

# Unbound Nuclei Studied by Projectile Fragmentation

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# Introduction

- **Present and future most challenging problems in reaction theory for unstable beams**
- **Nuclear (both stripping and diffraction) and Coulomb breakup @ all energies.**
- Two nucleon breakup (two-n halo & proton radioactivity, pairing effects)
- **Elastic scattering including above channels... optical potentials**

## Fundamental Problem

Determination of dripline position

***Unbound Nuclei (...<sup>10</sup>Li <sup>13</sup>Be)***

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- Transfer to the continuum vs. projectile fragmentation

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Unbound exotic nuclei studied by projectile fragmentation

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Observables measured & calculated ---> structure information extracted.





# Projectile fragmentation

## $^{11}\text{Be}$ : a simple test case

CAPEL, GOLDSTEIN, AND BAYE PHYSICAL REVIEW C 70, 064605 (2004)

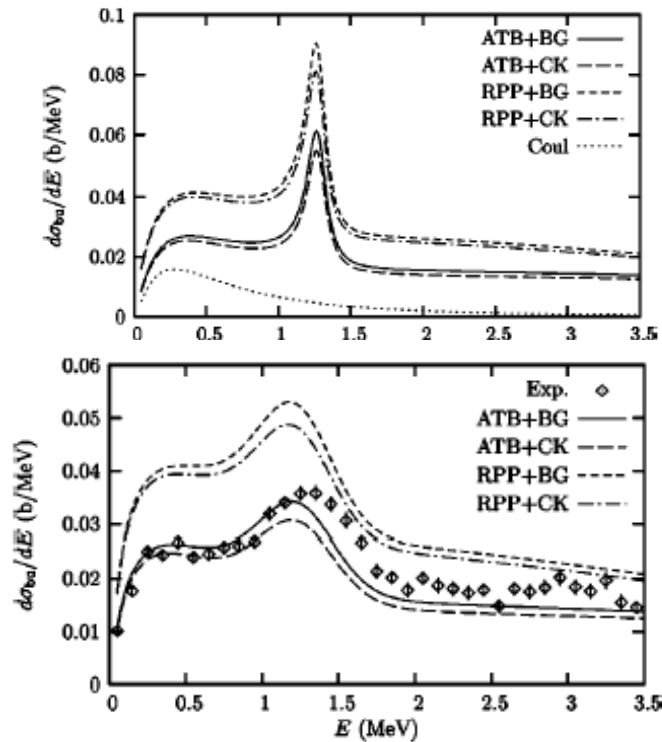


FIG. 4. Theoretical and experimental breakup cross sections as a function of the energy. The four curves correspond to the calculations performed with various combinations of the potentials of Table III convoluted with energy resolution. Experimental data are from Ref. [39].

[39] N. Fukuda *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 70, 054606 (2004).

from bound *s*-state to *d*-resonance:  
inelastic excitation to the continuum?

## $^{11}\text{Be} + ^{12}\text{C}$ @ 67A.MeV

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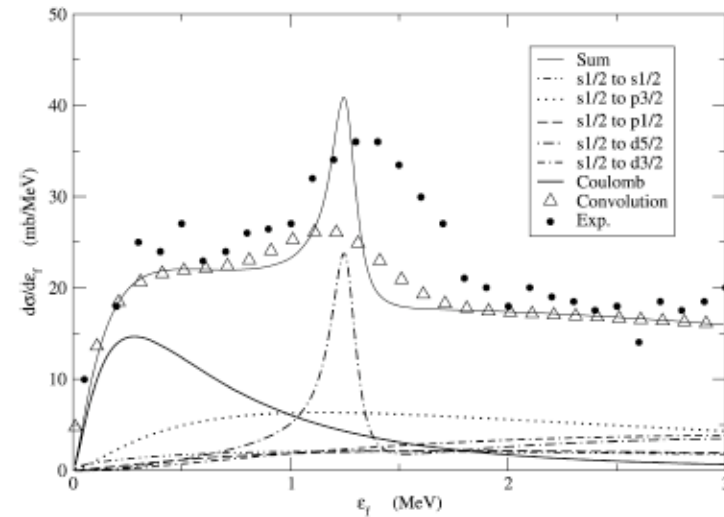


Fig. 3.  $n$ - $^{10}\text{Be}$  relative energy spectrum, including Coulomb and nuclear breakup for the reaction  $^{11}\text{Be} + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow n + ^{10}\text{Be} + X$  at 67A MeV. Only the contributions from an *s* initial state with spectroscopic factor  $C^2S = 0.84$  are calculated. The triangles are the total calculated result after convolution with the experiment resolution function. The dots are the experimental points from [1].

$$A_{fi} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \psi_f(\mathbf{r}, t) | V_2(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t)) | \psi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle,$$

$$\frac{dP_{in}}{d\varepsilon_f} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{v_2^2}{\hbar^2 v^2} C_i^2 \frac{m}{\hbar^2 k} \frac{1}{2l_i + 1} \Sigma_{m_i, m_f} |1 - \bar{S}_{m_i, m_f}|^2 |I_{m_i, m_f}|^2, \rightarrow \text{exclusive breakup}$$

$$\bar{S} = S e^{2i\nu} = e^{2i(\delta+\nu)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \bar{S} \text{ off-shell} \\ S \text{ on shell} \end{array}$$

$$I_{l_f, l_i} \approx \frac{e^{-2\gamma b_c}}{b_c^3} \quad \text{Fragmentation}$$

Initial states chosen to fit known separation energy,  
s & p components for  $^{11}\text{Li}$  with known spectroscopic factors.

For  $^{14}\text{Be}$  s-p-d components with unit  $\text{C}^2\text{S}$ .

## Final states determined by S-matrix via n-core interaction

Potential corrections due to the particle-vibration coupling  
(N. Vinh Mau and J. C. Pacheco, NPA607 (1996) 163).

also T. Tarutina, I.J. Thompson, J.A. Tostevin NPA733 (2004) 53 )

...can be modeled as:

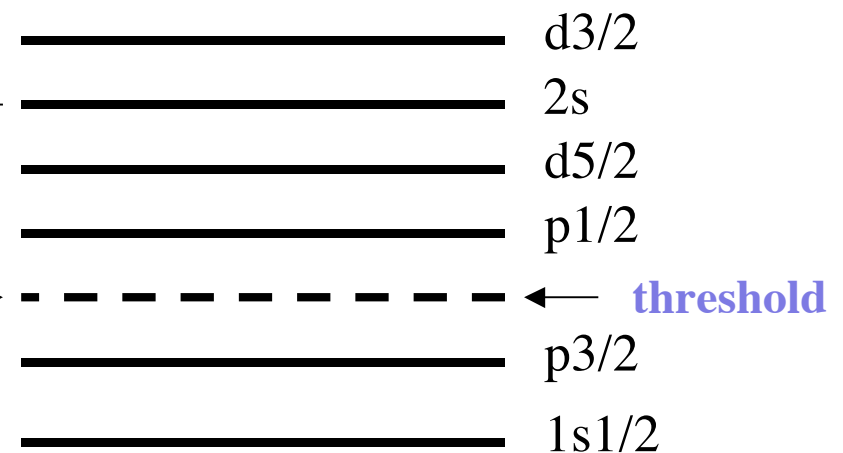
$$U(r) = V_{WS} + V_{SO} + \delta V$$

$$\delta V(\mathbf{r}) = 16 \alpha e^{2(r-R)/a} / (1 + e^{(r-R)/a})^4$$

 $n + {}^{12}\text{Be}:$ 

	$\varepsilon_{res}$ (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	$\alpha$ (MeV)
1p <sub>1/2</sub>	0.67	0.28	8.34
1d <sub>5/2</sub>	2.0	0.40	-2.36

## inversion



## 2. Effect of particle-vibration coupling on individual energies

Let us start with the Hartree-Fock (HF) potential for a neutron in the mean field of the core nucleus and calculate the correction to this HF potential due to the coupling of single particle states to the RPA collective one-phonon states of the core. Neglecting the antisymmetrisation between the single particle and the particles of the core, one can write this correction  $\delta V$  as [26,28]:

$$\delta V(r, r'; E) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{N, \lambda} \left[ \frac{1 - n_{\lambda}}{E - \epsilon_{\lambda} - E_N + i\eta} + \frac{n_{\lambda}}{E - \epsilon_{\lambda} + E_N - i\eta} \right] \times V_{0N}^*(r) V_{0N}(r') \phi_{\lambda}^*(r') \phi_{\lambda}(r), \quad (1)$$

$\lambda$  and  $N$  characterise respectively the HF single particle state of energy  $\epsilon_\lambda$  and wave function  $\phi_\lambda$  and the RPA collective state of the core of excitation energy  $E_N$ ;  $n_\lambda$  is the occupation number of the state  $\lambda$  in the HF ground state of the core and  $V_{0N}$  the transition amplitude between the ground state and the excited state  $N$ .  $V_{0N}$  can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{0N}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{i,j} [n_i(1-n_j) + n_j(1-n_i)] x_{ij}^{(N)} \rho_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \langle \Psi_N | v | \Psi_0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $x_{ij}^{(N)}$  are the RPA amplitudes,  $\rho_{ij}(r)$  the transition density for the unperturbed particle-hole state  $(ij)$ ,  $v$  the two body interaction and  $\Psi_N$  and  $\Psi_0$  the RPA wave functions of the excited state and the ground state respectively. In the summation over  $N$  we keep only natural parity states with multipolarity  $L$  and define amplitudes  $f_{NL}(r)$  such that:

$$V_{0N}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2L+1}} f_{NL}(\mathbf{r}) Y_L^{M*}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}). \quad (3)$$

The correction of Eq. (1) to the HF potential induces a modification of the single particle energies which, in first approximation, can be calculated as the average of  $\delta V$  over the HF state of interest, replacing in Eq. (1) the energy  $E$  by the corresponding HF energy. For an HF state  $n$  of energy  $\epsilon_n$  we get the modified energy  $\epsilon_n$  as:

$$e_n = \epsilon_n + \delta \epsilon_n, \quad (4)$$

$$\delta\epsilon_n = \sum_{N,\lambda} F_{N\lambda} \frac{2j_\lambda + 1}{4\pi} \left( \begin{matrix} j_n & L & j_\lambda \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{matrix} \right)^2 \left| \int_0^\infty r^2 dr \mathcal{R}_\lambda(r) \mathcal{R}_n(r) f_{NL}(r) \right|^2 \quad (5)$$

with

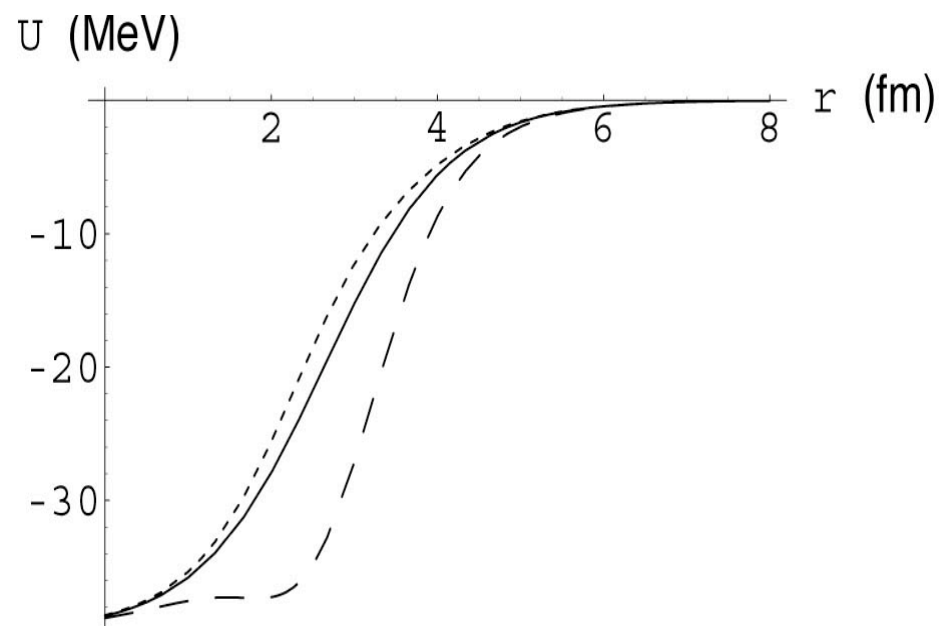
$$F_{N\lambda} = \frac{1 - n_\lambda}{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_\lambda - E_N} + \frac{n_\lambda}{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_\lambda + E_N}, \quad (6)$$

$\mathcal{R}_A$  and  $\mathcal{R}_n$  are the radial wave functions,

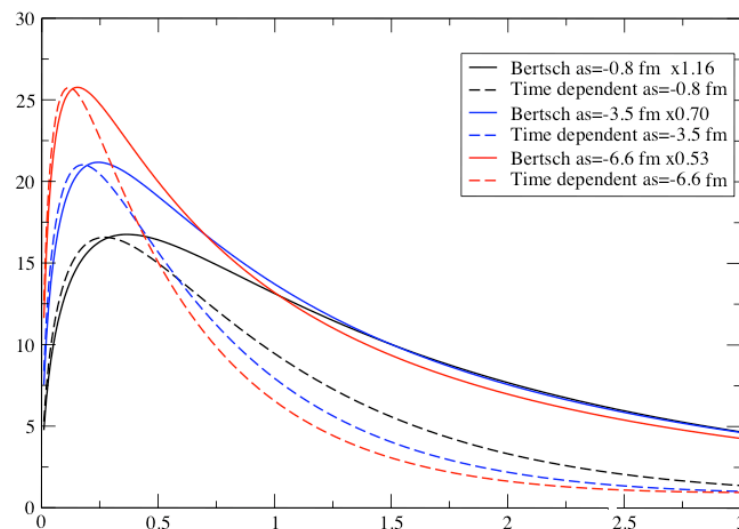
$$f_{NL}(r) = \beta_{NL} R_0 \frac{dU(r)}{dr},$$

p-state potential

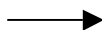
p-state potential



## Sudden vs. time dependent



**sudden for  
s-states**



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\varepsilon_f} &\approx \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{k \cos \delta - \gamma \sin \delta}{\gamma^2 + k^2} \right)^2 \\ &\approx \frac{1}{k} |\sin(\delta + \beta)|^2 \\ &= \boxed{|1 - \bar{S}|^2} \end{aligned}$$

see G.F. Bertsch, K. Hencken & H. Esbensen et al: PRC 57, 1366 (1998)

$^{10}\text{Li}$  spectrum from  $^{11}\text{Li}$  fragmentationG. Blanchon <sup>a</sup>, A. Bonaccorso <sup>a,\*</sup>, D.M. Brink <sup>b</sup>, N. Vinh Mau <sup>c</sup>

**10Li:**

- 1) virtual state: sudden approach OK;  
2) evidence for a  $d_{5/2}$  resonance

Table 3 Scattering length of the  $2s$  continuum state, energies and widths of the  $p$ - and  $d$ -resonances in  $^{10}\text{Li}$  and corresponding strength parameters for the  $\delta V$  potential

$\varepsilon_{\text{res}}$ (MeV)	$\Gamma_j$ (MeV)	$as$ (fm $^{-1}$ )	$\alpha$ (MeV)
2s1/2		-17.2	-10.0
1p1/2	0.63		3.3
1d5/2	1.55		-9.8

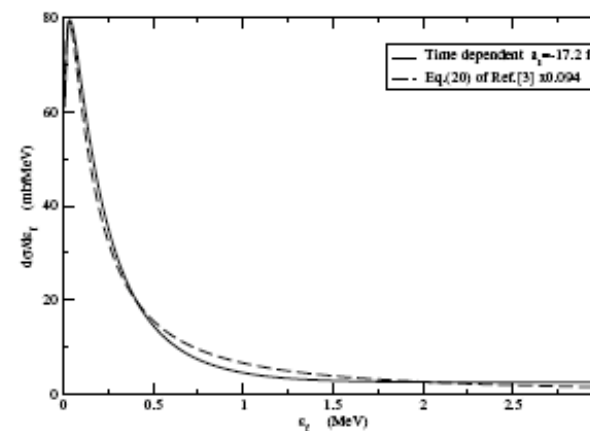
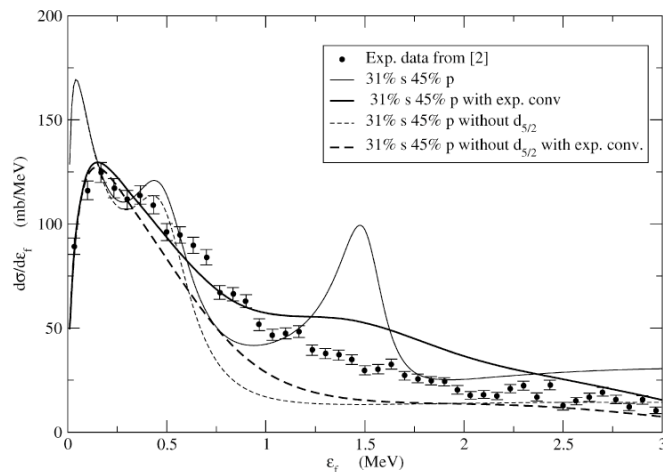


Figure 4: Comparison for the  $s$  to  $s$  transition of our calculation (solid curve) with that according to the sudden formula Eq. (20) of [3]. Both calculations use the *exact* phase shifts.

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Systematic study of  ${}^{9,10,11}\text{Li}$  with the tensor and pairing correlationsTakayuki Myo <sup>\*,1</sup>, Yuma Kikuchi <sup>†,2</sup>, Kiyoshi Katō <sup>‡,2</sup>, Hiroshi Toki <sup>§,1</sup>, and Kiyomi Ikeda <sup>¶3</sup>

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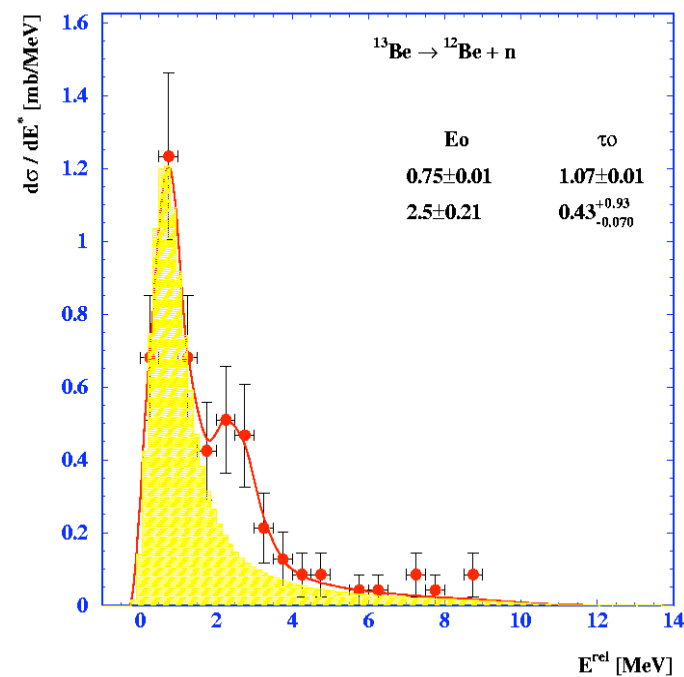
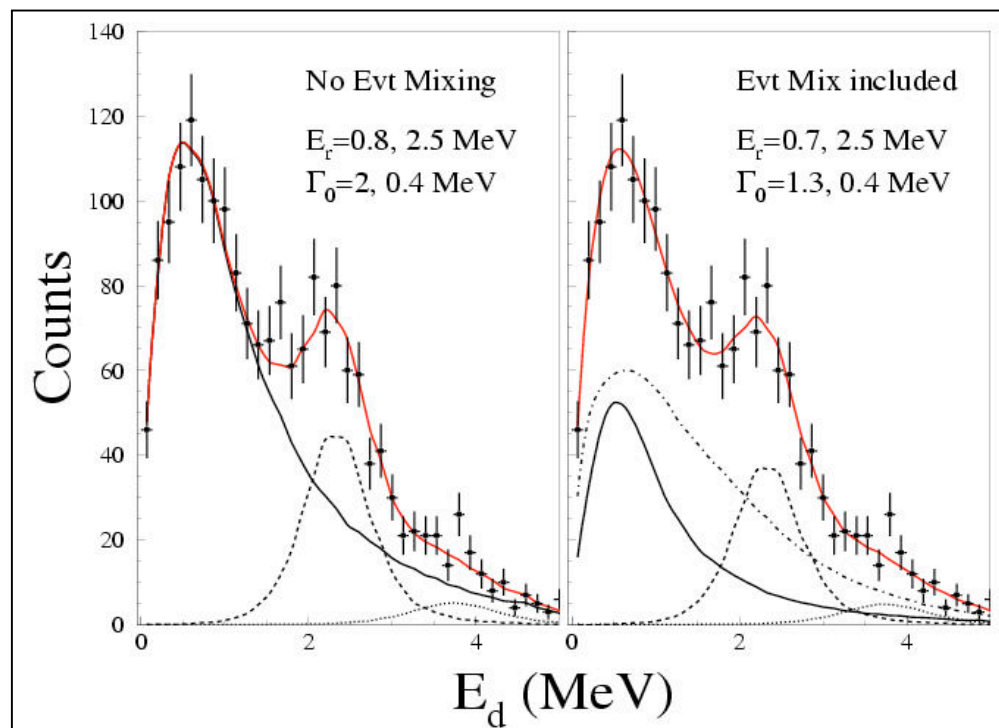
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$$a_s = -17.4 \text{ fm}$$

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**$^{13}\text{Be}$**  has been obtained from:

- transfer to the continuum:  $^{12}\text{Be}$  (d,p) RIKEN (Korshennikov) (1995).
- $^{14}\text{C} + ^{11}\text{B}$  multinucleon transfer: (Berlin Group ,1998).
- $^{14}\text{Be}$  nuclear and Coulomb breakup: GANIL (K. Jones thesis, 2000).
- $^{18}\text{O}$  fragmentation MSU (Thoennessen, 2001) n-core relative velocity spectra.
- $^{14}\text{B}$  fragmentation: GANIL (Lecouey, Orr) (2002).
- GSI (U. Datta Pramanik)( 2004).
- $^{14}\text{Be}$  fragmentation , GSI (Simon, 2007), 287AMeV, n-core angular correlations
- $^{14}\text{Be}$  nuclear breakup: RIKEN (Kondo,Nakamura et al.) (2008).

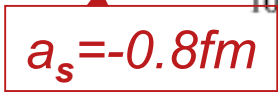


Fig. 8. Results obtained including the  $s$ ,  $p$  and  $d$  states. Each curve corresponds to just one transition as indicated. The solid curve is the sum of all transitions from the  $s$ -bound state. To make them visible some curves have been multiplied by a factor of five as indicated in the legend.

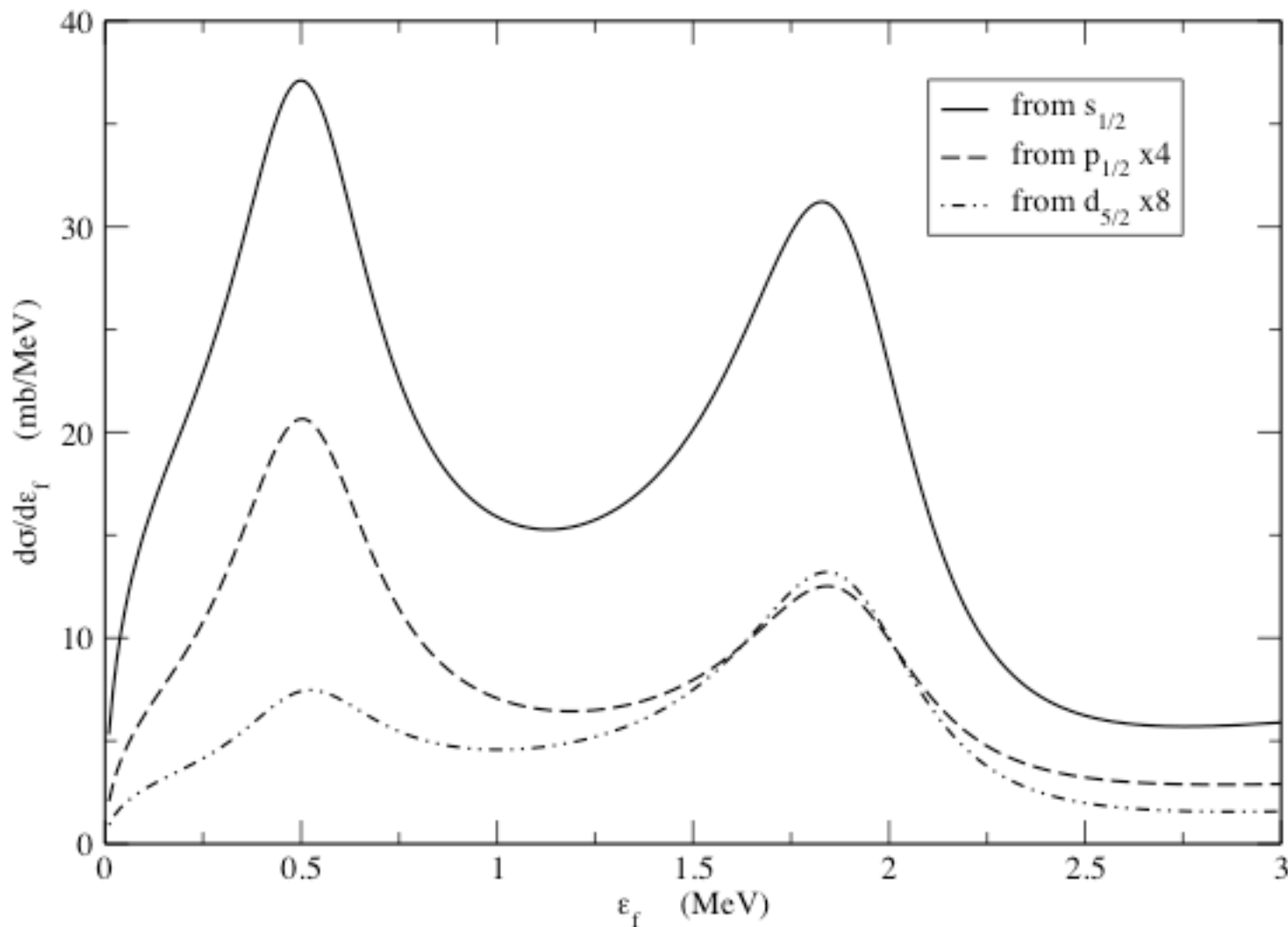
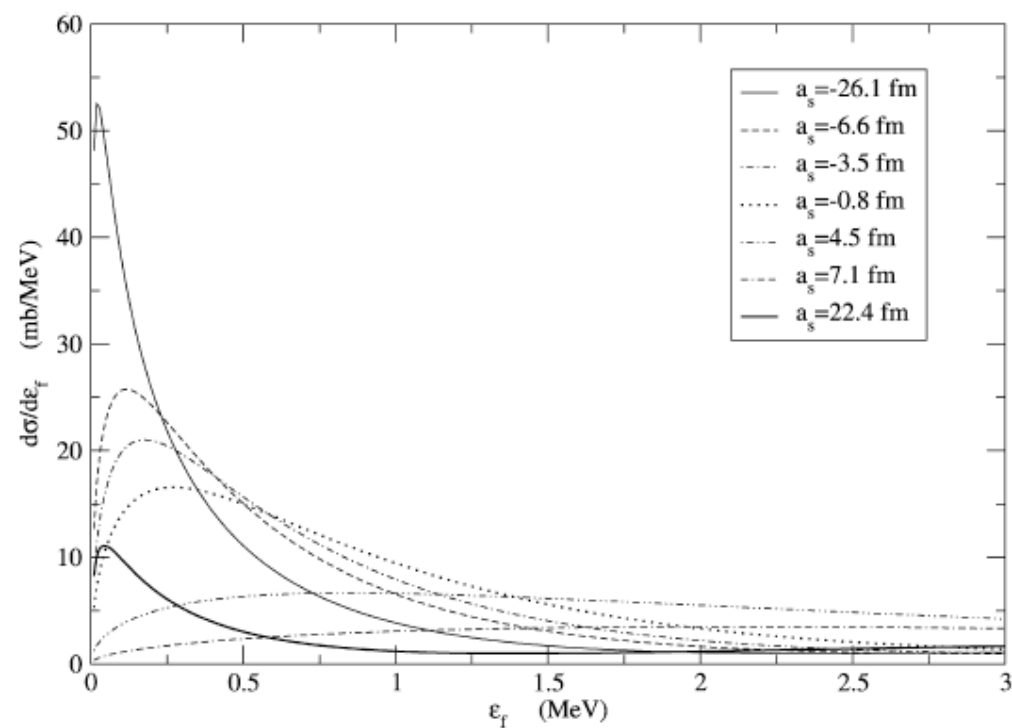


Figure 11: Check of the dependence from the initial state angular momentum. Full curve: sum of transitions from s-initial state. Dashed and dotdashed lines: sum of transitions from p and d-initial states respectively.

$\alpha$ (MeV)	$a_s$ (fm)	$r_e$ (fm)	$ \epsilon $ (MeV)
8.0	-0.8	117.0	
4.0	-3.5	17.9	
2.0	-6.6	11.8	
-1.0	-26.1	7.58	
-5.0	22.4	5.9	0.06
-15.0	7.1	3.8	1.34
-35.0	4.5	2.7	6.49



Peak positions of possible continuum s-states in  $^{13}\text{Be}$  are not close enough to threshold to make accurate predictions by the

effective range theory to  $1^0$  order:  
higher orders needed or **not a simple single particle state**

$$\text{state} \quad k \cotan \delta = -\frac{1}{a_l} + \frac{1}{2}r_l k^2 - P_l r_l^3 k^4 + O(k^6).$$

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In progress

### $a_s$ & $r_s$ from fit to exact phase shifts

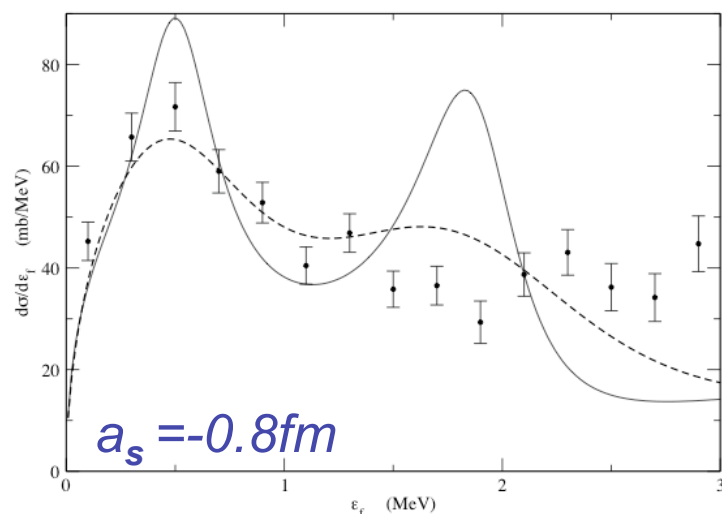


Figure 12: Sum of all transitions from the s initial state with  $\varepsilon_f = -1.85$  MeV (solid line). Experimental points from L. Chulkov et al. [56]. Dashed line is the folding of the calculated spectrum with the experimental resolution curve.

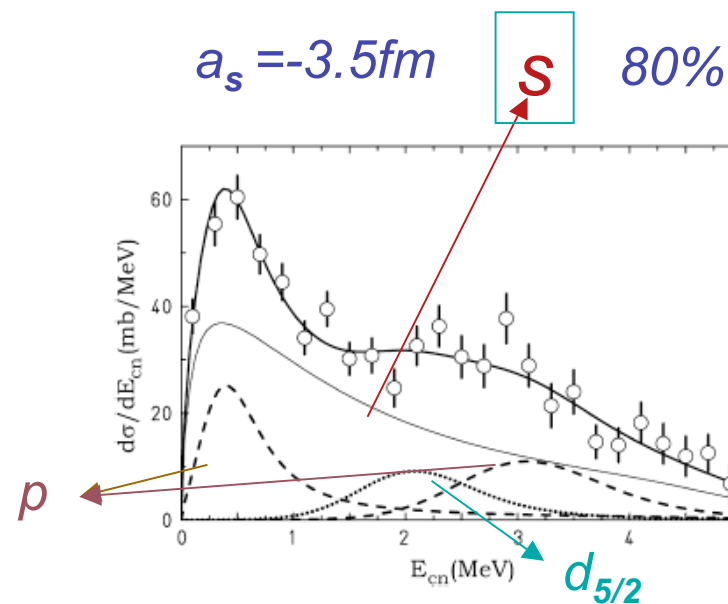


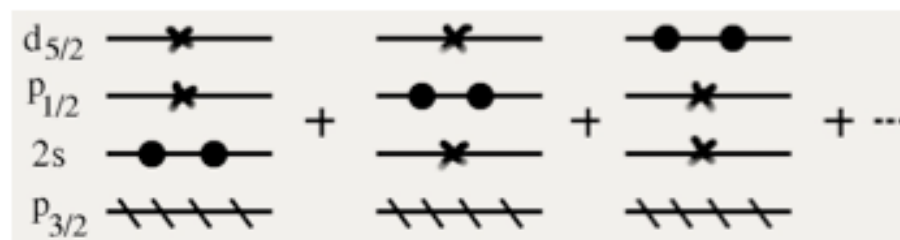
Fig. 10. Differential cross section as a function of the relative energy between  $^{12}\text{Be}$  and a neutron. The data points are the same as those in Fig. 4, panel 3. The thin-solid line corresponds to the  $1/2^+$  virtual state, the dotted line is the contribution from the  $5/2^+$  state. Dashed lines display the  $1/2^-$  state and its satellite at low energy. The thick-solid line is the sum of the reaction branches.

Systematic investigation of the drip-line nuclei  
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 $^{10}\text{Li}$  and  $^{13}\text{Be}$ .

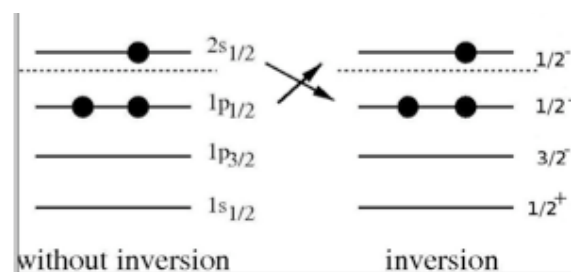
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see also Kondo , Nakamura et al, in preparation



**Figure 3.5:** Formation of  $^{13}\text{Be}$  with one neutron (crosses) added to an open shell  $^{12}\text{Be}$ . Only one neutron is added in each configuration, but the cross indicates states which can be populated.



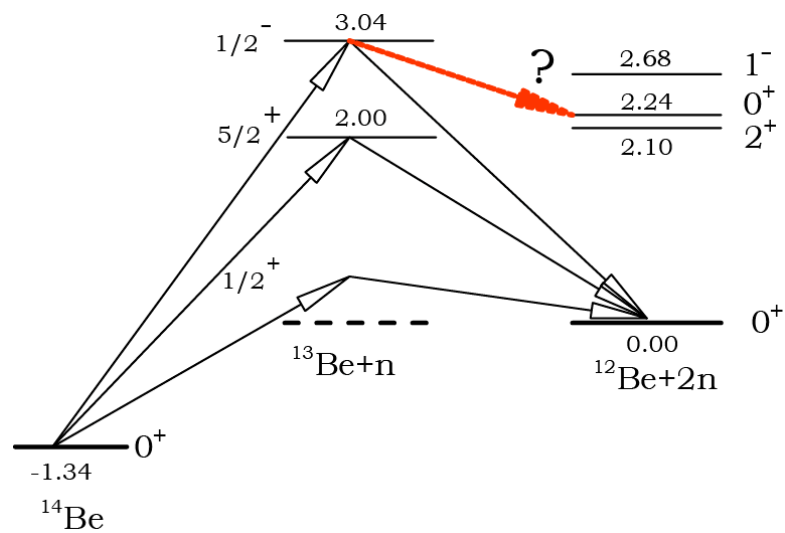
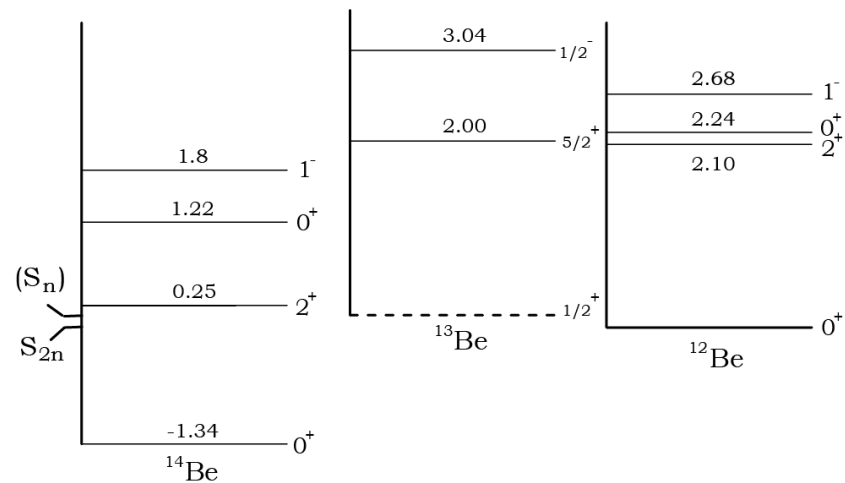
**Table 3.3:**  $^{13}\text{Be}$  neutron spectrum with and without inversion with the corresponding  $\alpha_i$  from Eq.(3.102). The continuum is discretized in a 20 fm box.

Inversion				Without Inversion			
Core							
$l$	$j$	$\epsilon$ (MeV)	$\alpha_l$	$l$	$j$	$\epsilon$ (MeV)	$\alpha_l$
0	1	-28.00	0	0	1	-28.00	0
1	3	-6.58	0	1	3	-6.58	0
0	1	-3.15	-23.3	1	1	-3.03	0
Continuum							
$l$	$j$	$\epsilon$ (MeV)	$\alpha_l$	$l$	$j$	$\epsilon$ (MeV)	$\alpha_l$ (MeV)
1	1	0.67	8.9	0	1	0.09	-4.4
1	3	1.20	0	1	3	1.20	0
1	1	1.27	0	1	1	1.27	0
2	3	1.83	0	2	3	1.83	0
0	1	1.97	0	0	1	1.97	0
2	5	2.00	-2.4	2	5	2.00	-2.4

**Table 3.2:** Theoretical results vs. experimental data.  $E$  and  $S_{2n}$  are respectively the energy of the excited states and the two-neutron separation energy in MeV. rms,  $\sqrt{\langle \rho^2 \rangle}$  and  $\sqrt{\langle \lambda^2 \rangle}$  are respectively the root mean squared radius, the average distance between the two halo neutrons and the average distance between the c.m. of the core and the c.m. of the two neutrons out of the core (see Fig. 3.2) in fm. B(E1) is the total dipole strength. The sum rule is calculated with Eq.(3.101) in e.fm<sup>2</sup>. B(E2) is the total quadrupole strength in e<sup>2</sup>.fm<sup>4</sup>.

		RPA <sup>10</sup> Be core	Experiment	RPA <sup>12</sup> Be core Inversion	RPA <sup>12</sup> Be core Without Inversion
<sup>8</sup> Be	$E_{2+}$	3.1	3.04		
<sup>10</sup> Be	$S_{2n}$	8.29	8.5		
	$E_{0+}$		6.18	5.4	7.2
	$E_{1-}$		5.96	4.8	
<sup>12</sup> Be	$S_{2n}$	3.63	3.67±0.015	3.83	1.16
	rms	2.76	2.59±0.06		
	$E_{0+}$	2.47	2.25		
	$E_{1-}$ (1)	2.57	2.71		
	$E_{1-}$ (2)	4.25			
	$E_{1-}$ (3)	4.47			
	$E_{2+}$ (1)		2.10		
	$E_{2+}$ (2)	3.72	3.37		
<sup>14</sup> Be	$S_{2n}$		1.34±0.11	1.33	0.54
	rms		3.1±0.4	2.90	3.51
	$\sqrt{\langle \rho^2 \rangle}$		5.4±1.0	4.6	8.7
	$\sqrt{\langle \lambda^2 \rangle}$		4.5±1.0	4.0	5.6
	$E_{0+}$ (1)		2.56	2.74	1.71
	$E_{0+}$ (2)			3.11	2.71
	$E_{0+}$ (3)				2.83
	$E_{1-}$ (1)		3.14	2.89	1.79
	$E_{1-}$ (2)			3.38	1.86
	$E_{1-}$ (3)			3.50	3.52
	$E_{2+}$ (1)		1.59		
	$E_{2+}$ (2)			3.16	2.03
	$E_{2+}$ (3)			3.67	2.45





# Conclusions

- ❖ A time dependent theory for projectile fragmentation reaction has been established which contains the sudden approximation and R-matrix theories as limiting cases.
- ❖ 2p correlations and particle-vibration couplings play a fundamental role.
- ❖ Importance of coupling to core excited states.
- ❖ For the ***first time the shell ordering of  $^{13}\text{Be}$  has been established theoretically*** on a firm basis and ***parity inversion across threshold has been proved to persist for  $N=9$  isotones***
- ❖ Much care is needed in analyzing experimental results in order not to draw misleading or unphysical conclusions: sudden approximation vs. time dependent, use of Breit-Wigner resonance form (vs. exact S-matrix or R-matrix), importance of various initial state components.

## Japan is playing a leading role in this type of research