



*Ab Initio Investigation of
Radiative Capture and
Electron-Positron Pair Production*

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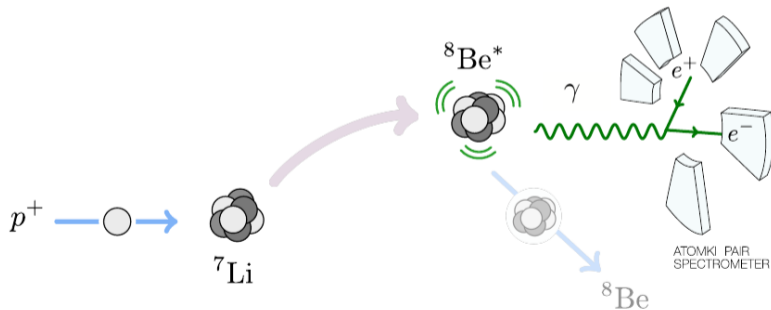
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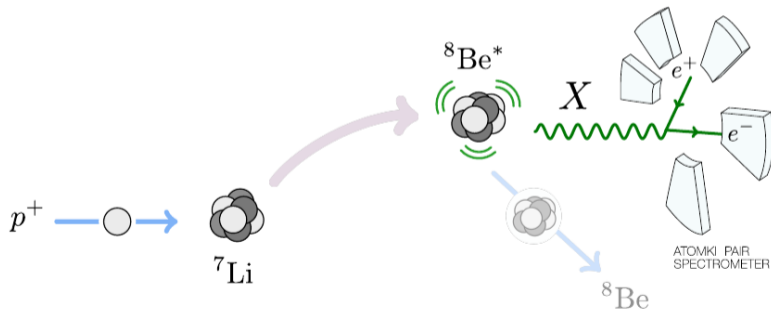
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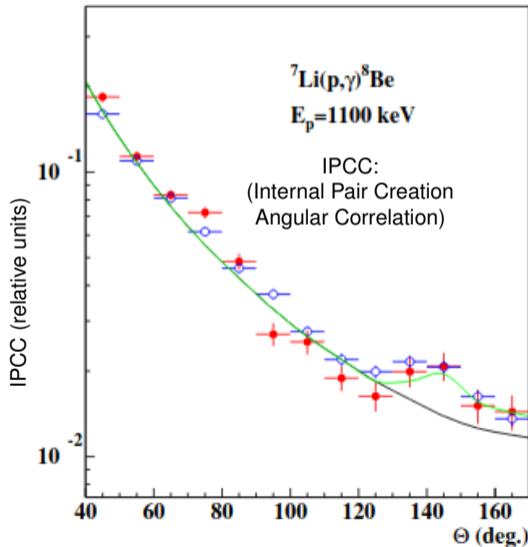
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- ▶ Anomaly in pair distribution observed at the energy of the second 1^+ resonance

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Radiative Capture: $P + T \rightarrow F + \gamma$

- ▶ Notation: $T(P, \gamma)F$
- ▶ Often astrophysically relevant:
 - ▶ Stellar burning: $d(p, \gamma)^3\text{He}$, $^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Be}$, ...
 - ▶ Big Bang Nucleosynthesis: $d(p, \gamma)^3\text{He}$, $^4\text{He}(d, \gamma)^6\text{Li}$, ...
 - ▶ Search for new physics: $^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma)^8\text{Be}$, $^3\text{H}(p, \gamma)^4\text{He}$, $^{11}\text{B}(p, \gamma)^{12}\text{C}$



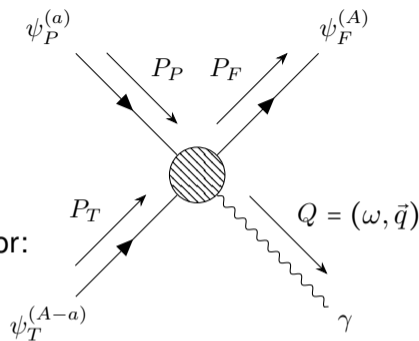
[Adapted from:
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Calculating Radiative Capture

To calculate the rate of reaction (cross section) we need:

- ▶ initial wavefunction: $|\Psi_i\rangle$ ($P + T$)
- ▶ final wavefunction: $|\Psi_f\rangle$ (F)
- ▶ photon emission (electromagnetic transition) operator:
 $\hat{O}_\gamma(\lambda, q) = \vec{e}_\lambda^* \cdot \vec{J}(q) \sim \sum_{J \geq 1} \lambda \mathcal{T}_{J\lambda}^M(q) + \mathcal{T}_{J\lambda}^E(q)$
- ▶ approximations:
 - ▶ single-nucleon operators, long-wavelength expansion
 $\mathcal{T}_{1\lambda}^E(q) \approx \sum_i^A \frac{1+\tau_{zi}}{2} \frac{2q}{9} r_i Y_{1\lambda}(\hat{r}_i)$
- ▶ transition matrix elements: $\langle \Psi_f | \hat{O}_\gamma | \Psi_i \rangle$

$$\sigma \sim \int dq |\langle \Psi_f | \hat{O}_\gamma | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$$



Bound States: $|\Psi_f\rangle = \left| J_f^{\pi_f} \right\rangle$

$NN + 3N_{lnl}$

Somá et al, PRC **101** 014318 (2020)

Eigenstate of the nuclear Hamiltonian:

$$H^A |\Psi_k\rangle = E_k |\Psi_k\rangle, \text{ where } H^A = \sum_i^A T_i + \sum_{i<j} V_{ij}^{NN} + \sum_{i<j<f} V_{ijf}^{3N}$$

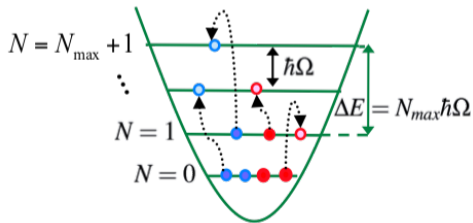
The No-Core Shell Model (NCSM)

Expand in anti-symmetrized products of harmonic oscillator single-particle states:

$$|\Psi_k\rangle = \sum_{N=0}^{N_{max}} \sum_j c_{Nj}^k |\Phi_{Nj}\rangle$$

Convergence to an exact solution as

$$N_{max} \rightarrow \infty$$



Unbound (Continuum) States: $|\Psi_i\rangle = \left[(|\psi_P\rangle |\psi_T\rangle)^{(S_i)} \psi_{L_i}(\vec{r}_P - \vec{r}_T) \right]^{(J_i^{\pi_i})}$

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No-Core Shell Model with Continuum (NCSMC)

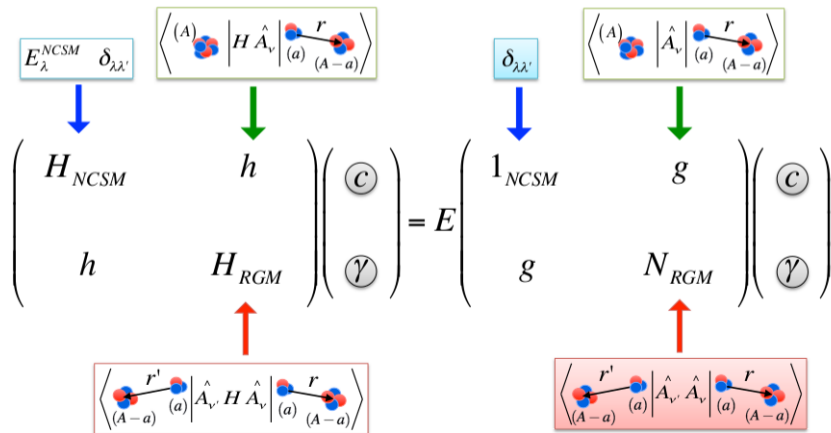
- ▶ Solution: extend the NCSM basis!

$$\Psi^{(A)} = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda} \left| {}^{(A)} \text{cluster}, \lambda \right\rangle + \sum_{\nu} \int d\vec{r} \gamma_{\nu}(\vec{r}) \hat{A}_{\nu} \left| {}^{(A-a)} \text{cluster}, \nu \right\rangle$$

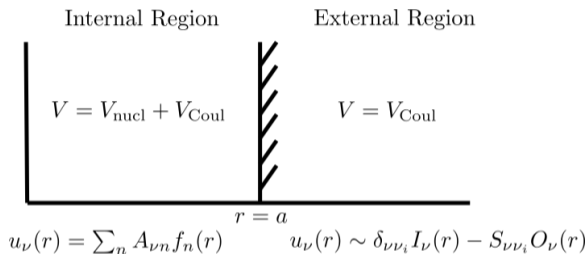
NCSMC Equations

$$H \Psi^{(A)} = E \Psi^{(A)}$$

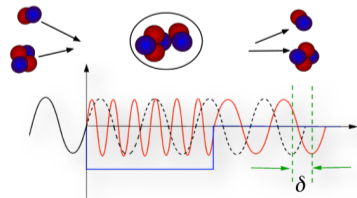
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More Details



- ▶ R-matrix on a Lagrange mesh
- ▶ Solve for generalized S -matrix: $S_{\nu\nu_i}^{J\pi}$
- ▶ Diagonal phase shifts: $S_{\nu\nu}^{J\pi} \sim e^{2i\delta_\nu^{J\pi}}$
- ▶ Eigen-phase shifts: $e^{2i\delta_\mu^{J\pi}}$, eigenvalues of S



NCSMC for ${}^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma){}^8\text{Be}$

$$|\Psi_{\text{NCSMC}}^{(8)}\rangle = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda} |{}^8\text{Be}, \lambda\rangle + \sum_{\nu} \int dr \gamma_{\nu}(r) \hat{A}_{\nu} |{}^7\text{Li} + p, \nu\rangle + \sum_{\mu} \int dr \gamma_{\mu}(r) \hat{A}_{\mu} |{}^7\text{Be} + n, \mu\rangle$$

Process:

- ▶ Solve NCSM for each constituent nucleus: ${}^8\text{Be}$, ${}^7\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}$
 - ▶ 30 eigenstates from ${}^8\text{Be}$
 - ▶ 5 eigenstates each from ${}^7\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}$
- ▶ Solve NCSMC for $c_{\lambda}(E)$, $\gamma_{\nu}(r, E)$, $\gamma_{\mu}(r, E) \rightarrow |\Psi(E)\rangle$
- ▶ Cross-section depends on transition matrix elements e.g. $\langle \Psi(E_f) | M1 | \Psi(E_i) \rangle$

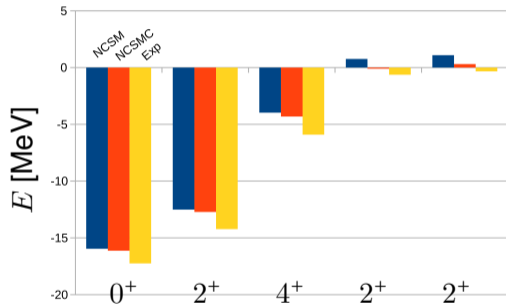
Results

The NCSMC allows simultaneous calculation of many observables

- ^8Be Structure
- Scattering: $^7\text{Li}(p, p)^7\text{Li}$, $^7\text{Be}(n, n)^7\text{Be}$
- Transfer Reactions: $^7\text{Li}(p, n)^7\text{Be}$, $^7\text{Be}(n, p)^7\text{Li}$
- Radiative Capture: $^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma)^8\text{Be}$
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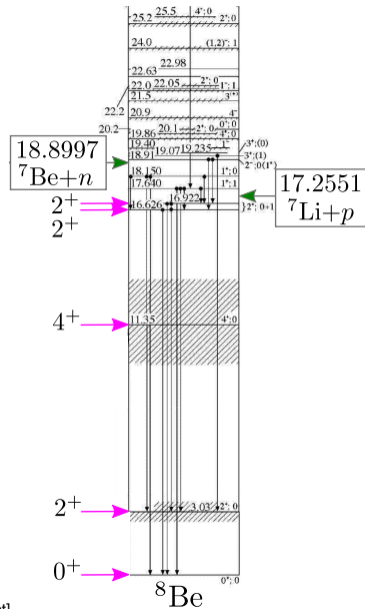
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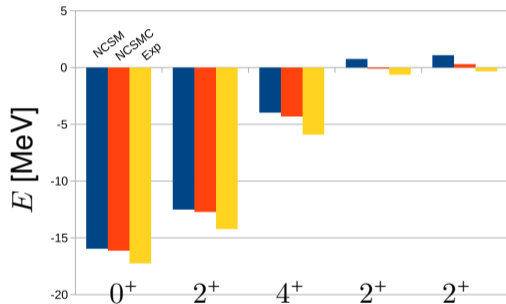
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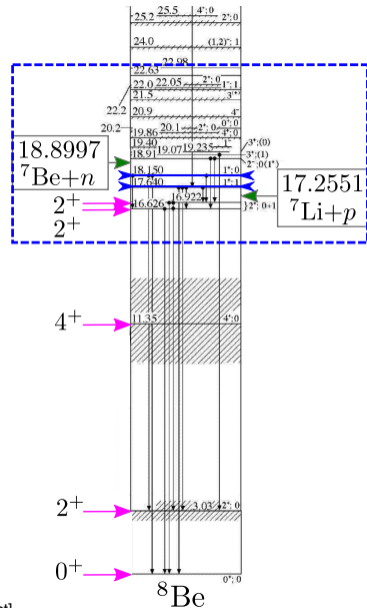
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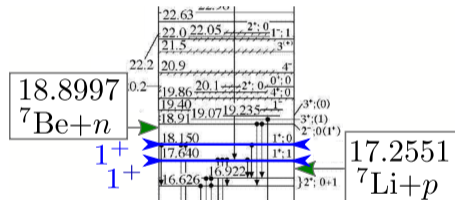
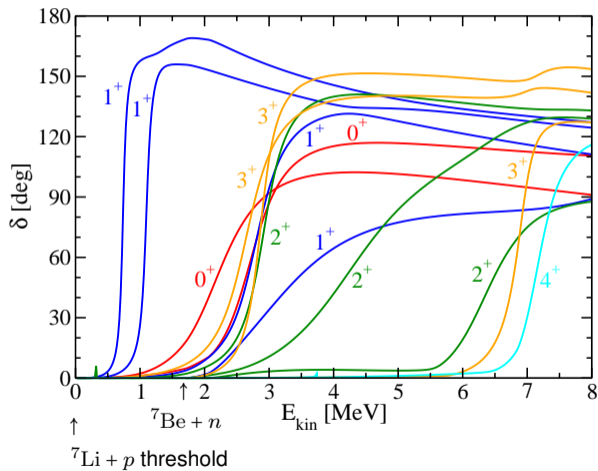


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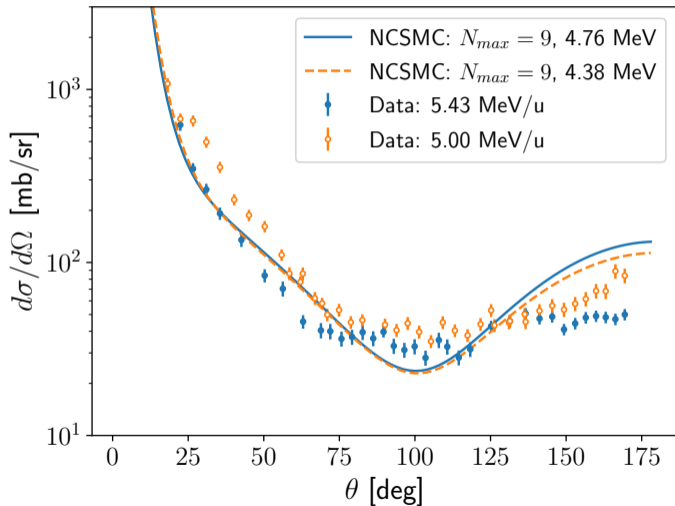


Eigenphase-shift Results (positive parity)



Additional resonances are seen compared to TUNL data evaluation

${}^7\text{Li}(p, p){}^7\text{Li}$ Elastic Scattering

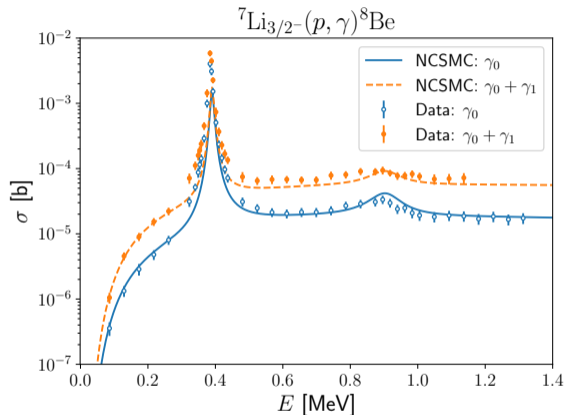


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim \sum_{\nu} (1 - \Re(S_{\nu\nu}))$$

Radiative Capture

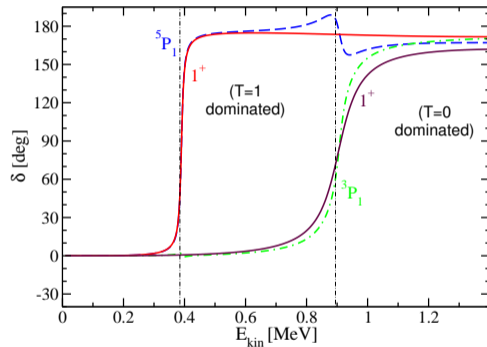
$$\hat{O}_\gamma = E1 + M1 + E2$$

$${}^{2S+1}P_J : \left[\left(|{}^7\text{Li}\rangle |p\rangle \right)^{(S)} Y_L(\hat{r}) \right]^J_{P:L=1}$$



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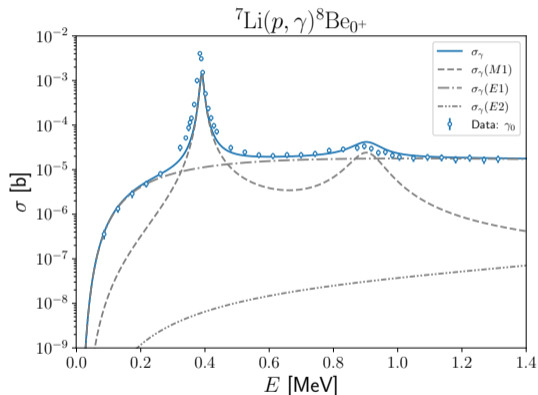
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Phenomenological adjustment: fit threshold and resonance positions to match experiment

Integrated Cross Sections

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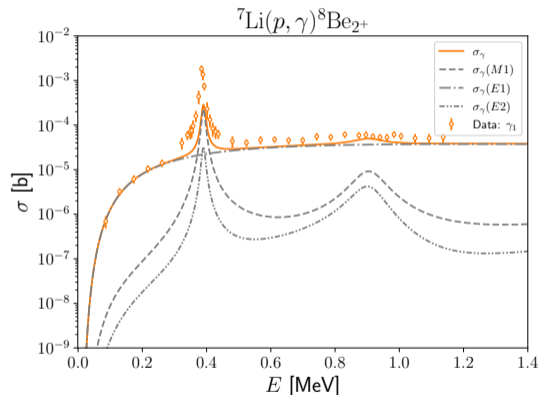


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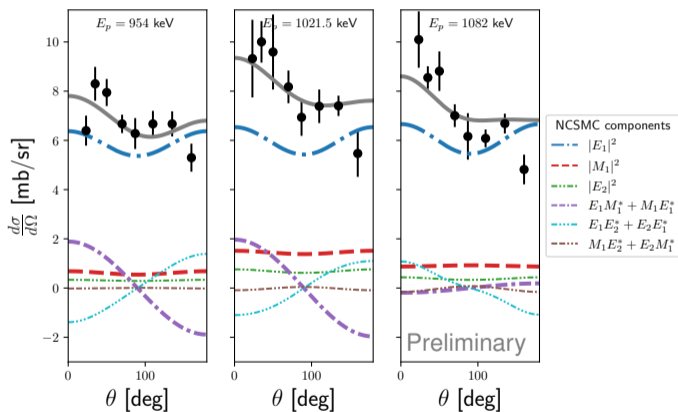
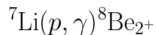
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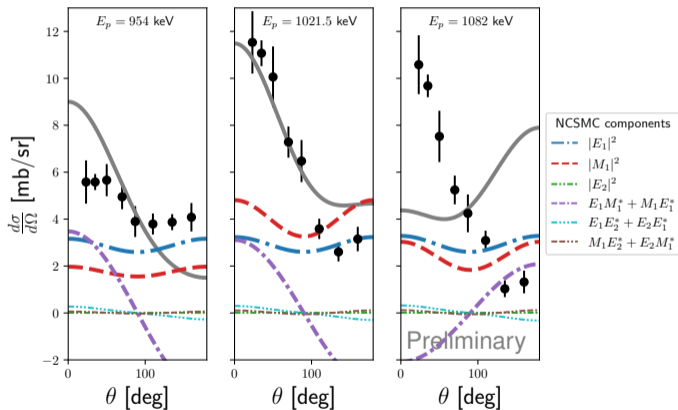
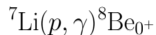


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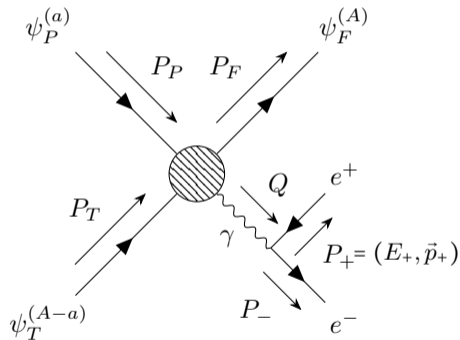
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Electron-Positron Pair Production

$$\frac{d^4\sigma}{d\Omega_+ d\Omega_-}(\Theta) = \int dy \frac{2\alpha^2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\omega_{p_+ p_-}}{Q^4} \sum_{n=1}^6 v_n R_n$$

- ▶ $\hat{O}_{ee} \sim \ell_\mu \mathcal{J}^\mu$
- ▶ v_n are kinematic factors
- ▶ R_n are products of operator matrix elements
 - ▶ $R_1 \sim |\mathcal{C}|^2$: Coulomb
 - ▶ $R_4 \sim |\mathcal{T}|^2$: Transverse
 - ▶ others mix e.g. $\mathcal{C}^* \mathcal{T} + \mathcal{T}^* \mathcal{C}$
- ▶ y is the “pair asymmetry”:

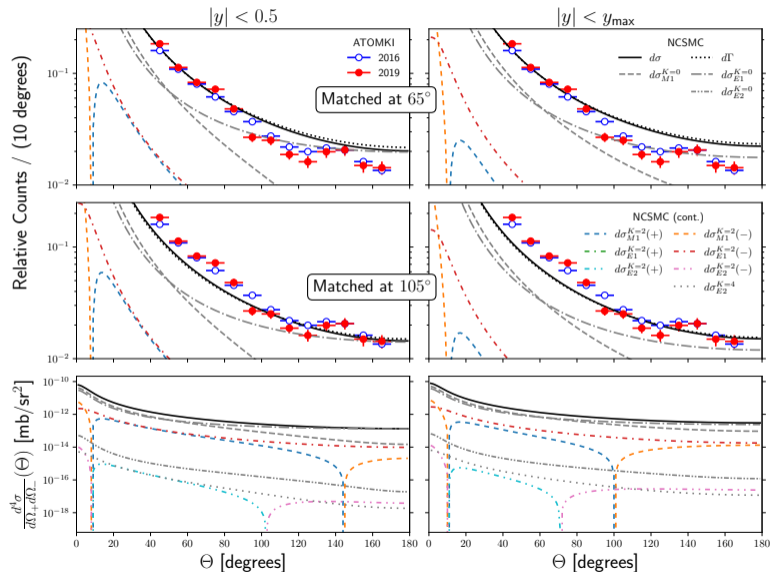
$$y = \frac{E_+ - E_-}{E_+ + E_-}$$



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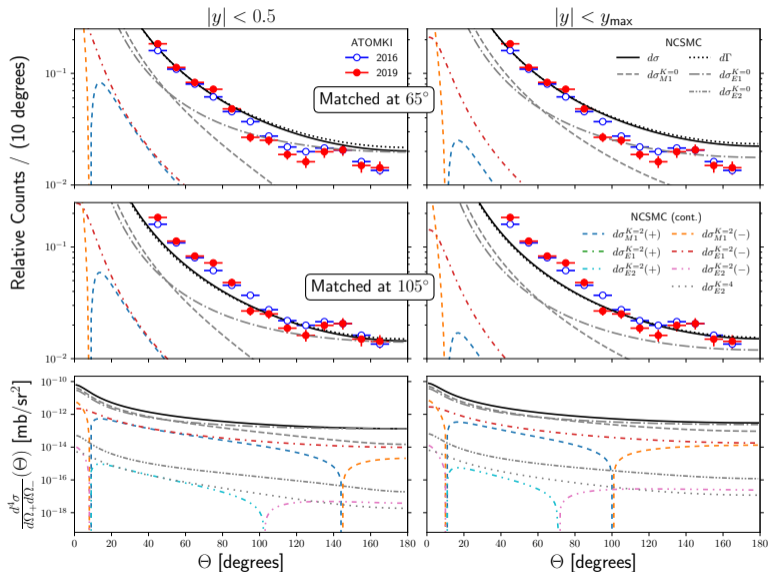
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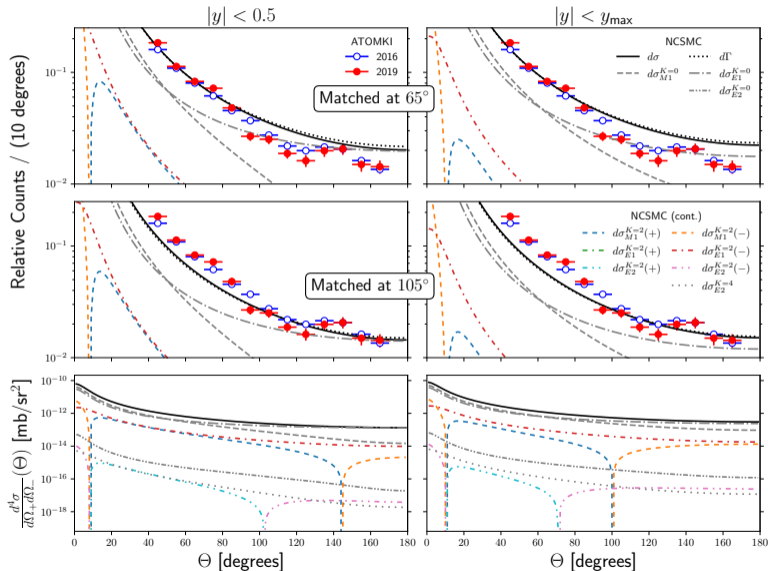
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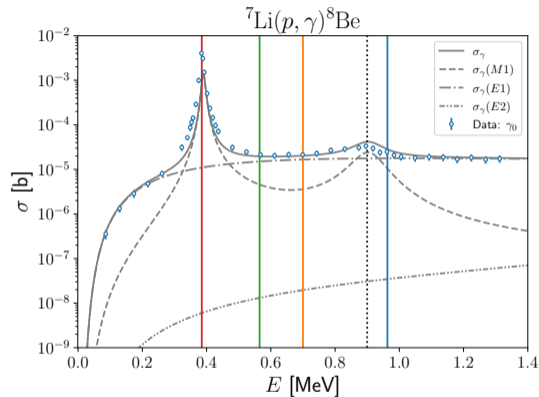
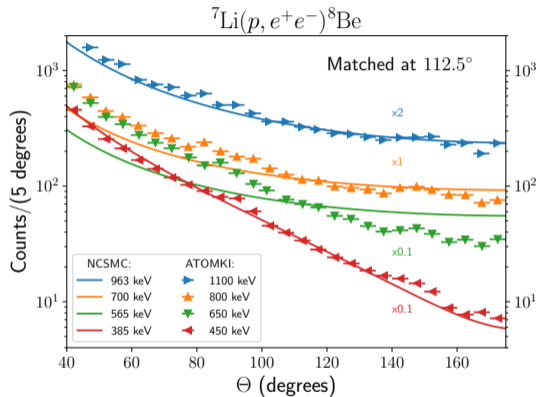
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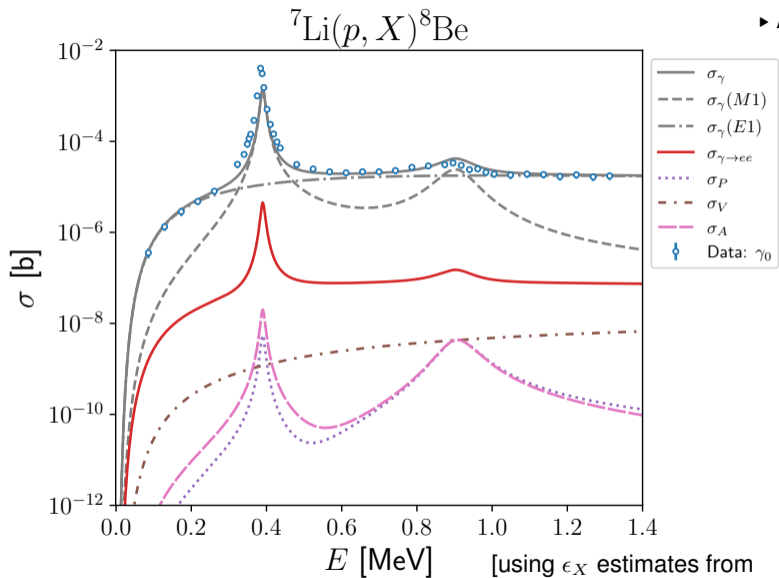
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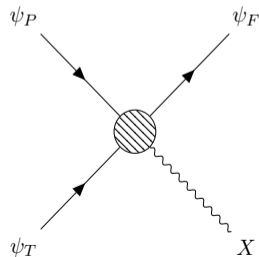
- ▶ Updated ATOMKI data (2022) arXiv:2205.07744
- ▶ Data in-between resonances seems to be contaminated by $M1$ from first resonance



[using ϵ_X estimates from
Backens, PRL **128** 091802 (2022)]

► A vector X17 is the best candidate
for anomalies off-resonance
[arXiv:2205.07744]

Pseudo-scalar (0^-)
Vector (1^-)
Axial-vector (1^+)



Summary and Outlook

- ▶ The NCSMC successfully describes the spectrum of ${}^8\text{Be}$, radiative capture and electron-positron production
- ▶ The X17 remains unconfirmed
 - ▶ apparent contamination of data between resonances due to proton energy loss in the thick target
 - ▶ independent experimental tests are in analysis phase (e.g. the NewJEDI collaboration)
- ▶ To do:
 - ▶ ATOMKI experiments in other systems: ${}^3\text{H}(p, e^+e^-){}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{11}\text{B}(p, e^+e^-){}^{12}\text{C}$
 - ▶ investigate γ angular distributions at more energies
 - ▶ pair production for capture to the 2^+
- ▶ Investigation and adjustment of higher-lying resonances necessary for scattering and charge exchange reactions

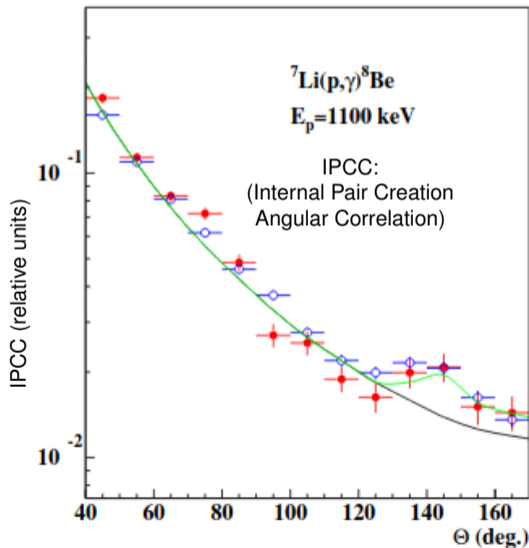
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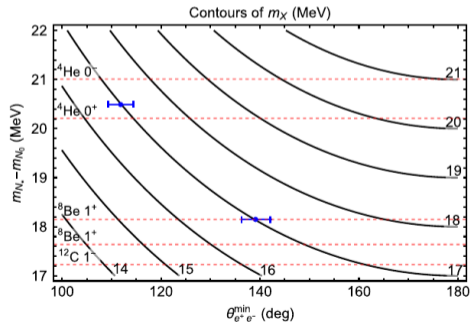
Constraints on m_X

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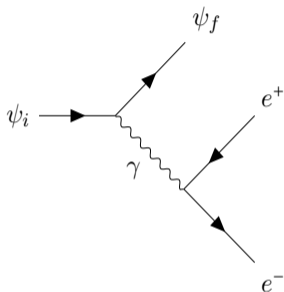
In the frame of the X boson the electron and positron momenta are anti-parallel.
Boosted to a minimum separation angle:

$$\Theta = 2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{m_X}{E_X} \right)$$

- ▶ Anomaly in pair distribution observed at the energy of the second 1^+ resonance
- ▶ Observed in-between resonances in ^4He ($^3\text{H}(p, e^+e^-)^4\text{He}$)
- ▶ Both experiments consistent with 17 MeV bosons decaying to e^+e^-

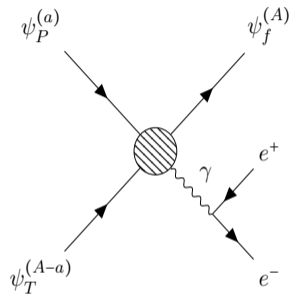


Pair Production: Bound vs Continuum



► Rate:

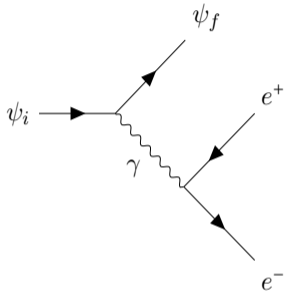
$$d\Gamma \sim \bar{\sum}_{M_i} \sum_{M_f} \sum_{s_+ s_-} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}^{s_+ s_-}|^2 d^3 p_+ d^3 p_-$$



► Cross section:

$$d\sigma \sim \frac{1}{v} \bar{\sum}_{M_P M_T} \sum_{M_f} \sum_{s_+ s_-} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}^{s_+ s_-}|^2 d^3 p_+ d^3 p_-$$

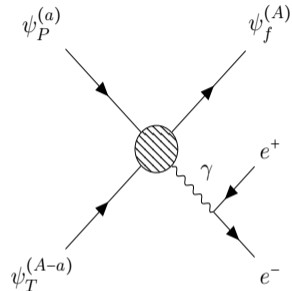
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$$\mathcal{M}_{fi}^{s_+s_-} \sim \left(\frac{e^2}{Q^2} \right) \ell_\mu^{s_+s_-} \langle J_f || \mathcal{J}^\mu || J_i \rangle$$

- ▶ 2 terms: longitudinal and transverse



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- ▶ 6 terms

Leptons:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_\mu^{s_+s_-} &\sim \bar{u}^{s_-}(P_-)\gamma_\mu v^{s_+}(P_+) \\ \sum_{s_+s_-} \ell_\mu \ell_\nu &\sim P_{+\mu}P_{-\nu} + P_{+\nu}P_{-\mu} - \eta_{\mu\nu}(P_{+\alpha}P_{-\alpha} + m_e^2) \end{aligned}$$

Nuclear Currents: $\mathcal{J}_\mu = (\rho, \vec{\mathcal{J}})$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f || \rho || i \rangle &\sim \sum_{J \geq 0} \mathcal{C}_J \\ \langle f || \vec{e}_\lambda \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}} || i \rangle &\sim \sum_{J \geq 1} \lambda \mathcal{T}_J^M + \mathcal{T}_J^E \\ \langle f | \vec{e}_0 \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}} | i \rangle &= \langle f | \mathcal{J}_z | i \rangle \sim \sum_{J \geq 0} \mathcal{L}_J \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{e}_{\pm 1} &= \mp(\hat{x} \pm i\hat{y}) \\ \vec{e}_0 &= \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

Multipole Operators:

$$\mathcal{C}_{JM}(q) = \int d^3r M_{JM}(q, \vec{r}) \rho(r)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{JM}(q) = \int d^3r \left(\frac{i\vec{\nabla}}{q} M_{JM}(q, \vec{r}) \right) \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}}(\vec{r})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{JM}^E(q) = \int d^3r \left(\frac{\vec{\nabla}}{q} \times \vec{M}_{JJM}(q, \vec{r}) \right) \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}}(\vec{r})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{JM}^M(q) = \int d^3r \vec{M}_{JJM}(q, \vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}}(\vec{r})$$

$$M_{JM}(q, \vec{r}) = j_J(qr) Y_{JM}(\hat{r})$$

$$\vec{M}_{JLM}(q, \vec{r}) = j_J(qr) \vec{Y}_{JLM}(\hat{r})$$

Approximations:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} \simeq -i\omega\rho \implies \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_J & \simeq \frac{\omega}{q} \mathcal{C}_J \\ \mathcal{T}_J^E & \simeq -\frac{\omega}{q} \sqrt{\frac{J+1}{J}} \mathcal{C}_J \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_J \sim q^J E_J = q^J e \langle r^J Y_J \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{T}_1^M \sim q M_1 = q \mu_N \langle g_s S + g_l L \rangle$$

► Rate:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \Theta} &\sim a_C |\rho|^2 \\ &\quad + a_T \sum_{\lambda} |\mathcal{J}_{\lambda}|^2 \\ &\sim a_C \sum_{J \geq 0} |\mathcal{C}_J(f, i)|^2 \\ &\quad + a_T \sum_{J \geq 1} \sum_{\sigma=E, M} |\mathcal{T}_J^{\sigma}(f, i)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\mathcal{J}_{\lambda} = \vec{e}_{\lambda} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{J}}, \quad a_C = v_1, \quad a_T = v_4 \right]$$

► Cross section:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \Theta} &\sim \sum_{\nu_i \nu'_i} \left\{ v_1 |\rho|^2 + \right. \\ &\quad + v_2 [\rho (\mathcal{J}_+ + \mathcal{J}_-)^* + h.c.] \\ &\quad + v_3 [\rho (\mathcal{J}_+ - \mathcal{J}_-)^* + h.c.] \\ &\quad + v_4 [|\mathcal{J}_+|^2 + |\mathcal{J}_-|^2] \\ &\quad + v_5 [\mathcal{J}_+ \mathcal{J}_-^* + \mathcal{J}_- \mathcal{J}_+^*] \\ &\quad \left. + v_6 [\mathcal{J}_+ \mathcal{J}_-^* - \mathcal{J}_- \mathcal{J}_+^*] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing to the ATOMKI Experiment

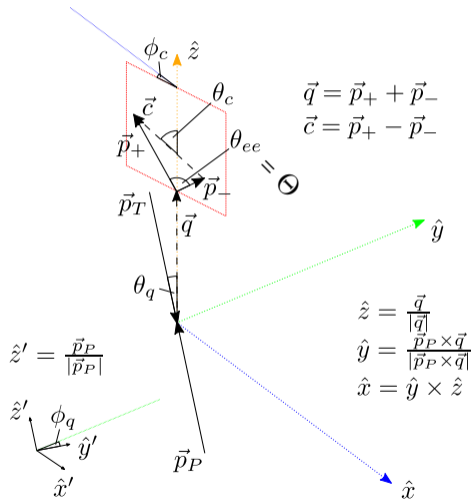
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^5\sigma}{dE_+d\Omega_+d\Omega_-} &= \frac{d^5\sigma}{\frac{\omega}{2}dyd\cos\Theta d\phi_c d\theta_q d\phi_q} \\ &= \frac{4\alpha^2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{f_r}{v} \frac{p_+p_-}{Q^4} \sum_{\kappa} v_{\kappa} R_{\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

$$Q = (\omega, \vec{q}) = (E_+ + E_-, \vec{p}_+ + \vec{p}_-)$$

$$y = \frac{E_+ - E_-}{\omega}$$

$$\vec{p}_+ \cdot \vec{p}_- = p_+p_- \cos\Theta$$

$$f_r \simeq 1$$



► Kinematic prefactors:

κ	v_κ	$v_\kappa(\theta_q = 90^\circ, \phi_c = 90^\circ)$
1	$\frac{Q^4}{q^4} (E_+ E_- + \vec{p}_+ \cdot \vec{p}_- - m^2)$	“ ”
2	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_x \left(E_+ - E_- - \frac{\omega}{q} c_z \right)$	0
3	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_y \left(E_+ - E_- - \frac{\omega}{q} c_z \right)$	$-\frac{c_y}{\sqrt{2}} \left(E_+ - E_- - \frac{\omega}{q} c_z \right)$
4	$E_+ E_- + m^2 - \frac{(\vec{p}_+ \cdot \vec{q})(\vec{p}_- \cdot \vec{q})}{q^2}$	“ ”
5	$\frac{1}{2} (c_x^2 - c_y^2)$	$-\frac{1}{2} c_y^2$
6	$-c_x c_y$	0

► $R_\kappa = \sum_K a_K^{(\kappa)} P_K(\cos \theta_q)$, $a_K^{(\kappa)} \sim (j\mu j' - \mu' | K(\mu - \mu'))$

► $j = j' = 1$ channels are dominant.

► $R_3 = 0$ at $\theta_q = 90^\circ$ (only $K = 1$).

► R_5 is only $K = 2$.

► R_1 and R_4 have $K = 0$, ~~$K = 1$~~ ⁰ and $K = 2$.

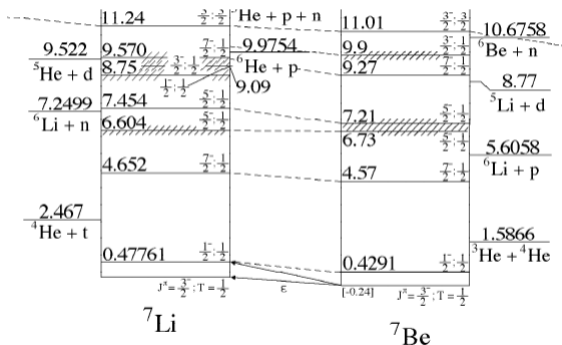
$$\begin{cases} \kappa = 1 & \mu = \mu' = 0 \\ \kappa = (2, 3) & \mu = 0, \mu' = \pm 1 \\ \kappa = 4 & \mu = \mu' = \pm 1 \\ \kappa = (5, 6) & \mu = -\mu' = \pm 1 \end{cases}$$

γ -capture: $a_K \sim (j1j' - 1 | K0)$

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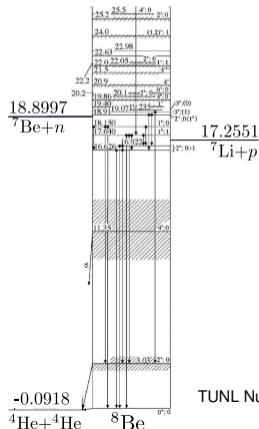
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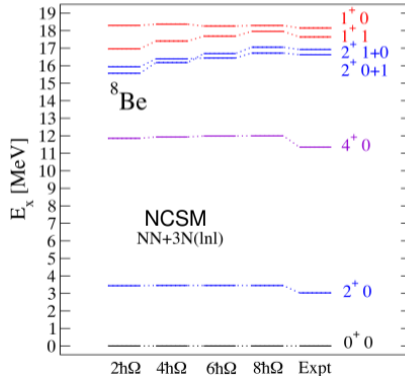
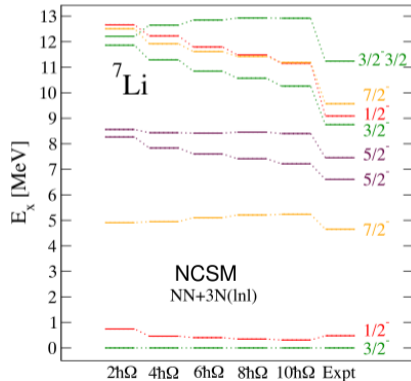
Interaction: Chiral NN $N^3\text{LO} + 3\text{N}(\text{Inl})$

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Convergence of ground state energies:

