

Four-body effects on ${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ scattering around the Coulomb barrier

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1. Introduction

Many CDCC studies (Continuum Discretized Coupled Channel)

Essentially

- Three-body problems (two-body projectiles)
- Elastic scattering
- Fusion (few papers)

Problem for weakly bound projectiles:

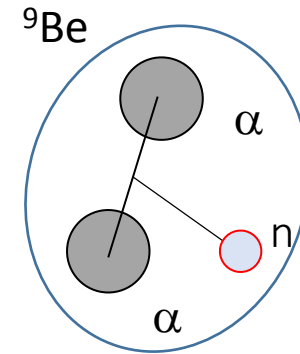
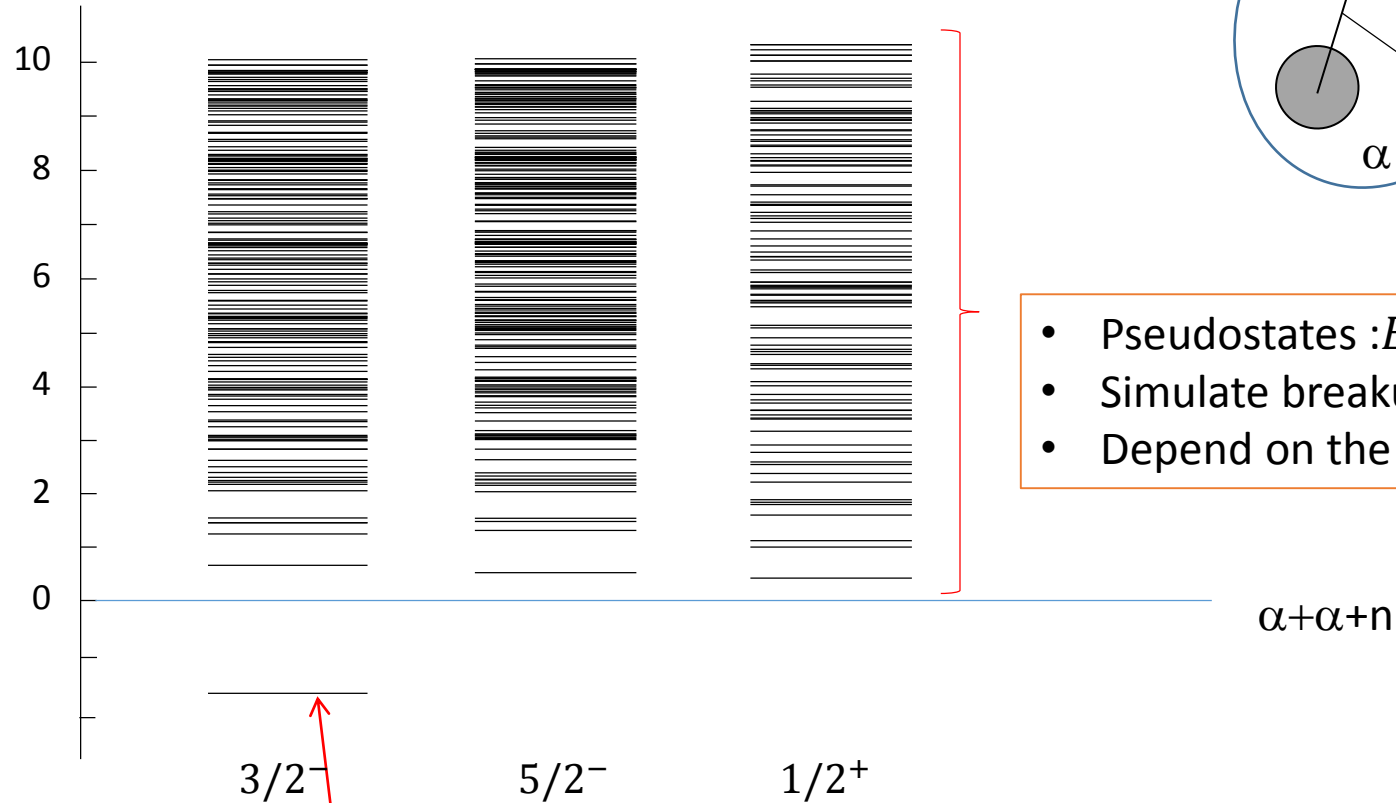
- very slow convergence (partial wave inside the projectile) of the cross sections (essentially around the Coulomb barrier)
- $^{11}\text{Be}+^{64}\text{Zn}$: up to $L=5$ (in ^{11}Be) is necessary around the Coulomb barrier
Ref. T. Druet and P.D., EPJA 48 (2012) 147

Here: $^9\text{Be}+^{208}\text{Pb}$ system (many experimental data are available)

- ^9Be described by a 3-body structure $\alpha+\alpha+n$
- Simultaneous description of:
 - Elastic scattering
 - Breakup
 - Fusion

2. The CDCC method

Example: ${}^9\text{Be} = \alpha + \alpha + n$

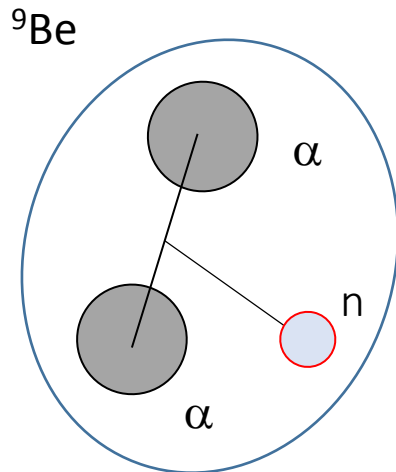


- Pseudostates : $E_n > 0$
- Simulate breakup effects
- Depend on the basis

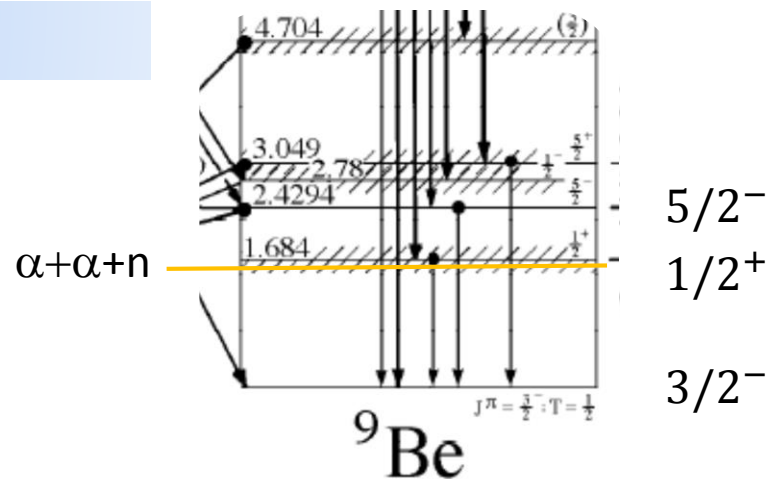
- Ground state: $E_n < 0$
- Independent of the basis

${}^9\text{Be}$ description (3-body $\alpha+\alpha+n$)

3. ${}^9\text{Be}$ $\alpha+\alpha+n$ description



Three-body $\alpha+\alpha+n$ model



Description of ${}^9\text{Be}=\alpha+\alpha+n$

- **$\alpha+\alpha$ potential:** Buck et al. NPA275 (1977) 246 (2 forbidden states for $L=0$, 1 fs for $L=2$)
- **$\alpha+n$ potential:** Kanada et al. Prog. Theor. Phys. 61 (1979) 1327 (1 forbidden state for $L=0$)
→ [supersymmetry transform to remove the forbidden states](#)

Both reproduce the elastic phase shifts up to ~ 20 MeV (deep potentials)

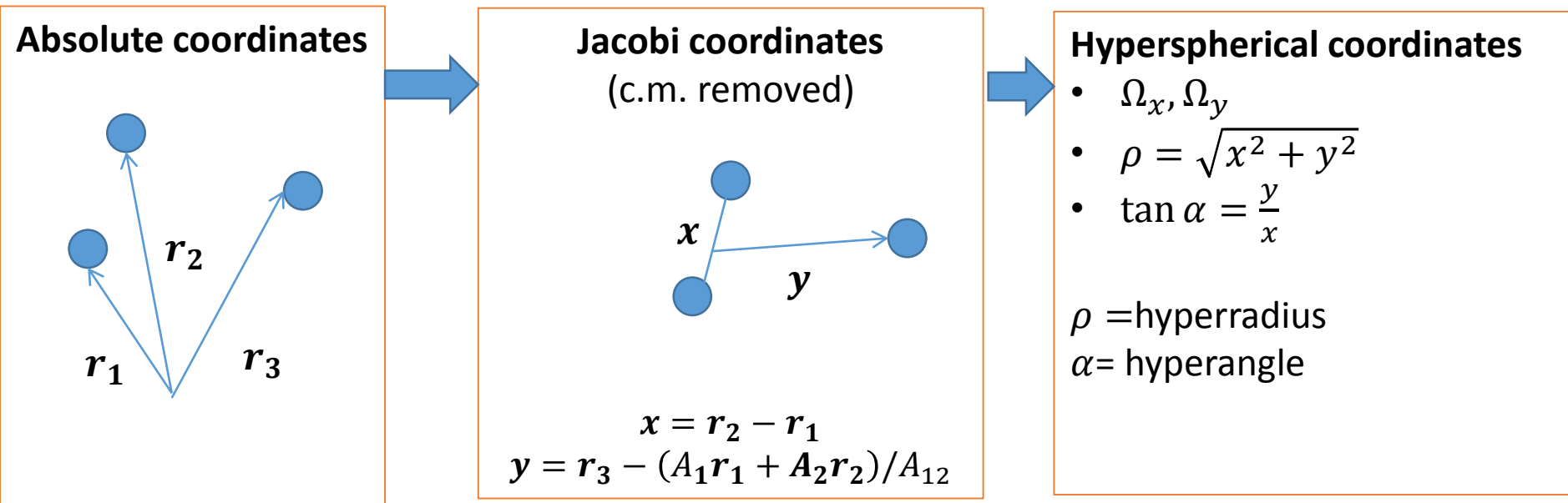
3-body method: Hyperspherical coordinates

Tests: different K_{max} , number of basis functions

3. ${}^9\text{Be}$ $\alpha+\alpha+n$ description

Hyperspherical formalism for 3-body nuclei

- essentially spectroscopy, continuum possible (more difficult!)
- Hamiltonian: $H = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + V_{12}(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|) + V_{13}(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3|) + V_{23}(|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_3|)$



In hyperspherical coordinates: $H = T_\rho + V(\rho, \alpha, \Omega_x, \Omega_y)$

Eigenstates of T_ρ : **hyperspherical functions** $y_{KSl_xl_y}^J(\alpha, \Omega_x, \Omega_y) = y_{K\gamma}^J(\Omega_5)$

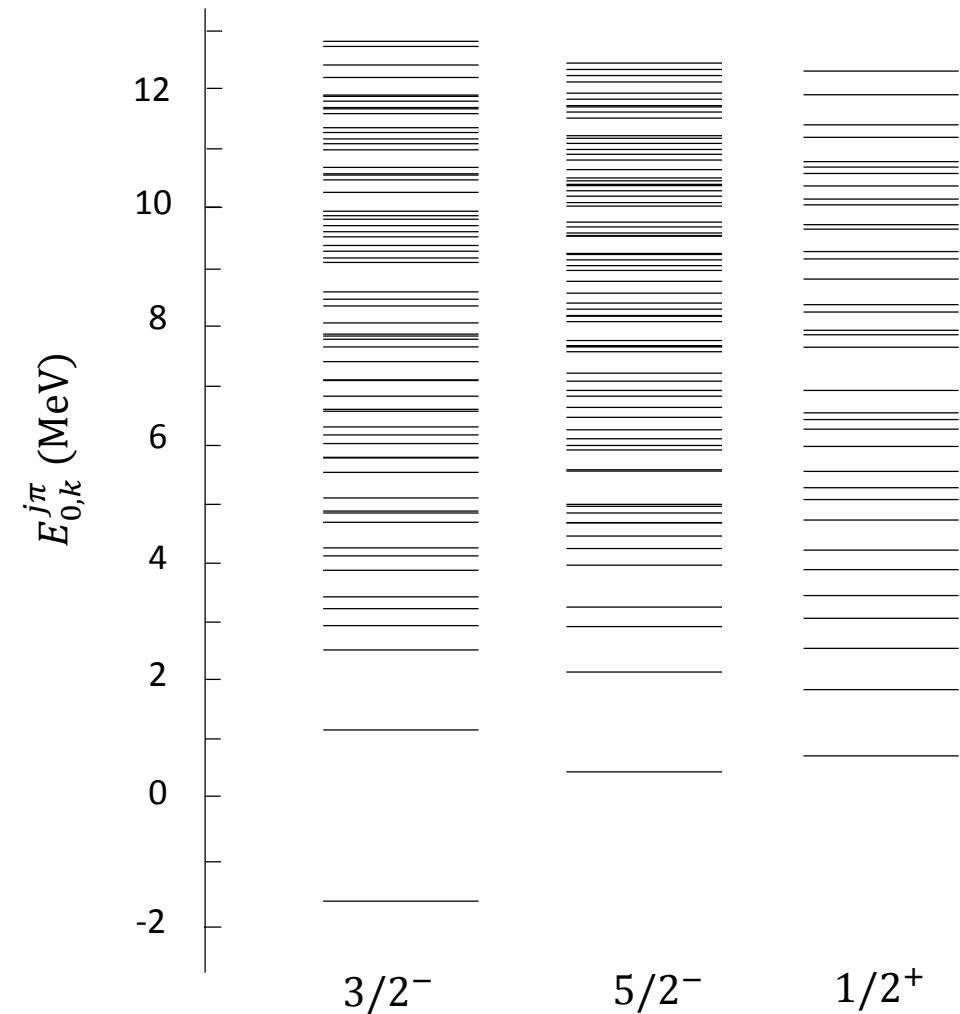
known functions (analytical)

extension of spherical harmonics $Y_l^m(\Omega)$ in 2-body problems

K=hypermoment

3. ${}^9\text{Be}$ $\alpha+\alpha+n$ description

Discretization of the three-body $\alpha+\alpha+n$ continuum



- $j=1/2, 3/2, 5/2$
- $K_{\text{max}}=20$
- Lagrange functions: $N=20$
- Maximum $E_{\text{max}}=12.5$ MeV

➔ many pseudostates
Many channels in the CDCC calculation

Need to solve the coupled-channel equations

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left(\frac{d^2}{dR^2} - \frac{L(L+1)}{R^2} \right) + E_c - E \right] u_c^{J\pi}(R) + \sum_{c'} V_{cc'}^{J\pi}(R) u_{c'}^{J\pi}(R) = 0$$

At large distances

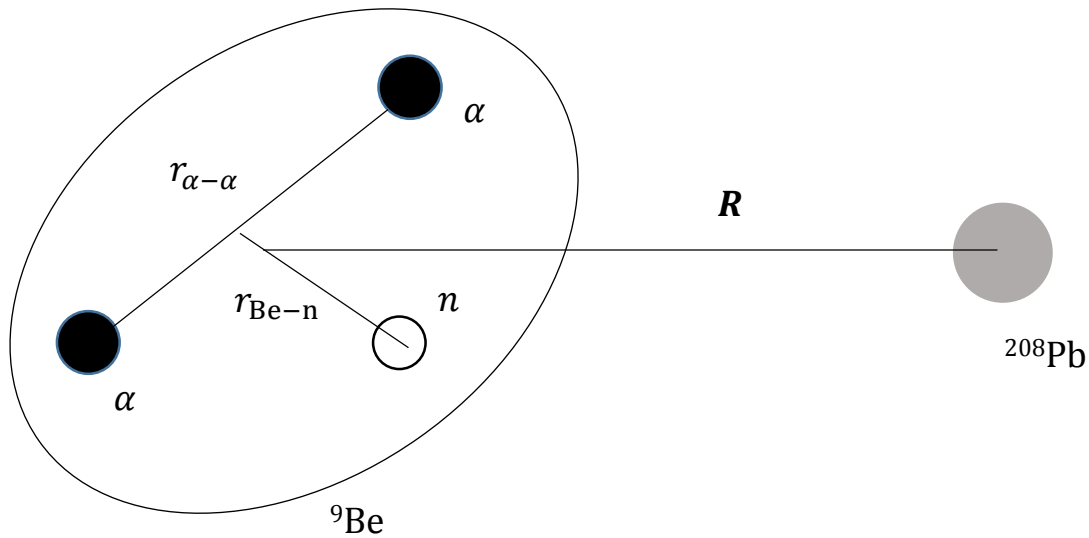
- Nuclear potential negligible, only Coulomb remains
- Wave function $u_c^{J\pi}(R) \rightarrow I_c(k_c R) \delta_{\omega c} - U_{\omega c}^{J\pi} O_c(k_c R)$
with ω =entrance channel
 $I_c(x), O_c(x)$ = incoming and outgoing Coulomb functions
 $U_{\omega c}^{J\pi}$ = scattering matrix \rightarrow various cross sections (elastic, breakup, etc)

Procedure

- Calculation of the 3-body wave functions
- Calculation of the coupling potentials $V_{cc'}^{J\pi}(R)$
- Solving the coupled-channel system (**R matrix**)
- Determining the scattering matrices $U_{\omega c}^{J\pi}$ and cross sections

${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ elastic scattering

4. ${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ elastic scattering



α - ${}^{208}\text{Pb}$ potential: Goldring et al. Phys. Lett. B 32, 465 (1970).

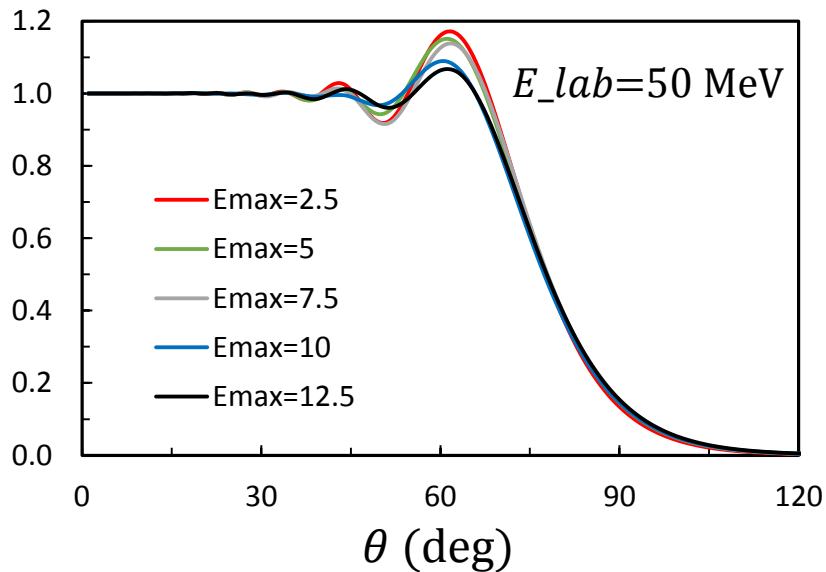
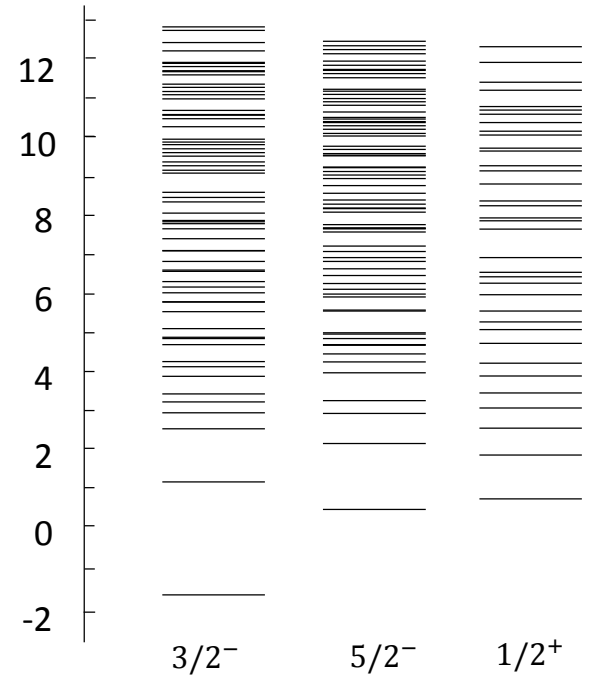
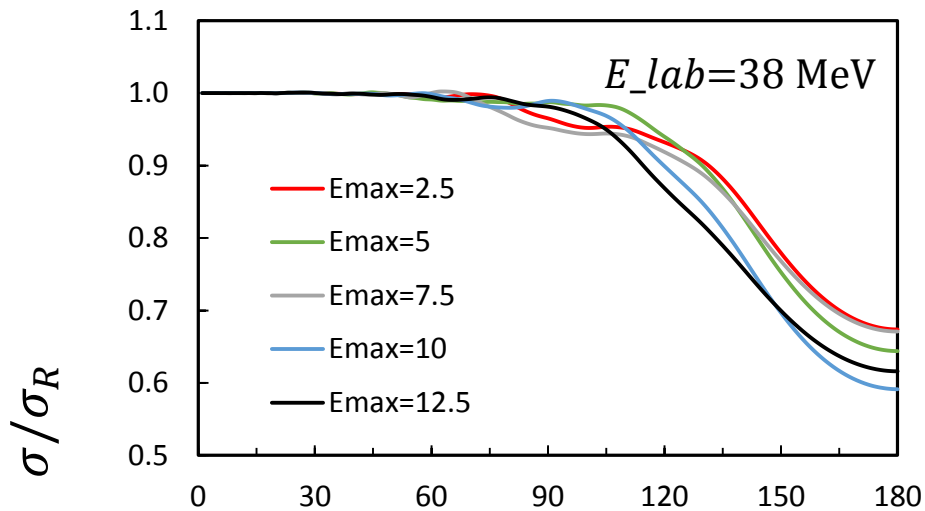
n - ${}^{208}\text{Pb}$ potential: Koning Delaroche, Nucl. Phys. A 713, 231 (2003).

4. ${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ elastic scattering

- Experimental data ($E_{\text{lab}} \sim 38\text{-}60$ MeV, $E_{\text{cm}} \sim 36\text{-}58$ MeV, $V_{\text{coul}} \sim 38$ MeV)
 - R. J. Woolliscroft et al. Phys. Rev. C 69, 044612 (2004).
 - N. Yu et al., J. Phys. G37, 075108 (2010).
- Various convergence tests
 - E_{max} , number of basis functions: specific to ${}^9\text{Be}$
 - Partial waves in ${}^9\text{Be}$ j^π : $3/2^\pm, 5/2^\pm, 1/2^\pm$
- Calculation ([with the same conditions](#)) of
 - Elastic scattering
 - Breakup
 - Fusion
- Known problematic issues
 - from ${}^{11}\text{Be}+{}^{64}\text{Zn}$, T. Druet and P.D., EPJA 48 (2012) 147, Di Pietro et al., PRC 85, 054607 (2012)
 - Convergence (${}^{11}\text{Be}$ partial waves) slower at low energies
 - Improved when the binding energy is larger (${}^{11}\text{Be}$: 0.5 MeV, ${}^9\text{Be}$: 1.57 MeV)

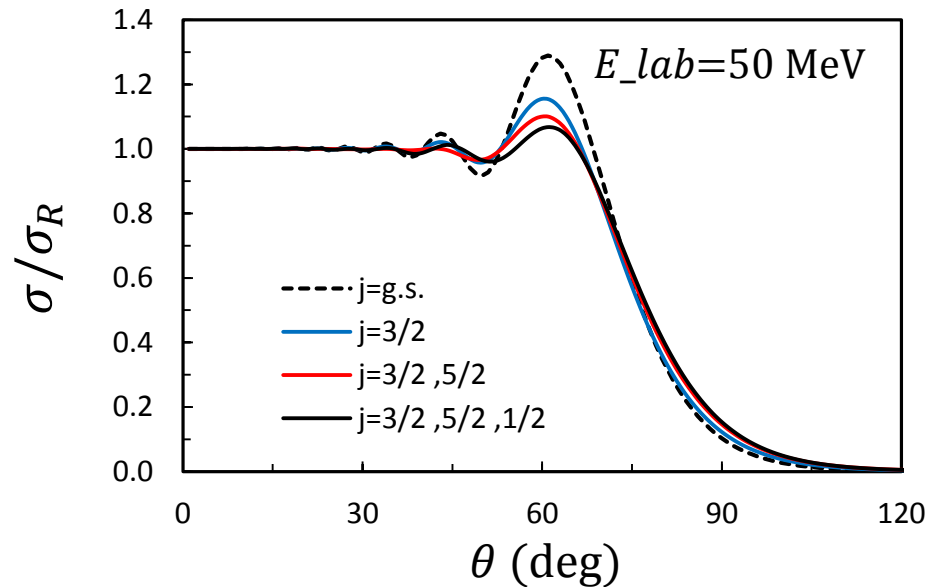
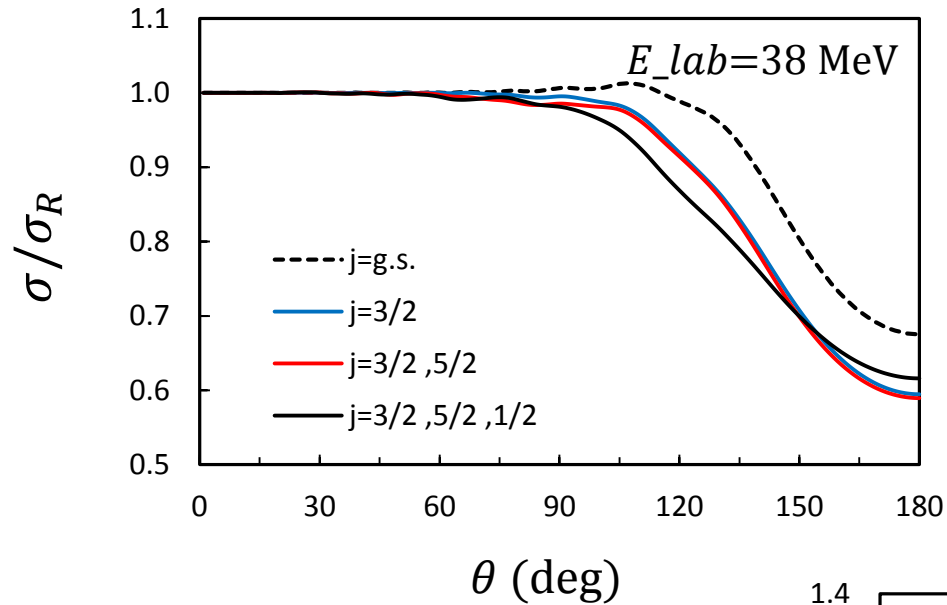
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Convergence with E_{max} (cut off energy in ${}^9\text{Be}$)



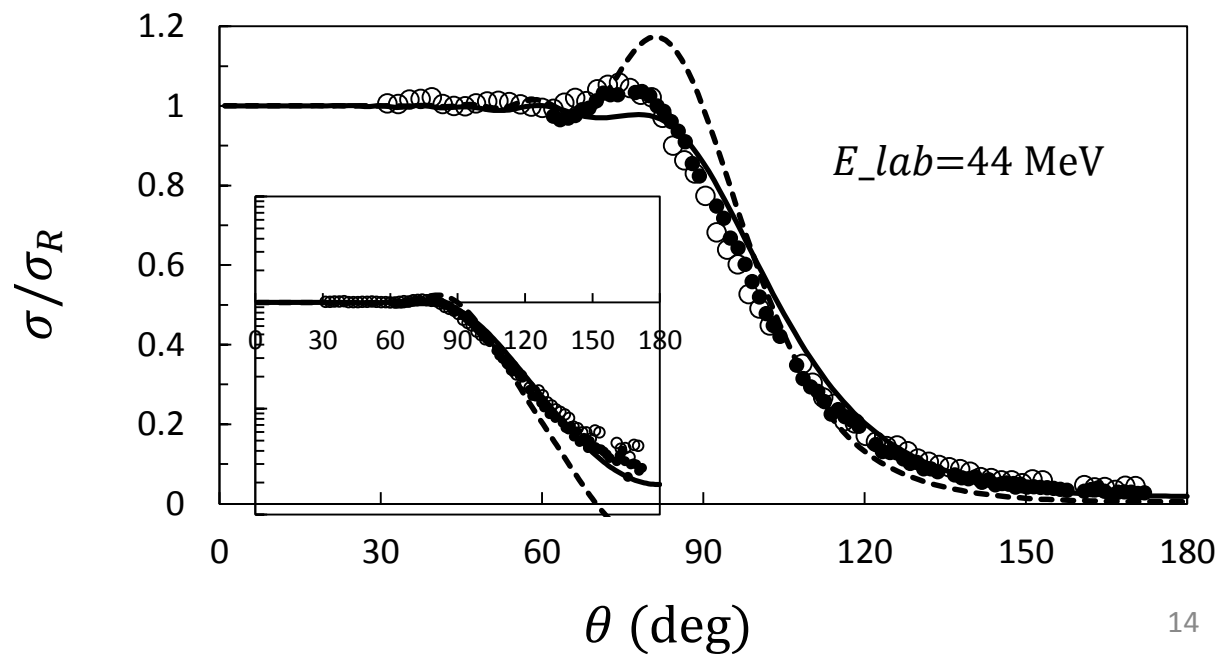
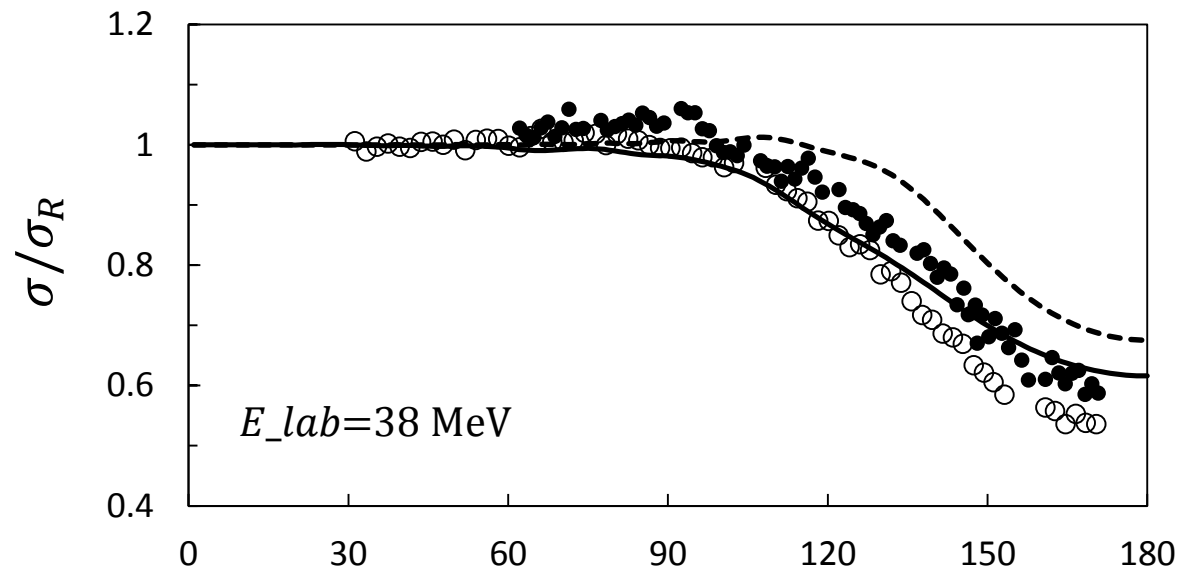
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Convergence with j values (${}^9\text{Be}$ partial waves)

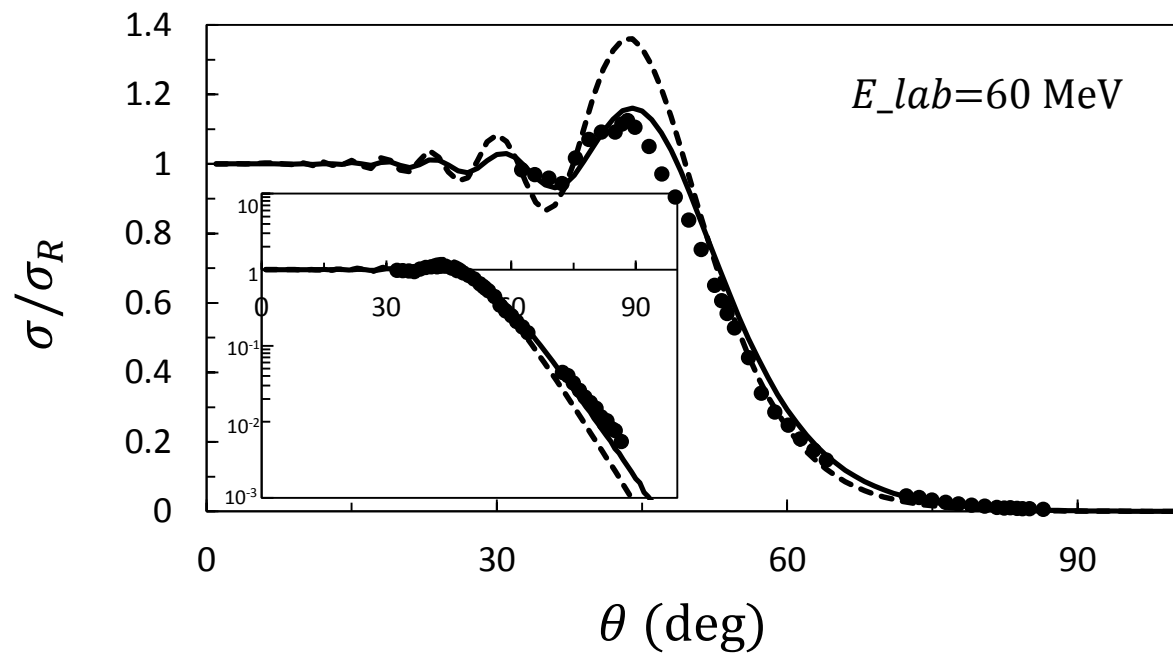
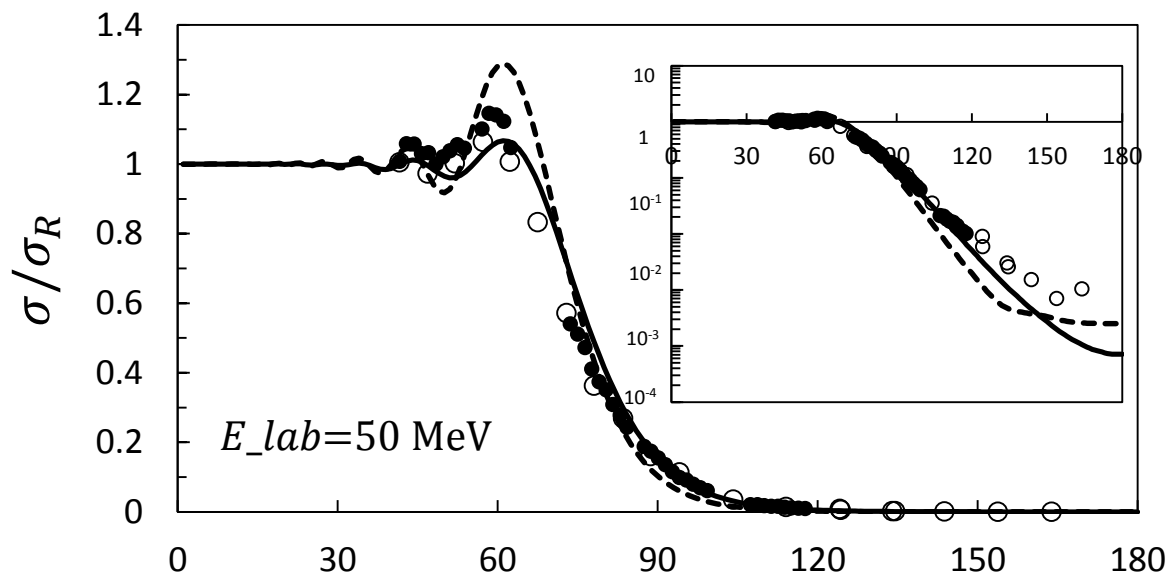


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Comparison with
experiment



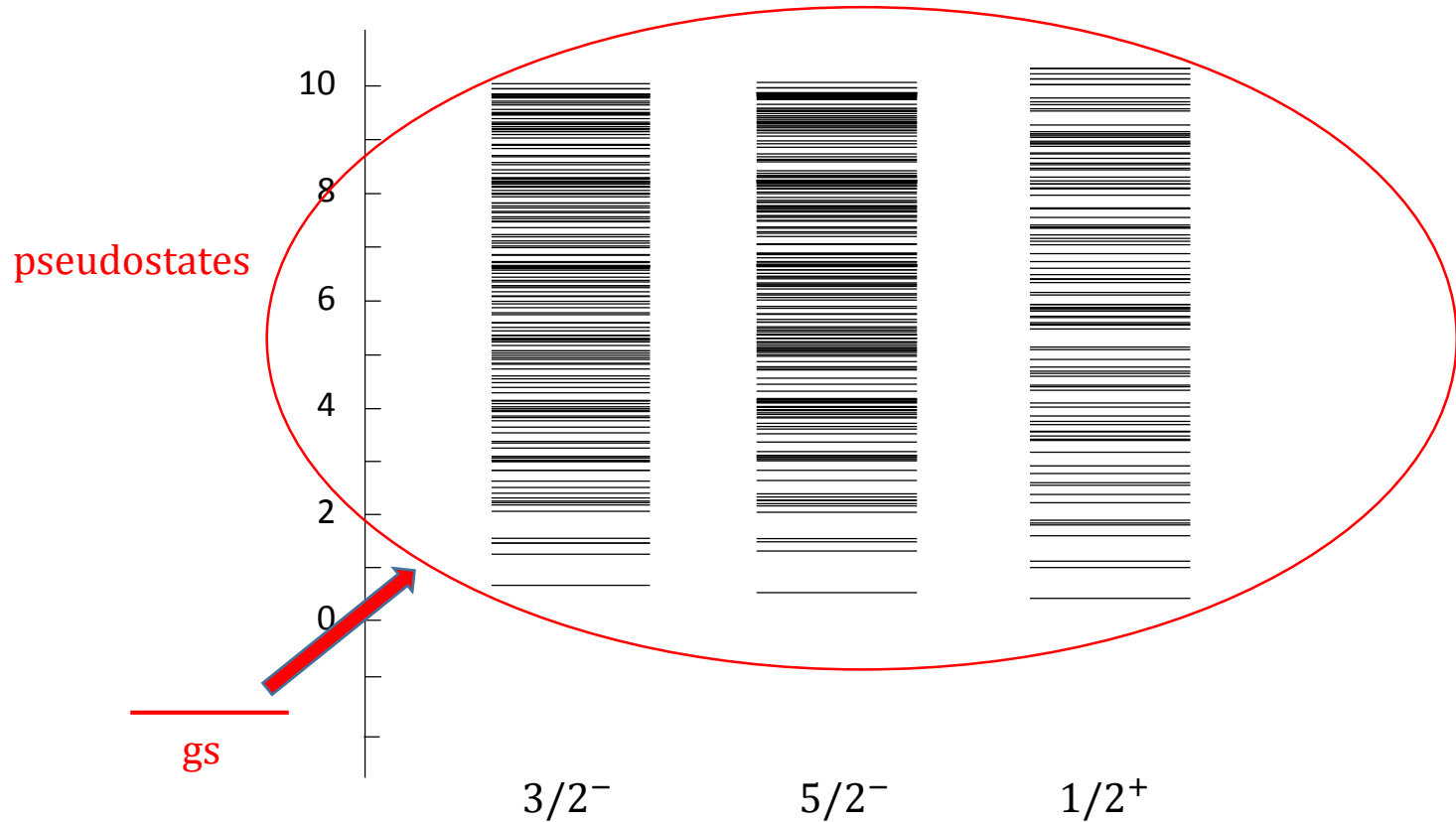
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${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ breakup and
fusion

5. ${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ breakup and fusion

Breakup cross sections: simulated by transitions to pseudostates
→ Equivalent to « inelastic channels »



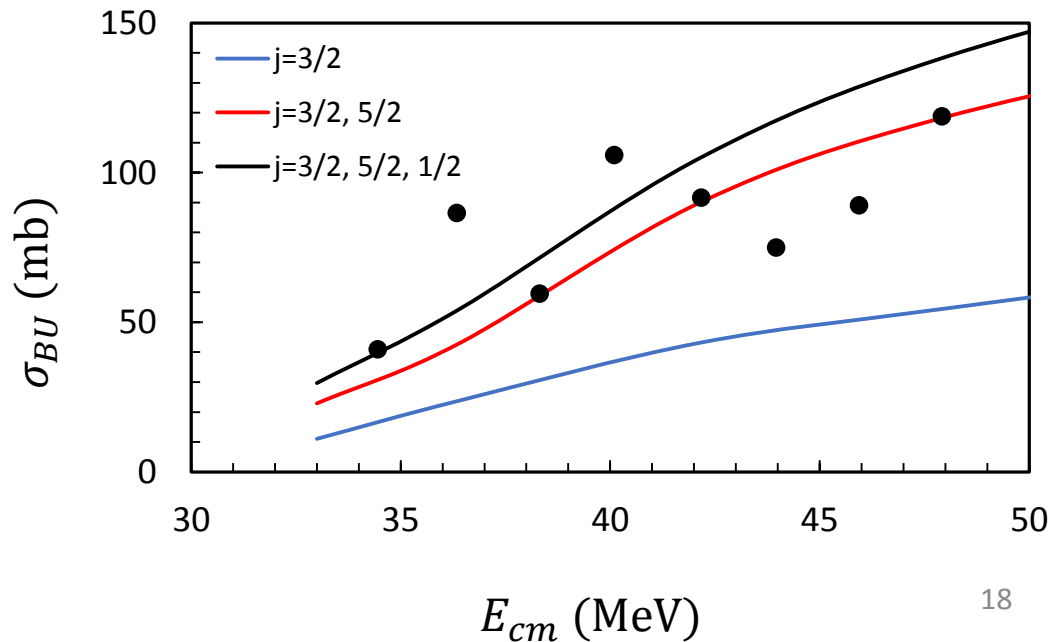
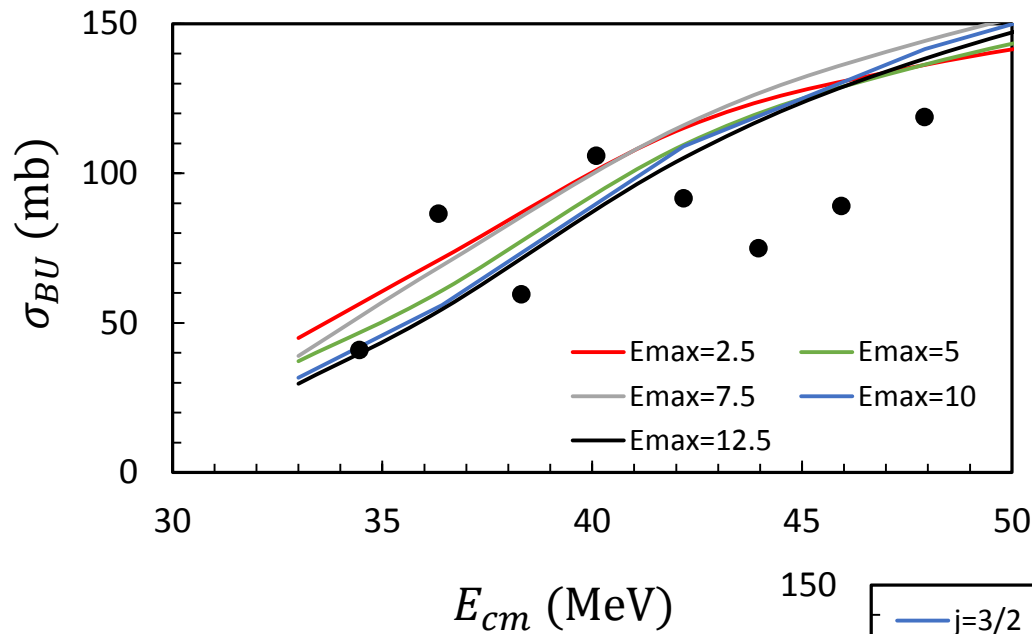
$$\text{Breakup cross section: } \sigma_{BU}(E) = \frac{\pi}{4k^2} \sum_{J\pi\ell f\ell'} (2J + 1) U_{1\ell, f\ell'}^{J\pi}(E)$$

f =final states

$U_{1\ell, f\ell'}^{J\pi}(E)$ =scattering matrix (non diagonal terms $gs \rightarrow$ pseudo states f)

5. ${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ breakup and fusion

Data: R. J. Woolliscroft et al., Phys. Rev. C 68, 014611 (2003).



5. ${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ breakup and fusion

Fusion cross section: 2 processes

- **Complete fusion CF:** the full projectile is captured
- **Incomplete fusion IF:** the projectile breaks up, and one constituent is captured

Total fusion: sum of both processes: $\sigma_F = \sigma_{CF} + \sigma_{IF}$

Previous CDCC calculations: Many calculations with two-body projectiles

- A. Diaz-Torres and I. J. Thompson, PRC65 (2002) 024606: ${}^{11}\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$
- V. Jha et al., PRC89 (2014) 034605 : ${}^9\text{Be}$ +heavy targets
- Many others

Present work:

- CDCC with three-body projectiles
- Total fusion only

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Calculation from scattering matrices

For spin and parity J^π : matrix $U^{J^\pi}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & \dots & U_{1N} \\ U_{21} & U_{22} & \dots & U_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ U_{N1} & U_{N2} & \dots & U_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$

Entrance channel: 1

Pseudostates (breakup) channels: $2 \rightarrow N$

- Elastic scattering cross section: $\sigma_{el}(E) \leftarrow U_{11}$
- Reaction cross section: $\sigma_R(E) \leftarrow 1 - |U_{11}|^2$
- Breakup cross section: $\sigma_{BU}(E) \leftarrow \sum_{i=2}^N |U_{1i}|^2$
- Total fusion cross section: $\sigma_F(E) = \sigma_R(E) - \sigma_{BU}(E)$

Note: if real potential: $\sigma_F(E) = 0$ (from unitarity of the scattering matrix $\sum_{i=1}^N |U_{1i}|^2 = 1$)

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From the scattering matrices (sum over J^π)

$$\sigma_F(E) = \sigma_R(E) - \sigma_{BU}(E)$$

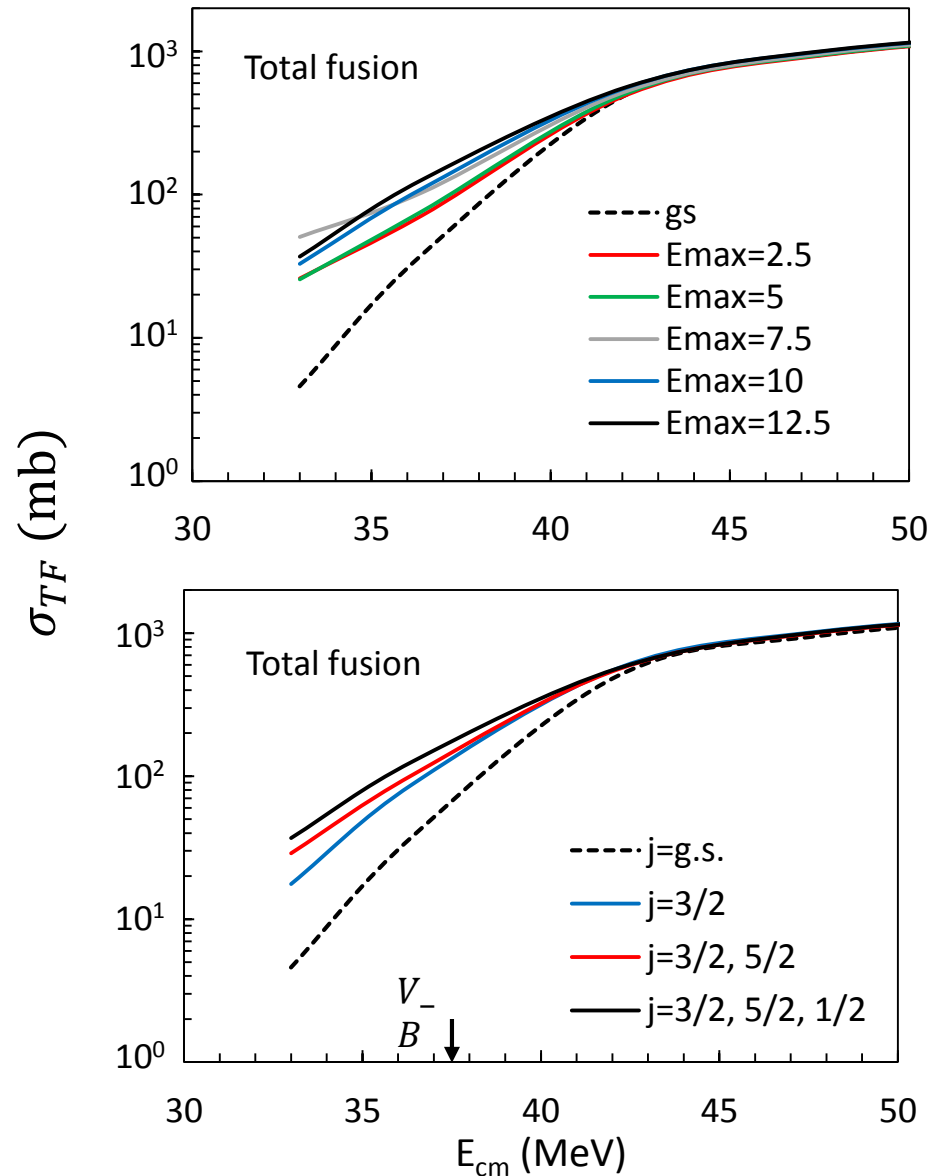
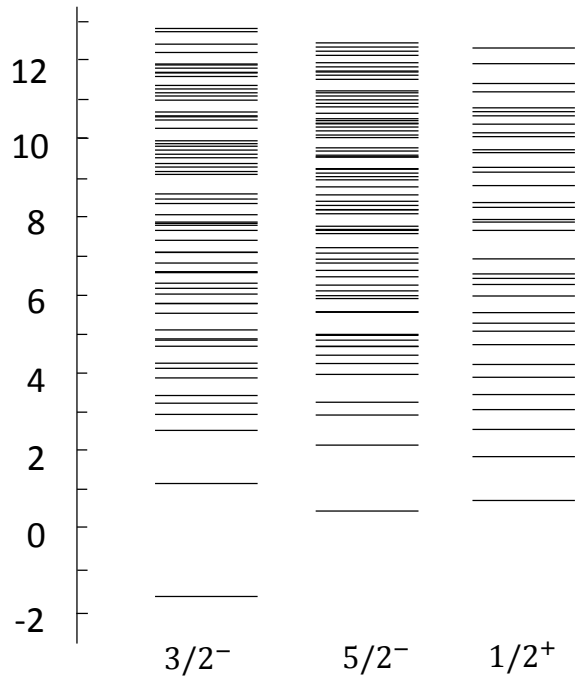
Alternative definition of the fusion cross section

$$\sigma_F(E) \leftarrow \frac{4k}{E} \sum_{c,c'} \int u_c(r) W_{c,c'}(r) u_{c'}(r) dr$$

- $W_{c,c'}(r)$ =imaginary potential (computed from $\alpha+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ and $n+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ potentials)
- $u_c(r)$ =wave function in channel c
- $\sigma_F(E) = 0$ if $W_{c,c'}(r) = 0$ (as expected)
- Stricly equivalent (\rightarrow strong numerical test!)
 - ☹ more difficult to use (requires the wave function $u_c(r)$)
 - ☺ More accurate at low energies ($\sigma_R(E) \approx \sigma_{BU}(E)$)
 - ☺ Allows a decomposition into the different channels

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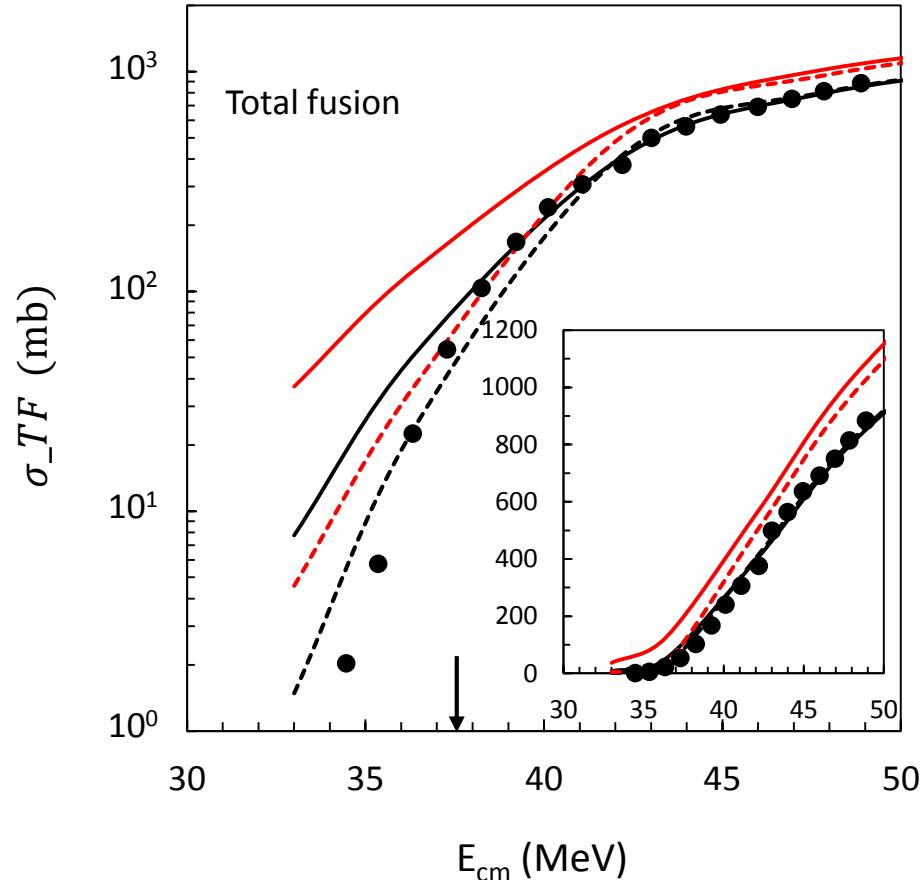
Total fusion: convergence with E_{max} and j



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Total fusion: comparison with experiment

Data from M. Dasgupta et al., PRC 70, 024606 (2004), PRL82 (1999) 1395



- Red lines: capture of α and n

- Black lines: capture of α only

$$\sigma_F(E) \leftarrow \frac{4k}{E} \sum_{c,c'} \int u_c(r) W_{c,c'}(r) u_{c'}(r) dr$$

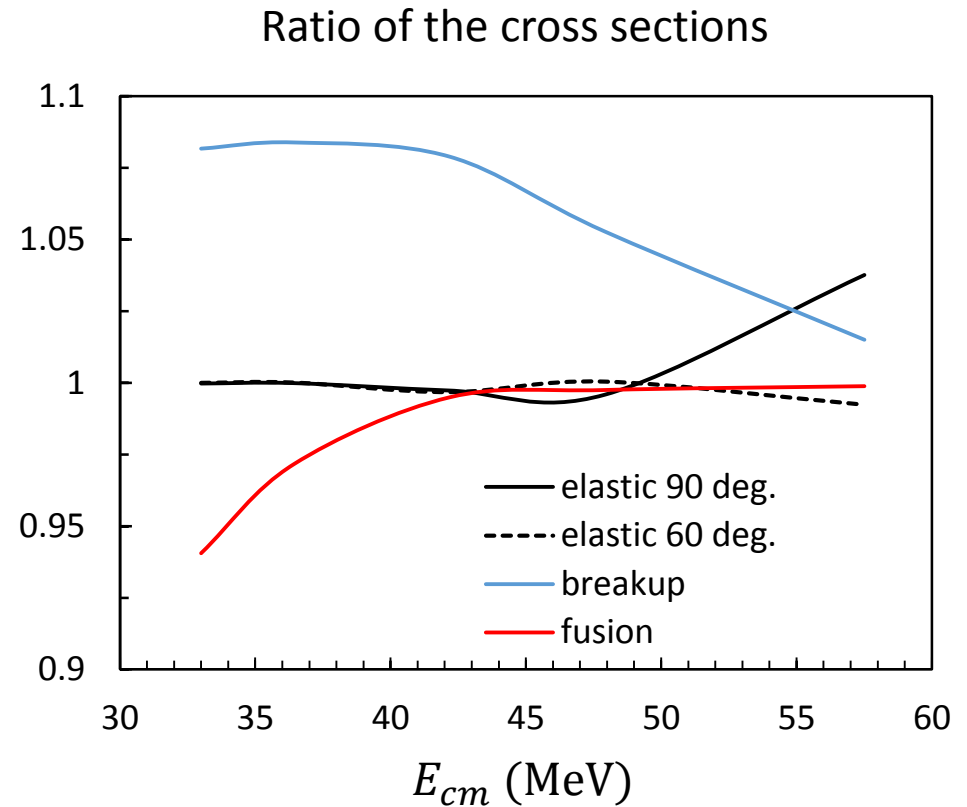
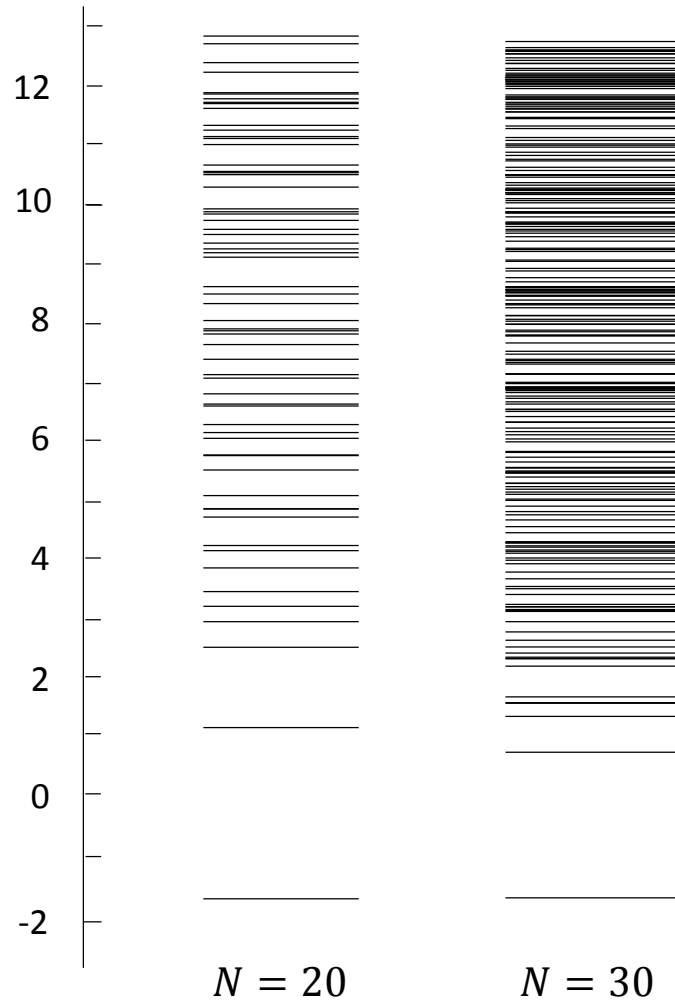
n- ${}^{208}\text{Pb}$ imaginary potential set to 0

- Neglecting neutron capture is necessary
- Good agreement with the data except at the lowest energies

6. Numerical issues

Role of the ${}^9\text{Be}$ basis: calculation limited to $j=3/2^-$ with $N=20$ and $N=30$

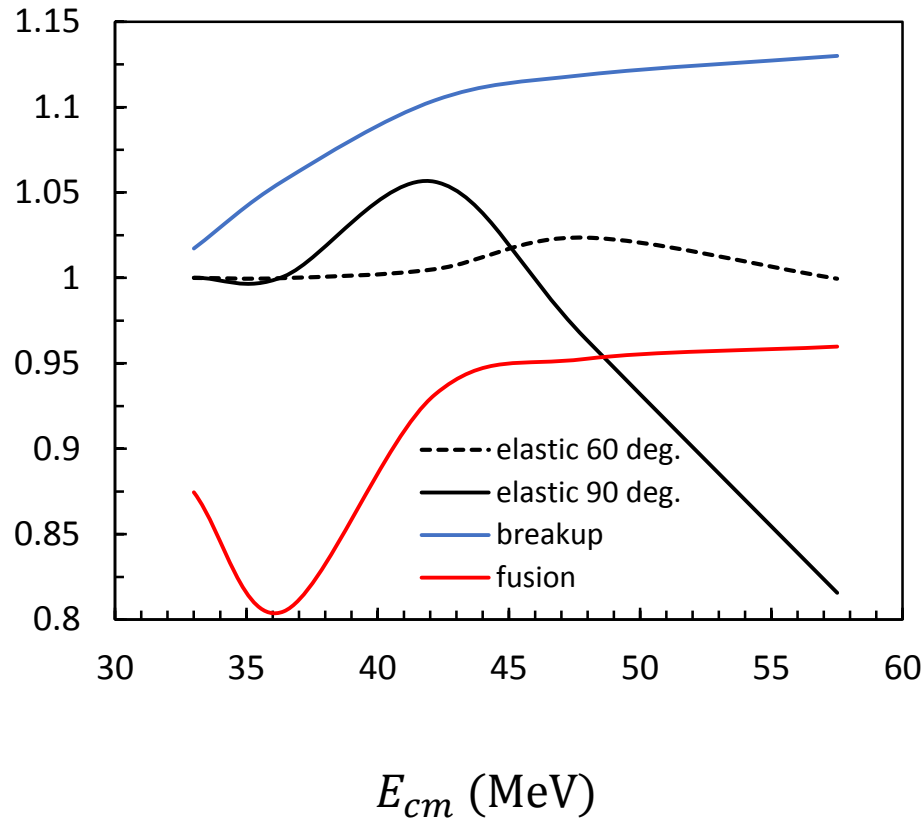
${}^9\text{Be}$ pseudostates ($j=3/2^-$)



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Role of the α - ^{208}Pb potential

1. G. Goldring et al., Phys. Lett. B **32**, 465 (1970).
2. A. R. Barnett and J. S. Lilley, Phys. Rev. C **9**, 2010 (1974).



Effect more important in
breakup and fusion

6. Numerical issues

Main problem: large number of channels

- high accuracy is required
- Very long computer times

$j=1/2^+$: 36, $j=1/2^-$: 37,
 $j=3/2^+$: 59, $j=3/2^-$: 63,
 $j=5/2^+$: 71, $j=5/2^-$: 71

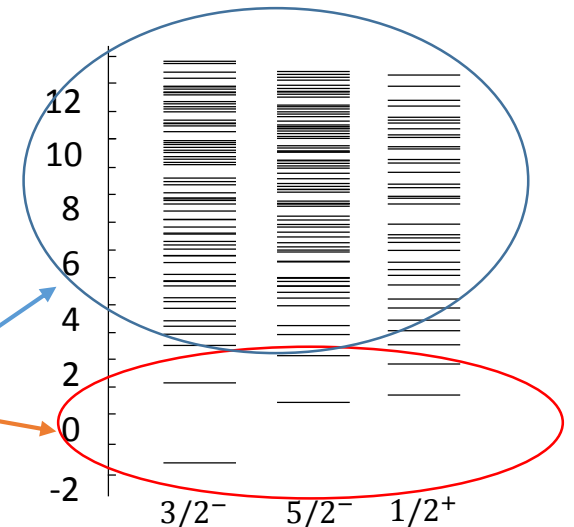
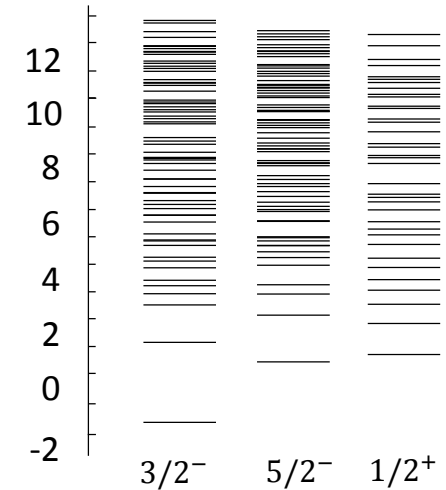
+ different L values, $|J - j| \leq L \leq J + j$
+ J_{max} large ($\sim 301/2$)

→ Statistical CDCC??

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- Explicit treatment of some « important » channels
- Statistical treatment of the other pseudostates

• C. A. Bertulani, P. D., M. S. Hussein
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Conclusion

7. Conclusion

- **Spectroscopy of ${}^9\text{Be}$**
 - Described by a 3-body $\alpha+\alpha+n$ model
 - Hyperspherical coordinates
 - $\alpha+\alpha$ and $\alpha+n$ potentials reproduced the elastic phase shifts
 - A small 3-body force is necessary to adjust the energy of the ground state
 - Fair energy spectrum, spectroscopic properties
- **${}^9\text{Be}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ elastic scattering and breakup**
 - $\alpha+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ and $n+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$ taken from literature \rightarrow no fit
 - Slow convergence with ${}^9\text{Be}$ states (known effect for 2-body nuclei)
 - Good agreement with experiment
- **Fusion**
 - **Total fusion:** fast convergence and good agreement with the data (except at very low energies: theory is larger than experiment)
 - To be done:
 - Separation between CF and IF?
 - Many pseudostates \rightarrow Statistical CDCC??