

Nuclear Physics at the Edge of Stability

José Pablo Linares Fernández ¹
with
N. Michel ² M. Płoszajczak ¹

¹Grand Accélérateur National d'Ions Lourds (GANIL), Caen, France

²Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IMP), Lanzhou, China

October 28, 2022

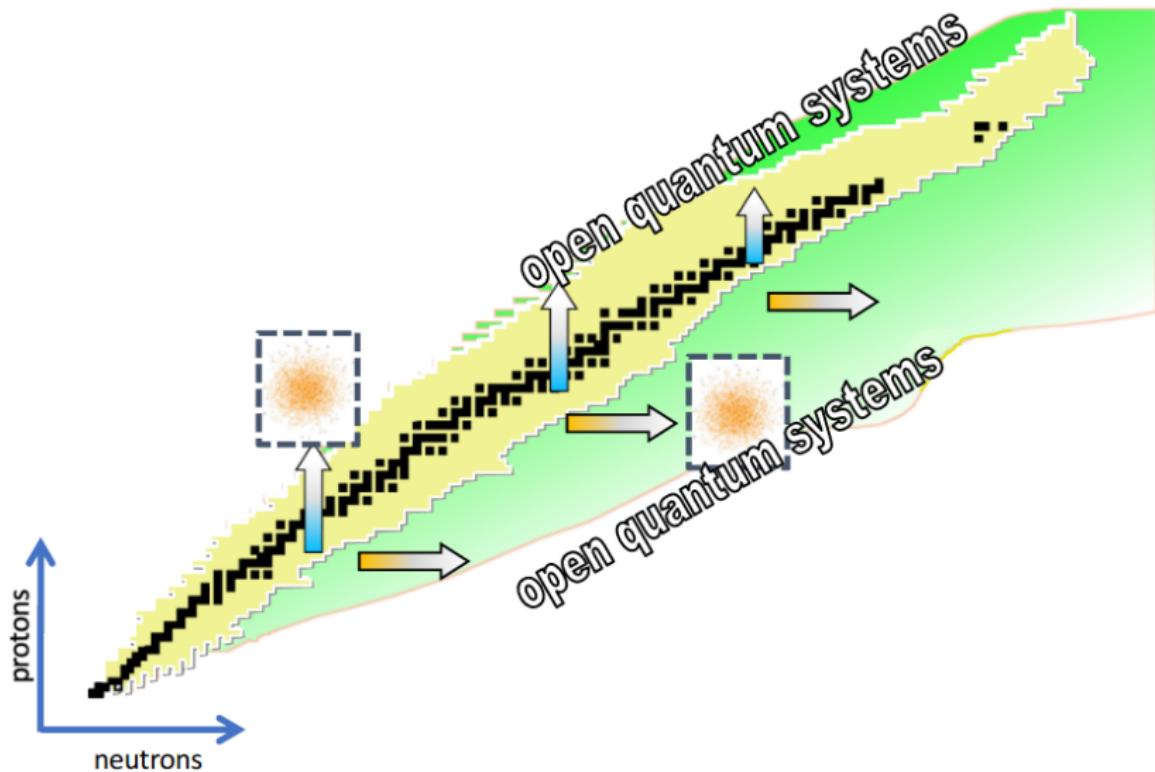


UNIVERSITÉ
CAEN
NORMANDIE

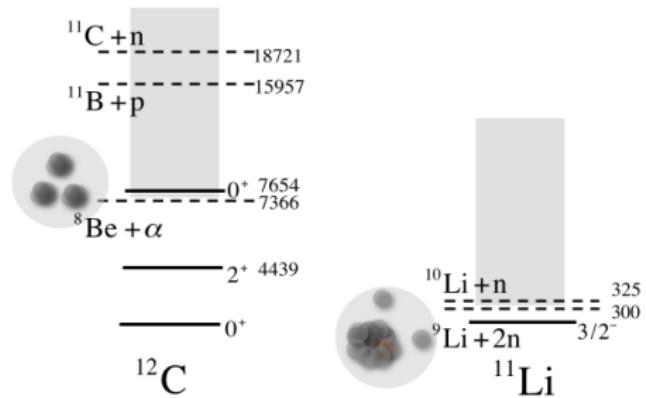
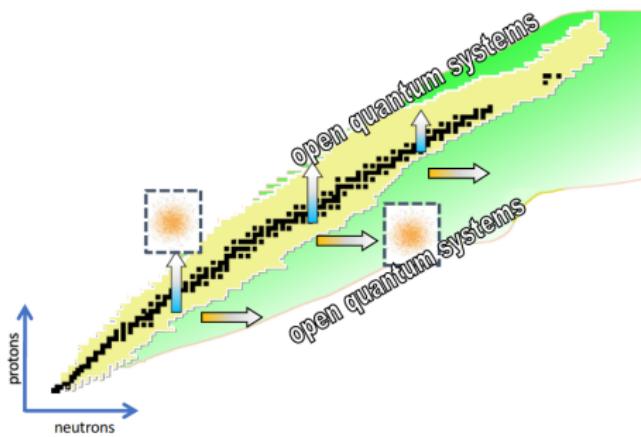


Introduction

What is the Drip Line?



Introduction



Low separation energies
and clusterization

Open quantum
system framework

Unification of nuclear
structure and reactions

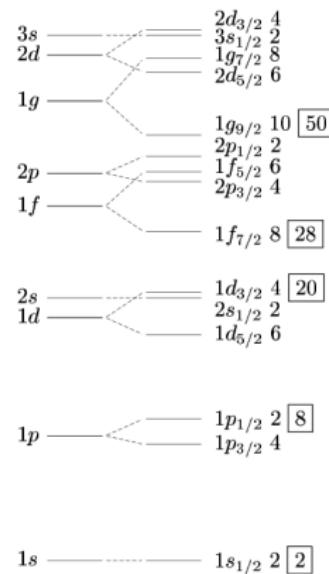
Shell model

The nuclear Shell Model (SM) is used to describe the atomic nuclei.
It divides the nuclei in:

- Inert core
- Valence space.

This is a **closed quantum system (CQS)**
and thus we can't describe

- Reactions
- Decay
- Resonances.



Shell model

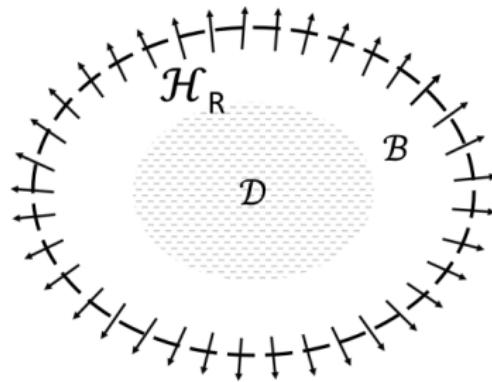
The nuclear Shell Model (SM) is used to describe the atomic nuclei.
It divides the nuclei in:

- Inert core
- Valence space.

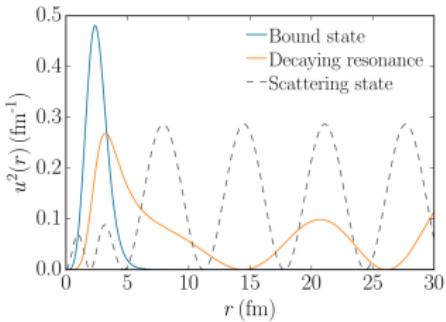
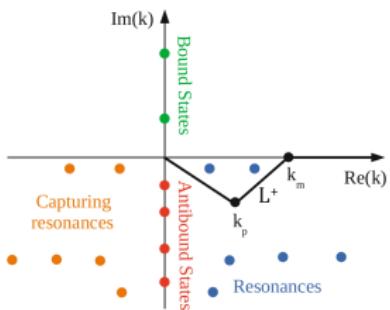
This is a **closed quantum system (CQS)**
and thus we can't describe

- Reactions
- Decay
- Resonances.

A solution is to extend the SM to an
open quantum system (OQS).



Berggren basis



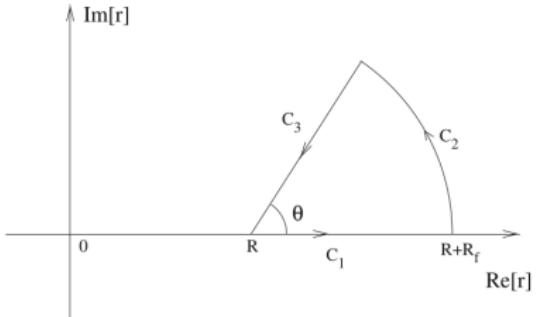
- Bound states. $k \rightarrow i\kappa$
- Resonant/Gamow states: poles of the S-matrix. $k \rightarrow \kappa_1 + i\kappa_2$
- Scattering states: nonresonant continuum states.

Berggren completeness relation:

T. Berggren, Nucl.Phys.A 109, 265 (1968)

$$\sum_n u_n(r)u_n(r') + \int_{L^+} u_k(r)u_k(r')dk = \delta(r-r')$$

Resonant states regularized via complex scaling.



$$\int_0^\infty f(r)dr = \int_0^R f(r)dr + \int_0^\infty f(R+x \cdot e^{i\theta})e^{i\theta}dx$$

Why use the Berggren basis?



Berggren basis

We generate a Berggren basis by solving the Schrödinger equation:

$$u_\ell''(r) = \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + v_\ell(r) - k^2 \right] u_\ell(r), \quad k^2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

Different inner product in the vector space.

$$\langle \tilde{\Psi} | \Phi \rangle = \int dx \tilde{\Psi}^*(x) \Phi(x) \xrightarrow{\text{Time conjugate + Hermitian conjugate}} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$$

But $N^2 = \int_0^\infty u^2(r) dr$ diverges! We use complex scaling to regularize:

$$N^2 = \int_0^R u^2(r) dr + \int_0^\infty u^2(R + x \cdot e^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} dx$$

Gamow Shell Model (GSM)

Practical applications:

$$\int_{L^+} u_k(r) u_k(r') \approx \sum_i^{N_d} u_i(r) u_i(r')$$

↑
Discretized contour in k-plane

Normalized discrete single particle Berggren basis $\{\phi_{\ell,\eta}\}$, which can be used to build a many-body basis

$$\sum_n |SD_n\rangle \langle \widetilde{SD}_n| \approx 1 \quad |SD\rangle = |\phi_1\phi_2\dots\phi_M\rangle$$

↑
Many-body completeness relation

N. Michel et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 89, 042502 (2002)

$$H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle \quad |\Psi\rangle = \sum_n c_n |SD\rangle$$

Individual reaction channels cannot be defined in the Slater determinant representation of GSM.

Coupled channel formulation of GSM (GSM-CC)

The channel wave-function is defined as

$$|(c, r)\rangle = \mathcal{A} \left\{ |\Psi_T^{J_T}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_P^{J_P}\rangle \right\}_{M_A}^{J_A}.$$


 $= \sum_m c_m |SD_m\rangle$ from GSM

The quantum number $c \rightarrow \{Z - z, N - n, J^T; z, n, \ell, J_{int}, J_P\}$.

One can define **entrance** and **exit** channels with correct asymptotics.

The wave functions are

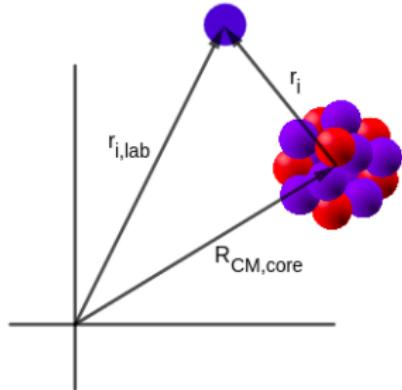
$$|\Psi_{M_A}^{J_A}\rangle = \sum_c \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{u_c(r)}{r} \right) |(c, r)\rangle r^2 dr.$$

The Schrödinger equation becomes the coupled-channel equation

$$\sum_c \int_0^\infty dr r^2 (H_{cc'}(r, r') - EN_{cc'}(r, r')) \frac{u_c(r)}{r} = 0.$$

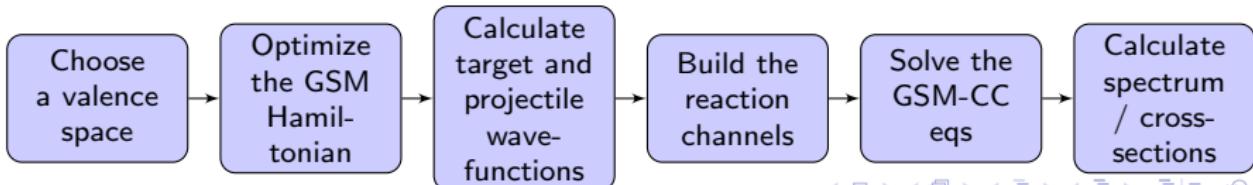
Methodology

- Model space: inert core + valence particles \Rightarrow studies of heavier systems are possible.
- Calculations in cluster orbital shell model coordinates.
Y Suzuki and K Ikeda, Phys.Rev.C 38, 410 (1988)
- Two-body part: FHT interaction + Coulomb.
H. Furutani et al., Prog.Theor.Phys. 62, 981 (1979)
- Cluster part with a N³LO chiral effective interaction.

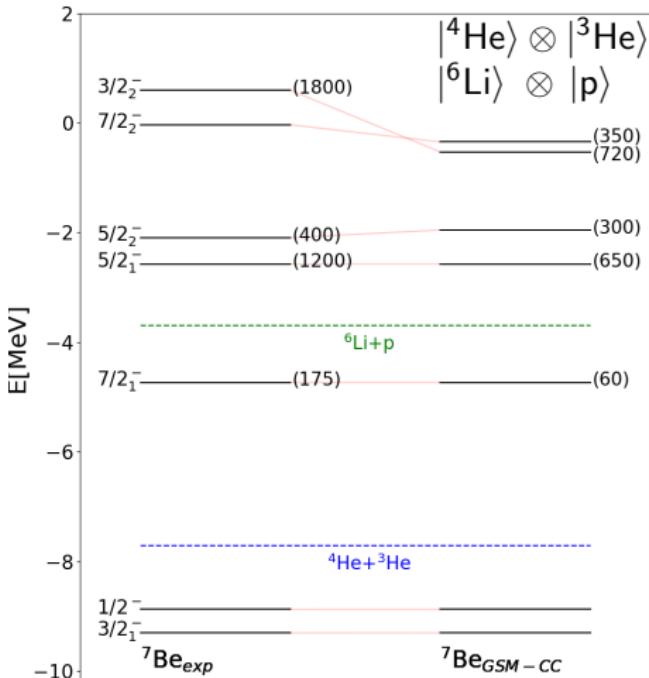
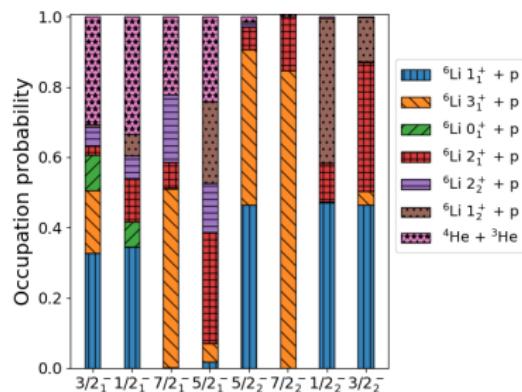
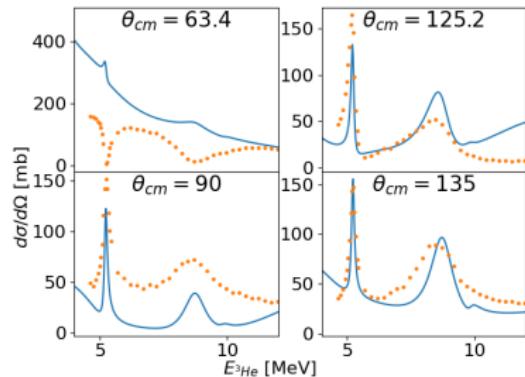


$$\hat{H}_{lab} \Rightarrow \hat{H}_{GSM} = \sum_{i \in val} \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2\mu_i} + \hat{U}_i(\mathbf{r}_i) \right) + \sum_{(i < j) \in val} \hat{V}_{i,j} + \sum_{(i < j) \in val} \frac{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j}{M_{core}}$$

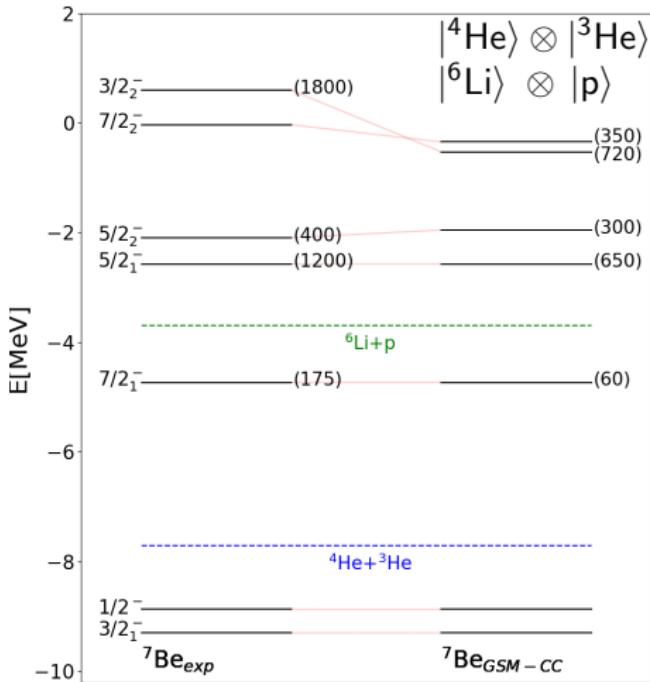
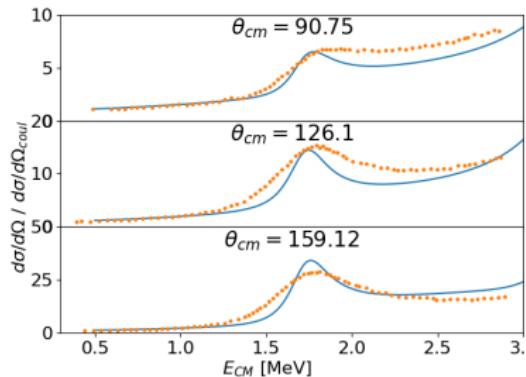
recoil term



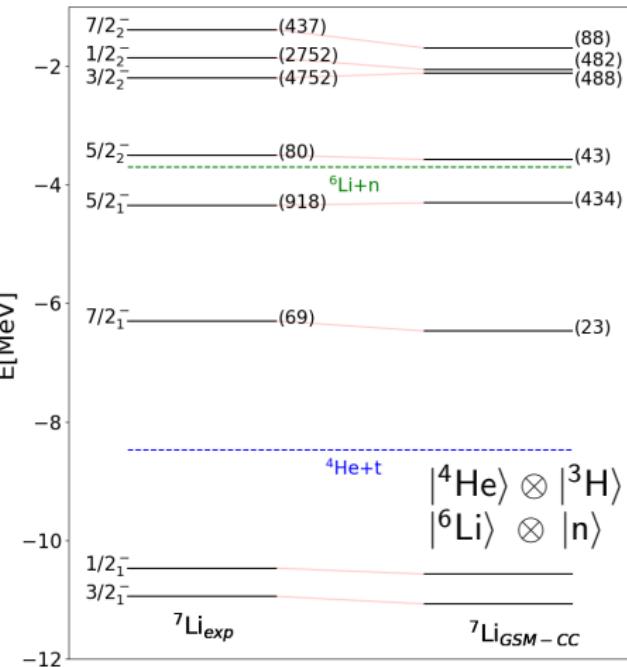
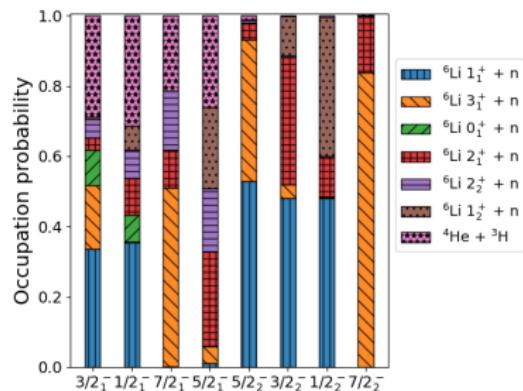
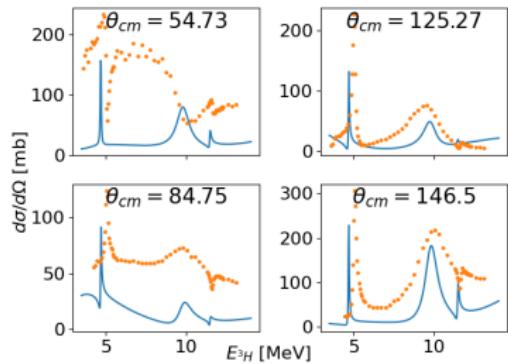
Structure of ^7Be and $^4\text{He}(^3\text{He}, ^3\text{He})$ cross-section



Structure of ^7Be and $^6\text{Li}(\text{p},\text{p})$ cross-section



Structure of ^7Li and $^4\text{He}(^3\text{H}, ^3\text{H})$ cross-section



Near threshold effects in the spectroscopic factors and energies

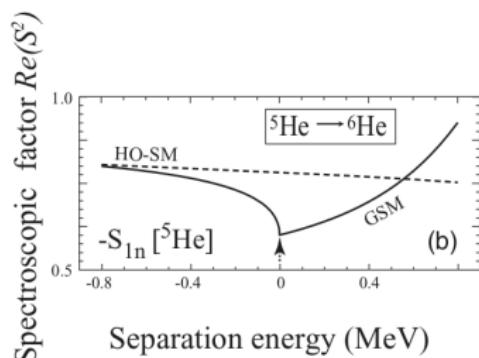
Reaction cross-sections for neutral particles

$$\sigma \sim \begin{cases} k^{2\ell-1} & k > 0 \\ k^{2\ell+1} & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

E. P. Wigner,

Phys.Rev. 73, 1002 (1948)

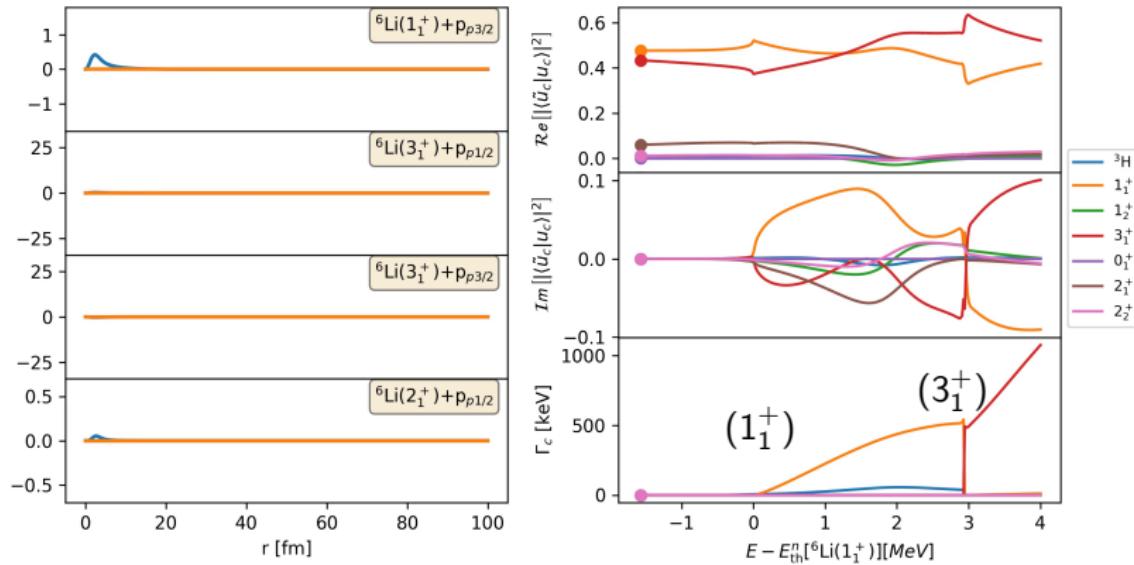
$$S^2 = \sum_{\mathcal{B}} \langle \widetilde{\Psi_A^{J_A}} | | a_{\ell j}^\dagger(\mathcal{B}) | | \Psi_{A-1}^{J_{A-1}} \rangle$$



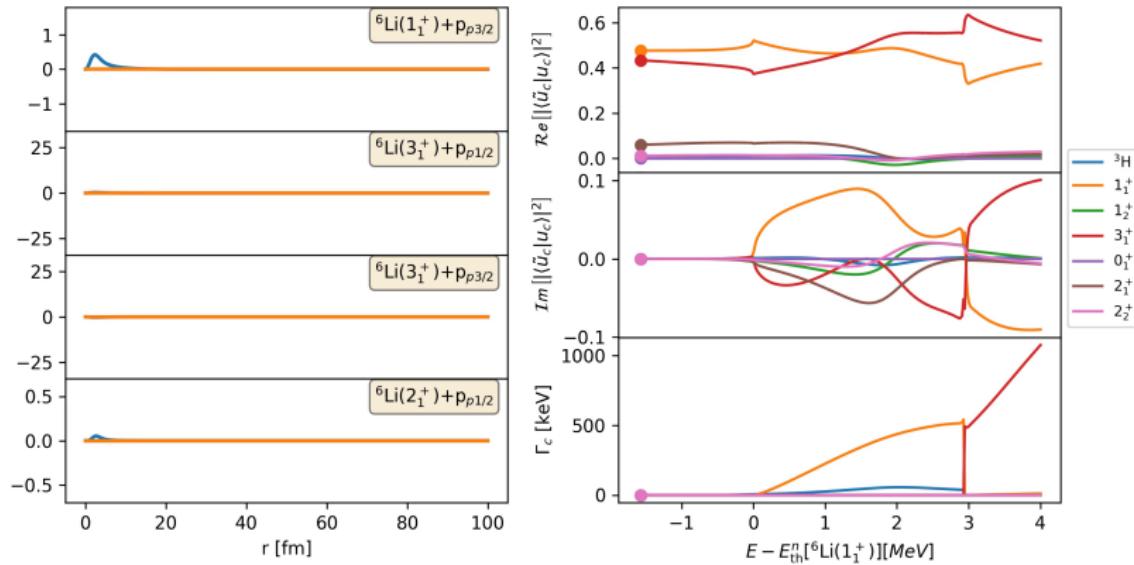
N Michel et al., Phys.Rev.C 75, 031301 (2007)

- Interference phenomenon between resonant and non-resonant states.
- Spectroscopic factor (SF) → measure of the occupancy of a single particle shell.

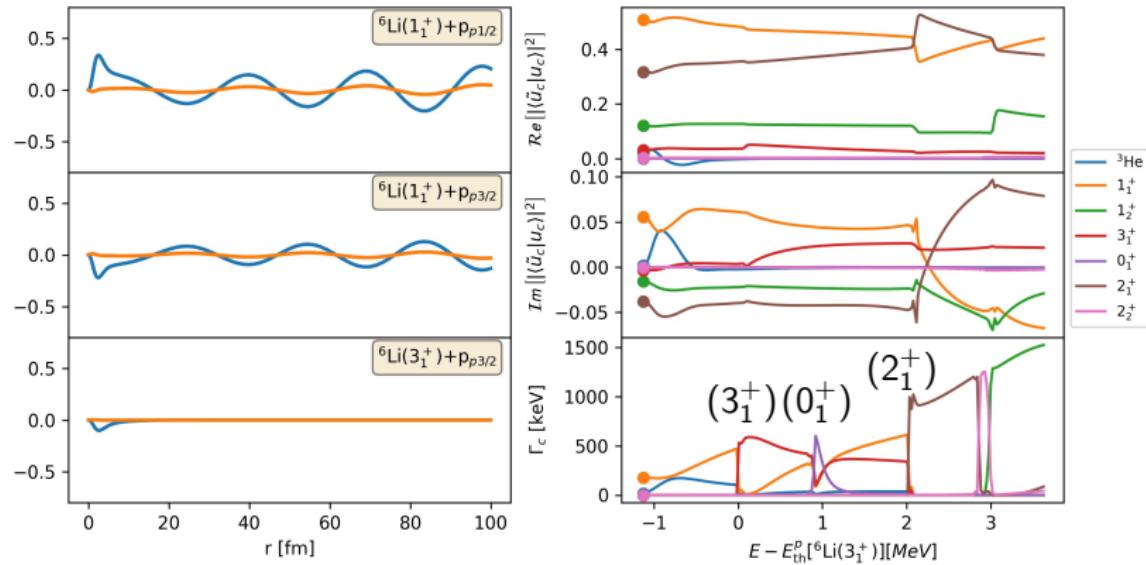
Multichannel threshold effects [${}^7\text{Li}$ ($5/2^-_1$)]



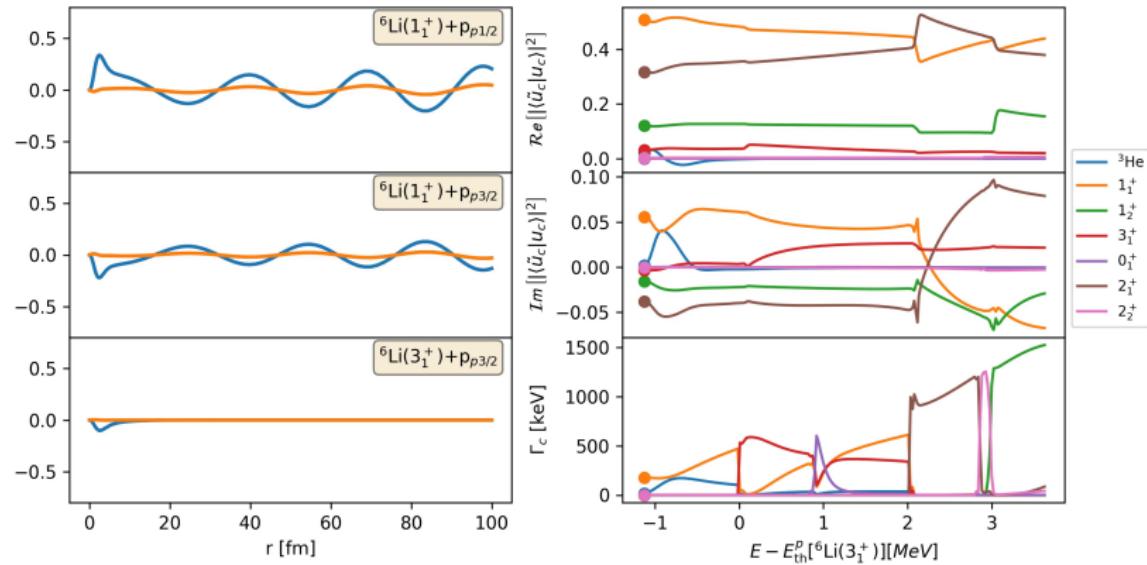
Multichannel threshold effects [${}^7\text{Li} (5/2^-_1)$]



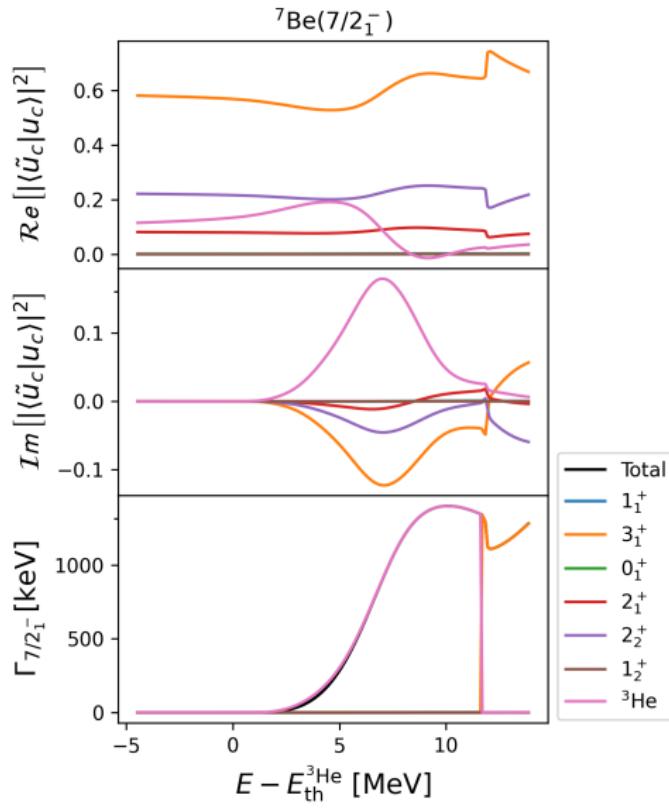
Multichannel threshold effects [${}^7\text{Be} (3/2^-_2)$]



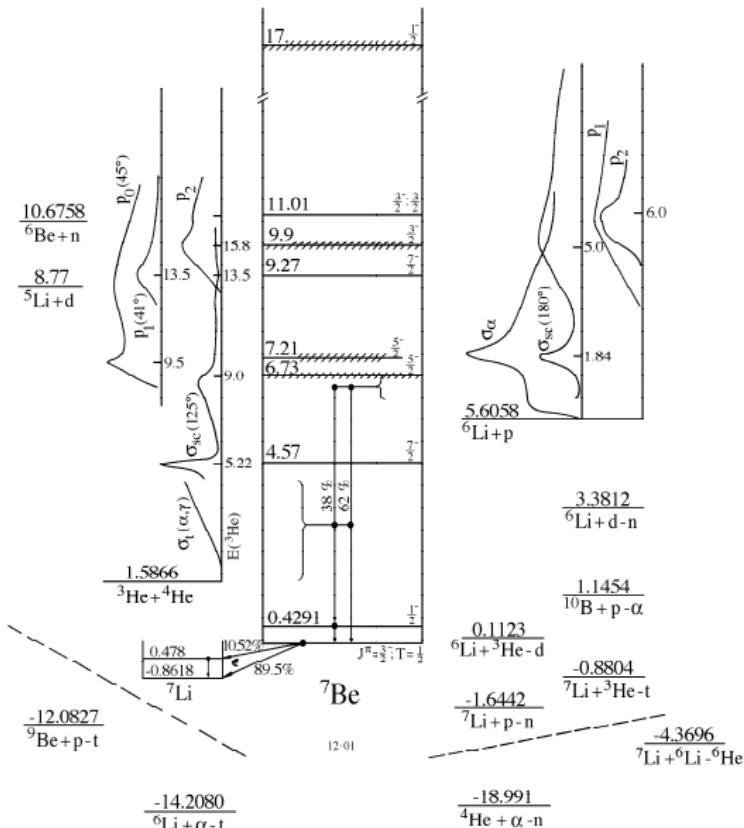
Multichannel threshold effects [${}^7\text{Be} (3/2^-_2)$]



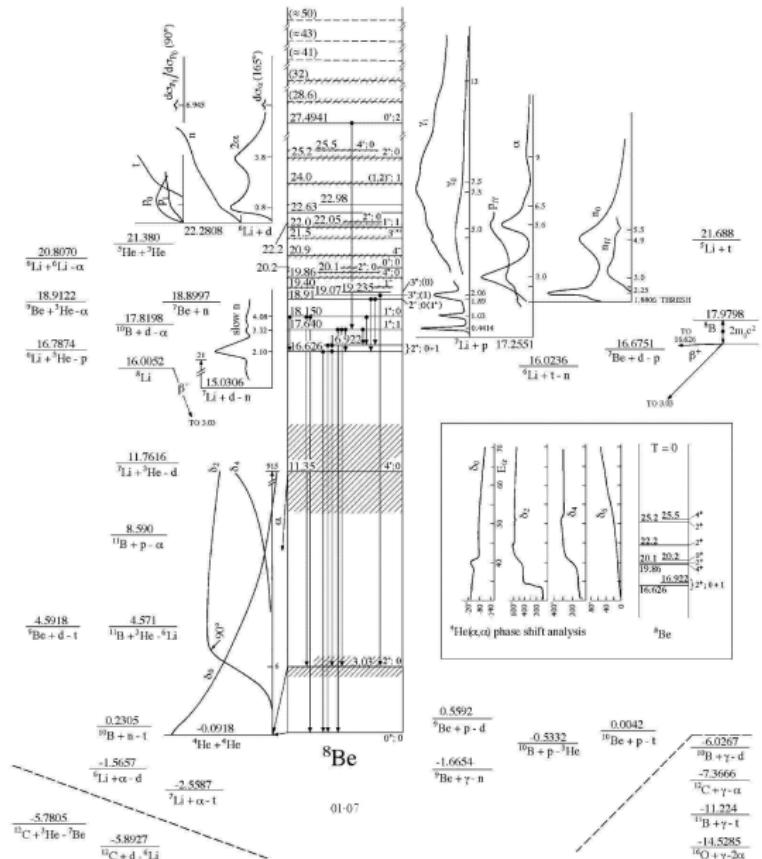
Multichannel threshold effects



Is this nonsense?



Is this nonsense?



Conclusions

- GSM-CC provides the microscopic open quantum system description of spectra and reactions in multichannel and multiple mass partition framework.
- First applications of GSM-CC in multichannel calculations with different mass partitions:
 - ^7Be ($^3\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$, $^6\text{Li} + \text{p}$)
 - ^7Li ($^3\text{H} + ^4\text{H}$, $^6\text{Li} + \text{n}$)
 - ^8Be ($^4\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$, $^7\text{Li} + \text{p}$, $^7\text{Be} + \text{n}$)

Outlook:

- Calculations for heavier systems with different cores like ^{40}Ca .
- Radiative capture reactions with cluster projectiles.
- Transfer and knockout reactions.

Conclusions

- GSM-CC provides the microscopic open quantum system description of spectra and reactions in multichannel and multiple mass partition framework.
- First applications of GSM-CC in multichannel calculations with different mass partitions:
 - ^7Be ($^3\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$, $^6\text{Li} + \text{p}$)
 - ^7Li ($^3\text{H} + ^4\text{H}$, $^6\text{Li} + \text{n}$)
 - ^8Be ($^4\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$, $^7\text{Li} + \text{p}$, $^7\text{Be} + \text{n}$)

Outlook:

- Calculations for heavier systems with different cores like ^{40}Ca .
- Radiative capture reactions with cluster projectiles.
- Transfer and knockout reactions.

Thank you for your attention!

Back up

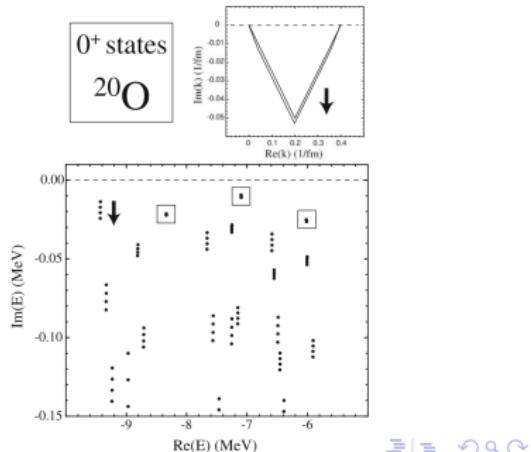
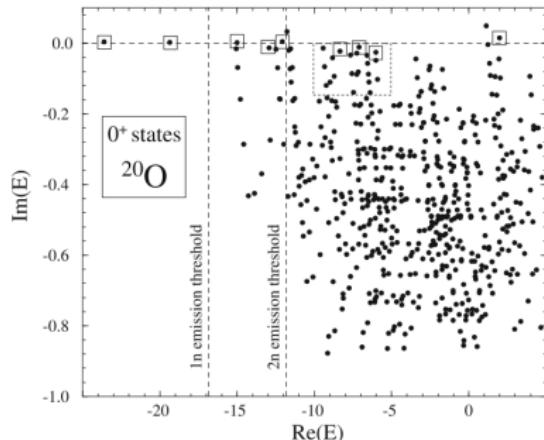
The overlap method

Why Lanczos doesn't work?

- Resonant A-body states are surrounded by many scattering A-body states.
- One cannot differentiate between resonant and scattering states given by the Lanczos method.

The overlap method consist of two steps:

- ① Fully diagonalize with an incomplete basis of bound and resonant pole states. From this we extract a pivot $|\Psi_0\rangle$.
- ② Using the full Berggren basis, find $|\Psi\rangle$ that optimizes the overlap $|\langle\Psi_0|\Psi\rangle|$.



Coupled channel formulation of GSM (GSM-CC)

One separates the Hamiltonian as

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_p + \hat{H}_t + \hat{H}_{tp} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{H}_p[|\Psi_T^{J_T}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_P^{J_P}\rangle] = |\Psi_T^{J_T}\rangle \otimes \hat{H}_p|\Psi_P^{J_P}\rangle \\ \hat{H}_t[|\Psi_T^{J_T}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_P^{J_P}\rangle] = \hat{H}_t|\Psi_T^{J_T}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_P^{J_P}\rangle \end{cases}$$
$$|\Psi_p^{J_p}\rangle = [|\mathcal{K}_{CM}, L_{CM}\rangle \otimes |\mathcal{K}_{int}, L_{int}\rangle]_{M_p}^{J_p} \rightarrow |\Psi_p^{J_p}\rangle^{HO} = \left[|\mathcal{K}_{CM}, L_{CM}\rangle^{HO} \otimes |\mathcal{K}_{int}, L_{int}\rangle^{HO} \right]_{M_p}^{J_p}$$

$\curvearrowleft H_{CM}$ $\curvearrowleft H_{int}$

Normalizing $\langle \Psi_p^{J_p} | \Psi_p^{J_p} \rangle = \delta(\mathcal{K}_{CM} - \mathcal{K}'_{CM})$ is difficult.

$$|\Psi_p^{J_p}\rangle^{HO} = \sum_N C_N^{HO} |\text{SD}_N\rangle^{HO} = \sum_n C_n |\text{SD}_n\rangle$$

Target SD generated by GSM

Old solution

We begin by transforming the problem to a standard eigenvalue problem

- In matrix form: $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{E}\mathcal{O}\mathcal{U}$.
- If we do the substitutions $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{O}^{1/2}\mathcal{U}$ and $\mathcal{H}_m = \mathcal{O}^{-1/2}\mathcal{H}\mathcal{O}^{-1/2}$.
- the CC equation becomes $\mathcal{H}_m\mathcal{W} = E\mathcal{W}$.

The CC-equation to solve becomes:

$$\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_c} \left(-\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l_c(l_c+1)}{r^2} \right) + V_c^{loc}(r) \right] w_c(r) + \sum_{c'} \int_0^\infty V_{cc'}^{non-loc} w_c'(r) dr' = (E - E_{T_c}) w_c(r),$$

with

$$u_c(r) = w_c(r) + \sum_{c'} \int_0^\infty r'^2 [\mathcal{O}^{1/2}(\mathcal{O}-1)\mathcal{O}^{1/2}]_{cc'}(r, r') \frac{w_{c'}(r')}{r'}.$$

Old solution

To solve the CC-equation we use the method of modified equivalent potential.

$$W''(r) = M^{eq}(r)W(r) + S^{eq}(r)$$

where

- $M_{cc'}^{eq} \rightarrow M_{cc'}^{eq}(V_{cc'}^{loc}, V_{cc'}^{non-loc})$
- $S_{cc'}^{eq} \rightarrow S_{cc'}^{eq}(V_{cc'}^{non-loc})$

Solution via Green Functions.

For $\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$ we make the ansatz:

- $\hat{H} = \hat{H}^{(0)} + \hat{H}_{rest}$
- $|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle + |\Psi_{rest}\rangle$
- $\hat{H}^{(0)}|\Psi^{(0)}\rangle = E|\Psi^{(0)}\rangle$

We end up with

$$(\hat{H} - E)|\Psi_{rest}\rangle = -\hat{H}_{rest}|\Psi^{(0)}\rangle \rightarrow M_E|\Psi_{rest}\rangle = |S\rangle.$$

Generating a Berggren basis $\{|n, c\rangle\}$:

- $(\Psi_{rest})_{n,c} = \langle n, c | \Psi_{rest} \rangle$
- $(M_E)_{n',c',n,c} = \langle n', c' | (\hat{H} - E) | n, c \rangle$
- $S_{n',c'} = \langle n', c' | S \rangle$

We now solve $\Psi_{rest} = M_E^{-1}S$

Interaction

The GSM Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \sum_i \left[\frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V_{WS}(r_i) + V_C(r_i) \right] + V_{res,12}.$$

The Woods-Saxon (WS) potential given by

$$V(r) = -V_{WS} f(r) - 4V_{so}(\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}) \frac{1}{r} \left| \frac{df(r)}{dr} \right|,$$

and the WS form factor

$$f(r) = \left[1 + \exp \left(\frac{r - R_0}{d} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

Interaction

The FHT [H. Furutani et al., Prog.Theor.Phys. 62, 981 \(1979\)](#) interaction is written in terms of spin-isospin operators Π_{ST} [A. DeShalit and H. Feshbach, \(1974\)](#):

$$V_c(r) = \sum_{S,T=0,1} V_c^{ST} f_c^{ST}(r) \Pi_{ST}$$

$$V_{LS}(r) = (\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}) V_{LS}^{11} f_{LS}^{11}(r) \Pi_{11}$$

$$V_T(r) = S_{ij} \sum_{T=0,1} V_T^{1T} f_T^{1T}(r) \Pi_{1T},$$

where $S_{ij} = 3(\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \hat{r}) - \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j$, $f_i^{ST}(r)$ are radial form factors and V_i^{ST} are parameters to be optimized.

Cross sections

We can use the standard cross-section formulas. The channel wave-function has the asymptotic behavior

$$u_c^{eJ_A^\pi}(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \delta_{ce} F_{\ell_e \eta_e}(k_e r) - T_{ec}^{J_A} H_{\ell_c \eta_c}^+(k_c r)$$

The cross-section is

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\tilde{e} \rightarrow \tilde{c}}}{d\Omega}(\theta) = \frac{1}{(2J_{int} + 1)(2J_T^{\tilde{e}} + 1)} \sum_{M_p^{\tilde{e}} M_t^{\tilde{e}} M_p^{\tilde{c}} M_t^{\tilde{c}}} \frac{K_{CM}^{\tilde{c}}}{K_{CM}^{\tilde{e}}} \left| f_{\tilde{e} M_p^{\tilde{e}} M_t^{\tilde{e}} \rightarrow \tilde{c} M_p^{\tilde{c}} M_t^{\tilde{c}}}(\theta) \right|^2$$

where the form factor is obtained from the T-matrix.

Previous studies using GSM-CC

What has been achieved so far with the channel representation:

- $^{18}Ne(p, p')$

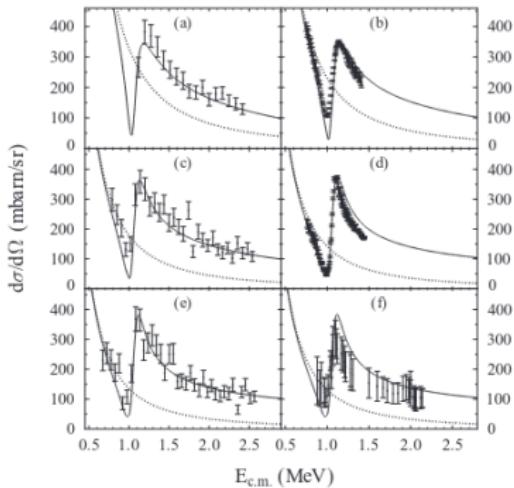
Y Jaganathan et al., Phys.Rev.C 89, 034624 (2014)

- $^7Be(p, \gamma)^8B$

K Fossez et al., Phys.Rev.C 91, 034609 (2015)

- $^4He(d, d)$

A Mercenne et al., Phys.Rev.C 99, 044606 (2019)



Previous studies using GSM-CC

What has been achieved so far with the channel representation:

- $^{18}Ne(p, p')$

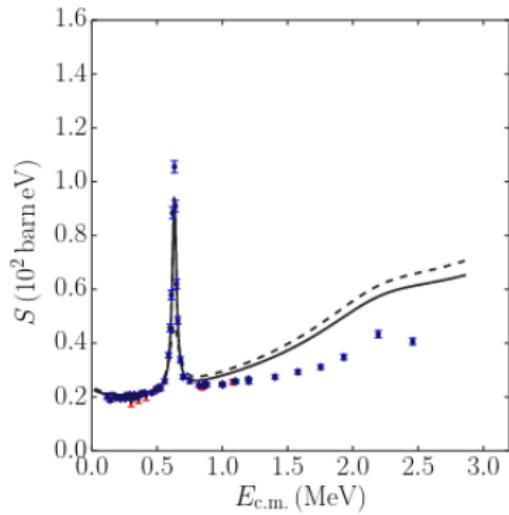
Y Jaganathan et al., Phys.Rev.C 89, 034624 (2014)

- $^7Be(p, \gamma)^8B$

K Fossez et al., Phys.Rev.C 91, 034609 (2015)

- $^4He(d, d)$

A Mercenne et al., Phys.Rev.C 99, 044606 (2019)



Previous studies using GSM-CC

What has been achieved so far with the channel representation:

- $^{18}Ne(p, p')$

Y Jaganathan et al., Phys.Rev.C 89, 034624 (2014)

- $^7Be(p, \gamma)^8B$

K Fossez et al., Phys.Rev.C 91, 034609 (2015)

- $^4He(d, d)$

A Mercenne et al., Phys.Rev.C 99, 044606 (2019)

