

# Unveiling exotic features in rare isotopes through direct reactions

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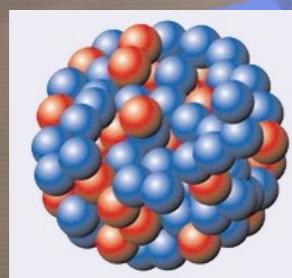
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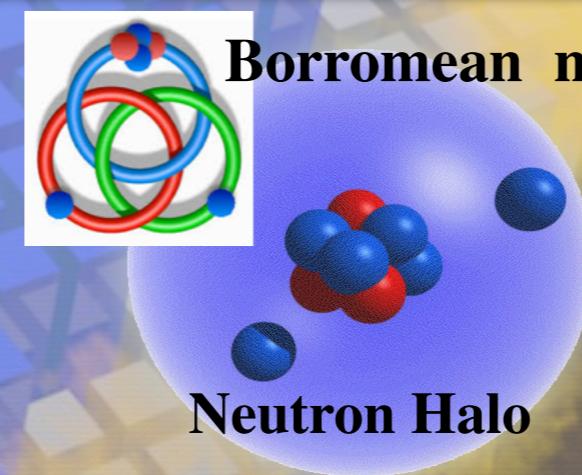
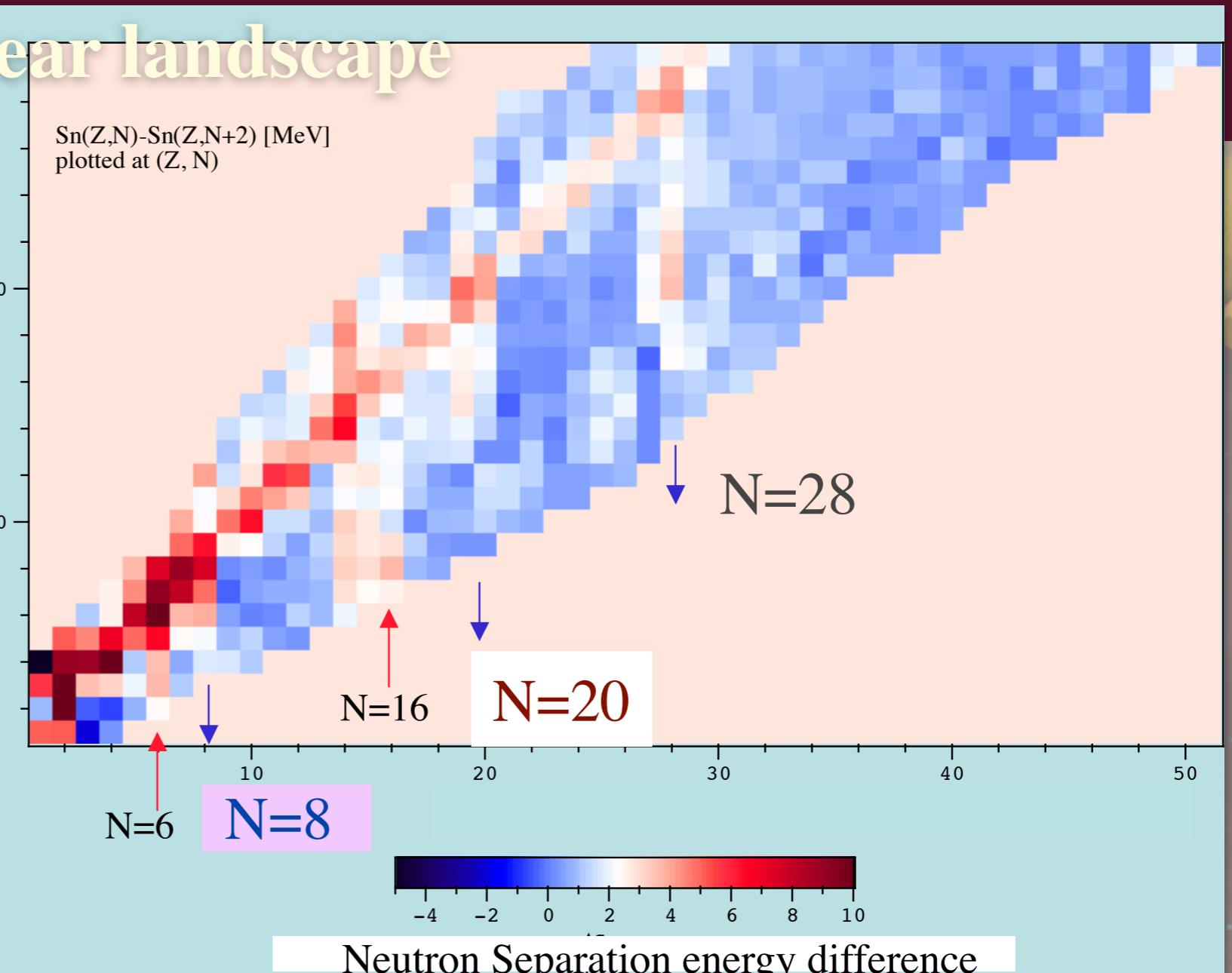
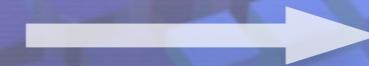
# The exotics in the nuclear landscape

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

Proton Number ↑



Stable 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

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

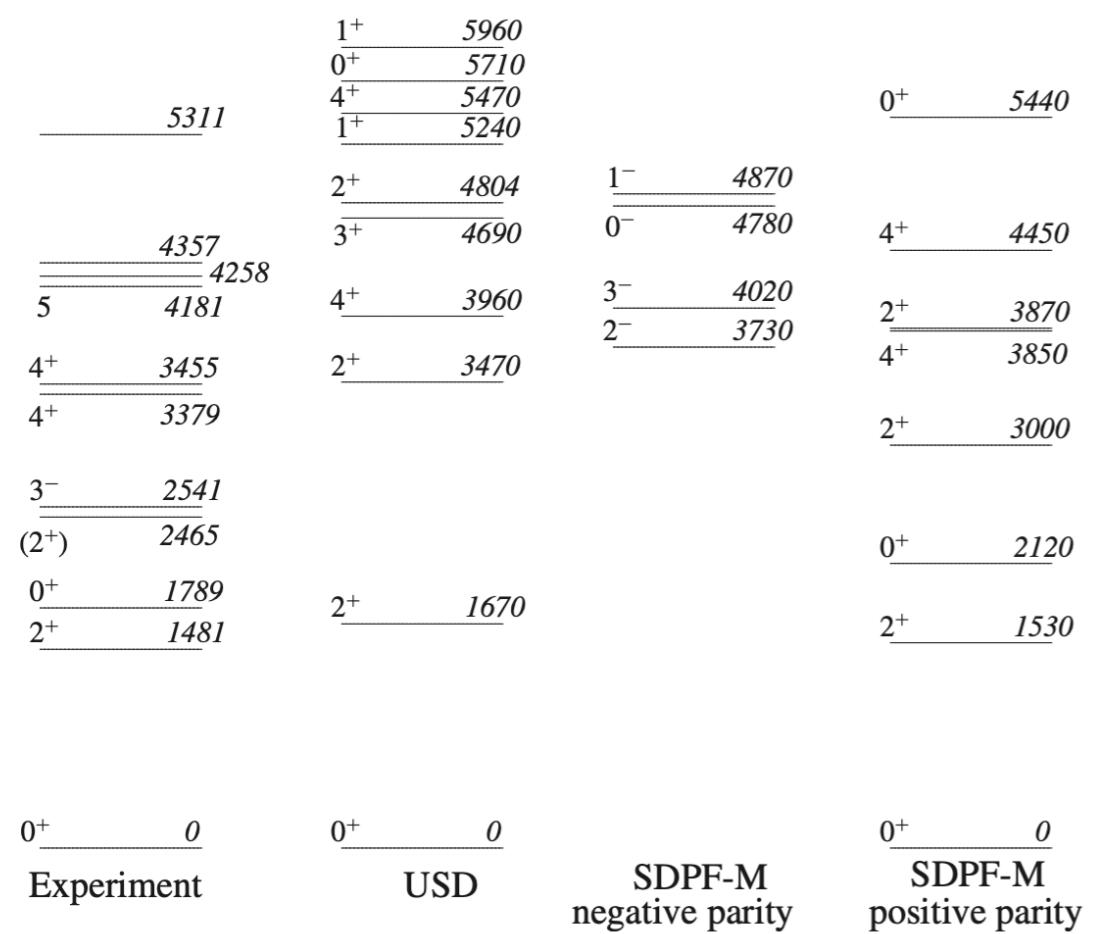
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## Cross-shell excitations near the “island of inversion”: Structure of $^{30}\text{Mg}$

A. N. Deacon,<sup>1,\*</sup> J. F. Smith,<sup>2</sup> S. J. Freeman,<sup>1</sup> R. V. F. Janssens,<sup>3</sup> M. P. Carpenter,<sup>3</sup> B. Hadinia,<sup>2</sup> C. R. Hoffman,<sup>4,†</sup> B. P. Kay,<sup>3</sup> T. Lauritsen,<sup>3</sup> C. J. Lister,<sup>3</sup> D. O’Donnell,<sup>2,‡</sup> J. Ollier,<sup>2,‡</sup> T. Otsuka,<sup>5,6</sup> D. Seweryniak,<sup>3</sup> K.-M. Spohr,<sup>2</sup> D. Steffenbeck,<sup>1,§</sup> S. L. Tabor,<sup>4</sup> V. Tripathi,<sup>4</sup> Y. Utsuno,<sup>7</sup> P. T. Wady,<sup>2</sup> and S. Zhu<sup>3</sup>

Fusion evaporation reactions populating high energy, high spin states

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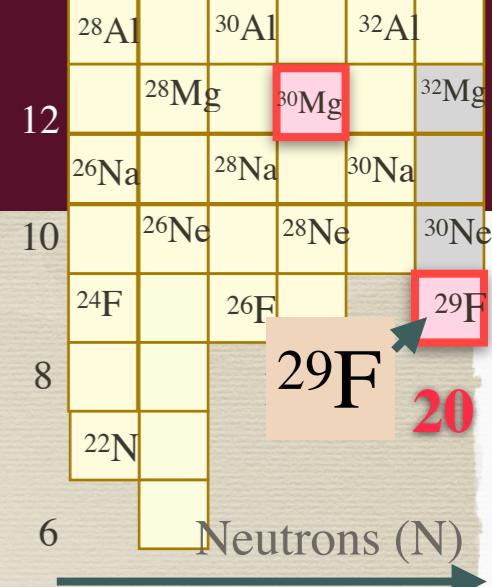


Need excitation across  $N = 20$  gap to explain data

**$N = 20$  shell gap vanishes**

**$N = 20, 28$  shells vanish**

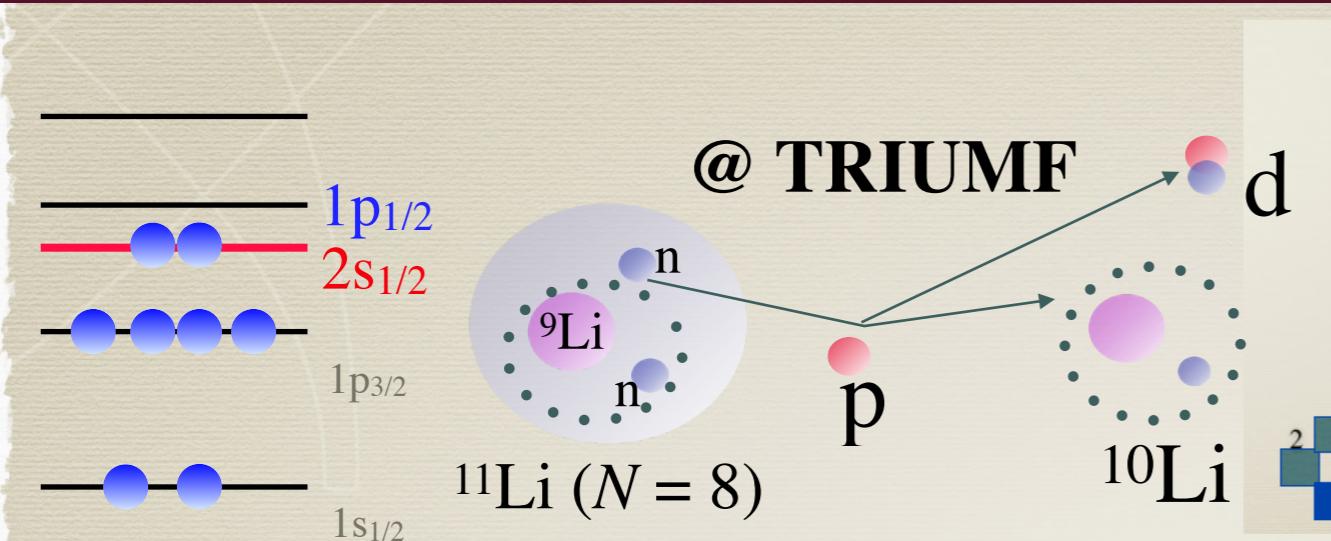
**$2\text{p}_{3/2} \rightarrow \text{Halo}$**



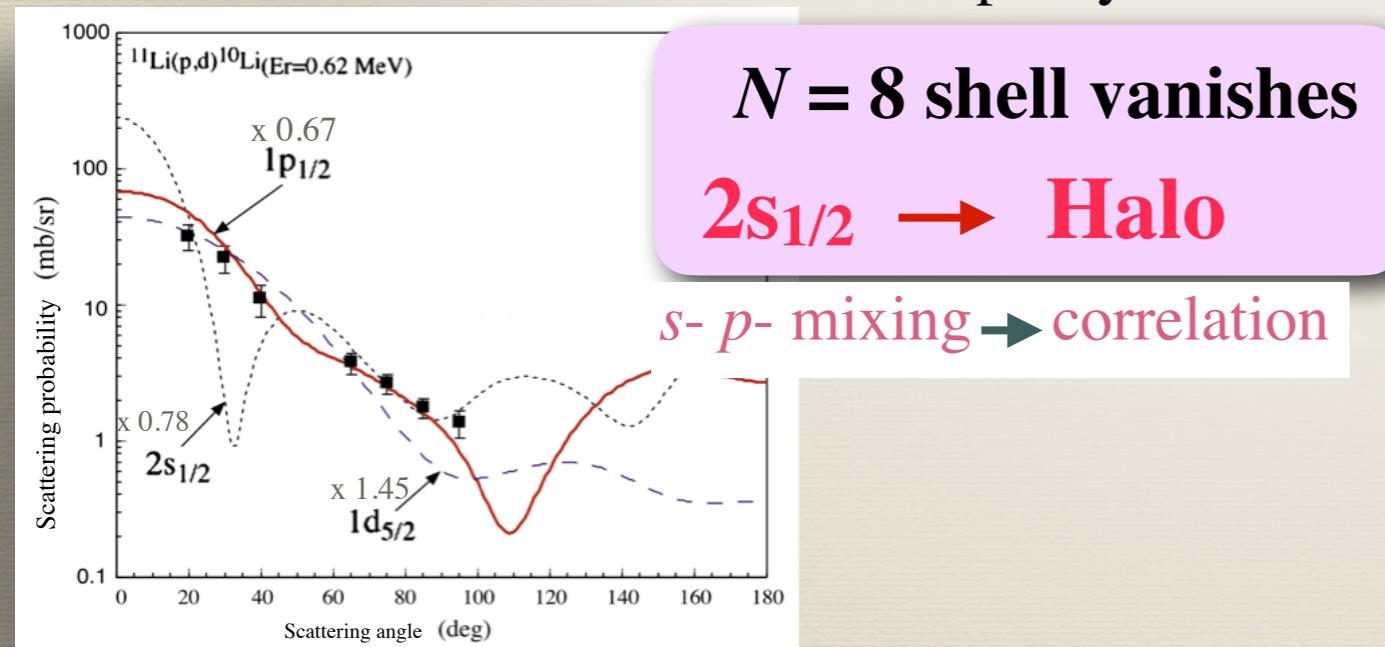
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# Vanishing of shells & emergence of halos

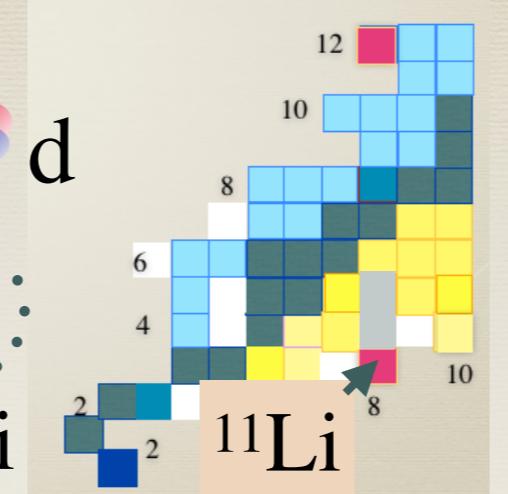


vanishing shell      Nucleon transfer reaction probability  
 $N = 8$   
 Nuclear orbital occupancy

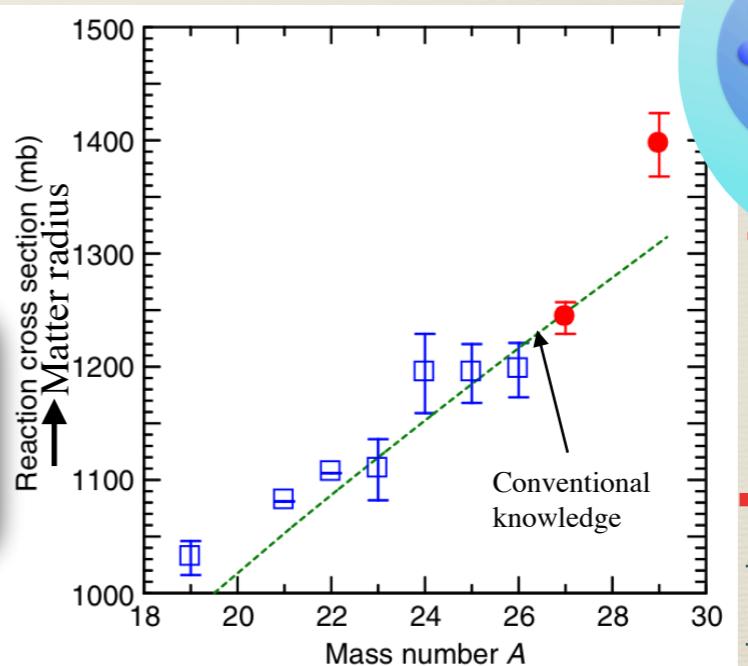


$^{11}\text{Li}$      $n(p_{1/2})$  only    33(12) %

A. Sanetullaev, R.K. et al., Phys. Lett. B 755 (2016) 481



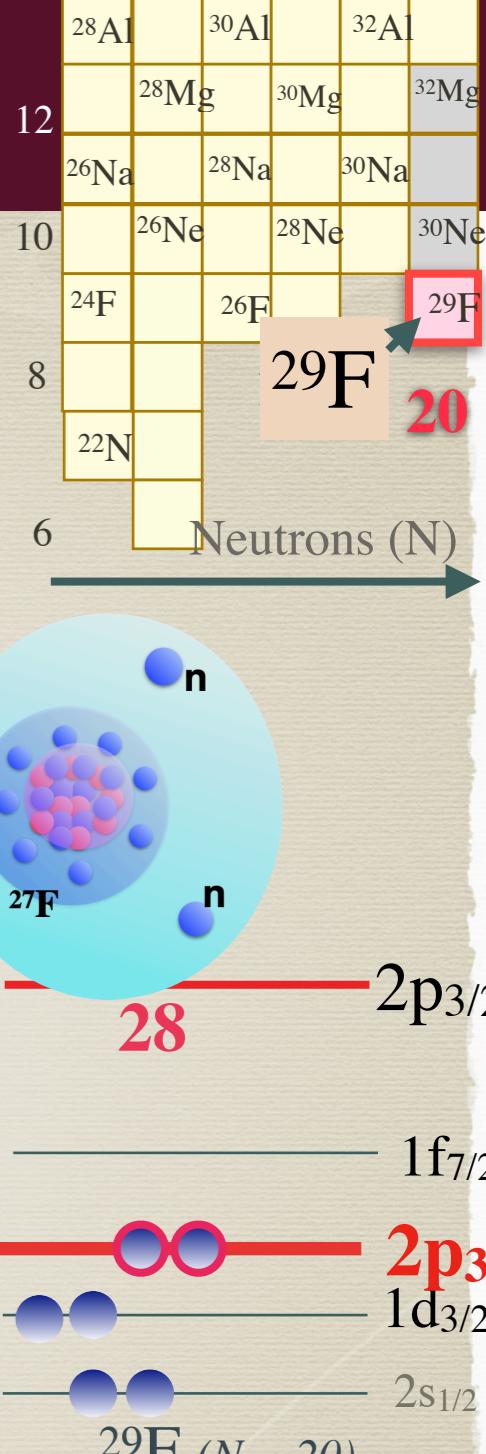
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$N = 20, 28$  shells vanish  
 $2p_{3/2} \rightarrow$  Halo



# $^{24}\text{O}$ new doubly magic @ drip-line

PRL 102, 152501 (2009)

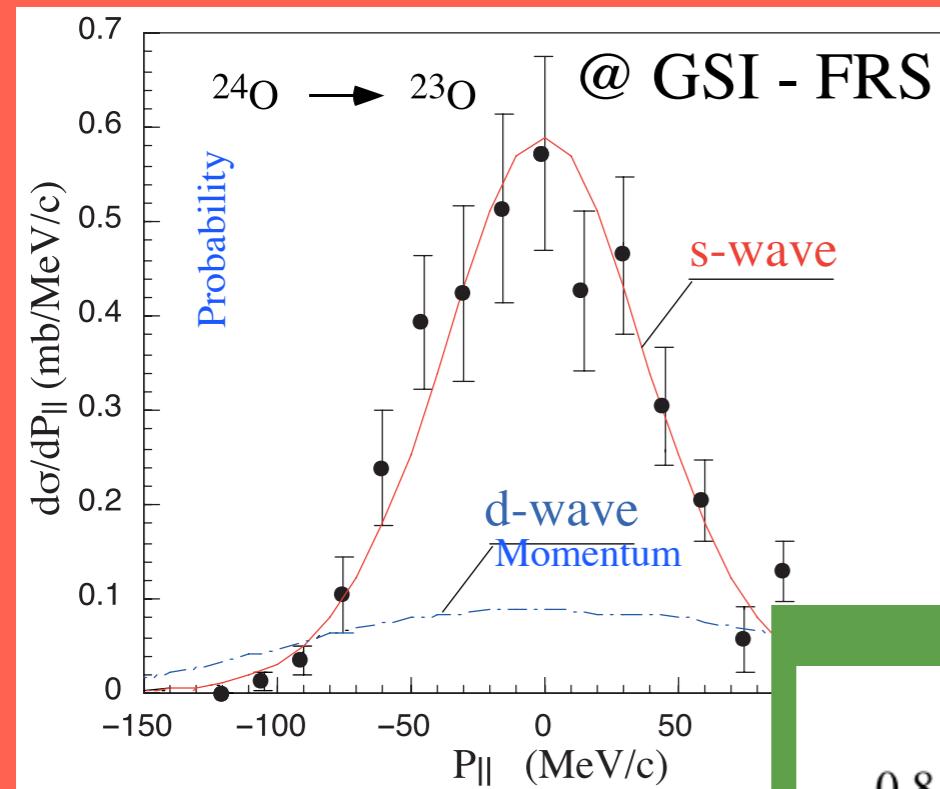
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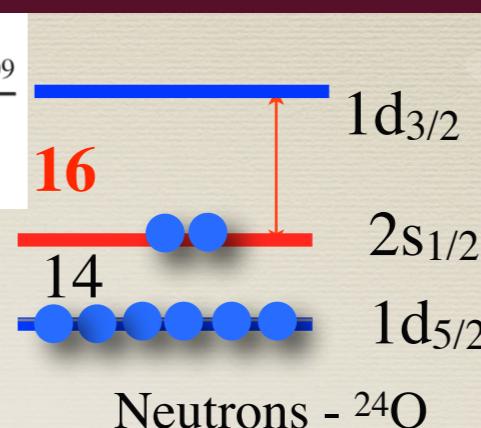


One-Neutron Removal Measurement Reveals  $^{24}\text{O}$  as a New Doubly Magic Nucleus

R. Kanungo et al.



K. Tshoo et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.  
109 (2012) 022501



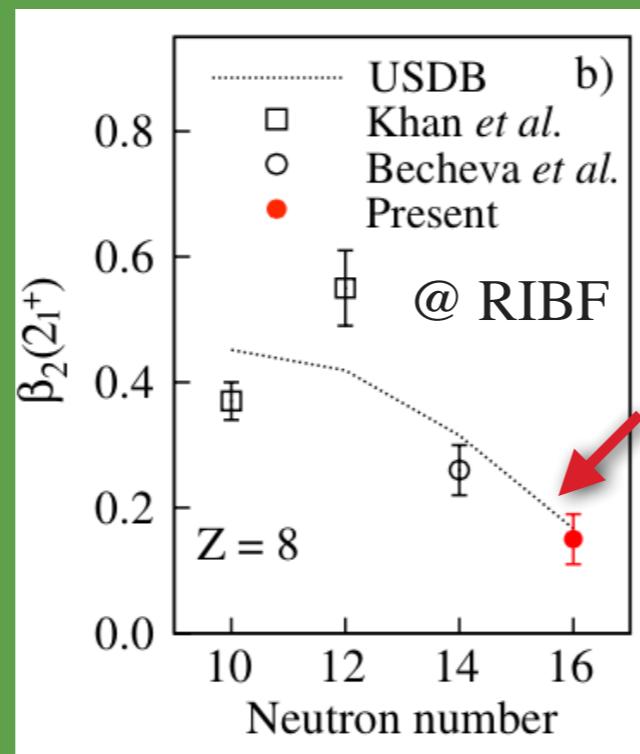
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## Unexpected doubly magic nucleus

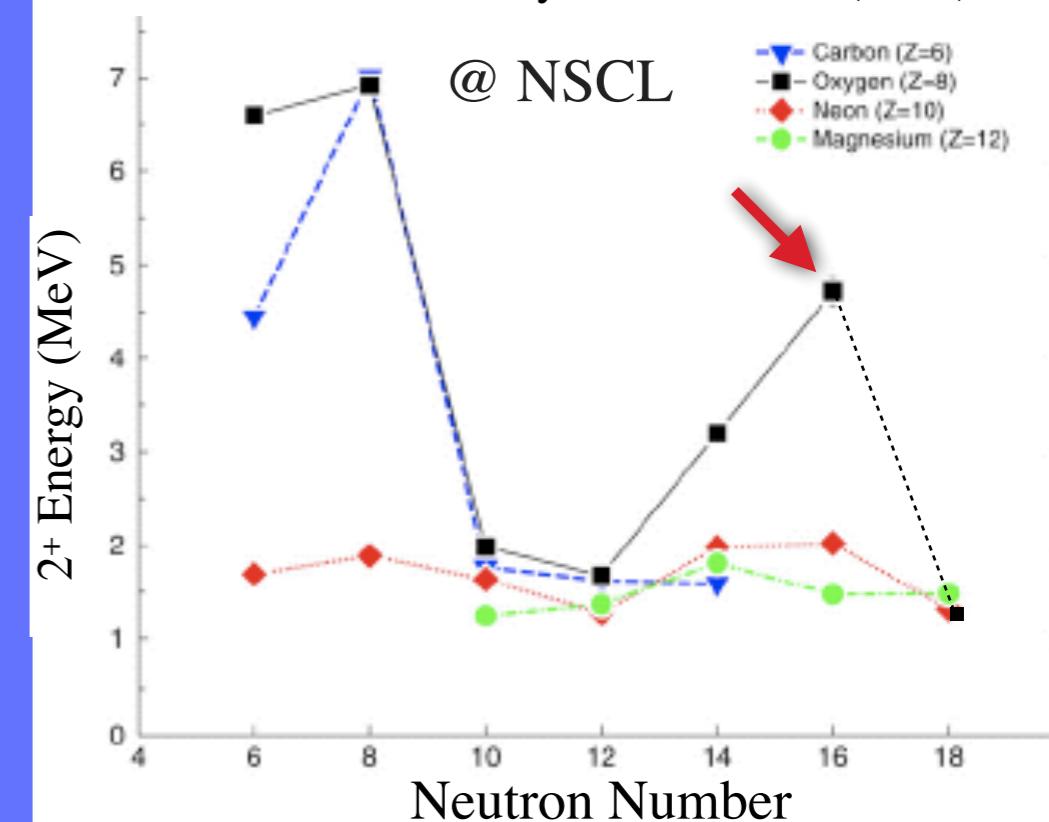
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Nuclei with a 'magic' number of both protons and neutrons, dubbed doubly magic, are particularly stable. The oxygen isotope  $^{24}\text{O}$  has been found to be one such nucleus — yet it lies just at the limit of stability.

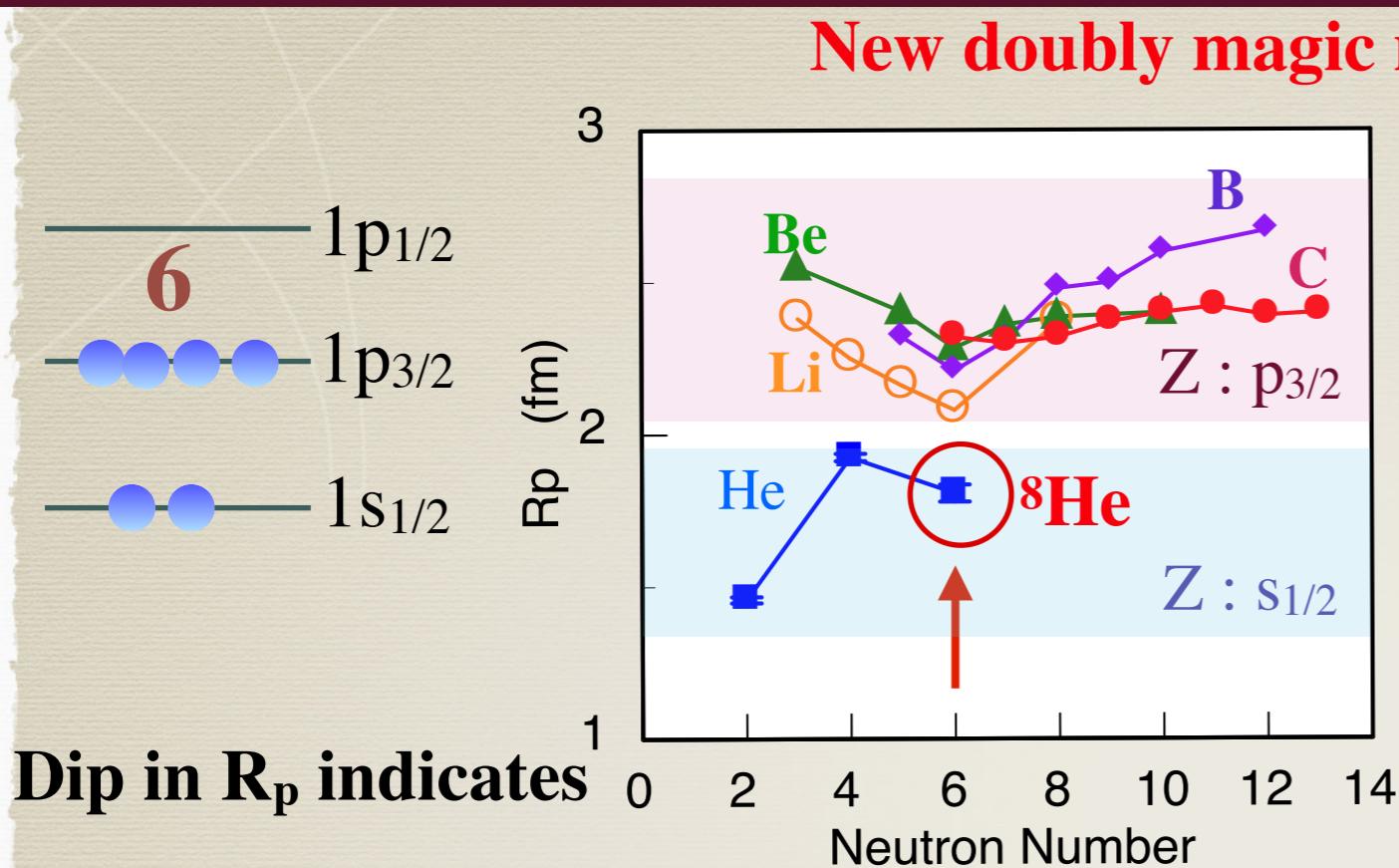
### Deformation



C.R. Hoffman et al., Phys. Lett. B 672 (2009) 17



# $^8\text{He}$ : doubly-magic ( $N = 6$ )



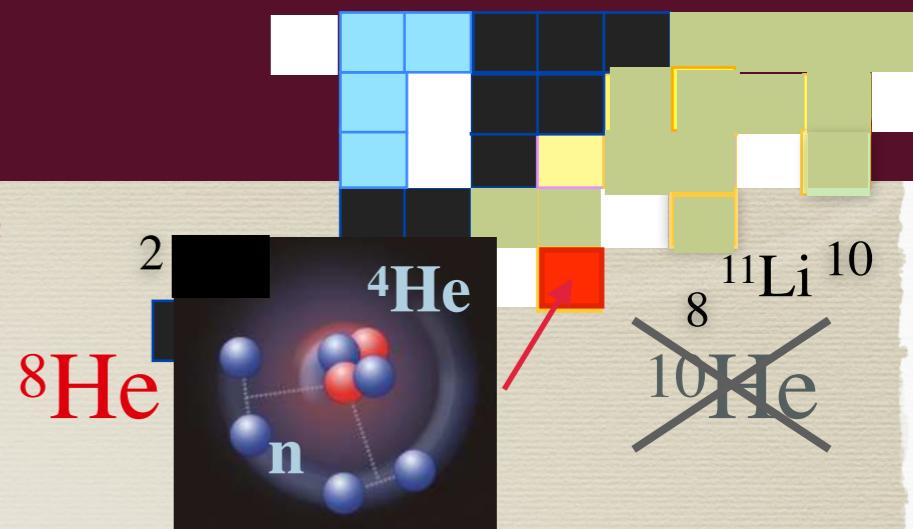
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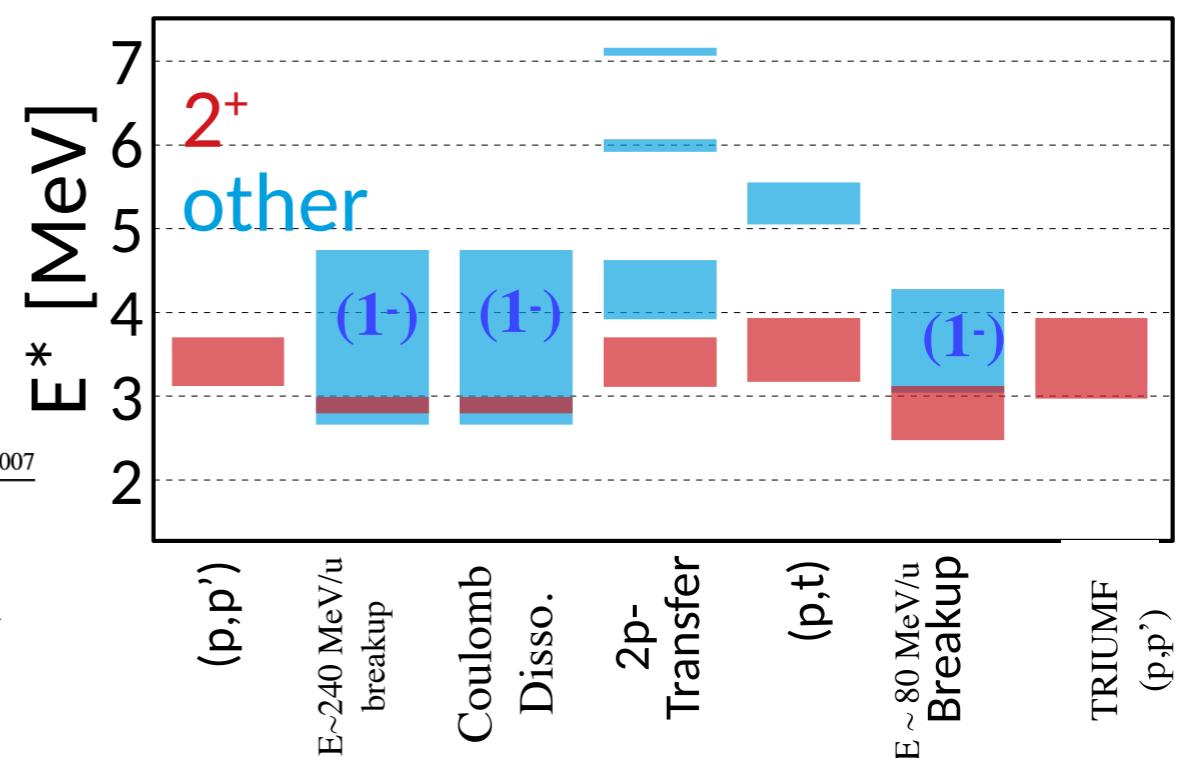
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## Nuclear Charge Radius of $^8\text{He}$

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$S_{2n} = 2.12 \text{ MeV}$

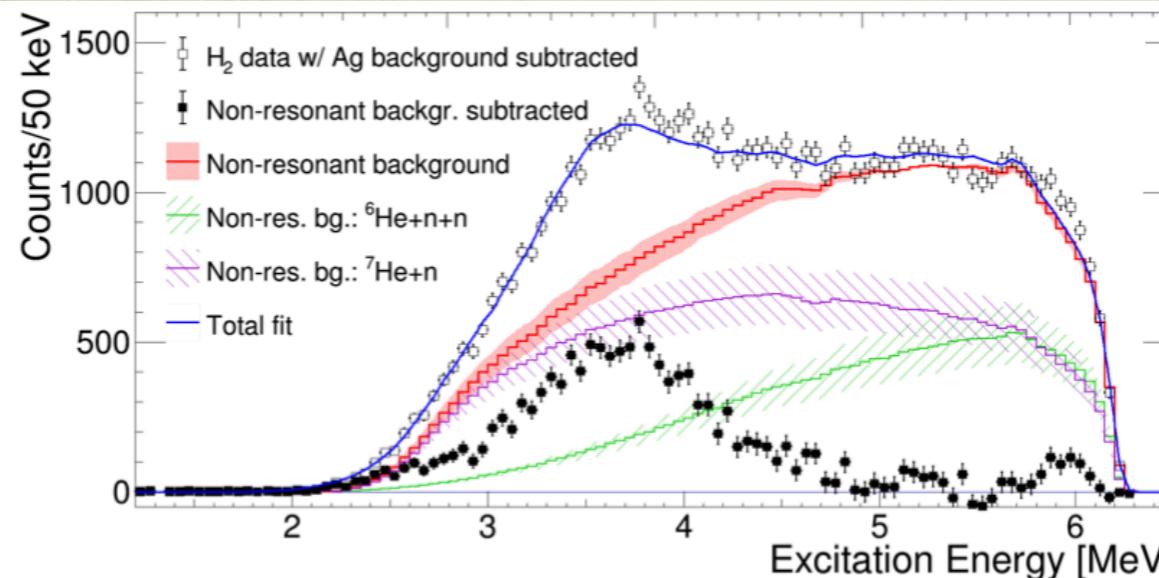


Transfer and inelastic :  $E(2^+) > 3 \text{ MeV}$   
 Breakup :  $E(2^+) < 3 \text{ MeV}$   
 Breakup : Low-energy dipole resonance

# $^8\text{He}$ : doubly-magic ( $N = 6$ ) deformed !

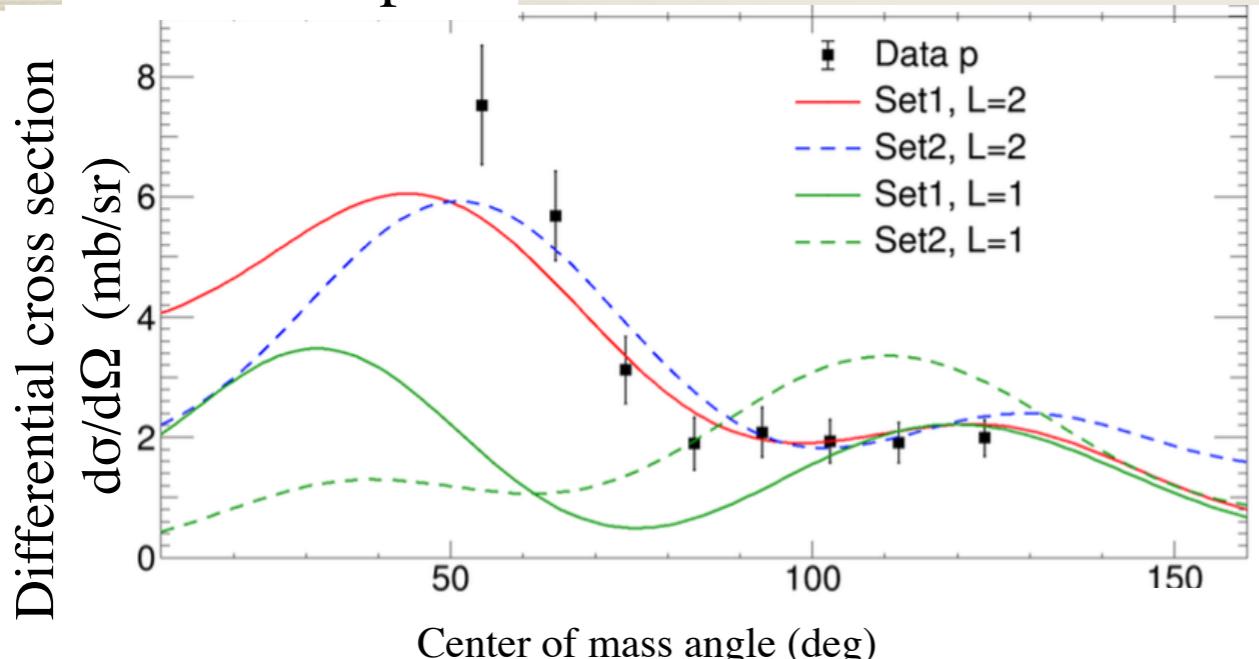
$^8\text{He}(p,p')$  E/A  $\sim 7$  MeV

New doubly magic nucleus  $^8\text{He}$

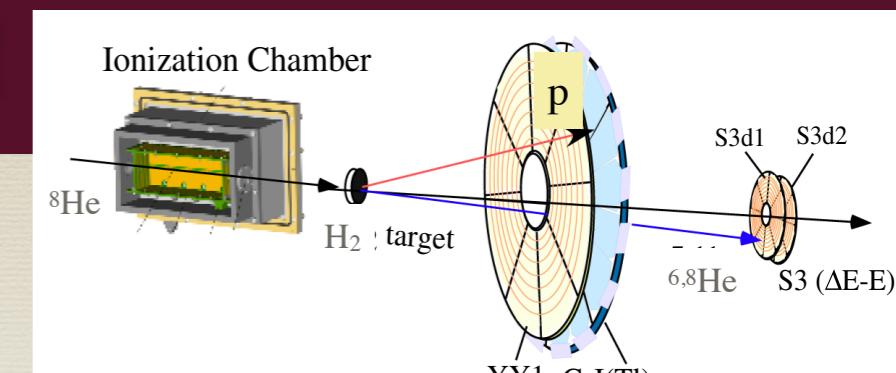


Resonance peak

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



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



$^8\text{He}$  beam  $\sim 10^4$  pps



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

- Resonance ( $2^+$ ) shows deformation

$$\beta_2 = 0.40 \pm 0.03$$

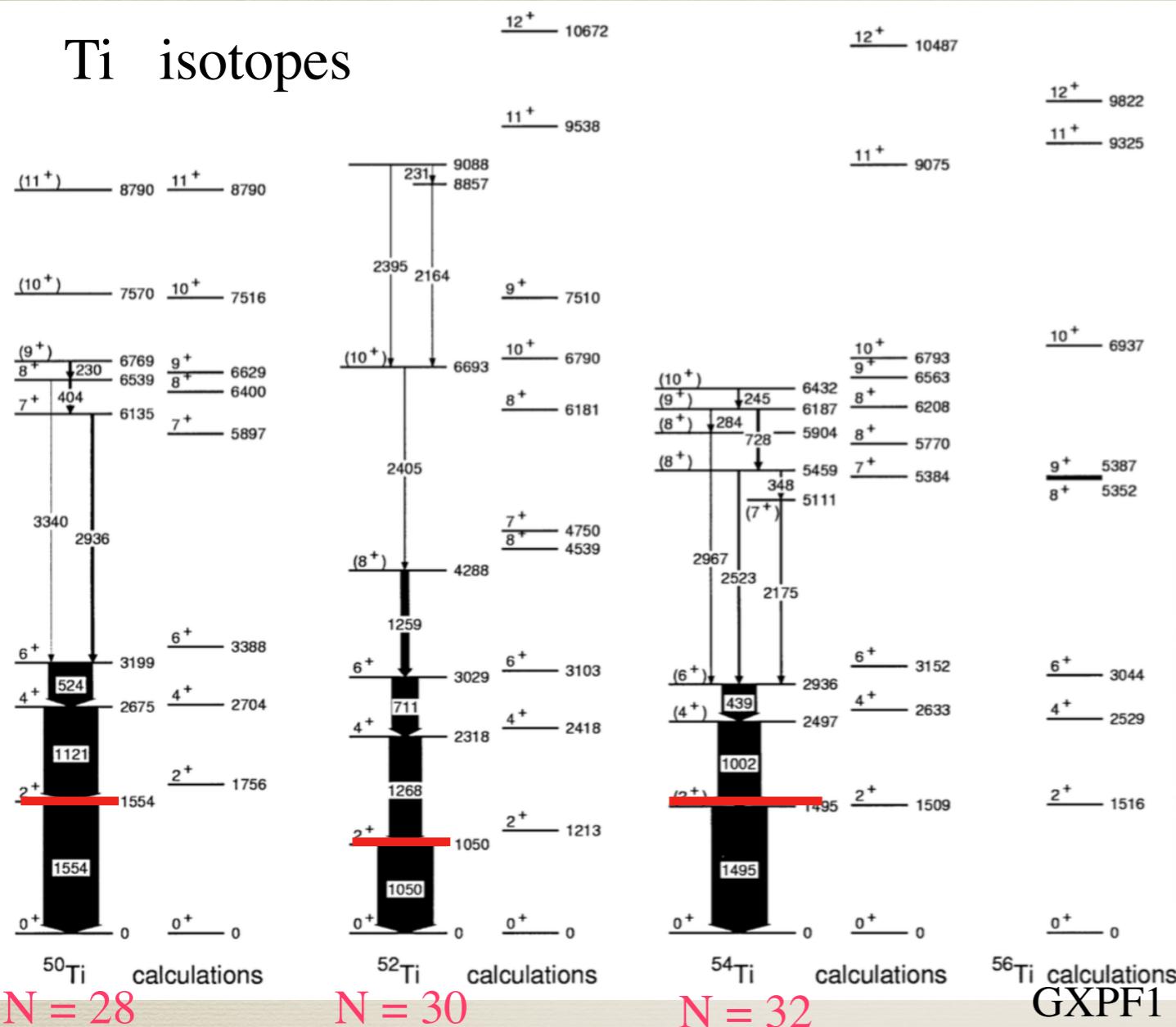
$^8\text{He}$  : spherical in protons and deformed in neutrons

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 $N = 32$

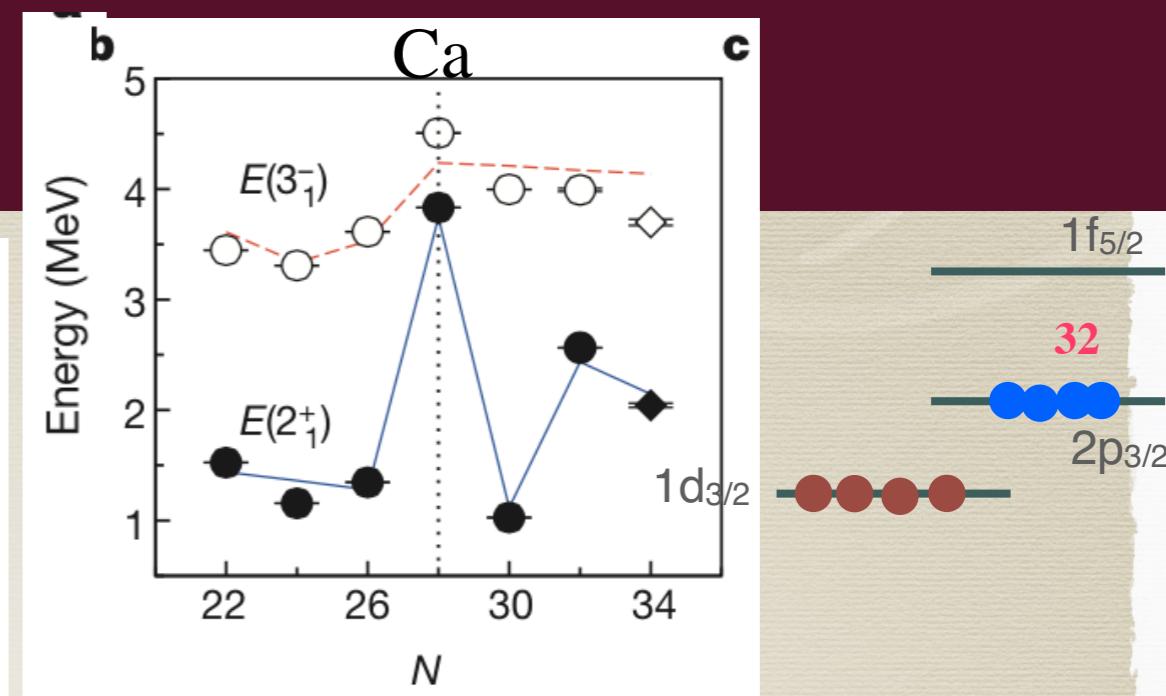
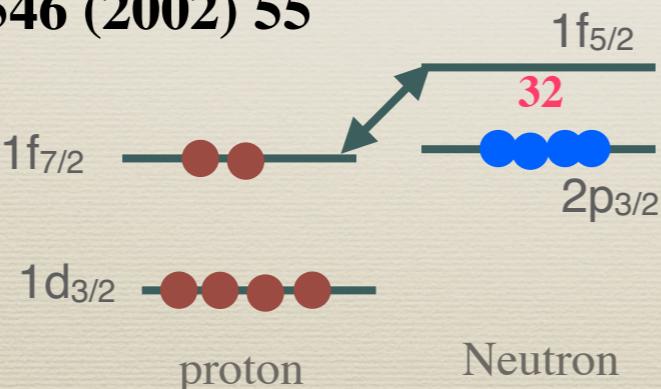
## Ti isotopes



R.V.F. Janssens et al. PLB 546 (2002) 55

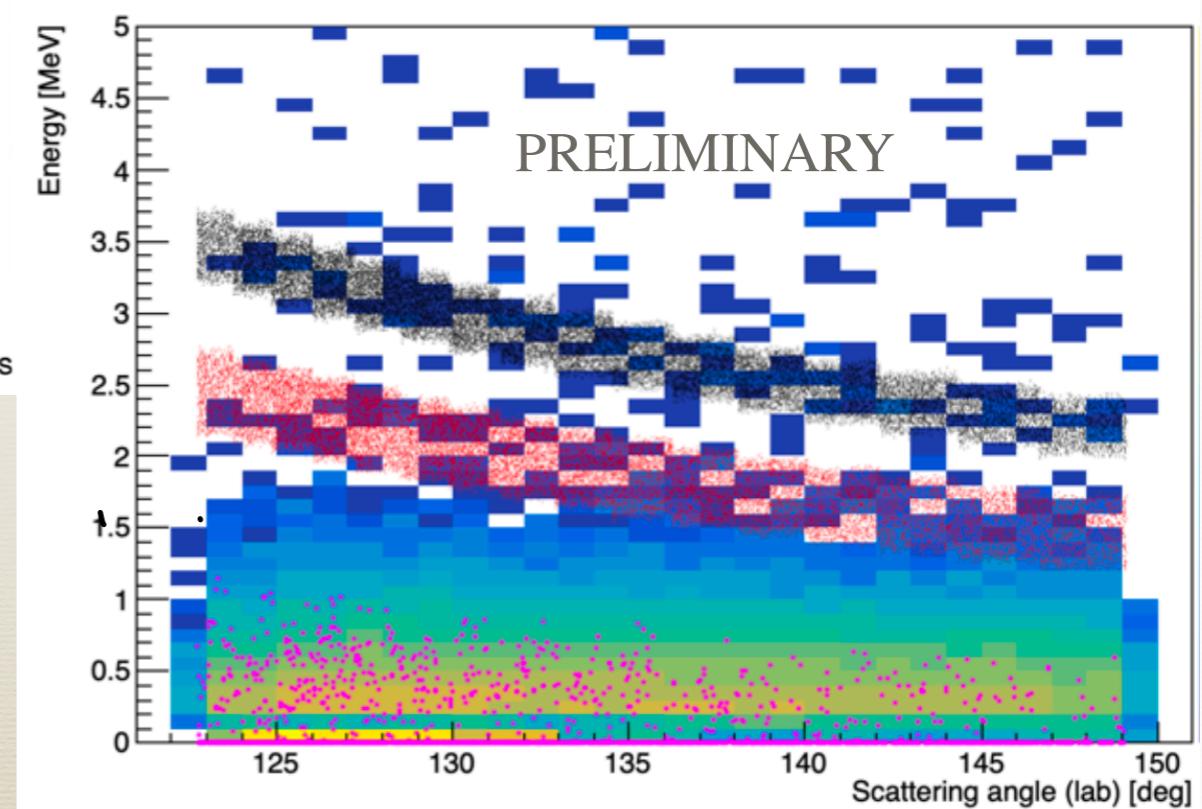
$^{54}\text{Ti}$ ,  $N = 32$  shell gap

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



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

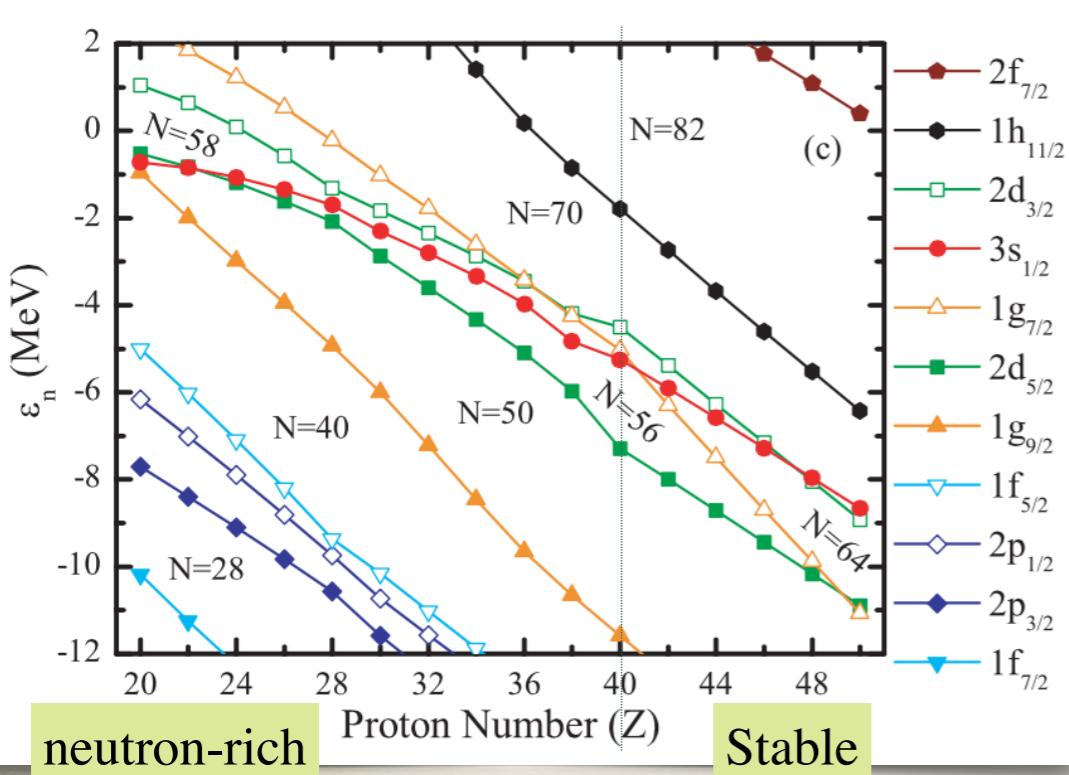
$^{50}\text{Ca}(d,p)^{51}\text{Ca}$  @ IRIS - TRIUMF



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

S. Ishida et al. (in prep.)

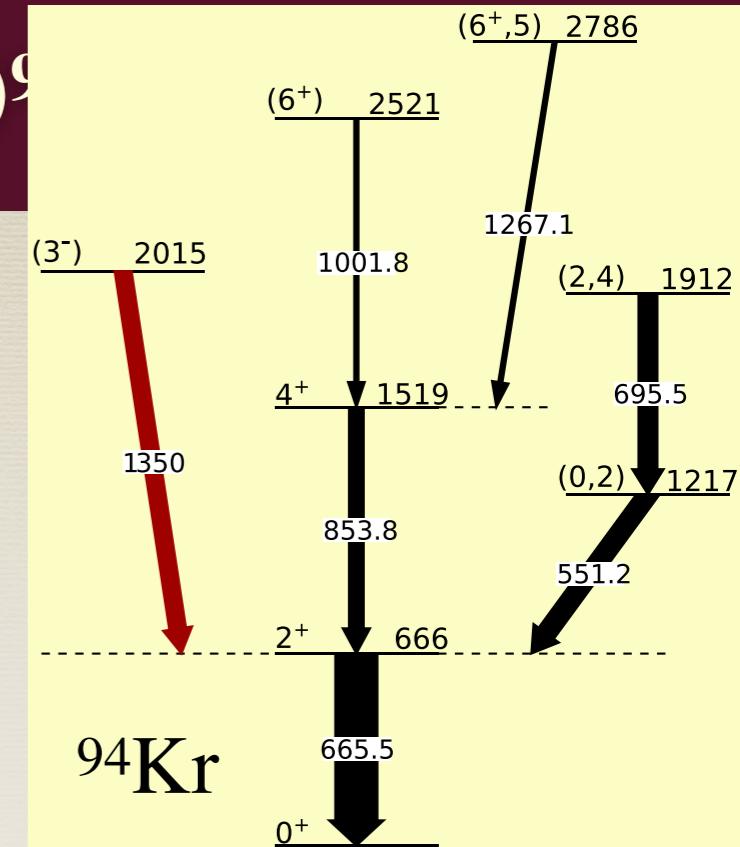
# Structure evolution beyond $N = 50$ $^{93}\text{Kr}(d,p)^{94}\text{Kr}$



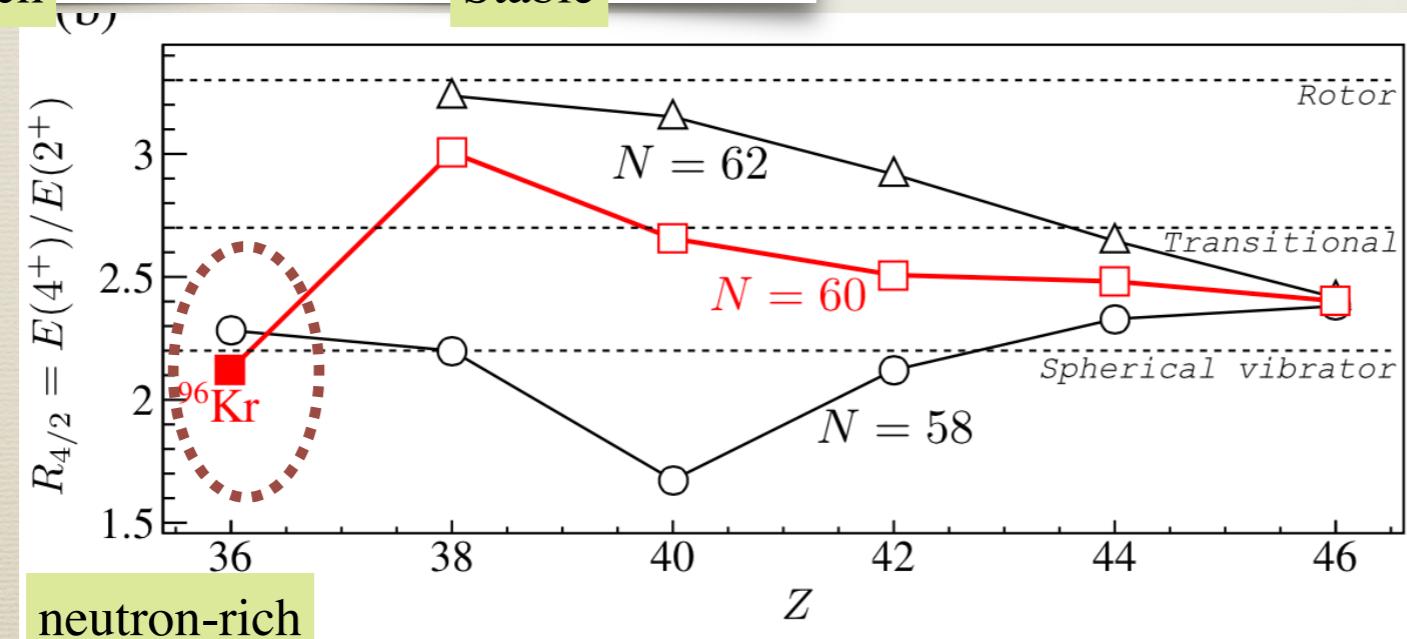
Spherical HFB calculation  
SkOT function with tensor term

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.



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



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

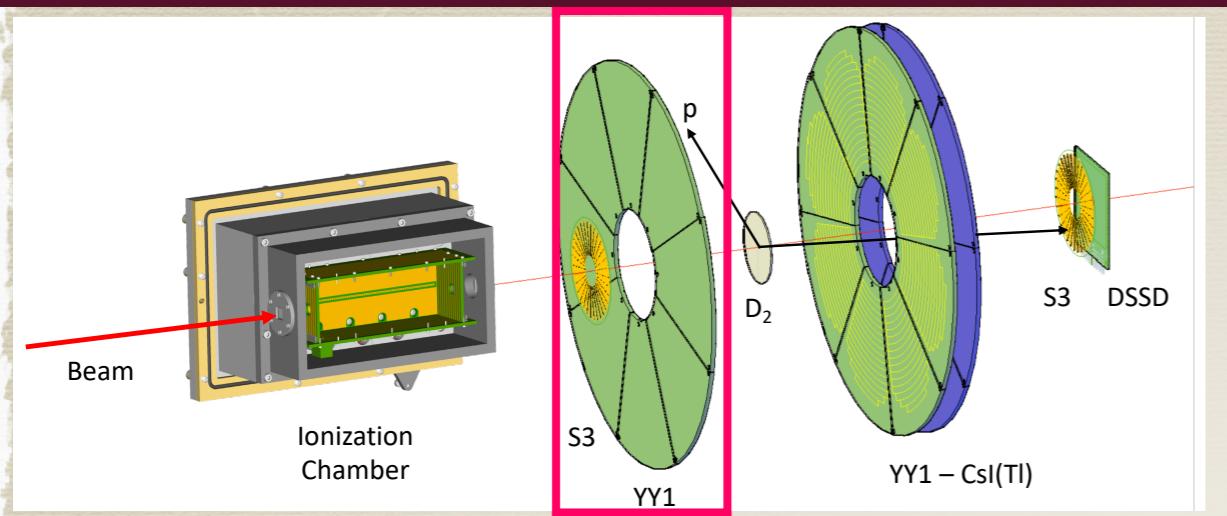
Lack of collectivity at  $N = 60$  in Kr

J. Dudouet et al., PRL (2017)

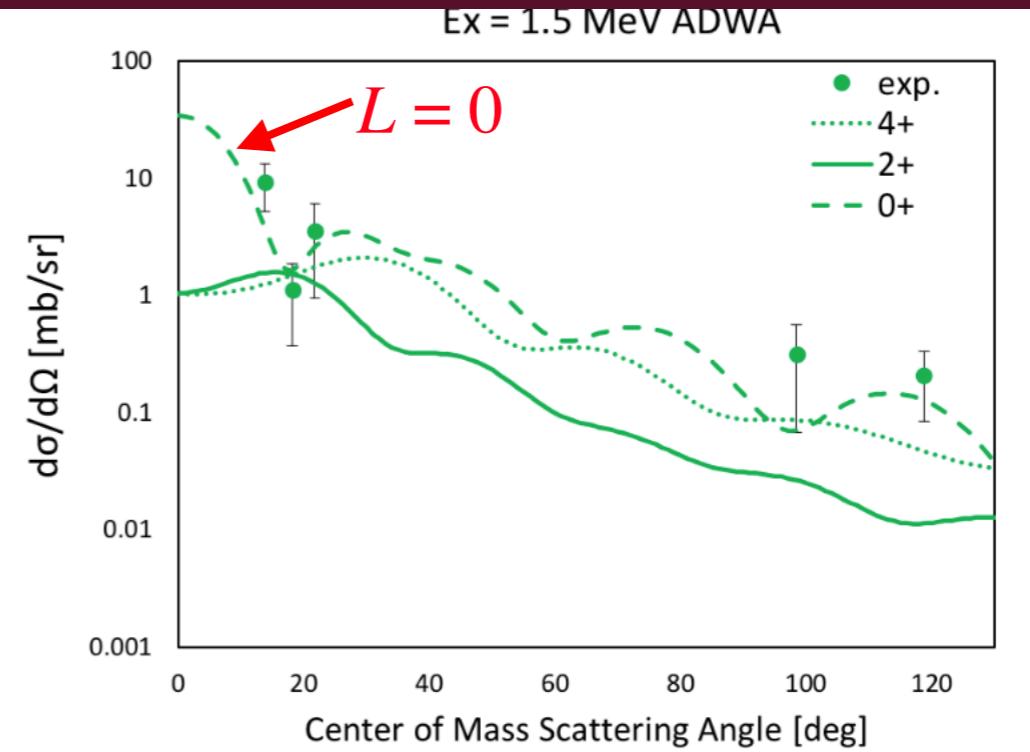
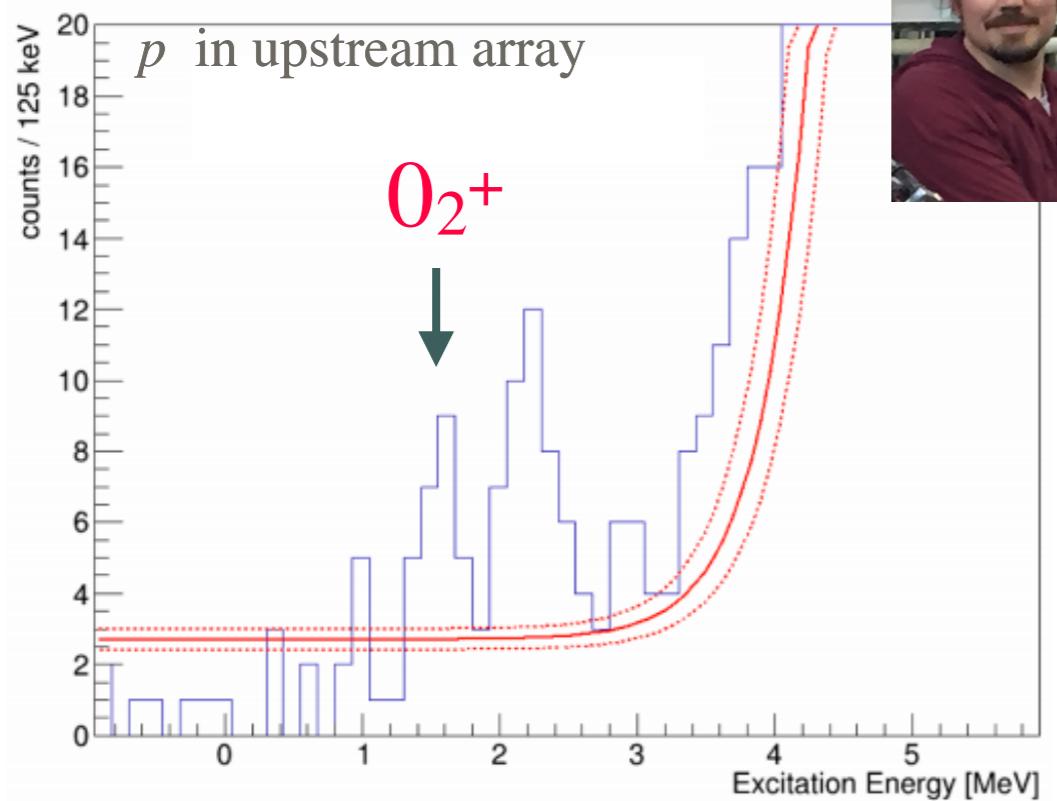
$0_{2^+}$  : experimental data needed in  $^{94}\text{Kr}$  to assess shape co-existence

# Shape Coexistence in $^{94}\text{Kr}$

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



$^{93}\text{Kr}$  beam only 200 pps !



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

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

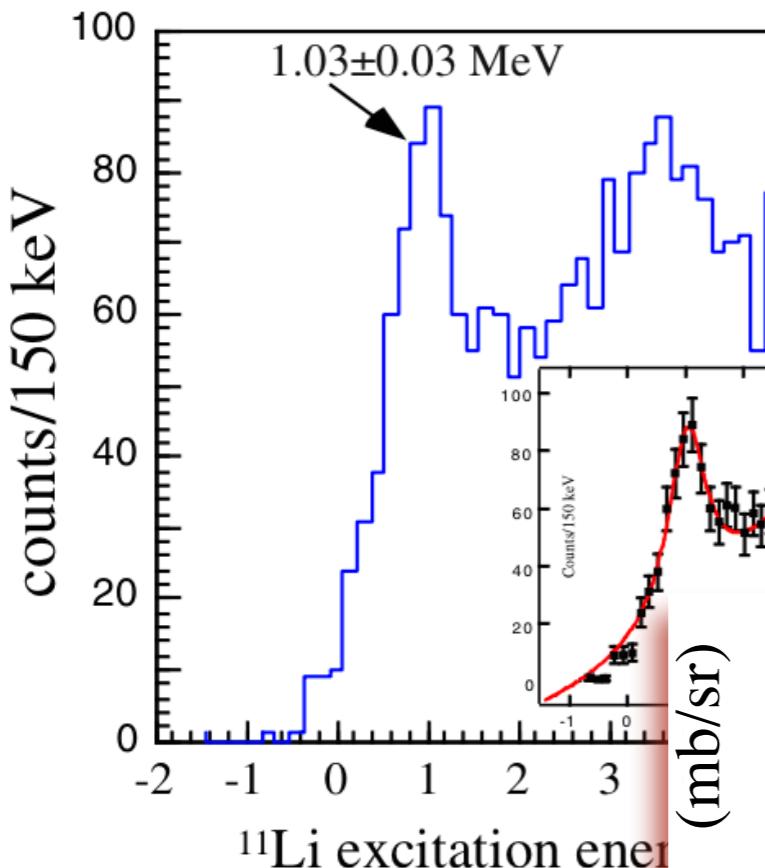
$0_2^+$  spherical configuration  $\rightarrow$  stronger overlap with  $^{93}\text{Kr}_{\text{gs}}$  ;  $S(3s_{1/2}) = 2.14(82)$

$^{94}\text{Kr}_{\text{gs}}$  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

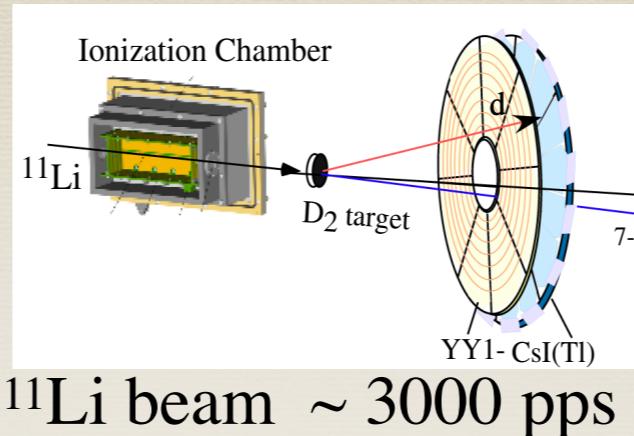
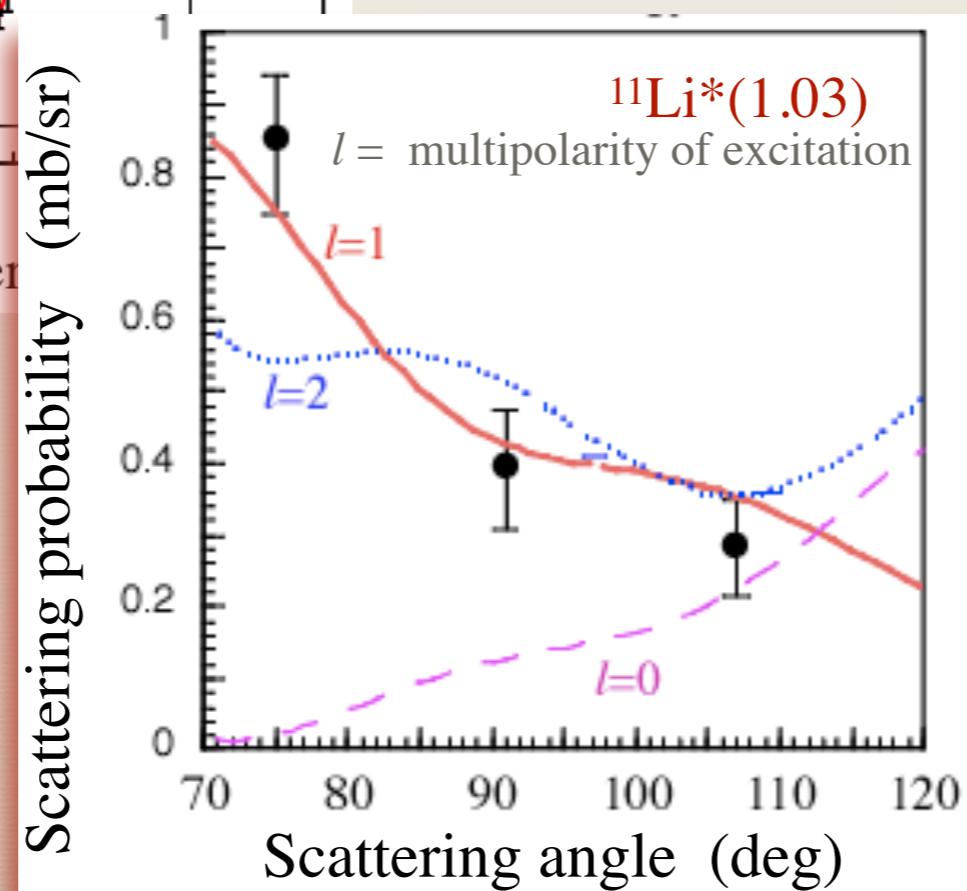
# Soft resonances - $^{11}\text{Li}$ Halo excitation

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

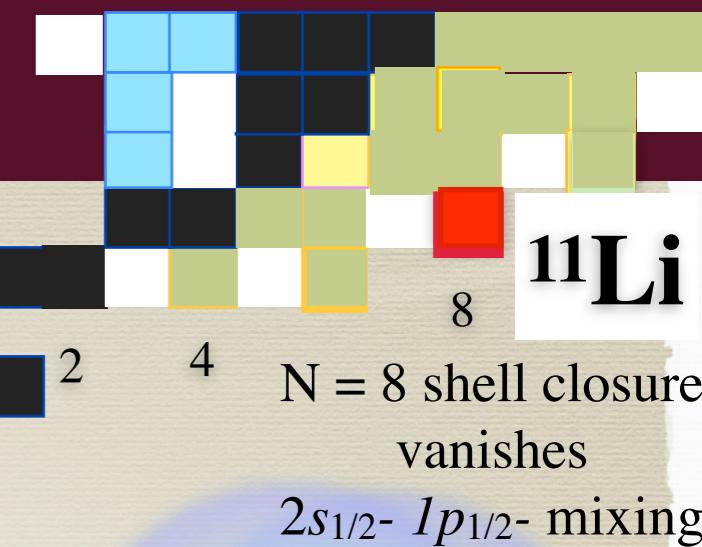


$E/A = 5 \text{ MeV}$

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

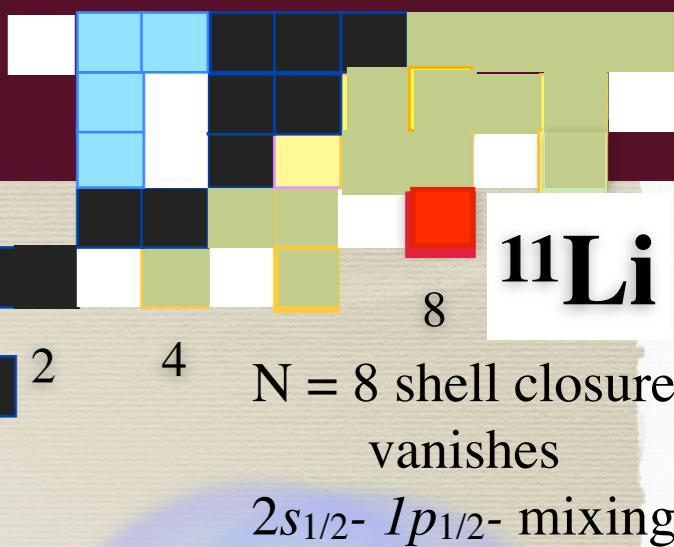


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$S_{2n} = 0.36 \text{ MeV}$

**Isoscalar Soft Dipole Resonance Observed**



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## E1 & M1 transition measurements by photon scattering $(\gamma, \gamma')$ Low-lying dipole response of $^{64}\text{Ni}$

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Two types of photon beams used

Continuous energy Bremsstrahlung @  $\gamma$ ELBE - HZDR

Quasi monoenergetic linearly polarized @ HI $\gamma$ S - TUNL

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

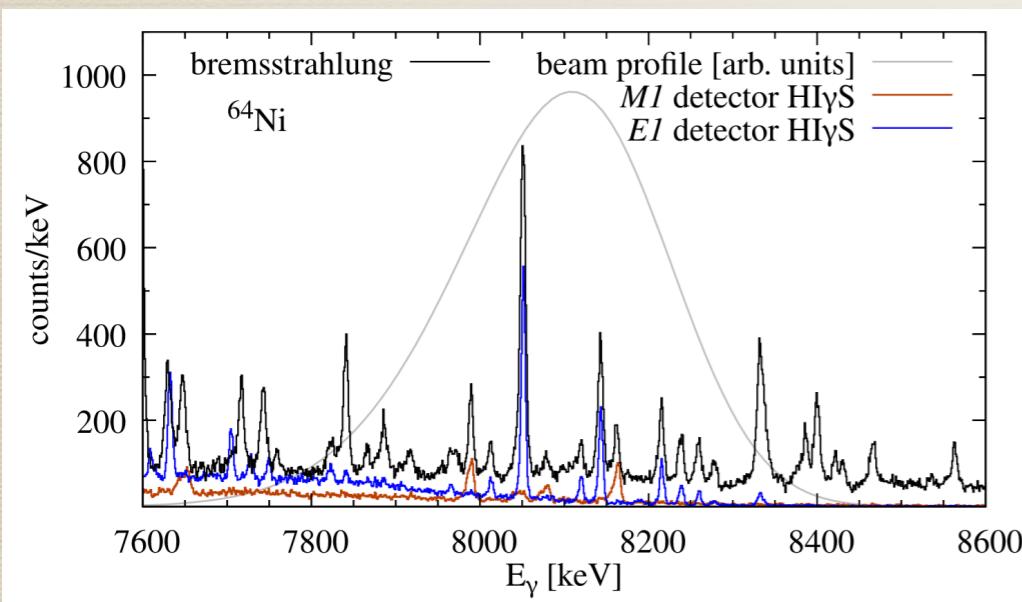
$(90^\circ, 90^\circ)$  : E1 detector

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

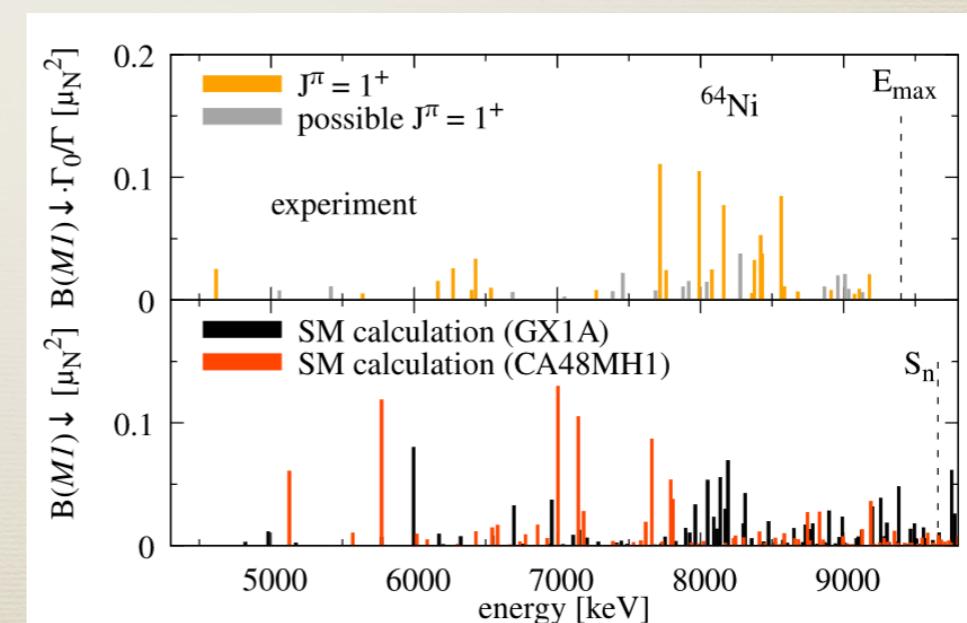
$$\Sigma_{hv} = \frac{W(90^\circ, 0^\circ) - W(90^\circ, 90^\circ)}{W(90^\circ, 0^\circ) + W(90^\circ, 90^\circ)}$$

$$\Sigma_{hv} = +1 \quad \text{M1}$$

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



- \* Strong E1 peak seen below  $S_n$
- \* M1 transitions are small



Data deviate from shell model predictions

# Summary and outlook

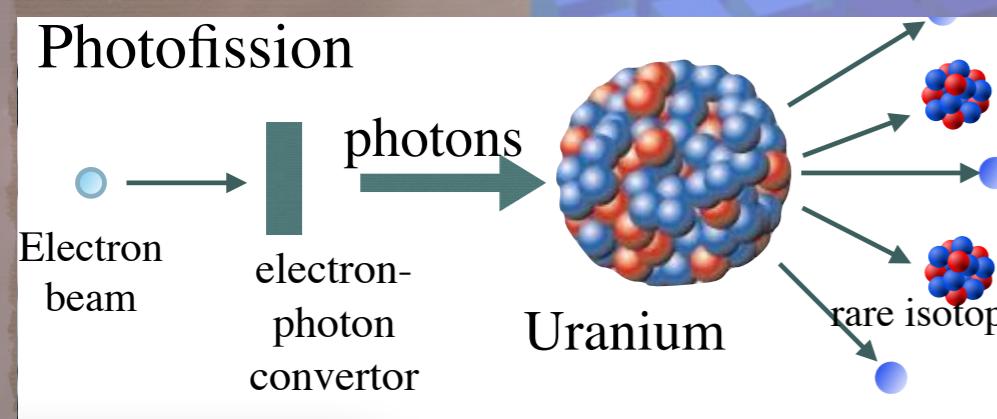
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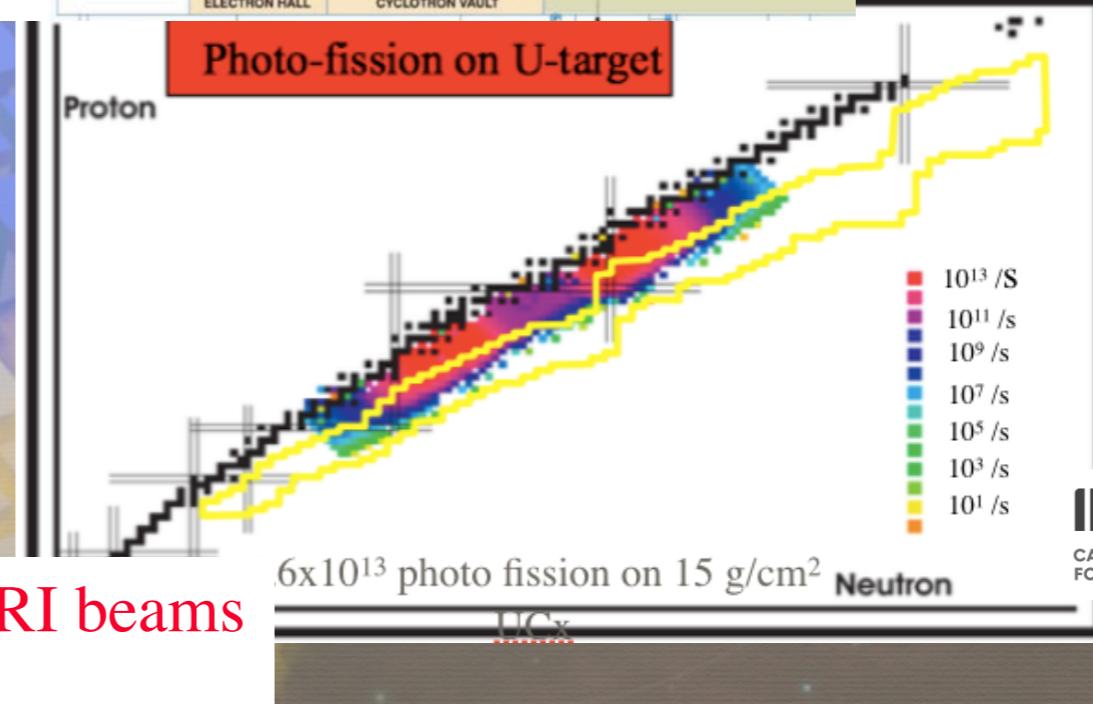
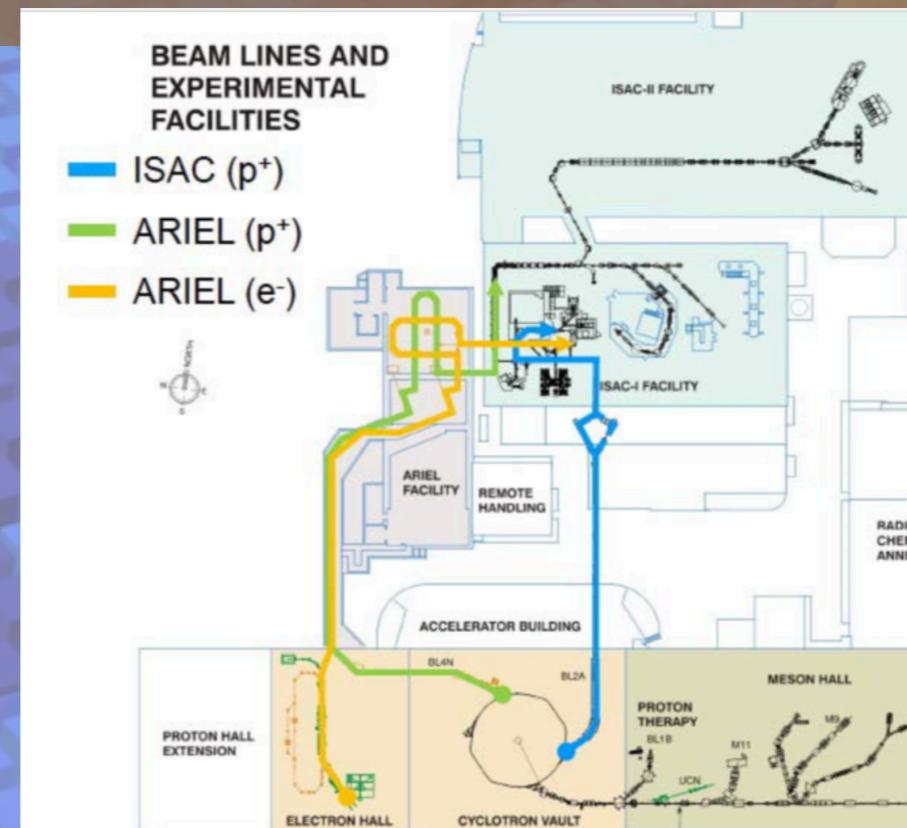
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with lots of fun & free time to do the things you love**

**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 !**