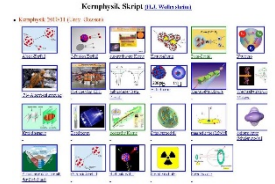


Outline: Halo nuclei

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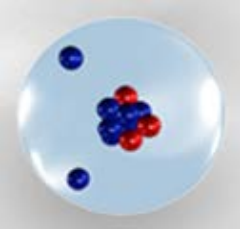
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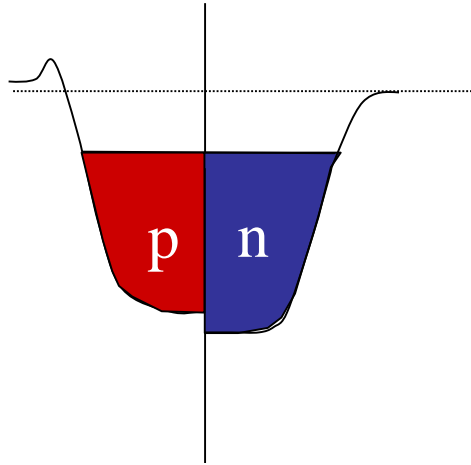


1. total reaction cross section
2. energy eigenvalues
3. radius of the deuteron
4. momentum distribution

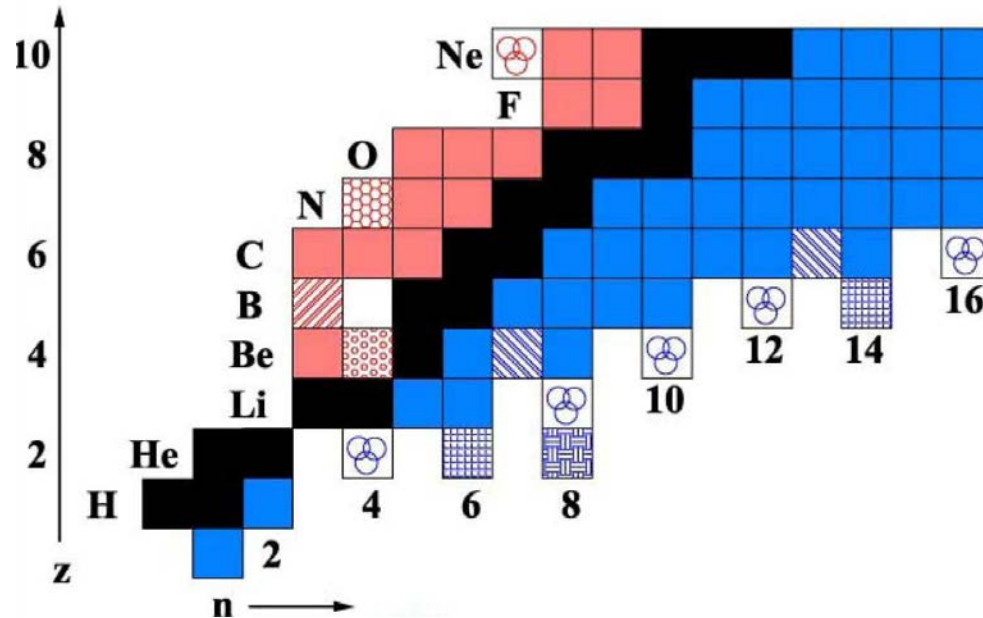
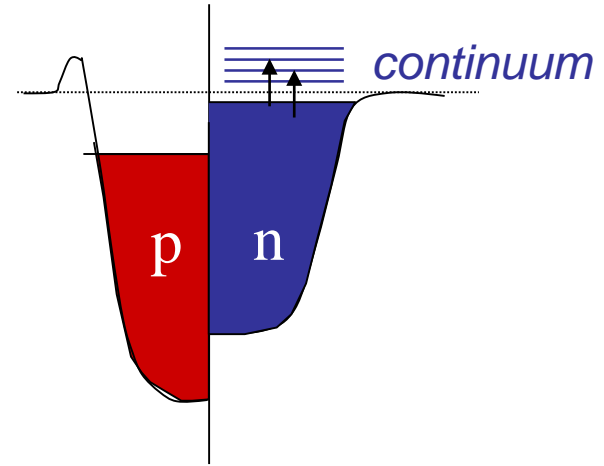
Limits of stability: Halo nuclei



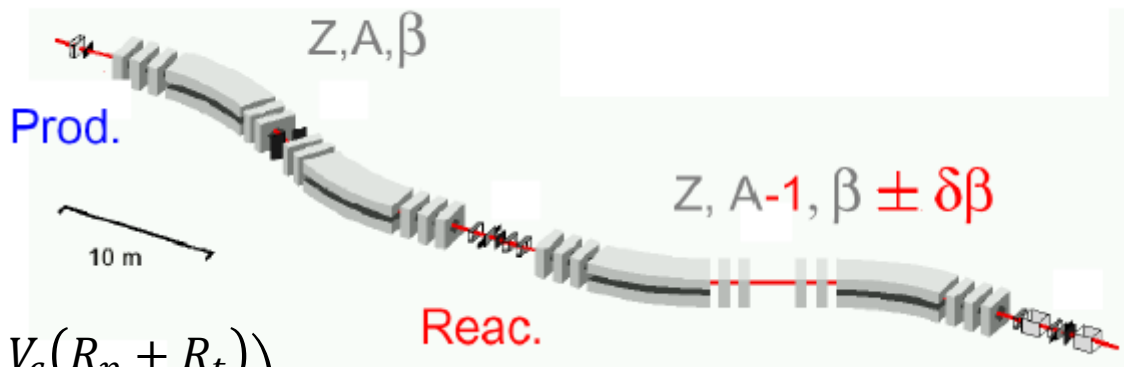
stable nuclei



dripline nuclei



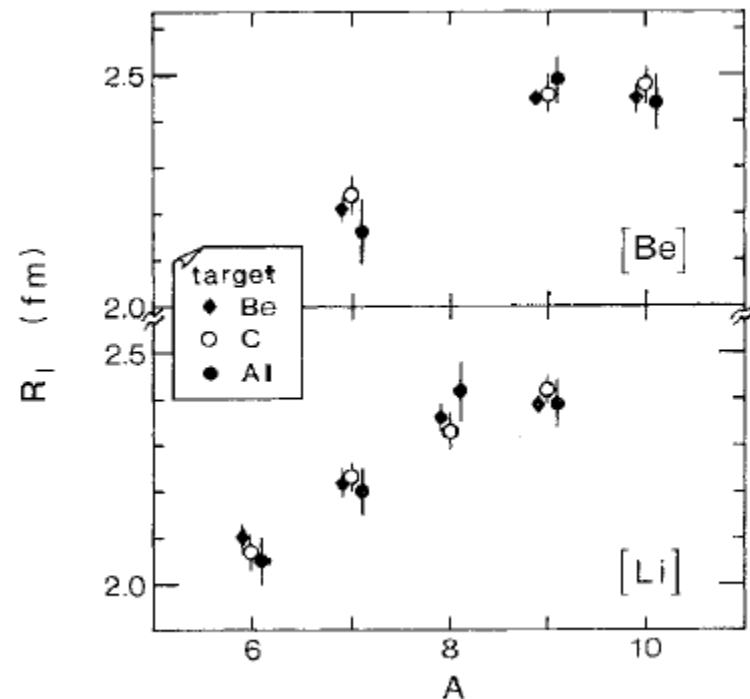
- ❖ 800 MeV/u ^{11}B primary beam
- ❖ Fragmentation
- ❖ FRagment Separator FRS



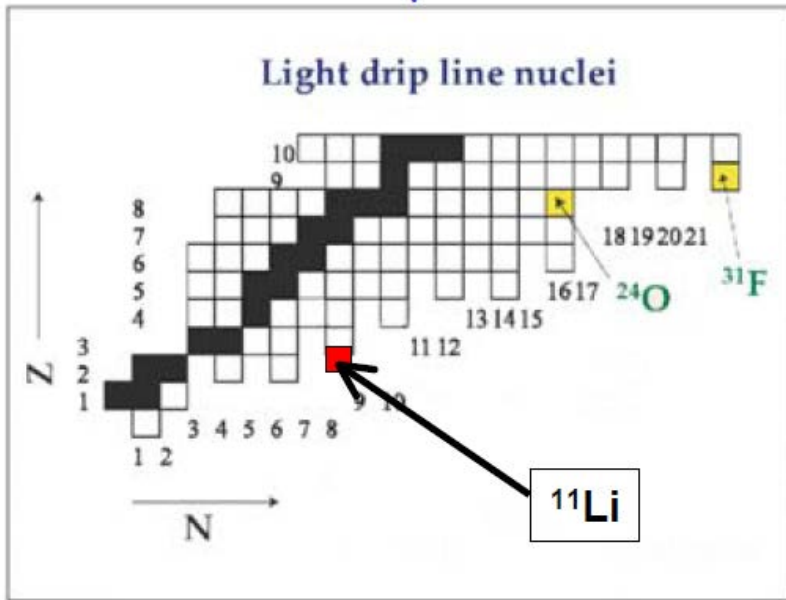
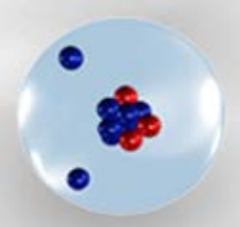
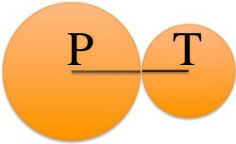
$$\sigma_{\text{reaction}} = \pi \cdot [R_p + R_t]^2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{V_c(R_p + R_t)}{E_{cm}} \right)$$

TABLE I. Interaction cross sections (σ_I) in millibarns.

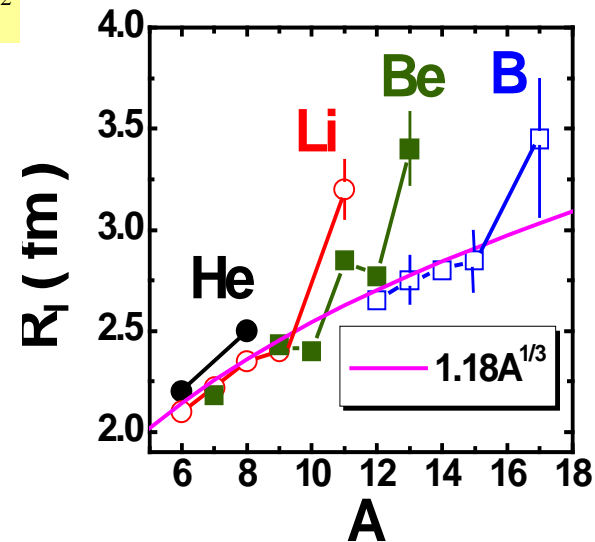
Beam	Be	Target C	Al
^6Li	651 ± 6	688 ± 10	1010 ± 11
^7Li	686 ± 4	736 ± 6	1071 ± 7
^8Li	727 ± 6	768 ± 9	1147 ± 14
^9Li	739 ± 5	796 ± 6	1135 ± 7
^7Be	682 ± 6	738 ± 9	1050 ± 17
^9Be	755 ± 6	806 ± 9	1174 ± 11
^{10}Be	755 ± 7	813 ± 10	1153 ± 16



Measurement of the total reaction cross section



$$\sigma_I(p,t) = \pi \cdot [R(p) + R(t)]^2$$



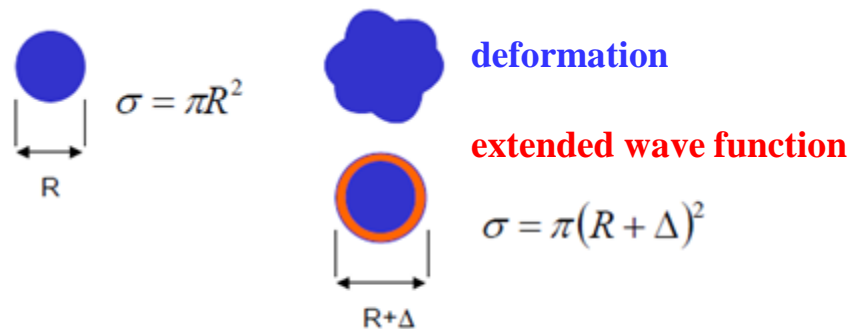
¹¹Li is the heaviest bound Li isotope

¹⁰Li not bound

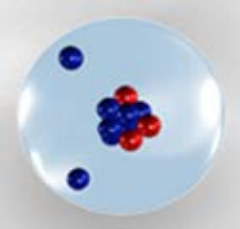
$S_{2n}({}^{11}\text{Li}) = 295(35) \text{ keV}$

only bound in its ground state

reason for larger radius?



At the limit of the strong force – halo nuclei



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deformation

extended wave function

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^{11}Li consists in its ground state of paired neutrons and $p_{3/2}$ proton

➤ *g-factor of nucleons:*

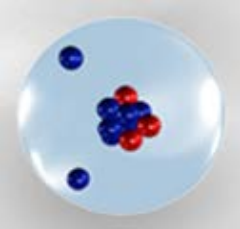
proton: $g_\ell = 1$; $g_s = +5.585$

neutron: $g_\ell = 0$; $g_s = -3.82$

$$\text{proton: } \langle \mu_z \rangle = \begin{cases} (j + 2.293) \cdot \mu_K & \text{für } j = | +1/2 \\ (j - 2.293) \cdot \frac{j}{j+1} \cdot \mu_K & \text{für } j = | -1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{neutron: } \langle \mu_z \rangle = \begin{cases} -1.91 \cdot \mu_K & \text{für } j = | +1/2 \\ +1.91 \cdot \frac{j}{j+1} \cdot \mu_K & \text{für } j = | -1/2 \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{Q(^{11}\text{Li})}{Q(^9\text{Li})} = 1.09(5)$$

$$Q(^{11}\text{Li}) = 0.0312(45) b$$

→ spherical and large radius not because of deformation

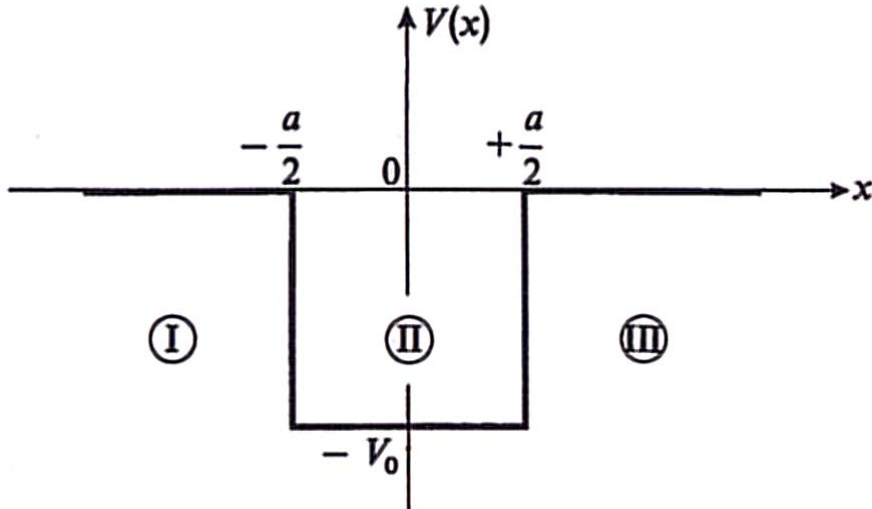
3 borromean rings



HALO:

Exotic nuclei with large neutron excess form **nuclei with halo-structure**: ^{11}Li nuclei consist of a normal ^9Li nucleus with a halo of two neutrons. Halo nuclei form borromean states, they are interlocked in such a way that breaking any cycle allows the others to disassociate.

Single particle potential



outside of the square-well potential:

$$\left\{ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{2 \cdot m}{\hbar^2} \cdot E \right\} \phi(x) = 0 \quad \kappa^2 = -\frac{2 \cdot m}{\hbar^2} \cdot E$$

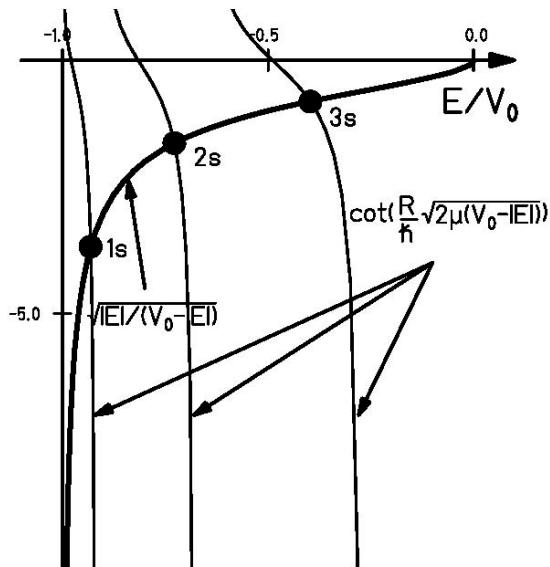
Lösung: $\phi_a(x) = A \cdot e^{-\kappa \cdot x} + B \cdot e^{+\kappa \cdot x}$

inside of the square-well potential:

$$\left\{ \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{2 \cdot m}{\hbar^2} \cdot (E + V_0) \right\} \phi(x) = 0 \quad k^2 = -\frac{2 \cdot m}{\hbar^2} \cdot (E + V_0)$$

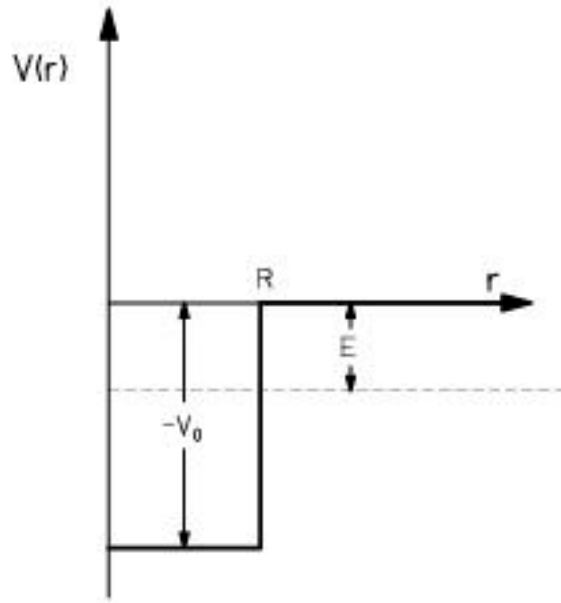
Lösung: $\phi_i(x) = C \cdot \cos(k \cdot x) + D \cdot \sin(k \cdot x)$

continuity of the wave function: $\cot\left(k \cdot \frac{a}{2}\right) = -\frac{\kappa}{k}$



graphical solution of
the eigenvalue problem

Energy eigenvalues



Orbital nl	E_{nl} (MeV) $^{36}\text{Ca } R=3.96\text{fm}$
1s	13.16
1p	26.90
1d	44.26
2s	52.61
1f	65.08

Schrödinger equation:

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2 \cdot \mu} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right] \psi(r) = E\psi(r)$$

$$\Psi(r) = u_{nl}(r) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{du}{dr} + \left[\frac{2 \cdot \mu}{\hbar^2} (E - V(r)) - \frac{\ell \cdot (\ell + 1)}{r^2} \right] u(r) = 0$$

$$\text{with } \mu = \frac{m_{p,n} \cdot (M_A - m_{p,n})}{M_A} \cong m_{p,n} \quad \left(\approx 931.478 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2} \right)$$

$\ell=0$ energies:

$$\xi \cdot \cot \xi = -\eta \Rightarrow \cot(0.2187 \cdot R \cdot \sqrt{V_0 - |E_{ns}|}) = -\sqrt{\frac{|E_{ns}|}{V_0 - |E_{ns}|}}$$

$\ell=1$ energies:

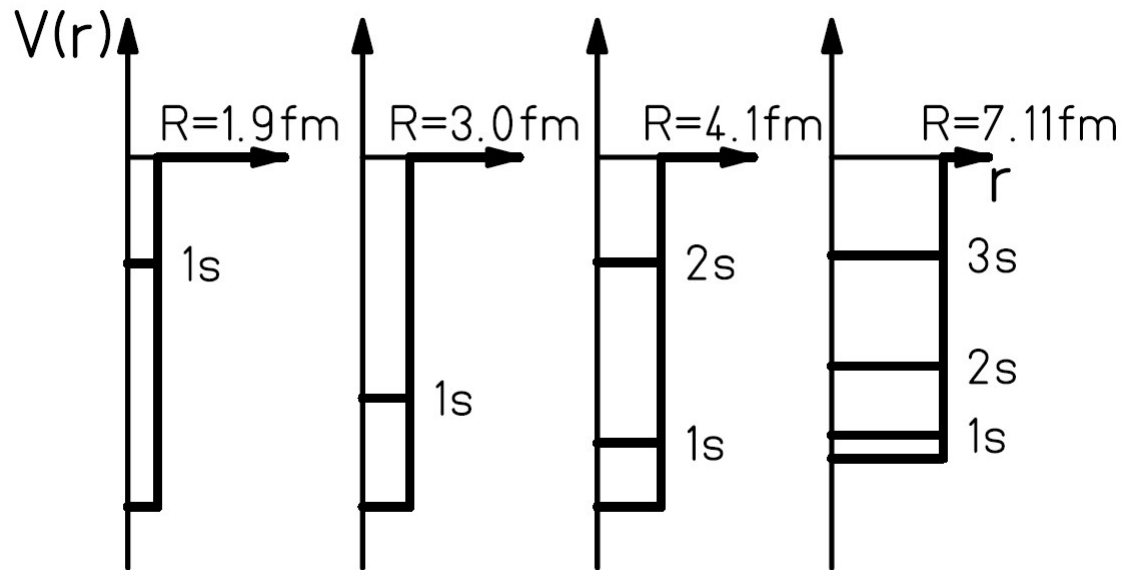
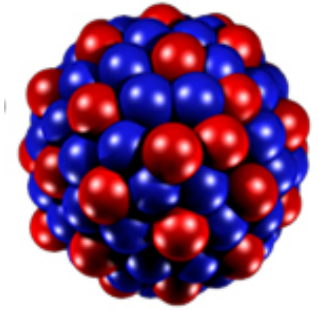
$$k \cdot R \cdot \cot(k \cdot R) = 1 + \frac{k^2}{\kappa^2} \cdot (1 + \kappa \cdot R)$$

$\ell=2$ energies:

$$\frac{1}{1 - k \cdot R \cdot \cot(k \cdot R)} = \frac{3}{k^2 \cdot R^2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{k^2}{\kappa^2} \right) + \frac{1}{1 + \kappa \cdot R}$$

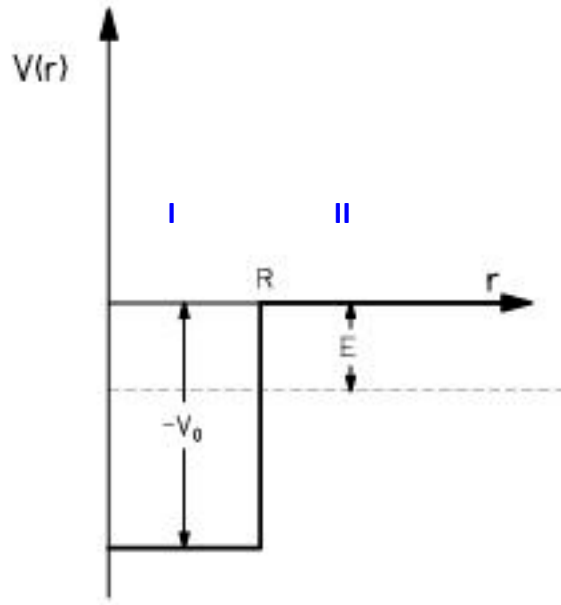
$$V_0 = \left[51 - 33.1 \cdot \frac{N-Z}{A} \right] \text{ MeV} \quad R = 1.2 \cdot A^{1/3} \text{ [fm]}$$

Energy eigenvalues



Energy eigenvalues for $\ell=0$ in ${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{16}\text{O}$, ${}^{40}\text{Ca}$ und ${}^{208}\text{Pb}$

Wave function of the deuteron



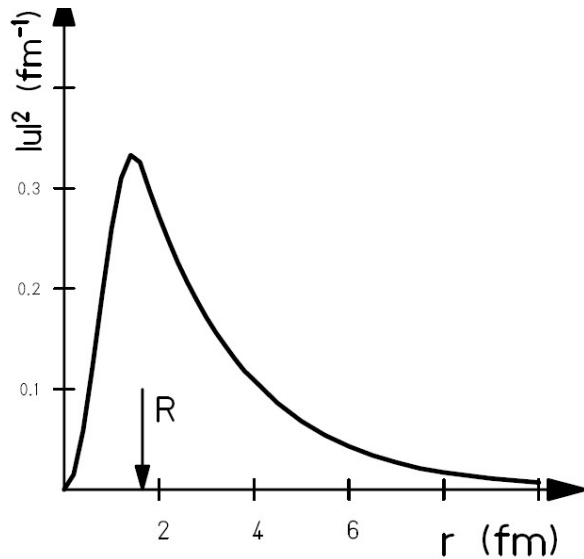
$$u_{n,s}^I(r) = A \cdot \sin(k \cdot r) \quad \text{with} \quad k = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot \mu \cdot (V_0 - |E_{n,s}|)}}{\hbar}$$

$$u_{n,s}^{II}(r) = B \cdot e^{-\kappa \cdot r} \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot \mu \cdot |E_{n,s}|}}{\hbar}$$

$$\text{normalization: } \int_0^{\infty} |u_{n,1}(r)|^2 dr = 1$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \kappa}{\kappa \cdot R - \frac{\kappa}{k} \cdot \sin(k \cdot R) \cdot \cos(k \cdot R) + \sin^2(k \cdot R)}}$$

$$B = A \cdot e^{+\kappa \cdot R} \cdot \sin(k \cdot R)$$



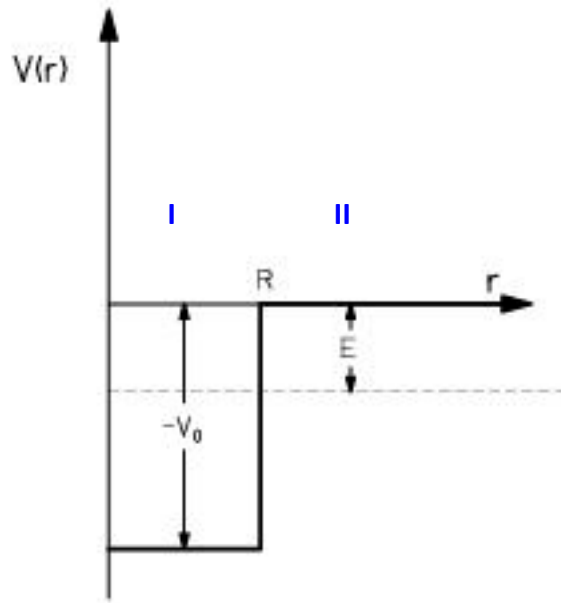
$$V_0 = 51 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R = 1.65 \text{ fm}$$

$$\mu = 0.5$$

$$|E_{1,s}| = 2.224 \text{ MeV}$$

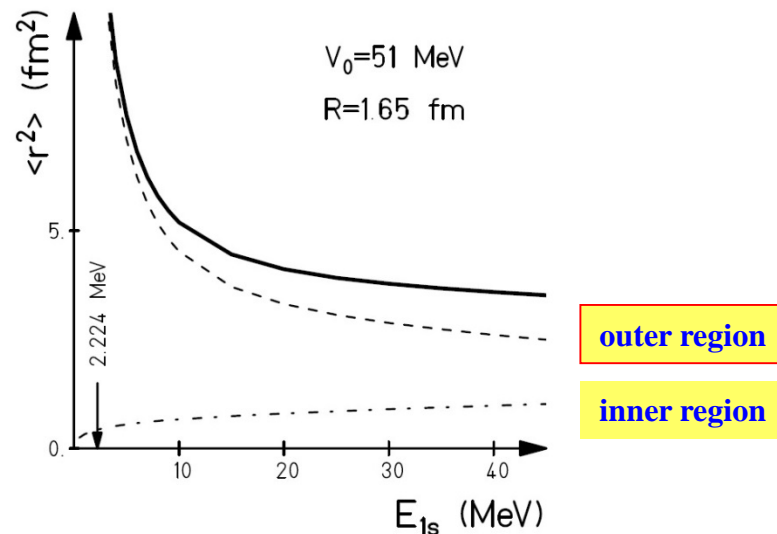
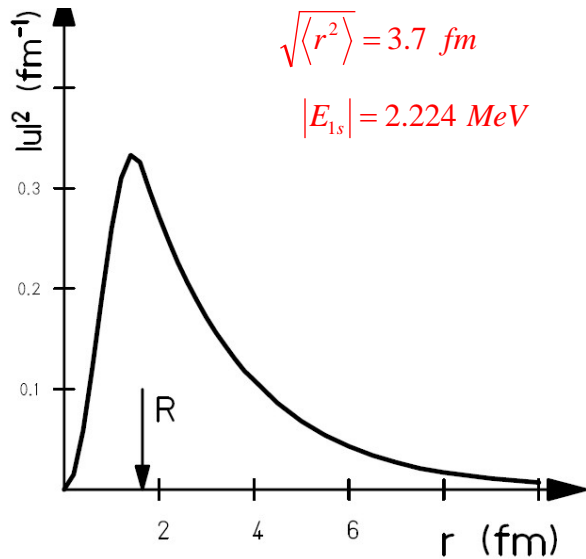
Radius of the deuteron



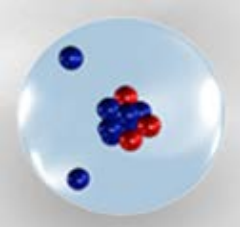
$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{\int \Psi^* \cdot r^2 \cdot \Psi \cdot r^2 \cdot dr \cdot d\Omega}{\int \Psi^* \cdot \Psi \cdot r^2 \cdot dr \cdot d\Omega} = \int_0^R A^2 \cdot r^2 \cdot \sin^2(kr) \cdot dr + \int_R^\infty B^2 \cdot r^2 \cdot e^{-2\kappa r} \cdot dr$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \kappa}{\kappa \cdot R - \frac{\kappa}{k} \cdot \sin(k \cdot R) \cdot \cos(k \cdot R) + \sin^2(k \cdot R)}}$$

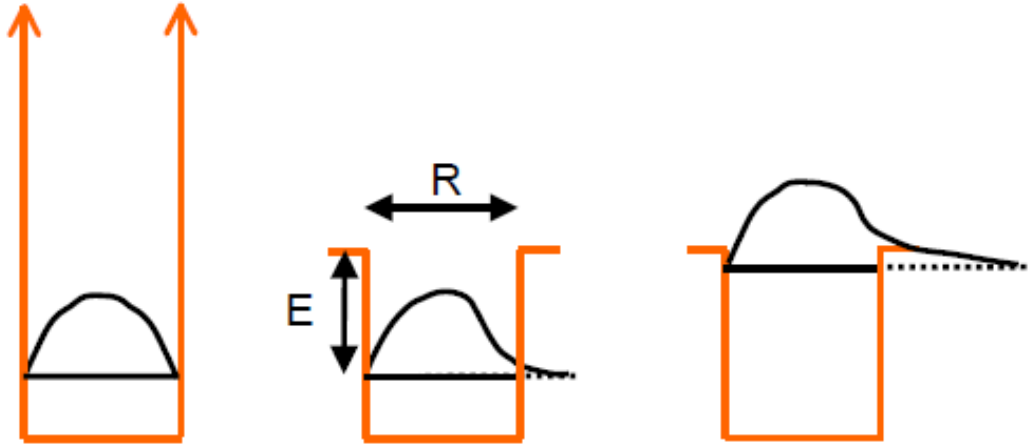
$$B = A \cdot e^{+\kappa \cdot R} \cdot \sin(k \cdot R)$$



Limits of stability: halo nuclei



What can one expect at the neutron-dripline?



wave function outside of the potential

$$\Psi(r) \propto \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r}$$

$$\kappa^2 = \frac{2 \cdot \mu \cdot E}{\hbar^2} \approx 0.05 \cdot E(\text{MeV}) \quad [\text{fm}^{-2}]$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{\int r^4 dr (e^{-\kappa r} / \kappa \cdot r)^2}{\int r^2 dr (e^{-\kappa r} / \kappa \cdot r)^2}$$

The smaller the binding energy, the more extended the wave function

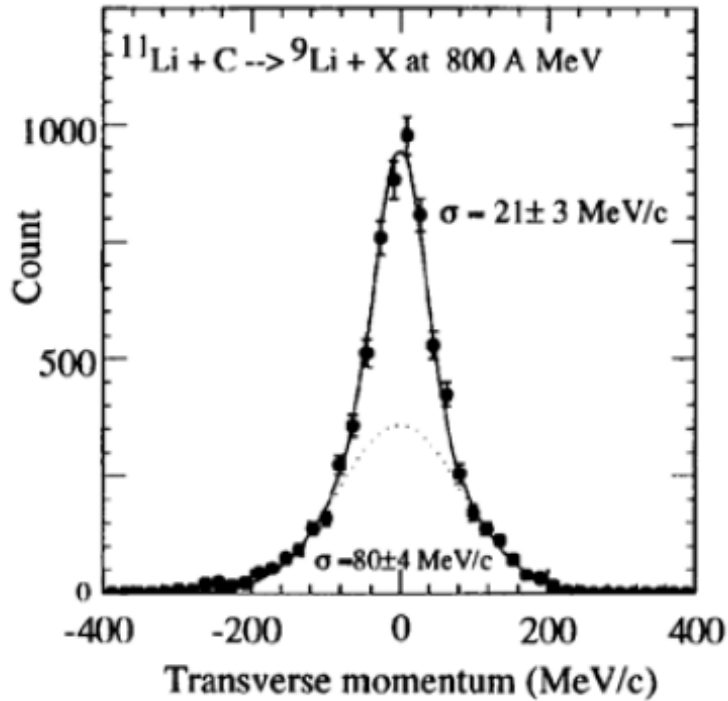
$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \kappa^2} \cdot (1 + \kappa \cdot R) \approx \frac{\hbar^2}{4 \cdot \mu \cdot S_n}$$

Fourier-transform:

$$|F(p)|^2 = \hbar \cdot \kappa \cdot \frac{1}{\pi^2 \cdot (\kappa^2 \cdot \hbar^2 + p^2)^2}$$

E	κ^2	κ	$1/\kappa \sim r$
7 MeV	0.35 fm ⁻²	0.6 fm ⁻¹	1.7 fm
1 MeV	0.05 fm ⁻²	0.2 fm ⁻¹	4.5 fm
0.1 MeV	0.005 fm ⁻²	0.07 fm ⁻¹	14 fm

Limits of stability: halo nuclei



One can use the arguments of an extended wave function with an exponential decline:

$$S_{2n} = 250(80) \text{ keV}$$

$$\Psi(r) \propto \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r}$$

$$\kappa^2 = \frac{2 \cdot \mu_{2n} \cdot S_{2n}}{\hbar^2}$$

test of the extended wave function

momentum distribution:

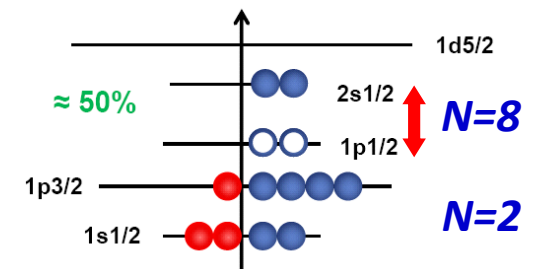
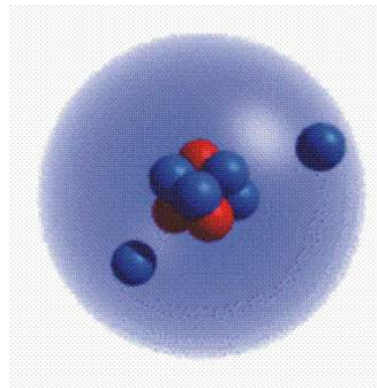
- wider momentum distribution for strongly bound particles
- narrow momentum distribution for weakly bound particles

$$\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \geq \hbar$$

small \rightarrow large

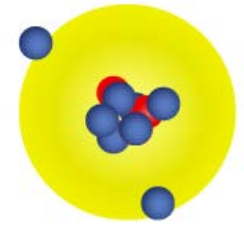
interpretation:

One can simplify ^{11}Li by describing it as a ^9Li core plus a di-neutron

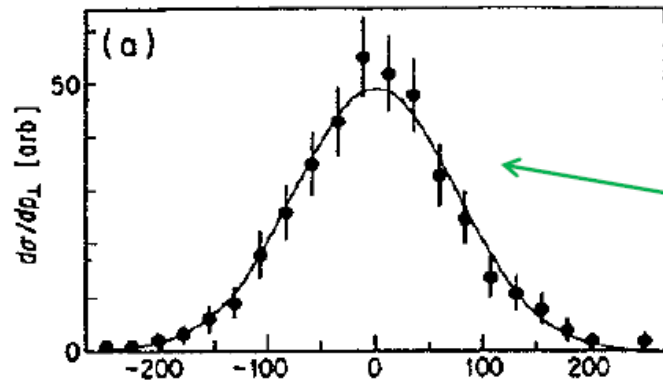


Discovery of halo nuclei

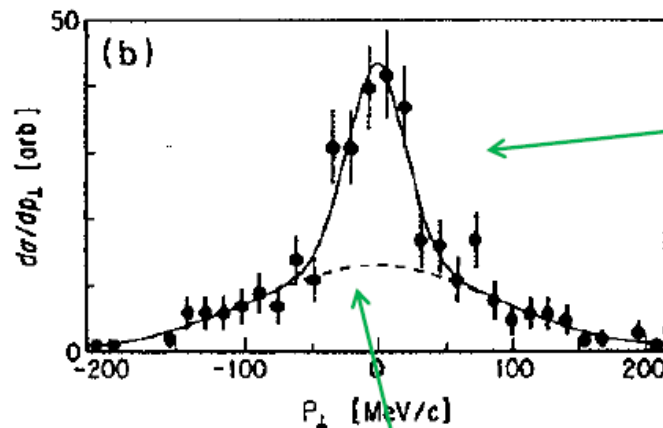
2. Momentum distribution of ^{11}Li



^{11}Li
(neutron-rich)



^6He distribution from ^8He
similar to Goldhaber model



^9Li distribution from ^{11}Li (very narrow !)

uncertainty principle

$$\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \geq \hbar$$

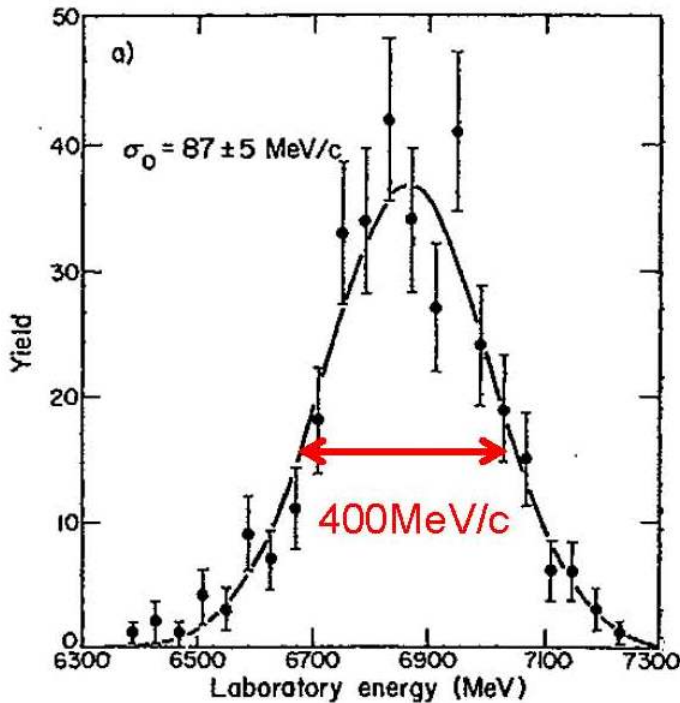
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wider distribution is similar to Goldhaber model



Momentum distribution of fragments

example: ^{34}S fragments from $^{40}\text{Ar} + \text{C}$ @ 213 A MeV)

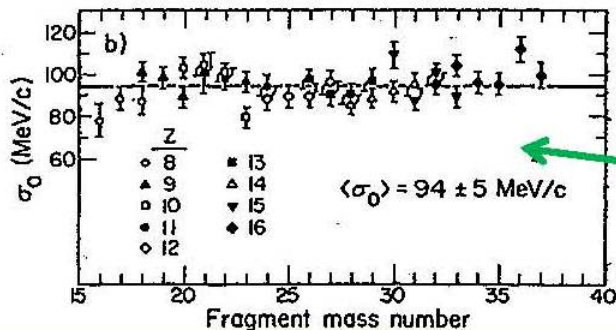


^{34}S fragments: 400 MeV/c narrow
 ^{40}Ar beam: 26600 MeV/c

Momentum distribution of fragments are represented by a simple formula based on the Goldhaber model

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{F \cdot (A - F)}{(A - 1)}}$$

A: beam mass number
F: fragment mass number



$\sigma_0 = 90 \text{ MeV/c}$

Limits of stability - halo nuclei

Why is the shell structure changing at extreme N/Z ?

radii of lighter nuclei

