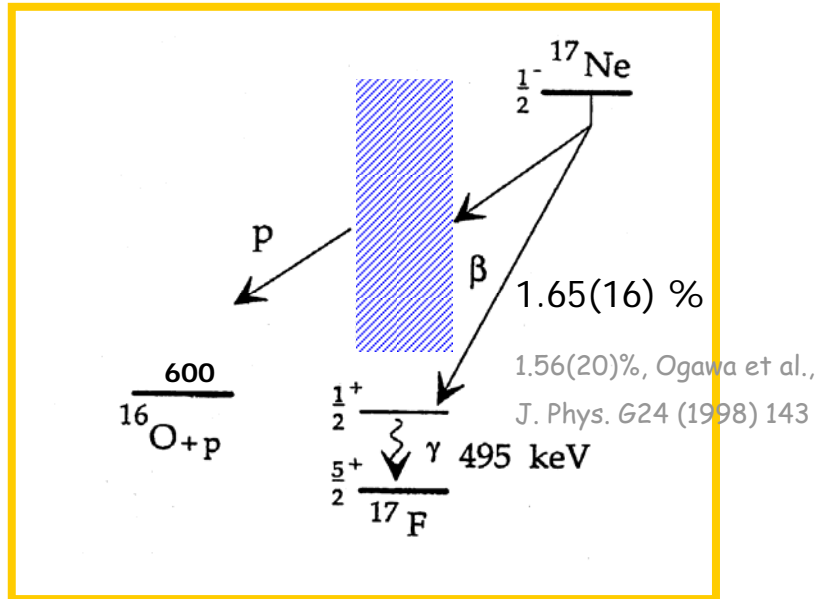
11 (1) % in the 1p shell ( $A < 17$ )

0 (1) % in the (2s,1d) shell ( $17 < A < 40$ )

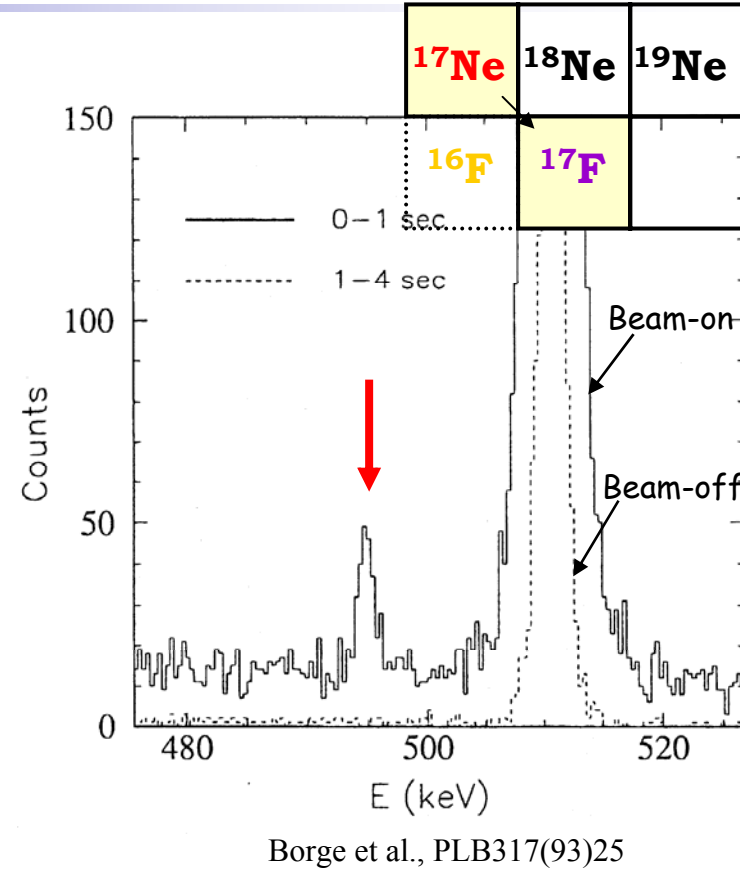


# First identification of a proton-halo state

Rolfs, NPA217(73)29

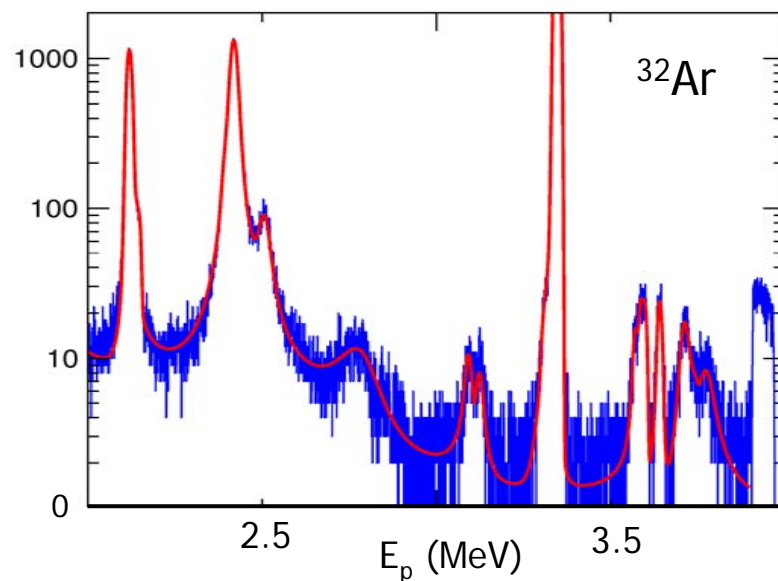
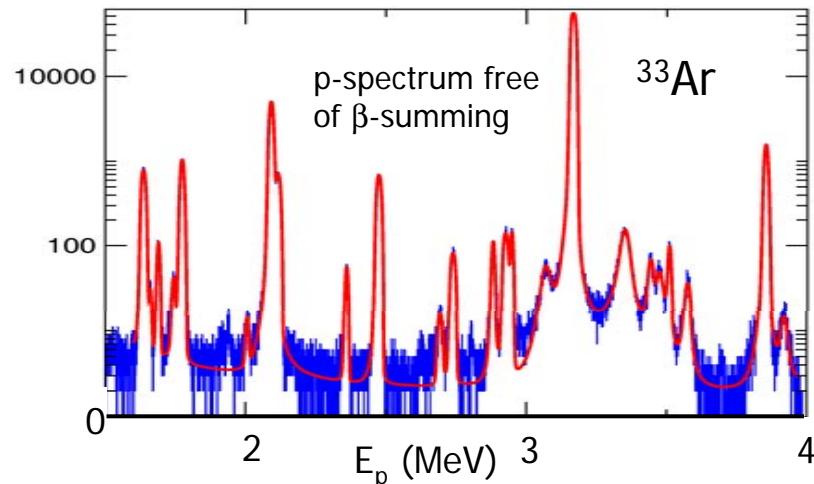


$$\delta = ft^+/ft^- - 1 = -0.55(09)$$



Asymmetry ↔ Halo Structure

# Electron-Neutrino Correlations



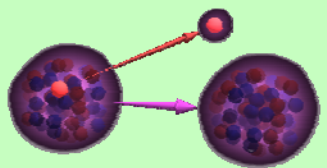
## Study of the proton line shape

- Physics beyond the SM  
(see presentation of O. Naviliat-C)
- Isospin mixing in Fermi decays
- Configuration mixing
- Level interferences
- Spin assignment
- Excitation energies

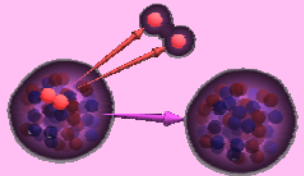
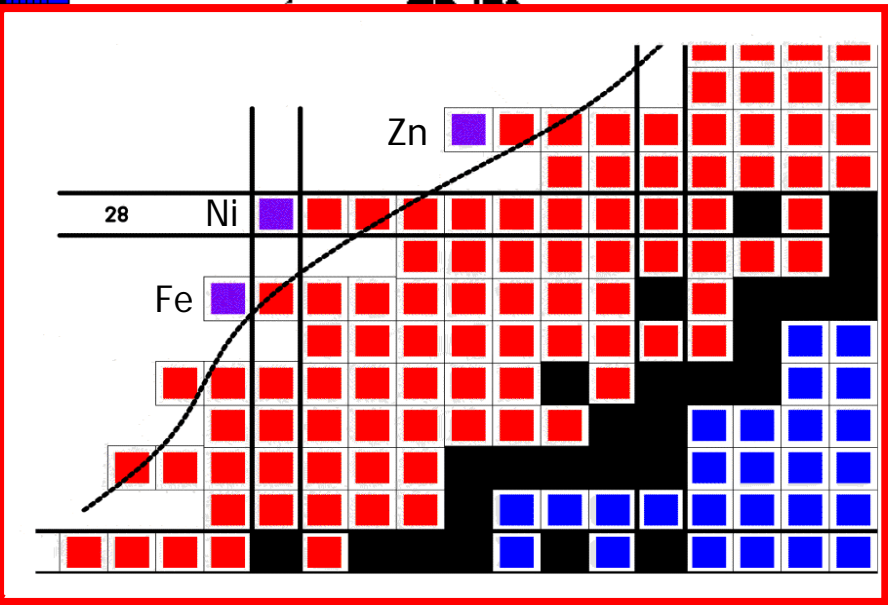
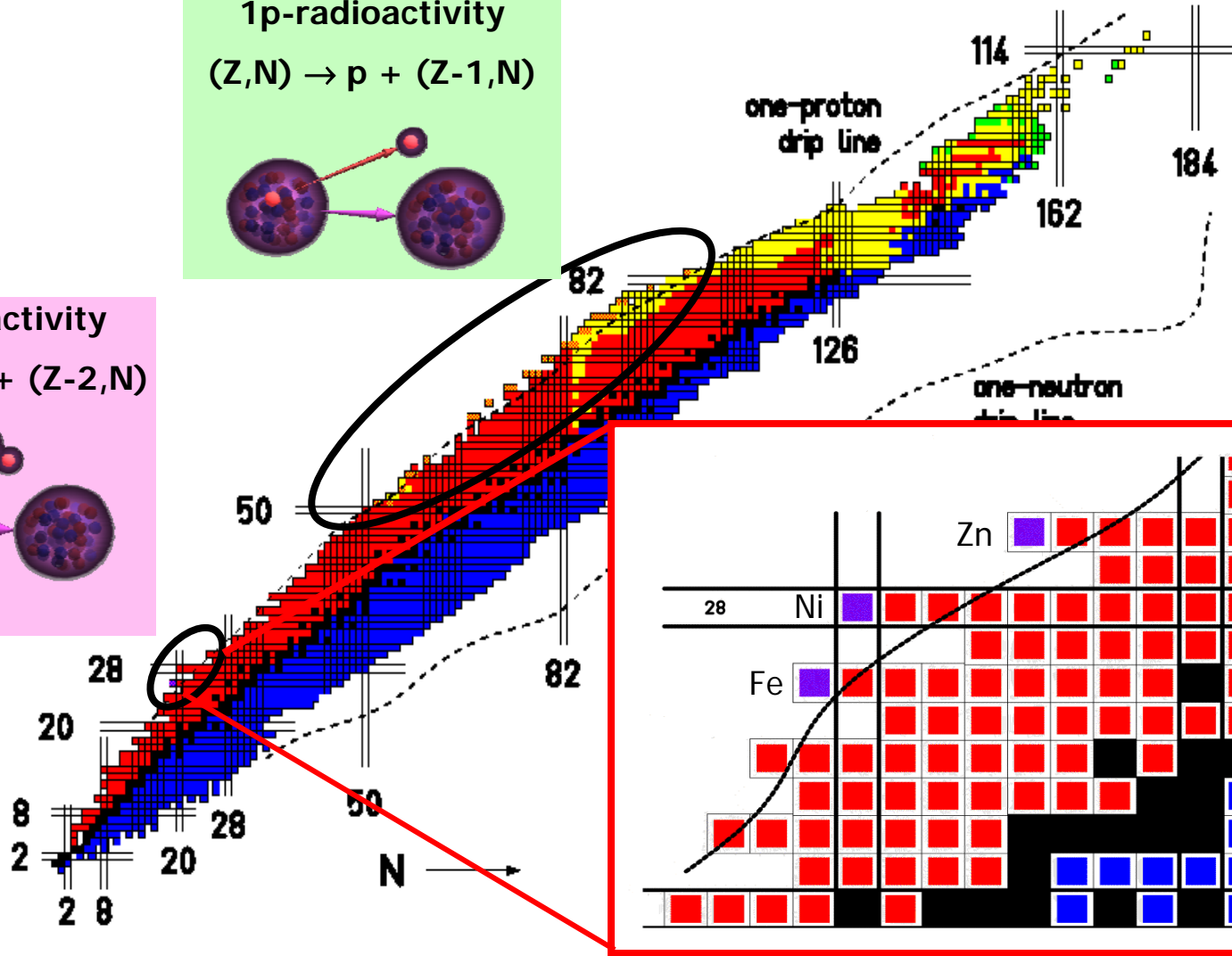
Schardt & Riisager, Z. Phys. A 345 (1993) 265  
Adelberger & Garcia, Hyp. Int 129 (2000) 237

# Exotic Radioactivities

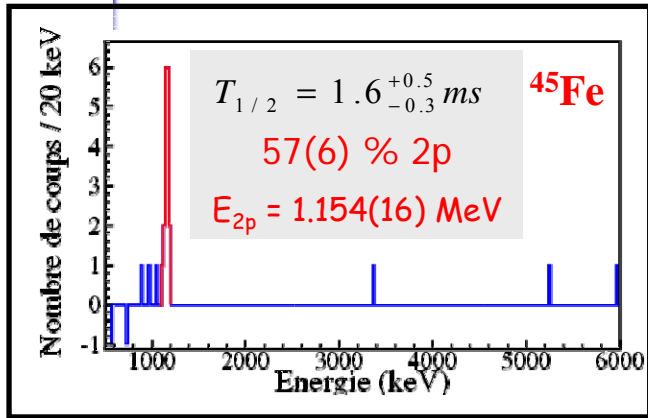
**1p-radioactivity**  
 $(Z,N) \rightarrow p + (Z-1,N)$



**2p-radioactivity**  
 $(Z,N) \rightarrow 2p + (Z-2,N)$

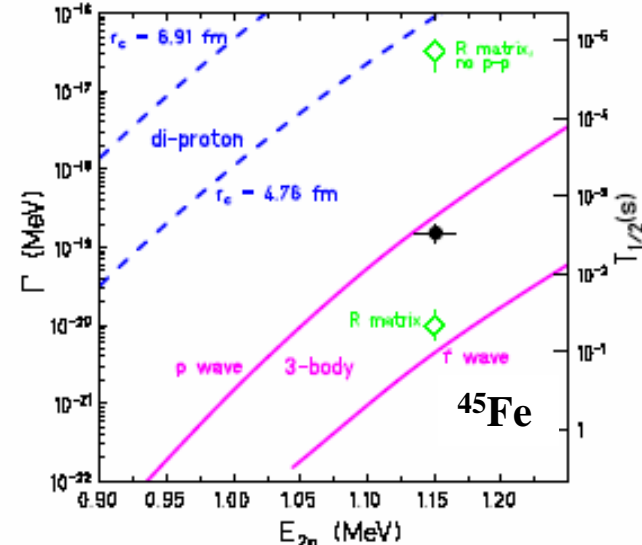
# Status of 2p-radioactivity



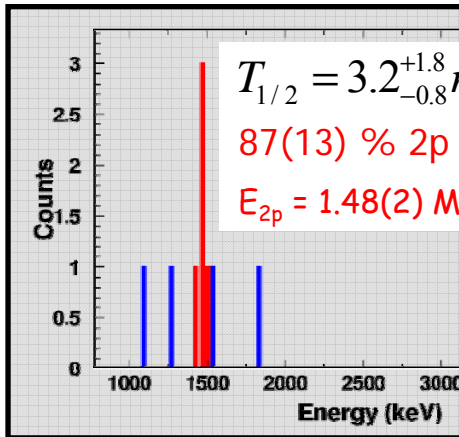
Giovinazzo et al., PRL 89 (2002) 102501

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Fragmentation reactions  $^{58}\text{Ni}$ -beam



Dossat, PRC, submitted



Blank et al., PRL 94 (2005)

Agreement with 3-body

## NEXT STEPS:

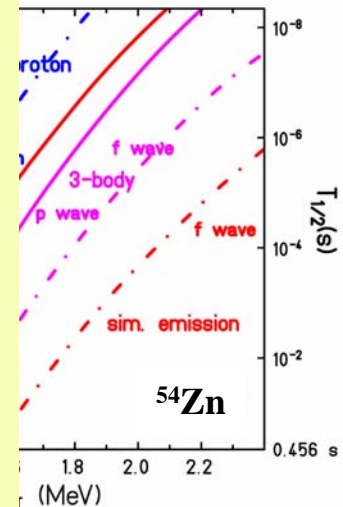
❑ Search for new two-proton emitters

$^{48}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Ge}$  .....

❑ Detailed study of the decay process

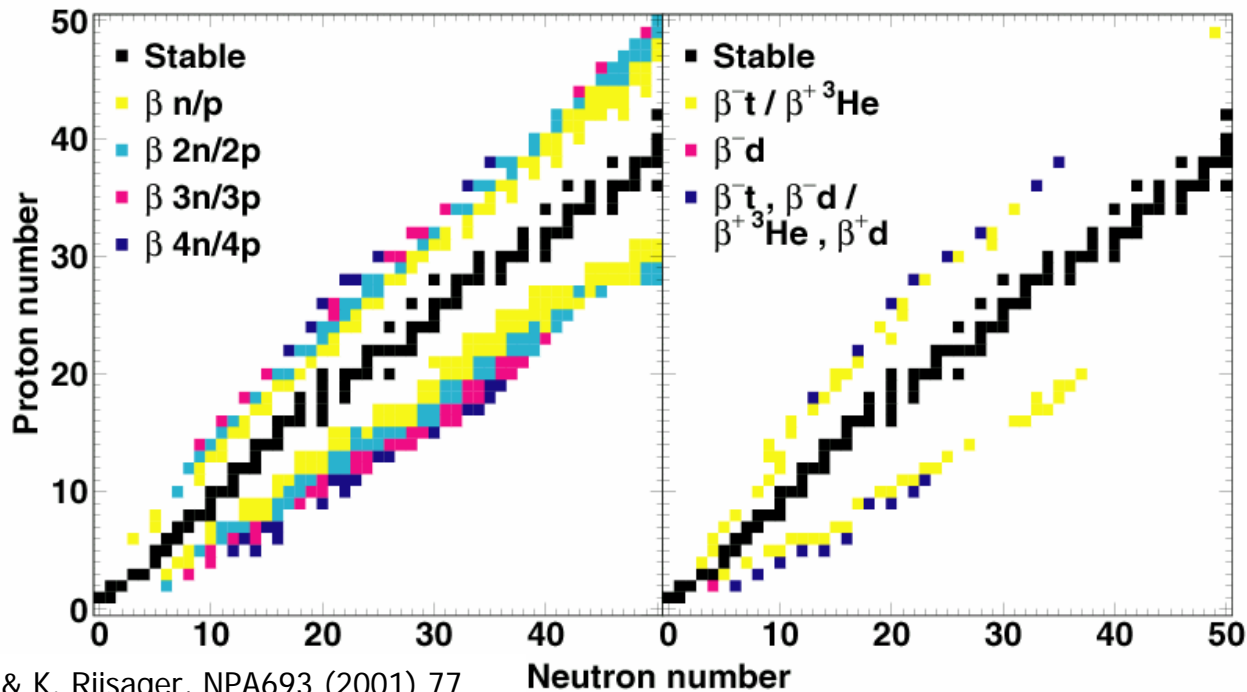
Measurement of proton-proton correlation:

- ✓ p-p angle
- ✓ Individual proton energies
- ✓ Modelling of the 2p resonance



# Beta delayed particle emitters

	N-5	N-4	N-3	N-2	N-1	N	
Z+1	$\beta_{4n}$	$\beta_{3n}$	$\beta_{2n}$	$\beta_n$	$\beta$		
Z			$\beta_t$	$\beta_d$	$\beta_p$	•	
Z-1			$\beta_\alpha$				



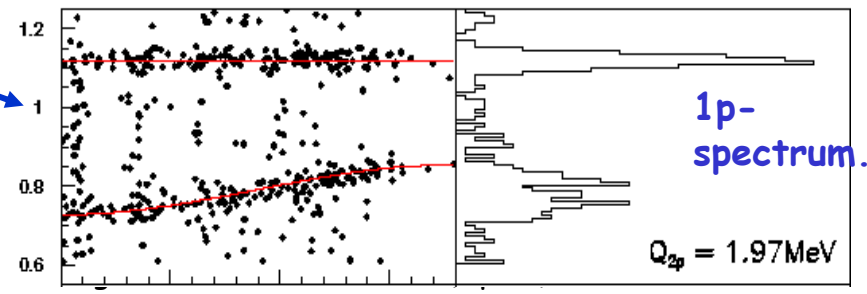
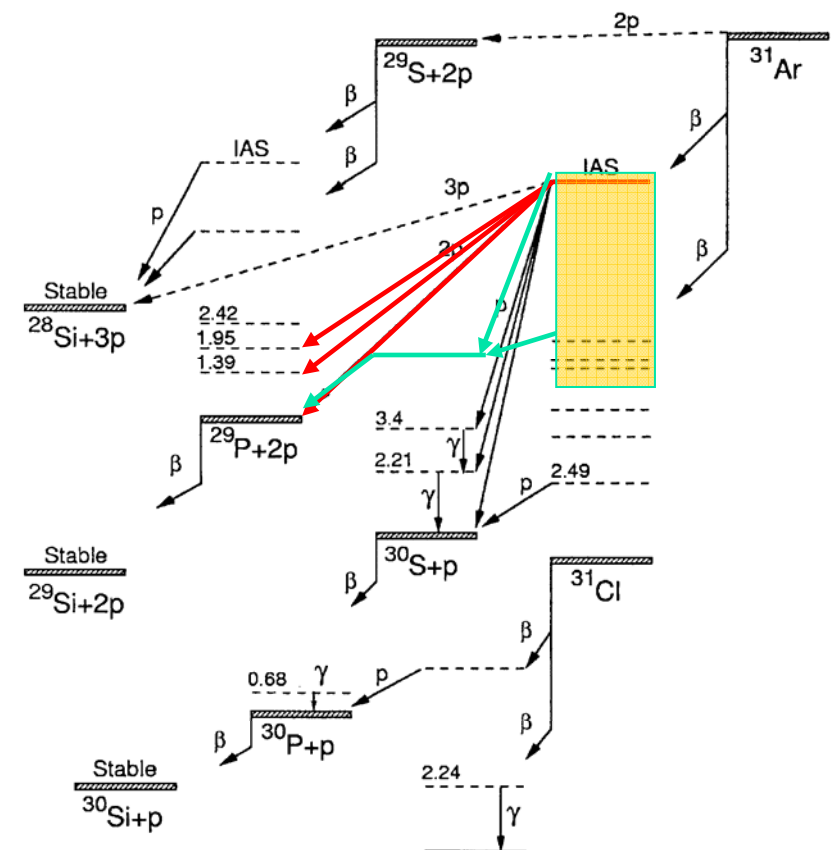
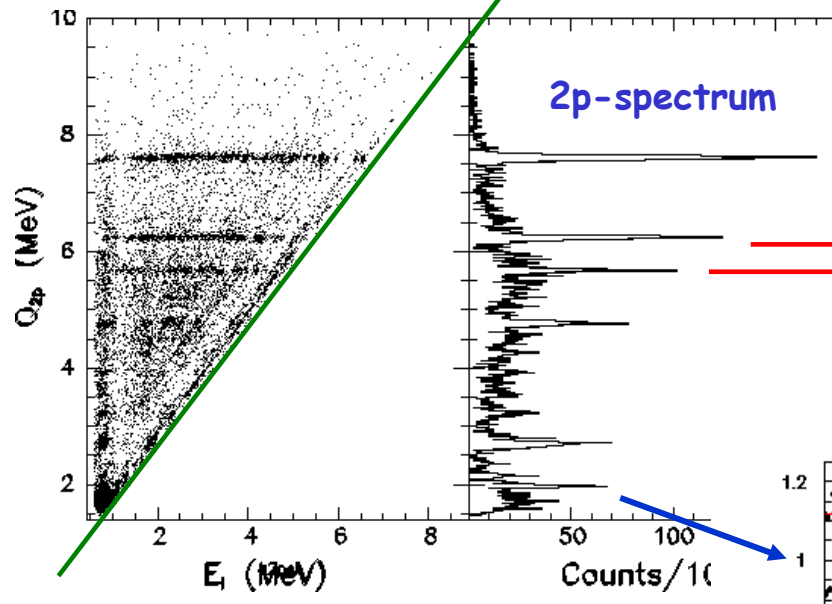
B.Jonson & K. Riisager, NPA693 (2001) 77



# $^{31}\text{Ar}$ $\beta$ -2p emitter

Decay of IAS through 2p emission

Diagonal from decays via single intermediate state from many initial states fed in beta-decay

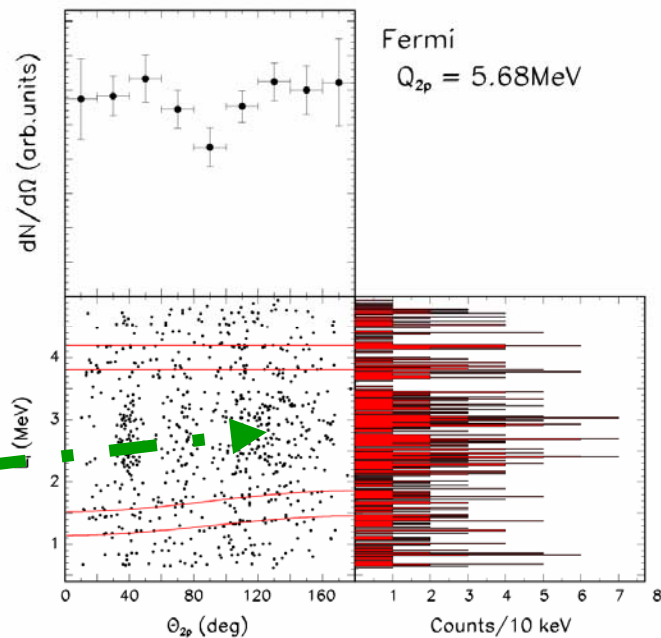
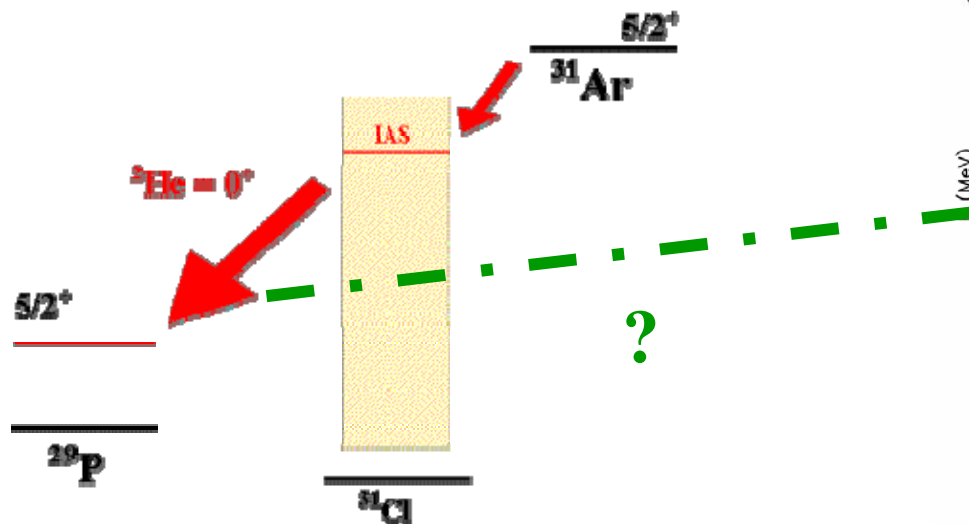
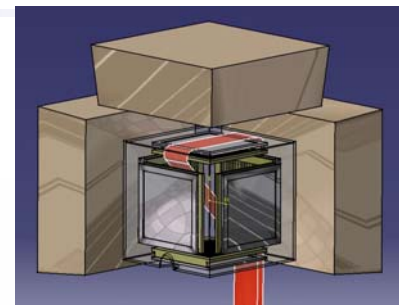


# Best candidate for correlated 2p-emission

Search at the limit of 0.01% for  
direct  $\beta$  2p emission and  $\beta$ 3p -emission

Improvements in comparison to  
previous ISOLDE experiment:

- ✓ Double coincidences a factor of 30 better
- ✓ Triple coincidence a factor 70 better
- ✓ Energy cut-off down to  $\rightarrow$ 100 keV



# Why to Study Light Nuclei ?

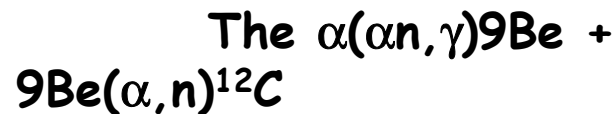
➤ **Exact** A-body calculations possible for  $A \leq 12$

Green Function Monte-Carlo methods

Non-core Shell-model

➤ **Crucial** for bridging  $A=5$  and  $A=8$  gaps in

Big Bang and Stellar nuclear synthesis



Competes with triple- $\alpha$  in n-rich scenarios

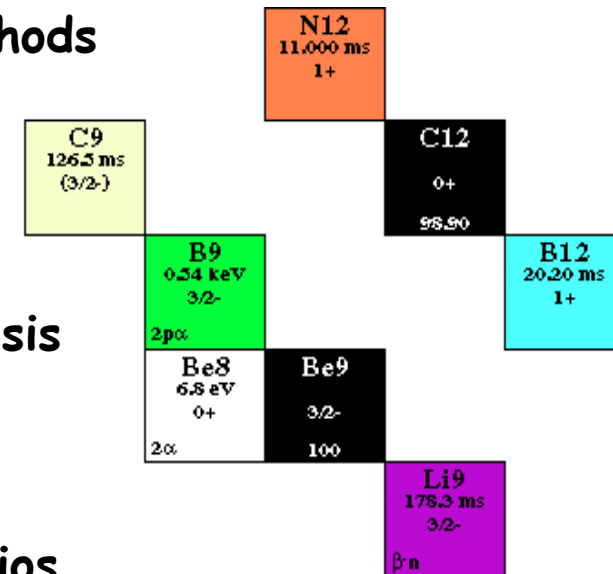
Importance of the  $\alpha + n \leftrightarrow ^5\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma) ^9\text{Be}$

➤ Experimentally  **$\beta$ -decay** provides

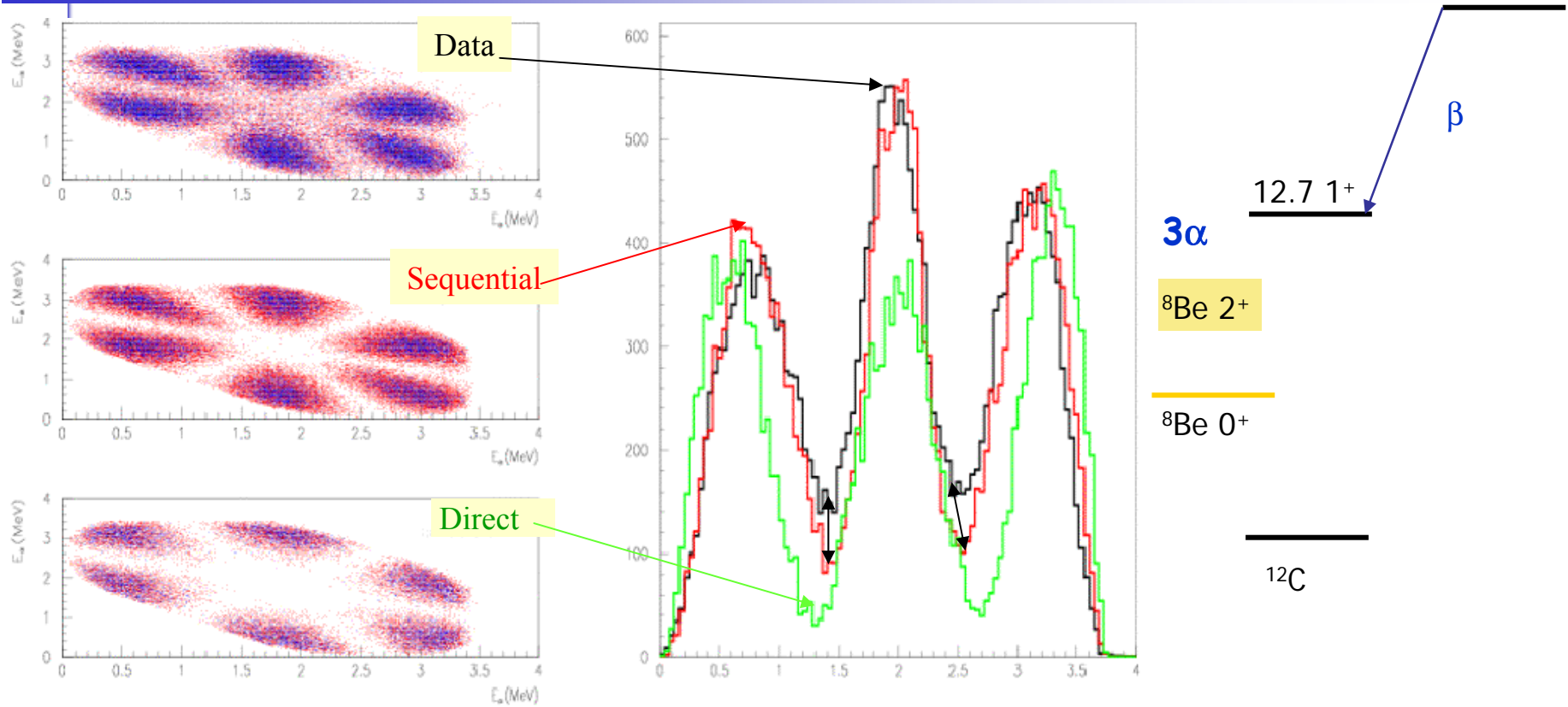
**Clean** way to feed **unbound** states

**Break-up mechanism** not fixed by

**kinematics**

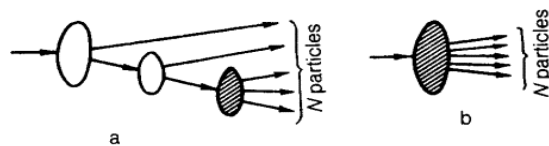


# 3 $\alpha$ break up of the 12.71 MeV state in $^{12}\text{C}$



Break-up mechanism ?

Sequential or Direct



... mainly sequential

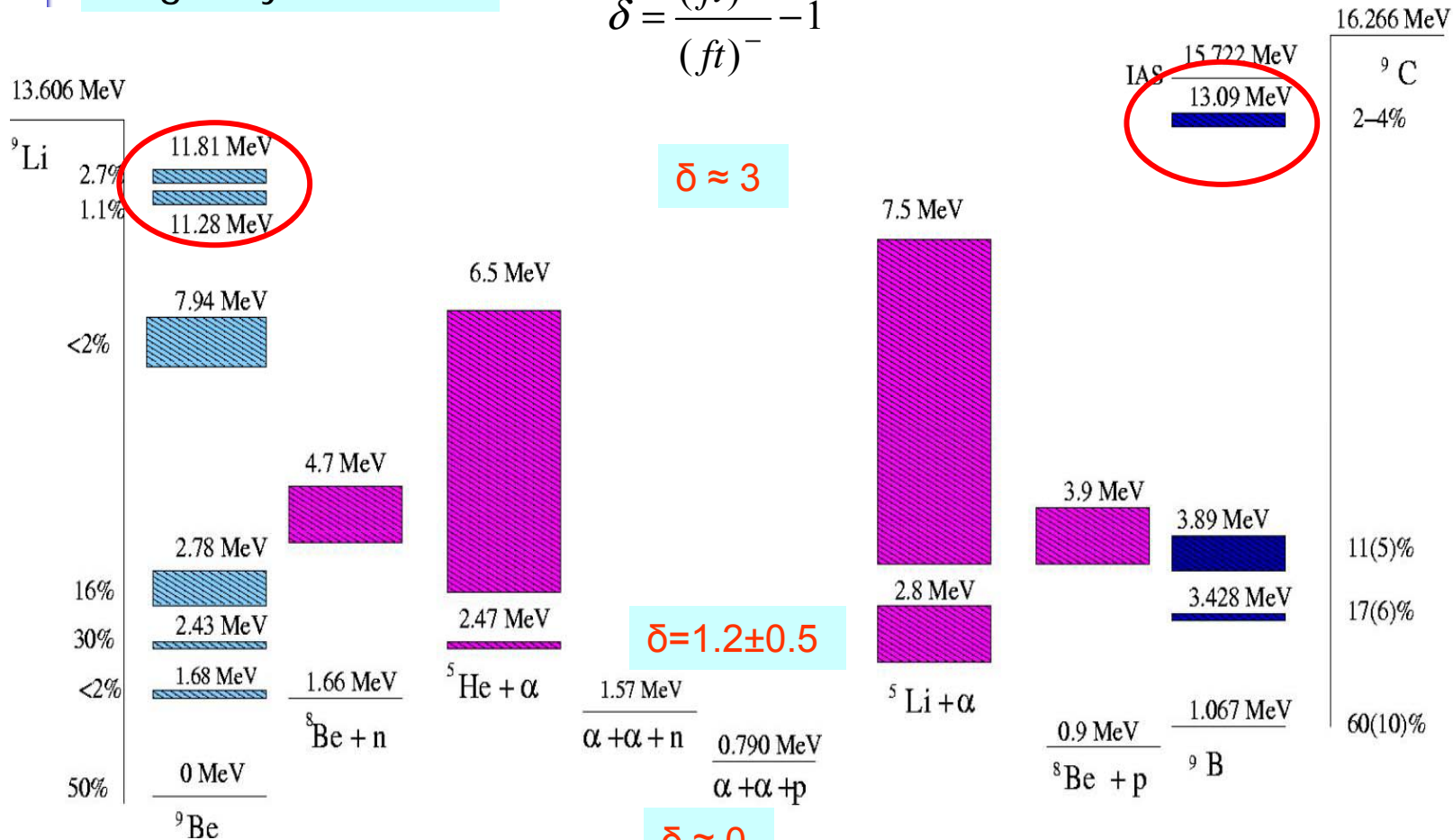
+ Coulomb int. between the 3  $\alpha$

*Fynbo et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91(2003) 082502*

# A = 9 Isobar

## Large asymmetries

$$\delta = \frac{(ft)^+}{(ft)^-} - 1$$



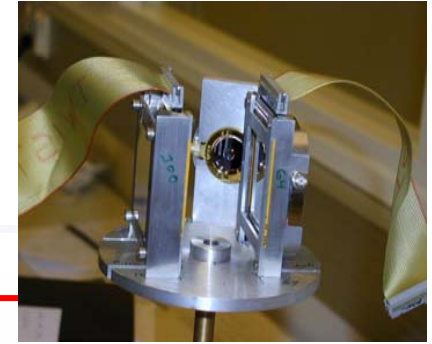
Nyman et al., NPA 510 (1990) 189

Mikolas et al., PRC 37 (1988) 766

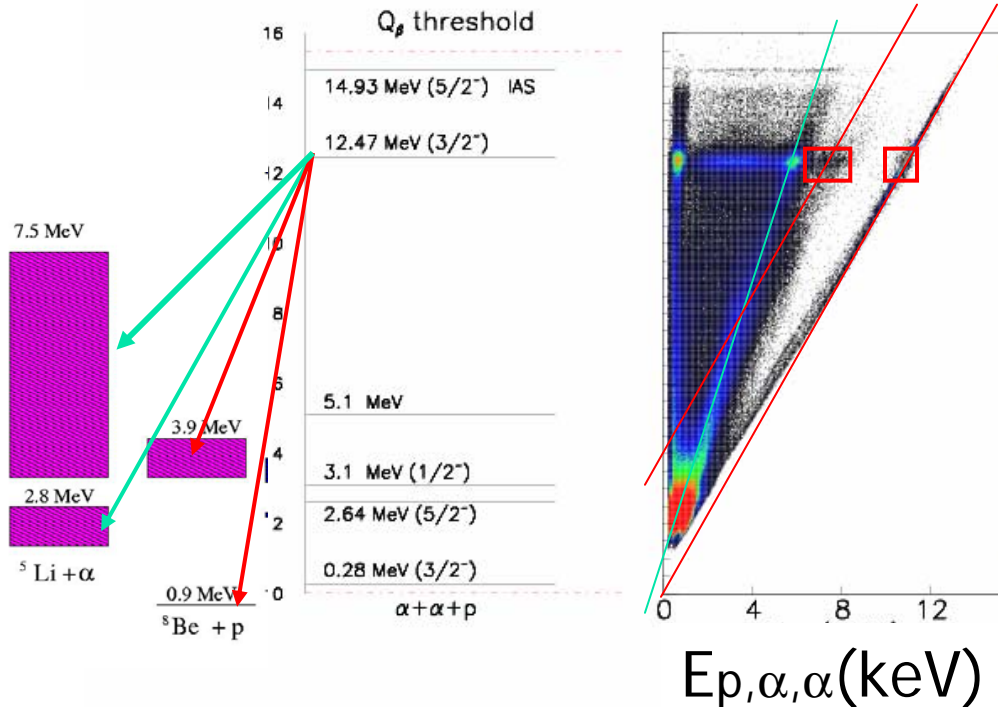
F. Ajzenberg-Selove, NPA 490 (1988) 1

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# ${}^9\text{B}$ States fed in $\beta$ -decay of ${}^9\text{C}$



$$E_{\text{sum}} = \frac{M_{\text{recoiling}} + M_{\text{first}}}{M_{\text{recoiling}}} E_{\text{first}} + x \begin{cases} = 92 \text{ keV (9/8) for } {}^8\text{Be}(0^+) & \text{---} \\ \approx 2 \text{ MeV (9/5) for } {}^5\text{Li}(3/2^-) & \text{---} \\ = 3.0 \text{ MeV (9/8) for } {}^8\text{Be}(2^+) & \text{---} \end{cases}$$



- Sequential Decay of 12.2 MeV State via  ${}^8\text{Be}(\text{gs})$ ,  ${}^8\text{Be}(2^+)$ ,  ${}^5\text{Li}(\text{gs})$  and  ${}^5\text{Li}(1/2)$

- R-Matrix-formalism applied.

- MC-simulations to account for efficiencies of each channel

- Results E: 12.19(4) MeV

$\Gamma$ : 450(20) keV

J: 5/2

$B_{\text{GT}}$ : 1.20(15)

UC Bergmann, NPA 692 (2001)427

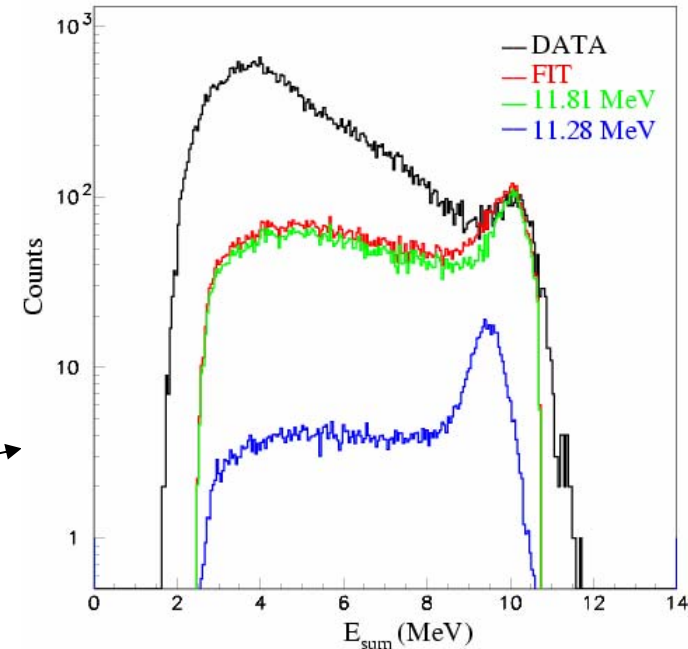
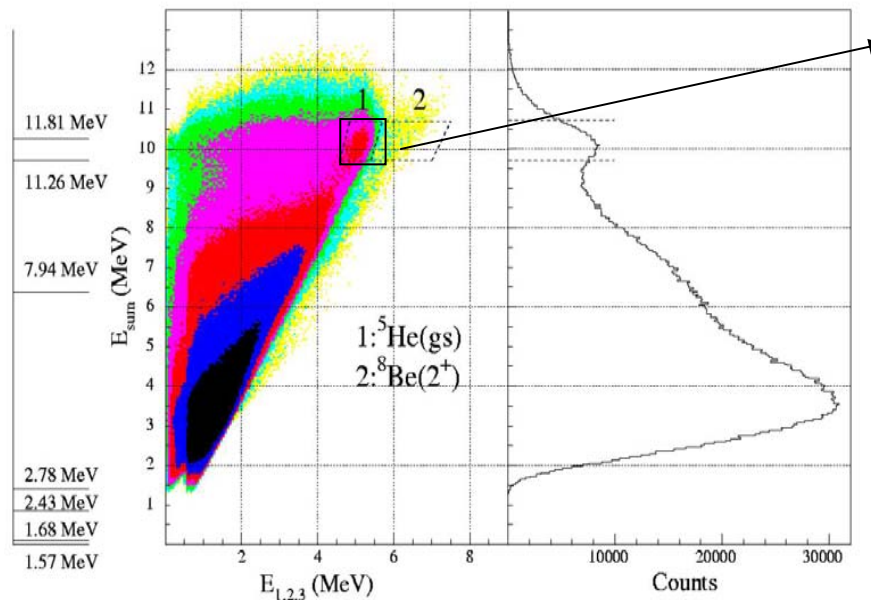
# Beta feeding to the 11-12 MeV region in ${}^9\text{Be}$

Fit of the high energy peak gating on the  ${}^5\text{He}(3/2^-)$  channel

11.81 MeV state  $\rightarrow 91 \pm 10\%$

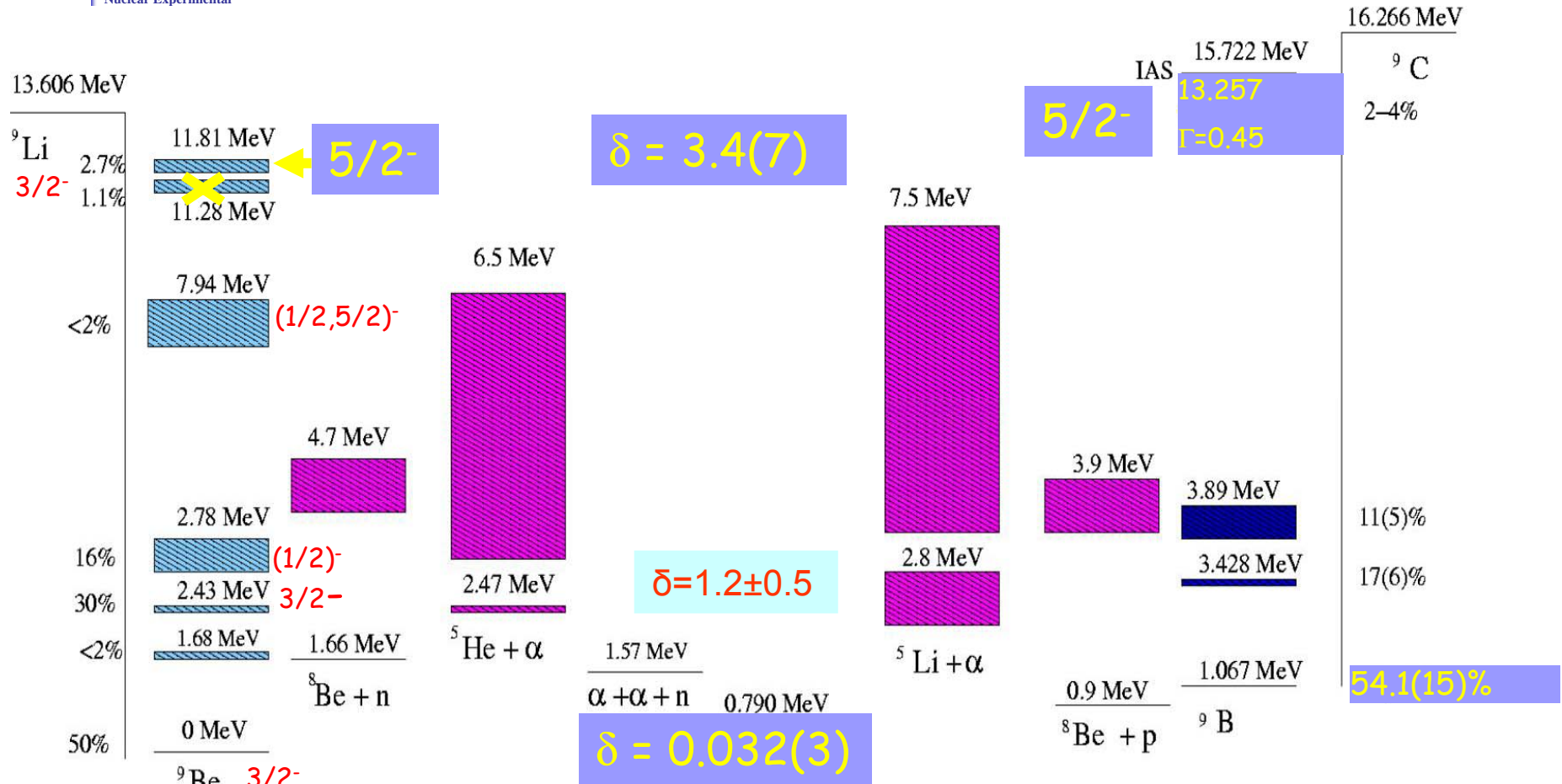
11.28 MeV state  $\rightarrow 9\%$

(e,p)-scattering on  ${}^9\text{Be}$  assumed  $J = 7/2$



Only the participation of the 11.81 MeV state in  ${}^9\text{Be}$  for the beta feeding is considered

# A = 9 isobar



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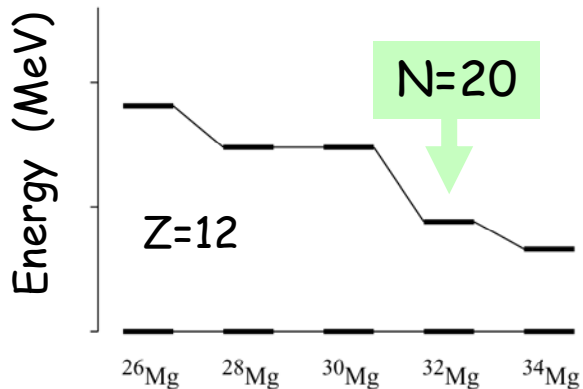
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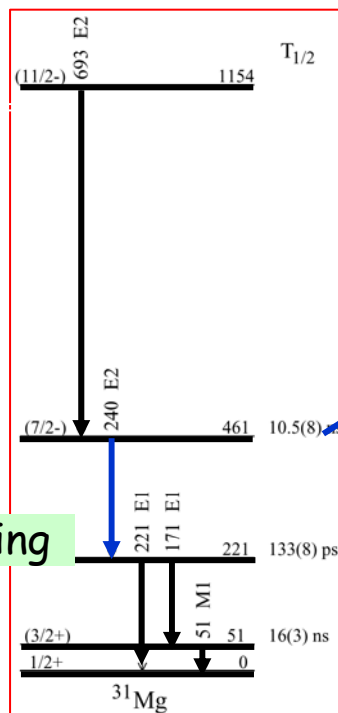
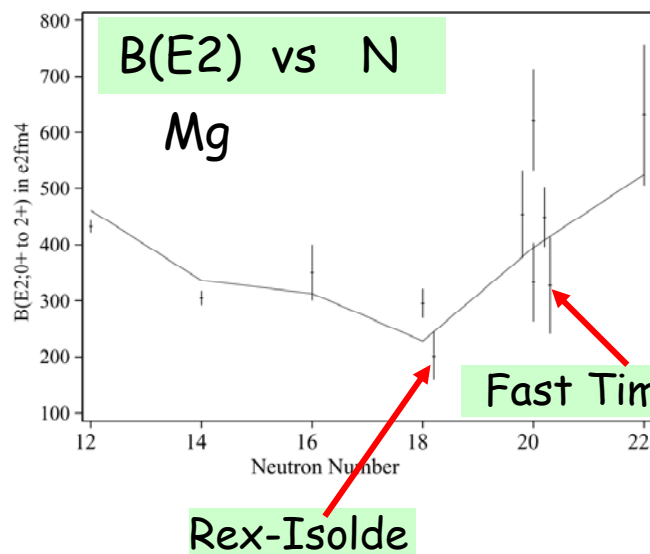
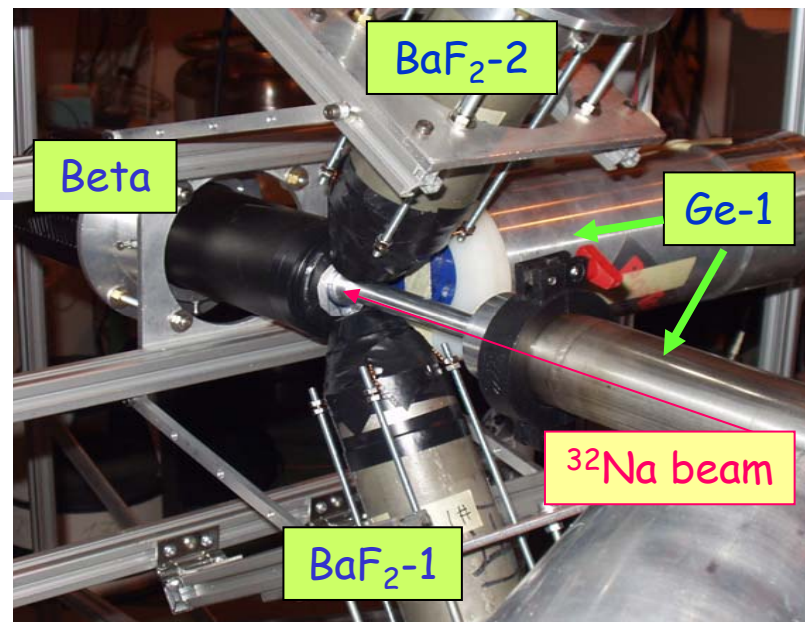
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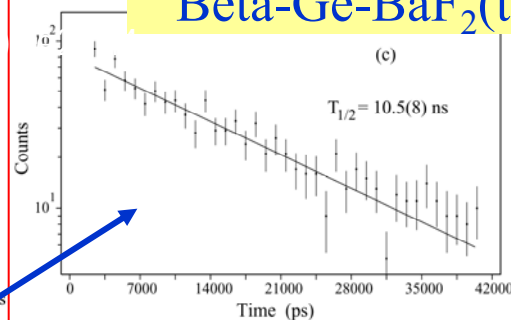
# Island of Inversion Fast timing technique



H. Mach, ENAM2004



Beta-Ge-BaF<sub>2</sub>(t)

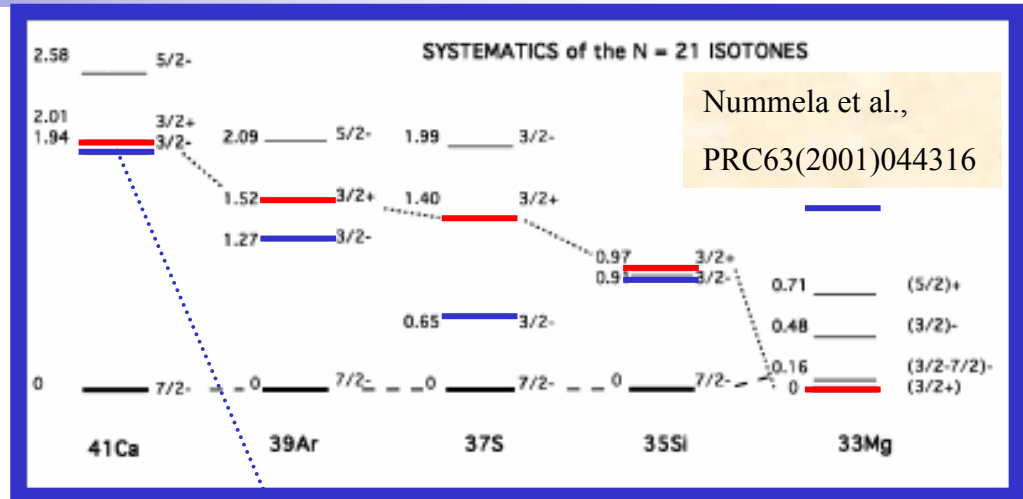
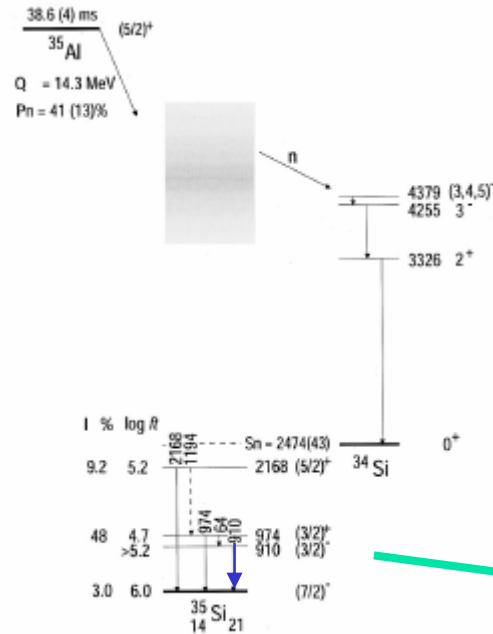


$^{31}\text{Mg}$  1p1h  $B(E2; 7/2^- \rightarrow 3/2^-) = 67(6) e^2\text{fm}^4$

Mach, EPJA25,s01(2005)149

$^{30}\text{Mg}$  normal  $B(E2; 2^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = 40(9) e^2\text{fm}^4$   
Scheit, PRL 94(2005) 172501

# Intruder states & shape coexistence



Nummela et al.,  
PRC63(2001)044316

Position of 3/2- state in N = 21 isotones

(1p1h) 5/2+ 0.811  
 (2p2h) 5/2- 0.793

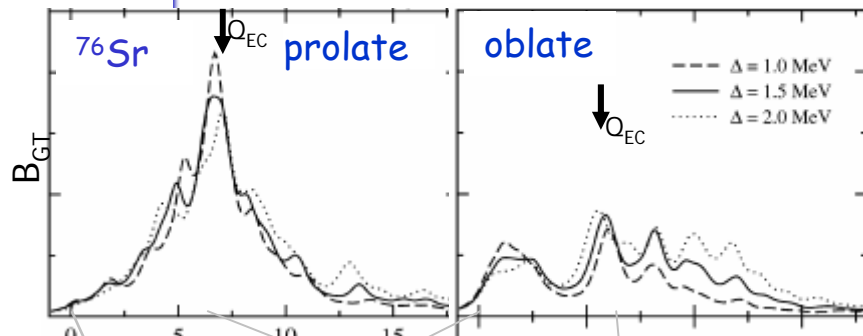
Nummela et al., PRC6

Fix the single p energy for the effective *sd-p<sub>1</sub>* interaction

- Shell Model describe well by intruder states the Island of Inversion and the deformed region around <sup>32</sup>Mg.
- Predicts vulnerability of N= 28 closure for <sup>44</sup>S, <sup>42</sup>Si and <sup>40</sup>Mg ⇒ confirmed for <sup>44</sup>S (Sohler, PRC66 (2002) 054302))

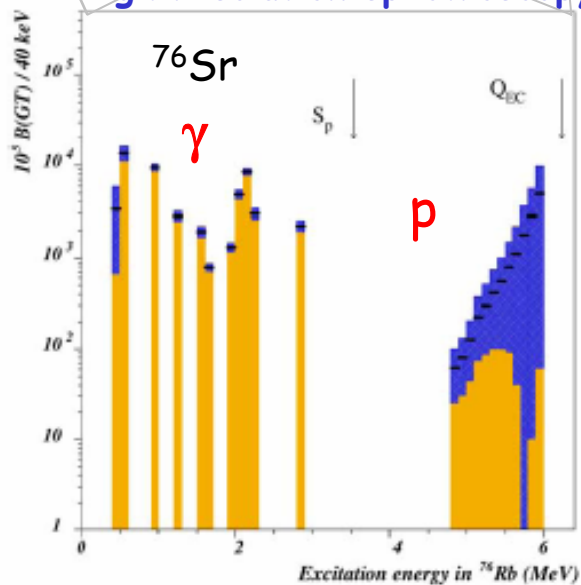


# Deformation & Gamow-Teller distribution



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## High resolution spectroscopy

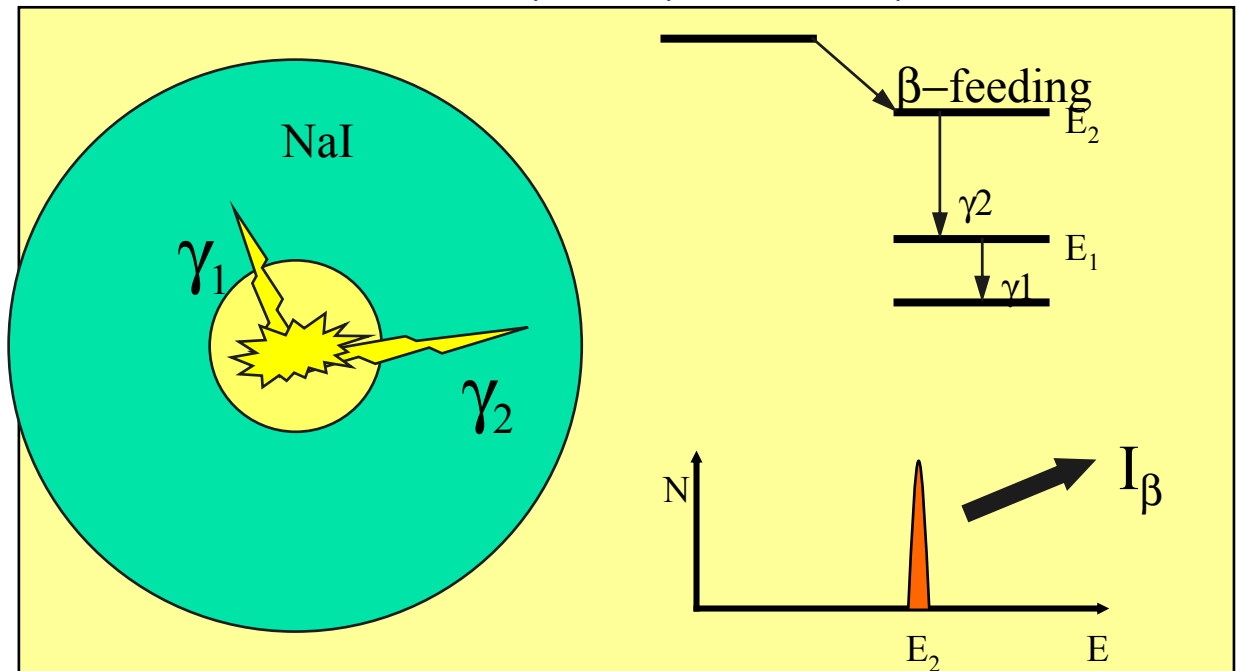


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$$\int \frac{I_{\beta}(E)}{f(Q_{\beta} - E)T_{1/2}} \Delta E = \frac{1}{6147 \pm 7} \left( \frac{g_A}{g_V} \right)^2 \sum_{E_f < Q_{\beta}} B(GT)_{i \rightarrow f}$$

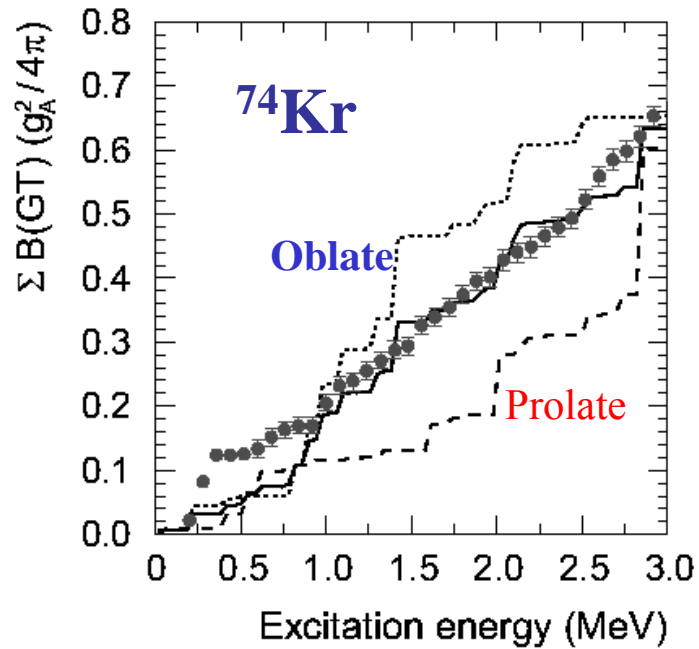
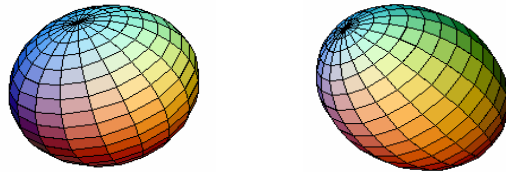
## Total Absorption spectrometry



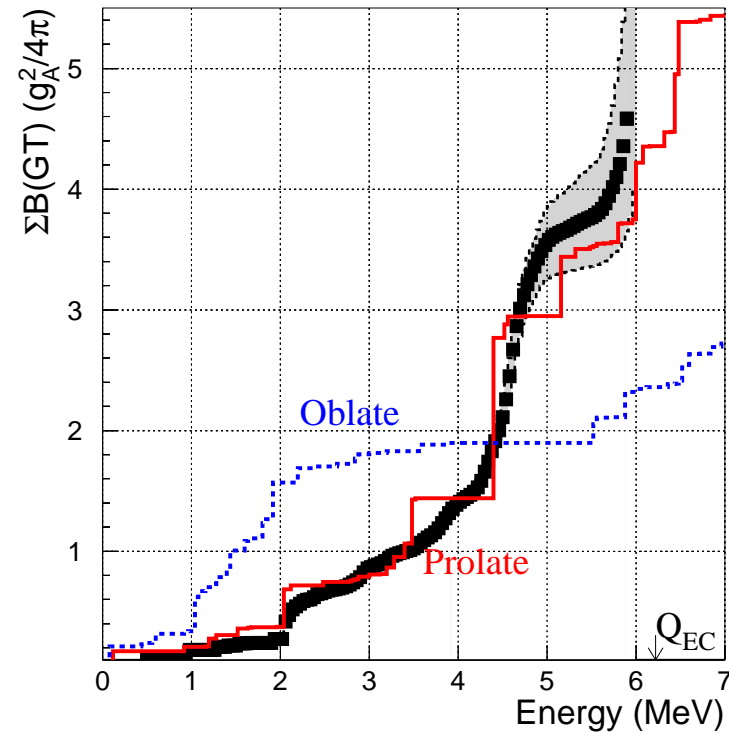
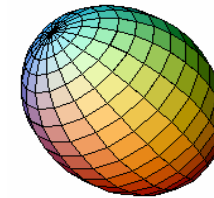
# Mass ~70 : Strong Deformation & Shape Coexistence

**$^{76}\text{Sr}$  clearly prolate**

**$^{74}\text{Kr}$ , shape admixture**

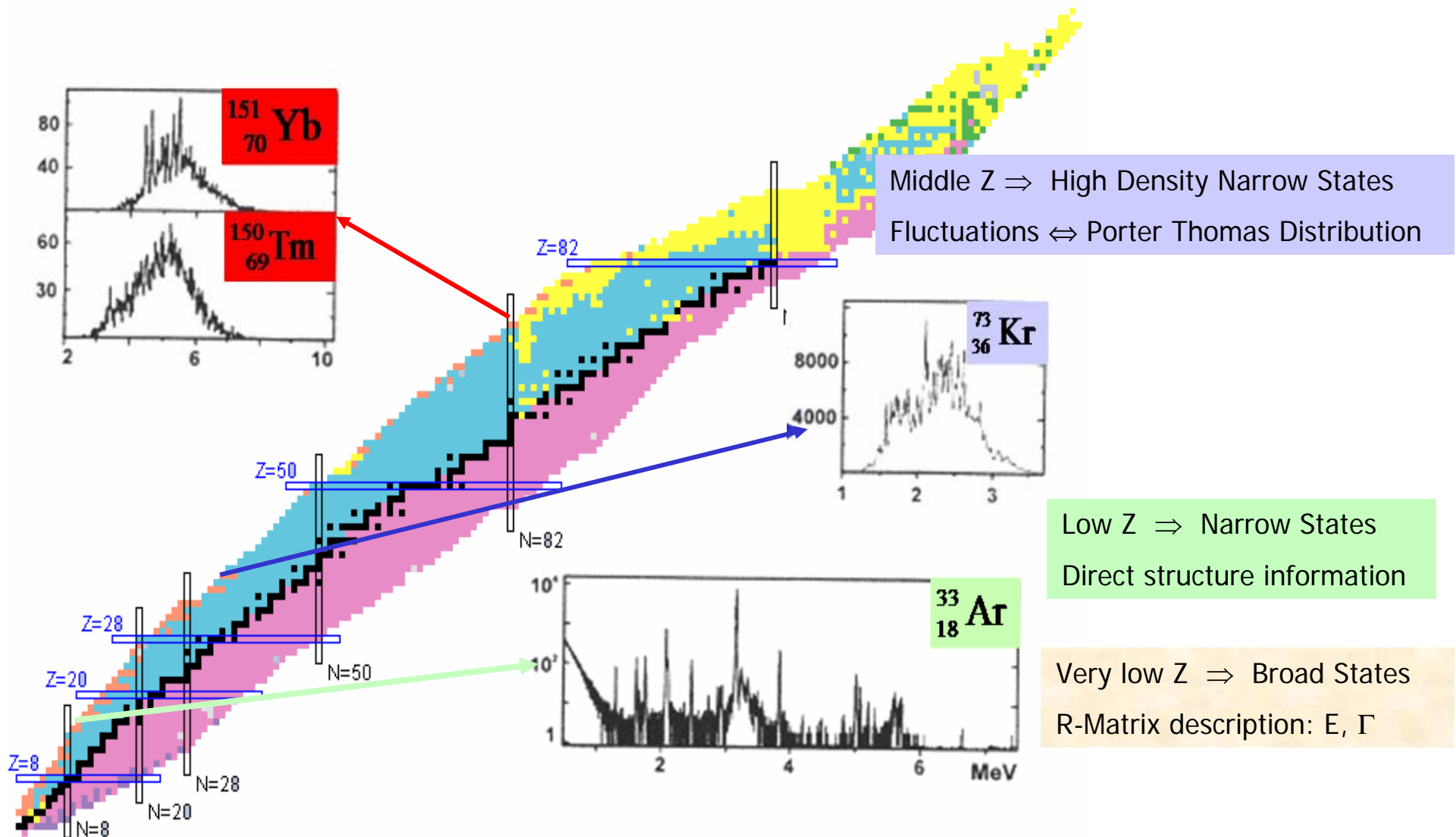


Poirier et al., PRC 69 (2004) 034307



Nácher et al., PRL 92 (2004) 232501

# Transition from order to Chaos



## Summary

□ Decay mechanism:  ${}^2\text{H}$ ,  ${}^2\text{He}$ ,  $3p$ , halo-core

□ Exotics decays

□ Asymmetries:  ${}^9\text{C}$ ,  ${}^9\text{Li}$  Unknown  
 ${}^{17}\text{Ne}$ ,  ${}^{17}\text{N}$  halo structure

□ Shapes, island of inversion

□ Sign of deformation from GT-distribution

□ Level densities  $\longrightarrow$  Fluctuations  $\longrightarrow$  Chaos

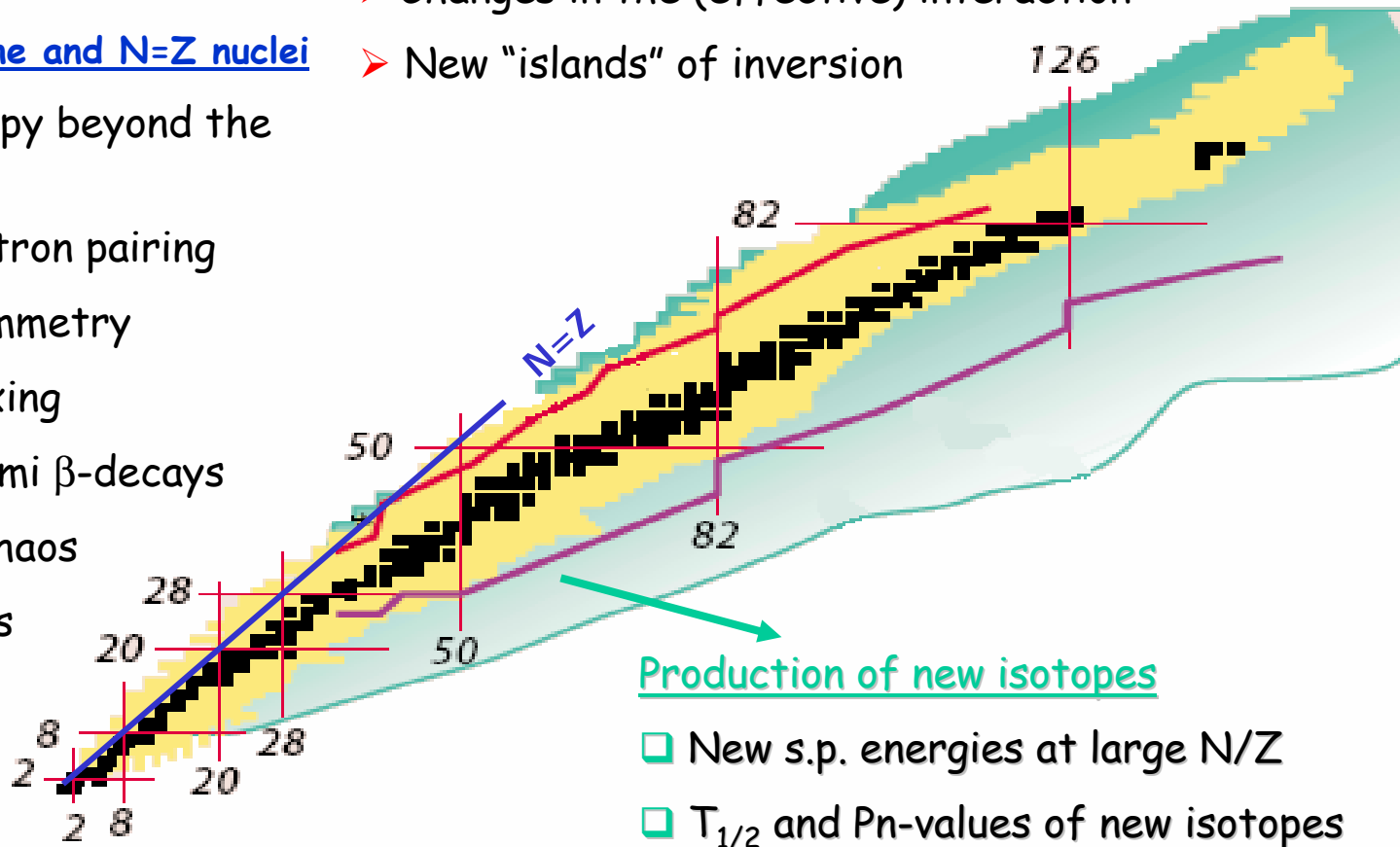
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Relevant for astrophysics

## Shell structure @ drip lines

- Changes in the (effective) interaction
- New "islands" of inversion

## Proton drip line and N=Z nuclei

- Spectroscopy beyond the drip line
- Proton-neutron pairing
- Isospin Symmetry
- Isospin Mixing
- GT and Fermi  $\beta$ -decays
- Order to chaos
- $\Gamma_p / \Gamma_\gamma$  ratios





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