

# **Overview of perspectives in nuclear structure and Reactions at the european laboratories**

## **OUTLINE**

- **Exotic nuclei, nuclear excitations and nuclear matter properties and astrophysical implications**
- **radioactive beam facilities : defining feature in the developments in this field over the last decade**

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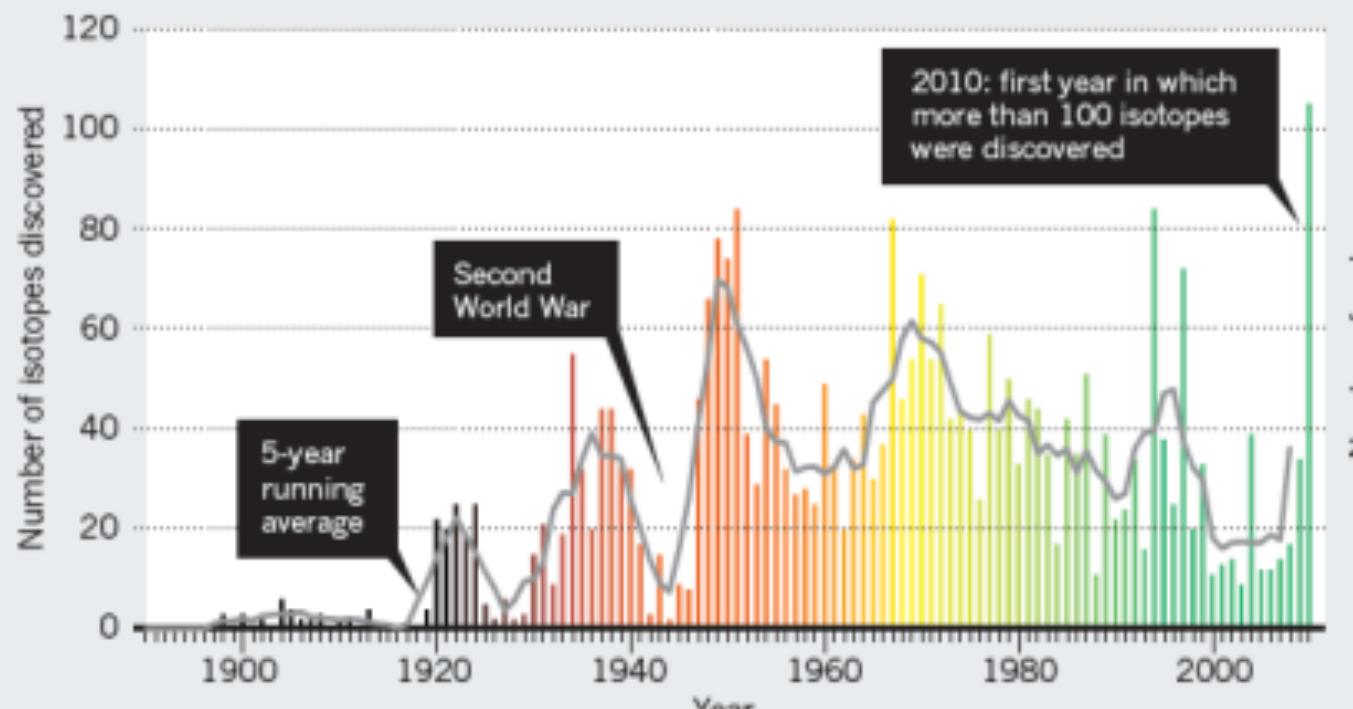


# From isotopes to the stars

Creating more exotic isotopes will reveal the stellar formation of atoms

## THE NUCLIDE TRAIL

Isotope discovery over the past 100 years (below) has jumped with each introduction of new technology. So far, 2,700 radioactive isotopes have been discovered (below right), but about 3,000 more are predicted.



# The Science of Rare Isotopes

## Properties of nuclei (nuclear structure)

- Many-body quantum problem: intellectual over mesoscopic science, quantum dots, atomic clusters, etc.

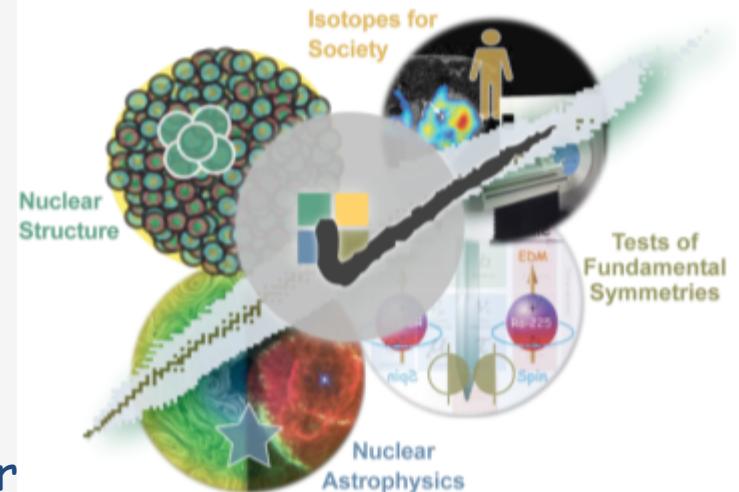
## Nuclear processes in the universe

- Chemical history of the universe, (explosive) nucleosynthesis
- Properties of neutron stars, EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter

## Tests of fundamental symmetries

## Societal applications and benefits

- Bio-medicine, energy, material sciences, national security



# Exploration of the Limit of Existence



stable nuclei



unstable nuclei observed so far



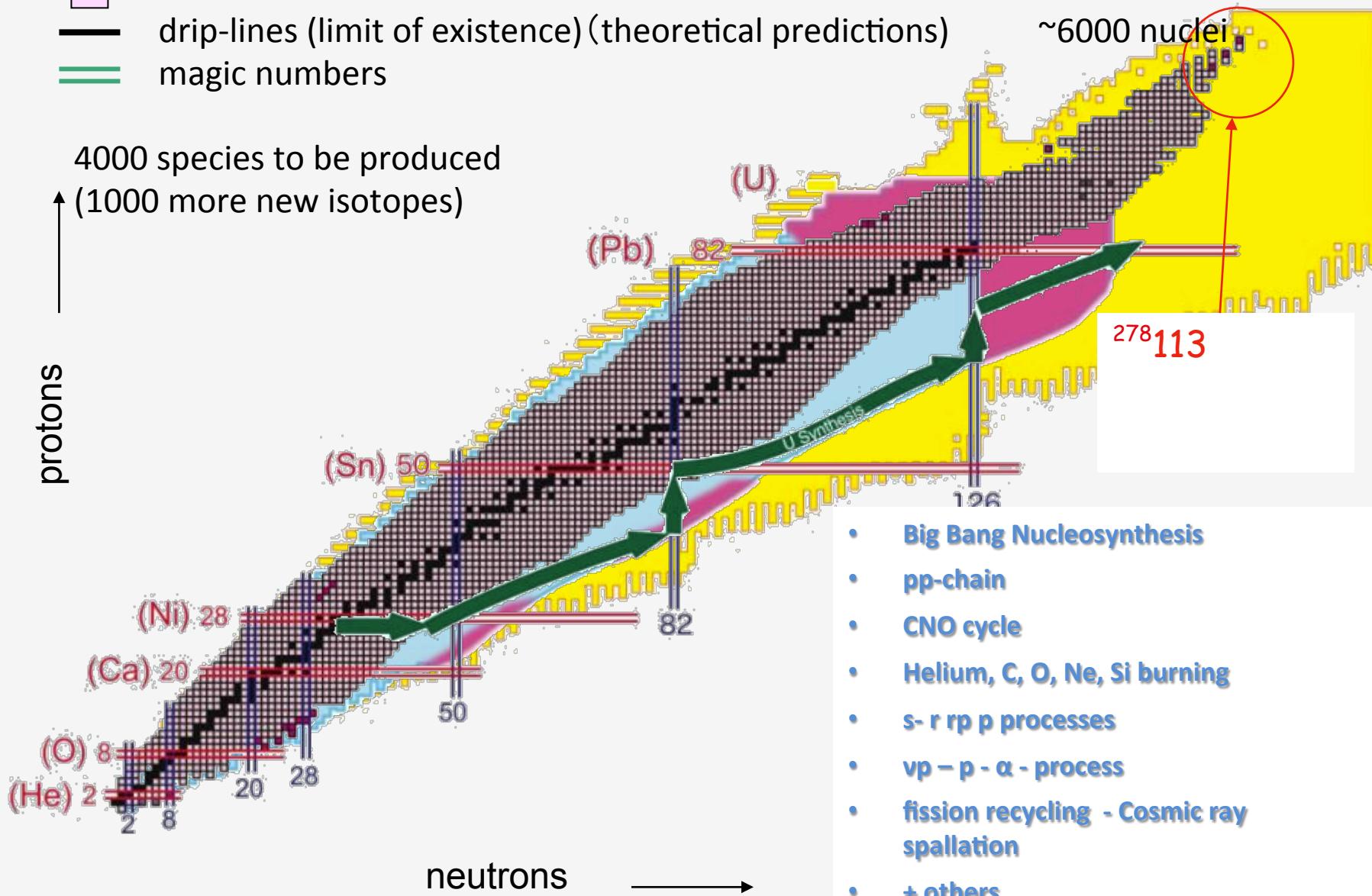
drip-lines (limit of existence) (theoretical predictions)



magic numbers

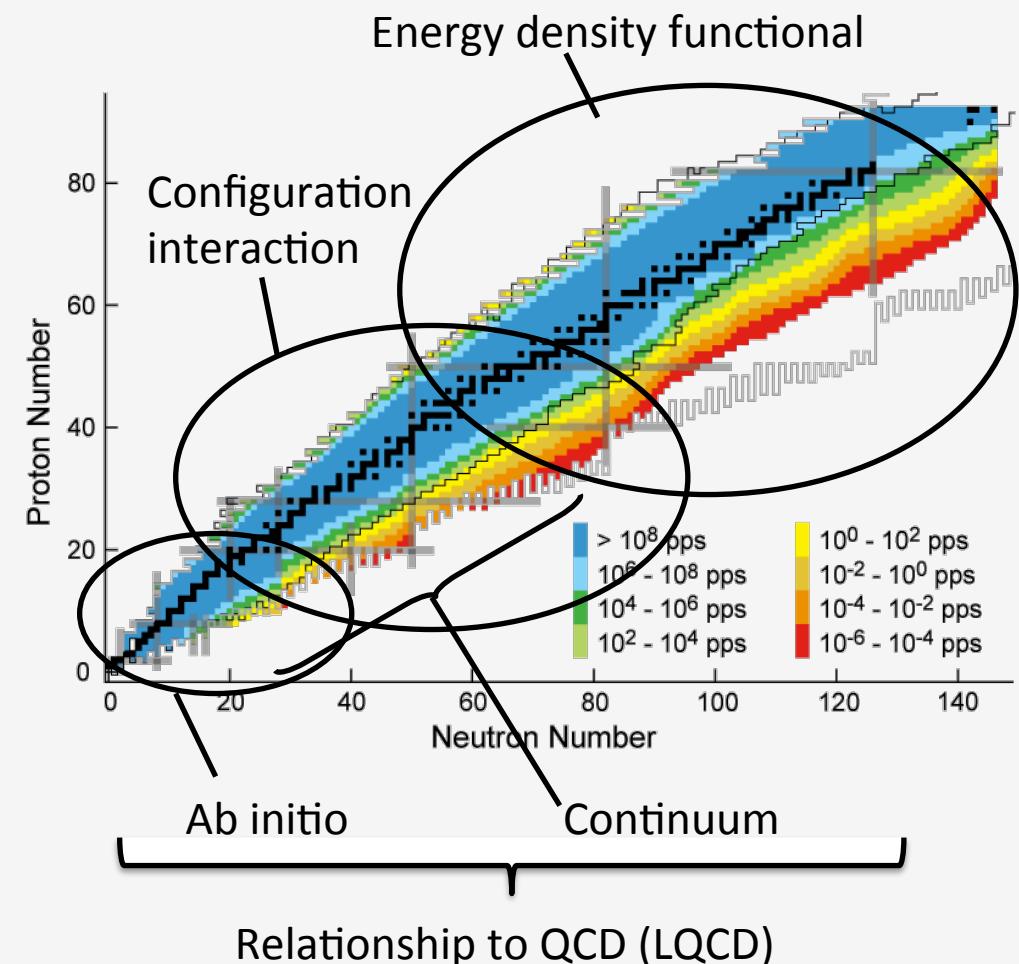
4000 species to be produced  
(1000 more new isotopes)

protons



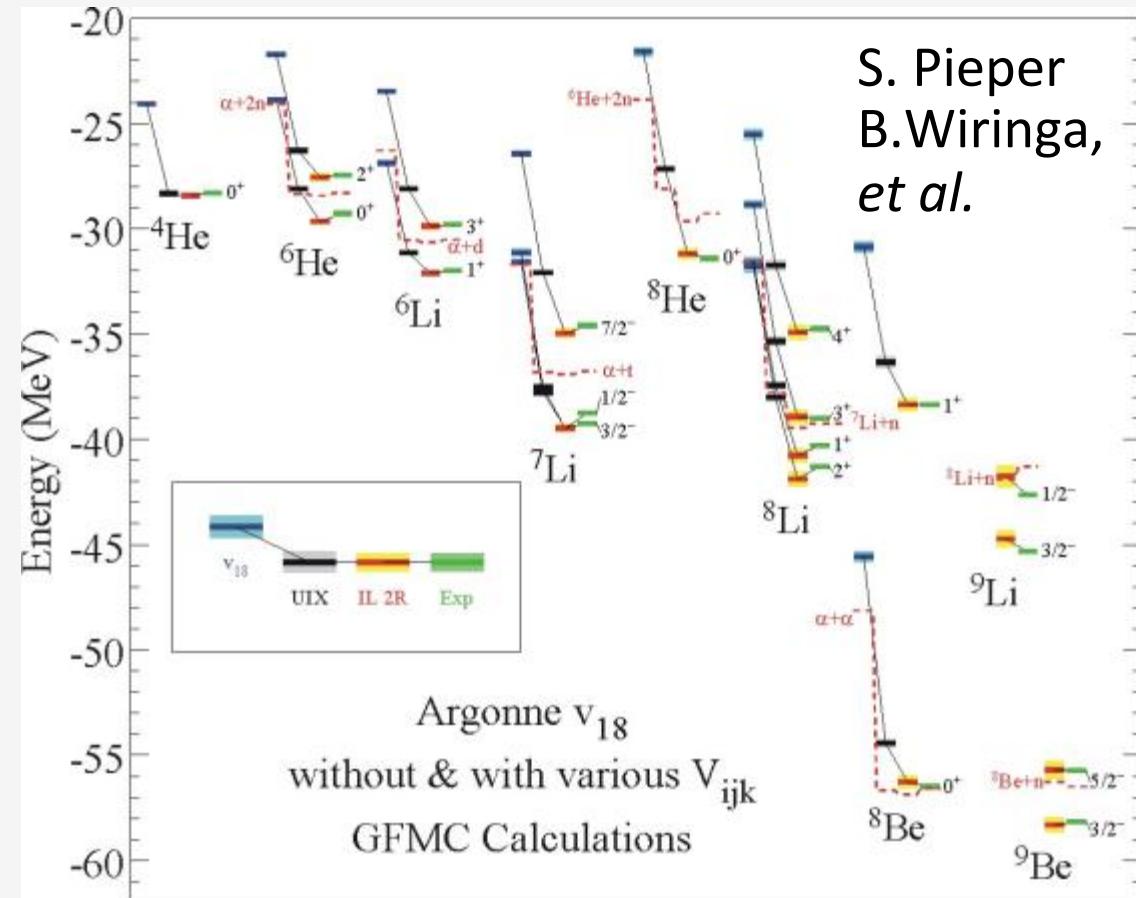
# Theory Road Map: Comprehensive Model of Nuclear Structure and Reactions

- **Ab initio models** – study of neutron-rich, light nuclei helps determine the force to use in models (measurement of sensitive properties for N=14, 16 nuclei)
  - **Configuration-interaction theory**; study of shell and effective interactions (study of key nuclei such as  $^{54}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{122}\text{Zr}$ )
  - **The universal energy density functional** (DFT)
    - determine parameters (broad view of mass surface, BE(2)s, BE(4)s, fission barrier surface, etc.)
  - **The role of the continuum and reactions and decays of nuclei** (halo studies up to A  $\sim$ 100)
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- **IMPORTANT: Understand and select the most sensitive measurements**



# Properties of exotic isotopes are essential in determining NN and NNN potentials

- Neutron rich nuclei were key in determining the isospin dependence of 3-body forces and the development of IL-2R from UIX
- New data on exotic nuclei continues to lead to refinements in the interactions
- EFT developments, LQCD and even computational power are providing insight for *ab initio* theories, but they need grounding in data

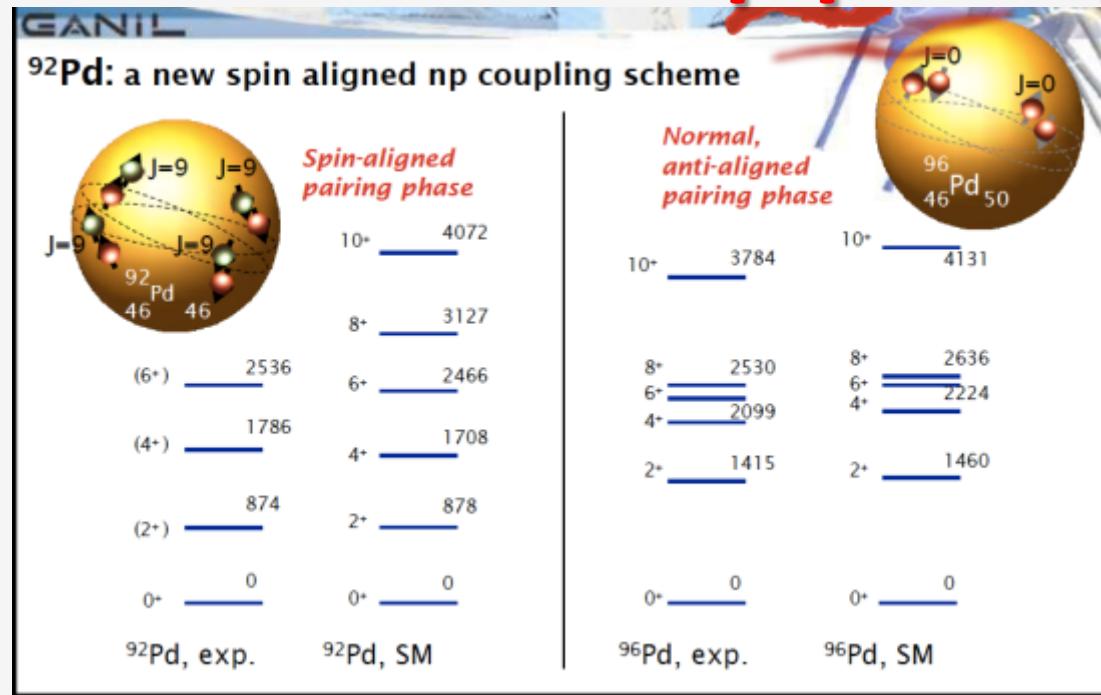


# **Interaction properties**

## **proton rich nuclei**

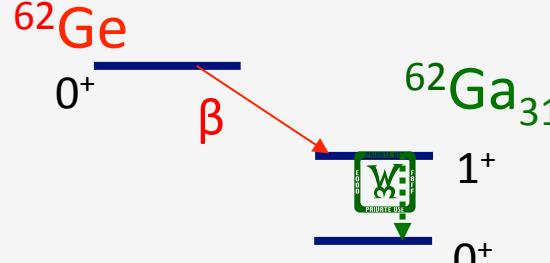
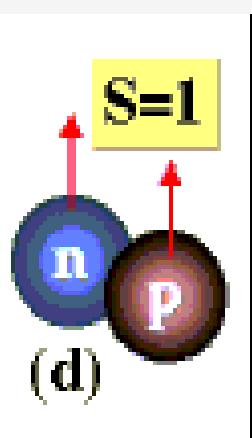
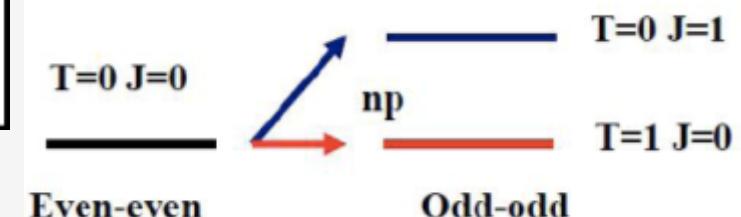
- **new form of pairing**
- **Isospin mixing**

# Forces : n-p pairing interaction



Fusion-evaporation reactions

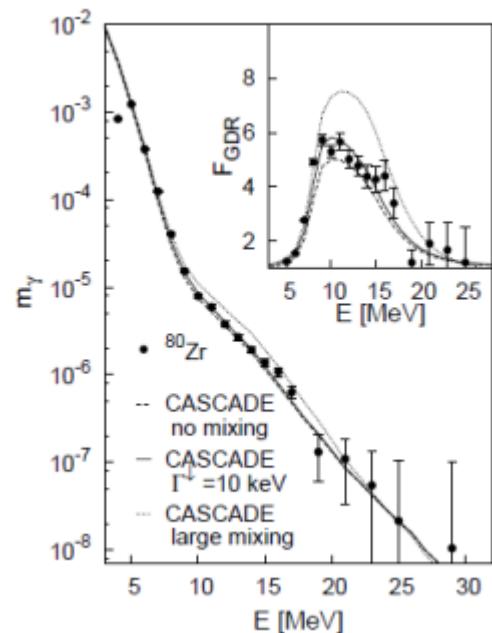
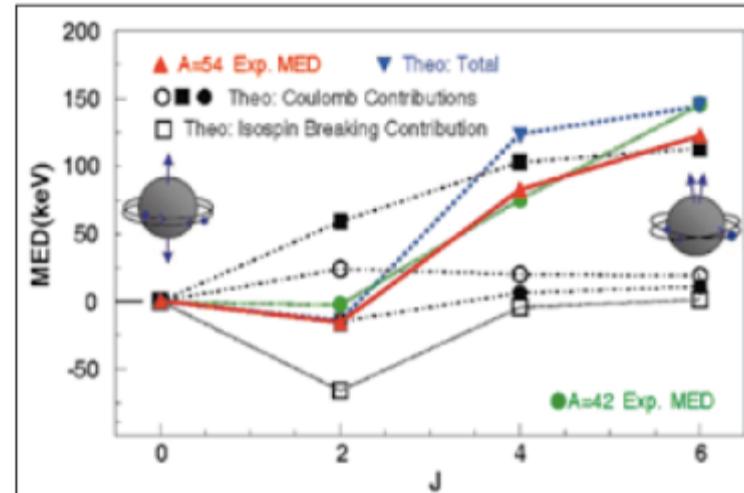
+ np transfer reactions



Favoured Gamow Teller decay at states  $1^+$  from odd-odd N=Z is expected

# Symmetries – isospin mixing

Mirror nuclei -energy difference as a function of spin



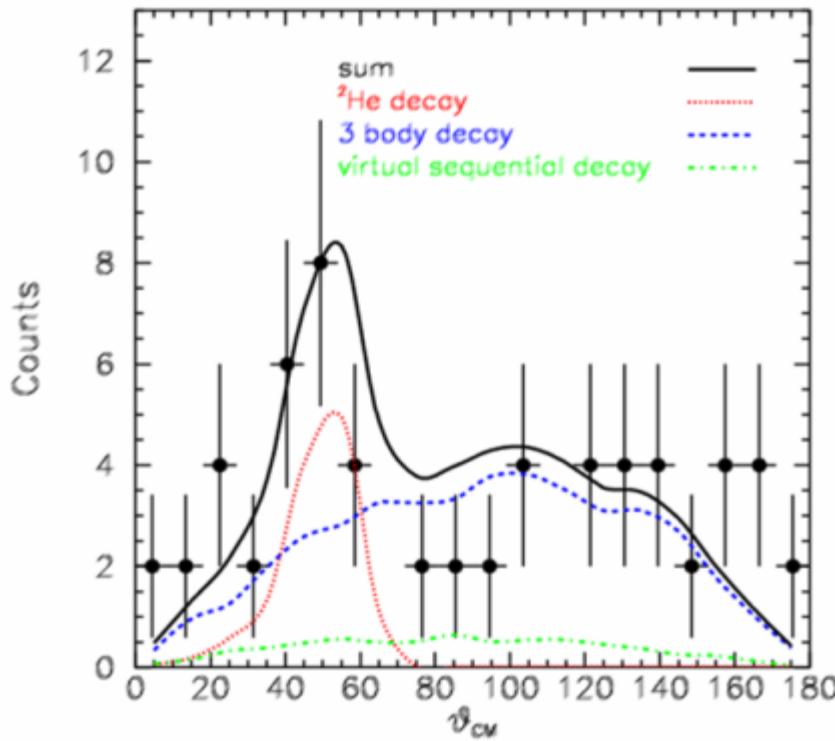
Isospin mixing at finite temperature

A. Corsi et al. PRC (2011)

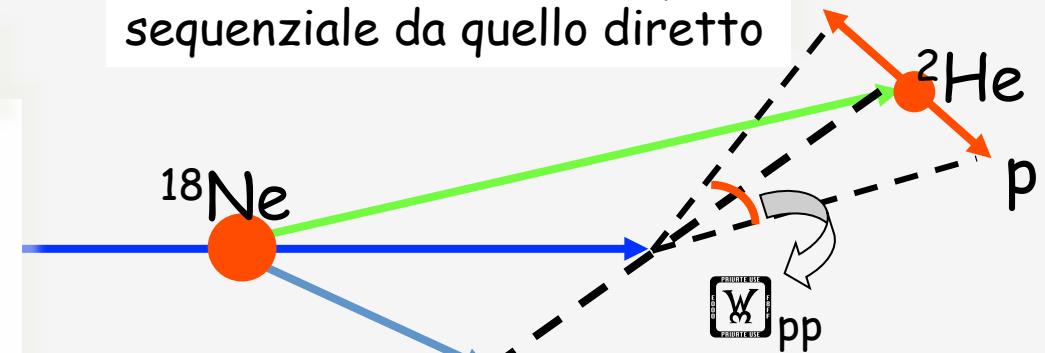
# 2p decay del $^{18}\text{Ne}$ (prodotto per frammentazione)



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La prima misura che separa  
il decadimento a tre corpi  
sequenziale da quello diretto



$$^2\text{He} (\text{decay}) = 3 \pm 7 \%$$

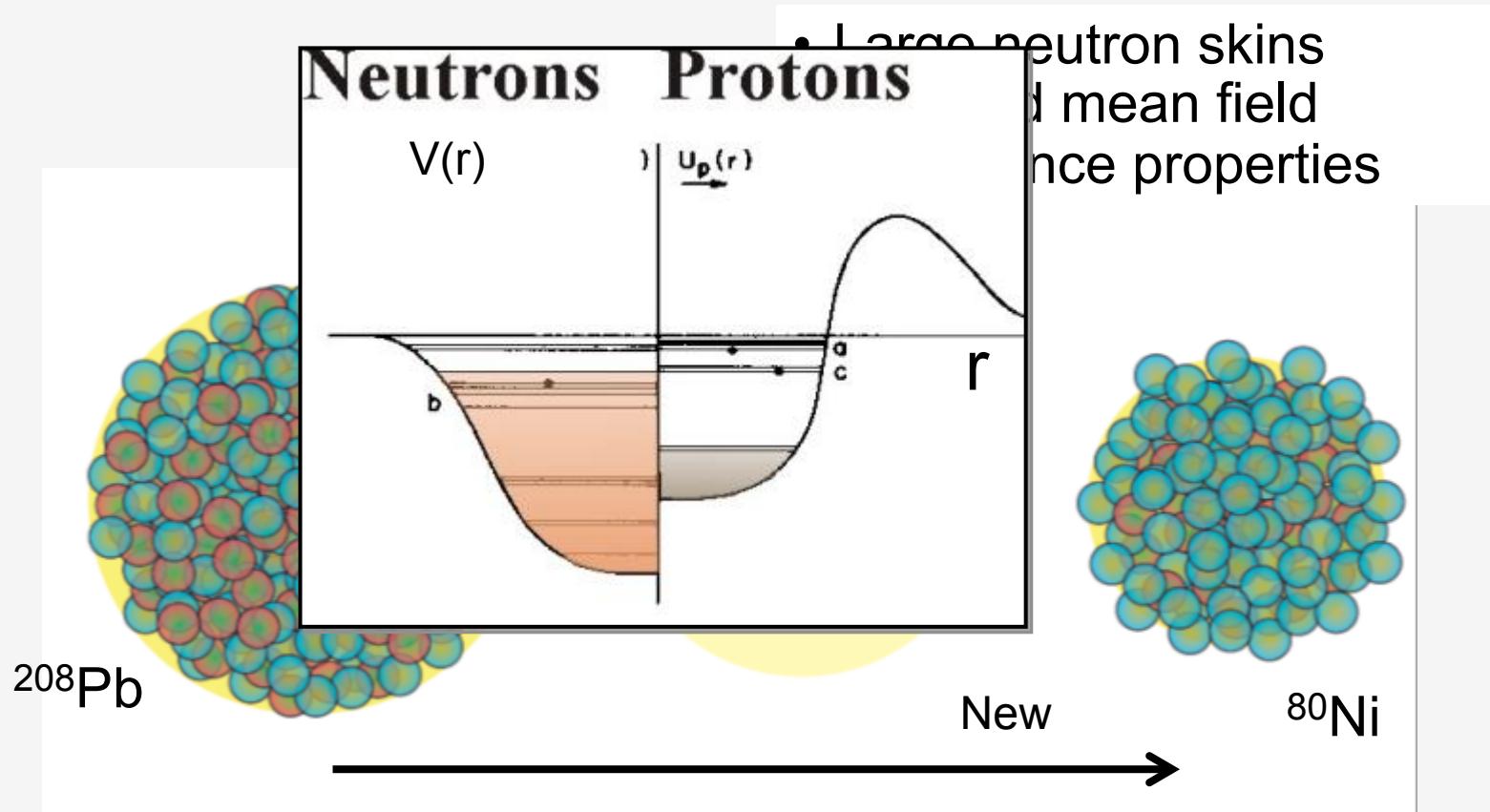
$$\text{3 body decay} \sim 6 \pm 9 \%$$

$$\text{"Virtual" sequential decay} = \pm 2\%$$

Ruolo della forza di pairing in  
nuclei proton rich prossimi alla drip-  
line  
PRL (2008)

Fasci dei Ciclotrone frammentati  
su Be e trasportati su bersaglio  
di Pb

# new exotic isotopes n rich



Science: Pairing in low-density material, new tests of nuclear models, open quantum system, interaction with continuum states - Efimov States - Reactions

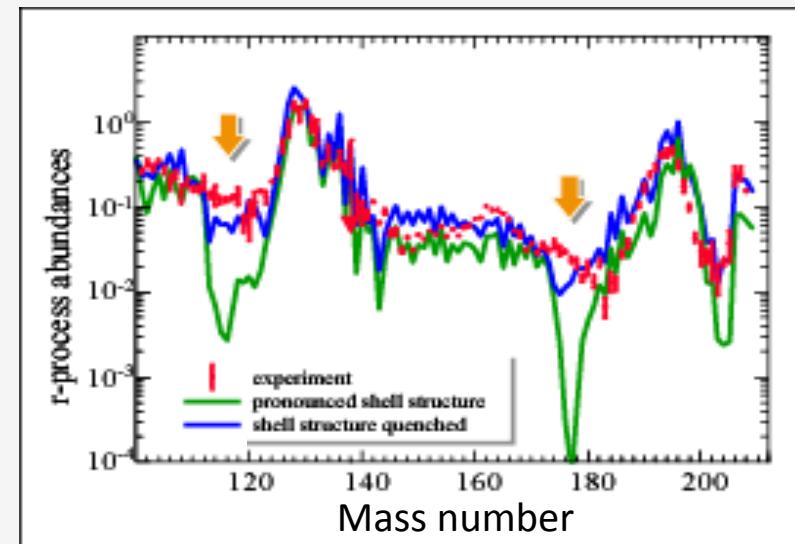
# Challenge for r-process path and explosion in supernovae

Synthesis up to U (r-process 50% of heavy elements)

unknown neutron-rich nuclei  
theoretical predictions only

nuclear properties of heavy and neutron-rich nuclei

Mass, life-time, decay mode



Explosion mechanism of supernova

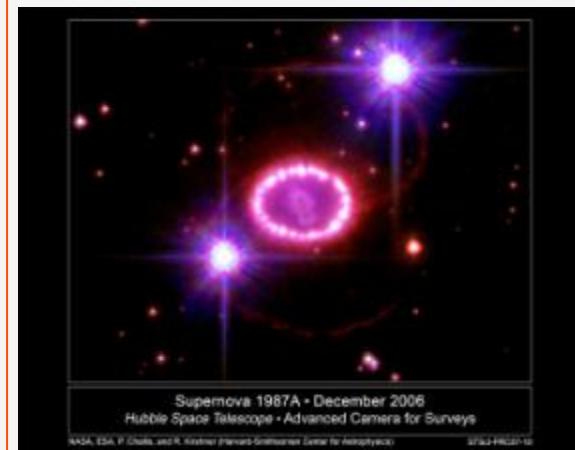
No explosion in theoretical works

Outer crust of neutron star

Equation-of-State in asymmetric matter

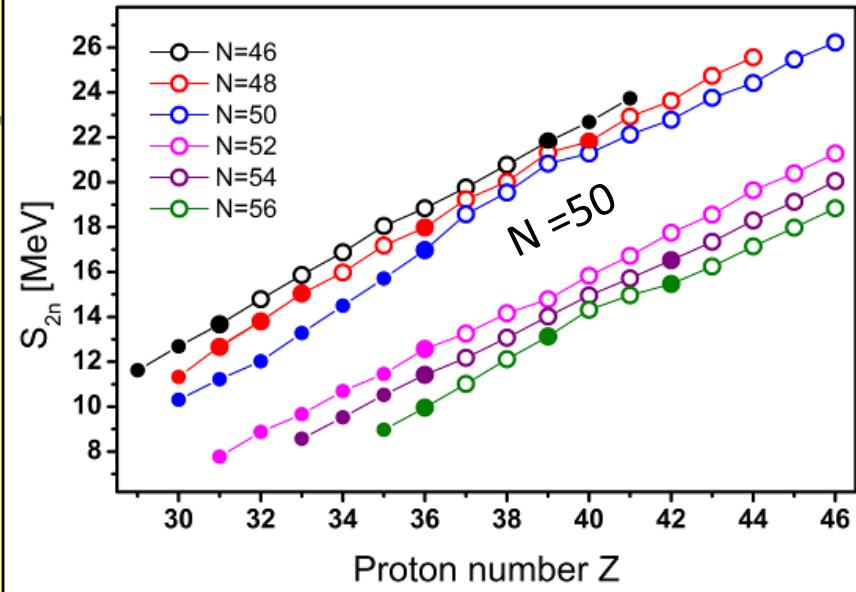
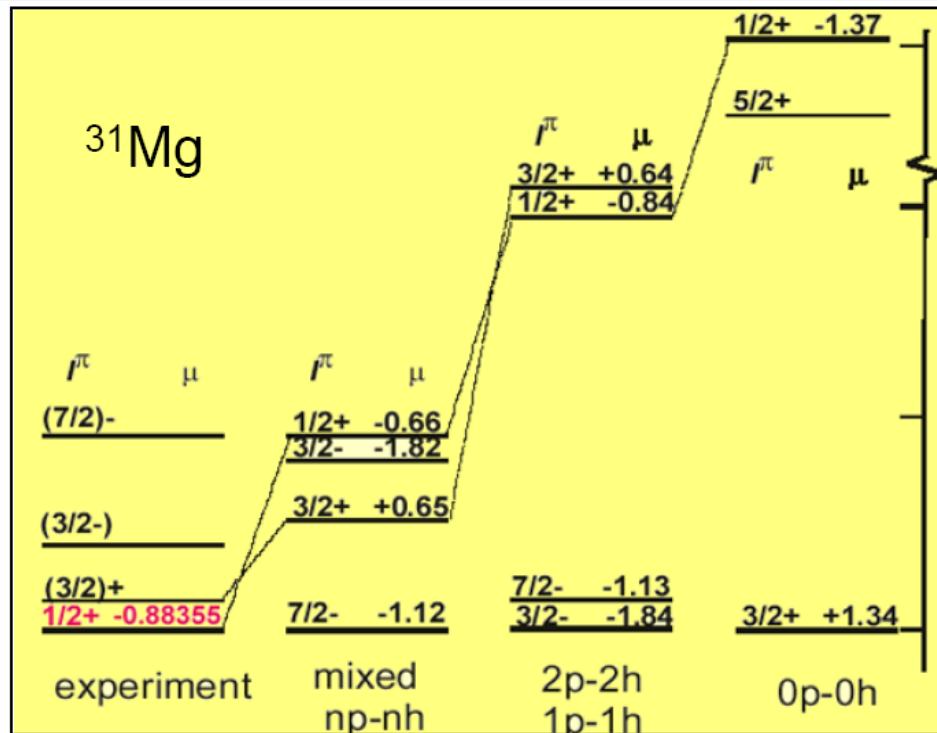
Higher density: 3NF ( $T=3/2$ )?

Dilute matter : BEC, cluster-formation?



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# Ground-state properties



Hyperfine-structure and  $\beta$ -NMR measurement

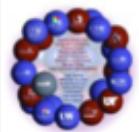
→ spin and magnetic moment

→ the ground state of  $^{31}\text{Mg}$

is an 2p-2h deformed intruder state

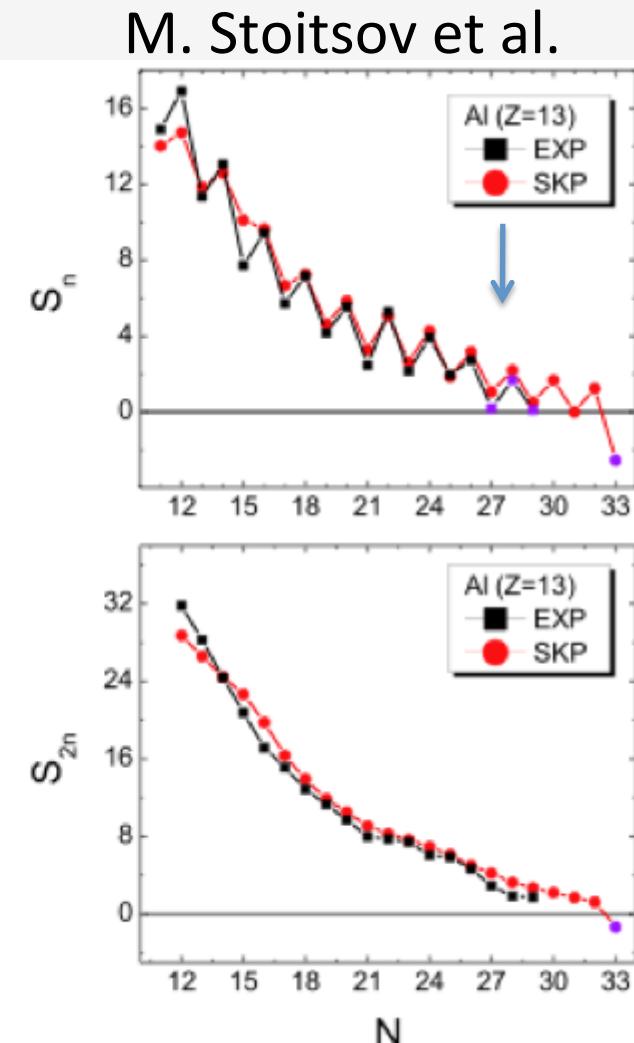
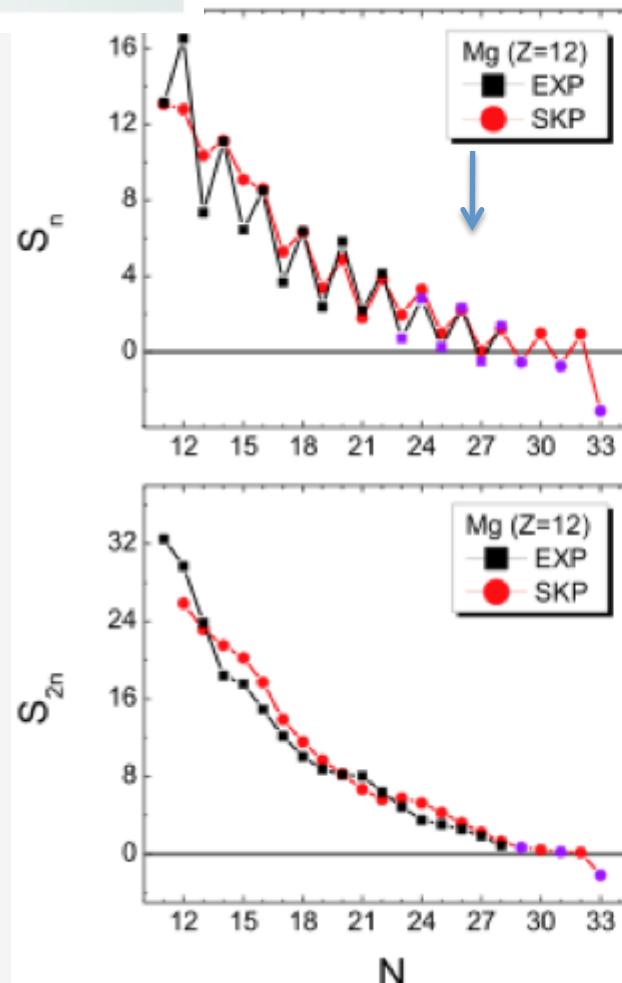
Very large variety of instruments and ion-beam manipulation methods needed..  
Extreme RIBs are welcome.

# Density Functional Theory



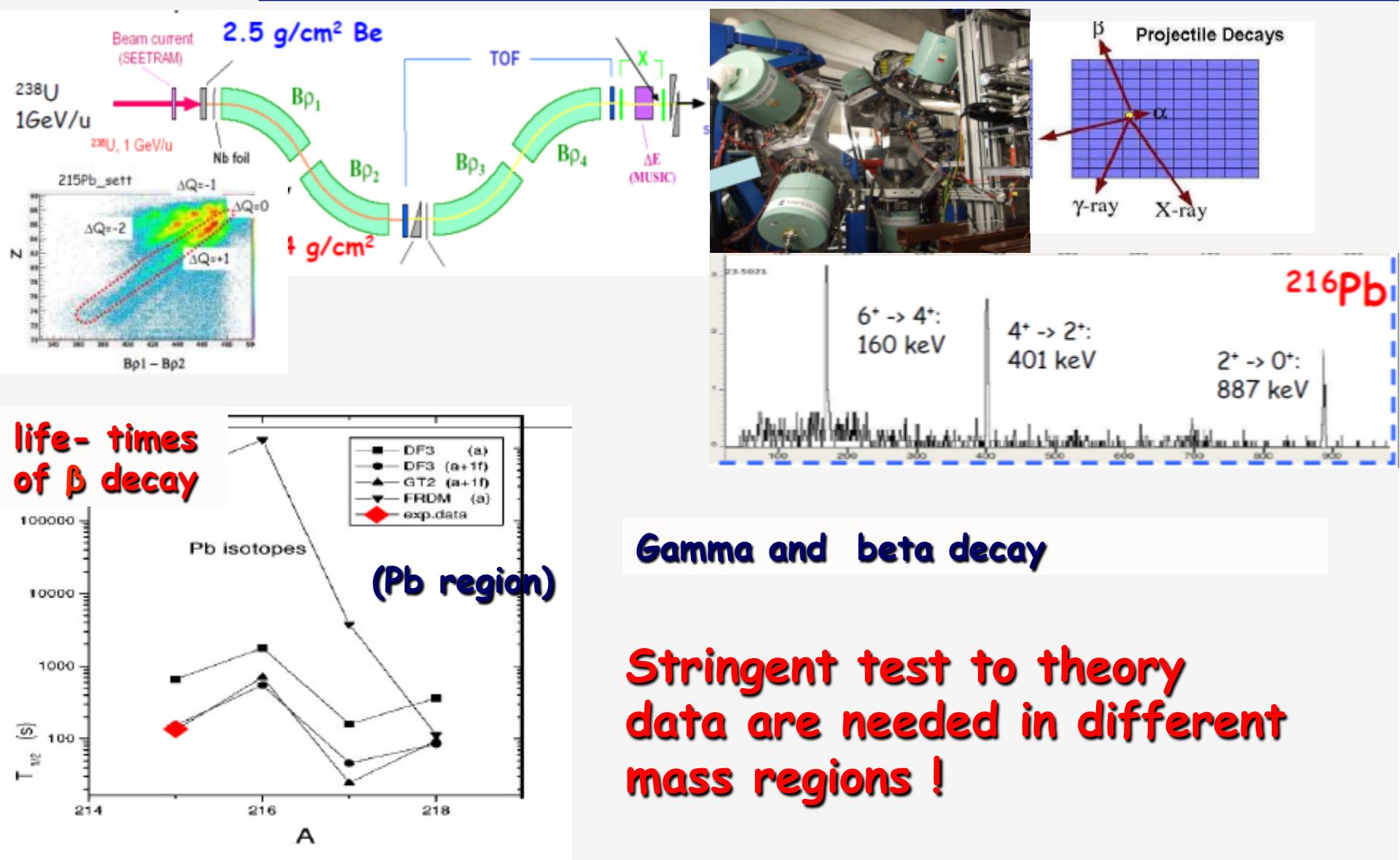
UNEDF SciDAC Collaboration  
Universal Nuclear Energy Density Functional

- EDF calculation of the binding energies of 9000 isotopes (M. Stoitsov et al.)
- Key tests of the theory come at the limits of binding (see figure)
- Remarkable success so far; Global DFT mass calculations from HFB  $\Delta m \sim 700$  keV
- Goal is to achieve the kind of results obtained in quantum chemistry

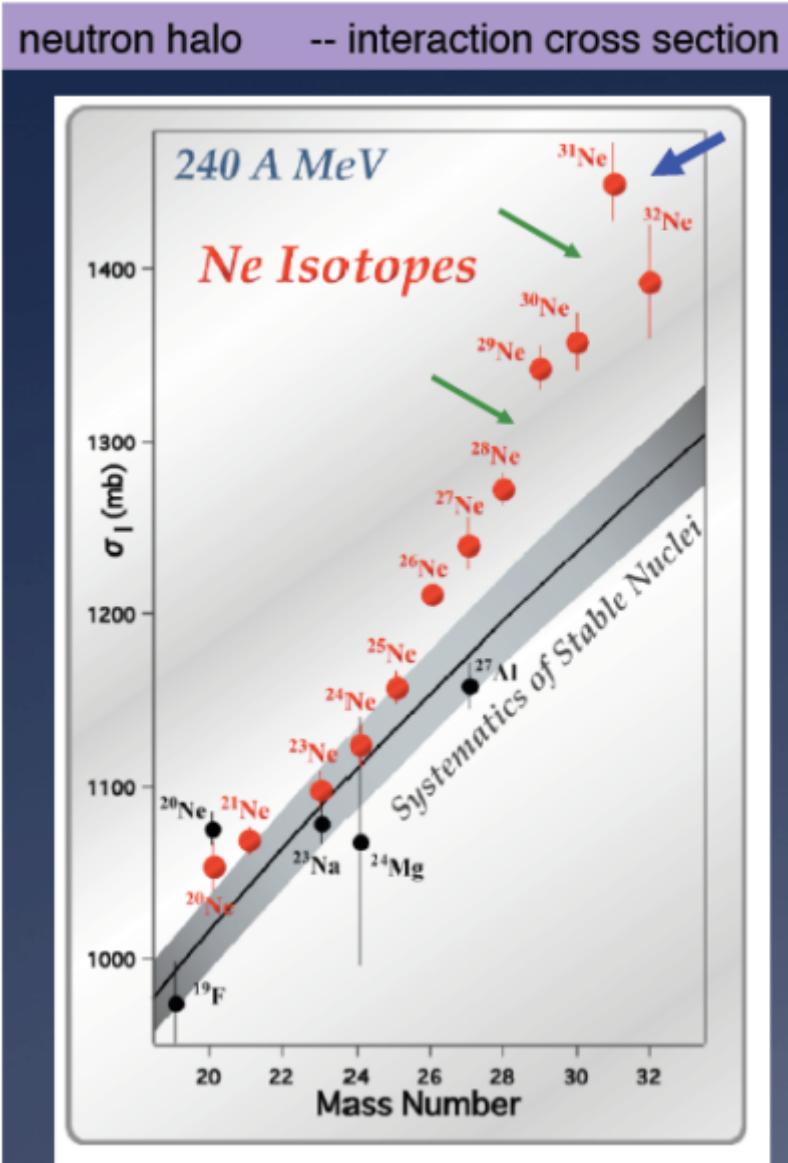


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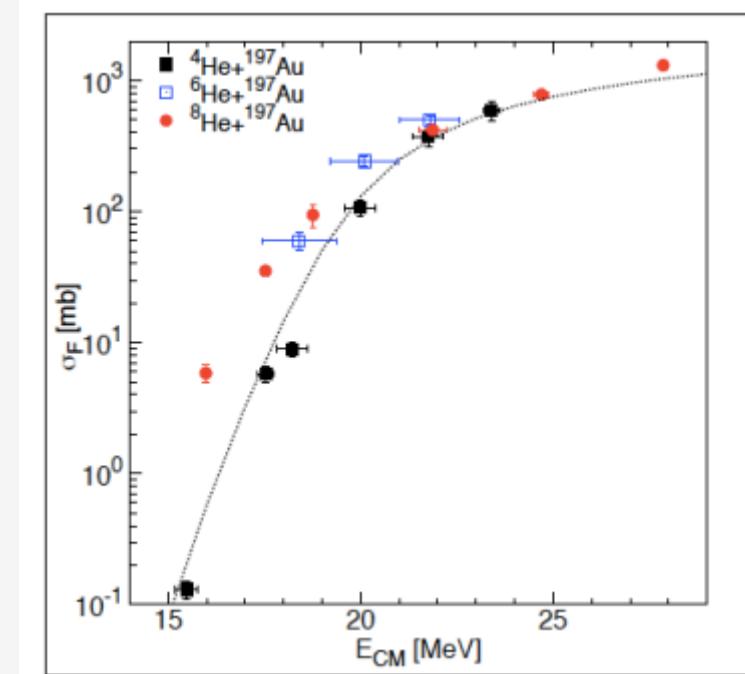
# Beta decay of short lived n-rich nuclei



# Halo and Nuclear radius



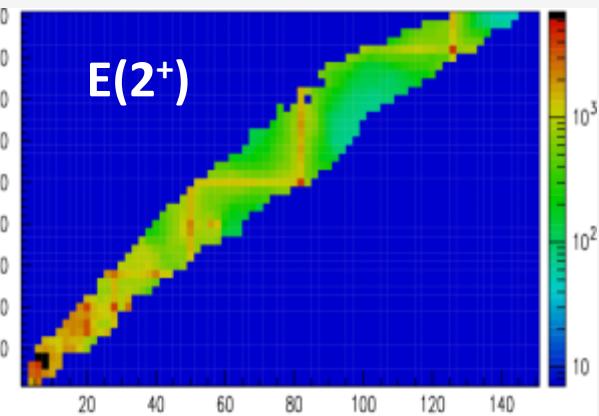
reaction measurements



Fusion reactions

# Nuclei away from the Stable Region

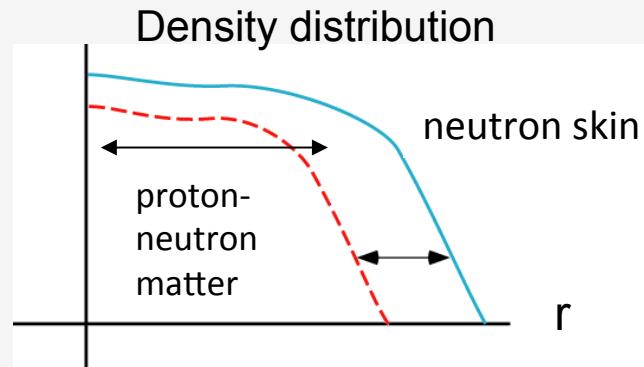
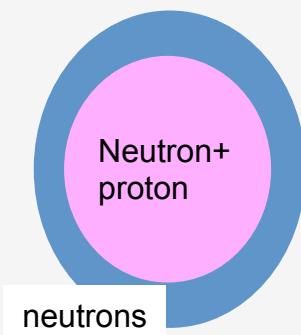
## Shell Evolution : magicity loss and new magicity



Shape ? shape coexistence?  
Shell gap ?  
Single particle level ?  
Cluster formation?  
Role of 3NF ?  
Magicity loss ?  
50, 82, 126, 184



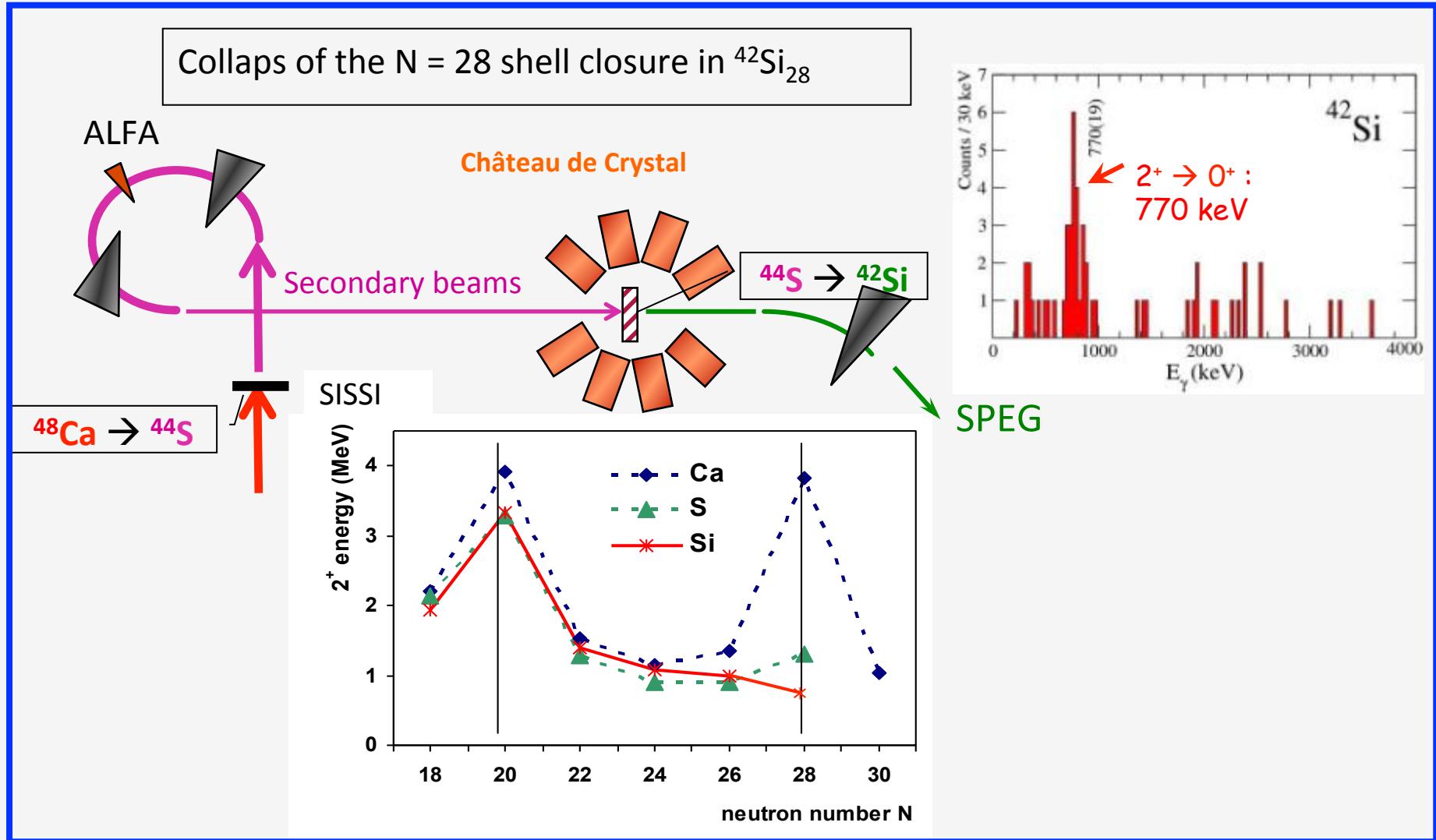
## Dynamics of new “material” : Neutron-skin(halo)



Quantum-objects having two surfaces  
Skin thickness ? Density distribution ?  
Role of skin in reactions ?  
Pairing in skin ? di-neutrons?  
Exotic modes of skin ?

Challenges in establishing new frame work of nuclear physics

# Shell structure and isospin degree of freedom

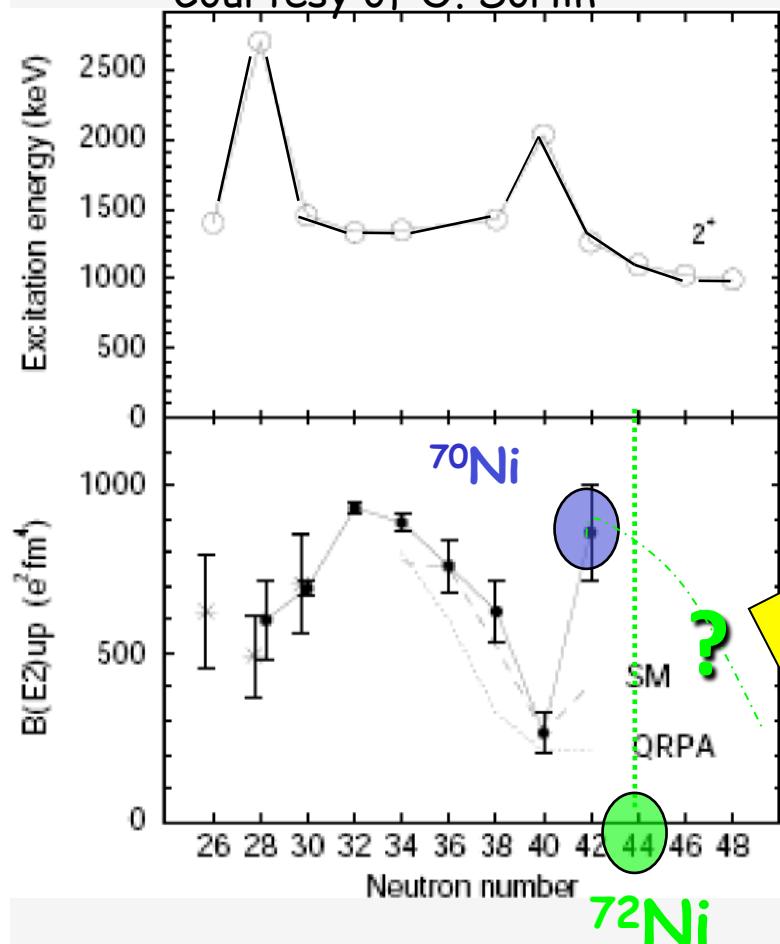


Wide range of intense RIBs, high-efficiency separators and gamma-ray arrays needed to probe new shell structures and isospin degree of freedom

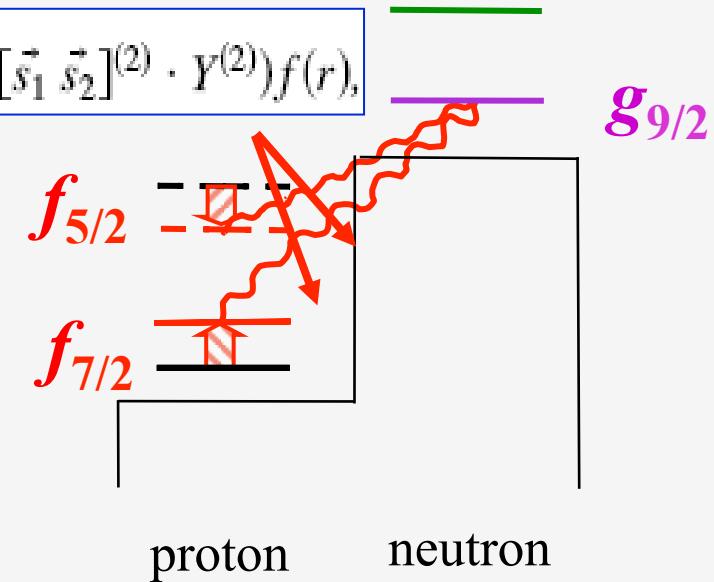
# Tensor force in neutron rich nuclei

Variation of single proton particle energy due to the p-n tensor interaction p-n

Courtesy of O. Sorlin



$$V_T = (\vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2)([\vec{s}_1 \vec{s}_2]^{(2)} \cdot Y^{(2)})f(r),$$



Region of stronger effect  
because there are more n in  $g_{9/2}$  orbital

Gamma spectra + lifetimes

In  $^{50}\text{Ca}$  PRL(2009) Valiente et al.

T. Otsuka et al. PRL 95, 232502 (2005)

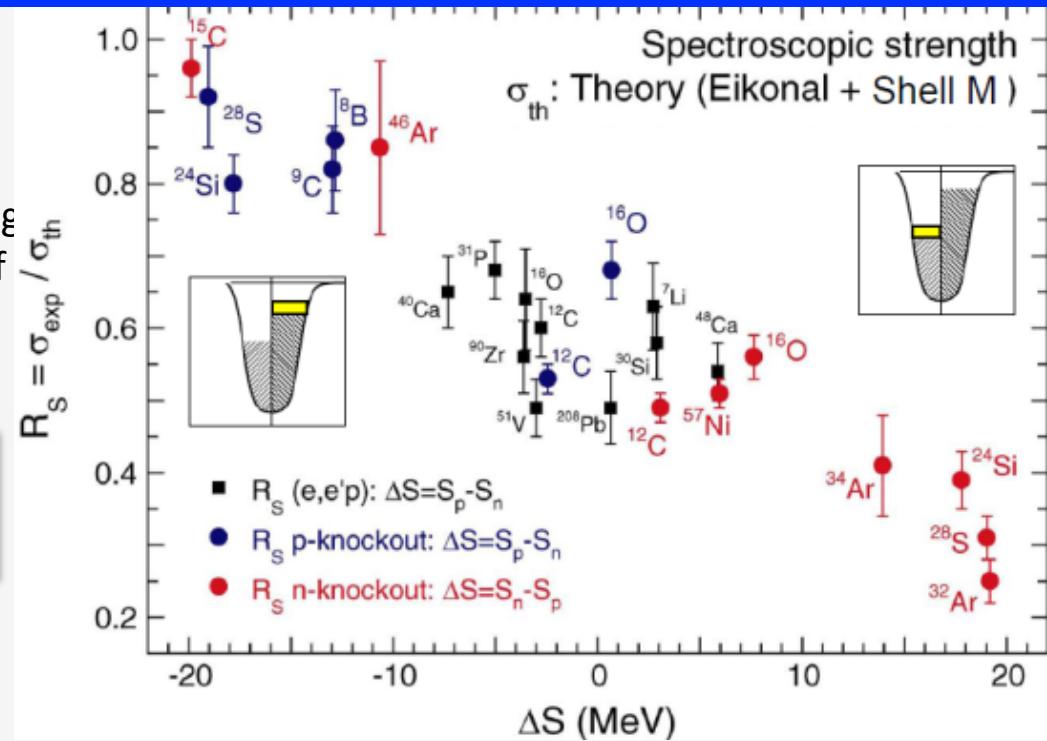
# Reaction dynamics

## Quasi-free scattering

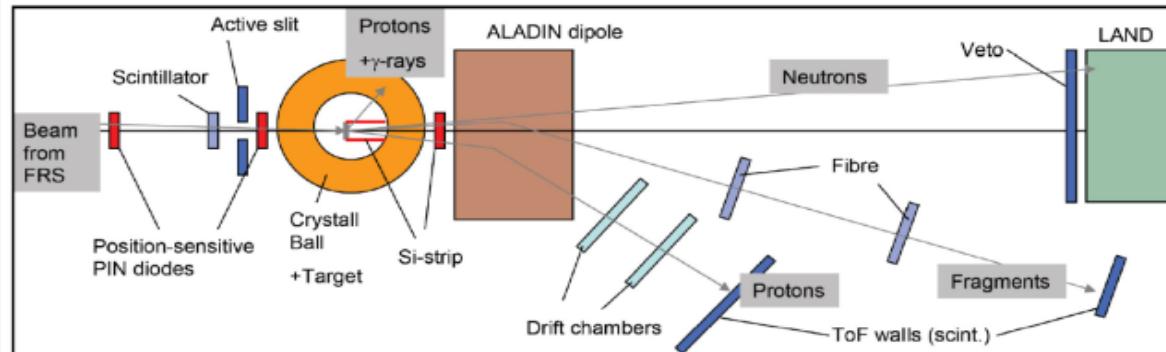
The striking observation of a strong quenching of the single-particle strength as a function of asymmetry of the neutron and proton separation energy

**Origin : 3N forces**

**particle vibration couplings**

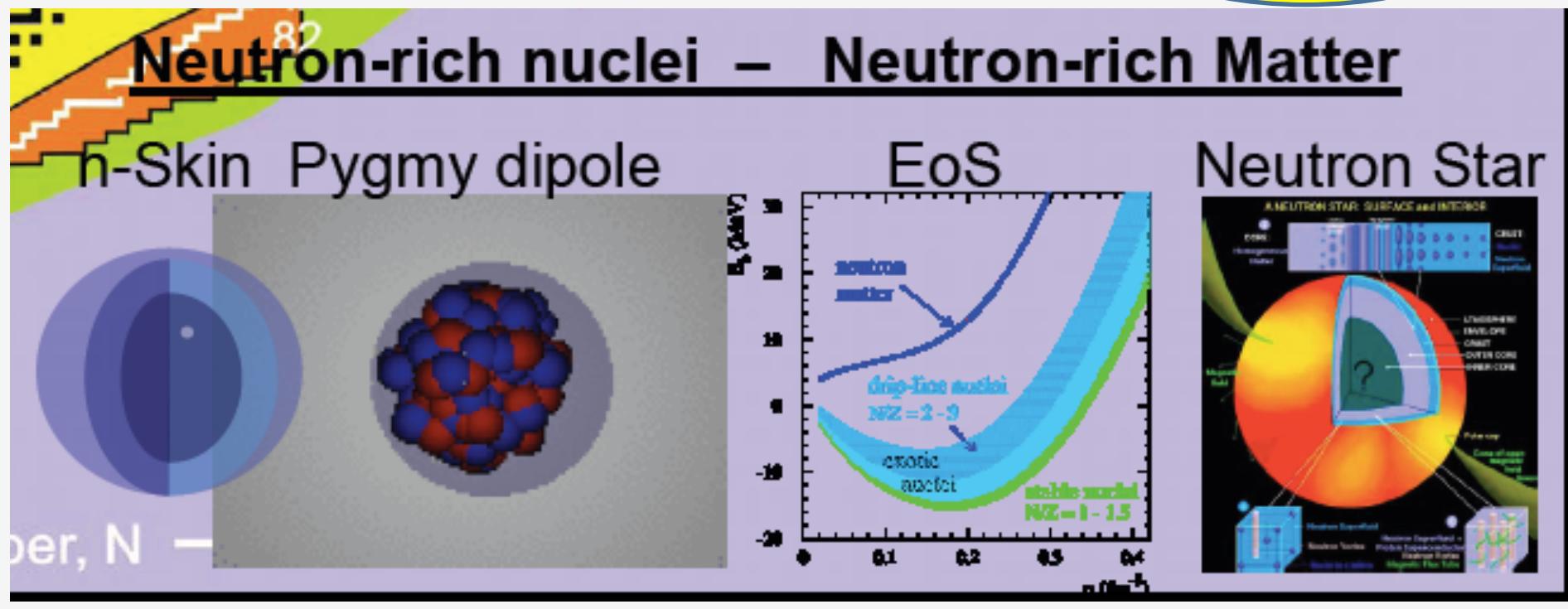
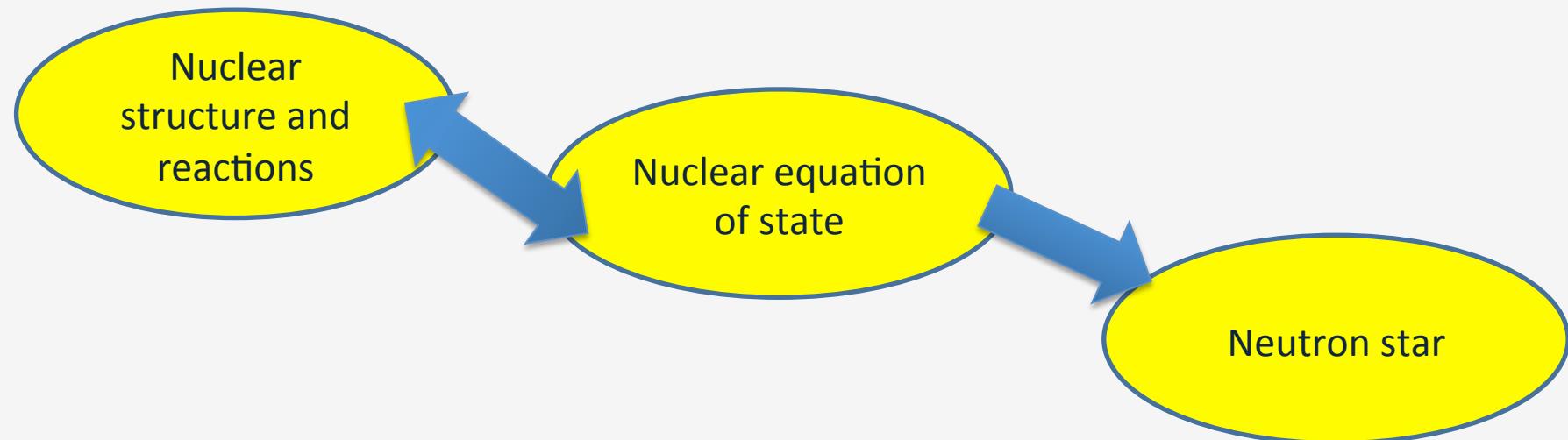


Knock-out reactions at high energies with RIB in inverse kinematics



Exotic RIBs up to high energies and innovative spectrometer systems for kinematically complete measurements are needed

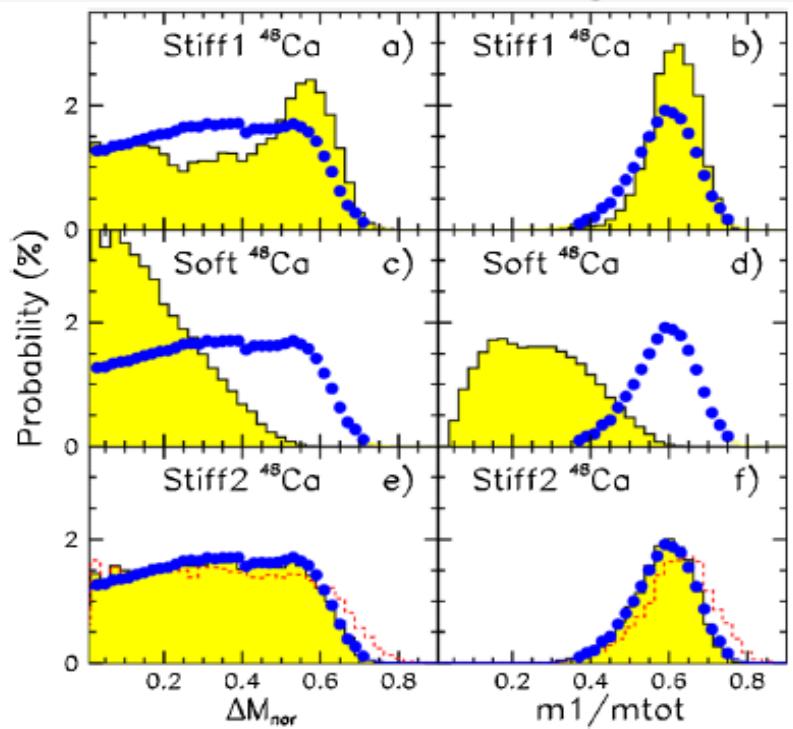
# Neutron – rich nuclei neutron-rich matter



# Isospin dependence of the equation of state : fragmentation reactions

Competition among fusion-like and binary reactions

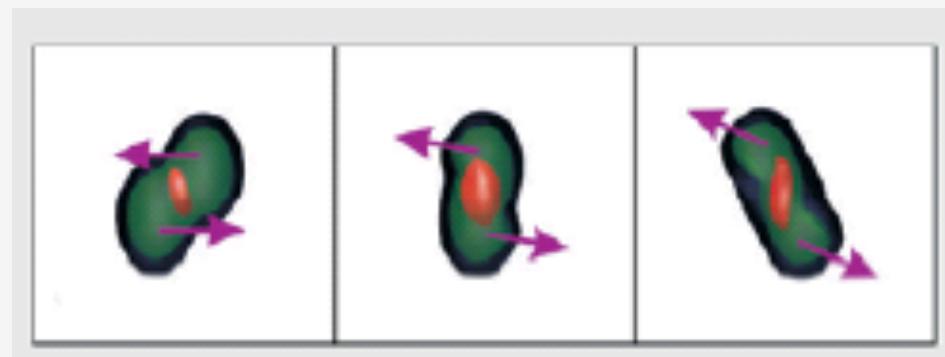
$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$  a 25 MeV/u



PRL102,112701(2009)



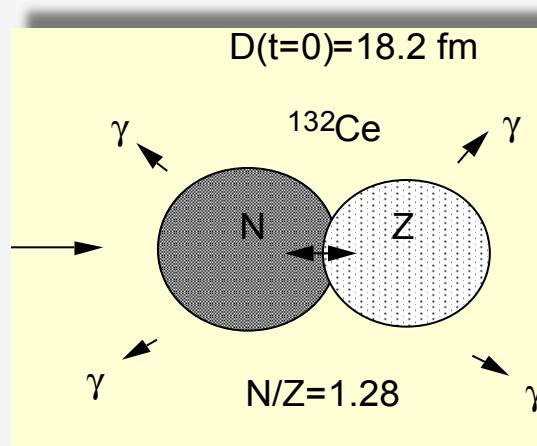
Calculation of molecular  
Dynamics with 2 different  
Parametrization of the symmetry  
term



# Dipole oscillation in asymmetric heavy ion reactions

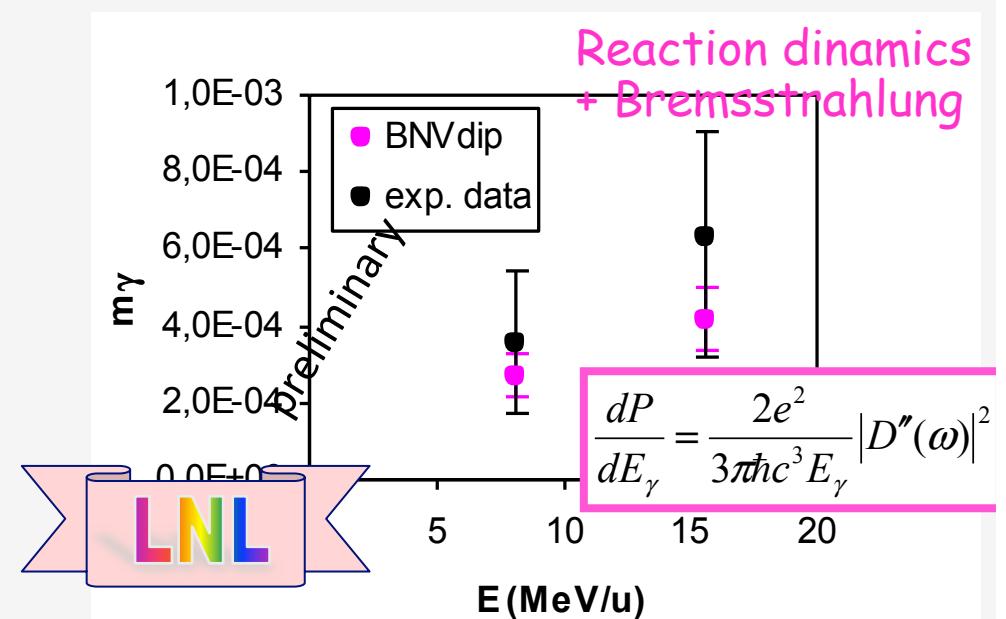
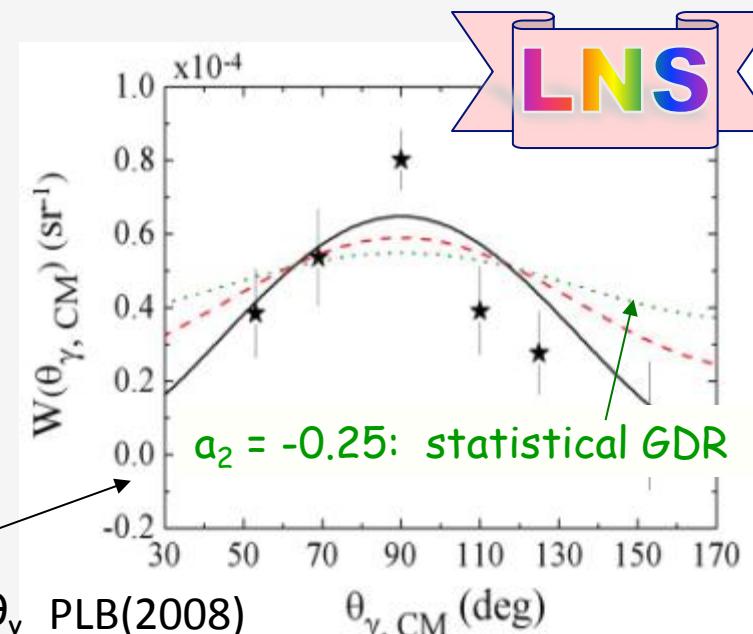
Charge equilibration

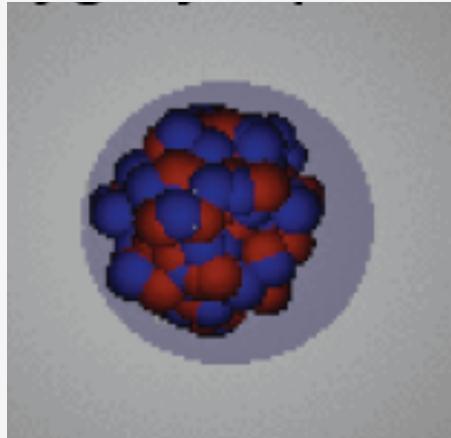
Symmetry energy



A LNS with MEDEA  
A LNL with Garfield

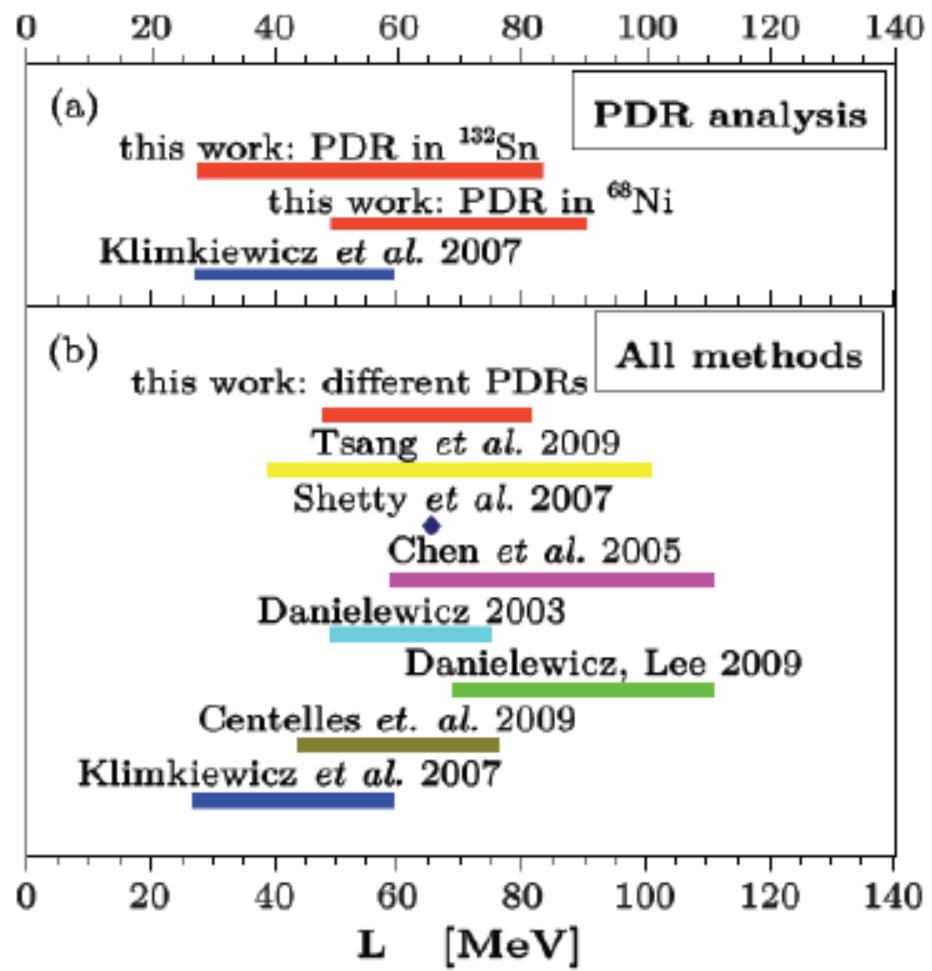
$a_2 = -1$  Pure Dipole  
oscillation along  
the Beam Axis  $\sim \sin^2\theta_\gamma$  PLB(2008)





## Pygmy resonance – low energy tail of the nuclear electric dipole response

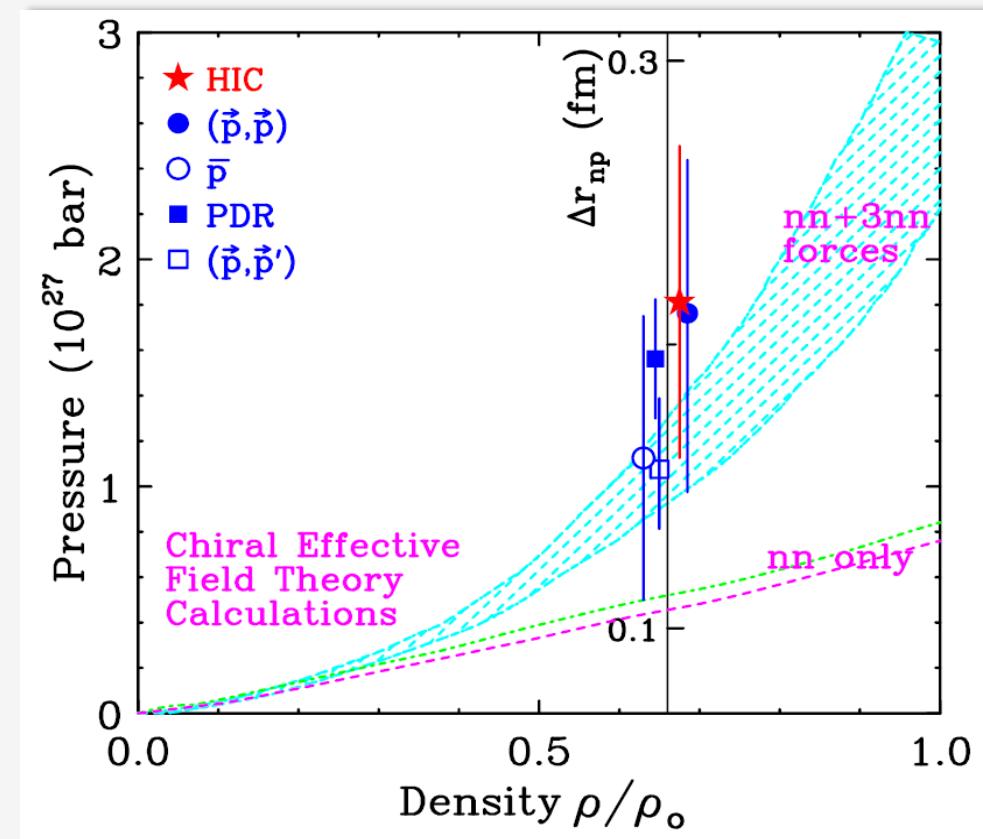
Constrain on the  
derivative of  
the symmetry energy  
parameter (L in MeV)



# Neutron skin in $^{208}\text{Pb}$ From several observables

Deduced  
Pressure value

Comparison  
With theory



From Betty Tsang ....to be published  
data from several references

# Giant Quadrupole and monopole resonances in $^{56}\text{Ni}$

Electric giant resonances

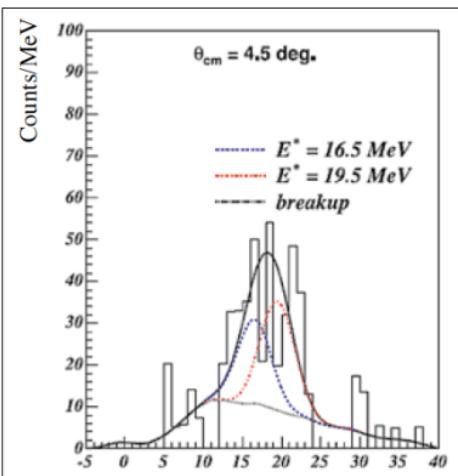
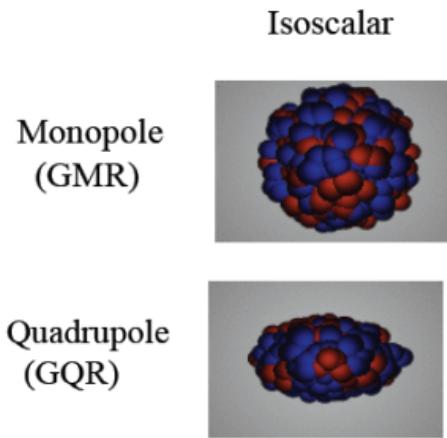


Figure 6. Giant quadrupole resonance (16.5 MeV) and giant monopole resonance (19.5 MeV) in  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  induced by the  $^{56}\text{Ni}(\text{d},\text{d}')$  reaction at 50 MeV/u in the MAYA active target at GANIL.

Experiment  
with  
active  
target at  
GANIL

# Gamow-Teller transition Strength in $^{56}\text{Ni}$

PRL 107, 202501 (2011)

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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## Gamow-Teller Transition Strengths from $^{56}\text{Ni}$

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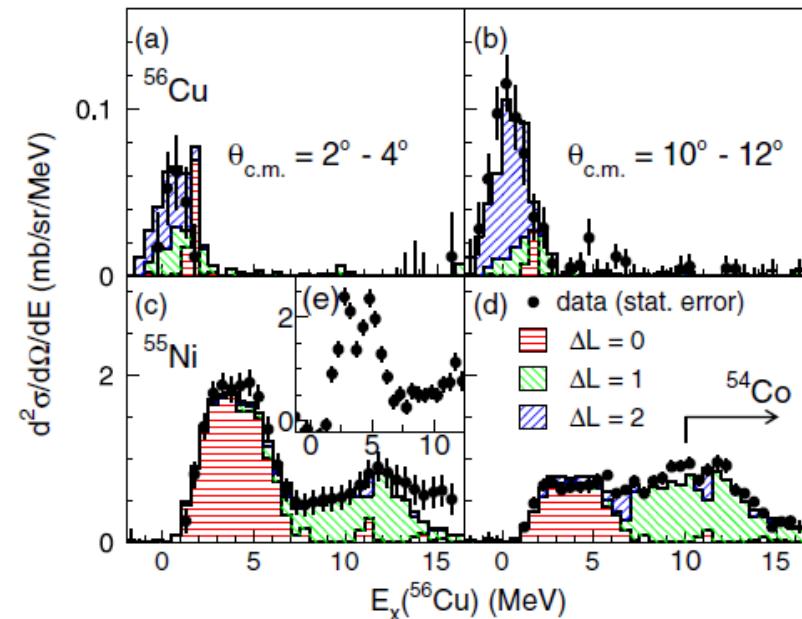
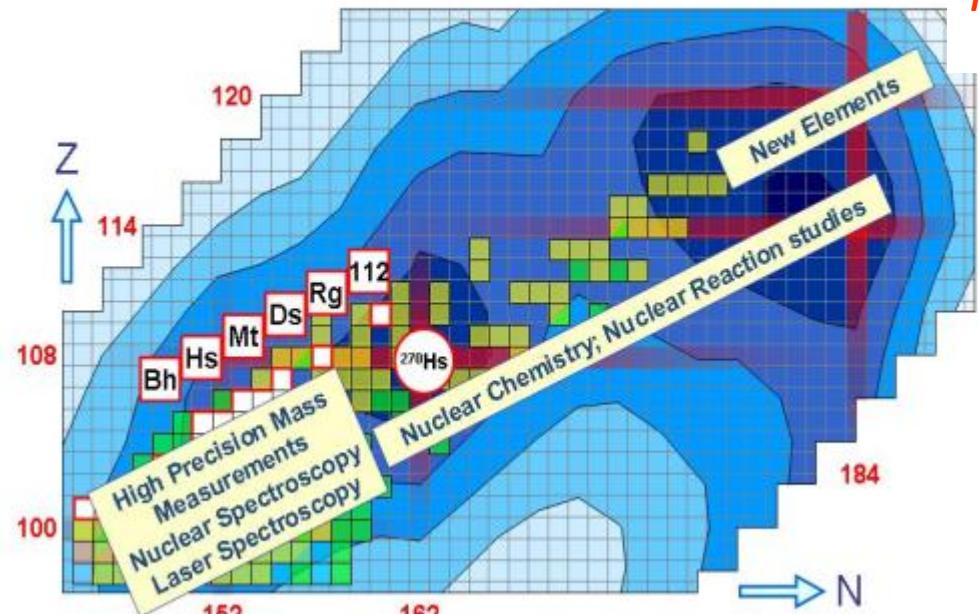


FIG. 2 (color online). Differential cross sections and the MDA of the  $^{56}\text{Ni}(p, n)^{56}\text{Cu}^*$  data. Results are presented for (a),

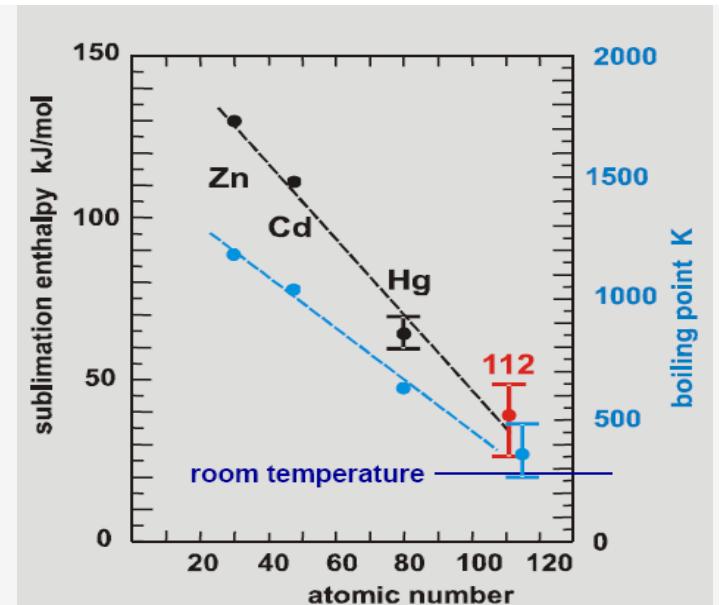
# **SUPER HEAVY ELEMENTS**

# Superheavy elements



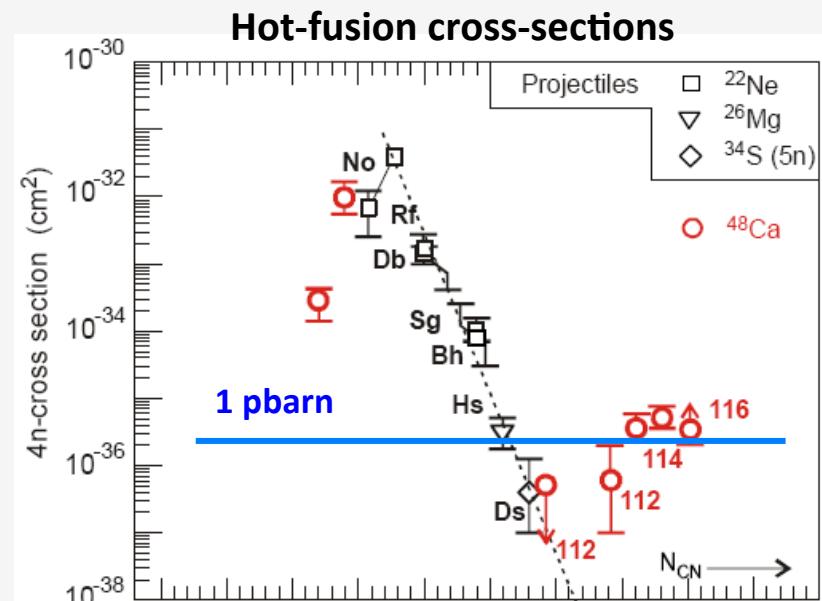
Taufe von Element 112, am 12. Juli 2010 um 10 Uhr

Copernicium is a noble metal



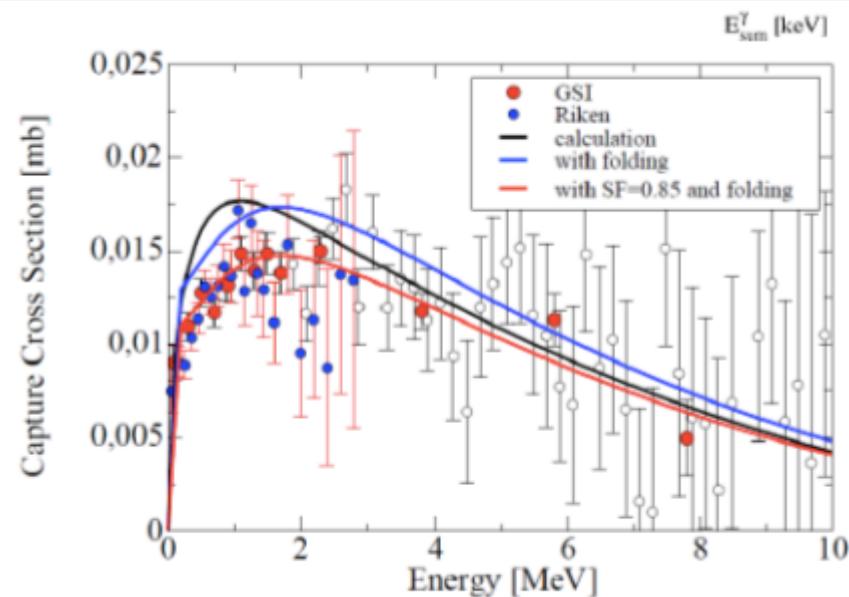
High-intensity stable-ion beams, target developments and high-efficiency detectors and separators are needed in the future SHE research

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# **Reaction measurements for nuclear astrophysics**

# Neutron capture-



sub barrier fusion

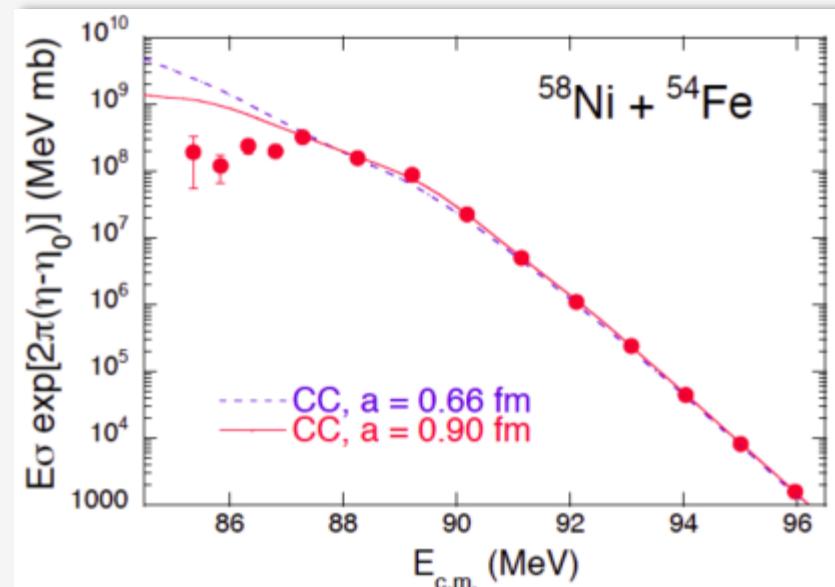
Astrophysical S factor

Comparison of direct neutron capture cross section on  $^{14}\text{C}$

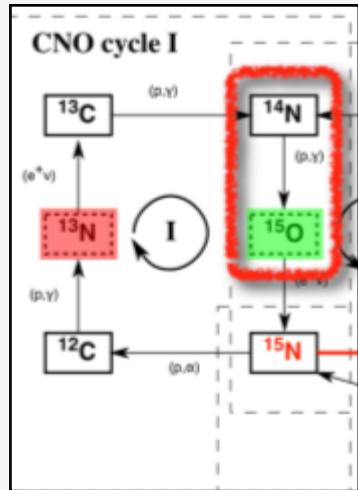
and

that obtained via Coulomb break up  
(GSI-RIKEN) of  $^{15}\text{C}$

using detailed balance

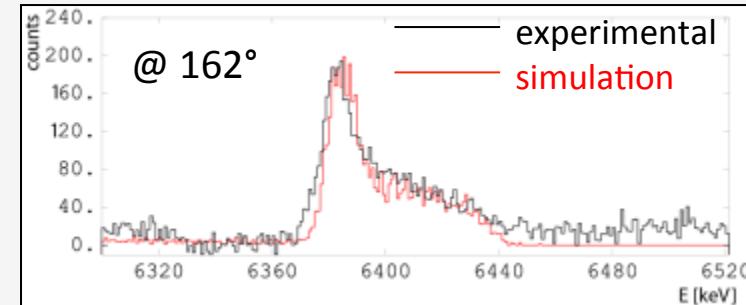


## Stellar burning rates and $^{14}\text{N}$ ( $\text{p},\gamma$ ) $^{15}\text{O}$ reaction



width of the resonance  
↓  
lifetime of the excited nuclear level

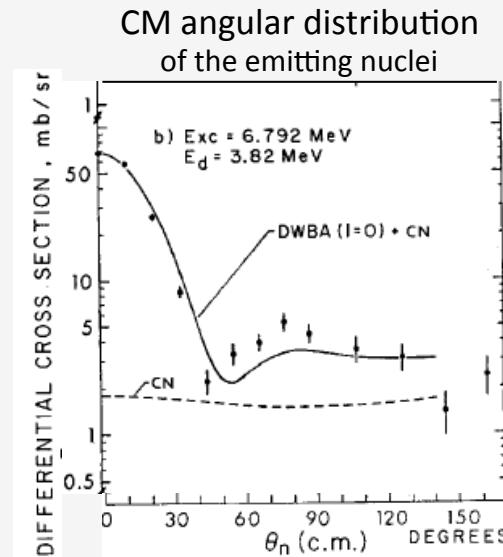
## Lifetime measurement of the 6.79 MeV state in $^{15}\text{O}$ with the AGATA Demonstrator



$^{14}\text{N}(^{2}\text{H},\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  reaction @ 32 MeV (XTU LNL Tandem)  
4 ATCs at backward angles (close to the beam-line)

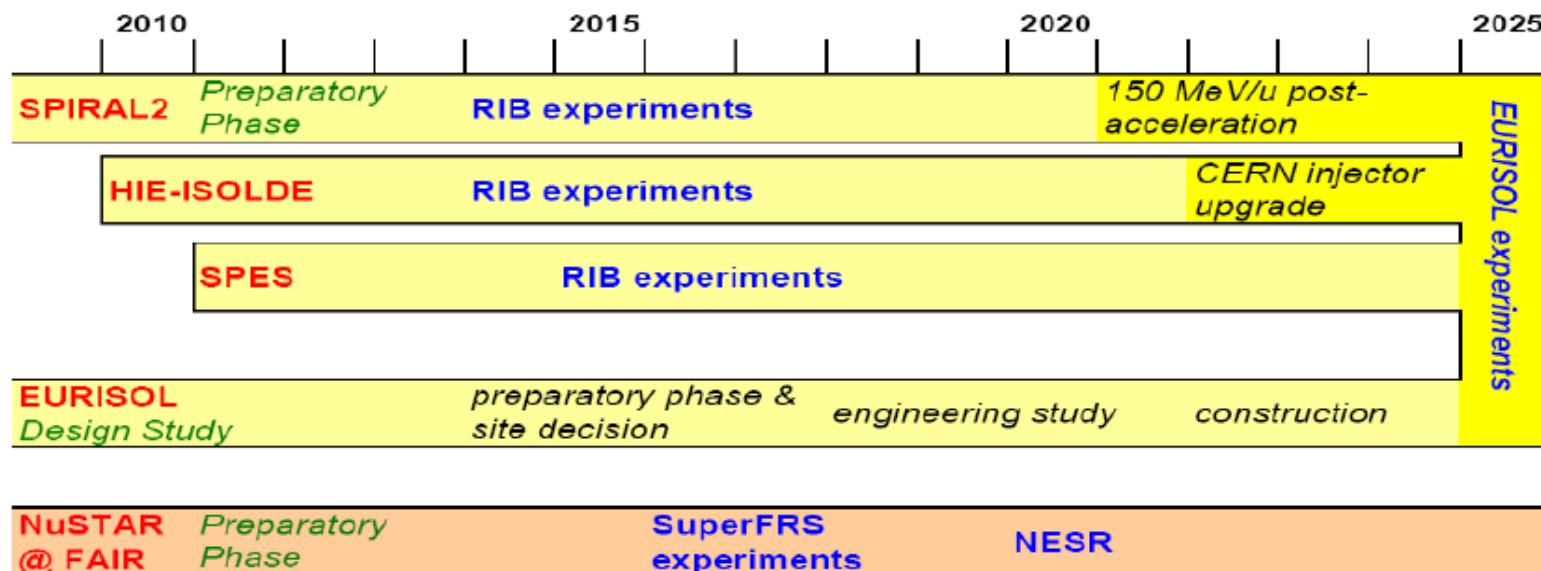
The sub-threshold resonance corresponding to the first excited  $3/2^{+}$  state in  $^{15}\text{O}$  is predicted to play a dominant role when extrapolating the cross-section to the Gamow peak region

First application of the high gamma energy resolution and position sensitivity of AGATA to investigate  $\approx$ fs nuclear level lifetimes



R.C. Ritter et al., NPA 140 (1970) 609

## RIB roadmap



A new LINAC for research on superheavy elements  
Exploitation of existing facilities : Transnational access

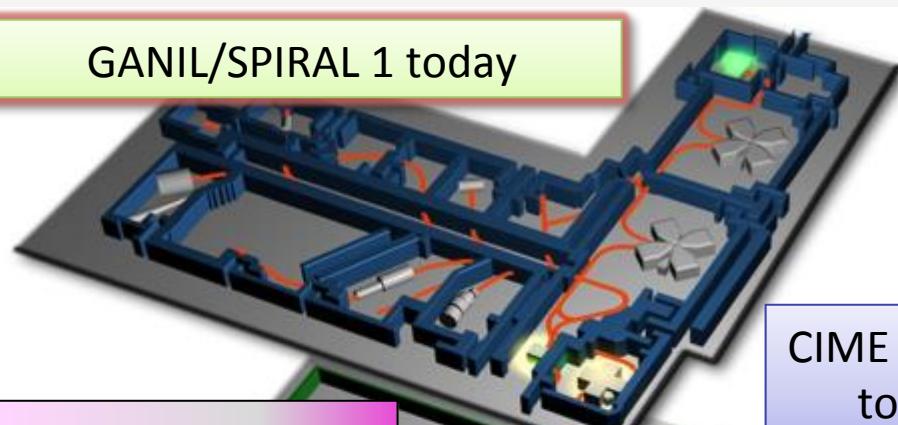
LNL  
LNS  
ISOLDE  
ALTO  
GANIL  
GSI

NuPECC recommendations

# GANIL/SPIRAL1/SPIRAL2 facility



GANIL/SPIRAL 1 today



DESIR Facility  
low energy RIB

S3 separator-  
spectrometer

Neutrons For  
Science

Cost: 200M€

SP2 Beam time: 44 weeks/y  
GANIL Beam time: 35 weeks/y  
ISOL RIB Beams: 28-33 weeks/y  
GANIL+SP 2 Users: 700-800/y

CIME cyclotron RIB at 1-20 AMeV (up  
to 9 AMeV for fiss. fragments)

HRS+RFQ Cooler

RIB Production Cave  
Up to  $10^{14}$  fiss./sec.

LINAC: 33MeV p, 40 MeV d, 14.5 A MeV HI

A/q=3 HI source  
Up to 1mA

A/q=6 Injector option

A/q=2 source  
p, d,  $^{3,4}\text{He}$  5mA

# Day 1 experiments with S3

## Proton Dripline & N=Z nuclei

LoI\_Day1\_6, LoI\_Day1\_8, LoI\_Day1\_9

LoI\_Day1\_11

- Tests of Shell Model
- Single-Particle structure
- Development of Collectivity
- Shape coexistence

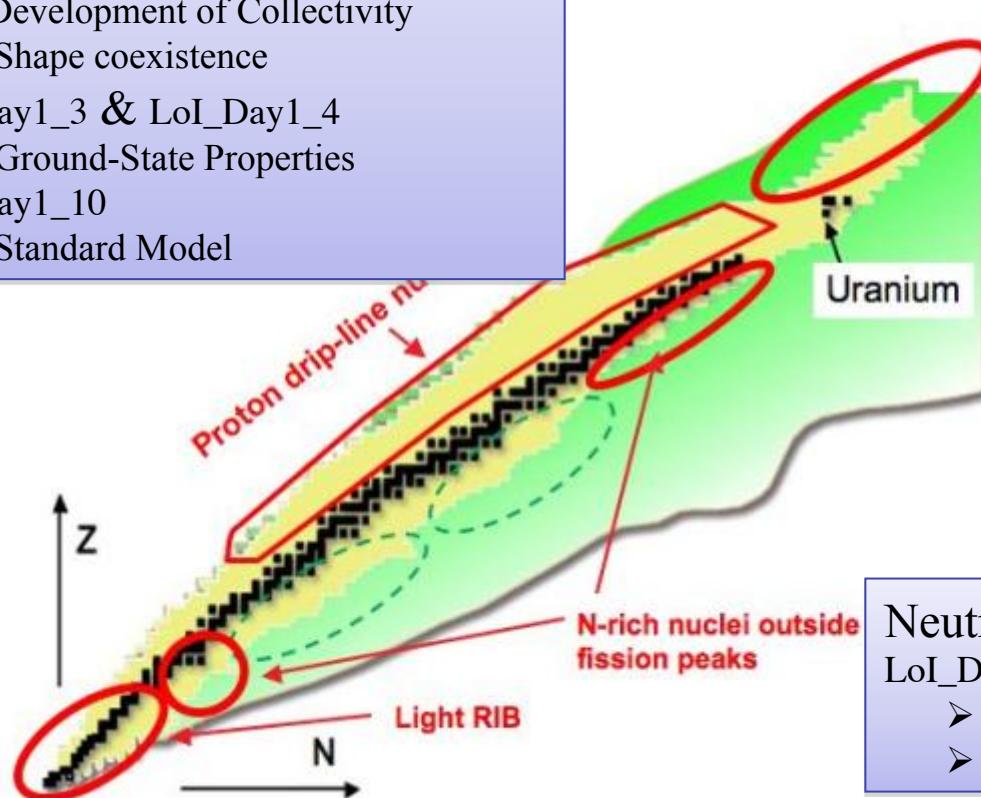
LoI\_Day1\_3 & LoI\_Day1\_4

- Ground-State Properties

LoI\_Day1\_10

- Standard Model

FISIC project  
LoI\_Day1\_1



Heavy and Superheavy Nuclei

## Heavy and Superheavy Elements

LoI\_Day1\_2

- Synthesis
- Spectroscopy and Structure

LoI\_Day1\_5

- Ground-State Properties

## Neutron-Rich Nuclei

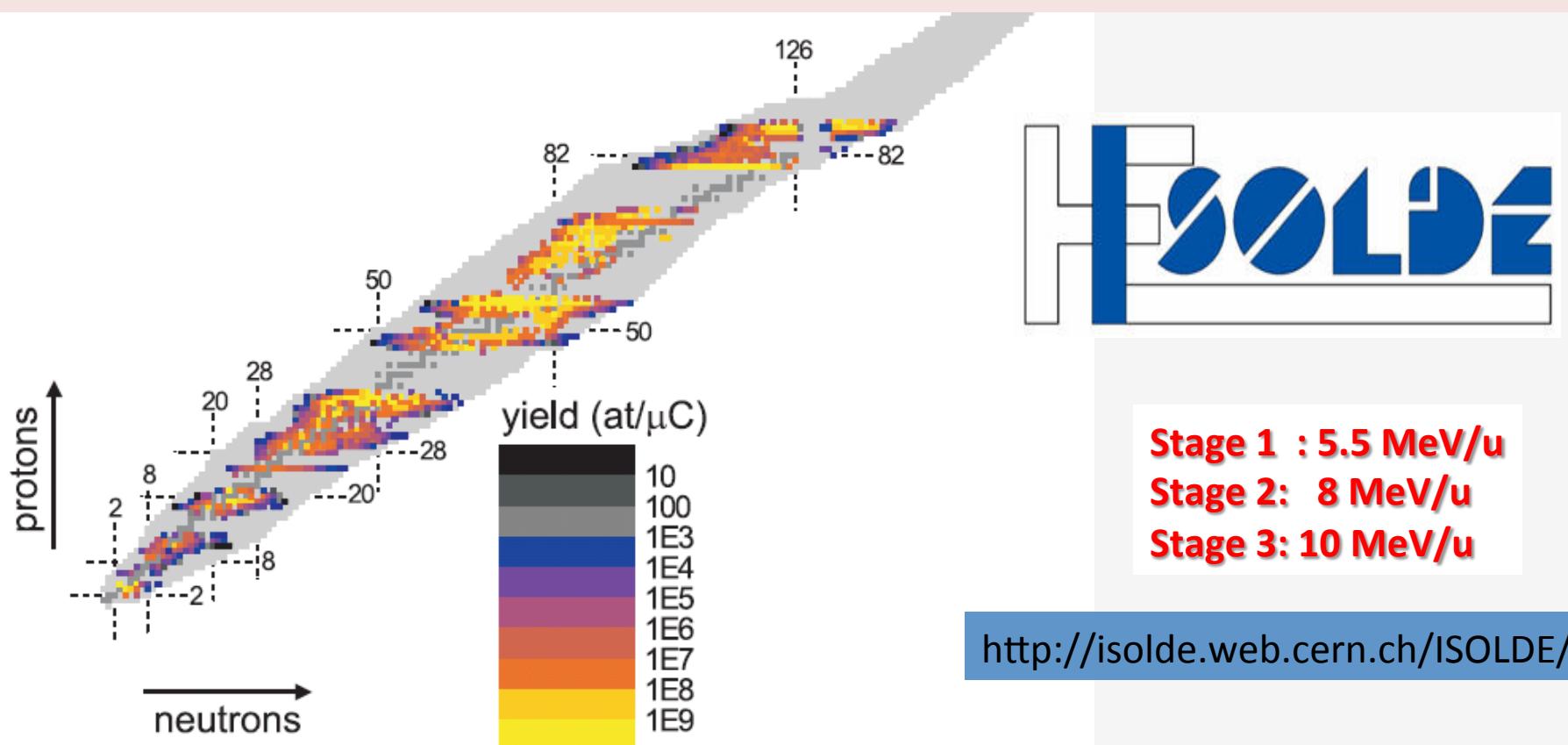
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- Single-Particle structure
- Quenching of Shell Gaps

ISOLDE today offers the largest range of available isotopes of any ISOL facility worldwide.

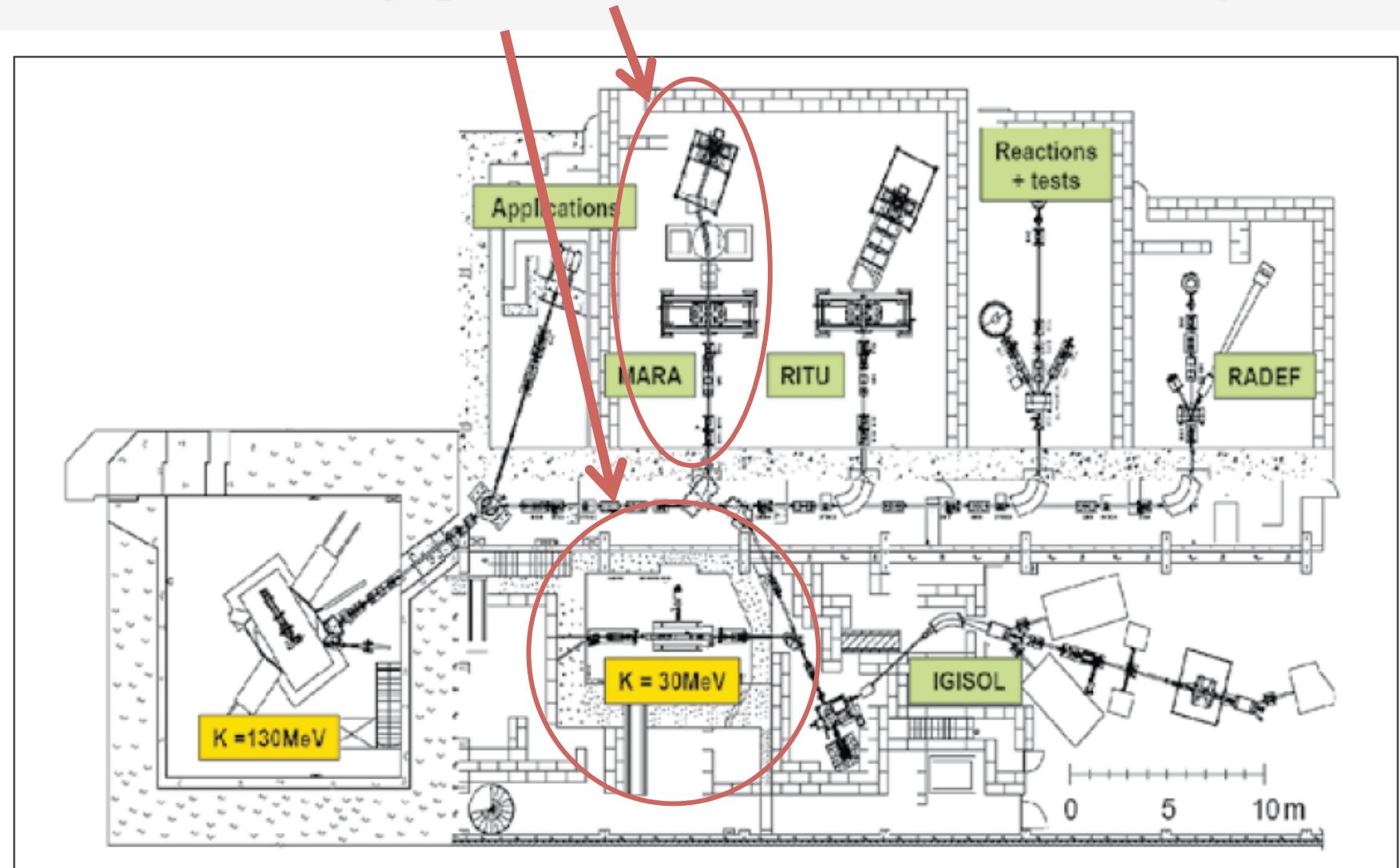
HIE-ISOLDE aims at increasing the energy of these RIB up to 10A MeV and their intensity by a factor 10

HIE-ISOLDE will play an important role in the network of ISOL facilities preparing EURISOL (with SPIRAL2 and SPES)



So far >600 radioactive isotopes of >60 elements

# JYFL - upgrade of the laboratory



Plan for the upgrade of the JYFL Accelerator Laboratory.

# SPES ISOL facility at LNL

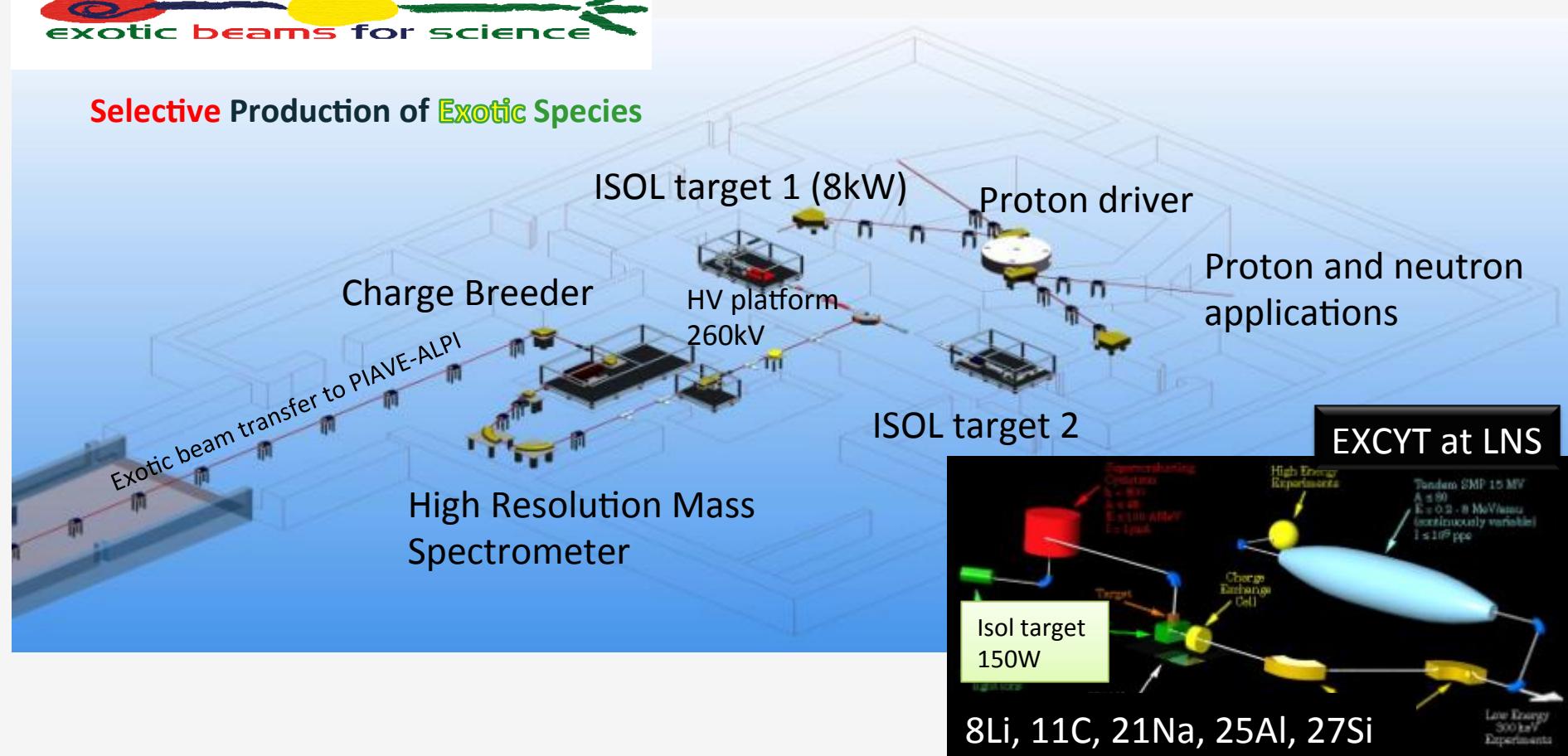


SPES ISOL facility  
Proton induced fission on UCx  
 $10^{13}$  fission/s

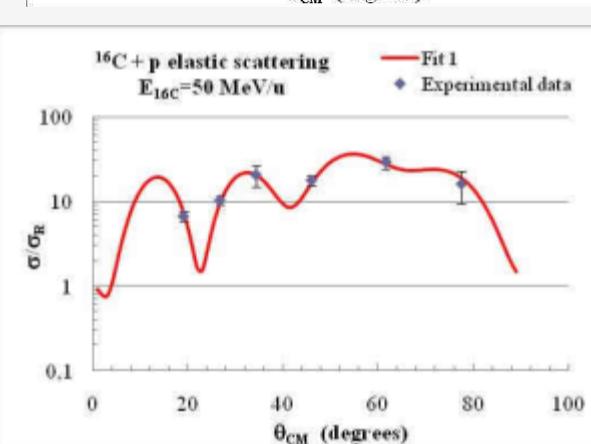
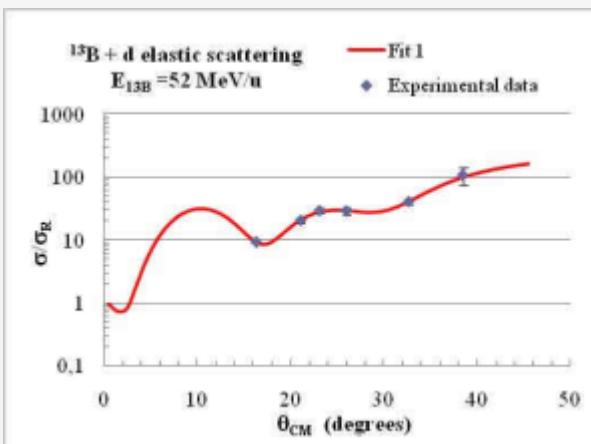
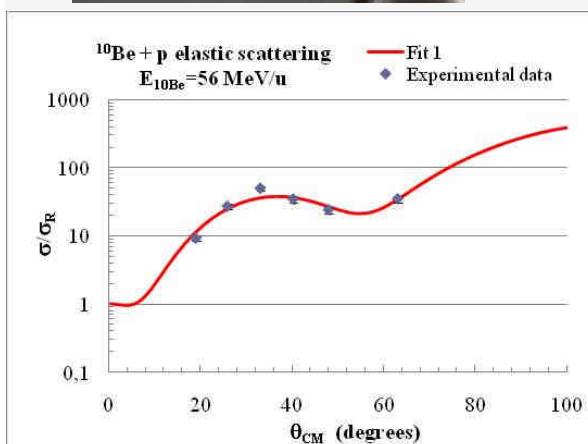
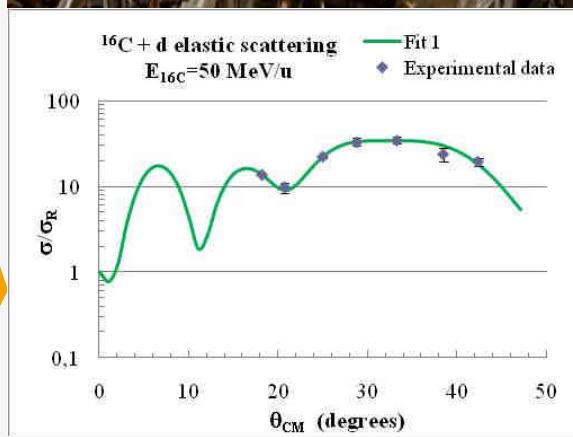
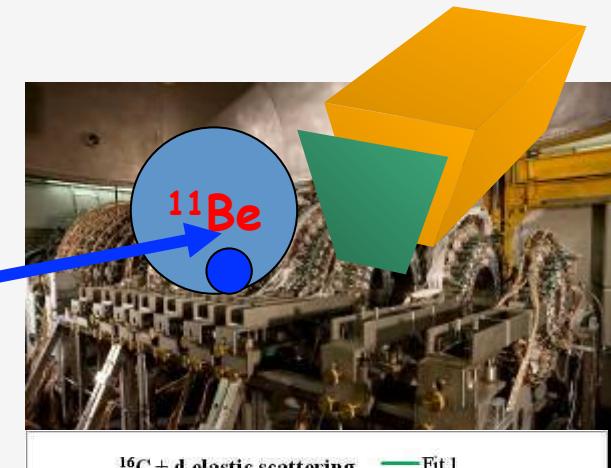
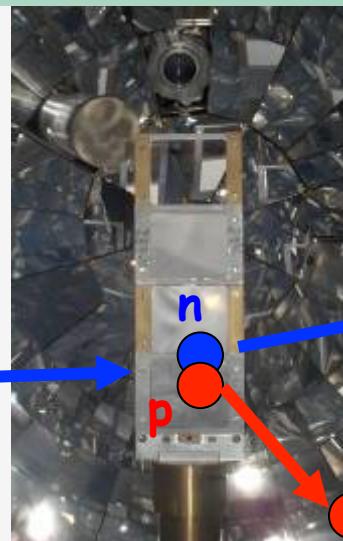
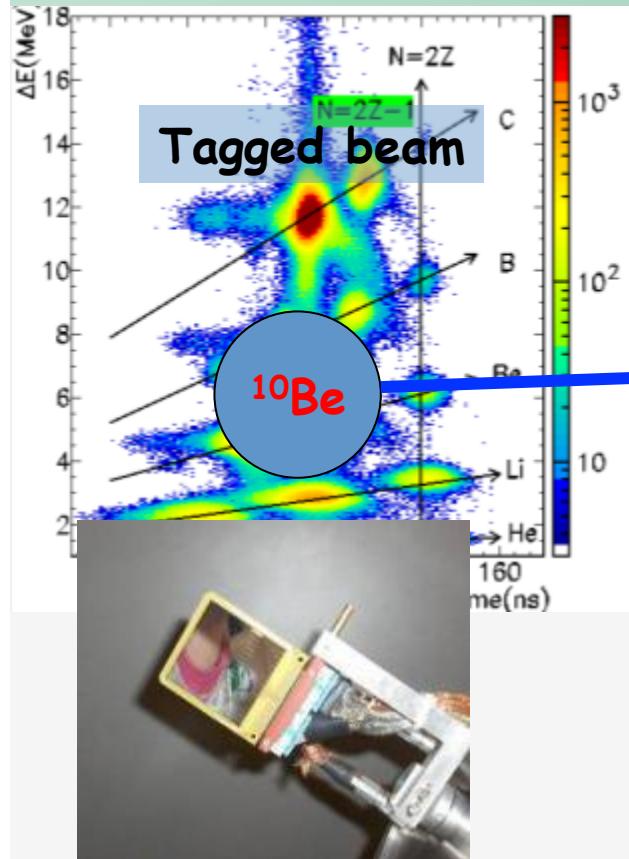
A second generation ISOL facility for neutron-rich ion beams and an interdisciplinary research center



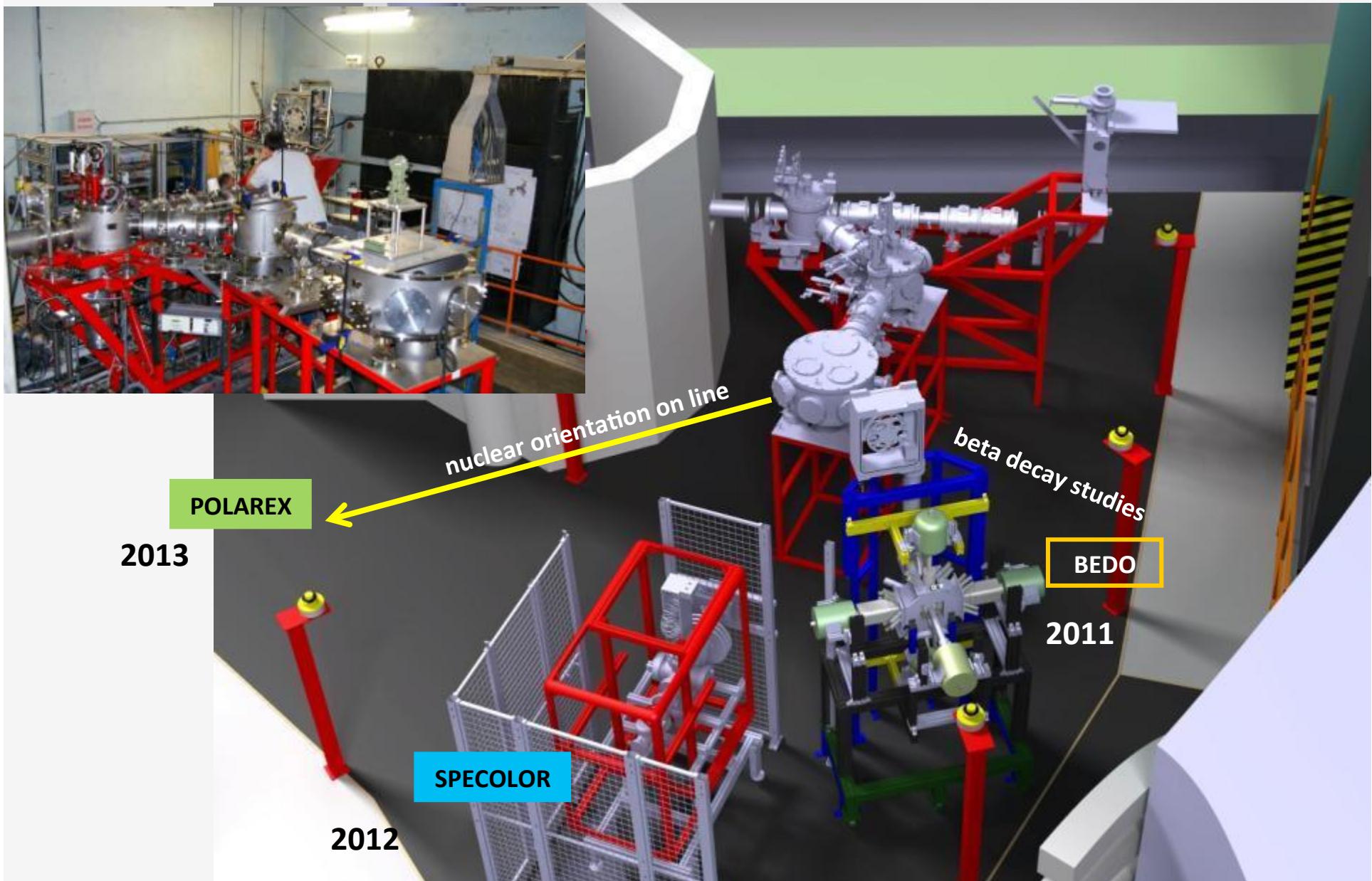
Selective Production of Exotic Species



# WITH FRIBS + EXCYT at LNS

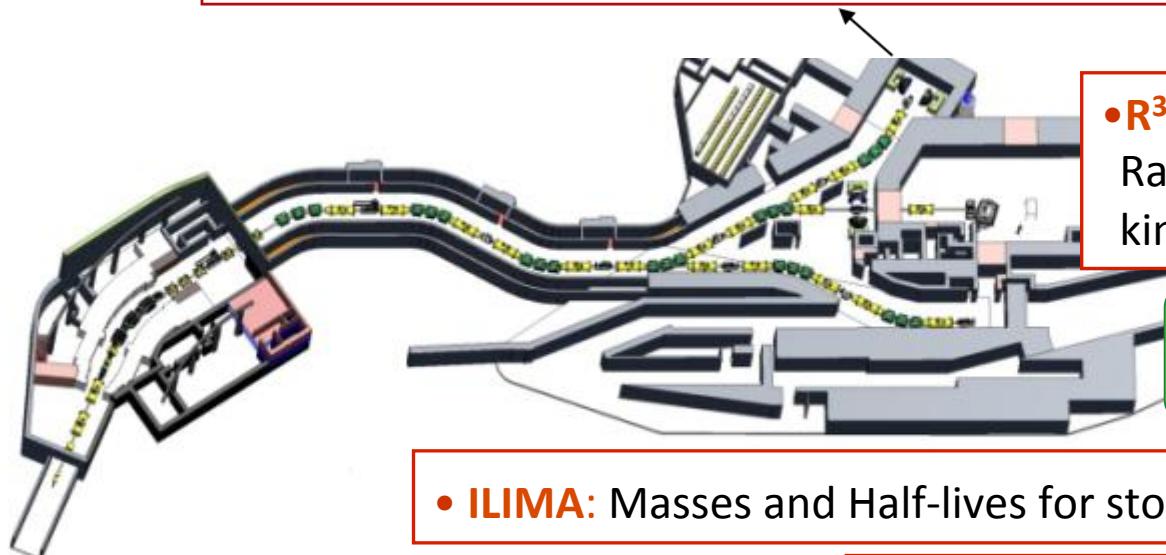


# ALTO at ORSAY



# Future NuSTARD facility (MSV Mod 2)

- **HISPEC**: In-Flight Spectroscopy
- **DESPEC**: Decay Spectroscopy
- **MATS**: Penning trap system (Masses)
- **LASPEC**: LASER Spectroscopy (Spins, Moments, isotope shifts)



Primary Beams  
Factor 100-1.000 more

• **R<sup>3</sup>B**: Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams in complete kinematics

Secondary Beams  
up to factor 10.000 more

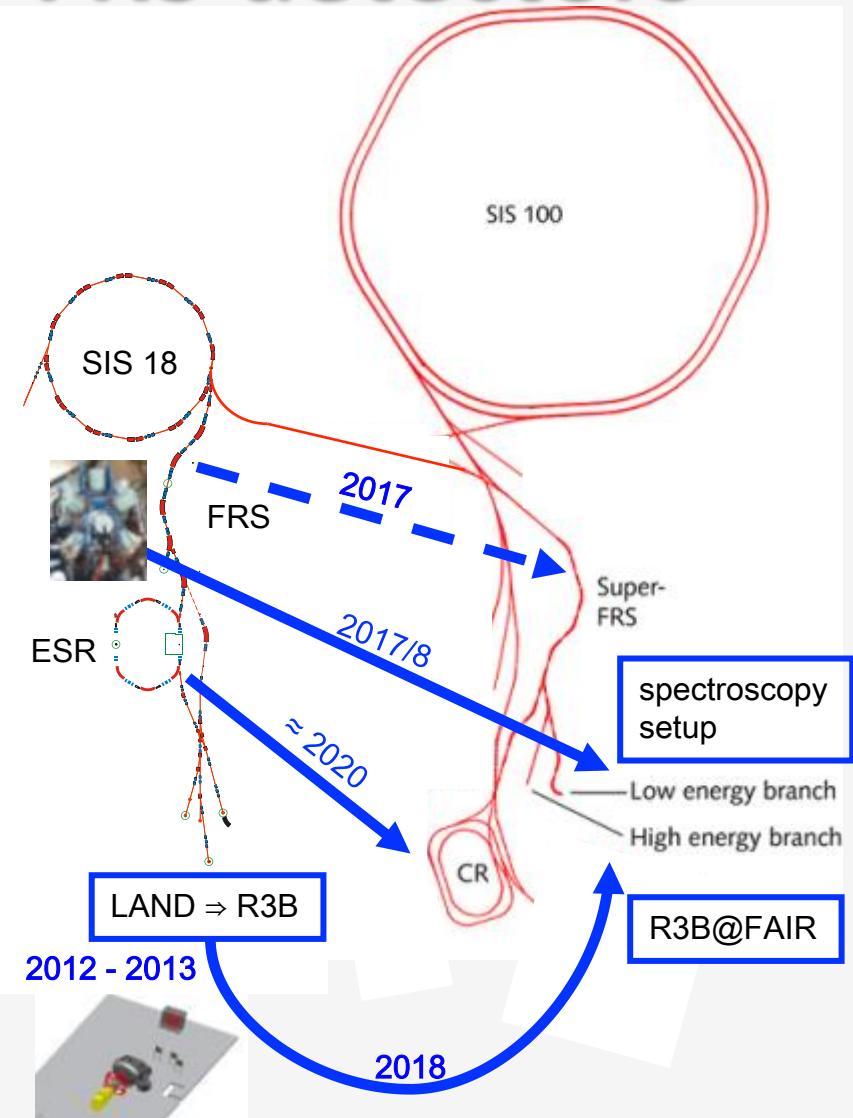
• **ILIMA**: Masses and Half-lives for stored ions, isomeric beams

## Physics Highlights:

- r-process path up to high mass numbers
- shell structure in very neutron-rich nuclei
- neutron drip-line in medium-heavy nuclei
- dynamics of halos and neutron skins
- nuclear equation-of-state

# Itinerary of Super-FRS detectors

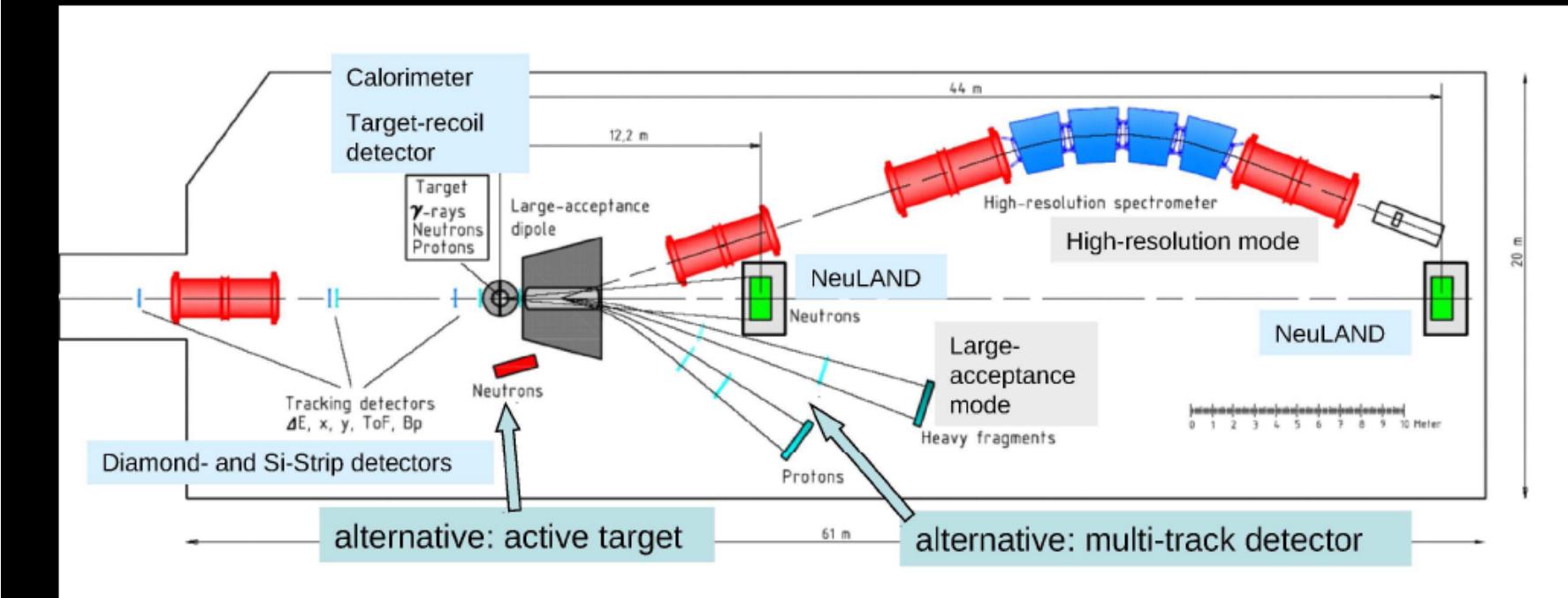
- Continue a concentrated programme until  
~ 2015: „GSI-only“ experiments
- Collaboration obtains research results
- It is possible to start FAIR-experiments  
already at GSI, e.g. R3B
- Construction of Super-FRS starting  
~ 2017
- Later (~2017/18): move experimental  
setups to Super-FRS





# R<sup>3</sup>B Overview

## Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



### Features:

- **kinematically complete** measurements of nuclear reactions
- high beam energies:  $\sim 100\text{--}1000$  MeV/u

### Addresses:

- nuclear astrophysics
- structure of exotic nuclei
- neutron-rich matter

# RISING – PRESPEC – HISPEC at LEB of Super-FRS

2007

2009

2011

2013

2015

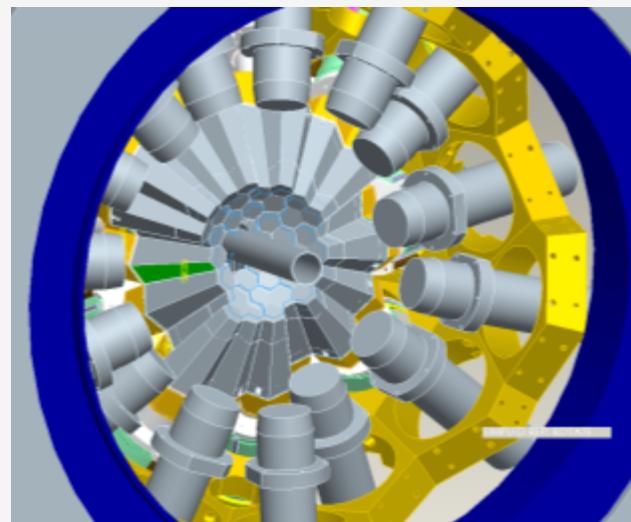
2017

**RISING**  
Stopped campaign



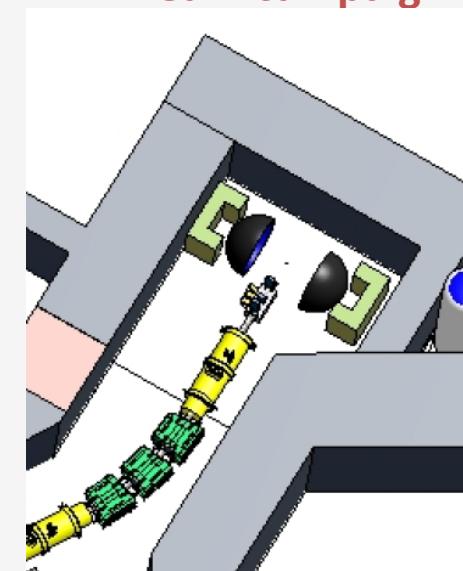
EUROBALL det.

**PRESPEC - AGATA**  
In-Beam campaign



**10 AGATA det.**  
beam tracking det. with  
digital electronics  
**Sensitivity gain: 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup>**

**HISPEC**  
In-Beam campaign



**60 AGATA det.**  
faster beam tracking det.  
at Super-FRS  
**Sensitivity gain: 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup>**

# *ELI Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP)*

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## **“Extreme Light”**

- 10 PW lasers, output energy higher than 200 J,  
20-30 fs, intensity higher than  $10^{23}\text{W/cm}^2$
- the most brilliant  $\gamma$  beam,  
 $<19.5\text{ MeV}$ , BW: $10^{-3}$   
produced by Compton scattering on a 600 MeV electron beam



- Photonuclear reactions and astrophysical applications.
- Nuclear methods and techniques based on high intensity laser and  $\gamma$  beams

# Conclusion

- The physics program with the availability of RIBs is going to be very rich, interesting and vital.  
Major advances for the understanding of properties of nuclear structure, interaction and nuclear matter are expected .
- Stringent tests to theory will be provided together with essential inputs to models of nucleosynthesis.
- Photon beams at ELI\_NP will be used to study specific nuclear structure and nuclear astrophysics and to study exotic beam production.
- The RIB program requires to be integrated by a number of very exclusive measurements with stable nuclei particularly in phase  
The existing facilities with stable beams will be very useful in the transition period for reactions, decay measurements and detector developments.