

# Experience of RIB research at RIKEN (short retrospective review to look in future...)

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# OUTLINE

- Old RIKEN Accelerator Facility (1989-2007)
  - Production of RI beams: RIPS, CRIB
  - Examples of experimental setups and new fundamental results
- New RIBF Facility (2007-...)
  - Fragment separator BigRIPS
  - Spectrometers and Setups: ZeroDegree, SAMURAI, SHARAQ, EURICA+WASABI
  - Discovery of new isotopes, new data on exotic nuclei
  - New setups: OEDO, RI Ring, SCRIT
- Summary

## Radioactive Isotope Beams World-Wide (middle 2018)



by K. Knie, GSI

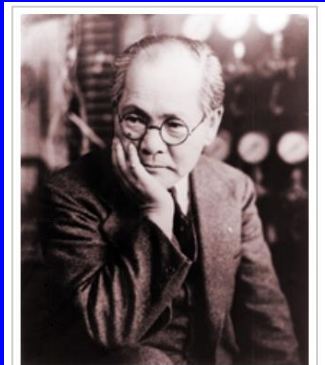


RIKEN (RIKagaku KENkyusho = Institute of Physical and Chemical Research)

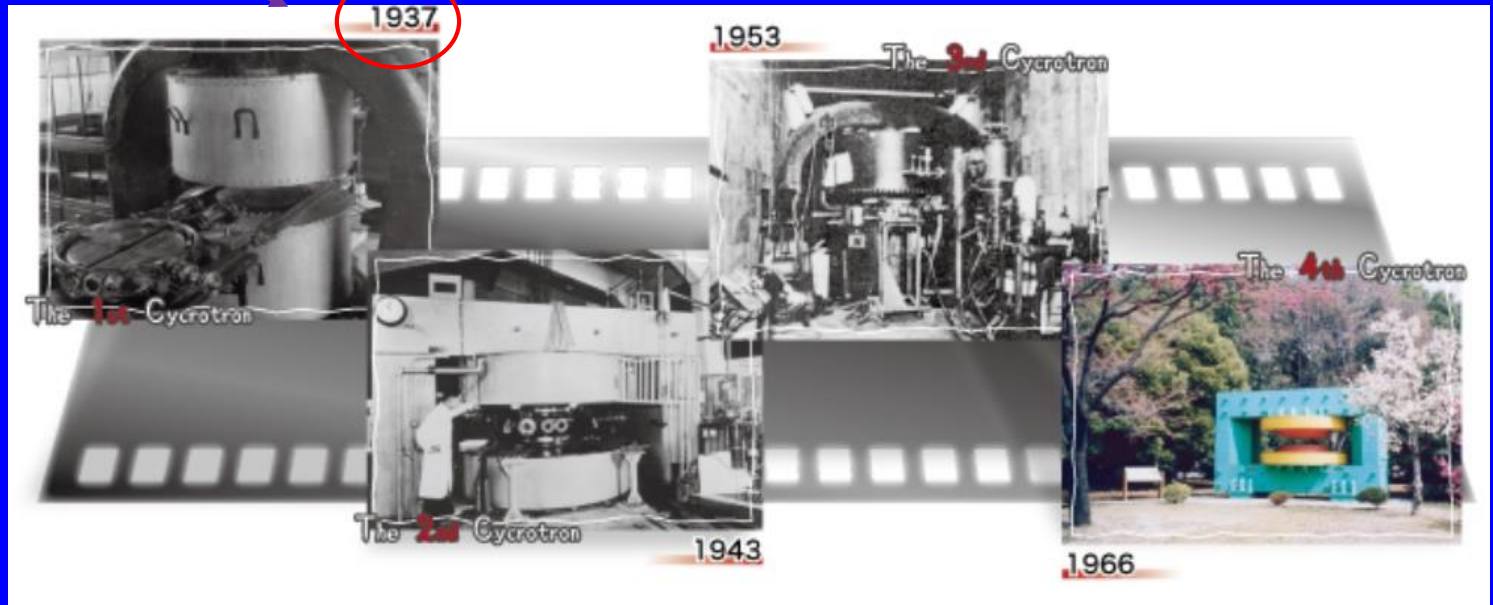
founded in 1917 as the first private scientific foundation in Japan  
with the financial support by the imperial Household, the Government and private organization

*1st Cyclotron in Japan  
2nd Cyclotron in the world*

## 4 first cyclotrons in 1937–1966



Yoshio Nishina (1890–1951)





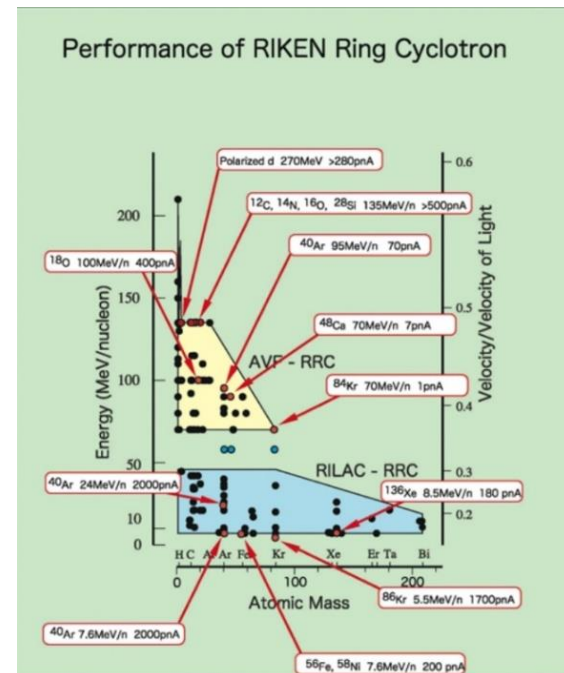
Yasushige Yano



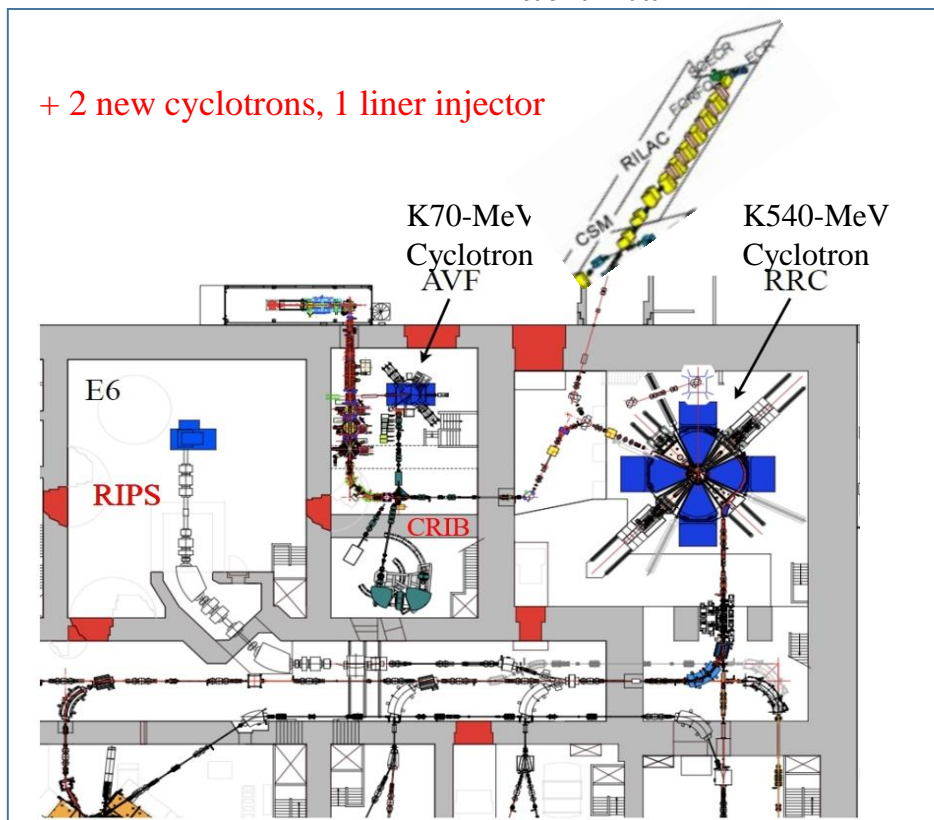
Isao Tanihata



Toshiyuki Kubo



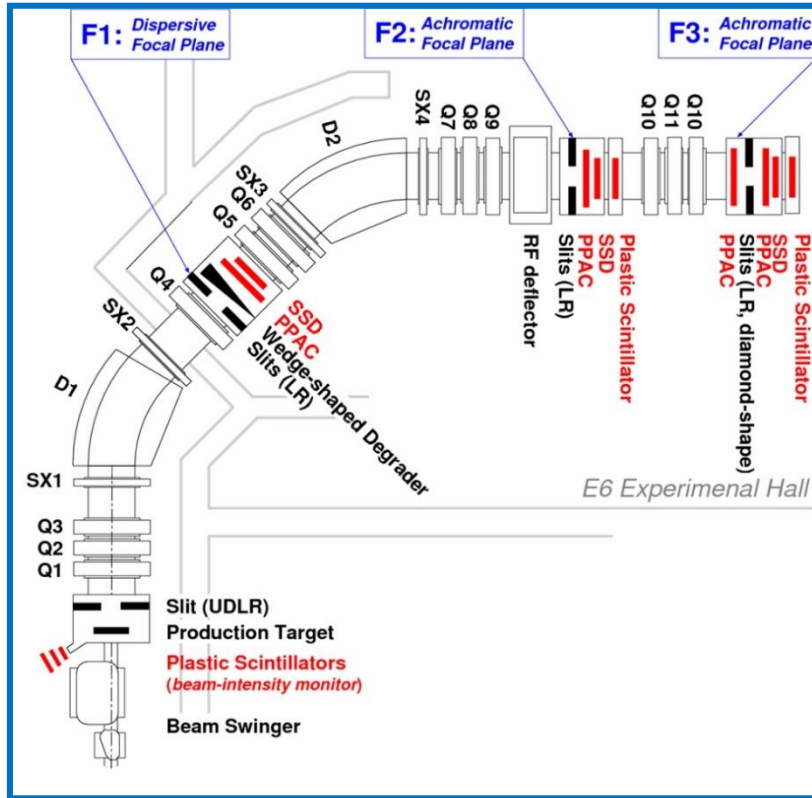
+ 2 new cyclotrons, 1 liner injector



Some important RRC beams:

| Beam particle     | E/A (MeV) | Current (pnA) | Injector    |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| <sup>14</sup> N   | 135       | 500           | AVF         |
| <sup>18</sup> O   | 100       | 1000 (500)    | AVF         |
| <sup>22</sup> Ne  | 100       | 360           | AVF         |
| <sup>40</sup> Ar  | 95 / 63   | 80 / 800      | AVF / RILAC |
| <sup>48</sup> Ca  | 63        | 250           | RILAC       |
| <sup>136</sup> Xe | 11        | 250           | RILAC2      |
| <sup>238</sup> U  | 11        | 500           | RILAC2      |

# RIPS



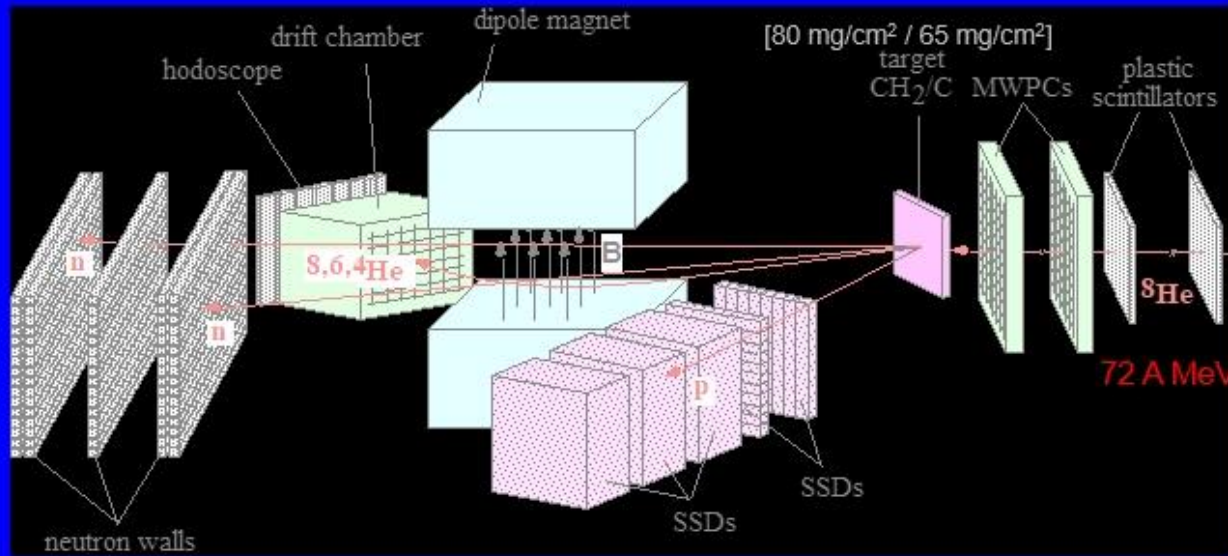
| Basic characteristics of RIPS |  | PS.              |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Configuration                 | Q-Q-Q-SX-D-SX-Q                              | (First section)  |
|                               | Q-Q-SX-D-SX-Q-Q-Q                            | (Second section) |
|                               | Q-Q-Q  | (Third section)  |
| Angular acceptance            | 60 mrad × 60 mrad                            |                  |
| Momentum acceptance           | 6%   |                  |
| Solid angle                   | 5 msr  |                  |
| Focus                         | F1, dispersive, end of first section         |                  |
|                               | F2, double achromatic, end of second section |                  |
|                               | F3, double achromatic, end of third section  |                  |
| Momentum dispersion at F1     | $(x/\delta) = 24 \text{ mm}/\%$              |                  |

In the '90s world record RIBs intensities of exotic nuclei:

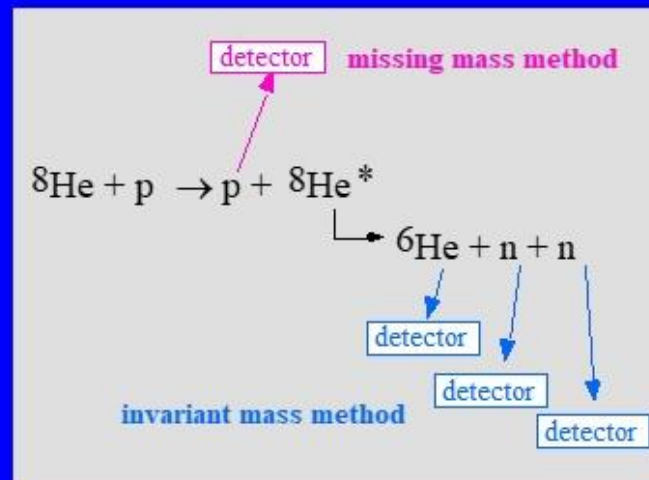
| Secondary-beam production rates |                   |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Isotope                         | Rate (particle/s) | Purity (%) |
| 6He                             | 5.36E+06          | 100.0      |
| 8He                             | 1.77E+05          | 100.0 !!   |
| 11Li                            | 7.57E+04          | 100.0      |
| 10Be                            | 4.13E+07          | 100.0      |
| 11Be                            | 1.15E+07          | 100.0      |
| 12Be                            | 2.26E+06          | 99.4 !!    |
| 14Be                            | 3.94E+04          | 100.0      |

# The first study of $^8\text{He}$ scattering Search for excited states of $^8\text{He}$

$N/Z = 3 !!$



RIPS, RIKEN





*ICNFP2019, Workshop on Physics on Exotic Nuclei, Crete, Greece, August 22-23, 2019*

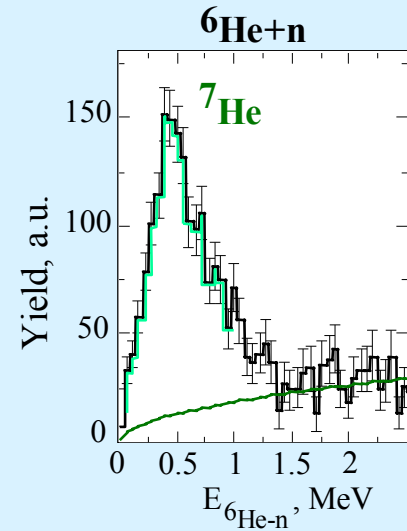
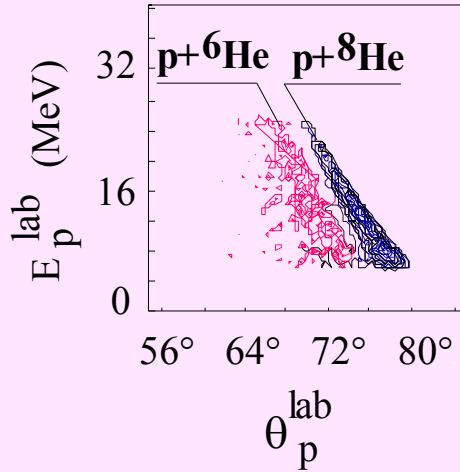
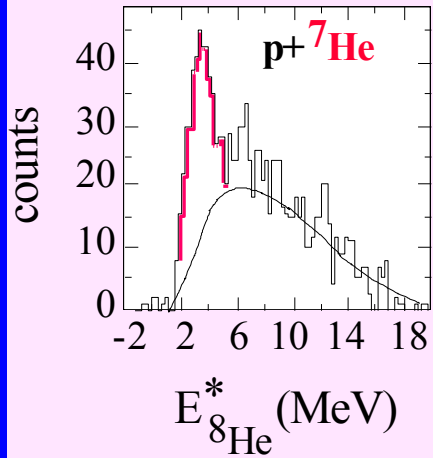
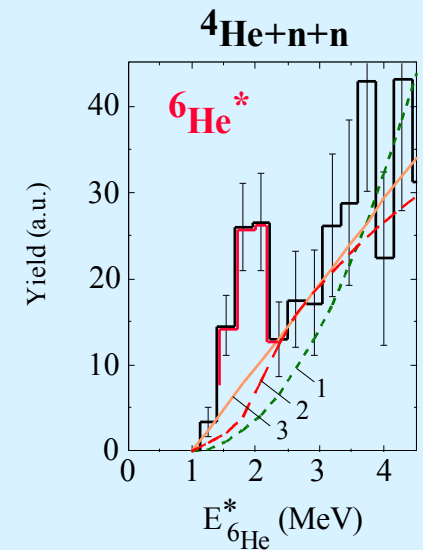
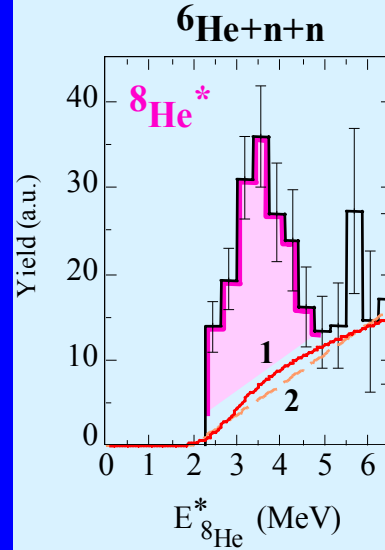
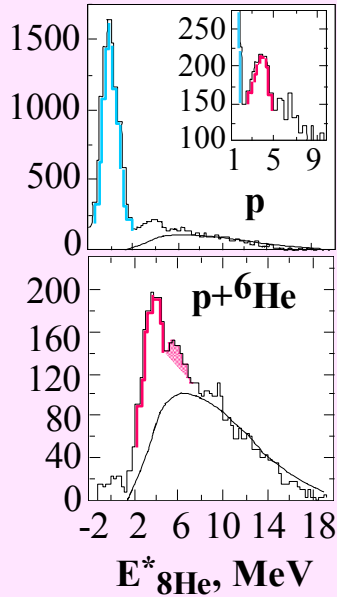


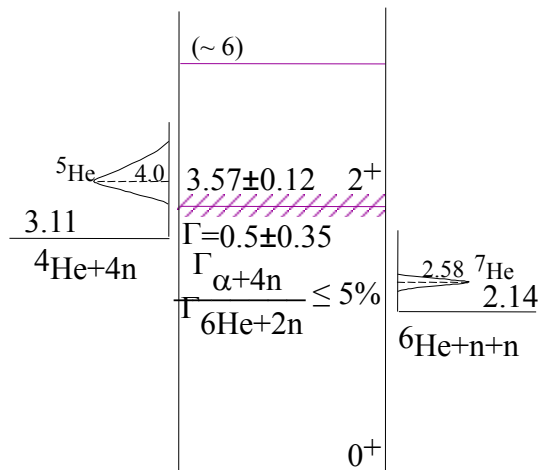
# Missing mass method

A. A. Korshennikov et al.  
Phys. Lett. B **316**, 38 (1993)

# Invariant mass method

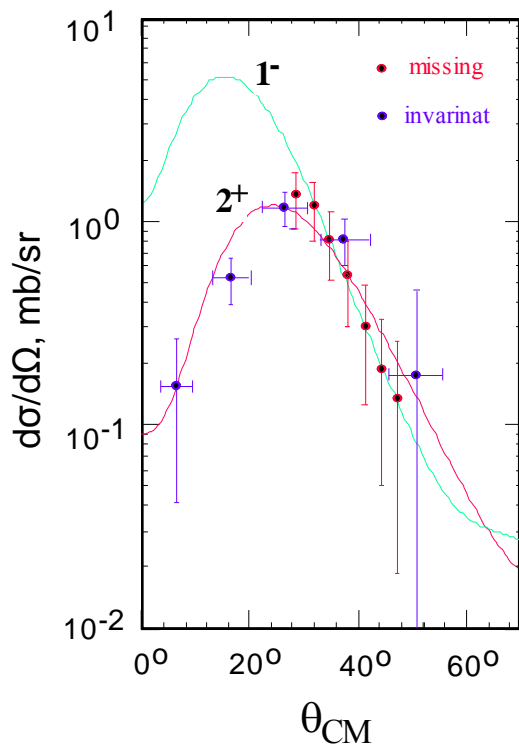
$$E^*_{8\text{He}} \approx 3.6 \text{ MeV}$$



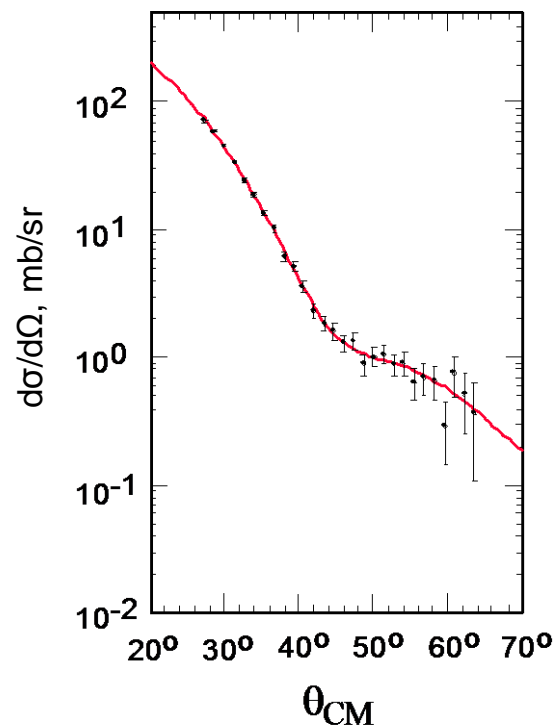


## ${}^8\text{He}$

Inelastic scattering  ${}^8\text{He} + p$



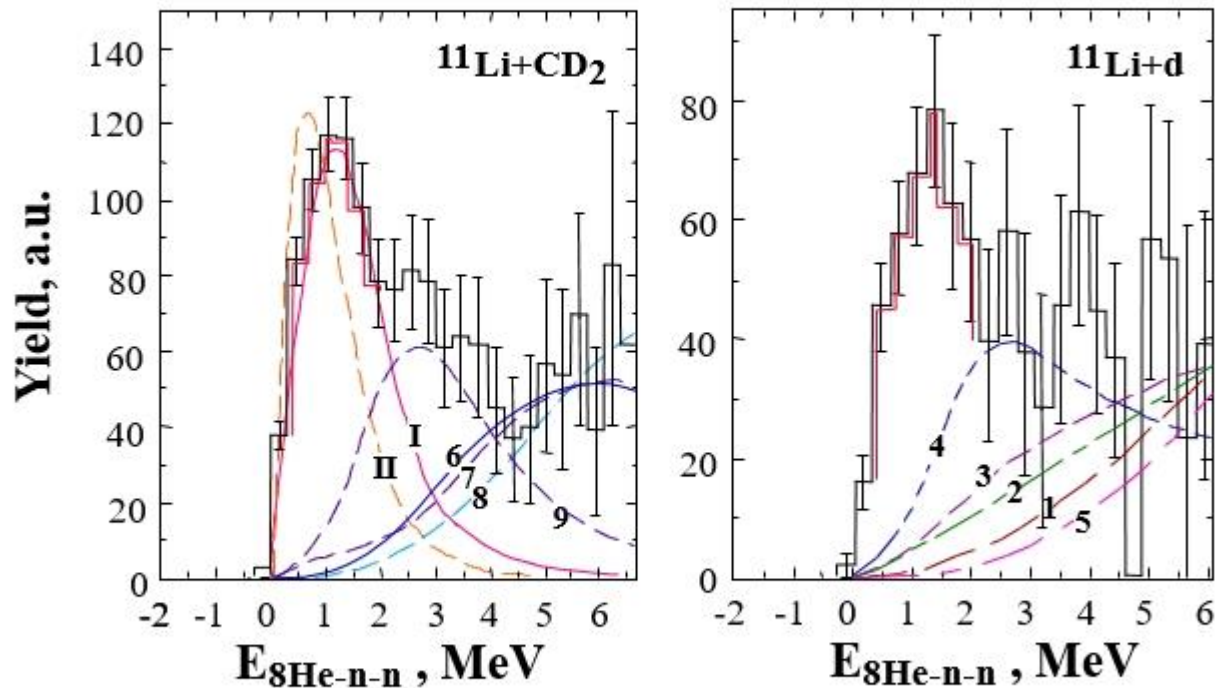
Elastic scattering  ${}^8\text{He} + p$



# Observation of $^{10}\text{He}$

A. A. Korshennikov et al. Phys. Lett. B **326**, 31 (1994)

## $^8\text{He}+n+n$ :



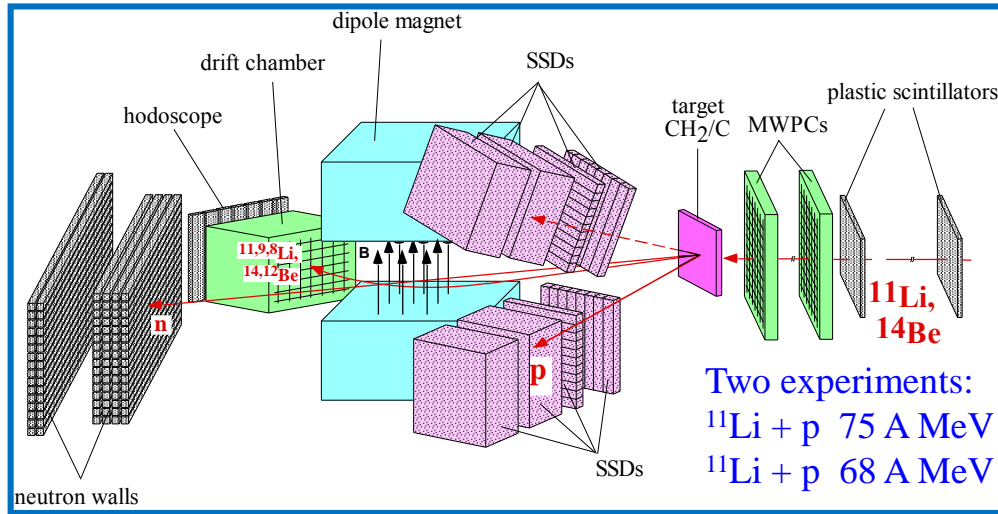
$$E_{^8\text{He}-n-n} = 1.2 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma \leq 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

26 years ago...



# Spectroscopy of $^{11}\text{Li}$ by proton scattering

A. A. Korshennikov et al.  
Phys. Rev. C **53**, R537 (1996)

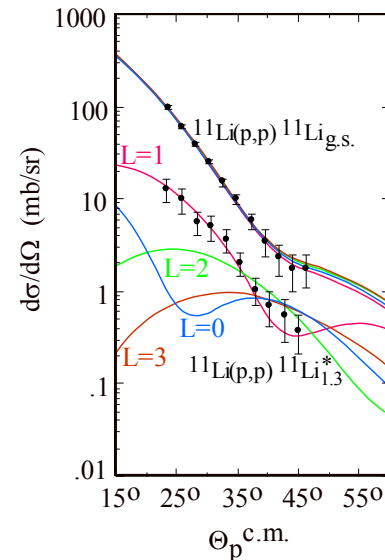
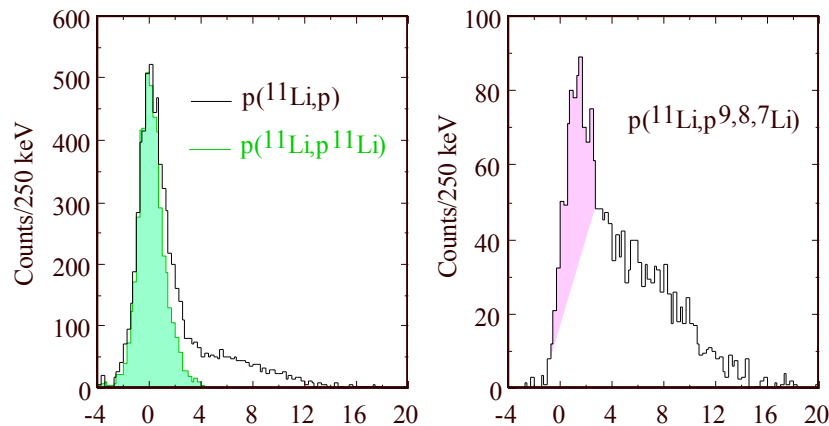


| $p(^{11}\text{Li}, p)$<br>present<br>experiment | $^{11}\text{Be}(\pi, \pi^+)$<br>T. Kobayashi | $^{10}\text{Be}(^{14}\text{C}, ^{13}\text{N})$<br>$^{14}\text{C}(^{14}\text{C}, ^{17}\text{F})$<br>H.G. Bohlen <i>et al.</i> |
|---|--|--|
| 11.3±0.35                                       |  |  |
| 6.4±0.25  | 6.396<br>$^7\text{Li} + 4n$                  | 6.22±0.07  |
| 4.9±0.25  | 4.36<br>$^8\text{Li} + 3n$                   | 4.85±0.07  |
| 3.0±0.2   |  | 2.47±0.07  |
| 1.25±0.15                                       | 1.2±0.1                                      |  |
| 0   | 0.34<br>$^9\text{Li} + 2n$                   |  |
| $^9\text{Li}$                                   | $^{11}\text{Li}$                             | $^{11}\text{Li}$   |

A. A. Korshennikov et al.  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **78**, 2317 (1997)

## Observation of dipole nature of 1.3 MeV state of $^{11}\text{Li}$

### $^{11}\text{Li} + p$ , 68 A MeV

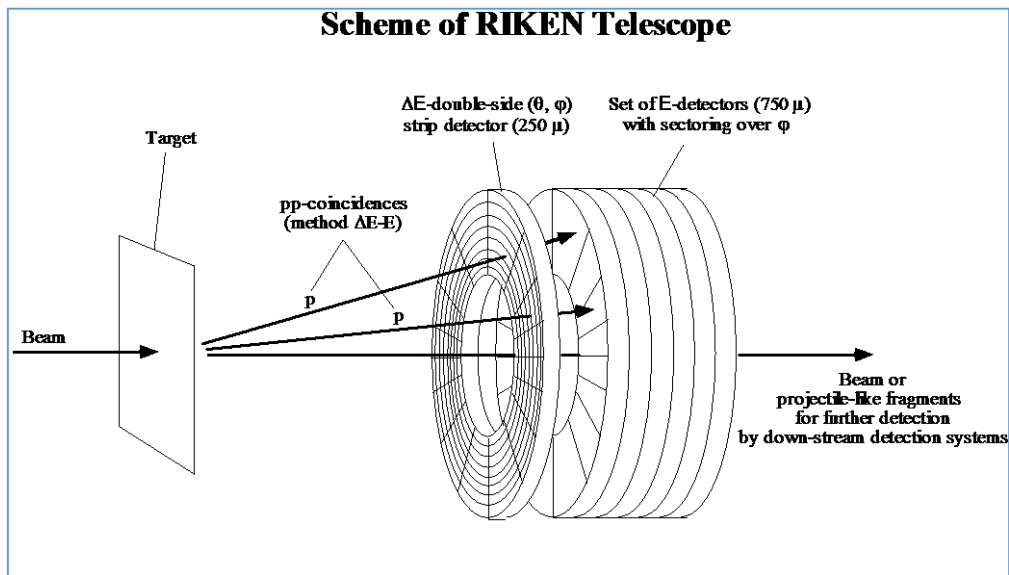


Triple state  $S_{nn}=1$  of valence neutrons in  $^{11}\text{Li}^*$   
**Conclusion:**  
 Valence neutrons in  $^{11}\text{Li g.s.}$  should have significant component of  $p_{1/2}$  state ! (not pure s-orbital)

Switch to the transfer reactions with exotic beams...

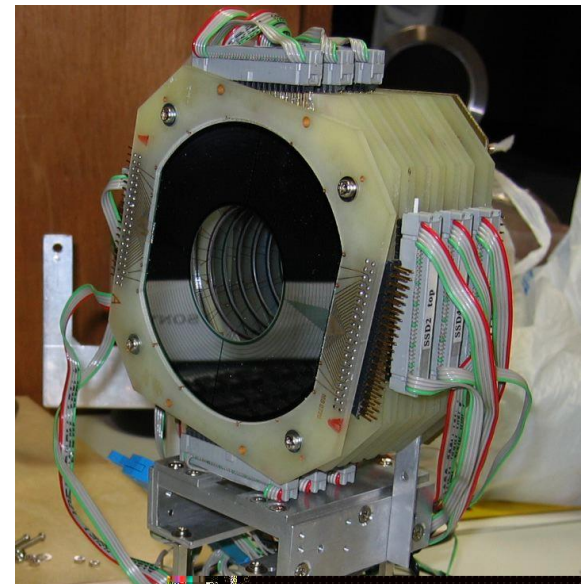
$p(^8\text{He},d)^7\text{He}$ ,  $p(^6\text{He},pp)^5\text{H}$ ,  $p(^8\text{He},pp)^7\text{H}$ ,  $d(^8\text{He},^3\text{He})^7\text{H}$

Scheme of RIKEN Telescope



“RIKEN Telescope”

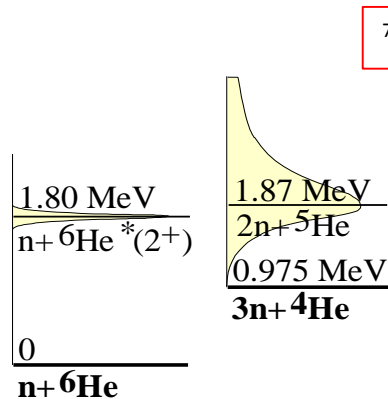
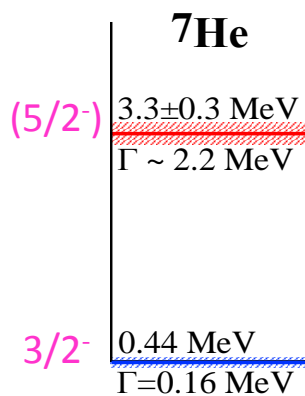
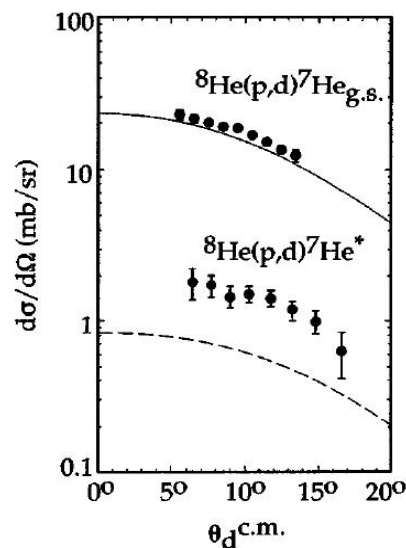
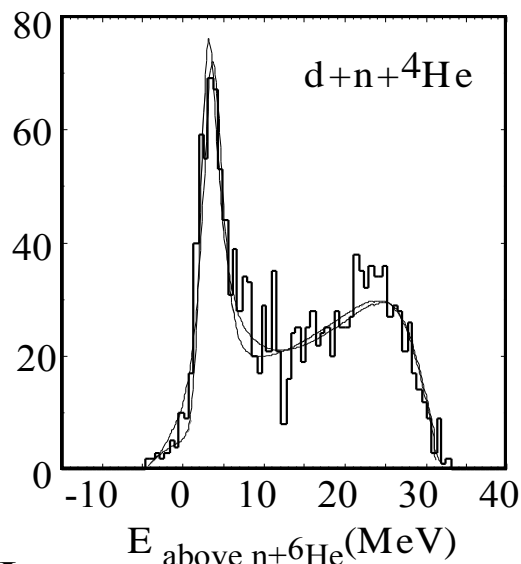
DSSSD (250  $\mu$ ) + 6 SSSD (750  $\mu$ ) + 1 SSSD veto  
192 channels  
( produced by Micron Ltd.)



# $^7\text{He}$ excited state 3.3 MeV with unusual structure

$p(^8\text{He},d)^7\text{He}$

A. A. Korshennikov, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **82**, 3581 (1999)



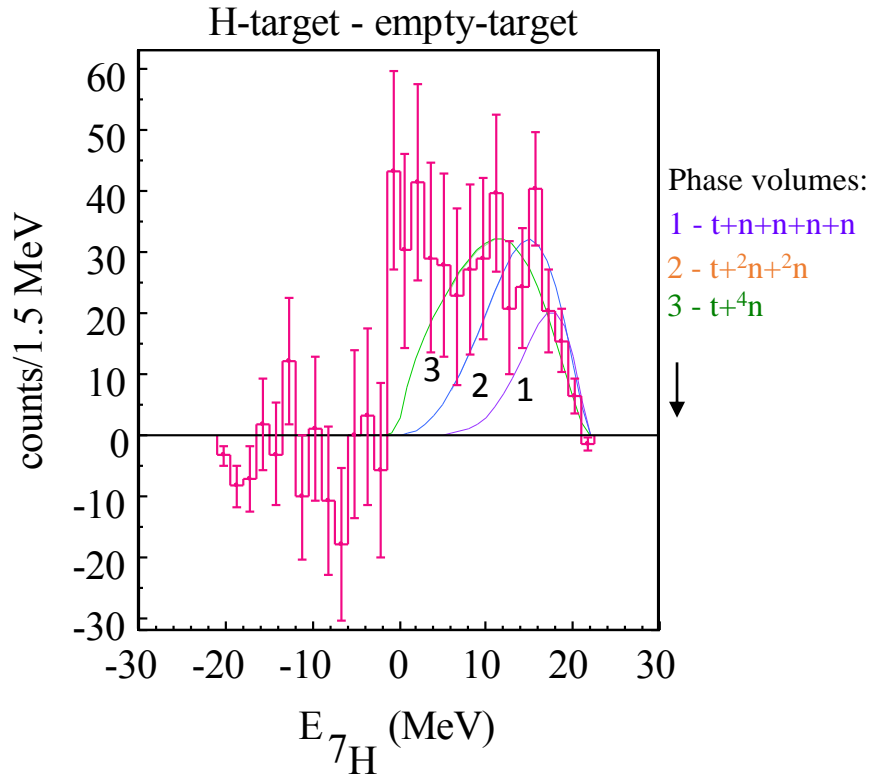
$$^7\text{He}^* = ^6\text{He}(2^+) + n(P_{1/2})$$

# Evidence for the existence of superheavy ${}^7\text{H}$ state near $t+4n$ threshold !

## First RIKEN experiment to search for ${}^7\text{H}$

A. A. Korshennikov et al.  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **90**, 082501 (2003)

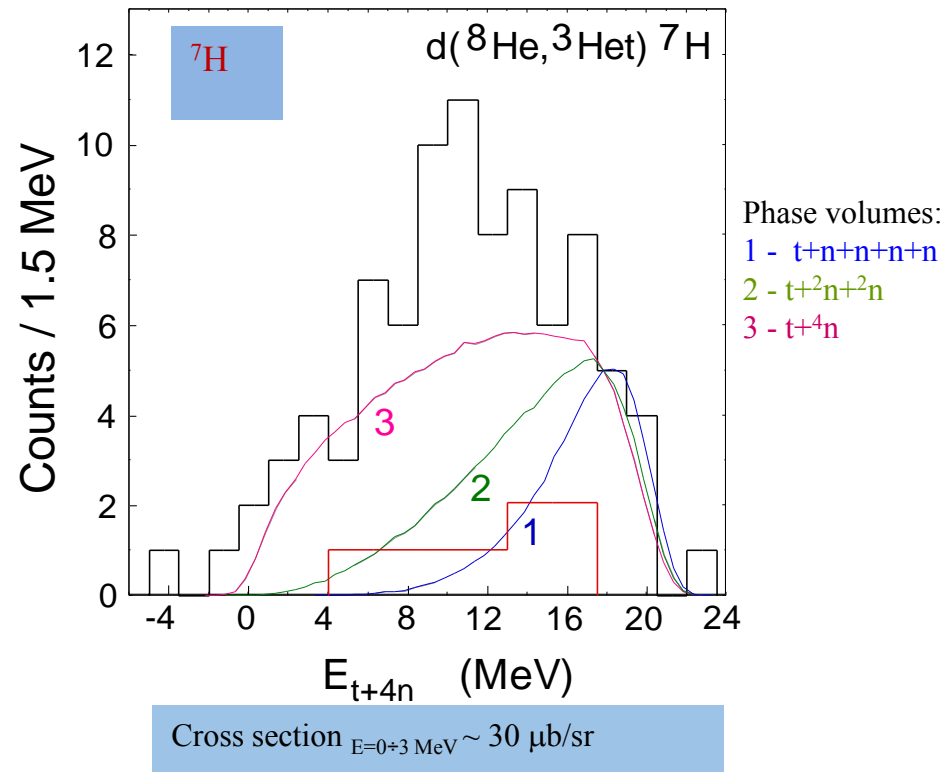
$p({}^8\text{He}, pp){}^7\text{H}$  61 A MeV @  ${}^8\text{He}$



## Second experiment

E.Yu.Nikolskii *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **81**, 064606 (2010)

42 A MeV  ${}^8\text{He}$  140 000 pps

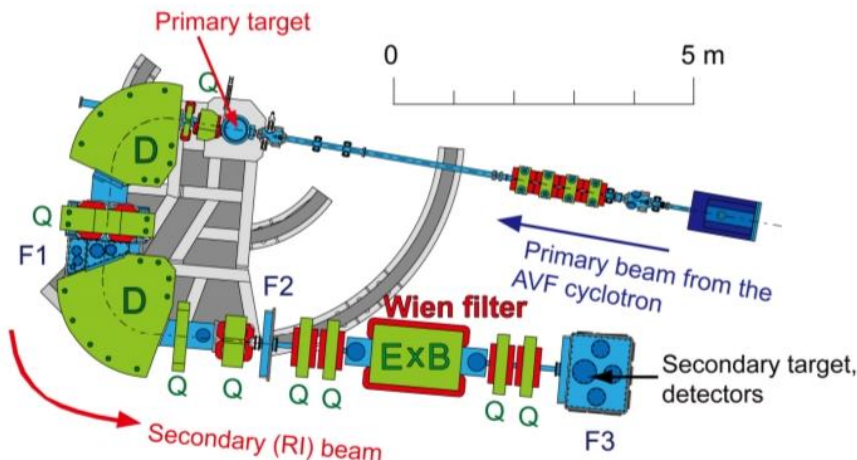




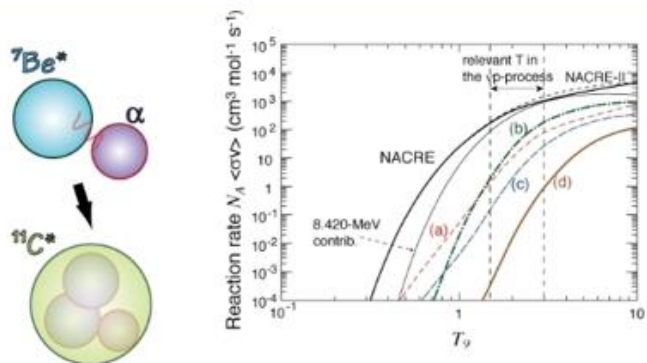
# CRIB

CNS Radio-Isotope Beam separator, operated by CNS (Univ. of Tokyo), located at RIBF (RIKEN Nishina Center).

- ◆ Low-energy (<10 MeV/u) RI beams by in-flight method.
- ◆ Primary beam from K=70 AVF cyclotron.
- ◆ Momentum (Magnetic rigidity) separation by “double achromatic” system, and velocity separation by a Wien filter.
- ◆ Orbit radius: 90 cm, solid angle: 5.6 msr, momentum resolution: 1/850.



## Alpha resonances in $^{11}\text{C}$ and $^7\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma)$ reaction



H. Yamaguchi et al., Phys. Rev. C (2013)

## Linear-chain cluster states in $^{14}\text{C}$ nucleus

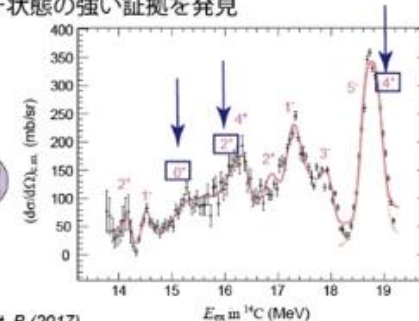
Strong evidence of “linear chain” nuclear cluster state

原子核の直鎖クラスター状態の強い証拠を発見

Predicted image of linear-chain clustered  $^{14}\text{C}$  nucleus/ 理論的に予言されていた直鎖状炭素-14 原子核の構造



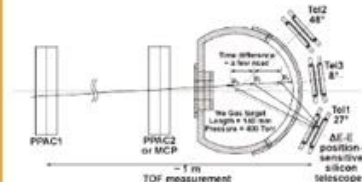
Forming a band:  $J^{\pi}=0^+, 2^+, 4^+$



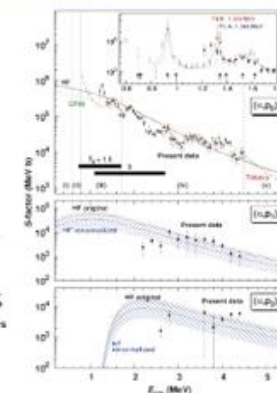
H. Yamaguchi et al., Phys. Lett. B (2017)

## First direct measurement of the stellar $^{11}\text{C}(\alpha, p)^{14}\text{N}$ reaction

First direct measurement of  $^{11}\text{C}(\alpha, p)$  at astrophysical energy:  
Thick-target setup with TOF sensitivity

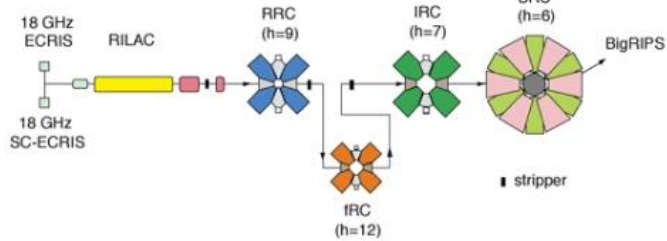


S. Hayakawa et al., Phys. Rev. C (2016)

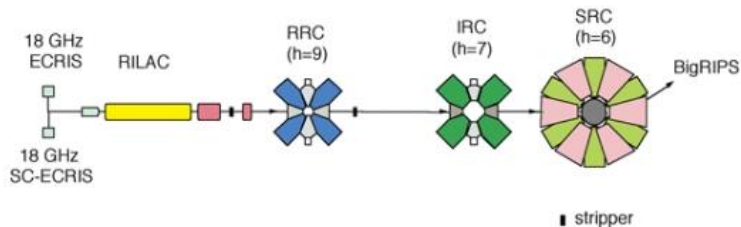


# New RIBF Facility (since 2007)

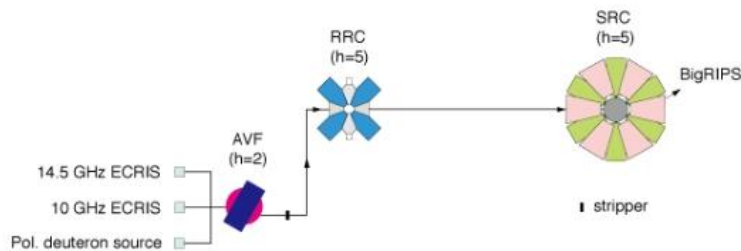
## Modes of acceleration



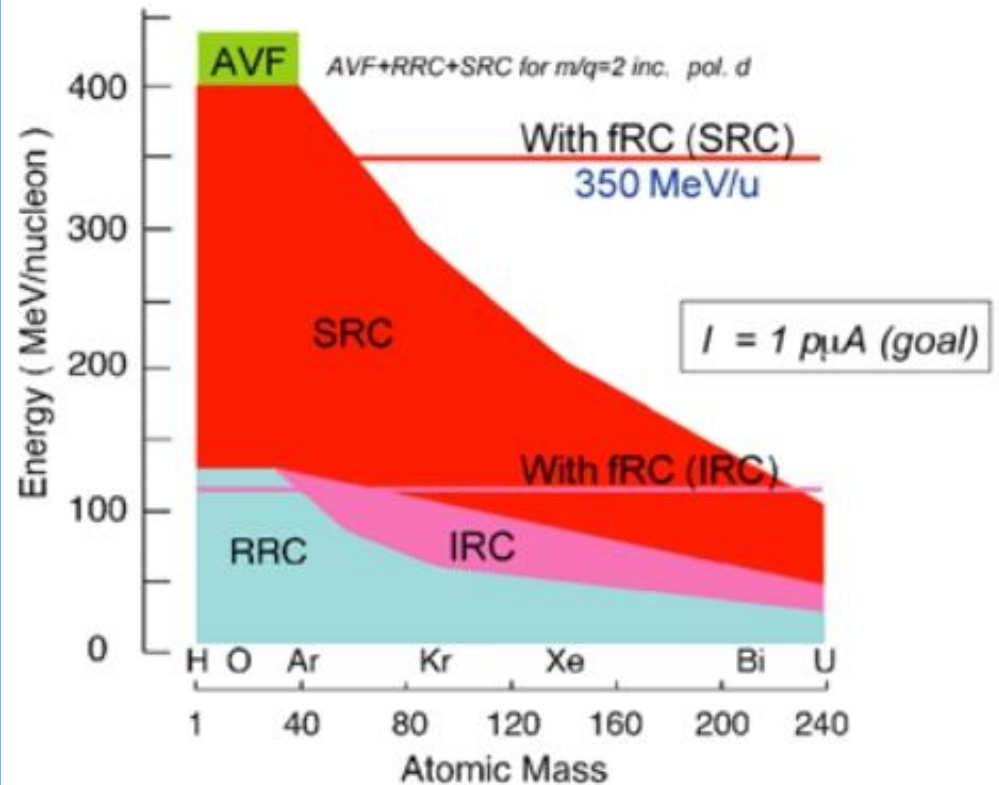
Mode (2): RILAC + (stripper1) + RRC + (stripper3) + IRC + SRC



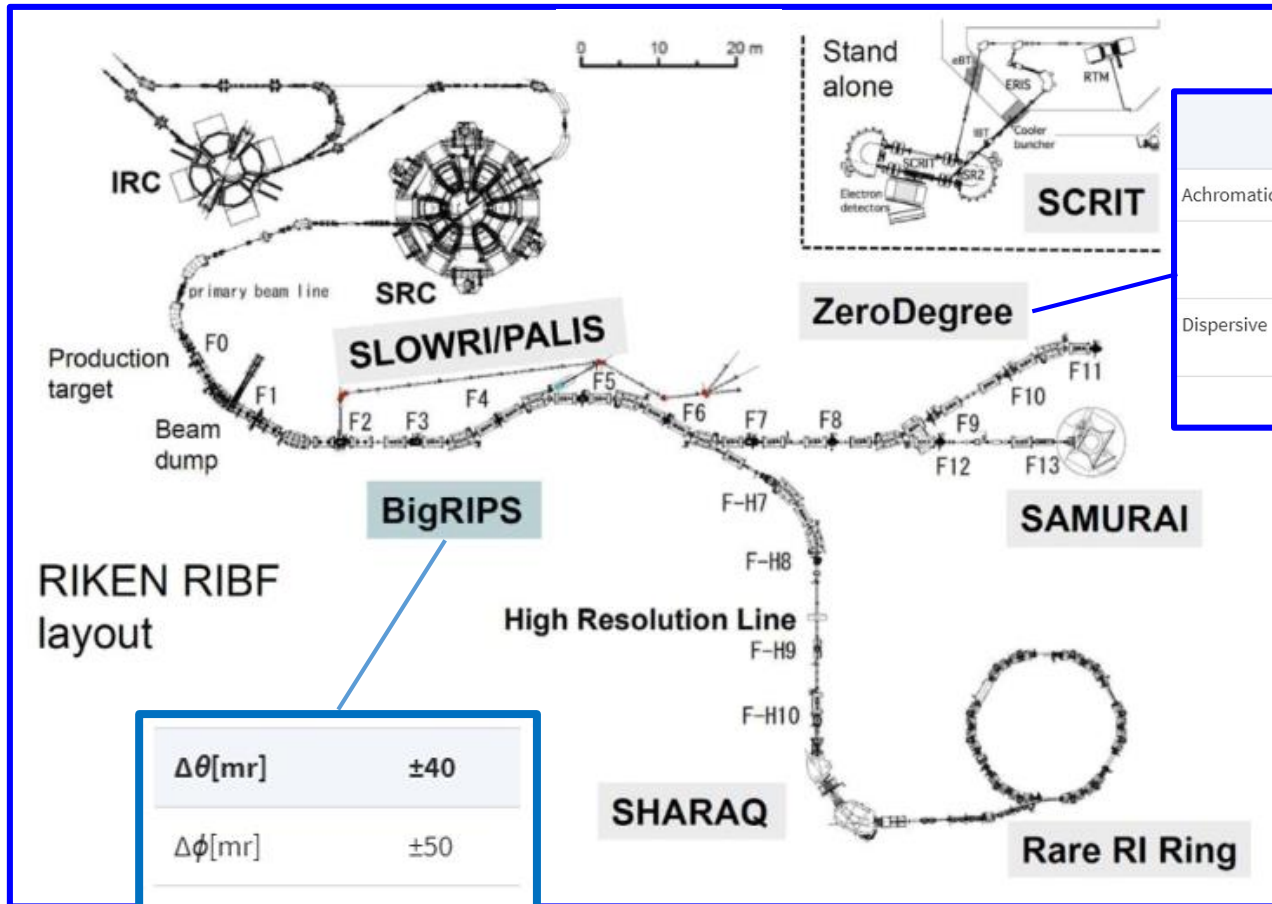
Mode (3): AVF + RRC + SRC



## Performance of the RIBF accelerators



# BigRIPS separator & ZeroDegree spectrometer



| Optics modes |             | $\Delta\theta$ [mrad] | $\Delta\phi$ [mrad] | $\delta$ [%] | P/ $\Delta P^*$ | Max.B $\rho$ [Tm] |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Achromatic   | Large acc.  | $\pm 45$              | $\pm 30$            | $\pm 3$      | 1240            | 8.1               |
|              | Medium Res. | $\pm 20$              | $\pm 30$            | $\pm 3$      | 2080            | 9.7               |
| Dispersive   | Medium Res. | $\pm 20$              | $\pm 30$            | $\pm 2$      | 4070            | 9.8               |
|              | High Res.   | $\pm 15$              | $\pm 15$            | $\pm 1$      | 6410            | 10.2              |

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| $\Delta\theta$ [mrad] | $\pm 40$ |
| $\Delta\phi$ [mrad]   | $\pm 50$ |
| $\delta$ [%]          | $\pm 3$  |
| P/ $\Delta P$ (1st)*  | 1260     |
| P/ $\Delta P$ (2nd)** | 3420     |
| Max.B $\rho$ [Tm]***  | 9.5/8.8  |
| Length[Tm]            | 78.2     |

# Particle identification at BigRIPS

$\Delta E$ -TOF- $B\rho$  method with track reconstruction

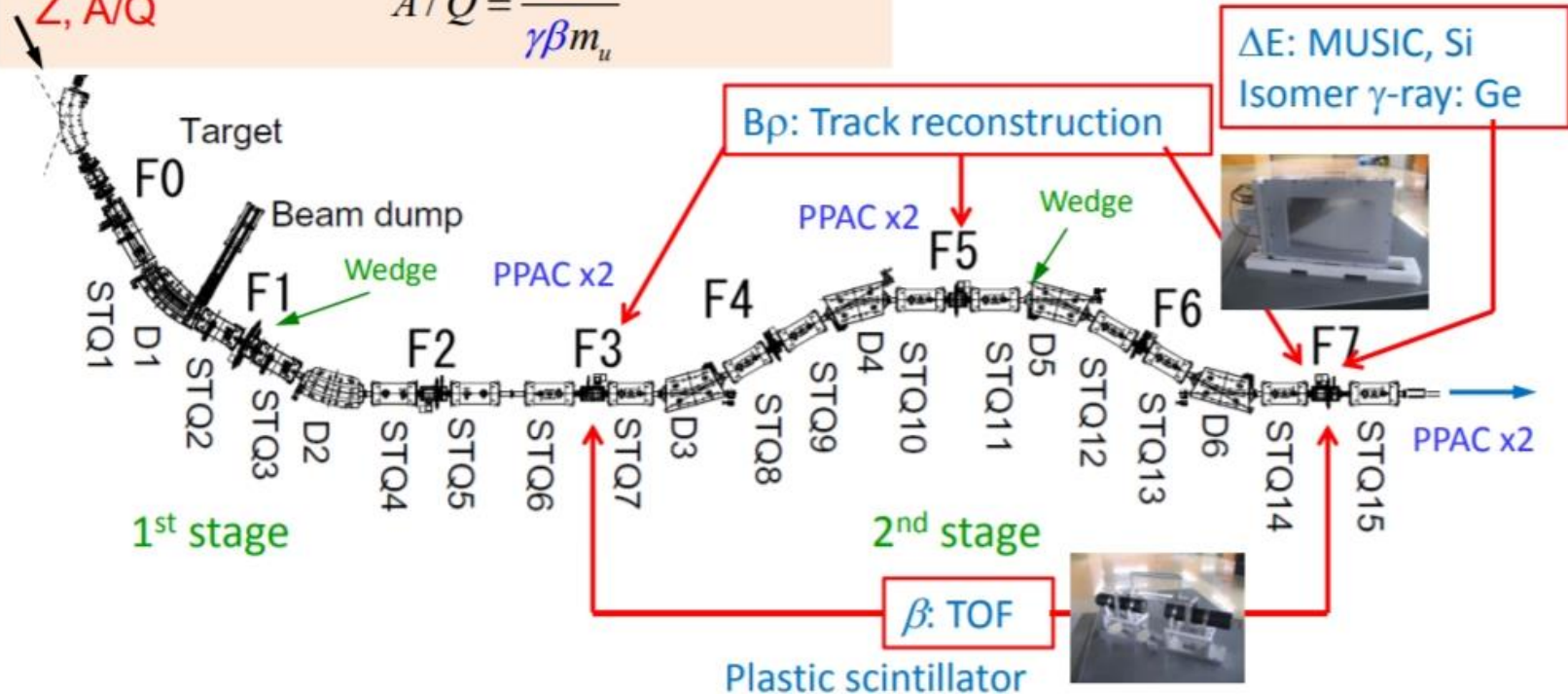
→ Improve  $B\rho$  and TOF resolution

Measure  $\Delta E$ , TOF,  $B\rho$  @ 2<sup>nd</sup> stage

+ isomeric  $\gamma$ -ray  $Z \leftarrow -dE/dx = f(Z, \beta)$

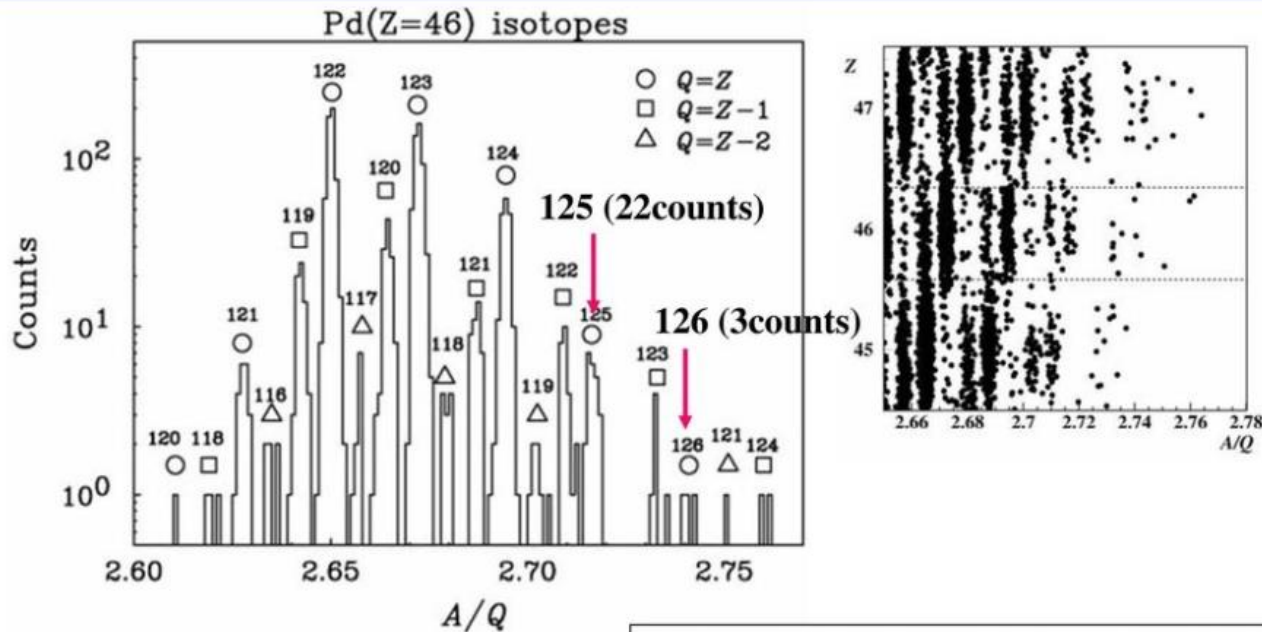
$Z, A/Q$

$$A/Q = \frac{B\rho}{\gamma\beta m_u}$$



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

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

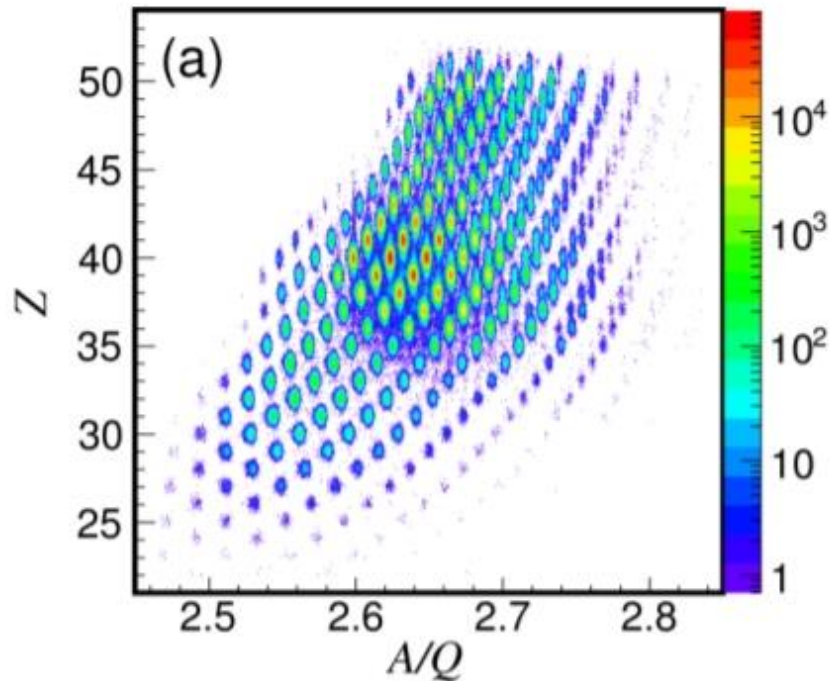


Total dose  $3.6 \times 10^{12}$  for 25 hrs  
 $I \sim 0.01$  pA on average

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

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

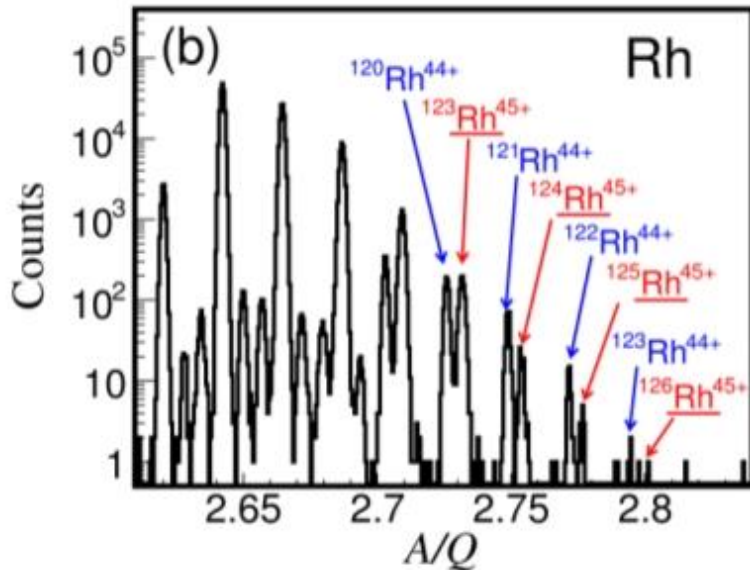
Slide by H.Sakurai



Identification the new isotopes:

$^{123,124,125,126}\text{Rh}$

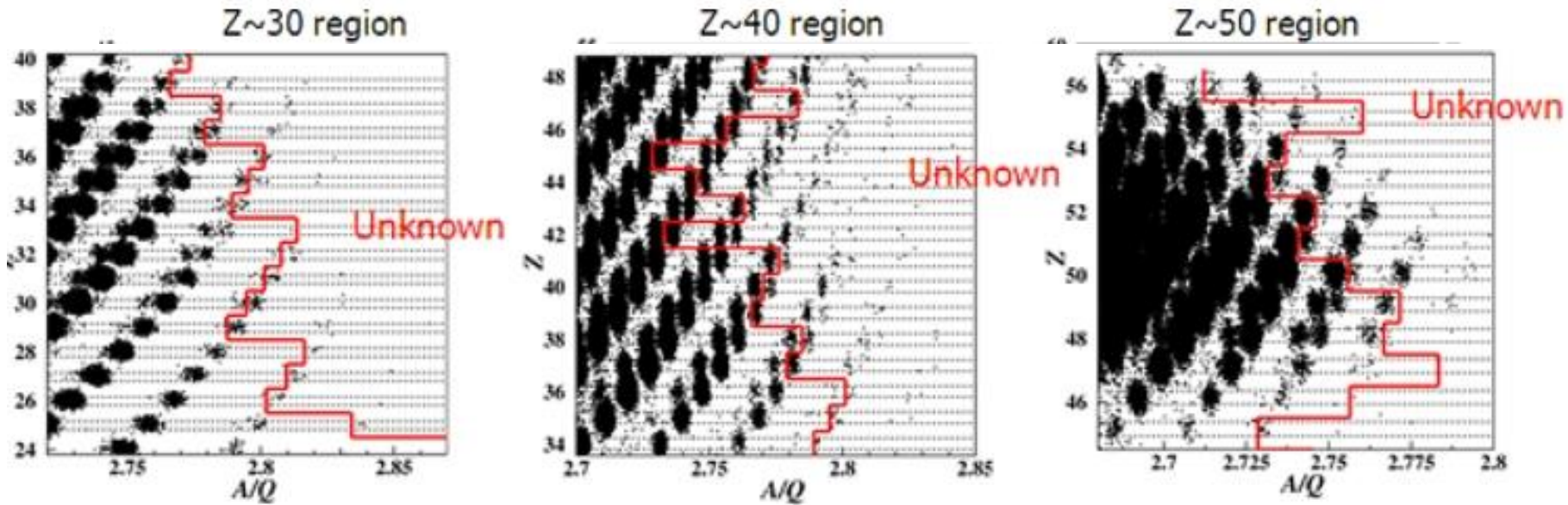
$^{238}\text{U}$  (345 AMeV) +  $^9\text{Be}$



$A/Q$  RMS resolution =  $9.2 \times 10^{-4}$

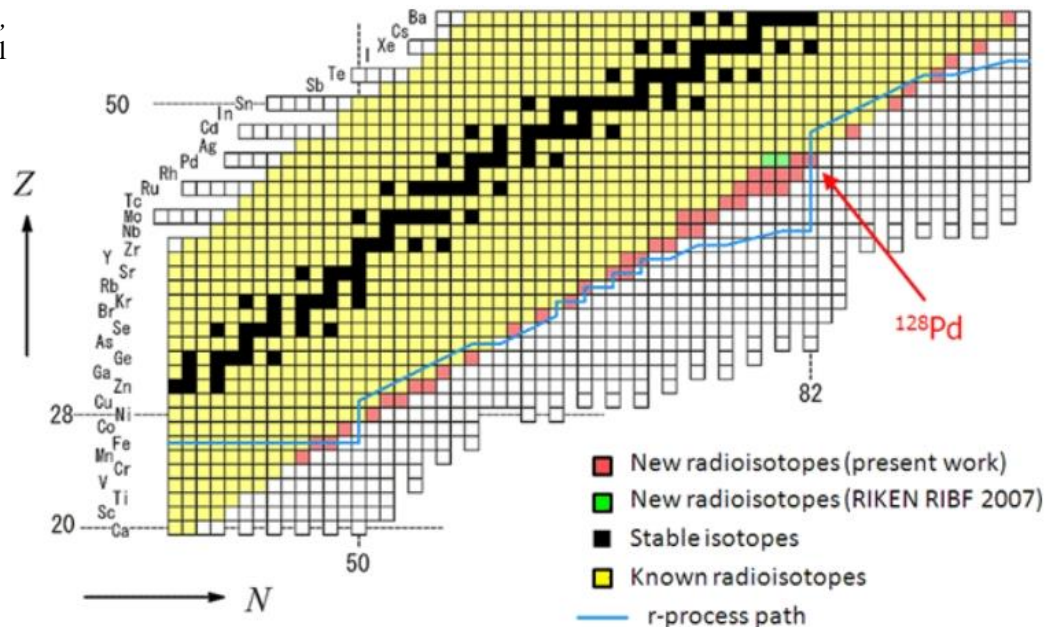
$A/Q$  difference between  
 $^{123}\text{Rh}^{45+}$  and  $^{120}\text{Rh}^{44+} = 5.6 \times 10^{-3}$   
 $(6.1\sigma_{A/Q})$

# In-flight fission $^{238}\text{U}$ (345 AMeV) + $^9\text{Be}$



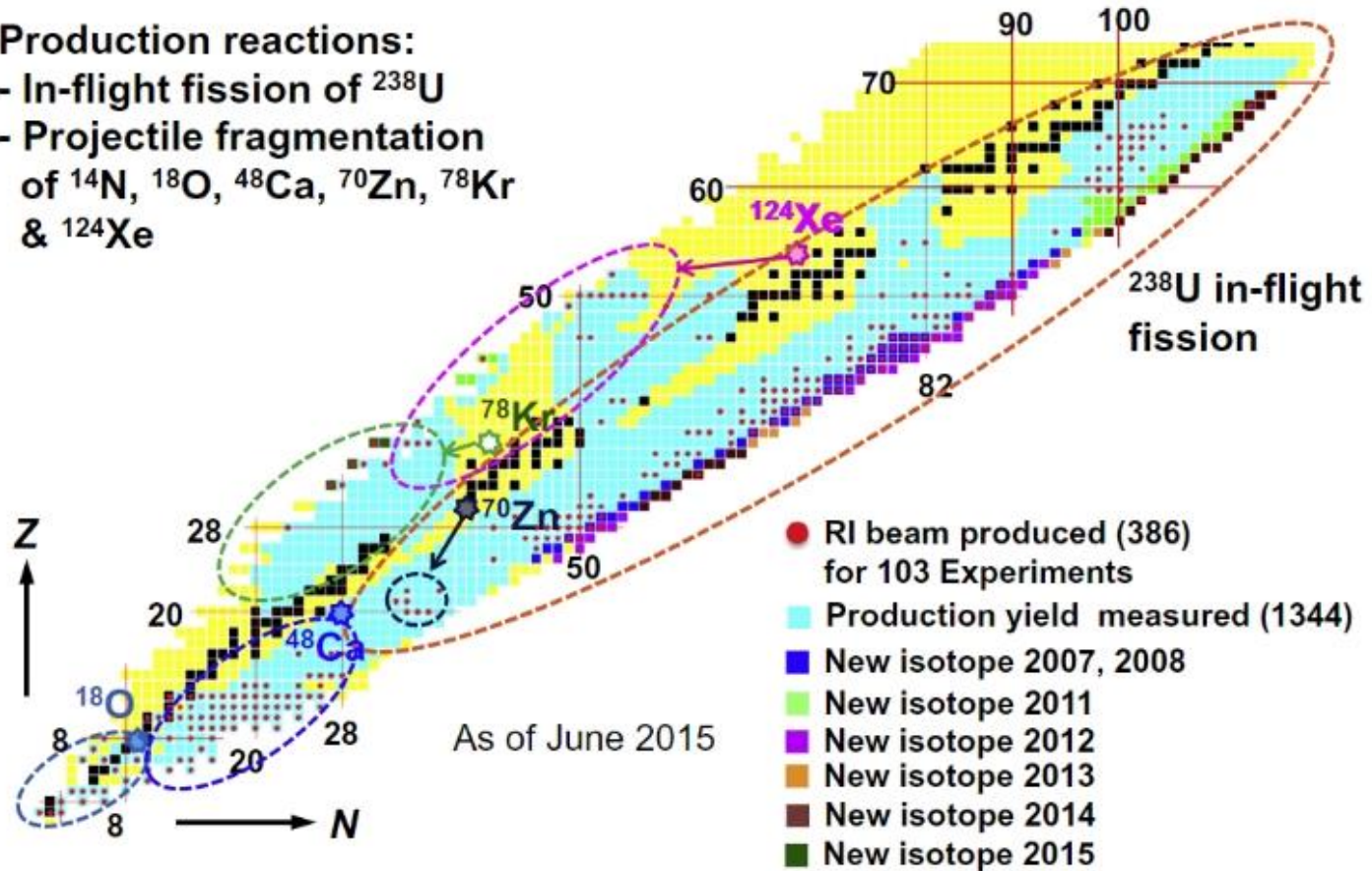
45 new isotopes for 4 days measurements !

T. Ohnishi et al, *J. Phys. Soc. Jpn.*,  
Vol. 79, No. 7, July, 2010, 073201



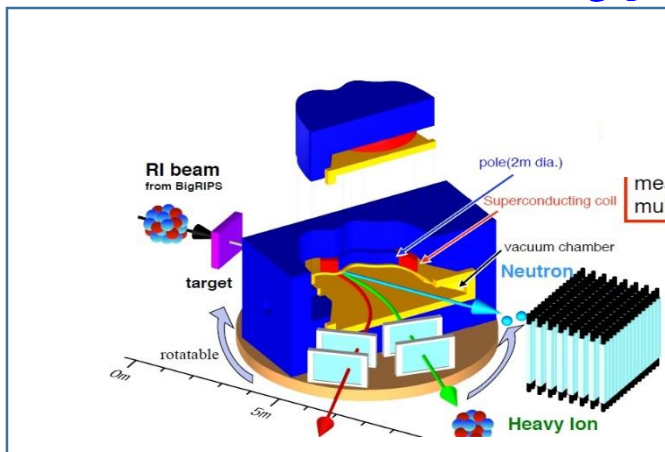
**Production reactions:**

- In-flight fission of  $^{238}\text{U}$
- Projectile fragmentation of  $^{14}\text{N}$ ,  $^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{70}\text{Zn}$ ,  $^{78}\text{Kr}$  &  $^{124}\text{Xe}$



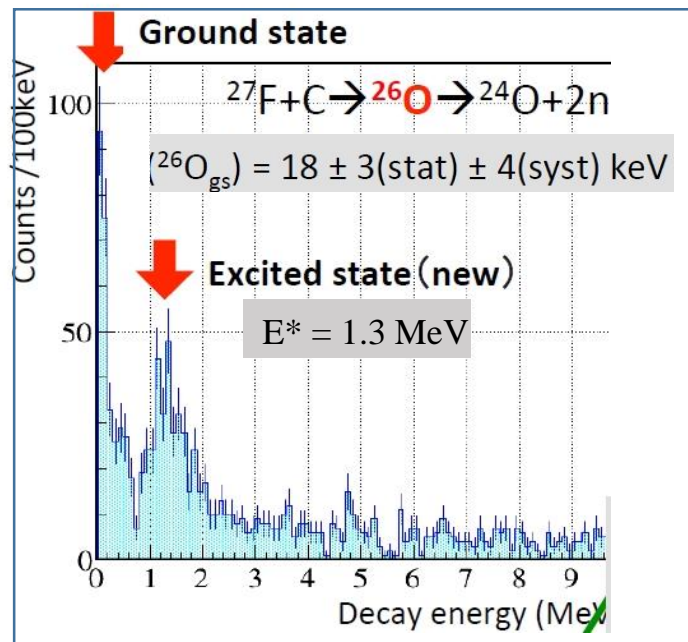


# SAMURAI: 7 Tm bending power



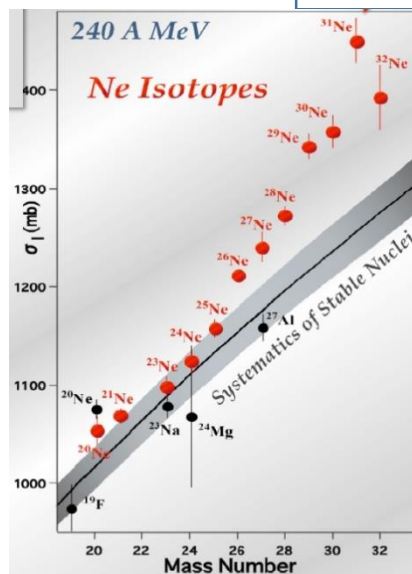
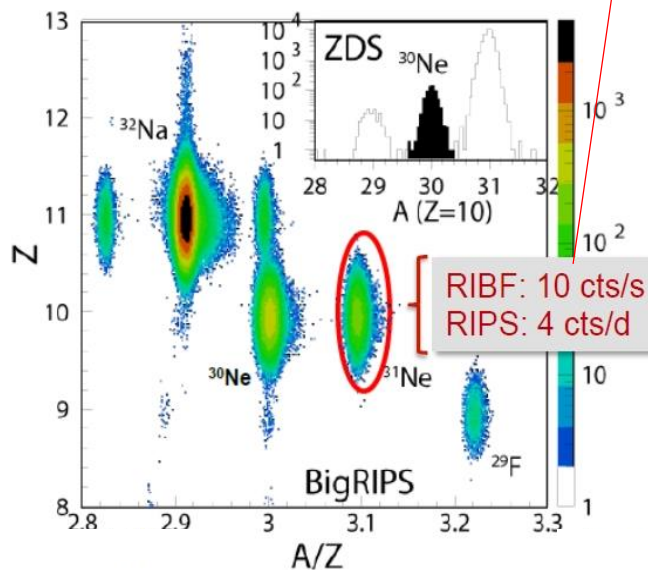
## Spectroscopy of unbound $^{26}\text{O}$

Kondo et al, *PRL* 116 (2016)



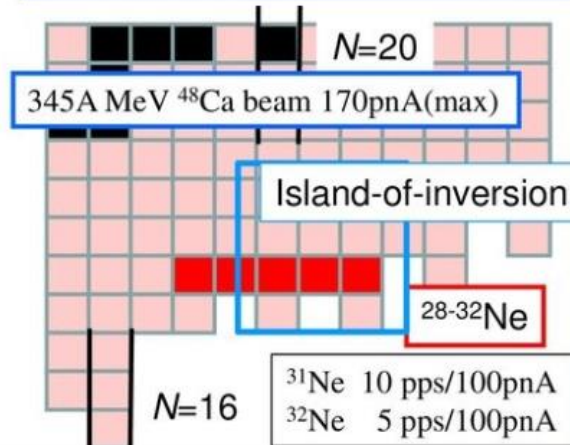
RIBF / RIPS  $^{31}\text{Ne}$  Intensity =  $2 \times 10^5$  !!!

Takechi et al. *Phys. Lett.* **B707** (2012)

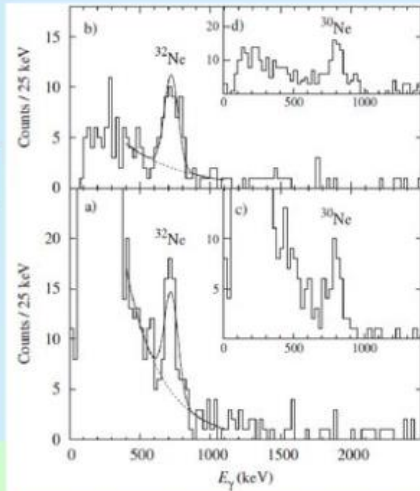
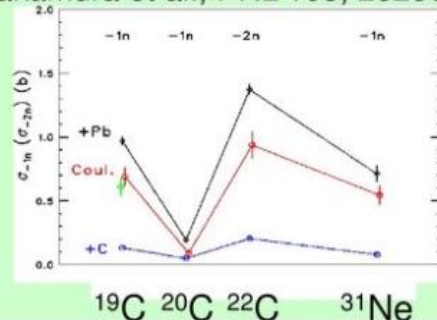


# DayOne Experiments in Dec., 2008

## -The first data in the “island-of-inversion” -



A new candidate of halo nuclei  $^{31}\text{Ne}$  via Coulomb breakup  
Nakamura et al., PRL 103, 262501(2009)

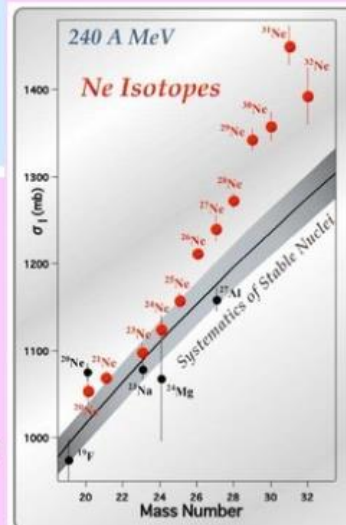


Spectroscopy of  $^{32}\text{Ne}$  and the “island-of-inversion”

$E(2+) = 722$  keV  
Doornenbal, Scheit et al.  
PRL 103, 032501 (2009)  
New states in  $^{31,32,33}\text{Na}$   
PRC 81, 041305R (2010)

Total interaction cross sections for the neutron-rich Ne isotopes

Takechi, Otsubo et al., Niigata 2010 symposium



Slide by H.Sakurai

$(^{24}\text{O} + p)$  experiment with unique intensity of  $^{24}\text{O}$  beam (260 AMeV) of  $2\,000\text{ s}^{-1}$

# Low-lying Excited States in $^{24}\text{O}$ via $(p,p')$ - The First Missing Mass Spectroscopy at RIBF -



Spokespersons : Valerie Lapoux and Hideaki Otsu

May, 2010

The state-of-art detector MUST2 from France  
coupled with BigRIPS/ZDS setup

GOAL



Characteristics of the N=16 new magic number ?  
... in O isotopes  
Structure of a drip-line nucleus,  
possible neutron-skin or halo

EXCITATION ENERGY SPECTRUM  
FOR  $^{24}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{O}(p,p')^{24}\text{O}^*$

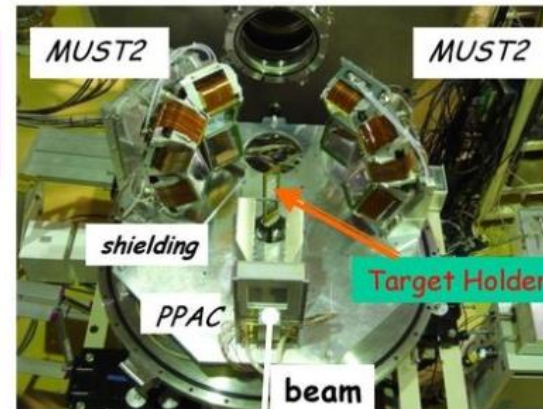
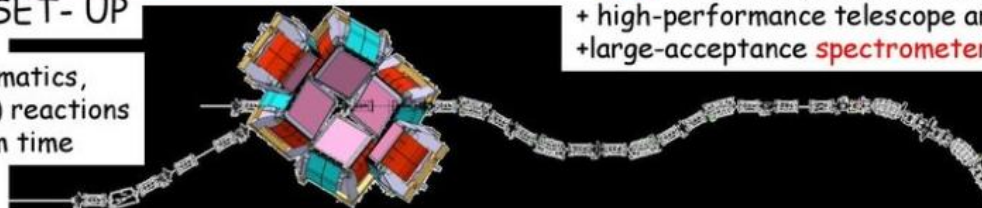
TOOLS



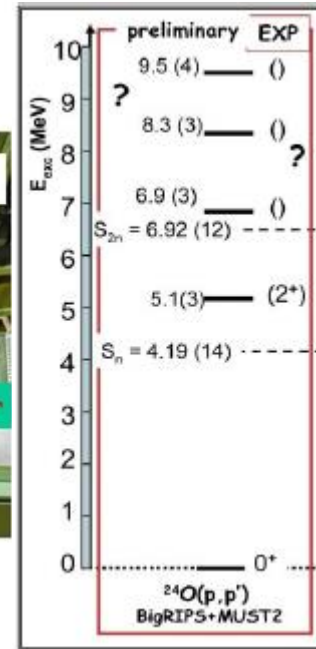
Particle spectroscopy of  
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SET- UP

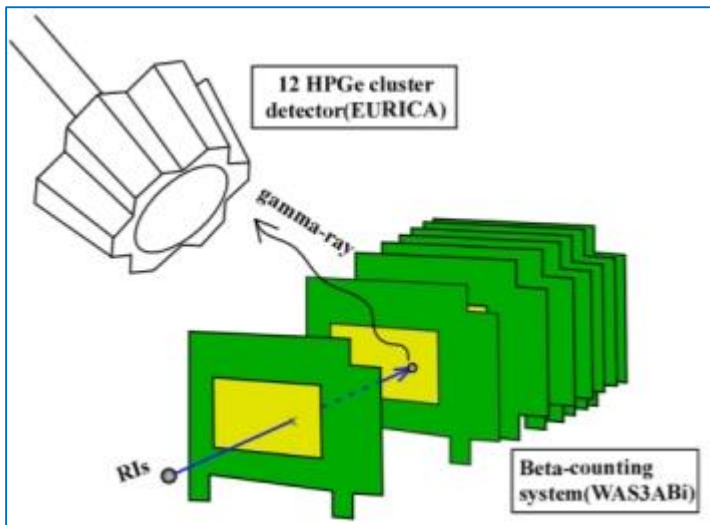
Kinematics,  
(p,p') reactions  
Beam time



RIBF beam (unique intensities)  
+ high-performance telescope array  
+ large-acceptance spectrometer



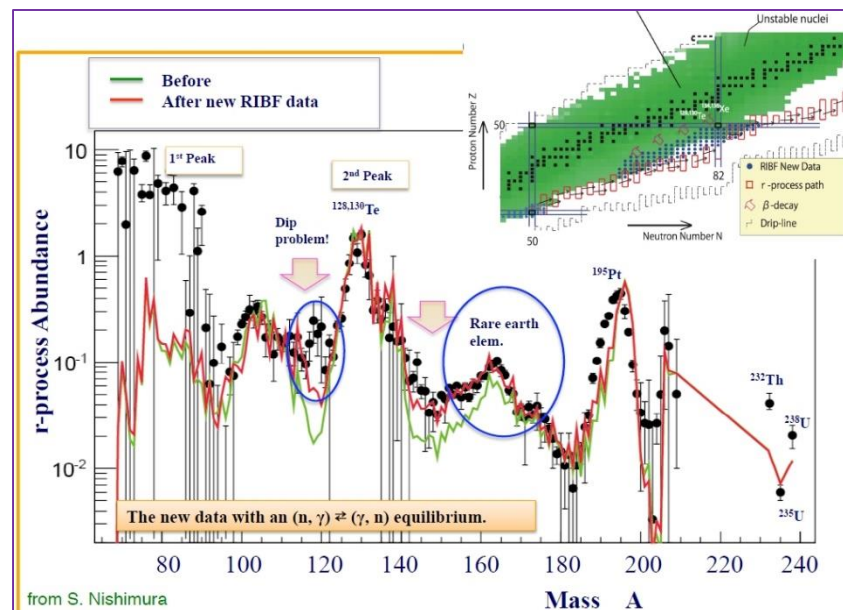
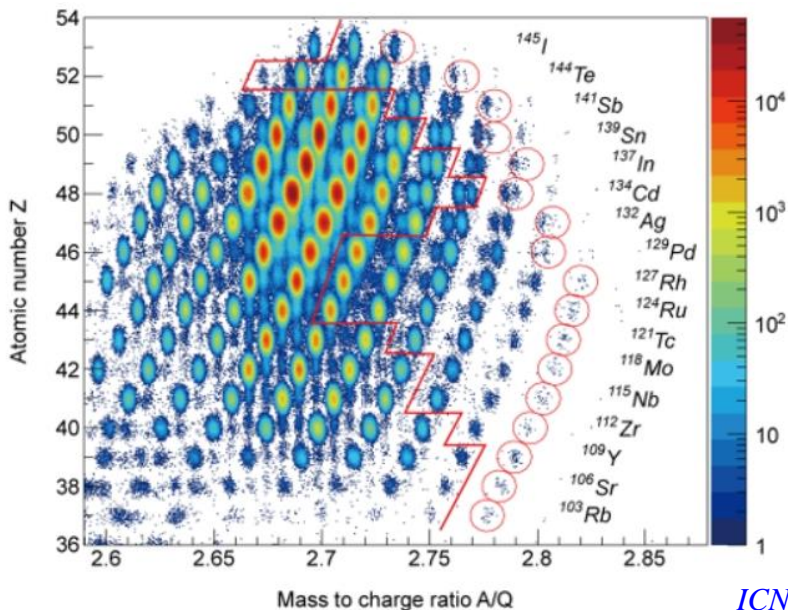
# EURICA + WASABI setups



12 EUROBALL clusters at RIKEN

Data have direct implications for r-process calculations for abundances of elements in  $A \sim 110$  and  $A \sim 130$  peaks

110 (40 new) half lives measured

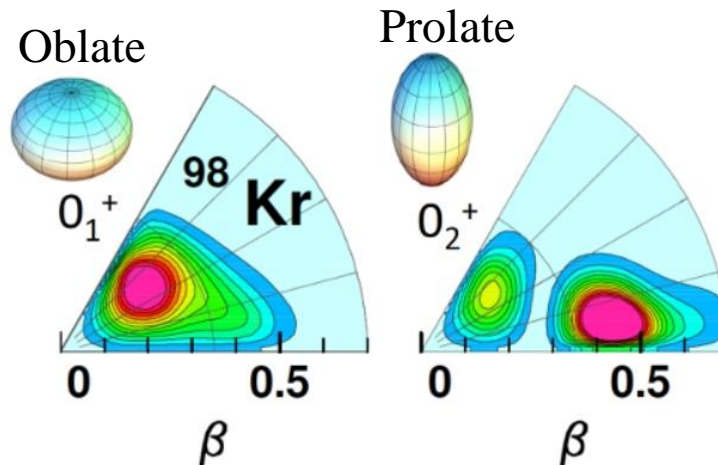
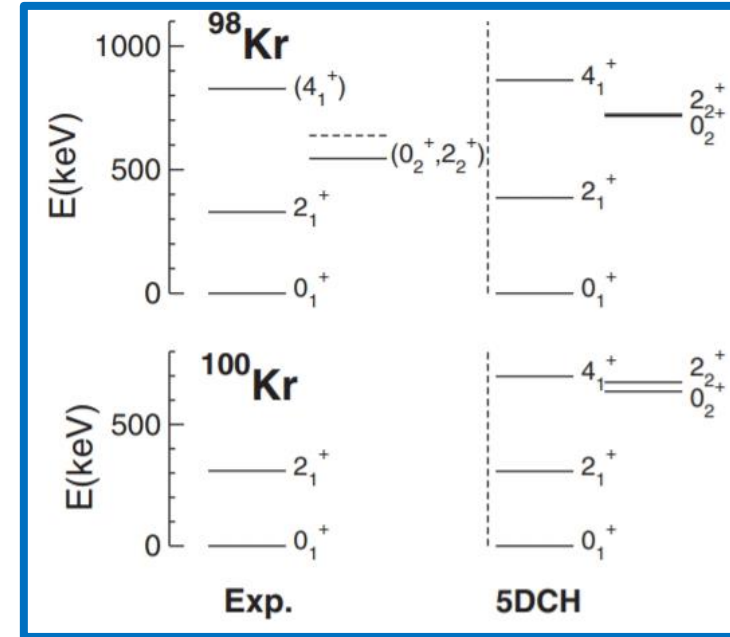
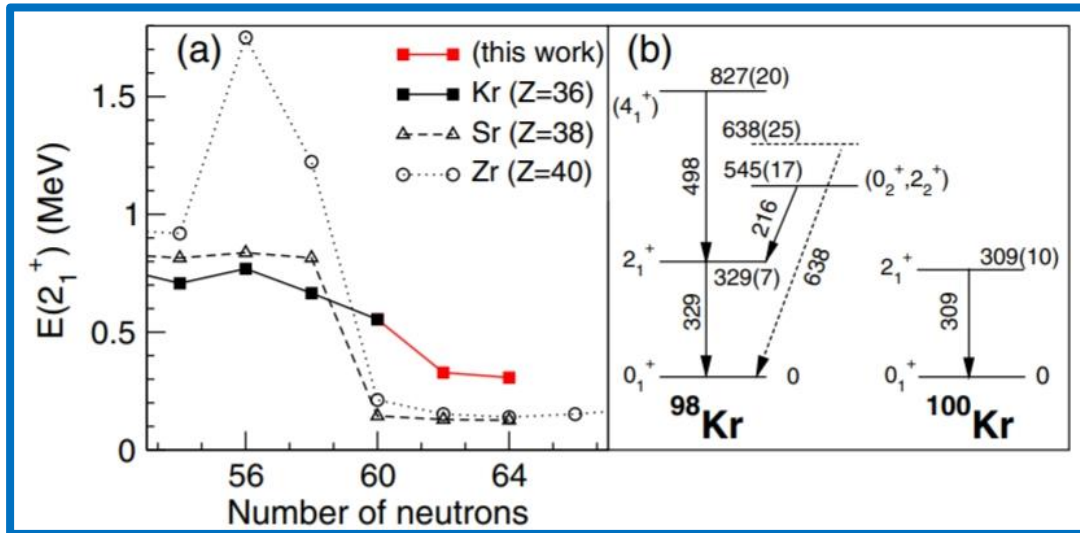


# Shape Evolution in Neutron-Rich Krypton Isotopes Beyond N = 60:

## First Spectroscopy of <sup>98,100</sup>Kr

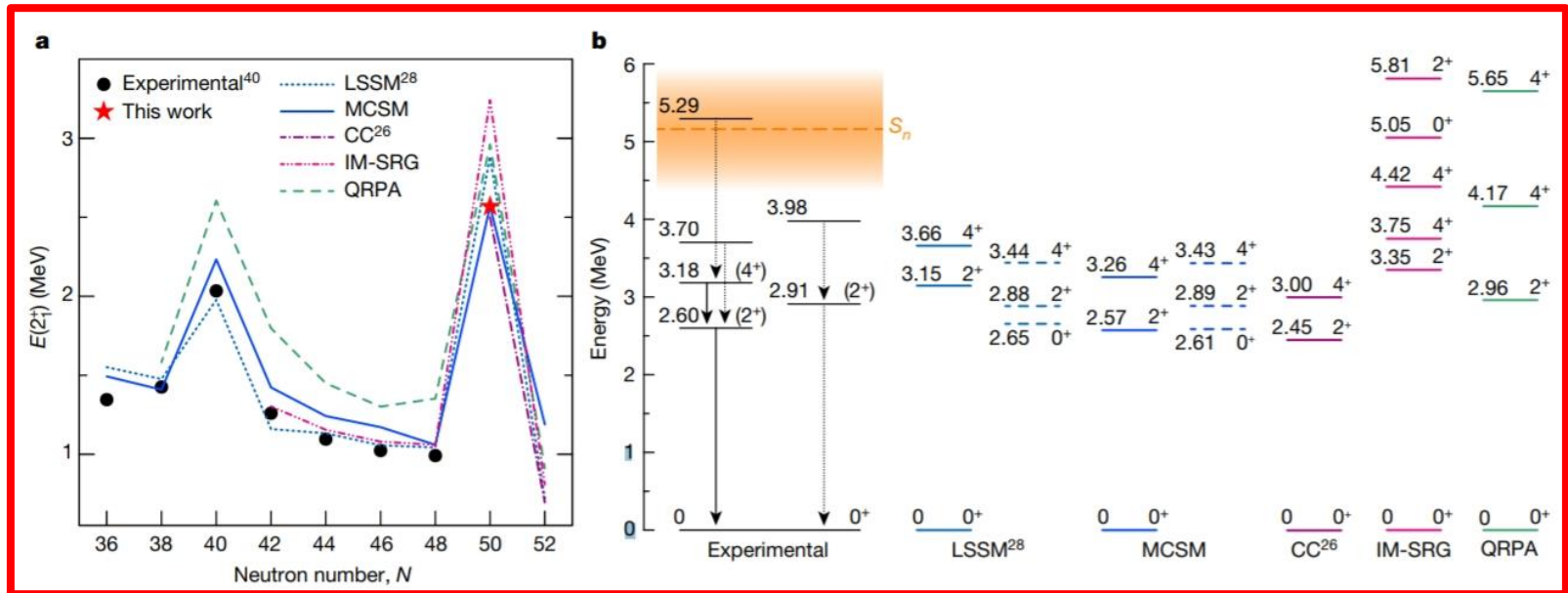
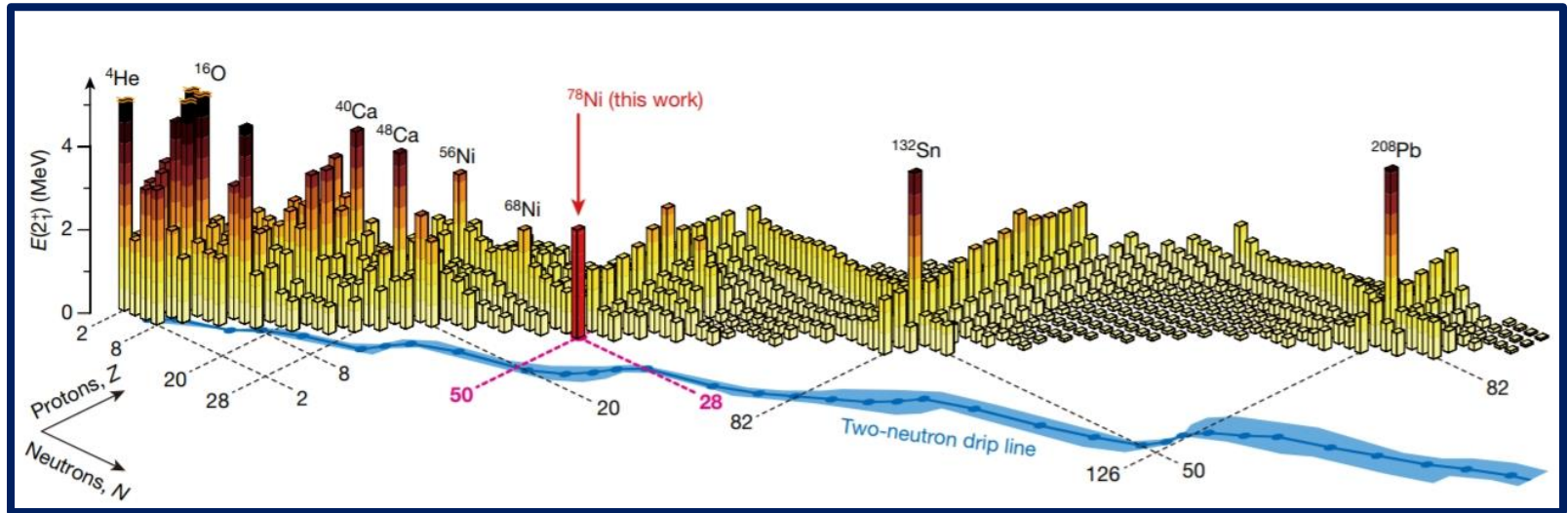
F. Flavigny et al, PRL **118** (2017)

<sup>99,101</sup>Rb(p,2p) reactions at 220 MeV/nucleon



# $^{78}\text{Ni}$ revealed as a doubly magic stronghold against nuclear deformation

R. Taniuchi et al., *Nature* **569** (2019)



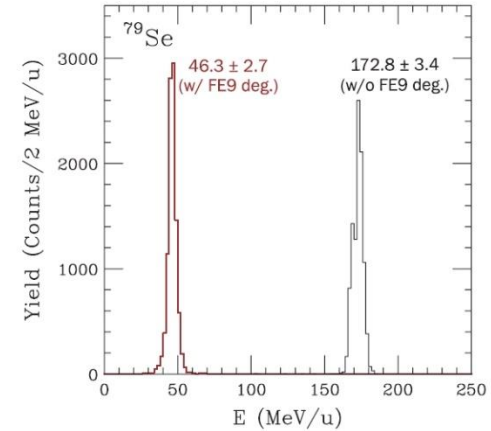
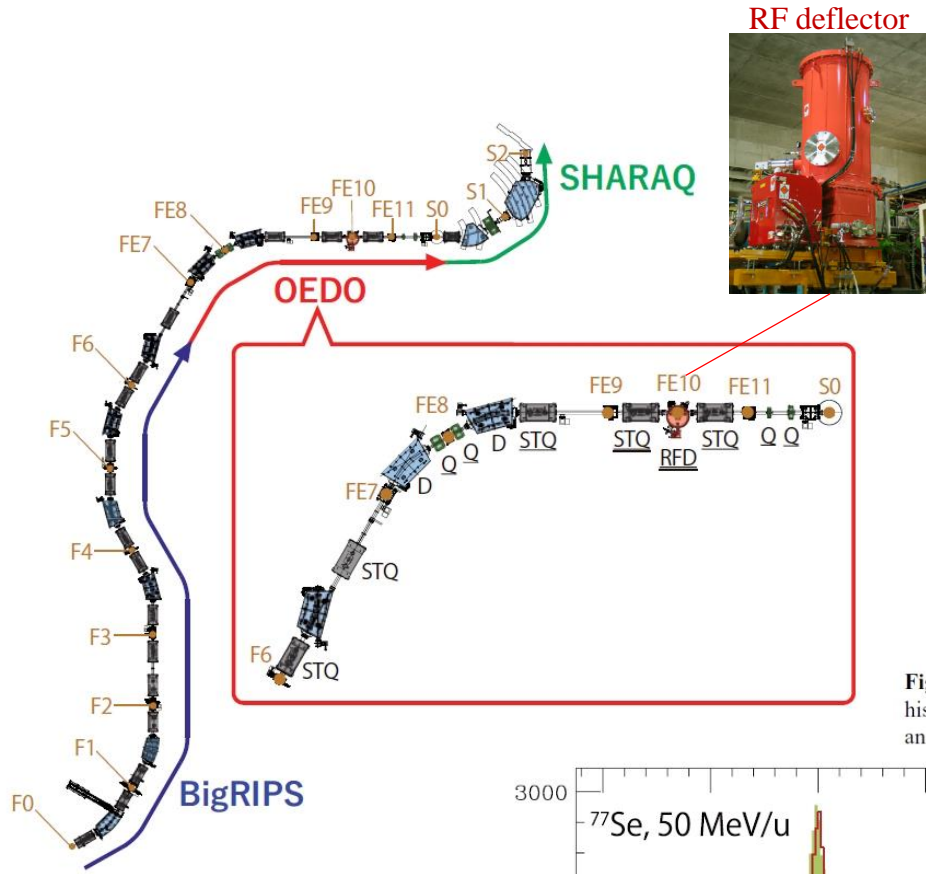
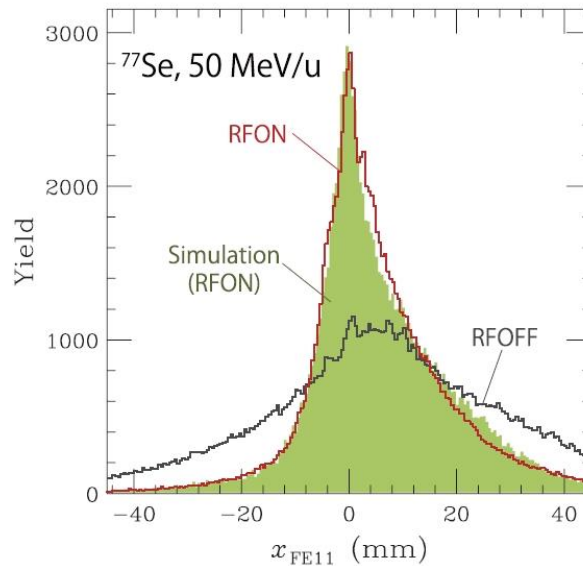


Fig. 12. Energy compression from 172 to 45 MeV/u by using a wedge-shaped degrader. The red (black) histogram shows the energy distribution of the  $^{79}\text{Se}$  beam with (without) the FE9 degrader. The thickness and angle of the degrader were set to be 6 mm and 25 mrad, respectively.

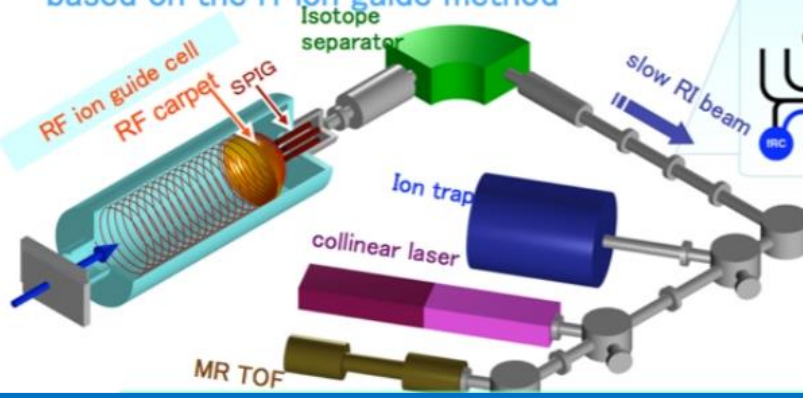


Beam spot of **13.5mm** FWHM at the achromatic focus FE11 with transmission of **54%**.

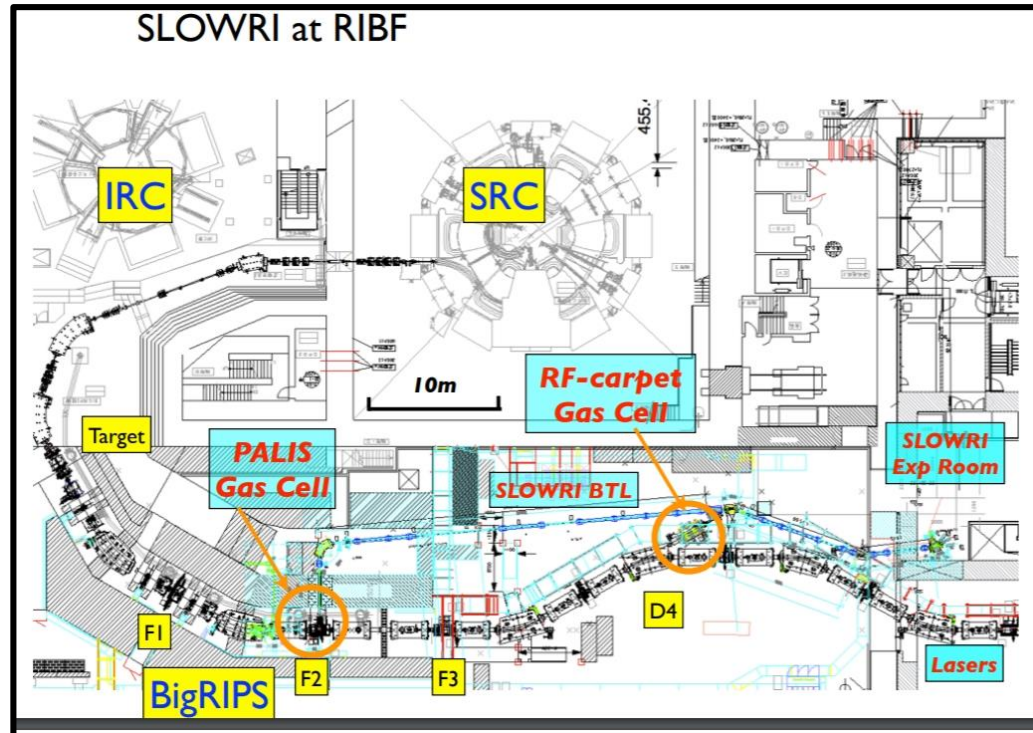
# SLOWRI

**SLOWRI** Phase 1.5 M.Wada et al

Universal Slow RI beam production based on the rf ion guide method



## SLOWRI at RIBF



Sonoda PS2-C001

### PALIS Gas Cell

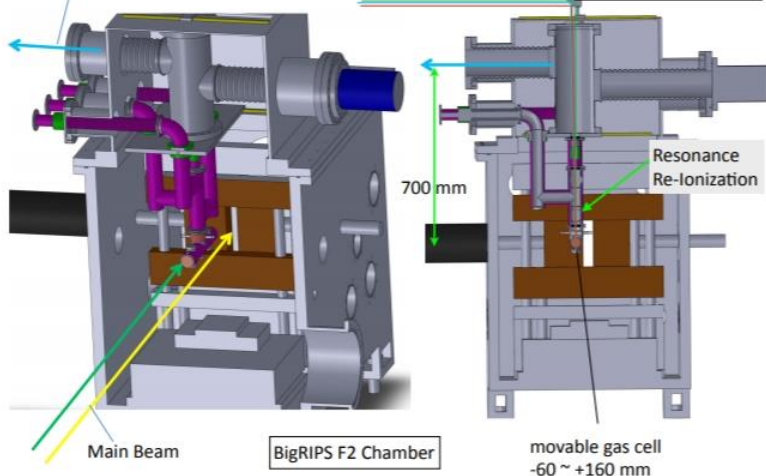
Low energy bunched RI-beam

Laser beams

offline installation by Mar. 2014  
online installation FY2015

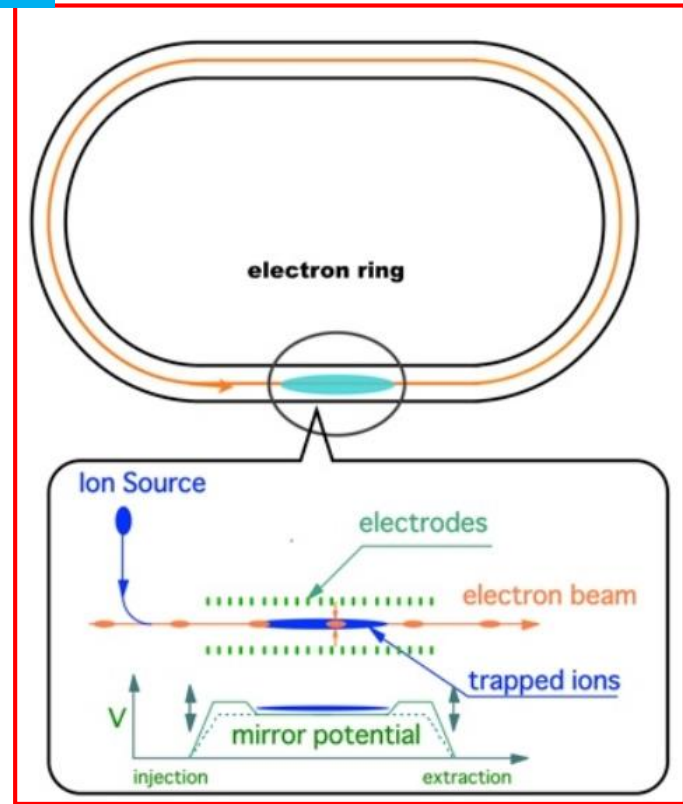
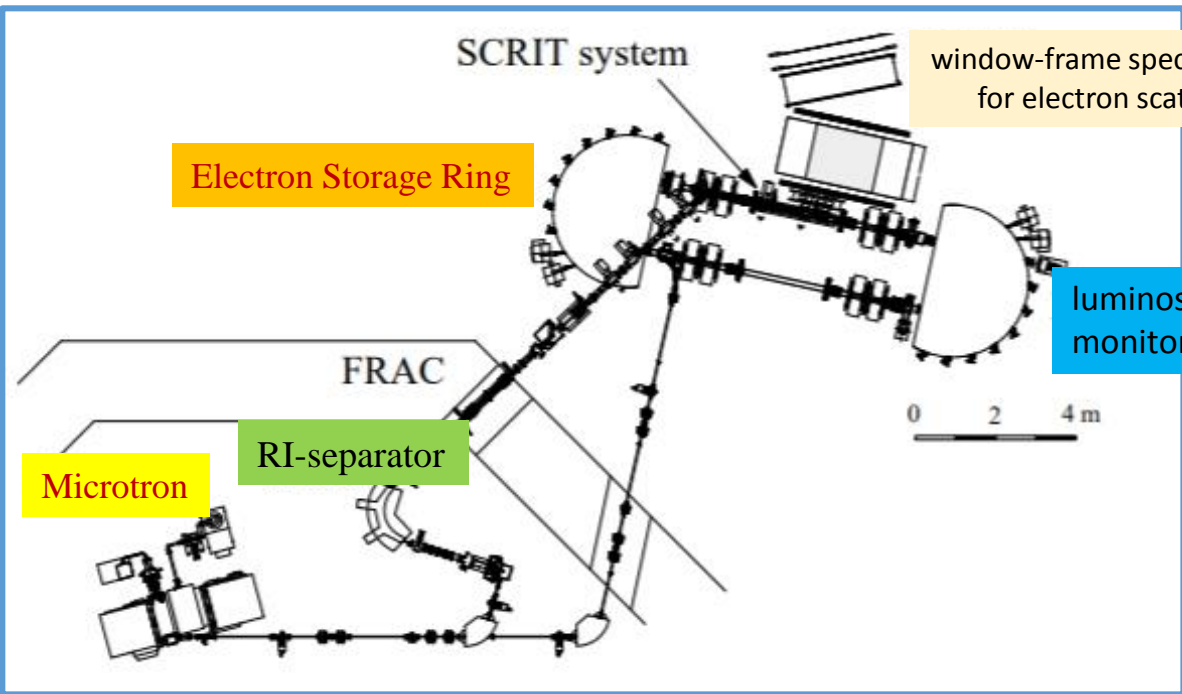
700 mm

Resonance Re-ionization





# SCRIT project



## SUMMARY

- In 1989-2007 at “old” RIKEN accelerator facility (AVF, RILAC+RRC) with primary beams up to 135 AMeV a number of secondary beams ( ${}^6,8\text{He}$ ,  ${}^9,11\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^7,10,12,14\text{Be}$ , ...) with world record intensities were produced at RIPS and CRIB separators.
  - Unique RIB's parameters of this facility made it possible to perform world class experiments for studying structure of exotic nuclei, such as  ${}^7\text{H}$ ,  ${}^8\text{He}$ ,  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^{12-14}\text{Be}$  etc.
- From 2007 a new Radioactive Ion Beam Factory (RIBF) at RIKEN have been constructed. Three new cyclotrons, including world-largest superconducting cyclotron SRC provide primary beams from proton to uranium up to 400 AMeV energy.
  - New BigRIPS fragment separator provides unique intensities of secondary beams. Spectrometers and setups ZeroDegree, SAMURAI, SHARAQ, EURICA, SLOWRI opened incredible possibilities for physicists including discovering new elements and isotopes, studying properties of nuclei lying near and above lines of stability.
  - New setups at RIBF like OEDO, RI Ring, SCRIT are very promising tools to study low-energy reactions, to perform mass measurements of rare nuclei and obtain their charge form factors.

Hope DERICA project will be big step in future soaking up best features of RIKEN facilities !!

Thank you for your attention!

## Key point in particle identification

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- ✓  $B\rho$  measurement is made by trajectory reconstruction at the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage.
- ✓ Velocity  $\beta$  of RI beams are derived from TOF(F3-F7) in combination with Twofold measurement of  $B\rho_{35}$  and  $B\rho_{57}$  in order to include energy loss in F5 materials, which provides high accuracy in  $\beta$  determination.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{B\rho_{35}}{B\rho_{57}} = \frac{(\gamma\beta)_{35}}{(\gamma\beta)_{57}} \\ TOF_{37} = \frac{L_{35}}{\beta_{35}c} + \frac{L_{57}}{\beta_{57}c} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{A}{Q} = \frac{B\rho_0(1+\delta_{57})}{(\gamma\beta)_{57}} \cdot \frac{c}{m_u}, \\ m_u = 931.49432 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \end{array}$$

- ✓ The  $A/Q$  resolution is high enough to identify both  $A$  and  $Q$  without measuring total kinetic energy.
- ✓ Nuclear charge  $Z$  is derived from  $\Delta E$  measured at F7 and  $\beta_{57}$ .

$$\Delta E \propto \frac{4\pi e^4 Z^2}{m_e v_{57}^2} N z \left[ \ln \frac{2m_e v_{57}}{I} - \ln(1-\beta_{57}^2) - \beta_{57}^2 \right], \quad v_{57} = \beta_{57}c$$

- ✓ PID is confirmed by detecting delayed  $\gamma$ -rays emitted from short-lived isomeric states of the fragments.

# Track reconstruction

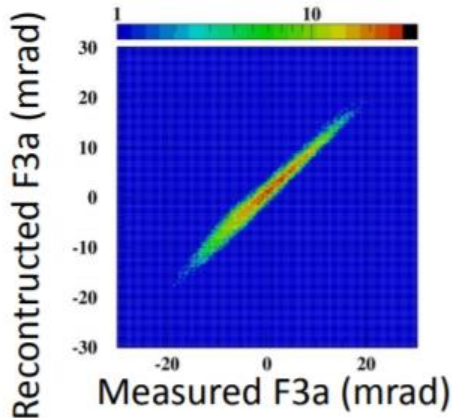
by using the position and angle measured at the focuses (such as F5x, F5a, F3x) and the experimentally determined transfer matrices as follows:

$$F5x = (x|x)F3x + (x|a)F3a + (x|\delta)\delta$$

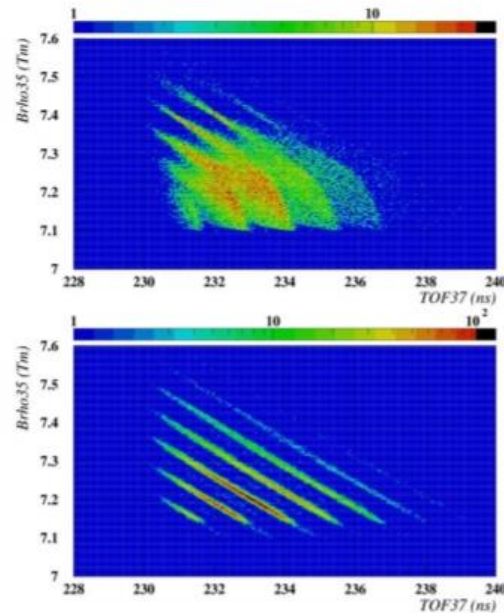
$$F5a = (a|x)F3x + (a|a)F3a + (a|\delta)\delta$$

$$B\rho = B\rho_0(1 + \delta)$$

Measured F5x, F5a, F3x  
 → deduce  $\delta$ , F3a

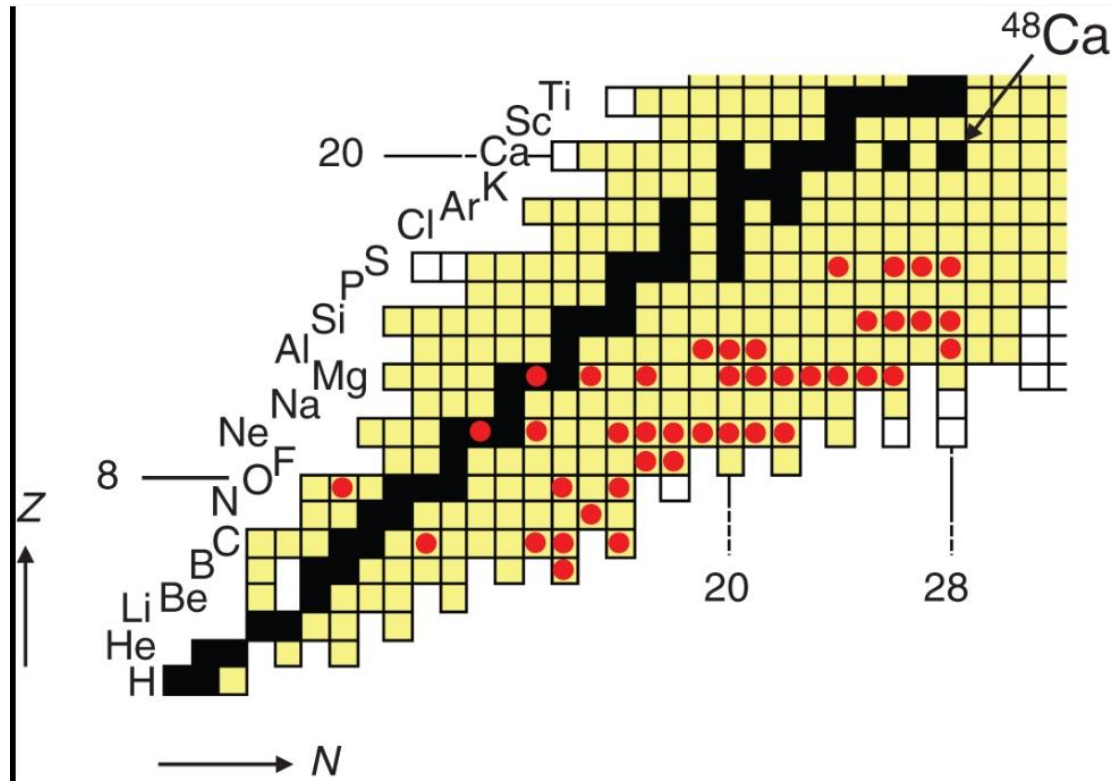


For  $Z = 50$  isotopes produced by in-flight fission of a  $^{238}\text{U}$  beam at 345 MeV/u.  
 $\Delta\rho/\rho = 6\%$



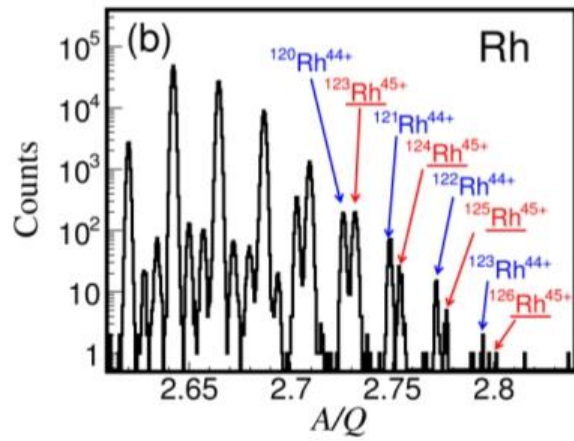
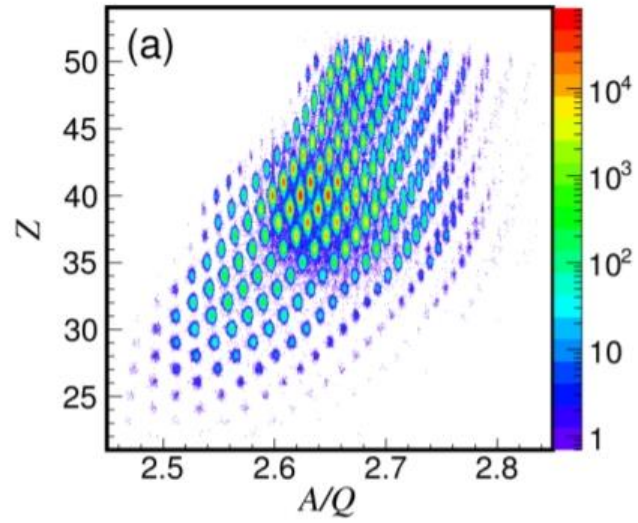
← Without track reconstruction  
 (from the position at dispersive focus)

← With track reconstruction

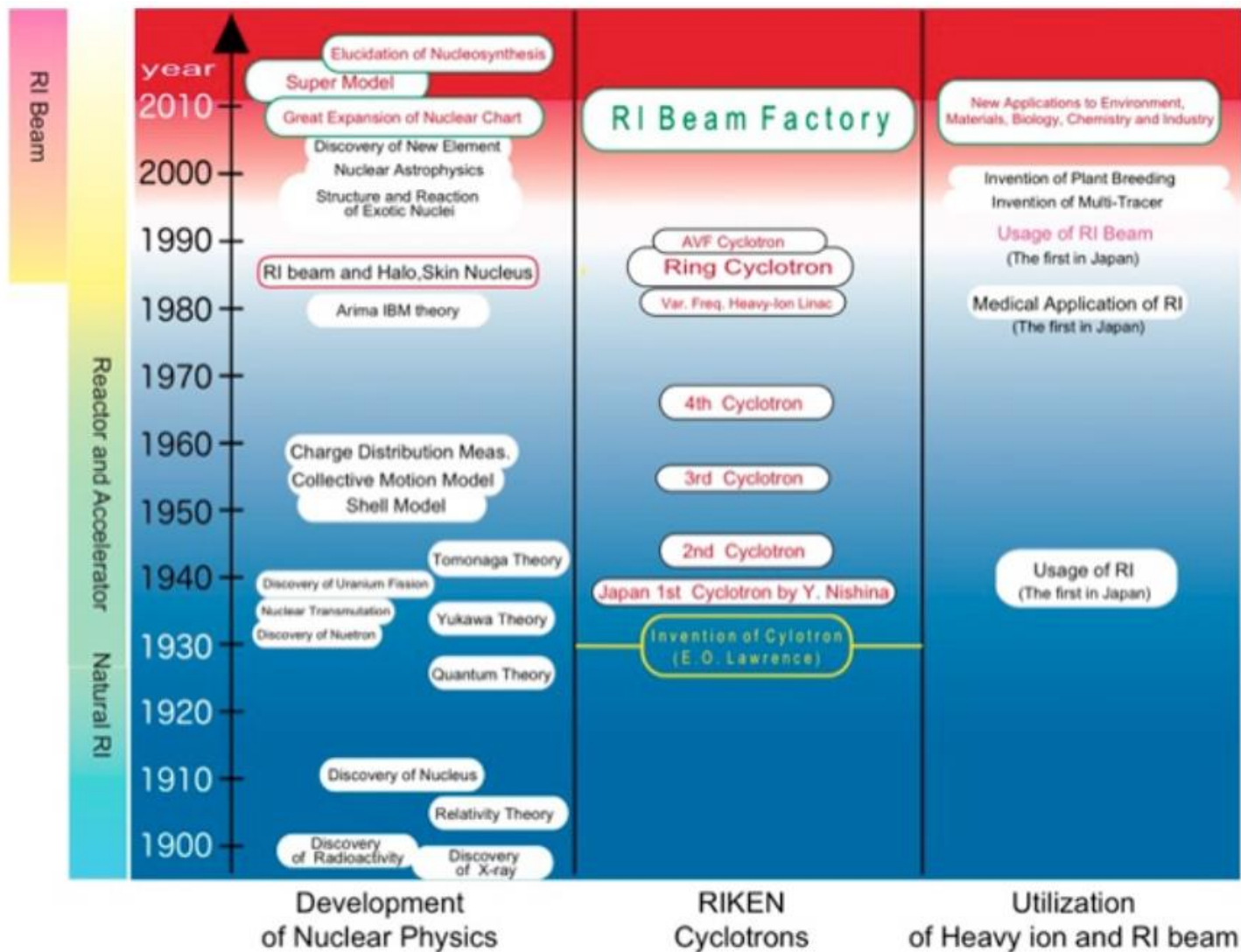


| Beam particle     | $E/A(\text{MeV})$ | Beam current (pnA)                         |  | Injector |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|----------|
|                   |                   | Maximum<br>(instantaneous) achieved so far | Expected ¶<br>(for exp. planning in your proposal) |          |
| $d$               | 250               | 1000                                       | 200  | AVF      |
| $d(\text{pol.})$  | 250               | 120  | 30   | AVF      |
| $^4\text{He}$     | 320               | 1000                                       | 1000   | RILAC    |
| $^{14}\text{N}$   | 250               | 400  | 400  | AVF      |
| $^{18}\text{O}$   | 220               | 550  | 400  | AVF      |
| $^{18}\text{O}$   | 230               | 400  | 400  | AVF      |
| $^{16}\text{O}$   | 250               | 200  | 200  | AVF      |
| $^{18}\text{O}$   | 250               | 200  | 200  | AVF      |
| $^{18}\text{O}$   | 345               | 1000                                       | 500  | RILAC    |
| $^{48}\text{Ca}$  | 345               | 730  | 500  | RILAC    |
| $^{70}\text{Zn}$  | 345               | 250  | 200  | RILAC2   |
| $^{76}\text{Ge}$  | 345               | not tested                                 | N/A  | RILAC    |
| $^{78}\text{Kr}$  | 345               | 486  | 300  | RILAC2   |
| $^{86}\text{Kr}$  | 345               | 30   | 200  | RILAC    |
| $^{136}\text{Xe}$ | 345               | not tested                                 | 20   | RILAC2   |
| $^{124}\text{Xe}$ | 345               | 178  | 140  | RILAC2   |
| $^{238}\text{U}$  | 345               | 72   | 60   | RILAC2   |

¶ Some intensities are limited by shielding requirements



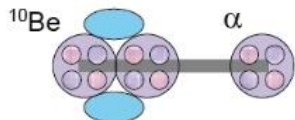




### Strong evidence of “linear chain” nuclear cluster state

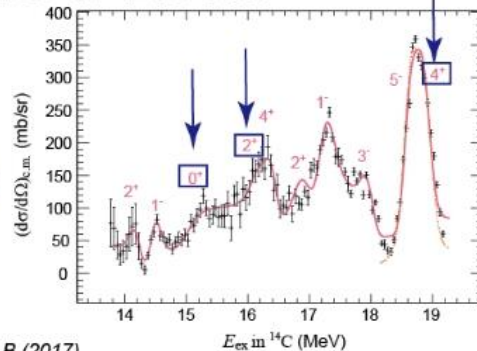
#### 原子核の直鎖クラスター状態の強い証拠を発見

Predicted image of liner-chain clustered  $^{14}\text{C}$  nucleus/ 理論的に予言されていた直鎖状炭素-14 原子核の構造



Forming a band:  $J^\pi=0^+, 2^+, 4^+$

H. Yamaguchi et al., Phys. Lett. B (2017)

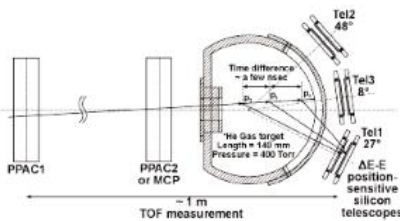


### Linear-chain cluster states in $^{14}\text{C}$ nucleus

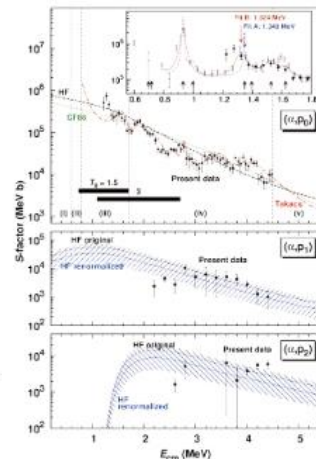
It is a well-known fact that a **cluster** of nucleons can be formed in the interior of an atomic nucleus, and such clusters may occupy molecular-like orbitals, showing characteristics similar to normal molecules consisting of atoms. Chemical molecules having a linear alignment are commonly seen in nature, such as carbon dioxide. A similar linear alignment of the nuclear clusters, has been studied since the 1950s, however, there has been no clear experimental evidence demonstrating the existence of such a state. Recently, it was predicted that an excess of neutrons may offer a stabilizing mechanism, and **linear-chained  $^{14}\text{C}$  (Carbon-14)** can be formed. Using the  $^{10}\text{Be}+\alpha$  resonant scattering method with radioactive beam, we observed a series of levels which **completely agree with theoretically predicted linear-chain cluster states**. We regard this as the first strong evidence of the linear-chain clustered nucleus. This work can be considered as an important step as a new technique in the alignment and morphology of the atomic nucleus.

### First direct measurement of $^{11}\text{C}(\alpha, p)$ at astrophysical energy:

Thick-target setup with TOF sensitivity

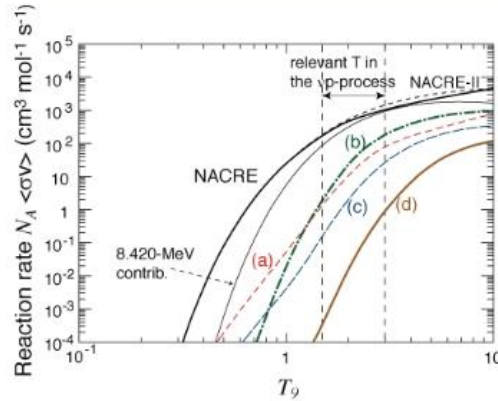
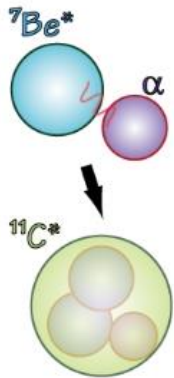


S. Hayakawa et al., Phys. Rev. C (2016)



### First direct measurement of the stellar $^{11}\text{C}(\alpha, p)^{14}\text{N}$ reaction

The  $^{11}\text{C}(\alpha, p)^{14}\text{N}$  reaction is an important  **$\alpha$ -induced reaction competing with hydrogen-burning processes in high-temperature explosive stars, such as x-ray bursters and supernovae**. We directly measured its reaction cross sections both for the ground-state transition ( $\alpha, p_0$ ) and **the excited-state transitions ( $\alpha, p_1$ ) and ( $\alpha, p_2$ )** at relevant stellar energies 1.3-4.5 MeV by an extended thick-target method featuring time of flight for the first time. We revised the reaction rate including the ( $\alpha, p_1$ ) and ( $\alpha, p_2$ ) contributions and also low-lying resonances of ( $\alpha, p_0$ ) using both the present and the previous experimental data which were totally neglected in the previous compilation works.

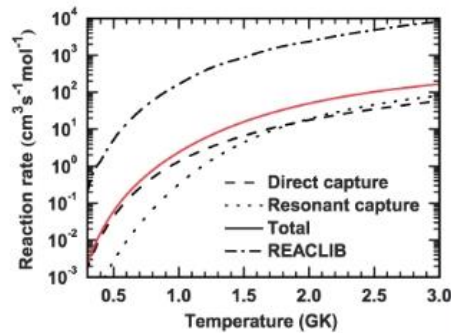
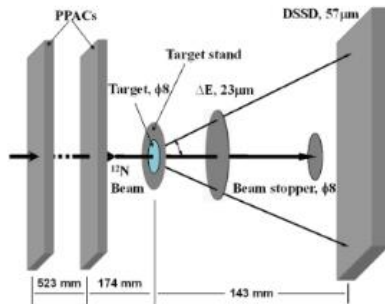


H. Yamaguchi et al., Phys. Rev. C (2013)

## Alpha resonances in ${}^{11}\text{C}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma)$ reaction

The nuclear resonances in  ${}^{11}\text{C}$  were studied using  ${}^7\text{Be}$  RI beam at CRIB. The  ${}^7\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma)$  reaction is known to play important roles in the synthesis of nuclei heavier than carbon. Especially, it produces carbon as much as the **triple-alpha process**, which was considered to be the most dominant process, in a nucleosynthesis process in supernovae, called **vp-process**. The reaction rate at high temperature is dominated by resonant reaction, but not much information on higher-lying resonances had been known. From our measurement, a more precise evaluation of the reaction rate at the supernova temperature became possible. The resonances are also important for understanding the **alpha cluster structure** in  ${}^{11}\text{C}$  nucleus. (See  ${}^7\text{Li}+\alpha$  study below.)

## Measurement of ${}^{12}\text{N}(d, n) \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{N}(p, \gamma)$ rate

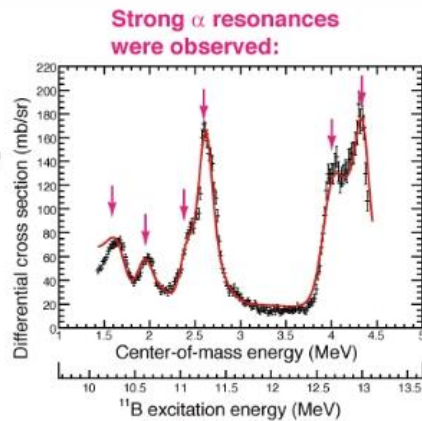
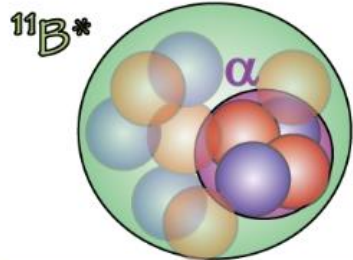


B. Guo et al., Phys. Rev. C (2013)

## Study on astrophysical ${}^{12}\text{N}(p, \gamma)$ reaction with ANC method

The astrophysical reaction  ${}^{12}\text{N}(p, \gamma)$ , a key reaction to produce nuclei heavier than carbon, was studied using an indirect method. We measured the angular distribution of a similar reaction, the  $d({}^{12}\text{N}, {}^{13}\text{O})$  proton transfer reaction. By using a special analysis method called the asymptotic normalization coefficient (ANC) method, the reaction rate was successfully deduced. The new rate is **two orders of magnitude slower** than that from the REACLIB compilation.

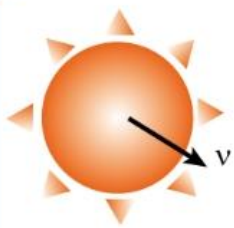
$\alpha$  クラスタ構造  
Alpha-cluster structure



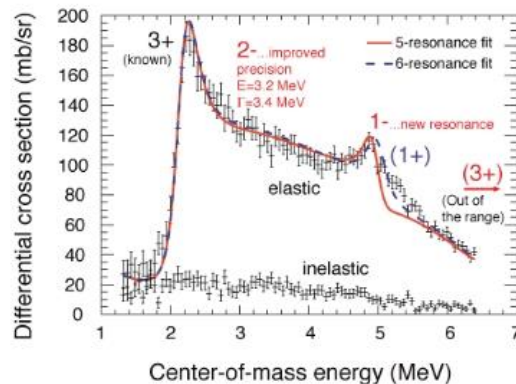
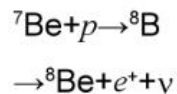
H. Yamaguchi et al., Phys. Rev. C (2011)

Alpha cluster structure in  $^{11}\text{B}$ , studied by  $^7\text{Li}+\alpha$  scattering

In relatively light nuclei, a structure called as  $\alpha$ -cluster structure is often observed. Nuclei consist of protons and neutrons. In some cases, however, an  $\alpha$  particle, which consists of 2 protons and 2 neutrons, acts as an independent particle in the nucleus. This can be called as an  $\alpha$ -cluster state. There are also cases in which such  $\alpha$ -cluster states forms a band structure, with a series of  $\alpha$ -cluster states in the excited levels of a nucleus. We have observed many  $\alpha$ -cluster like resonant states in  $^{11}\text{B}$  (Boron-11) nucleus, formed by a  $^7\text{Li}$  (Lithium-7) nucleus and an  $\alpha$  particle, and we proposed a new  $\alpha$ -cluster band structure. The information we obtained is valuable for a profound understanding of the nuclear cluster structure.



Solar  $^8\text{B}$  neutrino:



H. Yamaguchi et al., Phys. Lett. B (2009)

Studying resonant states formed by  $^7\text{Be}+p$

The unstable  $^7\text{Be}$  (Beryllium-7) nucleus can make a reaction with hydrogen in the sun, forming a  $^8\text{B}$  (Boron-8) nucleus. Eventually, the  $^8\text{B}$  nucleus emits a **neutrino** on its beta-decay. The neutrino with that origin has relatively high energies and most frequently detected on the earth. To have a precise knowledge of the interior of the sun, there have been many studies to determine **the rate how much  $^7\text{Be}$  are converted into  $^8\text{B}$  (reaction rate)**. In our study, we observed a very broad **resonant state**, which was said to be possibly influential for the reaction rate of the solar neutrino. Even the existence of the state was not certain with previous measurements, however, we observed the broad resonance state and determined its resonant parameters. We concluded the broad resonance makes negligible effect on the reaction rate.

# Schematic diagram of the RIBF heavy-ion accelerator system

