



Signatures of the Giant Pairing Vibration in ^{14}C and ^{15}C nuclei

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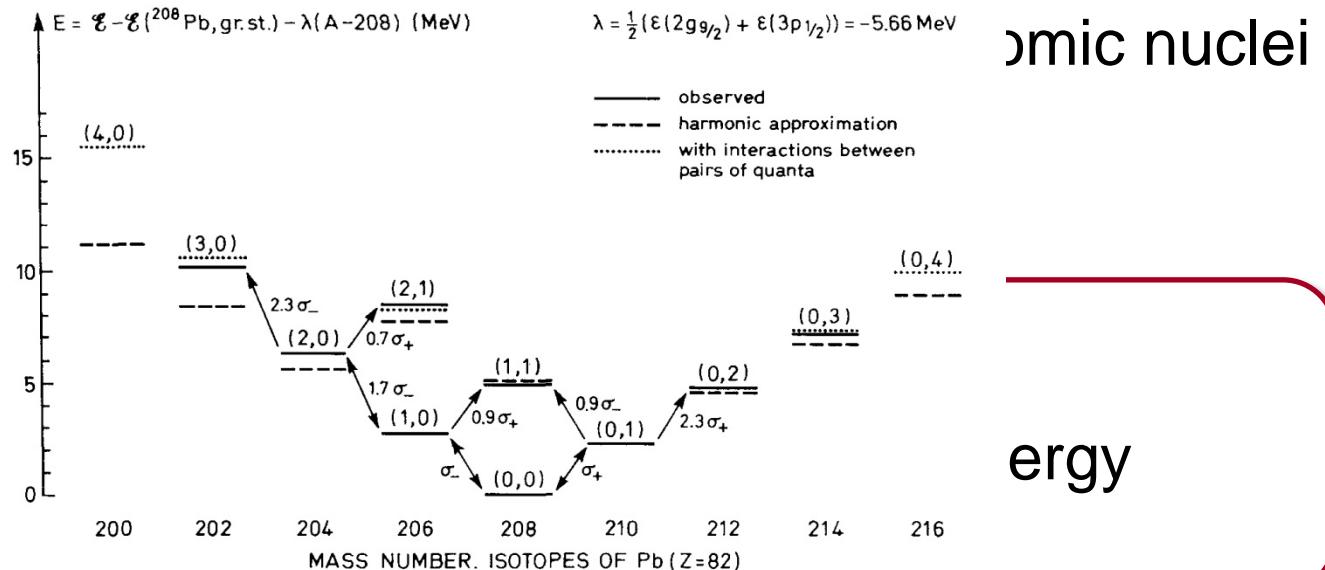


The pairing force

Effects of t



$$\delta B = \begin{cases} \Delta \\ 0 \\ -\Delta \end{cases}$$



Collective excitation modes

(p,t) and (t,p)
reactions on Pb isotopes



Pairing vibrations and rotations
between 0^+ ground states differing
by two neutrons

The pairing force

Large amount of theoretical
and experimental activity



Still basic open
questions

Giant Pairing Vibrations (*GPV*)

R.A. Broglia and D. Bes PLB 69 (1977) 129

- Excitation of a pair across major shells
- Analogy with **Giant Resonances** → Small amplitude perturbations
(GDR, GQR)

Giant Resonances



Collective p-h excitations

Giant Pairing Vibrations (*GPV*)



Collective p-p or h-h excitations

What are the hypotheses?

Giant Pairing Vibrations (*GPV*)

- Mean field description of the system ground state (true for nuclei)
- Residual interaction in the pp channel
- Particle-hole symmetry (basic symmetry for systems of interacting fermions)



We expect they exist!

GPV theoretical predictions

Several theoretical studies:

Predicted properties of the GPV (heavy nuclei)

- $L = 0$ multipolarity
- Excitation Energy $\sim 72 A^{-1/3}$
($\sim 12 - 20$ MeV)
- FWHM $\sim 1-2$ MeV
- Collectivity: $B(\text{GPV}) \sim B(\text{PV})$
- Universality

✓ on heavy nuclei (Pb and Sn isotopes)

R.A. Broglia and D. Bes PLB 69 (1977) 129-133

L.Fortunato et al. EPJ A14, 37-42(2002)

✓ with weakly bound exotic nuclei (${}^6\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}$) transfer reactions)

W.von Oertzen and A.Vitturi, Rep.Prog.Phys.64 (2001) 1247

L.Fortunato, Phys.of Atomic Nuclei, Vol.66 (2003) 1445

✓ on light nuclei (Oxygen isotopes)

Excitation Energy ~ 20 MeV

E.Khan et al. PRC 69 (2004) 014314

B.Avez et al. PRC 78 (2008) 044318

Many experimental attempts:

✓ (p,t) and (t,p) reactions

J. R. Shepard et al. NPA 322(1979)92

G. M. Crawley et al. PRC 22 (1980) 316

M. Matoba et al. PRC 27(1983) 2598

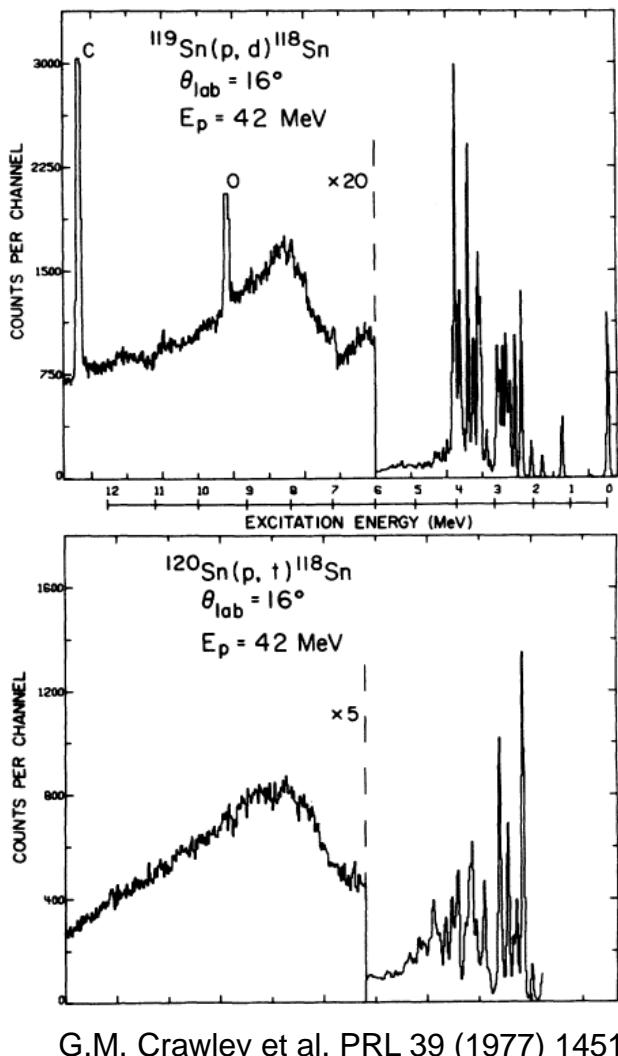
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A long story of unsuccesfull attempts

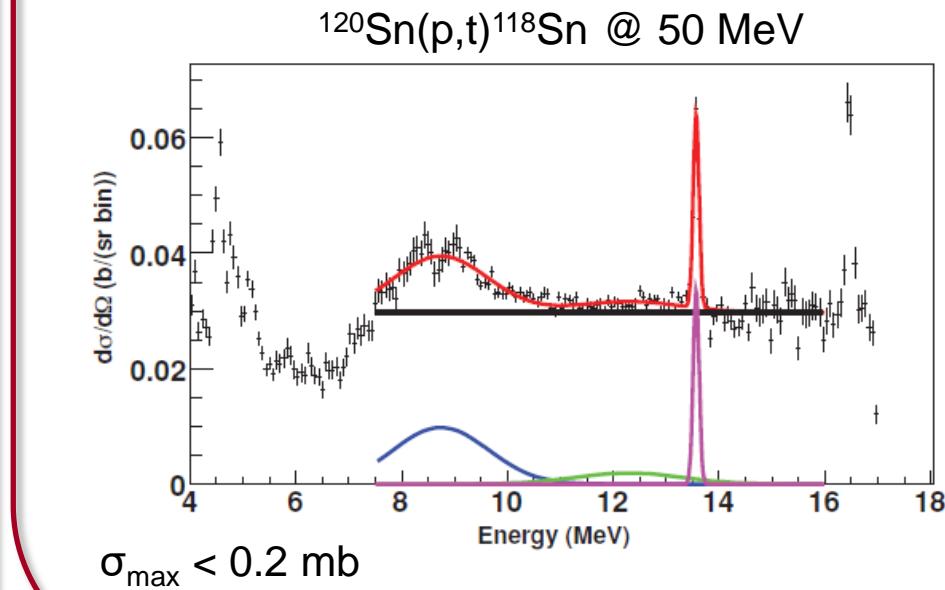
Experimental attempts

Deep hole state



Deep hole state

Small structure at ~12 MeV?



B. Mougnot et al. PRC 83 (2011) 037302

Many inconclusive experiments in 3 decades

Reaction mechanism

- **GPV** requires $L = 0$ transfer
- In transfer reactions typically **large amount of angular momentum is transferred**, especially at high excitation energy

Incident energy



1. Near the Coulomb barrier, weak sensitivity to angular momentum transfer
2. At high incident energy, large background
3. **Between 3-10 times the Coulomb barrier**

N. Anyas-Weiss et al. Phys. Rep. 12 (1974) 201

S. Kahana and A. J. Baltz Advances in Nuclear Physics Vol. 9

Projectile/target



1. **Brink's matching conditions**

$$\Delta L = (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) + \frac{1}{2}k_0(R_1 - R_2) + Q_{eff}R/\hbar\nu \approx 0$$

D.M. Brink PLB 40 (1972) 37

2. Survival of a **preformed pair** in a transfer process favored if the initial and final orbitals are the same

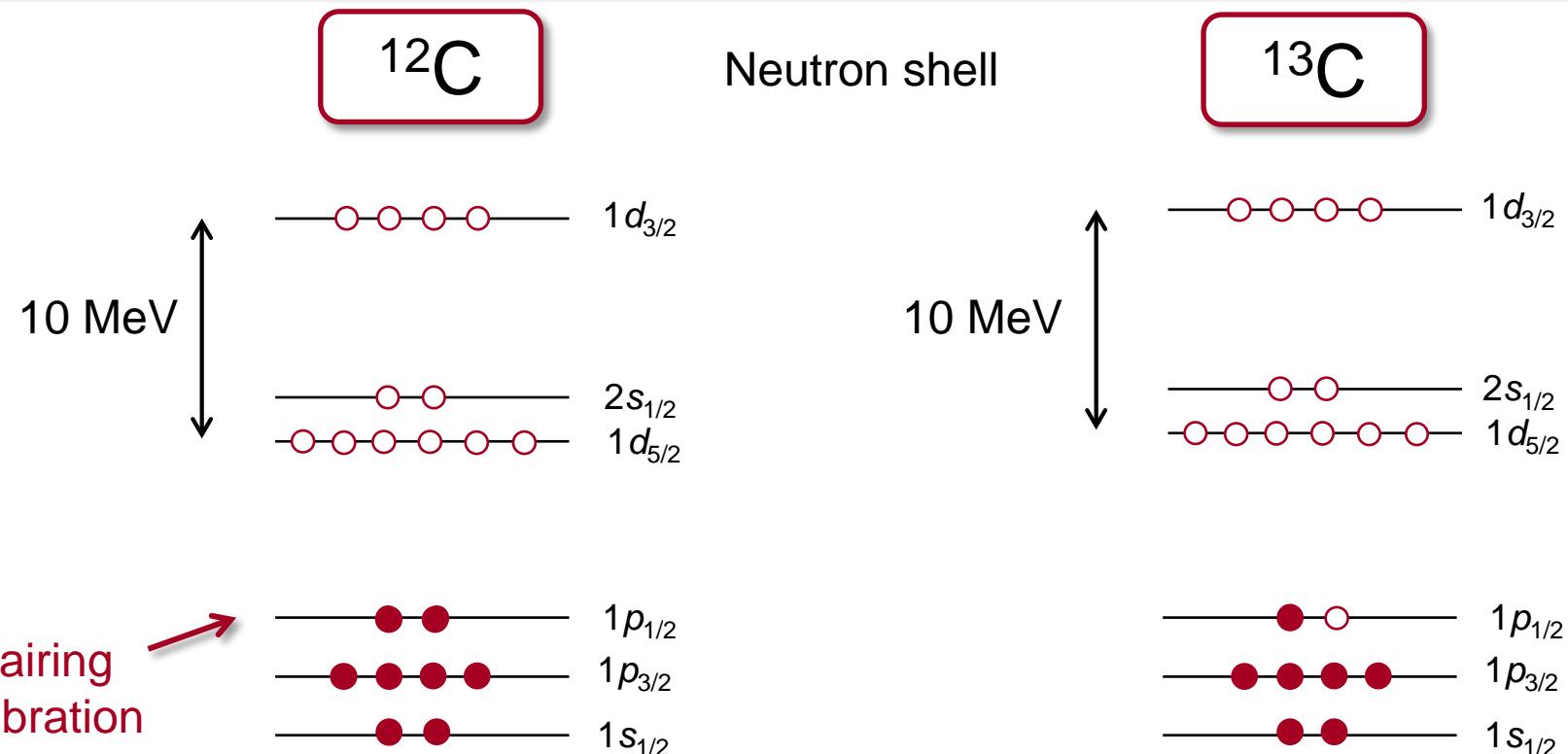
$(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})$ reactions

On light nuclei

Good candidates for $L = 0$ transitions

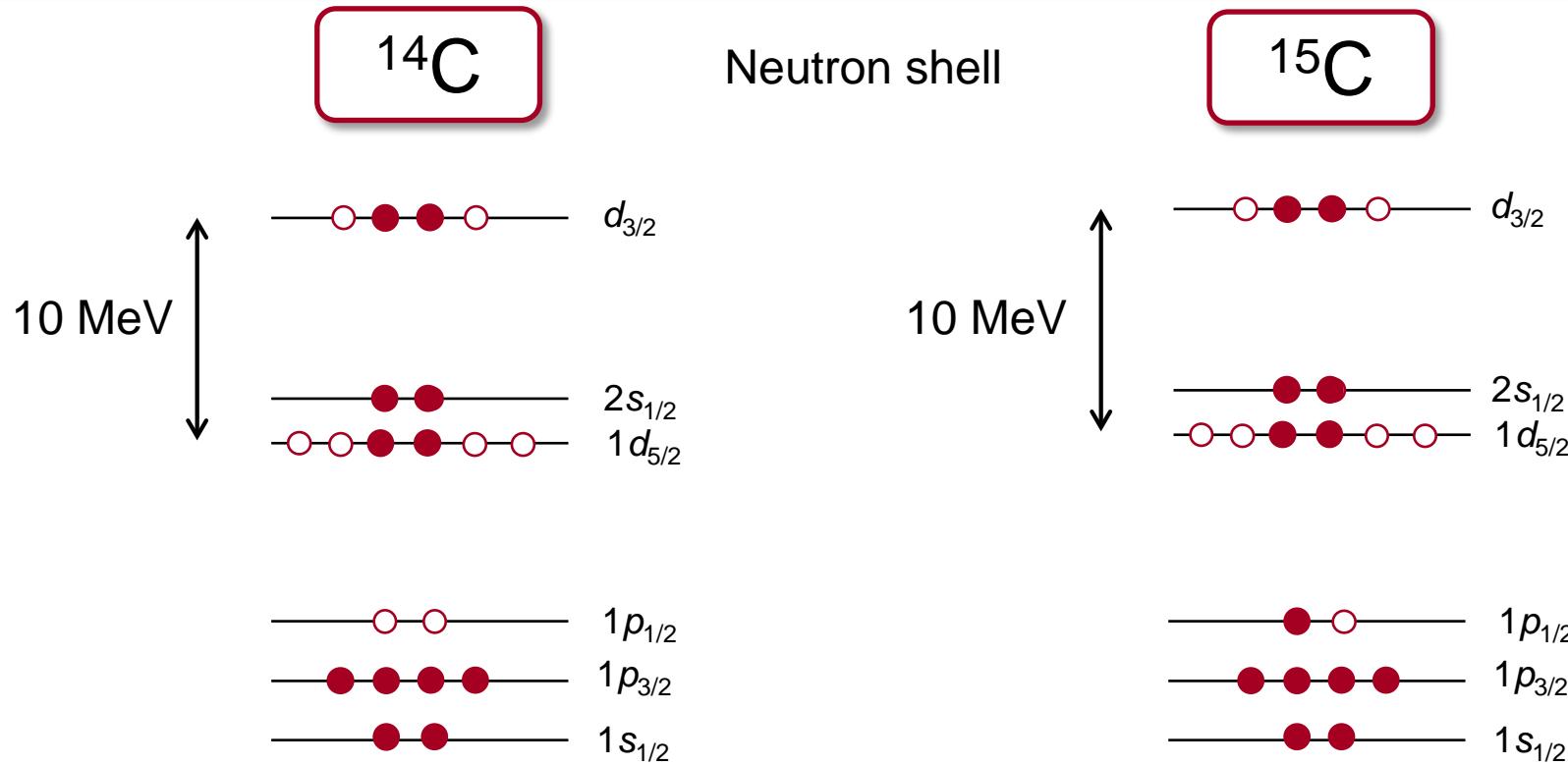
- ✓ Favorable Brink matching conditions (D.M. Brink PLB 40 (1972) 37)
- ✓ Preformed neutron pair in ^{18}O
- ✓ At 3-5 times the Coulomb barrier good compromise between background, selectivity and sensitivity to low angular momentum transfer
- ✓ ^{14}C and ^{15}C good benchmarks

$L = 0$ transitions



$[1p_{1/2} \otimes 1p_{1/2}]^{0+}$ g.s.

$L = 0$ transitions



$(d_{3/2})^2$ and above missing states

$[1d_{5/2} \otimes 1d_{5/2}]^{0+}$	6.59
$[2s_{1/2} \otimes 2s_{1/2}]^{0+}$	9.75
$[1d_{3/2} \otimes 1d_{3/2}]^{0+}$?

(t,p)
reactions

$[(1p_{1/2}^{-1})^{1/2-} \otimes (1d_{5/2} \otimes 1d_{5/2})^{0+}]^{1/2-}$	3.10
$[(1p_{1/2}^{-1})^{1/2-} \otimes (2s_{1/2} \otimes 2s_{1/2})^{0+}]^{1/2-}$	5.87
$[(1p_{1/2}^{-1})^{1/2-} \otimes (1d_{3/2} \otimes 1d_{3/2})^{0+}]^{1/2-}$?

About the experiment

Experimental setup



- $^{18}\text{O}^{7+}$ beam from Tandem at 84 MeV
- ^{12}C and ^{13}C thin targets ($50 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)
- Ejectiles detected by the MAGNEX spectrometer
- Angular settings $\theta_{opt} = 6^\circ, 12^\circ, 18^\circ$
 $3^\circ < \theta_{lab} < 24^\circ$

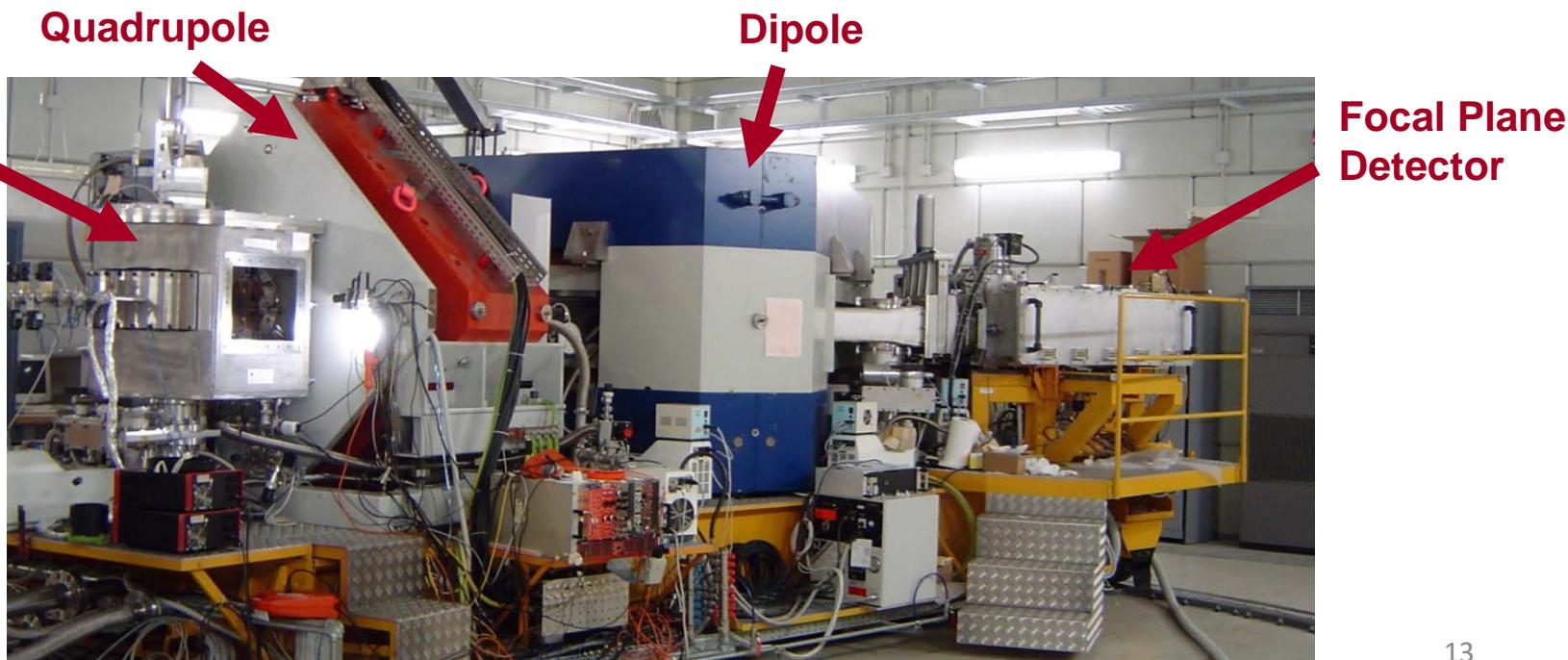


MAGNEX

Optical characteristics	Actual values
Maximum magnetic rigidity (Tm)	1.8
Solid angle (msr)	50
Momentum acceptance	-14%, +10%
Momentum dispersion (cm/%)	3.68
First order momentum resolution	5400

Good compensation
of the aberrations

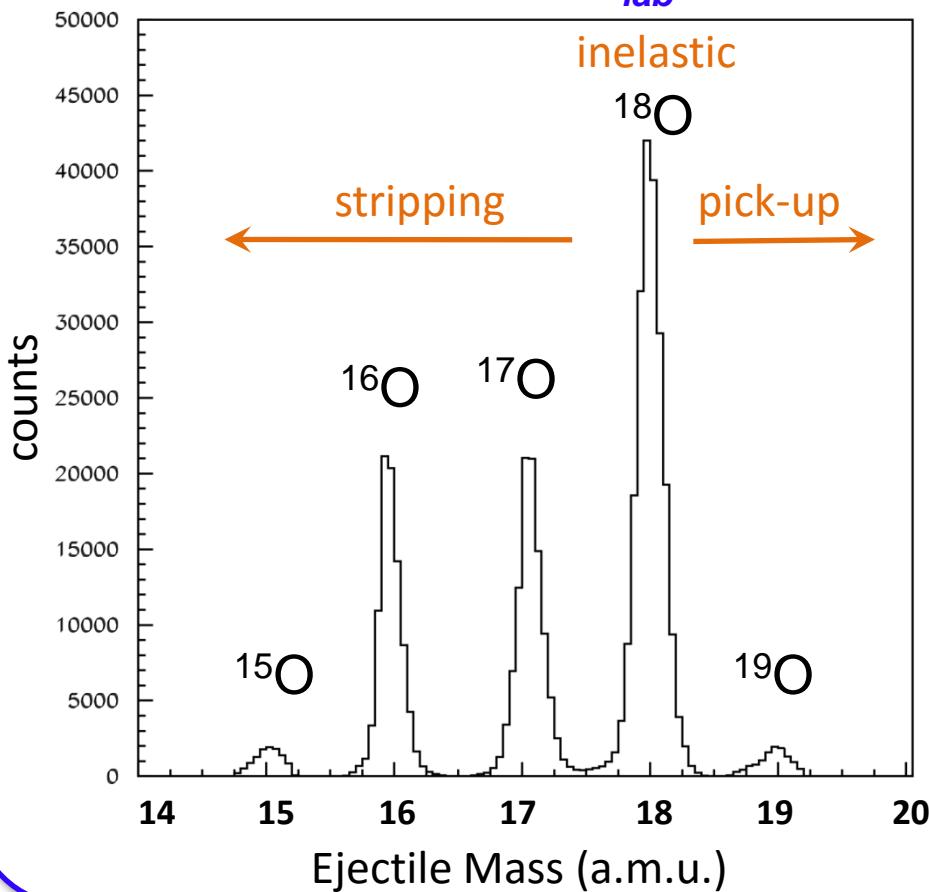
F. Cappuzzello et al. Nova Publisher Inc (2011) 1



About the reaction mechanism

1. Transfer yields

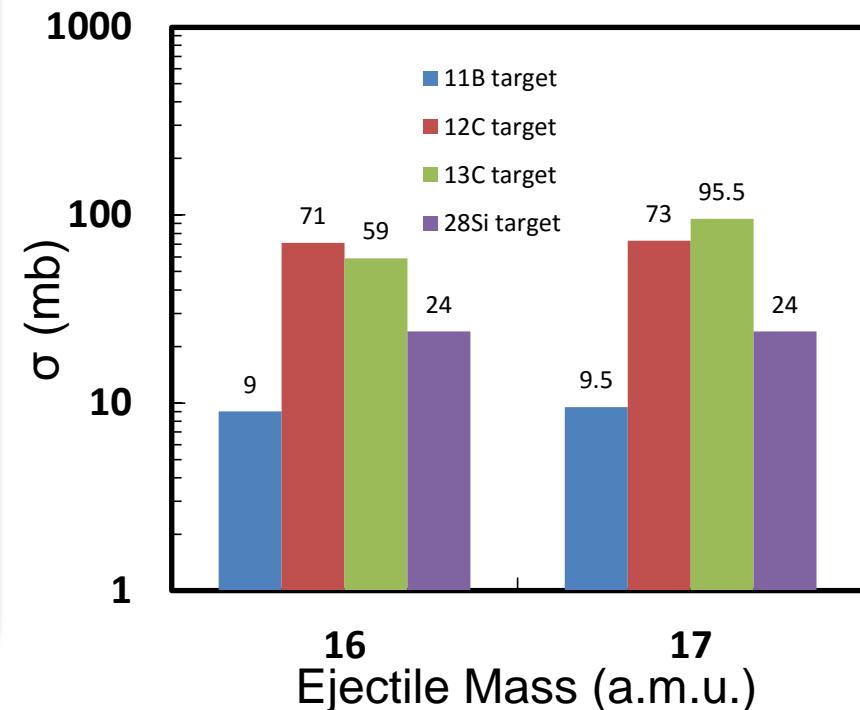
We compared the transfer yields for inelastic scattering, one-, two-, three-neutron transfer in the same conditions



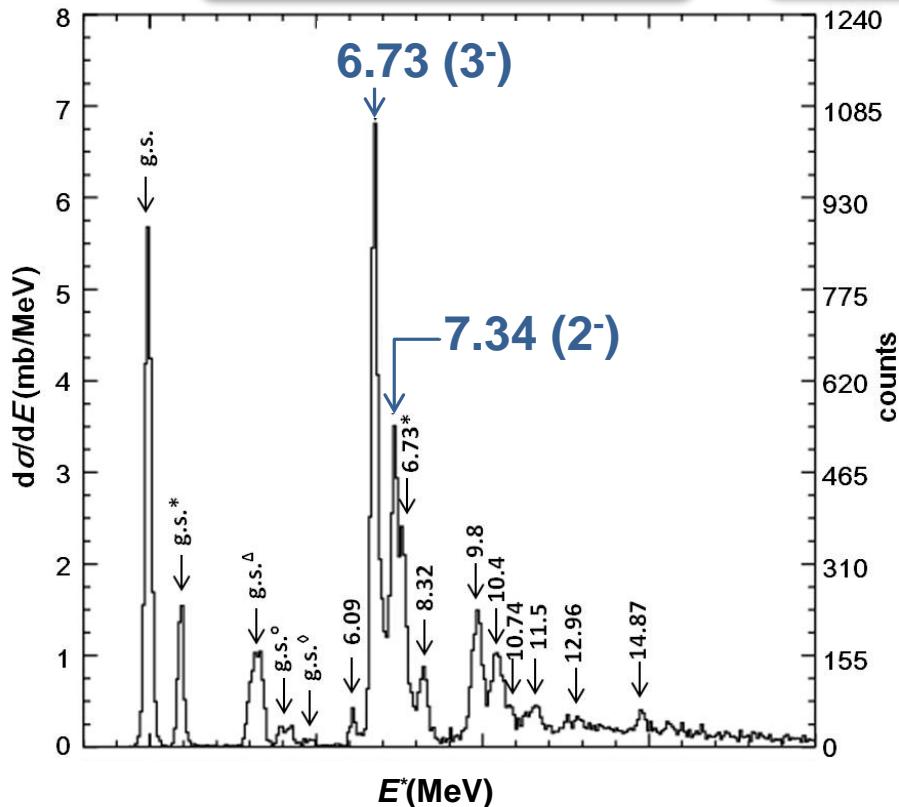
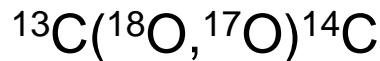
Enhancement of the two-neutron transfer channel

The 2n transfer is not a 2nd order process

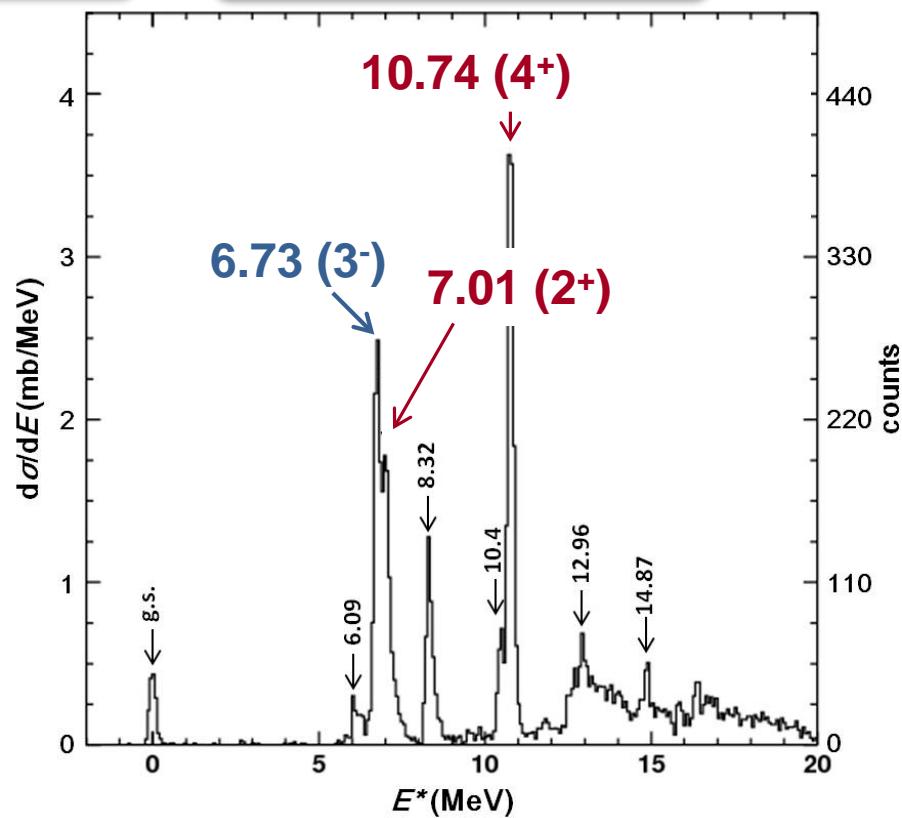
TRANSFER OF A CORRELATED PAIR



^{14}C spectrum via one- and two-neutron transfer



$3^\circ < \theta_{lab} < 5^\circ$



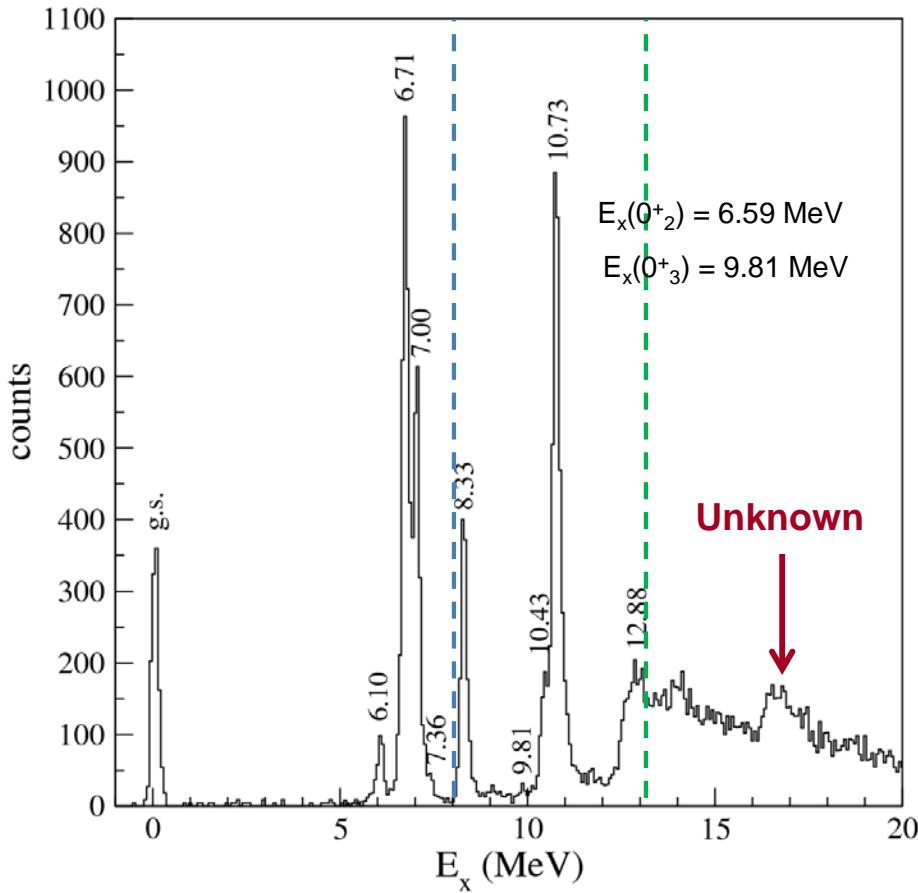
$$|[(^{13}\text{C}_{g.s.})^{1/2^-} \otimes (1d_{5/2})^{5/2^+}]^{2^-, 3^-} >$$

$$|[(^{12}\text{C}_{g.s.})^0 \otimes (1d_{5/2}, 2s_{1/2})^{2^+, 4^+}]^{2^+, 4^+} >$$

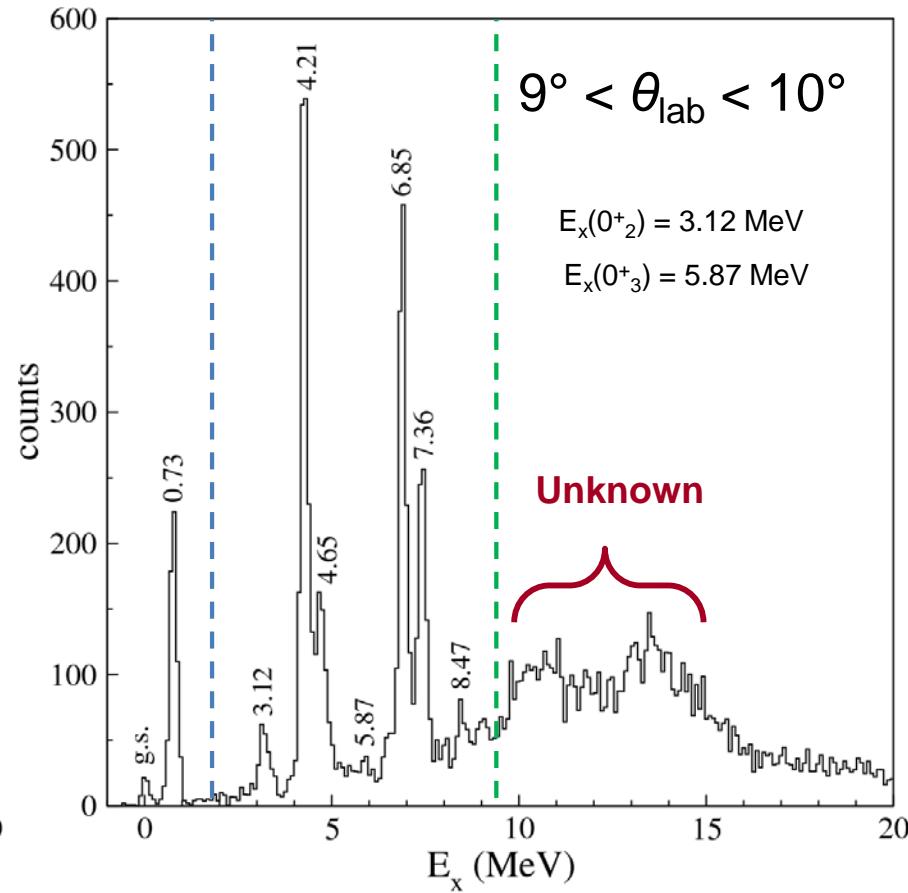
- Selectivity of natural parity states with large $2n \otimes$ core overlap for the $(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})$ reaction

Features of the $(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})$ energy spectra

$^{12}\text{C}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})^{14}\text{C}$



$^{13}\text{C}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})^{15}\text{C}$

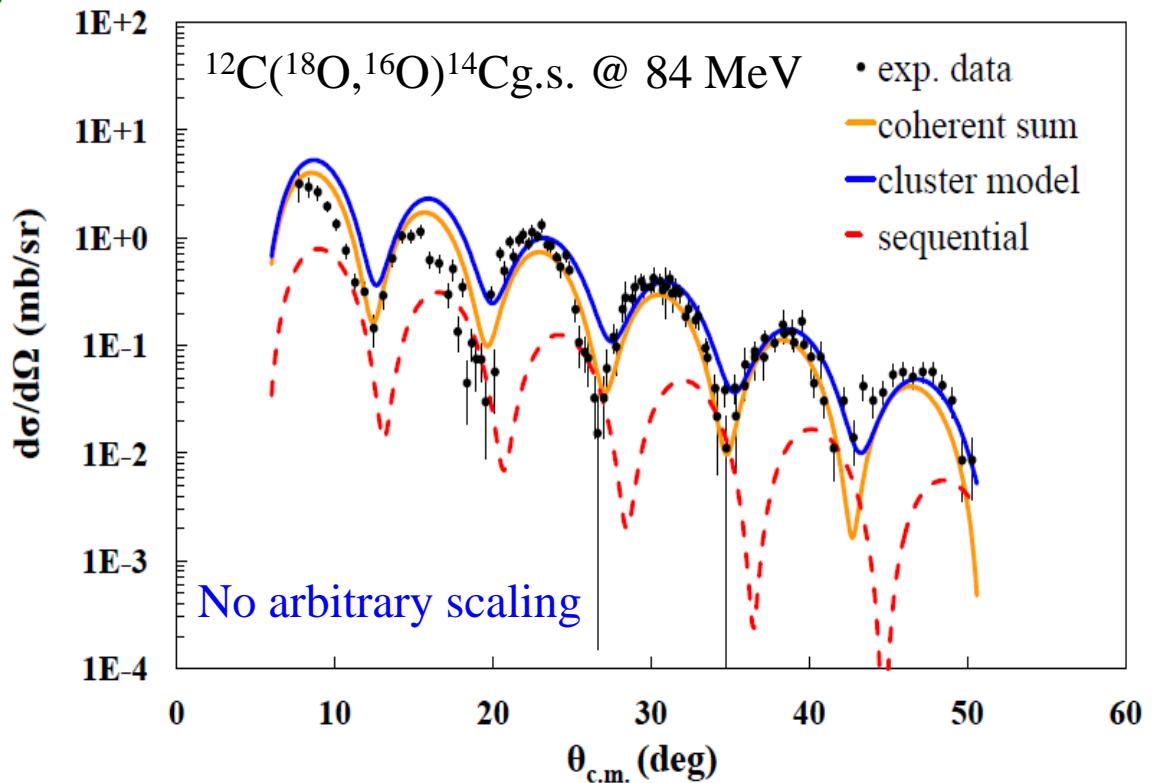


— S_n
- - - S_{2n}

- Almost complete suppression of the 0^+_2 , 0^+_3 states

3. Angular distribution

M. Cavallaro, et al., PRC 88 (2013) 054601



Extreme Cluster Model (CRC)

- ❖ Relative motion of the 2n system frozen and separated by the c.m.
- ❖ Only the term with the 2n coupled to $S = 0$ participates to the transfer

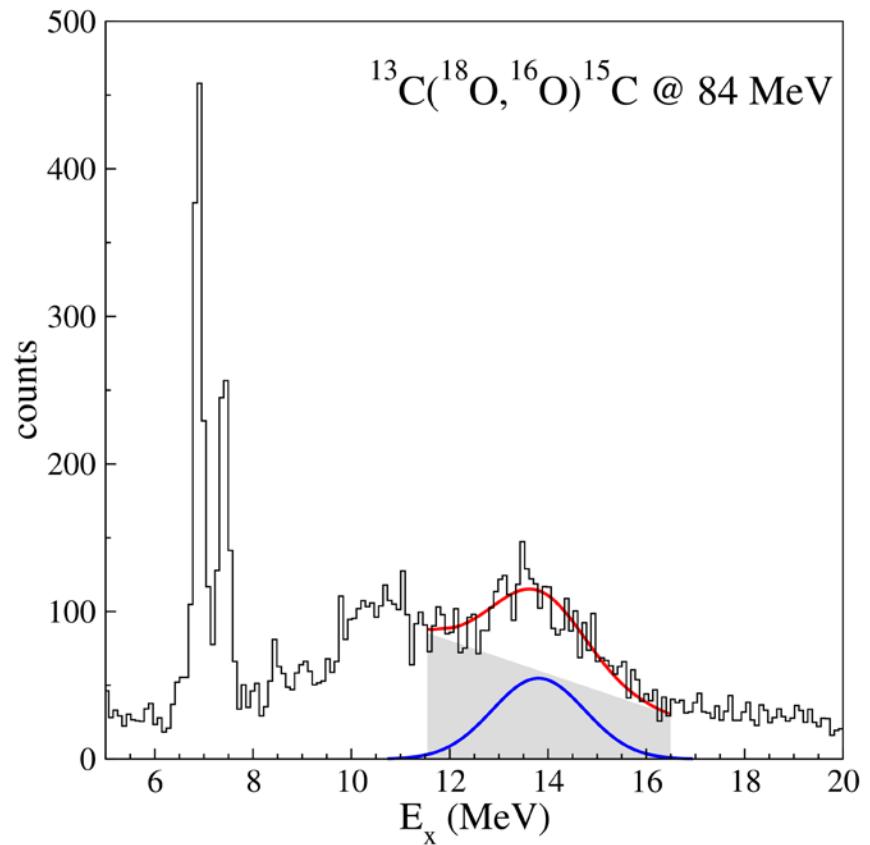
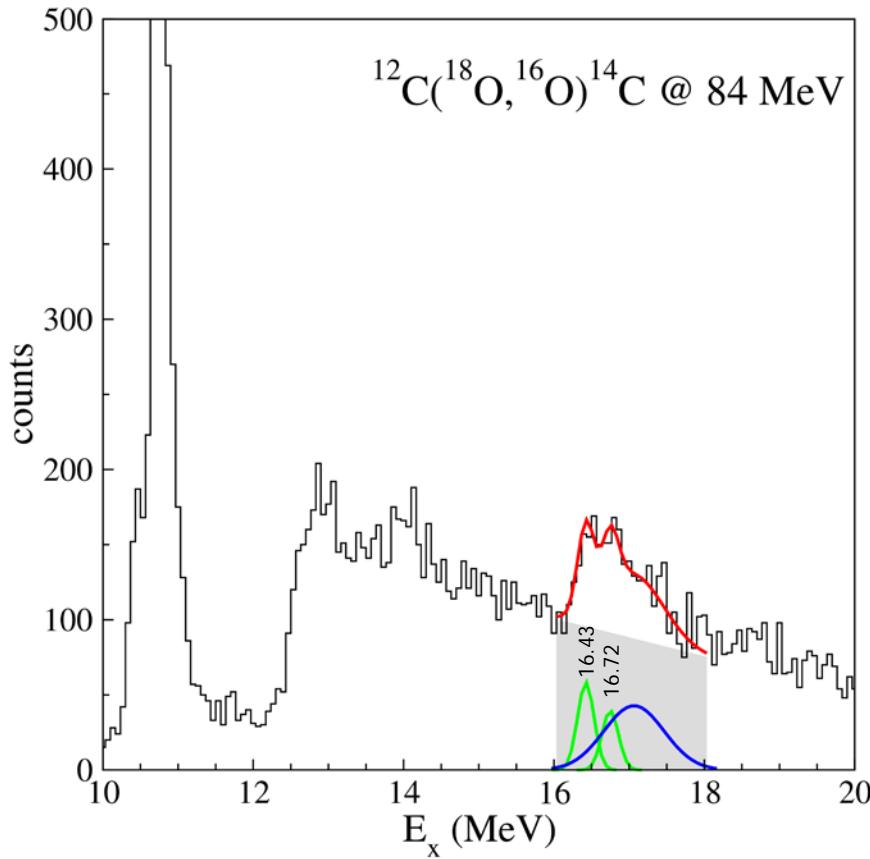
Sequential transfer (DWBA)

Introducing the $^{17}\text{O} + ^{13}\text{C}$ intermediate partition

Coherent sum

Dominance of correlated transfer versus sequential two-step mechanism

Energy and width of the bumps

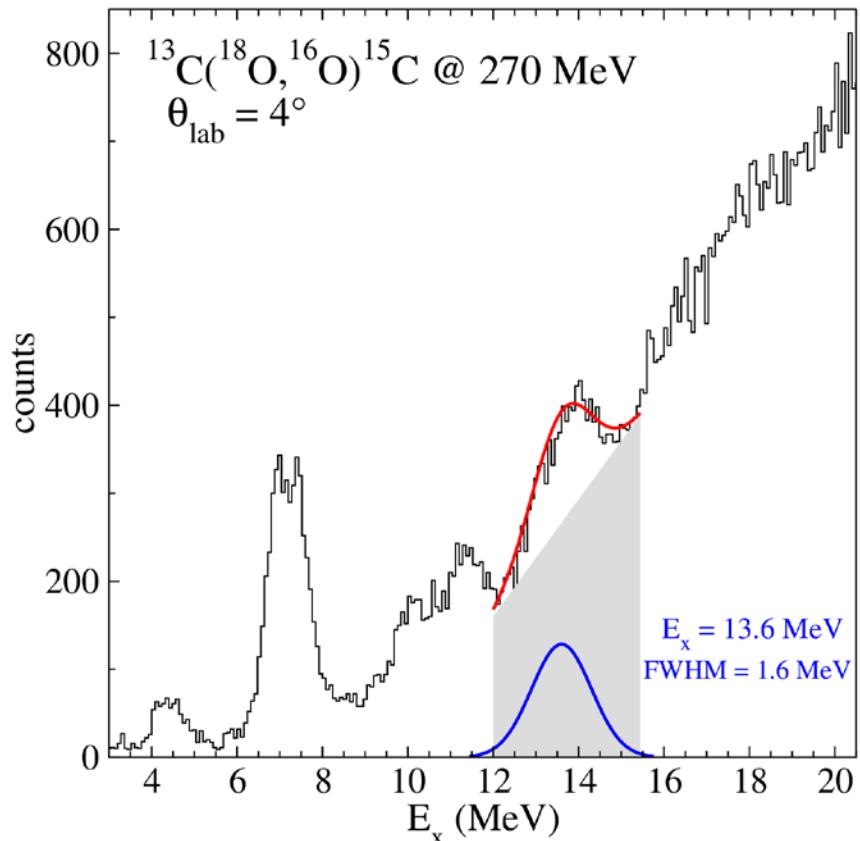
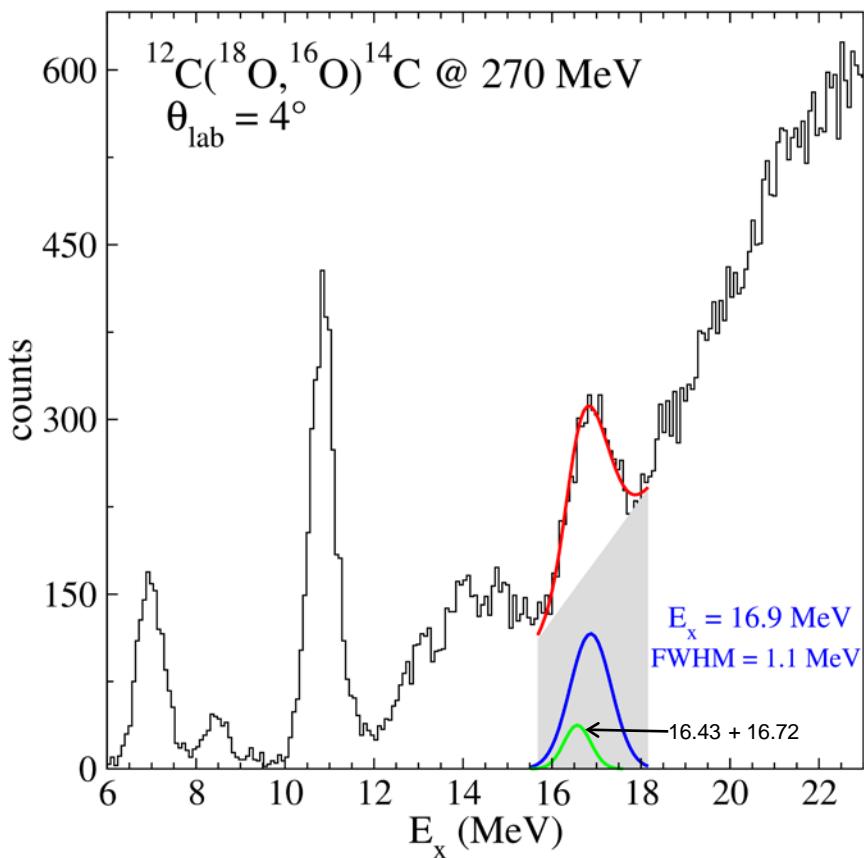


Gaussian model superimposed on a linear background

$$\begin{array}{ll} ^{14}\text{C} & E_x = 16.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{FWHM} = 1.2 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV} \\ ^{15}\text{C} & E_x = 13.7 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{FWHM} = 1.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV} \end{array}$$

Changing incident energy

New experiment @ 270 MeV



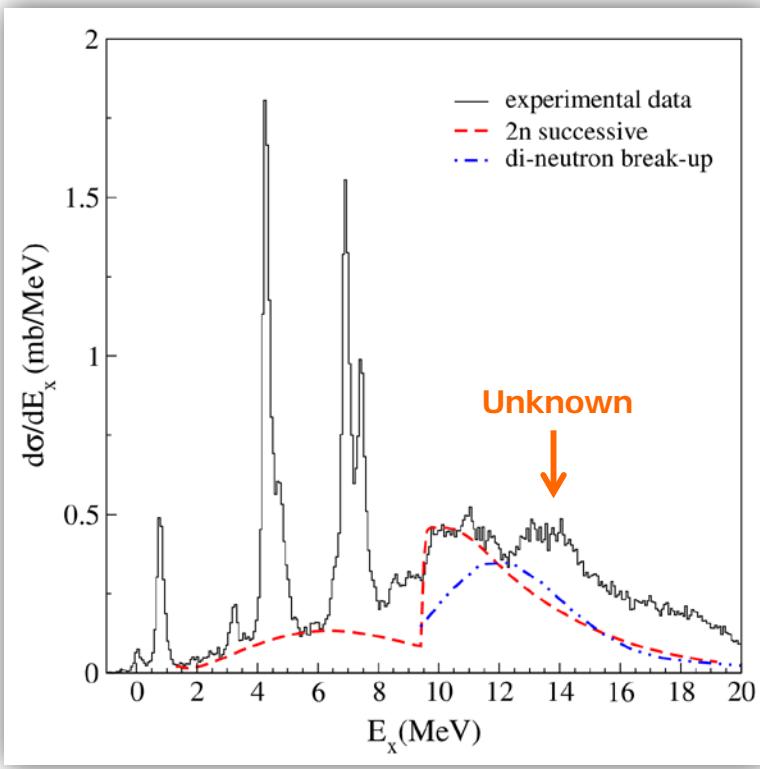
@ 84 MeV incident energy

$^{14}\text{C}_{\text{GPV}}$ $E_x = 16.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$
FWHM = $1.2 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV}$

$^{15}\text{C}_{\text{GPV}}$ $E_x = 13.7 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$
FWHM = $1.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV}$

Projectile break-up contribution

$^{13}\text{C}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})^{15}\text{C}$ @ $7^\circ < \theta_{lab} < 17^\circ$



Two independent semi-classical models

1) Removal of two independent neutrons from the projectile

- Transfer to the continuum of the target+n+n
- Two-step mechanism
- No n-n correlations
- Optical model S-matrix for the n-target interaction

F. Cappuzzello et al., PLB 711 (2012) 347

2) Towing of a di-neutron system

- Extreme hypothesis of the removal of a di-neutron from projectile
- TDSE approach

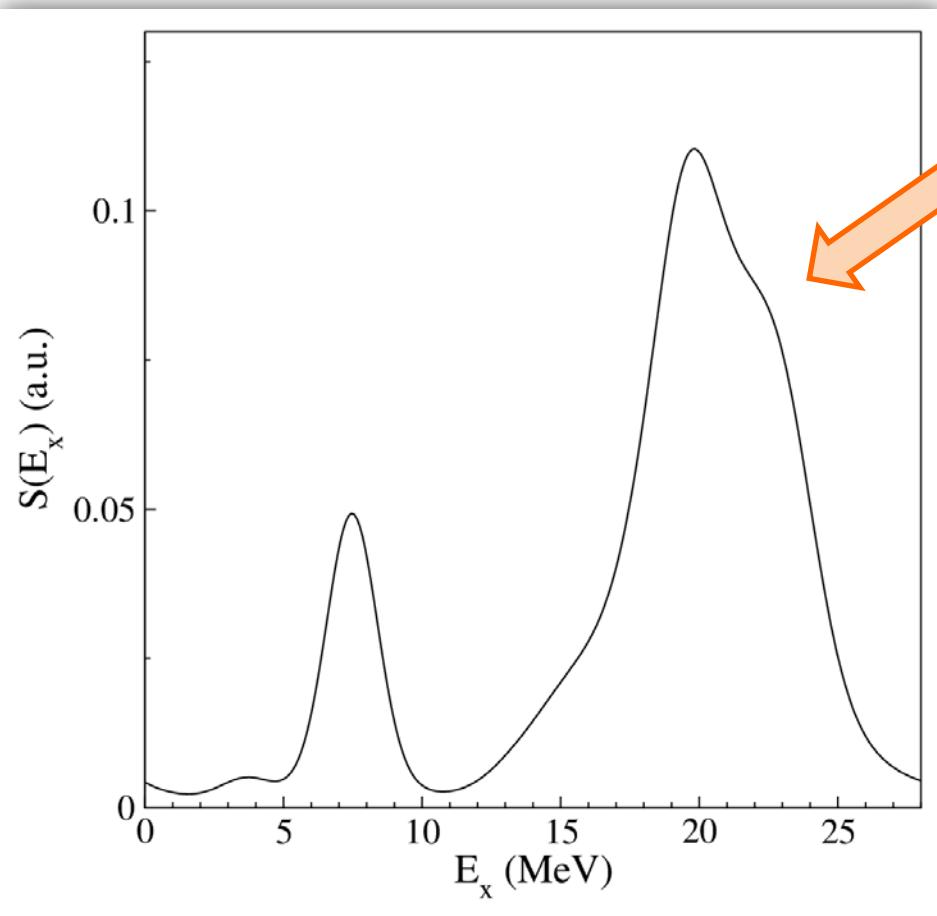
J.A. Scarpaci et al., PLB 428 (1998) 241

The ^{15}C bump at 13.7 ± 0.1 MeV is not reproduced

Similar results for ^{14}C case

Bumps energy and width

cQRPA calculations



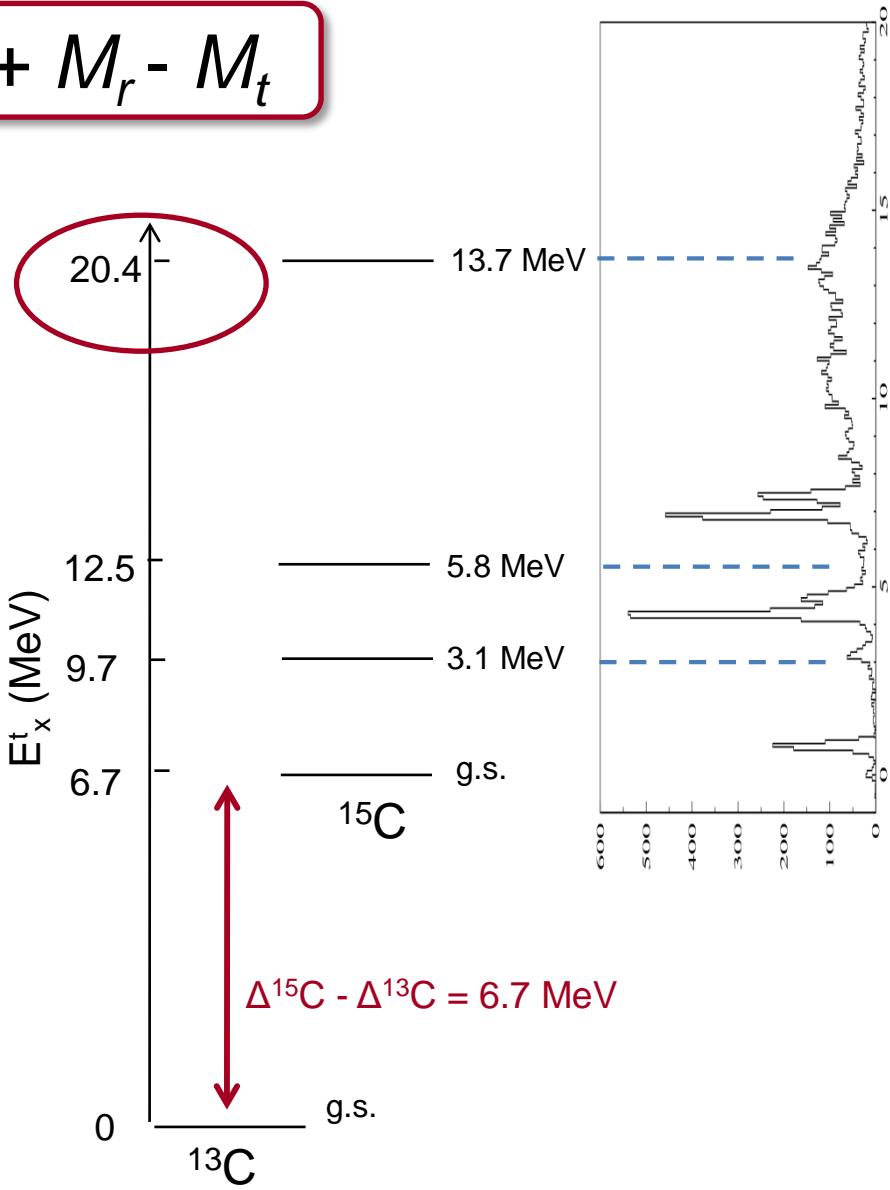
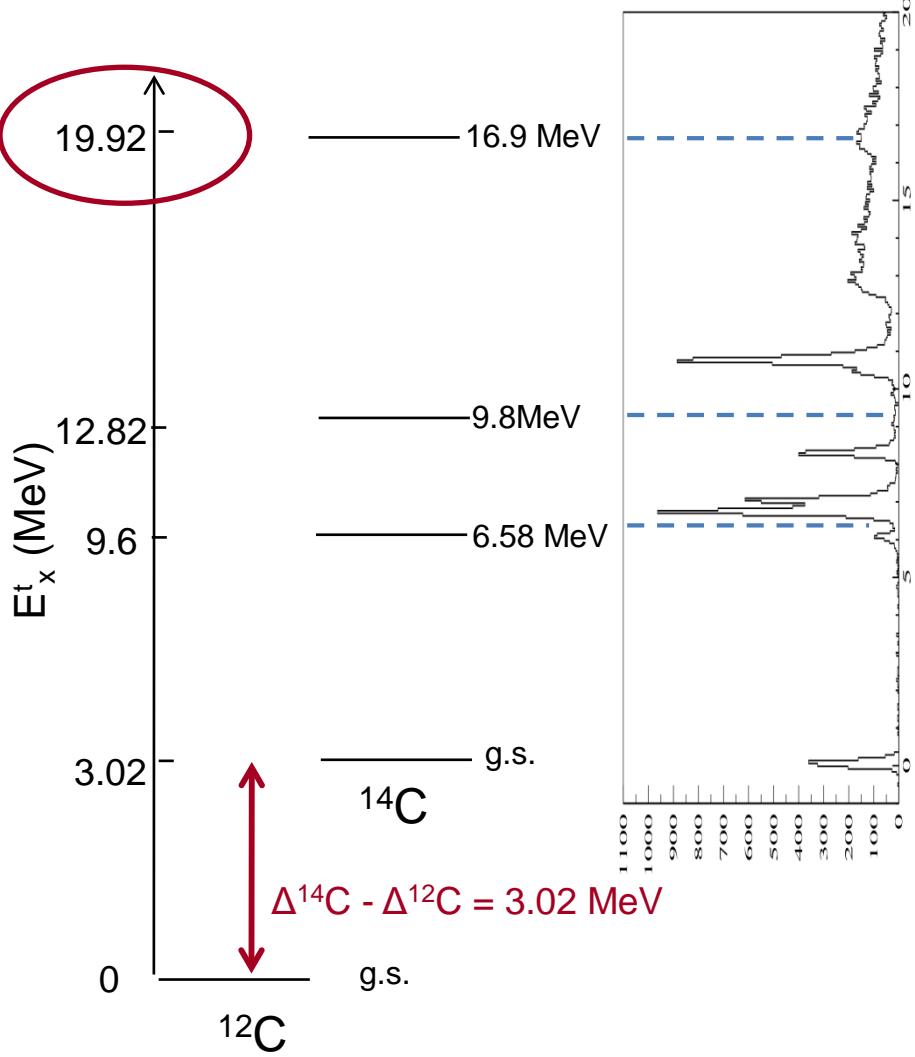
Collective structure at
~ 20 MeV with respect
to the $^{12}\text{C}_{\text{g.s.}}$

E.Khan et al. PRC 69 (2004) 014314

B.Avez et al. PRC 78 (2008) 044318

Pairing energy scale

$$E_x^t = E_x + M_r - M_t$$



Measured widths

$$^{14}\text{C} \quad E_x = 16.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$^{15}\text{C} \quad E_x = 13.7 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{FWHM} = 1.2 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{FWHM} = 1.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ MeV}$$

- Consistent with the discussions about the GPV

(W.von Oertzen and A.Vitturi, Rep.Prog.Phys.64(2001)1247)

- ^{15}C bump has shorter half life

- We can speculate on the different contributions to the width

Escape width

→ ^{15}C bump is higher in the continuum

$^{14}\text{C} \quad S_n = 8.176 \text{ MeV}$
 $^{15}\text{C} \quad S_n = 9.218 \text{ MeV}$

$S_{2n} = 13.122 \text{ MeV}$
 $S_{2n} = 9.349 \text{ MeV}$

~ 3.77 MeV higher above S_n

~ 0.6 MeV higher above S_{2n}

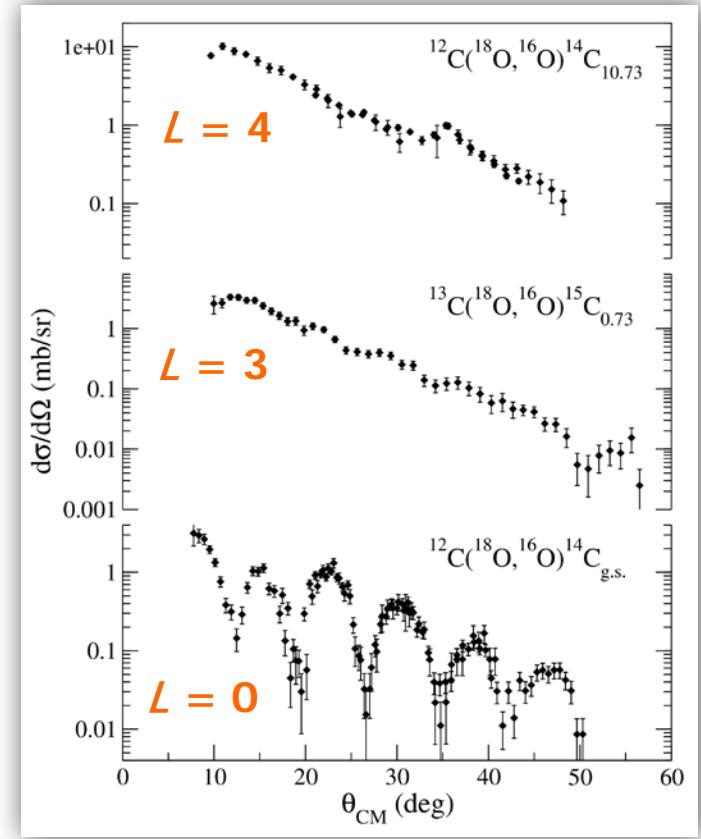
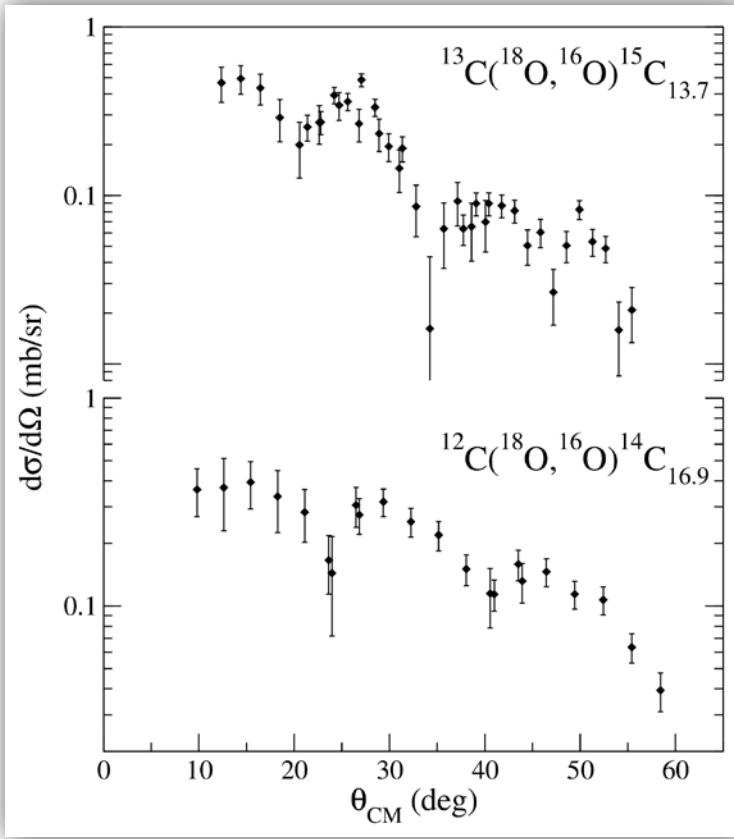
^{15}C bump coupling with 3p-2n excitations due
to the unpaired neutron

Landau width

→ ^{14}C bump coupling with $h-h \ 0^+$ excitations

Multipolarity

Multipolarity: angular distributions



First $L = 0$ indication

Equal population of the M -states in heavy-ion reactions near the Coulomb barrier

- $L \neq 0$ transitions: featureless shape
- $L = 0$ transitions: oscillations clearly appear

Multipolarity: calculations for ^{14}C GPV

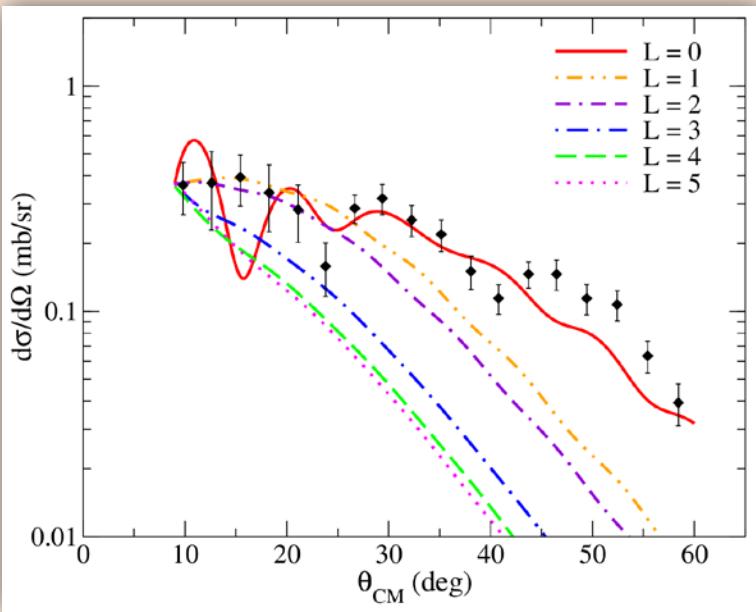
Common ingredients: a. Sao-Paulo parameter free double folding potential
b. Extreme cluster model approximation for the two neutrons

1. Discretized continuum scheme calculations

A.M. Moro and F.M. Nunes, Nucl. Phys. A 767 (2006) 138

- Three body assumption  finer details not accurate
- Global features: $L = 0$ cross section absolute value is found consistent with the experimental **without any scaling factor**

2. CRC calculations



- Same approach used to describe transitions to bound and resonant states in ^{14}C

M. Cavallaro et al., PRC 88 (2013) 054601

- Calculations for various L components
- Artificial energy value of 12 MeV (below S_{2n})
- No spectroscopic amplitudes available Renormalization at $\theta_{CM} = 9^\circ$
- Shape of the $L = 0$ calculation consistent with the experimental angular distribution

Both approaches suggest $L = 0$ transfer for the ^{14}C resonance at 16.9 MeV

Collectivity

Sum rules

- Unfortunately no exact formulation of a sum rule in the particle-particle $L=0$ channel
- Typically the **transfer probability** is analyzed to *evaluate* the collectivity

Transfer probability

The GPV strength is predicted to be similar to that of the $L = 0$ transition to the ground state in Pb and Sn even-even isotopes

Semi-classical description of the relative motion



$$\left(\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} \right)_{tr} = \left(\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} \right)_{sc} P_{tr}(\theta) F(Q, L)$$

$$\eta = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2 p}{2E\hbar} = 3.5$$

$F(Q, L)$

Quantal corrections

$$F(Q) = \exp \left[-\frac{P_{tr}(^{14}C_{GPV})}{P_{tr}(^{14}C_{g.s.})} \Delta Q \right]$$

$L = 0$

$$\Delta Q = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{m_x(m_b - m_A)}{m_a + m_A} v^2 + \frac{m_1 r}{m_1^2 r} \frac{m_x}{^{15}C_{GPV}} \left(\frac{R_A - R_a + R_0}{m_b} - \frac{R_b - R_B + R_0}{m_b} \right)$$

$$C_1 = \frac{R_0 m_{12} (1/\alpha)}{4(2E - E_B) \hbar^2}$$

$$= 3.2 \pm 1.7$$

$$\frac{P_{tr}(^{15}C_{GPV})}{P_{tr}(^{14}C_{g.s.})} = 3.5 \pm 0.8$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{d\Omega} \right)_{sc}$$

Elastic scattering



$P_{tr}(\theta)$

Transfer probability

^{14}C $E_x = 16.9 \text{ MeV}$ FWHM = 1.2 MeV

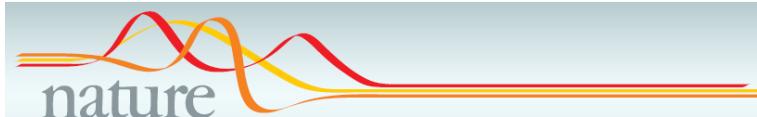
^{15}C $E_x = 13.7 \text{ MeV}$ FWHM = 1.9 MeV

- ✓ Right energy
- ✓ Right width
- ✓ Right strength
- ✓ $L = 0$ mode



GPV population

Particle-hole symmetry
confirmation



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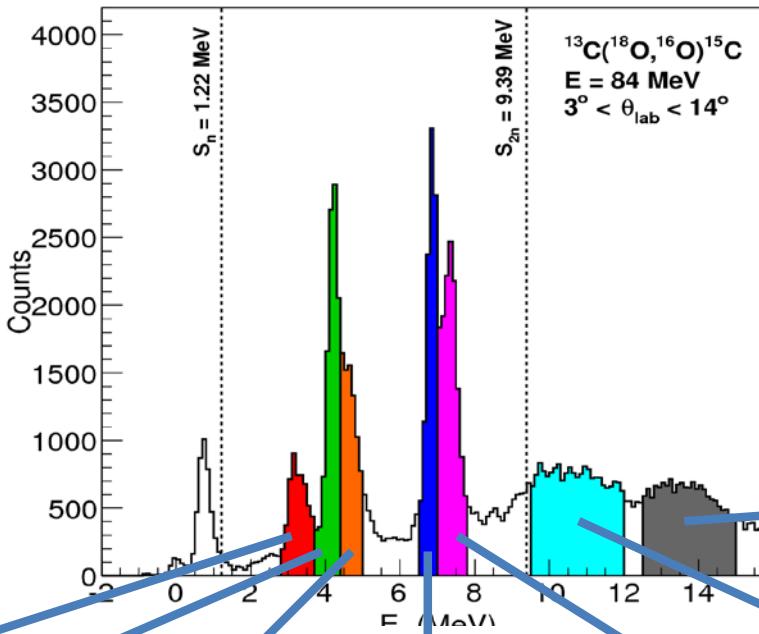
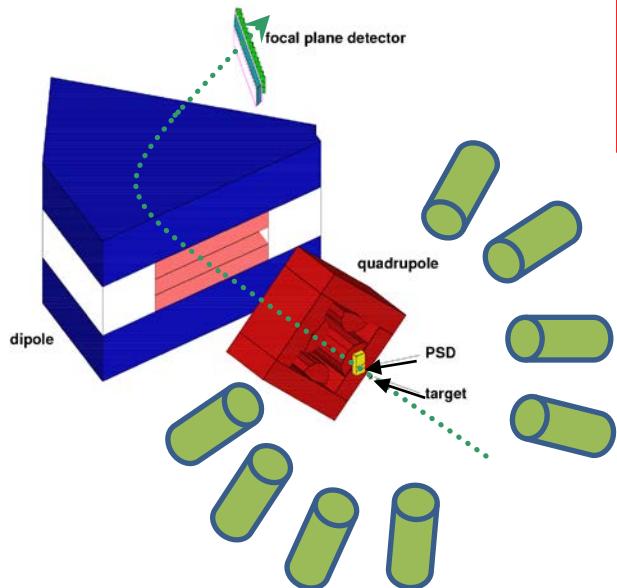
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Resonance decay

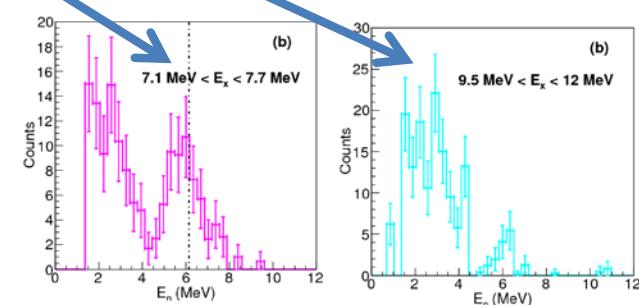
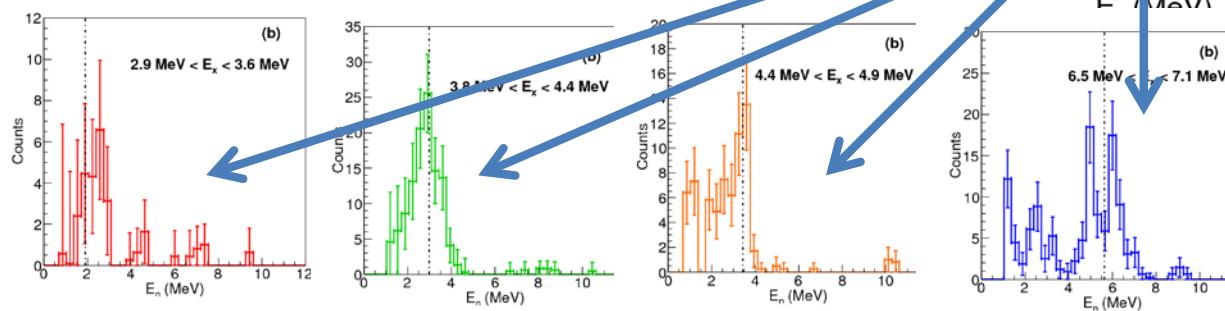
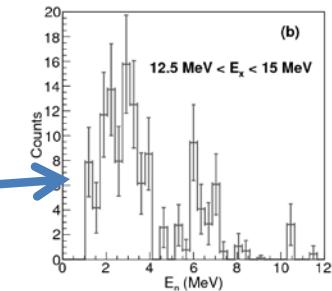
Neutron decay of ^{15}C by time-of-flight

MAGNEX to measure high resolution energy spectra for well identified reaction products

EDEN (IPN-Orsay) to study the decaying neutrons emitted by the observed resonances with good efficiency and energy resolution

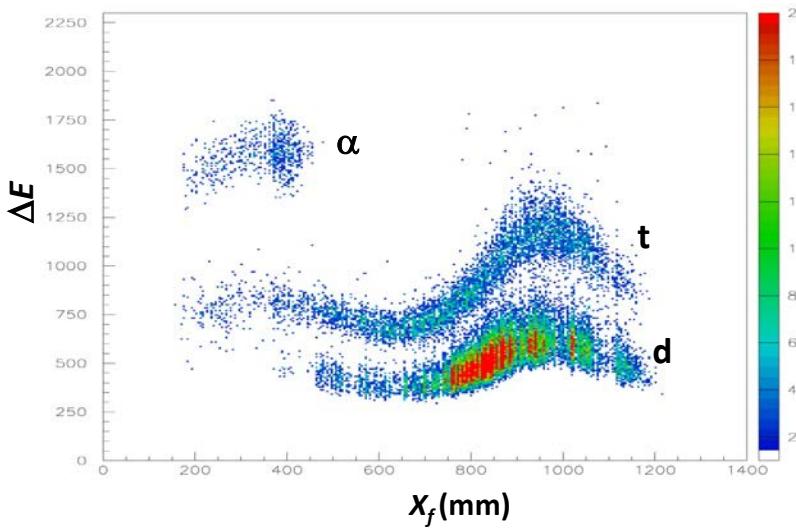


GPV mainly decays by 2n emission



Other systems

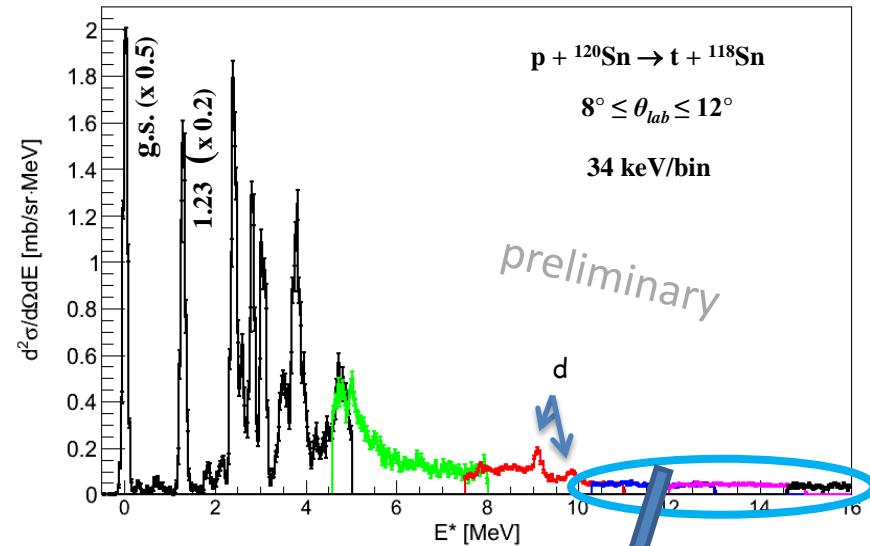
$^{120}\text{Sn}(\text{p},\text{t})^{118}\text{Sn}$ at 35 MeV (MAGNEX data)



The **Cross Section** of the GPV candidate in the range $8^\circ \leq \theta_{lab} \leq 12^\circ$ is $\sigma = 1.1 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{b}$

Agreement with B. Mougnot et al. PRC 83 (2011)
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Such a **small value** explains the historical difficulty to observe the GPV by (p,t) reactions.



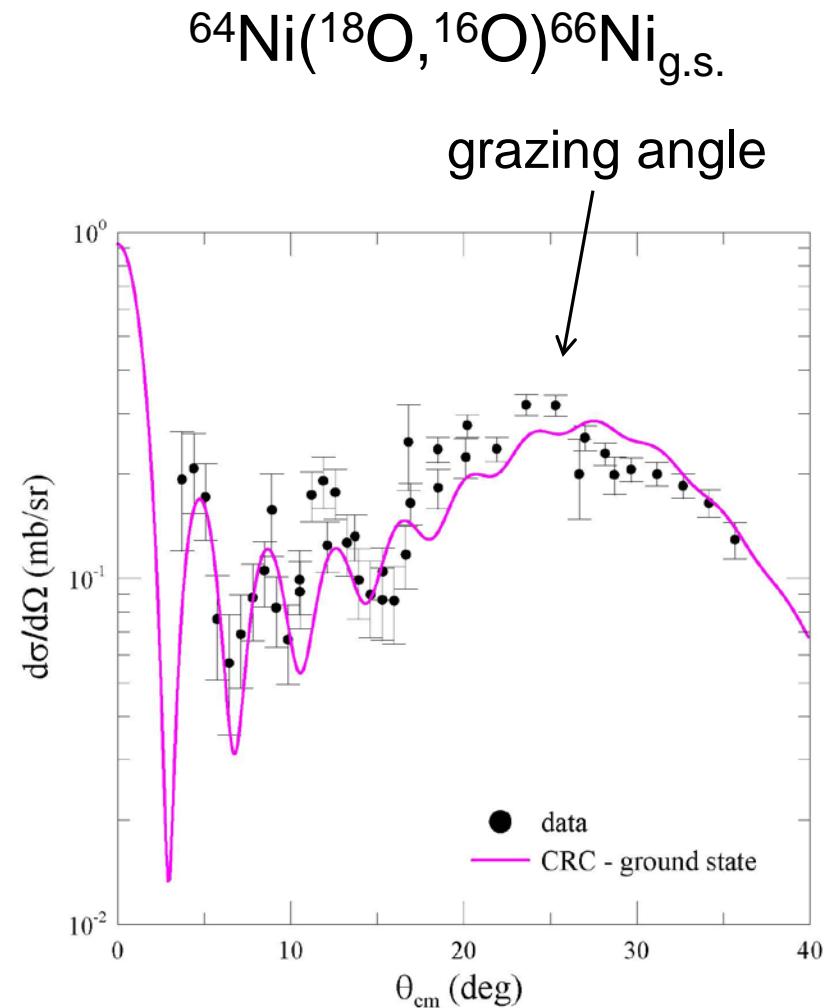
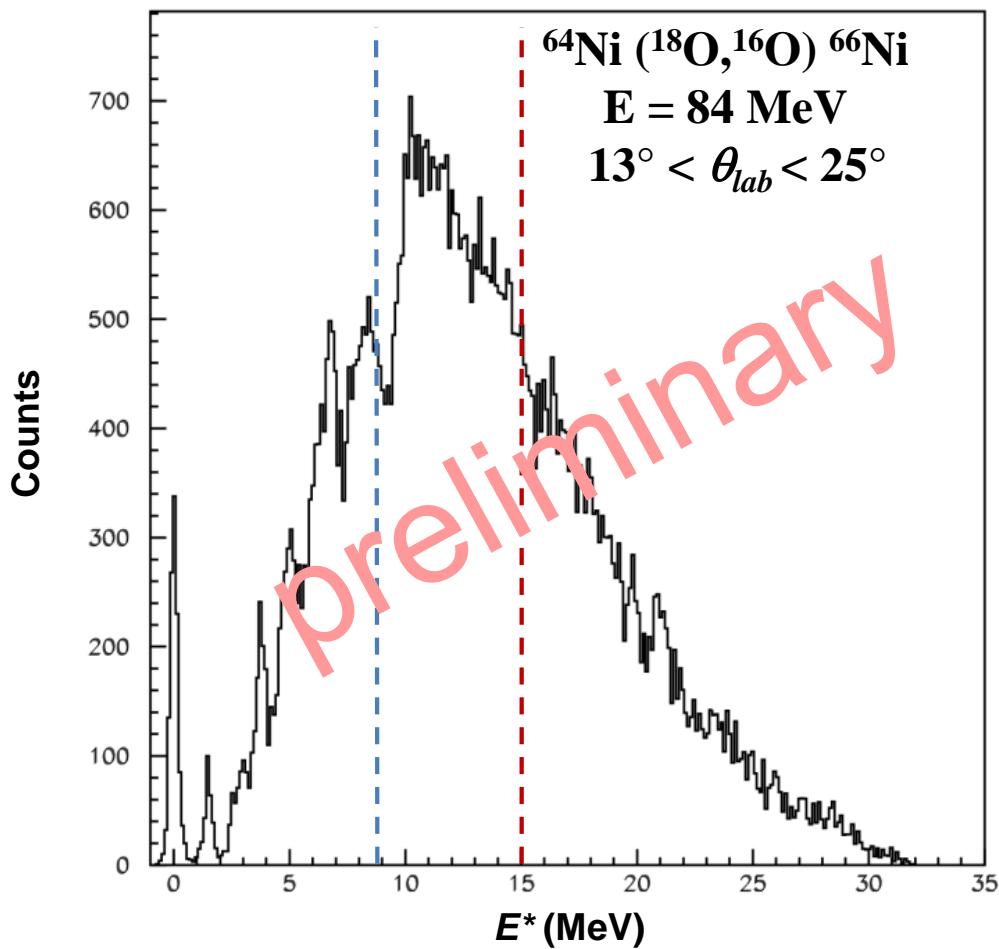
Conclusions and outlooks

- ✓ First signature of the GPV

GPV signals in $T = 1$ and $T = 0$ np pairing?

No reason why they should not be there

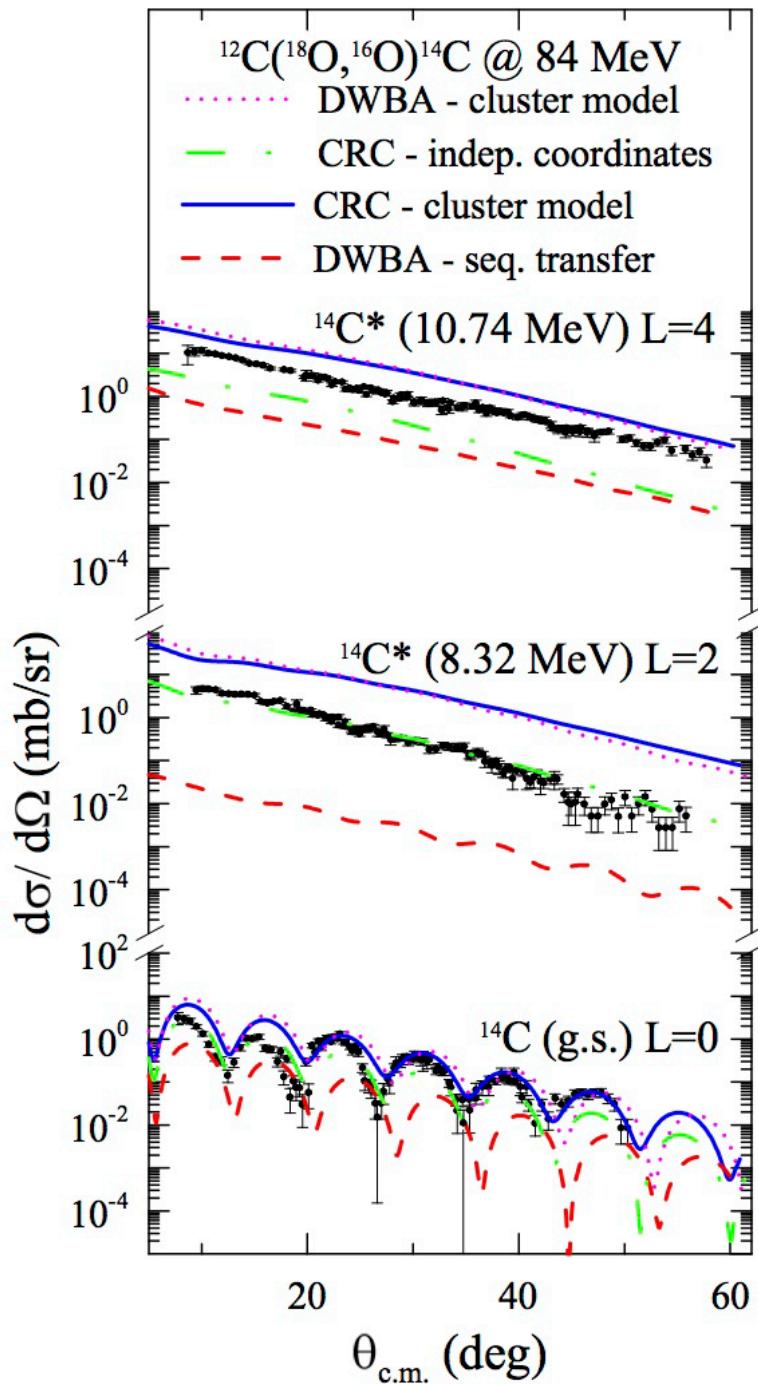
^{66}Ni energy spectra



2n transfer



Angular distributions



QRPA-calculations

Response function for the transfer of a neutron pair on ^{12}C

1) $^{12}\text{C}_{\text{g.s.}}$ with HFB:

- Mean field: Skyrme interaction
- Pairing interaction: zero-range density dependent
- Quasi-particle

$$V_{pair} = V_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{\rho(r)}{\rho_0} \right)^\alpha \right] \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$



Unperturbed response function G_0

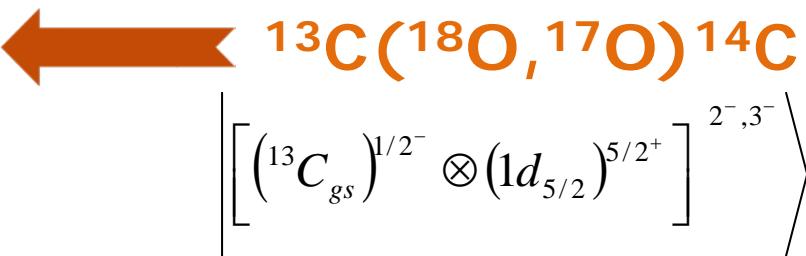
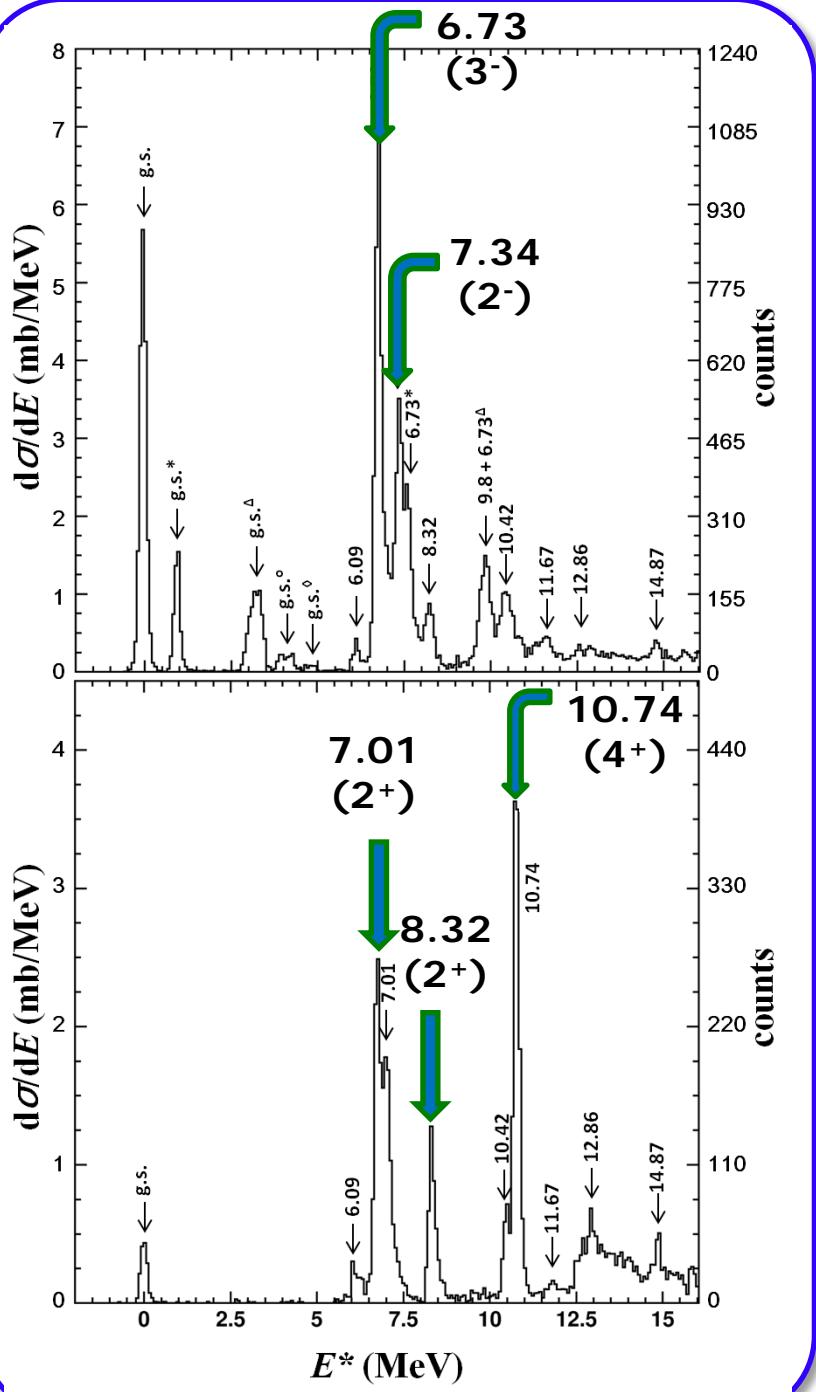
2) QRPA:

- Residual interaction $H = T + V = T + U_{HFB} + (V - U_{HFB}) = T + U_{HFB} + V_{res}$
- p - p excitations
- Linear response function approach

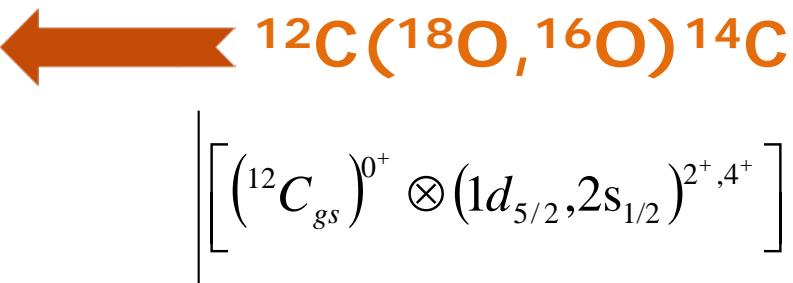


Perturbed response function G

2. Energy spectra

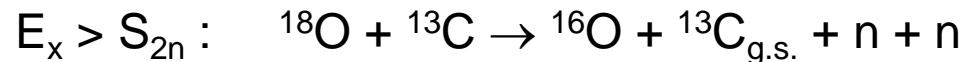


In the $(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})$, the **suppression of s.p. states**, which would require an uncorrelated transfer of 2n and the breaking of the initial pair in the $^{18}\text{O}_{gs.}$, reveals the minor role of the **two-step dynamics**



Break-up calculations

**Sequential transfer to the continuum of uncorrelated neutrons
(two independent break-up processes)**



1) Calculation of the S-Matrix  Transfer probability

$$\frac{dP}{d\varepsilon_f}(j_f, j_i) = \sum_{j_f} \left(|1 - \bar{S}_{j_f}|^2 + 1 - |\bar{S}_{j_f}|^2 \right) B(j_f, j_i)$$



Elastic break-up



Neutron absorption

2) Total transfer cross section

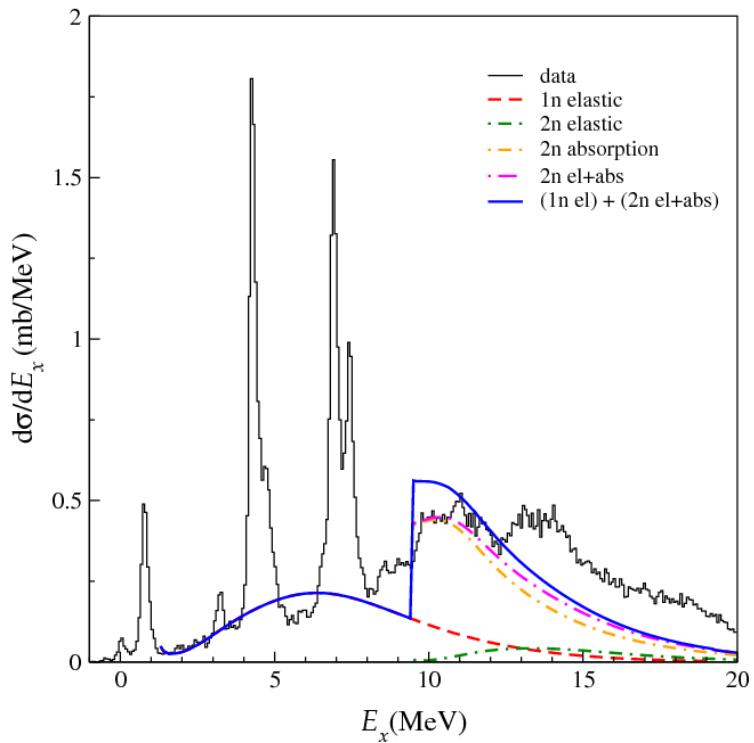
$$\frac{d\sigma_{1n}}{d\varepsilon_f} = C^2 S \int_0^\infty b db \frac{dP(b)}{d\varepsilon_f} P_{el}(b)$$

Initial state spectroscopic factor

Core-target elastic scattering

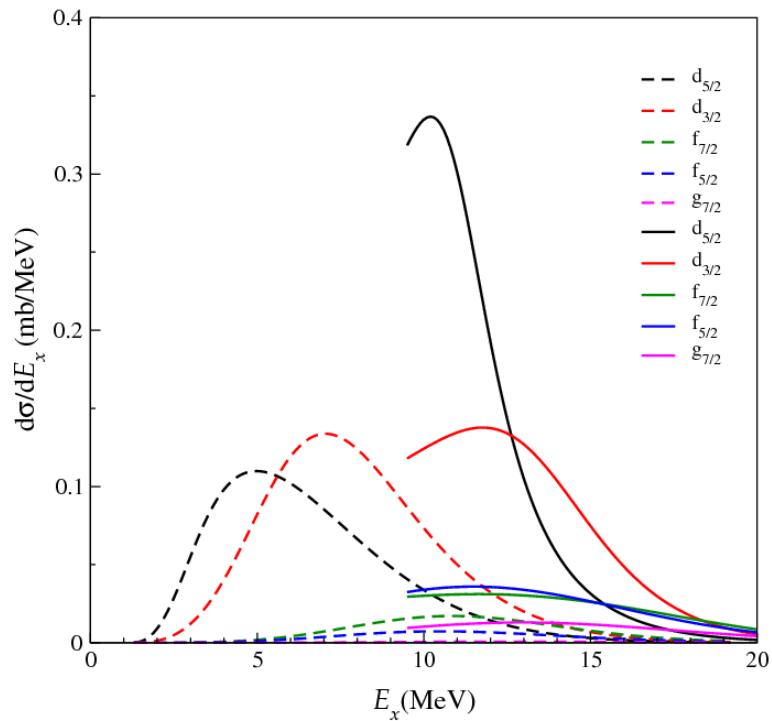
Semi-classical treatment of the relative motion

Break-up calculations



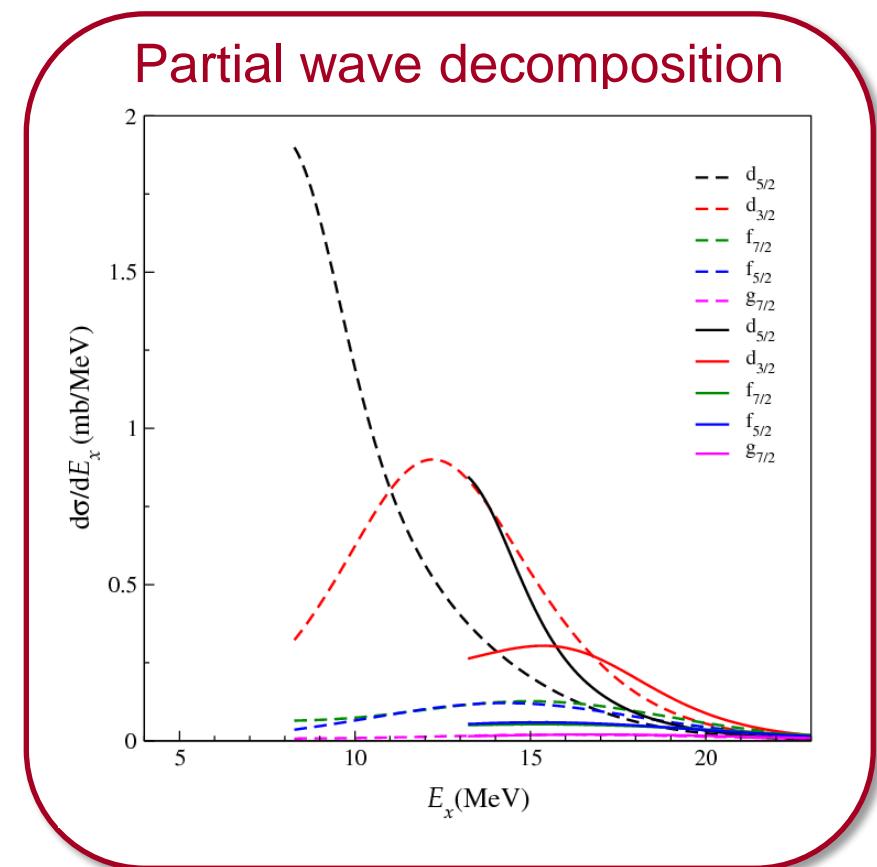
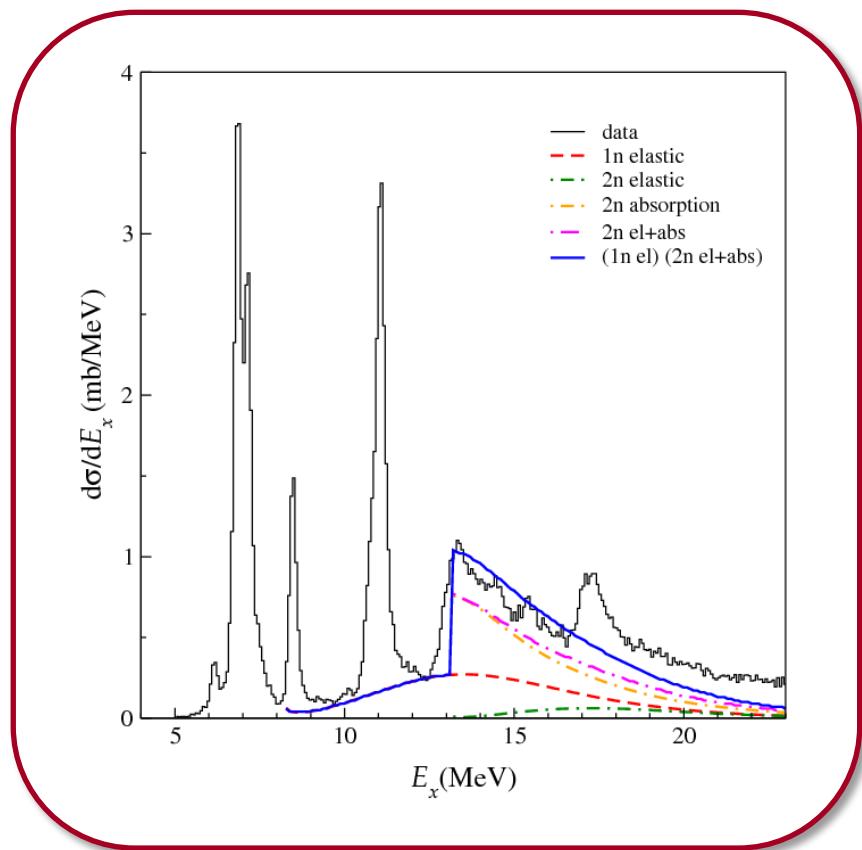
Above S_{2n}
the absorption term dominates
compared to the elastic BU

Partial wave decomposition



Absorption in the d shell

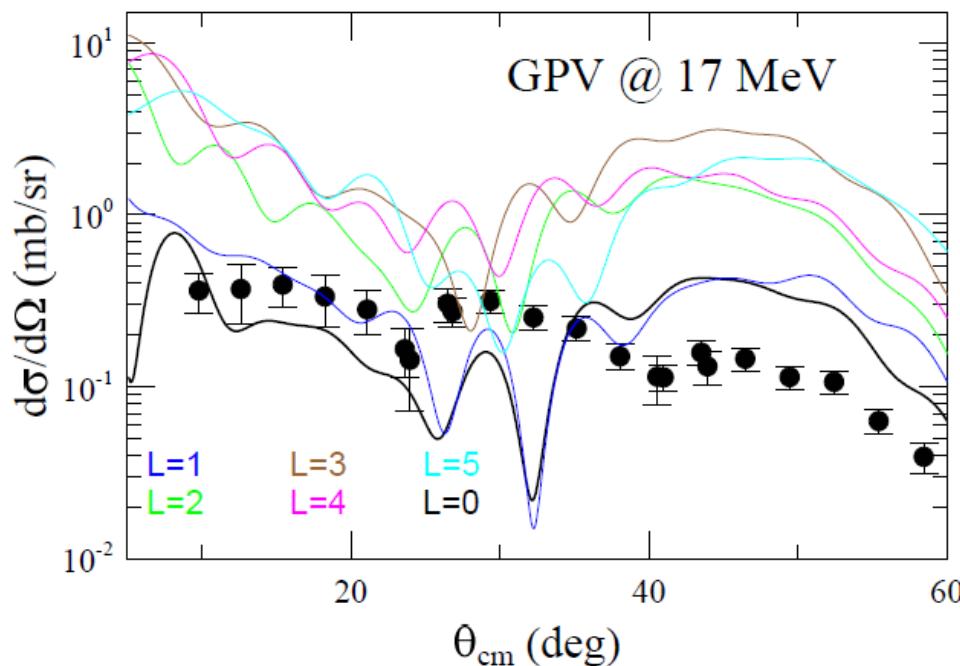
Break-up calculations



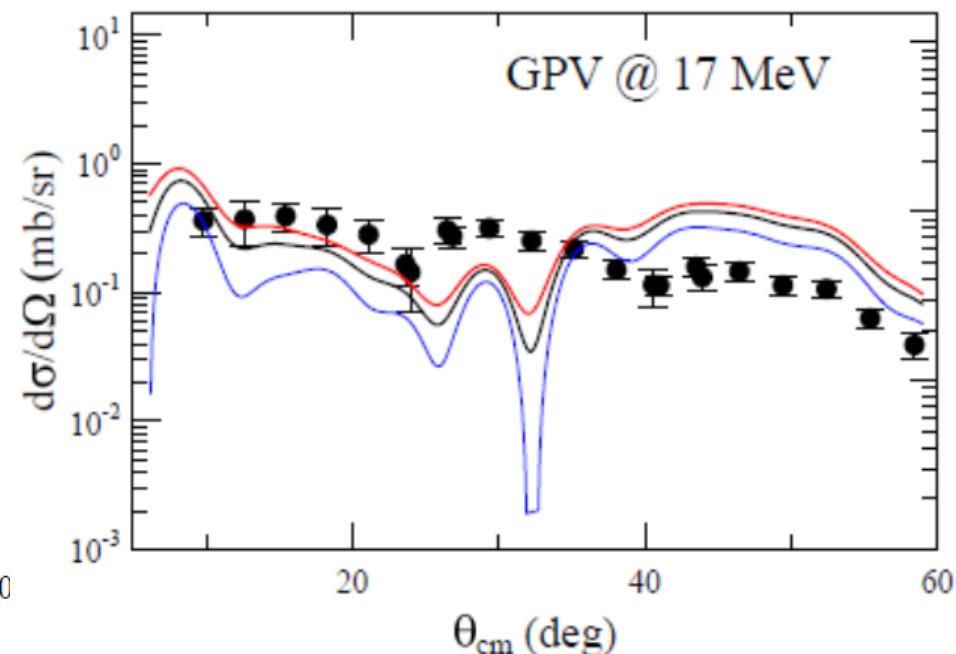
CD-DWBA calculations

- No continuum-continuum coupling
- Assumption of three-body continuum

- L=0,1 best agreement



- No scaling of the calculation

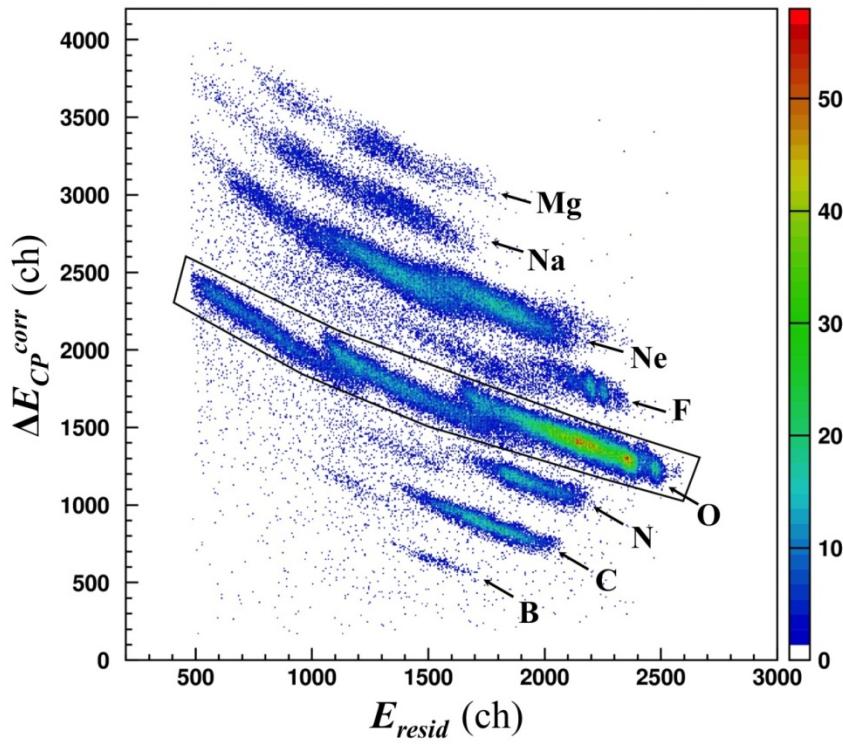


- L=1 isovector mode (GDR) is at about 25 MeV
- L=0 GPV is the most likely mode from these calculations

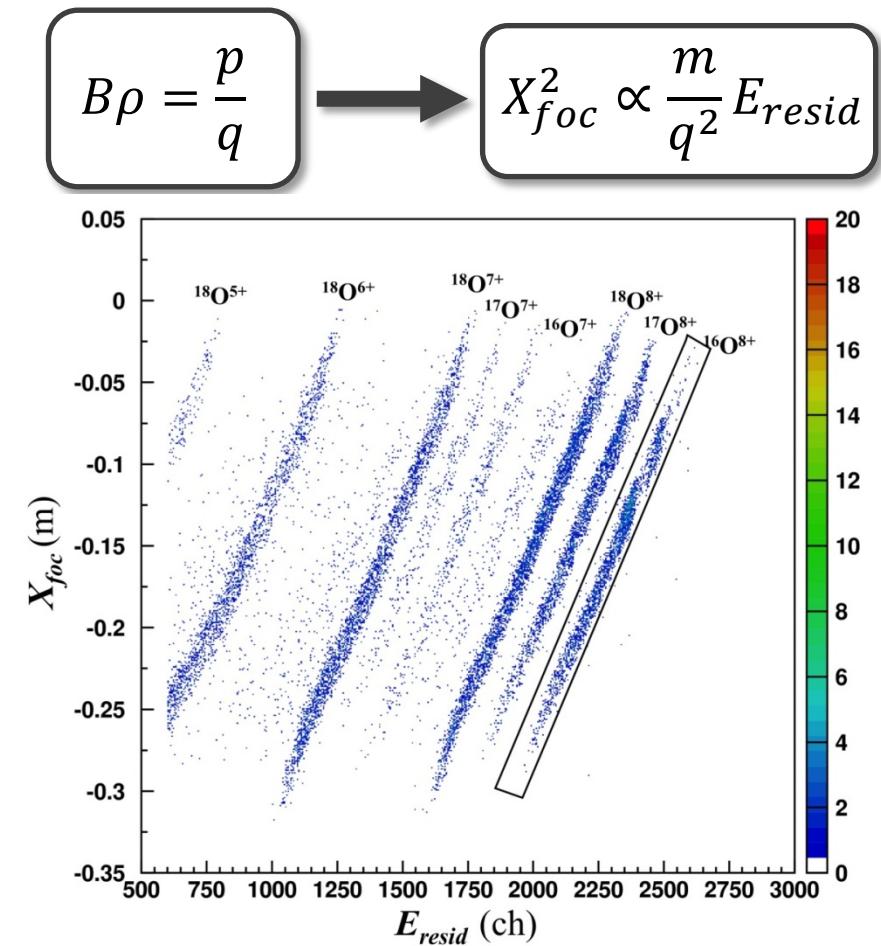
Data reduction

Particle Identification

Z identification



A identification



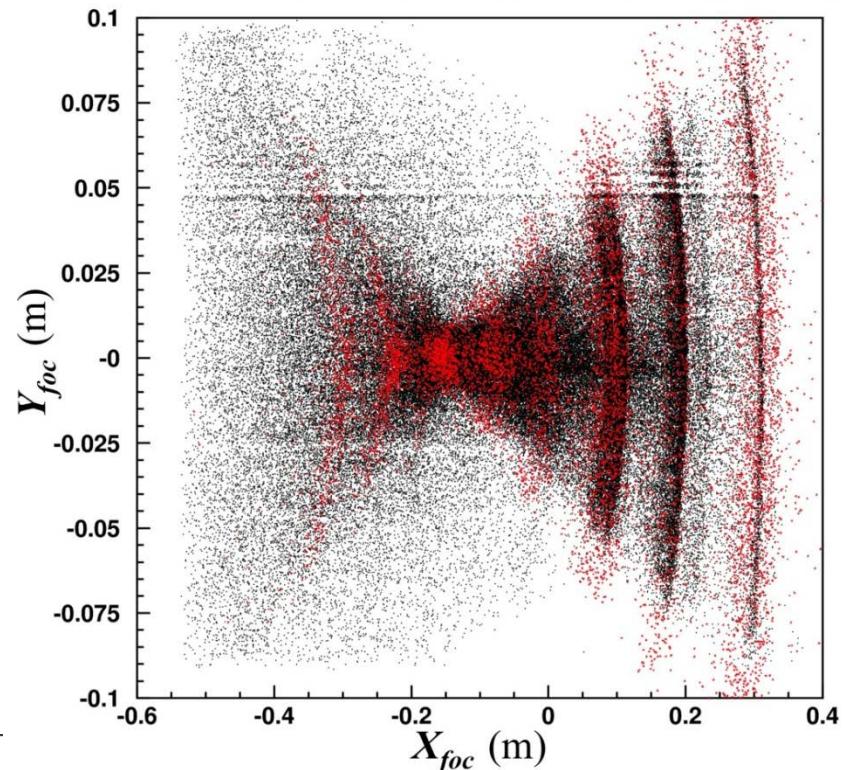
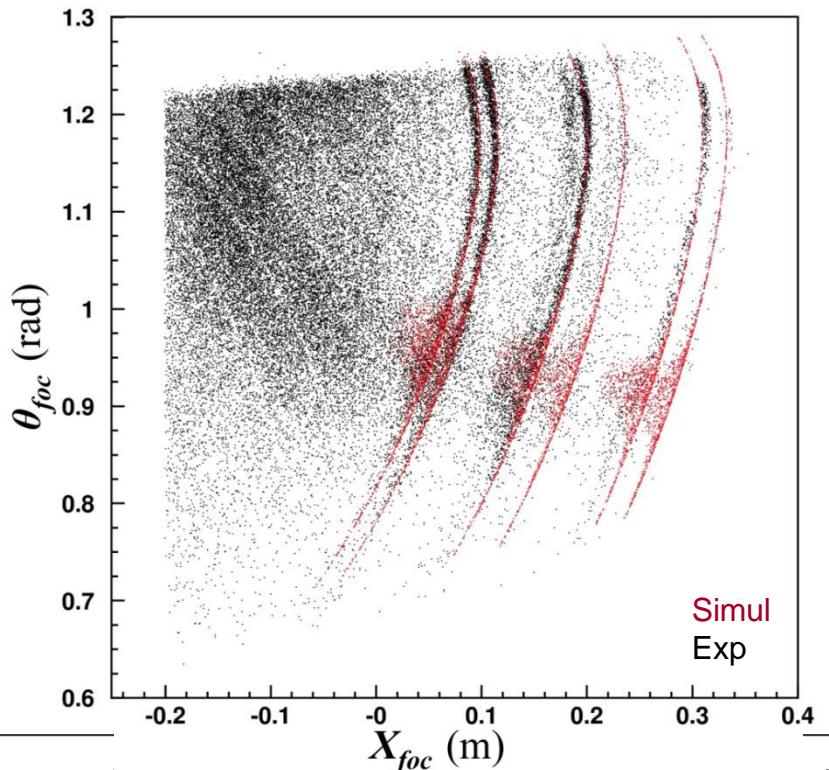
Trajectory reconstruction technique

Large acceptance

Aberrations

Hardware design

Software ray-reconstruction



4. Application of the inverse map to the data

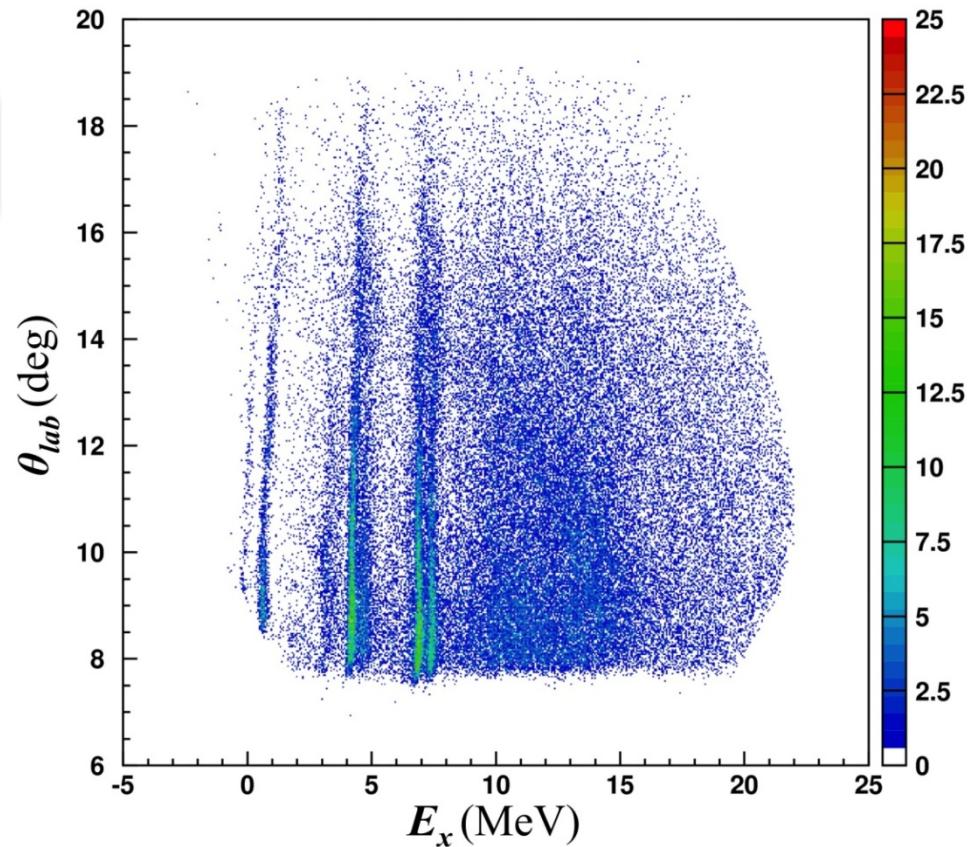
$$E_{kin} \rightarrow Q$$

Reconstructed parameters

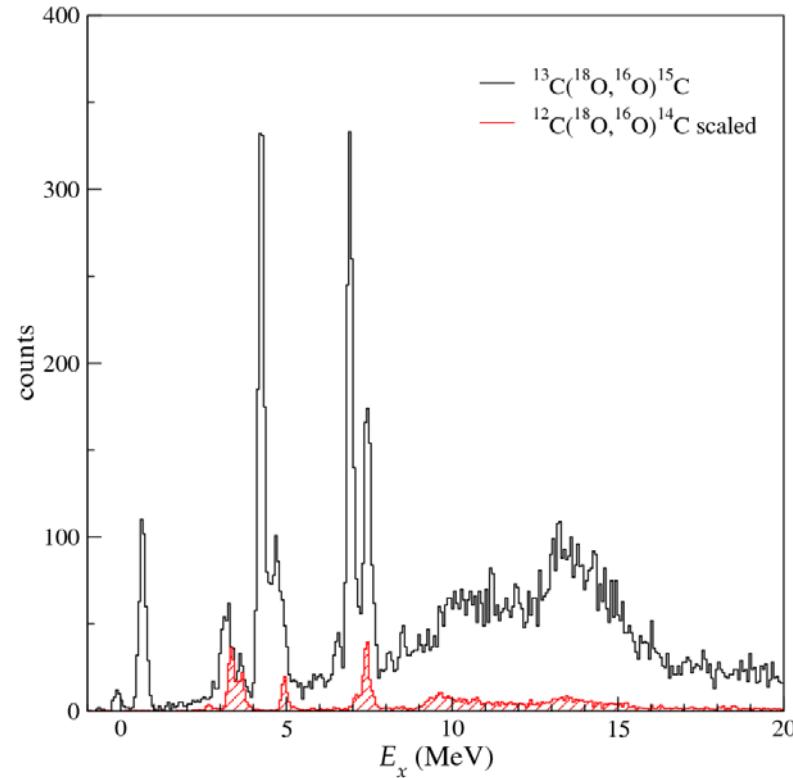
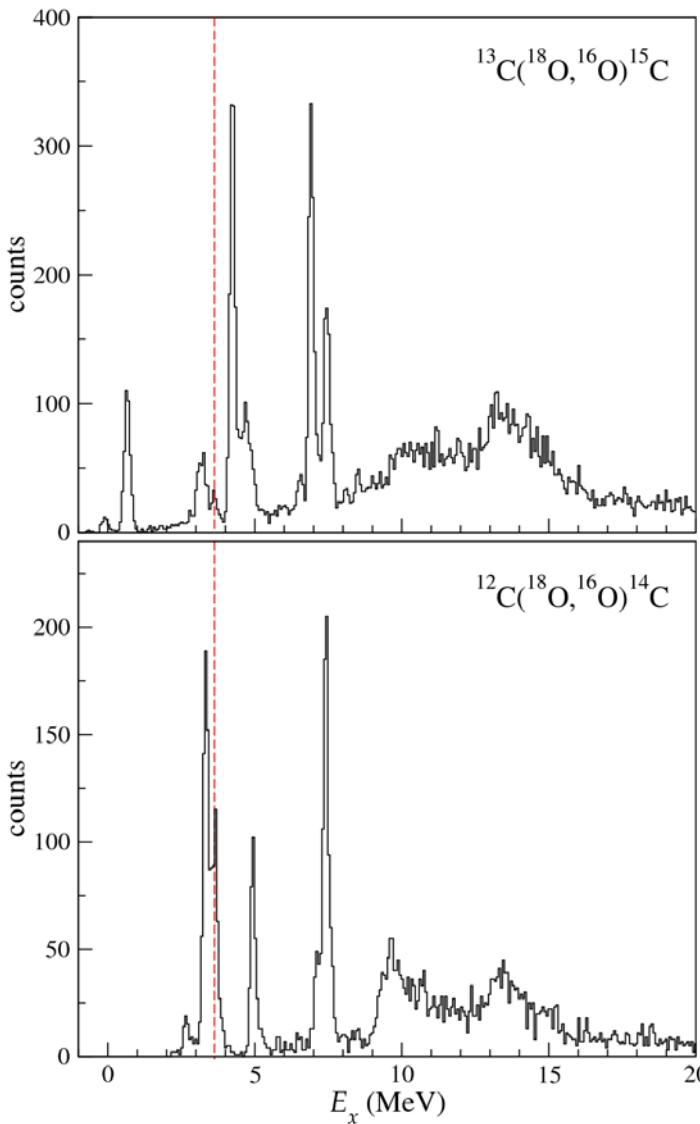
$$\theta_{lab} = \arccos \frac{\cos(\theta_{opt}) - \sin(\theta_{opt})\tan(\theta_i)}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2(\theta_i) + \tan^2(\phi_i)}}$$

$$Q_0 = -2.793 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_x = Q_0 - Q = Q_0 - K \left(1 + \frac{M_e}{M_r} \right) + E_{beam} \left(1 - \frac{M_b}{M_r} \right) + 2 \frac{\sqrt{M_b M_e}}{M_r} \sqrt{E_{beam} K} \cos \theta_{lab}$$



Background subtraction in ^{15}C spectra



$$N_{tot} = N_{^{13}\text{C}} - S_{^{12}\text{C}} \cdot N_{^{12}\text{C}}$$

QRPA calculations

Linear response theory

Time dependent Hartree-Fock equation

$$\hbar\omega \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} = [h(R) + F(t), R(t)]$$

Weak external field including p - h and p - p operators

$$F = \sum_{ij} F_{ij}^{11} a_i^+ a_j + \sum_{ij} (F_{ij}^{12} a_i^+ a_j^+ + F_{ij}^{21} a_i a_j)$$

Small changes in the nuclear density

$$\rho' = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{F}$$



Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}_0 + \mathbf{G}_0 V \mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{G}_0}{1 - \mathbf{G}_0 V}$$

Two-nucleon transfer

$$S(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \int F^{12*}(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{G}^{22}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) F^{12}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'$$

Reaction mechanism

Transfer yields

Comparison between

- Two-neutron transfer (^{16}O)
- One-neutron transfer (^{17}O)
- Inelastic scattering (^{18}O)

Reaction	Inelastic (^{18}O) (counts $\times 10^5$)	$1n$ -transfer (^{17}O) (counts $\times 10^5$)	$2n$ -transfer (^{16}O) (counts $\times 10^5$)
$^{18}\text{O} + ^{12}\text{C}$	1.694 ± 0.006	0.950 ± 0.005	0.924 ± 0.005
$^{18}\text{O} + ^{13}\text{C}$	1.869 ± 0.007	1.284 ± 0.007	0.814 ± 0.006

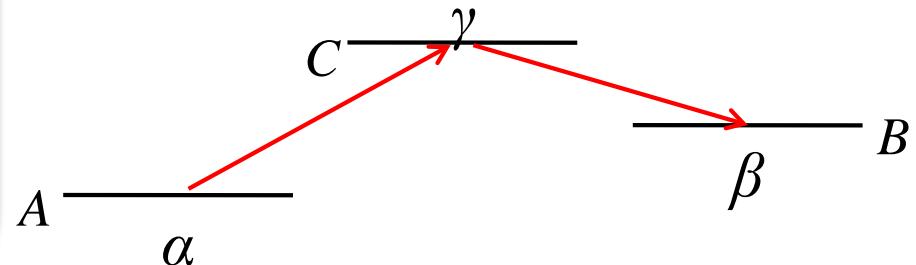
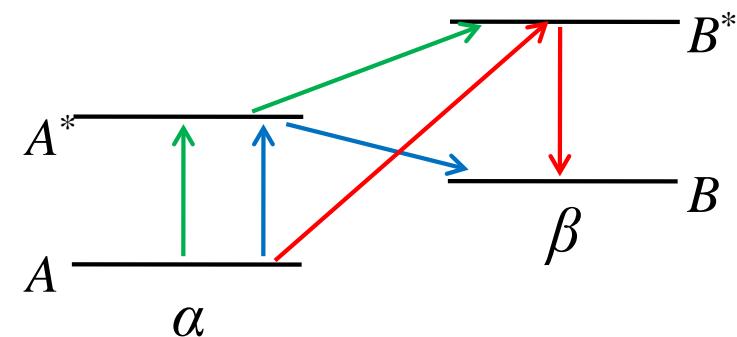


Equiprobable processes

Cross section calculations

Complete treatment of the transfer process

1. One-step channel
 $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$
2. Sequential channel
 $(\gamma$ partitions)
3. Non-orthogonal term



Previous calculations

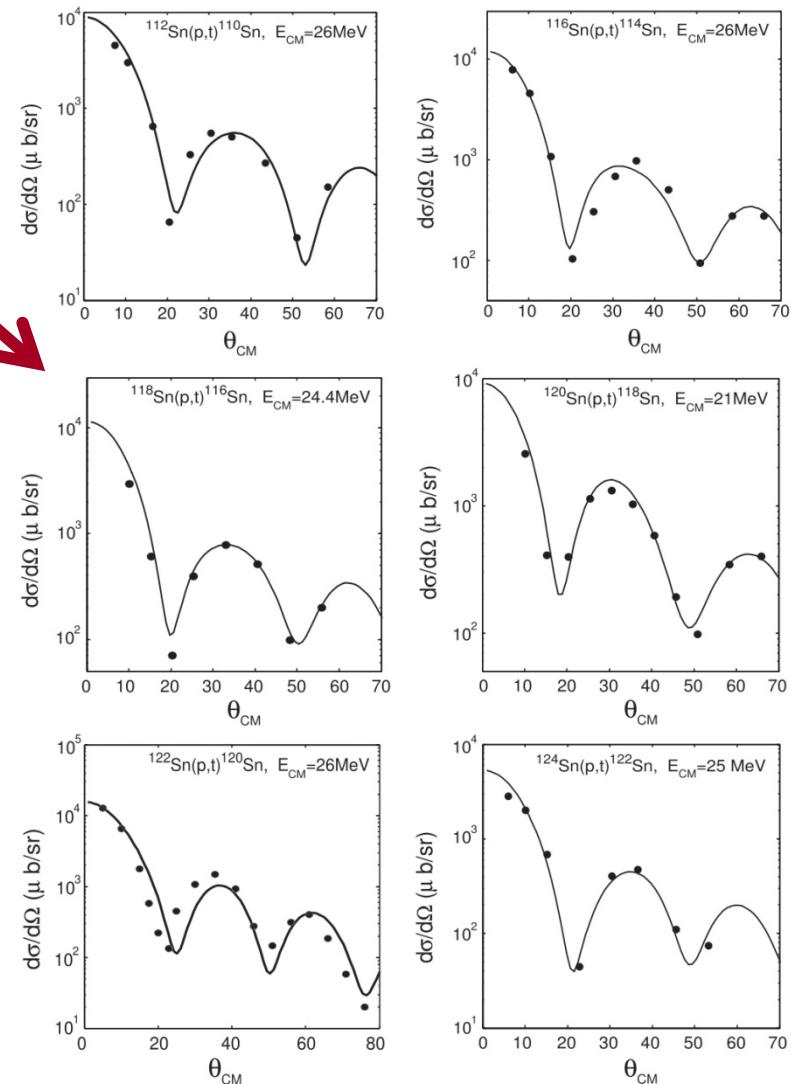
2nd order DWBA for $^A\text{Sn}(p,t)^{A-2}\text{Sn}$

(Potel et al. PRL 107 (2011) 092501)

EFR-CCBA for $^{74}\text{Ge}({}^{18}\text{O}, {}^{16}\text{O})^{76}\text{Ge}$ and

$^{76}\text{Ge}({}^{16}\text{O}, {}^{18}\text{O})^{78}\text{Ge}$

(Lemaire and Low PRC16 (1977) 183)



Importance of inelastic channels

${}^{18}\text{O}^*$ 2⁺ state at 1.98 MeV

CRC calculations

Sao-Paulo optical potential

$$V_{LE}(R, E) = V_F(R) e^{-\frac{4v^2(R)}{c^2}}$$

L.C.Chamon et. al. PRC 66 (2002) 014610
D. Pereira et al. PLB 670 (2009) 330

- Double-folding potential $V_F(R) = \int \rho_1(r_1)\rho_2(r_2)v_{NN}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2)d\mathbf{r}_1d\mathbf{r}_2$

v_{NN} → nucleon-nucleon interaction: **M3Y**
 $\rho(r)$ → wide and systematic dataset

- Pauli non-locality $e^{-\frac{4v^2(R)}{c^2}}$

- Imaginary part $W(R) = 0.6 \cdot V_{LE}(R)$

