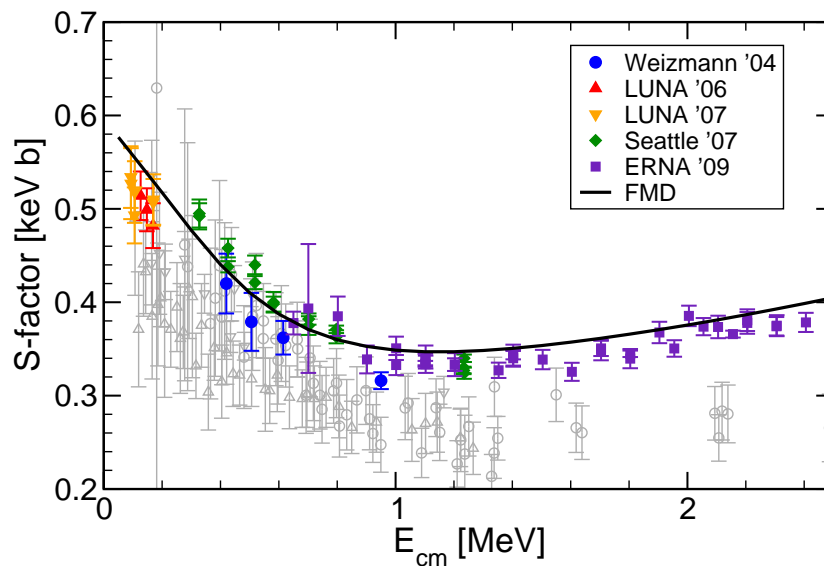


Microscopic calculation of the ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ capture reaction in the FMD approach



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Overview



Effective Nucleon-Nucleon interaction:

Unitary Correlation Operator Method

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- Short-range Correlations and Effective Interaction
- NCSM calculations

Many-Body Method:

Fermionic Molecular Dynamics

- Model
- ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ Radiative Capture Reaction

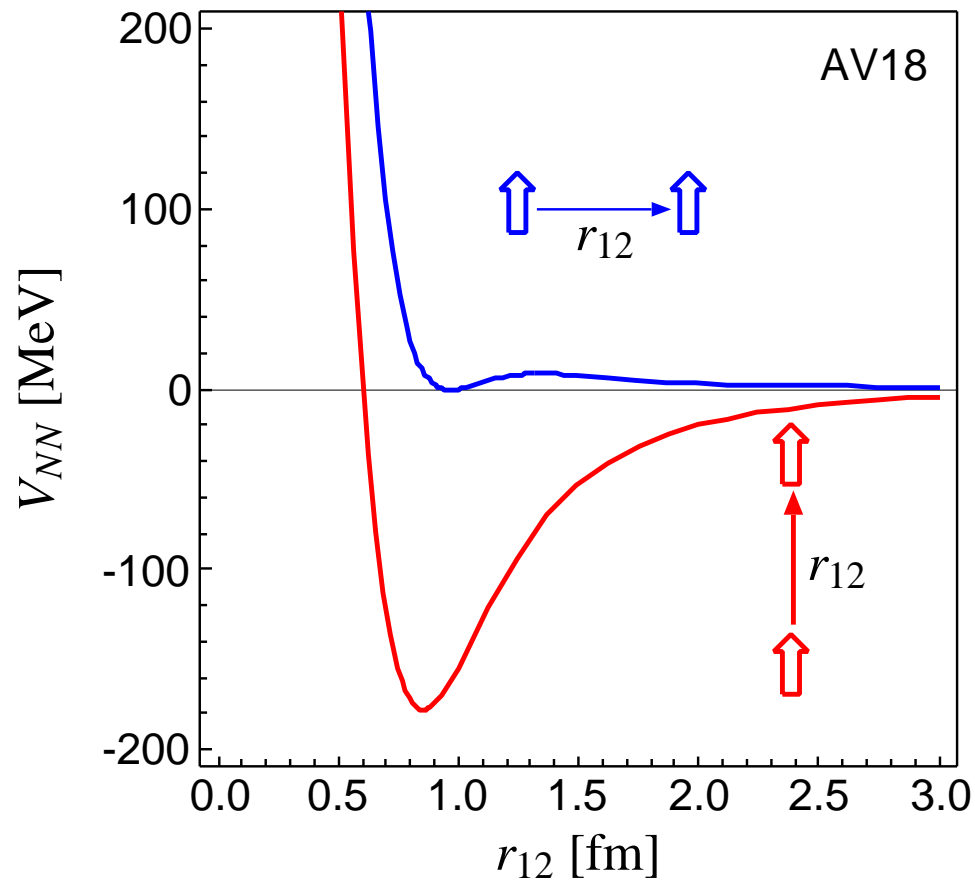
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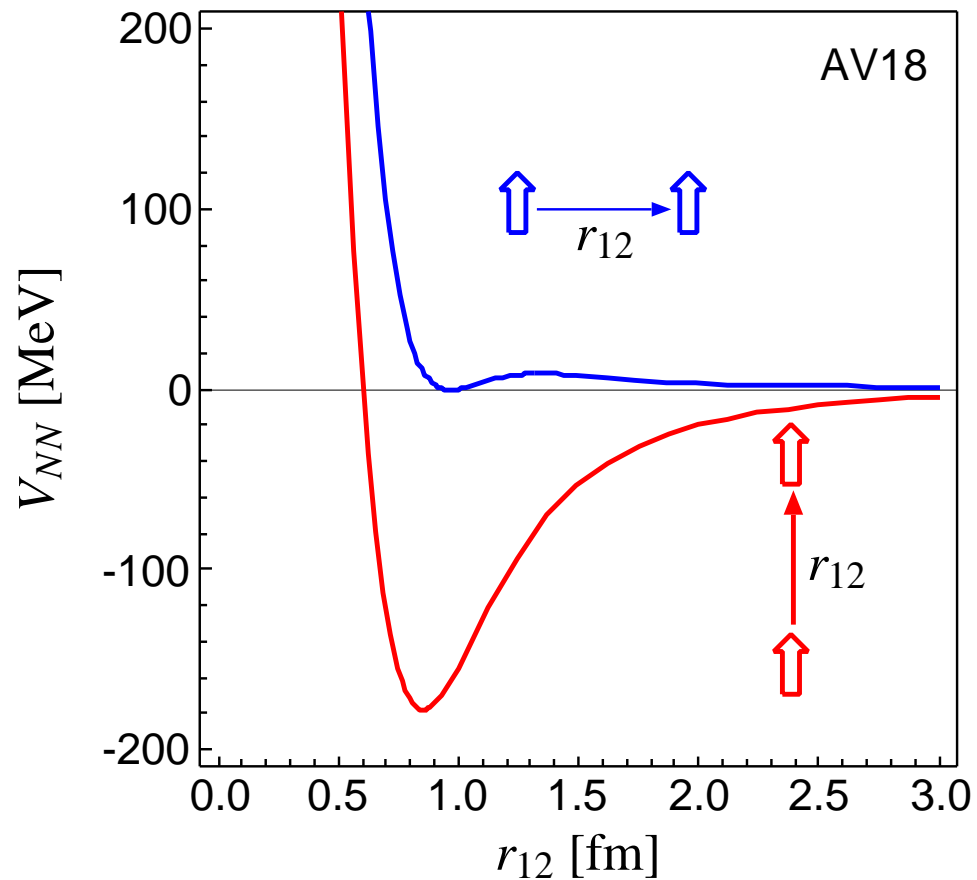
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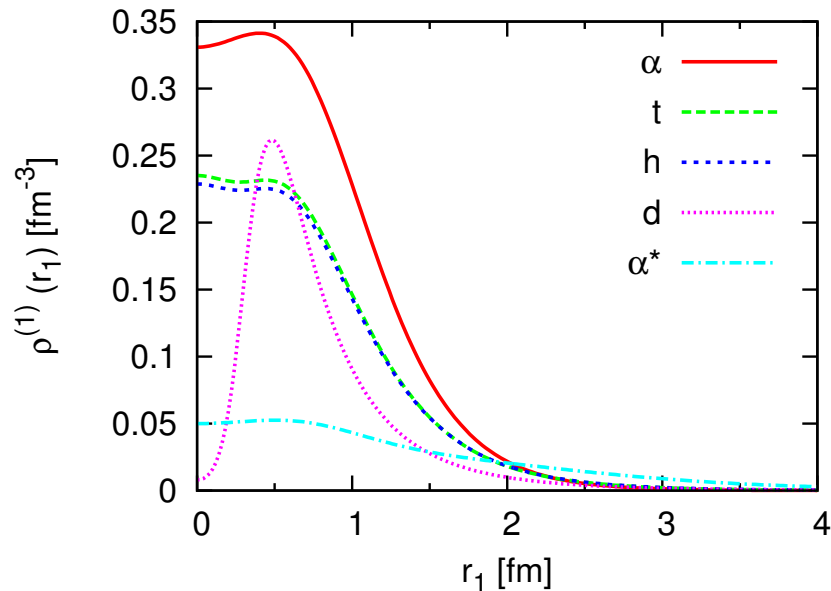
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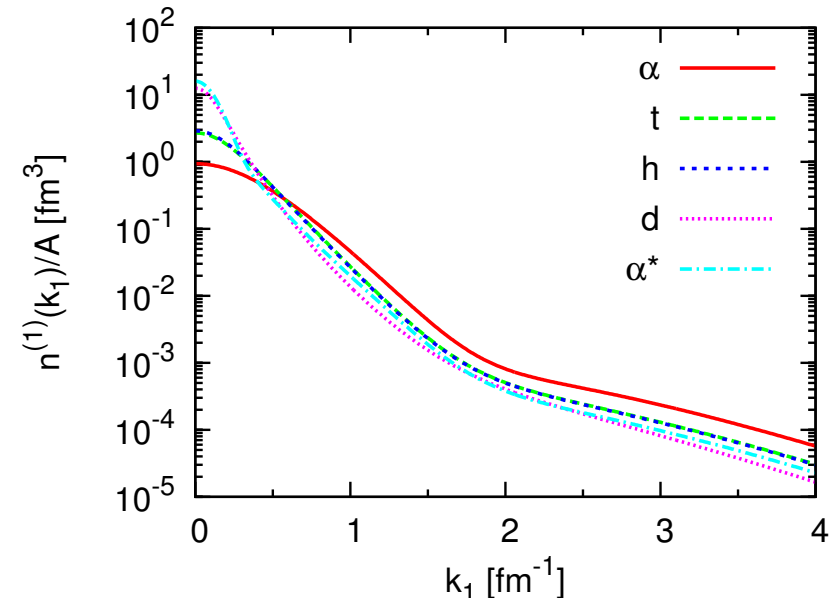
the nuclear force will induce **strong short-range correlations** in the nuclear wave function

- Universality of short-range correlations
- One-body densities

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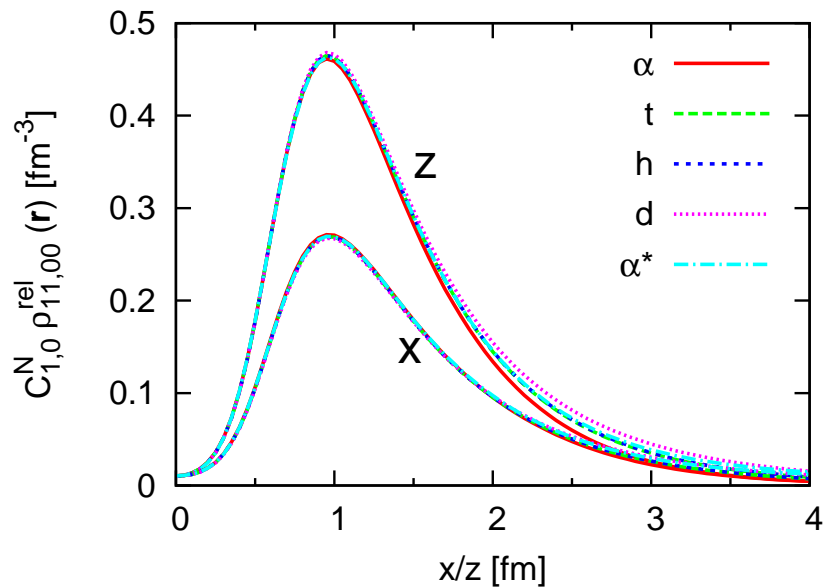


- one-body densities calculated from exact wave functions for AV8' interaction
- coordinate space densities reflect different sizes and densities of ${}^2\text{H}$, ${}^3\text{H}$, ${}^3\text{He}$, ${}^4\text{He}$ and the 0_2^+ state in ${}^4\text{He}$
- similar high-momentum tails in the momentum densities

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- **Two-body densities**

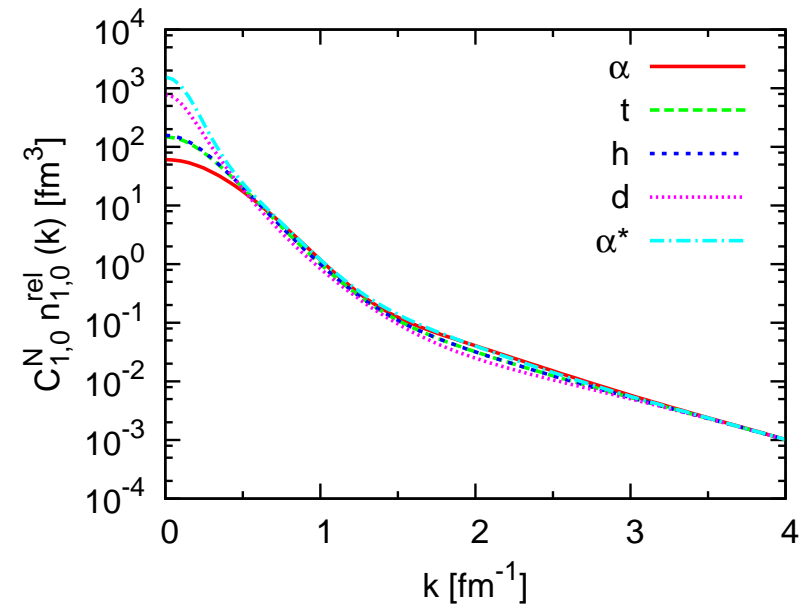
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- normalize two-body density in coordinate space at $r=1.0$ fm
- normalized two-body densities in coordinate are identical at short distances for all nuclei
- use the **same** normalization factor in momentum space – high momentum tails agree for all nuclei

Unitary Correlation Operator Method

Correlation Operator

- induce short-range (two-body) central and tensor correlations into the many-body state

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{C}}_{\Omega} \underline{\underline{C}}_r = \exp\left[-i \sum_{i<j} \underline{\underline{g}}_{\Omega,ij}\right] \exp\left[-i \sum_{i<j} \underline{\underline{g}}_{r,ij}\right] \quad , \quad \underline{\underline{C}}^{\dagger} \underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

- correlation operator should conserve the symmetries of the Hamiltonian and should be of finite-range, correlated interaction **phase shift equivalent** to bare interaction by construction

Correlated Operators

- correlated operators will have contributions in higher cluster orders

$$\underline{\underline{C}}^{\dagger} \underline{\underline{O}} \underline{\underline{C}} = \hat{\underline{\underline{O}}}^{[1]} + \hat{\underline{\underline{O}}}^{[2]} + \hat{\underline{\underline{O}}}^{[3]} + \dots$$

- two-body approximation: correlation range should be small compared to mean particle distance

Correlated Interaction

$$\underline{\underline{C}}^{\dagger} (\underline{\underline{T}} + \underline{\underline{V}}) \underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{T}} + \underline{\underline{V}}_{\text{UCOM}} + \underline{\underline{V}}_{\text{UCOM}}^{[3]} + \dots$$

- **Central and Tensor Correlations**

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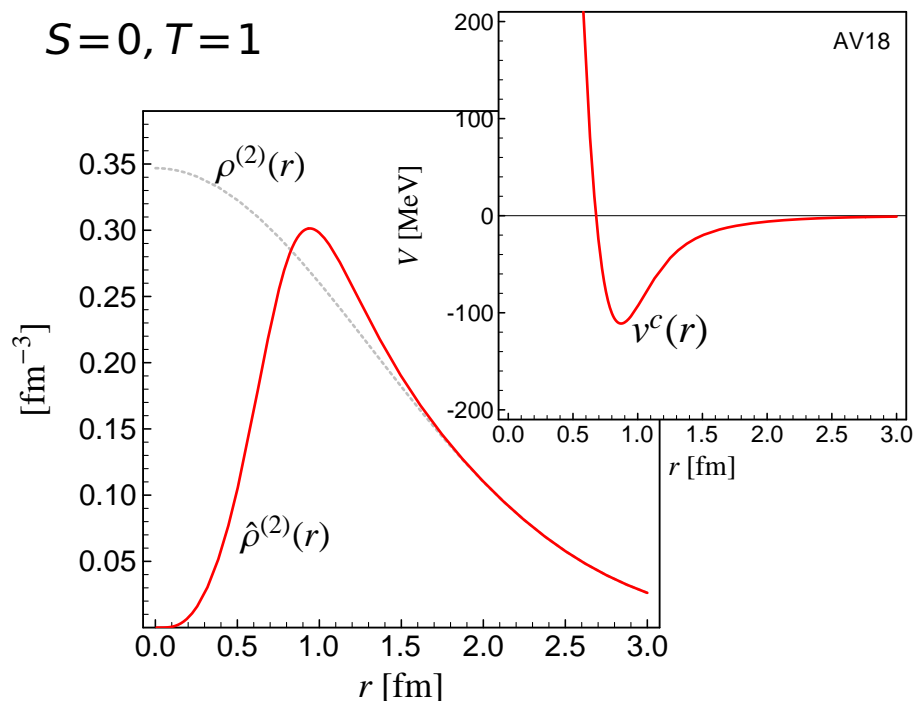
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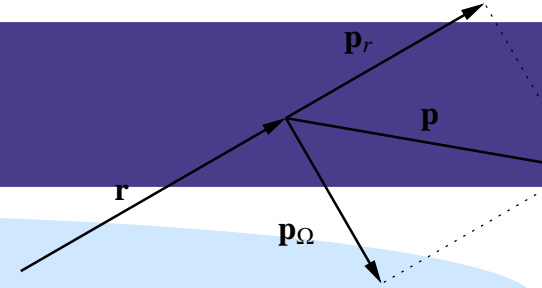
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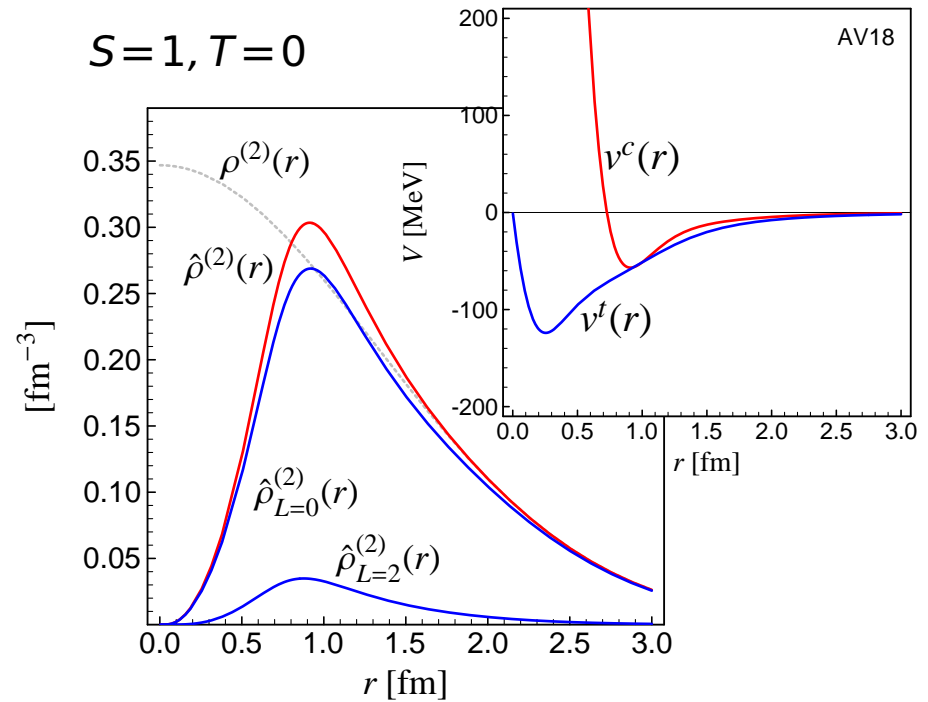
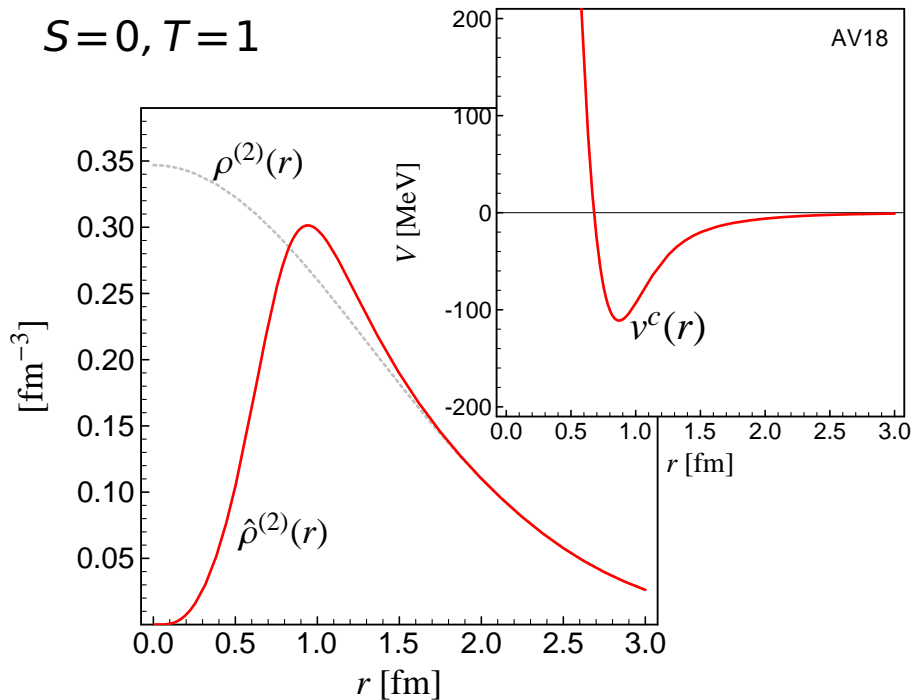
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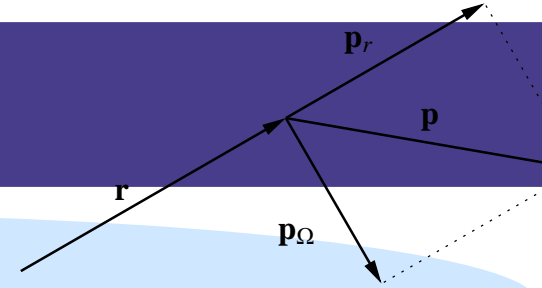
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UCOM

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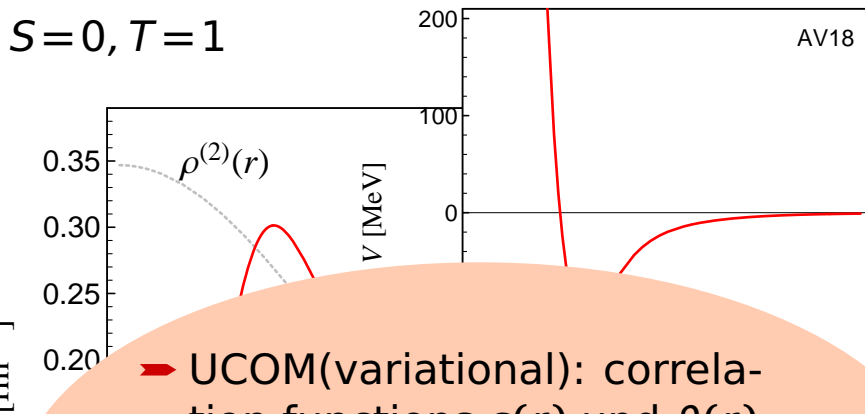
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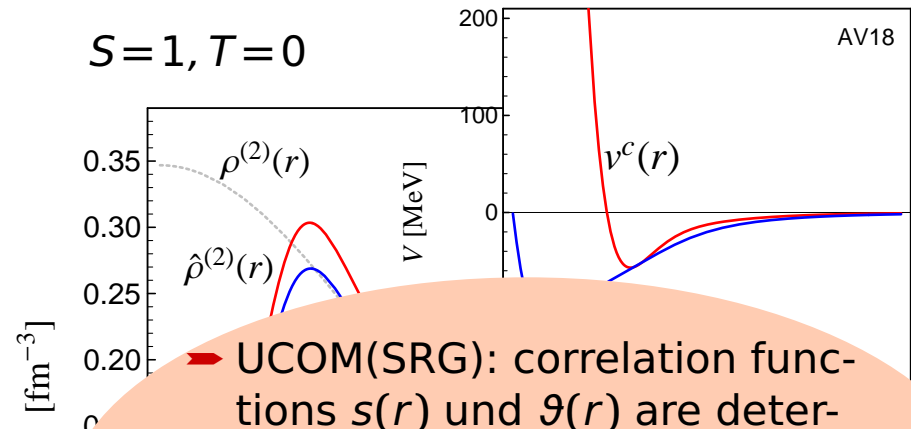
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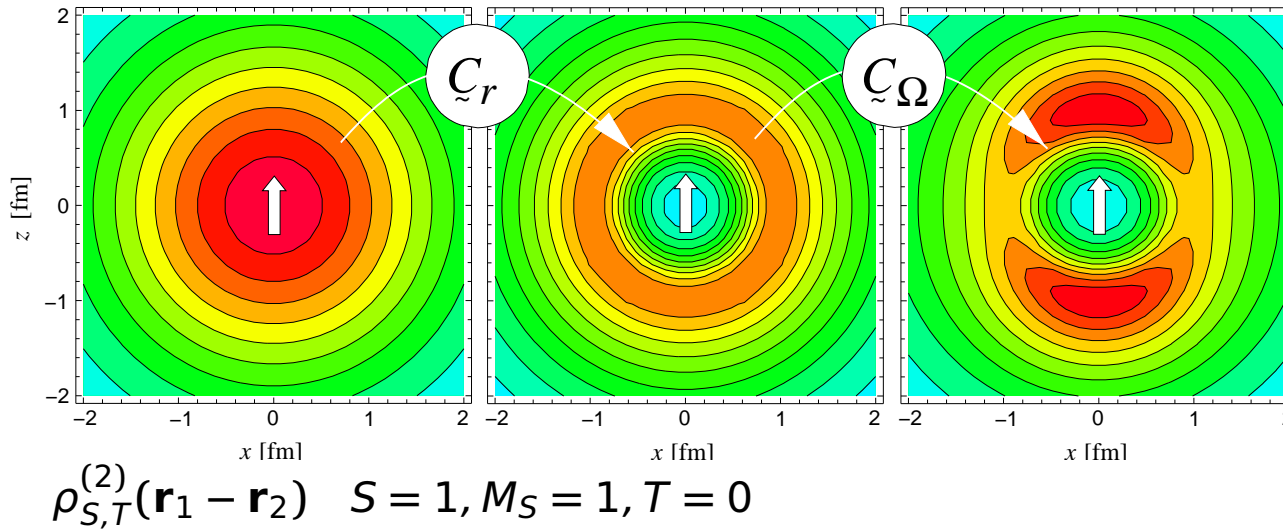
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Unitary Correlation Operator Method Correlations and Energies

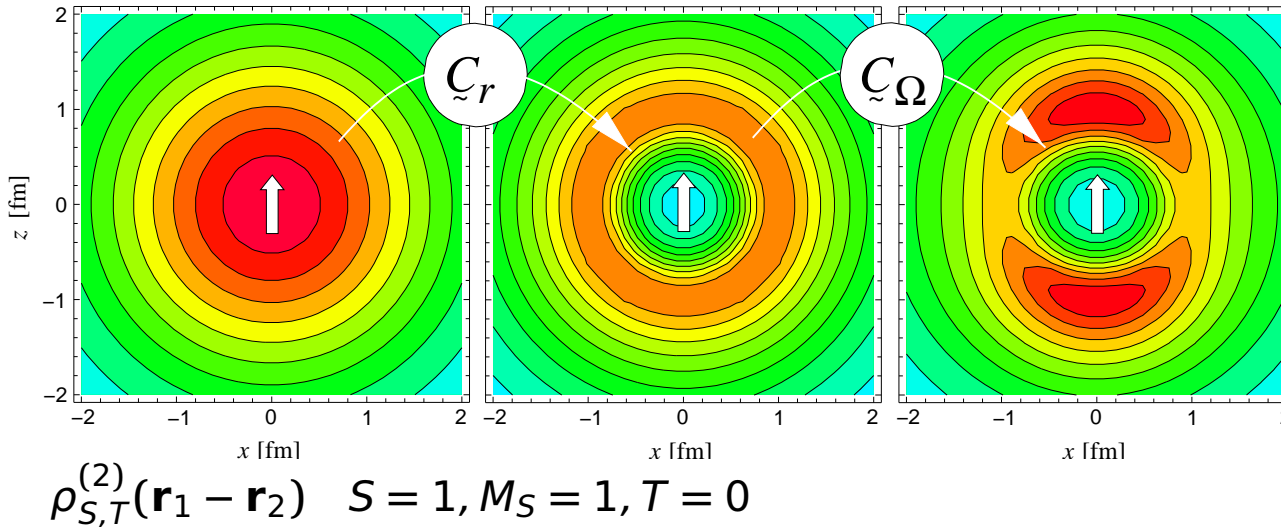
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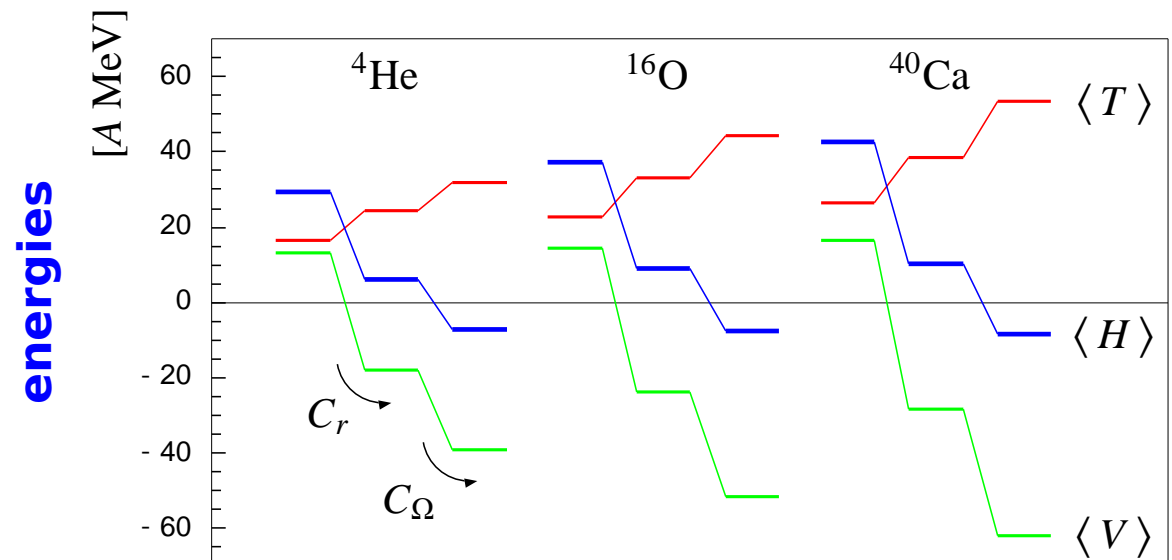


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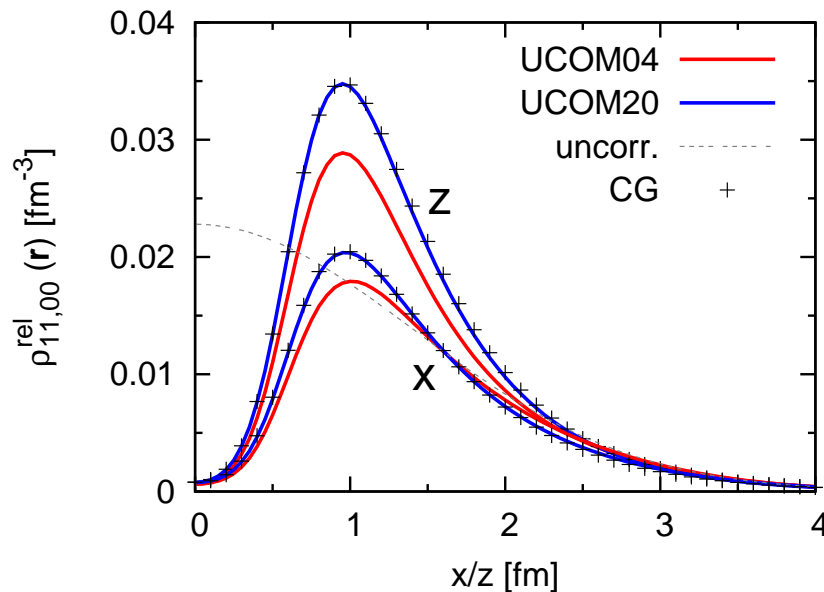
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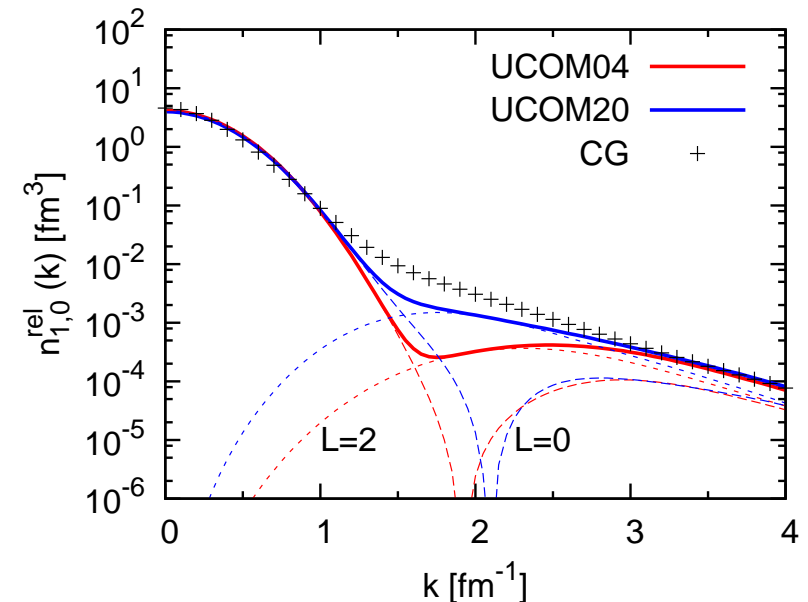
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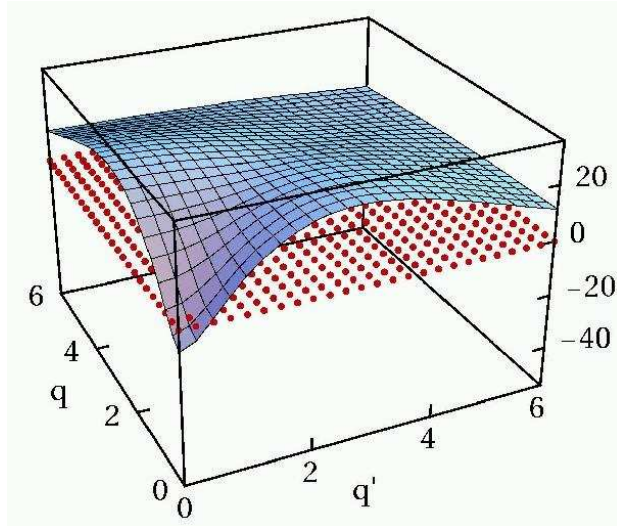
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- two-body densities calculated from $0\hbar\Omega$ ^4He and correlated density operators
- UCOM20 correlators derived from $\lambda \approx 1.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ SRG interaction reproduce coordinate space two-body density and high-momentum components very well
- high-momentum components dominated by tensor correlations
- long-range correlations should fill up momentum space two-body density above the Fermi momentum

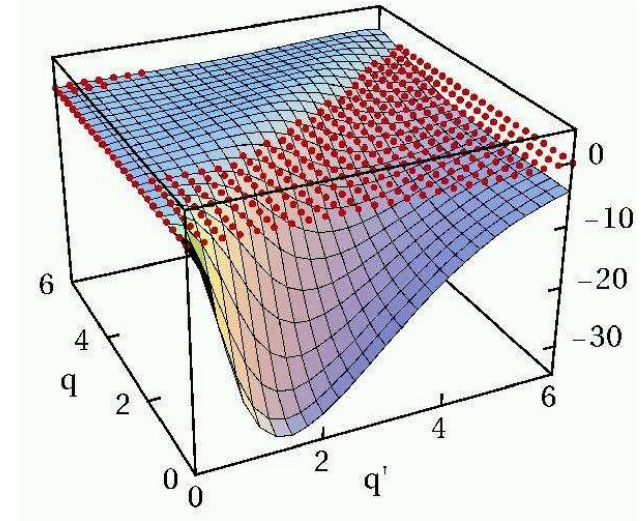
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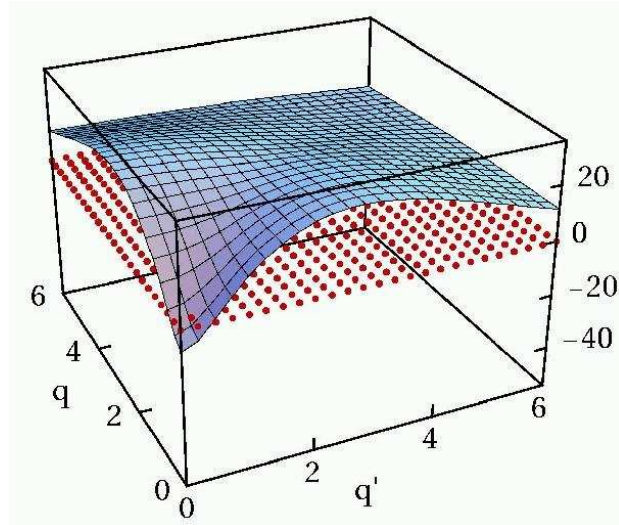
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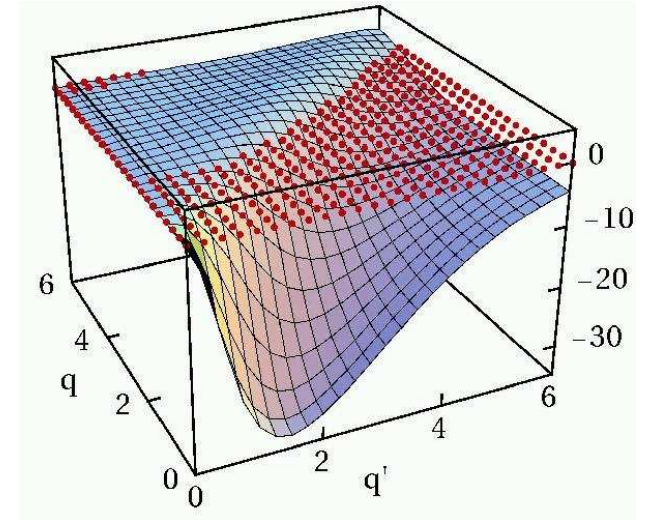
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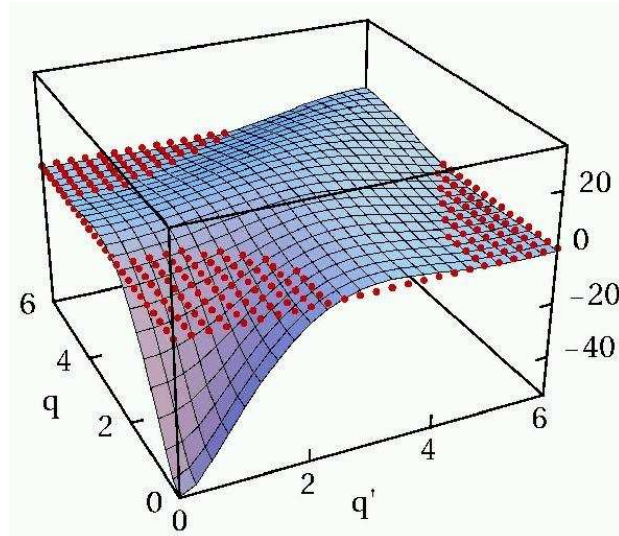
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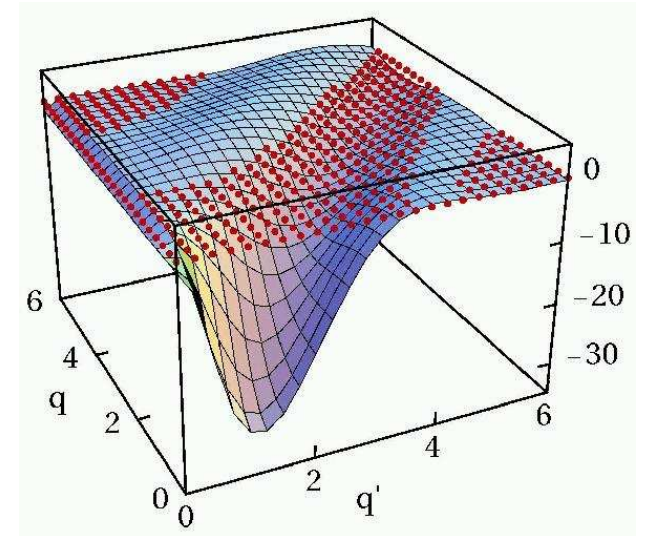
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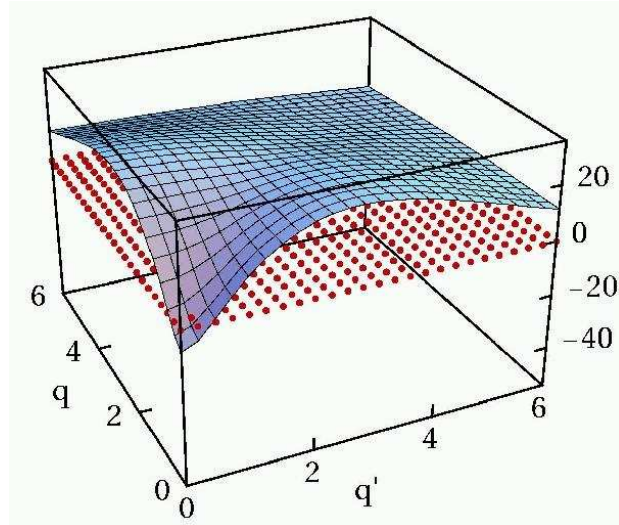
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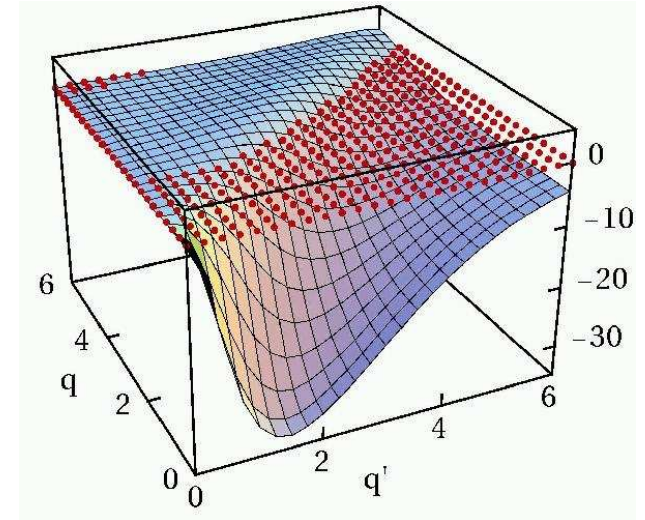
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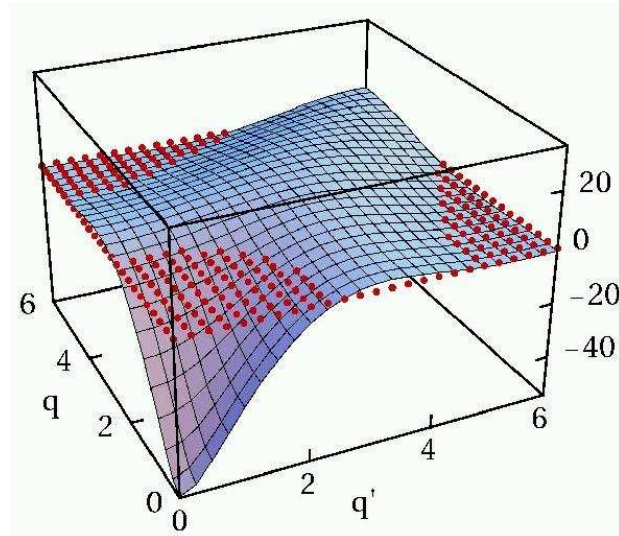
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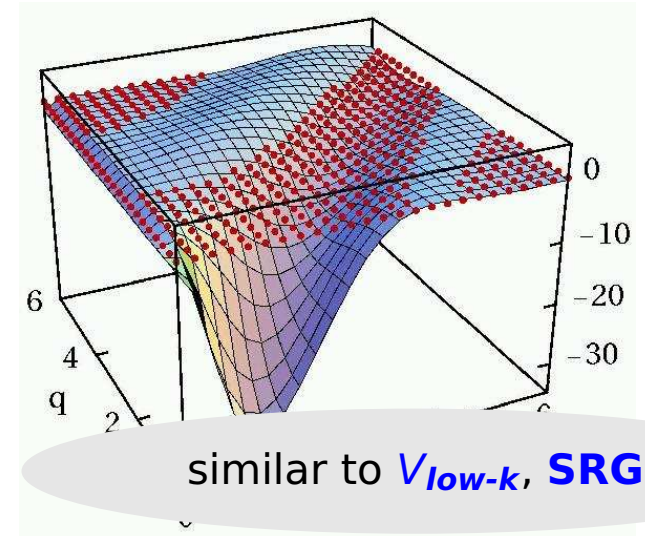
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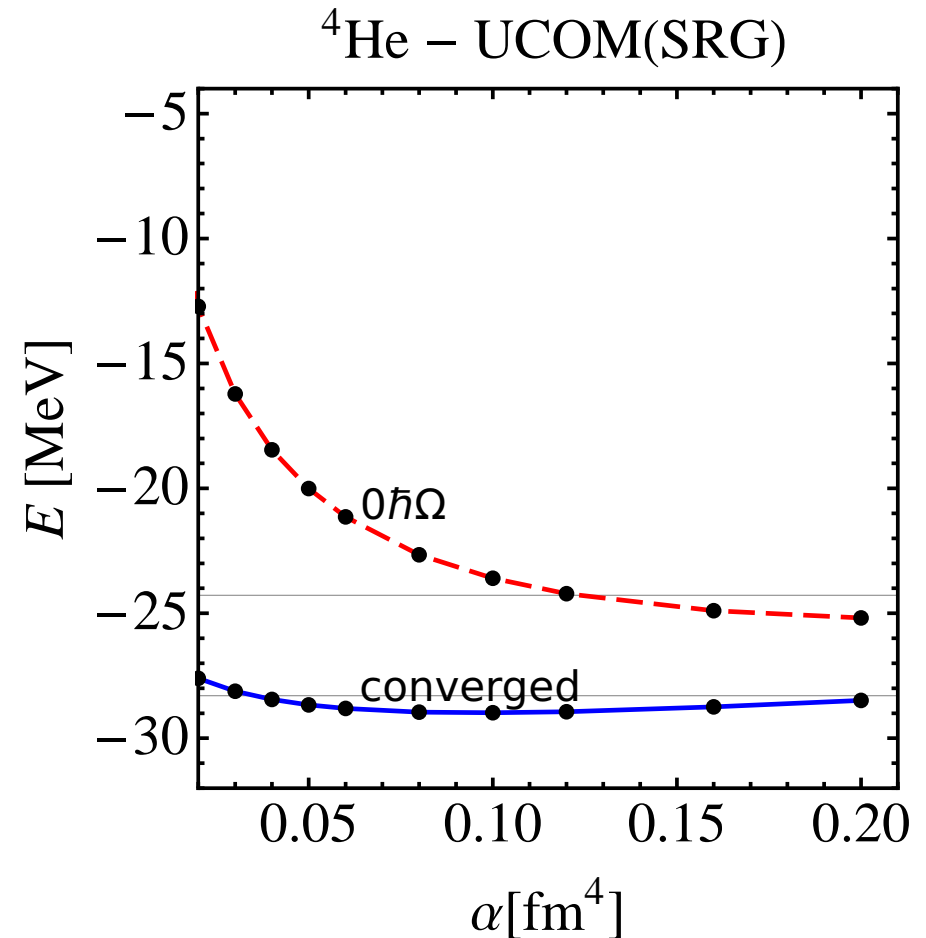
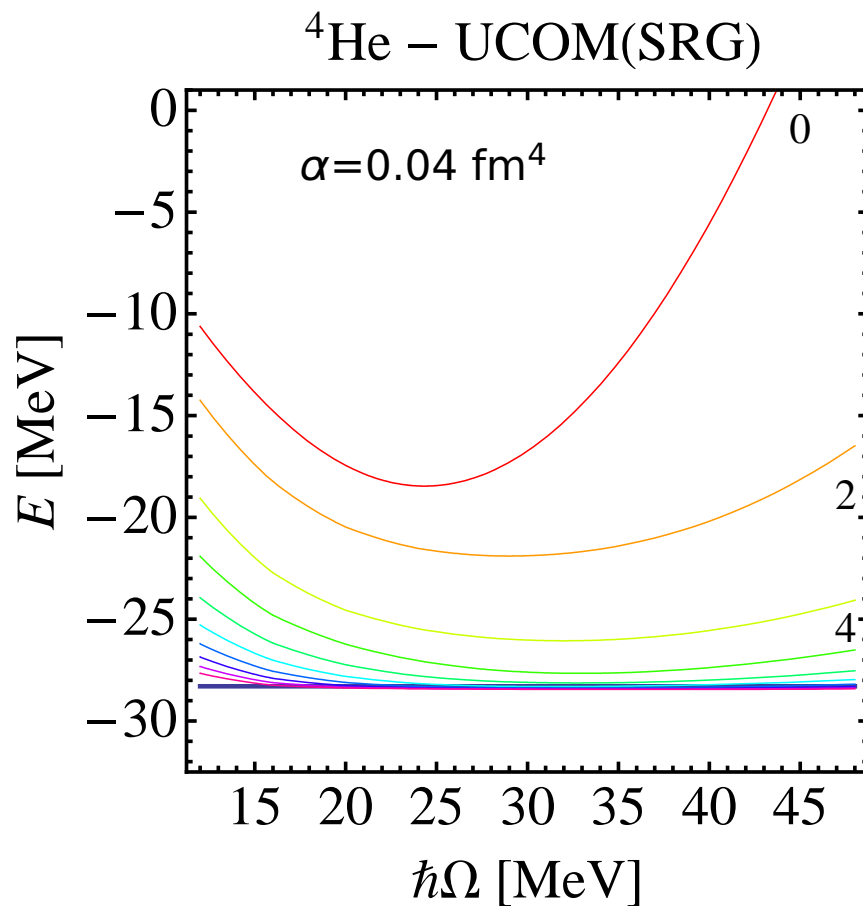


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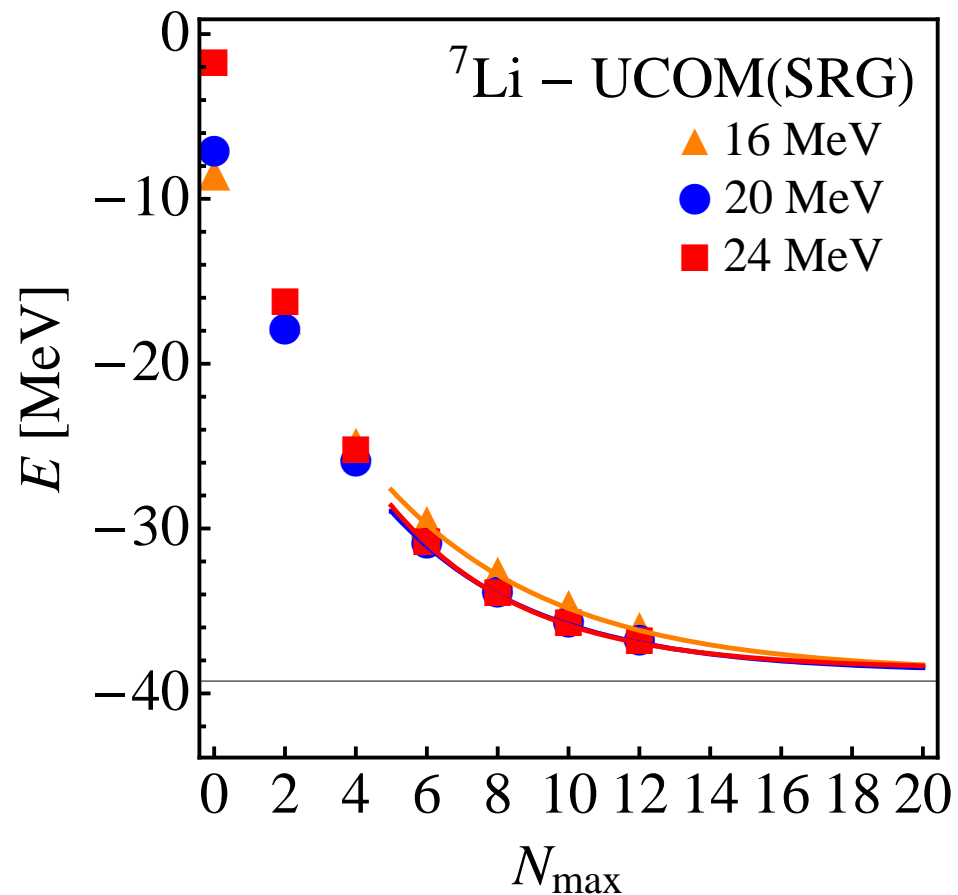
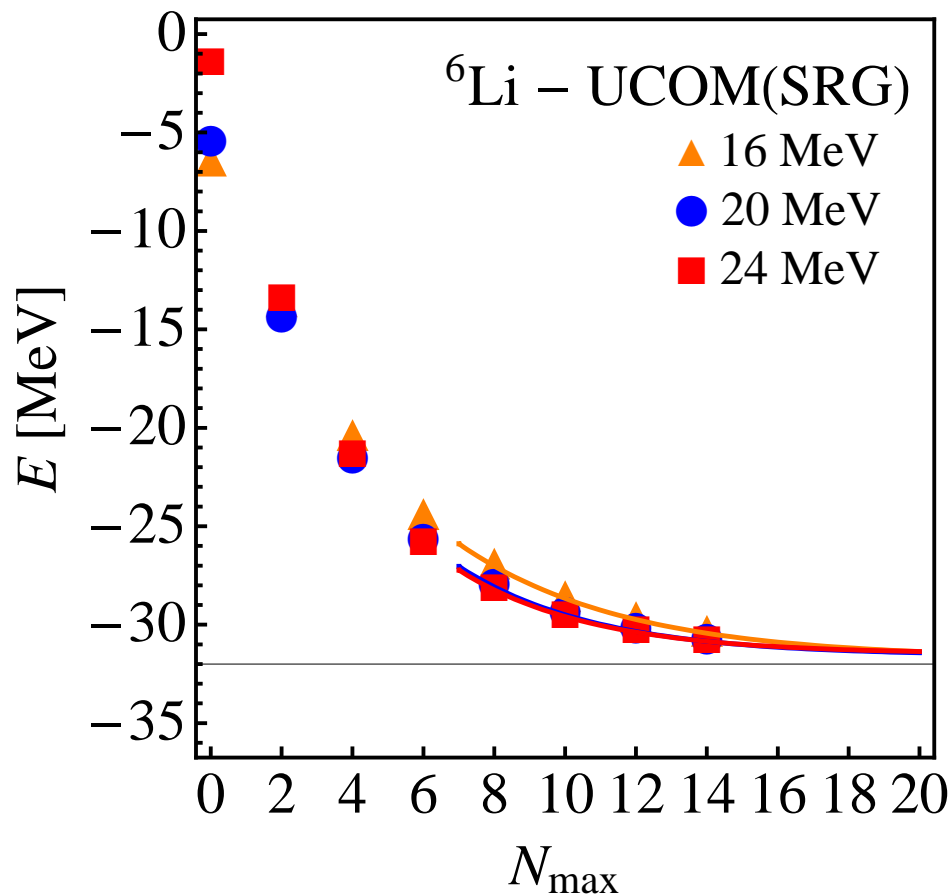
similar to V_{low-k} , **SRG**



- convergence much improved compared to bare interaction
- effective interaction – in two-body approximation – converges to different energy than bare interaction
- transformed interaction can be tuned to obtain simultaneously (almost) exact ${}^3\text{He}$ and ${}^4\text{He}$ binding energies

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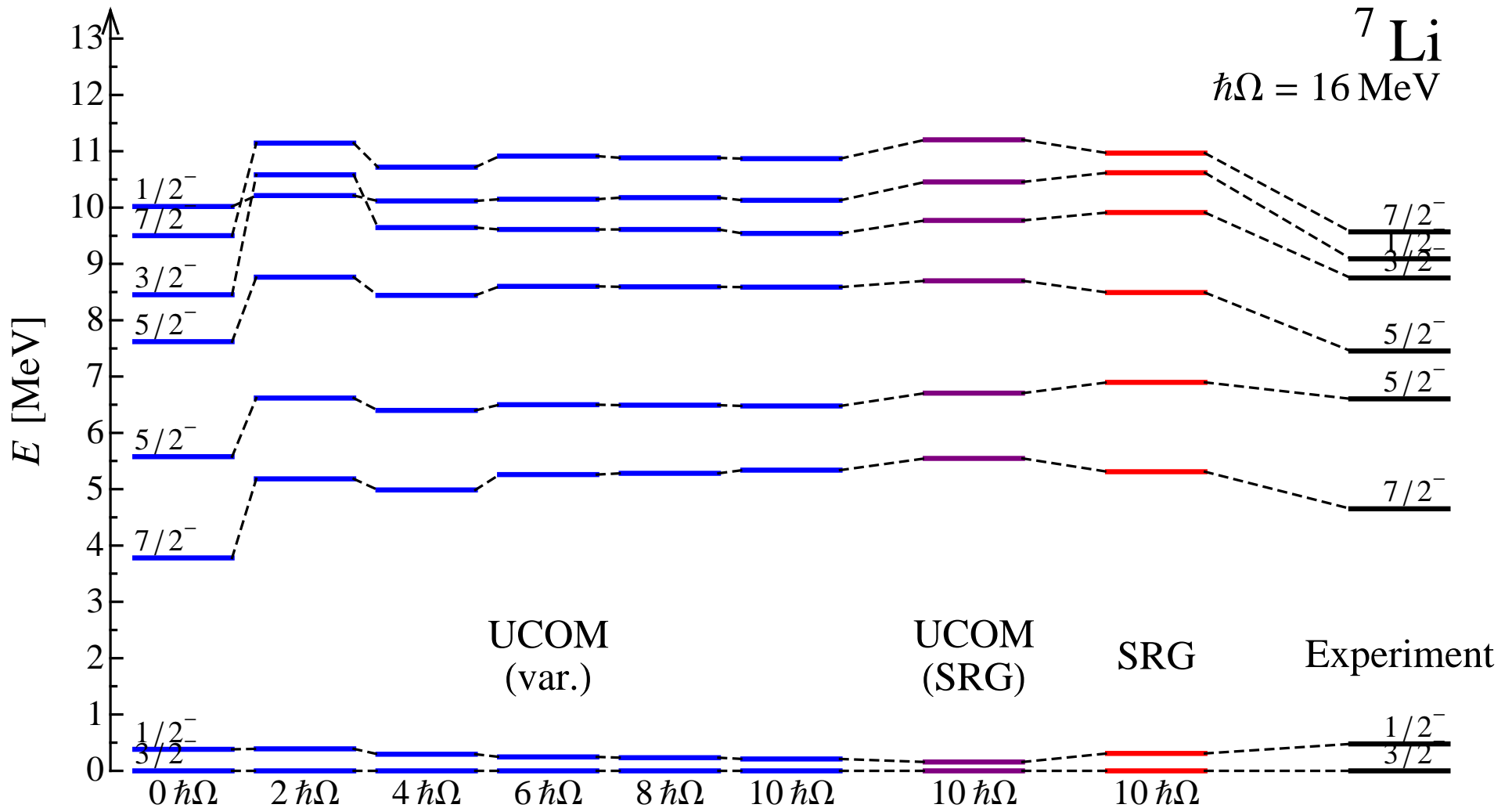
- NCSM ${}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li}$ ground state energy



- tuned interaction also works reasonably well for heavier nuclei

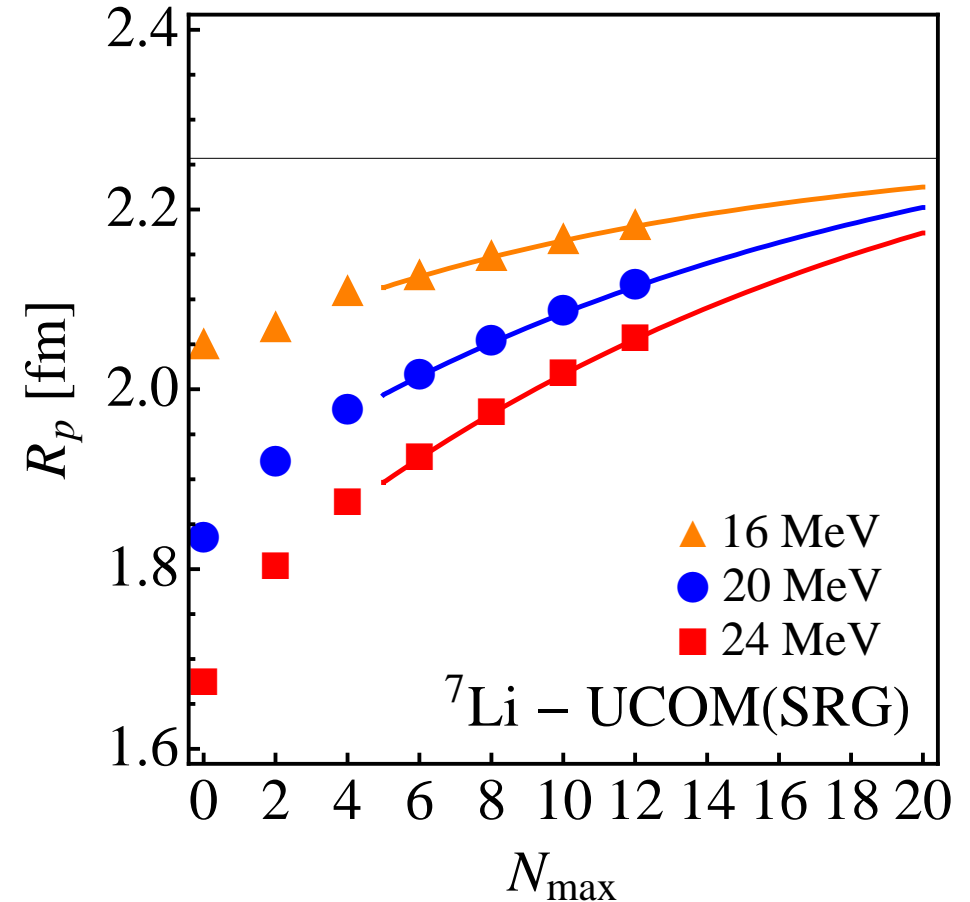
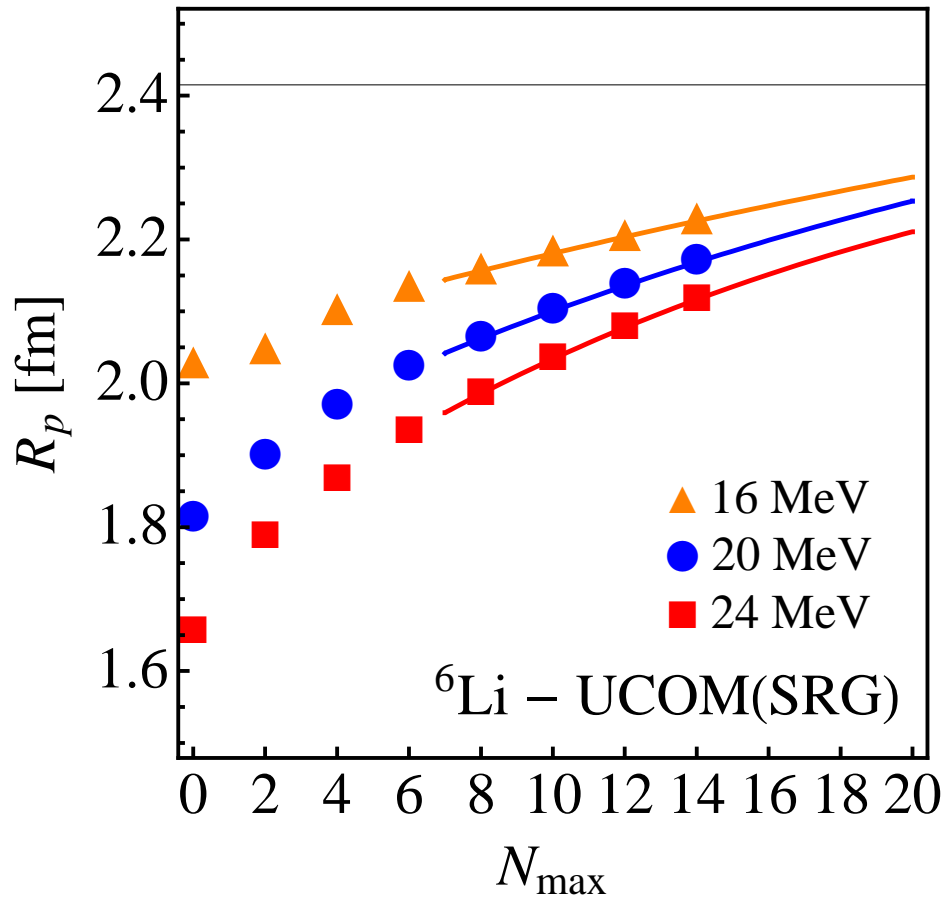
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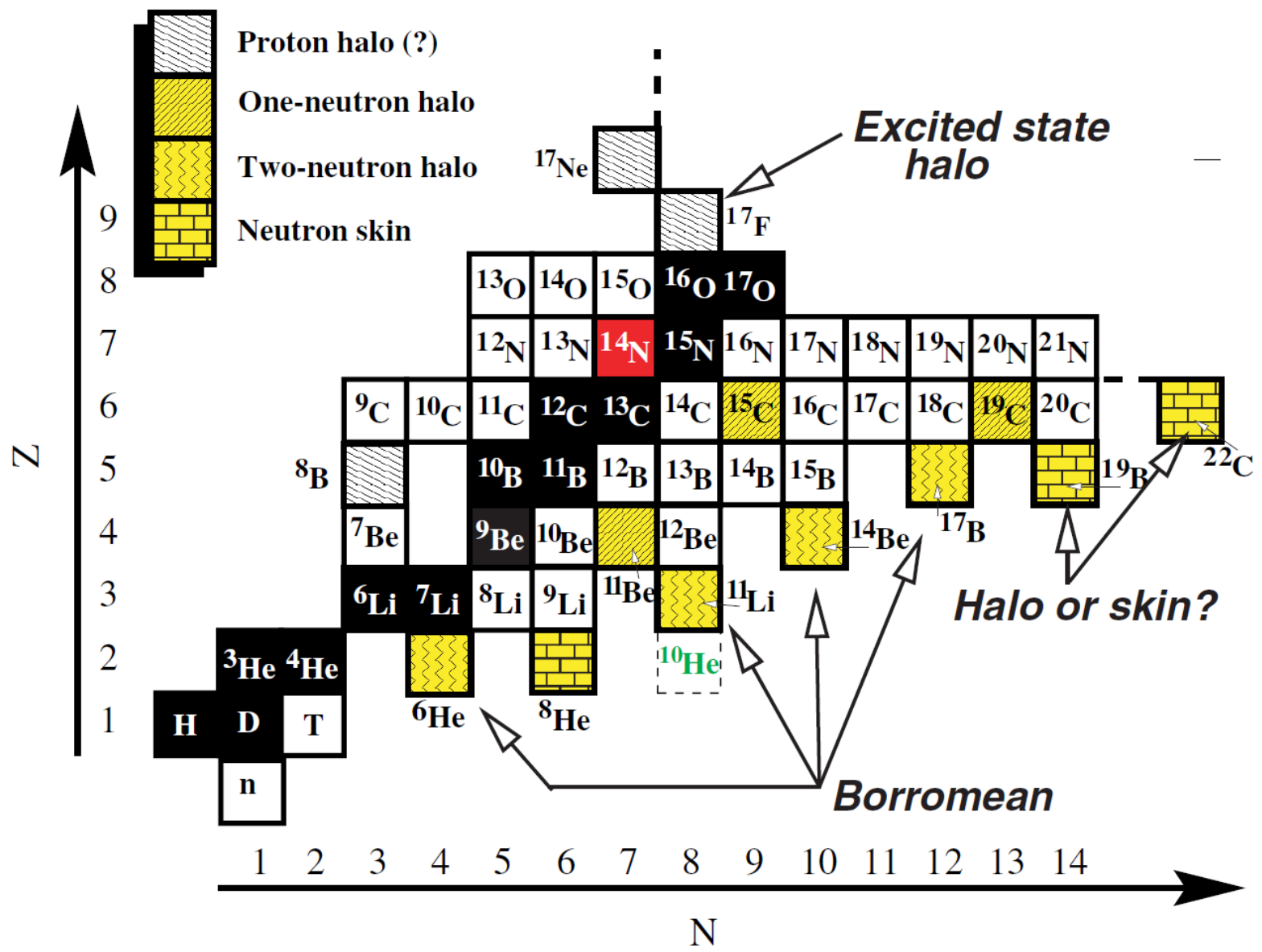
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NCSM ${}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li}$ radii



- radii converge worse than energies
- harmonic oscillator basis not well suited to describe tails of weakly bound nuclei

Halos, Clusters, ...



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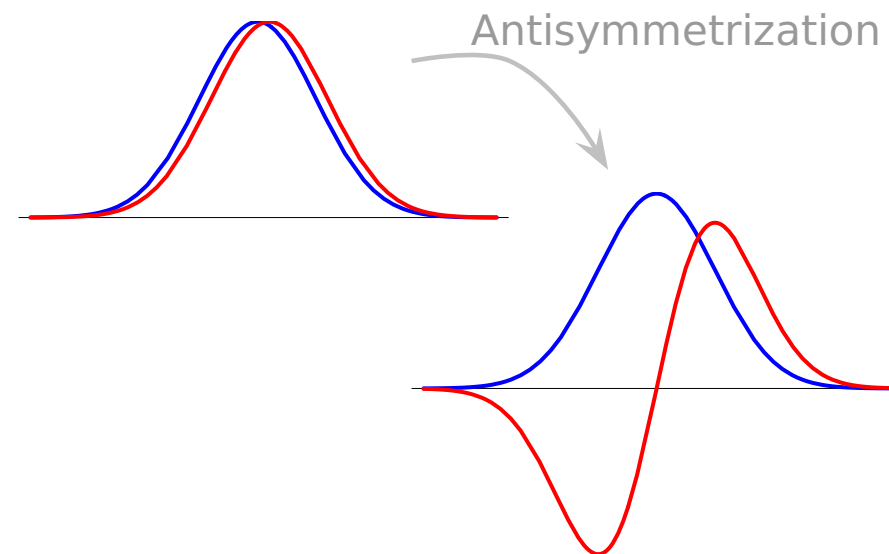
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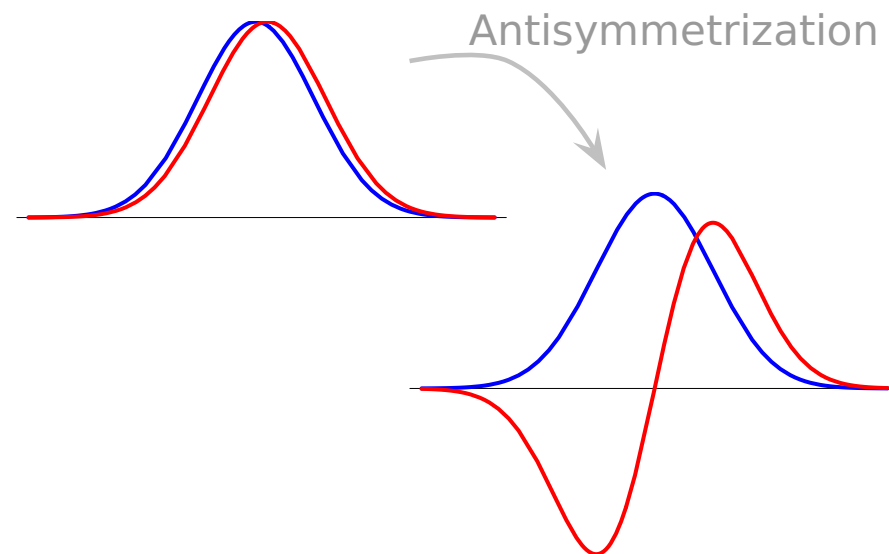
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see also
**Antisymmetrized
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 Horiuchi, Kanada-En'yo,
 Kimura, ...

Interaction Matrix Elements

(One-body) Kinetic Energy

$$\langle q_k | \tilde{T} | q_l \rangle = \langle a_k \mathbf{b}_k | \tilde{T} | a_l \mathbf{b}_l \rangle \langle \chi_k | \chi_l \rangle \langle \xi_k | \xi_l \rangle$$

$$\langle a_k \mathbf{b}_k | \tilde{T} | a_l \mathbf{b}_l \rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{3}{a_k^* + a_l} - \frac{(\mathbf{b}_k^* - \mathbf{b}_l)^2}{(a_k^* + a_l)^2} \right) R_{kl}$$

(Two-body) Potential

→ fit radial dependencies by (a sum of) Gaussians

$$G(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2}{2K} \right\}$$

→ Gaussian integrals

$$\langle a_k \mathbf{b}_k, a_l \mathbf{b}_l | \tilde{G} | a_m \mathbf{b}_m, a_n \mathbf{b}_n \rangle = R_{km} R_{ln} \left(\frac{K}{\alpha_{klmn} + K} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\rho_{klmn}^2}{2(\alpha_{klmn} + K)} \right\}$$

→ analytical formulas for matrix elements

$$\alpha_{klmn} = \frac{a_k^* a_m}{a_k^* + a_m} + \frac{a_l^* a_n}{a_l^* + a_n}$$

$$\rho_{klmn} = \frac{a_m \mathbf{b}_k^* + a_k^* \mathbf{b}_m}{a_k^* + a_m} - \frac{a_n \mathbf{b}_l^* + a_l^* \mathbf{b}_n}{a_l^* + a_n}$$

$$R_{km} = \langle a_k \mathbf{b}_k | a_m \mathbf{b}_m \rangle$$

Operator Representation of V_{UCOM}

$$\tilde{\zeta}^\dagger (\tilde{T} + \tilde{V}) \tilde{\zeta} = \tilde{T}$$

$$+ \sum_{ST} \hat{V}_c^{ST}(r) + \frac{1}{2} (p_r^2 \hat{V}_{p^2}^{ST}(r) + \hat{V}_{p^2}^{ST}(r) p_r^2) + \hat{V}_{l^2}^{ST}(r) \mathbf{l}^2$$

one-body kinetic energy

central potentials

$$+ \sum_T \hat{V}_{ls}^T(r) \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{s} + \hat{V}_{l^2ls}^T(r) \mathbf{l}^2 \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{s}$$

spin-orbit potentials

$$+ \sum_T \hat{V}_t^T(r) \zeta_{12}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) + \hat{V}_{trp_\Omega}^T(r) p_r \zeta_{12}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}_\Omega) + \hat{V}_{tll}^T(r) \zeta_{12}(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{l}) +$$

$$\hat{V}_{tp_\Omega p_\Omega}^T(r) \zeta_{12}(\mathbf{p}_\Omega, \mathbf{p}_\Omega) + \hat{V}_{l^2tp_\Omega p_\Omega}^T(r) \mathbf{l}^2 \zeta_{12}(\mathbf{p}_\Omega, \mathbf{p}_\Omega)$$

tensor potentials

bulk of tensor force mapped onto central part
of correlated interaction

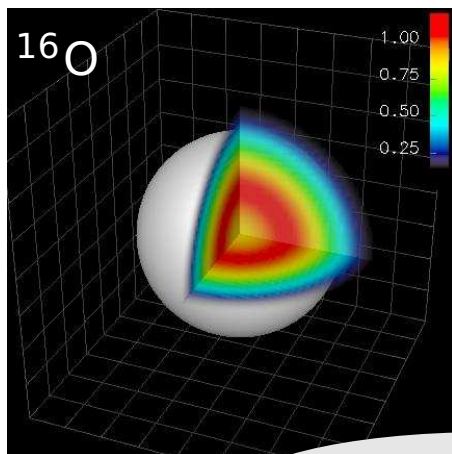
tensor correlations also change the spin-orbit
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Minimization

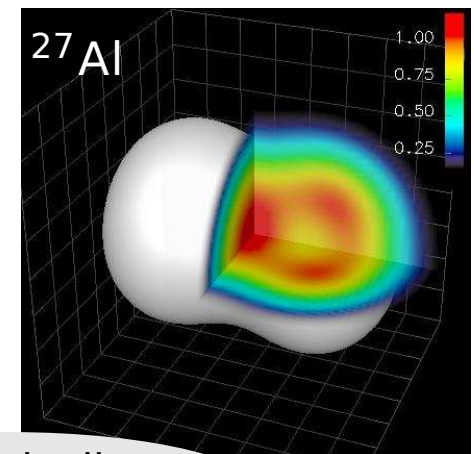
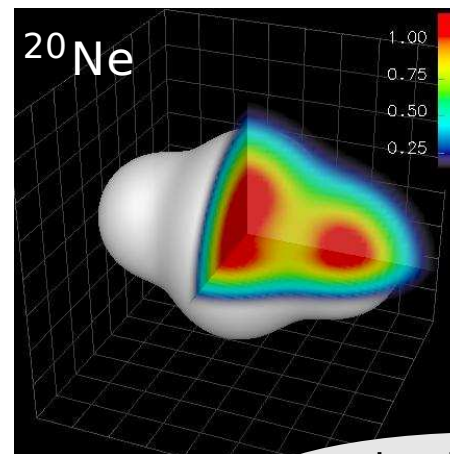
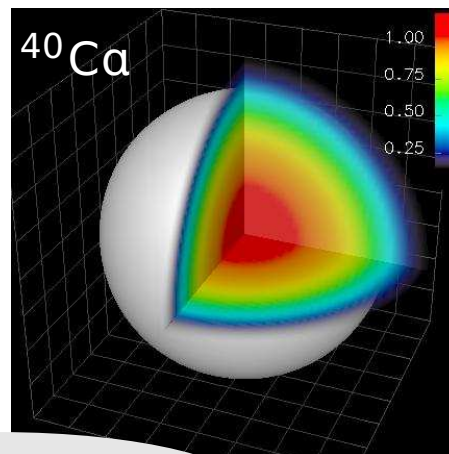
- minimize Hamiltonian expectation value with respect to all single-particle parameters q_k

$$\min_{\{q_k\}} \frac{\langle Q | \tilde{H} - \tilde{T}_{cm} | Q \rangle}{\langle Q | Q \rangle}$$

- this is a Hartree-Fock calculation in our particular single-particle basis
- the mean-field may break the symmetries of the Hamiltonian



spherical nuclei



intrinsically deformed nuclei

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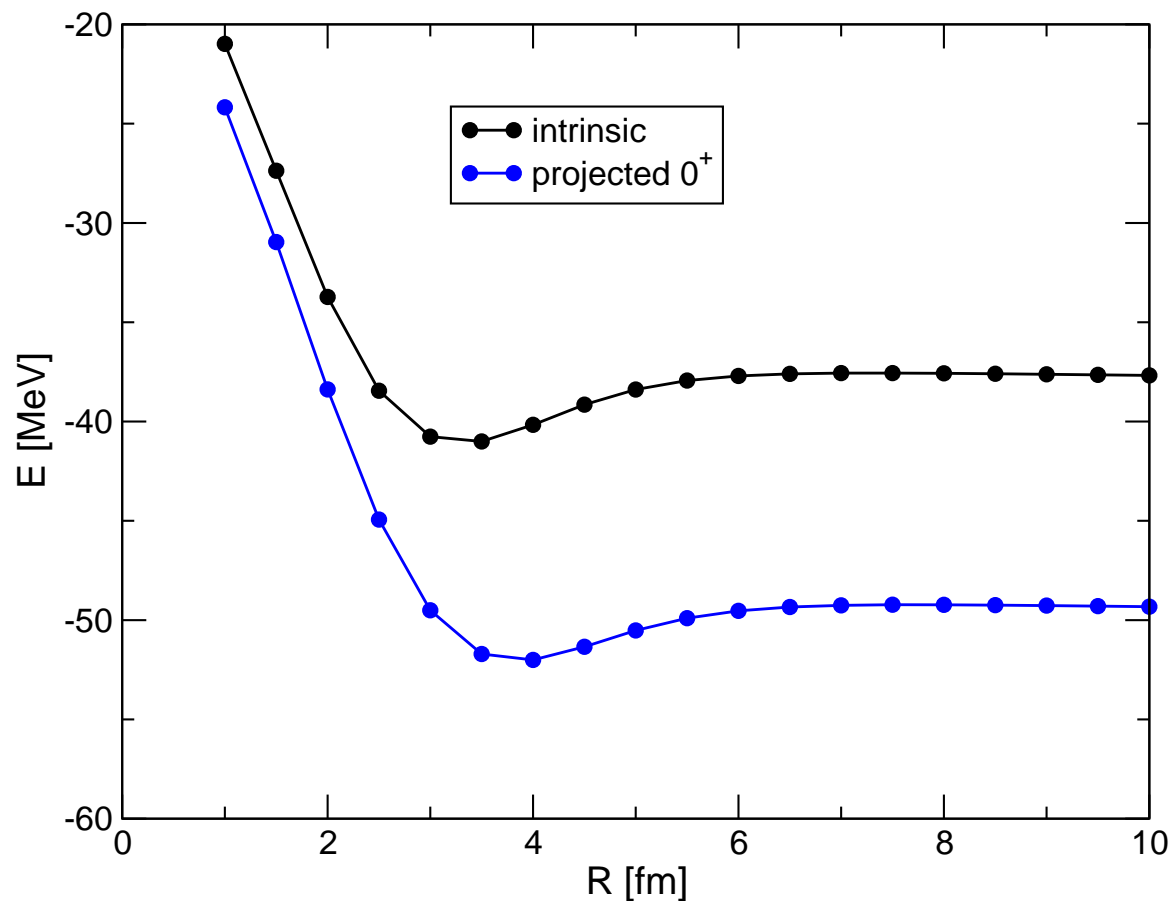
- diagonalize** Hamiltonian in set of projected intrinsic states

$$\left\{ |Q^{(a)}\rangle, \quad a = 1, \dots, N \right\}$$

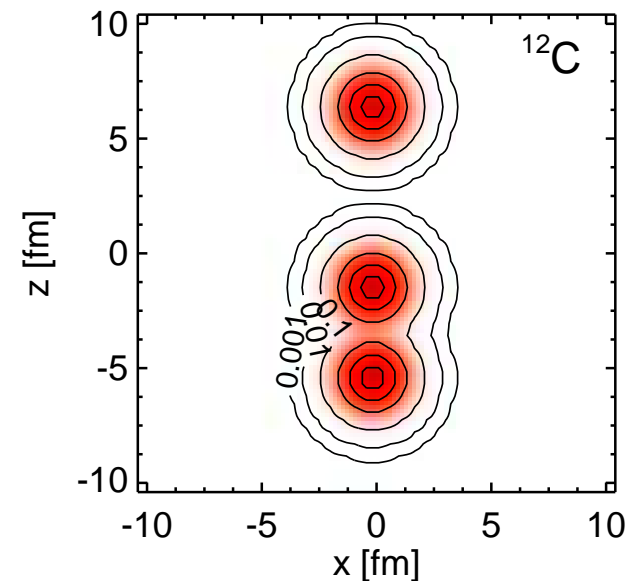
$$\sum_{K'b} \langle Q^{(a)} | \tilde{H} \tilde{P}_{KK'}^{J^\pi} \tilde{P}^{\mathbf{P}=0} | Q^{(b)} \rangle \cdot c_{K'b}^\alpha = E^{J^\pi \alpha} \sum_{K'b} \langle Q^{(a)} | \tilde{P}_{KK'}^{J^\pi} \tilde{P}^{\mathbf{P}=0} | Q^{(b)} \rangle \cdot c_{K'b}^\alpha$$

PAV and VAP

${}^4\text{He}-{}^4\text{He}$



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$$E_{\text{intr}} = -49.39 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_{\text{proj}} = -61.31 \text{ MeV}$$

- angular momentum projection lowers kinetic energy by delocalizing clusters
- correlation energies can be very significant

${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ radiative capture

one of the key reactions in the solar pp-chains



Effective Nucleon-Nucleon interaction:

UCOM(SRG) $\alpha = 0.20 \text{ fm}^4 - \lambda \approx 1.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

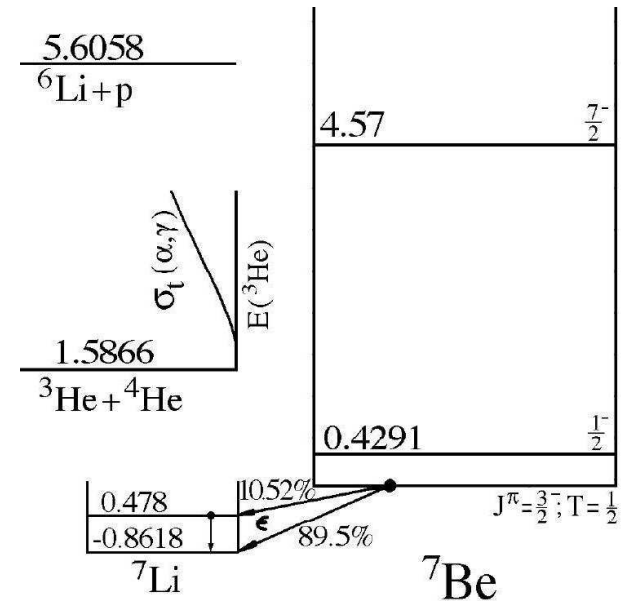
Many-Body Approach:

Fermionic Molecular Dynamics

- Internal region: VAP configurations with radius constraint
- External region: Brink-type cluster configurations
- Matching to Coulomb solutions: Microscopic R -matrix method

Results:

- ${}^7\text{Be}$ bound and scattering states
- Astrophysical S -factor



• Theoretical Approaches

Potential models (Kim *et al.* 1982, Mohr 2009, ...)

- ${}^4\text{He}$ and ${}^3\text{He}$ are considered as point-like particles
- interacting via an effective nucleus-nucleus potential fitted to bound state properties and phase shifts
- ANCs calculated from *ab initio* wave functions (Nollett 2001, Navratil *et al.* 2007)

Microscopic Cluster Model (Tang *et al.* 1981, Langanke 1986, Kajino 1986 ...)

- antisymmetrized wave function built with ${}^4\text{He}$ and ${}^3\text{He}$ clusters
- some attempts to include polarization effects by adding other channels like ${}^6\text{Li}$ plus proton
- interacting via an effective nucleon-nucleon potential, adjusted to describe bound state properties and phase shifts

Our Aim

- fully microscopic wave functions with cluster configurations at large distances and additional polarized *A*-body configurations in the interaction region
- using a realistic effective interaction

${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$

FMD model space

Frozen configurations

- antisymmetrized wave function built with ${}^4\text{He}$ and ${}^3\text{He}$ FMD clusters up to channel radius $a=12$ fm

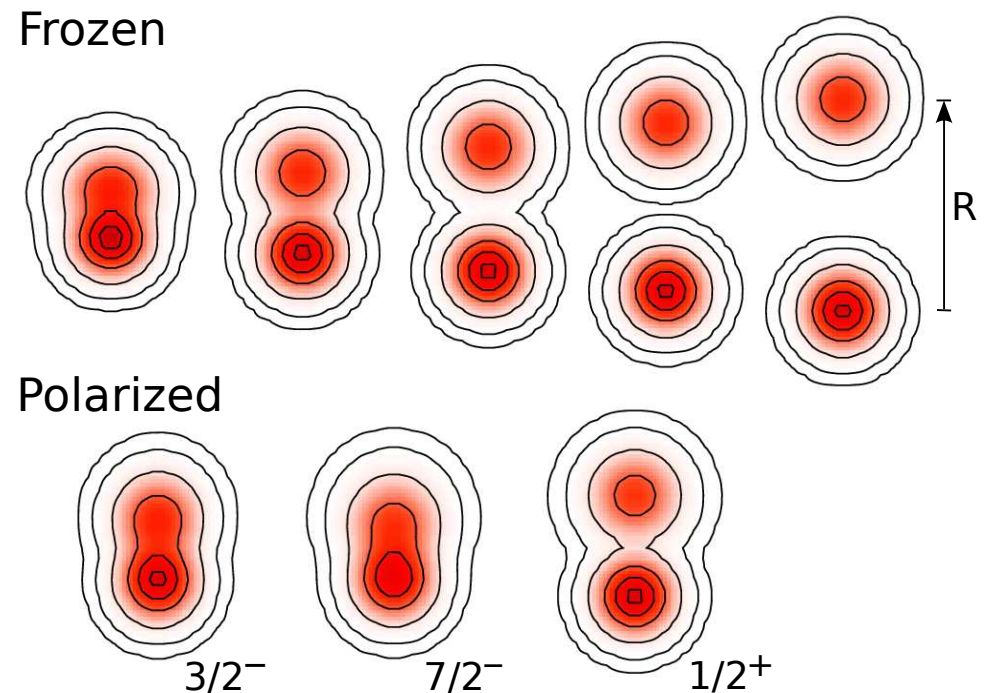
Polarized configurations

- FMD wave functions obtained by VAP on $1/2^-$, $3/2^-$, $5/2^-$, $7/2^-$ and $1/2^+$, $3/2^+$ and $5/2^+$ combined with radius constraint in the interaction region

Boundary conditions

- Match relative motion of clusters at channel radius to Whittaker/Coulomb functions with the **microscopic R-matrix** method of the Brussels group

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Slater determinants and RGM wave functions

- Divide model space into internal and external region at channel radius a
- In internal region wave function is described microscopically with FMD Slater determinants
- In external region wave function is considered as a system of two point-like clusters
- (Microscopic) cluster wave function – Slater determinant

$$|Q^{ab}(\mathbf{R})\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_{ab}}} \mathcal{A} \left\{ |Q^a(-\frac{m_b}{m_a+m_b}\mathbf{R})\rangle \otimes |Q^b(\frac{m_a}{m_a+m_b}\mathbf{R})\rangle \right\}$$

- Projection on total linear momentum decouples intrinsic motion, relative motion of clusters and total center-of-mass

$$|Q^{ab}(\mathbf{R}); \mathbf{P} = 0\rangle = \int d^3r \tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}) |\Phi^{ab}(\mathbf{r})\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{P}_{cm} = 0\rangle$$

using RGM basis states

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\rho}, \xi_a, \xi_b | \Phi^{ab}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_{ab}}} \mathcal{A} \left\{ \delta(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \mathbf{r}) \Phi^a(\xi_a) \Phi^b(\xi_b) \right\}$$

RGM norm kernel

$$n^{ab}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \langle \Phi^{ab}(\mathbf{r}) | \Phi^{ab}(\mathbf{r}') \rangle$$

Slater determinants and RGM wave functions

- Relative motion in Slater determinant described by Gaussian

$$\tilde{\Gamma}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}) = \left(\frac{\beta_{\text{rel}}}{\pi^2 a_{\text{rel}}} \right)^{3/4} \exp \left(-\frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})^2}{2a_{\text{rel}}} \right)$$

with

$$a_{\text{rel}} = \frac{a_a A_b + a_b A_a}{A_a A_b}, \quad \beta_{\text{rel}} = \frac{a_a a_b}{a_a A_b + a_b A_a}$$

- Overlap of full wave function with RGM cluster basis

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \int d^3 r' n^{1/2}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \langle \Phi(\mathbf{r}') | \Psi \rangle$$

- Match asymptotics to Whittaker or Coulomb functions

$$\psi_b(r) = A \frac{1}{r} W_{-\eta, L+1/2}(2\kappa r)$$

$$\psi_{\text{scatt}}(r) = \frac{1}{r} \{ I_L(\eta, \kappa r) - e^{2i\delta} O_L(\eta, \kappa r) \}$$

with

$$\kappa = \sqrt{-2\mu E_b}, \quad k = \sqrt{2\mu E}, \quad \eta = \mu \frac{Z_a Z_b e^2}{k}$$

• p -wave Bound and Scattering States

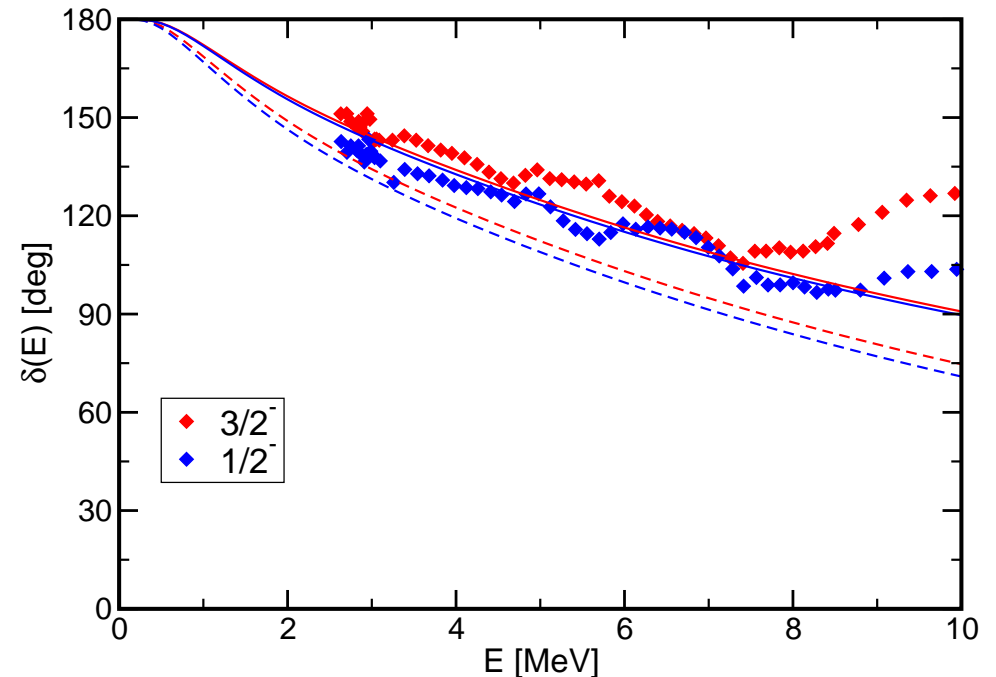
Bound states

		Experiment	FMD
${}^7\text{Be}$	$E_{3/2-}$	-1.59 MeV	-1.49 MeV
	$E_{1/2-}$	-1.15 MeV	-1.31 MeV
	r_{ch}	2.647(17) fm	2.67 fm
	Q	-	-6.83 e fm ²
${}^7\text{Li}$	$E_{3/2-}$	-2.467 MeV	-2.39 MeV
	$E_{1/2-}$	-1.989 MeV	-2.17 MeV
	r_{ch}	2.444(43) fm	2.46 fm
	Q	-4.00(3) e fm ²	-3.91 e fm ²

- centroid of bound state energies well described if polarized configurations included
- tail of wave functions tested by charge radii and quadrupole moments

Phase shift analysis:

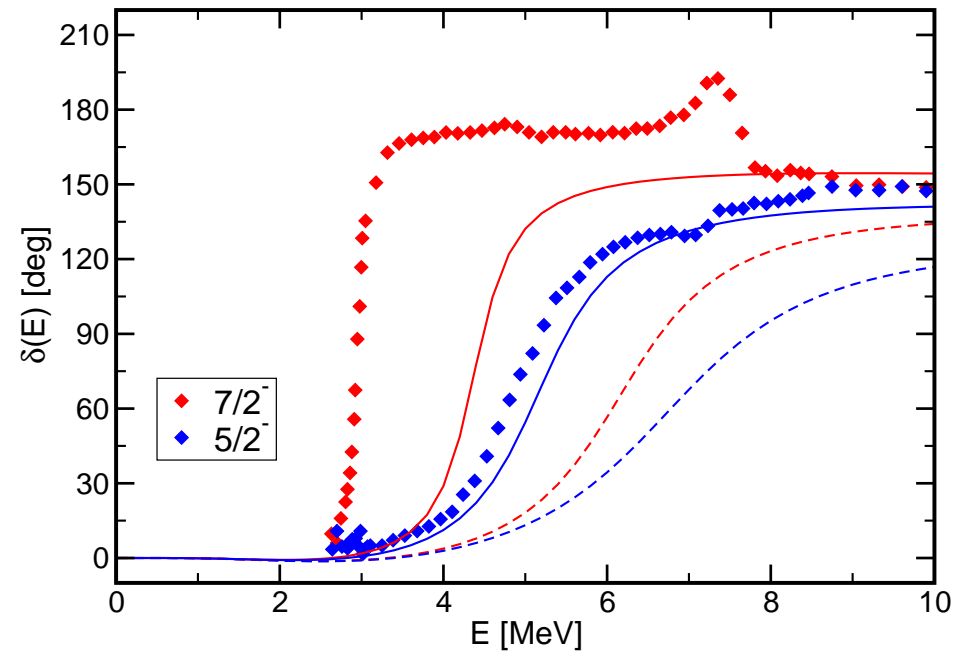
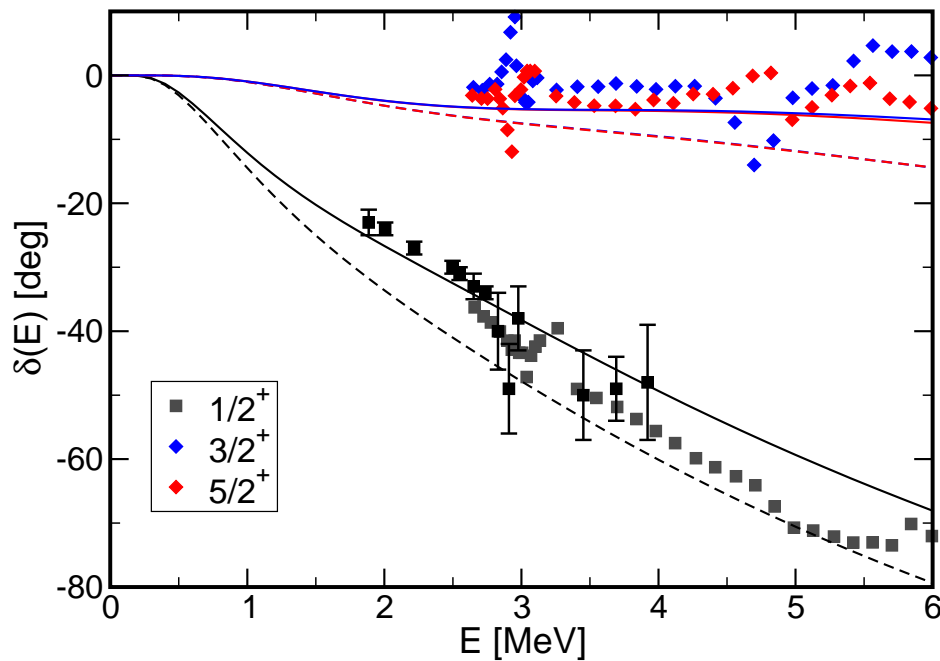
Spiger and Tombrello, PR **163**, 964 (1967)



dashed lines – frozen configurations only
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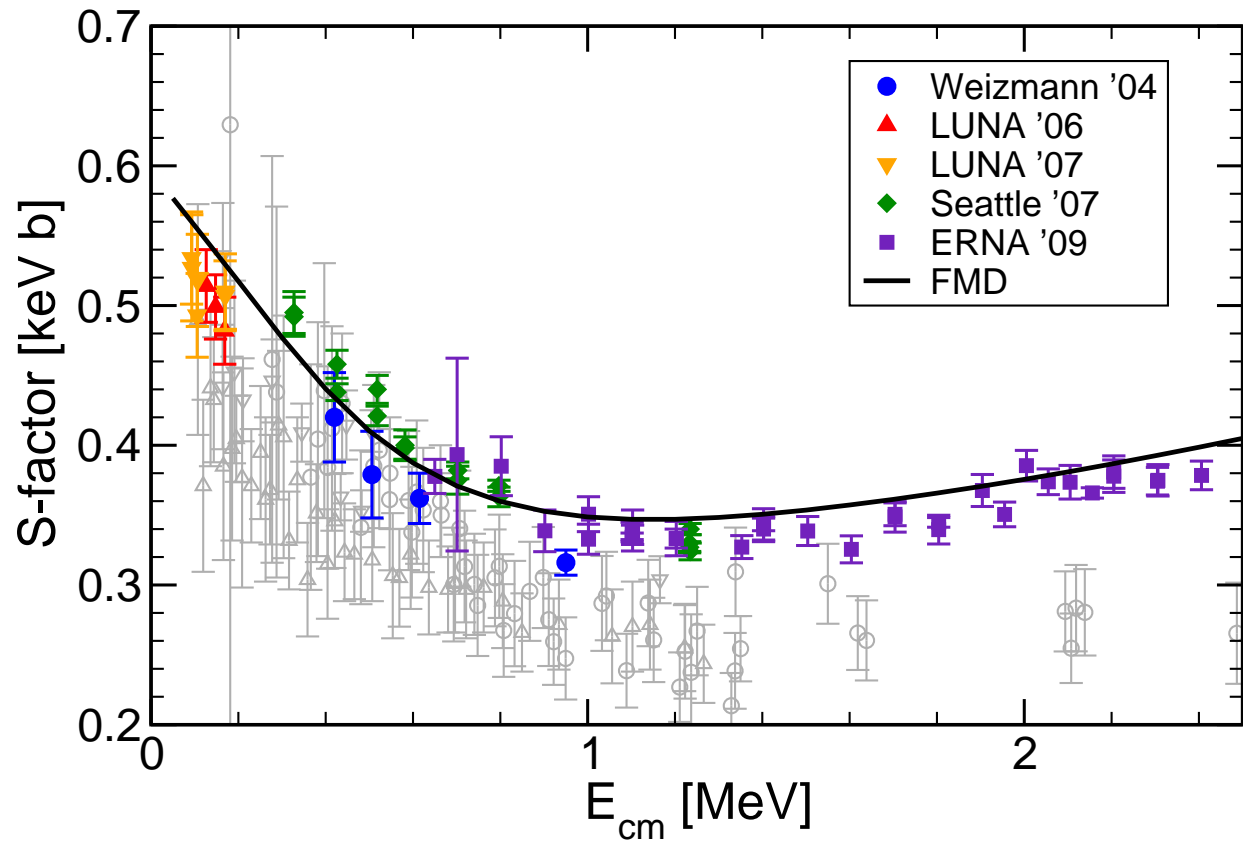
- Scattering phase shifts well described, polarization effects important

- ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$
- s -, d - and f -wave Scattering States



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- polarization effects important
- s - and d -wave scattering phase shifts well described
- $7/2^-$ resonance too high, $5/2^-$ resonance roughly right, consistent with no-core shell model calculations



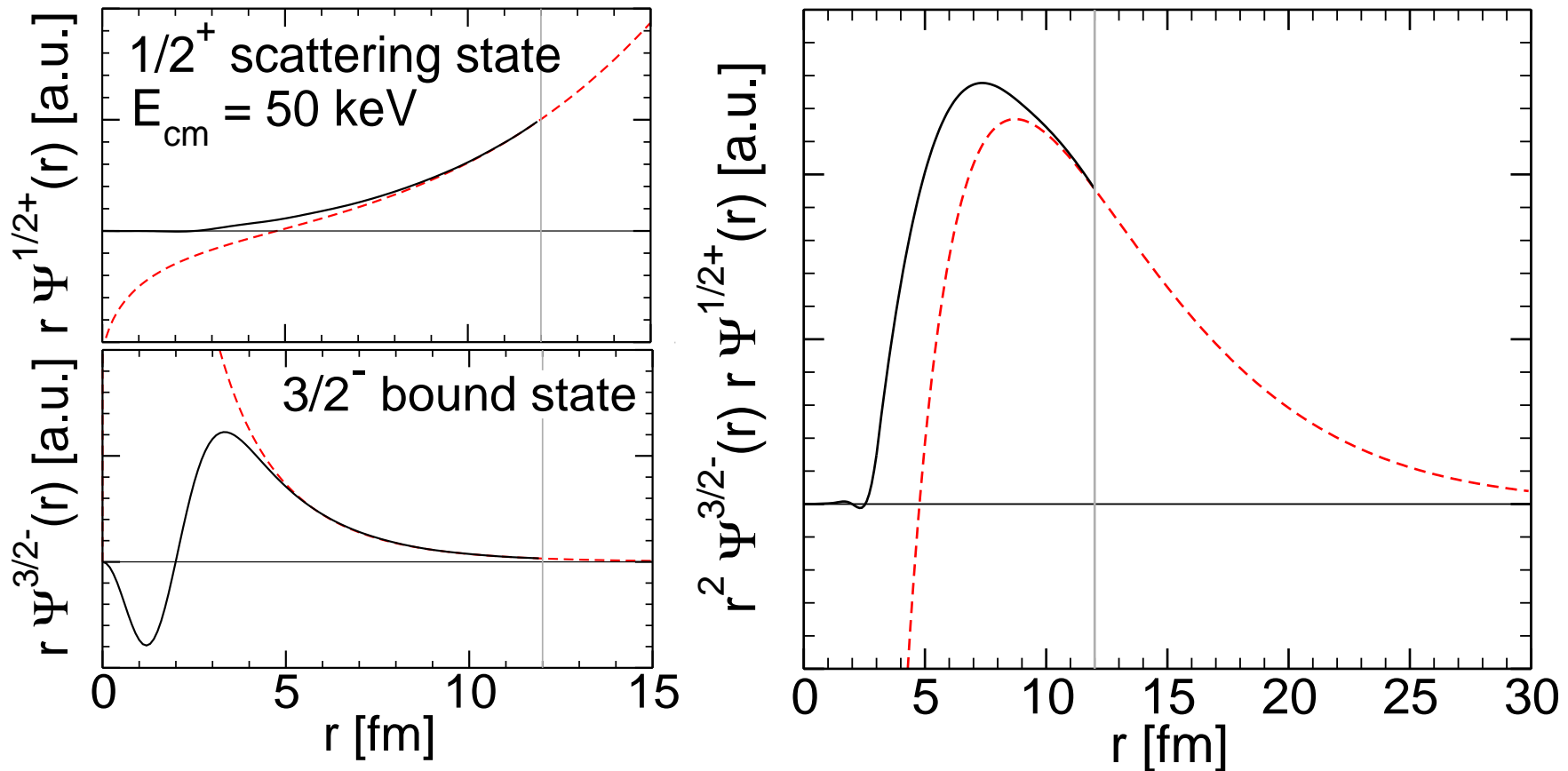
S-factor:

$$S(E) = \sigma(E)E \exp\{2\pi\eta\}$$
$$\eta = \frac{\mu Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{k}$$

Nara Singh *et al.*, PRL **93**, 262503 (2004)
Bemmerer *et al.*, PRL **97**, 122502 (2006)
Confortola *et al.*, PRC **75**, 065803 (2007)
Brown *et al.*, PRC **76**, 055801 (2007)
Di Leva *et al.*, PRL **102**, 232502 (2009)

- dipole transitions from $1/2^+$, $3/2^+$, $5/2^+$ scattering states into $3/2^-$, $1/2^-$ bound states
- FMD is the only model that describes well the energy dependence and normalization of new high quality data
- fully microscopic calculation, bound and scattering states are described consistently

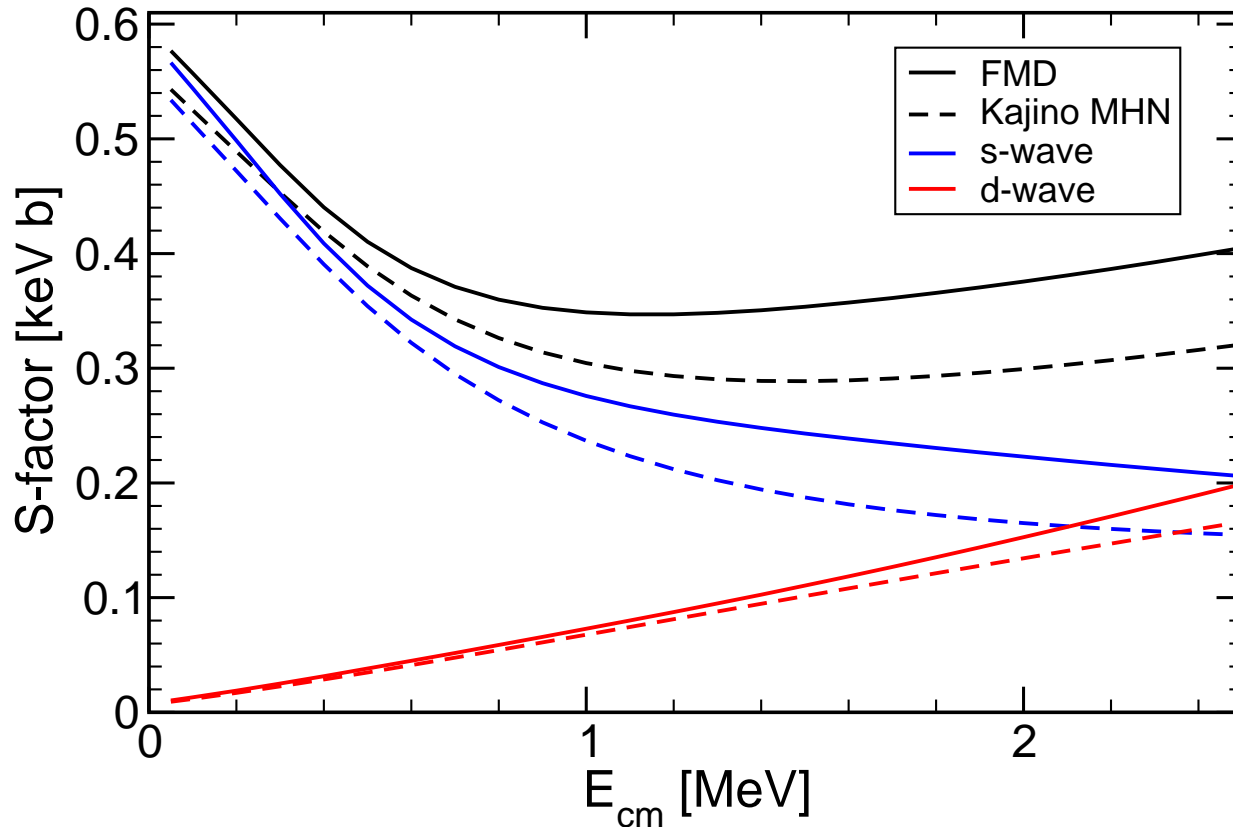
Overlap Functions and Dipole Matrixelements



- Overlap functions from projection on RGM-cluster states
- Coulomb and Whittaker functions matched at channel radius $a=12$ fm
- Dipole matrix elements calculated from overlap functions reproduce full calculation within 2%
- cross section depends significantly on internal part of wave function, description as an “external” capture is too simplified

${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$

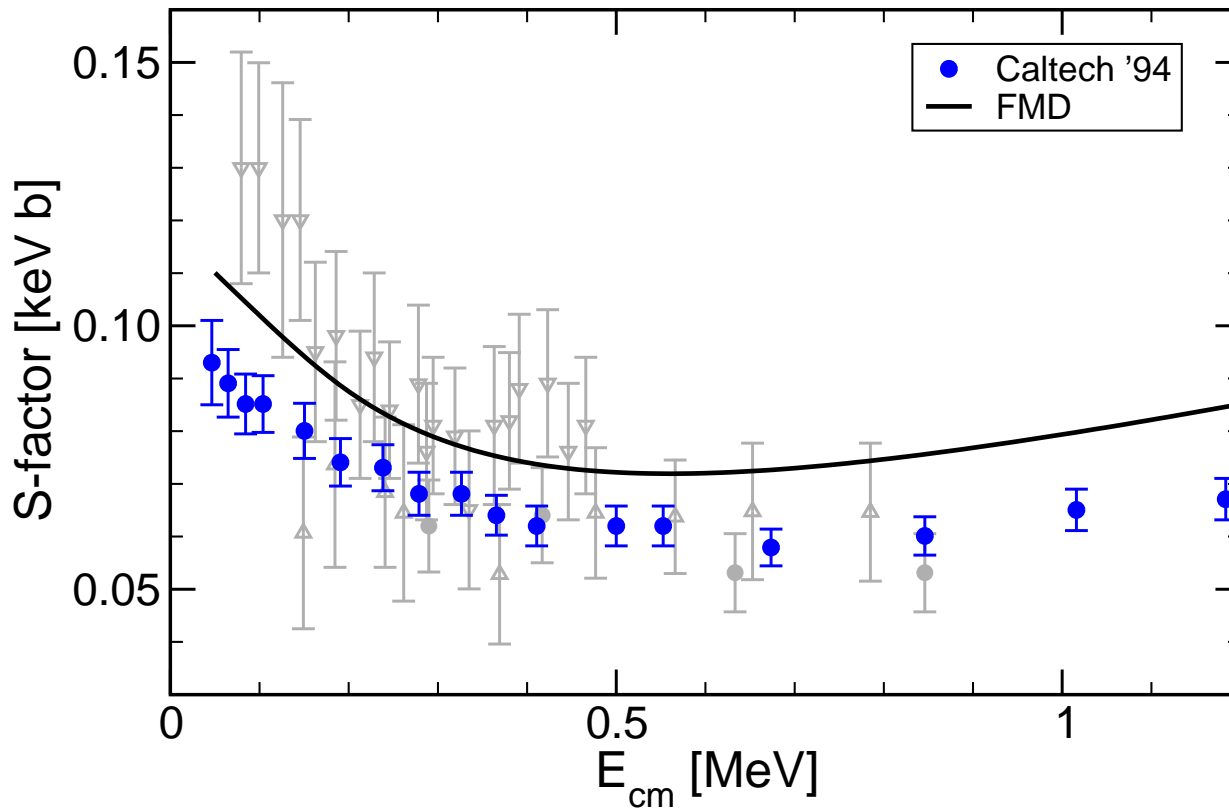
Energy dependence of the S-Factor



- low-energy S -factor dominated by s -wave capture
- at 2.5 MeV equal contributions of s - and d -wave capture
- FMD results differ from Kajino results mainly with respect to s -wave capture
- related to short-range part of wave functions ?

${}^3\text{H}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Li}$

S-Factor



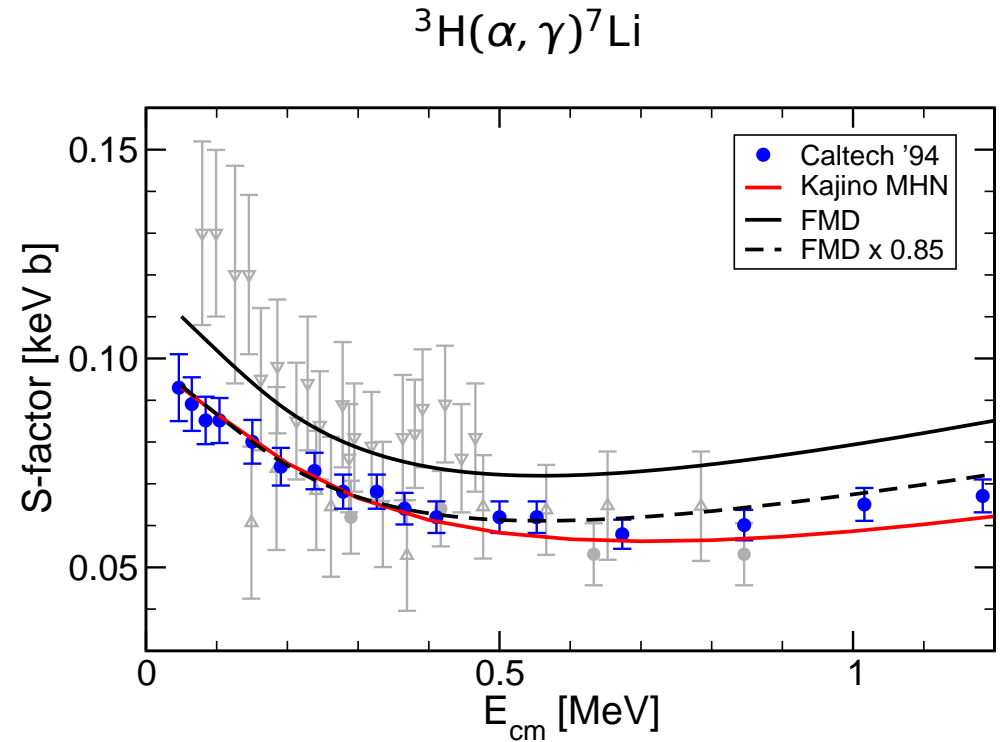
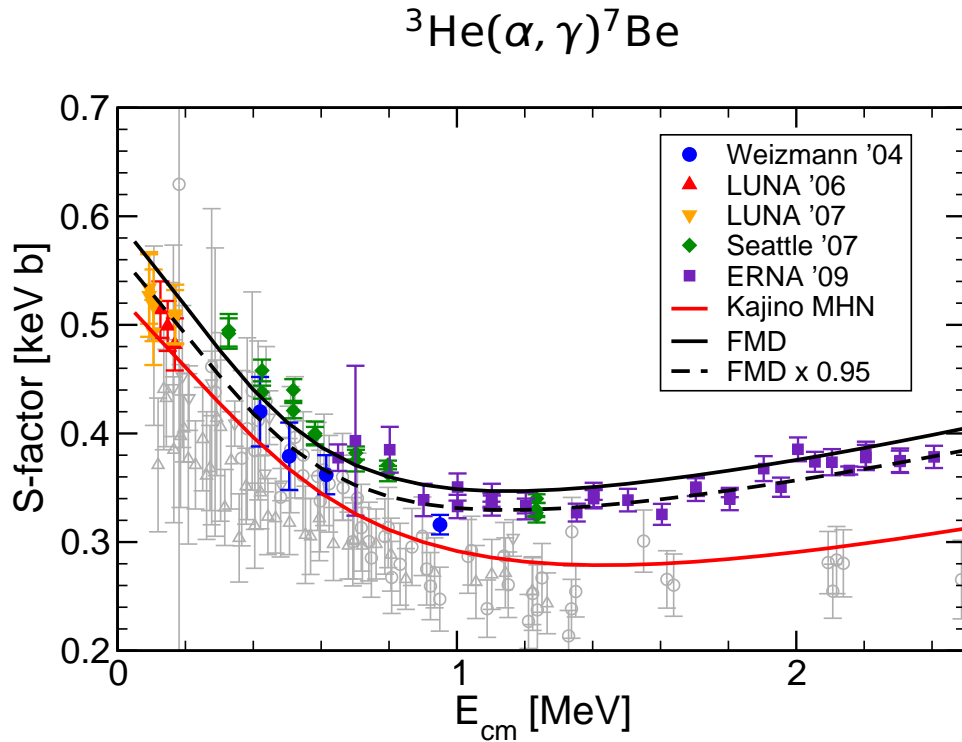
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Brune *et al.*, PRC **50**, 2205 (1994)

- isospin mirror reaction of ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$
- ${}^7\text{Li}$ bound state properties and phase shifts well described
- ➔ FMD calculation describes energy dependence of Brune *et al.* data but cross section is larger by about 15%

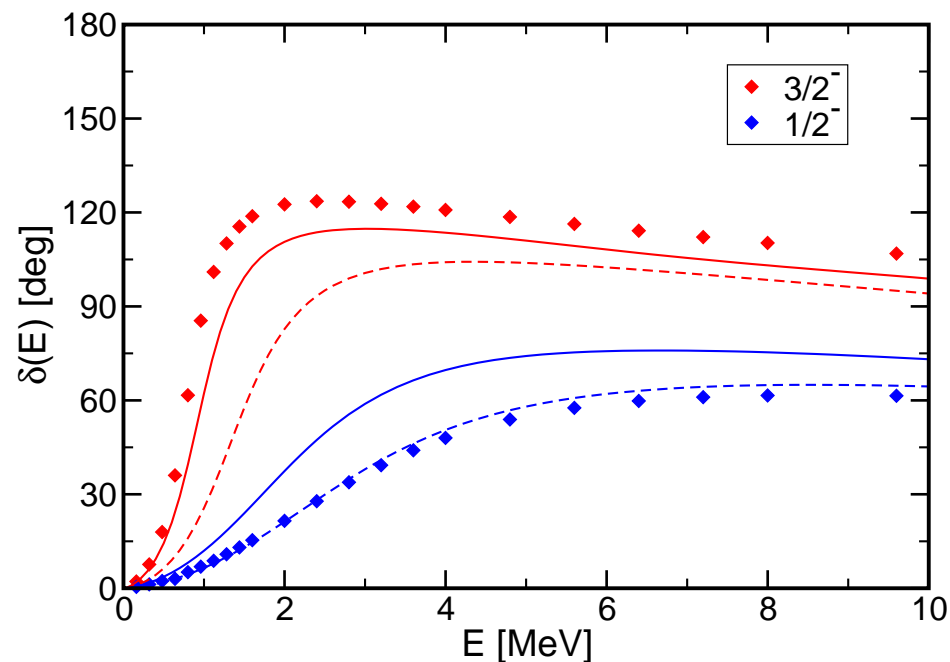
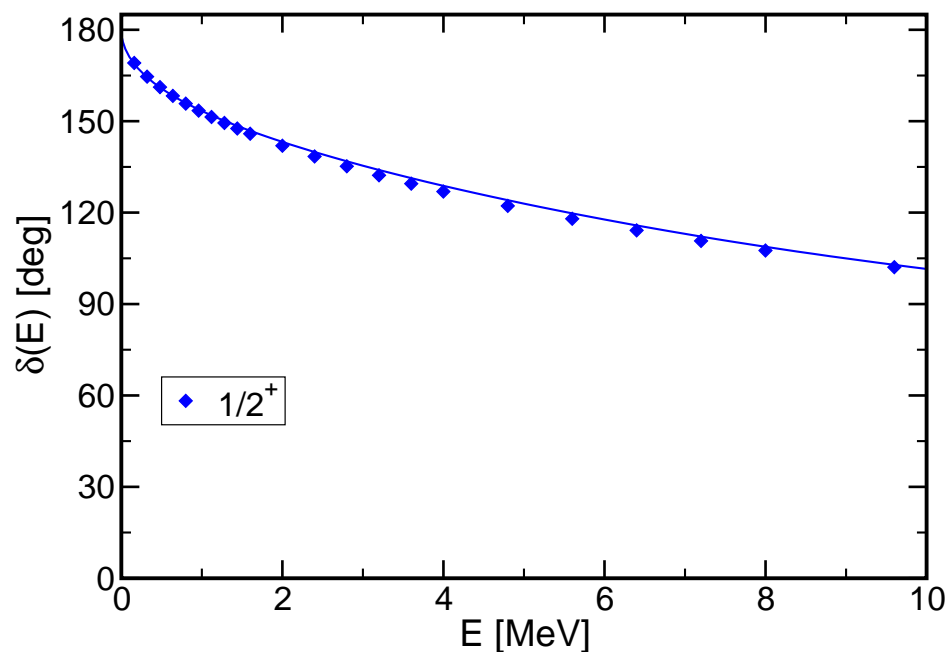
$^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Be}$ and $^3\text{H}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Li}$ S-Factors consistent ?



- FMD calculation agrees with normalization and energy dependence of $^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Be}$ data
- FMD calculation agrees with energy dependence but not normalization of $^3\text{H}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Li}$ data
- similar inconsistency observed in other models

$^4\text{He}-n$ scattering

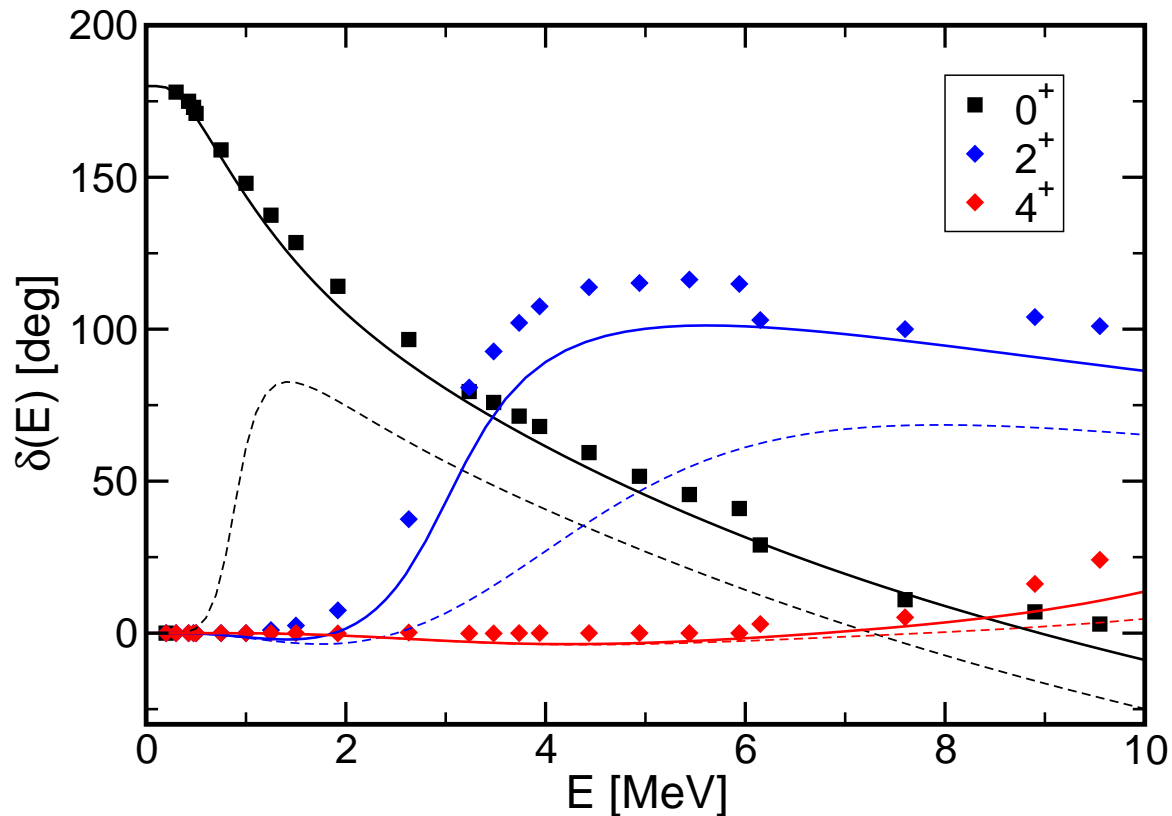
Phase shift analysis: Bond and Kirk, Nucl. Phys. **A287**, 317 (1977)



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- UCOM(SRG) interaction
- FMD VAP ($1/2^+$, $3/2^-$, $1/2^-$) plus radius constraint configurations in interaction region
- polarization effects very small in S -wave scattering
- splitting between $3/2^-$ and $1/2^-$ states too small – consistent with GFMC (two-body interaction only) and NCSM results

$^4\text{He}-^4\text{He}$ scattering



- UCOM(SRG) interaction
- FMD VAP (0^+ , 2^+ , 4^+) plus radius constraint configurations in interaction region
- ➔ polarization effects shift S - and D -wave resonances by about 1 MeV

Summary

Unitary Correlation Operator Method

- Explicit description of short-range central and tensor correlations
- Realistic low-momentum interaction V_{UCOM}
- NCSM calculations with UCOM

Fermionic Molecular Dynamics

- Microscopic many-body approach using Gaussian wave-packets
- Projection and multiconfiguration mixing

${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ Radiative Capture

- Bound states, resonance and scattering wave functions
- S-Factor: energy dependence and normalization
- Analyzed in terms of overlap functions
- Inconsistency of ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$ and ${}^3\text{H}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Li}$ data ?

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