

Illuminating alpha clusters in an active target and time projection chamber

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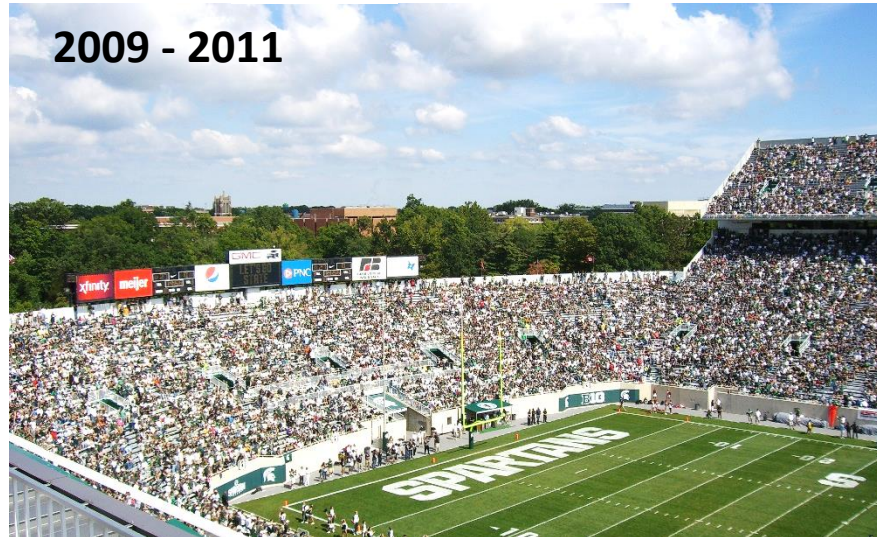
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2012 - 2015

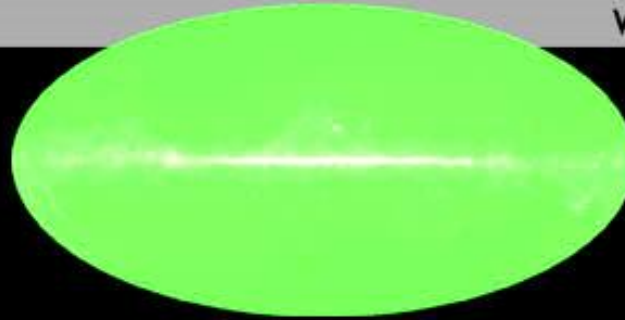


Uniformity to anisotropy

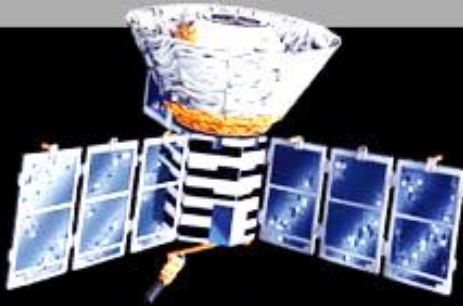
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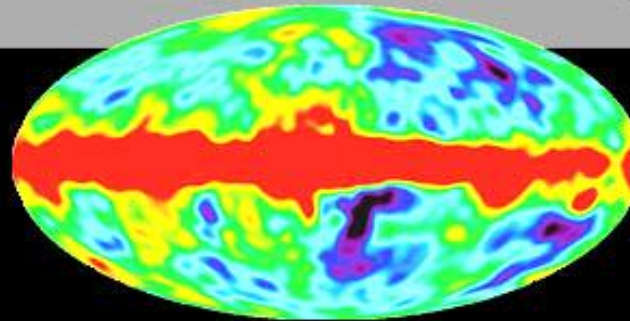
Penzias and
Wilson



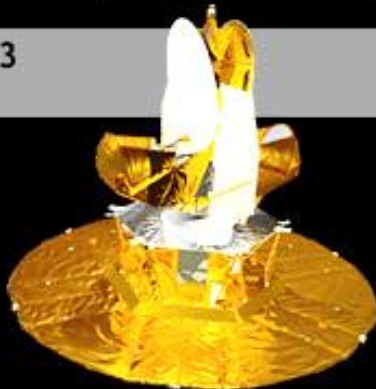
1992



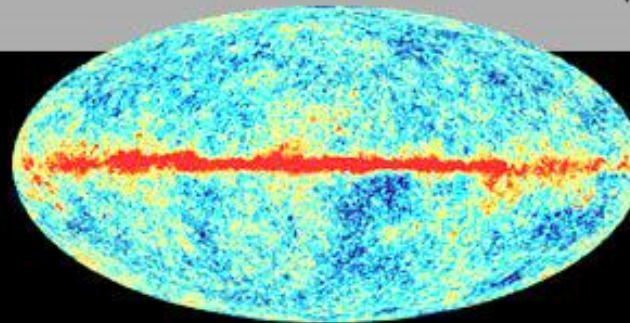
COBE



2003

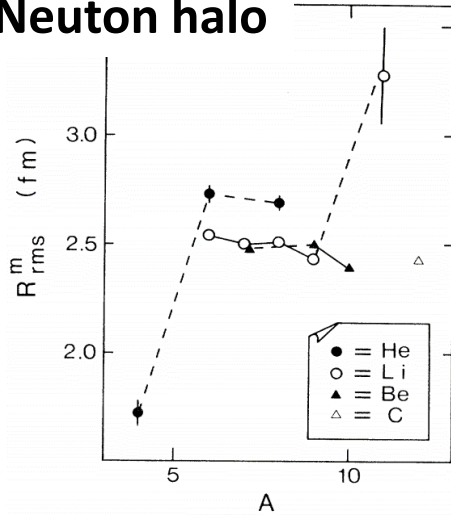


WMAP

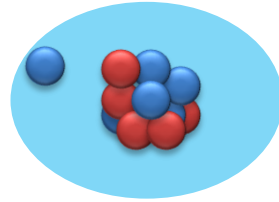


Inhomogeneous nuclei

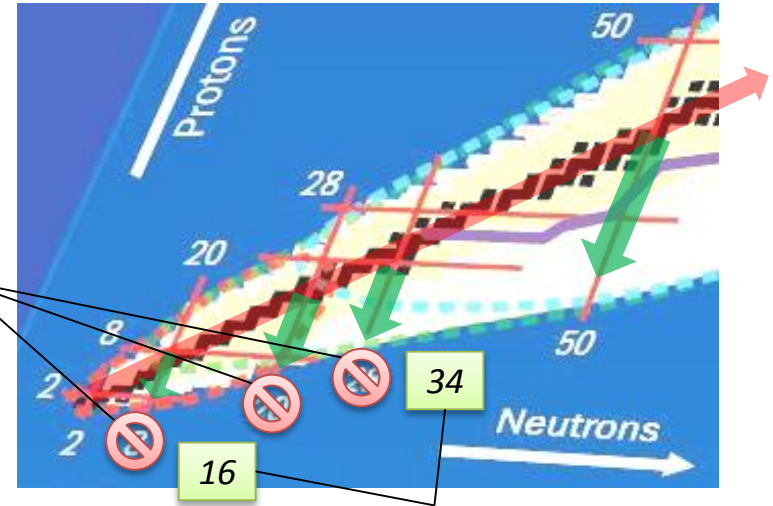
Neutron halo



I. Tanihata *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 55, 2676 ('85)



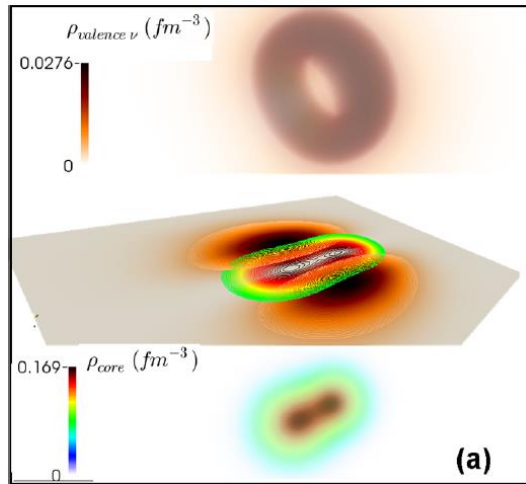
G.F. Bertsch *et al.*, SciDAC Review 6, 42 ('07)



Magicity loss

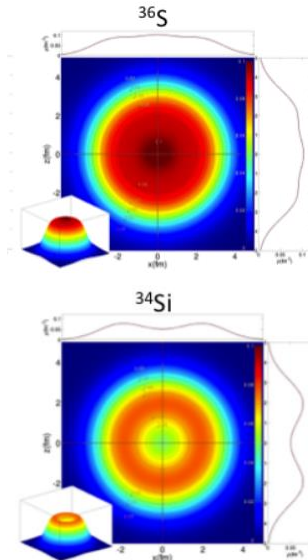
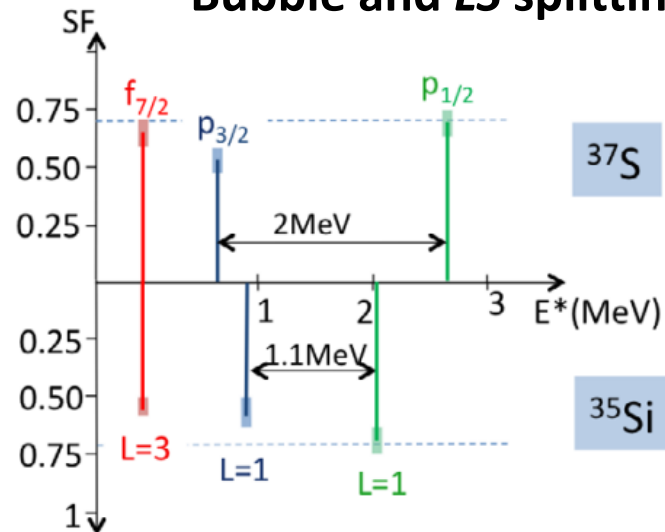
New magic numbers

Alpha clustering



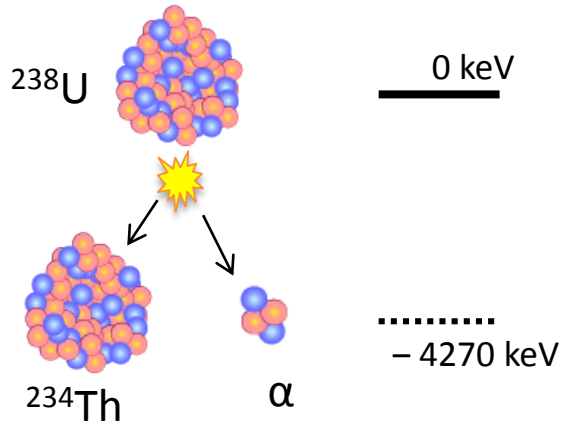
J-P. Ebran *et al.* Phys. Rev. C 90, 054329 ('14)

Bubble and LS splitting



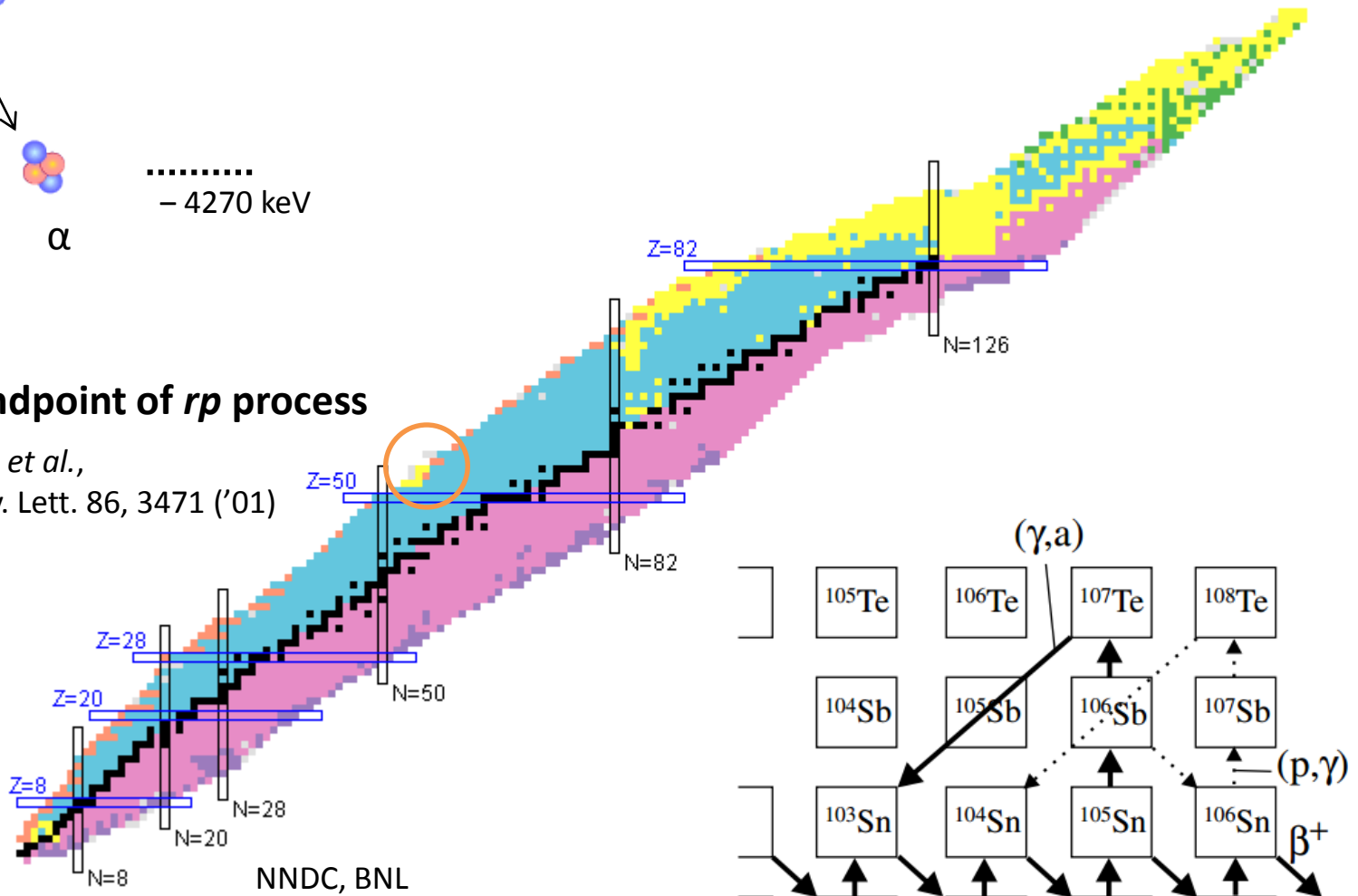
O. Sorlin, M-G. Porquet, Phys. Scr. T152, 014003 ('13)

Alpha decay (Rutherford, 1899)



Endpoint of *rp* process

H. Schatz *et al.*,
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 3471 ('01)



Resonating Group Method (RGM, '37)

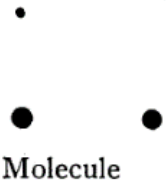
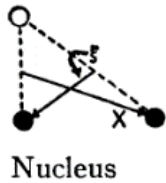
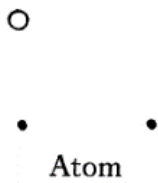
Molecular Viewpoints in Nuclear Structure

Phys. Rev. C 52, 1083 ('37)

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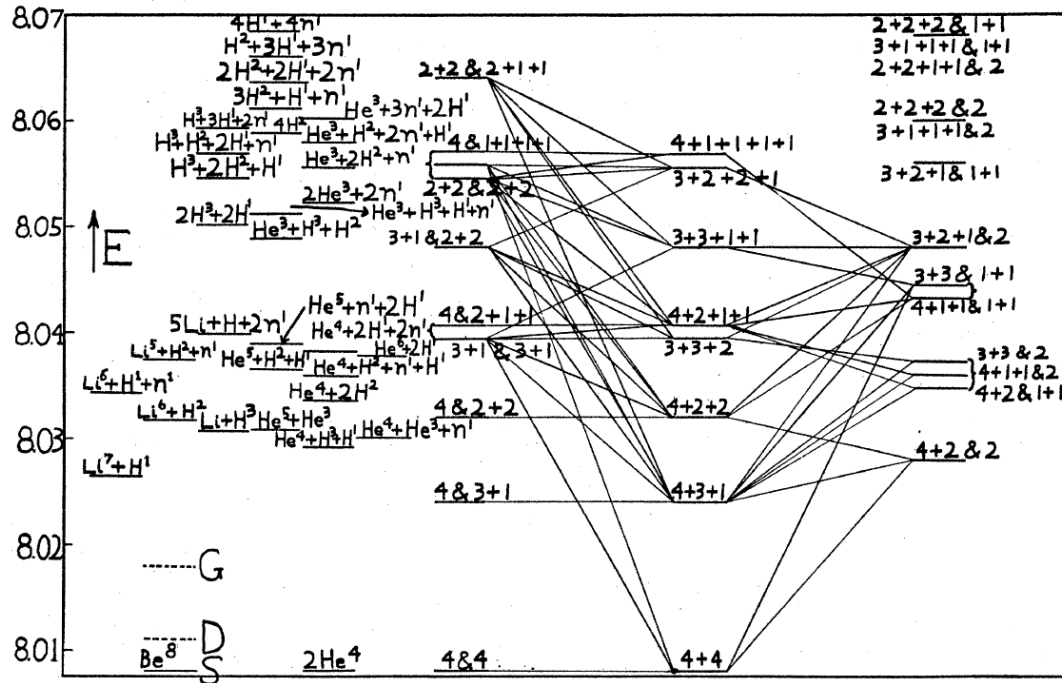
(Received August 17, 1937)



$$\psi = \mathcal{A} \left\{ \sum_i \phi(A_i) \phi(B_i) F_i(\mathbf{R}_i) + \sum_j \phi(A_j) \phi(B_j) \phi(C_j) F_j(\mathbf{R}_{j1}, \mathbf{R}_{j2}) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_k \phi(A_k) \phi(B_k) \phi(C_k) \phi(D_k) F_k(\mathbf{R}_{k1}, \mathbf{R}_{k2}, \mathbf{R}_{k3}) + \dots + \sum_m c_m \zeta_m \right\} Z(\mathbf{R}_{cm}).$$

Tang, LeMere, Thompson, Rev. Mod. Phys. 47, 167 ('78)

FIG. 1.



Molecular orbital model ('73)

^8Be

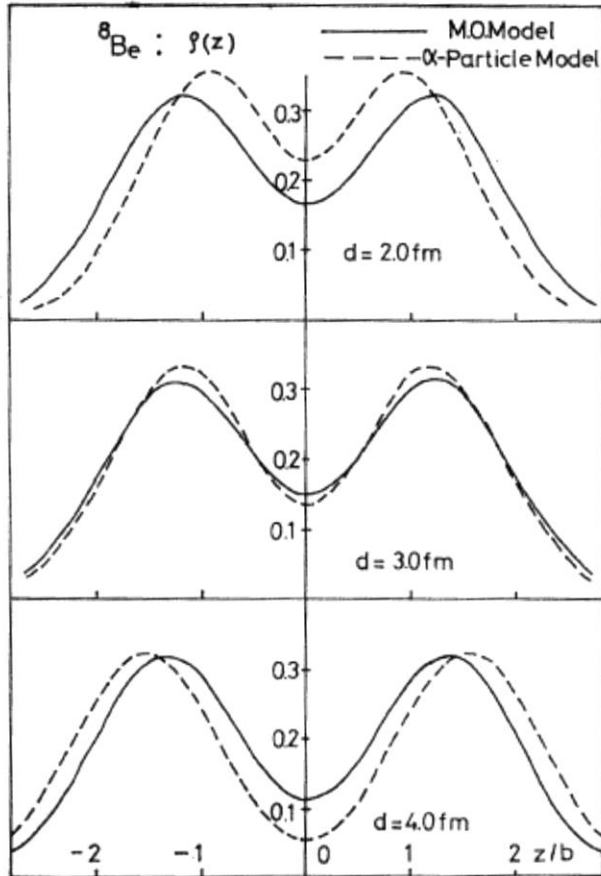
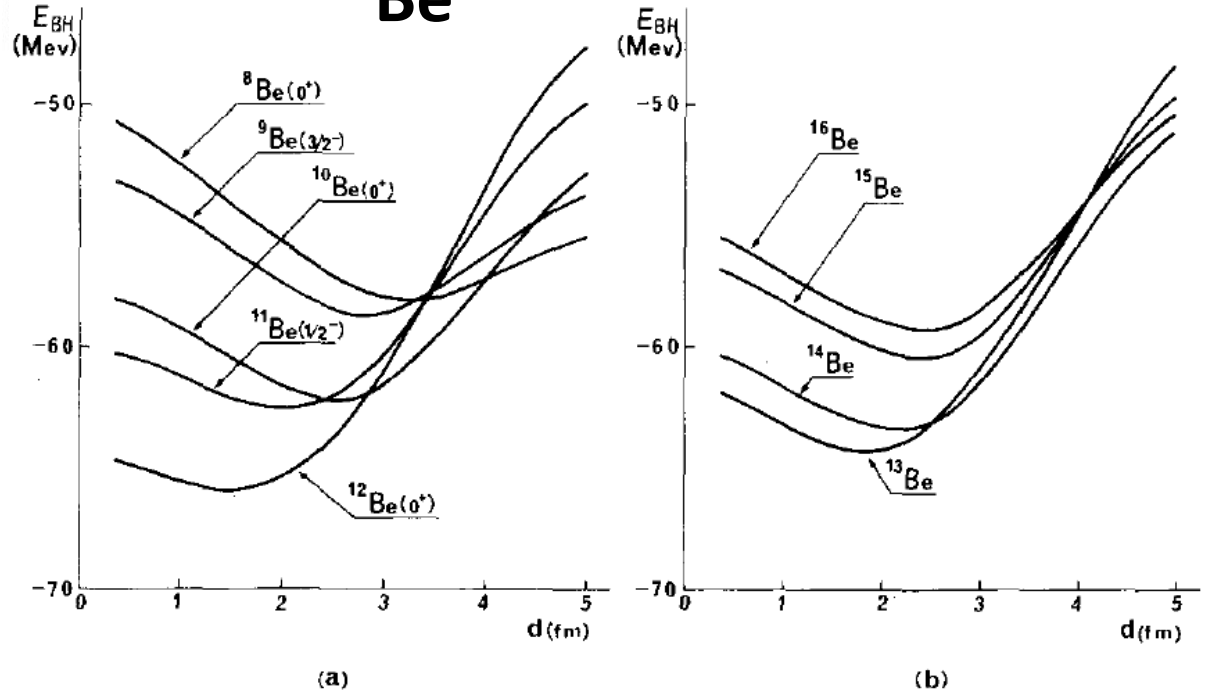


Fig. 8. The density distributions for ^8Be along z -axis. The solid lines are given by the molecular-orbital model and the broken lines by the alpha-particle model.

$8-16\text{Be}$



10. Total energy curves of the lowest normal parity states of Be isotopes.

M. Seya, M. Kohno, S. Nagata, PTEP 65, 204 ('81)

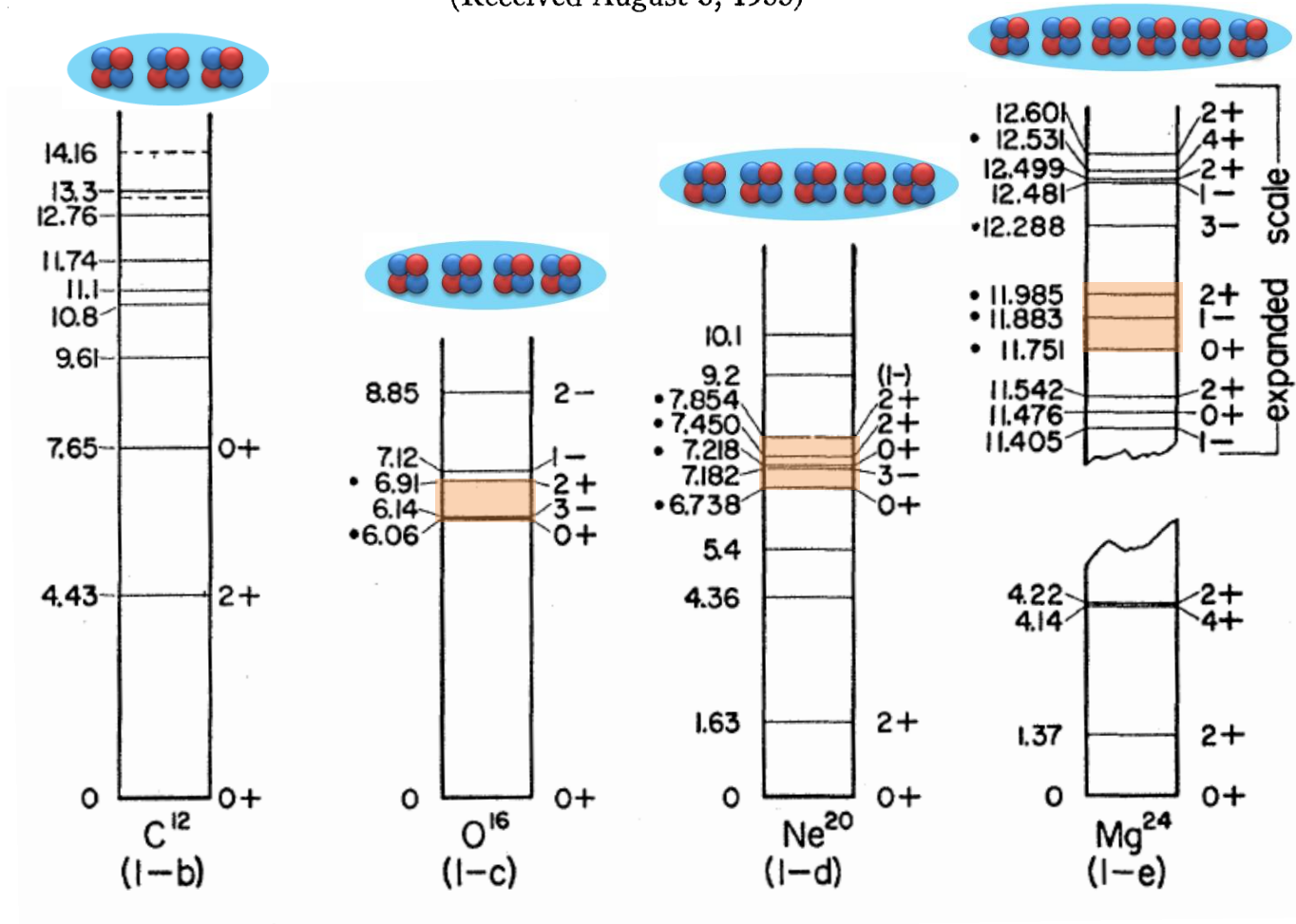
Linear chain alpha states ('56)

Interpretation of Some of the Excited States of $4n$ Self-Conjugate Nuclei*

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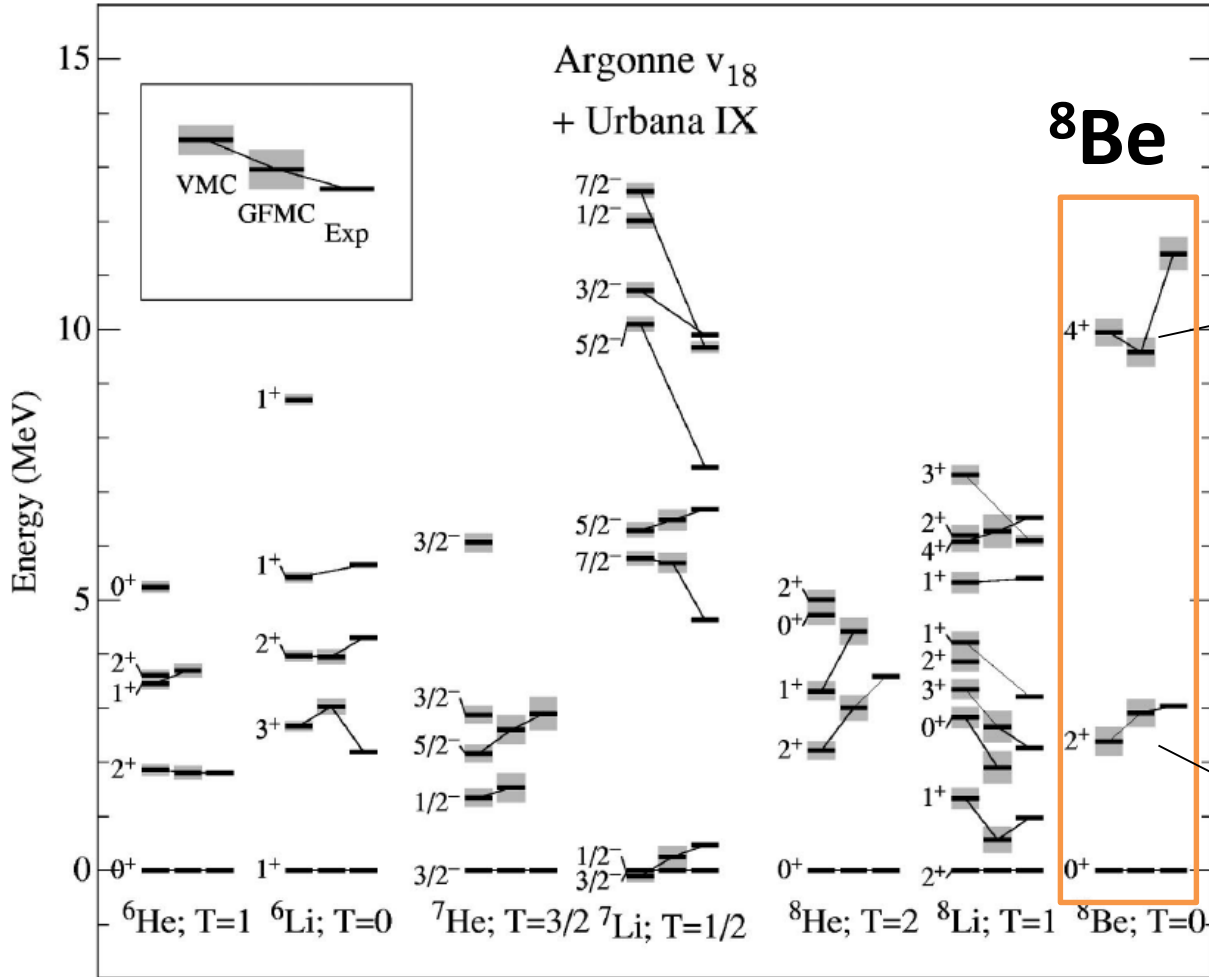
Department of Physics, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana

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Game changer 1: no or least assumption of clusters

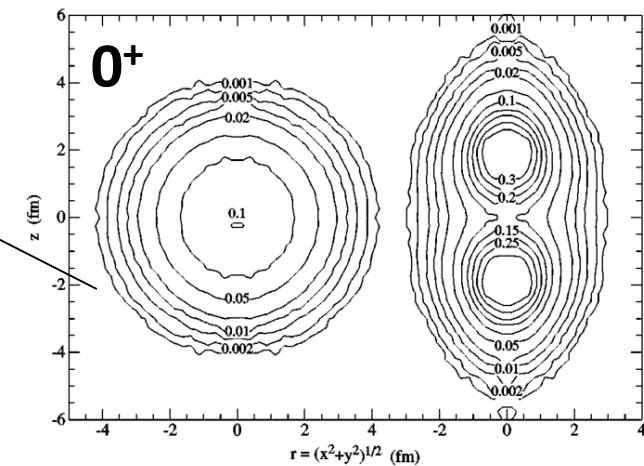
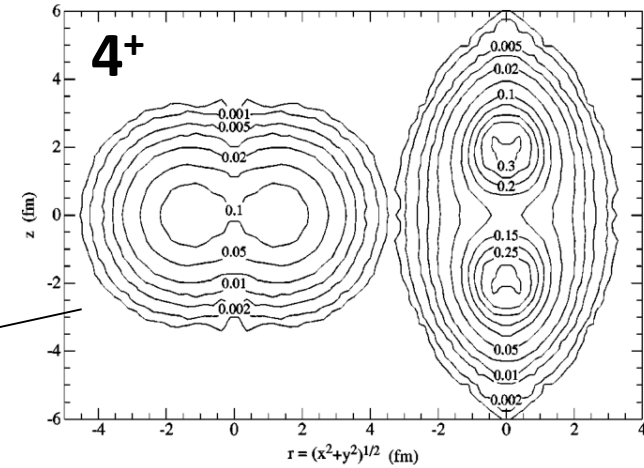
Quantum Monte-Carlo



R.B. Wiringa *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 62, 014001 ('00)

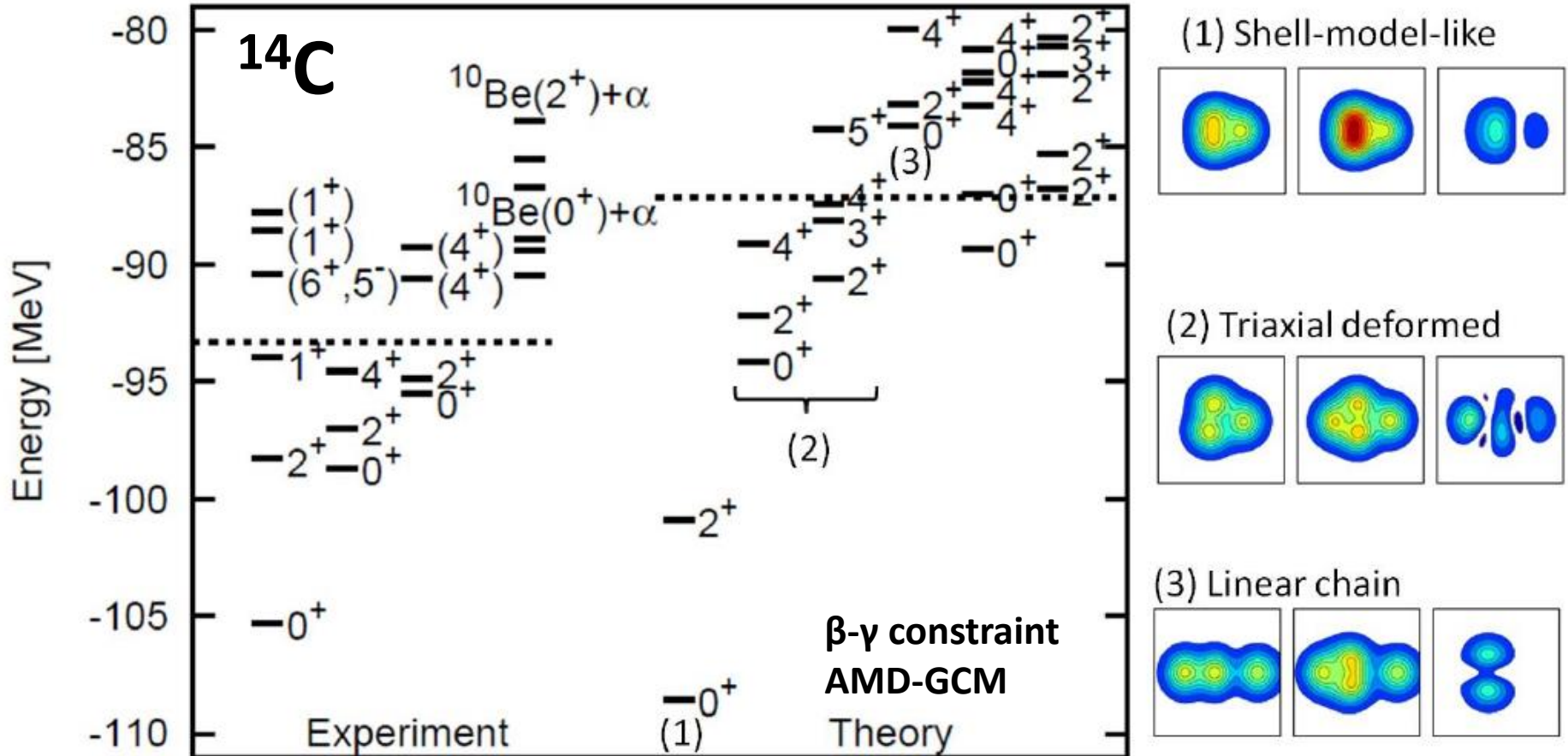
Laboratory

Intrinsic



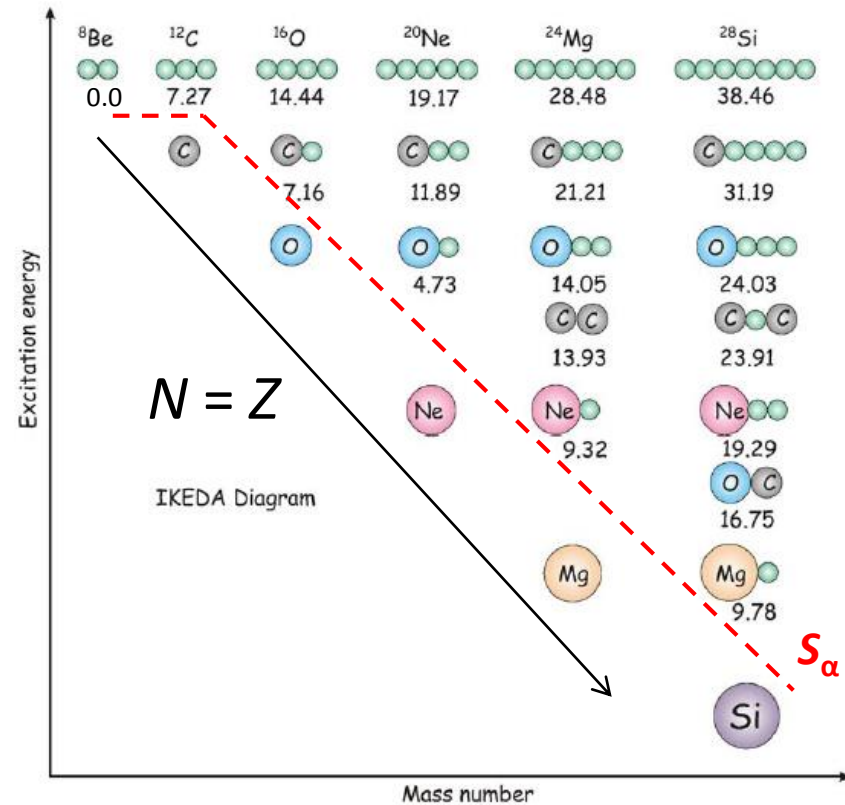
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Anti-symmetrized Molecular Dynamics (AMD)

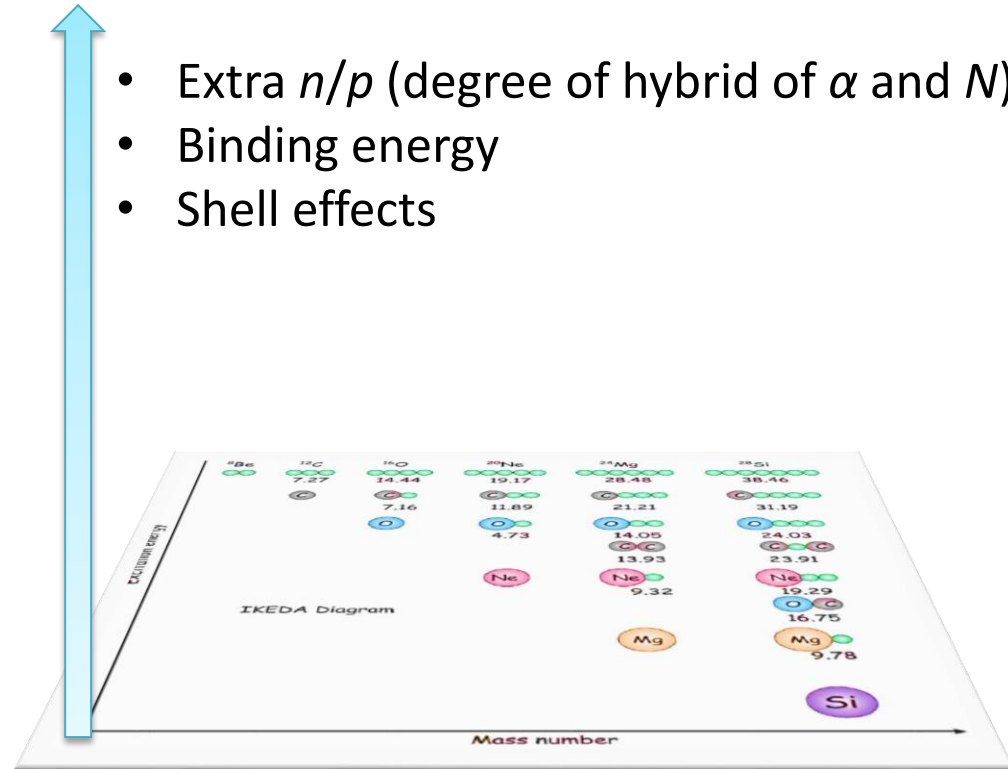


T. Suhara and Y. Kanada-En'yo,
 Phys. Rev. C 82, 044301 ('10); J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 321, 012047 ('11)

Game changer 2: radioactive beams



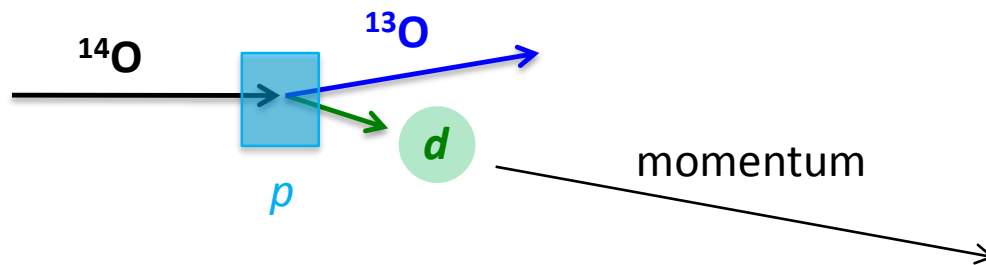
- Extra n/p (degree of hybrid of α and N)
- Binding energy
- Shell effects



Ikedea, Takigawa, Horiuchi, Prog. Theor. Phys. E68, 464 ('68)

Figure from von Oertzen, Freer, Kanada-En'yo, Phys. Rep. 432, 43 ('06)

Game changer 3: RI-beam light-ion reactions



- Analysis methods

- DWBA, DWIA, CRC ... (direct reactions)

- R -Matrix (Resonance)

- Versatile observables

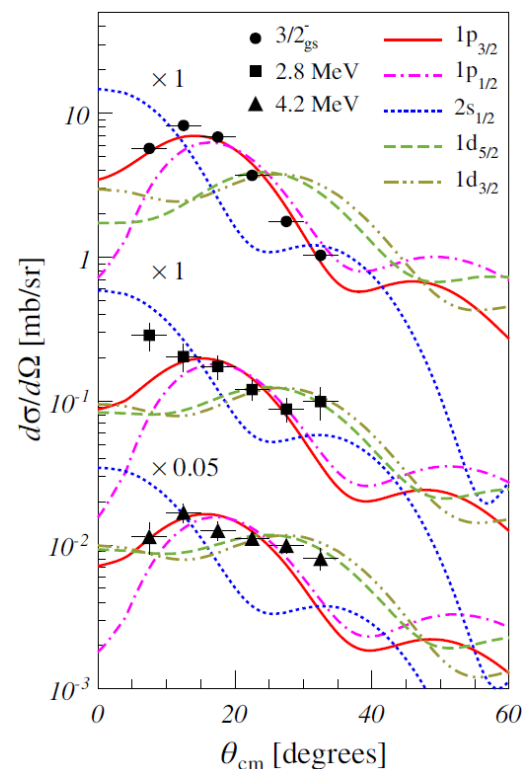
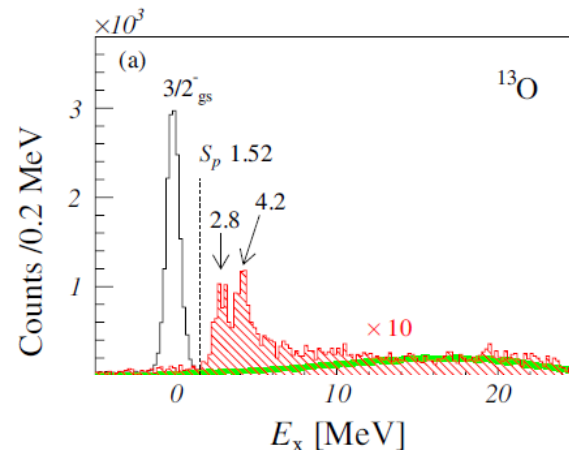
- Spin and parity

- Spectroscopic factor

$\langle A+n | A \rangle$ (single-particle strength)

- Decay width

$\langle A+\alpha | A \rangle$ (alpha clustering)



Game changer 3: detectors for RIB reactions

Type I: Strip-silicon array

- MUST^[1]/MUST2^[2] (GANIL)
- HiRA^[3] (NSCL)
- Tiara^[4] (UK)
- Helios^[5] (ANL)

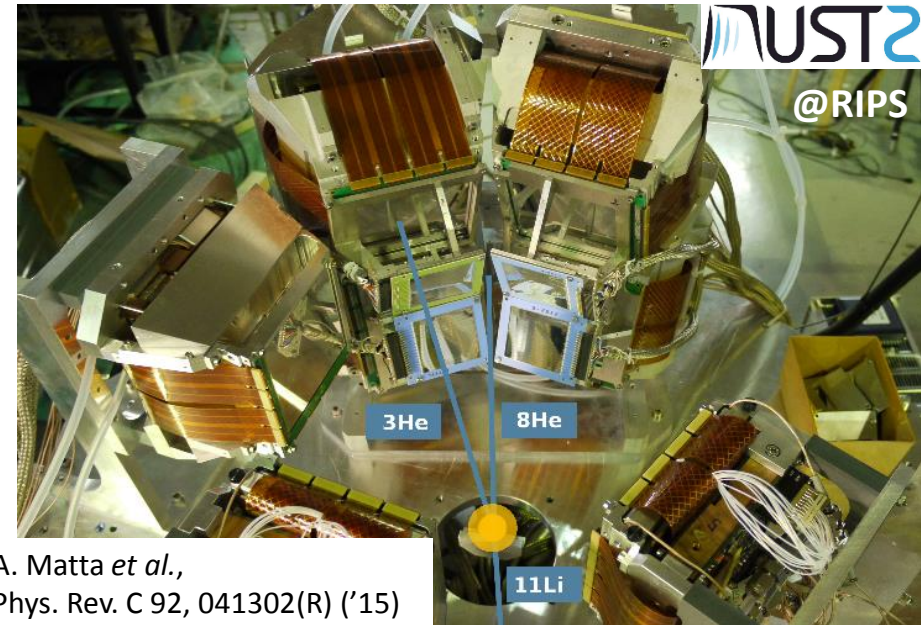
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[3] N.S. Wallace *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 583, 302 ('07)

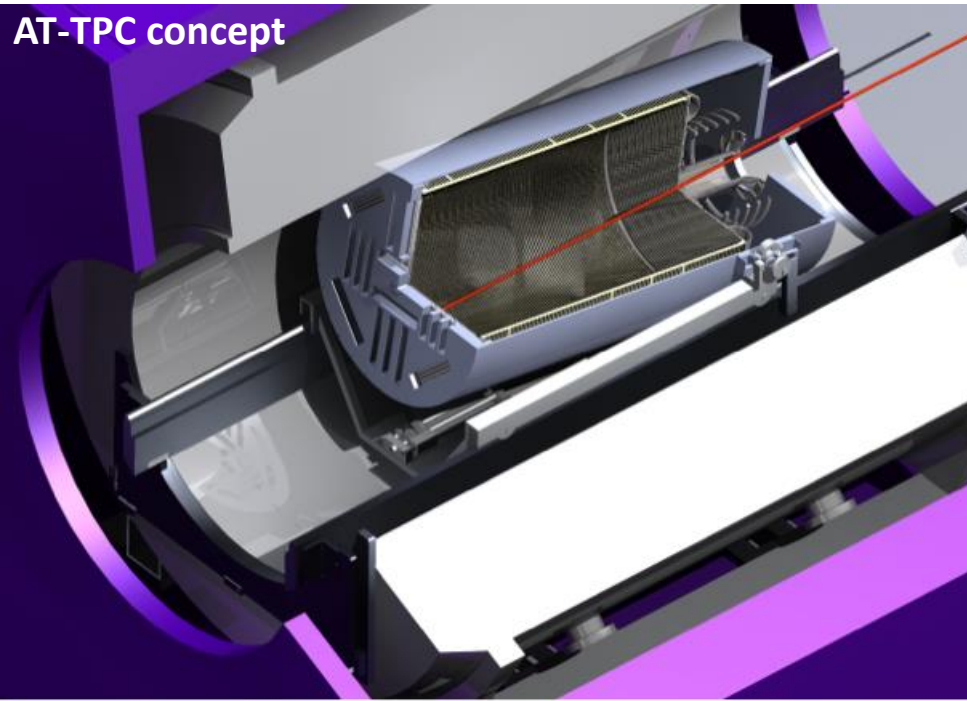
[4] M. Labiche *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 614, 439 ('10)

[5] J.C. Lighthall *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 622, 97 ('10)



A. Matta *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. C 92, 041302(R) ('15)

AT-TPC concept



Type II: Active gas target

- MSTPC^[1] (RIPS)
- TACTIC^[2] (TRIUMF)
- Maya^[3] (GANIL)
- **AT-TPC (NSCL)**
- CAT^[4] (CNS)
- Maiko^[5] (Kyoto)

[1] Y. Mizoi *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 431, 112 ('99)

[2] A.M. Laird *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 573, 306 ('07)

[3] C.E. Demonchy *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 583, 341 ('07)

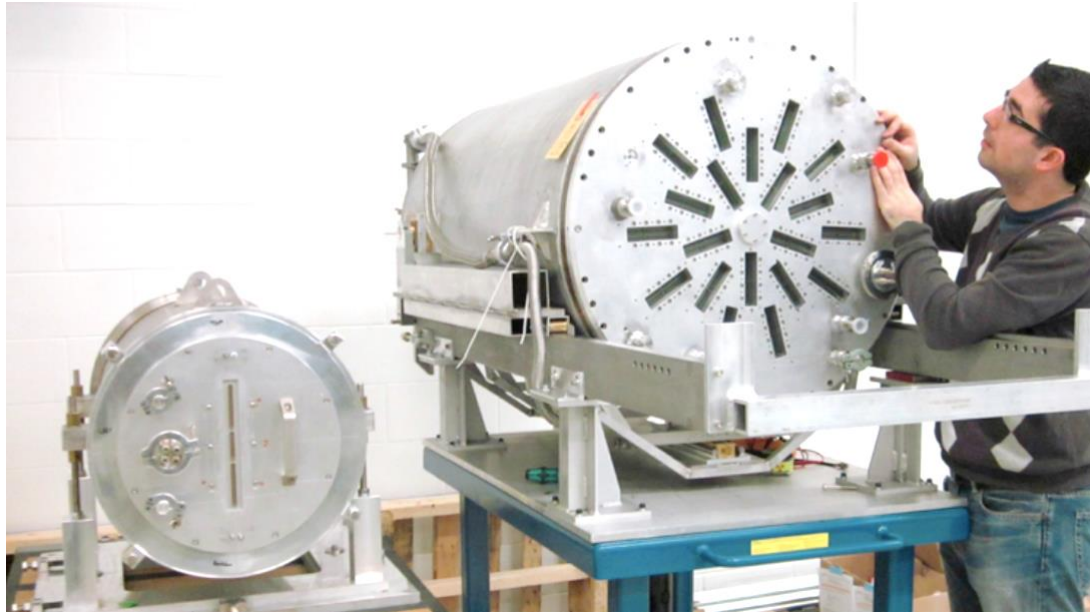
[4] S. Ota *et al.*, J. Radioanal. Nucl. Chem. 305, 907 ('15)

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AT-TPC collaboration since 2008

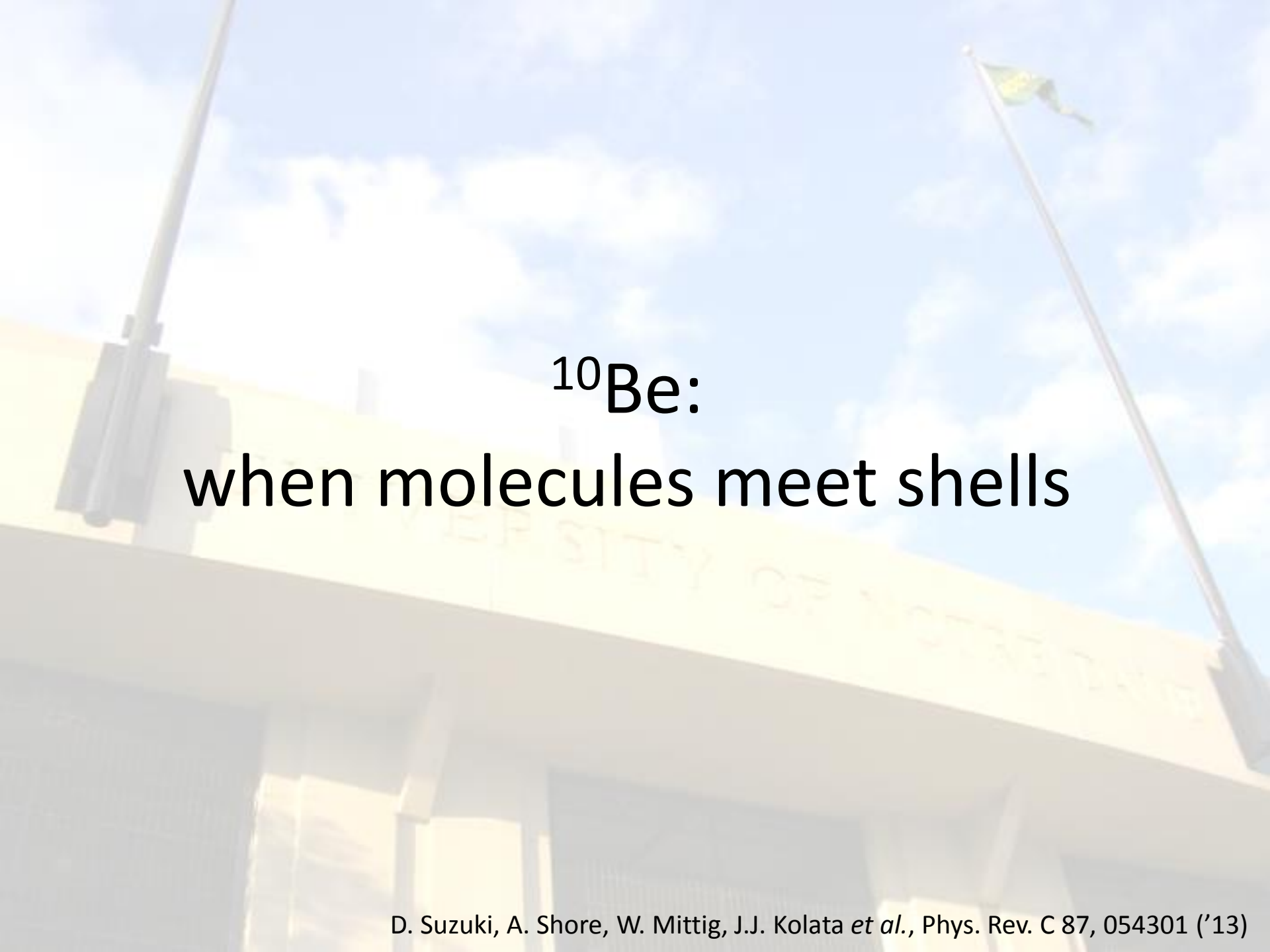
Active Target Time Projection Chamber

P.I.: D. Bazin, W. Mittig



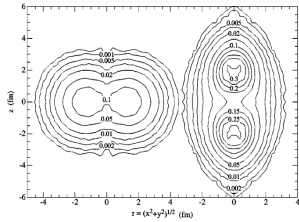
First experiments in 2011

- ^{10}Be ($^8\text{Be} + 2n$) and ^{14}C ($^{12}\text{C} + 2n$) via resonant α scattering.
- Essential roles of $2n$ from the simplest systems.



^{10}Be :
when molecules meet shells

Evolution of beryllium isotopes



4^+ 11.4

4^+ 11.8

12.1

$S_{2\alpha}$ 8.38

0_2^+ 6.18

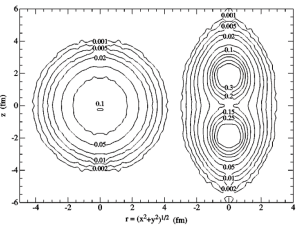
2^+ 3.03

2^+ 3.37

0_2^+ 2.25

1.57

2^+ 2.11



0^+ -0.09

0^+

0^+

0^+

^8Be

^9Be

^{10}Be

^{12}Be

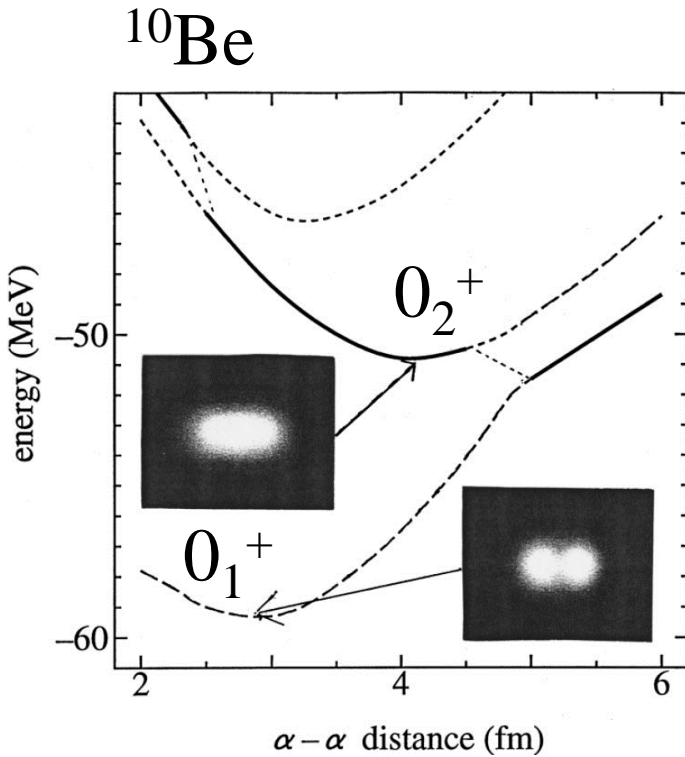
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$N = 5$

$N = 6$

$N = 8$

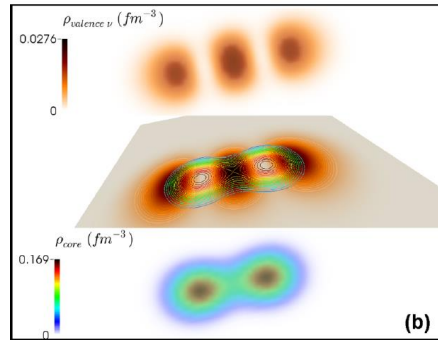
Molecular orbitals



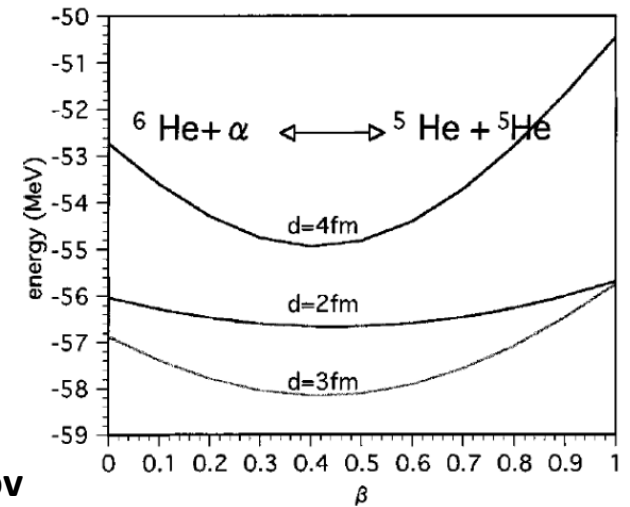
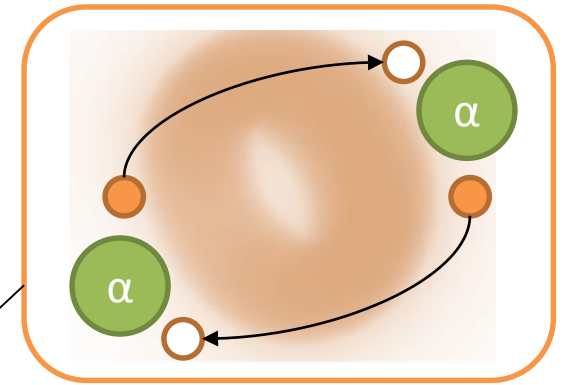
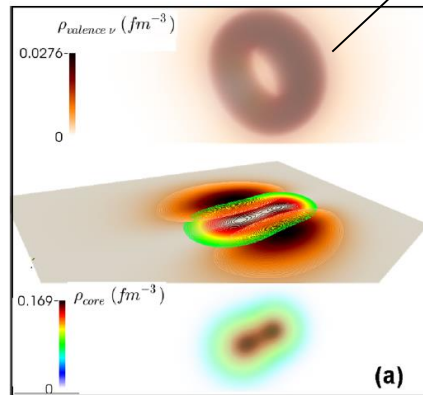
Microscopic $2\alpha+2n$ cluster model

N. Itagaki and S. Okabe,
Phys. Rev. C 61, 044306 ('00)

σ -orbital (chain)



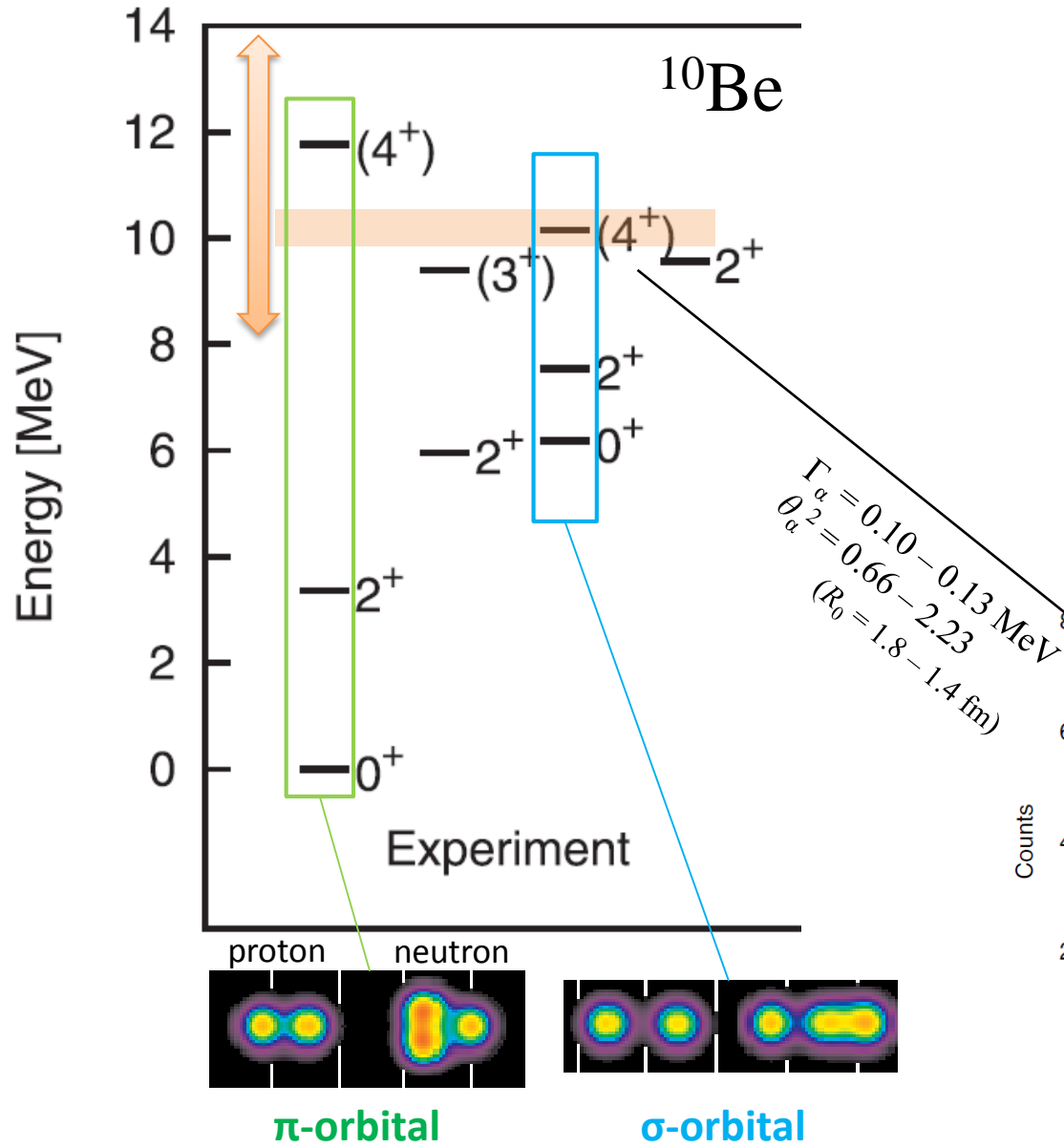
π -orbital (ring)



Relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov

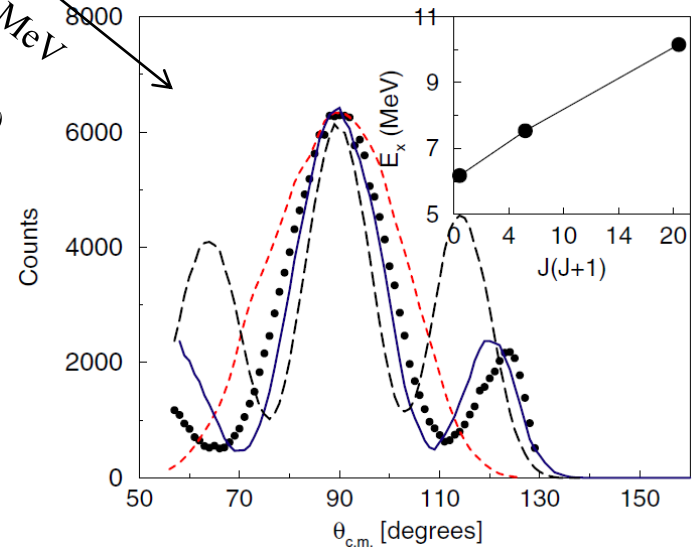
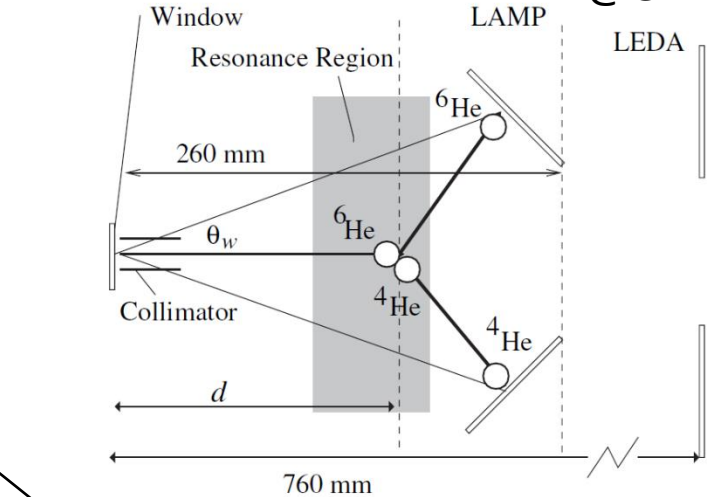
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Signature of molecular orbitals



Y. Kanada-En'yo *et al.*, J. Phys. G24, 1499 ('98)

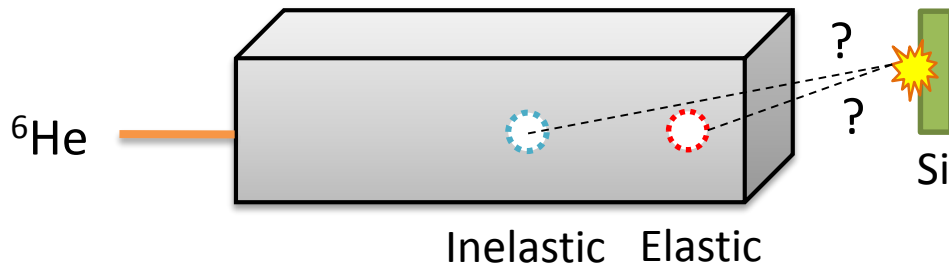
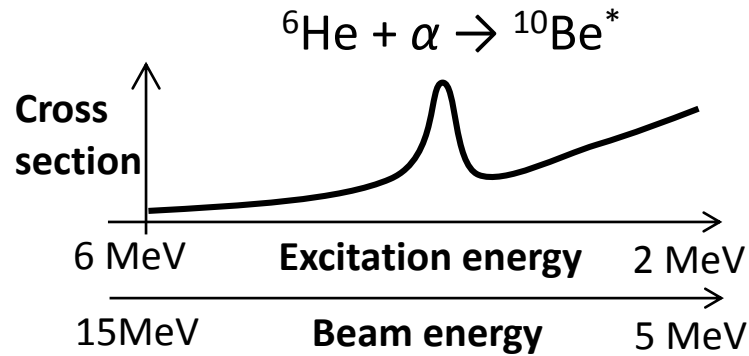
Resonant α scattering of ^6He beam @GANIL



M. Freer *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 042501 ('06)

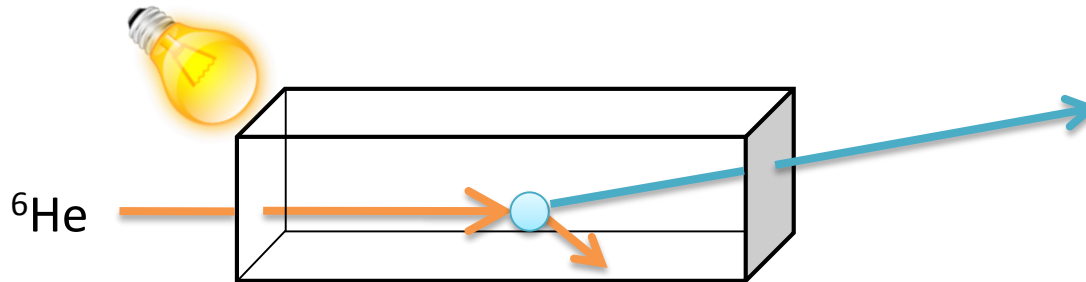
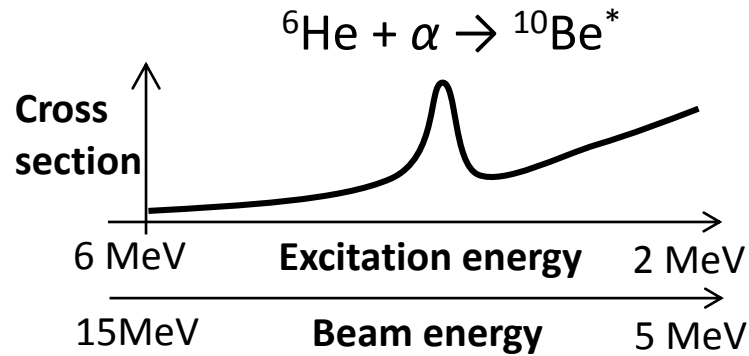
Thick target method

K. P. Artemov *et al.*, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 55, 1460 ('92)



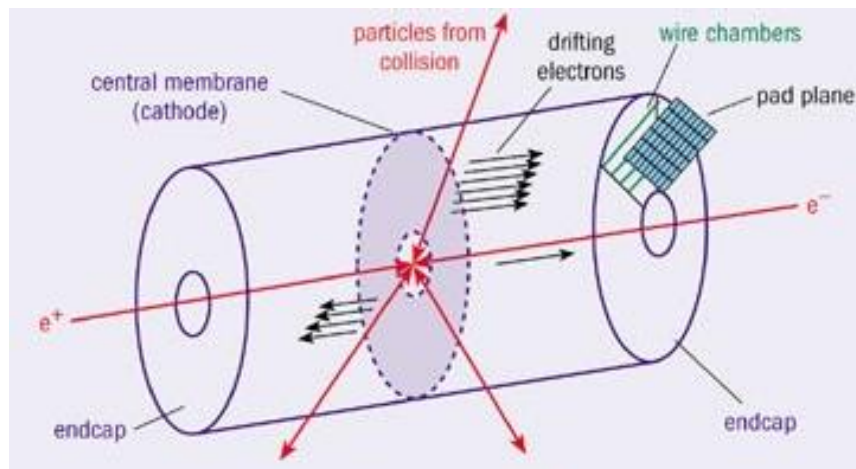
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Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

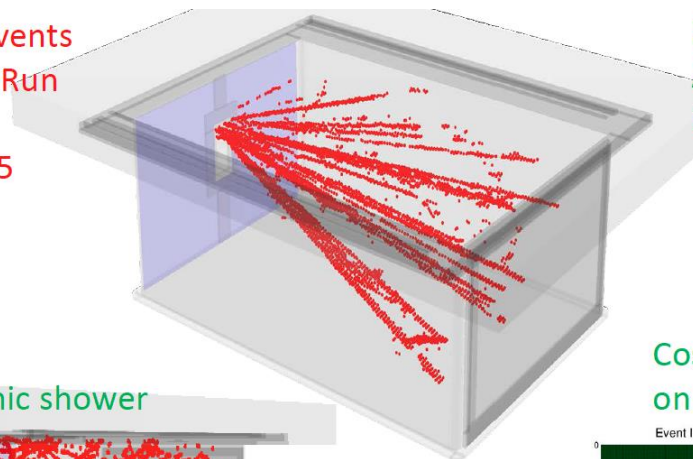
The first realization for **PEP-4** with the 29 GeV e^+e^- collider at Stanford ('70s)



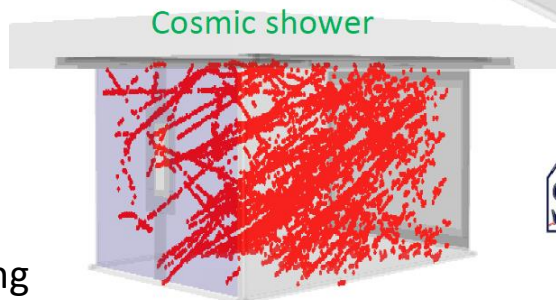
D.R. Nygren and J.N. Marx,
Physics Today 31, 46 ('78)

Spirit TPC @RIBF
(run in April and May)

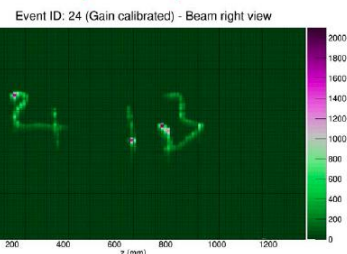
SpiRIT TPC events
Commission Run
at RIKEN in
October 2015



Reactions from 200
AMeV $^{79}\text{Se}+\text{Al}$
10/23/2015, RIKEN



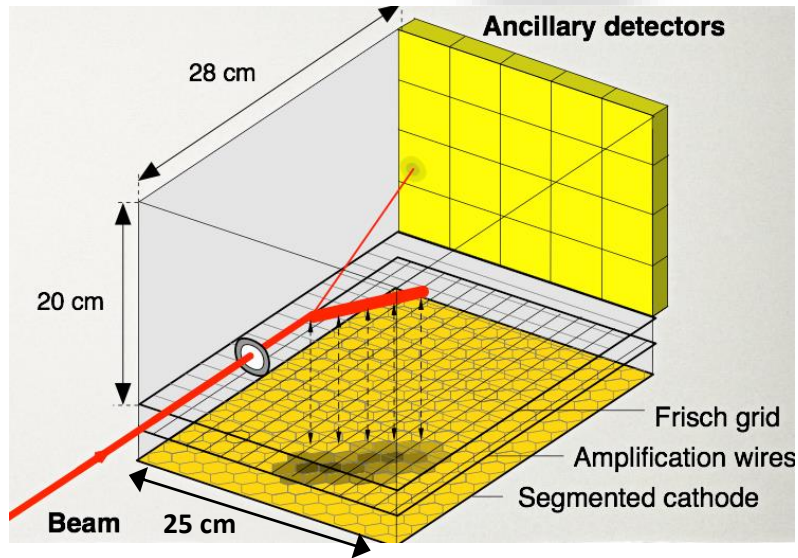
Cosmic phone home:
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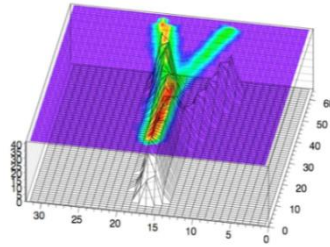
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MAYA

since 2003 at GANIL



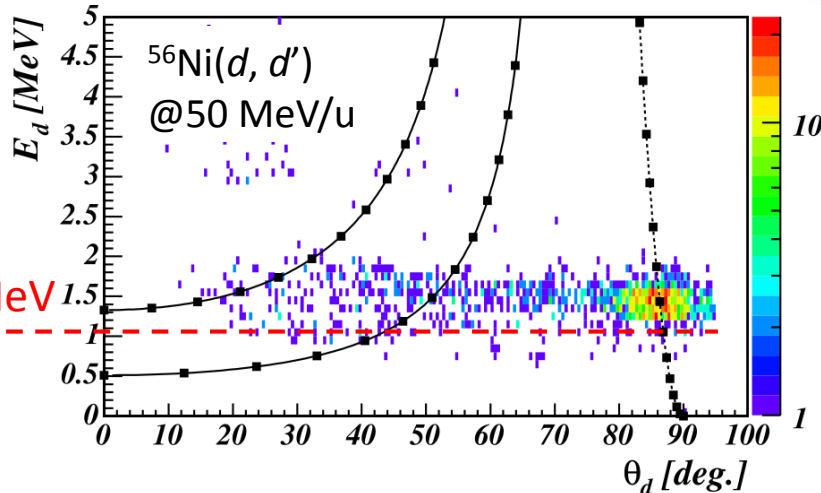
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Beam/Energy [MeV/u]	Date	Reaction	Gas	Mixture [%]	Pressure [mbar]
^8He @ 3.9	2003	$^8\text{He}(p,p')$	C_4H_{10}	100	1000
^8He @ 3.5	2003	$^8\text{He}(p,d)^7\text{He}$	C_4H_{10}	100	525
$^{25,26}\text{F}$ @ 50.0	2004	$^{25}\text{F}(d,^3\text{He})^{24}\text{O}$	D_2	100	2200
^{56}Ni @ 50.0	2005	$^{56}\text{Ni}(d,d')$	D_2	100	1050
^8He @ 15.4	2005	$^8\text{He}(^{12}\text{C}, ^{13}\text{N})^7\text{H}$	C_4H_{10}	100	30
^{11}Li @ 3.6	2006	$^{11}\text{Li}(p,d)^{10}\text{Li}$	C_4H_{10}	100	150
		$^{11}\text{Li}(p,t)^9\text{Li}$	C_4H_{10}	100	664
^6He @ 3.5	2007	$^6\text{He}(p,n)^6\text{Li}$	C_4H_{10}	100	107
^{68}Ni @ 50.0	2010	$^{68}\text{Ni}(d,d')$	D_2	100	1040
		$^{68}\text{Ni}(\alpha,\alpha')$	$\text{He} + \text{CF}_4$	98/2	500
^{56}Ni @ 50.0	2011	$^{56}\text{Ni}(\alpha,\alpha')$	$\text{He} + \text{CF}_4$	98/2	1200
^8He @ 15.4	2011	$^8\text{He}(^{19}\text{F}, ^{20}\text{Ne})^7\text{H}$	$\text{He} + \text{CF}_4$	10/90	175
^{12}Be @ 3.0	2012	$^{12}\text{Be}(p,p')$	C_4H_{10}	100	100

TRIUMF

ISOLDE



C. Monrozeau *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 042501 ('08)

Half-scale prototype of AT-TPC (2011 -)

PAT-TPC

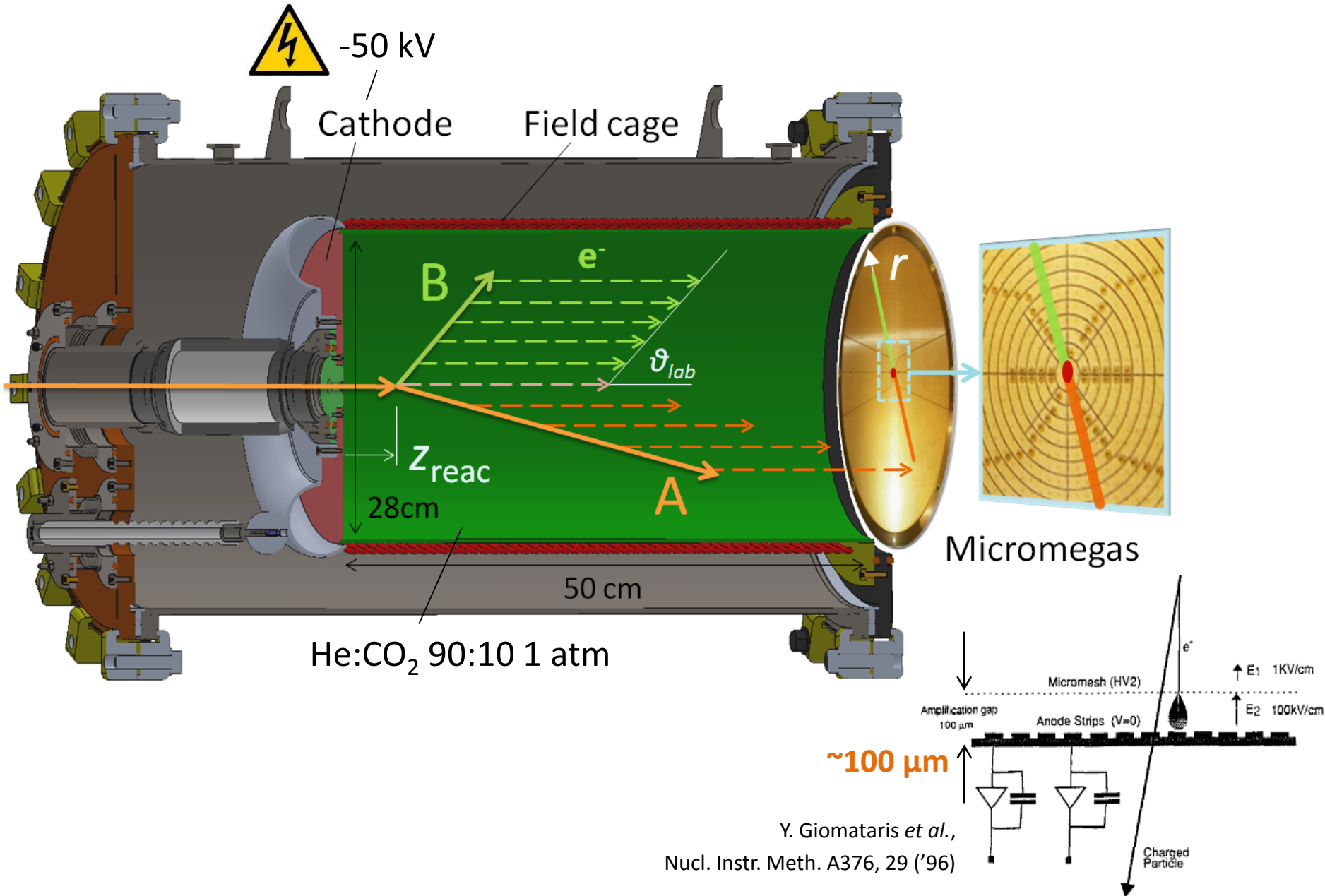
D. Suzuki, M. Ford, D. Bazin, W. Mittig *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 691, 39 ('12)



Not just a prototype!

	PAT-TPC	Maya
Gas thickness	50 cm	28 cm
Pad size	2 mm (strip)	9 mm (hexagonal)

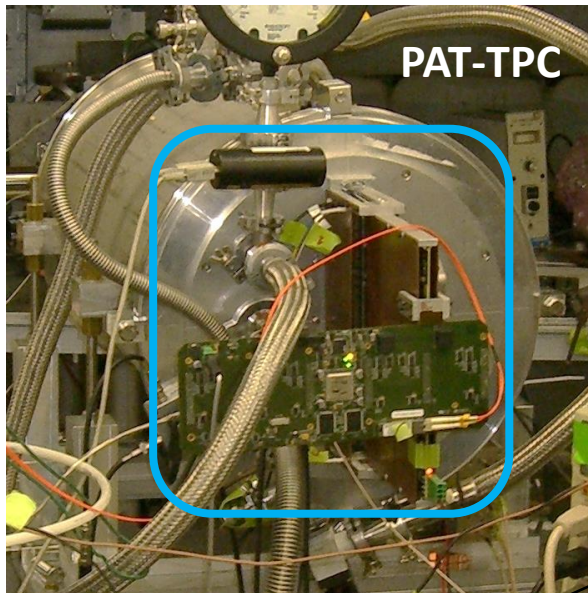
PAT-TPC: principle of operation



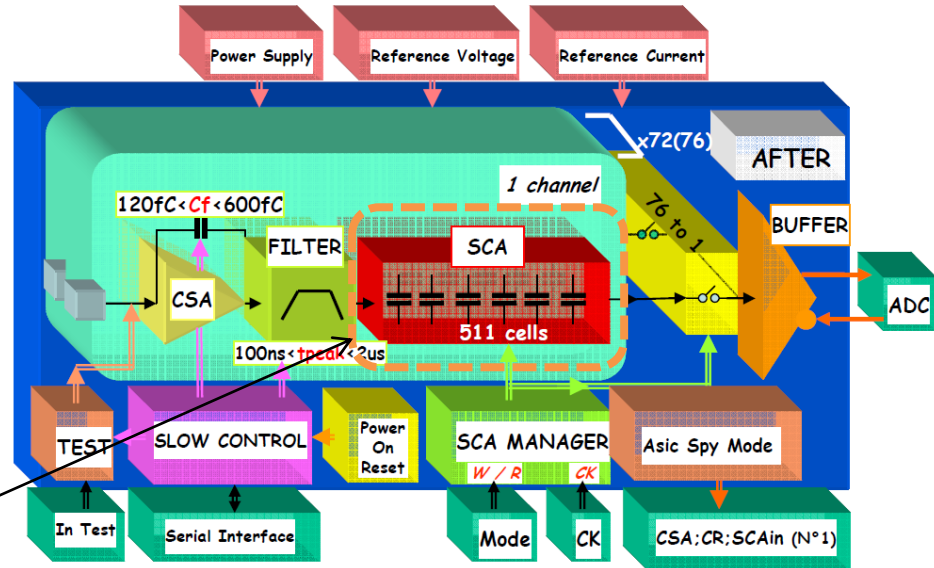
Waveform digitizer

Neutrino flux monitor TPCs in Tokai-to-Kamiokande (T2K) experiment

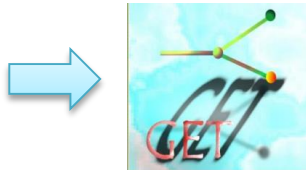
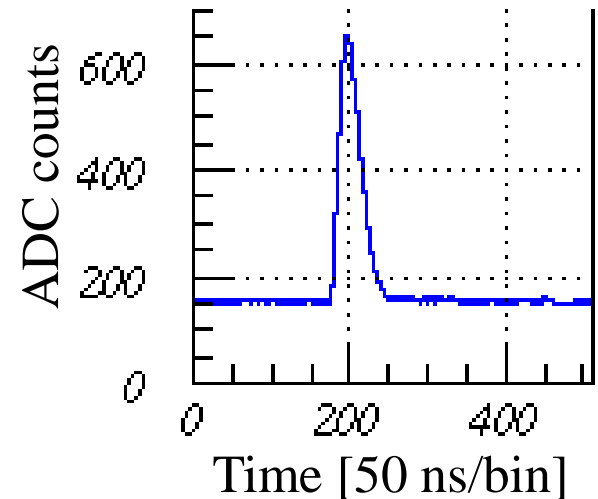
T. Lux, J. Phys: Conf. Ser. 65, 012018 ('07)



P. Baron *et al.*, IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. 55, 1744 ('08)



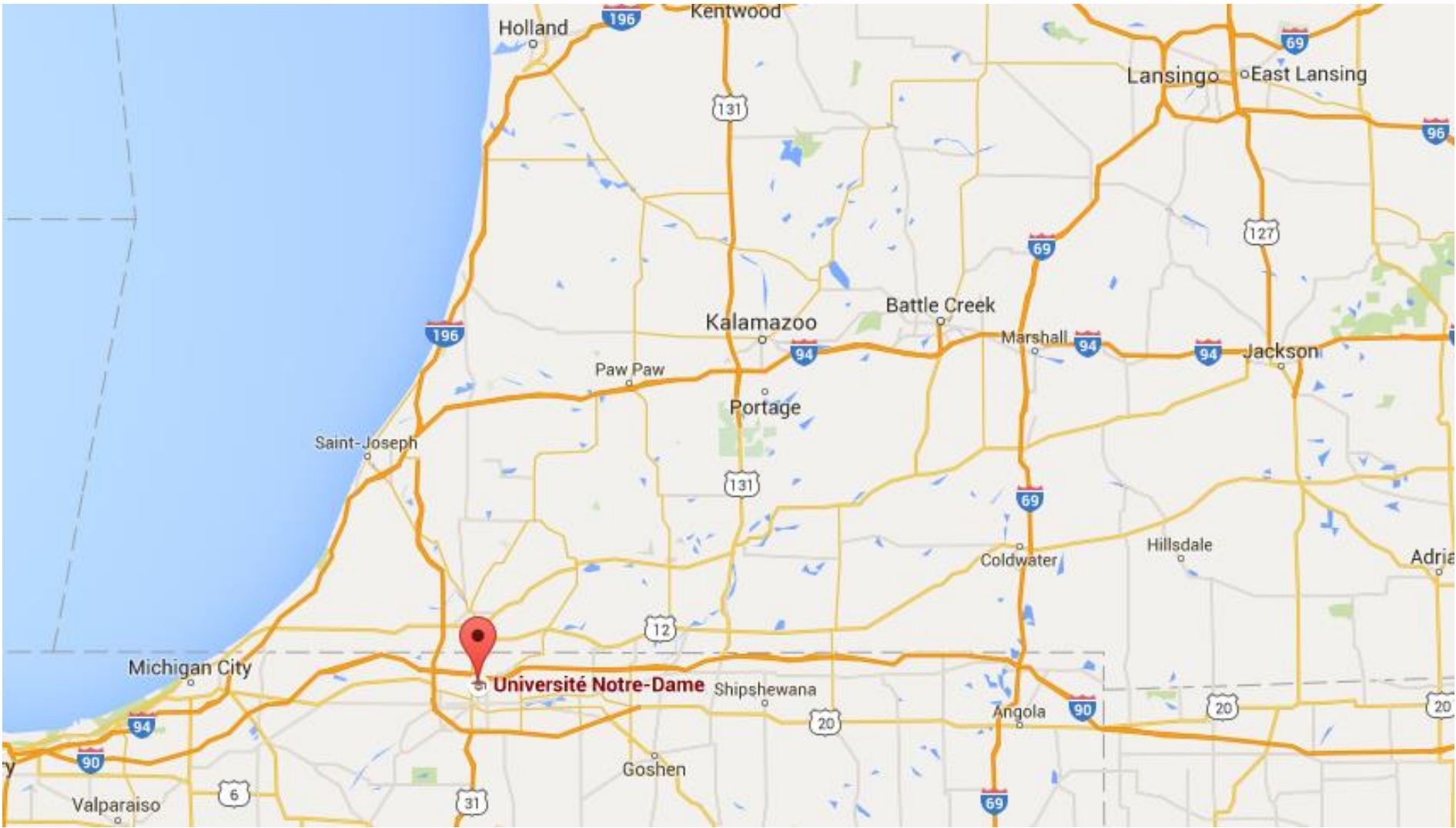
- 511 switching capacitors array memory
- 10 ~ 100 MHz sampling (Time window 5 ~ 50 μ s)
- 12-bit ADC
- 288 channels /board



GET (General Electronics for TPCs)

E. Pollacco *et al.*, Phys. Proc. 37, 1799 ('12)

Travel to South Bend



Twinsol facility at Notre Dame

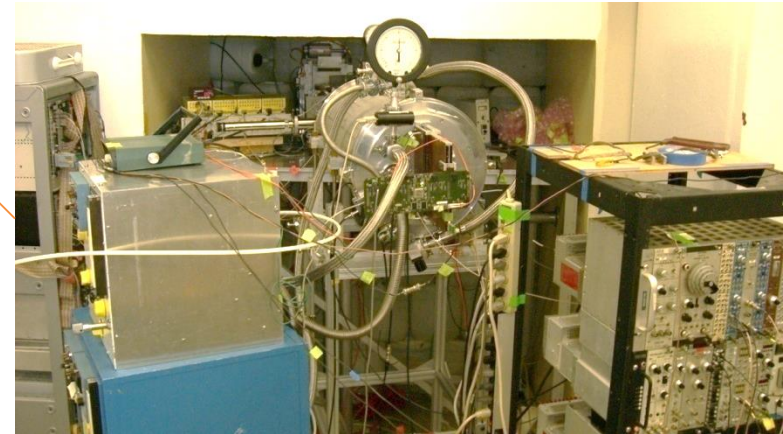
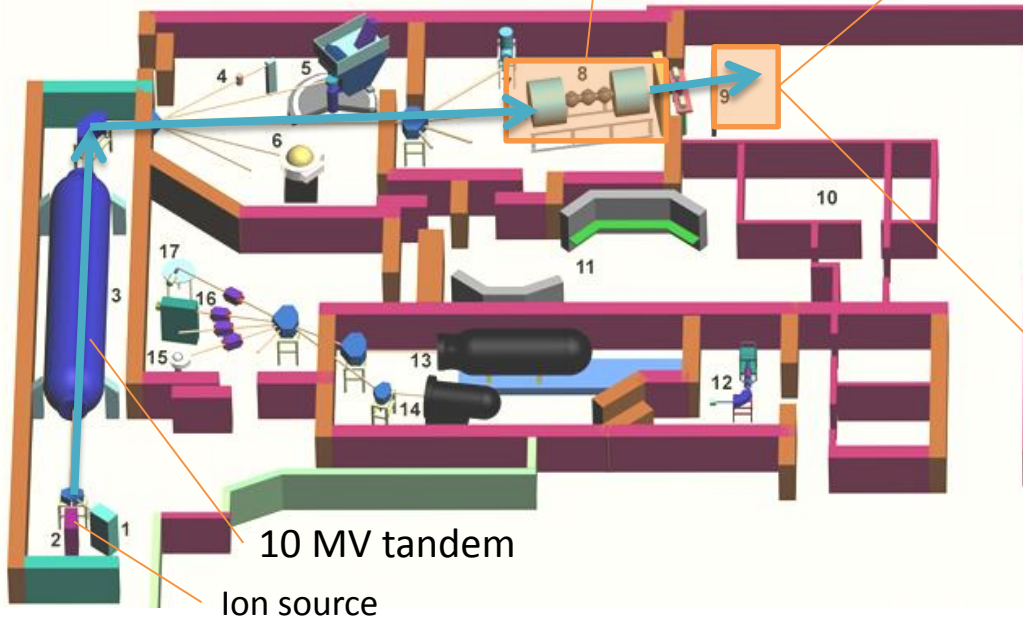
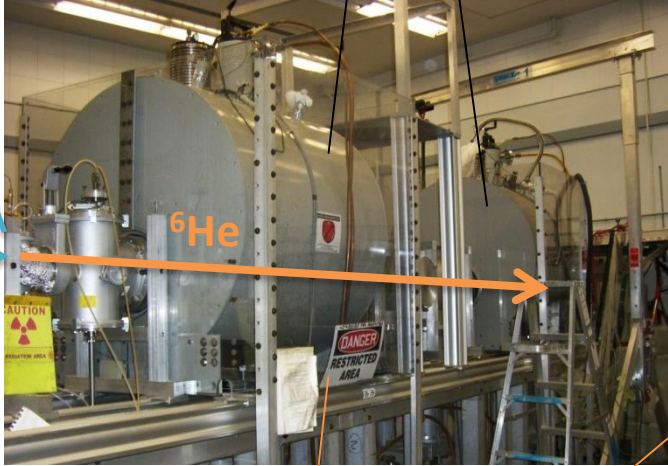
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A pair of solenoid

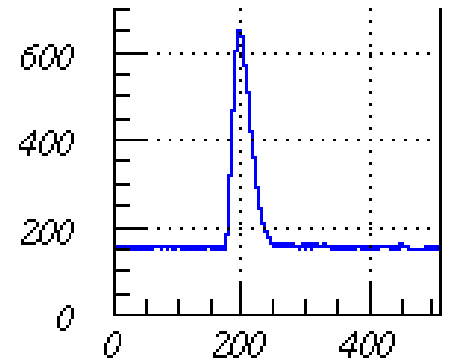
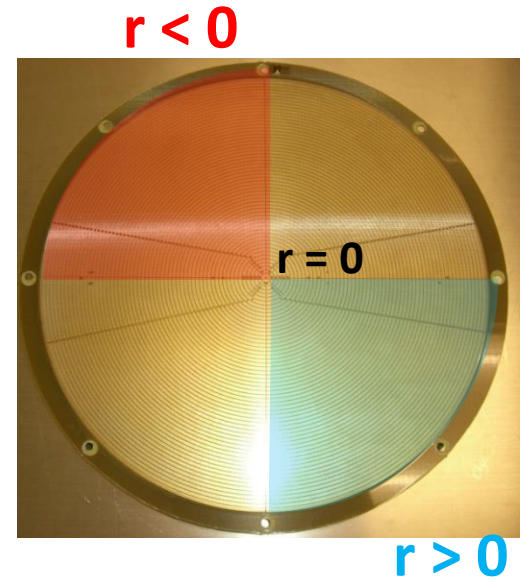
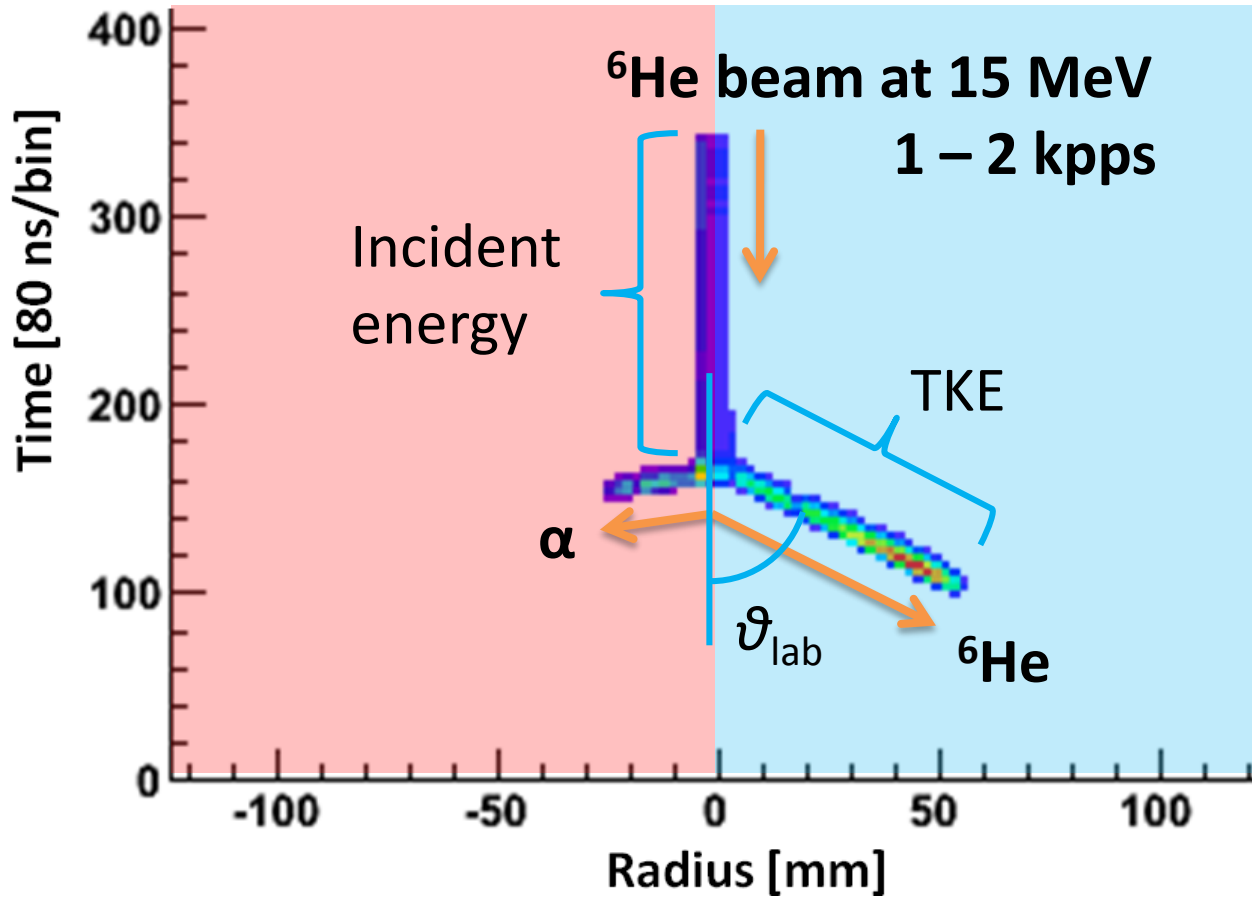
D_2 gas target

7Li

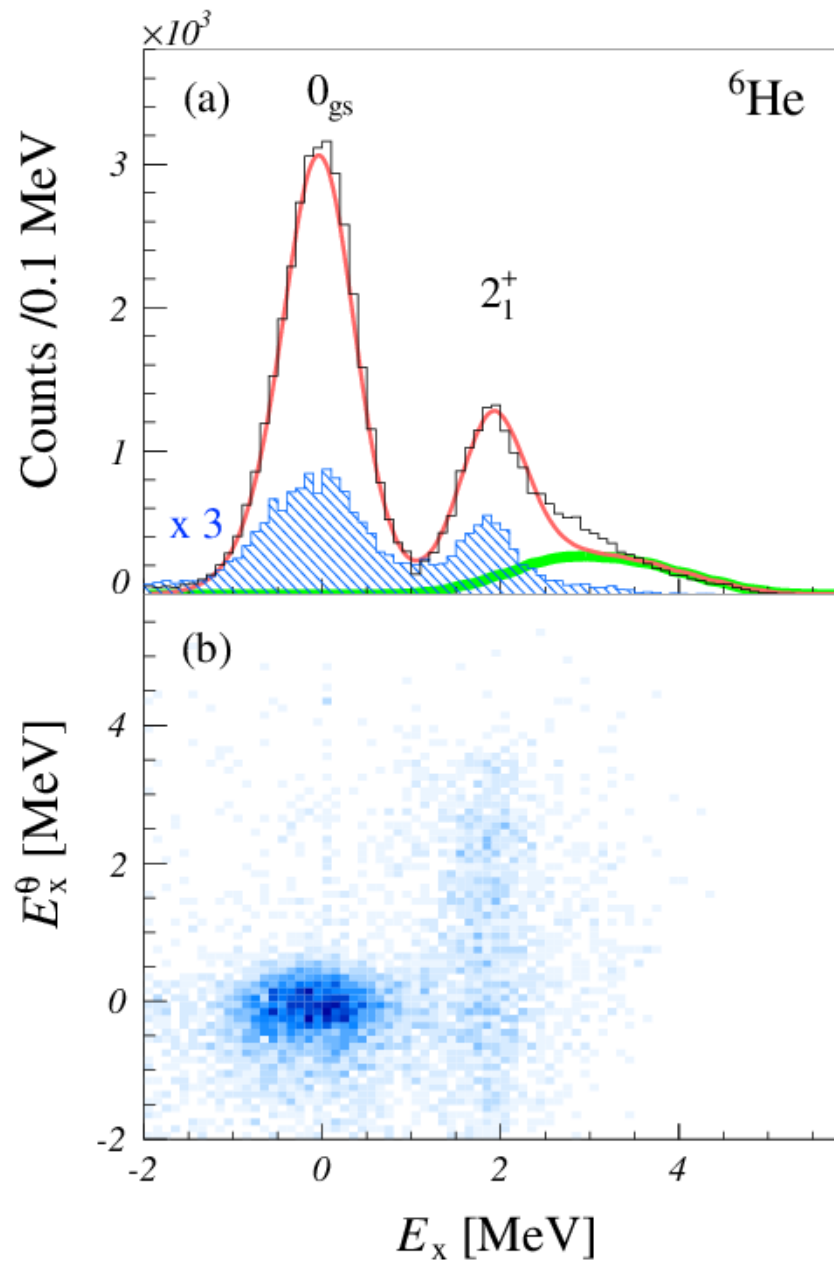
0.5 μA
29 MeV



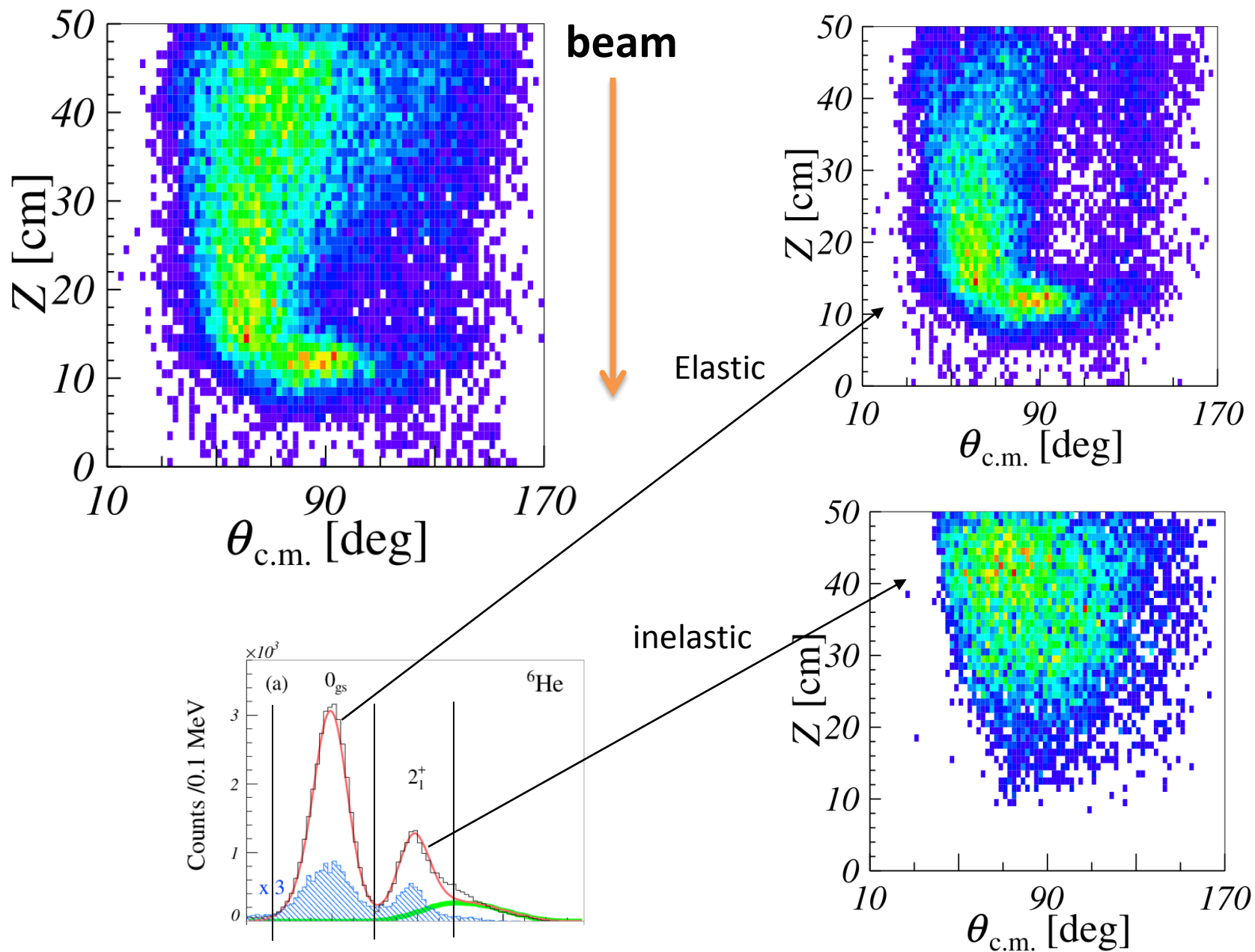
Reaction imaging



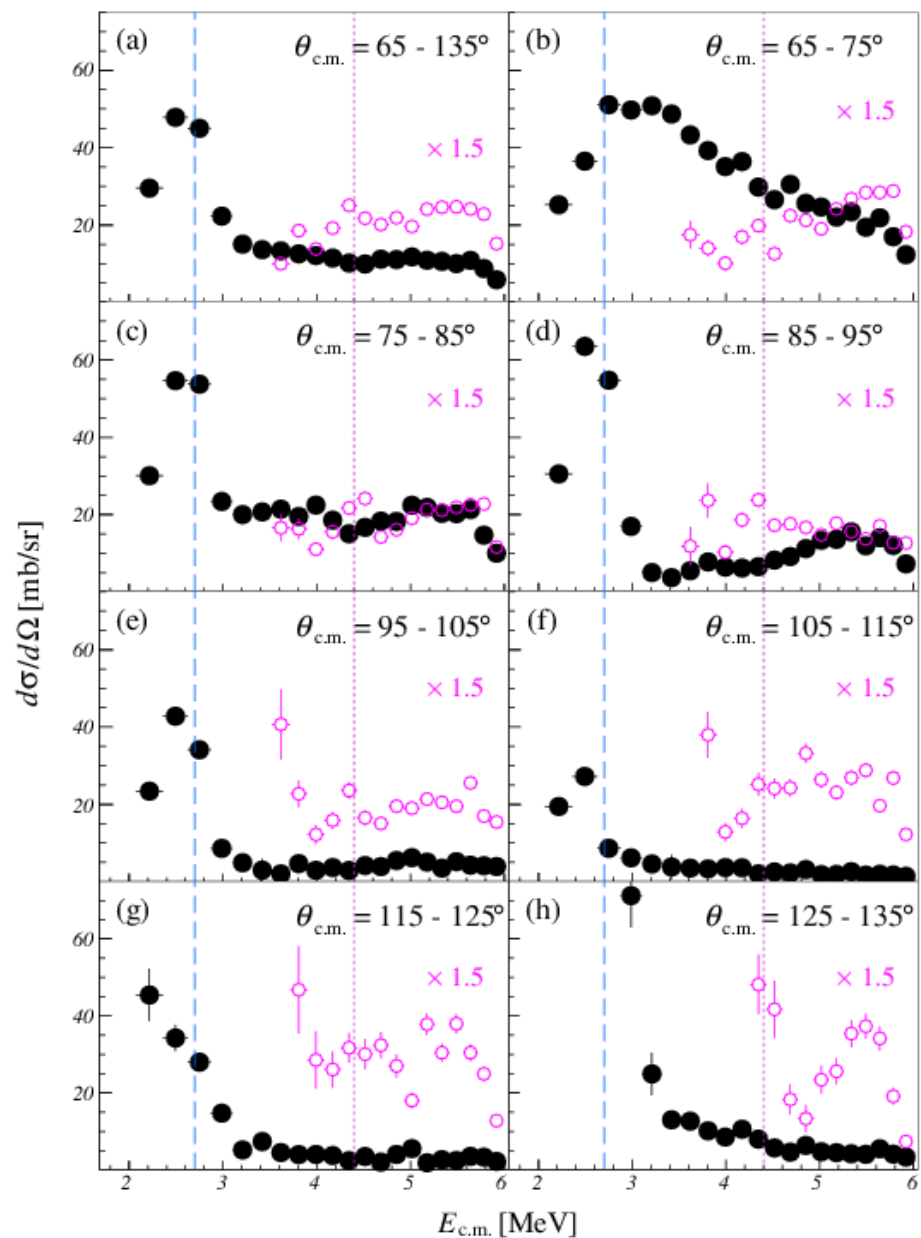
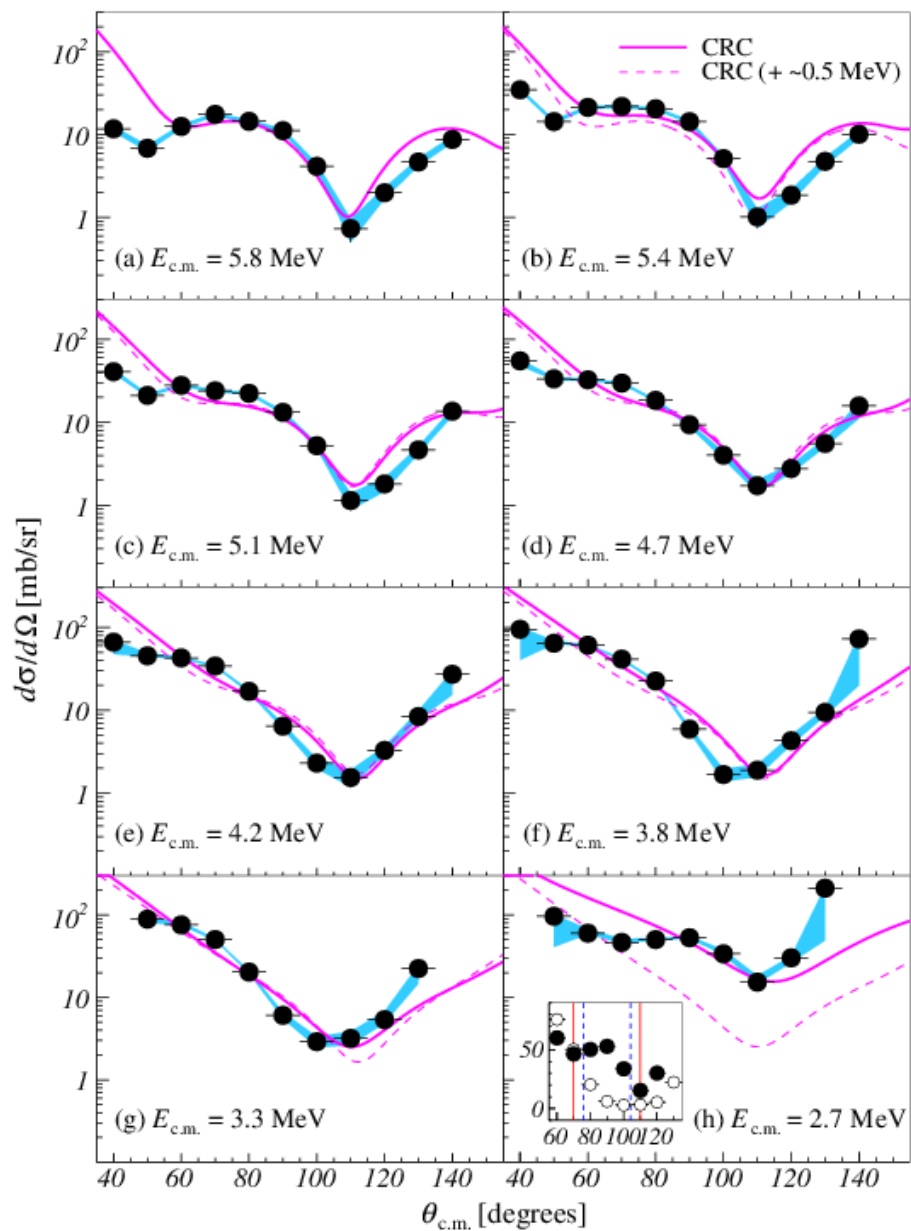
${}^6\text{He}(\alpha, \alpha)$: excitation energy spectrum



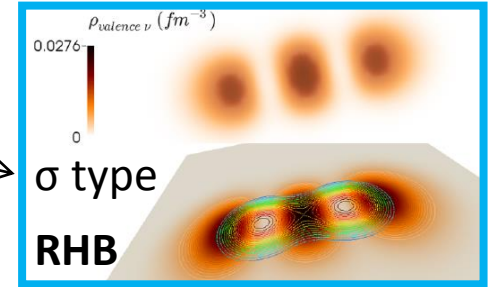
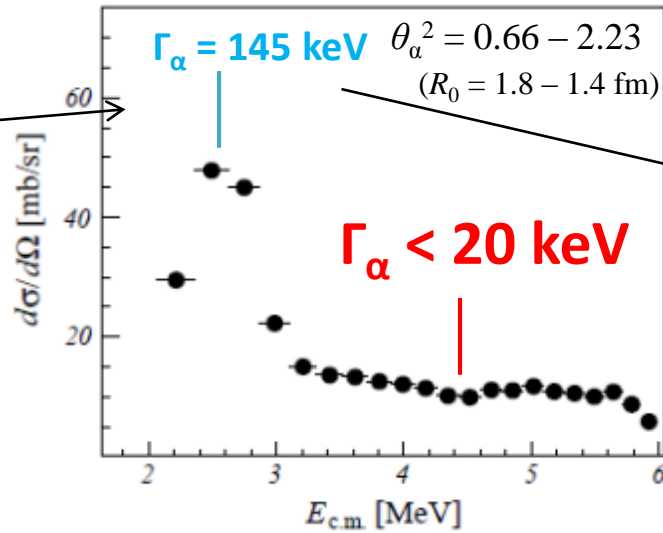
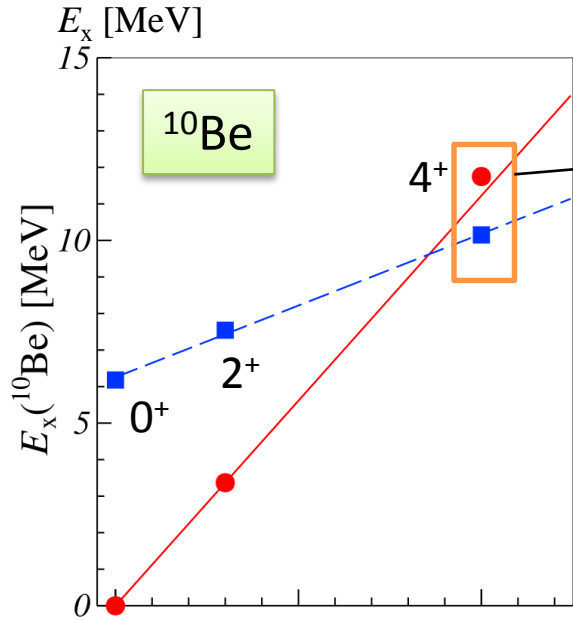
${}^6\text{He}(\alpha, \alpha)$: reaction vertices map



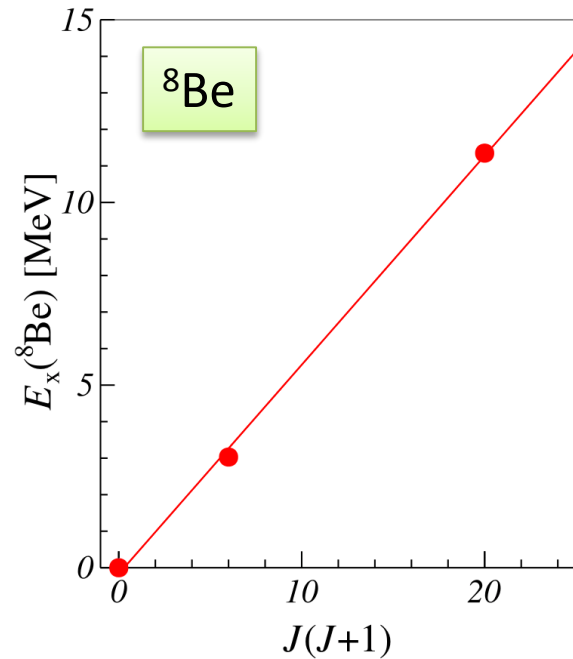
${}^6\text{He}(\alpha, \alpha)$: cross sections breakdown



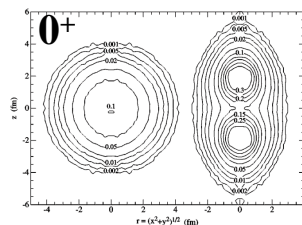
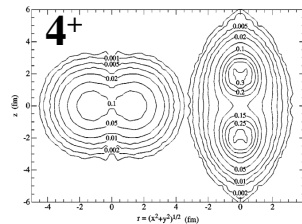
Suppression of alpha decay width



J-P. Ebran *et al.*
Phys. Rev. C 90, 054329 ('14)



QMC



$\alpha + \alpha$ scattering analysis

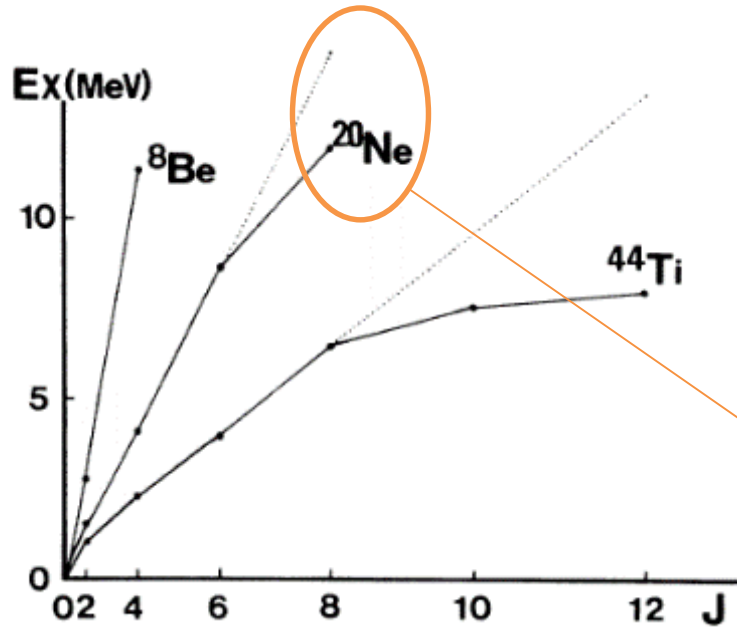
$$S(4^+) = 1.39$$

$$S(2^+) = 1.46$$

$$S(0^+) = 1.48$$

P. Mohr *et al.*
Z. Phys. A 349, 339 ('94)

Melting alpha clusters in ^{20}Ne



T. Yamada, Phys. Rev. C 42, 1432 ('90)

Deformed-basis AMD

TABLE I. Observed [10] and calculated α -RW (θ_α^2), multiplied by 100 at the channel radius $a=6$ fm, for $K^\pi=0_1^+$, 0_4^+ and 0_1^- band members. For comparison, the results of the $(sd)^4$ shell model (SM) [18], $\alpha+^{16}\text{O}$ RGM (RGM) [19], and $(\alpha+^{16}\text{O})+(^8\text{Be}+^{12}\text{C})$ coupled channel OCM (OCM) [20] are shown.

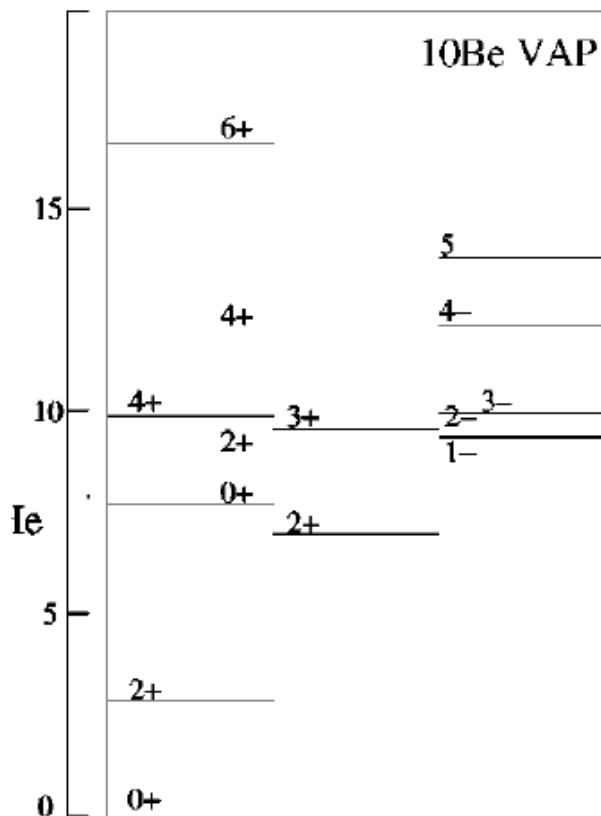
K^π	J^π	$\theta_{obs}(a)^2 \times 100$	SM	RGM	OCM	AMD
0_1^+	6_1^+	1.0 ± 0.2	0.20	1.4	0.50	0.53
	8_1^+	0.094 ± 0.027	0.020	0.24	0.10	0.08

K^π	J^π	W^J	$\langle \hat{V}_{ls} \rangle$
0_1^+	0_1^+	0.70	-5.2
	2_1^+	0.68	-5.3
	4_1^+	0.54	-5.9
	6_1^+	0.34	-8.4
	8_1^+	0.28	-10.9

M. Kimura, Phys. Rev. C 69, 044319 ('04)

Melting alpha clusters in ^{10}Be 2^+ , 4^+ states

AMD VAP (variation after spin-parity projection)



Kanada-En'yo, Horiuchi, Doté,
Phys. Rev. C 60, 064304 ('99)

In the $K^\pi = 0_1^+$ band, the 2α cores weaken with the increase of the total spin due to the spin-orbit force. The reduction of the clustering structure is more rapid in the case of interaction (2) with the stronger spin-orbit force, and the 2_1^+ and 4_1^+ states in case (2) interactions contain the dissociation of α .

$$V_{LS} = \{u_I \exp(-\kappa_I r^2) + u_{II} \exp(-\kappa_{II} r^2)\} \frac{(1+P_\sigma)}{2} \frac{(1+P_\tau)}{2} \mathbf{L} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2), \quad (15)$$

$$(1) u_I = -u_{II} = 3000 \text{ MeV}$$

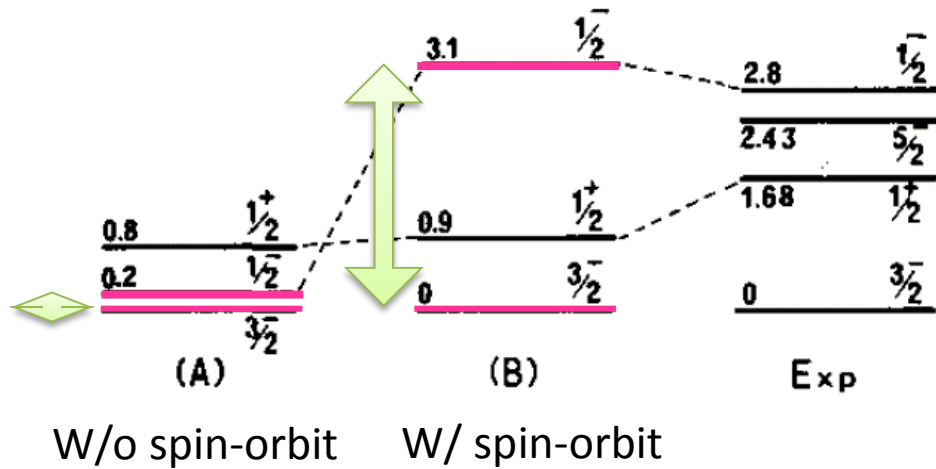
$$(2) u_I = -u_{II} = 3700 \text{ MeV}$$

- Clustering and shell effects seem to be highly competitive in Be isotopes
- Effects of $N = 6$ subshell closure?

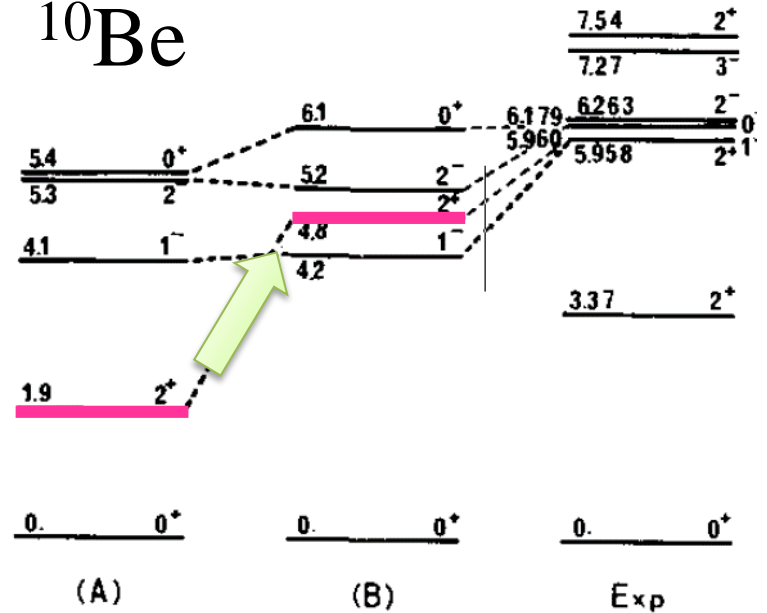
Effects of $1p_{1/2}$ - $1p_{3/2}$ splitting

Molecular Orbital Model

^9Be

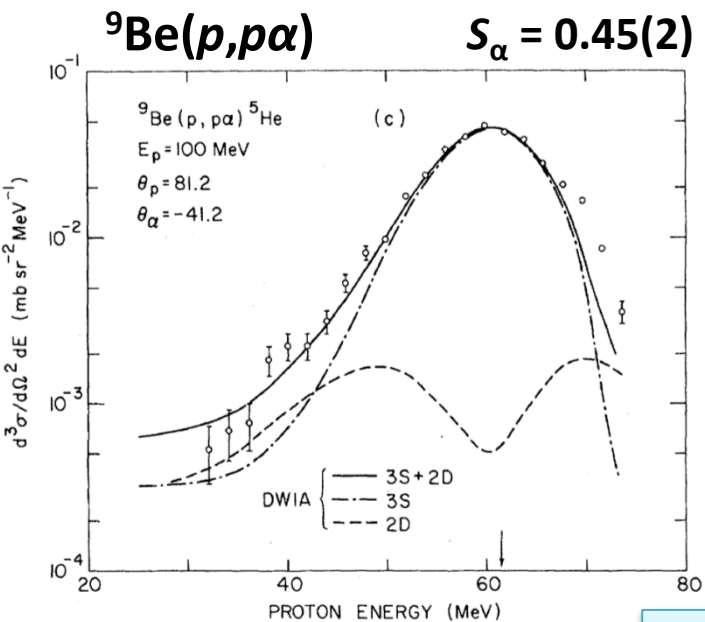


^{10}Be



M. Seya, M. Kohno, S. Nagata, PTEP 65, 204 ('81)

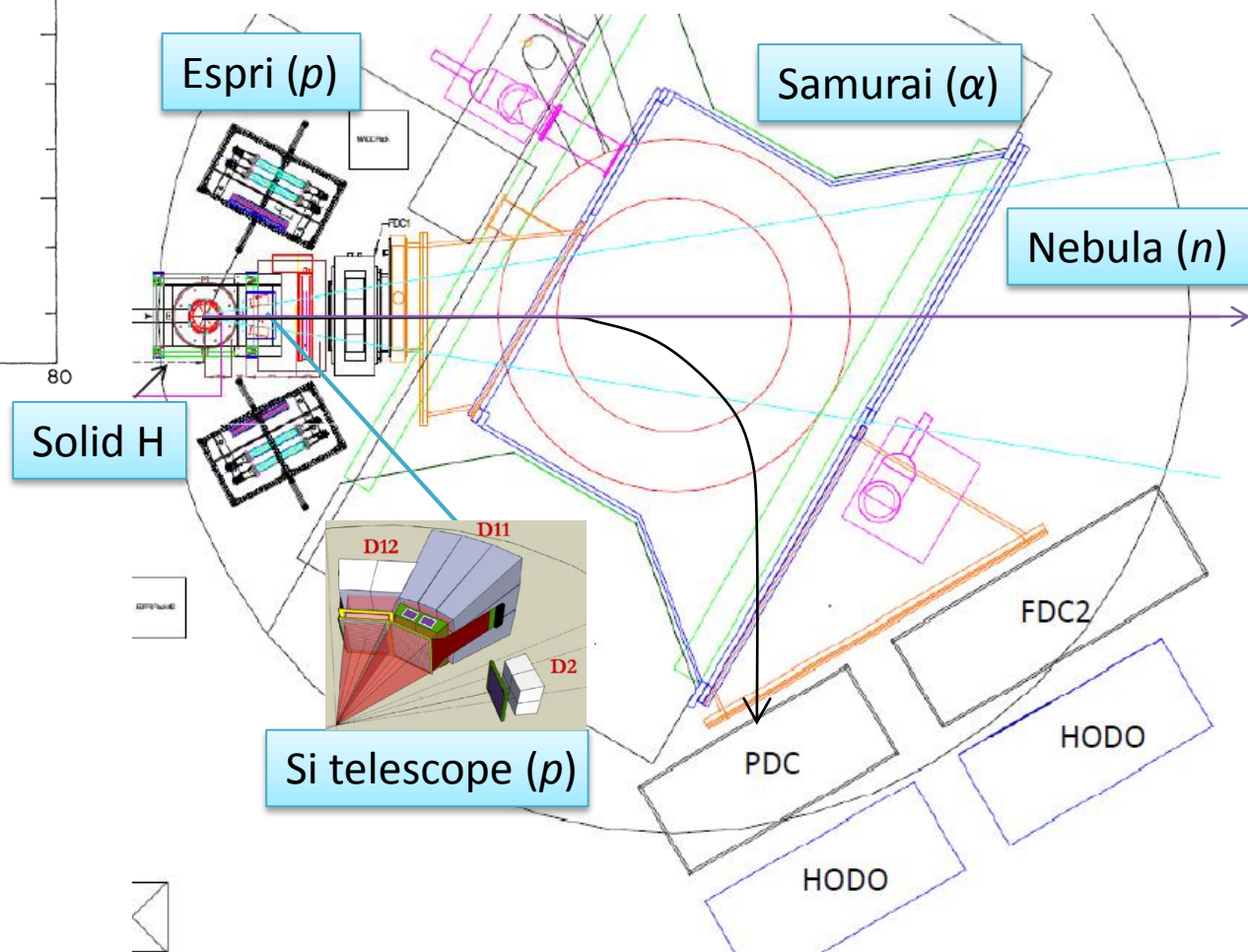
Probe ground state alpha clustering

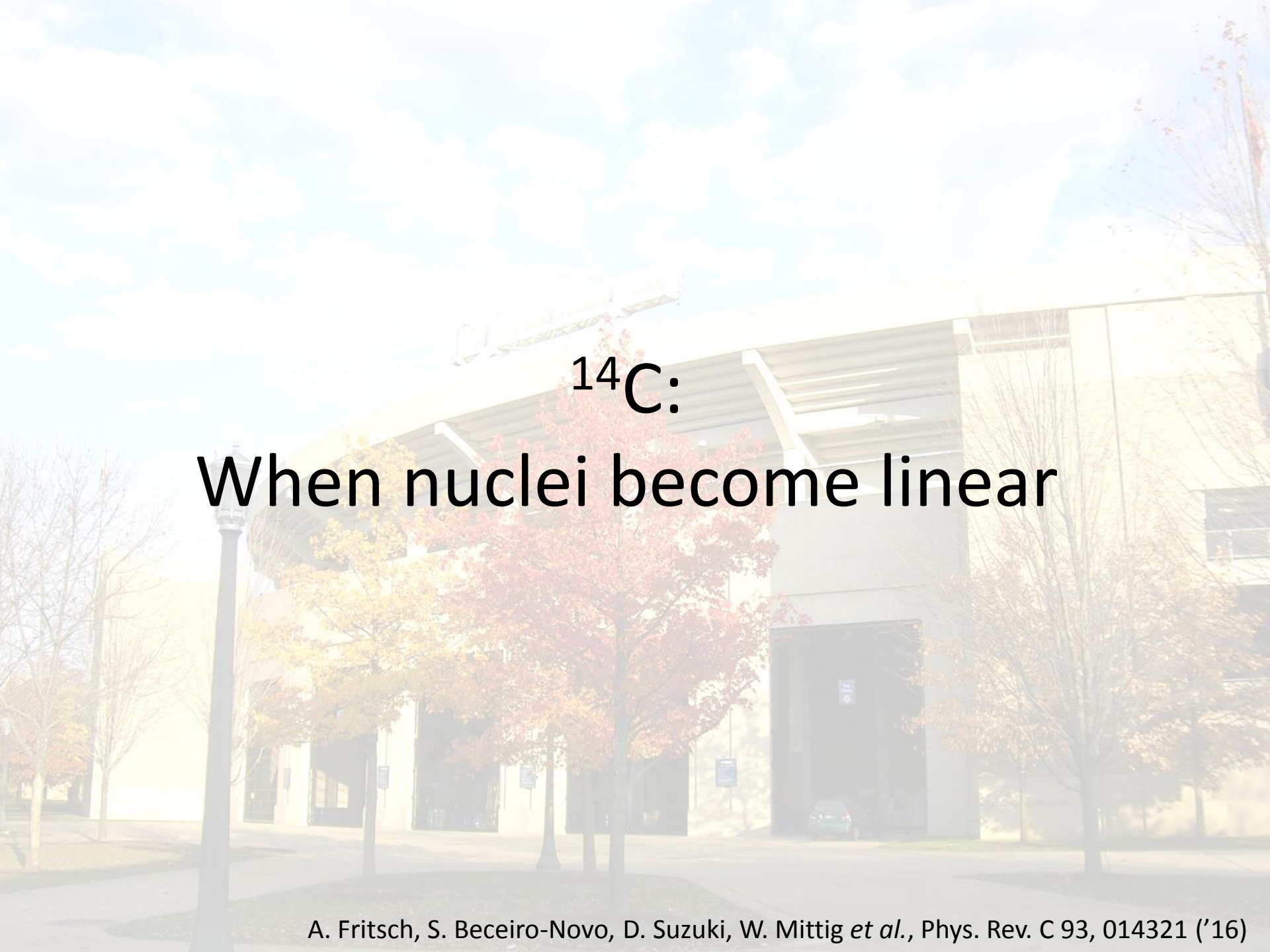


P.G. Roos *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. C 15, 69 ('77)

${}^{10,12,14}\text{Be}(p, p\alpha)$

Samurai 13
(D. Beaumel)



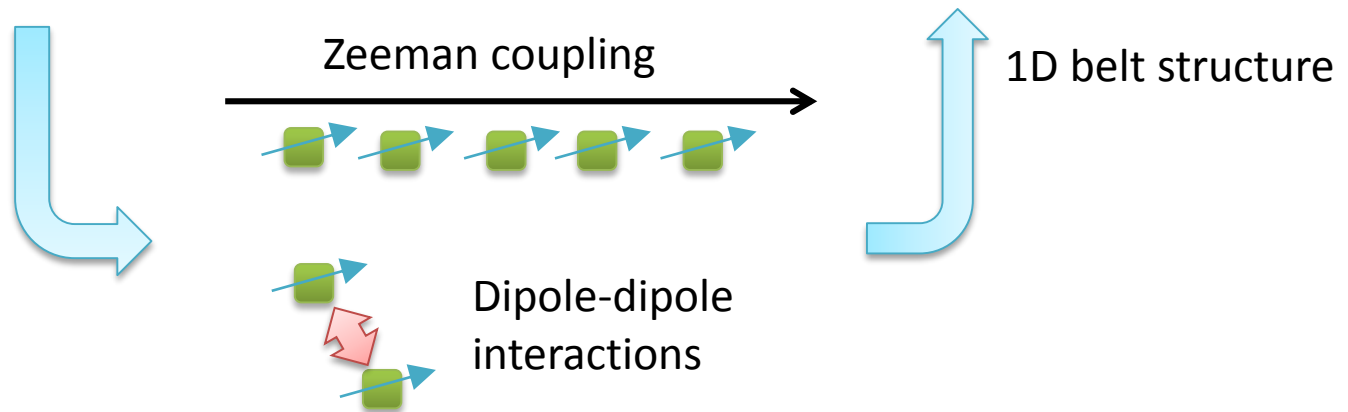
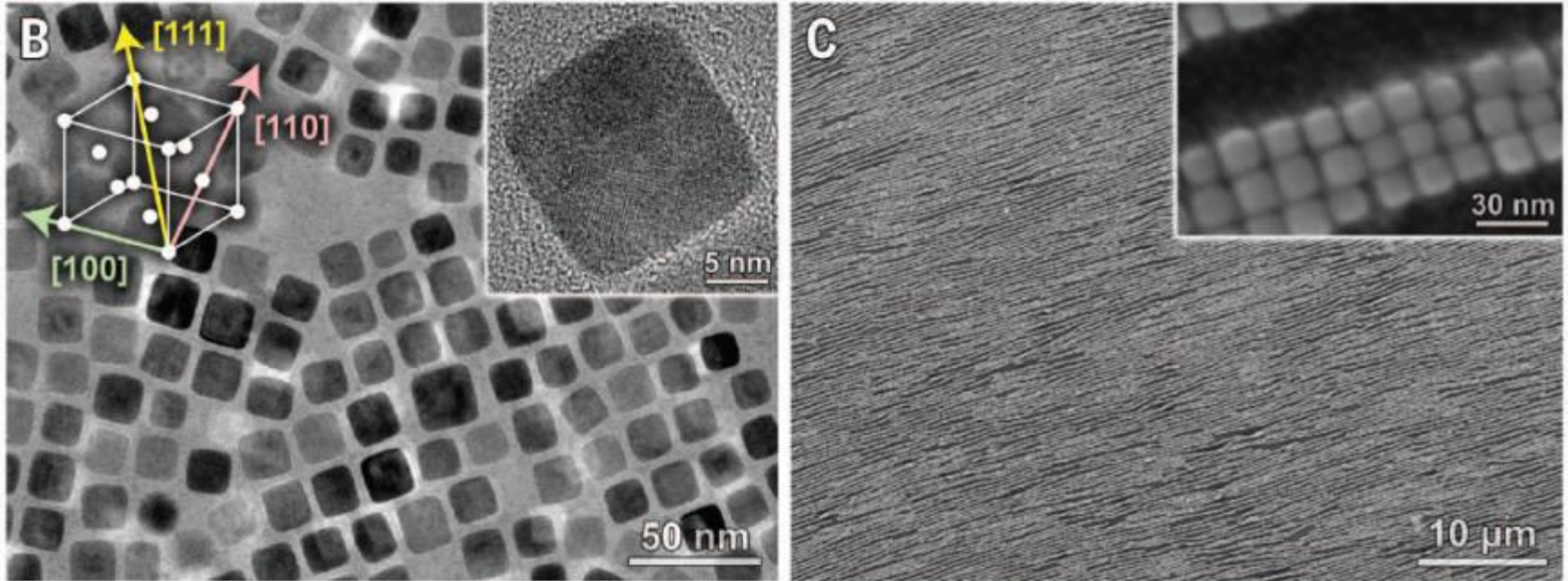


^{14}C :
When nuclei become linear

Clusters and geometry

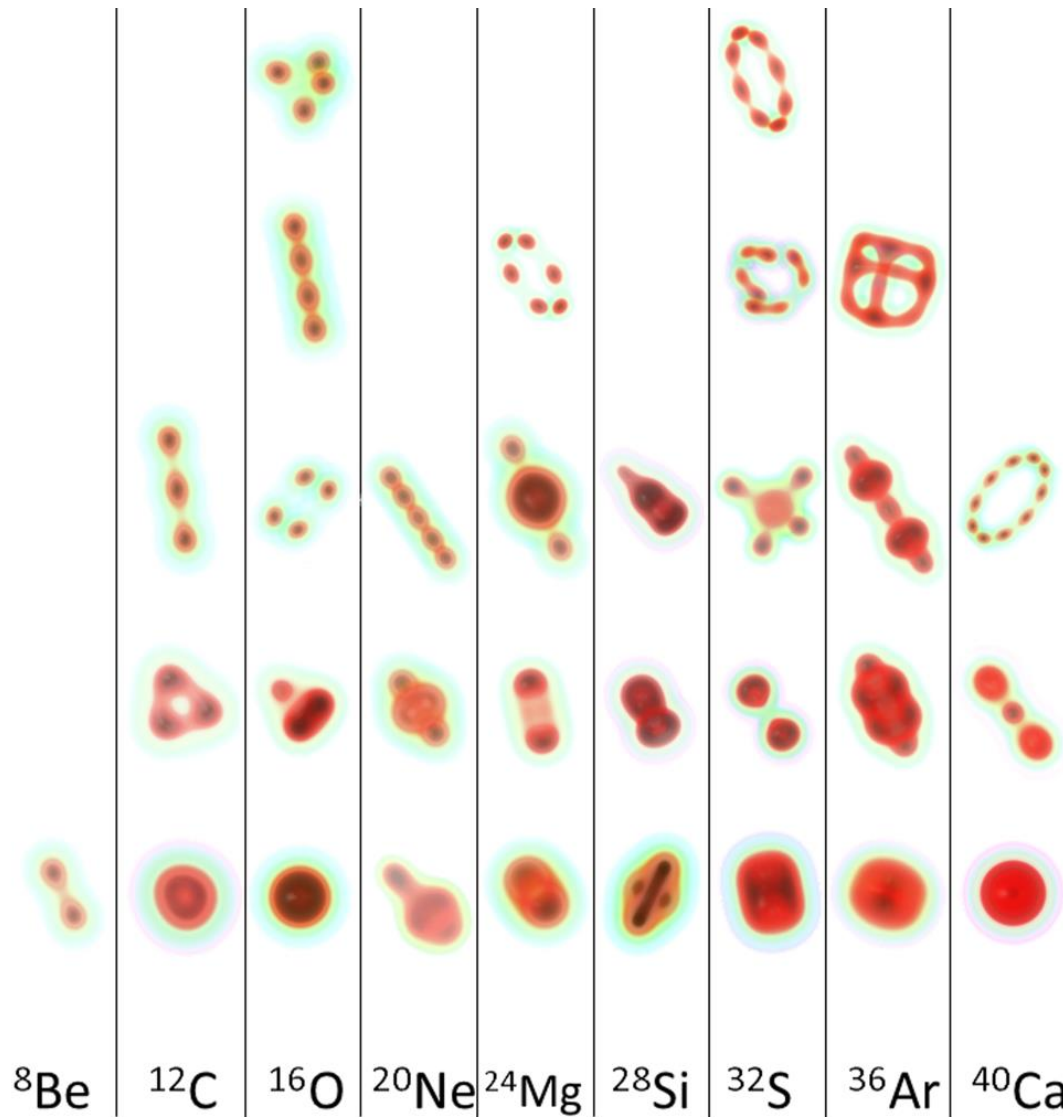
Magnetic nano cubic

G. Singh *et al.*, Science 345, 1149 ('14)



Atlas of femto-scale geometries

RHB (Triaxial and reflection-asymmetric)

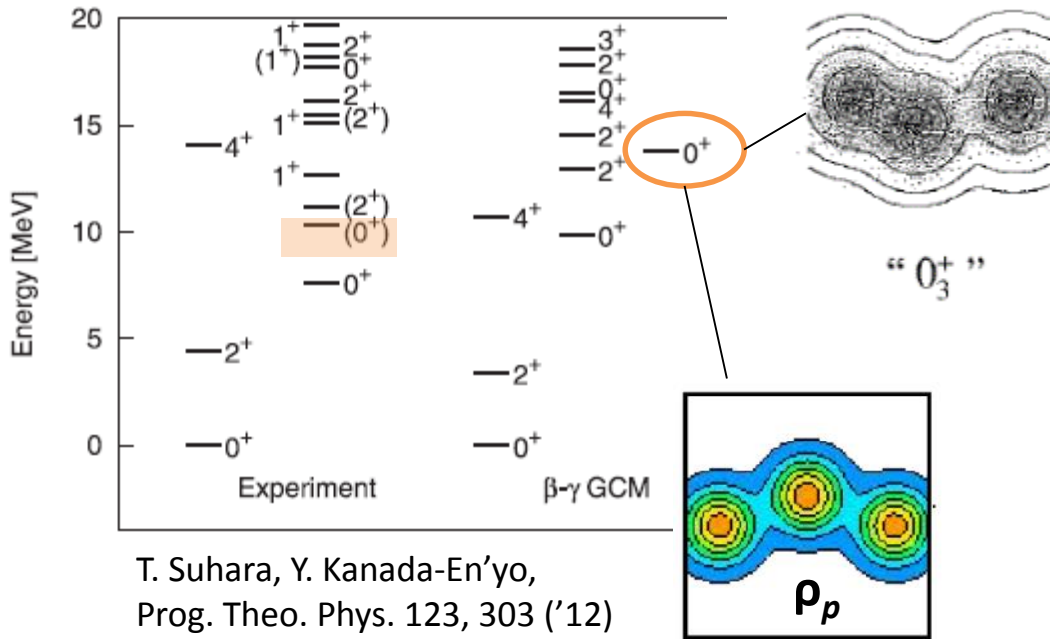


3 α linear chain puzzle in ^{12}C

Fermionic Molecular Dynamics (FMD, '04)

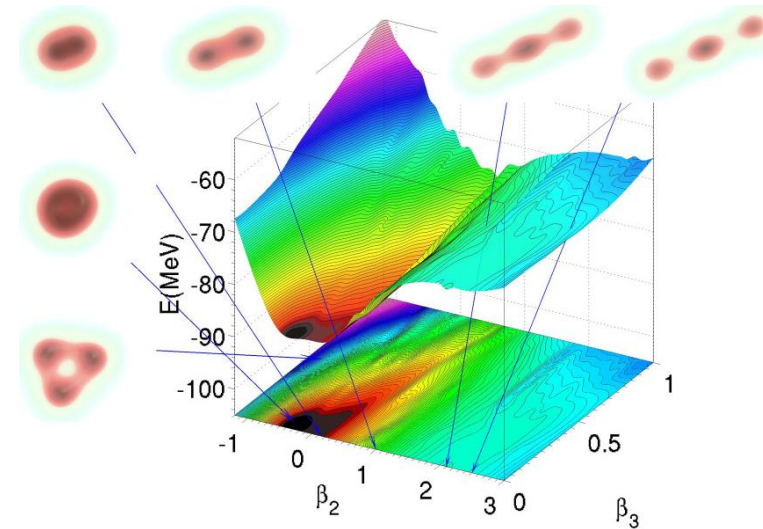
T. Neff and H. Feldmeier, Nucl. Phys. A 738, 357

AMD ('12)



RHB ('14)

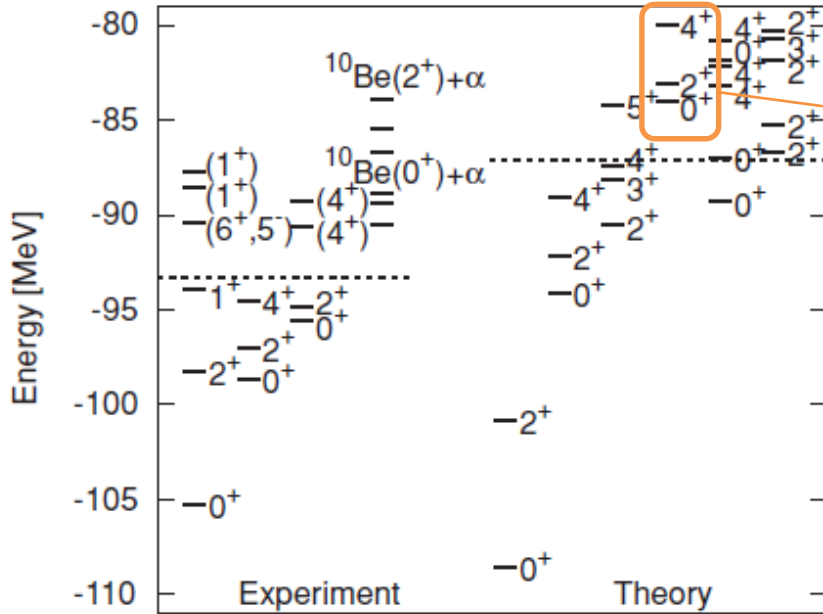
^{12}C ($K^\pi = 0^+$)



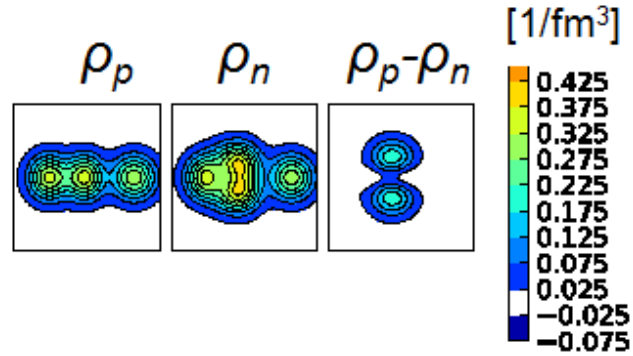
- Simplest linear chain
- Predicted slightly-bent chain for 0_3^+ at 10.3 MeV
- And yet no experimental evidence

Linear chain prediction in ^{14}C

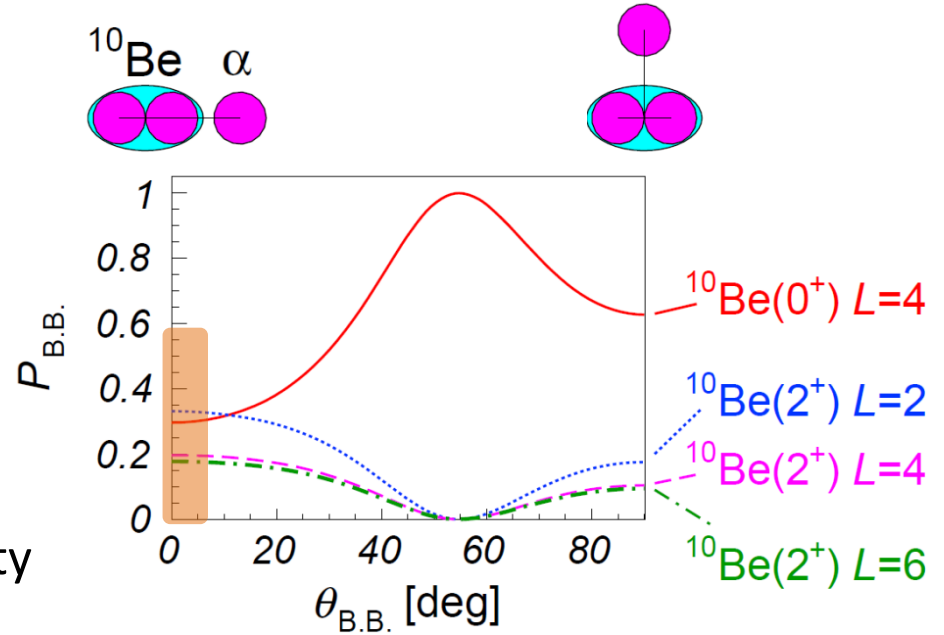
AMD ('10)



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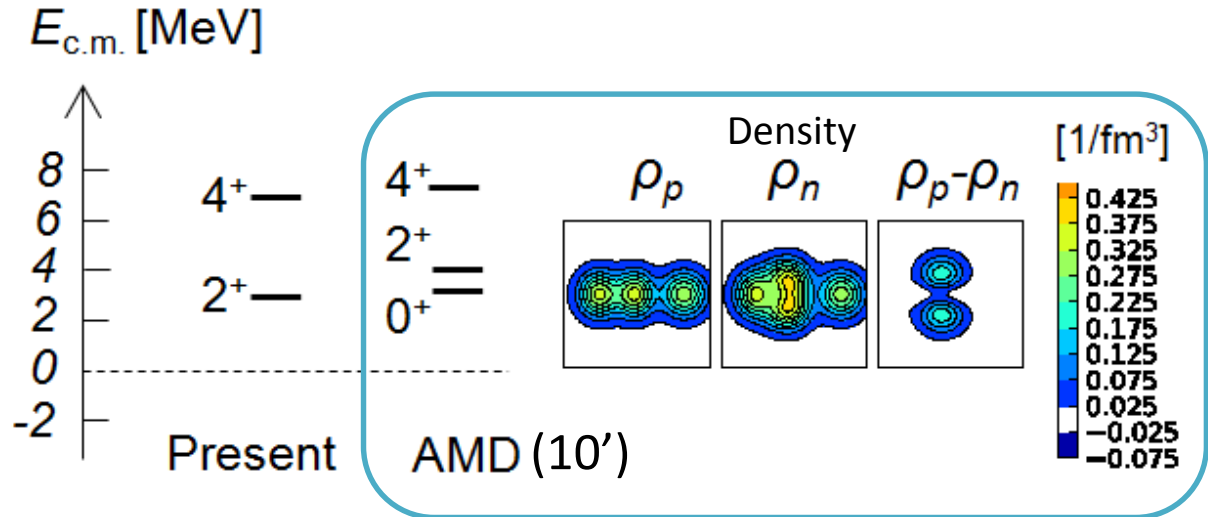
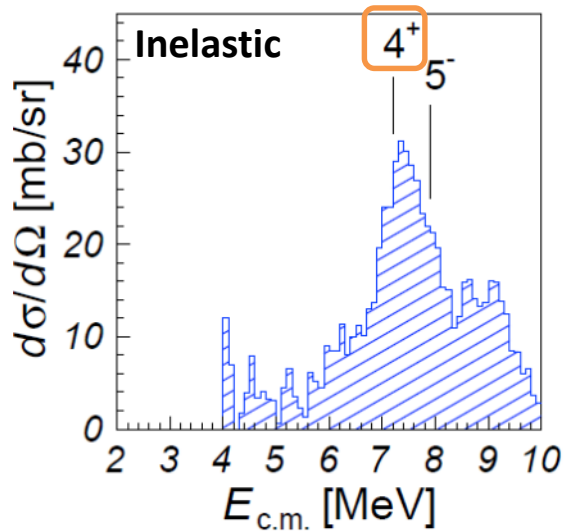
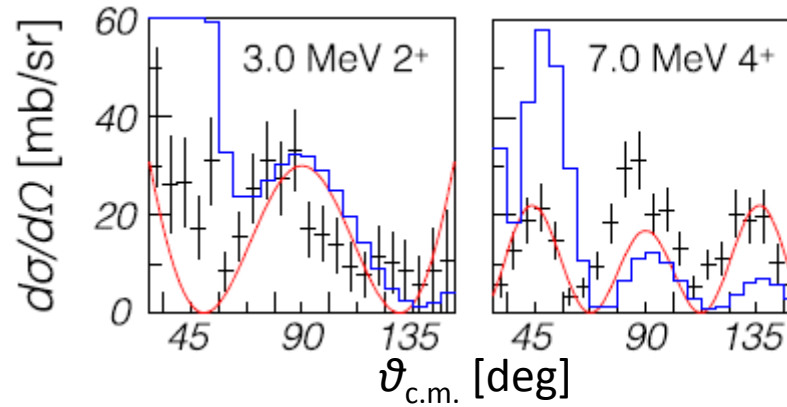
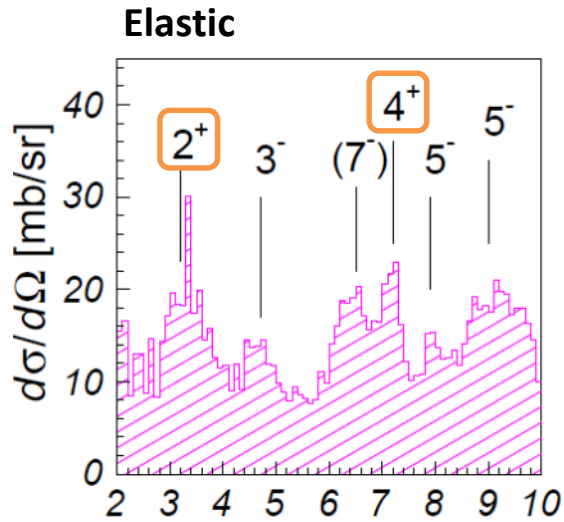
Bethe-Bloch wavefunction



Linear chain's signal

- Rotational band
- Inelastic branching: degree of linearity

Resonant α scattering of ^{10}Be with PAT-TPC

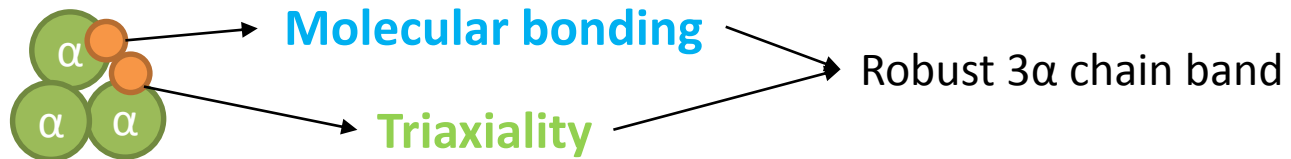
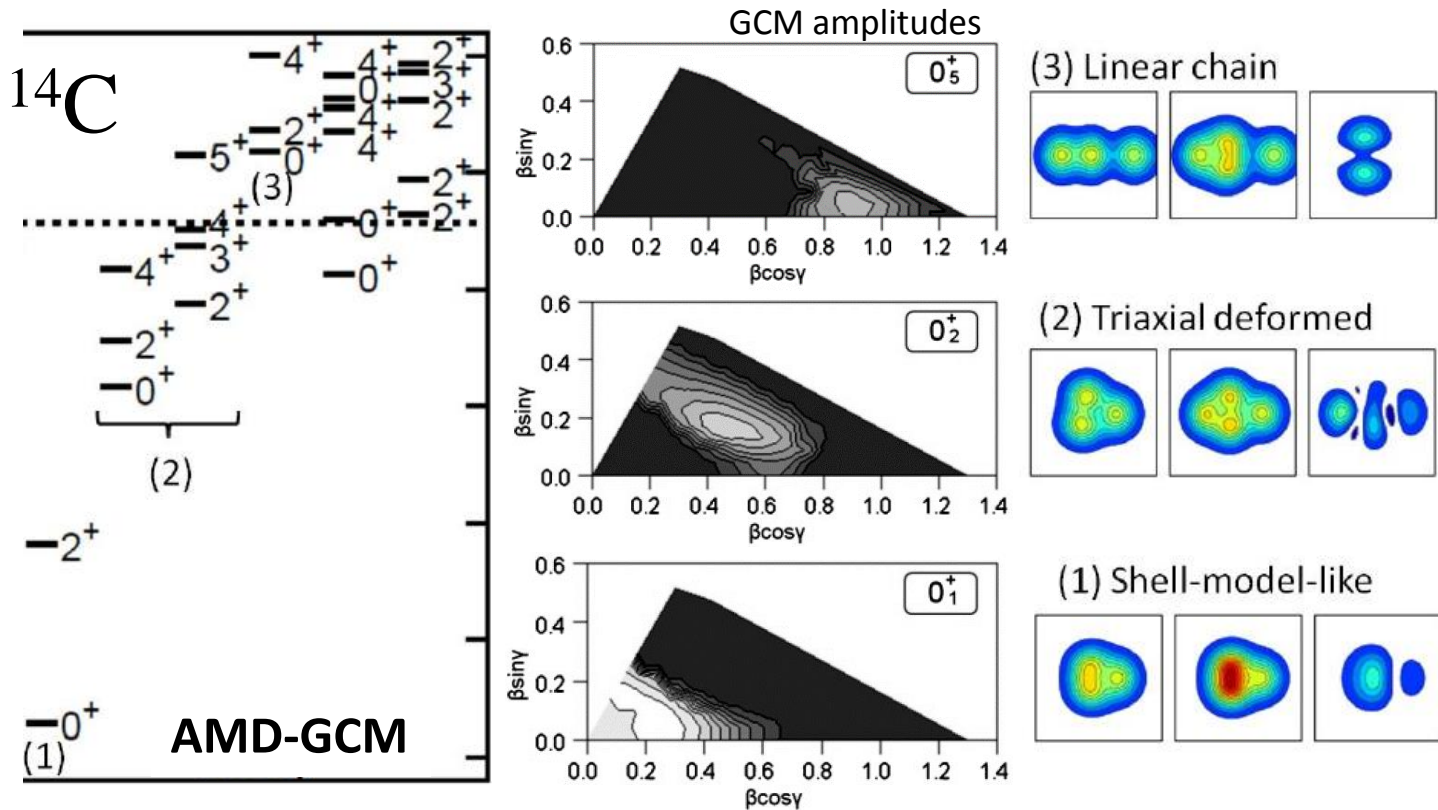


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promising candidate of 3α linear chain

How elusive is linear chain in ^{12}C

Or why linear chain emerges in ^{14}C ?



Summary

- Halfscale PAT-TPC developed at the NSCL.
- First experiments carried out for clustering in ^{10}Be and ^{14}C .
 - ❑ Thick 'active' target method for resonant scattering
 - ❑ ^6He and ^{10}Be beam from Twinsol facility at Notre Dame
 - ❑ Only 2 neutrons, but significant and essential evolution of cluster structures.
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