

# Probing Neutron Halo Nuclei by Breakup Reactions

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$^{31}\text{Ne}$  : T. Nakamura, N.Kobayashi et al., PRL 103, 262501 (2009).

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Coulomb/Nuclear Breakup of  $^{29}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{33,35,37}\text{Mg}$ , and  $^{39,41}\text{Si}$

*at RI Beam Factory, RIKEN*

*Preliminary*

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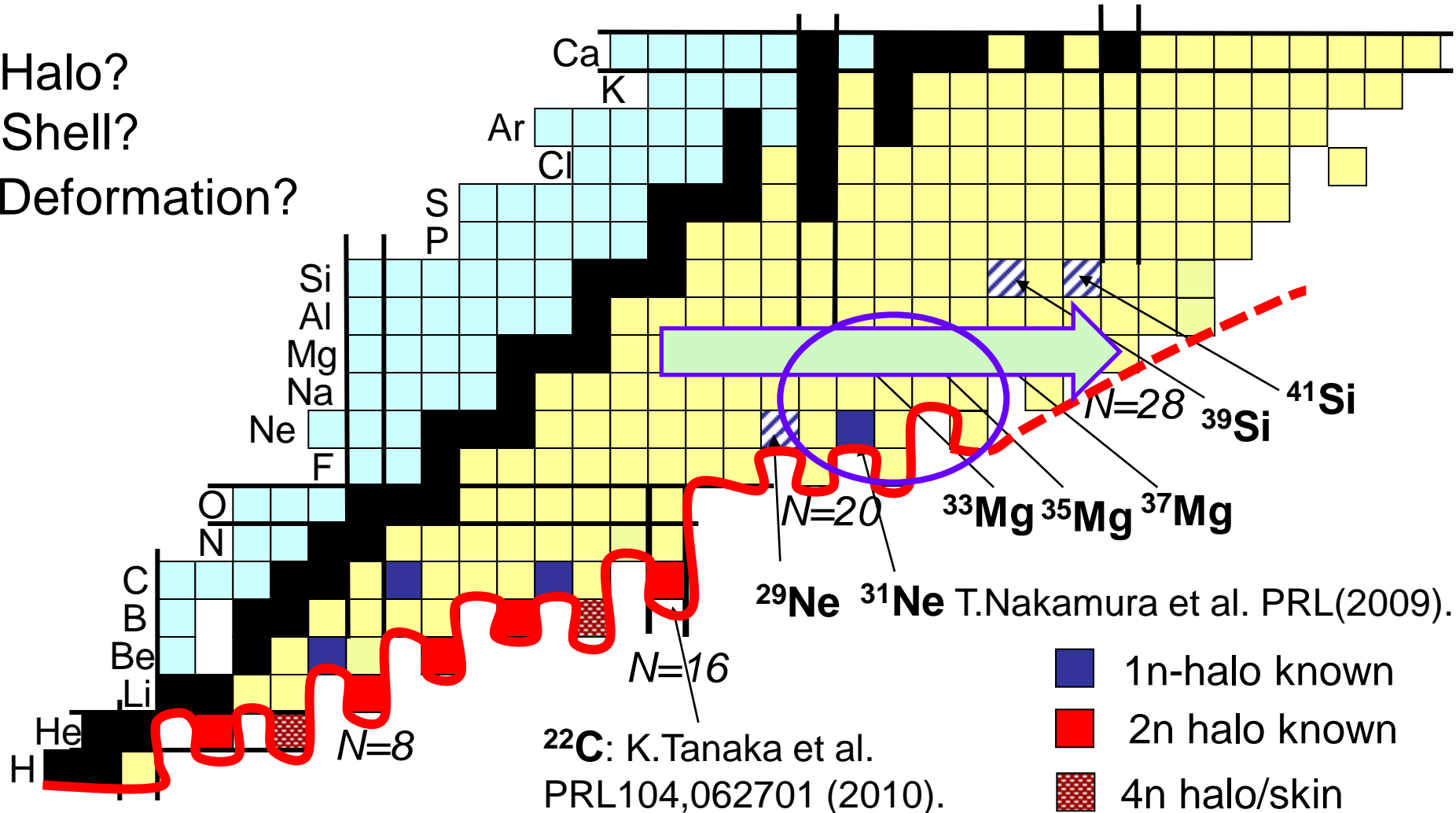
# Evolution Towards the Stability Limit

*Where is the neutron drip line?*

*What are characteristic features of drip-line nuclei?*

*How does nuclear structure evolve towards the drip line?*

Halo?  
Shell?  
Deformation?



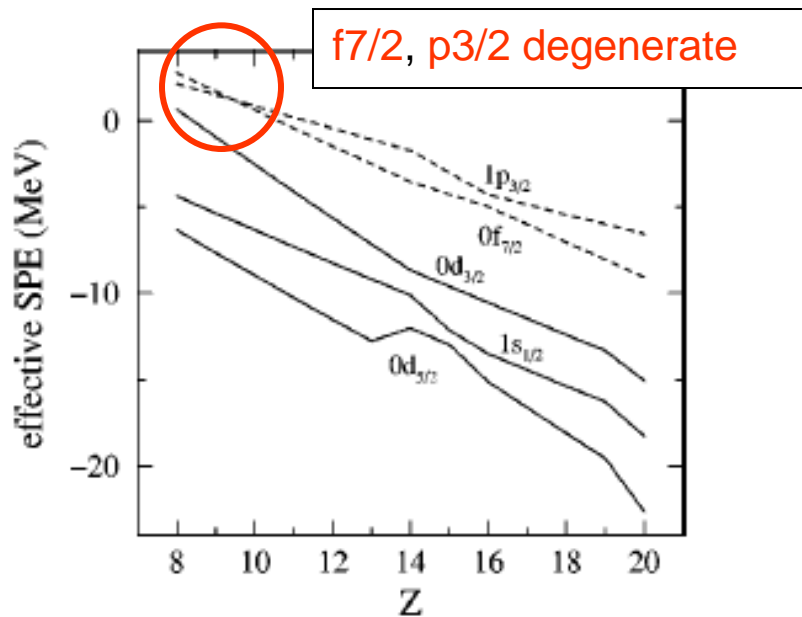
## Condition of Halo Formation (1n halo nuclei)

- Low  $S_n$  value ( $< \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$ )
- Dominance of **s** or **p** orbital for the valence neutron

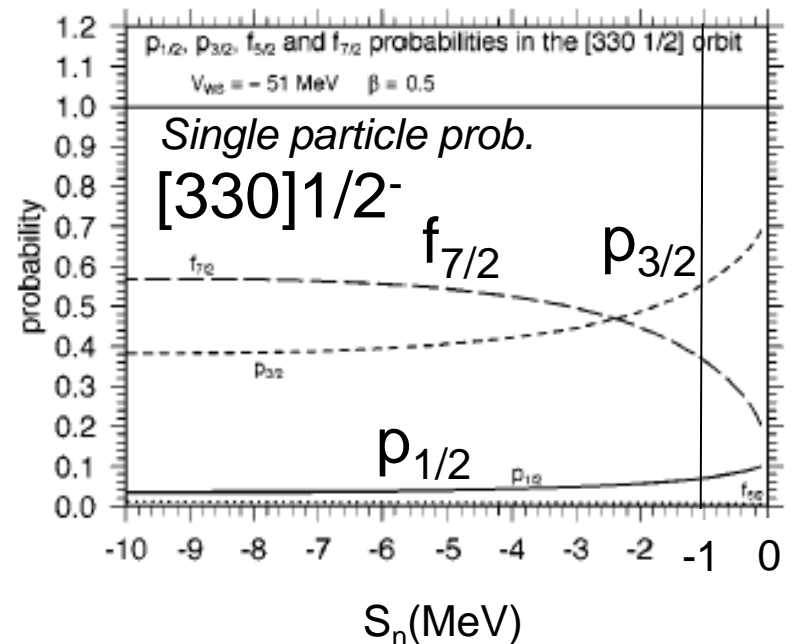
$20 < N < 28 \rightarrow$  valence neutron:  $f_{7/2}$

Conventional Shell order **forbids** the formation of halo

Shell-melting, Deformation  $\rightarrow$  Halo formation?



Y.Utsuno, T.Otsuka et al.  
PRC 054315 (1999).



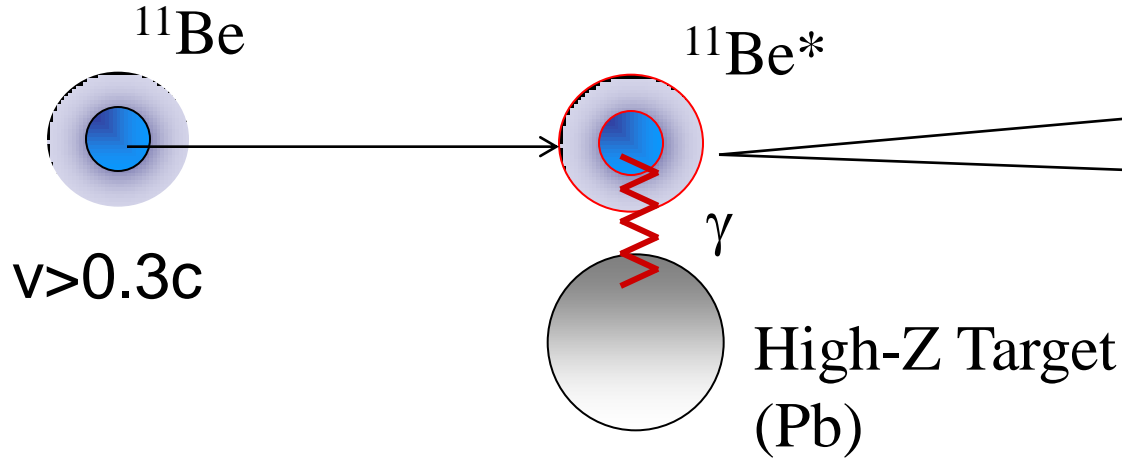
Loosely-bound  $\rightarrow$  Low l orbit dominance

I.Hamamoto PRC69, 041306(R)(2004).

Misu et al. NPA614, 44(1997).

# Probe-1: Coulomb Breakup

→ Photon absorption of a fast projectile



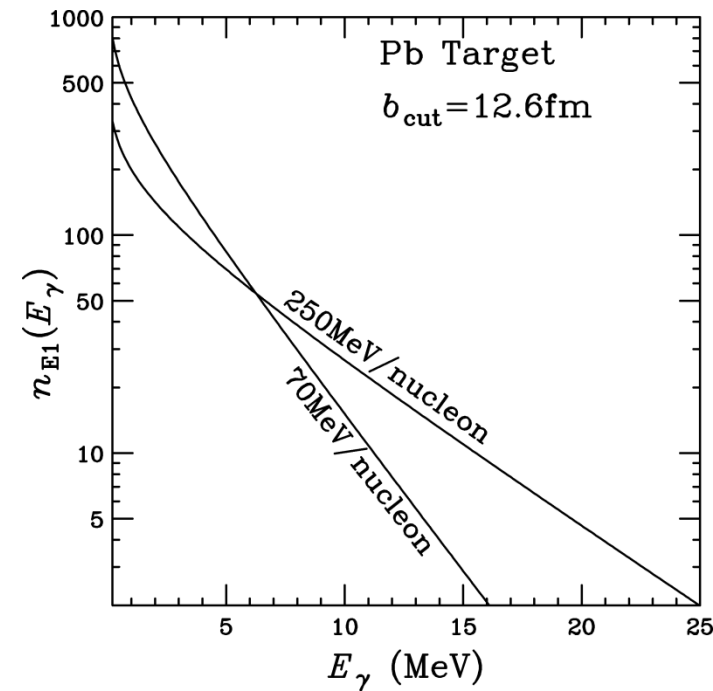
$\vec{P}(n), \vec{P}(^{10}\text{Be})$   
Invariant Mass  
⇒  $E_x, E_{\text{rel}}$

Equivalent Photon Method

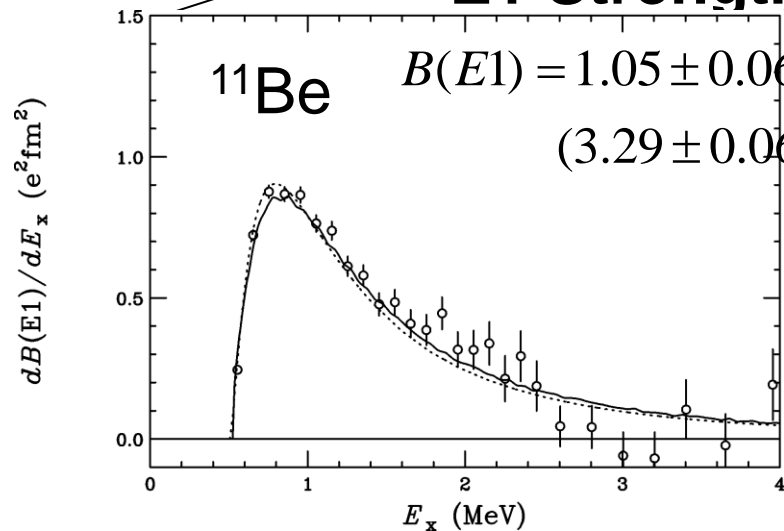
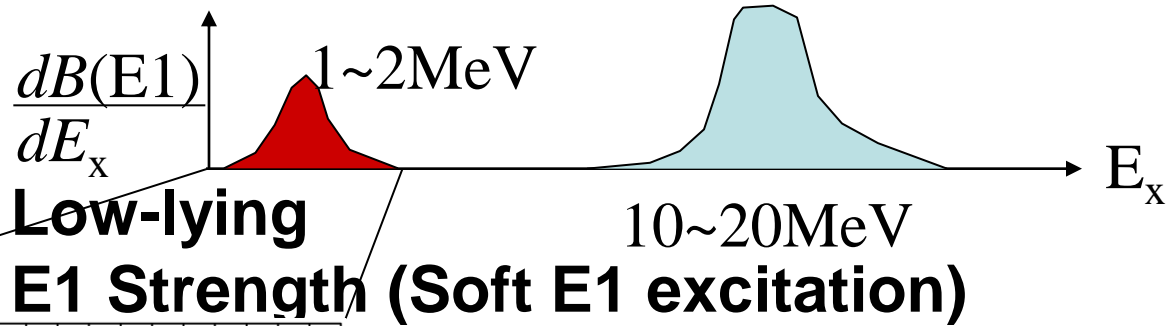
$$\frac{d\sigma_{CB}}{dE_x} = \frac{16\pi^3}{9\hbar c} N_{E1}(E_x) \frac{dB(E1)}{dE_x}$$

Cross section = (Photon Number) x (Transition Probability)

C.A. Bertulani, G. Baur, Phys. Rep. 163,299(1988).

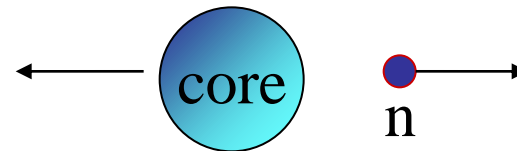


# E1 Response of halo nuclei (Coulomb Breakup of 1n halo)



N.Fukuda, TN et al., PRC70, 054606 (2004)  
 TN et al., PLB 331, 296 (1994)  
 Palit et al., PRC68, 034318 (2003)

Direct Breakup Mechanism

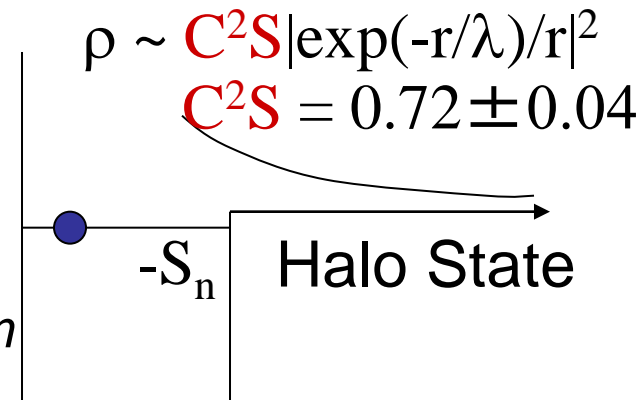


**E1 Strength**

$$\frac{dB(E1)}{dE_x} \propto \left| \langle \exp(iqr) \left| \frac{Z}{A} r Y_m^1 \right| \Phi_{gs} \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\propto C^2S \left| \langle \exp(iqr) \left| \frac{Z}{A} r Y_m^1 \right| S_{1/2} \rangle \right|^2$$

Fourier Transform

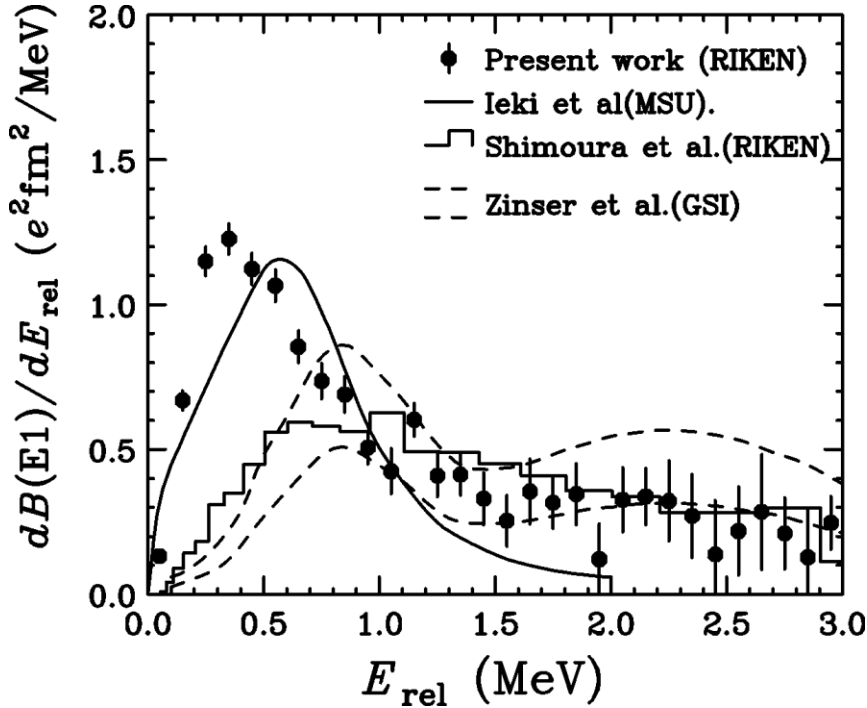
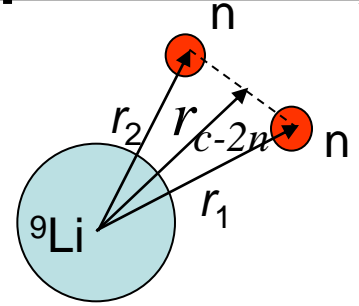


Soft E1 Excitation of 1n halo—Sensitive to  $S_n, l, C^2S$

# Dineutron Correlation in $^{11}\text{Li}$ (Coulomb Breakup of 2n halo)

T.Nakamura

et al. PRL96,252502(2006).

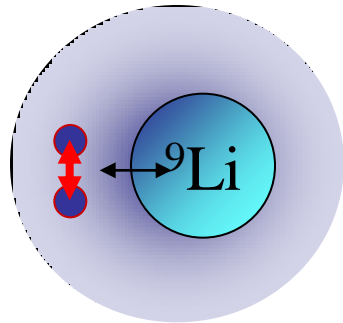


$$B(E1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dB(E1)}{dE_x} dE_x$$

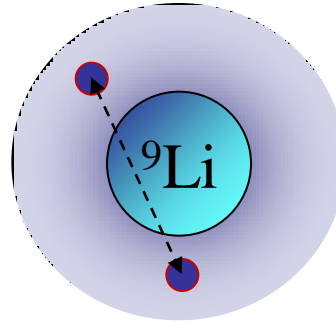
$$= \frac{3}{4\pi} \left( \frac{Ze}{A} \right)^2 \langle r_1^2 + r_2^2 + 2(\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2) \rangle$$

$$B(E1) = 1.42 \pm 0.18 e^2 fm^2 (E_{rel} \leq 3 \text{ MeV})$$

$$\rightarrow 1.78(22) e^2 fm^2 \rightarrow \theta_{12} = 48_{-18}^{+14} \text{ deg.}$$



Dineutron Correlation  
 $\rightarrow$  Strongly Polarized  
 $\rightarrow$  **Strong E1 Excitation**



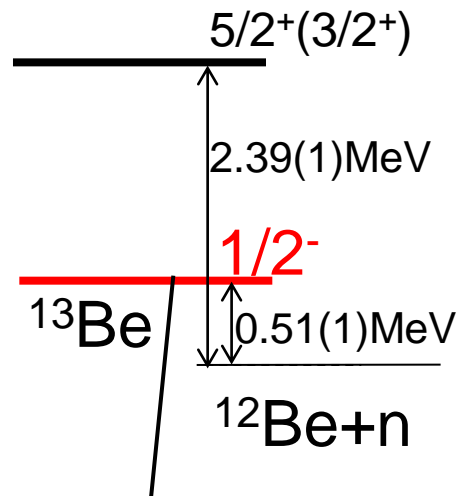
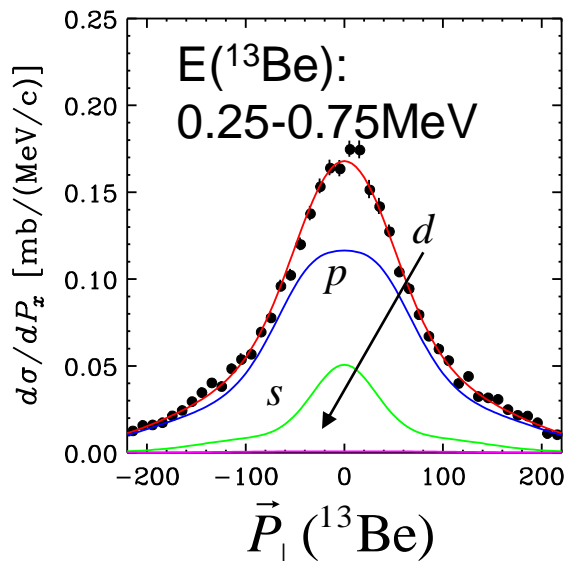
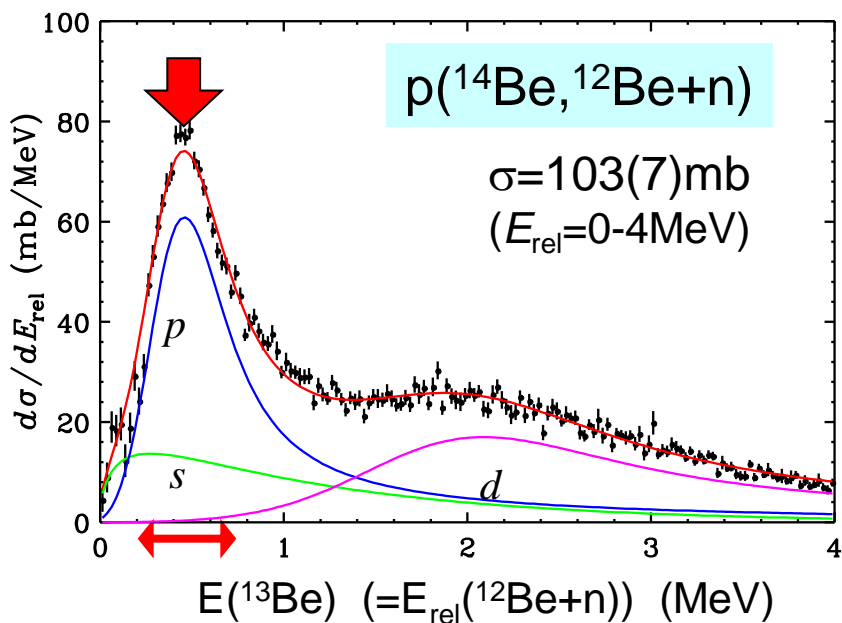
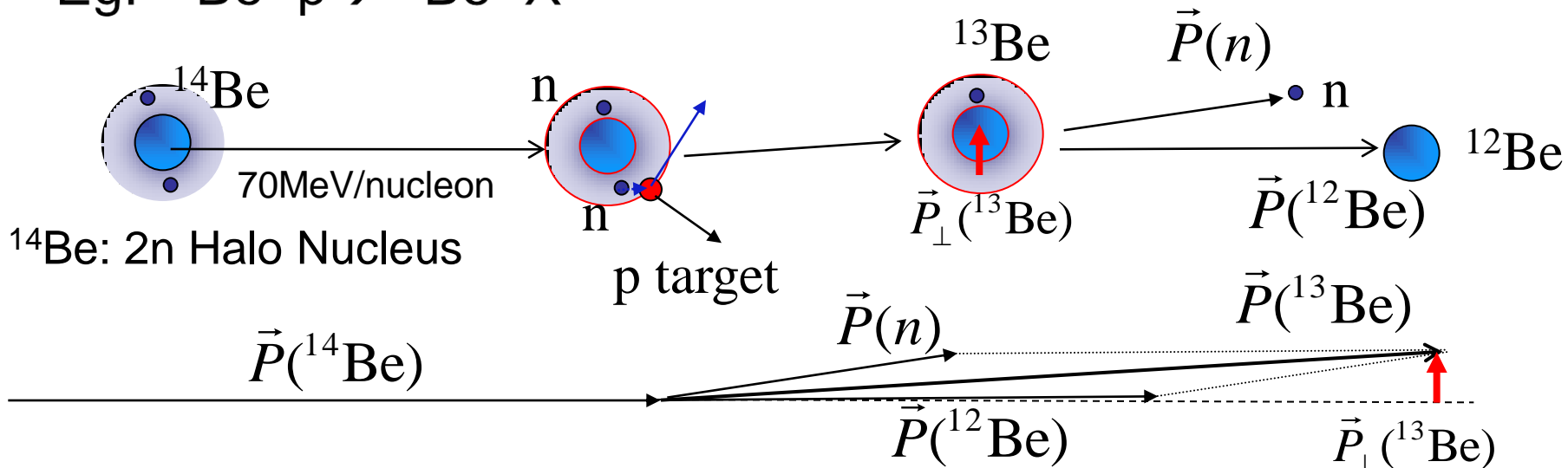
Weak 2n correlation  
 $\rightarrow$  Weakly Polarized  
 $\rightarrow$  **Weak E1 Excitation**

*Soft E1 Excitation of 2n-halo—+dineutron-like correlation*

# Probe-II: Nuclear Breakup (momentum distribution)

Eg.  $^{14}\text{Be} + p \rightarrow ^{13}\text{Be} + X$

Y.Kondo, TN et al. *PLB* 690, 245 (2010).



Intruder State (Parity Inversion)



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Coulomb Breakup of  $^{31}\text{Ne}$  and  $^{22}\text{C}$

Nuclear Breakup of  $^{31}\text{Ne}$

*@ RI Beam Factory, RIKEN*

$^{31}\text{Ne}$  Coulomb Breakup:

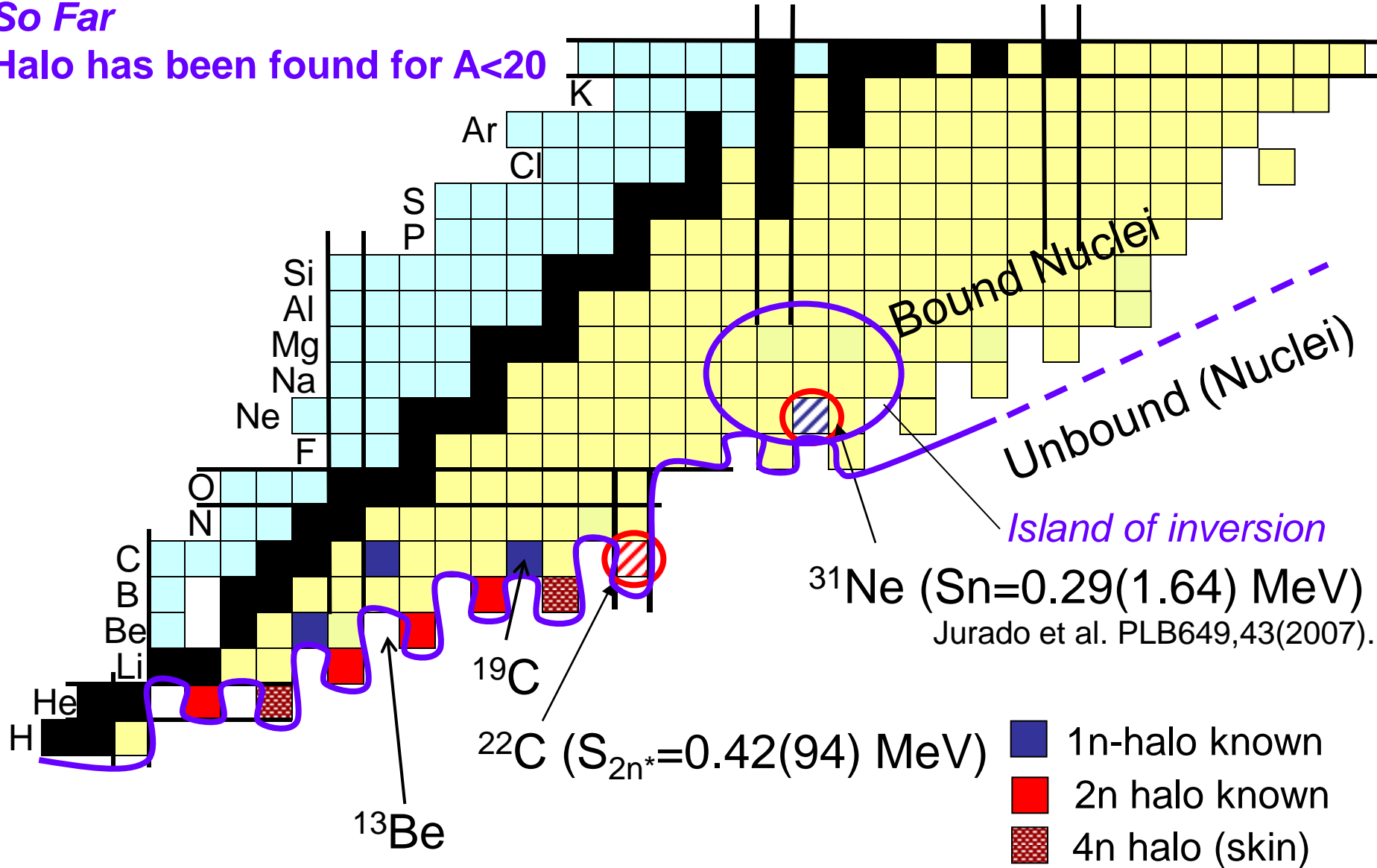
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How Halo is formed in heavy drip-line nuclei?

Halo is abundant?

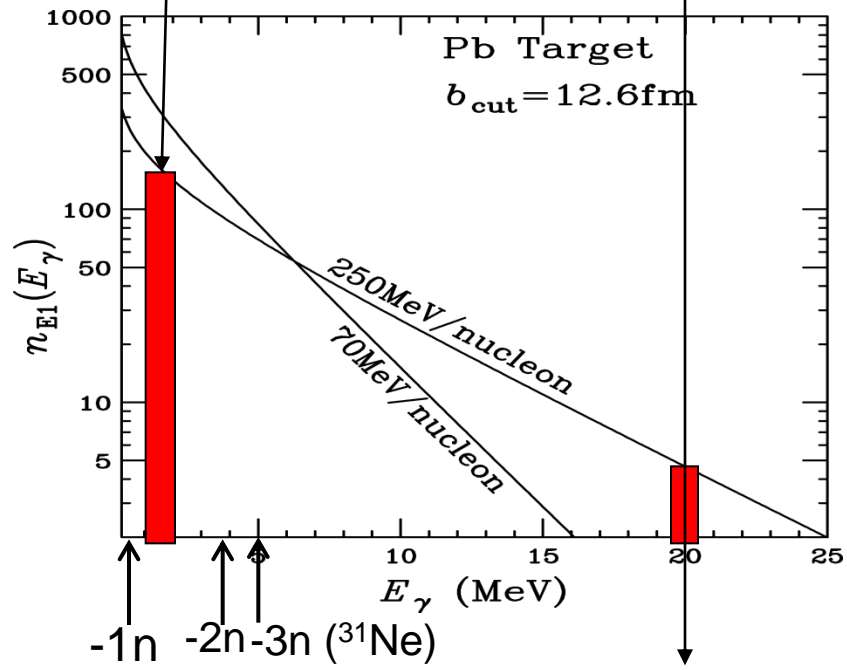
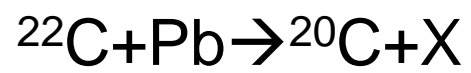
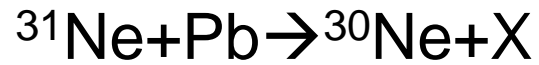
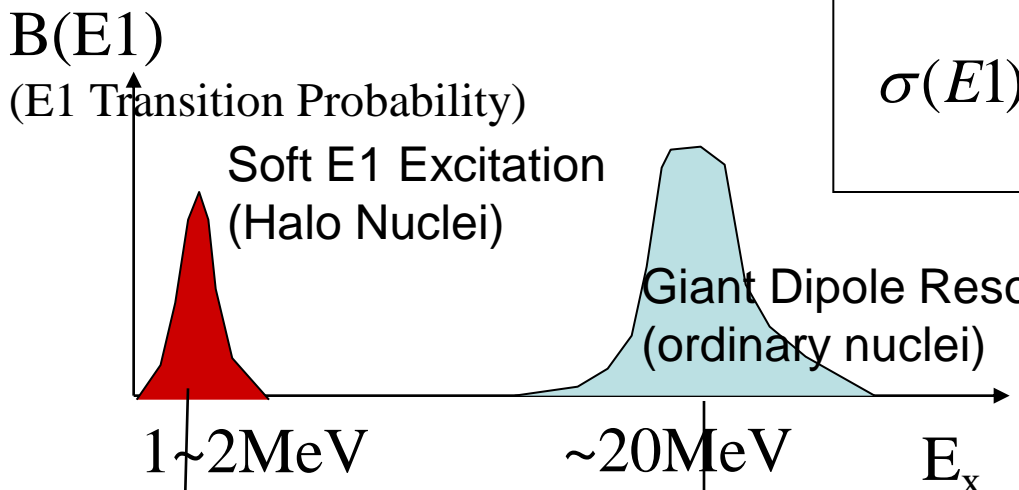
So Far

Halo has been found for  $A < 20$



# Inclusive Coulomb Breakup

$$\sigma(E1) = \int_{E_{th}}^{\infty} \frac{16\pi^3}{9\hbar c} N_{E1}(E_x) \frac{dB(E1)}{dE_x} dE_x$$



*Halo/Non Halo can be distinguished only from the inclusive cross section !*

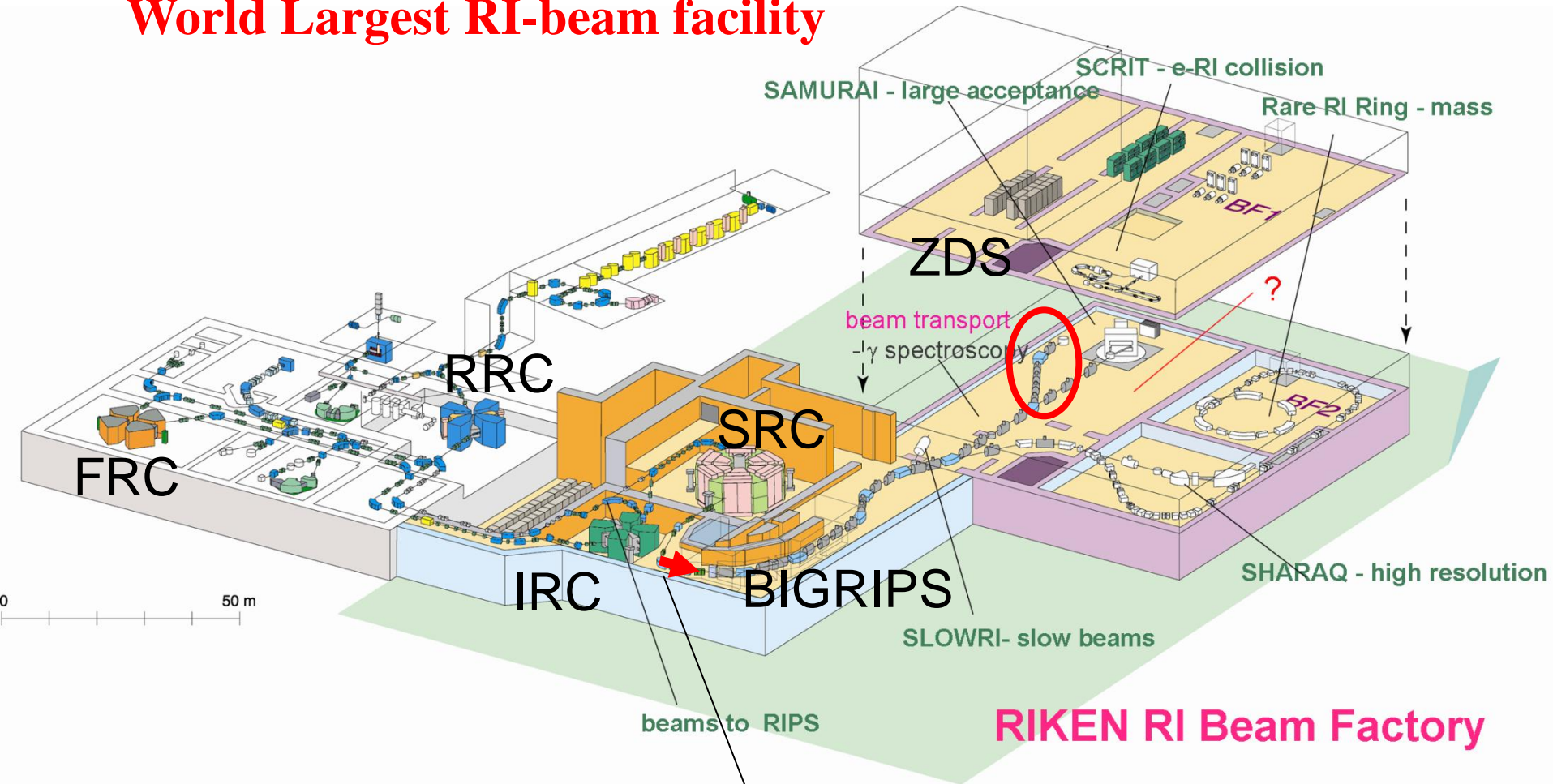
$\sigma(E1) \sim 0.5\text{--}1\text{b}$

$< \sim 0.1\text{b}$

# RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF)

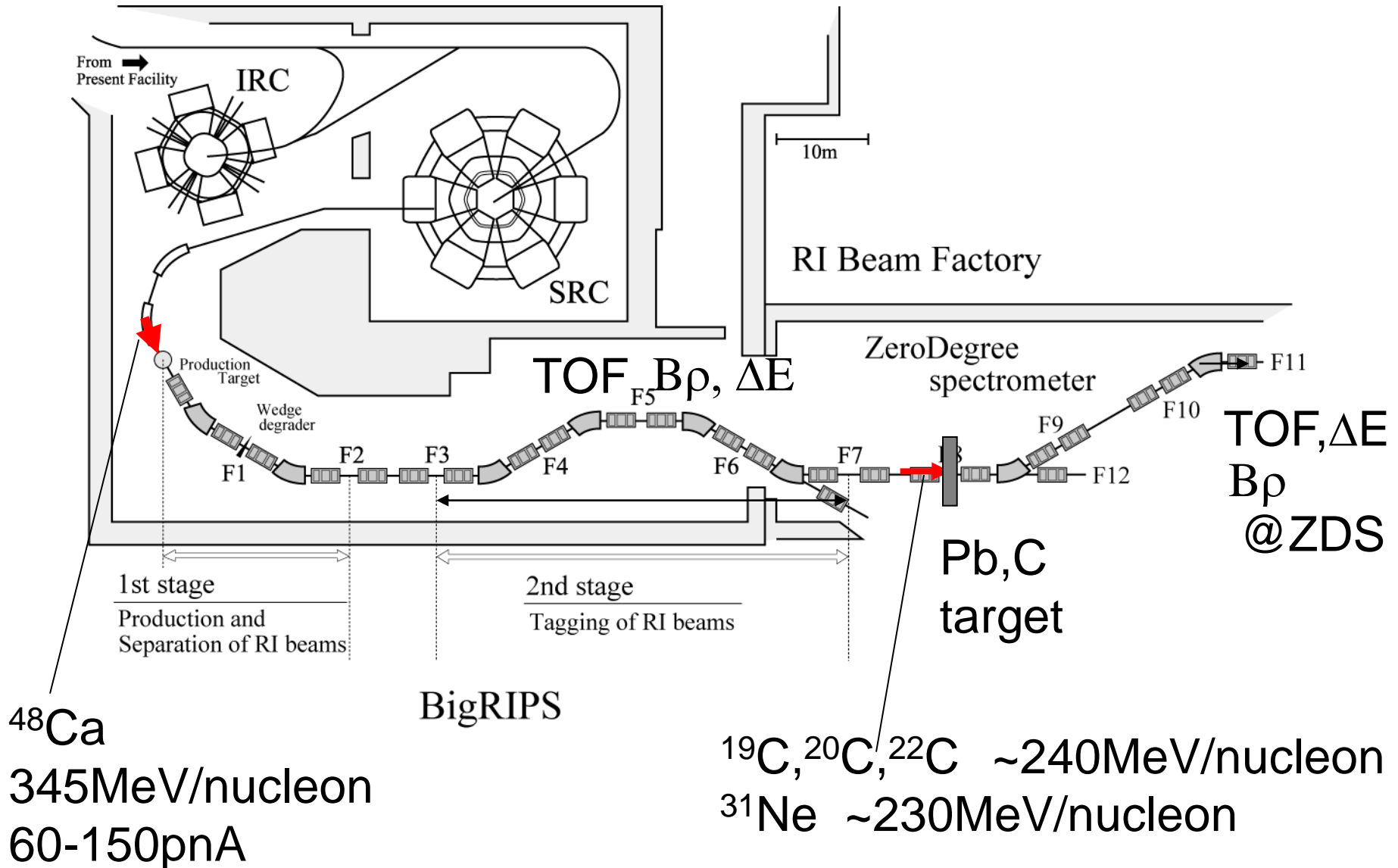
Completed in 2007

World Largest RI-beam facility

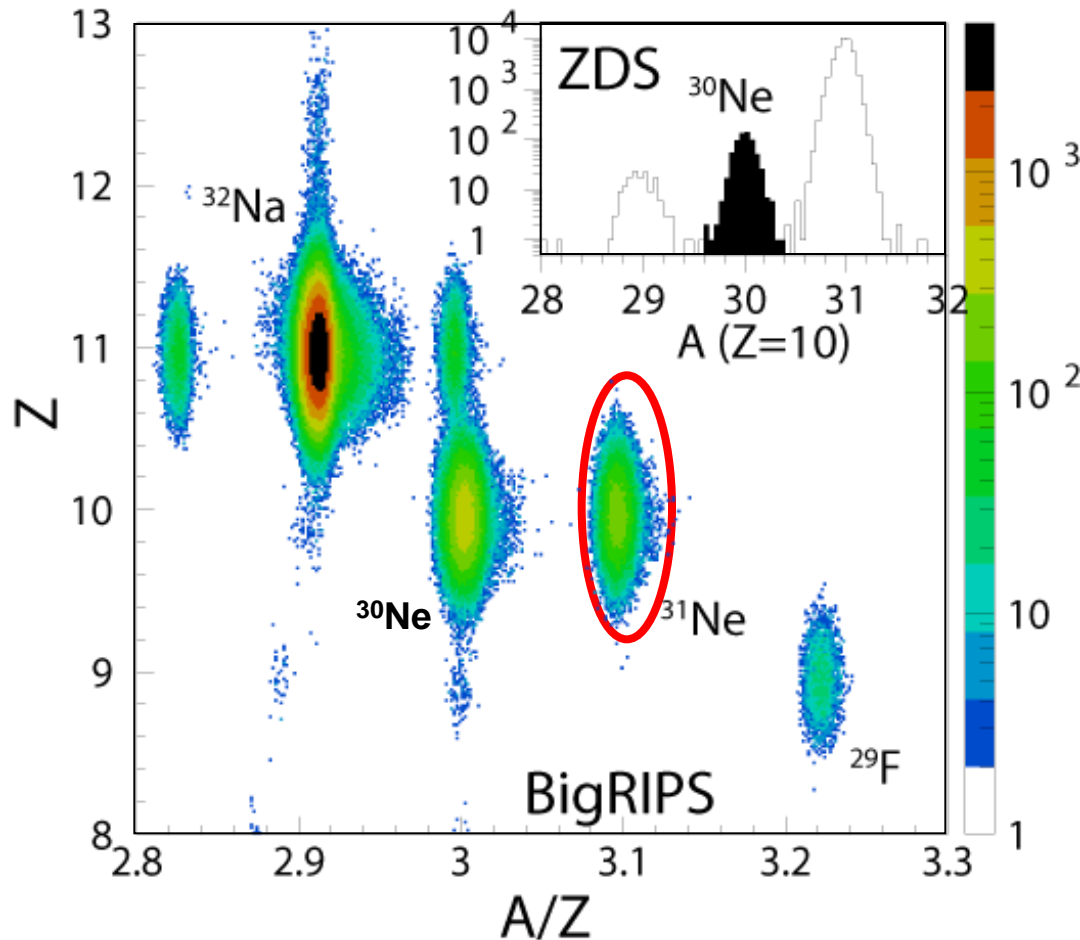


$^{48}\text{Ca}$  345MeV/nucleon  
~60pnA (Typical)

# Experiment at BigRIPS & ZDS at RIBF



# Particle Identification: $^{31}\text{Ne} \rightarrow ^{30}\text{Ne}$



RI beam Intensity  
@RIBF

$\sim 10^3$ - $10^4$  times/RIPS

$^{31}\text{Ne} \sim 5$  counts/s

$^{22}\text{C} \sim 6$  counts/s

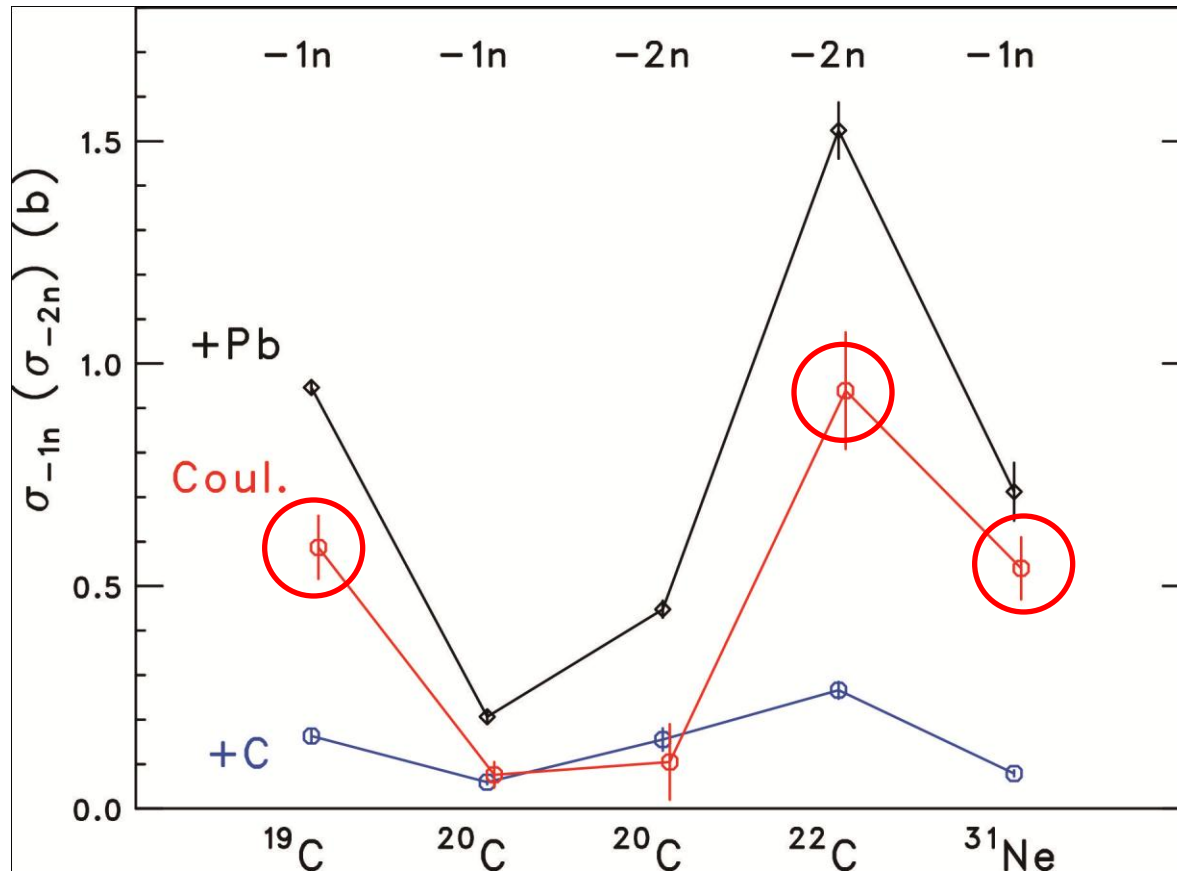
c.f. *About 10 years ago...*

$^{31}\text{Ne}$  -- 4 counts/day

@RIPS

H.Sakurai et al.,  
PRC54,2802R(1996).

# 1n(or 2n) removal cross section → Coulomb breakup cross section



Evidence for  
 2n Halo in  $^{22}\text{C}$   
 1n Halo in  $^{31}\text{Ne}$   
 c.f.  $^{19}\text{C}$  (known halo)

$$\sigma(E1) = \sigma(Pb) - \Gamma \sigma(C)$$

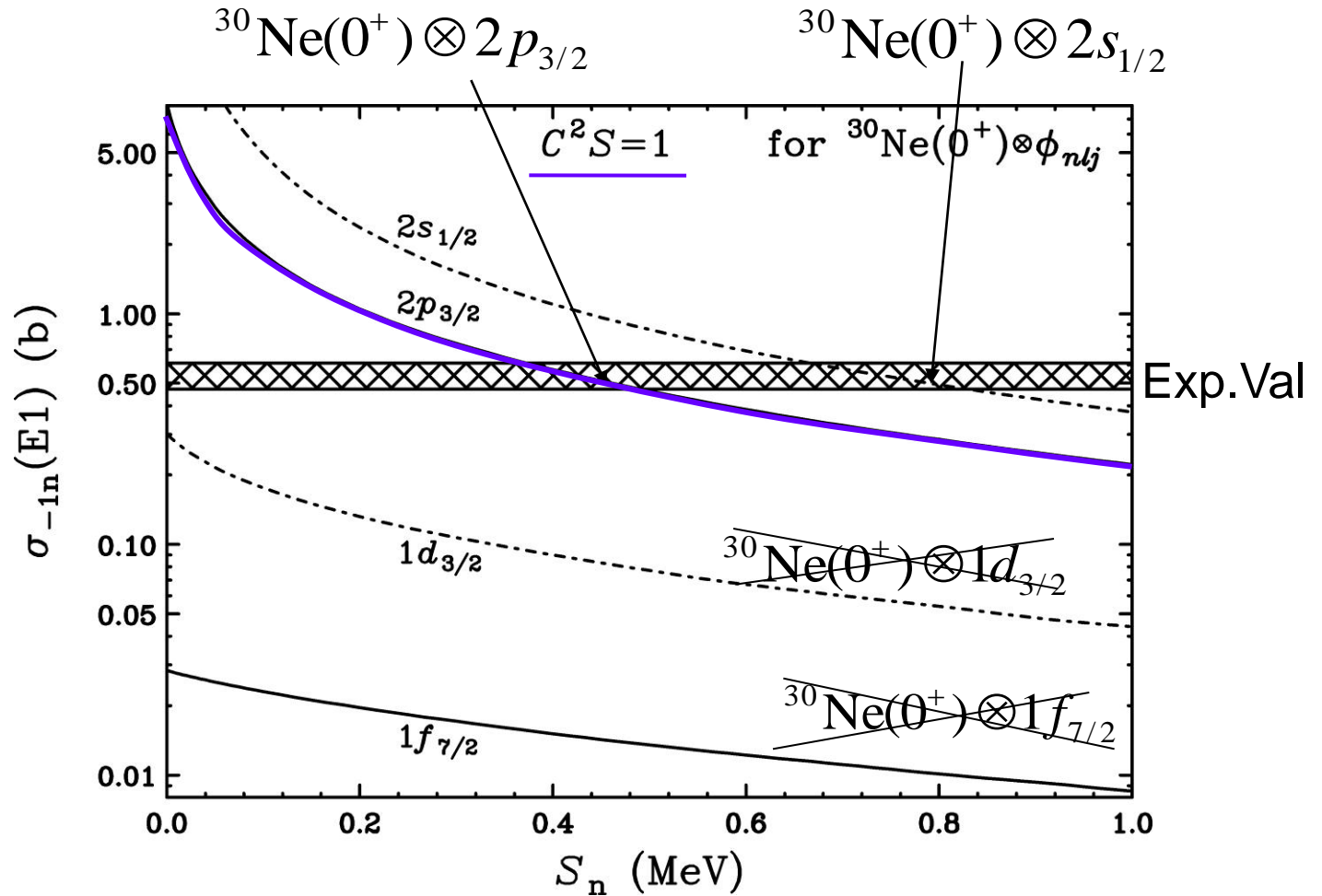
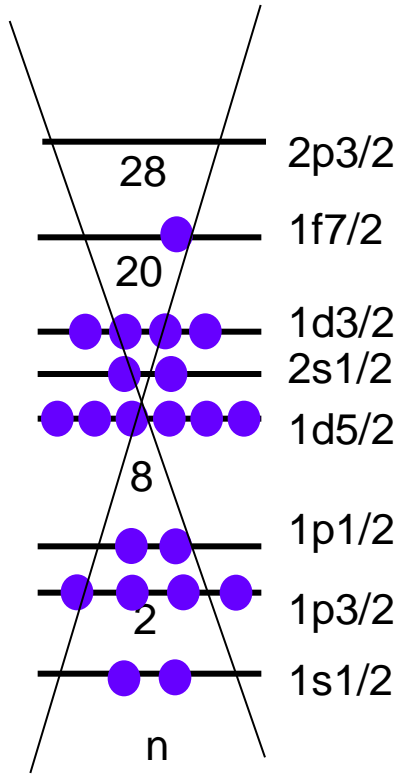
$$\Gamma \sim 1.7 - 2.6$$

$S_n$ : 0.58(9) , 2.93(28),  $S_{2n}$ : 3.51(24), 0.42(94),  $S_n$ : 0.29(1.64) in MeV

$^{22}\text{C}$ : Reaction cross section, K.Tanaka et al.PRL104,062701 (2010).

$^{31}\text{Ne}$ : Reaction cross section, M. Takechi et al.(2011)

# $^{31}\text{Ne}$ (N=21) Shell Configuration



$2p_{3/2}$  or  $2s_{1/2}$  Low-L orbits  $\rightarrow$  Large E1  $\rightarrow$  1n-halo structure of  $^{31}\text{Ne}$   
 $^{30}\text{Ne}(0^+) \times 1f_{7/2}$  Excluded  $\rightarrow$  Shell gaps(20,28) vanish at  $^{31}\text{Ne}$   
 $\rightarrow$  Island of inversion

*Still Unknown:  $S_n$ /Configuration Mixing  $C^2S < 1$*



# How the $^{31}\text{Ne}$ g.s. is made of ?

➔  $\gamma$  and Nuclear Breakup data

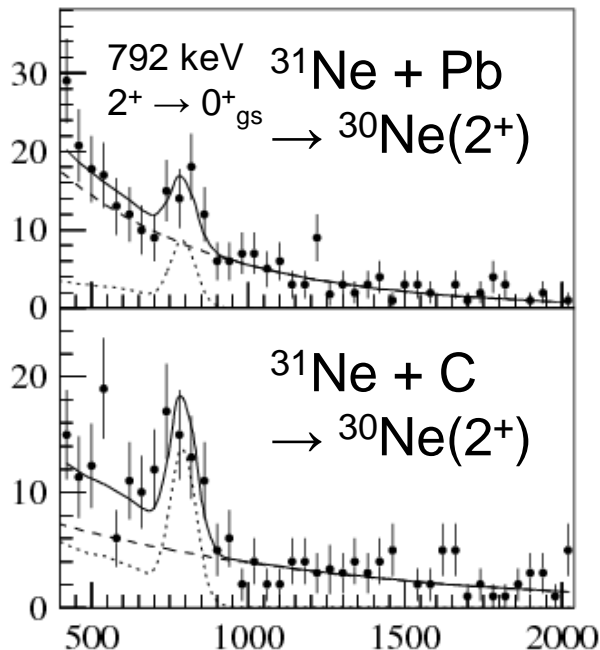
Monte Carlo Shell Model  
by Utsuno, Otsuka  
➔  $3/2^-$  g.s.

$$^{30}\text{Ne}(0^+) \otimes 2p_{3/2} \quad C^2S = 0.12$$

$$^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+) \otimes 2p_{3/2} \quad C^2S = 0.27$$

$$^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+) \otimes 1f_{7/2} \quad C^2S = 0.25$$

*Possible Large Proportion for the  $^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+)x(nlj)$  Configuration*



$$^{31}\text{Ne}+\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{30}\text{Ne}(0^+) : 0.515(103) \text{ barn}$$

$$^{31}\text{Ne}+\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+) : 0.197(79) \text{ barn}$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma(E1; 0^+) = 0.45(11) \text{ barn}$$

(~90% of Total  $\sigma(E1)=0.54(7)$  barn)

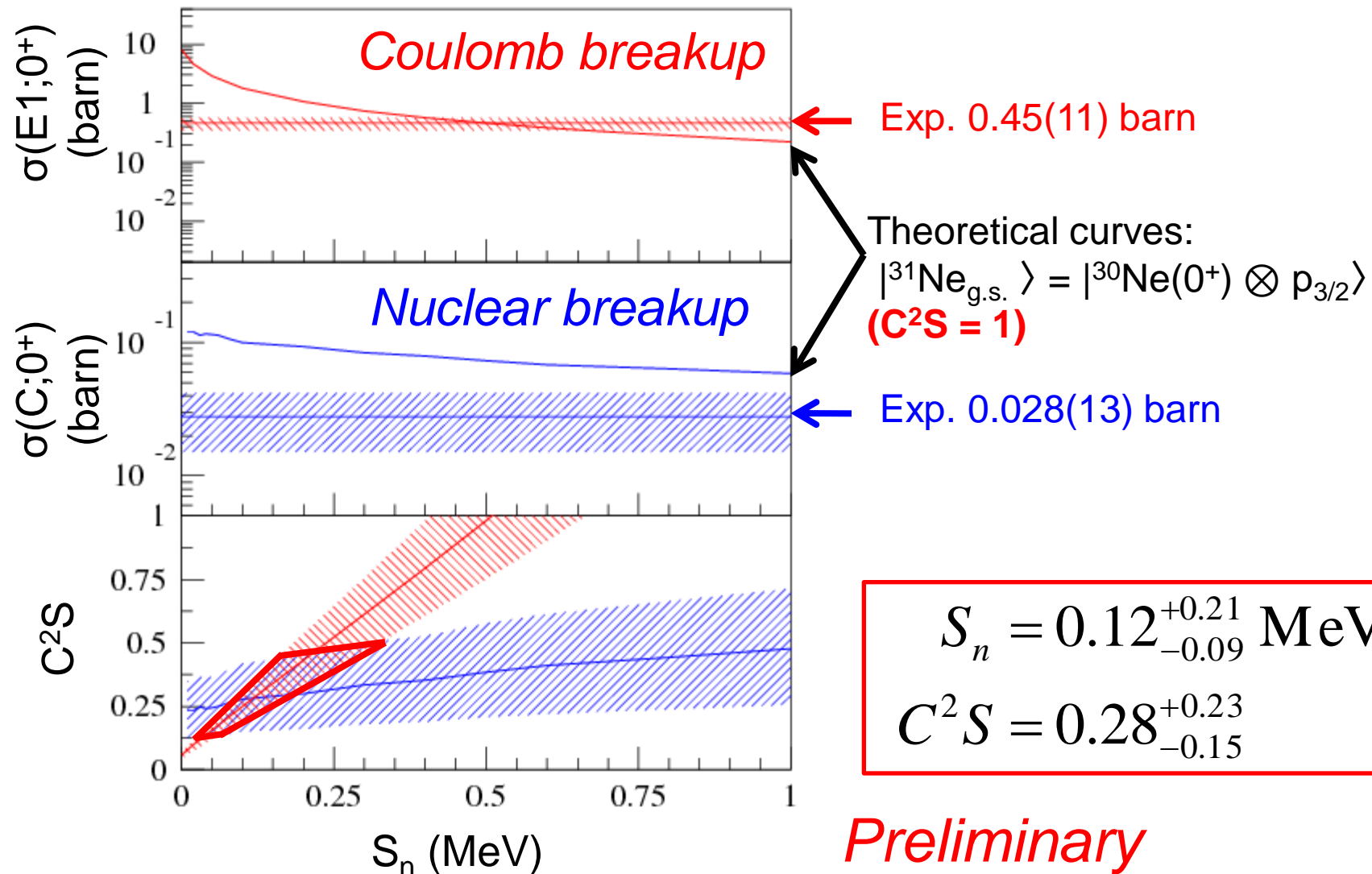
$$^{31}\text{Ne}+\text{C} \rightarrow ^{30}\text{Ne}(0^+) : 0.028(13) \text{ barn} \quad \sim 35\%$$

$$^{31}\text{Ne}+\text{C} \rightarrow ^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+) : 0.051(12) \text{ barn} \quad \sim 65\%$$

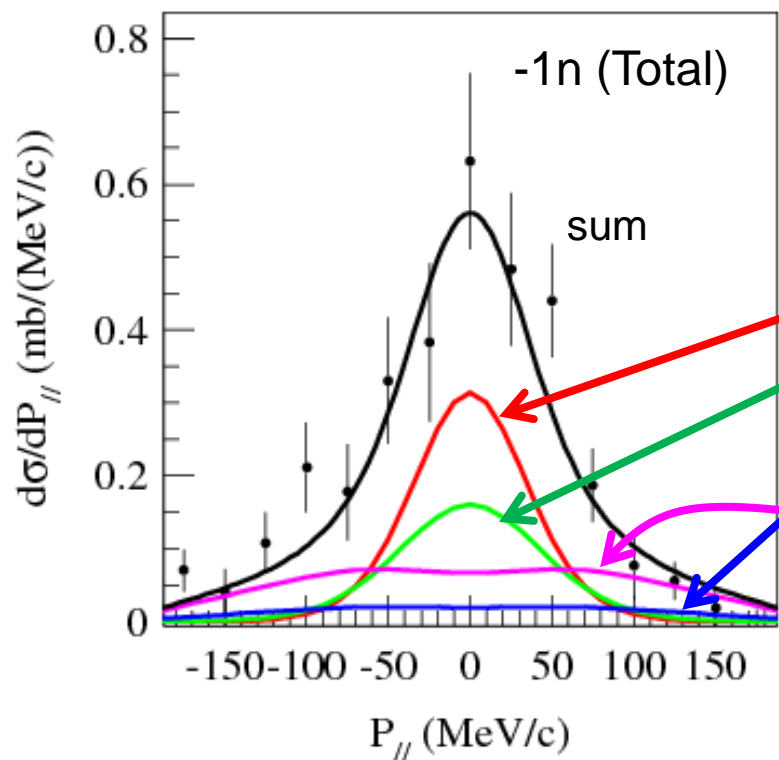


# Estimation of $C^2S$ & $S_n$

Channel:  $^{31}\text{Ne} \rightarrow ^{30}\text{Ne}(0^+)$



# Momentum distribution of $^{30}\text{Ne}$ fragment (**C target**)



Resolution( $\sigma$ )= 24 MeV/c  
 $\Gamma$  (FWHM) =73(11) MeV/c

$S_n = 0.12$  MeV

state	C <sup>2</sup> S	$\sigma$ (barn)	
$ ^{30}\text{Ne}(0^+) \otimes 2p_{3/2}\rangle$	0.28	0.028	← Exp.
$ ^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+) \otimes 2p_{3/2}\rangle$	0.27	0.018	
$ ^{30}\text{Ne}(2^+) \otimes 1f_{7/2}\rangle$	0.25	0.0058	
$ ^{30}\text{Ne}(4^+) \otimes 1f_{7/2}\rangle$	1.06	0.021	
total		0.073 b	
		(0.079(7)b)	

Shell model calculation  
 by using SDPF-M interaction

**Preliminary**

“p-wave neutron halo composed of two components”

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# Inclusive Coulomb Breakup of $^{29}\text{Ne}$ , $^{33,35,37}\text{Mg}$ , and $^{39,41}\text{Si}$ @ RIKEN RI BEAM FACTORY

$^{48}\text{Ca}$

345MeV/nucleon

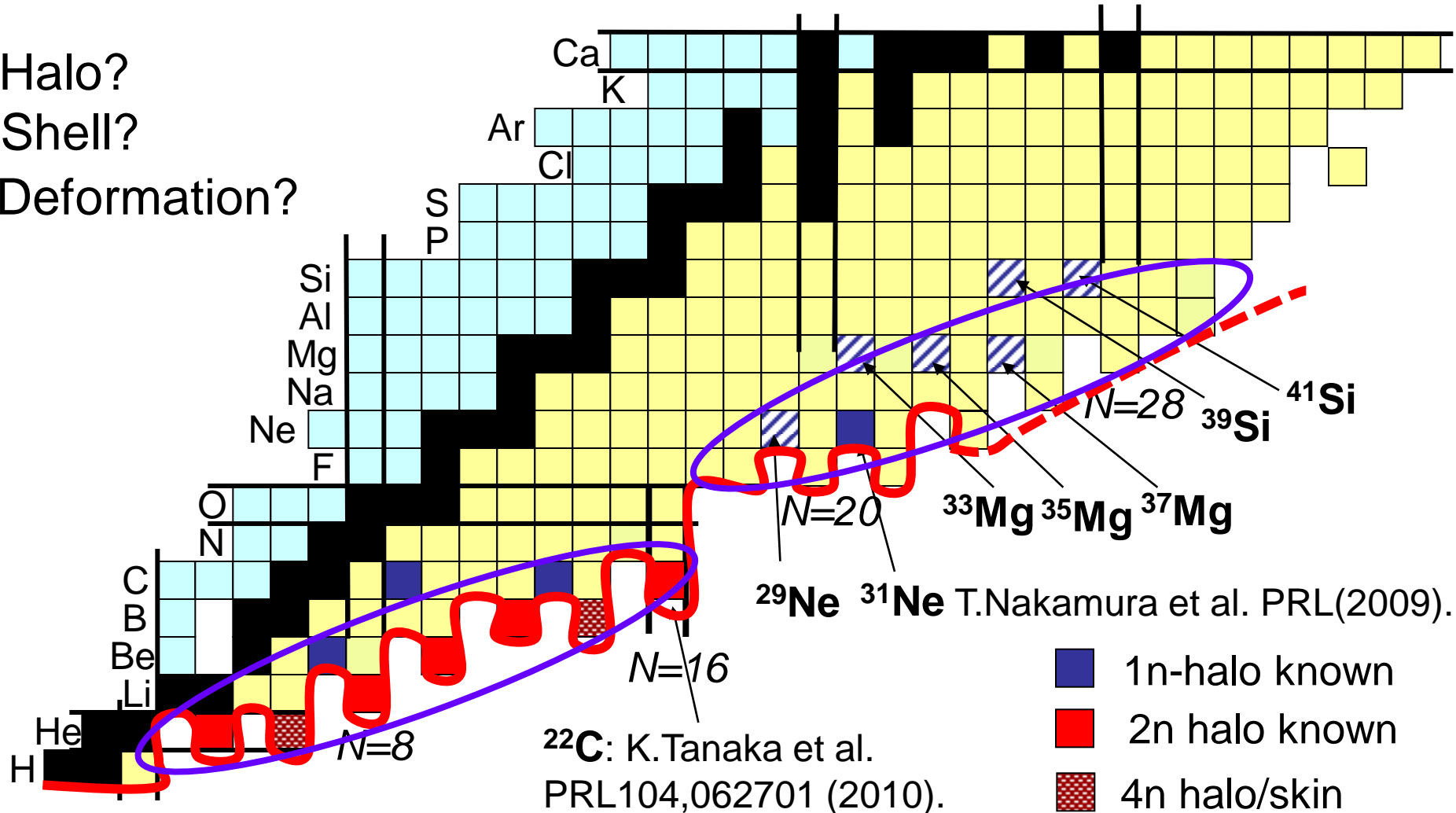
~120pnA

(~Double compared to Day-one exp)

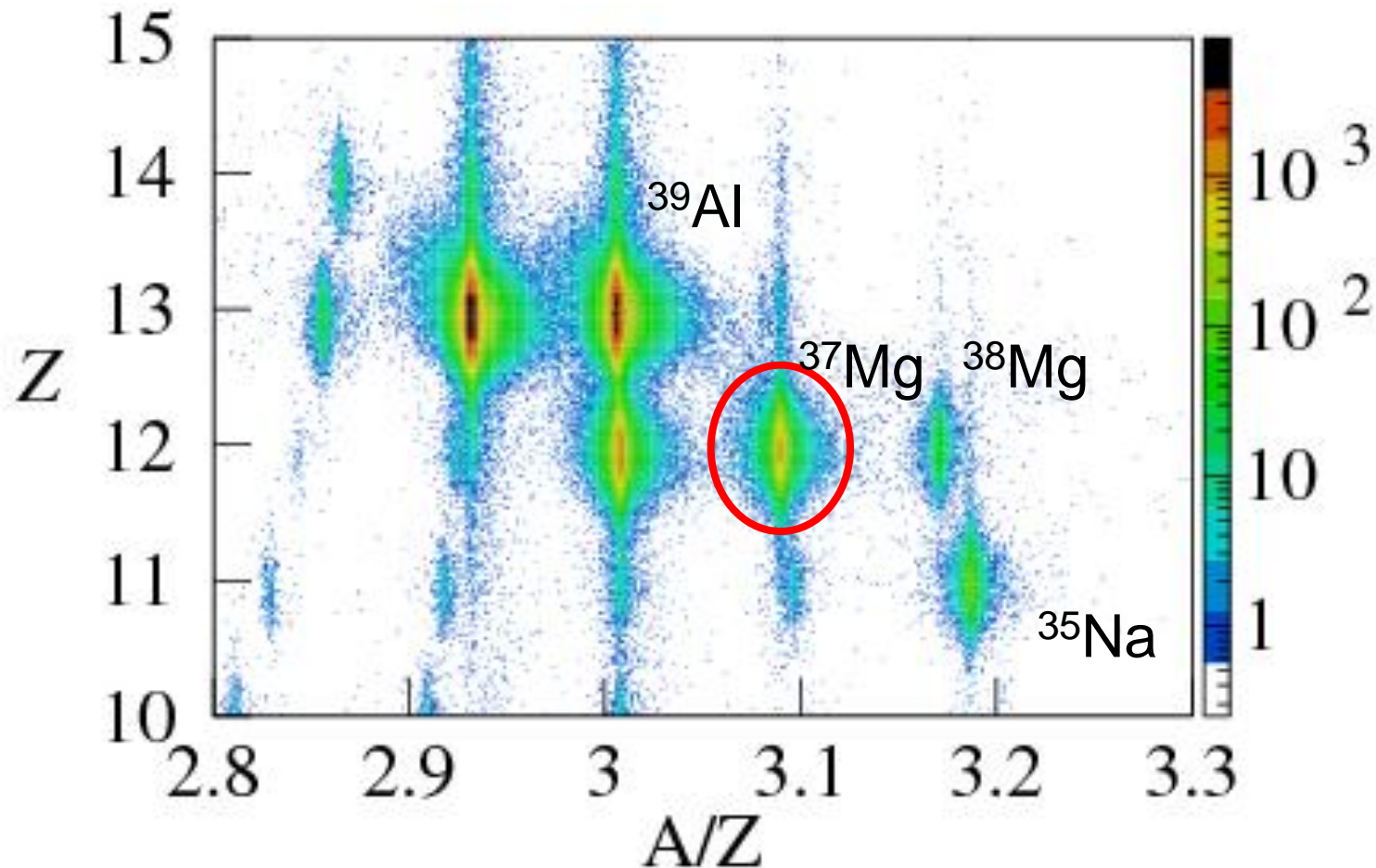
# Evolution Towards the Stability Limit

## A 30~40 (20 < N < 28)

Halo?  
Shell?  
Deformation?



# Particle Identification: $^{37}\text{Mg}$



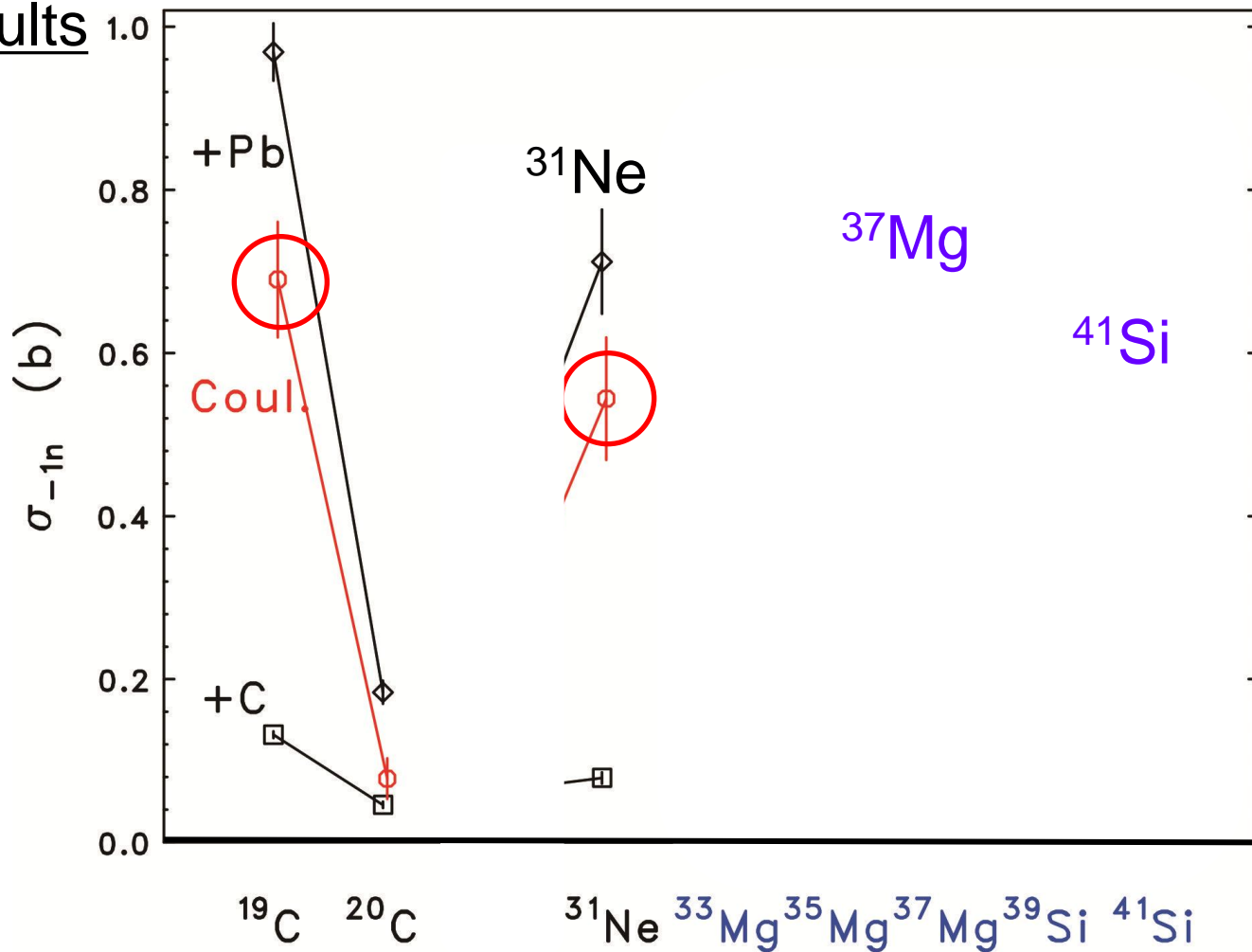
$^{37}\text{Mg}$ : 244 MeV/nucleon

~6 cps

$^{35}\text{Mg}$ : 245 MeV/nucleon ~100 cps

$^{41}\text{Si}$ : 229 MeV/nucleon ~230 cps

# Results



$^{37}\text{Mg}$ :  $\sigma(\text{E1})=500(50)$  mb (*preliminary*)

$\rightarrow$   $^{37}\text{Mg}$ : Possible 1n-Halo State

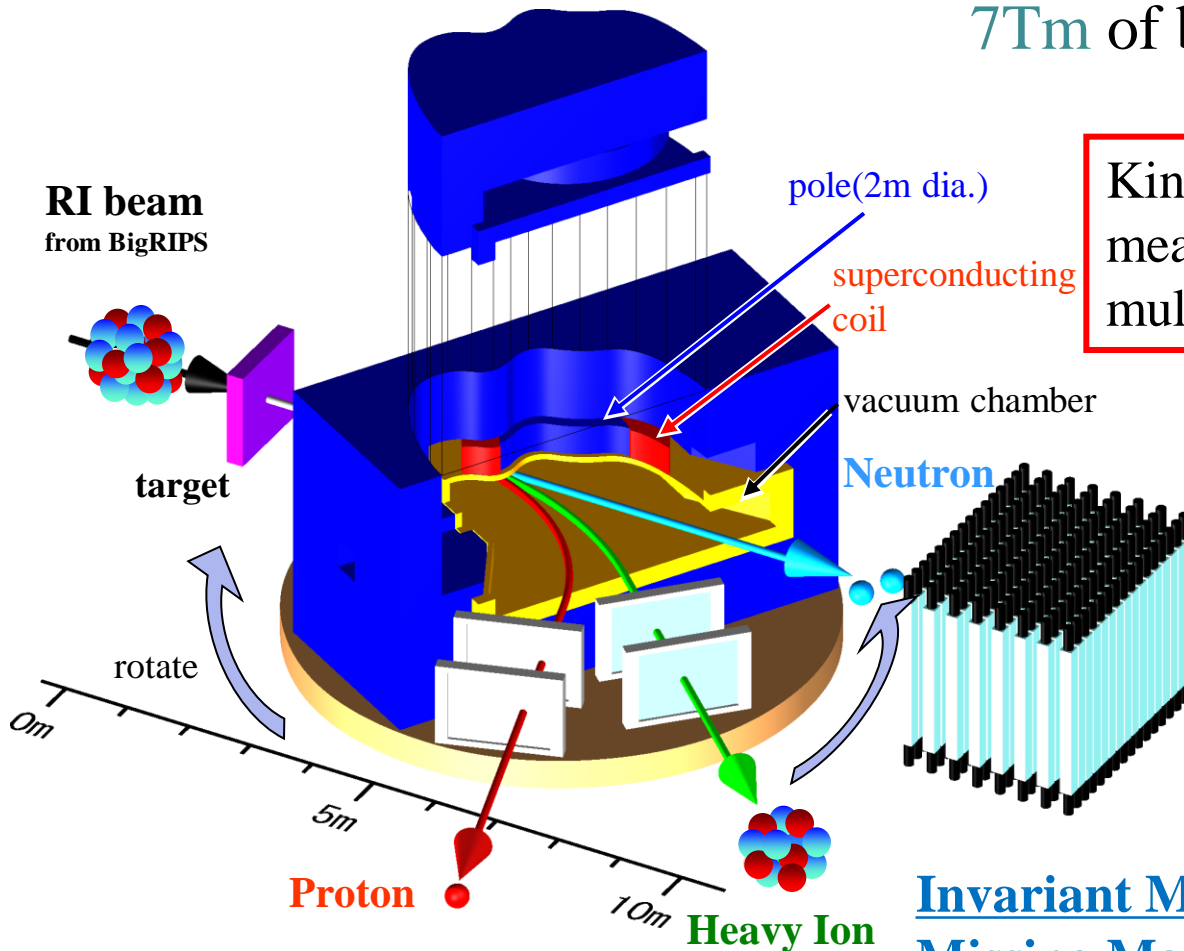
c.f.  $^{31}\text{Ne}$   $\sigma(\text{E1})=540(70)$  mb

$^{29}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{33,35}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{39}\text{Si}$   $\sigma(\text{E1})\sim 200\text{mb}$   $^{41}\text{Si}$   $\sigma(\text{E1})\sim 300\text{mb}$

# SAMURAI

-- new spectrometer in RIBF --

Superconducting Analyzer for Multi-particle from Radio Isotope Beam with 7Tm of bending power

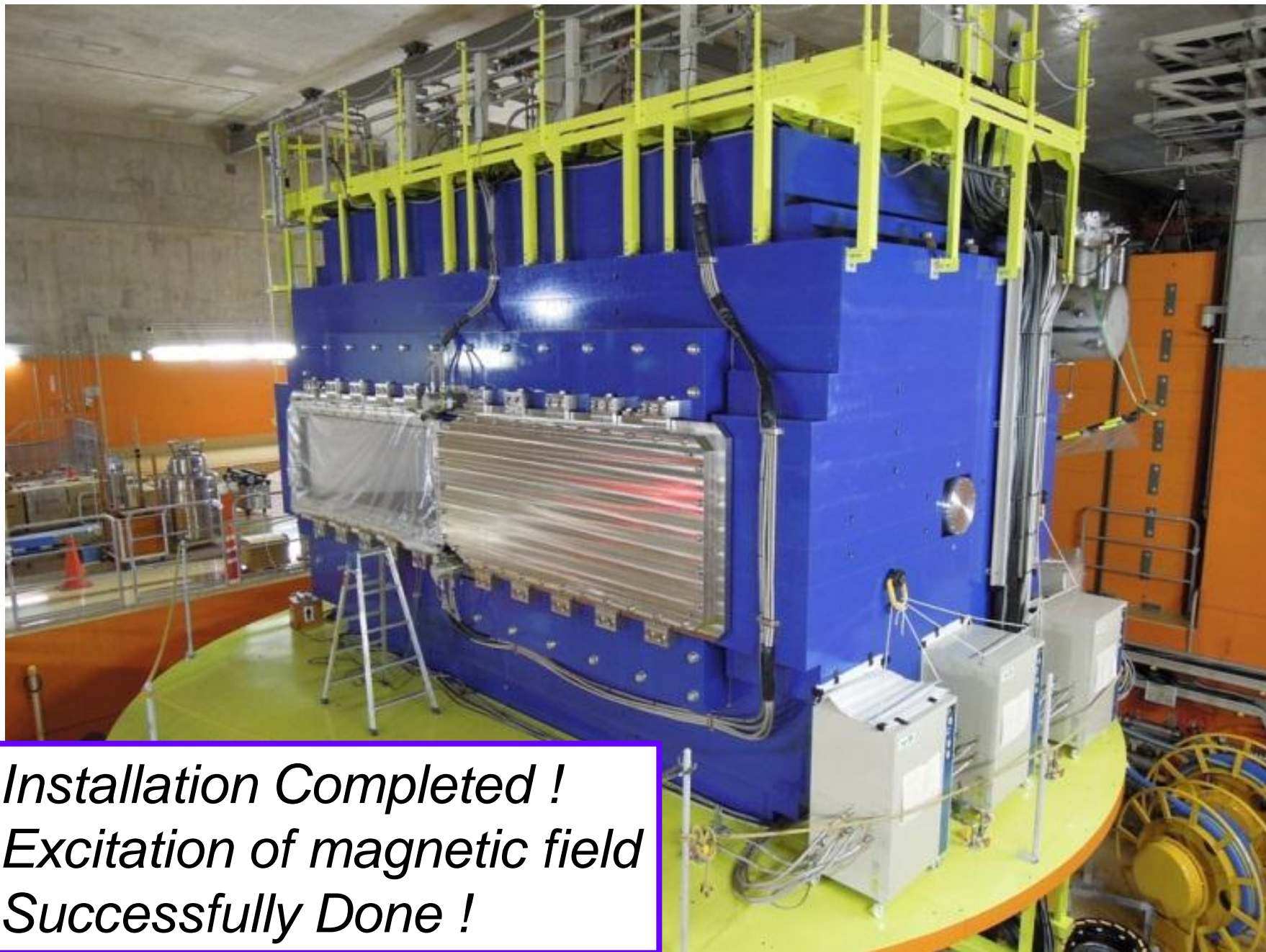


Kinematically complete measurements by detecting multiple particles in coincidence

- Superconducting Magnet  
3T with 2m dia. pole  
(designed resolution 1/700)  
80cm gap (vertical)
- Heavy Ion Detectors
- Proton Detectors
- Neutron Detectors
- Large Vacuum Chamber
- Rotational Stage

Invariant Mass Measurement  
Missing Mass Measurement





*Installation Completed !  
Excitation of magnetic field  
Successfully Done !*

# Summary

## 1 Introduction (Coulomb and Nuclear Breakup)

Coulomb breakup → Soft E1 excitation of halo nuclei

Spectral-Shape, Strength of  $B(E1)$  ---- Sensitive to  $l$ ,  $S_n$ ,  $C^2S$   
(Exclusive Measurement) +di-neutron like correlation

Nuclear breakup (Momentum distribution)

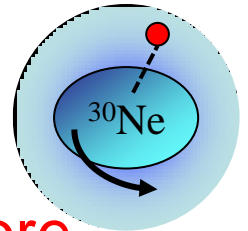
---Probe of single particle state

## 2 Coulomb/Nuclear Breakup of $^{31}\text{Ne}$ and $^{22}\text{C}$ (inclusive)

Strong soft E1 excitation at  $^{31}\text{Ne}$ (~0.5b) and  $^{22}\text{C}$ (~1b)

→ 1n Halo structure in  $^{31}\text{Ne}$ , 2n Halo structure in  $^{22}\text{C}$

$^{31}\text{Ne}$  conventional shell order vanishing ~~1f7/2~~



**---"Island of inversion" → Halo with Deformed Core**

## 3 Coulomb/Nuclear Breakup of $^{29}\text{Ne}$ , $^{33,35,37}\text{Mg}$ and $^{39,41}\text{Si}$ :

Strong Soft E1 excitation for  $^{37}\text{Mg}$ (~0.5b) – **New halo nucleus?**

Moderately strong E1 excitations for others (0.2—0.3b)

**Evolution of Halo towards the drip line**

# Collaborators

## Inclusive Coulomb Breakup of $^{31}\text{Ne}$ and $^{22}\text{C}$

( $^{31}\text{Ne}$  Coulomb BU: PRL103,262501(2009)

$^{22}\text{C}$  Coulomb BU/Nuclear BU: In preparation )

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