

# Nuclear Reactions II: Applications to Nuclear Structure

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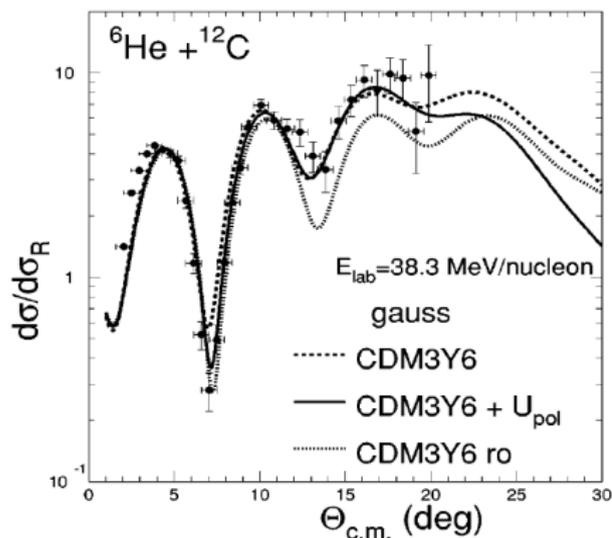
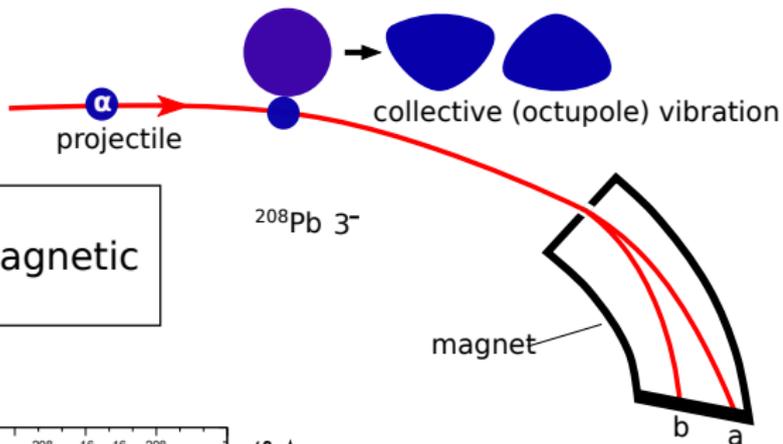


FIG. 10. Elastic scattering for  ${}^6\text{He} + {}^{12}\text{C}$  at 38.3 MeV/nucleon in comparison with the OM results given by the real folded potential (obtained with the CDM3Y6 interaction and the Gaussian  $ga$  density for  ${}^6\text{He}$ ). The dashed curve is obtained with the unrenormalized folded potential only. The solid curve is obtained by adding a complex surface polarization potential to the real folded potential. Its parameters, and those of the imaginary part, are explained in the text. The dotted line is obtained by folding the CDM3Y6 interaction with the compact Gaussian density  $ro$ .

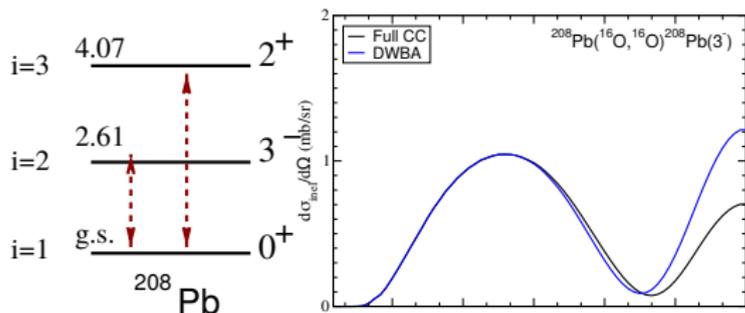
[Lapoux et al, PRC 66 (02) 034608]

*traditionally used to  
extract optical potentials,  
rms radii, density  
distributions.*

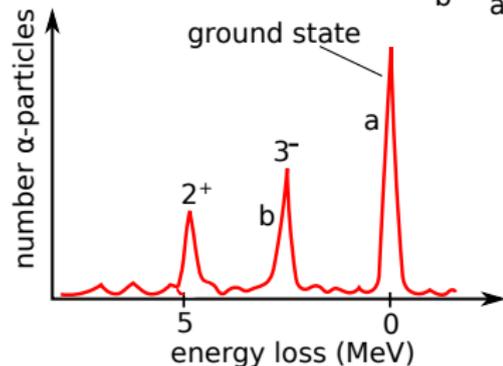
# Inelastic scattering



used to extract nuclear deformations, electromagnetic transitions...



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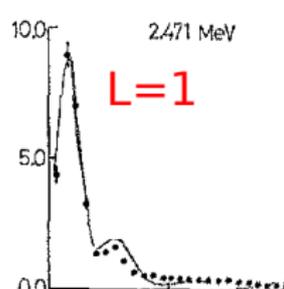
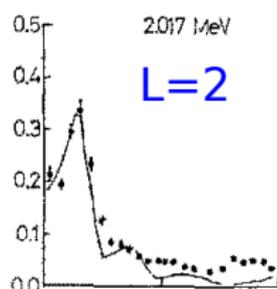
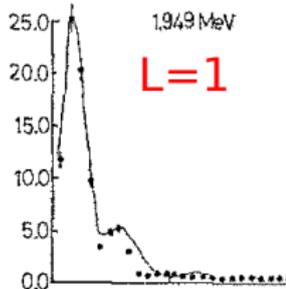
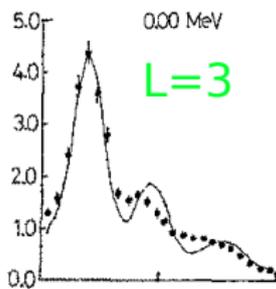
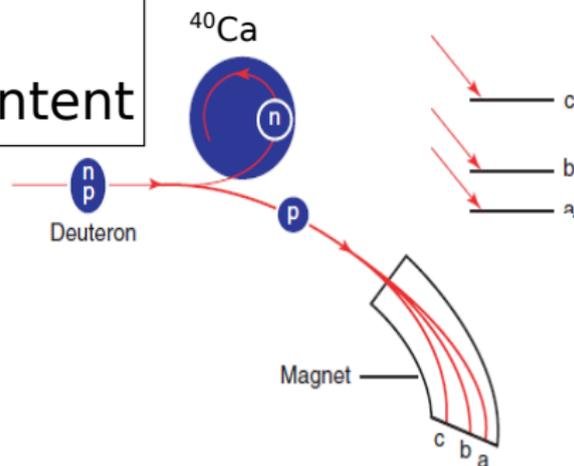


# One-particle transfer

populates states with strong single-particle content

**shape:** angular momentum.

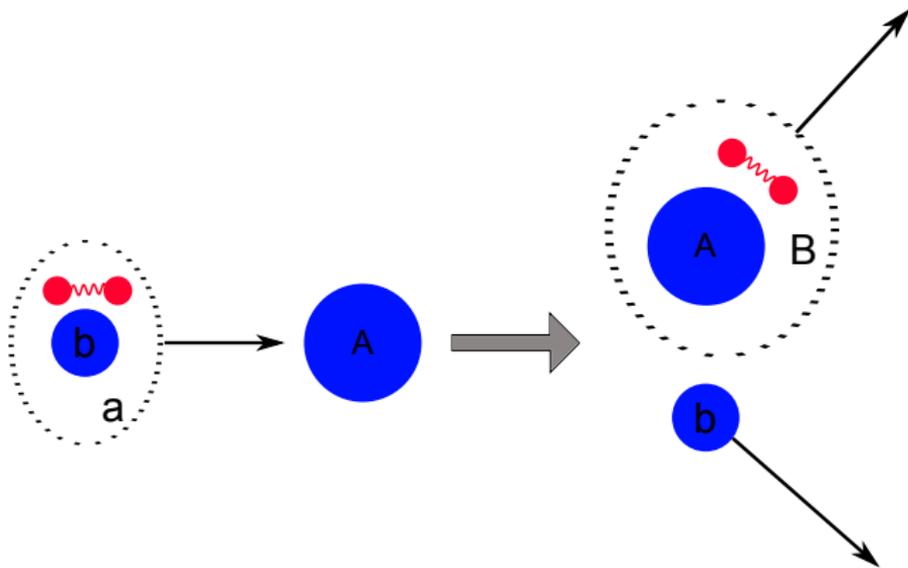
**magnitude:** spectroscopic factor (single-particle strength).



Brown *et al.* Nucl. Phys. A **225** (1974) 267

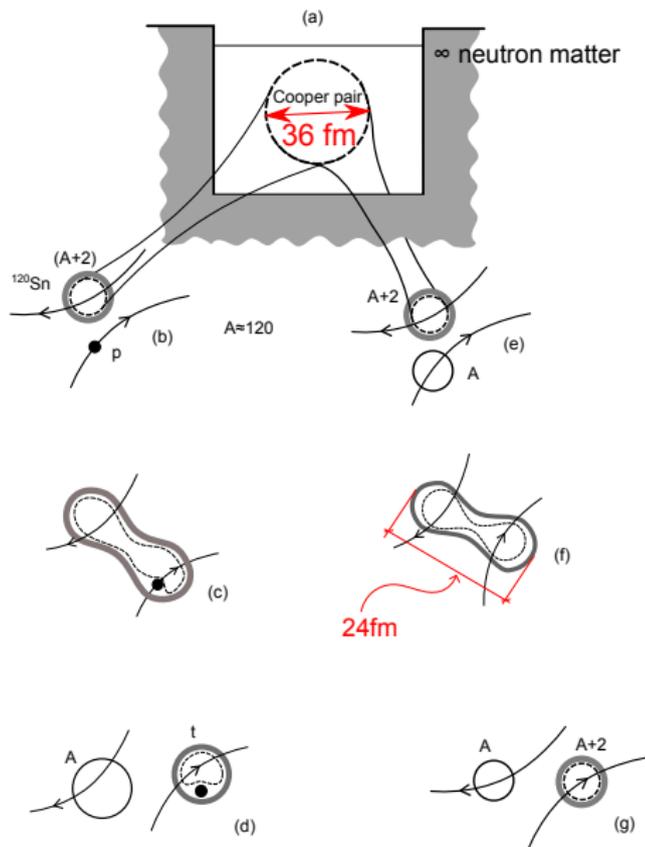
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## 2-neutron transfer and reactions



- Reaction  $A + a \rightarrow (a - 2) + (A + 2)$ .
- Measure of the **pairing correlations** between the transferred nucleons.
- Need to correctly **account for the correlated wavefunction**.

# Delocalization of the pair transfer process



# Let's remember the Born series

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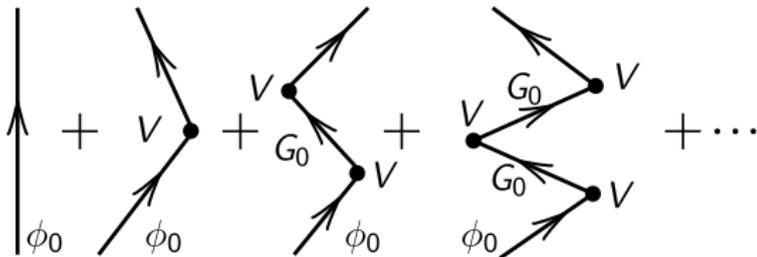
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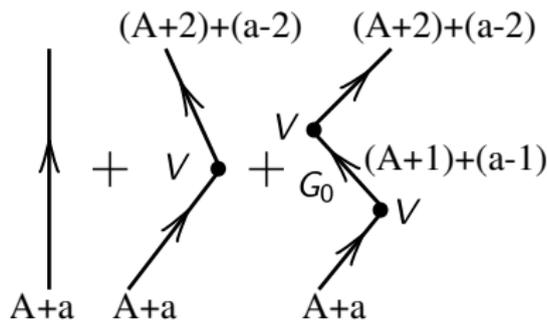
$$|\phi\rangle = |\phi_0\rangle + G_0 V \phi_0 + G_0 V G_0 V \phi_0 + G_0 V G_0 V G_0 V \phi_0 + \dots$$



# Two-nucleon transfer: stick to second order

In order to account for the successive transfer of two nucleons, we stick to 2<sup>nd</sup> order,  $A + a \rightarrow (A + 1) + (a - 1) \rightarrow (A + 2) + (a - 2)$

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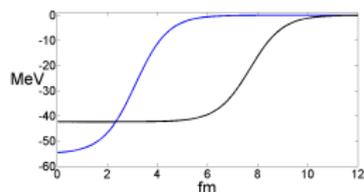
- $V \rightarrow$  one-nucleon transfer
- $G_0 \rightarrow$  Green's function of each one of the **many** intermediate states  $(A + 1) + (a - 1)$

# Reaction and structure models

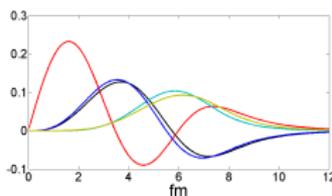
## Structure:

$$\Phi_i(\mathbf{r}_1, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \sigma_2) = \sum_{j_i} B_{j_i} [\psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}_1, \sigma_1) \psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}_2, \sigma_2)]_0^0$$

$$\Phi_f(\mathbf{r}_1, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \sigma_2) = \sum_{j_f} B_{j_f} [\psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_1, \sigma_1) \psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_2, \sigma_2)]_0^0$$

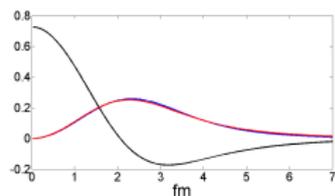


mean field potentials



radial wave functions

$$u^{j_i}(r)$$



radial wave functions

$$u^{j_f}(r)$$

## Reaction:

$$T_{2NT} = \sum_{j_f j_i} B_{j_f} B_{j_i} \left( T^{(1)}(j_i, j_f) + T_{succ}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f) - T_{NO}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f) \right)$$

# Introducing $T^{(1)}(j_i, j_f)$ , $T_{succ}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f)$ and $T_{NO}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f)$

very schematically, the **first order** (*simultaneous*) contribution is

$$T^{(1)} = \langle \beta | V | \alpha \rangle,$$

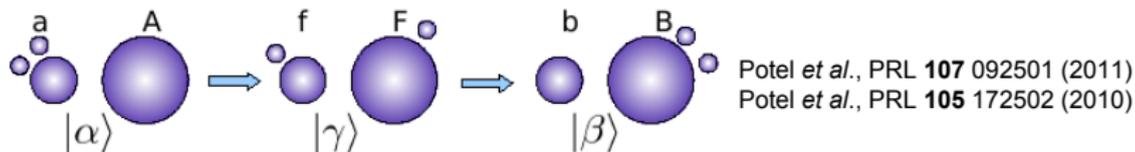
while the second order contribution can be separated in a *successive* and a *non-orthogonality* term

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(2)} &= T_{succ}^{(2)} + T_{NO}^{(2)} \\ &= \sum_{\gamma} \langle \beta | V | \gamma \rangle G \langle \gamma | V | \alpha \rangle - \sum_{\gamma} \langle \beta | \gamma \rangle \langle \gamma | V | \alpha \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

If we sum over a **complete basis** of intermediate states  $\gamma$ , we can apply the closure condition and  $T_{NO}^{(2)}$  **cancels**  $T^{(1)}$

the transition potential being **single particle**, two-nucleon transfer is a **second order process**.

# Two particle transfer in 2-step DWBA

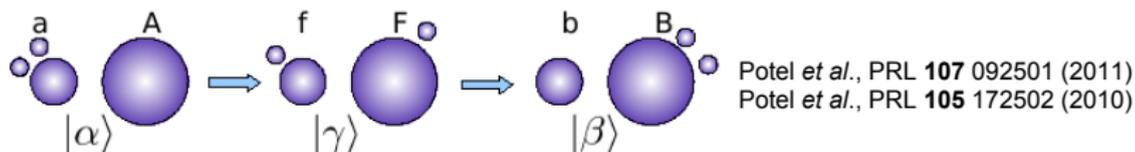


$$T_{2NT} = \sum_{j_f j_i} B_{j_f} B_{j_i} \left( T^{(1)}(j_i, j_f) + T_{succ}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f) - T_{NO}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f) \right)$$

## Simultaneous transfer

$$T^{(1)}(j_i, j_f) = 2 \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \int d\mathbf{r}_{fF} d\mathbf{r}_{b1} d\mathbf{r}_{A2} [\Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1) \Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0^{0*} \chi_{bB}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}_{bB}) \\ \times v(\mathbf{r}_{b1}) [\Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}_{b1}, \sigma_1) \Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}_{b2}, \sigma_2)]_0^0 \chi_{aA}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}_{aA})$$

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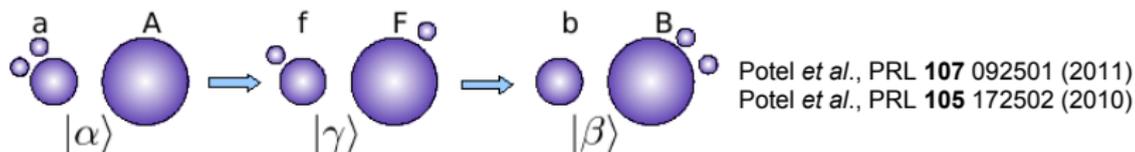


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**Successive transfer**

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{succ}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f) = & 2 \sum_{K, M} \sum_{\substack{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \\ \sigma'_1 \sigma'_2}} \int d\mathbf{r}_{fF} d\mathbf{r}_{b1} d\mathbf{r}_{A2} [\Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1) \Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0^{0*} \\
 & \times \chi_{bB}^{(-)*}(\mathbf{r}_{bB}) v(\mathbf{r}_{b1}) [\Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2) \Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}_{b1}, \sigma_1)]_M^K \\
 & \times \int d\mathbf{r}'_{fF} d\mathbf{r}'_{b1} d\mathbf{r}'_{A2} G(\mathbf{r}_{fF}, \mathbf{r}'_{fF}) [\Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}'_{A2}, \sigma'_2) \Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}'_{b1}, \sigma'_1)]_M^K \\
 & \times \frac{2\mu_{fF}}{\hbar^2} v(\mathbf{r}'_{f2}) [\Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}'_{b2}, \sigma'_2) \Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}'_{b1}, \sigma'_1)]_0^{0*} \chi_{aA}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}'_{aA})
 \end{aligned}$$

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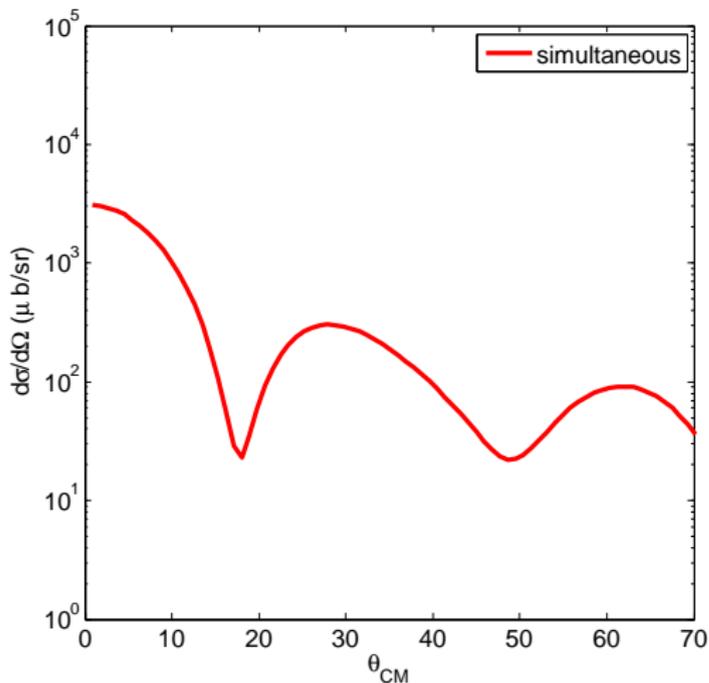


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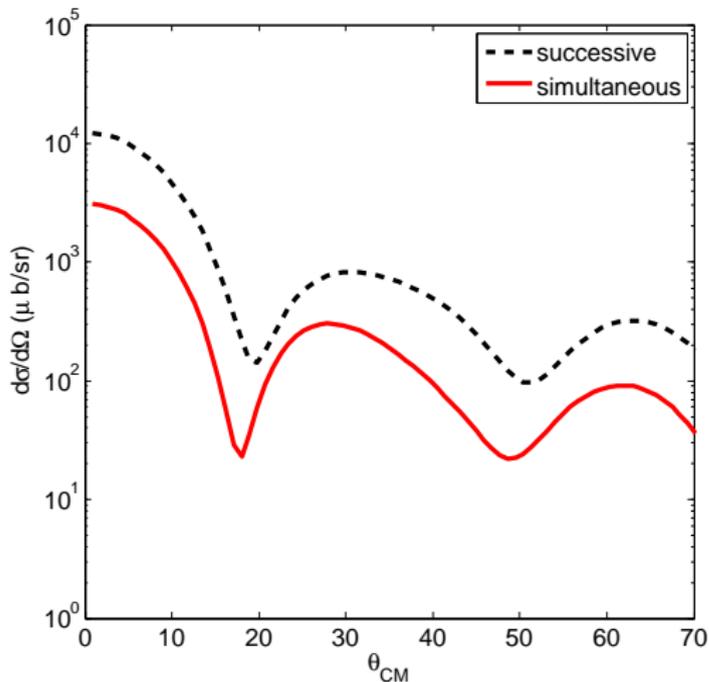
## Non-orthogonality term

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{NO}^{(2)}(j_i, j_f) = & 2 \sum_{K, M} \sum_{\substack{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \\ \sigma'_1 \sigma'_2}} \int d\mathbf{r}_{fF} d\mathbf{r}_{b1} d\mathbf{r}_{A2} [\Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A1}, \sigma_1) \Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}_{A2}, \sigma_2)]_0^{0*} \\
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 & \times \int d\mathbf{r}'_{b1} d\mathbf{r}'_{A2} [\Psi^{j_f}(\mathbf{r}'_{A2}, \sigma'_2) \Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}'_{b1}, \sigma'_1)]_M^K \\
 & \times [\Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}'_{b2}, \sigma'_2) \Psi^{j_i}(\mathbf{r}'_{b1}, \sigma'_1)]_0^0 \chi_{aA}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}'_{aA})
 \end{aligned}$$

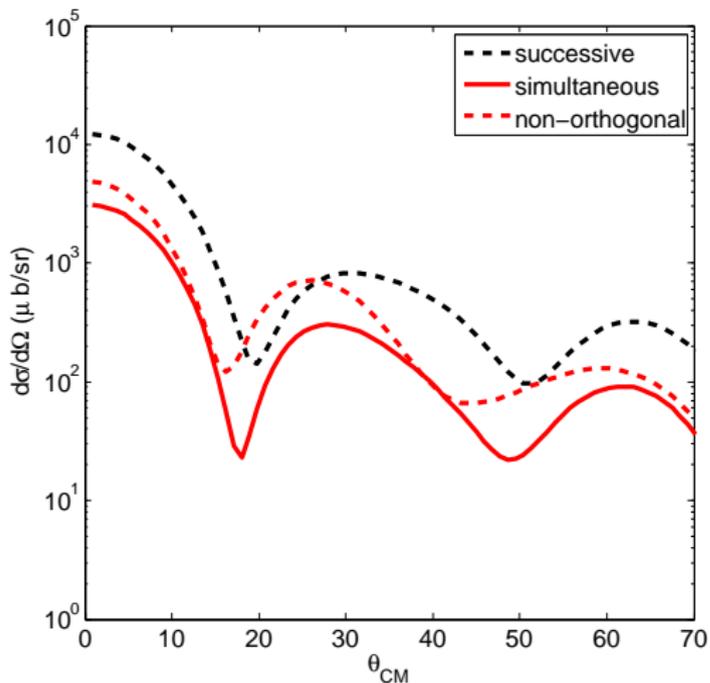
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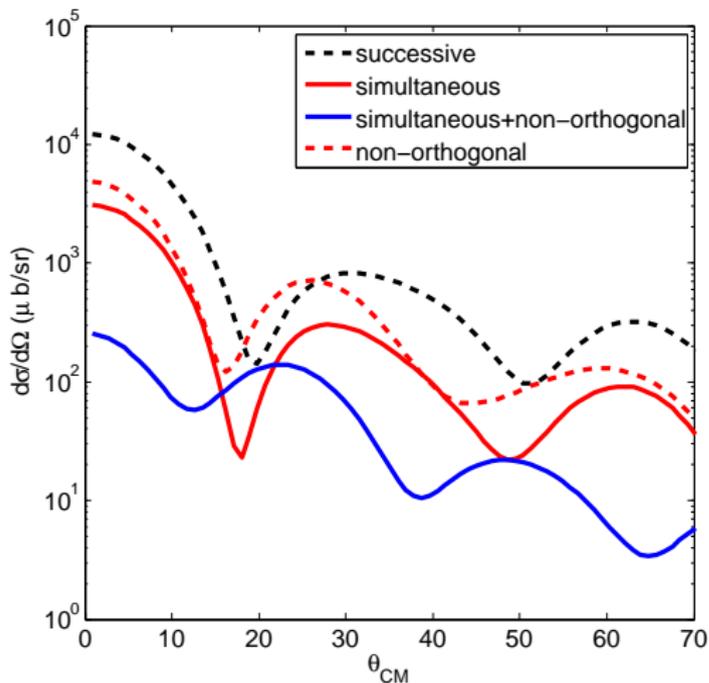
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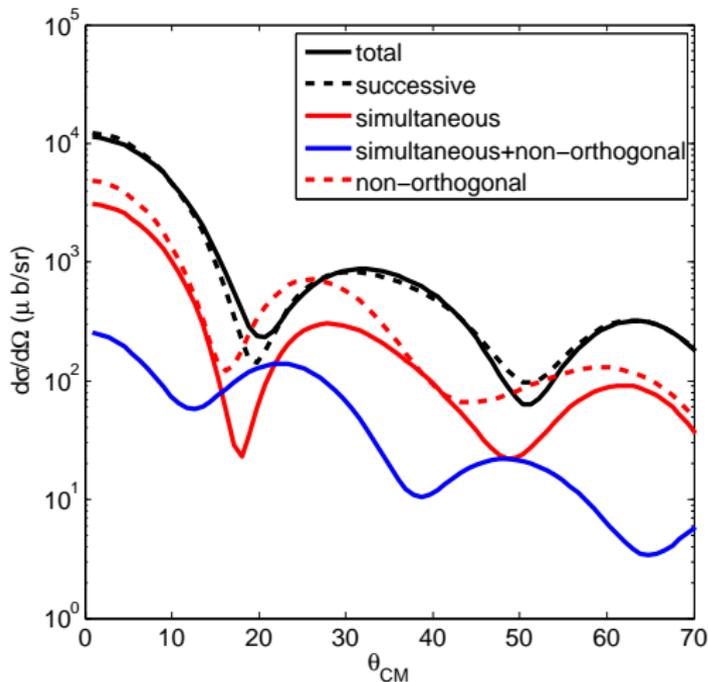
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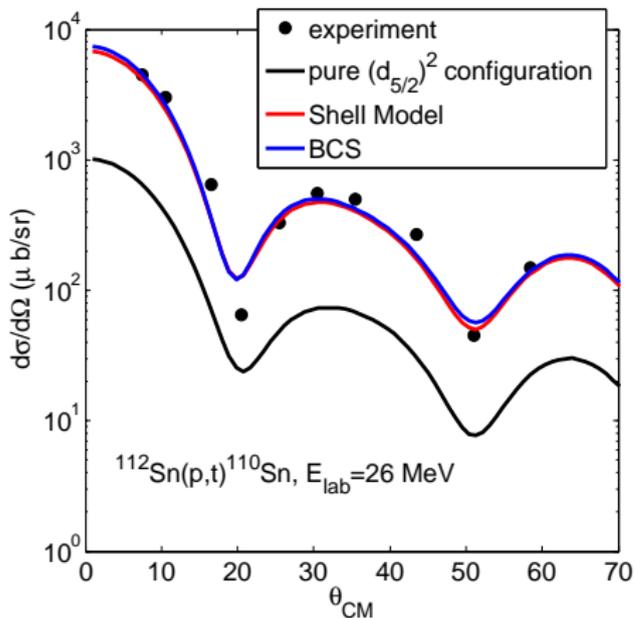


# Contributions to the $^{112}\text{Sn}(p,t)^{110}$ total cross section



Transfer driven by **single-particle potential (mean field)** → essentially a **successive** process!

# Probing pairing with 2-transfer: $^{112}\text{Sn}(p,t)^{110}\text{Sn}$ @ 26 MeV



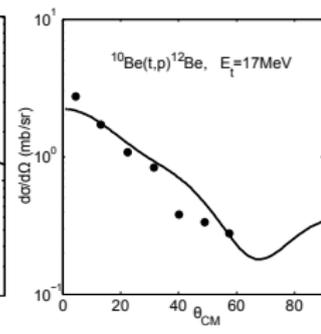
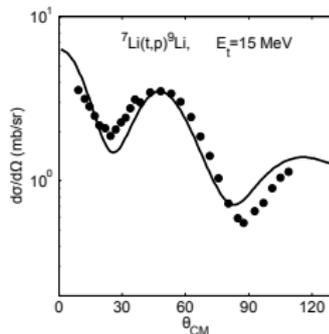
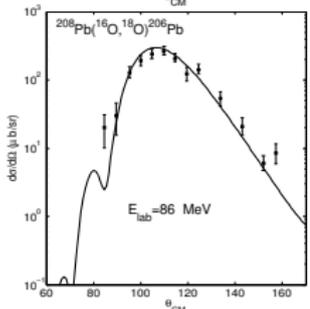
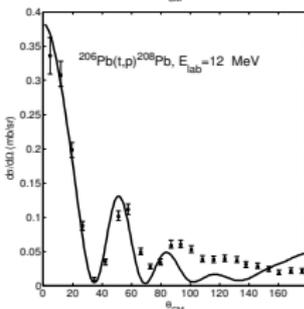
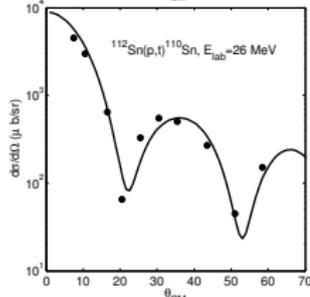
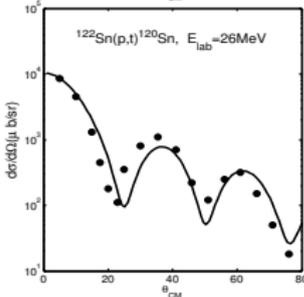
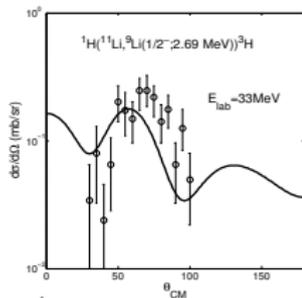
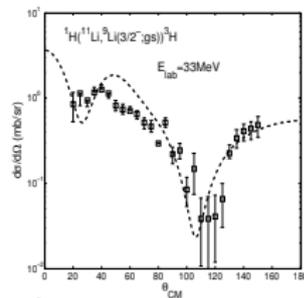
enhancement factor with respect to the transfer of uncorrelated neutrons:

$$\varepsilon = 20.6$$

Experimental data and shell model wavefunction from Guazzoni *et al.*  
PRC **74** 054605 (2006)

experiment very well reproduced with mean field (BCS) wavefunctions

# Examples of calculations



good results obtained for halo nuclei,  
 population of excited states,  
 superfluid nuclei,  
 normal nuclei (pairing vibrations),  
 heavy ion reactions...

Potel *et al.*, Rep. Prog. Phys. **76**  
 (2013) 106301

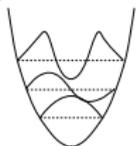
Absolute cross sections reproduced

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# Extracting the structure information: a standard approach

## STRUCTURE

$$(H - E)|\Psi(\xi_A)\rangle = 0 \quad \text{many-body Hamiltonian}$$



$$|\Psi_i(\xi_A)\rangle, E_i \quad \text{many-body wfs and energies}$$

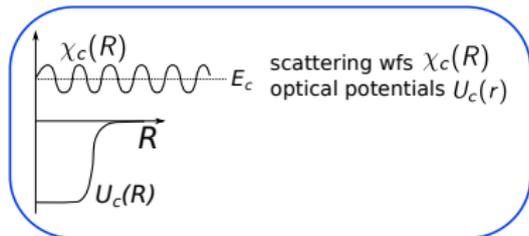
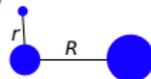
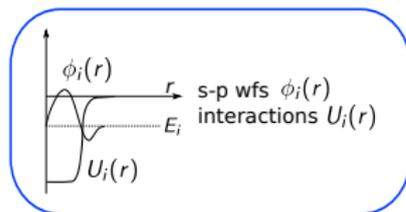


$$S_i = \langle \varphi_i(r) \psi_0(\xi_{A-1}) | \Psi \rangle \quad \text{"spectroscopic amplitudes"}$$



$$\sigma = S_i^2 \tilde{\sigma}$$

## REACTIONS



$$\tilde{\sigma} \sim \left| \langle \chi_c^{(-)}(R) \phi_f(r) | U_i(r) | \chi_c^{(+)}(R) \phi_i(r) \rangle \right|^2$$

- Factorization of structure and reactions.
- Can suffer from inconsistency between the two schemes.
- Extracted spectroscopic factor  $S_i^2 = \sigma / \tilde{\sigma}$  problematic.

# $(d, p)$ reactions: a unified approach

- 1 Describe the structure of the 2-body subsystems in some given framework of choice.
- 2 Employ the same quantum many-body methods to work out the interactions  $U_{An}, U_{Ap}, U_{pn}$  (in general, non-local and energy-dependent).
- 3 Write down the resulting 3-body Hamiltonian  $H$ .
- 4 Obtain cross sections from  $H$  using controlled approximations.

## 3-body Hamiltonian

$$H = T + U_{An}(r_n, r'_n, E_n, J_n, \pi_n) + U_{Ap}(r_p, r'_p, E_p, J_p, \pi_p) \\ + U_{pn}(r_{pn}, r'_{pn}, E_{pn}, J_{pn}, \pi_{pn})$$

## Disclaimer

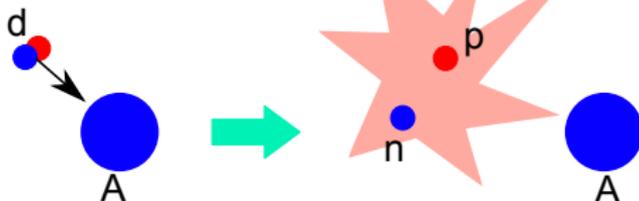
Still not the end of the story! 3-body forces  $U_{Anp}$  not taken into account at this stage.

# $(d, p)$ reaction as a 2-step process

step1

breakup

$$\langle \chi_p | V | \phi_A \chi_d \phi_d \rangle$$



step2

propagation of n in the field of A

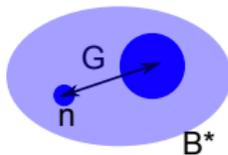
to detector

p

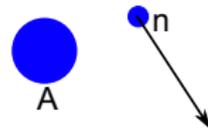
non elastic breakup

p

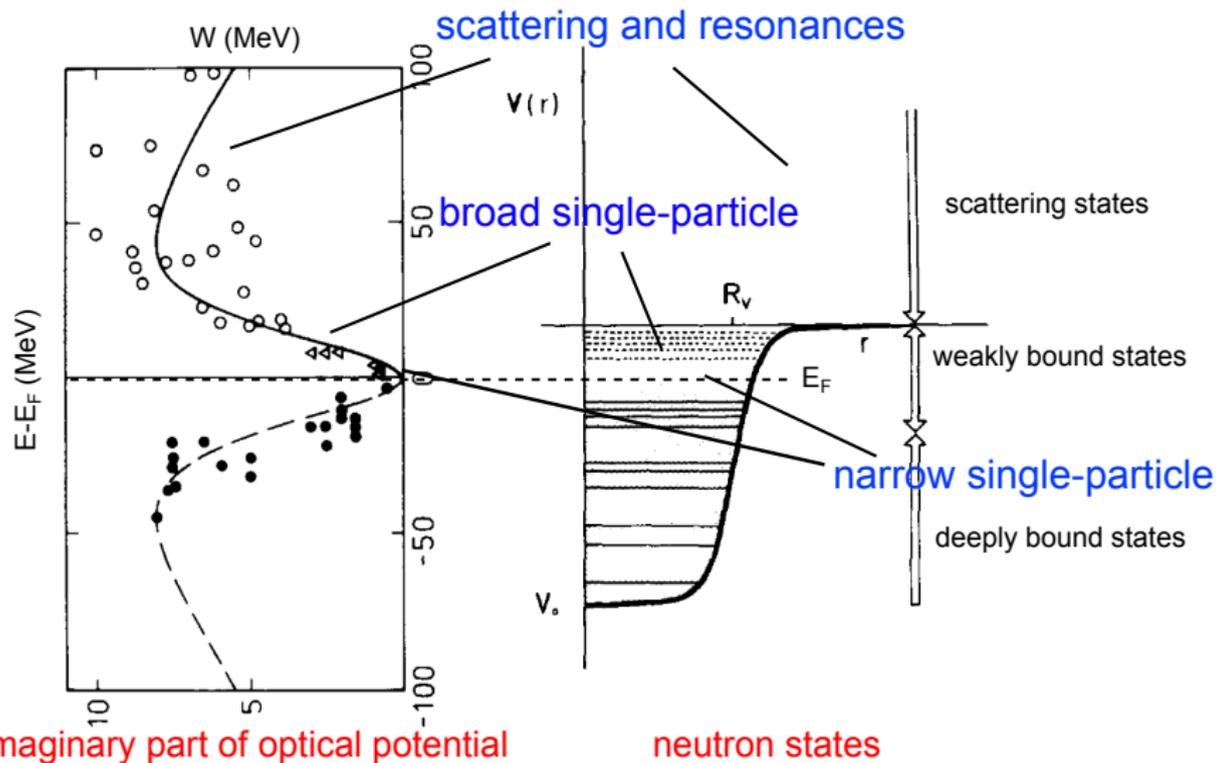
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# $U_{An}$ potential and neutron states

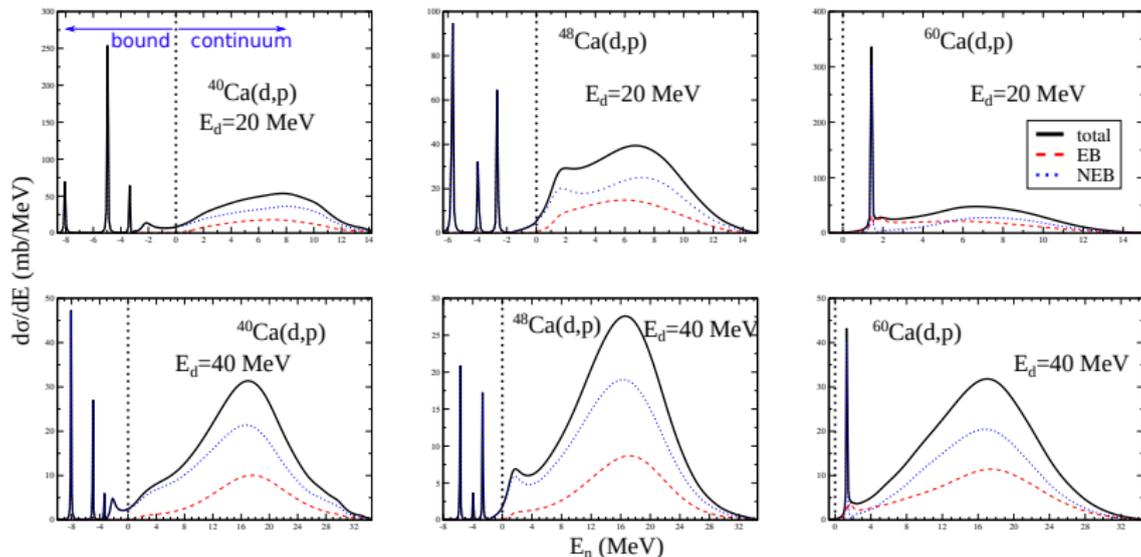


Imaginary part of optical potential

neutron states

Mahaux, Bortignon, Broglia and Dasso Phys. Rep. **120** (1985) 1

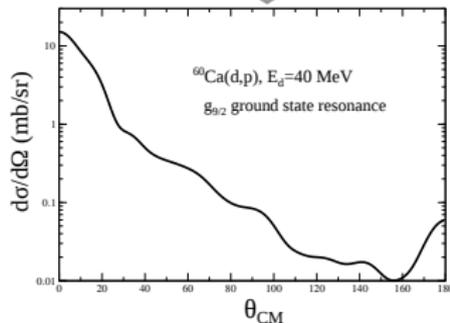
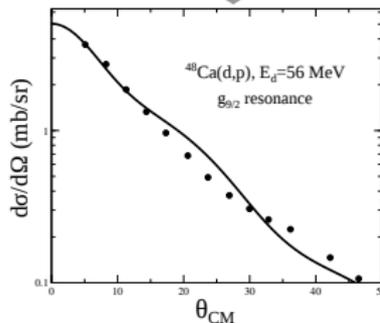
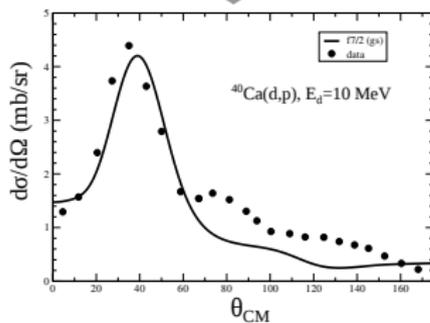
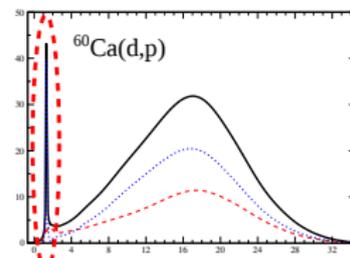
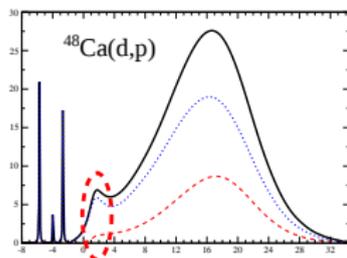
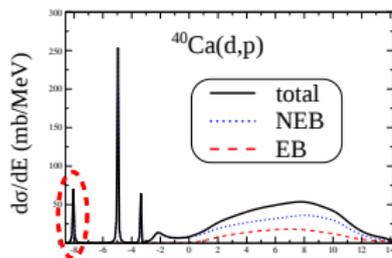
# Dispersive Optical Model (DOM): Calcium isotopes



GP *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. A **53** (2017) 178.

- DOM used to compute  $(d, p)$  cross sections on Ca isotopes.
- Both bound and continuum neutron states described.
- DOM can be extrapolated to unknown territory ( $^{60}\text{Ca}$ ).

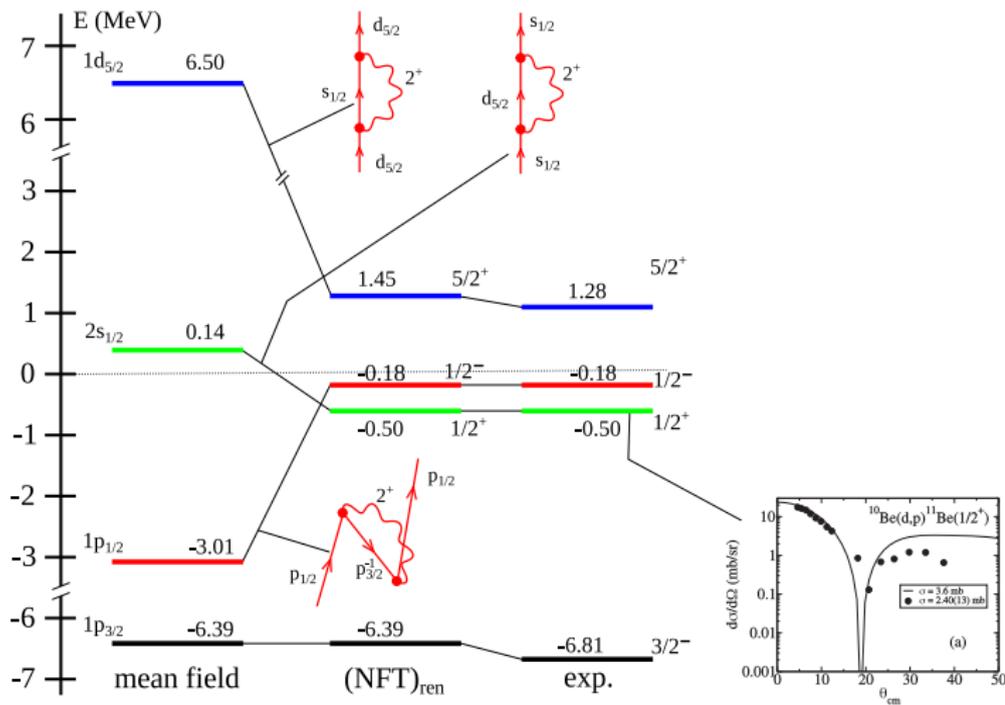
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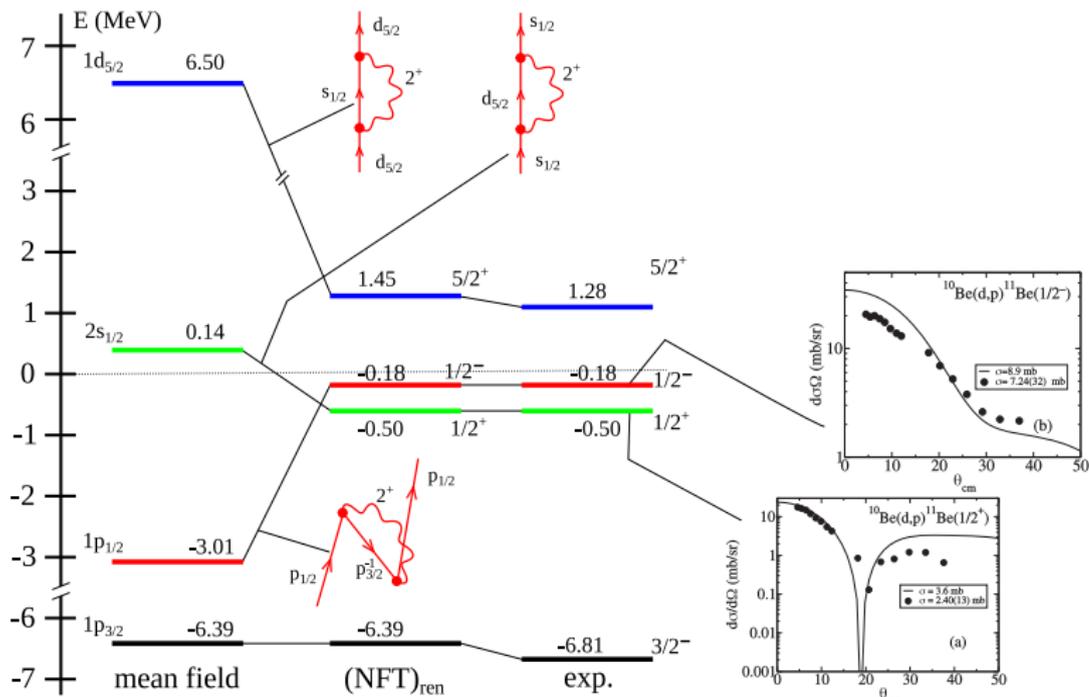
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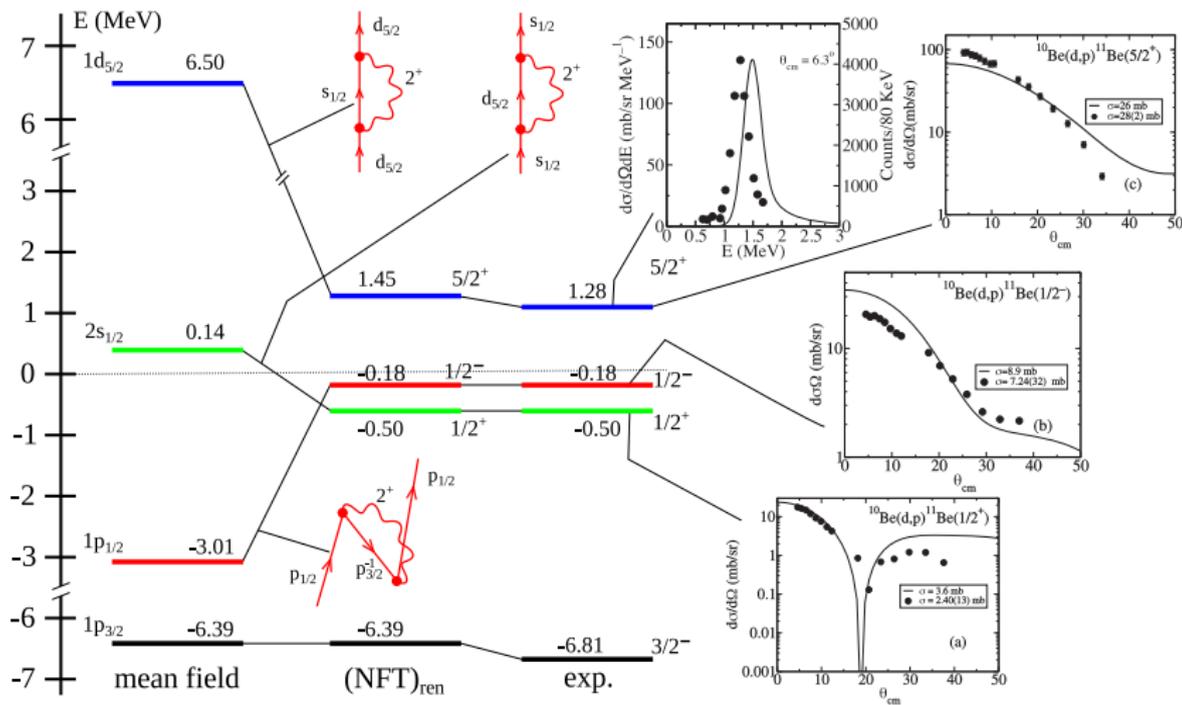
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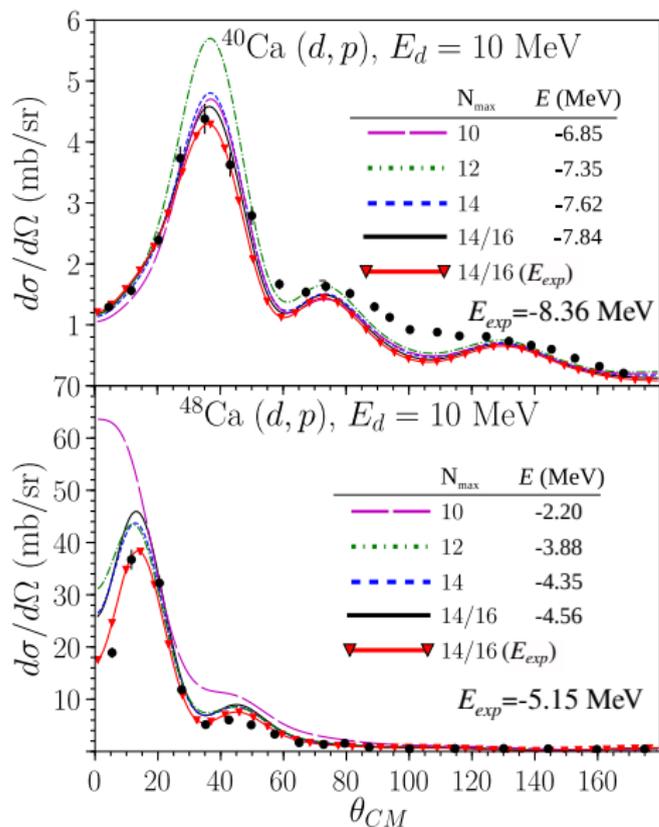


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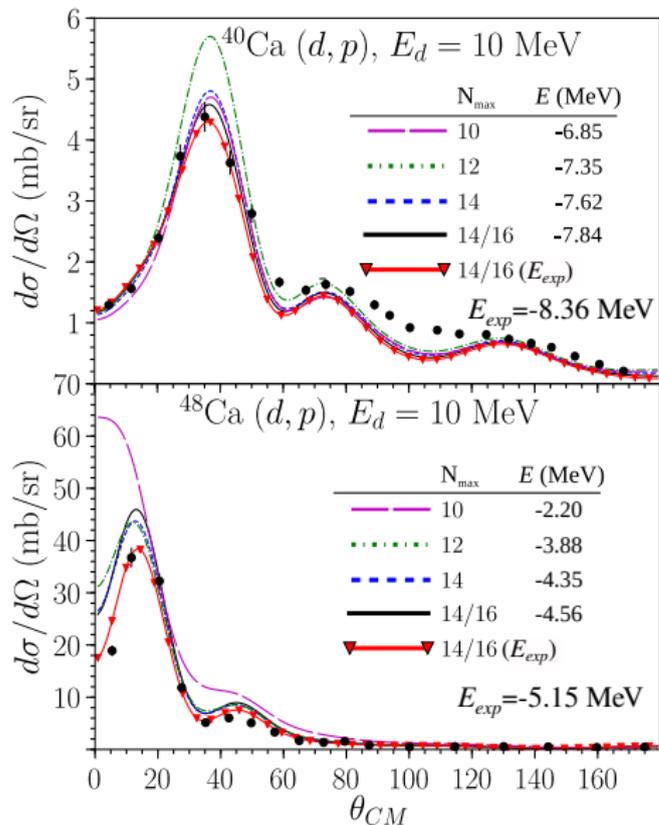
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