

Neutron halo to Tensor Interactions

My trek in physics continue

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Neutron halo was not discovered without him!

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Projectile Fragmentation of the Extremely Neutron-Rich Nucleus ^{11}Li at 0.79 GeV/nucleon

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Projectile fragmentations of ^{11}Li , ^8He , and ^6He have been measured at 0.79 GeV/nucleon. Transverse-momentum distributions of the produced isotopes are presented. The width of the wide component is consistent in the fragmentation of stable nuclei, whereas the other component shows a reflection of the weak binding of the two outer neutrons in the ^{11}Li nucleus.

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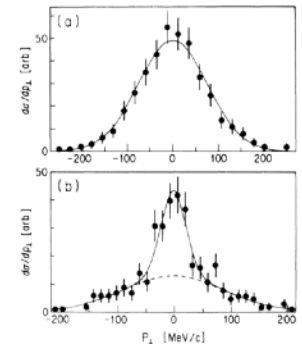


FIG. 1. Transverse-momentum distributions of (a) ^6He fragments from reaction $^9\text{He}+\text{C}$ and (b) ^{11}Li fragments from reaction $^{11}\text{Li}+\text{C}$. The solid lines are fitted Gaussian distributions. The dotted line is a contribution of the wide component in the ^{11}Li distribution.

Projectile fragmentation is one of the most common same one as described in the literature.

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ELECTROMAGNETIC DISSOCIATION AND SOFT GIANT DIPOLE RESONANCE OF THE NEUTRON-DRIPLINE NUCLEUS ^{11}Li

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The electromagnetic dissociation (EMD) cross sections of light neutron-dripline projectile ^{11}Li have been inferred from the target dependence of the interaction cross section, σ_i , and the two-neutron-removal cross section, σ_{-2n} , at an incident energy of 0.8 GeV/nucleon. The EMD cross sections of ^{11}Li projectiles on a lead target were found to be quite large; $\sigma_1^{\text{EMD}}(^{11}\text{Li}+\text{Pb}) = 1.72 \pm 0.65 \text{ b}$, $\sigma_{-2n}^{\text{EMD}}(^{11}\text{Li}+\text{Pb}) = 0.89 \pm 0.10 \text{ b}$, which are approximately 80 times larger than those of ^{12}C projectiles after scaling the cross section by Z_{proj}^2 . The large EMD cross section is related to the possible existence of a soft mode of the giant dipole resonance at low excitation energy in the extremely neutron-rich nuclei.

Hans Geissel



a long fruitful collaboration

2001

Measurements of interaction cross sections for light neutron-rich nuclei at relativistic energies and determination of effective matter radii

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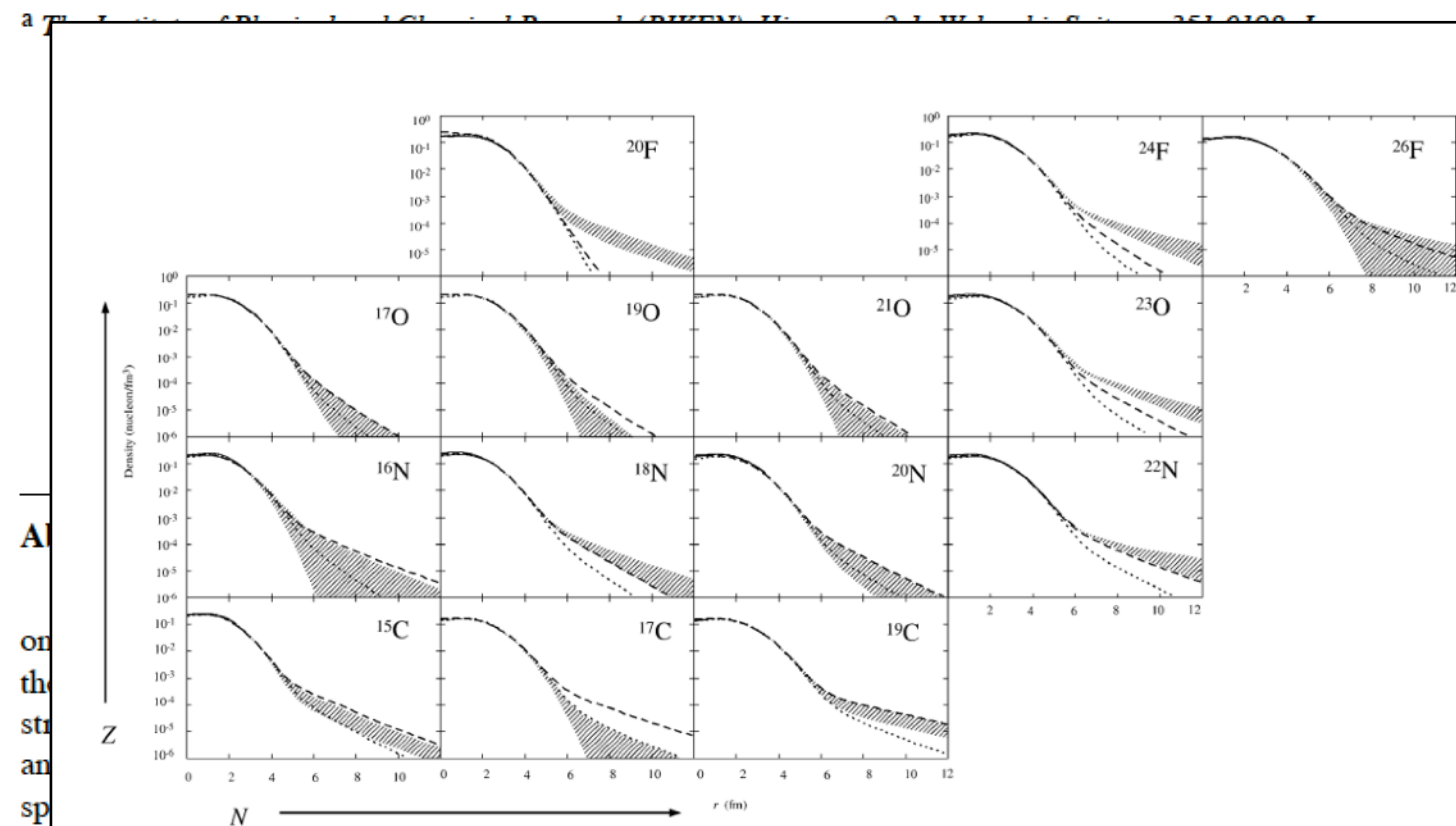


Fig. 6. Nucleon-density distributions for nuclei with odd- N nuclei in the light neutron-rich region. The dashed line (dotted line) shows the density distributions deduced from a core plus $2s_{1/2}$ (a core plus $1d_{5/2}$) configuration using the experimentally observed S_n . The hatched area shows the density distribution required to reproduce the observed σ_T for both the core and the respective nucleus.

Keywords: NUCLEAR REACTIONS $C(^{10,11}B, ^{12,13}C), ^{14}N, ^{16}O, ^{18}F, ^{19}F, ^{20}F, ^{21}O, ^{22}N, ^{23}O, ^{24}F, ^{25}F, ^{26}F$, $E \sim 950$ MeV/nucleon; Measured interaction σ ; deduced effective radii

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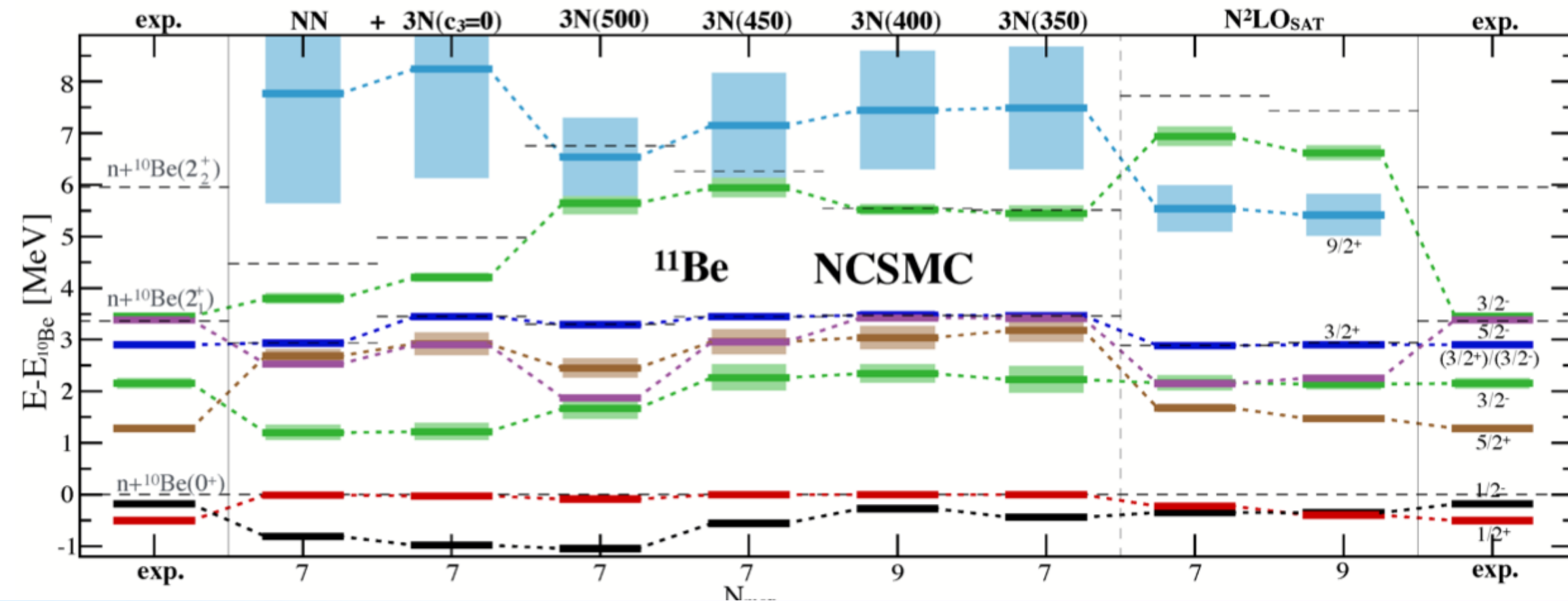
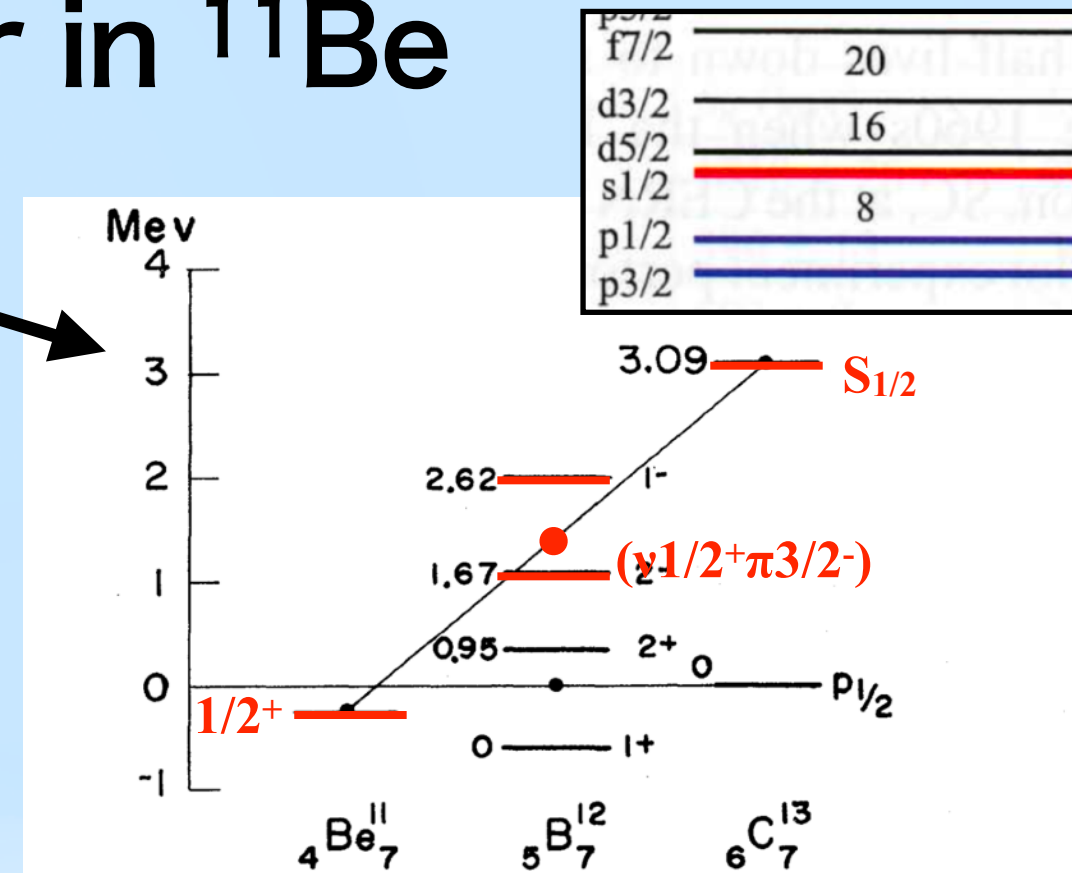
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Mystery of s-wave behavior in ^{11}Be

- ^{11}Be ground state is $1/2^+$ instead of $1/2^-$.
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Another mystery is the equal mixing of $s_{1/2}$ and $p_{1/2}$ mixing in the neutron halo of ^{11}Li .

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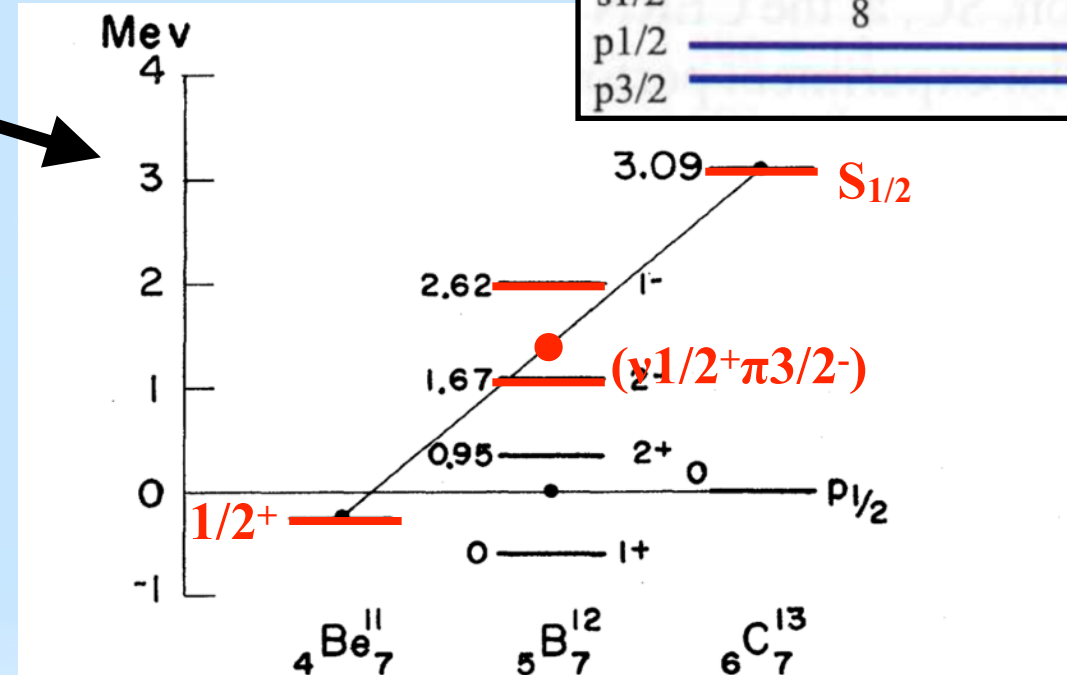
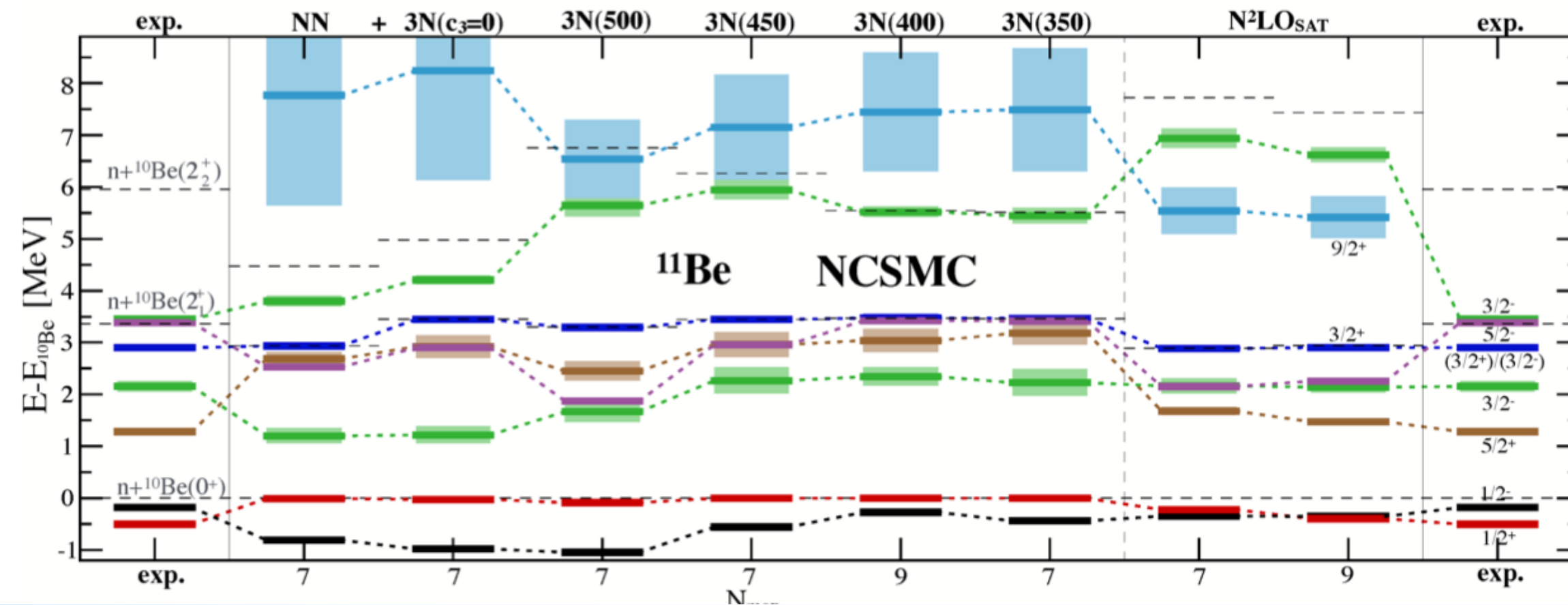


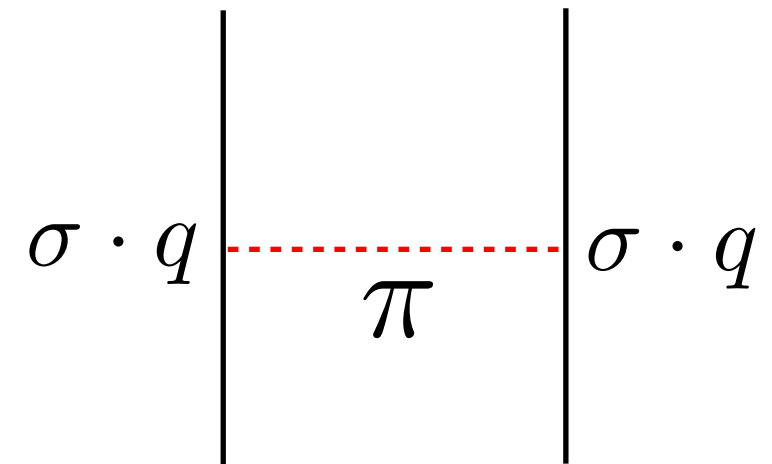
FIG. 1. Competition between $s_{1/2}$ and $p_{1/2}$ levels.



Why tensor interaction is strong?

Pion is a pseudoscalar meson $J^\pi = 0^-$

$$V_\pi = \frac{f_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2} \frac{(\sigma_1 \cdot q)(\sigma_2 \cdot q)}{m_\pi^2 + q^2} \tau_1 \tau_2$$

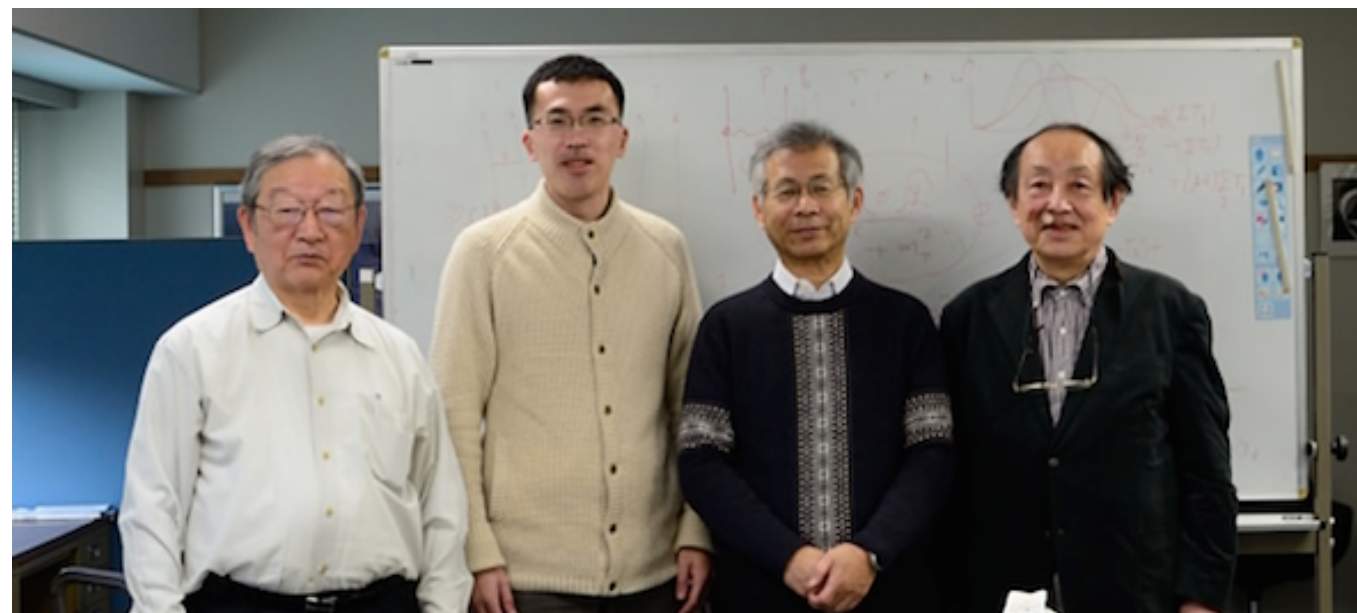


$$\frac{(\sigma_1 \cdot q)(\sigma_2 \cdot q)}{m_\pi^2 + q^2} = \frac{1}{3} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \left[\cancel{\frac{m_\pi^2 + q^2}{m_\pi^2 + q^2}} - \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 + q^2} \right] + \frac{1}{3} S_{12}(q) \frac{q^2}{m_\pi^2 + q^2}$$

δ 関数 Yukawa Tensor

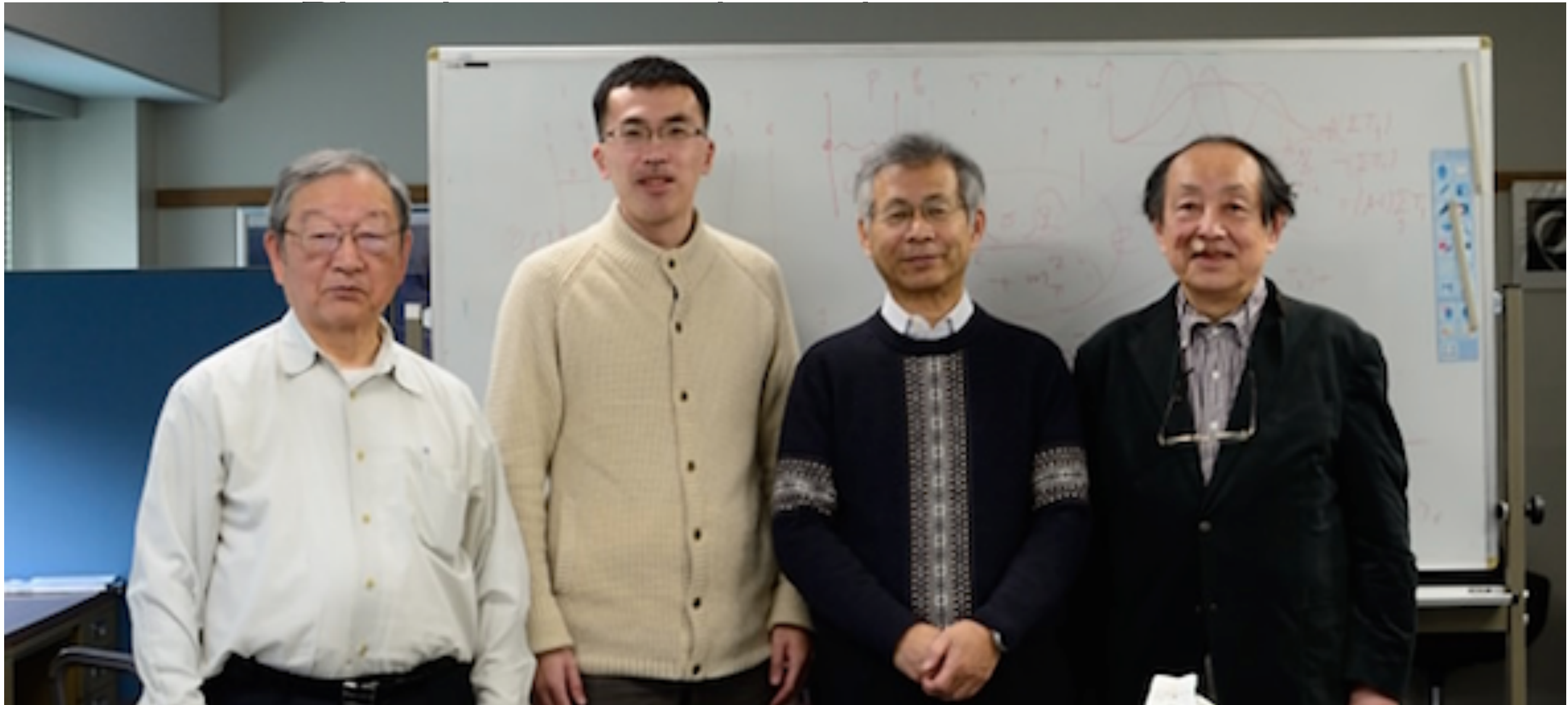
$$S_{12}(q) = [[\sigma_1 \sigma_2]_2 \times Y_2(q)]_0$$

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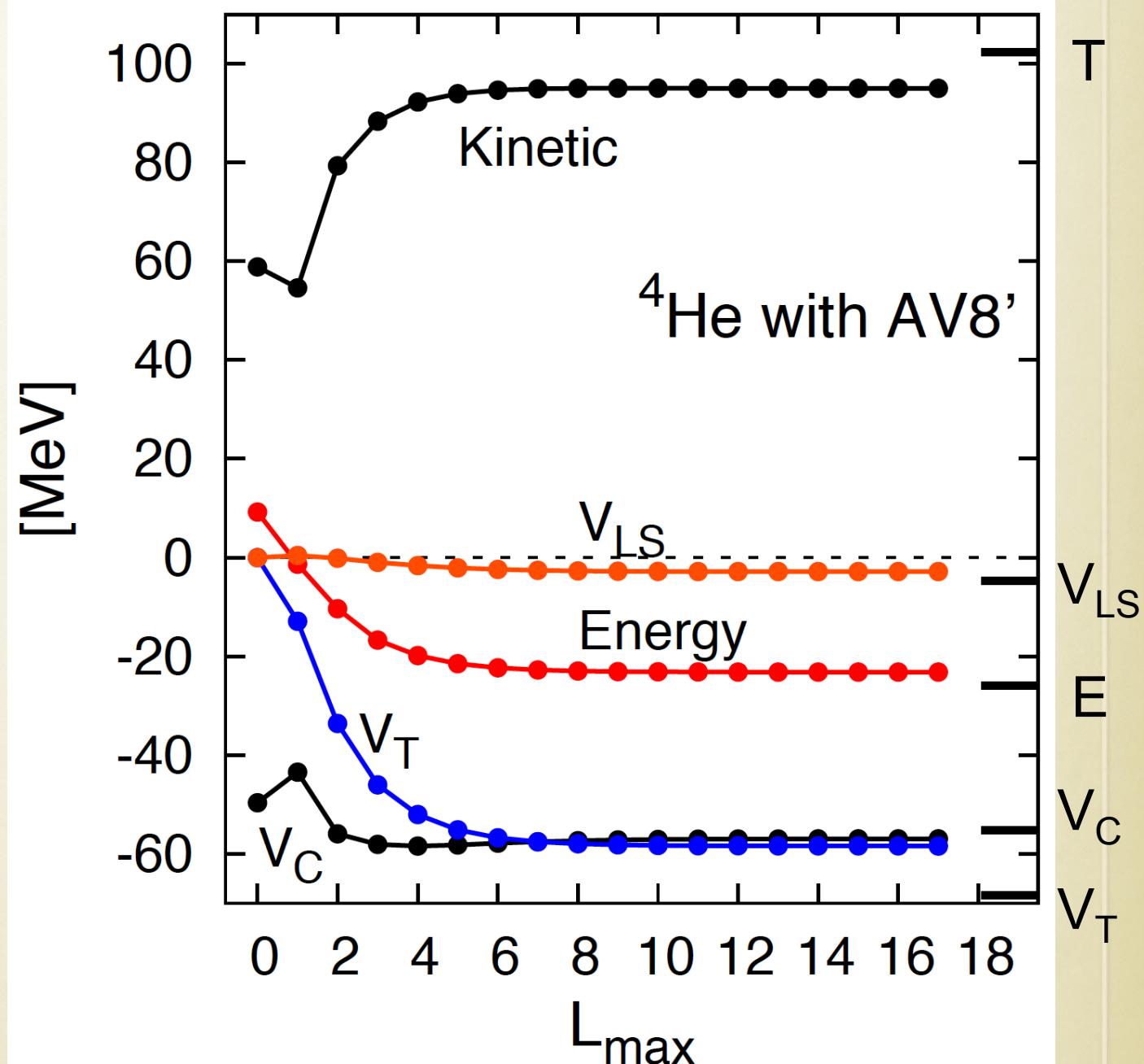
Tensor Optimized Shell Model
(TOSM)

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Tensor interaction in ^4He

$$\Phi(^4\text{He}) = \sum_i C_i \psi_i(\{b_\alpha\}) = C_1 (0s)^4 + C_2 (0s)^2(\overline{0p}_{1/2})^2 + \dots$$

- 2p-2h states with high momentum nucleons
- 2p-2h excitations of p-n pair under $\Delta S=2, \Delta L=2$ provide tensor energies.
- Tensor interactions give ~ 60 MeV of potential energy.
- **Remember** $l=1$ excitation already gives ~ 14 MeV of potential energy.
- Higher l contribute more but...



Tensor Optimized Shell Model by T. Myo, H. Toki and K. Ikeda, Progr. Theor. Phys. **121** 511 (2009)

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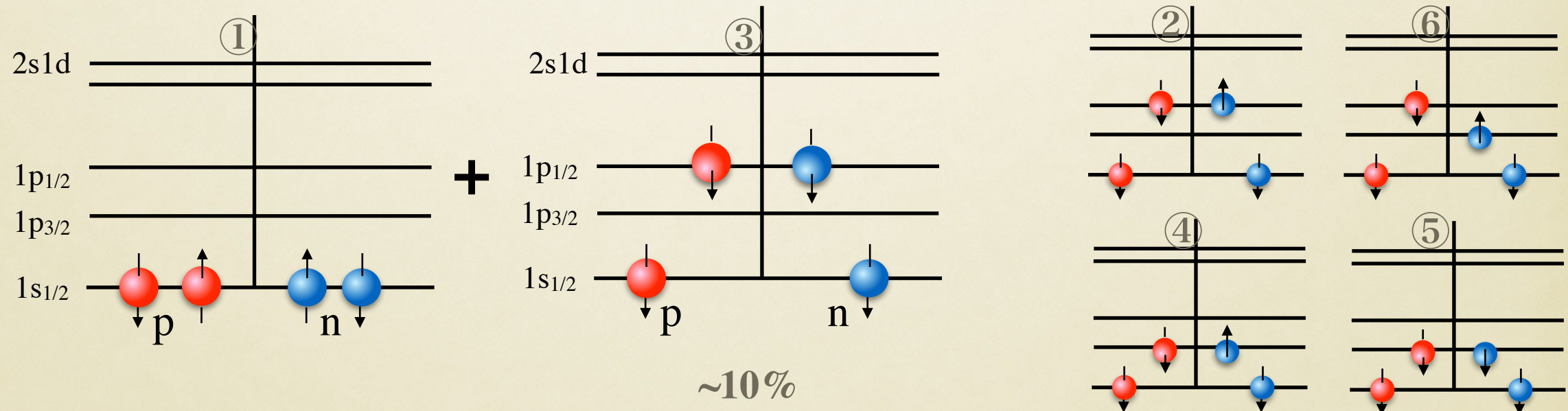
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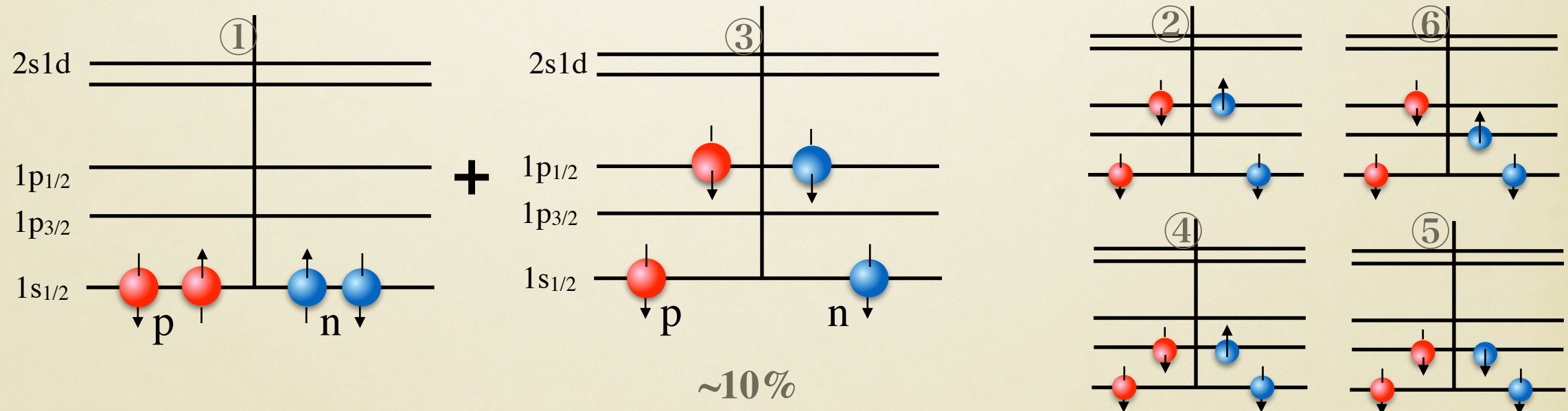
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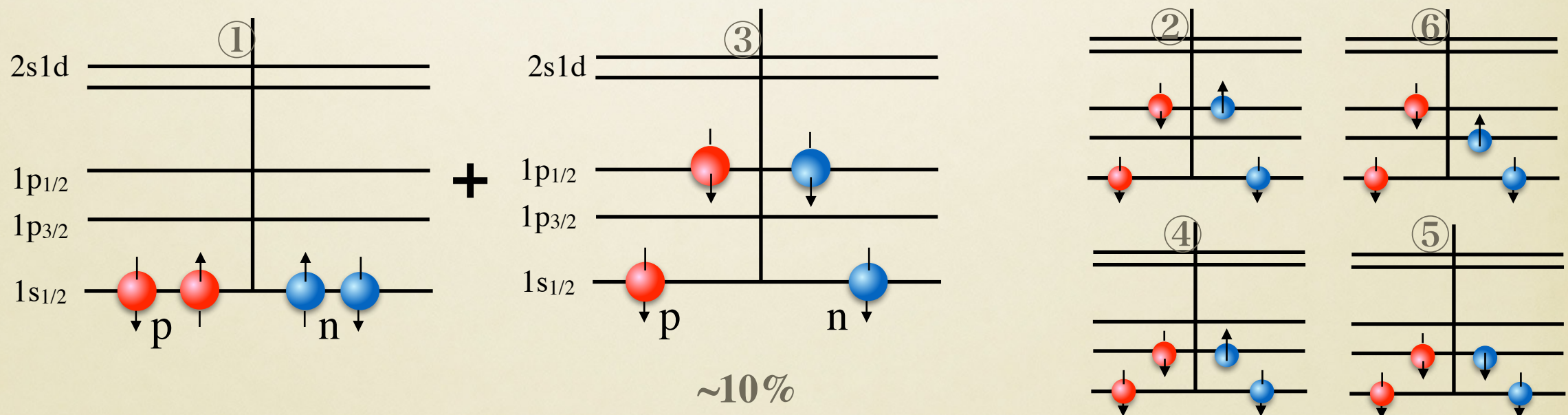


**Highest spin orbital ($j>$) in a major shell is not used for the tensor interaction.
An example is $1p_{3/2}$ orbital in ^4He and deuteron.**

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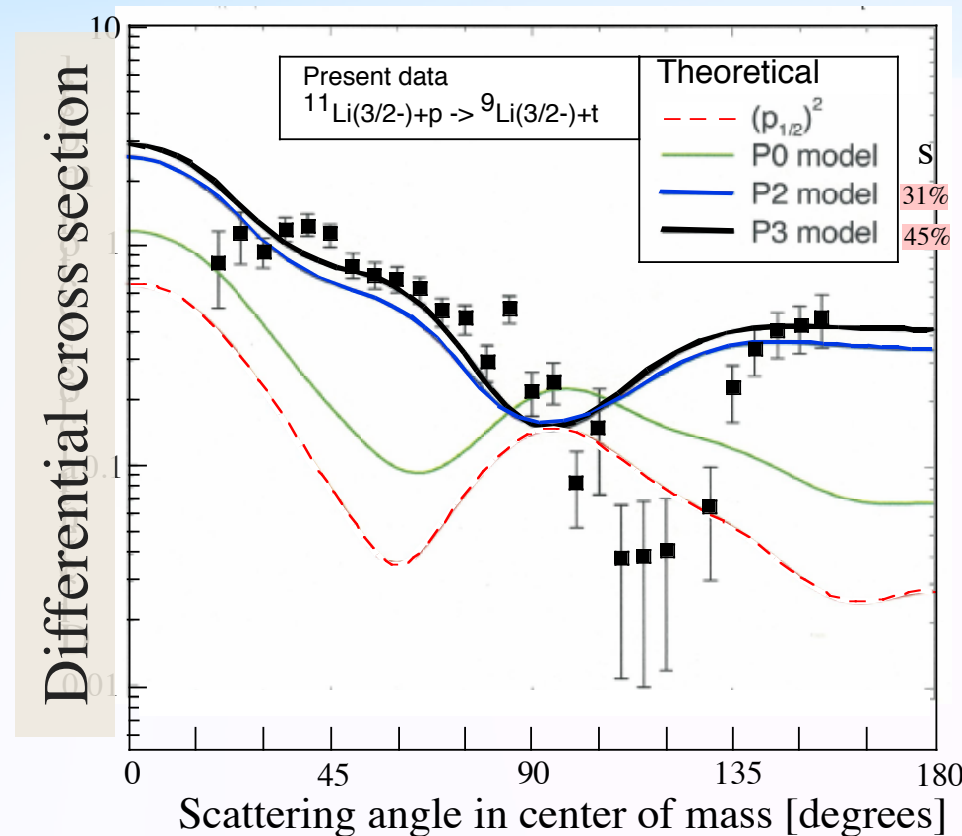
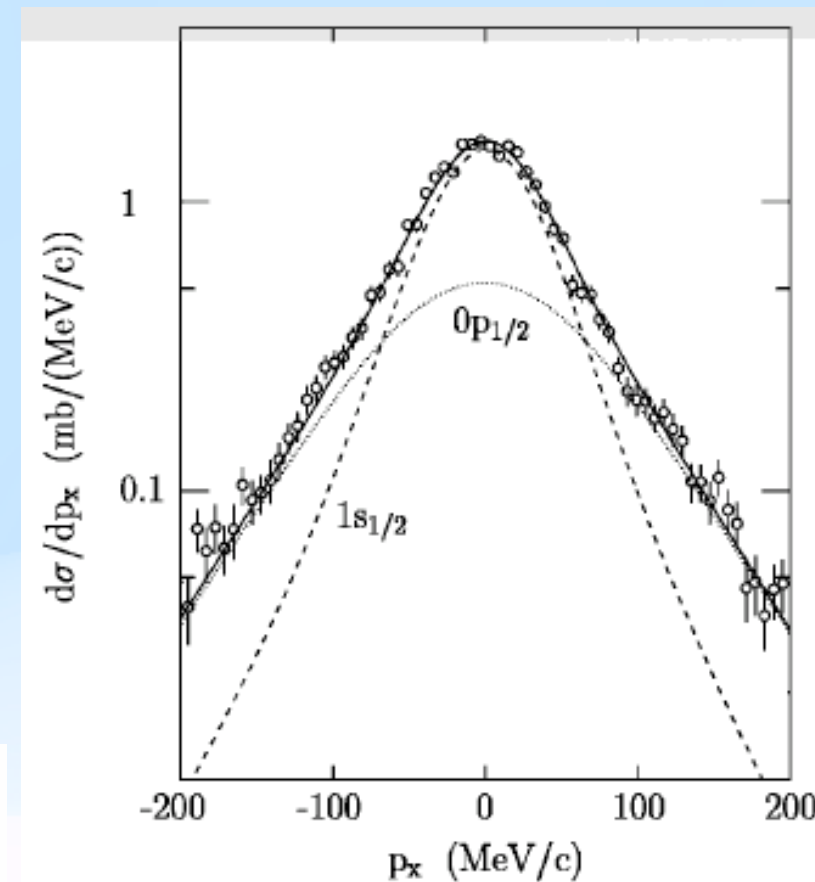
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In more general p-n pairs from $(nlj)^2$ configuration to $(n+1,l+1,j)^2$ or $(n+1,l-1,j)^2$

s- and p- wave mixing in ^{11}Li

- Momentum distribution of fragments ^{10}Li
 - Equal amount of $p_{1/2}$ and $s_{1/2}$. (Simon 1999)
- Beta-decay
 - 30-40% $s_{1/2}$ wave and small amount of $p_{1/2}$ (Borge 1997)
- two-neutron transfer reaction
 - ($^{11}\text{Li}+p \rightarrow ^9\text{Li}+t$)
 - 31-45% $s_{1/2}$ and $p_{1/2}$
 - (Tanihata 2008)



41% s

35% s

Effects of ^{10}Li virtual states on the structure of ^{11}Li

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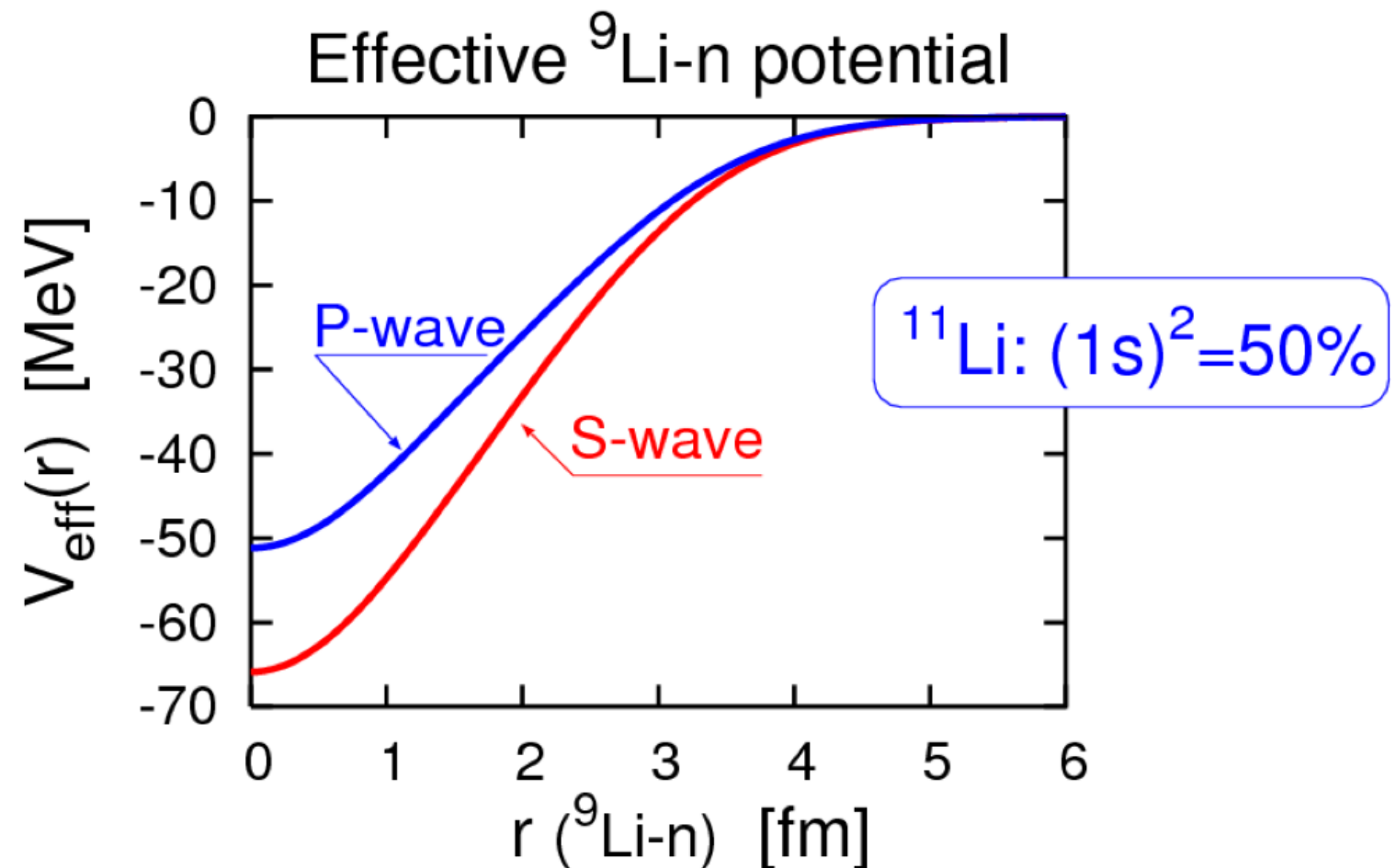
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The presence of a low-lying $1s_{1/2}$ virtual state in the $n+^9\text{Li}$ system, when included in Faddeev three-body calculations, has a pronounced effect on the structure of the ^{11}Li halo. The resulting ^9Li momentum distributions, calculated in the Serber model, have a narrow width comparable with the experimental data. The structure of ^{11}Li would then have nearly 50% of s -wave motion between the neutrons and the core. The three-body system may also approximately fulfill the conditions for the appearance of Efimov states, and there may exist low-lying excited states near the breakup threshold.

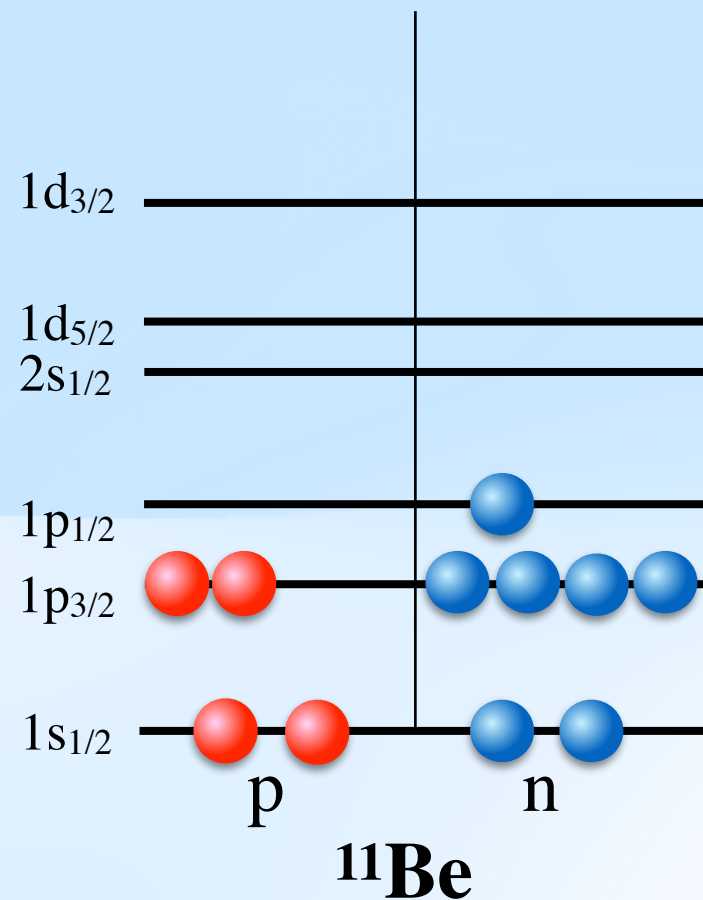
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State-dependent potential for $^9\text{Li}(\text{inert})+n+n$



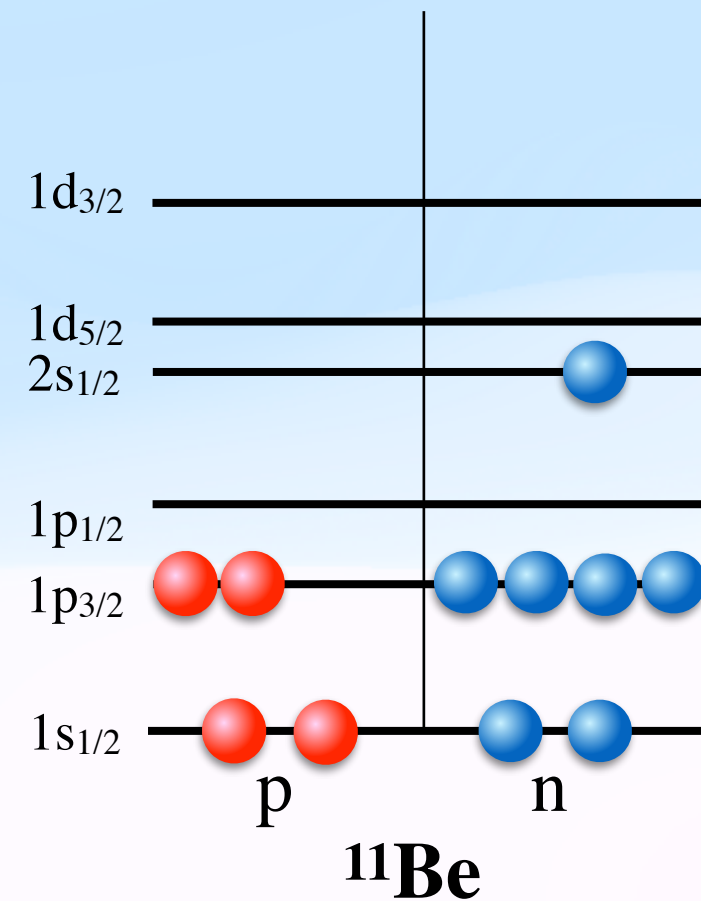
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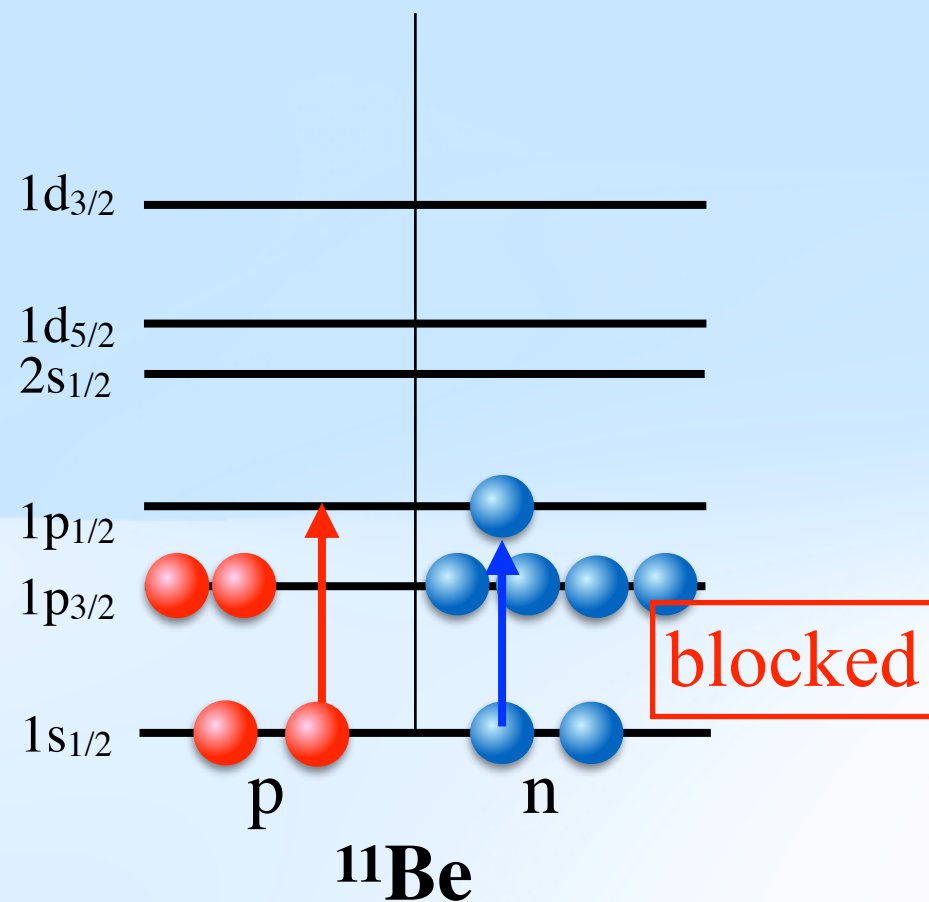
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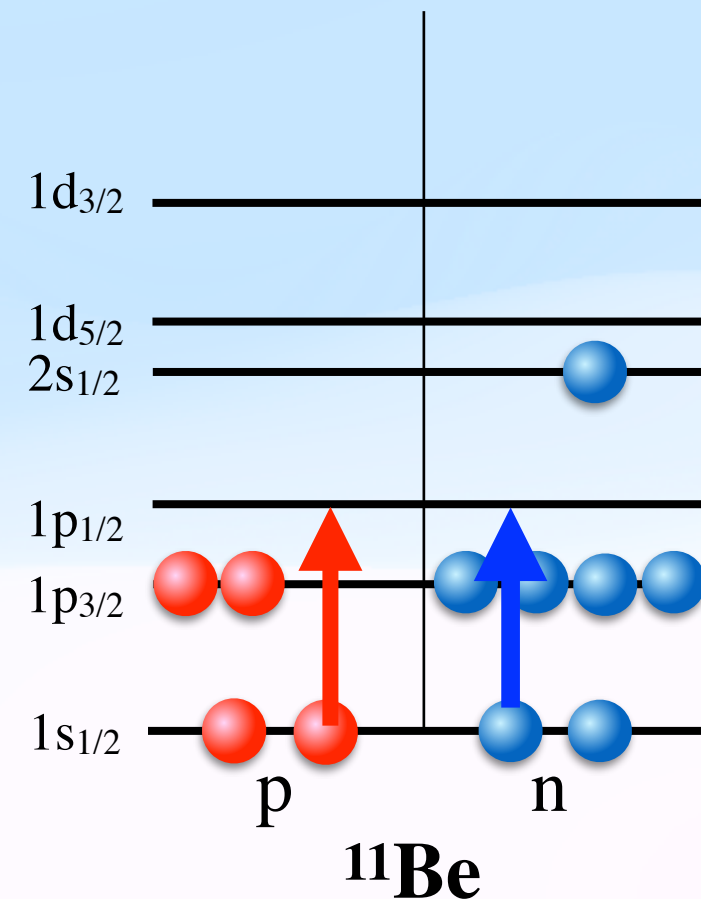
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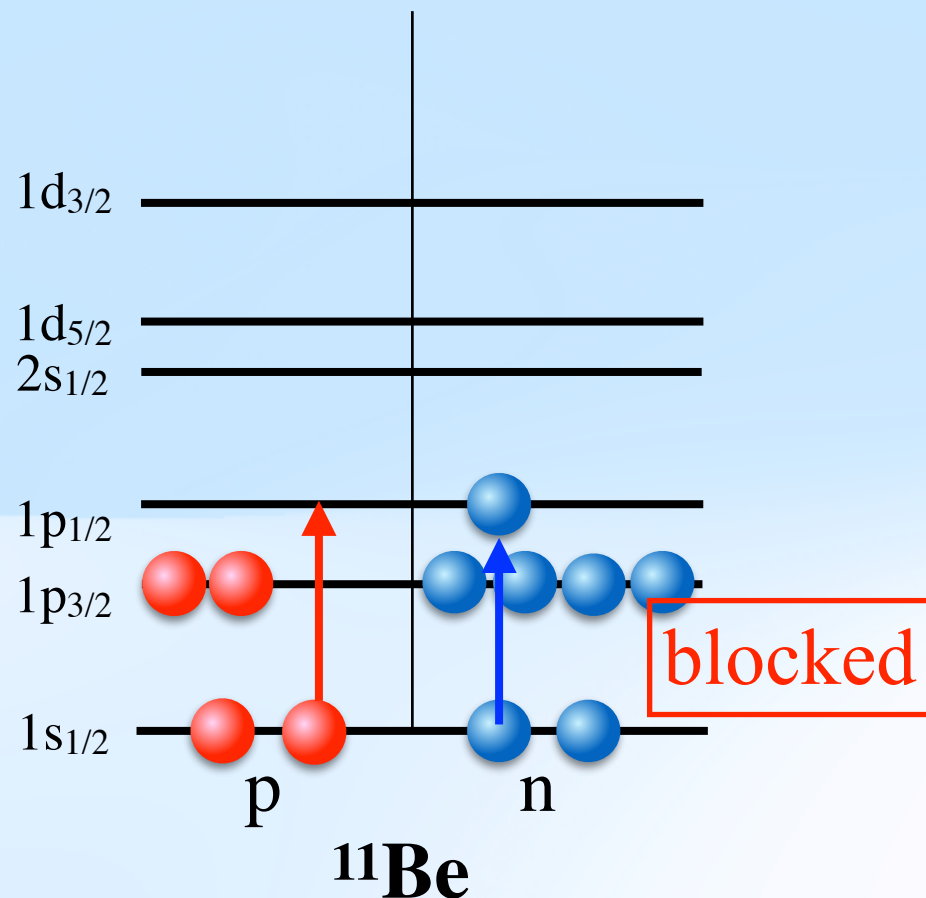
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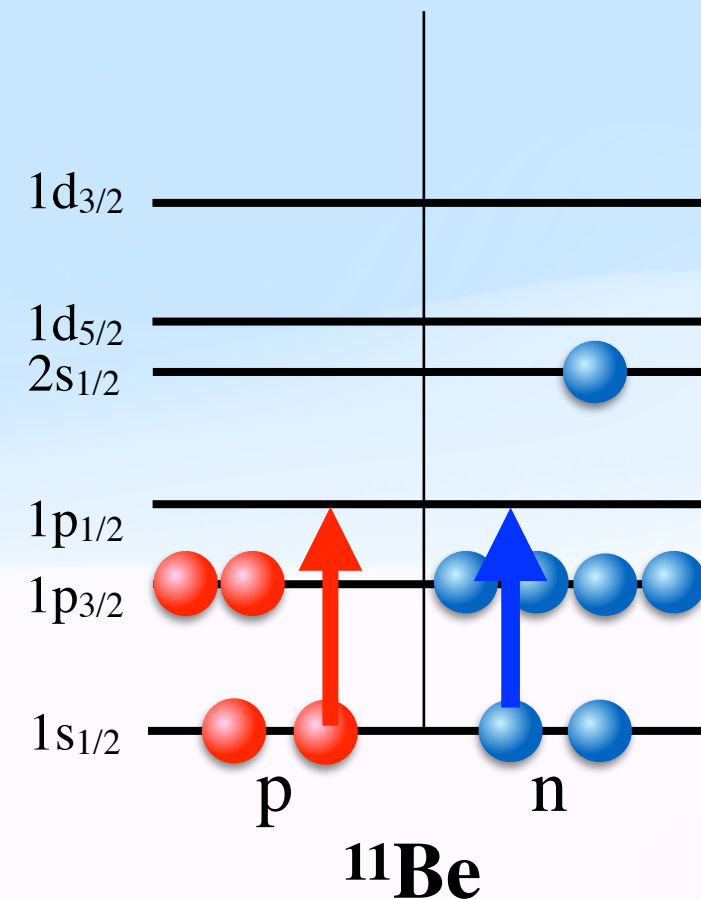
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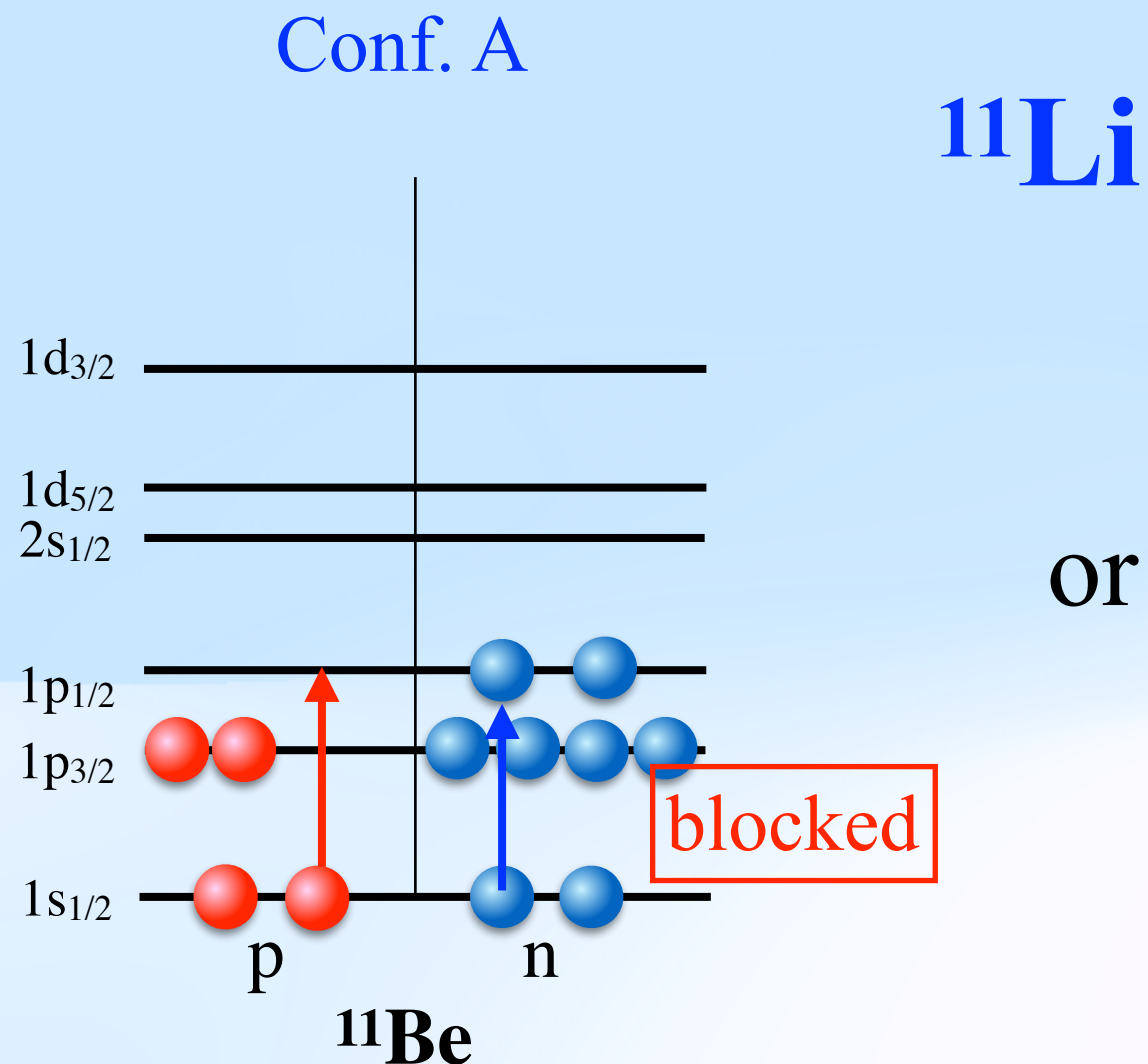
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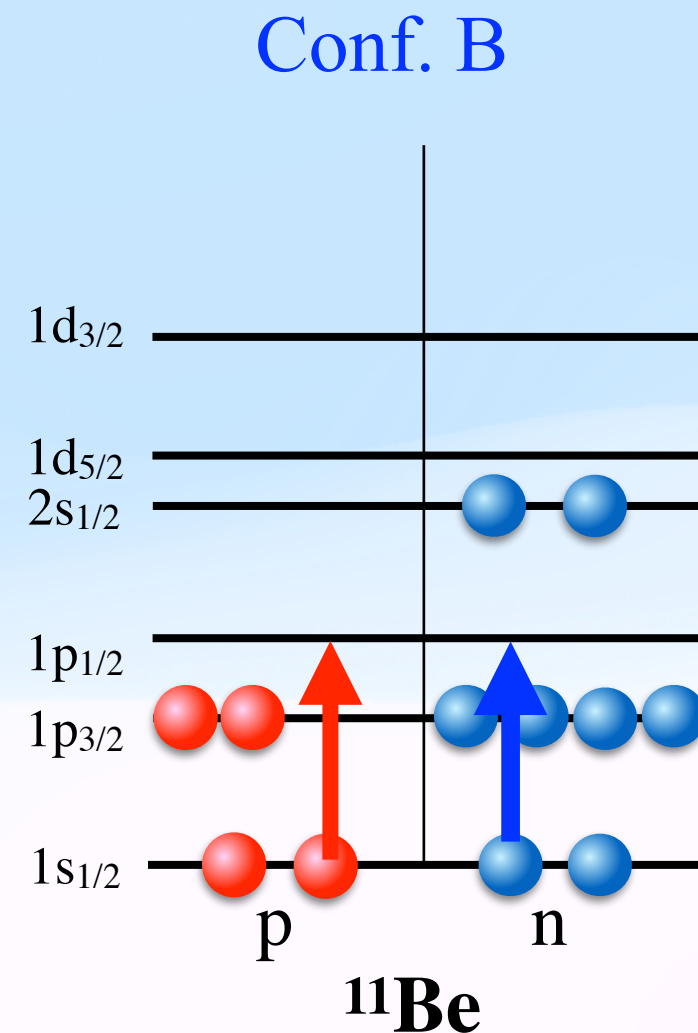


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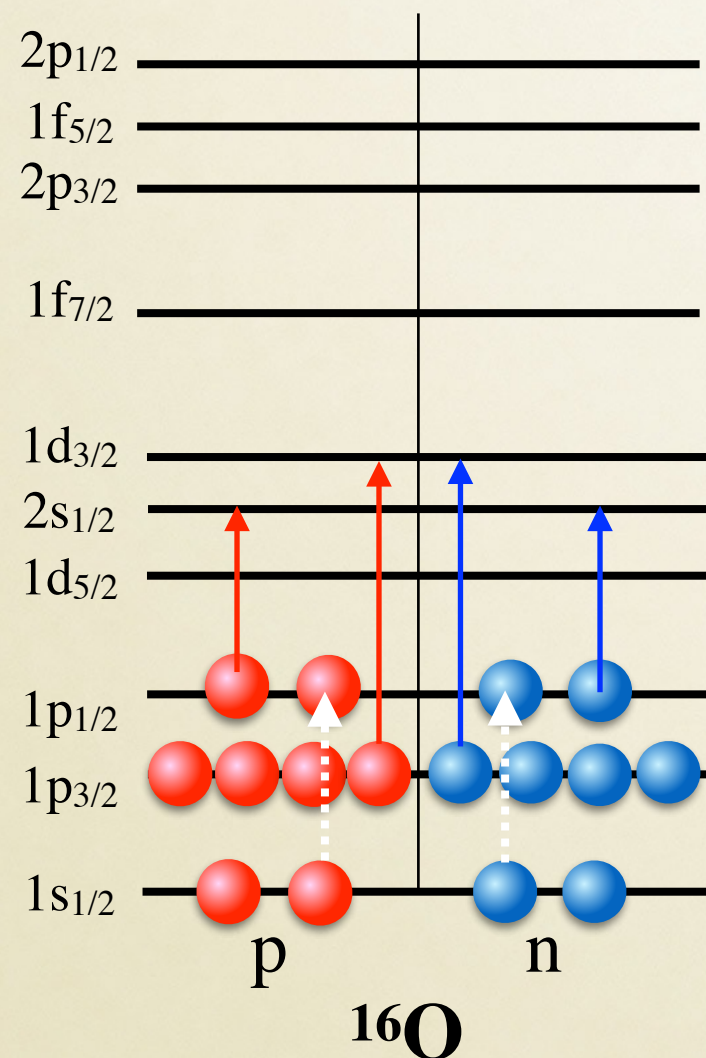
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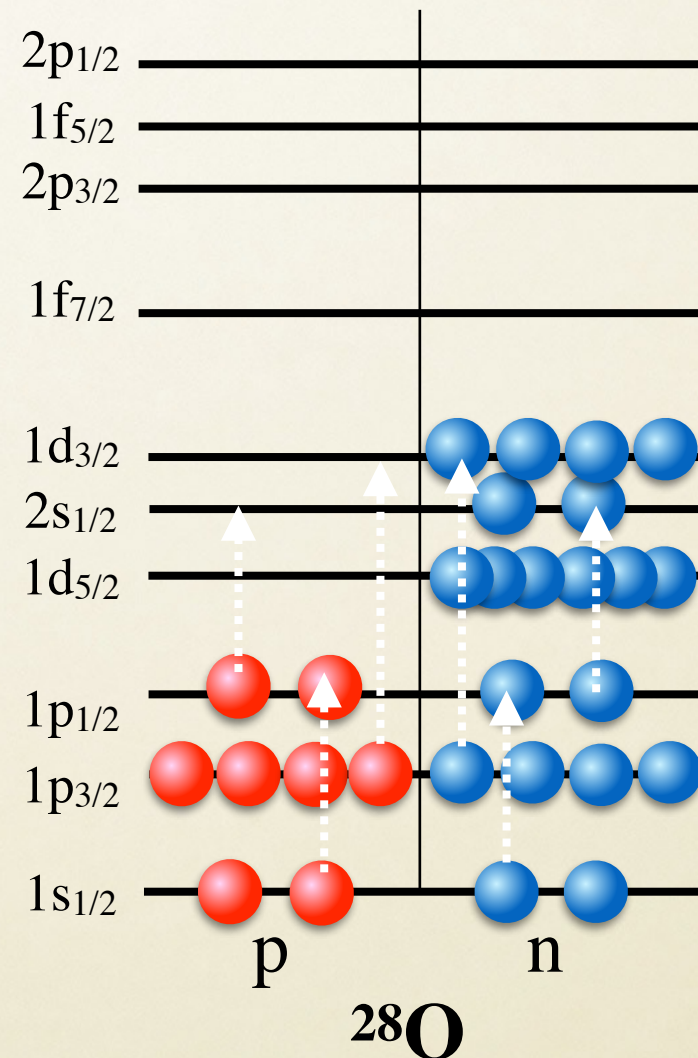
Difference between symmetric and neutron rich nuclei?

Symmetric nuclei

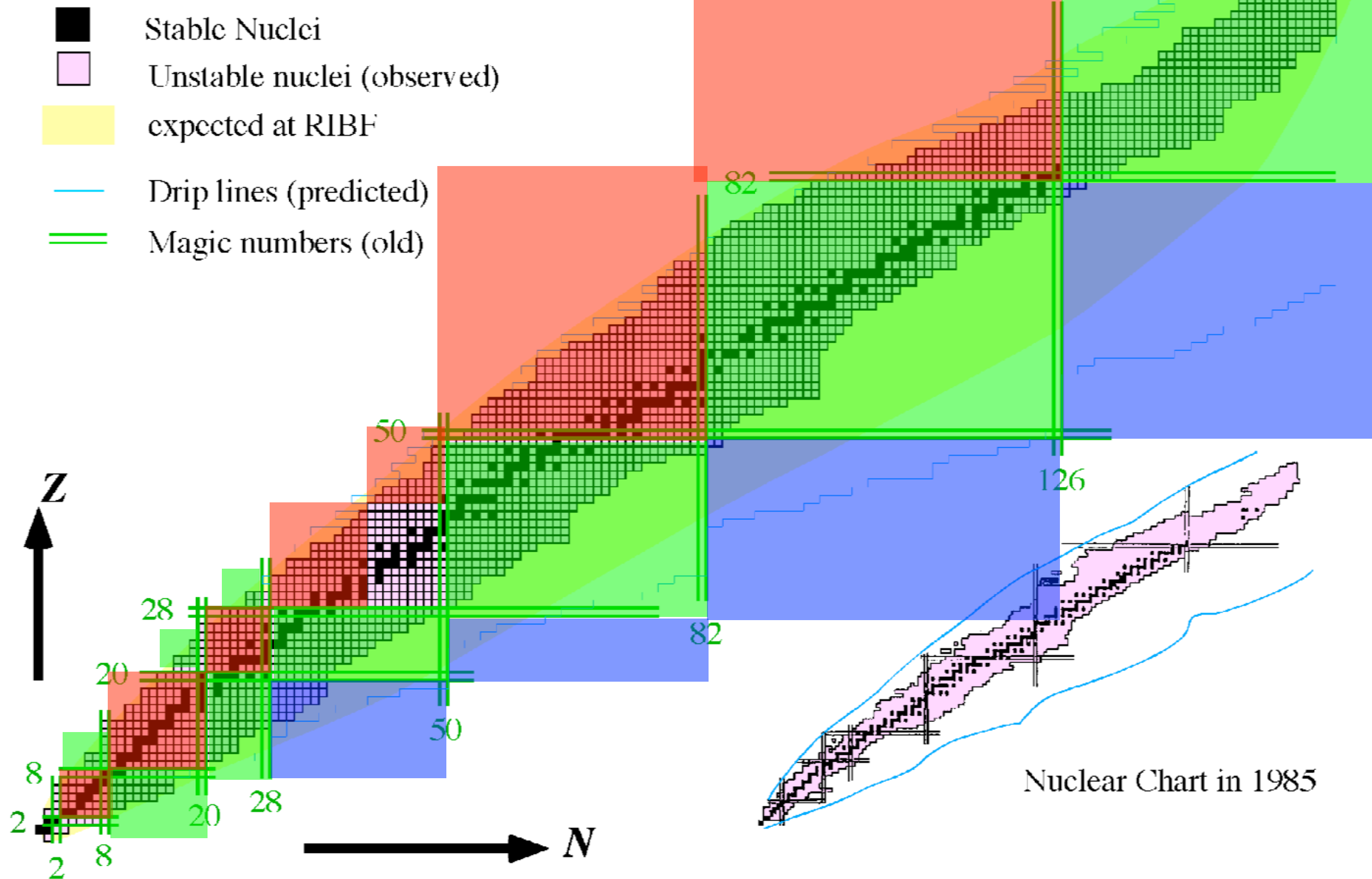


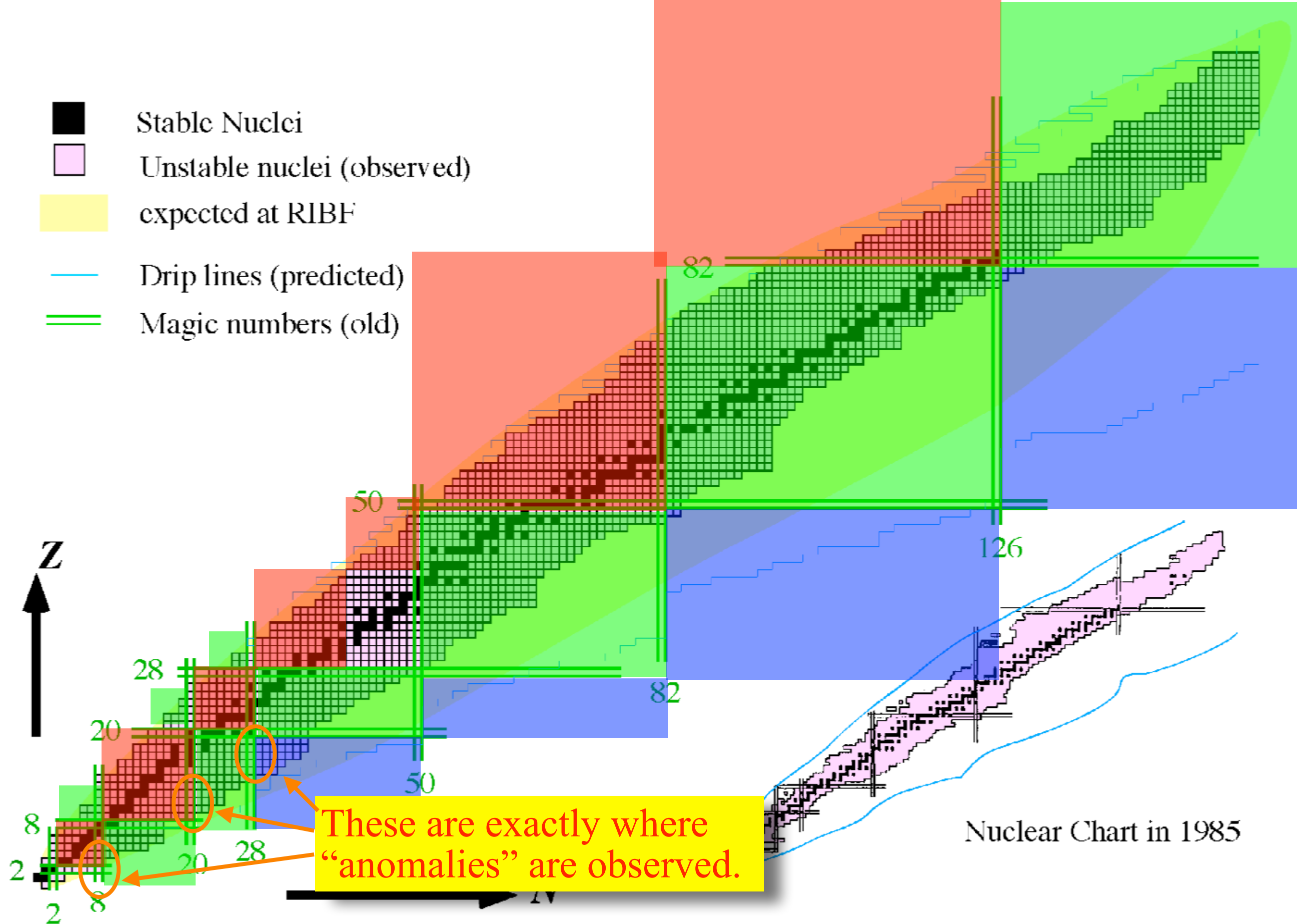
Blocking and Opening occur simultaneously.

Neutron rich nuclei



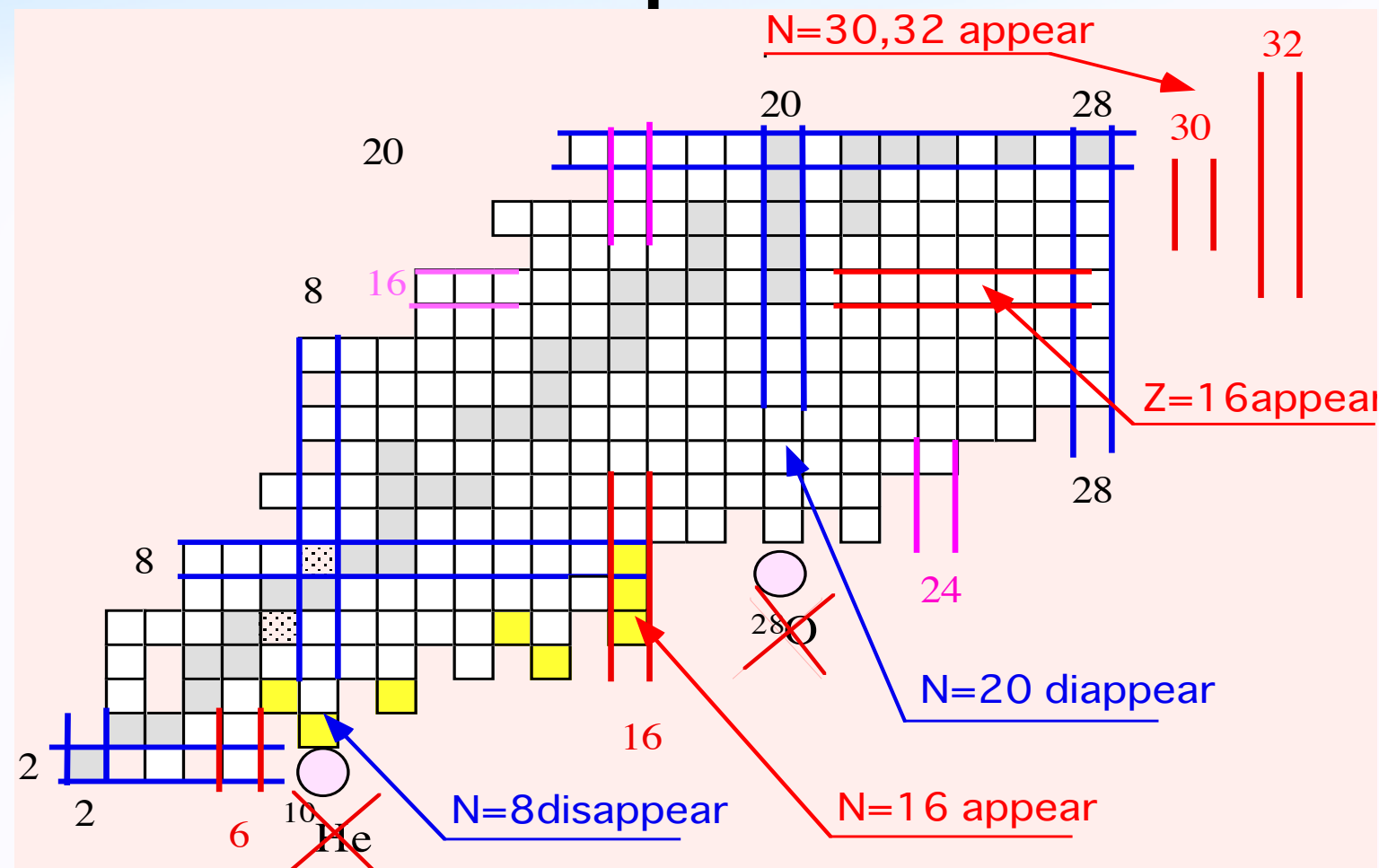
Only tensor blocking occurs.





Tensor blocking explains not only the behavior of $s_{1/2}$ orbital but also explains,

- Why doubly magic number nuclei ^{10}He , ^{28}O is unbound,
- Why neutron magic numbers 8, 20 disappears in neutron-rich nuclei,
- Appearance of new magic numbers 6, 14, 16, 32, 34,
- Why drip line suddenly extend a lot in F isotopes.



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In general this effect is considered just to cut the shell model space restricting only low momentum nucleons. Say Depletion of spectroscopic factors.

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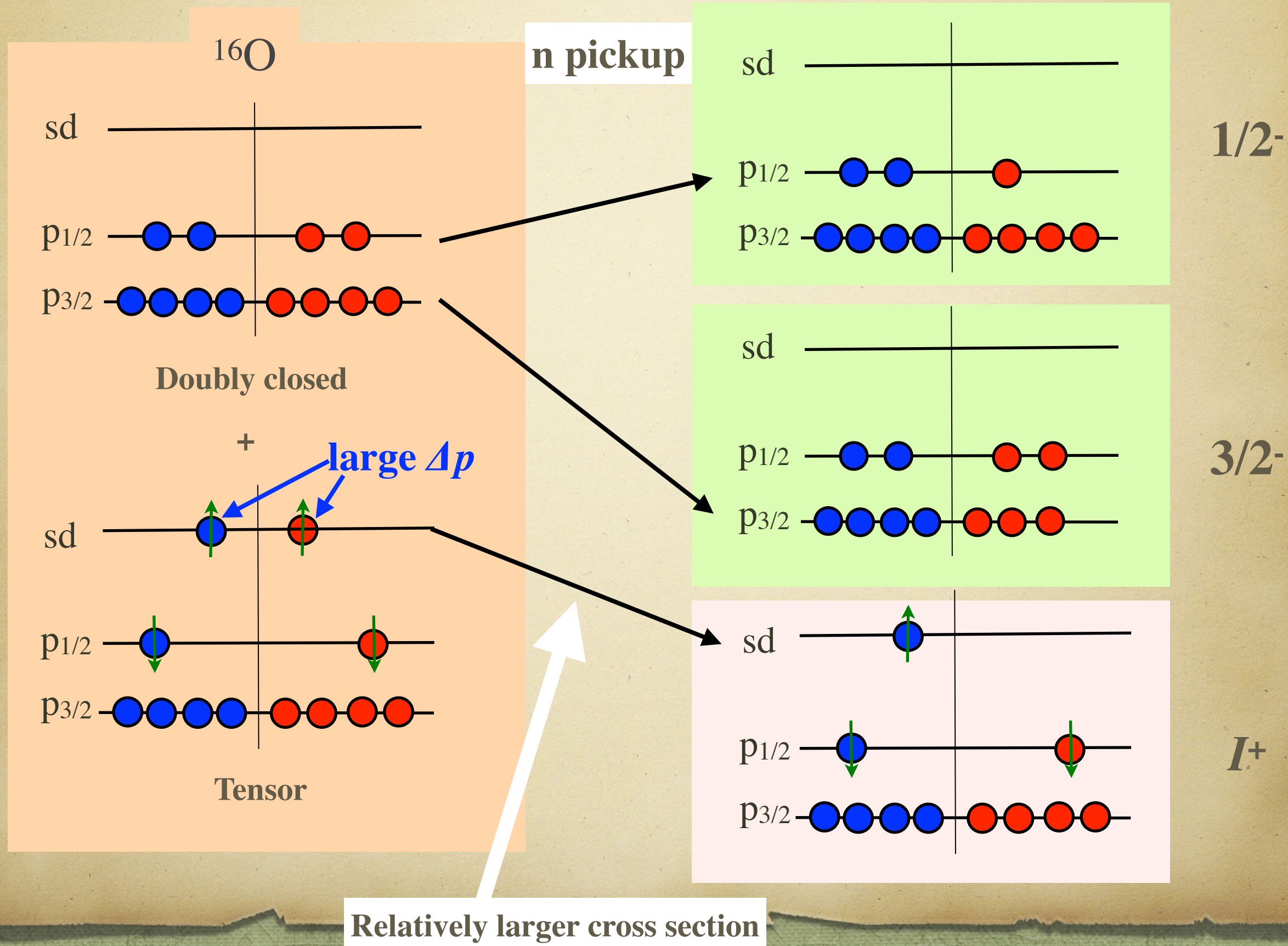
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Can we see enhancement of high-momentum nucleons in 2p-2h excitations?

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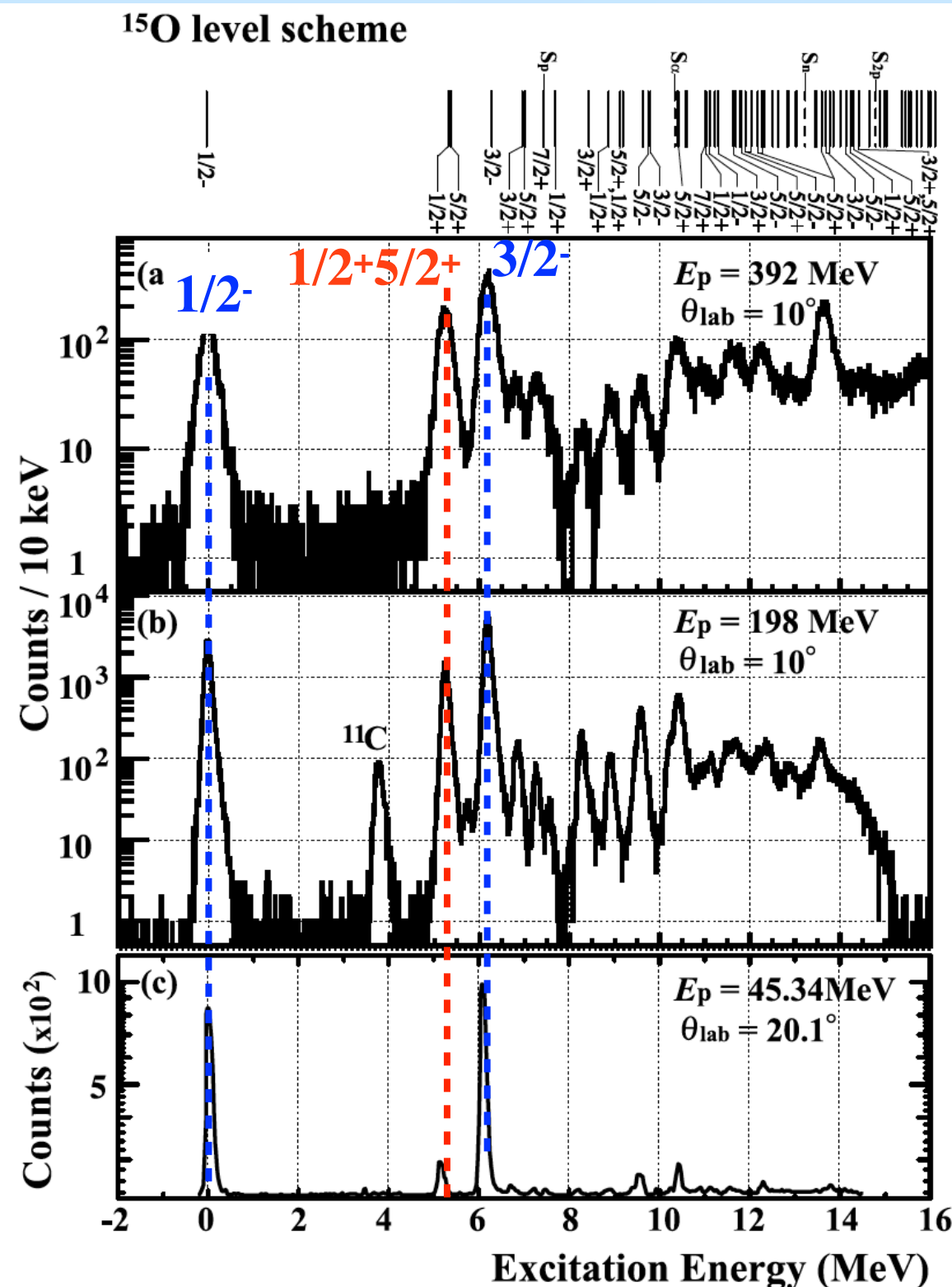
- **Because of the strong selection rules, tensor interactions affect orbitals differently based on their quantum numbers.**
- **State by state differences of the tensor contributions make exotic behaviors of nuclear structure.**
- **It can be observed as state by state difference of high-momentum components.**

^{16}O and (p,d) reaction

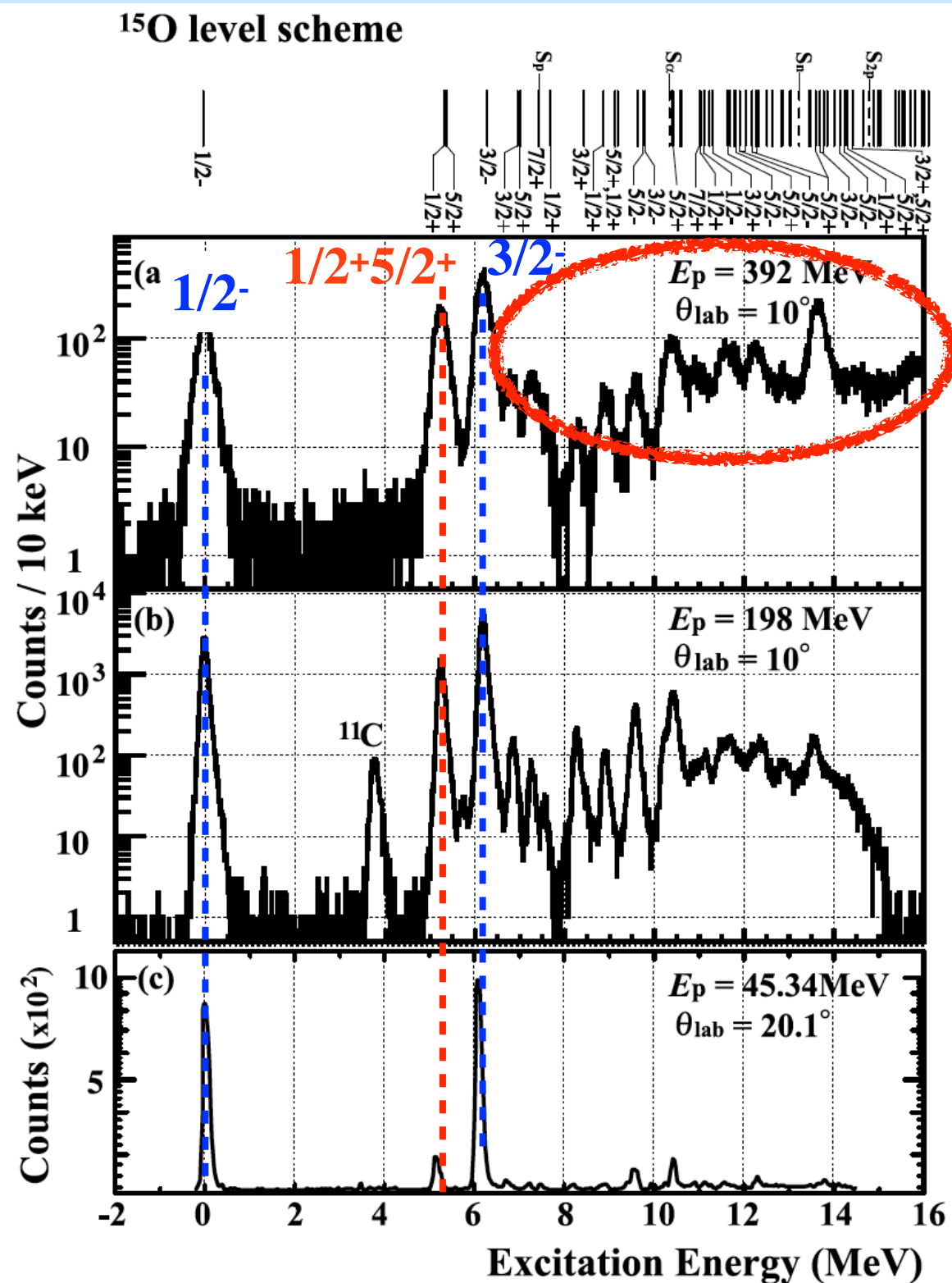


Energy dependence of the cross sections

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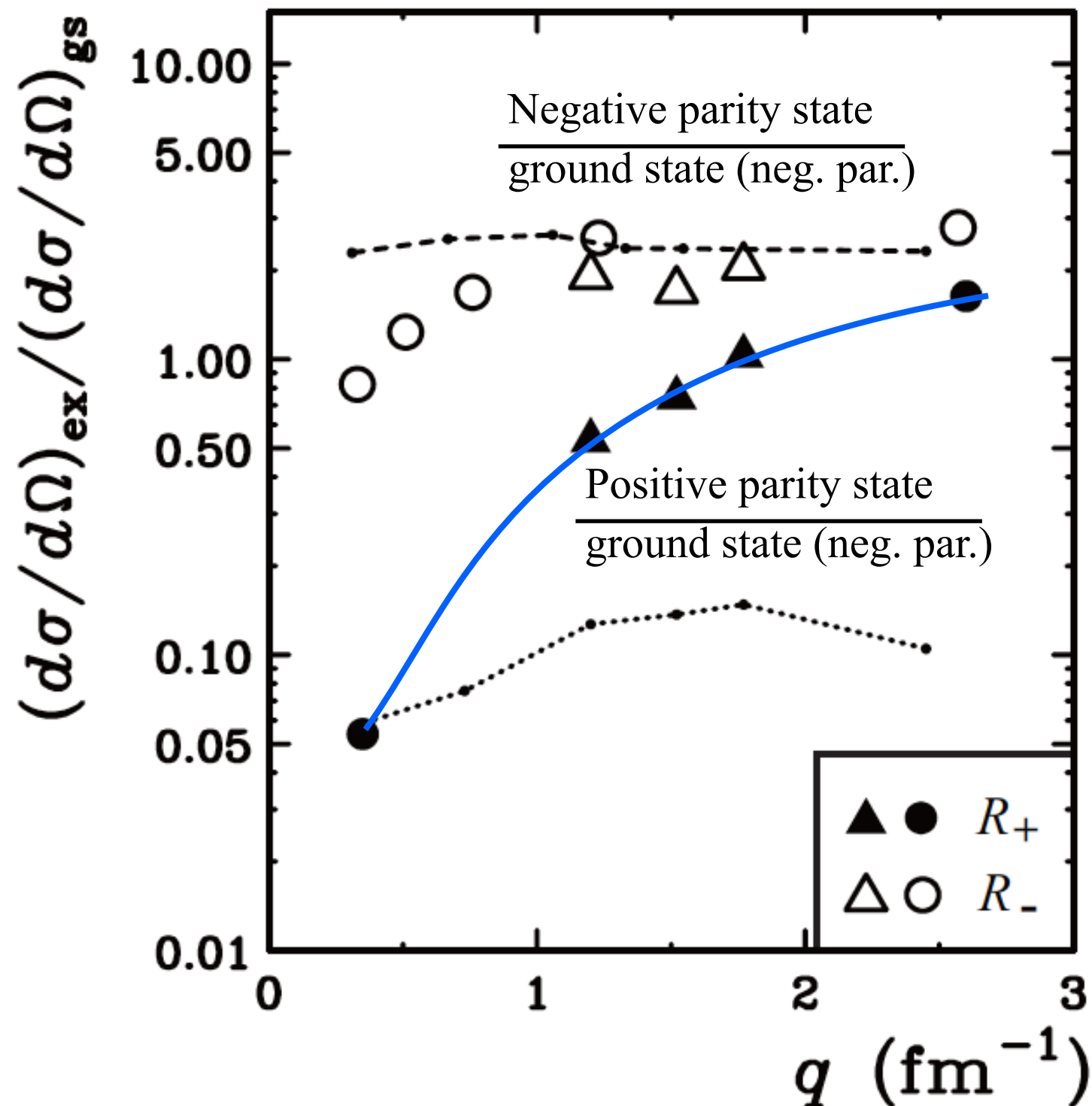


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Ratio of the $^{16}\text{O}(p,d)^{15}\text{O}^*$ cross sections to the gs transitions

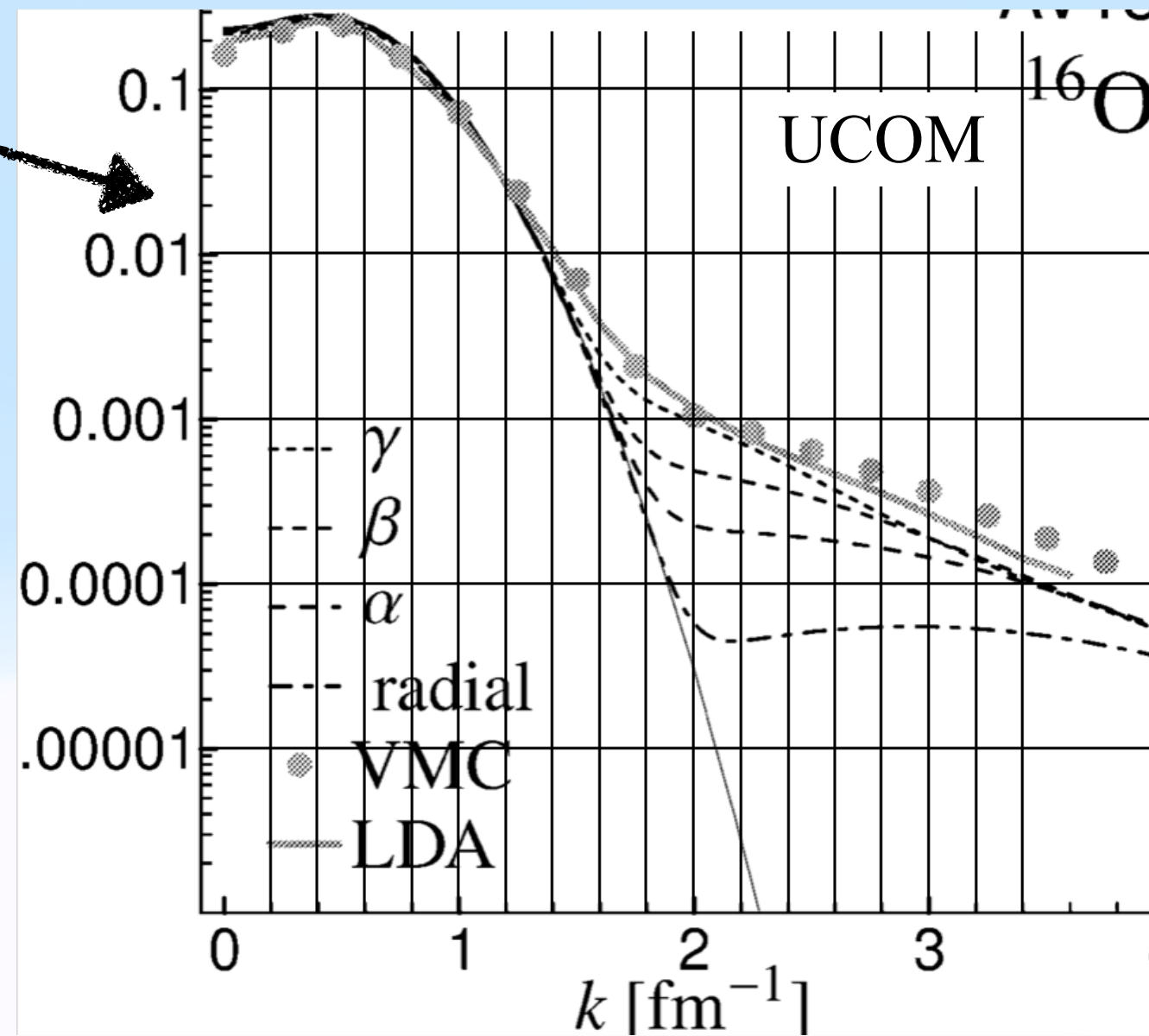


The dashed (dotted) curve represents the ratios of the $1p_{3/2}$ ($1d_{5/2}$) and $1p_{1/2}$, obtained by zero-range CDCC-BA calculations with finite-range correction using the Dirac phenomenological potentials. (by K. Ogata)
Wavefuncions are from Wood-Saxon potential.

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Comparison with models

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- All models predict peak near 2 fm^{-1} .
- Data also show a peak near 2 fm^{-1} .
- The height of the peak is strongly depends on the assumptions to obtain the ratio from model momentum amplitudes.

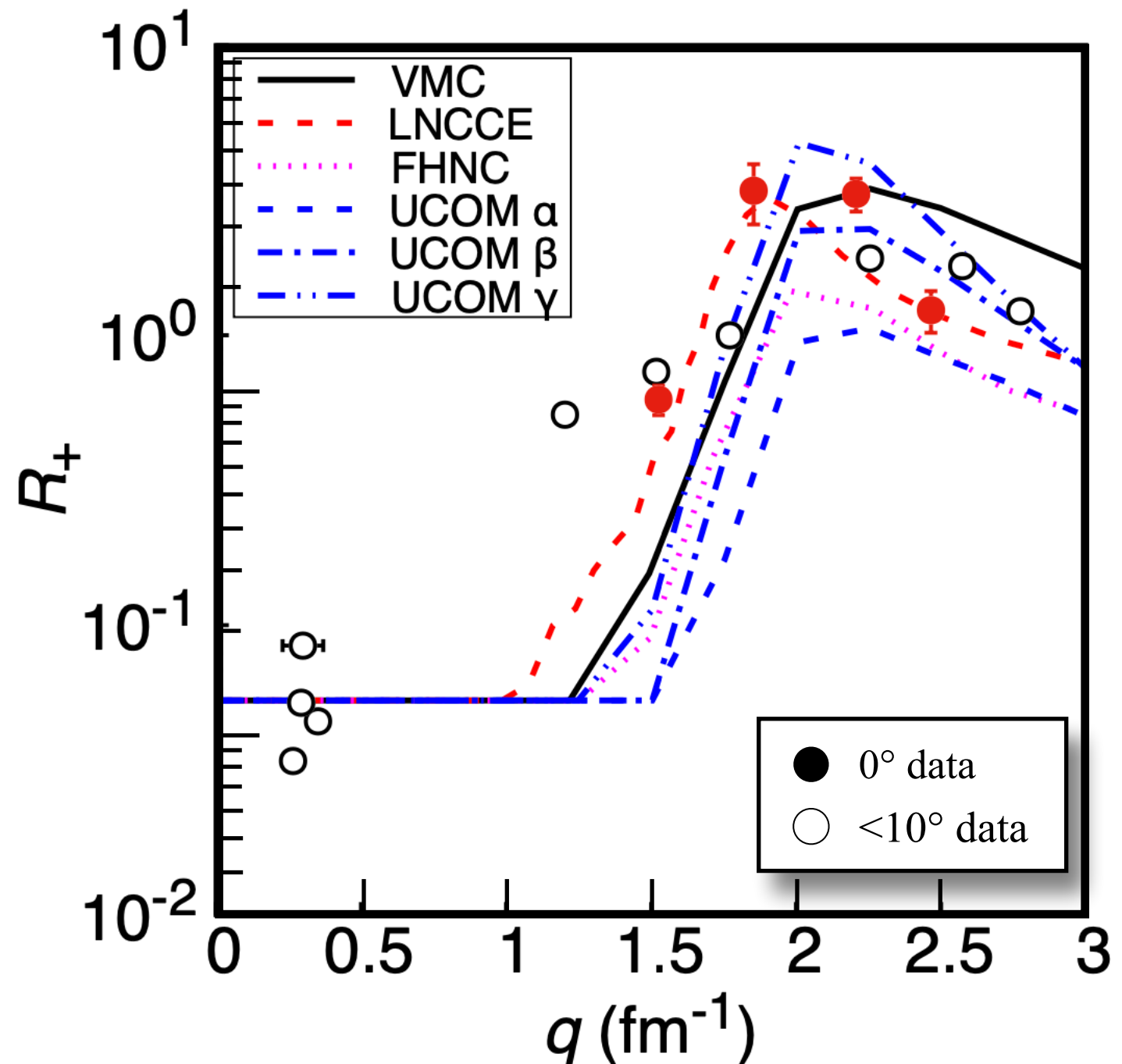
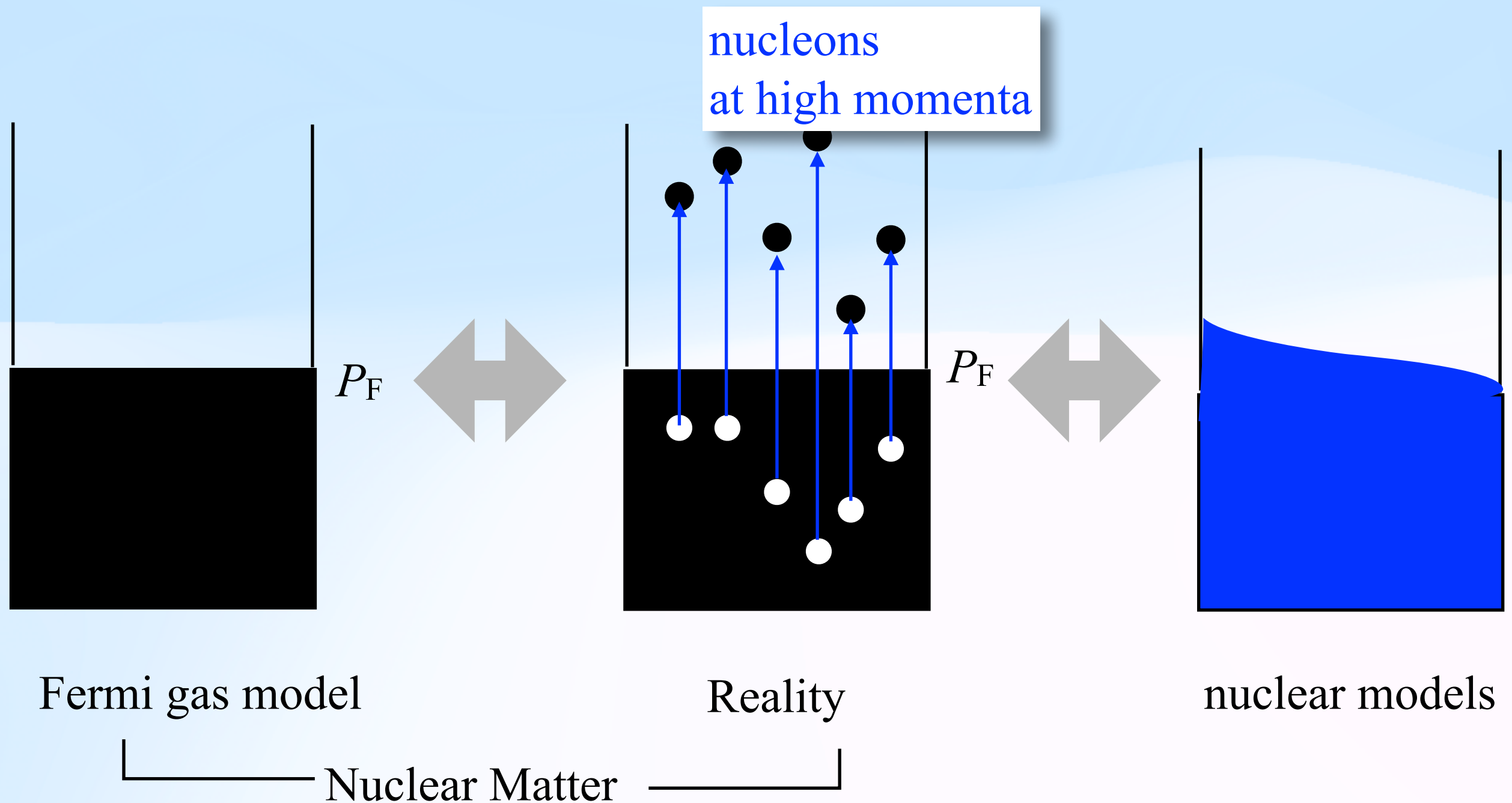


FIG. 4. Comparison of the cross-section ratios between experimental data and theoretical calculations. Filled symbols indicate the experimental data with the same definition in

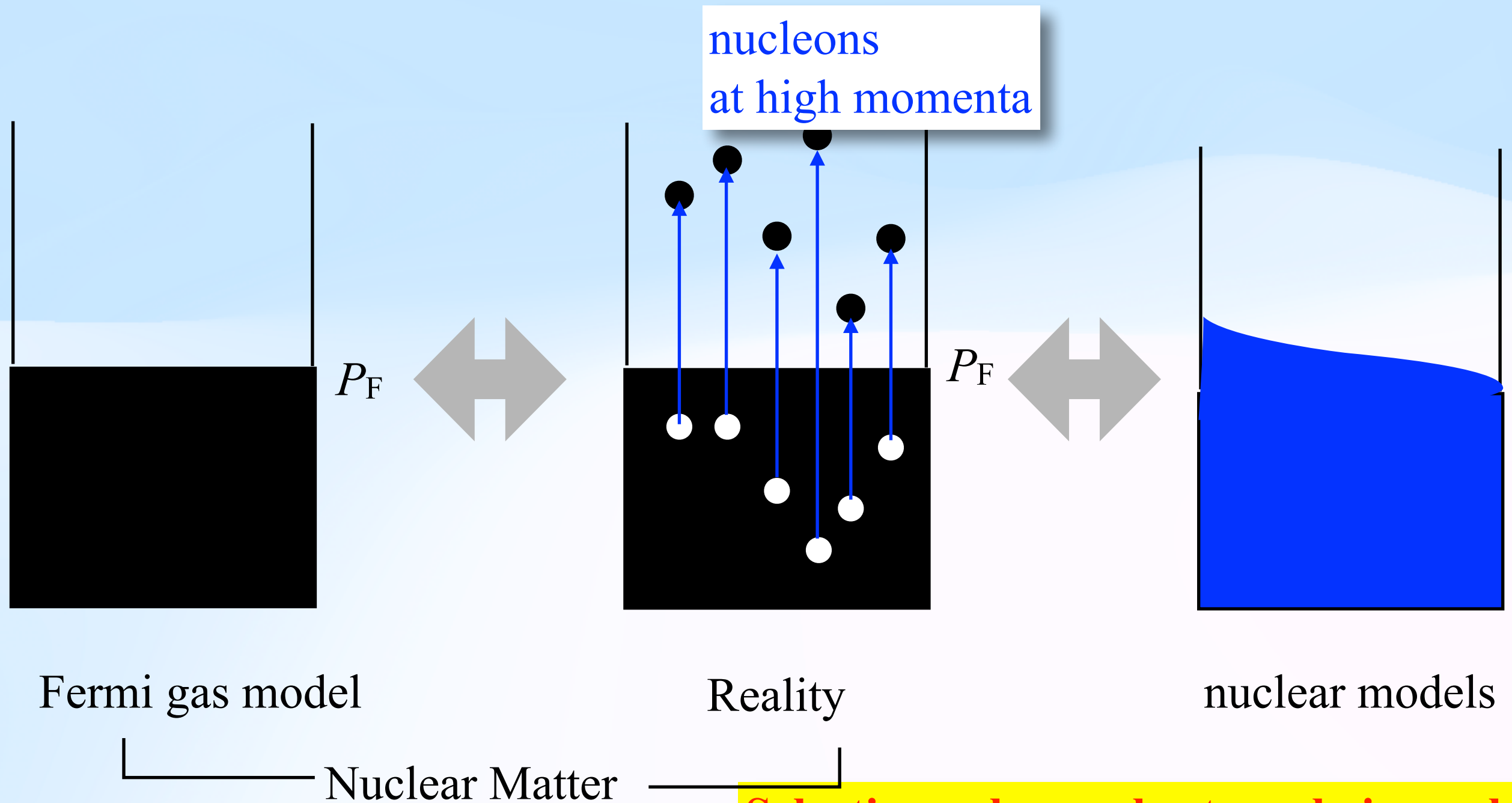
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Summary

- Tensor interactions strongly affect the properties of nuclei at ground state and other low lying states.
- Blocking of the 2p-2h excitations (Tensor blocking) change the orbitals of g.s. and low-lying states of nuclei.
- Those effects are due to high-momentum nucleons in nuclei which contribute strongly to the tensor interactions.
- High-momentum neutrons in a 2p-2h state has been observed.

We need,

- nuclear-structure theory that includes tensor interactions and high-momentum nucleons to understand nuclei near and far from the stability line simultaneously.
- reaction theory that can treat (p, d) reactions well at higher energies.
- more experiments directly show tensor effects at low energy properties.

