Di-neutron correlation and two-neutron decay of nuclei beyond the neutron drip line

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Introduction: neutron-rich nuclei

•What is the spatial structure of the valence neutrons? •To what extent is this picture correct? effective NN interaction strong in-medium effects (almost) bare NN interaction weak in-medium effects



di-neutron correlations

What is Di-neutron correlation?

Correlation: $\langle AB \rangle \neq \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle$

Example: ${}^{18}O = {}^{16}O + n + n$

i) Without nn interaction: $|nn\rangle = |(1d_{5/2})^2\rangle$

Distribution of the 2^{nd} neutron when the 1^{st} neutron is at z_1 :



✓ Two neutrons move independently
 ✓ No influence of the 2nd neutron from the 1st neutron

 $\langle AB \rangle = \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle$

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ii) nn interaction: works only on the positive parity (bound) states

 $|nn\rangle = \alpha |(1d_{5/2})^2\rangle + \beta |(2s_{1/2})^2\rangle + \gamma |(1d_{3/2})^2\rangle$



✓ distribution changes according to the 1st neutron (nn correlation)
 ✓ but, the distribution of the 2nd neutron has peaks both at z₁ and -z₁
 → this is NOT called the di-neutron correlation

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 ✓ spatial correlation: the density of the 2nd neutron localized close to the 1st neutron (dineutron correlation)
 ✓ parity mixing: essential role cf. F. Catara et al., PRC29('84)1091 dineutron correlation: caused by the admixture of different parity states





F. Catara, A. Insolia, E. Maglione, and A. Vitturi, PRC29('84)1091

One dimensional 3-body model

K.H., A. Vitturi, F. Perez-Bernal, and H. Sagawa, J. of Phys. G38 ('11) 015015

$$\Psi_{gs}(x_1, x_2) = \Psi_{ee}(x_1, x_2) + \Psi_{oo}(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\longrightarrow \rho_2(x_1, x_2) = |\Psi_{ee}(x_1, x_2)|^2 + |\Psi_{oo}(x_1, x_2)|^2$$

$$+ 2\Psi_{ee}(x_1, x_2)\Psi_{oo}(x_1, x_2)$$





spatial localization of two neutrons (dineutron correlation)

cf. Migdal, Soviet J. of Nucl. Phys. 16 ('73) 238 Bertsch, Broglia, Riedel, NPA91('67)123

weakly bound systems

- →easy to mix different parity states due to the continuum couplings
 - + enhancement of pairing on the surface



-6 -4 -2 0 2 4 6 z (fm) parity mixing



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M. Matsuo, PRC73('06)044309





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→ dineutron correlation: enhanced

- cf. Bertsch, Esbensen, Ann. of Phys. 209('91)327
 - M. Matsuo, K. Mizuyama, Y. Serizawa, PRC71('05)064326



dineutron correlation in heavy neutron-rich nuclei



M. Matsuo, K. Mizuyama, and Y. Serizawa, PRC71('05)064326 Skyrme HFB





N. Pillet, N. Sandulescu, and P. Schuck, PRC76('07)024310 Gogny HFB

Dineutron correlation in the momentum space

$$\Psi(r,r') = \alpha \Psi_{s^2}(r,r') + \beta \Psi_{p^2}(r,r') \longrightarrow \Theta_r = 0$$
: enhanced

$$\rightarrow \text{ Fourier transform}$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}(k,k') = \int e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} e^{i\boldsymbol{k}'\cdot\boldsymbol{r}'} \Psi(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}') d\boldsymbol{r} d\boldsymbol{r}'$$

$$e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} = \sum_{l} (2l+1)i^{l} \dots \rightarrow i^{l} \cdot i^{l} = i^{2l} = (-)^{l}$$

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Two-particle density in the *r* space: $8\pi^2 r^4 \sin \theta \cdot \rho(r, r, \theta)$



Two-particle density in the p space: $8\pi^2 k^4 \sin \theta \cdot \rho(k, k, \theta)$



Consequence to a two-nucleon emission decay



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2p decay of ⁶Be : time-dependent calculations

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<u>T. Oishi</u> (Tohoku → Jyvaskyla), K.H., H. Sagawa, arXiv:1403.3019

Coulomb breakup of 2-neutron halo nuclei

How to probe the dineutron correlation? \rightarrow Coulomb breakup



Experiments:

T. Nakamura et al., PRL96('06)252502

T. Aumann et al., PRC59('99)1252

3-body model calculations:

K.H., H. Sagawa, T. Nakamura, S. Shimoura, PRC80('09)031301(R) cf. Y. Kikuchi et al., PRC87('13)034606 ← structure of the core nucleus (⁹Li)

also for ²²C, ¹⁴Be, ¹⁹B etc. (T. Nakamura et al.)

3-body model calculation for Borromean nuclei





e, (MeV)

H. Esbensen and G.F. Bertsch, NPA542('92)310

g.s. correlation? or correlation in excited states?

$$^{6}\text{He}(0^{+}) \rightarrow ^{6}\text{He}(1^{-}) \rightarrow \alpha + n + n$$



✓ Both FSI and dineutron correlations: important role in E1 strength



K.H. and H. Sagawa, PRC76('07)047302

 $= 74.5 \pm 12.1$ (⁶He)

 $\langle \theta_{12} \rangle = 65.2 \pm 12.2 \ (^{11}\text{Li})$

 $\langle \theta_{12} \rangle$: significantly smaller than 90 deg. suggests dineutron corr. (but, an average of small and large angles)

150

deg.

180

cf. T. Nakamura et al., PRL96('06)252502 C.A. Bertulani and M.S. Hussein, PRC76('07)051602





Energy distribution of emitted neutrons

- ✓ shape of distribution: insensitive to the nn-interaction (except for the absolute value)
- ✓ strong sensitivity to V_{nC}
- ✓ similar situation in between ¹¹Li and ⁶He

no di-neutron corr. in the g.s. (odd-l only)



K.H., H. Sagawa, T. Nakamura, S. Shimoura, PRC80('09)031301(R)

2-proton radio activity



- ✓ probing correlations from energy and angle distributions of two emitted protons?
- ✓ Coulomb 3-body system
 - Theoretical treatment: difficult
 - how does FSI disturb the g.s. correlation?





M. Pfutzner, M. Karny, L.V. Grigorenko, K. Riisager, Rev. Mod. Phys. 84 ('12) 567

diproton correlation: unclear in many other systems (theoretical calculations: not many)



Other data:

¹³Li (Z. Kohley et al., PRC87('13)011304(R)) ¹⁴Be \rightarrow ¹³Li \rightarrow ¹¹Li + 2n ²⁶O (E. Lunderbert et al., PRL108('12)142503) ²⁷F \rightarrow ²⁶O \rightarrow ²⁴O + 2n

3-body model calculation with nn correlation: required

Two-neutron decay of ²⁶O

the simplest among ¹⁶Be, ¹³Li, ²⁶O (MSU)
¹⁶Be: deformation, ¹³Li: treatment of ¹¹Li core

E. Lunderberg et al., PRL108 ('12) 142503 Z. Kohley et al., PRL 110 ('13)152501

 27 F (82 MeV/u) + 9 Be $\rightarrow ^{26}$ O $\rightarrow ^{24}$ O + n + n



i) Decay energy spectrum



$\geq^{24}O + n \text{ potential}$

Woods-Saxon potential to reproduce $e_{2s1/2} = -4.09 (13) \text{ MeV},$ $e_{1d3/2} = +770^{+20} \text{ keV},$ $\Gamma_{1d3/2} = 172(30) \text{ keV}$

▶<u>nn interaction</u>

density-dep. contact interaction

$$E(^{27}F) = -2.69 \text{ MeV}$$

 $\frac{dP_I}{dE} = \sum_k |\langle \Psi_k^{(I)} | \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{(I)} | ^2 \delta(E - E_k)$ overlap with a ref. $= -\frac{1}{\pi} \Im \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{(I)} | G^{(I)}(E) | \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{(I)} \rangle,$ overlap with a ref. $= -\frac{1}{\pi} \Im \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{(I)} | G^{(I)}(E) | \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{(I)} \rangle,$ $G^{(I)}(E) = G_0^{(I)}(E) - G_0^{(I)}(E) v (1 + G_0^{(I)}(E) v)^{-1} G_0^{(I)}(E)$

continuum effects



<u>2⁺ state of ²⁶O</u> Kondo et al. : a prominent second peak at $E \sim 1.3$ MeV



MeV)

$$\frac{1.54}{1.354} = \frac{(d_{3/2})^2}{2^+}$$

a textbook example of pairing interaction!

cf. another set of parameters: $E(0^+) = 5 \text{ keV}$ $E(2^+) = 1.338 \text{ MeV}$

K.H. and H. Sagawa, in preparation



ii) Energy spectrum of the emitted neutrons



K.H. and H. Sagawa, PRC89 ('14) 014331



iii) angular correlations of the emitted neutrons

K.H. and H. Sagawa, PRC89 ('14) 014331



correlation \rightarrow enhancement of back-to-back emissions $\langle \theta_{nn} \rangle = 115.3^{\circ}$ iii) distribution of opening angle for two-emitted neutrons





main contributions: *s*- and *p*-waves in three-body wave function (no or low centrifugal barrier)

*higher *l* components: largely suppressed due to the centrifugal pot. ($E_{decay} \sim 0.14$ MeV, $e_1 \sim e_2 \sim 0.07$ MeV) Discussions: back-to-back? or forward angles?



di-neutron correlation: spatial localization of two neutrons

 ✓ parity mixing
 ✓ neutron-rich nuclei: scattering to the continuum states enhancement of pairing on the surface

- how to probe it?
 - Coulomb breakup
 - ✓ enhancement of B(E1) due to the correlation
 - ✓ Cluster sum rule (only with the g.s. correlation)
 - \checkmark opening angle of two neutrons
 - •2-neutron emission decay
 - ✓ decay energy spectrum
 - \checkmark energy spectrum of two emitted neutrons
 - ✓ opening angle of two emitted neutrons (back-to-back)
 - dineutron correlation

Three-body model calculations: extension of continuum E1 for ¹¹Li



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<u>cf. Continuum E1 response:</u> E1 operator $M(E1) = \langle (j_1 j_2)^1_{\mu} | (1 - vG_0 + vG_0 vG_0 - \cdots) D_{\mu} | \Psi_{gs} \rangle$ <u>Initial state</u> : the bound ground state for a 3-body model $(^{25}F + n + n)$ cf. Expt. : $^{27}F(82 \text{ MeV/u}) + ^{9}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{26}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{O} + n + n$

 $\sum_{i=1}^{25} \frac{1}{2^{2}O + n} \text{ potential}}{2^{4}O + n} \text{ potential} + \delta V_{ls}}$ pn tensor interaction
T. Otsuka et al., PRL95('05)232502 $e_{1d3/2} (^{26}F) = -0.811 \text{ MeV}$ cf. $e_{1d3/2} (^{25}O) = +770^{+20}_{-10} \text{ keV}$

pairing strength

$$\longrightarrow$$
 E (²⁷F) = -2.69 MeV
cf. E_{exp} (²⁷F) = -2.80(18) MeV

sudden proton removal

(keep the nn configuration for ${}^{25}F+n+n$, and suddenly change the core from ${}^{25}F$ to ${}^{24}O$)

$$M_{fi} = \langle (j_1 j_2)^{J=0} | (1 + v G_0)^{-1} | \Psi_i \rangle$$

Initial state : 3-body model $(^{25}F + n + n)$

 \longrightarrow sudden proton removal : ${}^{27}F \rightarrow {}^{26}O$

→ spontaneous decay

cf. $\Psi_{nn}(^{27}F)$: is not an eigenstate of $H_{nn}(^{26}O)$

<u>Propagation & final uncorrelated state</u>: 3-body model $(^{24}O + n + n)$

>²⁴O + n potential

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