

Large Scale Shell-Model Calculations for Open-shell nuclei



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Part I: The BIGSTICK shell model code

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Part II: Applications

II a: Transitions and the Brink-Axel hypothesis

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II b: *ab initio* Gamow-Teller transitions (in progress)

II c: L-S decomposition of *ab initio* nuclides

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON THE BIGSTICK CODE

Many-fermion code: 2nd generation after REDSTICK code
(started in *Baton Rouge, La.*)

Uses “factorization” algorithm: Johnson, Ormand, and Krastev,
Comp. Phys. Comm. 184, 2761(2013)

Arbitrary single-particle radial waveforms

Allows local or nonlocal two-body interaction

Three-body forces implemented and validated

Applies to both nuclear and atomic cases

Runs on both desktop and parallel machines

–can run at least dimension 300M+ on desktop

–has done *dimension 9 billion+* on supercomputers

**Inline calculations of one-body density matrices,
single-particle occupations,**

(+ options to compute strength functions via Lanczos trick, etc.)

Will add 2-body non-scalar transition operators later this year

45 kilolines of code

Fortran 90 + MPI + OpenMP

Plan to release beta version later this year...followed by CPC pub

THE BASIC PROBLEM

The matrix formalism:

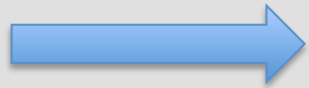
$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle \quad H_{\alpha\beta} = \langle\alpha|\hat{\mathbf{H}}|\beta\rangle$$

$$\sum_{\beta} H_{\alpha\beta} c_{\beta} = E c_{\alpha} \quad \text{if} \quad \langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

THE BASIC PROBLEM

Find extremal eigenvalues of very large, very sparse Hermitian matrix



Lanczos algorithm

fundamental operation is *matrix-vector multiply*

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_1 = \alpha_1\vec{v}_1 + \beta_1\vec{v}_2$$

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_2 = \beta_1\vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2\vec{v}_2 + \beta_2\vec{v}_3$$

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_3 = \beta_2\vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3\vec{v}_3 + \beta_3\vec{v}_4$$

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_4 = \beta_3\vec{v}_3 + \alpha_4\vec{v}_4 + \beta_4\vec{v}_5$$

matrix-vector multiply

Lanczos algorithm!

A SPARSE MATRIX, BUT....

Despite sparsity, nonzero matrix elements can require TB of storage

How the basis states are represented

Product wavefunction (“Slater Determinant”)

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3 \dots) = \phi_{n_1}(\vec{r}_1) \phi_{n_2}(\vec{r}_2) \phi_{n_3}(\vec{r}_3) \dots \phi_{n_N}(\vec{r}_N)$$

Each many-body state can be *uniquely* determined by a list of “occupied” single-particle states
= “occupation representation”

$$|\alpha\rangle = \hat{a}_{n_1}^+ \hat{a}_{n_2}^+ \hat{a}_{n_3}^+ \dots \hat{a}_{n_N}^+ |0\rangle$$

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- Typical dimensions and sparsity

Nuclide	valence space	valence Z	valence N	basis dim	sparsity (%)
^{20}Ne	“sd”	2	2	640	10
^{25}Mg	“sd”	4	5	44,133	0.5
^{49}Cr	“pf”	4	5	6M	0.01
^{56}Fe	“pf”	6	10	500M	2×10^{-4}
^{12}C	$N_{\max}=8$	6	6	600M	4×10^{-4}
^{12}C	$N_{\max}=8$	6	6	600M	2×10^{-2}

2-body force

3-body force

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^{16}O	$N_{\max}=6$	26 M	0.14 Tb
^{16}O	$N_{\max}=8$	990 M	9.7 Tb

RECYCLED MATRIX ELEMENTS

Only a fraction of matrix elements are unique; **most are reused**.
Reuse of matrix elements understood through *spectator* particles.

of nonzero matrix elements vs. # unique matrix elements

Nuclide	valence space	valence Z	valence N	# nonzero	# unique
^{28}Si	“sd”	6	6	26×10^6	3600
^{52}Fe	“pf”	6	6	90×10^9	21,500

This suggests one can reduce storage of matrix elements...

FACTORIZATION

Reuse can be **exploited using exact factorization**
enforced through *additive/multiplicative quantum numbers*

A quantum number is the eigenvalue of an operator

generally a operator that exactly commutes with the
Hamiltonian

e.g. angular momentum \mathbf{J}^2 and z-component \mathbf{J}_z

$$\hat{J}^2|\Psi\rangle = J(J+1)|\Psi\rangle \quad \hat{J}_z|\Psi\rangle = M|\Psi\rangle$$

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enforced through *Abelian* (additive/multiplicative) *quantum numbers*

A quantum number is the eigenvalue of an operator

For composite systems, one can apply the operator to each component separately:

$$\hat{O}|\Psi\rangle = (\hat{O}_1 + \hat{O}_2 + \hat{O}_3 + \dots)(|\Psi_1\rangle \otimes |\Psi_2\rangle \otimes |\Psi_3\rangle \otimes \dots)$$

Sometimes the total quantum number is a simple sum/product as is the case for \mathbf{J}_z or parity....

$$\hat{J}_z|\Psi\rangle = M|\Psi\rangle = (m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots)|\Psi\rangle$$

...but in other cases the addition is complicated (e.g. for \mathbf{J}^2)

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I consider composite many-fermion systems,
in particular those with 2 major components
protons and neutrons
or
spin-up and spin-down electrons

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_1\rangle \otimes |\Psi_2\rangle$$

Each component itself is a Slater determinant which is
composed of many particles

$$\hat{J}_z |\Psi\rangle = M |\Psi\rangle \quad M = M_1 + M_2$$
$$M_1 = m_1^{(1)} + m_1^{(2)} + m_1^{(2)} + \dots$$

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Because the M values are discrete integers or half-integers
(-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ... or -3/2, -1/2, +1/2, +3/2....)
we can organize the basis states in discrete *sectors*

Example: 2 protons, 4 neutrons, total M = 0

$$M_z(\pi) = -4$$

$$M_z(\nu) = +4$$

$$M_z(\pi) = -3$$

$$M_z(\nu) = +3$$

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$M_z(\nu) = +4$: 24 SDs

48 combined

$M_z(\pi) = -3$: 4 SDs

$M_z(\nu) = +3$: 39 SDs

156 combined

$M_z(\pi) = -2$: 9 SDs

$M_z(\nu) = +2$: 60 SDs

540 combined

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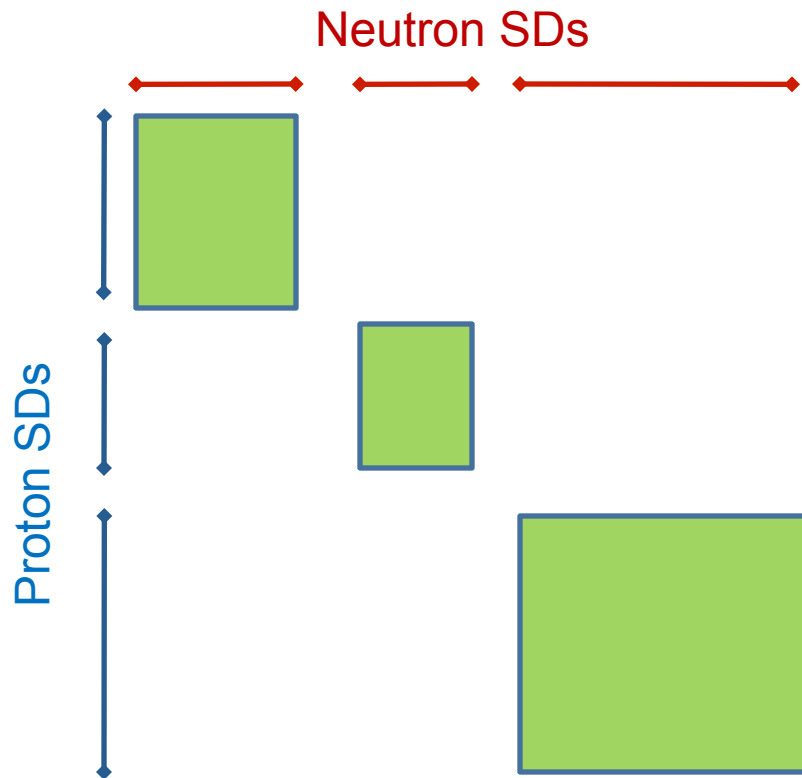
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} |\pi_1\rangle \\ |\pi_2\rangle \end{array} & \times & \begin{array}{c} |\nu_1\rangle \\ |\nu_2\rangle \\ |\nu_3\rangle \\ |\nu_4\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |\nu_{24}\rangle \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} |\pi_1\rangle|\nu_1\rangle \\ |\pi_2\rangle|\nu_1\rangle \\ |\pi_1\rangle|\nu_2\rangle \\ |\pi_2\rangle|\nu_2\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |\pi_1\rangle|\nu_{24}\rangle \\ |\pi_2\rangle|\nu_{24}\rangle \end{array}
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$$|\alpha\rangle = |\alpha_p\rangle \times |\alpha_n\rangle$$



Example N = Z nuclei

Nuclide	Basis dim	# pSDs (= #nSDs)
^{20}Ne	640	66
^{24}Mg	28,503	495
^{28}Si	93,710	924
^{48}Cr	1,963,461	4895
^{52}Fe	109,954,620	38,760
^{56}Ni	1,087,455,228	125,970

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Factorization allows us to keep track of all basis states
without writing out every one explicitly
-- we only need to write down the proton/neutron components

The same trick can be applied to matrix-vector multiply

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{pp} + \hat{H}_{nn} + \hat{H}_{pn}$$

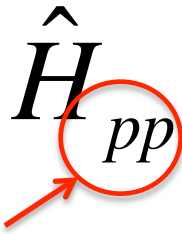
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Move 1 proton +
1 neutron;
rest are spectators

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$$\hat{H}_{pp}$$


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There are potentially 48×48 matrix elements
But for H_{pp} at most 4×24 are nonzero
and we only have to look up 4 matrix elements

Advantage: **we can store 98 matrix elements as 4 matrix elements**
and avoid 2000+ zero matrix elements.

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$$M_z(v) = +4: 24 \text{ SDs}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
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 H_{pp} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 |v_1\rangle \\ |v_2\rangle \\ |v_3\rangle \\ |v_4\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |v_{24}\rangle
 \end{array}
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 H_{pp}|\pi_1\rangle|v_1\rangle = H_{11}|\pi_1\rangle|v_1\rangle + H_{12}|\pi_2\rangle|v_1\rangle \\
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Comparison of nonzero matrix storage with factorization

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^{16}O	$N_{\max}=8$	990 M	9700 Gb	130 Gb

Comparison of nonzero matrix storage with factorization

${}^7\text{Li}$

Space	Basis dim	matrix store (2-body)	factorization (2-body)	matrix store (3-body)	factorization (3-body)
$N_{\text{max}}=8$	6 M	36 Gb	1.5 Gb	1 Tb	26 Gb
$N_{\text{max}}=10$	43 M	430 Gb	10 Gb	170 Tb	250 Gb
$N_{\text{max}}=12$	250 M	4 Tb	60 Gb		

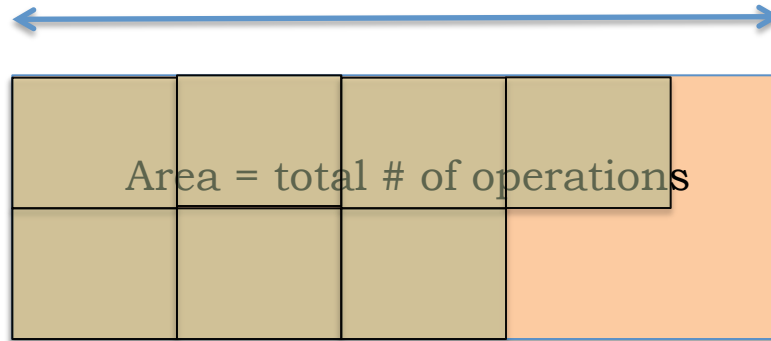
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$N_{\text{shell}}=3$	0.4 M	0.8 Gb	6 Mb	10 Gb	44 Mb
$N_{\text{shell}}=4$	45 M	330 Gb	0.3 Gb	9 Tb	4 Gb
$N_{\text{shell}}=5$	2 G	38 Tb	16 Gb	2 Pb	140 Gb
$N_{\text{shell}}=6$	50 G	2 Pb	87 Gb	170 Pb	3 Tb

PARALLEL IMPLEMENTATION

Factorization makes it easier to compute workload
and distribute across multiple nodes

length of sides =
information to be stored

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We can compute the
number of operations
without actually
counting them!

Then we can
easily divide
the work across
compute nodes

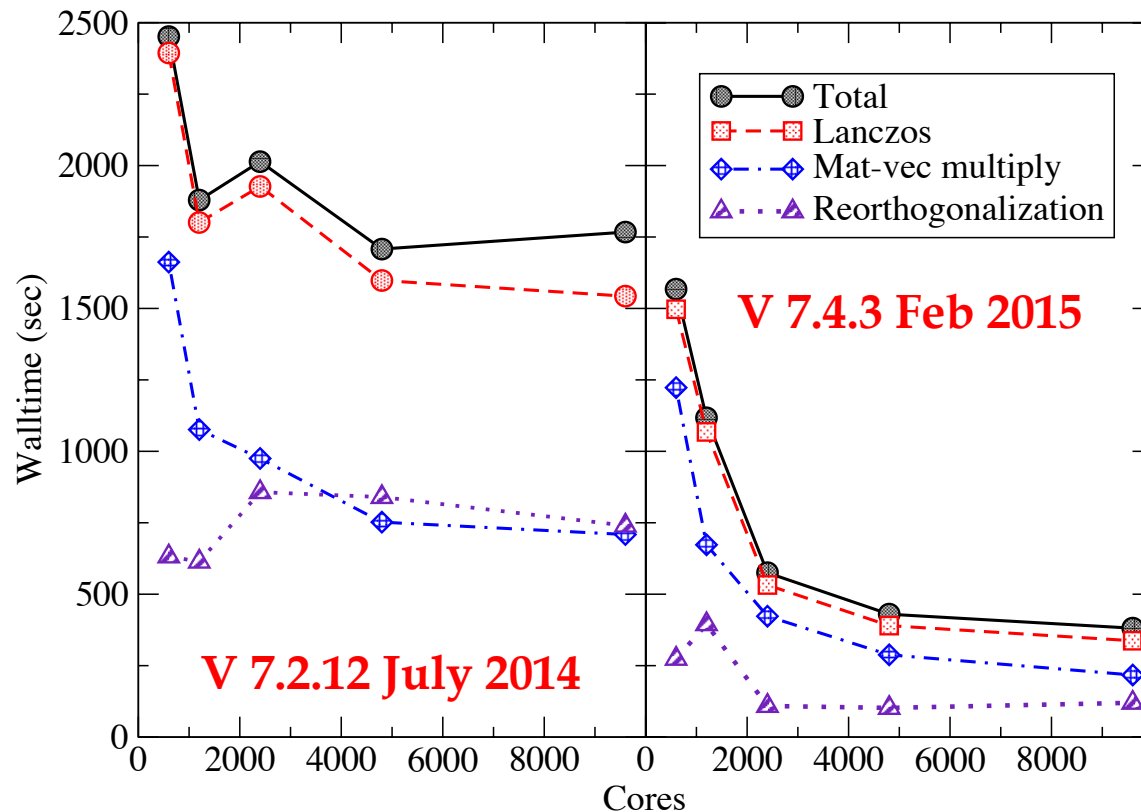


PARALLEL IMPLEMENTATION – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Over the past year we have dramatically improved our parallel performance (mostly through better use of MPI) due to Ken McElvain, UC Berkeley grad student

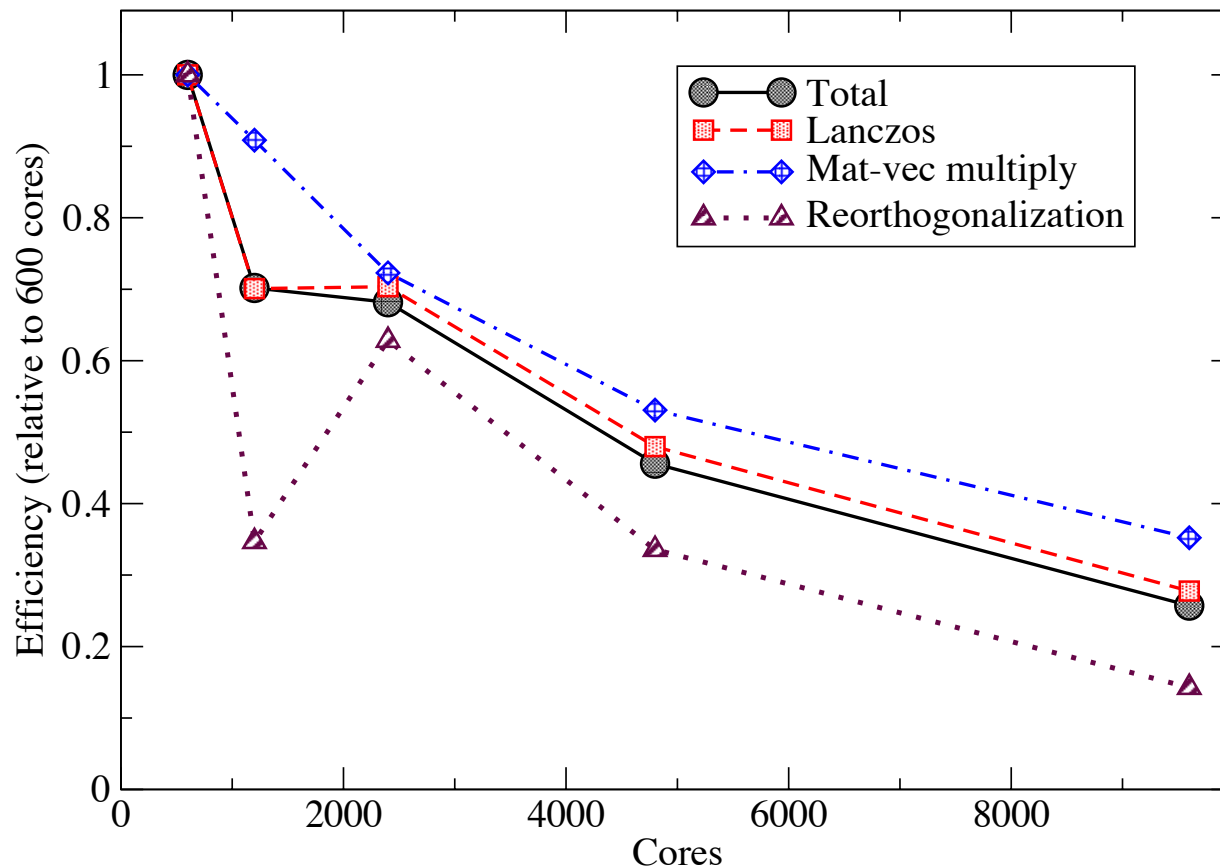
^{54}Mn in *pf* shell
(dim = 187 M)
200 iterations

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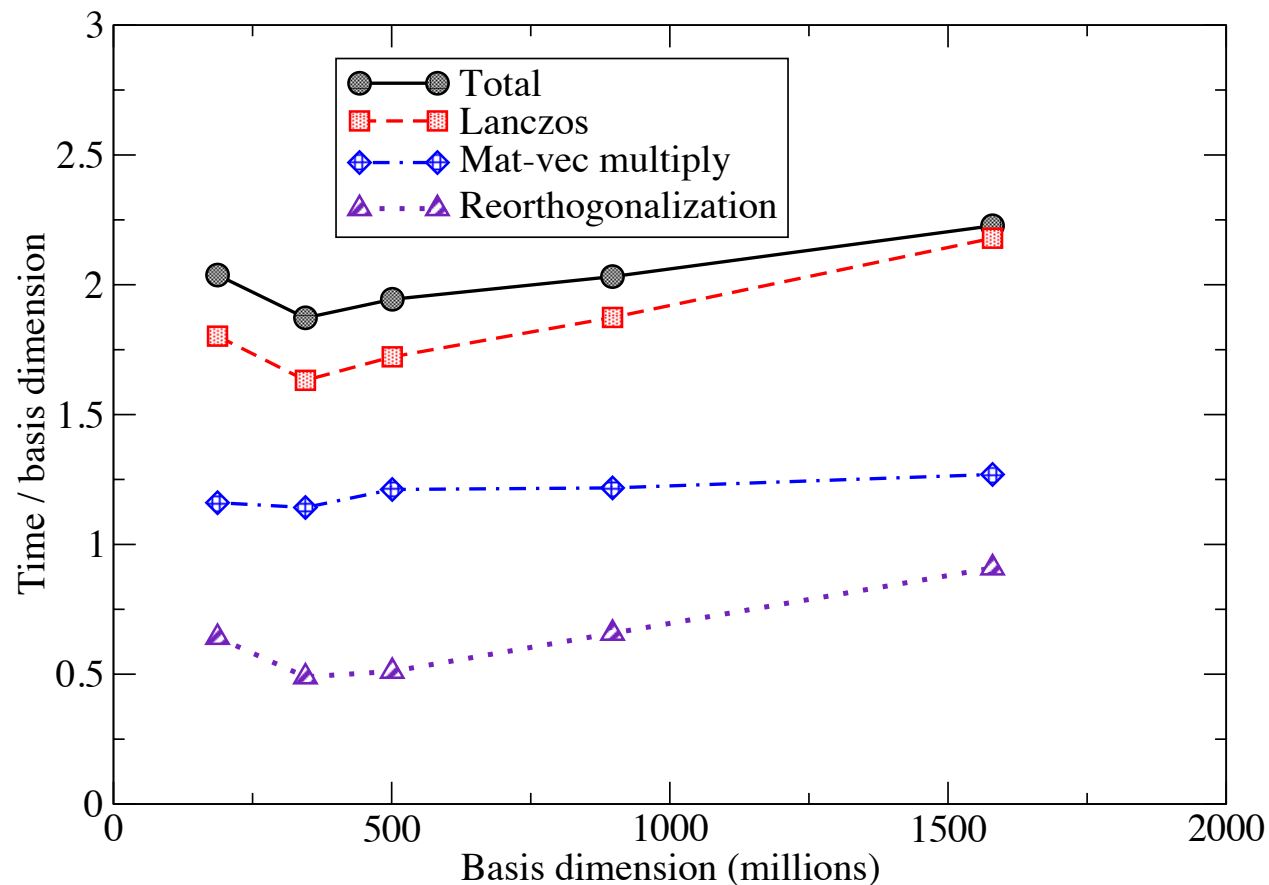


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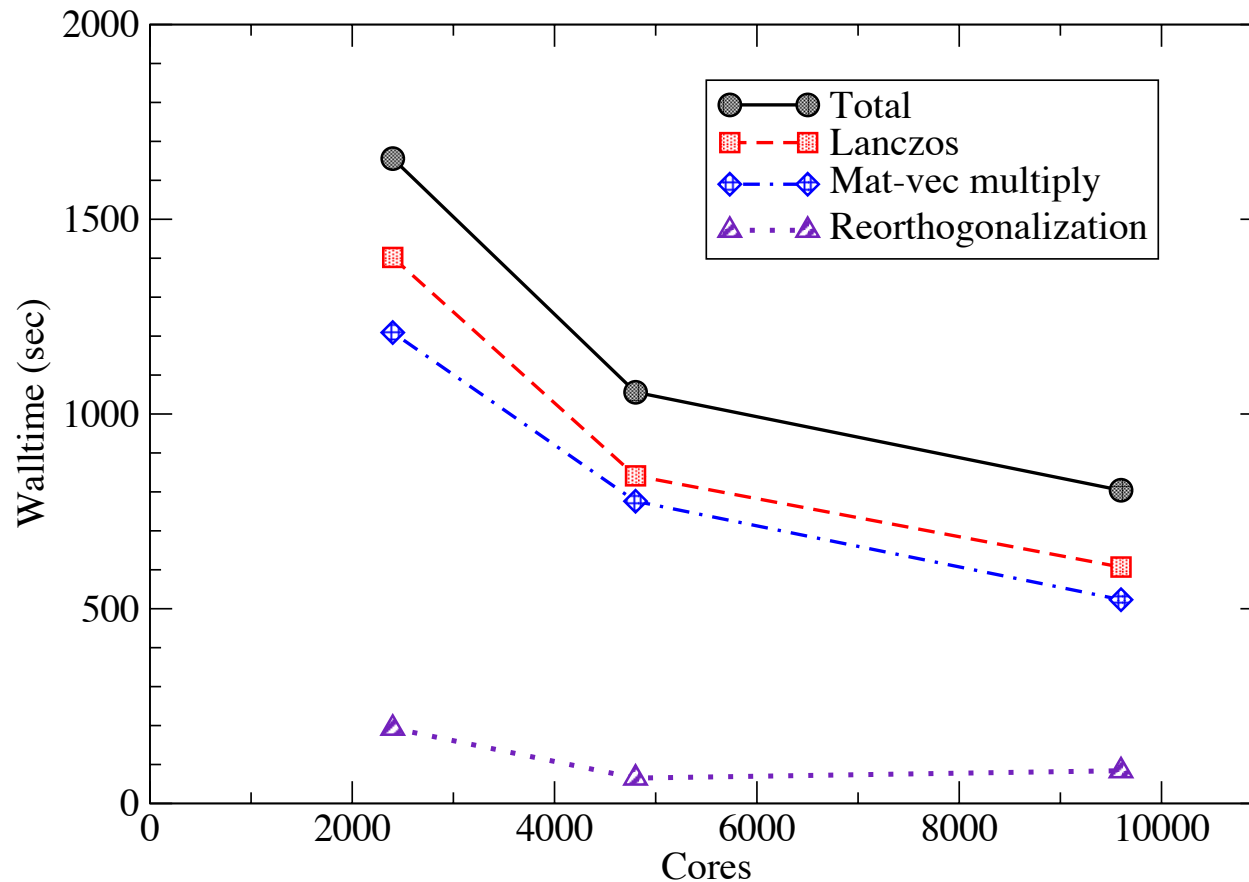


pf shell nuclides
(200 iterations)
800 MPI procs x 12 OpenMP threads

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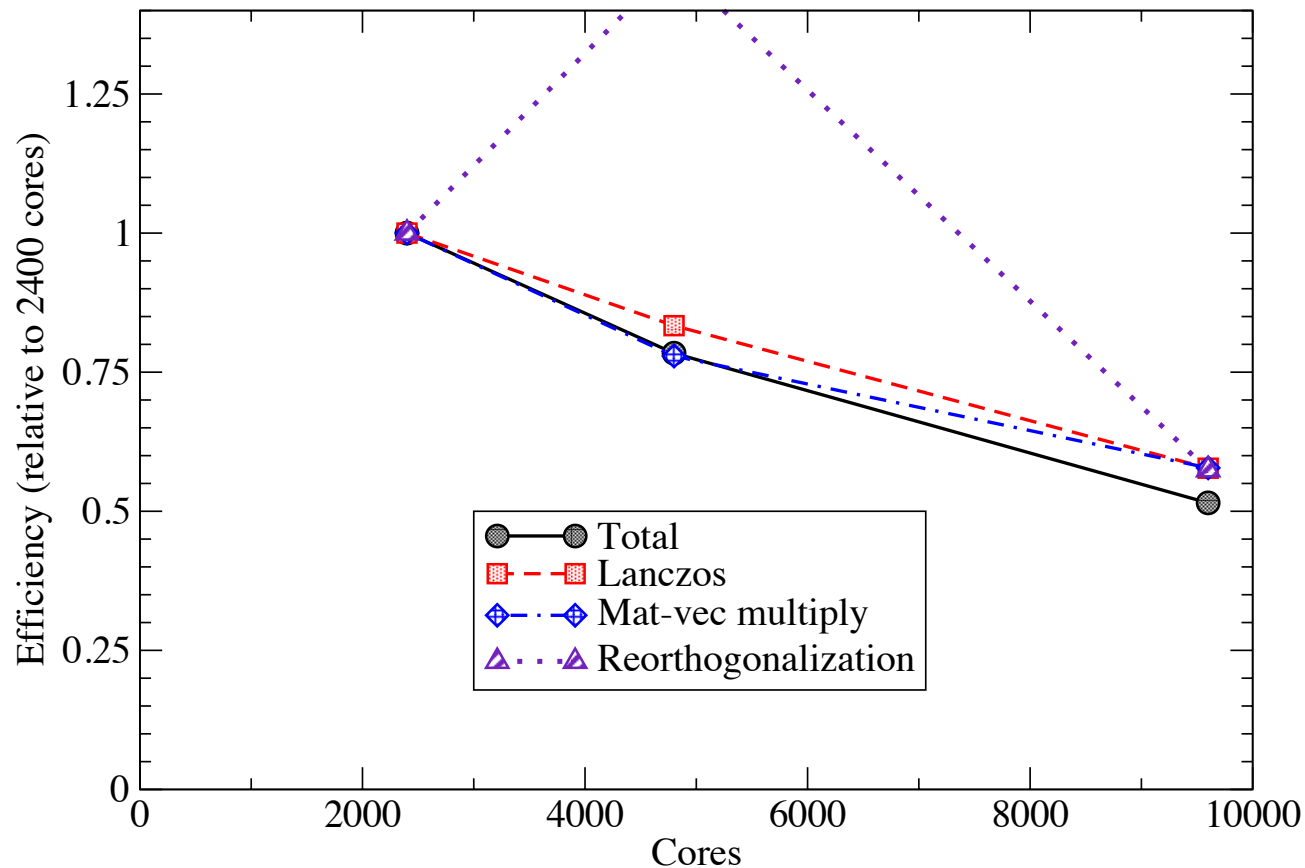
NCSM ^{10}B , $N_{\max} = 9$ (dim = 547 M)
(100 iterations)
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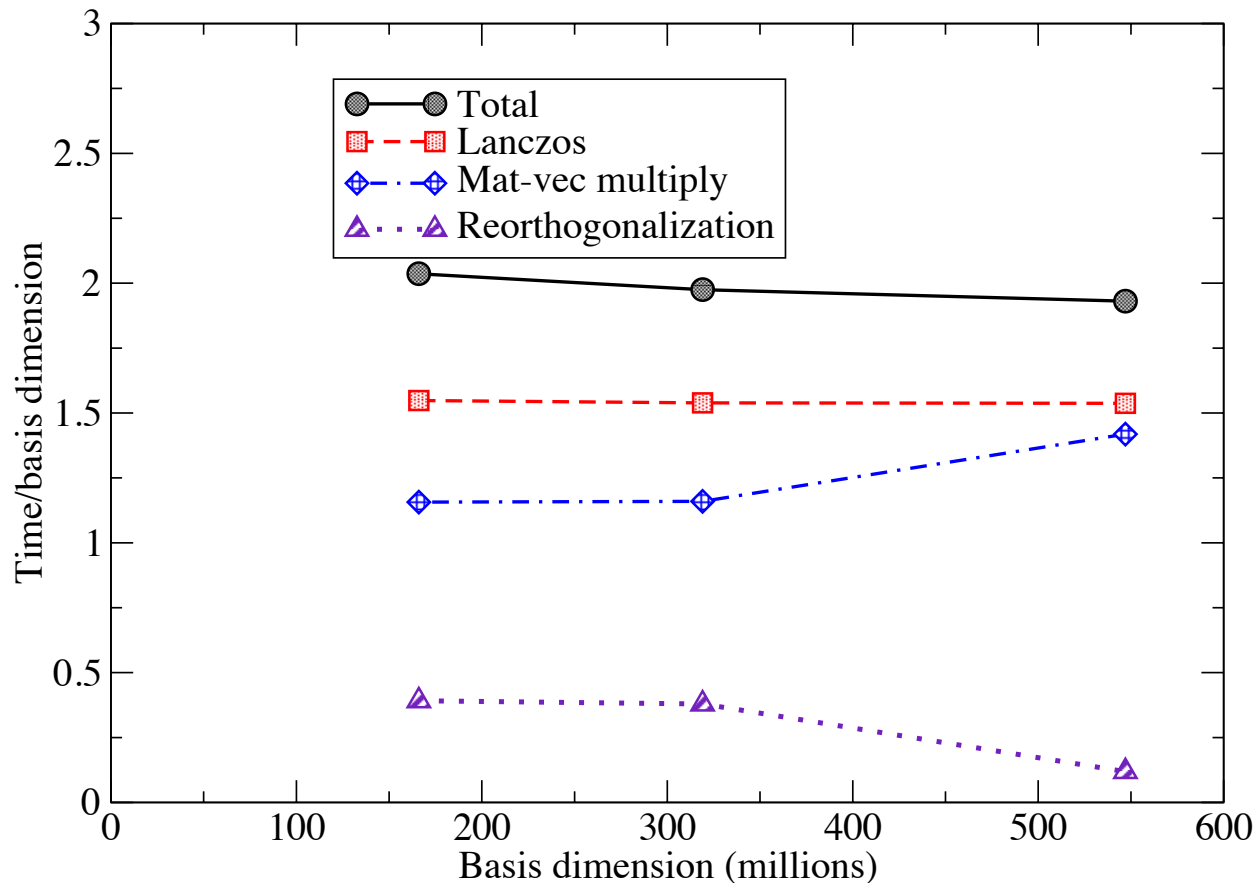
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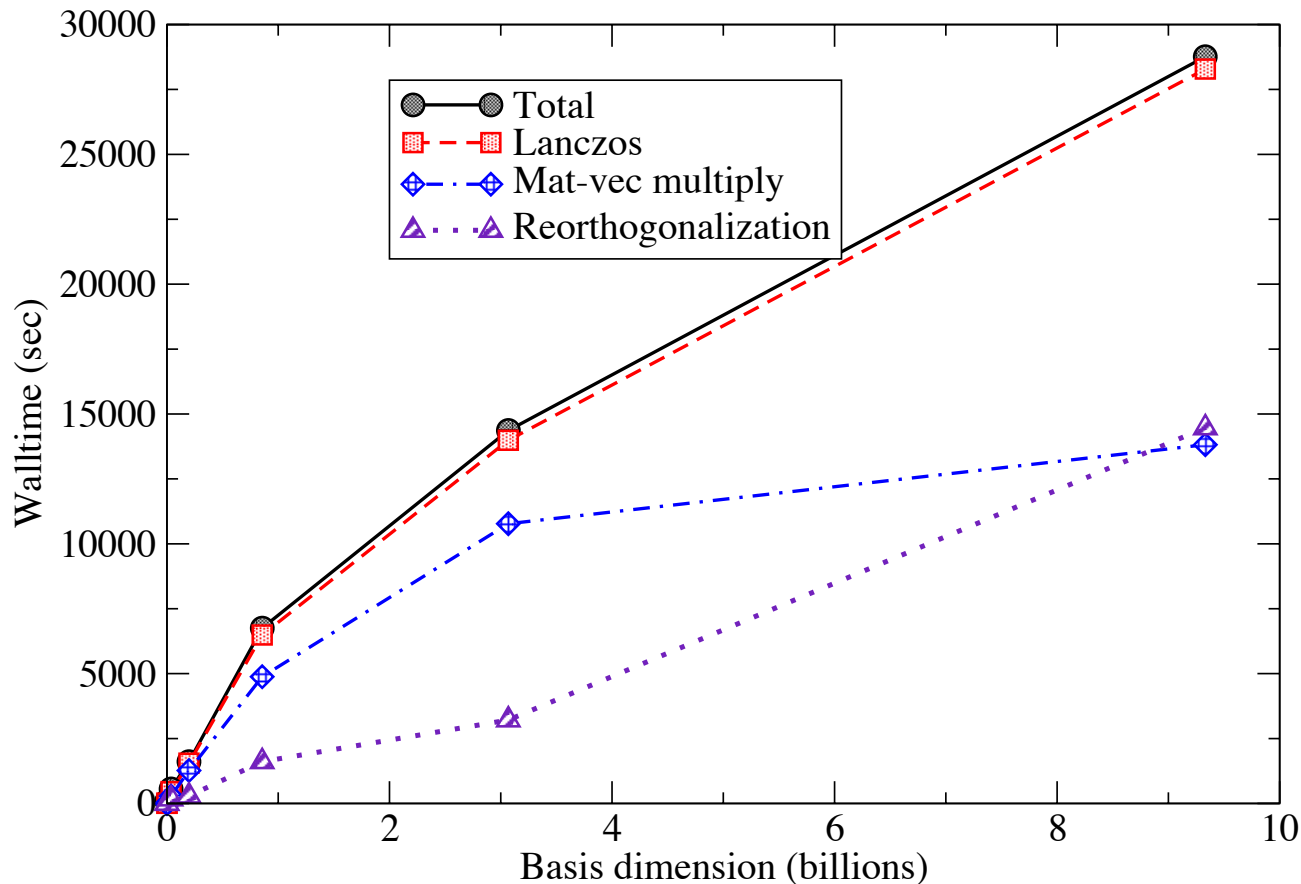
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PARALLEL IMPLEMENTATION – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Science runs! Dark matter scattering cross-sections



Xe isotopes with ^{100}Sn core
(140-250 iterations)

6000-12000 MPI procs x 4-6 OpenMP threads

LBL/NERSC Edison

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FUTURE WORK

Improved memory load:

Because we chunk data based upon physics (quantum numbers), the natural distribution is irregular. Nonetheless we understand where and (mostly) how to improve the distribution of memory load:

- 2nd generation fragmentation of Lanczos vectors (DONE)
- 2nd generation distribution of “jump” arrays (almost finished)
- 2nd generation storage of uncoupled matrix elements (in planning stage)

Improve work load balance:

We think we understand how and why the work load balance loses efficiency: different ordering of loops and irregular loop sizes. We are gathering data (H. Shan, LBL).

Pushing to larger cases

We plan to go to dim ~ 24 billion this summer (< 6000 MPI nodes)

We plan to go to dim ~ 100 billion in the next year

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"It's not enough to just show up. You
have to have a business plan."

APPLICATIONS

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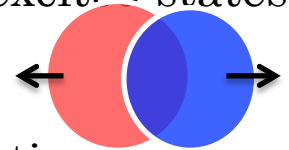
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Brink-Axel hypothesis (D. Brink, D. Phil. thesis, Oxford University (unpublished), 1955; P. Axel, Phys. Rev. **126**, 671 (1962)):

If the ground state has a giant dipole resonance (GDR), then excited states should have GDR

and

because the GDR is a collective proton-versus-neutrons oscillations, the GDR should be insensitive to the initial state.



Electric dipole

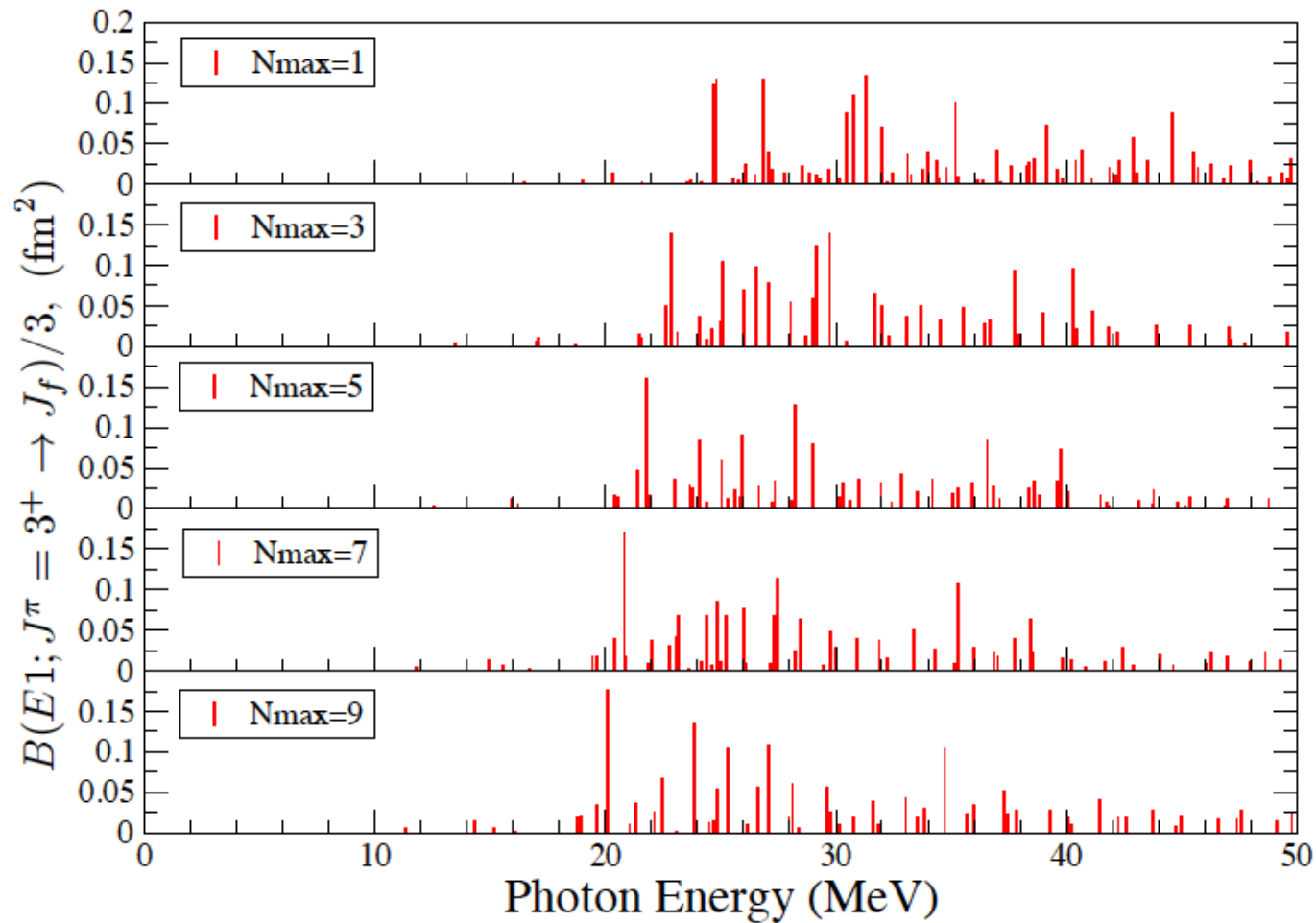
$$S(E_i, E_x) = \sum_f |\langle f | \hat{T} | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_x - E_f + E_i)$$

“Transition strength function”

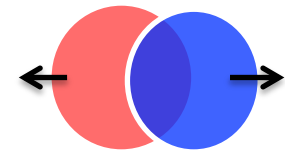
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Kruse, Ormand, and Johnson: arXiv:1502:03464



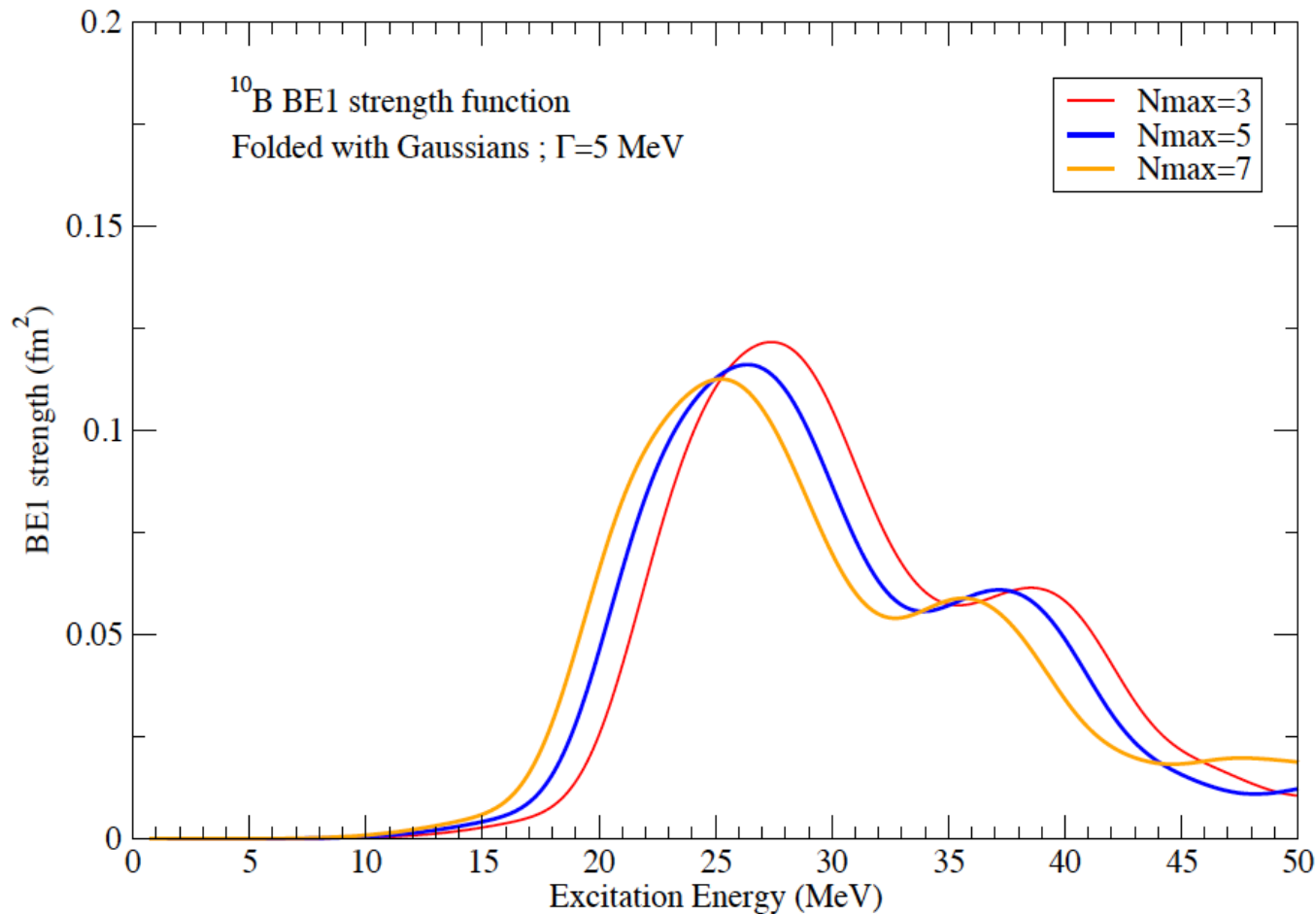
^{10}B E1 response



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BE1 strength with increasing basis size



Strength distribution shape is robust in N_{max} .

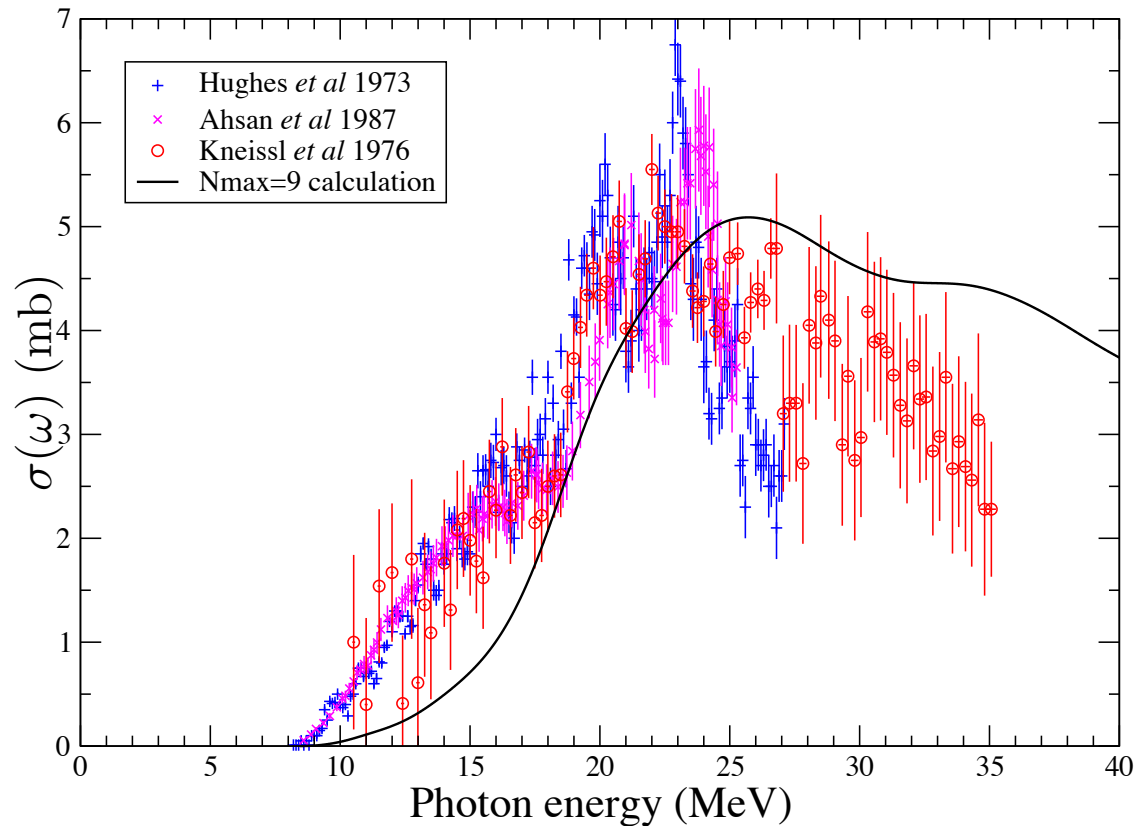
Slowly moves down in energy as a function of N_{max} .

How to extrapolate this distribution?

Perhaps it is best to extrapolate centroids?

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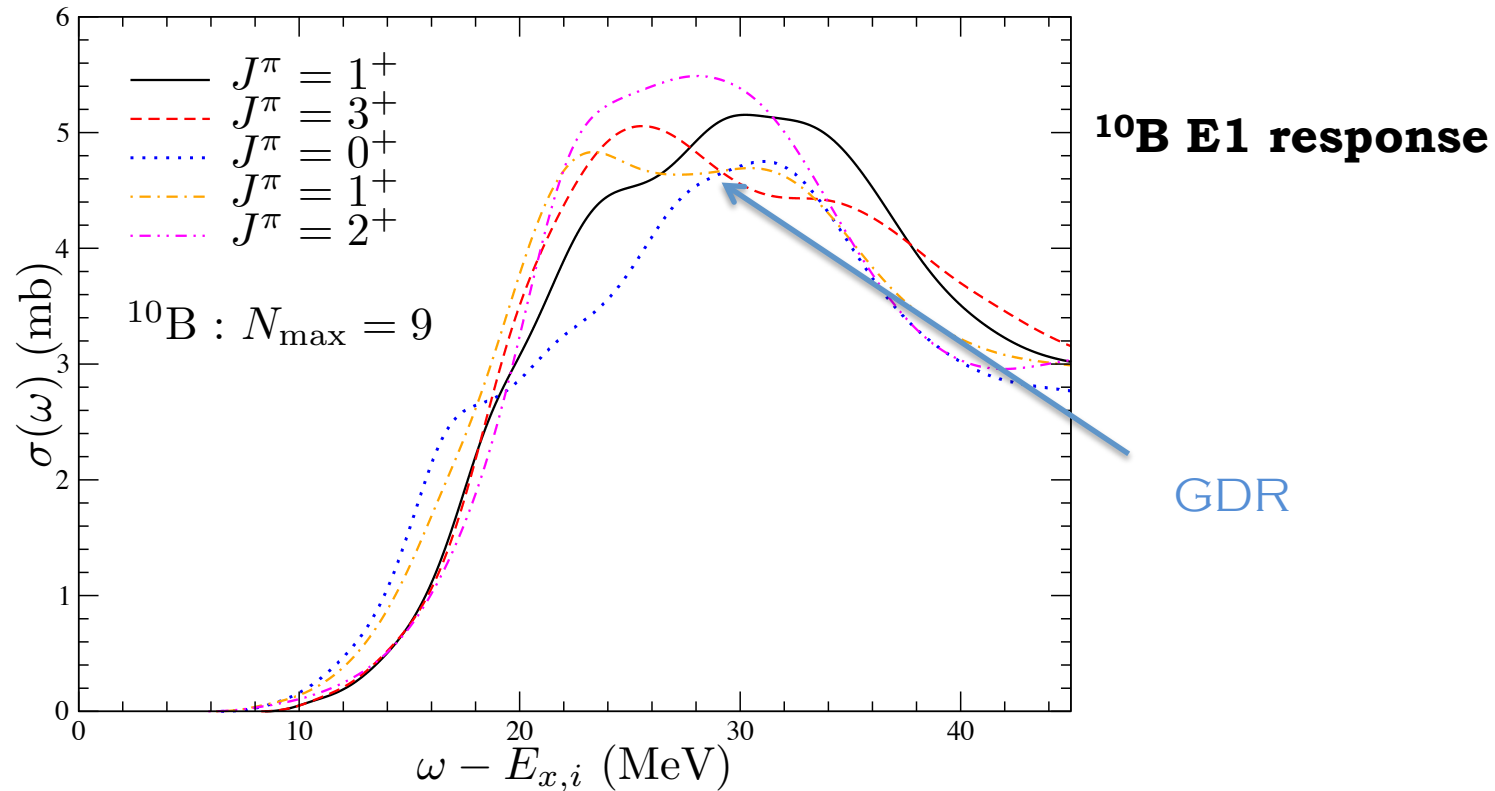
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Is this true in general? What if you look at more states?

Is this true for other operators? *

* Some evidence to the contrary (with Gamow-Teller operator):
Frazier, Brown, Millener, and Zelevinsky, Phys. Lett B **414**, 7 (1997);
Misch, Fuller, and Brown, PRC 90, 065808 (2014)

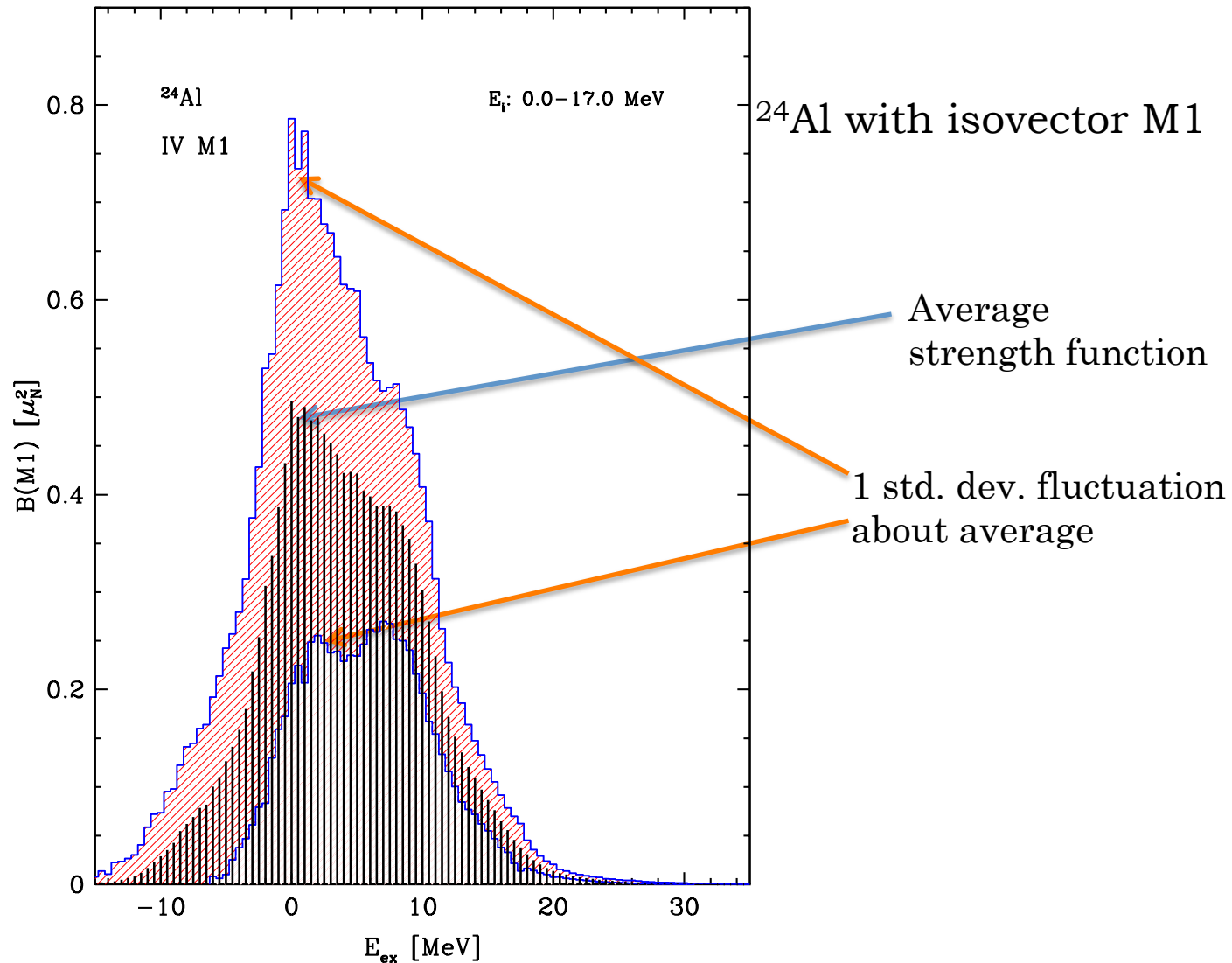
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Some preliminary work by Micah Schuster:
phenomenological calculations in *sd*-shell where
we can compute hundreds of initial states

Took energy bins of initial states, computed strength functions,
and computed average strength function + fluctuations about average

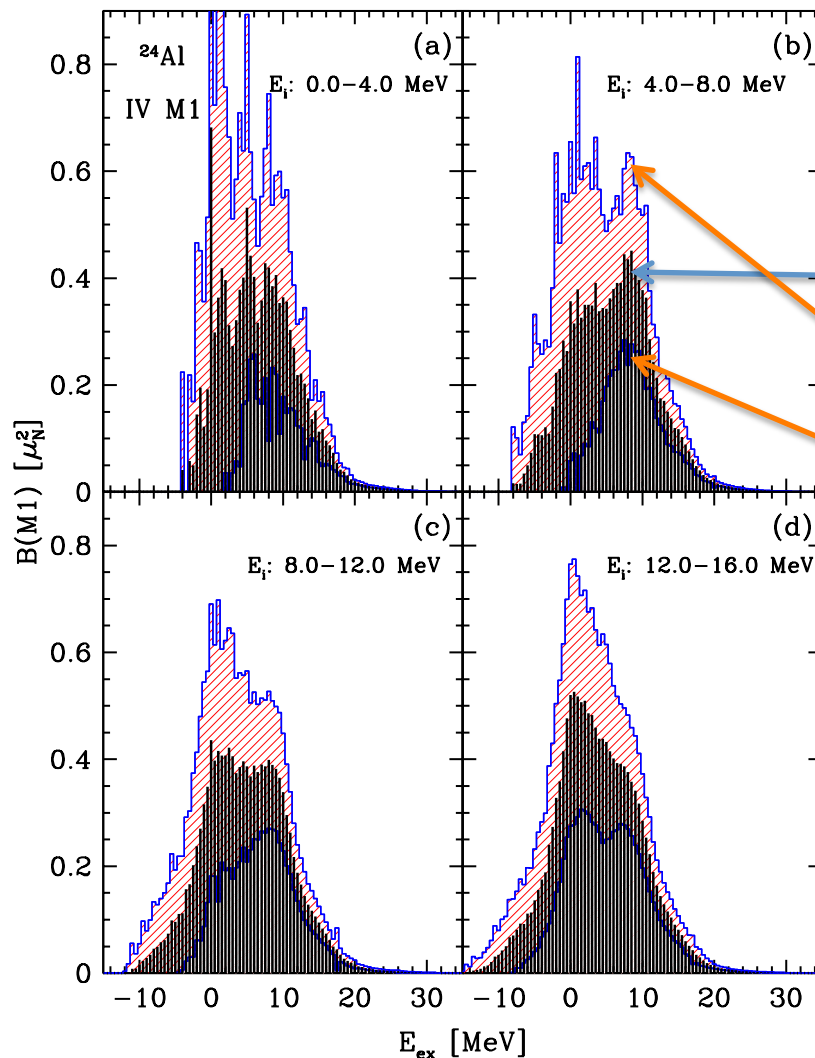
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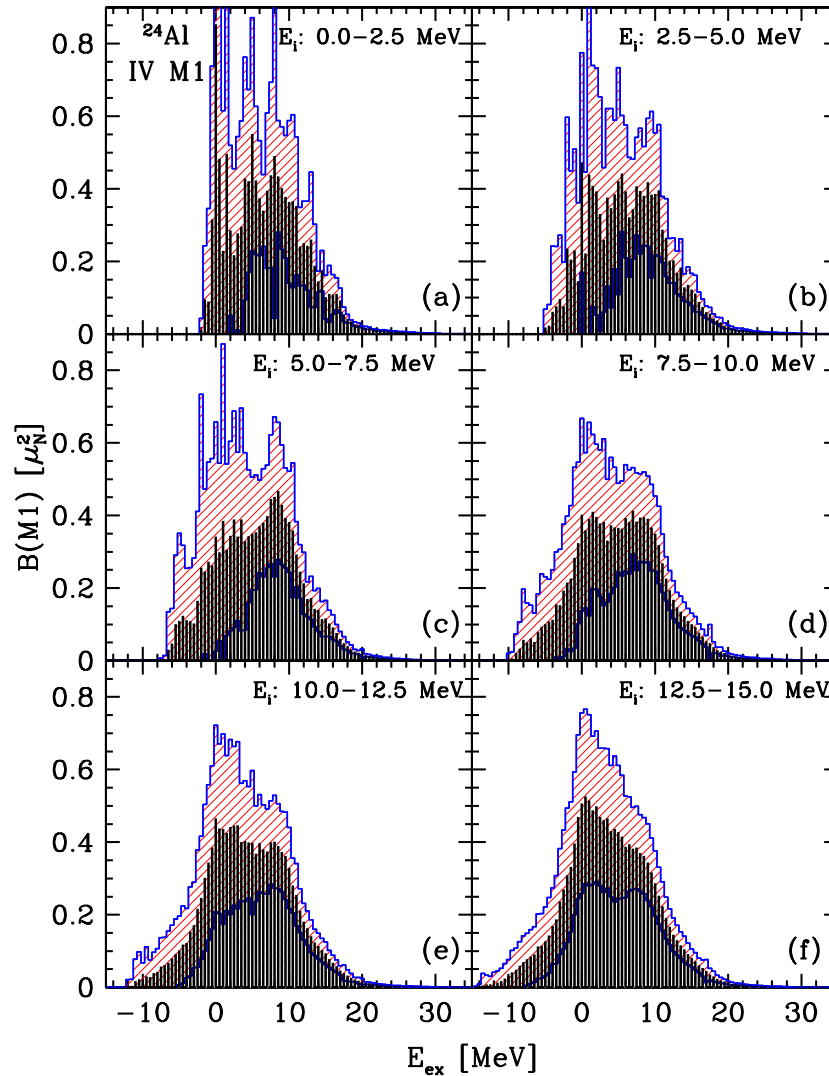
^{24}Al with isovector M1

Average
strength function

1 std. dev. fluctuation
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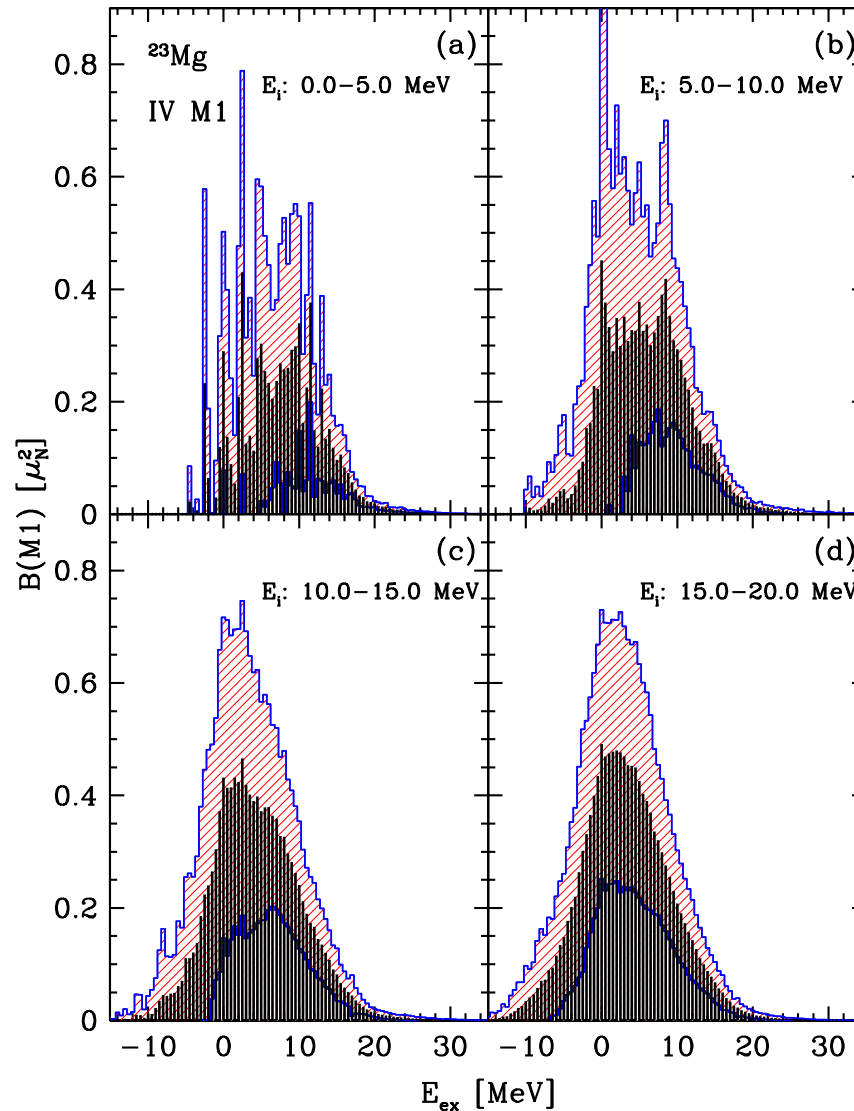
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Looks like large
fluctuations
about the
average; can we
characterize /
quantify this?



^{23}Mg with isovector M1

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The total strength
(or *non-energy-weighted sum rule*)
can be computed as a simple expectation value

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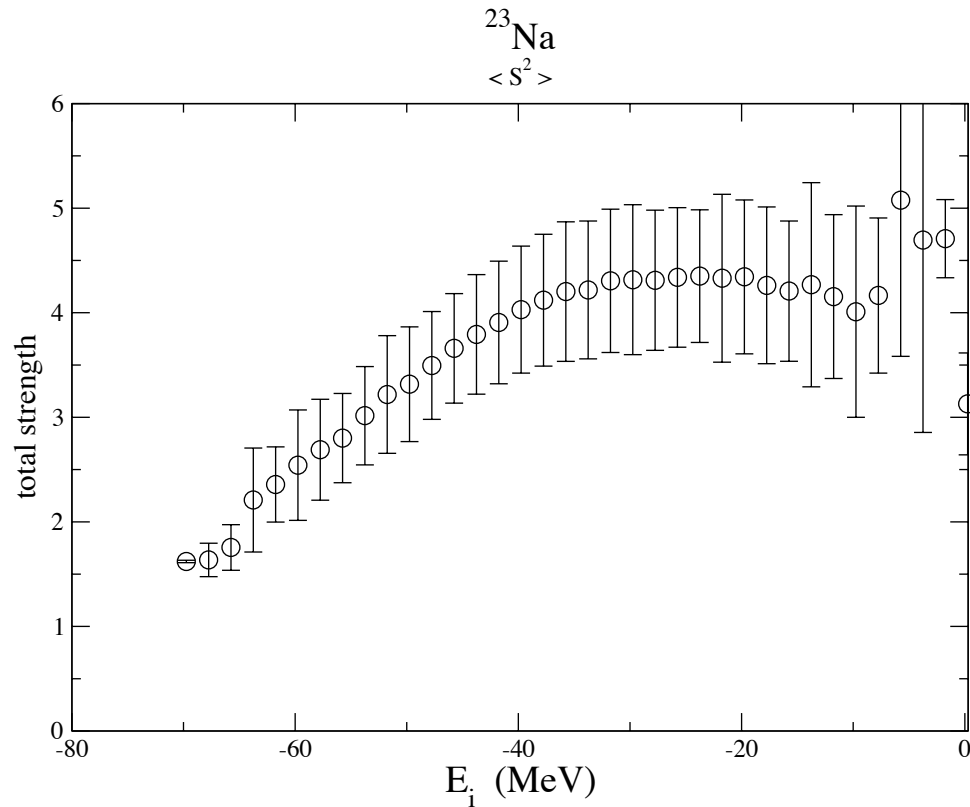
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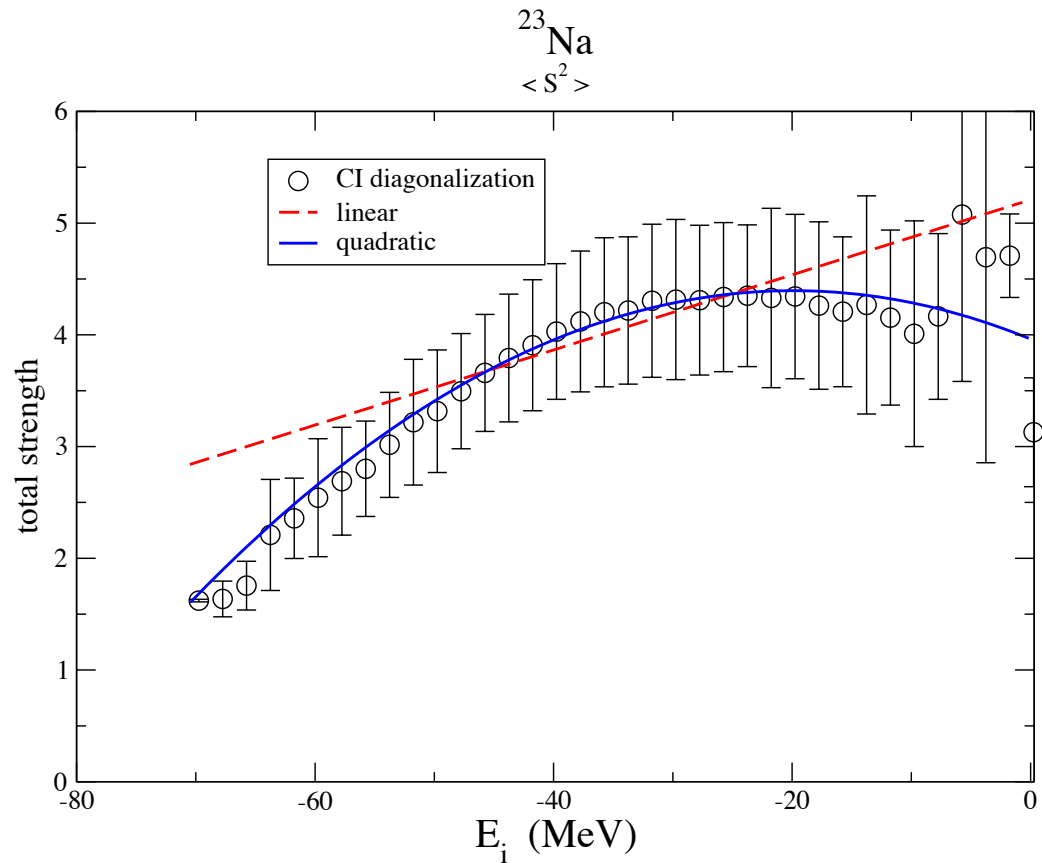
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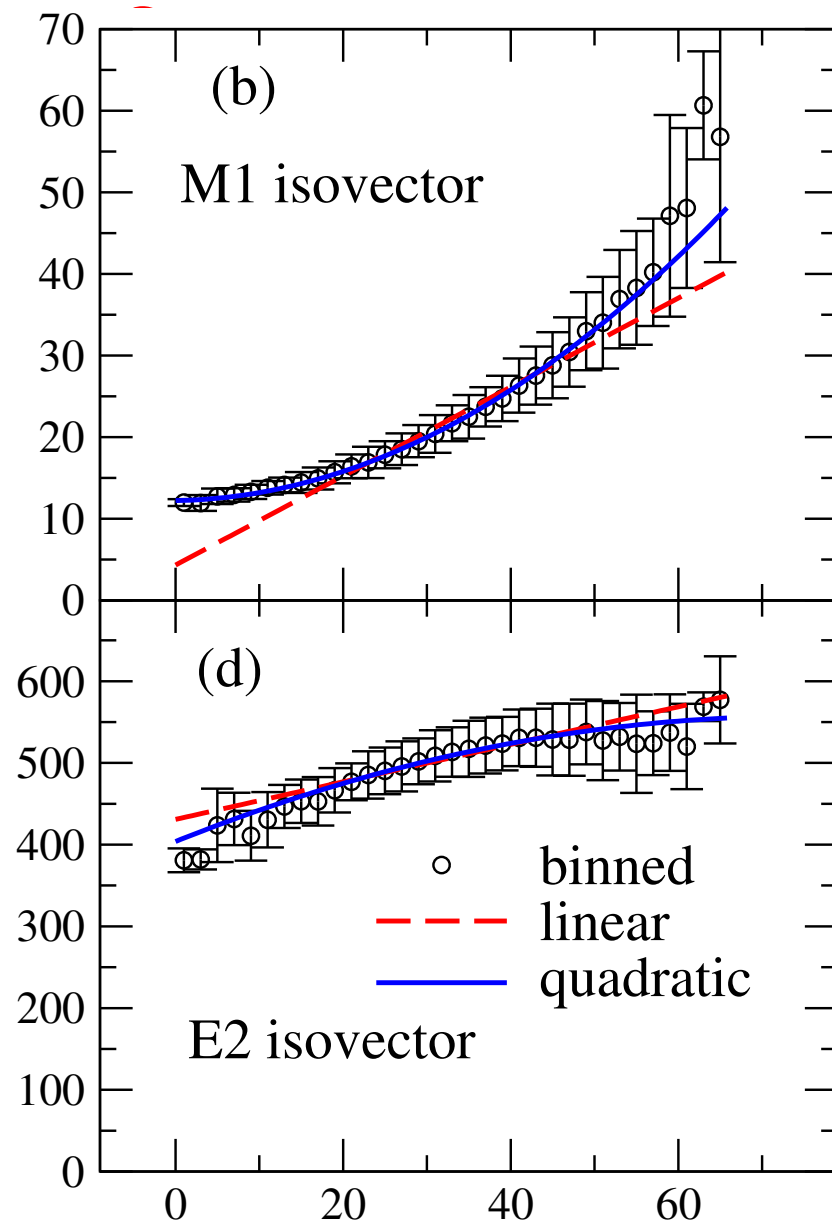
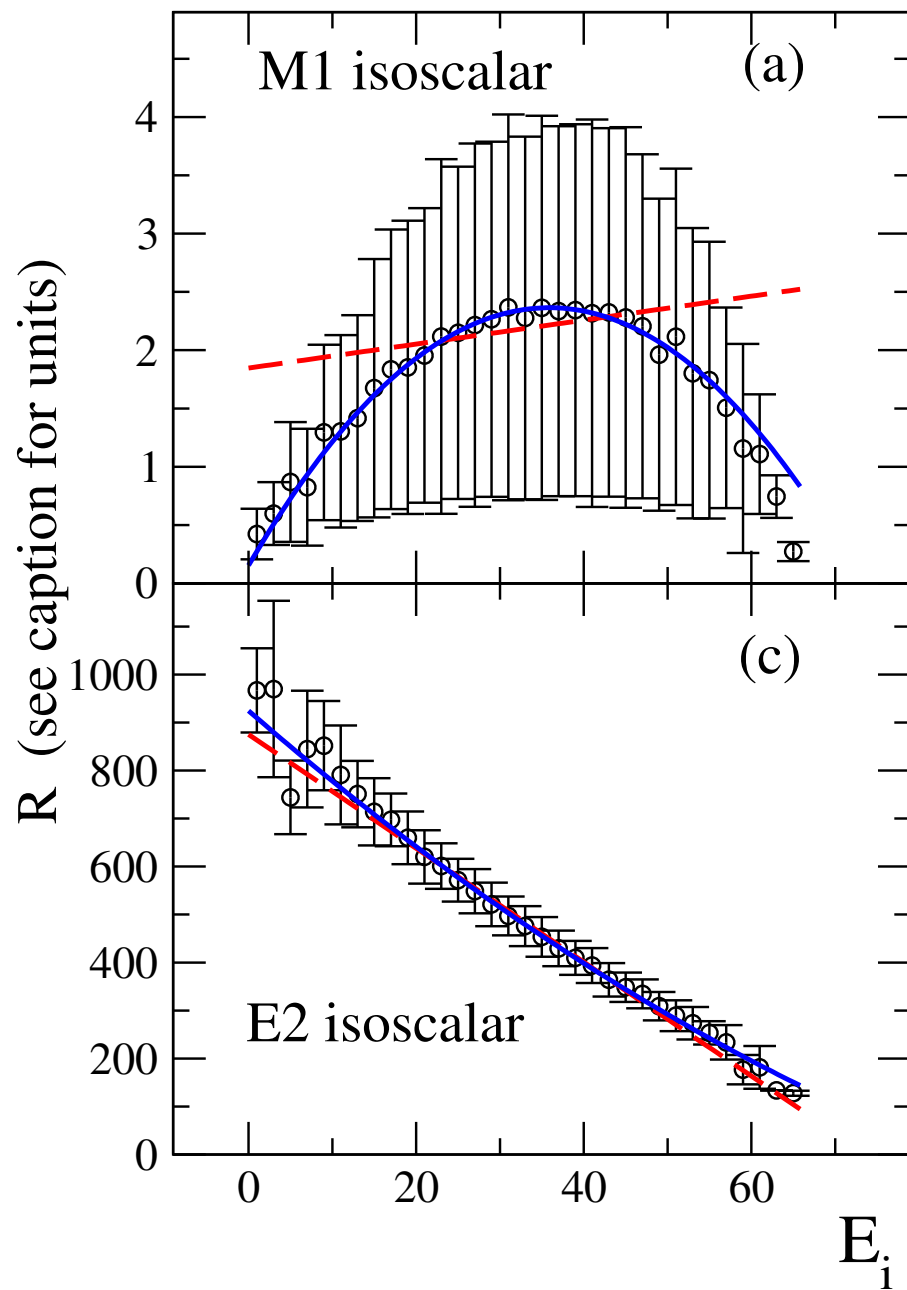
From this we can derive the secular
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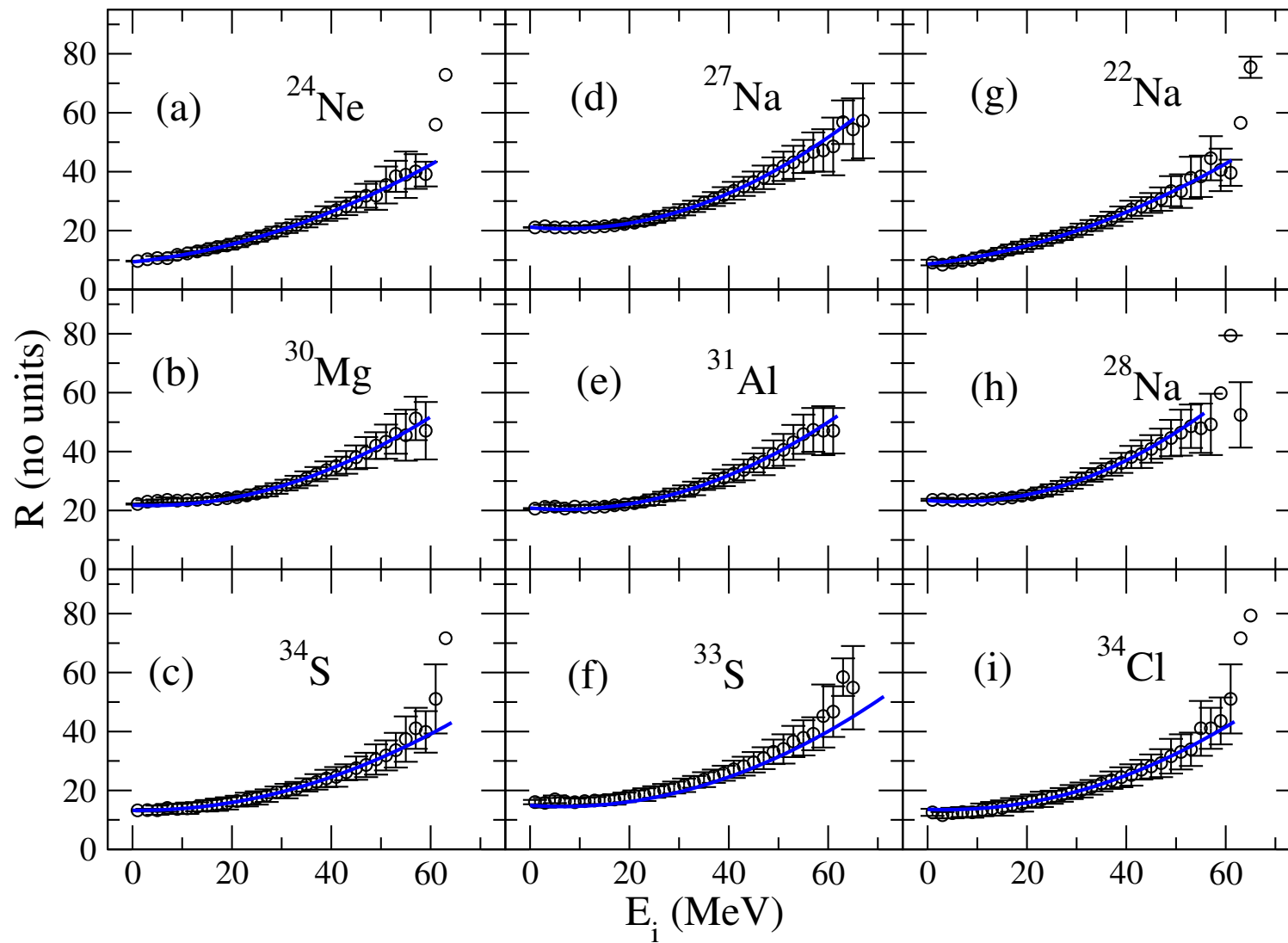
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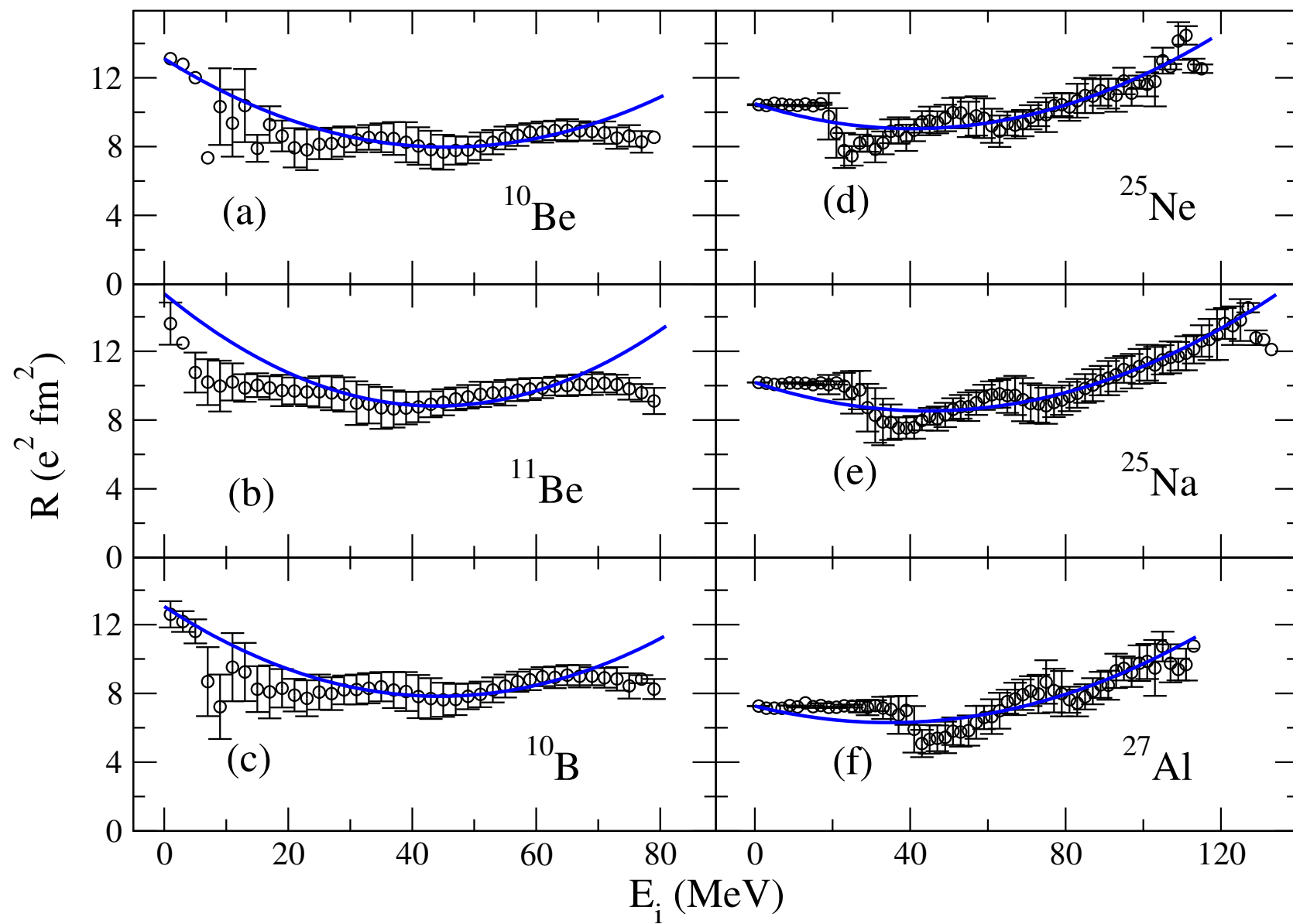




sd shell, Gamow-Teller



p - $sd_{5/2}$ shell, isovector E1



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What we do learn
from this?

The generalized Brink-Axel hypothesis
(for arbitrary operators) is *wrong*!
-- total strength evolves with initial (parent) energy
-- significant fluctuations even for nearby parent states

We can understand this through *spectral
distribution theory*,
that is,
traces of operators (weighted by the energy);

A lack of energy dependence can occur *only*
if

$$\langle OH \rangle - \langle O \rangle \langle H \rangle = 0$$



APPLICATIONS

I**b**: : *ab initio* Gamow-Teller transitions

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Part IIb: *ab initio* Gamow-Teller transitions

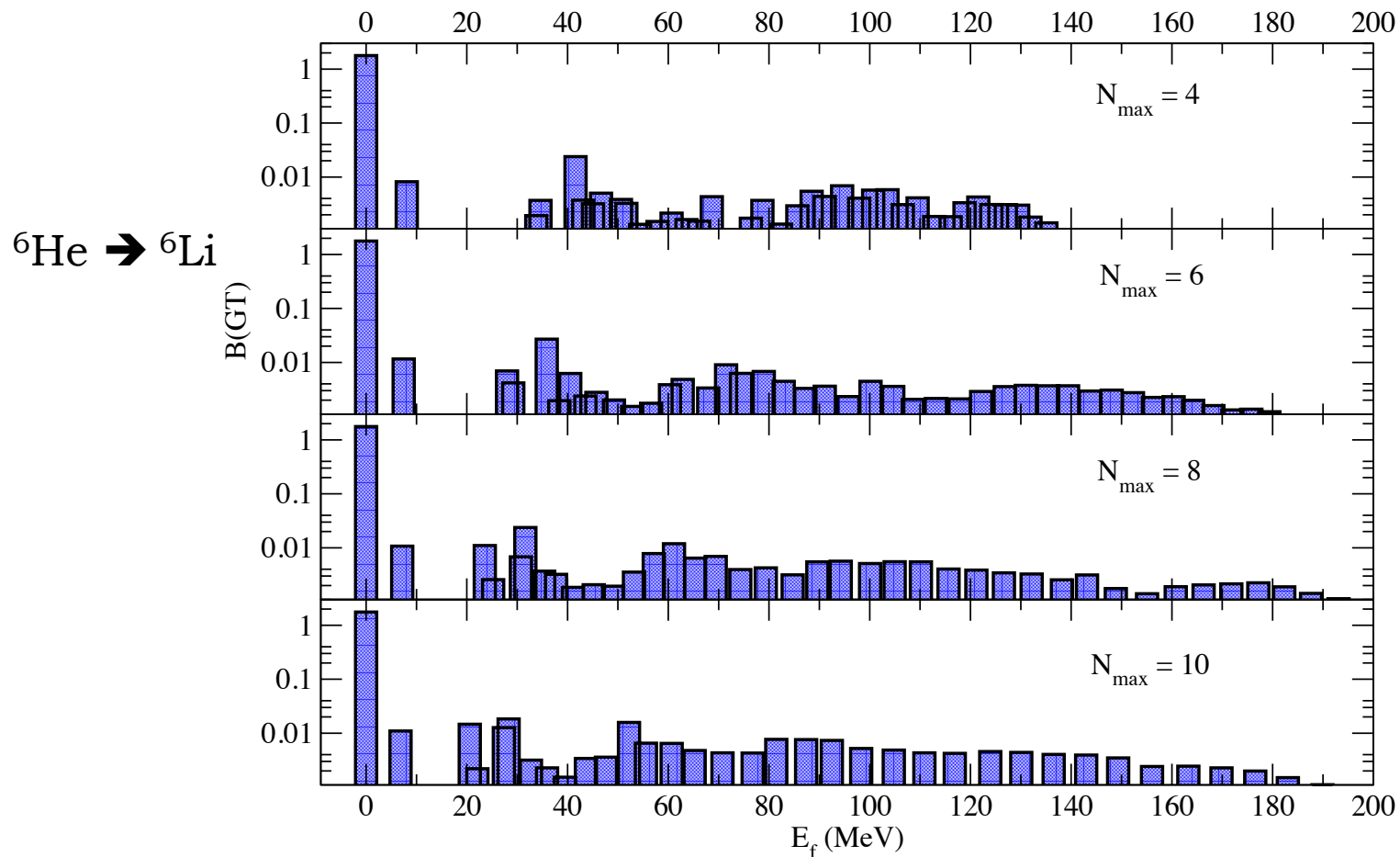
- Gamow-Teller important for weak physics, astrophysics
- Avoids dependence on radial wavefunctions (at lowest order); mostly SU(4) irreps; Ikeda sum rule strong constraint
- **Consistent quenching of coupling—exchange currents, or what?**
- **What about 0-neutrino double-beta decay?**

Two recent highlights:

Anomalously long ^{14}C half-life (Maris, Vary, Navratil, Ormand, Nam, Dean) Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 202502 (2011): ‘accidental’ cancellation of matrix elements driven by 3-body force

Exchange current corrections from EFT (quenching of about 0.8):
S. Vaintraub, N. Barnea, and D. Gazit, Phys. Rev. C **79**, 065501 (2009);
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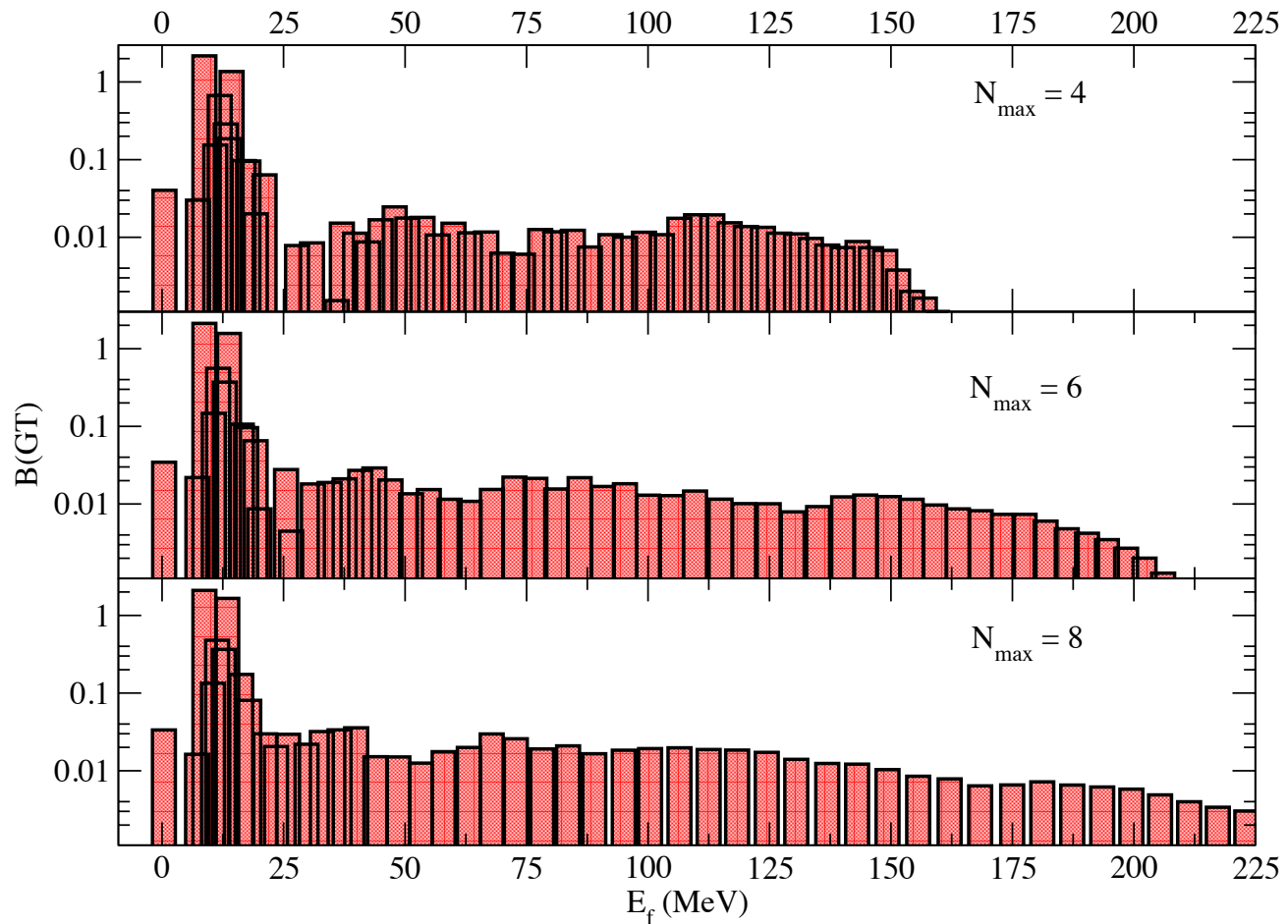


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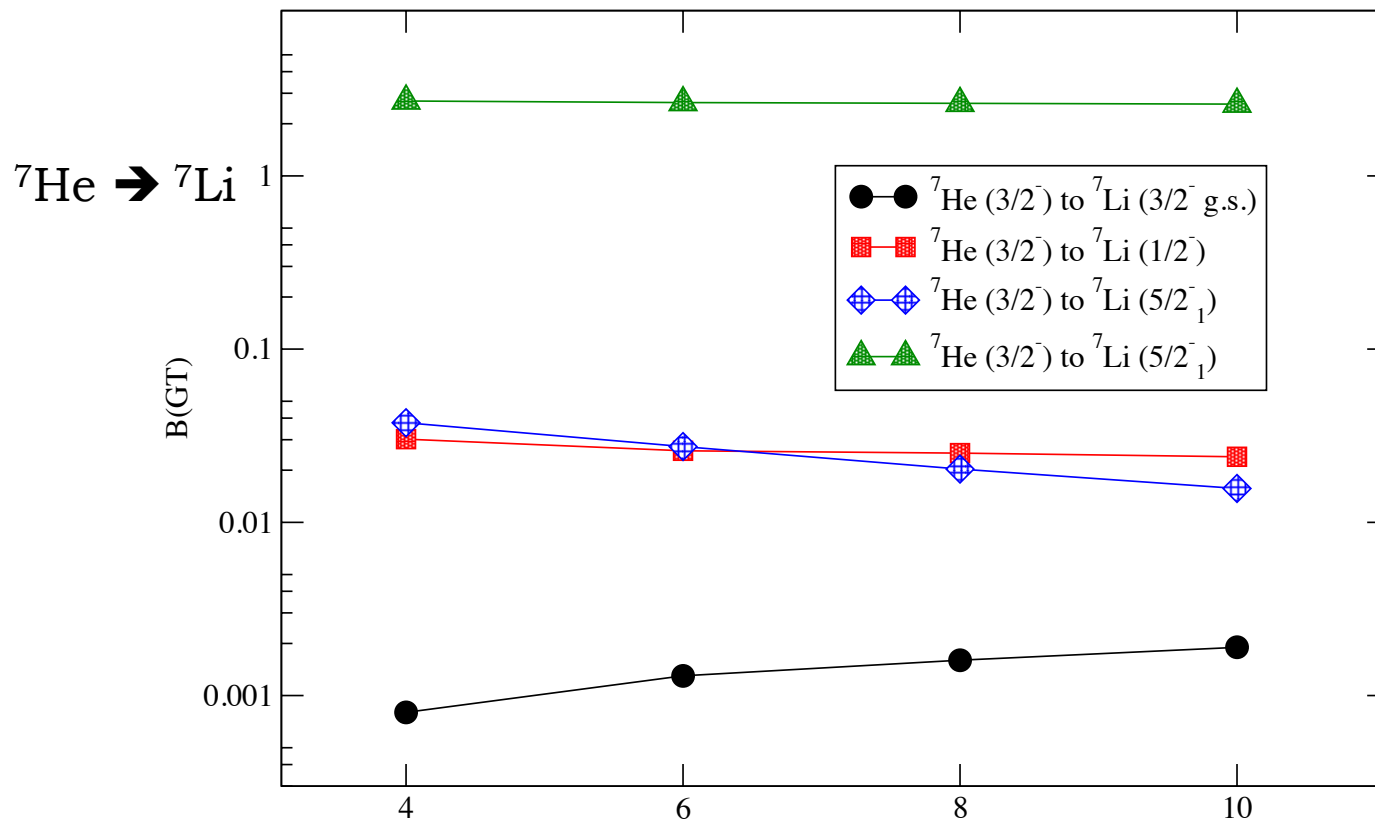
${}^7\text{He} \rightarrow {}^7\text{Li}$



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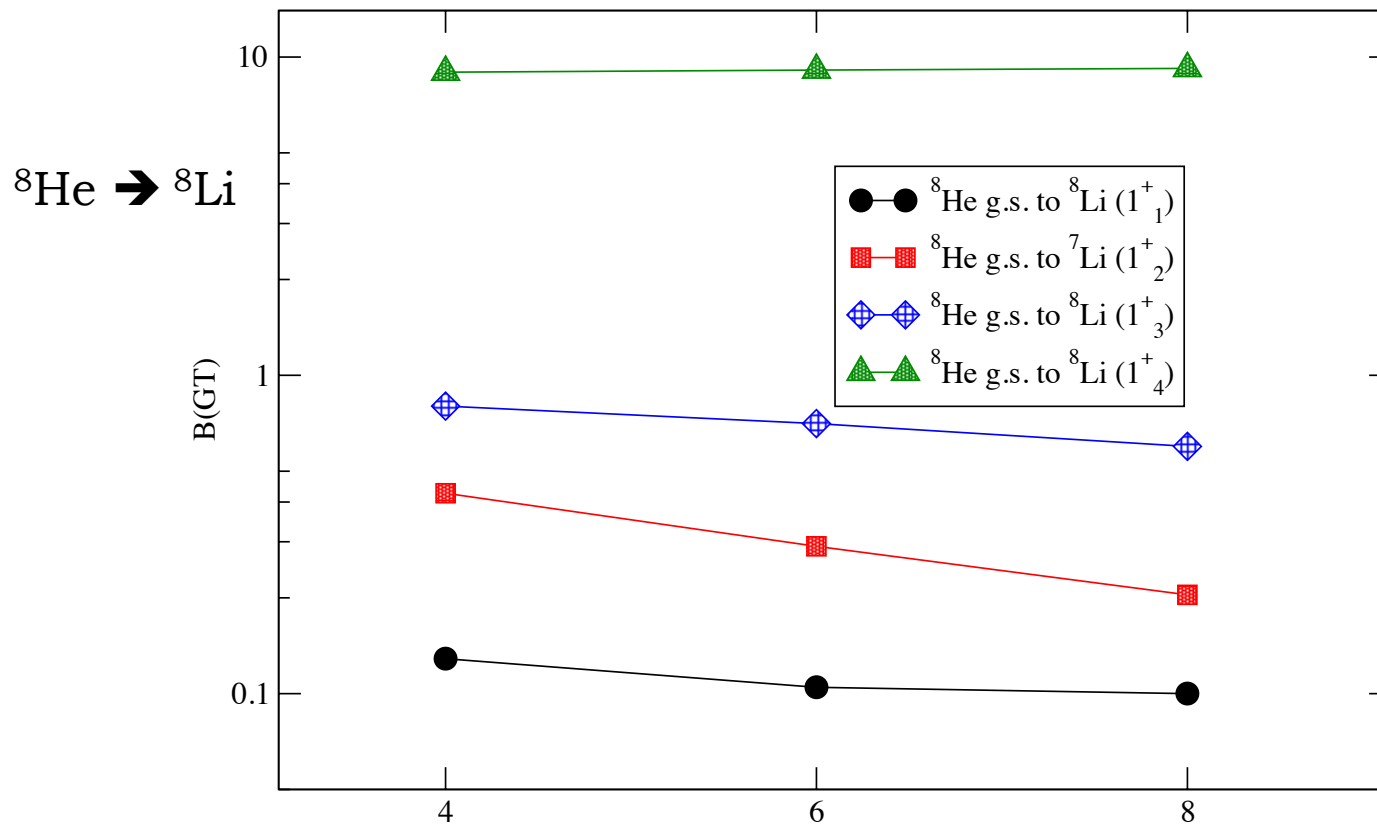
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Need to run higher N_{\max} (on supercomputers) but ...

Despite being a “simple” operator, transition matrix elements of Gamow-Teller ($\sigma\tau$) do not have simple behavior:

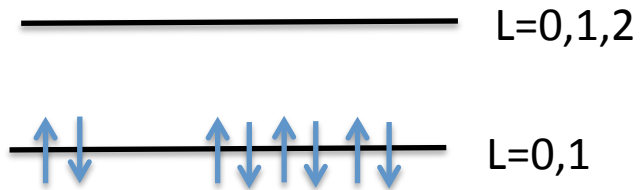
- Some transitions quickly converge as we go up in N_{\max} , others not
- Should be investigated by doing L-S/SU(4) decomposition
- Effect of 3-body forces likely important
- More work on chiral EFT exchange forces should be done
- Likely strong implications for $0\nu\text{--}\beta\beta$ matrix elements...

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Ilc: :Spin-orbit decomposition of *ab initio* nuclides

C. W. J, Phys. Rev. C **91**, 034313 (2015).

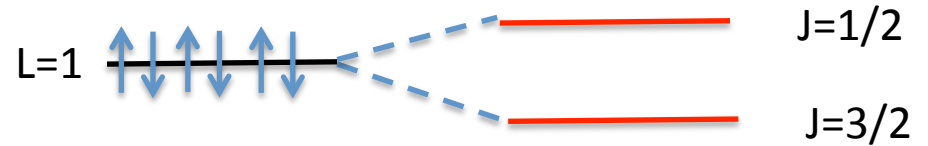
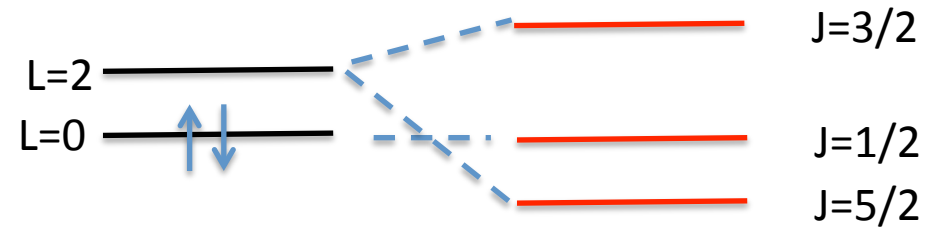
Atoms :



*Spin is minor in
atomic physics...*



Nuclei:



*...but crucial in
nuclear physics...*



(Niels Bohr) (E. Schrodinger)



(Maria Goeppert-Mayer)

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j-j versus L-S

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline l_1 \\ \hline + \\ \hline s_1 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l_2 \\ \hline + \\ \hline s_2 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l_3 \\ \hline + \\ \hline s_3 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l_4 \\ \hline + \\ \hline s_4 \\ \hline \end{array}
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$$= J$$

"j-j coupling"

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$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline = L \\ \hline + \\ \hline = S \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= J$$

"L-S coupling"



How good is j-j coupling?

(Calculations are standard configuration-mixing: diagonalization of Hamiltonian in *m*-scheme Slater determinants, in single major harmonic oscillator shell)

Nuclei:

_____ J=3/2

_____ J=1/2

_____ J=5/2

_____ J=1/2

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²⁸ Si	sd	USDB	21% (0d _{5/2}) ¹²
¹² C	p	Cohen-Kurath	37% (0p _{3/2}) ⁸

Oh no! I guess there is a lot of configuration mixing!



(Maria Goeppert-Mayer)



Let's see if there is a simpler picture, such as L-S coupling.

Nuclide	Model space	Interaction	g.s. =	g.s. =
^{48}Ca	pf	KB3G	90 % $(0f_{7/2})^8$	20% L = 0
^{24}O	sd	USDB	91% $(0d_{5/2})^6 (1s_{1/2})^2$	34% L = 0
^{22}O	sd	USDB	75% $(0d_{5/2})^6$	38% L = 0
^8He	p	Cohen-Kurath	53 % $(0p_{3/2})^4$	96% L = 0
^{32}S	sd	USDB	29 % $(0d_{5/2})^{12} (1s_{1/2})^4$	34% L = 0
^{28}Si	sd	USDB	21% $(0d_{5/2})^{12}$	36% L = 0
^{12}C	p	Cohen-Kurath	37% $(0p_{3/2})^8$	82% L = 0

This illustrates a (once) well-known fact: that L-S coupling is a better approximation in the p -shell than j - j coupling.



Let's now do L-S
decomposition of *ab initio*
p-shell wavefunctions

Why?

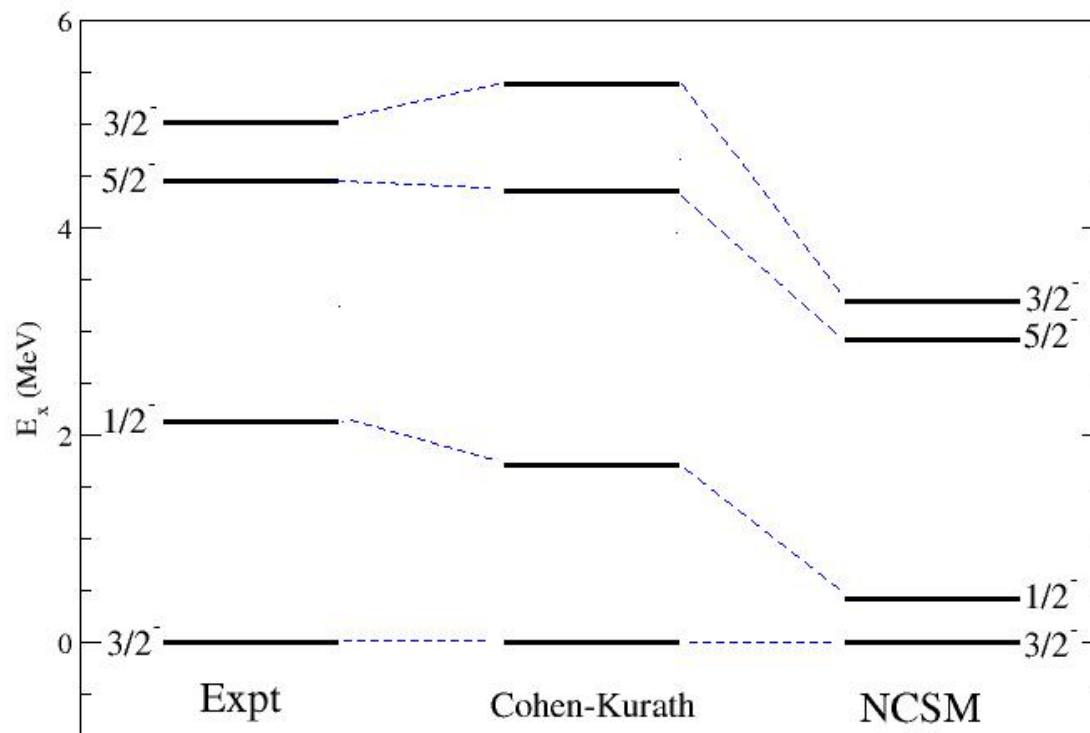
- To see if this pattern holds for *ab initio* interactions
 - How well do phenomenological interactions match *ab initio*?
- Crucially, we know the 3-body forces strongly affects the spin-orbit force. Can we see this happen directly?
 - Note: In this talk I only give 2-body results. 3-body forces later...

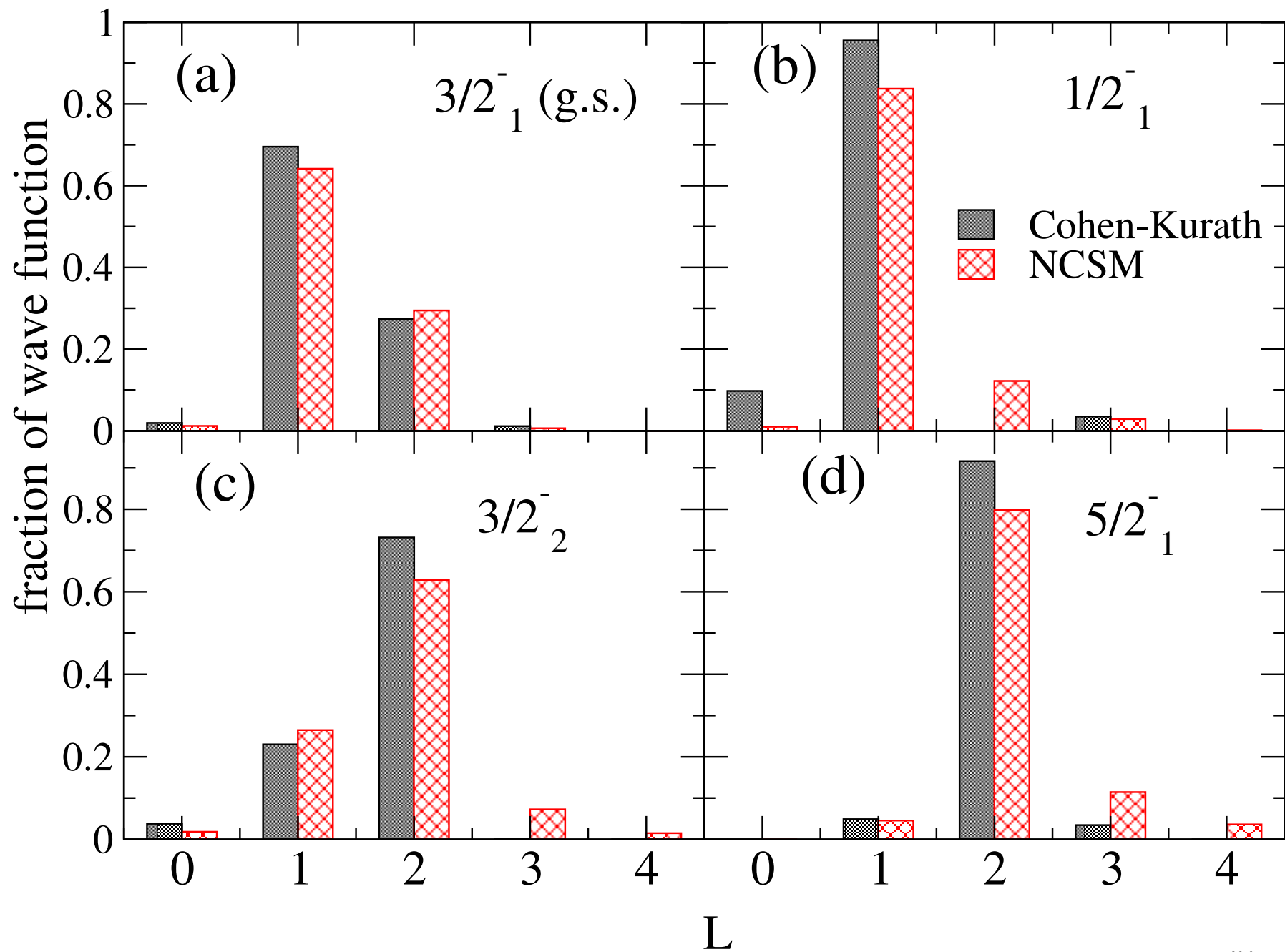
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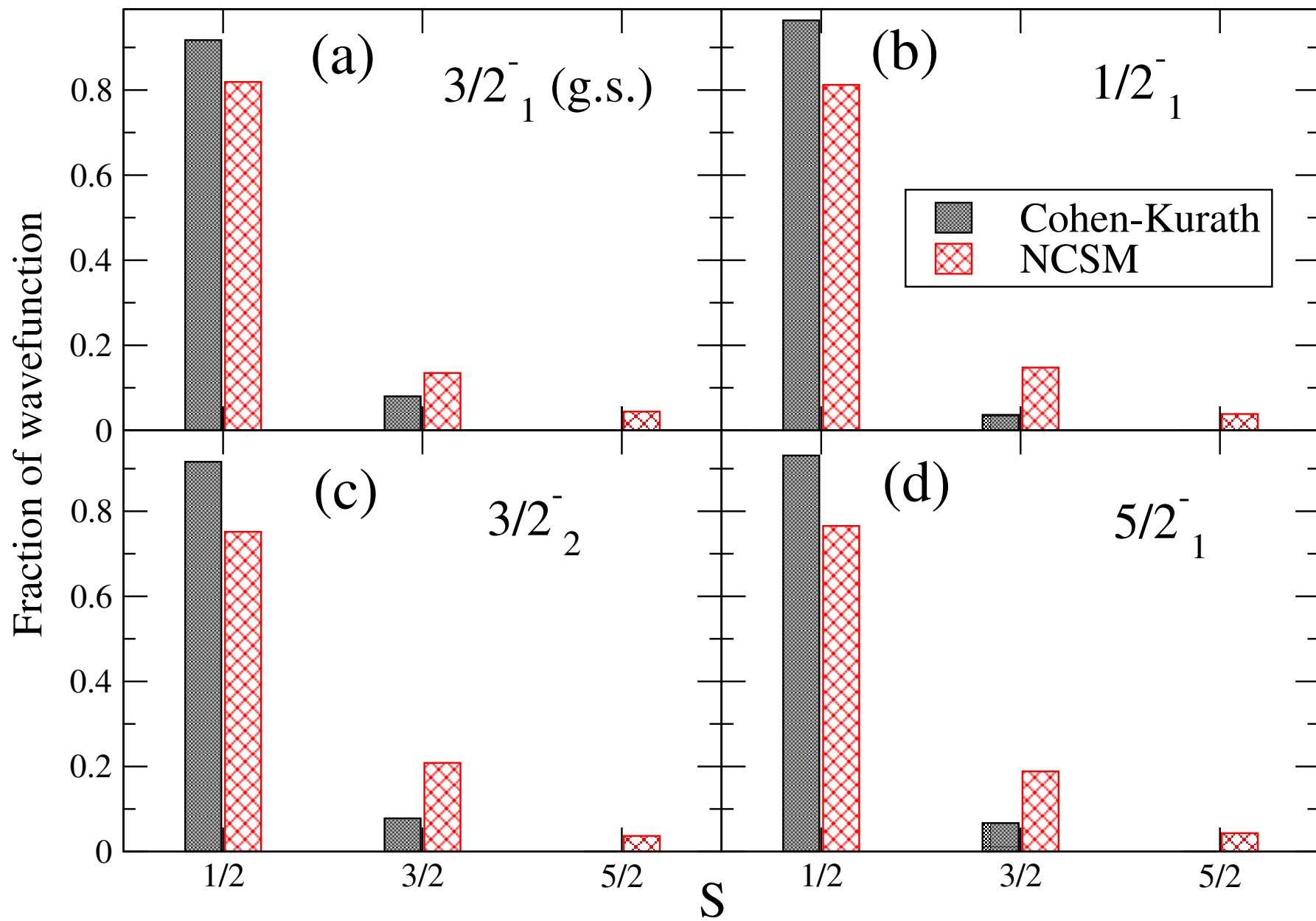
^{11}B

Phenomenological Cohen-Kurath m -scheme dimension: 62

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 m -scheme dimension: 20 million





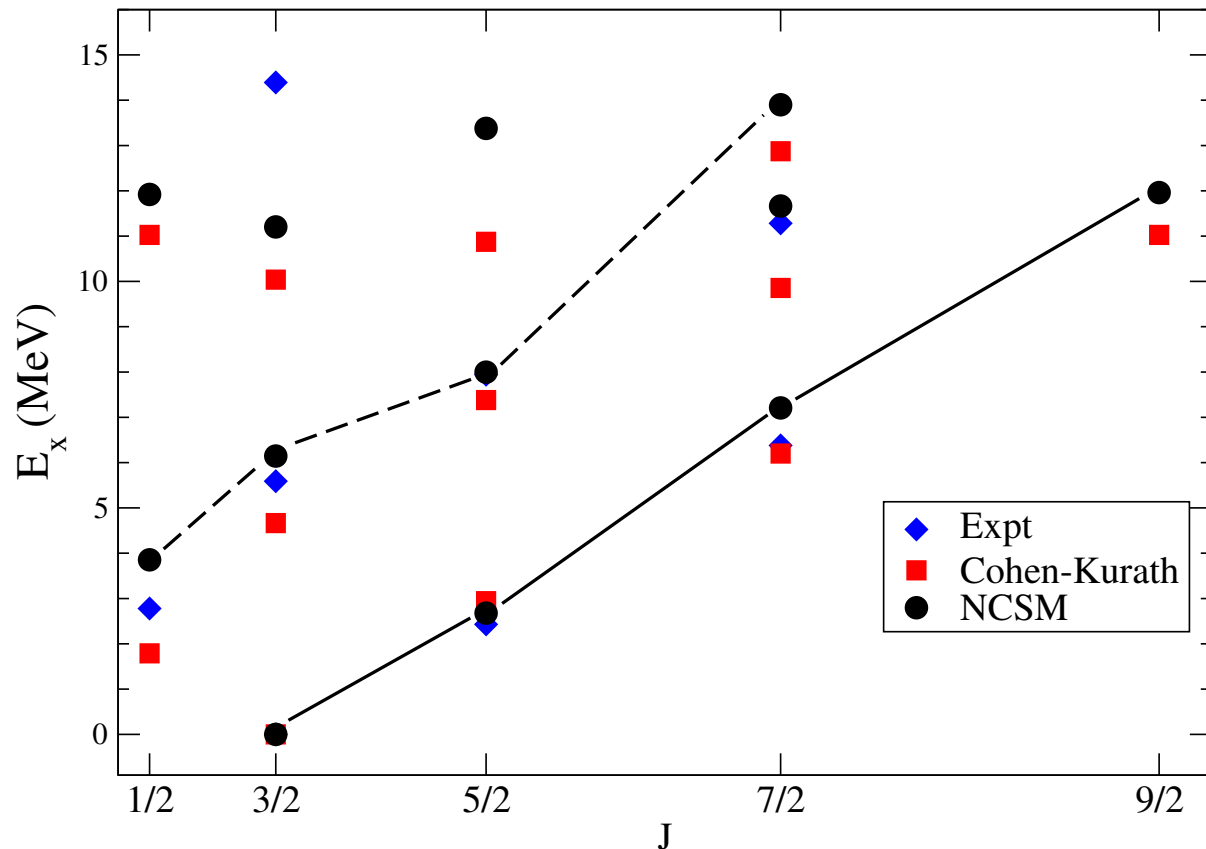


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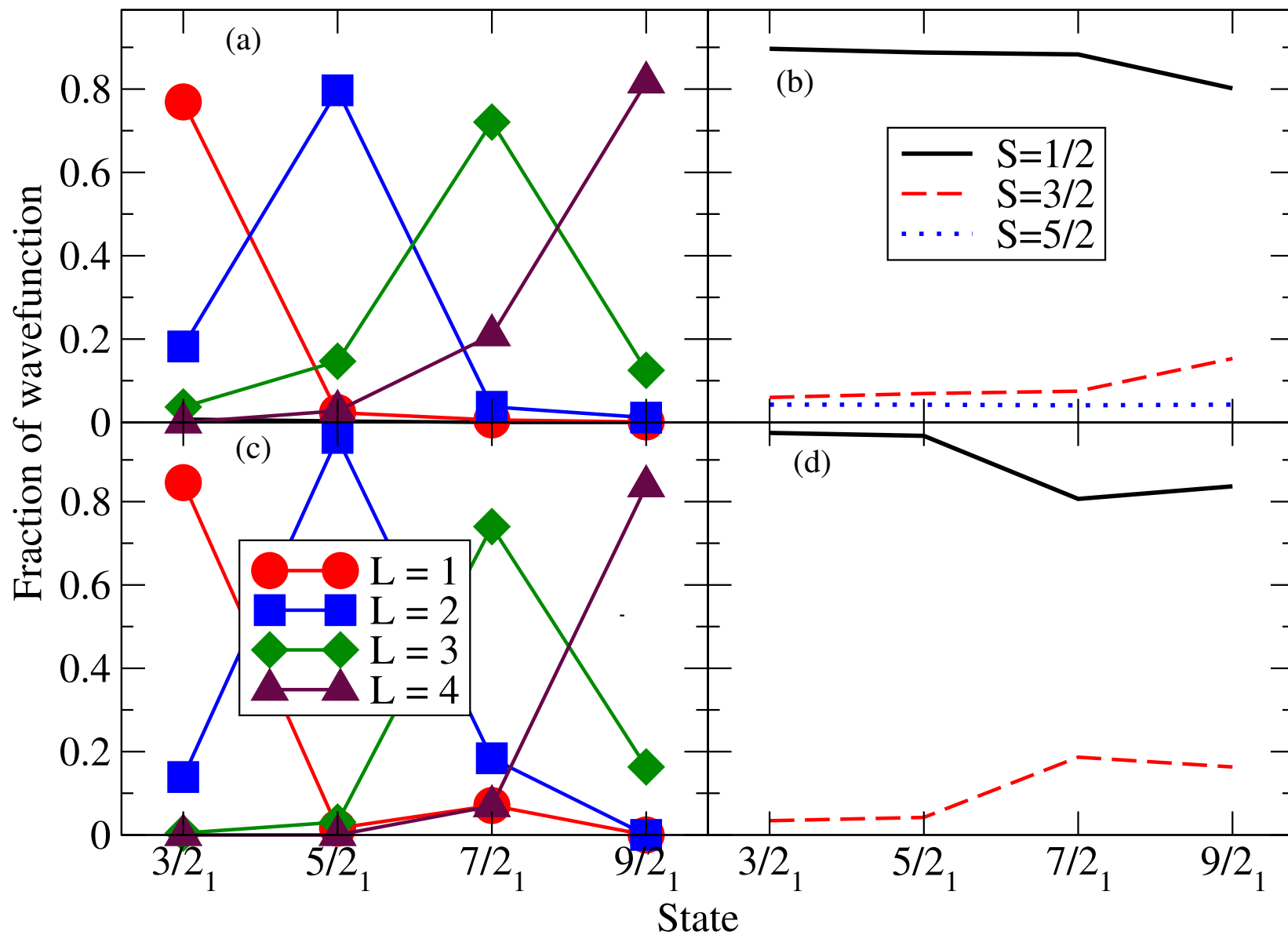
^9Be

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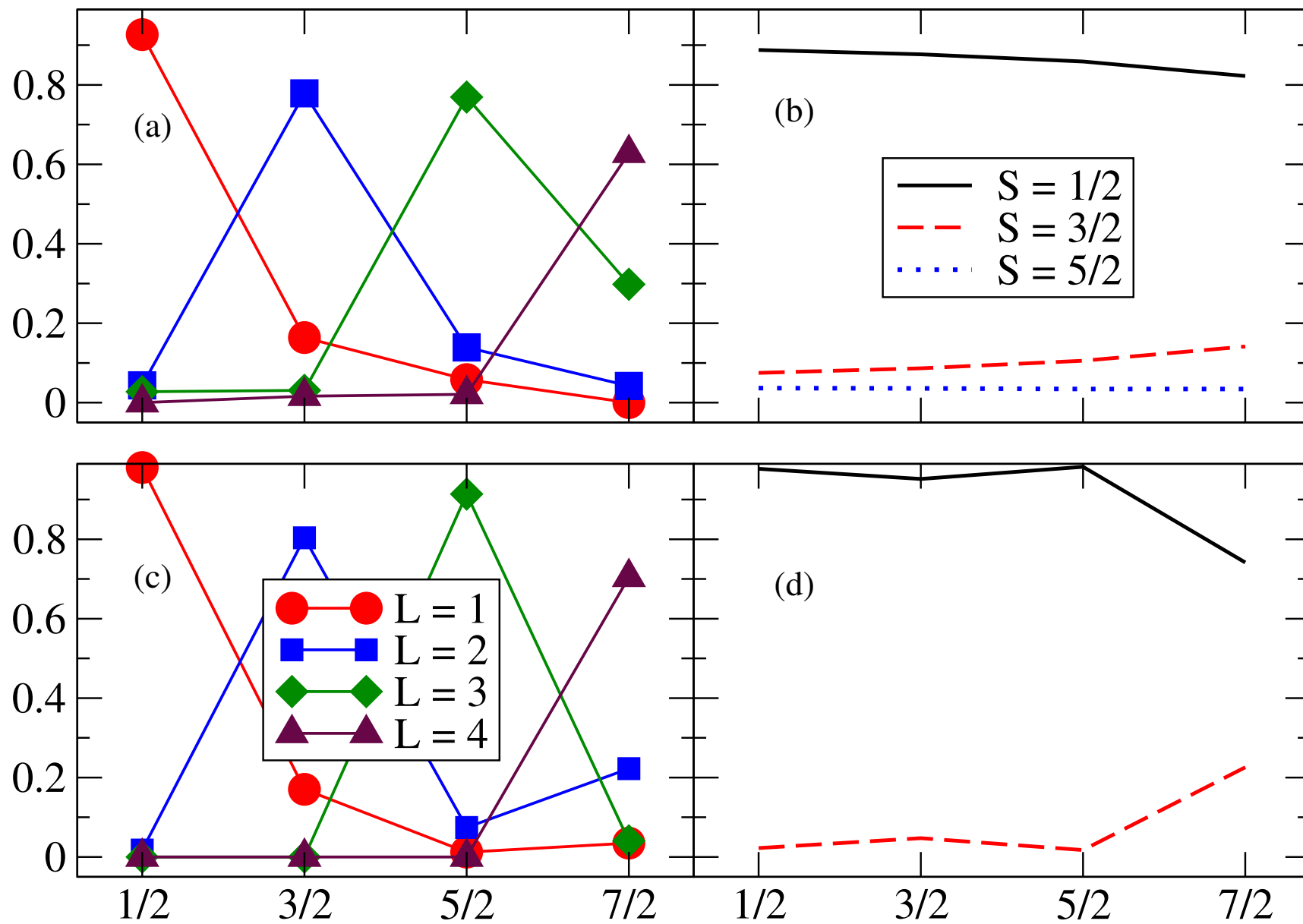
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 m -scheme dimension: 5.2 million



^9Be ground state band



9Be excited state band



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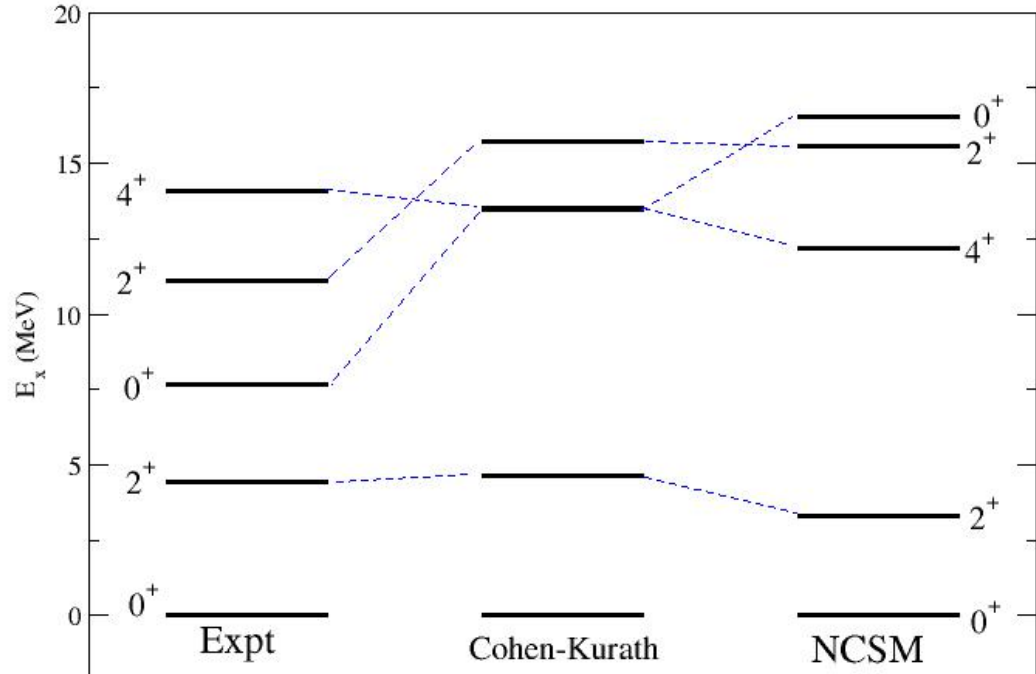
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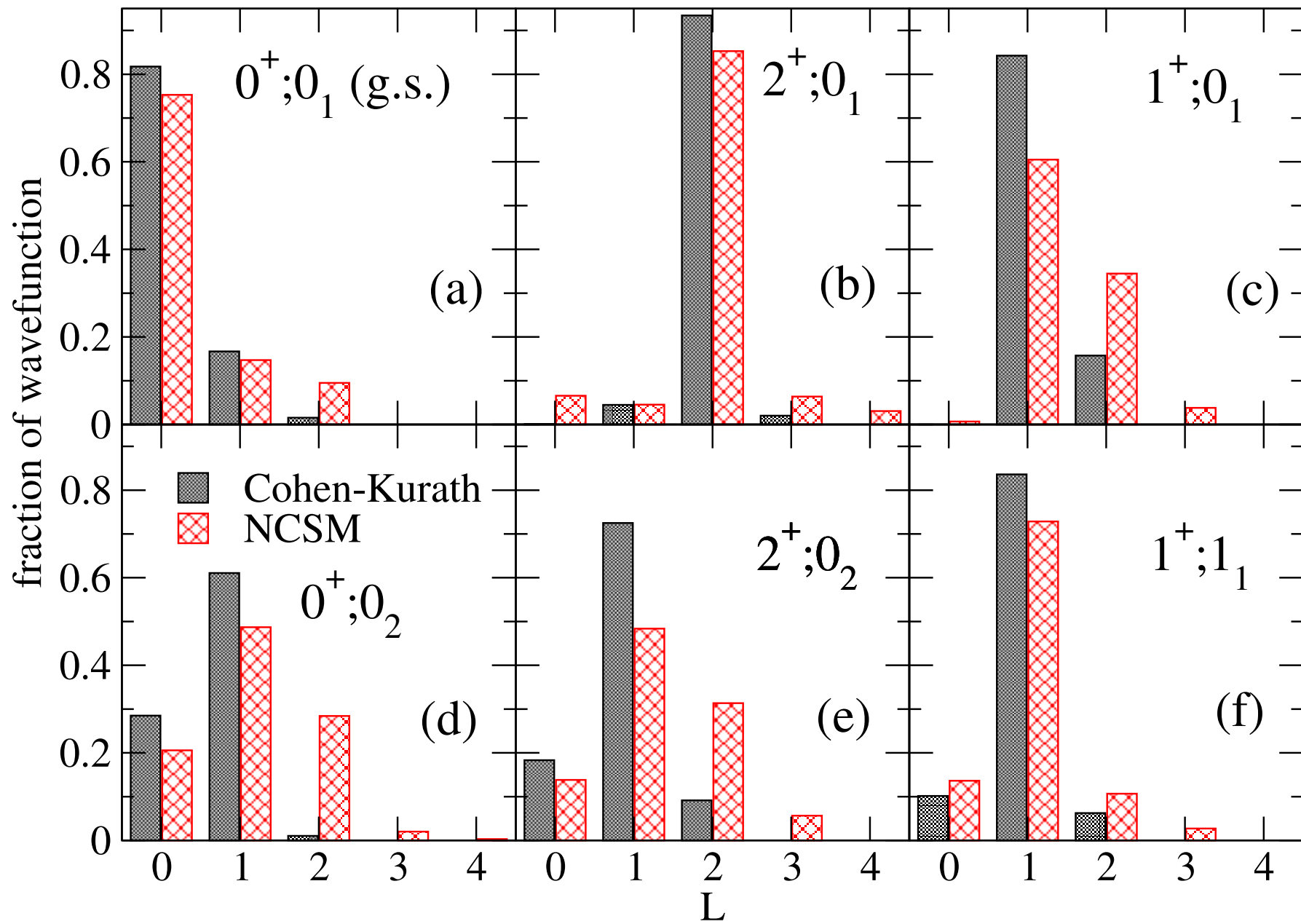
Phenomenological Cohen-Kurath force (1965) in $0p$ shell

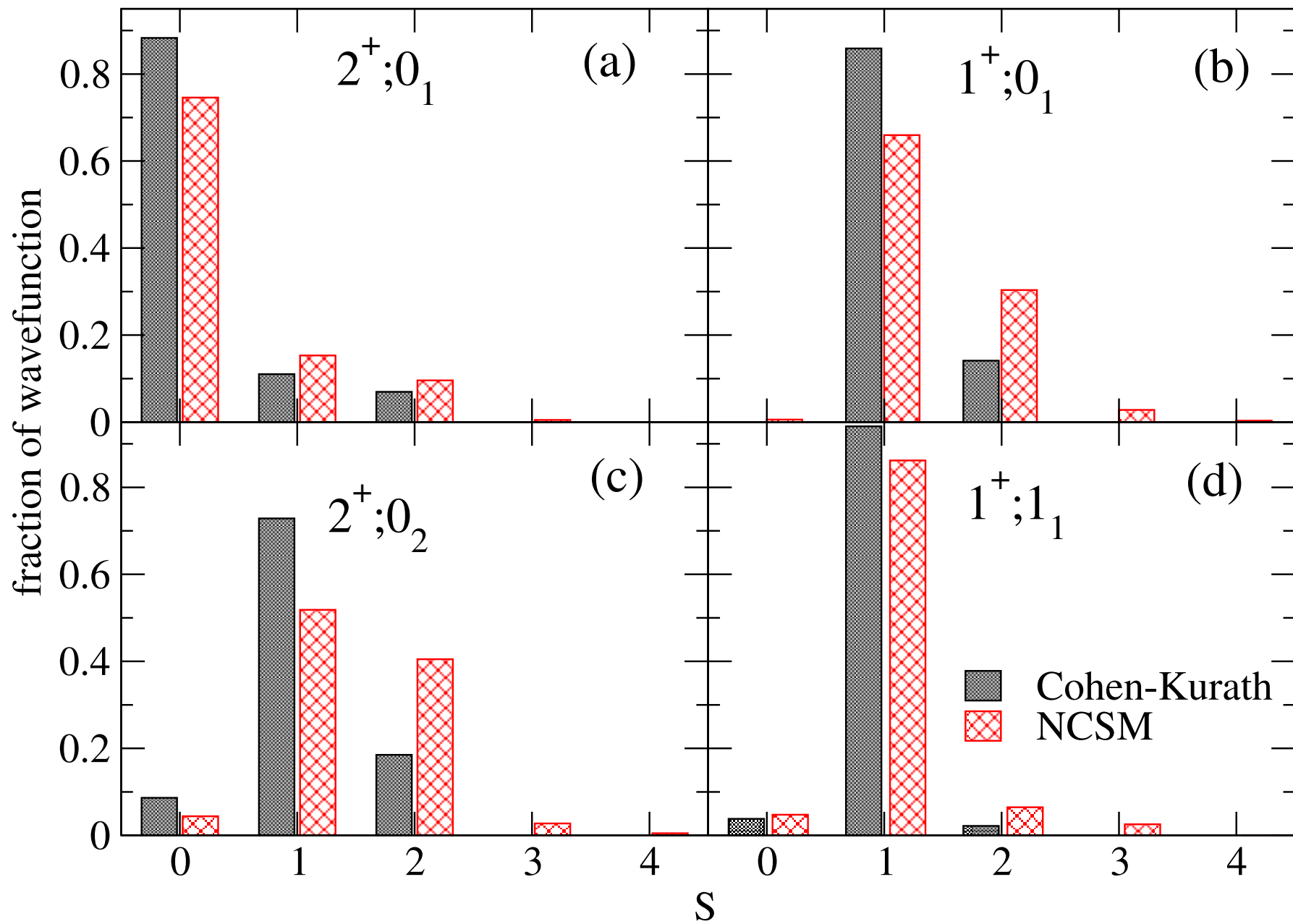
m -scheme dimension: 51

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m -scheme dimension: 35 million







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Summary and looking forward

We live in a dynamic universe....

can't understand it without understanding transitions!

- We (and others) can now compute *ab initio* giant resonances
in agreement with expt
- Some evidence for Brink hypothesis for GDRs, not so for other transitions
- Gamow-Teller transitions are “simple” yet behavior is not trivial
(i.e., some transitions converge quickly with N_{max} , others not)
- Some simple pictures (L-S coupling) work across vast differences in models

Summary and looking forward

But getting *calculations* = experiment is not enough!

Can we understand systematic behavior?
for example, systematics of GDRs,
Brink hypothesis

Some tools:

spectral distribution theory (moment methods) → Brink hypothesis
→ sum rules

decomposition into irreps (e.g., L-S, SU(4) irreps for Gamow-Teller)

“More work to be done!”