

Physics cases around shell closures with cryogenic targets



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Shell structure: a quantitative description ?

On Closed Shells in Nuclei. II

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Thanks are due to Enrico Fermi for the remark, "Is there any indication of spin-orbit coupling?" which was the origin of this paper.

J. Duflo et A. P. Zuker, Phys. Rev. C 59, R2347 (1999)

Extruder-Intruder shell gaps

PHYSICAL REVIEW

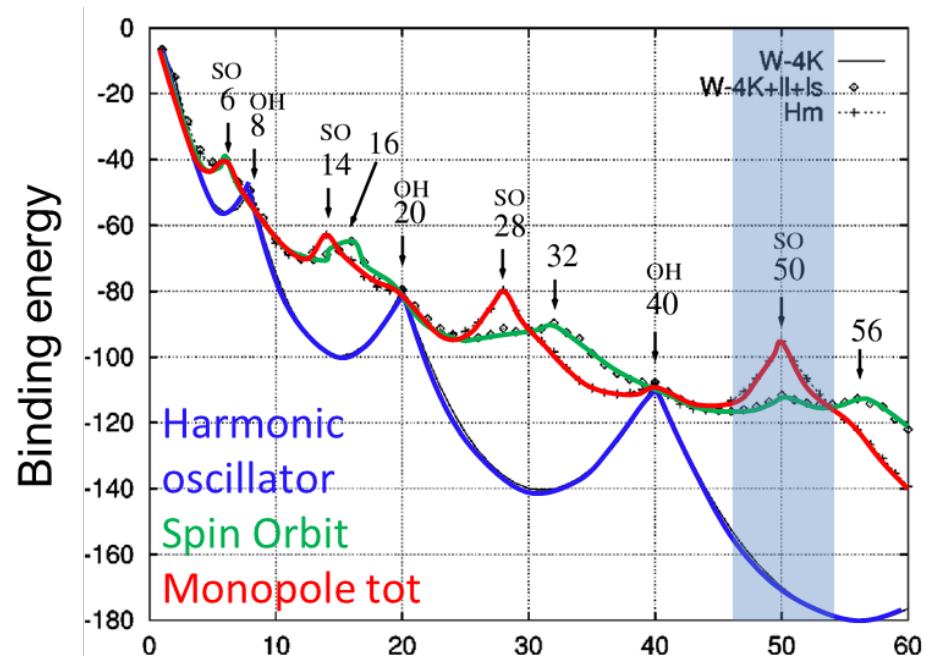
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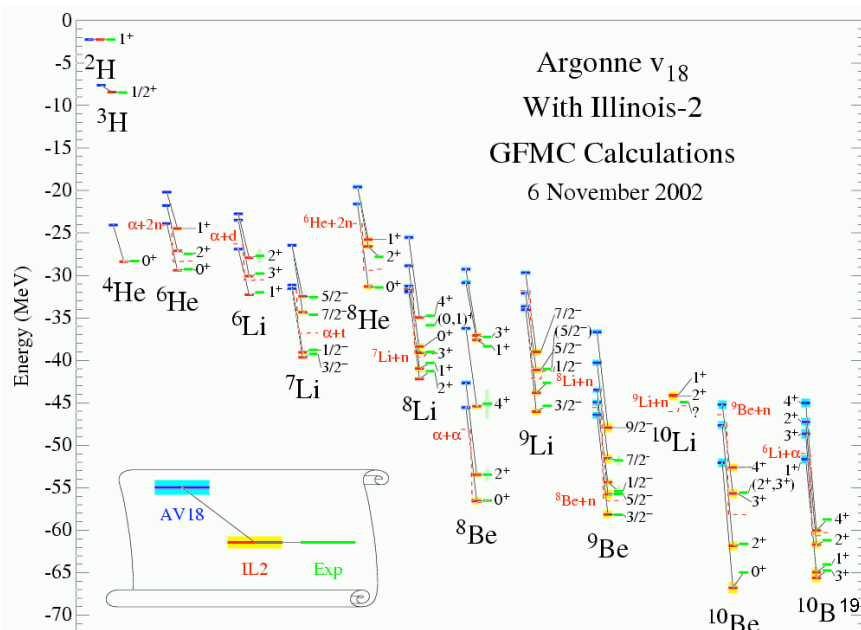
Nuclear Configurations in the Spin-Orbit Coupling Model. I. Empirical Evidence

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There is no adequate theoretical reason for the large observed value of the spin orbit coupling. The Thomas



Maybe three-body forces ? Maybe unbinding of upper shells ?



Phys. Rev. Lett. **89**, 182501 (2002)

3-body generating SO gaps:

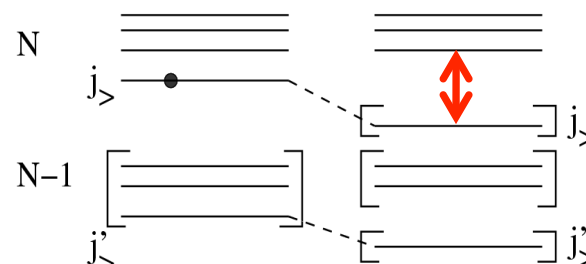
- N=14 in oxygen
- N=28 in calcium

T. Otsuka et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 012501 (2010),

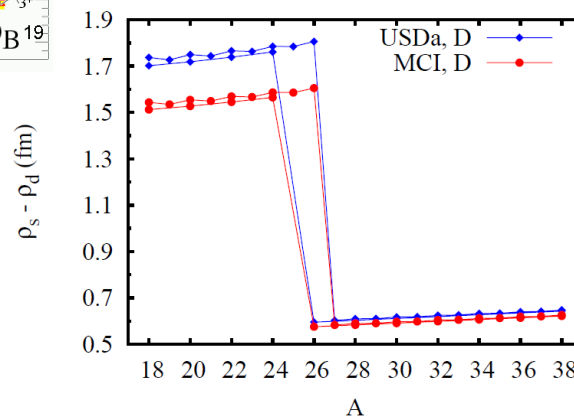
J. D. Holt et al. arXiv :1009.5984v3 [nucl-th] (2012)

3-body interactions produce “naturally”
overbinding of large j shell

Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 042502 (2003)



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Or maybe is
the unbinding
of the higher-
lying shells
creating the
gap ?

Can we measure shell gaps ? N=50 case

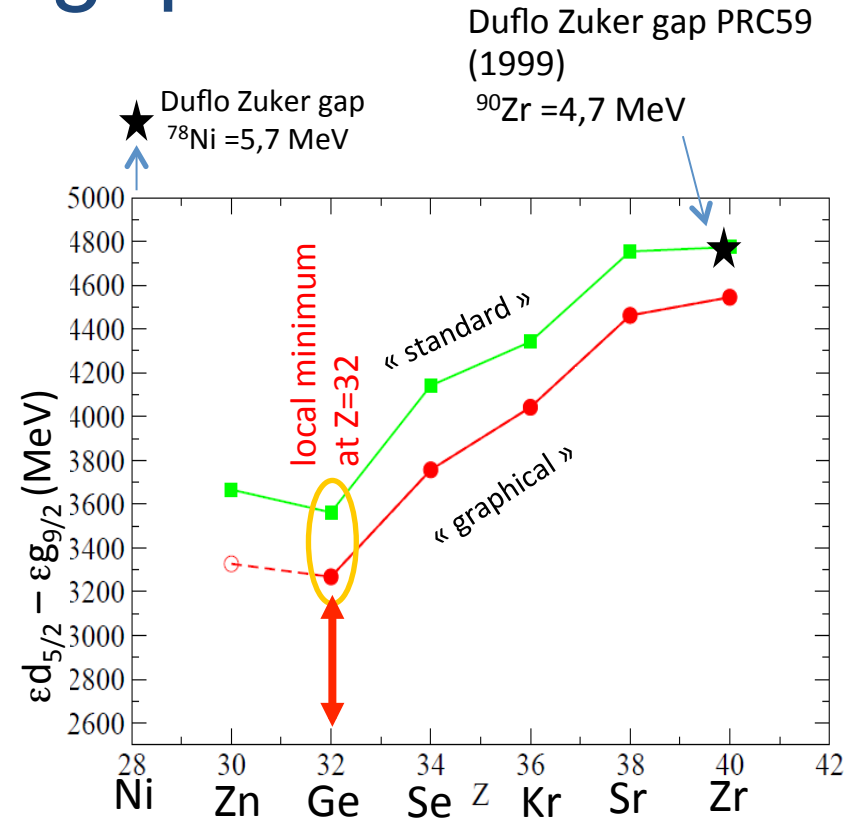
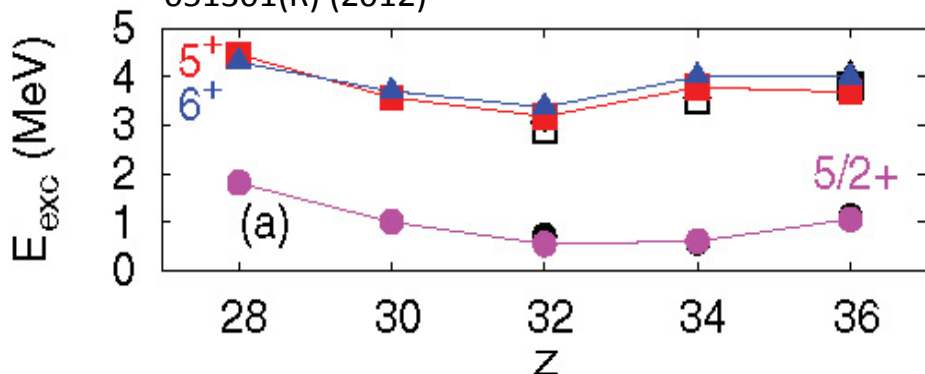
Shell-gap from masses

Reduction of the N=50 spherical gap from N=51 isotones mass ?

M.-G. Porquet and O. Sorlin, Phys. Rev. C 85, 014307 (2012)

Shell-gap from spectroscopy

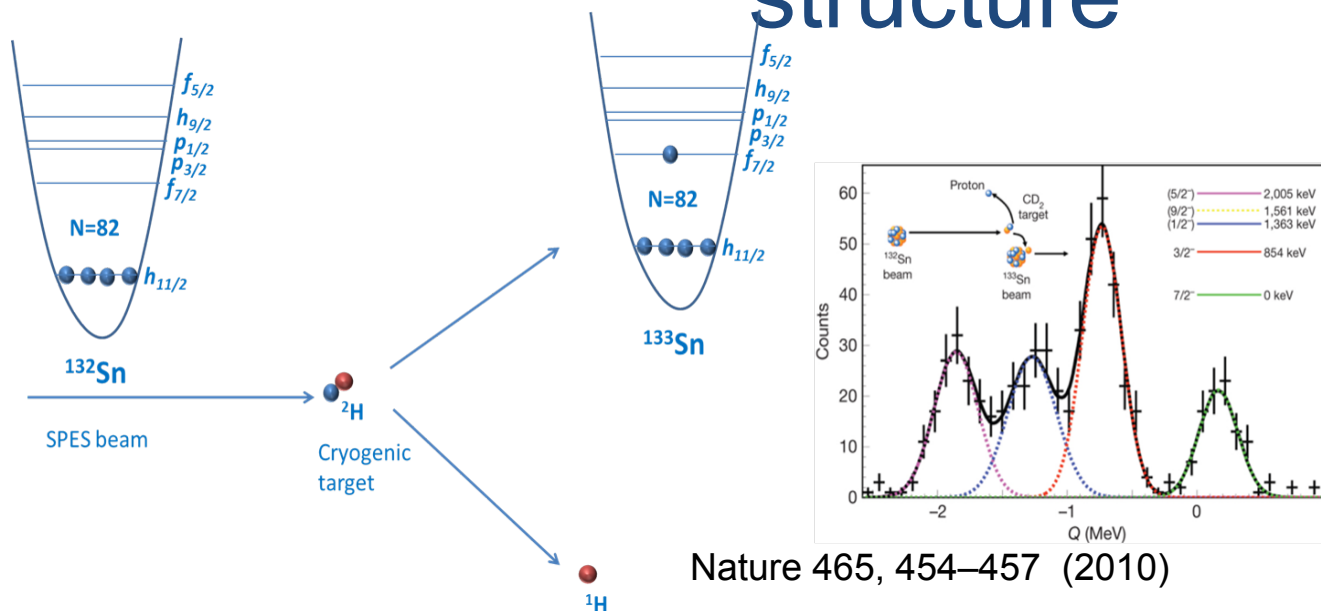
K. Sieja et F. Nowacki, Phys. Rev. C 85, 051301(R) (2012)



p-h states across N=50 in N=49 and N=50 isotones: minimum at Z=32

CONSTANT GAP

Single-nucleon transfer as a probe of shell structure



One-nucleon transfer populates mainly single-particle states

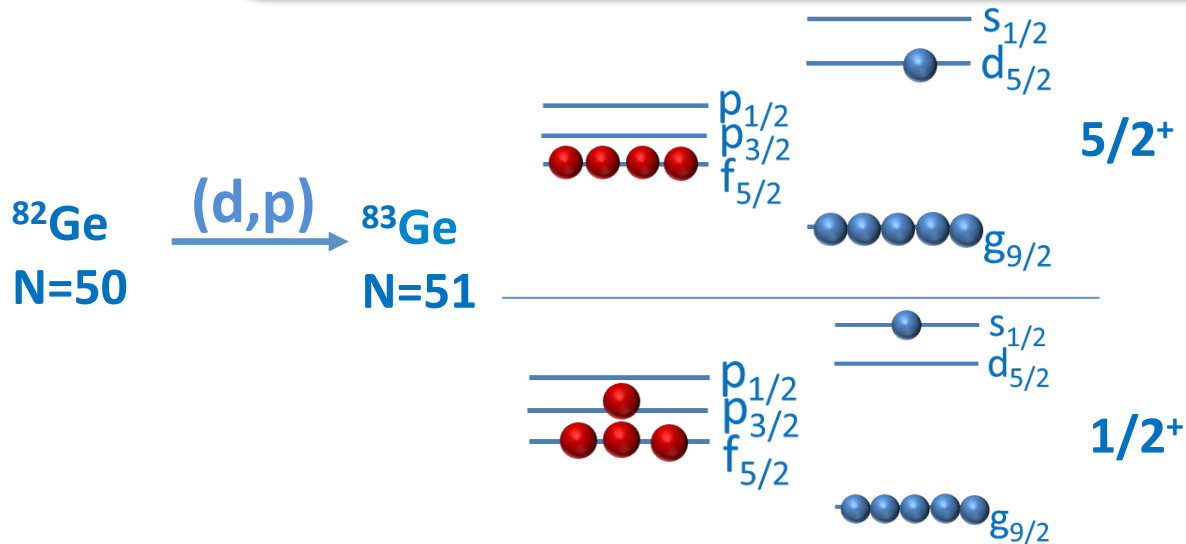
Caveat: SF NOT an observable, many fragments

- SF are defined within a model: different models may yield different SF for same wave functions (Phys. Rev. C 92, 034313 (2015))
- Need of measuring small fragments of the force (what if unbound ?)
- Need of probing both particles and holes to get an idea of ESPE

Single vs. collective states after transfer

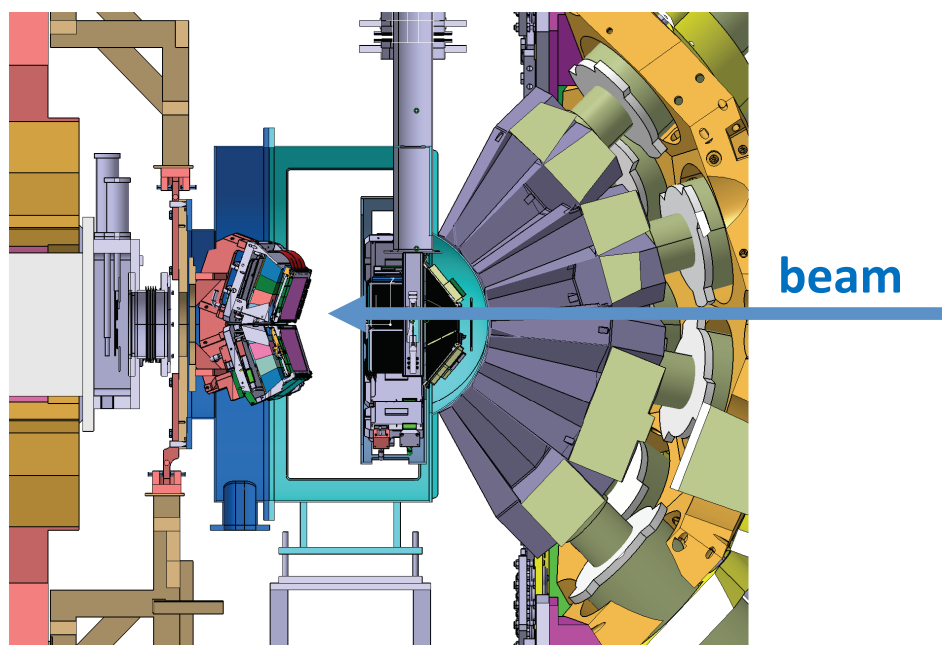
Always single-particle states?

- When adding/stripping one/two nucleons, the other fluid may also change due to isovector polarizability
- Ex: changing proton wave function in a (d,p) reaction
- Consequences on cross section estimation, hence SF extraction



One-neutron transfer causes a shift in proton occupation numbers

Targets for radioactive beams



Cryogenic targets

- Compact targets (thickness few mm, cold finger penetrating in the chamber)
- Thick targets ($\sim \text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$)

At the same time: - **high-resolution γ -ray spectroscopy** with high efficiency (10-20%): energy, angular distribution, polarity, lifetimes (?)

- **light ejectile spectroscopy** (p,d,t, ^3He , α): ℓ transferred

- **heavy ion spectroscopy**: contamination, thickness control, ℓ transferred, invariant mass for unbound states

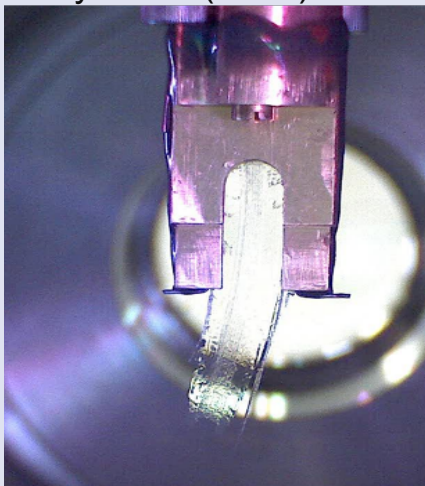
Cryogenic targets

Gel-like targets: CHyMENE

Cryogenic target that extrudes a solid state paste for ^1H and ^2H

- Thickness: several 10^{20} atoms/cm 2
- No windows needed
- Impossible for ^3H (radioprotection)

Eur. Phys. J. A (2013) 49: 155

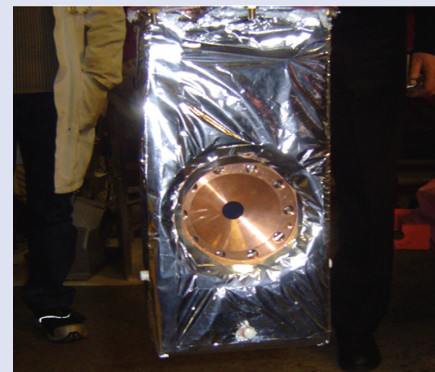


Cryogenic gas: $^3,^4\text{He}$

Cryogenic target in the gas phase but at low temperature: high density

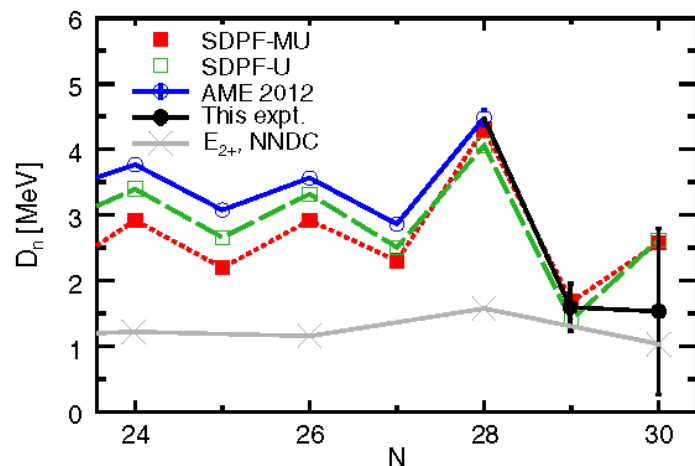
gas for ^3He and ^4He

- Thickness: 1-2 mg/cm 2 , several 10^{20} atoms/cm 2
- windows needed: secondary reactions, energy straggling
- ^3He very expensive



Physics case along N=28 (I)

Neutron observables understood

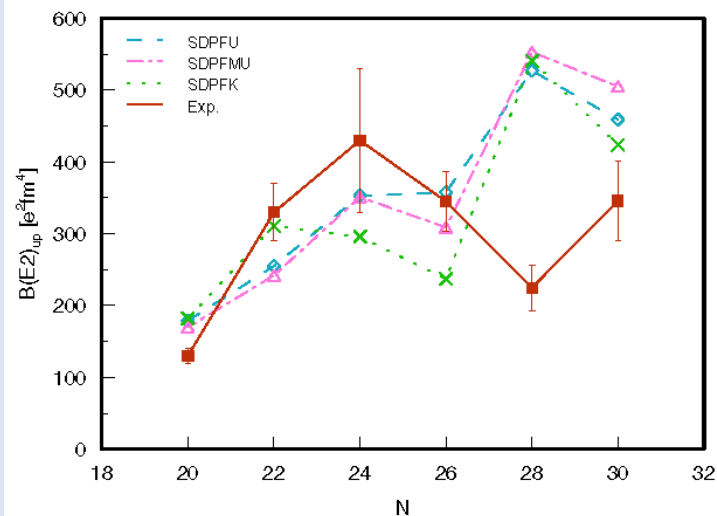


Excellent theory for neutron-space related quantities:

- confirming N=28 shell closure in ^{46}Ar
- SDPF interaction describes valance-core neutrons interaction very well

Z. Meisel et al. PRL 114, 022501 (2015)

Large discrepancy in B(E2)



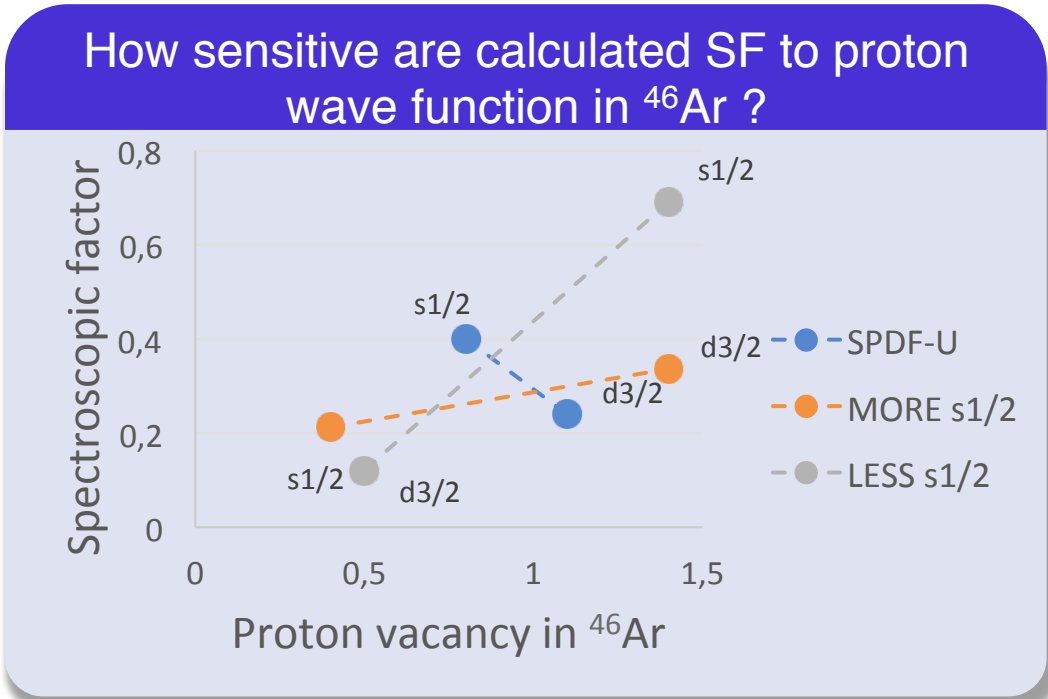
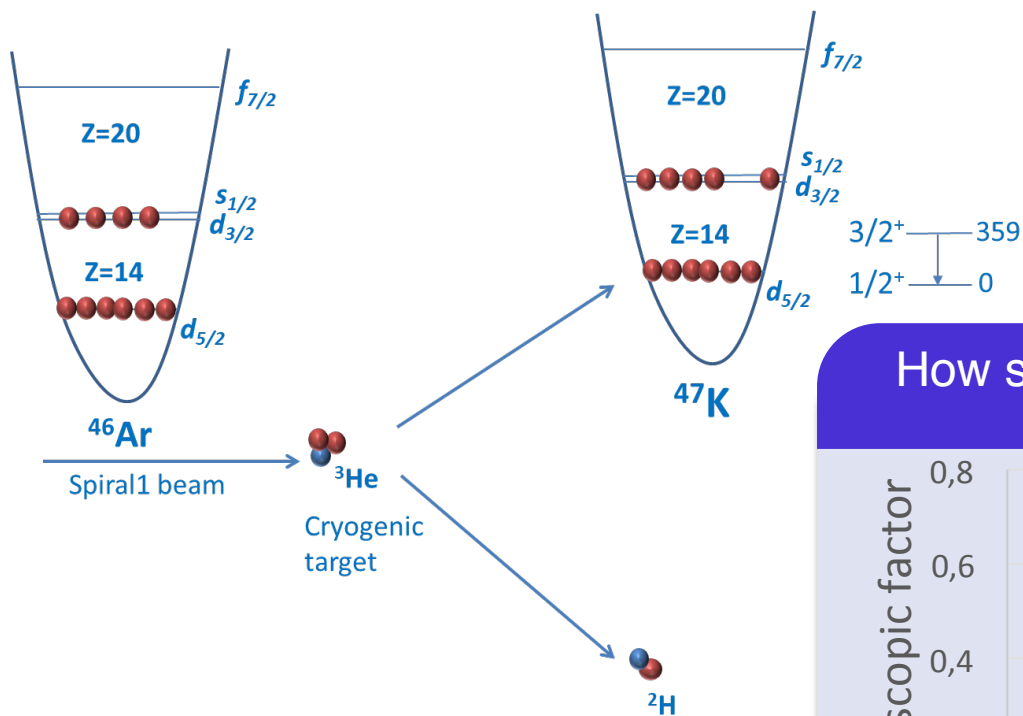
Large discrepancy with the measured B(E2) value at N=28:

problem with the proton E2 contribution ?

A. Gade et al., PRC 68, 014302 (2003)

S. Calinescu et al., PRC 93, 044333 (2016)

$^{46}\text{Ar}({}^3\text{He},d){}^{47}\text{K}$ proton pick-up reaction

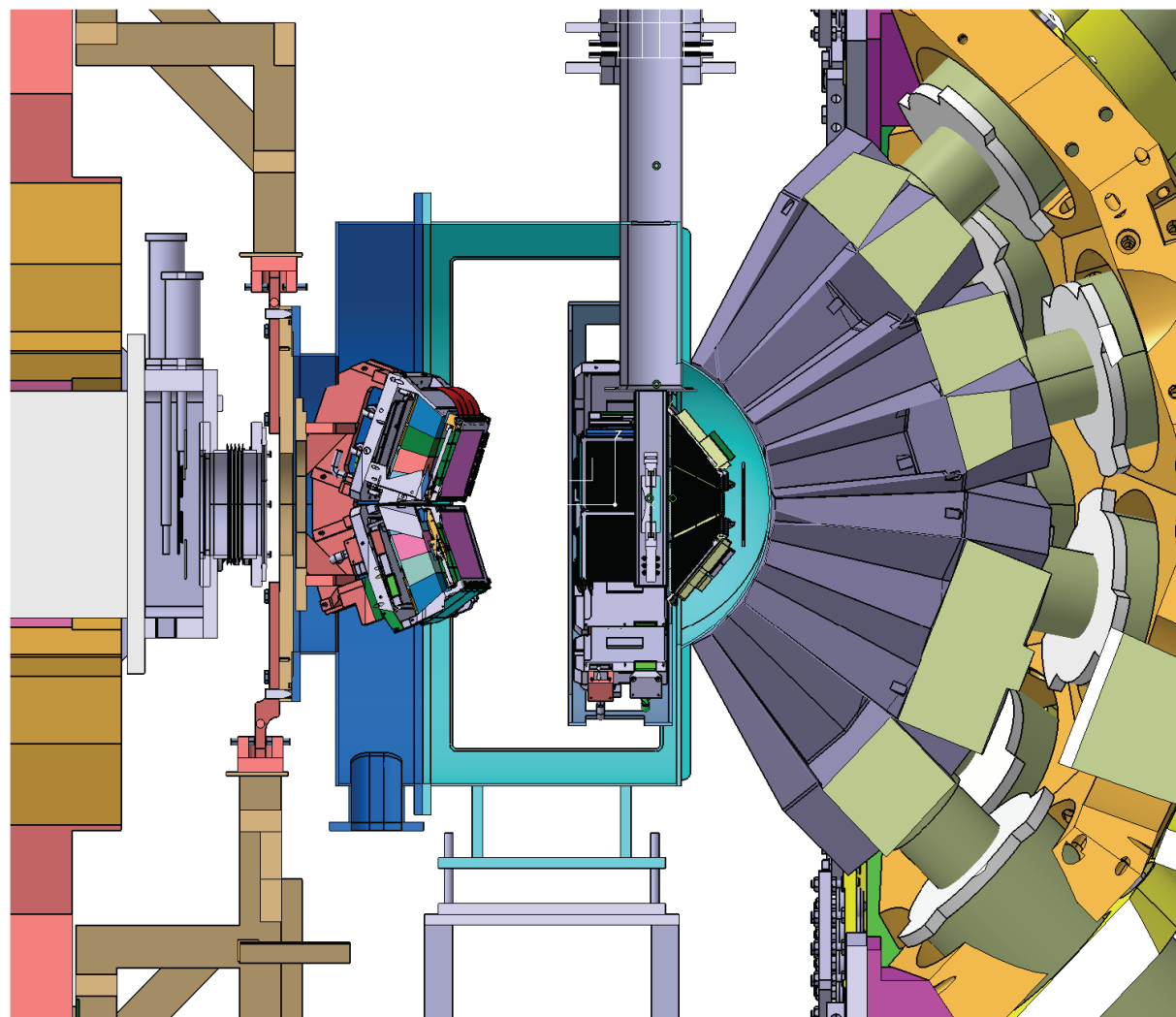


Significant dependence of spectroscopic factors from occupation numbers !

Experimental setup

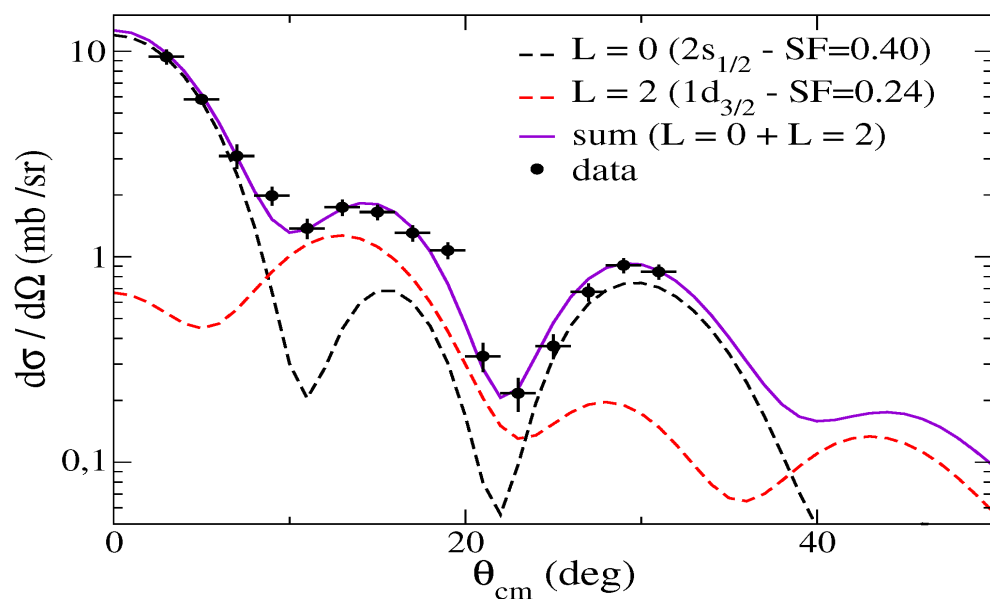
Setup

- ^{46}Ar beam: $2 \cdot 10^4$ pps @10 MeV/u (SPIRAL 1)
- Cryogenic ^3He target: 3 mm-thick, $T=8$ K, $P=1$ atm MUGAST for deuterons detection
- AGATA for γ -ray spectroscopy
- VAMOS for helping in identification and spectra cleaning



Calculations of cross section with DWBA theory

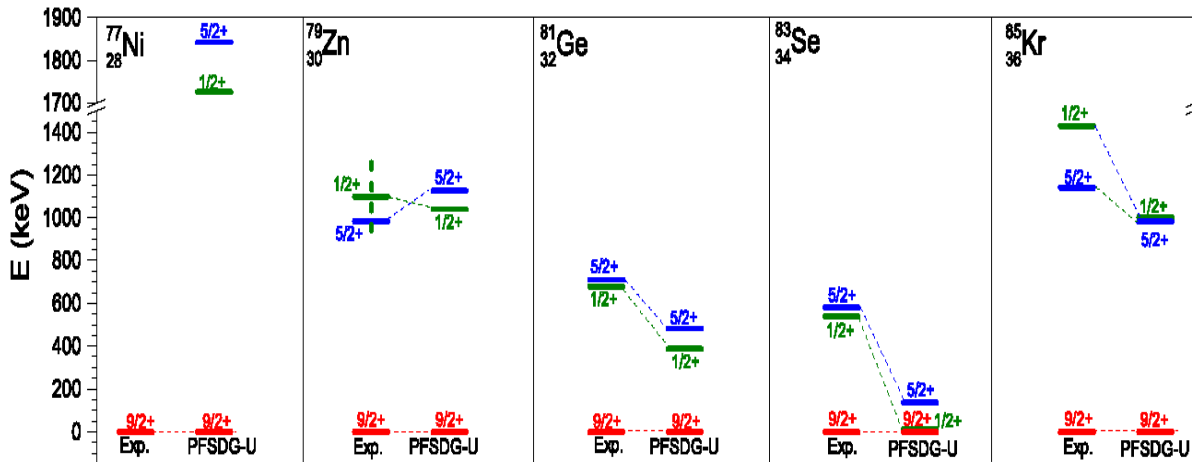
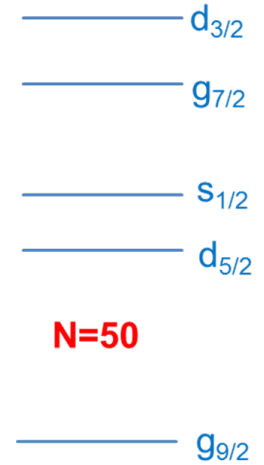
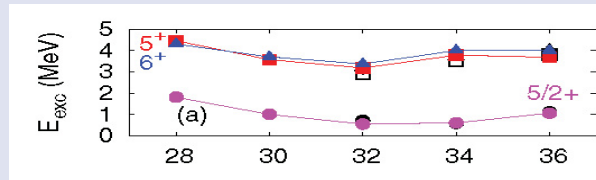
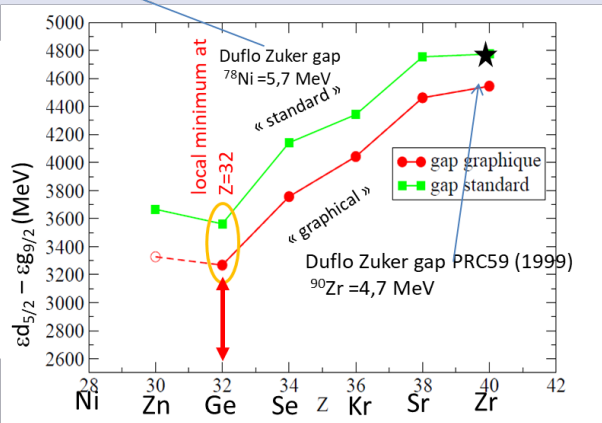
State in ^{46}Ar	Cross sections (mb)	Normalized SF	Deuterons/week	Deuterons- γ /week
$1/2^+$	2.5	0.4	1100	-
$3/2^+$	2.7	0.2	640	70



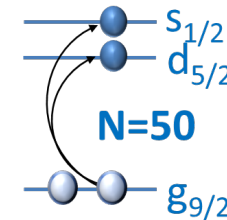
Fit on simulated curves:
statistical errors < 10% on
measured cross sections

Physics around N=50 (I)

N=50 gap has a parabolic behaviour



C. Wraith et al., Physics Letters B 771 (2017) 385–391



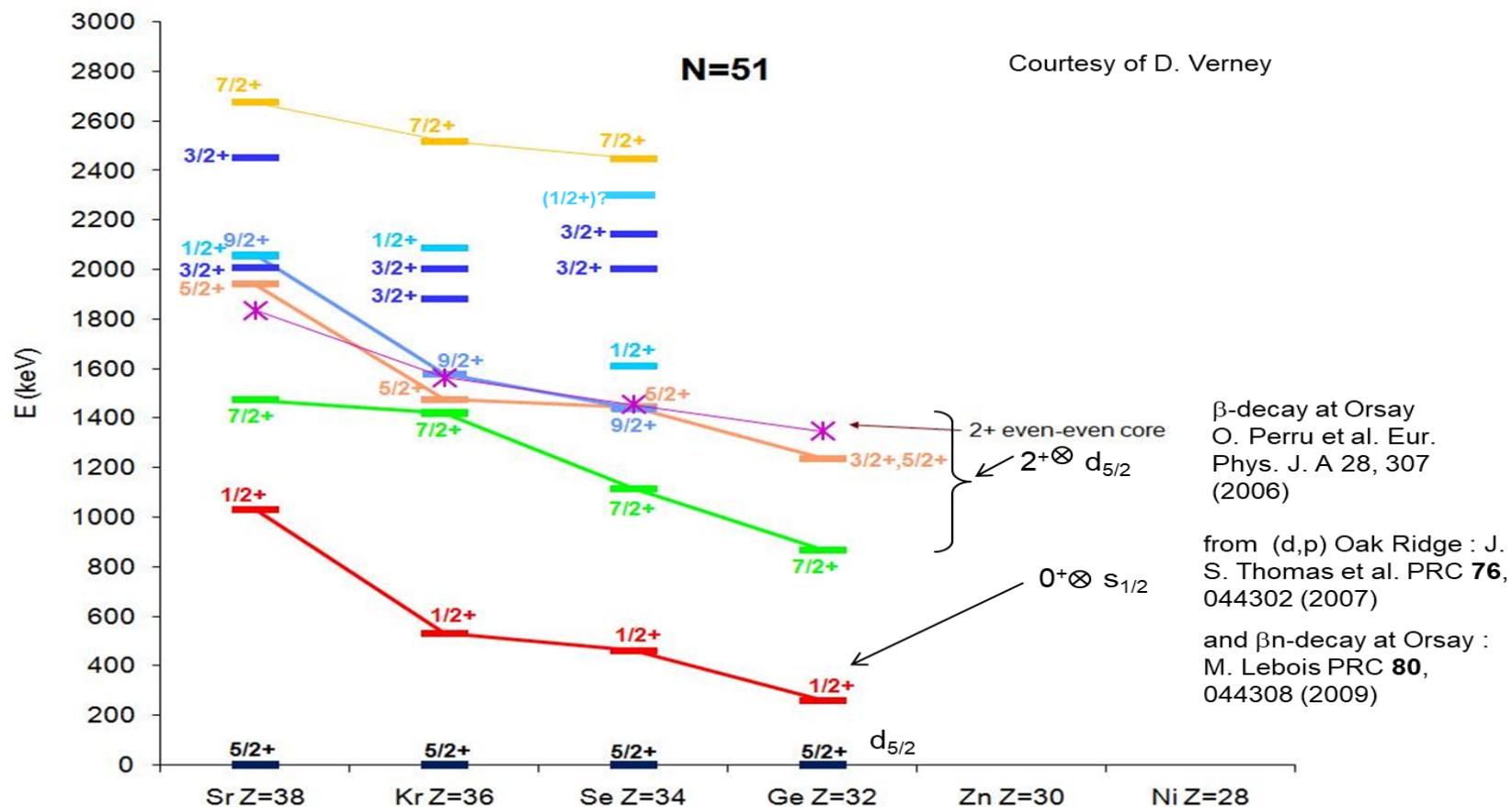
Intruder states (1p-2h) in N=49 states:

- Minimum at Z=34
- Inversion $1/2^+ - 5/2^+$
- Pure $s_{1/2}$ wave function ?

Physics around N=50 (II)

Rapid decreasing of $s_{1/2}$ ESPE: continuum coupling ?

$g_{7/2}$ behaviour: tensor force effects ?

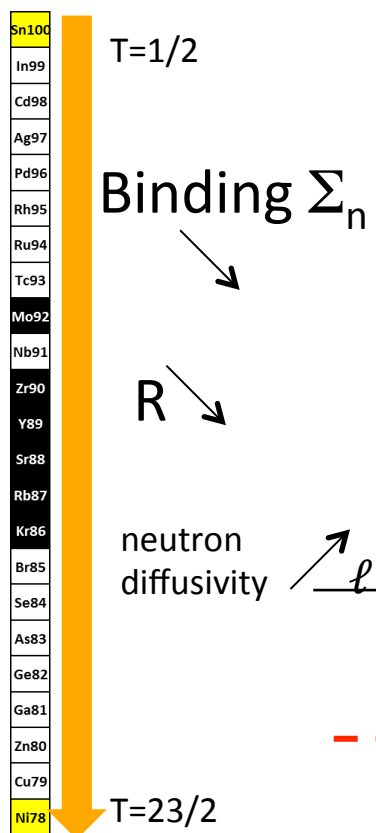


Physics around N=50 (III)



C. Delafosse et al., PRL 121,192502 (2018)

$$\Delta \downarrow PSO = (\epsilon \downarrow j < -\epsilon \downarrow j >) / [\hbar \omega (2l + 1)]$$



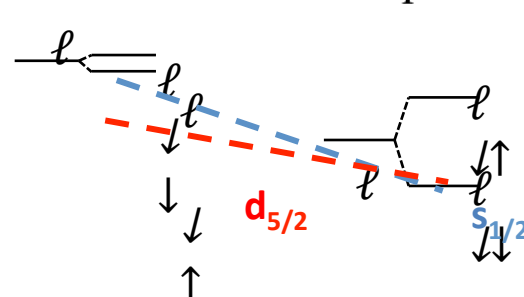
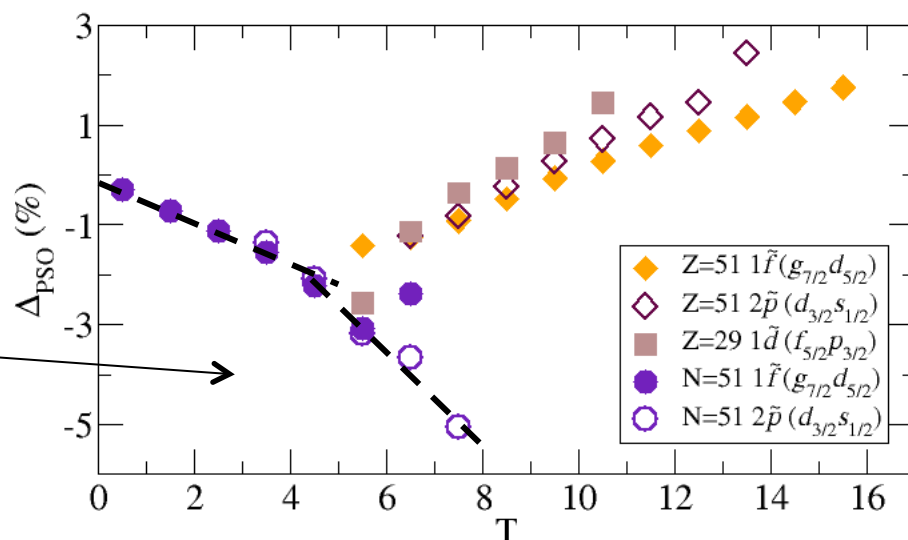
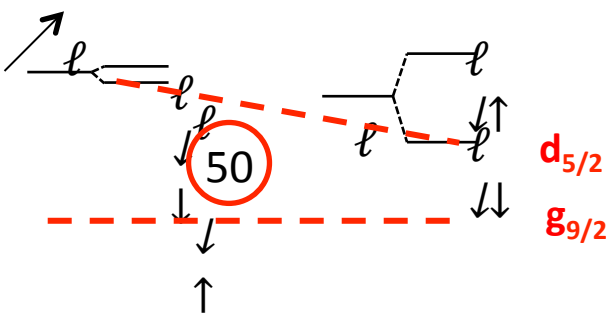
ρ meson interaction,
in neutron rich nuclei :

- repulsive for the neutrons
- attractive for the protons

$$V = V_\omega + V_\rho = V_\omega \pm \frac{g_\rho}{2} \rho_0$$

neutron skin formation ?

neutron diffusivity

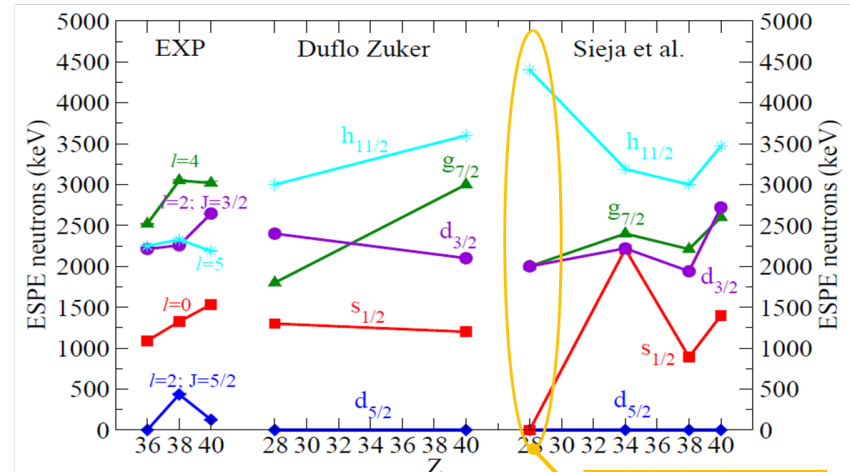
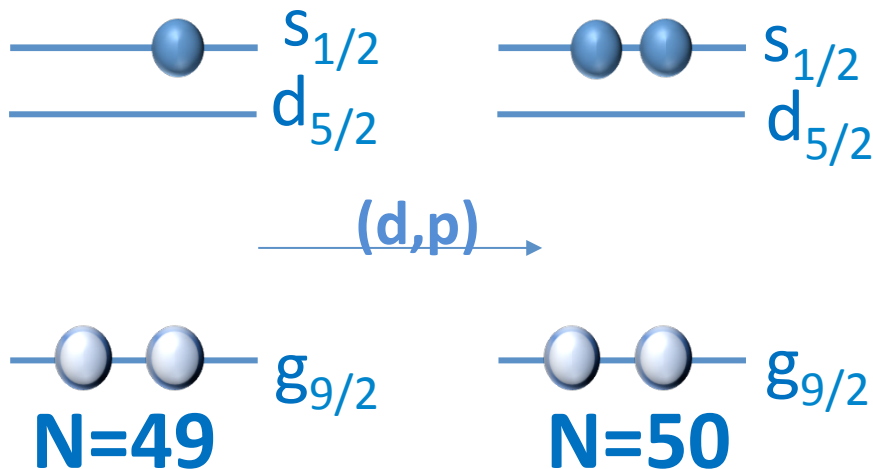


Possible measurements around N=50

(d,p), (α , ^3He) for N=51

Transfer to N=51,49 isotones

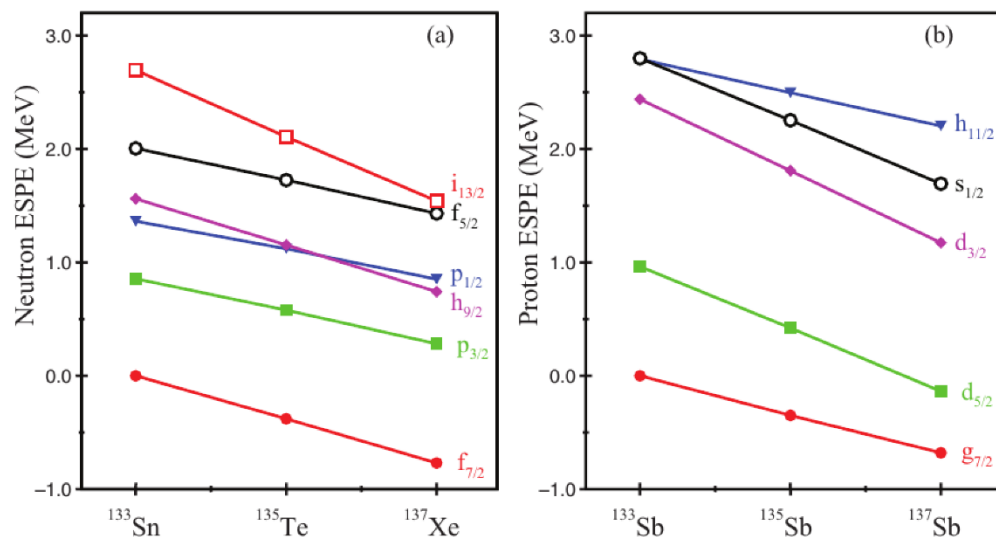
- (d,p), (p,d) for $d_{5/2}$, $s_{1/2}$, $d_{3/2}$, $g_{7/2}$
- (α , ^3He) for $g_{7/2}$, $h_{11/2}$
- ^{86}Kr , ^{84}Se , ^{82}Ge feasible for example at SPES
- ^{80}Zn at the limit (10^3 pps): no γ -ray spectroscopy ?



Shape coexistence

- (d,p) transfer on the isomeric $1/2^+$ state in ^{81}Ge , ^{79}Zn beams for $s_{1/2}$ state
- (t,p) 2n transfer on ^{80}Ge , ^{78}Zn beams
- Population of intruder 0^+ states in N=50 ^{82}Ge , ^{80}Zn
- SF can provide information on intruder states structure

Physics around N=82



Phys.Rev.C 87 (2013) 034309

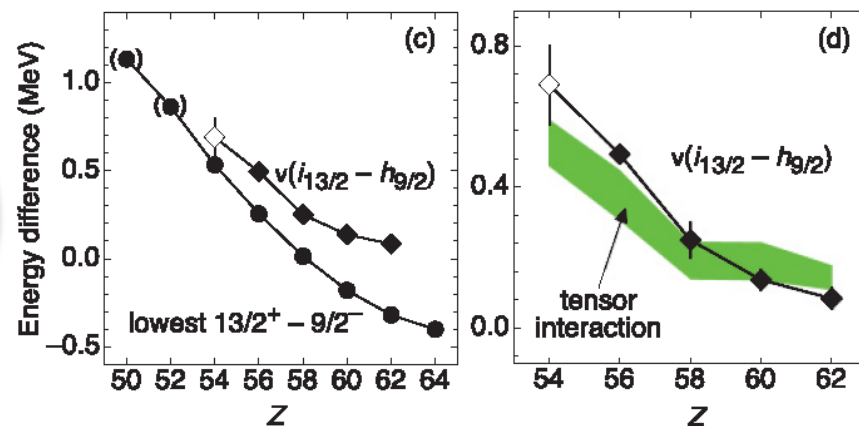
- Evolution of ESPE above N=82 closure
- Pairing interaction in very exotic isotopes (^{134}Sn has the lowest pairing)

(d,p), (α , ^3He) for N=82 shell

Transfer to N=83 isotones

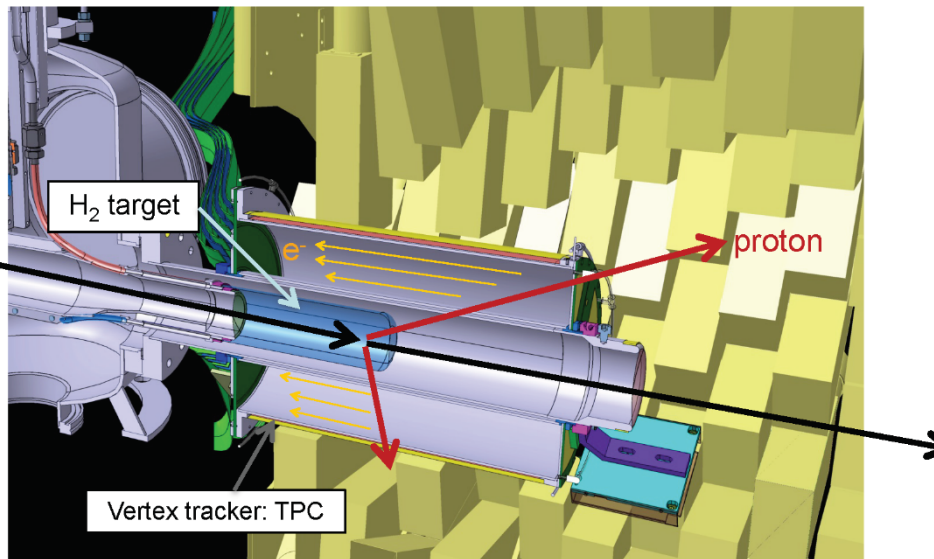
- (d,p) : ^{133}Sn , ^{134}Sn , ^{133}Sb , ^{131}In
- (d,t) : ^{131}Sn , ^{134}Sn , ^{131}In
- (d, ^3He) : ^{131}Sn , ^{133}Sn , ^{131}In
- (t,p) : ^{136}Sn (di-neutron cluster)

Mengoni, Goasduff, Lol for SPES

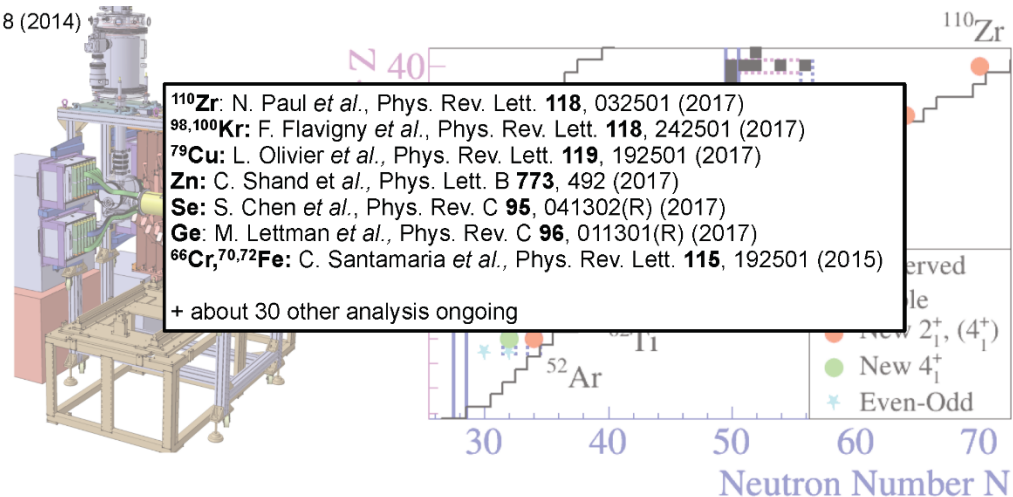


Phys.Rev.C 84 024325 (2011)

MINOS target @ RIKEN

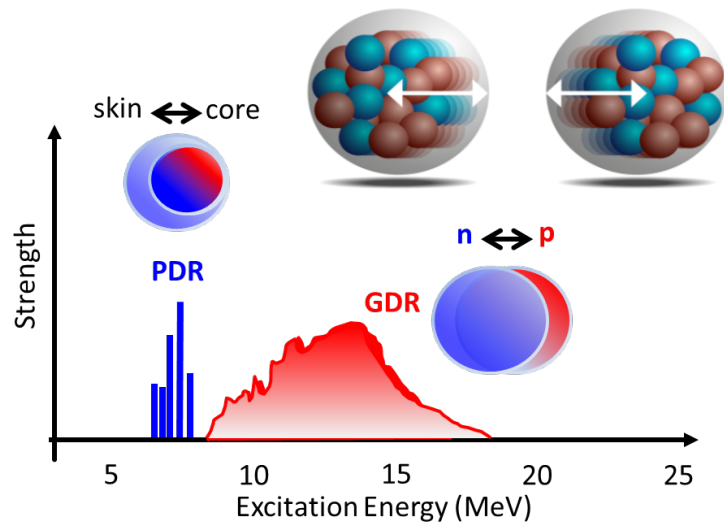


A. Obertelli *et al.*, Eur. Phys. Jour. A **50**, 8 (2014)

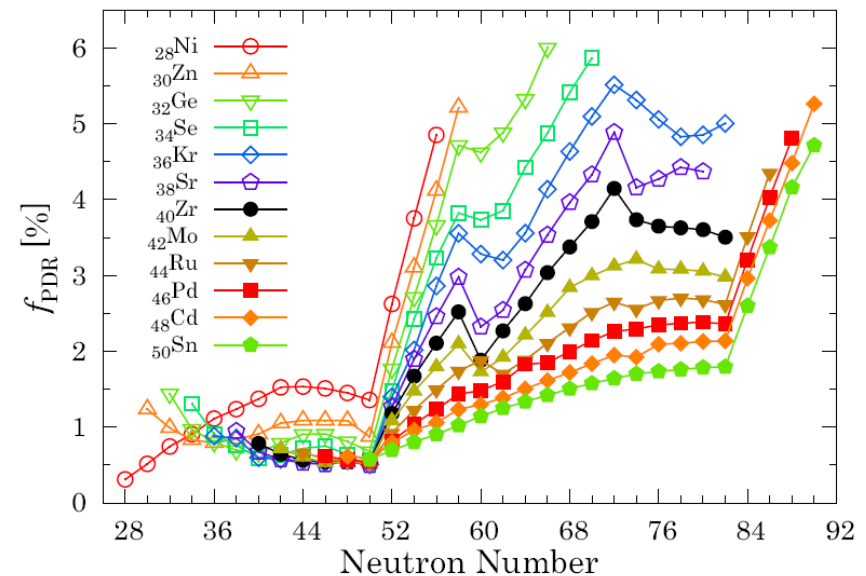
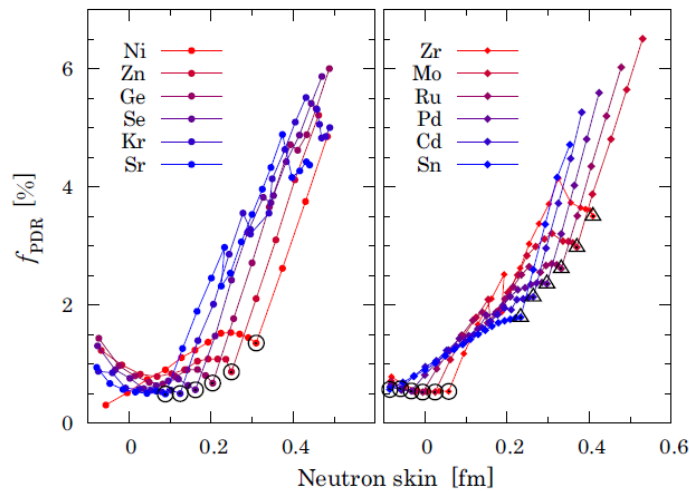


SEASTAR spokespersons: P. Doornenbal (RIKEN), A. Obertelli

Pygmy Dipole Resonance in the N=50, 82 region



Strong increase of PDR after N=50 in Ge, Zn, Ni linked to an increased skin thickness



S. Ebata, T. Nakatsukasa, T. Inakura, Phys. Rev. C 90 (2013) 024303.

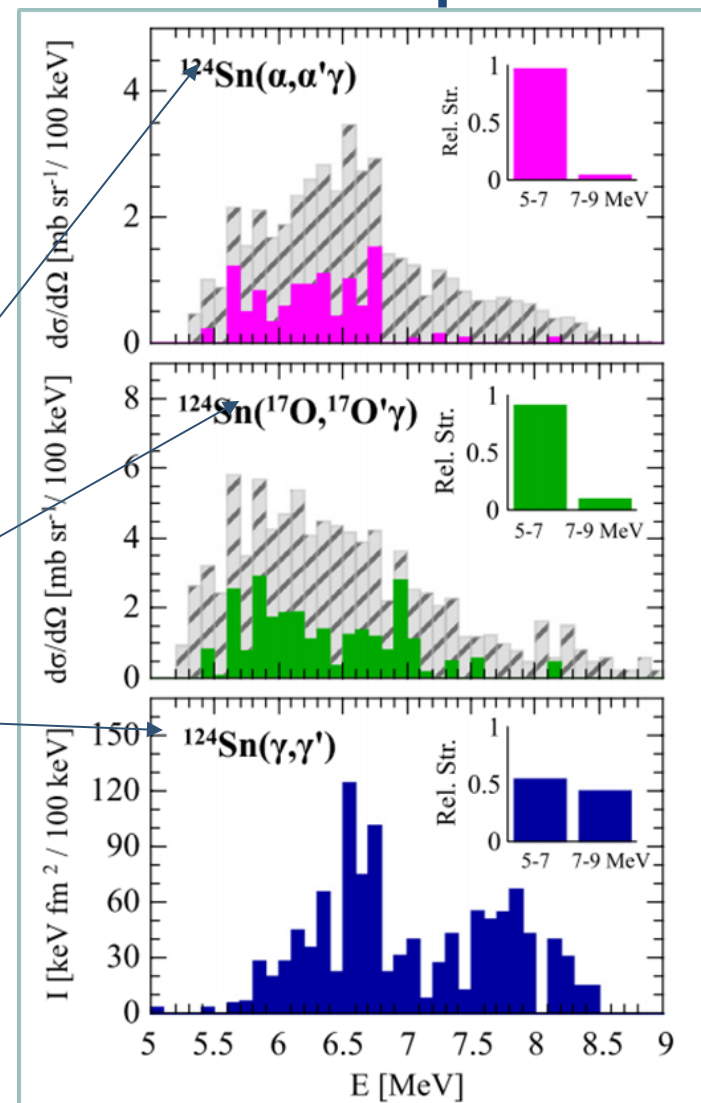
Pygmy Dipole Resonance : different probes

Different energy ranges

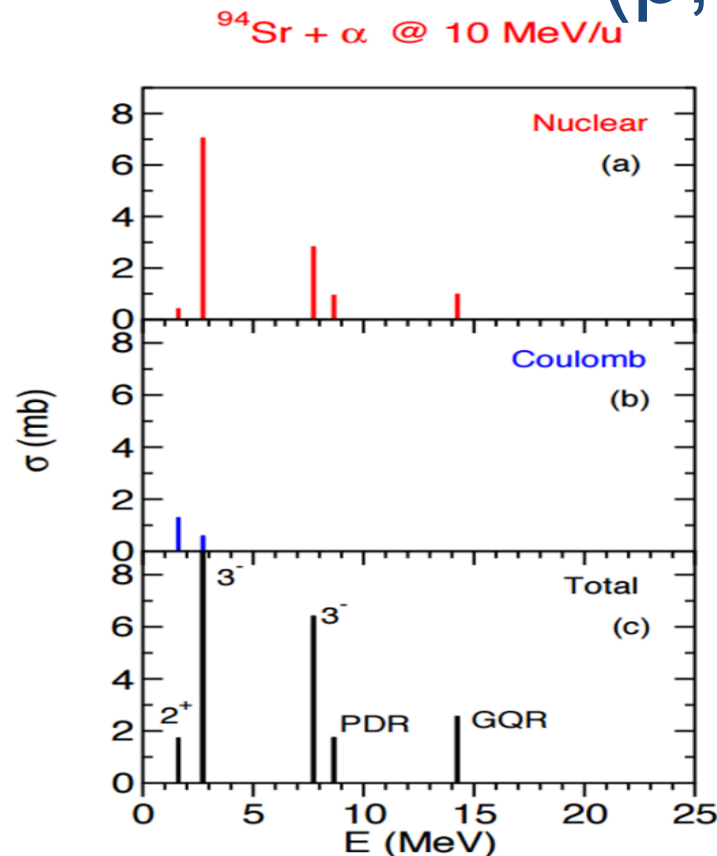
- low energy part: isoscalar character (neutron-skin oscillations) spectroscopy for angular distribution: firm multipole assignment
- high-energy states: isovector nature (transition towards the GDR)

IMPORTANCE of experimental investigation with different (complementary) probes!

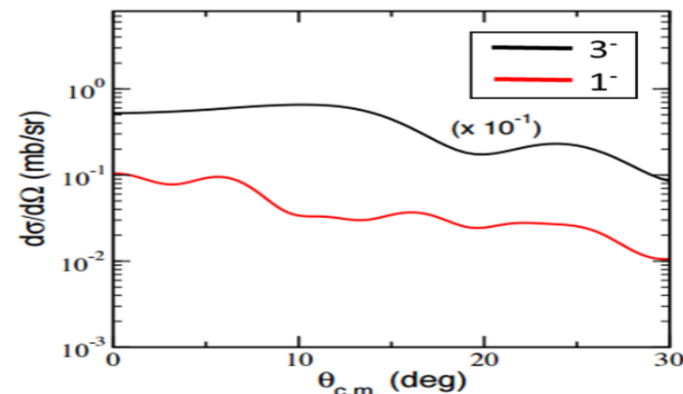
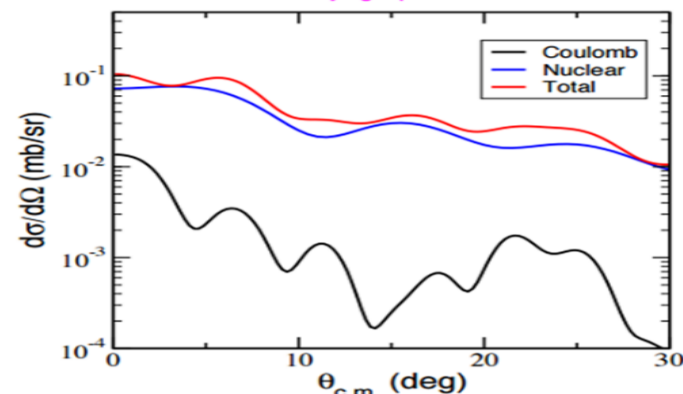
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Courtesy of F.C.L. Crespi

$(p,p'), (\alpha,\alpha')$ $^{94}\text{Sr} + \alpha @ 10 \text{ MeV/u}$
low-lying dipole state

Calculations based on semiclassical model, together with a **microscopic description of the internal structure** of the nuclei within the HF+RPA formalism



DWBA angular distributions for the system $^{94}\text{Sr} + \alpha$ at 10 MeV/u incident energy calculated for the two low lying states 1- and 3- (lower panel) close in energy

FCL Crespi, E. Lanza, D. Mengoni, Lol for SPES

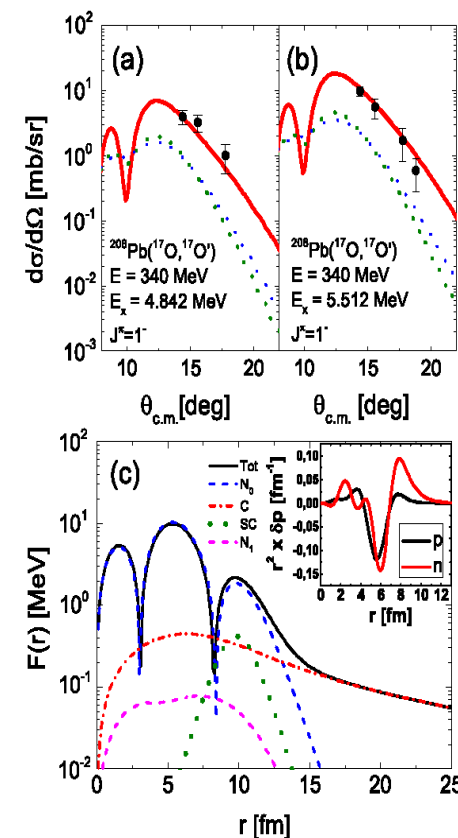
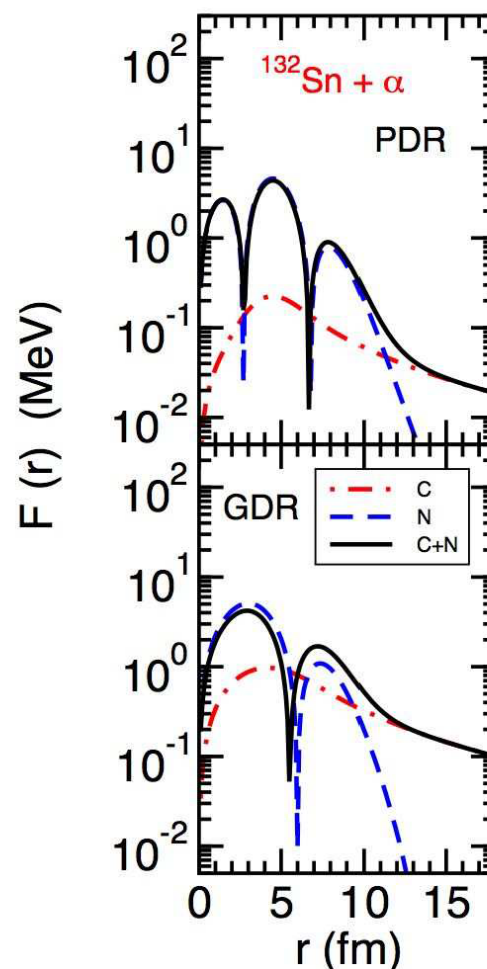
Advantages of cryotargets for PDR

Gamma and particle spectroscopy

- Different probes (p,p'), (α,α')
- γ -ray spectroscopy for angular distribution: firm multipole assignment
- Particle spectroscopy: form factors

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- Possibility of multipole particle decomposition for unbound states ?



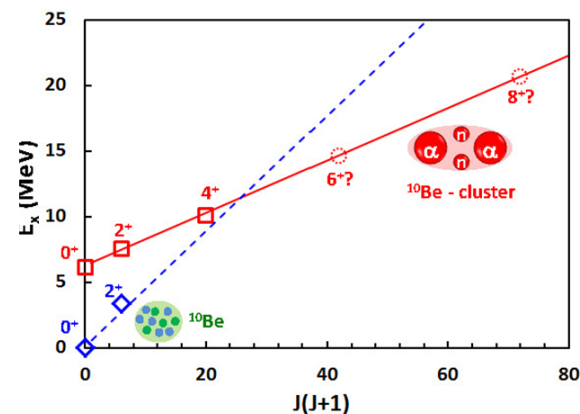
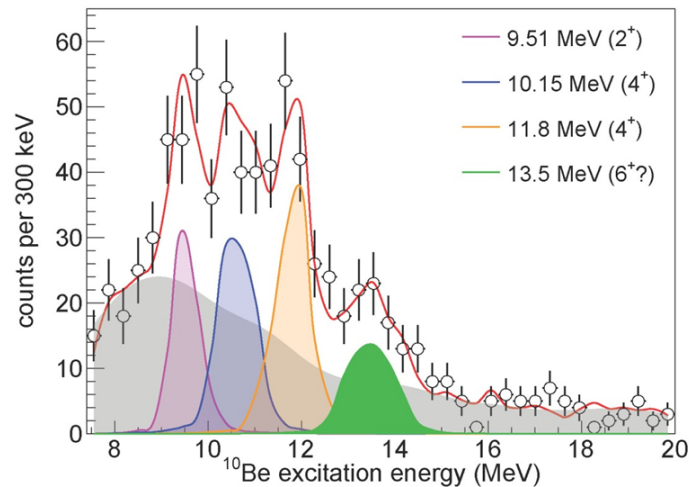
Phys. Rev. Lett. 113,
012501 (2014)

A. Vitturi, E. Lanza:
Pramana, January 2010

Clustering studies

Cluster states studied with cryogenic α targets

- Molecular states predicted at high excitation energies
- Cluster states in light nuclei, like ^{10}B , can be studied by (α, α') scattering
- Coincidence between the ^4He recoiling particle and the $^4\text{He}+^6\text{He}$ cluster break-up fragments
- Invariant mass reconstruction in the 8-16 MeV excitation energy



I. Lombardo, Lol for SPES

Conclusions

- One, two-nucleon transfer to populate single-particle and more collective (ex: intruder) states.
- Cryogenic targets necessary to combine good thickness, gamma spectroscopy, light-particle spectroscopy and heavy-ion mass spectroscopy
- Physics case mainly around shell closures to investigate shell structure in exotic regions
- New opportunities to study the PDR in neutron-rich nuclei with different probes, overcoming typical experimental uncertainties
- Other phenomena like clustering are possible to be studied in light nuclei
- Nuclear astrophysics

Table 1. Gain in the number of scattering centers $N_{\text{at/cm}^2}$ between H_2 and CH_2 targets for a given energy straggling σ_E , and the resulting angular straggling σ_θ . Calculations were done with the LISE code [12].

		Thickness (μm)	σ_E (keV/u)	$N_{\text{at/cm}^2} 10^{20}$	σ_θ (mrad)
^1H 1 MeV	H_2	50	8.9	2.2	13.9
	CH_2	9.26	8.9	0.7	24.9
^1H 5 MeV	H_2	50	7.5	2.2	2.4
	CH_2	9.359	7.5	0.7	4.4
^3He 3 MeV	H_2	50	6.2	2.2	9.9
	CH_2	9.42	6.2	0.7	17.9

