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## Исследования экзотических ядер на установке ACCULINNA-2. Перспективы ядерной физики низких энергий в РФ.

От ACCULINNA к ACCULINNA-2

Экспериментальная “кампания”  
2018-2021

Экспериментальная программа  
ACCULINNA-2 в 2023-2025

Приглашение к сотрудничеству

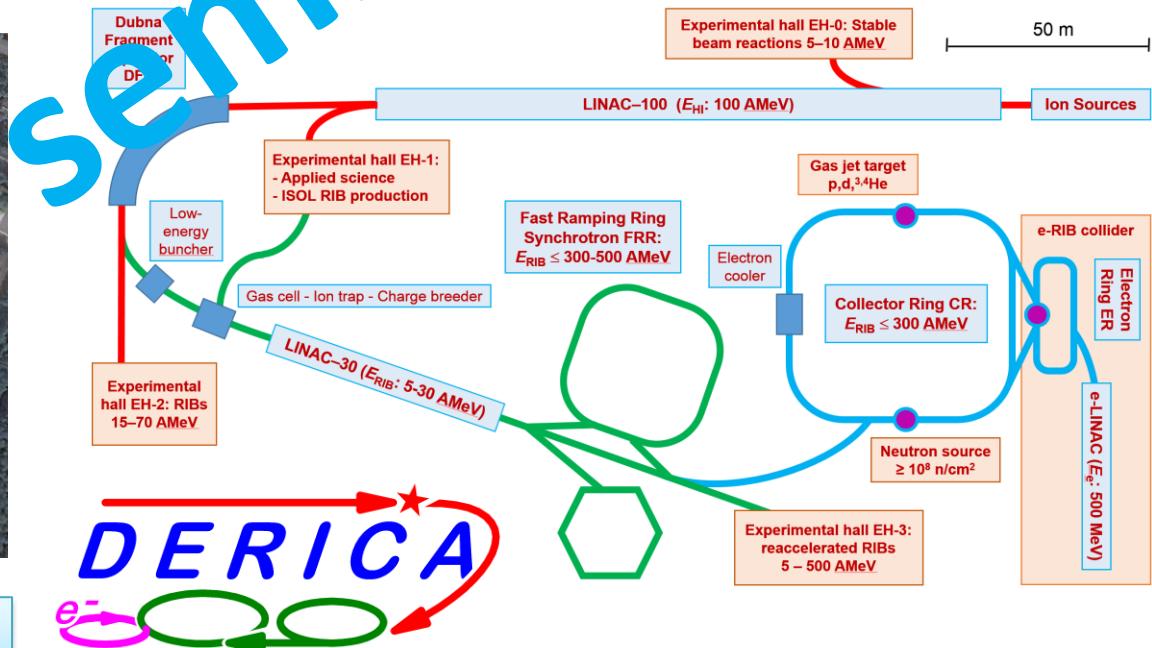
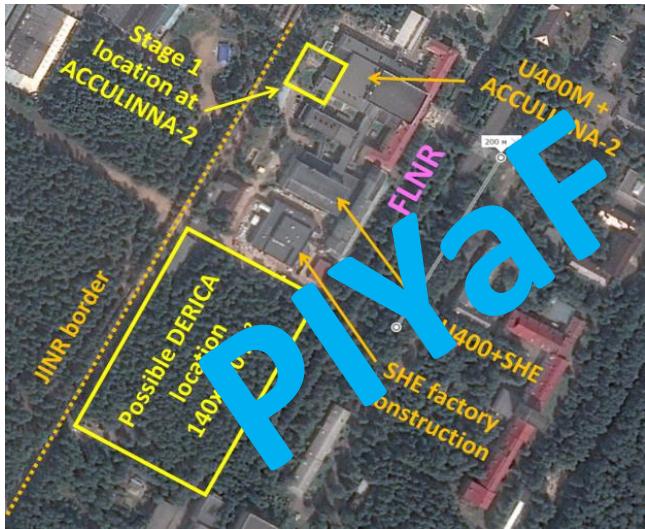
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## Статус и перспективы исследований с пучками радиоактивных изотопов в ЦЯР ОИЯИ

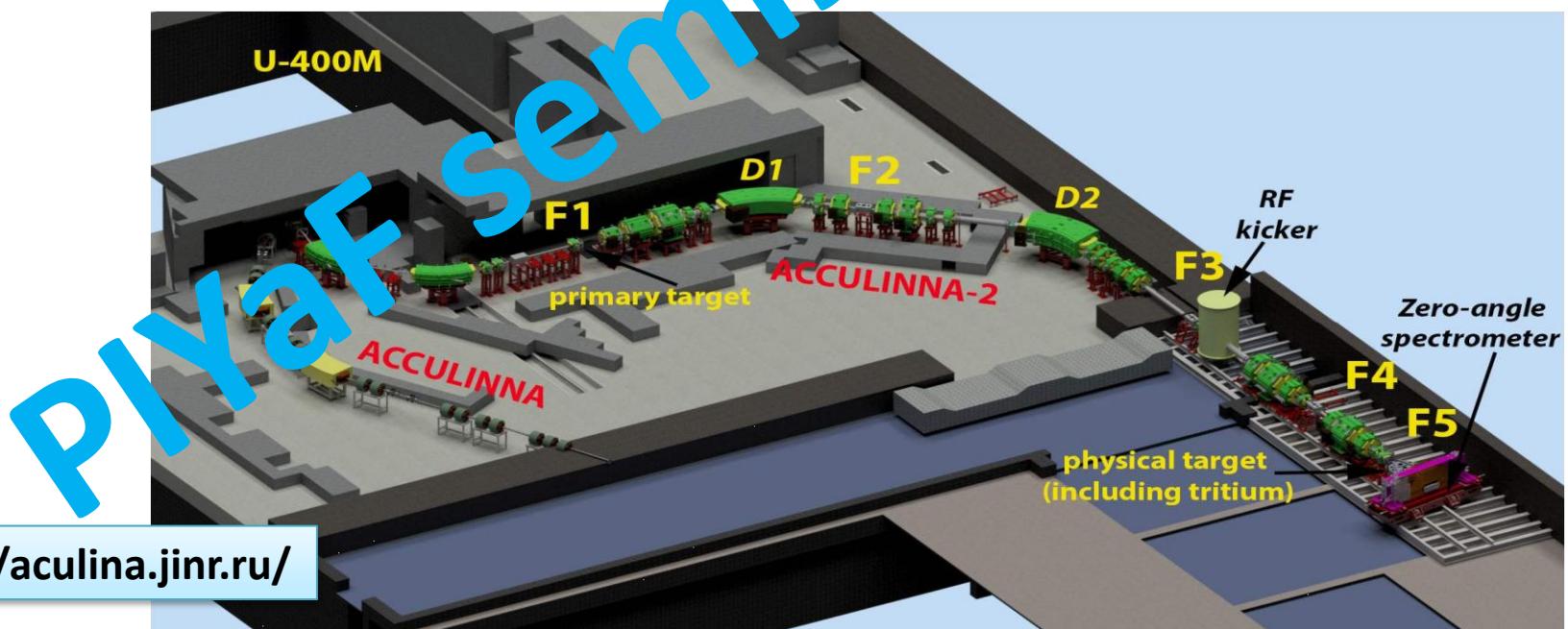


<http://aculina.jinr.ru/derica.php>

Семинар в ПИЯФ, Гатчина, 28 мая 2019



## Тяжелейшие изотопы водорода $^6\text{H}$ и $^7\text{H}$ в экспериментах на установке ACCULINNA-2



<http://aculina.jinr.ru/>

# Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR

## Important upgrade efforts



# Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, JINR

Important upgrade efforts

U-400M upgrade  
2020-2022

DC-140 cyclotron  
2020-2024

First class  
radiochemistry lab

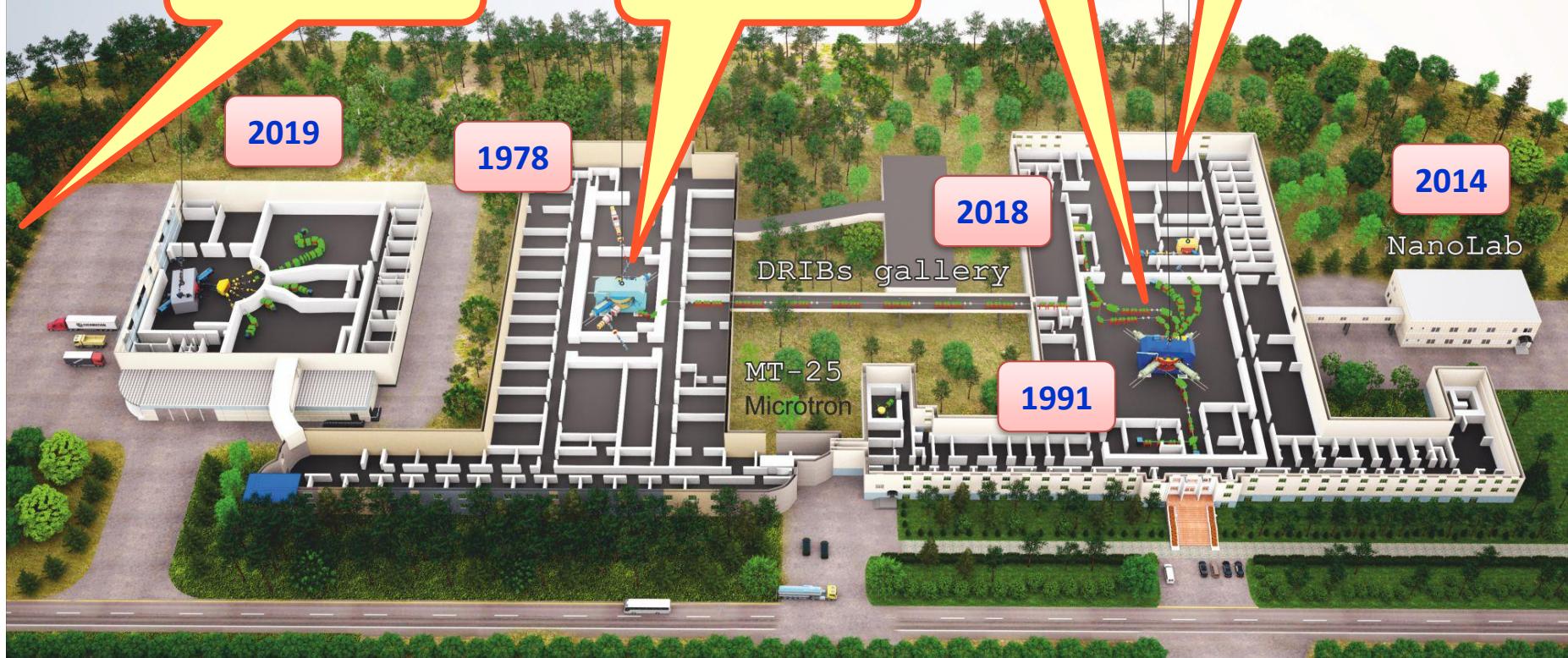
U-400 upgrade  
2023-2025

2019

1978

2018

2014



# Физика радиоактивных изотопов (РИ) – магистральное направление развития современной ядерной физики

Карта нуклидов – “основной документ” ядерной физики

- 254 стабильных изотопа,
- 339 можно найти в природе
- Свыше 3100 РИ известно
- Свыше 2500 – не открыто...

Обширные области экстенсивного развития (~40% изотопов пока неизвестно) и прекрасный потенциал неожиданных открытий

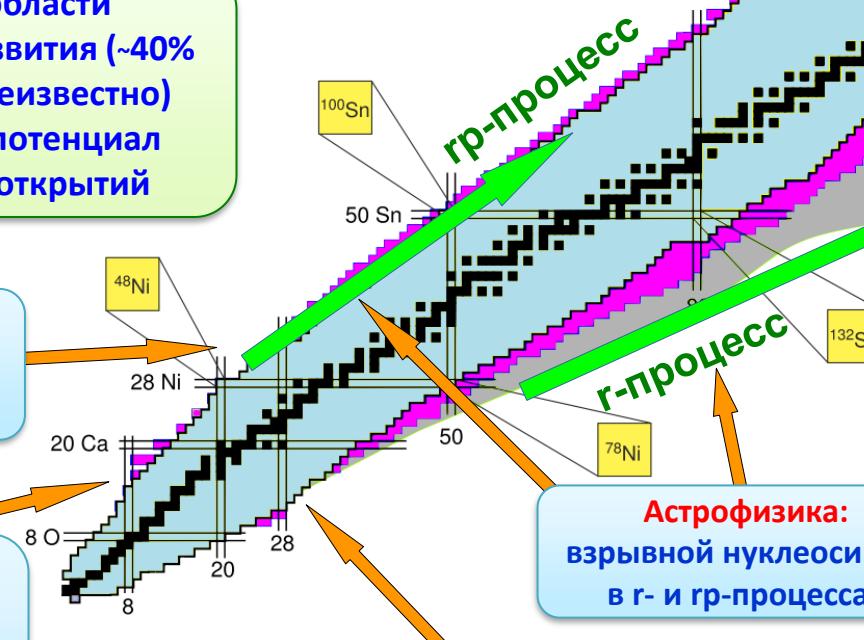
Протонная граница стабильности: изучена до  $Z < 32$

Пределы существования ядерной структуры: Известны только в легчайших ядрах

## Экзотические структуры экзотических изотопов:

- Нейтронные/протонные гало
- “Мягкие” моды возбуждения
- Размывание оболочечной структуры
- Новые “магические числа”
- Природа сильного взаимодействия в

экзотических системах



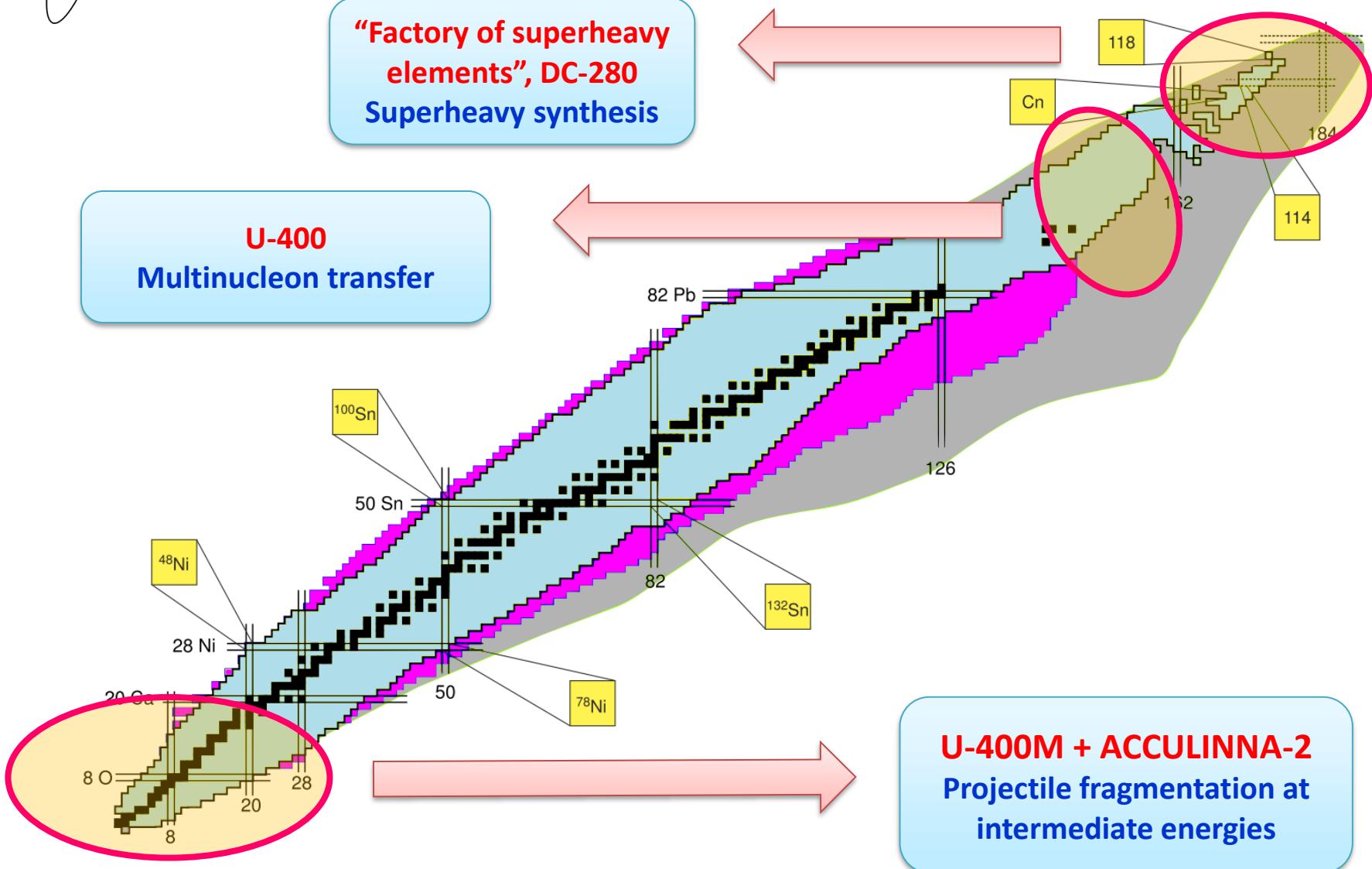
Нейтронная граница стабильности: изучена до  $Z < 20$

Астрофизика: взрывной нуклеосинтез в r- и rp-процессах



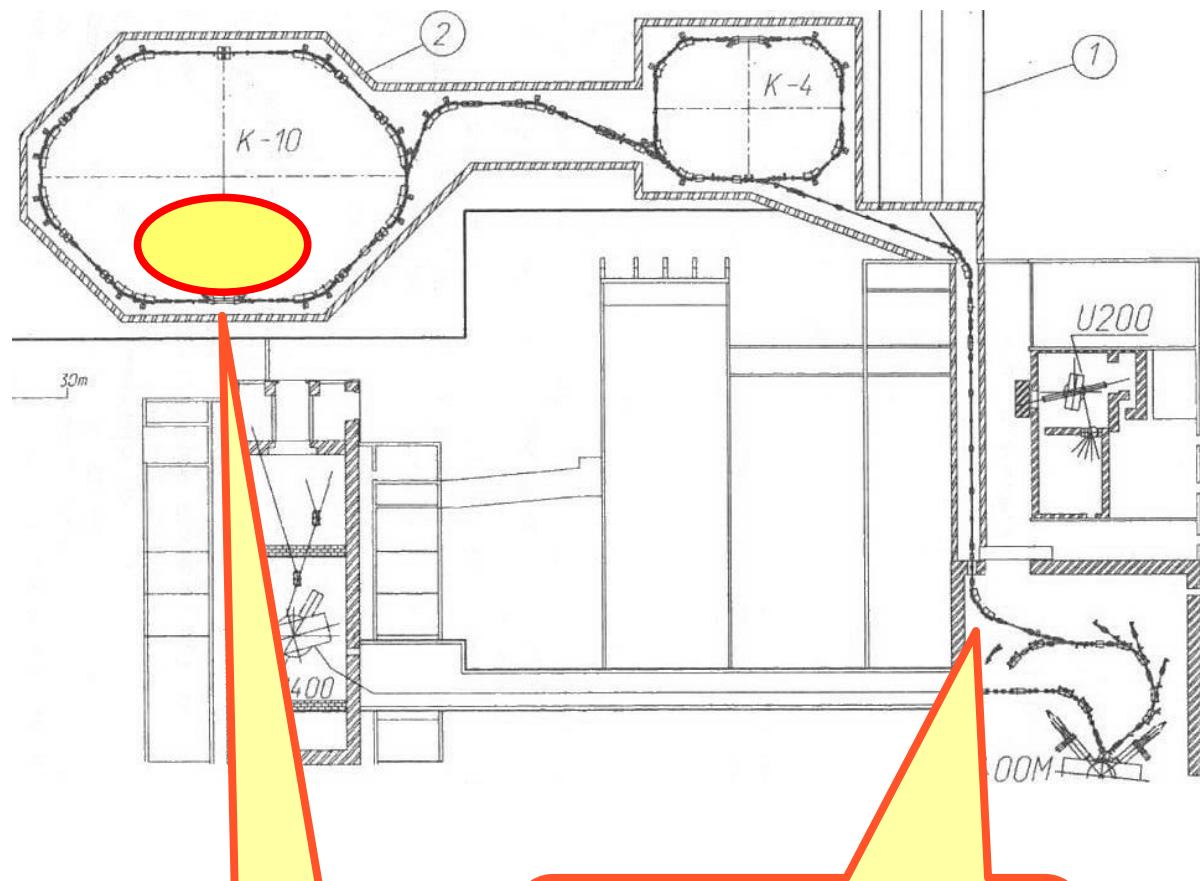
Астрофизика: свойства нейтронной материи и нейтронных звезд

# JINR Flerov Lab research agenda



**From ACCULINNA to  
ACCULINNA-2**

# K4-K10 complex at FLNR



Yu. Ts. Oganessian *et. al.*,  
Z. Phys. A341 (1992) 217

Possibility of  
electron ring

Injection line used  
as ACCULINNA  
fragment separator

# Fragment separator ACCULINNA for light exotic nuclei studies



**U-400M :**  
 **${}^6\text{Li}$  @ 47 A MeV**

**${}^{11}\text{B}$  @  
34 A MeV**

**F1**  
**Be 1.8 mm**

**C degrader**

**${}^1\text{H}({}^6\text{Li}, {}^6\text{Be})\text{n}$**   
 **$E({}^6\text{Li}) = 33 \text{ A MeV}$**

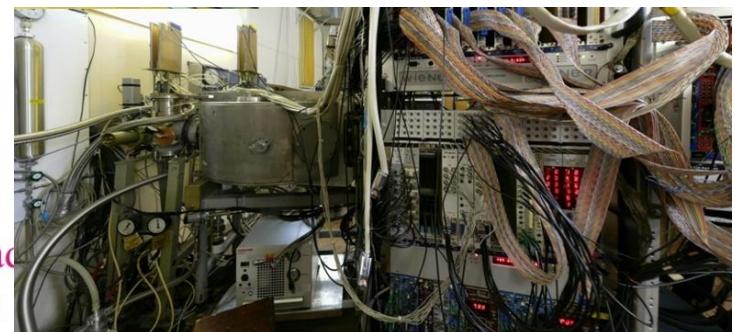
**D1**

**no wedge**  
 **$\Delta p/p = 0.4$**

**F2**  
**Be 1.0 mm**  
 **$\Delta p/p = 3.6\%$**

**D2**

**${}^3\text{H}({}^8\text{He}, \text{p}){}^{10}\text{He}$**   
 **$E({}^8\text{He}) = 22 \text{ A MeV}$**

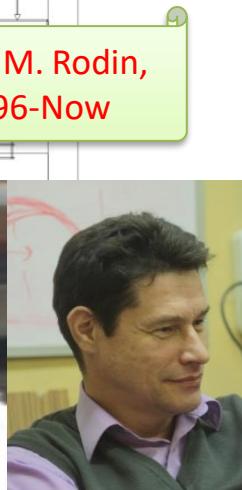


**F4**  
 **$I \sim 3 \times 10^7 \text{ 1/s}$**   
**BS ~ 5 mm**

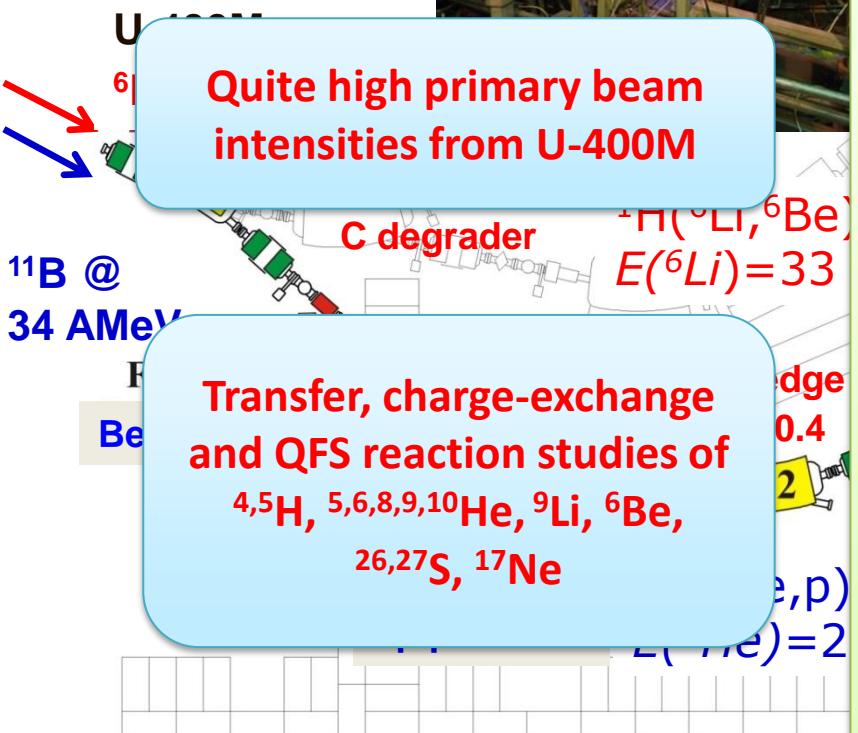
**$I \sim 2 \times 10^4 \text{ 1/s}$**   
**BS ~ 15 mm**  
**P ~ 90 %**

G.M. Ter-Akopian, A.M. Rodin,  
A.S. Fomichev, 1996-Now

	<b>F2</b>	<b>F3</b>	<b>F4</b>
H/V magnification	0.5/2.0	1.0/1.0	2.25/1.6
Mom. dispersion, mm/%	4.0-18.0	—	—
Mom. resolution	0.003		
H/V RIB size, mm		8/10	20/16



# Fragment separator ACCULINNA for light exotic nuclei studies



Transfer, charge-exchange and QFS reaction studies of  
 $^{4,5}\text{H}$ ,  $^{5,6,8,9,10}\text{He}$ ,  $^9\text{Li}$ ,  $^6\text{Be}$ ,  
 $^{26,27}\text{S}$ ,  $^{17}\text{Ne}$

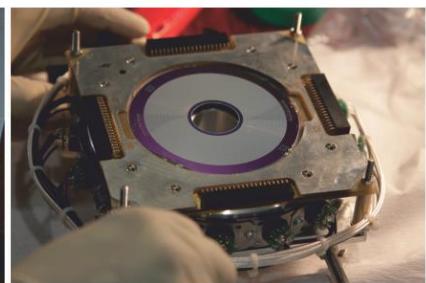
- A.A.Korsheninnikov, PRL **82** (1999) 3581.  
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S.V. Stepansov *et al.*, PLB **542** (2002) 35.  
M.S. Golovkov *et al.*, PLB **566** (2003) 70.  
G.V. Rogachev *et al.* PRC **67** (2003) 041603(R).  
M.S. Golovkov *et al.*, PRL **93** (2004) 262501.  
M.S. Golovkov *et al.*, PLB **588** (2004) 163.  
M.S. Golovkov *et al.*, PRC **76** (2007) 021605(R).  
M.S. Golovkov *et al.*, PLB **672** (2009) 22.  
L.V. Grigorenko *et. al.*, PLB **677** (2009) 30.  
S.I. Sidorchuk *et al.*, PRL **108** (2012) 202502.  
A.S. Fomichev *et al.*, PLB **708** (2012) 6.  
I.A. Egorova *et al.*, PRL **109** (2012) 202502.

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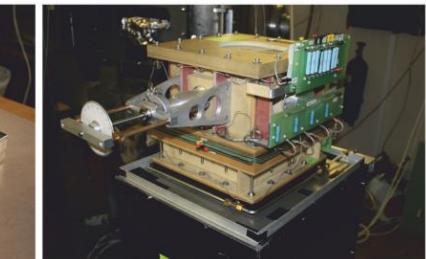


# Instrumentation development

Cryogenic targets



Stilbene neutron array



$\gamma$ -array GADAST

Warsaw OTPC

DAQ – MBS, like GSI

Truly unique item: cryogenic tritium gas system



Two units move to the neutron-rich region in  $(t,p)$  reaction

Background free experiments, easy variation of target thickness

Available only in military laboratories

Nice example of military technology conversion for fundamental science conversion

# Competitive light nuclei RIB program at FLNR

Intermediate energy reactions  
(20-70 MeV/nucleon)

Transfer reactions

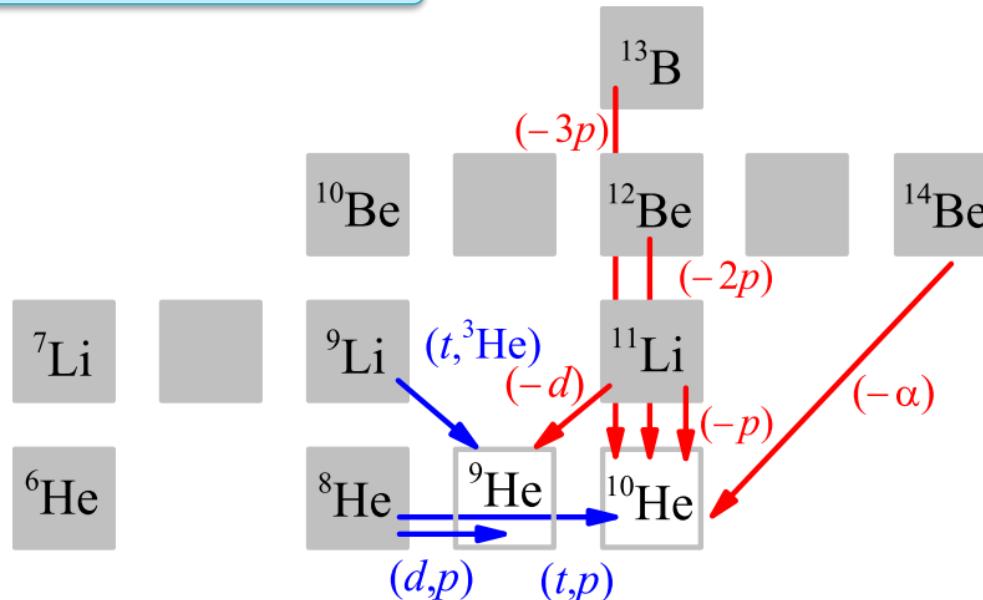
Missing mass, invariant mass,  
combination

Lower energy – better resolution

High energy reactions

Knockout reactions

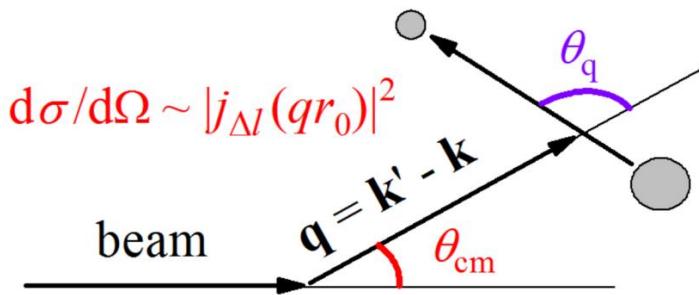
Only invariant mass (exclusion (p,2p)  
reactions



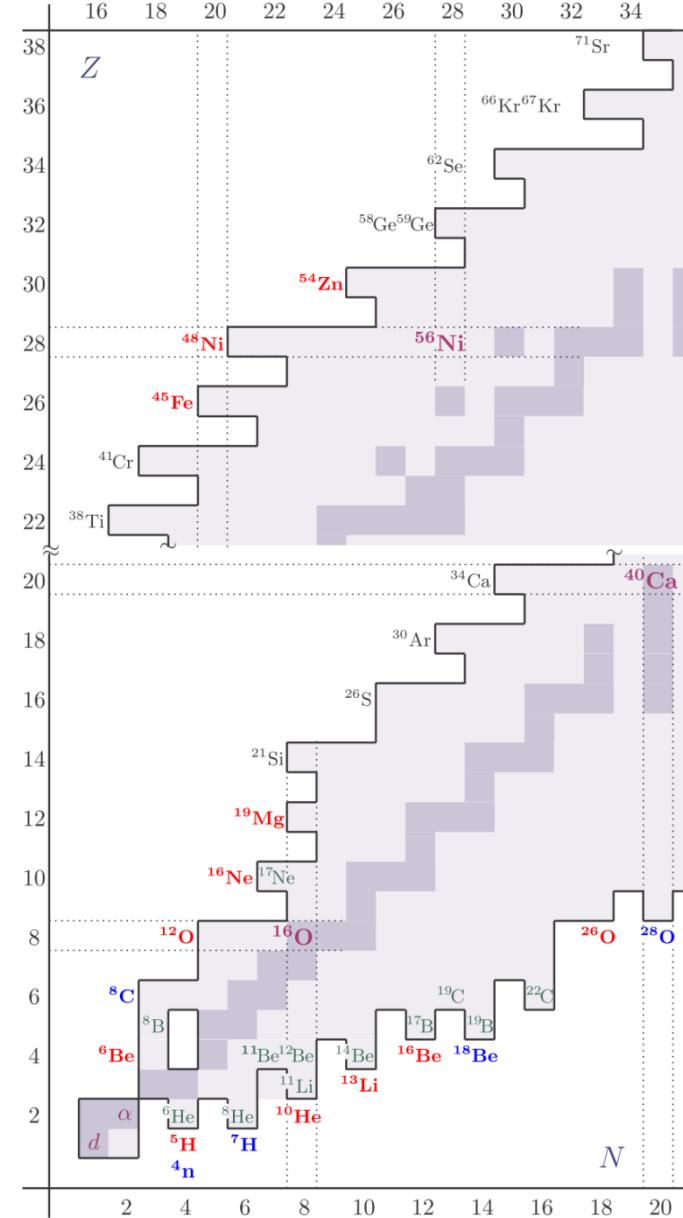
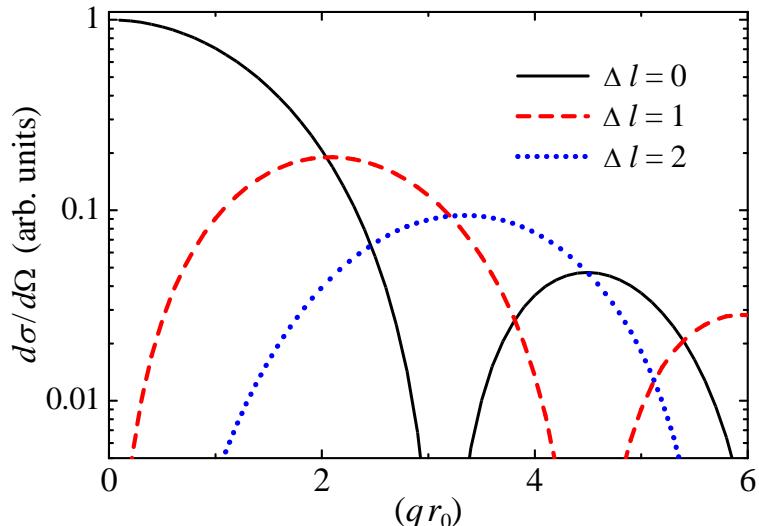
Importance of  
complementary  
reaction studies

# Competitive light nuclei RIB program at FLNR

Correlations for aligned continuum states  
populated in the direct reactions



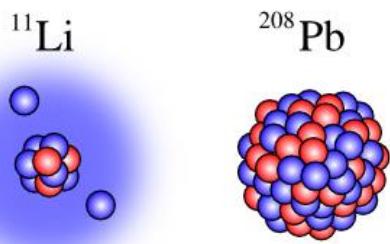
Opportunity of spin-parity identification



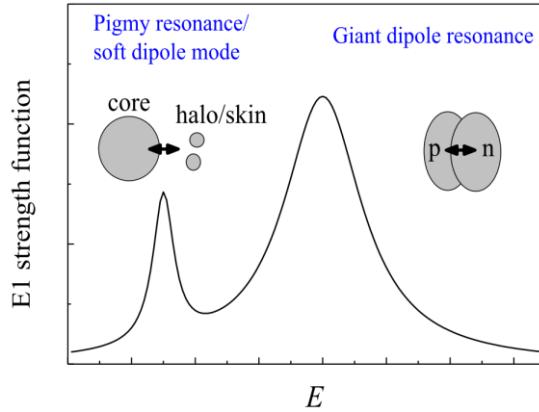
# Competitive light nuclei RIB program at FLNR

# Few-body dynamics near the driplines, Correlations in the few-body decays

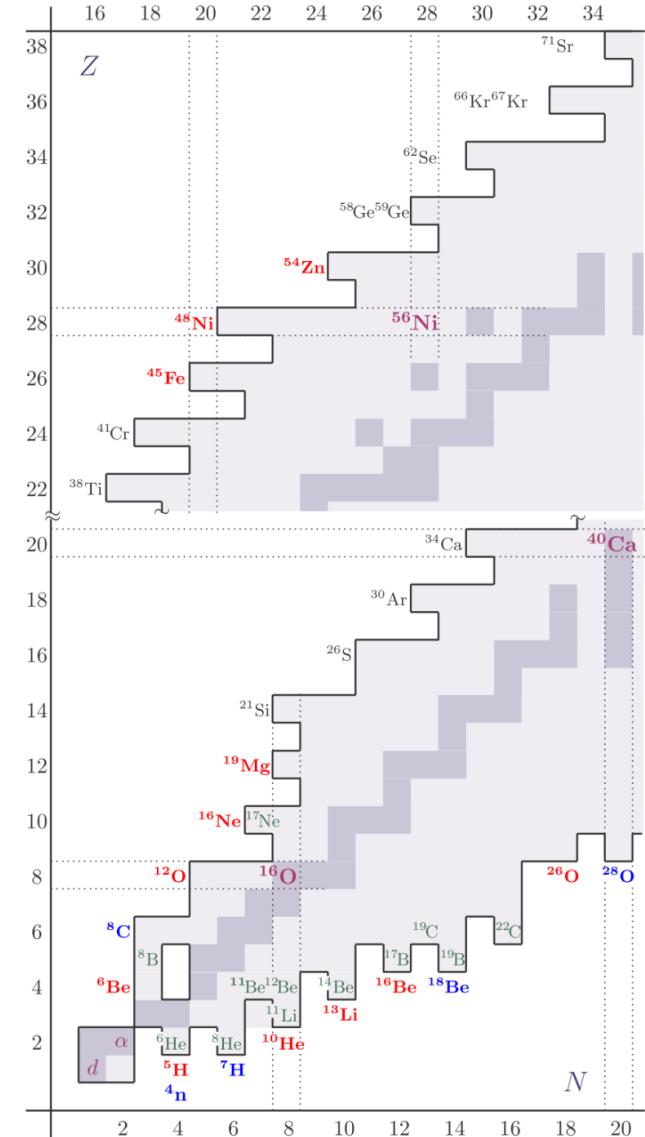
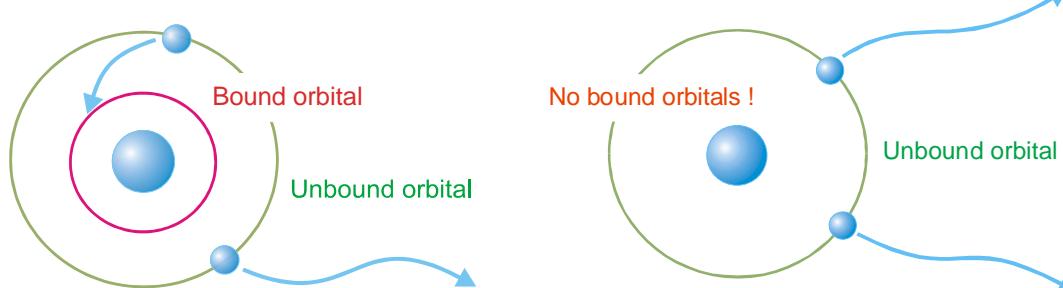
# Halo phenomenon



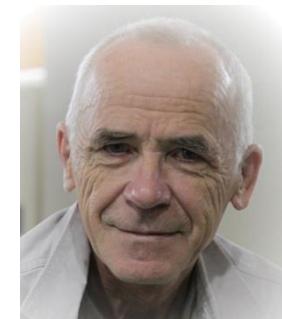
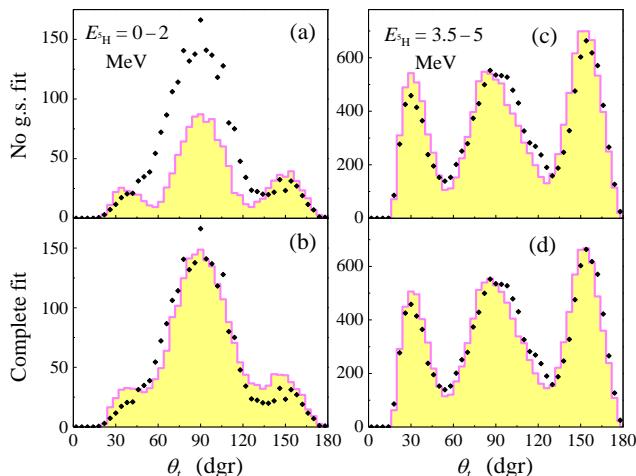
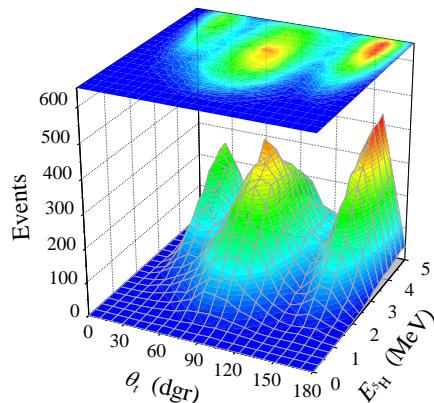
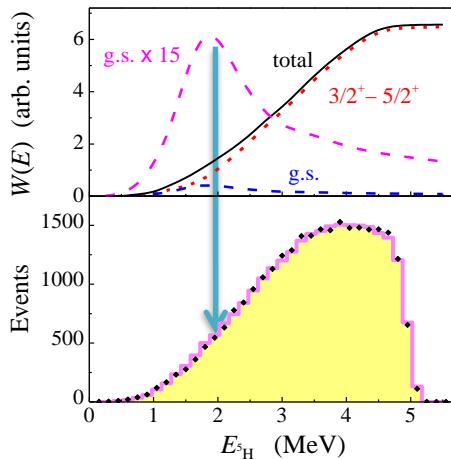
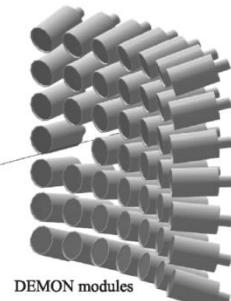
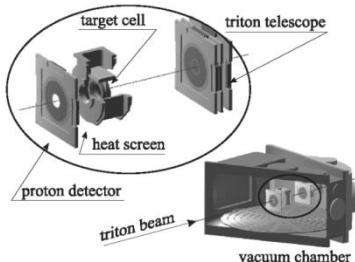
# Soft excitation modes



## 2p radioactivity and few-body decays



# $^5\text{H}$ studied in the $^3\text{H}(\text{t},\text{p})^5\text{H}$ reaction



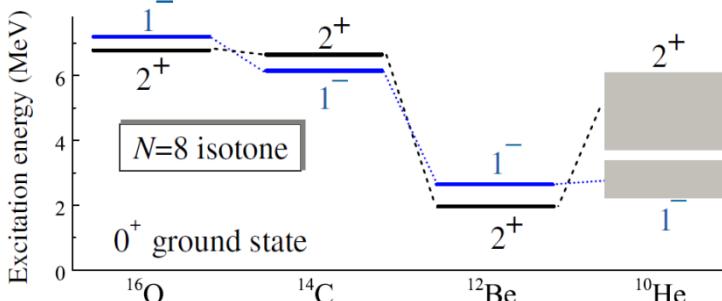
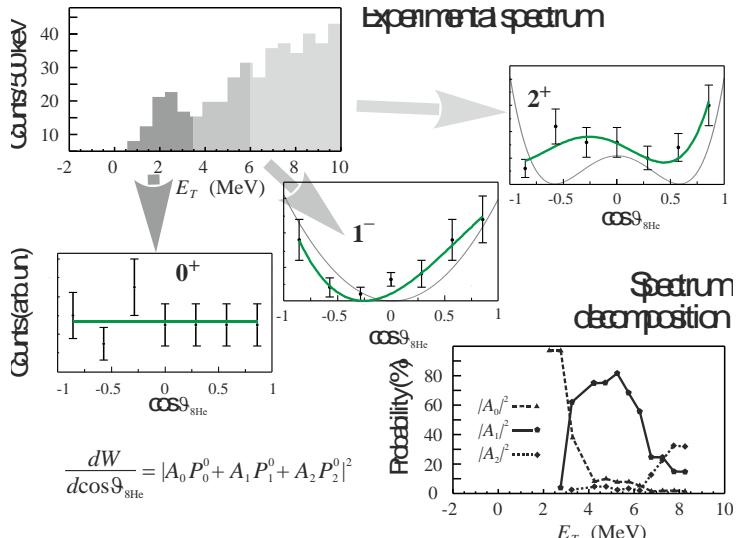
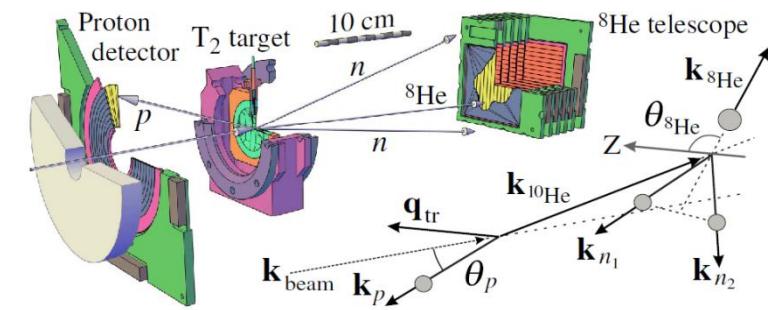
A.A. Korsheninnikov,  
2001,  $^6\text{He}(\text{p},2\text{p})^5\text{H}$   
Discovery of  $^5\text{H}$  at FLNR

M.S. Golovkov, 2004,  
Pioneering correlation  
studies

A.A. Korsheninnikov et al., PRL **87** (2001) 92501.  
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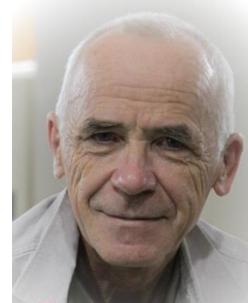
- Poor population of ground state.  
However, correlations provide enough selectivity: quantum amplification
- $^5\text{H}$  ground state position is finally established; the excited state is established as  $3/2^+ - 5/2^+$  degenerate mixture

# $^{10}\text{He}$ studied in the $^{8}\text{He}(\text{t},\text{p})^{10}\text{He}$ reaction



“Conundrum nucleus” second double magic in nuclide chart

Discovered by Korsheninnikov et al. in 1994 in RIKEN giving  $E_T=1.2$  MeV



M.S. Golovkov et al., PLB 672 (2009) 22  
S.I. Sidorchuk et al., PRL 108 (2012) 202502

- Three-body correlations were studied in  $^5\text{H}$  basing on outstanding statistics. Can be something useful done with really exotic systems and limited statistics?

New ground state energy for  $^{10}\text{He}$ :  
 $E_T=2.0-2.5$  MeV

Shell structure breakdown in  $^{10}\text{He}$

# Publicity for $^{10}\text{He}$ work

## McGRAW-HILL YEARBOOK OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

2013

Comprehensive coverage of recent events and research as compiled by the staff of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology

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### Breakdown of shell closure in helium-10

The study of exotic nuclei at the edges of nuclear stability is one of the most important developments in modern nuclear physics. Unusual forms of nuclear dynamics often arise here. One of the most prominent phenomena encountered is shell breakdown—the deviation from the expected shell structure in these exotic nuclei. On the one hand, in the nuclear shell model, helium-10 ( $^{10}\text{He}$ ) is a “double-magic” nucleus with  $Z = 2$  and  $N = 8$ . On the other hand, it has an enormous neutron excess; its neutron number ( $N$ ) to proton number ( $Z$ ) ratio equals 4, which brings it to the edge of nuclear matter asymmetry. Thus, the  $^{10}\text{He}$  nucleus is an important system for the development of our understanding of nuclei located far from the beta stability valley and even beyond the neutron and proton drip lines. Here we present new insights into the basic properties of this nucleus, illuminating its shell structure and indicating its strong deviation from the simple shell population picture.

**Shell structure in nuclei.** For more than 100 years the periodic table of elements has provided a basis for physical laws. The elements are connected with the atomic shells. “ $N$  versus  $Z$ ,” can be found in the periodic table in the

gned to treat systems with semi-integer spin.

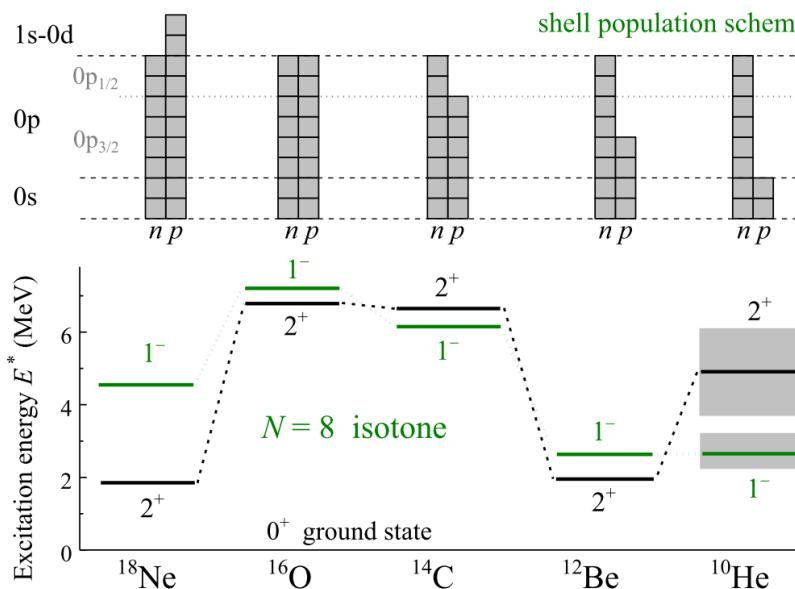
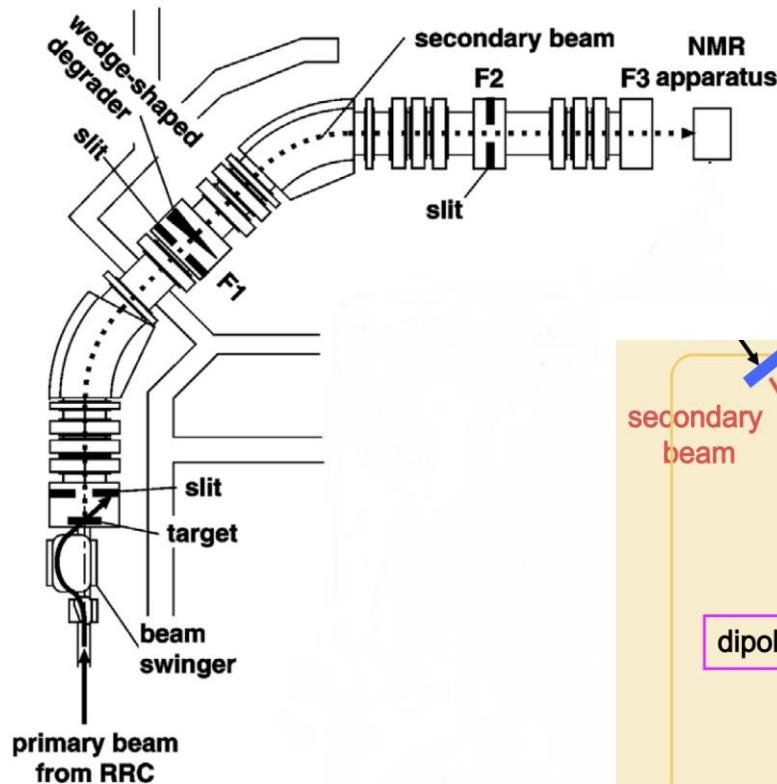


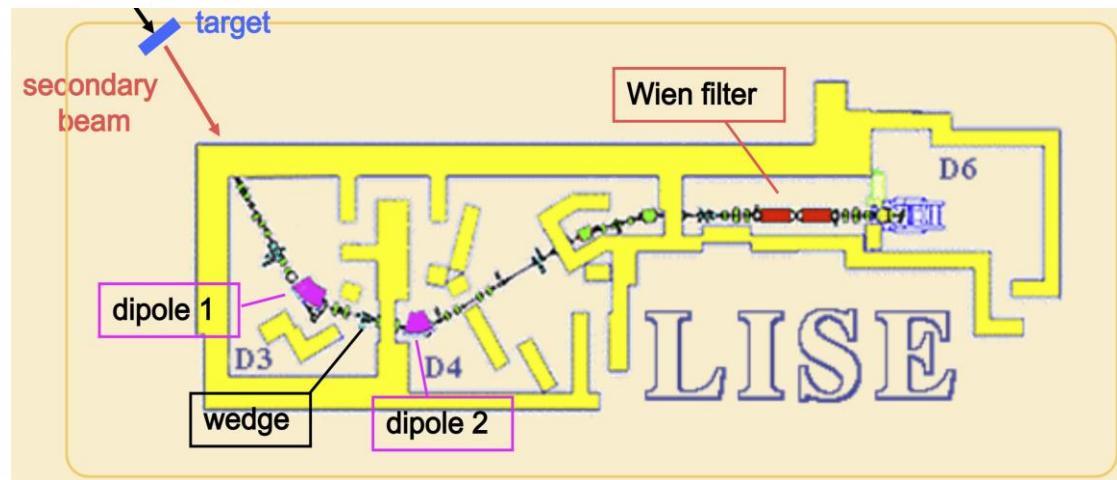
Figure 4. Evolution of excitation energy for the first  $2^+$  and  $1^-$  states for  $N = 8$  isotone. Shell population is schematically shown on top of the panel. Shaded rectangles indicate the uncertainty of the  $^{10}\text{He}$  level positions due to their width.

# ACCULINNA-2 predecessors and ideology

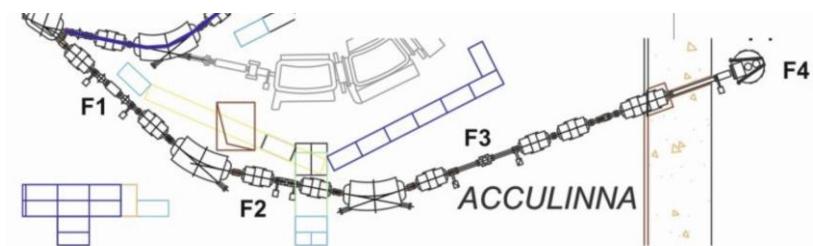
RIPS (RIKEN)



LISE (GANIL)



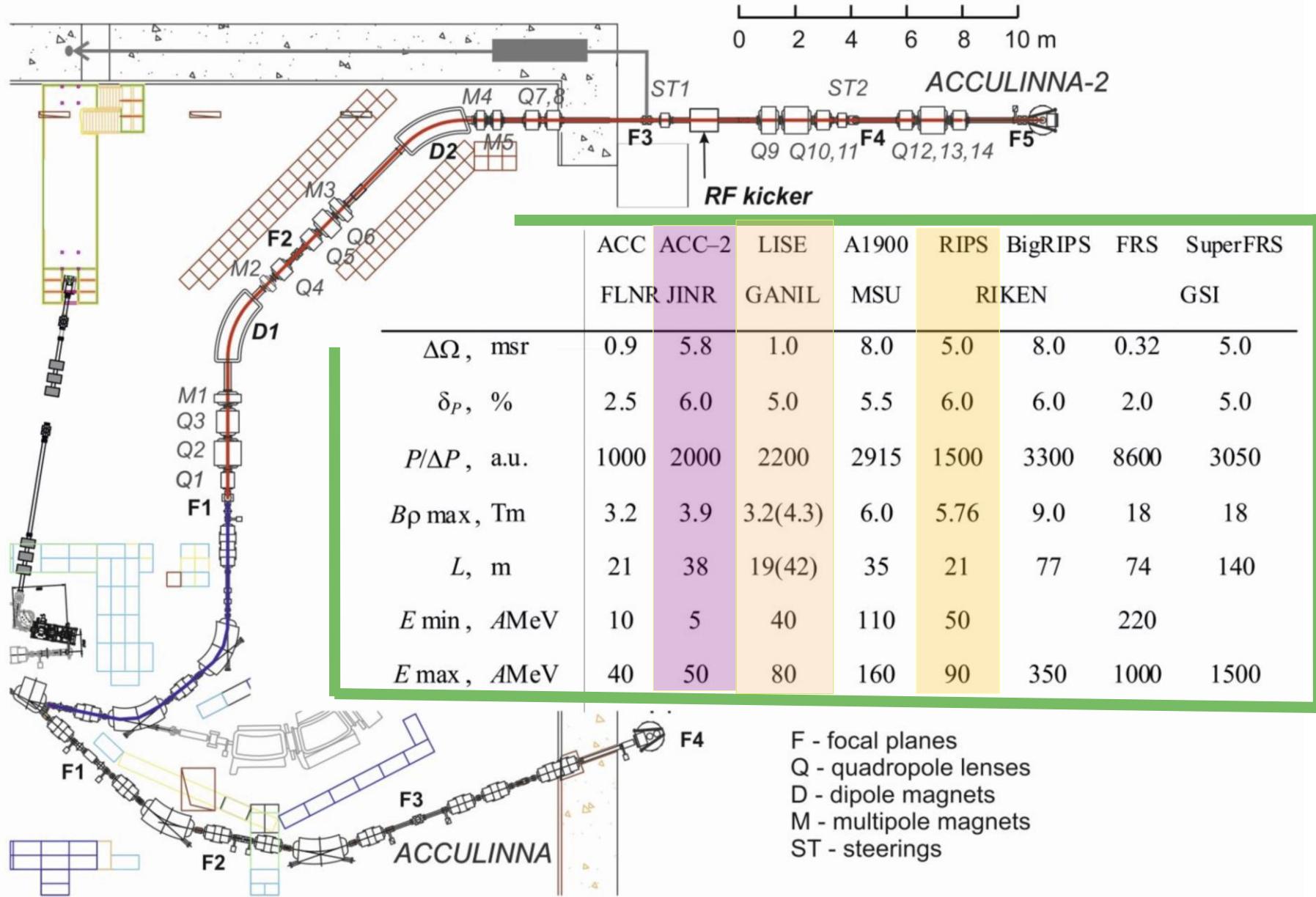
ACCULINNA (Flerov lab)



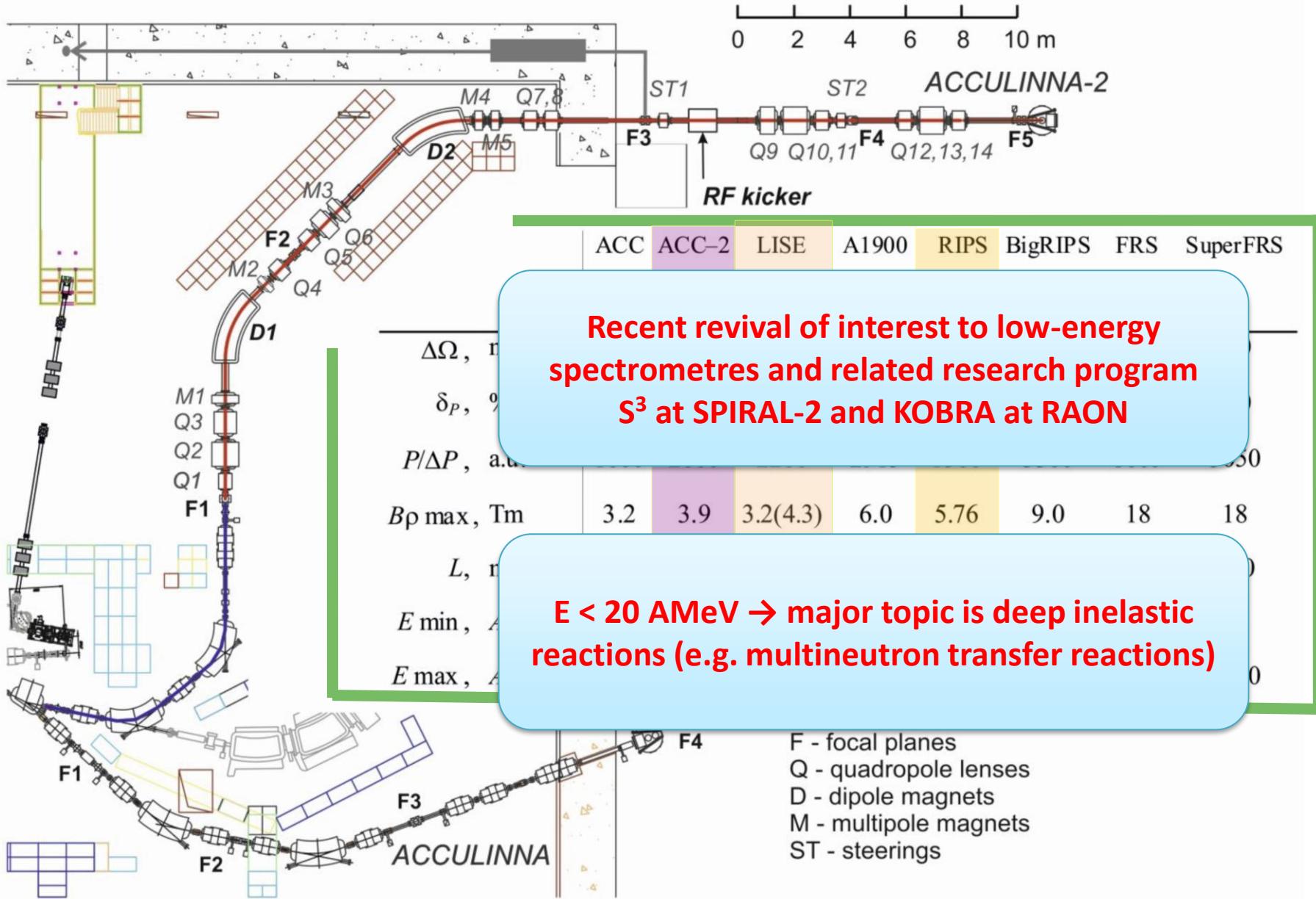
Single achromatic spectrometers

C-type

# Acculinna-2 layout (letter of intent, 2012)

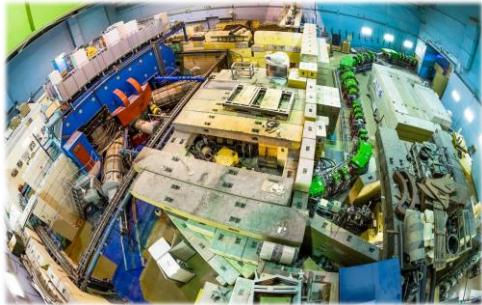


# Acculinna-2 layout (letter of intent, 2012)



# ACCULINNA-2

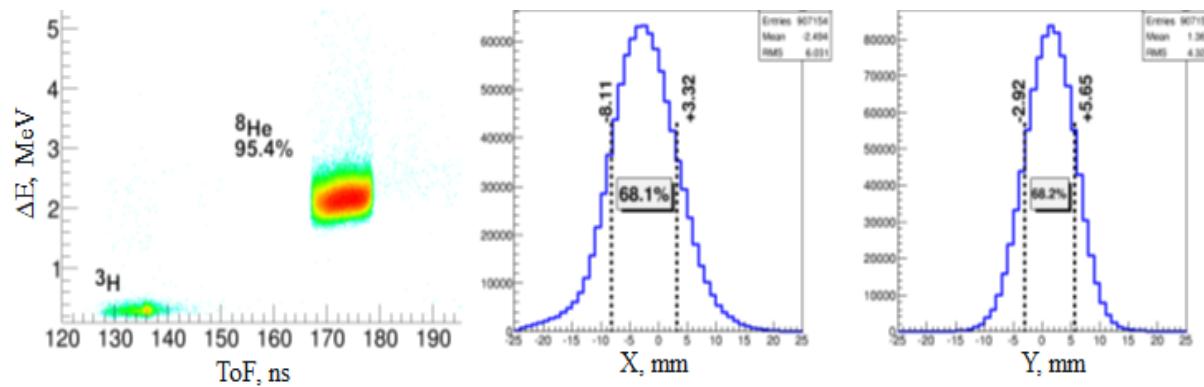
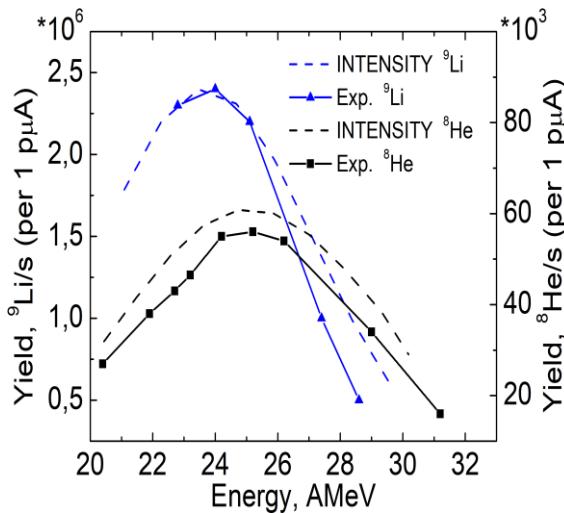
## Construction (2014-2017)



# **Experimental campaign**

## **2018-2021**

# Characteristics of RIBs at ACCULINNA-2

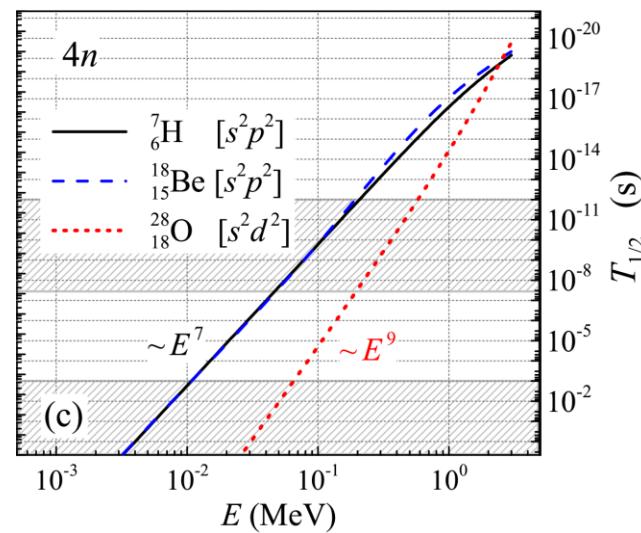
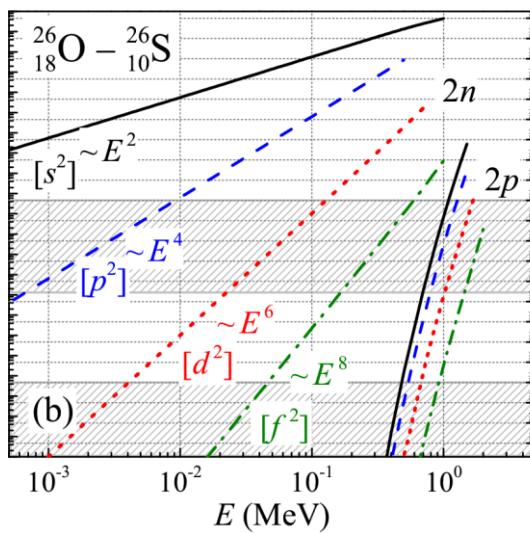
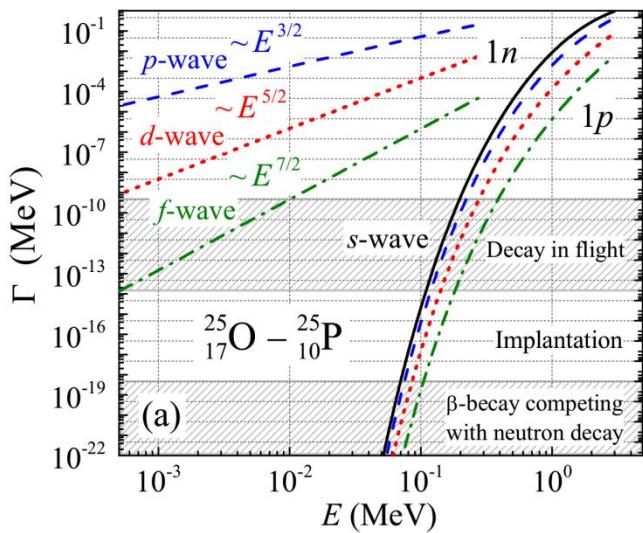
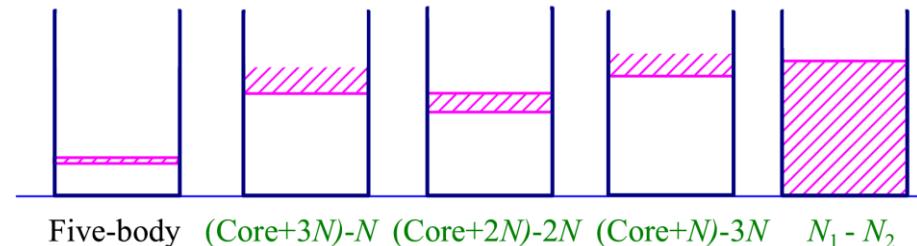


Ион	E МэВ/н	Первичный пучок	Мишень+ Клин	$\pm \Delta p$ %	I <sub>эксперимент</sub> ион/с/пмкА	I <sub>расчет</sub> ион/с/пмкА	Чистота %	$X \times Y$ , мм (ПШПВ)
${}^8\text{He}$	27.3			3.25	$5.4 \cdot 10^4$	$5.8 \cdot 10^4$	95.4	$14.2 \times 10.2$
${}^9\text{Li}$	25.2	${}^{11}\text{B}$	Be(1 мм)+	2.00	$2.3 \cdot 10^6$	$2.9 \cdot 10^6$	97.9	$13.9 \times 11.1$
${}^{11}\text{Li}$	17.2	33.6 МэВ/н	Be(1 мм)	3.25	$1.4 \cdot 10^2$	$1.2 \cdot 10^2$	1.5	$12.9 \times 11.3$
${}^{12}\text{Be}$	15.1			3.25	$9.0 \cdot 10^3$	$1.8 \cdot 10^3$	23.3	$16.6 \times 12.9$
${}^{10}\text{Be}^*$	45.0	${}^{15}\text{N}$	Be(1 мм)+	1.25	$2.3 \cdot 10^6$	$9.0 \cdot 10^5$	78.4	$17.7 \times 13.4$
${}^{27}\text{S}^{**}$	28.2	${}^{32}\text{S}$	Be(0.5 мм)+		$1.6 \cdot 10^1$	$3.5 \cdot 10^1$	0.002	—
${}^{26}\text{P}$	26.7	52.7 МэВ/н	Be(0.5 мм)	0.75	$8.5 \cdot 10^1$	$3.2 \cdot 10^2$	0.012	—
${}^{25}\text{Si}$	25.0				$2.9 \cdot 10^3$	$2.3 \cdot 10^3$	0.56	—

# Two- and four-neutron radioactivity search prospects

L.V. Grigorenko, I.G. Mukha, C. Scheidenberger, and  
M.V. Zhukov, PRC **84** (2011) 021303(R)

## Energy conditions for true 4n decay



Long-living true four-neutron decay states are most probable.

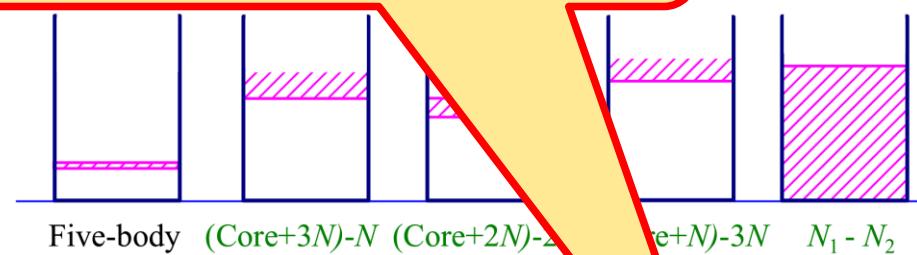
Nearest candidates for 4n radioactive decay:  $^7\text{H}$ ,  $^{18}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{28}\text{O}$

# Two- and four-neutron radioactivity search prospects

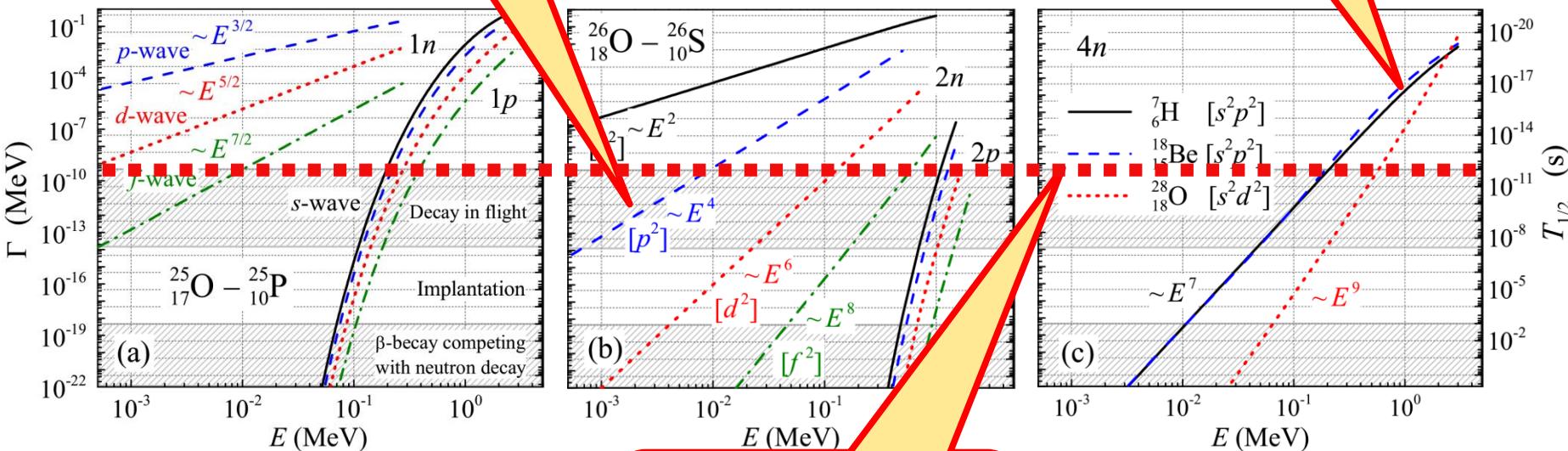
$^7\text{H}$  — four-neutron radioactivity  
or «true» 5-body decay

L.V.  
and  
 $^{26}\text{O}$  — controversial  
experimental results

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Energy conditions for 4n decay

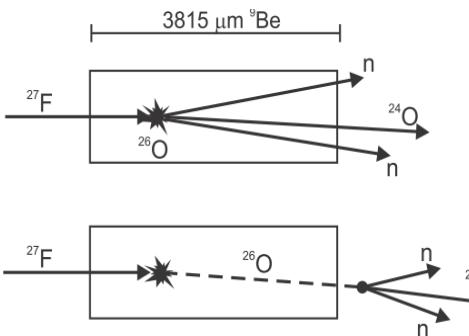


Long-living true four-neutron decay states are most probable.

«Radioactivity borderline»  
 $T_{1/2} \sim 1$  ps

Best candidates for 4n radioactive decay:  $^7\text{H}$ ,  $^{18}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{28}\text{O}$

# 2n radioactivity in $^{26}\text{O}$ ?

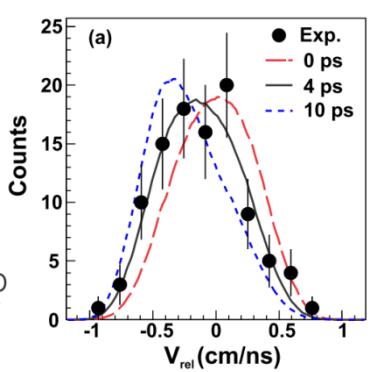


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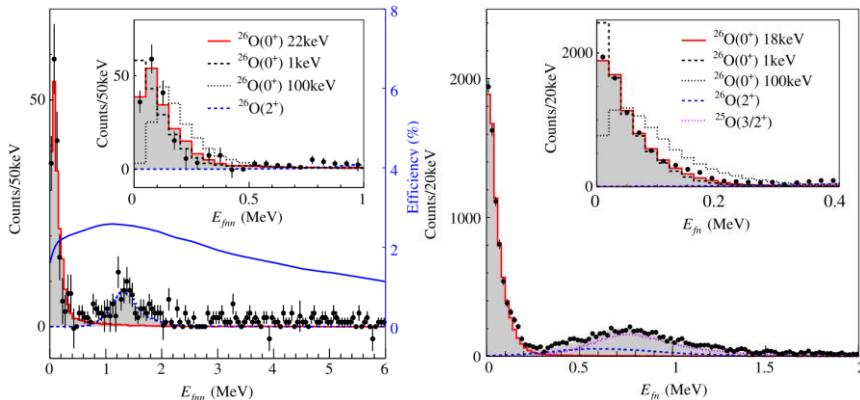
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## Nucleus $^{26}\text{O}$ : A Barely Unbound System beyond the Drip Line

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$T_{1/2} = 4.5 \text{ ps}$ : 2n radioactivity discovered?

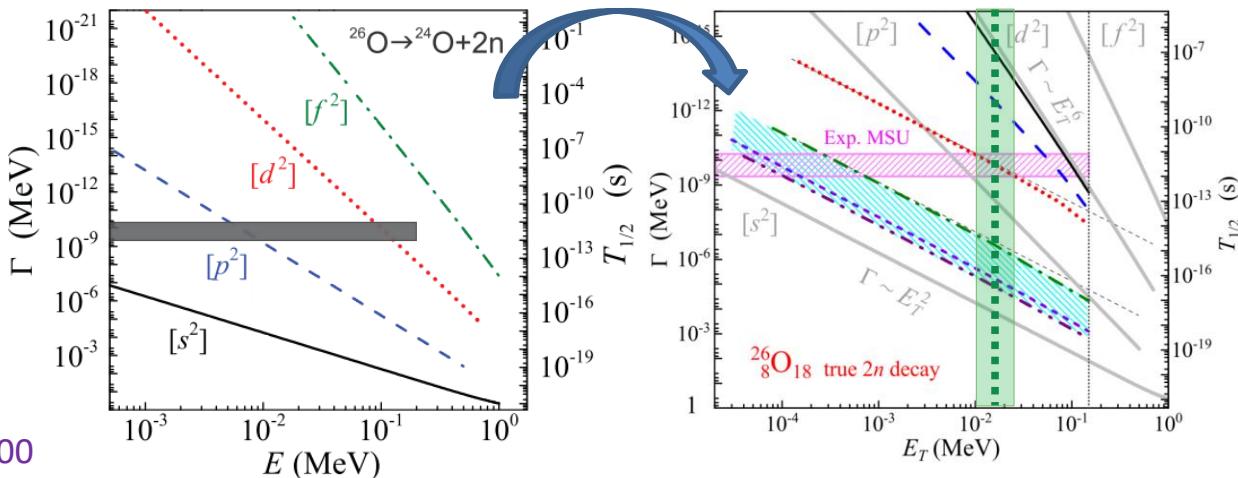
$E_T = 18(7) \text{ keV}$  is quite large

L.V. Grigorenko, I.G. Mukha, M.V. Zhukov, PRL 111 (2013) 042501

Importance of fine three-body effects

2p radioactivity:  
Core recoil – negligible  
Paring - factor 200-500

2n radioactivity:  
Core recoil – factor 5-10  
Paring - factor 2000-10000



One of three works is wrong

# What can be interesting in $^7\text{H}$ ?

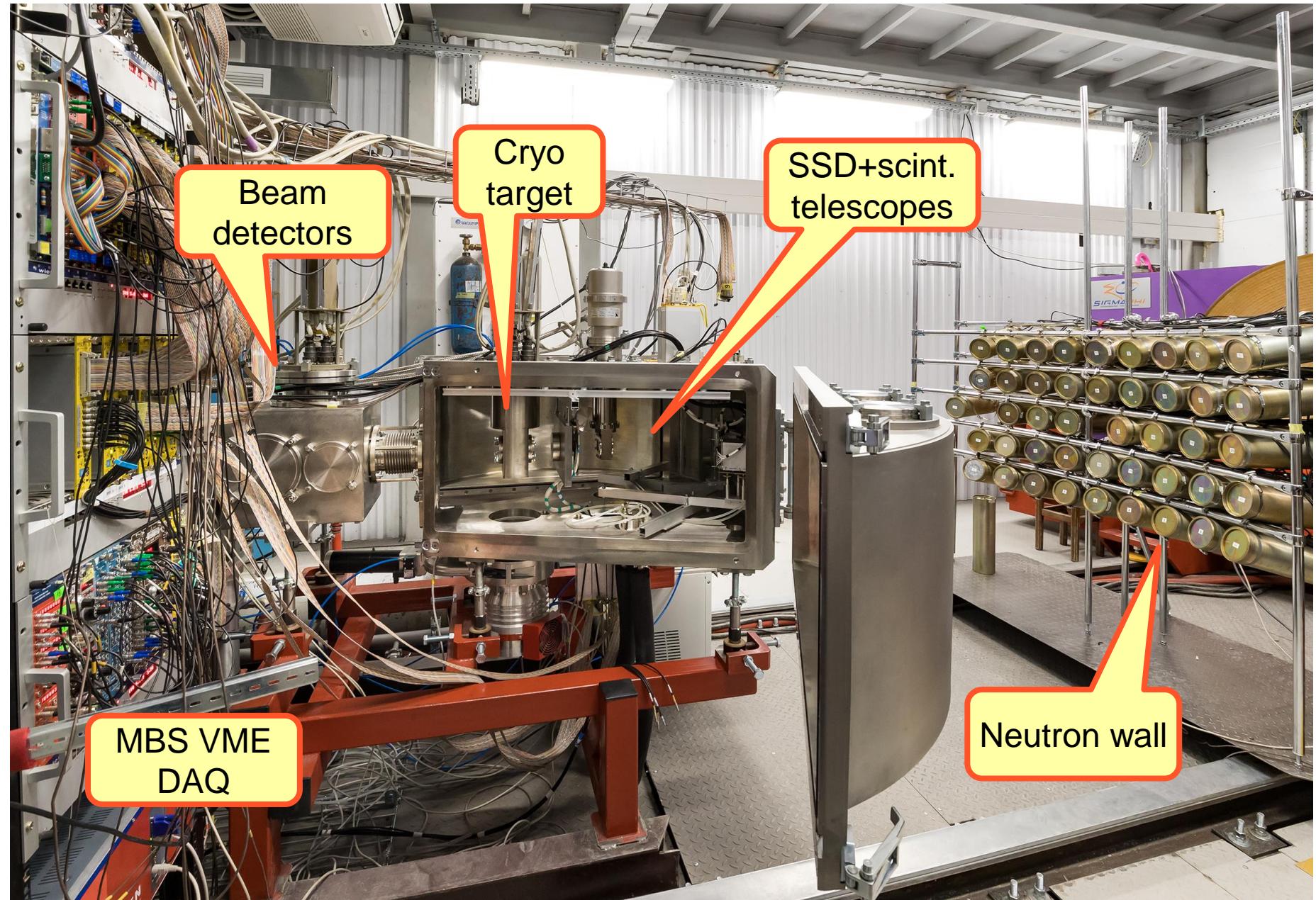
$^7\text{H}$  is the heaviest conceivable hydrogen isotope. The largest A/Z = 7 ratio is closer to the neutron matter than whatever we can imagine in the world of nuclides.

Special stability to  $^7\text{H}$  is expected to be granted by the closed  $p_{3/2}$  neutron subshell. Nothing heavier is expected. Questions of shell evolution in conditions of extreme proton deficiency

The  $^7\text{H}$  g.s. is expected to decay only via the unique “true” five-body core+4n decay channel or simultaneous emission of four neutrons:

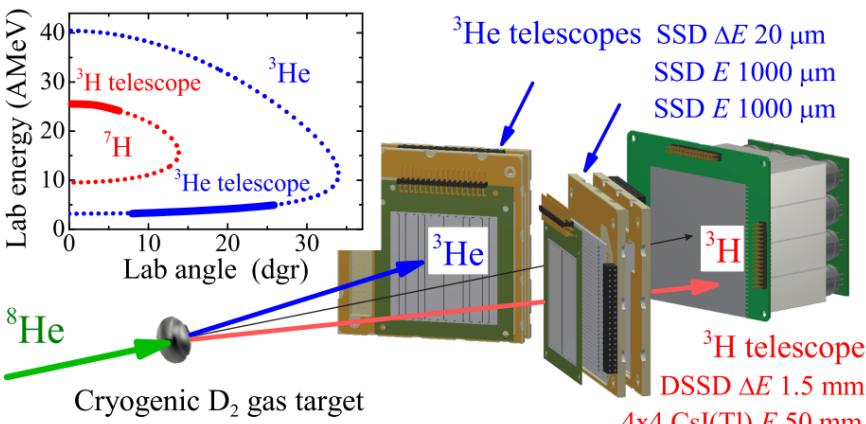
- (i) The  $^7\text{H}$  g.s. may be extremely long-lived for its decay energy. Candidate for 4n-radioactivity. Radioactivity-scale lifetimes for  $\text{ET} < 100\text{-}300 \text{ keV}$ .
- (iii) Even at  $\text{ET} = 2 \text{ MeV}$  the  $^7\text{H}$  g.s. width can be as small as 0.1-10 keV.
- (iv) Specific correlations of fragments can be expected for the “true” five-body core+4n decay.

# ACCULINNA-2 F5 setup for $^7\text{H}$ experiment



# $^7\text{H}$ studied in the $^2\text{H}(^8\text{He}, ^3\text{He})^7\text{H}$ reaction

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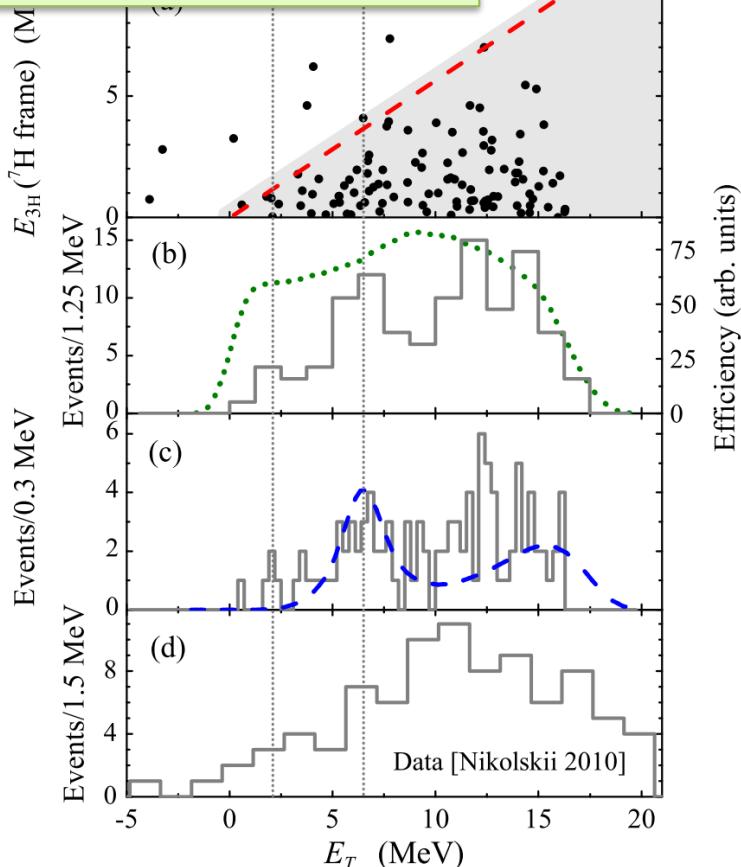


- Excited state at 6.5 MeV
- Indication of g.s. at 1.8 MeV (5 events)
- May be something at 12 MeV

## Evidence for the First Excited State of $^7\text{H}$

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$^8\text{He}$  beam 26 AMeV,  $10^5$  pps  
2018, two weeks



# $^7\text{H}$ studied in the $^2\text{H}(^8\text{He}, ^3\text{He})^7\text{H}$ reaction. Second run.

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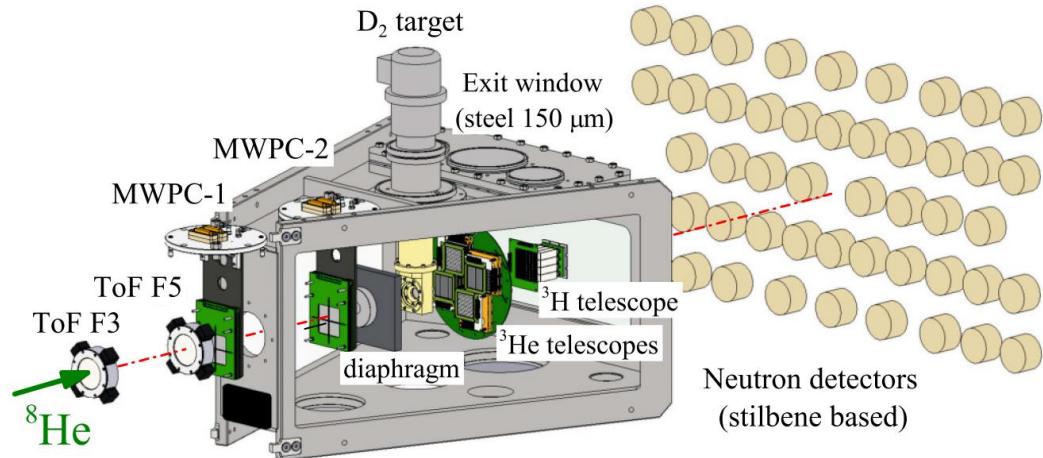
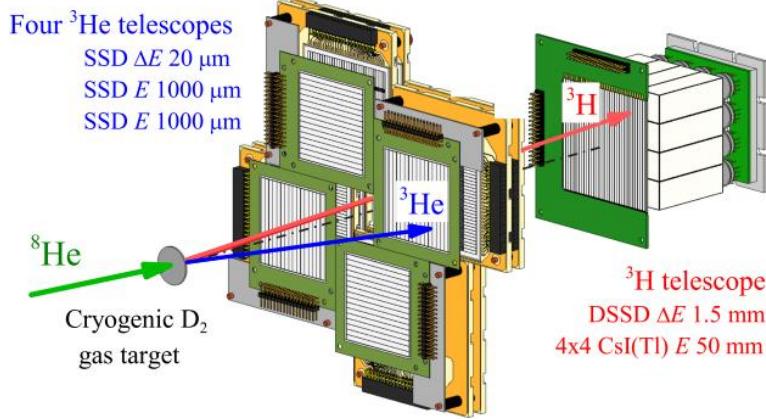


## Resonant states in $^7\text{H}$ : Experimental studies of the $^2\text{H}(^8\text{He}, ^3\text{He})$ reaction

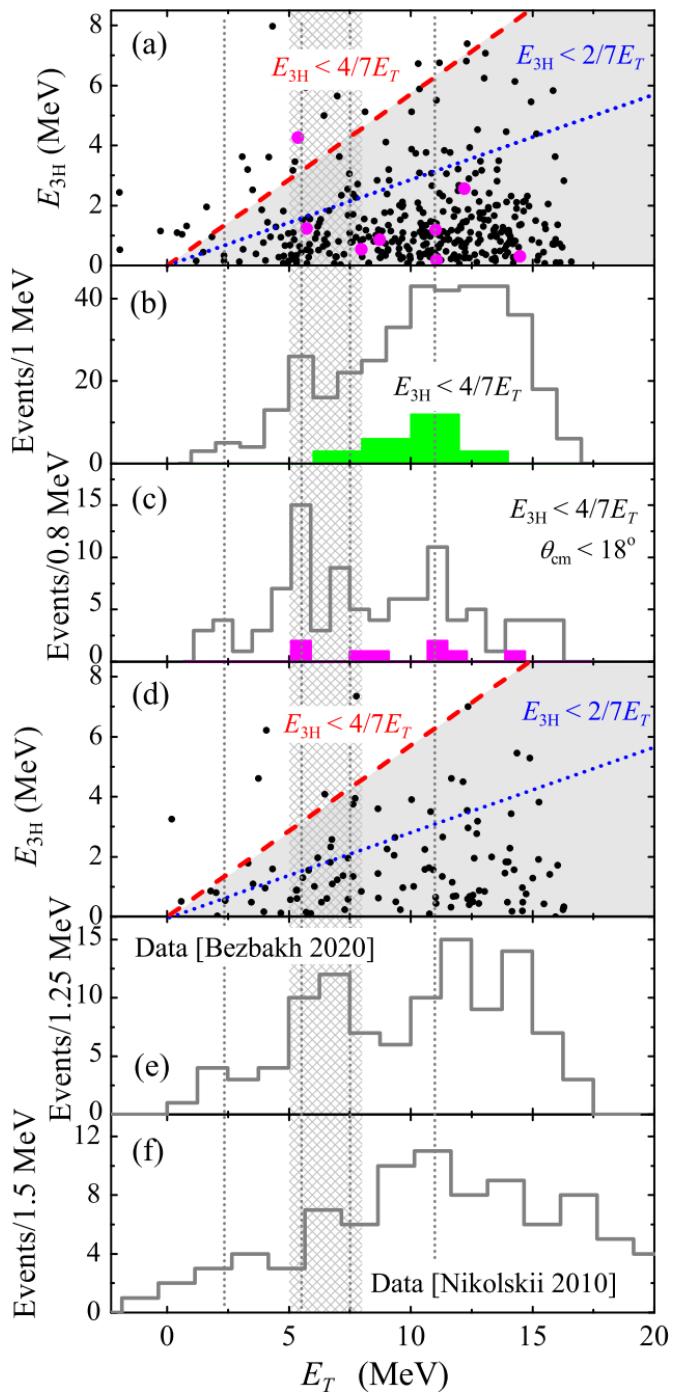
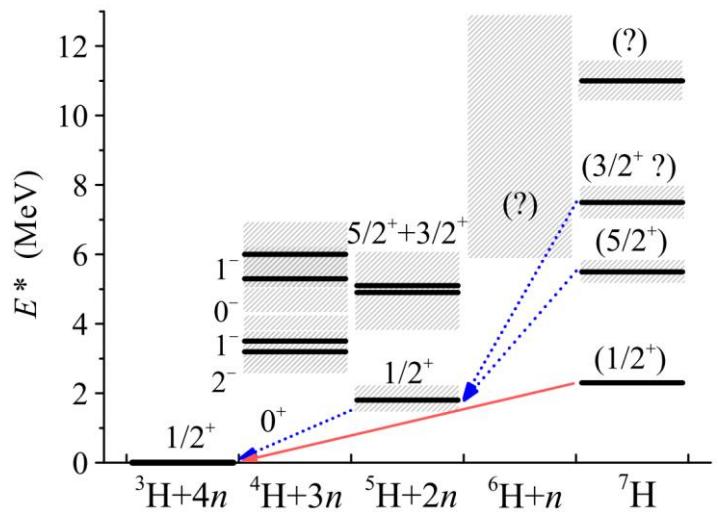
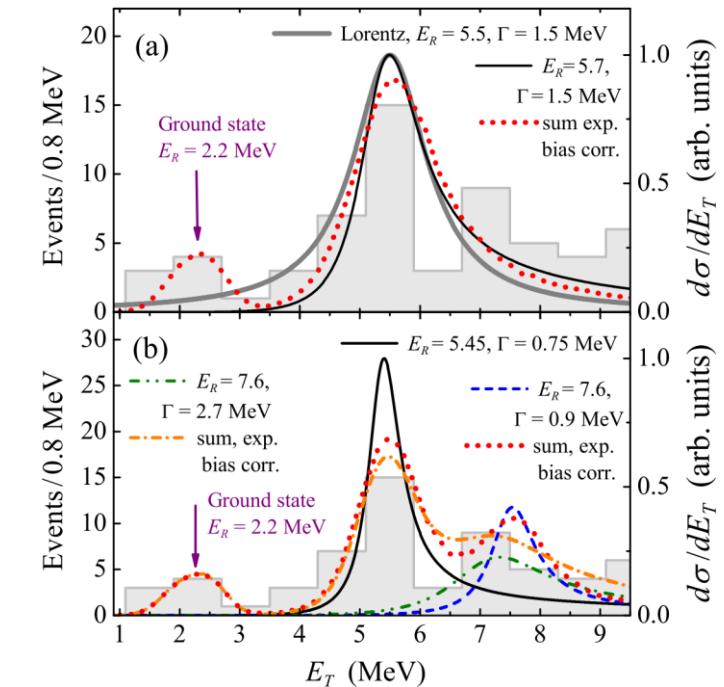
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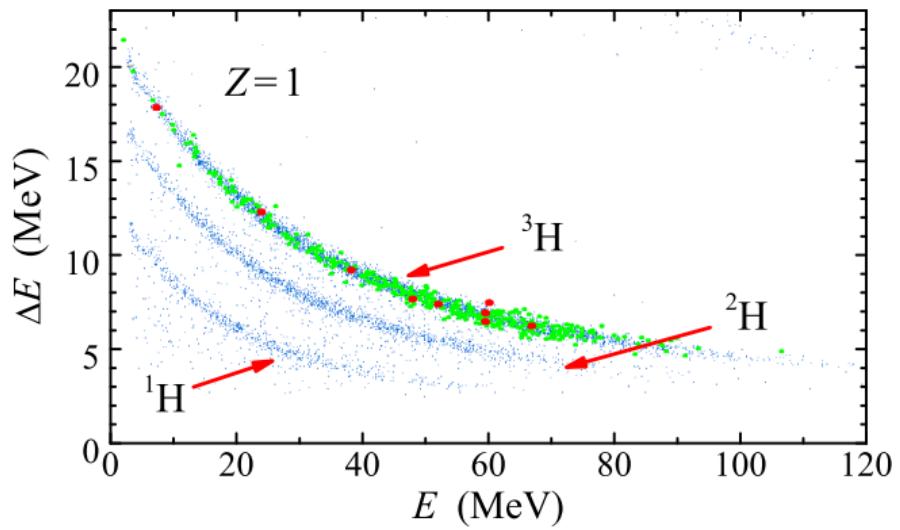
“Comming out party” for the  
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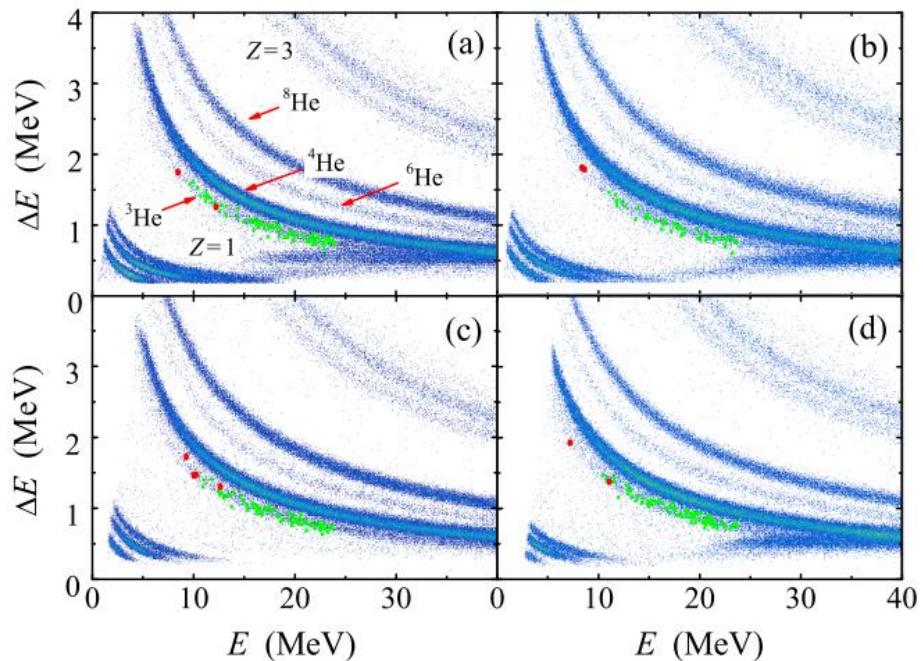
# $^7\text{H}$ data and spectrum



# Channel identification

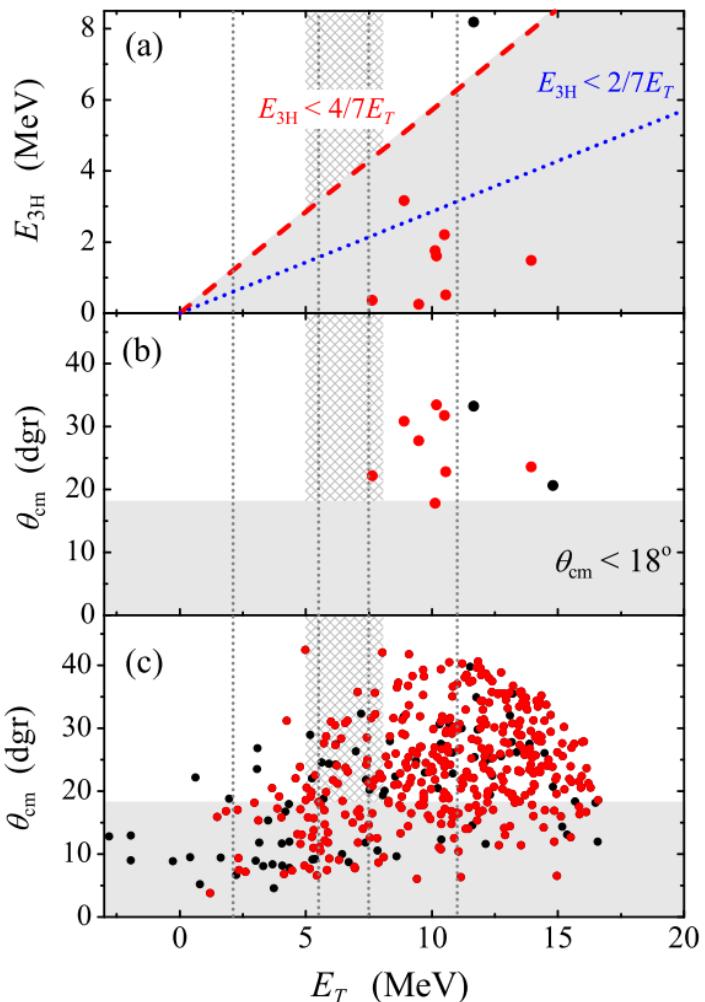


Red dots –  $^7\text{H}$  g.s. candidate events, individually treated



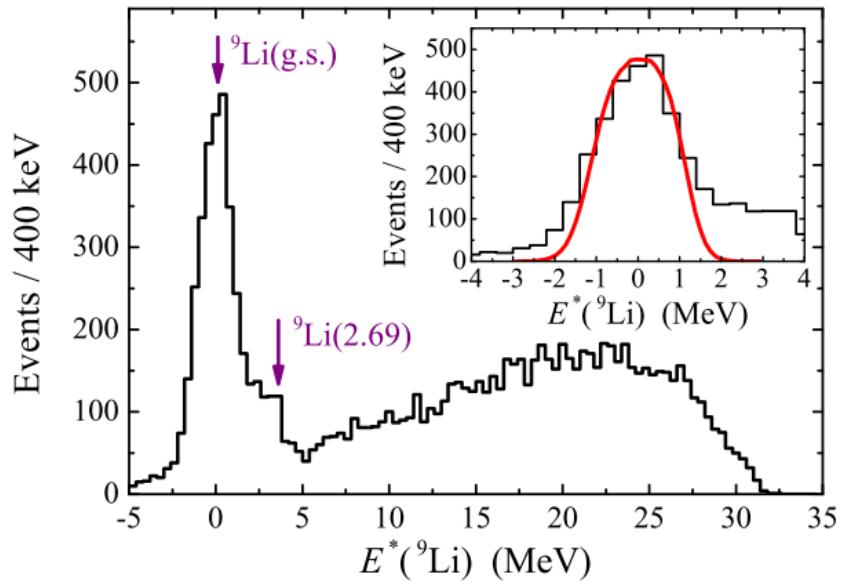
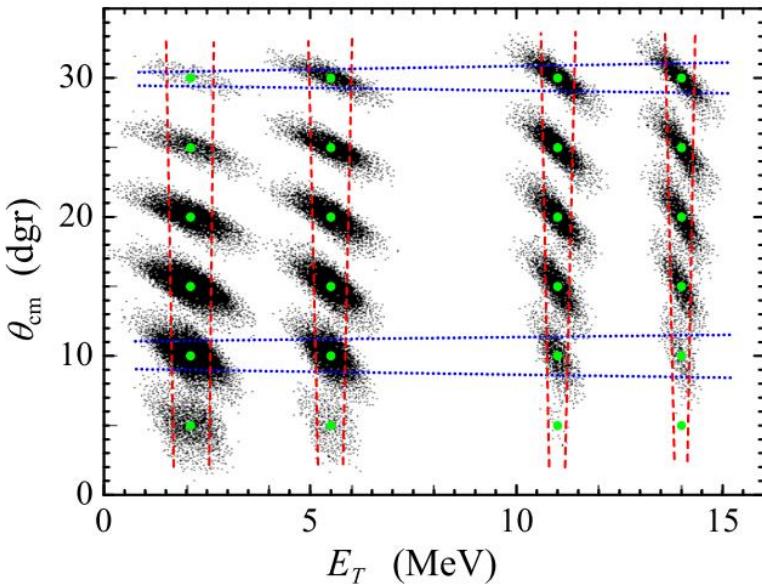
- Reliable identification of both  $^3\text{He}$  recoils and  $^3\text{H}$  fragments
- Special treatment of 20 micron silicon detectors for  $^3\text{He}$  telescope
- Careful event by event analysis of all candidates for  $^7\text{H}$  low-lying states

# Empty target measurements



- Empty target events are located mainly outside the energy ranges of interest
- Only the hypothetical 11 MeV state can be contaminated by the empty target background
- Reaction cm angle cutoff  $\theta_{\text{cm}} < 18$  dgr is expected to provide the  ${}^7\text{H}$  spectrum free from empty target background

# Energy resolution and calibration ${}^2\text{H}({}^{10}\text{Be}, {}^3\text{He}) {}^9\text{Li}$ reaction



- Complete MC simulations of setup
- Higher energy resolution than in the previous experiments (less than 1 MeV) is obtained

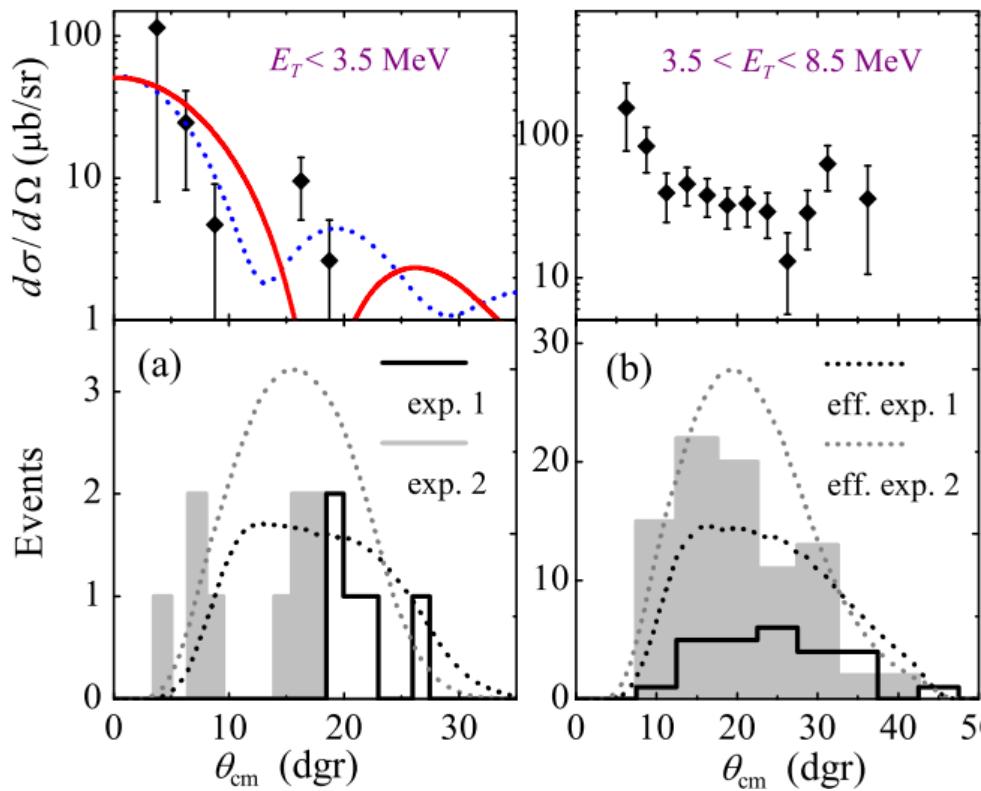
Energy and angular resolutions

- Independent MM calibration with  ${}^{10}\text{Be}$  beam
- MC simulations validated by the comparison  ${}^9\text{Li}$  data

$E_T$	2.2 MeV	5.5 MeV	11 MeV	14 MeV
10°	0.95	2.2	0.73	2.3
20°	1.10	1.6	0.93	1.8
30°	1.13	1.2	0.99	1.3

# Additional evidence: $^7\text{H}$ g.s. CMS angular distributions

- First experiment — second diffraction maximum is populated for the  $^7\text{H}$  g.s.
- Second experiment was planned to populate the forward peak for the  $^7\text{H}$  g.s.
- Indeed, the «hole» in the data from 9 to 14 degrees observed in the second data

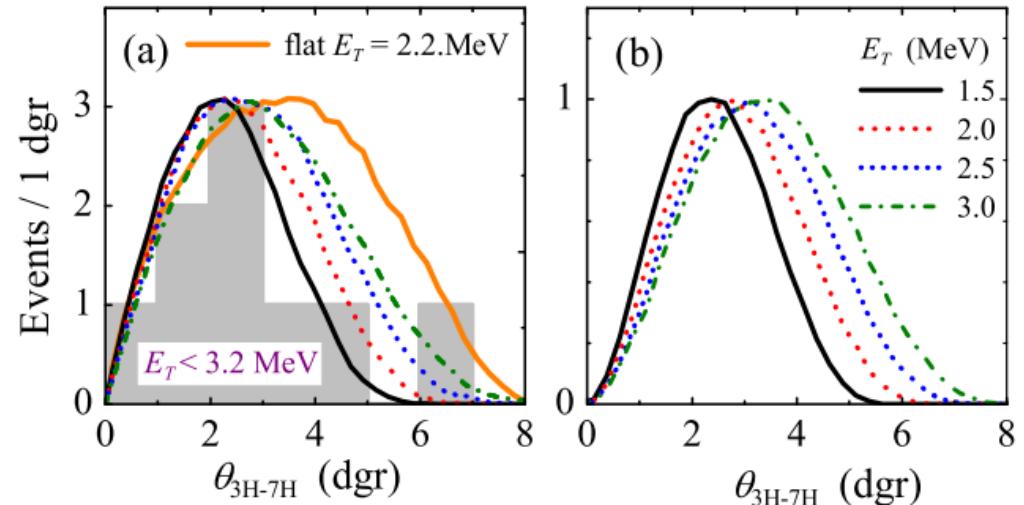
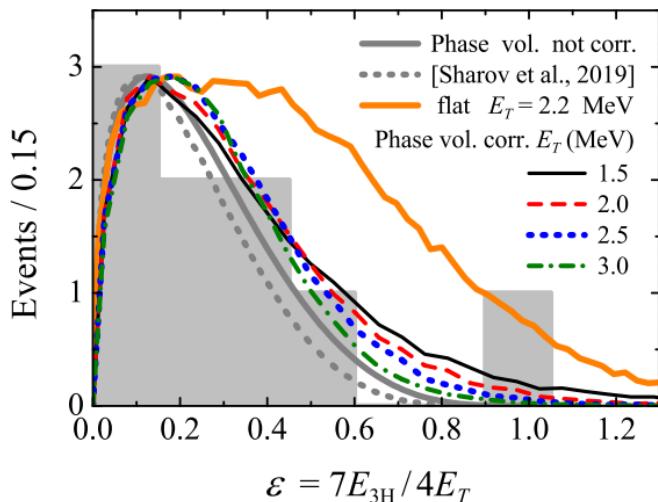


Theoretical FRESCO calculations

- Standard calculation – diffraction minimum is sitting on top of the maximum in the data.
- To fit the position of diffraction minimum the non-standard calculation conditions should be used:
  - (i) extreme peripheral transfer
  - (ii) large absorption

Interpretation: observations consistent with expected very “fragile” character of the  $^7\text{H}$  g.s. and very small g.s. population cross section.

# Additional evidence: $^7\text{H}$ g.s. energy and angular distributions of tritons



- These distributions should reflect the specific dynamics of true five-body decay
- Theoretically these types of correlations are related
- Experimentally they are obtained in largely independent way
- Simple idea – 5-body phase volume

$$\frac{dW}{d\varepsilon} = \sqrt{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)^7}, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{7E_{3\text{H}}}{4E_T}$$

TABLE II. Mean values of the  $\varepsilon$  and  $\theta_{3\text{H}-7\text{H}}$  variables for the distributions of Figs. 13 and 14.

Value	flat	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	Exp.
$\varepsilon$	0.464	0.337	0.295	0.272	0.252	0.306
$\theta_{3\text{H}-7\text{H}}$	3.38	2.19	2.49	2.78	3.02	2.69

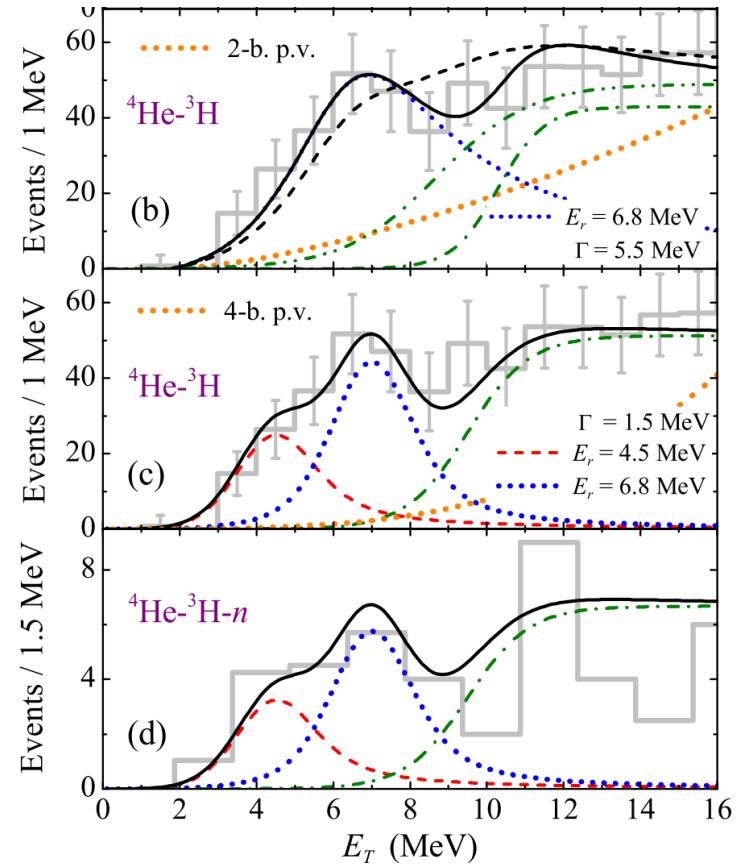
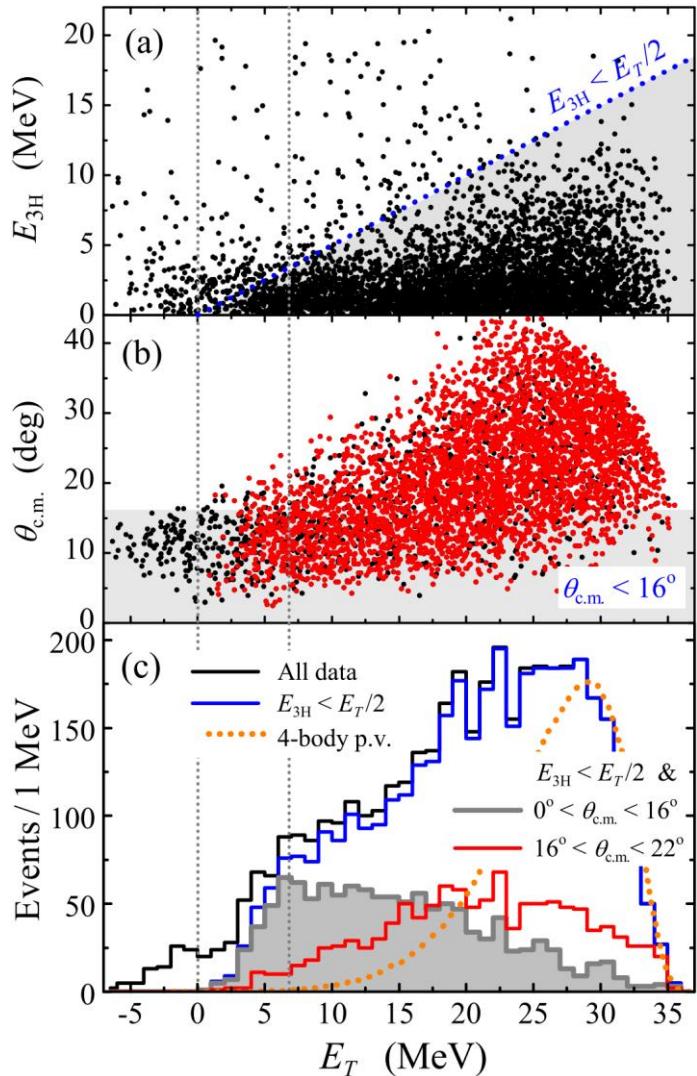
Both patterns are consistent with correlated emission of tritons expected for true five-body decay

Both patterns are inconsistent with uncorrelated emission of tritons or background character of events

# $^6\text{H}$ data and spectrum

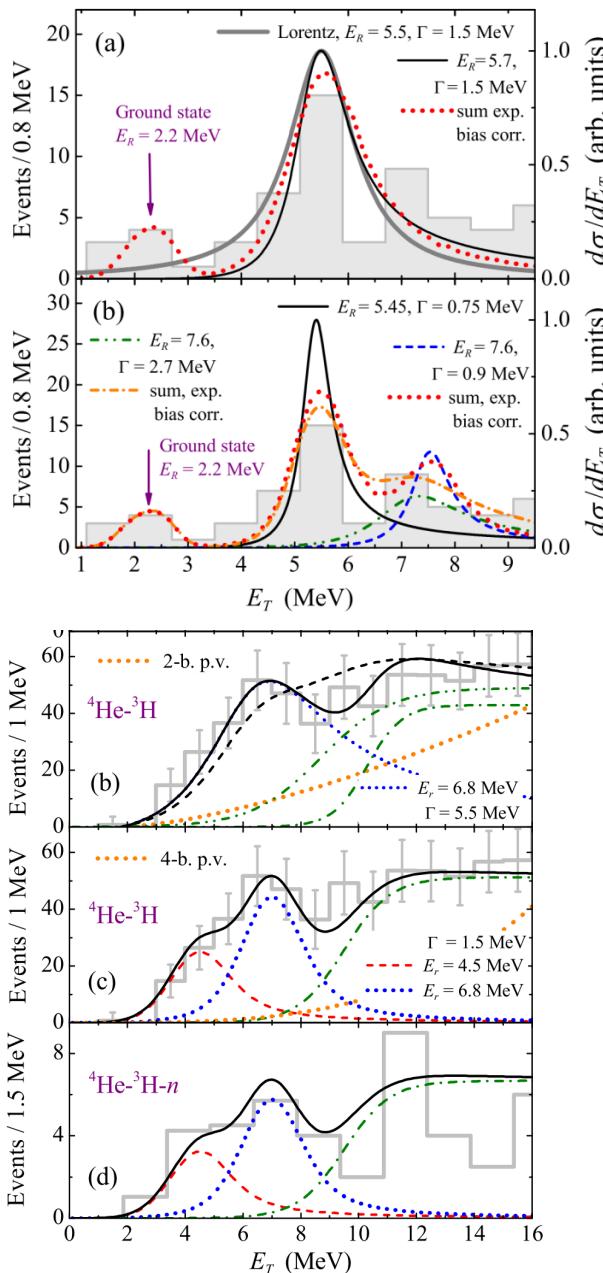
Large statistics, but large backgrounds

Background-subtracted, efficiency corrected



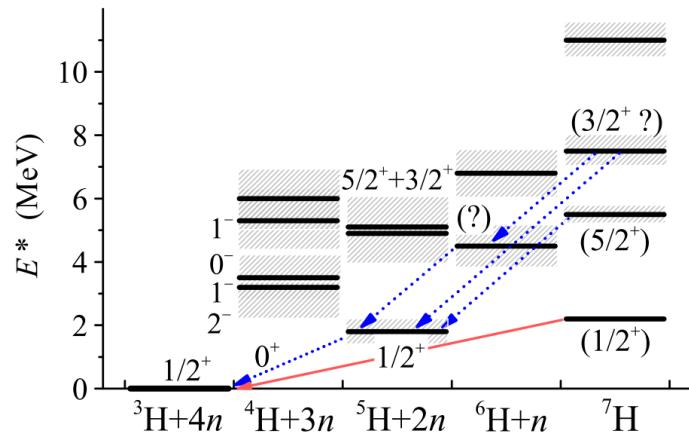
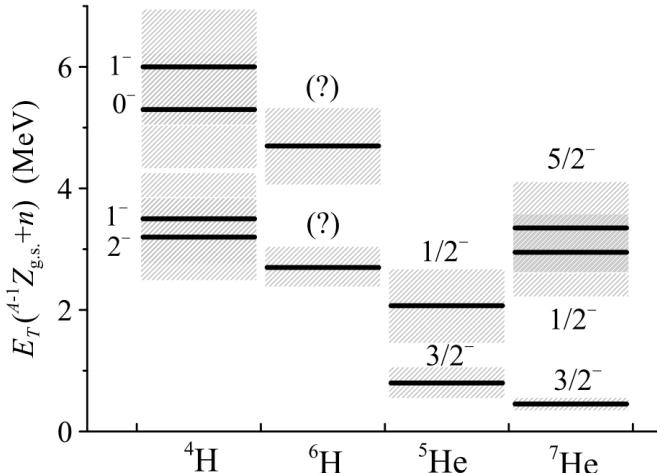
Reasonable confirmation from the t- $\alpha$ -n coincidence data

# $^7\text{H}$ and $^6\text{H}$ studies summary



- $^7\text{H}$  g.s.  
at 1.8 MeV
- Resonant states  
at 5.5, 11 MeV
- Possible resonant  
state at 7.5 MeV
- No  $^6\text{H}$  g.s.  
at 2.6-2.7 MeV
- Resonant state  
at 6.5 MeV
- Possible resonant  
state at 4.5 MeV

Analogies in the excitation spectra relative  $^3\text{H}$  and  $^5\text{H}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^6\text{He}$  ground states



Level scheme for  $^5\text{H}$  isotopes:  
“true” 4n emission off  $^7\text{H}$  ground state

# $^7\text{H}$ and $^6\text{H}$ discussion

Information about  $^6\text{H}$  ground state seem to be reliable

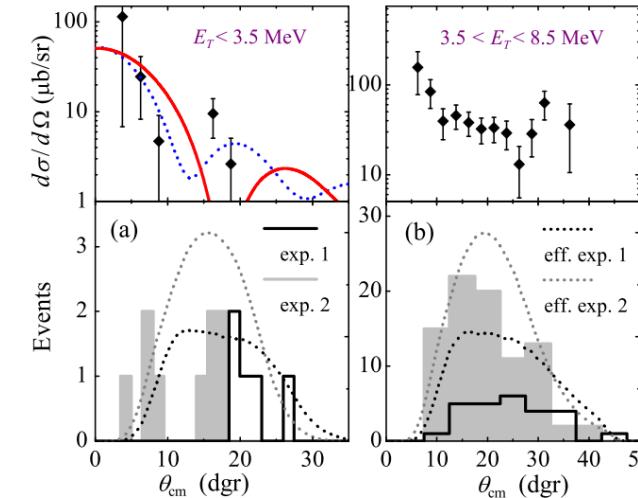
$^6\text{H}$  ground state at 2.6-2.7 MeV is excluded with cross section limit 5  $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$  compared to 100-200  $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$  for 4.5-6.5 MeV prescription.

Cross section for  $^6\text{H}$  ground state at 4.5-6.5 MeV is large and consistent with assumption about direct transfer of deuteron.

Information about  $^7\text{H}$  ground state has very limited statistics

$^7\text{H}$  ground state at 2.2 MeV has extremely small (for one-nucleon direct transfer) cross section 24  $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$

Observation of the 5.5 MeV  $^7\text{H}$  state is quite reliable, but the cross section is still extremely small (for one-nucleon transfer) 30  $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$



Equal populations for 2.2 and 5.5 MeV states is likely to indicate deep structural difference between  $^8\text{He}$  (expected  $[(p_{3/2})^4]_0$ ) and  $^7\text{H}$

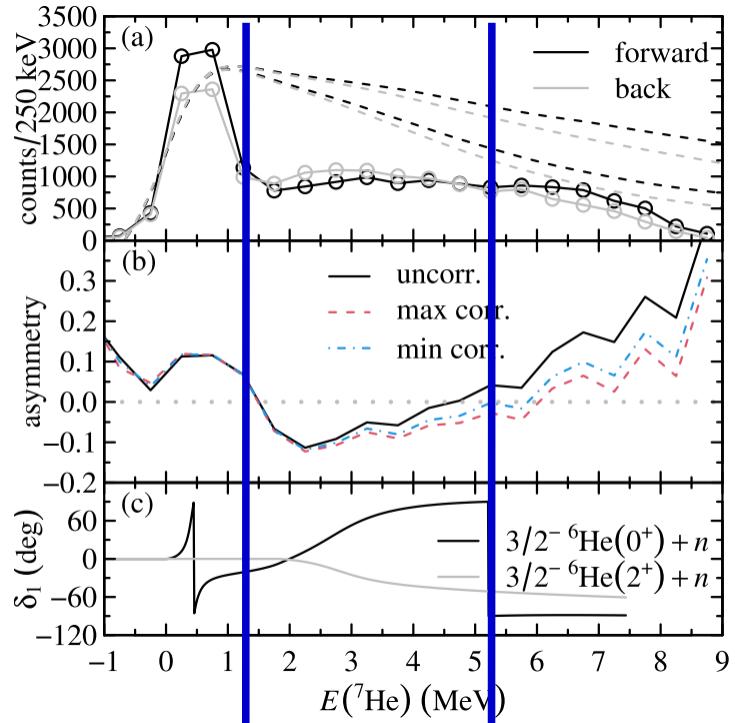
**There is deep inconsistency in populations of  
 $^6\text{H}$  and  $^7\text{H}$**

$^6\text{H}$  seem to be something expected, but  $^7\text{H}$   
does not seem to be as trivial as «proton hole  
in  $^8\text{He}$ »

**Interesting physics, not yet understood**

# $^7\text{He}$ studied in the $^2\text{H}(^8\text{He}, \text{p})^7\text{He}$ reaction

## $^7\text{He}$ preliminary data

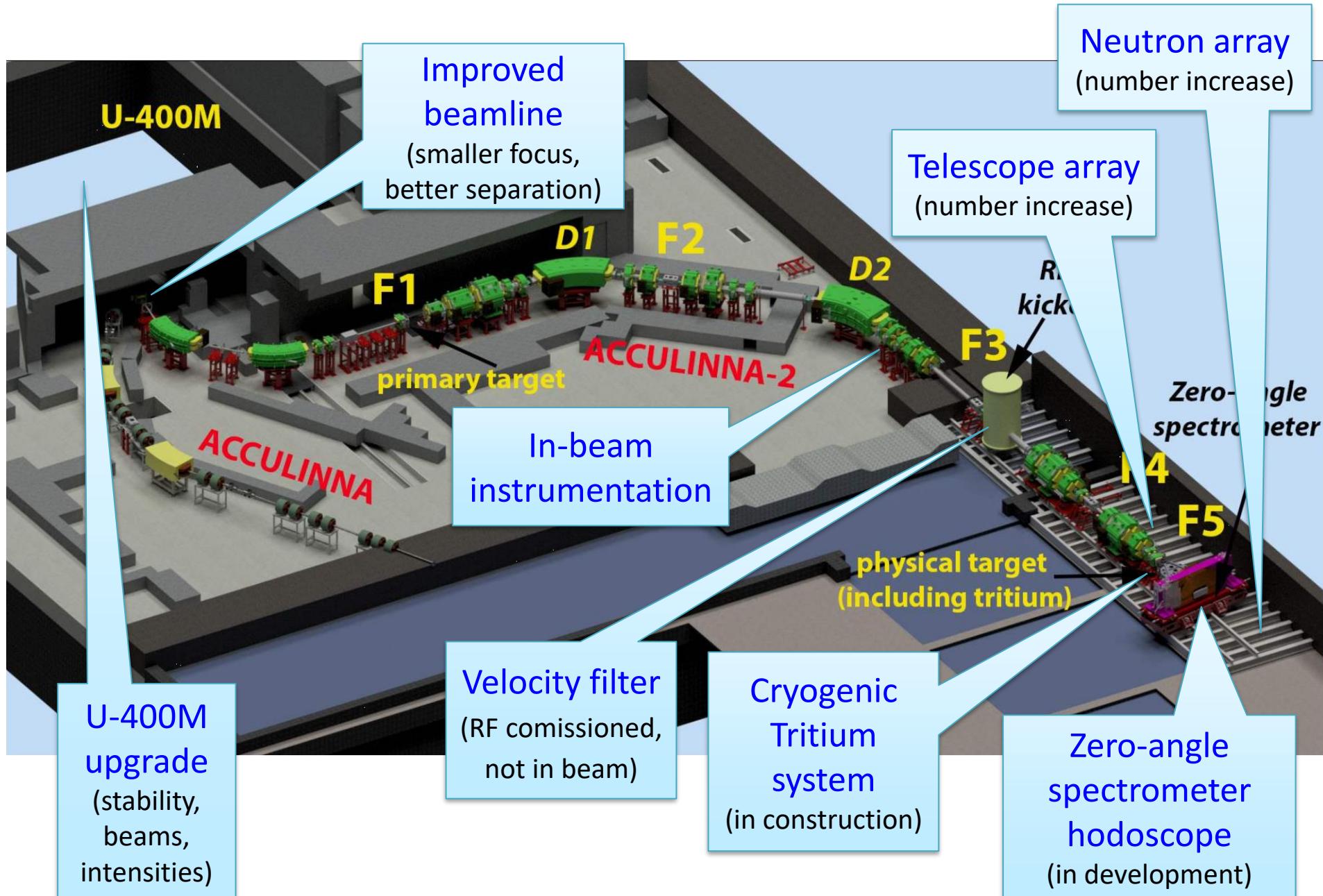


Transition  $p_{3/2} \rightarrow p_{1/2} \rightarrow p_{3/2}(2)$

# **Prospective developments at ACCULINNA-2 for 2023-2025 campaign**

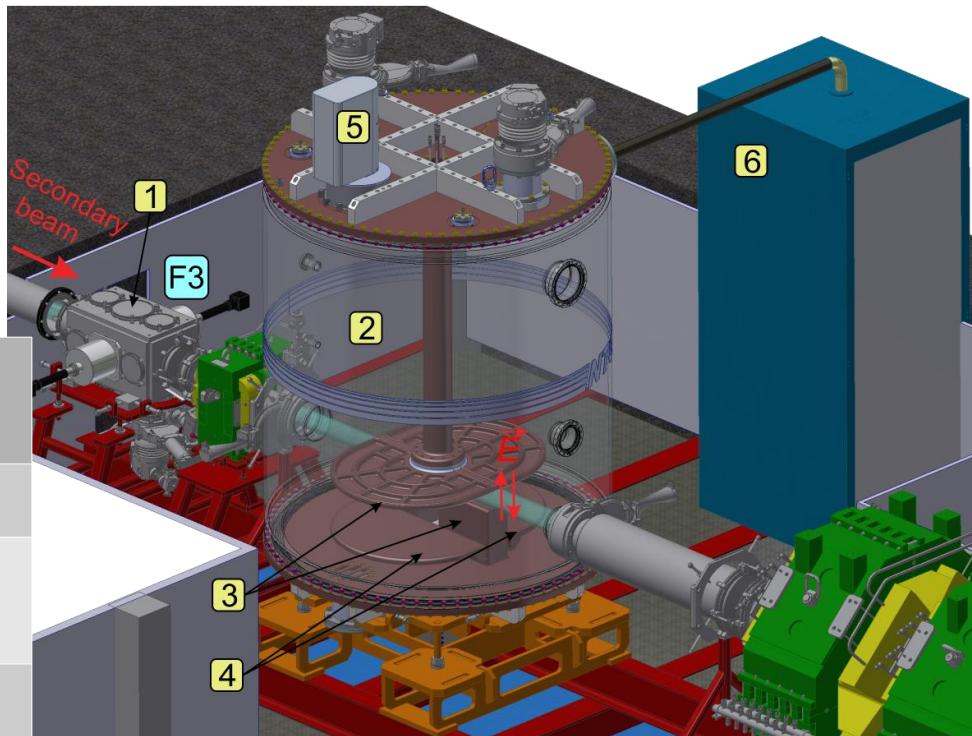
**In middle 2021 U-400M is stopped for  
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# 2021-2022: программа развития инструментов



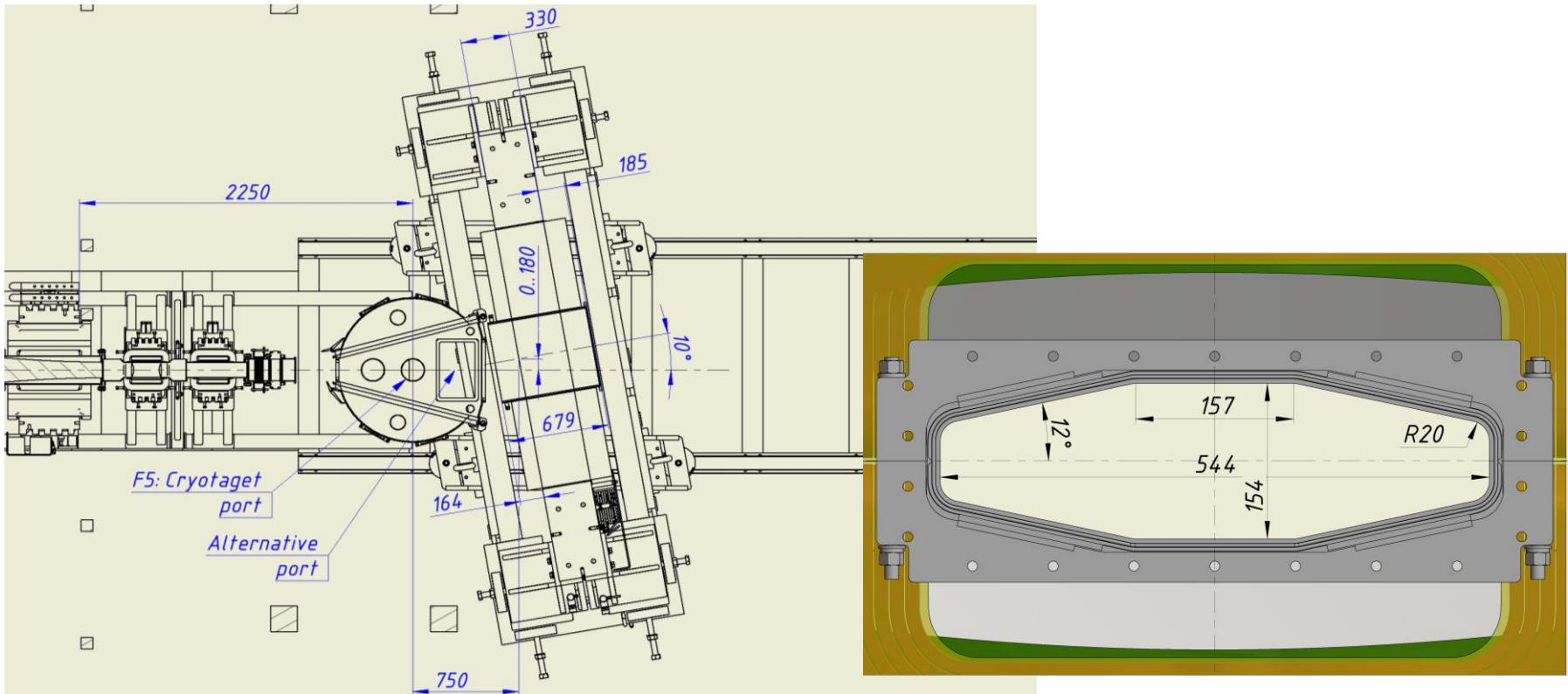
# Velocity filter “RF-kicker”

<b>Frequency range (MHz)</b>	<b>14.5 – 20.5</b>
<b>Peak voltage (KV)/ Gap (mm)</b>	<b>120/ 70</b>
<b>Length(mm)/Width (mm) of electrodes</b>	<b>700/120</b>
<b>Cylinder Internal diameter (mm)</b>	<b>1400</b>
<b>Stem diameter (mm)</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Length of coaxial line from beam axis (mm)</b>	<b>1830</b>
<b>Current at junction (A)</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Current in short-cut (A)</b>	<b>1200</b>
<b>RF power (Watts)</b>	<b>15 000</b>
<b>Reactance Q</b>	<b>&gt;10000</b>
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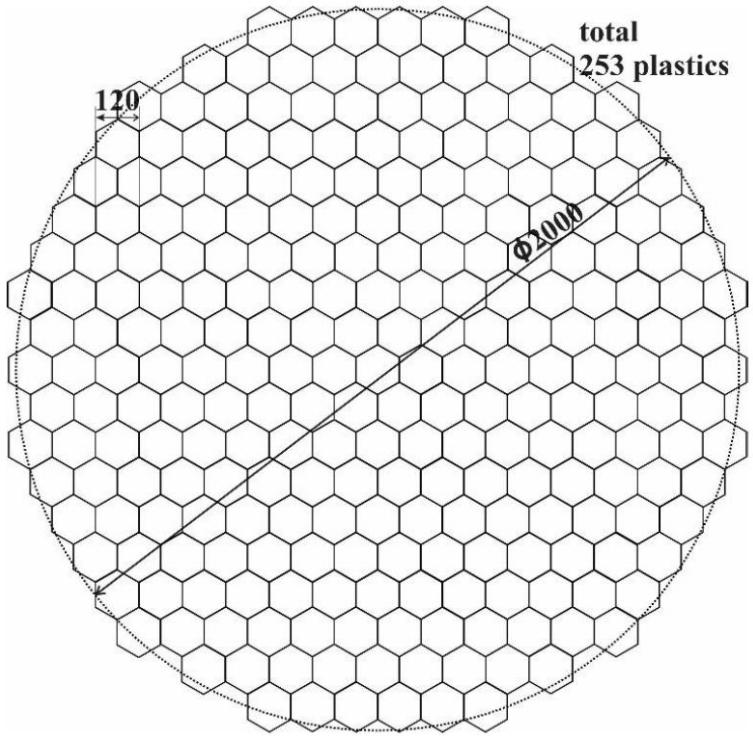
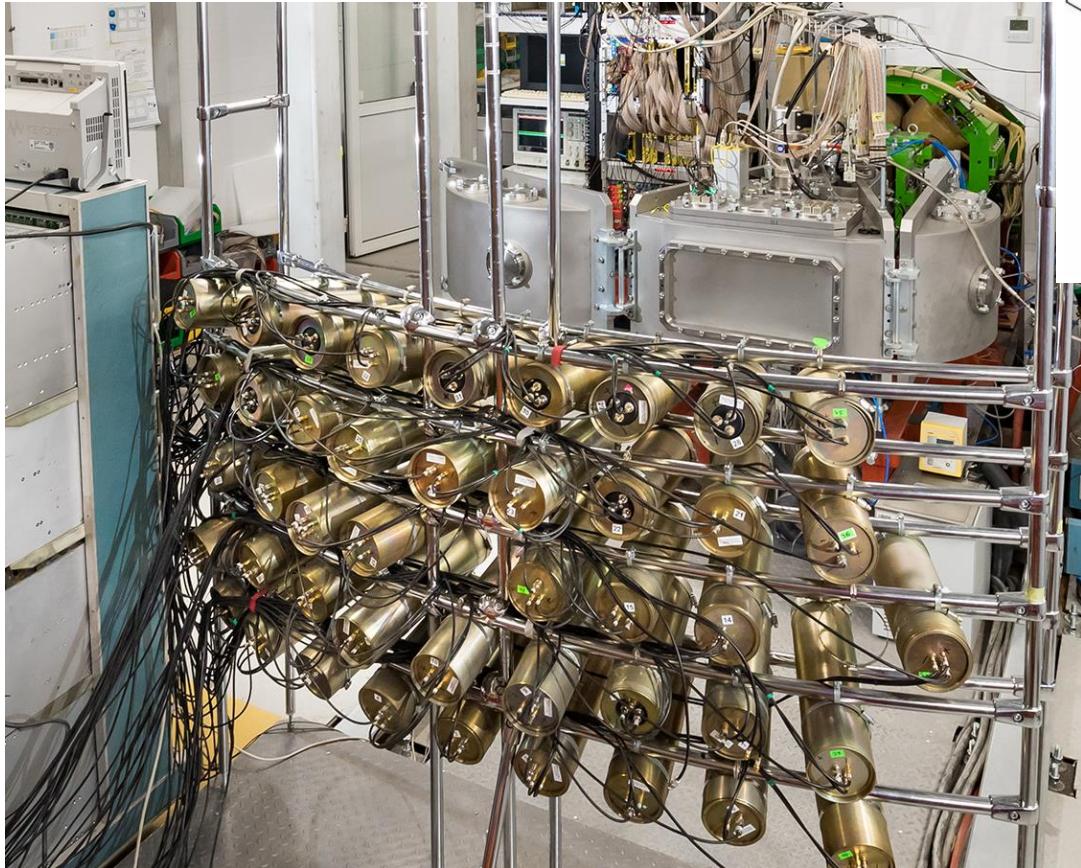


# Zero-angle spectrometer “sweeper-magnet”

Hodoscope construction of  
large area silicons and  
GADAST modules



# Neutron wall development



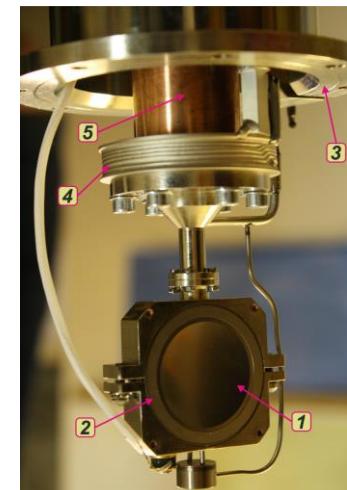
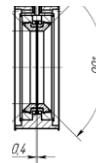
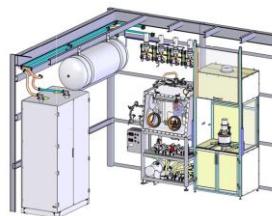
Existing stilbene neutron wall  
extension to 64 modules

Plans for «simplified»  
hexagonal plastic neutron wall  
with larger efficiency

# Cryogenic tritium target

- $10^{14}$  Bq (1000 cm<sup>3</sup>) T<sub>2</sub> >  $10^{21}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>
- 30 K for gas, 10 K for solid state
- Zero emission of T<sub>2</sub>
- Ø25 mm, 0.8-4 mm cells
- SS foil windows 8 mkm each with double volume

If certification of facility goes as planned the next experimental campaign at ACCULINNA-2 is with tritium target



# **ACCOLINNA-2 scientific program for 2023-2025 campaign**

**“User facility” aspect of  
ACCOLINNA-2**

**Invitation to contribute this  
scientific program**

# Experimental prospects at ACC-2

Tritium «campaign»

$^{10}\text{He}$  studies with decisive precision in  $^8\text{He}(\text{t},\text{p})$  reaction

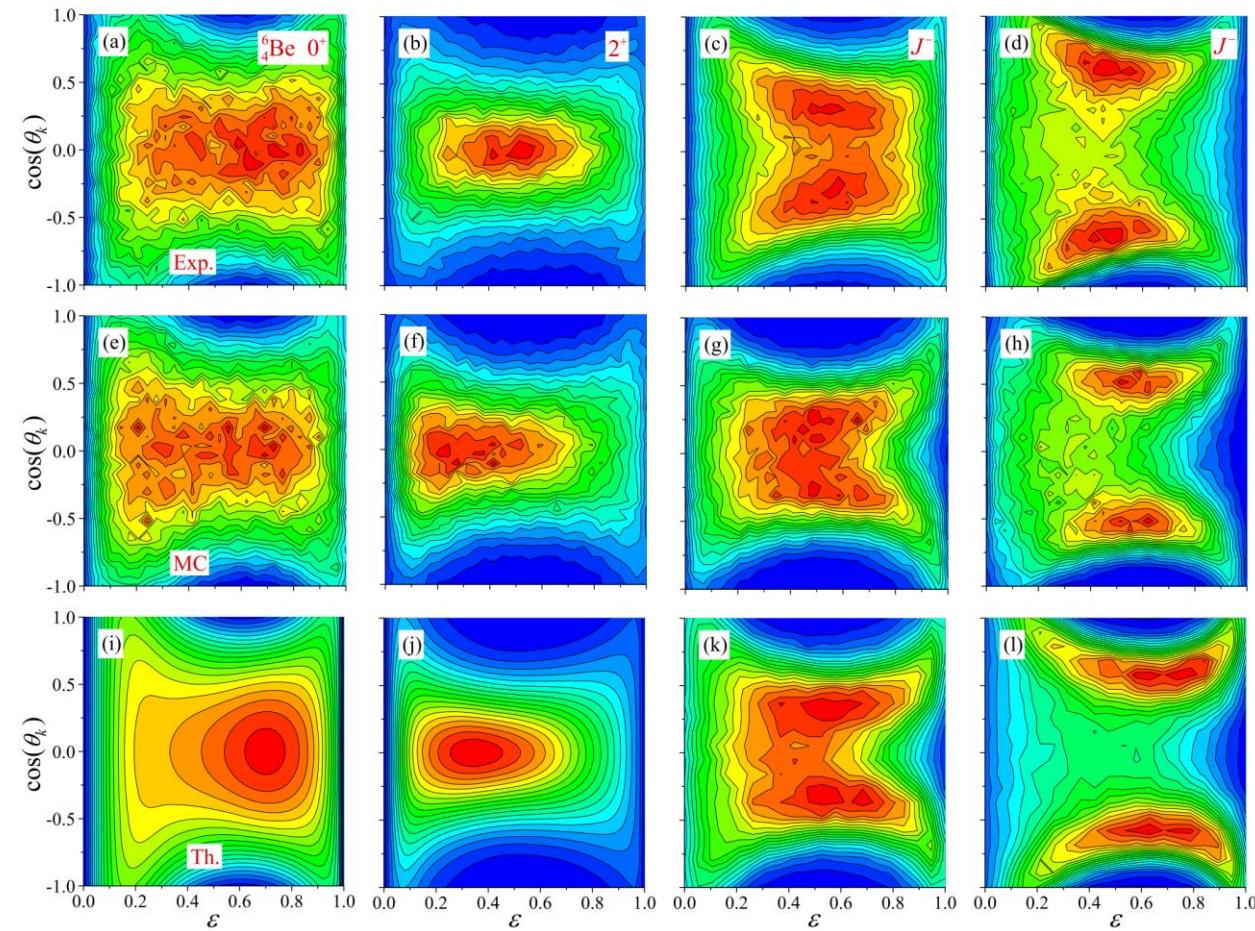
$^{13}\text{Li}$  studies in  $^{11}\text{Li}(\text{t},\text{p})$  reaction

$^{16}\text{Be}$  studies in  $^{14}\text{Be}(\text{t},\text{p})$  reaction

# Example: ${}^6\text{Be}$ studied in the ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{p},\text{n}){}^6\text{Be} \rightarrow \alpha + \text{p} + \text{p}$ reaction

A. Fomichev *et al.*, PLB 708 (2012) 6

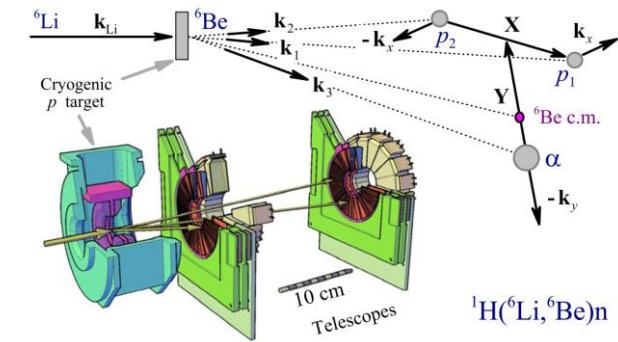
## Isovector Soft Dipole Mode identification



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$\Delta I = 2 \rightarrow 2^+$

$\Delta I = 1 \rightarrow J^-$

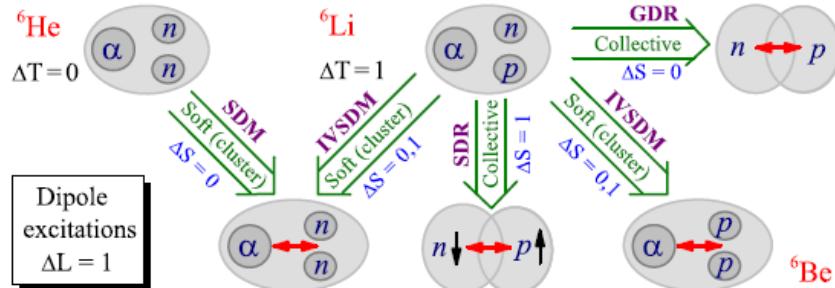
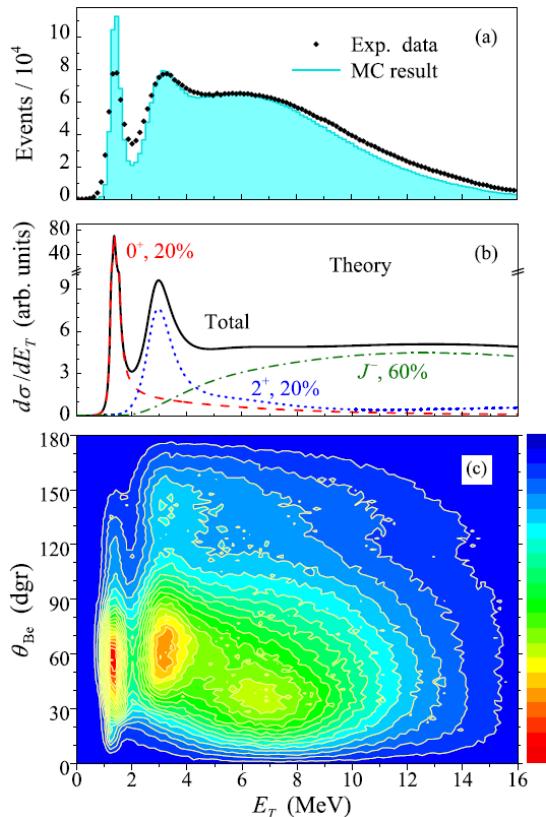
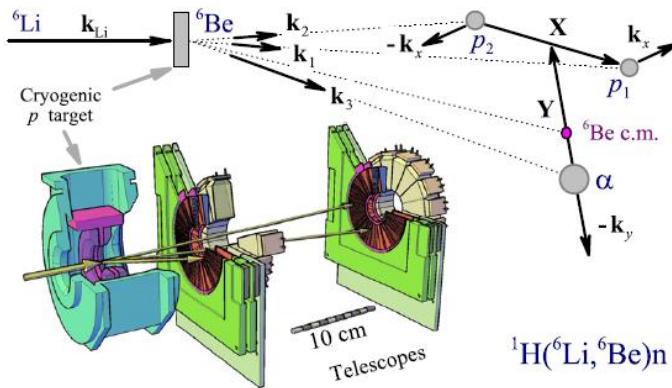


For positive parity states perfect agreement with theoretical predictions

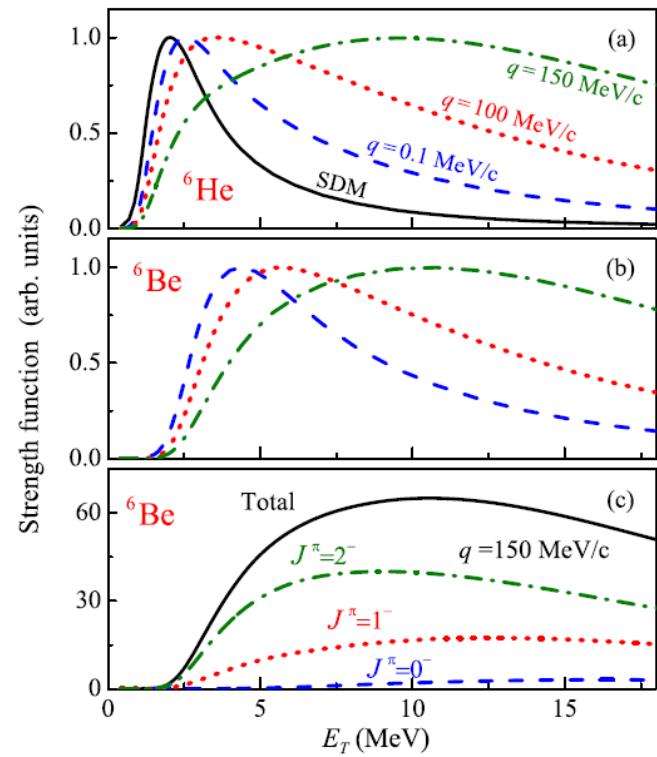
The three-body correlations for soft dipole excitations observed for the first time

# Isovector Soft Dipole mode in ${}^6\text{Be}$

A.S.Fomichev et al., PLB 708 (2012) 6.



- Large cross section above  $2^+$  and no resonance
- $\Delta L=1$  identification – some kind of dipole response
- No particle stable g.s. – can not be built on spatially extended WF
- Built on the spatially extended  ${}^6\text{Li}$  g.s.



# Experimental prospects at ACC-2

## 2p radioactivity

2p radioactivity  
search in new  
isotope  $^{26}\text{S}$

Search for 2p  
radioactive decay of  
the first excited state  
of  $^{17}\text{Ne}$

Transitional  
dynamics studies for  
the 2p decay of  $^{15}\text{Ne}$

# Experimental prospects at ACC-2

Soft excitation modes and  
“isobaric symmetry” reactions with  ${}^3\text{He}$  target

${}^6\text{He}$  IVSDM studies in  
 ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{t}, {}^3\text{He})$  reaction

${}^6\text{H}$  IVSDM studies in  
 ${}^6\text{He}(\text{t}, {}^3\text{He})$  reaction

${}^7\text{B}$  IVSDM studies in  
 ${}^7\text{Be}({}^3\text{He}, \text{t})$  reaction

${}^{17}\text{Na}$  IVSDM studies in  
 ${}^{17}\text{Ne}({}^3\text{He}, \text{t})$  reaction

# **Low-energy nuclear physics in Russia**

# Крупные научные/прикладные проекты в РФ

- Комплекс сверхпроводящих колец на встречных пучках тяжёлых ионов NICA («Комплекс NICA»)
- Международный центр нейтронных исследований на базе высокопоточного исследовательского реактора ПИК (МЦНИ ПИК)
- Токамак с сильным магнитным полем (Игнитор)
- Ускорительный комплекс со встречными электрон-позитронными пучками (Супер Чарм-Тау фабрика)
- Международный центр исследований экстремальных световых полей (ЦИЭС)
- Рентгеновский источник синхротронного излучения четвертого поколения (СКИФ)
- Радиографический центр (Снежинск)
- Тяжелоионный ускорительно-накопительный комплекс для тестирования электроники (Саров)



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запасов

Светлые пятна на темном фоне

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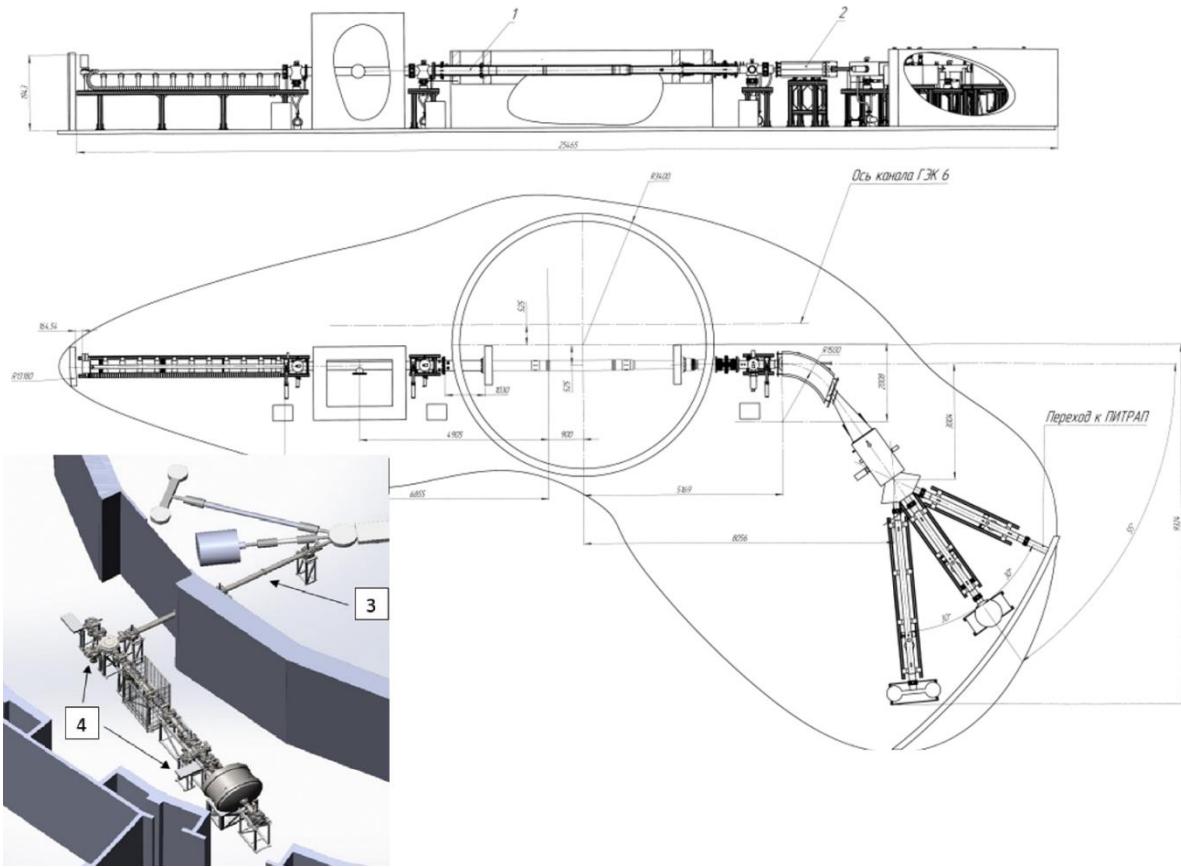
Участие в FAIR  
(Росатом)

Перспективный  
тяжелоионный комплекс  
(DERICA?)

Тяжелоионный центр  
в ВНИИЭФ

# ИРИНА (ПИЯФ)

Для изотопов производимых  
методом ISOL – рекордные в  
мире интенсивности



В стороне от задач ПИК,  
мало места для научных  
инструментов

**Prospective thinking  
about possible future RIB  
facility in Russia**

# Фабрики радиоактивных изотопов "второго поколения" ~ 1985-2007 гг

RIKEN

LINAC + Cyclotron  
Cyclot. + Cyclotron

U, 90 AMeV

In-flight, 90 pA

GSI

LINAC + Syncrotron

U, 900 AMeV

In-flight, 50 pA

NSCL MSU

Cyclotron +  
Cyclotron

U, 90 AMeV

In-flight, 70 pA

GANIL

Cyclotron +  
Cyclotron

U, 70 AMeV

In-flight, 90 pA

ISOLDE

LINAC + Syncrotron

p, 1000 MeV

ISOL, ~1.5 kW

FLNR

Cyclotron

B 55 AMeV,  
S 32 AMeV

In-flight, 3  $\mu$ A

# Joke about construction business

**Build fast**

**Build cheap**

**High quality standard**

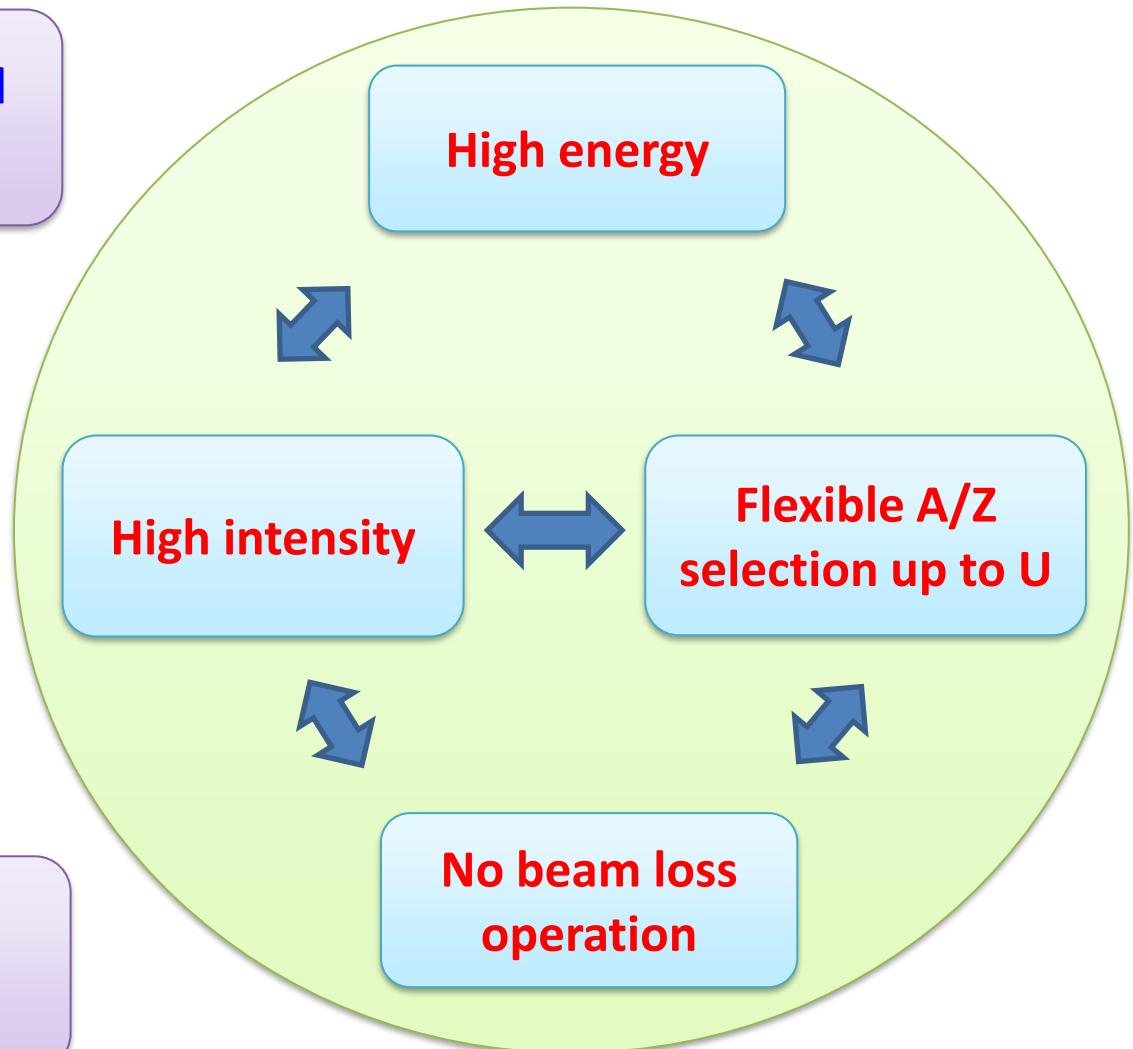
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# Problem of heavy-ion acceleration for RIB physics

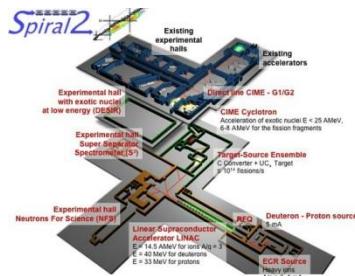
4 conditions to be fulfilled simultaneously

Compromise search as any three are strongly controversial

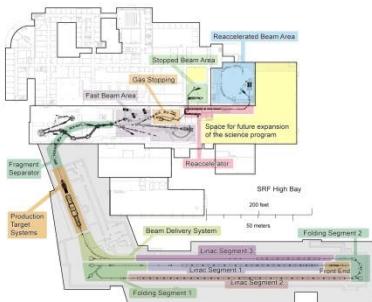
Complicated acceleration “tactics”



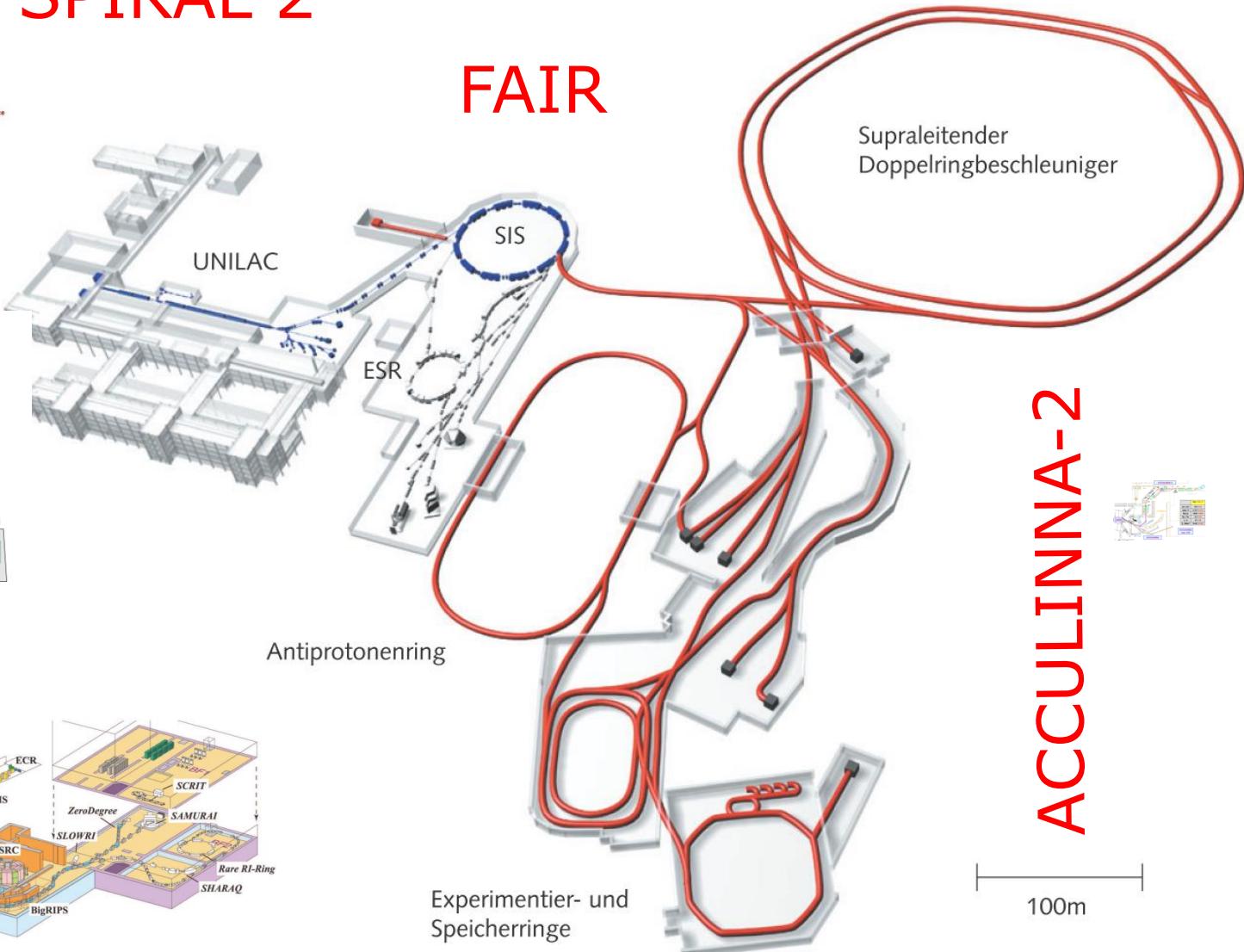
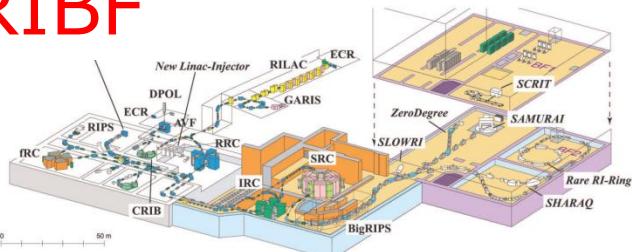
# Big, bigger, the biggest – фабрики РИ «третьего поколения» 2007+



## SPIRAL 2



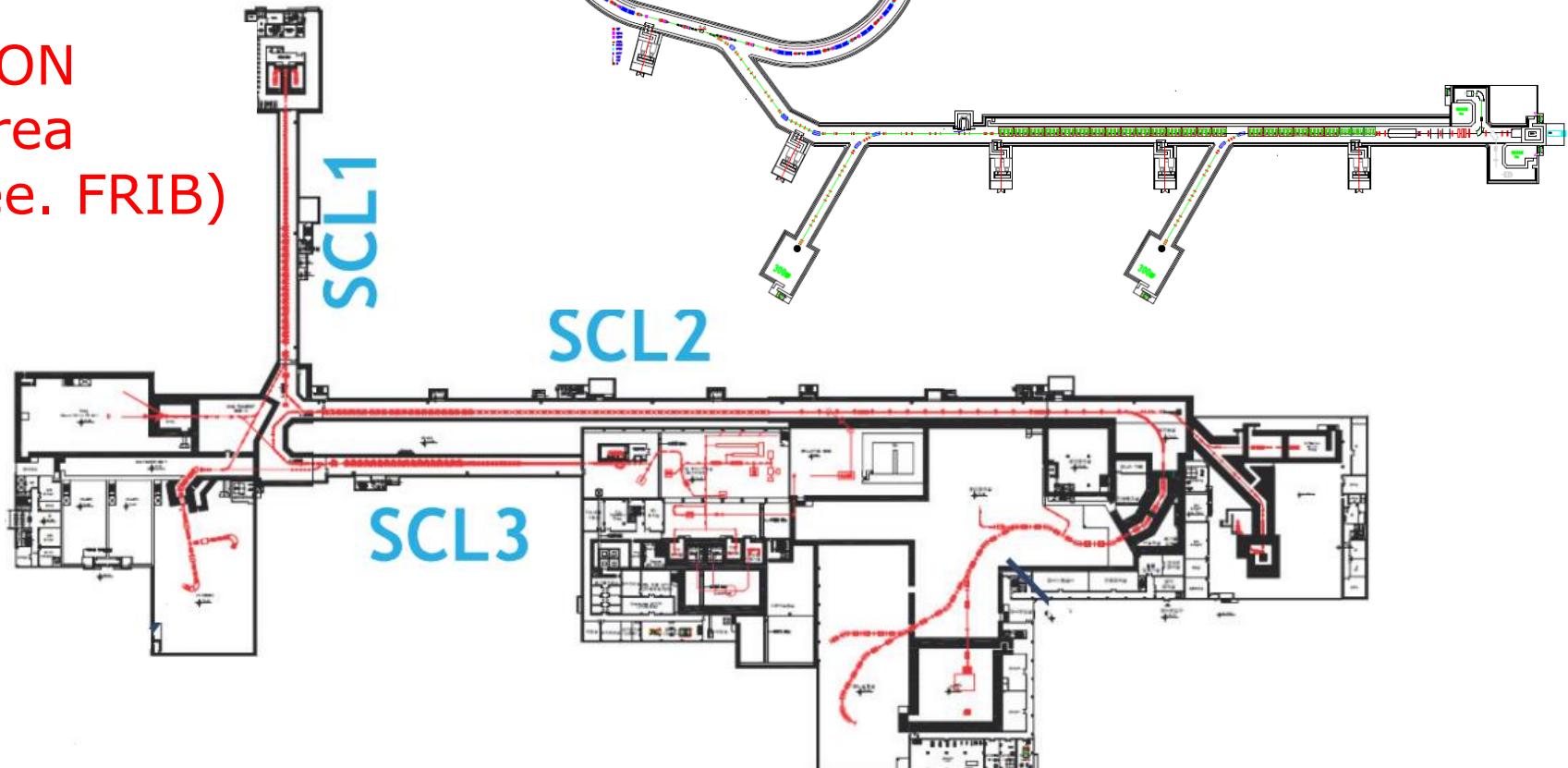
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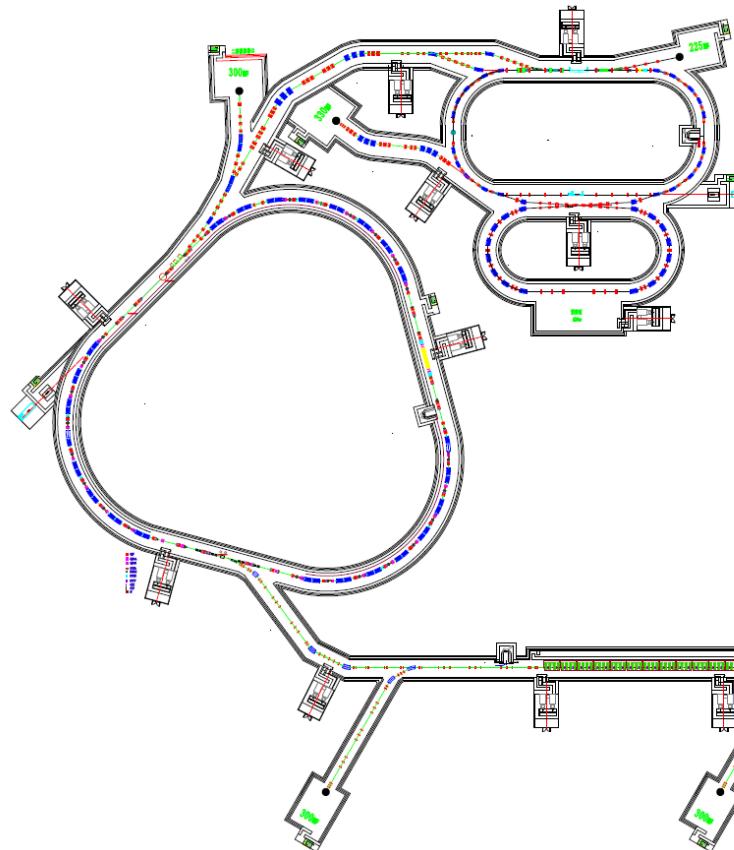
However,  
even bigger...

Horizontal size of the  
slide ~1 km

RAON  
Korea  
(see. FRIB)



HIAF China  
(see, FAIR)



# Prospective facility based on LINAC-100 + DFS

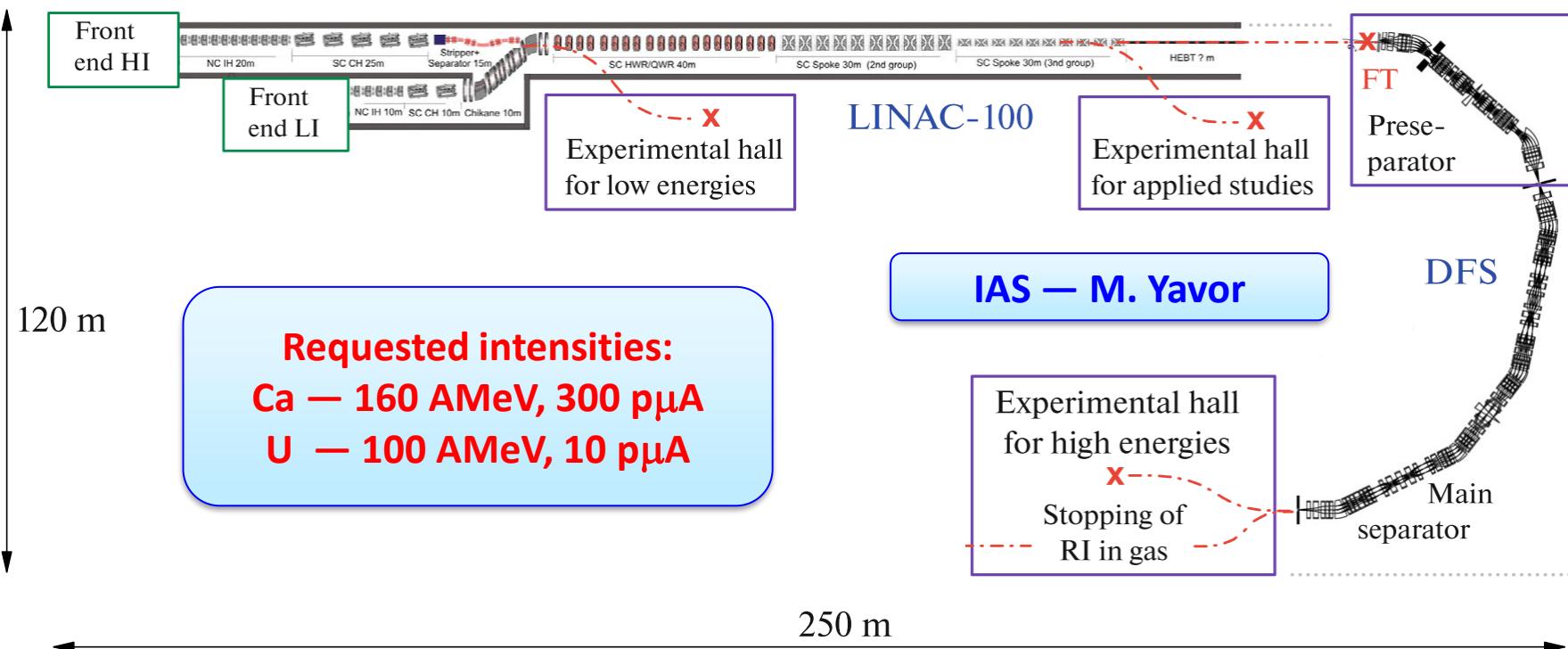
High-intensity universal superconducting  
CW heavy-ion accelerator LINAC-100

Room-temperature fragment  
separator DFS for high-intensity  
primary beams

ITEPh — T.Kulevoy

MEPhI — S.Polozov

???



# Empty “ecological niche” in modern low-energy nuclear physics

**Underdeveloped field:  
storage ring physics with RIBs**

**Empty field: studies of RIBs  
in electron-RIB collider**

**RIB storage ring**

Isochronous mass spectrometry

Precision reaction studies on internal gas jet target

Atomic physics studies with striped ions

Radioactivity studies with striped ions

**Studies of electromagnetic formfactors of exotic nuclei in e-RIB collider**

**electron storage ring**

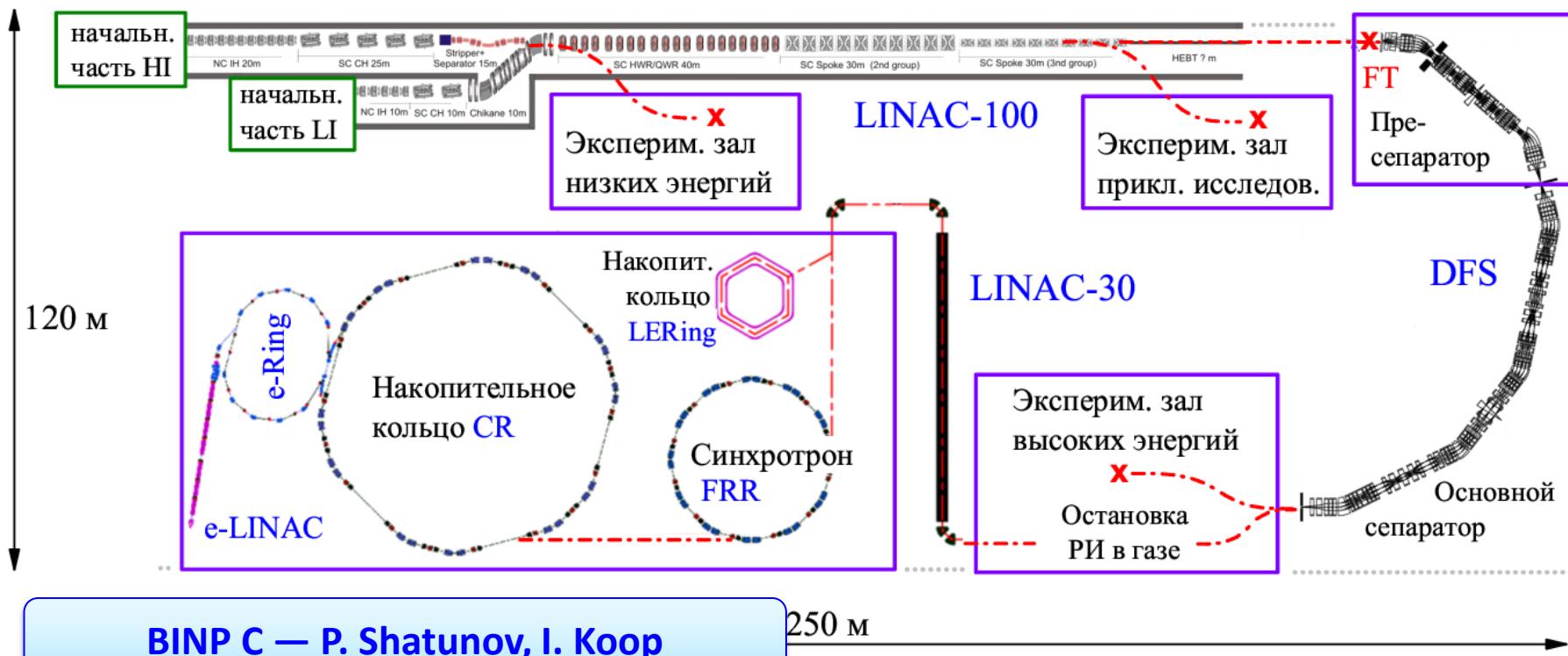
Etc....

# DERICA — Dubna Electron Radioactive Ion Collider fAcility

Facility with world-unique scientific program

Underdeveloped field:  
storage ring physics with RIBs

Empty field: studies of RIBs  
in electron-RIB collider



## Научная программа

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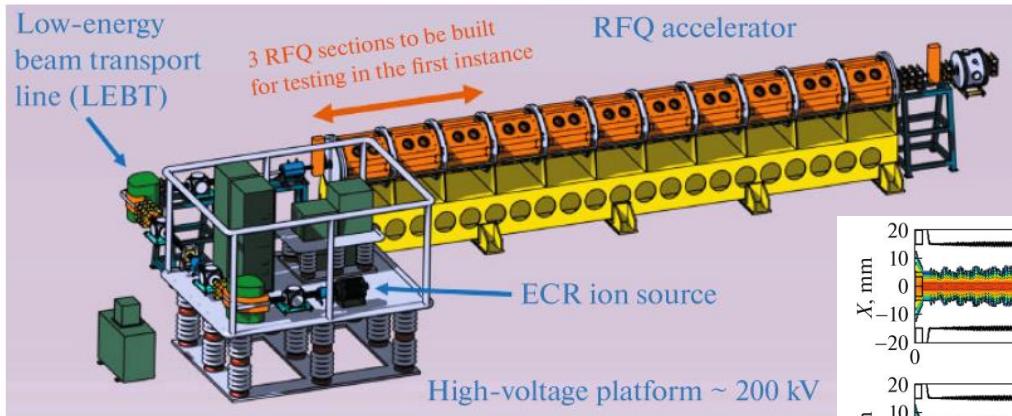
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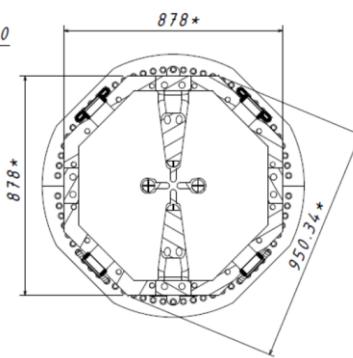
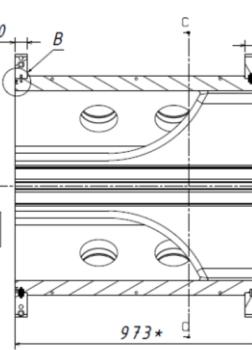
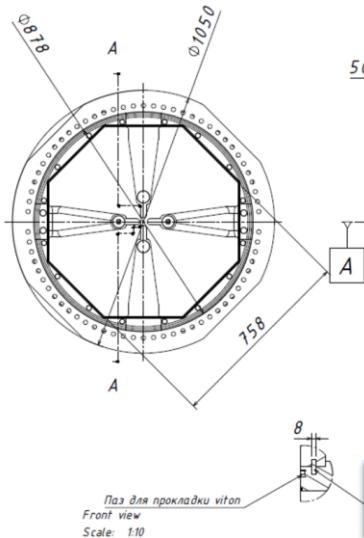
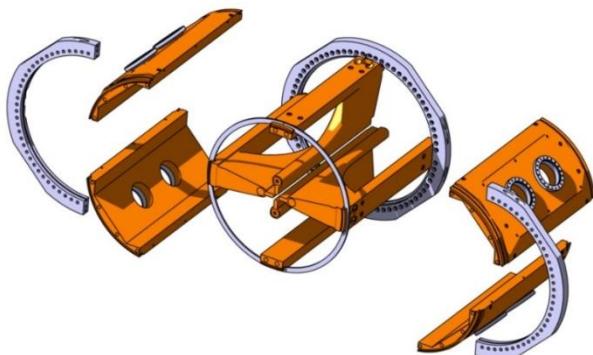
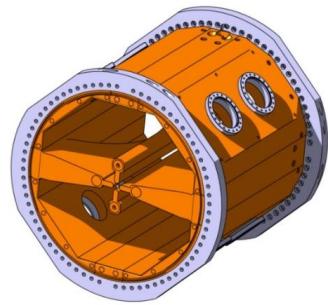
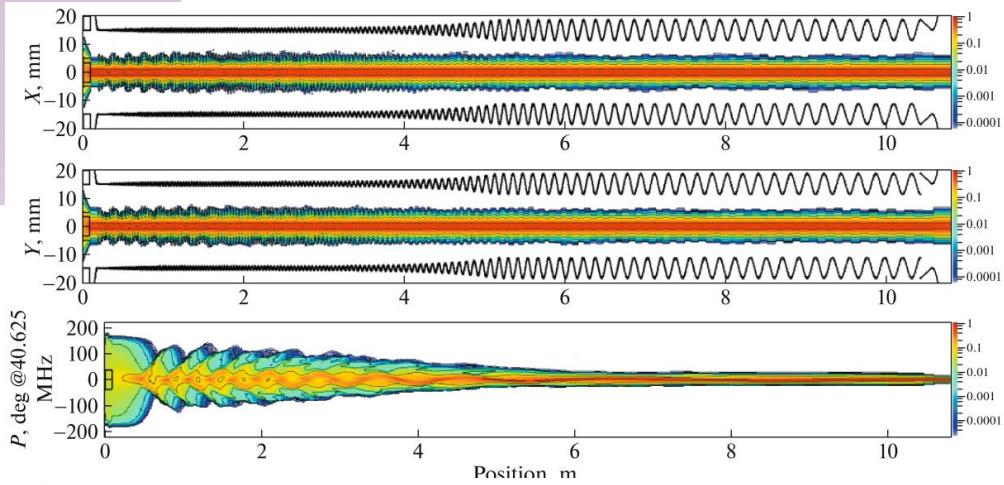
# Front end LINAC-100



## Challenges of LINAC-100 front end

- Ca beam  $\sim 3$  emA, U beam  $\sim 1$  emA
- Practically “lossless” RFQ operation

Design: T.V. Kulevoy,  
G.N. Kropachev,  
ITEPh, Moscow



Production, VNIITF, Snezhinsk (?)

# Superconductivity at LINAC-100



Design: S.M. Polozov, MEPhI

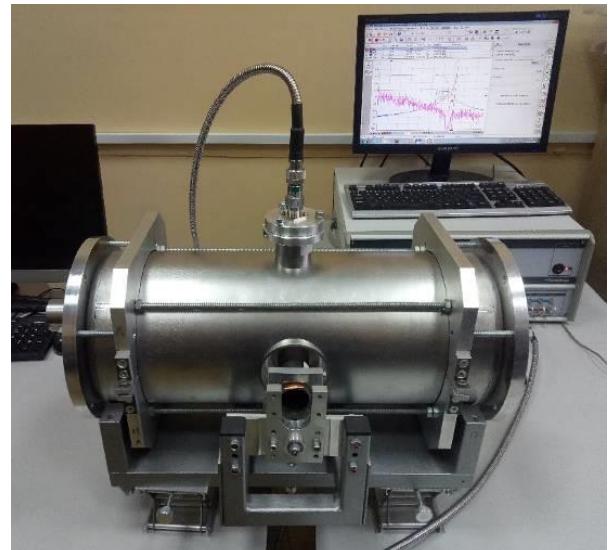


## Challenges of LINAC-100 design

- Half-wave prototypes exist
- Quarter-wave prototypes to be built within 3 years
- Beam dynamics
  - One or two front ends
  - Ca beam  $\sim 3$  emA  $\sim 300$  p $\mu$ A 1500 kW beam
  - U beam  $\sim 1$  emA  $\sim 10$  p $\mu$ A 200 kW beam
  - Lossless operation

“Recovery” of RF superconductivity technology in Russia

Production: V.G. Zelesski,  
FTI NAB, Minsk



# DFS

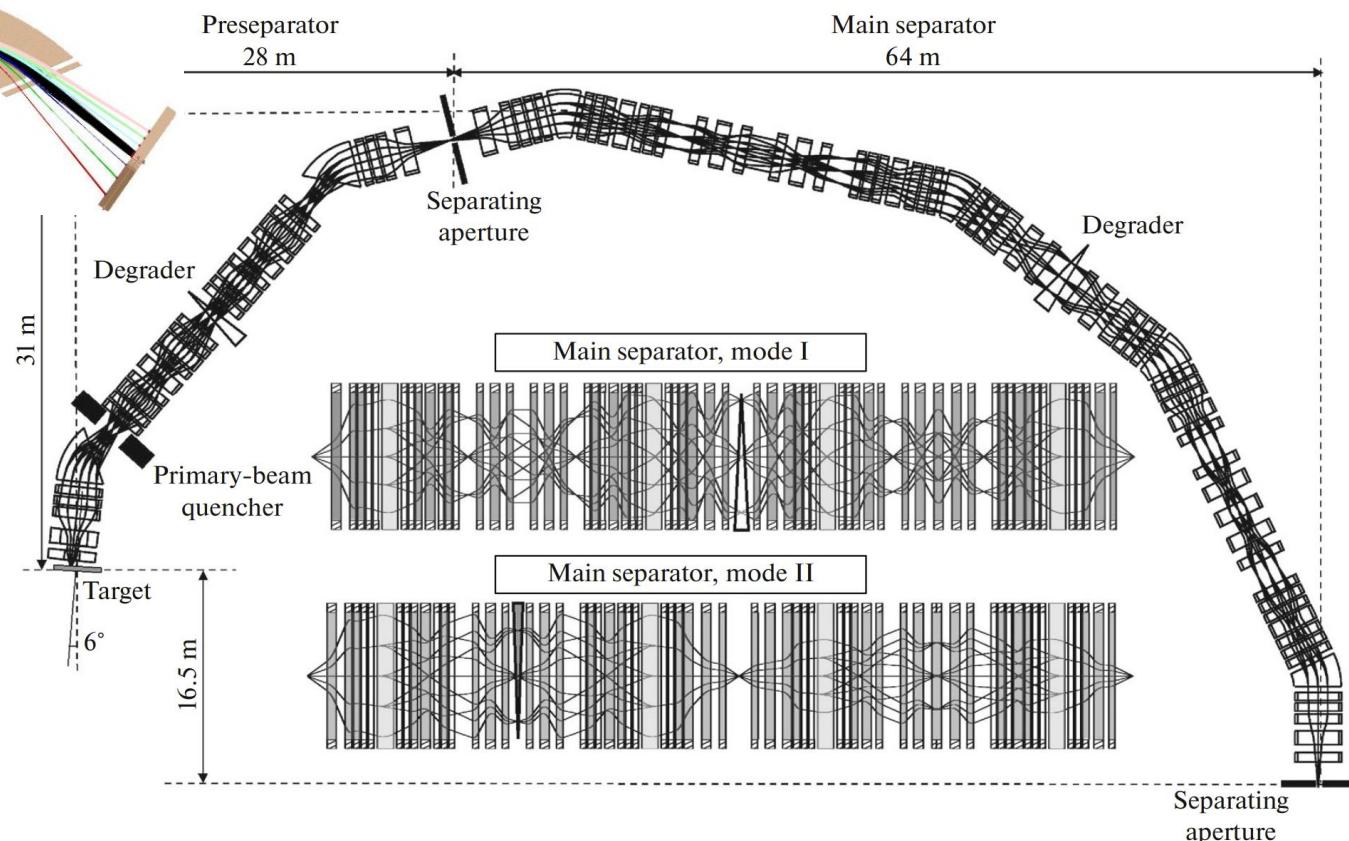
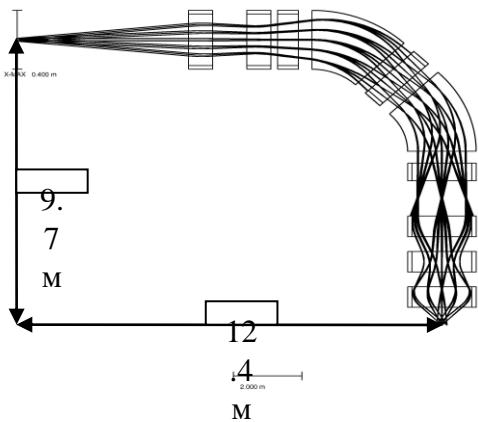
Design: M.I. Yavor,  
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Beam dump problem

## Challenges of DERICA fragment separator

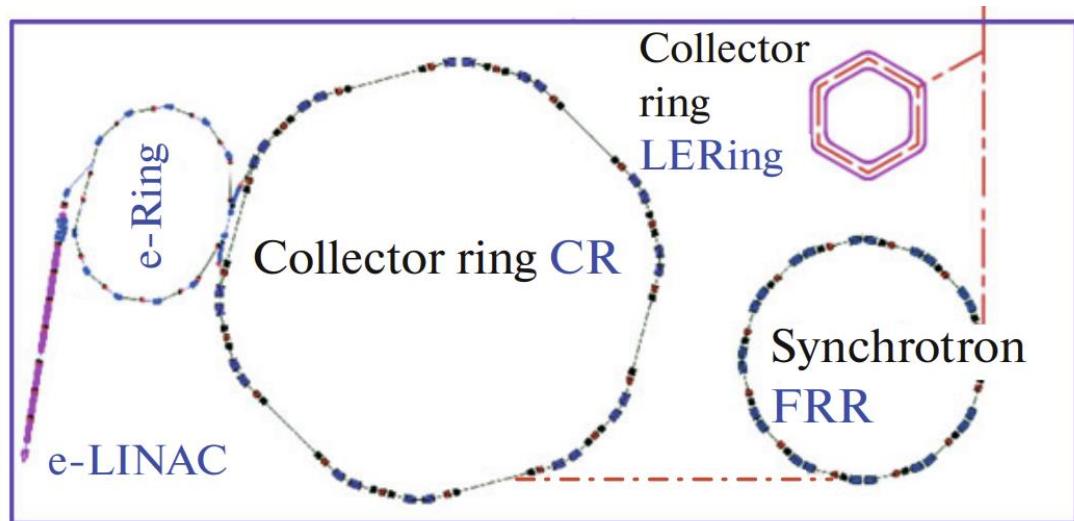
- Not well investigated energy range – 100-160 AMeV
- Room-temperature design requested
- Momentum acceptance is  $\Delta P/P = \pm 3\%$  (FWHM)
- Resolution is  $P/\Delta P = 1500-3000$
- Ca beam  $\sim 3$  emA  $\sim 300$  p $\mu$ A 1500 kW beam
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Low-energy buncher  
for ISOL program



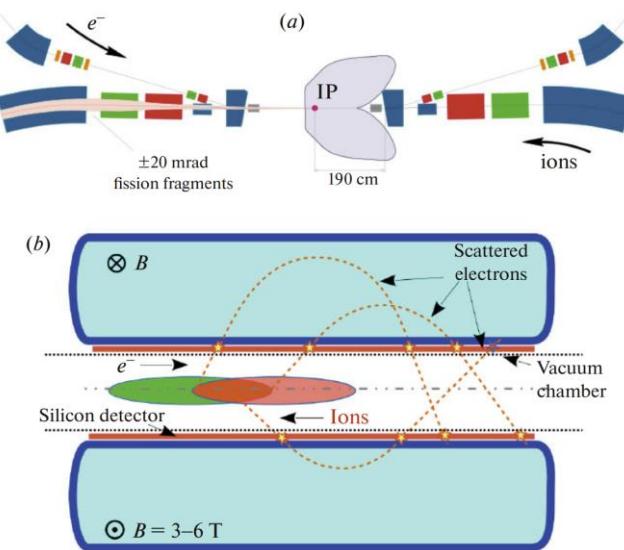
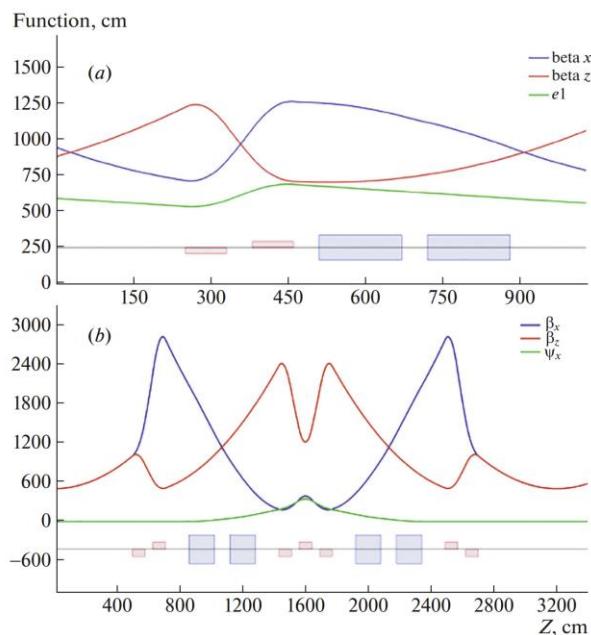
# Ring branch design

Design: P.Yu. Shatunov,  
I.A. Koop, BINP, Novosibirsk



**Challenges of DERICA ring branch**

- 3-4 rings of different types
- Three ion storage rings are to be equipped with electron cooling system
- Novel developments for electron spectrometer may make scientific objectives of the DERICA project easier to achieve



# Conclusion

The ACCULINNA-2 facility provides the world-leading opportunities in its domain – direct reactions with light exotic nuclei at 20-50 AMeV

The new results, possibly resolving the puzzle of the «superheavy» hydrogen isotopes  $^6\text{H}$  and  $^7\text{H}$ , were obtained during the first experimental campaign in 2018-2020

ACCULINNA-2 continues scientific operation in the beginning 2023, after U-400M upgrade. New «massive» instruments will become available in the ACCULINNA-2 experimental area including unique tritium cryogenic target complex

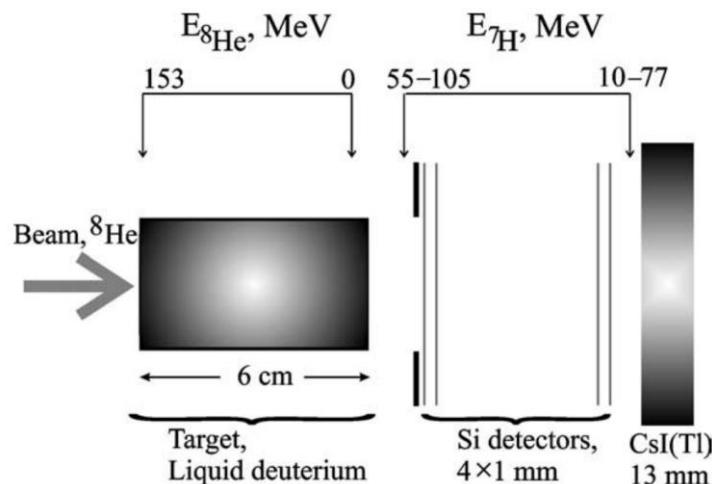
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# Backup

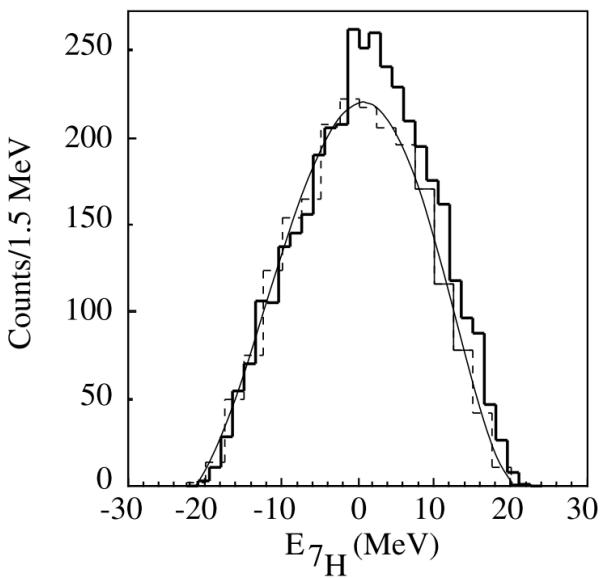
# 40-year-long quest for ${}^7\text{H}$

It could be quite amusing that such a “fundamental” nuclide was left unexplored for such a long period of time

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# More recent data on $^7\text{H}$



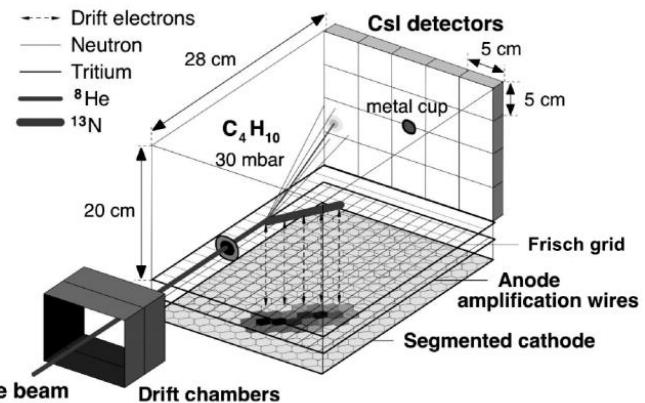
A. A. Korsheninnikov, PRL 90, 082501 (2003).

$\text{p}(^8\text{He}, 2\text{p})^7\text{H}$

- Missing mass only  $\rightarrow$  90% of background
- Many events with negative MM energy
- 1.9 MeV MM resolution

Declaration:

there is something at the threshold



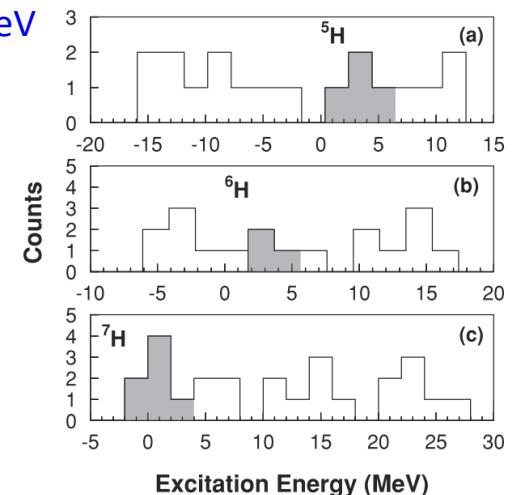
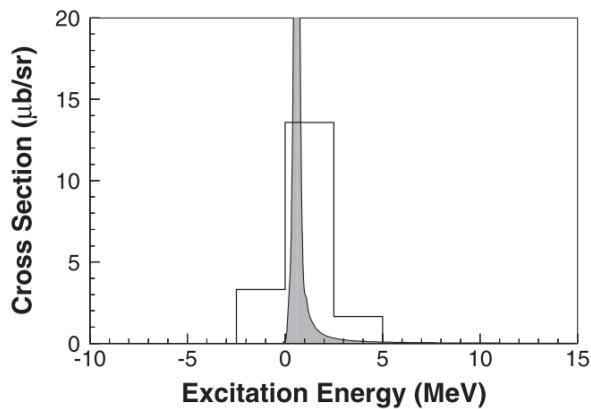
M. Caamano et al.,  
PRL 99, 062502 (2007);  
PRC 78, 044001 (2008).

$^{12}\text{C}(^8\text{He}, ^{13}\text{N})^7\text{H}$

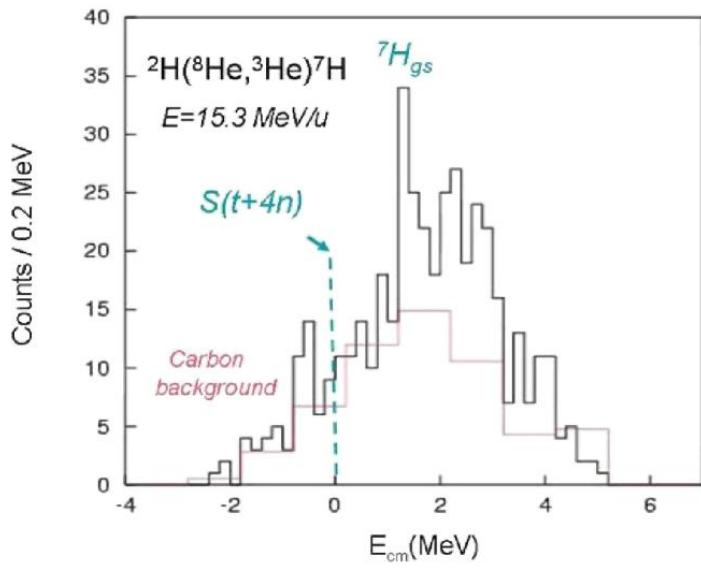
- Mixed material active target
- Missing mass with  $^3\text{H}$  coincidences
- No channel identification:  $^5\text{H}$ ,  $^6\text{H}$ , or  $^7\text{H}$

Declaration:

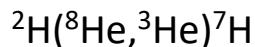
$E_T = 0.3\text{-}1 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\Gamma = 0.09\text{-}1 \text{ MeV}$



# More recent data on $^7\text{H}$

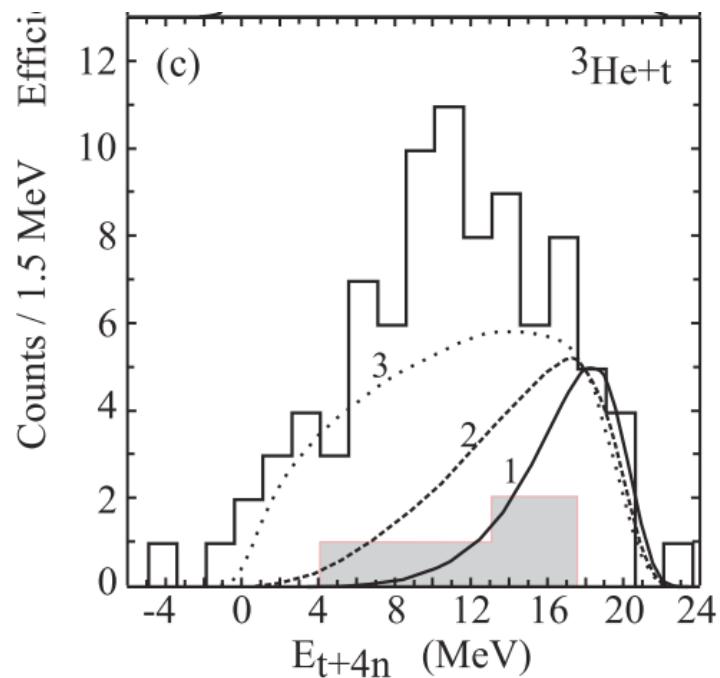


S. Fortier et al., AIP CP 912, 3 (2007)

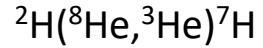


- Missing mass only  $\rightarrow$  70% of background
- Many events with negative MM energy
- Low energy cutoff ( $E_T < 5 \text{ MeV}$ )

Declaration: in this experiment there  
should be a peak at about  $E_T = 2 \text{ MeV}$  in  
any case



E. Y. Nikolskii et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 064606 (2010).

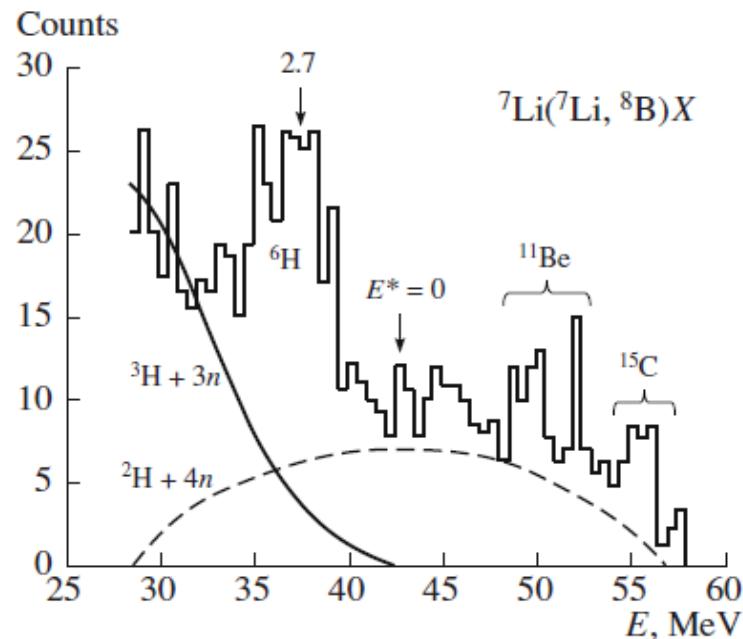


- Missing mass with 3H coincidences
  - Some events with negative MM energy
  - 1.7 MeV MM resolution
- Declaration: there is something at  $E_T = 2 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
and maybe a resonant state at  $E_T = 11 \text{ MeV}$ ,

# Available information on ${}^6\text{H}$

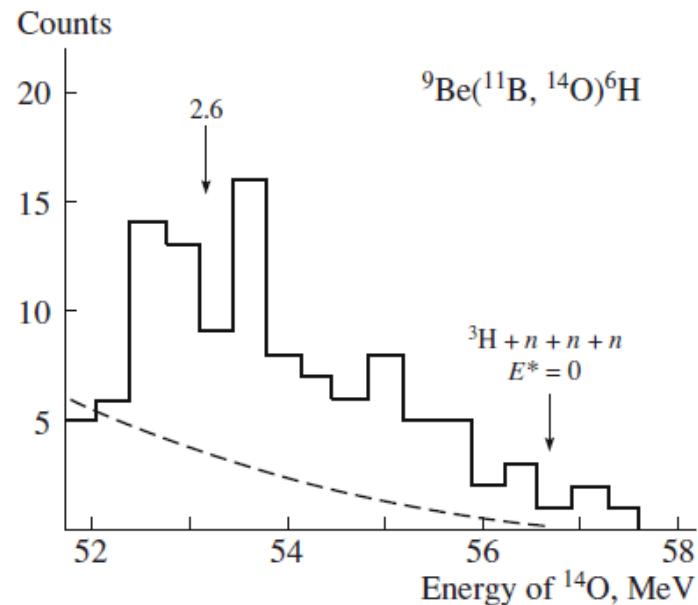
- D. Aleksandrov *et al.*,  
Yad. Fiz. 39 (1984) 513.

${}^7\text{Li}({}^7\text{Li}, {}^8\text{B}) {}^6\text{H}$   $E_T = 2.7(4)$  MeV



- A. Belozyorov *et al.*,  
Nuclear Physics A 460 (1986) 352.

${}^9\text{Be}({}^{11}\text{B}, {}^{14}\text{O}) {}^6\text{H}$   $E_T = 2.6(5)$  MeV

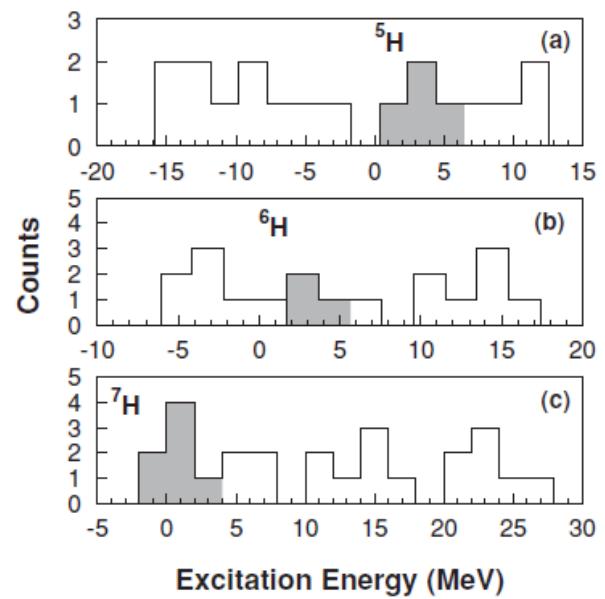
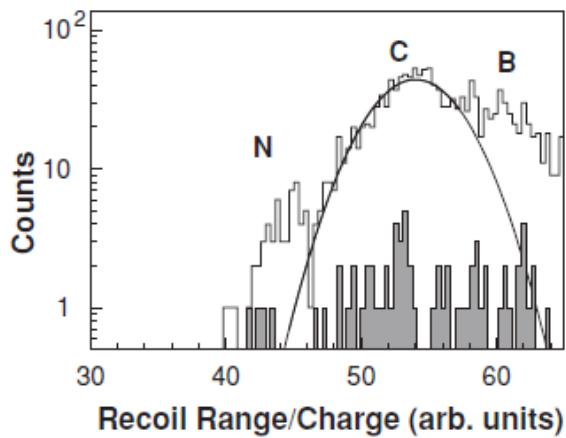


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- Caamano et al.,  
PRL 99, 062502 (2007);  
PRC 78, 044001 (2008).

${}^{12}\text{C}({}^8\text{He}, {}^{13}\text{N}){}^7\text{H}$

$E_T = 2.7(5)$  MeV



- Y. Gurov et al., The EPJ A 32, 261 (2007).

${}^9\text{Be}(\pi^-, \text{p d}){}^6\text{H}$

Reaction channel			
${}^9\text{Be}(\pi^-, \text{pd}){}^6\text{H}$		${}^{11}\text{B}(\pi^-, \text{p}^4\text{He}){}^6\text{H}$	
$E_r$	$\Gamma$	$E_r$	$\Gamma$
$6.6 \pm 0.7$	$5.5 \pm 2.0$	$7.3 \pm 1.0$	$5.8 \pm 2.0$
$10.7 \pm 0.7$	$4 \pm 2$	–	–
$15.3 \pm 0.7$	$3 \pm 2$	$14.5 \pm 1.0$	$5.5 \pm 2.0$
$21.3 \pm 0.4$	$3.5 \pm 1.0$	$22.0 \pm 1.0$	$5.5 \pm 2.0$

