

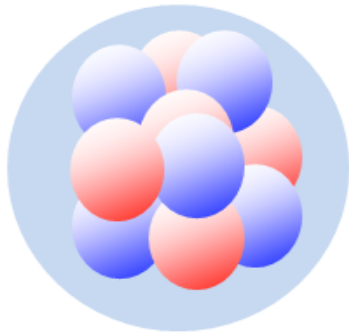
# 利用直接核反应研究原子核体系的 集团结构

- ✓ Introduction for cluster studies
  - ✓ Generally used methods to study clusters
- ✓ Formation of  $\alpha$  cluster in heavy nuclei probed with  $(p,p\alpha)$
- ✓ Future experiments at RCNP/RIBF/RIBLL1

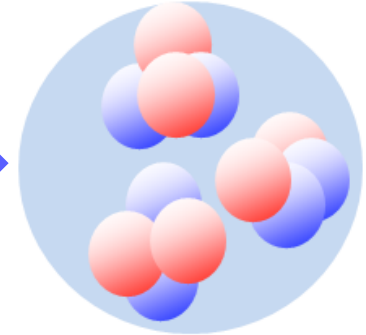
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# Coexistence: clustering and mean-field



**Mean-Field**



**Cluster structure**

## Duality of nuclear WF

*Slide from T. Yamada*

### Bayman-Bohr theorem

Nucl. Phys. 9, 596 (1958/1959)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{16!}} \det |(0s)^4(0p)^{12}| \times [\phi_{\text{cm}}(\mathbf{R}_{\text{cm}})]^{-1} : \text{closed shell}$$

$$= N_0 \sqrt{\frac{12!4!}{16!}} A \left\{ \left[ u_{40}(\xi_3, 3\nu) \phi_{L=0}({}^{12}\text{C}) \right]_{J=0} \phi(\alpha) \right\}$$

relative wf (S-wave)

$$= N_2 \sqrt{\frac{12!4!}{16!}} A \left\{ \left[ u_{42}(\xi_3, 3\nu) \phi_{L=2}({}^{12}\text{C}) \right]_{J=0} \phi(\alpha) \right\}$$

relative wf (D-wave)

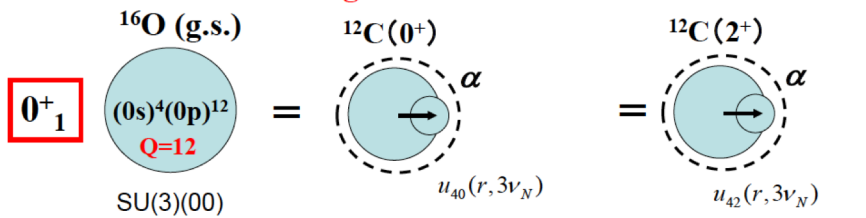
c.o.m. w.f. of  ${}^{16}\text{O}$

$$\phi_{\text{cm}}(\mathbf{R}_{\text{cm}}) = \left( \frac{32\nu}{\pi} \right)^{3/4} \exp(-16\nu \mathbf{R}_{\text{cm}}^2)$$

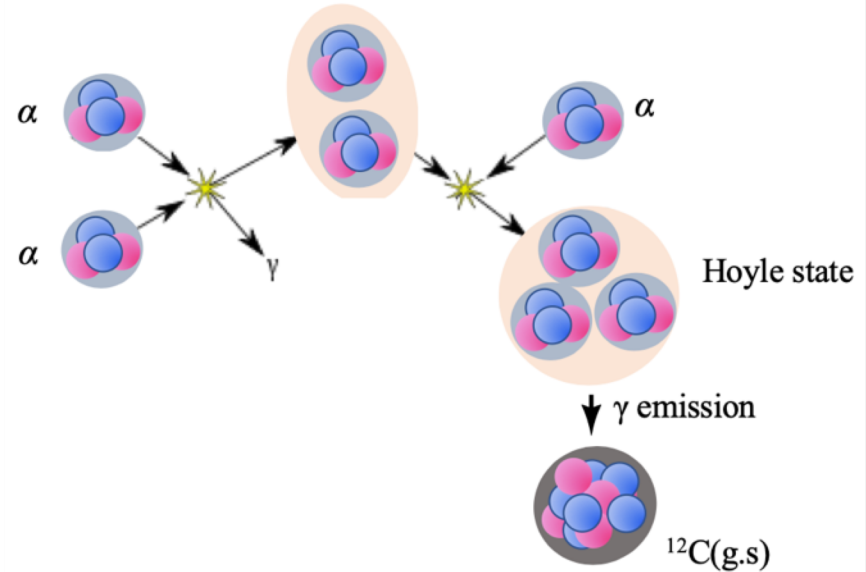
$\alpha$ -degree of freedom

→ G.S. has mean-field-type and  $\alpha$ -cluster degrees of freedom.

We call dual nature of g.s.



## The Hoyle state

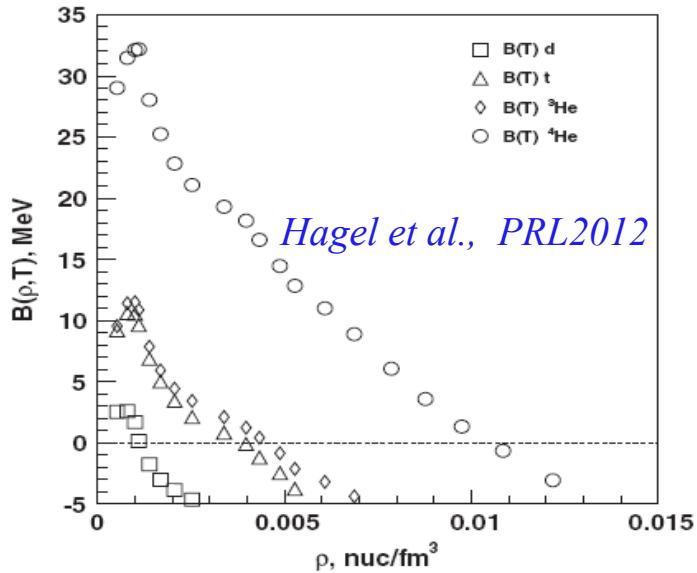




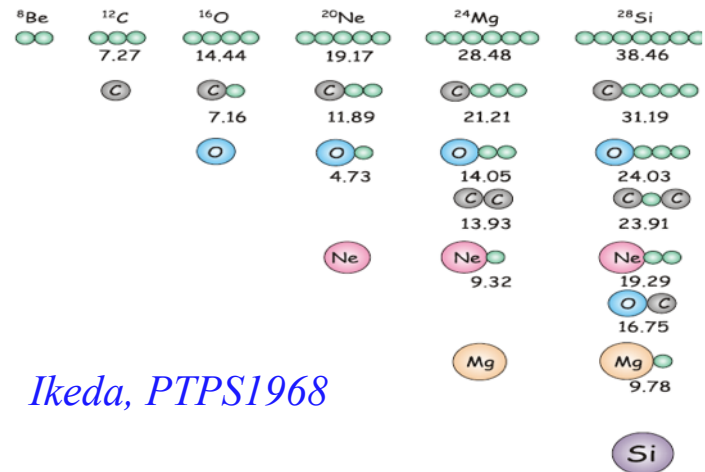
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heavy-ion collions

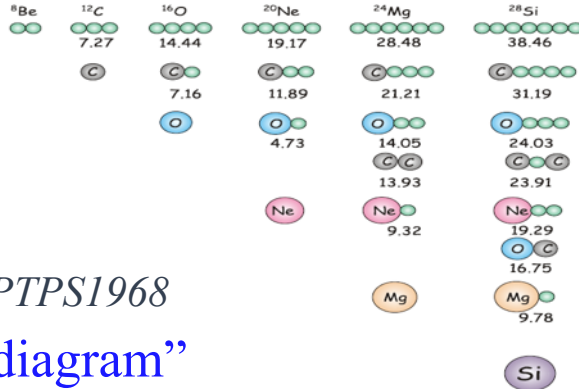


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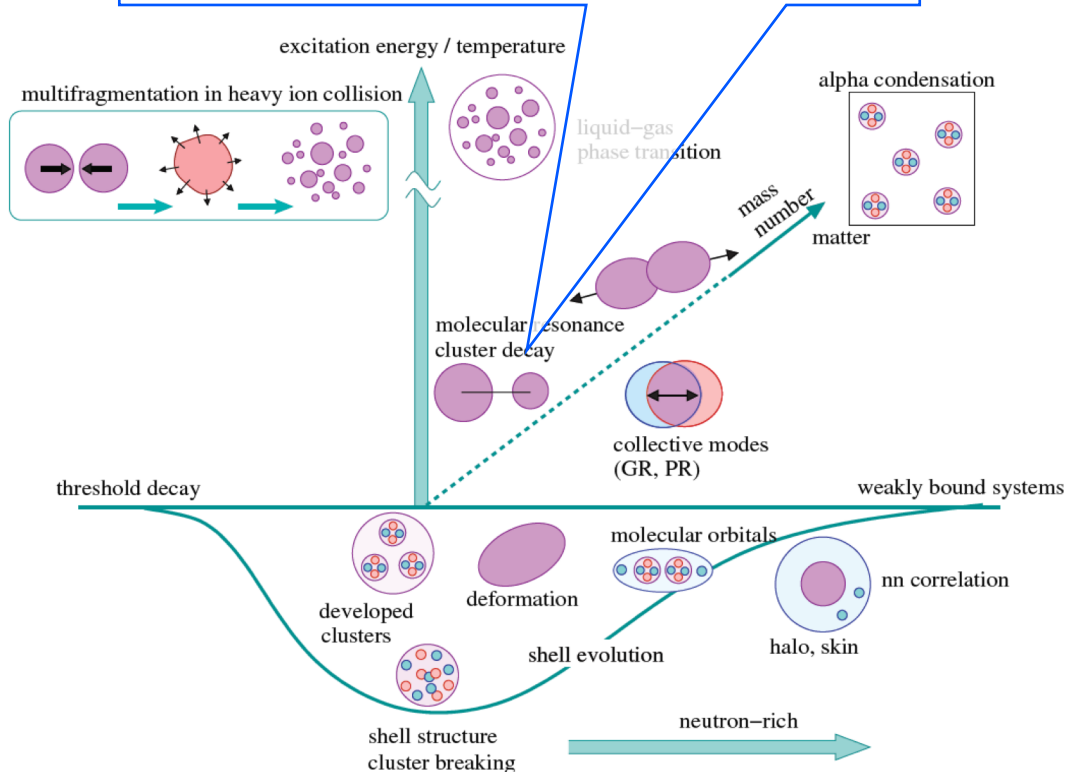


*Ikeda, PTPS1968*

# Rich Cluster structures in light nuclei

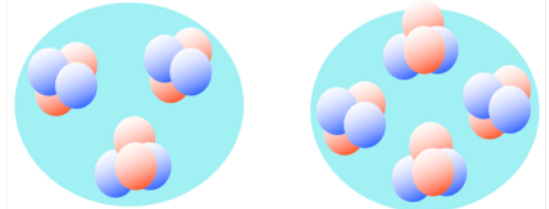


*Ikeda, PTPS1968*  
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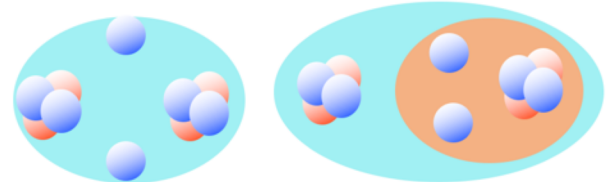


*Kanada-Enyo, PTEP1(12)01A202*

## Gas-like ( $\alpha$ -condensate) states



## Molecular states in Be



PRL 112, 162501 (2014) PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 25 APRIL 2014

### Observation of Enhanced Monopole Strength and Clustering in $^{12}\text{Be}$

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## Linear-Chain states in C



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### Positive-Parity Linear-Chain Molecular Band in $^{16}\text{C}$

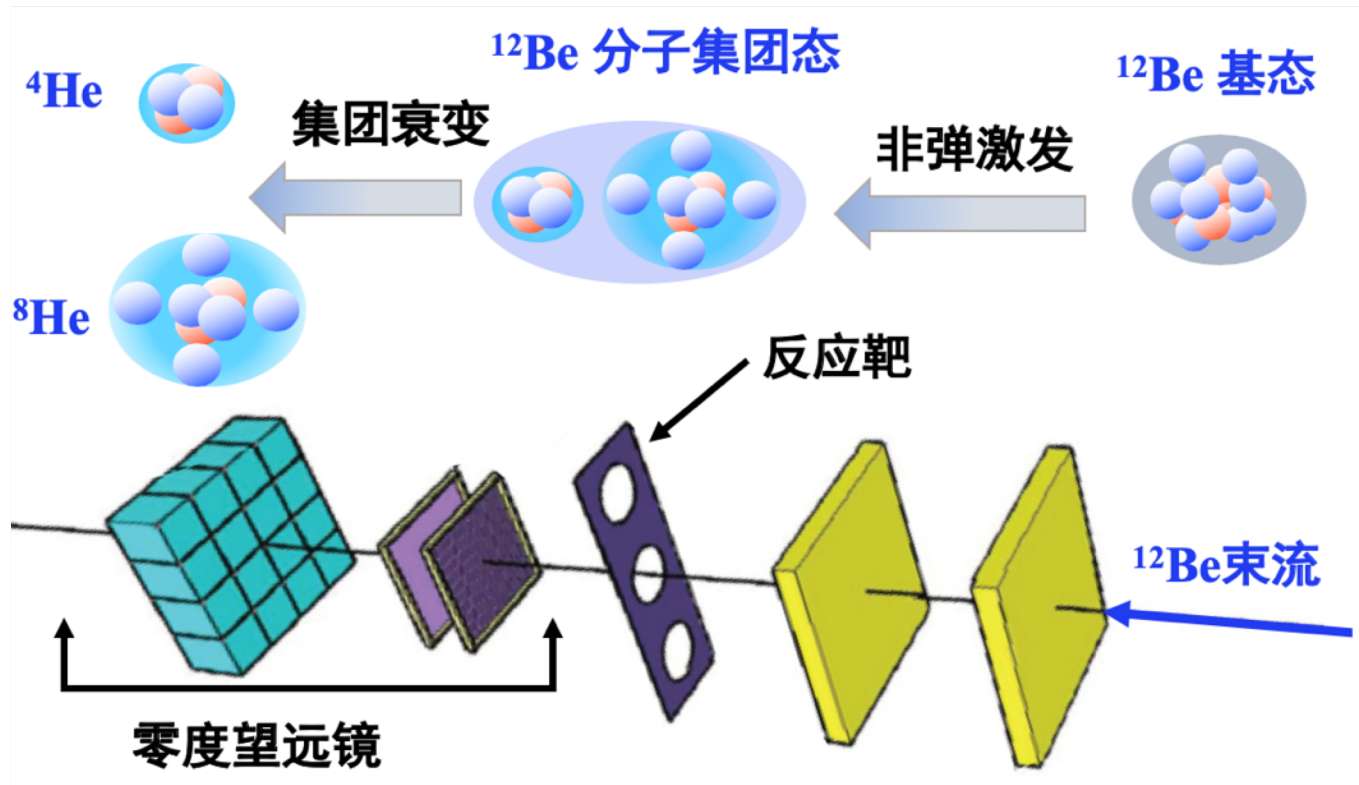
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# Exp. challenges: population + identification

## ◆ How to populate Cluster structure in the excited states:

- ✓ Inelastic scattering: e.g.  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha')$
- ✓ Cluster (multi-N) transfer: e.g.  $^{12}\text{C}(^6\text{Li}, d)^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^9\text{Be}(^{13}\text{C}, ^{18}\text{O})^4\text{He}$
- ✓ Resonant scattering (active target): e.g.  $^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$ ,  $^6\text{He} + \alpha$

$^{12}\text{Be}$  实验@RIBLL1 [Z. H. Yang, Y. L. Ye et al. PRL 112, 162501 (2014)]



# (实验识别-1) Cluster rotational band

- ✓ Invariant-mass measurement by detecting the decay fragments
- ✓ Spin-parity assignment via angular correlation analysis
- ✓ E.g,  $^{12}\text{Be}$  PRC82(99)1383, *PRL112(14)162501*;  $^{10}\text{Be}$ , *PRL96(06)042501*

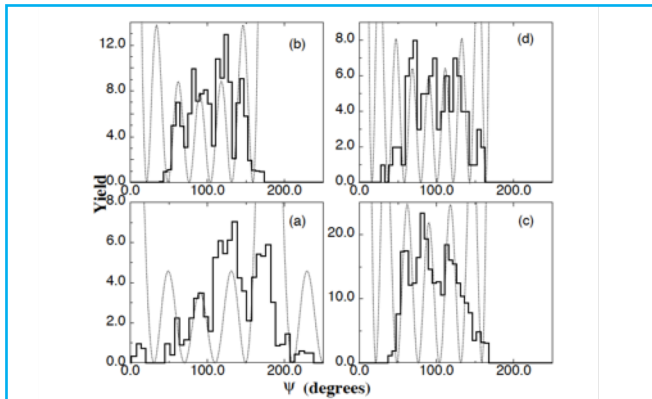


FIG. 3. Projected angular correlations (see text) for the states at (a) 13.2 MeV ( $J = 4$ ), (b) 16.1 MeV ( $J = 6$ ), (c) triplet centered at 18.6 MeV ( $J = 6$ ), and (d) 20.9 MeV ( $J = 8$ ). The dotted lines correspond to the  $|P_J|^2$ , where  $J$  is the assigned spin.

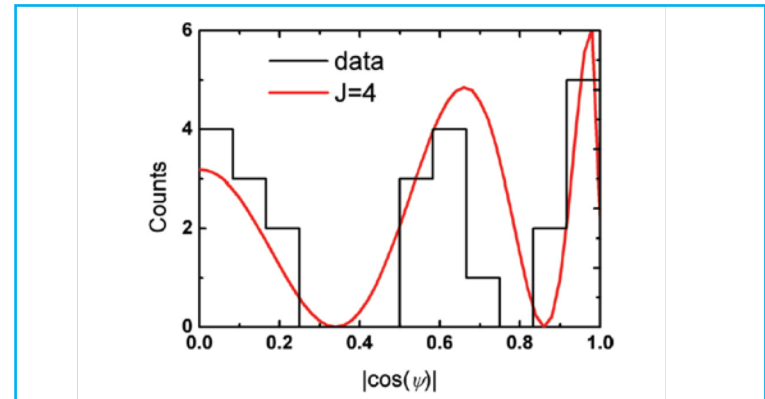
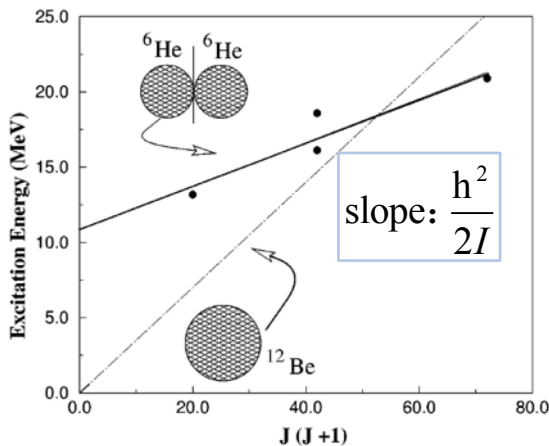
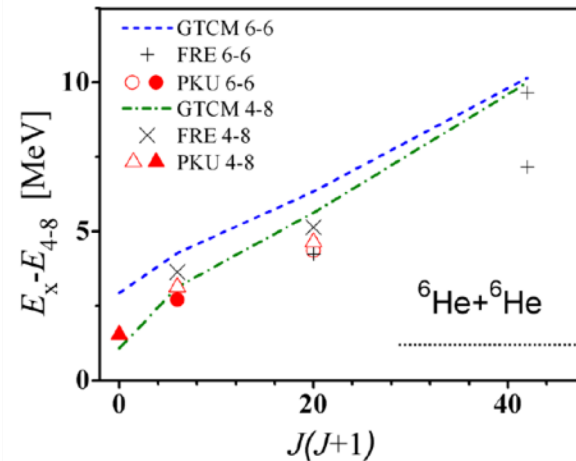


FIG. 6. (Color online) Angular correlation distribution for the 13.6-MeV state decaying into the  $^4\text{He} + ^8\text{He}$  channel, compare with the simulation assuming  $J = 4$  (red [gray] solid line).



# (实验识别-2) Large Cluster SF

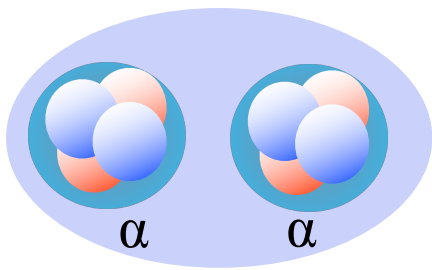
$$\Gamma_{\alpha}(E) = 2\gamma_{\alpha}^2 P_l(E) \quad \gamma_{\alpha}^2 \text{-reduced width} \quad P_l(E) \text{-penetrability}$$

*Non-dimensional reduced width (Cluster spectroscopic factor)*

$$\theta^2 = \frac{\gamma_{\alpha}^2}{\gamma_W^2} \quad (0 \leq \theta^2 \leq 1) \quad \gamma_W^2 = \frac{3\hbar^2}{2\mu a^2} : \text{wigner limit}$$

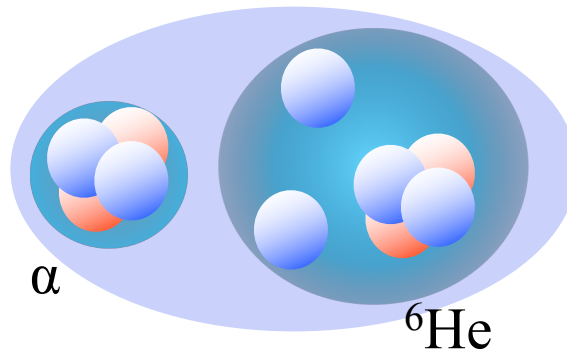
${}^8\text{Be}(\text{g.s.})$

$$\theta^2(\alpha) = 0.45$$



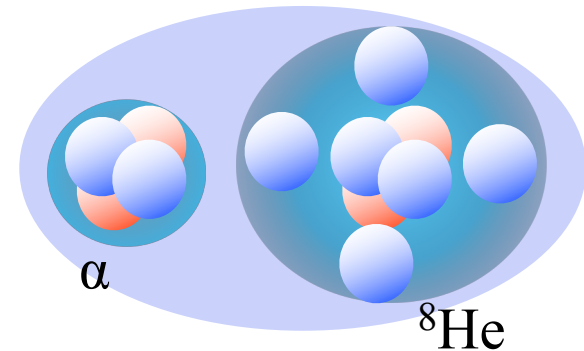
${}^{10}\text{Be}(4^+, 9.6\text{MeV})$

$$\theta^2(\alpha) \sim 0.5$$



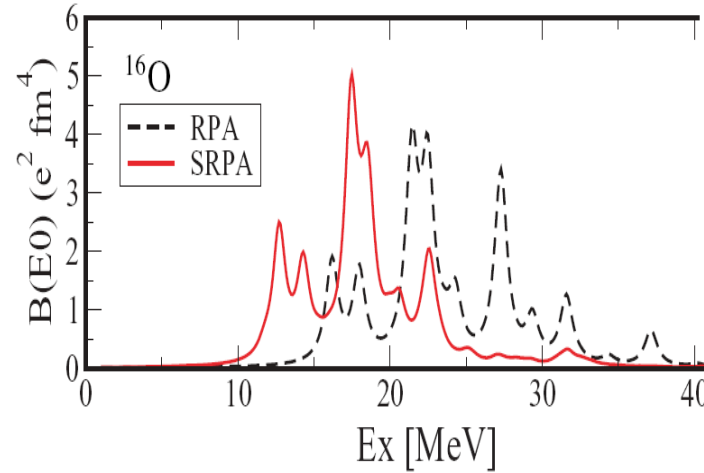
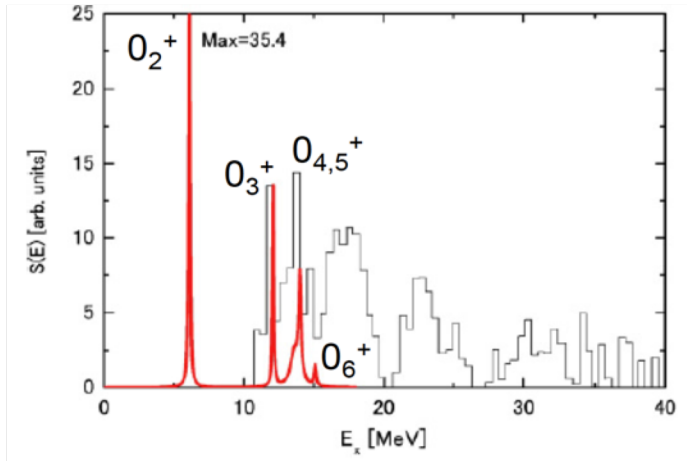
${}^{12}\text{Be}(0_3^+, 10.3\text{MeV})$

$$\theta^2(\alpha) \sim 0.5$$



# (实验识别-3) Isoscalar Monopole transtion

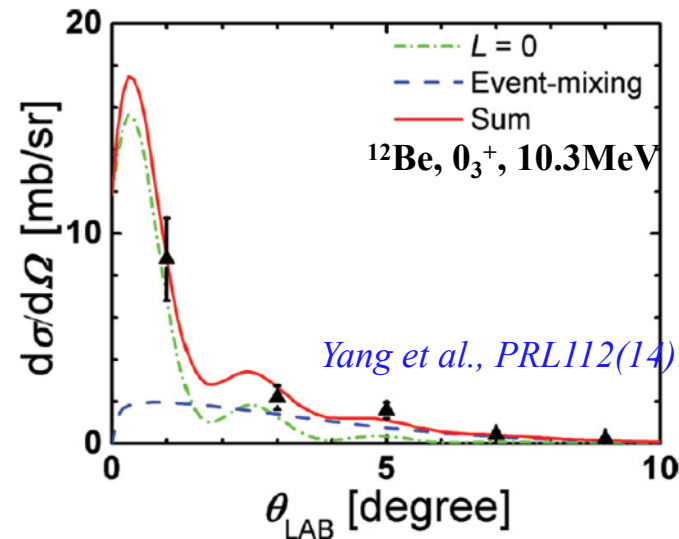
T. Yamada,, PRC85(12)034315, PTP120(12)1139; Ito, PRC 83(11)044319; Kimura, EPJA52(16)373



“imprint”

- ✓ Inelastic scattering on  $d/\alpha/^{12}\text{C}$
- ✓ Multiple decomposition analysis (MDA) of angular distribution

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)^{\text{exp}} = \sum_L a_L \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_L^{\text{DWBA}}$$



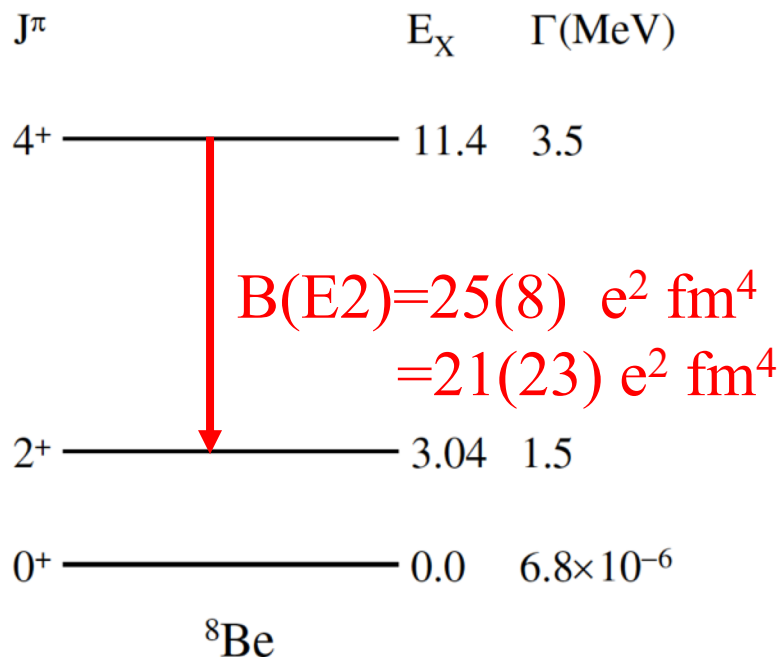
Yang et al., PRL112(14)162501



# (实验识别-4) Characteristic EM transitions

## $^8\text{Be}$ : In-band B(E2)

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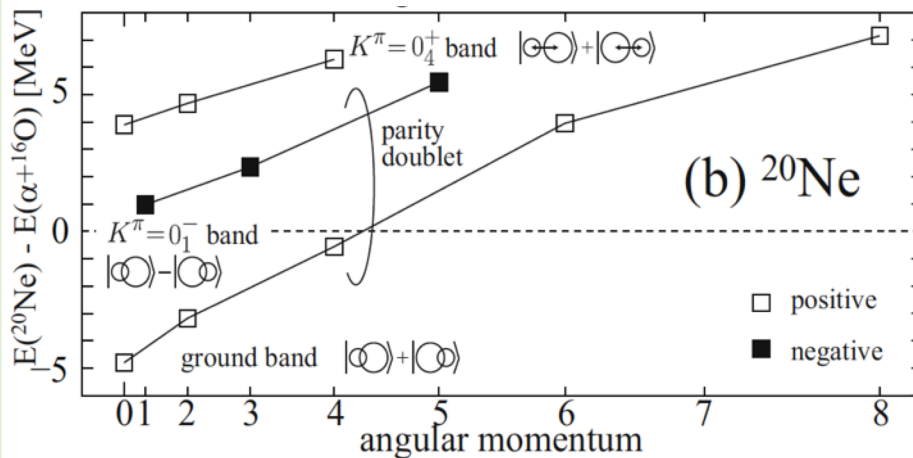
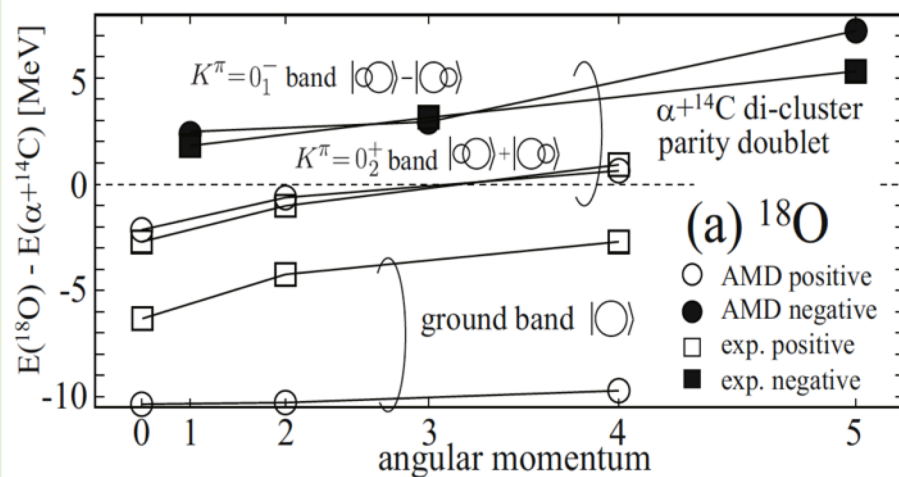


QMC:  $18.2(4) \text{ e}^2 \text{ fm}^4$

GFMC:  $27.2(15) \text{ e}^2 \text{ fm}^4$

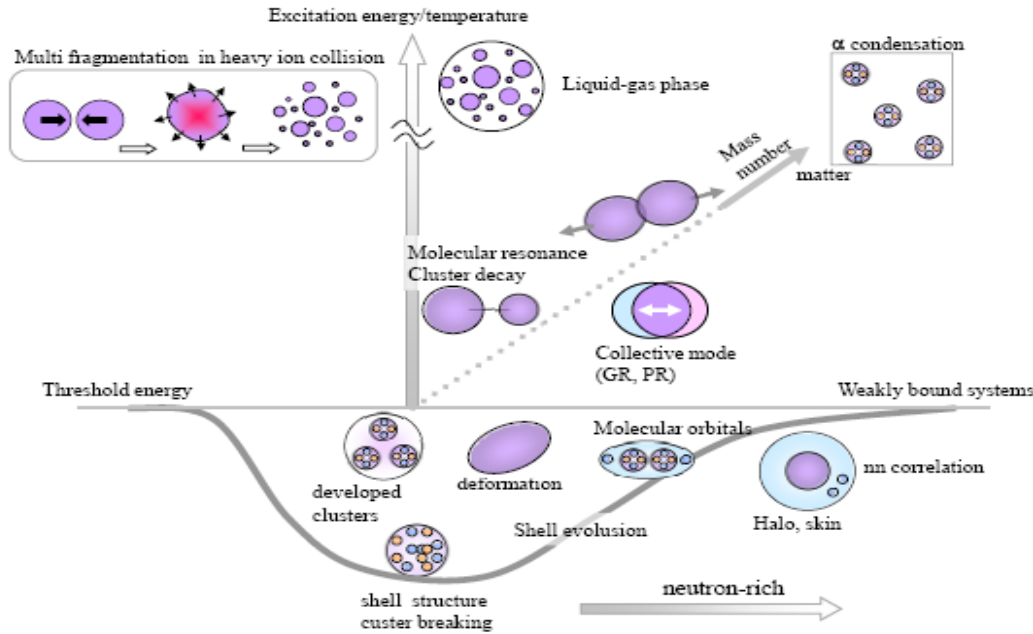
## Inter-band E1 between cluster parity doublet bands

Kimura, EPJA52(16)373

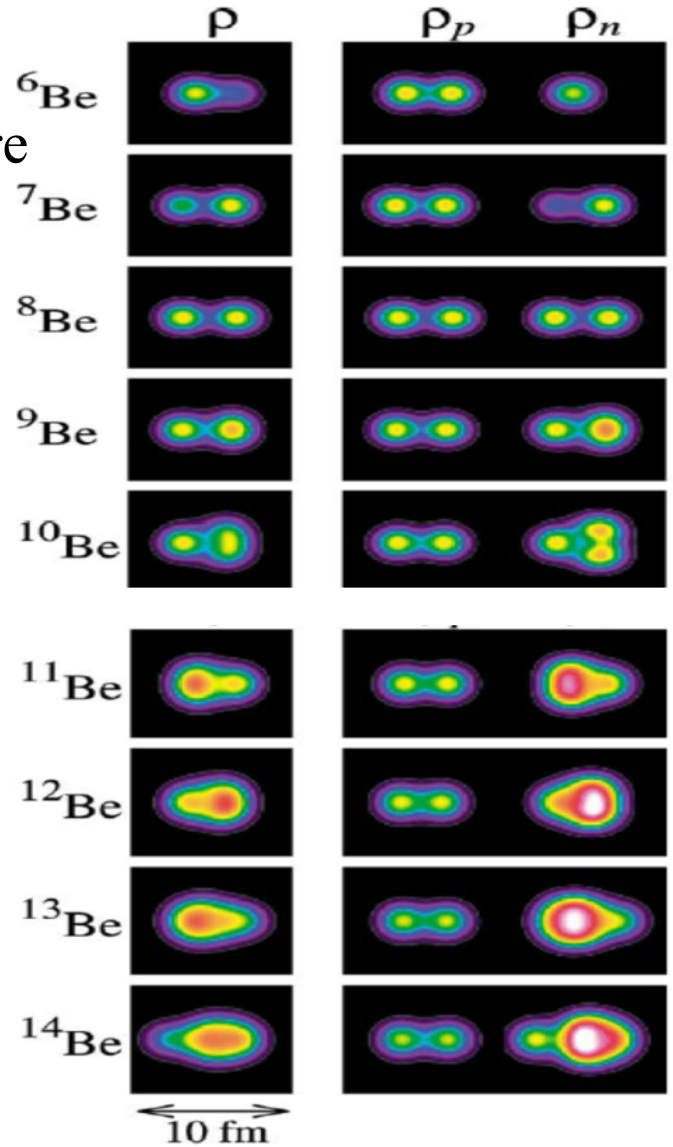


# Nuclear Clusters in the ground state

- ✓ Rich Cluster structures in neutron-rich nuclei
  - e.g. Be isotopes with two-centered structure



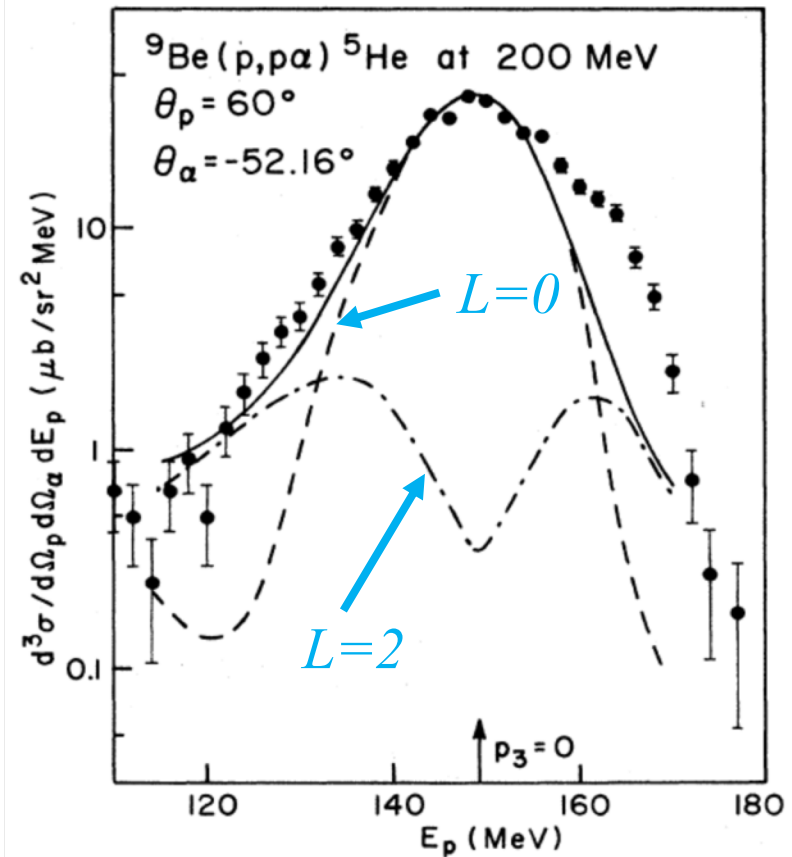
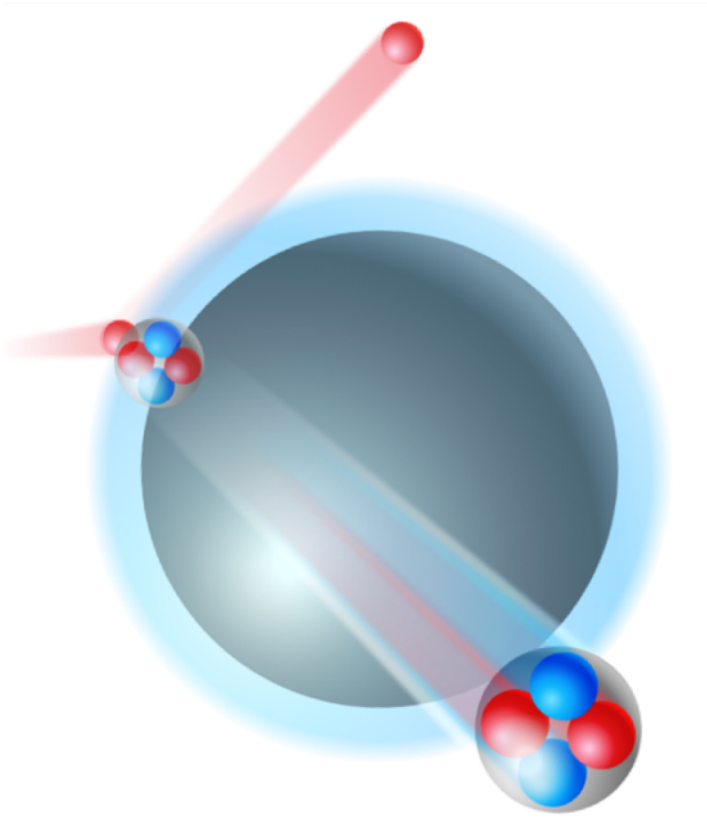
Y. Kanada-Enyo, et al., PTEP1, 01A202(2012),  
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# Quasi-free ( $p, p\alpha$ ) to probe $\alpha$ clusters

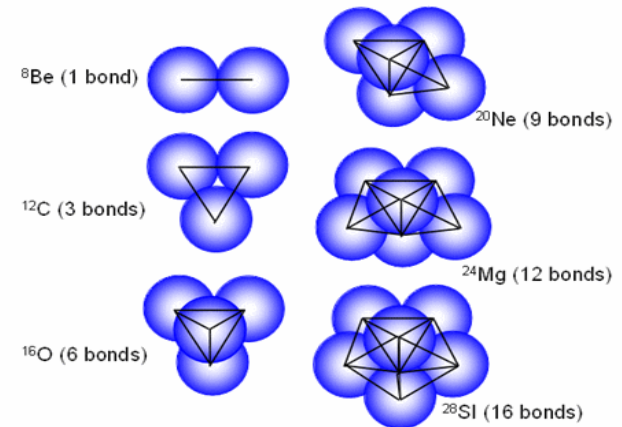
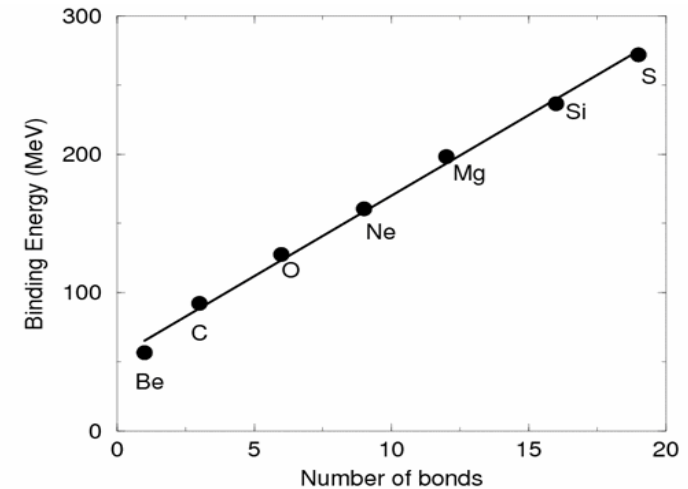
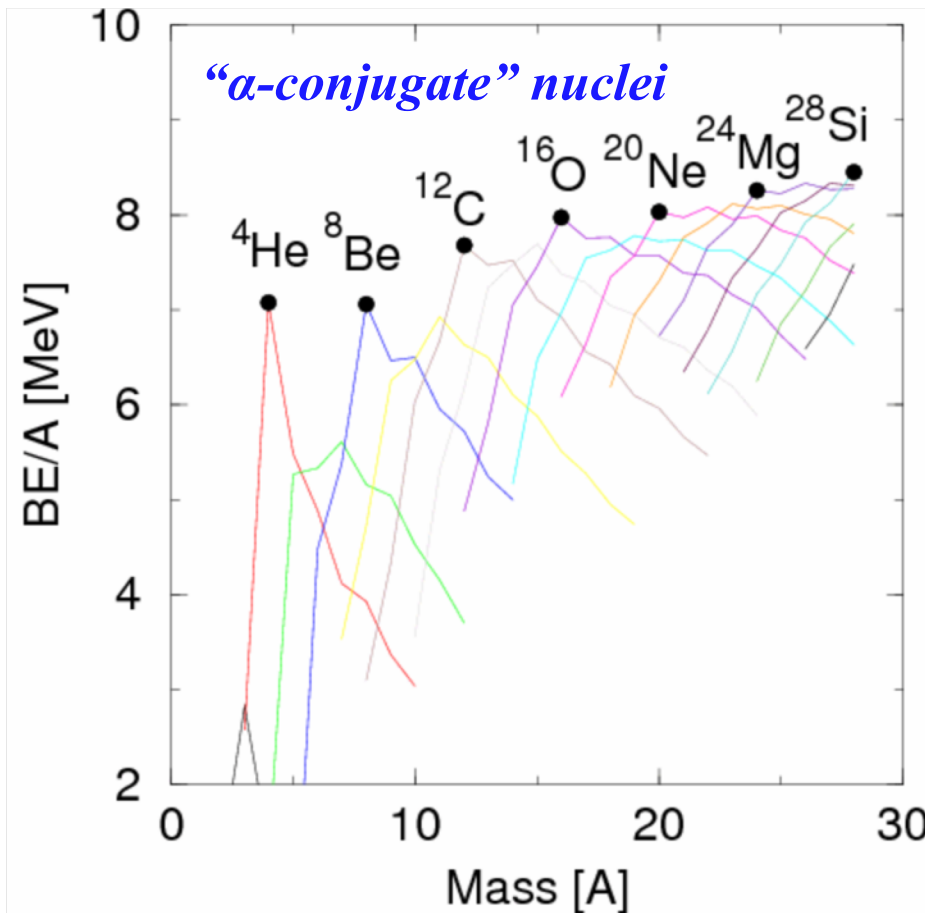
- ✓ In 1970s and 1980s: with light stable nuclei like  ${}^7\text{Li}/{}^9\text{Be}/{}^{12}\text{C}$ .
- ✓ Recent theoretical development for ( $p, p\alpha$ ) (*Yoshida, Ogata et al.*)



*Nadasen, PRC40(1989) 1130.*

# “ $\alpha$ particle” nuclei [ $\sim$ 1930s by *Hafstad and Teller*]

- ✓ Alpha decay model (quantum tunneling): Gamow, 1928
- ✓ Discovery of the neutron: 1932, Chadwick



# $\alpha$ cluster in medium-mass region ( $A \sim 50$ )

Taniguchi, Yoshida, et al. PRC103, L031305 (2021)

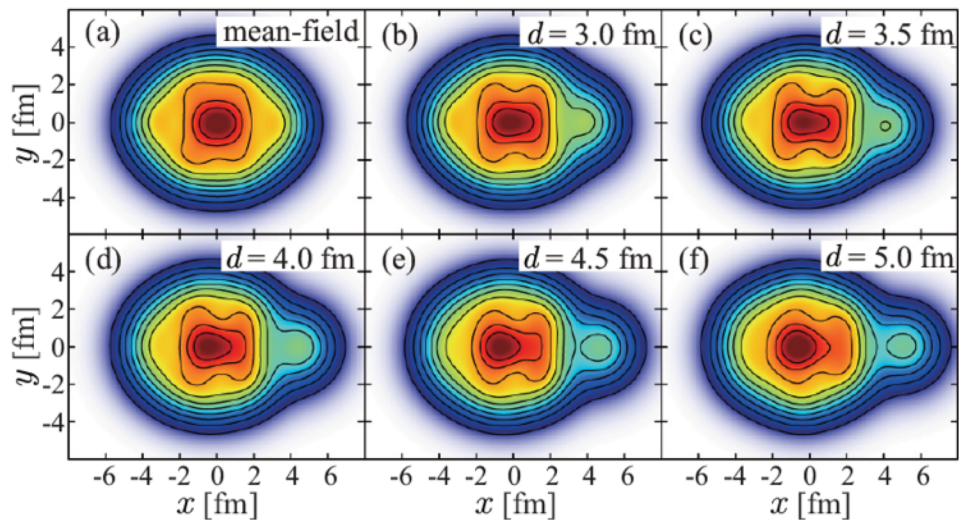


FIG. 1. Wave-function density distributions for RWA calculation—(a) mean-field solution; (b)–(f)  $\alpha + {}^{44}\text{Ca}$  system with different internuclear distances  $d$ .

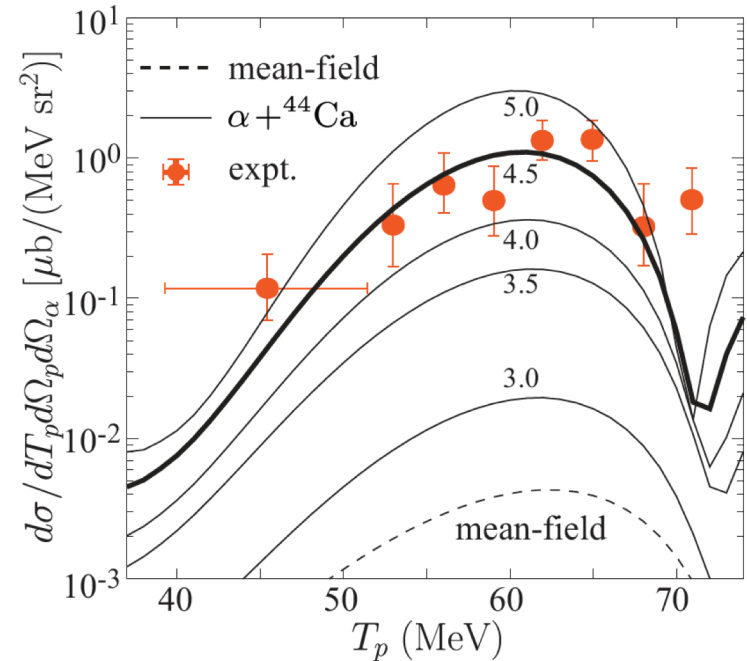
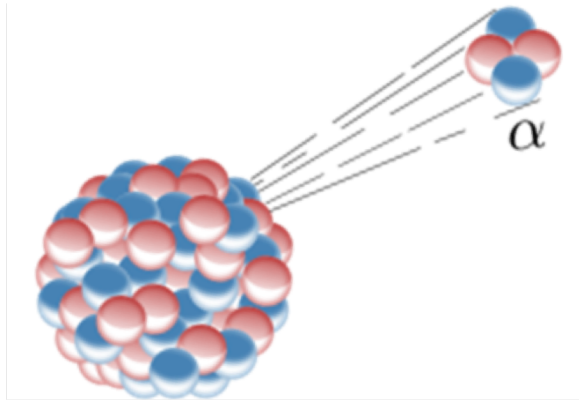


FIG. 3. Triple-differential cross section of  ${}^{48}\text{Ti}(p, p\alpha){}^{44}\text{Ca}$  reaction via DWIA calculations using RWAs of the  $\alpha + {}^{44}\text{Ca}$  ( $d = 3.0\text{--}5.0$  fm) and mean-field wave functions shown in Fig. 2(a) and their comparison against experimental results reported by [20]. The

# $\alpha$ decay of heavy nuclei: origin of $\alpha$ ?



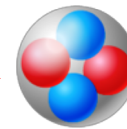
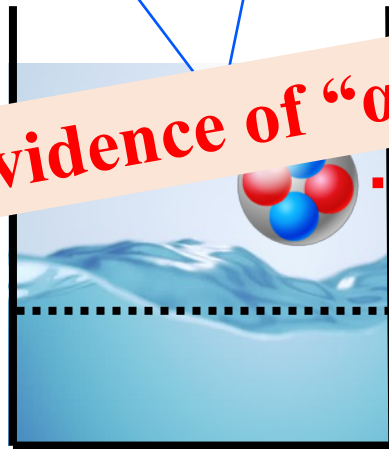
Where I came from?  
How I came here?

(1<sup>st</sup>)  $\alpha$  particle formation

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Quantum tunneling

*Half life*

Direct evidence of “ $\alpha$ -preformation” not established



Textbook Gamow model

# EoS and symmetry energy

- ✓ Nuclear matter equation of state (**EoS**)

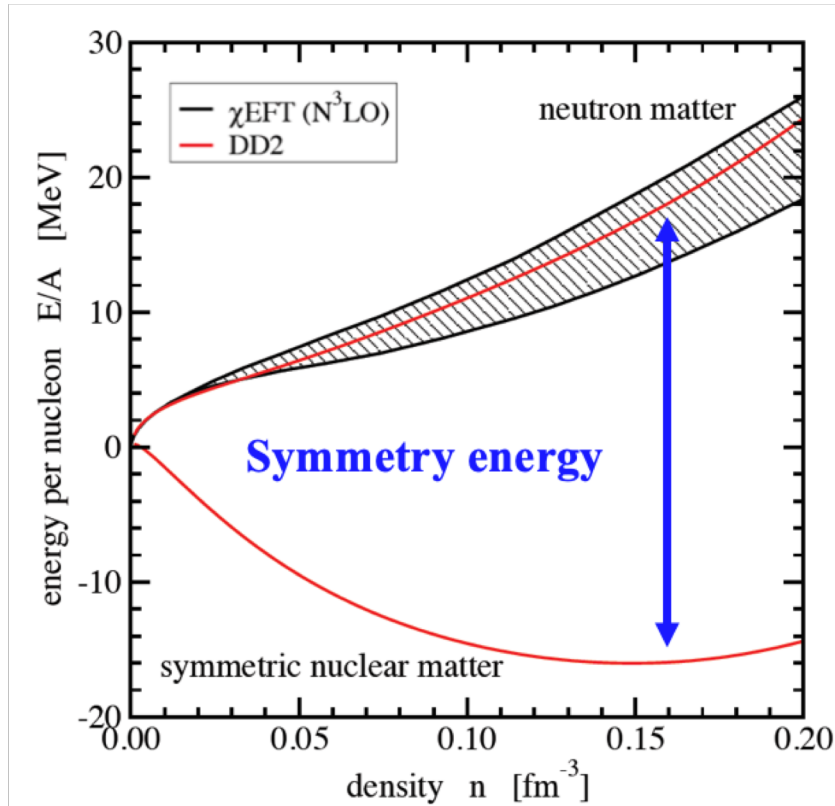
$$\frac{E}{A}(\rho, \delta) = \frac{E}{A}(\rho, 0) + S(\rho)\delta^2 + \dots$$

$\rho(r) = \rho_n(r) + \rho_p(r)$

$\delta(r) = \frac{\rho_n(r) - \rho_p(r)}{\rho_n(r) + \rho_p(r)}$

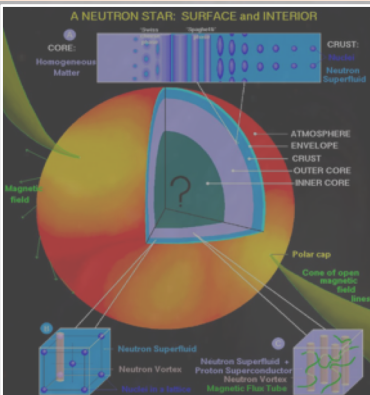
- ✓ Symmetry energy

$$S(\rho) = J + \frac{L}{3\rho_0}(\rho - \rho_0) + \frac{K_{sym}}{18\rho_0}(\rho - \rho_0)^2 + \dots$$





# EoS: from nucleus to neutron stars

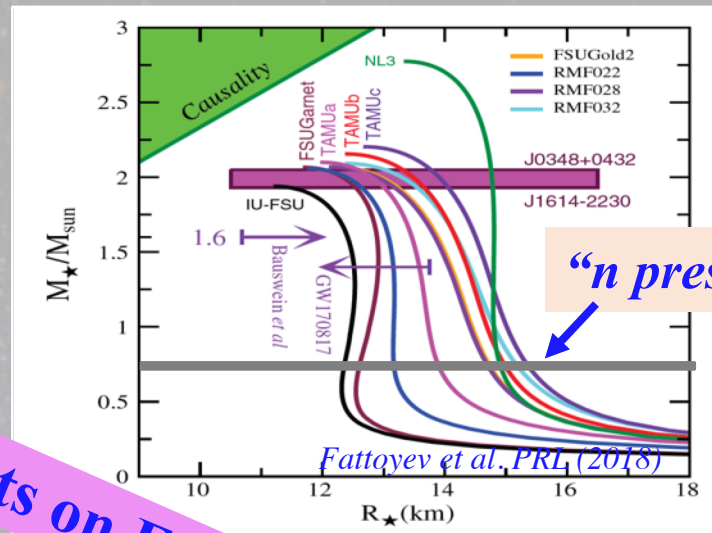


## Neutron star

- ✓ Structure
- ✓ Cooling
- ✓ Merger

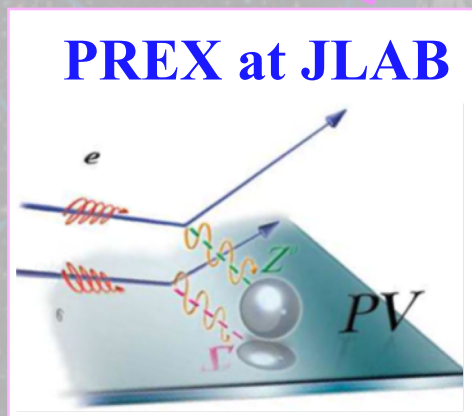
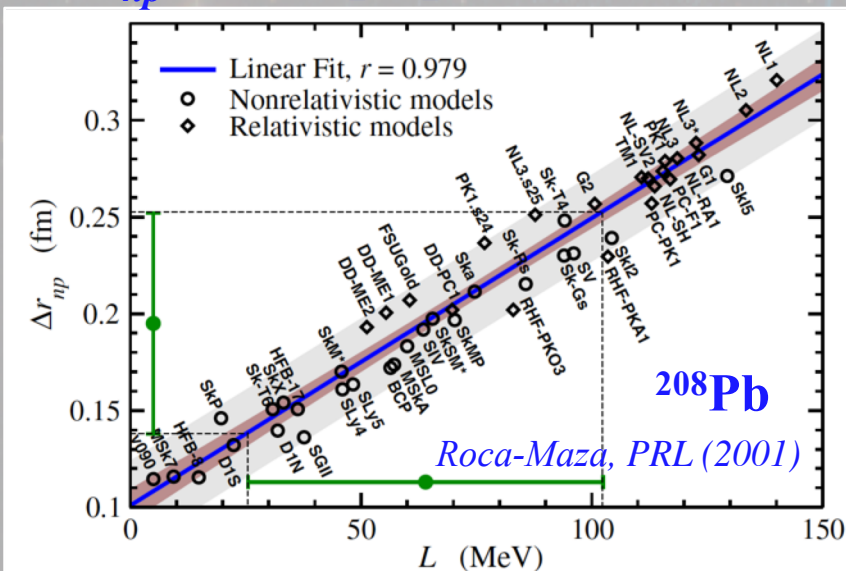
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## Mass-radius relation



Constraints on EoS  
EoS predictions

$$\Delta r_{np} \sim L \text{ (slope parameter)}$$

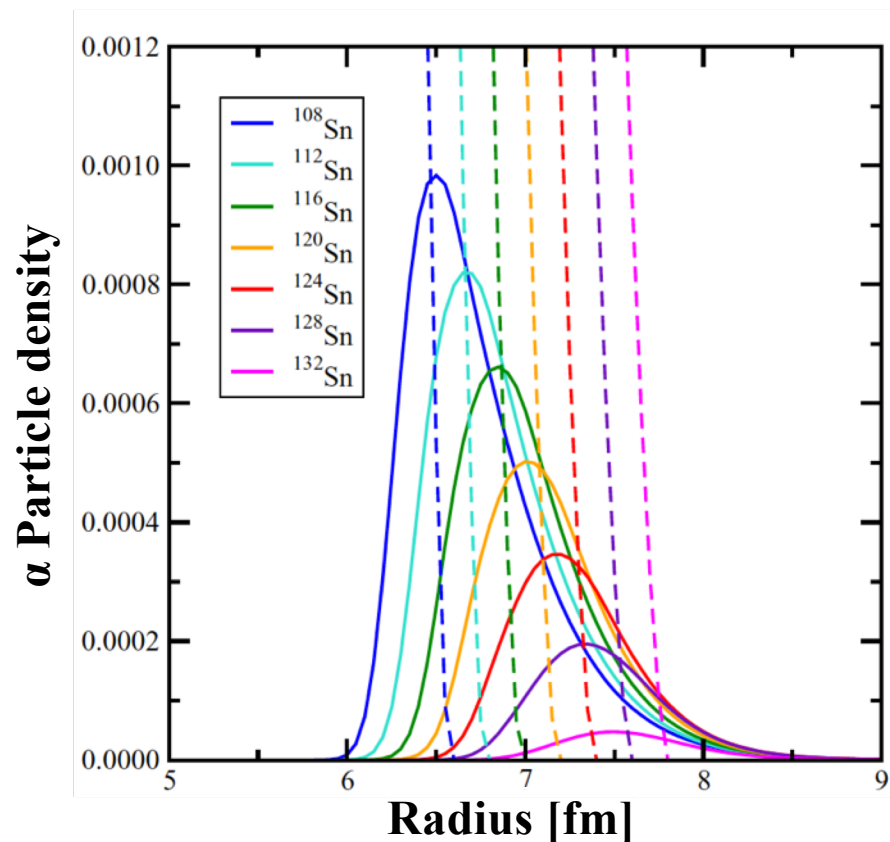
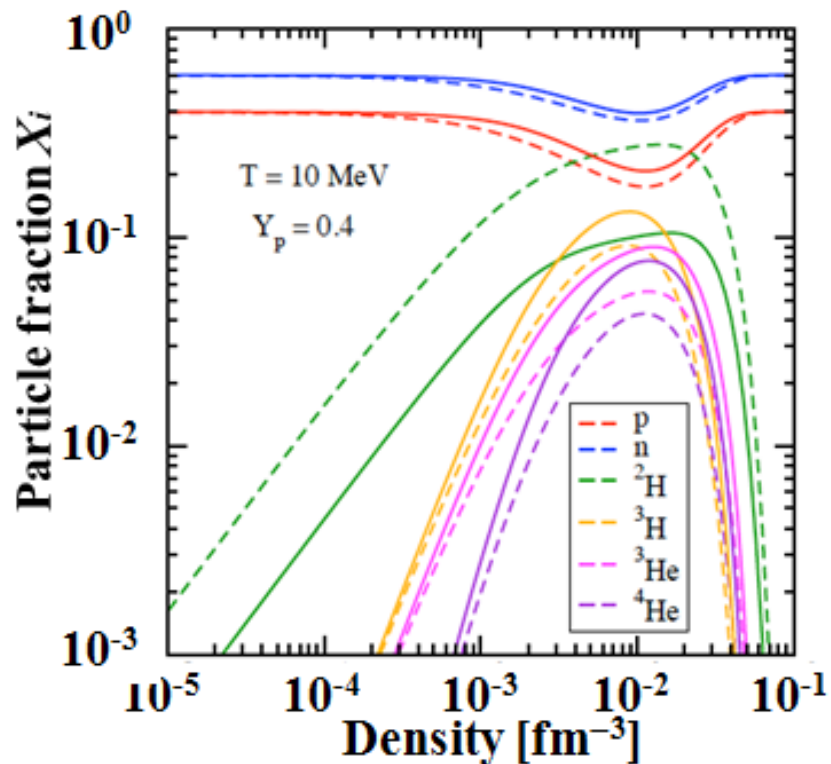


On Earth

# Impact of clustering on EoS

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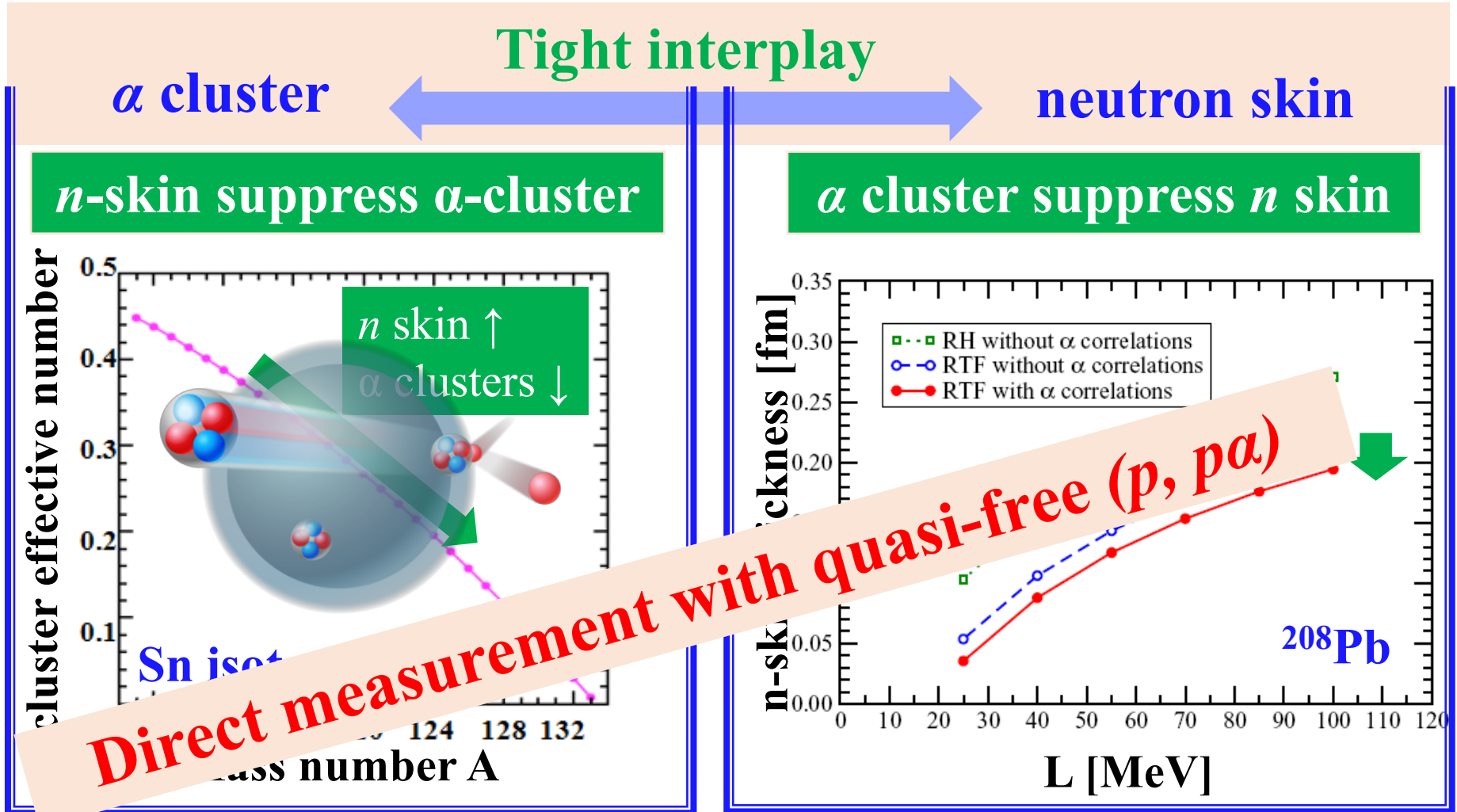
- ✓ Generalized relativistic density functional (gRDF) predictions:  $\alpha$  clusters in low- $\rho$  environments like the surface of heavy nuclei:



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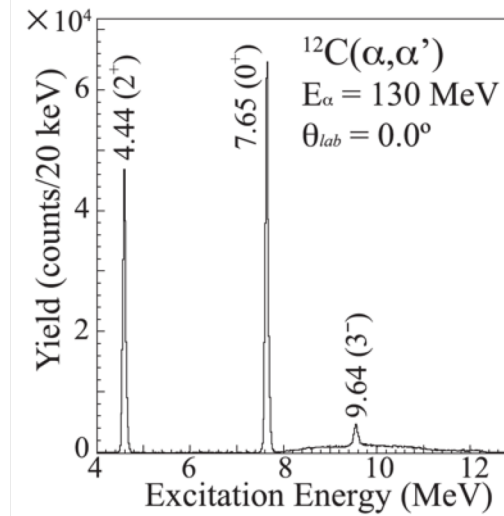
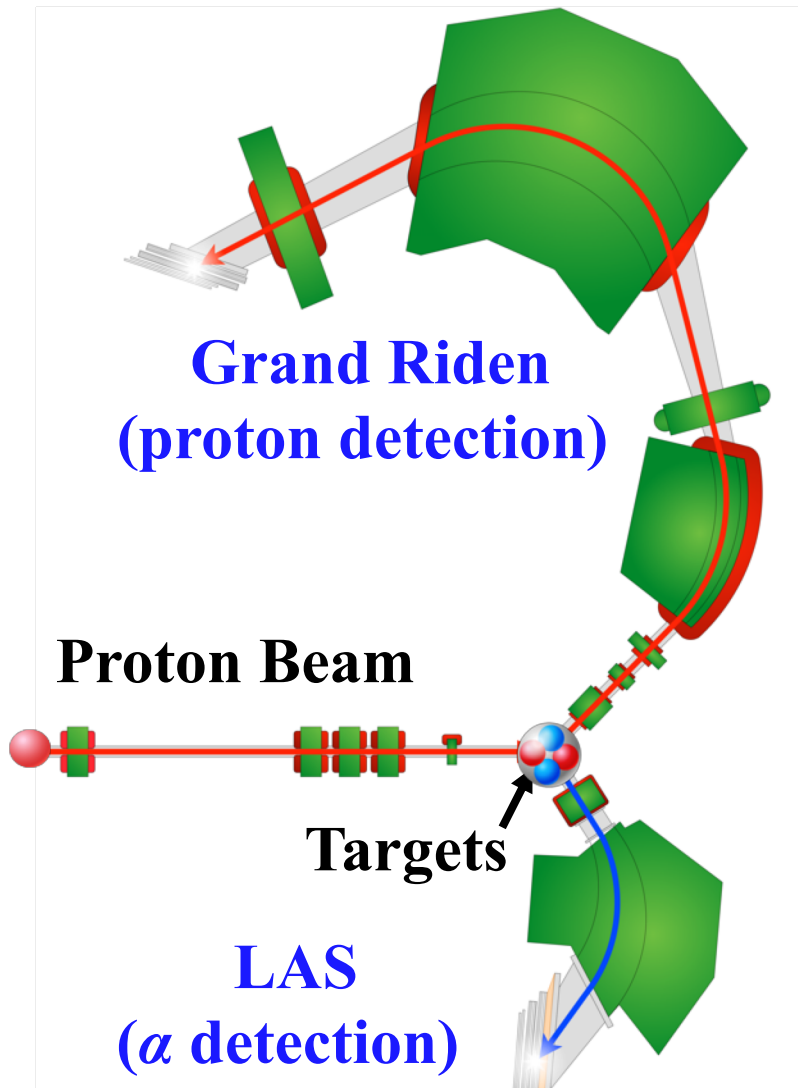
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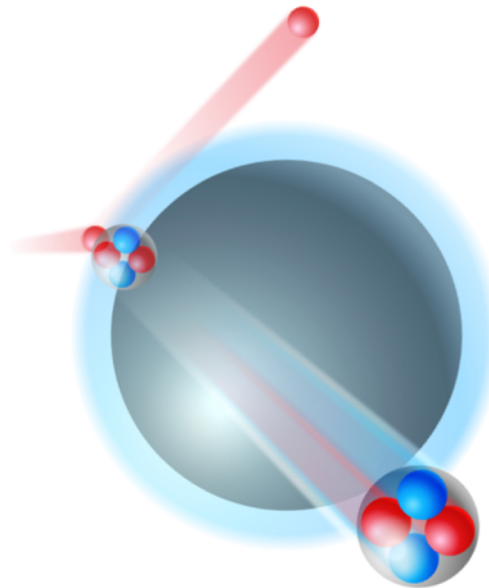


# Quasi-free ( $p,p\alpha$ ) at RCNP



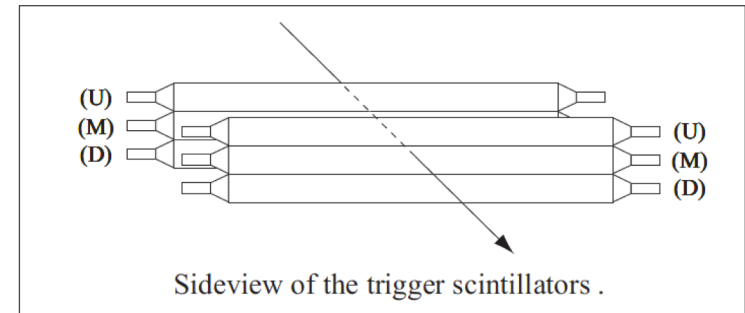
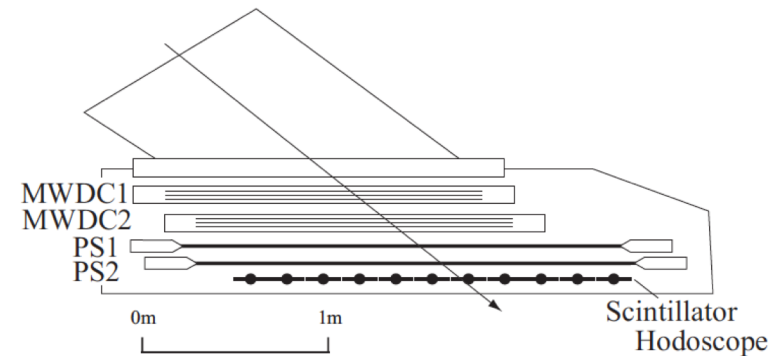
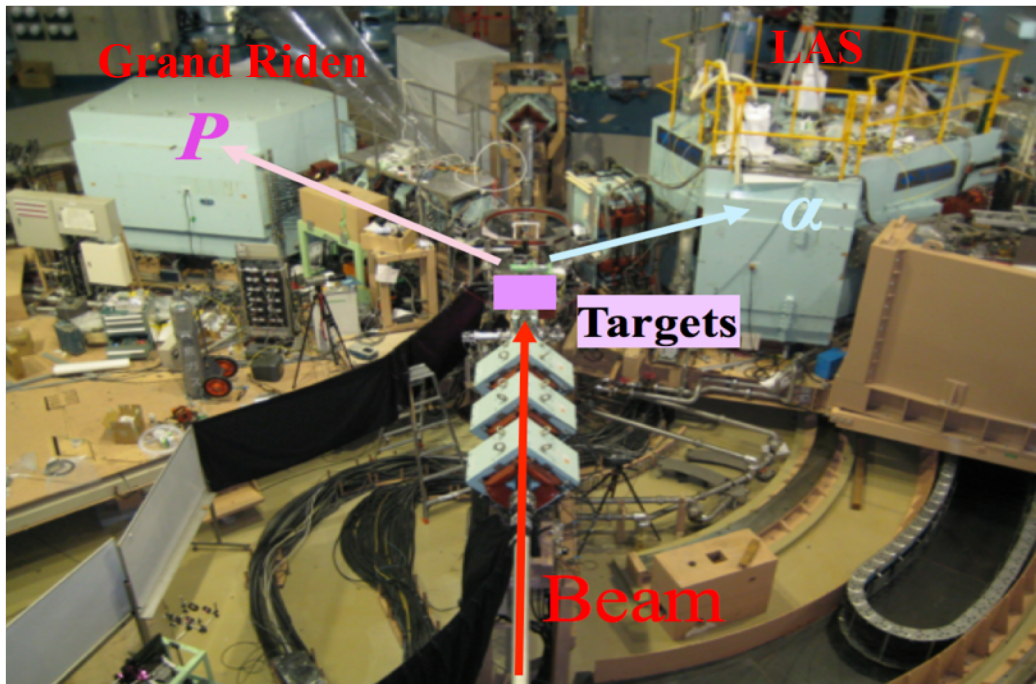
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$\Delta E \sim 20 \text{ keV}$



# Quasi-free ( $p, p\alpha$ ) at RCNP

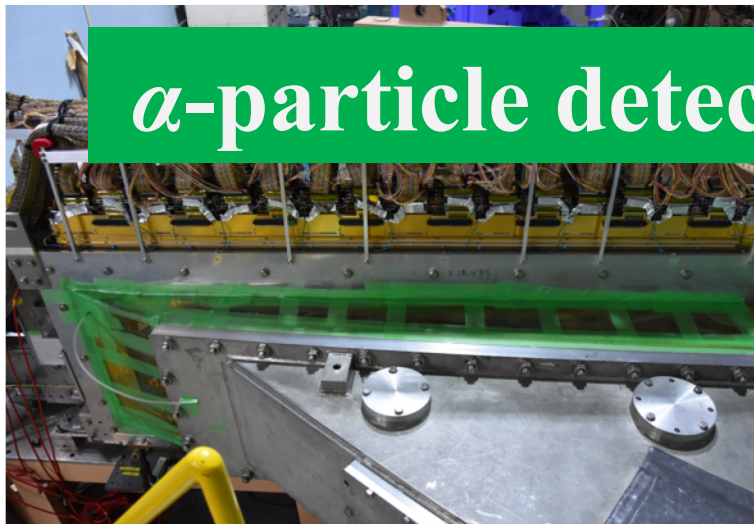
- ✓ **Beam:** 392 MeV proton,  $\sim 100$  pA (halo-free)
- ✓ **Targets:**  $^{112}, ^{116}, ^{120}, ^{124}\text{Sn}$  ( $\sim 40$  mg/cm $^2$ )
- ✓ **Detectors:** Grand Riden ( $60^\circ$ ) + LAS ( $45.3^\circ$ )



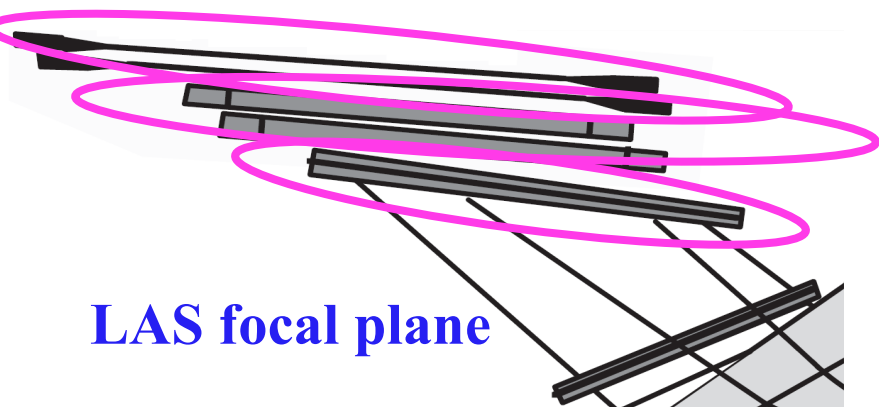
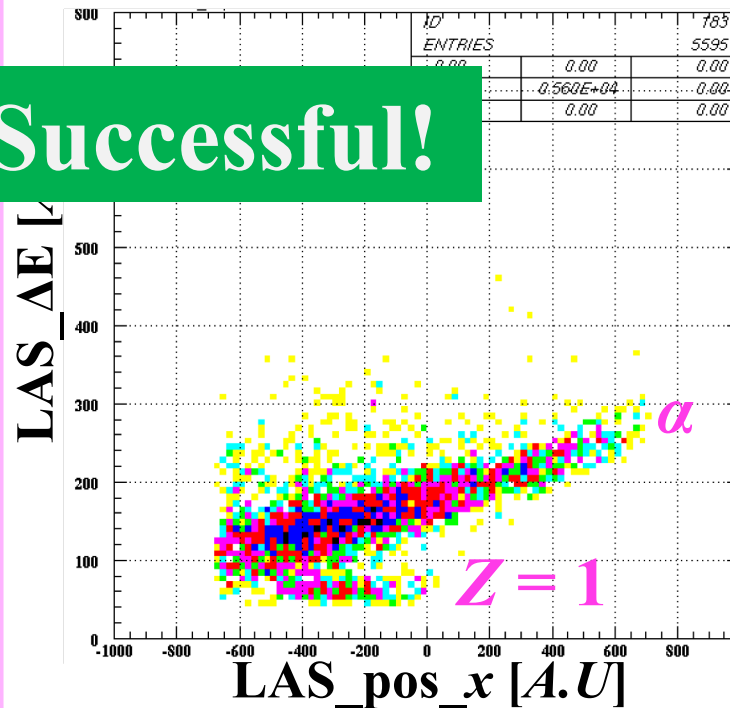
## Main challenges:

- ✳ Small  $\sigma$  ( $\sim$  pb).
- ✳ Detection of low-energy alpha particles ( $\sim 50$  MeV).

# Development of $(p, p\alpha)$ setup (2015~2018)



**$\alpha$ -particle detection : Successful!**

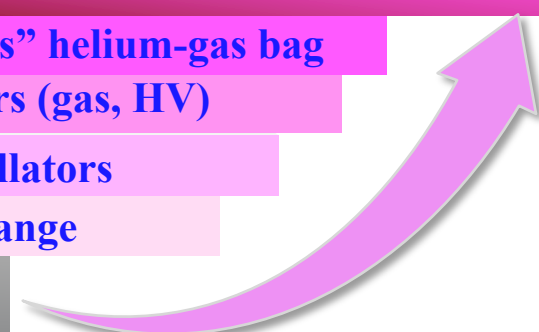


LAS focal plane

Physics run in 2018

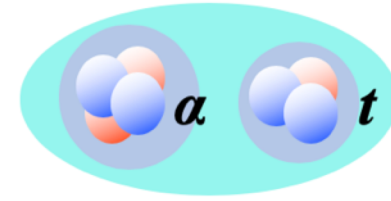
- “Window-less” helium-gas bag
- Drift chambers (gas, HV)
- Trigger scintillators
- The exit flange

Project started in 2015



# Proof-of-principle: ${}^7\text{Li}(p,p\alpha)$

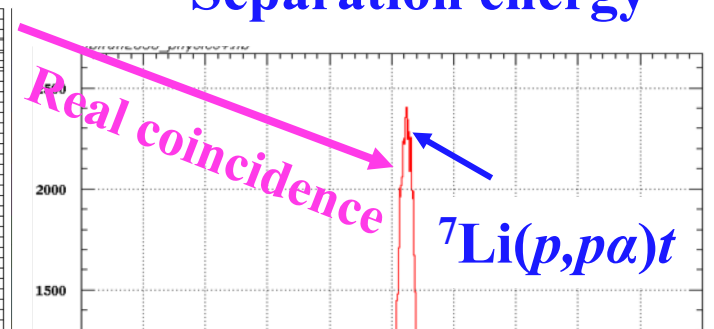
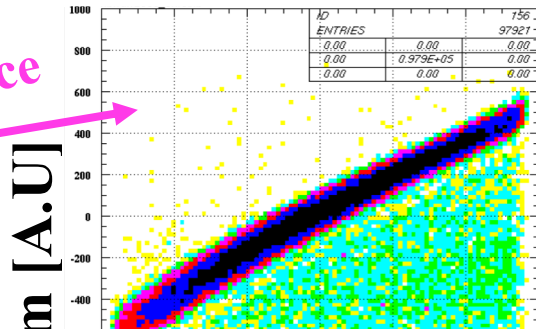
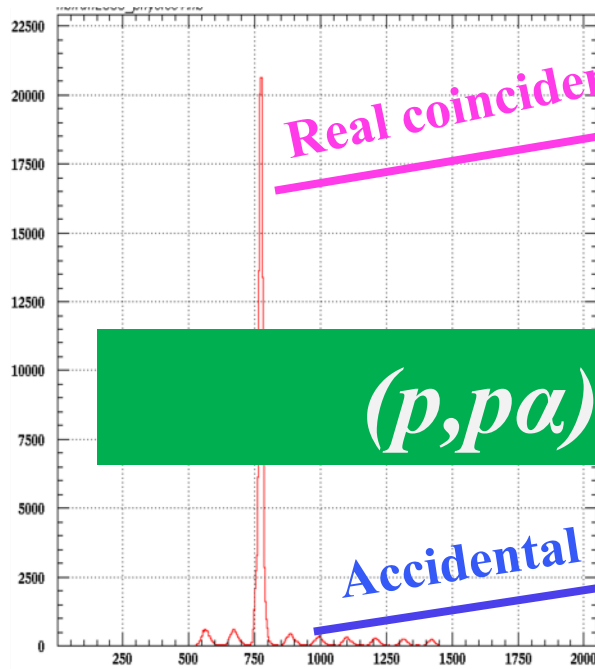
✓ Measurement with  ${}^7\text{Li}(p,p\alpha)t$



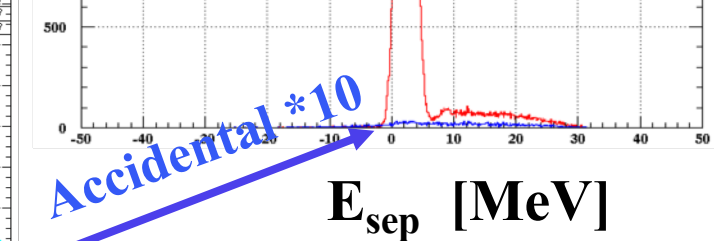
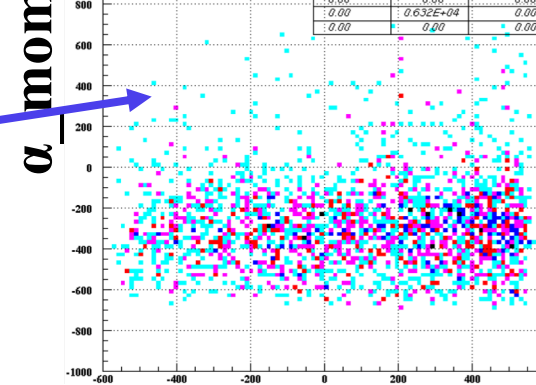
Timing correlation

Momentum correlation

Separation energy



**$(p,p\alpha)$  setup well developed!**

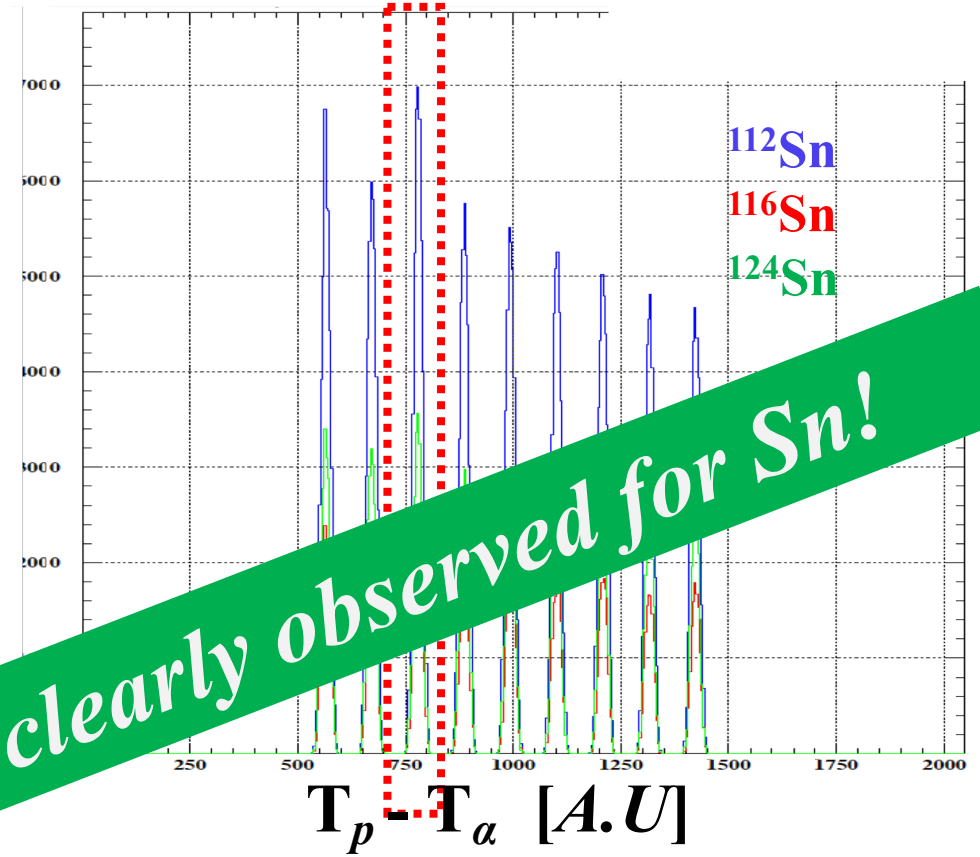
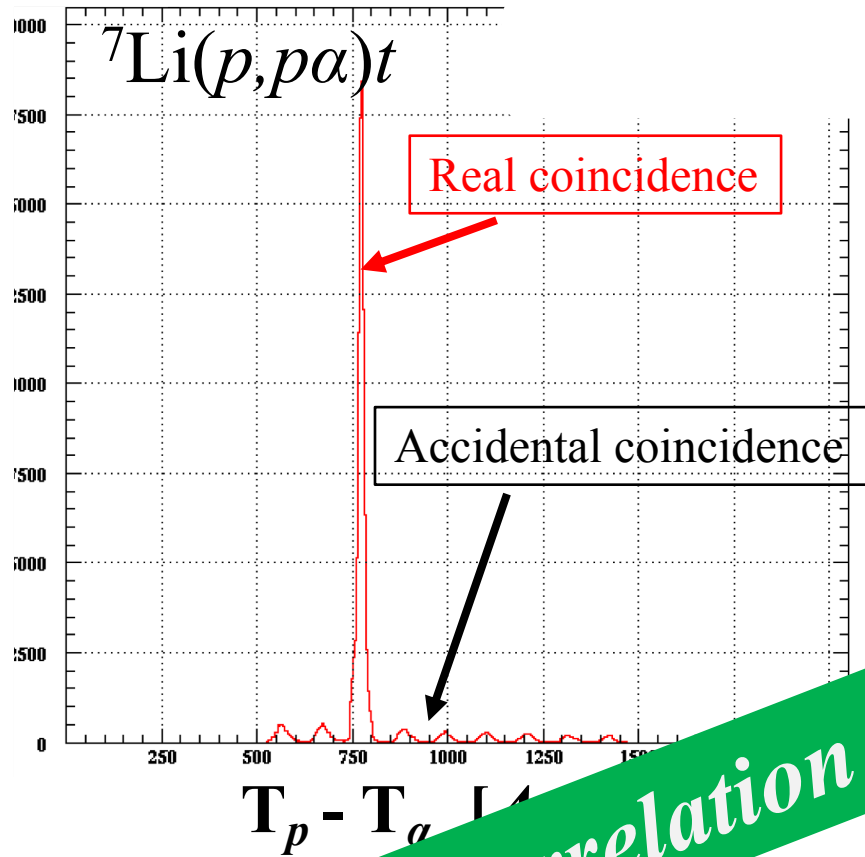


$T_{\alpha} - T_p$  [ns]

proton\_momentum [A.U.]

$E_{\text{sep}}$  [MeV]

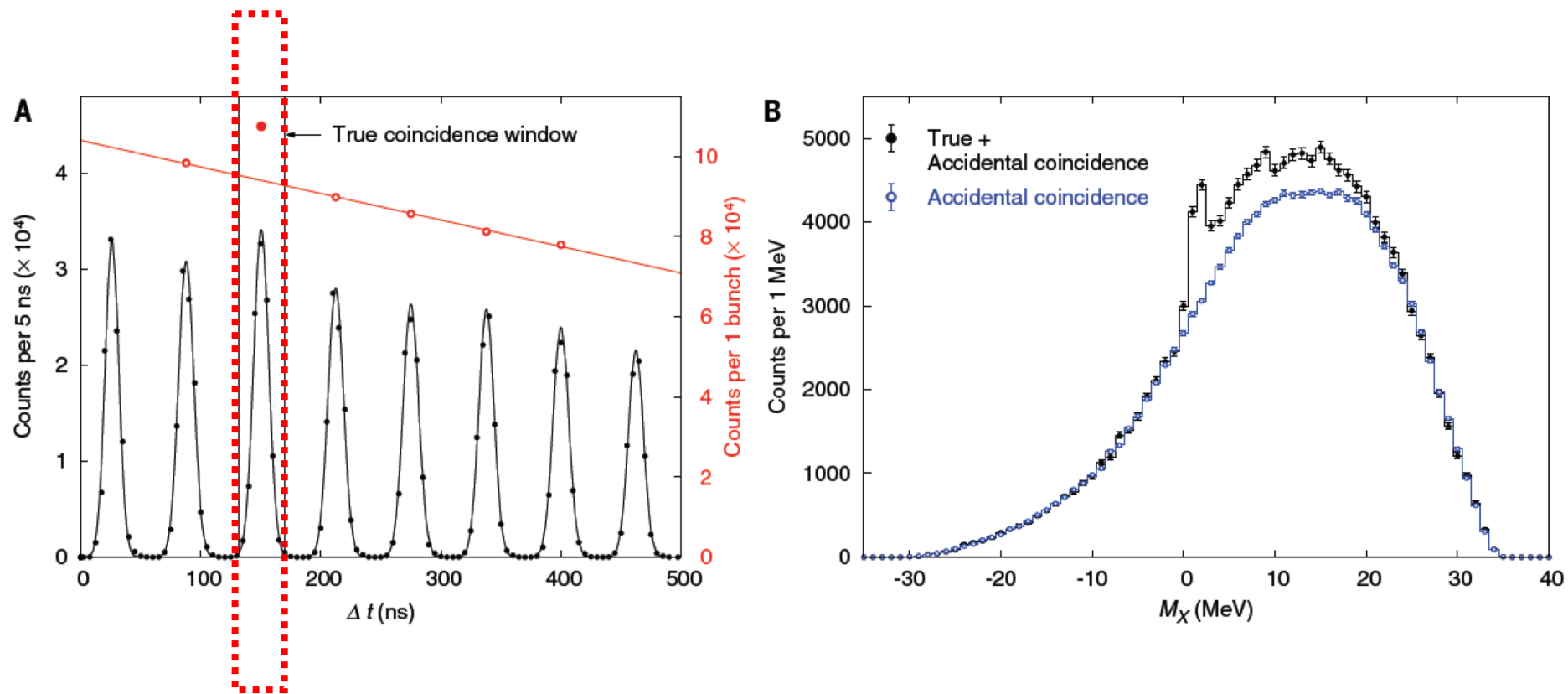
# $(p,p\alpha)$ with $^{112,116,120,124}\text{Sn}$



*p- $\alpha$  correlation clearly observed for Sn!*

# $^{112}\text{Sn}(p,p\alpha)$ : Missing-mass spectrum

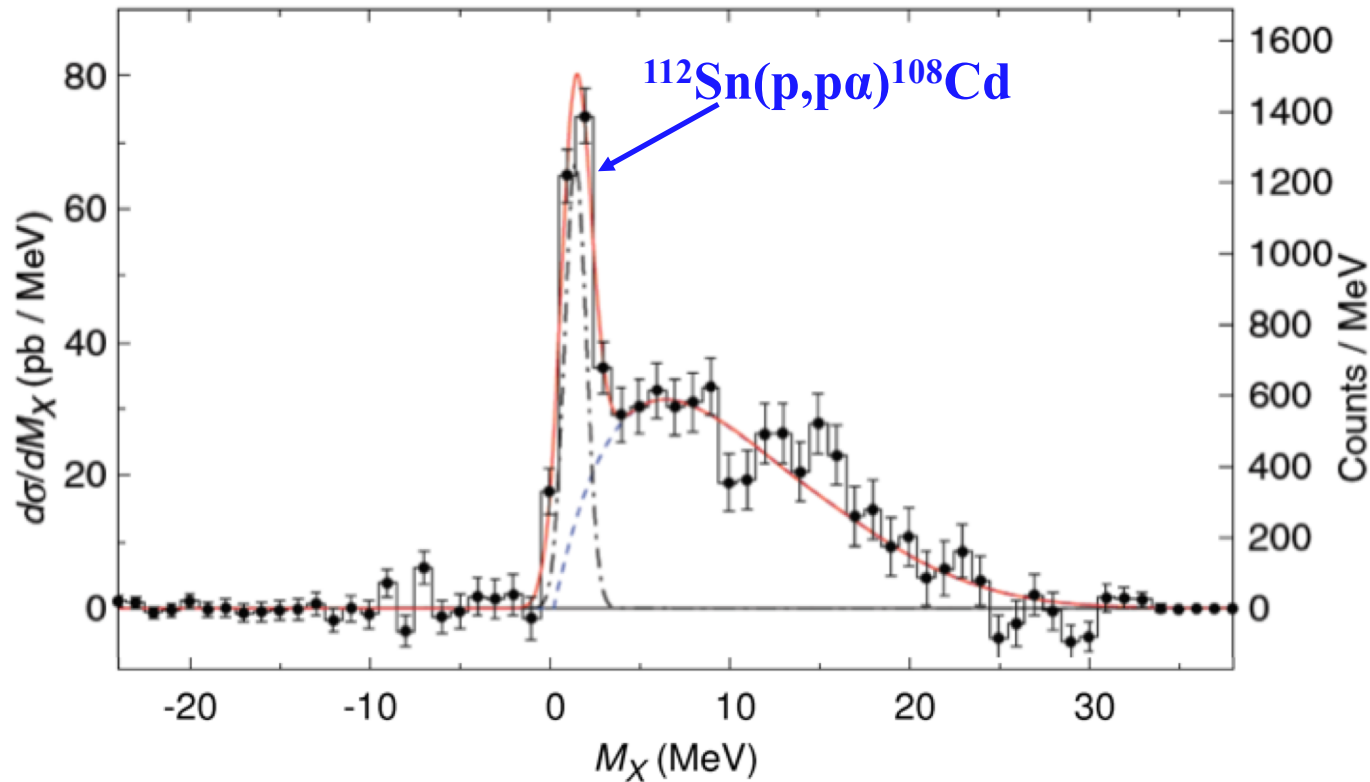
Missing-mass in  $(p,p\alpha)$ :  $M_X = E_{p0} - T_p - E_\alpha$





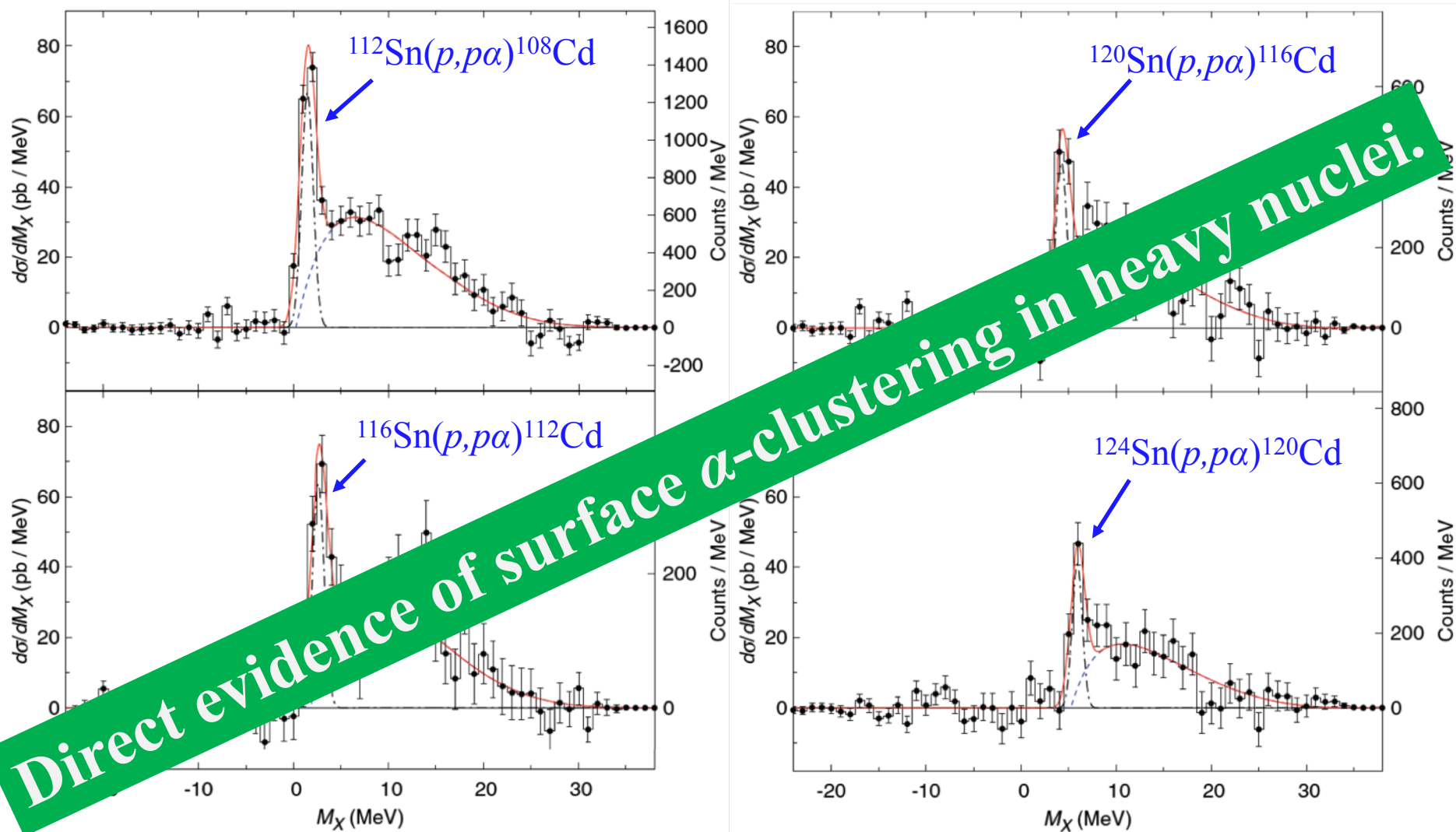
# $^{112}\text{Sn}(p,p\alpha)$ : Missing-mass spectrum

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- ✓ “Accidental coincidence” subtracted.
- ✓ Fitted using a gaussian peak and the simulated continuum background

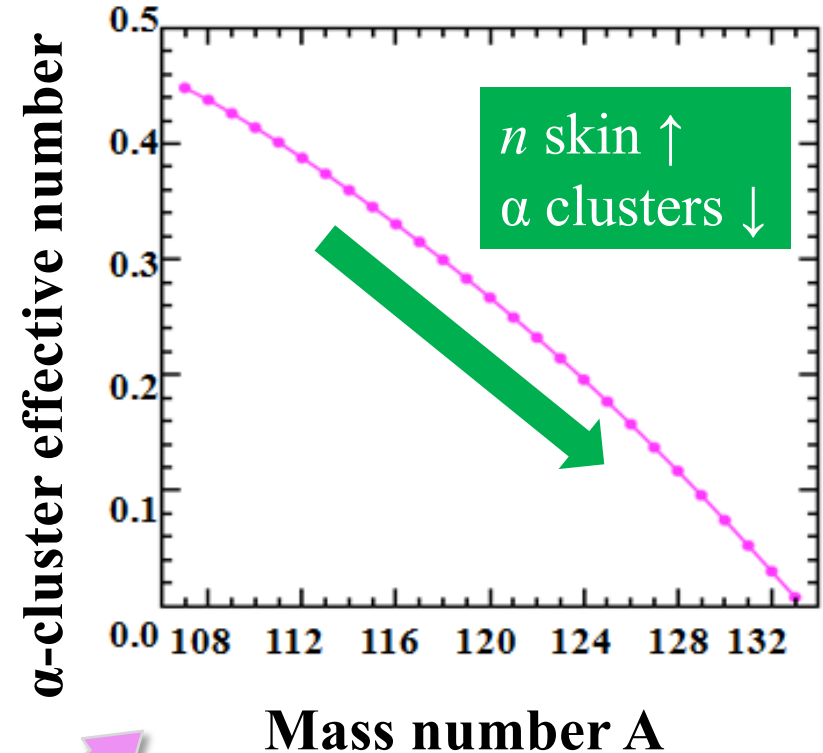
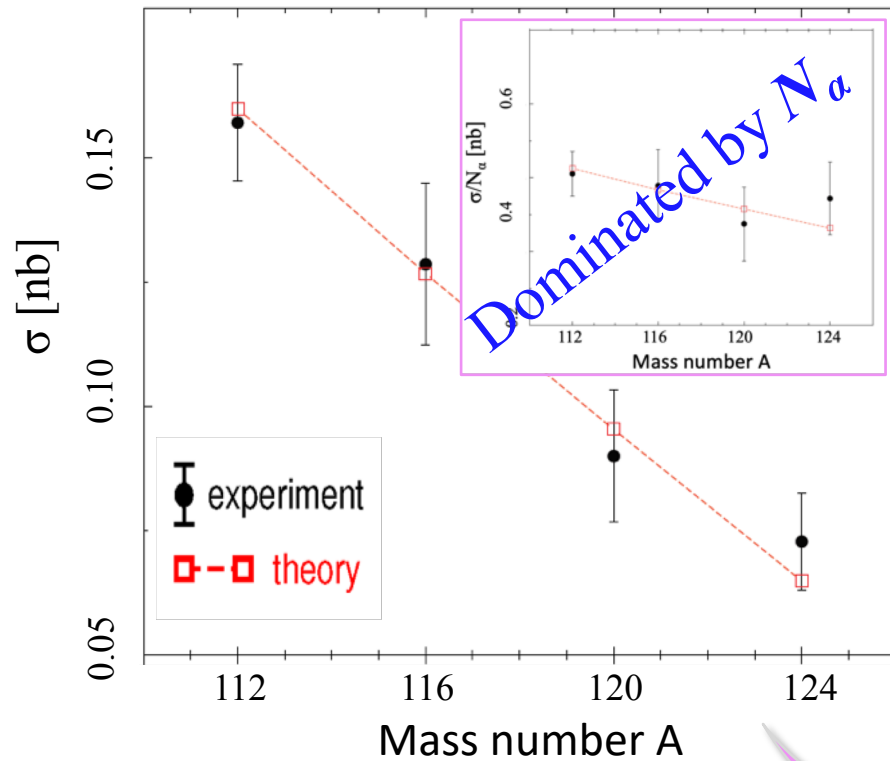
# Result-1: $\alpha$ separation energy spectrum



✓  $E_{\text{sep}}$  Peak clearly observed for each Sn isotope  $^{112,116,120,124}\text{Sn}$



# Result-2: systematics of $\alpha$ -clustering

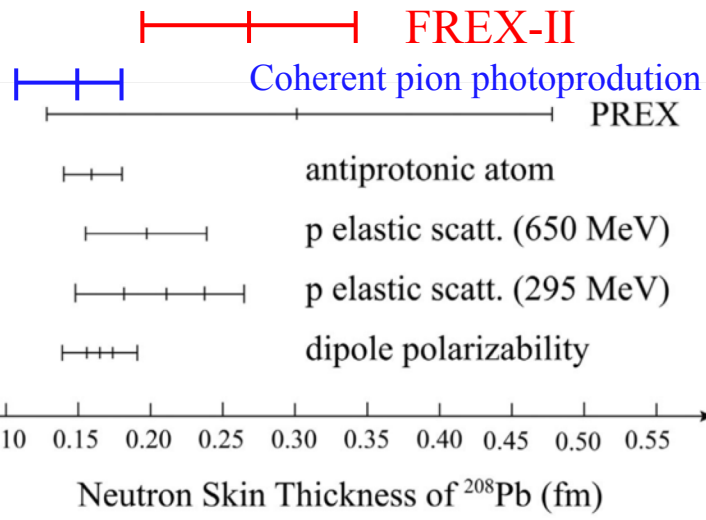
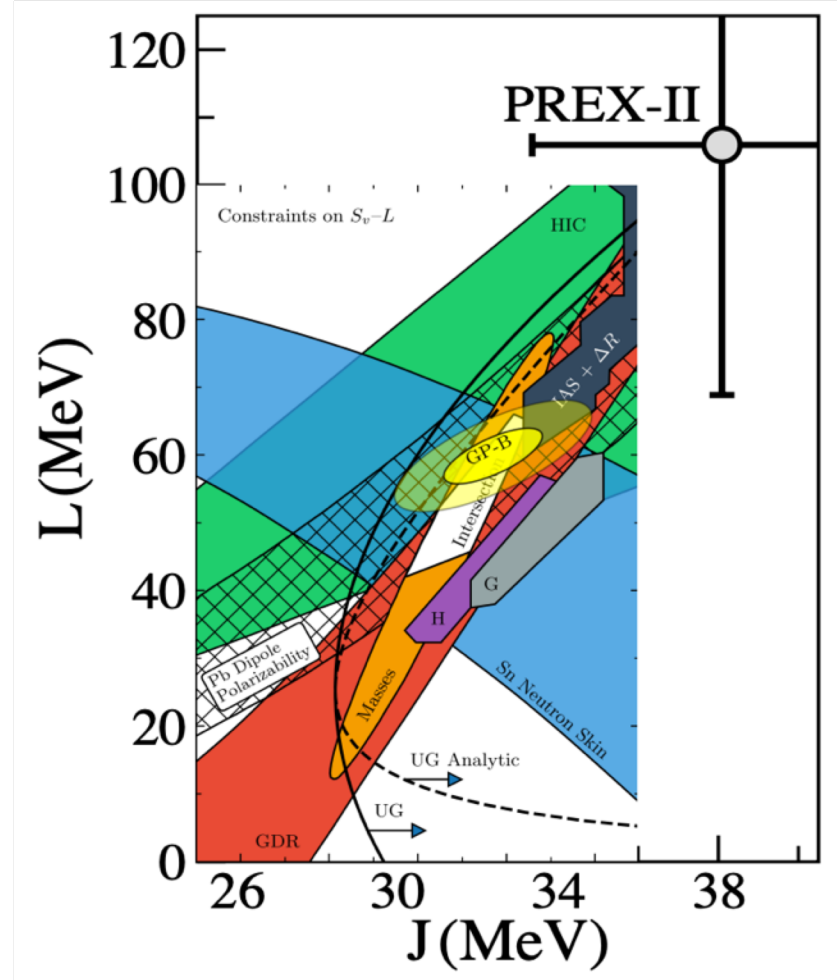
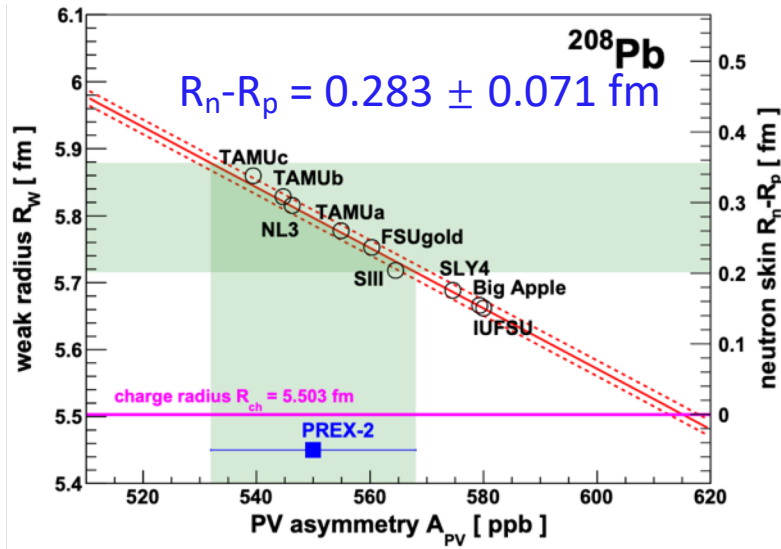


- ✓ Reaction Theory: Distorted-Wave Eikonal Approximation
  - ✓  $\alpha$ -cluster distribution from gRDF
  - ✓ Distortion effect considered
  - ✓ Realistic experimental conditions.

# PREX-II: Where we are now?

PREX collaboration PRL126,172502 (2021)

Reed, et al. arXiv:2101.03193v3

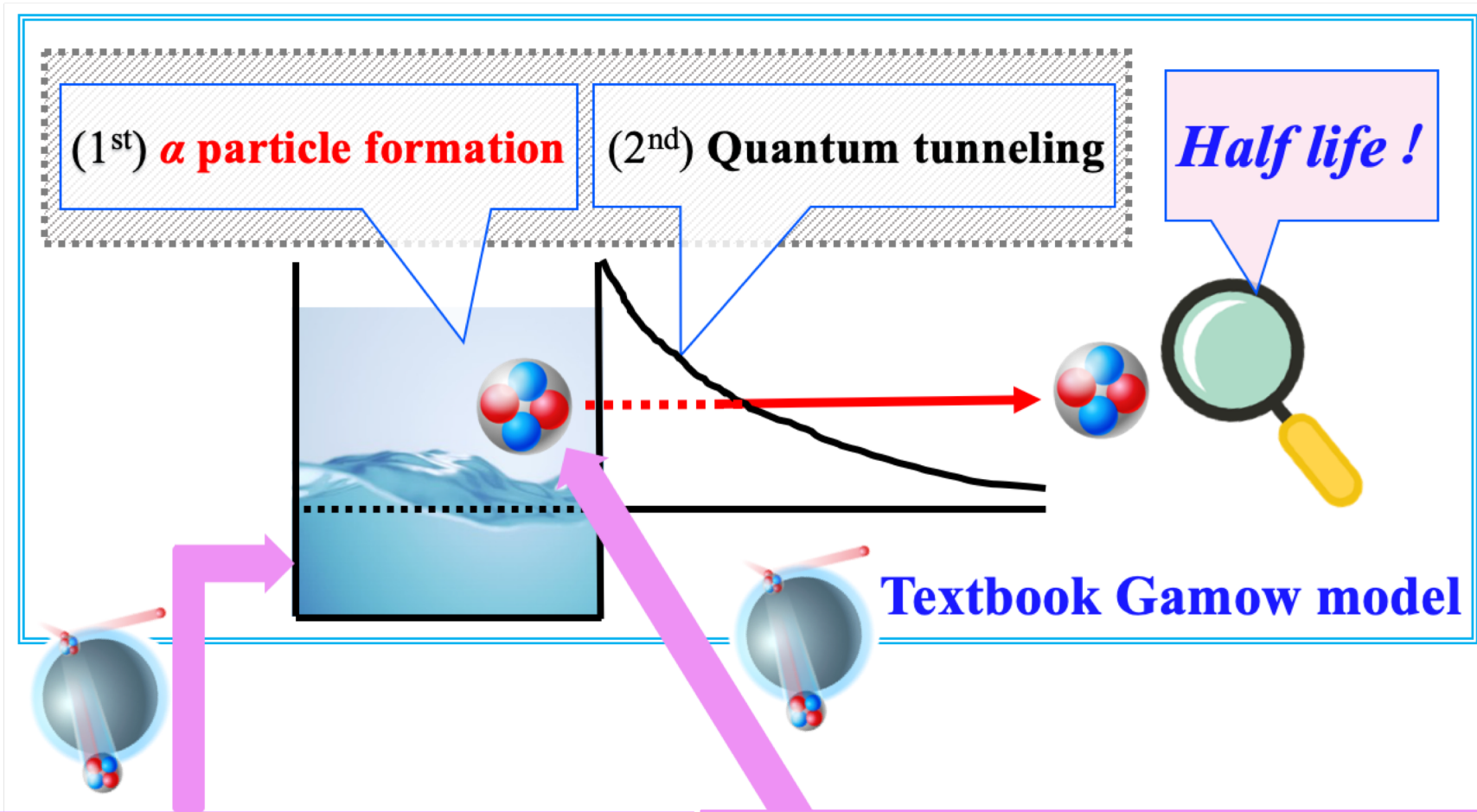


Estee et al. ( $S\pi$ RIT), PRL126,162701 (2021)

Tamii et al. EPJA 2014; Tarbert et al. PRL2014

$S\pi$ RIT:  $42 < L < 117 \text{ MeV}$

# Nd/Sm( $p, p\alpha$ )@RCNP: from $\alpha$ -clustering to $\alpha$ decay

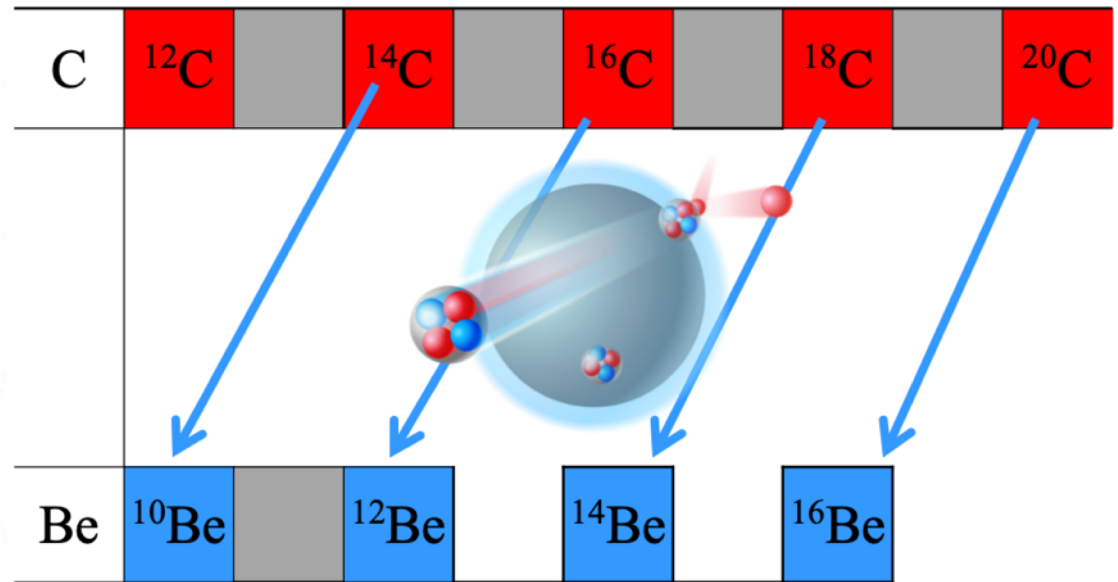
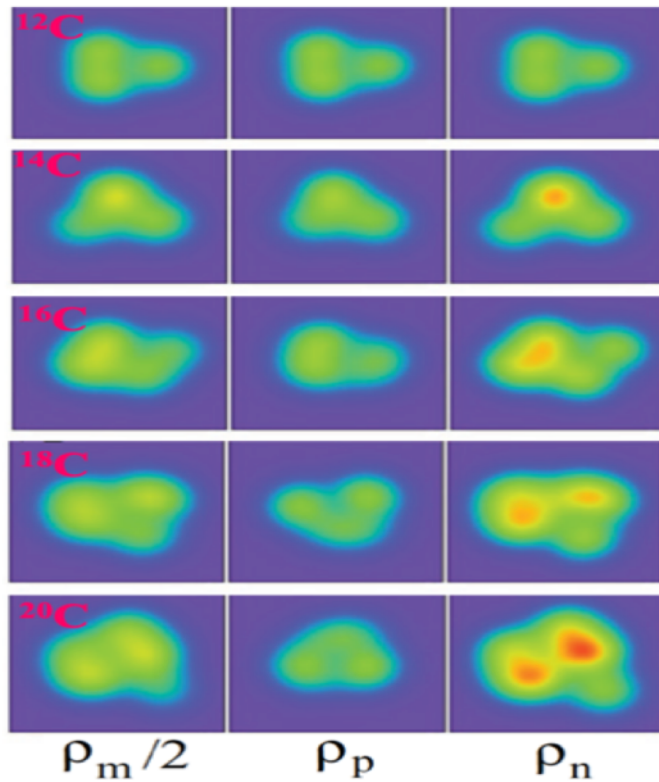


**Now: ( $p, p\alpha$ ) with  $\alpha$ -bound Sn**  
✓  **$\alpha$ -cluster formation evidenced!**

**Next: ( $p, p\alpha$ ) with  $\alpha$ -emitting nuclei**  
✓ Long lived (stable) Nd and Sm isotopes  
(Yang et al., already approved)

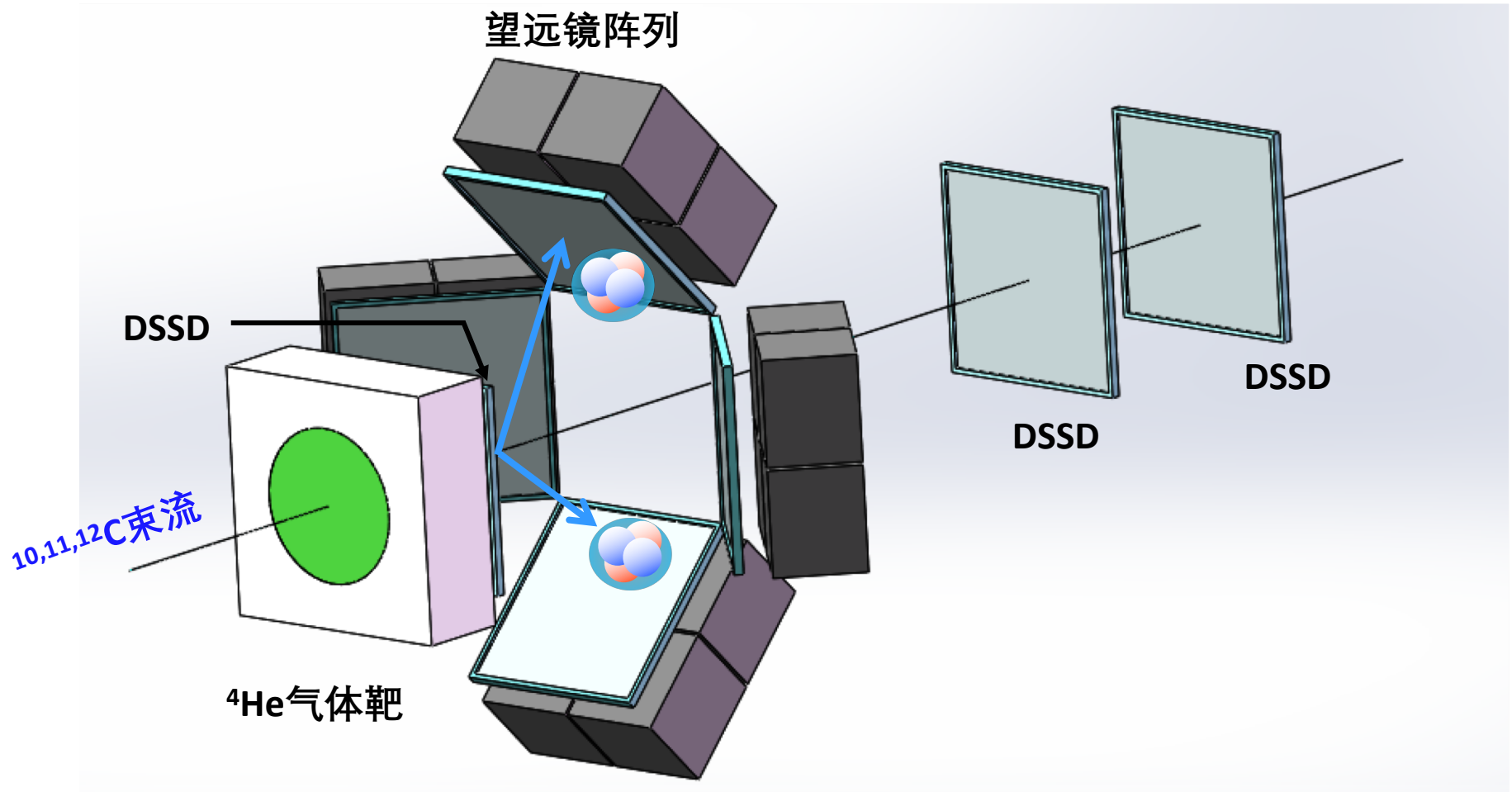
# $^{12-20}\text{C}(p,p\alpha)$ at RIBF (Yang *et al.*, approved)

- ✓ Rich cluster structures in C isotopes
- ✓ Measurement at RIBF in inverse kinematics



**$\alpha$ -cluster formation in (extremely) neutron-rich systems.**

# $^{10,11,12}\text{C}(\alpha, 2\alpha)$ at RIBLL1 (Yang, Ye, Ong *et al.*)





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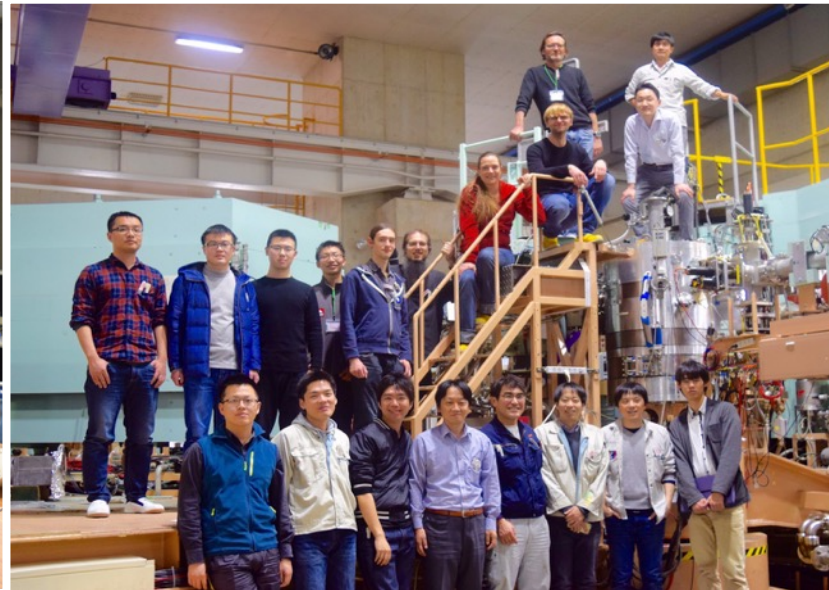
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REPORT

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*Thanks for your attention!*