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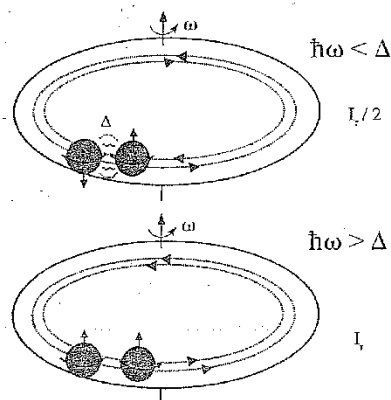
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Fifty Years of Nuclear BCS

Pairing in Finite Systems



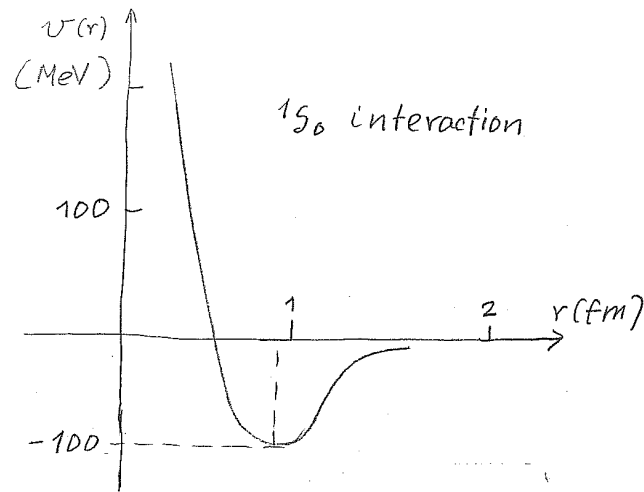
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quantality parameter

$$q = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{M a^2} \right) \frac{1}{|V_0|}$$

$q \ll 1$ crystalline structure ($T=0$)

$q \approx 1$ quantum fluid ($T=0$)

$q \approx 0.4$ nuclei

Interplay potential energy and
quantal (ZPM) fluctuations (single-particle)

$$H = T + v = \underbrace{T + U + V_p}_{\text{mean field}} + (v - U - V_p)$$

diagon.

Kramers deg. $v\bar{v}$

$$\alpha_v^\dagger = U_v a_v^\dagger - V_v a_{\bar{v}} ;$$

ground state

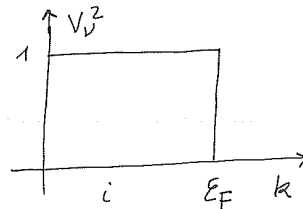
$$\alpha_v |\tilde{0}\rangle = 0$$

$$|\tilde{0}\rangle = \prod_{v>0} \alpha_v \alpha_{\bar{v}} |0\rangle \sim \prod_{v>0} (U_v + V_v a_v^\dagger a_{\bar{v}}^\dagger) |0\rangle$$

$$a_v |0\rangle = 0$$

Ansatz 1: $|\tilde{0}\rangle$ sharp step-funct. occ.

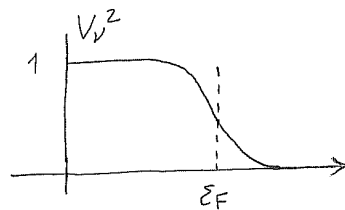
$$|HF\rangle = \prod_{i>0} a_i^\dagger a_i^\dagger |0\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$



independent particle
motion (fermions)

Ansatz 2: $|\tilde{0}\rangle$ sigmoidal distr. occ.

$$|BCS\rangle = \prod_{v>0} (U_v + V_v a_v^\dagger a_{\bar{v}}^\dagger) |0\rangle$$



independent pair
motion (bosons)

$$(X > 1)$$

$$\alpha_0 = \langle P^+ \rangle = \frac{\Delta}{G} \approx 7 \quad P^+ = \sum_{\nu > 0} a_\nu^\dagger a_\nu^\dagger$$

$$(X = \frac{G 2 \Omega}{D} = GN(0))$$

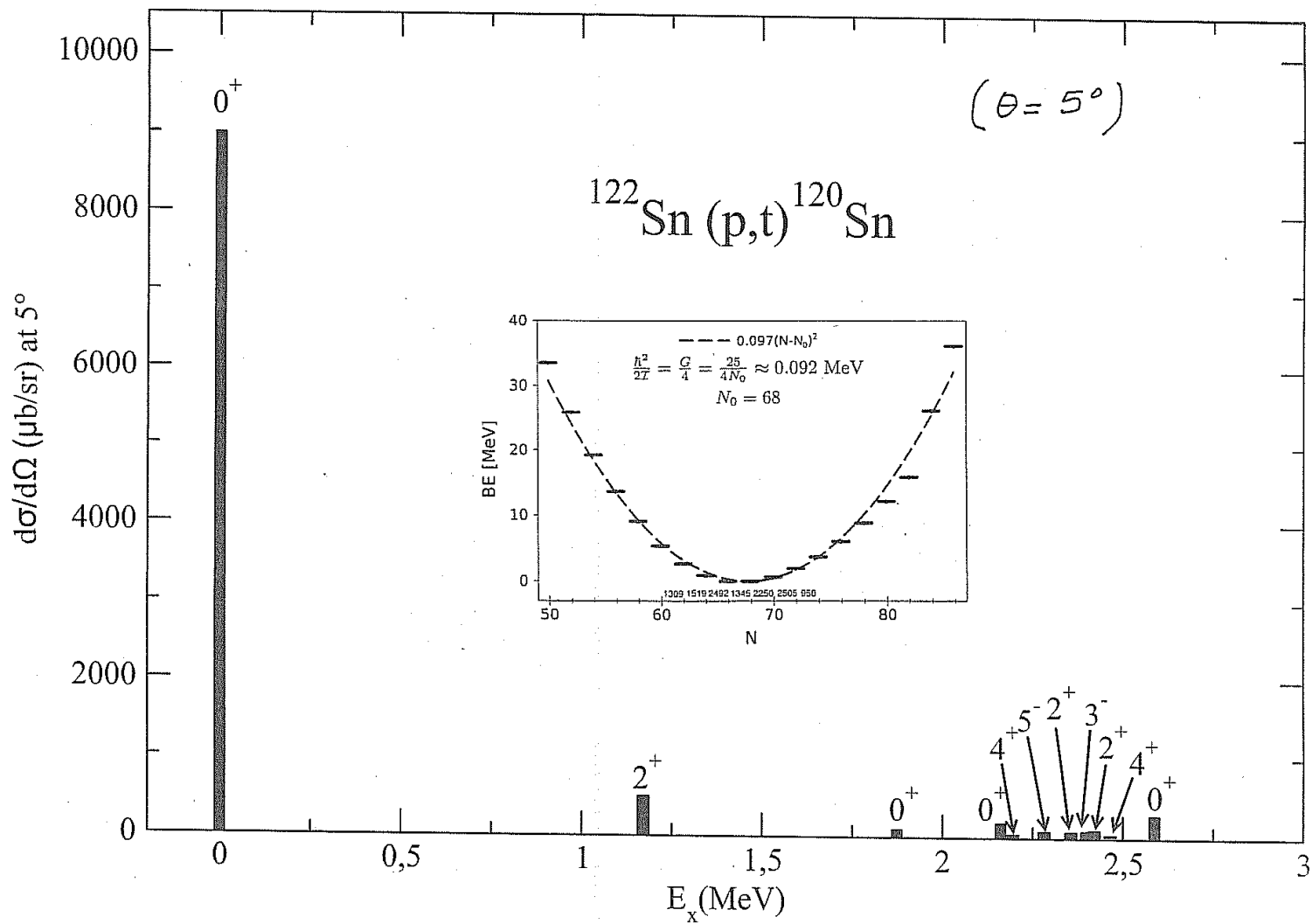
$$\alpha_{dyn} = \frac{1}{G} \frac{\langle PP^+ \rangle^{1/2} + \langle P^+ P \rangle^{1/2}}{2}$$

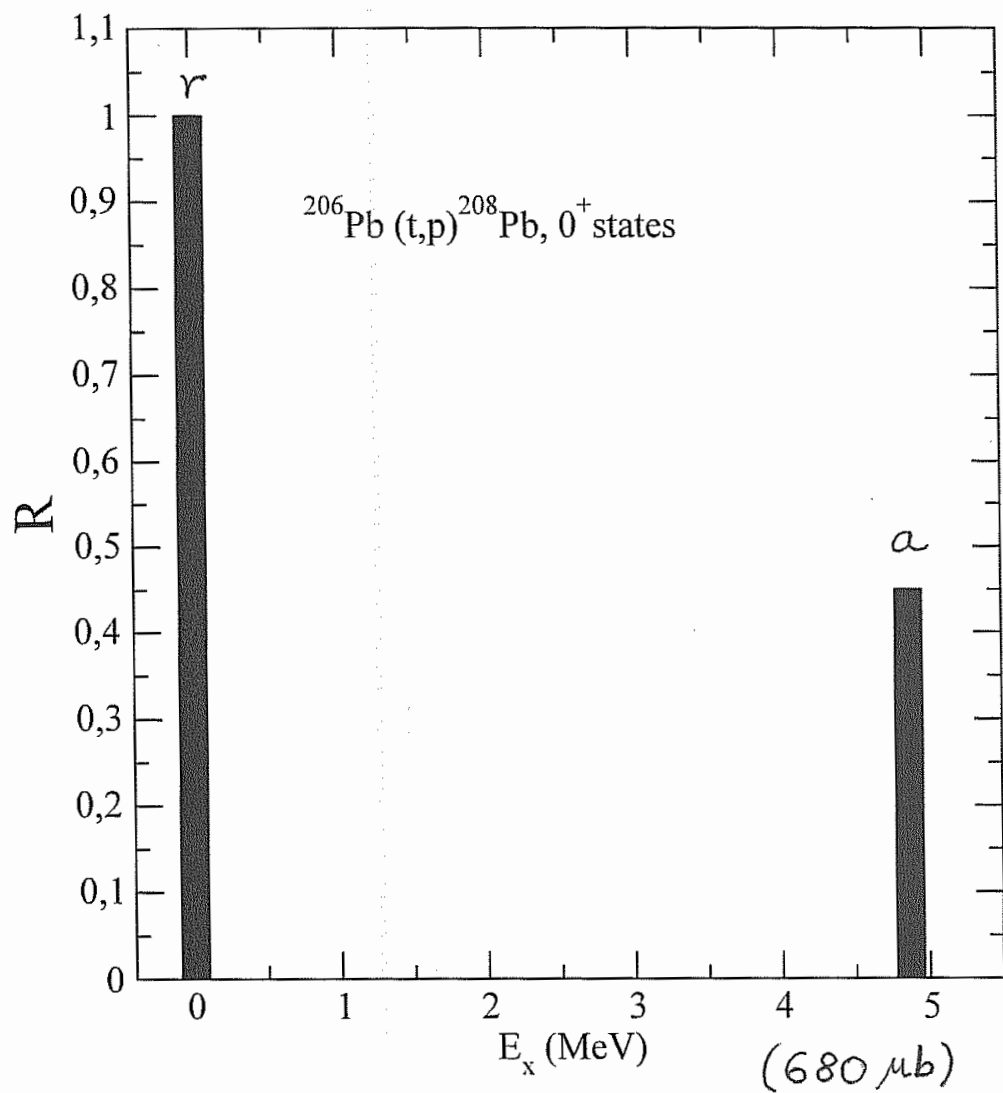
$$(X < 1) \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E_{corr}(A+2)}{G} + \frac{E_{corr}(A-2)}{G} \right)$$

$$\approx 10$$

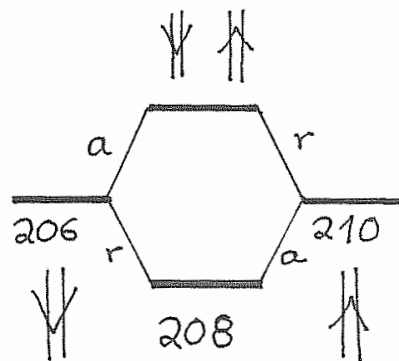
$$\frac{\alpha_0}{\alpha_{dyn}} \approx 0.7$$

$$\frac{\beta_2}{(\beta_2)_{dyn}} \approx 3-6$$

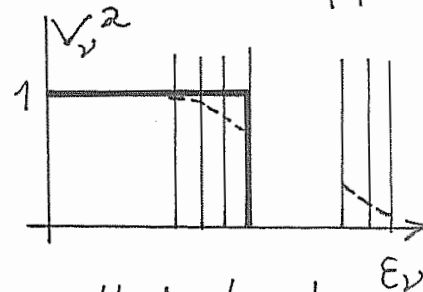




linear term N



dynamical depop.



well developed
vibr. bands

Spectroscopic amplitudes

pairing rotations ($^{A+2}\text{Sn}(p,t) ^A\text{Sn}(gs)$)

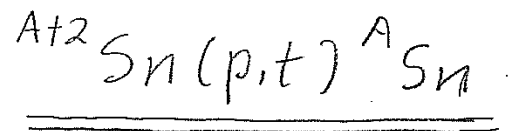
$$U_\nu V_\nu \quad (\text{BCS})$$

pairing vibrations (e.g. $^{206}\text{Pb}(t,p) ^{208}\text{Pb}(gs)$)

$$X_r(i), Y_r(k) \quad (\text{RPA})$$

coherent states: essentially
exact

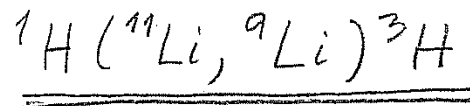
systematic (silent revolution)



$(A+2) = 112, 114, 116, 118, 120,$
 $122, 124$

Guazzoni et al PRC
1999 (122), 2004 (116), 2006 (112),
2008 (120), 2011 (118, 124),
2012 (114)

Major breakthrough



Tanihata et al
PRL 2008

$$\xi = \frac{\hbar V_F}{E_{\text{corr}}} \approx 30-36 \text{ fm}$$

$$v_{np} \approx 0.4 \text{ fm}$$

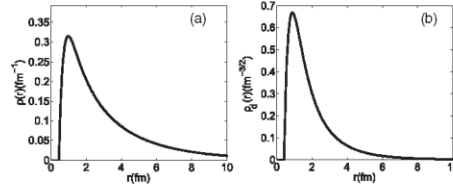


FIG. 6. (a) Radial function $\rho(r)$ (hard core 0.45 fm) entering the triton wave function. (b) Radial function $\rho_d(r)$ entering the deuteron wave function.

different channels ($a + A \rightarrow f + F \rightarrow b + B$). Within this context, n and n' are possible not only owing to the fact that partners of a Cooper pair feel different mean fields ($\phi_{n'ljm}^f, \phi_{n'ljm}^F$), but also because a general nuclear structure treatment of pairing will include Cooper-like correlations associated with multipole pairing (see, e.g., Ref. [10], Sec. 5.3, and references therein), correlations which, in the present case, have not a dynamical origin (one works with $H_p = -GP^\dagger P$), but only a trivial kinematical one.

III. REACTION MECHANISM

In what follows we present the elements which enter the calculation of the absolute two-particle transfer differential cross section in terms of the reaction

$$A + t \rightarrow B(\equiv A + 2) + p, \quad (32)$$

in which $A + 2$ and A denote the mass number of even nuclei in their ground state. In other words, one concentrates on $L = 0$ transfer. The wave function of nucleus $A + 2$ is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{A+2}(\xi_A, \mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2) \\ = \psi_A(\xi_A) \sum_{l_i, h} [\phi_{l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

the product of the wave function describing the ground state of the nucleus A , the corresponding relative (intrinsic) $3A - 3$ radial coordinates being denoted ξ_A , and of the wave function of two-correlated nucleons,

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi_{l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0 \\ = \sum_{nm} [a_{nm} [\phi_{n, l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1) \phi_{m, l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0], \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

the wave functions $\phi_{n, l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)$ describing the single-particle motion of a nucleon in a mean-field potential, e.g., a Saxon-Woods potential. The two-neutron wave function in the triton can be written as $\phi_t(r_{p1}, \sigma_1, r_{p2}, \sigma_2) = \rho(r_{p1})\rho(r_{p2})[\chi(\sigma_1)\chi(\sigma_2)]_0^0$, r_{p1} and r_{p2} denoting the modulus of the relative coordinate of each of the two neutrons involved in the transfer process, measured with respect to the proton, while r_{12} denotes the modulus of the relative coordinate of the two neutrons in the triton. The deuteron wave function is written as $\phi_d(r_{p1}, \sigma_1) = \rho_d(r_{p1})\chi(\sigma_1)$. The functions $\rho(r)$ and $\rho_d(r)$, as depicted in Fig. 6, are generated with the p - n Tang-Herndon interaction [37],

$$v(r) = -v_0 \exp(-k(r - r_c)), \quad r > r_c, \quad (35)$$

$$v(r) = \infty \quad r < r_c, \quad (36)$$

where $k = 2.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ and $r_c = 0.45 \text{ fm}$ denotes the radius of the hard core. The depth v_0 is adjusted so as to reproduce the binding energy of the triton and of the deuteron, respectively. This hard-core potential is also used in the above expressions as the n - p interaction potential responsible for neutron transfer.

The two-particle transfer differential cross section is written as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\mu_i \mu_f}{(4\pi\hbar^2)^2} \frac{k_f}{k_i} |T^{(1)} + T_{\text{succ}}^{(2)} - T_{\text{NO}}^{(2)}|^2. \quad (37)$$

The amplitudes appearing in it describe the simultaneous,

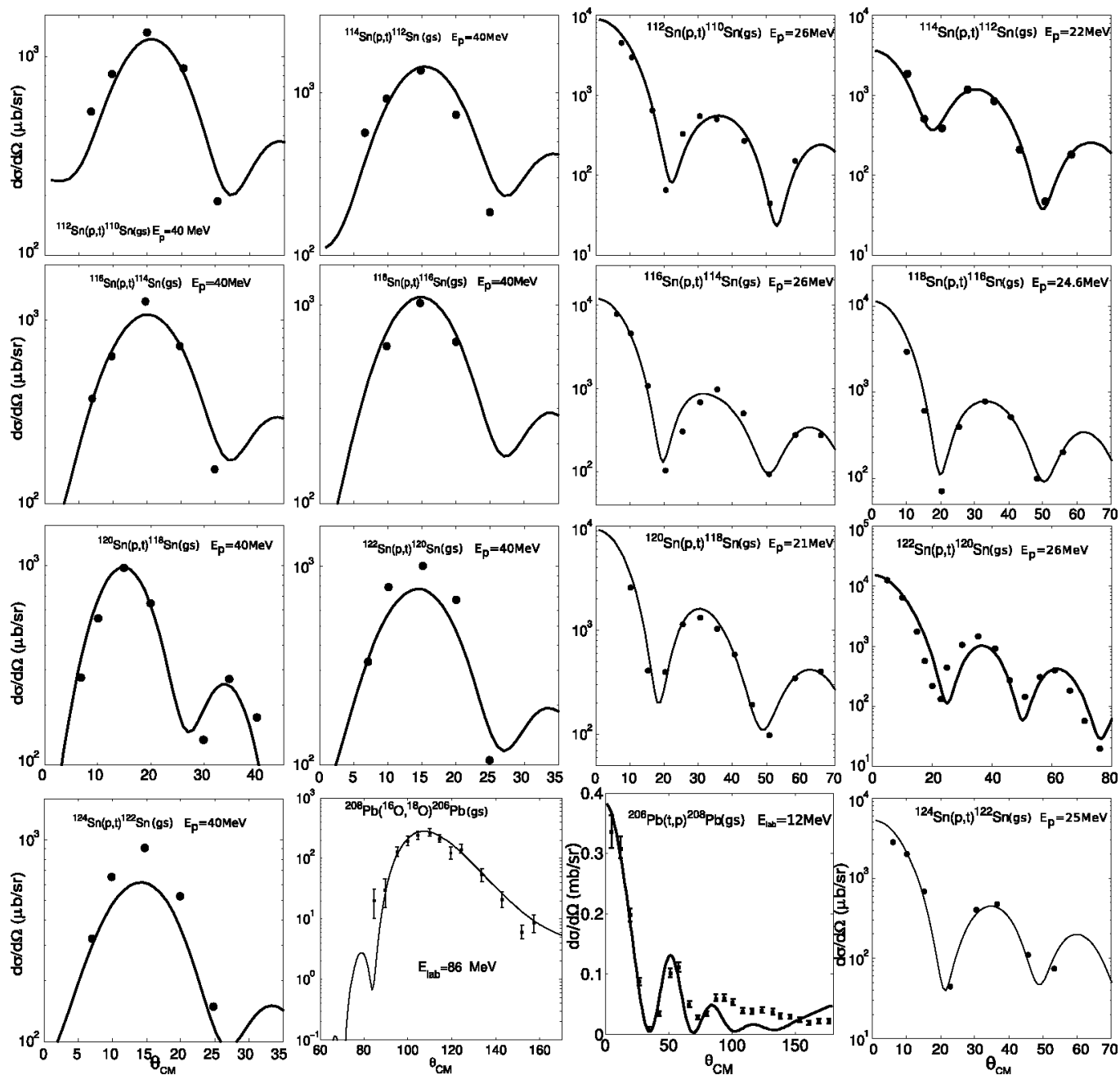
$$T^{(1)} = 2 \sum_{l_i, h_i} \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \int d\mathbf{r}_{tA} d\mathbf{r}_{p1} d\mathbf{r}_{A2} [\phi_{l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0^{0*} \chi_{pB}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}_{pB}) v(r_{p1}) \phi_t(r_{p1}, \sigma_1, r_{p2}, \sigma_2) \chi_{tA}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_{tA}), \quad (38a)$$

successive,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{succ}}^{(2)} = 2 \sum_{l_i, h_i} \sum_{l_f, j_f, m_f} \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \sum_{\sigma_1' \sigma_2'} \int d\mathbf{r}_{dF} d\mathbf{r}_{p1} d\mathbf{r}_{A2} [\phi_{l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0^{0*} \chi_{pB}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}_{pB}) v(r_{p1}) \phi_d(r_{p1}, \sigma_1) \phi_{l_f, j_f, m_f}^{A+1}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2) \\ \times \int d\mathbf{r}_{dF}' d\mathbf{r}_{p1}' d\mathbf{r}_{A2}' G(\mathbf{r}_{dF}, \mathbf{r}_{dF}') \phi_d(r_{p1}', \sigma_1')^* \phi_{l_f, j_f, m_f}^{A+1*}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}', \sigma_2') \frac{2\mu_{dF}}{\hbar^2} v(r_{p2}') \phi_d(r_{p1}', \sigma_1') \phi_d(r_{p2}', \sigma_2') \chi_{tA}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_{tA}'), \end{aligned} \quad (38b)$$

and nonorthogonal,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{NO}}^{(2)} = 2 \sum_{l_i, h_i} \sum_{l_f, j_f, m_f} \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \sum_{\sigma_1' \sigma_2'} \int d\mathbf{r}_{dF} d\mathbf{r}_{p1} d\mathbf{r}_{A2} [\phi_{l_i, h}^{A+2}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0^{0*} \chi_{pB}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}_{pB}) v(r_{p1}) \phi_d(r_{p1}, \sigma_1) \phi_{l_f, j_f, m_f}^{A+1}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2) \\ \times \int d\mathbf{r}_{p1}' d\mathbf{r}_{A2}' d\mathbf{r}_{dF}' \phi_d(r_{p1}', \sigma_1')^* \phi_{l_f, j_f, m_f}^{A+1*}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}', \sigma_2') \phi_d(r_{p1}', \sigma_1') \phi_d(r_{p2}', \sigma_2') \chi_{tA}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_{tA}'), \end{aligned} \quad (38c)$$



New Technical Achievement

	$\sigma(\text{gs} \rightarrow \text{f})$		
	f	Theory ^{a) b) f)}	Experiment ^{f-m)}
${}^7\text{Li}(t, p){}^9\text{Li}$	gs	14.3 ^{c)}	14.7 ± 4.4 ^{c,i)} $[9.4^\circ < \theta < 108.7^\circ]$
${}^1\text{H}({}^{11}\text{Li}, {}^9\text{Li}){}^3\text{H}$	gs	6.1 ^{c)}	5.7 ± 0.9 ^{c,b)} $[20^\circ < \theta < 154.5^\circ]$
	1/2 ⁻	0.7 ^{c)}	1.0 ± 0.36 ^{c,b)} $[30^\circ < \theta < 100^\circ]$
${}^{10}\text{Be}(t, p){}^{12}\text{Be}$	gs	2.3 ^{c)}	1.9 ± 0.57 ^{c,j)} $[4.4^\circ < \theta < 57.4^\circ]$
${}^{48}\text{Ca}(t, p){}^{50}\text{Ca}$	gs	0.55 ^{c)}	0.56 ± 0.17 ^{c,m)} $[4.5^\circ < \theta < 174^\circ]$
${}^{112}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{110}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 26$ MeV	gs	1301 ^{d)}	$1309 \pm 200(\pm 14)$ ^{d,g)} $[6^\circ < \theta < 62.2^\circ]$
${}^{114}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{112}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 22$ MeV	gs	1508 ^{d)}	$1519 \pm 456(\pm 16.2)$ ^{d,g)} $[7.64^\circ < \theta < 62.24^\circ]$
${}^{116}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{114}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 26$ MeV	gs	2078 ^{d)}	$2492 \pm 374(\pm 32)$ ^{d,g)} $[4^\circ < \theta < 70^\circ]$
${}^{118}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{116}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 24.4$ MeV	gs	1304 ^{d)}	$1345 \pm 202(\pm 24)$ ^{d,g)} $[7.63^\circ < \theta < 59.6^\circ]$
${}^{120}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{118}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 21$ MeV	gs	2190 ^{d)}	$2250 \pm 338(\pm 14)$ ^{d,g)} $[7.6^\circ < \theta < 69.7^\circ]$
${}^{122}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{120}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 26$ MeV	gs	2466 ^{d)}	$2505 \pm 376(\pm 18)$ ^{d,g)} $[6^\circ < \theta < 62.2^\circ]$
${}^{124}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{122}\text{Sn}$, $E_{CM} = 25$ MeV	gs	838 ^{d)}	$958 \pm 144(\pm 15)$ ^{d,g)} $[4^\circ < \theta < 57^\circ]$
${}^{112}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{110}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	3349 ^{e)}	3715 ± 1114 ^{e,h)}
${}^{114}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{112}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	3790 ^{e)}	3776 ± 1132 ^{e,h)}
${}^{116}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{114}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	3085 ^{e)}	3135 ± 940 ^{e,h)}
${}^{118}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{116}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	2563 ^{e)}	2294 ± 668 ^{e,h)}
${}^{120}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{118}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	3224 ^{e)}	3024 ± 907 ^{e,h)}
${}^{122}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{120}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	2339 ^{e)}	2907 ± 872 ^{e,h)}
${}^{124}\text{Sn}(p, t){}^{122}\text{Sn}$, $E_p = 40$ MeV	gs	1954 ^{e)}	2558 ± 767 ^{e,h)}
${}^{206}\text{Pb}(t, p){}^{205}\text{Pb}$	gs	0.52 ^{c)}	0.68 ± 0.21 ^{c,k)} $[4.5^\circ < \theta < 176.5^\circ]$
${}^{208}\text{Pb}({}^{16}\text{O}, {}^{18}\text{O}){}^{206}\text{Pb}$	gs	0.80 ^{c)}	0.76 ± 0.18 ^{c,f)} $[84.6^\circ < \theta < 157.3^\circ]$

Table 4:

It is of notice that the number in parenthesis (last column) corresponds to the statistical errors.

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^{c)} mb

^{d)} μb

^{e)} $\mu\text{b/sr}$ ($\sum_{i=1}^N (d\sigma/d\Omega)$; differential cross section summed over the few, $N = 3 - 7$ experimental points).

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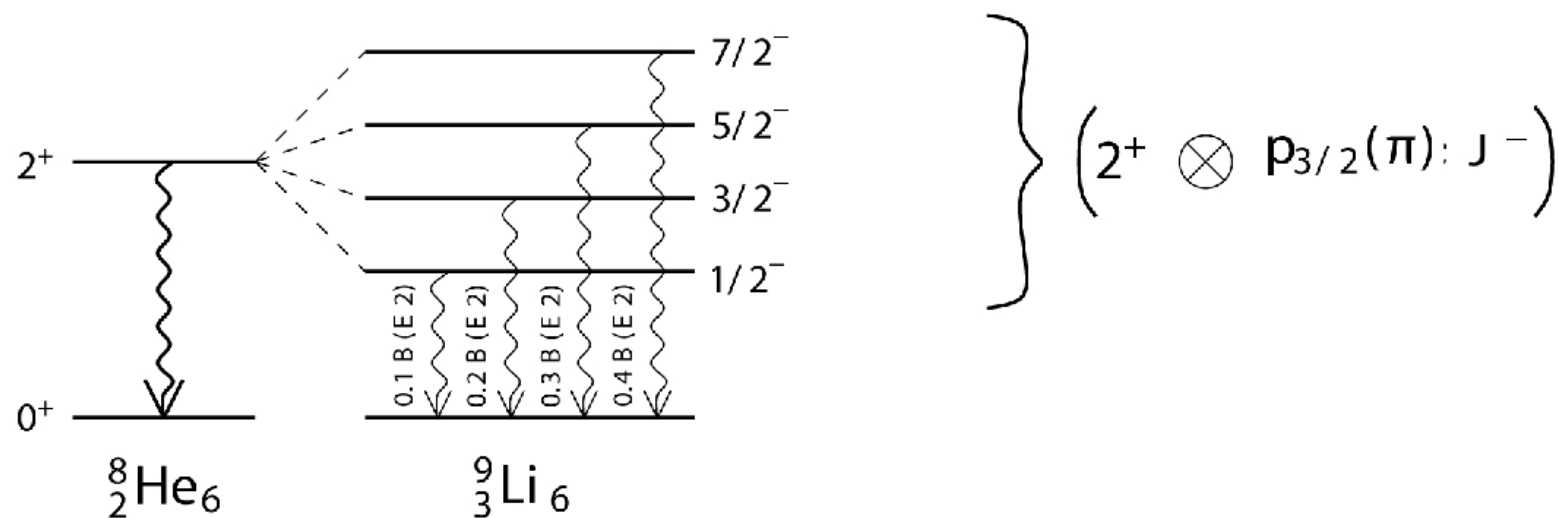
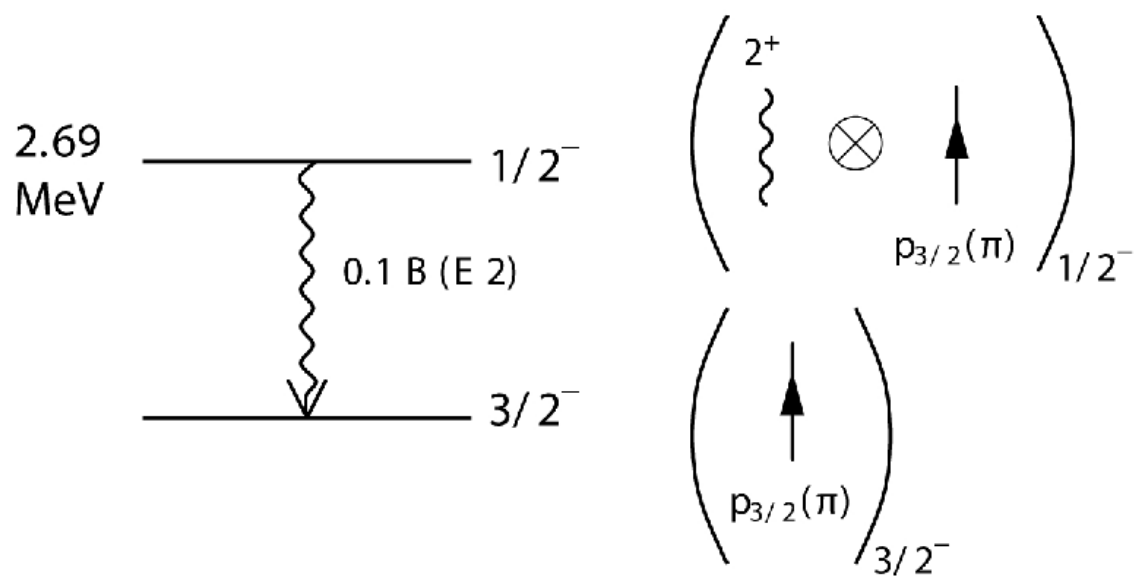
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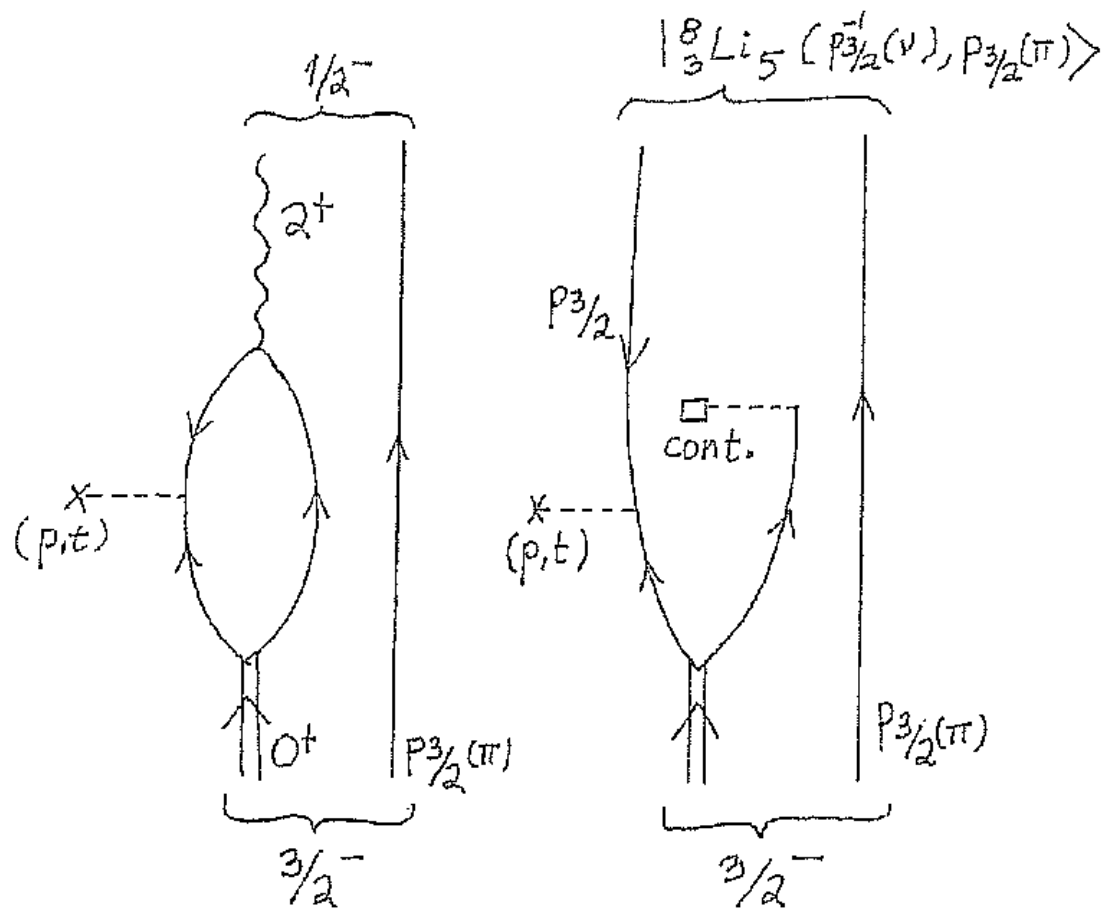
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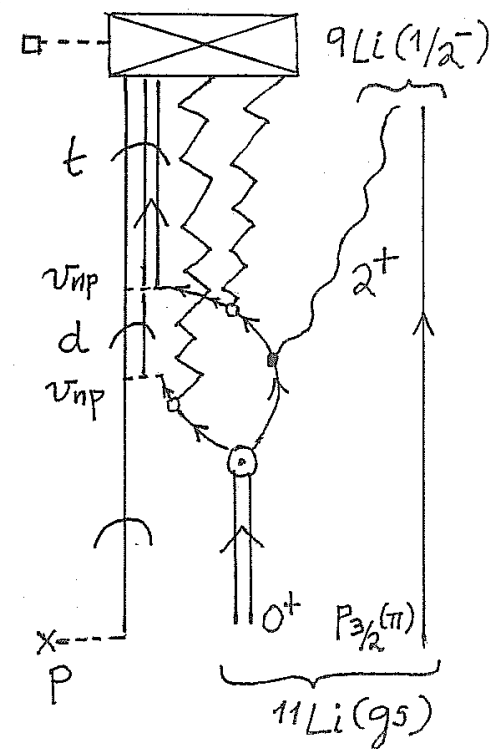
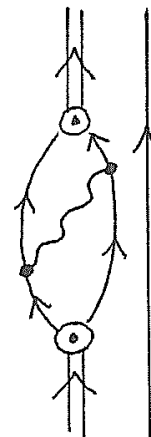
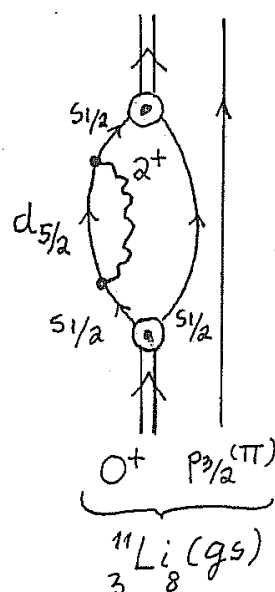
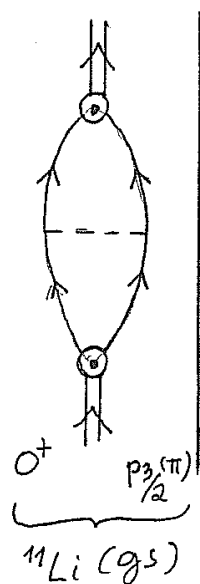


$$|{}^9_3\text{Li}_6(2.69; 1/2^-)\rangle$$



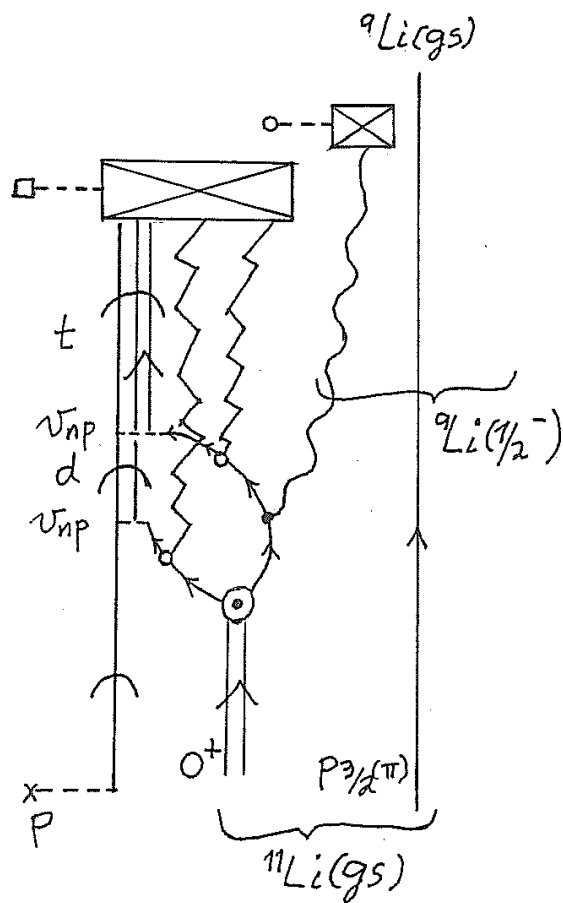
$$|{}^{11}\text{Li}(gs)\rangle$$

$$^1H(^{11}\text{Li}, ^9\text{Li}(1/2^-))^3H$$



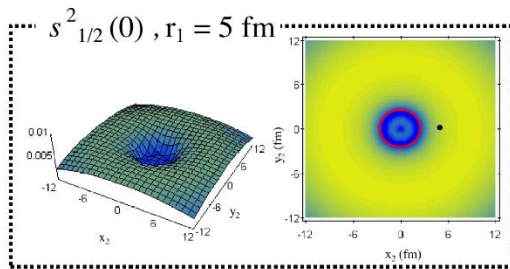
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- ⊙ pair
- surface
- recoil

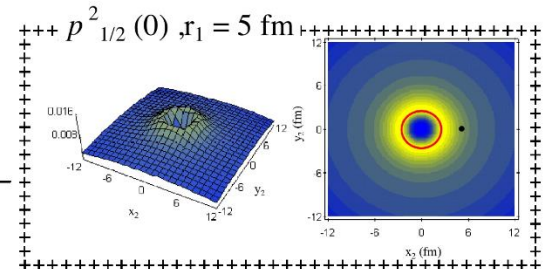


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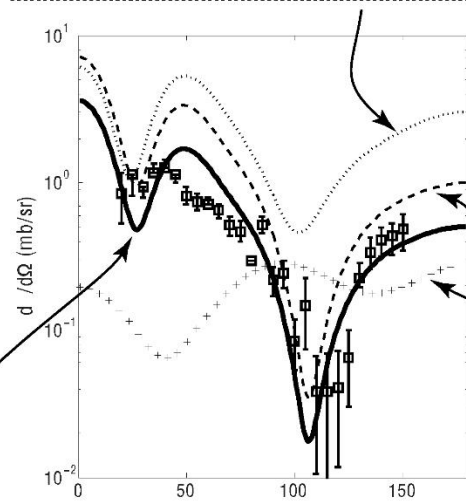
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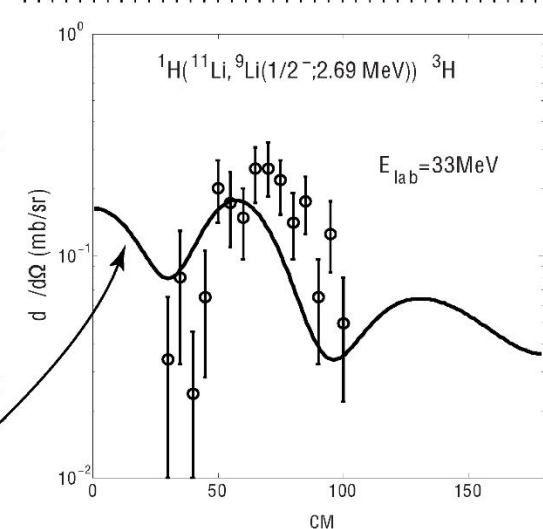
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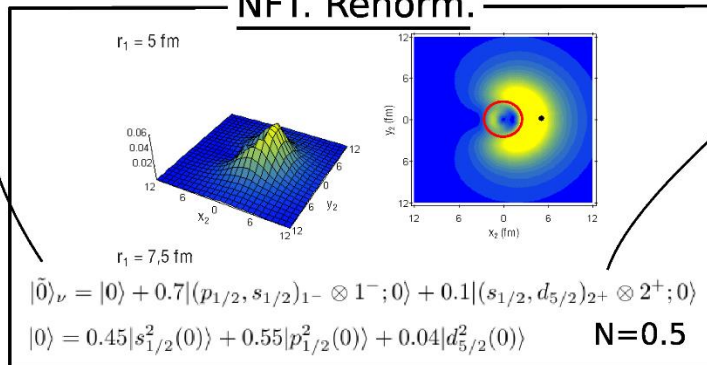
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$$|\tilde{0}\rangle_\nu = |0\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle = 0.63|s^2_{1/2}(0)\rangle + 0.77|p^2_{1/2}(0)\rangle + 0.06|d^2_{5/2}(0)\rangle$$

N=1

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{3}{R_0^3}} \Theta(r - R_0); R_0 = 1.2 A^{1/3} \text{ fm (systematics)}$$

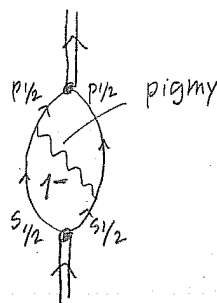
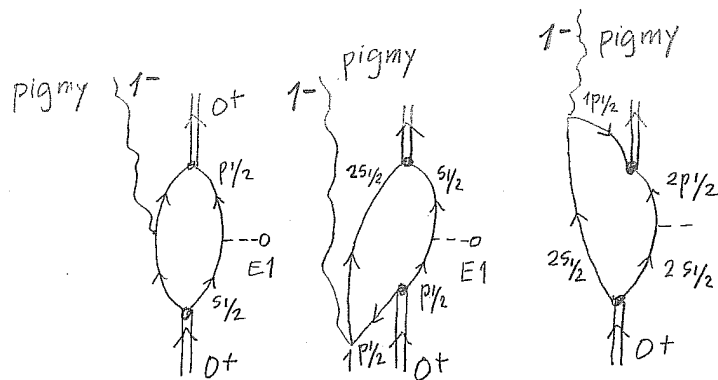
$$\int_0^{R_0} r^2 dr R^2 = \frac{3}{R_0^3} \int_0^{R_0} \frac{dr^3}{3} = 1$$

$$R_{\text{halo}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{R^3}} \Theta(r - R)$$

Two-nucleon overlap ($\mathcal{O} = |\langle \phi_{\text{halo}} | \phi_{\text{syst}} \rangle|^2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O} &= \left(\int_0^{R_0} r^2 dr R_{\text{halo}} R_{\text{syst}} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{R^3}} \sqrt{\frac{3}{R_0^3}} \int_0^{R_0} \frac{dr^3}{3} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

R : halo radius



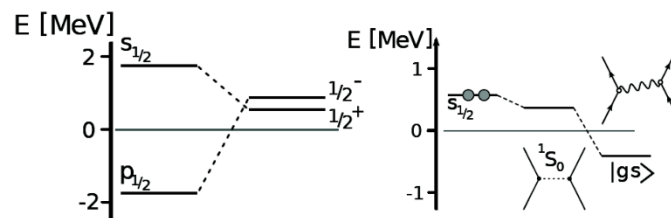
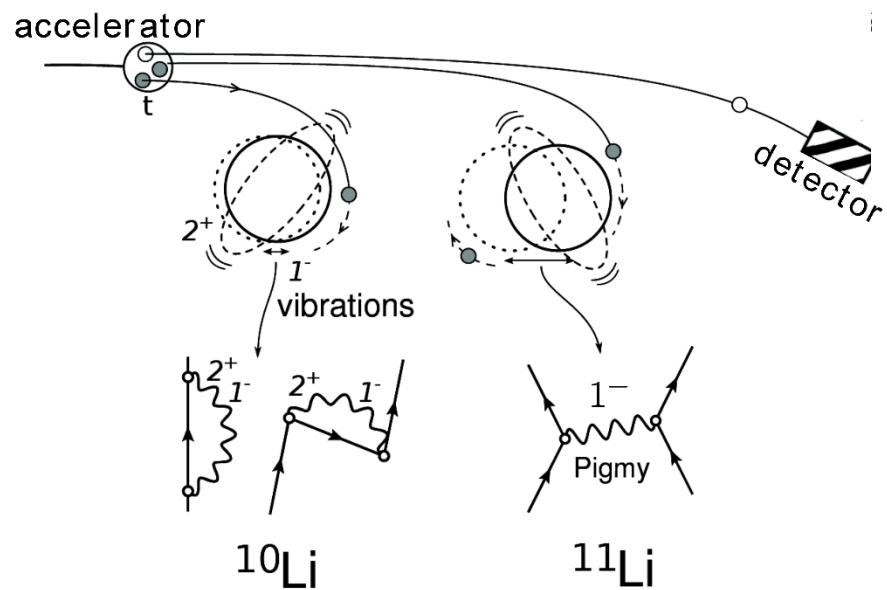
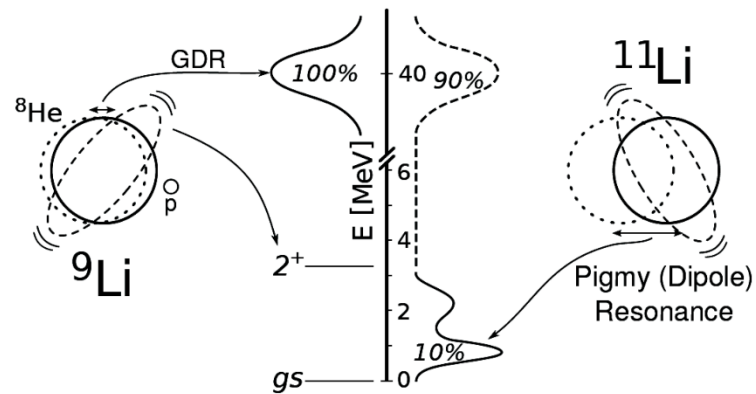
$$\theta \propto \left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right)^3 \approx 0.16$$

(screening
of symm.
term)

The pigmy resonance
can hardly be viewed
but in symbiosis with
the ${}^9\text{Li}$ pair addition
mode (virtual)

extreme inho-
mogeneous damping
(radial degree of freedom
instead of quadrupole def.)

The pigmy resonance
is built on a ground
state with little
overlap with the
gs on which the
GDR is built. Thus,
it is a new mode
of excitation

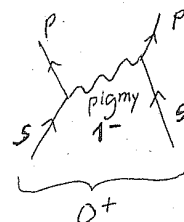


Bootstrap pairing correlations

New physics

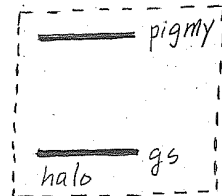
$r \ll 1$
 bare NN-pairing
 screened
 subcritical ($v_{NN} < G_c$)

$$r \approx \theta \approx \left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right)^3$$

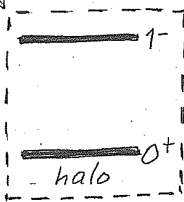


unity

$\theta \ll 1$
 strongly screened
 isospin interaction
 soft E1-mode
 (pigmy 1-)



$^{11}_{3}\text{Li}$



gs

$^{12}_4\text{Be}$

pair addition
 halo mode

$$V(r_{12}) = -4\pi V_0 \delta(|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|)$$

$$M_j = \langle (j)_0^2 | V | (j)_0^2 \rangle = -\frac{2j+1}{2} V_0 \mathbb{I}(j)$$

$$\mathbb{I}(j) = \int_0^{R_0} R_j^4 r^2 dr \quad (R_0 = 1.2 A^{1/3} \text{ fm} \text{ (systematics)})$$

$$R_j \approx \sqrt{\frac{3}{R_0^3} \Theta(R_0)}; \mathbb{I} \approx \frac{3}{R_0^3}$$

Ratio

$$r = \frac{(M_j)_{\text{halo}}}{(M_j)_{\text{syst}}} = \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^3$$

R : halo radius

(halo anti-pairing effect)

dual origin of pairing
in nuclei

$$V_{\text{bare}}(3N\text{-corrs.}) + V_{\text{ind}}$$

^{11}Li V_{ind} Very important
direct and circumstantial evidence

nuclei along stability valley

50% 50%

open problem

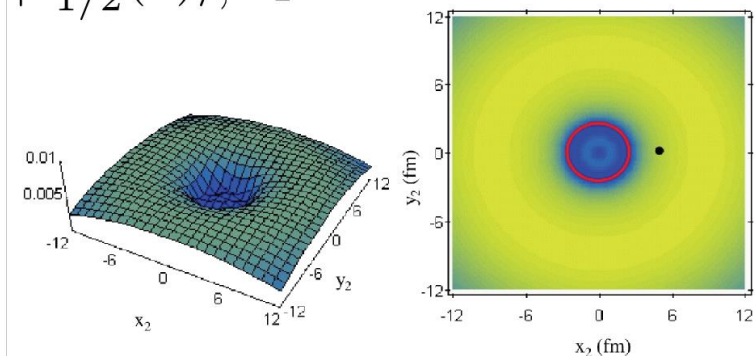
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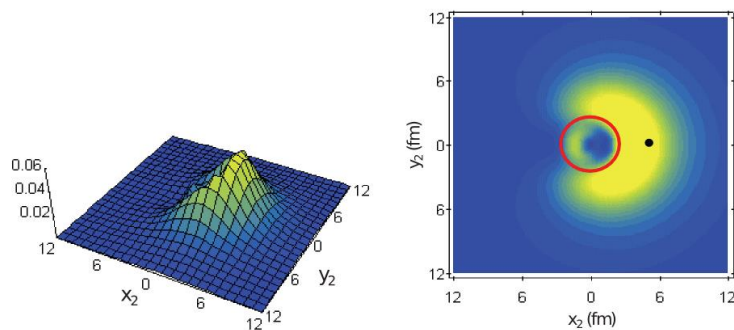
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a) $|s_{1/2}^2(0)\rangle, r_1 = 5 \text{ fm}$



b) $|\tilde{0}\rangle = |0\rangle + 0.7 |(p_{1/2}, s_{1/2})_{1^-} \otimes 1^-; 0\rangle + 0.1 |(s_{1/2}, d_{5/2})_{2^+} \otimes 2^+; 0\rangle$

$r_1 = 5 \text{ fm}$



(II)

(I)

