

# Structure and Reactions of nuclei using complex energy formalisms

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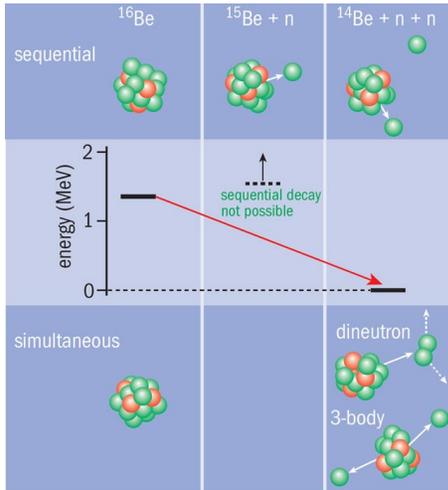
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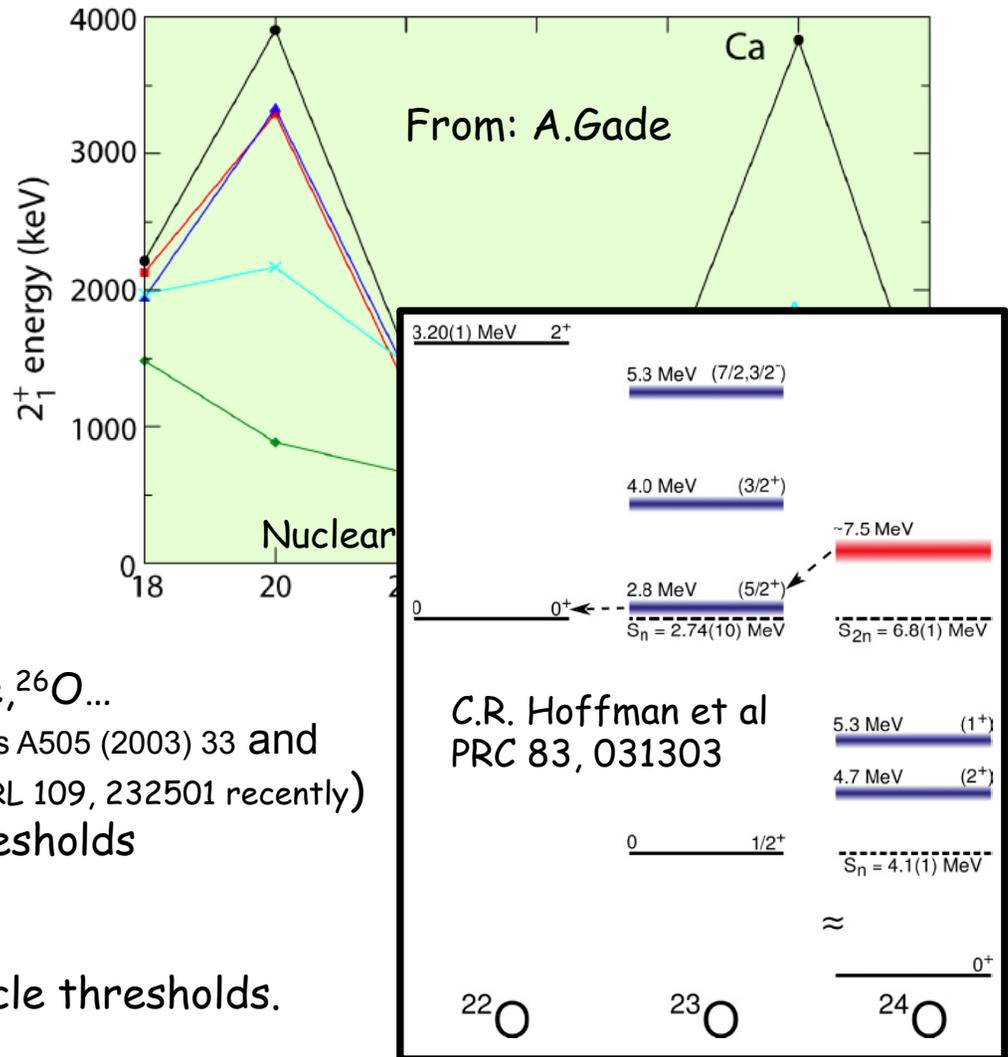
## Life on the edge of nuclear stability: Experimental highlights

- New decay modes: 2n radioactivity



A.Spyrou et al

- Shell structure revisited: Magic numbers disappear, other arise.



- New exotic resonant states: <sup>13</sup>Li, <sup>10</sup>He, <sup>26</sup>O...  
(MoNA collaboration Nucl. Instr. and Methods A505 (2003) 33 and PRC 87, 011304, PRL 110 152501, PRL 108 142503, PRL 109, 232501 recently)
- Metastable states above particle thresholds are measured.
- Very dilute matter distribution
- Extreme clusterization close to particle thresholds.

Provide stringent constraints to theory

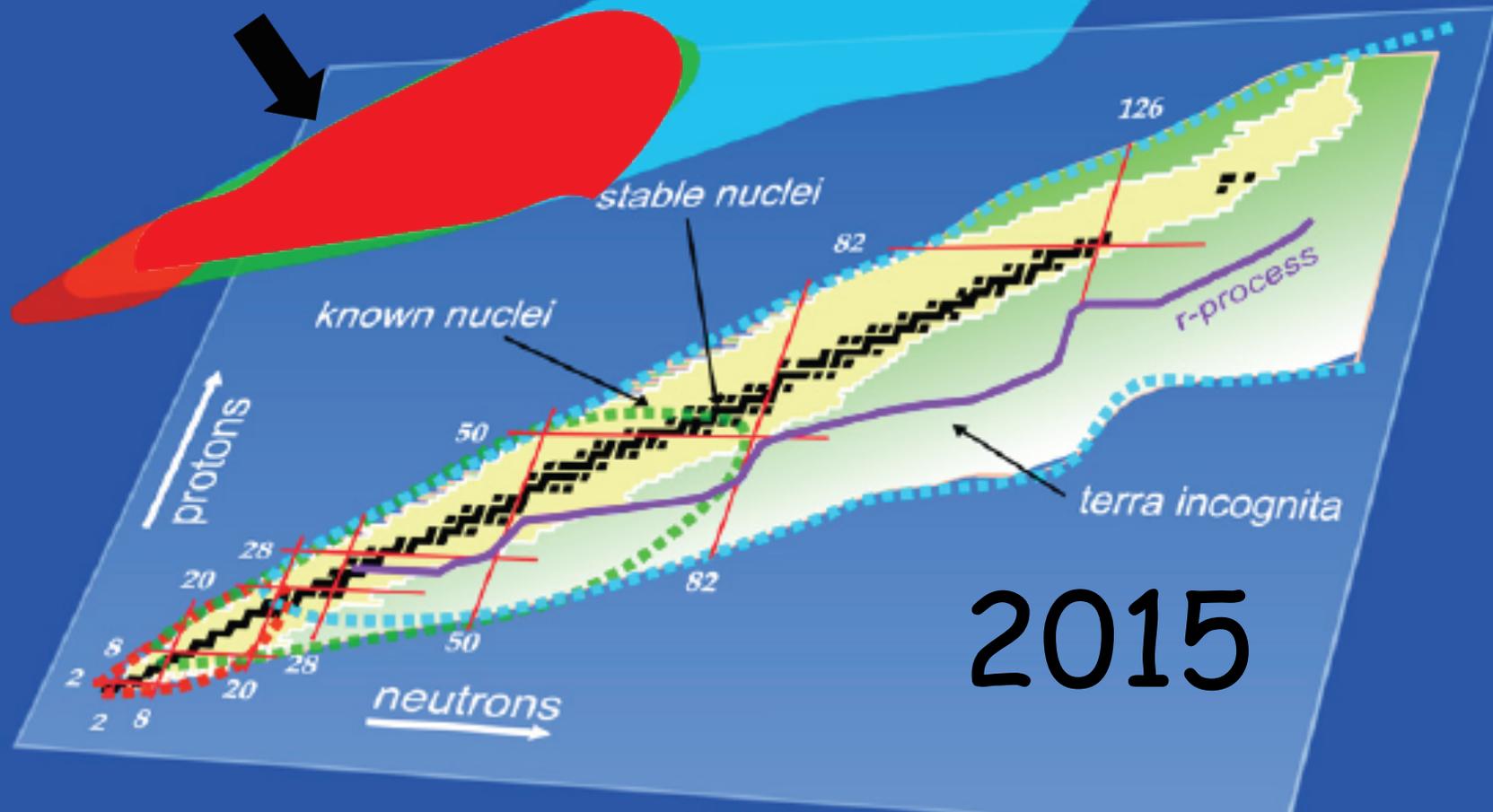
But also: Theory is in need for predictions and supporting certain experimental aspects

# Nuclear Landscape

- Ab initio
- Configuration Interaction
- Density Functional Theory

Ab-initio rooted effective interactions

Coupled Cluster (ORNL, Darmstadt)  
IM-SRG (MSU)  
SC(Gorkov)GF  
Ab-initio DFT



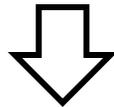
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Fig: Bertsch,Dean,Nazarewicz, SciDAC review 2007

## Connections between structure and reactions

- They share many-common ideas and difficulties:
- Effective interactions/optical potentials
  - Many channels in CC equations/A lot of basis states (e.g in CI) => need for supercomputing/collaboration with Computer-Scientists
  - Approximations to make calculations easier: e.g Three-body models/ basis truncations, MBPT, cluster expansions etc => How well are controlled? (Benchmarks are important)

The common denominator though it is that we (both) want to calculate observables.



observable  $\sigma^{if} = \sum_{|J_f - J_i| \leq j \leq J_f + J_i} S_j^{if} \sigma_{s.p.}$

Spectroscopic factor

s.p cross section

From D. Bazin and R. Furnstahl

Spectroscopic factor

Another example:  $\Gamma_{tot} = S \Gamma_{s.p}$

etc...

## Connections between structure and reactions

But we want to do it in a model independent way, so as to reduce uncontrollable errors by combining ingredients from different methods which are probably based on different assumptions.

- That is why the ultimate goal is to unify structure+reactions, in order to calculate structure and reaction observables using the same assumptions and the same Hamiltonian.
- Try to depart from Spectroscopic factors and use, for example, ANCs
- Try to compute directly resonant parameters (resonances) i.e. positions and total widths

# Resonances

→ How to obtain them?

- On the real-energy axis from the phase-shift  $\delta(E)$ : Position → inflection point  
Width →  $2/(d\delta/dE)$  at inflection point. Basically it is an R-matrix formula (maybe not so reliable for broad resonances e.g. Thompson-Nunes book page 302)

In addition one needs  $\delta(E)$ , meaning that reaction coupled channel heavy calculation is unavoidable.

- “Stabilization” techniques on the real-axis (Hazi, Kruppa, Arai etc).
- Widths from ANCs and Integral relations
- On the complex energy axis, poles of complex S-matrix: unambiguous extraction  
e.g. “Extended” R-matrix (Hale, Csoto) for broad  $^5\text{He}$ ,  $^5\text{Li}$  resonances
  - Complex energy shell model
  - Complex Scaling

# The complex scaling

Belongs to the category of:

- **Bound state** technique to calculate resonant parameters and/or states in the continuum  
Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 74, 55 (2014) and 68, 158 (2013)  
(reviews of bound state methods by Orlandini, Leidimann-Lazauskas, Carbonell)

## Nuclear Physics

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- Lazauskas and Carbonell PRC 72 034003 (2005)
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## Chemistry

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# The complex scaling

## Complex Scaling Method in a Slater basis

A.T.Kruppa, G.Papadimitriou, W.Nazarewicz, N. Michel PRC 89 014330 (2014)

1) Basic idea is to rotate coordinates and momenta i.e.  $r \rightarrow re^{i\theta}$ ,  $p \rightarrow pe^{-i\theta}$

Hamiltonian is transformed to  $H(\theta) = U(\theta)H_{\text{original}}U(\theta)^{-1}$

$H(\theta)\Psi(\theta) = E\Psi(\theta)$  complex eigenvalue problem

- The spectrum of  $H(\theta)$  contains bound, resonances and continuum states.
- ABC theorem: Bound states and resonances invariant. Scattering and resonance states behave asymptotically as bound states.

2) Slater basis or Slater Type Orbitals (STOs):

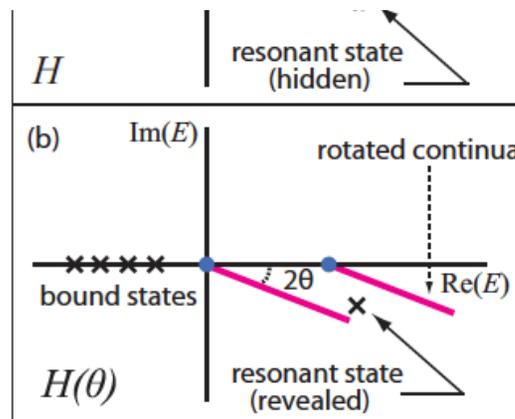
Basically, exponential decaying functions

$$\sum_{l_1, j_1} \sum_{l_2, j_2} \sum_{i, j=0}^N C_{l_1 j_1 l_2 j_2, i j} \mathcal{A} \left( r_1^{l_1+i} r_2^{l_2+j} \exp(-ar_1 - ar_2) [\mathcal{Y}_{l_1 j_1}(\hat{r}_1, s_{z1}) \otimes \mathcal{Y}_{l_2 j_2}(\hat{r}_2, s_{z2})]^{IM} \right)$$

→ CS: Powerful method to o

→ Involves  $L^2$  square integrals without an implicit imposition of bound states at large

→ Can (in general) be applied



in Quantum Chemistry

parameters are obtained  
Resonant states behave

methods techniques

(i.e. NCSM, Faddeev, CC etc)

## Some results ( ${}^6\text{He}$ )

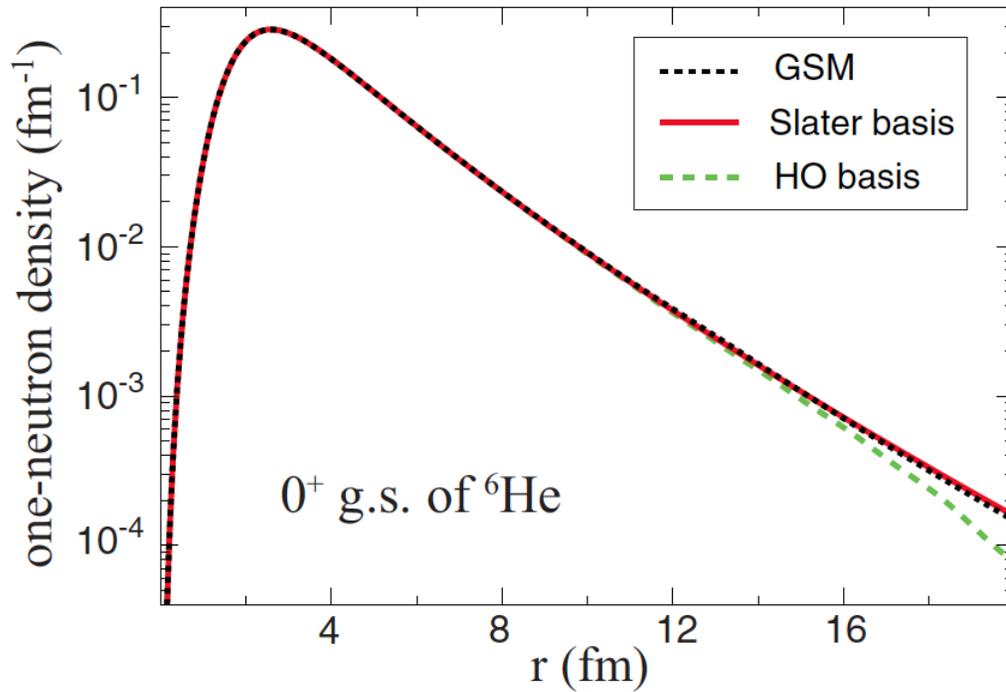
- Comparison between Complex Scaling Slater and Gamow Shell Model

$0^+$  g.s,  $2^+$   $1^{\text{st}}$  excited Force Minnesota,  $\alpha$ -n interaction KKNN

$\langle \hat{O} \rangle$	$0^+$	GSM	CS ( $\vartheta = 0$ )
$\langle \hat{H} \rangle$		-0.249	-0.247
$\langle \hat{T} \rangle$		24.729	24.731
$\langle V_{c-n} \rangle$		-21.642	-21.645
$\langle V_{nn} \rangle$		-2.711	-2.710
$\langle \frac{\vec{p}_1 \cdot \vec{p}_2}{m_3} \rangle$		-0.625	-0.623
$\langle \hat{O} \rangle$	$2^+$	CS ( $\vartheta = \vartheta_{\text{opt}}$ )	GSM <sub>I</sub>
$\langle \hat{H} \rangle$		$1.239 - i0.291$	$1.239 - i0.292$
$\langle \hat{T} \rangle$		$17.340 - i7.949$	$17.311 - i7.825$
$\langle V_{c-n} \rangle$		$-15.831 + i7.408$	$-15.805 + i7.288$
$\langle V_{nn} \rangle$		$-0.270 + i0.250$	$-0.267 + i0.244$

→ Reliable calculation of widths of metastable states

## Some results



${}^6\text{He}$   $0^+$  g.s.  
Valence neutrons radial density

Phenomenological NN  
Minnesota interaction

${}^6\text{He}$  is seen as a three body  
problem.

Correct asymptotic behavior

## More applications

→ A toy model for CS (Csoto et al PRA 41 3469, Myo et al PTP 99, 801)

- Simple Gaussian potential (attractive + repulsive)
- Supports a bound  $0^+$  g.s
- 1- excited states resonances and continua

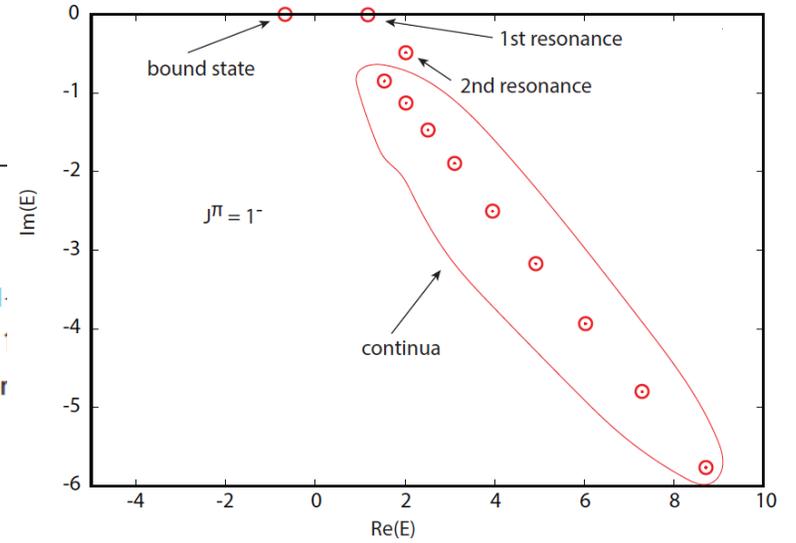
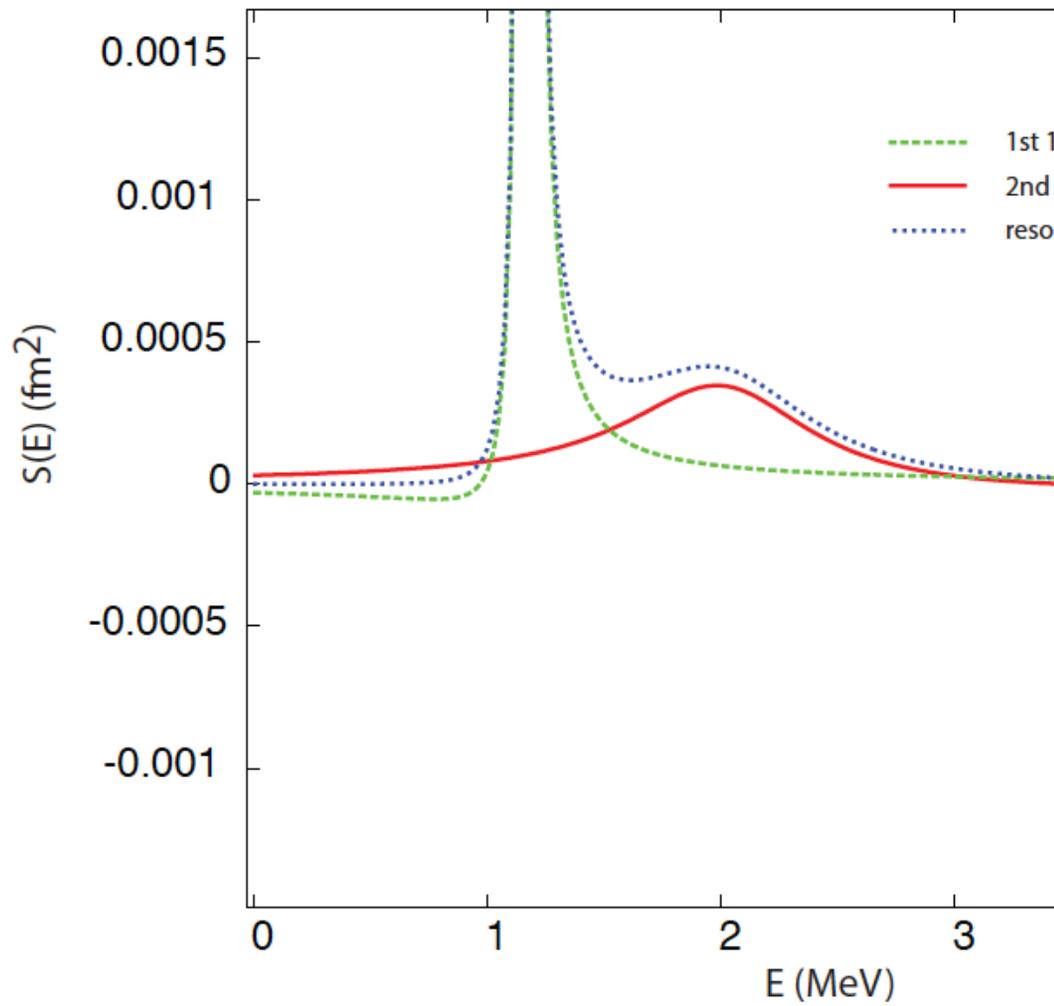
→ Study dipole transition strength from  $0^+ \rightarrow 1^-$  within CS

$$S_{\lambda,\nu}(E) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left[ \frac{\langle \tilde{\Phi}_i^\theta | O_\lambda^\theta | \Phi_\nu^\theta \rangle \langle \tilde{\Phi}_\nu^\theta | O_\lambda^\theta | \Phi_i^\theta \rangle}{E - E_\nu^\theta} \right]$$

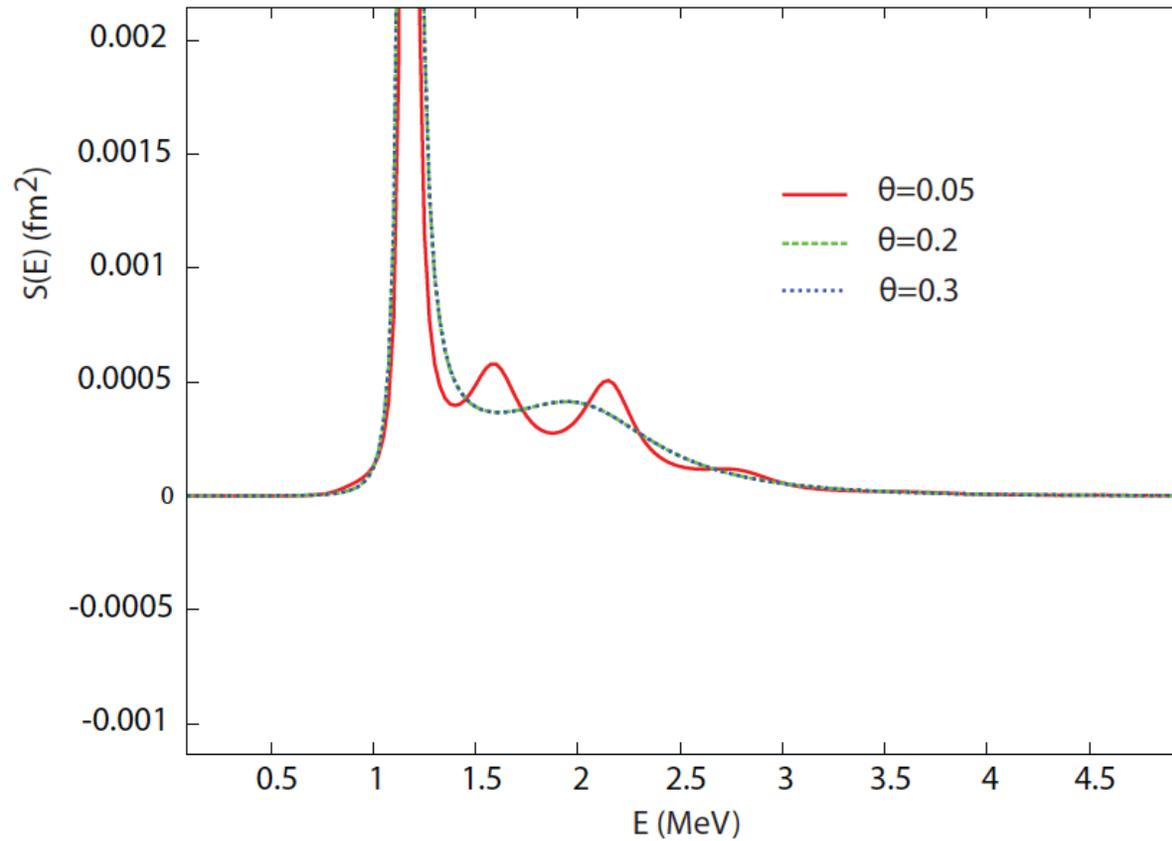
- ✓  $i$  is the initial state (e.g.  $0^+$ ),  $\nu$  are the final continuum states (e.g.  $1^-$ )
- ✓ Tilde symbol is important: conjugation does not affect the radial parts (c-product)
- ✓ The decomposition is mathematically possible due to the Berggren completeness or extended completeness relation (ECR)

→ Decomposition of the strength function can quantify which state(s) contribute.

# Decomposition of contributions to the strength function



## Convergence with rotation parameter $\theta$



→ CS serves as a smoothing procedure

## Complex Scaling with a general non-local realistic force?

Has been tried with very strong core Reid and AV18 potentials (analytical/local)  
(Lazauskas, Glöckle, Witala, Horiuchi...)

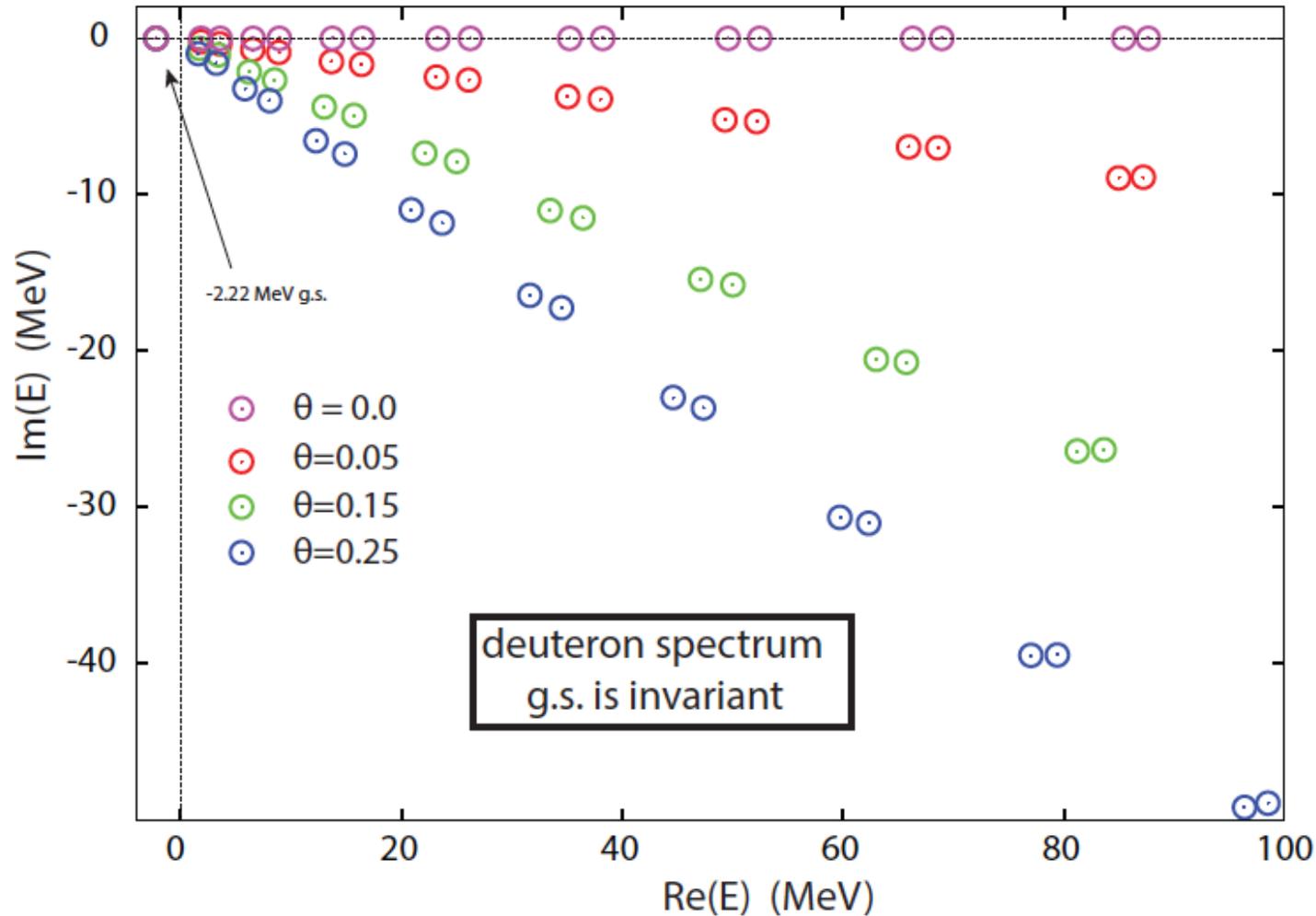
Apply CS in a chiral NN force:

- 2-body problem in relative coordinates.
- $H = T_{\text{rel}} + V_{\text{rel}}$  in HO basis
- Deuteron bound state (3S1-3D1 coupled channels)
- Compute complex scaled matrix elements of the interaction
- Simple implementation: Shift CS transformation to the basis for the TBME

$$H_{\theta} = e^{-2i\theta} T_{\text{rel}} + V_{\text{rel}}(\theta)$$

→ Diagonalize  $H_{\theta}$  with your favorite diagonalization routine

### Complex scaling with the NNLO<sub>opt</sub> realistic potential



- Test is successful. Bound state position does not change after rotation.
- Probably the first application of CS on a chiral potential.
- That's all you need to create matrix elements in the lab system for other applications

# Complex Scaling for scattering phase-shifts

(selected examples) *G. Papadimitriou and J.P. Vary PRC(R) 91, 021001 2015*

→ Connection with continuum level density (CLD)

$$\Delta(E) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{ImTr} \left[ \frac{1}{E - H(\theta)} - \frac{1}{E - H_0(\theta)} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta(E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\delta(E)}{dE}$$

$H(\theta)$  is the CS interacting Hamiltonian

$H_0(\theta)$  is the asymptotic Hamiltonian (kinetic energy + (Coulomb))

(Formulas based on work of Giraud, Kruppa, Arai, Kato...)

→ From the CLD one could also extract resonant parameters:

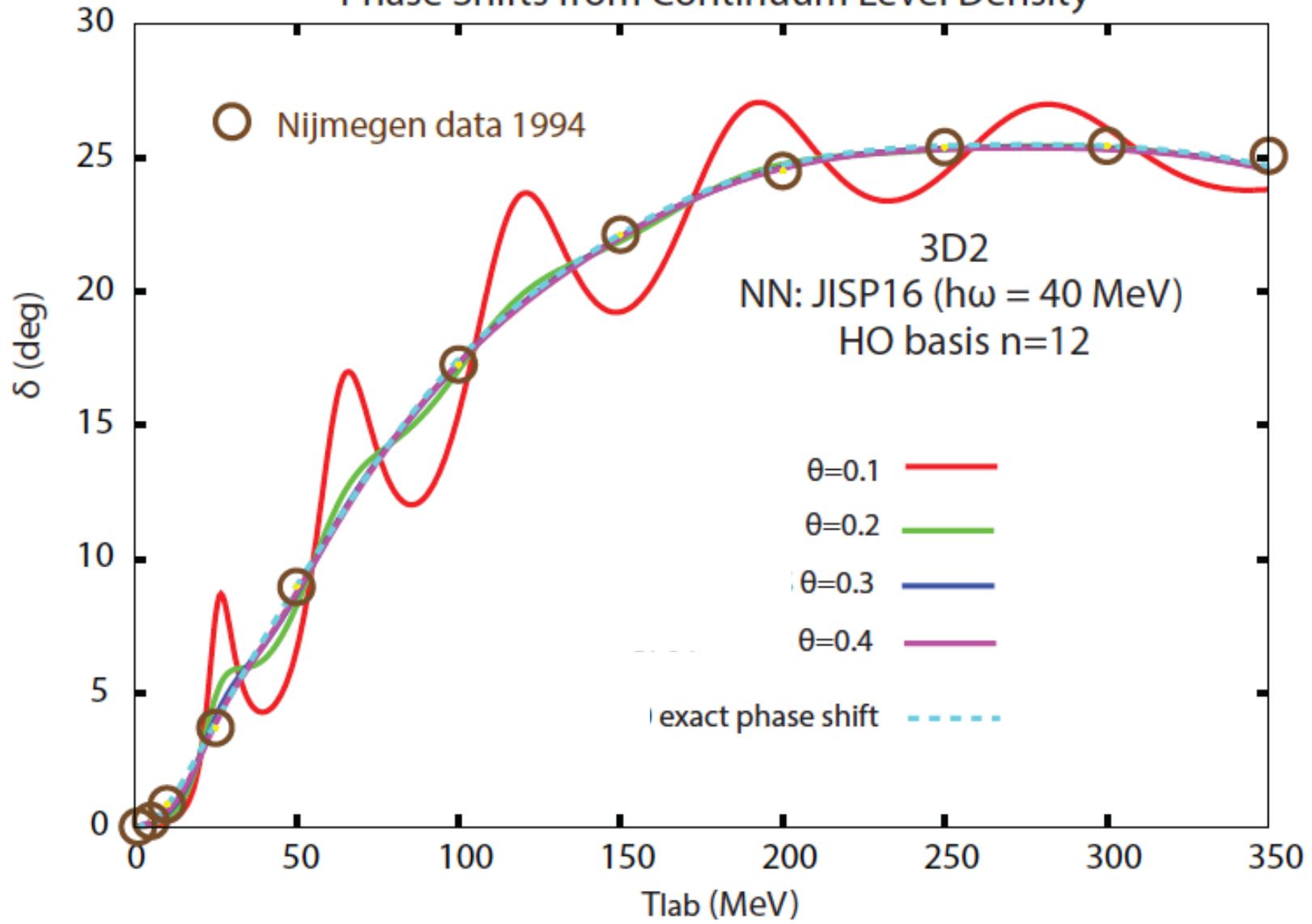
CLD has peaks in the vicinity of a resonance. Use a function to determine the resonant parameters

CS offers three different ways to obtain resonant parameters:

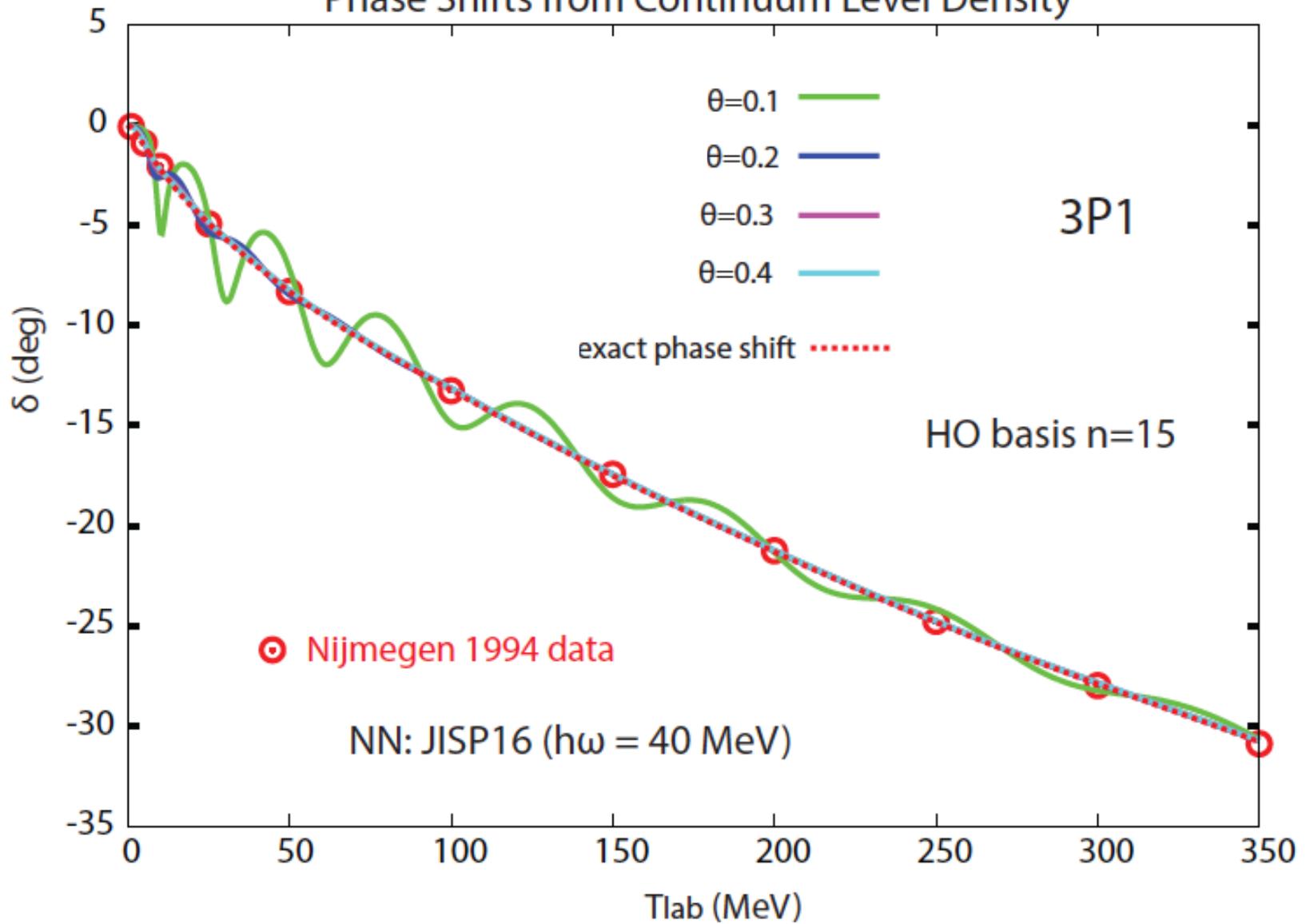
- 1) From eigenstates of Hamiltonian
- 2) From CLD (e.g. fit to Breit-Wigner)
- 3) From phase-shift via the inflection criterion

One could check with the same Hamiltonian what each 'method' produces

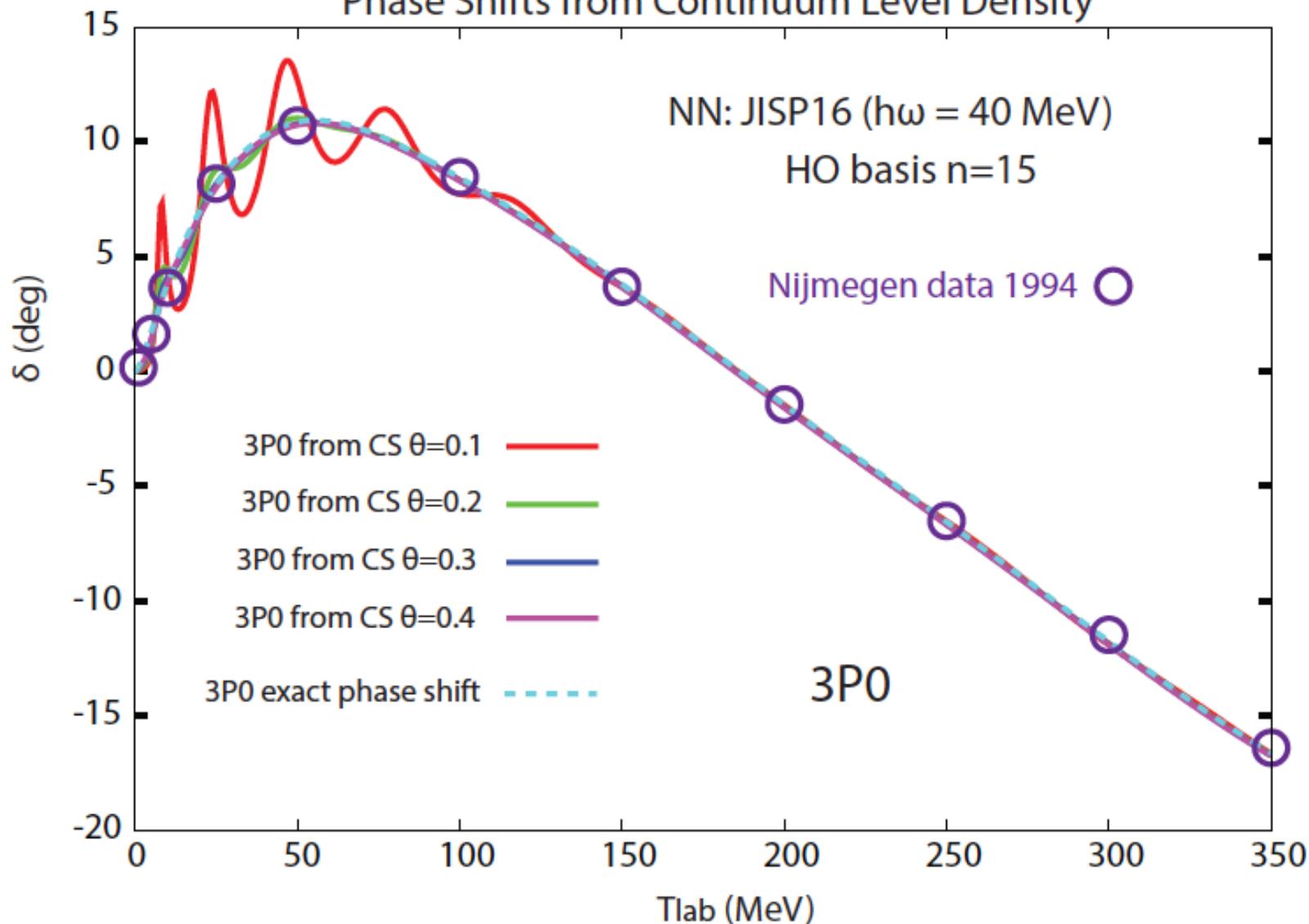
Complex Scaling for a realistic non-local potential  
Phase Shifts from Continuum Level Density



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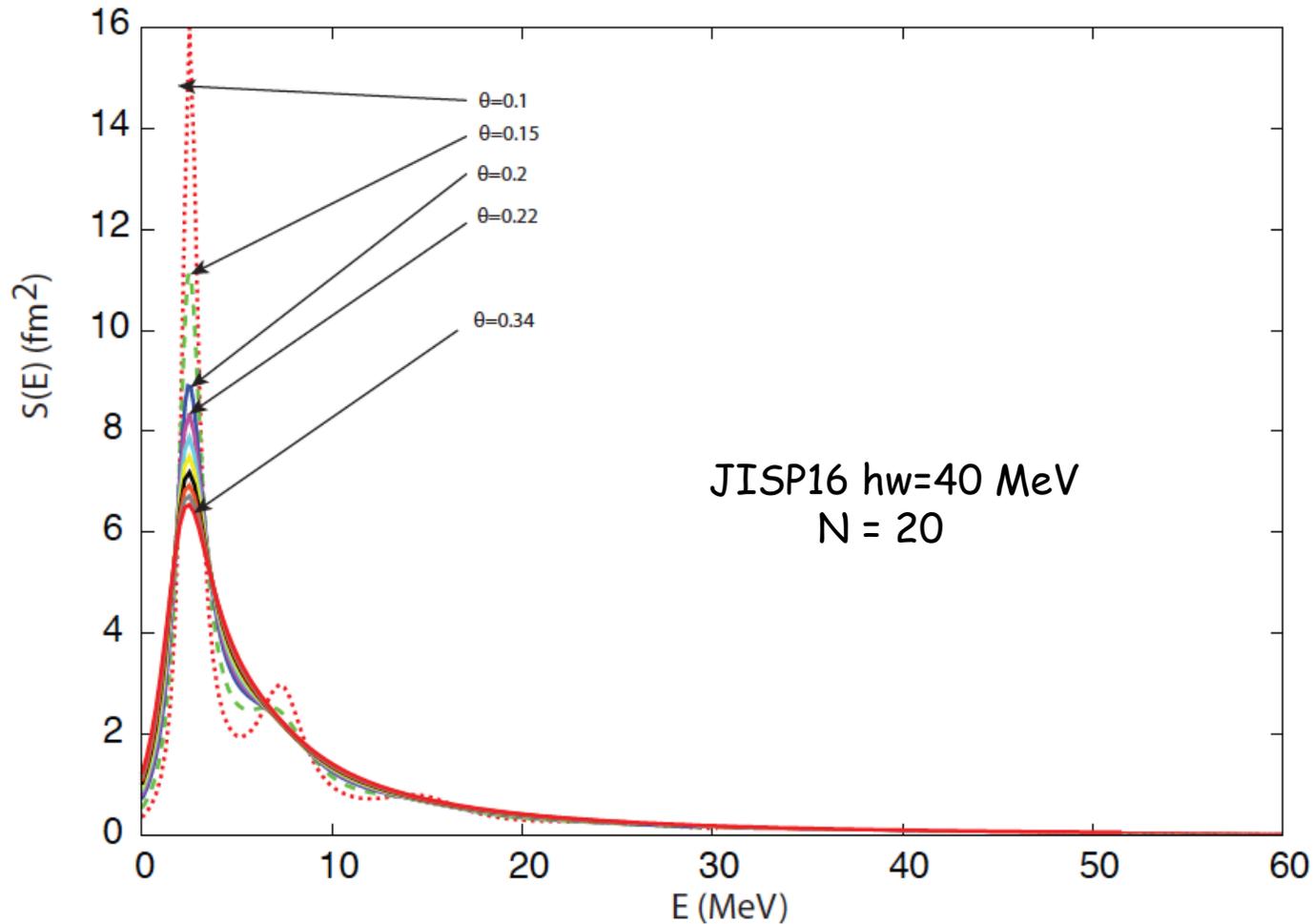


# Complex Scaling for a realistic non-local potential Phase Shifts from Continuum Level Density



Note: Similar calculation of the phase-shifts but extracted from the Busch (NPLQCD Lüscher) formula required 1800 basis states (Luu et al PRC 82 034003)

Dipole transition strength  ${}^3S_1$ - ${}^3D_1 \rightarrow {}^3P_1$  (preliminary)



- ☺ Strength function is smoothing out as in the toy model potential case.
- ☹ Need to investigate the pattern
- The position is not changing

## Complex Scaling for structure and reactions (some comments):

- Doable to use realistic, non-local chiral or phenomenological potentials.
- **Phase shifts** converge rapidly with increasing  $\theta$  and they become independent of  $\theta$  for values  $> 0.2$  rad.
- **Phase shifts** are obtained by a **diagonalization** of a complex scaled Hamiltonian. No boundary condition is imposed to describe scattering. Bound state technique to obtain phase shifts and hence cross-sections.
- Method gives at the same time: widths, partial widths, position of resonances, (structure) and also reaction observables with a single diagonalization...

## Another Complex Energy Method: Gamow Shell Model (see also K. Fossez talk)

Why use different basis sets for nuclei:

→ Describe nucleus of radius  $R$  with an interaction  $\Lambda$  using a basis

→ One would need a number of basis states  $n \propto (R\Lambda)^3$

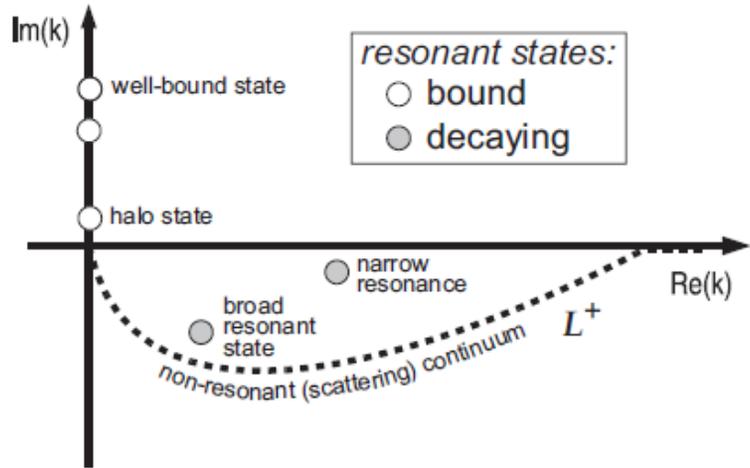
→ Proportionality depends on the underlying basis and efficiencies could be gained by using Berggren basis, Sturmian, Discrete Variable Representation

→ In the case of the Berggren basis one has access to an automatic description resonances as well.

# Another Complex Energy Method: Gamow Shell Model

T.Berggren (1968)  
NP A109, 265

N.Michel *et.al* 2002  
PRL 89 042502



$$\sum |u_{res}\rangle \langle u_{res}| + \int_{L^+} dk |u_k\rangle \langle u_k| = 1$$

↖
↖  
**resonant states**                      **Non-resonant**  
**(bound, resonances...)**           **Continuum**  

along the contour

$$\sum |u_{res}\rangle \langle u_{res}| + \sum_i |u_{ki}\rangle \langle u_{ki}| \simeq 1$$

$$|SD_i\rangle = |u_{i1} \dots u_{iA}\rangle$$

### The GSM in 4 steps

**Hermitian Hamiltonian**

**Many-body  $|SD_i\rangle$  basis**

**Hamiltonian matrix is built (complex symmetric):**

$$\langle SD | H | SD \rangle$$

**Hamiltonian diagonalized**

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n c_n |SD_n\rangle$$

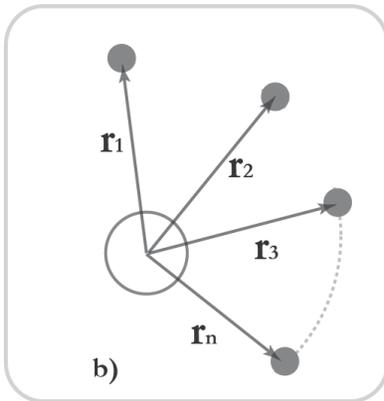
**Many body correlations and coupling to continuum are taken into account simultaneously**

## GSM HAMILTONIAN

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2\mu} + U_i \right] + \sum_{j>i=1}^n \left[ V_{ij} + \frac{1}{A_c} \mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{p}_j \right]$$

→ We assume an alpha core in some of our calculations..

“recoil” term coming from the expression of  $H$  in relative coordinates.

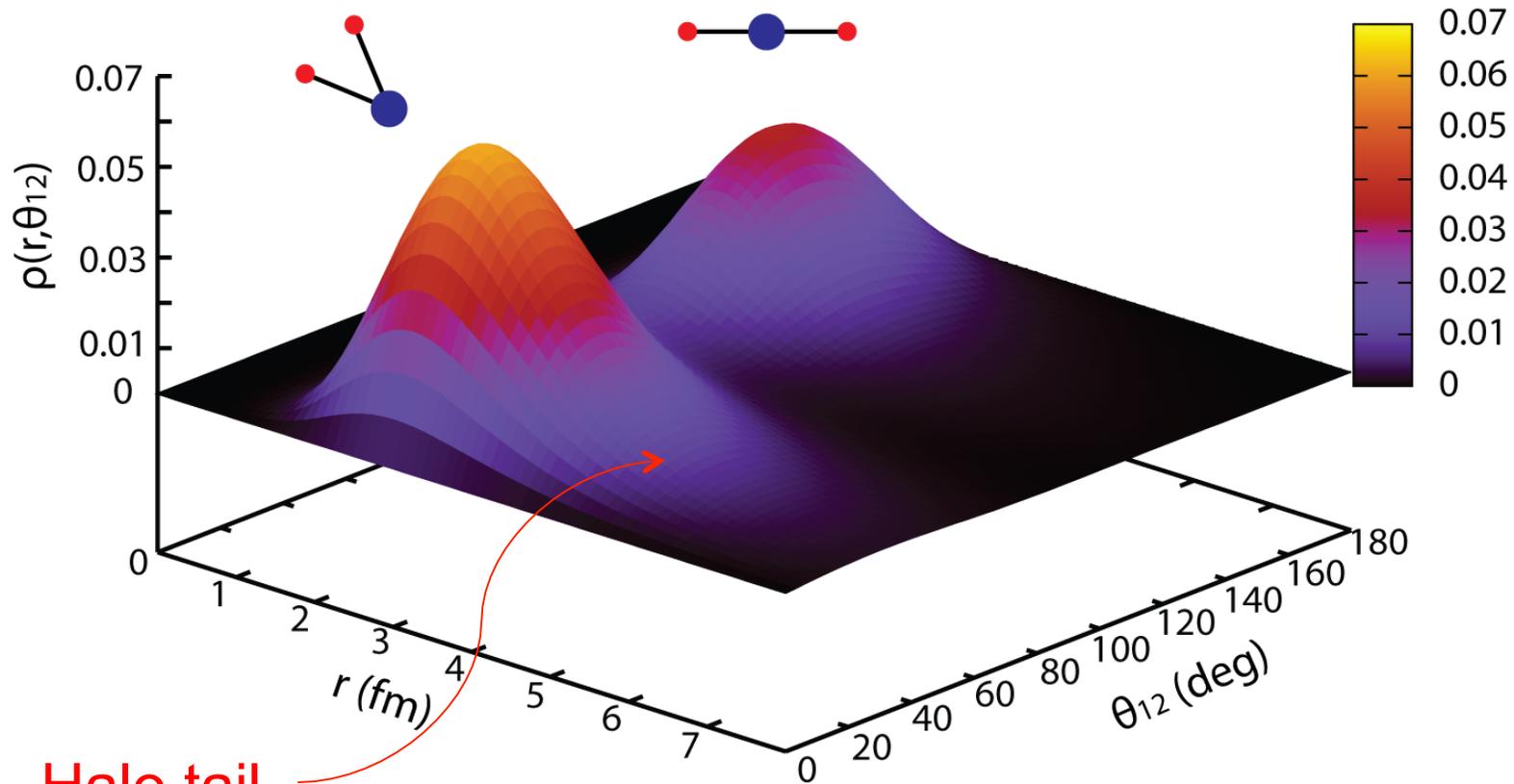


$V_{ij}$  usually a phenomenological/schematic NN interaction, and fitted to spectra of nuclei:

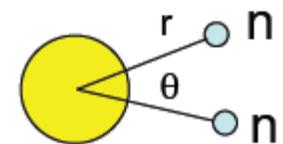
**Minnesota force** is used, unless otherwise indicated.

Examples: Neutron correlations in  ${}^6\text{He}$  ground state (G. P et al PRC 84, 051304 2011)

$$\rho(r_1, r_2, \theta_{12}) = \langle \Psi | \delta(r_1 - r) \delta(r_2 - r') \delta(\theta_{12} - \theta) | \Psi \rangle$$



Halo tail



→ Probability of finding the particles at distance  $r$  from the core with an angle  $\theta_{nn}$

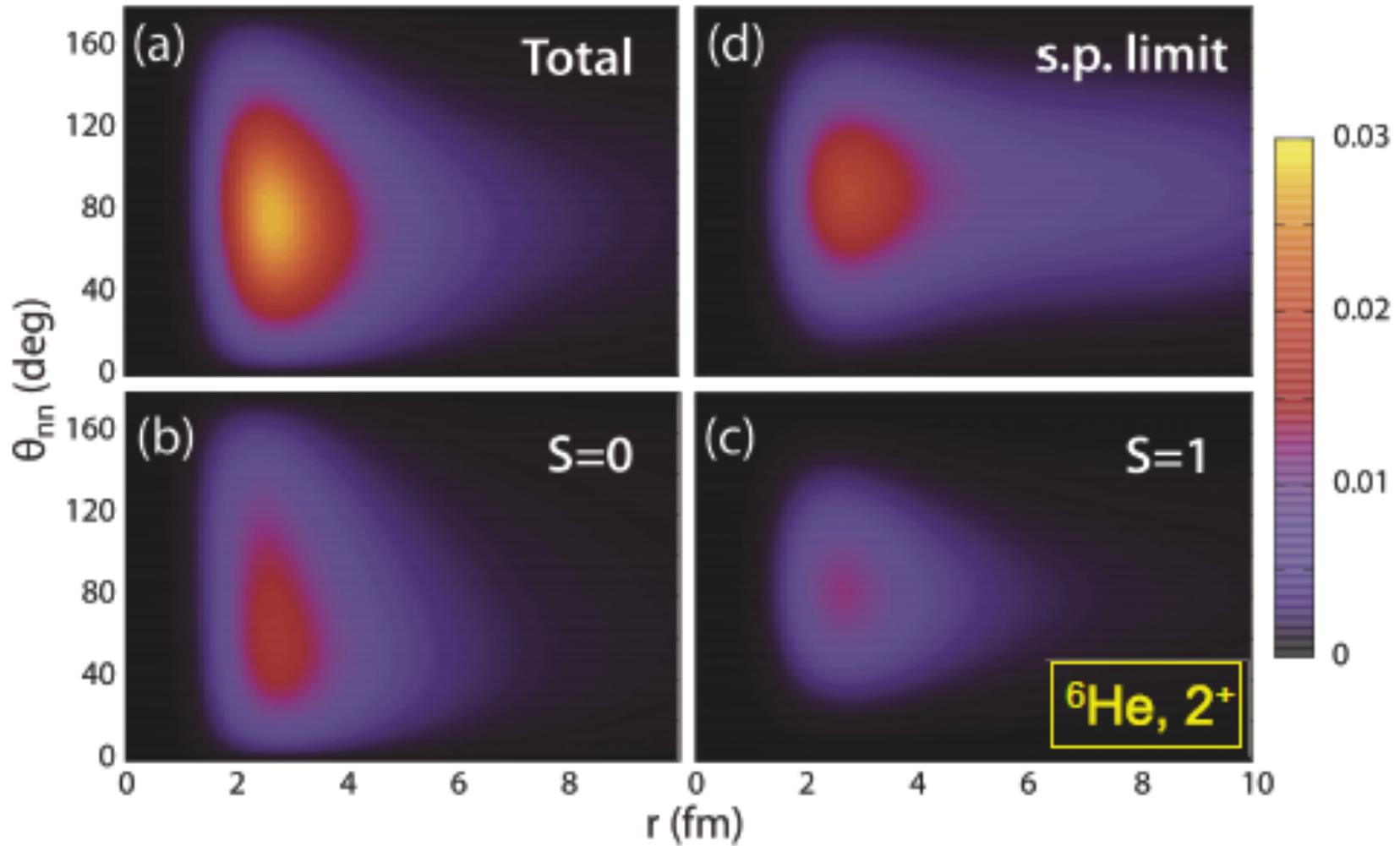
See also I. Brida and F. Nunes NPA 847,1 and Quaglioni, Redondo, Navratil PRC 88, 034320

## Neutron correlations in ${}^6\text{He}$ $2^+$ excited state

GSM: [0.851, 0.109] MeV

EXP: [0.822(25), 0.113(20)] MeV

G.P et al PRC(R) 84, 051304, 2011



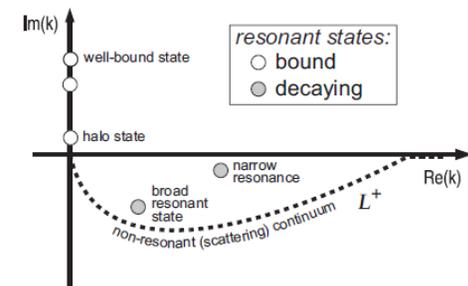
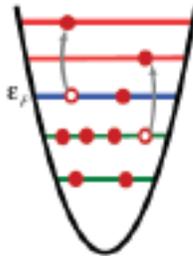
→  $2^+$  neutrons almost uncorrelated...

## Gamow Shell Model in an ab-initio "no-core" framework

$$H = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{i < j}^A \frac{(\vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_j)^2}{2m} + V_{NN,ij} + \dots \quad (1)$$

- Only NN forces at present
  - All particles active (No-Core). Solve the A-body Hamiltonian.
  - Argonne V18, (Wiringa, Stoks, Schiavilla PRC 51, 38, 1995)
  - N<sup>3</sup>LO (D.R.Entem and R. Machleidt PRC(R) 68, 041001, 2003)
  - V<sub>lowk</sub> technique used to decouple high/low momentum nodes.  $\Lambda_{Vlowk} = 1.9 \text{ fm}^{-1}$   
(S. Bogner et al, Phys. Rep. 386, 1, 2003)
- Basis states
  - s- and p- states generated by the Gamow HF or WS potential

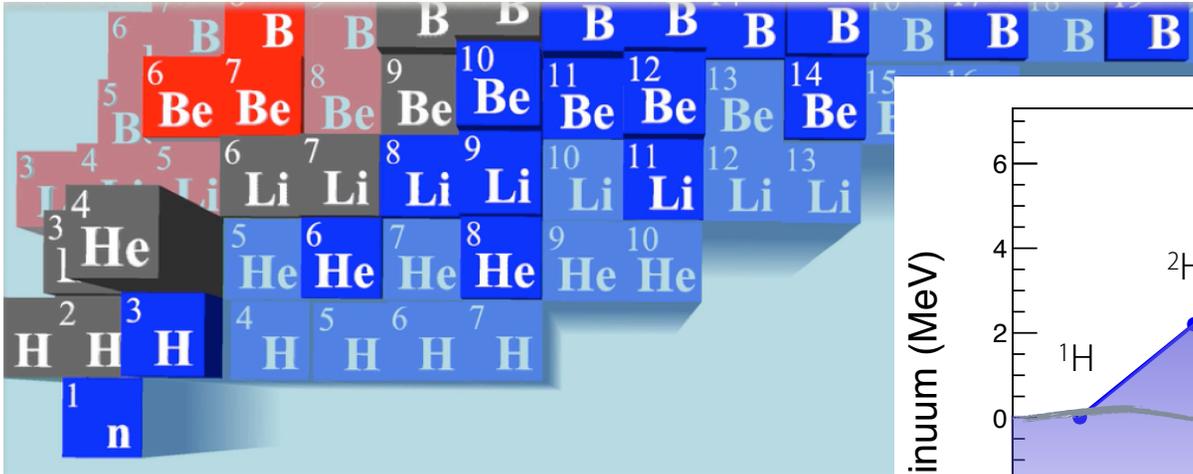
→  $l > 1$  H.O states



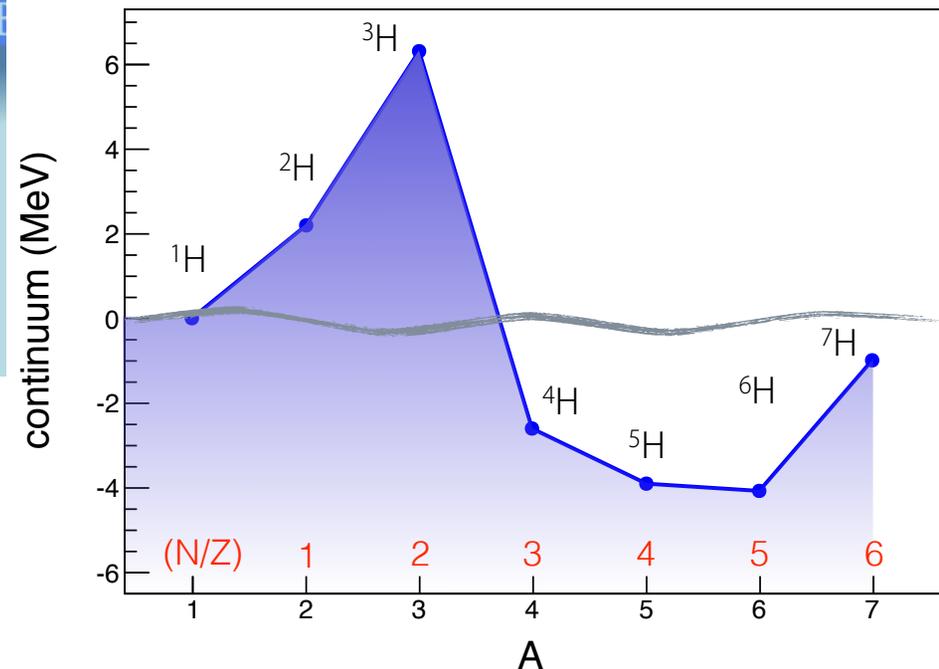
- Diagonalization of (1) → Applications to 4H,4Li,5H

## Applications to ${}^4,5\text{H}$ and ${}^4\text{Li}$

- Towards the path to calculate super-heavy hydrogens
- Recent exciting experimental findings need theoretical support and guidance

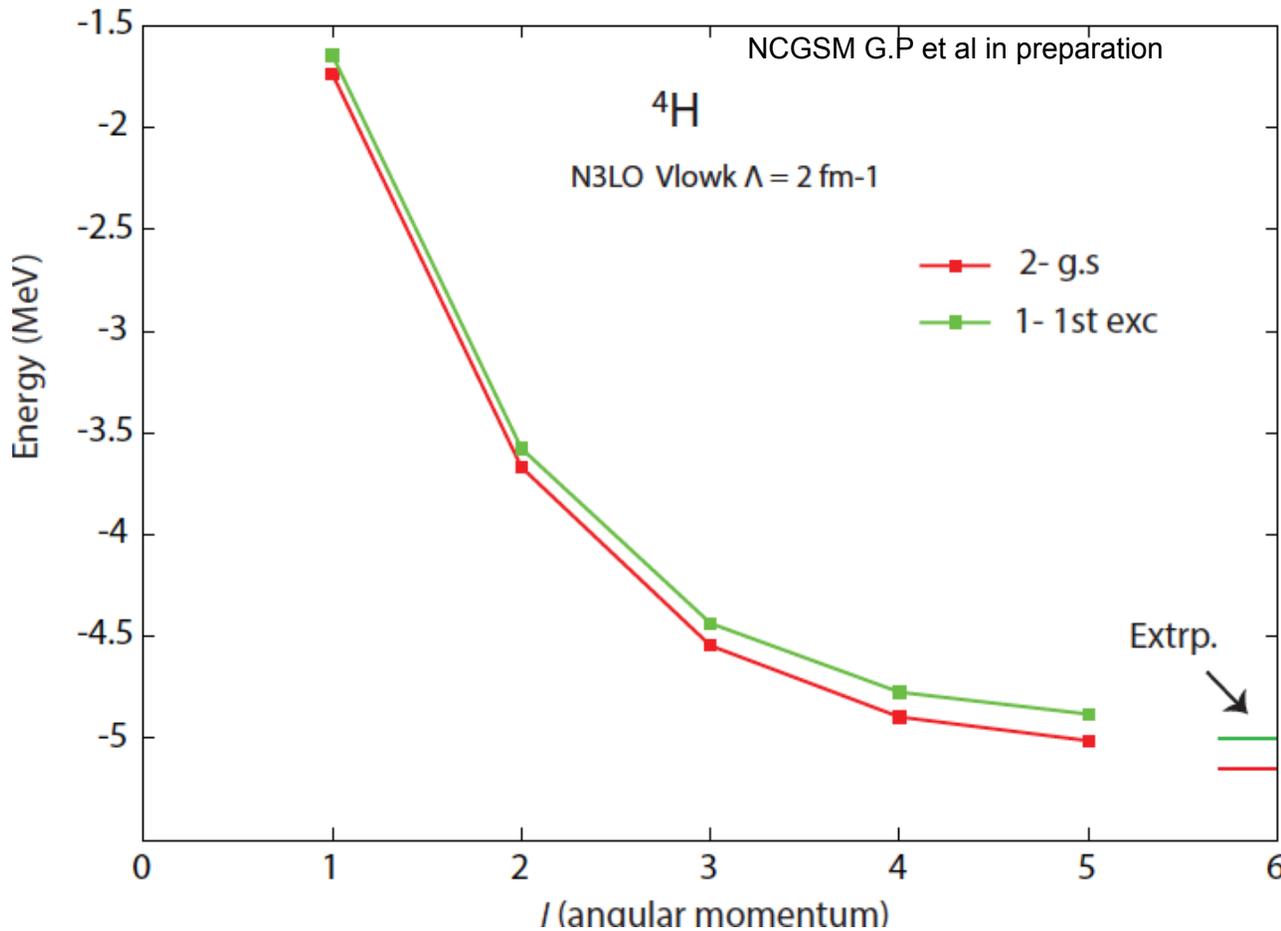


Schematic picture!  
(Courtesy of M. Caamano)



- Extreme  $N/Z$  ratio
- Test ground for many-body methods and interactions
- Similar behavior to  ${}^6,8\text{He}$  isotopic chain? It is believed that  ${}^5\text{H} \sim {}^6\text{He}$ ,  ${}^6\text{H} \sim {}^7\text{He}$ ,  ${}^7\text{H} \sim {}^8\text{He}$ ...

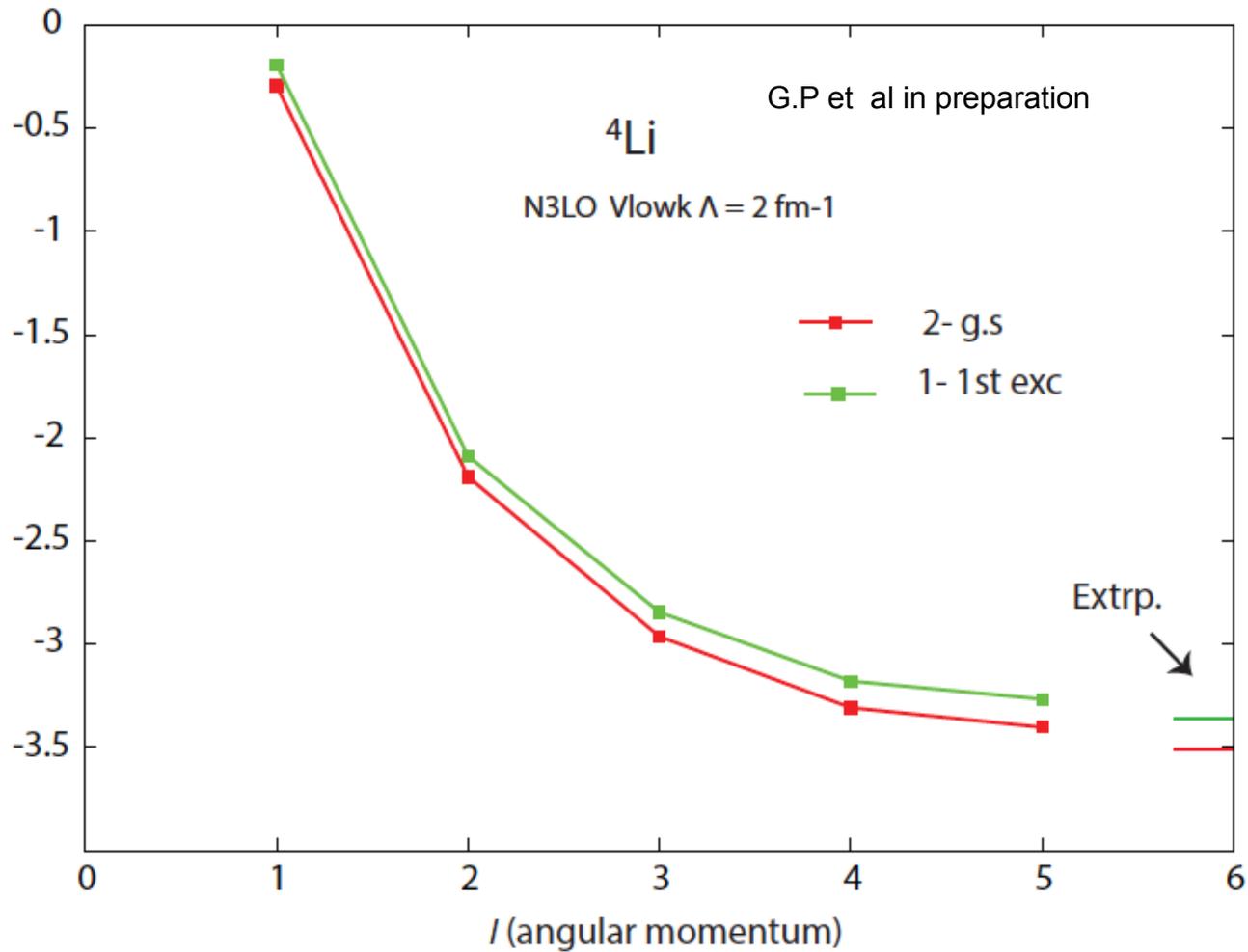
${}^4\text{H}, {}^4\text{Li}$ :



Basis:  
 Gamow p3/2 neutron  
 states  
 (0p3/2 s.p. res) +  
 20 scattering continua.  
 Rest up to h-waves are H.O  
 states in interaction  
 and  ${}^3\text{He}+p$  PRC 84, 054010

- Extrapolated result has an uncertainty of about  $\pm 20 \text{ keV}$
- Sensitivity tests to be completed

# Results

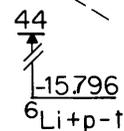
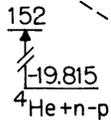
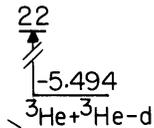
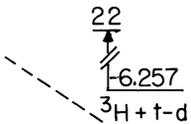
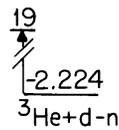
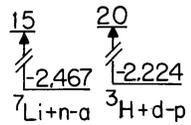
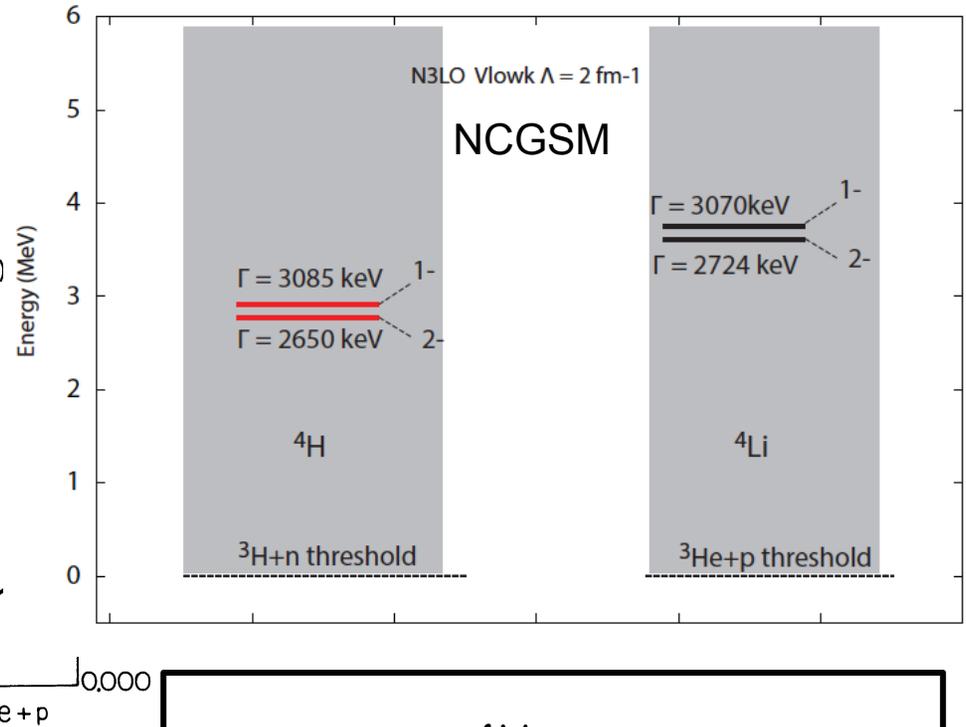
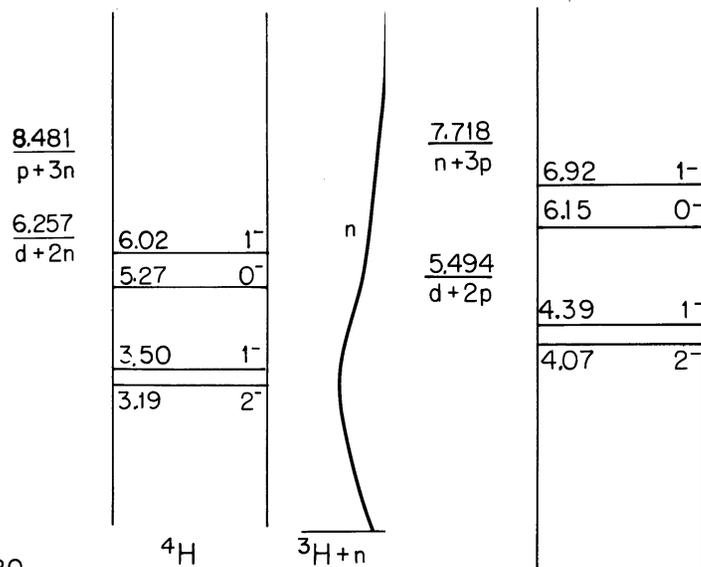


Basis:  
Gamow p3/2 proton  
states  
(0p3/2 s.p. res) +  
20 scattering continua.  
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States of  $hw = 20 \text{ MeV}$

➤ Similar trend with  ${}^4\text{H}$

# Results as compared to experiment

<http://www.tunl.duke.edu/nucldata/chain/04.shtml>

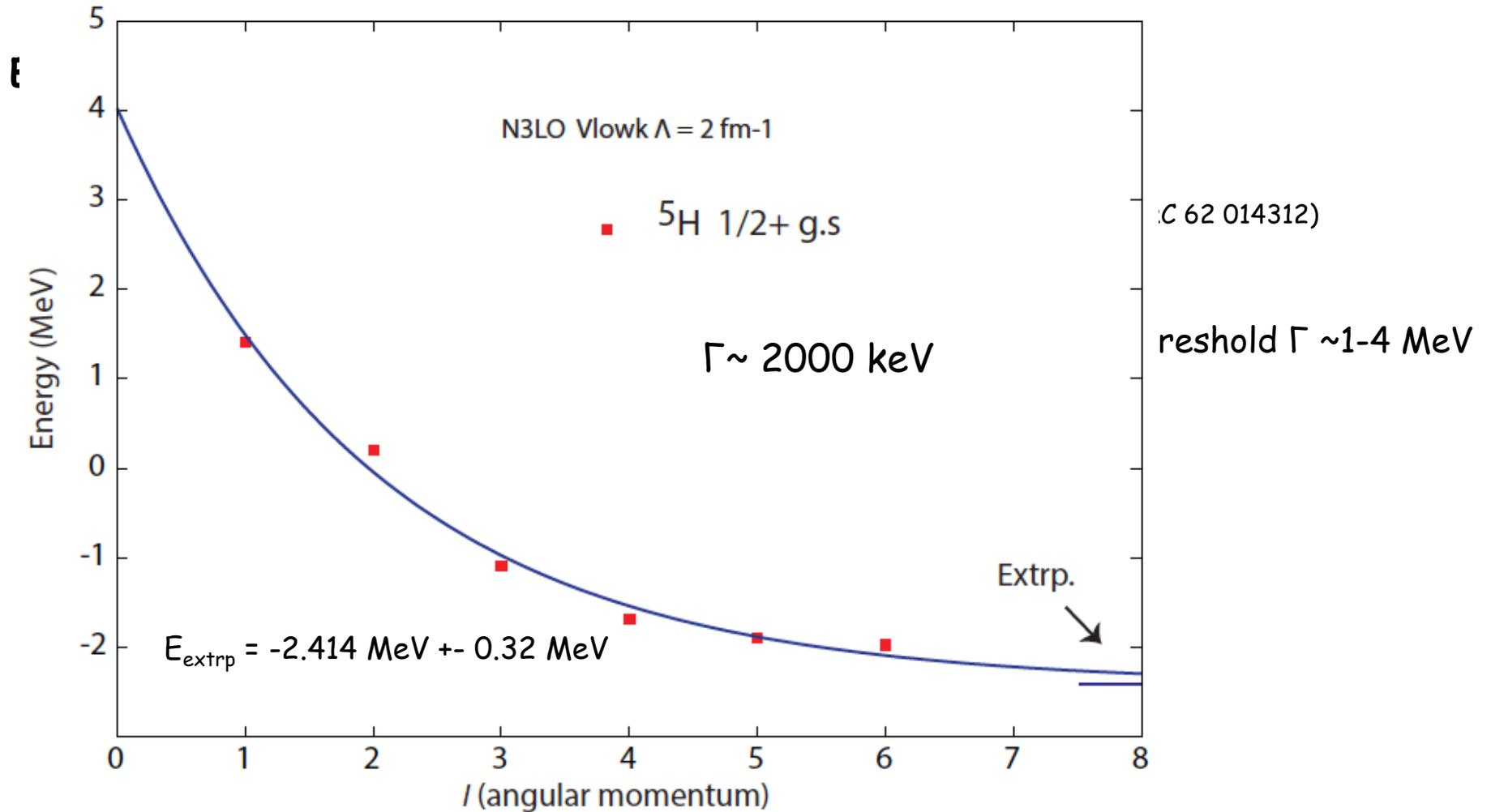


**4H:**  
 2- g.s: 2.775 MeV  $\Gamma = 2650$  keV  
 1- 1<sup>st</sup>: 2.915 MeV  $\Gamma = 3085$  keV

**4Li:**  
 2- g.s: 3.613 MeV  $\Gamma = 2724$  keV  
 1- 1<sup>st</sup>: 3.758 MeV  $\Gamma = 3070$  keV

3H: -7.92 MeV  
 3He: -7.12 MeV (for the thresholds)

# Results for ${}^5\text{H}$



Smaller width than  ${}^4\text{H}$ , maybe an indication of a longer lifetime,  
(Descouvemont made such an observation as well)  
but... still sensitivity aspects to be investigated

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- Expected to work with any bound state technique, since it is built to use  $L^2$  integrable functions (e.g. HO).
- Combine or compare with LIT for strength functions. Investigate dependence on  $\theta$  vs inversion.

## Conclusions/Future plans

- Complex scaling applied to non-local general realistic potentials
- Tests on p-n system successful. Phase-shifts calculated within an  $L^2$  basis.
- Explore CS more, strength functions etc
- No boundary condition, HO basis (or other). Take advantage of model-independent extrapolations of the HO basis (UV/IR) for resonant states.
- Use complex scaling for few-body scattering calculations and many-body  $L^2$  integrable basis calculations. Use together with CDCC for naturally smoothing cross-sections.
- Use recently developed local EFT interactions (local regulators).

Additionally calculations were shown:

- Gamow basis applied successfully in an ab-initio GSM framework
  - Calculations of exotic superheavy hydrogens are in the pipeline
- Calculations in Berggren basis also naturally provide widths of resonances.
- Realistic effective interactions for GSM for Oxygens → systematic improvement
- Shell Model calculations with new interactions for order-by-order assessment of error bars (NN+3N + continuum) in a CI framework

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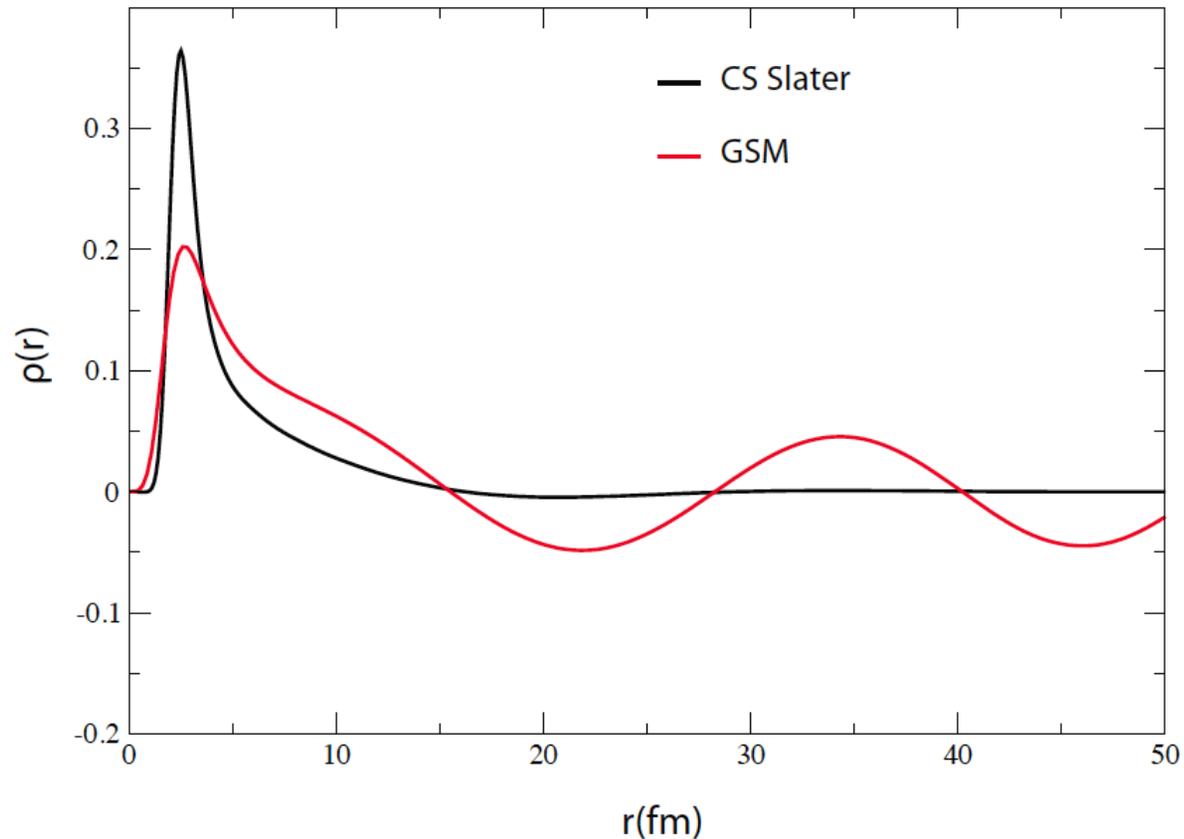
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Back up

## Some results

$2^+$  first excited state in  ${}^6\text{He}$



The  $2^+$  state is a many-body resonance (outgoing wave)

☺ GSM exhibits naturally this behavior

☹ but CS is decaying for large distances, even for a resonance state

This is OK. The solution  $\Psi(\theta)$  is known to “die” off ( $L^2$  function)

## Solution

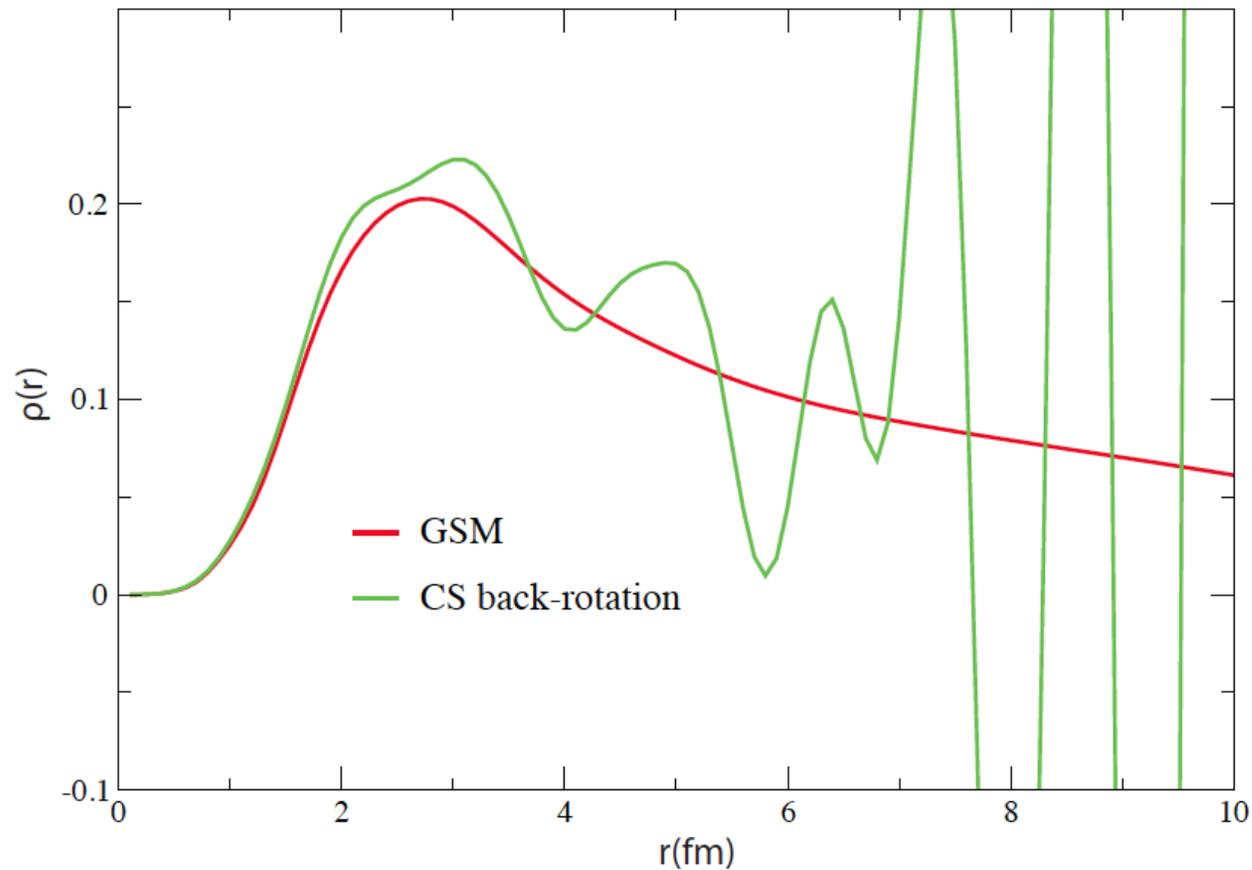
→ Perform a direct back-rotation. What is that?

$$\Psi_{\theta}(r_1, r_2) = e^{i3\theta} \Psi(e^{i\theta} r_1, e^{i\theta} r_2)$$

$$\Psi(r_1, r_2) = e^{-i3\theta} \Psi(e^{-i\theta} r_1, e^{-i\theta} r_2) \quad \text{Back-rotation}$$

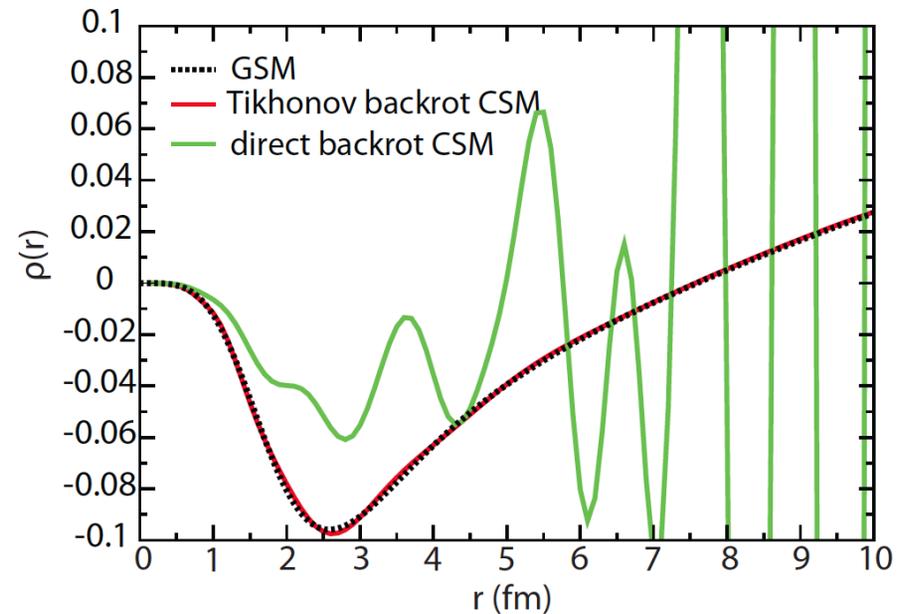
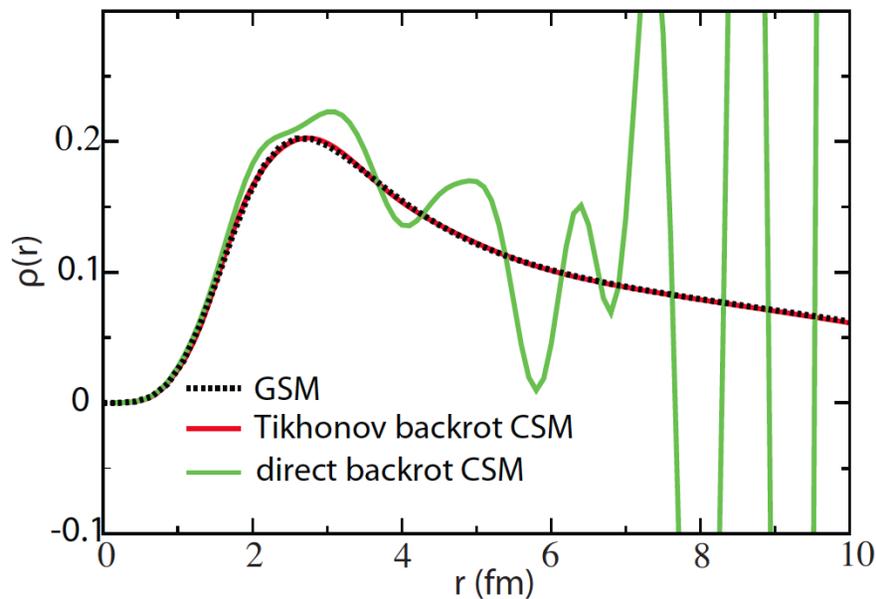
In the  $\alpha$

$\rho(r) :$



## The CS density has the correct asymptotic behavior (outgoing wave)

- Back rotation is very unstable numerically.  
Long standing problem in the CS community (in Quantum Chemistry as well)
- The problem lies in the analytical continuation of a square integrable function in the complex plane.
- We are using the theory of Fourier transformations and a regularization process (Tikhonov) to minimize the ultraviolet numerical noise of the inversion process.



$2+$  densities in  ${}^6\text{He}$  (real and imaginary part)

## Solution

Back rotation is very unstable numerically.

Unsolved problem in the CS community (in QC as well)

The problem lies in the analytical continuation of a square integrable function in the complex plane.

We are using the theory of Fourier transformations and Tikhonov regularization process to obtain the original (GSM) density

To apply theory of F.T to the density, it should be defined in  $(-\infty, +\infty)$

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \rho_{\theta}(e^{-x}) \quad \rightarrow \text{Now defined from } (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$f_{\theta}(\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix\xi} f_{\theta}(x) dx \quad \rightarrow \text{F.T}$$

$$f(x + iy) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ix\xi} e^{-y\xi} f_{\theta}(\xi) d\xi \quad \rightarrow \text{Value of (1) for } x+iy \text{ (analytical continuation)}$$

$$f(x + iy) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ix\xi} e^{-y\xi} \frac{f_{\theta}(\xi)}{1 + \alpha e^{-2y\xi}} d\xi \quad \rightarrow \text{Tikhonov regularization}$$

$$x = -\ln r \quad , \quad y = \theta$$

## Matrix elements of a realistic interaction in Gamow basis

$$\langle ab|V_{\text{low-k}}|cd\rangle =$$

$$\langle (n_a l_a j_a t_{z_a})(n_b l_b j_b t_{z_b})JT_z | V_{\text{low-k}} | (n_c l_c j_c t_{z_c})(n_d l_d j_d t_{z_d})JT_z \rangle$$

Latin letters denote a general Gamow (HF) basis

$$V_{\text{osc}} = \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta} |\alpha\beta\rangle \langle \alpha\beta|V_{\text{low-k}}|\gamma\delta\rangle \langle \gamma\delta|$$

Express the interaction in a HO basis (greek letters denote HO states)

$$\langle \alpha\beta|V_{\text{low-k}}|\gamma\delta\rangle = \langle (n_\alpha l_\alpha j_\alpha t_{z_\alpha})(n_\beta l_\beta j_\beta t_{z_\beta})JT_z | V_{\text{low-k}} | (n_\gamma l_\gamma j_\gamma t_{z_\gamma})(n_\delta l_\delta j_\delta t_{z_\delta})JT_z \rangle$$

Usage of Moshinsky coefficients to calculate the matrix elements

In applications we truncate the HO expansion up to Nmax oscillator quanta

PRC 73 (2006) 064307  
G.Hagen et al

→ Similar treatment by Caprio, Vary, Maris in Sturmian basis

The matrix elements of the interaction are calculated in practice by truncating the HO up to Nmax basis states ( $N = 2n + 1$ )

TBMEs in a Gamow basis

$$\langle ab|V_{\text{osc}}|cd\rangle \approx \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta}^N \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta}^N \langle ab|\alpha\beta\rangle \langle \alpha\beta|V_{\text{low-k}}|\gamma\delta\rangle \langle \gamma\delta|cd\rangle$$

Matrix elements between Gamow States

TBMEs in a HO basis → CD-Bonn, Av18, N3LO, Vlowk, SRG etc

In the end of the day we need to calculate overlaps between HO and Gamow states!

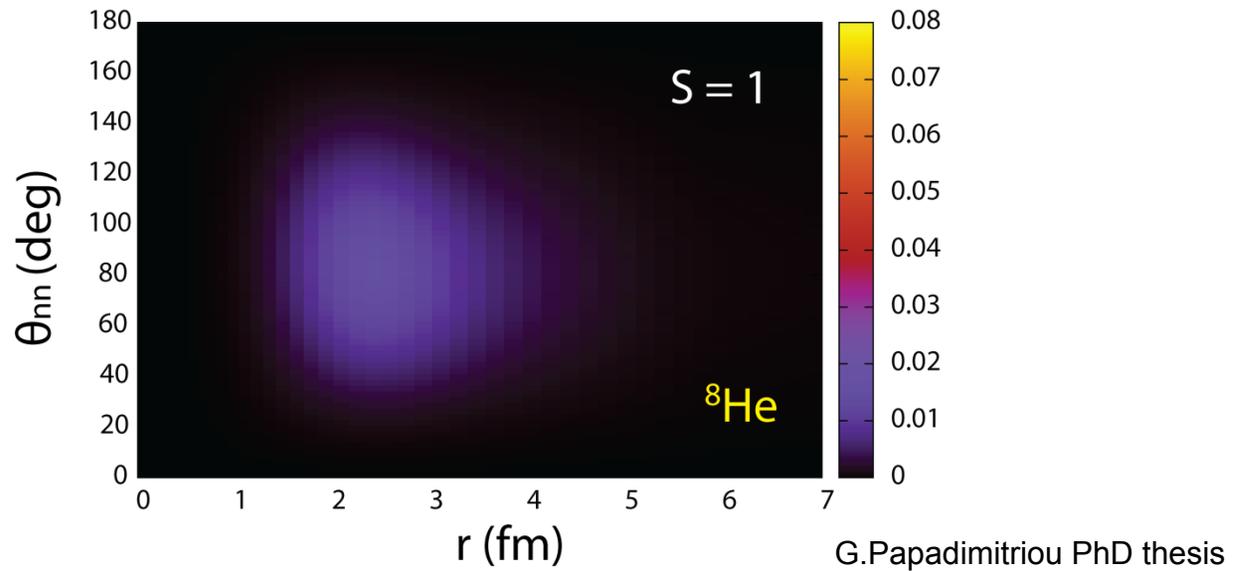
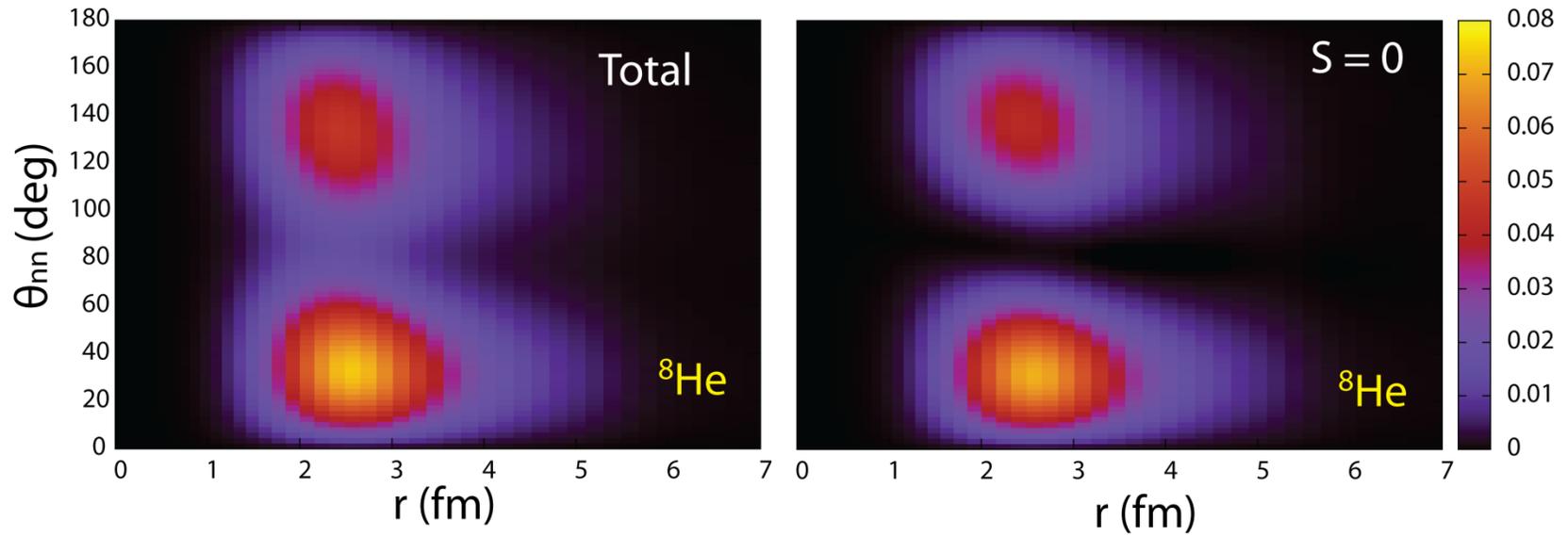
$$\langle ab|\alpha\beta\rangle = \frac{\langle a|\alpha\rangle\langle b|\beta\rangle - (-1)^{J-j_\alpha-j_\beta}\langle a|\beta\rangle\langle b|\alpha\rangle}{\sqrt{(1+\delta_{ab})(1+\delta_{\alpha\beta})}} \quad \text{Identical particles}$$

$$\langle ab|\alpha\beta\rangle = \langle a|\alpha\rangle\langle b|\beta\rangle \quad \text{protons-neutrons}$$

with

$$\langle a|\alpha\rangle = \int d\tau \tau^2 \varphi_a(\tau) R_\alpha(\tau) \delta_{l_a l_\alpha} \delta_{j_a j_\alpha} \delta_{t_a t_\alpha}$$

# Neutron correlations in $^8\text{He}$ ground state

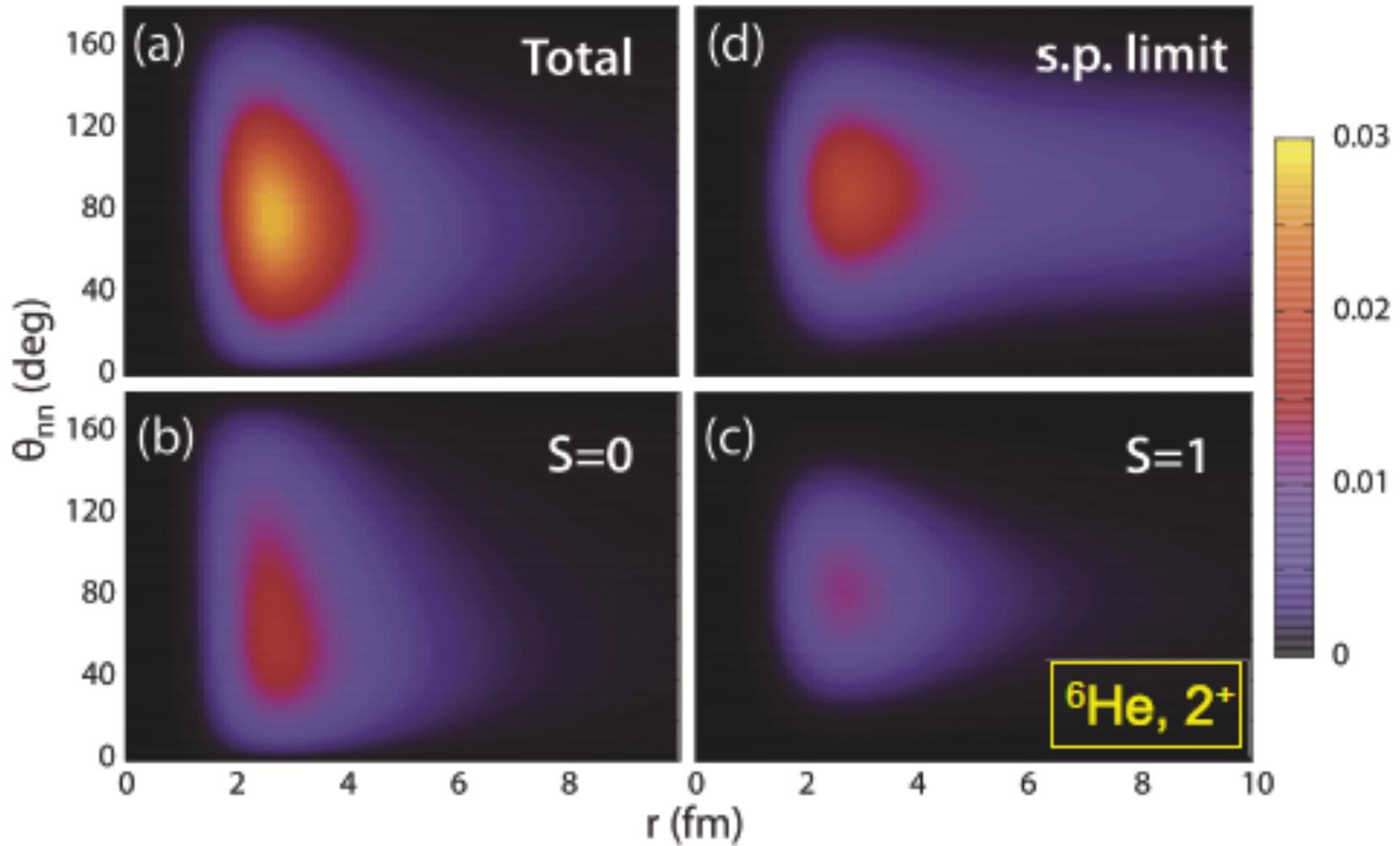


## Neutron correlations in ${}^6\text{He}$ $2^+$ excited state

GSM: [0.851, 0.109] MeV

EXP: [0.822(25), 0.113(20)] MeV

G.P et al PRC(R) 84, 051304, 2011



→  $2^+$  neutrons almost uncorrelated...

## When theorists agree!

- NN force: JISP16 (A. Shirokov et al PRC79, 014610) and NNLO<sub>opt</sub> (A. Ekstrom et al PRL 110, 192502)
- Quality control: Verification/Validation, cross check of codes

Nucleus	MFDn	NCGSM	Difference
<sup>2</sup> H 1 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 4)	-1.6284	-1.6284	≤ 0.1 keV
<sup>2</sup> H 1 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 8)	-2.1419	-2.1419	≤ 0.1 keV
<sup>3</sup> H 1/2 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 4)	-7.6016	-7.6016	≤ 0.1 keV
<sup>3</sup> H 1/2 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 8)	-8.3203	-8.3203	≤ 0.1 keV
<sup>3</sup> He 1/2 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 8)	-7.6084	-7.6084	≤ 0.1 keV
<sup>4</sup> He 0 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 4)	-27.3685	-27.3684	0.1 keV
<sup>6</sup> Li 1 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 4)	-24.9778	-24.9776	0.2 keV
<sup>6</sup> Li 3 <sup>+</sup> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 4)	-22.4959	-22.4957	0.2 keV

**MFDn:** Maris, Vary,...

**NC-GSM:**

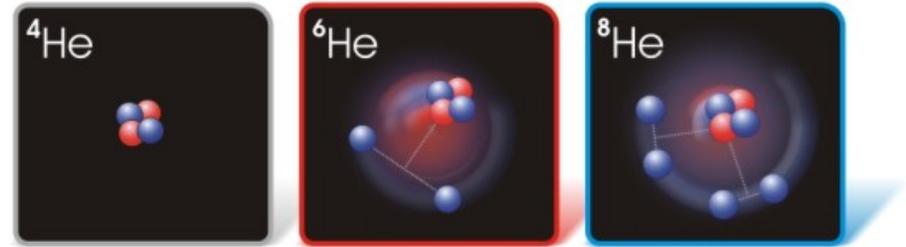
Papadimitriou...

Calculations are done a pure HO basis

Nucleus	NCGSM	MFDn	Difference
<sup>3</sup> H 1/2 <sup>+</sup> N <sup>2</sup> LO <sub>opt</sub> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 4)	-5.9802	-5.9806	0.4 keV
<sup>3</sup> H 1/2 <sup>+</sup> N <sup>2</sup> LO <sub>opt</sub> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 8)	-8.1129	-8.1132	0.3 keV
<sup>3</sup> H 1/2 <sup>+</sup> N <sup>2</sup> LO <sub>opt</sub> (N <sub>shell</sub> = 10)	-8.2171	-8.2174	0.3 keV

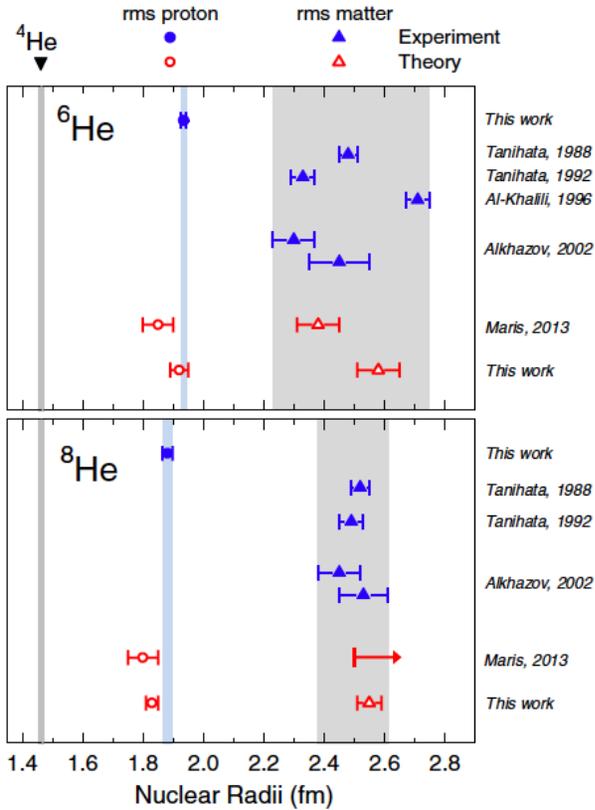
# Applications → ${}^6, {}^8\text{He}$ charge radii

L.B.Wang *et al*, PRL **93**, 142501 (2004)  
 P.Mueller *et al*, PRL **99**, 252501 (2007)  
 M. Brodeur *et al*, PRL **108**, 052504 (2012)

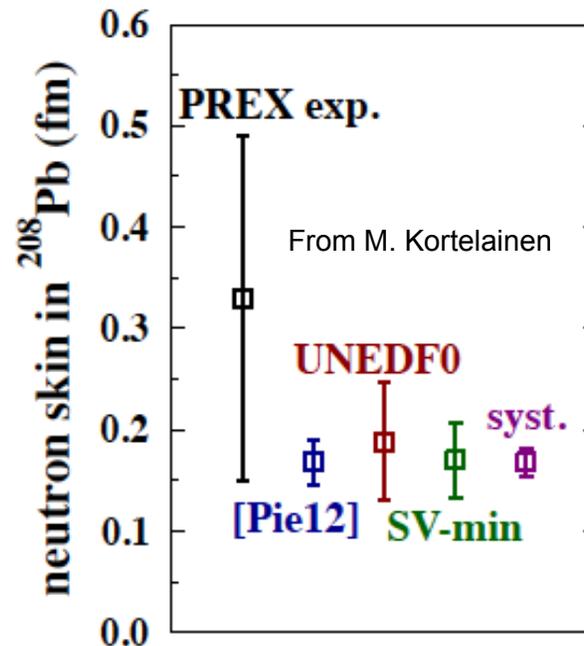


RMS charge radii

	${}^4\text{He}$	${}^6\text{He}$	${}^8\text{He}$
L.B.Wang <i>et al</i>	1.67fm	2.054(18)fm	
		2.059(7)fm	1.959(16)fm

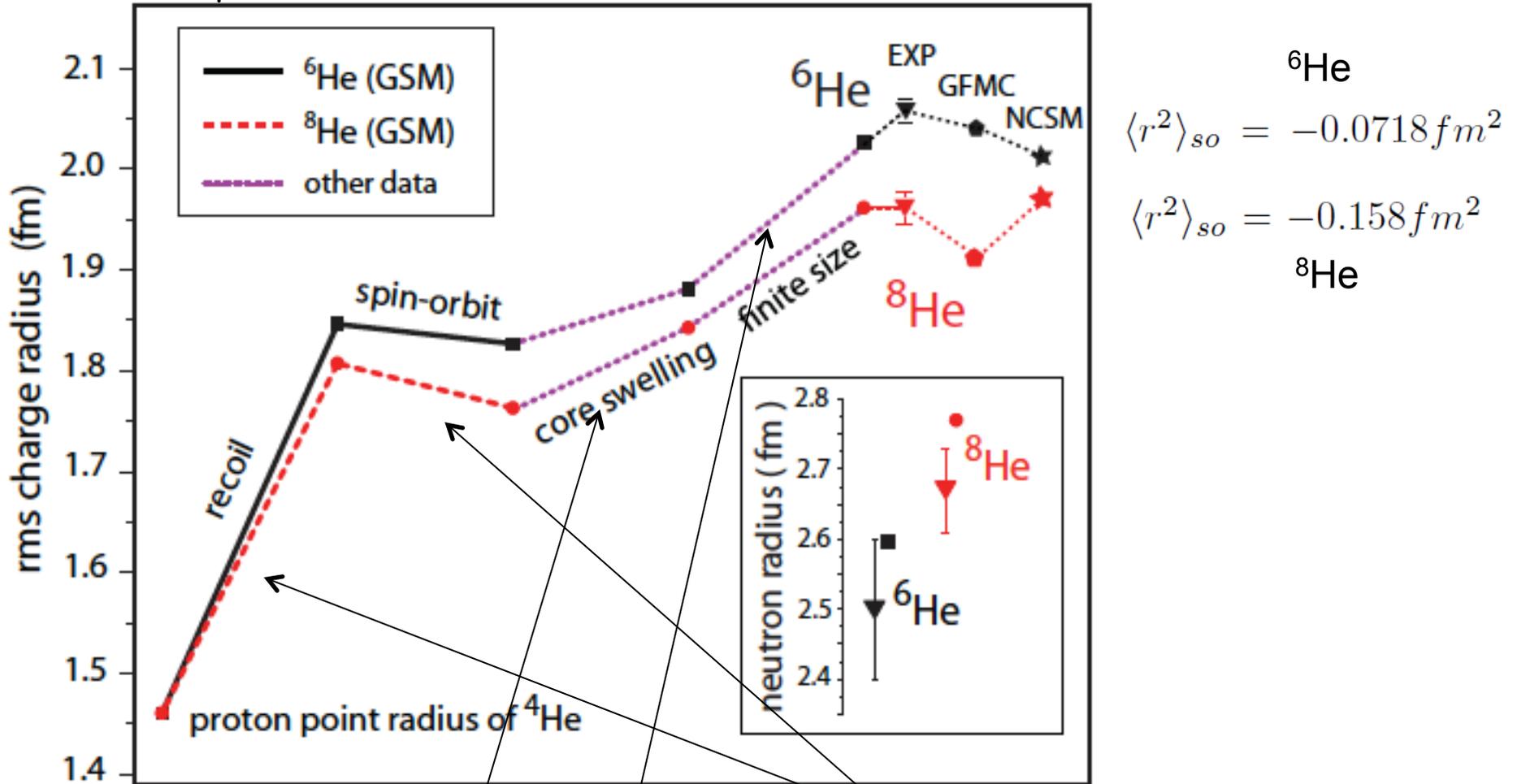


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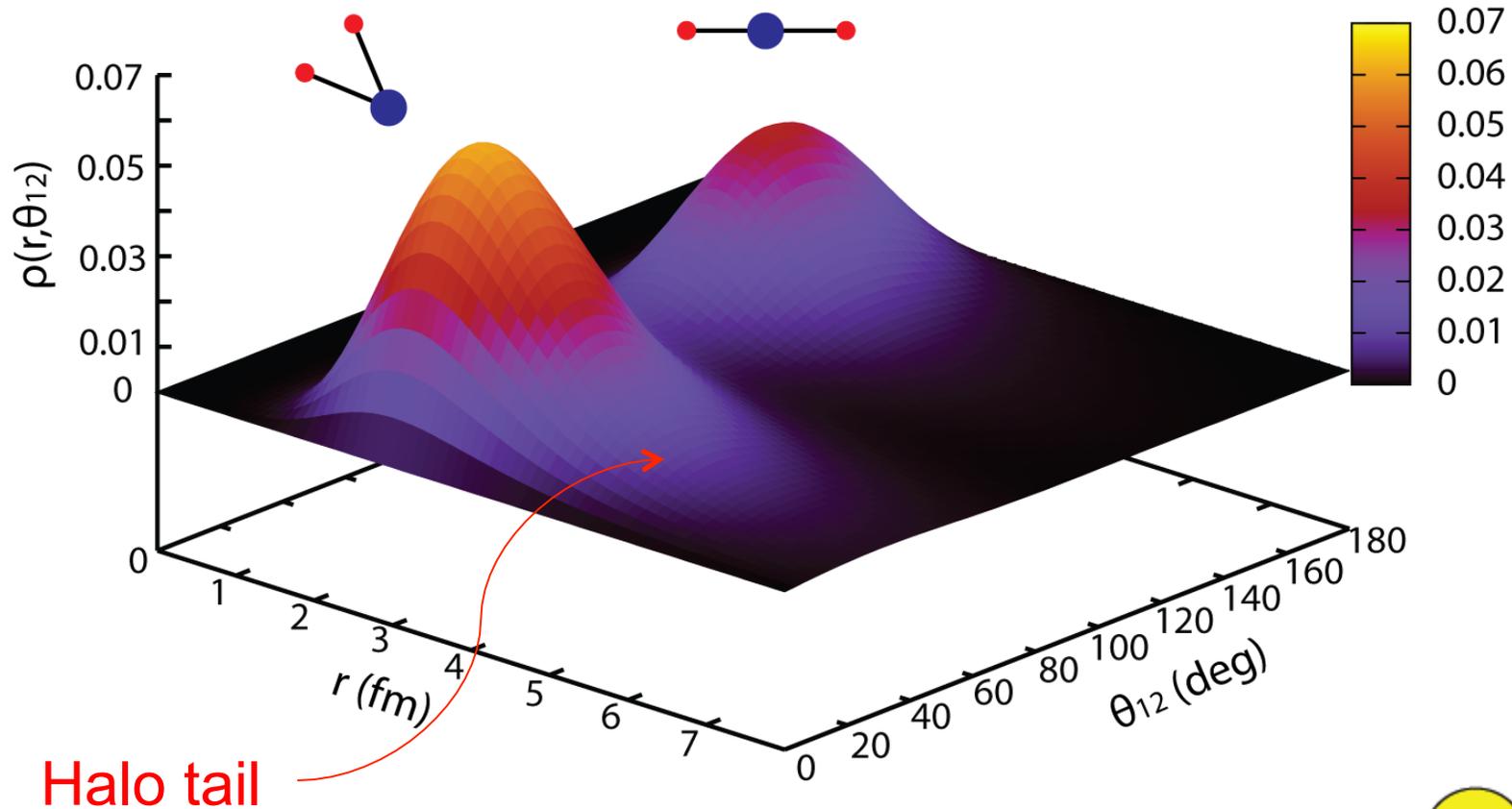


$$\langle r_{pp}^2 ({}^{A_C+n}X) \rangle = \langle r_{pp}^2 ({}^{A_C}X) \rangle + \frac{1}{(A_C+n)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle r_i^2 \rangle + \frac{2}{(A_C+n)^2} \sum_{i<j}^n \langle \vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j \rangle$$

$$\langle r_{ch}^2 \rangle = \langle r_{pp}^2 \rangle + \langle R_p^2 \rangle + \frac{N}{Z} \langle R_n^2 \rangle + \frac{3}{4M_p^2} + \langle r^2 \rangle_{so}$$

## Neutron correlations in ${}^6\text{He}$ ground state

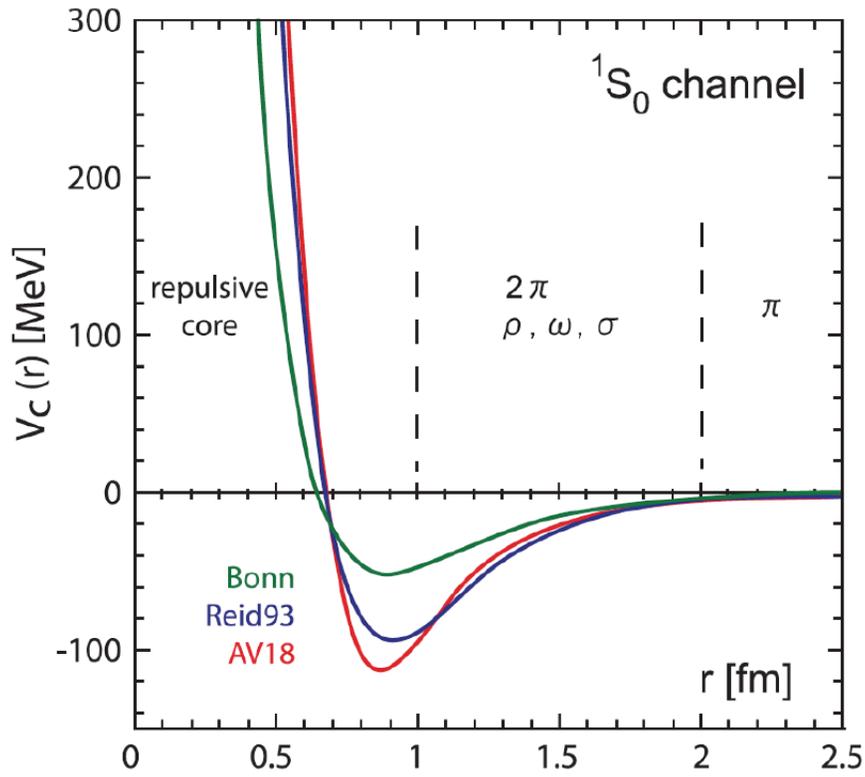
$$\rho(r_1, r_2, \theta_{12}) = \langle \Psi | \delta(r_1 - r) \delta(r_2 - r') \delta(\theta_{12} - \theta) | \Psi \rangle$$



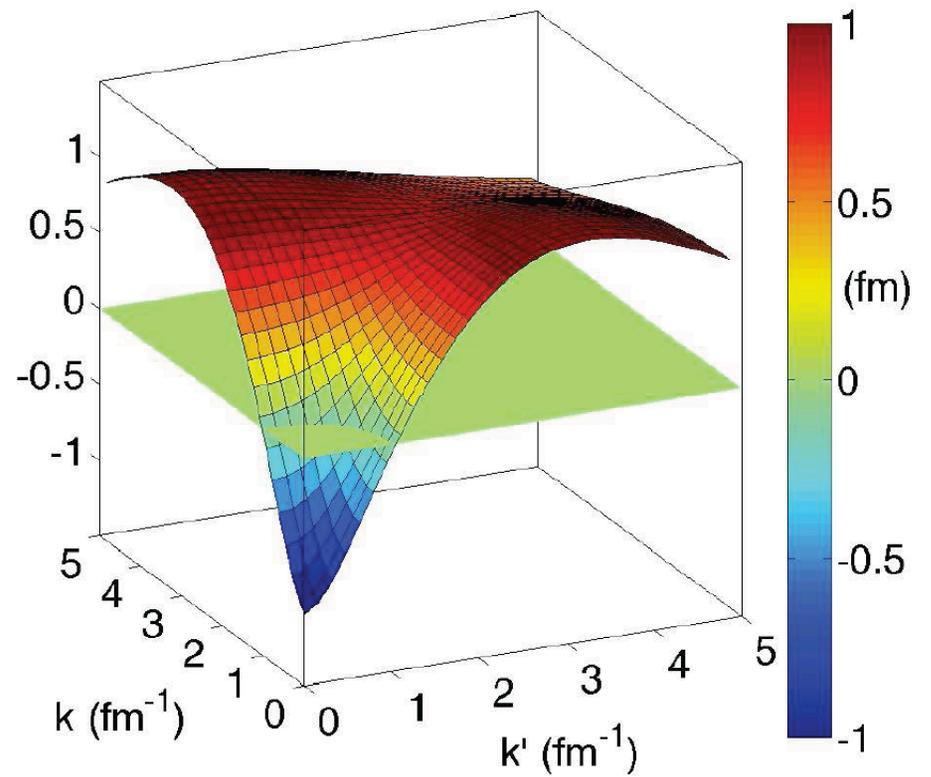
→ Probability of finding the particles at distance  $r$  from the core with an angle  $\theta_{nn}$

See also I. Brida and F. Nunes NPA 847,1 and Quaglioni, Redondo, Navratil PRC 88, 034320

# Realistic two-body potentials in coordinate and momentum space (Inputs)



(a)



(b)

Fig. from S. Bogner et al Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.65:94-147,2010

Repulsive core makes calculations difficult

- Need to decouple high/low momentum modes
- ✓ Achieved by  $V_{\text{low-}k}$  and/or other RG approaches (e.g. SRG, UCOM, Lee-Suzuki,  $G$ -matrix...)

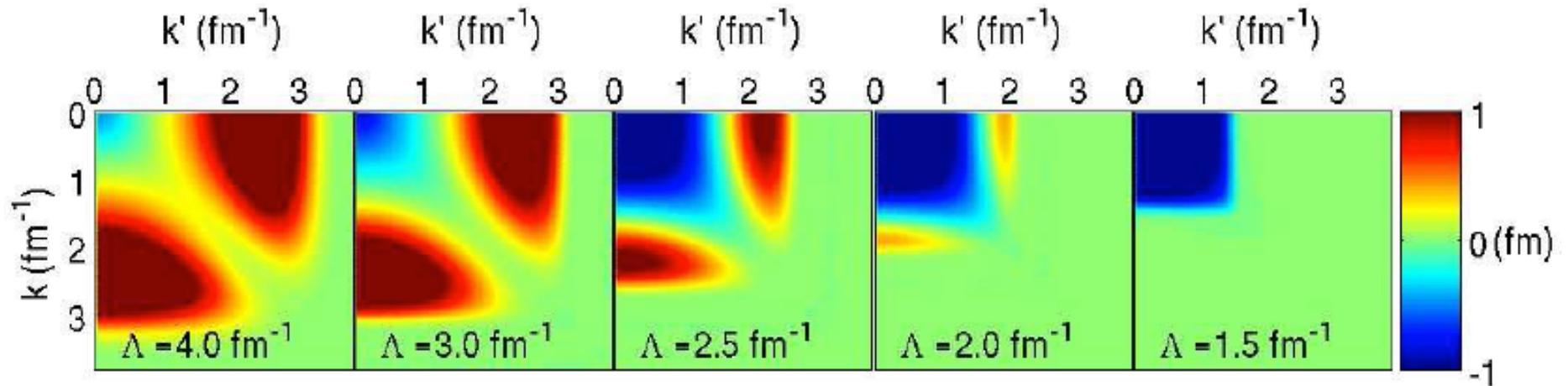


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- Observable physics is preserved (e.g. NN phase shifts) AND calculations become easier (work with the relevant degrees of freedom)
- One has to deal with "induced" many-body forces...