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Ab initio Leading-Order Effective Interactions for Elastic Scattering of Nucleons from Light Nuclei

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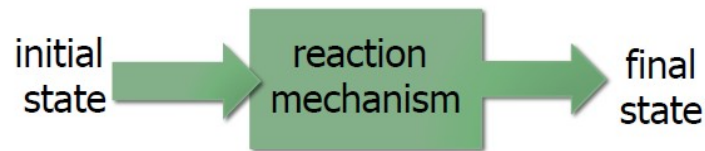


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Exotic Nuclei are usually short lived:

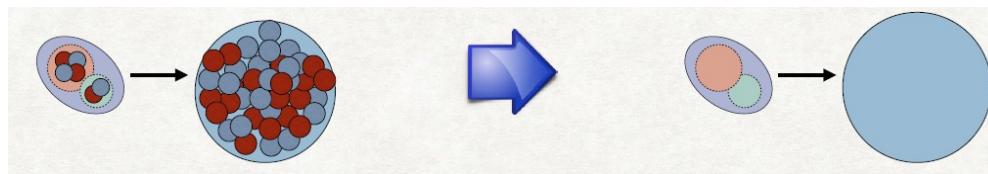
Have to be studied with reactions in inverse kinematics

e.g. direct reaction:



Challenge:

- In the continuum, theory can solve the few-body problem exactly.**



Many-body problem

Few-body problem

Example (d,p) Reactions:

Reduce Many-Body to Few-Body Problem



Solve few-body problem

Hamiltonian for effective few-body problem:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{V}_{np} + \mathbf{V}_{nA} + \mathbf{V}_{pA}$$



Challenges & Opportunities

● Nucleon-nucleon interaction believed to be well known:

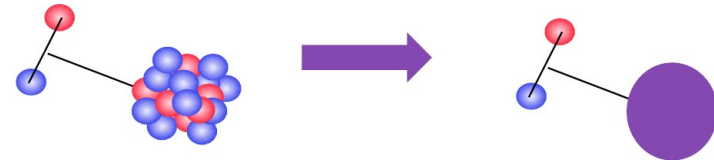
today: chiral interactions

● Effective proton (neutron) nucleus interactions:

- purely phenomenological optical potentials fitted to data
- optical potentials with theoretical guidance
- **microscopic optical potentials**



Isolate relevant degrees of freedom

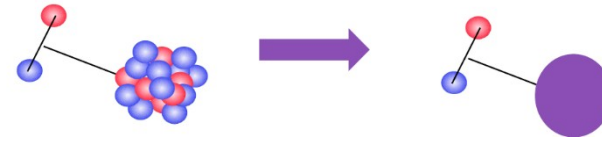


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Often used: Phenomenological optical potentials

Either fitted to a large global data set OR to a restricted data set

Most general form of optical potential

- $\sum_i [V_{A,Z,N,E}(\mathbf{r}) + i W_{A,Z,N,E}(\mathbf{r})] \text{Operator}_{(i)}$
- Functions are of Woods-Saxon type

Have central and spin orbit term

Fit cross sections, angular distributions polarizations, for a set of nuclei (lightest usually ^{12}C).

No connection to microscopic theory

Dispersive optical models have some connection to structure

Today: huge progress in *ab initio* structure calculations

➔ Goal: effective interaction from *ab initio* methods

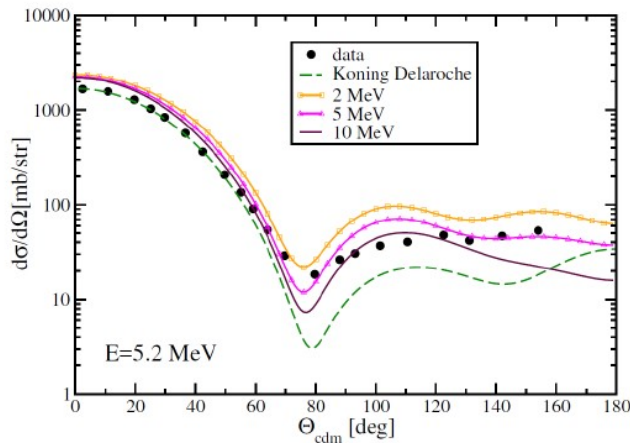
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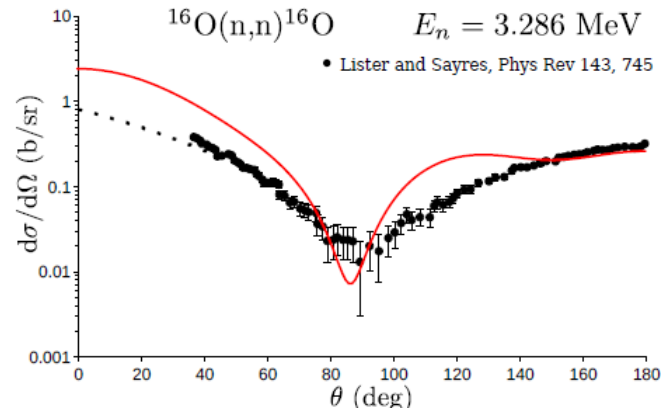
Feshbach:

- ▶ effective nA interaction via Green's function from solution of many body problem using basis function expansion, e.g. SCGF, CCGF (current truncation to singles and doubles)

$^{40}\text{Ca}(n,n)^{40}\text{Ca}$



energy
~ 10 MeV



Rotureau, Danielewicz, Hagen, Jansen, Nunes
arXiv: 1808.04535 and PRC 95, 024315 (2017)

Idini, Barbieri, Navratil
J.Phys.Conf. 981. 012005 (2018)
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Watson:

► Multiple scattering expansion, e.g. spectator expansion (current truncation to 2 active particles)

Spectator Expansion:

Siciliano, Thaler (1977)

Picklesimer, Thaler (1981)

Expansion in:

- particles active in the reaction
- antisymmetrized in active particles

“fast reaction”, i.e. ≥ 100 MeV

Elastic Scattering (Watson approach)

- In- and Out-States have the target in ground state Φ_0
- Projector on ground state $\mathbf{P} = |\Phi_0\rangle\langle\Phi_0|$
 - With $\mathbf{1}=\mathbf{P}+\mathbf{Q}$ and $[\mathbf{P},\mathbf{G}_0]=0$
- For elastic scattering one needs: $\mathbf{P T P} = \mathbf{P U P} + \mathbf{P U P G}_0(\mathbf{E}) \mathbf{P T P}$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U G}_0(\mathbf{E}) \mathbf{P T}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{V G}_0(\mathbf{E}) \mathbf{Q U}$$

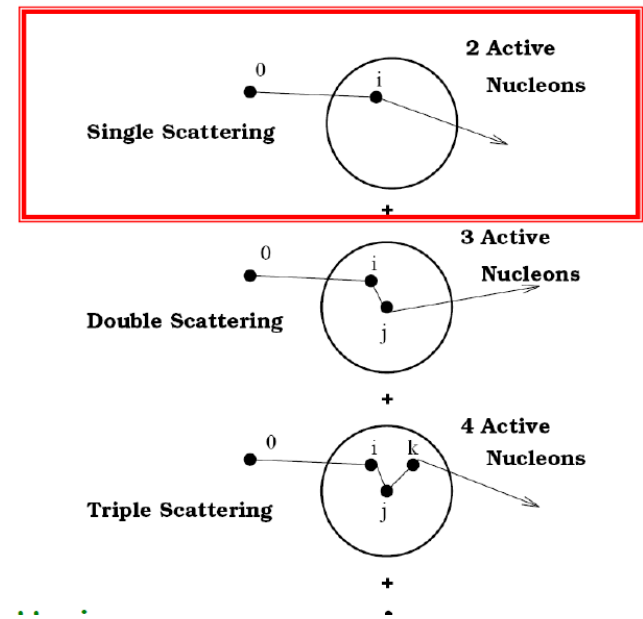
\Leftarrow effective (optical) potential

Exact expression

Spectator Expansion of \mathbf{U} :

1st order: single scattering: $\mathbf{U}^{(1)} \approx \sum_{i=0}^A \tau_{0i}$

Chinn, Elster, Thaler, PRC 47, 2242 (1993)





$$\tau_{0i} = v_{0i} + v_{0i} G_0(E) Q \tau_{0i}$$

- Deal with **Q** (this prevents to use free NN t-matrix here)

- Define “two-body” operator t_{0i}^{free} by

- $t_{0i}^{\text{free}} = v_{0i} + v_{0i} G_0(e) t_{0i}^{\text{free}}$

- and relate via integral equation to τ_{0i}

- $\tau_{0i} = t_{0i}^{\text{free}} - t_{0i}^{\text{free}} G_0(e) \tau_{0i}$ [integral equation]

- keeps iso-spin character of optical potential

- $\hat{U}^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^A \tau_{0i} =: N \tau_n + Z \tau_p$

Integral \equiv average

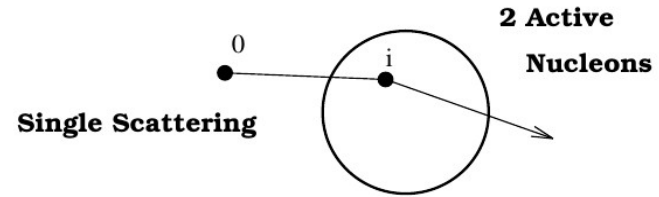
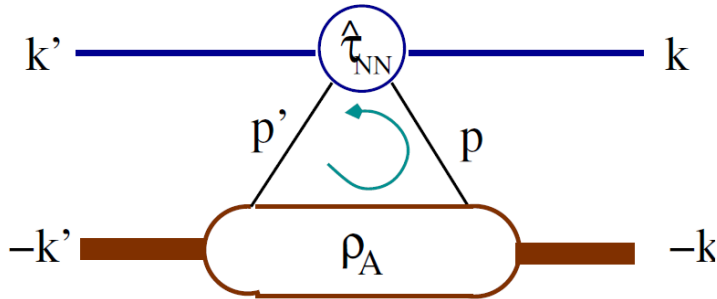
Neutron and proton contributions are cleanly separated
Important for $N \neq Z$ nuclei

$$t_{pp} \neq t_{np} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_p \neq \rho_n$$

$G_0(E) \equiv$ many-body operator \rightarrow use e.g. closure to obtain two-body propagator

Computing the first order folding potential

$$\hat{U}^{(1)} \approx \sum_{i=0}^A \tau_{0i}$$



NN scattering
amplitudes

Nuclear
one-body density

$$\hat{U}(q, \mathcal{K}_{NA}, \epsilon) = \sum_{\alpha=n,p} \sum_{K_s} \int d^3\mathcal{K} \eta(q, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}_{NA}) \hat{\tau}_{\alpha}^{K_s} \left(q, \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{A+1}{A} \mathcal{K}_{NA} - \mathcal{K} \right); \epsilon \right) \rho_{\alpha}^{K_s} \left(\mathcal{K} - \frac{A-1}{A} \frac{q}{2}, \mathcal{K} + \frac{A-1}{A} \frac{q}{2} \right)$$

$$q = p' - p$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{2} (p' + p)$$

Same NN Interaction can now be used for NN t-matrix and the one-body density matrix (*ab initio*)

Effective Potential is non-local and energy dependent

Details of implementation designed for energies ≥ 100 MeV

NN amplitude: $f_{NN}(\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k};\mathbf{E}) \approx \langle \mathbf{k}' | \mathbf{t}_{NN}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) | \mathbf{k} \rangle$

with $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}$
 $\mathbf{K}_{NN} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k}' + \mathbf{k})$

Most general form

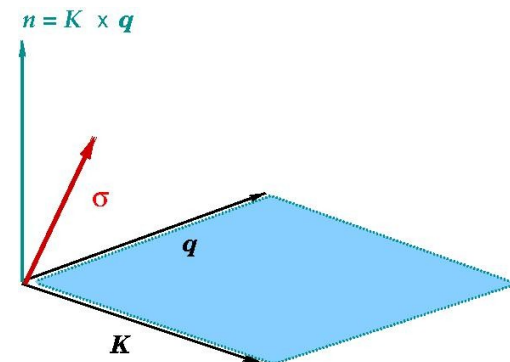
NN t-matrix in Wolfenstein representation:

Projectile “0” : plane wave basis
 Struck nucleon “i” : target basis

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) = & A(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) \mathbf{1} + i \cdot C(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{NN} \\ & + M(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{NN}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{NN}) \\ & + (G(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) - H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E})) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}) \\ & + (G(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) + H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E})) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{NN}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{NN}) \\ \text{-----} \\ & + D(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K}_{NN}, \mathcal{E}) \left[(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{NN}) + (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{NN}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}) \right] \text{ Off-shell} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating scalar products with $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)}$

requires **spin-dependent**
one-body density matrices



Spin-dependent nonlocal one-body density matrix

define $\rho_{q_s}^{K_s}(p, p') = \left\langle \Phi' \left| \sum_{i=1}^A \delta^3(p_i - p) \delta^3(p'_i - p') \sigma_{q_s}^{(i)K_s} \right| \Phi \right\rangle$

$K_s = 0$: $(\hat{\sigma})_0^0 = 1$ ← Scalar OBDM

$K_s = 1$: $(\hat{\sigma})_0^1 = \sigma_z$ ← Spin-dependent OBDM
 : $(\hat{\sigma})_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma_x - i\sigma_y)$
 : $(\hat{\sigma})_1^1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma_x + i\sigma_y)$

Needed: Spin-projected momentum distribution [here $\sim (\sigma^{(i)} \cdot \hat{n})$]

$$S_n(p, p') = \sum_{q_s} \left\langle \Phi \left| \sum_{i=1}^A \delta^3(p_i - p) \delta^3(p'_i - p') \hat{\sigma}_{q_s}^{(i)K_s=1} \right| \Phi \right\rangle (-1)^{q_s} (\hat{n}_{t.i.}^1)_{-q_s}$$

Spin-projected momentum distribution $\sim (\sigma^{(i)} \cdot \hat{n})$

Evaluation based on NCSM matrix elements

Change of variables to $q = p' - p$ $\kappa = \frac{1}{2}(p' + p)$ to remove CoM

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_n(q, \kappa) = & \sum_{q_s} (-1)^{-q_s} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} Y_{-q_s}^1(\hat{n}) \sum_{nljn'l'j'} \sum_{K_l=|l-l'|}^{l+l'} \sum_{k_l=-K_l}^{K_l} \sum_{Kk} \langle K_l k_l 1 q_s | K k \rangle \\
 & (-1)^{J-M} \begin{pmatrix} J & K & J \\ -M & k & M \end{pmatrix} (-1)^{-l} \hat{j} \hat{j}' \hat{s} \hat{1} \hat{K}_l \begin{Bmatrix} l' & l & K_l \\ s & s & 1 \\ j' & j & K \end{Bmatrix} (-i)^{l+l'} \\
 & \sum_{n_q, n_\kappa, l_q, l_\kappa} \langle n_\kappa l_\kappa, n_q l_q : K_l | n' l', n l : K_l \rangle_{d=1} R_{n_\kappa l_\kappa}(\kappa) R_{n_q l_q}(q) \mathcal{Y}_{K_l k_l}^{*l_q l_\kappa}(\hat{q}, \hat{\kappa}) \\
 & \underline{\langle A \lambda J \left\| (a_{n'l'j'}^\dagger, \tilde{a}_{nlj})^{(K)} \right\| A \lambda J \rangle} e^{\frac{1}{4A} b^2 q^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

reduced NCSM
matrix elements

technical details in Burrows et al. arXiv:2005.00111

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Similarly: spin-projected momentum distributions $(\sigma^{(i)} \cdot \hat{q})$ and $(\sigma^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\kappa})$

Both give zero contribution due to parity arguments

NN amplitude: $f_{NN}(\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k};\mathbf{E}) \approx \langle \mathbf{k}' | \mathbf{t}_{NN}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) | \mathbf{k} \rangle$

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 $K_{NN} = 1/2 (k' + k)$

NN amplitudes contributing to
 effective nucleon-nucleus interaction:

Most general form

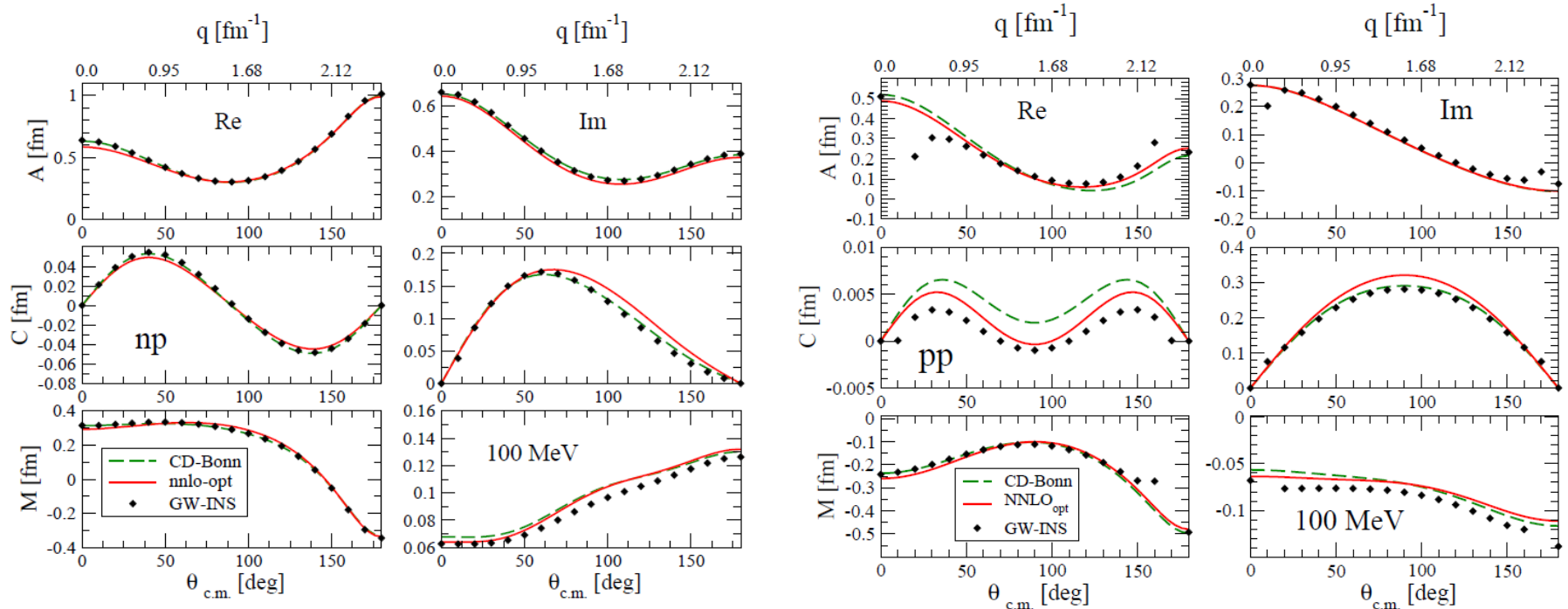
Approximation neglecting spin
 of struck nucleon

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{M}(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) = & A(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \\ & + iC(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{n}) \otimes \mathbf{1} \\ & + iC(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) \mathbf{1} \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{n}) \\ & + M(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{n}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{n}) \\ & + [G(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) - H(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon)] (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{q}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{q}) \\ & + [G(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) + H(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon)] (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{K}}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{K}}) \\ & + D(q, \mathcal{K}_{NN}, \epsilon) [(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{q}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{K}}) + (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(0)} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{K}}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{q})] \end{aligned}$$

Wolfenstein Amplitudes A, C, M

NNLO_{opt}
 fitted to
 $E_{\text{lab}} = 125 \text{ MeV}$

→ max. momentum transfer $\approx 2.45 \text{ fm}^{-1}$



NNLO_{opt}

A. Ekström, G. Baardsen, C. Forssén, G. Hagen, M. Hjorth-Jensen, G. R. Jansen, R. Machleidt, W. Nazarewicz, *et al.*,
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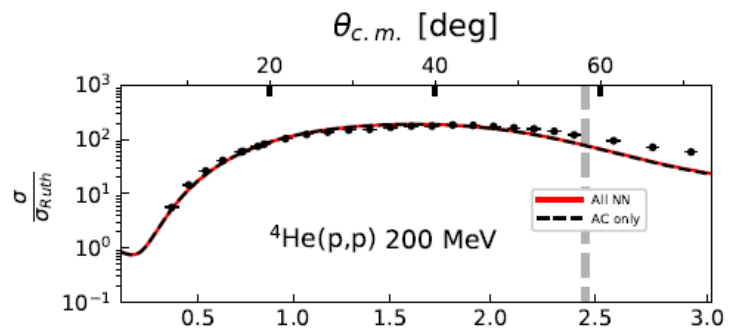
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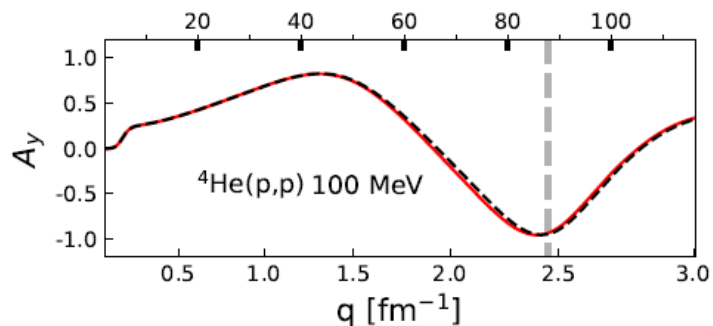
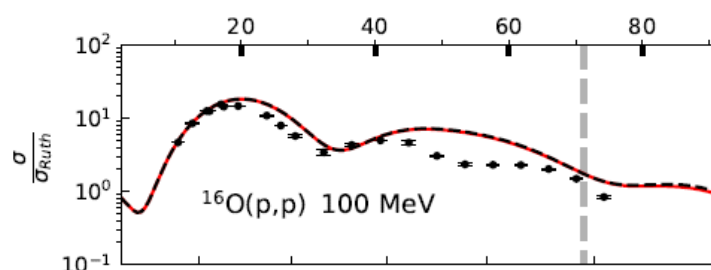
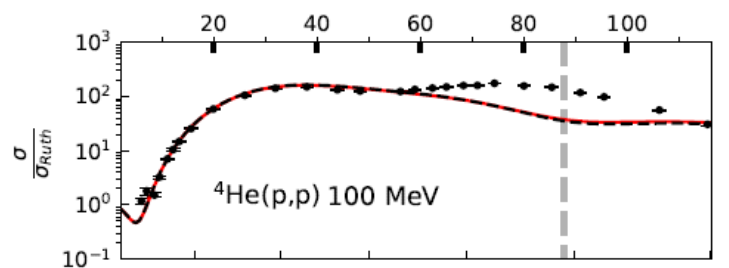
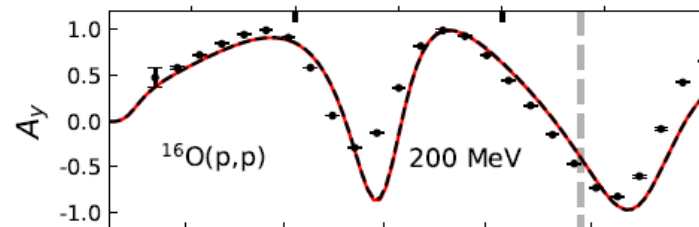
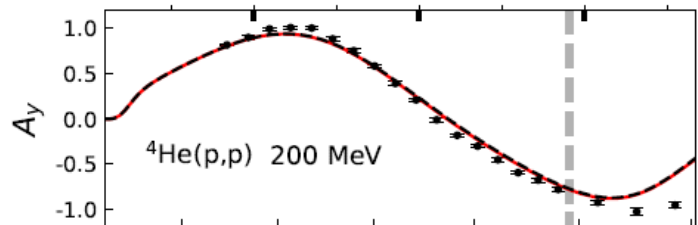
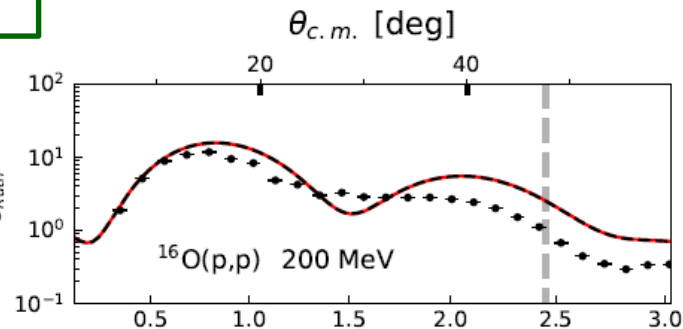
${}^4\text{He}$ $N_{\text{max}}=18$

$$\vec{q}_{nn} = \vec{q}_{nA} = \vec{q}$$
$$q \approx 480 \text{ MeV} = 2.45 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

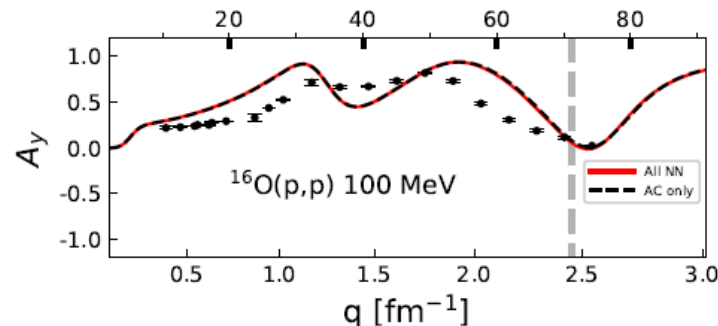
$N_{\text{max}}=10$ ${}^{16}\text{O}$



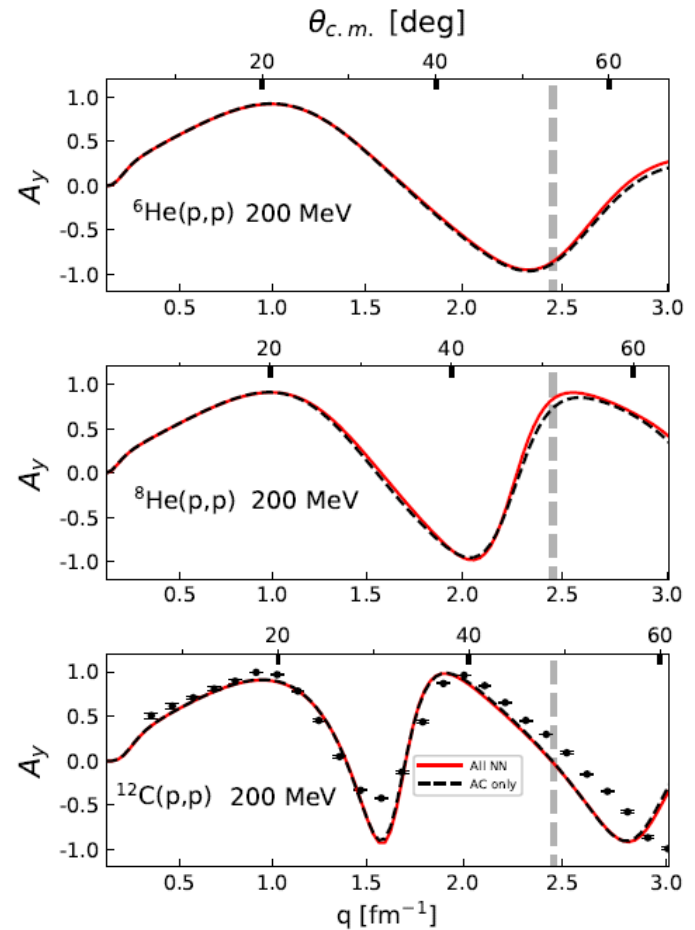
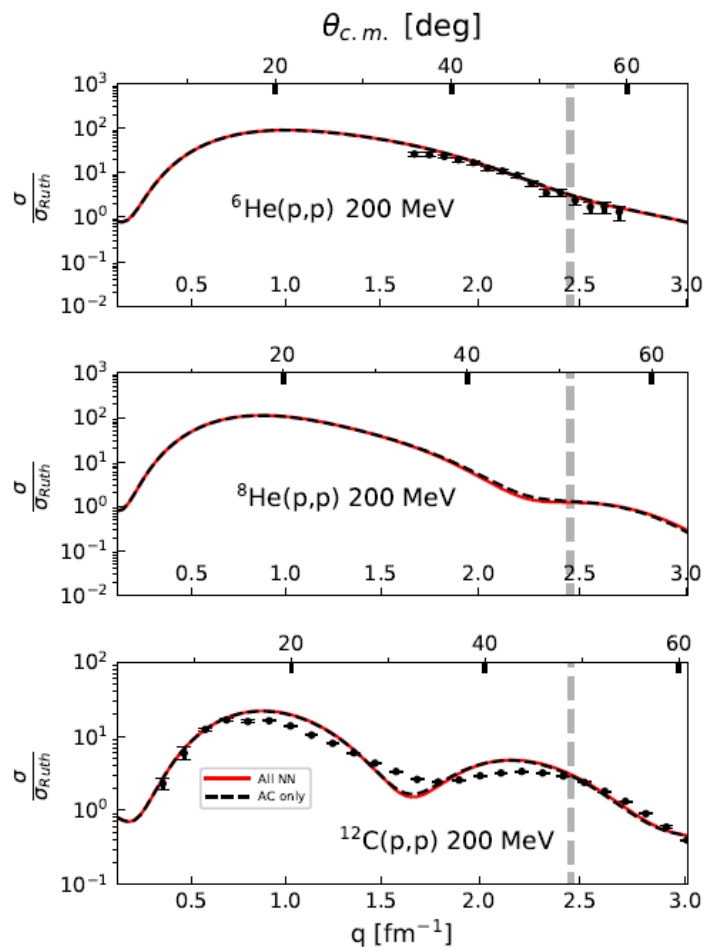
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nuclei**



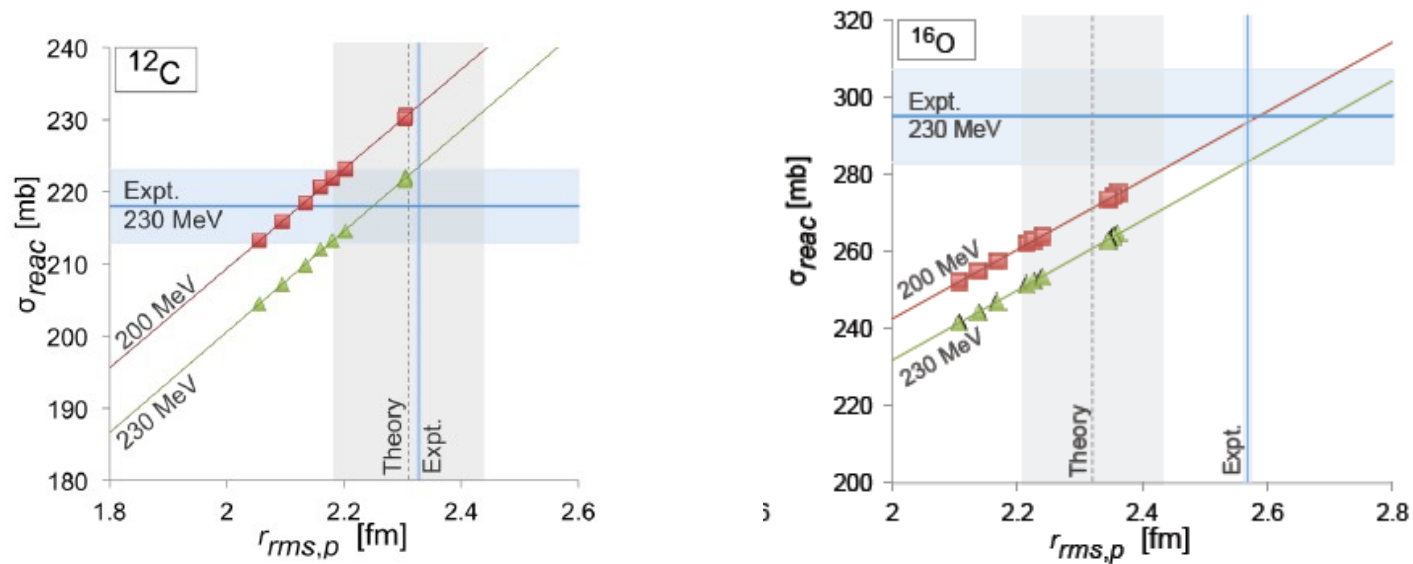
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Open-shell nuclei at 200 MeV

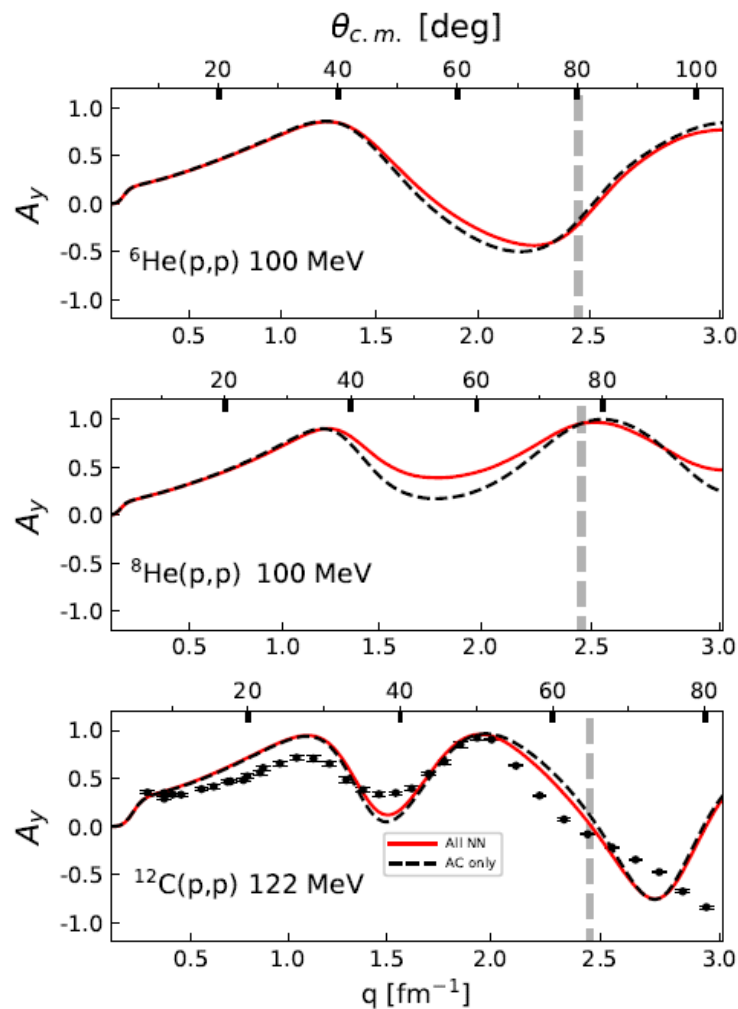
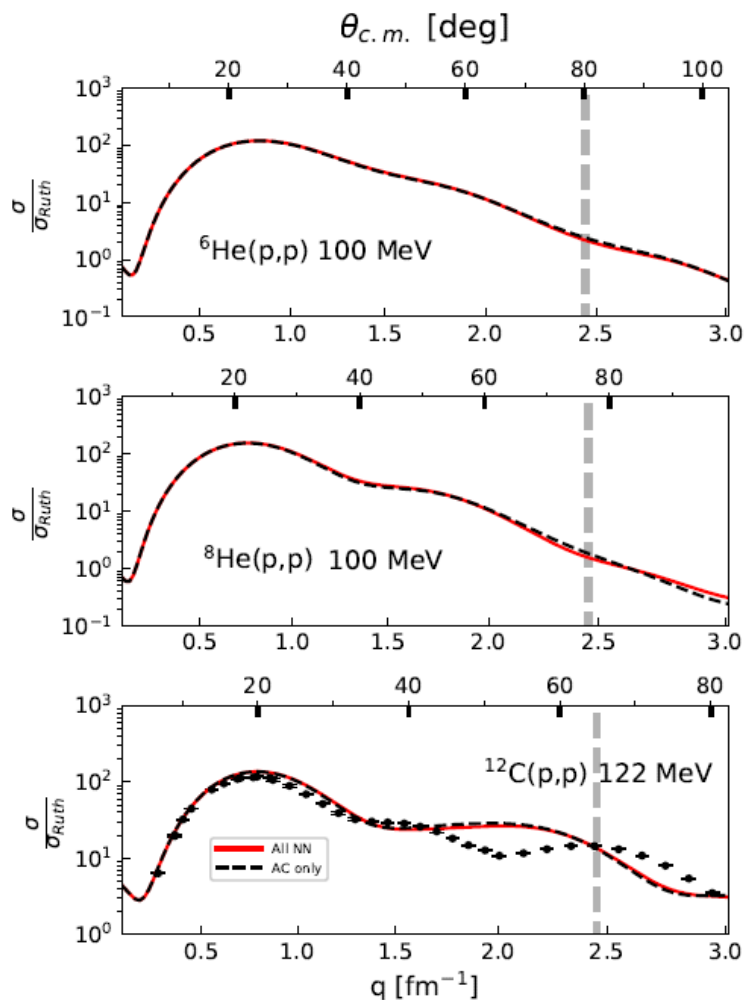


Reaction cross section and extracted point proton radius

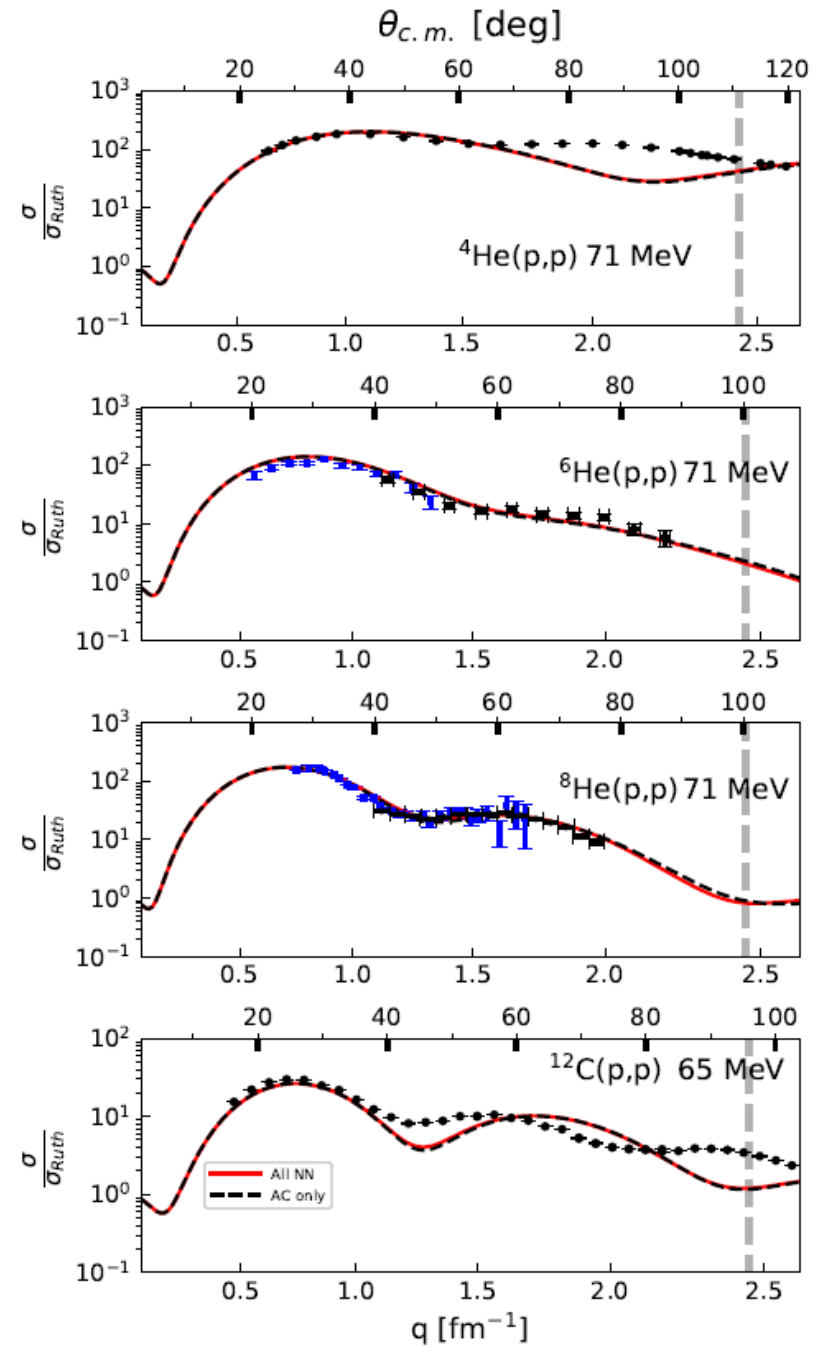


calculations are performed for $N_{\text{max}} = 6, 8, \text{ and } 10$, and for $\hbar\omega = 16, 20, \text{ and } 24$ MeV.

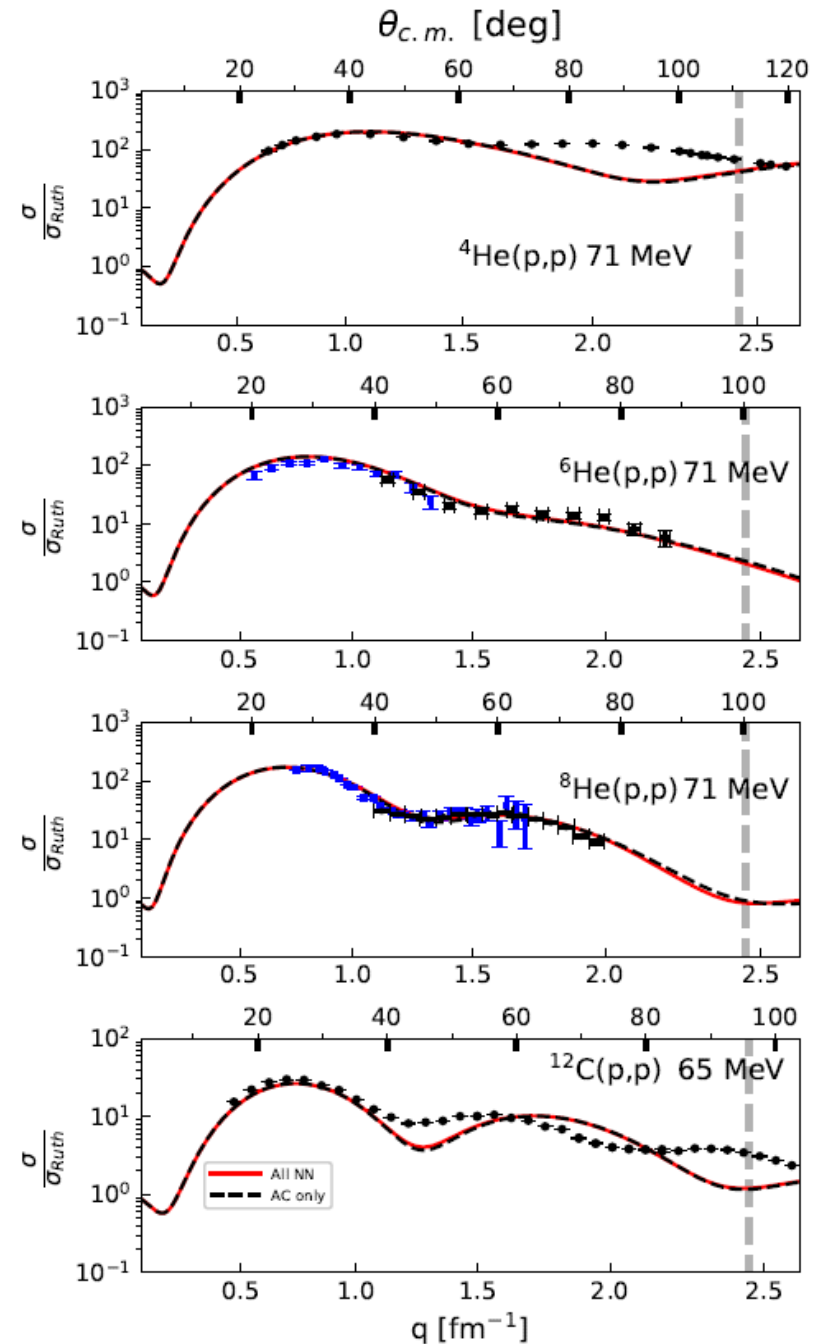
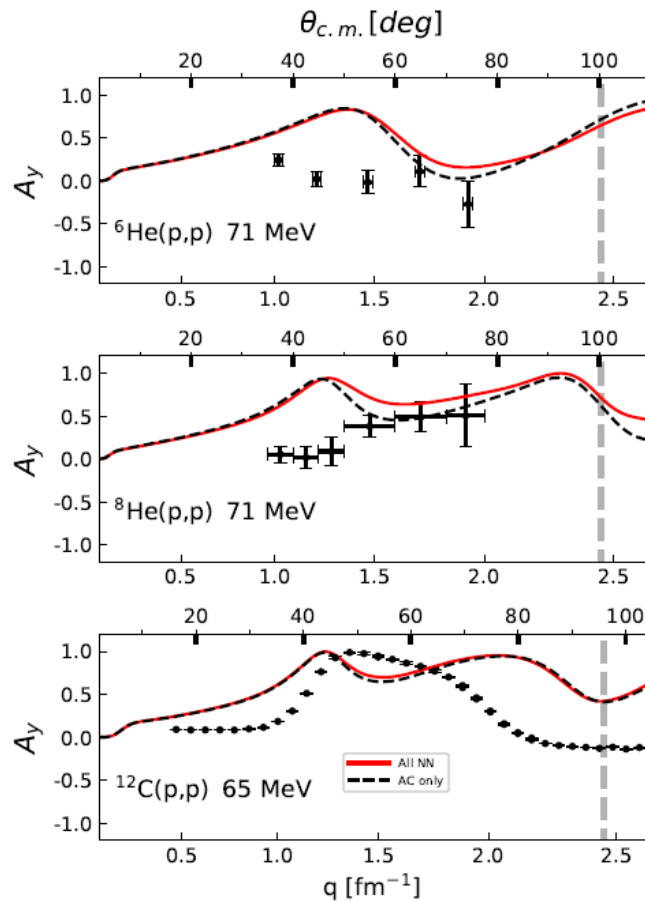
Open-shell nuclei at 100 MeV



Energies lower than 100 MeV

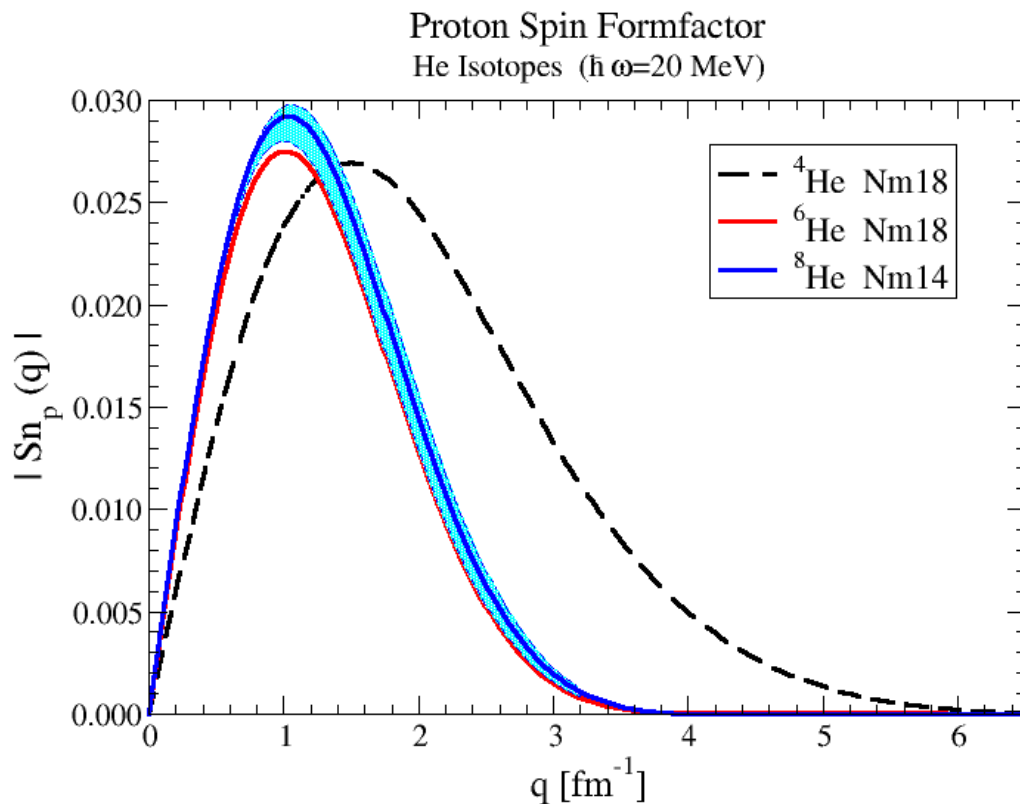


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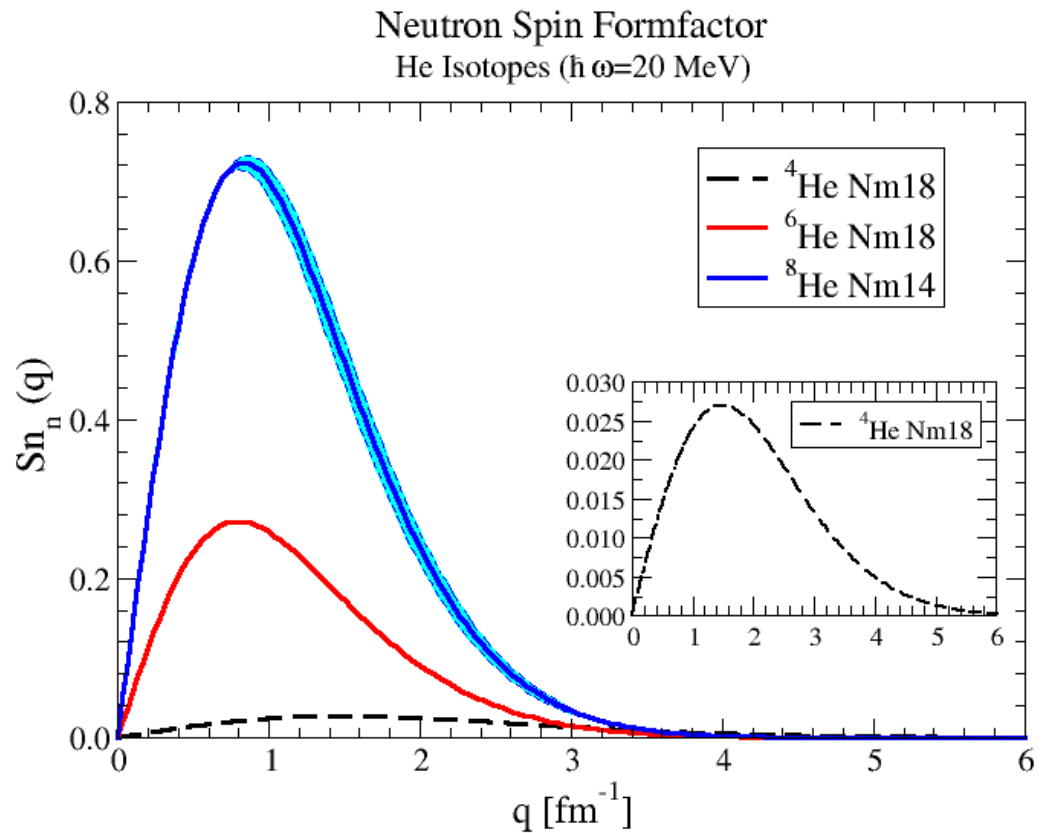
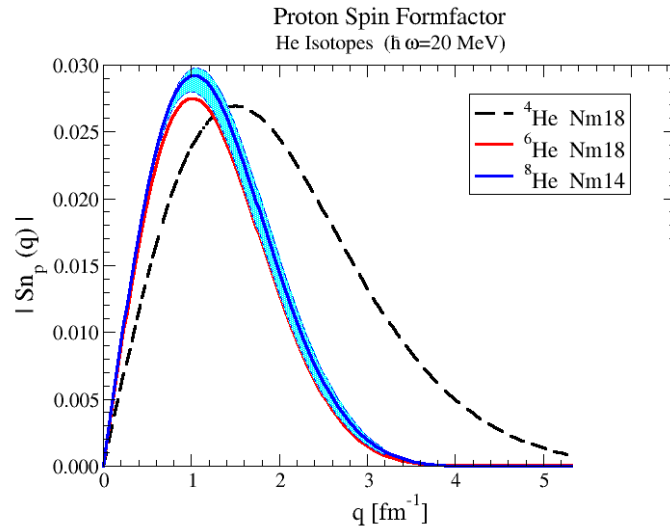


Can we learn more from the spin projected momentum distribution?

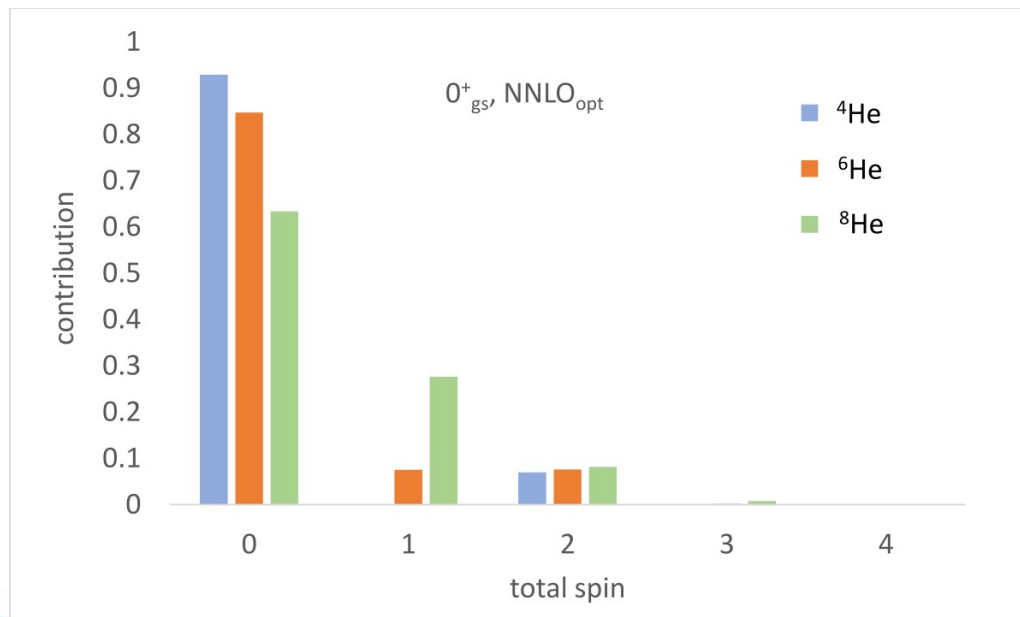
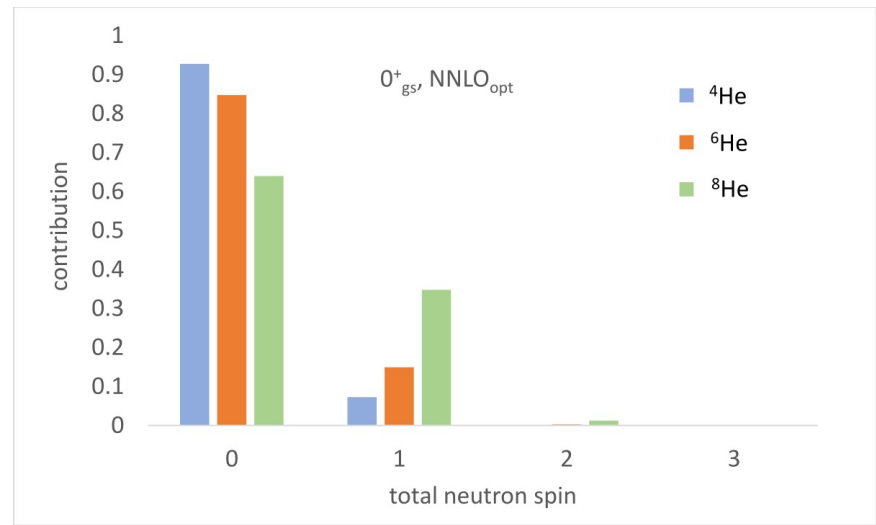
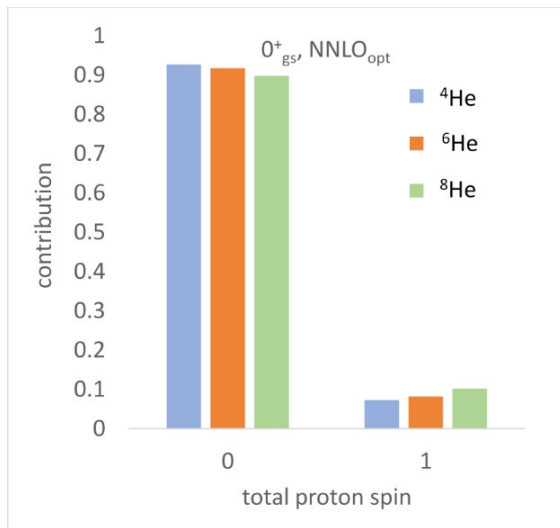
Define: $S_n(\mathbf{q}) = \int d^3 K S_n(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{K})$ == spin form factor



Spin form factors



Spin contribution in wave function



p+A and n+A effective interactions ('optical potentials')

- Renewed urgency in reaction theory community for microscopic input to e.g. (d,p) reaction models .
- Most likely complementary approaches needed for different energy regimes

Today: Consistent approach to p+A effective interaction becomes possible.

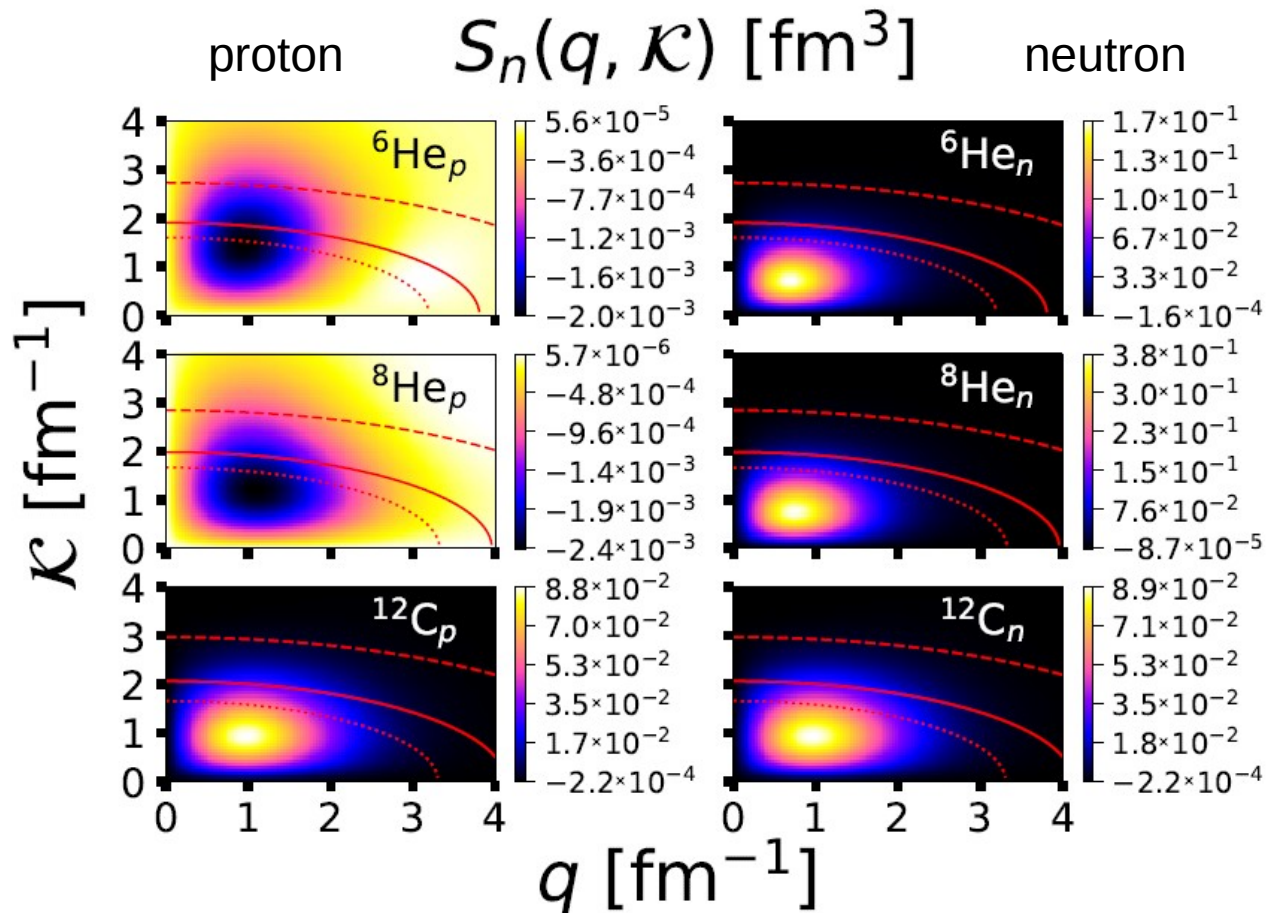
- **In the multiple scattering approach leading order term can be calculated consistently *ab initio***
- **Effect of spin of the struck nucleon visible in spin-observables for $N \neq Z$ nuclei in He isotopes**
- Effect in other isotope chains?
Connection of spin form factors to observables?
- Dependence on NN forces employed
- Refinement of calculation of leading order term for energies below 100 MeV



Backup Slides

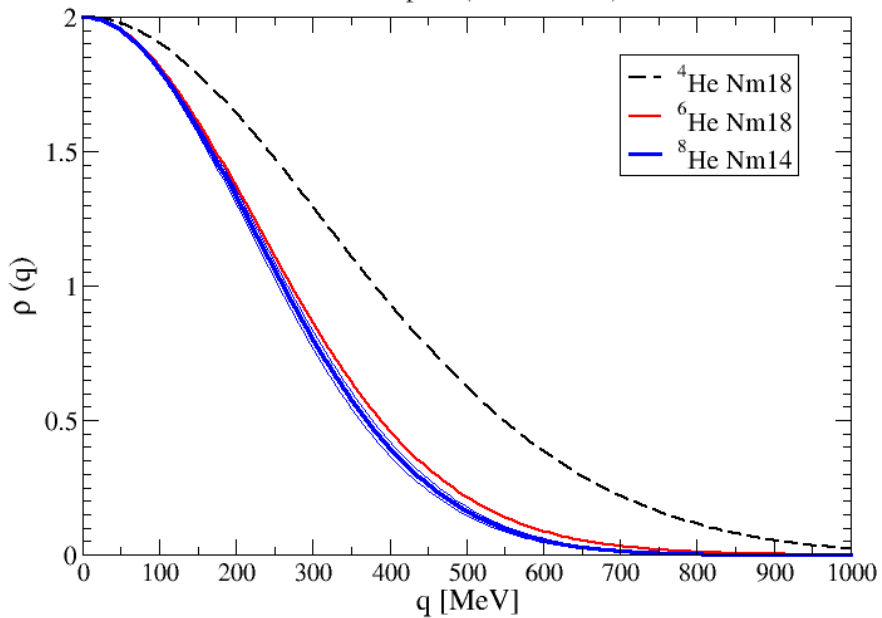
Off-shell:

$$\cos(q \cdot K) = 0$$



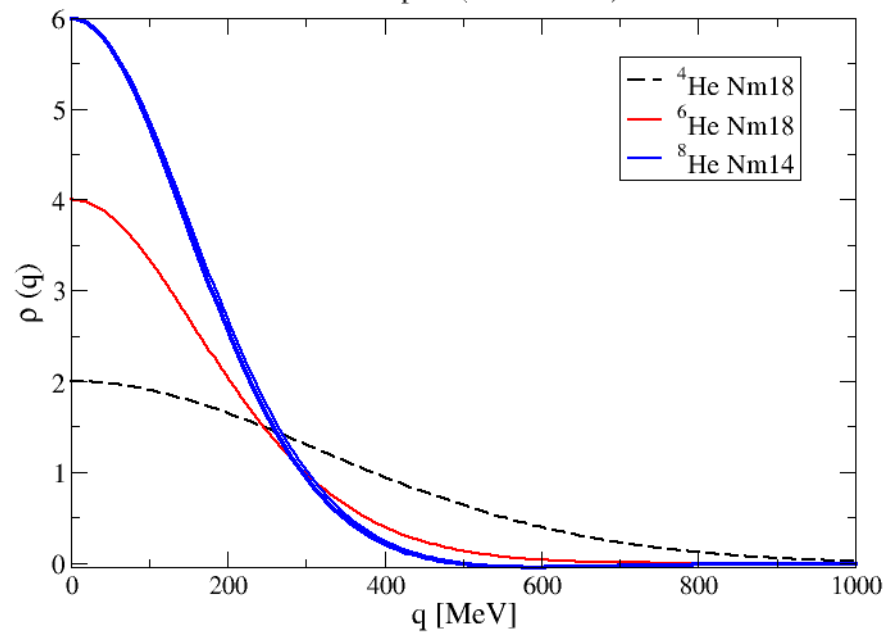
Lines indicate on-shell condition: $q^2 + 4K^2 = 4k_0^2$

Proton Scalar Form Factor
He isotopes ($\hbar\omega=20$ MeV)



Local one-body density $\rho(q)$

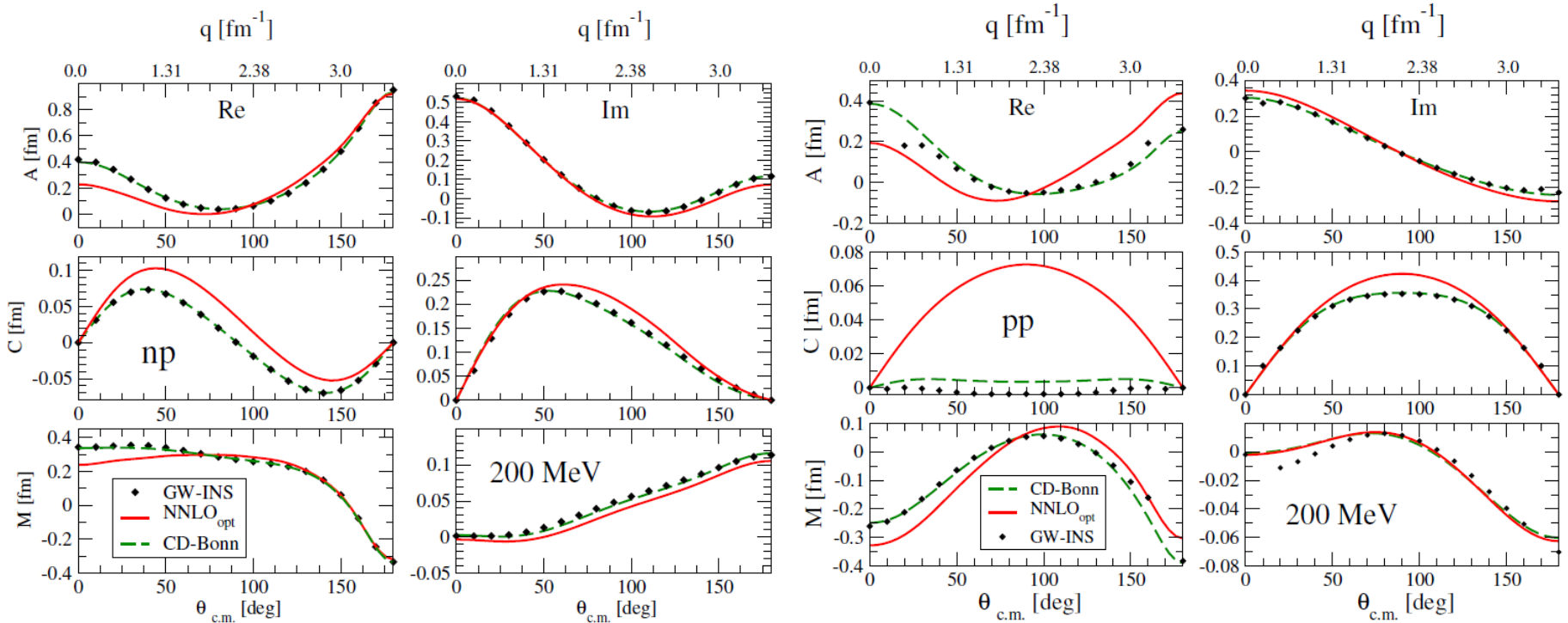
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Wolfenstein Amplitudes A, C, M

NNLO_{opt}
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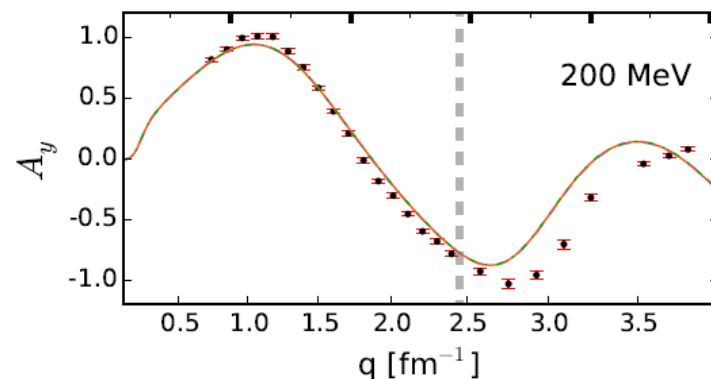
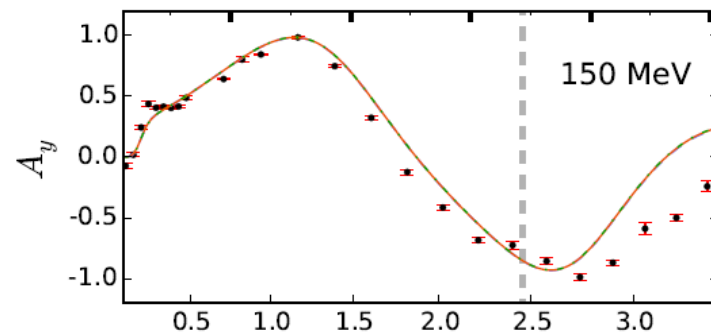
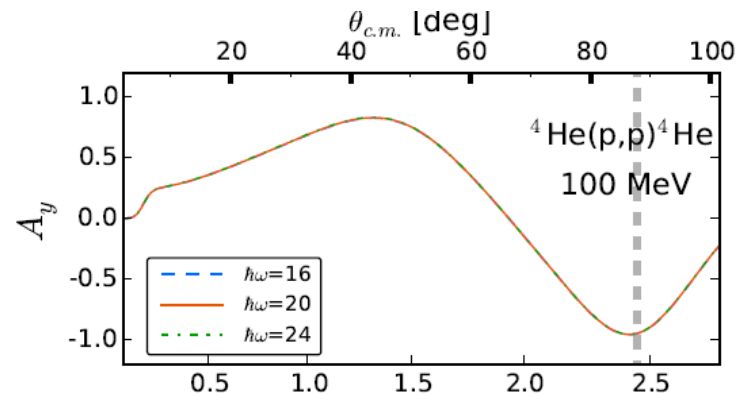
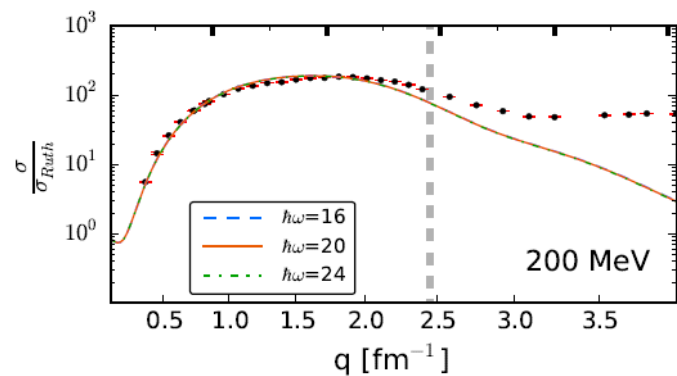
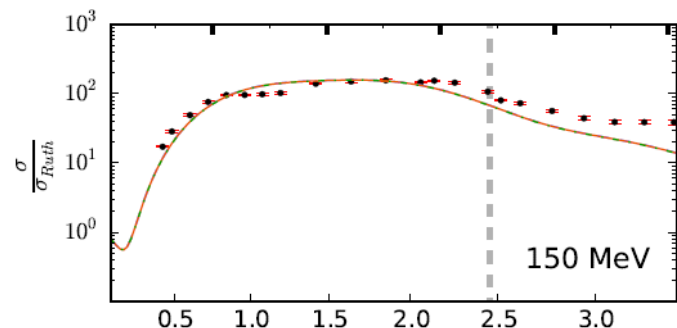
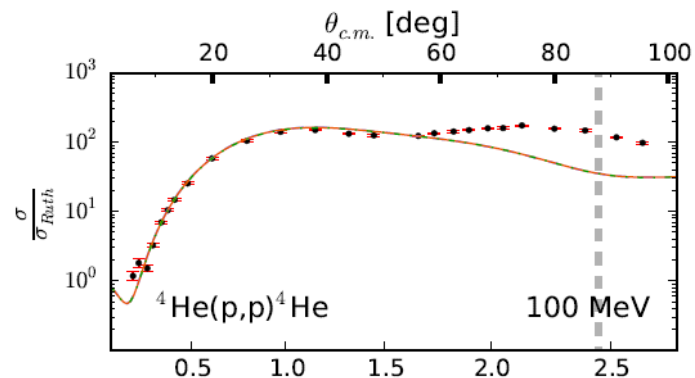
→ max. momentum transfer $\approx 2.45 \text{ fm}^{-1}$



${}^4\text{He}$

Nmax=18

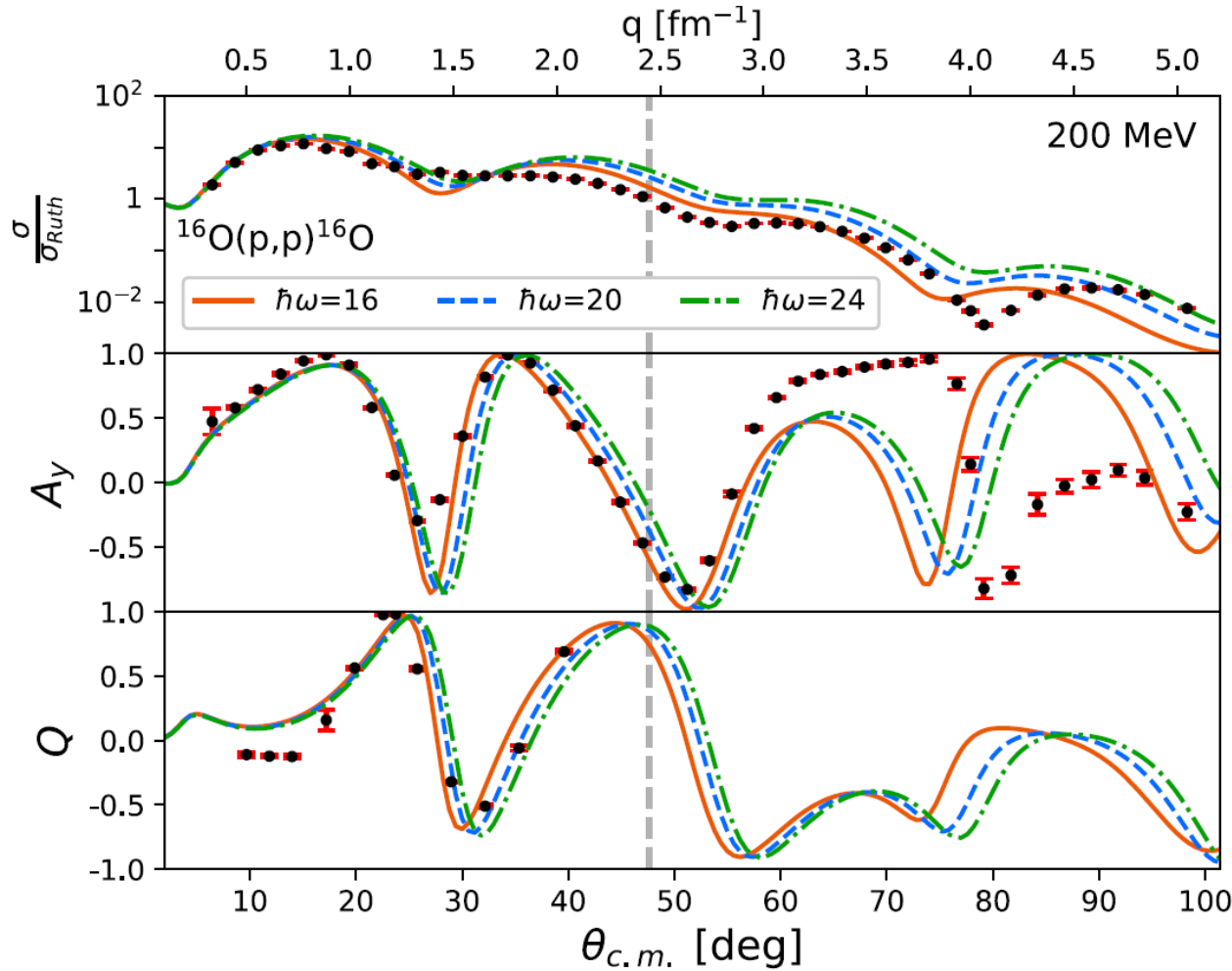
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$\hbar\omega$	Charge Radius
12	2.70318402
16	2.49584345
20	2.37548417
24	2.29262311
Experiment	$2.73 \pm 0.025 \text{ fm}^{[1]}$

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Neutron Spin Form Factor He Isotopes ($\hbar\omega=20$ MeV)

