

# Structure of light nuclei with continuum within an *ab initio* framework

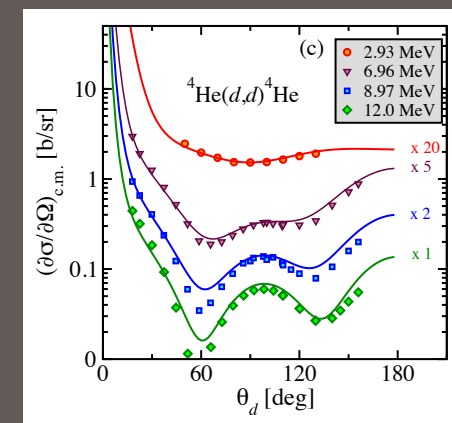
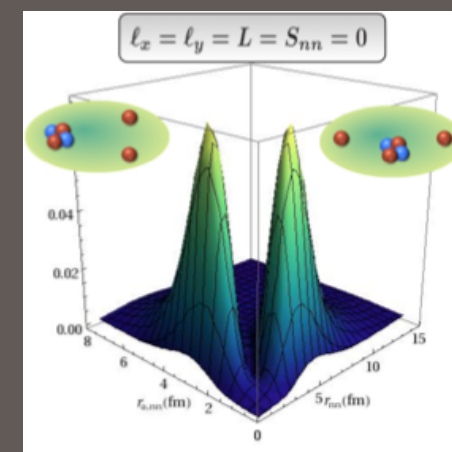
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Nuclear Structure and Reactions: Weak, Strange and Exotic

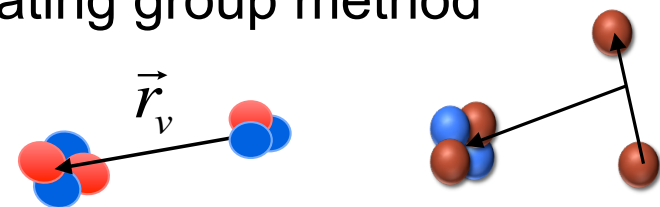
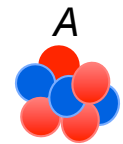
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- What is meant by *ab initio* in nuclear physics
- Chiral nuclear forces
- Bound-state calculations: No-core shell model (NCSM)
  - Including the continuum with the resonating group method
    - NCSM/RGM
    - NCSM with continuum
- Outlook



# What is meant by *ab initio* in nuclear physics?

- **First principles for Nuclear Physics:**

- QCD**

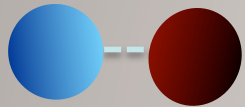
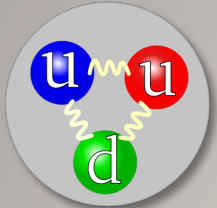
- Non-perturbative at low energies
    - Lattice QCD in the future

- **Degrees of freedom: NUCLEONS**

- Nuclei made of nucleons
  - Interacting by nucleon-nucleon and three-nucleon potentials

- *Ab initio*
  - ✧ All nucleons are active
  - ✧ Exact Pauli principle
  - ✧ Realistic inter-nucleon interactions
    - ✧ Accurate description of NN (and 3N) data
  - ✧ Controllable approximations

# From QCD to nuclei

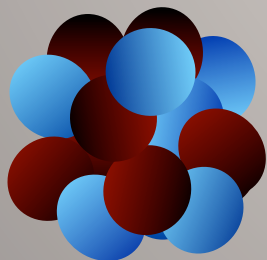


Low-energy QCD



NN+3N interactions  
from chiral EFT

...or accurate  
meson-exchange  
potentials



Nuclear structure and reactions



# Chiral Effective Field Theory

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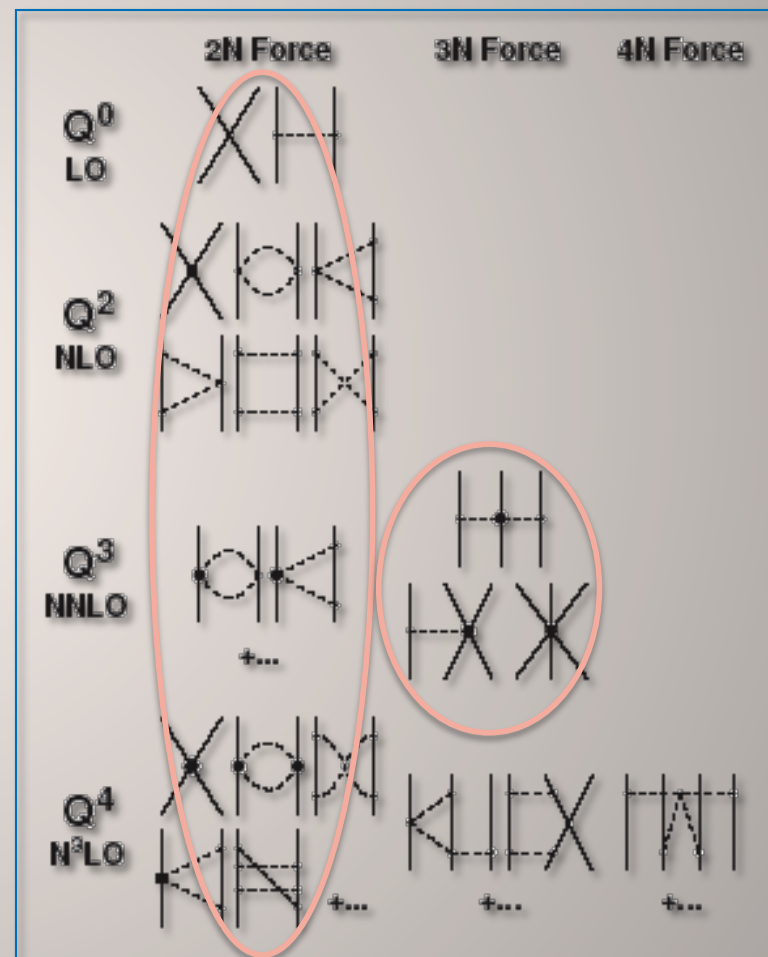
- **QCD**

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- ***For now a good place to start:***

- **Inter-nucleon forces from chiral effective field theory**

- Based on the symmetries of QCD
    - Chiral symmetry of QCD ( $m_u \approx m_d \approx 0$ ), spontaneously broken with pion as the Goldstone boson
    - Degrees of freedom: nucleons + pions
  - Systematic low-momentum expansion to a given order ( $Q/\Lambda_\chi$ )
  - Hierarchy
  - Consistency
  - Low energy constants (LEC)
    - Fitted to data
    - Can be calculated by lattice QCD



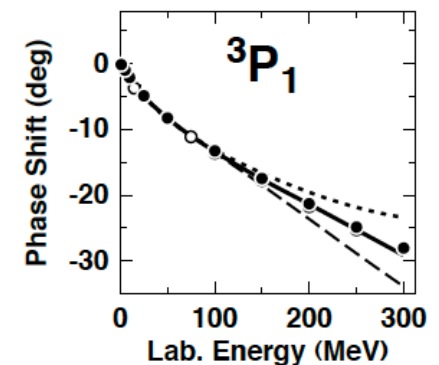
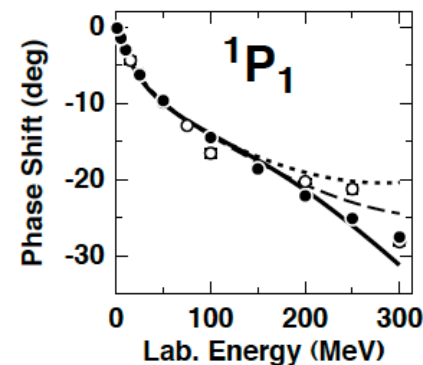
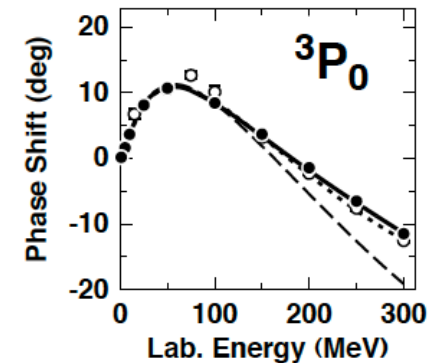
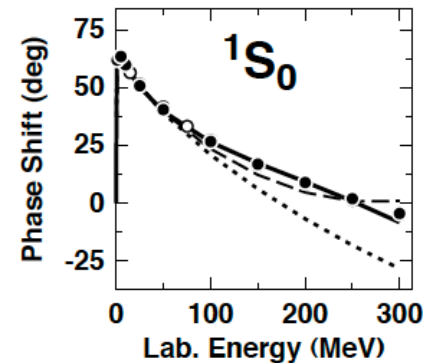
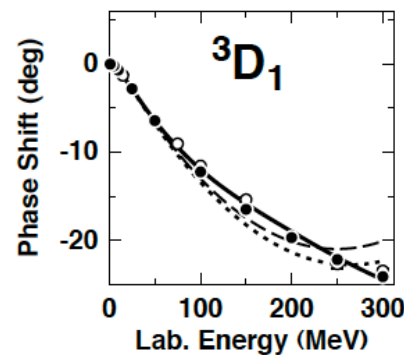
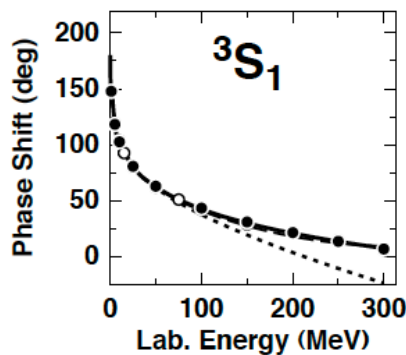
$\Lambda_\chi \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  :  
Chiral symmetry breaking scale

# The NN interaction from chiral EFT

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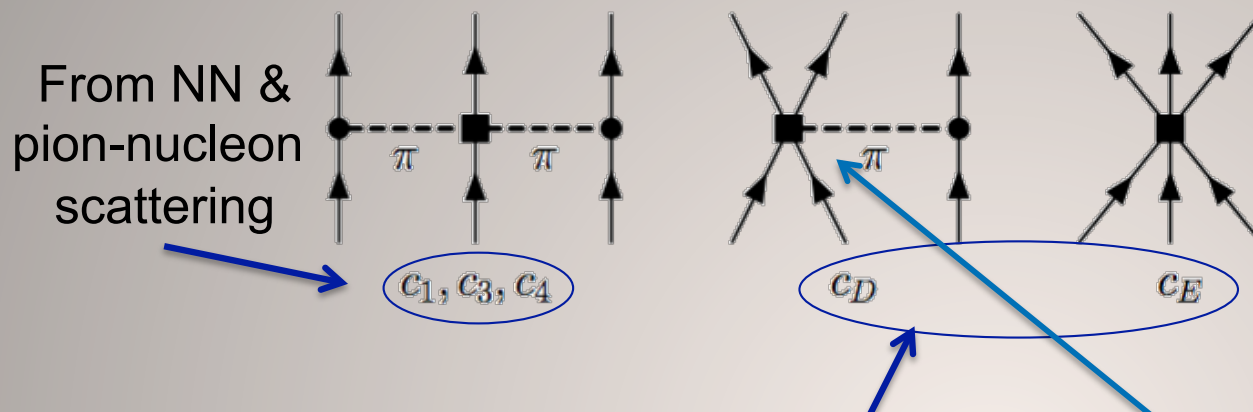
## Accurate charge-dependent nucleon-nucleon potential at fourth order of chiral perturbation theory

D. R. Entem<sup>1,2,\*</sup> and R. Machleidt<sup>1,†</sup>

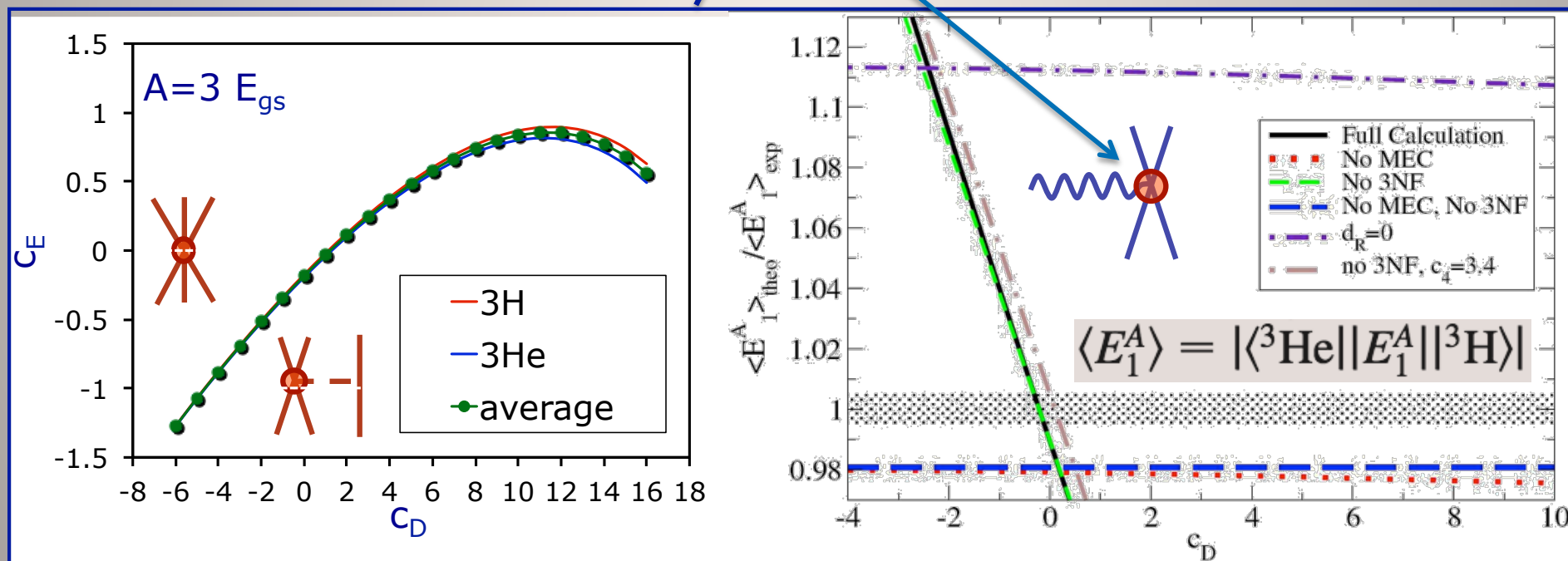


- 24 LECs fitted to the  $np$  scattering data and the deuteron properties
  - Including  $c_i$  LECs ( $i=1-4$ ) from pion-nucleon Lagrangian

# Leading terms of the chiral NNN force

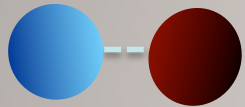
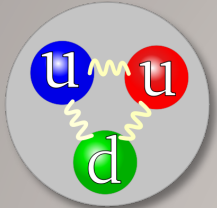


Chiral EFT provides a link between the medium-range ( $c_D$  term) NNN force and the meson-exchange current appearing in nuclear beta decay



NNN parameters determined from the  ${}^3\text{H}$  binding energy and half life

# From QCD to nuclei

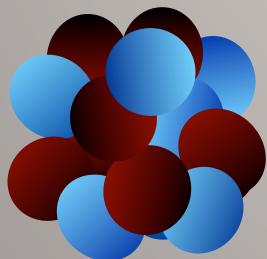


Low-energy QCD

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...or accurate  
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$$H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$



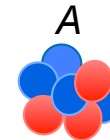
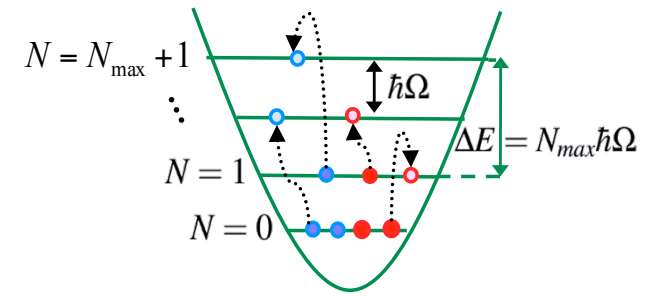
Many-Body methods

NCSM, NCSM/RGM,  
NCSMC, CCM, GFMC,  
HH, Nuclear Lattice  
EFT...

Nuclear structure and reactions

# No-core shell model

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  - $A$ -nucleon wave function expansion in the harmonic-oscillator (HO) basis
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  - Bound-states, narrow resonances

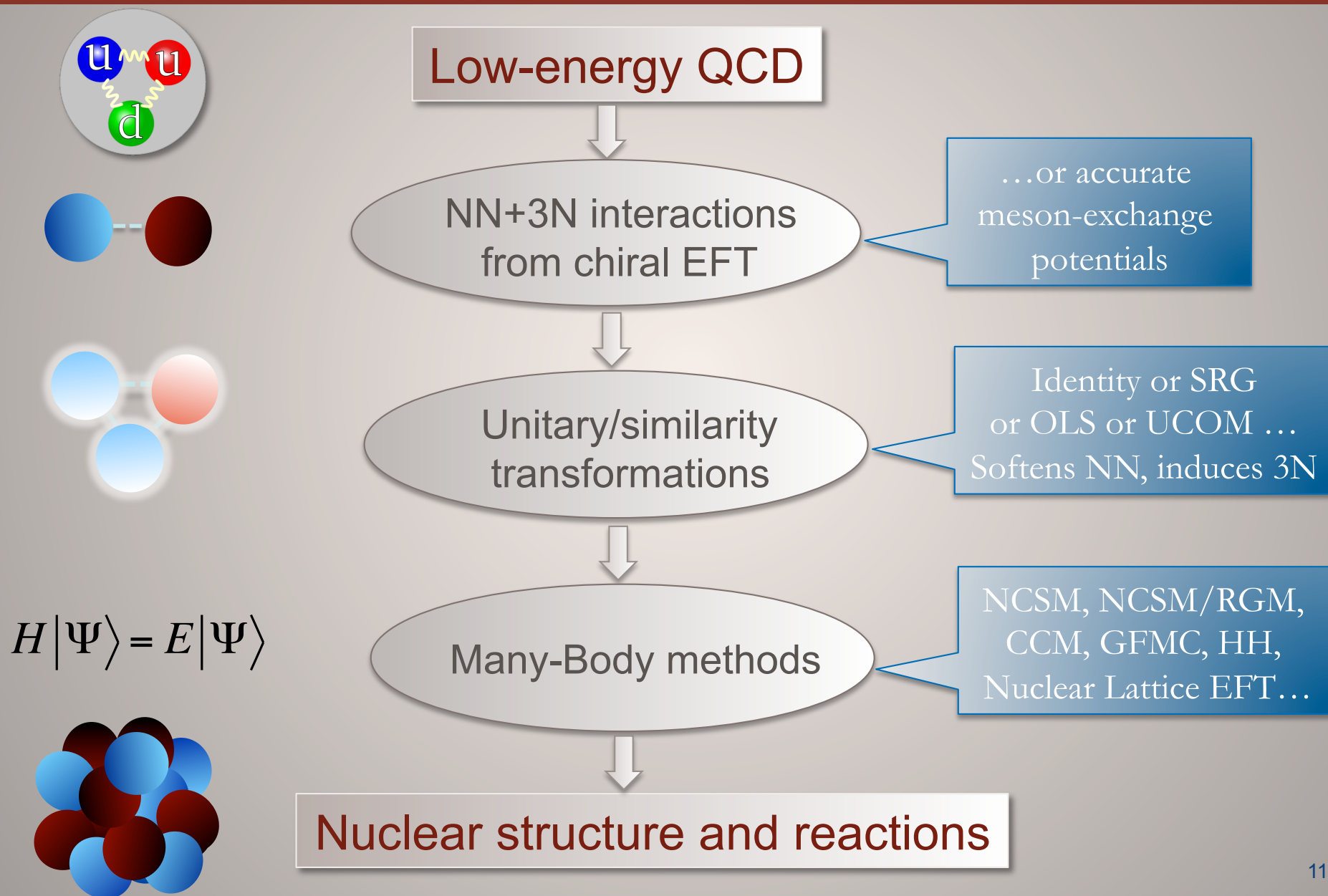


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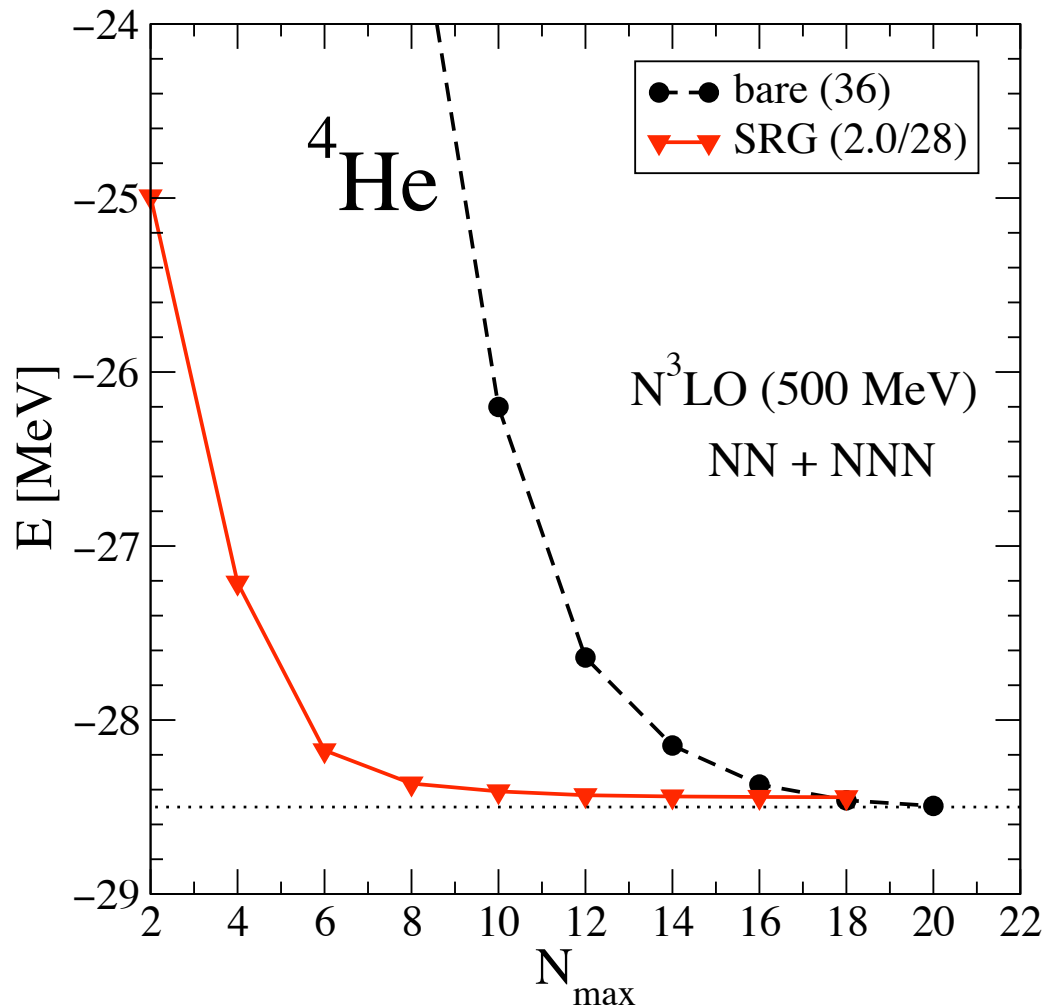
Unknowns

# From QCD to nuclei





# Calculations with chiral 3N: SRG renormalization needed



## Chiral $N^3\text{LO}$ NN plus $N^2\text{LO}$ NNN potential

- Bare interaction (black line)
  - Strong short-range correlations
    - Large basis needed
- SRG evolved effective interaction (red line)
  - Unitary transformation

$$H_\alpha = U_\alpha H U_\alpha^\dagger \Rightarrow \frac{dH_\alpha}{d\alpha} = [[T, H_\alpha], H_\alpha] \quad (\alpha = 1/\lambda^4)$$

- Two- plus *three*-body components, *four*-body omitted
- Softens the interaction
  - Smaller basis sufficient

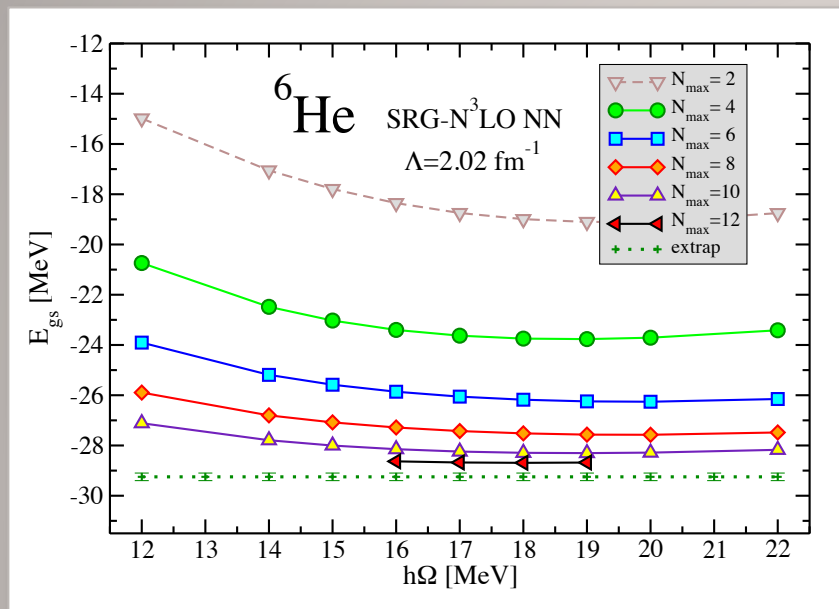
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Evolution of Nuclear Many-Body Forces with the Similarity Renormalization Group

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A=3 binding energy and half life constraint  
 $c_D = -0.2$ ,  $c_E = -0.205$ ,  $\Lambda = 500$  MeV

# NCSM calculations of ${}^6\text{He}$ g.s. energy



Dependence on:

Basis size  $- N_{\text{max}}$

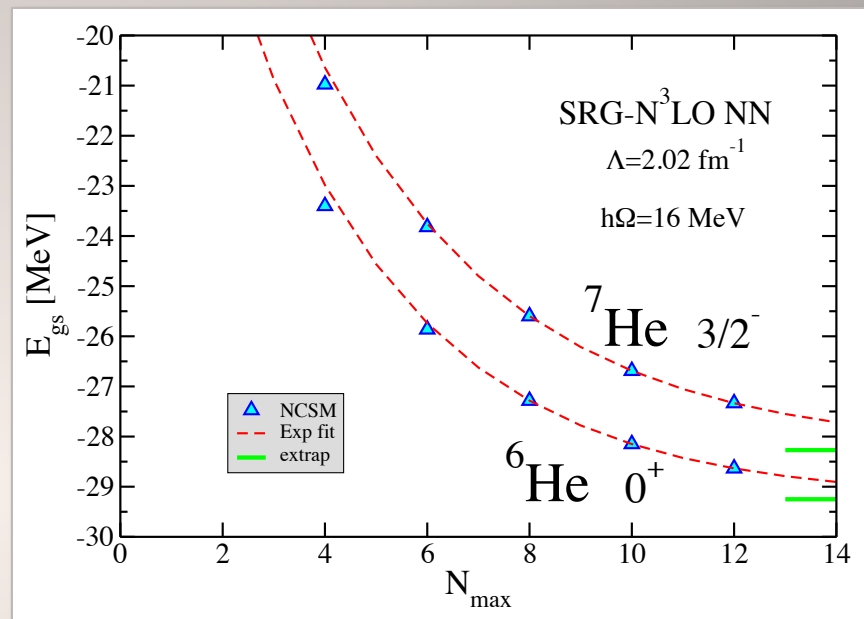
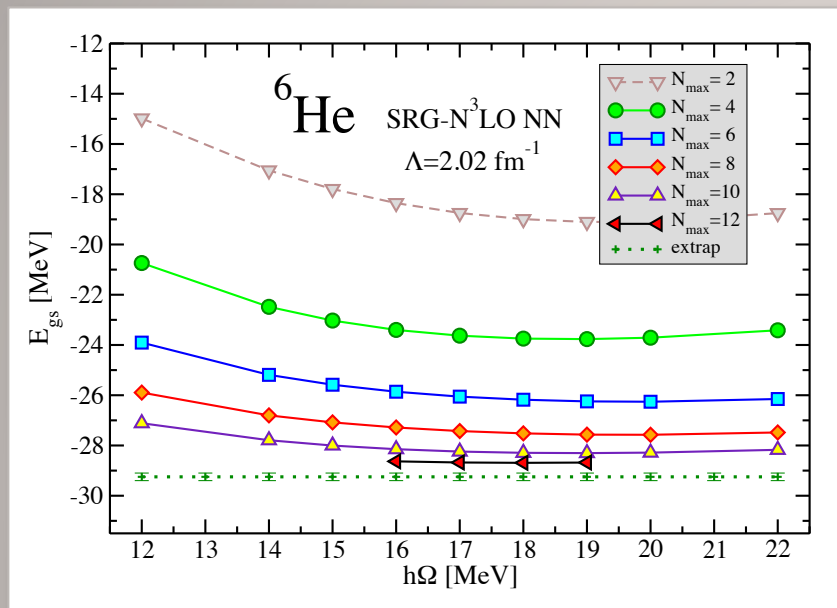
HO frequency  $- h\Omega$

- Soft SRG evolved NN potential
- ✓  $N_{\text{max}}$  convergence OK
- ✓ Extrapolation feasible

$E_{\text{g.s.}}$ [MeV]	${}^4\text{He}$	${}^6\text{He}$
NCSM $N_{\text{max}}=12$	-28.05	-28.63
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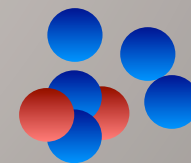
# NCSM calculations of ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^7\text{He}$ g.s. energies



- Soft SRG evolved NN potential
- ✓  $N_{\text{max}}$  convergence OK
- ✓ Extrapolation feasible

$E_{\text{g.s.}}$ [MeV]	${}^4\text{He}$	${}^6\text{He}$	${}^7\text{He}$
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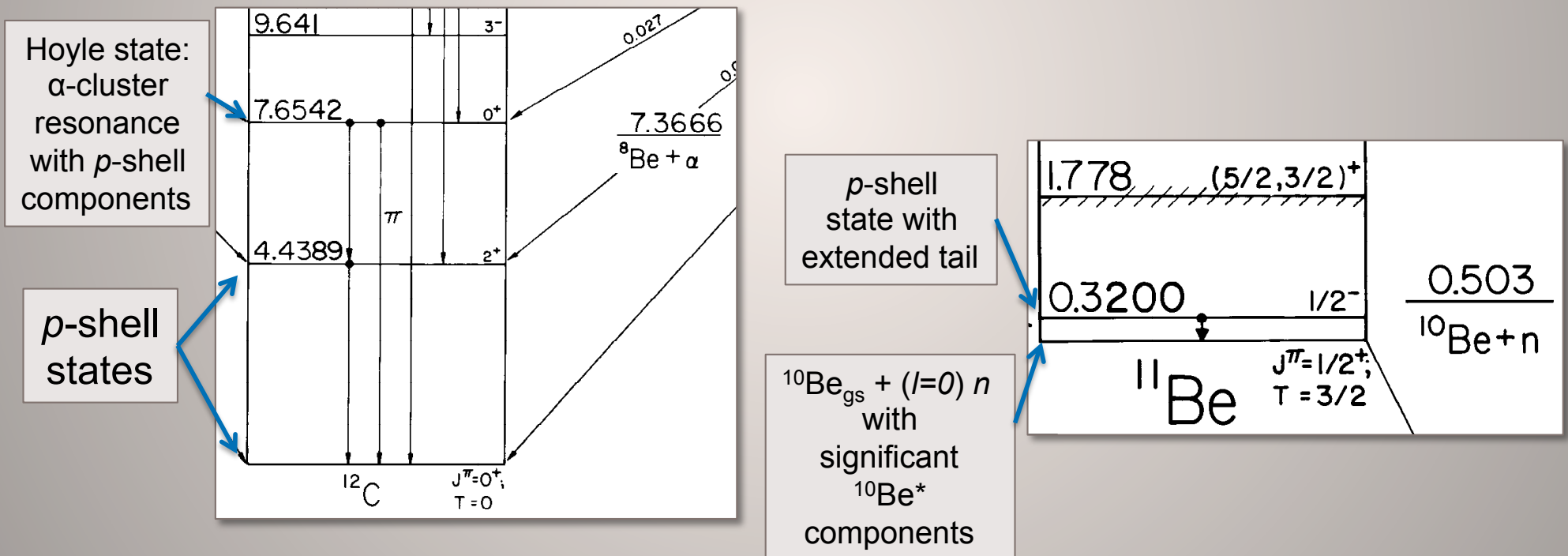
- ${}^7\text{He}$  unbound
  - Expt.  $E_{\text{th}}=+0.430(3) \text{ MeV}$ : NCSM  $E_{\text{th}} \approx +1 \text{ MeV}$
  - Expt. width  $0.182(5) \text{ MeV}$ : **NCSM no information about the width**



${}^7\text{He}$  unbound


# Light & medium mass nuclei from first principles

- Nuclear **structure** and **reaction** theory for light nuclei cannot be uncoupled
  - Well-bound nuclei, e.g.  $^{12}\text{C}$ , have low-lying **cluster-dominated resonances**
  - Bound states of exotic nuclei, e.g.  $^{11}\text{Be}$ , manifest **many-nucleon correlations**

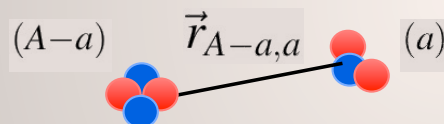


# Extending no-core shell model beyond bound states

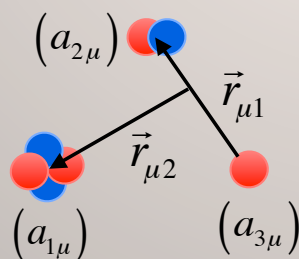
Include more many nucleon correlations...

NCSM  $\longrightarrow$    $\Psi^A = \sum_{N=0}^{N_{\max}} \sum_i c_{Ni} \Phi_{Ni}^A$

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$$a_{1\mu} + a_{2\mu} + a_{3\mu} = A$$

+

...

...using the Resonating Group Method (RGM) ideas

# Trial function: generalized cluster wave function

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi^{(A)} = & \sum_{\kappa} c_{\kappa} \phi_{1\kappa} \left( \left\{ \vec{\xi}_{1\kappa} \right\} \right) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} (a_{1\kappa} = A) \\ \phi_{1\kappa} \end{array} \\
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- $\phi$ : antisymmetric cluster wave functions

- $\{\xi\}$ : Translationally invariant internal coordinates  
(Jacobi relative coordinates)
- These are known, they are an input

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 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\hat{A}_{\nu}$ ,  $\hat{A}_{\mu}$  : intercluster antisymmetrizers

- Antisymmetrize the wave function for exchanges of nucleons between clusters

- Example:

$$a_{1\nu} = A - 1, \quad a_{2\nu} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{A}_{\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A}} \left[ 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{A-1} \hat{P}_{iA} \right]$$

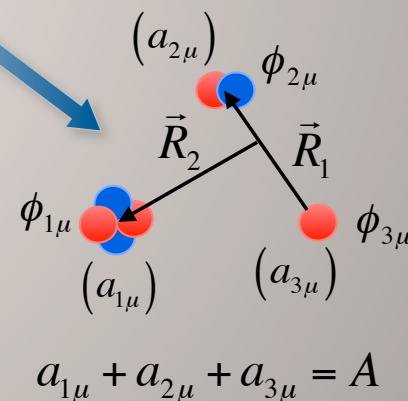


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- $c$ ,  $g$  and  $G$ : discrete and continuous linear variational amplitudes

- Unknowns to be determined

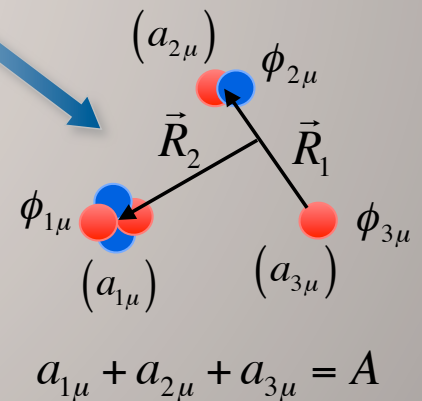


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- Discrete and continuous set of basis functions

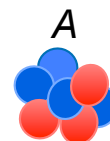
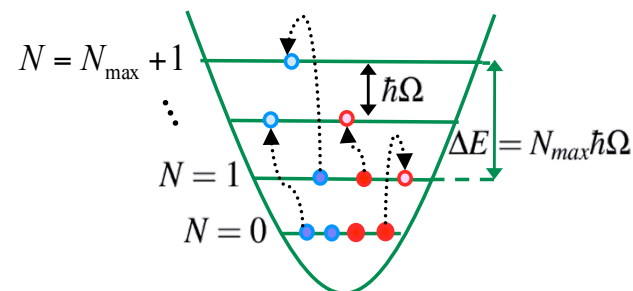
- Non-orthogonal
- Over-complete





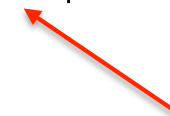
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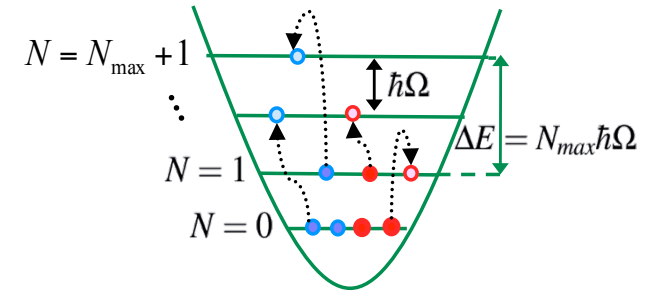
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 Unknowns

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  - cluster expansion
  - proper asymptotic behavior
  - long-range correlations

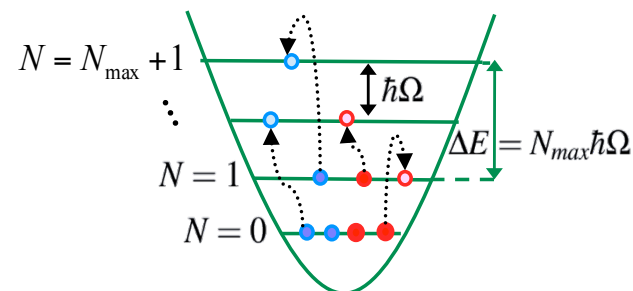


$$\Psi^{(A)} = \sum_{\nu} \int d\vec{r} \gamma_{\nu}(\vec{r}) \hat{A}_{\nu} \left| \begin{array}{c} \vec{r} \\ (A-a) \quad (a) \end{array}, \nu \right\rangle$$

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The most efficient:  
**No-Core Shell Model with Continuum (NCSMC)**

$$\Psi^{(A)} = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda} \left[ \overbrace{\left| \begin{array}{c} (A) \\ \text{NCSM eigenstates} \\ \text{Nucleon cluster}, \lambda \end{array} \right\rangle}^{\text{NCSM eigenstates}} + \sum_{\nu} \int d\vec{r} \gamma_{\nu}(\vec{r}) \hat{A}_{\nu} \left[ \overbrace{\left| \begin{array}{c} (A-a) \quad (a) \\ \text{NCSM/RGM} \\ \text{channel states} \\ \text{Nucleon cluster}, \nu \end{array} \right\rangle}^{\text{NCSM/RGM channel states}} \right] \right]$$

Unknowns

# Coupled NCSMC equations

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{E_{\lambda}^{NCSM} \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}} \\
 \downarrow \text{blue} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} H_{NCSM} & h \\ h & H_{RGM} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\langle (A) \left| H \hat{A}_v \right| (a) (A-a) \rangle} \\
 \downarrow \text{green} \\
 h \\
 \uparrow \text{red} \\
 \boxed{\langle (A-a) (a) \left| \hat{A}_{v'} H \hat{A}_v \right| (a) (A-a) \rangle}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 = E
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\delta_{\lambda\lambda'}} \\
 \downarrow \text{blue} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 1_{NCSM} & g \\ g & N_{RGM} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\langle (A) \left| \hat{A}_v \right| (a) (A-a) \rangle} \\
 \downarrow \text{green} \\
 g \\
 \uparrow \text{red} \\
 \boxed{\langle (A-a) (a) \left| \hat{A}_{v'} \hat{A}_v \right| (a) (A-a) \rangle}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix} c \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

Scattering matrix (and observables) from matching solutions to known asymptotic with microscopic  $R$ -matrix on Lagrange mesh

# Norm kernel (Pauli principle)

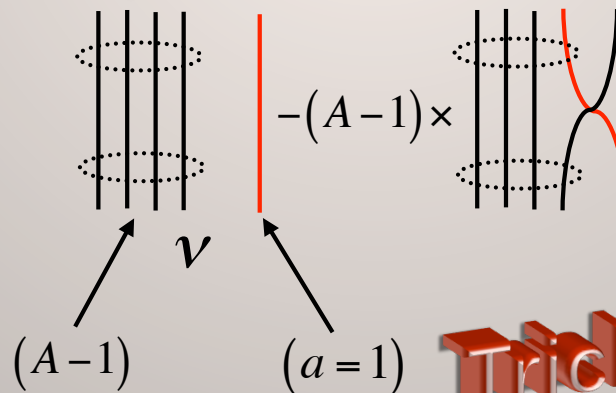
## Single-nucleon projectile

$$\langle \Phi_{v'r'}^{J\pi T} | \hat{A}_{v'} \hat{A}_v | \Phi_{vr}^{J\pi T} \rangle = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} (A-1) \\ \text{red, blue} \\ \text{red} \\ r' \\ (a'=1) \end{array} \left| 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{A-1} \hat{P}_{iA} \right| \begin{array}{c} (A-1) \\ \text{red, blue} \\ \text{red} \\ r \\ (a=1) \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$N_{v'v}^{J\pi T}(r', r) = \underbrace{\delta_{v'v} \frac{\delta(r' - r)}{r'r}}_{\text{Direct term}} - \underbrace{(A-1) \sum_{n'n} R_{n'l'}(r') R_{nl}(r) \langle \Phi_{v'n'}^{J\pi T} | \hat{P}_{A-1,A} | \Phi_{vn}^{J\pi T} \rangle}_{\text{Exchange term}}$$

$$\text{SD} \langle \psi_{\mu_1}^{(A-1)} | a^+ a | \psi_{\nu_1}^{(A-1)} \rangle_{\text{SD}}$$

Direct term:  
Treated exactly!  
(in the full space)



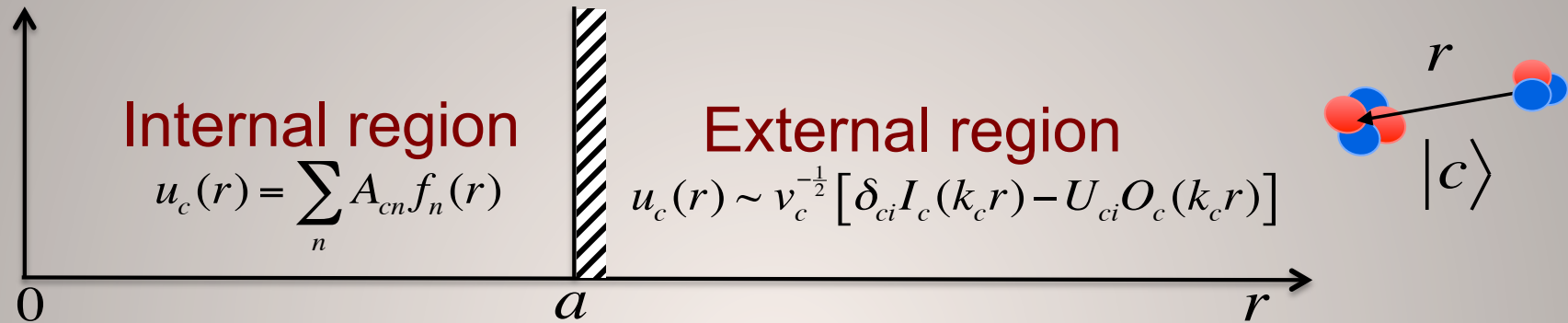
Exchange term:  
Obtained in the model space!  
(Many-body correction due to  
the exchange part of the inter-  
cluster antisymmetrizer)

**Trick #1**  $\frac{\delta(r - r_{A-a,a})}{r r_{A-a,a}} = \sum_n R_{nl}(r) R_{nl}(r_{A-a,a})$

**Trick #2** Target wave functions expanded in the SD basis,  
the CM motion exactly removed

# Microscopic $R$ -matrix on a Lagrange mesh

Separation into “internal” and “external” regions at the channel radius  $a$



– This is achieved through the Bloch operator:

$$L_c = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_c} \delta(r - a) \left( \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{B_c}{r} \right)$$

– System of Bloch-Schrödinger equations:

$$\left[ \hat{T}_{rel}(r) + L_c + \bar{V}_{Coul}(r) - (E - E_c) \right] u_c(r) + \sum_{c'} \int dr' r' W_{cc'}(r, r') u_{c'}(r') = L_c u_c(r)$$

$$u_c(r) = \sum_n A_{cn} f_n(r)$$

– Internal region: expansion on square-integrable Lagrange mesh basis

– External region: asymptotic form for large  $r$

$$u_c(r) \sim C_c W(k_c r) \quad \text{or} \quad u_c(r) \sim v_c^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \delta_{ci} I_c(k_c r) - U_{ci} O_c(k_c r) \right]$$

Bound state

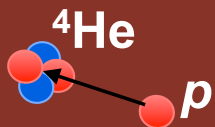
Scattering state

Scattering matrix

$$\{ax_n \in [0, a]\}$$

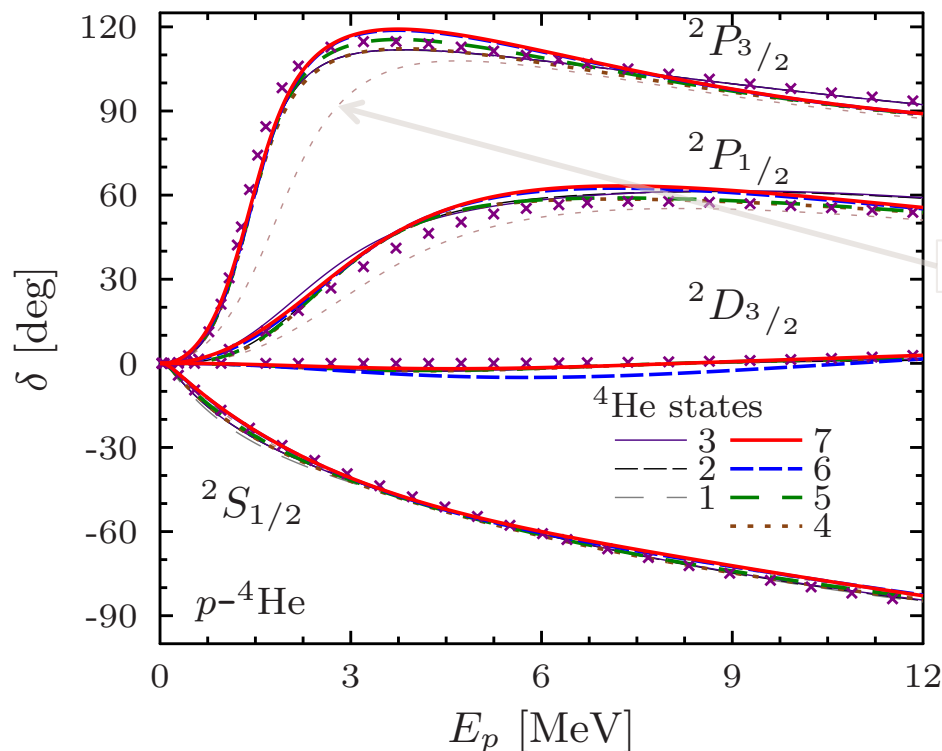
$$\int_0^1 g(x) dx \approx \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n g(x_n)$$

$$\int_0^a f_n(r) f_{n'}(r) dr \approx \delta_{nn'}$$



# $p$ - $^4\text{He}$ scattering within NCSMC

$p$ - $^4\text{He}$  scattering phase-shifts for NN+3N potential:  
Convergence



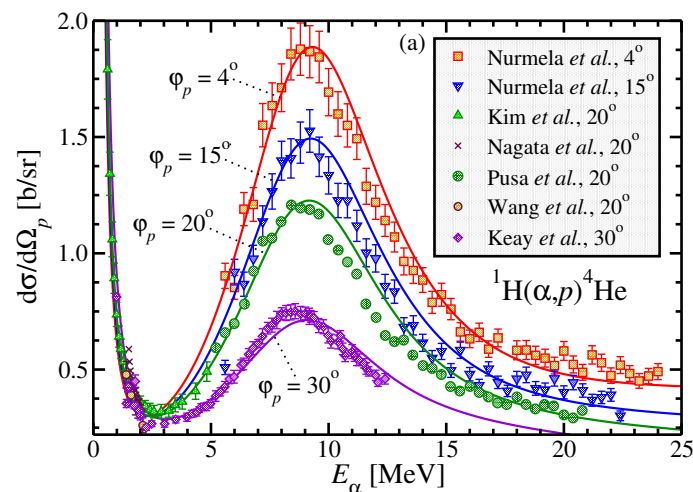
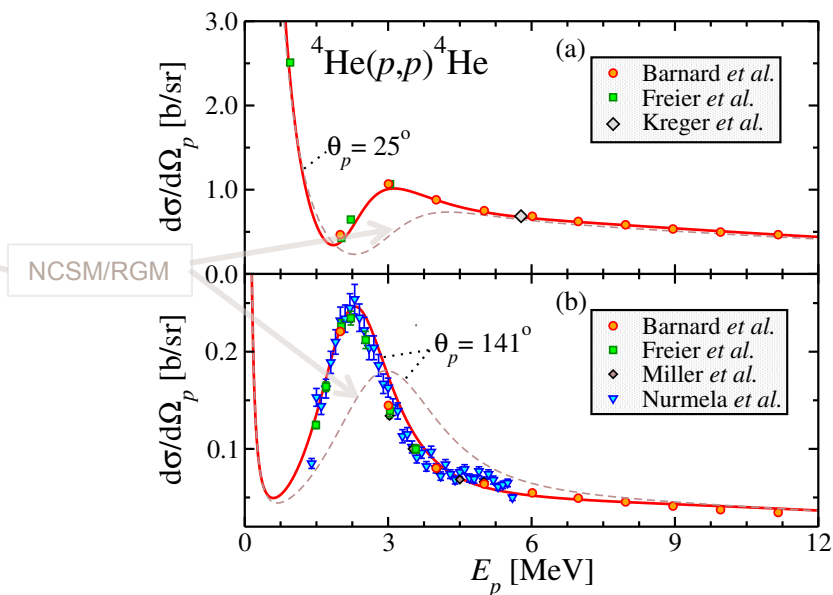
Predictive power in the  $3/2^-$  resonance region:  
Applications to material science

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Predictive theory for elastic scattering and recoil of protons from  $^4\text{He}$

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Differential  $p$ - $^4\text{He}$  cross section with NN+3N potentials



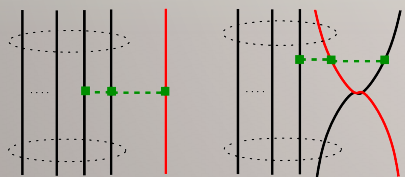


# Including 3N interaction in the NCSM/RGM Single-nucleon projectile:

$$\left\langle \Phi_{\nu'r'}^{J\pi T} \left| \hat{A}_{\nu'} V^{NNN} \hat{A}_{\nu} \right| \Phi_{\nu r}^{J\pi T} \right\rangle = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} (A-1) \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \\ \nearrow \\ r' \end{array} \left( a' = 1 \right) \middle| V^{NNN} \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{A-1} \hat{P}_{iA} \right) \middle| \begin{array}{c} (A-1) \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \\ \nwarrow \\ r \end{array} \left( a = 1 \right) \right\rangle$$

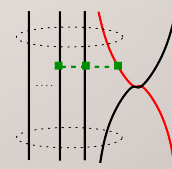
$$\mathcal{V}_{\nu'\nu}^{NNN}(r, r') = \sum R_{n'l}(r') R_{nl}(r) \left[ \frac{(A-1)(A-2)}{2} \left\langle \Phi_{\nu'n'}^{J\pi T} \left| V_{A-2A-1A} (1 - 2P_{A-1A}) \right| \Phi_{\nu n}^{J\pi T} \right\rangle \right. \\ \left. - \frac{(A-1)(A-2)(A-3)}{2} \left\langle \Phi_{\nu'n'}^{J\pi T} \left| P_{A-1A} V_{A-3A-2A-1} \right| \Phi_{\nu n}^{J\pi T} \right\rangle \right].$$

Direct potential: in the model space  
(interaction is localized!)



$$\propto_{SD} \left\langle \psi_{\alpha_1}^{(A-1)} \left| a_i^+ a_j^+ a_l a_k \right| \psi_{\alpha_1}^{(A-1)} \right\rangle_{SD}$$

Exchange potential: in the model space  
(interaction is localized!)



$$\propto_{SD} \left\langle \psi_{\alpha_1}^{(A-1)} \left| a_h^+ a_i^+ a_j^+ a_m a_l a_k \right| \psi_{\alpha_1}^{(A-1)} \right\rangle_{SD}$$

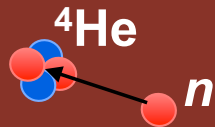
Including 3N interaction challenging: more than 2 body density required

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*Ab initio* many-body calculations of nucleon-<sup>4</sup>He scattering with three-nucleon forces

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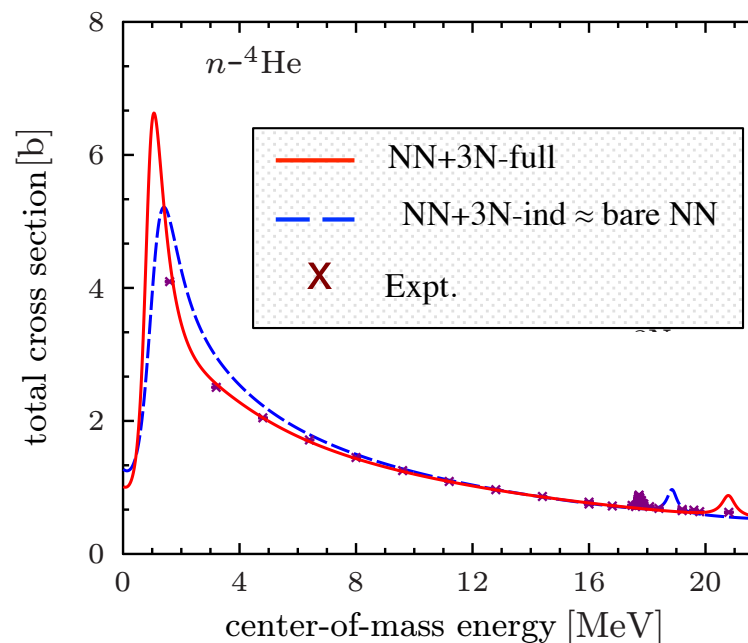
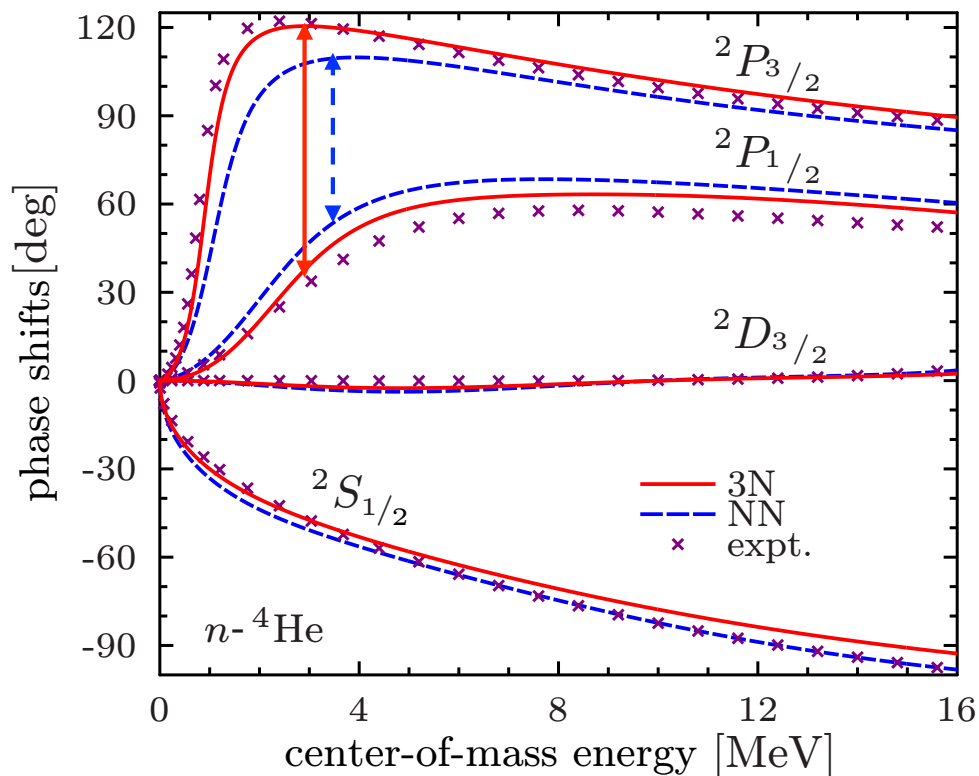




# $n$ - $^4\text{He}$ scattering within NCSMC

$n$ - $^4\text{He}$  scattering phase-shifts for chiral NN and NN+3N potential

Total  $n$ - $^4\text{He}$  cross section with NN and NN+3N potentials



3N force enhances  $1/2^- \leftrightarrow 3/2^-$  splitting: Essential at low energies!

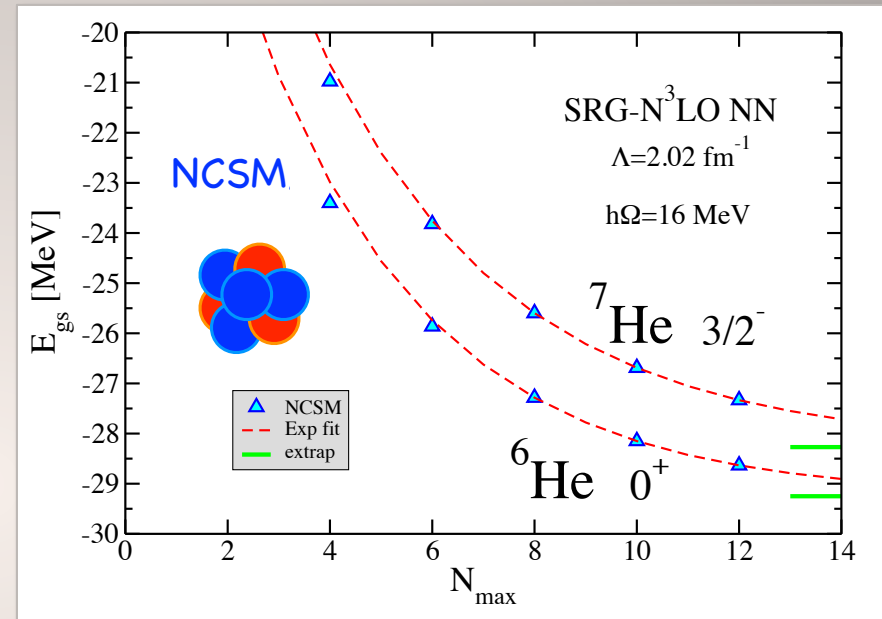
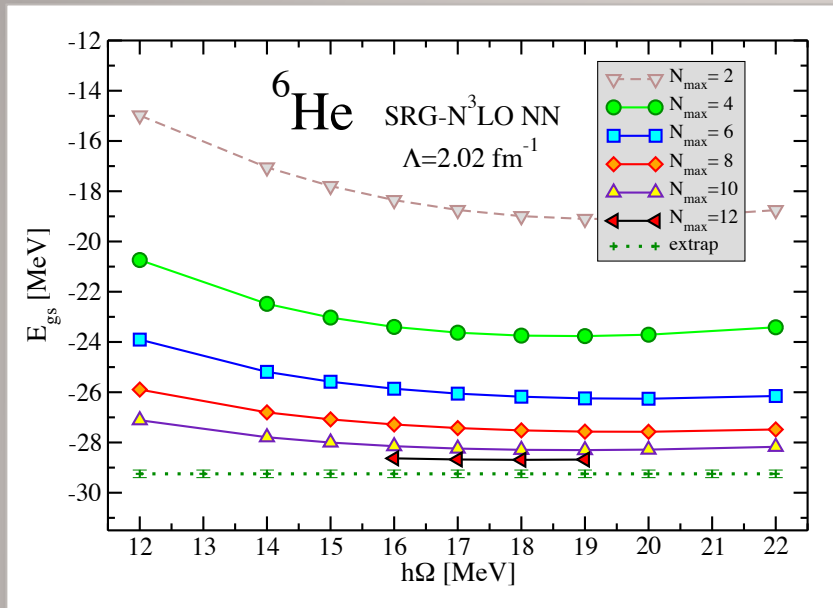
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# NCSM calculations of ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^7\text{He}$ g.s. energies

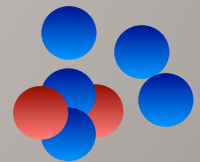


- Soft SRG evolved NN potential
- ✓  $N_{\text{max}}$  convergence OK
- ✓ Extrapolation feasible

- ${}^7\text{He}$  unbound

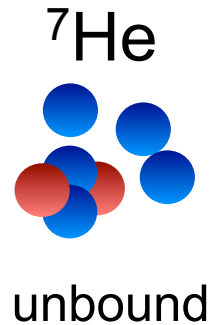
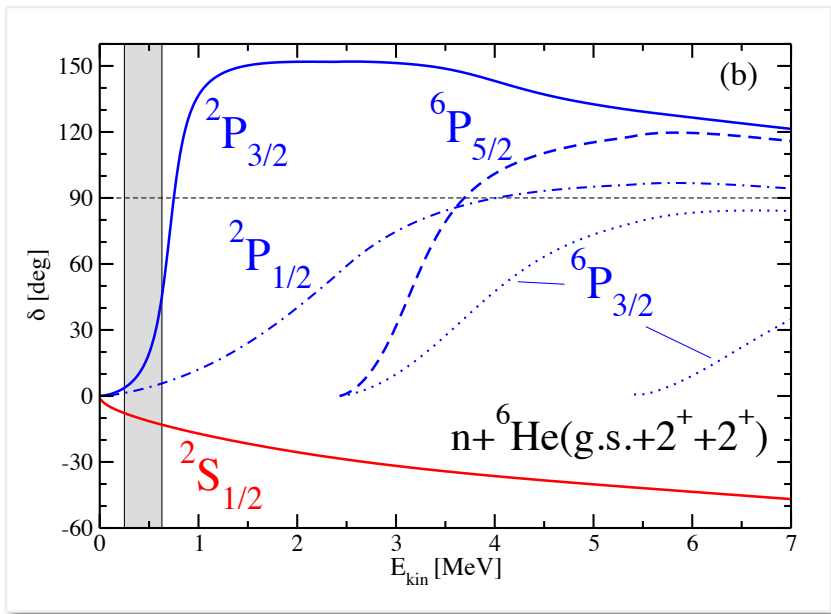
- Expt.  $E_{\text{th}}=+0.430(3) \text{ MeV}$ : NCSM  $E_{\text{th}} \approx +1 \text{ MeV}$
- Expt. width  $0.182(5) \text{ MeV}$ : **NCSM no information about the width**

$E_{\text{g.s.}}$ [MeV]	${}^4\text{He}$	${}^6\text{He}$	${}^7\text{He}$
NCSM $N_{\text{max}}=12$	-28.05	-28.63	-27.33
NCSM extrap.	-28.22(1)	-29.25(15)	-28.27(25)
Expt.	-28.30	-29.27	-28.84



${}^7\text{He}$  unbound

# NCSM with continuum: ${}^7\text{He} \leftrightarrow {}^6\text{He}+n$



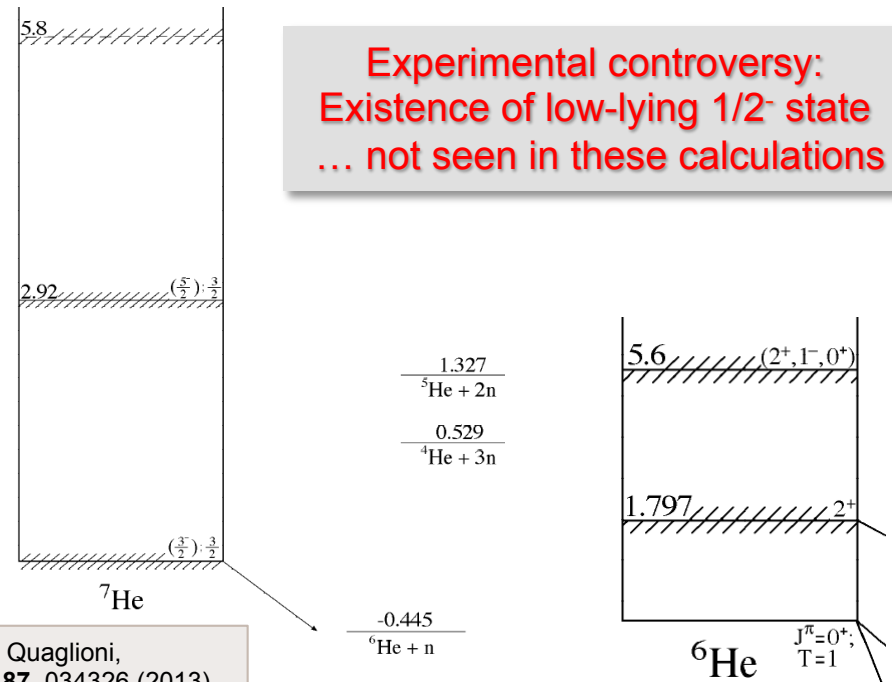
$J^\pi$	experiment			NCSMC	
	$E_R$	$\Gamma$	Ref.	$E_R$	$\Gamma$
$3/2^-$	0.430(3)	0.182(5)	[2]	0.71	0.30
$5/2^-$	3.35(10)	1.99(17)	[40]	3.13	1.07
$1/2^-$	3.03(10)	2	[11]	2.39	2.89
	3.53	10	[15]		
	1.0(1)	0.75(8)	[5]		

[11] A. H. Wuosmaa *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **72**, 061301 (2005).

$$\Gamma = \frac{2}{\partial\delta(E_{kin})/\partial E_{kin}} \Big|_{E_{kin}=E_R}$$

NCSMC  
with three  ${}^6\text{He}$  states  
and ten  ${}^7\text{He}$  eigenstates  
More **7-nucleon correlations**  
Fewer  ${}^6\text{He}$ -core states needed

**Experimental controversy:**  
Existence of low-lying  $1/2^-$  state  
... not seen in these calculations

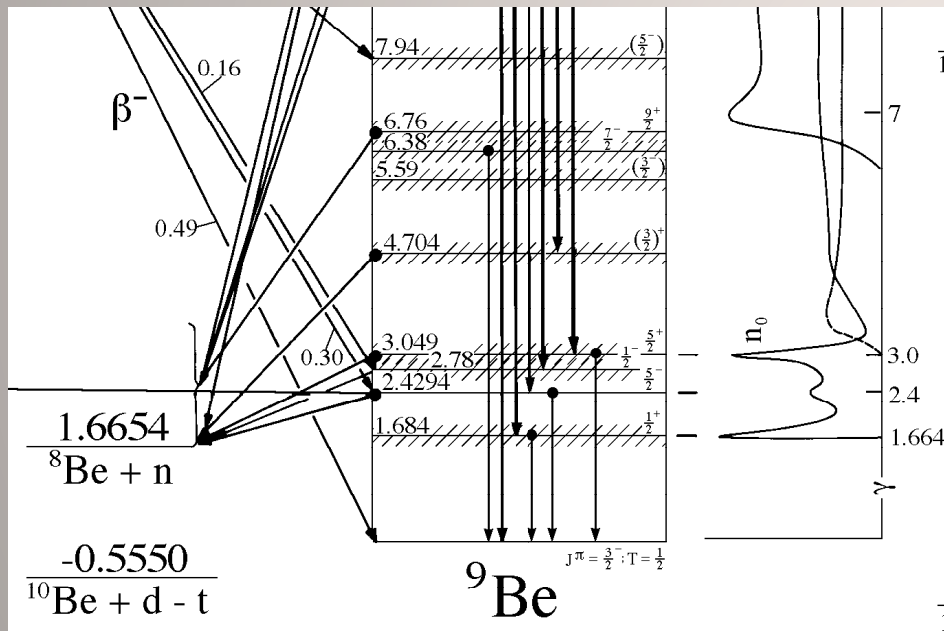


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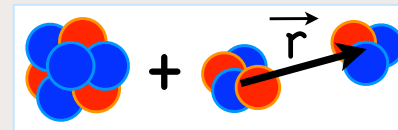
# Structure of ${}^9\text{Be}$



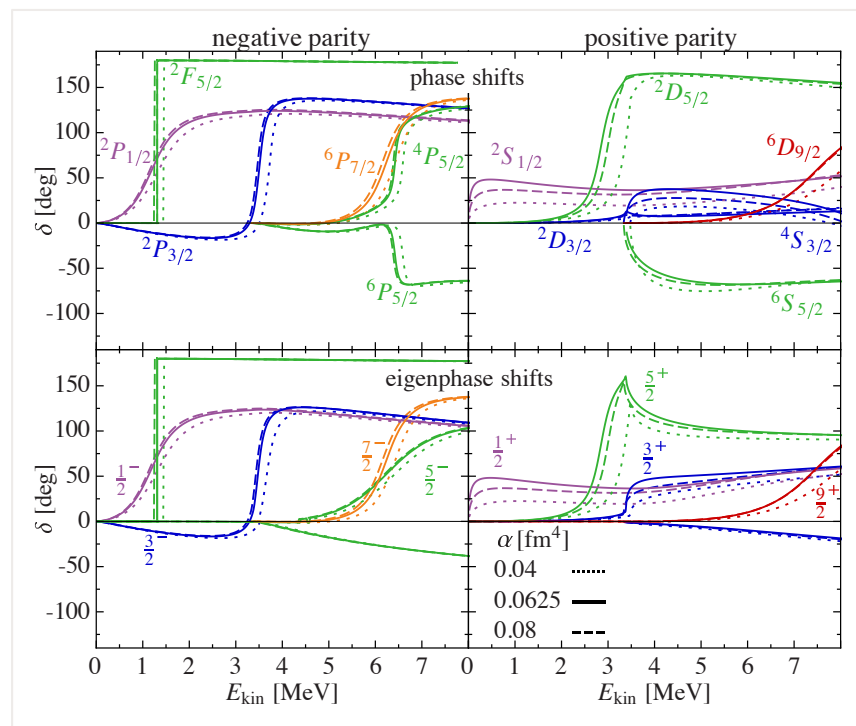
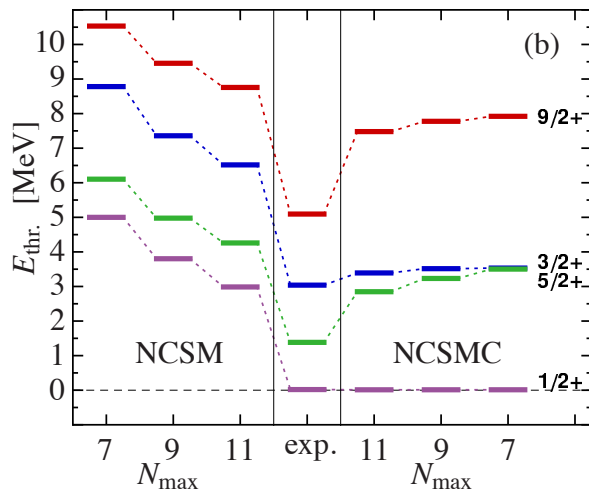
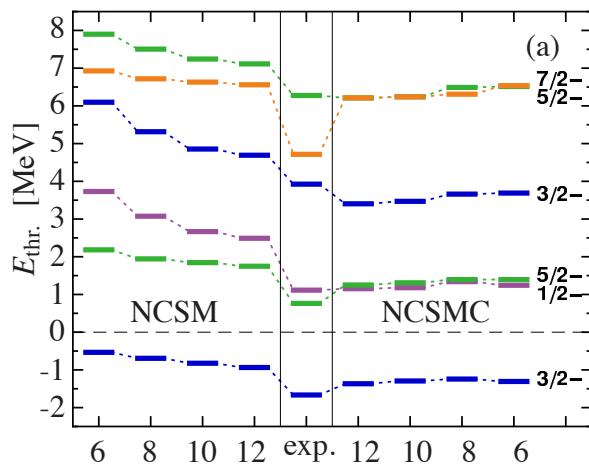
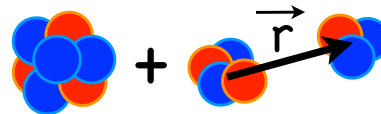
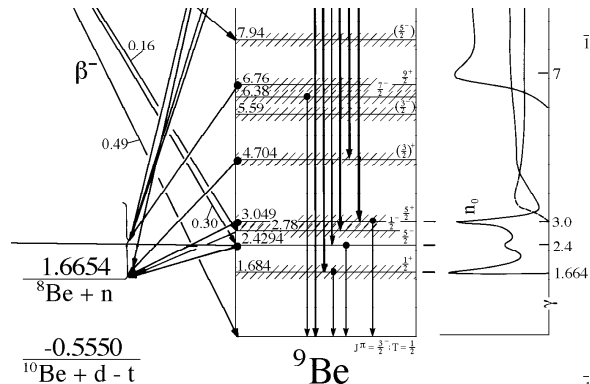
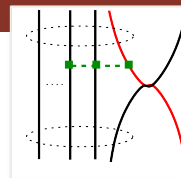
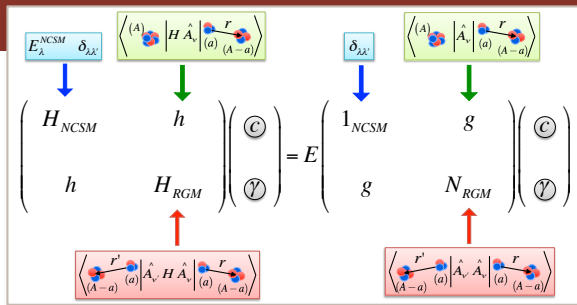
${}^9\text{Be}$  is a stable nucleus  
 ... but all its excited states unbound  
 A proper description requires to include  
 effects of continuum

The lowest threshold:  $n$ - ${}^8\text{Be}$  ( $n$ - $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ )

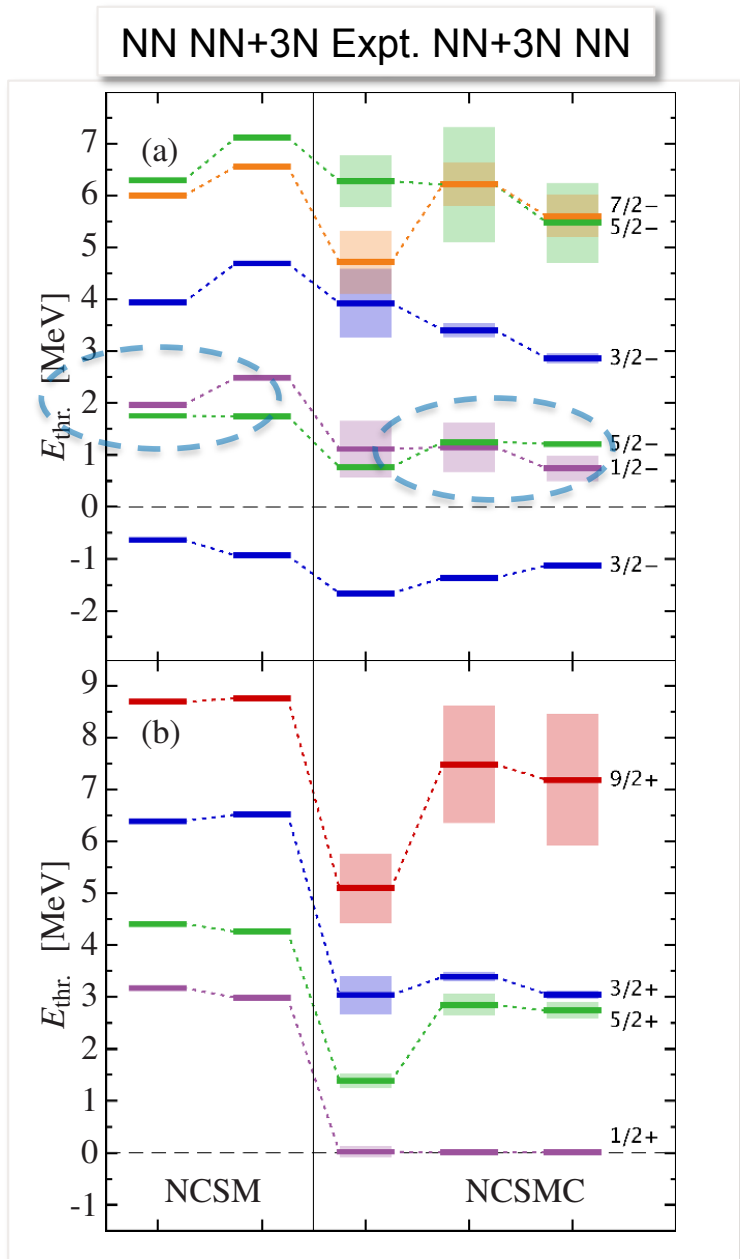
Optimal description:  
 Square-integrable  ${}^9\text{Be}$  basis +  $n$ - ${}^8\text{Be}$  clusters



# NCSMC with chiral NN+3N: Structure of $^9\text{Be}$



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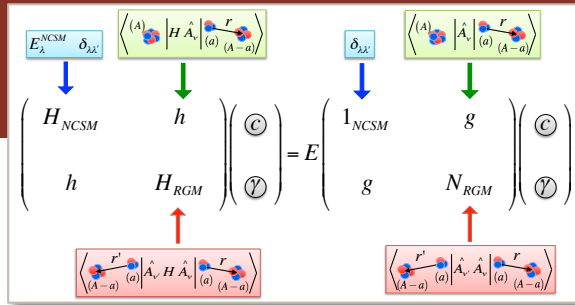
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Three-nucleon interaction *and* continuum  
 improve agreement with experiment for  
 negative parity states

Continuum crucial for the description of  
 positive-parity states



# NCSMC wave function



$$\Psi^{(A)} = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda} \left| (A) \begin{array}{c} \text{red} \\ \text{blue} \end{array}, \lambda \right\rangle + \sum_{\nu} \int d\vec{r} \gamma_{\nu}(\vec{r}) \hat{A}_{\nu} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{red} \\ \text{blue} \end{array}, \nu \right\rangle_{(A-a)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_A^{J^{\pi}T}\rangle &= \sum_{\lambda} |A\lambda J^{\pi}T\rangle \left[ \sum_{\lambda'} (N^{-\frac{1}{2}})^{\lambda\lambda'} \bar{c}_{\lambda'} + \sum_{\nu'} \int dr' r'^2 (N^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{\nu'r'}^{\lambda} \frac{\bar{\chi}_{\nu'}(r')}{r'} \right] \\ &+ \sum_{\nu\nu'} \int dr r^2 \int dr' r'^2 \hat{A}_{\nu} |\Phi_{\nu r}^{J^{\pi}T}\rangle \mathcal{N}_{\nu\nu'}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(r, r') \left[ \sum_{\lambda'} (N^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{\nu'r'}^{\lambda'} \bar{c}_{\lambda'} + \sum_{\nu''} \int dr'' r''^2 (N^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{\nu'r'\nu''r''} \frac{\bar{\chi}_{\nu''}(r'')}{r''} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Asymptotic behavior  $r \rightarrow \infty$  :

$$\bar{\chi}_{\nu}(r) \sim C_{\nu} W(k_{\nu}r) \qquad \bar{\chi}_{\nu}(r) \sim v_{\nu}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \delta_{\nu i} I_{\nu}(k_{\nu}r) - U_{\nu i} O_{\nu}(k_{\nu}r) \right]$$

Bound state

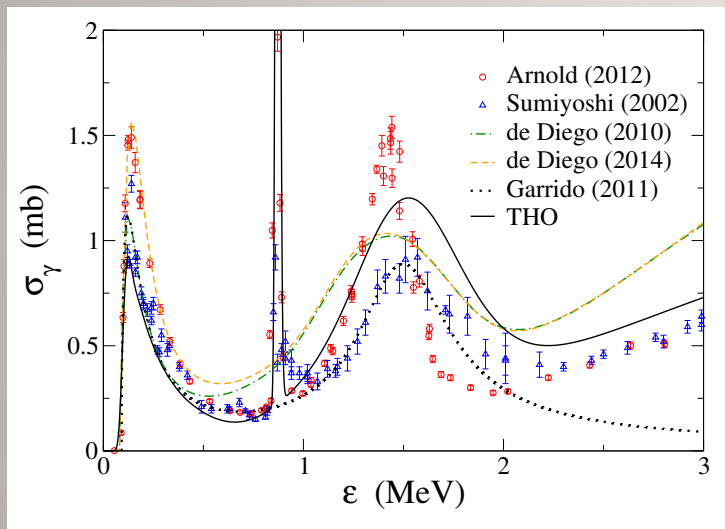
Scattering state

 Scattering matrix

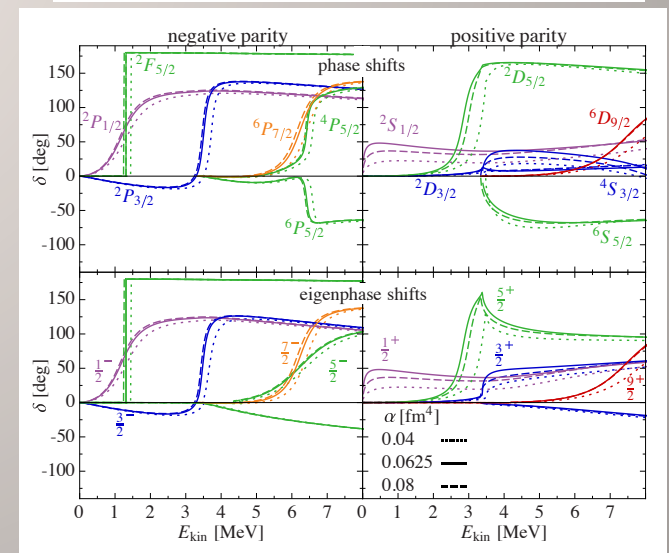
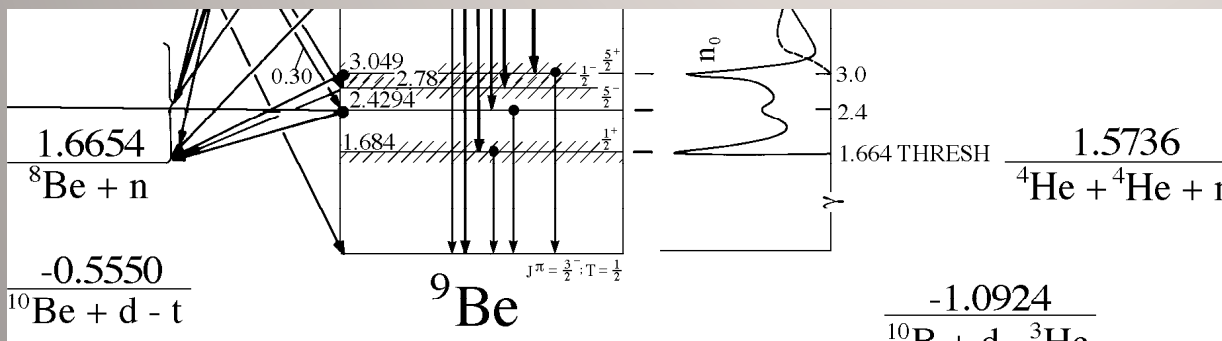
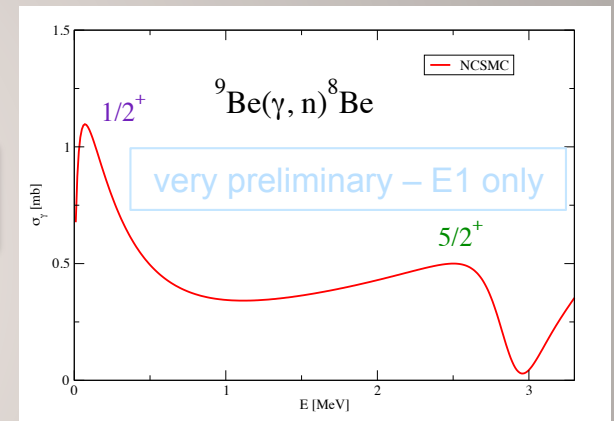
# Photo-disassociation of ${}^9\text{Be}$

Reaction  $\alpha(\alpha n, \gamma){}^9\text{Be}$  relevant for astrophysics: beginning of r-process

Inverse process  ${}^9\text{Be}(\gamma, \alpha n)\alpha$  measured in laboratory



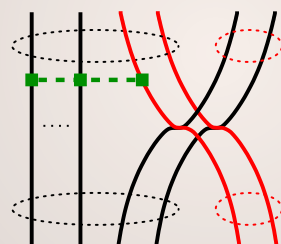
NCSMC





# The deuteron-projectile formalism: Three-nucleon interaction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{cc}
 \begin{array}{c} E_{\lambda}^{NCSM} \\ \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \langle \langle A \rangle | H \hat{A}_\nu | \langle A-2 \rangle \rangle \\ \langle \langle A \rangle | \hat{A}_\nu | \langle A-2 \rangle \rangle \end{array} \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 \begin{array}{cc}
 H_{NCSM} & h \\
 h & H_{RGM}
 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{C} \\ \textcircled{V} \end{array} \right) = E \begin{array}{c} 1_{NCSM} \\ g \\ g \\ N_{RGM} \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{C} \\ \textcircled{V} \end{array} \right) \\
 \uparrow & \uparrow \\
 \begin{array}{c} \langle \langle A-2 \rangle | \hat{A}_\nu H \hat{A}_\nu | \langle A-2 \rangle \rangle \\ \langle \langle A-2 \rangle | \hat{A}_\nu \hat{A}_\nu | \langle A-2 \rangle \rangle \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \langle \langle A-2 \rangle | \hat{A}_\nu \hat{A}_\nu | \langle A-2 \rangle \rangle \\ \langle \langle A-2 \rangle | \hat{A}_\nu \hat{A}_\nu | \langle A-2 \rangle \rangle \end{array}
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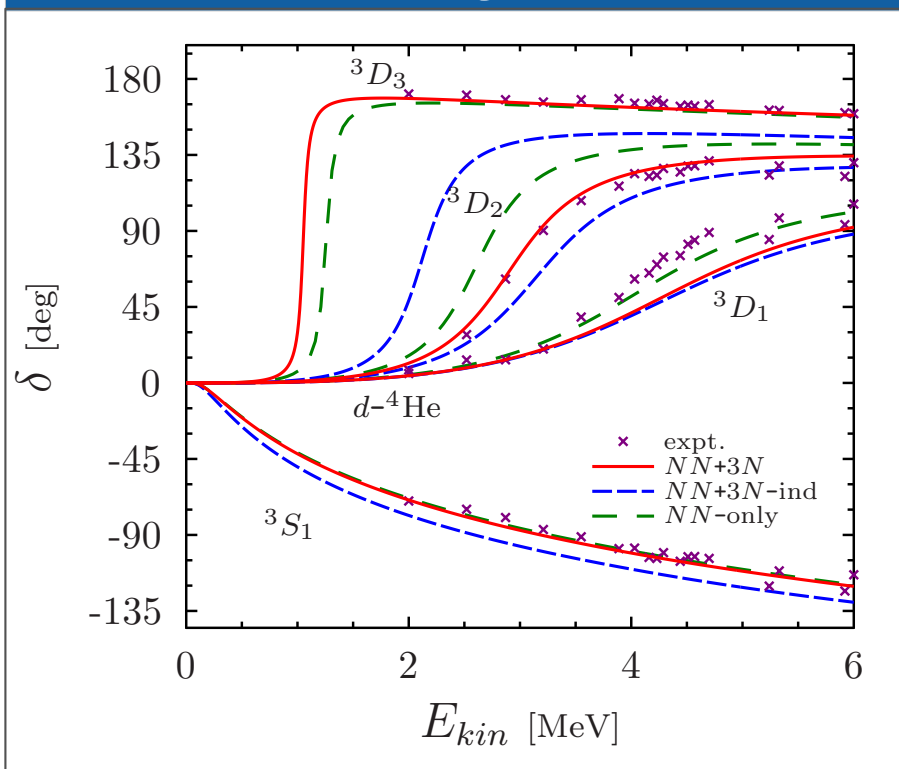
$$\text{SD} \left\langle \psi_{\mu_1}^{(A-2)} \left| a^+ a^+ a^+ a^+ a a a a \right| \psi_{\nu_1}^{(A-2)} \right\rangle_{\text{SD}}$$

For A=6 use completeness

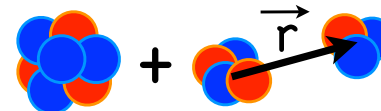
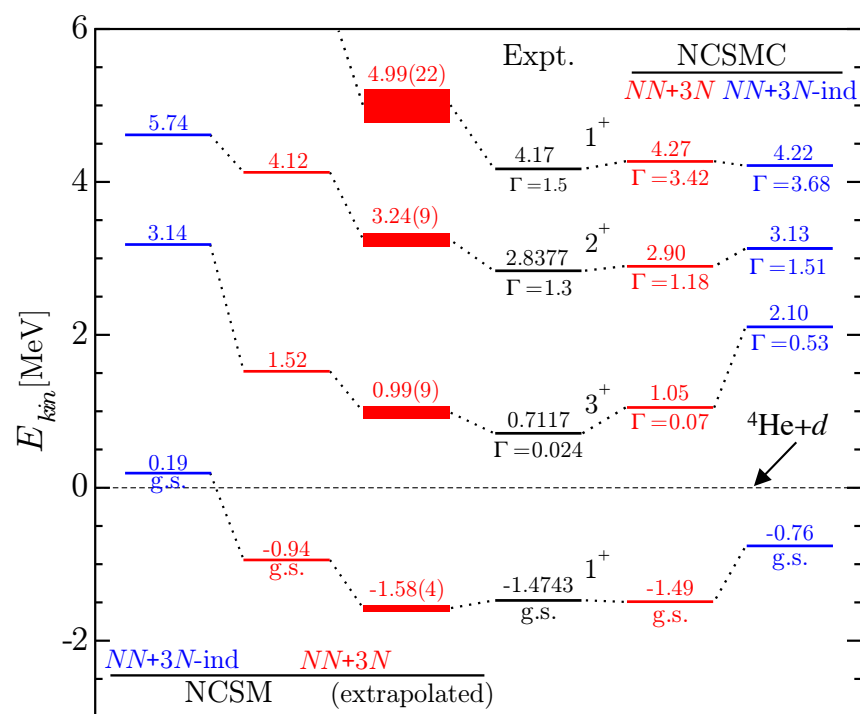
# Unified description of ${}^6\text{Li}$ structure and $d+{}^4\text{He}$ dynamics

- Continuum and three-nucleon force effects on  $d+{}^4\text{He}$  and  ${}^6\text{Li}$

## $d+{}^4\text{He}$ Scattering Phase Shifts

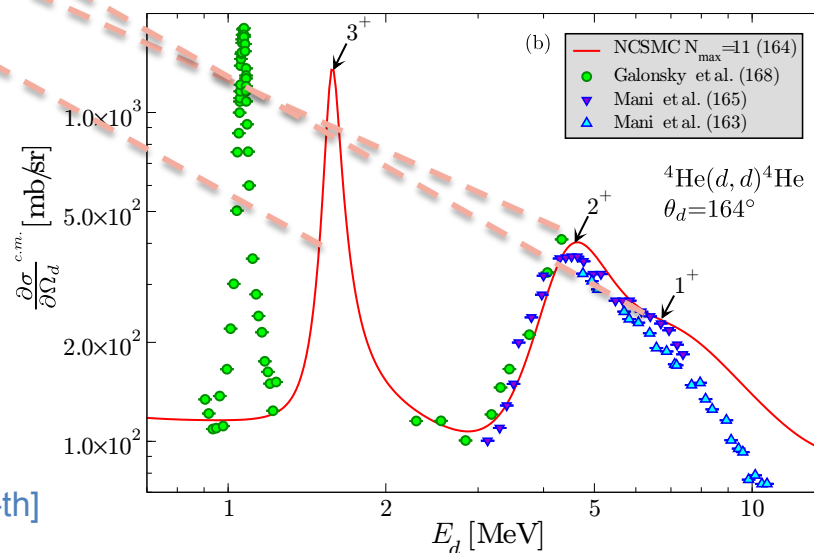
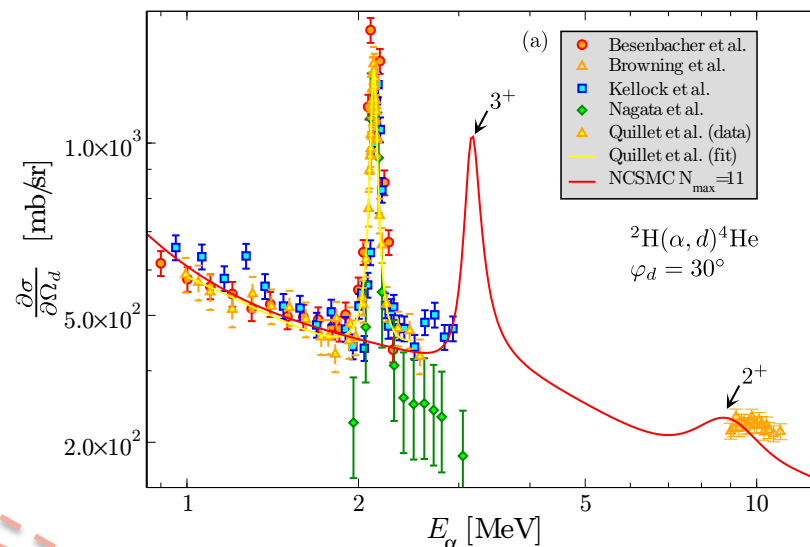
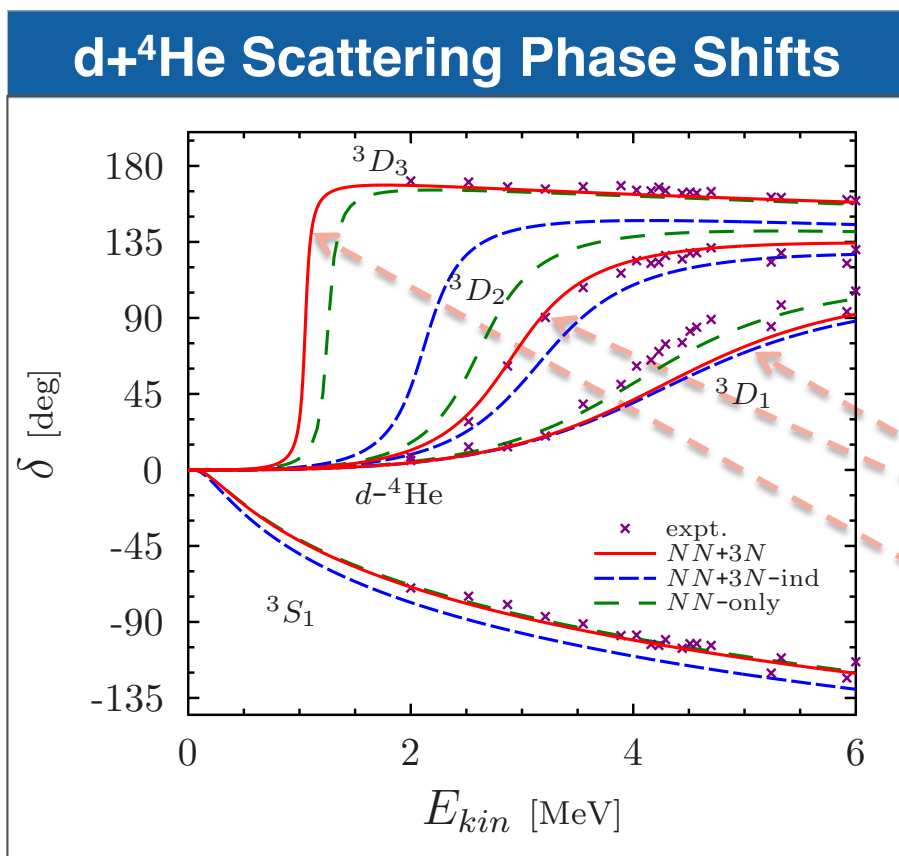


## ${}^6\text{Li}$ vs. $({}^4\text{He}+d)+{}^6\text{Li}$ calculation



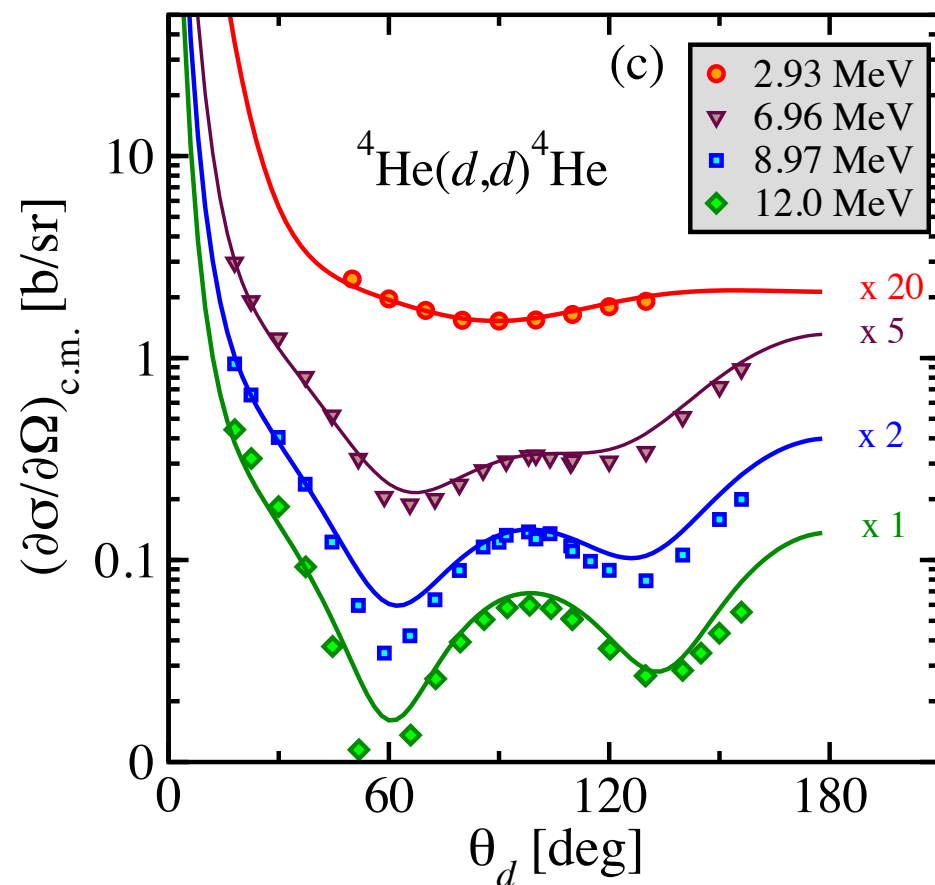
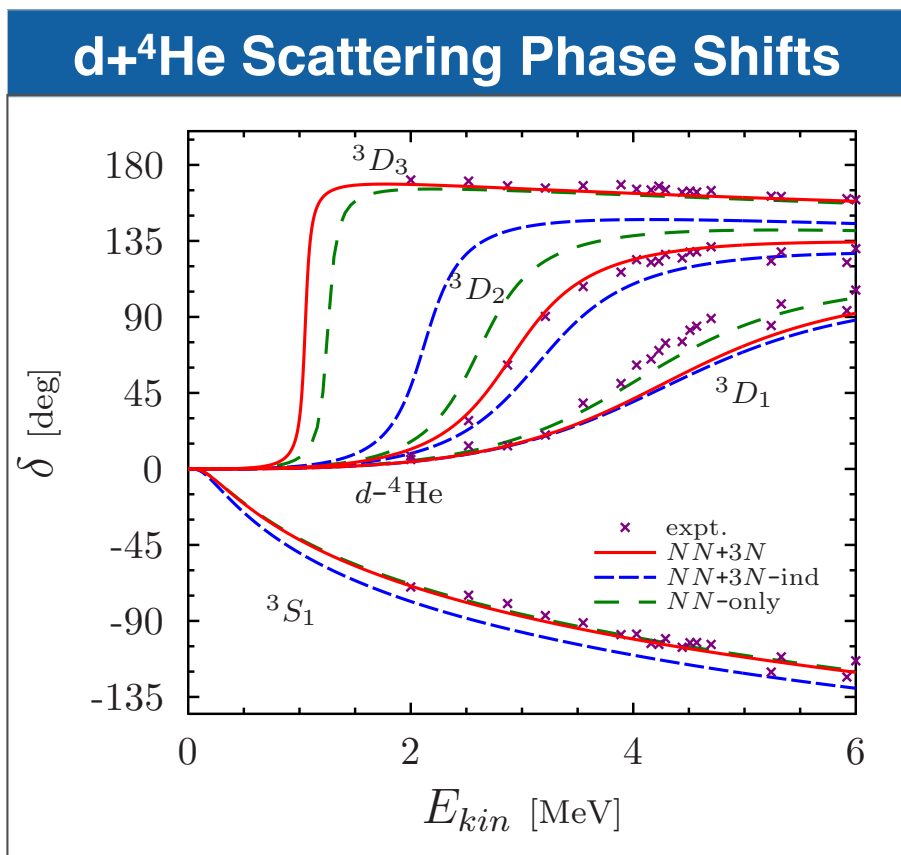
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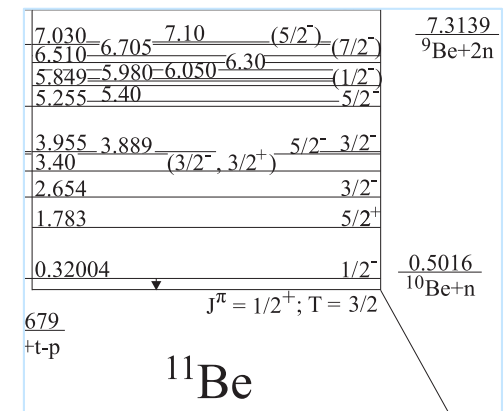
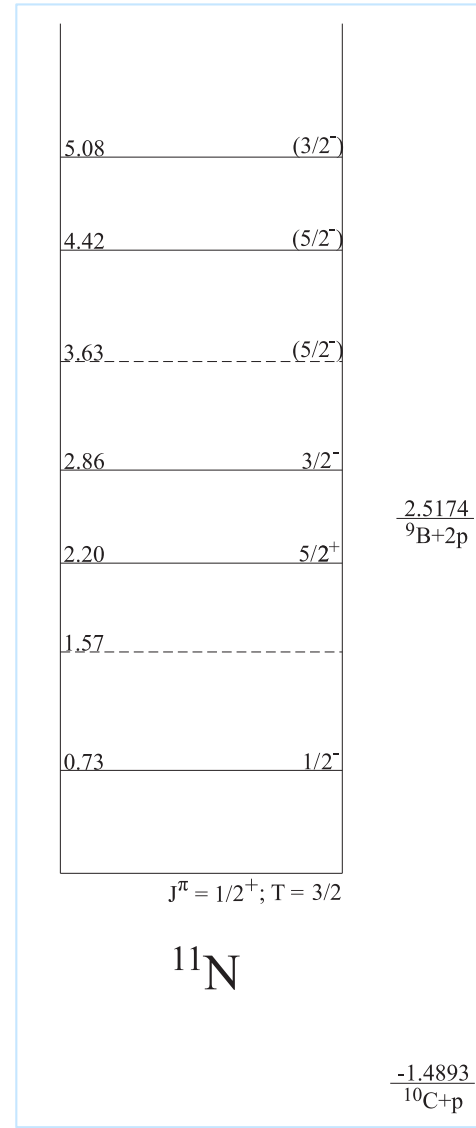
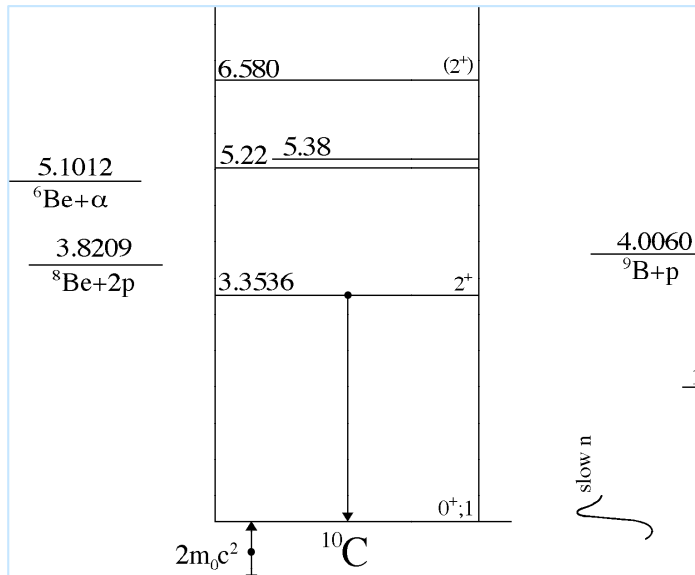
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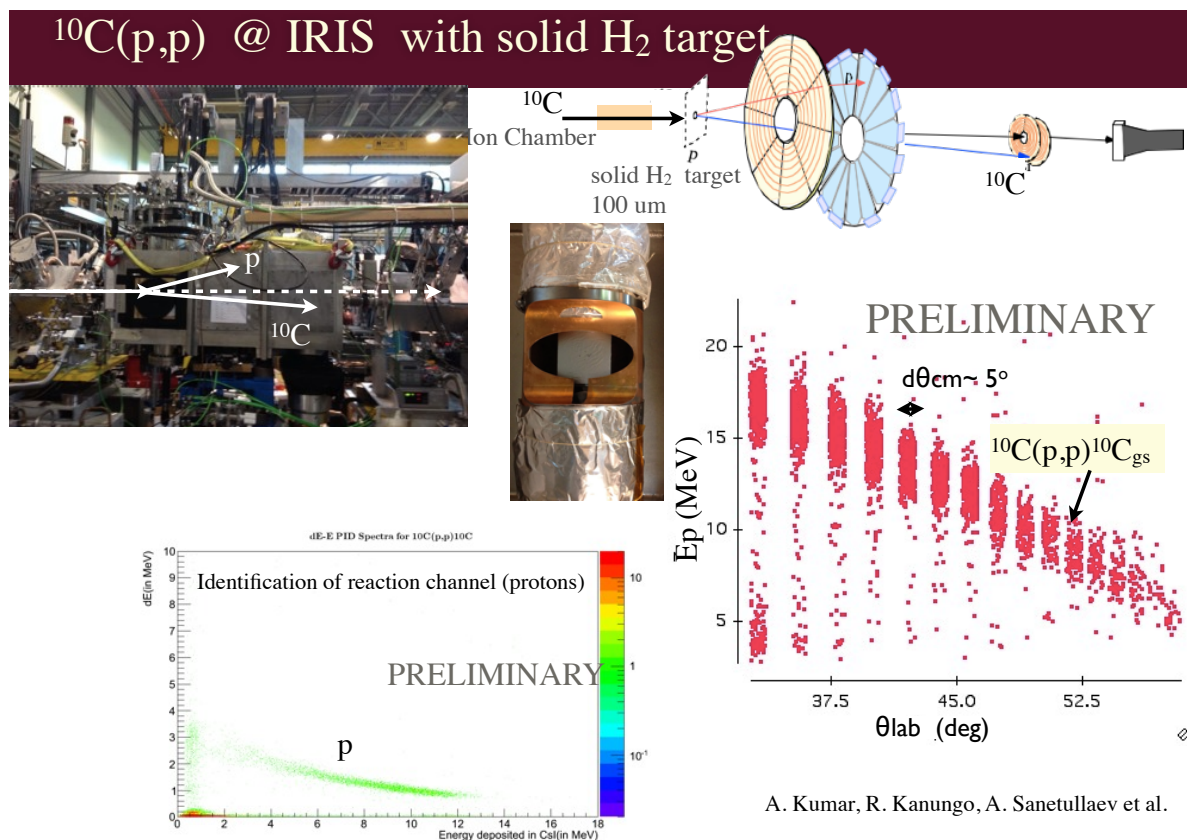
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- Limited information about the structure of proton rich <sup>11</sup>N – mirror nucleus of <sup>11</sup>Be halo nucleus
- Incomplete knowledge of <sup>10</sup>C unbound excited states
- Importance of 3N force effects and continuum



# $^{10}\text{C}(p,p) @ \text{IRIS}$ with solid $\text{H}_2$ target

- New experiment at ISAC TRIUMF with reaccelerated  $^{10}\text{C}$ 
  - The first ever  $^{10}\text{C}$  beam at TRIUMF
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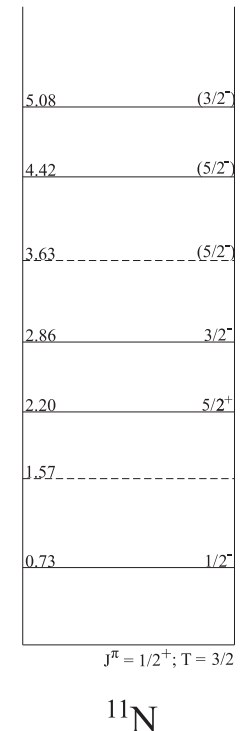
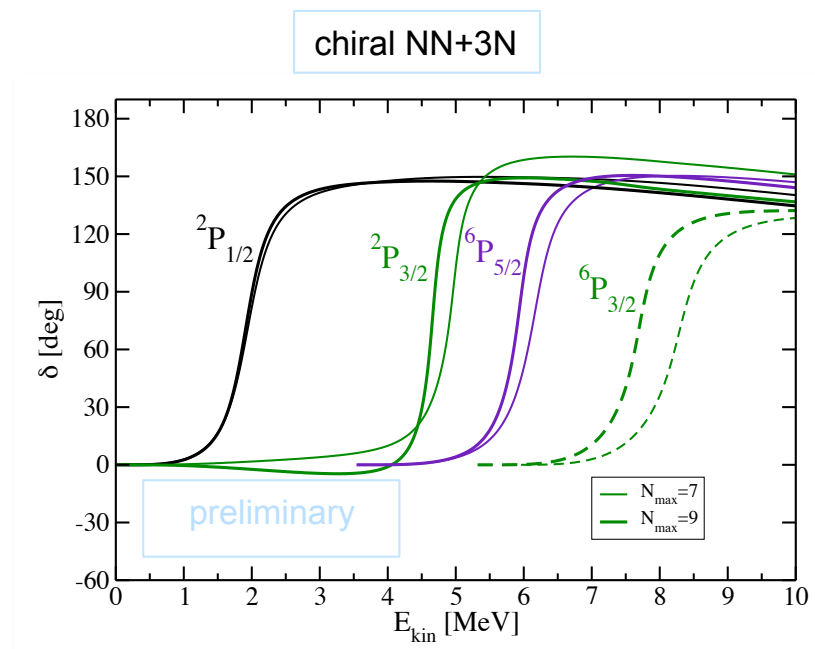
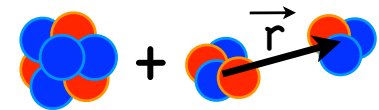
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– p-<sup>10</sup>C + <sup>11</sup>N

- <sup>10</sup>C: 0<sup>+</sup>, 2<sup>+</sup>, 2<sup>+</sup> NCSM eigenstates

- <sup>11</sup>N: 6 π = -1 and 3 π = +1 NCSM eigenstates



$\frac{2.5174}{^9\text{B}+2\text{p}}$

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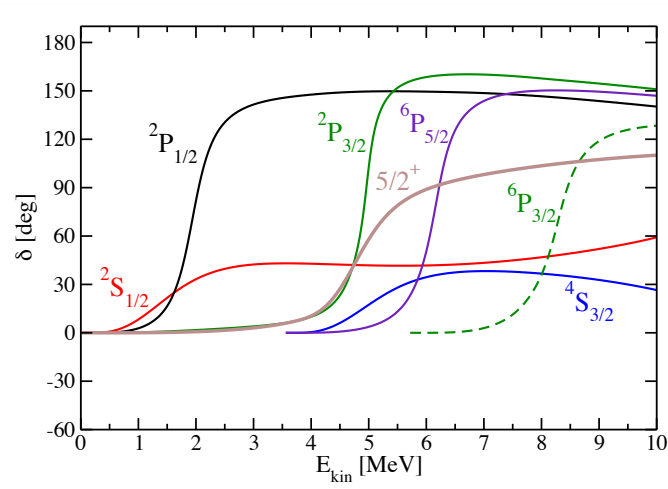
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$3.69 \pm 30$	$2.20 \pm 70$	$\frac{5}{2}^+$	$540 \pm 40$
$4.35 \pm 30$	$2.86 \pm 70$	$\frac{3}{2}^-$	$340 \pm 40$
$5.12 \pm 80$	$(3.63 \pm 100)$	$(\frac{5}{2}^-)$	$< 220$
$5.91 \pm 30$	$4.42 \pm 70$	$(\frac{5}{2}^-)$	
$6.57 \pm 100$	$5.08 \pm 120$	$(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	$100 \pm 60$



$$\Gamma = \frac{2}{\left. \frac{\partial \delta(E_{\text{kin}})}{\partial E_{\text{kin}}} \right|_{E_{\text{kin}}=E_R}}$$

Negative parity  $1/2^-$  and  $3/2^-$  resonances in a good agreement with the current evaluation

Positive parity resonances too broad  
–  $N_{\text{max}}$  convergence

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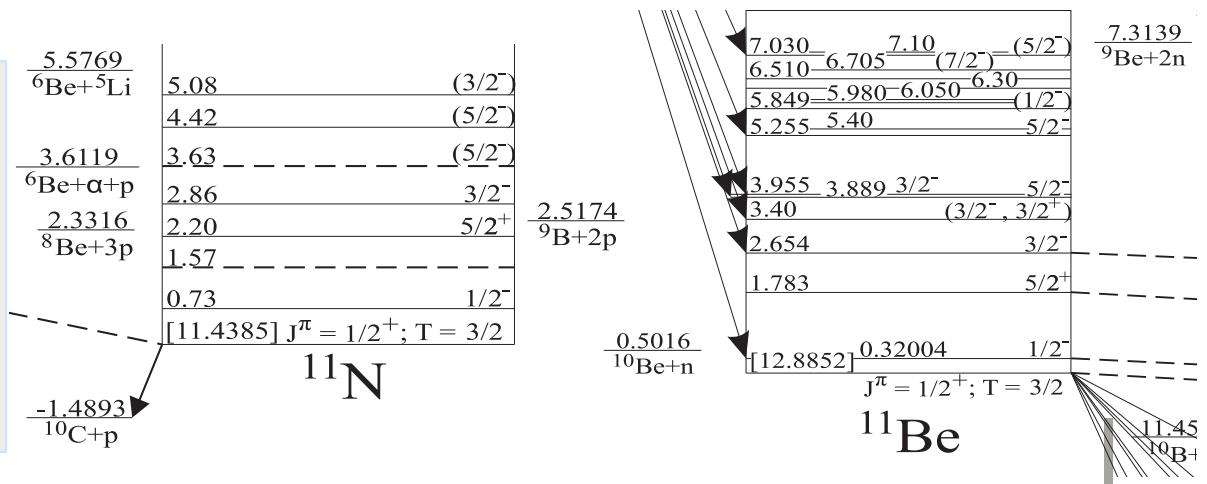
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No candidate for 3.06 MeV resonance

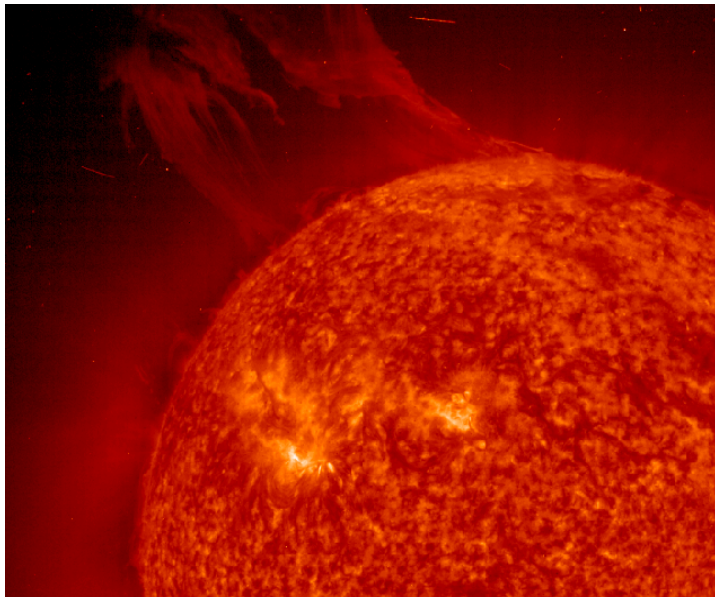
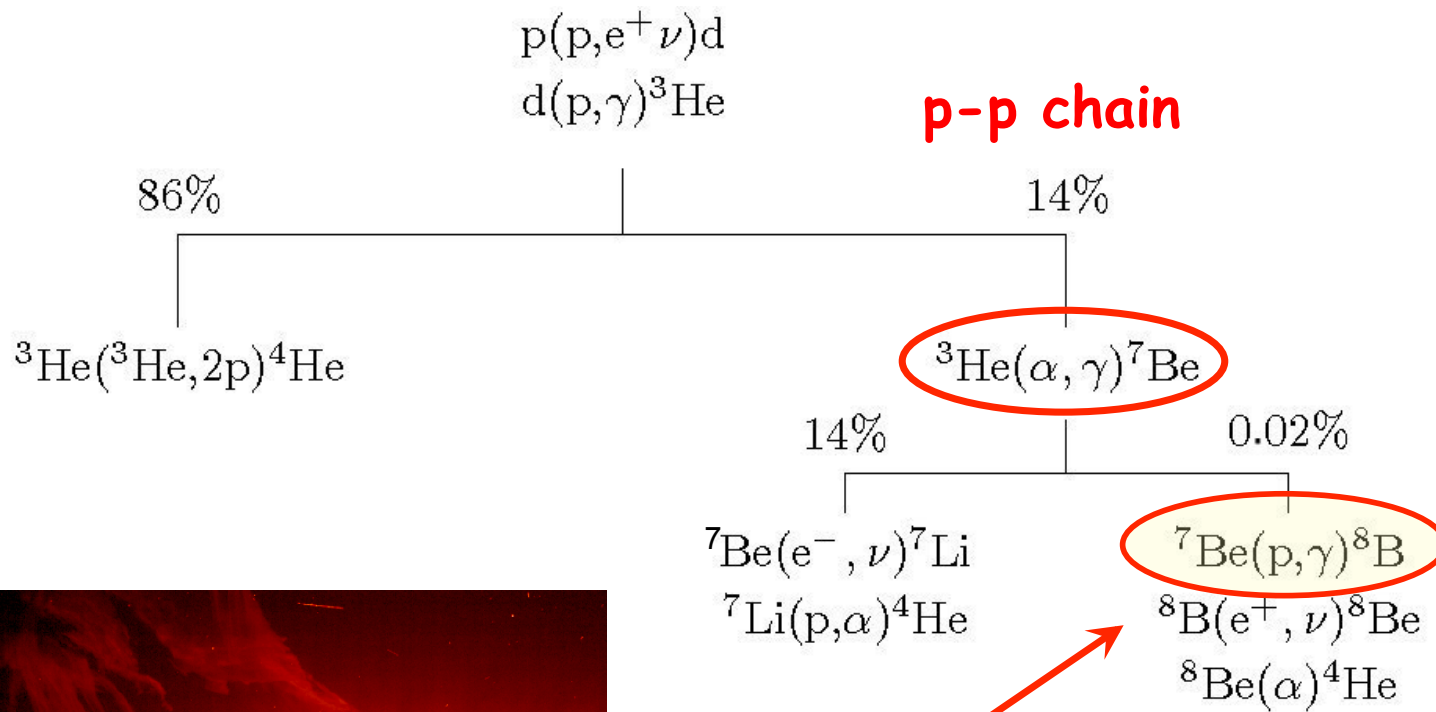
We predict only one 5/2<sup>-</sup> resonance below the 3/2<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>

Calculations suggest that either 5.12 MeV or 5.91 MeV resonance might be 3/2<sup>+</sup> instead

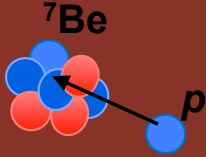
NCSMC resonance predictions more in line with assignments in <sup>11</sup>Be



# Solar *p-p* chain

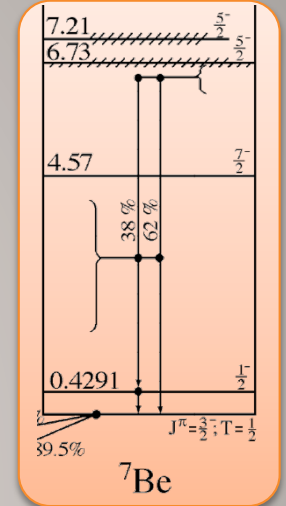


**Solar neutrinos**  
 $E_\nu < 15 \text{ MeV}$

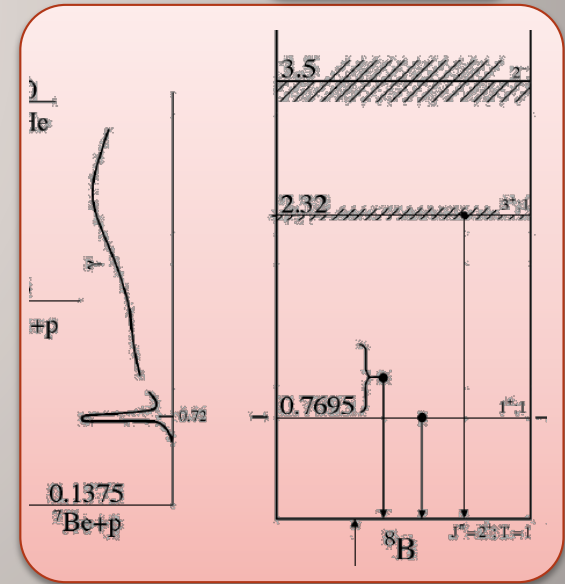
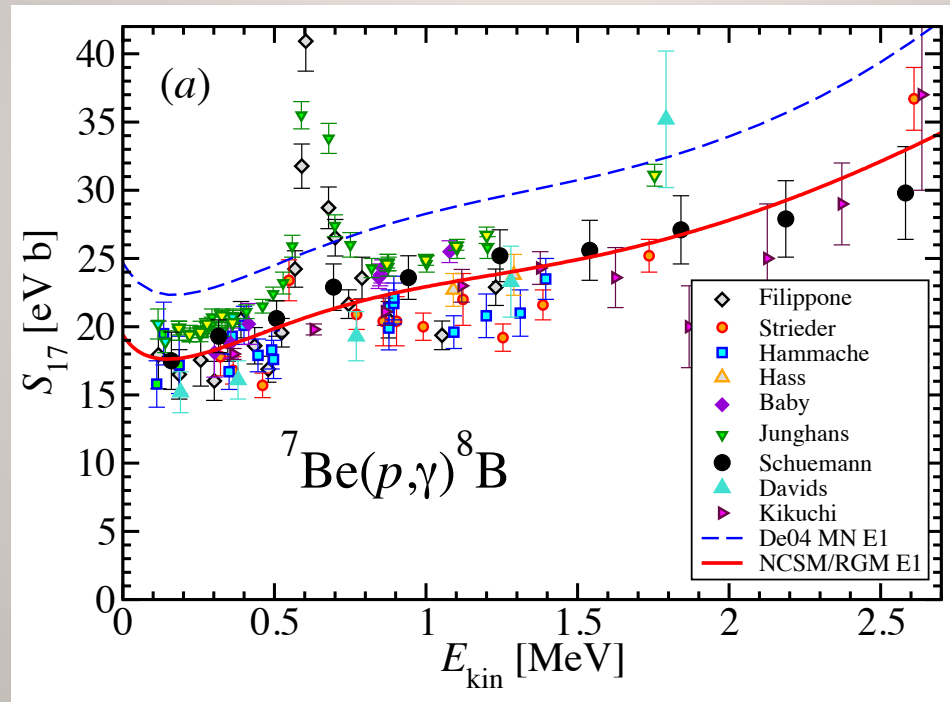


# ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$ radiative capture

- NCSM/RGM calculation
  - ${}^7\text{Be}$  states  $3/2^-, 1/2^-, 7/2^-, 5/2^-_1, 5/2^-_2$
  - Soft NN potential (chiral SRG- $\text{N}^3\text{LO}$  with  $\lambda = 1.86 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ )



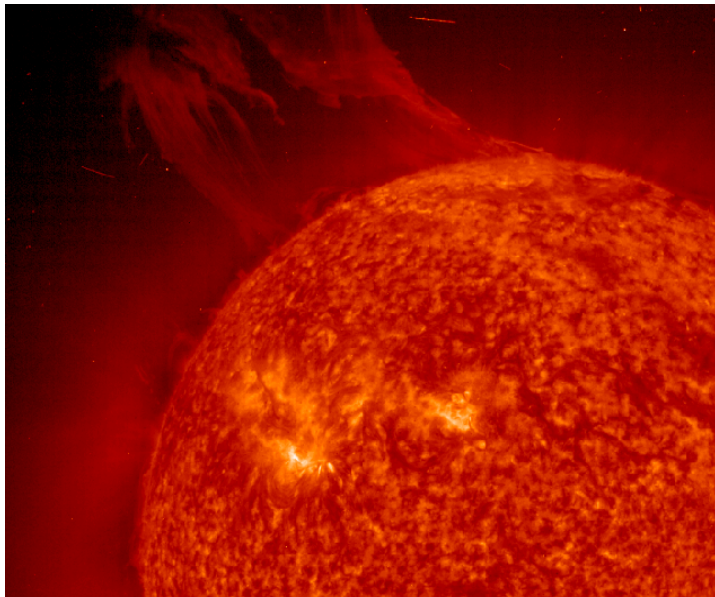
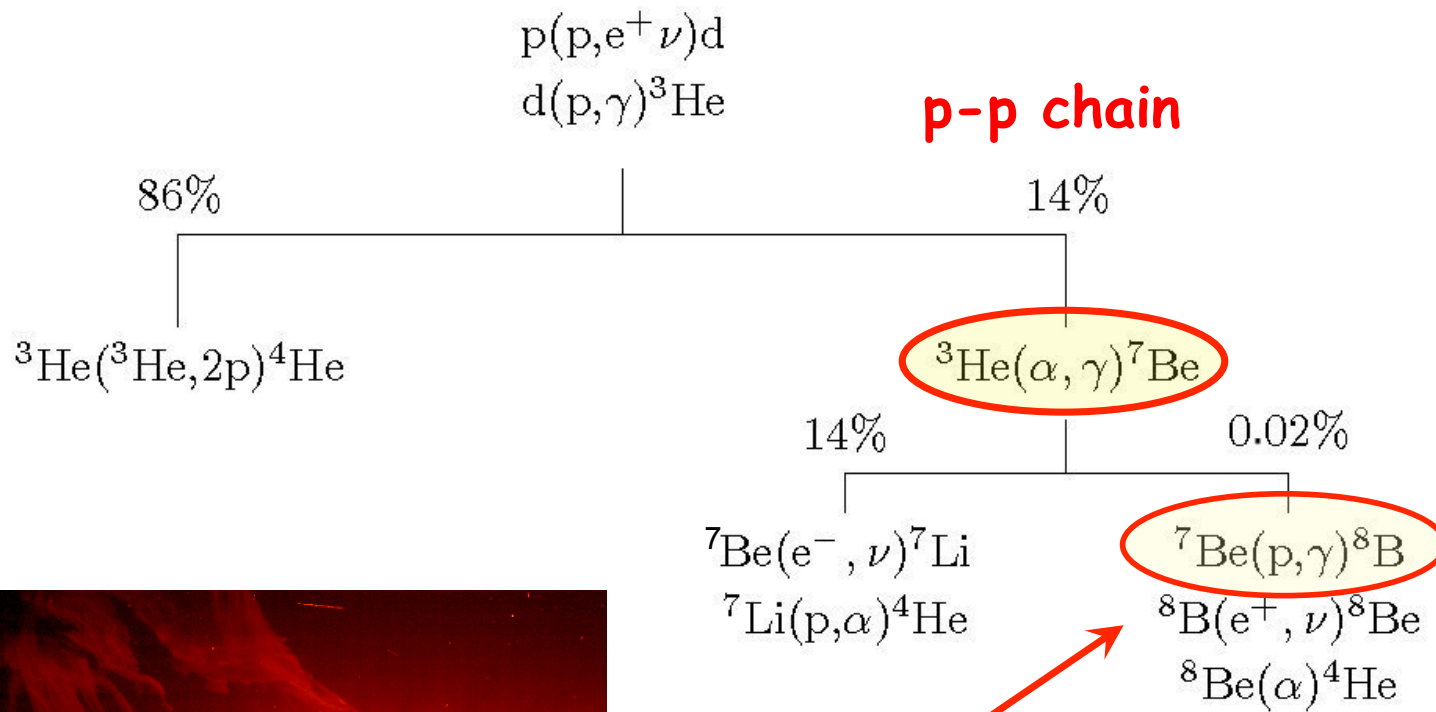
${}^8\text{B}$   $2^+$  g.s. bound by 136 keV (expt. 137 keV)  
 $S(0) \sim 19.4(0.7) \text{ eV b}$   
 Data evaluation:  
 $S(0) = 20.8(2.1) \text{ eV b}$



$$S(E) = E\sigma(E) \exp[2\pi\eta(E)]$$

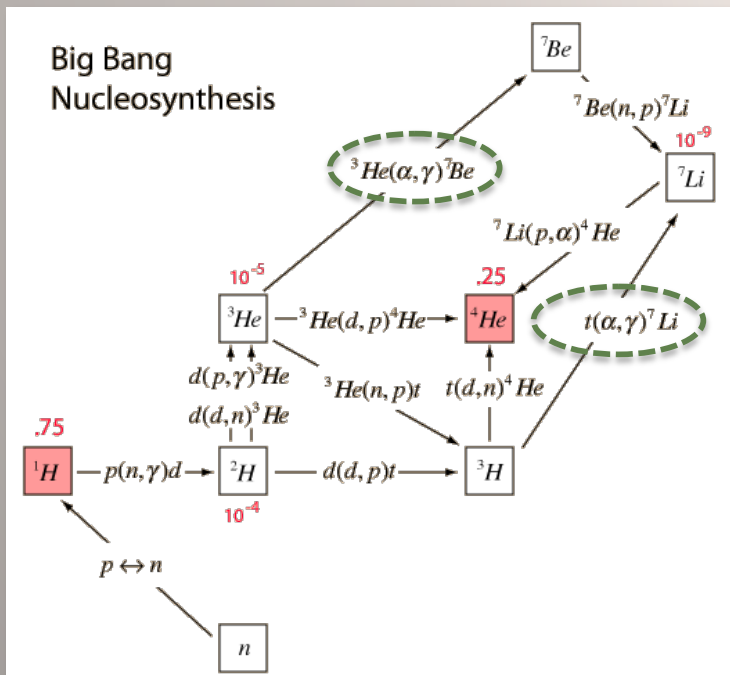
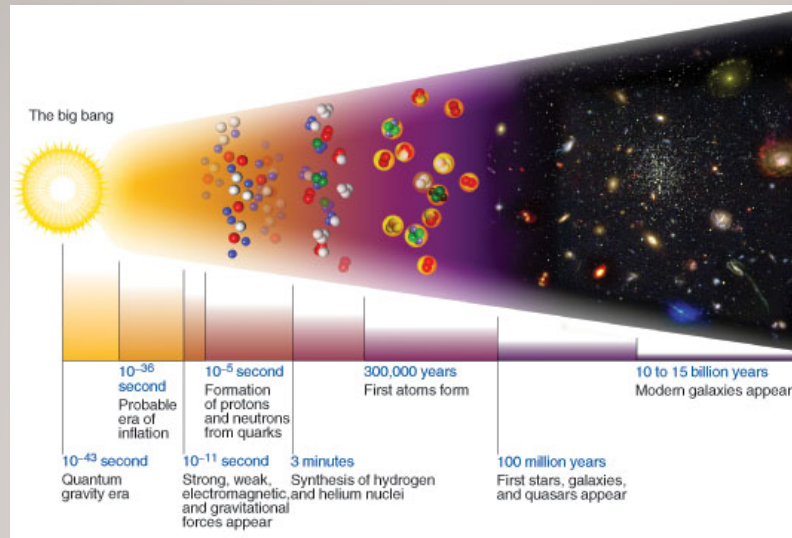
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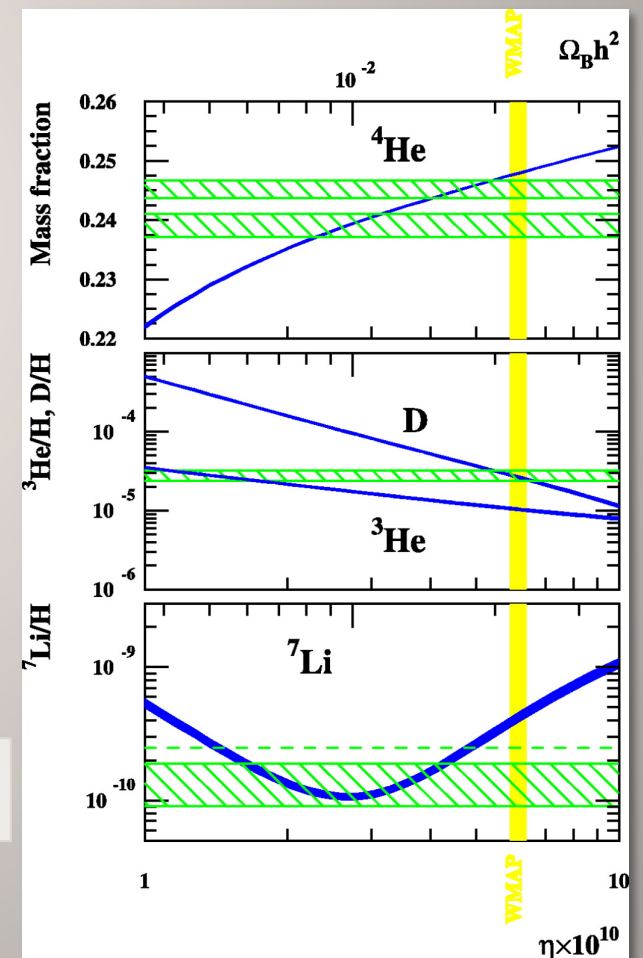
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# Big Bang nucleosynthesis

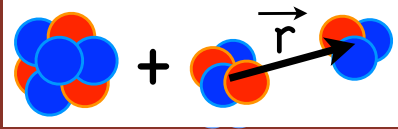


Key reactions

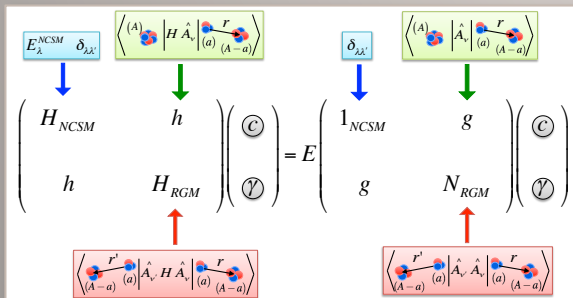
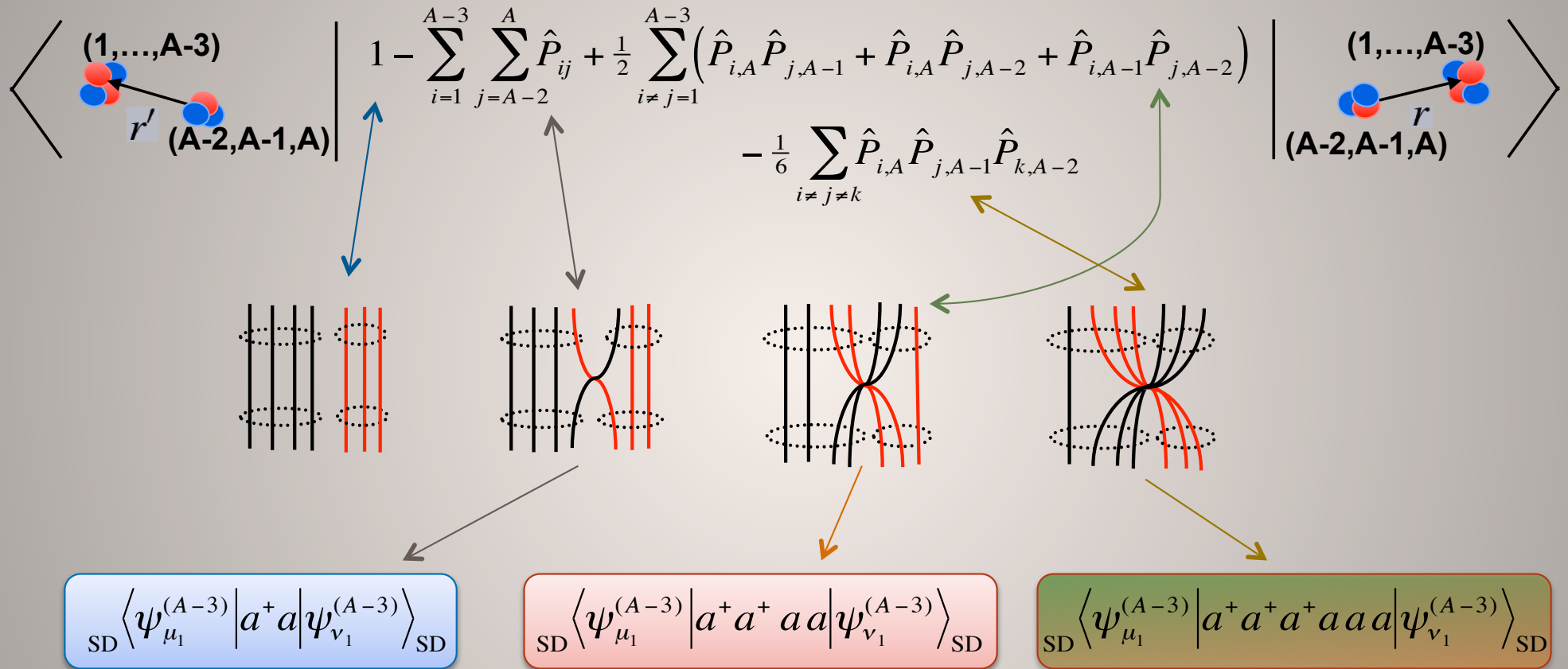
$^7\text{Li}$  puzzle





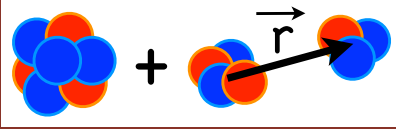


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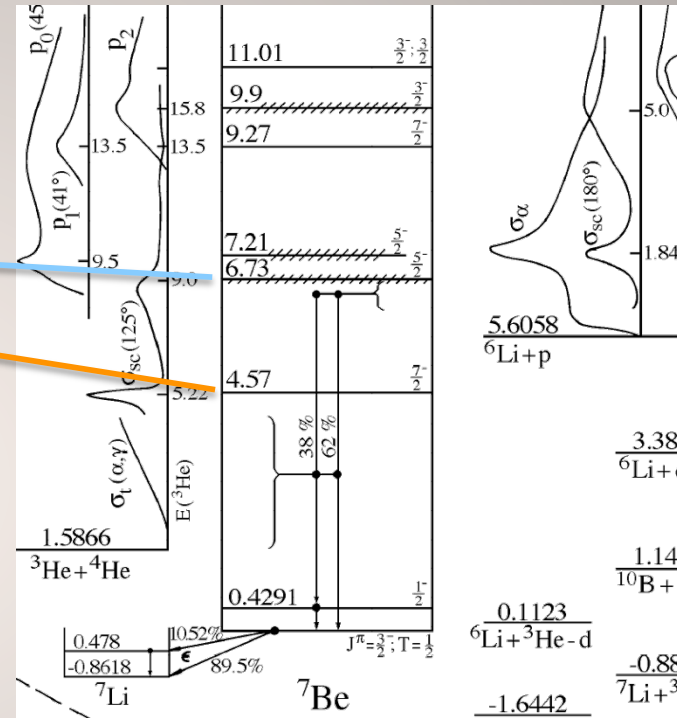
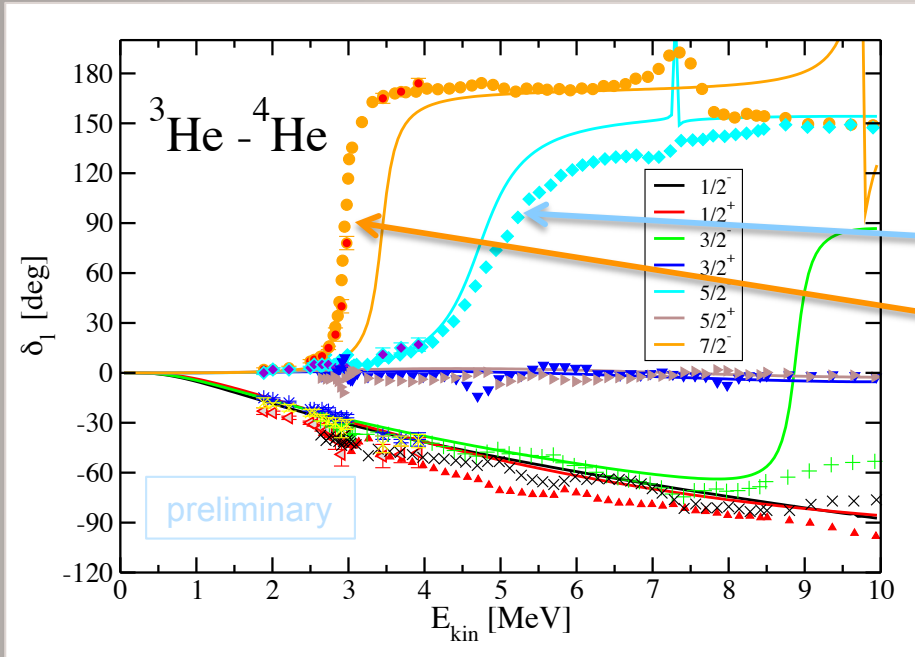


For  $A=7$  use completeness





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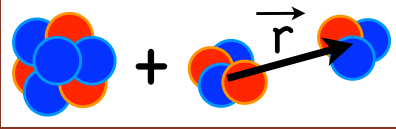
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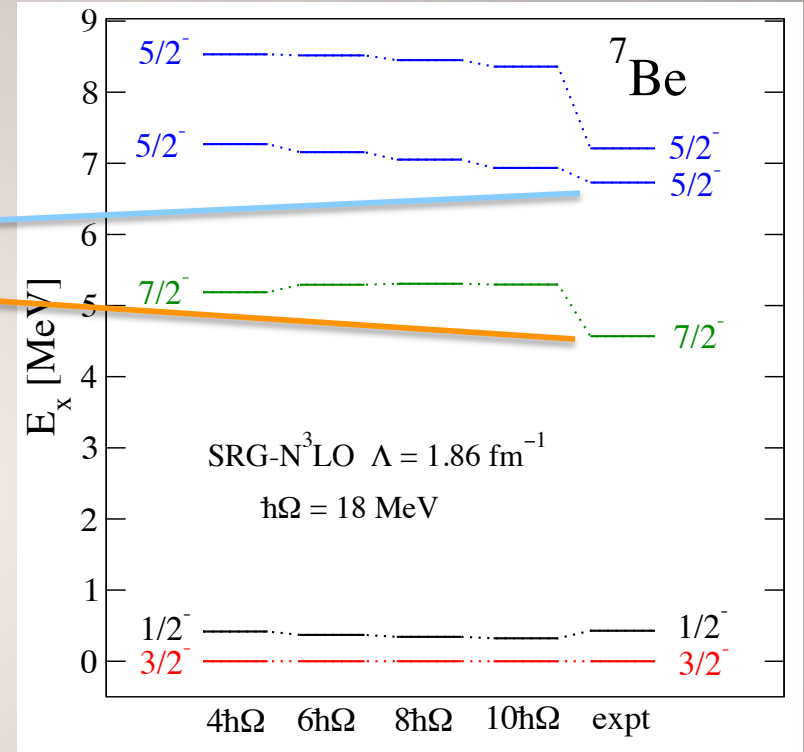
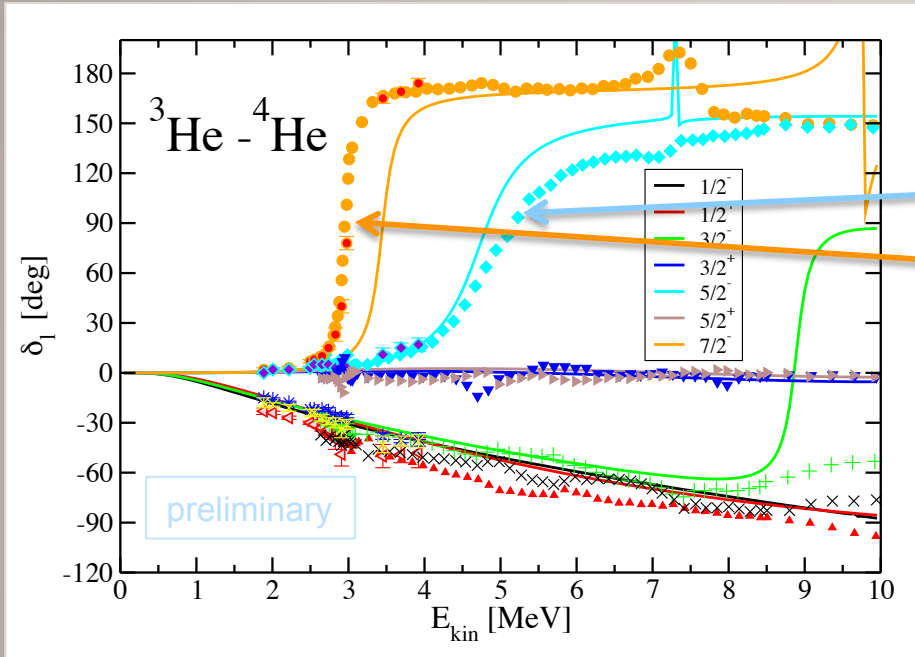
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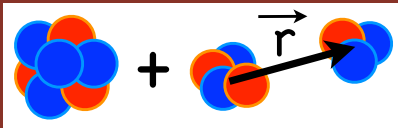
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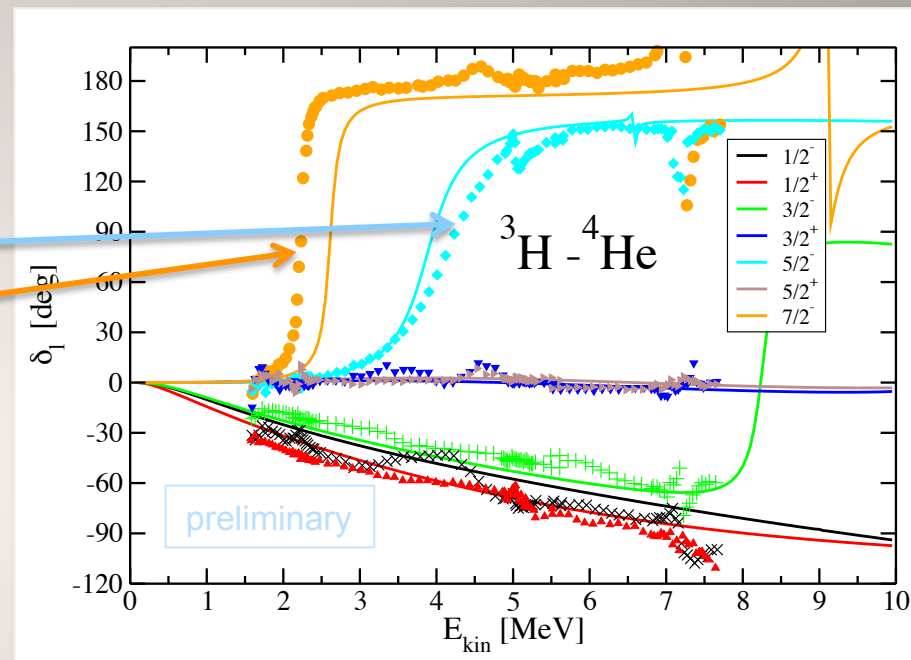
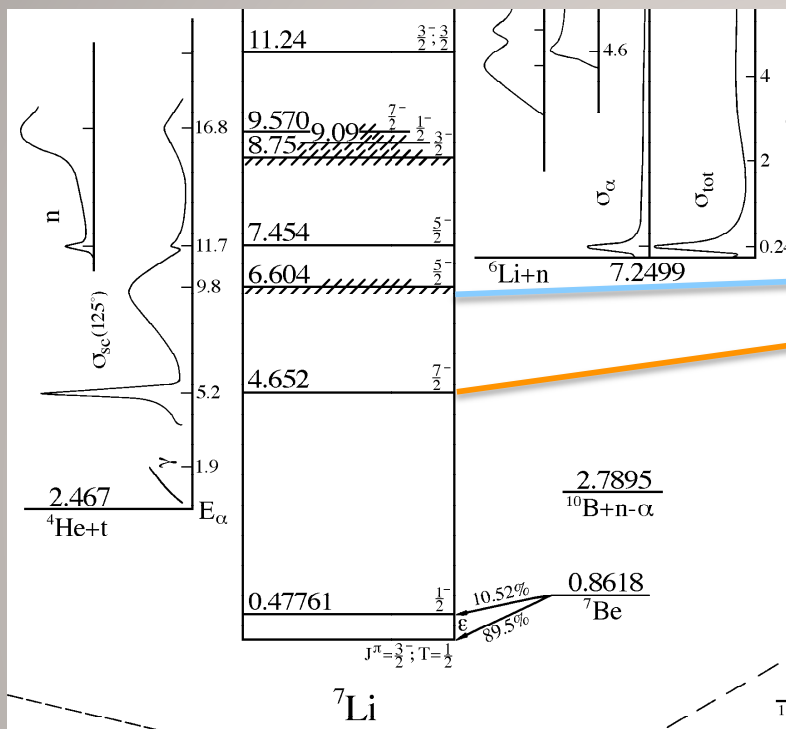
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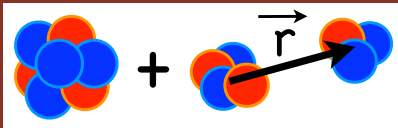
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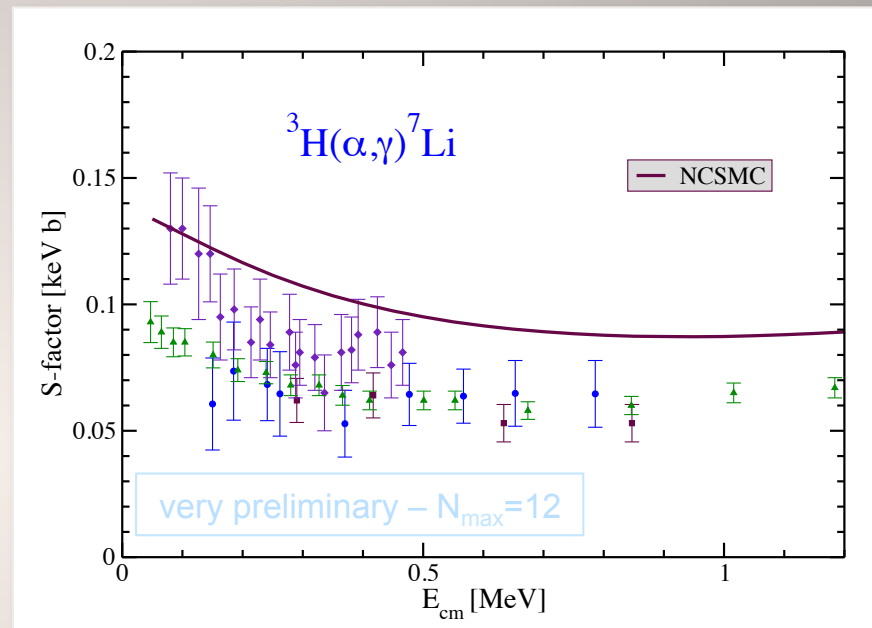
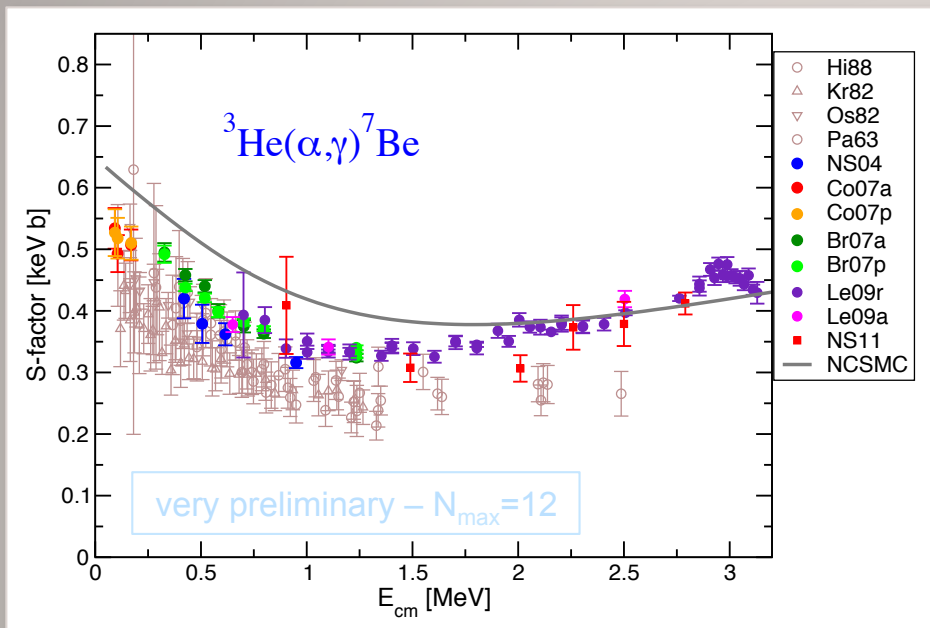
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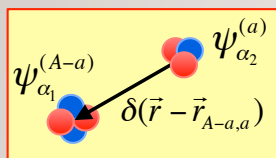
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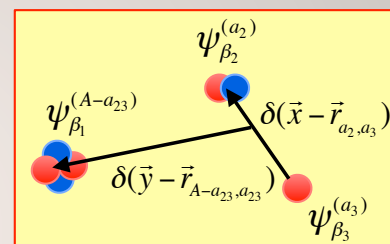
- Starts from:

$$\Psi_{RGM}^{(A)} = \sum_{v_2} \int g_{v_2}(\vec{r}) \hat{A}_{v_2} |\phi_{v_2 \vec{r}}\rangle d\vec{r} + \sum_{v_3} \iint G_{v_3}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \hat{A}_{v_3} |\Phi_{v_3, \vec{x}\vec{y}}\rangle d\vec{x} d\vec{y}$$

2-body channels

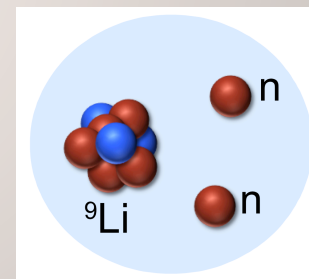
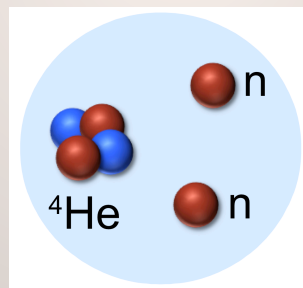


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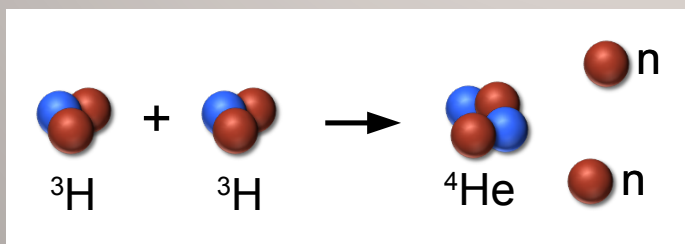


3-body channels

- Two-neutron halo nuclei



- Transfer reactions with three-body continuum final states



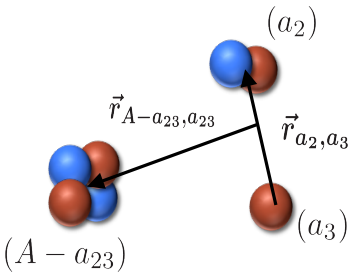
# NCSM/RGM for three-body clusters: Structure of ${}^6\text{He}$

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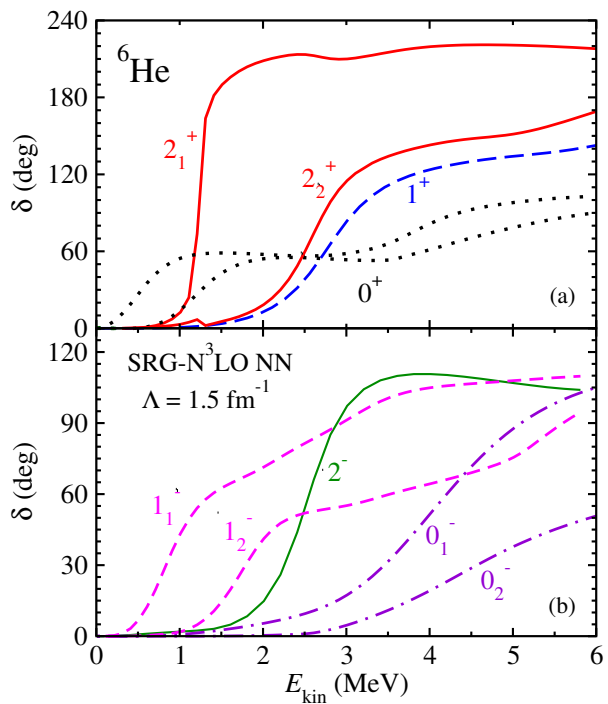
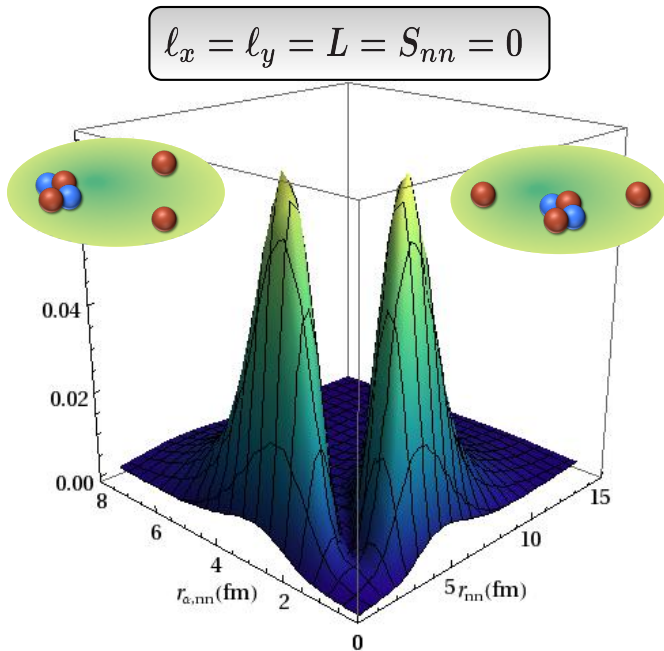
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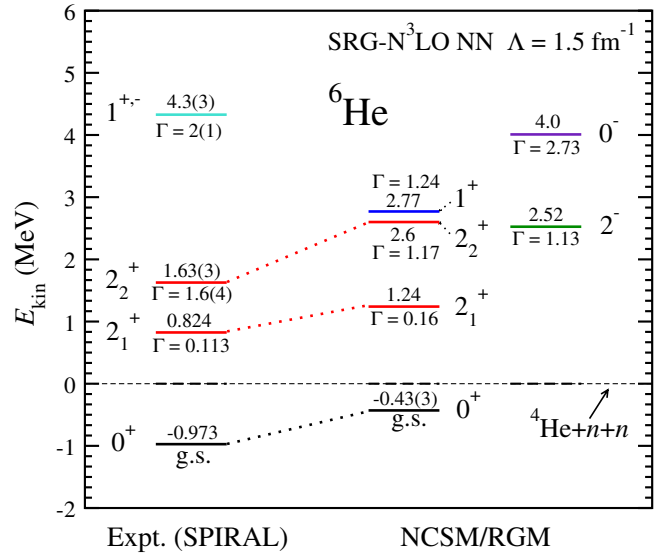


${}^6\text{He}$  bound  $0^+$  ground state

${}^6\text{He}$  resonances and continuum



Comparison to recent experiment



${}^5\text{H} \approx {}^4\text{He} + n + n$  in progress

# Conclusions and Outlook

- *Ab initio* calculations of nuclear structure and reactions is a dynamic field with significant advances
- We developed a new unified approach to nuclear bound and unbound states
  - Merging of the NCSM and the NCSM/RGM = **NCSMC**
  - Inclusion of three-nucleon interactions in reaction calculations for  $A > 5$  systems
  - Extension to three-body clusters ( ${}^6\text{He} \sim {}^4\text{He} + n + n$ )
  - Applications to capture reactions important for astrophysics
- Outlook:
  - Extension to composite projectiles (deuteron,  ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^3\text{He}$ )
  - Transfer reactions
  - Bremsstrahlung
  - Alpha-clustering ( ${}^4\text{He}$  projectile)
    - ${}^{12}\text{C}$  and Hoyle state:  ${}^8\text{Be} + {}^4\text{He}$
    - ${}^{16}\text{O}$ :  ${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^4\text{He}$



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