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New methods and applications (since review submitted)

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p-shell nuclei (see talk by Erich Ormand) (s)

A=7&8 in NCSM which chiral NN+NNN interactions (p)

Li-isotopes in NCFC (p) – some results cited in review paper

Neutron drops in NCFC (s)

Rotational states in the Be isotopes in NCFC (p)

Monte Carlo NCSM (MC-NCSM) (p)

Symmetry Adapted NCSM (SA-NCSM) (s)

Coulomb-Sturmian (CS) basis (p)

GPU accelerated decoupling of 3NF (a)



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Review

Ab initio no core shell model

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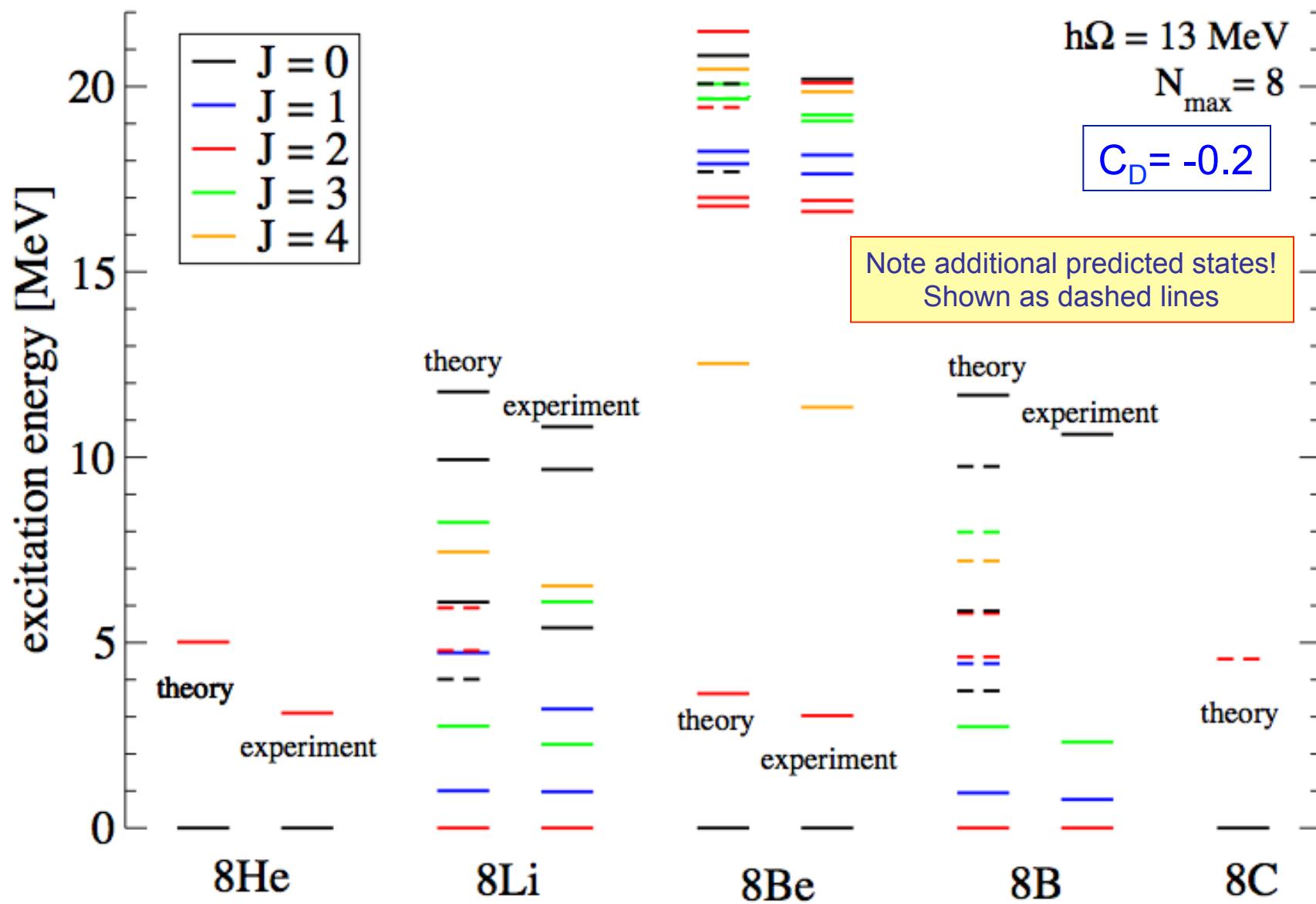
Comparison of theory and experiment for a suite of observables & predictions
 Note: Each observable has at least two theory results to compare with Expt

⁸ Li	Expt.	Chiral NN + NNN Okubo-Lee-Suzuki	Chiral NN + NNN SRG(0.08) $N_{\max} = 8; 10$	AV18/IL2	JISP16	INOY	CD-B
$E_b(2^+)$	41.277	39.95(69)	39.90(1); 40.79(10)	41.9(2)	40.3(2)	41.3(5)	35.82
$\langle r_{pp}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$	2.21(6)	2.09		2.09(1)	2.1	2.01	2.17
$E_x(1_1^+)$	0.981	1.00 (16;03)	1.027(2); 0.985(6)	1.4(3)	1.5(2)	1.26	0.86
$E_x(3_1^+)$	2.255(3)	2.75 (16;09)	2.608(3); 2.599(7)	2.5(3)	2.8(1)	2.87	3.02
$E_x(0_1^+)$	-	4.01 (84;20)	3.842(15); 3.537(40)			4.22	2.48
$E_x(1_2^+)$	3.210	4.73 (84;21)	4.632(16); 4.283(44)			4.90	3.25
$E_x(2_2^+)$	-	4.78 (44;12)	4.603(7); 4.443(23)			5.11	3.98
$E_x(2_3^+)$	-	5.94 (37;20)				6.07	5.29
$E_x(1_3^+)$	5.400	6.09 (70;22)				6.76	5.02
$E_x(4_1^+)$	6.53(20)	7.45 (36;15)		7.2(3)	7.0(3)	7.40	6.69
$E_x(3_2^+)$	-	8.24 (50;22)				8.92	7.57
$E_x(0_2^+)$	10.822	11.77 (27;29)				12.05	10.90
$Q(2^+)$	3.27(6)	2.65	2.73(1); 2.79(1)	3.2(1)	2.6	2.55	2.78
$Q(1^+)$	-	1.08	1.12(1); 1.12(1)		1.2		
$Q(3^+)$	-	-1.97	-1.92(1); -1.94(2)		-2.0		
$Q(4^+)$	-	-3.01			-3.4		
$\mu(2^+)$	1.654	1.49	-	1.65(1)	1.3(1)	1.42	1.24
$\mu(1^+)$	-	-2.27			-2.2(2)		
$\mu(3^+)$	-	2.13			2.0(1)		
$\mu(4^+)$	-	1.86			1.84(1)		
$B(E2; 1^+)$	-	1.19			1.9		
$B(E2; 3^+)$	-	3.70			4.6		
$B(E2; 4^+)$	-	1.21			1.9		
$B(M1; 1^+)$	5.0(16)	4.13	4.15(1); 4.14(1)		3.7(2)	4.56	4.39
$B(M1; 3^+)$	0.52(23)	0.33	0.31(1); 0.30(1)		0.25(5)		

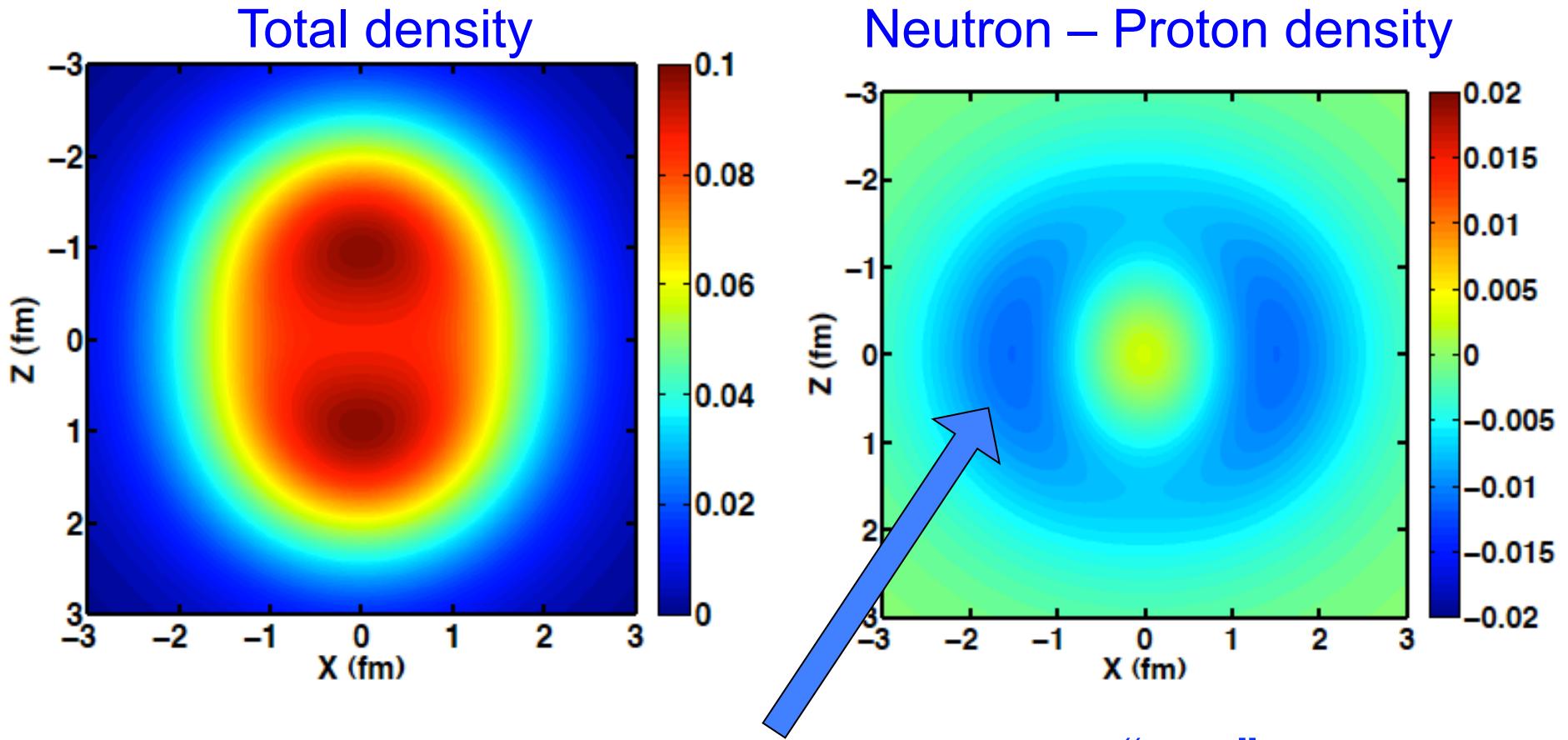
Note that some theory results have quantified uncertainties – see reference for details

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spectrum A=8 nuclei with N3LO 2-body + N2LO 3-body



9Be Translationally invariant gs density
Full 3D densities = rotate around the vertical axis



Shows that one neutron provides a “ring” cloud around two alpha clusters binding them together

Properties of trapped neutrons interacting with realistic nuclear Hamiltonians

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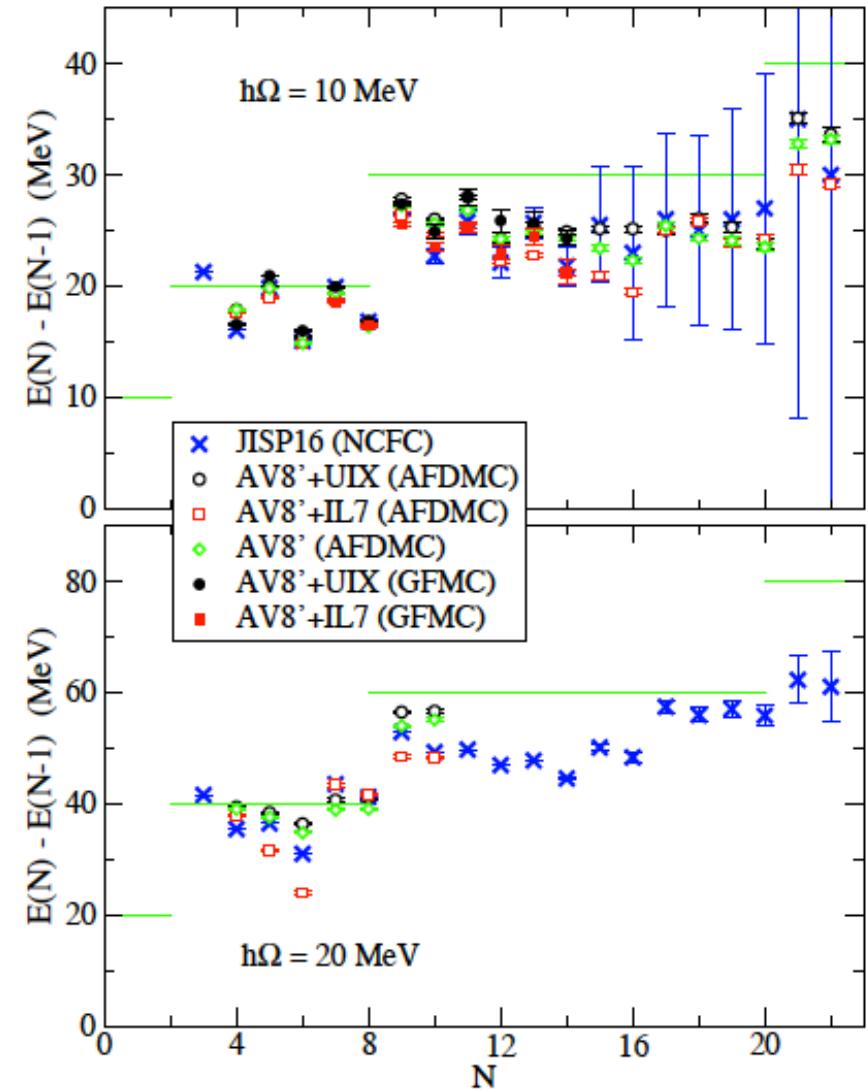
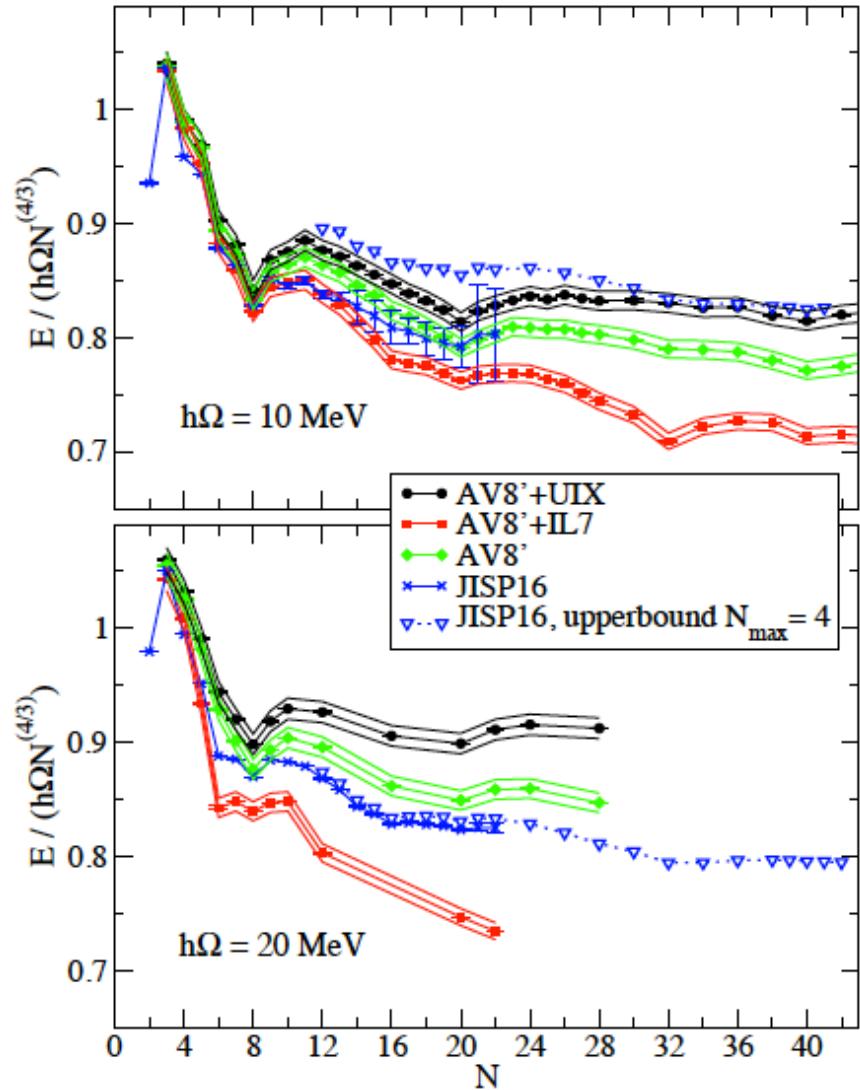
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Emergence of rotational bands in *ab initio* no-core configuration interaction calculations of light nuclei

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Both natural and unnatural parity bands identified
Employed JISP16 interaction; $N_{\max} = 10 - 7$

K=1/2 bands include Coriolis decoupling parameter:

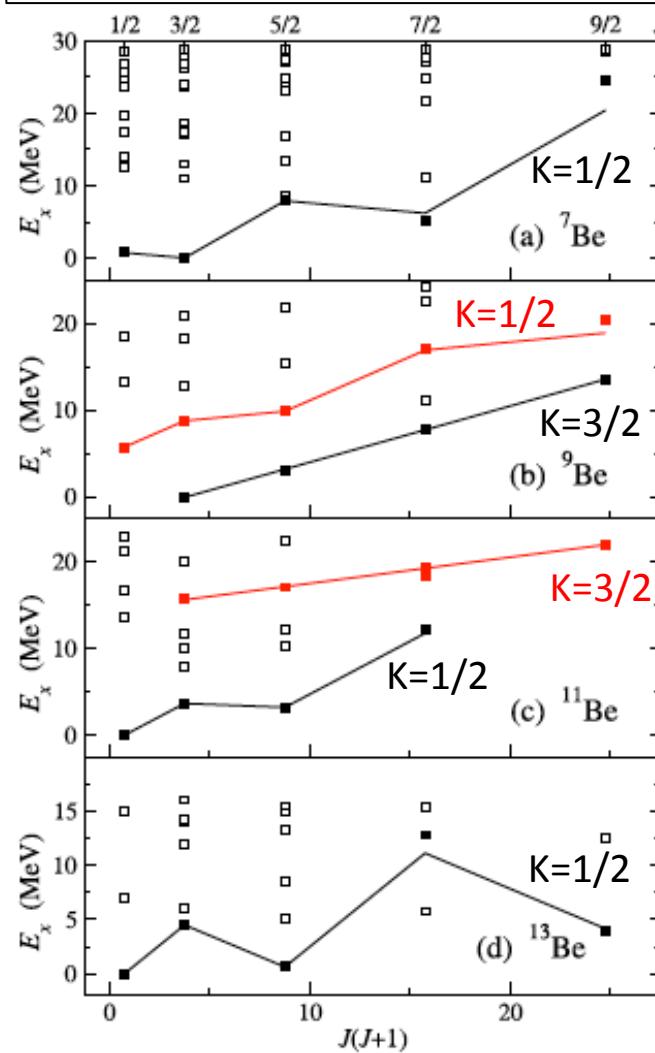
$$E(J) = E_0 + A \left[J(J+1) + a(-)^{J+1/2} \left(J + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right],$$

$$Q(J) = \frac{3K^2 - J(J+1)}{(J+1)(2J+3)} Q_0,$$

$$B(E2; J_i \rightarrow J_f) = \frac{5}{16\pi} (J_i K 20 | J_f K)^2 (e Q_0)^2.$$

Fig. 1. Excitation energies obtained for states in the natural parity spaces of the odd-mass Be isotopes: (a) ^{7}Be , (b) ^{9}Be , (c) ^{11}Be , and (d) ^{13}Be . Energies are plotted with respect to $J(J+1)$ to facilitate identification of rotational energy patterns, while the J values themselves are indicated at top. Filled symbols indicate candidate rotational bandmembers (black for yrast states and red for excited states, in the web version of this Letter). The lines indicate the corresponding best fits for rotational energies. Where quadrupole transition strengths indicate significant two-state mixing (see text), more than one state of a given J is indicated as a bandmember.

Black line: Yrast band in collective model fit
Red line: excited band in collective model fit



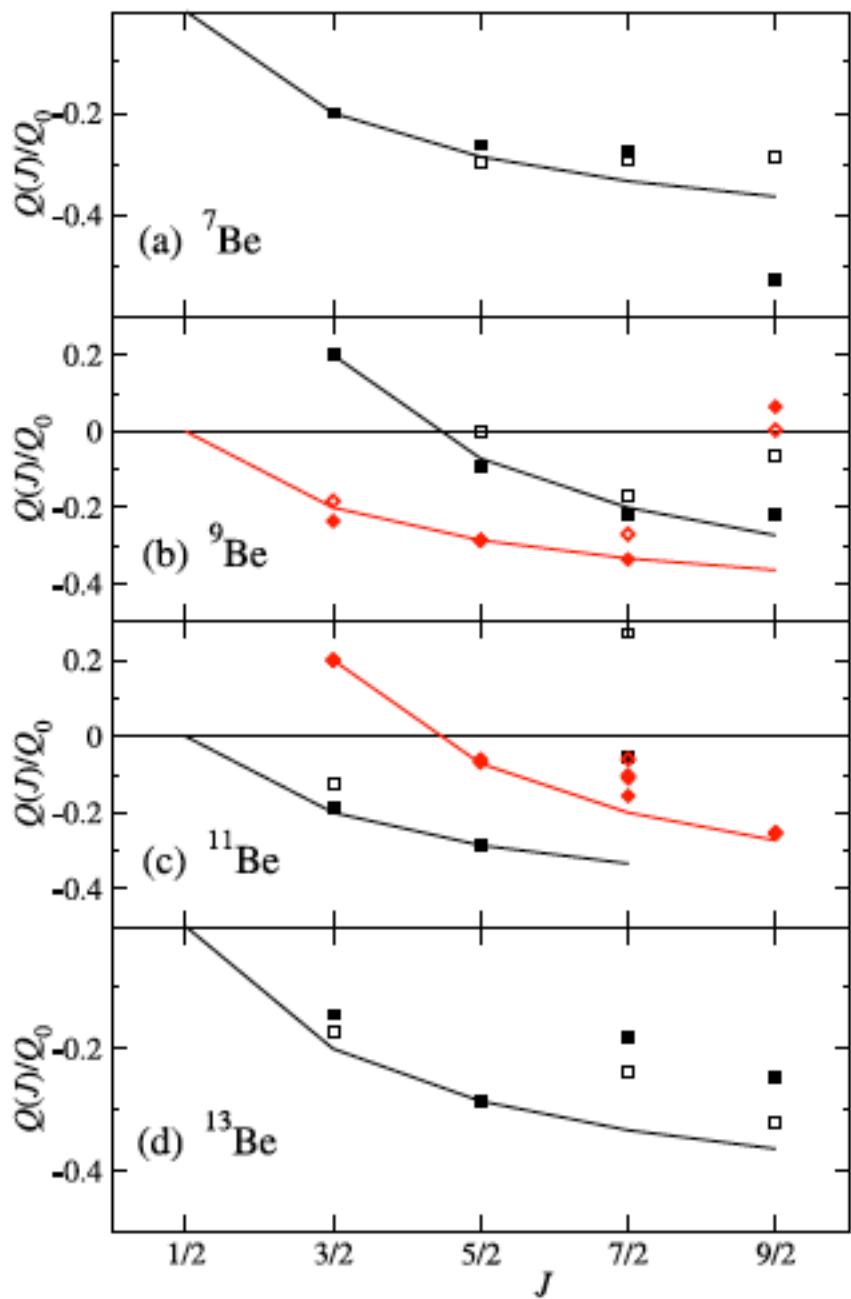


Fig. 3. Quadrupole moments calculated for candidate bandmembers in the *natural parity* spaces of the odd-mass Be isotopes: (a) ${}^7\text{Be}$, (b) ${}^9\text{Be}$, (c) ${}^{11}\text{Be}$, and (d) ${}^{13}\text{Be}$. The states are as identified in Fig. 1 and are shown as black squares for yrast states or red diamonds for excited states (color in the web version of this Letter). Filled symbols indicate proton quadrupole moments, and open symbols indicate neutron quadrupole moments. The curves indicate the theoretical values for a $K = 1/2$ or $K = 3/2$ rotational band, as appropriate, given by (4). Quadrupole moments are normalized to Q_0 , which is defined by either the $J = 3/2$ or $J = 5/2$ bandmember (see text).

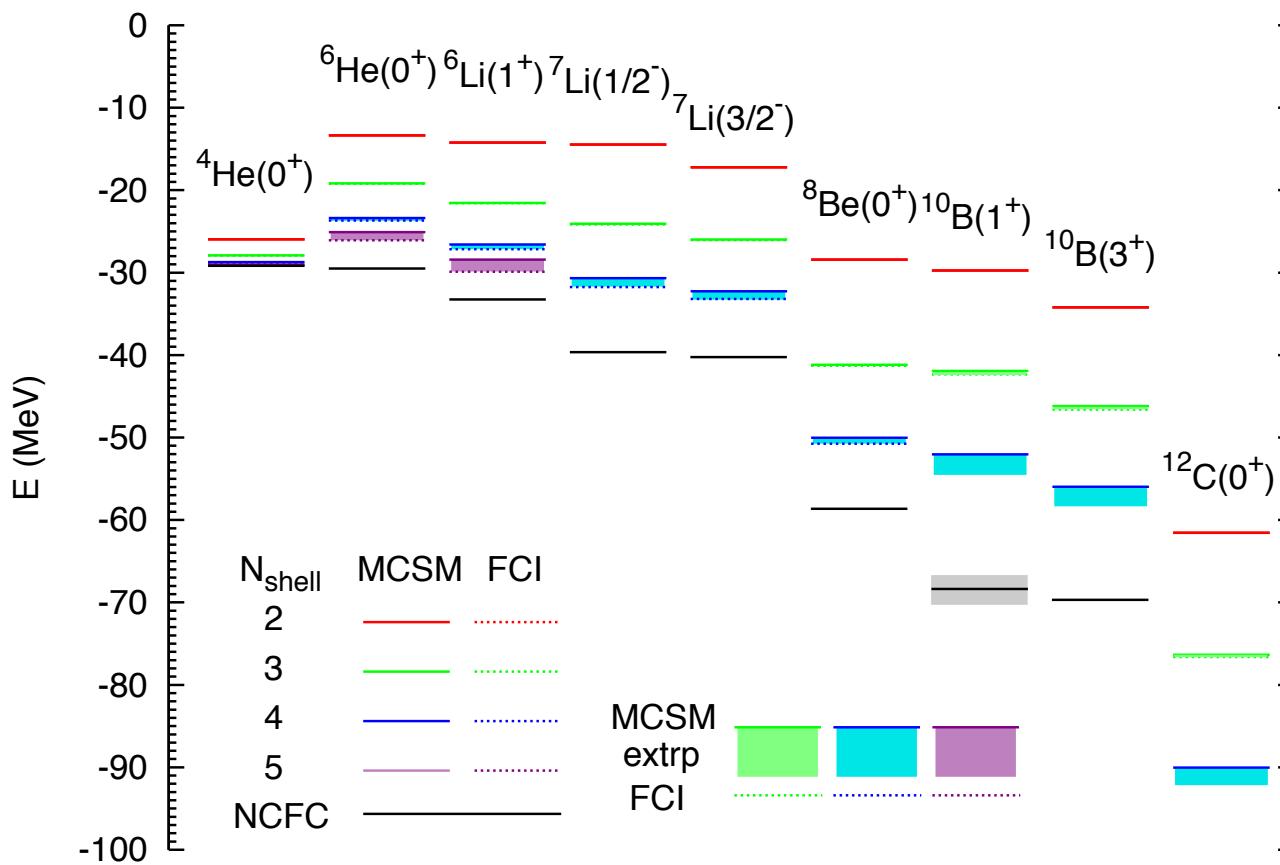
Note:

Although Q , $B(\text{E}2)$ are slowly converging, the ratios within a rotational band appear remarkably stable

Benchmarks of the full configuration interaction, Monte Carlo shell model, and no-core full configuration methods

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Notes:

Robust energy extrapolations based on energy variance

These MC-NCSM results are proof-of-principle

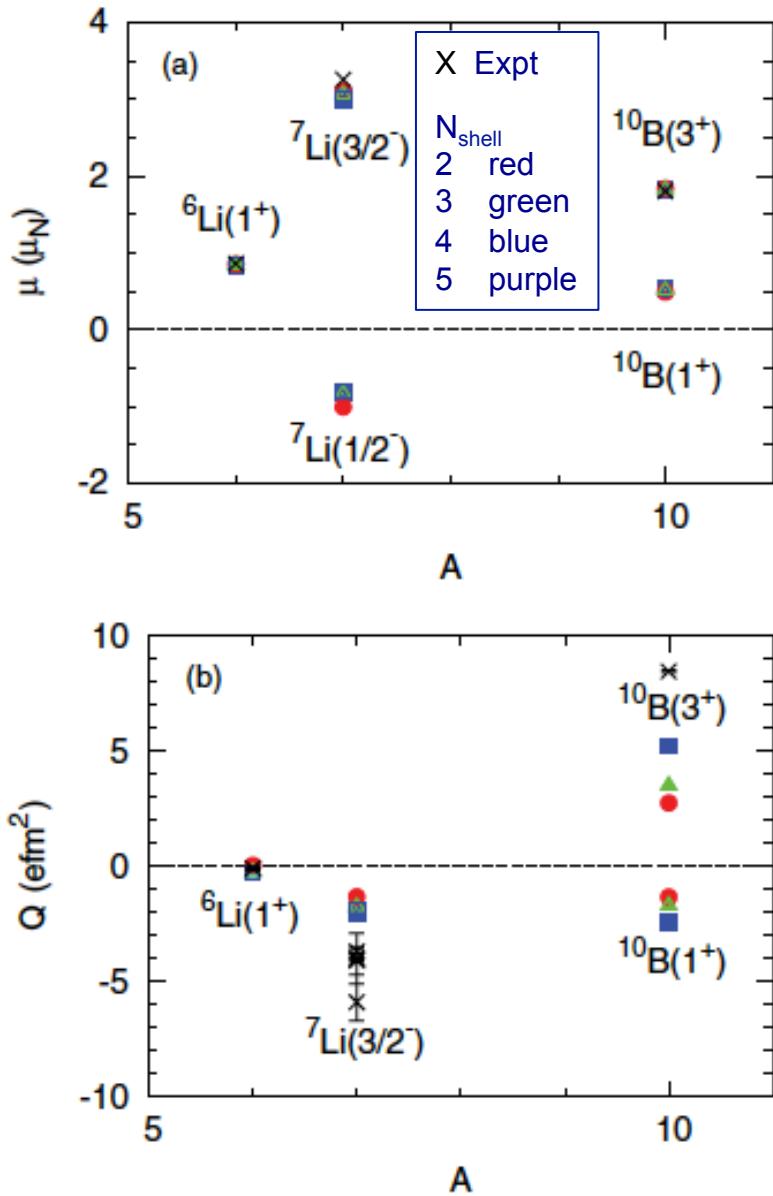


FIG. 10. (Color online) Comparisons between the extrapolated MCSM and FCI results for (a) the magnetic dipole moments, and (b) electric quadrupole moments. The conventions for the symbols are same as in Fig. 8; crosses indicate the experimental values for the ground states from Ref. [23].

MC-NCSM has superior scaling with A properties

Snapshot comparison	FCI	MCSM	NCFC
c.m. motion	approx.	approx.	exact
Spectra	OK	some	OK
wfn → observables	✓	✓	✓
Matrix dimension	$\lesssim 10^{10}$	$\lesssim 10^{20}$	$\lesssim 10^{10}$
Scaling with A	$A^{18 \sim 20}$	$A^{3 \sim 5}$	$A^{12 \sim 14}$
No. parallel cores	10^5	10^5	10^5
Comp'l bottleneck	Memory	CPU time	Memory

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Symmetry-adapted No-core Shell Model for Light Nuclei

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Model Space Dimensionality	$N_{\max} = 8[6]\text{-A}$ 3.8% ^a	$N_{\max} = 8[6]\text{-B}$ 9.2% ^b	$N_{\max} = 8$ 100%	Expt.
$E_{2_1^+}$ (MeV)	5.253	4.644	4.685	4.439
$E_{1_1^+}$ (MeV)		14.199	14.161	12.71
$E_{4_1^+}$ (MeV)	17.132	16.324	16.255	14.083
$r_m(0_{g.s.t.}^+)$ (fm)	2.007	2.005	2.003	2.43(2)
$r_m(2_1^+)$ (fm)	2.027	2.023	2.024	N/A
$r_m(4_1^+)$ (fm)	2.058	2.055	2.061	N/A
$Q_{2_1^+}$ ($e \text{ fm}^2$)	3.712	3.735	3.741	+6(3)
$Q_{4_1^+}$ ($e \text{ fm}^2$)	4.826	4.845	4.864	N/A

Note: ^a Model space for all 0^+ , 2^+ , and 4^+ states in ^{12}C .

^b Model space for all 0^+ , 1^+ , 2^+ , and 4^+ states in ^{12}C .

The Coulomb-Sturmian basis for the nuclear many-body problem

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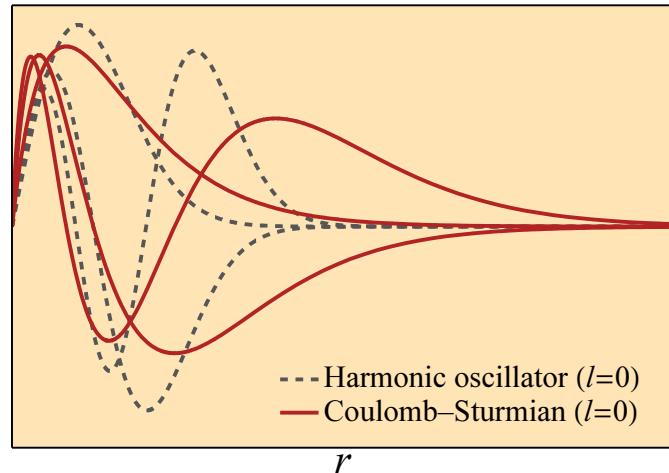
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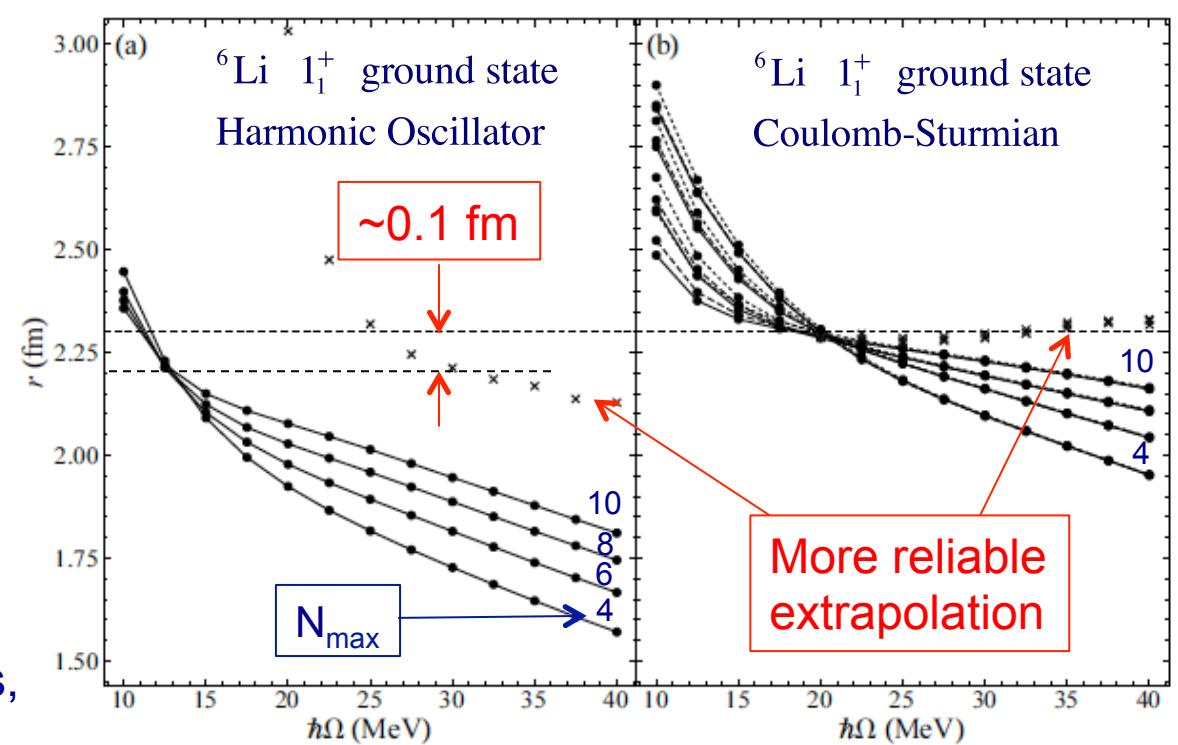
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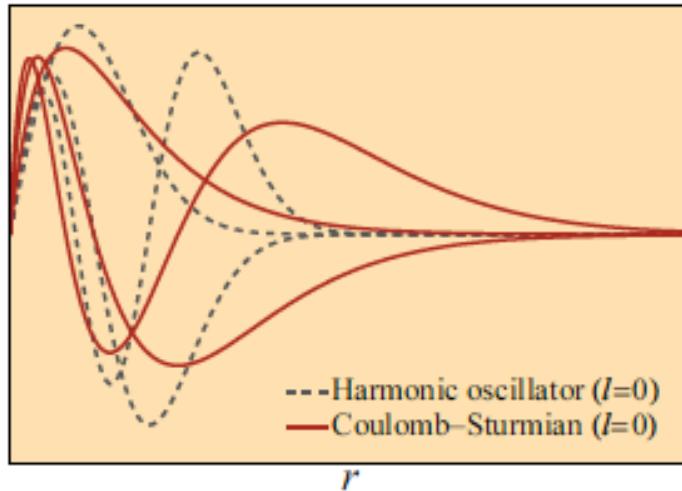
Goals: Improve the asymptotic wavefunctions and accelerate convergence of long-range observables (rms, Q, ANC, BE(2), M(2), etc)



- JISP16 used for these tests
- CS basis is not optimized
- rms = 2.3 fm from NCFC in
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Coulomb-Sturmian radial wave functions



Coulomb

$$\psi_{nl}(r) \propto (2Zr)^{l+1} L_n^{(2l+1)} \left(\frac{2Zr}{n+l+1} \right) e^{-Zr/(n+l+1)}$$

Schrödinger solutions only form complete set if continuum states included...

Coulomb-Sturmian

$$\phi_{nl}(r) \propto (2r/b)^{l+1} L_n^{(2l+1)}(2r/b) e^{-r/b} \quad (n+l+1)/Z \rightarrow b$$

Sturm-Liouville solutions form complete, discrete set, orthogonal under weight $1/r$...

$$S_{nl}(r) \propto (2r/b)^{l+1} L_n^{(2l+2)}(2r/b) e^{-r/b} \quad l \rightarrow l + 1/2$$

Complete, discrete, orthogonal set, for expansion of square-integrable functions...

Leveraging GPUs in Ab Initio Nuclear Physics Calculations

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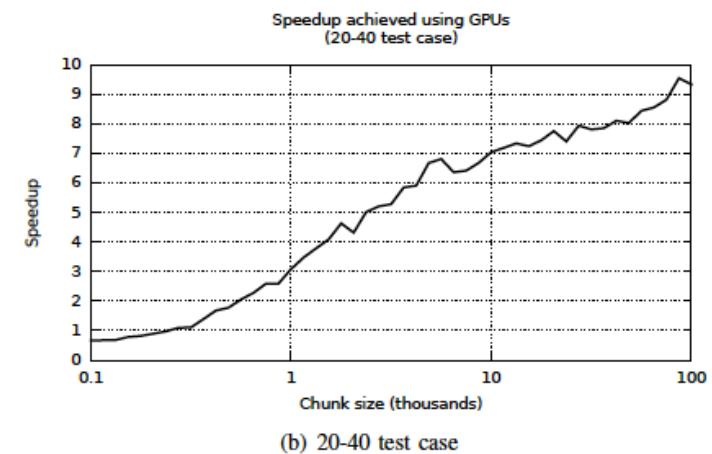
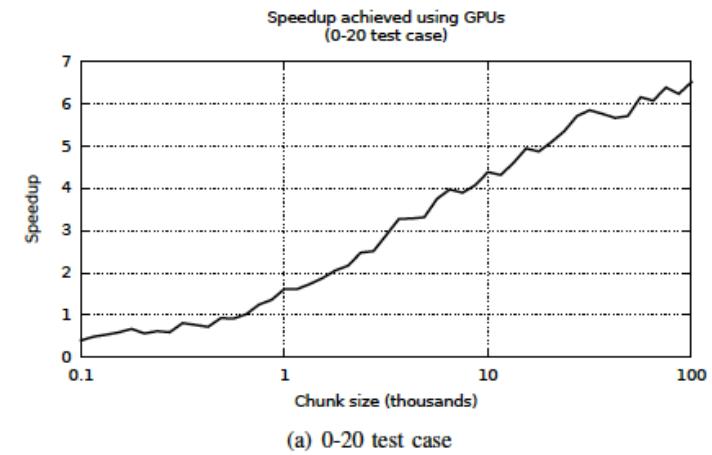
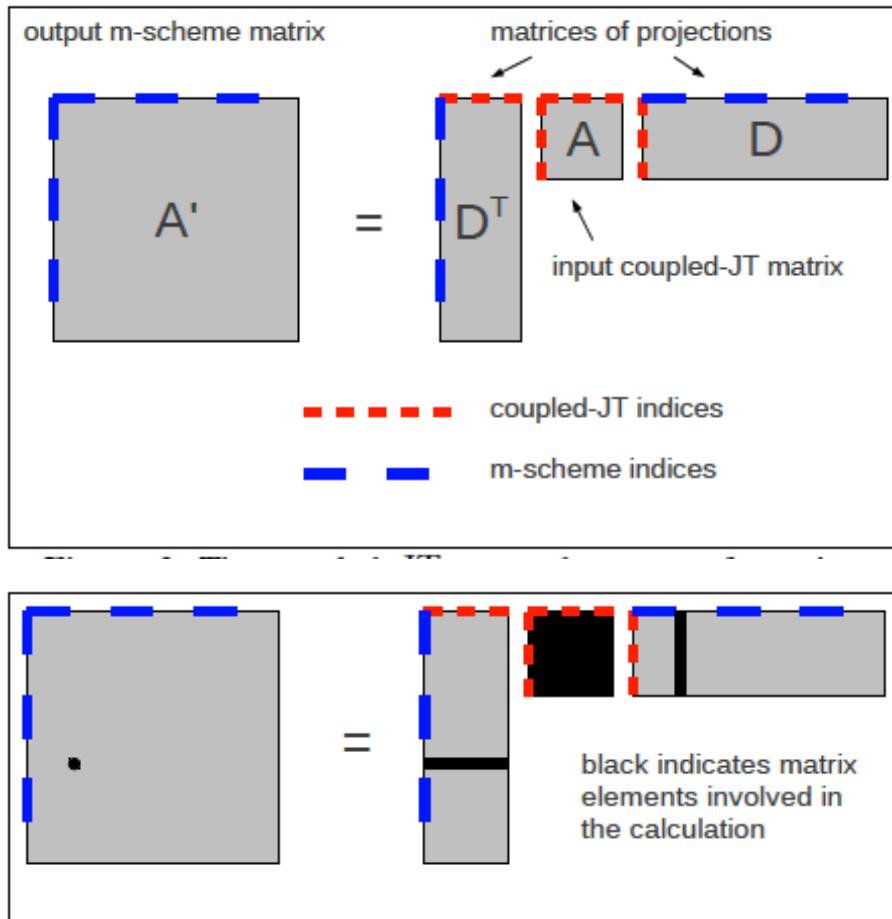
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Many recent insights obtained:

Collective modes in light nuclei accessible with ab initio approach
3NFs continue to play an important role in many observables
Neutron drop results show (sub)shell closures
IR and UV convergence in HO basis (Coon, Papenbrock)
Alternative basis spaces could relieve IR shortcomings of HO basis
Alternative MB methods could access clustering, halo physics regions
Computer Science and Applied Math collaborations invaluable
Generous allocations of computer resources essential to progress