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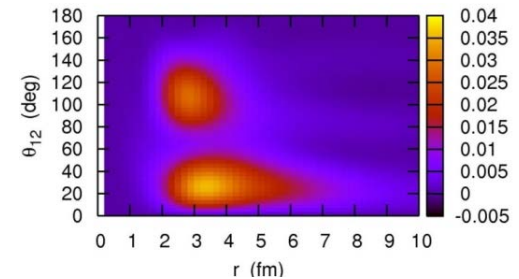
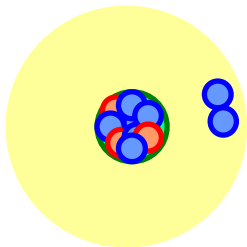
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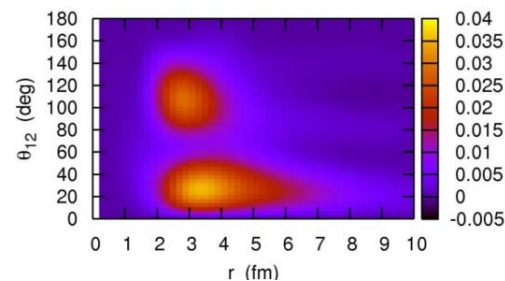
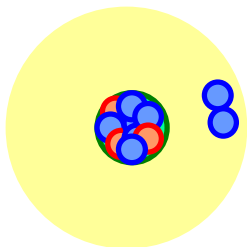
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Two-neutron decay of ^{26}O

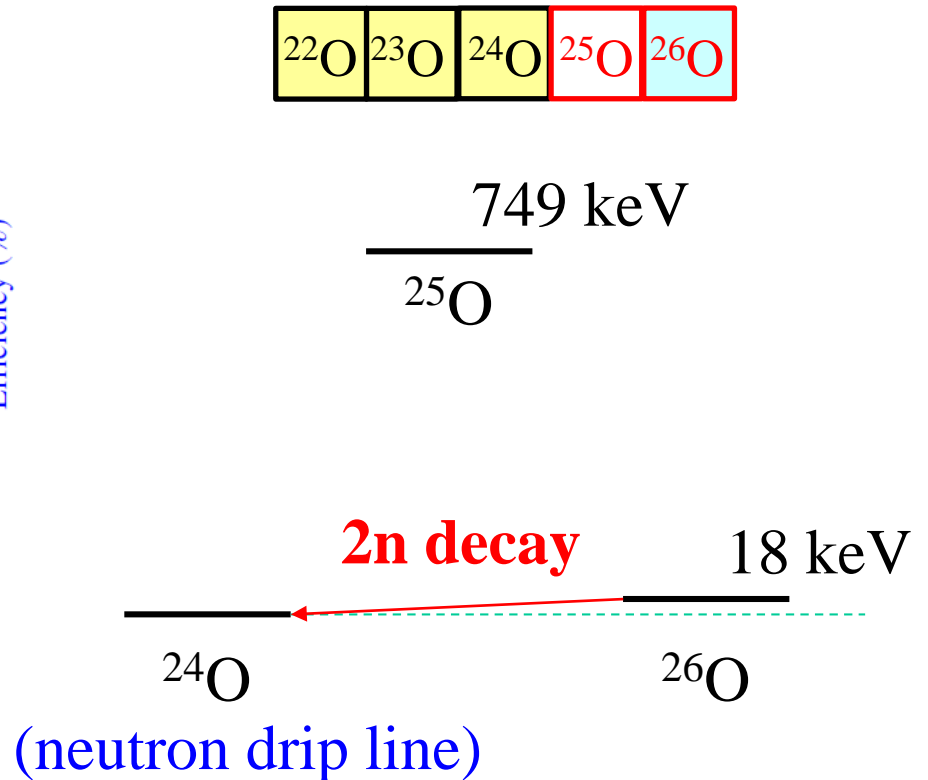
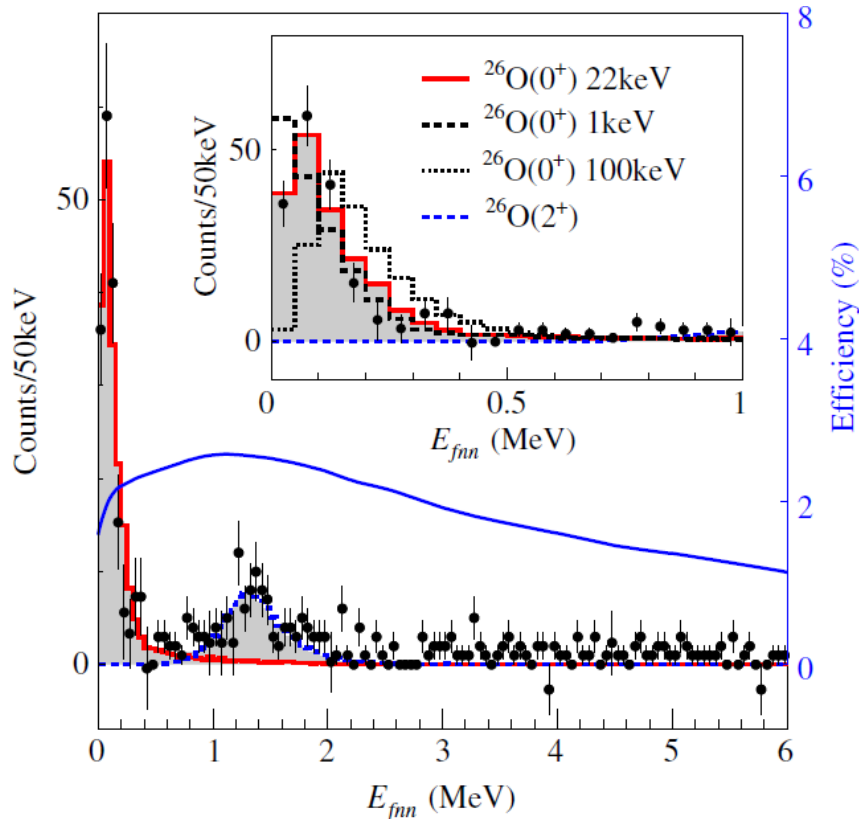
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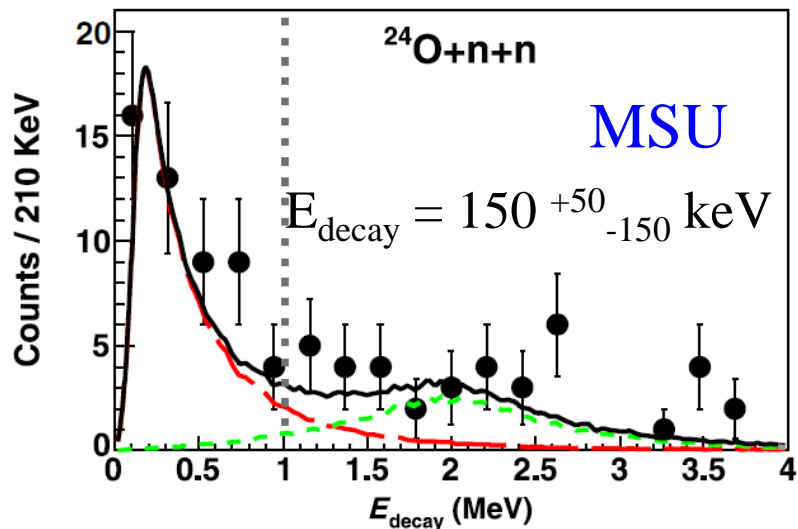
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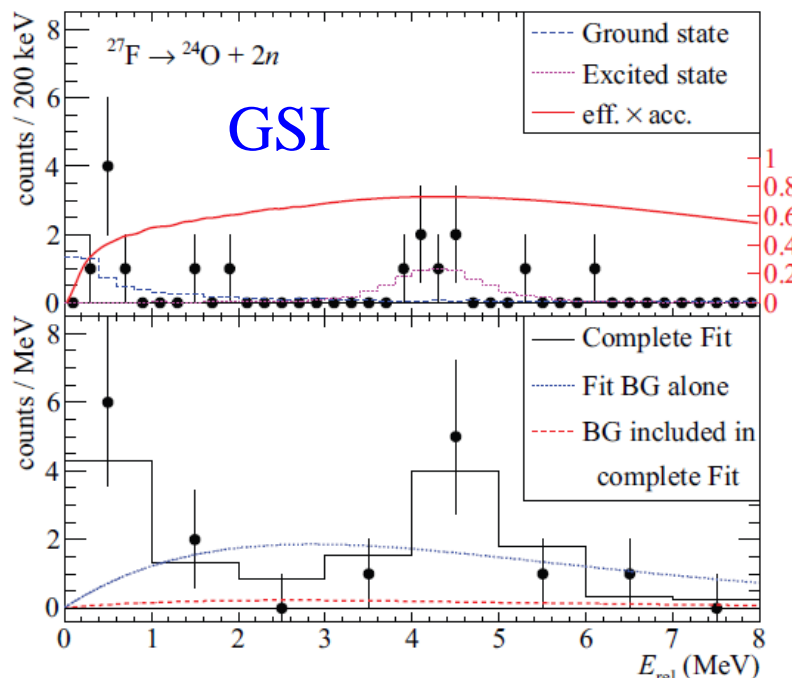
Nucleus ^{26}O : A Barely Unbound System beyond the Drip Line

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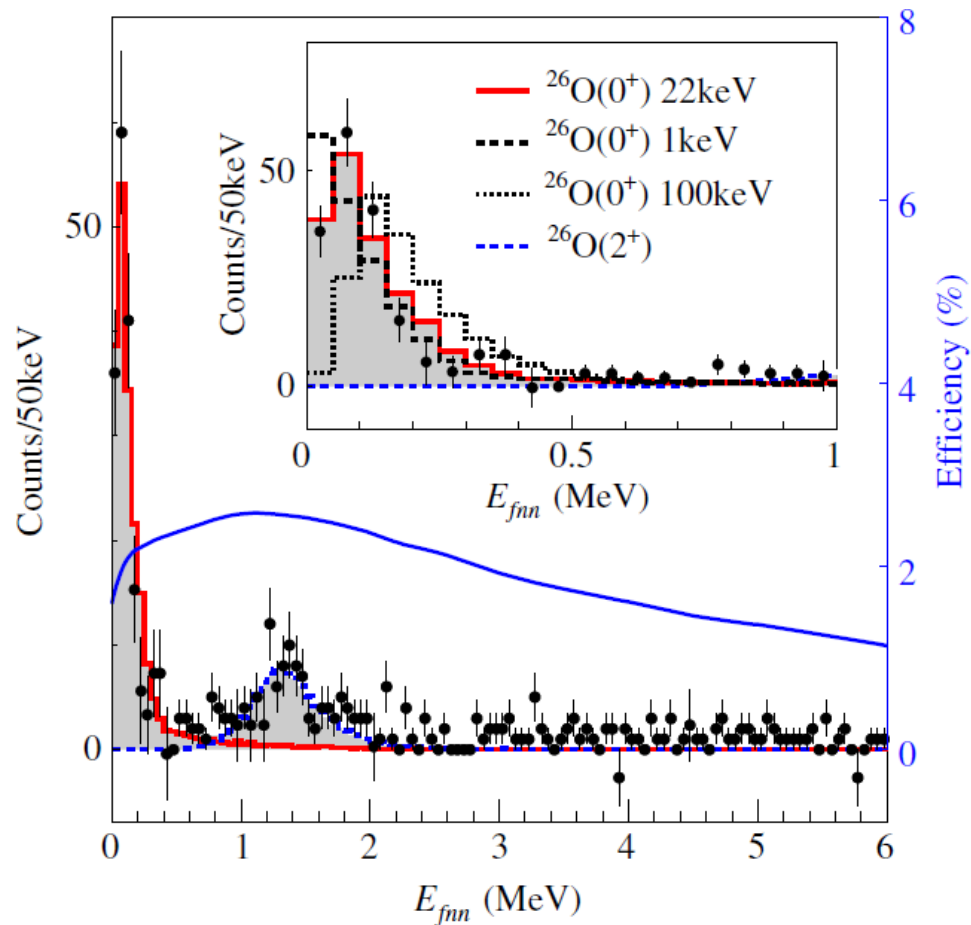


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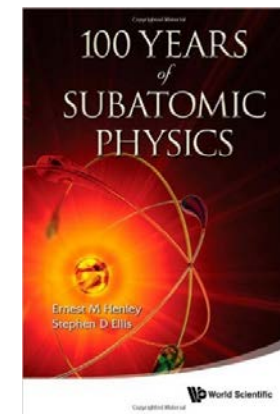
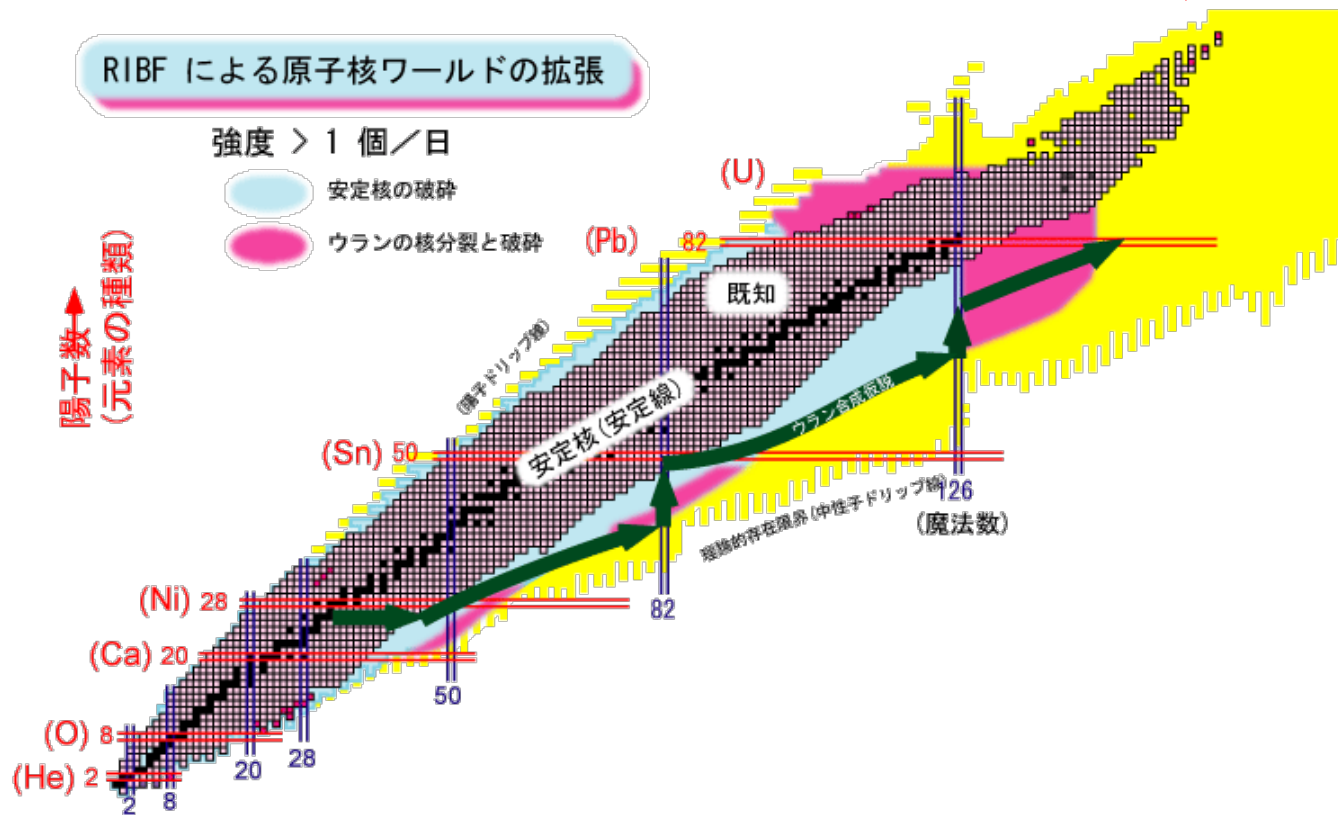
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$$E_{\text{decay}} = 18 \pm 3 \pm 4 \text{ keV}$$

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 (2013)

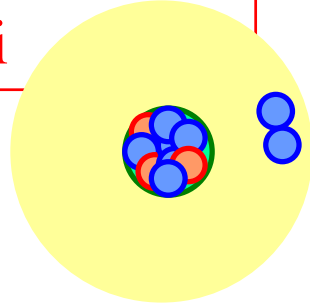
“Exotic nuclei far from
the stability line”

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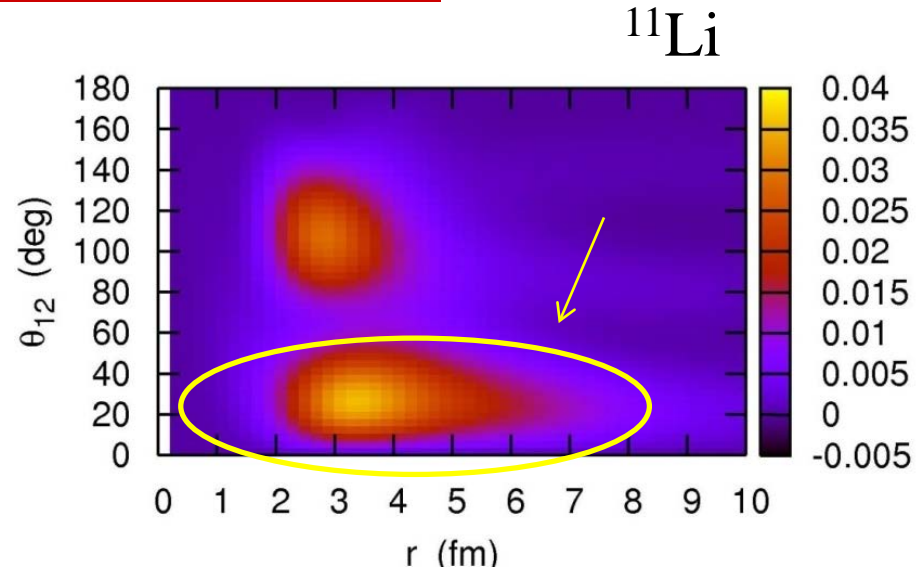
- halo/skin structure
- Borromean nuclei
- large E1 strength
- Dineutron correlations
- shell evolution
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Di-neutron correlations in neutron-rich nuclei

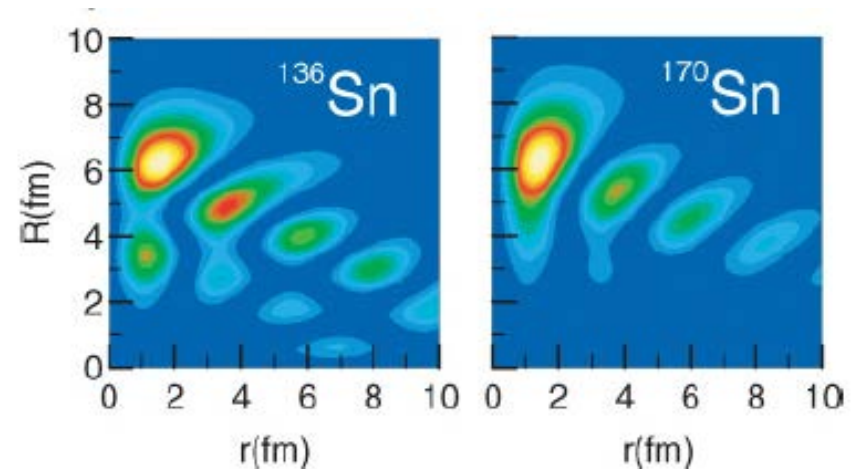
Strong di-neutron correlations
in neutron-rich nuclei



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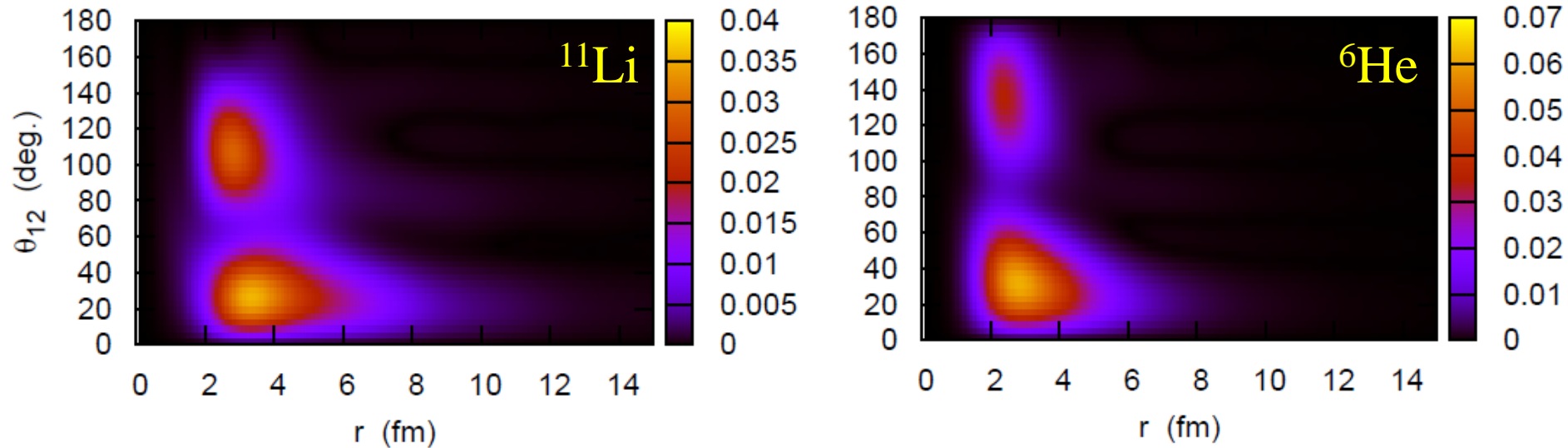
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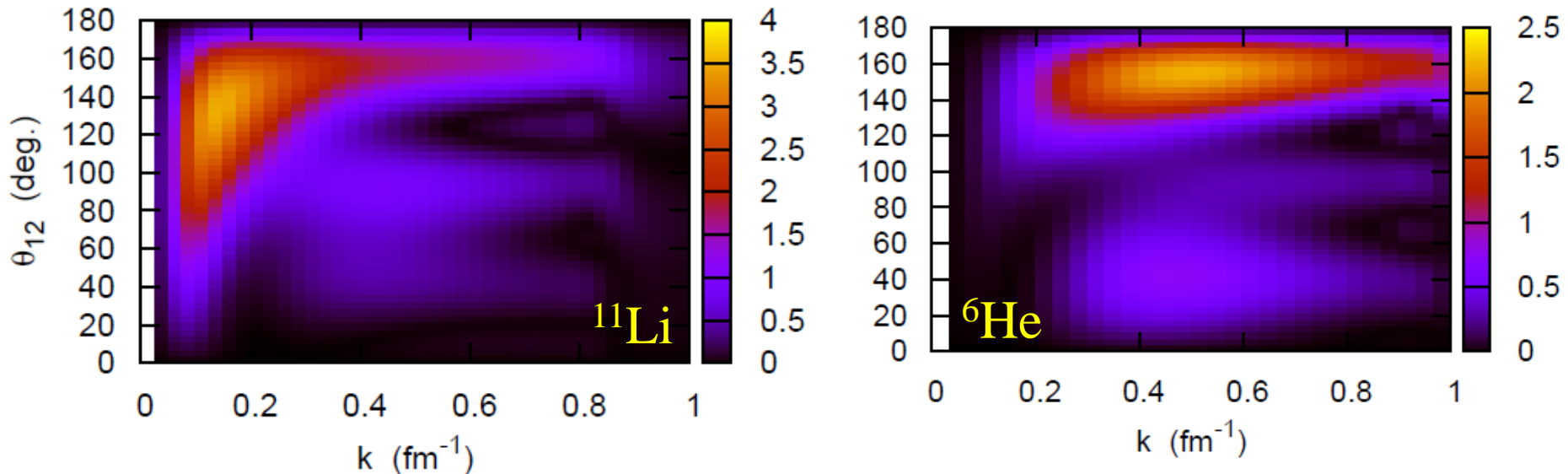
N. Pillet, N. Sandulescu, and P. Schuck,
PRC76('07)024310

Dineutron correlation in the momentum space

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



spatial localization of two neutrons

(dineutron correlation) ← parity mixing

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

weakly bound systems

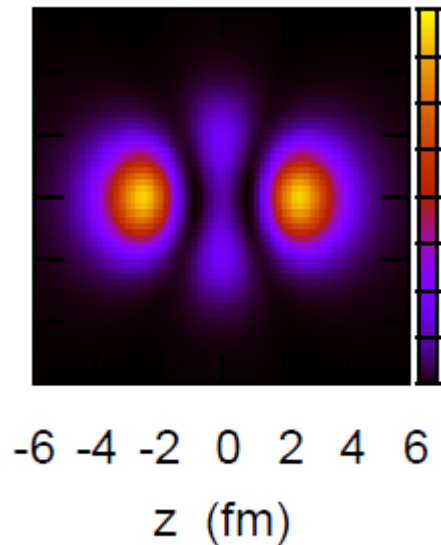
→ easy to mix different parity states due to
the continuum couplings

+ enhancement of pairing on the surface

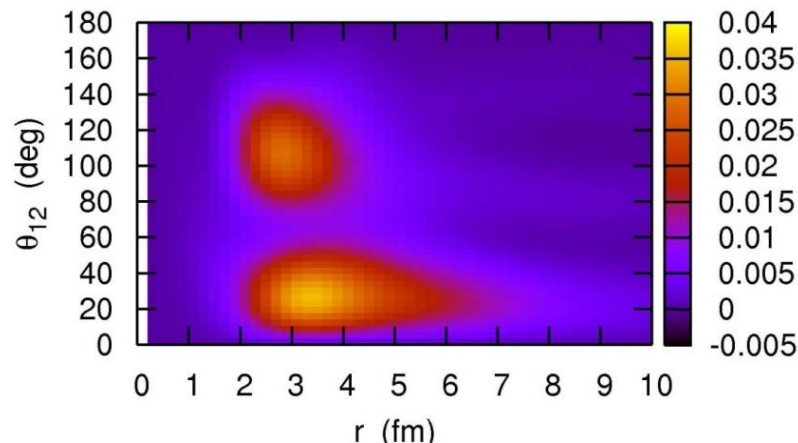
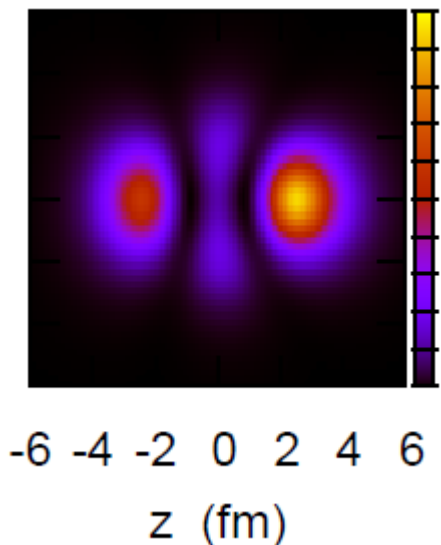
→ **dineutron correlation: enhanced**

cf. - Bertsch, Esbensen, Ann. of Phys. 209('91)327

- M. Matsuo, K. Mizuyama, Y. Serizawa,
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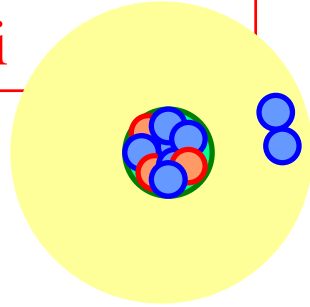
parity mixing



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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)

Two-neutron decay of ^{26}O

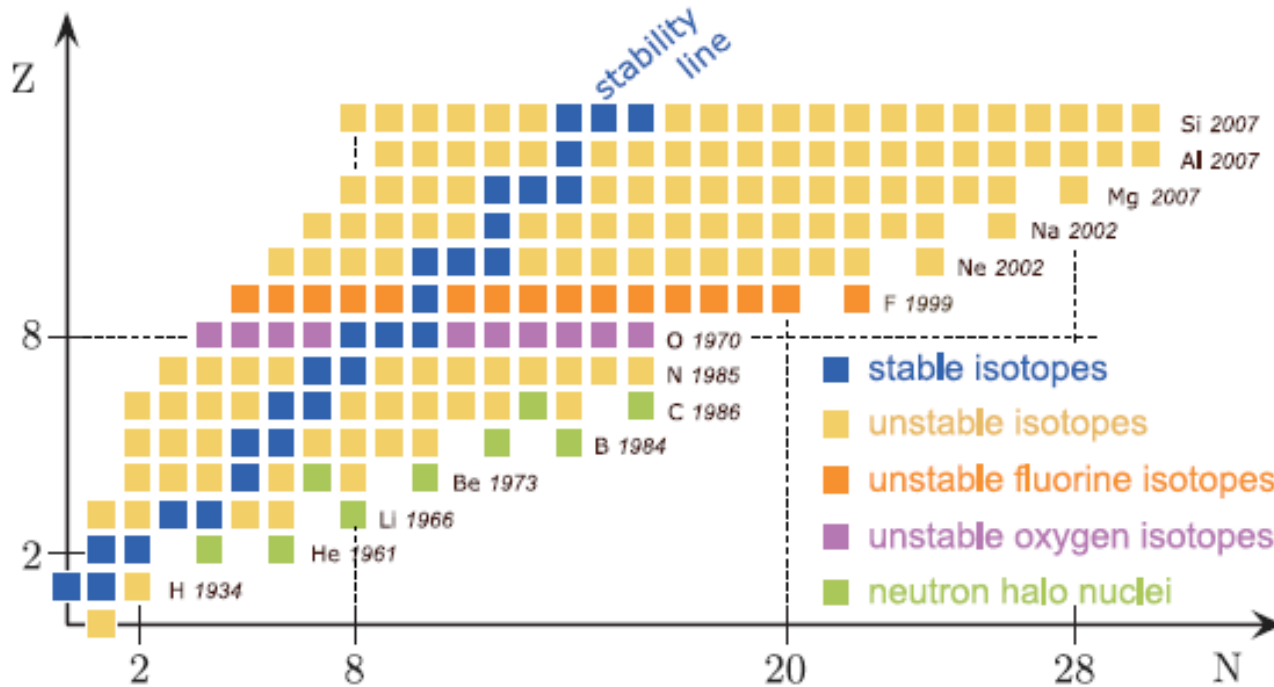
➤ the simplest among ^{16}Be , ^{13}Li , ^{26}O (MSU)

^{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

➤ anomaly of the neutron drip line in O isotopes



^{31}F : bound

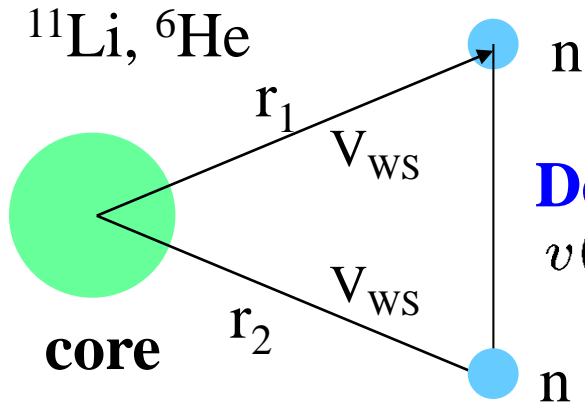
H. Sakurai et al.,
PLB448 ('99) 180

^{24}O : the last bound

T. Otsuka et al.,
PRL105('10)032501

- ✓ three-body force
- ✓ tensor interaction

3-body model calculation for Borromean nuclei



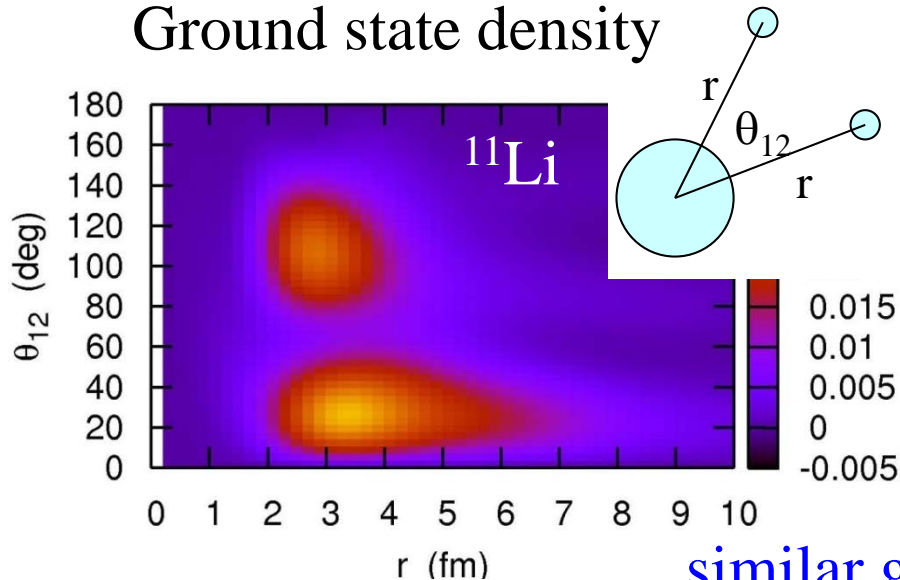
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Density-dependent delta-force

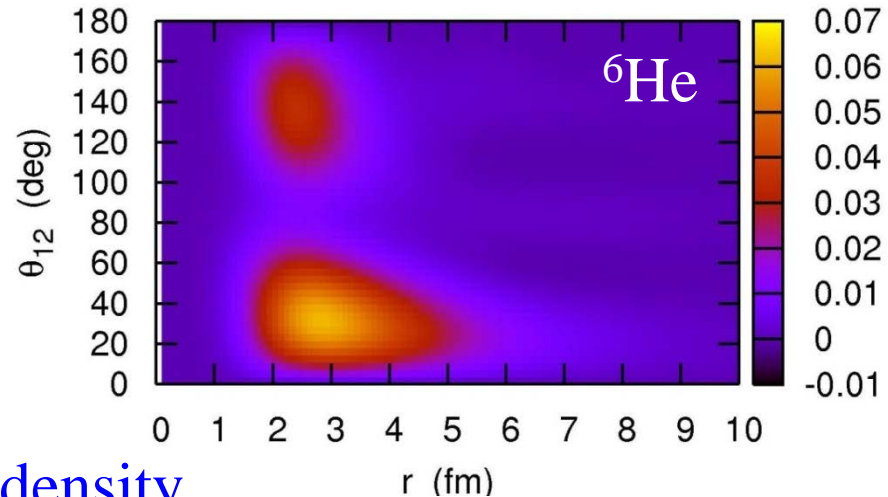
$$v(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = v_0(1 + \alpha\rho(r)) \times \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$H = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} + V_{nC}(r_1) + V_{nC}(r_2) + V_{nn} + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2}{2A_c m}$$

Ground state density



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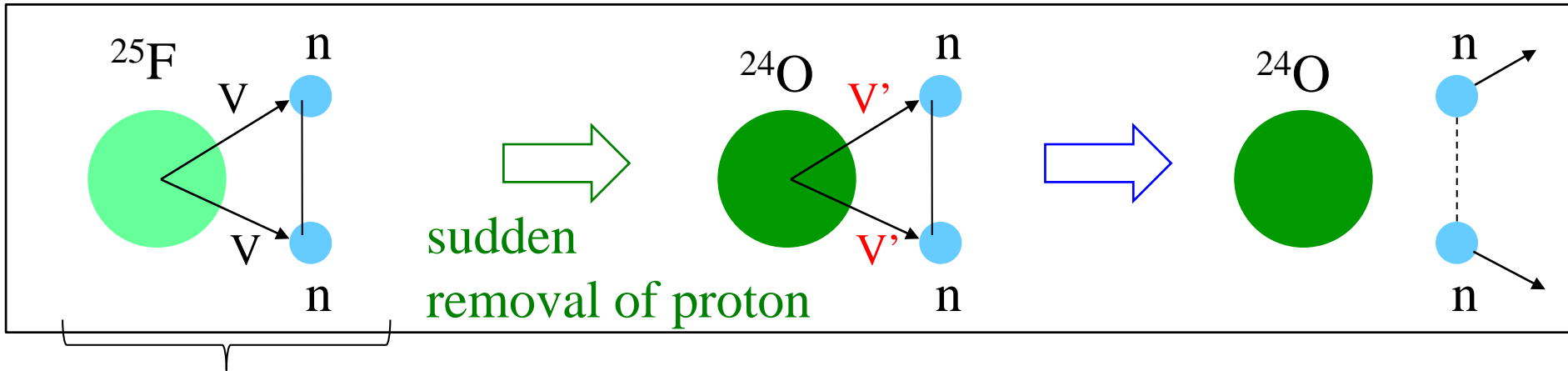


similar g.s. density

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

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

cf. Expt. : ^{27}F (201 MeV/u) + ^9Be \rightarrow ^{26}O \rightarrow ^{24}O + n + n



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

$$\underbrace{\Psi_{nn} \otimes |^{25}\text{F}\rangle}_{\text{the same config. (the reference state)}} \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} \underbrace{\Psi_{nn} \otimes |^{24}\text{O}\rangle}_{\text{the same config. (the reference state)}} \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \text{spontaneous decay}$$

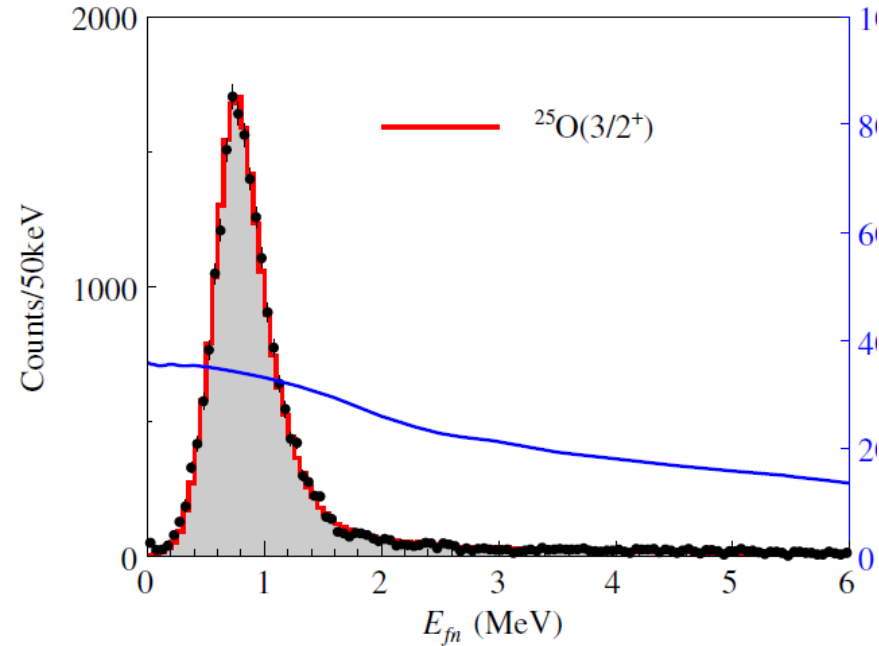
the same config. (the reference state)

FSI \rightarrow Green's function method \leftarrow continuum effects

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

n- ^{24}O Woods-Saxon potential

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



Gamow states (outgoing boundary condition)

$d_{3/2}$: $E = 0.749 \text{ MeV}$ (input), $\Gamma = 87.2 \text{ keV}$ cf. $\Gamma_{\text{exp}} = 86 (6) \text{ keV}$

$f_{7/2}$: $E = 2.44 \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma = 0.21 \text{ MeV}$

$p_{3/2}$: $E = 0.577 \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma = 1.63 \text{ MeV}$

n-²⁴O decay spectrum

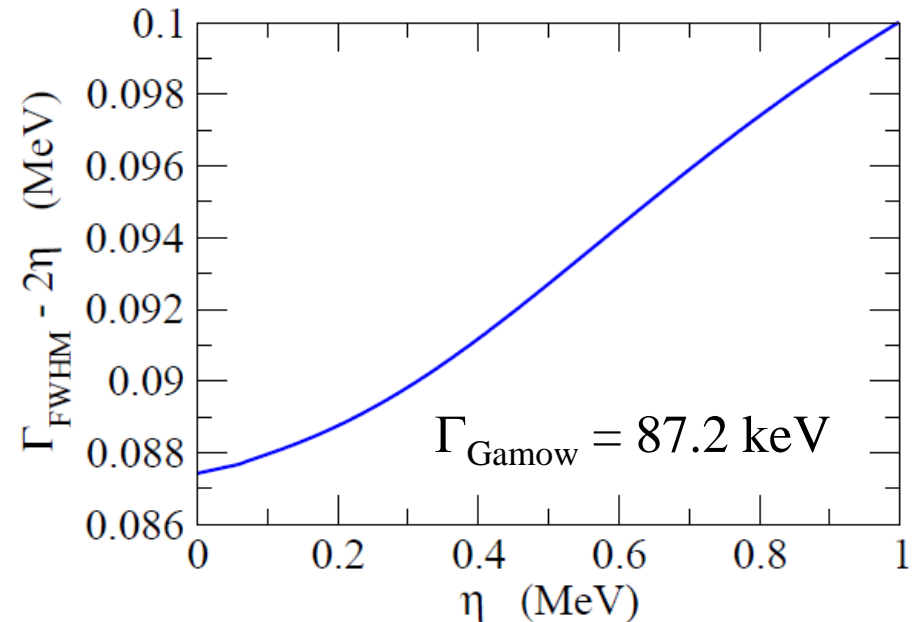
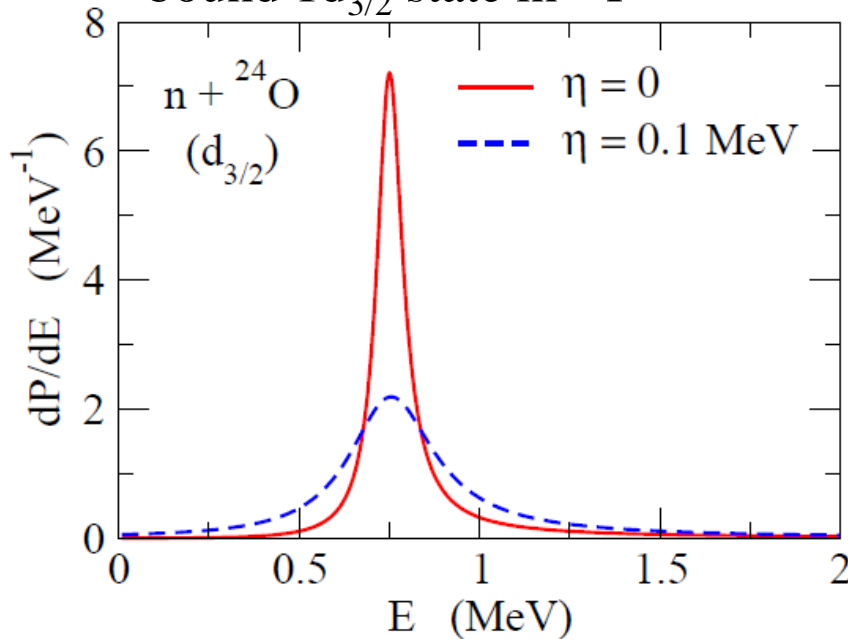
$$\frac{dP}{dE} = |\langle \Phi_{\text{ref}} | \Psi_E \rangle|^2 = \int dE' |\langle \Phi_{\text{ref}} | \Psi_{E'} \rangle|^2 \delta(E - E')$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \int dE' |\langle \Phi_{\text{ref}} | \Psi_{E'} \rangle|^2 \frac{1}{E' - E - i\eta}$$

Reference state:

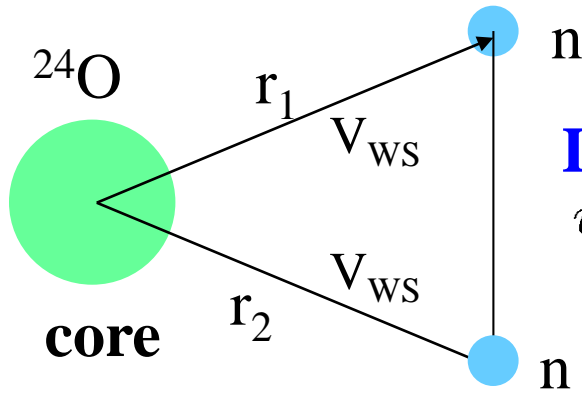
bound $1d_{3/2}$ state in ²⁶F

$$= 1 / (H - E - i\eta) = G(E)$$



→ apply a similar method to ²⁴O + n + n

Decay energy spectrum



Density-dependent delta-force

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

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

correlated Green's function:

$$G(E) = G_0(E) - G_0(E)v(1 + G_0(E)v)^{-1}G_0(E)$$

← continuum effects

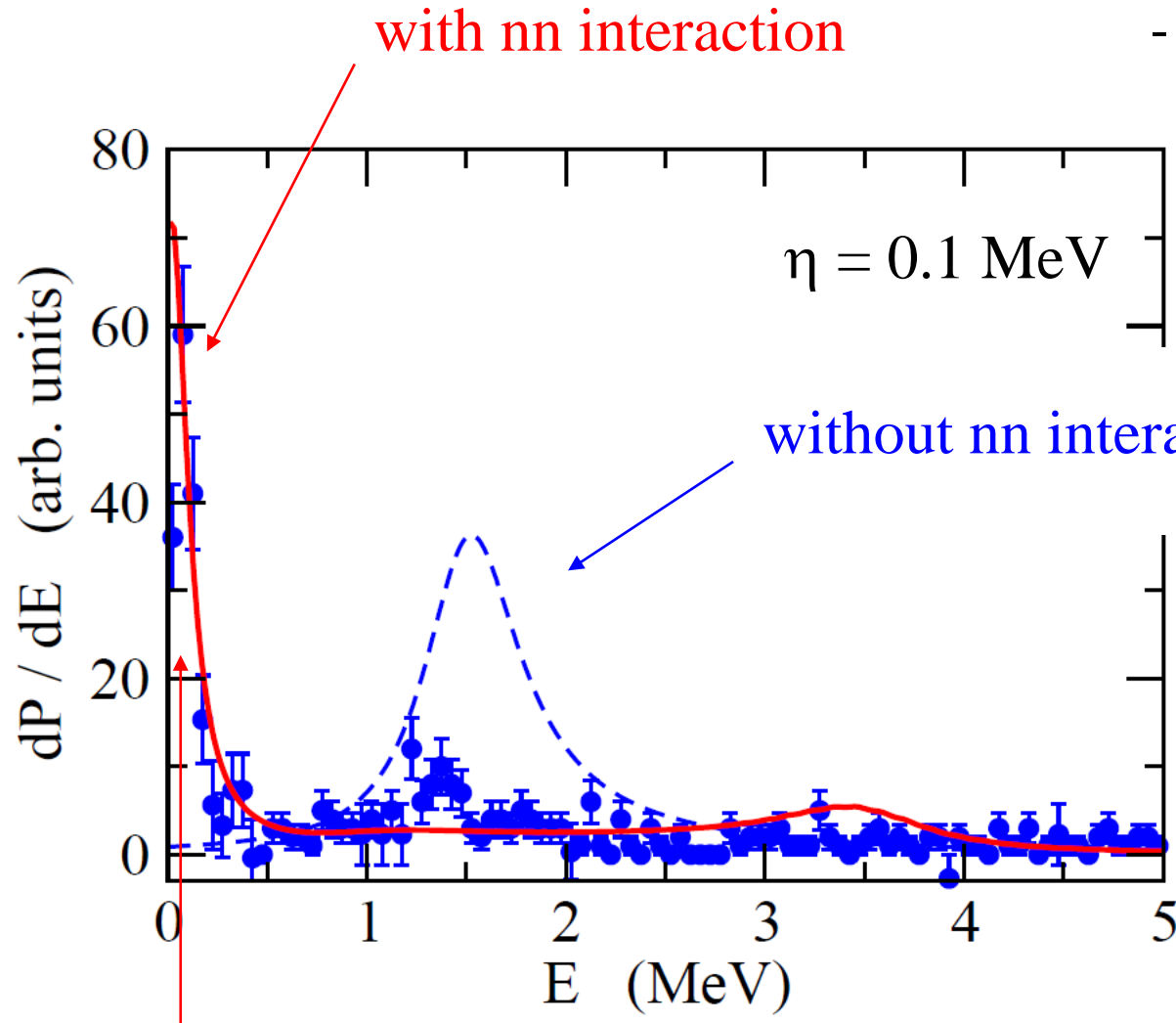
uncorrelated Green's function

$$G_0(E) = \sum_{j_1, l_1} \sum_{j_2, l_2} \int de_1 de_2 \frac{|\psi_1 \psi_2\rangle \langle \psi_1 \psi_2|}{e_1 + e_2 - E - i\eta}$$

← small, finite η

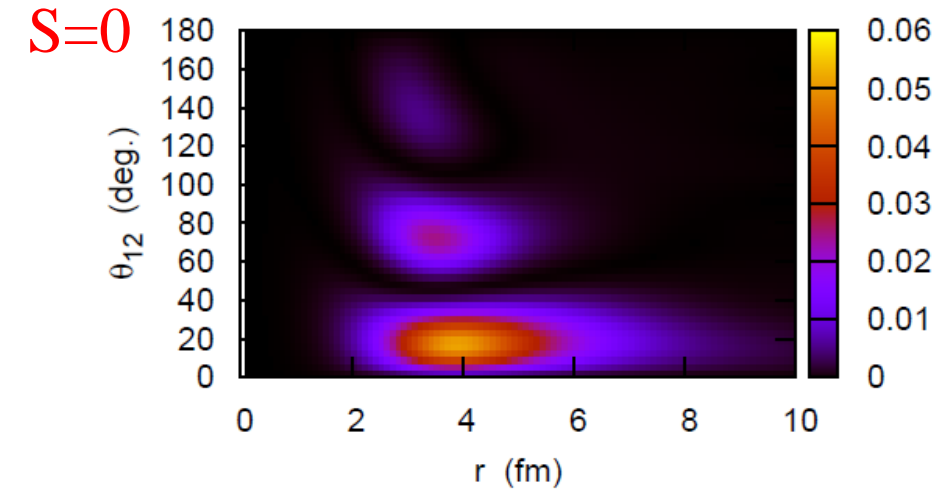
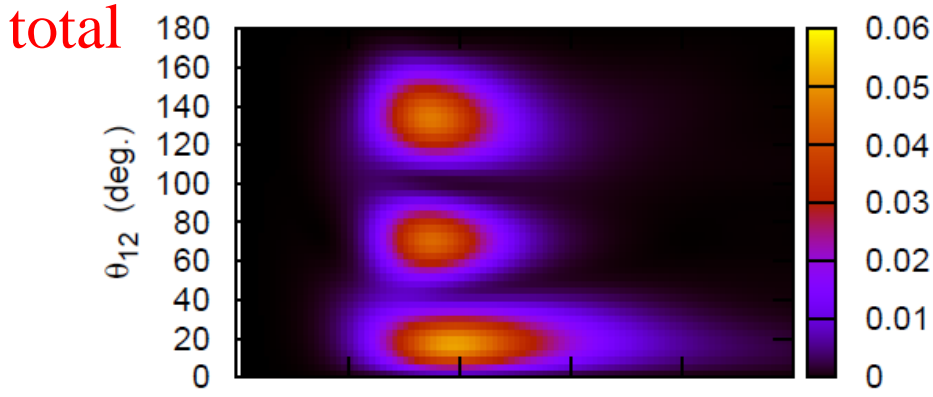
i) Decay energy spectrum

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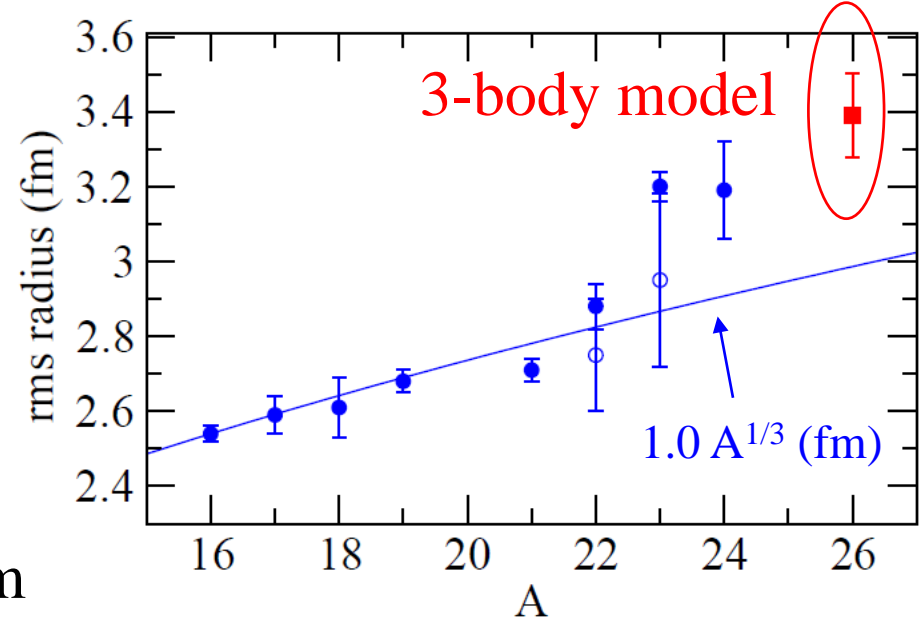
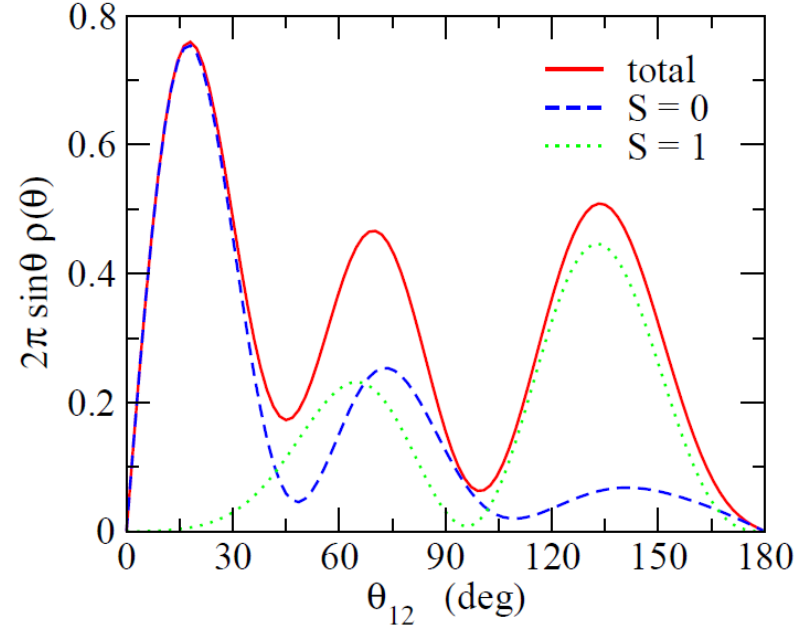


$$E_{\text{peak}} = 18 \text{ keV (input)}$$

Two-particle density in the bound state approximation

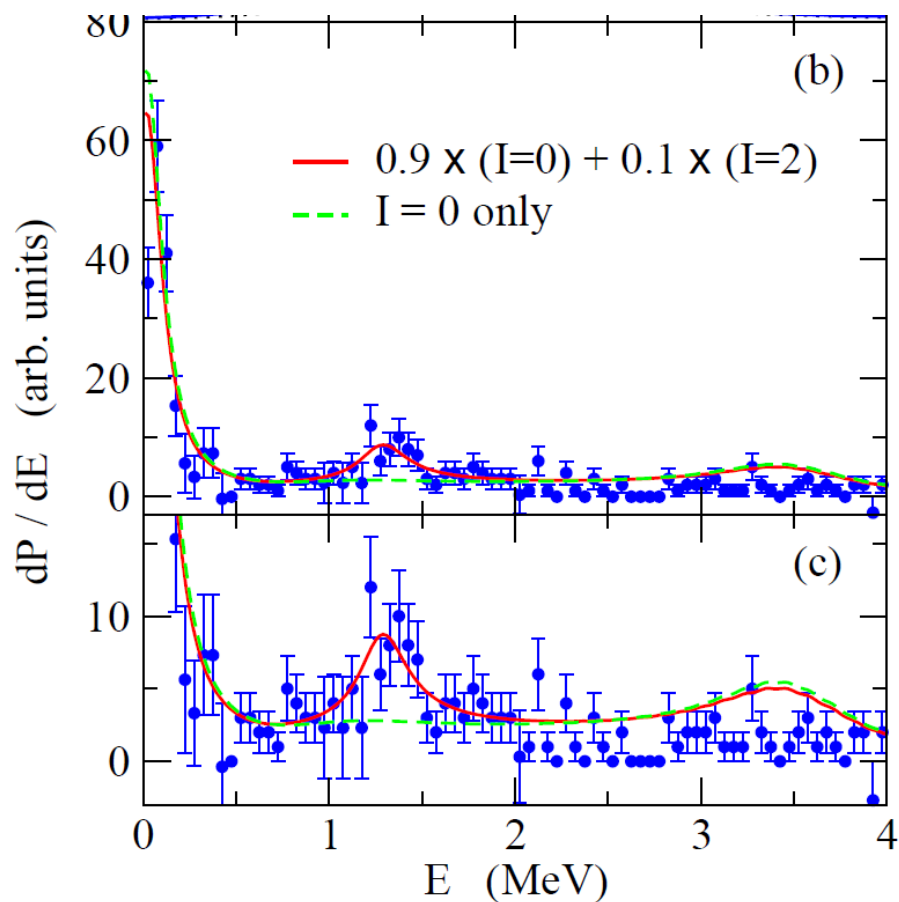


$(d_{3/2})^2 : 66.1\%$
 $(f_{7/2})^2 : 18.3\%$
 $(p_{3/2})^2 : 10.5\%$
 $(s_{1/2})^2 : 0.59\%$
 rms radius = 3.39 ± 0.11 fm



2^+ state in ^{26}O

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



three-body model calculation:

(MeV)

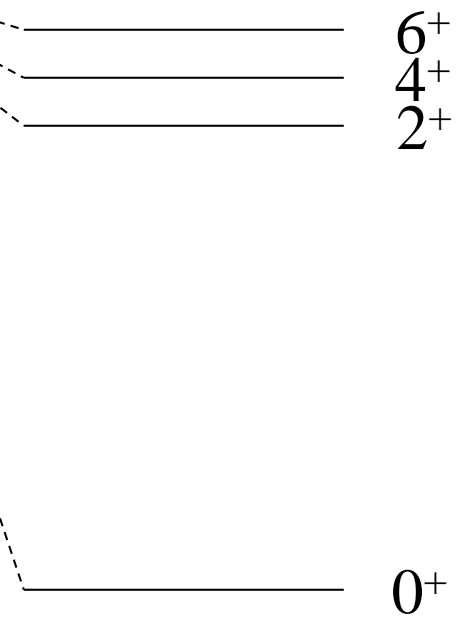
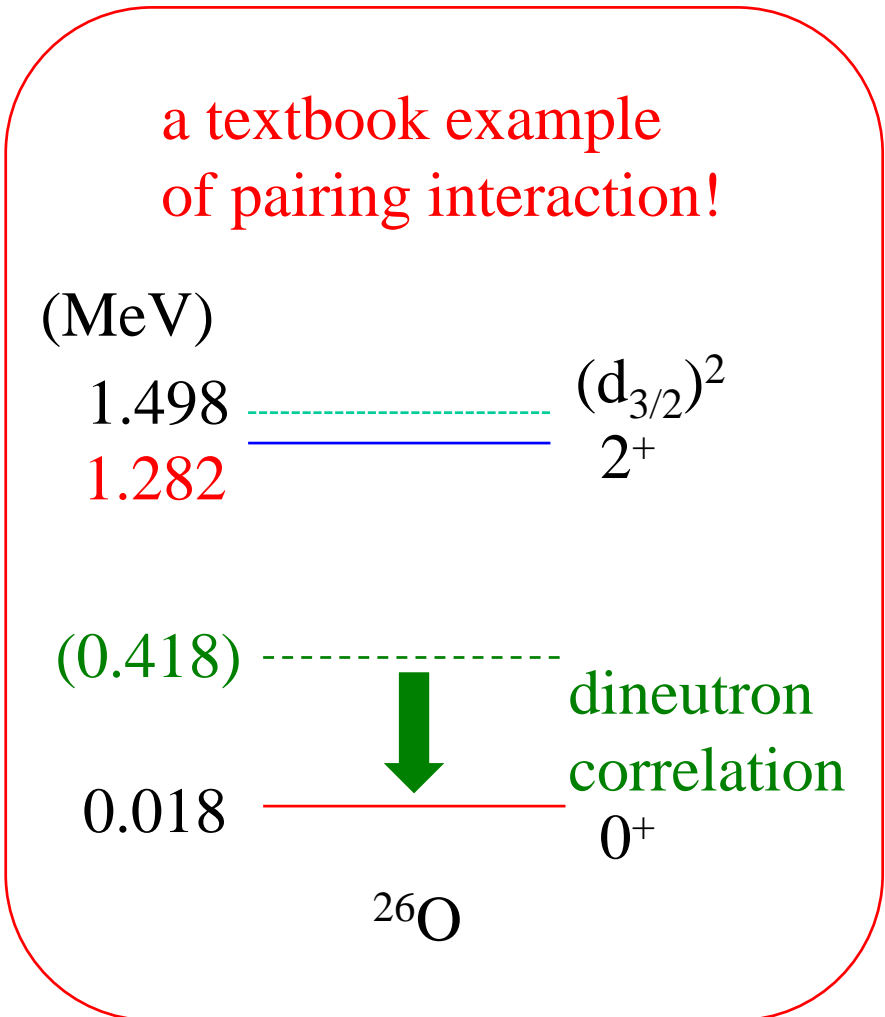
1.498 ———— $(d_{3/2})^2$
1.282 ———— 2^+

$\Gamma = 0.12$ MeV

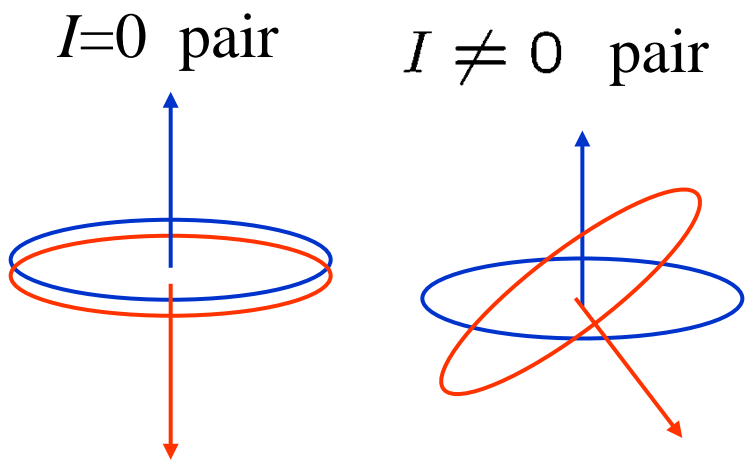
0.018 ———— 0^+

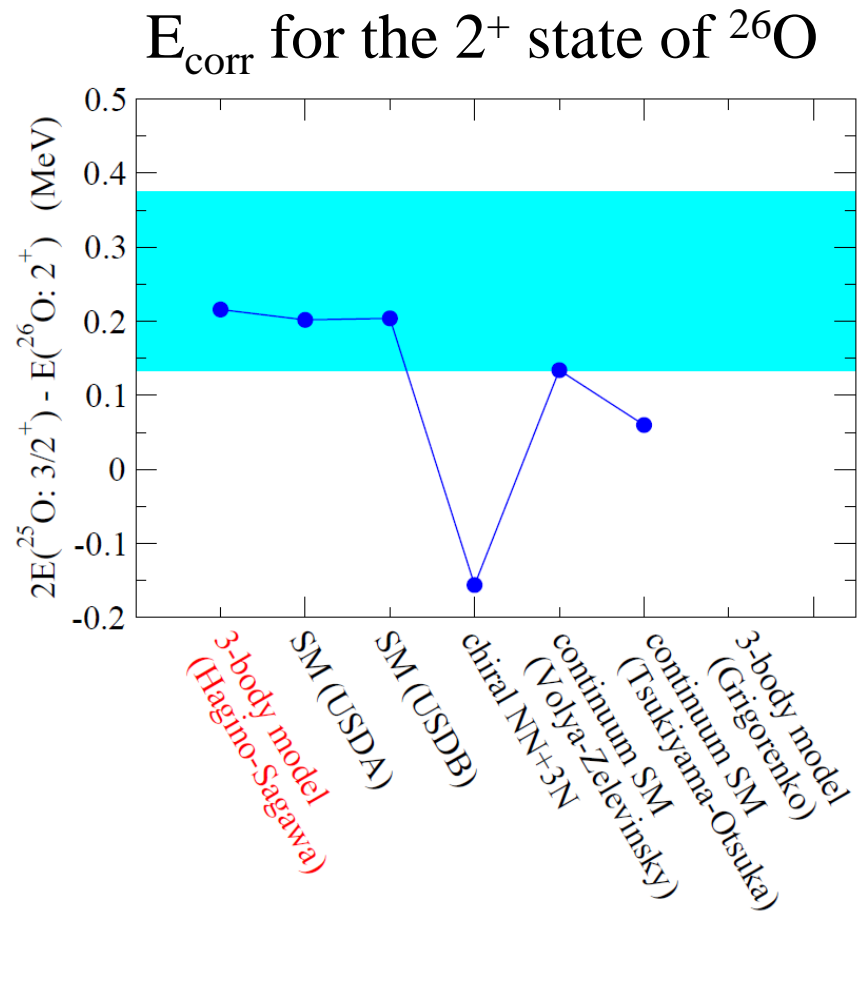
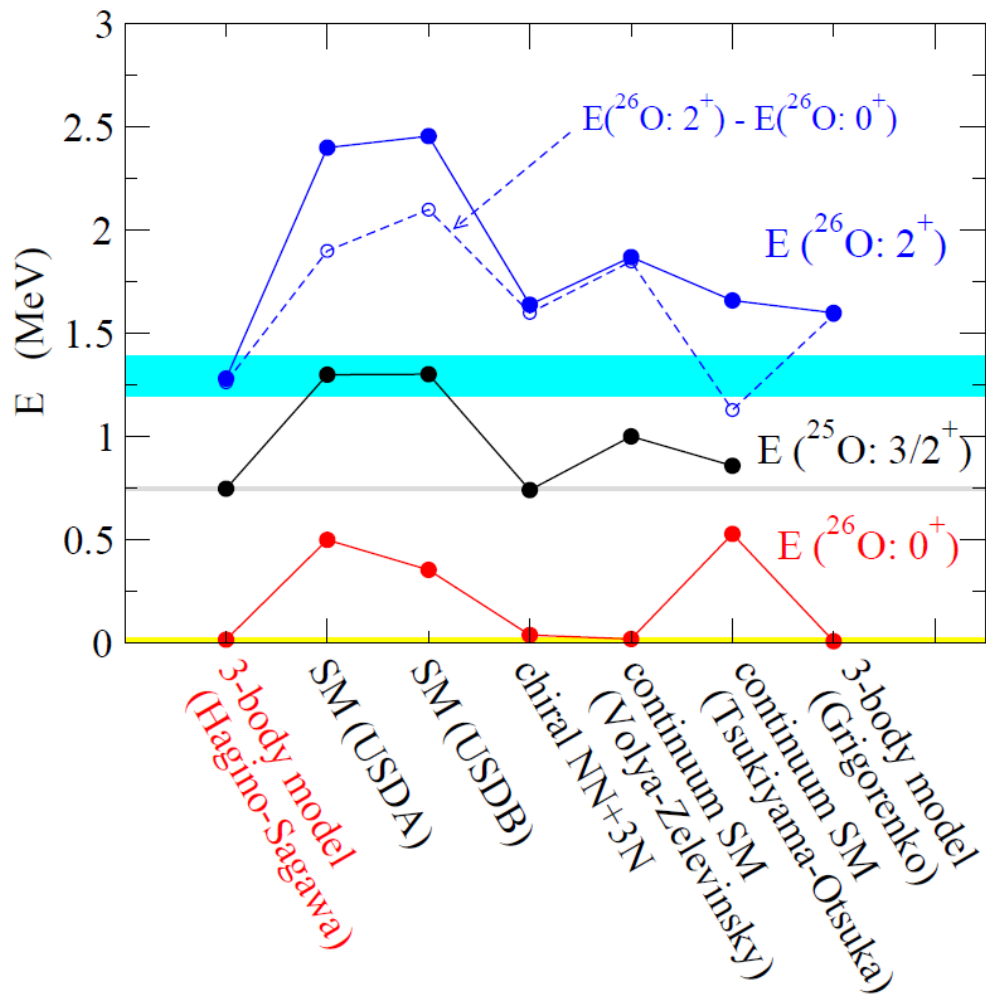
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PRC90('14)027303; PRC93('16)034330.

$$[jj]^{(I)} = 0^+, 2^+, 4^+, 6^+, \dots$$



with residual
interaction



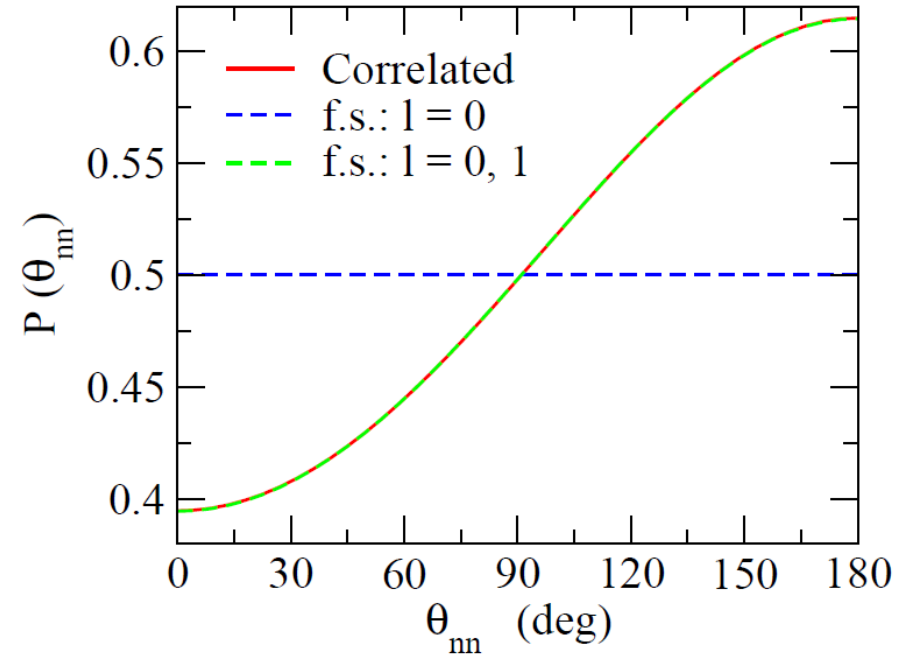
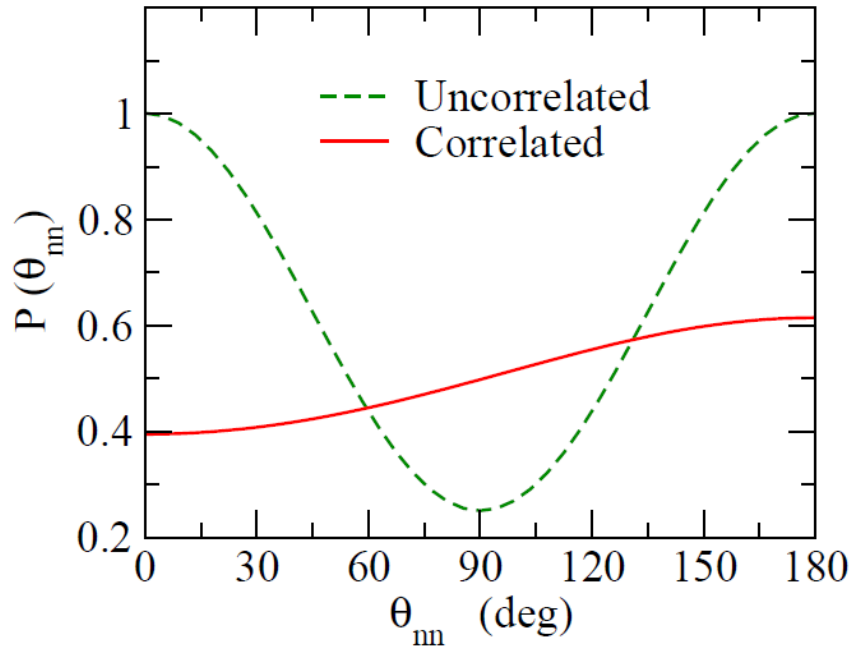


role of 3N interaction?

Angular correlations

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



correlation \rightarrow enhancement of back-to-back emissions

cf. dineutron correlation in momentum space

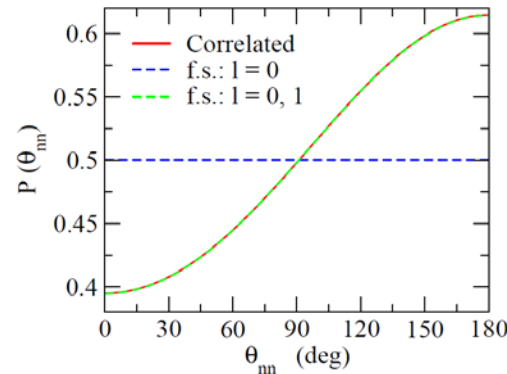
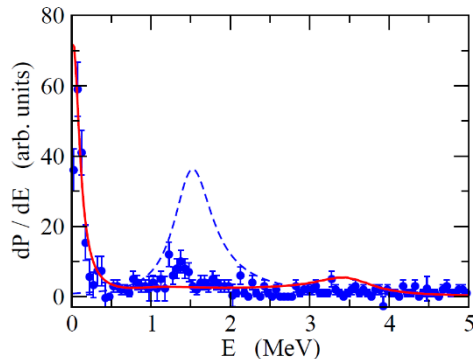
cf. Similar conclusion: L.V. Grigorenko, I.G. Mukha, and M.V. Zhukov,
PRL 111 (2013) 042501

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