Study of cluster structures in ^{10}Be and ^{16}C neutron-rich nuclei via break-up reactions

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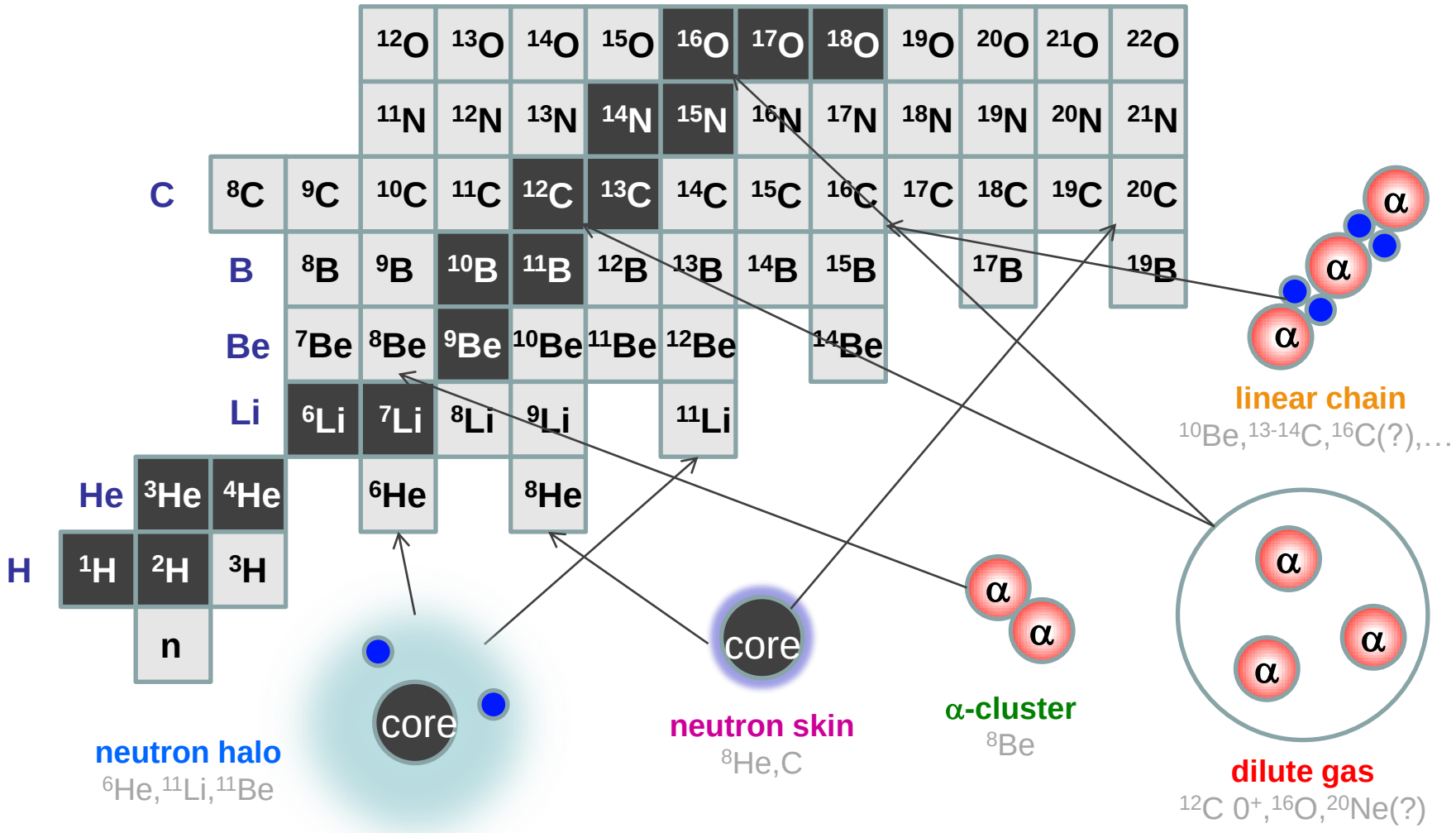
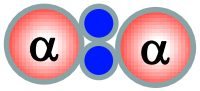
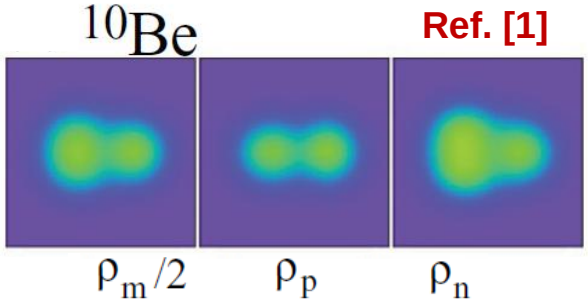
Complexity of nuclear force → **dominant** phenomena of nucleon-nucleon ***correlations*** which determine a spatial re-organization of the nucleons in bounded **sub-units** → the ***constituent clusters***.



Very big variety of physical phenomena that need investigations

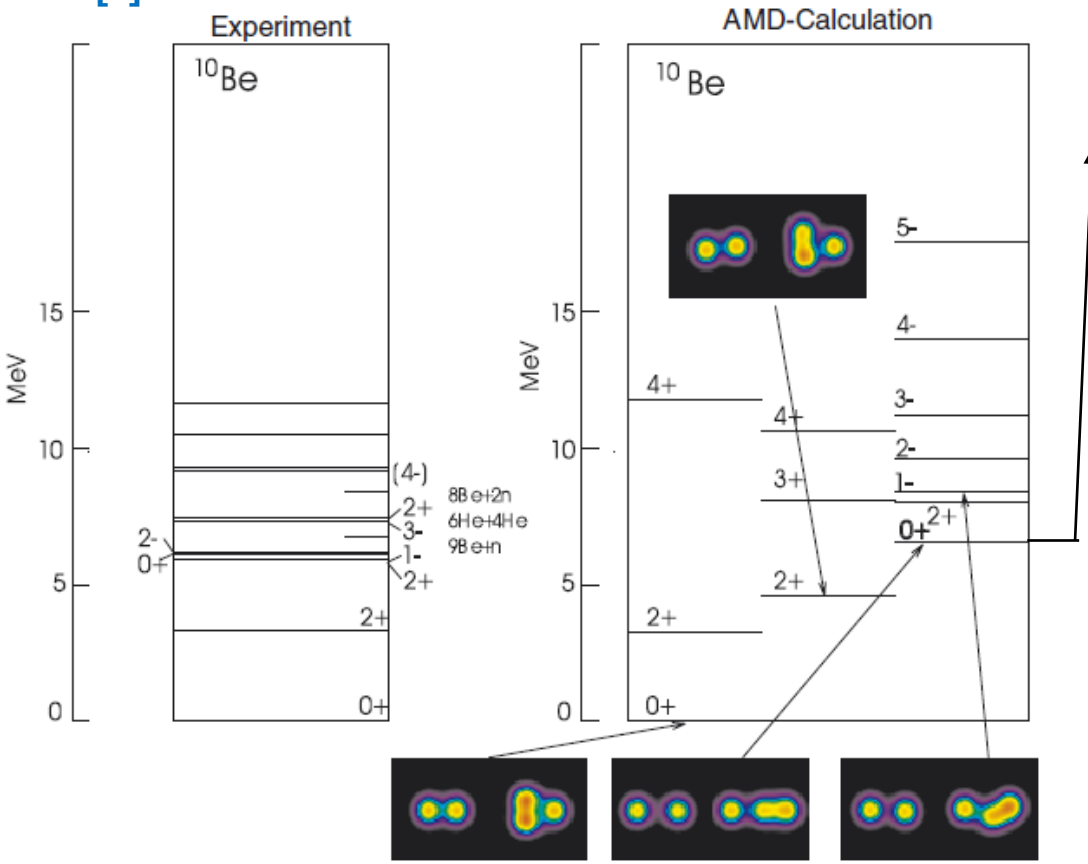




Ref. [1]

AMD+VAP calculations → high deformation in GS→ **[1]** → $K^{\pi}=0^{+}$ rotational band **[2]**

Ref. [3]



High α-α cluster distance **[3]** → strong **molecular structure** → $K^{\pi}=0^{+}$ **molecular band** built on the 6.1793 MeV **[4]** state

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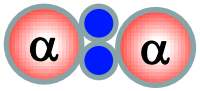

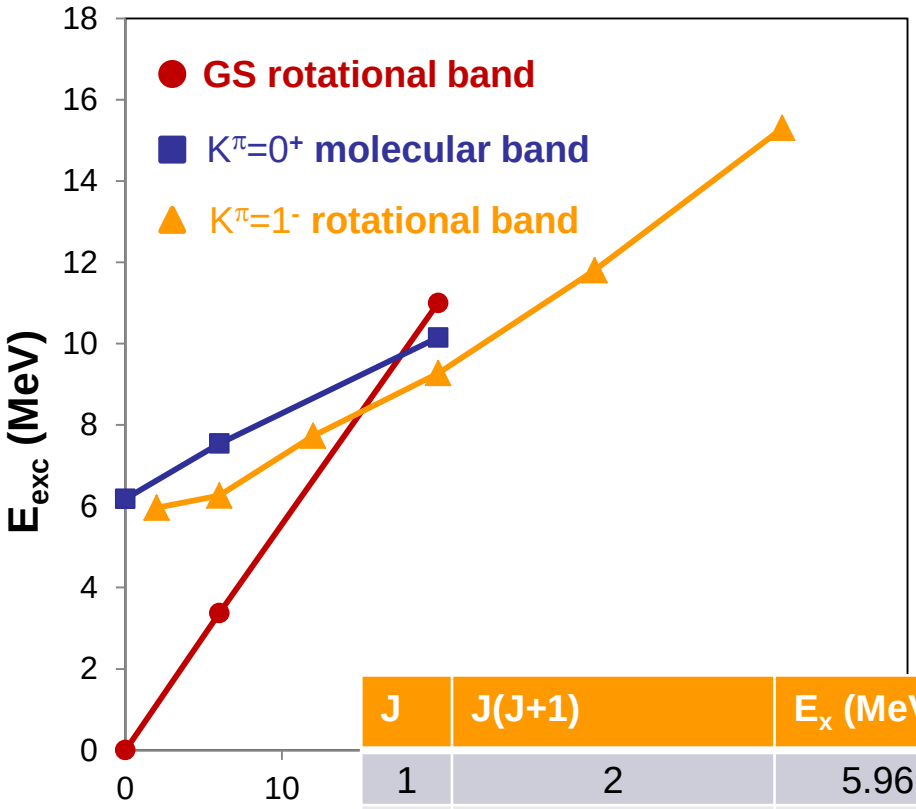

J	J(J+1)	E_x (MeV)
0	0	6.18
2	6	7.54
4	20	10.15 [4]

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2	6	3.37
4	20	11.78 [14]→11 [2] (?)

J	J(J+1)	E_x (MeV)
1	2	5.96
2	6	6.26
3	12	7.73
4	20	9.27
5	30	11.8
6	42	15.3

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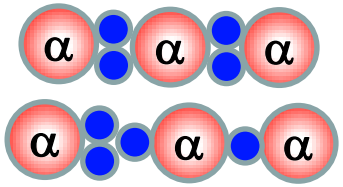
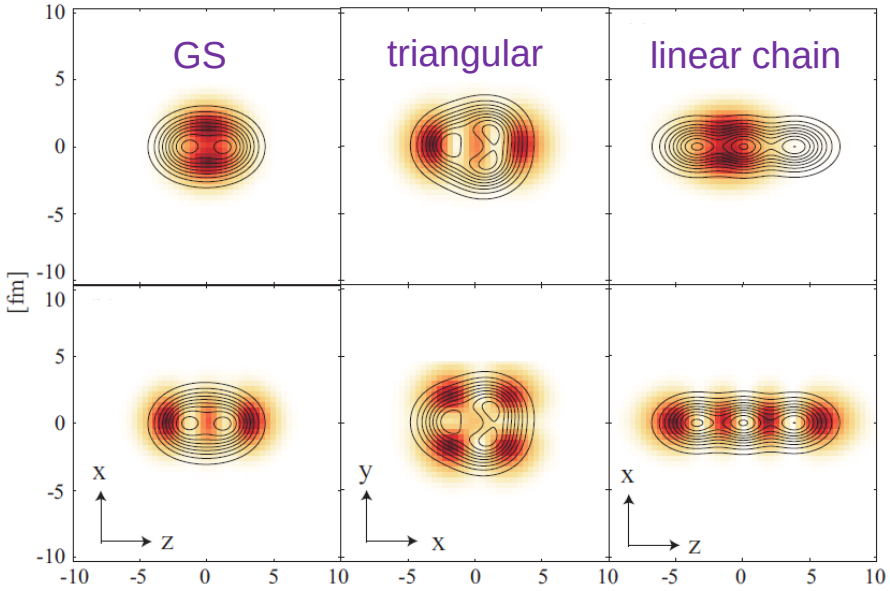
Rotational band in dimeric structure → very interesting case



possible **cluster configurations**→**AMD** calculations **Ref. [1]**



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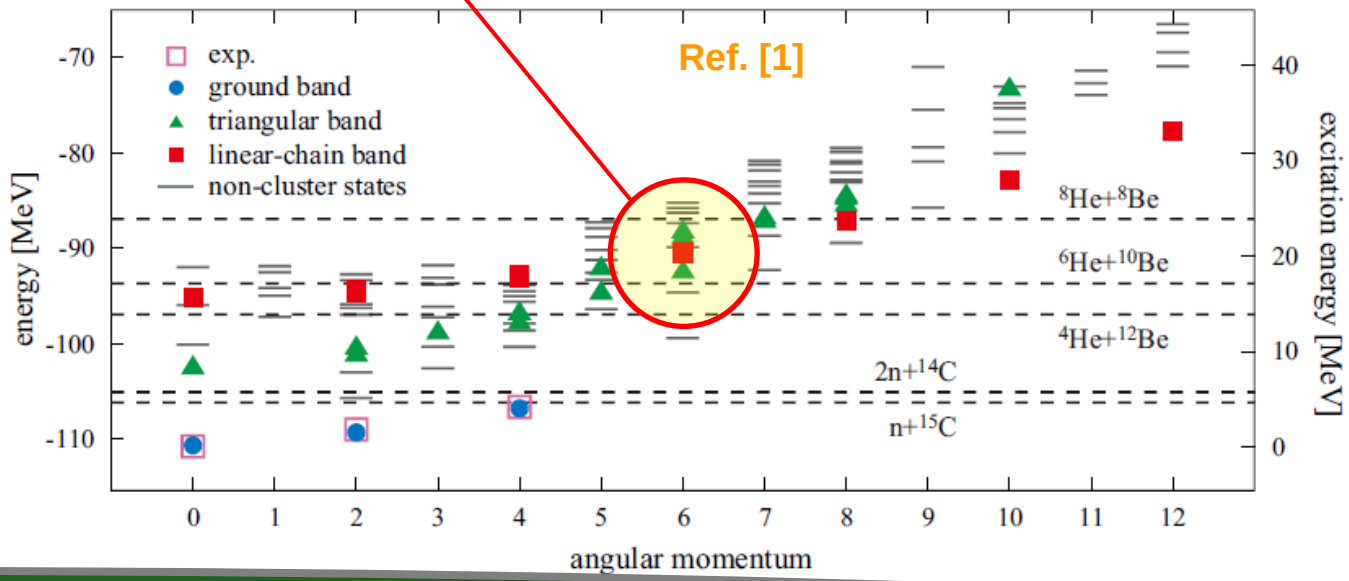
molecular states **predicted** → possible **rotational bands** → **^{6}He+^{10}Be** powerful disintegration channel to explore this region → **confirmations needed.**



no experimental evidence on ^{16}C molecular nature still provided **[2,3]** → very **low statistic** measurements

Experimental evidence still missing!

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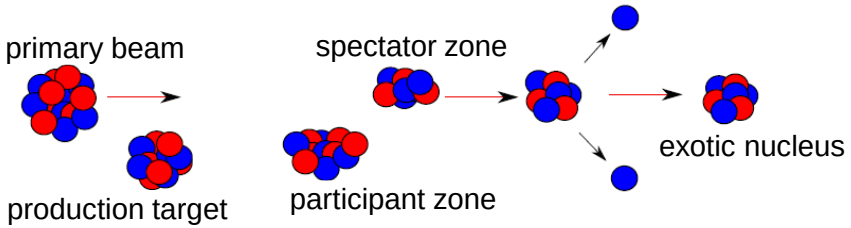

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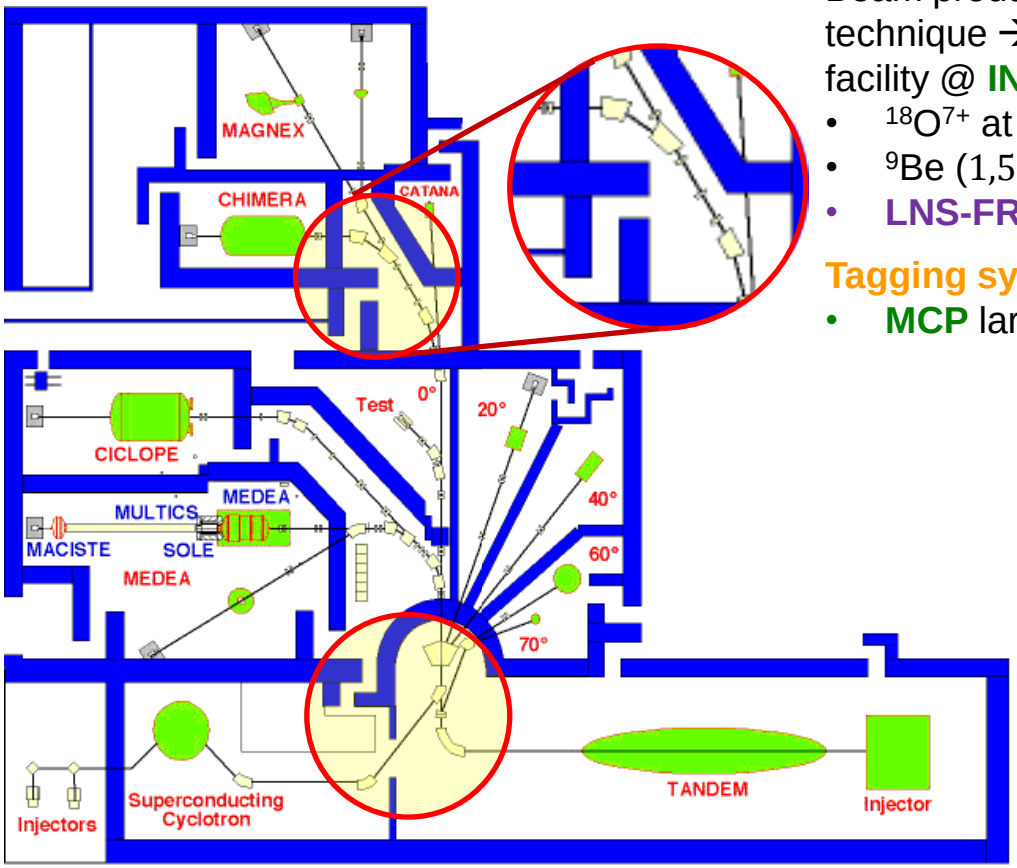

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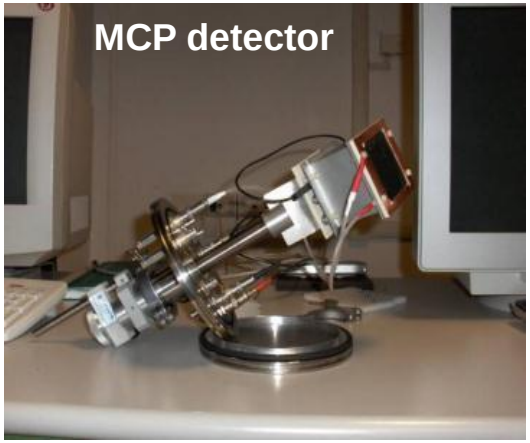

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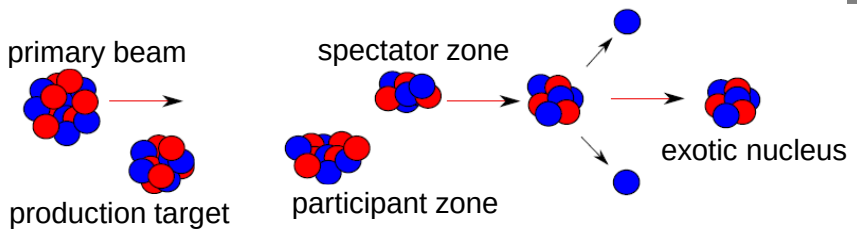

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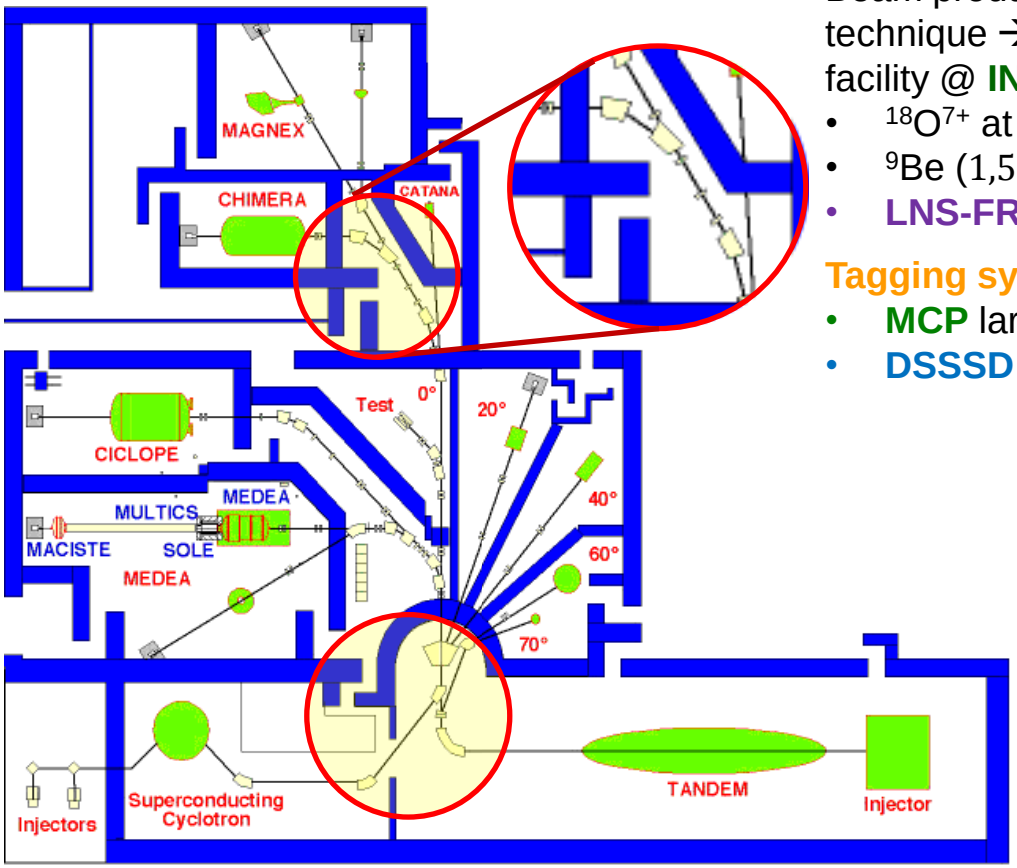

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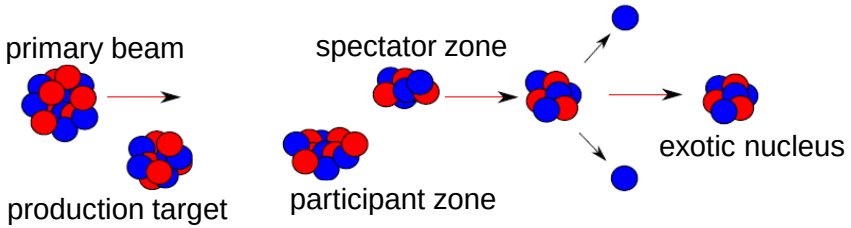

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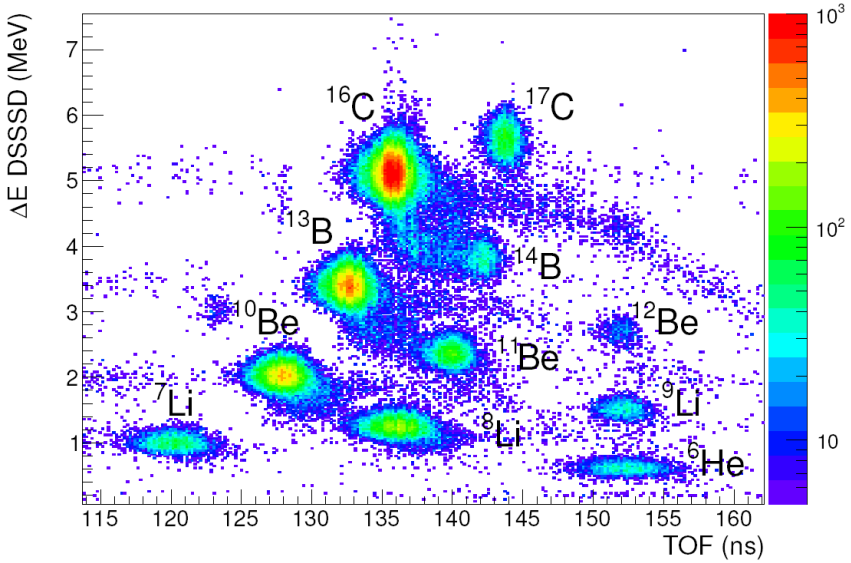

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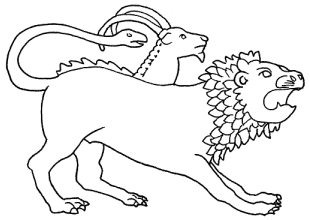
Identification (ΔE-ToF) plot FRIBs **cocktail beam** → good performances.
High **exotic beams** intensity:

- ^{16}C $(49{,}5\ MeV/u)$ $10^5\ pps$;
- ^{13}B $(49{,}5\ MeV/u)$ $5 \cdot 10^4\ pps$;
- ^{10}Be $(56{,}0\ MeV/u)$ $4 \cdot 10^4\ pps$;

Complete cocktail beam identification



CHIMERA (**C**harged **H**eavy **I**on **M**ass **E**nergy **R**esolving **A**rray) **[1,2]**

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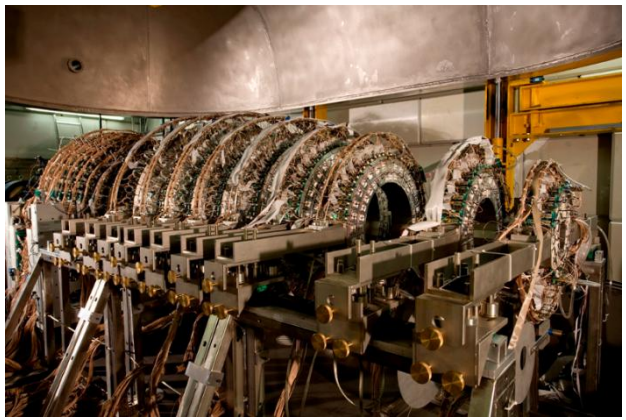
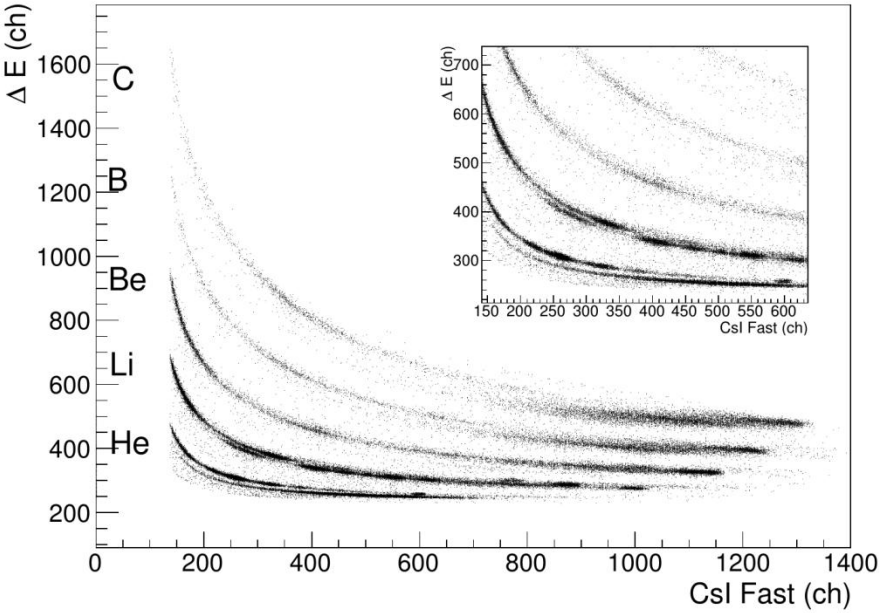


- 1192 **ΔE-E telescopes** ($\sim 300\mu m$ Si + CsI(Tl) scintillator);
- 9 **forward rings** ($1^\circ \leq \theta \leq 30^\circ$);
- 17 **rings sphere** ($30^\circ < \theta \leq 176^\circ$);

First **3 forward rings**→144 telescopes ($1^\circ \leq \theta \leq 7^\circ$) complete azimuthal coverage→ **ΔE-E identification** technique.



Good ^{4}**He – ^{6}He** separation → beryllium line mainly dominated by ^{10}**Be**

ΔE-E identification → good isotopic separation

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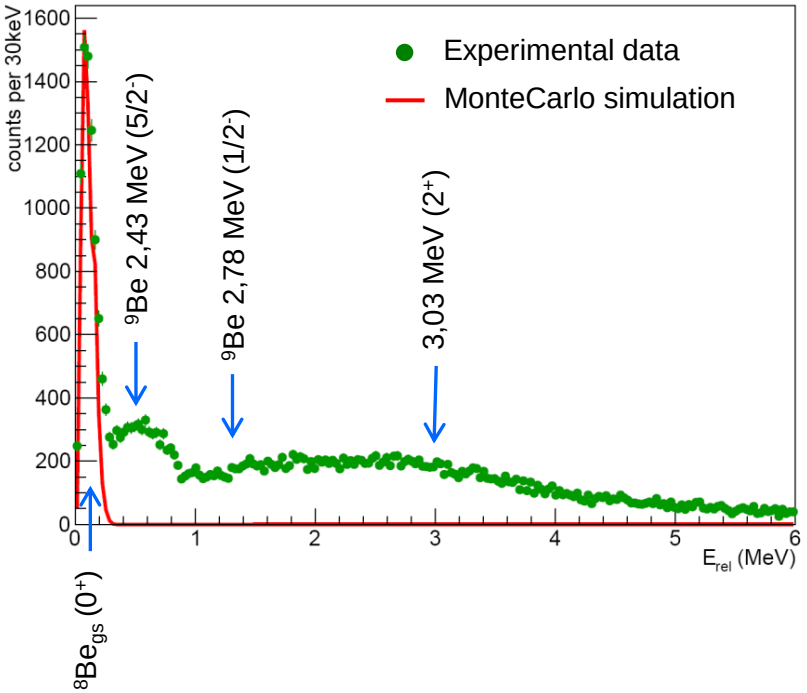

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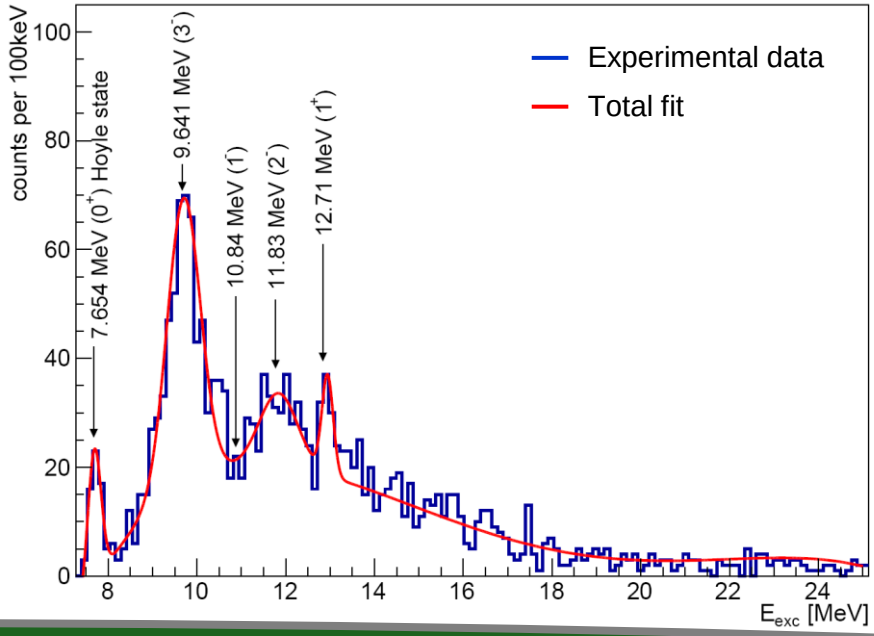

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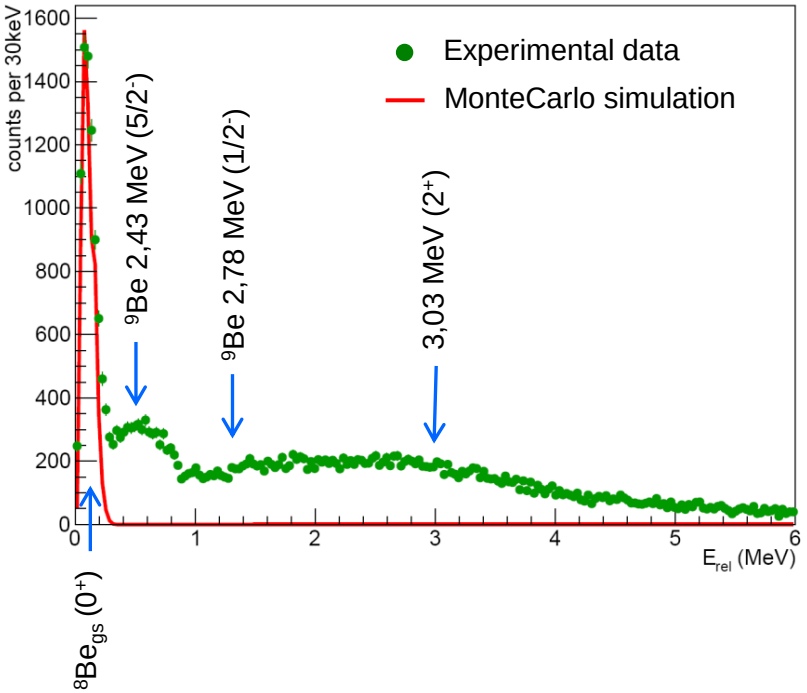

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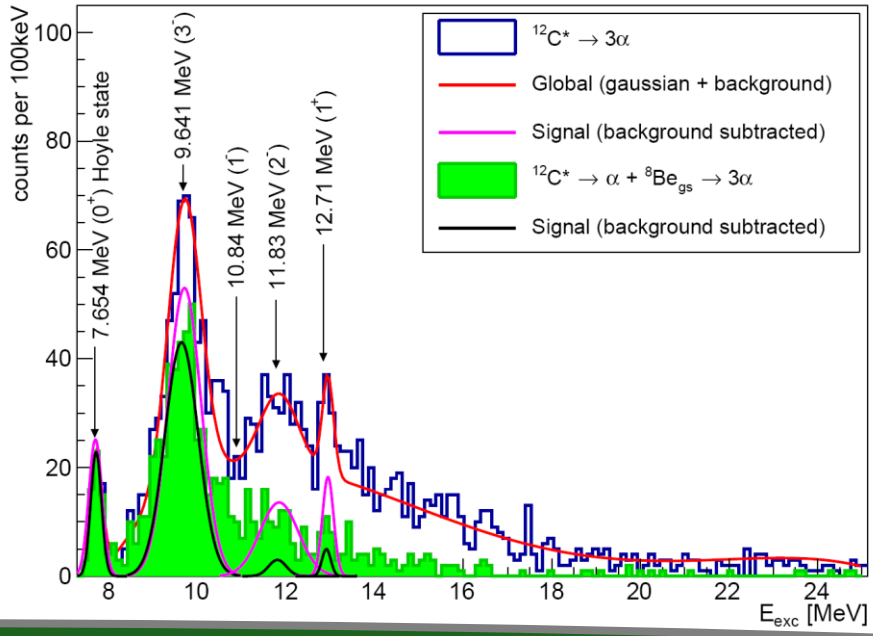

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Interesting study of **sequential de-excitation** for the **Hoyle state** → $^{12}C^{*} \rightarrow \alpha + {}^{8}Be_{gs}$ (green spectrum)

Good test for the experimental technique

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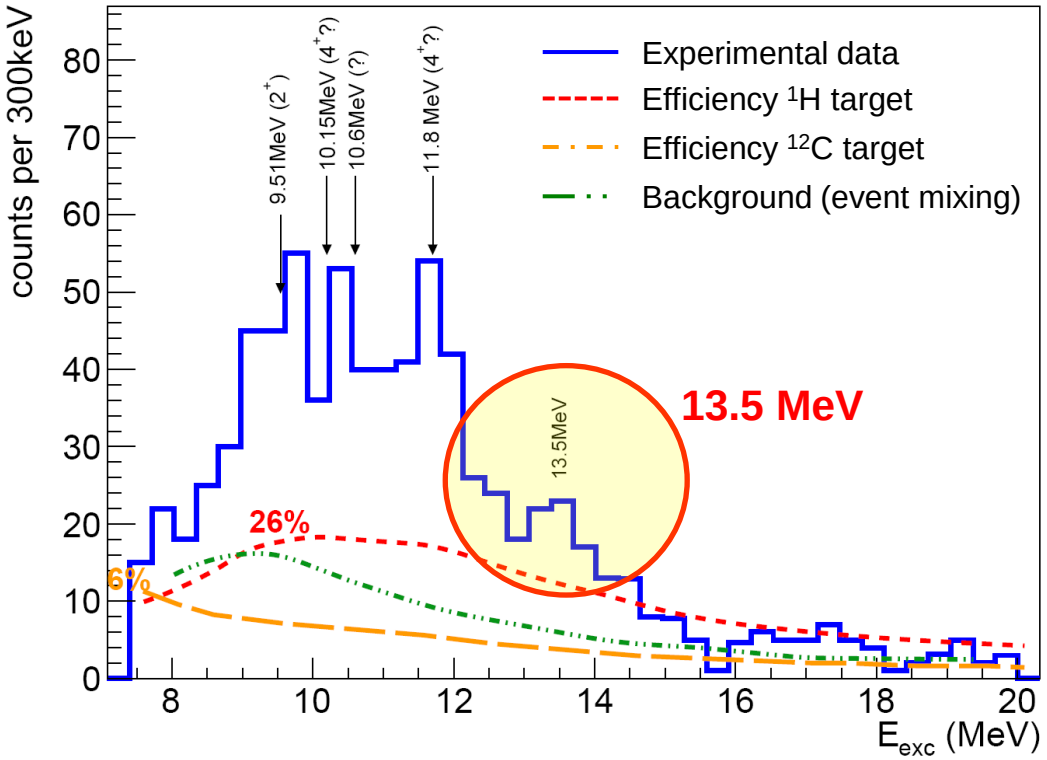


Found **bumps** corresponding to **excited states** known in literature (vertical arrows) → interesting peak at about **13.5 MeV**.

Smooth efficiency for both the possible target nuclei (^{12}C and ^{1}H from the polyethylene CH_2 target used) → **MonteCarlo simulation** with exponential angular distribution in the **anelastic scattering** center of mass frame:

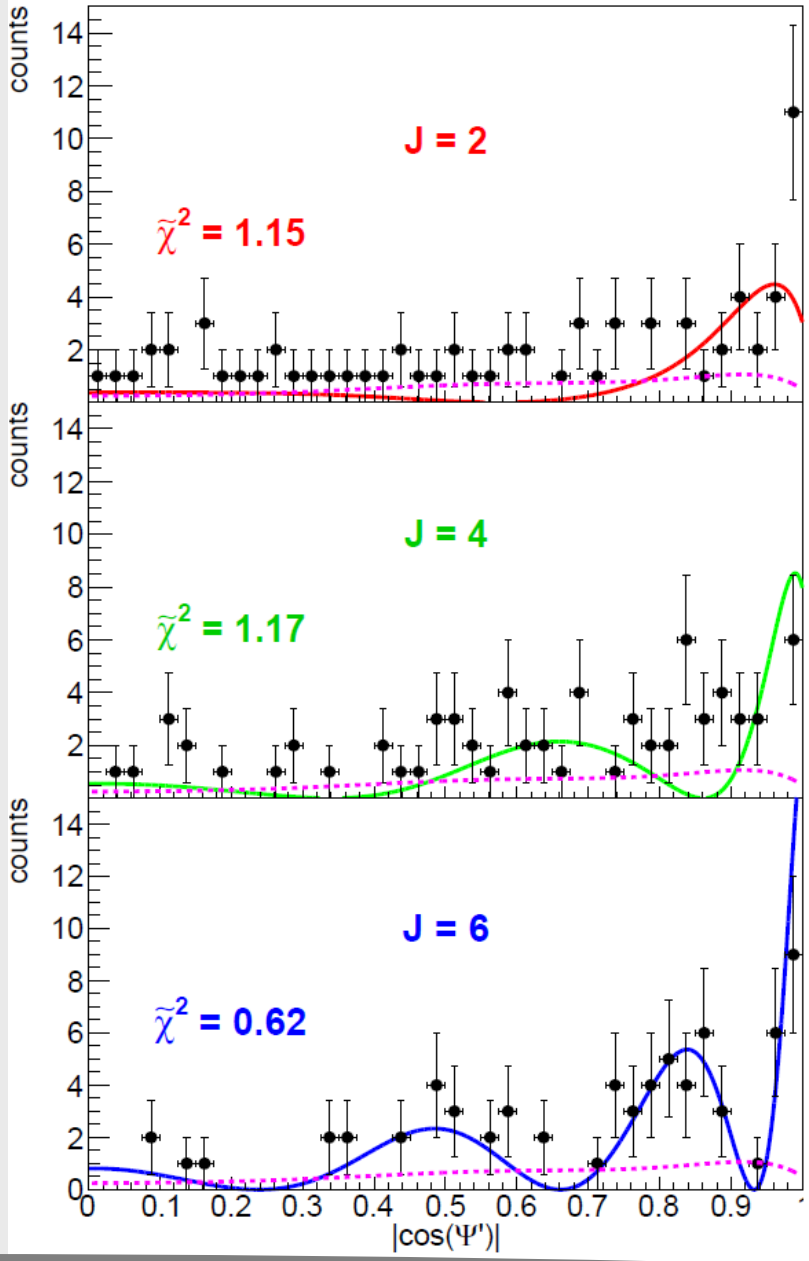
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_{cm}} \propto e^{\frac{\theta_{cm}}{\alpha}}$$

α fall-of factor 12°-16°

Flat **spurious background** contribution → **event mixing** procedure.

Possible **evidence** of a new excited state at about **13.5 MeV** not reported in literature.

^{6}He+^{4}He channel: the ^{10}Be structure



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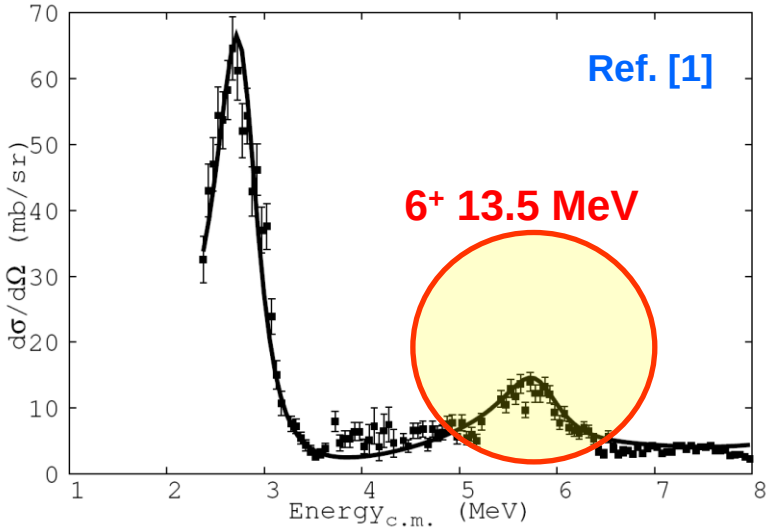

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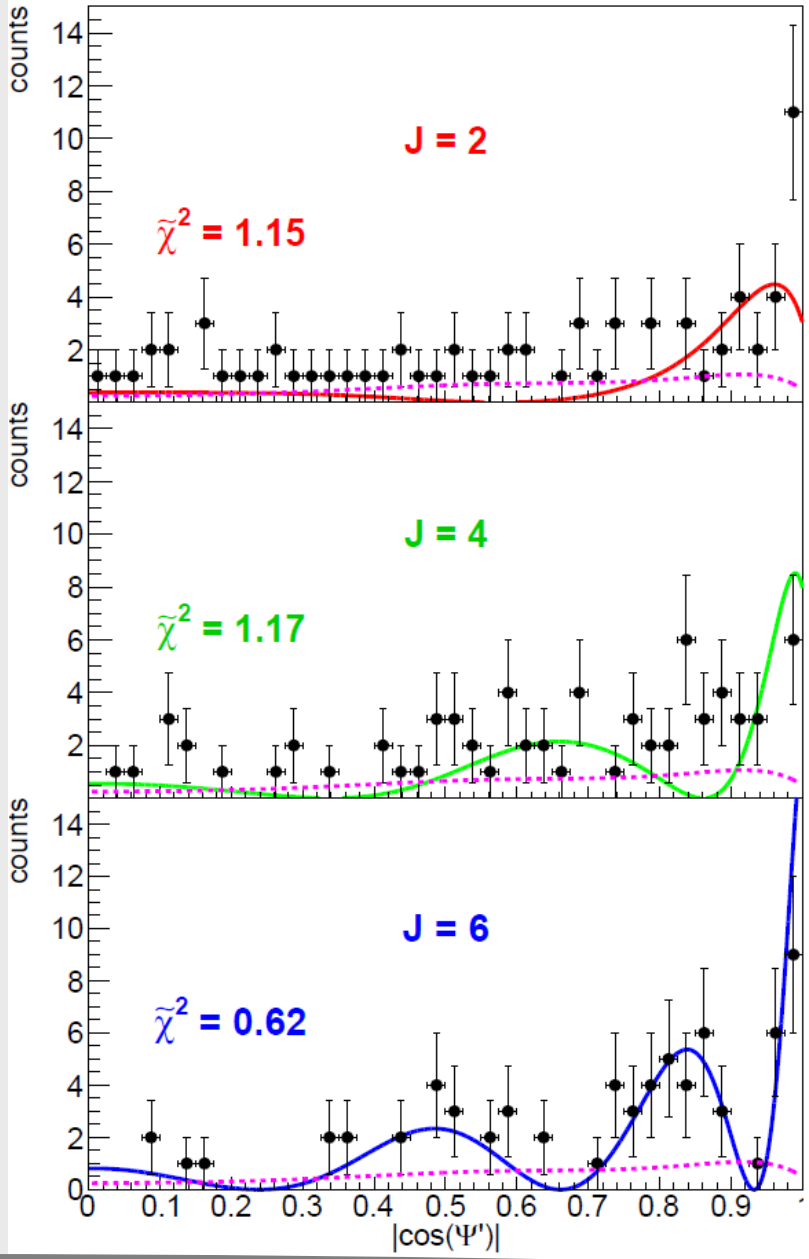

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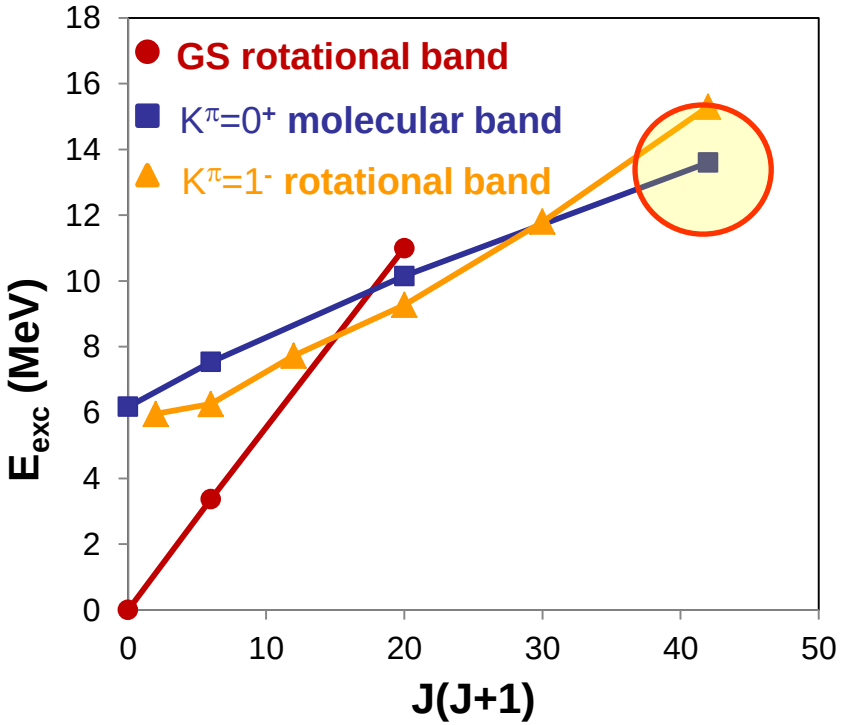
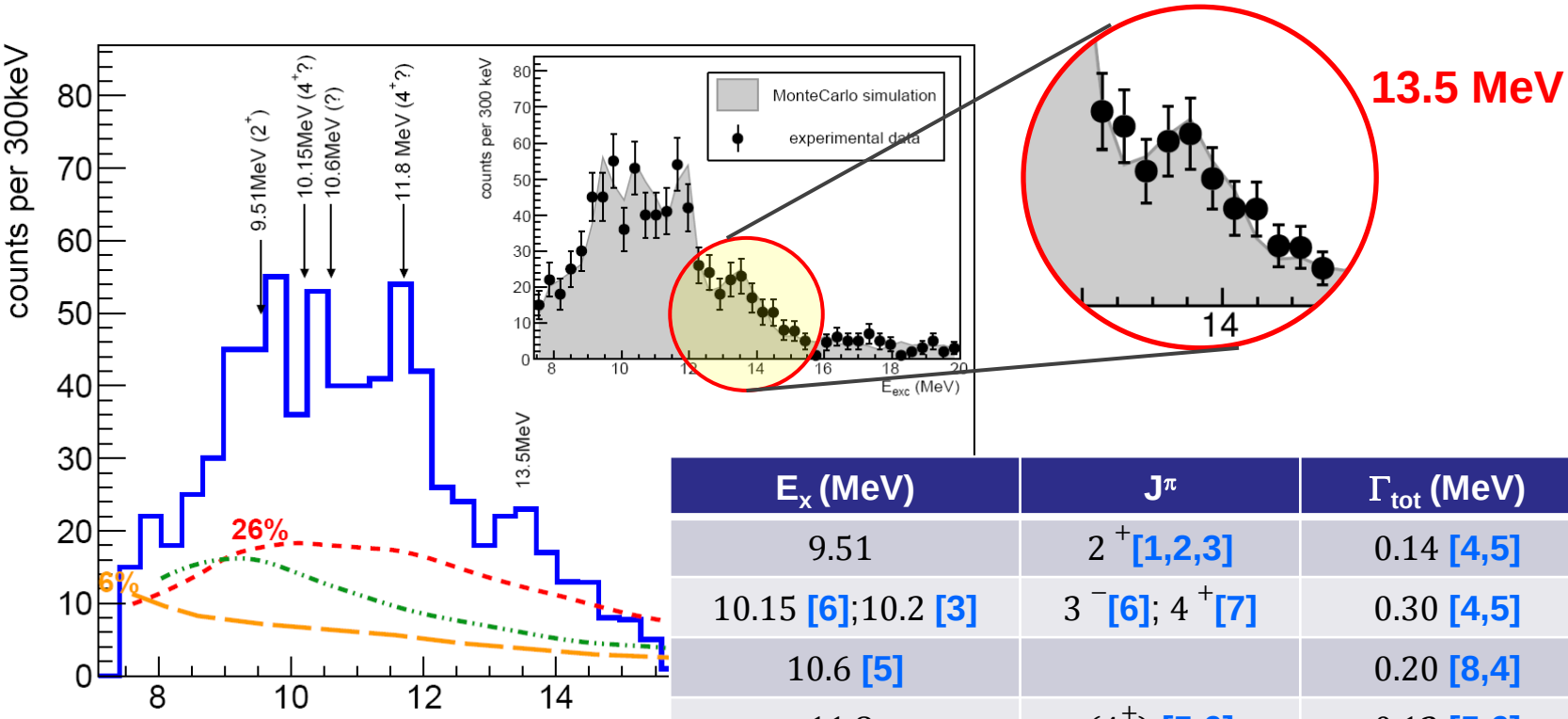


Possible **6^+** further **member** of the **$K=0^+$ molecular band** → **low statistics** → new experiments are needed.

Continuation of the ^{10}Be molecular band

As a **final test** → complete **MonteCarlo simulation** with the **13.5 MeV** state (shadowed histogram) → nice **agreement** with the experimental data (black points)



E_x (MeV)	J^{π}	Γ_{tot} (MeV)
9.51	2^{+} [1,2,3]	0.14 [4,5]
10.15 [6];10.2 [3]	3^{-} [6]; 4^{+} [7]	0.30 [4,5]
10.6 [5]		0.20 [8,4]
11.8	(4^{+}) [5,6]	0.12 [5,6]
≈ 13.5	6^{+} [9], this work	≈ 0.15 this work

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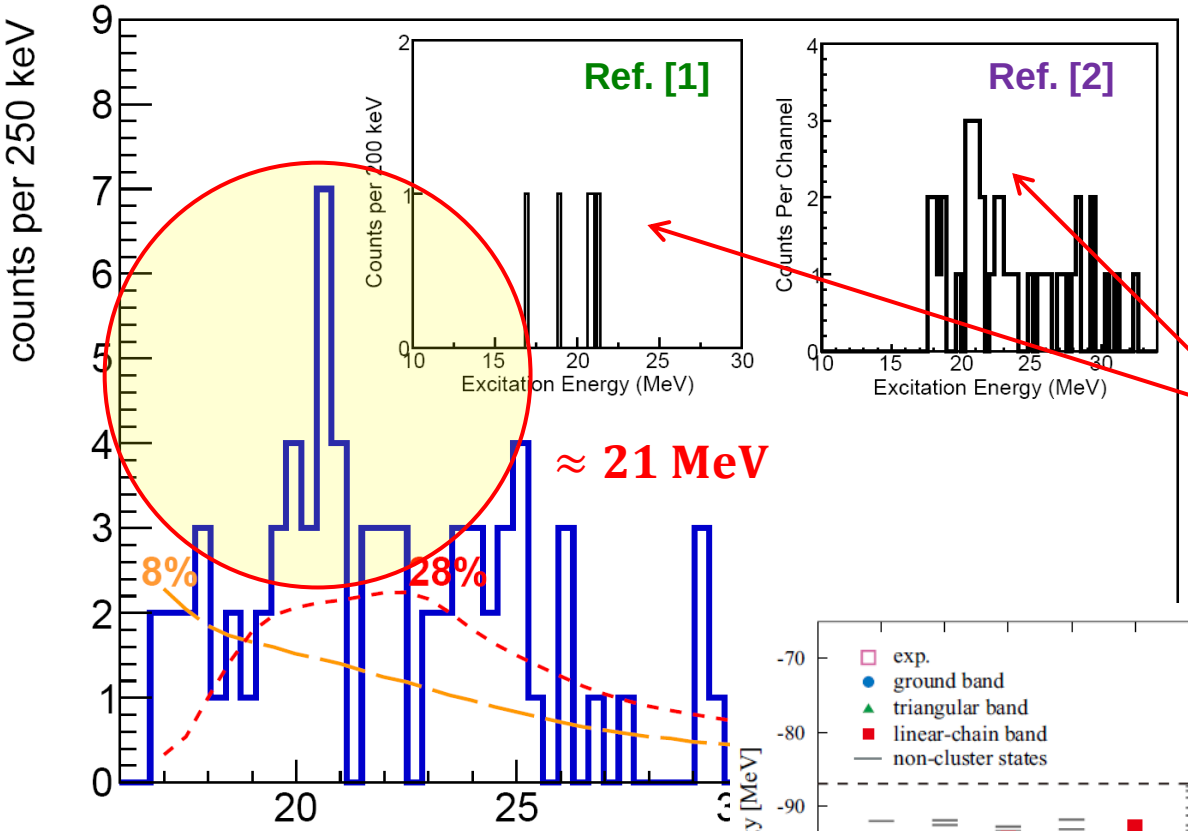
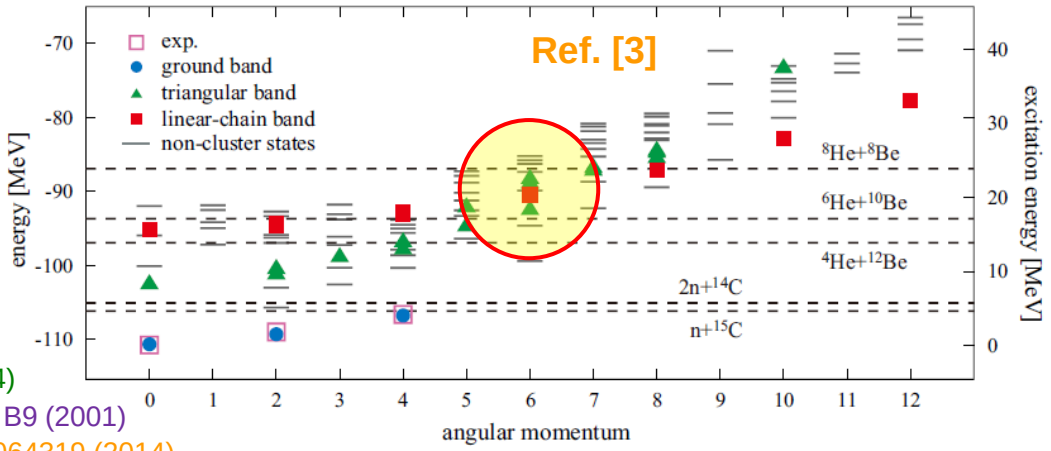
^{16}C 2 body disintegration → ^{6}He+^{10}Be break-up channel → **low statistics** data.



Experimental data
Efficiency ^{1}H target
Efficiency ^{12}C target

Enhancement at about **20.6 MeV** → possible **agreement** with the previous low statistics measurement s **[1][2]**→ **more statistics** required to confirm the suggestion.



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Low statistics results → 20,6 MeV bump

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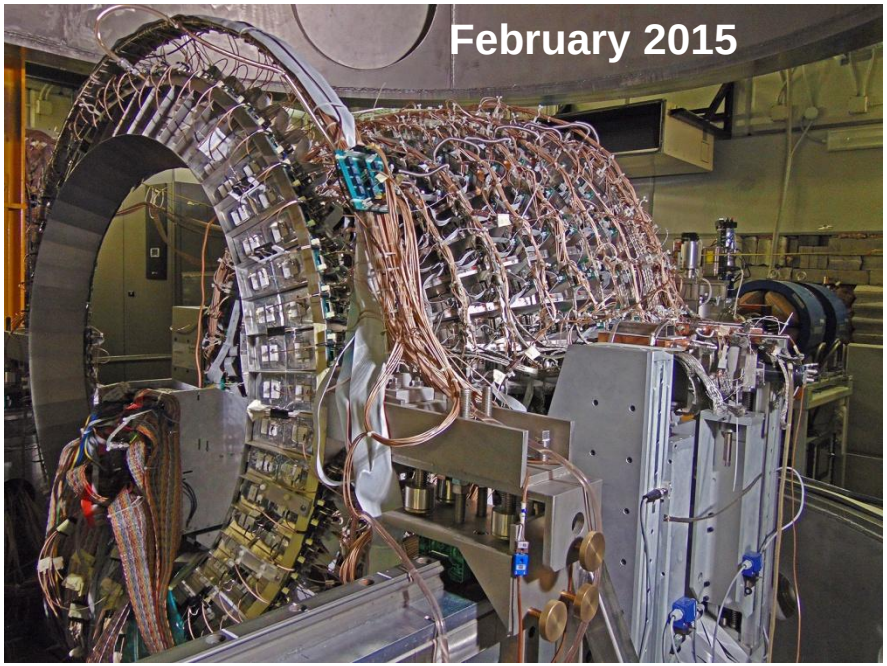

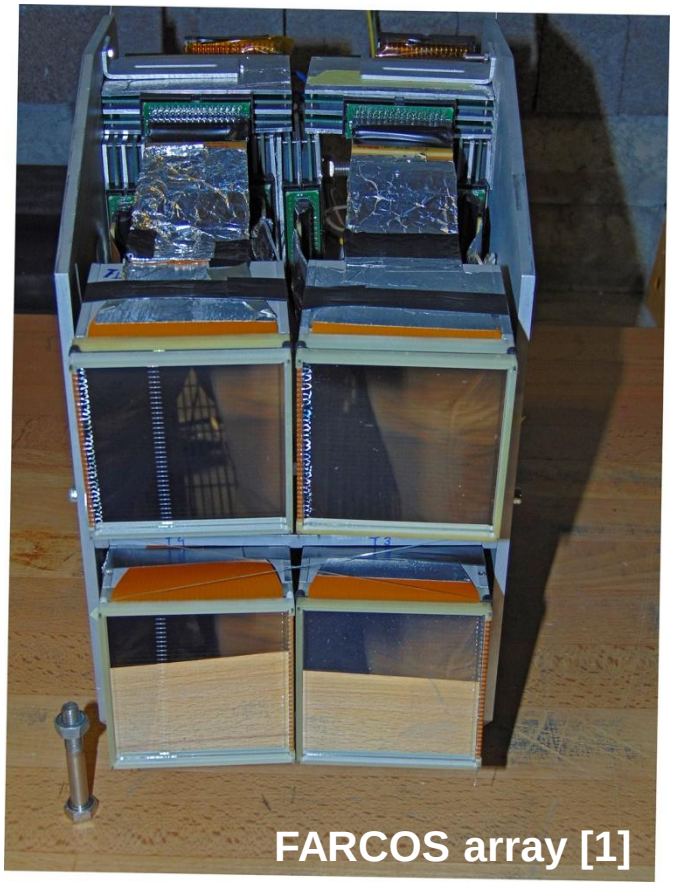

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more info in E.V. Pagano's talk

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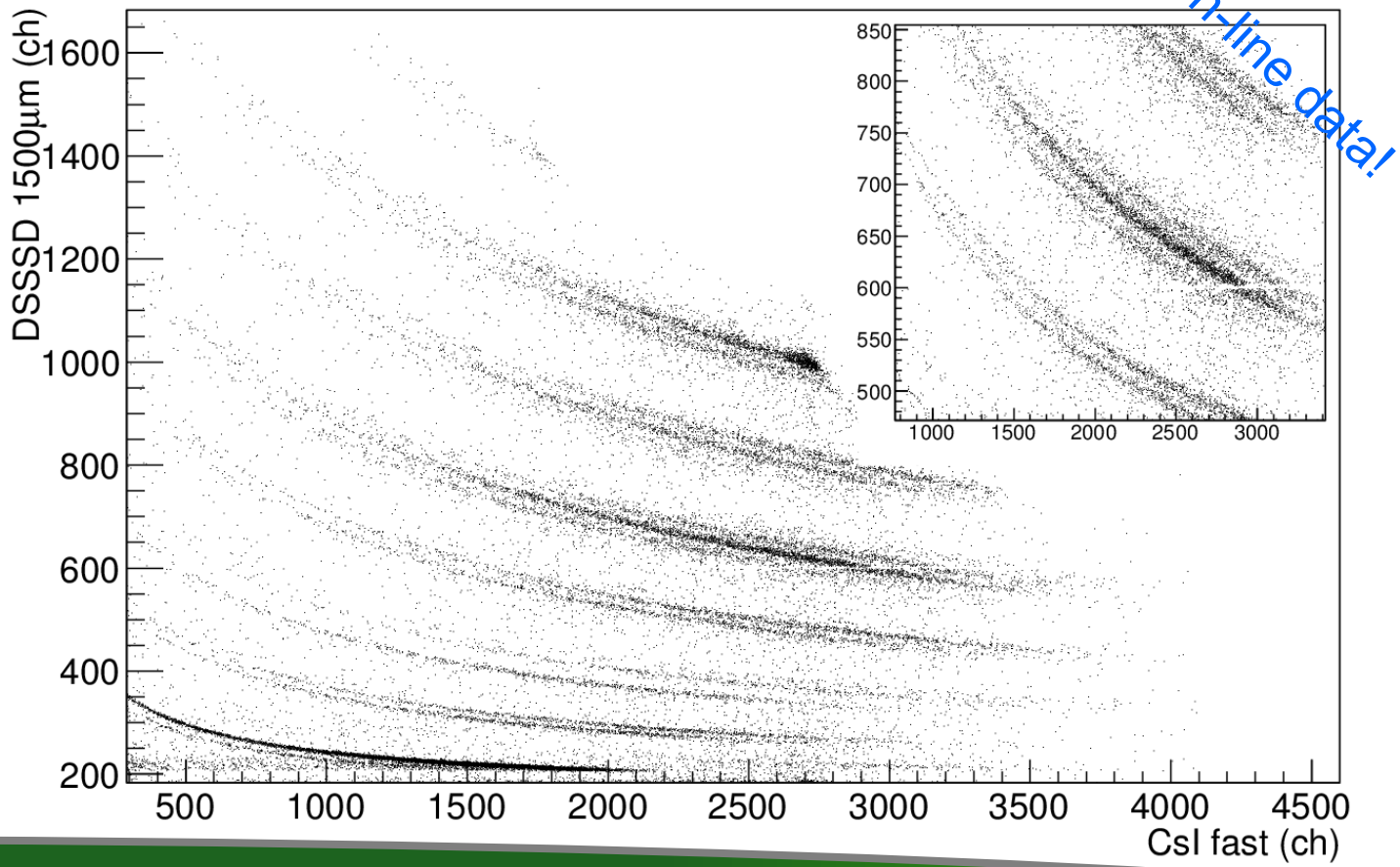
ΔE-E identification plot with FARCOS DSSSD (1500 μm) vs CsI fast
^{16}O+C @ 55 MeV/u



Data acquisition in progress…

- We have performed a **spectroscopic investigation** of **^{10}Be** and **^{16}C** via **cluster break-up** reactions at intermediate energies at **INFN-LNS**.

- The cocktail beam was provided by the **FRIBs facility** → particle by particle identification → **tagging system** coupled to **CHIMERA 4π** multi-detector.

- **^{6}He-^{4}He correlations** → structure of **^{10}Be** → **new possible 6^{+} state** at about **13.5 MeV** excitation energy → possible agreement with a recent R-matrix calculation **[1]** (resonant elastic scattering data) → energetic compatibility with a 6^{+} further member of the **^{10}Be molecular band**.

- **^{6}He-^{10}Be correlations** → structure of **^{16}C** → very **low statistics** data → agreement with previous experiment enhancement at about **21 MeV** excitation energy.

Future Perspectives:
CLIR experiment INFN-LNS February 2015 – June 2015.

[1] G. Rogachev et al., J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. **569**, 012004 (2014)

Thank you for your attention.