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Nuclei: Quantum Finite Many-Body System with Two Fermions

"Isovector Excitations & Isospin Symmetry"



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***Isovector Excitations & Isospin Symmetry

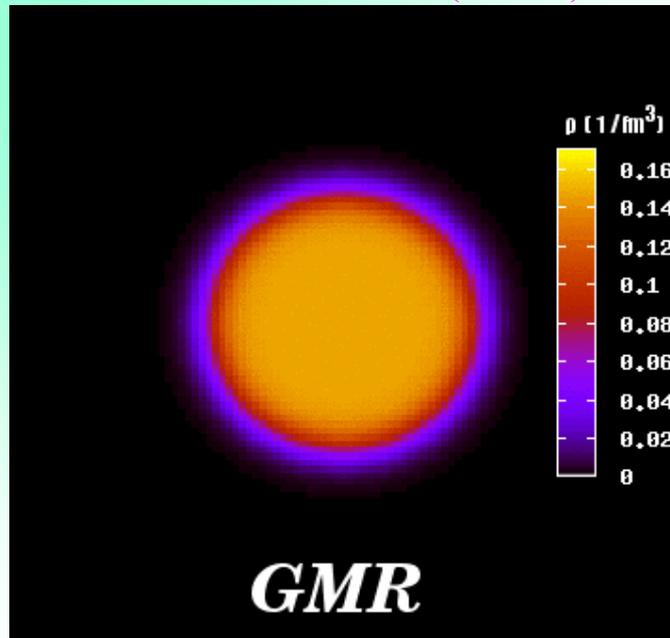
The ideas of "Isospin" and "Isospin Symmetry"
are important in IV excitations

that include τ operator.

(e.g., IV-E1 (GDR), Gamow Teller)

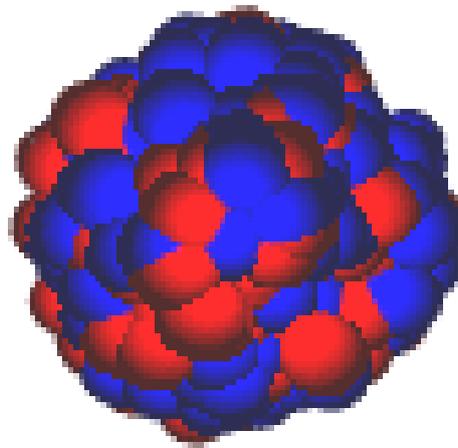
Giant Resonance (GMR)

by M. Itoh



IV Giant Monopole Resonance (IVGMR)

by P. Adrich



Nucleon & Coin



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proton



neutron

= Nucleon

similar mass
nearly the same interaction

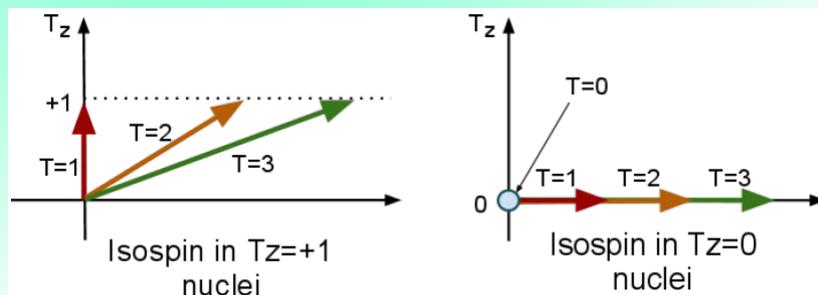
$T_z = -1/2$

$T_z = 1/2$

isospin $T = 1/2$

Size of Isospin T and its z-component T_z

Isospin "T" has a similar (vector) structure to "J" !



If $T_z = +1$ (or -1)
 $\rightarrow T = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

If $T_z = 0$
 $\rightarrow T = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Quantum Mechanics: Isospin

		$T_z = -1/2 + (-1/2) = -1 \rightarrow T = 1$ \rightarrow only IV !
proton	proton	
		$T_z = -1/2 + 1/2 = 0 \rightarrow T = 0, 1$ \rightarrow IS + IV
proton	neutron	
		$T_z = +1/2 + 1/2 = 1 \rightarrow T = 1$ \rightarrow only IV !
neutron	neutron	

Symmetry Natures of Strong and EM Interactions

Strong interaction: between
proton-proton, proton-neutron, neutron-neutron

IV int. (pp-aligned)	IV + IS int. (p, n mixed)	IV int. (nn-aligned)
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Coulomb interaction: between
proton-proton, proton-neutron, neutron-neutron

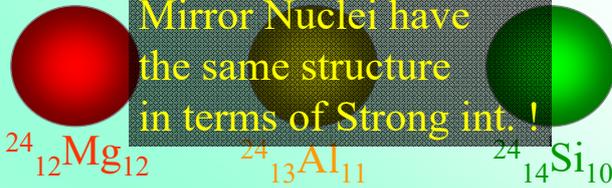
Yes	No	No
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Properties of EM int. has nothing to do with Isospin !

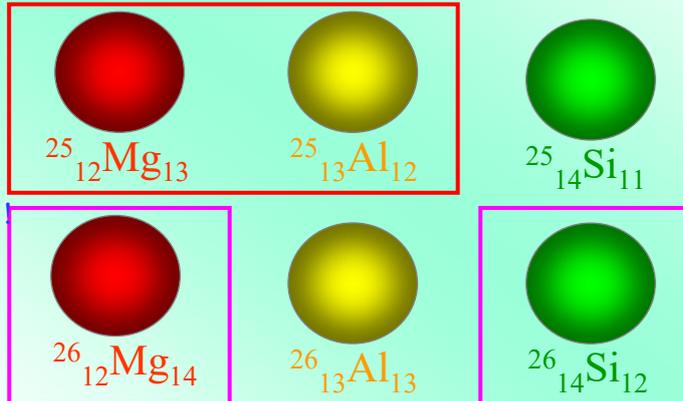
\rightarrow EM int. distorts Quantum Number "Isospin."

Isospin in simple terms

in their structure
Which are
the same?



Hint:
Strong (Nuclear)
interaction is
responsible for
the main part of
Nuclear structure



**Fermi & Gamow-Teller Excitations

**Simplest nuclear excitations
that include τ operator.

**Especially, GT includes both τ and σ
that are unique in nuclei.

Vibration Modes in Nuclei (Schematic)

	Electric Mode ($\Delta S=0$)		Magnetic Mode ($\Delta S=1$)	
	IS ($\Delta T=0$)	IV ($\Delta T=1$)	IS ($\Delta T=0$)	IV ($\Delta T=1$)
$L=0$				

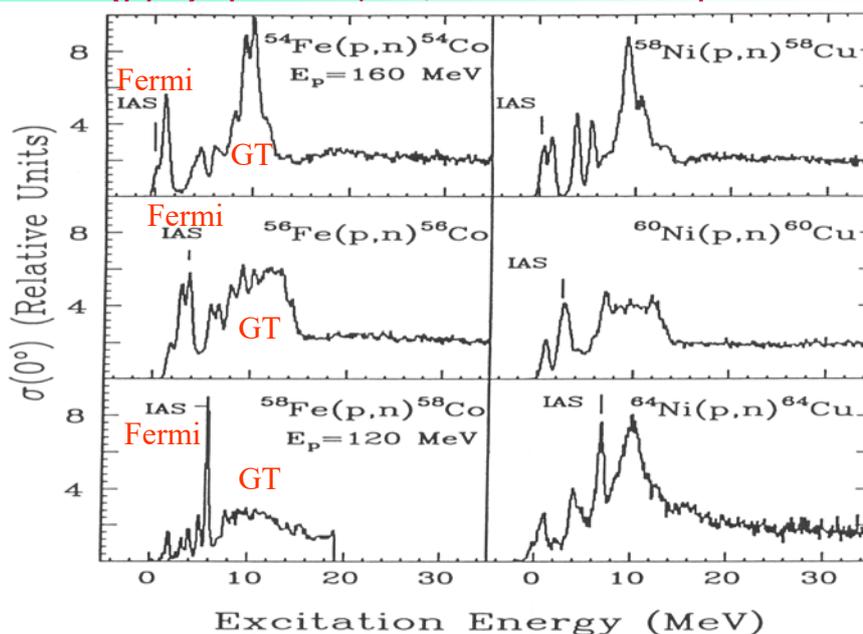
Gamow-Teller mode
($\sigma\tau$)

Fermi & GT transitions have $\Delta L=0$ character
→ therefore simple (no change in the radial w.f.)

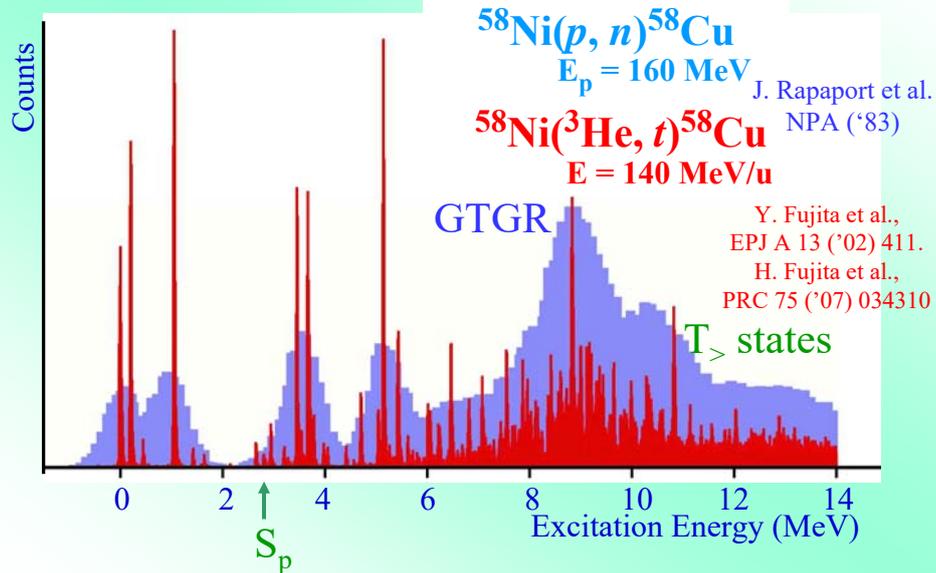
$\Delta L=0$ transitions are favored in β and γ decays
*** β and γ cannot carry large L

Fermi and GT transitions (weak processes) play important roles in the *Universe* ! (Astrophysics)

(p, n) spectra for Fe and Ni Isotopes



Comparison of (p, n) and (³He, t) 0° spectra



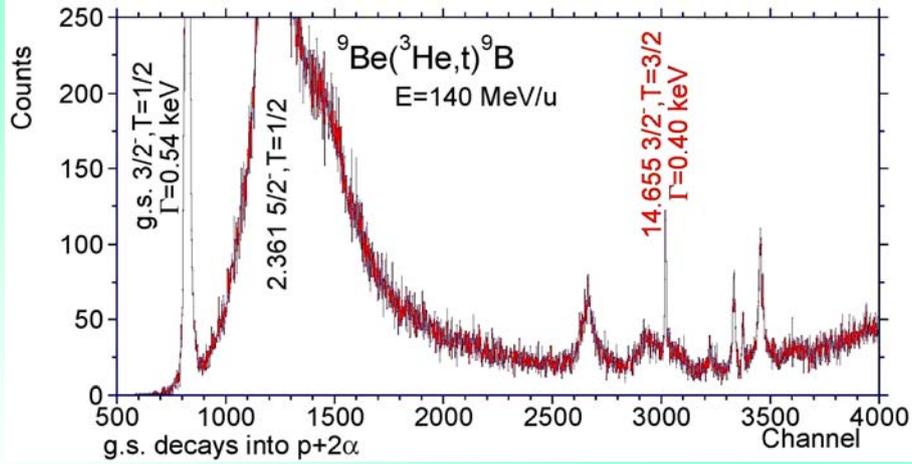
**Properties of GT transitions

Caused by the $\sigma\tau$ operator : a simple operator !

- 1) $|i\rangle$ and $|f\rangle$ states should have similar spatial shapes.
 - there is no space-type operator -
- 2) σ operator: states with $j_>$ and $j_<$ configurations are connected. (ex. $j_> = f_{7/2}$ and $j_< = f_{5/2}$)
- 3) τ operator: isospin quantum number T plays an important role. (isospin selection rule)

→ GT transitions in each nucleus are UNIQUE !
 (reflecting nuclear structure of each nucleus)

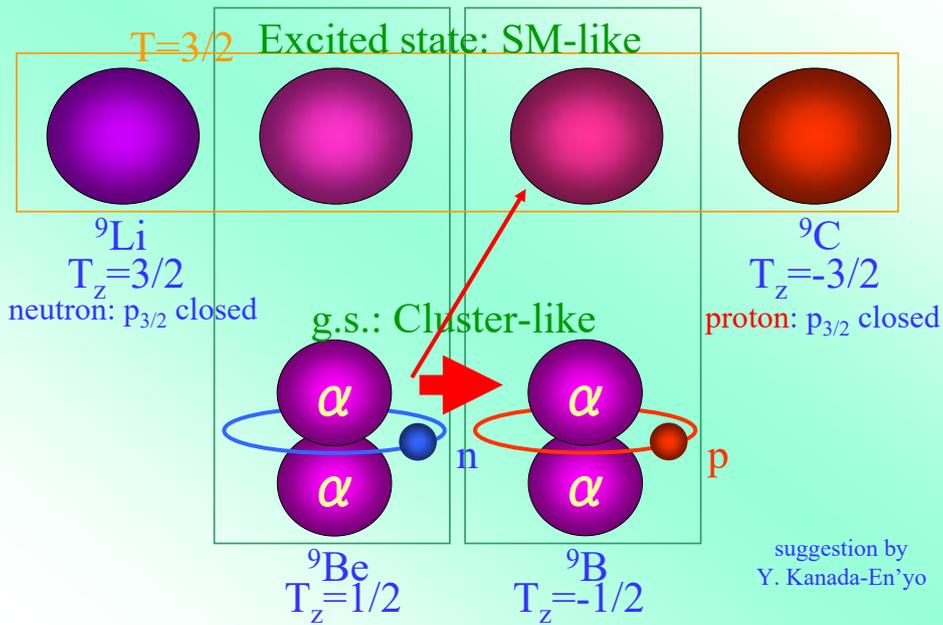
${}^9\text{Be}({}^3\text{He}, t){}^9\text{B}$ spectrum (III)



14.7 MeV $T=3/2$ state is very weak!

Strength ratio of g.s. & 14.7 MeV $3/2^-$ states: 140:1

Shell Structure and Cluster Structure



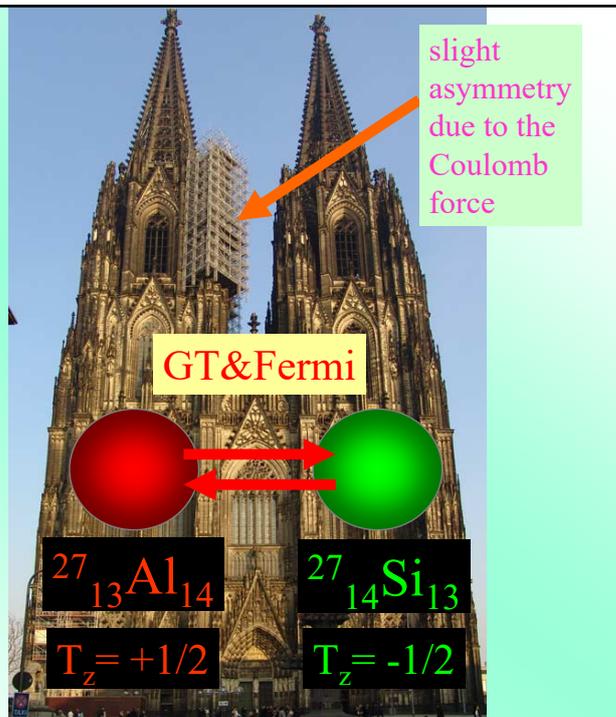
***Isospin Symmetry

an important idea to see the connection of
decays and excitations caused
by Strong, EM and Weak interactions !

There are many cases that the "operators" are the same
in transitions caused by "strong," "EM" and "weak" int.

$T=1/2$
Isospin
Symmetry

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Nucleus & Coin



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= Nuclei



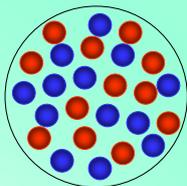
$$T_z = (1/2)N + (-1/2)Z$$

$$T_z = 1/2$$

$$T_z = -1/2$$

isospin $T = 1/2, 3/2, \dots$

Isospin of a Nucleus



$$T_z = (1/2)N + (-1/2)Z$$

*z-component: conserved

The size of a vector should be larger than its z-component!

$$T = \text{or } > |T_z|$$

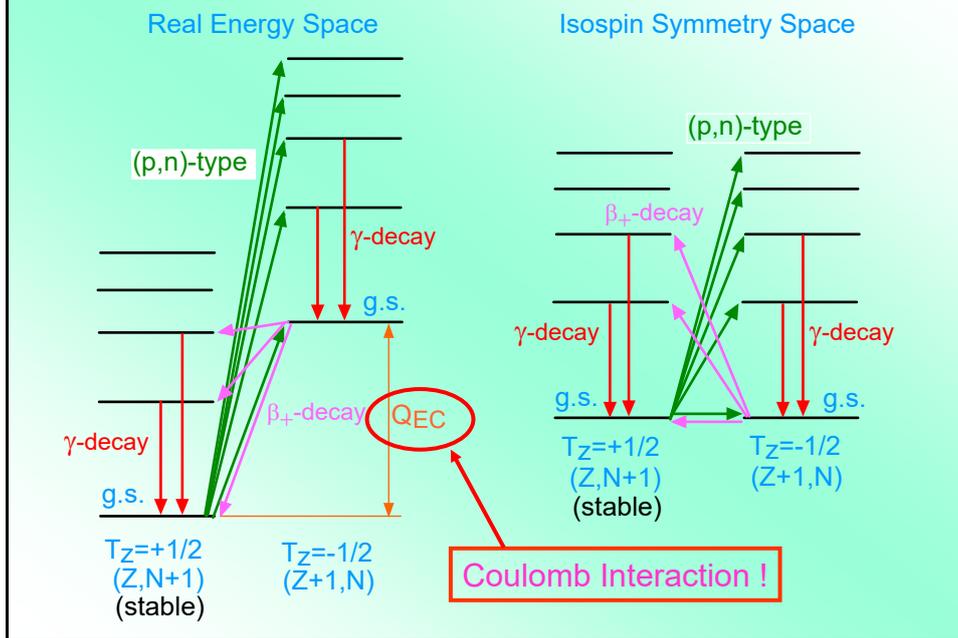
ex. ${}^{27}\text{Al}$ ($Z=13$, $N=14$): $T_z=+1/2$, $T=1/2, 3/2, \dots$

${}^{27}\text{Si}$ ($Z=14$, $N=13$): $T_z=-1/2$, $T=1/2, 3/2, \dots$

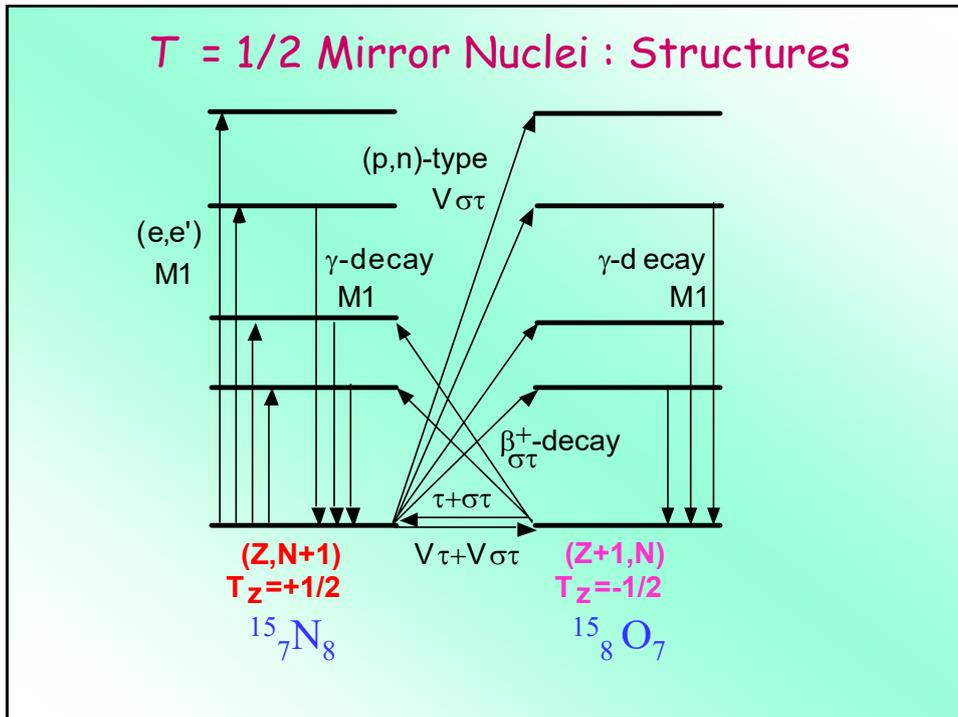
**only Z and N numbers are reversed !

Isospin Analogous Structure is expected !

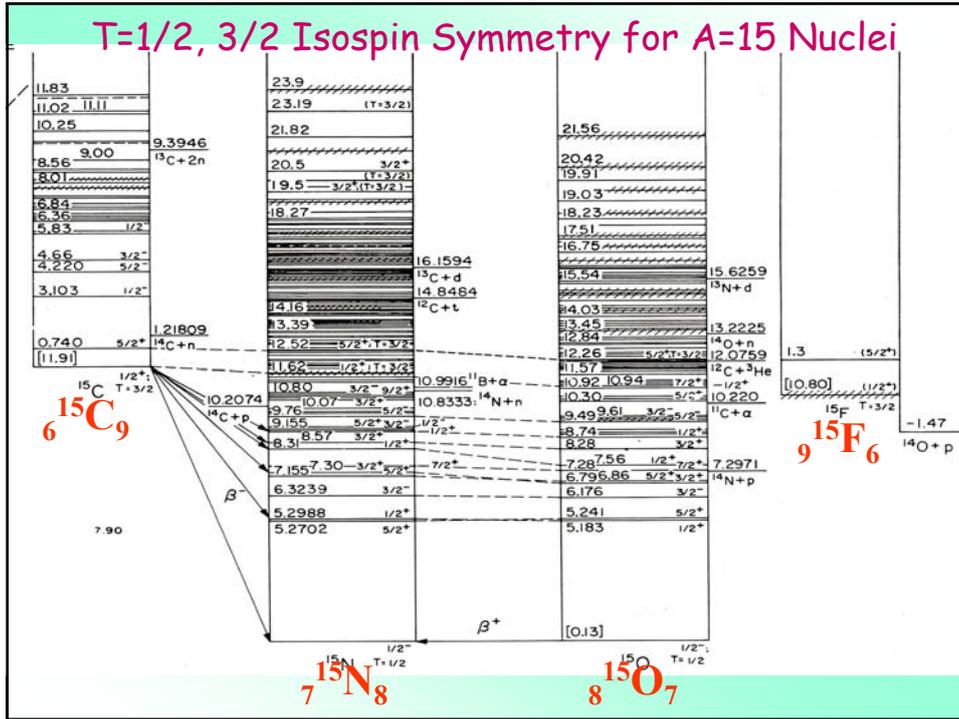
Analogous Structures, Transitions in T=1/2 System



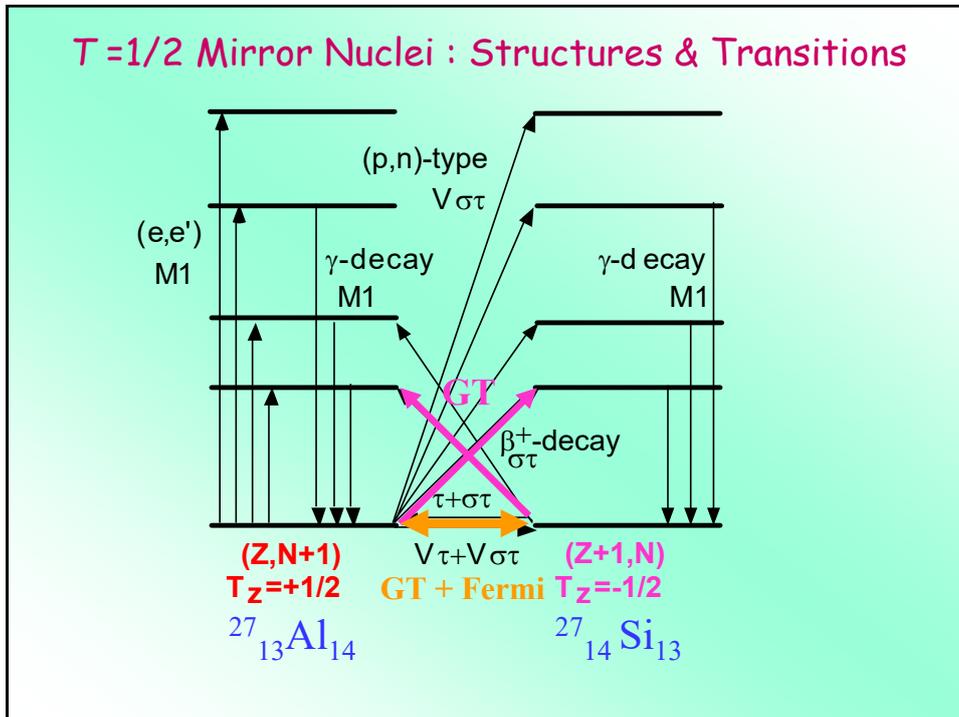
T = 1/2 Mirror Nuclei : Structures

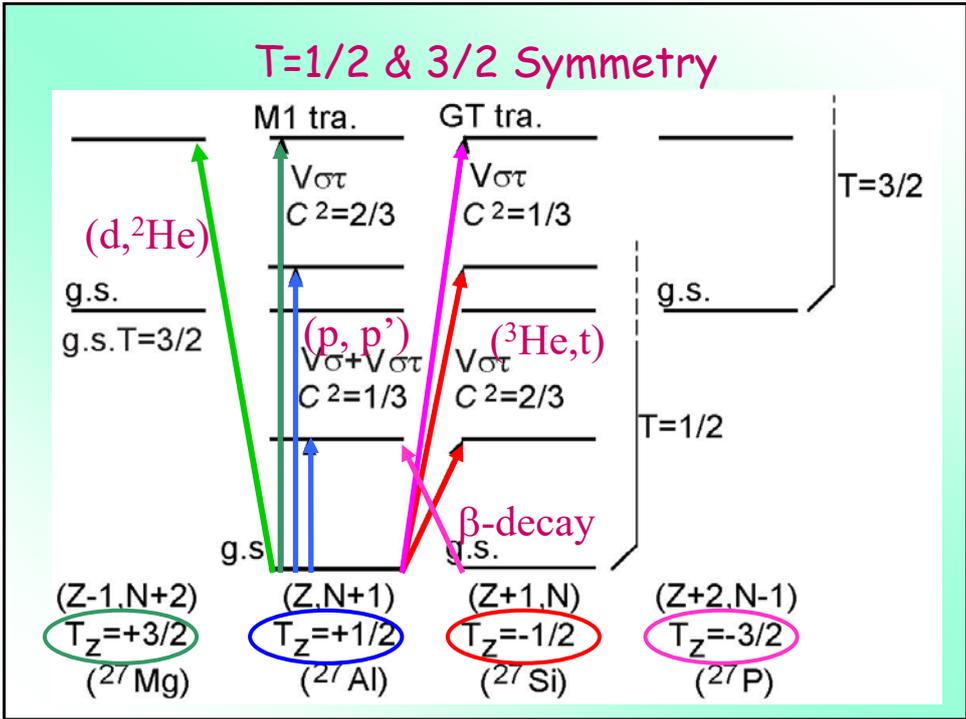


T=1/2, 3/2 Isospin Symmetry for A=15 Nuclei



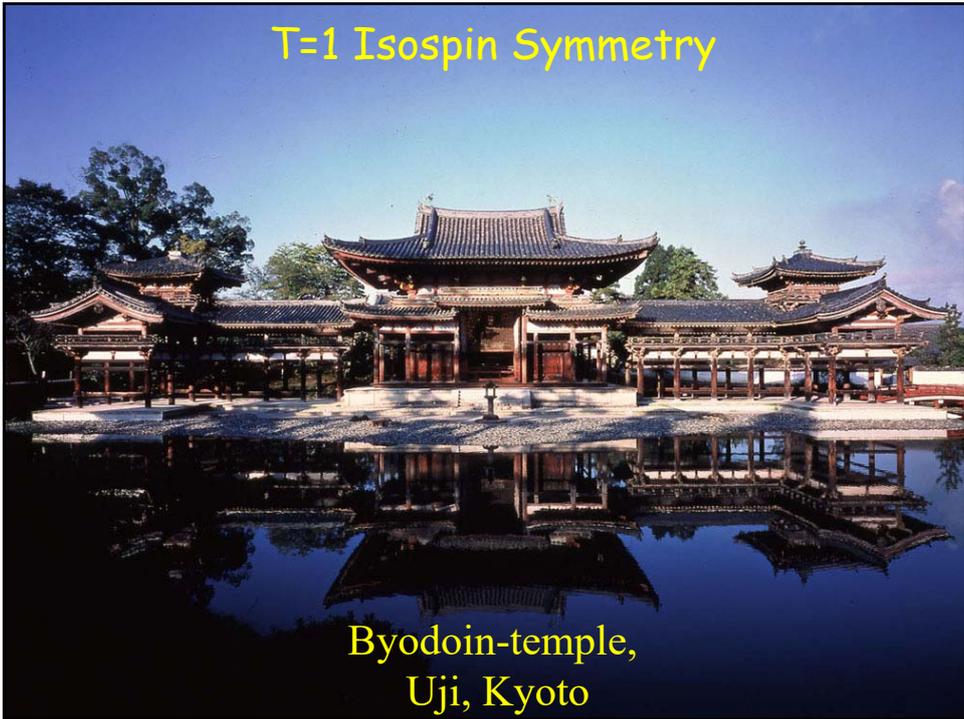
T=1/2 Mirror Nuclei : Structures & Transitions



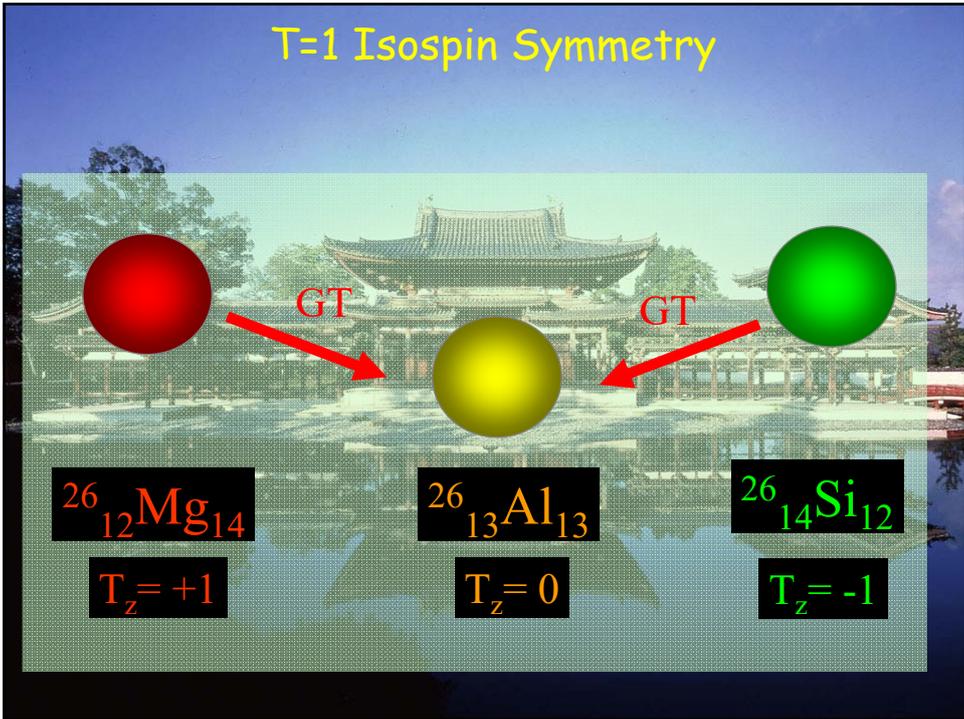


**Higher T Symmetry

T=1 Isospin Symmetry



T=1 Isospin Symmetry



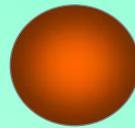
Nuclei & Coin



Coin

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Nuclei

$T_z = 1$

$T_z = 0$

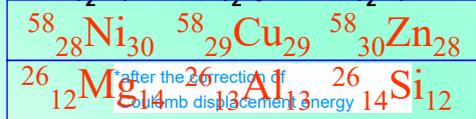
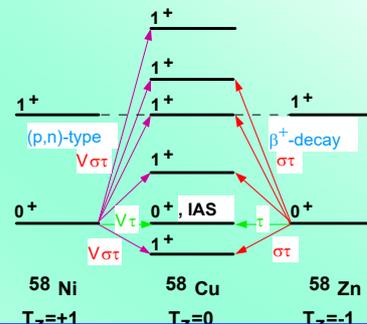
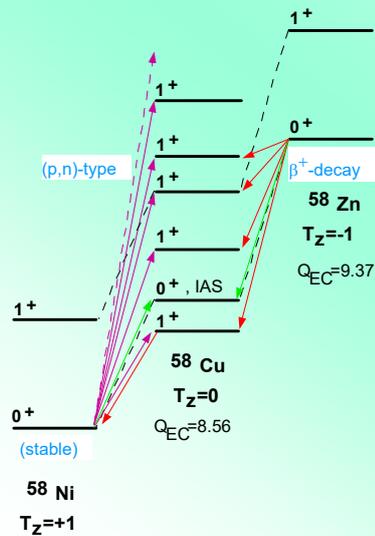
$T_z = -1$

isospin T=1 triplet

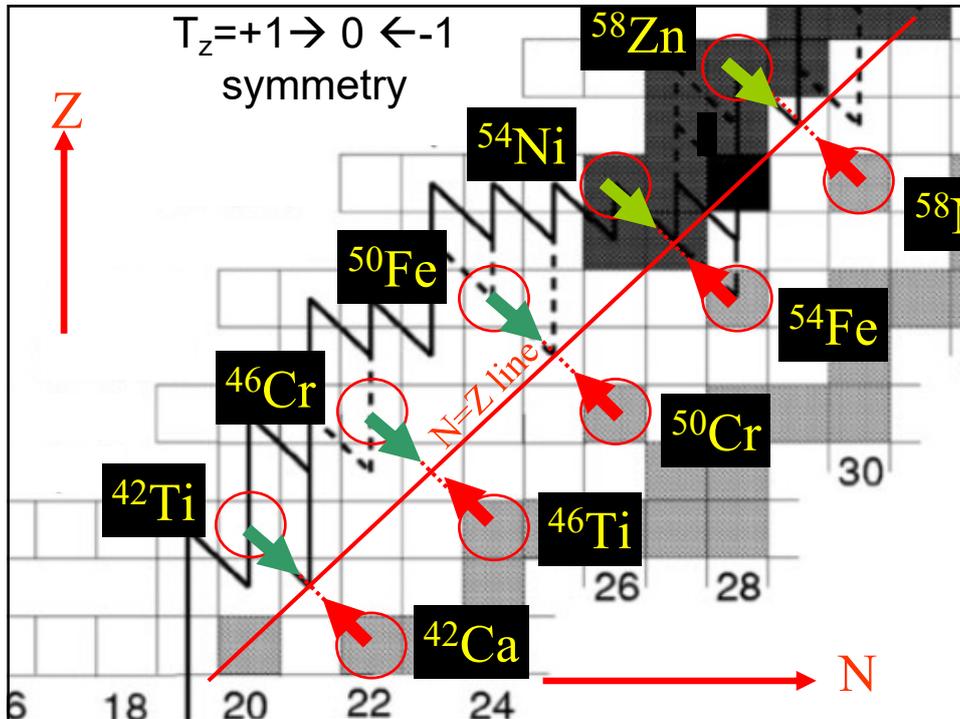
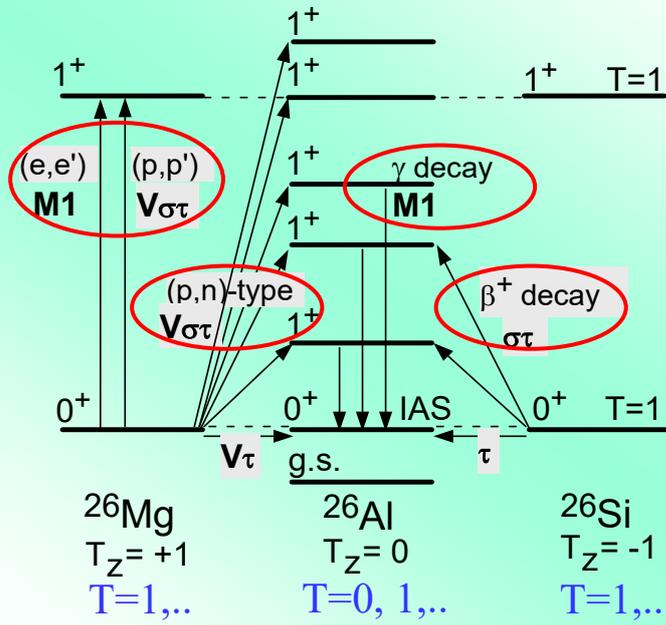
Transitions in real & isospin space (T=1)

Symmetry Transitions from T=1 Nuclei
 $T_z=+1 \rightarrow T_z=0 \leftarrow T_z=-1$
 (in real energy space)

Symmetry Transitions from T=1 Nuclei
 $T_z=+1 \rightarrow T_z=0 \leftarrow T_z=-1$
 (in isospin symmetry space*)

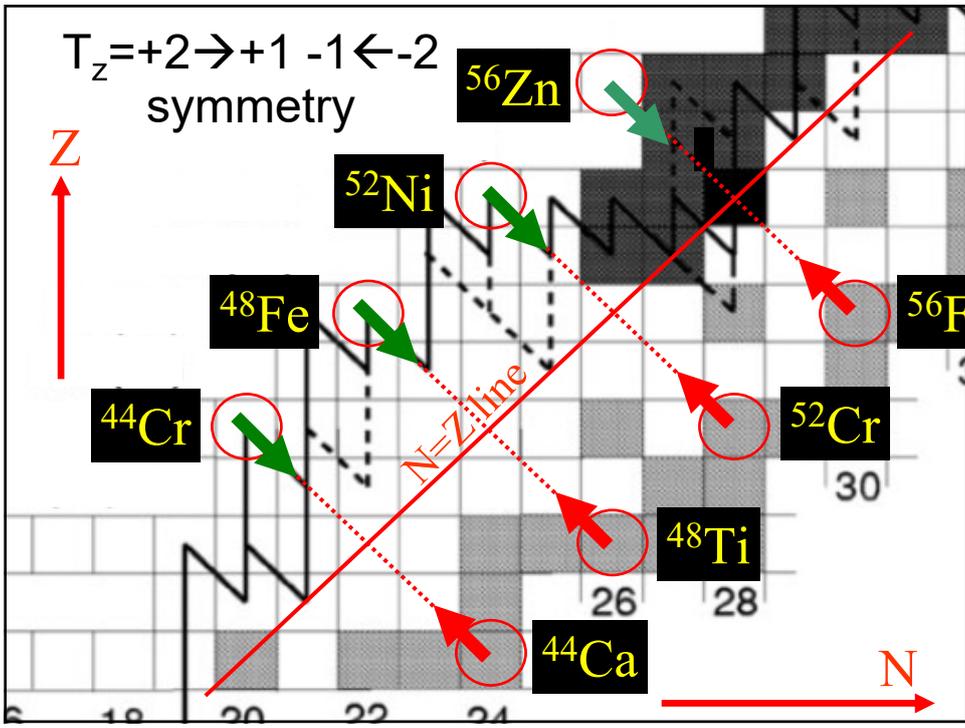
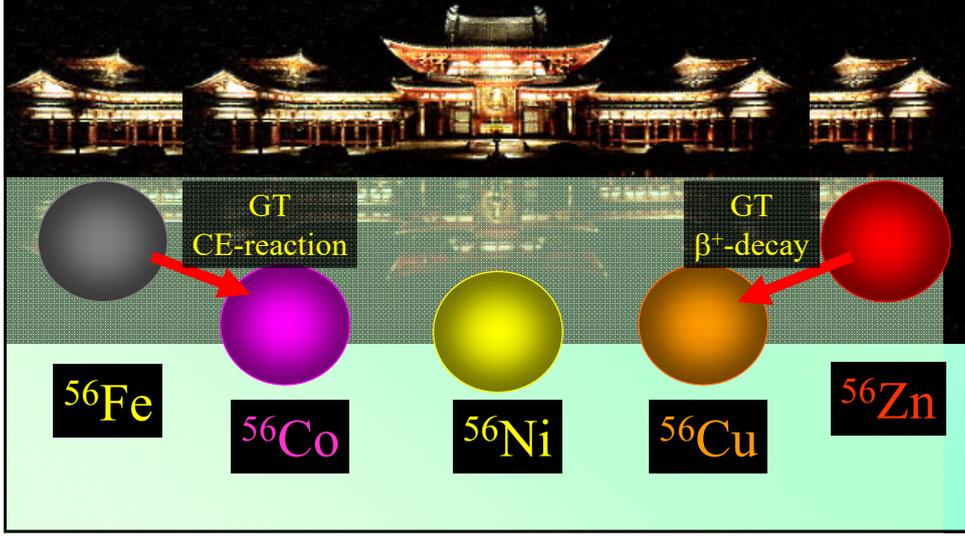


Analogous Transitions in A=26 Nuclei



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T=2 Isospin Symmetry

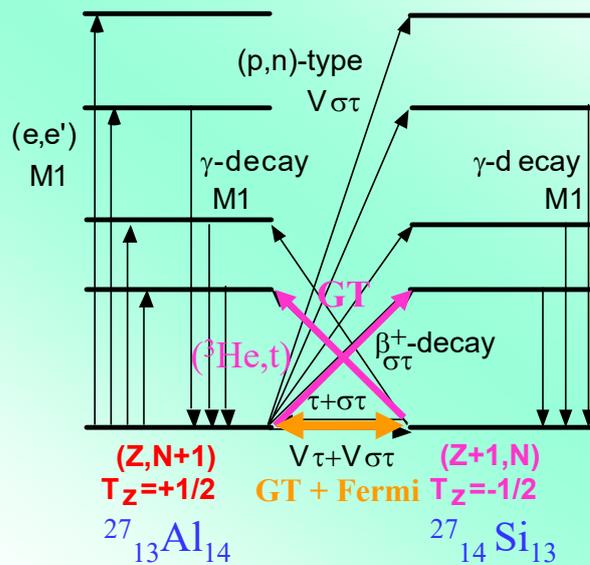


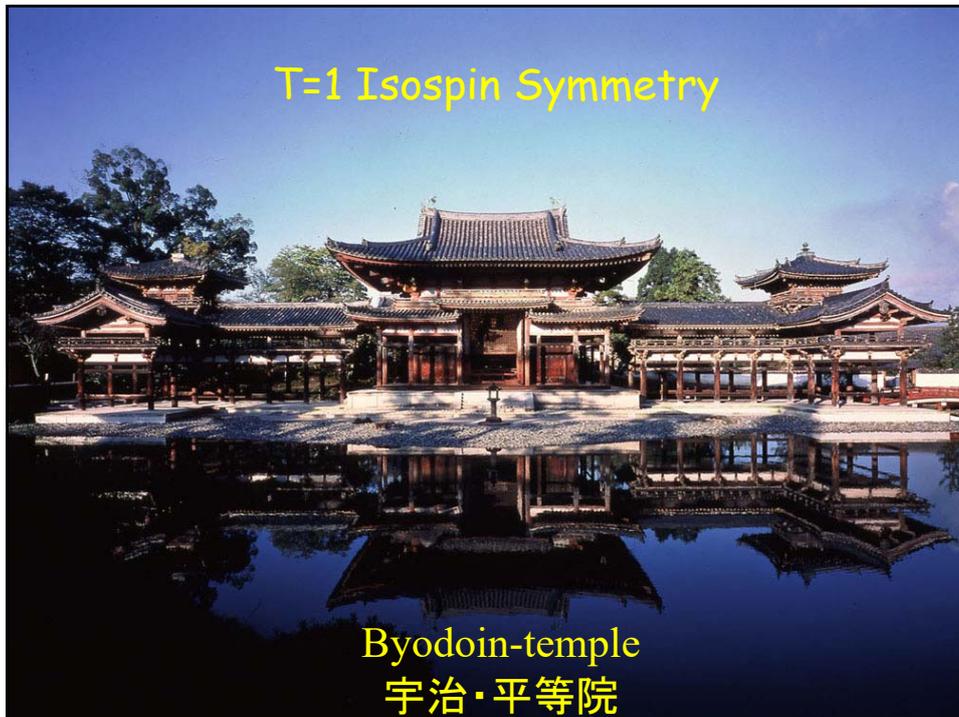
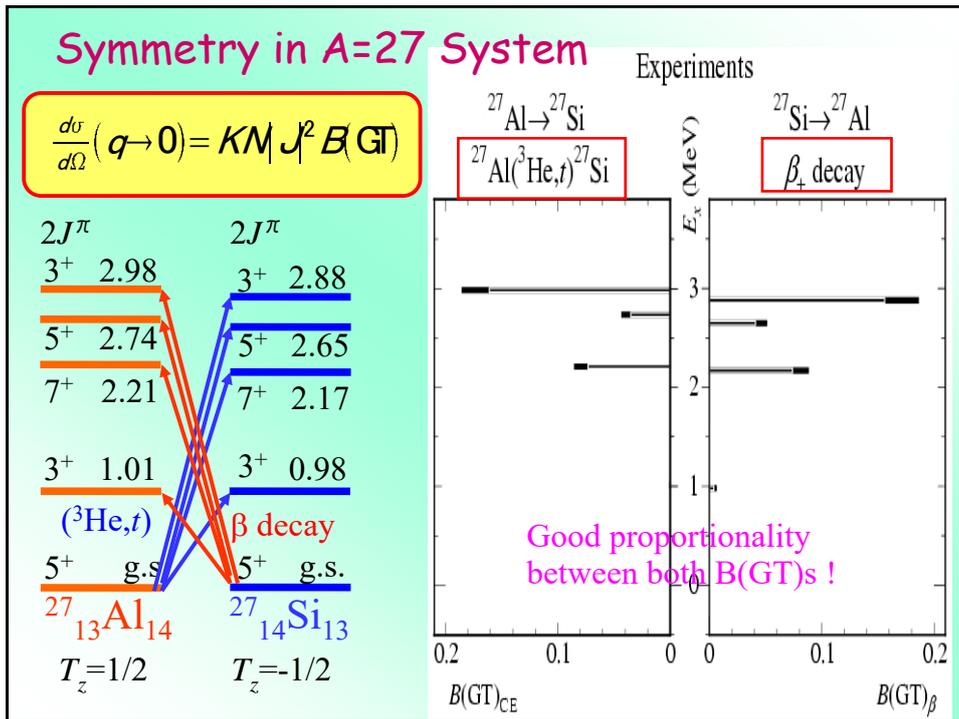
T=1/2 Isospin Symmetry

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T=1/2 Mirror Nuclei : Structures & Transitions

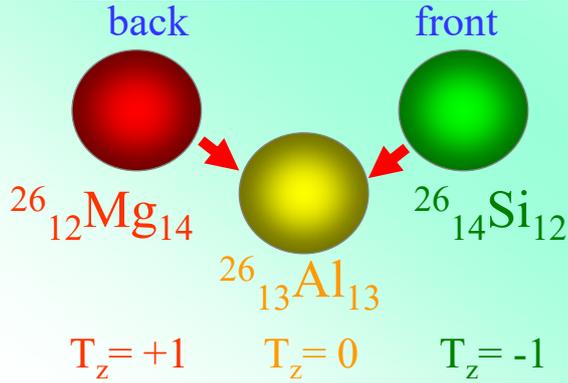




Nuclei & Coin



= Coin



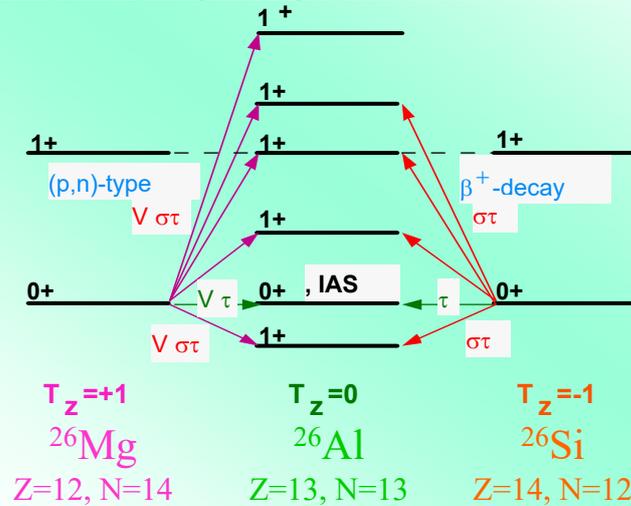
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Symmetry in
1) structure
2) transitions

isospin $T=1$ triplet

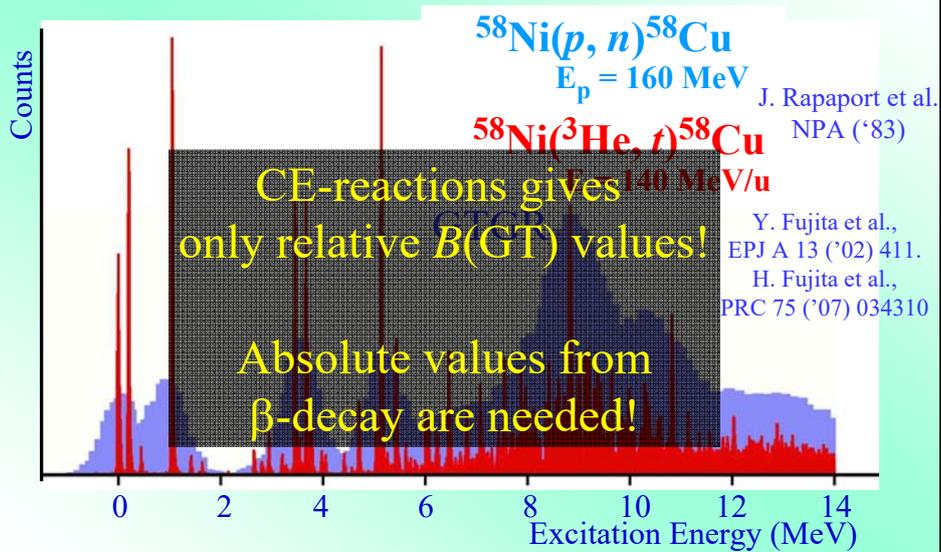
T=1 symmetry : Structures & Transitions

$T_z = +1$ \longleftrightarrow $T_z = 0$ \longleftrightarrow $T_z = -1$
 (in isospin symmetry space*)



****CE reaction and β -decay:
complementary tools**

Comparison of (p, n) and ($^3\text{He}, t$) 0^0 spectra



β-decay & Nuclear Reaction

*β-decay GT tra. rate = $\frac{1}{t_{1/2}} = f \frac{\lambda^2}{K} B(\text{GT})$

$B(\text{GT})$: reduced GT transition strength
 $\propto (\text{matrix element})^2$

*Nuclear (CE) reaction rate (cross-section)
 = reaction mechanism

⊗ operator = (matrix element)²
⊗ structure

A simple reaction mechanism should be achieved !
 → we have to go to high incoming energy

β-decay & Nuclear Reaction

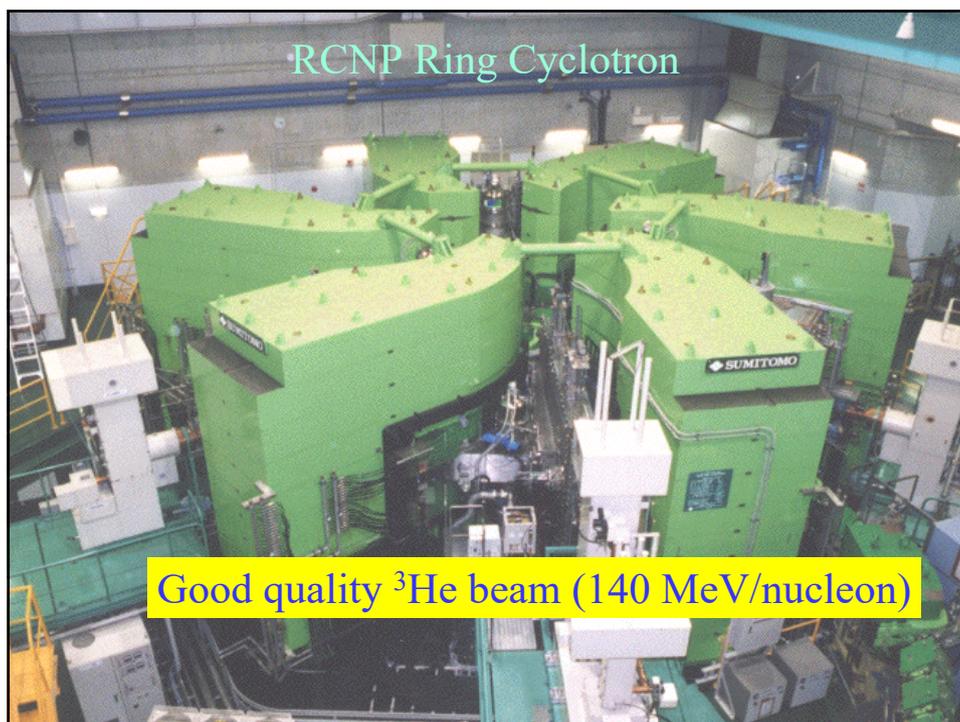
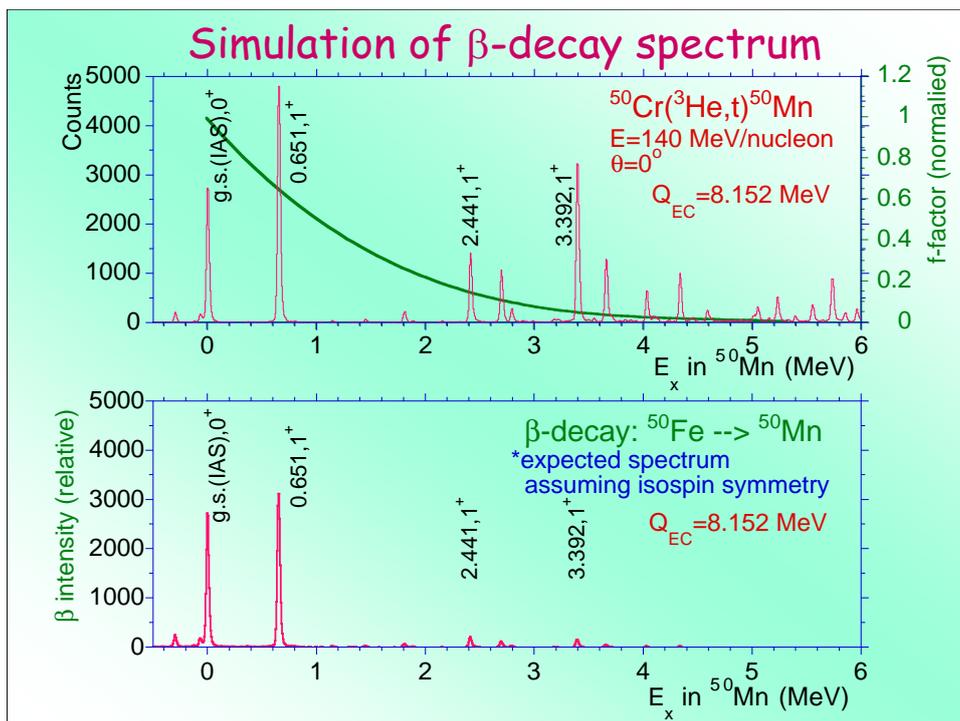
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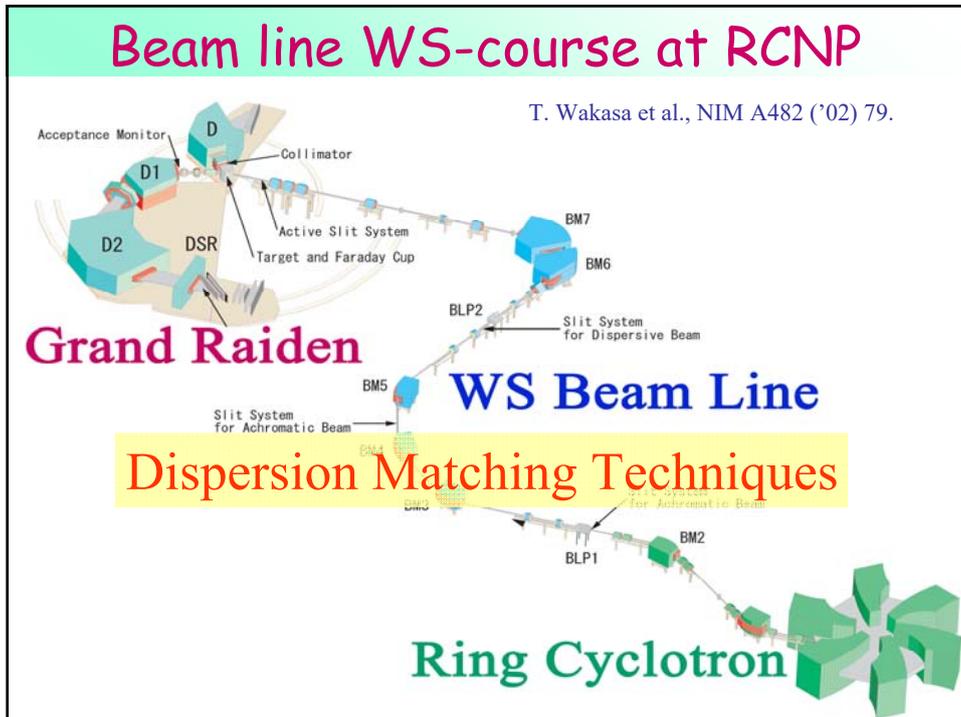
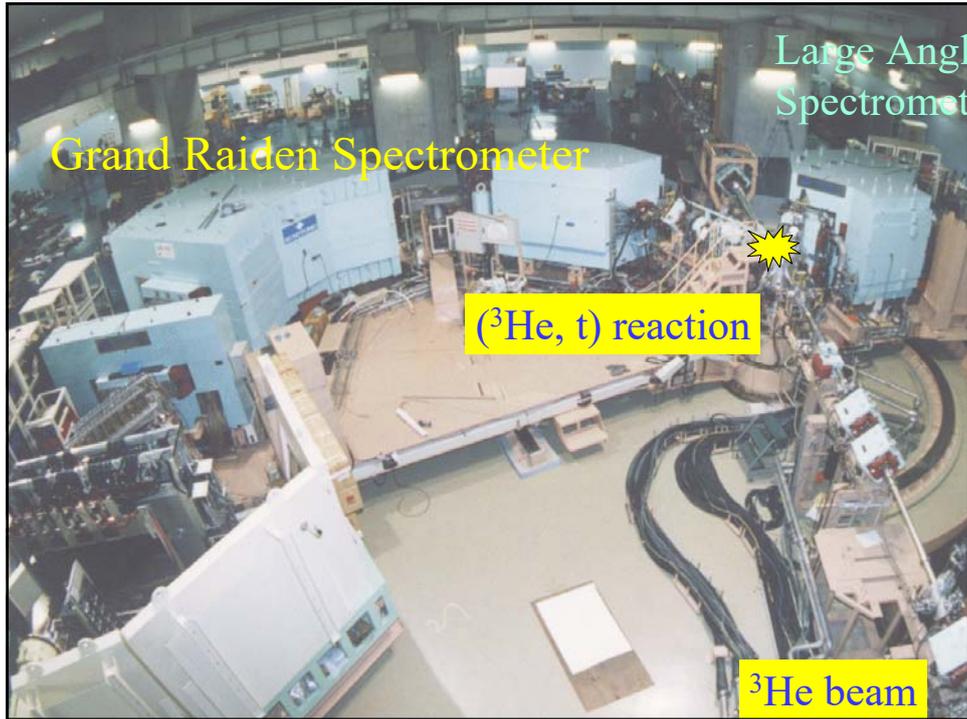
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 Study of Weak Response of Nuclei
 by means of

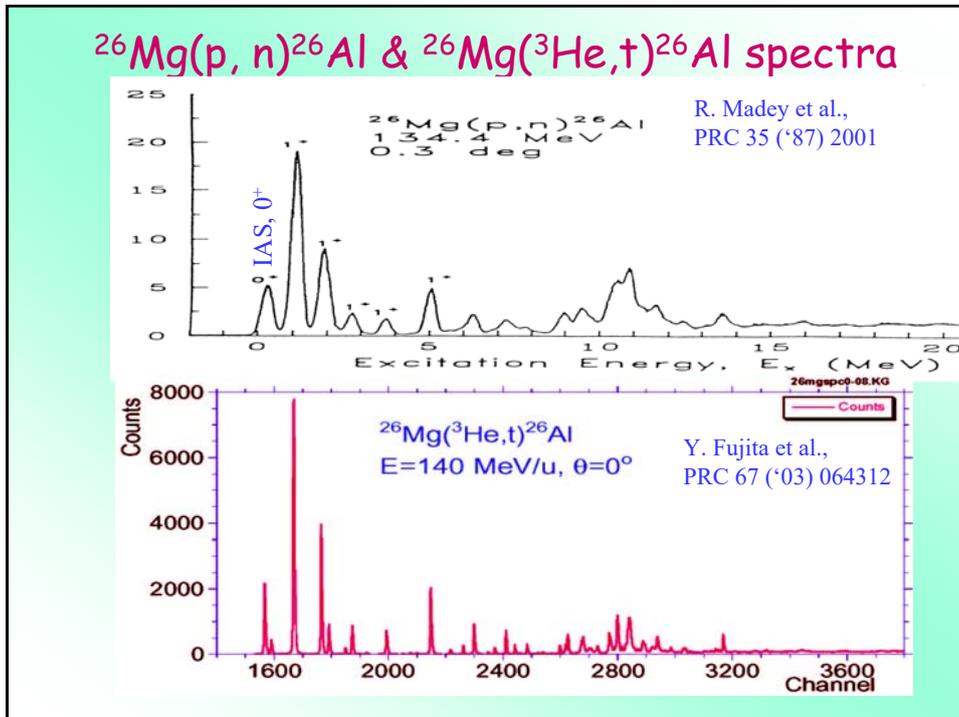
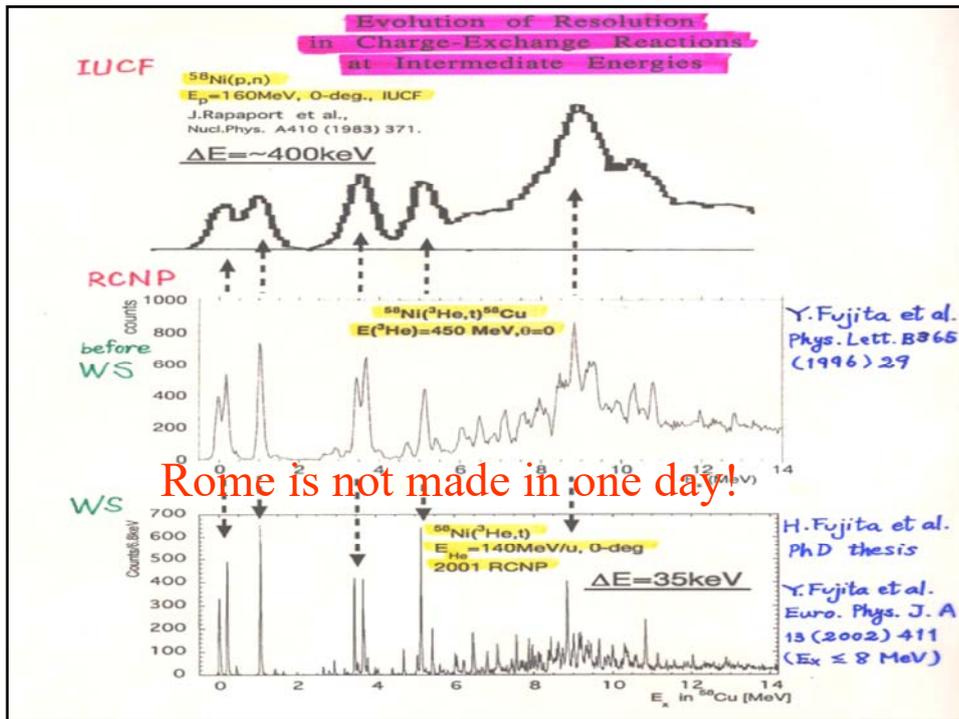
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 = reaction mechanism
 Strong Interaction!
 using β-decay as a reference

⊗ operator = (matrix element)²
⊗ structure

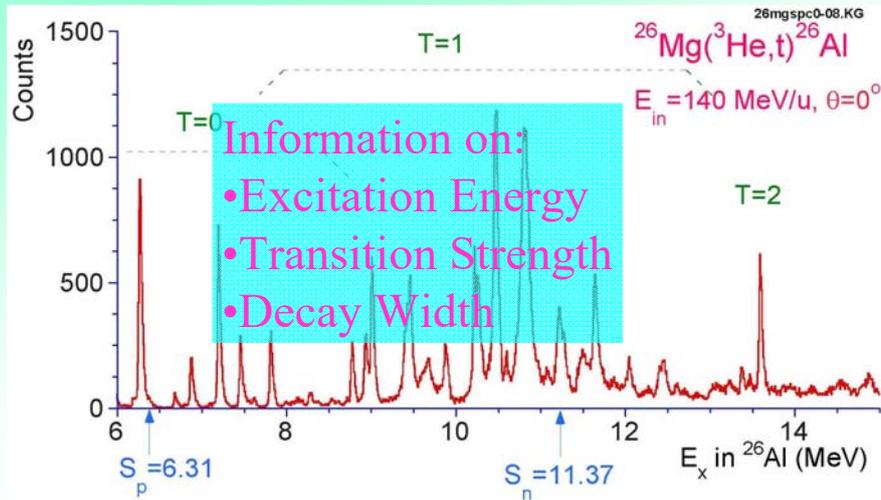
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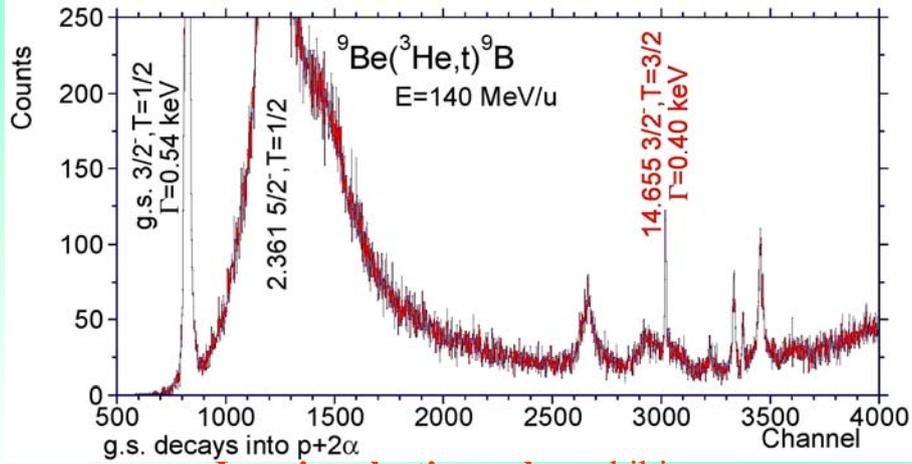
$^{26}\text{Mg}(^3\text{He},t)$ spectra



Selection Rules

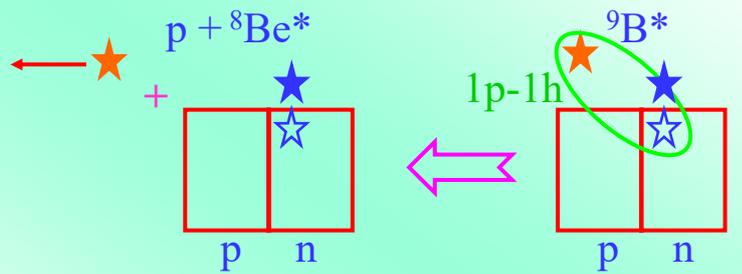
Selection rules: associated with good Q-numbers

${}^9\text{Be}({}^3\text{He}, t){}^9\text{B}$ spectrum (II)



**Isospin selection rule prohibits
proton decay of $T=3/2$ state!**

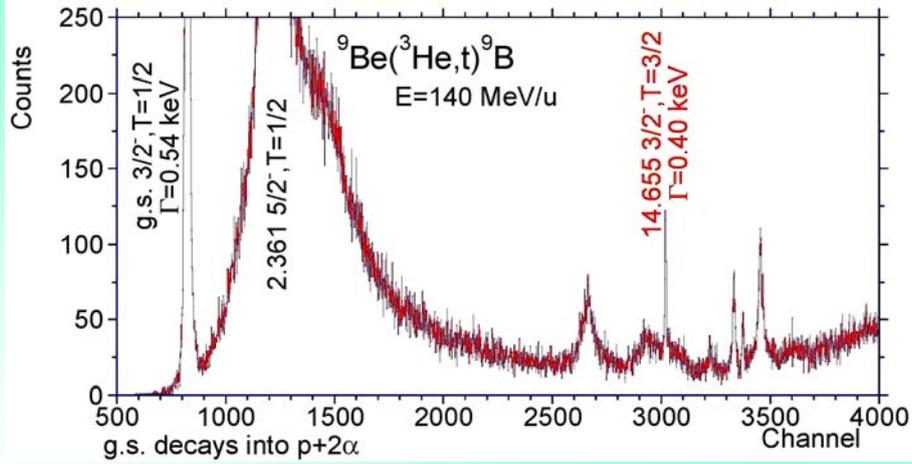
Isospin Selection Rule : in p -decay of ${}^9\text{B}$



$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 T_z : -1/2 & + & 0 \\
 T : 1/2 & \oplus & 0 \text{ (low lying)} \\
 T : 1/2 & \oplus & 1 \text{ (higher Ex)}
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{r}
 -1/2 \\
 1/2 \\
 1/2 \ \& \ 3/2
 \end{array}$$

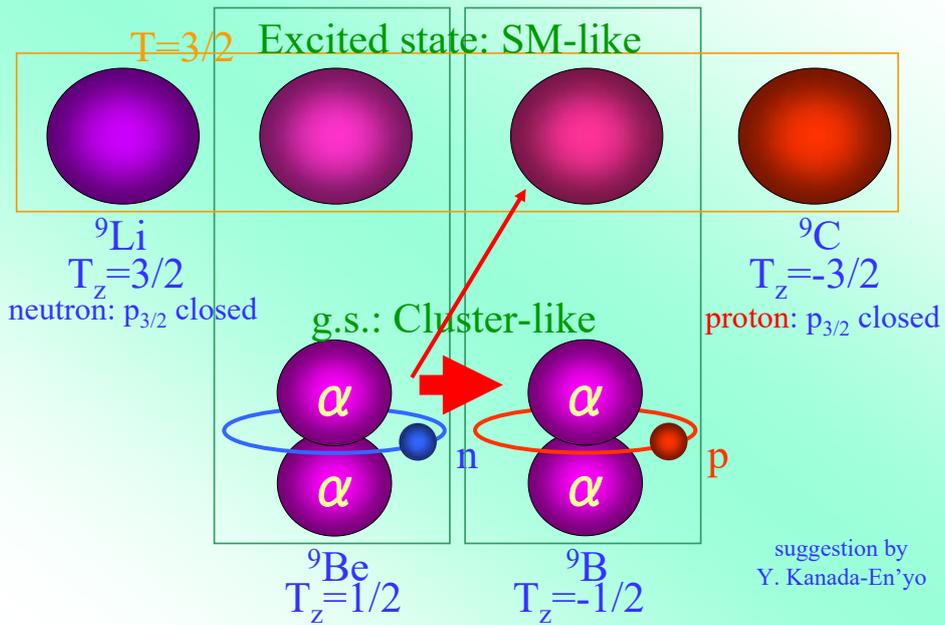
* $T=1$ state in ${}^8\text{Be}$ is
only above
 $E_x=16.6$ MeV

${}^9\text{Be}({}^3\text{He}, t){}^9\text{B}$ spectrum (III)



14.655 MeV $T=3/2$ state is very weak!

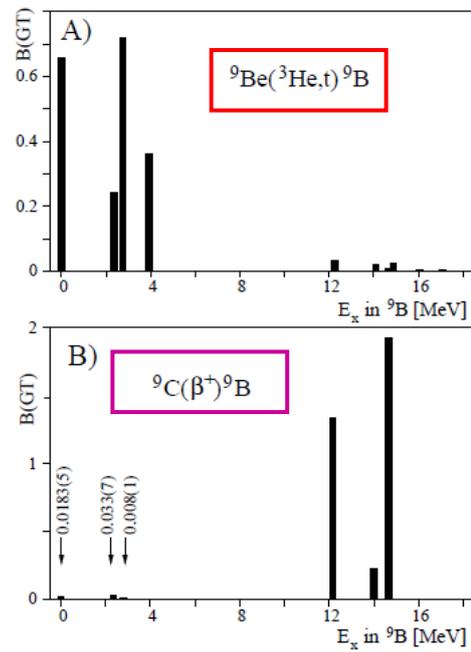
Shell Structure and Cluster Structure



β -decay and $(^3\text{He}, t)$ results

C. Scholl et al,
PRC 84, 014308 (2011)

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Nucl. Phys. A 692 (2001) 427.



Summary

Isospin quantum number: connects mass A nuclei
-unique in nuclei-

Selection rules: associated with good Q-numbers

High Resolution: brings something new!
-one order difference makes the quality different-