

Unveiling exotic features in rare isotopes through direct reactions

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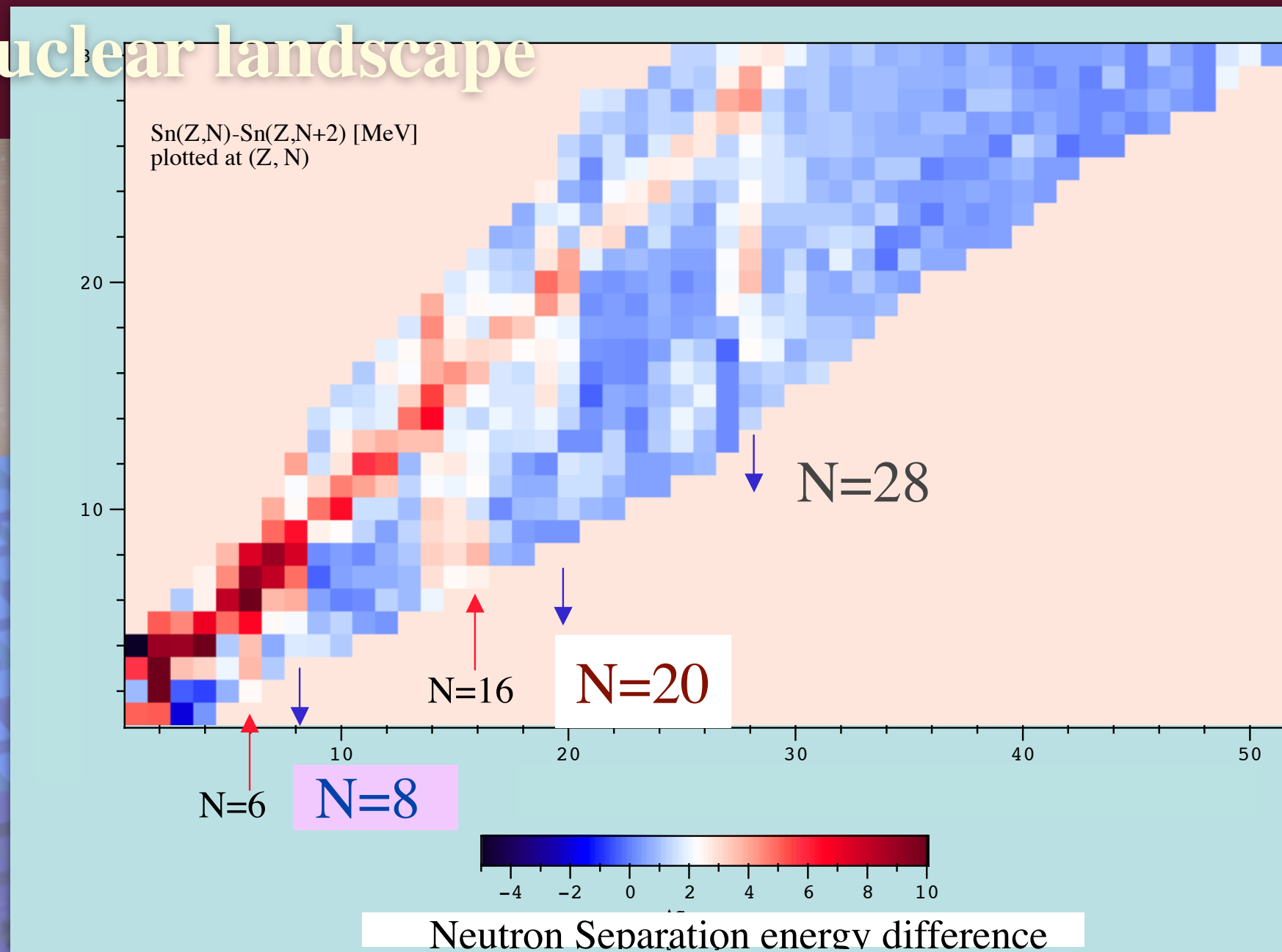
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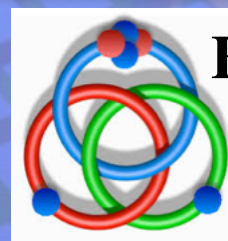
Robert played a major role in supporting and
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The exotics in the nuclear landscape

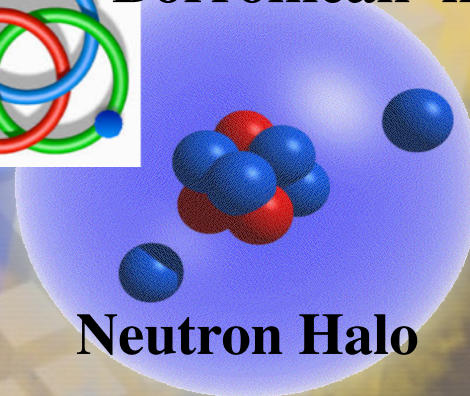
- * Weak binding
- * Nuclear force
(3NF, Tensor force)
- * Pairing correlation
- * Deformation



Stable Nucleus



Borromean nucleus



Neutron Halo



Neutron-rich matter

Neutron Number

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Tracking changes in shell structure in neutron-rich nuclei as a function of spin

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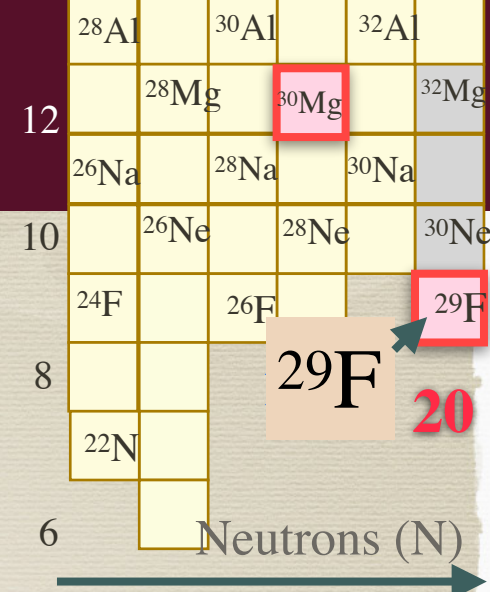
Quenching of $N = 20$ shell gap

$^{14}\text{C}(^{18}\text{O}, 2p)$

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Cross-shell excitations near the “island of inversion”: Structure of ^{30}Mg

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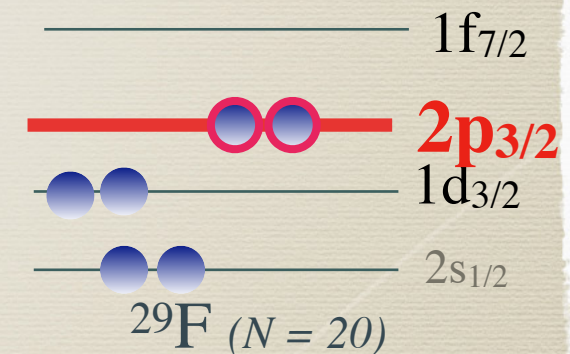
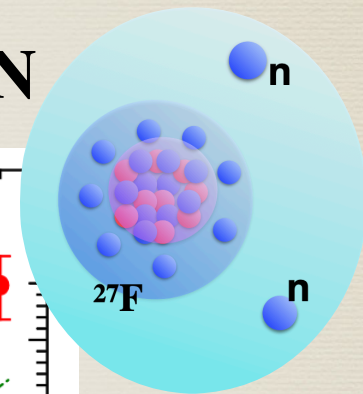
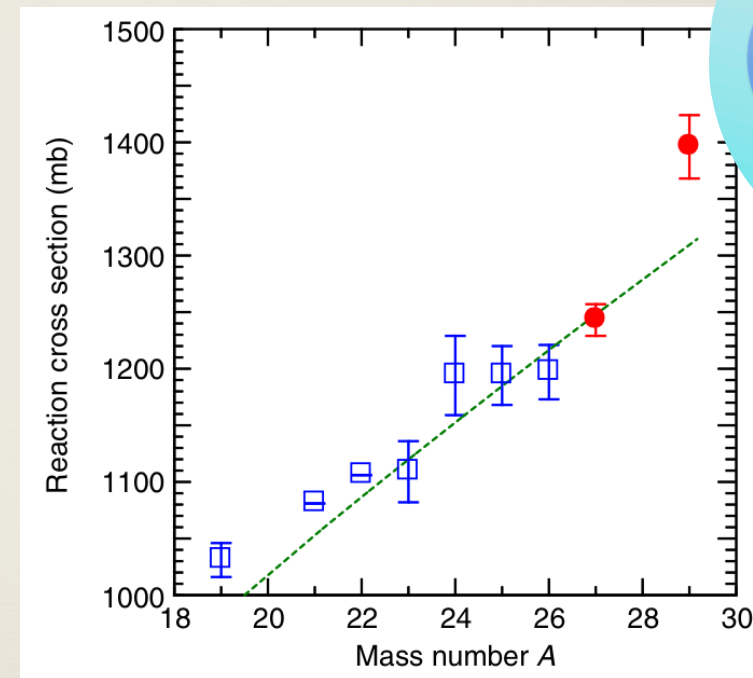


Fusion evaporation reactions populating high energy, high spin states

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	1 ⁺ 5960		
	0 ⁺ 5710		
	4 ⁺ 5470		
	1 ⁺ 5240		
5311			0 ⁺ 5440
	2 ⁺ 4804	1 ⁻ 4870	
	3 ⁺ 4690	0 ⁻ 4780	4 ⁺ 4450
4357			
4258			
4181	4 ⁺ 3960	3 ⁻ 4020	2 ⁺ 3870
	2 ⁺ 3470	2 ⁻ 3730	4 ⁺ 3850
4 ⁺ 3455			2 ⁺ 3000
4 ⁺ 3379			
			0 ⁺ 2120
3 ⁻ 2541			2 ⁺ 1530
(2 ⁺) 2465			
0 ⁺ 1789	2 ⁺ 1670		
2 ⁺ 1481			
0 ⁺ 0	0 ⁺ 0	0 ⁺ 0	
Experiment	USD	SDPF-M negative parity	SDPF-M positive parity

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S. Bagchi, R.K., Y. K. Tanaka et al.

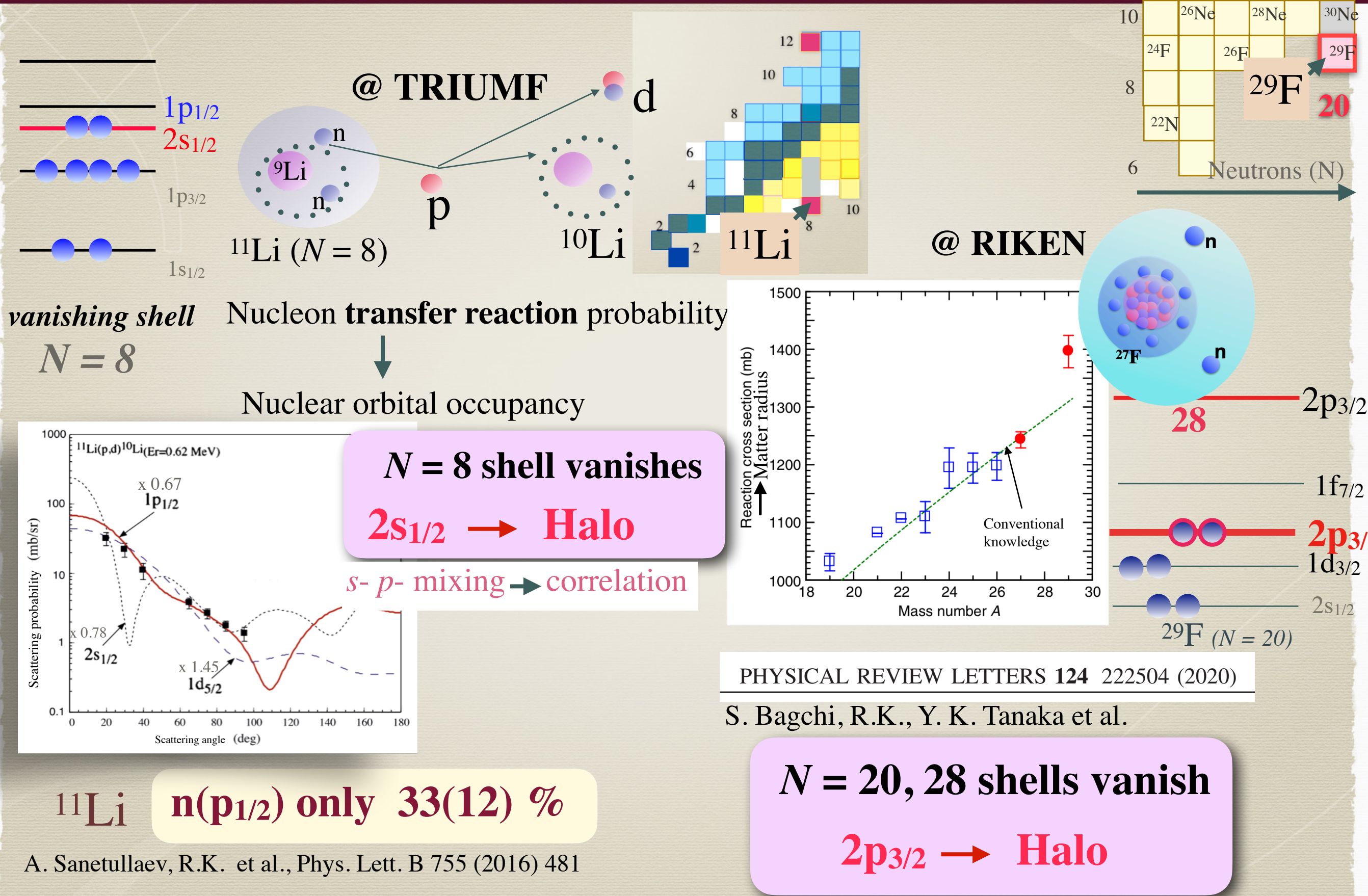
Need excitation across $N = 20$ gap to explain data

$N = 20$ shell gap vanishes

$N = 20, 28$ shells vanish

$2p_{3/2} \rightarrow \text{Halo}$

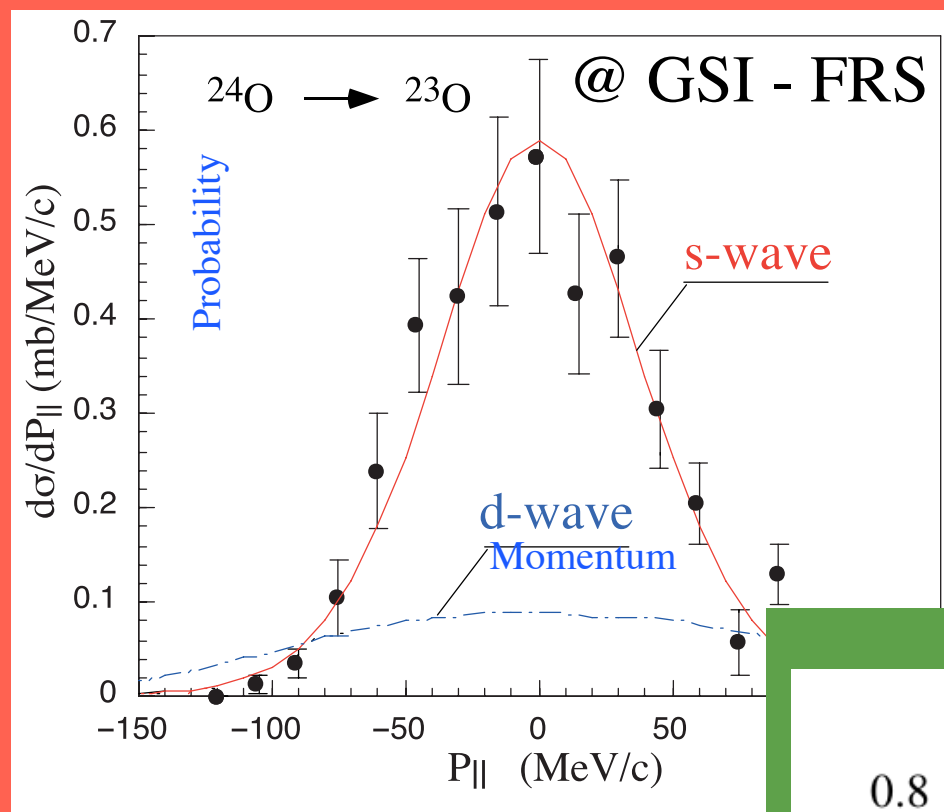
Vanishing of shells & emergence of halos



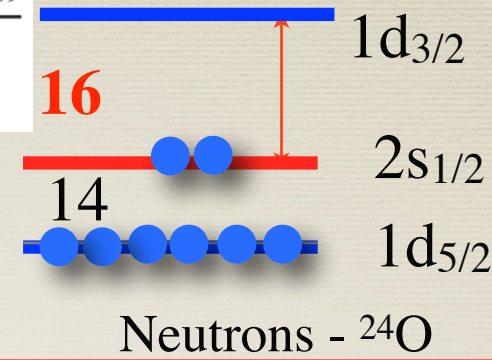
²⁴O new doubly magic @ drip-line

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One-Neutron Removal Measurement Reveals ²⁴O as a New Doubly Magic Nucleus
R. Kanungo et al.



K. Tshoo et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.
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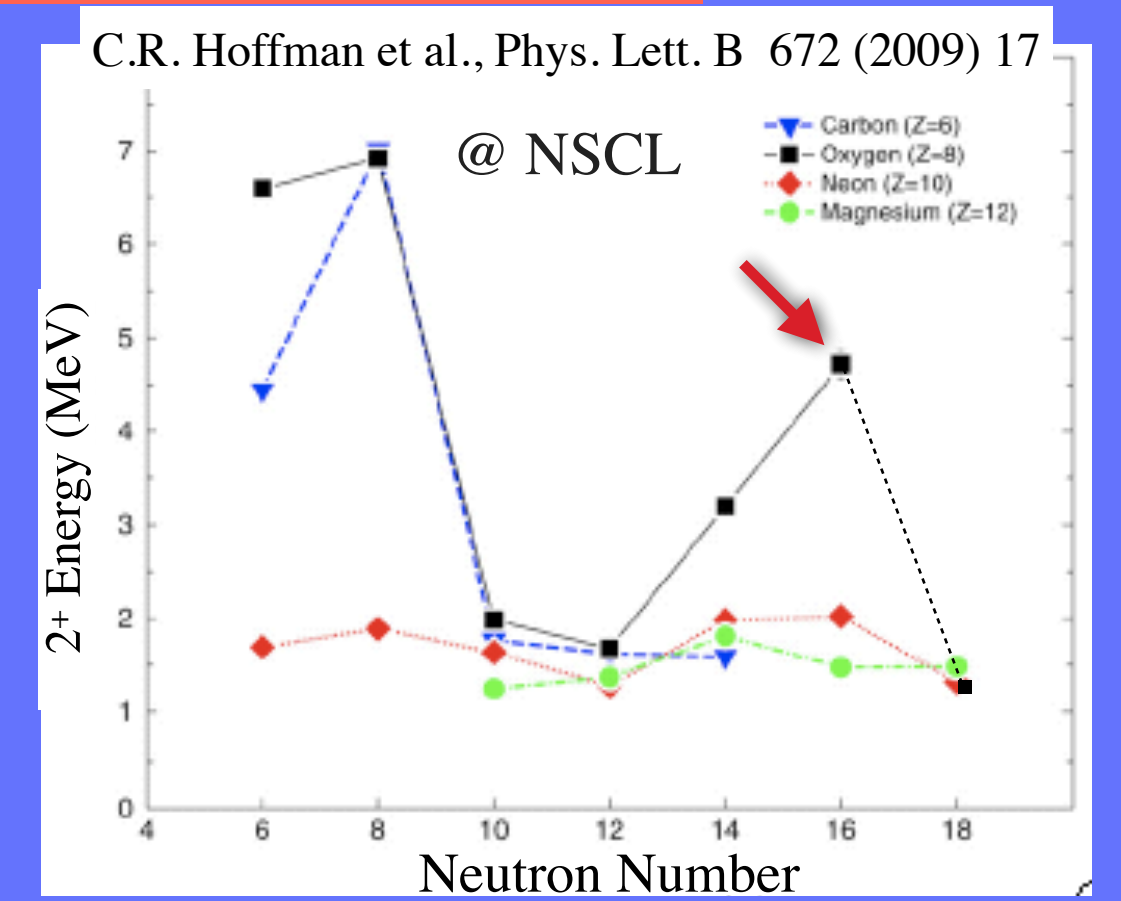
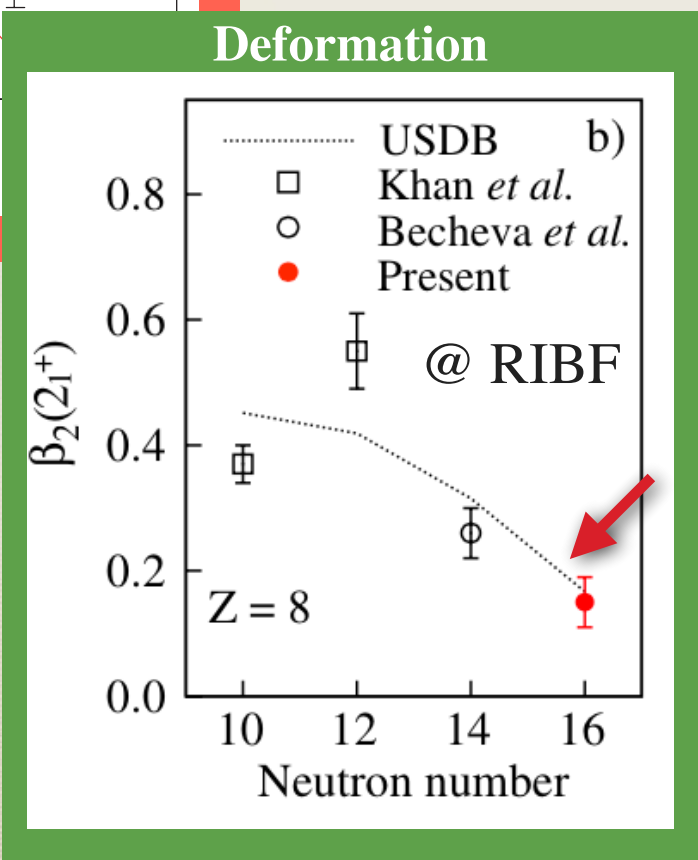


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Unexpected doubly magic nucleus

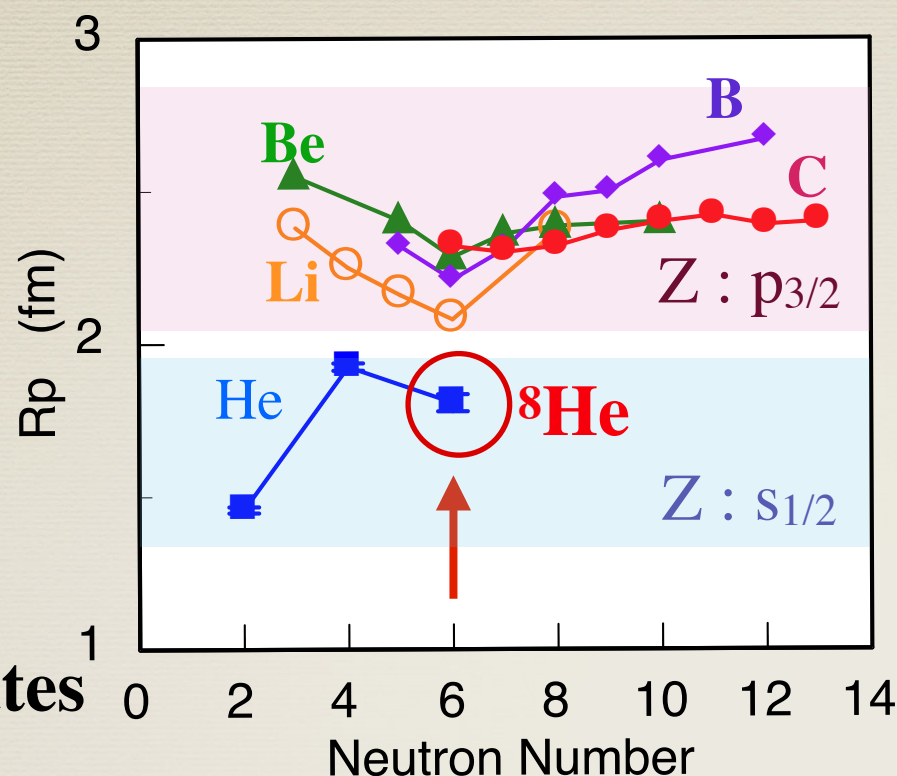
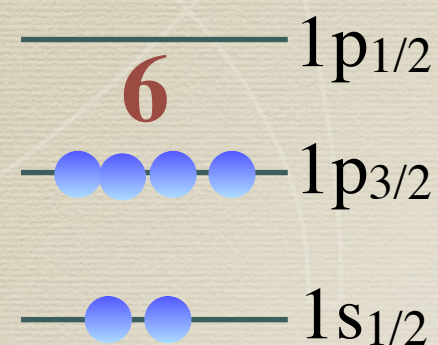
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Nuclei with a 'magic' number of both protons and neutrons, dubbed doubly magic, are particularly stable. The oxygen isotope ²⁴O has been found to be one such nucleus — yet it lies just at the limit of stability.



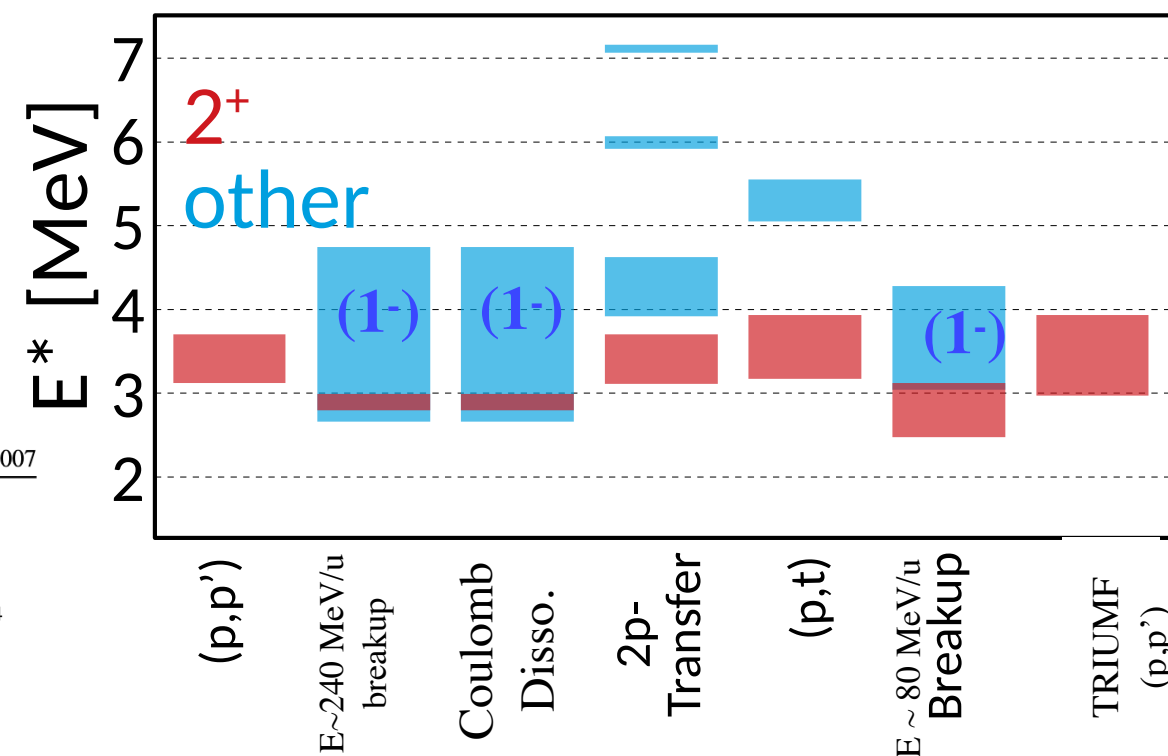
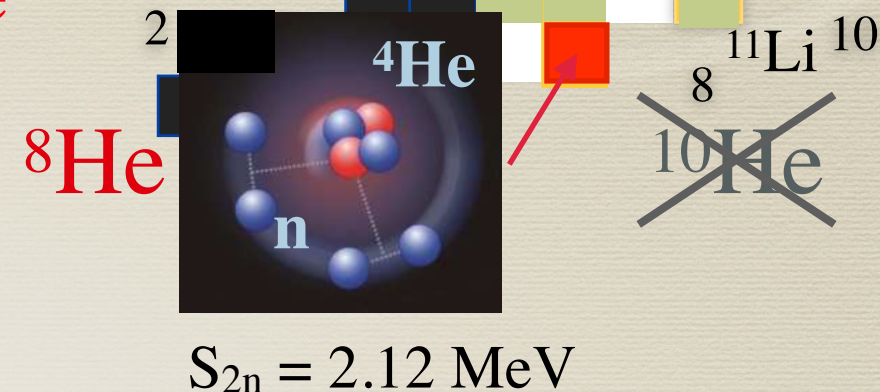
^8He : doubly-magic (N = 6)

New doubly magic nucleus ^8He



Dip in R_p indicates

$N=6$ Sub-shell in $Z \leq 5$



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Nuclear Charge Radius of ^8He

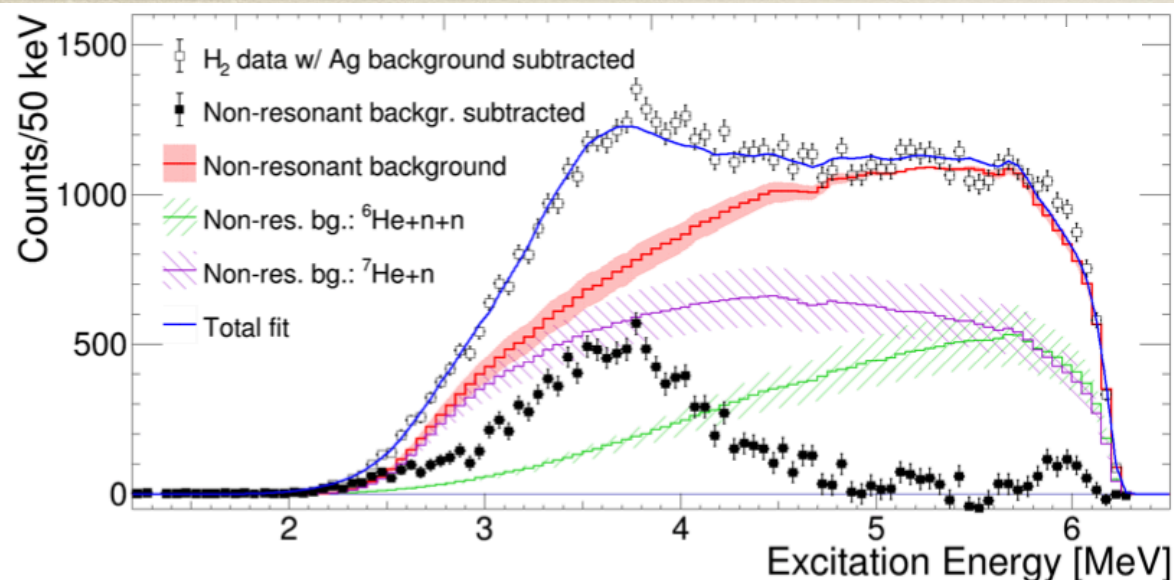
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Transfer and inelastic : $E(2^+) > 3 \text{ MeV}$
Breakup : $E(2^+) < 3 \text{ MeV}$
Breakup : Low-energy dipole resonance

^8He : doubly-magic ($N = 6$) deformed !

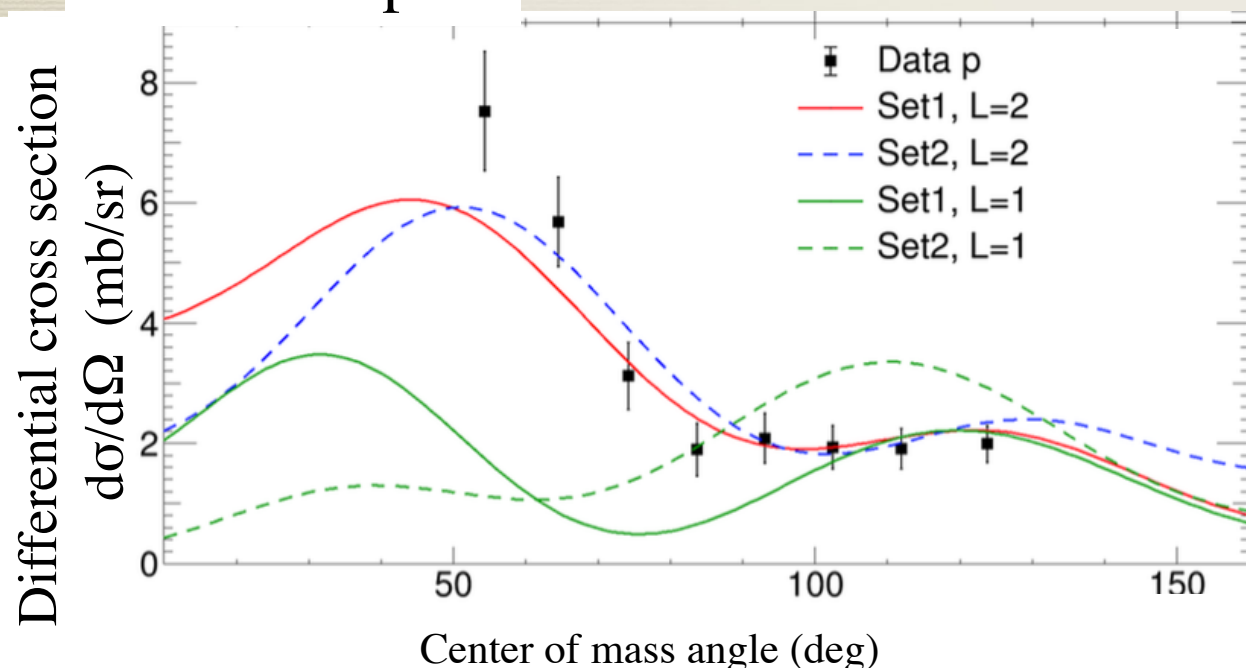
$^8\text{He}(p,p')$ $E/A \sim 7$ MeV

New doubly magic nucleus ^8He

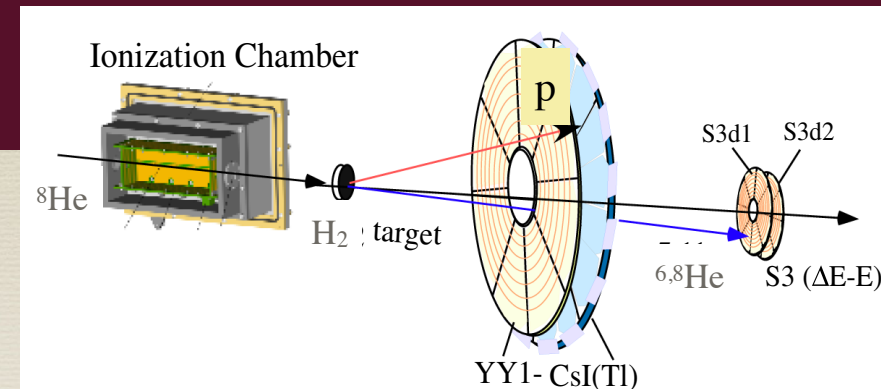


High Excitation energy $\sim E_x \sim 3.5$ MeV : closed shell $N = 6$

Resonance peak



- Data explained by $l = 2$ excitation
- No dipole resonance $l = 1$ excitation



^8He beam $\sim 10^4$ pps

M. Holl, R.K., Z.H, Sun *et al.* Phys. Lett. B 822 (2021) 135748

- Resonance (2^+) shows deformation

$$\beta_2 = 0.40 \pm 0.03$$

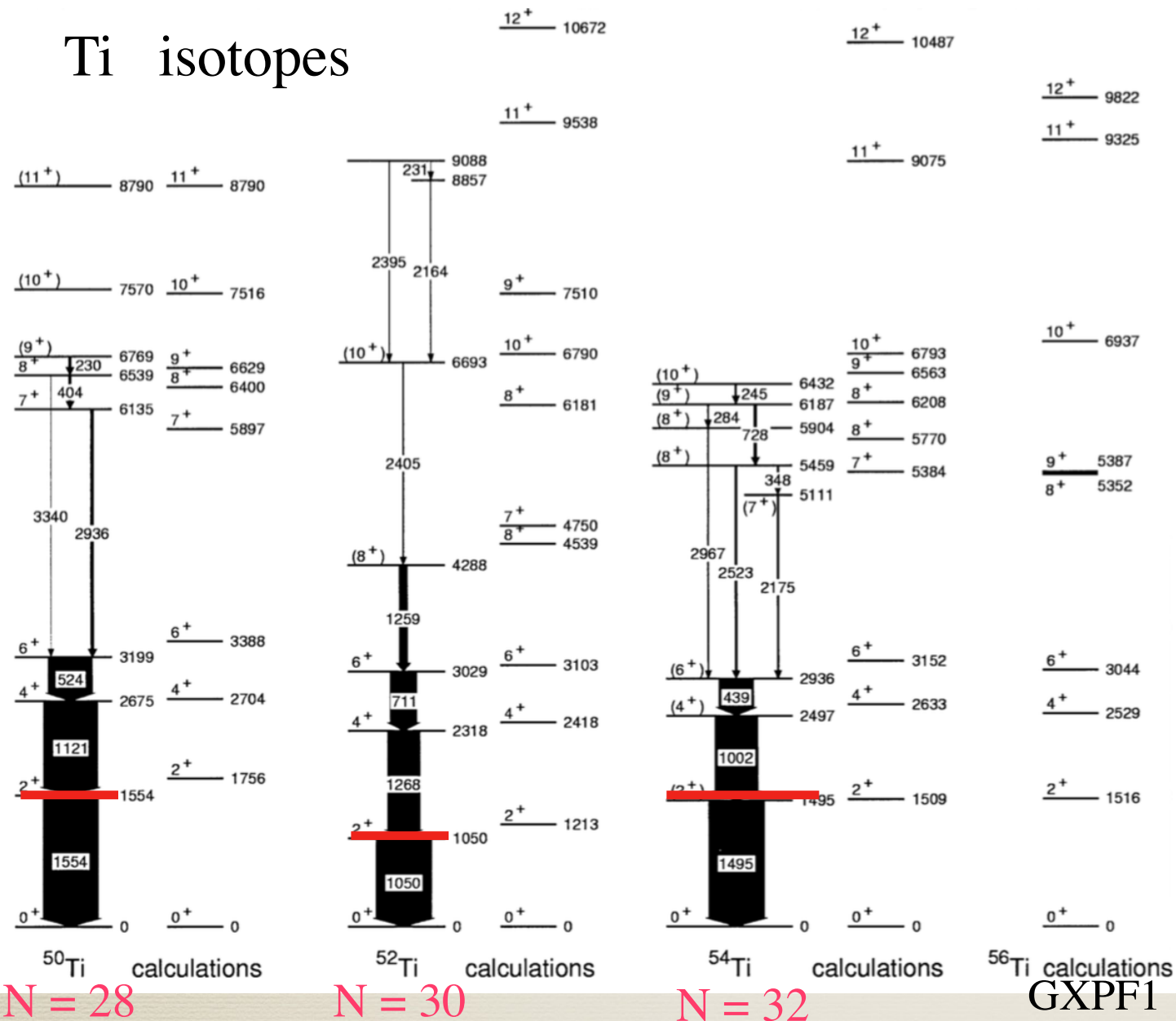
^8He : spherical in protons and deformed in neutrons

No Core Shell Model with chiral force consistent with experimental observations

$^8\text{He} (2^+) : Q_n = 6.15 \text{ efm}^2, Q_p = 0.60 \text{ efm}^2$

New magic number $N = 32$

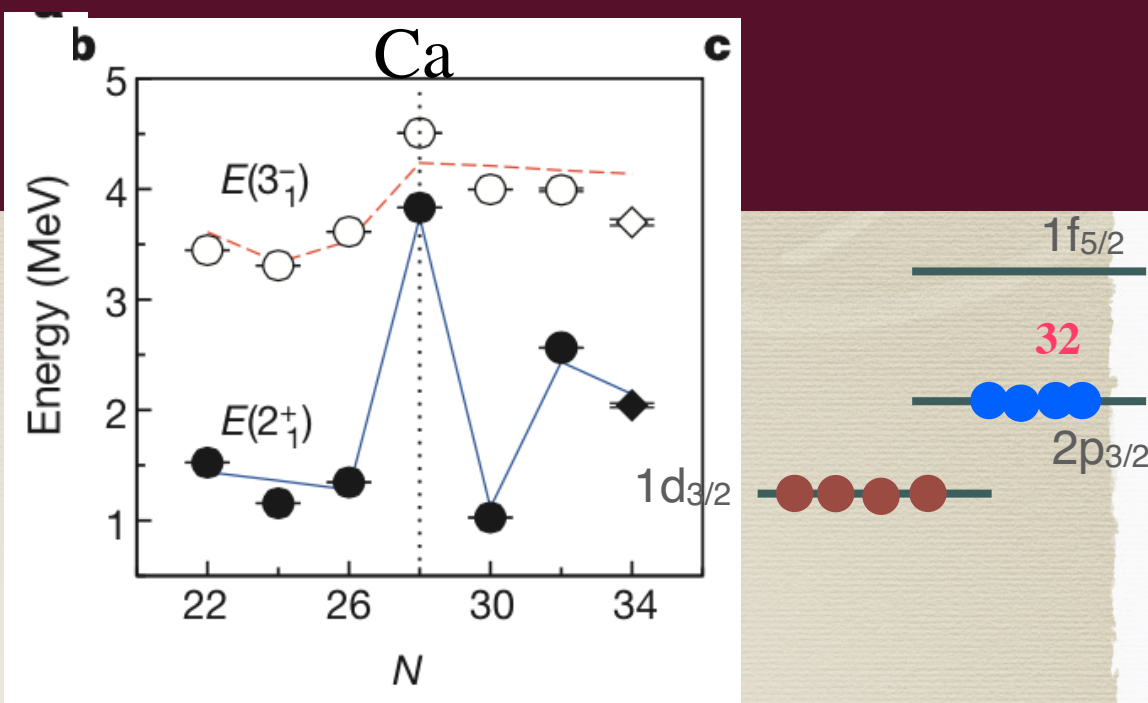
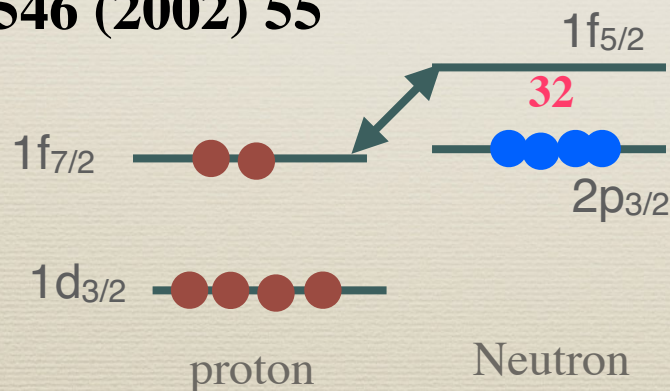
Ti isotopes



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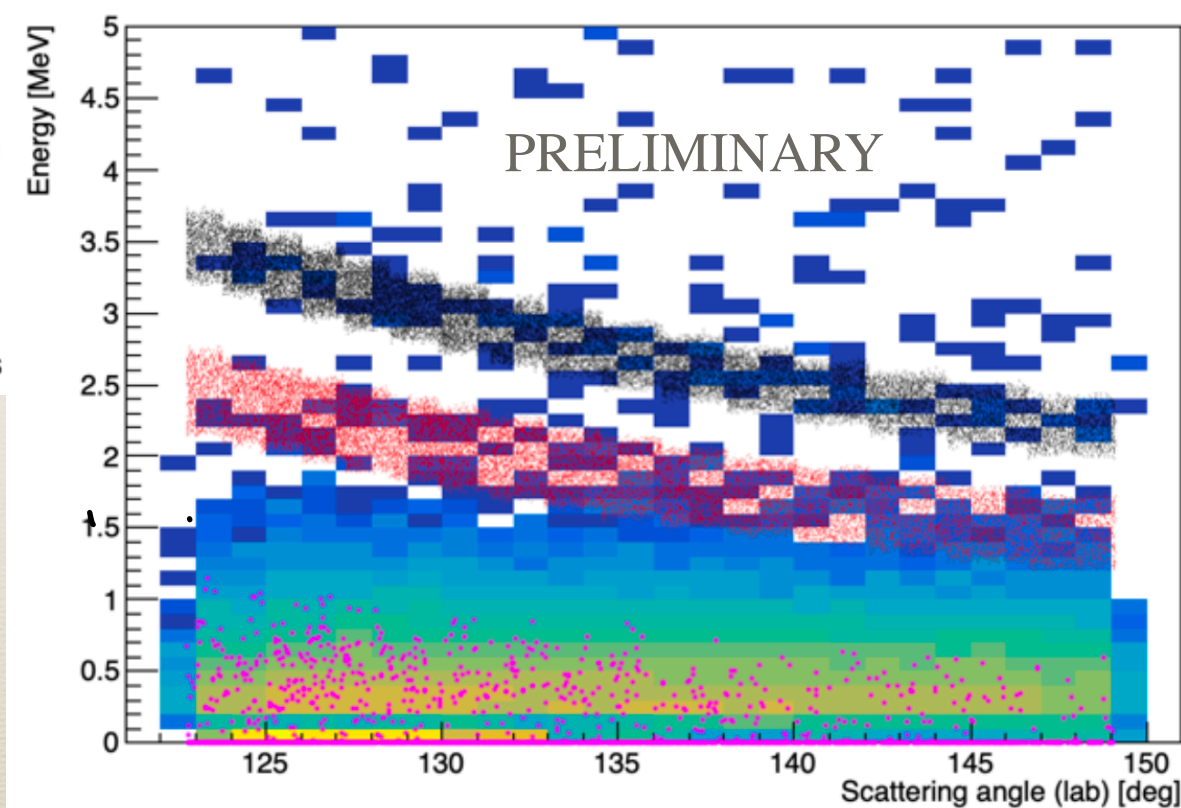
^{54}Ti , $N = 32$ shell gap

$p(f_{7/2}) - n(f_{5/2})$ tensor monopole
 Attractive interactions
 weakening



D. Steppenbeck et al. Nature 502 (2013) 207

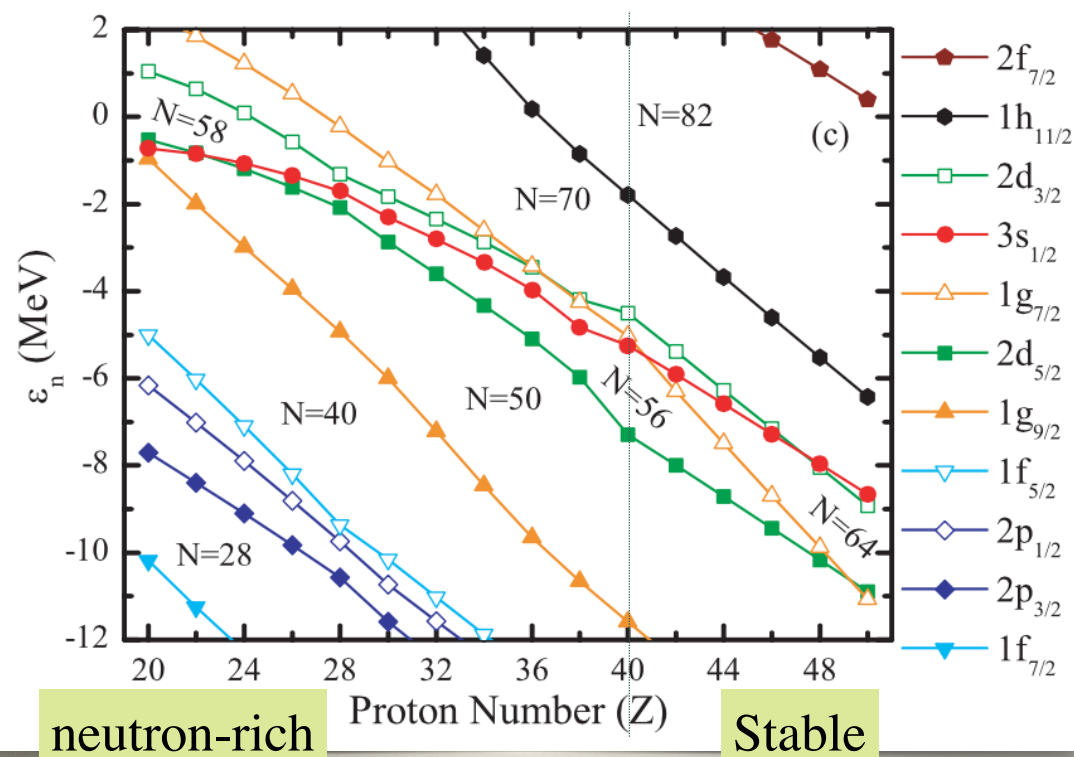
$^{50}\text{Ca}(d,p)^{51}\text{Ca}$ @ IRIS - TRIUMF



$^{50}\text{Ca} \sim 400$ pps

S. Ishida et al. (in prep.)

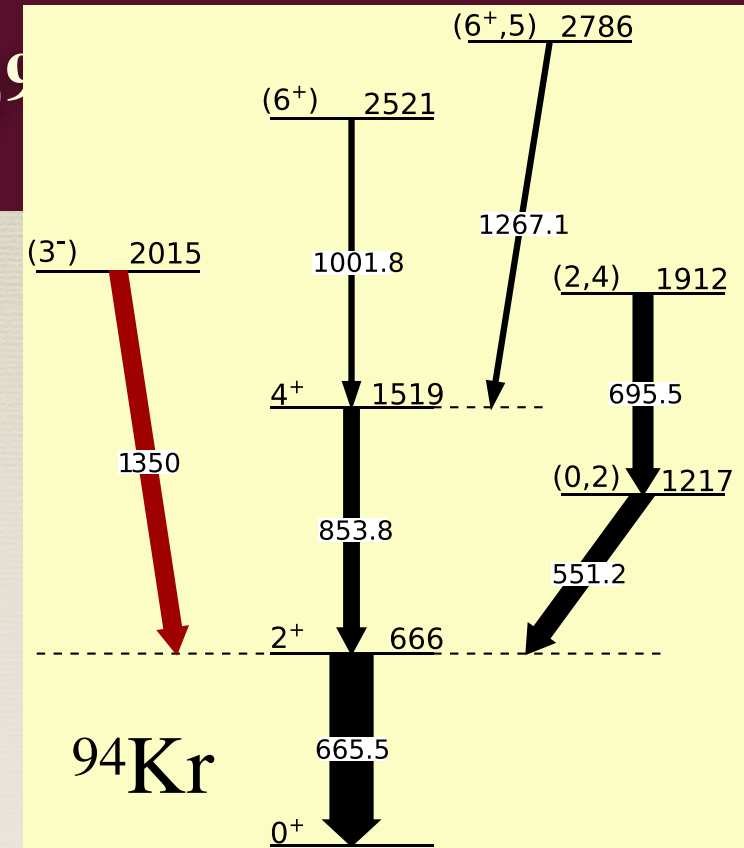
Structure evolution beyond $N = 50$ $^{93}\text{Kr}(d,p)^{94}\text{Kr}$



Spherical HFB calculation
SkO_T function with tensor term

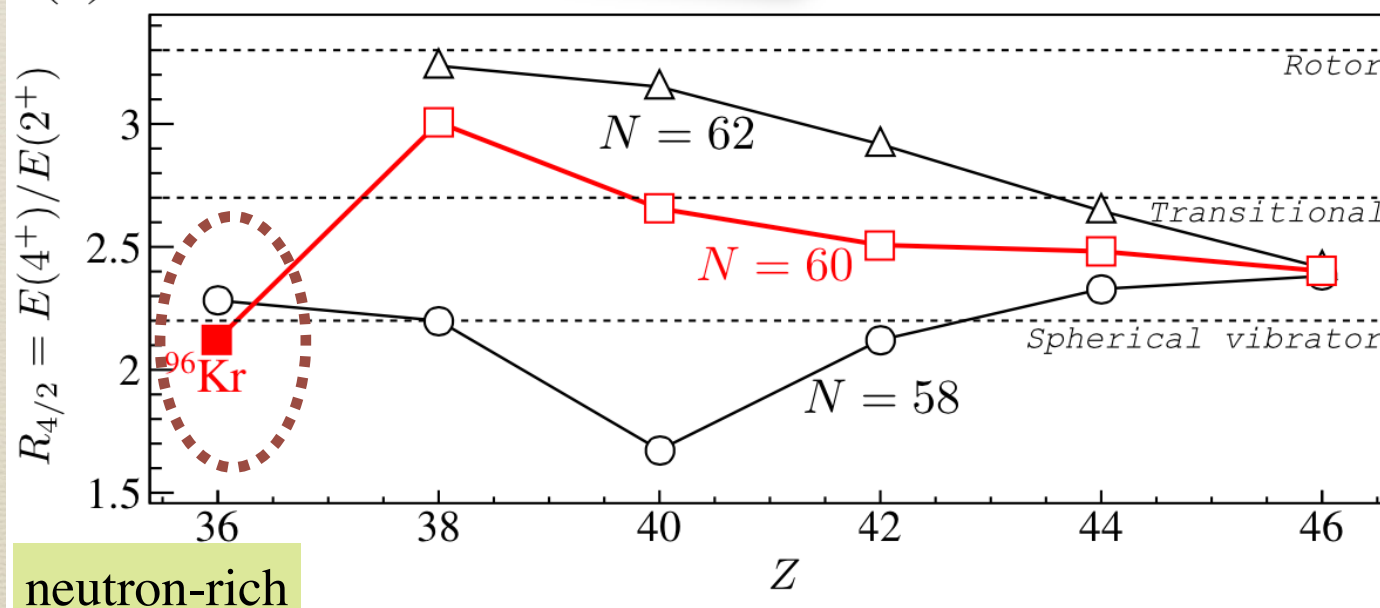
J.A. Winger et al., PRC (2010)

Competing population of
the $3s_{1/2}$, $2d_{3/2}$, and $1g_{7/2}$
orbitals determine the shape
and structure evolution.



R. -B. Gerst et al., PRC (2022)

$^{95}\text{Kr}(p,pn)^{94}\text{Kr}$ &
 $^{94}\text{Kr}(p,p)^{94}\text{Kr}^*$



$E(4+) / E(2+)$ trend different in Kr

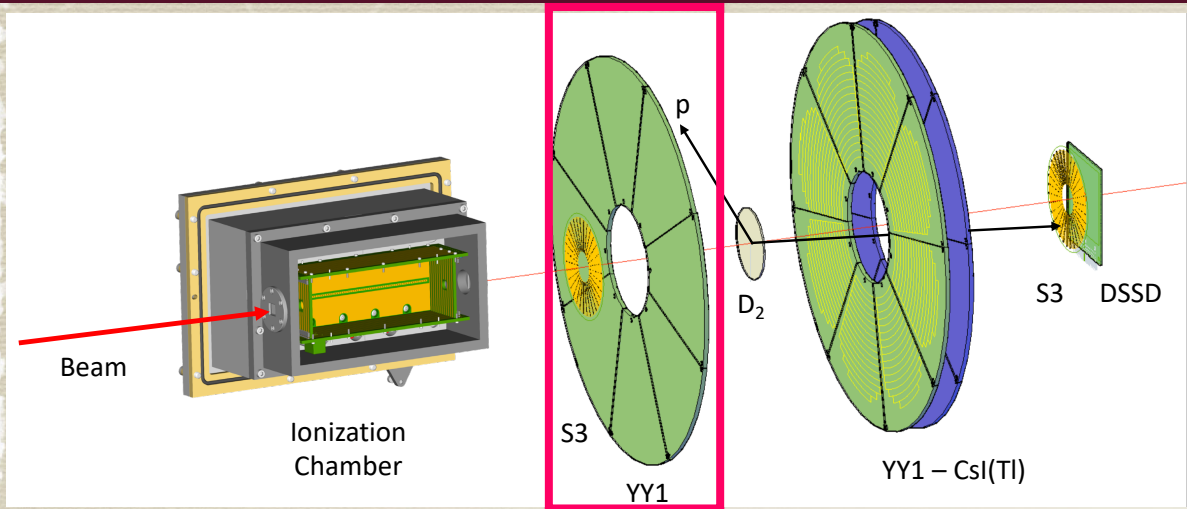
Lack of collectivity at $N = 60$ in Kr

J. Dudouet et al., PRL (2017)

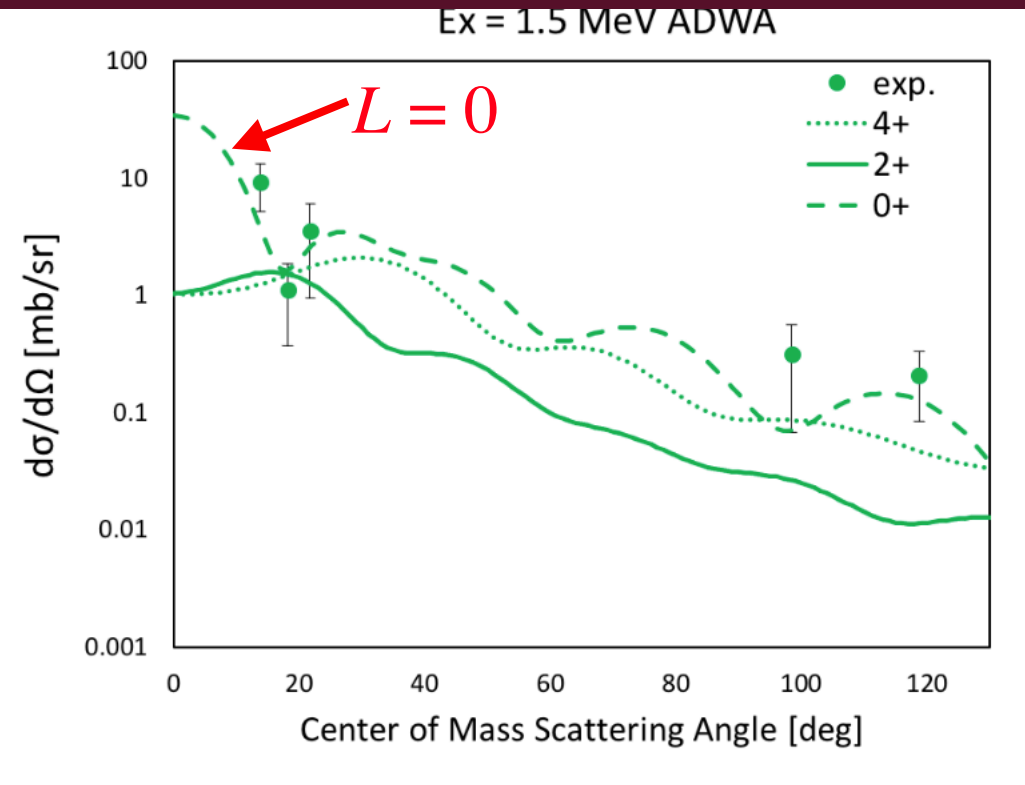
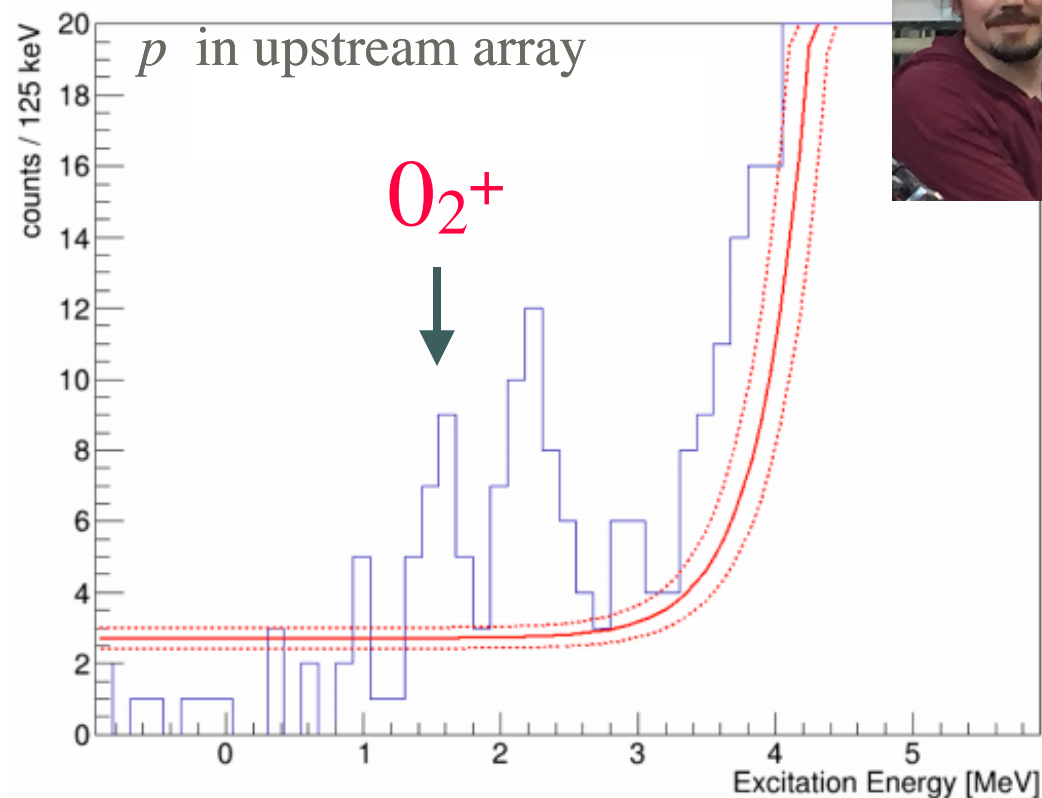
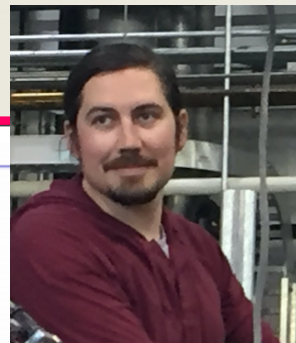
0_2^+ : experimental data needed in ^{94}Kr to assess shape co-existence

Shape Coexistence in ^{94}Kr

$^{93}\text{Kr}_{(1/2^+)}(d,p)^{94}\text{Kr}$ ($N = 58$)



^{93}Kr beam only 200 pps !



$E_x \sim 1.5 \text{ MeV} : J^\pi = 0^+$

First observation of 0_2^+ state in ^{94}Kr

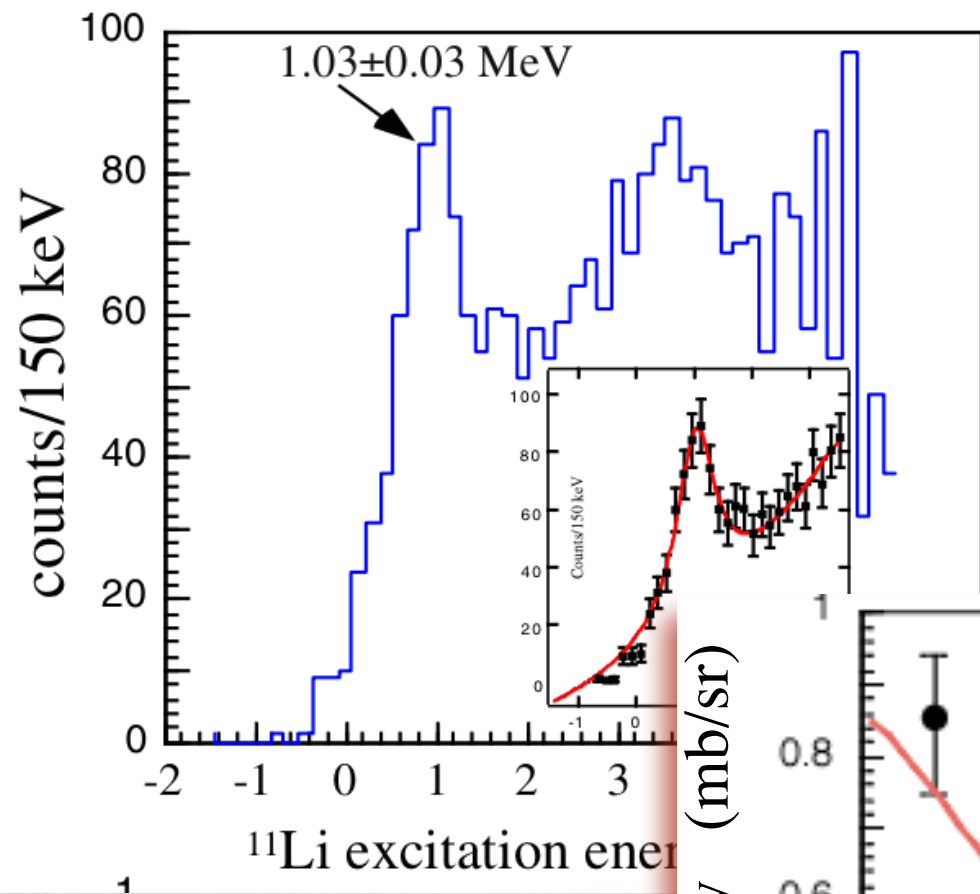
0_2^+ spherical configuration \rightarrow stronger overlap with $^{93}\text{Kr}_{\text{gs}}$; $S(3s_{1/2}) = 2.14(82)$

$^{94}\text{Kr}_{\text{gs}}$ more deformed? \rightarrow small overlap with $^{93}\text{Kr}_{\text{gs}}$; upper limit $S(3s_{1/2}) \sim 0.25$

D. Walter, R.K. , M. Holl *et al.* Physics Letters B 862 (2025) 139352

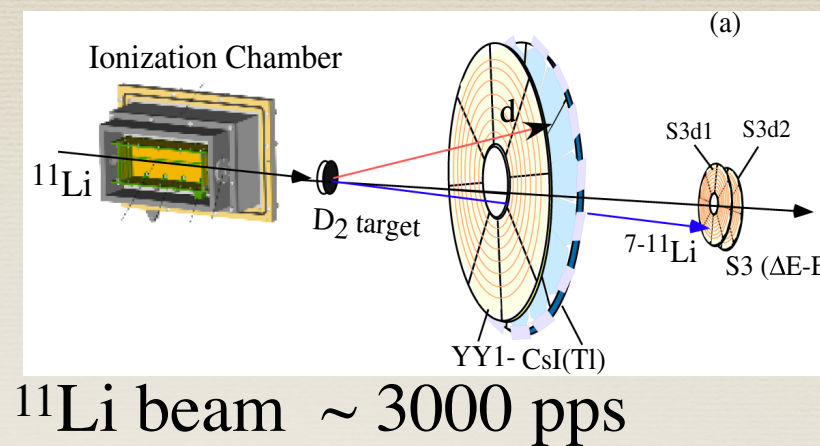
Soft resonances - ^{11}Li Halo excitation

$^{11}\text{Li}(d,d')$ $\Delta T=0$

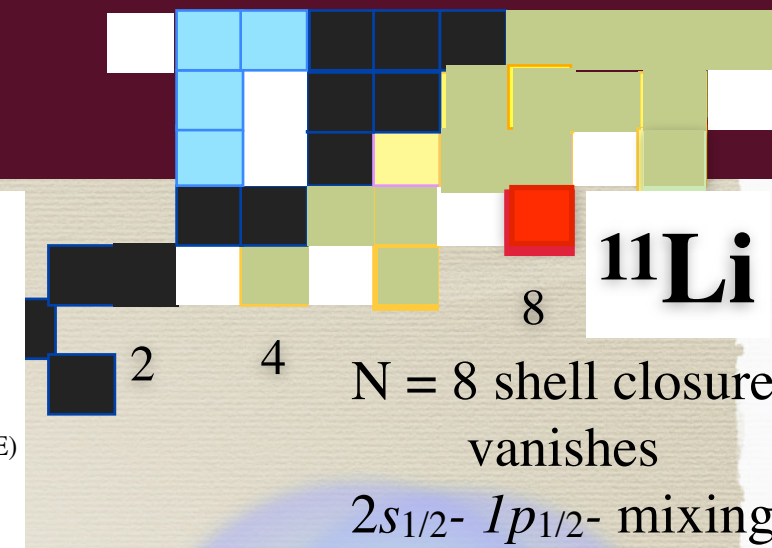
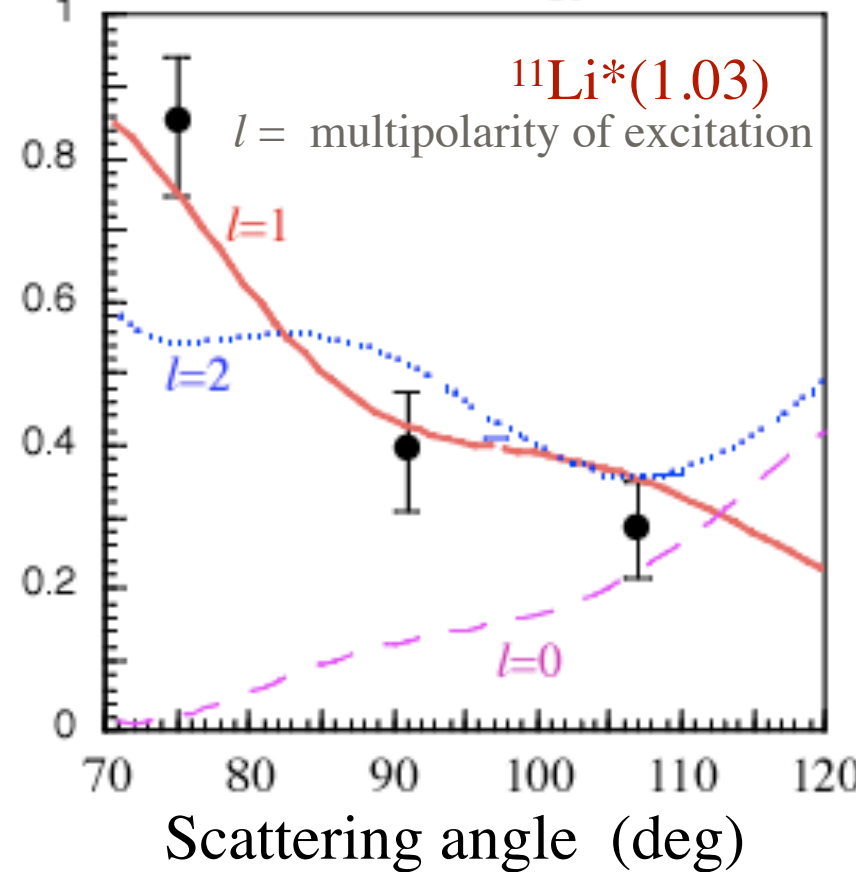


$E/A = 5 \text{ MeV}$

R.K. et al. Phys.Rev. Lett. 114 (2015) 192502



Scattering probability (mb/sr)



$S_{2n} = 0.36 \text{ MeV}$

Isoscalar Soft Dipole Resonance Observed

Low-energy dipole states : ^{64}Ni @ HI γ S

$S_n = 9.7$ MeV

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E1 & M1 transition measurements by photon scattering (γ, γ')

Low-lying dipole response of ^{64}Ni

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$(\theta^\circ, \phi^\circ)$

$(90^\circ, 90^\circ)$: E1 detector

$(90^\circ, 0^\circ)$: M1 detector

$$\Sigma_{hv} = \frac{W(90^\circ, 0^\circ) - W(90^\circ, 90^\circ)}{W(90^\circ, 0^\circ) + W(90^\circ, 90^\circ)}$$

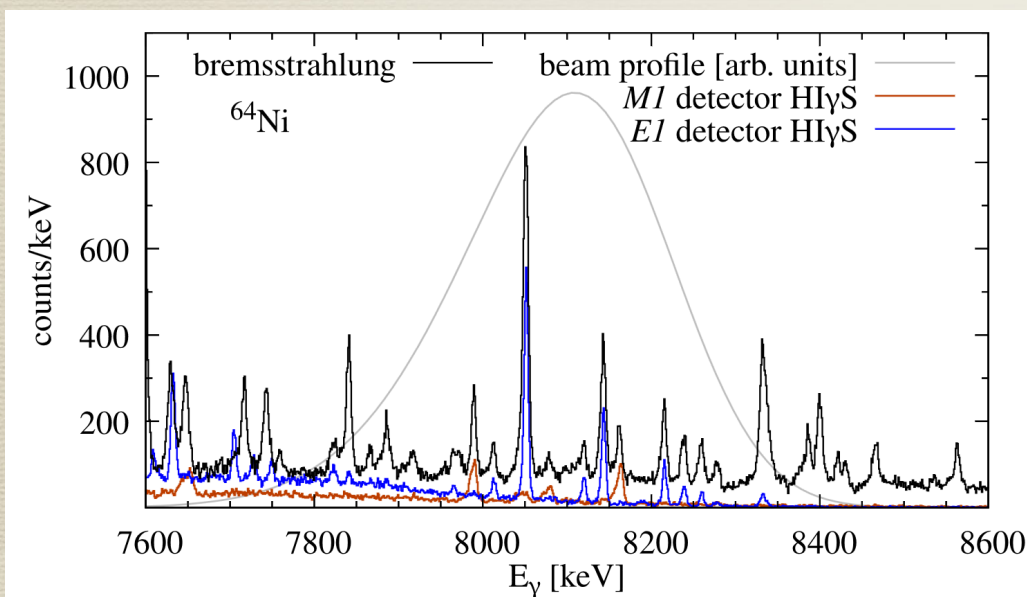
$$\hat{\Sigma}_{hv} = +1 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\Sigma_{hv} = -1 \quad \text{E1}$$

Two types of photon beams used

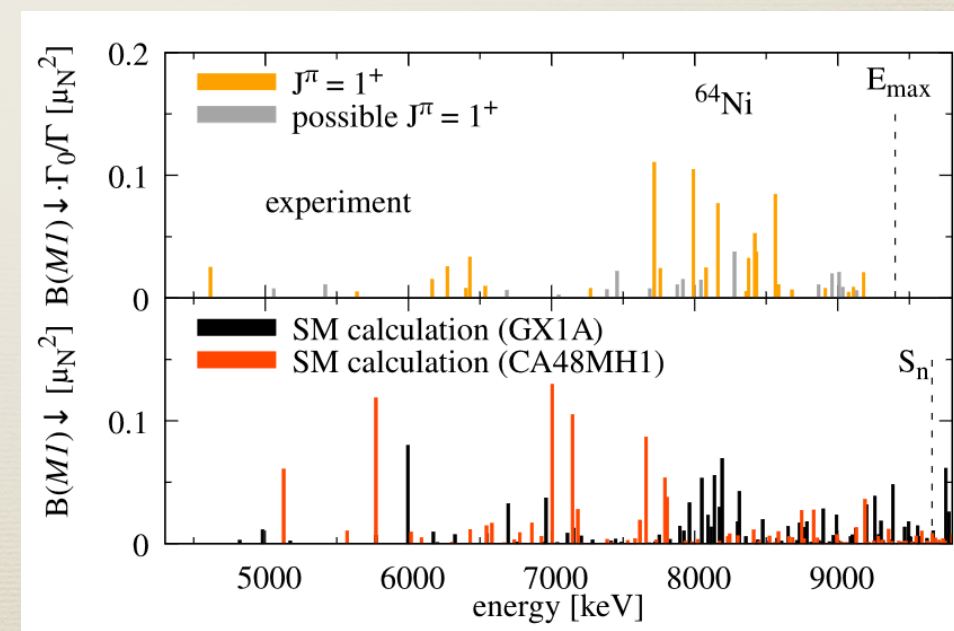
Continuous energy Bremsstrahlung @ γ ELBE - HZDR

Quasi monoenergetic linearly polarized @ HI γ S - TUNL



* Strong E1 peak seen below S_n

* M1 transitions are small



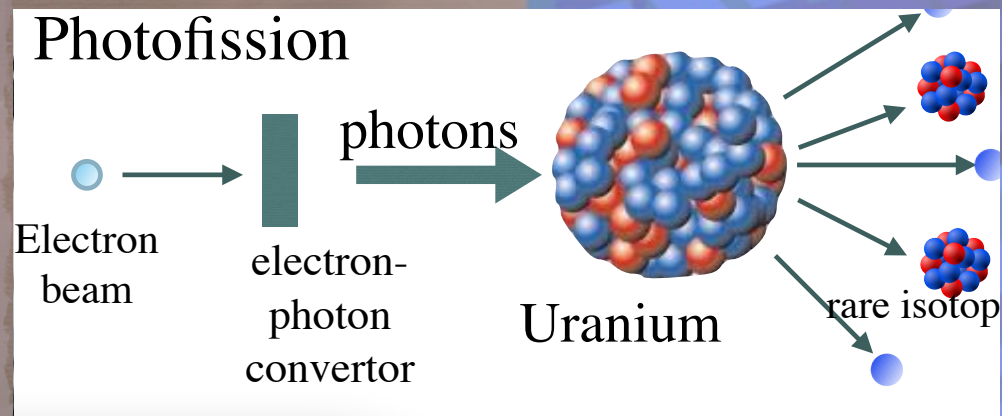
Data deviate from shell model predictions

Summary and outlook

Reactions at different energies unveil new exotic nuclear & transformation of nuclear shells - challenging our knowledge of the nuclear force.

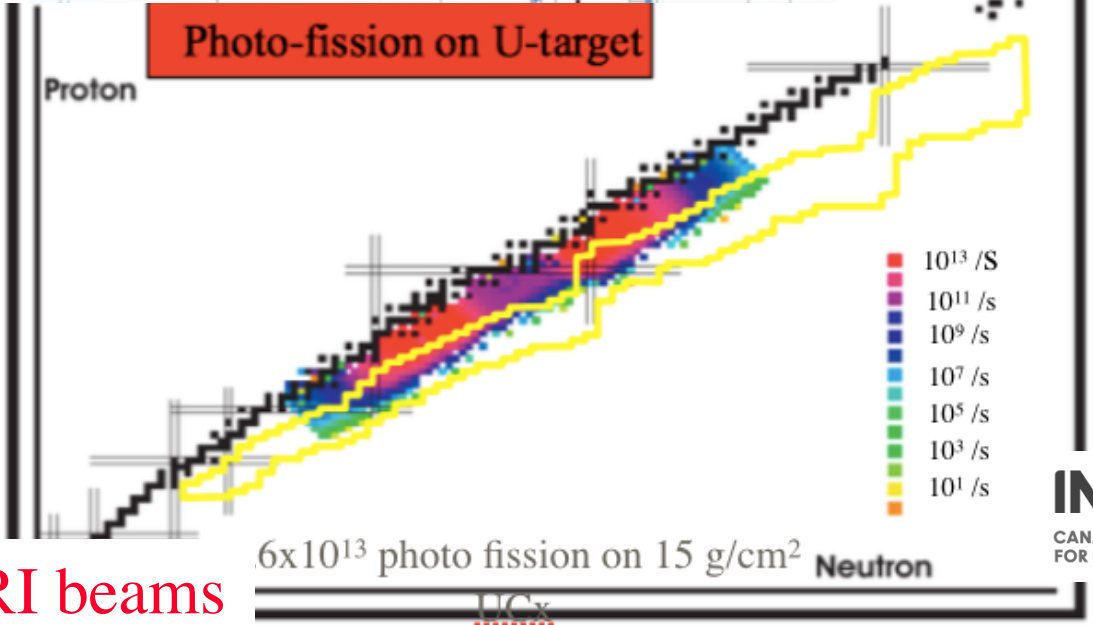
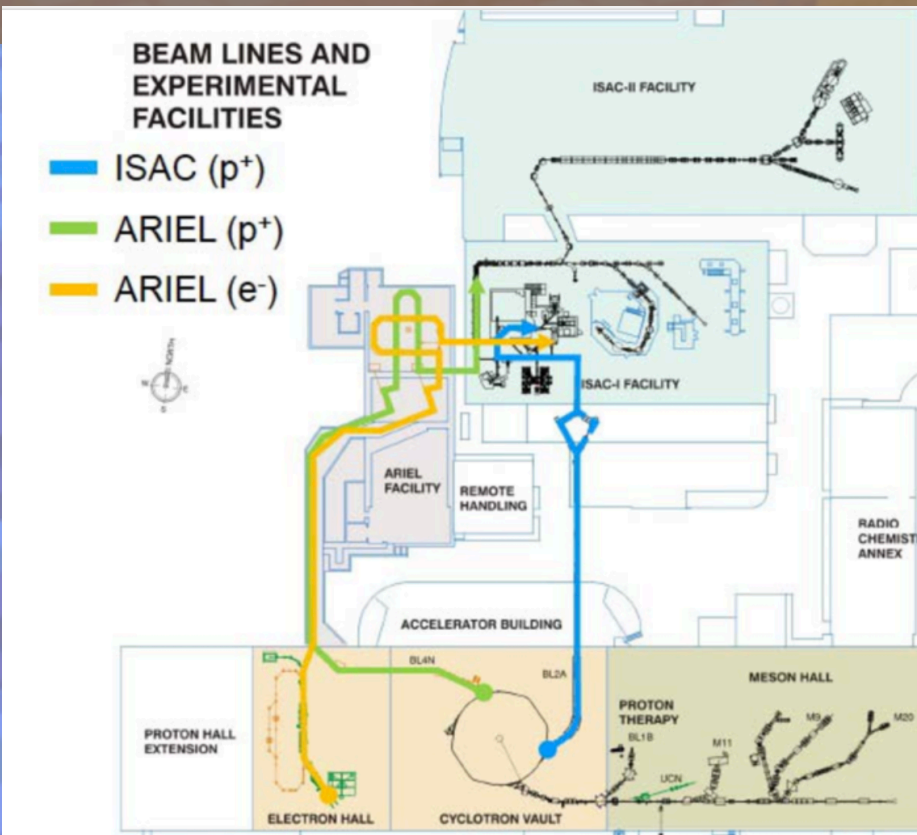
New complementary facilities in North America open

FRIB @ MSU, USA
ARIEL @ TRIUMF, Canada



ARIEL @ TRIUMF

World's only facility with 3 simultaneous RI beams
(2 p-induced + 1 photofission)



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**Wishing you a Happy & Relaxed Retirement
with lots of fun & free time to do the things you love**

**Thank you Robert from everyone at TRIUMF for your invaluable contributions
to the laboratory and in the field of nuclear physics**



**Enjoy continuing experiments
with lobster !**