

Correlated observables and dimensionless ratios

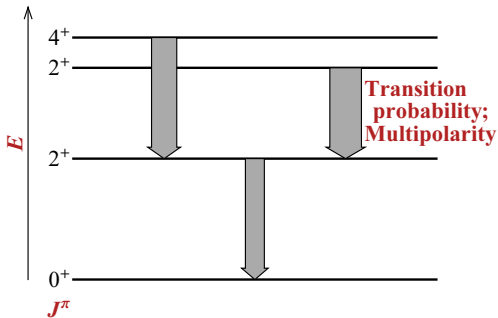
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Obtain detailed information on physical structure and excitation phenomena from spectroscopic properties

- Level energies and quantum numbers
- Electromagnetic transition probabilities and multiplicities

Fermi's golden rule $T_{i \rightarrow f} \propto |\langle \Psi_f | \hat{T} | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$

Electromagnetic probes (e -scattering), α decay, β decay, nucleon transfer reactions, ...

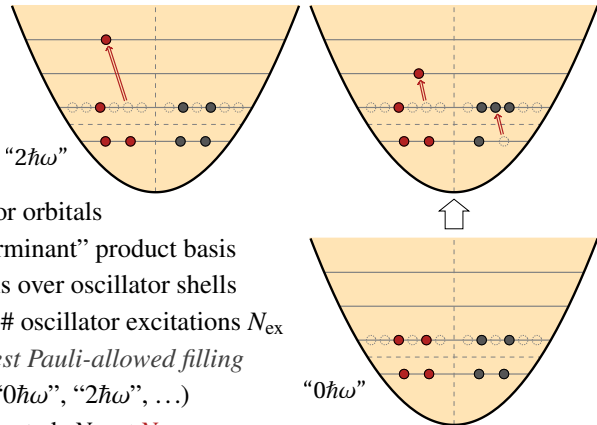
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- No-core configuration interaction calculations
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Many-body problem in an oscillator basis

No-core configuration interaction (NCCI) approach

a.k.a. no-core shell model (NCSM)



Harmonic oscillator orbitals

⇒ “Slater determinant” product basis

Distribute nucleons over oscillator shells

Organize basis by # oscillator excitations N_{ex}

relative to lowest Pauli-allowed filling

$N_{\text{ex}} = 0, 2, \dots$ (“0ħω”, “2ħω”, ...)

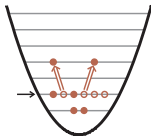
Basis must be truncated: $N_{\text{ex}} \leq N_{\text{max}}$

Convergence towards exact result with increasing N_{max} ...

Convergence of NCCI calculations

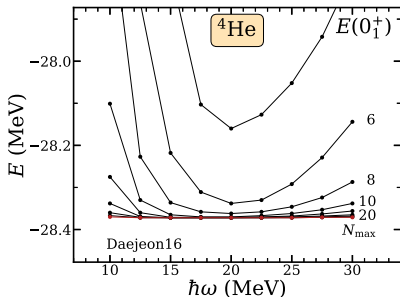
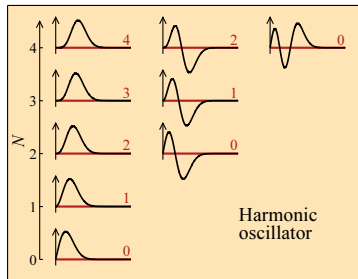
Results for calculation in finite space depend upon:

- Many-body truncation N_{\max}
- Single-particle basis scale: oscillator length b (or $\hbar\omega$)

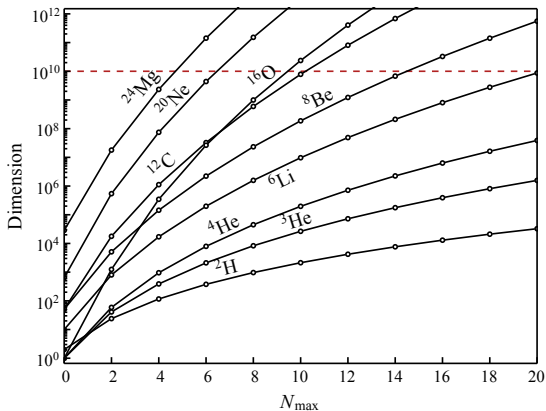


$$b = \frac{(\hbar c)}{[(m_N c^2)(\hbar\omega)]^{1/2}}$$

Convergence of calculated results signaled by independence of N_{\max} & $\hbar\omega$



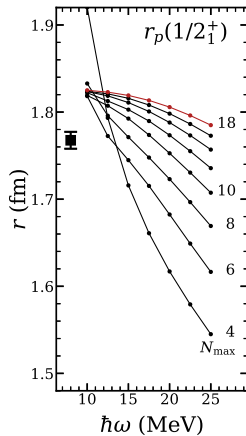
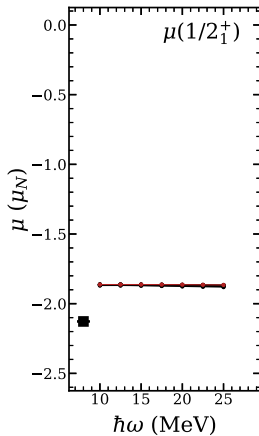
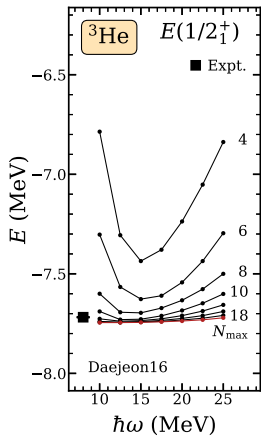
Dimension explosion for NCCI calculations



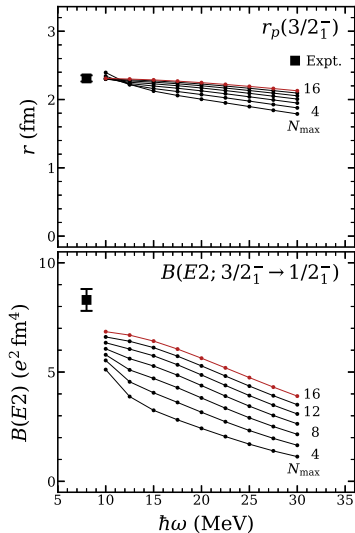
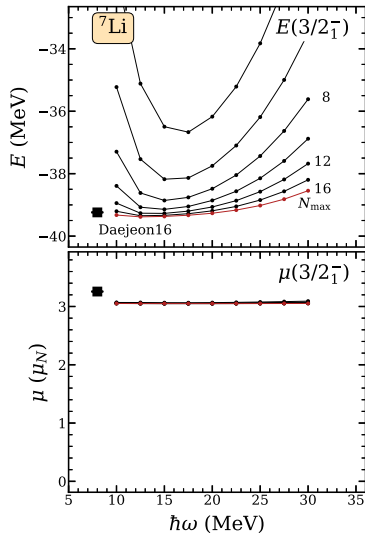
$$\text{Dimension} \propto \binom{d}{Z} \binom{d}{N}$$

d = number of single-particle states
 Z = number of protons
 N = number of neutrons

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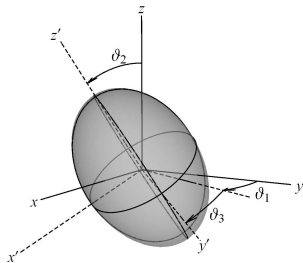
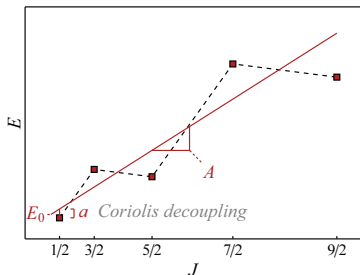
$D_{MK}^J(\vartheta)$ *Rotational motion in Euler angles ϑ*

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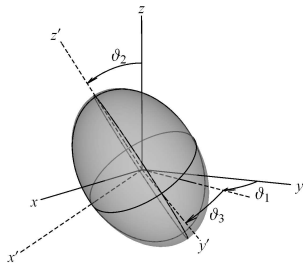
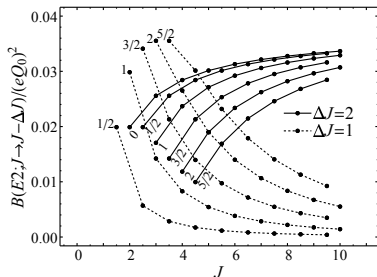
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Rotational features emerge in *ab initio* calculations

P. Maris, M. A. Caprio, and J. P. Vary, Phys. Rev. C **91**, 014310 (2015).

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

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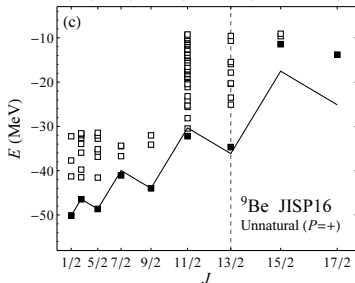
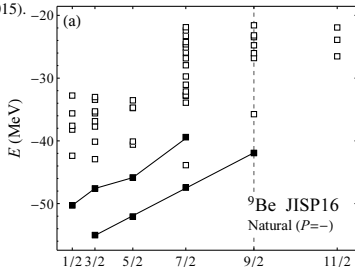
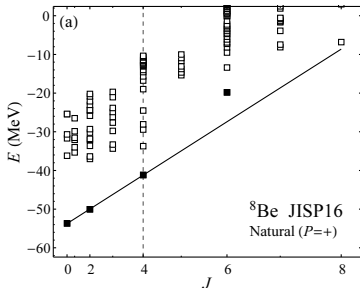
Valence shell structure? $SU(3)$

T. Dytrych *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 252501 (2013).

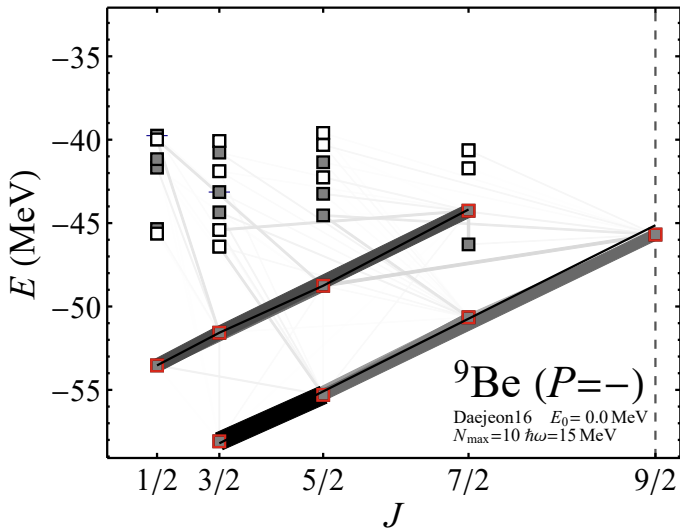
Multishell dynamics? $Sp(3, \mathbb{R})$

A. E. McCoy *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 102505 (2020).

Cluster rotation?



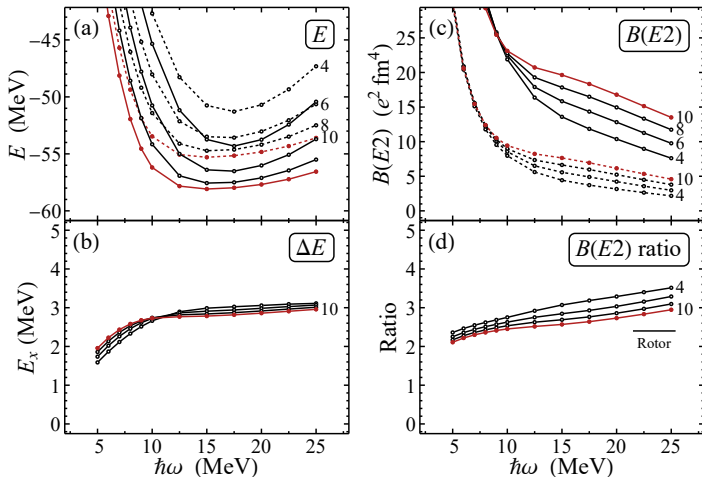
${}^9\text{Be}$: NCCI calculated energies and $E2$ transitions



${}^9\text{Be}$: Convergence of *relative* observables

${}^9\text{Be}$ $K = 3/2$ ground state band

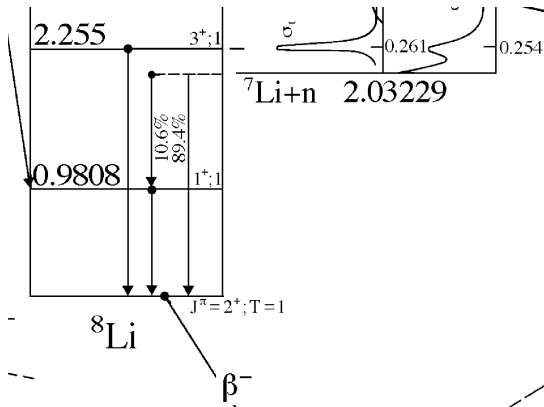
$E(5/2^-_1) - E(3/2^-_1)$ & $B(E2; 5/2^- \rightarrow 3/2^-) / B(E2; 7/2^- \rightarrow 3/2^-)$



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Enhanced (?) ground-state transition in ^8Li



$1^+ \rightarrow 2^+$ γ decay: **M1**

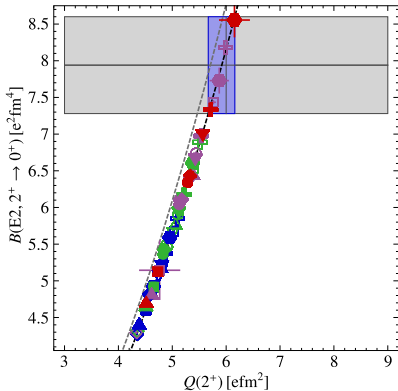
$2^+ \rightarrow 1^+$ Coulomb excitation: **E2**

$B(E2; 2^+ \rightarrow 1^+) = 55(15) e^2 \text{fm}^4$ or $\approx 58 \text{ W.u.}$ Brown 1991

Ab initio Green's function Monte Carlo (GFMC) predicts $\approx 0.8 e^2 \text{fm}^4$ Pastore 2013

Sensitivities and correlations of nuclear structure observables emerging from chiral interactions

A. Calci and R. Roth, Phys. Rev. C **94**, 014322 (2016).



“... We find extremely robust correlations for $E2$ observables and illustrate how these correlations can be used to predict one observable based on an experimental datum for the second observable. In this way we circumvent convergence issues and arrive at far more accurate results than any direct *ab initio* calculation. A prime example for this approach is the quadrupole moment of the first 2^+ state in ^{12}C ...”

Dimensionless ratio of $E2$ observables

Compare...

$$B(E2; J_i \rightarrow J_f) \propto \left| \langle J_f \| \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) \| J_i \rangle \right|^2 \quad E2 \text{ transition strength}$$

... with...

$$eQ(J) \propto \langle JJ | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_{20}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) | JJ \rangle \quad E2 \text{ moment}$$

$$\propto \langle J | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) | J \rangle \quad \dots \text{ as reduced matrix element}$$

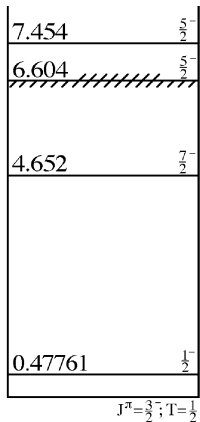
Dimensionless ratio *of like powers of $E2$ matrix elements*

$$\frac{B(E2)}{(eQ)^2} \propto \left| \frac{\langle \dots \| \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) \| \dots \rangle}{\langle \dots \| \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) \| \dots \rangle} \right|^2$$

Z	O 8		^(3/2-) ¹³ O	⁰⁺ ¹⁴ O	^{1/2-} ¹⁵ O	⁰⁺ ¹⁶ O	
	N 7		¹⁺ ¹² N	^{1/2-} ¹³ N	¹⁺ ¹⁴ N	^{1/2-} ¹⁵ N	
	C 6	^(3/2-) ⁹ C	⁰⁺ ¹⁰ C	^{3/2-} ¹¹ C	⁰⁺ ¹² C	^{1/2-} ¹³ C	⁰⁺ ¹⁴ C
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		3	4	5	6	7	8
				N			

Q = $Q(\text{g.s.})$ measured [N. J. Stone, ADNDT **111**, 1 (2016)]

Ground-state transition in ${}^7\text{Li}$

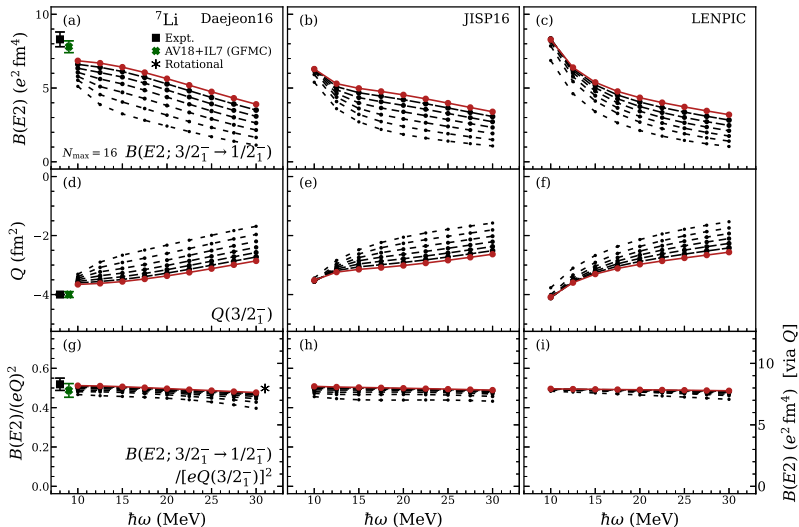


$1/2^- \rightarrow 3/2^-$ γ decay: $M1$

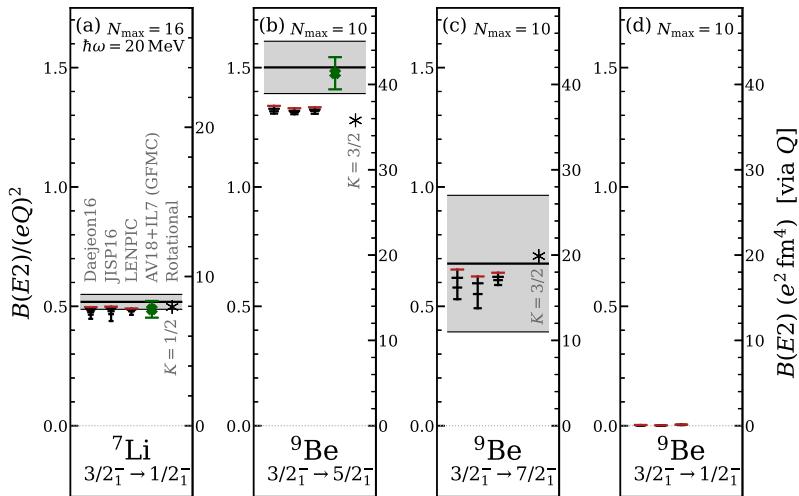
$3/2^- \rightarrow 1/2^-$ Coulomb excitation: $E2$

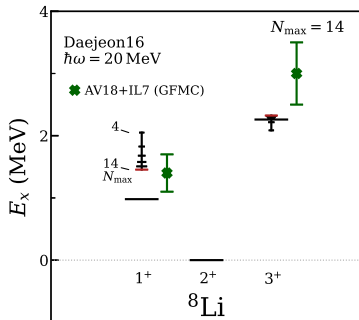
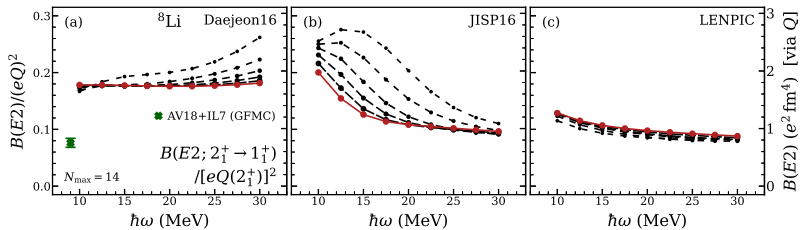
$$B(E2; 3/2^- \rightarrow 1/2^-) = 8.3(5) e^2 \text{fm}^4 \quad \text{or } \approx 10 \text{W.u.} \quad \text{Weller 1985}$$

Ground-state transition in ${}^7\text{Li}$ relative to Q

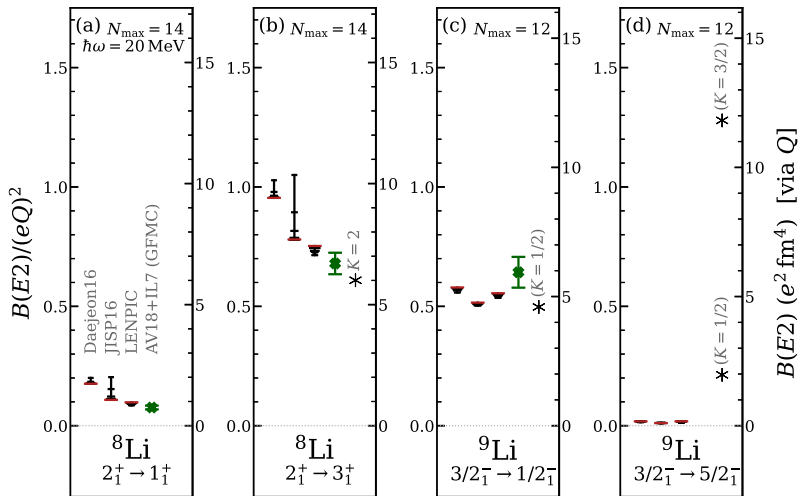


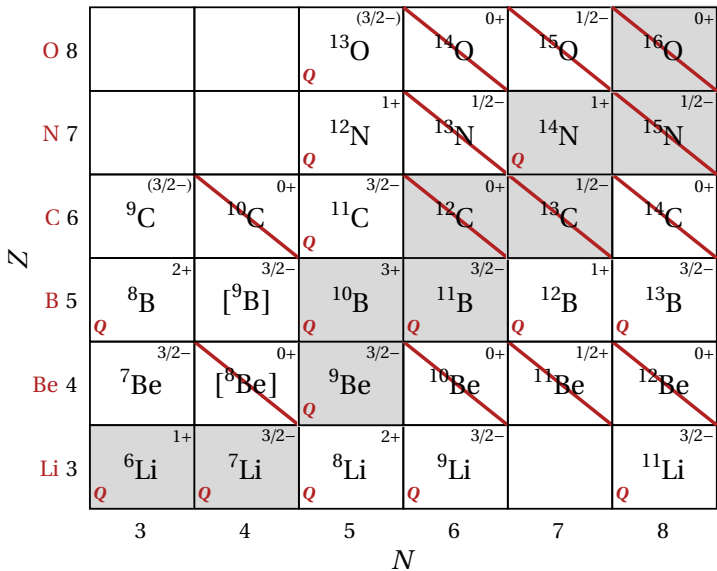
$E2$ strengths relative to Q in ${}^7\text{Li}$ and ${}^9\text{Be}$





$E2$ strengths relative to Q in ${}^8\text{Li}$ and ${}^9\text{Li}$





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Dimensionless ratio of $E2$ and radius observables

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... with...

$$M(J) \propto \langle JJ | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 | JJ \rangle \quad E0 \text{ moment}$$

Dimensionless ratio *Of like powers of matrix elements*

$$\frac{B(E2)}{(e^2 r_p^4)} \propto \left| \frac{\langle \dots | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) | \dots \rangle}{\langle \dots | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 | \dots \rangle} \right|^2 \quad \frac{Q}{r_p^2} \propto \frac{\langle \dots | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i) | \dots \rangle}{\langle \dots | \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 | \dots \rangle}$$

Radius (r.m.s.) of proton density

$$r_p = \left\langle \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 \right\rangle^{1/2}$$

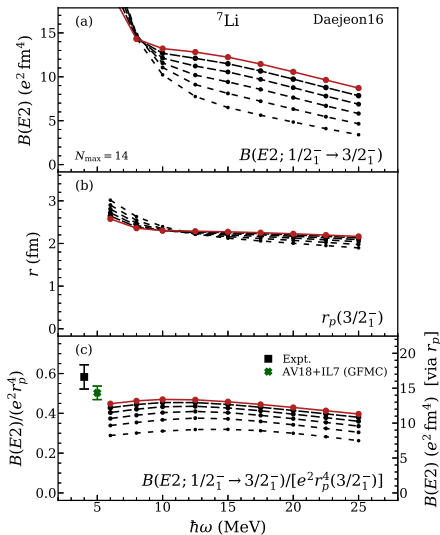
Measured charge radius includes hadronic effects (finite size of nucleon)

$$r_p^2 = r_c^2 - R_p^2 - (N/Z)R_n^2$$

e.g., L.-B. Wang *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 142501 (2004).

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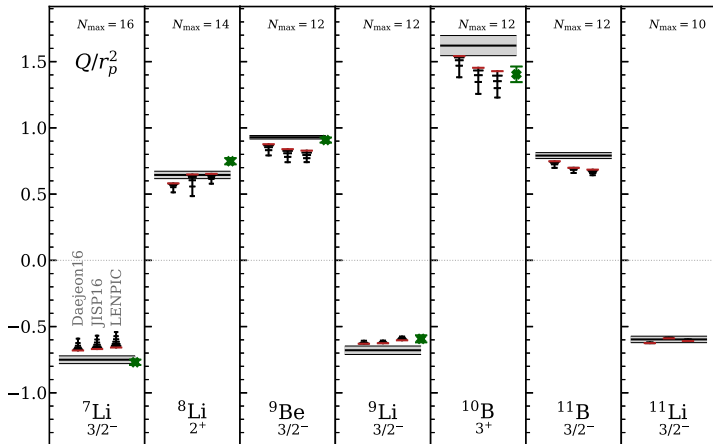
${}^7\text{Li}$: $E2$ strength by calibration to radius



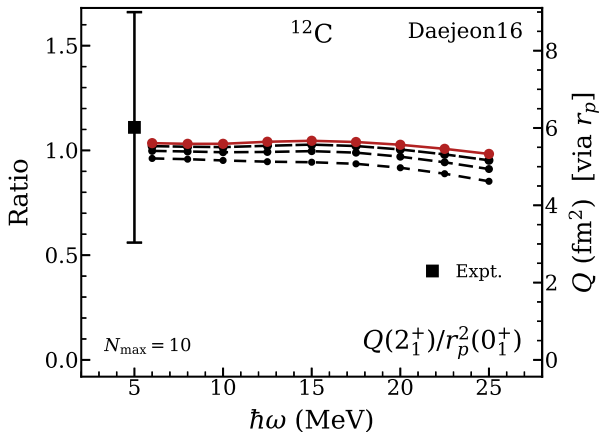
Relation between Q and r_p for ground state (Q/r_p^2)

Ab initio prediction of relation between precisely measured observables

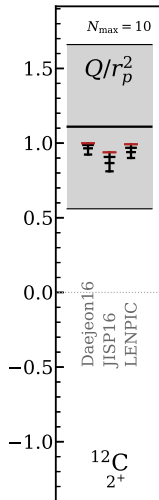
Comparison: Normalization for calibration to Q vs. calibration to r_p



Excited-state quadrupole moment from radius in ^{12}C



$Q(2_1^+) = +6(3) \text{ fm}^2$ Vermeer 1983 (Stone 2016)



Summary

Prediction of $E2$ observables hampered by poor convergence in NCCI

But... “Truncation error” correlated between $E2$ observables

Calibrate to one, predict another A. Calci and R. Roth, Phys. Rev. C **94**, 014322 (2016).

Robust *ab initio* prediction of dimensionless ratio $B(E2)/(eQ)^2$

Predict $E2$ observables by calibration to quadrupole moment

Robust *ab initio* prediction of $B(E2)/(e^2 r_p^4)$ or Q/r_p^2

Predict $E2$ observables by calibration to charge radius

M. A. Caprio, P. J. Fasano, and P. Maris, Phys. Rev. C **105**, L061302 (2022).

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