

Examining nuclei and nuclear models using fast two-nucleon removal

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Two-nucleon removal (knockout) reaction sensitivity

Probe of (spatial) two-nucleon correlations (g.s.)

angular \longleftrightarrow orbital angular momentum

Bottom line:

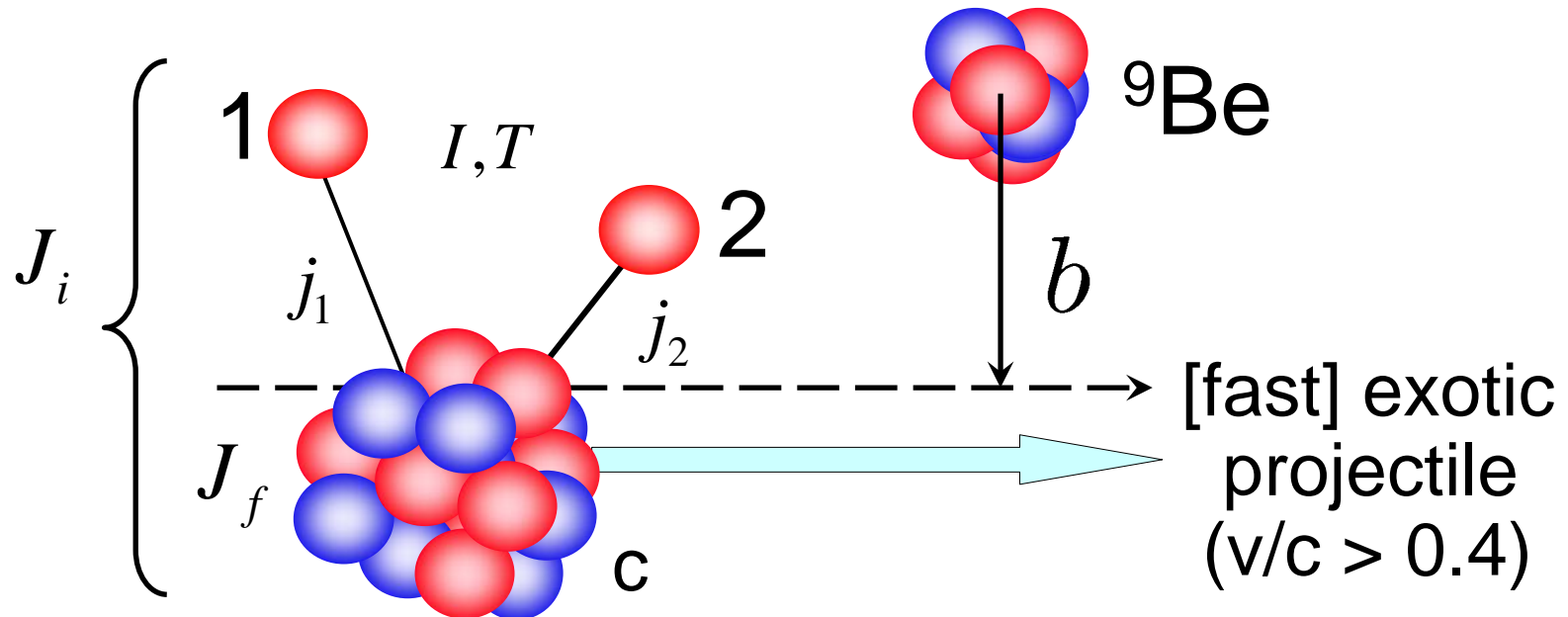
There is a need for data to benchmark and validate predictions for more exclusive final-state observables

Outline of this discussion

1. Removal (knockout) reactions – essentials:
Spatial selectivity - near surface dominance
Thresholds: direct vs indirect (two-step) pathways
2. 2N overlaps, two-particle density – angular correlations – value of the LS representation
3. Limited data sets so far – status - tests
4. The case of $^{12}\text{C}(-2\text{N})$ – asks several questions
5. Summary comments – further test cases?

Probing single particle (shell model) states

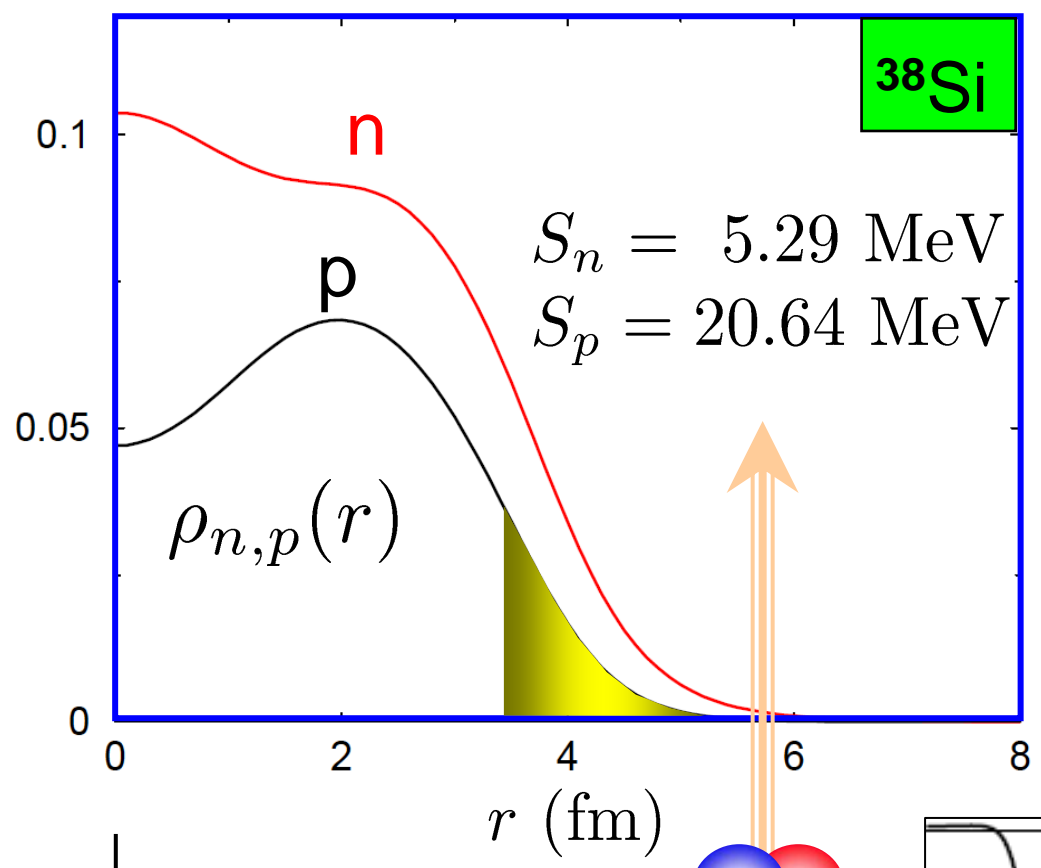
One such experimental option is one or two-nucleon removal – at ~ 100 MeV/nucleon



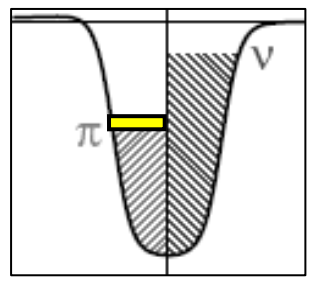
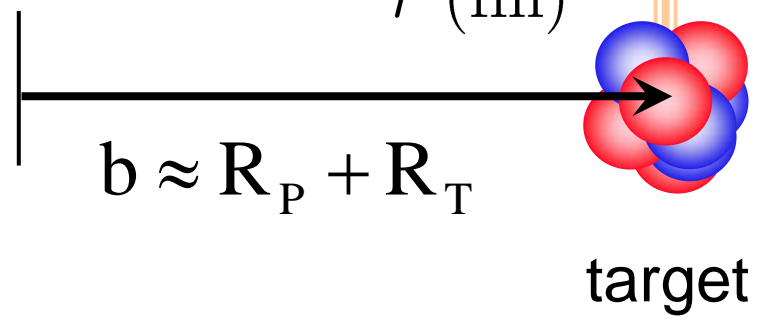
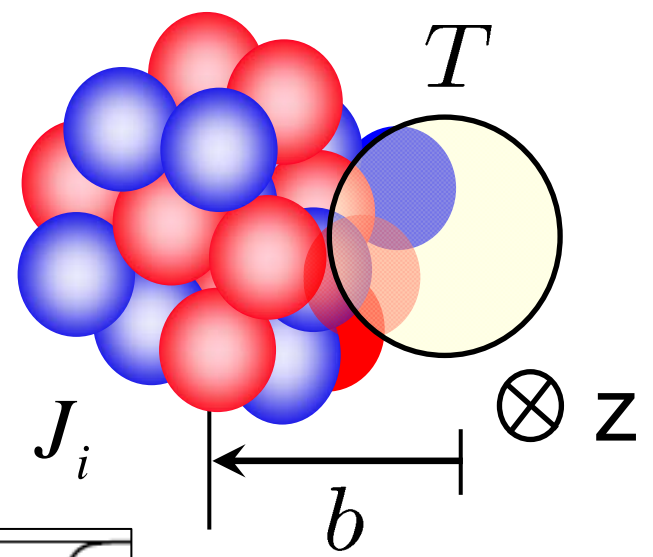
Experiments do not measure target final states. Final state of core c measured – using decay gamma rays.

How can we describe and what can we learn from these?

Removal probes single-nucleon wave functions



Interaction with the target probes wave functions at surface

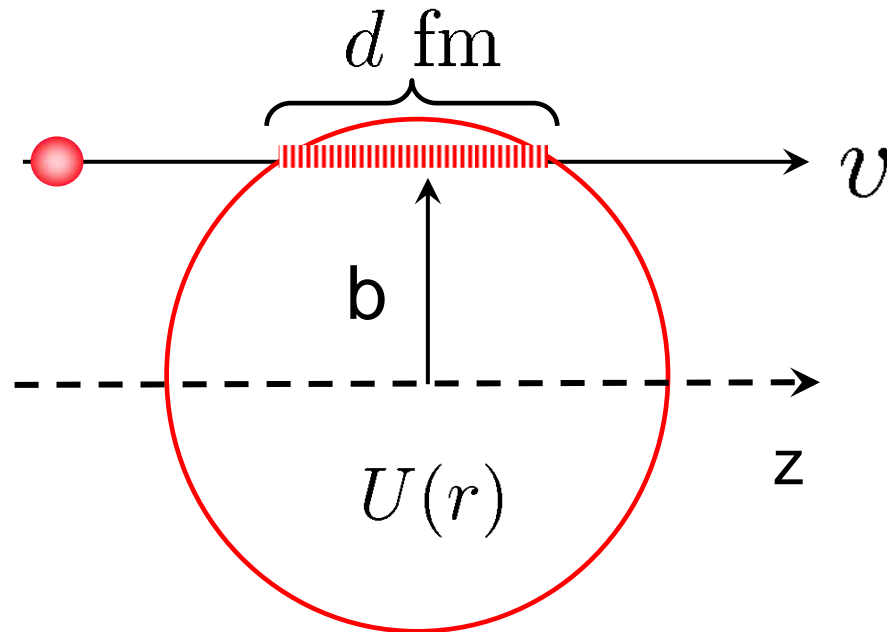


Reaction timescales – surface grazing collisions

For 100 and 250 MeV/u incident energy:

$$\gamma = 1.1, \quad v/c = 0.42, \quad \gamma = 1.25, \quad v/c = 0.6,$$

$$\Delta t = 7.9 \times d \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}, \quad \Delta t = 5.6 \times d \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}$$



Must include all 2 nucleon removal mechanisms

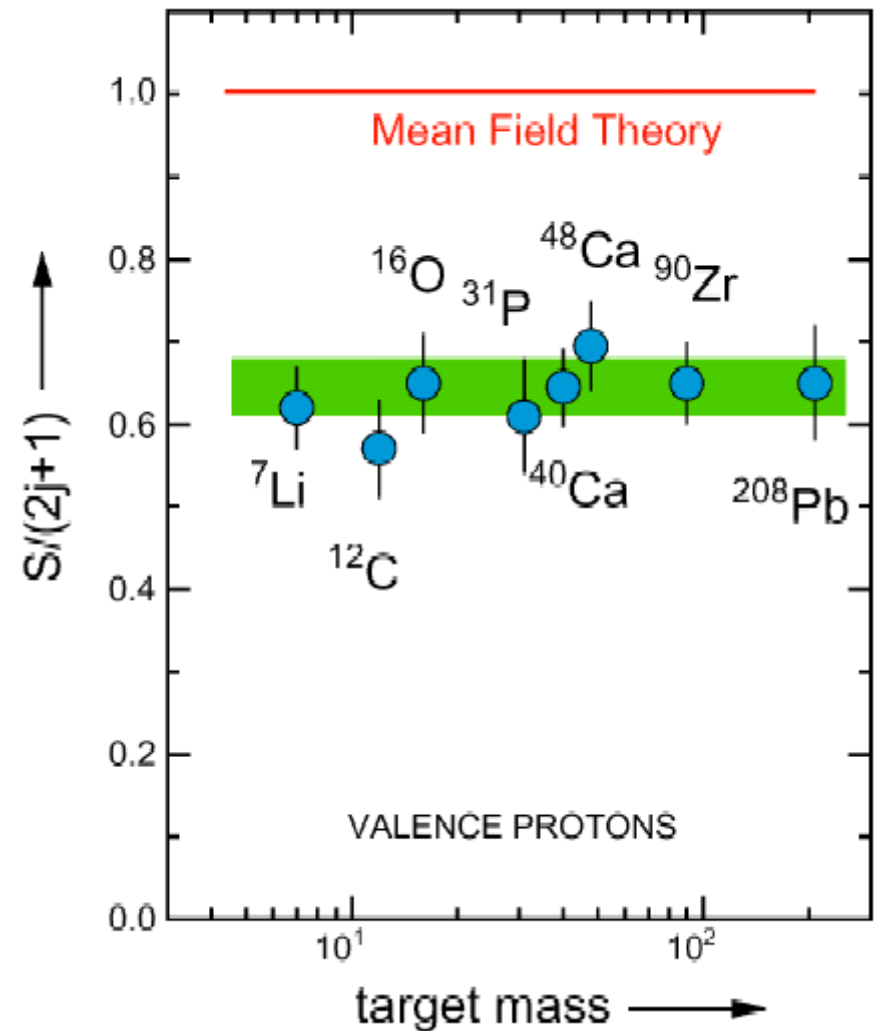
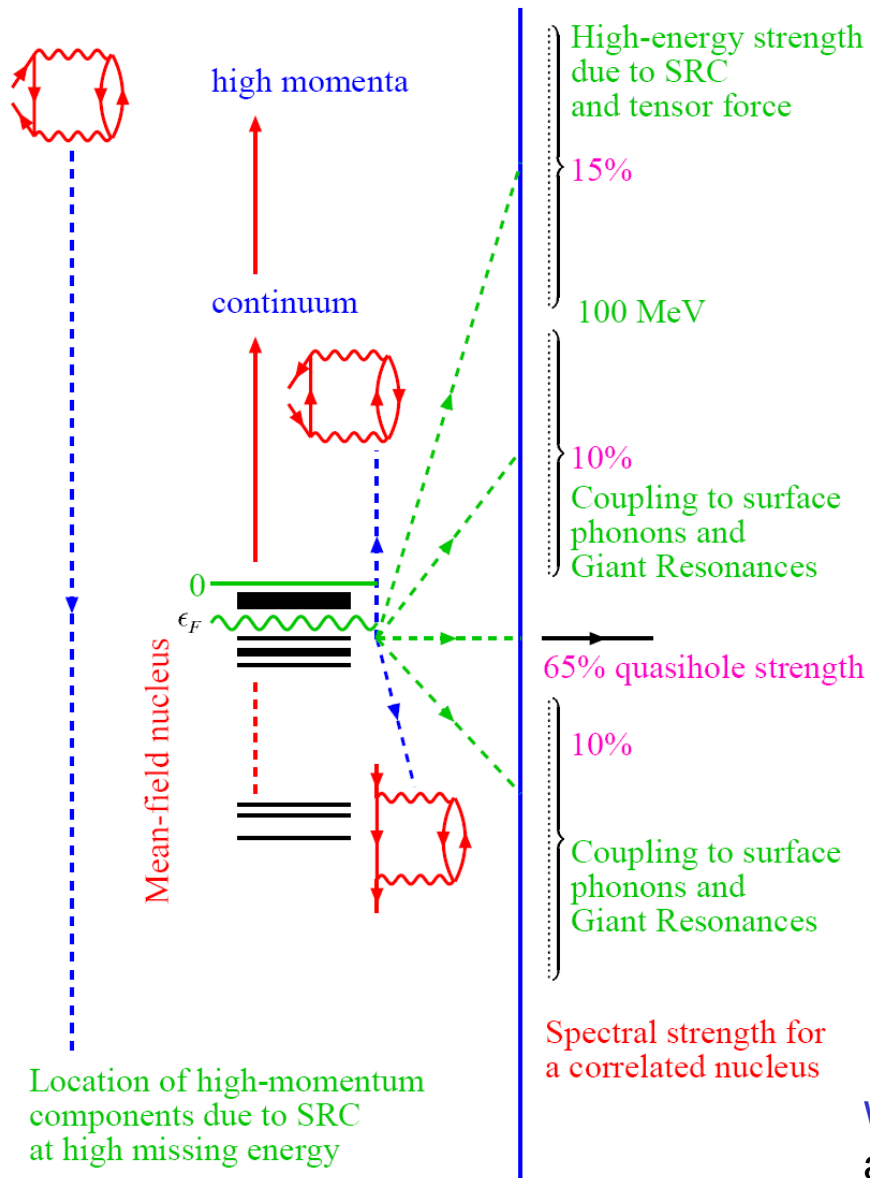
$$\sigma_{abs} \rightarrow 1 - |S_c|^2 |S_1|^2 |S_2|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= [|S_c|^2 + \cancel{(1 - |S_c|^2)}] \\
 &\times [|S_1|^2 + (1 - |S_1|^2)] \\
 &\times [|S_2|^2 + (1 - |S_2|^2)]
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} 1 \\ \times \\ \times \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{core survival} \\ \text{and nucleon} \\ \text{“ removal ”} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{abs}^{KO} &\rightarrow |S_c|^2 (1 - |S_1|^2)(1 - |S_2|^2) \quad \text{2N stripping} \\
 &+ |S_c|^2 |S_1|^2 (1 - |S_2|^2) \\
 &+ |S_c|^2 (1 - |S_1|^2) |S_2|^2
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \sigma_{abs}^{KO} \\ + \\ + \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{1N stripped} \\ \text{1N diffracted} \end{array}$$

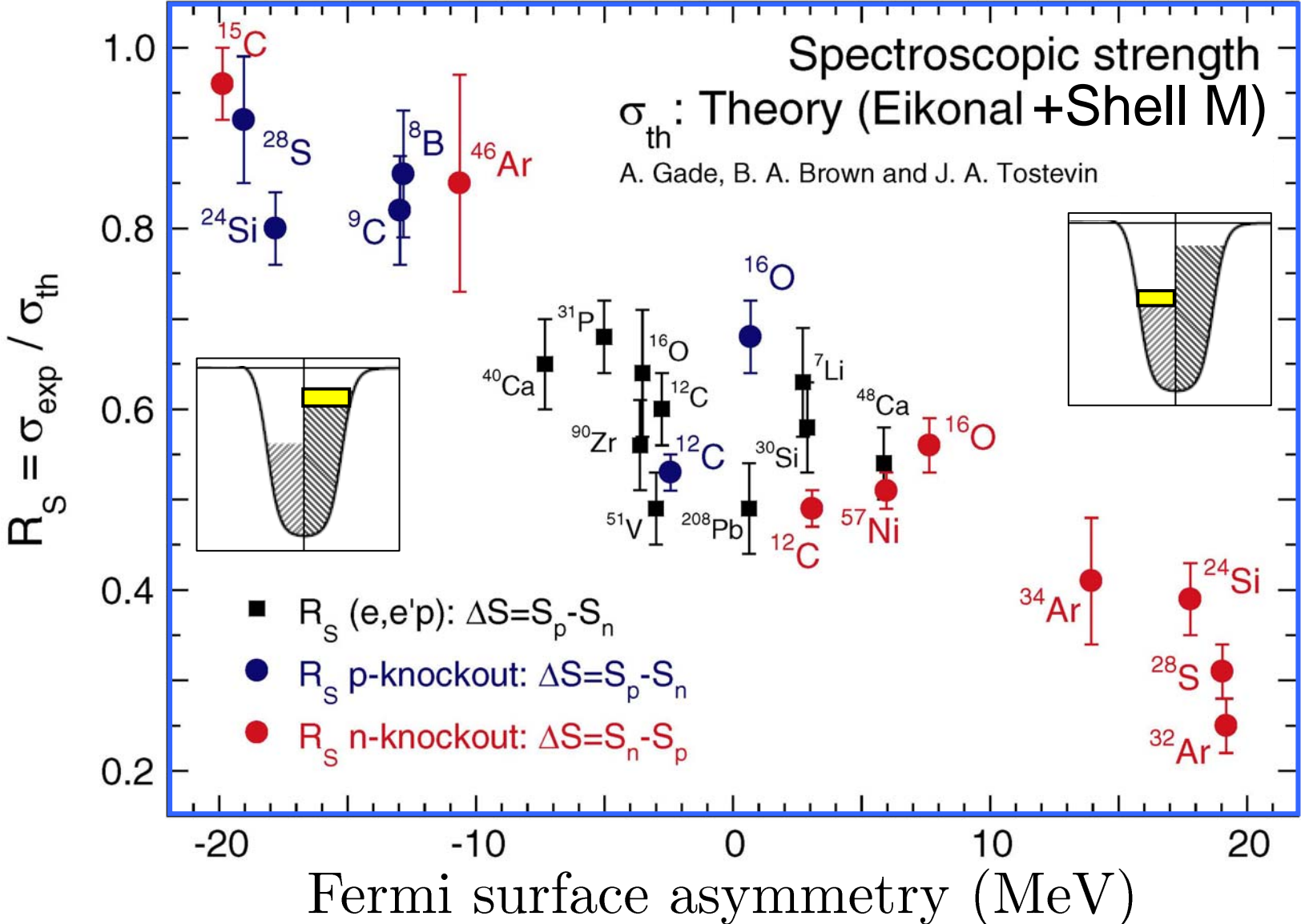
+ 2N diffraction contributions $\approx 6 - 8\%$

Strength from e-induced knockout – stable nuclei

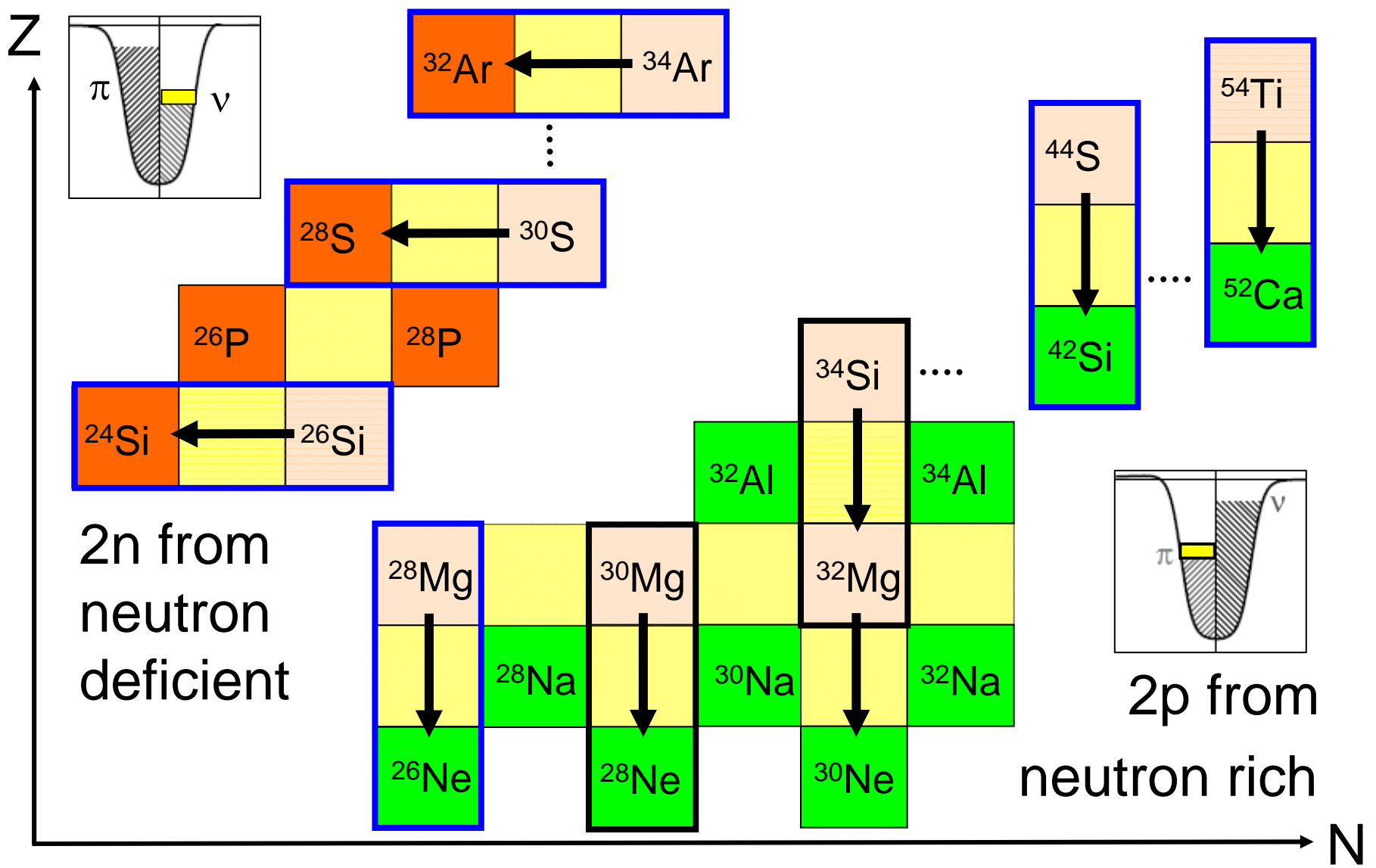


W. Dickhoff and C. Barbieri, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics **52** 377 (2004)

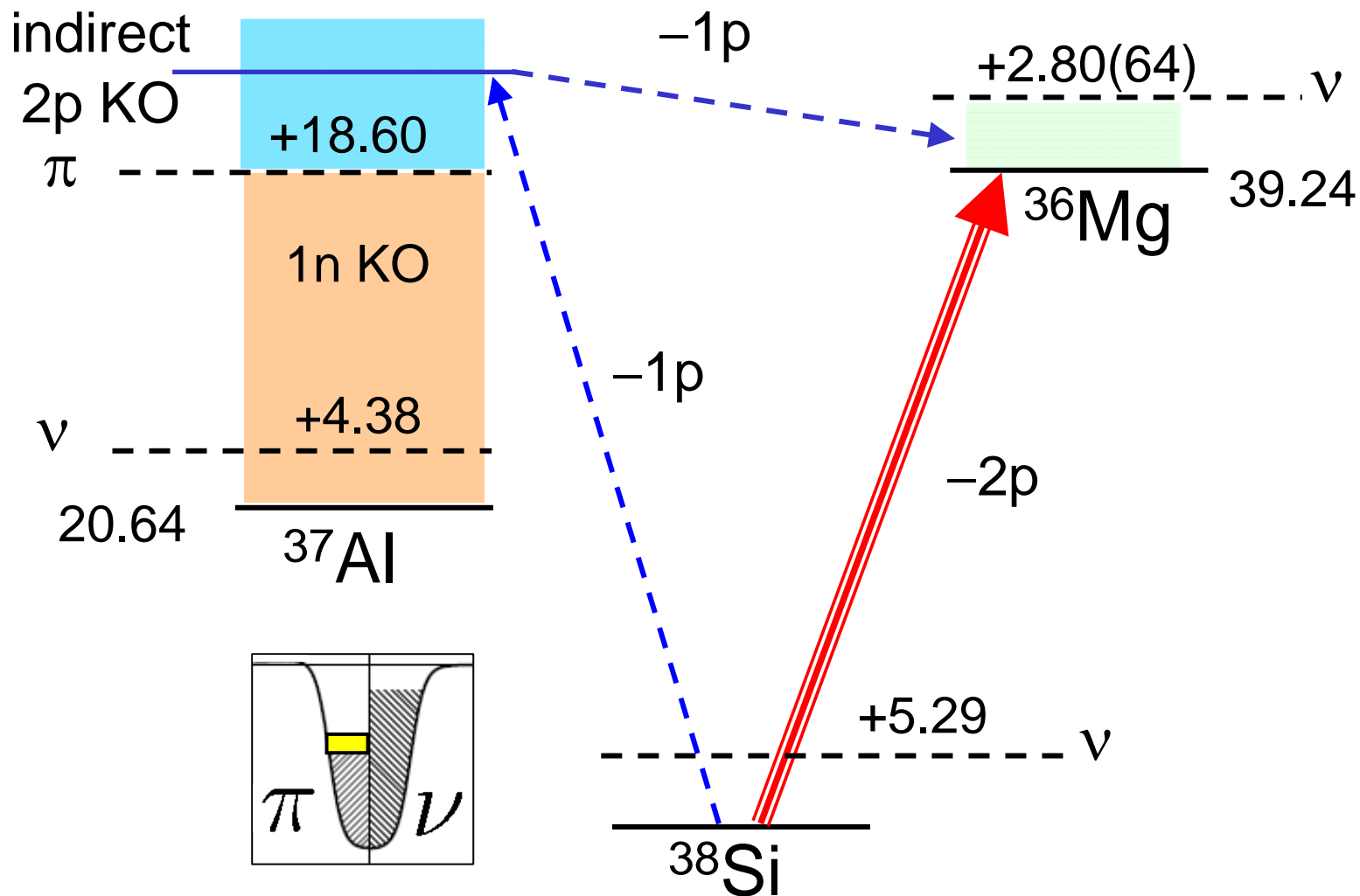
Removal strengths at the two Fermi surface(s)



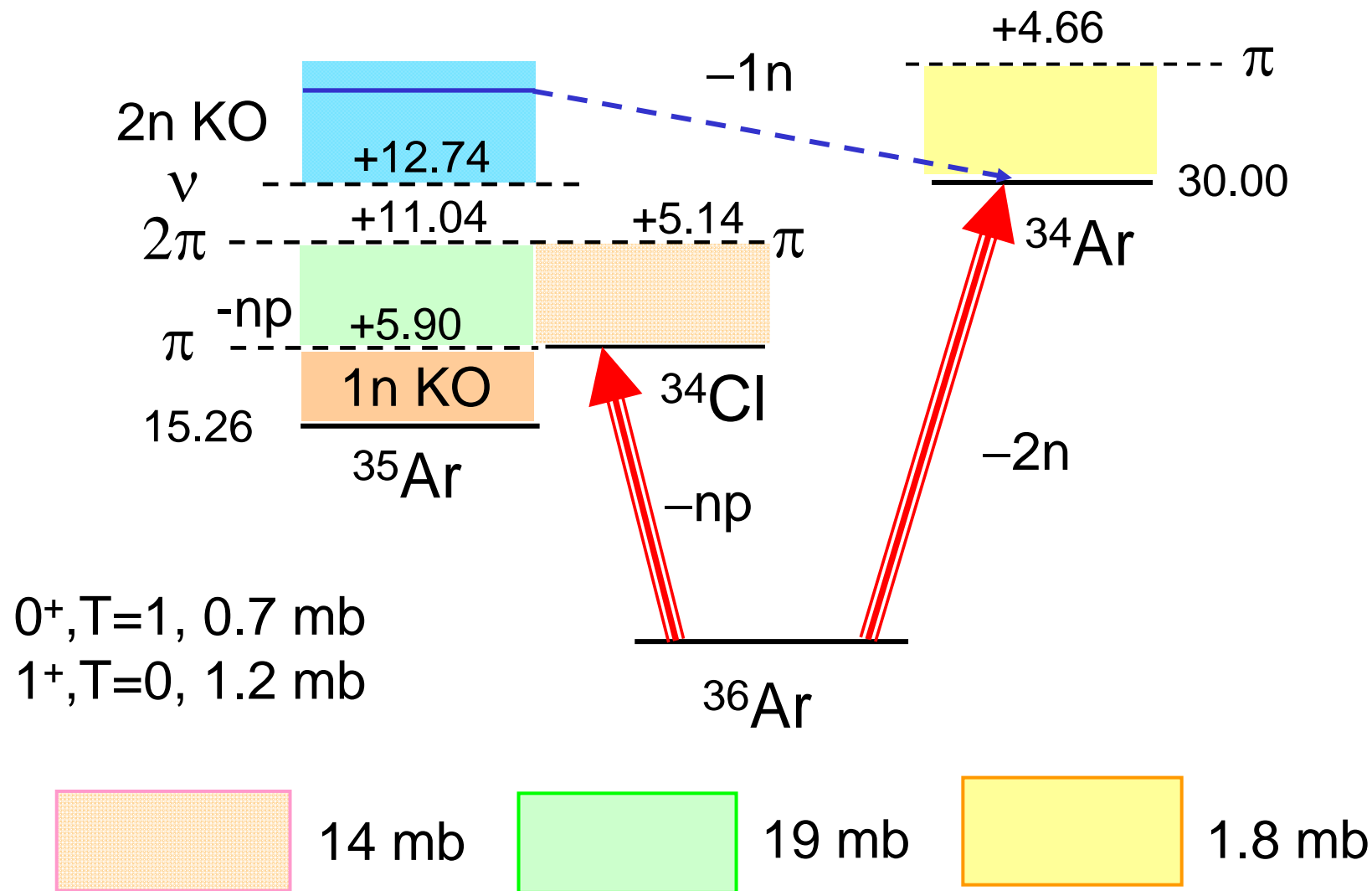
Two nucleon knockout – direct reaction set



Direct two-proton removal reaction mechanism



-np: direct and indirect – really hard



Structure interface – via the two-nucleon overlaps

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{J_i M_i}^{(f)}(1,2) &\equiv \langle \Phi_{J_f M_f}(A) | \Psi_{J_i M_i}(A, 1, 2) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{I \mu \alpha} C_{\alpha}^{J_i J_f I} (I \mu J_f M_f | J_i M_i) \overline{[\phi_{j_1}(1) \otimes \phi_{j_2}(2)]_{I \mu}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{[\phi_{j_1}(1) \otimes \phi_{j_2}(2)]_{I \mu}} = -N_{12} \langle 1, 2 | [a_{j_1}^{\dagger} \otimes a_{j_2}^{\dagger}]_{I \mu} | 0 \rangle$$

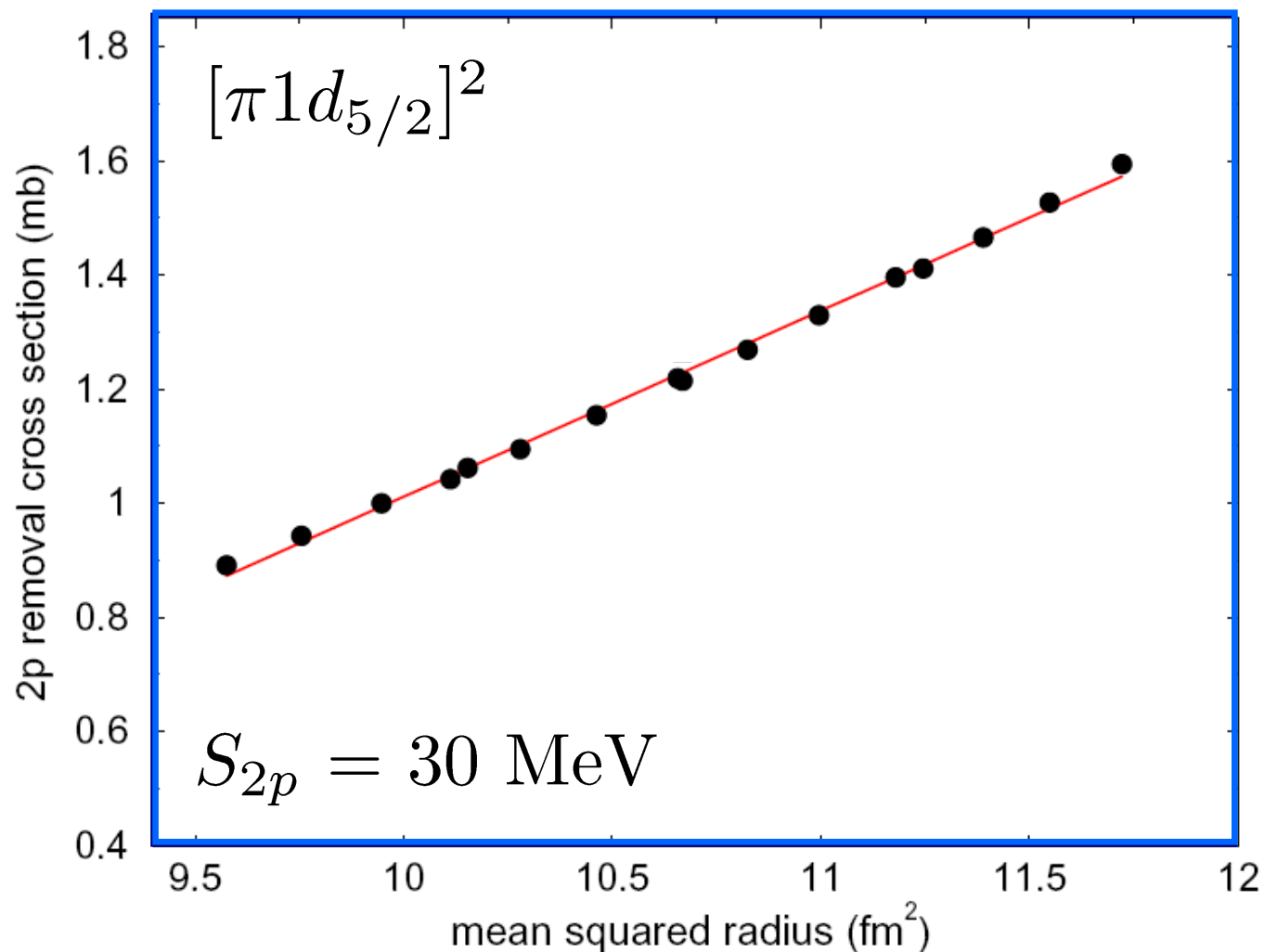
$$D_{\alpha} = N_{12} / \sqrt{2} = 1 / \sqrt{2(1 + \delta_{12})}$$

We use this AS IS – no Moshinsky, NN relative s-states projection ... no light-ion vertex restrictions

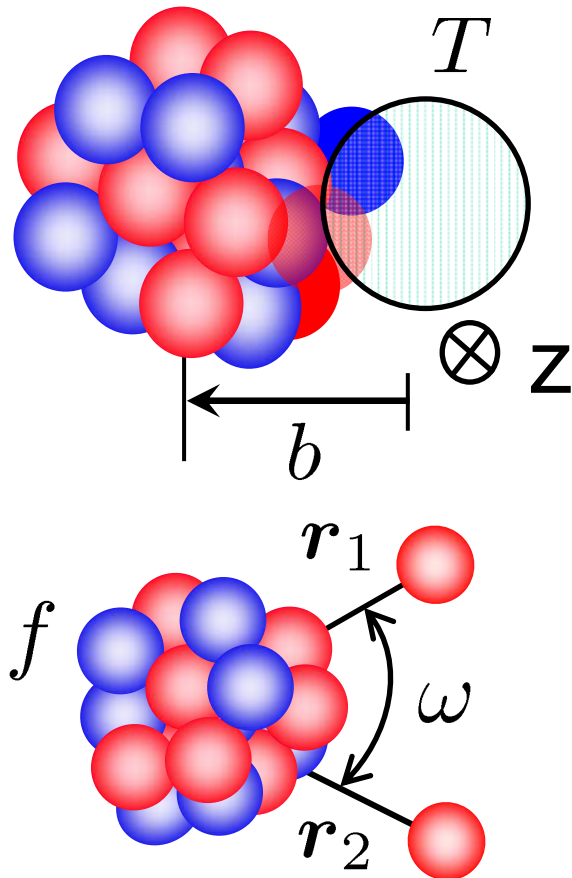
with $J_i = 0^+$ jj -two-nucleon amplitudes – TNA

$$F_{IM}(1,2) = \sum_{j_1 j_2} (-)^{I+M} \boxed{C(j_1 j_2 I)} / \hat{I} \overline{[\phi_{j_1 m_1} \otimes \phi_{j_2 m_2}]_{I-M}}$$

Sensitivity to s.p. orbitals – correlation with radii

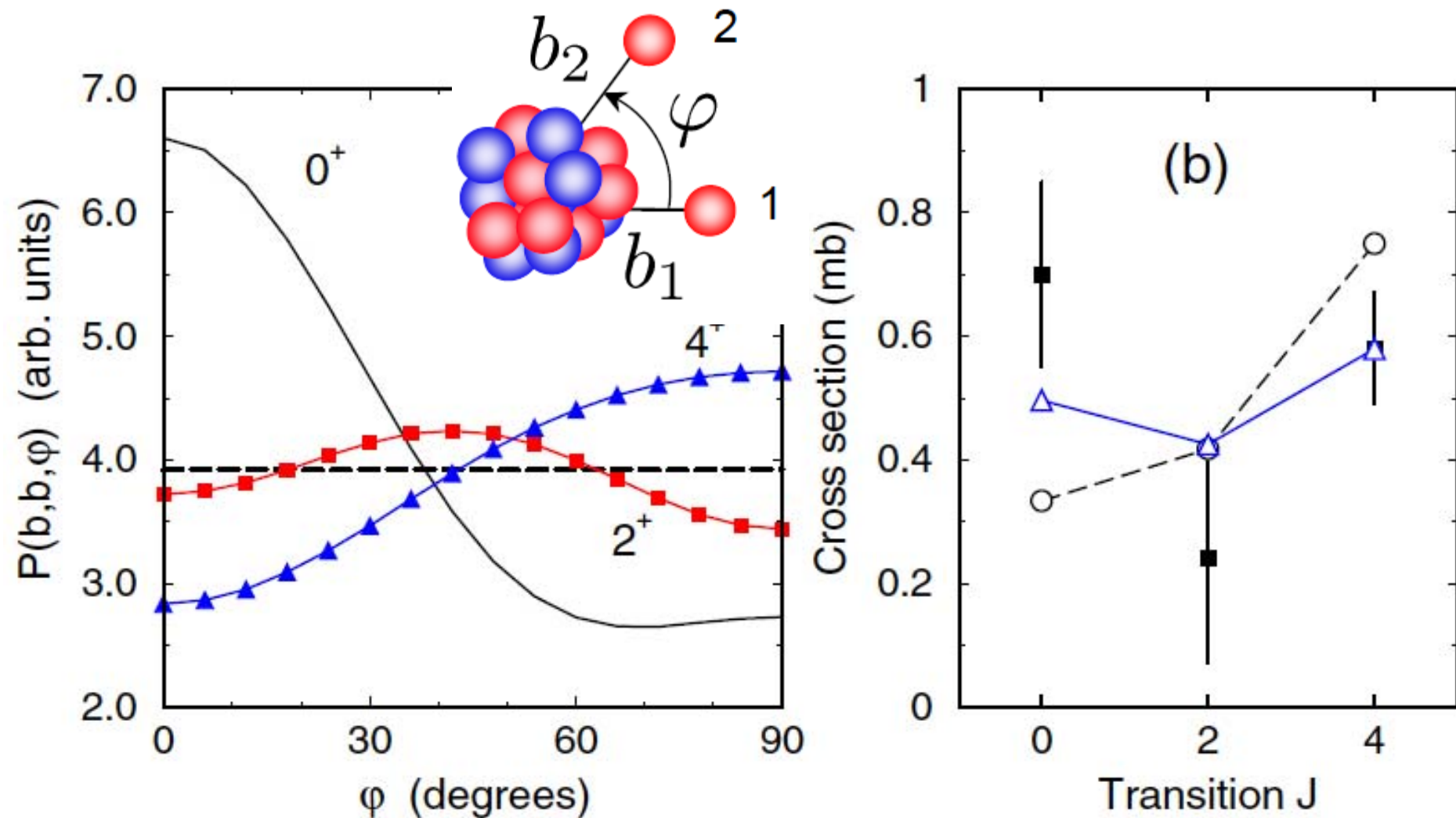


Target drills a cylindrical volume at projectile surface



- (i) 2N removal cross sections will be sensitive to the spatial correlations of pairs of nucleons near the surface
- (ii) No spin selection rule (for $S=0$ versus $S=1$ pairs) in this 2N removal reaction mechanism
- (iii) Expectation of the sensitivity to correlations can be predicted from 2N overlaps in the sampled volume
- (iv) No linear or angular momentum mismatch – mechanism ‘sees’ ALL hole-like-state configurations

Correlations (cfp) of two $d_{5/2}$ protons in ^{28}Mg

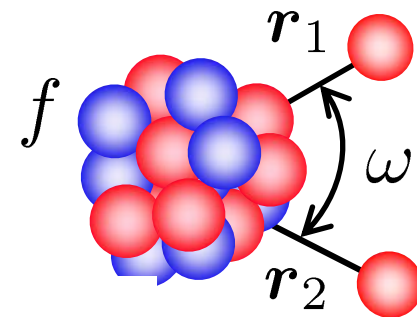


$b=2.5$ fm, for $[d_{5/2}]^2$ two-proton removal from ^{28}Mg

Two-nucleon position correlations

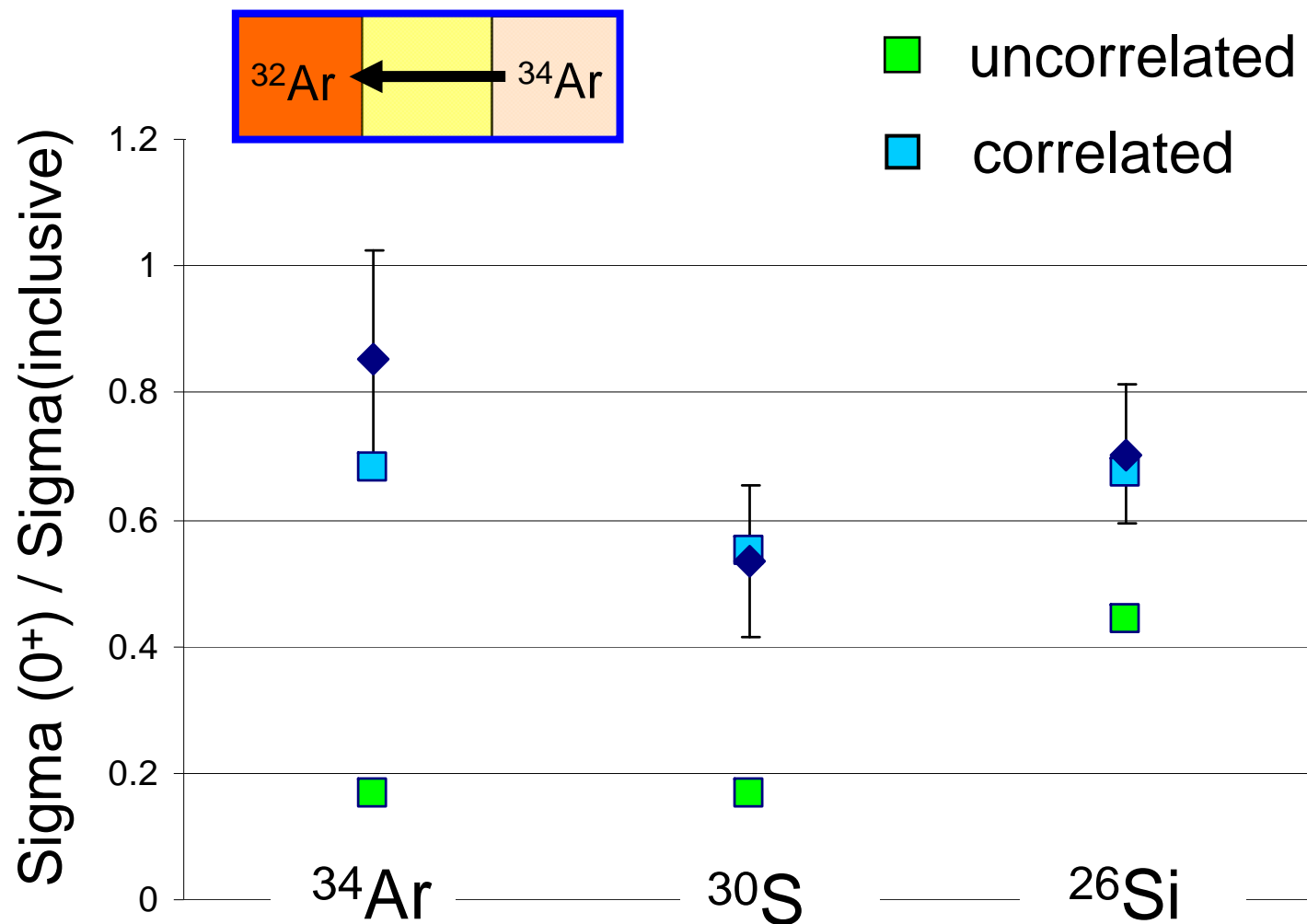
Summing over spins (to which we are insensitive) the two nucleon joint-position probability is:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_f(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) &= \frac{1}{\hat{J}_i^2} \sum_{M_i M_f} \langle \Psi_i^{(F)} | \Psi_i^{(F)} \rangle_{sp} \\ &= \sum_{LST} \sum_{I\alpha\alpha'} \frac{\mathfrak{e}_{\alpha LS}^{IT} \mathfrak{e}_{\alpha' LS}^{IT} D_\alpha D_{\alpha'}}{\hat{L}^2} (T\tau T_f \tau_f | T_i \tau_i)^2 \\ &\quad \times [U_{\alpha\alpha'}^D(r_1, r_2) \Gamma^{L,D}(\omega) \\ &\quad - (-)^{S+T} U_{\alpha\alpha'}^E(r_1, r_2) \Gamma^{L,E}(\omega)], \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell'_1 \ell'_2}^L(\omega) &= (-1)^L \frac{\hat{\ell}_1 \hat{\ell}'_1 \hat{\ell}_2 \hat{\ell}'_2 \hat{L}^2}{(4\pi)^2} \sum_k W(\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell'_1 \ell'_2; Lk) \\ &\quad \times (-1)^k (\ell_1 0 \ell'_1 0 | k 0) (\ell_2 0 \ell'_2 0 | k 0) P_k(\cos \omega) \end{aligned}$$

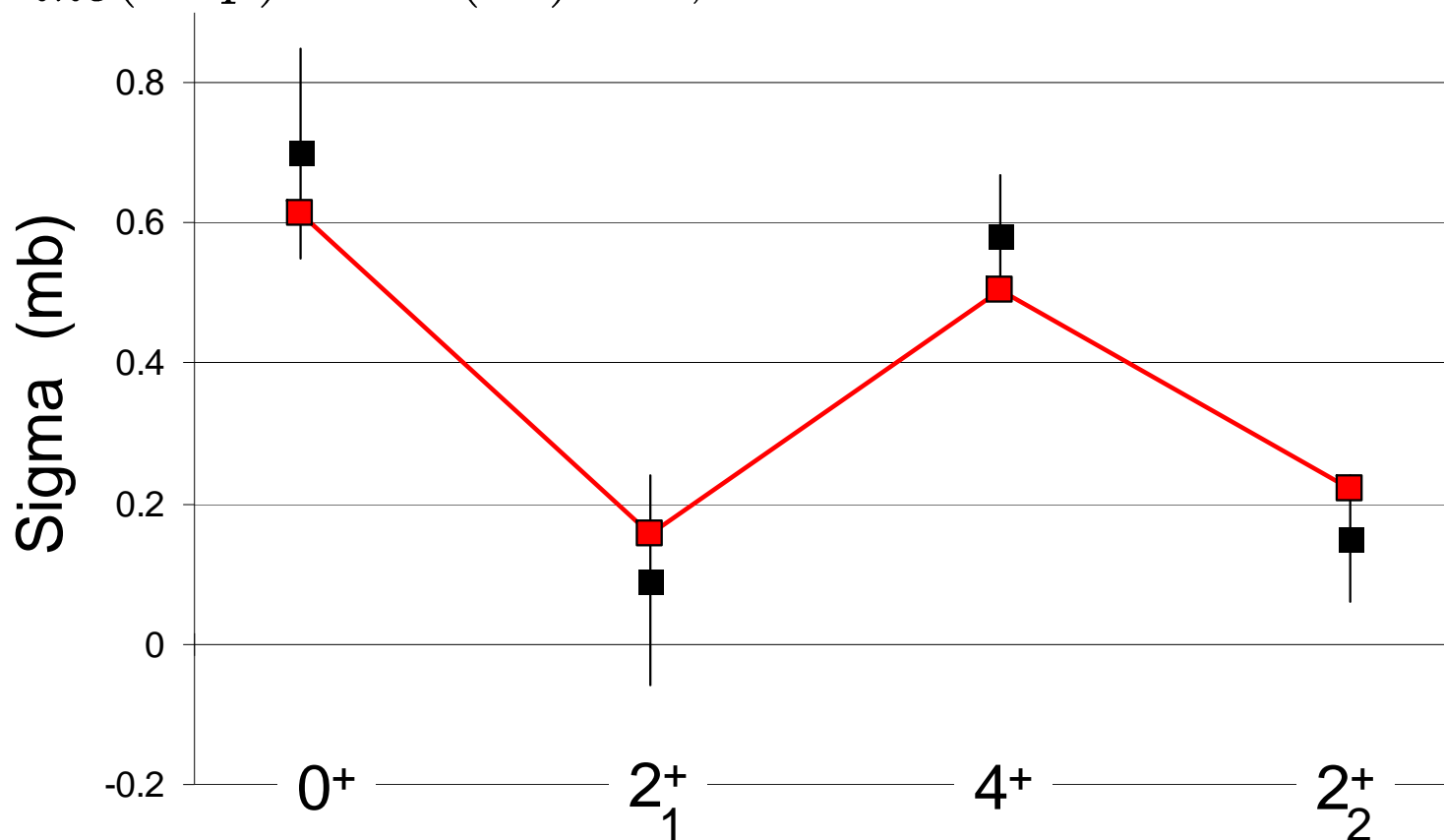
Two-neutron removal – g.s. branching ratios



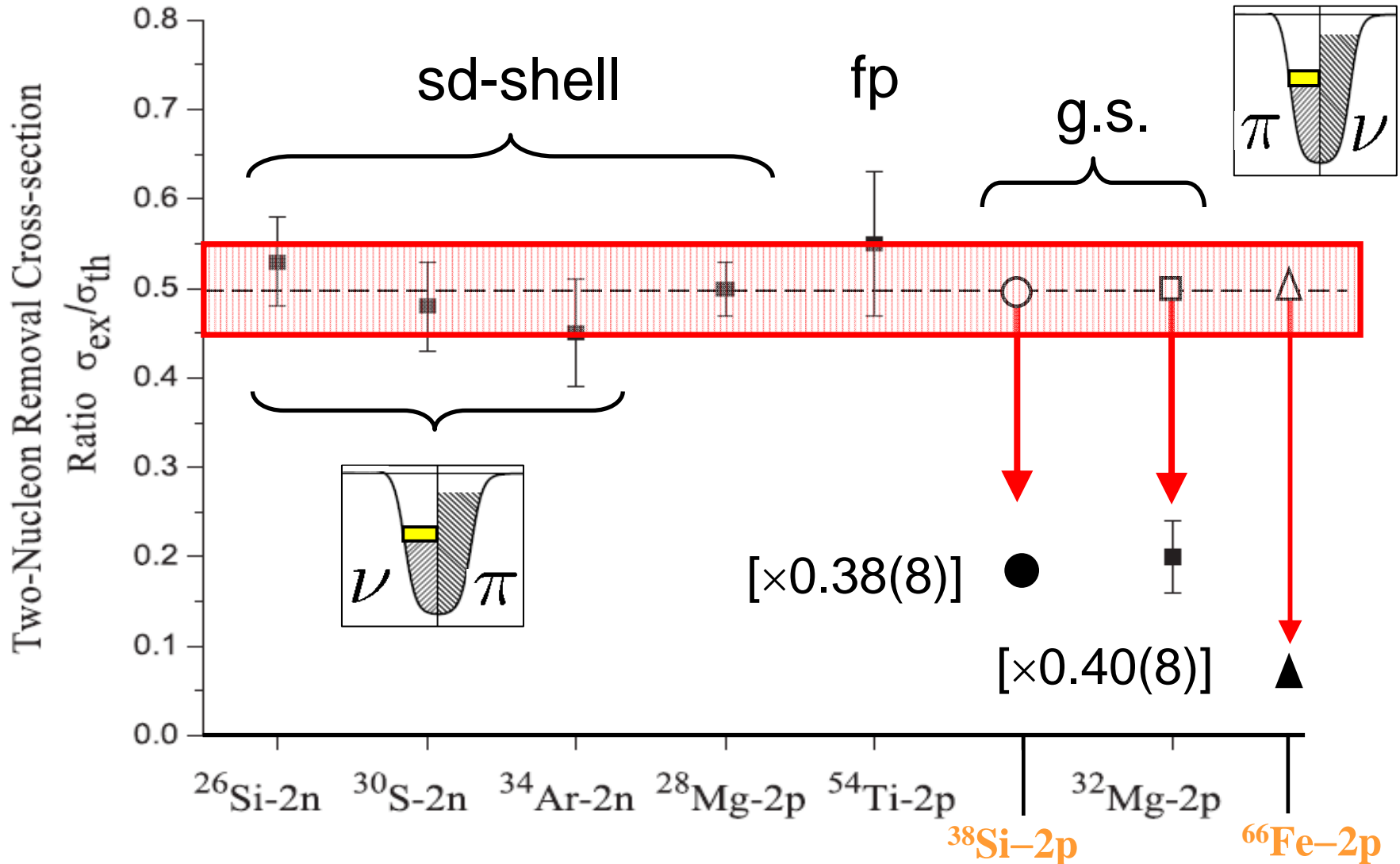
Knockout cross sections – correlated case

$^{28}\text{Mg} \rightarrow ^{26}\text{Ne}(0^+, 2^+, 4^+, 2_2^+) \quad 82.3 \text{ MeV/u}$

$\sigma_{inc}(-2p) = 1.50(10) \text{ mb}$,



Mapping rapid changes of structure: a challenge

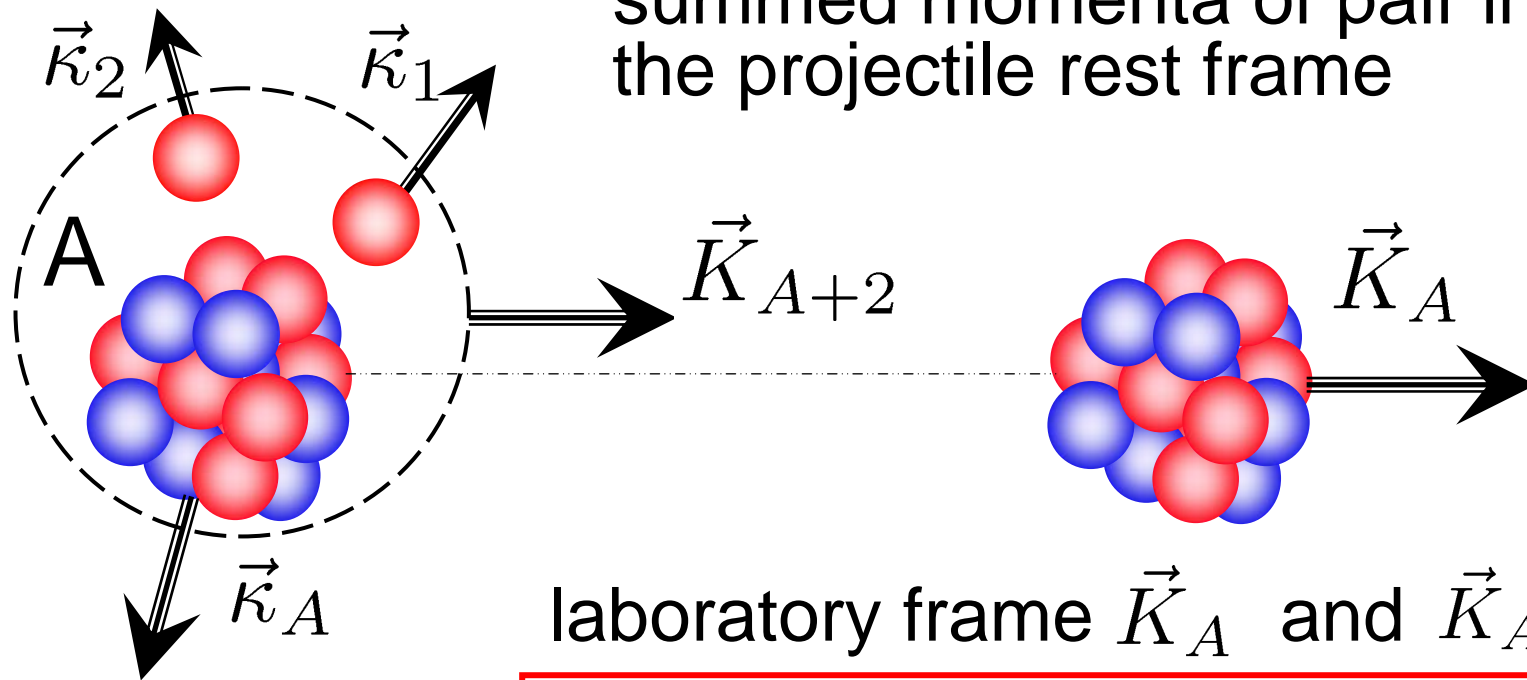


P. Fallon et al., PRC **81**, 041302(R) (2010)

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Sudden nucleon removal from the mass A residue

Sudden removal: residue momenta probe the summed momenta of pair in the projectile rest frame

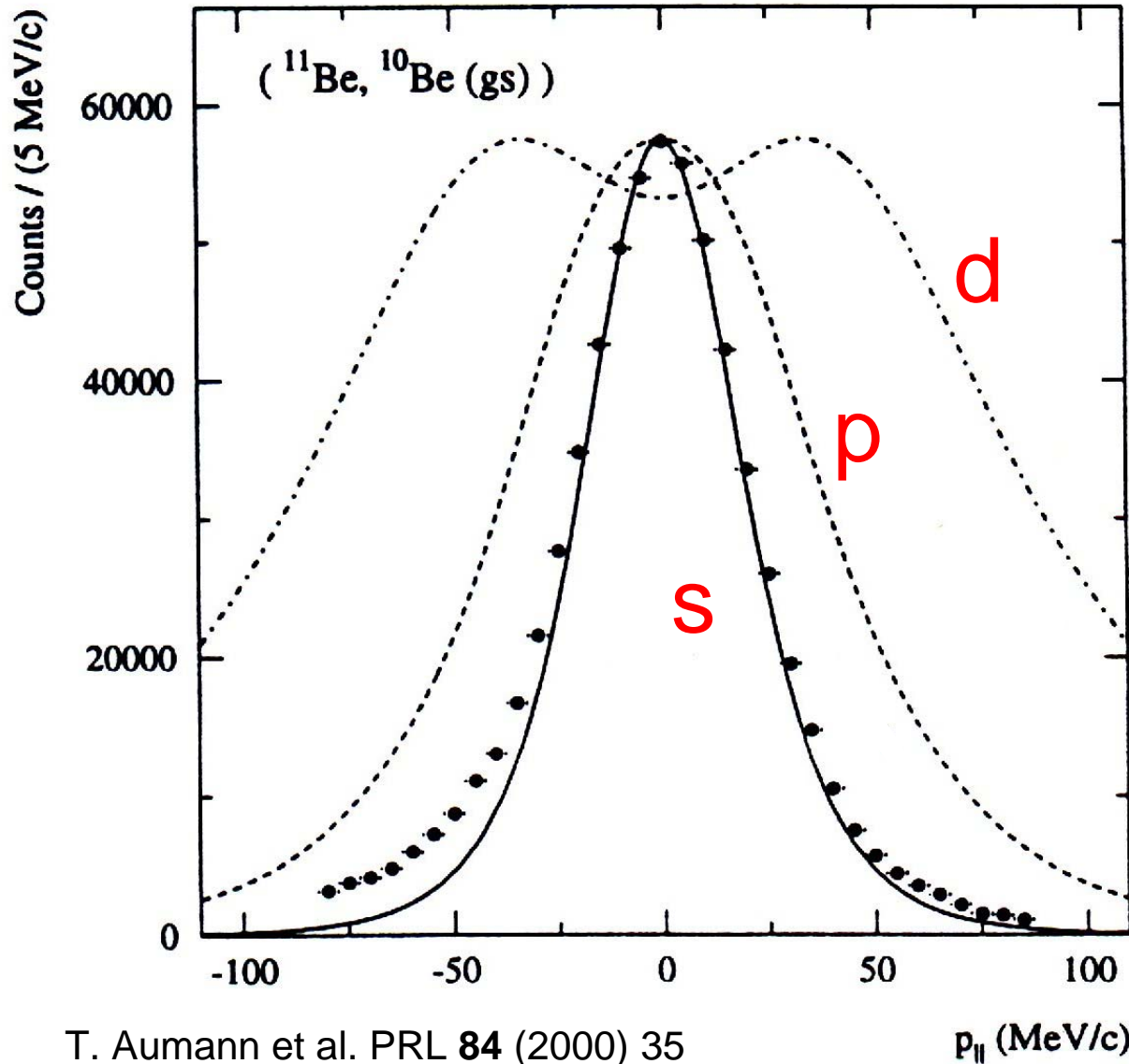


Projectile rest frame

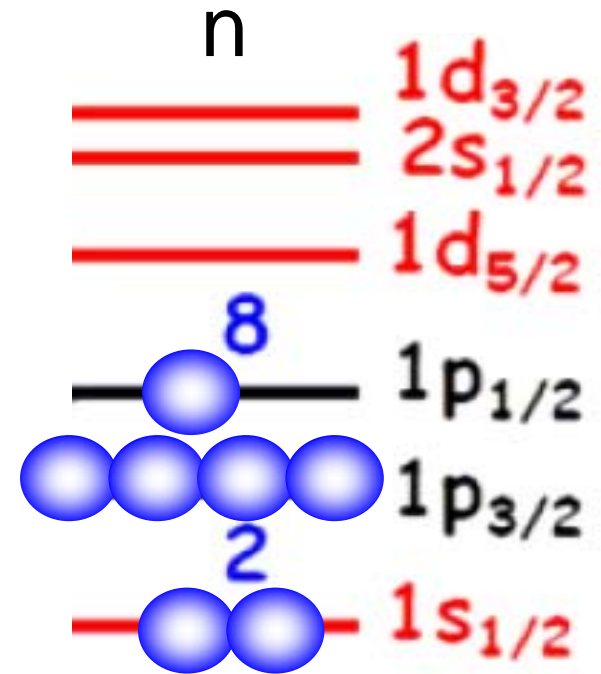
$$\vec{K}_A = \frac{A}{A+2} \vec{K}_{A+2} - [\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2]$$

and component equations

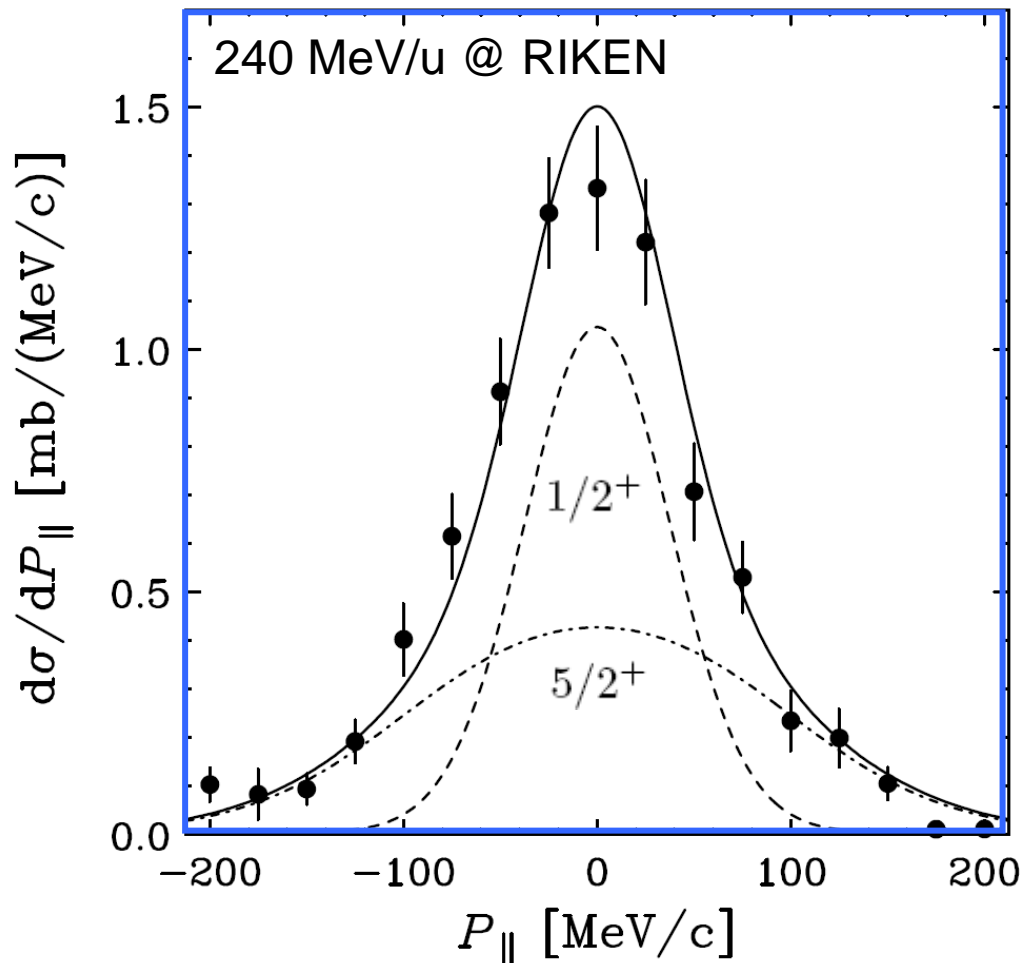
Residue momentum $^{11}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be}$ – halo case



$$Z = 4, N = 7$$


 ^{11}Be

Single-neutron knockout to the continuum: ^{22}C



Shell model (WBP)

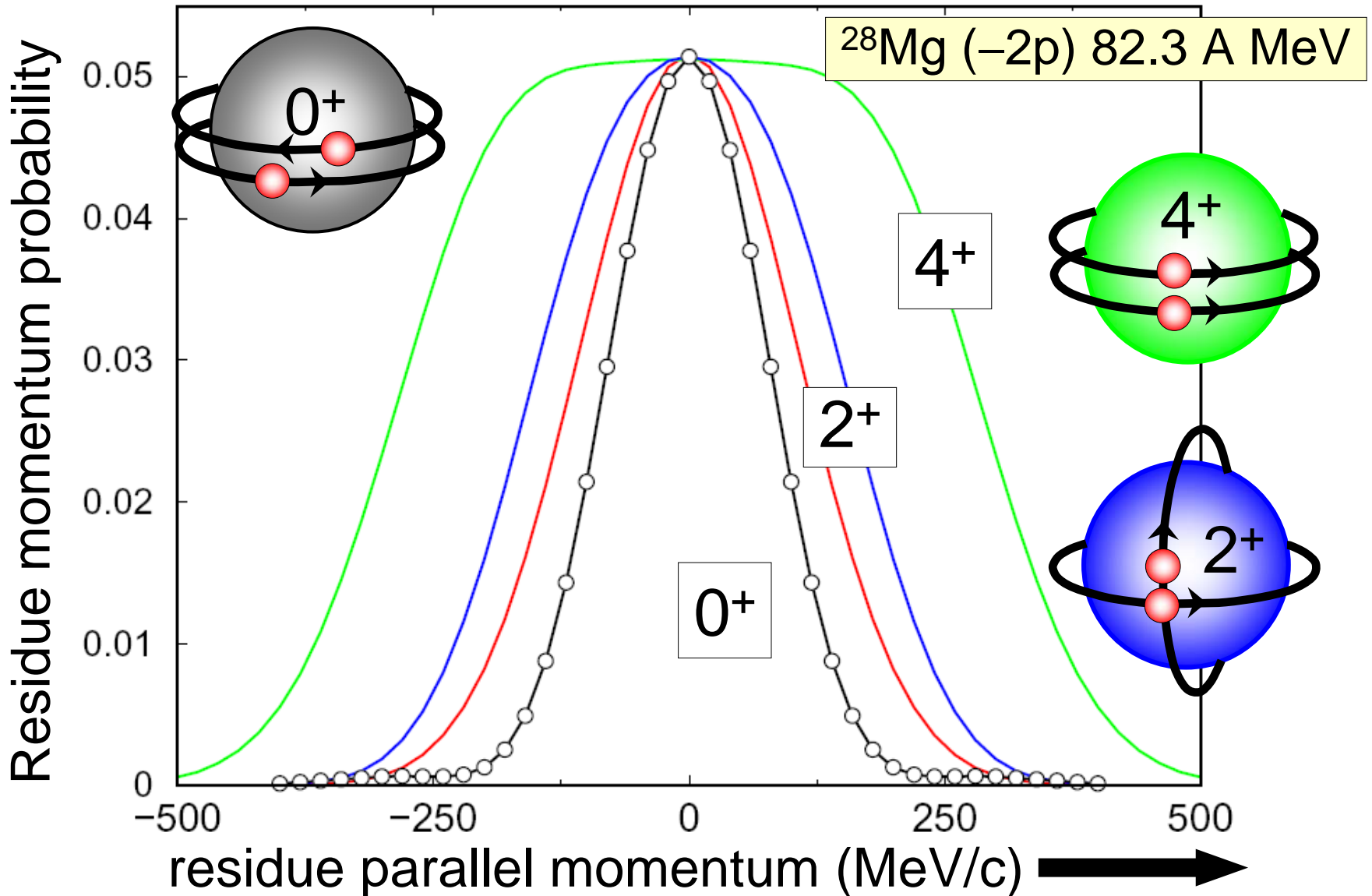
$(^{22}\text{C}(0^+), ^{21}\text{C}(J^\pi))$	0.000	$1/2^+$
$S_{1n}(22)=0.70$ MeV	1.109	$5/2^+$
	2.191	$3/2^+$

	SF	sigma (mb)
$1/2^+$	1.403	137.55
$5/2^+$	4.212	135.87
$3/2^+$	0.342	9.55
		283.0

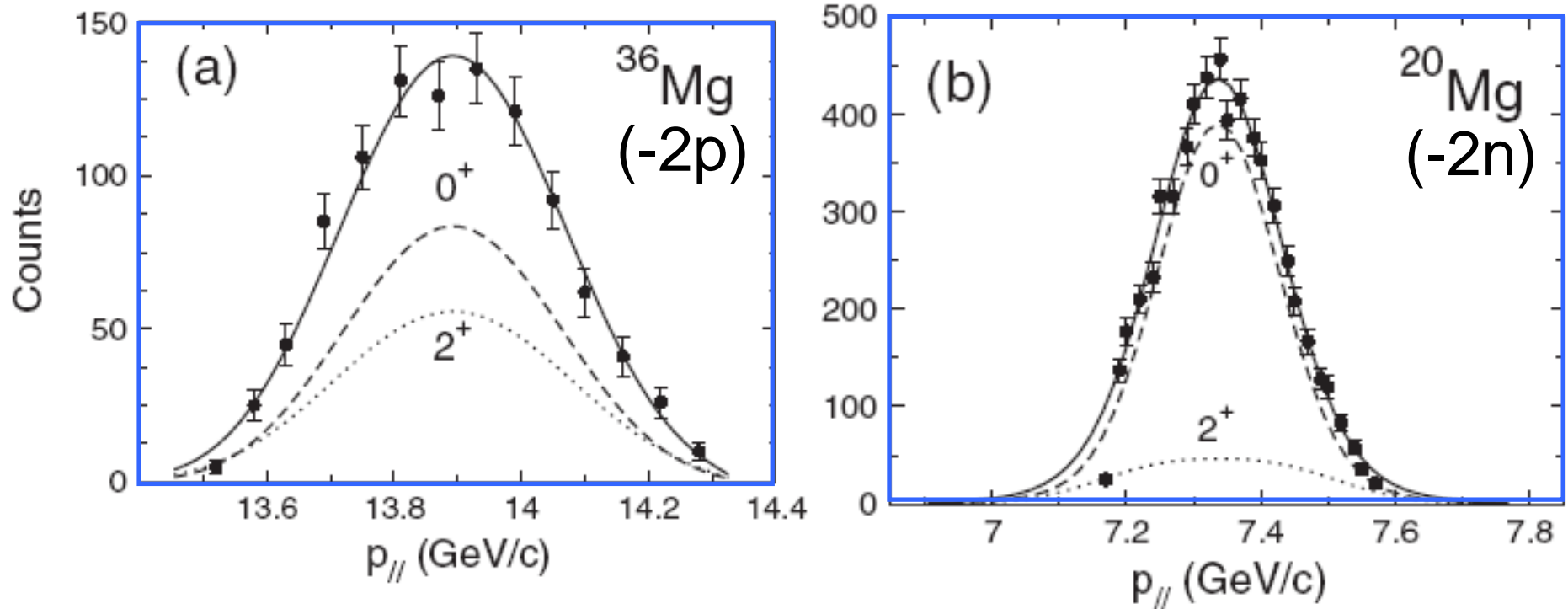
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N. Kobayashi, T. Nakamura, JAT et al., (in preparation, 2011)

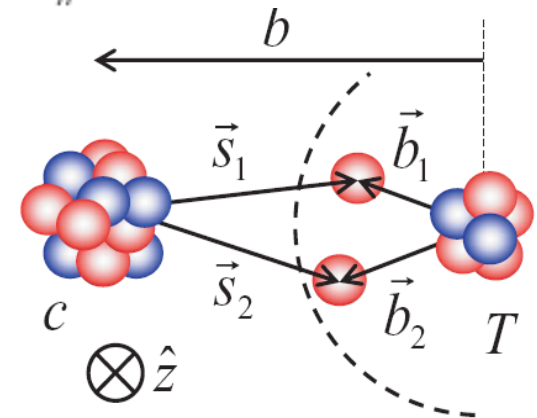
Two nucleon KO – predicted $p_{//}$ J-dependence



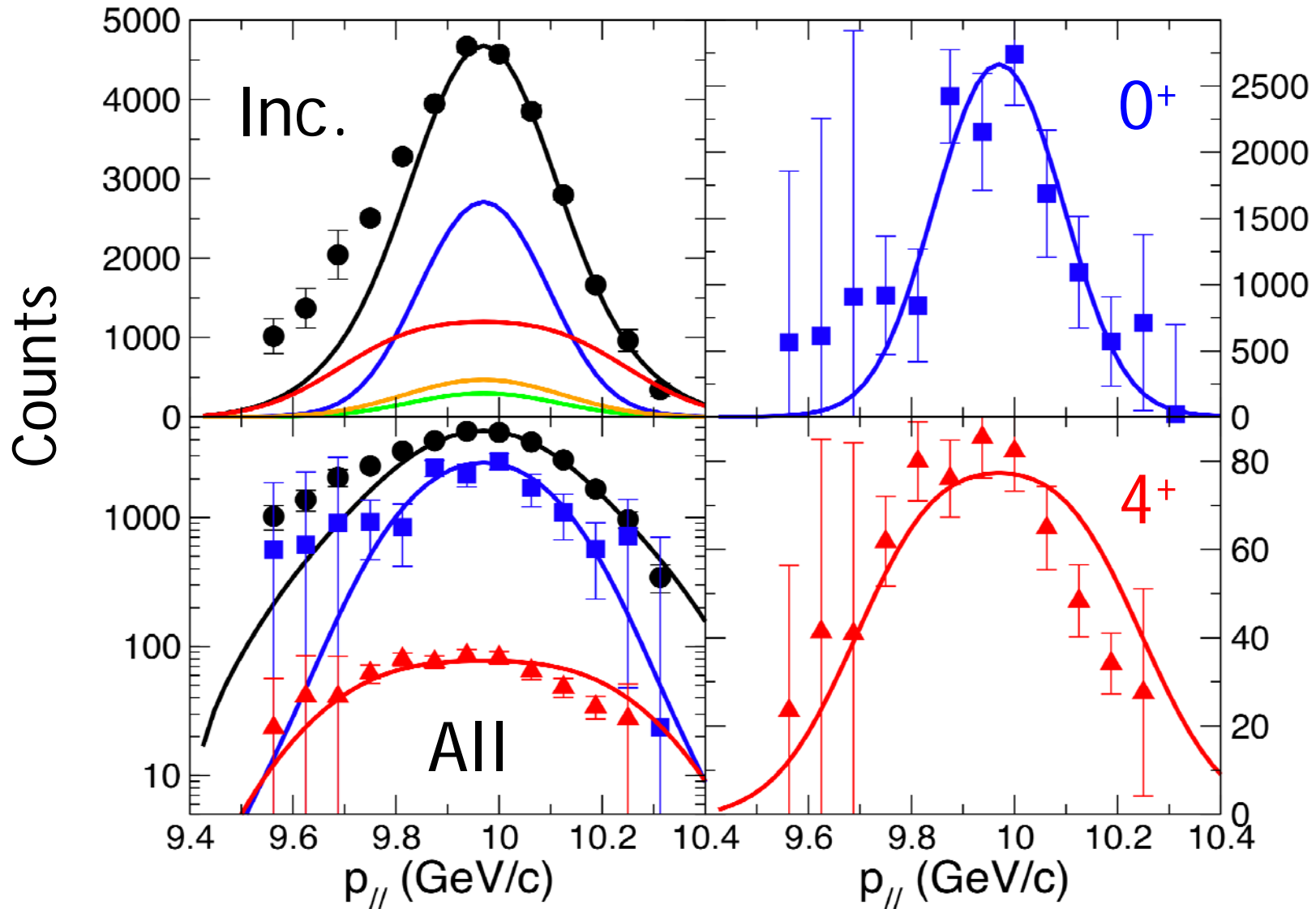
Two-nucleon removal p_{\parallel} distributions



$$\bar{P}_f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \kappa_c) = \frac{1}{\hat{J}_i^2} \sum_{M_i M_f} \int d\kappa_1 \int d\kappa_2 \frac{\delta(\kappa_c + \kappa_1 + \kappa_2)}{(2\pi)^2} \times \left\langle \left| \int dz_1 \int dz_2 e^{i\kappa_1 z_1} e^{i\kappa_2 z_2} \Psi_{J_i M_i}^{(F)} \right|^2 \right\rangle_{\text{sp}}$$



First final-state-exclusive p//: $^{28}\text{Mg}(-2p)$



Final-state spin-value sensitivity: e.g. $^{54}\text{Ni}(-2n)$

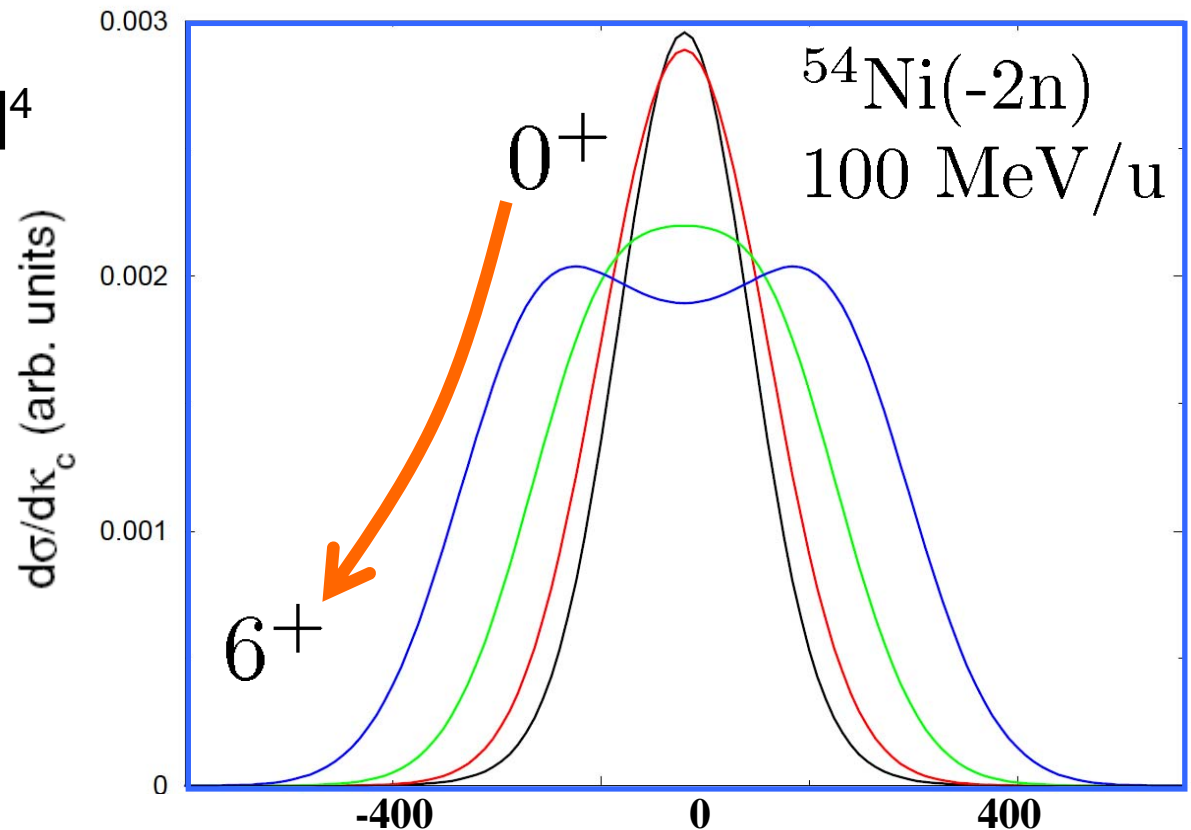
$$e_{\alpha LS}^{IT}$$



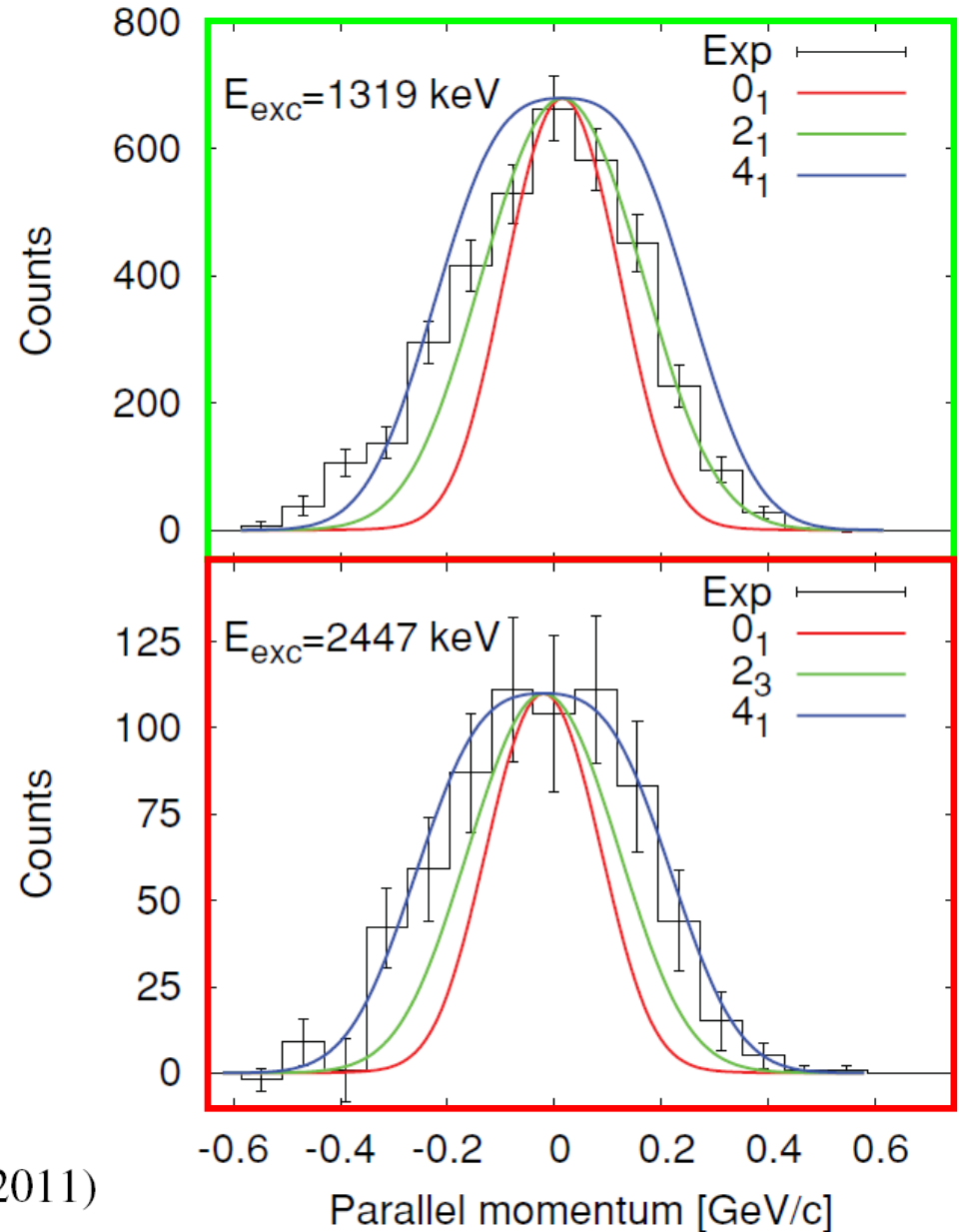
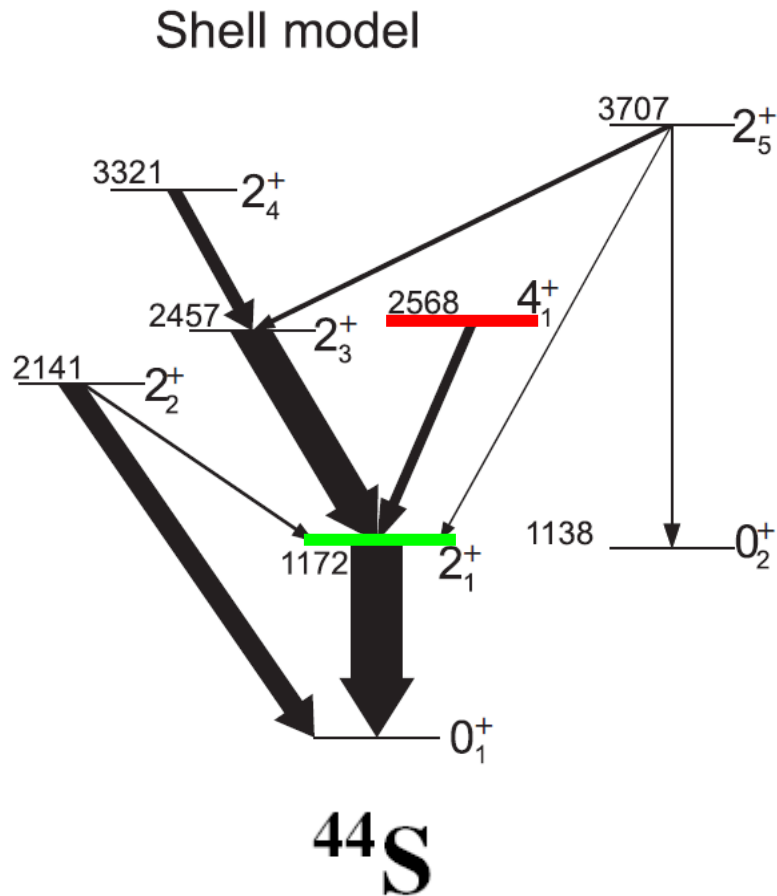
Relatively 'pure' 2N configurations give simple L (and I) – dependences – e.g. assuming $[f_{7/2}]^6 \rightarrow [f_{7/2}]^4$

<u>I</u>	<u>C (I=L)</u>	<u>C (L=I+1)</u>	<u>C (L=I-1)</u>
0	0.571	0.428	0.0
2	0.510	0.122	0.367
4	0.367	0.034	0.598
6	0.142	0.0	0.857

<u>I</u>	<u>L-values</u>
0	L= 0 , 1
2	L= 1 , 2 , 3
4	L= 3 , 4 , 5
6	L= 5 , 6



Spectroscopy of ^{44}S at $N=28$ – using $^{46}\text{Ar}(-2p)$

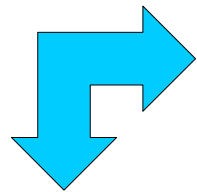


D. Santiago-Gonzalez, et al.,
 PHYSICAL REVIEW C **83**, 061305(R) (2011)

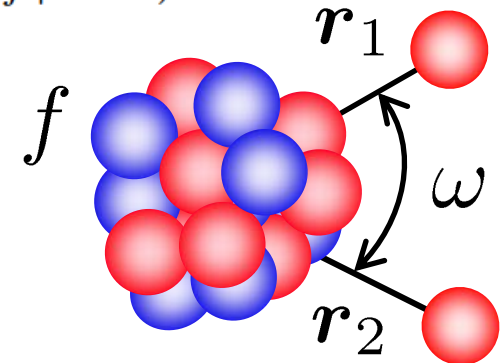
Angular correlations – and L-transfer sensitivity

After summing over the nucleon spins (to which we are insensitive) the two nucleon joint-position probability is:

$$\rho_f(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \sum_{LST} \sum_{I\alpha\alpha'} \frac{\mathfrak{e}_{\alpha LS}^{IT} \mathfrak{e}_{\alpha' LS}^{IT} D_\alpha D_{\alpha'}}{\hat{L}^2} (T_\tau T_f \tau_f | T_i \tau_i)^2$$



$$\times \left[U_{\alpha\alpha'}^D(r_1, r_2) \Gamma^{L,D}(\omega) - (-)^{S+T} U_{\alpha\alpha'}^E(r_1, r_2) \Gamma^{L,E}(\omega) \right]$$



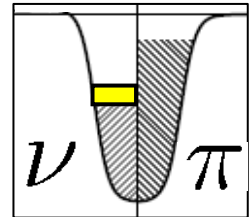
depends only on $L (= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ of the two nucleons.

Structure calculation tells us strength of the L-content of the 2N overlap via the LS coupled two-nucleon amplitudes:

$$\mathfrak{e}_{\alpha LS}^{IT} = \hat{j}_1 \hat{j}_2 \hat{L} \hat{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \ell_1 & s & j_1 \\ \ell_2 & s & j_2 \\ L & S & I \end{array} \right\} C_\alpha^{IT} \longrightarrow \text{predict p// distribution}$$

Configuration-mixed, sd-shell example: $^{26}\text{Si}(-2n)$

J_f^π	$[1d_{5/2}]^2$	$[1d_{5/2}, 1d_{3/2}]$	$[1d_{3/2}]^2$	$[2s_{1/2}, 1d_{3/2}]$	$[2s_{1/2}, 1d_{5/2}]$
2_1^+	-0.70074	0.43499	0.00594	-0.00188	-0.02781
2_2^+	-0.38021	-0.12354	-0.12945	-0.15876	-0.58292



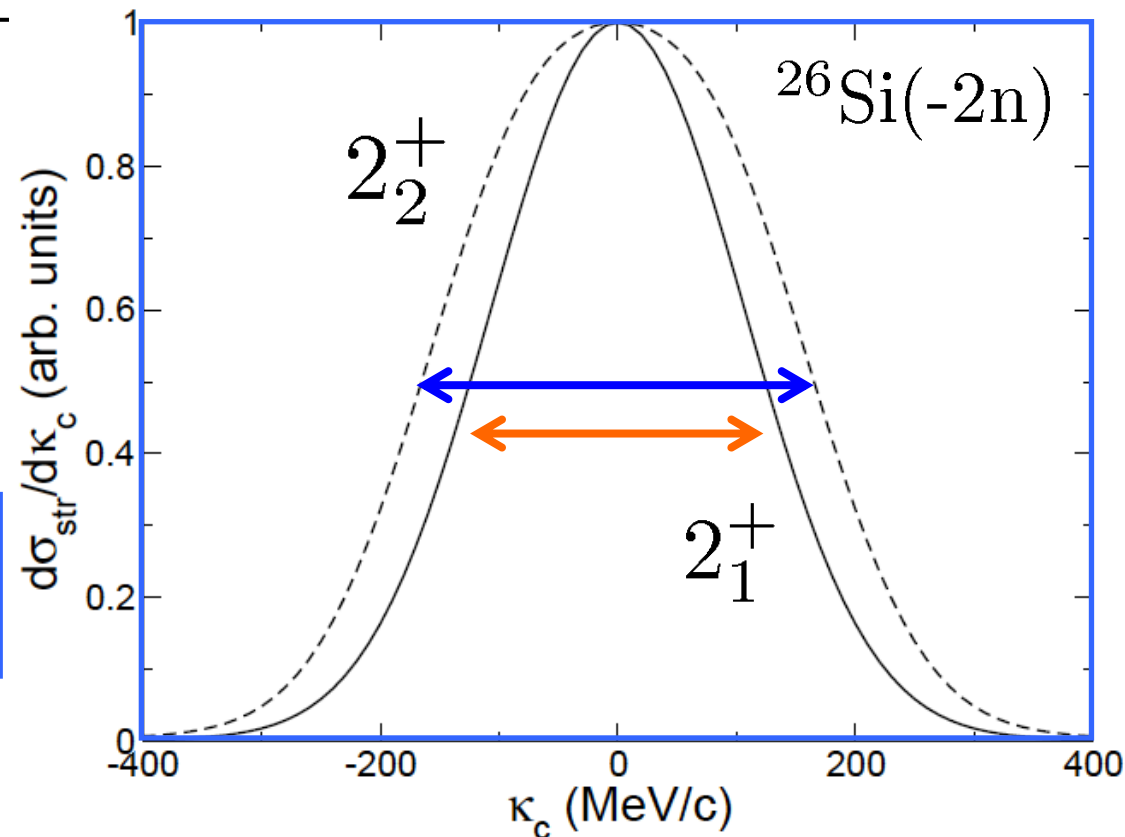
with cross sections:

σ_{LS} (mb)

J_f^π	σ_{11}	σ_{20}	σ_{21}
2_1^+	0.17	0.02	0.00
2_2^+	0.01	0.17	0.01

$L = 1$
250 MeV/c

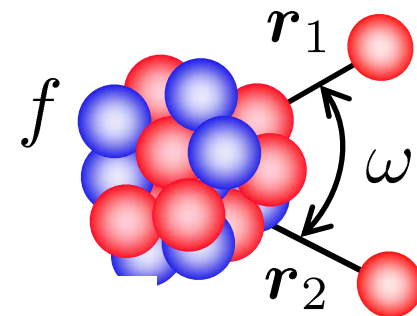
$L = 2$
330 MeV/c



Two-nucleon position correlations

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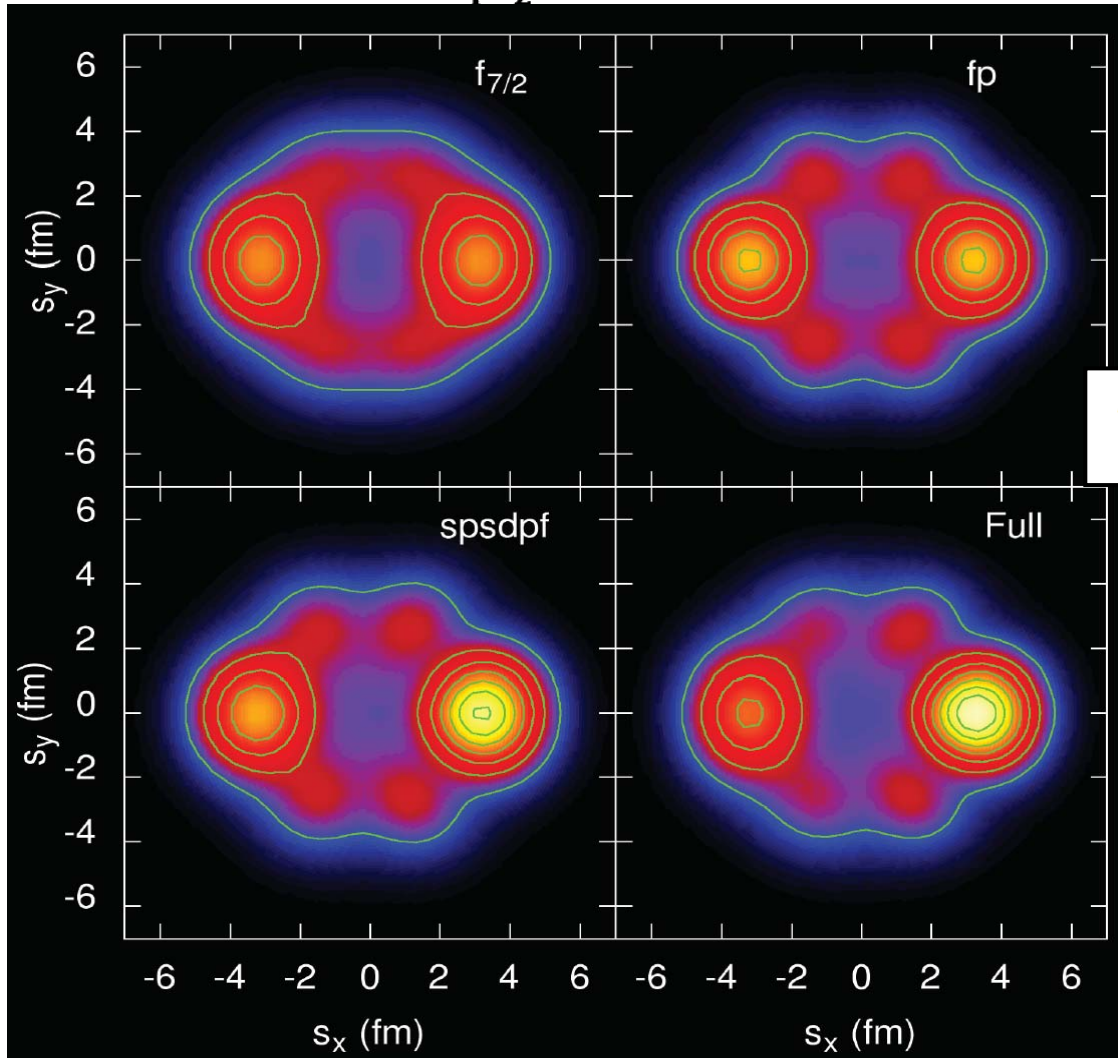
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Perturbative extended basis: 48Ca(-2n, gs)

$$\Psi = \psi((nlj)^2) + \sum_{n_1 n_2 l' j'} \psi(n_1 l' j', n_2 l' j') \frac{\langle n_1 l' j', n_2 l' j' | V | (nlj)^2 \rangle}{2\epsilon(nlj) - \epsilon(n_1 l' j') - \epsilon(n_2 l' j')}$$



$$\mathcal{P}_f(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2)$$

$$= \int dz_1 \int dz_2 \rho_f(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$\vec{s}_1 = (3.8, 0.0)$$

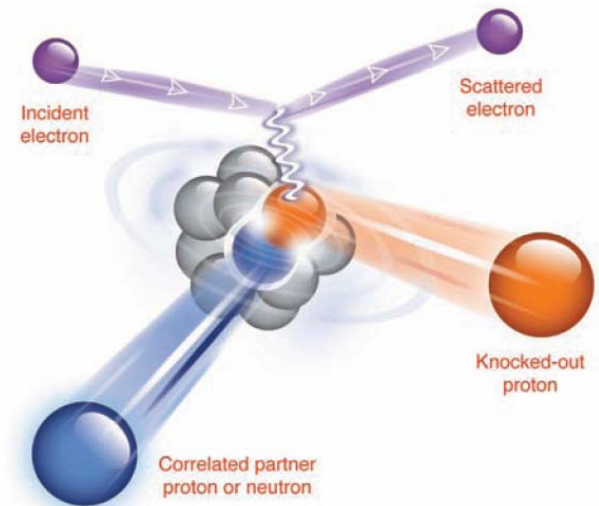
$$\sigma \rightarrow \approx 2\sigma$$

$$[f_{7/2}]^2$$

np correlations - light nuclei – high thresholds

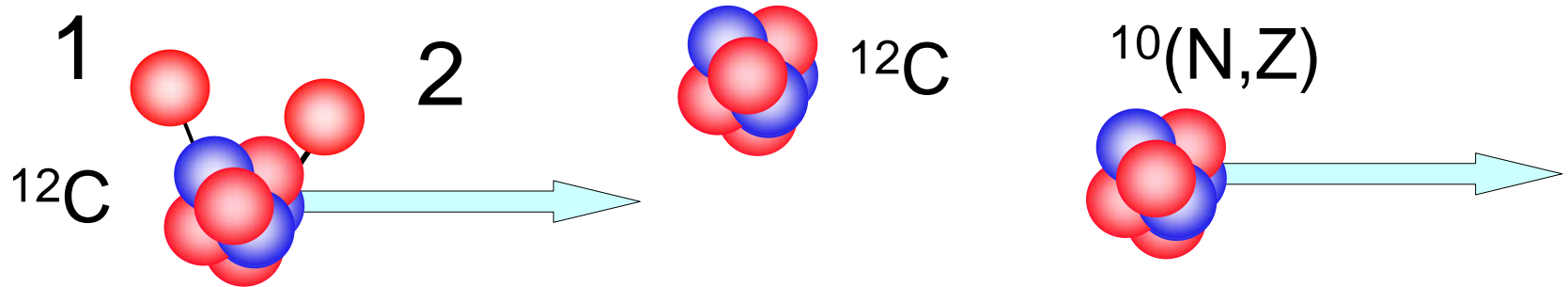
Probing Cold Dense Nuclear Matter

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The protons and neutrons in a nucleus can form strongly correlated nucleon pairs. Scattering experiments, in which a proton is knocked out of the nucleus with high-momentum transfer and high missing momentum, show that in carbon-12 the neutron-proton pairs are nearly 20 times as prevalent as proton-proton pairs and, by inference, neutron-neutron pairs. This difference between the types of pairs is due to the nature of the strong force and has implications for understanding cold dense nuclear systems such as neutron stars.

In two nucleon removal data - one sees



Energy/nucleon		250 MeV	1.05 GeV	2.1 GeV
10Be	Experimental	5.88	5.30 (30)	5.81 (29)
10C	Experimental	5.33 (81)	4.44 (24)	4.11 (22)
.....
10B	Experimental	47.5 (24)	27.9 (22)	35.1 (34)

Based simply on combinatorics - and removal of the (4) p_{3/2} nucleons we might expect scalings of:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \text{ (pp or nn)} & [4 \times 3] / 2 = 6 \\ \sigma \text{ (np)} & 4 \times 4 = 16 \end{aligned}$$

Cross sections: J.M. Kidd et al. PRC **37**, 2613 (1988)

Momentum distributions: D.E. Greiner et al., PRL **35**, 152 (1975)

Comparison to (inclusive) cross section data

Energy MeV/u	^{10}Be			^{10}C		
	σ_{th}	σ_{exp}	σ_{exp}/σ_{th}	σ_{th}	σ_{exp}	σ_{exp}/σ_{th}
250 [5]	7.25	5.88 ± 9.70	0.81 ± 1.34	5.80	5.33 ± 0.81	0.92 ± 0.14
1050 [13]	6.62	5.30 ± 0.30	0.80 ± 0.05	5.13	4.44 ± 0.24	0.87 ± 0.05
2100 [13]	6.52	5.81 ± 0.29	0.89 ± 0.04	5.04	4.11 ± 0.22	0.82 ± 0.04

^{10}B		
σ_{th}	σ_{exp}	σ_{exp}/σ_{th}
21.57	47.50 ± 2.42	2.20 ± 0.11
19.27	27.90 ± 2.20	1.45 ± 0.11
19.03	35.10 ± 3.40	1.84 ± 0.18

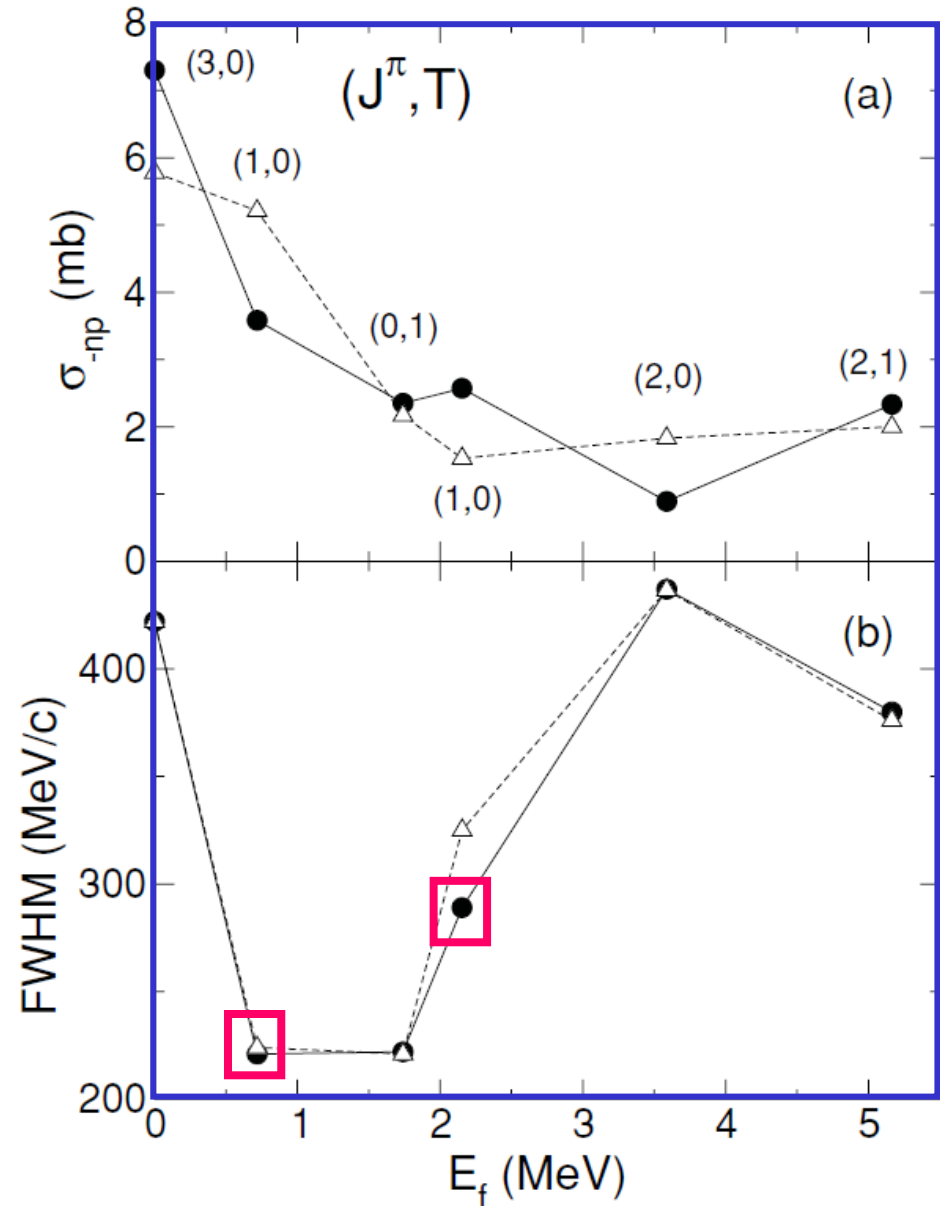
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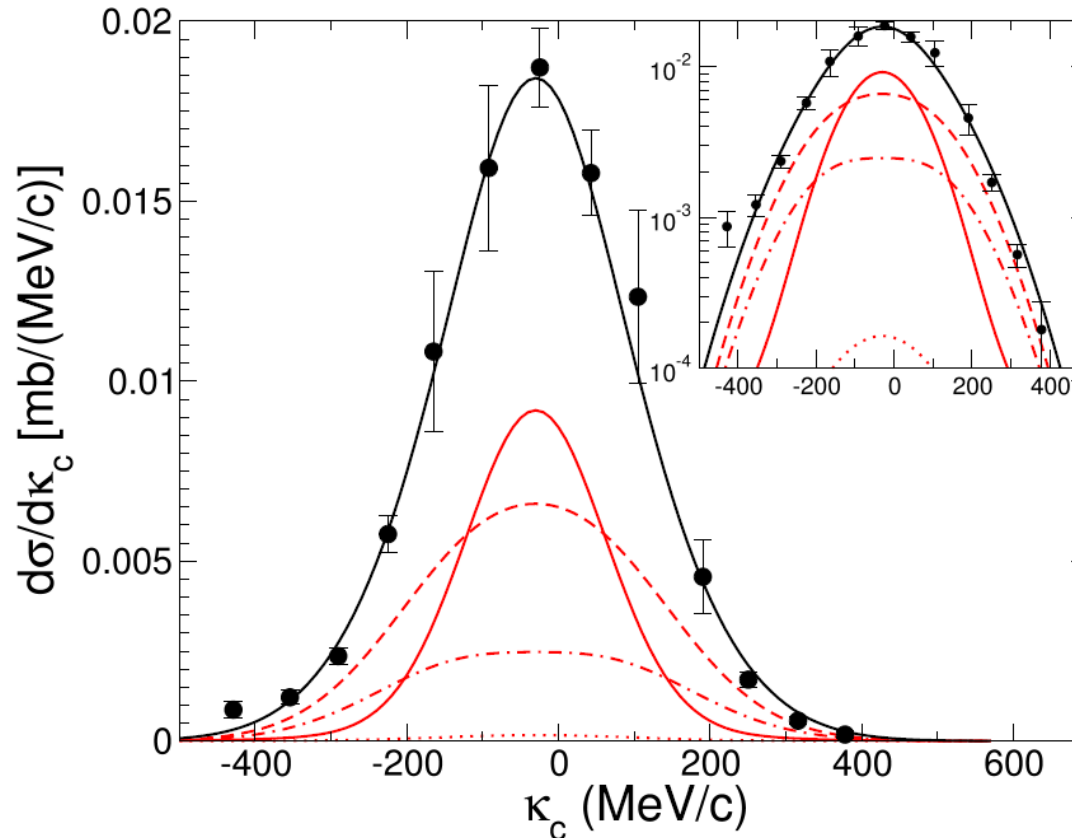
Exclusive observables: $^{12}\text{C}(-np)$ case at 2.1 GeV/u

E.C. Simpson, JAT,
 PRC **83**, 014605
 (2011)

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Inclusive 2p removal momentum distribution



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JAT, in preparation
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FIG. 4: Comparison of ^{10}Be residue momentum distributions. Note the data is for a ^9Be target whereas the calculations use a ^{12}C target. The calculations have been offset by $-30 \text{ MeV}/c$ and the have been scaled to match the experimental two-proton removal cross section (^9Be target, 5.97 mb).

Existing (inclusive and averaged) $p_{||}$ distributions

TABLE V: Gaussian fits to experimental and theoretical momentum distributions. These results are shown for comparison only - the experimental results are averaged over a range of targets, whereas the theoretical results are for the carbon target only. This considered, there is good agreement between the measurements and calculations, both in terms of the relative widths of different distributions and the absolute widths of each distribution.

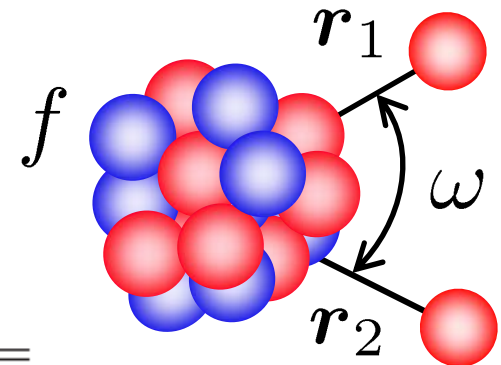
Residue	$\sigma_{exp}^{p_{ }}$	σ_{th}^{κ}
^{11}B	106 ± 4	99
^{11}C	103 ± 4	100
^{10}Be	129 ± 4	127
^{10}B	134 ± 3	132
^{10}C	121 ± 6	120

Two-nucleon position correlations

The two nucleon joint-position probability is:

$$\rho_f(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{\hat{j}_i^2} \sum_{M_i M_f} \langle \Psi_i^{(F)} | \Psi_i^{(F)} \rangle_{sp}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_f(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2) = \int dz_1 \int dz_2 \rho_f(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$



J_f^π	$[1p_{3/2}]^2$	$[1p_{1/2}, 1p_{3/2}]$	$[1p_{1/2}]^2$
1_1^+	0.69899	0.97868	-0.01067
1_2^+	-1.13385	0.22886	0.36314

$^{12}\text{C}(-np) \rightarrow$
 $^{10}\text{B}(1^+, T=0)$

J_f^π	σ_{01}	σ_{10}	σ_{11}	σ_{21}	σ_{str}
1_1^+	2.41	0.00	0.00	0.06	2.47
1_2^+	0.60	0.59	0.00	0.63	1.81

σ_{LS} (mb)

Two-nucleon correlations

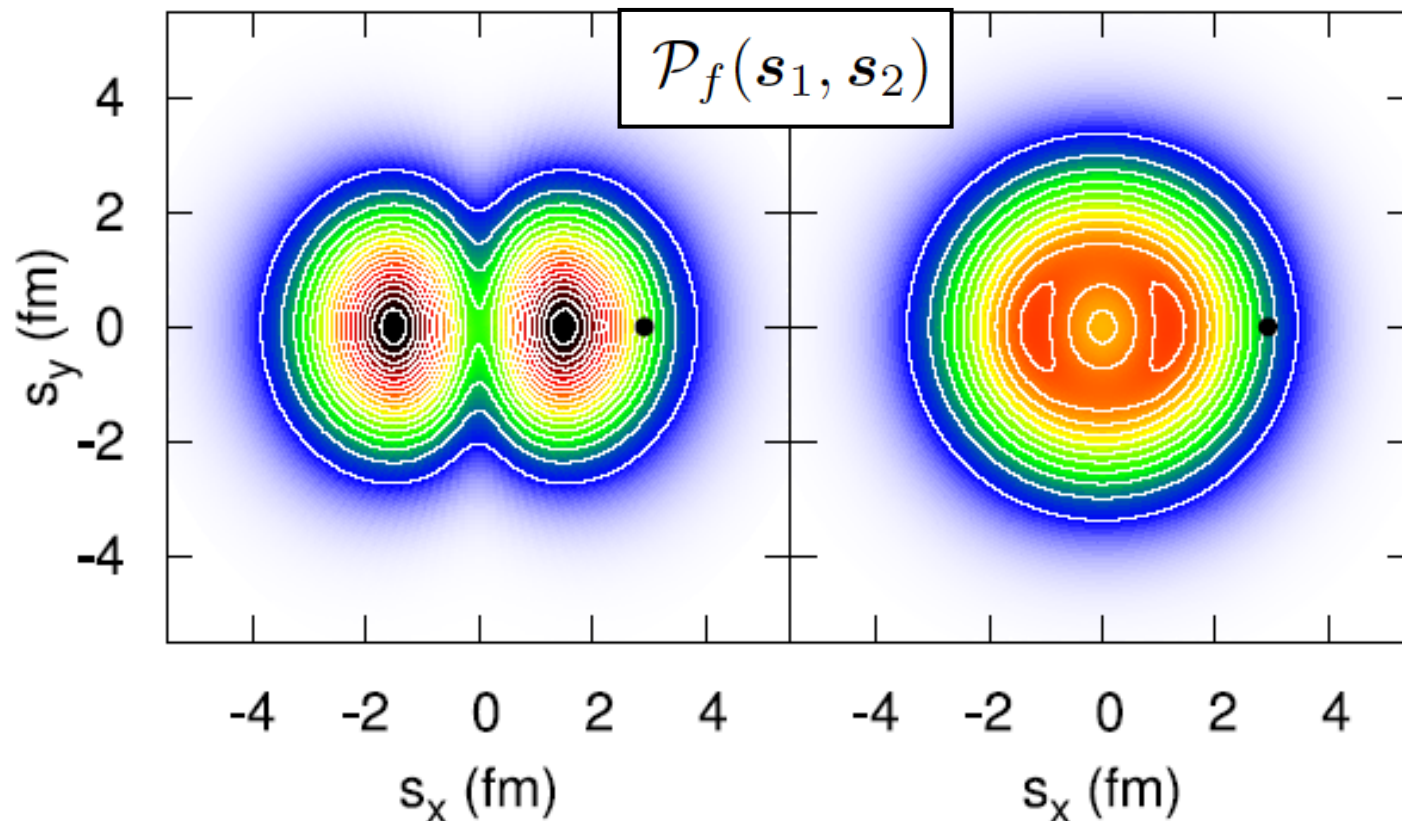


FIG. 4: Impact parameter plane-projected joint position probabilities for the first (left) and second (right) $T = 0$ $^{10}\text{B}(1^+)$ states populated via np knockout from ^{12}C .

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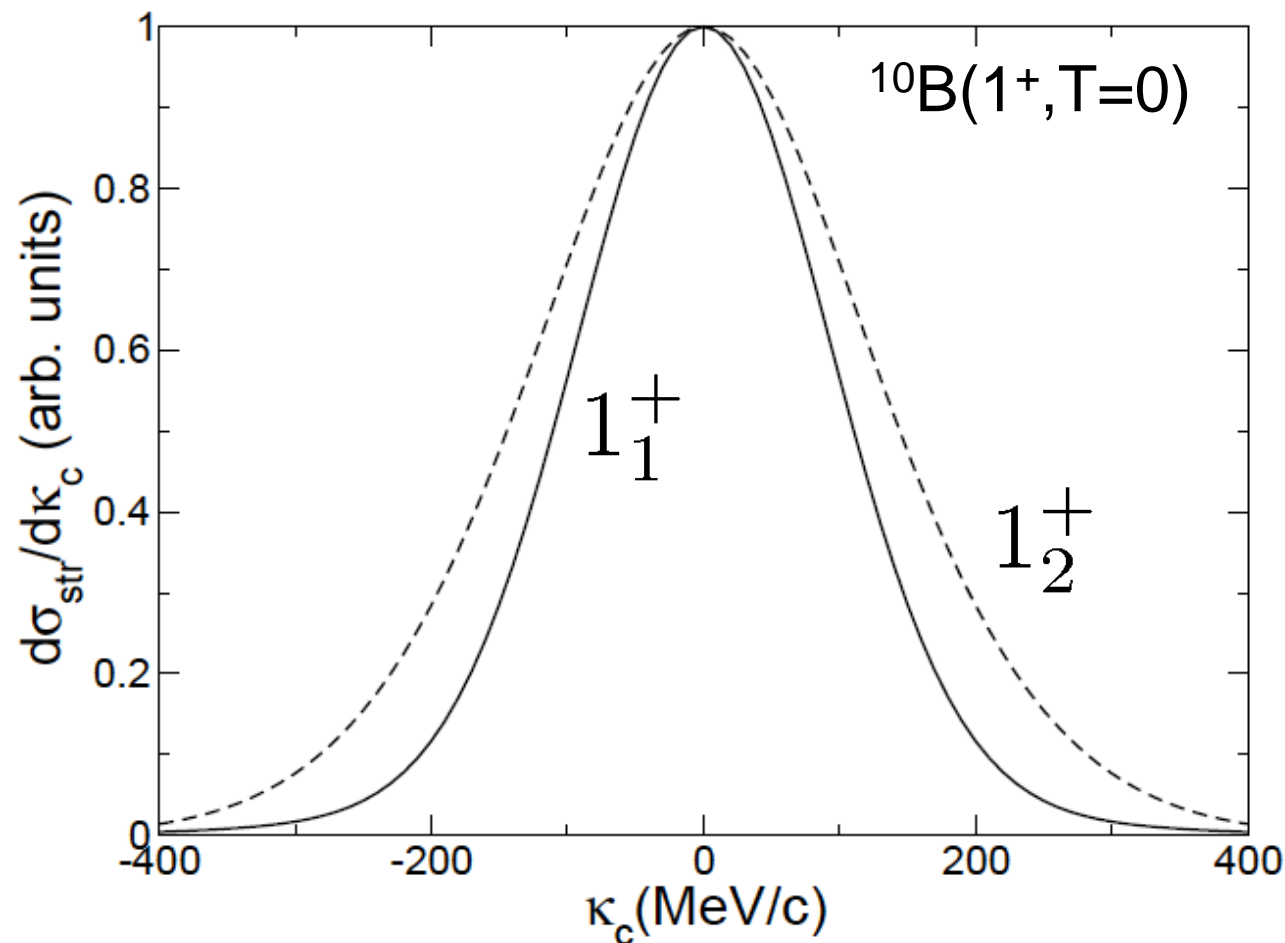


FIG. 3: Normalized residue momentum distributions for the first (solid) and second (dashed) $^{10}\text{B}(J_f=1^+)$ states populated in np knockout from ^{12}C at 2100 MeV per nucleon.

Testing the T=0 wave function at A=12

