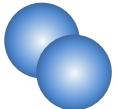


# Exploring multi-neutron decay nuclei

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(Tokyo Institute of Technology)

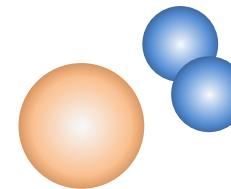
# What structure do many neutrons have?



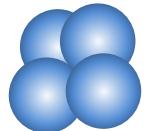
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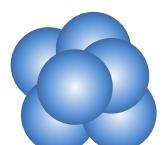
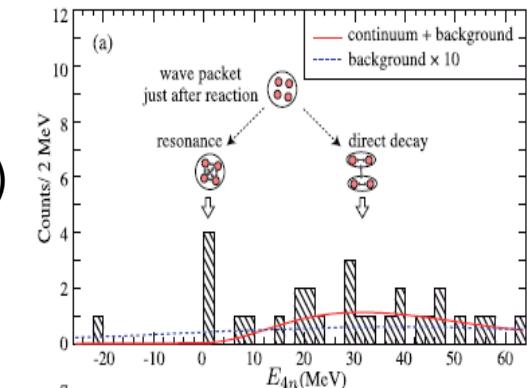


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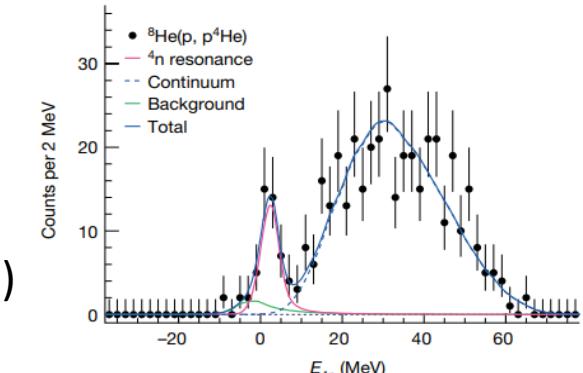
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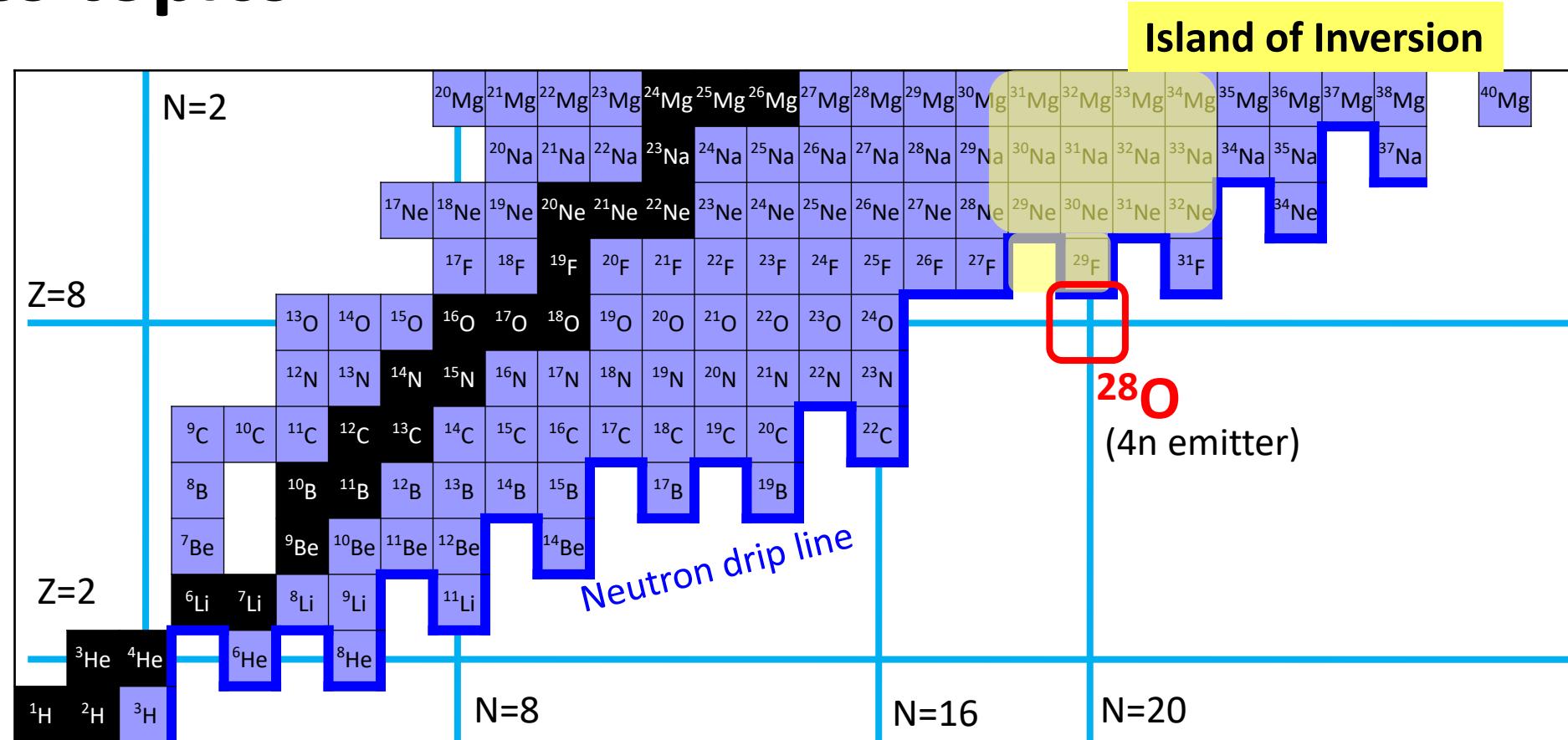


Expected to appear in very neutron-rich nuclei

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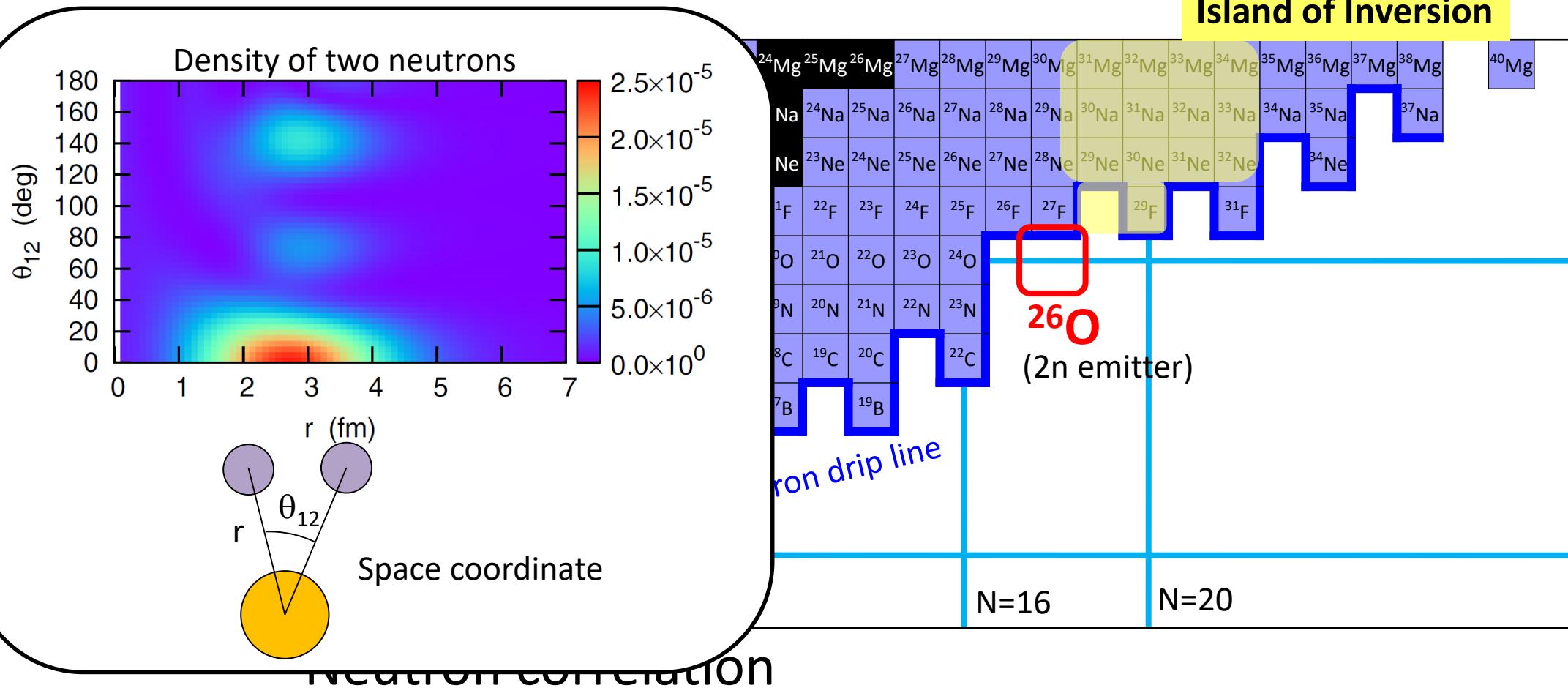
- Study of extremely neutron-rich nuclei  $^{27,28}\text{O}$
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# Physics topics



- Neutron correlation
- Island of inversion
- Sudden change of neutron drip line (Oxygen anomaly)

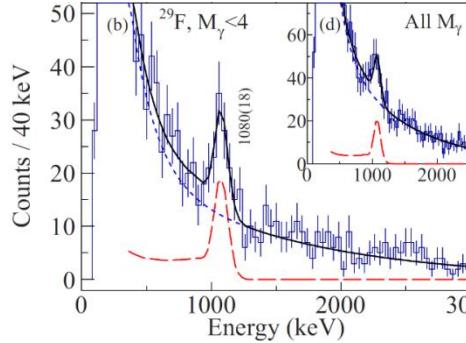
# Di-neutron correlation



- Di-neutron correlation is predicted in  $^{26}\text{O}$ 
  - K. Hagino et al., PRC89, 014331 (2014)
- What's happen in  $^{28}\text{O}$ ?

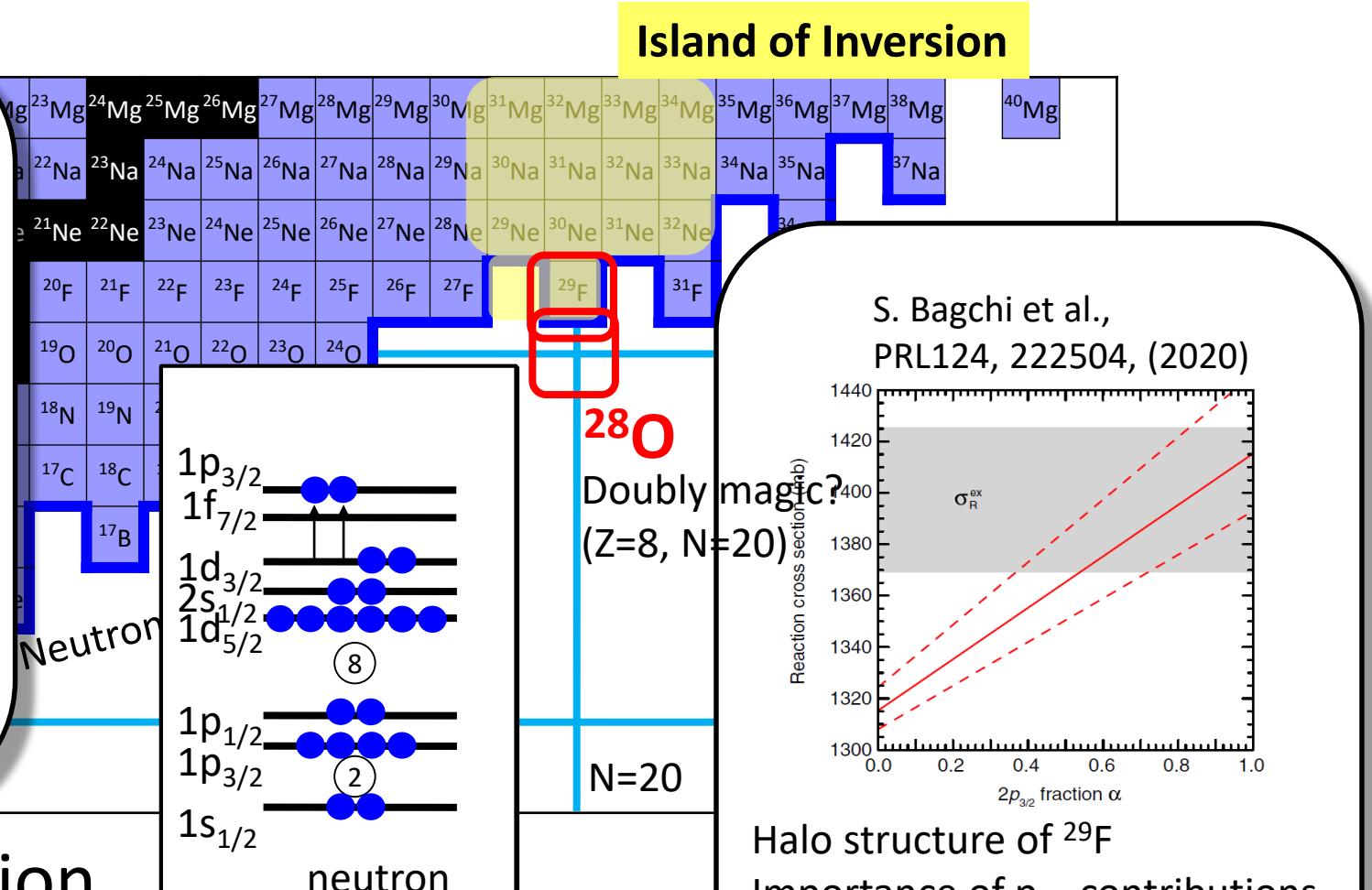
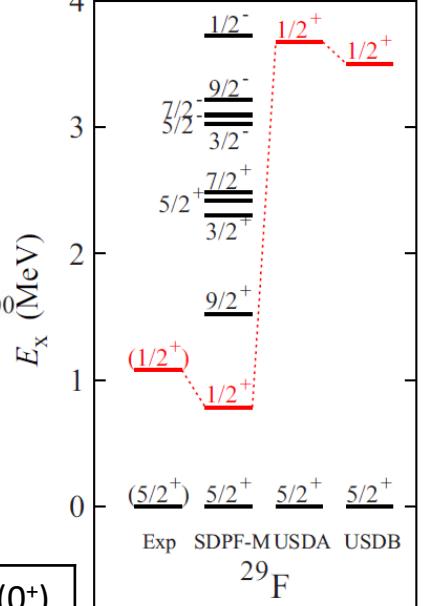
# Island of inversion

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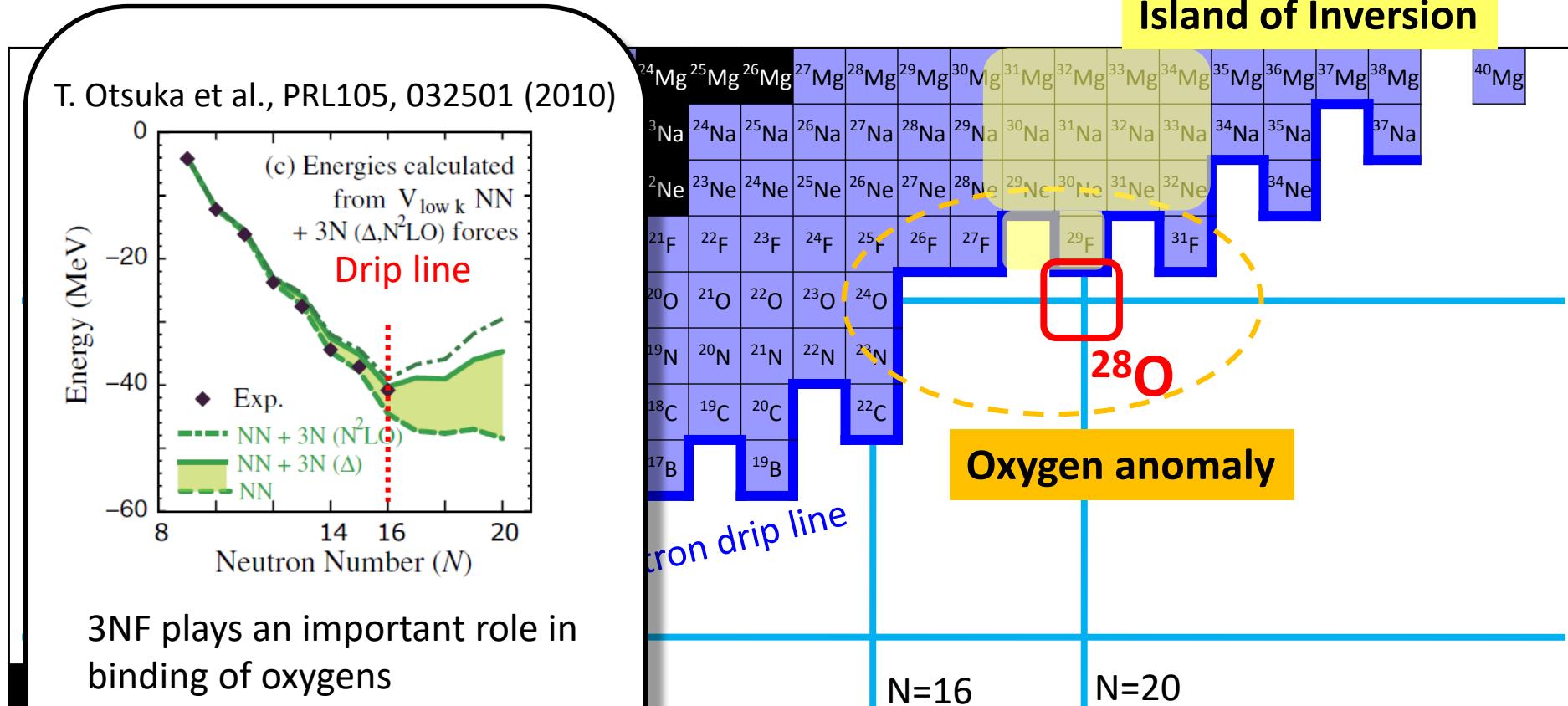
SDPF-M shell model  
calculation predicts small  
Op0h prob. for  $^{29}\text{F}$  and  $^{28}\text{O}$

$^{29}\text{F}(5/2^+)$	$^{29}\text{F}(1/2^+)$	$^{28}\text{O}(0^+)$
7.9%	1.0%	10.9%



- Island of inversion
  - Where is the south boundary?
  - Is  $^{28}\text{O}$  doubly magic?

# Oxygen anomaly



3NF plays an important role in binding of oxygens

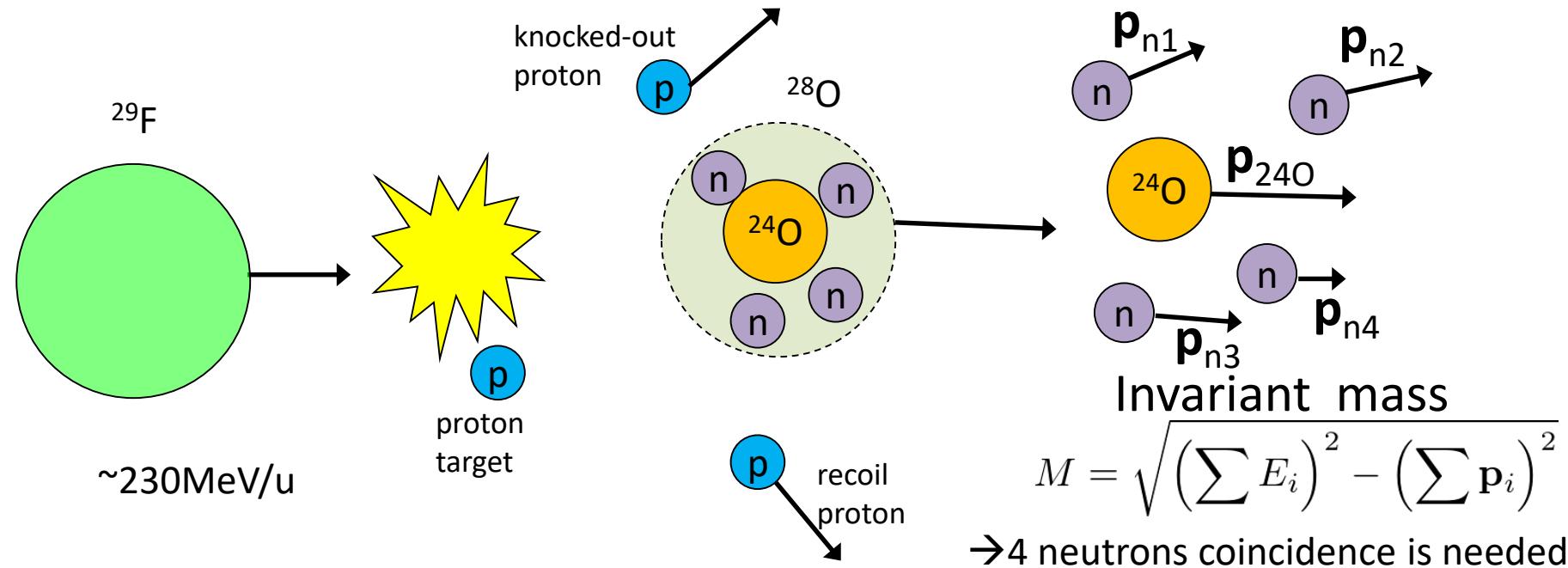
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J. Holt et al., Eur.Phys. J.A49, 39 (2013)

– What is the origin?

neutron drip line (Oxygen anomaly)

# Invariant mass spectroscopy of $^{27}\text{O}$ , $^{28}\text{O}$

$^{28}\text{O}$ : One-proton removal reaction of  $^{29}\text{F}$

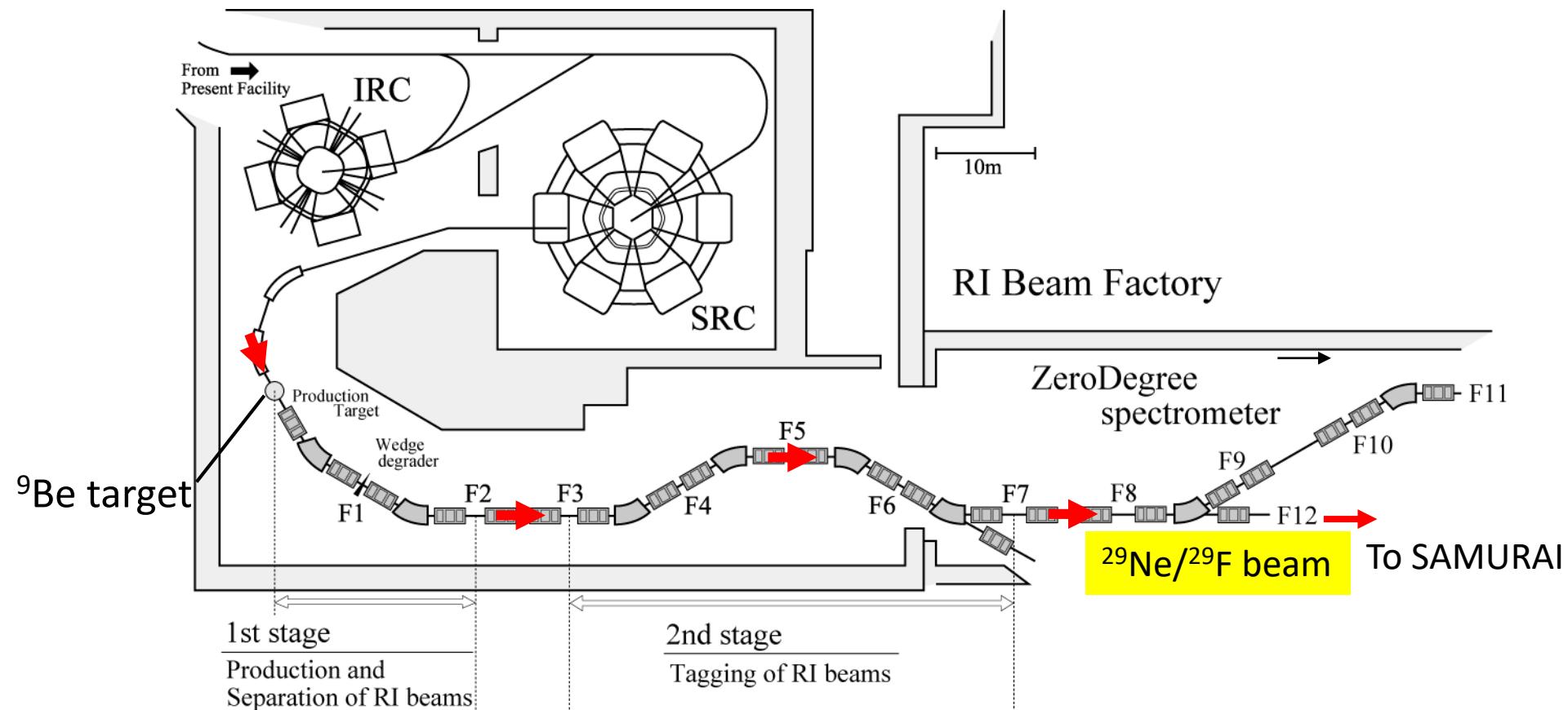


$^{27}\text{O}$ : Two-proton removal reaction of  $^{29}\text{Ne}$   
1p1n removal reaction from  $^{29}\text{F}$

# Experiment @ RIKEN-RIBF

Primary beam

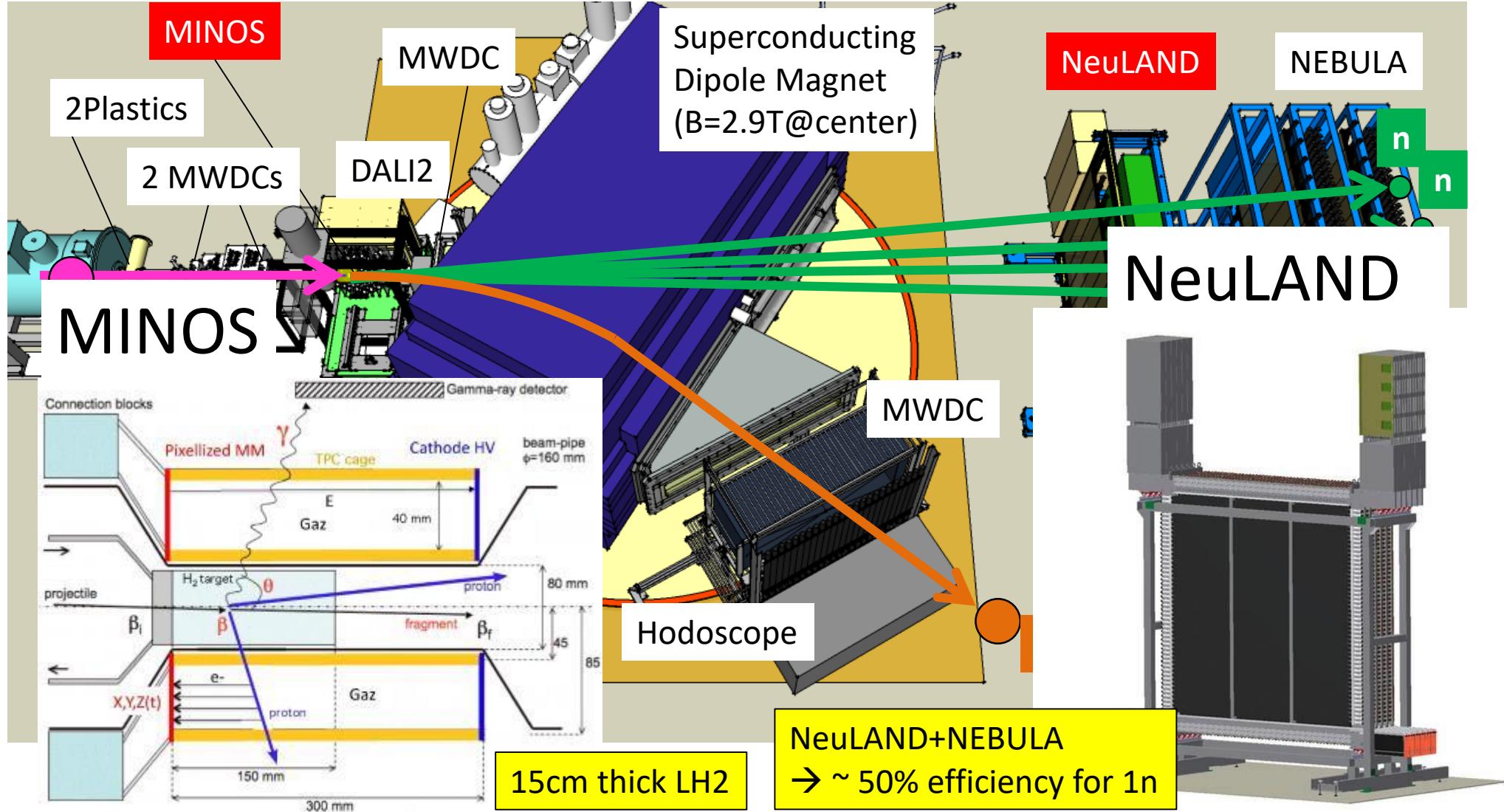
$^{48}\text{Ca}$  (345MeV/nucleon)



BigRIPS

Selection/identification of secondary beam

# $^{28}\text{O}$ measurement @ RIBF-SAMURAI



# SAMURAI21 collaboration

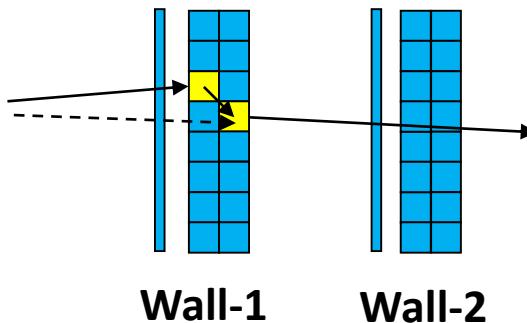


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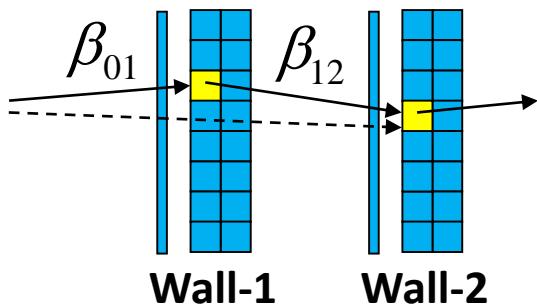
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# Neutron crosstalk

Same Wall event



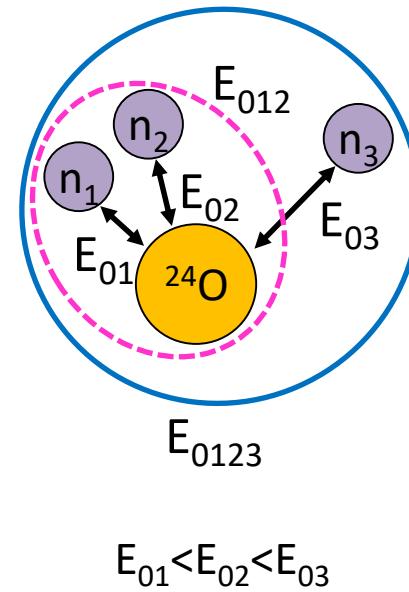
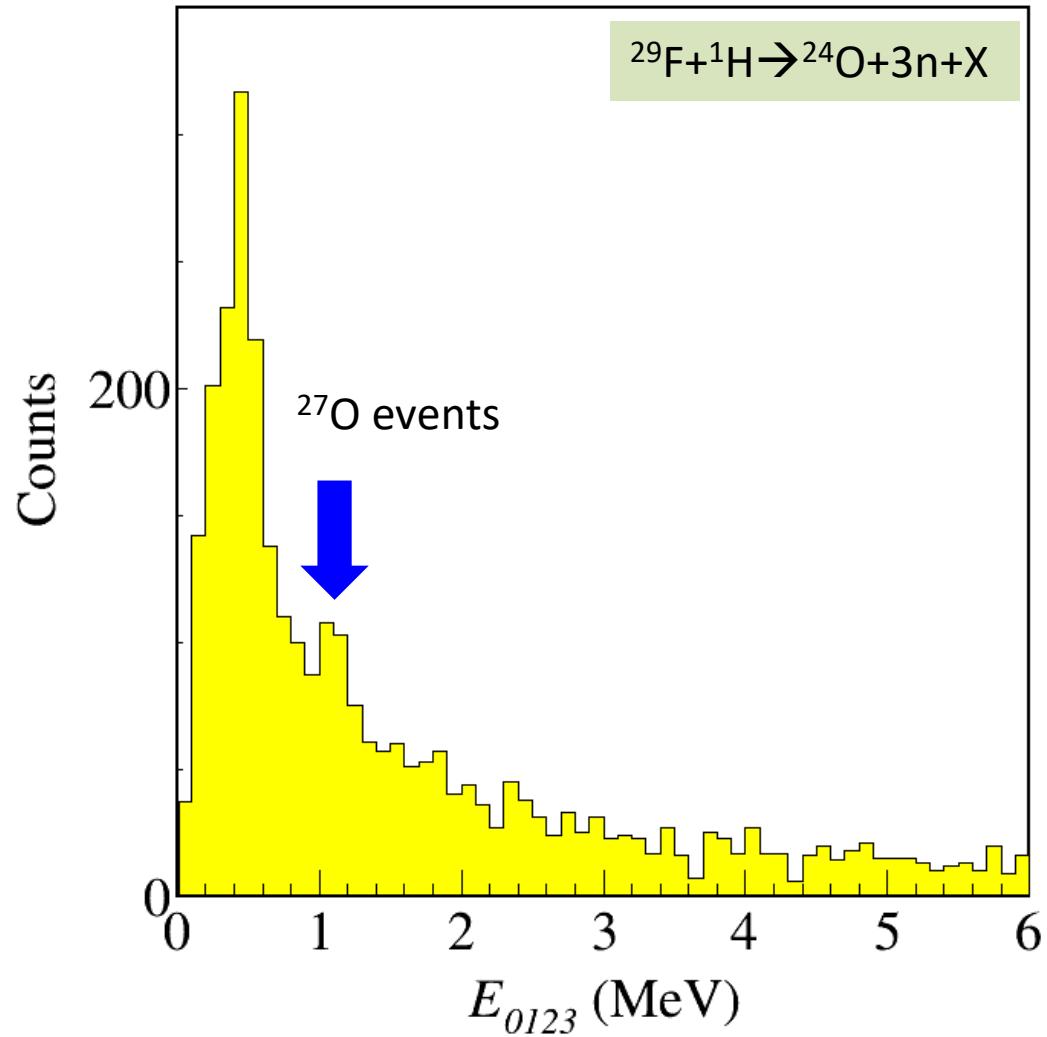
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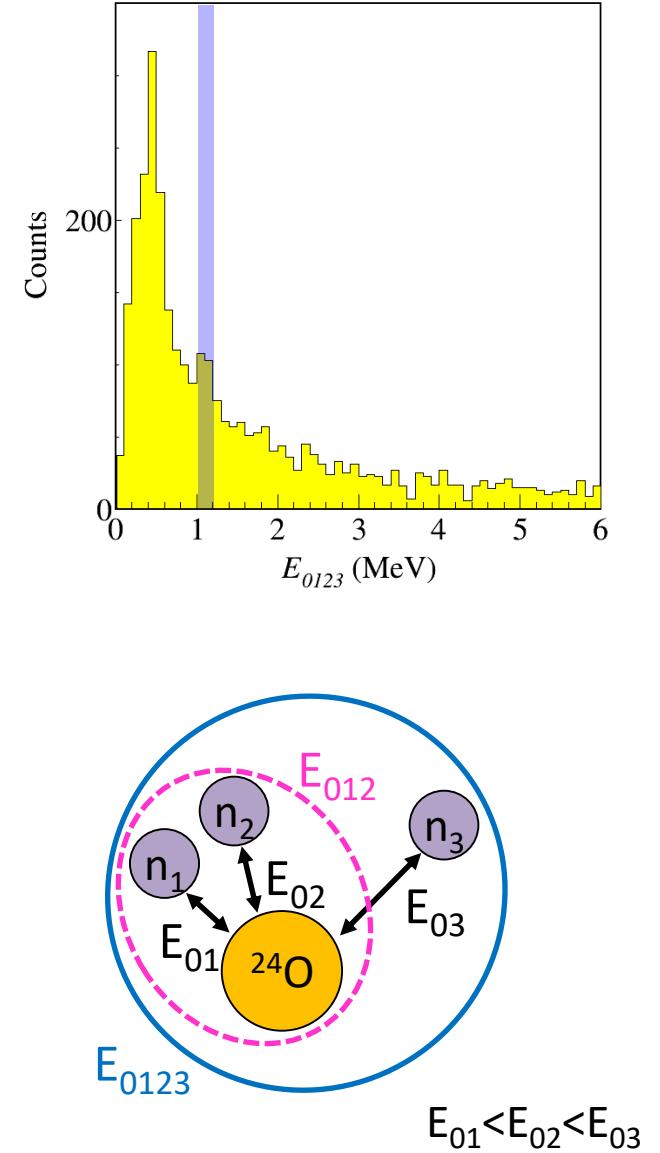
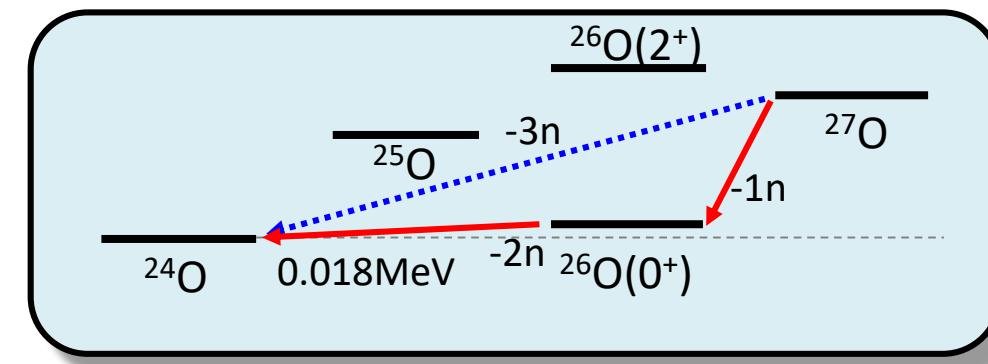
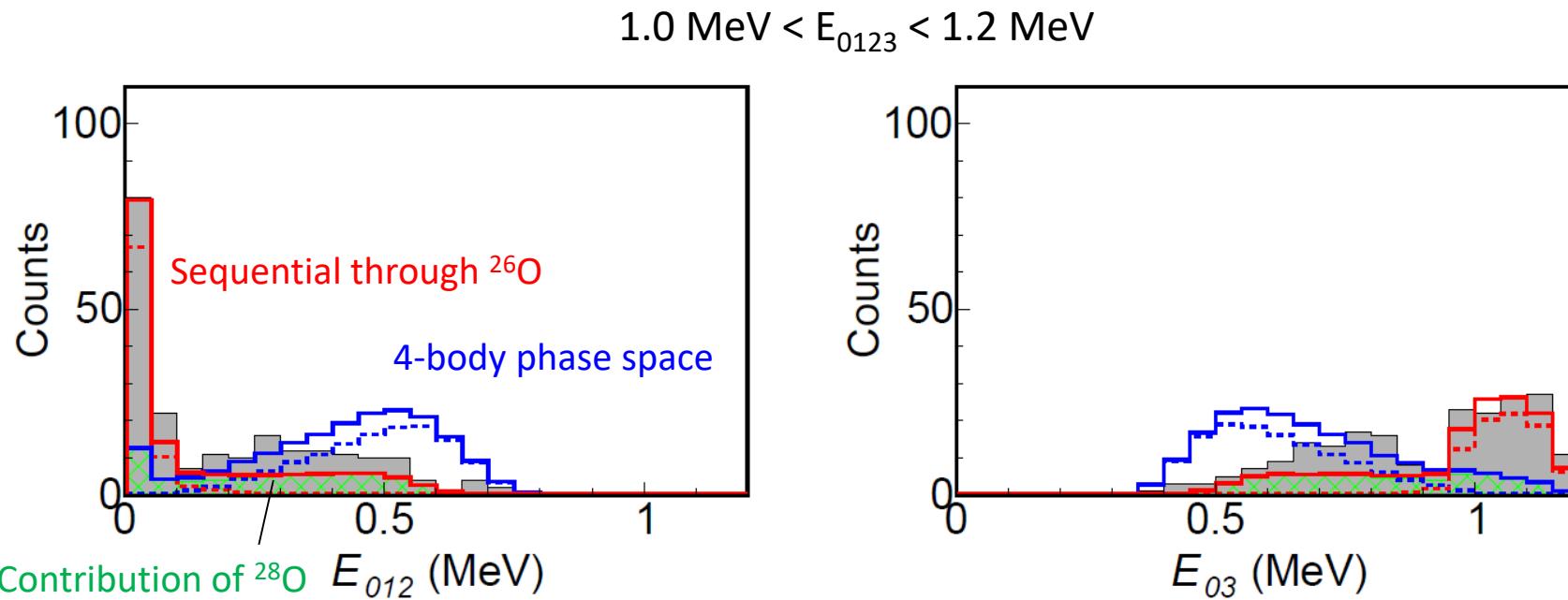
■ hit detector

- Crosstalk ... multiple hits caused by 1n
  - should be eliminated
  - Same wall event → position & timing & pulse height information
    - 2 hits are regarded as 1n if positions & timing are close
    - lose efficiency for small  $E_{\text{rel}}$
  - Different wall event → velocity & pulse height information
    - event is regarded as crosstalk if  $\beta_{01} > \beta_{12}$ 
      - because crosstalk neutron must be slow
    - can measure up to  $E_{\text{rel}} \sim 0$

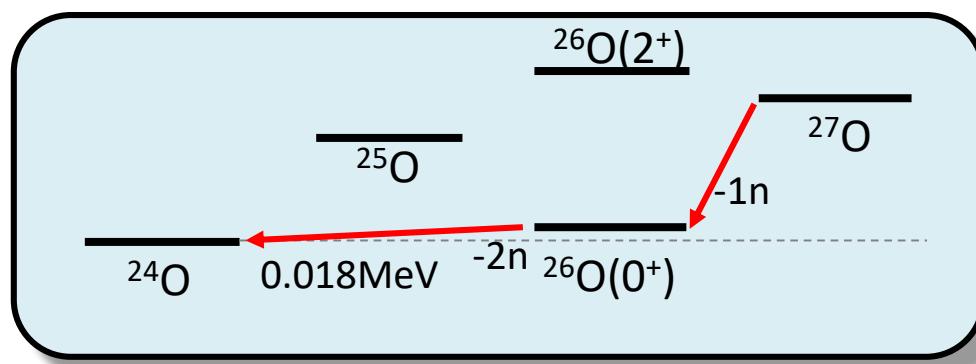
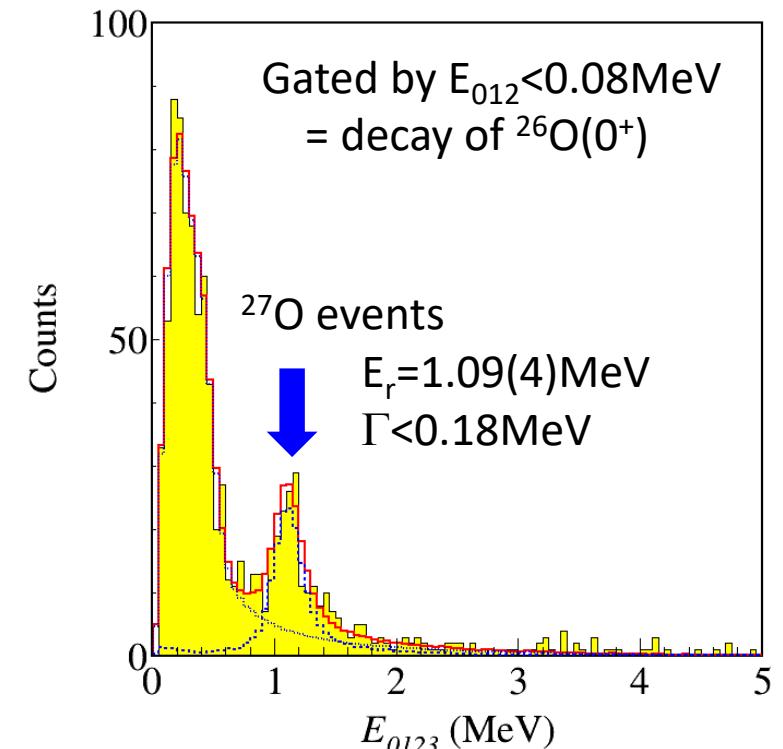
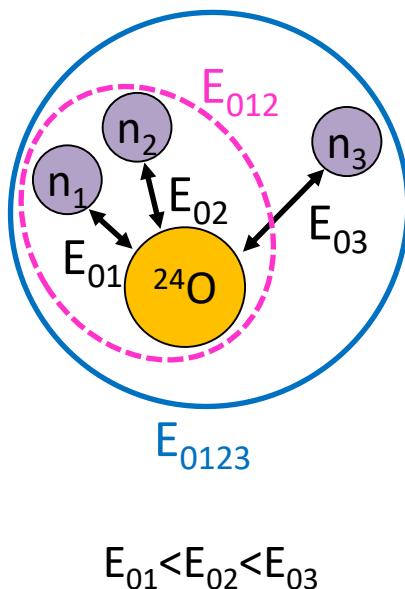
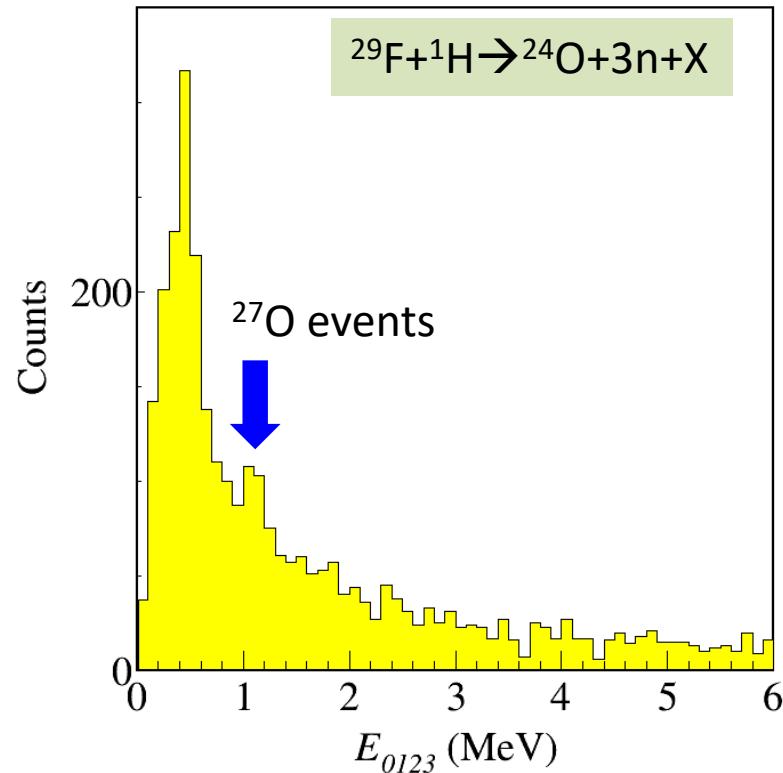
# Decay energy spectrum ( $^{24}\text{O}+3\text{n}$ coincidence)



# Correlation in $^{27}\text{O}$ decay

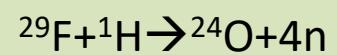


# Decay energy spectrum ( $^{24}\text{O}+3\text{n}$ coincidence)



Systematic error of  $E_r$ : 0.02MeV

# Decay energy spectrum ( $^{24}\text{O}$ +4n coincidence)

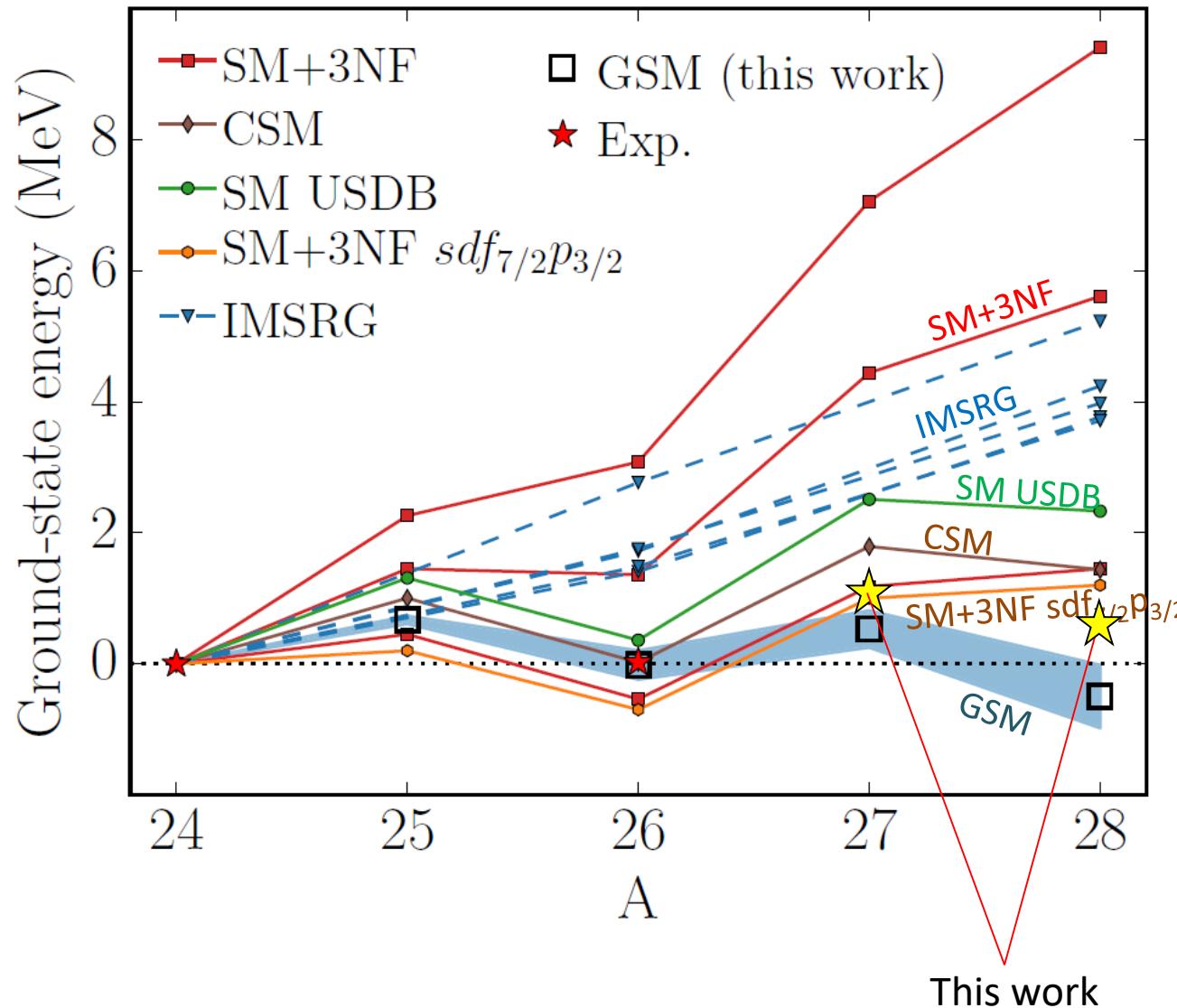


$^{28}\text{O}$  ground state

Success of 4n coincidence detection!

# Theoretical predictions towards $^{28}\text{O}$

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**SM+3NF:** T. Otsuka et al., PRL105, 032501 (2010)

**SM+3NF  $sdf_{7/2}p_{3/2}$ :**

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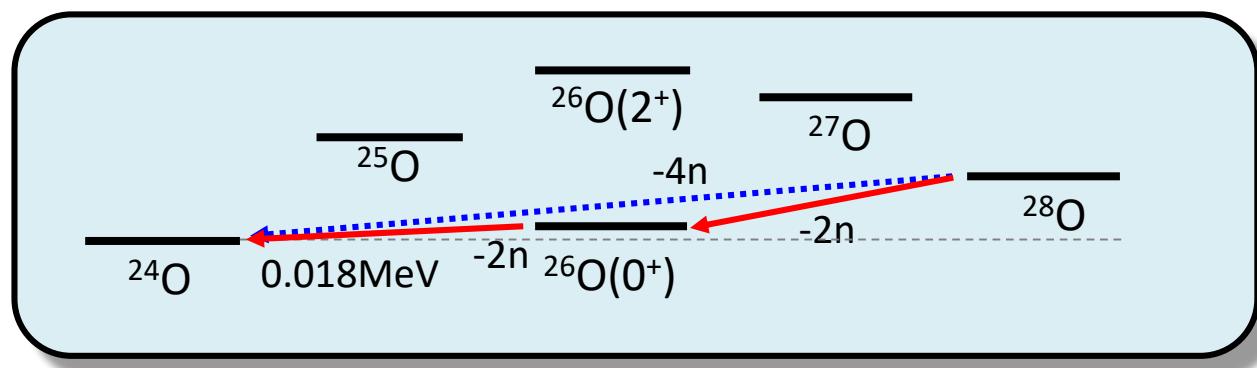
**IMSRG:** V. Lapoux et al., PRL117, 052501, (2016), H. Hergert, private communication

# Correlation in $^{28}\text{O}$ decay

$E_{01234} < 1.0 \text{ MeV}$

Sequential through  $^{26}\text{O}$

5-body phase space

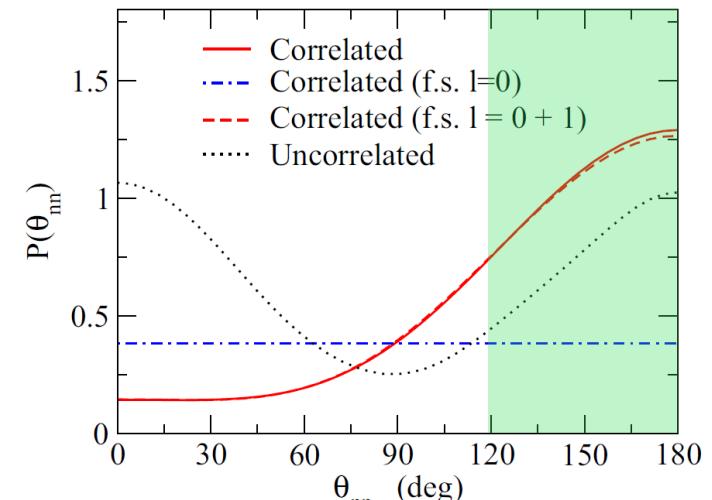


Future perspectives

Study of opening angle

→ di-neutron correlation in  $^{26,28}\text{O}$ ?

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Opening angle of momentum vectors  
in  $^{26}\text{O}$  decay

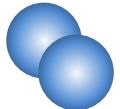


Dineutron correlation enhances  
back-to-back 2n emission

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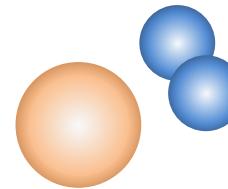
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# Multi-neutron system and multi-neutron cluster structure



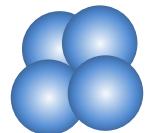
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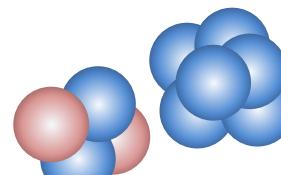
- Resonance?

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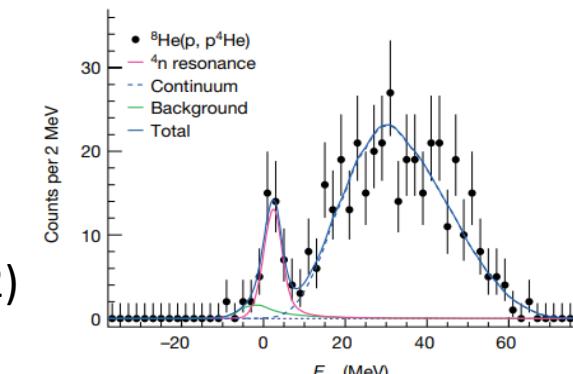
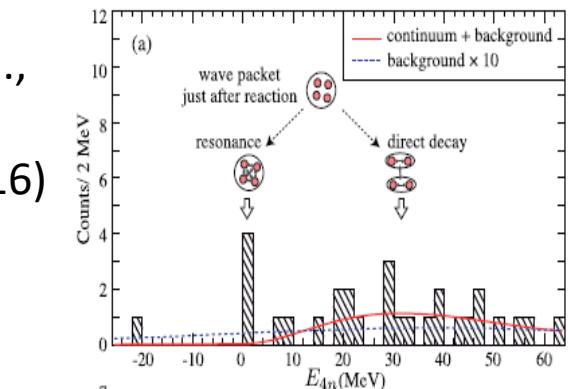
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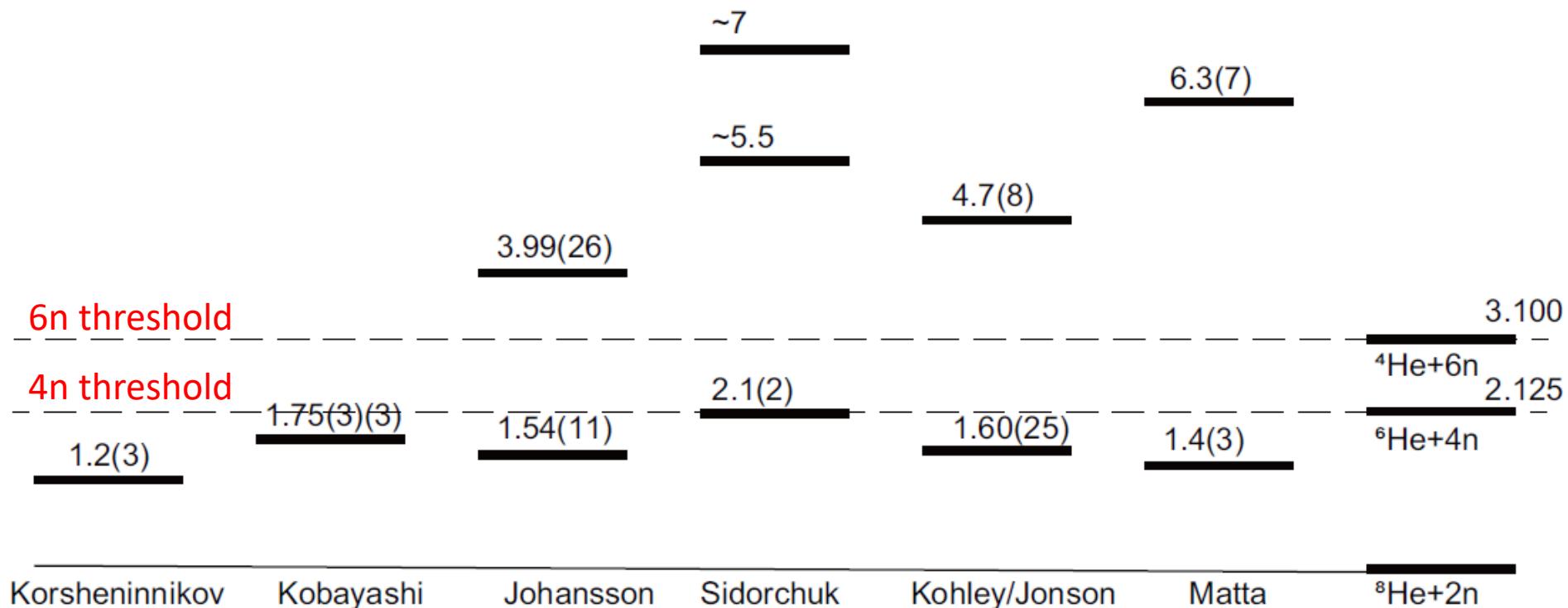


${}^{10}\text{He}$  ( ${}^4\text{He}+6\text{n}$ )



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# Previous experiments for $^{10}\text{He}$



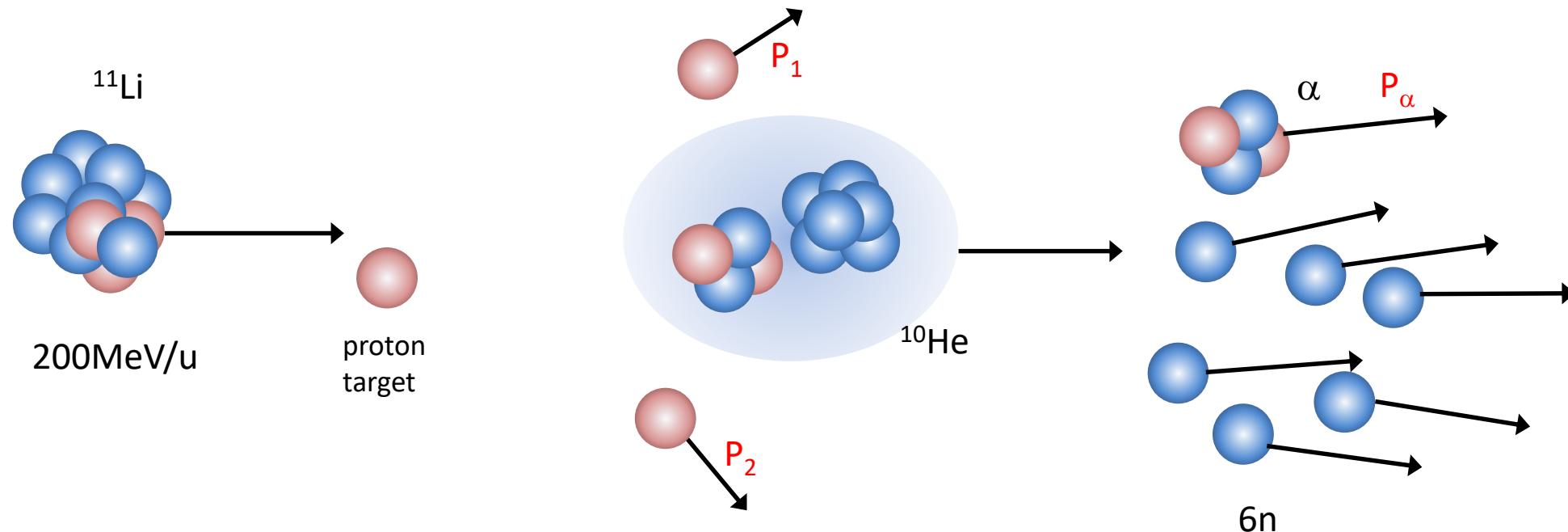
No conclusive data for excited states

Close to the  $4\text{He} + 6\text{n}$  threshold

→ 6n cluster structure

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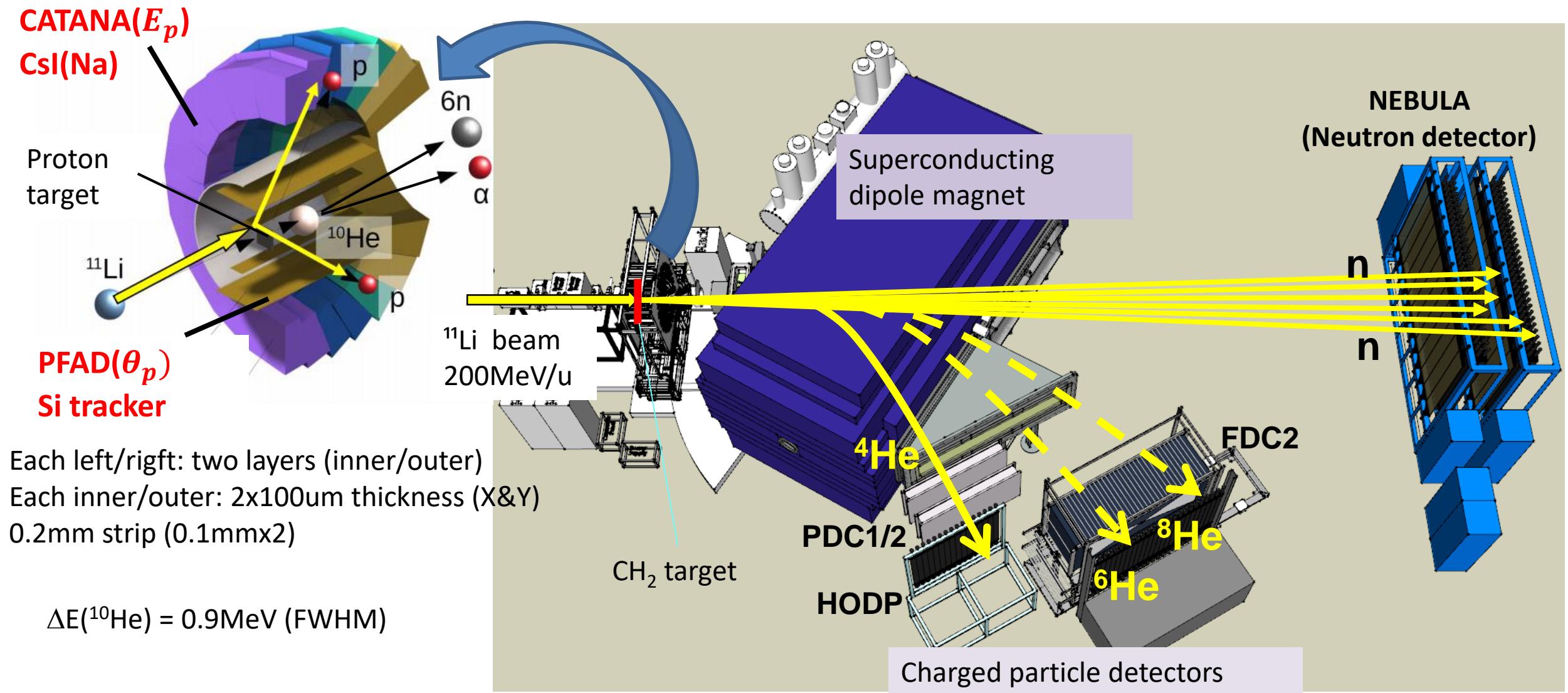
# Missing mass method in $^{11}\text{Li}(\text{p},2\text{p})$ reaction



$$(M_{^{10}\text{He}})^2 = \left( \sqrt{(M_{^{11}\text{Li}})^2 + (\vec{P}_{^{11}\text{Li}})^2} + M_p - \sqrt{(M_p)^2 + (\vec{P}_1)^2} - \sqrt{(M_p)^2 + (\vec{P}_2)^2} \right)^2 - (\vec{P}_{^{11}\text{Li}} - \vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_2)^2$$

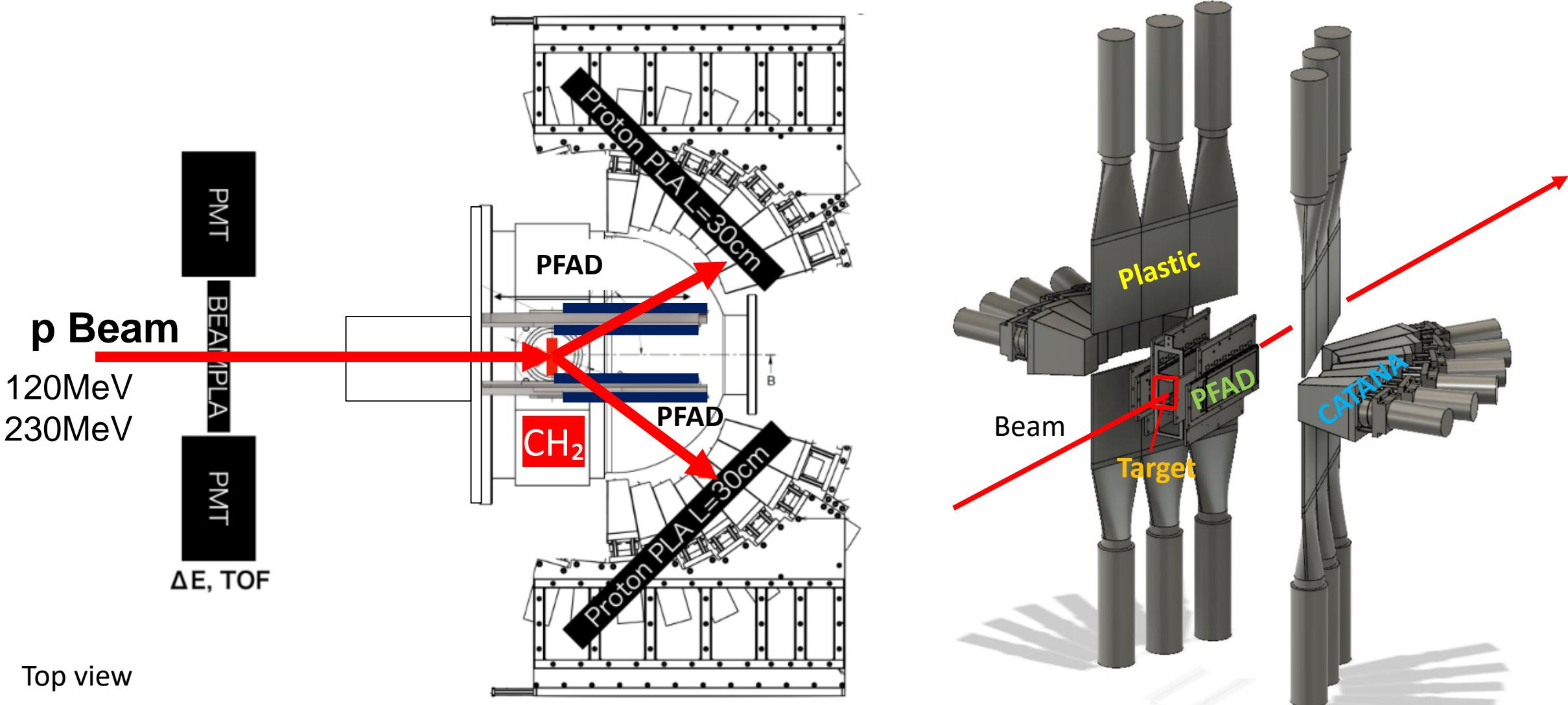
$$(M_{6n})^2 = \left( \sqrt{(M_{^{10}\text{He}})^2 + (\vec{P}_{^{10}\text{He}})^2} - \sqrt{(M_\alpha)^2 + (\vec{P}_\alpha)^2} \right)^2 - (\vec{P}_{^{10}\text{He}} - \vec{P}_\alpha)^2$$

# Experimental setup (RIBF, RIKEN)

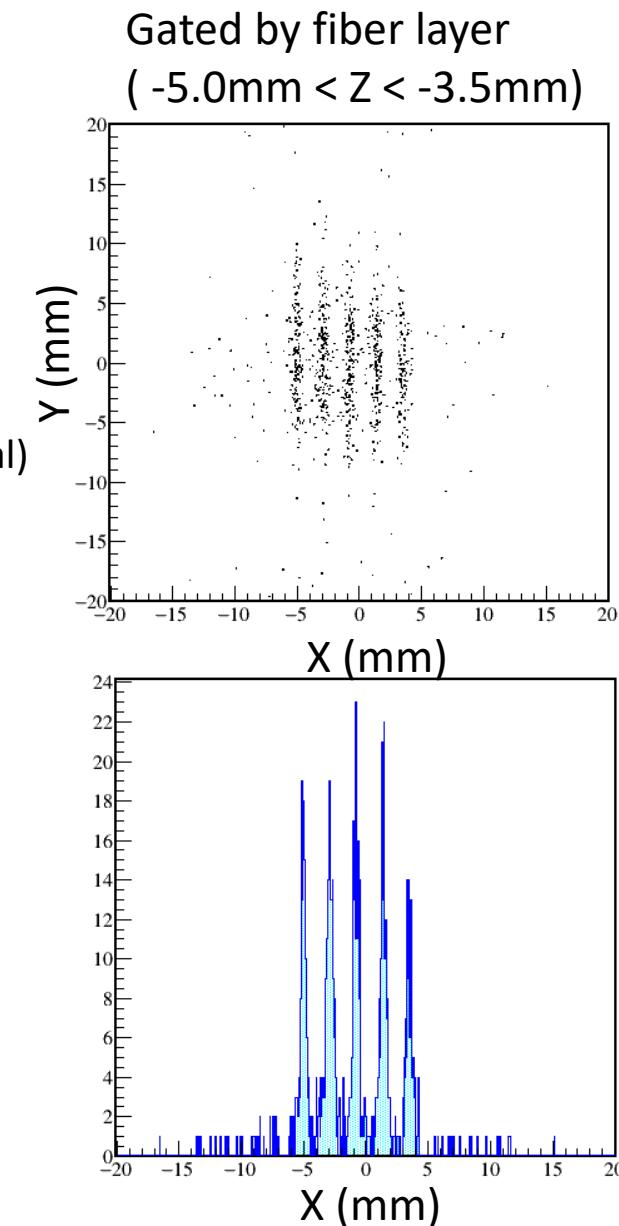
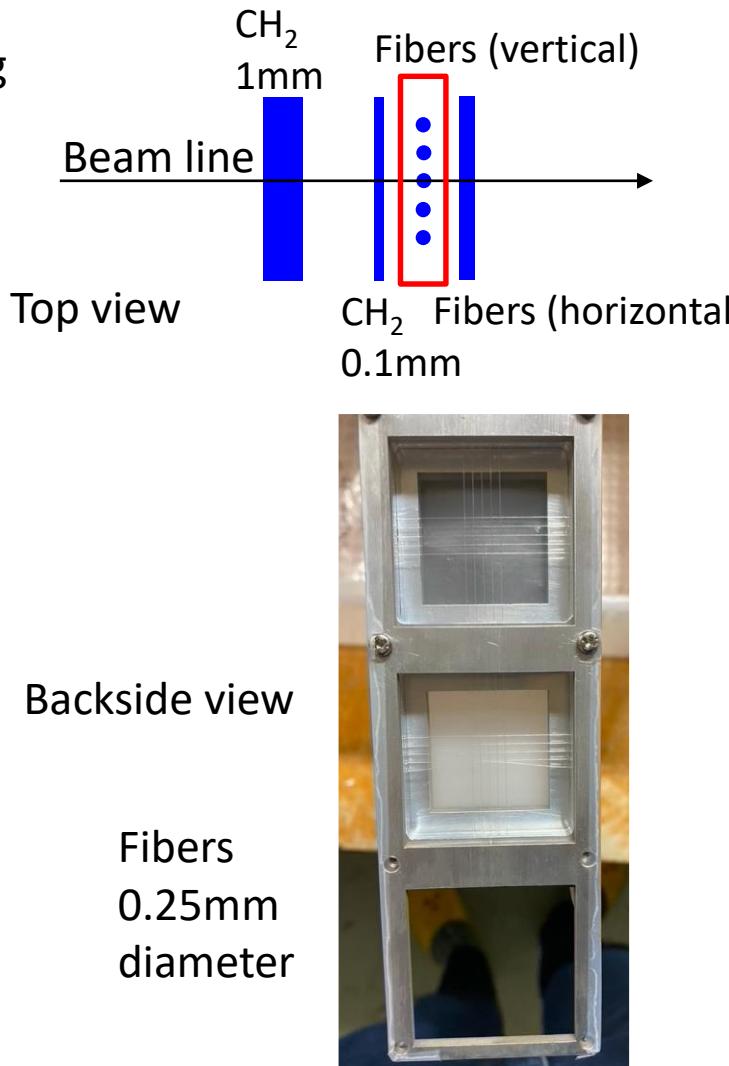
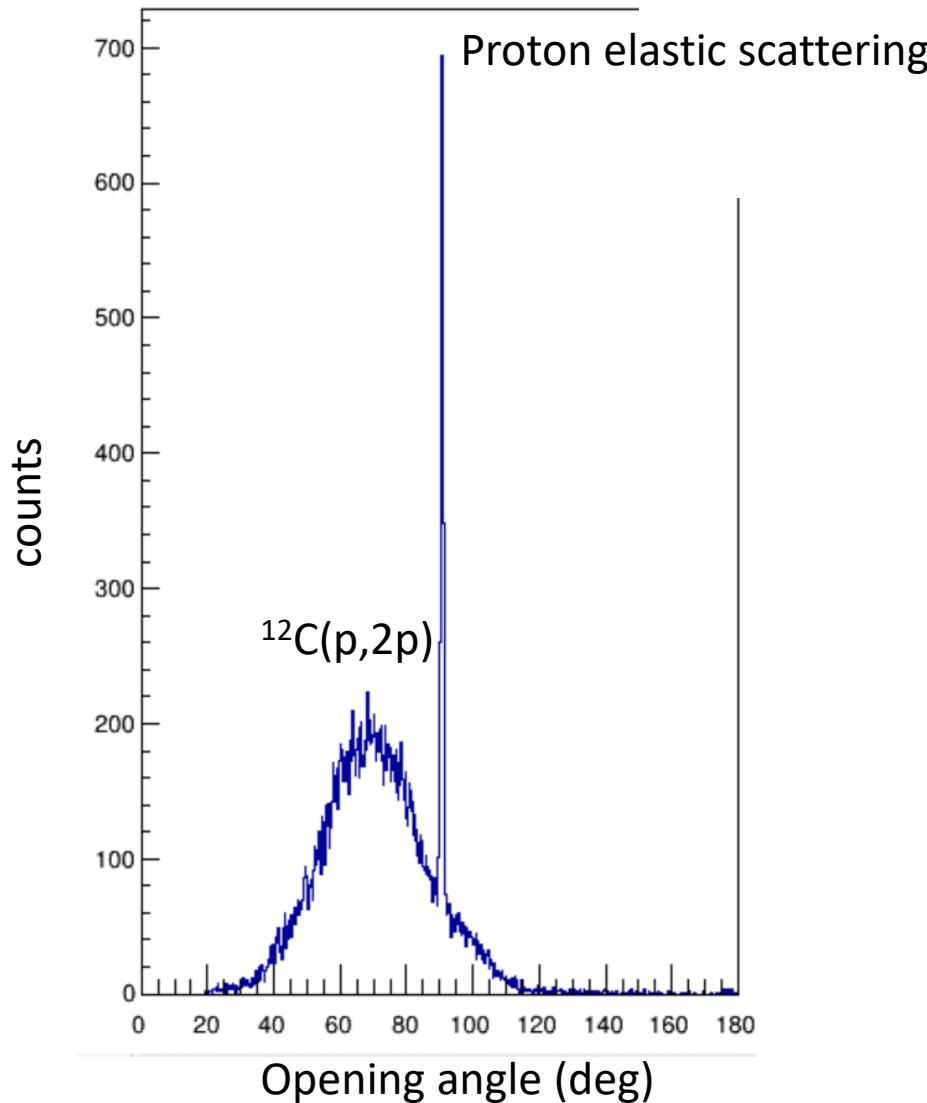


# PFAD Test experiment @ HIMAC

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# Preliminary results of test exp.



$^{11}\text{Li}(\text{p},2\text{p})^{10}\text{He}$  experiment in January

# NEBULA → NEBULA Plus (upgrade)

Aug.29



2 Wall config.

120 neutron detectors

→

4 Wall config.

90 new detectors from LPC-CAEN

120+90 neutron detectors

**Enables 4 neutron coincidence detection**

Oct.04



Setting up is still going on for coming experiment

# Summary

- Study of extremely neutron-rich oxygen isotopes
  - First observation of  $^{27,28}\text{O}$
  - Sequential decay through  $^{26}\text{O}$  ground state
- Search for 6 neutron cluster in  $^{10}\text{He}$ 
  - Test of PFAD (Si tracker) @ HIMAC
    - Vertex reconstruction works successfully
  - $^{11}\text{Li}(\text{p},2\text{p})^{10}\text{He}$  experiment : Beam time is scheduled in January