Di-neutron correlation and two-neutron decay of the ^{26}O nucleus

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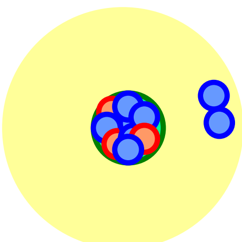

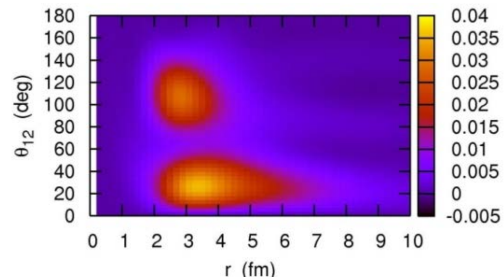

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3. *Two-neutron decay of unbound nucleus ^{26}O*
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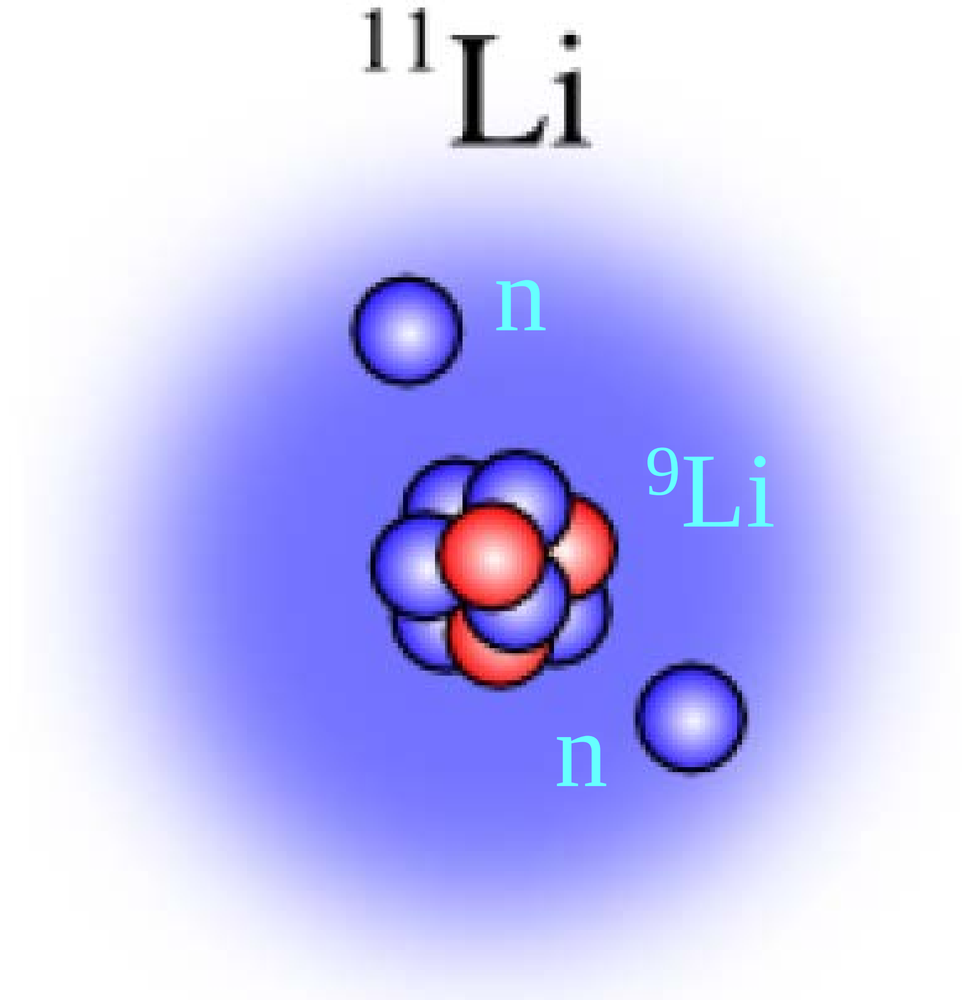
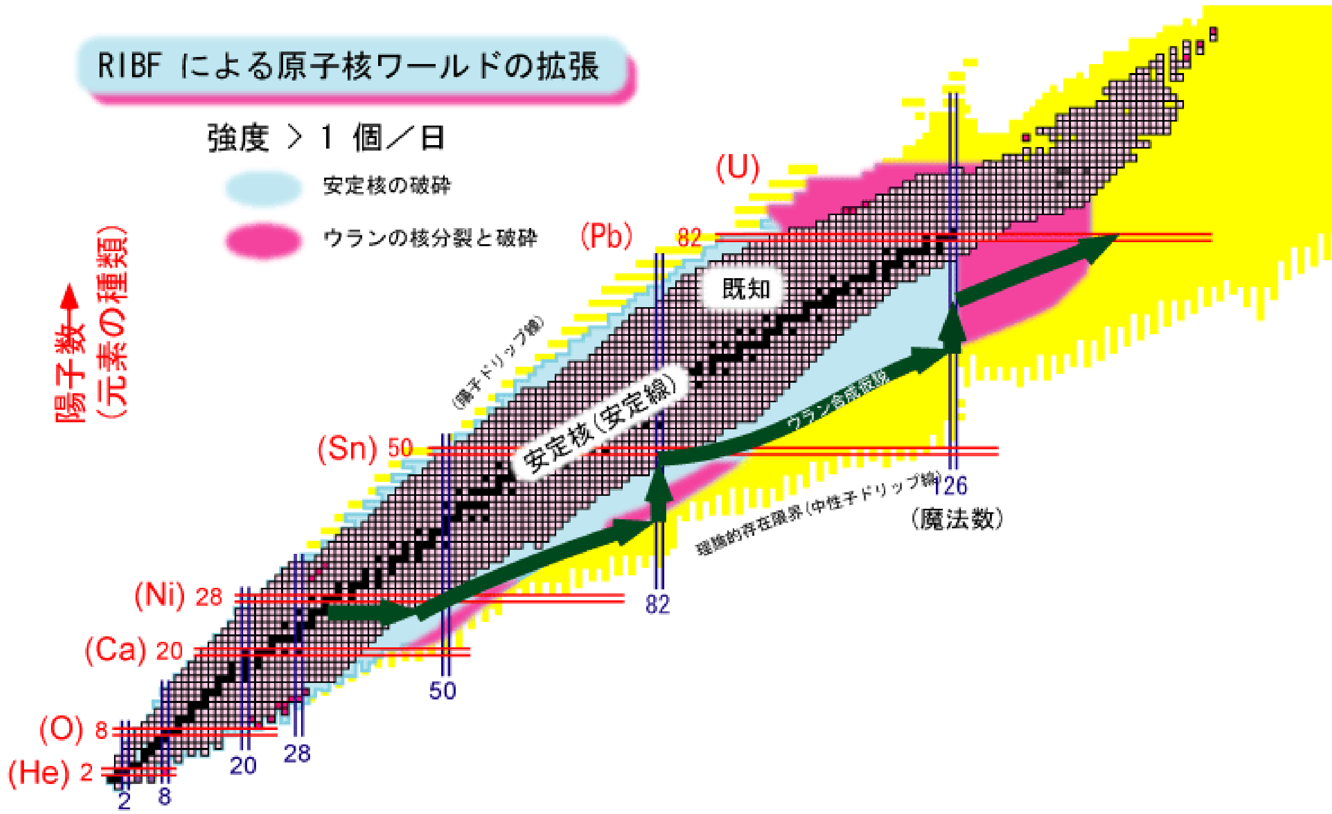
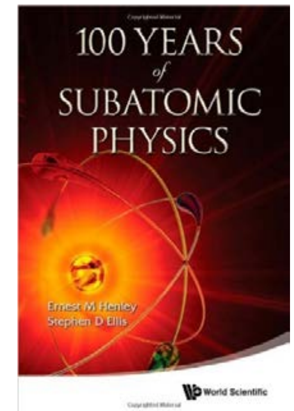


Is this picture correct?

Introduction: neutron-rich nuclei

Next generation RI beam facilities : e.g. RIBF (RIKEN, Japan)
FRIB (MSU, USA)





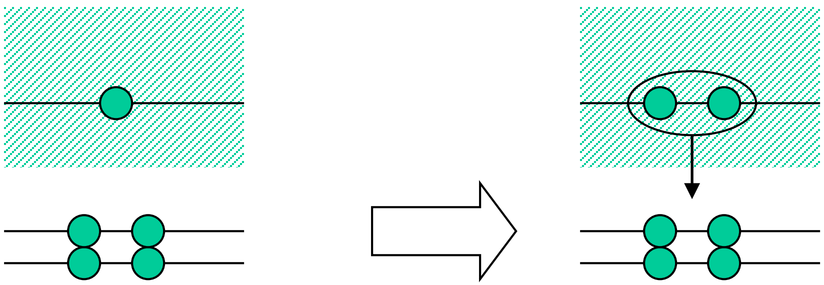
ed. by E.M. Henley and S.D. Ellis

"*Exotic nuclei far from the stability line*"
K.H., I. Tanihata, and H. Sagawa

- halo/skin structure
- Borromean nuclei
- large E1 strength
- shell evolution
- ………….

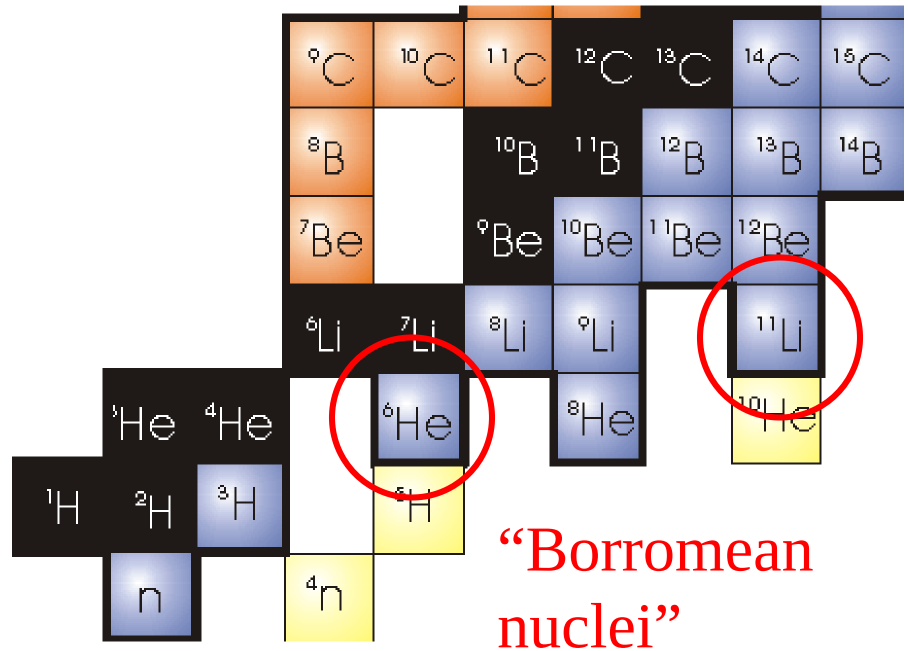
Borromean nuclei

residual interaction → attractive



^{5}He
particle unstable

^{6}He
particle stable

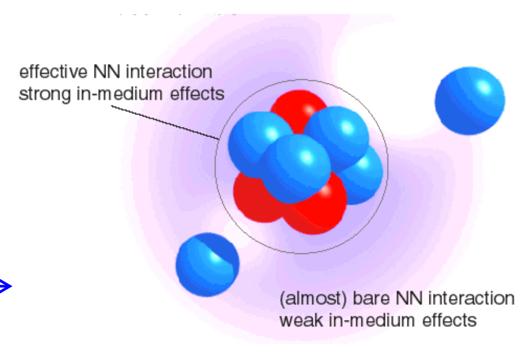


"Borromean nuclei"

^{11}Li = ^{9}Li + n + n
^{6}He = ^{4}He + n + n

Structure of Borromean nuclei

- What is the spatial structure of the valence neutrons?
- To what extent is this picture correct? →



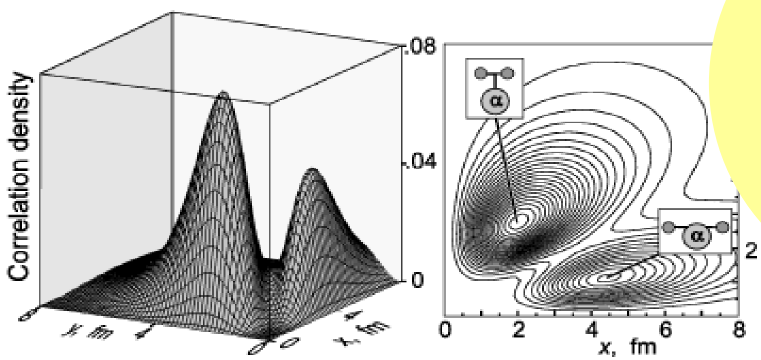
Borromean nuclei and Di-neutron correlation

Borromean nuclei: unique three-body systems

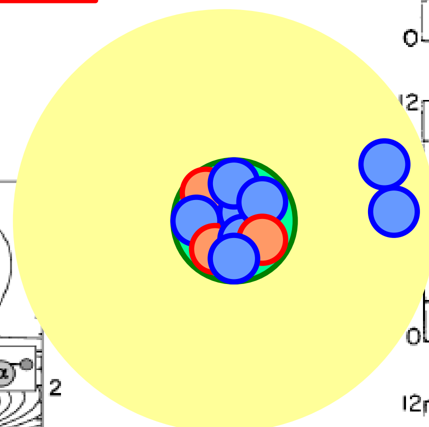
Three-body model calculations:

strong di-neutron correlation
in ^{11}Li and ^{6}He

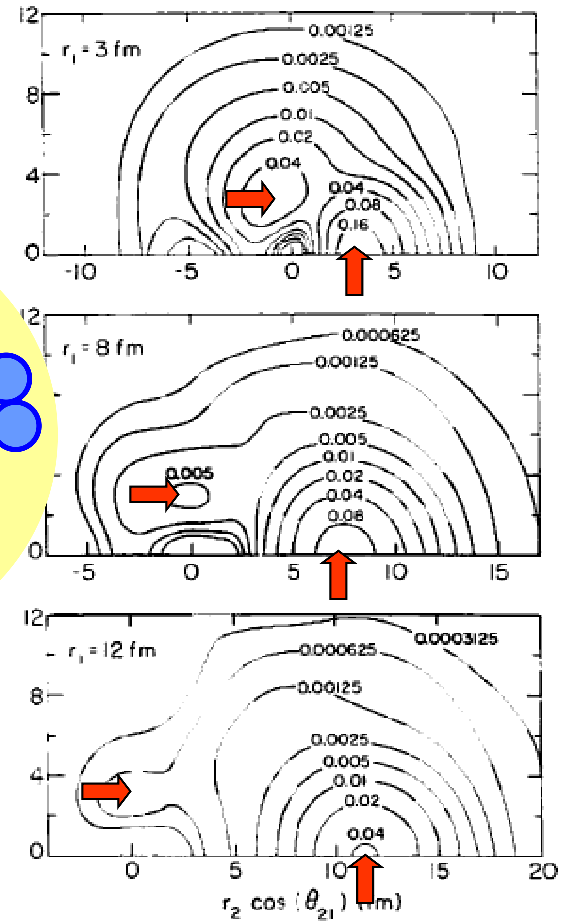
$x^2y^2\,\rho_2(x,y)$ for ^{6}He



Yu.Ts. Oganessian et al., *PRL82('99)4996*
M.V. Zhukov et al., *Phys. Rep. 231('93)151*



$\rho_2(r_1,r_2,\theta_{12})$ for ^{11}Li



G.F. Bertsch, H. Esbensen,
Ann. of Phys., 209('91)327

cf. earlier works

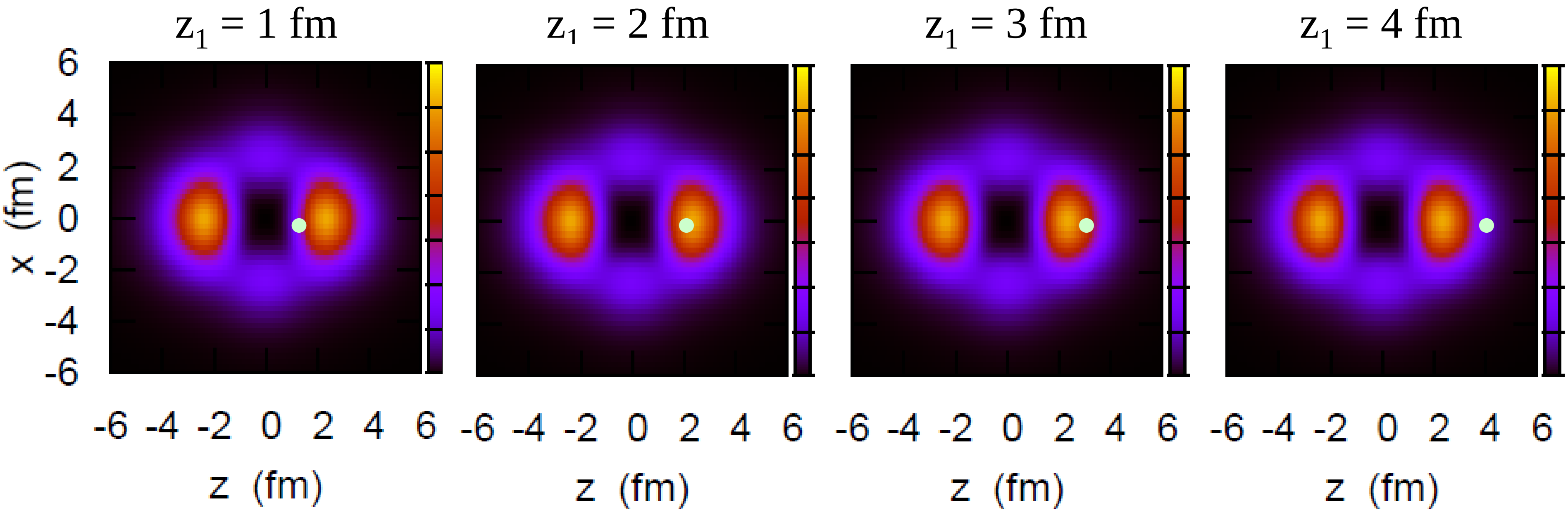
- ✓ A.B. Migdal ('73)
- ✓ P.G. Hansen and B. Jonson ('87)

What is Di-neutron correlation?

Example: $^{18}O = {}^{16}O + n + n$

i) Without nn interaction: $|nn\rangle = |(1d_{5/2})^2\rangle$

Distribution of the 2nd neutron when the 1st neutron is at z_1 :



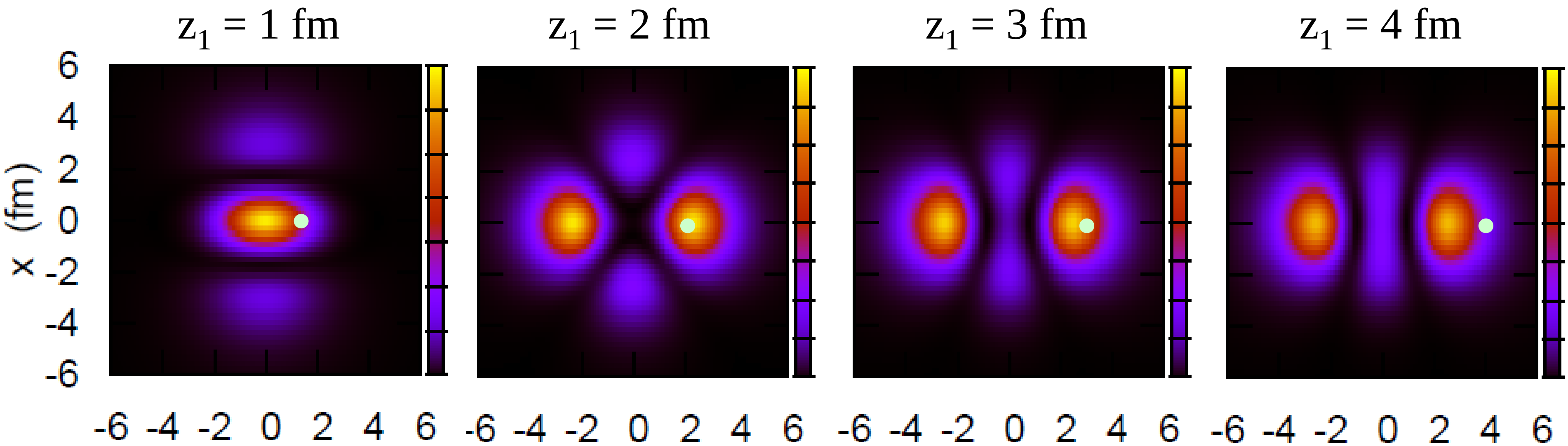
✓Two neutrons move independently

✓No influence of the 2nd neutron from the 1st neutron

⟶ need correlations to form a "pair"

Example: $^{18}O = ^{16}O + n + n$ cf. ^{17}O : 3 bound states ($1d_{5/2}$, $2s_{1/2}$, $1d_{3/2}$)

i) even parity only ⟶ insufficient



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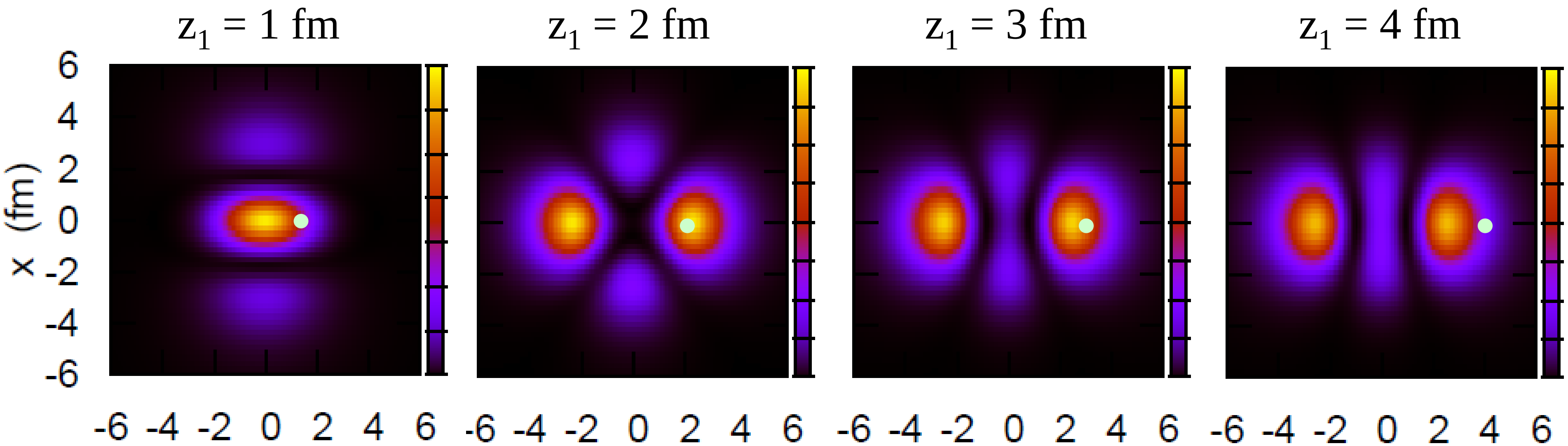
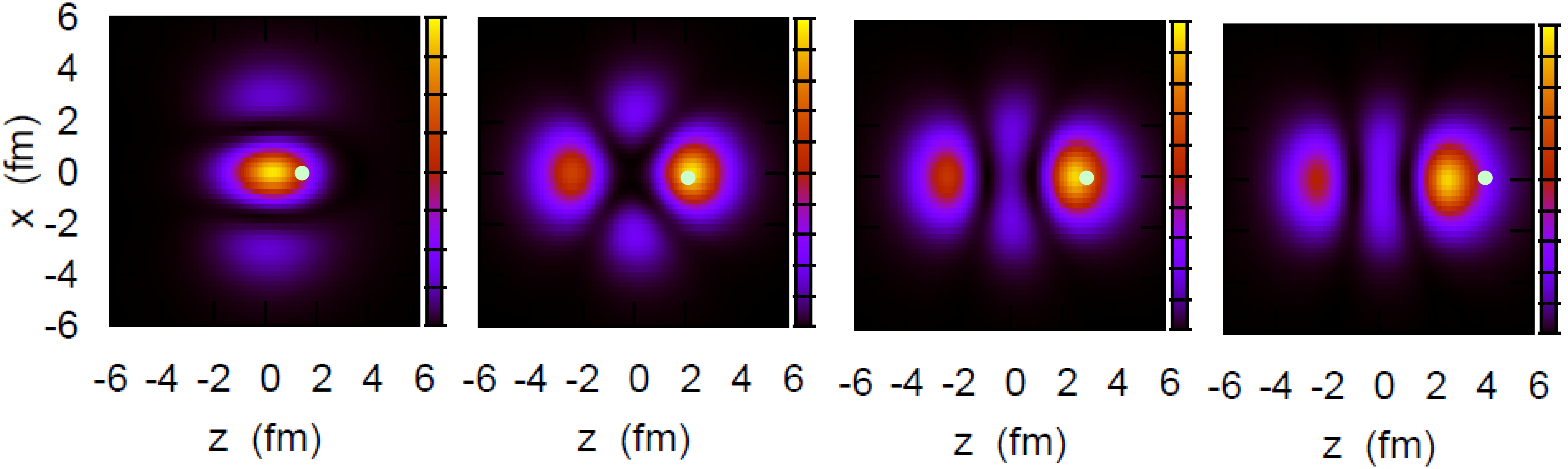
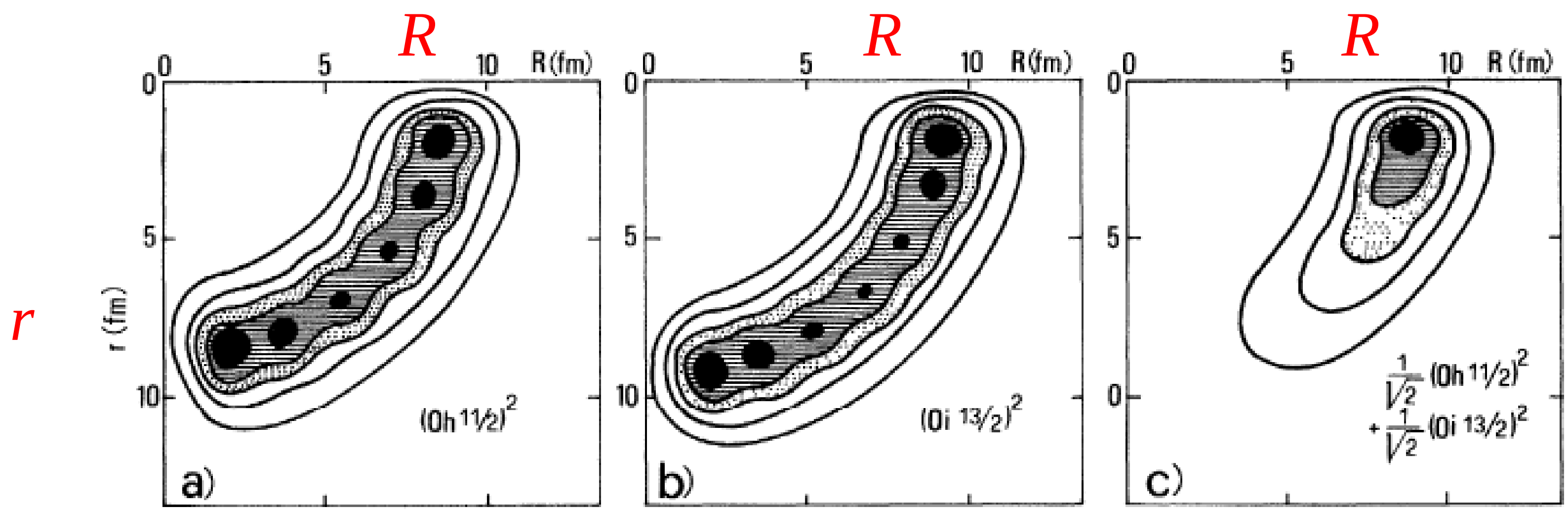


ii) both even and odd parities (bound + continuum states)

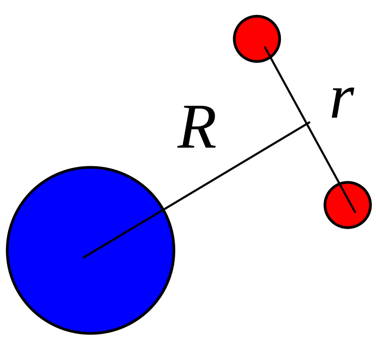


dineutron correlation: caused by the admixture of different parity states



$$(0h_{11/2})^2 \qquad (0i_{13/2})^2 \qquad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0h_{11/2})^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0i_{13/2})^2$$

F. Catara, A. Insolia, E. Maglione, and A. Vitturi, PRC29('84)1091

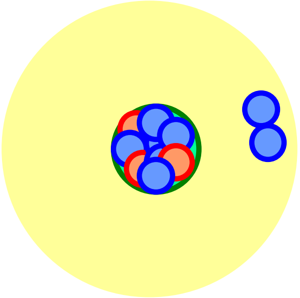


interference of even and odd partial waves

$$\rho_2(x_1,x_2) = |\Psi_{ee}(x_1,x_2)|^2 + |\Psi_{oo}(x_1,x_2)|^2 + 2\Psi_{ee}(x_1,x_2)\Psi_{oo}(x_1,x_2)$$

Dineutron correlation in the momentum space

$$\Psi(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}') = \alpha\,\Psi_{s^2}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}') + \beta\,\Psi_{p^2}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}')$$ → $\theta_r = 0$: enhanced



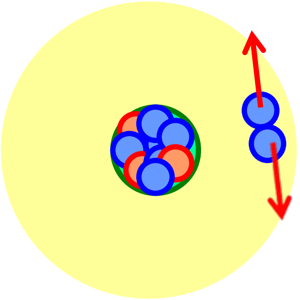
→ Fourier transform

$$\tilde{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') = \int e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} e^{i\boldsymbol{k}'\cdot\boldsymbol{r}'} \Psi(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}')\,d\boldsymbol{r}\,d\boldsymbol{r}'$$

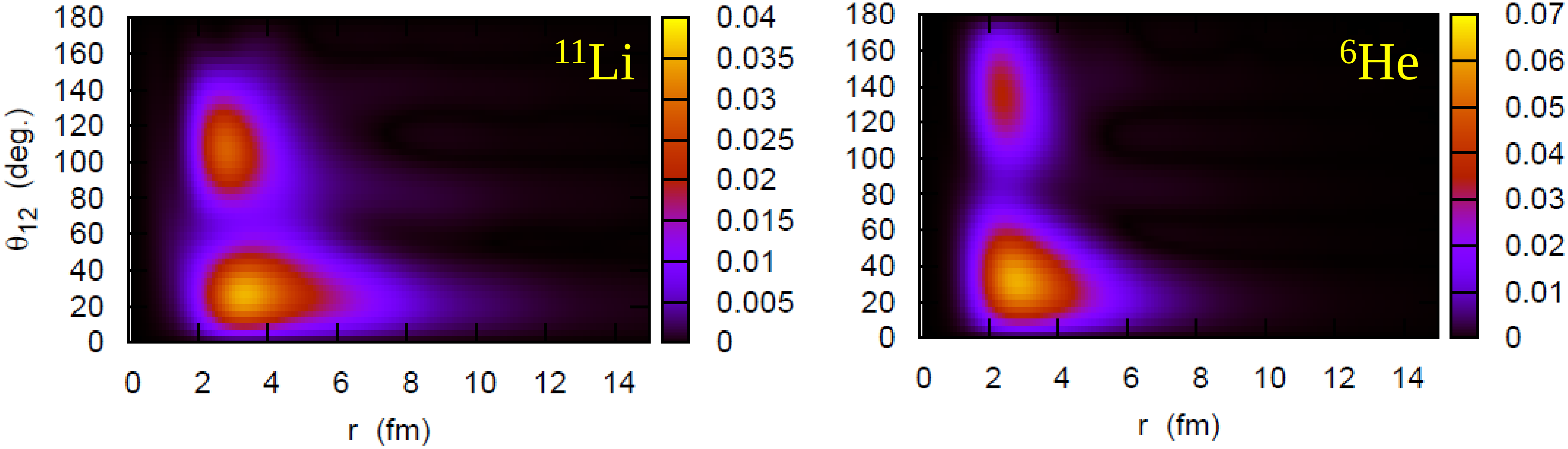
$$e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} = \sum_l (2l+1) i^l \ldots\ldots \longrightarrow i^l \cdot i^l = i^{2l} = (-)^l$$

↑ r ↑ r'

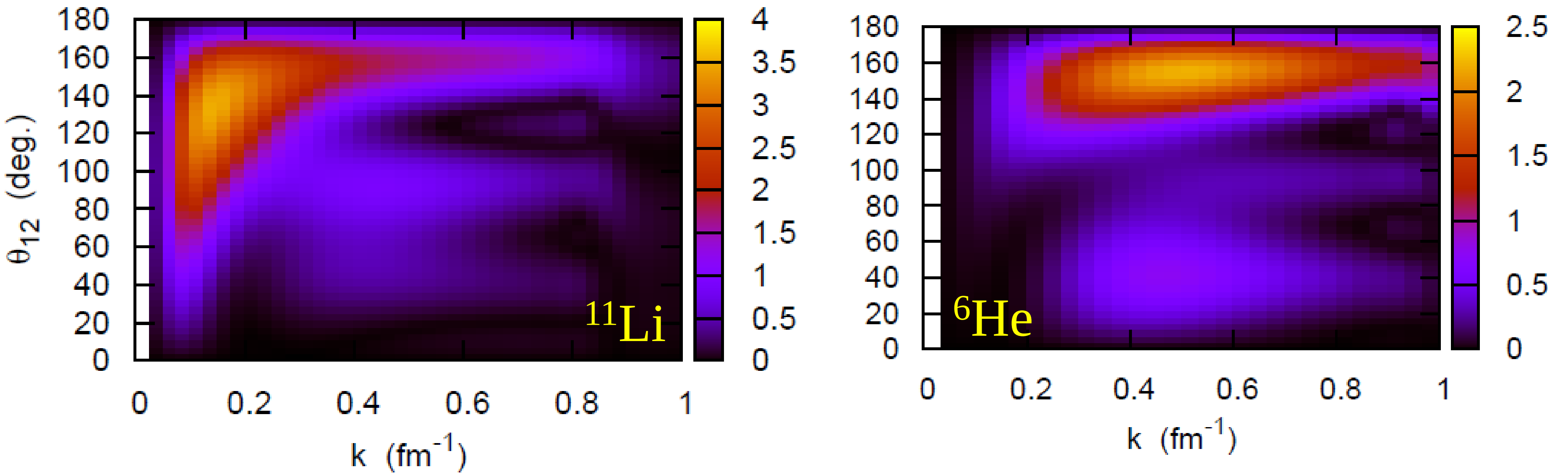
$$\tilde{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') = \alpha\,\tilde{\Psi}_{s^2}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') - \beta\,\tilde{\Psi}_{p^2}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}')$$ → $\theta_k = \pi$: enhanced



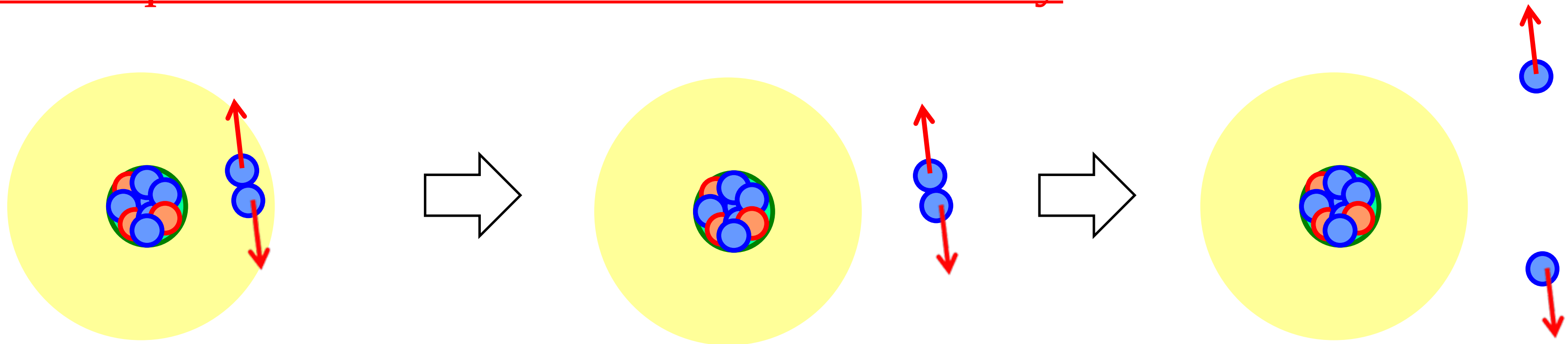
Two-particle density in the *r* space: $8\pi^2 r^4 \sin\theta \cdot \rho(r,r,\theta)$



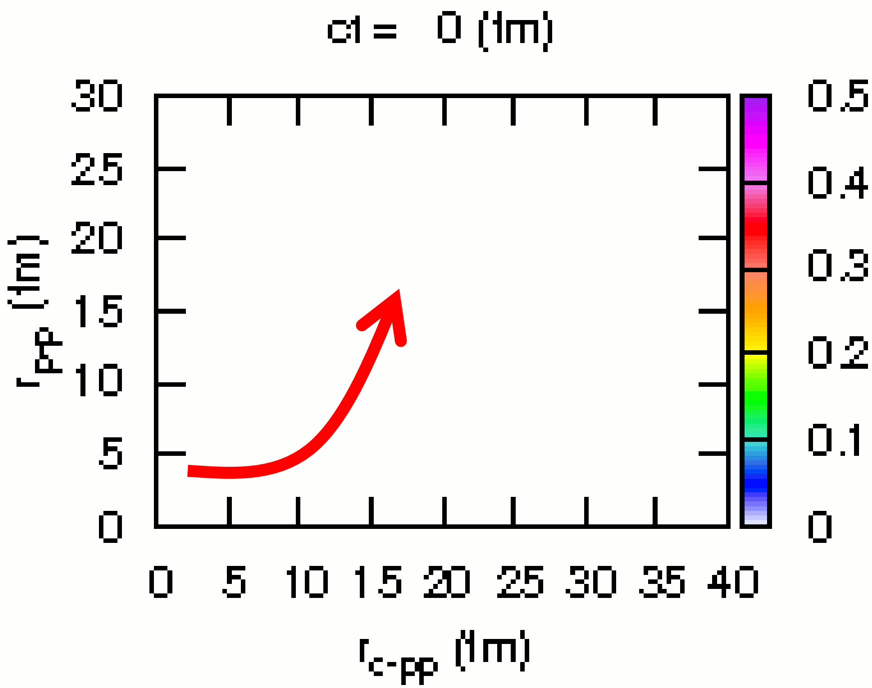
Two-particle density in the *p* space: $8\pi^2 k^4 \sin\theta \cdot \rho(k,k,\theta)$



Consequence to a two-nucleon emission decay



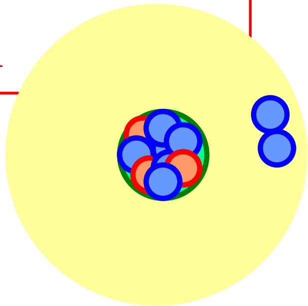
2p decay of ^{6}Be
: time-dependent calculations



T. Oishi (Tohoku → Jyvaskyla), K.H., H. Sagawa, PRC90 ('14) 034303

Di-neutron correlation in neutron-rich nuclei

Strong di-neutron correlation
in neutron-rich nuclei



✓ Borromean nuclei (3body calc.)
Bertsch-Esbensen ('91)
Zhukov et al. ('93)
Hagino-Sagawa ('05)
Kikuchi-Kato-Myo ('10)

✓ Heavier nuclei (HFB calc.)
Matsuo et al. ('05)
Pillet-Sandulescu-Schuck ('07)

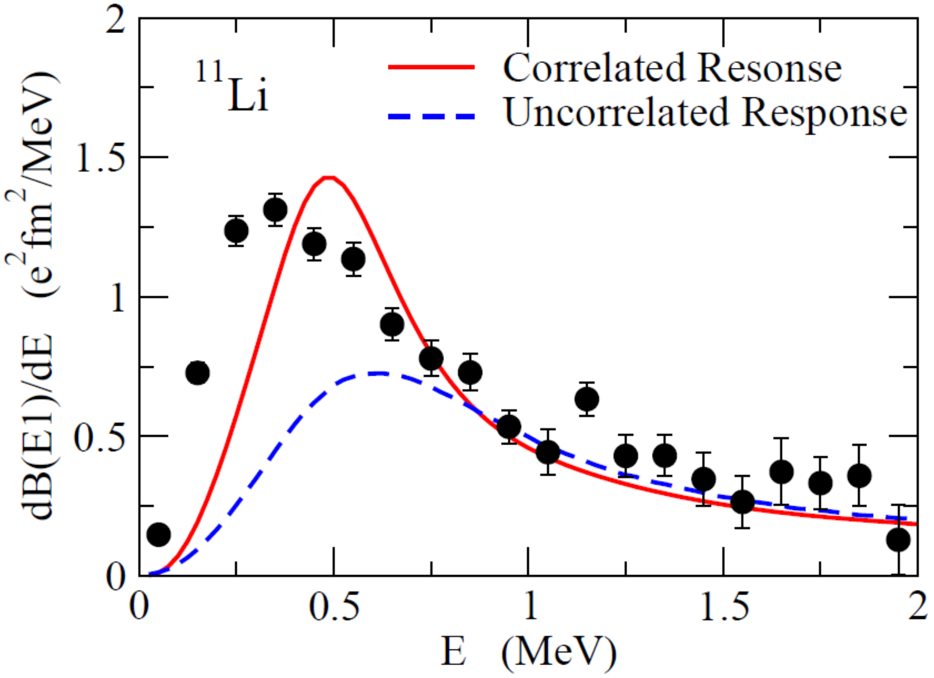
How to probe it?

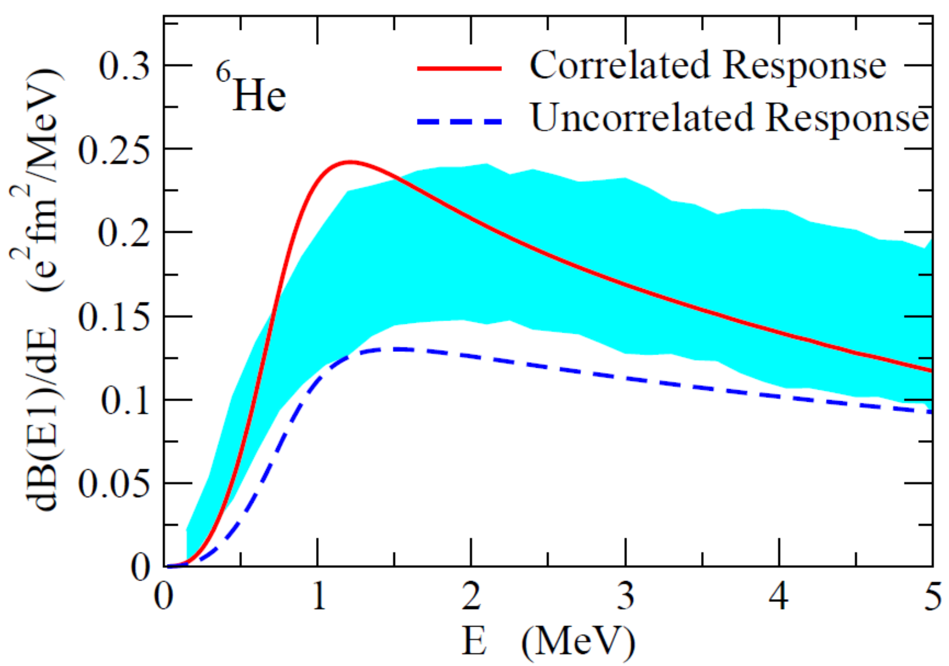
- Coulomb breakup
  T. Nakamura et al.
  cluster sum rule
  (mean value of θ_{nn})
- pair transfer reactions
- two-proton decays
  Coulomb 3-body problem

- two-neutron decays
  3-body resonance due to
  a centrifugal barrier
  MoNA (^{16}Be, ^{13}Li, ^{26}O)
  SAMURAI (^{26}O)
  GSI (^{26}O)

Coulomb breakup of 2-neutron halo nuclei

How to probe the dineutron correlation? ⟶ Coulomb breakup





Experiments:

T. Nakamura et al., PRL96('06)252502

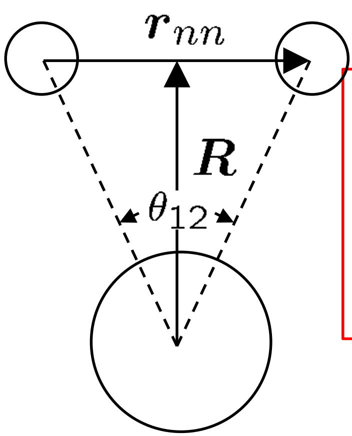
T. Aumann et al., PRC59('99)1252

3-body model calculations:

K.H., H. Sagawa, T. Nakamura, S. Shimoura, PRC80('09)031301(R)

cf. Y. Kikuchi et al., PRC87('13)034606 ⟵ structure of the core nucleus (^{9}Li)

Geometry of Borromean nuclei

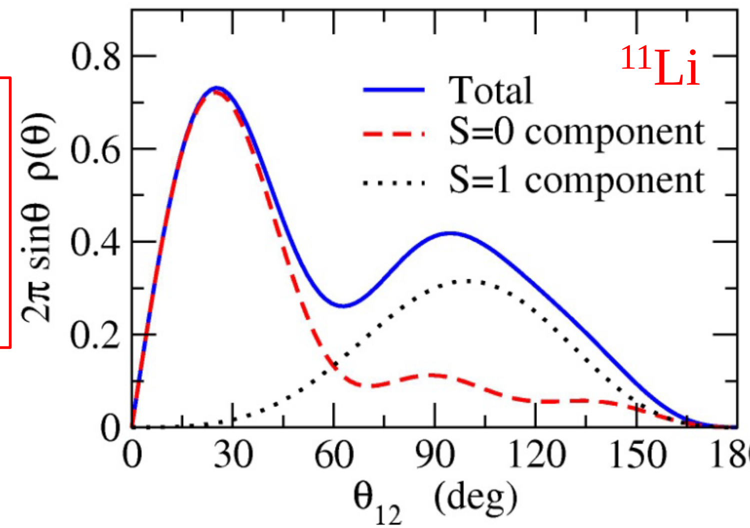


Cluster sum rule

$$B_{\rm tot}(E1) = \sum_f |\langle \Psi_f | \hat{T}_{\rm E1} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2 \sim \frac{3}{\pi}\left(\frac{Z_c e}{A_c + 2}\right)^2 \langle R^2 \rangle$$

reflects the g.s. correlation

3-body model calculations



$$\langle \theta_{12} \rangle = 65.29 \quad \text{deg.}$$

"experimental data" for opening angle

$\sqrt{\langle R^2 \rangle}$ ← $B_{\rm tot}(E1)$

$\sqrt{\langle r_{\rm nn}^2 \rangle}$ ← matter radius or HBT

$$\langle \theta_{12} \rangle = 65.2 \pm 12.2 \ (^{11}\text{Li})$$
$$= 74.5 \pm 12.1 \ (^{6}\text{He})$$

K.H. and H. Sagawa,PRC76('07)047302

$\langle \theta_{12} \rangle$: significantly smaller than 90 deg.

↓

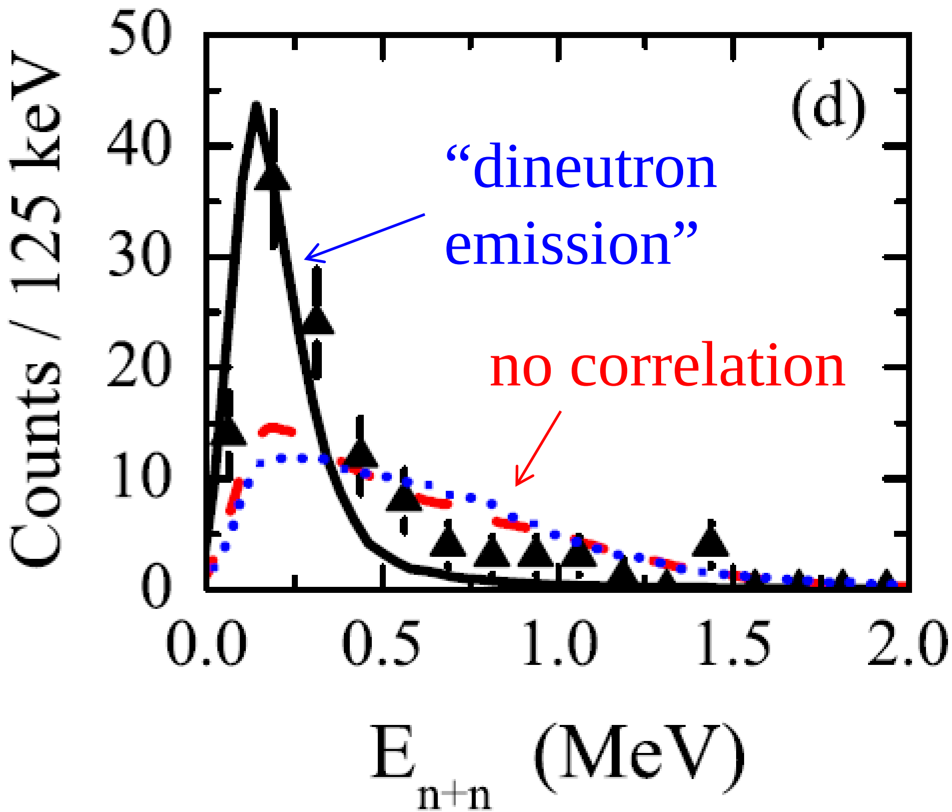
suggests dineutron corr.

(but, an average of small and large angles)

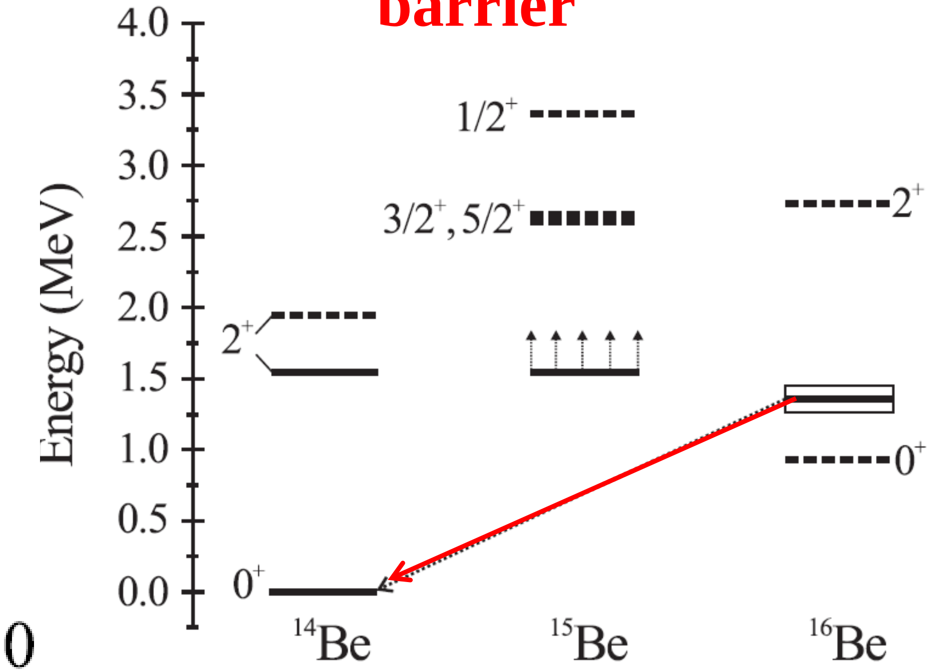
cf. T. Nakamura et al., PRL96('06)252502
C.A. Bertulani and M.S. Hussein, PRC76('07)051602

2-neutron decay（MoNA@MSU）

$^{17}B \rightarrow {}^{16}Be \rightarrow {}^{14}Be + n + n$



3-body resonance due to the **centrifugal barrier**



A. Spyrou et al., PRL108('12) 102501

Other data:

^{13}Li (Z. Kohley et al., PRC87('13)011304(R)) $\quad$ $^{14}Be \rightarrow {}^{13}Li \rightarrow {}^{11}Li + 2n$

^{26}O (E. Lunderbert et al., PRL108('12)142503) $\quad$ $^{27}F \rightarrow {}^{26}O \rightarrow {}^{24}O + 2n$

3-body model calculation with nn correlation: required

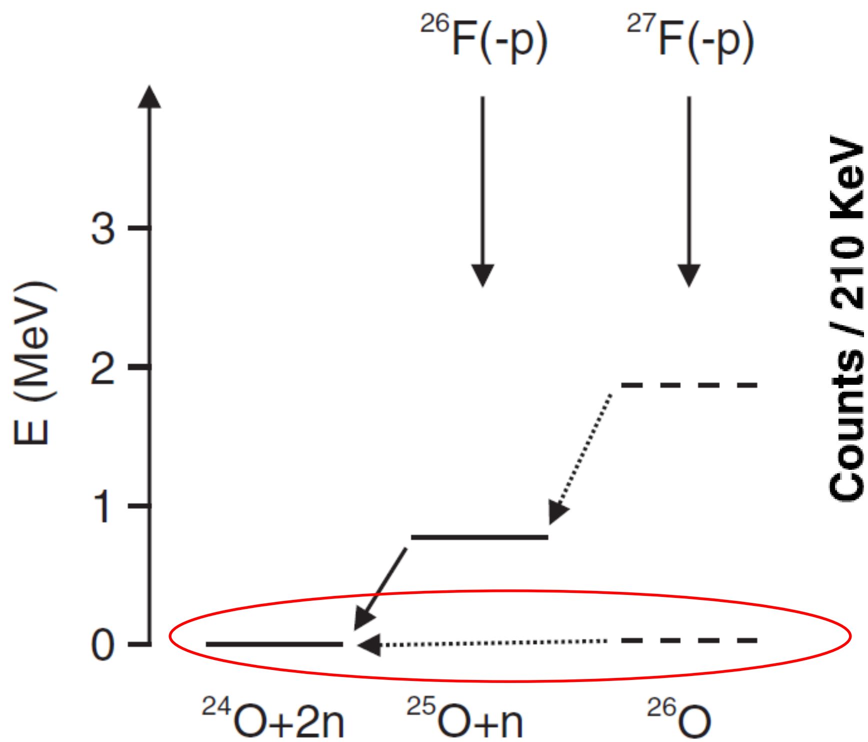
Two-neutron decay of ^{26}O

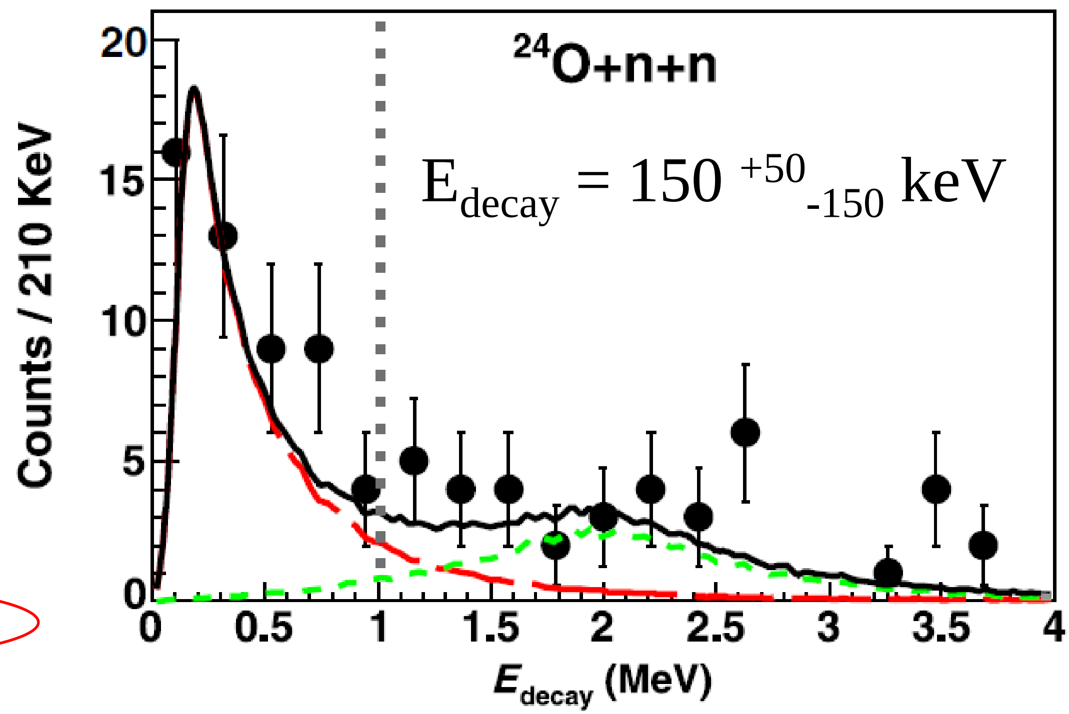
- the simplest among ^{16}Be, ^{13}Li, ^{26}O (MSU)
  ^{16}Be: deformation, ^{13}Li: treatment of ^{11}Li core

E. Lunderberg et al., PRL108 ('12) 142503
Z. Kohley et al., PRL 110 ('13)152501

Experiment:

^{27}F (82 MeV/u) + ^{9}Be → ^{26}O → ^{24}O + n + n



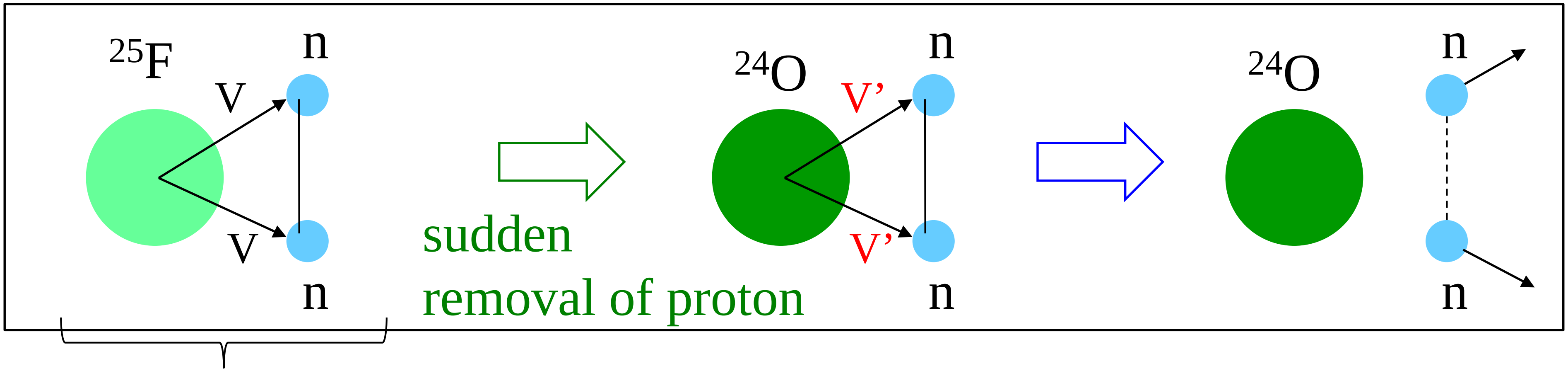


cf. C. Caesar et al., PRC88 ('13) 034313 (GSI exp.)
Y. Kondo et al., (SAMURAI) → E_{decay} = 18 +/- 3 +/- 4 keV

3-body model analysis for ^{26}O decay

K.H. and H. Sagawa,
PRC89 ('14) 014331

cf. Expt. : ^{27}F (82 MeV/u) + ^{9}Be → ^{26}O → ^{24}O + n + n



g.s. of ^{27}F (bound)

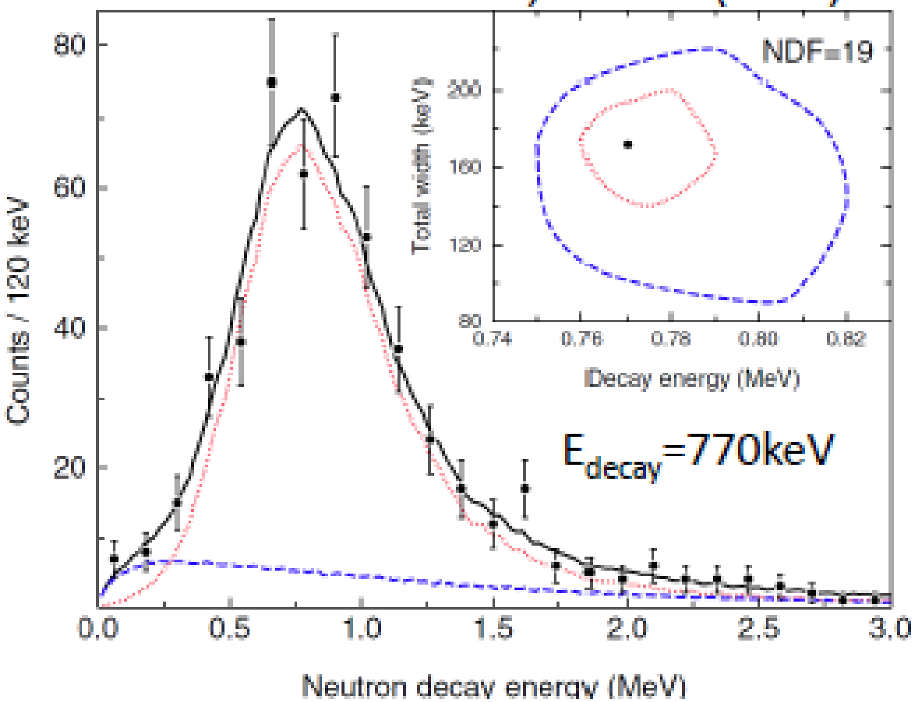
$$\underline{\Psi_{nn}} \otimes |^{25}\mathrm{F}\rangle \;\Rightarrow\; \underline{\Psi_{nn}} \otimes |^{24}\mathrm{O}\rangle \;\Rightarrow\;$$ spontaneous decay

→ the same config. (the reference state)

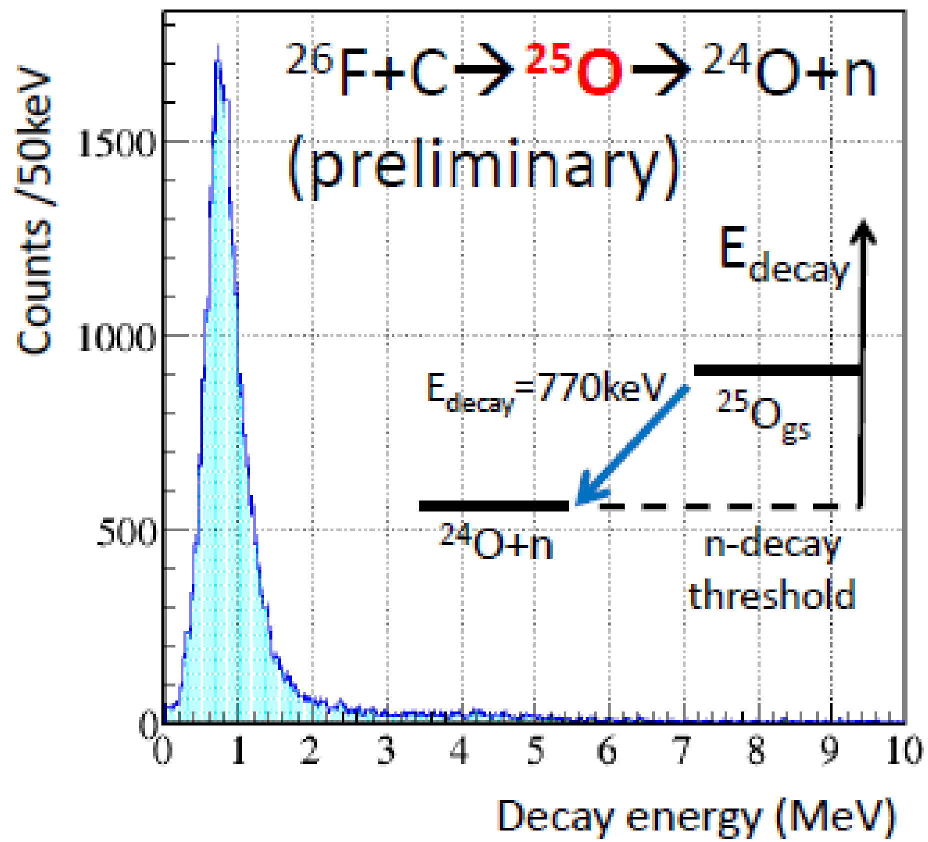
FSI ⟶ Green's function method ⬅ continuum effects

^{25}O : calibration of the n-^{24}O potential

C.R.Hoffman et al.,
PRL100, 152502 (2008)



Y. Kondo et al. (2015)



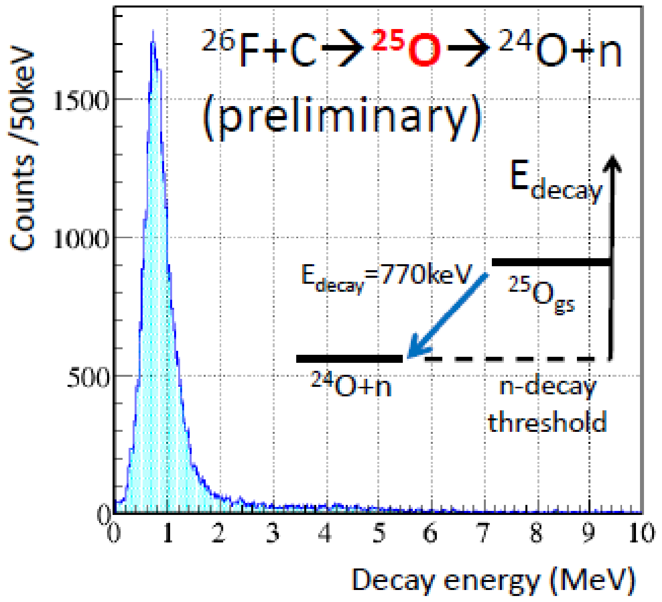
$E = +\ 770^{+20}_{-10}$ keV
$\Gamma = 172(30)$ keV

⇒

$E = +\ 749(10)$ keV
$\Gamma = 88(6)$ keV

n-^{24}O Woods-Saxon potential

$$\left\{\begin{array}{l} a = 0.72 \text{ fm (fixed)} \\ r_0 = 1.25 \text{ fm (fixed)} \\ V_0 \longleftarrow e_{2s1/2} = -4.09\ (13) \text{ MeV} \\ V_{ls} \longleftarrow e_{d3/2} = 0.749(10) \text{ MeV} \end{array}\right.$$



Gamow states (outgoing boundary condition)

$d_{3/2}$: E = 0.749 MeV (input), Γ = 87.2 keV   cf. Γ_{exp} = 86 (6) keV

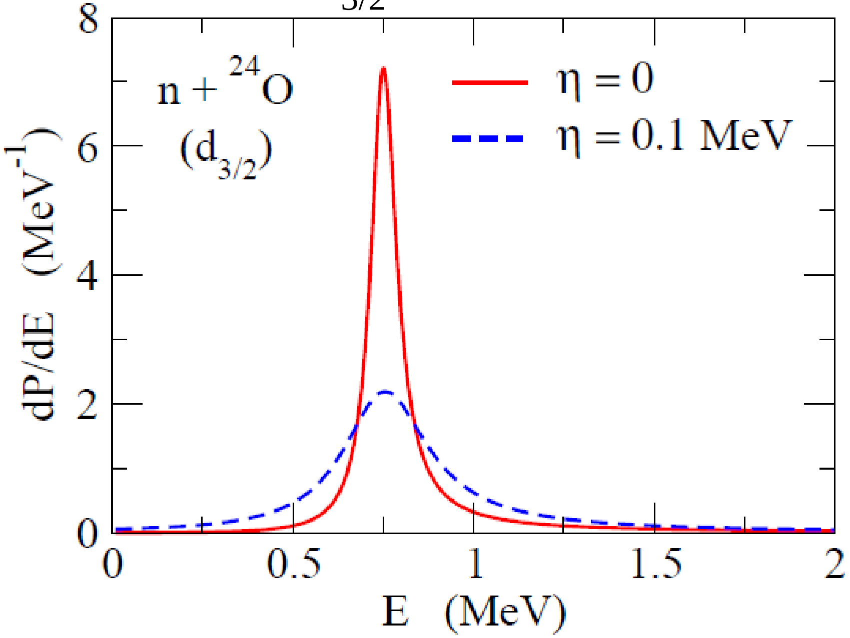
$f_{7/2}$: E = 2.44 MeV, Γ = 0.21 MeV

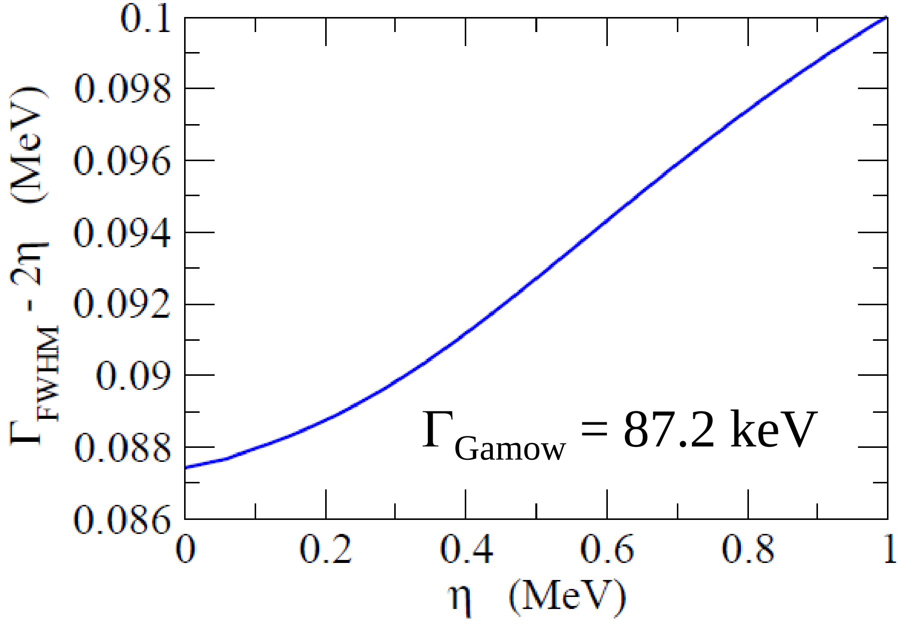
$p_{3/2}$: E = 0.577 MeV, Γ = 1.63 MeV

n-^{24}O decay spectrum

$$\frac{dP}{dE} = |\langle \Phi_{\rm ref}|\Psi_E\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi}\, Im\, \langle \Phi_{\rm ref}|\frac{1}{H-E-i\eta}|\Phi_{\rm ref}\rangle$$

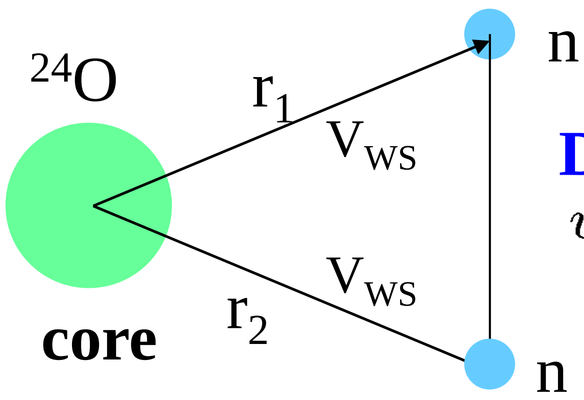
Reference state:
bound $1d_{3/2}$ state in ^{26}F





→ apply a similar method to ^{24}O + n + n

Two-neutron decay of ^{26}O : i) Decay energy spectrum



Density-dependent delta-force

$$v(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2) = v_0(1 + \alpha\rho(r)) \times \delta(\boldsymbol{r}_1 - \boldsymbol{r}_2)$$

v_0 : free nn interaction

α : $E_{gs}(^{26}\text{O})$

$$H = T_1 + V_1 + T_2 + V_2 + v_{nn}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dE} = \int dE' |\langle \Psi_{E'} | \Phi_{\text{ref}} \rangle|^2 \, \delta(E - E') = \frac{1}{\pi} \Im \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}} | \frac{1}{H - E - i\eta} | \Phi_{\text{ref}} \rangle$$

i) Decay energy spectrum

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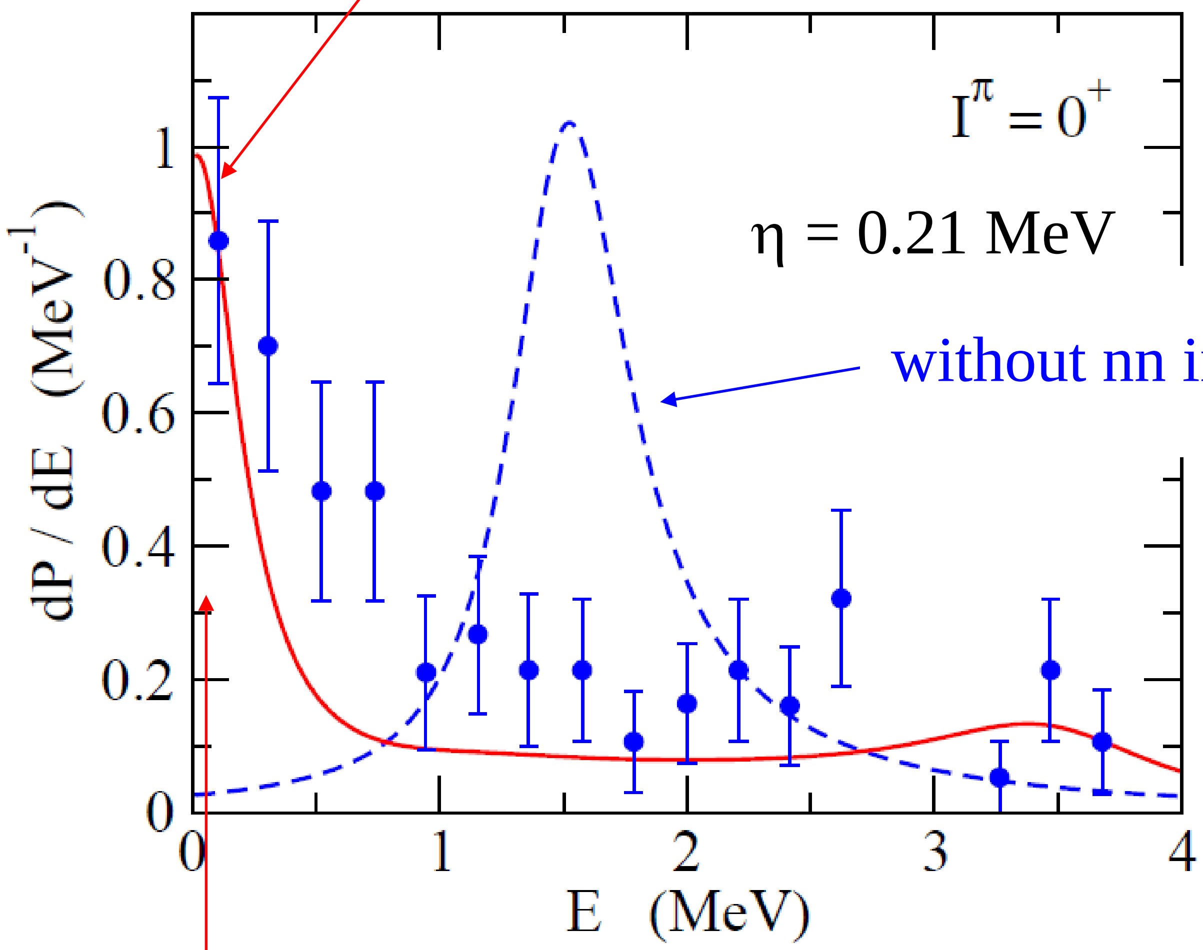
- PRC89 ('14) 014331
- in preparation

with nn interaction



η = 0.21 MeV

without nn interaction

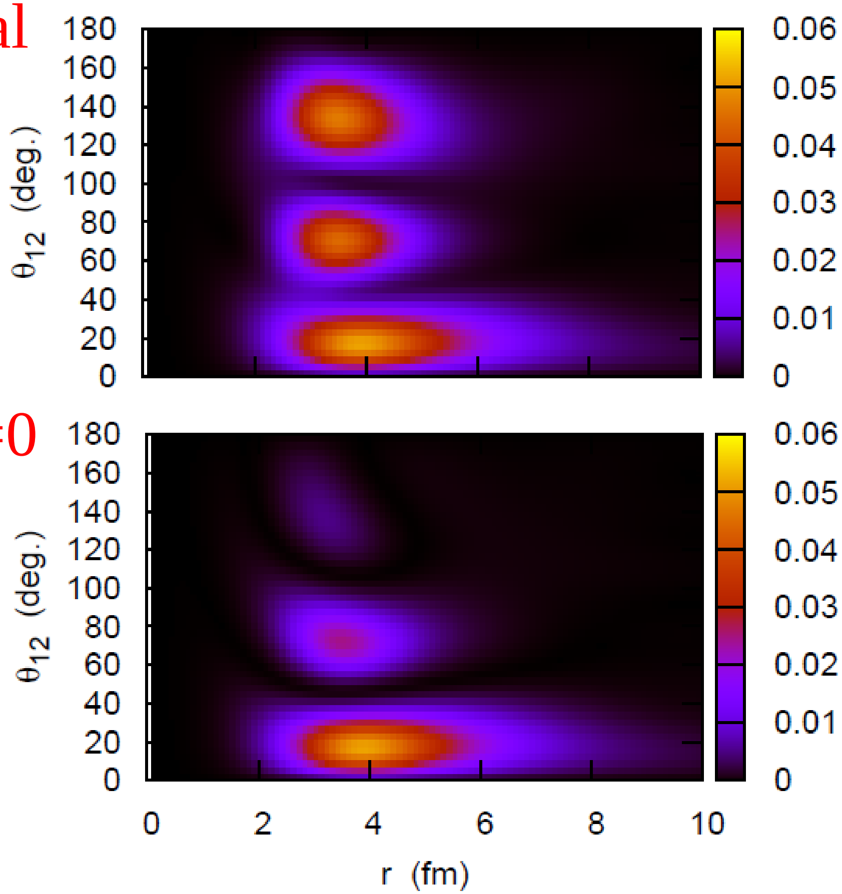
cf. $e_{1d3/2}(^{25}O)$
= 0.749 MeV

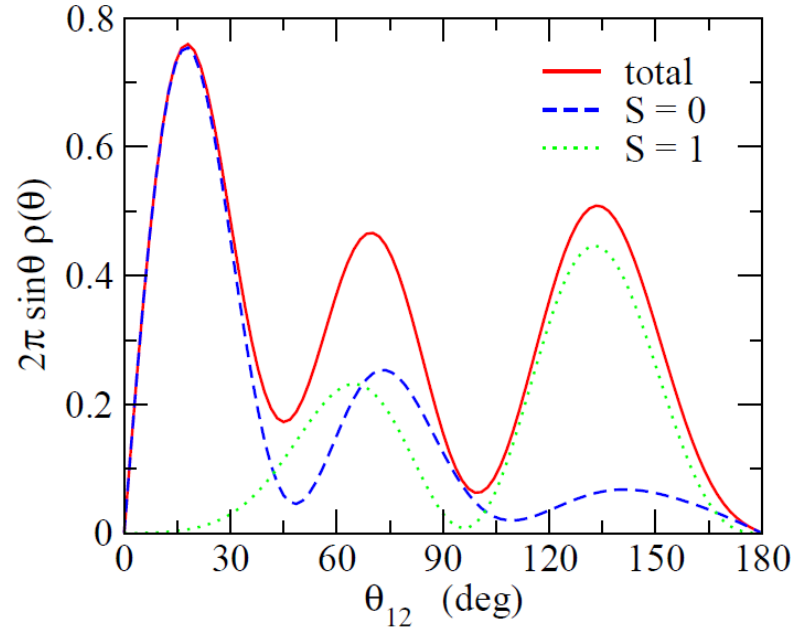
$E_{\rm peak}$ = 18 keV (input)

Two-particle density in the bound state approximation

total

S=0





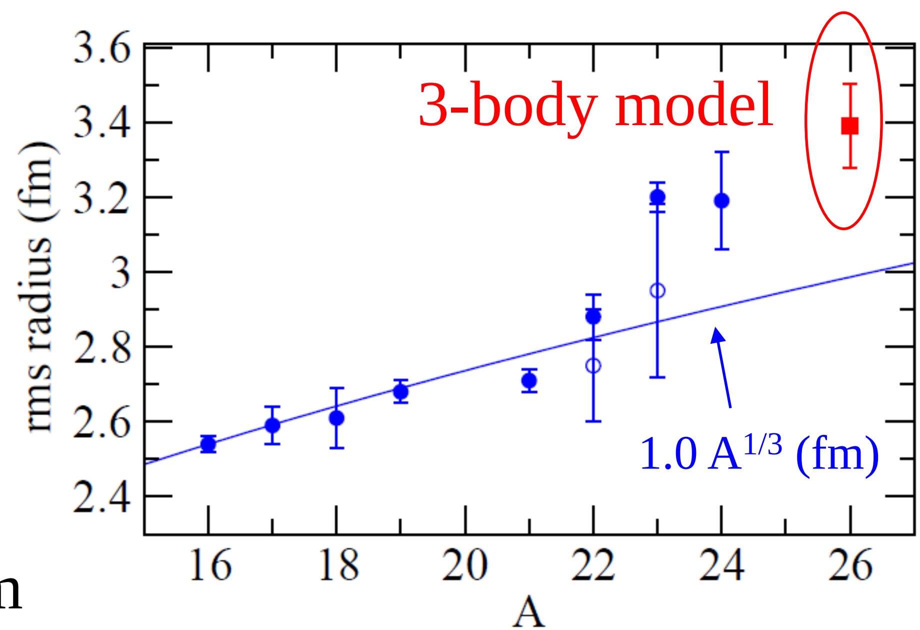
$(d_{3/2})^2$: 66.1%

$(f_{7/2})^2$: 18.3%

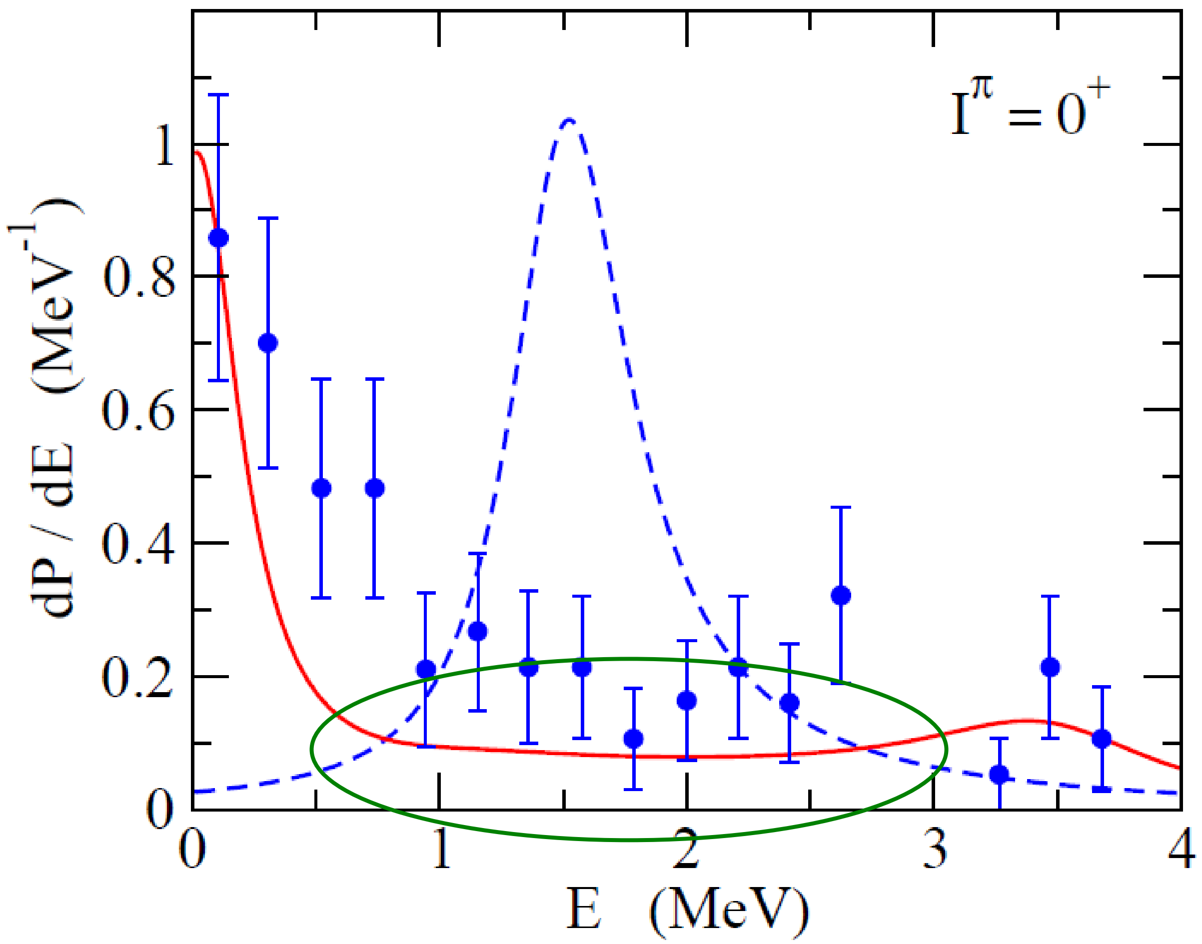
$(p_{3/2})^2$: 10.5%

$(s_{1/2})^2$: 0.59%

rms radius = 3.39 +/- 0.11 fm

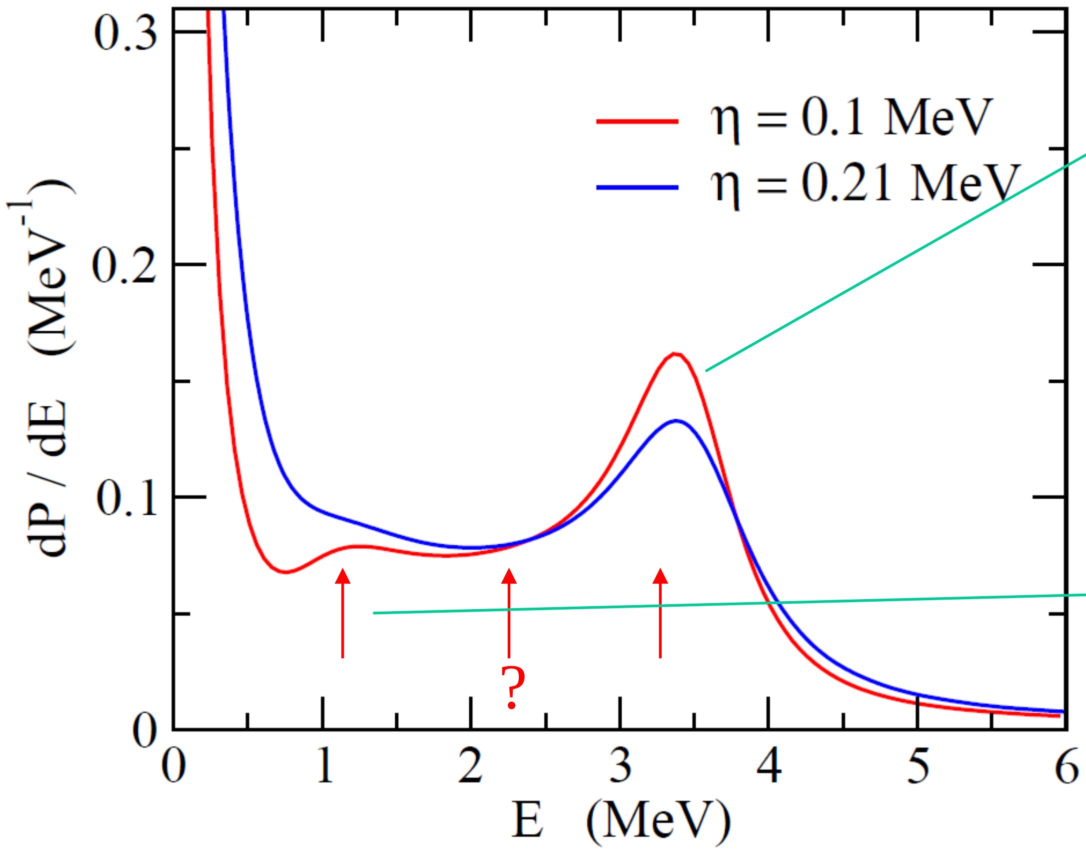


Excited 0^+ states



Excited 0^+ states

$$\langle \Psi_E | (jj)^{(0)} \rangle \propto \langle \Phi_{\rm ref} | G(E) | (jj)^{(0)} \rangle$$



E = 3.379 MeV

Γ = 0.737 MeV

$(f_{7/2})^2$: 62.1%

$(d_{3/2})^2$: 24.9%

$(p_{3/2})^2$: 10.4%

E = 1.215 MeV

$(p_{3/2})^2$: 60.3%

$(d_{3/2})^2$: 26.8%

$(f_{7/2})^2$: 2.02%

cf. Grigorenko et al. (PRC91 ('15) 064617)

E = 0.01 MeV [$(d_{3/2})^2$: 79 %]

E = 1.7 MeV [$(d_{3/2})^2$: 80 %]

E = 2.6 MeV [$(d_{3/2})^2$: 86 %]

cf. s.p. resonances (MeV)

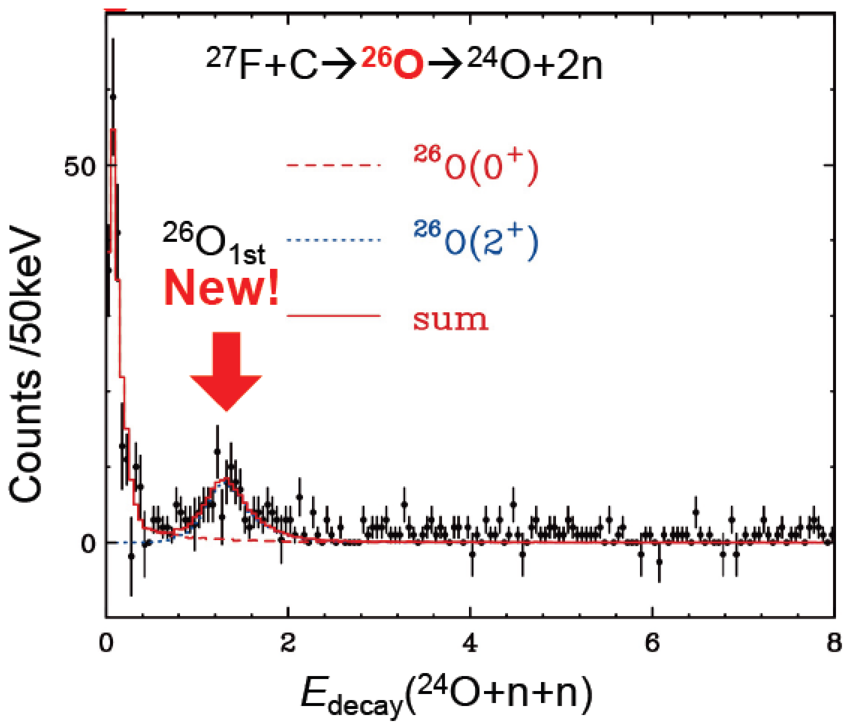
$d_{3/2}$: E = 0.75, Γ = 0.087

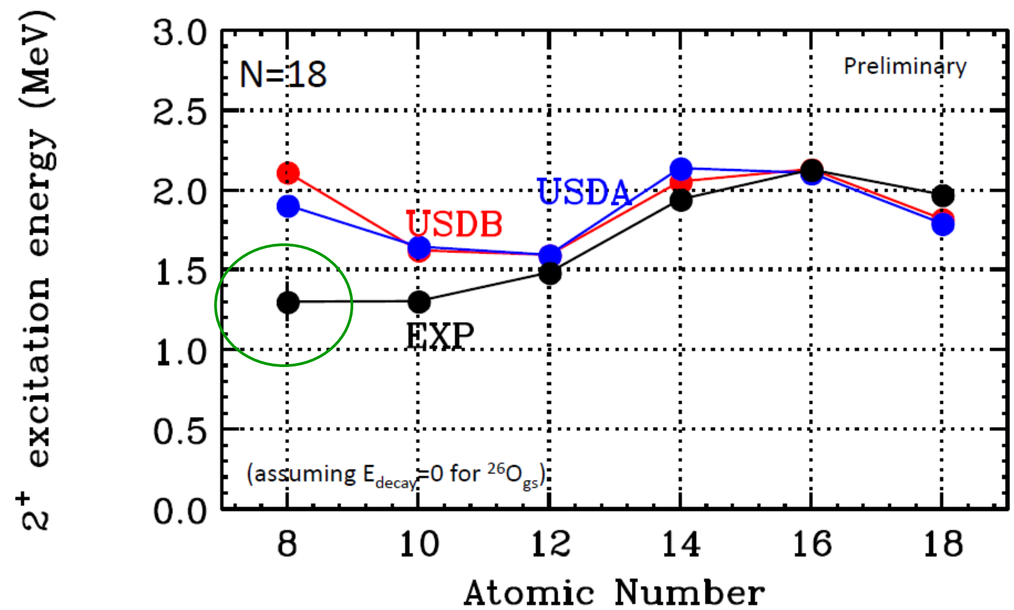
$f_{7/2}$: E = 2.44, Γ = 0.21

$p_{3/2}$: E = 0.58, Γ = 1.63

2^+ state in ^{26}O

New RIKEN data : a prominent second peak at $E = 1.28^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$ MeV





Courtesy: Y. Kondo

cf. sdpf-m: E_{2+} = 2.62 MeV (Y. Utsuno)

ab-initio calc. with chiral NN+3N: E_{2+} = 1.6 MeV

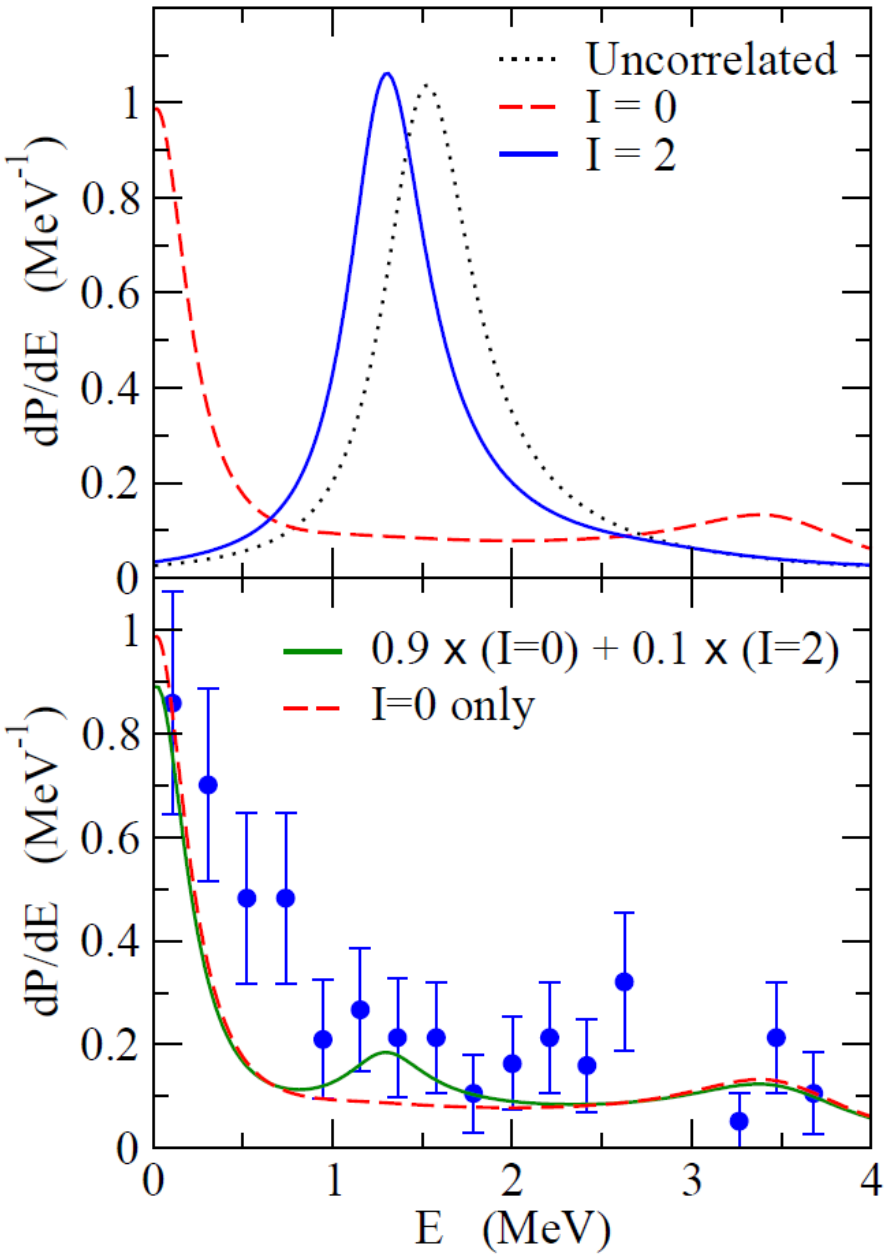
(C. Caesar et al., PRC88('13)034313)

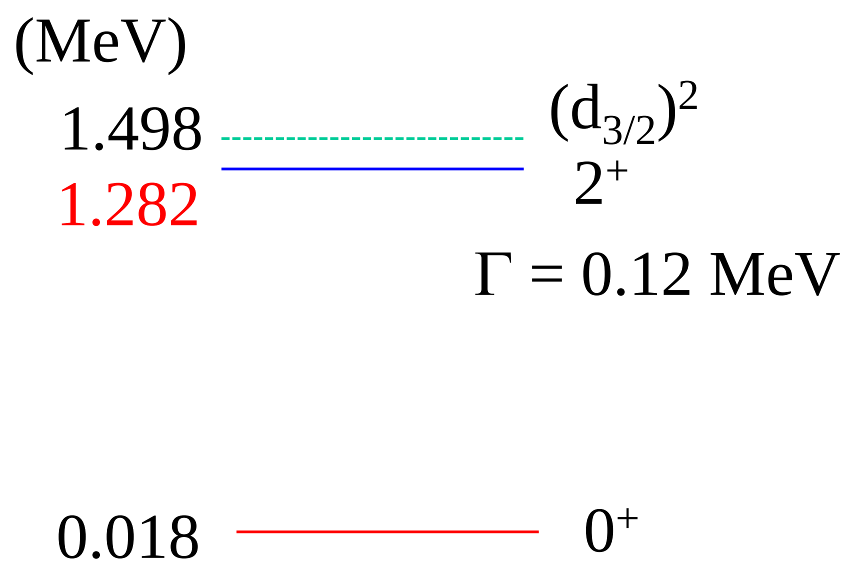
continuum shell model: E_{2+} = 1.8 MeV

(A. Volya and V. Zelvinsky, PRC74 ('14) 064314)

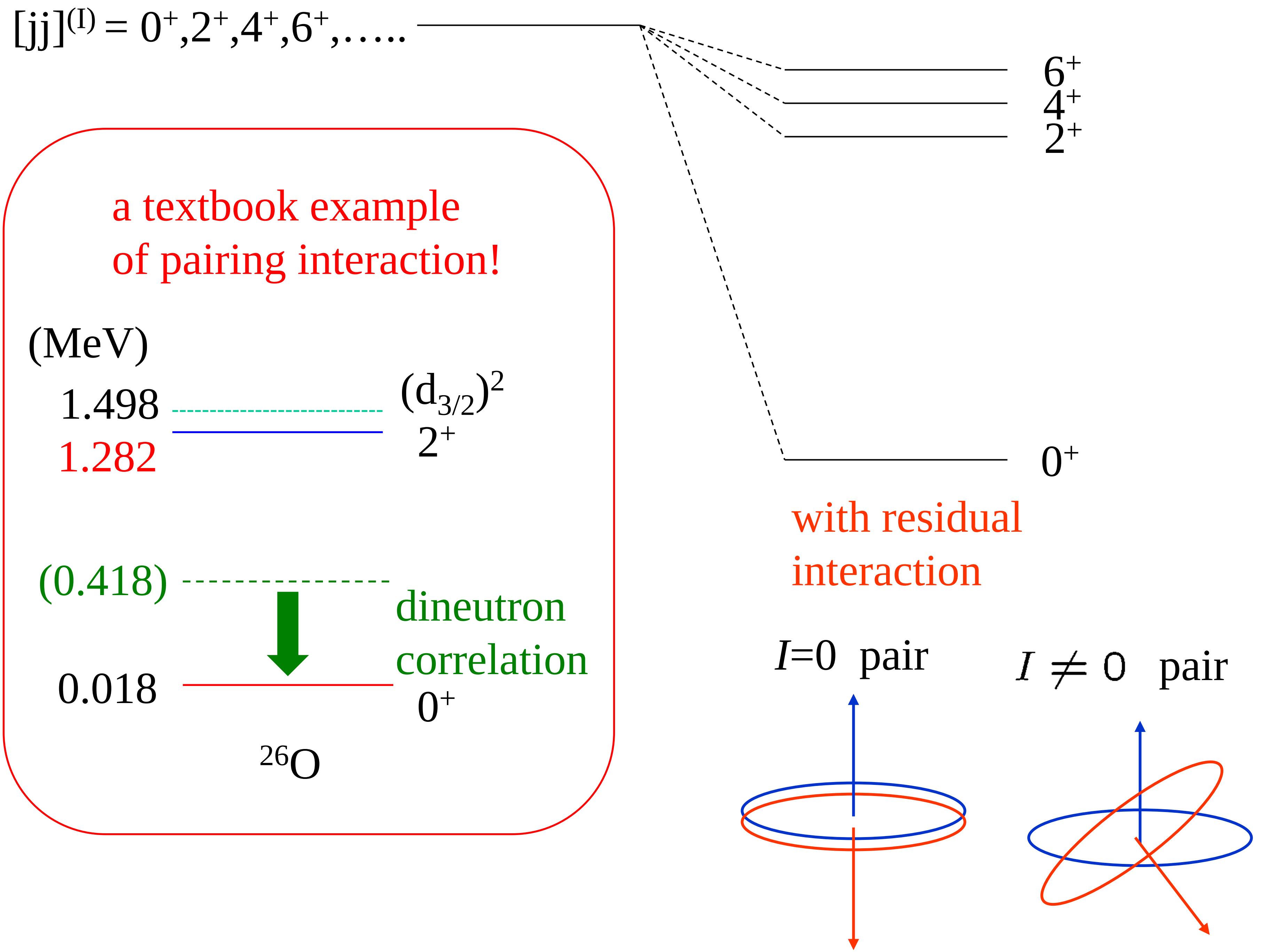
2^+ state of ^{26}O

Kondo et al. : a prominent second peak at E ~ $1.28^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$ MeV





K.H. and H. Sagawa,
PRC90('14)027303; in preparation.



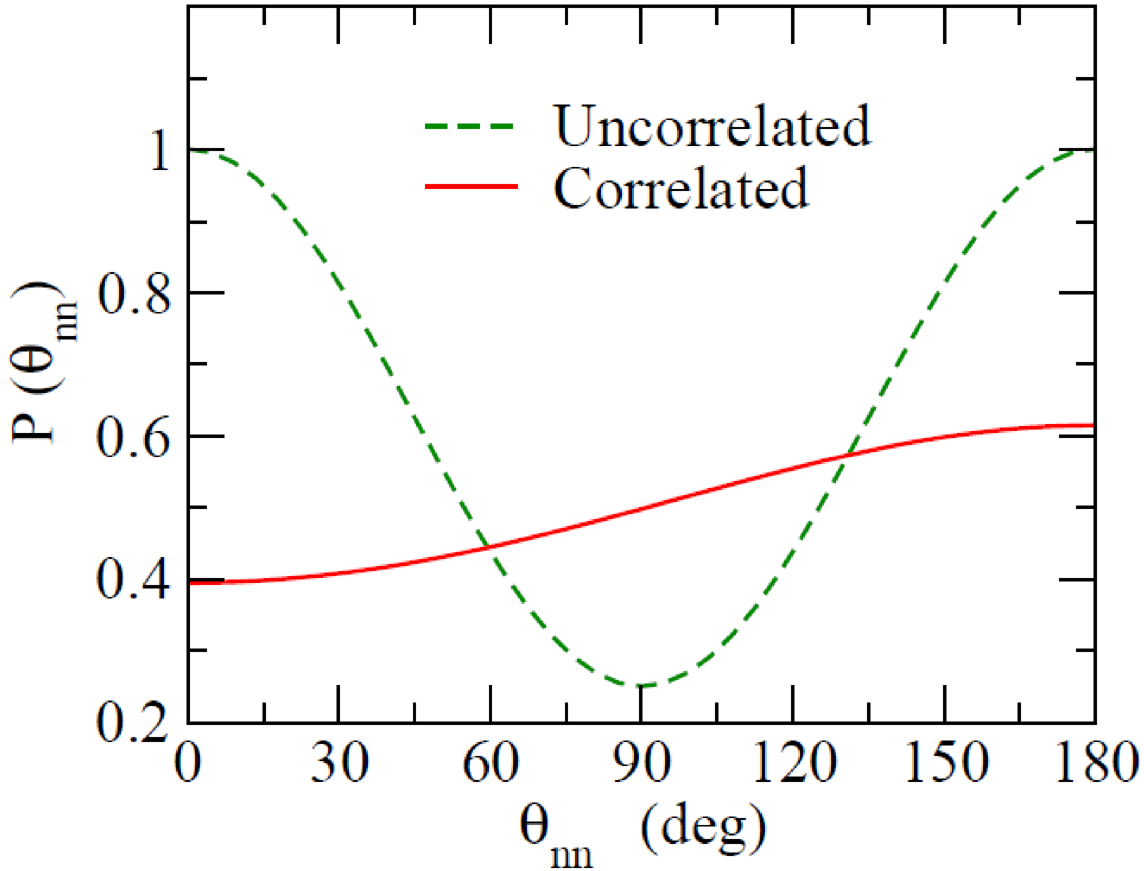
[jj]^(I) = 0+,2+,4+,6+,…..
6+
4+
2+
0+
a textbook example
of pairing interaction!
(MeV)
1.498
1.282
(d3/2)2
2+
(0.418)
dineutron
correlation
0.018
0+
26O
with residual
interaction
I=0 pair
I ≠ 0 pair

	^{25}O (3/2$^+$)	^{26}O (2$^+$)
Experiment	+ 749 (10) keV	$1.28^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$ MeV
USDA	1301 keV	1.9 MeV
USDB	1303 keV	2.1 MeV
sdpf-m (Utsuno)	?	2.6 MeV
chiral NN+3N	742 keV	1.6 MeV
continuum SM (Volya-Zelevinsky)	1002 keV	1.8 MeV
continuum SM (Tsukiyama, Otsuka, Fujimoto)	0.86 MeV	1.66 MeV
3-body model (Hagino-Sagawa)	749 keV (input)	1.282 MeV

Angular correlations

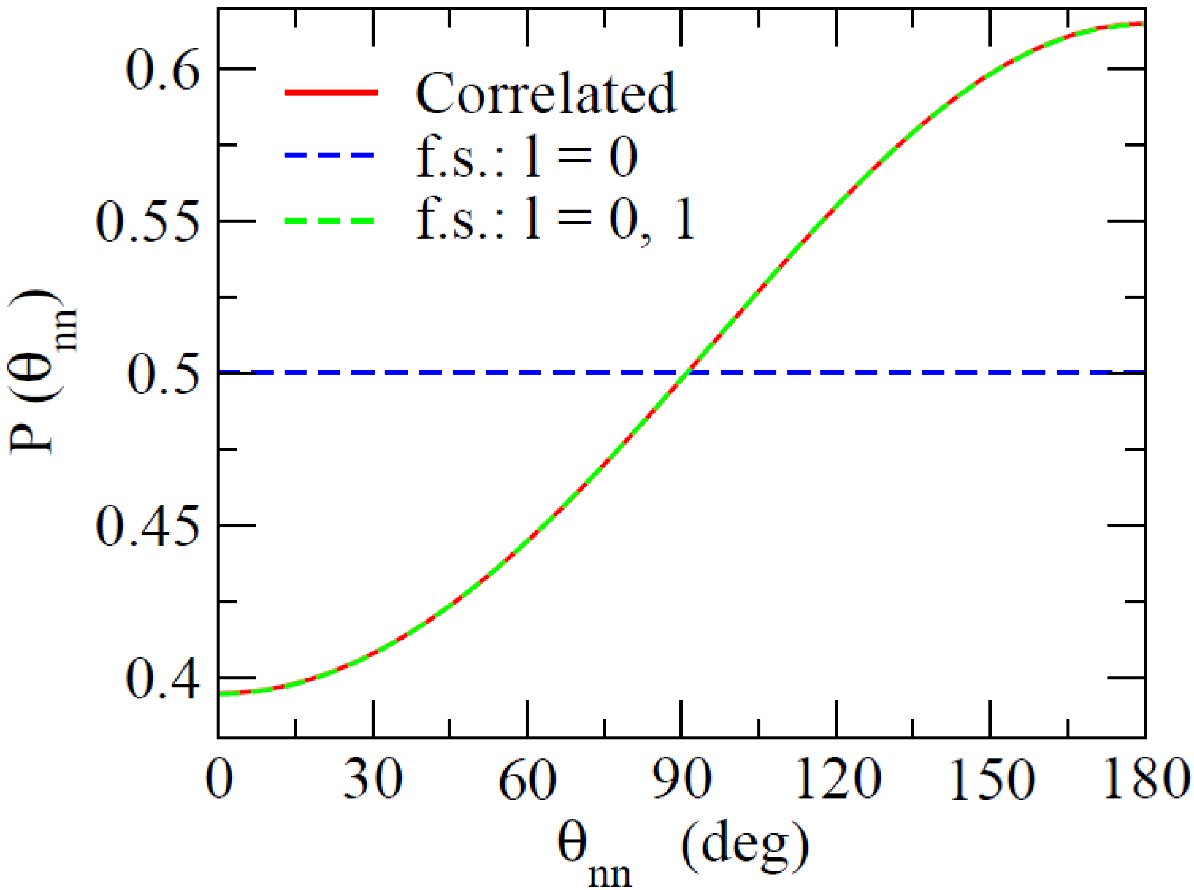
K.H. and H. Sagawa, PRC89 ('14) 014331; in preparation.

$$P(\theta) \sim |\langle \boldsymbol{k}_1 \boldsymbol{k}_2 | \Psi_{\rm 3bd}(E)\rangle|^2$$



correlation → enhancement of back-to-back emissions

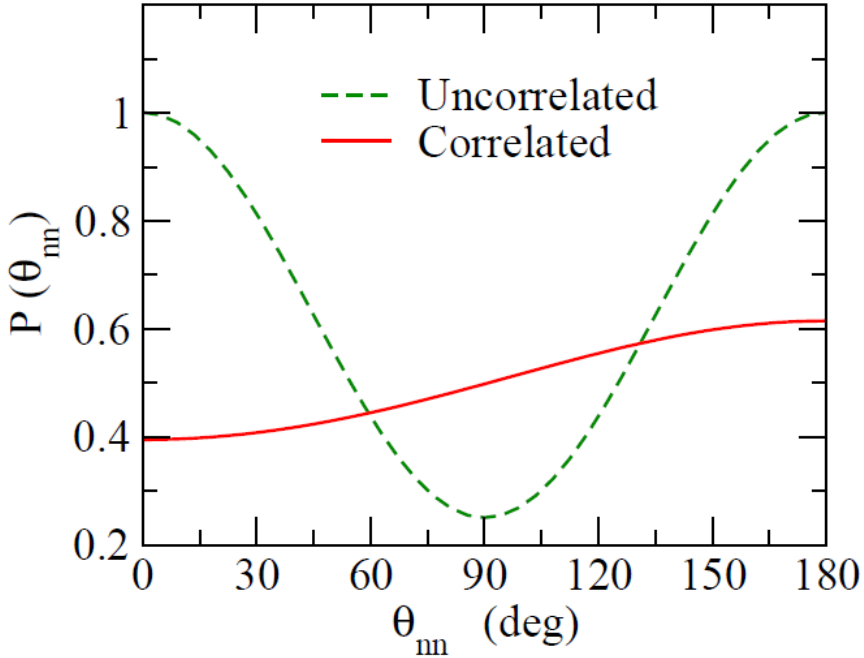
cf. Similar conclusion: L.V. Grigorenko, I.G. Mukha, and M.V. Zhukov, PRL 111 (2013) 042501



main contributions: *s*- and *p*-waves in three-body wave function
(no or low centrifugal barrier)

*higher *l* components: largely suppressed due to the centrifugal pot.
(E_{decay} ~ 18 keV, $e_1 \sim e_2 \sim 9$ keV)

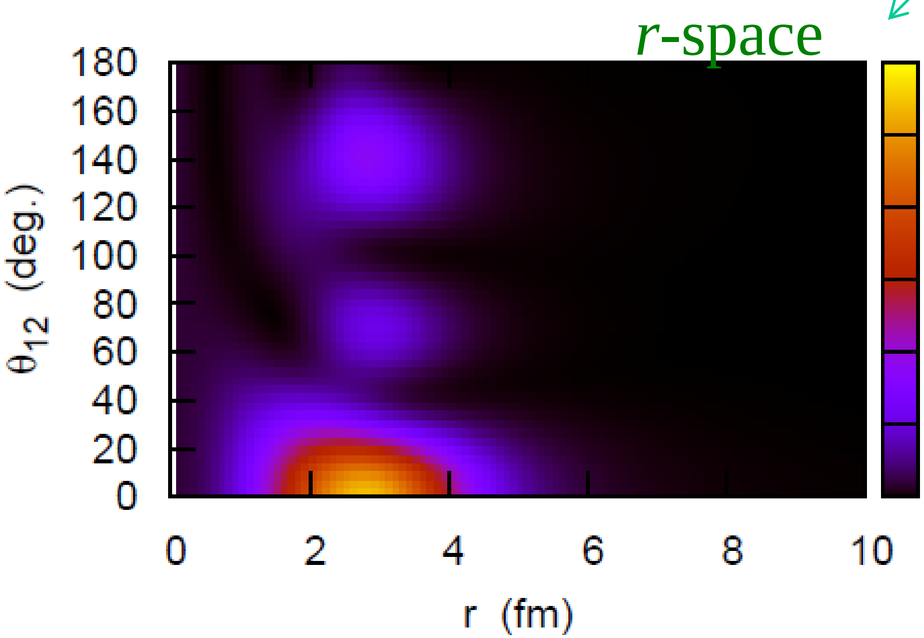
ii) distribution of opening angle for two-emitted neutrons

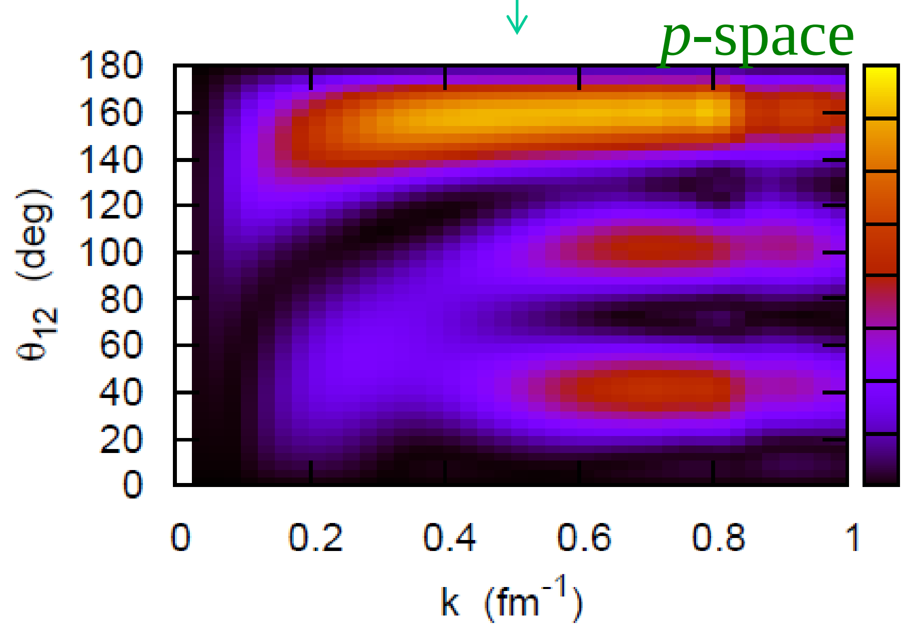


density of the resonance state (with the box b.c.)

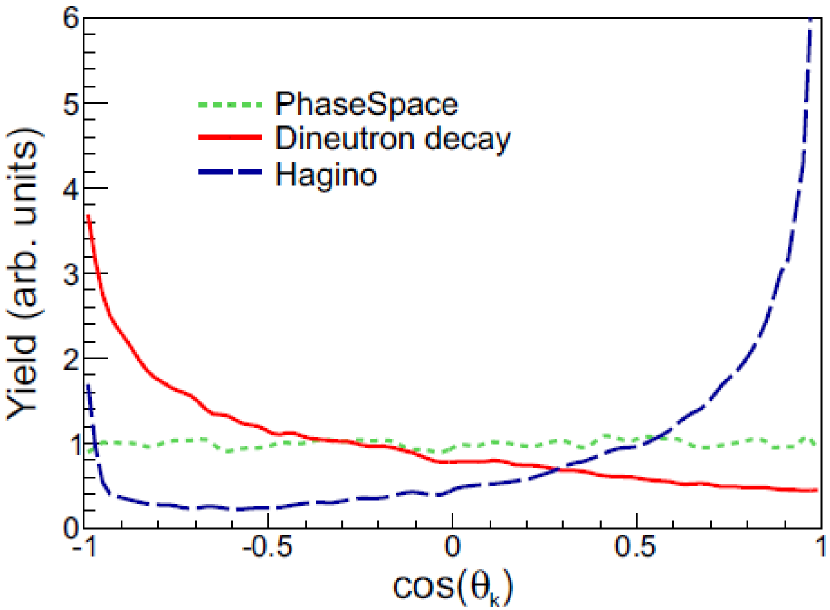
$\rho(r, r, \theta)$

$8\pi^2 k^4 \sin\theta \cdot \rho(k, k, \theta)$

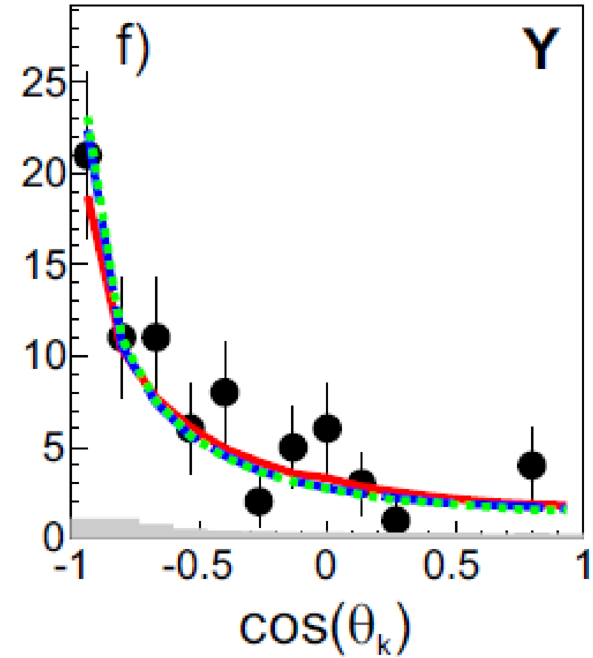


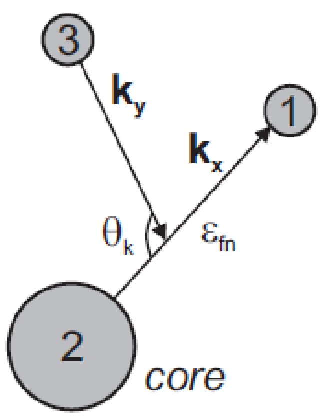


Recent measurements and simulations at MONA



simulation





Y system

insensitive to the models due to the uncertainty in the momentum of ^{24}O

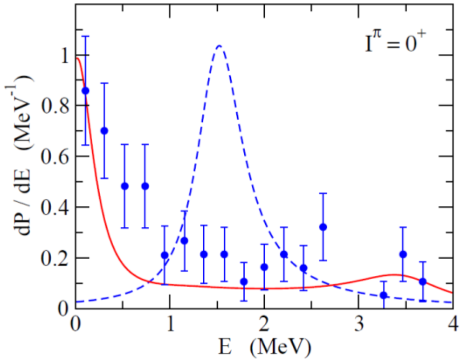
Z. Kohley et al., PRC91 (‘15) 034323

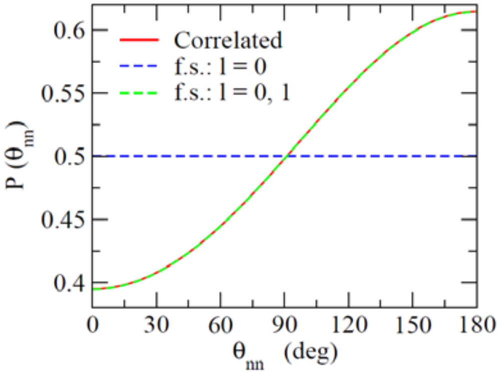
Summary

2n emission decay of ^{26}O ⟵ three-body model with density-dependent zero-range interaction: continuum calculations: relatively easy

- ✓ Decay energy spectrum: strong low-energy peak
- ✓ 2^+ energy: excellent agreement with the data
- ✓ Angular distributions: enhanced back-to-back emission

⟷ dineutron emission





□ open problems

- ✓ Analyses for ^{16}Be and ^{13}Li
- ✓ Decay width?
- ✓ Extension to 4n decay c.f. ^{28}O