

Advancing first-principle symmetry-guided nuclear modeling for studies of nucleosynthesis and fundamental symmetries in nature



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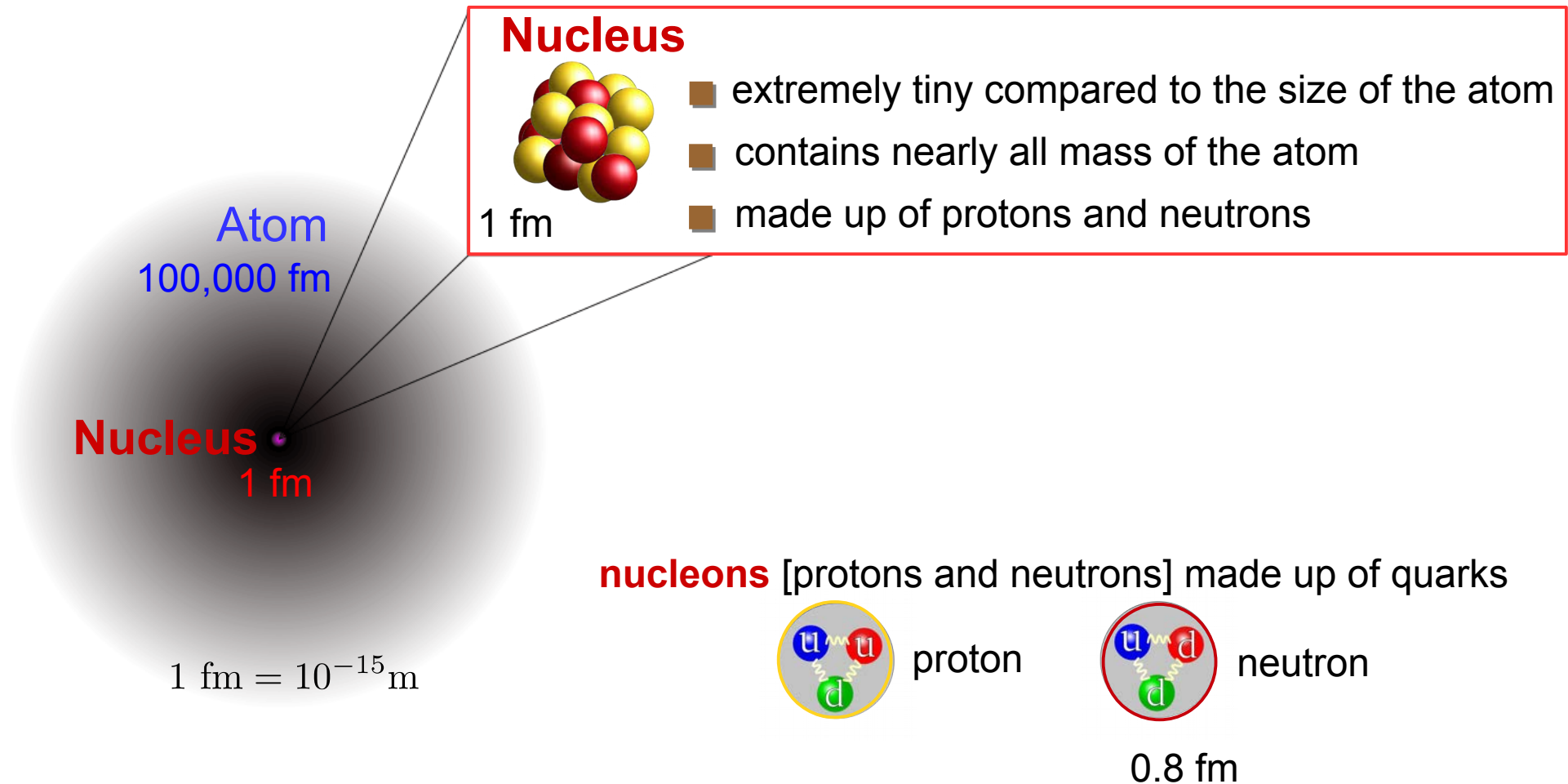
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Nuclear Physics



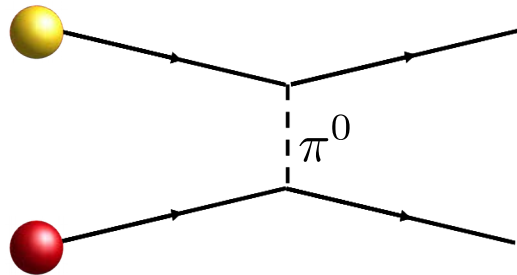
Nuclear force holds nucleons together

- Residual strong force between quarks → highly complex
- two-, three- and four-body forces

Ab initio Approaches to Nuclear Structure and Reactions



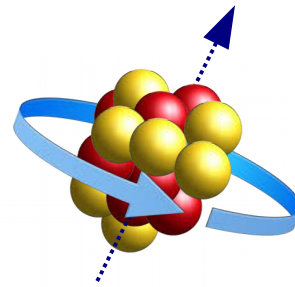
Nuclear interaction



- Realistic nuclear potential models



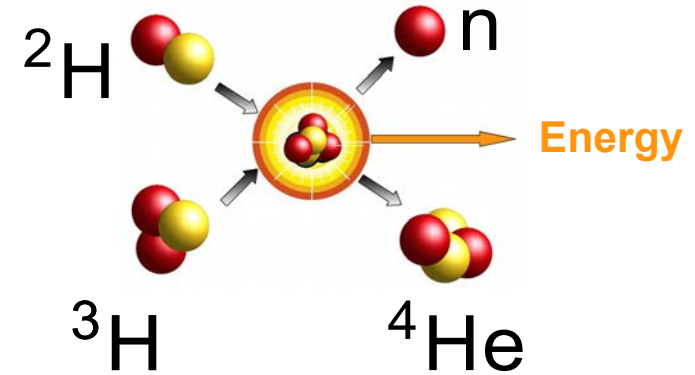
Many-body dynamics



- wave functions
- nuclear properties



Nuclear reactions



- reaction rates
- cross sections

Solving Nuclear Problem

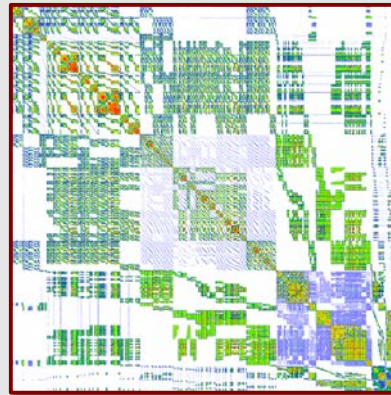
Fundamental task: solve the Schrodinger equation for a system of interacting nucleons

Input: Nuclear Hamiltonian – operator of energy $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{\text{Coul}} + \hat{V}_{NN} + \dots$

1. Choose **physically relevant** model space and construct its basis $\{|\phi_1\rangle, \dots, |\phi_d\rangle\}$

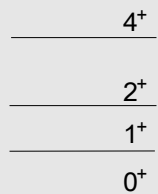
2. Compute Hamiltonian matrix

$$H_{ij} = \langle \phi_i | \hat{H} | \phi_j \rangle$$



3. Find lowest-lying eigenvalues and eigenvectors $\hat{H}|\psi_i\rangle = E_i|\psi_i\rangle$

Lanczos algorithm \Rightarrow

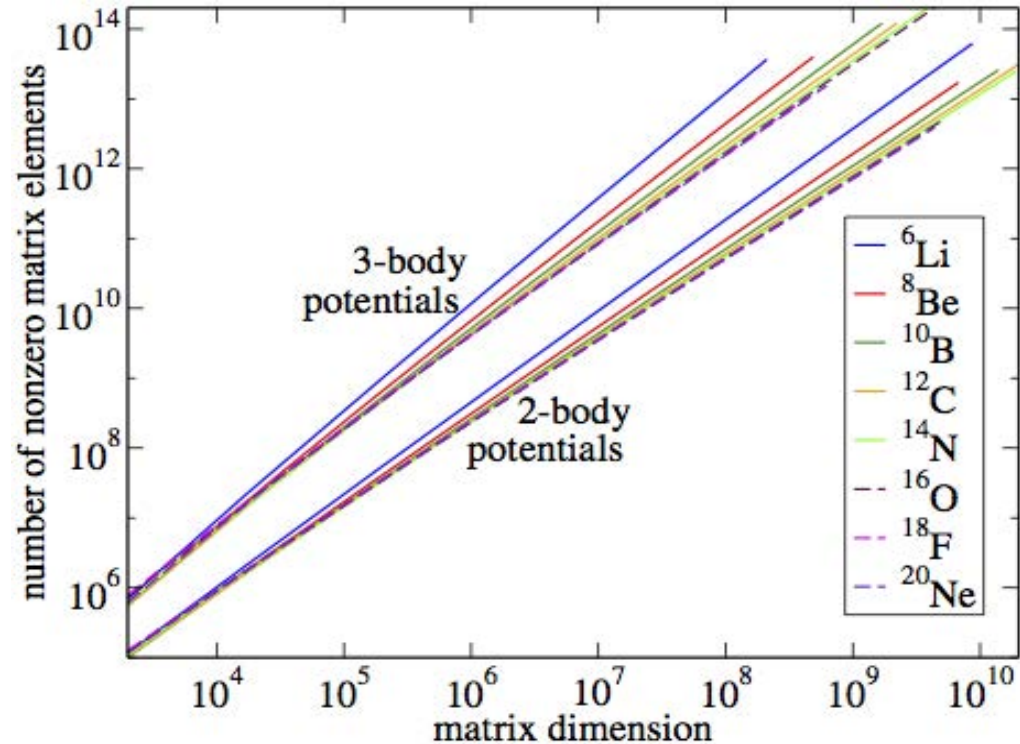
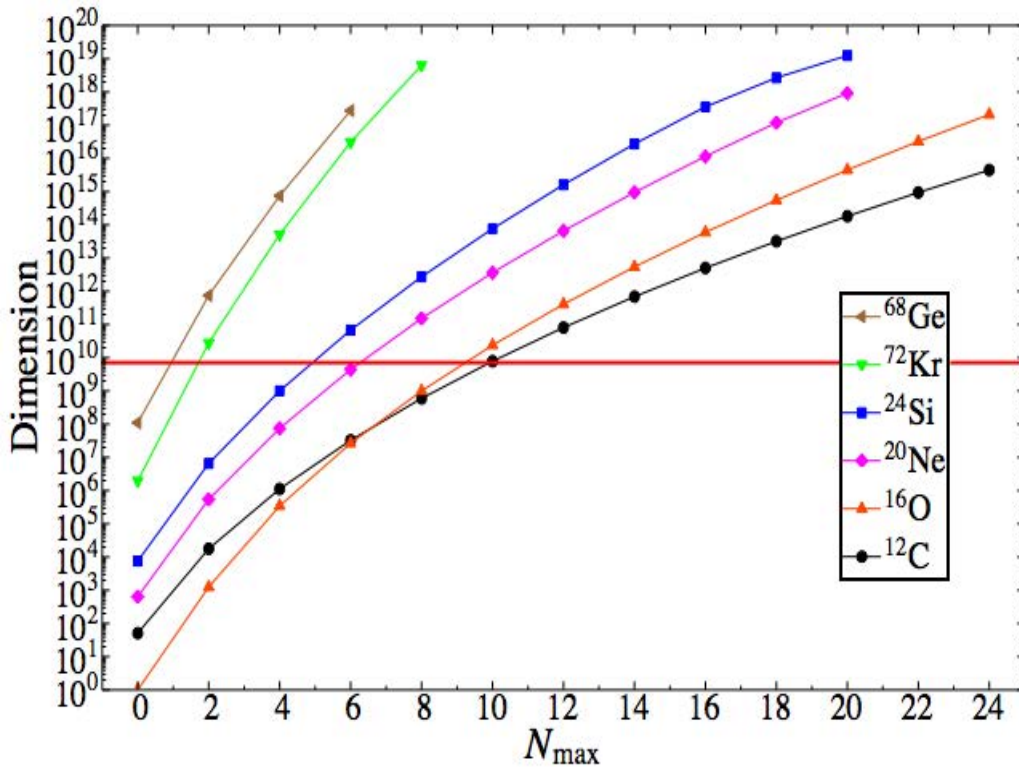


eigenvalues

$$|\psi_i\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^d c_j |\phi_j\rangle$$

eigenvectors

Key Challenge: Scale Explosion



Computational Scale Explosion

[courtesy of Pieter Maris]

- Limits application of ab initio studies to lightest nuclei

Why Blue Waters?

- Large aggregate memory and amount of memory per node (64GB)
- High peak memory bandwidth (102.4 GB/s)

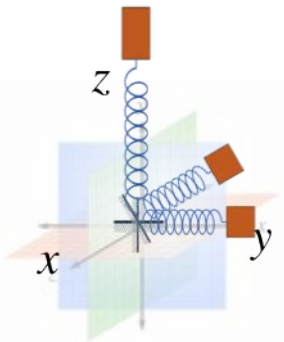
Why symmetry-adapted approach?

- Use partial symmetries of nuclear collective motion to adopt smaller physically relevant model spaces

Symmetry-Adapted No-Core Shell Model

- Many-nucleon basis natural for description of many-body dynamics of nuclei

number of harmonic oscillator excitations



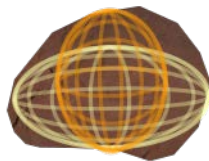
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total proton, total neutron and total intrinsic spins

$S_p S_n S$

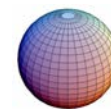
deformation

$SU(3)$

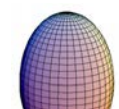


$(\lambda \mu)$

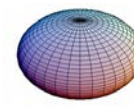
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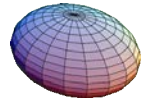
$(\lambda 0)$



(0μ)



$(\lambda \mu)$



rotation

$SO(3)$



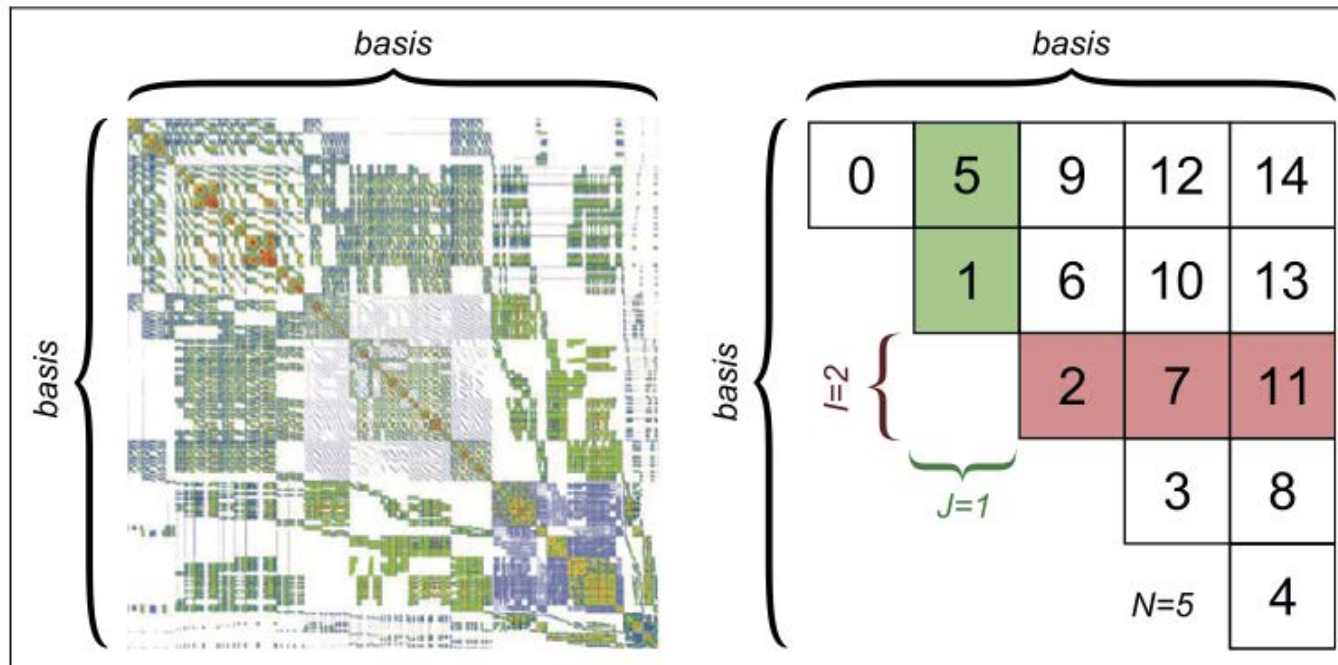
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MPI/OpenMP Implementation of Symmetry-Adapted No-Core Shell Model

■ Implementation

- C++/Fortran code parallelized using hybrid MPI/OpenMP
- Open source: <https://sourceforge.net/p/lisu3shell/home/Home/>
- Computational effort: 90 % - computing matrix elements 10% - solving eigenvalue problem

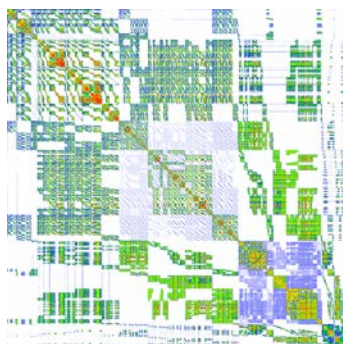
■ Mapping of Hamiltonian matrix to MPI processes



MPI/OpenMP Implementation of Symmetry-Adapted No-Core Shell Model

- Round-robin distribution of basis states among MPI processes

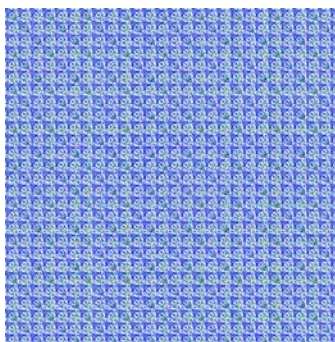
Leads to load balanced computations



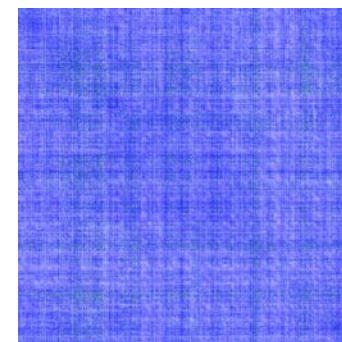
Original density structure of Hamiltonian matrix



15 processes

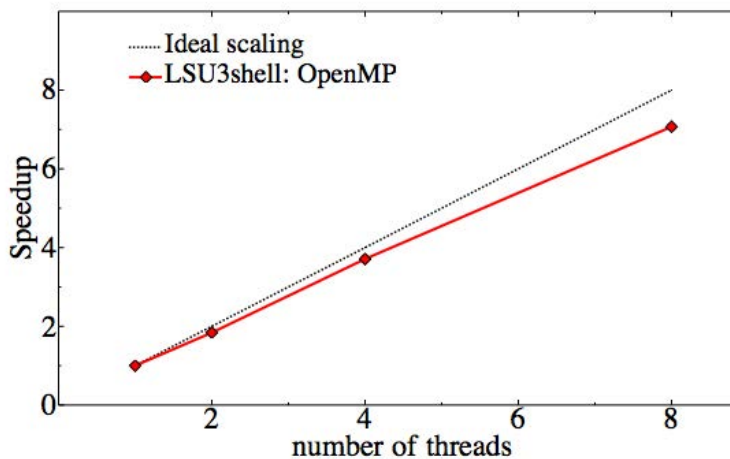
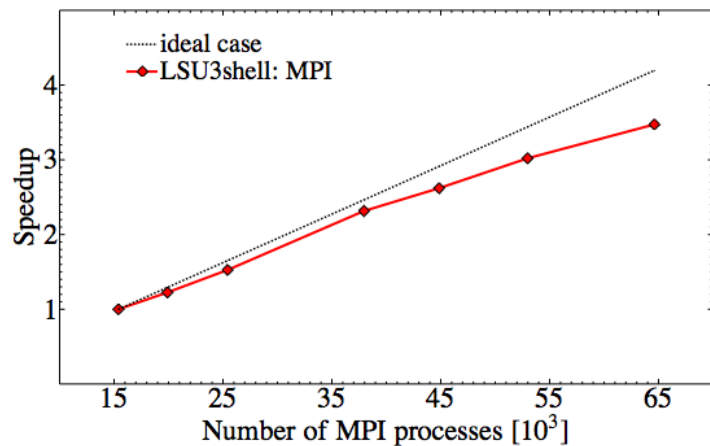


378 processes

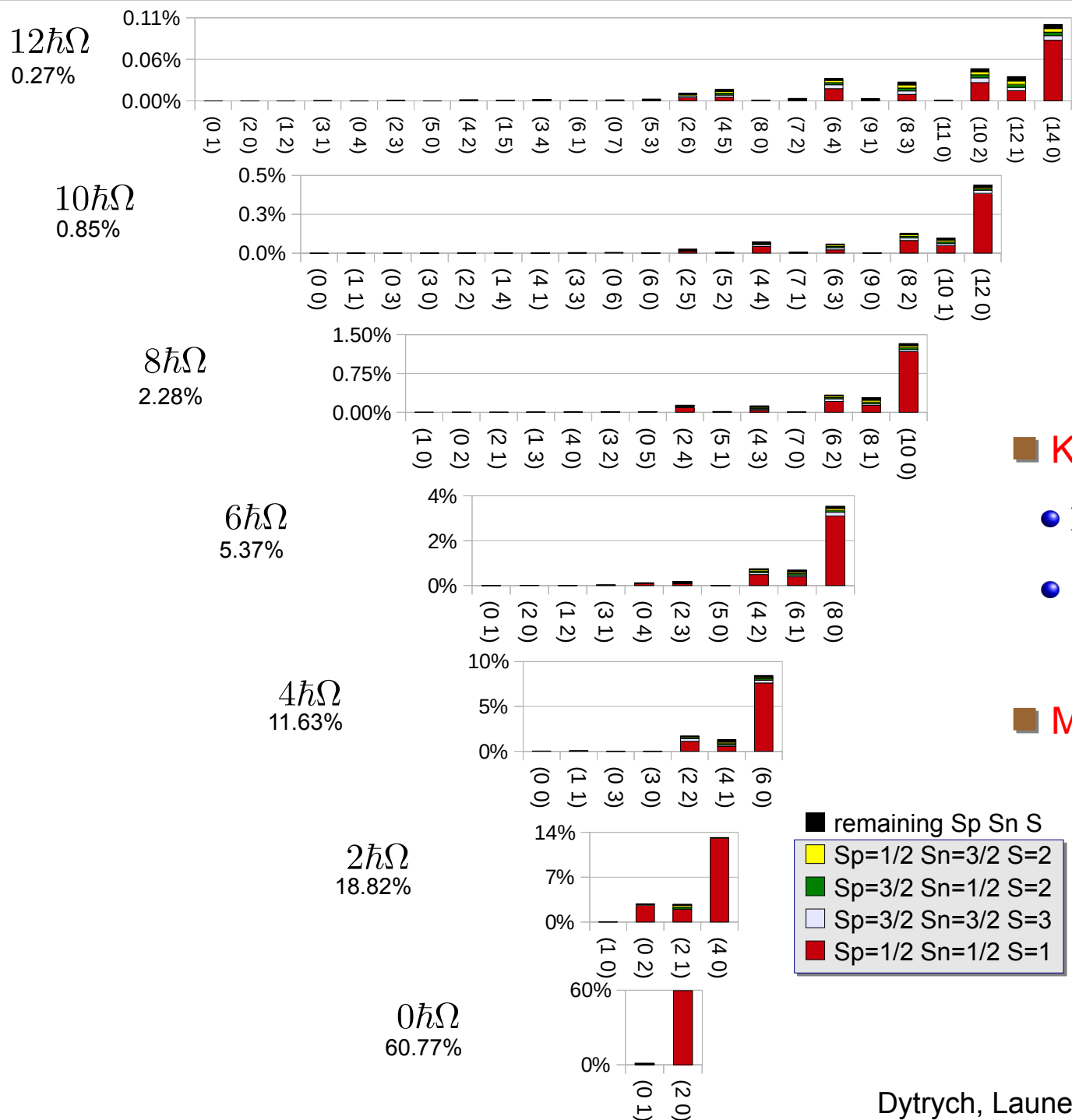


37,950 processes

- **Excellent scalability**

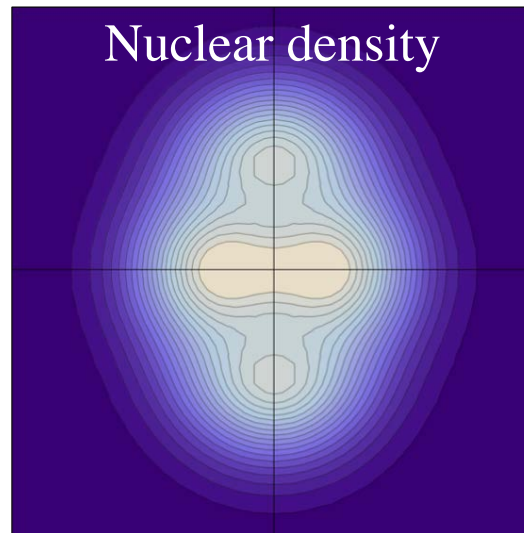
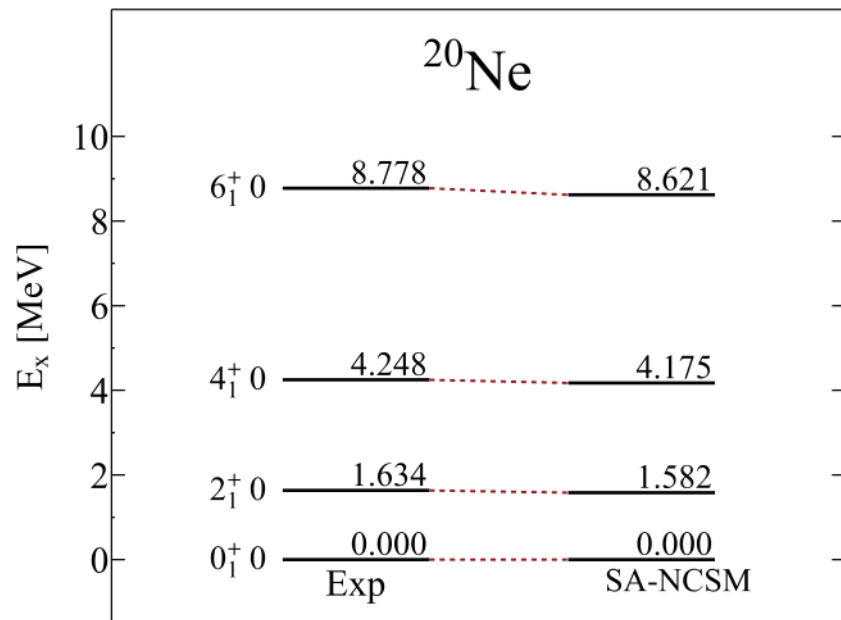


Discovery: Emergence of Simple Patterns in Complex Nuclei



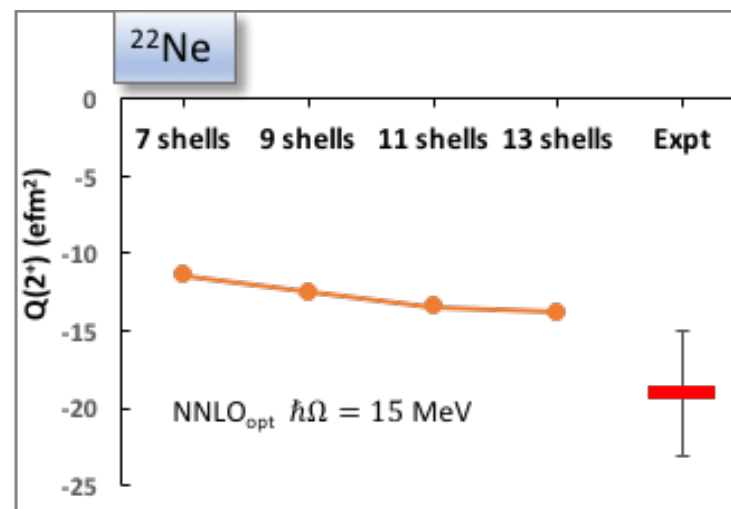
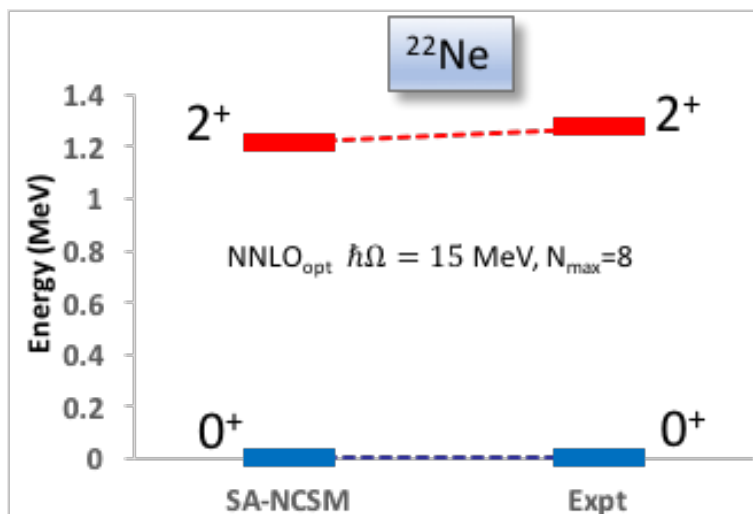
- Key features of nuclear structure
 - Low spin
 - Large deformation
- Model space truncation

SA-NCSM on BlueWaters: reaching towards medium mass nuclei



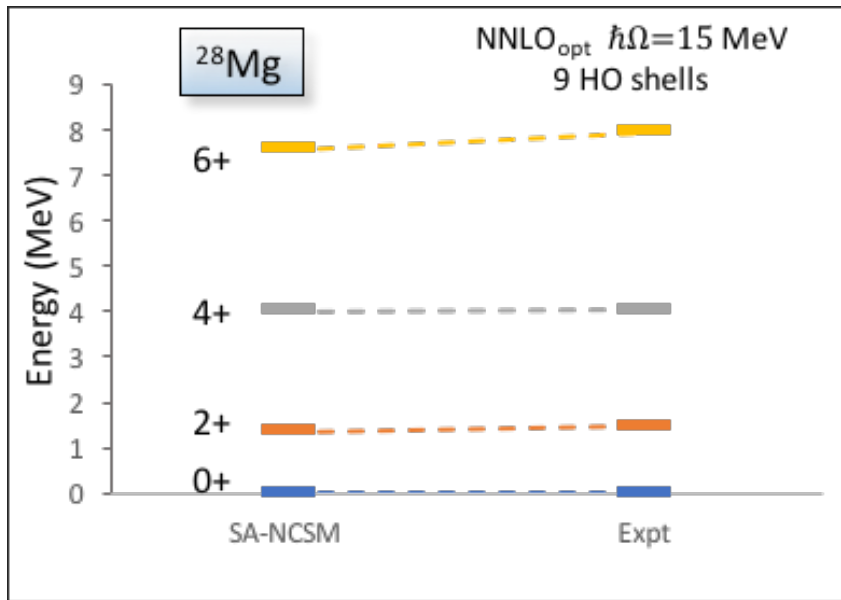
Complete space: 4×10^{12}

Symmetry-adapted space: 1×10^7



Quadrupole moment

SA-NCSM on BlueWaters: reaching towards medium mass nuclei



Complete space: 513, 747, 466, 539

Symmetry-adapted space: 23, 127, 674

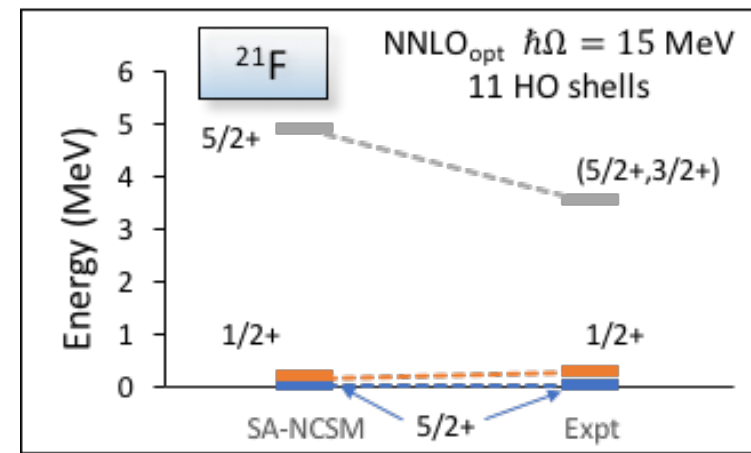
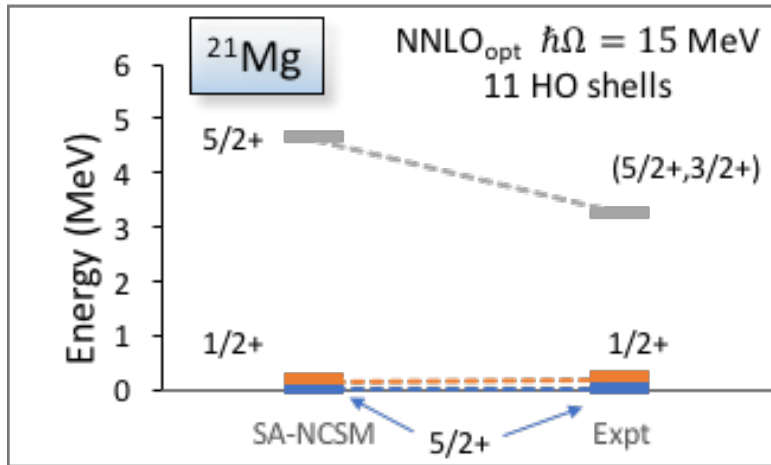
Number of BW nodes: 3335

Size of Hamiltonian matrix: 20 TB

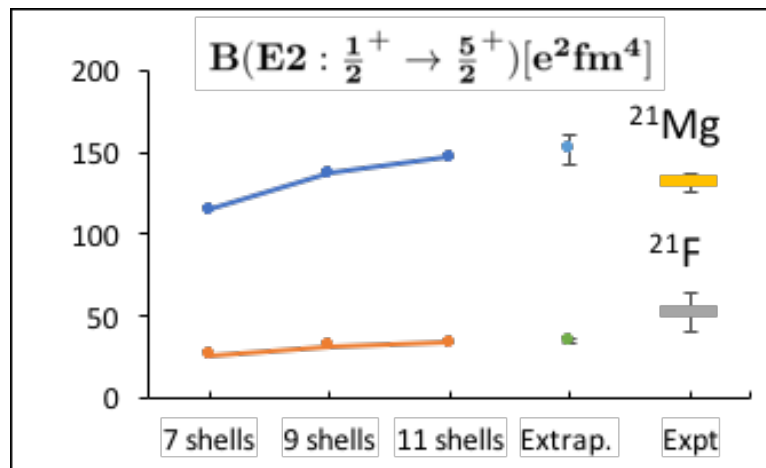
Performance on BW system

Basis construction:	10 s
Matrix calculation:	1518 s
Solving eigenproblem:	113 s
Total:	1641 s

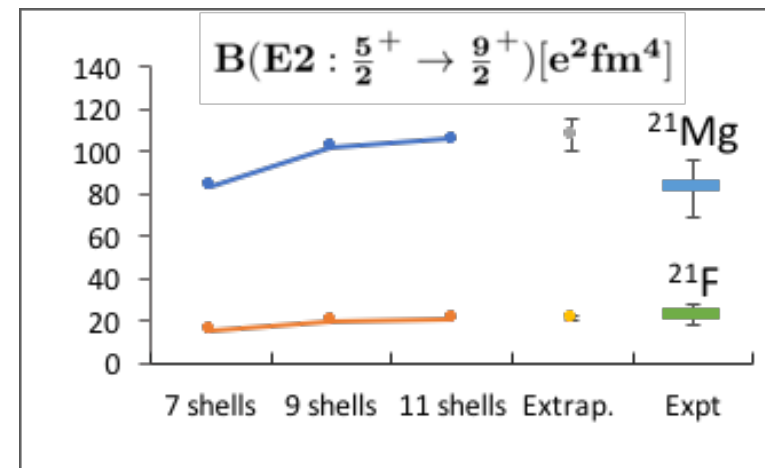
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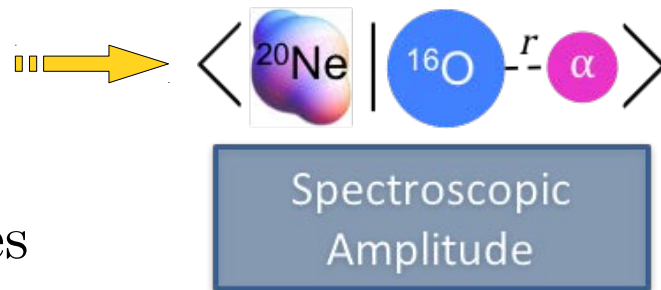
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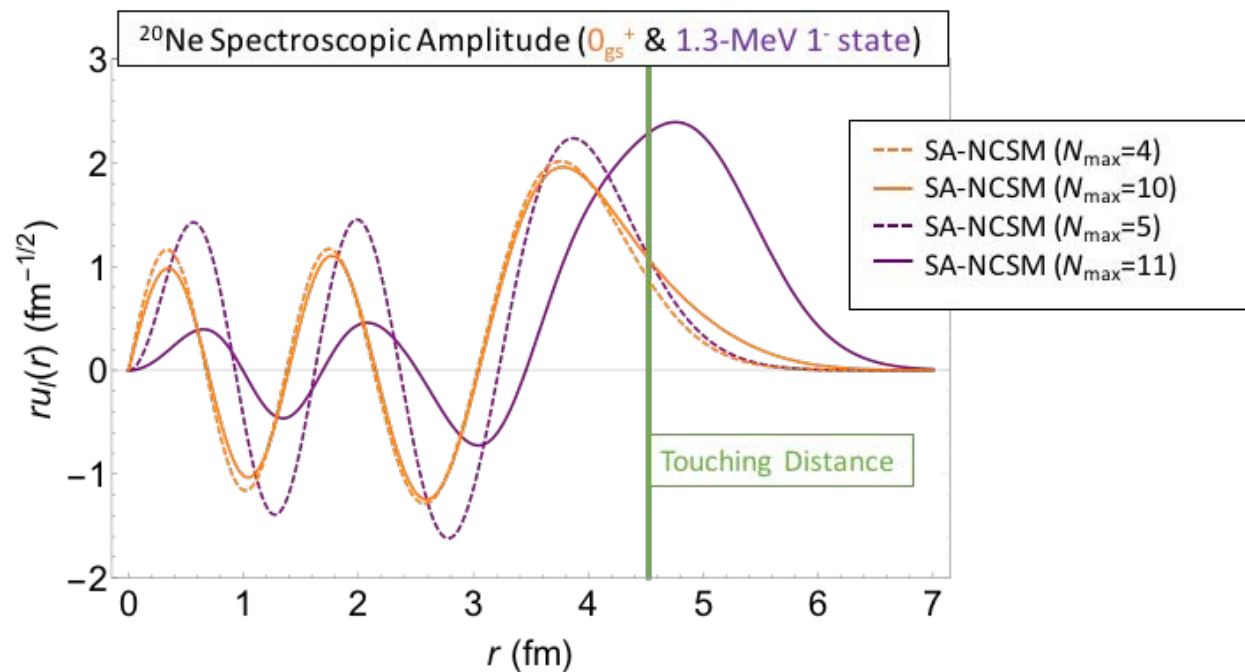
Calculation of reaction rates

Nuclear reaction: $^{16}\text{O}(\alpha, \gamma)^{20}\text{Ne}$

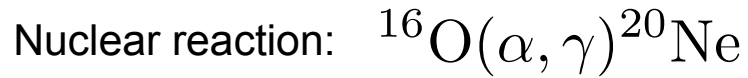
SA-NCSM



$^{20}\text{Ne} : 0_{gs}^+, 1^-$ states



Calculation of reaction rates



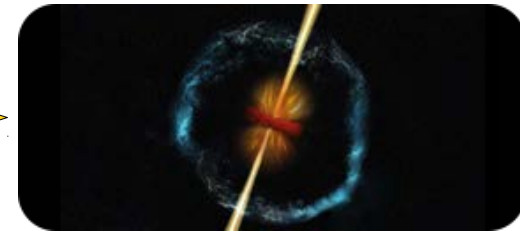
Blue Waters



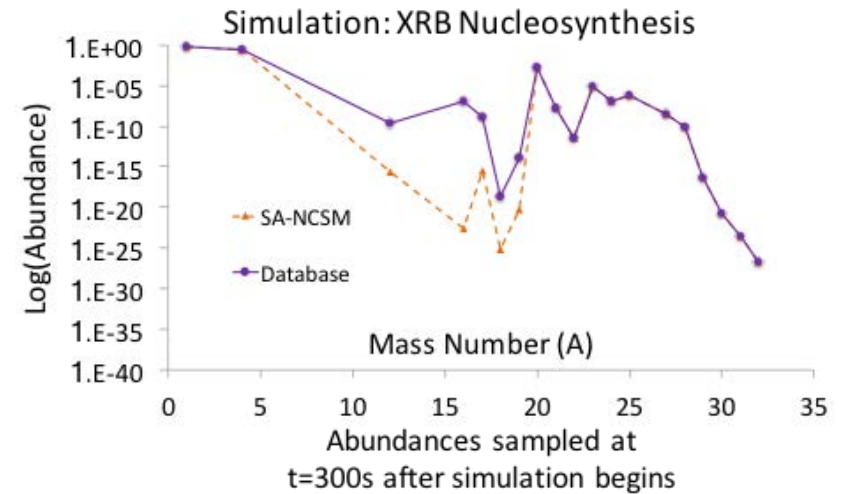
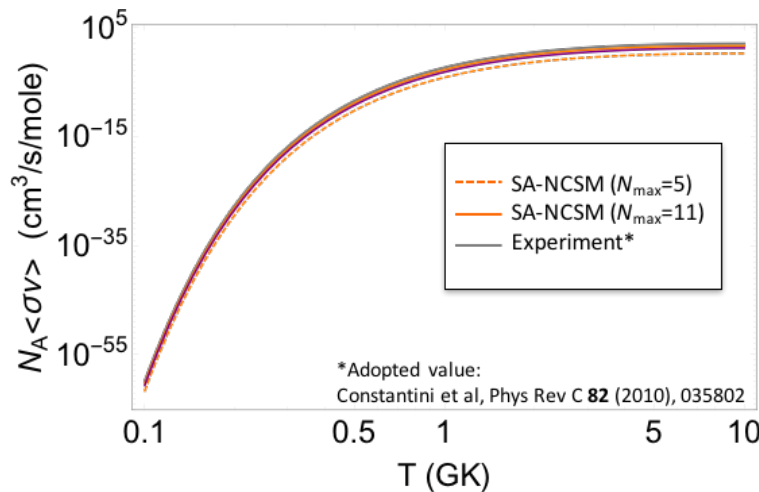
Spectroscopic Amplitude

Probability to find cluster structure

Resonance Reaction Rate



astrophysical simulation



Response function

- Nucleus response to external probe (photon, neutrino, etc ..)
- New approach: SA-NCSM + Lorentz Integral Transform Method

SA-NCSM



$$|\Psi_0\rangle$$

calculate ground state wave function in *ab initio* SA-NCSM

$$\longrightarrow M_{00}, D_{1\mu}, Q_{2\mu} \longrightarrow$$

choose operator of interest

$$|v_1\rangle = \frac{\hat{O} |\Psi_0\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \Psi_0 | \hat{O}^\dagger \hat{O} | \Psi_0 \rangle}}$$

construct pivot vector for Lanczos algorithm



tridiagonalize Hamiltonian and construct LIT

$$L(E_x, \Gamma) = \frac{\Gamma}{\pi} \int d\omega \frac{R(\omega)}{(\omega - E_x)^2 + \Gamma^2}$$

$$L(E_x, \Gamma) = -\frac{1}{\Gamma} \text{Im} \left[\frac{\langle \Psi_0 | \hat{O}^\dagger \hat{O} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{z - a_0 - \frac{b_1^2}{z - a_1 - \frac{b_2^2}{z - a_2 - \dots}}} \right]$$

Energy Parameter

Lanczos coefficients

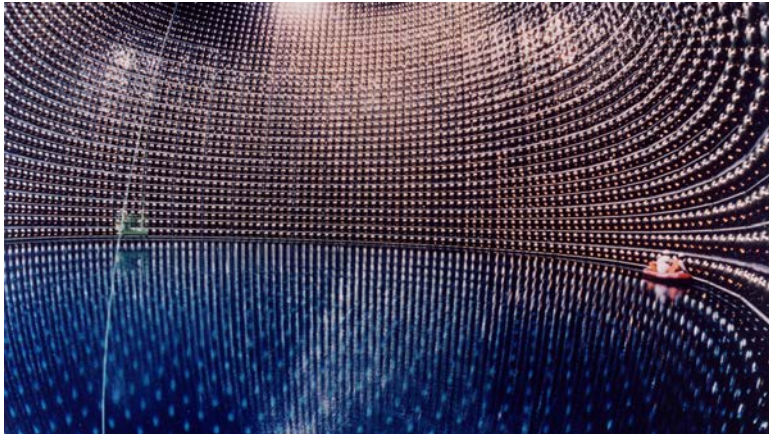
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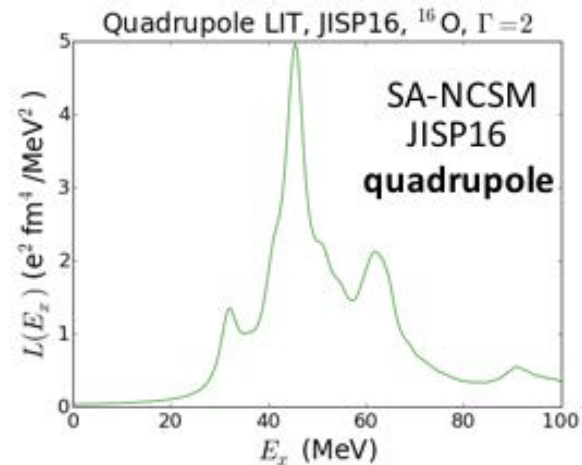
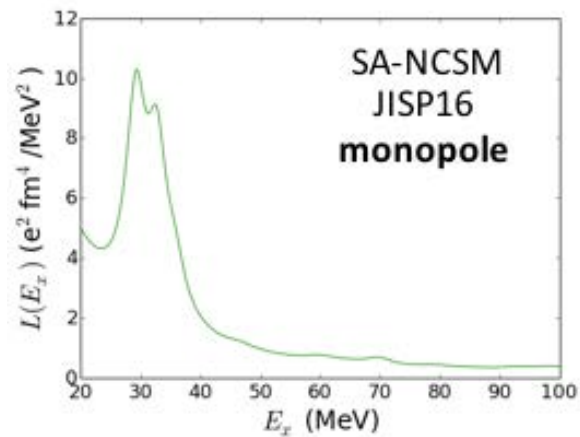
Response functions for neutrino studies

- Response functions – input for neutrino experiments
- Nuclear input - 2nd largest source of uncertainties

^{16}O : component of neutrino detectors

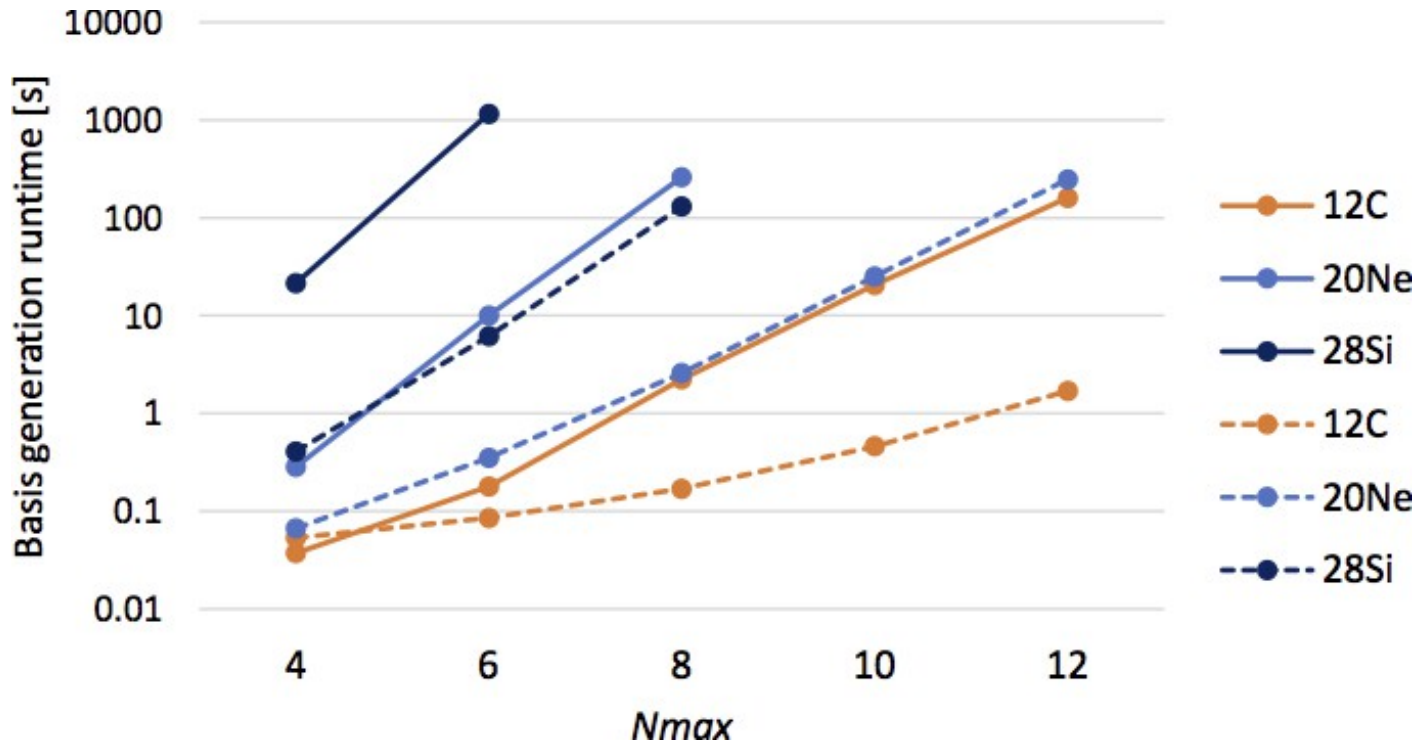


SA-NCSM + LIT: preliminary results



Accelerating basis construction algorithm

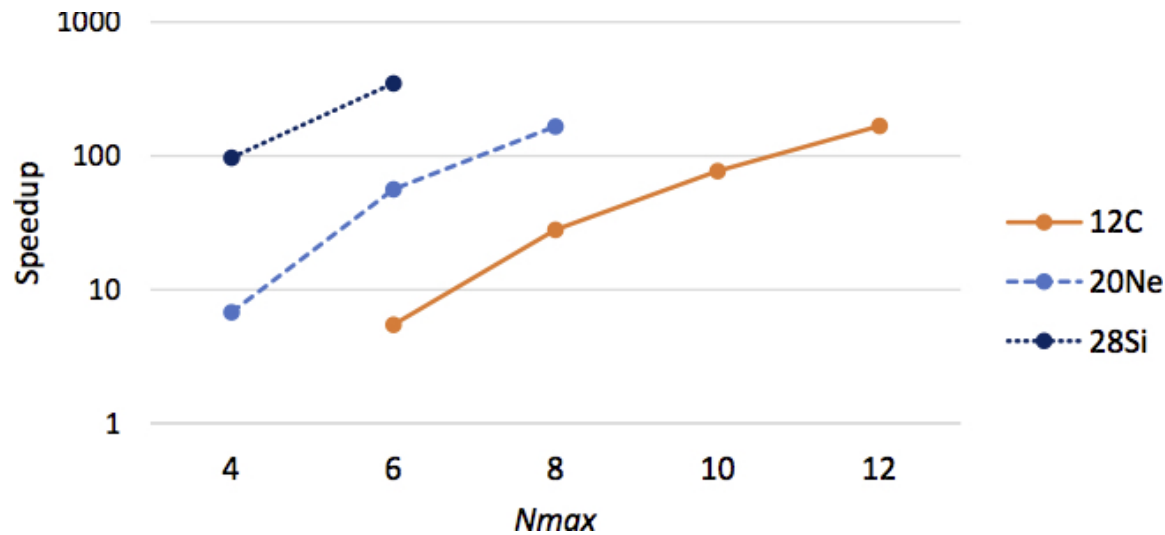
- Baseline implementation became bottleneck for heavier nuclei and large N_{max} spaces



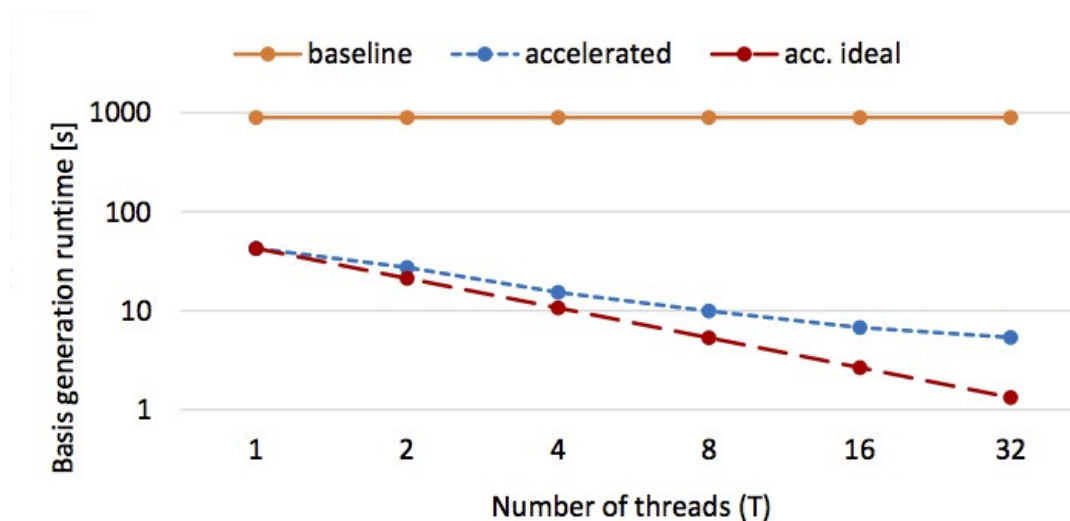
- Workaround: precompute basis segments; store on disk; read during initial step
- Unable to utilize threads as the algorithm was inherently sequential

Accelerating basis construction algorithm

■ New algorithm: two orders of magnitude speedup



■ Good scalability



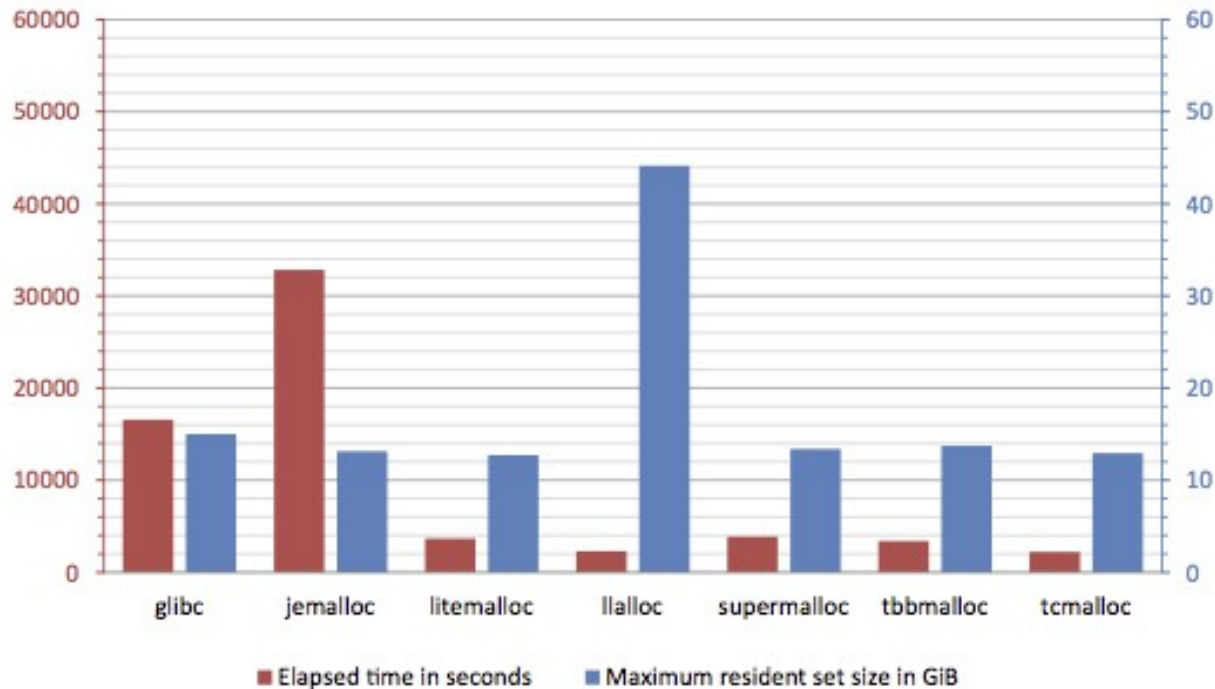
Code optimizations

■ Dynamic memory allocation optimizations

- Matrix construction involves lot of concurrent small allocations
- Dynamic allocation – slow and dependend on malloc implementation.

■ malloc replacement

- tcmalloc (Google), jemalloc (Facebook), tbbmalloc (Intel), litemalloc, LLAlloc, SuperMalloc



- **tcmalloc** – best performance & memory footprint decrease

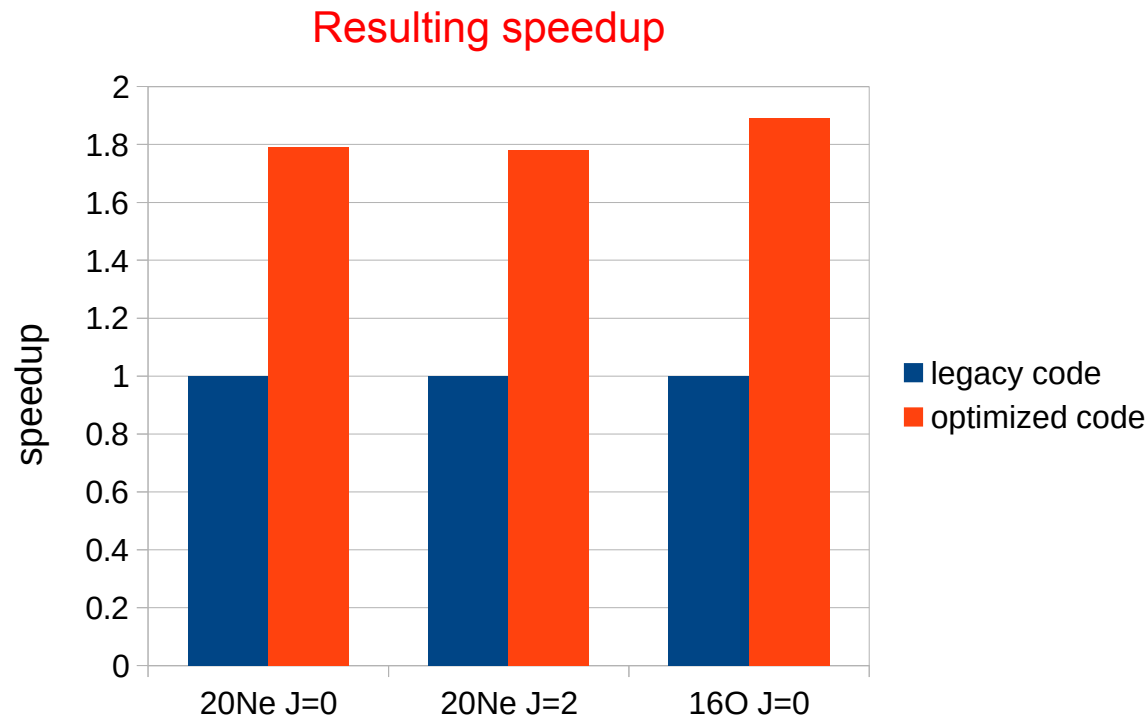
Code optimizations

■ Memory pooling

- allocating large number of small objects of constant size is inefficient
- Solution: memory pooling
- `Boost.Pool` – best performance

■ Small buffer optimizations

- small static buffer for a small number of elements, and dynamic memory over the specified threshold.



Summary

■ Key challenges

- Description of 99.9% mass of the Universe

■ Why it matters

- Ultimate source of energy in the Universe

■ Why Blue Waters

- Aggregate memory and high memory bandwidth

■ Accomplishments

- Many papers in top journals and reaching beyond what competitive theories could accomplish

■ Blue Waters team contributions

- Excellent support and guidance as needed

■ Broader impacts

- Training students in using HPC resources

■ Shared Data

- Codes and results publicly available

■ Products

- <https://sourceforge.net/p/lisu3shell/home/Home/>