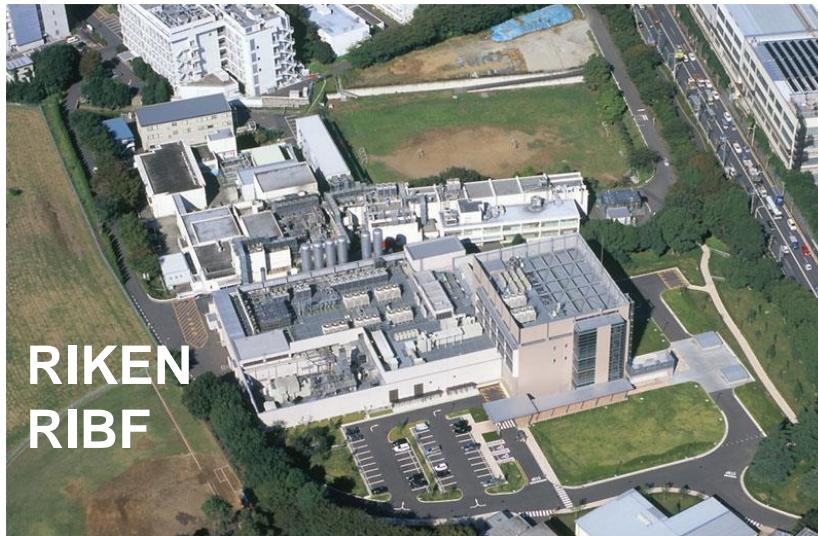


# New Isotope Search with BigRIPS

T. Kubo, RIKEN Nishina Center

Conducted at RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF) using the BigRIPS separator in order to expand the frontier of nuclear chart



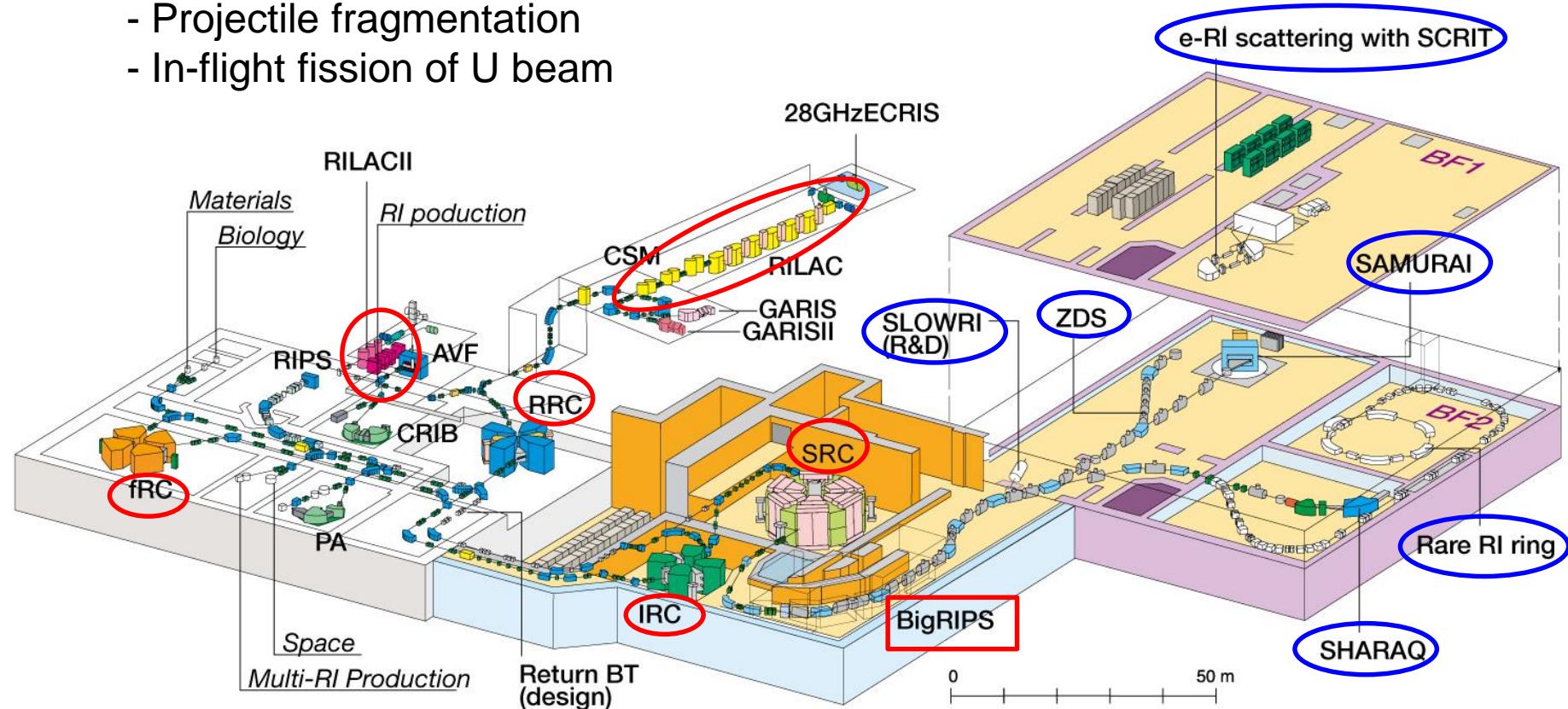
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# RI Beam Factory (RIBF) at RIKEN

A next-generation in-flight RI beam facility

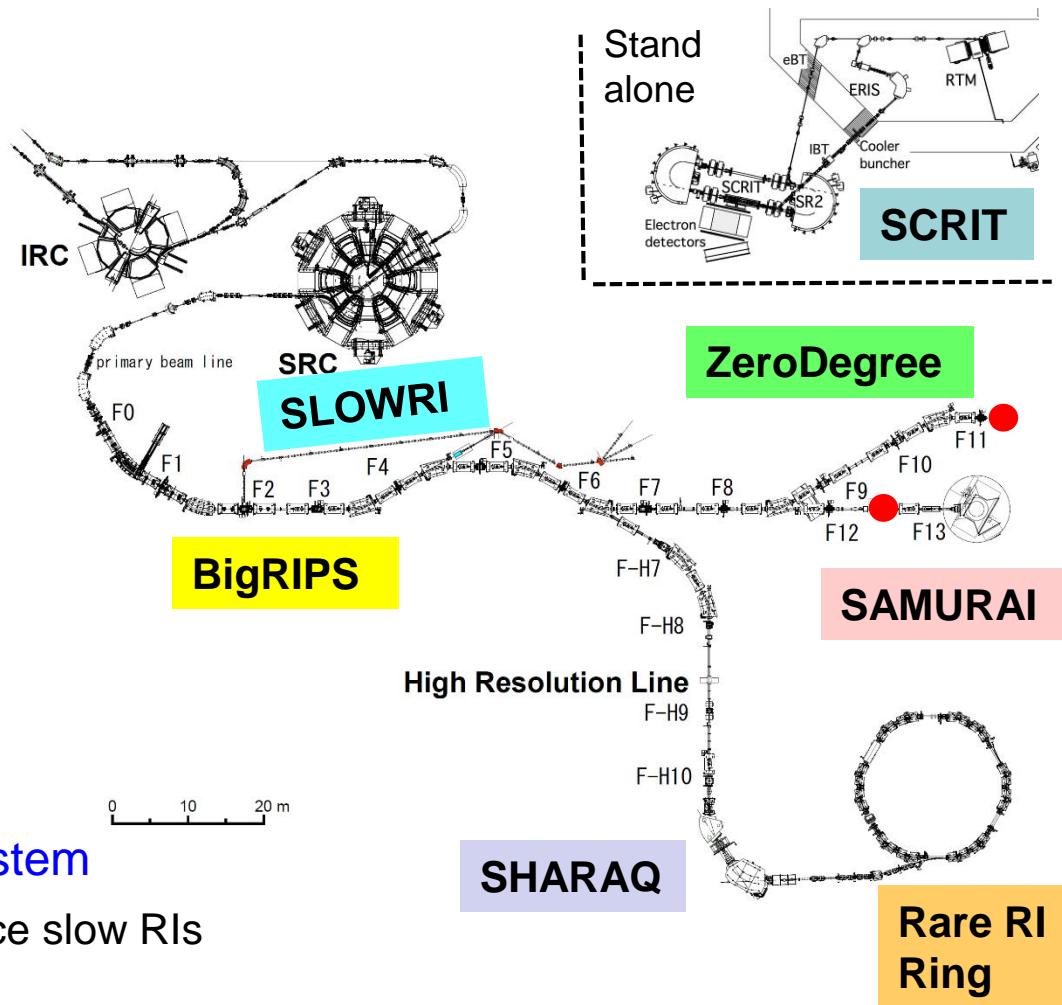
- Projectile fragmentation
- In-flight fission of U beam



- RIBF accelerator system consists of linacs and cyclotrons.
- Maximum energy is ~345 MeV/u for heavy ions up to U ions.
- Goal beam intensity is 1 p $\mu$ A ( $6 \times 10^{12}$  particles/sec).
- BigRIPS separator: used for RI-beam production
- Major experimental facilities<sup>2</sup>

# Major experimental facilities at RIBF: designed & built for RI beam experiments

- **BigRIPS separator**  
Also used as a spectrometer
- **ZeroDegree spectrometer: ZDS**  
Forward spectrometer fixed at 0 degrees and provides nice PID
- **SAMURAI spectrometer**  
Very large acceptances allowing kinematically complete measurement
- **SHARAQ spectrometer (by CNS) and high-resolution beam line**  
High-resolution measurement by momentum dispersion matching
- **SLOWRI & PALIS gas catcher system**  
Combines in-flight and ISOL to produce slow RIs
- **Rare RI Ring : isochronous mass ring** TOF mass measurement (~ppm)
- **SCRIT (Self-Confining RI target)**  
Electron-RI scattering using electron storage ring and ISOL system

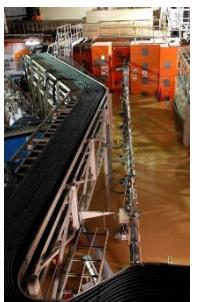


- Decay stations for  $\beta$ - $\gamma$  and  $\beta$ -n measurements ● : EURICA, BRIKEN
- Various large-scale detectors : DALI2, GRAPE, EUROBALL, ESPRI, MUST2, MINOS, SAMURAI TPC, ...

# Photos



SLOWRI  
(2015)



SCRIT (2011)

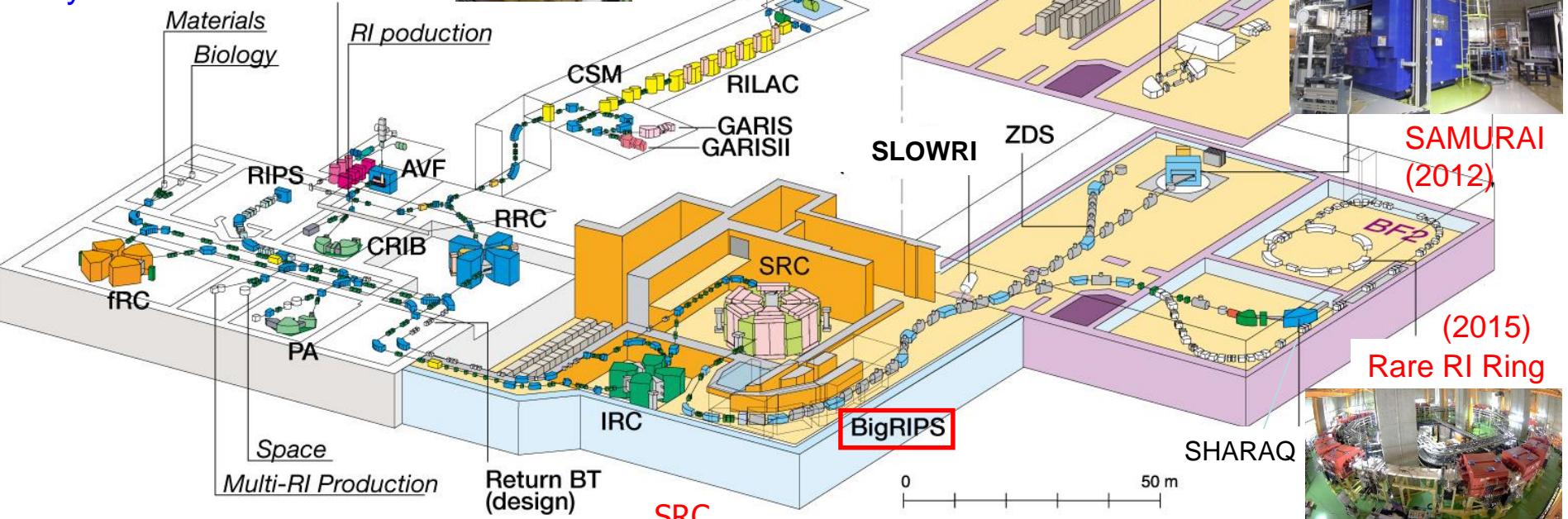


25 years!

RILACII

Materials  
Biology

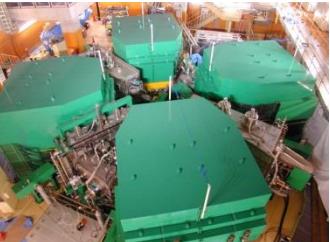
RI production



fRC



IRC



SRC



BigRIPS (2007)

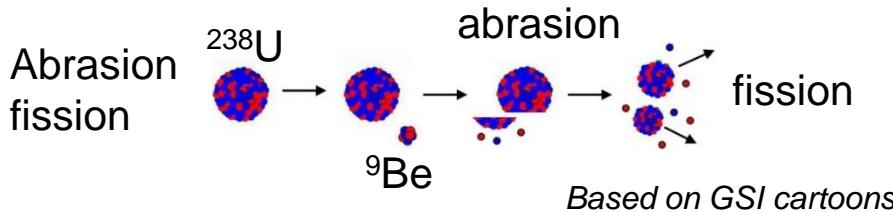


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SHARAQ (2009)

# BigRIPS separator (since March 2007)

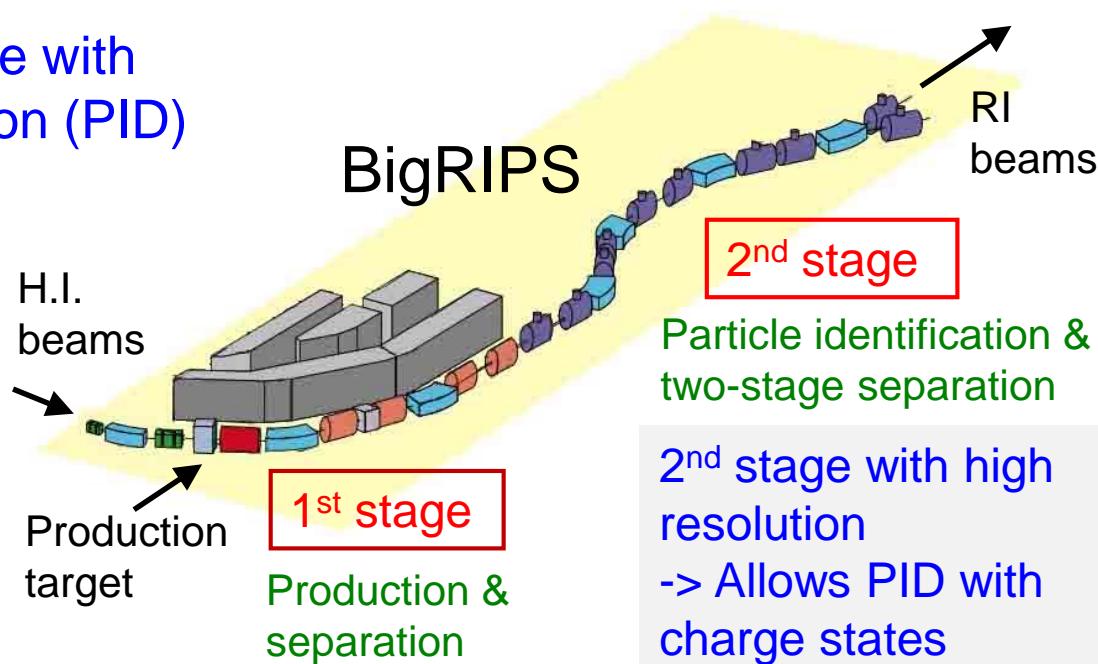
## ➤ Large acceptances

Comparable with spreads of in-flight fission of U beam at RIBF energies, allowing efficient production of RI beams



$\Delta\theta = 80 \text{ mr}$   
 $\Delta\phi = 100 \text{ mr}$   
 $\Delta p/p = 6 \%$   
 $B\rho = 9 \text{ Tm}$   
 $L = 78.2 \text{ m}$

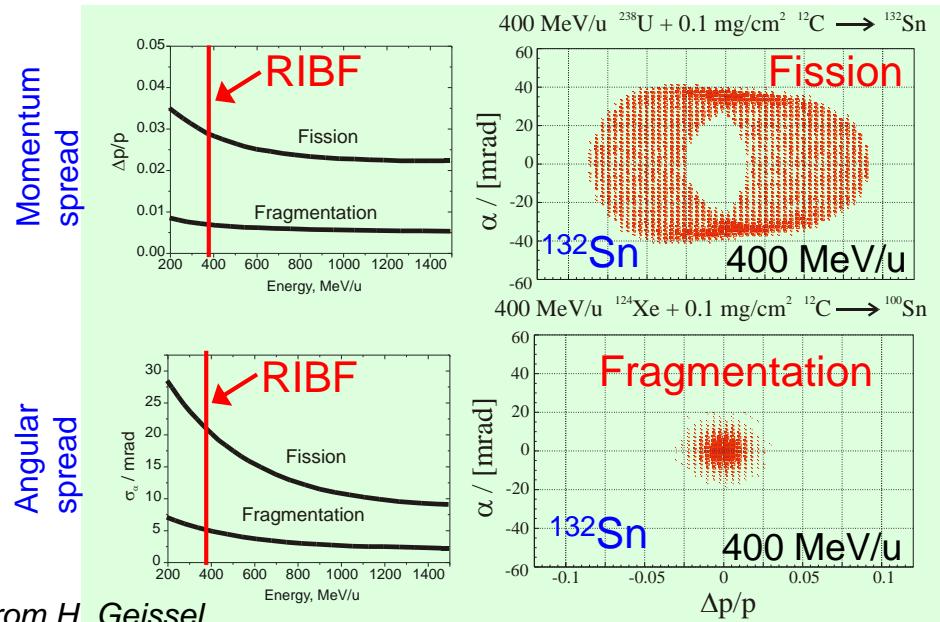
## ➤ Two-stage separator scheme with excellent particle identification (PID)



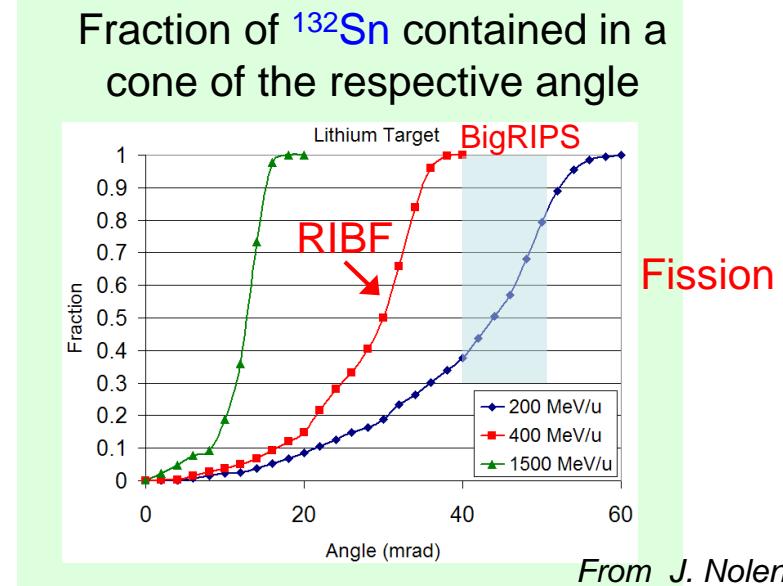
- PID: based on TOF- $B\rho$ - $\Delta E$  method with track reconstruction and made by Z vs. A/Q
- A/Q resolution is high enough to identify charge state events without measuring TKE

# Reaction kinematics (angle and momentum spreads) and collection efficiency of fragments: demonstrates large acceptances of BigRIPS

Well cover the spreads of fission fragments!

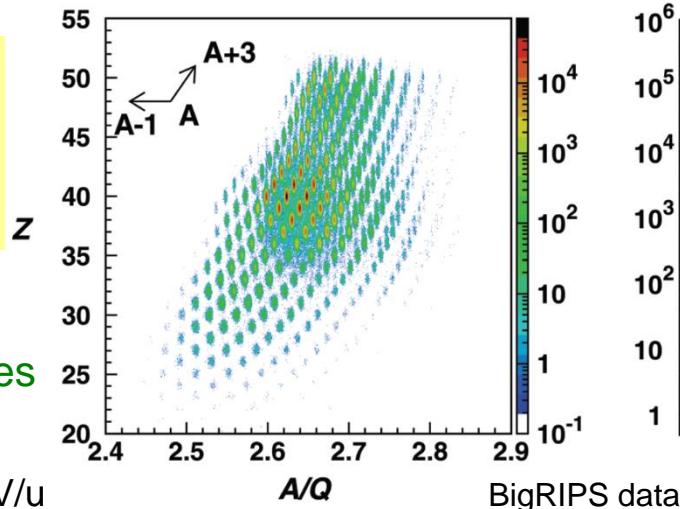


From H. Geissel

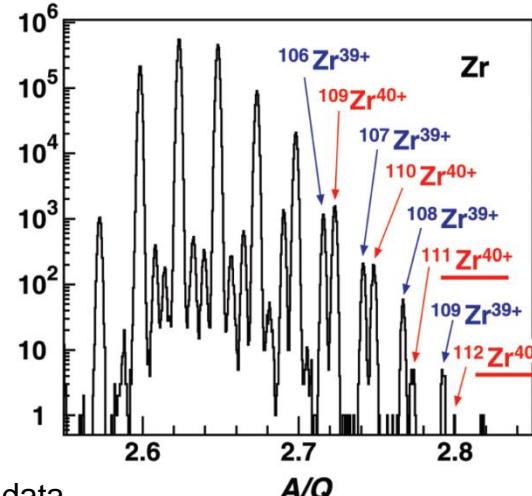


Excellent PID  
for fission  
fragments

High enough to  
identify charge states



${}^{238}\text{U}+\text{Be}$  at 345 MeV/u



Neighboring  
fully-stripped  
and hydrogen-  
like peaks  
clearly identified

# RI beams produced at BigRIPS (May 2007 – Dec. 2014)

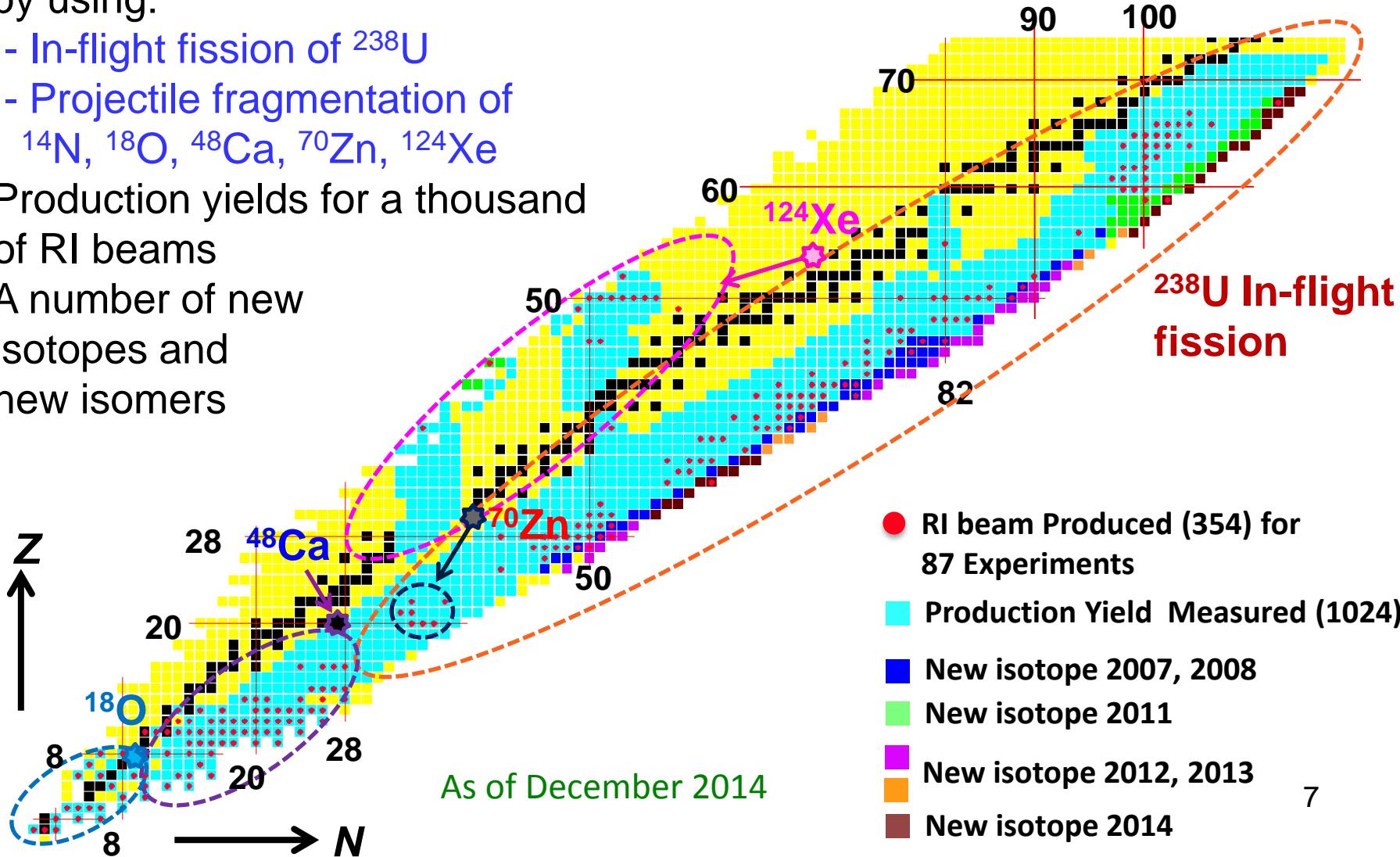
- We have produced a total of 354 RI beams and delivered to 87 experiments.

➤ by using:

- In-flight fission of  $^{238}\text{U}$
- Projectile fragmentation of  $^{14}\text{N}$ ,  $^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{70}\text{Zn}$ ,  $^{124}\text{Xe}$

➤ Production yields for a thousand of RI beams

➤ A number of new isotopes and new isomers



# Photos

## High-power production target



from SRC →

## High-power beam dump



## Energy degraders



## PID detectors



STQ14

STQ11

STQ10

D3

STQ6  
STQ5

F3

STQ2

F5

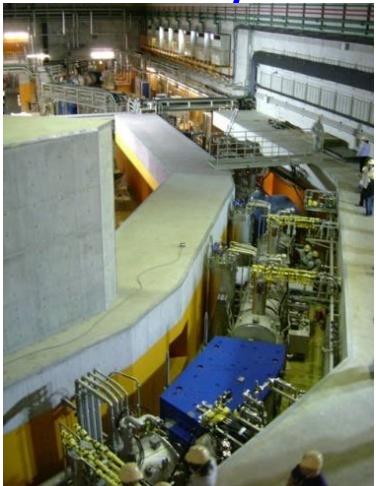
D6

F7

Second stage

BigRIPS

First stage

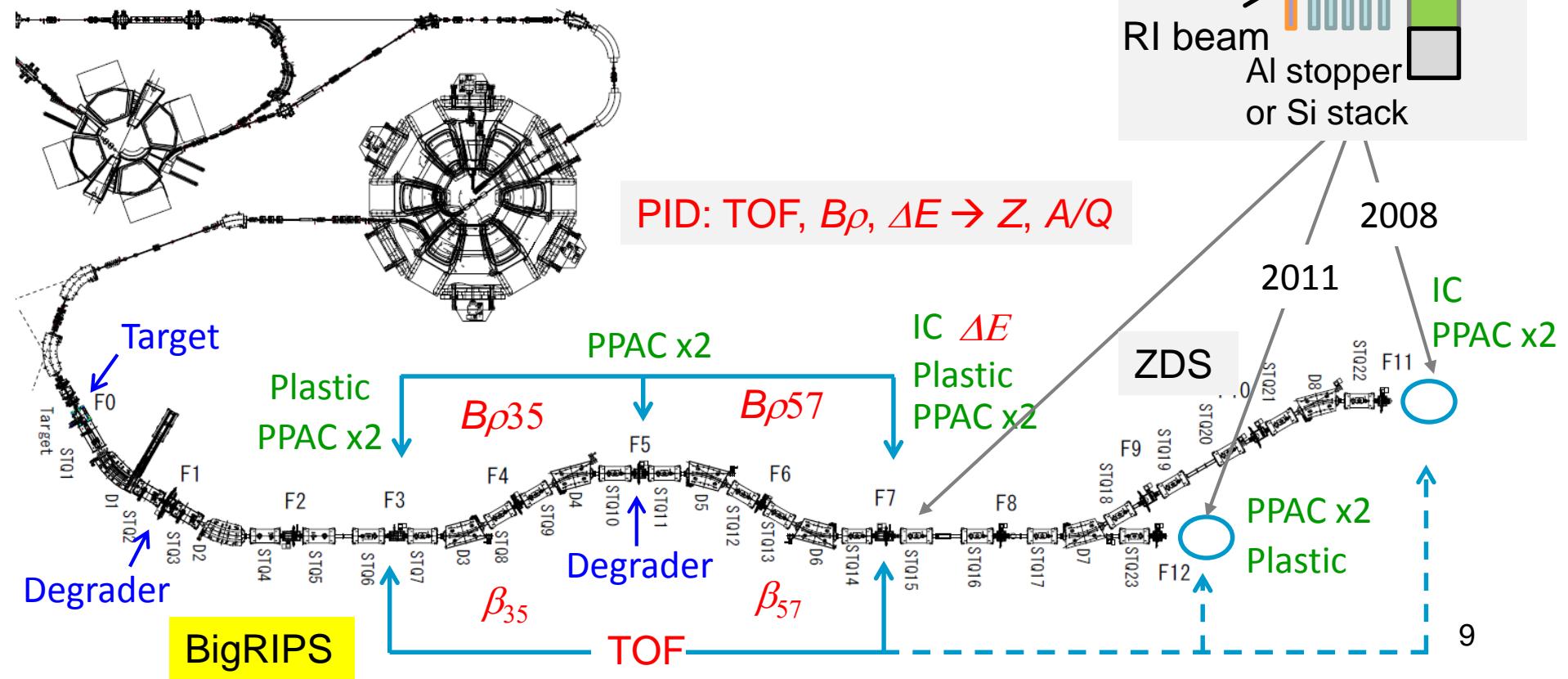


Large-aperture superconducting quadrupole triplets: STQ



# Our experimental setups for new isotope search

- Standard beam-line detectors at BigRIPS for TOF,  $B\rho$ ,  $\Delta E$  measurement for PID of new isotopes
- Clover-type Ge detectors for isomer tagging for PID calibration and also isomer measurement (which was simultaneously conducted while searching for new isotopes)



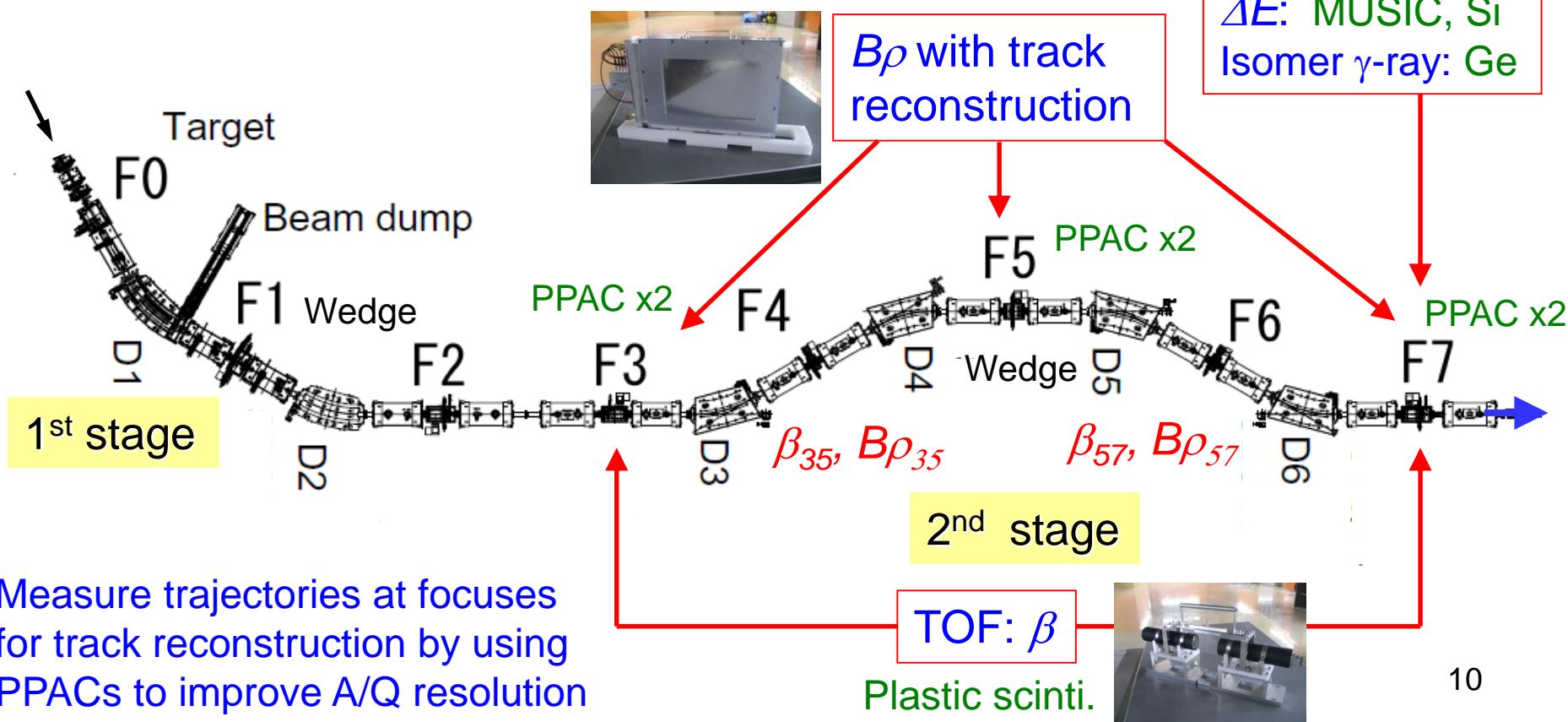
# Particle identification (PID) scheme at BigRIPS

## TOF-B $\rho$ - $\Delta E$ method with track reconstruction

Measure TOF, B $\rho$ ,  $\Delta E$  at 2<sup>nd</sup> stage

$B\rho, \beta, \Delta E \downarrow + \text{isomeric } \gamma\text{-rays} \quad Z \leftarrow -dE/dx = f(Z, \beta)$

$A/Q = \frac{B\rho}{\gamma\beta m_u}$

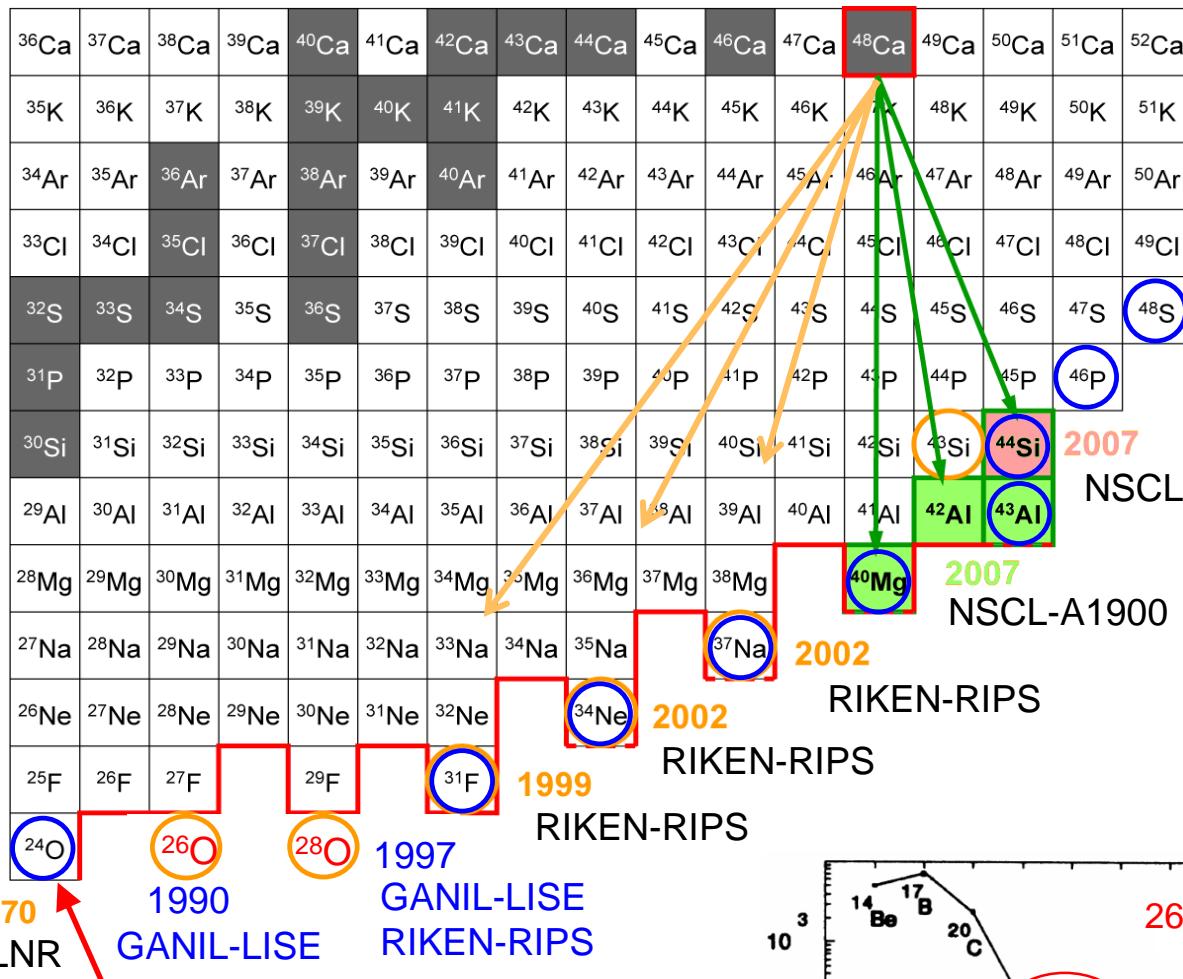


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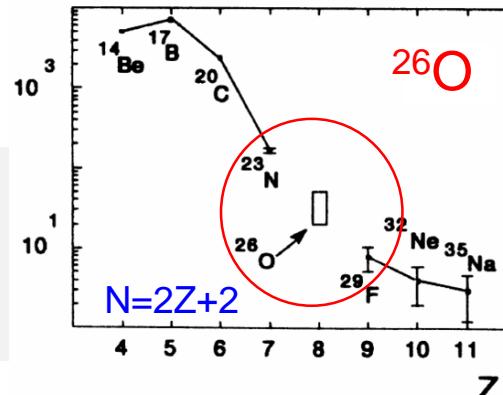
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Conducted  
Dec. 2014!

# Neutron drip-line for low Z nuclei



The location of the neutron drip line is only known up to Oxygen, which is  $^{24}\text{O}$  !  
 (Established more than 15 years ago)

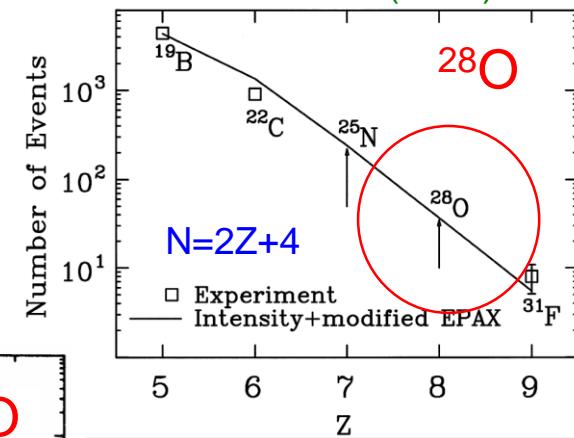


Non-existence of  $^{26}\text{O}$  and  $^{28}\text{O}$  established long time ago

D. Guillemaud-Muel et al.: PRC 41 (1990) 937

○ Most neutron-rich isotopes observed so far (the year and facility shown)

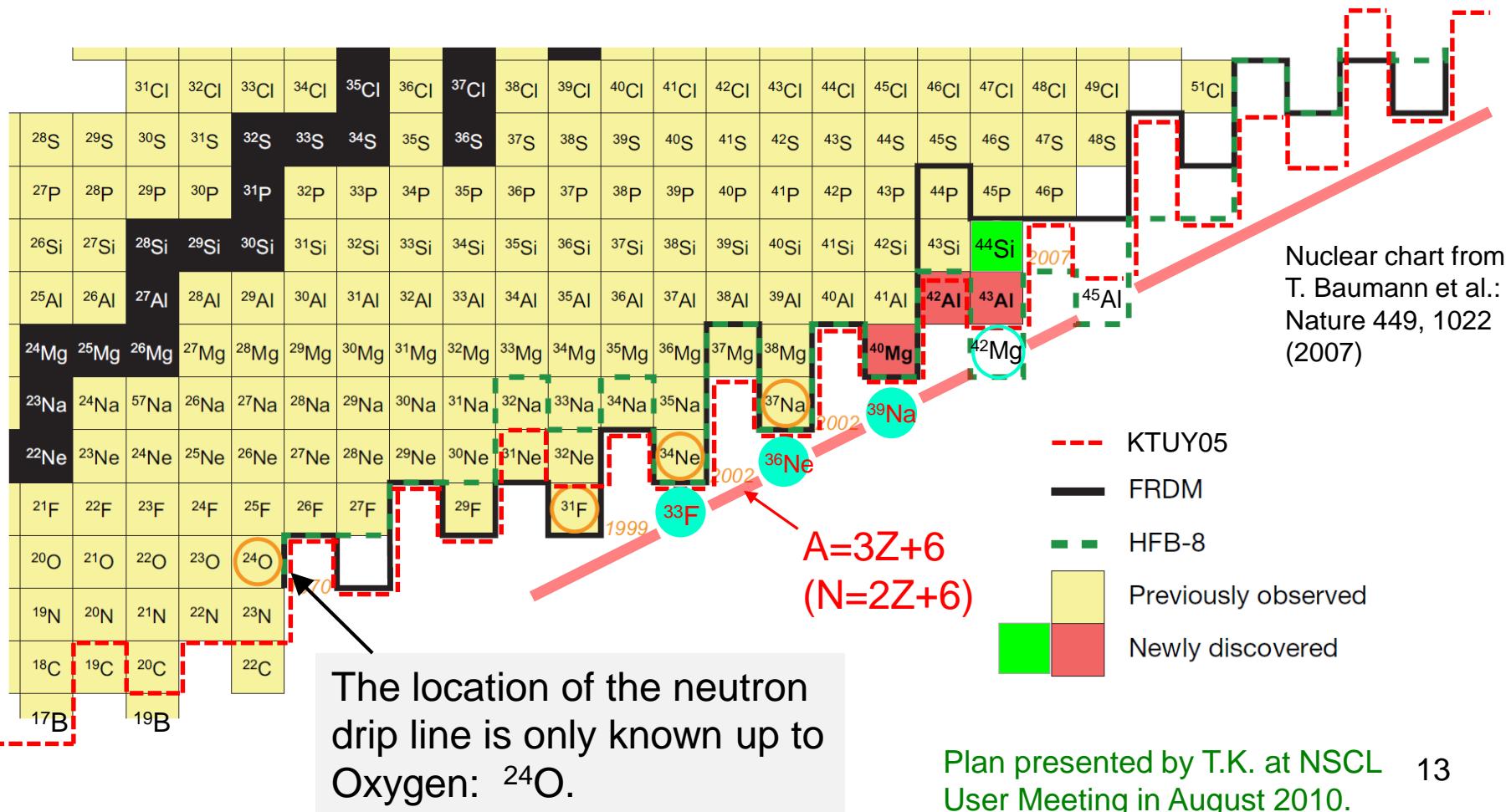
H. Sakurai et al.: PLB 448 (1999) 180



# Neutron drip-line search using a $^{48}\text{Ca}$ beam at RIKEN RIBF

We have recently searched for the drip-line nuclei:  $^{33}\text{F}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{39}\text{Na}$  (Dec 2014)

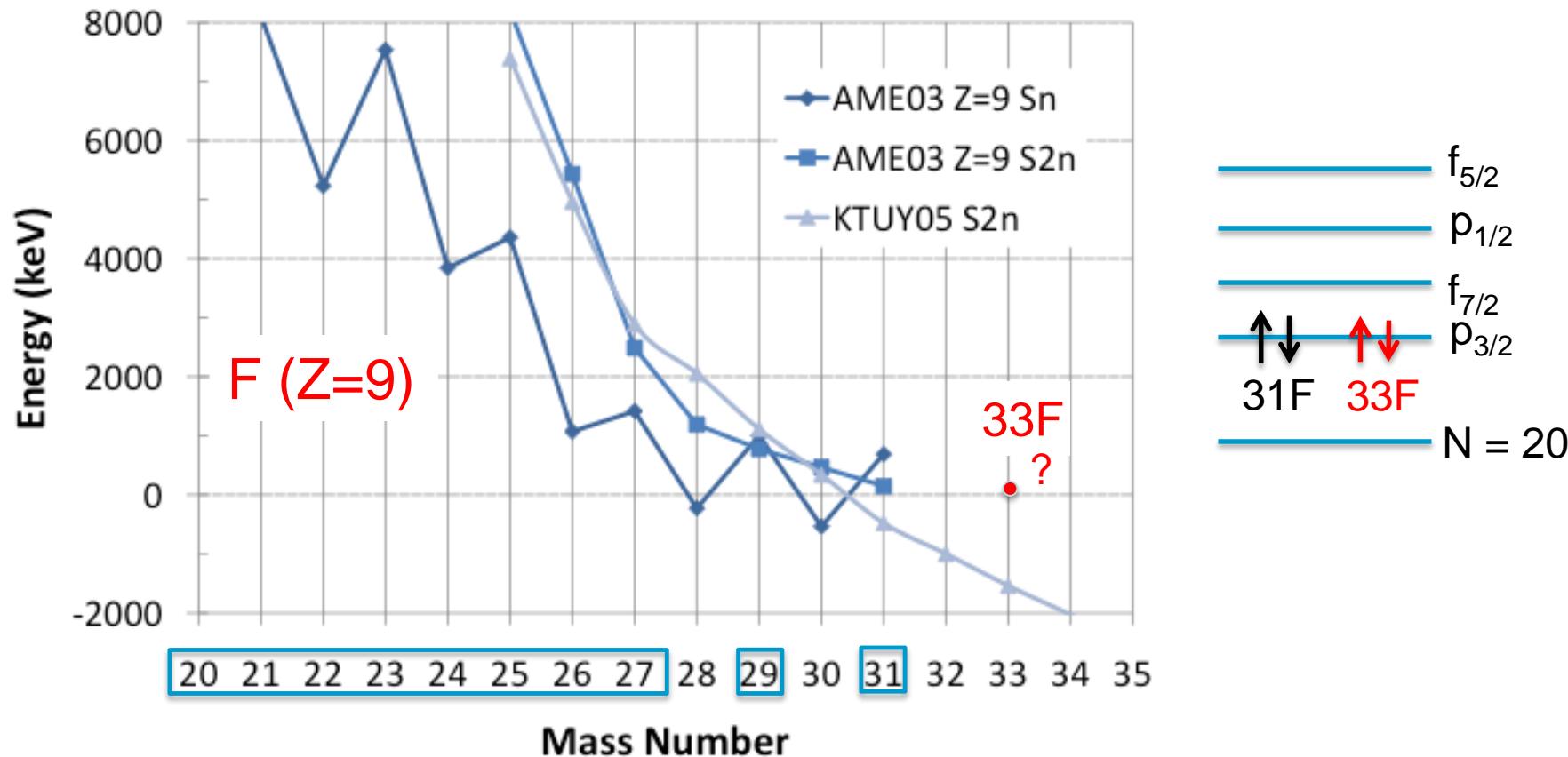
- using an intense  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  beam (400 - 500 pnA ( $3 \times 10^{12}$  pps) at 345 MeV/u)
- in order to determine existence/non-existence of  $^{33}\text{F}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Ne}$ , and  $^{39}\text{Na}$  with  $A = 3Z + 6$  and to locate the neutron drip-line



# Systematics of neutron separation energy for F isotopes and the drip lines

Courtesy of Brad M. Sherrill (collaborator)

From systematics it is possible that  $^{33}\text{F}$  ( and  $^{36}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{39}\text{Na}$ ) are bound.



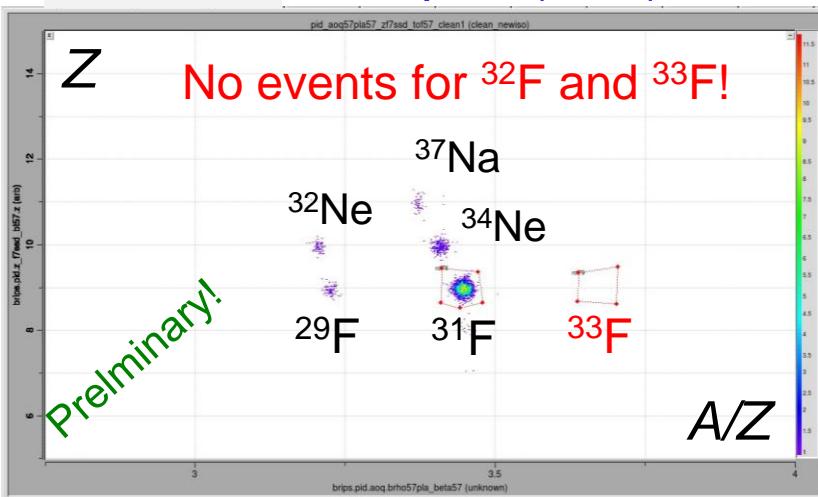
Determination of drip lines provides us with a key benchmark for nuclear model and mass model. It does not matter if it is bound or not.

# Preliminary results from our on-line analysis

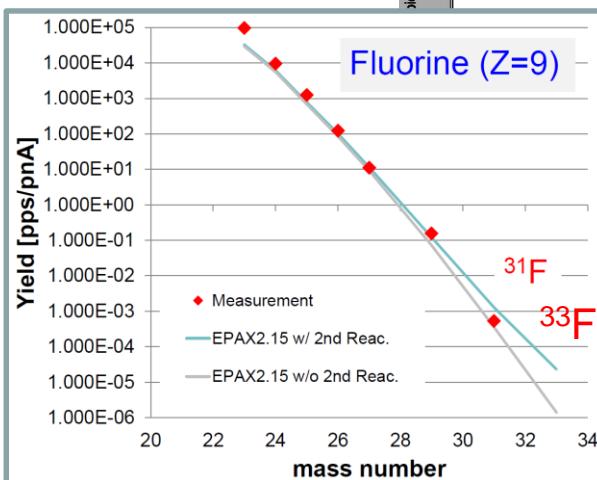
$^{48}\text{Ca} + \text{Be}$  at 345 MeV/u

$^{33}\text{F}$  run

415 pnA (ave.), 14.3 h



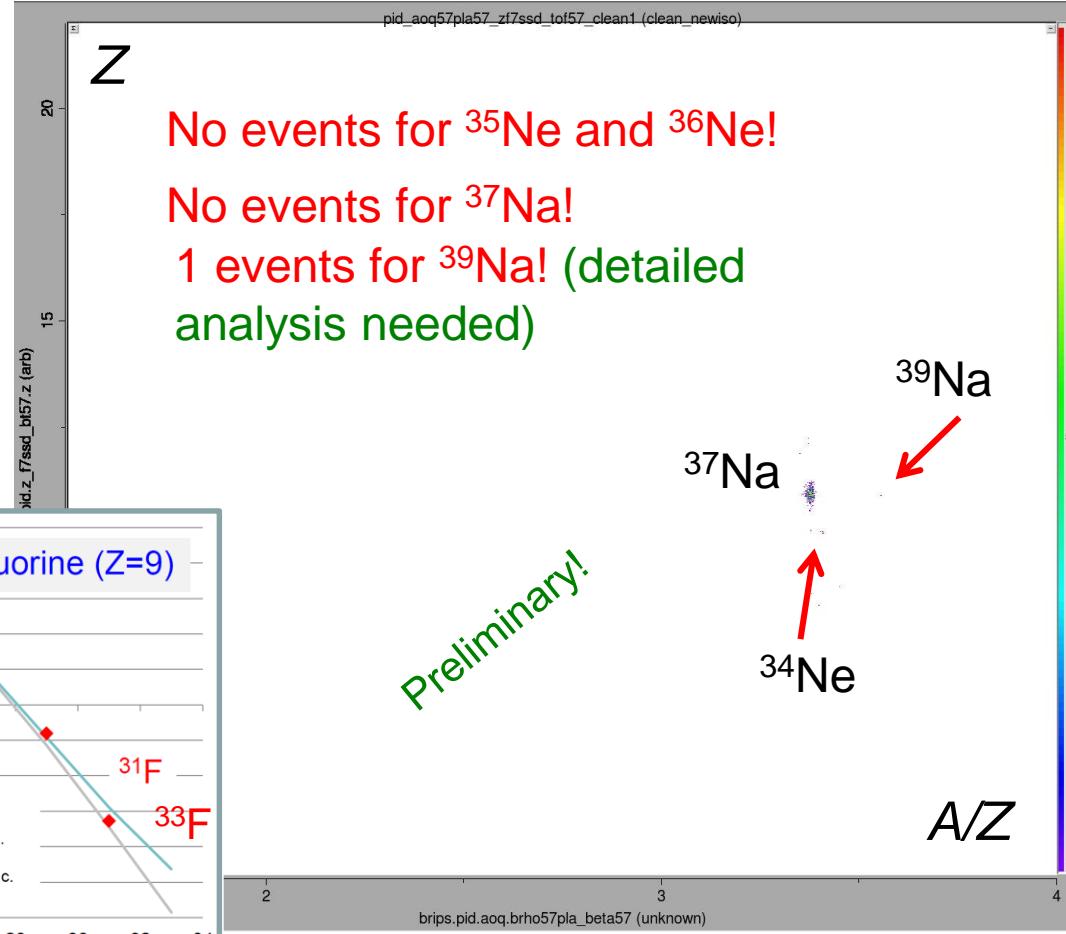
Measured yield systematics for F isotopes along with EPAX2.15 LISE++ predictions



Expected counts of  $^{33}\text{F}$  assuming EPAX2.15 (without secondary reactions) ->  
20.7 counts -> Give very high probability that  $^{33}\text{F}$  is not bound: 99.99999897%

$^{36}\text{Ne} + ^{39}\text{Na}$  run

440 pnA (ave.), 9.4 h



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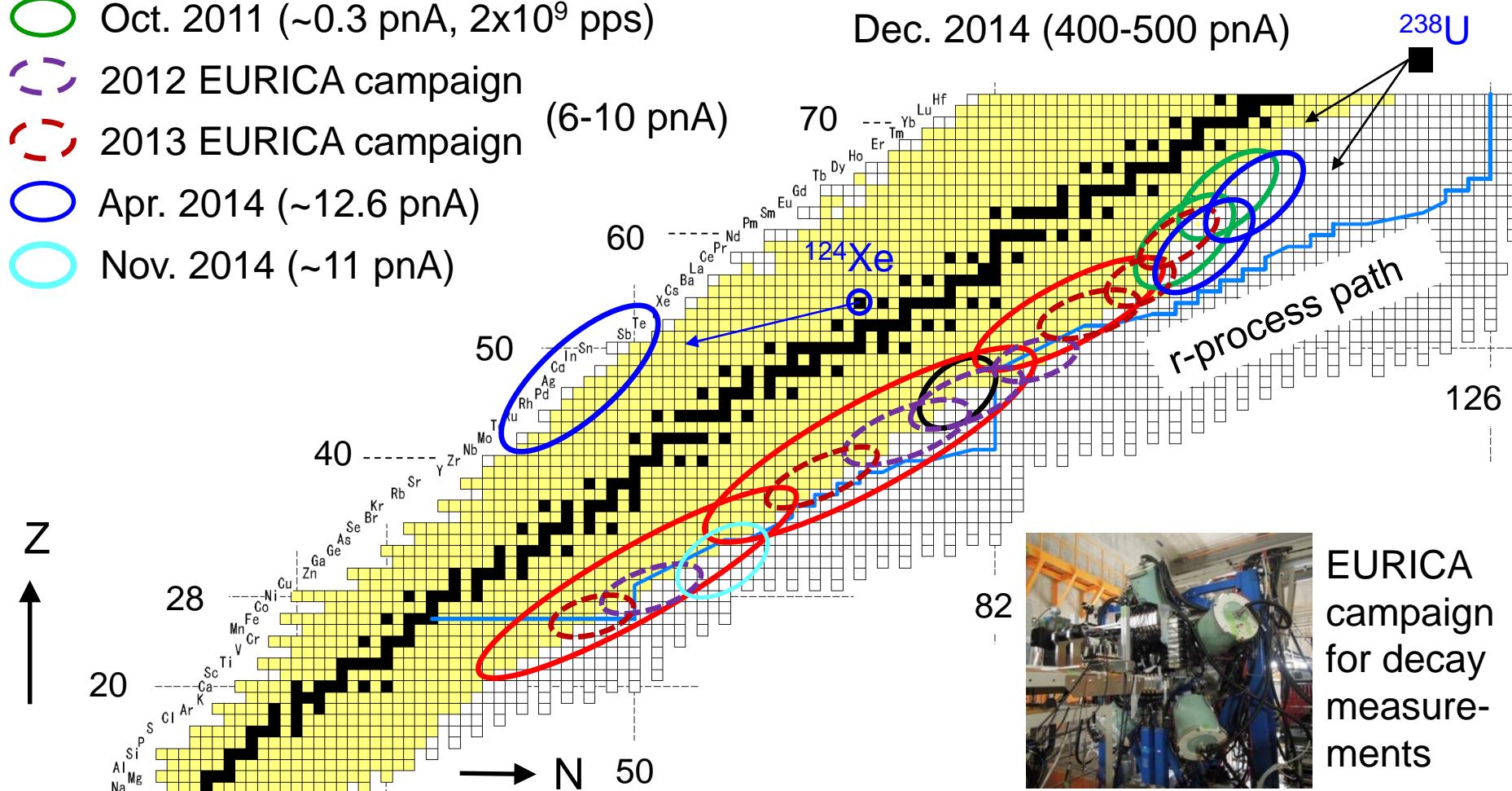
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# New isotope runs at BigRIPS since 2007

- Neutron-rich new isotopes using in-flight fission of  $^{238}\text{U}$  at 345 MeV/u

- May 2007 (~0.007 pnA,  $4 \times 10^7$  pps)
- Nov. 2008 (~0.22 pnA,  $1 \times 10^9$  pps)
- Oct. 2011 (~0.3 pnA,  $2 \times 10^9$  pps)
- 2012 EURICA campaign
- 2013 EURICA campaign (6-10 pnA)
- Apr. 2014 (~12.6 pnA)
- Nov. 2014 (~11 pnA)

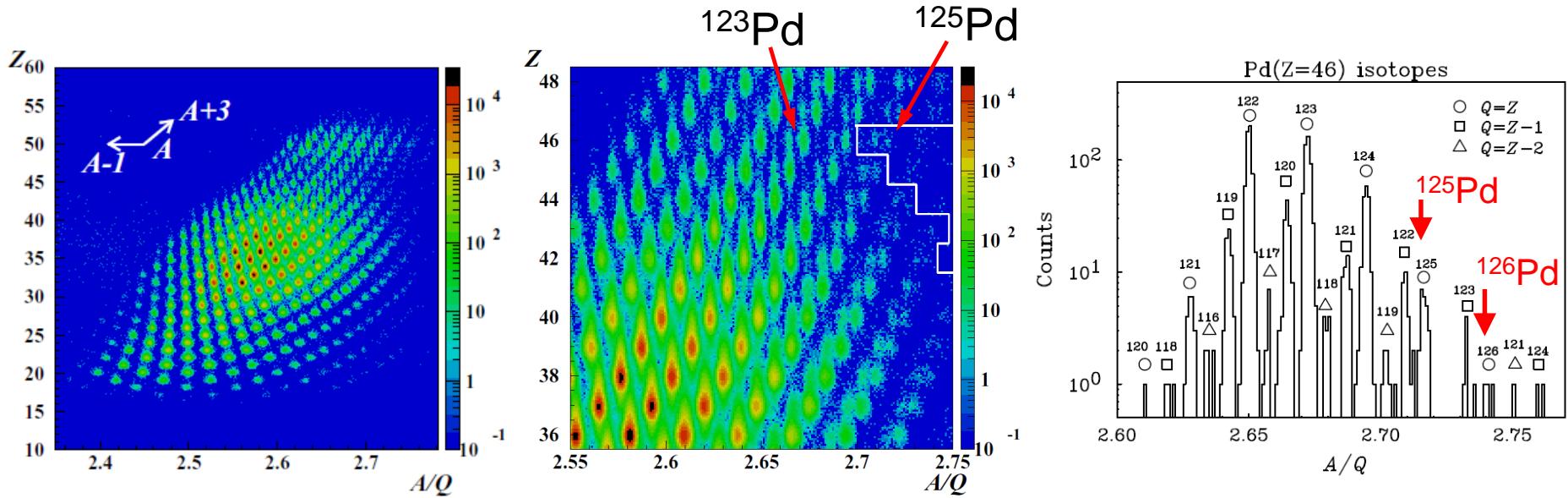
- Proton-rich new isotopes using  $^{124}\text{Xe}$  at 345 MeV/u  
Dec. 2011 (~9 pnA), 2013 (~35 pnA)
- Neutron drip-line search using  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  at 345 MeV/u  
Dec. 2014 (400-500 pnA)



EURICA  
campaign  
for decay  
measure-  
ments

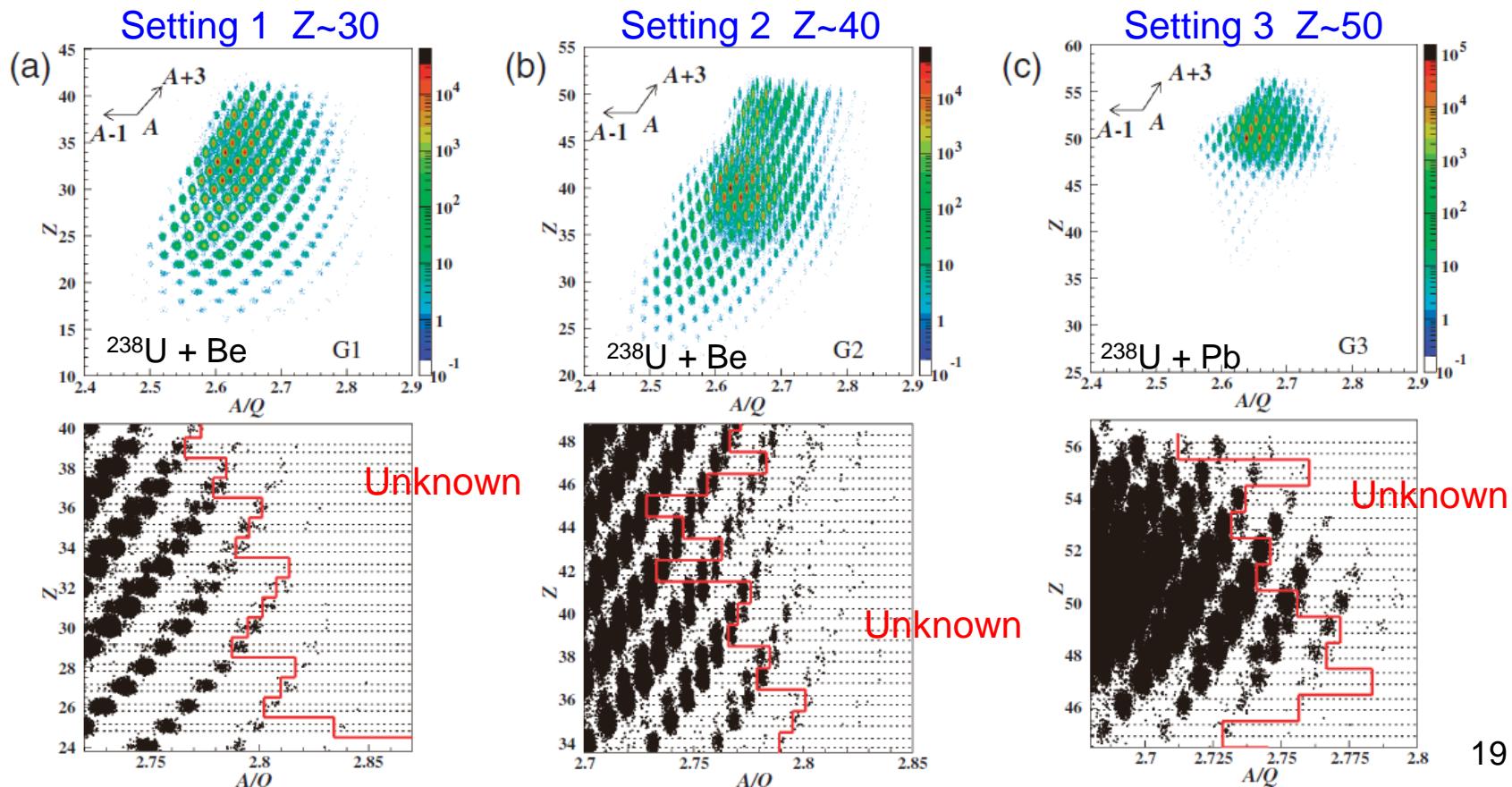
## 2007 U experiment

- First experiment at RIBF!
- $^{238}\text{U}^{86+} + \text{Be}$  at 345 MeV/u
- Two new isotopes  $^{125}\text{Pd}$  and  $^{126}\text{Pd}$  identified!
- U intensity very low ~0.007 pnA ( $4 \times 10^7$  pps), running time: ~1 day
  - demonstrated the potential of BigRIPS separator



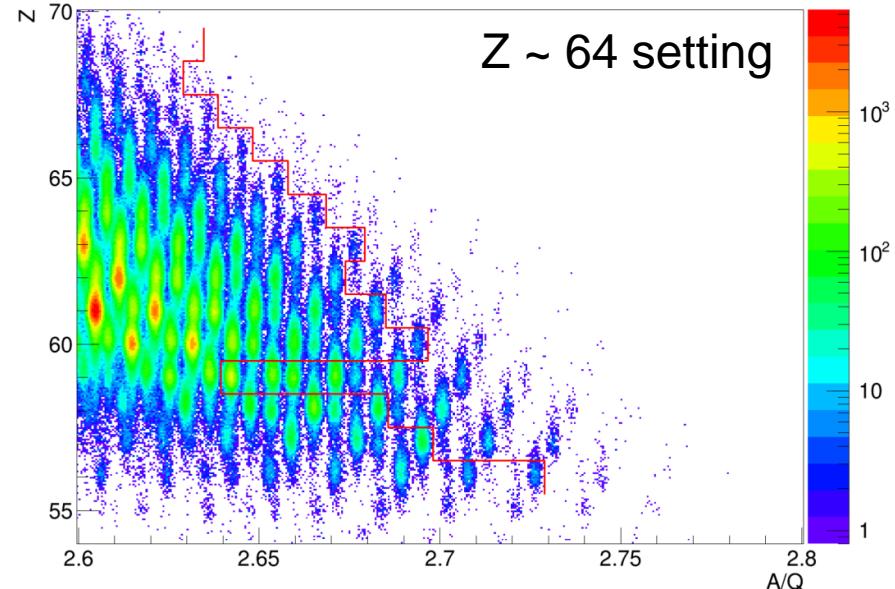
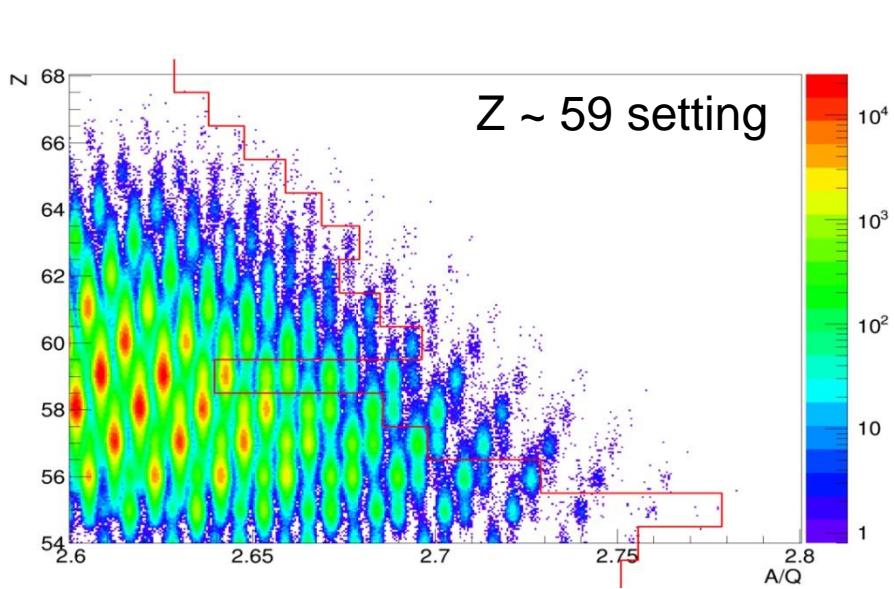
# 2008 U experiment

- Ran three different settings targeting  $Z \sim 30$ ,  $Z \sim 40$  and  $Z \sim 50$  region
- $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Be}/\text{Pb}$  345MeV/u, ~4 days
- U intensity ~30 times higher than in 2007, but still low: ~0.22 pnA ( $1 \times 10^9$  pps)
- A total of 45 new isotopes over a wide range of neutron-rich exotic nuclei!
  - demonstrates the capability of BigRIPS separator



## 2011 Oct U experiment

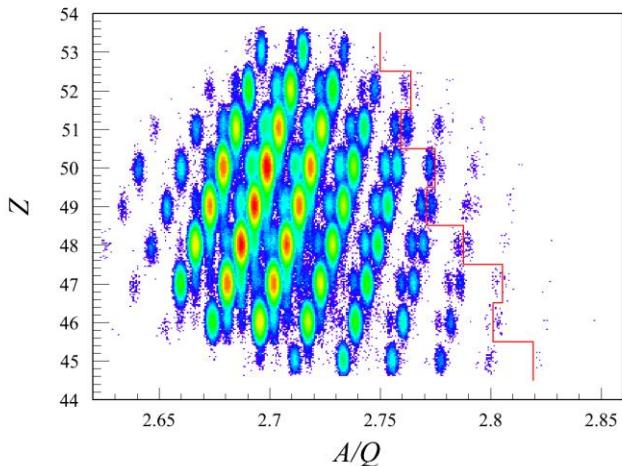
- Searched for new isotopes in neutron-rich rare earth region
- Ran two settings: Z ~59 and ~64,  $^{238}\text{U}^{86+}$  + Be at 345 MeV/u
- U intensity still low:  $\sim 0.3 \text{ pA}$  ( $2 \times 10^9 \text{ pps}$ ), running time  $\sim 4$  days
- 26 new isotopes over a wide range of neutron-rich rare earth nuclei!
  - again demonstrates the capability of BigRIPS separator



# New isotope search during EURICA campaign (2012 & 2013)

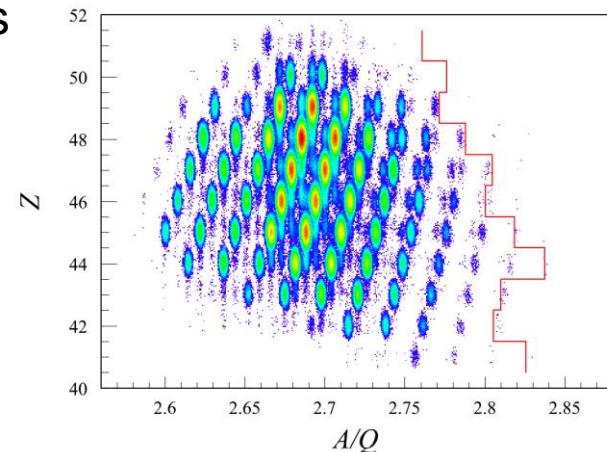
- Ran several settings for various regions
    - $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Be}$  at 345 MeV/u
  - Intensity increased a lot: 6 - 10 pnA
- A number of new isotopes observed!
- 2013 ~6 pnA 8 (3+5) (preliminary)  
2012 ~10 pnA 26 (19+7) (preliminary)

$Z \sim 50$   
setting  
(2012)

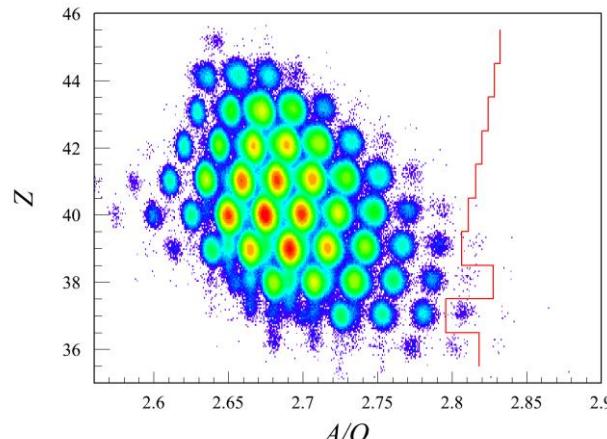


Examples  
of PID plots

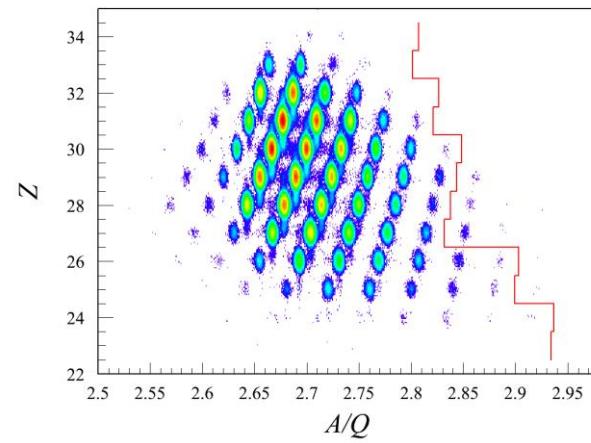
$Z \sim 46$   
setting  
(2012)



$Z \sim 40$   
setting  
(2013)



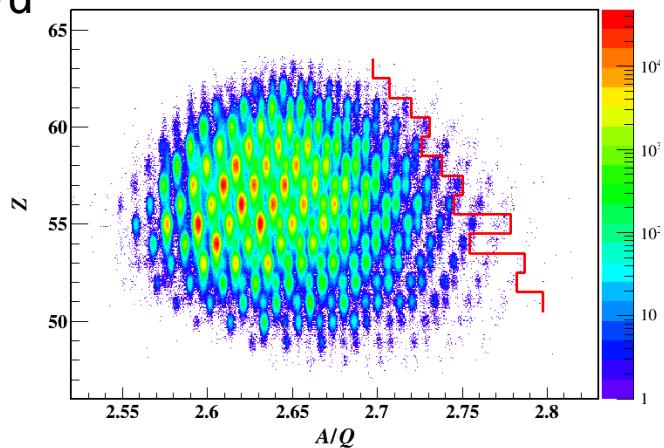
$Z \sim 28$   
setting  
(2012)



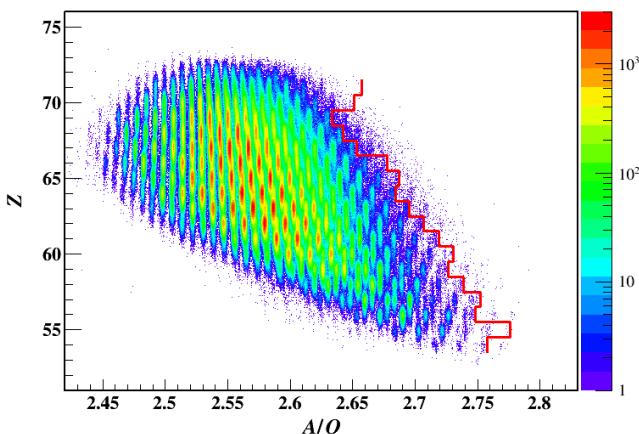
## 2014 April U experiment

- $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Be}$  at 345 MeV/u  
~ 12.6 pnA
- Ran two settings
- Neutron-rich rare earth region again  
**18 new isotopes**  
(preliminary)

$Z \sim 59$  setting

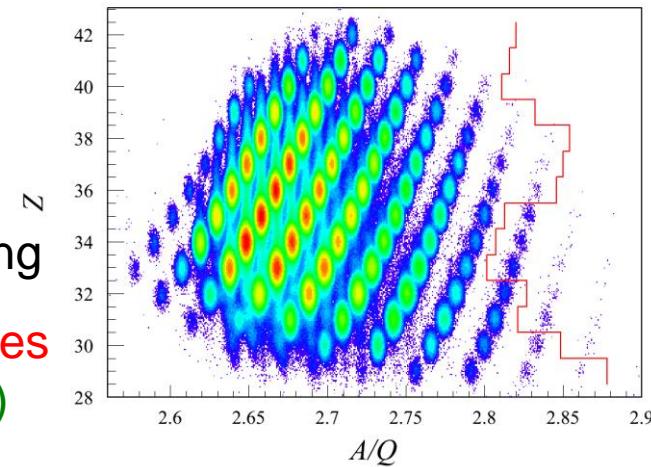


$Z \sim 68$  setting



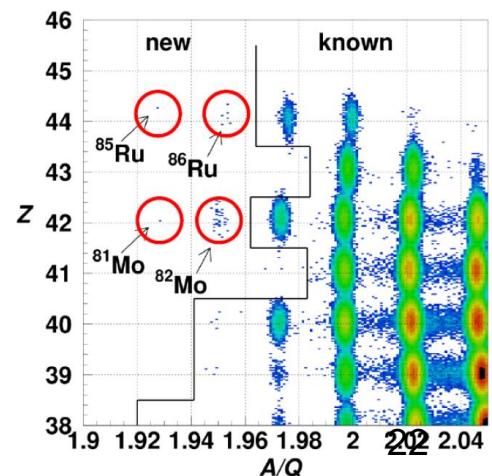
## 2014 Nov U experiment

- $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Be}$   
345 MeV/u  
~11 pnA
- $Z \sim 35$  setting  
**10 new isotopes**  
(preliminary)



## 2011 Nov Xe experiment

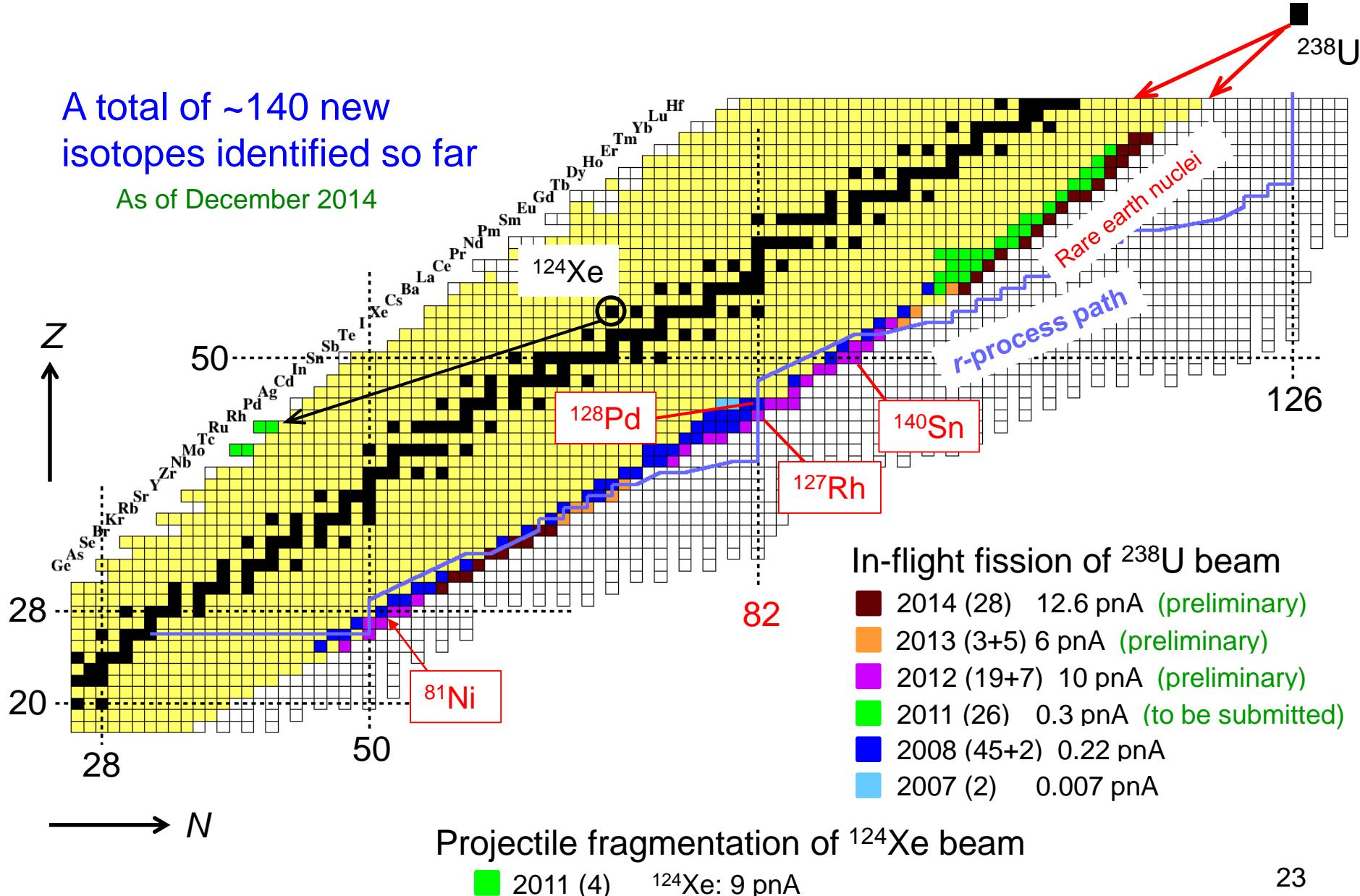
- $^{124}\text{Xe} + \text{Be}$   
345 MeV/u  
~9 pnA
- 4 new isotopes**



# Summary of new isotopes observed at RIBF

A total of ~140 new isotopes identified so far

As of December 2014



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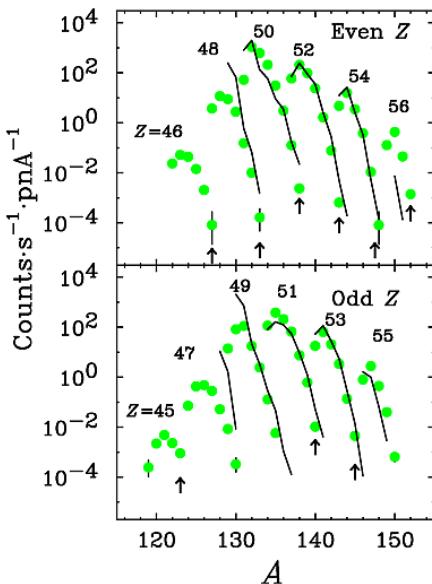
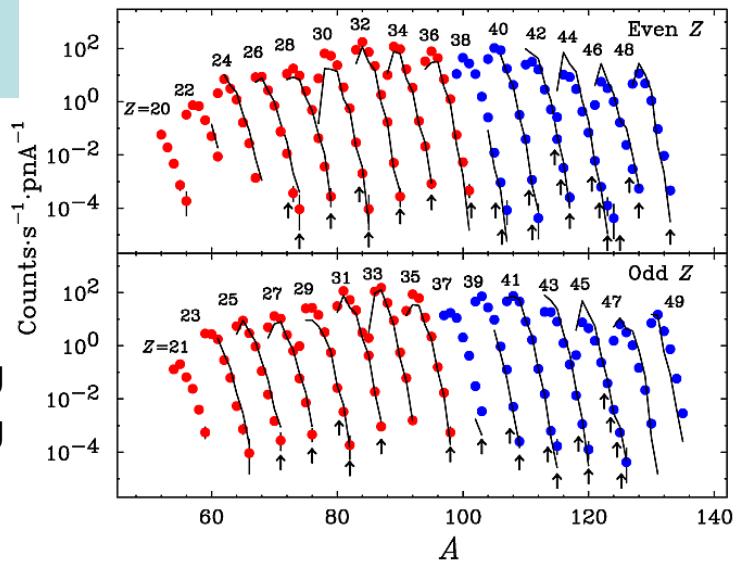
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# Measured production yields compared with LISE++ AF-model predictions

$^{238}\text{U}$  345MeV/u + Be (Abrasion fission)  
2008 experiment

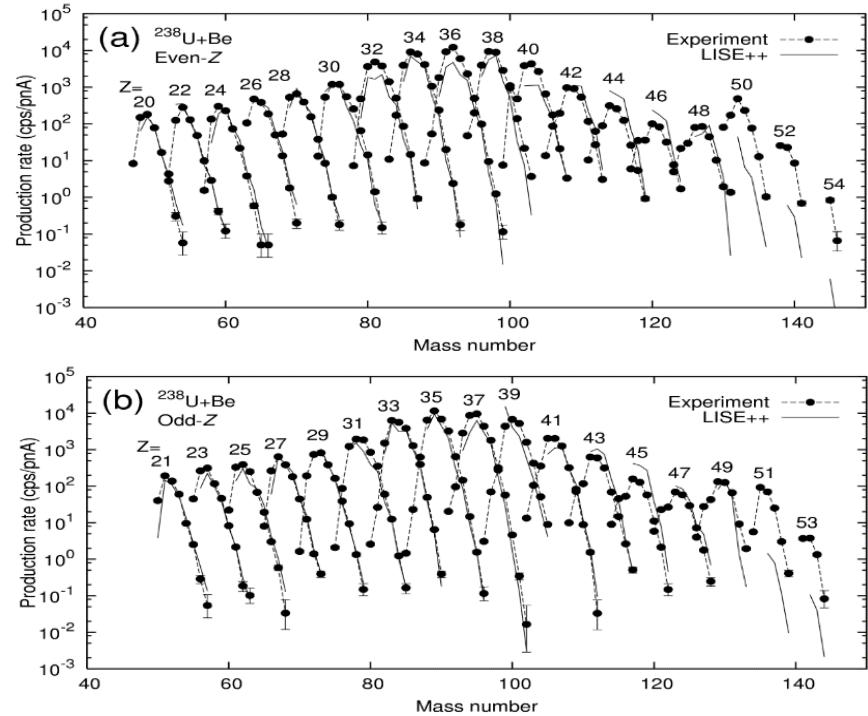
## Fission fragments

- Z~30 setting
- Z~40 setting



$^{238}\text{U}$  345MeV/u + Pb  
(Coulomb fission)  
2008 experiment  
● Z~50 setting

$^{238}\text{U}$  345MeV/u + Be (Abrasion fission)  
2007 experiment



— LISE++(ver. 8.4.1)

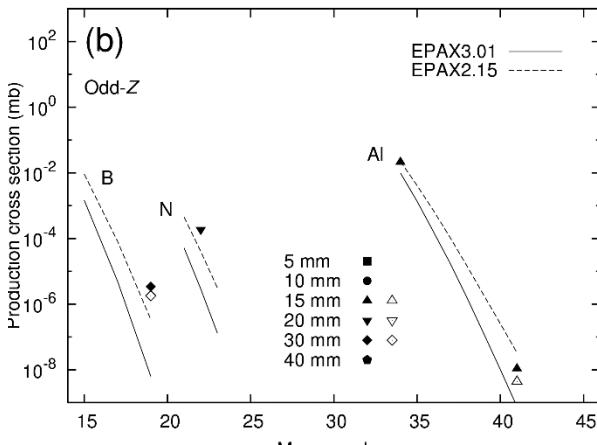
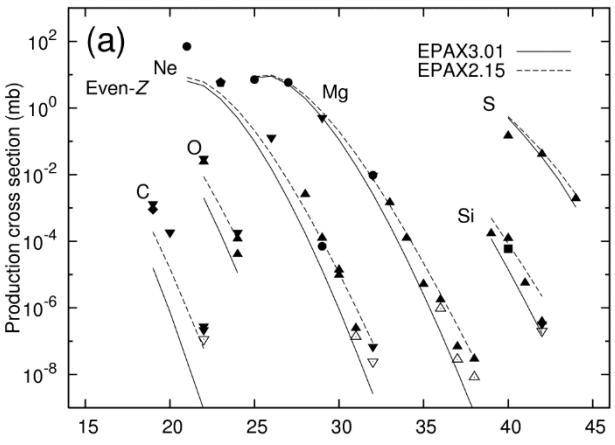
Fairly good agreement with LISE++  
Abrasion Fission (AF) model except for  
heavy regions with  $Z > 50$   
→ Improvement is needed

# Measured production cross sections of P.F. compared with EPAX predictions

EPAX3.01 —  
EPAX2.15 - - -

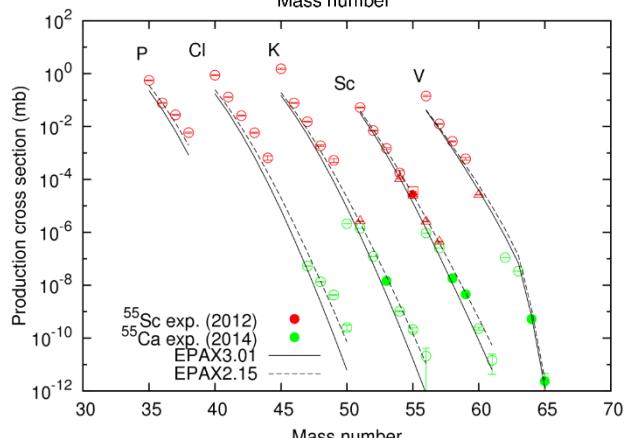
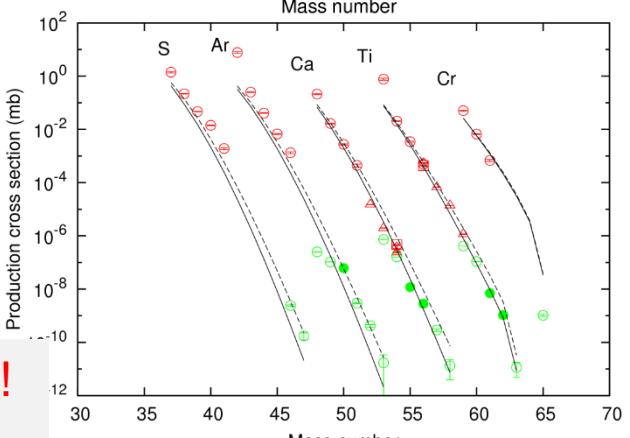
## $^{48}\text{Ca} + \text{Be}$ at 345 MeV/u

- EPAX 2.15 better
- EPAX 3.01 underestimates



## $^{70}\text{Zn} + \text{Be}$ at 345 MeV/u

- For  $Z < 20$ , EPAX 2.15 better
- EPAX 3.01 underestimates
- For  $Z > 20$ , EPAX 3.01 better

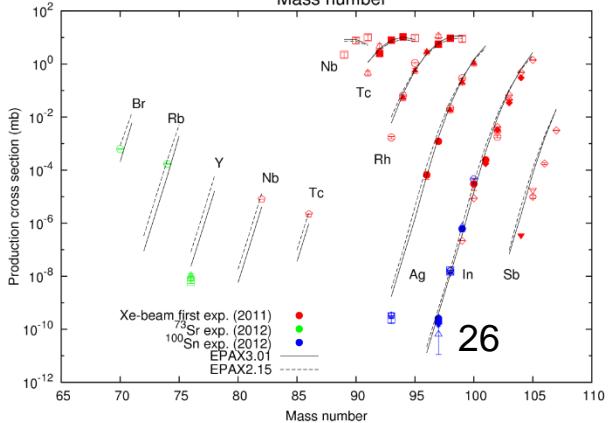
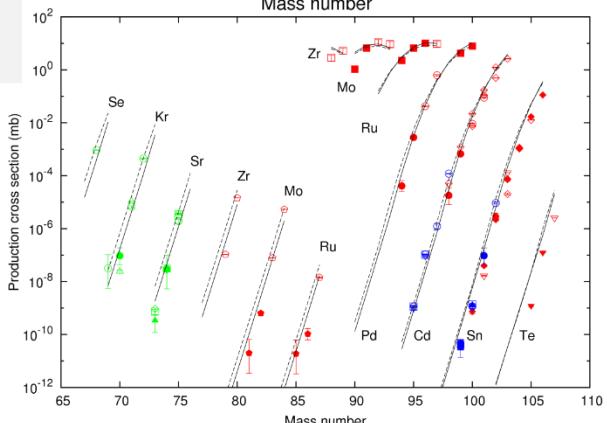


Overall fairly good agreement!

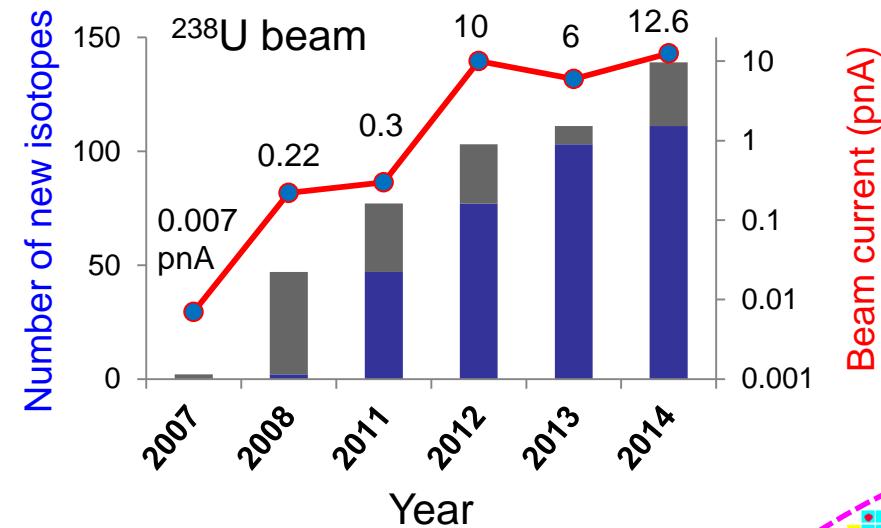
EPAX 2.15: better for lower  $Z$   
EPAX 3.01: better for higher  $Z$

## $^{124}\text{Xe} + \text{Be}$ at 345 MeV/u

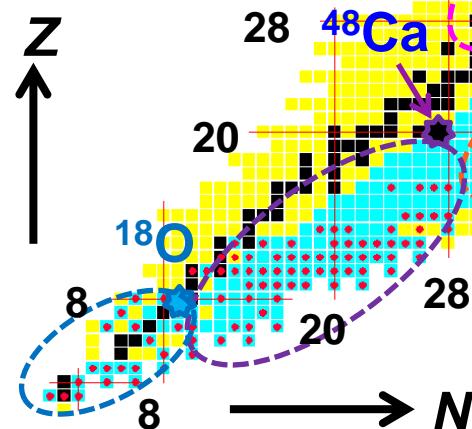
- EPAX 3.01 better
- Large discrepancy for very proton-rich isotopes:  
e.g.  $^{100}\text{Sn} \sim 1/6$ ,  $^{73}\text{Sr} \sim 1/3$



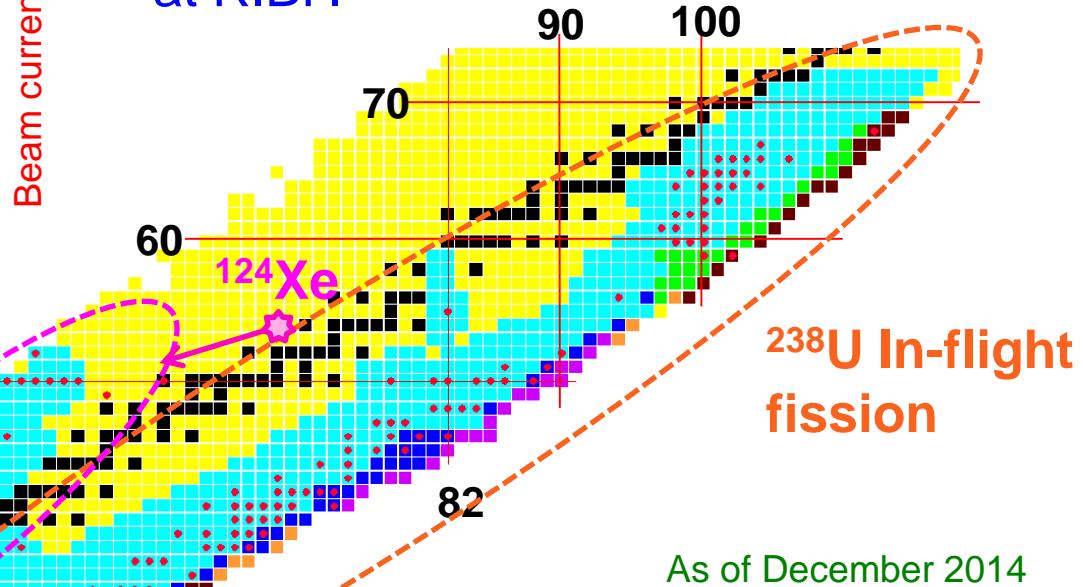
# Summary



New isotopes: 141  
 New isomers: 43  
 (preliminary)



The frontiers of nuclear chart is expanding with the upgraded features at RIBF.

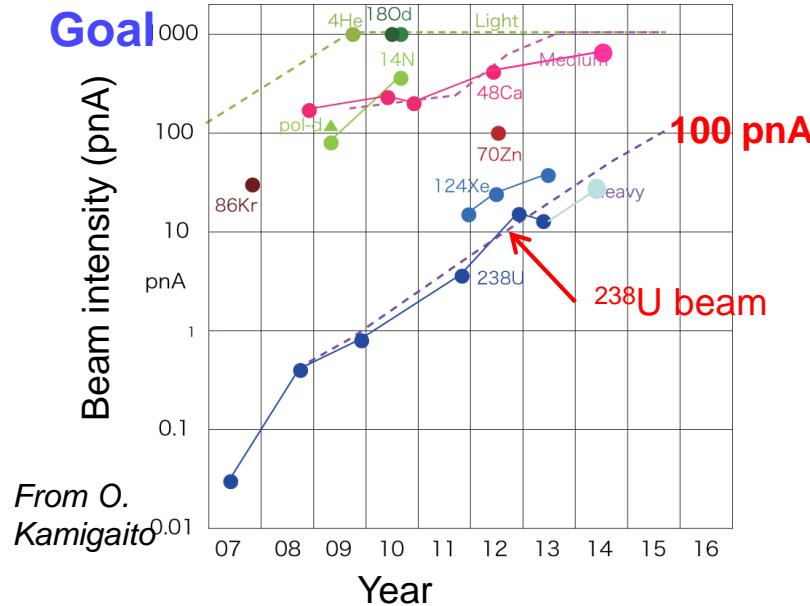


As of December 2014

- RI beam Produced (354) for 87 Experiments
- Production Yield Measured (1024)
- New isotope 2007, 2008
- New isotope 2011
- New isotope 2012, 2013
- New isotope 2014

# Perspective

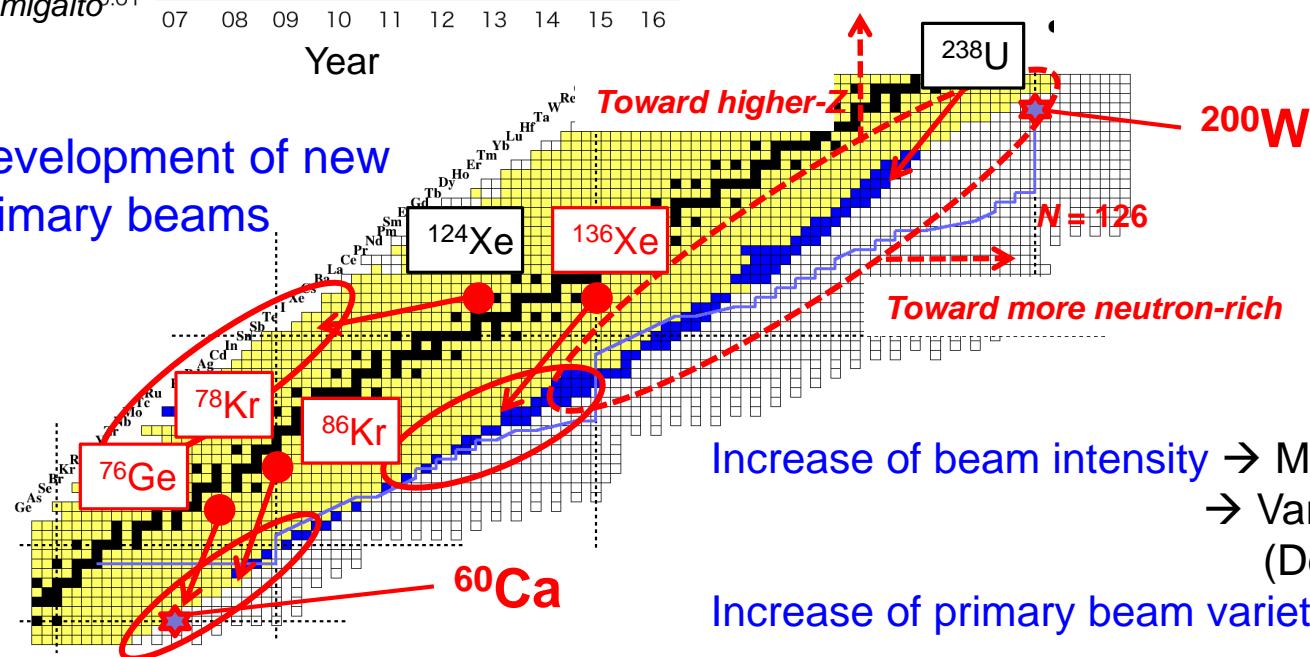
## Planned schedule of intensity upgrade



## Present status of primary beams

Beam particle	E/A(MeV)	Maximum record	Expected	Injector
<i>d</i>	250	1000	200	AVF
<i>d</i> (pol.)	250	120	30	AVF
<sup>4</sup> He	320	1000	1000	AVF
<sup>14</sup> N	250	400	400	RILAC
<sup>18</sup> O	345	1000	500	RILAC
<sup>48</sup> Ca	345	500-600	150	RILAC
<sup>70</sup> Zn	345	123	100	RILAC
<sup>76</sup> Ge	345	not tested under development	N/A	RILAC
<sup>78</sup> Kr	345		50	RILAC
<sup>86</sup> Kr	345	30	50	RILAC
<sup>136</sup> Xe	345	not tested	20	RILAC2
<sup>124</sup> Xe	345	38	20	RILAC2
<sup>238</sup> U	345	25	15	RILAC2

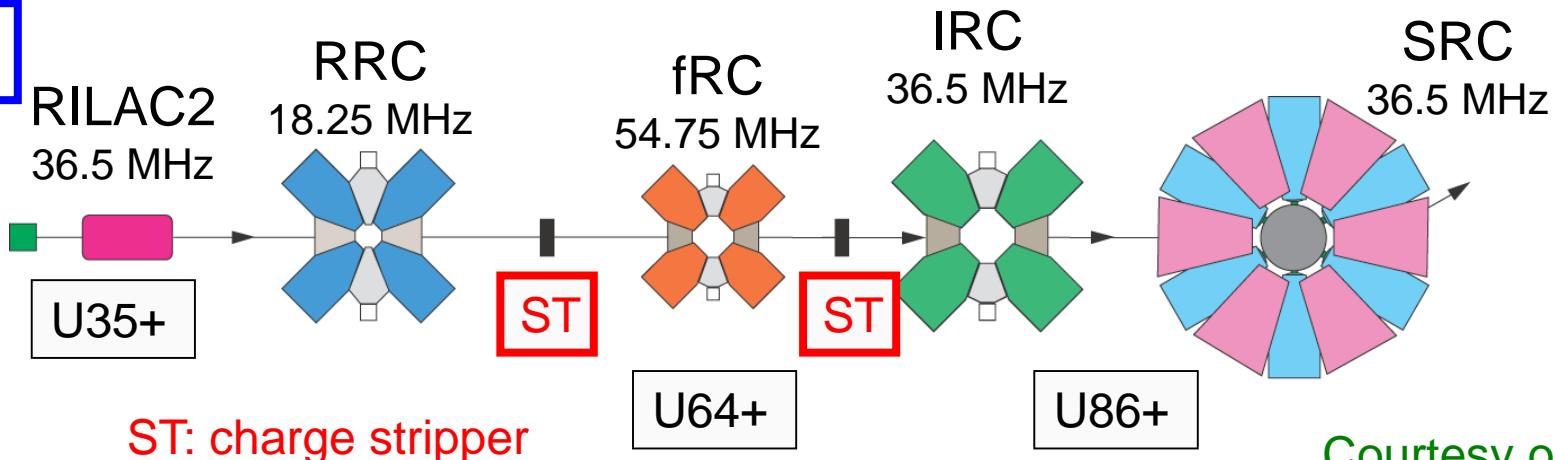
## Development of new primary beams



# Long-term upgrade program at RIKEN RIBF

planned to further increase the beam intensity by skipping one charge stripper

Present



Upgrade plan

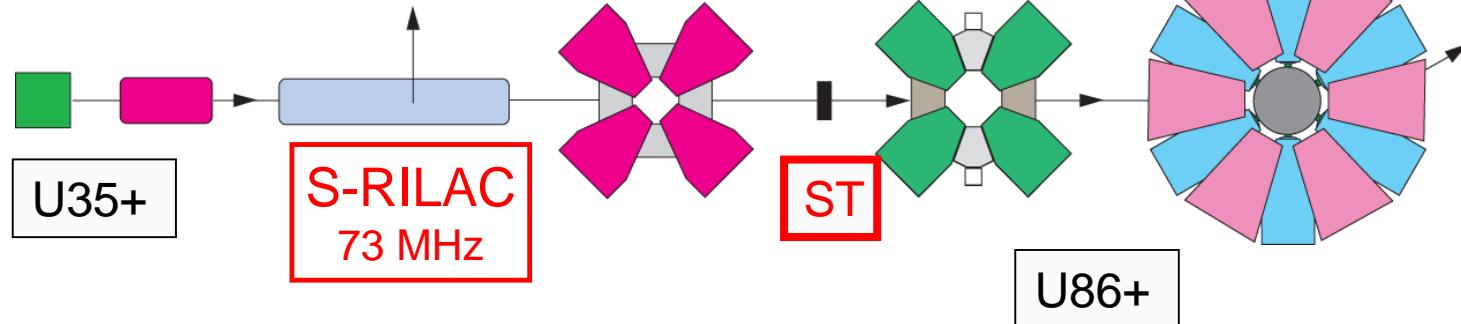
- Single stripping stage => New fRC
- Superconducting linac injector

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Elements 119, 120, ..

New-fRC  
36.5 MHz

Intensity  
> 1 p $\mu$ A



# Collaboration

## 2007 U experiment

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Thank you for your attention!

# LISE++ abrasion-fission model: for predicting cross sections

By Oleg Tarasov

Three excitation energy regions ( 3 EERs ) method

- Low excitation region: fission barrier  $< E^* < 40$  MeV
- Middle excitation region:  $40 \text{ MeV} < E^* < 180 \text{ MeV}$
- High excitation region:  $180 \text{ MeV} < E^*$

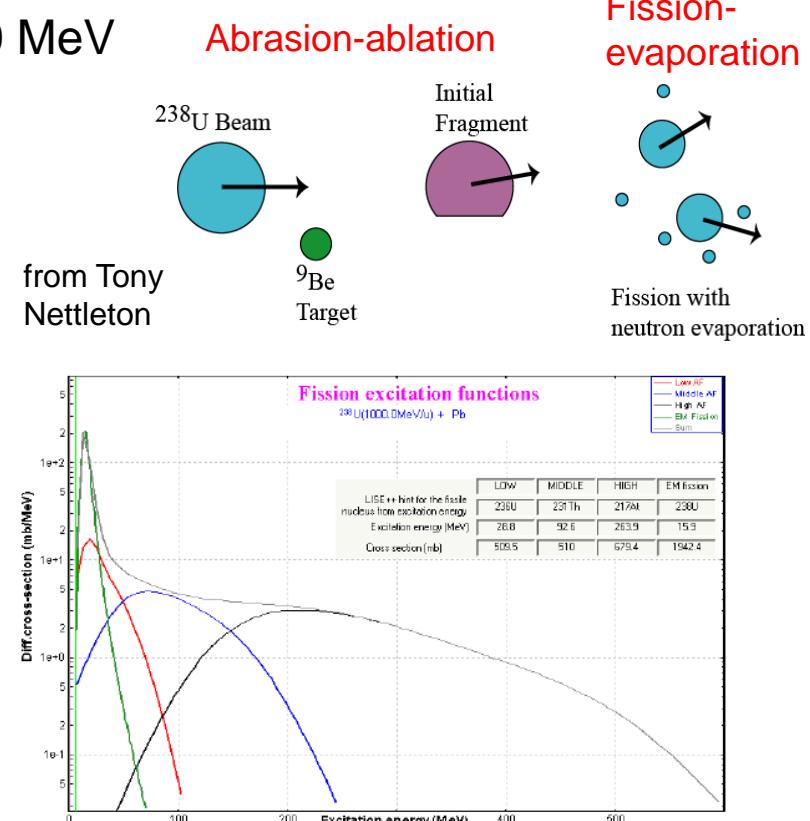
Parameters for  $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Be}$

	Low	Middle	High
fissile	$^{236}_{92}\text{U}$	$^{226}_{90}\text{Th}$	$^{220}_{84}\text{Ra}$
$E^*$ MeV	23.5	100	250
$\sigma$ mb	200	500	350

Parameters for  $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Pb}$

	Low	Middle	High
fissile	$^{238}_{92}\text{U}$	$^{230}_{90}\text{Th}$	$^{214}_{84}\text{Po}$
$E^*$ MeV	17.3	100	300
$\sigma$ mb	2280*	500	1300

\* includes coulomb fission cross section



The parameters here are the standard ones in the LISE++ manual, and determined so as to fit the GSI cross section data. <sup>32</sup>