

# 多重崩壊 $\alpha$ 粒子測定による $\alpha$ クラスターガス状態の研究

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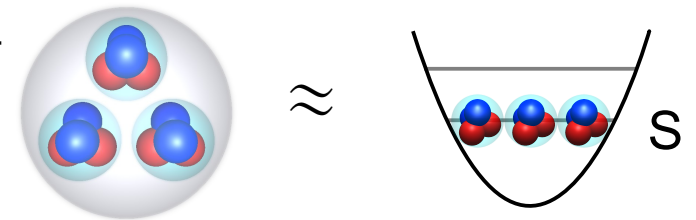
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# $\alpha$ gas-like structure and $\alpha$ condensate

- **Hoyle state:  $0_2^+$  state at 7.65 MeV in  $^{12}\text{C}$** 
  - **Linear chain** (Morinaga, Phys.Rev.101(1956)254)
  - **Loosely coupled gas-like  $3\alpha$  structure**  
Horiuchi, PTP51(1975)1266, E.Uegaki *et al*, PTP57(1977)1266, M.Kamimura, NPA351(1981)456

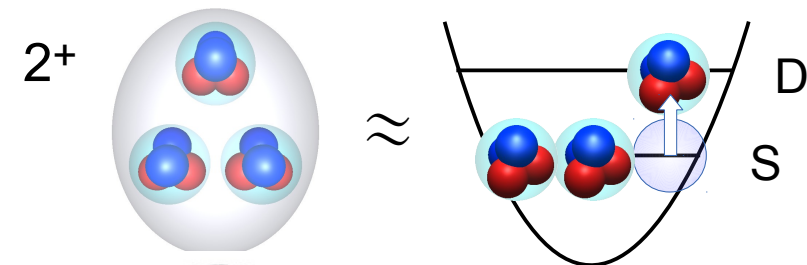
- **Possibility of the  $\alpha$ -particle condensate in  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$**   
A. Tohsaki, H. Horiuchi, P. Schuck, and G. Röpke, Phys. Rev. Lett. 87 (2001) 192501

- $\alpha$  gas-like structure (Large reduced radius)  $0^+$   
→  $3\alpha$  condensate into the lowest S orbit



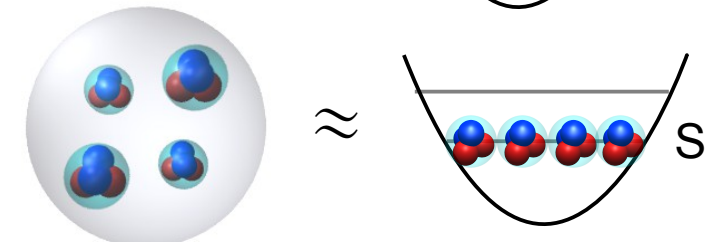
- **The  $2^+$  excitation of Hoyle state**

P.Descouvemont and D.Baye, PRC36(1987)54,  
Y.Funaki *et al*, EPJA24(2005)321,  
C.Kurokawa, Kato, NPA792(2007)87



- **$0^+$  state at 15.1 MeV in  $^{16}\text{O}$**

- $4\alpha$  condensate  
Y. Funaki *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101 (2008) 082502,  
Y. Funaki *et al*, Phys. Rev. C 82 (2010) 024312

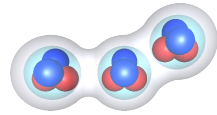


# $\alpha$ -cluster gas-like states in $^{12}\text{C}$

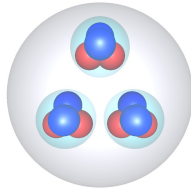
T.Neff, H. Feldmeier,  
NPA738(2004)357

Y. Kanada-En'yo,  
PTP117(2007)655

Linear-like  $3\alpha$  chain state ( $0^+$ )  
 ${}^8\text{Be}(2^+) + \alpha$



C.Kurokawa and K. Kato,  
NPA792(2007)87

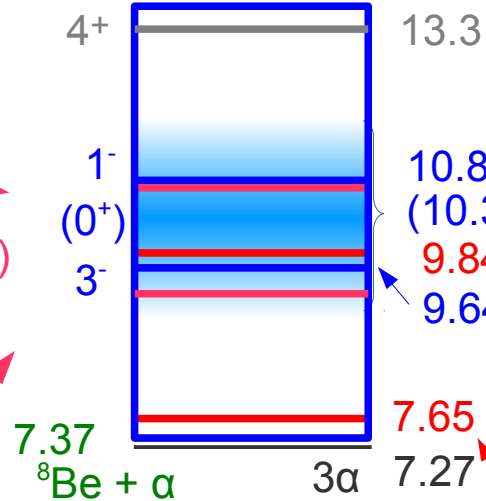


Higher nodal of Hoyle state ( $0^+$ )  
 ${}^8\text{Be}(g.s.) + \alpha$

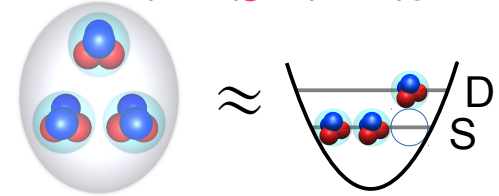
S.Ohtsubo et al,  
PTEP2013,073D02

## The $\alpha$ -cluster gas phase

M.Freer et al,  
PRC83(2011)034314



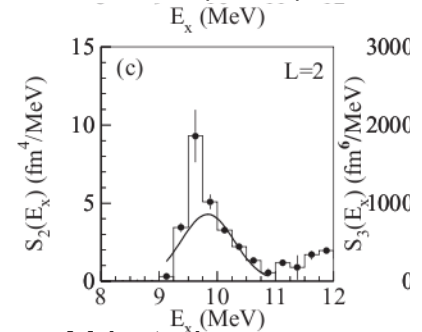
$({}^8\text{Be}(g.s.) + \alpha)_{J=2}$



$2^+$  excitation of Hoyle state

Y. Funaki et al, EPJ A24(2005)321

$(\alpha, \alpha')$   
in RCNP

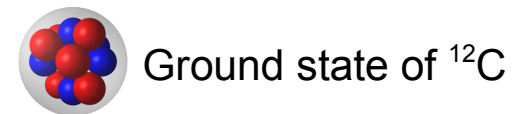


Hoyle state

M.I et al,  
PRC84(2011)054308



Ground state of the  $3\alpha$  gas-like state



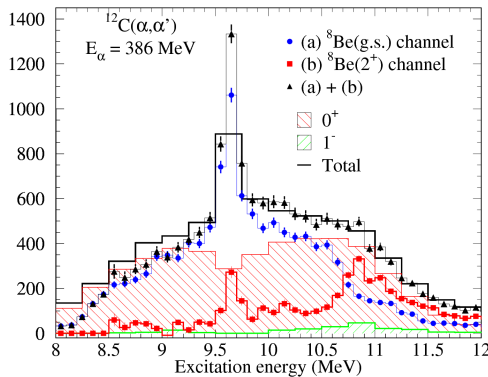
Ground state of  $^{12}\text{C}$

4.44

0.00

$^{12}\text{C}$

$(\alpha, \alpha') + \text{decay-}\alpha$   
in RCNP

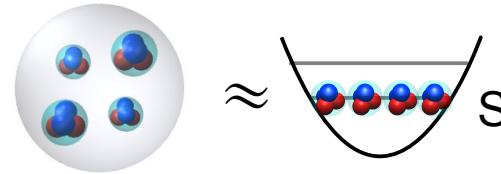


M.I et al,  
J.Phys. Conf.Ser. 436, 012006 (2013)

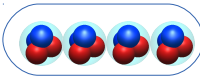
# $\alpha$ cluster gas-like states in $^{16}\text{O}$

**$0^+$  state at 15.1 MeV:  $\alpha$  condensate state**

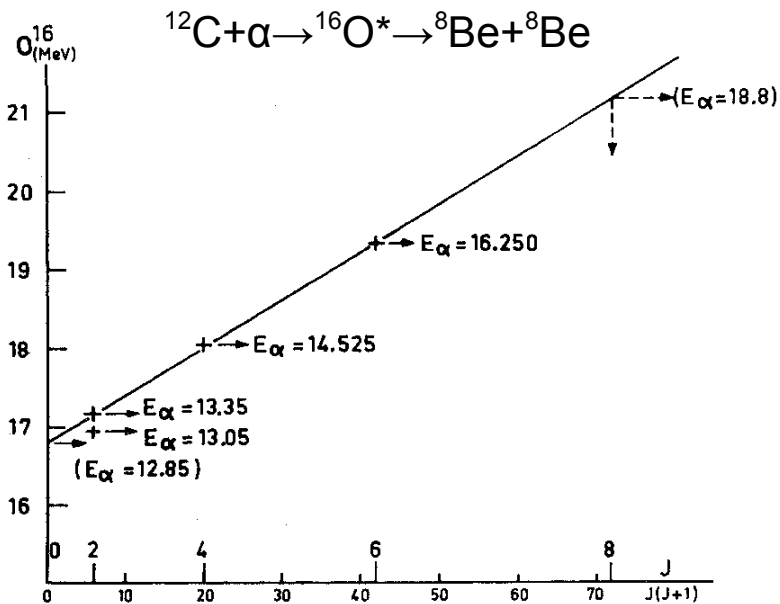
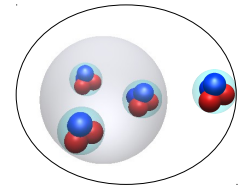
Y.Funaki et al, Phys.Rev.Lett. 101(2008)082502



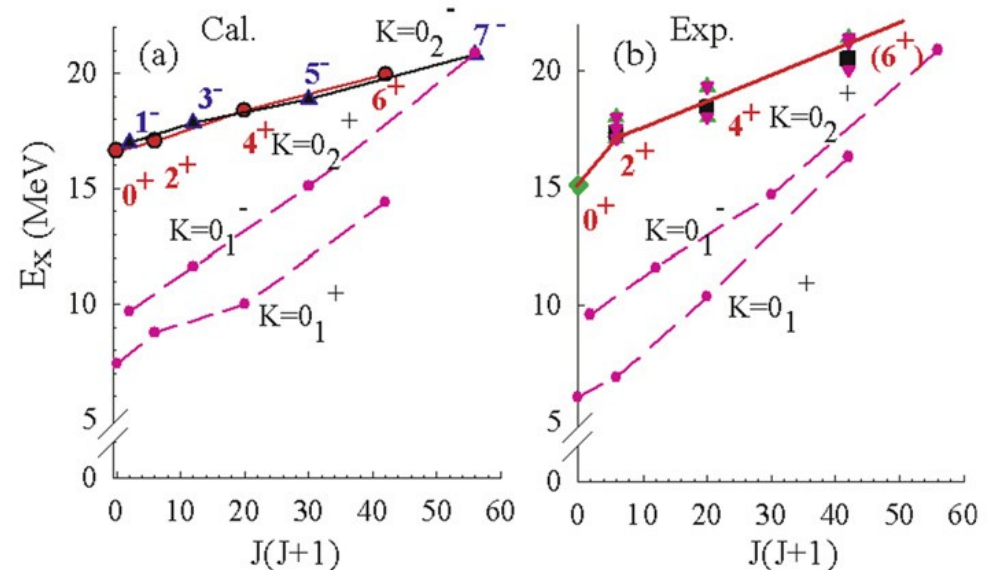
**Linear chain structure**



**Hoyle +  $\alpha$  cluster**



P.Chevallier and M.W. Sachs.  
Phys.Rev.160(1967)827



S. Ohkubo and Y. Hirabayashi,  
Phys.Lett. B684(2010)127

**The bandhead  $0^+$  state : 16 ~ 17 MeV**

# Next challenge

- Search for the  $4\alpha$  condensate state in  $^{16}\text{O}$
- Experimental determination of the structure of Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$
- Experiments in Cyclotron and Radioisotope Center, Tohoku University

# Measurement of the multiple decay- $\alpha$ particles from $\alpha$ gas-like states

- **The  $N\alpha$  condensed state will mainly decay to  $(N-1)\alpha$  condensed state.**

T. Yamada and P. Schuck, PRC69 (2004) 024309

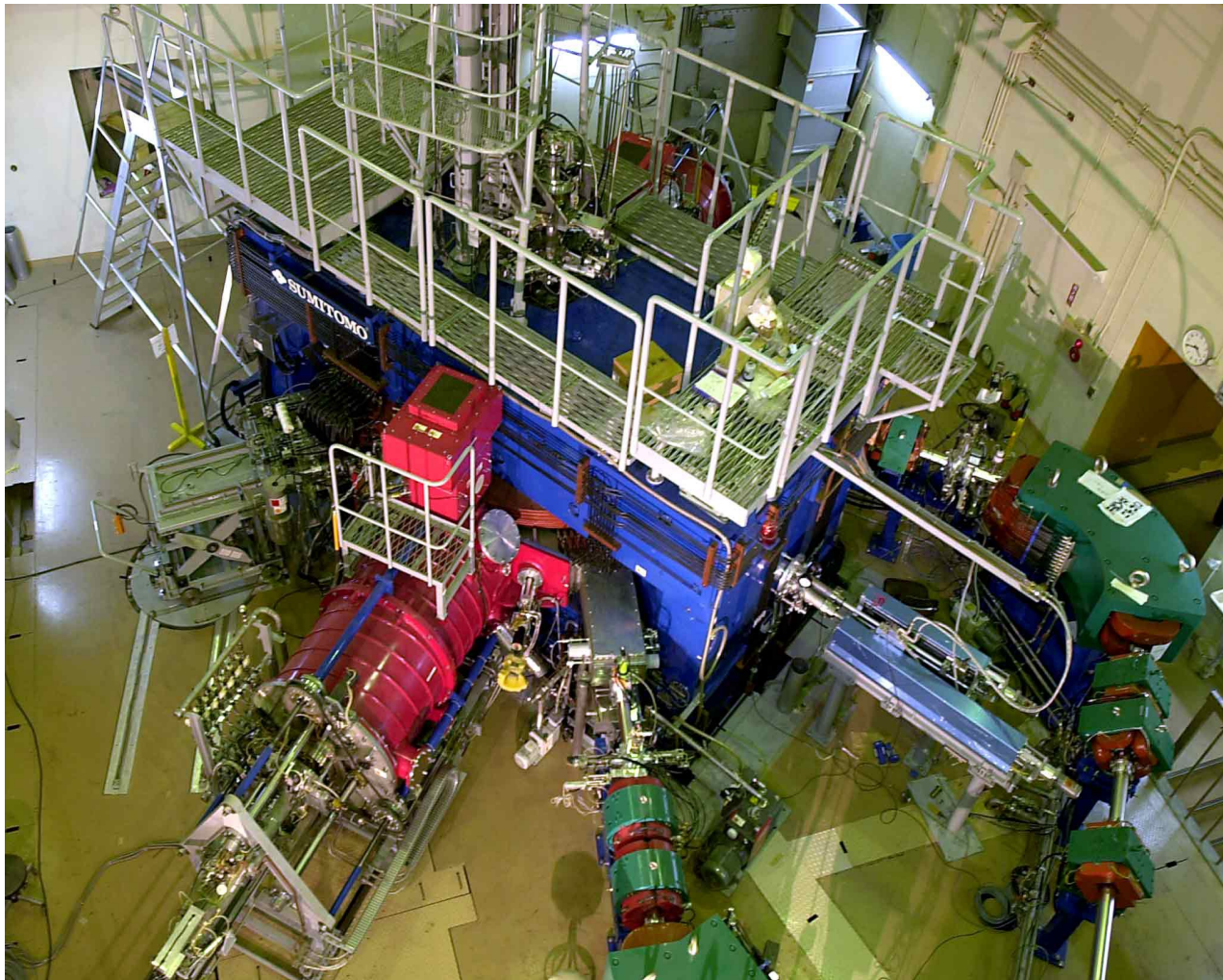
- In the case of  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,
  1.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}(\text{g.s.})$
  2.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}(2^+)$
  3.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+) \rightarrow 4\alpha$
  4.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow ^8\text{Be} + ^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 4\alpha$

- The  $N\alpha$  gas-like states decay to  $N\alpha$  particles.
- Decay channel reflects the structure of the excited state in the case of light nuclei, to some extent.
  - $^{12}\text{C}^* \rightarrow ^8\text{Be} + \alpha \rightarrow 3\alpha \quad \dots \times$
  - $^{12}\text{C}^* \rightarrow 3\alpha \quad \dots \circ$



# Experiments in CYRIC

Facility: Cyclotron and Radioisotope Center, Tohoku University  
K=110MeV AVF Cyclotron



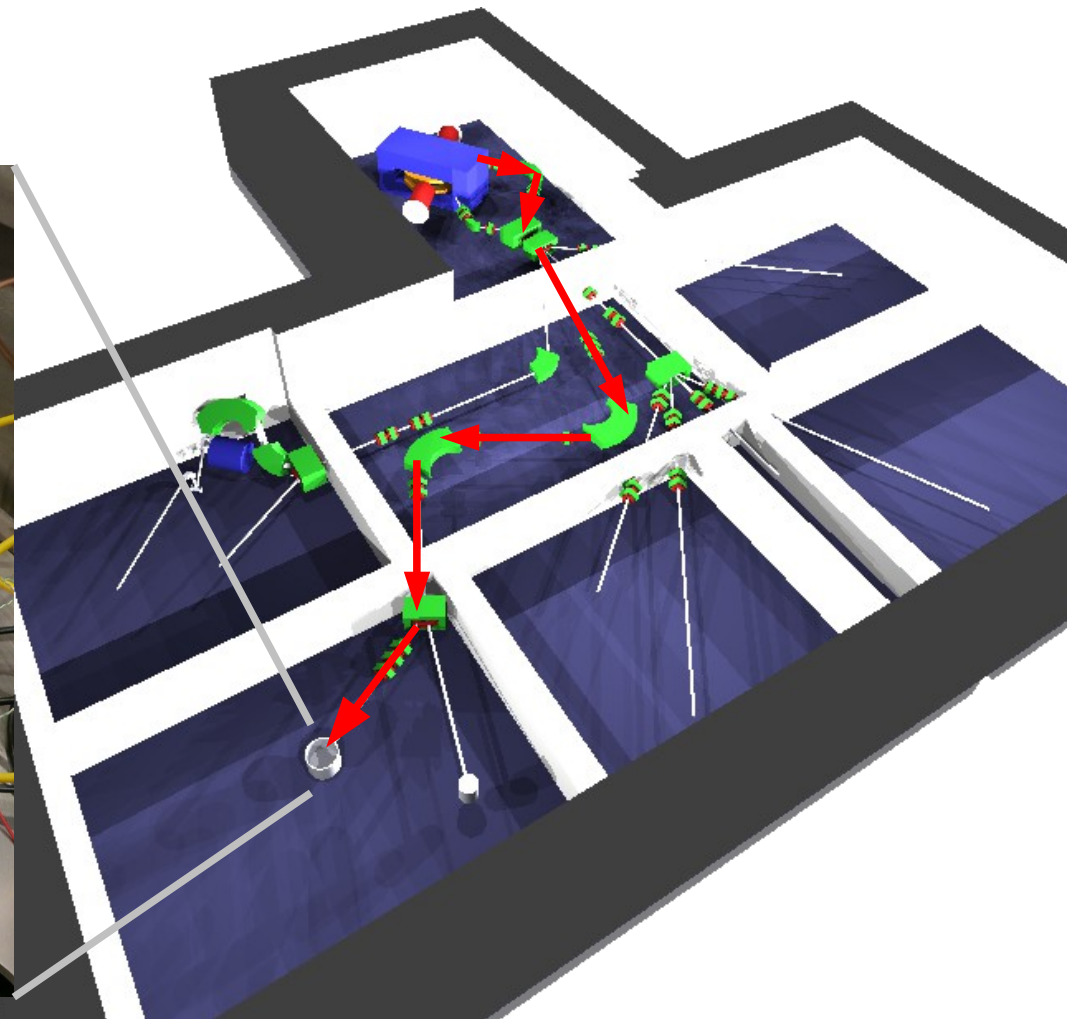
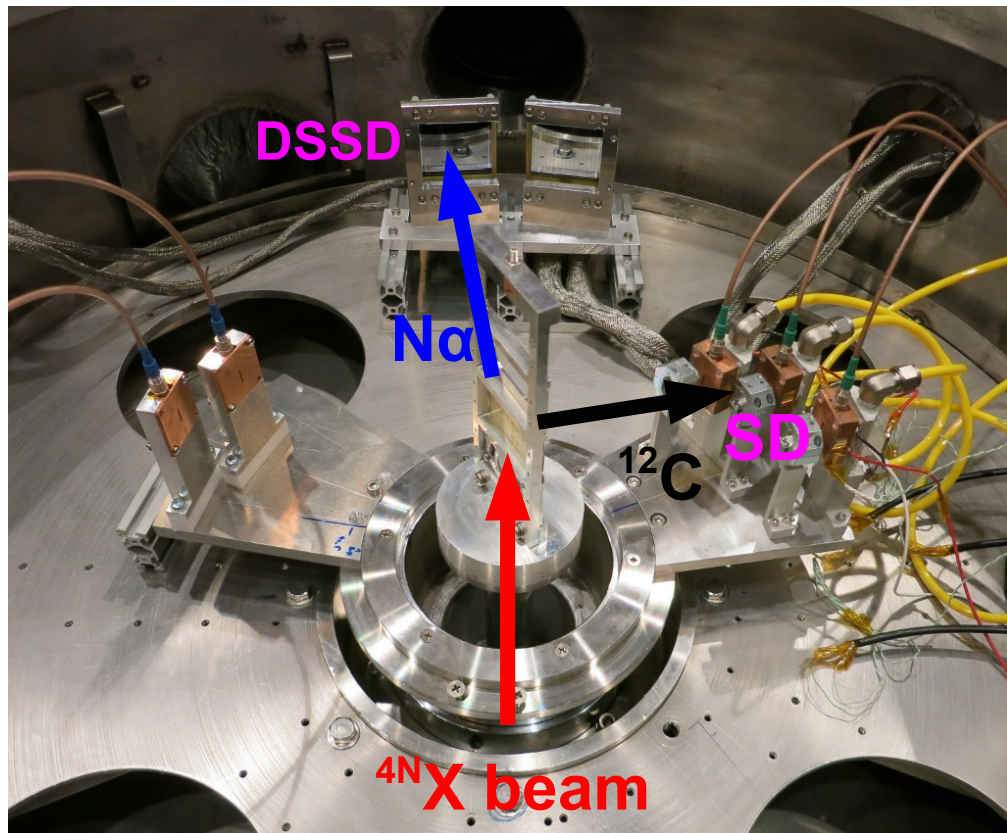


# Experiments in CYRIC

Course: 41 course

$^{12}\text{C}(^4\text{N}\alpha, ^4\text{N}\alpha')^{12}\text{C}$  reaction

Inelastic scattering by  
the inverse kinematics method!



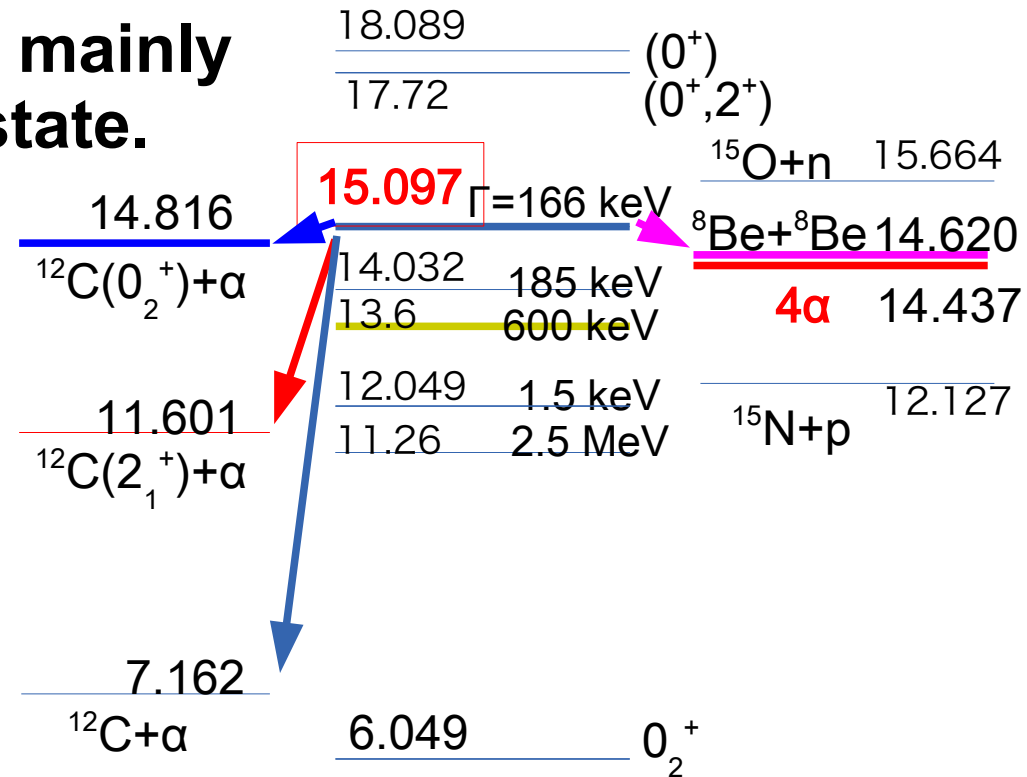
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T. Yamada and P. Schuck,  
PRC69 (2004) 024309

- **Measure decay  $\alpha$  particles**  
to obtain the branching ratio for

1.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}(\text{g.s.})$
2.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}(2^+)$
3.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow \alpha + ^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+) \rightarrow 4\alpha$
4.  $^{16}\text{O}^* \rightarrow ^8\text{Be} + ^8\text{Be} \rightarrow 4\alpha$



- To detect  $\alpha$  particles decayed from states near  $4\alpha$  threshold energy, we adopted the inverse kinematics technique as the  $^{12}\text{C}(^{16}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O}^*[\alpha+X])^{12}\text{C}$  reaction at  $E_{^{16}\text{O}} = 160$  MeV.

# Theoretical calculation

- Calculation of partial  $\alpha$  widths corresponding to the 15.1 MeV  $0^+$  state

Y. Funaki *et al*,

PRC80 (2009)064326

TABLE I. Partial  $\alpha$  widths in the  $0_6^+$  state of  $^{16}\text{O}$  decaying into possible channels and the total width. The reduced widths defined in Eq. (28) are also shown. Variable  $a$  is the channel radius.

	$^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+) + \alpha$ ( $a = 8.0$ fm)	$^{12}\text{C}(2_1^+) + \alpha$ ( $a = 7.4$ fm)	$^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+) + \alpha$ ( $a = 8.0$ fm)	Total
$\Gamma_L$ (keV)	26	8	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	34
$\theta_L^2(a)$	0.006	0.004	0.15	

- Reduced width ( $\theta_L$ ) of  $^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+) + \alpha$  channel is larger than those of  $^{12}\text{C}(\text{g.s.}) + \alpha$  and  $^{12}\text{C}(2^+) + \alpha$  channels.
- However, decay width of  $^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+) + \alpha$  channel is very small ( $2 \times 10^{-7}$  keV) due to the Coulomb barrier.

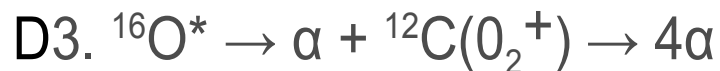
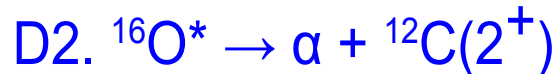
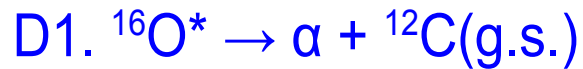
# Missing mass spectra

- Missing mass

$$M_x = M(^{16}\text{O}) + E_x(^{16}\text{O}) - E_{c.m.}(\alpha) - E_{c.m.}(^{12}\text{C})$$

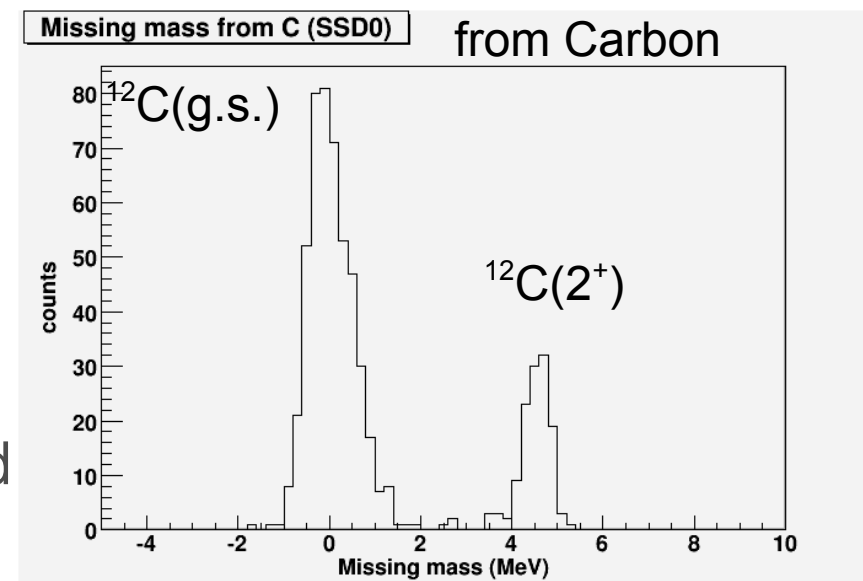
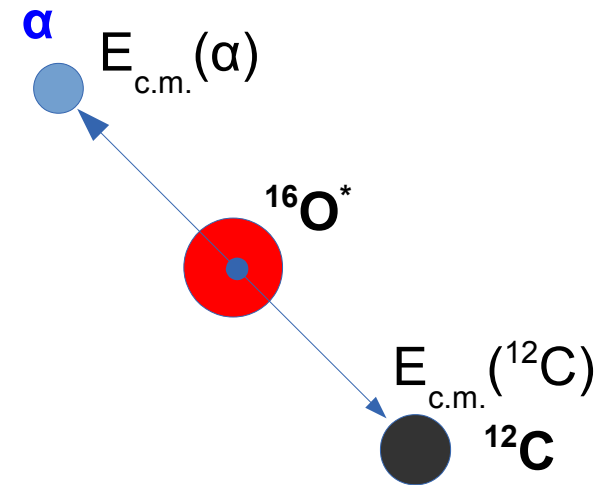
- $E_{\text{not detect}}$  : calculated from  $E_{\text{detect}}$

- Decay channels



- Branching ratio between D1 and D2  
D1 : D2 ~ 7 : 3

- D3 and D4 channels could not be observed



# Measurement of decay- $\alpha$ particles from Hoyle state in $^{12}\text{C}$

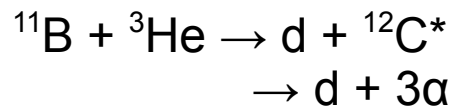
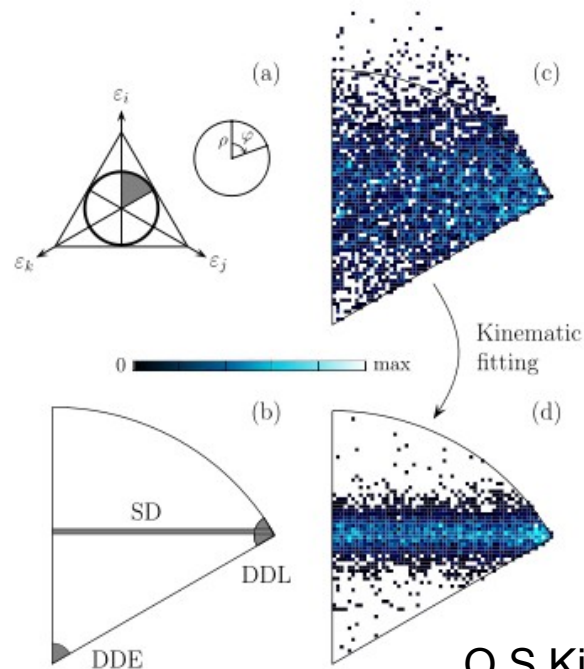
- Experimental study for the structure of Hoyle state:

- $\alpha$ -cluster gas state  $\sim \alpha$  condensate state

Momentum distribution of  $\alpha$ -clusters

- Linear  $3\alpha$  chain state

Decay property



SD: Sequential decay

DDL: Linear chain

( $\alpha \leftarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ )

DDE:  $\alpha$  condensate

Direct  $\alpha$  decay of the Hoyle state  $< 5 \times 10^{-3}$

O.S.Kirsebom *et al*, PRL108(2012)202501

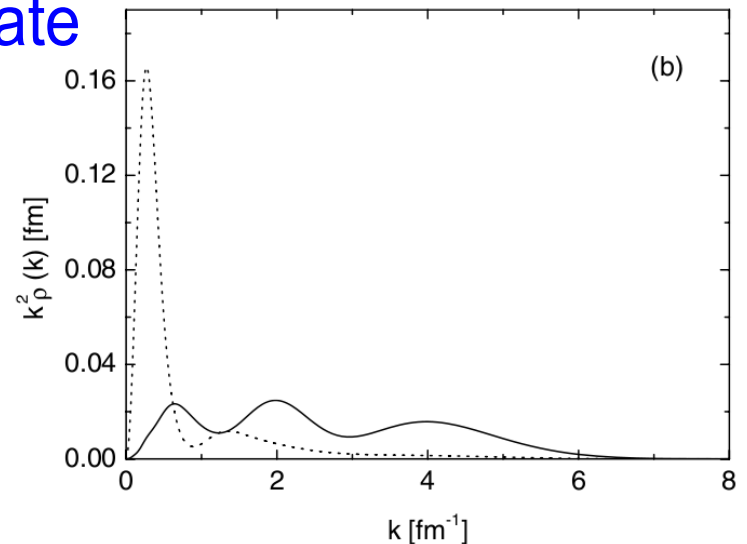


Fig. 7. Momentum distribution of the  $\alpha$  particle, (a)  $\rho(k)$  and (b)  $k^2 \times \rho(k)$ , for the  $0_1^+$  (solid line) and  $0_2^+$  (dotted line) states.

T. Yamada and P. Schuck,  
E.Phys.J. A 26(2005)185

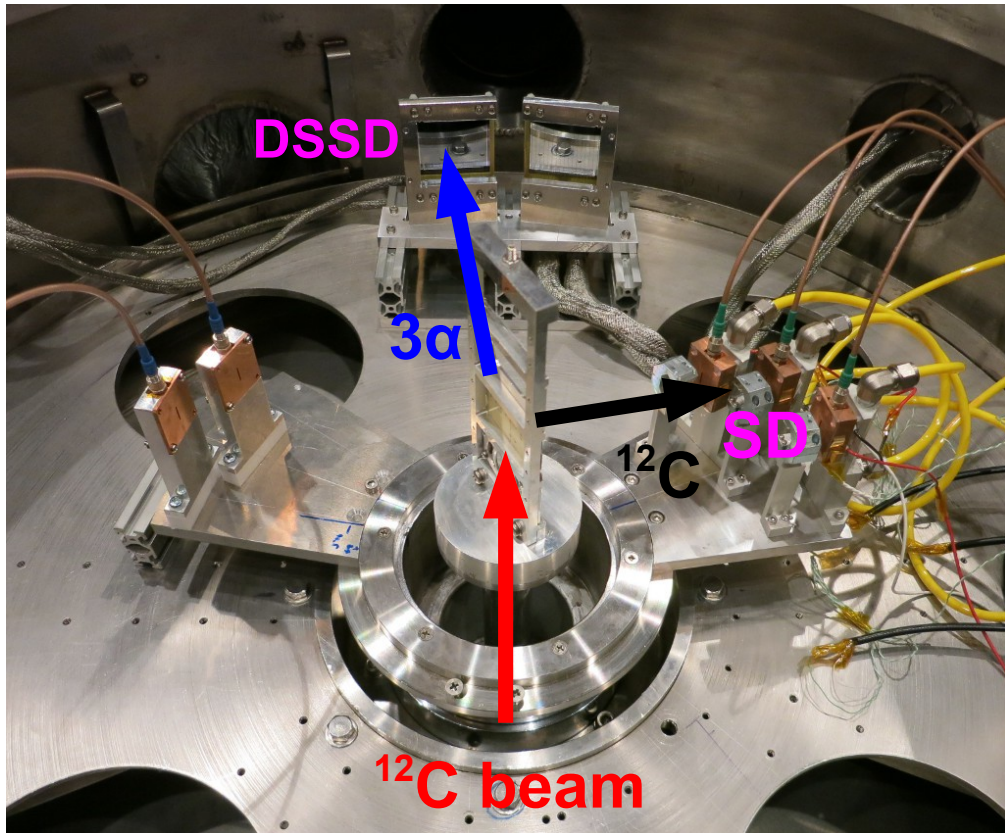


# Experimental set-up

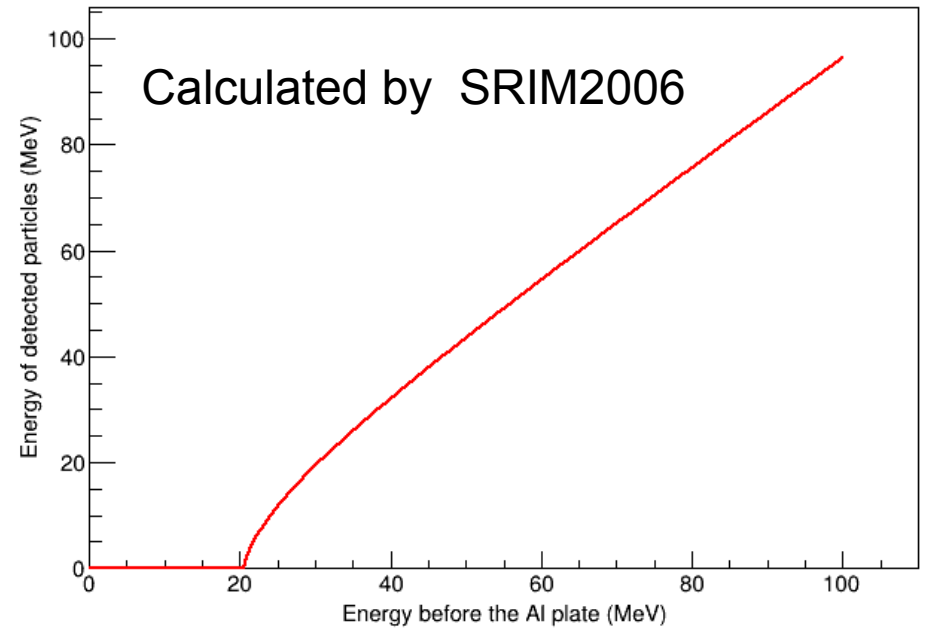


Recoil  $^{12}\text{C}$ : Silicon Detector (SD) cooled at 0 °C  
at 59°, 67°

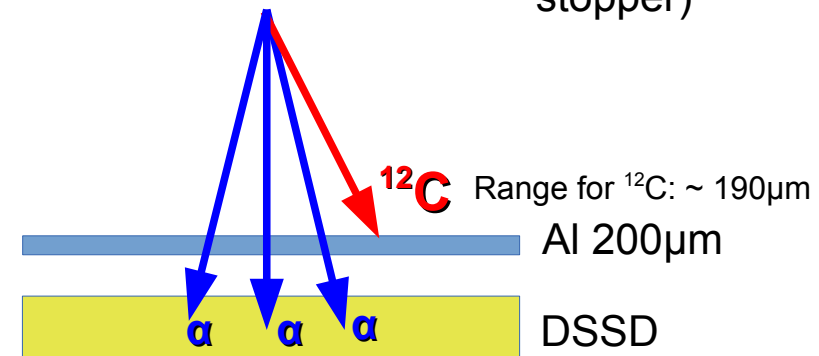
Decay  $\alpha$ -particles:  
Double-sided Silicon Strip Detector (DSSD) at 7.6°  
50 mm [16 ch(X)] × 50 mm [16 ch(Y)]



Energy after passing the 200  $\mu\text{m}$  Al plate

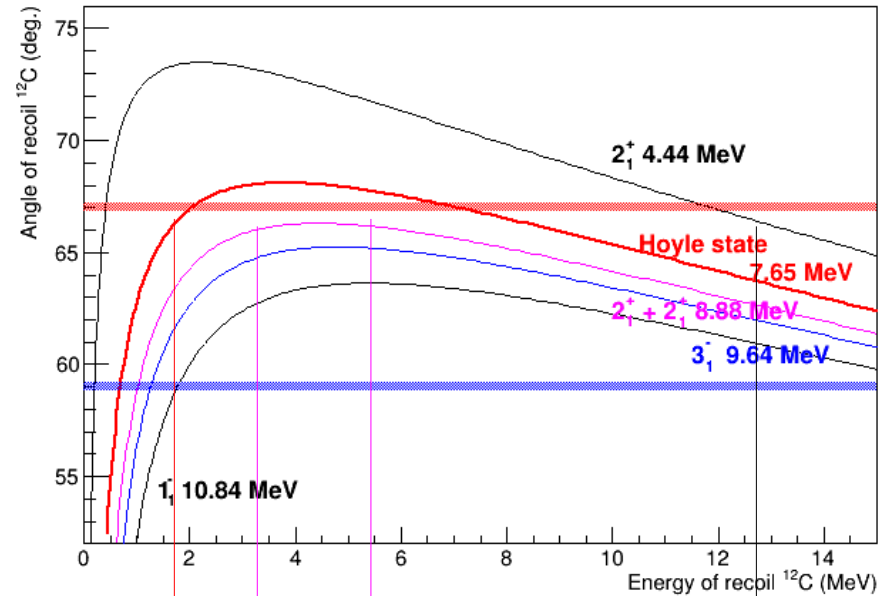
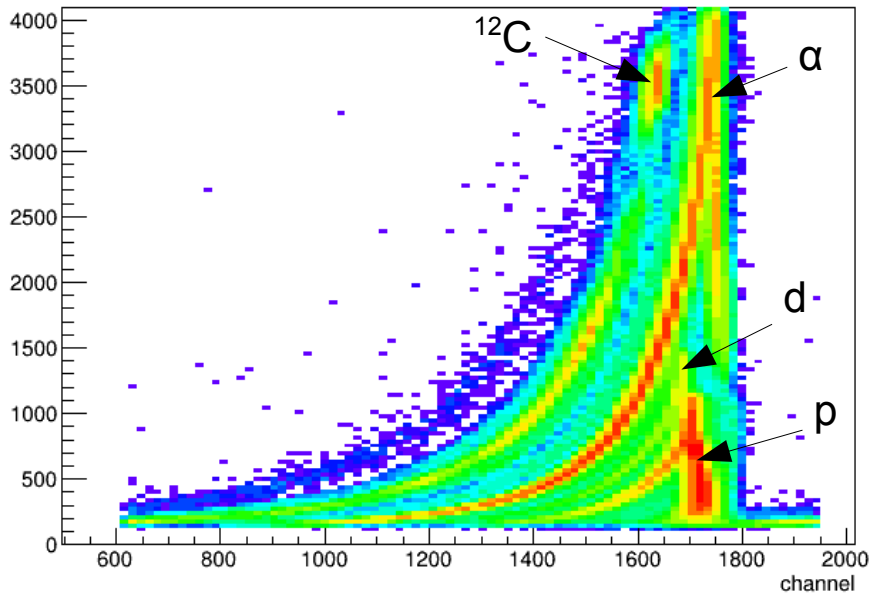


Al plate: 200 $\mu\text{m}$   
(Elastic/Inelastic scattering stopper)

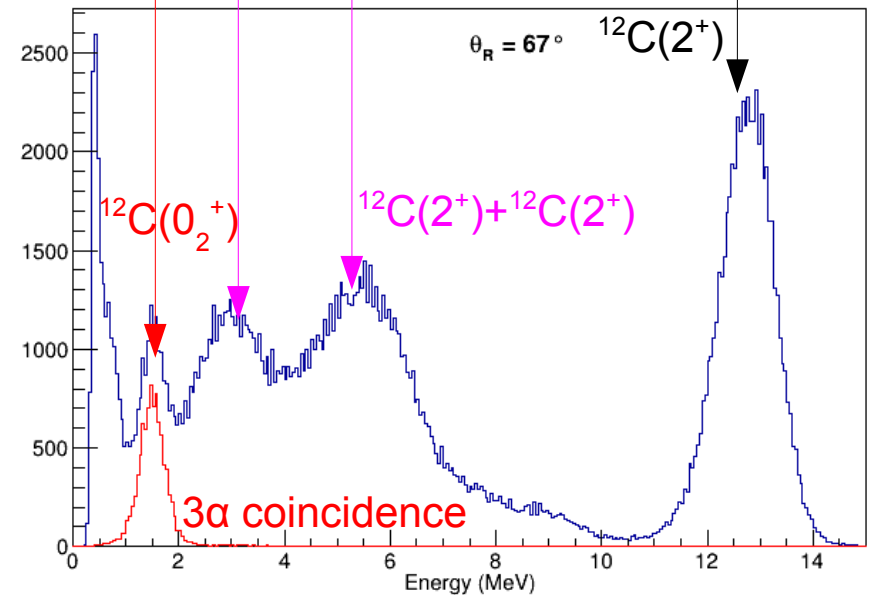


# Kinematics and Recoil $^{12}\text{C}$ spectrum

TOF spectrum of SD



- Particle Identification: TOF method
- Excitation energy is determined from the energy of the recoil  $^{12}\text{C}$ .

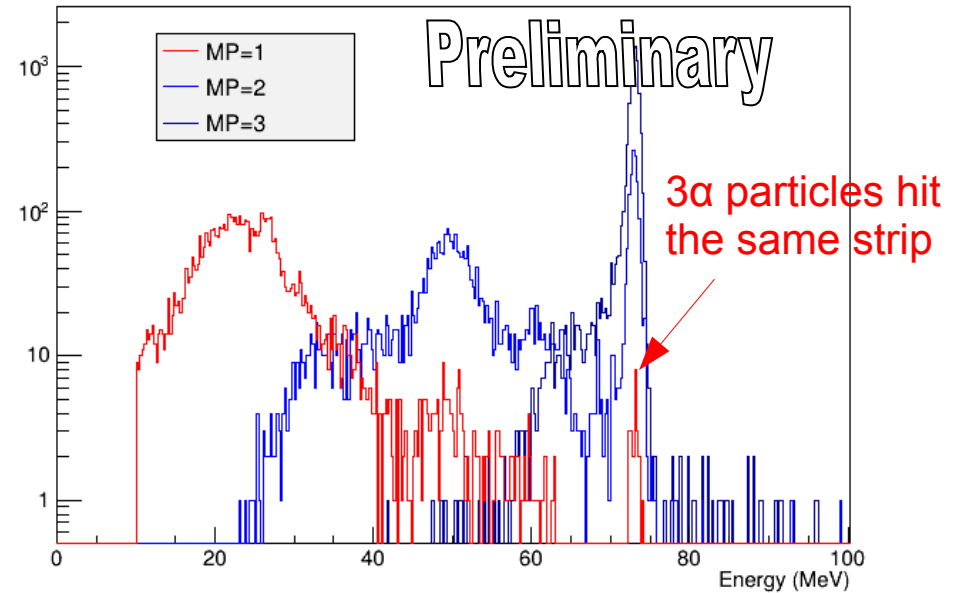




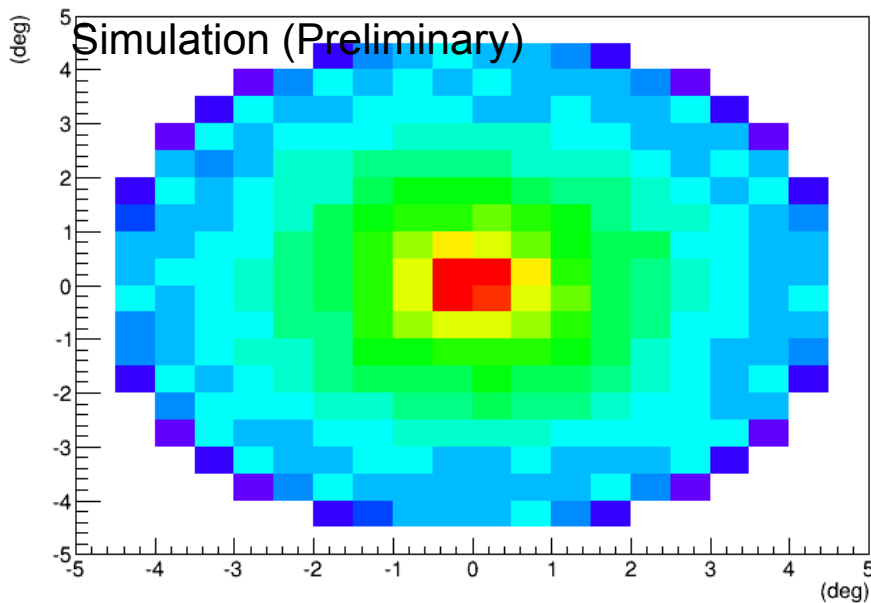
# Decay $\alpha$ particles

- DSSD total energy spectra
- Total energies of decay- $3\alpha$  particles:  $\sim 72$  MeV
- Acceptance for decay- $3\alpha$  particles is almost 100%.

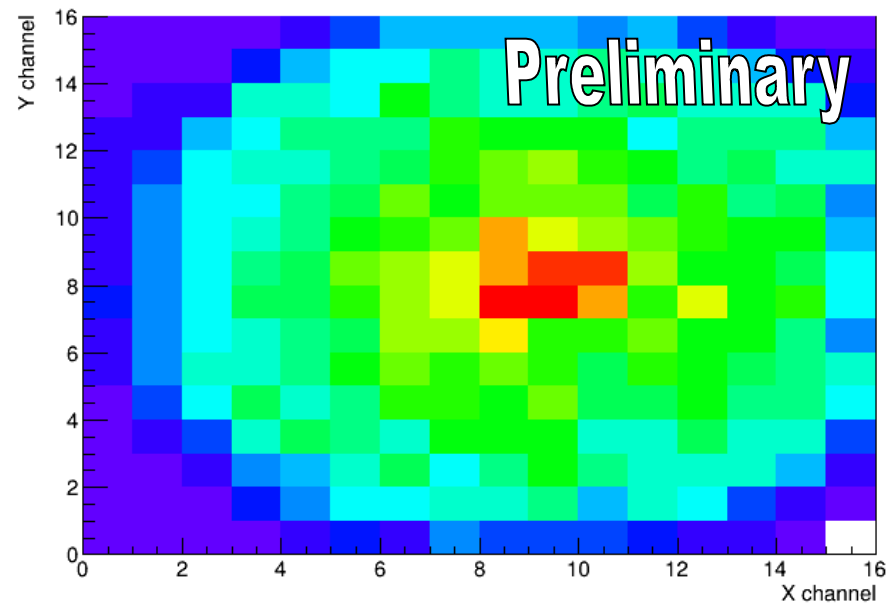
DSSD(X) spectra



$\theta_x$  vs  $\theta_y$

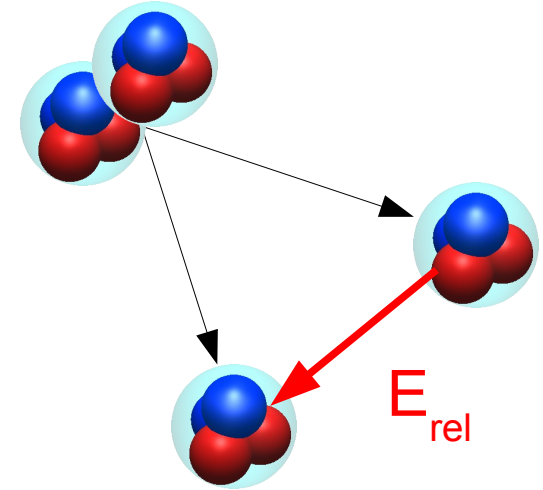


DSSD hit pattern

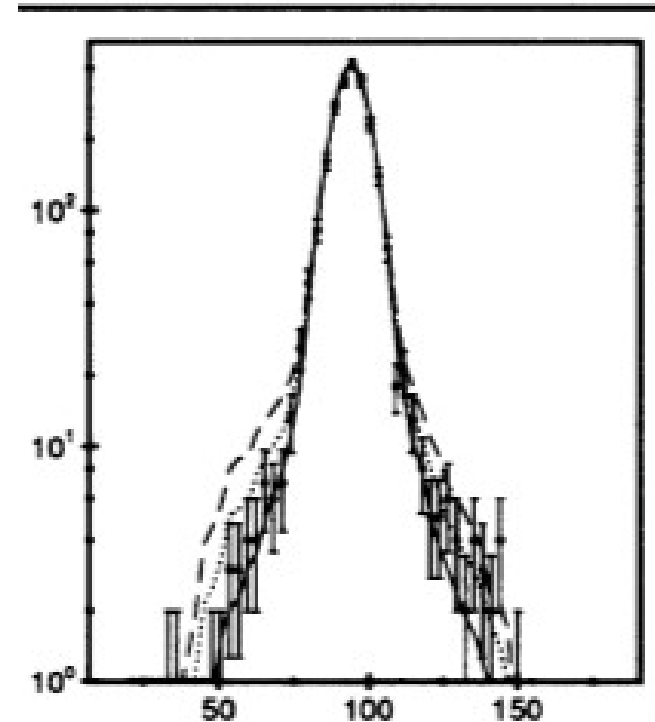
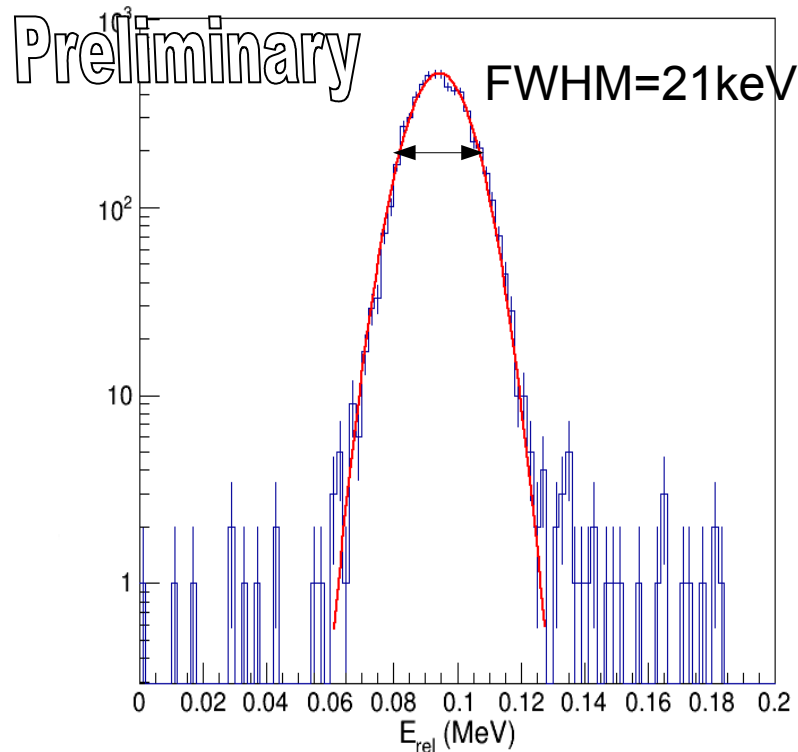


# Relative energy spectra

- $E_{\text{rel}} = 1/2\mu|v_i - v_j|^2$
- If  $2\alpha$  came from the decay of  ${}^8\text{Be}$ ,  
 $E_{\text{rel}} \sim 92 \text{ keV}$



Relative energy spectrum



M.Freer *et al*,  
PRC49(1994)  
R1751

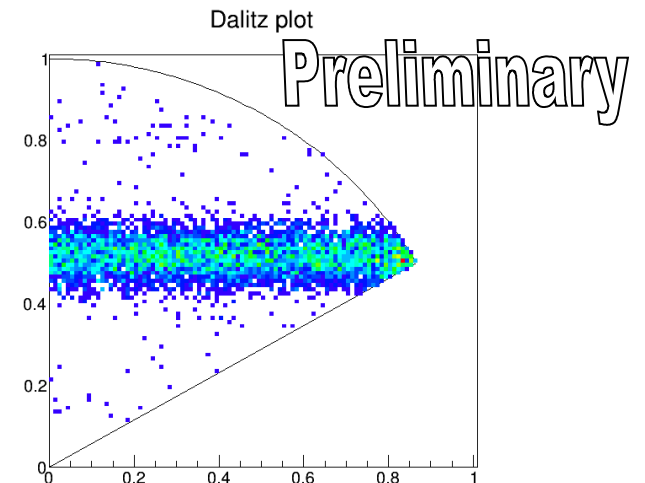
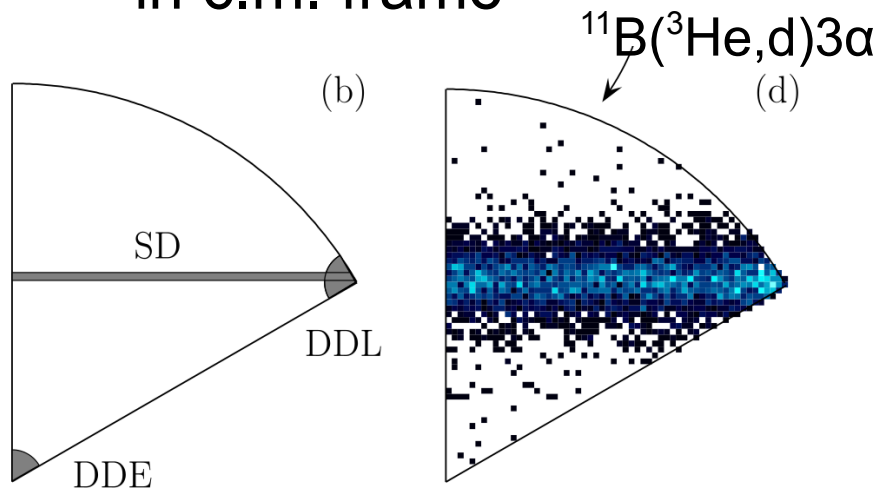
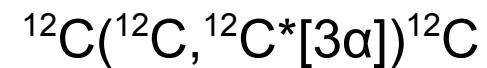
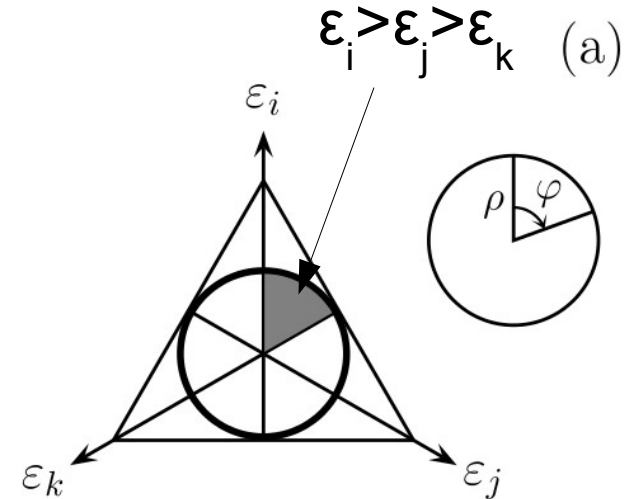
# Dalitz plot for 3 $\alpha$ decay

- To compare with  $^{11}\text{B}(^3\text{He},d)$  reaction, Dalitz plot for 3 $\alpha$  decay is shown.

$$(2\rho)^2 = 3(\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k)^2 + (2\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k)^2$$

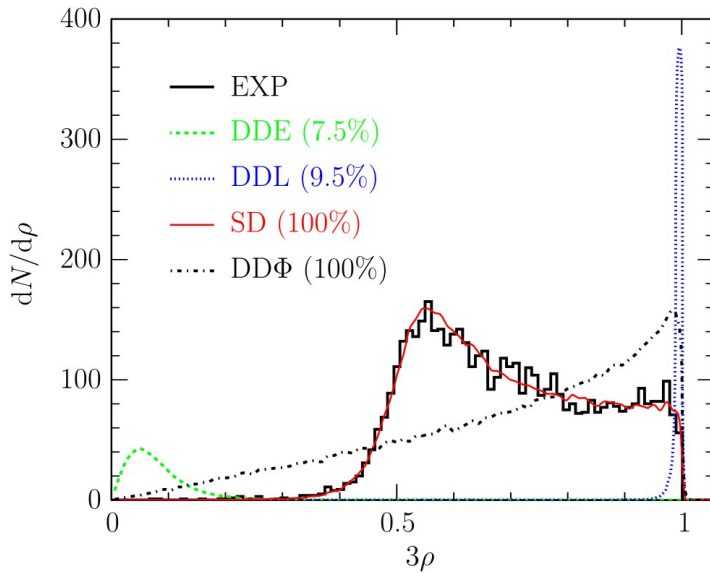
$$\varepsilon_{i,j,k} = E_{i,j,k} / (E_i + E_j + E_k)$$

$E_{i,j,k}$ : Kinetic energy of  $\alpha$  particles in c.m. frame



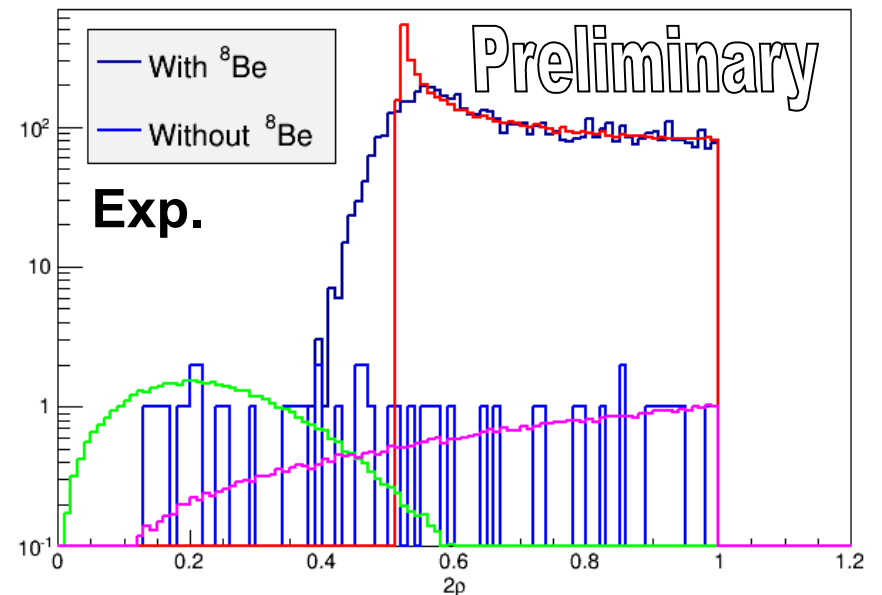
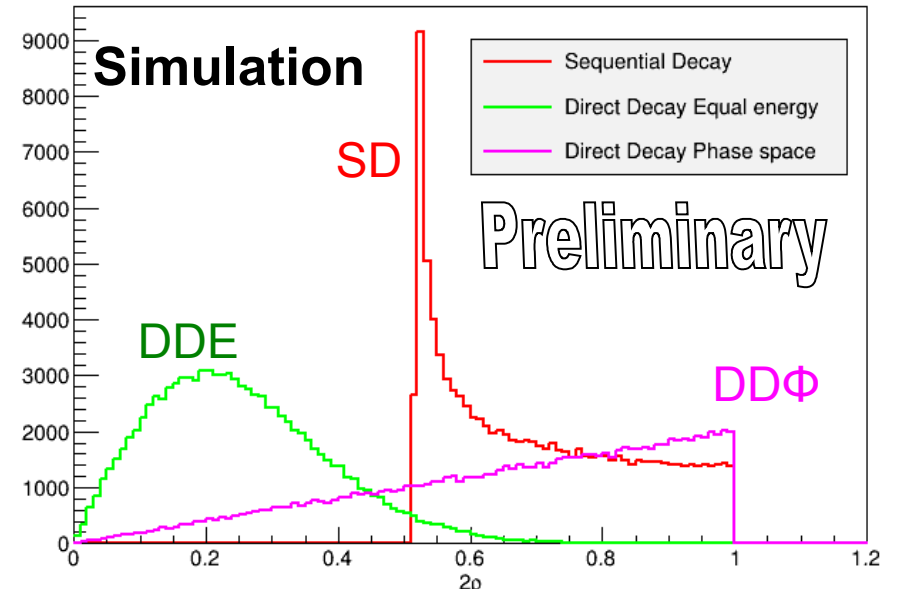
# Components of the direct $3\alpha$ decay

- Radial projection of Dalitz plot



Direct  $\alpha$  decay  $< 5 \times 10^{-3}$

O.S.Kirsebom *et al*, PRL108(2012)202501



# まとめ

- $^{12}\text{C}$ および $^{16}\text{O}$ 原子核では、多くの $\alpha$ クラスターガス状態が理論的に予言されている。
- 我々は東北大CYRICにおいて、予言されている $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ の $\alpha$ クラスターガス状態から崩壊して多重に放出される $\alpha$ 粒子を測定することによって、その性質を調べている。
  - $^{16}\text{O}$ における4 $\alpha$ 凝縮状態の探索  
 $^{12}\text{C}(^{16}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O}^*[\alpha+X])^{12}\text{C}$ 反応  $E_{^{16}\text{O}} = 160 \text{ MeV}$   
 $^{16}\text{O}^*(0^+ \text{ at } 15.1\text{MeV}) \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}(\text{g.s.}) + \alpha, ^{12}\text{C}(2^+) + \alpha$ の比を得た。  
理論計算と一致していたが、4 $\alpha$ 崩壊チャンネルは測定できなかった。
  - $^{12}\text{C}$ のホイル状態の構造の実験的な決定  
 $^{12}\text{C}(^{12}\text{C}, ^{12}\text{C}^*[3\alpha])^{12}\text{C}$ 反応  $E_{^{12}\text{C}} = 110 \text{ MeV}$   
**Direct 3 $\alpha$  decay**のイベントが観測できた！

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