# Invariant-mass spectroscopy of neutron-rich unbound nuclei using SAMURAI

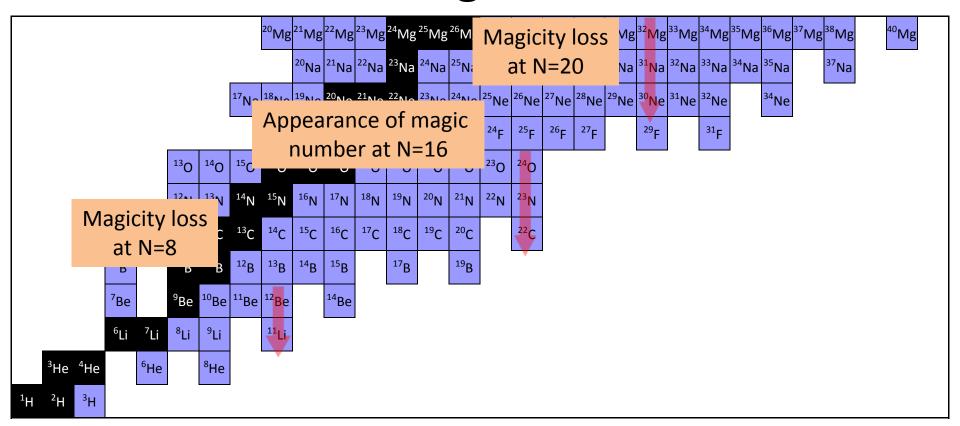
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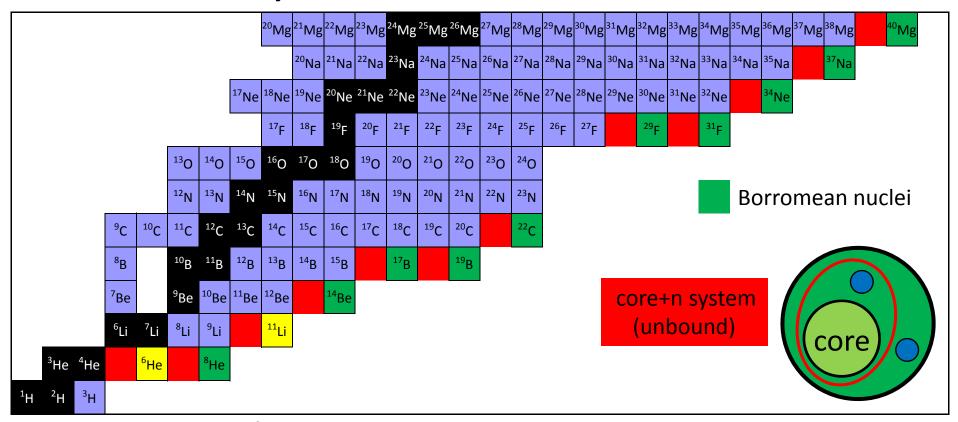
# Shell evolution in extremely neutron-rich region



- Appearance/disappearance of magic number
  - Shell evolution
    - Spectroscopy of n-rich nuclei towards the drip line

Spectroscopy of unbound nuclei → shell changing in extremely neutron-rich region

### Three body structure of Borromean nuclei

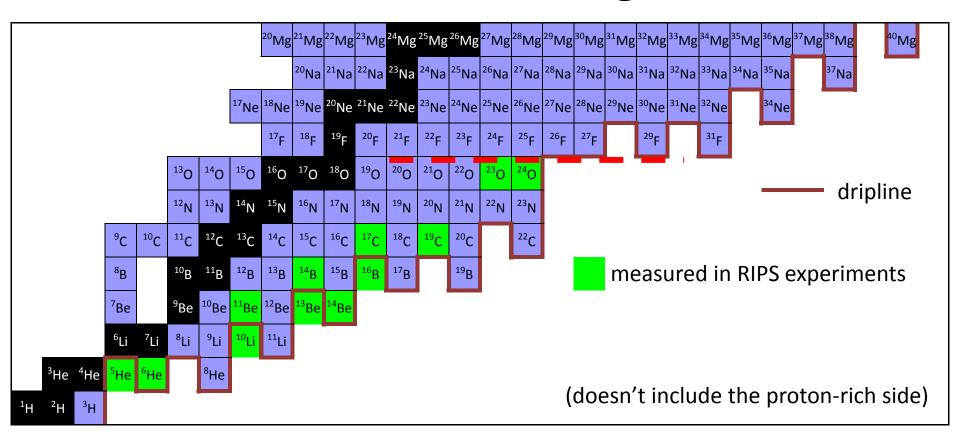


Borromean nuclei (<sup>6</sup>He, <sup>11</sup>Li, ...)

Three body system (core +n+n) with no bound binary sub-systems (core+n, n+n)

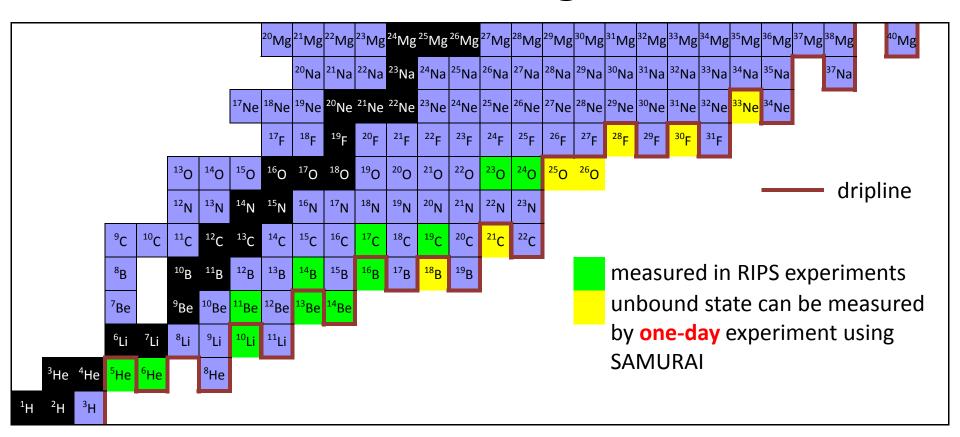
- <u>Di-neutron correlation</u>? (<sup>6</sup>He, <sup>11</sup>Li)
  - dB(E1)/dE strength of a Borromean nucleus
  - Three body model theory
    - Interaction of core+n sub-system is needed
- → dB(E1)/dE of a Borromean nucleus + spectroscopy of core+n sub-system

# Invariant-mass spectroscopy of unbound states studied using **RIPS**



Spectroscopic studies of unbound states were limited to p-/sd-shell nuclei

# Invariant-mass spectroscopy of unbound states studied using **SAMURAI**



We can access many unbound nuclei using SAMURAI+BigRIPS

# How to produce unbound nuclei?

#### 1. One-proton removal reaction

- ©Useful to access very neutron-rich nucleus
- ☼Population of ground state is favored (x neutron-hole configuration)

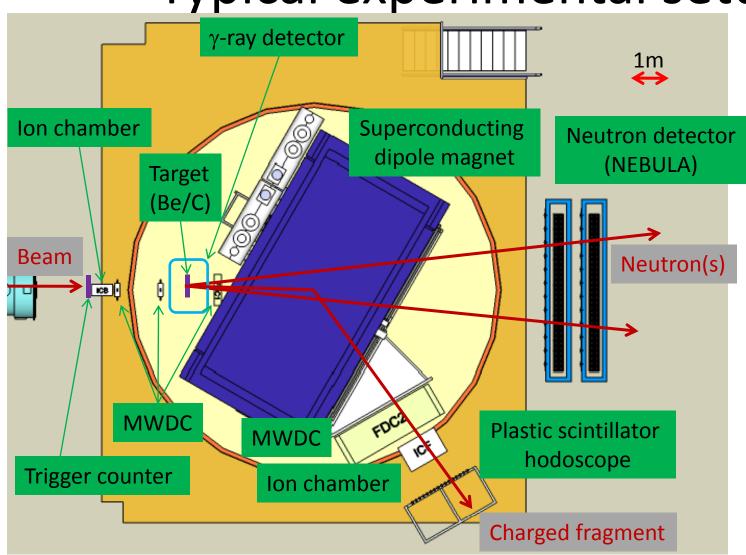
#### 2. One-neutron removal reaction

- ©Ground & excited states are populated (o neutron-hole configuration)
- Momentum distribution is useful to deduce neutron orbit
- ⊗Beam intensity is weak (compared with -1p reaction)
- Should pay attention to the 2n decay following inelastic scattering of a beam nucleus
  - e.g. <sup>13</sup>Be case Y. Kondo et al. PLB690, 245, (2010)
    - $^{14}$ Be (-1n)→  $^{13}$ Be →  $^{12}$ Be+n
    - $^{14}$ Be (inelastic) →  $^{14}$ Be\* $^{+}$  $^{12}$ Be+n(+n) this made mimic peak in the spectrum

#### 3. Two-proton removal reaction

- ⊗Cross section is one order of magnitude less than that of -1p reaction
- ©Beam intensity is one order of magnitude larger than that of -1p reaction
  - → statistics of reaction yield is comparable to the -1p reaction
- Less selection rule? (compared with -1p reaction)
  - ©ground & excited states are expected to be populated

Typical experimental setup



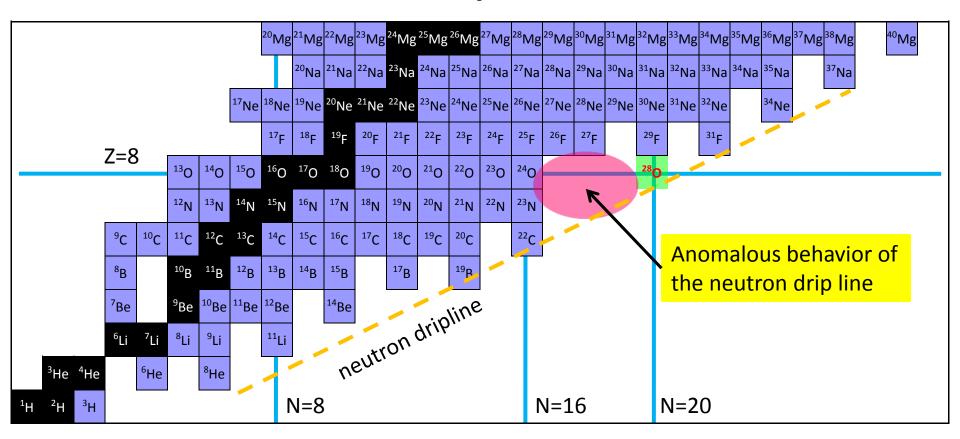
Same as  $(\gamma,n)$  experiment

$$E_{rel} = \sqrt{\left(\sum E_i\right)^2 - \left(\sum \vec{p}_i\right)^2} - \sum M_i$$

# Candidate of the first experiment at SAMURAI

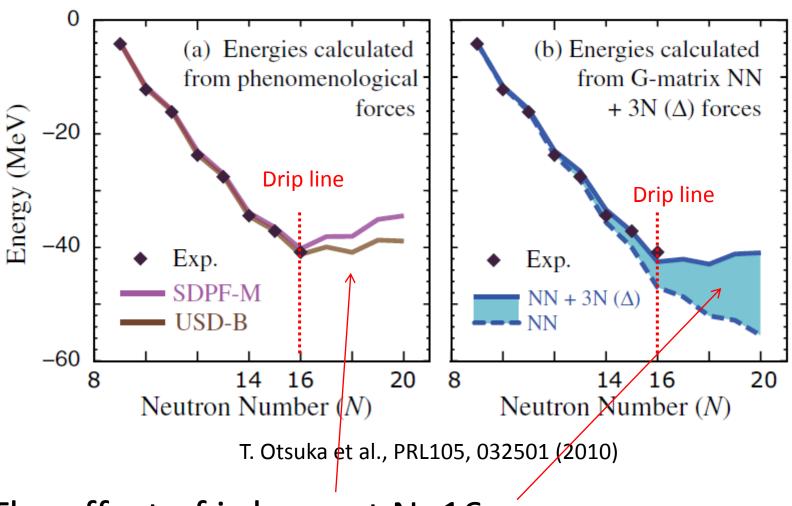
Spectroscopy of the unbound nuclei <sup>26</sup>O and <sup>27</sup>O

## Neutron drip line at Z=8



- Anomalous behavior of the neutron drip line at Z=8
  - N=16 (oxygen)
  - N=22 (fluorine)
- Shell evolution towards <sup>28</sup>O (Z=8, N=20)

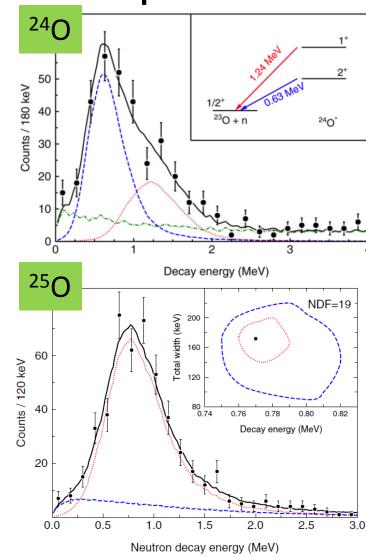
### Drip line is determined by ...



The effect of is large at N>16

# Situation of experimental studies for neutron-rich oxygen isotopes

- <sup>24</sup>O (N=16)
  - C.R.Hoffman et al., PLB672, 17 (2009)
    - 2+ (& 1+?) state
    - total ~ 300 counts / ??hrs
- <sup>25</sup>O (N=17)
  - C.R.Hoffman et al., PRL100, 152502 (2008)
    - ground state (3/2+?)
    - 20pps 26F
    - total ~ 400 counts / ??hrs
  - No information about its excited states
- <sup>26</sup>O (N=18)
  - No experimental information is available
  - experiment @ MSU?
    - 165hrs requested and approved (Mar 2008)
      - http://www.nscl.msu.edu/exp/approvedexp/31
    - statistics is probably poor?
- <sup>27</sup>O (N=19)
  - No experimental data



## Feasibility

- $^{26}O$  ( $^{28}Ne -2p \rightarrow ^{26}O \rightarrow ^{24}O + 2n$ )
  - not only g.s. but also ex. state are expected to be populated
    - 7kpps <sup>28</sup>Ne beam (←EPAX2 correction factor is taken into account)
    - -2p cross section 0.1mb
    - Be target 2g/cm<sup>2</sup>

http://www.nishina.riken.jp/UsersGuide/BigRIPS/intensity.html

- 2n detection efficiency 10% (crosstalk cut is roughly considered)
- $\rightarrow$ 800 counts/day (one-day experiment  $\rightarrow$  first experiment?)
- excited states of <sup>25</sup>O can also be studied
- ${}^{27}O$  ( ${}^{29}Ne 2p \rightarrow {}^{27}O \rightarrow {}^{24}O + \underline{3n}$ )
  - 900pps <sup>29</sup>Ne beam (←EPAX2 correction factor is taken into account)
  - -2p cross section 0.1mb
  - Be target 2g/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - 3n detection efficiency 6% (=0.4<sup>3</sup> ← doesn't include crosstalk cut)
  - $\rightarrow$  70 counts/day (1week experiment?  $\rightarrow$  second experiment?)

## Considering Issues

- · 26O
  - Trigger rate

Trigger=SBT ∩ (NEBULA OR)

- One solution is to use the  ${}^{27}F \rightarrow {}^{26}O$  reaction (-1p reaction)
  - Total rate becomes  $1/10 \rightarrow$  feasible
  - May lose possibility of observation of the 2<sup>+</sup> state
- → Realistic total beam rate should be estimated
- →Further optimization of BigRIPS setting is needed to gain purity in the LISE++ calc.
- 27O
  - Realistic 3n detection efficiency including crosstalk rejection should be estimated
  - How many counts do we need to identify a resonance?
    - Wide resonance width → high statistics is needed
    - background

### Summary

- Invariant-mass spectroscopy of unbound nuclei using SAMURAI
  - Shell evolution near/beyond neutron drip line
  - Borromean three body system
- Plan to submit a proposal for the <sup>26,27</sup>O experiment at the next PAC meeting (June)
  - Further estimation Should be done
    - <sup>26</sup>O
      - Total beam rate
    - <sup>27</sup>O
      - 3n detection efficiency
      - Estimation (prediction) of the resonance width