

# 1-neutron and 2-protons pick-up reactions to study the unbound nucleus ${}^7\text{He}$



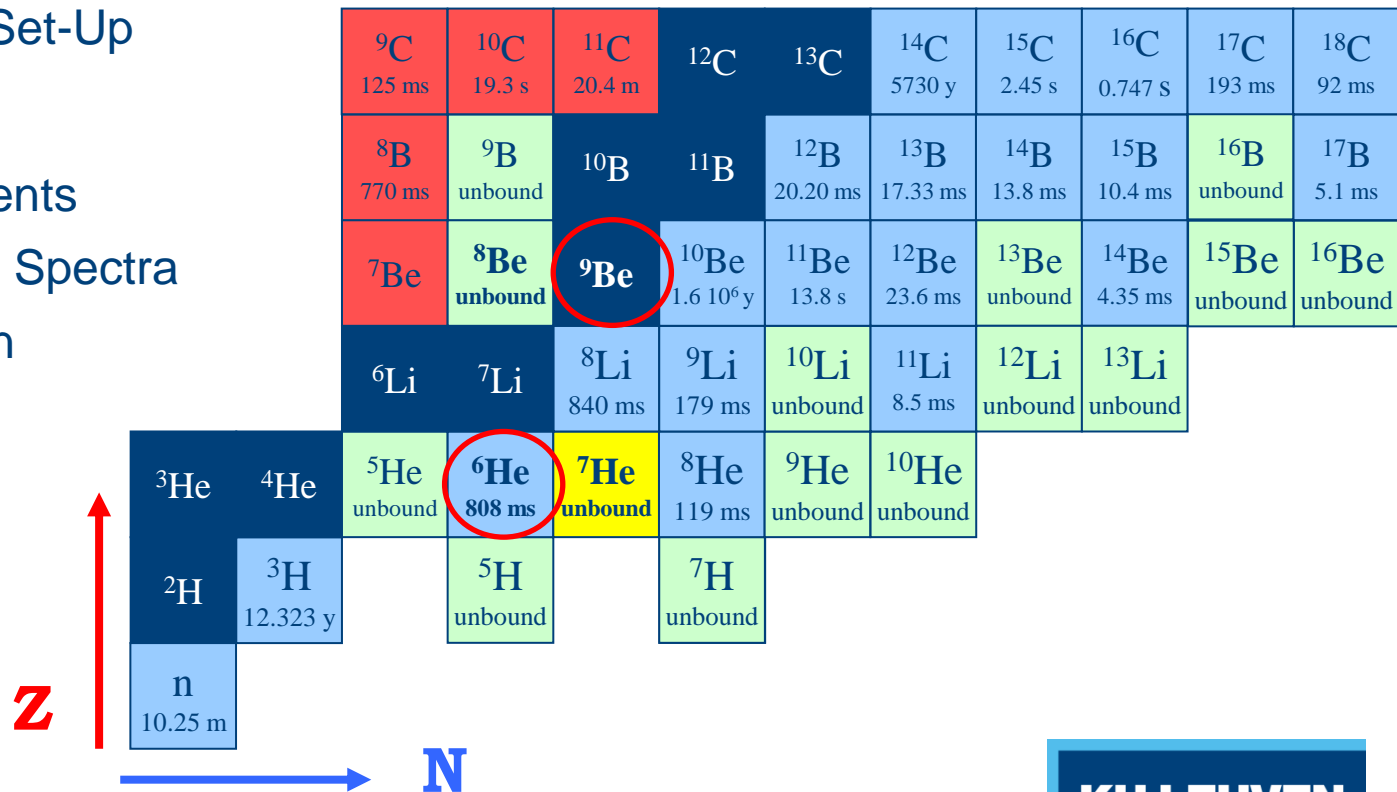
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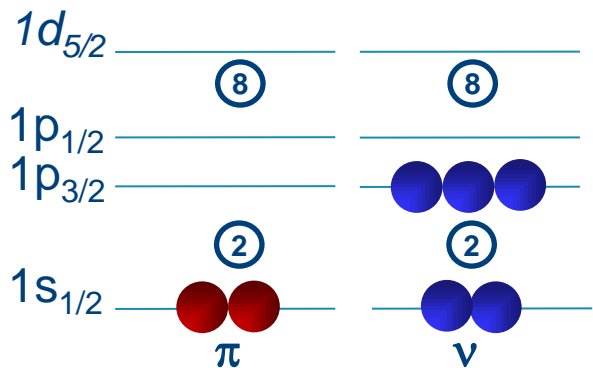
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# Outline

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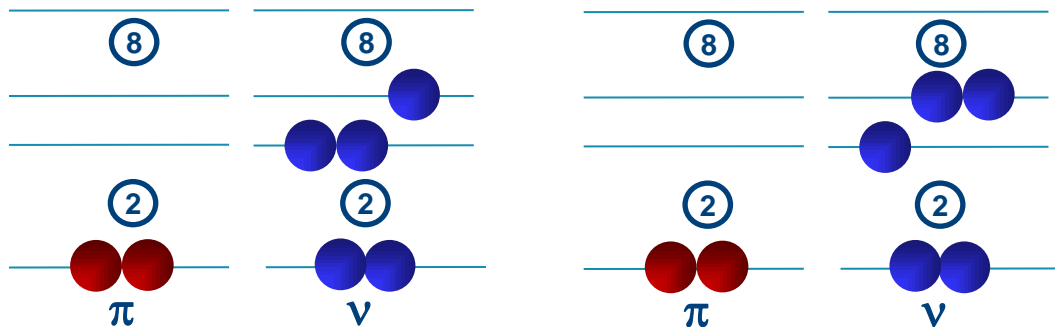


# ${}^7\text{He}$ : "Make everything as simple as possible..."



Ground State Configuration  $(P_{3/2})^3$

$$[|{}^6\text{He}(0^+)\rangle \otimes |v1p_{3/2}\rangle]_{3/2^-}$$



Configuration  $(P_{3/2})^2 (P_{1/2})^1$

- $J^\pi = 1/2^- \rightarrow |{}^6\text{He}(0^+)\rangle \otimes |v1p_{1/2}\rangle$
- $J^\pi = 3/2^- \rightarrow |{}^6\text{He}(2^+)\rangle \otimes |v1p_{1/2}\rangle$
- $J^\pi = 5/2^- \rightarrow |{}^6\text{He}(2^+)\rangle \otimes |v1p_{1/2}\rangle$

spin-orbit partner of the ground state



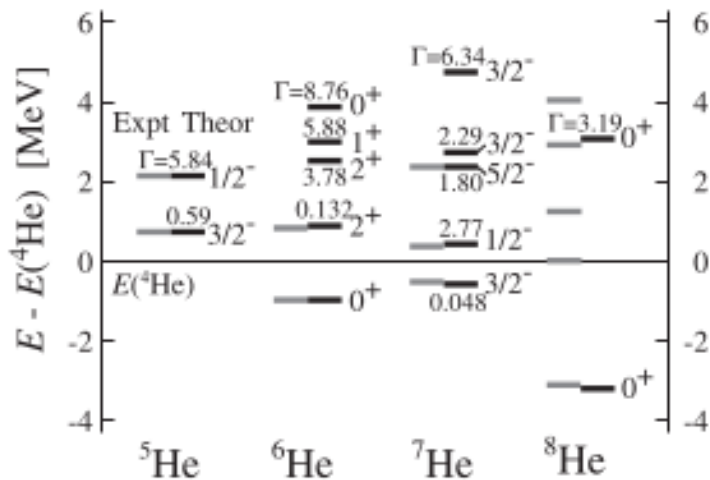
Configuration  $(P_{3/2})^1 (P_{1/2})^2$

- $J^\pi = 3/2^-$



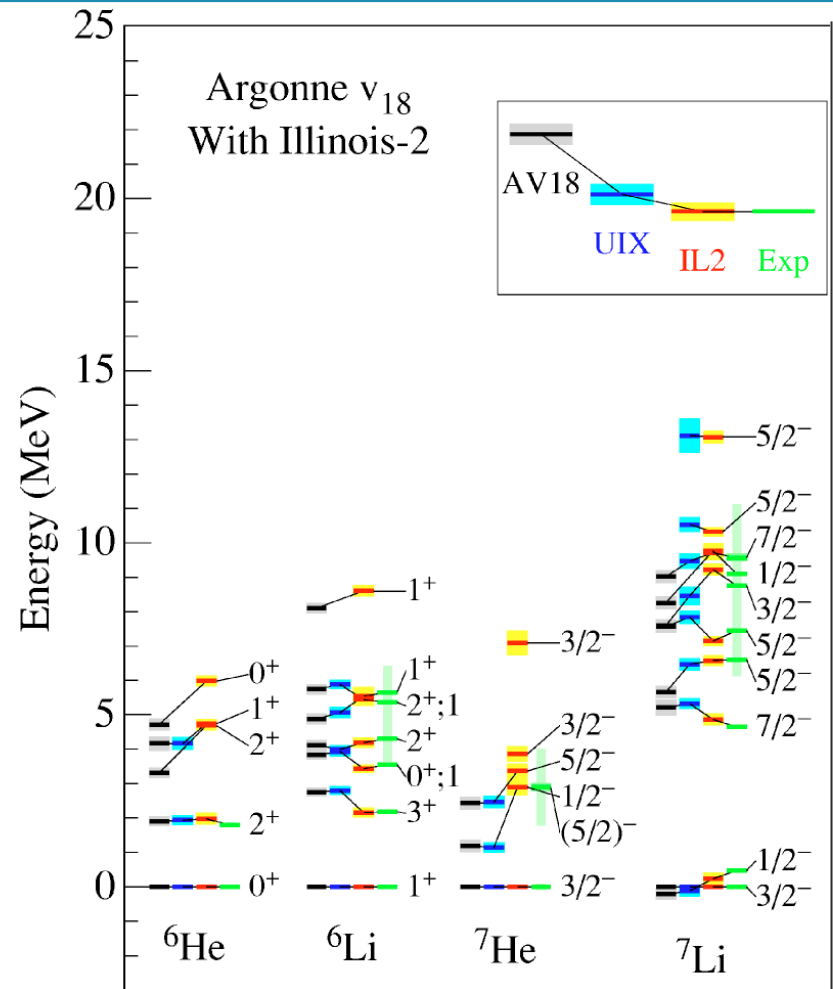
# ...but not simpler" A. Einstein

- Predicted sequence:  $3/2^-$ ,  $1/2^-$ ,  $5/2^-$ ,  $3/2^-$
- First excited state
  - 2.9(2)MeV Quantum Monte Carlo
  - 1.05MeV COSM + Complex Scaling Method



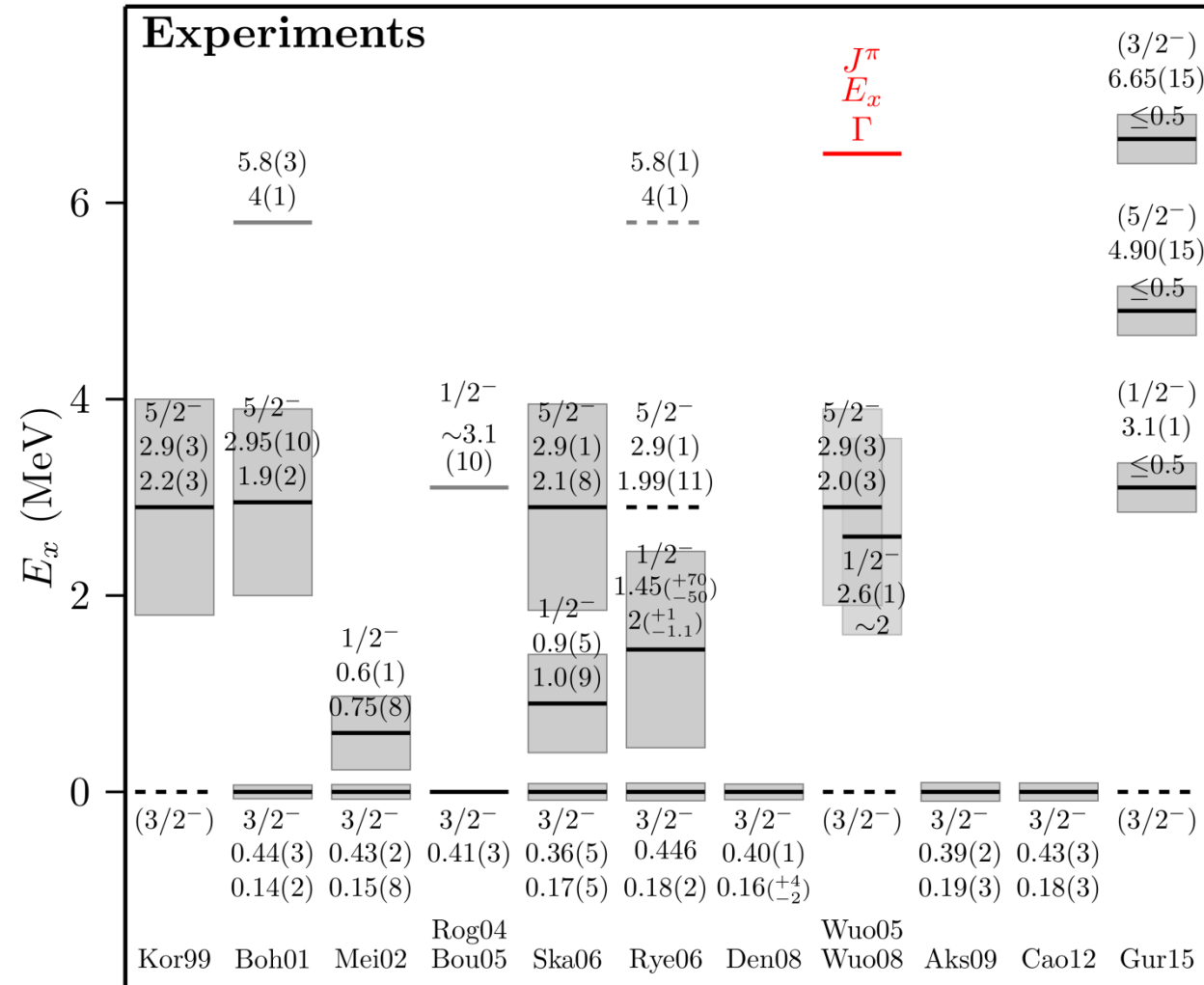
[Myo *et al.*, PRC 80 (2009)]

[Myo, Progr. Th. Physics 196 (2012)]



[Pieper *et al.*, PRC 70 (2004)]

# $^7\text{He}$ : previous experiments

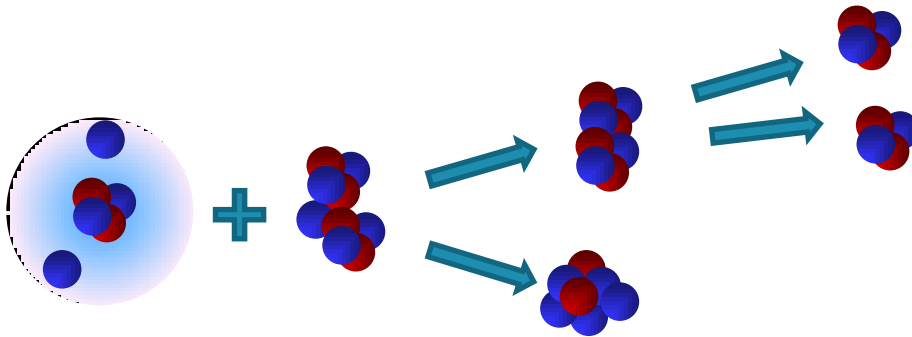


✓ Extensively studied nucleus

- More than 30 experiments!
- General agreement on  $5/2^-$ -state properties
- The experimental information about  $1/2^-$  state is not conclusive and still controversial.

[Renzi *et al.*, submitted]

# Measurement

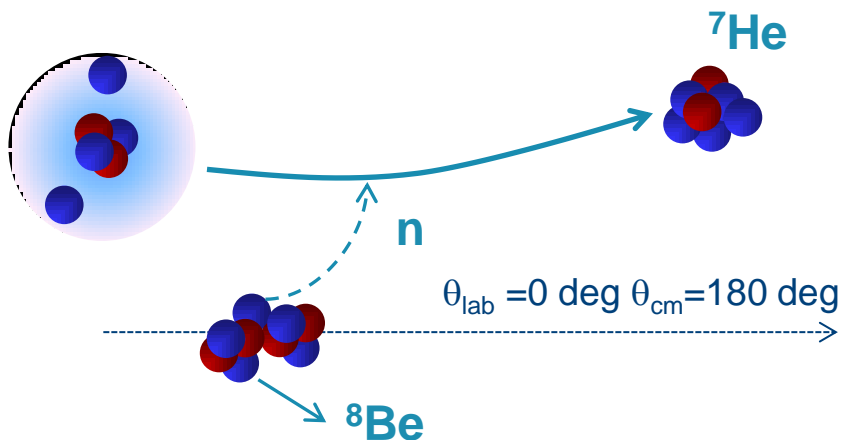


✓ Reaction channel identification by  ${}^8\text{Be}_{\text{gs}}$  decay signature

- ${}^8\text{Be}_{\text{gs}}$  unstable by 91.8keV for  $2\alpha$  particles decay
- $2\alpha$  very close in space and energy
- *Recently applied to select a candidate resonant tetraneutron state [K. Kisamori al., PRL 116, 2016]*

✓  ${}^7\text{He}$  energy spectrum via resonant particle spectroscopy technique

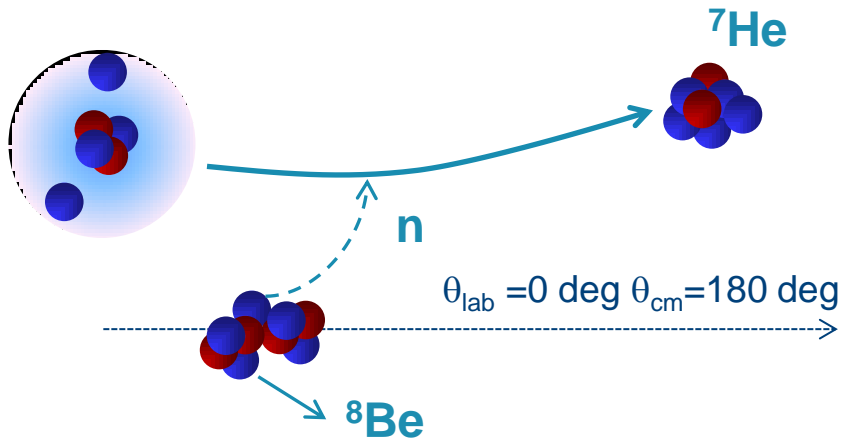
# 1n pick-up



✓  ${}^9\text{Be}({}^6\text{He}, {}^7\text{He}){}^8\text{Be}$ : pick-up of one neutron from  ${}^9\text{Be}$  target

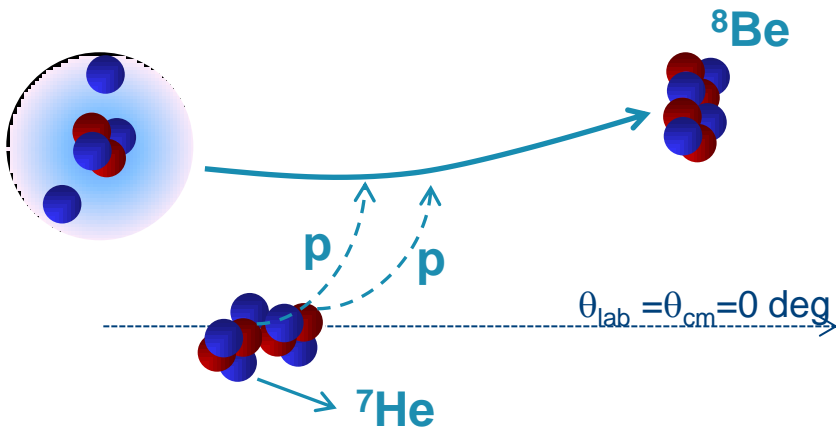
- *Weakly bound  ${}^9\text{Be}$ :  $S(n) = 1.66 \text{ MeV}$*
- *Recent direct reaction experimental studies with heavy-mass RIBs [J. M. Allmond et al., PRC 90, 2014]*

# 1n pick-up || 2p pick-up



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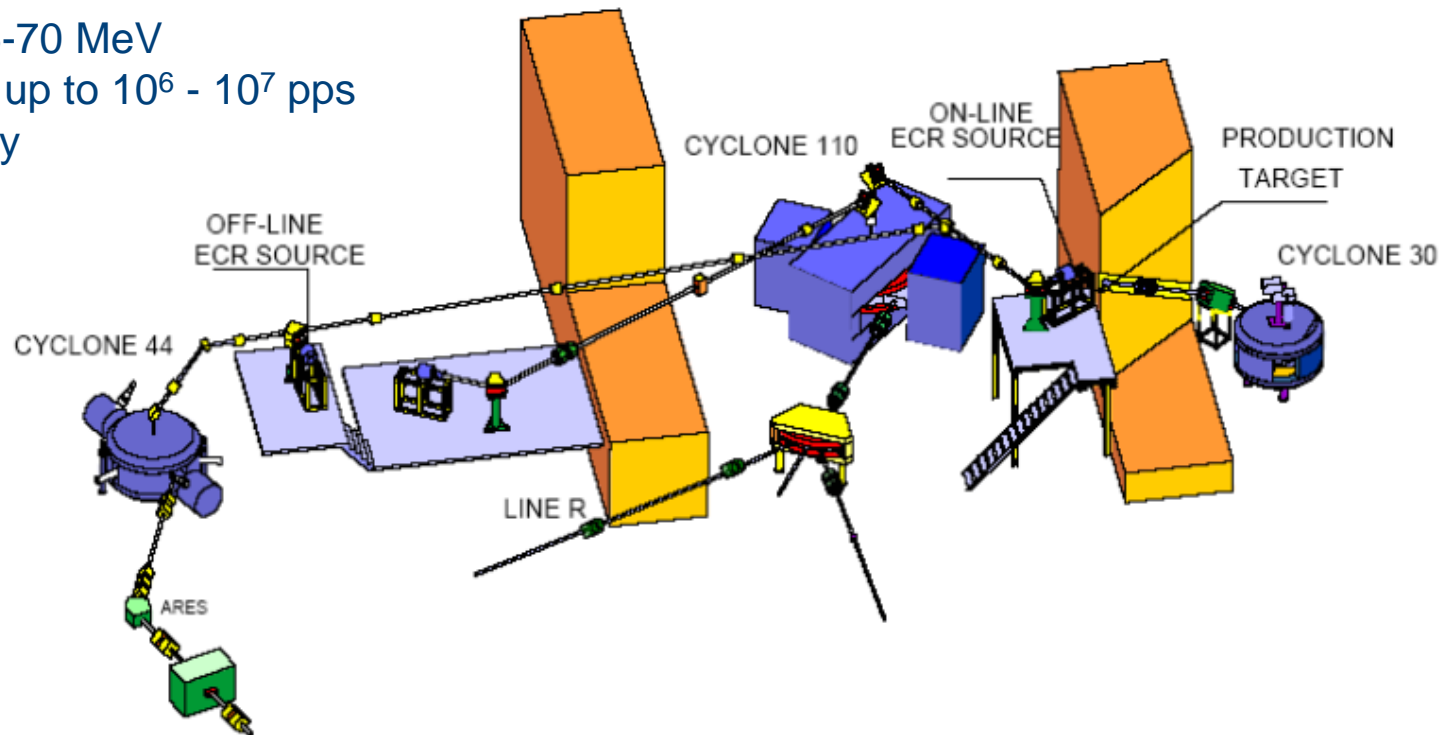
✓  ${}^9\text{Be}({}^6\text{He}, {}^8\text{Be}){}^7\text{He}$ : pick-up of two protons from  ${}^9\text{Be}$  target

- “Two-proton pickup reaction ( ${}^6\text{He}, {}^8\text{Be}$ )... on  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  ${}^{16}\text{O}$ , and  ${}^{19}\text{F}$ ” M. Milin et al., PRC 70, 2004
- “Multi-nucleon transfers using two-neutron halo  ${}^6\text{He}$  on  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  at 30 MeV using the SHARC and TIGRESS arrays at TRIUMF ISAC-II” Fr. Sarazin talk, DREB2012

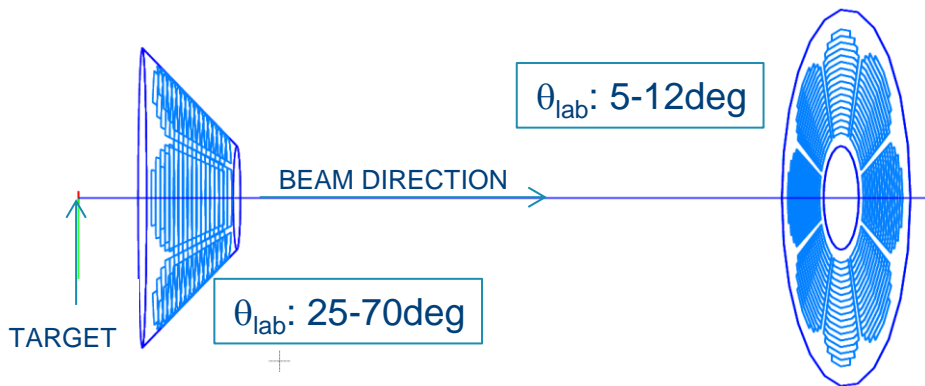


# Louvain-la-Neuve facility

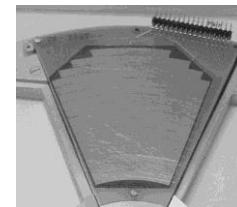
- ✓ Two cyclotrons
- ✓ Primary beam: protons @30 MeV
- ✓ Production reaction:  ${}^7\text{Li}(p,2p){}^6\text{He}$
- ✓ Secondary beam ( ${}^6\text{He}$ ):
  - energy: 5-70 MeV
  - intensity: up to  $10^6 - 10^7$  pps
  - high purity



# Detection Set-up @LLN



16 strips  
300 $\mu$ m thick



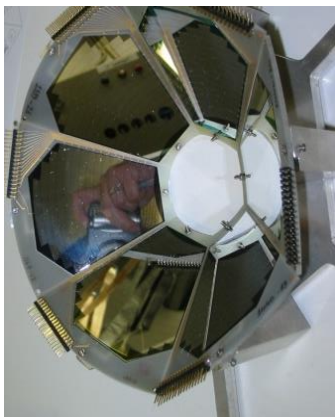
✓ Targets:

$^9\text{Be}$  394 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

$^{197}\text{Au}$  200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

✓ Used beams  $^6\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$

$E_{lab} \sim 16.8\text{MeV}$

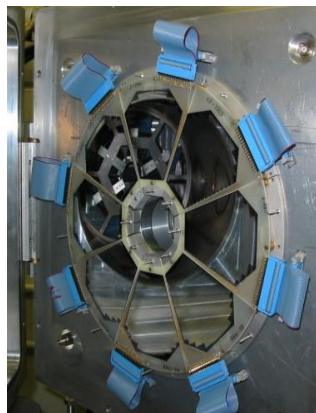


LAMP

6 sectors

$\Delta\theta \sim 3.06^\circ$

$\Delta\phi \sim 45^\circ$

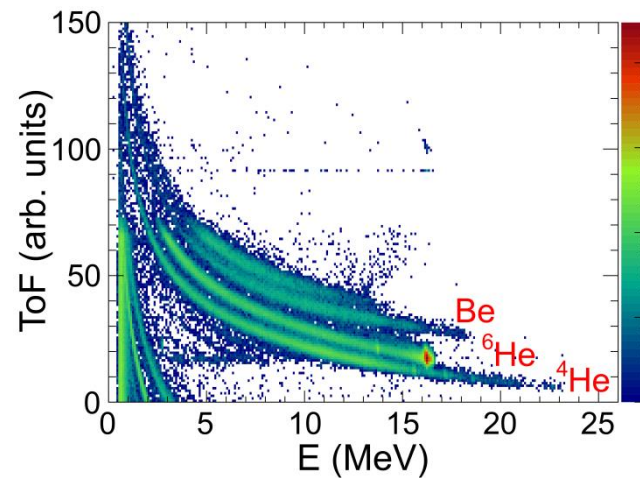


LEDA

8 sectors

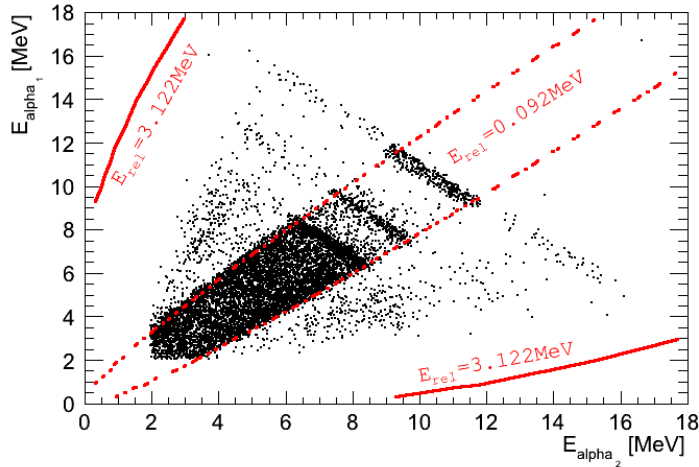
$\Delta\theta \sim 0.48^\circ$

$\Delta\phi \sim 45^\circ$

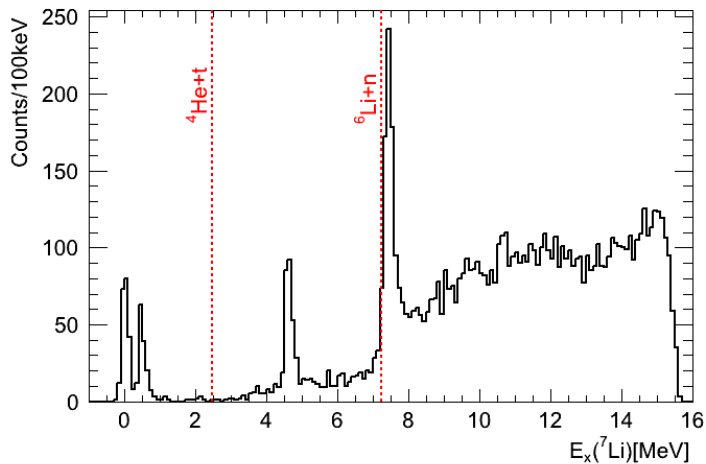
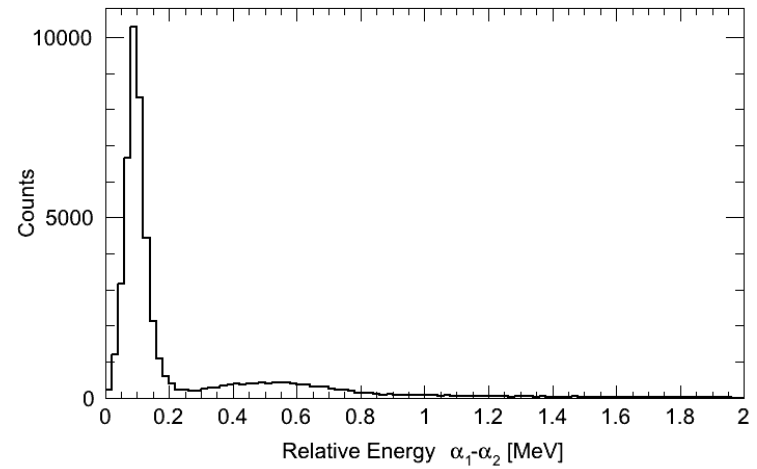


# Results: ${}^9\text{Be}({}^6\text{Li}, {}^7\text{Li}){}^8\text{Be}$

✓  $2\alpha$  Coincident events in LEDA

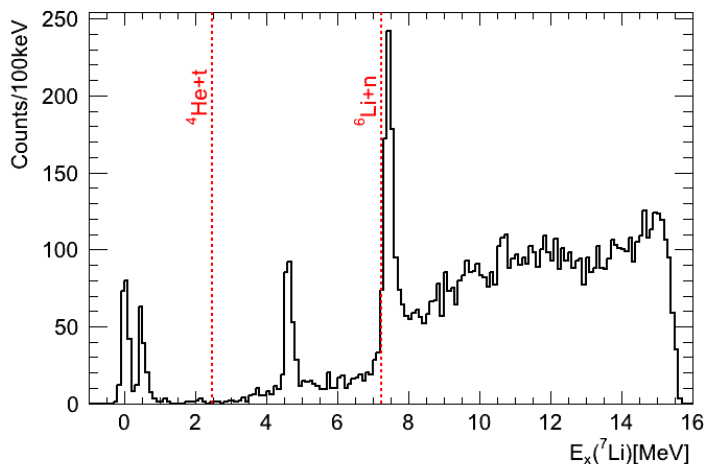
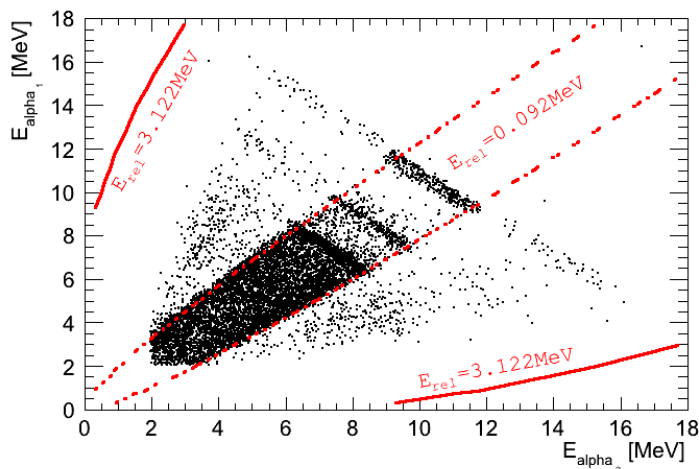


✓ Decay energy of  ${}^8\text{Be}_{\text{gs}}$



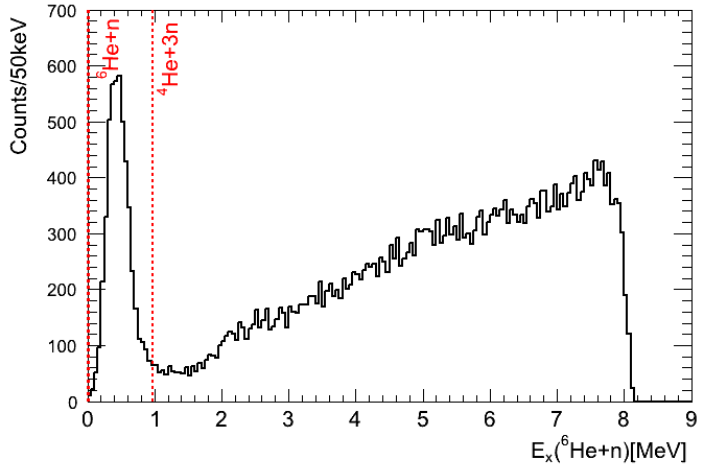
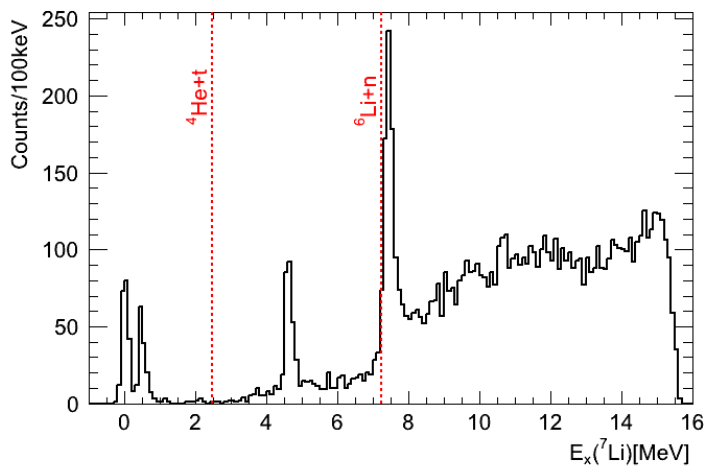
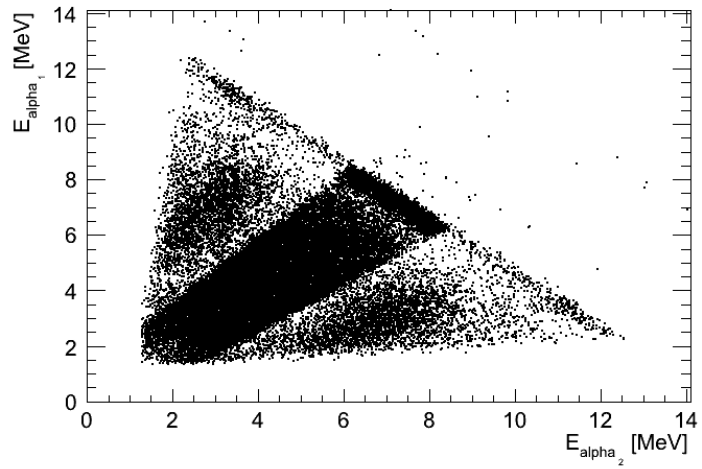
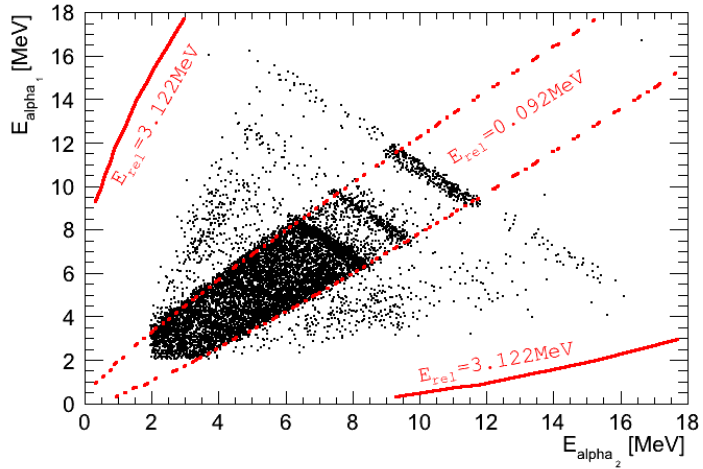
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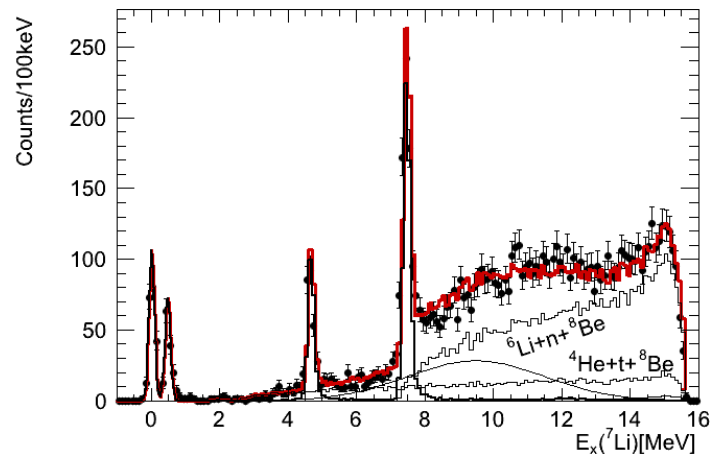
## ✓ $2\alpha$ Coincident events in LEDA



## ✓ ${}^7\text{Li}$ spectrum, firm identification of four states

$E_x$ (MeV $\pm$ keV)	$J^\pi; T$	$\tau_m$ or $\Gamma_{cm}$ (keV)	Decay
g.s.	$\frac{3}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$		stable
$0.477612 \pm 0.003$	$\frac{1}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$	$\tau_m = 105 \pm 3$ fsec <sup>a</sup>	$\gamma$
$4.652$ <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{7}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$	$\Gamma = 69$ keV <sup>b</sup>	t, $\alpha$
$6.604$ <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{5}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$	$918$ <sup>b</sup>	t, $\alpha$
$7.454$ <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{5}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$	$80$ <sup>b</sup>	n, t, $\alpha$
$8.75$ <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{3}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$	$4712$ <sup>b</sup>	n, $\alpha$
$9.09$ <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{1}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$ <sup>b</sup>	$2752$ <sup>b</sup>	n, t, $\alpha$
$9.57$ <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{7}{2}^-; \frac{1}{2}$	$437$ <sup>b</sup>	n, t, $\alpha$
$11.24 \pm 30$	$\frac{3}{2}^-; \frac{3}{2}$	$260 \pm 35$	n, p





→  ${}^7\text{Li}$  resonances

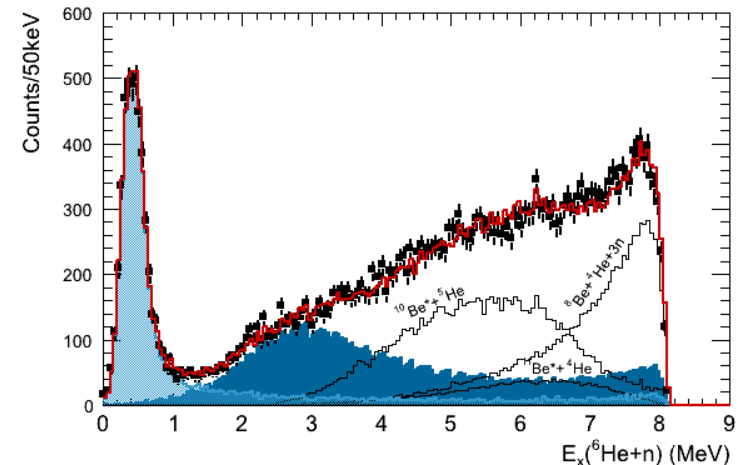
- *R-matrix*  
*E and  $\Gamma$  from literature*

→ Background contributions

- *phase space contributions*

### Geant4 simulation

*simulated events and experimental data  
have been analyzed exactly in the same way*



→  ${}^7\text{He}$  resonances

- *R-matrix*  
*E and  $\Gamma$  vary in a range of values*

→ Background contributions

- phase space contributions
- other reaction channels  
1(2)-neutron(s) transfer reaction  
*M. Majer et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 43 (2010)*

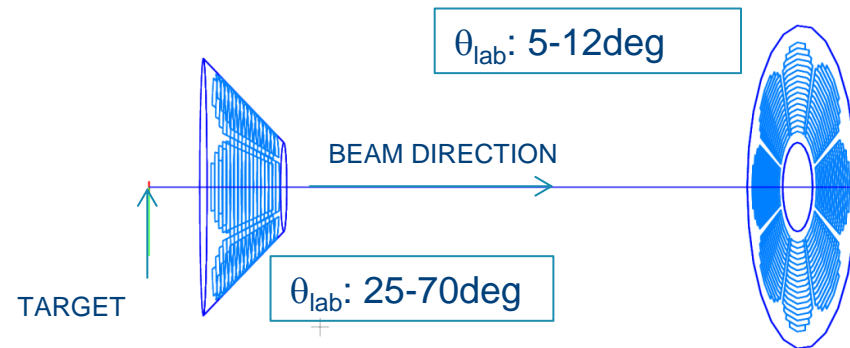
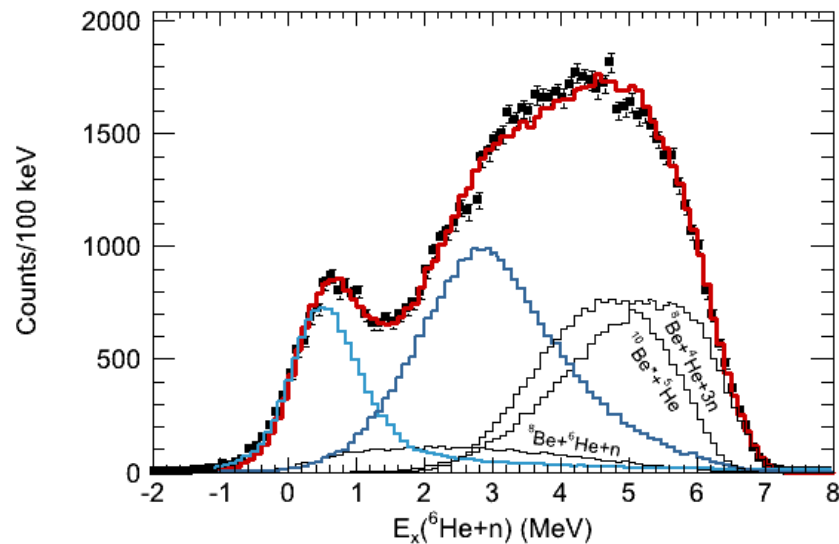
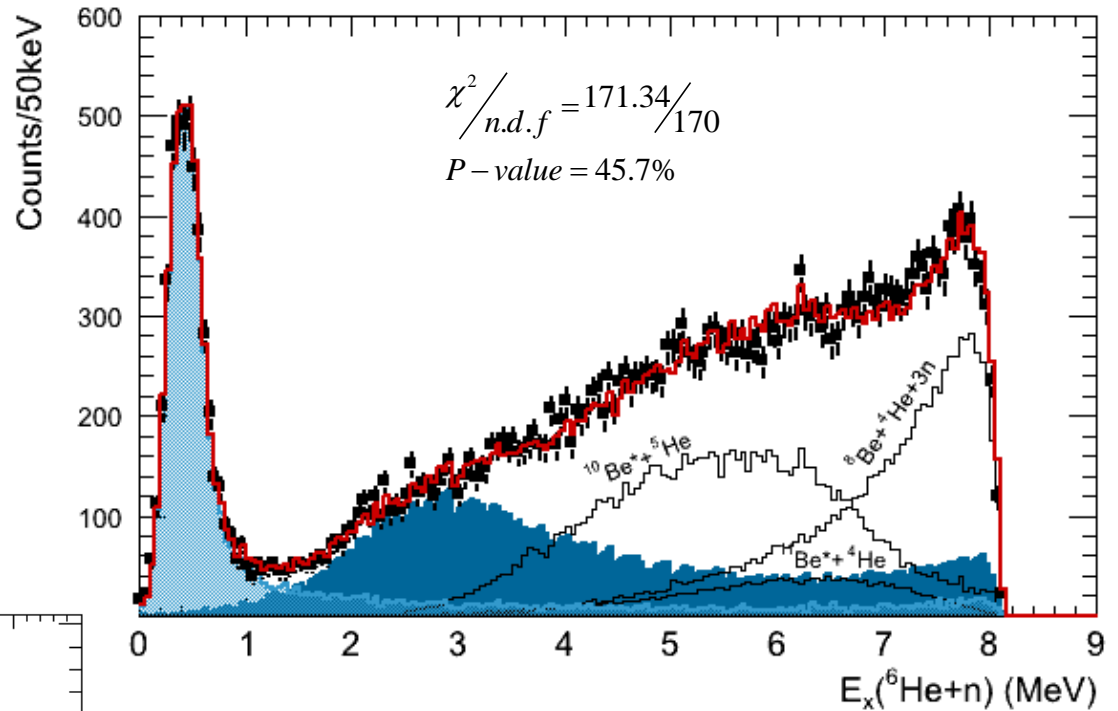
# Results: $^7\text{He}$ spectrum

## ✓ Ground State:

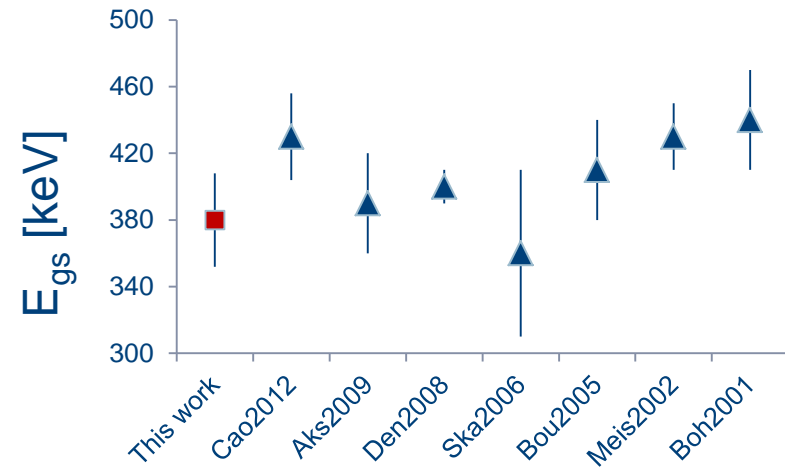
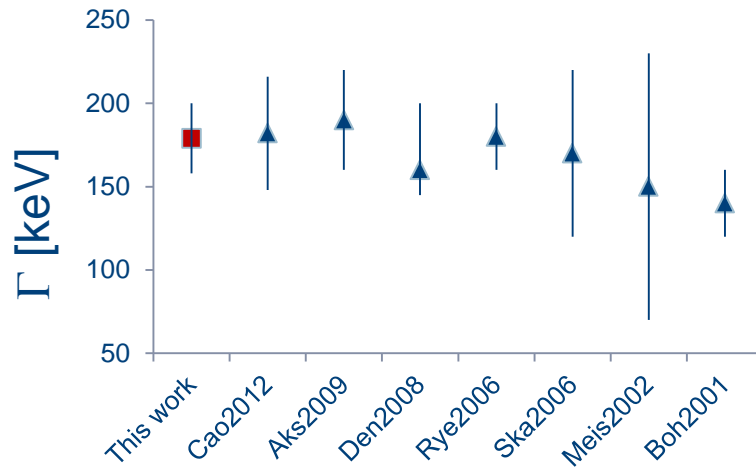
- $E_{\text{gs}} = 380(28) \text{ keV}$
- $\Gamma = 179(21) \text{ keV}$
- $\gamma^2_{\text{obs}} = 0.915(20) \text{ MeV} (l=1)$

## ✓ Excited state:

- $E_{\text{ex}} = 2.6(2) \text{ MeV}$
- $\Gamma_{\text{FWHM}} = 2.3(3) \text{ MeV}$
- $\gamma^2_{\text{obs}} = 1.586(120) \text{ MeV} (l=1)$



# Results: ${}^7\text{He}$ ground state



## Spectroscopic factor

${}^7\text{He}(J^\pi)$	${}^6\text{He}-n(I_j)$	CSM	GFMC	NCSM	Exp
$3/2^-_1$	$0^+ - p_{3/2}$	0.64	0.565	0.56	<b>0.61(2)*</b> 0.512(18)* 0.619(22)* 0.64(9)** 0.37(7)

\*  $\gamma^2_{sp} = 1.504(29)$  MeV

\*\*  $\gamma^2_{sp} = 1.748$  MeV

R = 4fm

[Baroni *et al.*, PRL 110 (2013)] [Brida *et al.*, PRC 84 (2011)]





# Results: $^7\text{He}$ excited state

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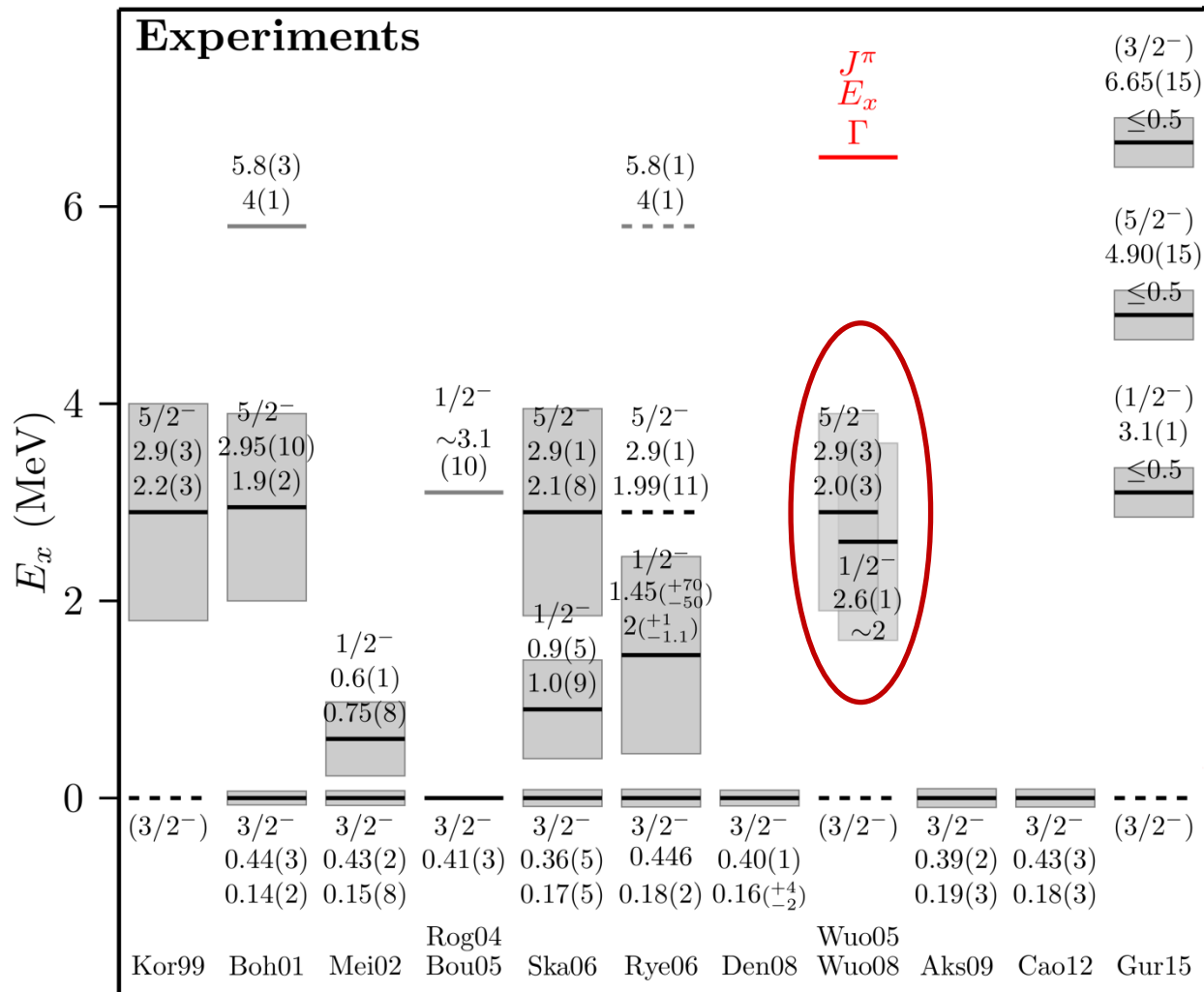
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( $R=4\text{fm } l=1$ )

✓ Excellent agreement with the  $d(^6\text{He},p)$  results

[Wuo05:PRC 72 (2005)]

✓ Upper limits:

- Ska06 [PRC 73 (2006)]: any contribution bigger than 3.4% of ground state can be rule out at 99%CL
- Mei02 [PRL 88 (2002)]: any contribution bigger than 4% of ground state can be rule out at 99%CL



# Results: ${}^7\text{He}$ excited state... $1/2^-$ or $5/2^-$ ?

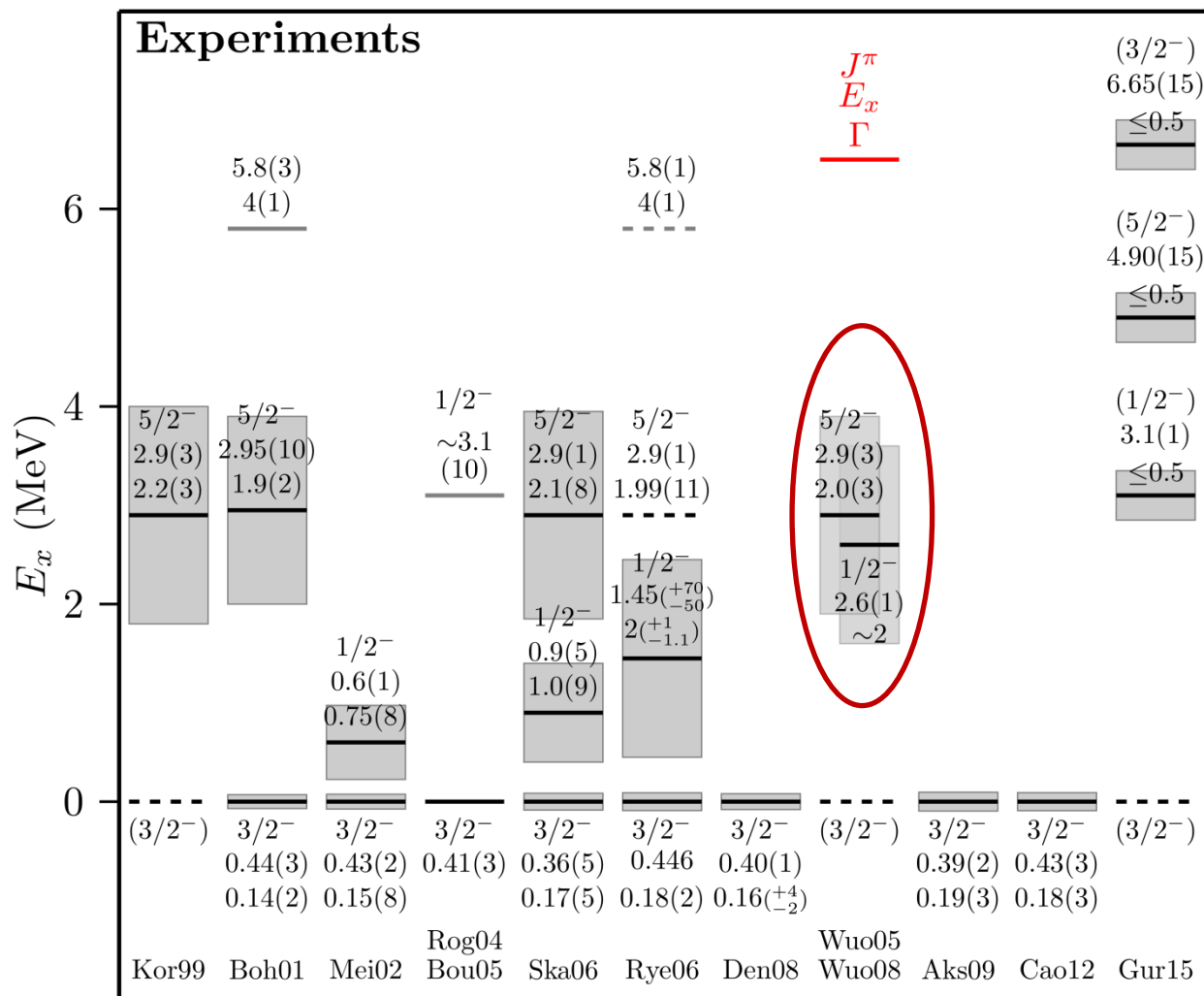
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✓ 1-n pick-up would favor the  ${}^6\text{He}_{\text{gs}} \otimes n$  configurations

✓ No info on the charged particle from  ${}^7\text{He}$  decay ( ${}^6\text{He}$  or  ${}^4\text{He}$ )



# Conclusion

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${}^7\text{He}$  nucleus has been investigated using a new reaction

- ${}^7\text{He}$  ground state:  $E$ ,  $\Gamma$  and SF are consistent with the recent results
- ${}^7\text{He}$  excited state:  $E$ ,  $\Gamma$  in very good agreement with  $d({}^6\text{He},p)$  reaction

The very clear signature of  ${}^8\text{Be}_{\text{gs}}$  decay confirms its advantages as reaction channel identification technique

Question time



# Previous work

					$E_{gs}$	$\Gamma$	$S_n$	$E_{ex}$	$\Gamma$	$E_{ex}$	$\Gamma$	$E_{ex}$	$\Gamma$	$E_{ex}$	$\Gamma$	$E_{ex}$	$\Gamma$	$E_{ex}$	$\Gamma$
Gurov 2015	10B( $\pi^-$ ,dd); 11B( $\pi^-$ ,pt); 11B(p-,dd); 8He recoil p tagged knockout	30MeV	LAMPFmeson facility	10B and 11B				3,1(1)	$\leq 0,5$	4,9(15)	$\leq 0,5$	6,65(15)	$\leq 0,5$	16,9(5)	1(0.3)	19,8(3)	1,5(3)	24,8(4)	4,6(7)
Cao 2012	8He n knockout	82,3MeV/u	RIPS @RIKEN	hydrogen and carbon target	0,430(26)	0,182(31)	0,512(18)												
Aksyutina 2009	8He n knockout	240MeV/u	ALADIN-LAND @GSI	lyquid- hydrogen target	388(20)	190(30)	0,61(3)												
Wousmaa2008	8Li (d,3He) p removal	76MeV	"in-flight" RIB @ATLAS	(CD2)n	<b>observed</b>	<b>observed</b>		2,9(3)	2,0(3)										
Denby 2008	8Li p knockout	41MeV/u	MONA @NSCL	9Be	0,400(10)	0,160(+40-15)													
Ryezayeva 2006	7Li(d,2He) charge exchange	171MeV	AGOR Cyclotron KVI	7Li	0,446	183(22)	0,64	1,45(+0,7-0,5)	2(+1,0-1,1)	<b>2,9(1)</b>	<b>1,99(11)</b>	<b>5,8(3)</b>	<b>4(1)</b>						
Skaza2006	p(8He,d)	15,7MeV/u	SPIRAL MUST	(CH2)n	0,36(5)	0,17(5)		0,9(5)	1,0(9)	2,9(1)	2,1(8)								
Wousmaa2005	6He(d,p)7He	11,5MeV/u	"in-flight" RIB @ATLAS	(CD2)n	<b>observed</b>	<b>observed</b>	0,37(7)	2,6(1)	$\sim 2$										
Boutachkov 2005	6He+p $\rightarrow$ 7Li- IAS of 7He $\rightarrow$ 6Li0++n	0-24MeV	TwinSol @Notre Dame	(CH2)n	0,41(3)			3,1	broad(10)										
Rogachev2004	8He n knockout	240MeV/u	ALADIN-LAND @GSI	carbon	0,43(2)	0,15(8)		0,6(1)	0,75(8)										
Bohlen 2001	(15N,17F)	318,5MeV	HMI	9Be	0,44(3)	0,14(2)		2,95(10)	1,9(2)	5,8(3)	4(1)								
korsheninnikov 1999	p(8He,d)	50MeV/u	RIPS @RIKEN	CH2 C	<b>observed</b>	<b>observed</b>		2,9(3)	2,2(3)										