

Understanding the isovector channel of nuclear interaction through heavy ion charge-exchange reactions

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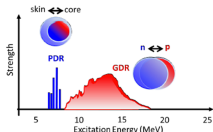
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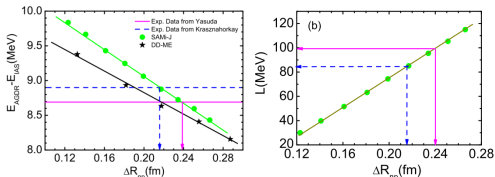
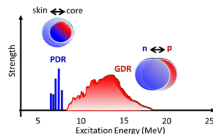
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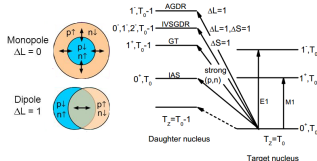
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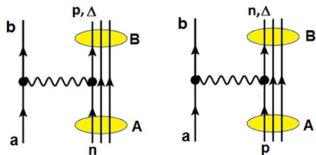
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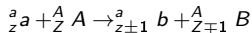
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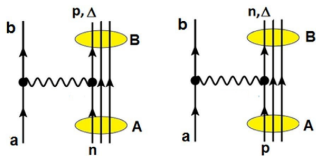
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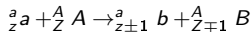
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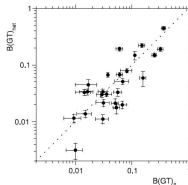
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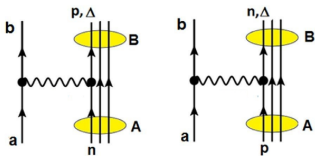
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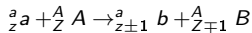
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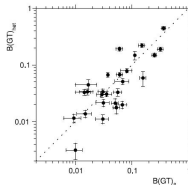
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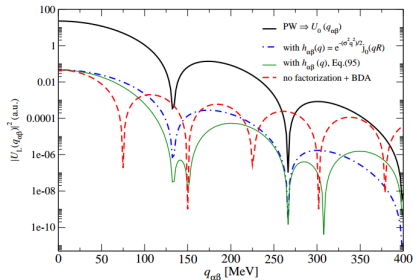
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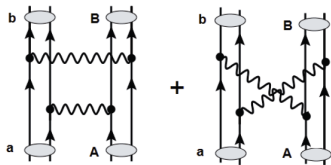
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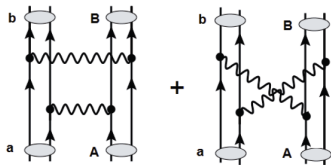
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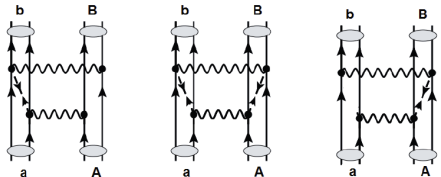
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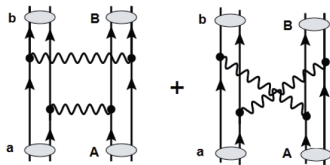
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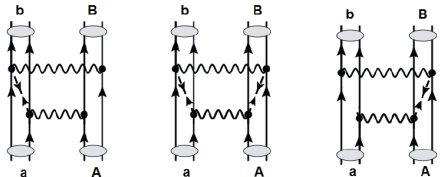
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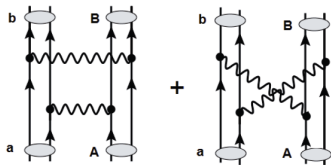
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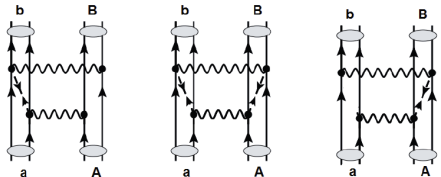
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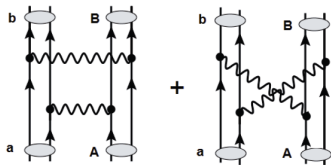
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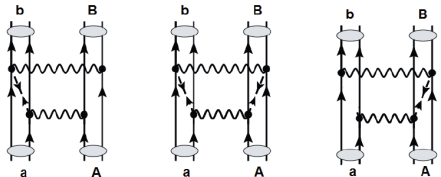
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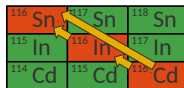
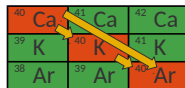


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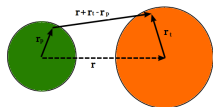
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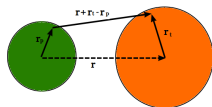
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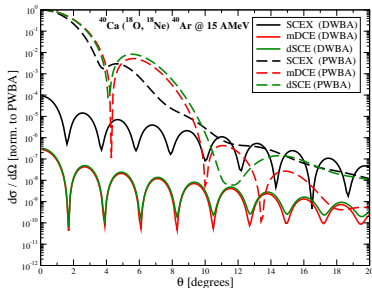
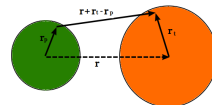


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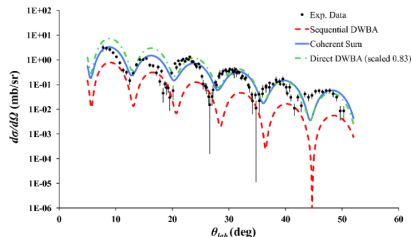
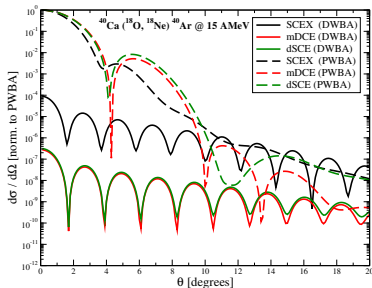
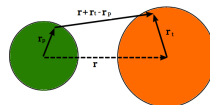
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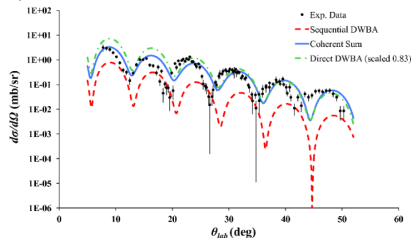
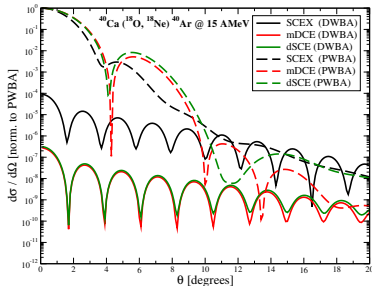
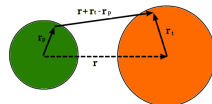
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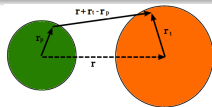
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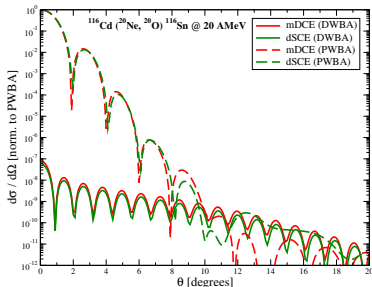
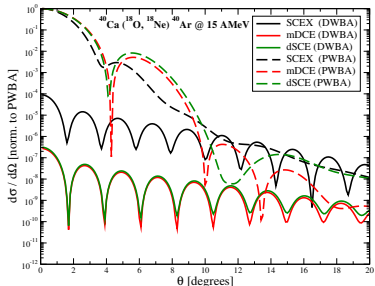
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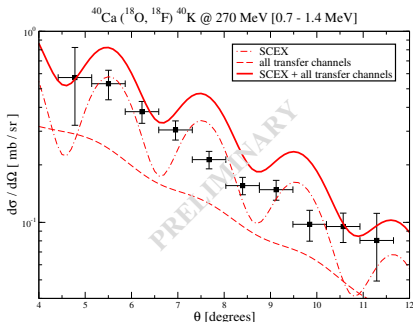
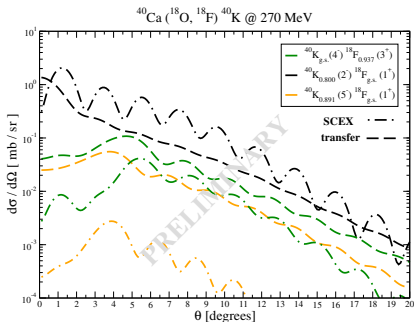
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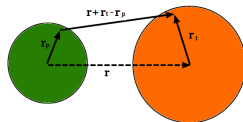
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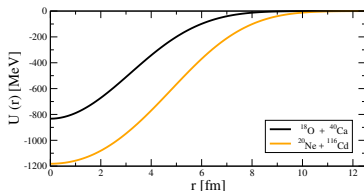
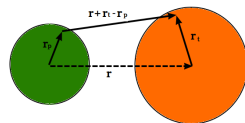
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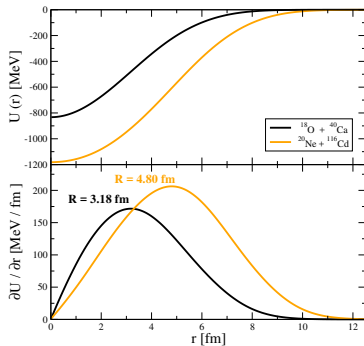
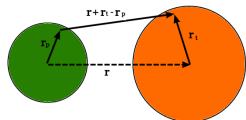
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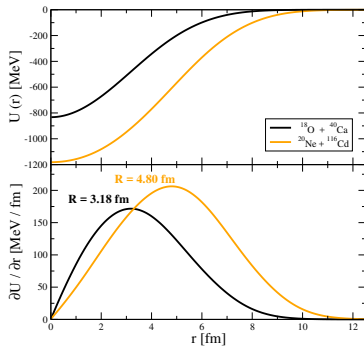
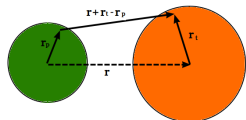
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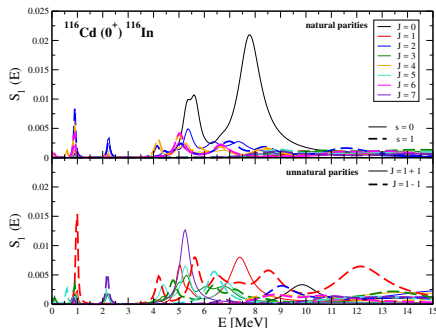
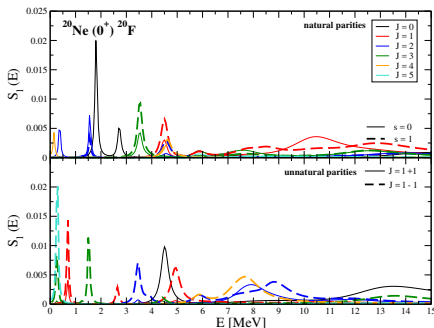
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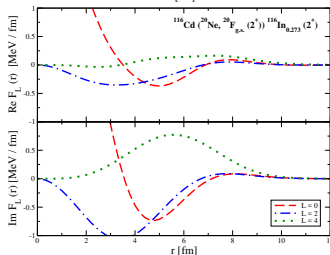
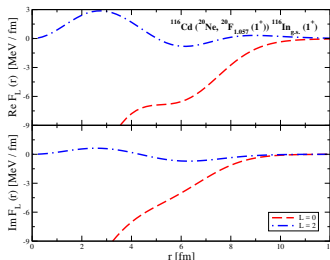
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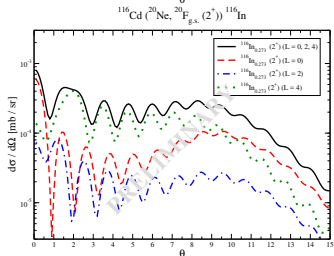
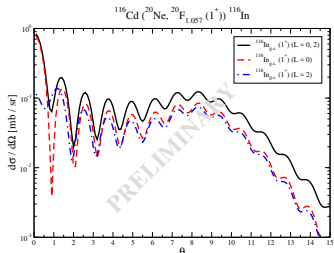
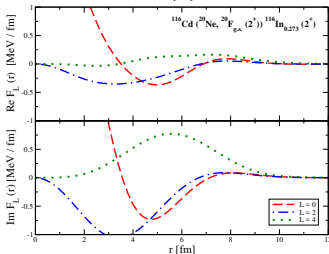
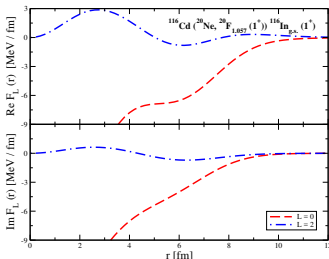
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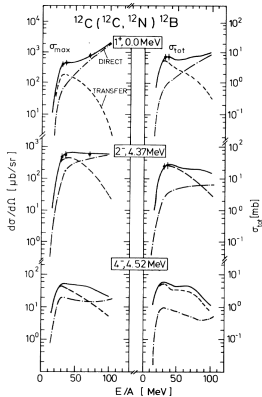
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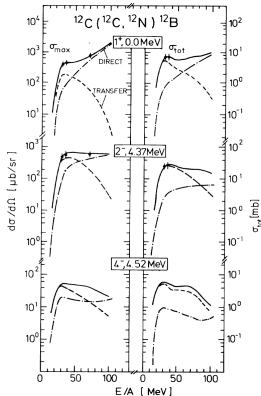
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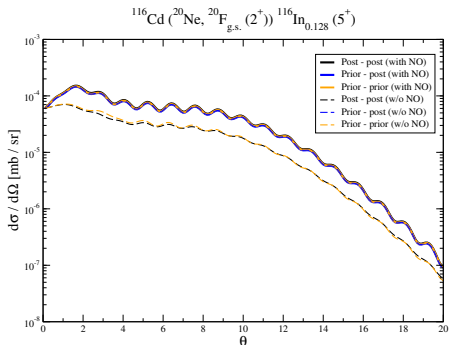
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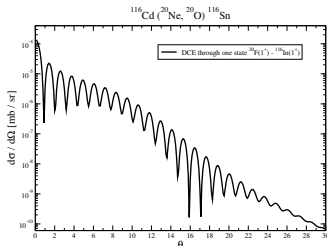
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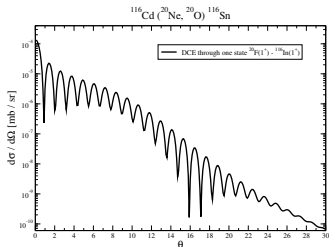
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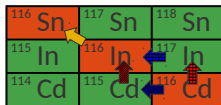
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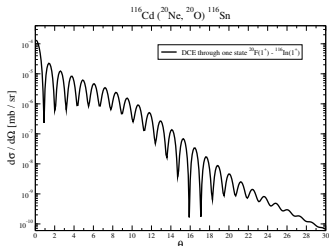
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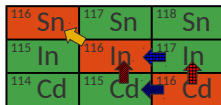
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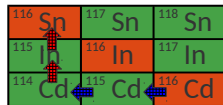
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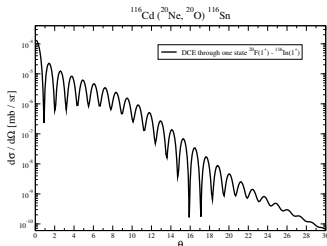
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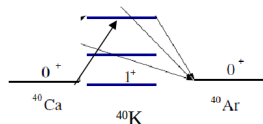


Back-up

DCE Transition matrix element

$$\rightarrow M_{\alpha\beta}^{(DCE)}(\mathbf{k}_B, \mathbf{k}_\alpha) = \langle \chi_\beta^{(-)}, bB | T_{NN} \mathcal{G}^{(+)}(\omega) T_{NN} | aA, \chi_{aA}^{(+)} \rangle.$$

➤ Single state dominance (ex: $0^+ \rightarrow 1^+ \rightarrow 0^+$)



small momentum transfer

$\sim F(q)$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE d\Omega} = \frac{E_\alpha E_\beta}{(2\pi\hbar c)^4} \frac{k_\beta}{k_\alpha} k_\omega^2 \mu_\omega^2 |K^{(SCE)}(\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\omega})|^2 |K^{(SCE)}(\mathbf{q}_{\omega\beta})|^2 f_{BD}$$

Product of beta decay strengths associated with the two steps

➤ Closure approximation (one-step process)

$$\bar{M}_{\beta\alpha}^{(DCE)}(\mathbf{k}_\beta, \mathbf{k}_\alpha) \simeq \sum_{SM, S_1 S_2} (-)^{S_1+S_2-S+M} M_{(S_1 S_2) S-M}^{(ba)\dagger}(\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\beta}) M_{(S_1 S_2) S-M}^{(BA)}(\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\beta}) V_{S_2 S_1}(\mathbf{k}_\beta, \mathbf{k}_\alpha).$$

$\sim F^2(r)$

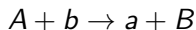
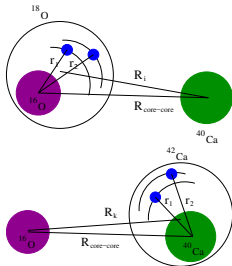
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Two-body transition operator, similar to DGT

$$V_{S_2 S_1}(\mathbf{k}_\beta, \mathbf{k}_\alpha) = \int \frac{d^3 k_\gamma}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{t_{S_2 T}(q_{\beta\gamma}^2) t_{S_1 T}(q_{\gamma\alpha}^2)}{\omega(k_\alpha) - \bar{\omega}(k_\gamma) + i\eta}$$



The Schrödinger Equation



Set of Coupled Equations:

$$\langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_j \rangle \psi_j(R_j) + \sum_{i \neq j} \langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_i \rangle \psi_i(R_i) = 0$$

Distorted Wave:

$$\langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_j \rangle \chi_j(R_j) = 0$$

Plane Wave:

$$\langle \phi_j | \mathcal{K} - E | \phi_j \rangle e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_j}(R_j) = 0$$

Distorted Wave Born Approximation

1. $i \rightarrow j \rightarrow k$:

$$\langle \phi_i | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_i \rangle \chi_i(R_i) \approx 0$$

$$\langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_j \rangle \psi_j(R_j) \approx -\langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_i \rangle \chi_i(R_i)$$

$$\langle \phi_k | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_k \rangle \psi_k(R_k) \approx$$

$$-\langle \phi_k | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_i \rangle \chi_i(R_i) - \langle \phi_k | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_j \rangle \psi_j(R_j)$$

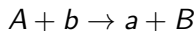
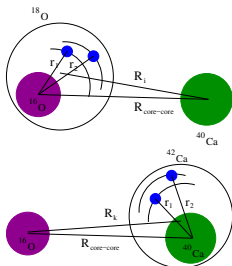
2. T_{ki} amplitudes:

$$T_{ki}^{(1)} = \langle \chi_k^{(-)} \phi_k | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_i \chi_i^{(+)} \rangle$$

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The Hamiltonian



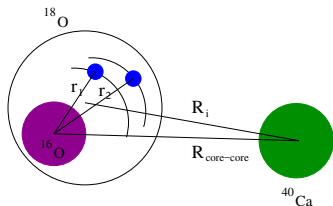
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \mathcal{K} + V_{\text{core-core}} + V_1(r_1) + V_2(r_2) \\ &= \mathcal{K} + U_{Ab}(R_i) + \\ &+ V_{\text{core-core}}(R_{cc}) - U_{Ab}(R_i) + V_{1B}(r_{1B}) + V_{2B}(r_{2B}) \\ &= H(R_i) + V \end{aligned}$$

Post

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \mathcal{K} + V_{\text{core-core}} + V_1(r_1) + V_2(r_2) \\ &= \mathcal{K} + U_{aB}(R_k) + \\ &+ V_{\text{core-core}}(R_{cc}) - U_{aB}(R_k) + V_{1A}(r_{1A}) + V_{2A}(r_{2A}) \\ &= H(R_k) + V \end{aligned}$$

Prior vs. Post



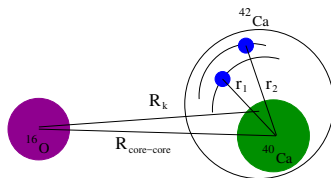
Evaluating the previous brackets:

$$\langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_j \rangle = H_j - E_j ;$$

prior

$$= \langle \phi_j | V_i | \phi_i \rangle + \langle \phi_j | \phi_i \rangle [H_i - E_i]$$

$$= V_{ji}^{prior} + K_{ji} [H_i - E_i]$$



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post

$$= \langle \phi_j | V_j | \phi_i \rangle + [H_j - E_j] \langle \phi_j | \phi_i \rangle$$

$$= V_{ji}^{post} + [H_j - E_j] K_{ji}$$

$$[H_i - E_i] \chi(R_i) = 0$$

$$K_{ji} = \langle \phi_j | \phi_i \rangle$$

! Prior/Post and NO

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!! Prior and post give the same in 1st order if converged

! Prior/Post and NO

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!! Prior-post has zero NO term

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! Post-post and prior-prior in a full bases

$$T_{ki}^{(2)} = \langle \chi_k^{(-)} | \langle \phi_k | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_j \rangle G_j^{(+)} \langle \phi_j | \mathcal{H} - E | \phi_i \rangle | \chi_i^{(+)} \rangle$$

In the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$G_j^{(+)} \langle \phi_j | (\mathcal{H} - E) = G_j^{(+)} \langle \phi_j | V - \langle \phi_j |$$

$$T_{ki}^{NO, post-post} = - \langle \chi_k^{(-)} | \phi_k | V^{post} | \phi_j \rangle \langle \phi_j | \phi_i \chi_i^{(+)} \rangle$$

If $\sum |\phi_j\rangle \langle \phi_j| \approx I$

$$T_{ki}^{NO, post-post} = - T_{ki}^{(1, post)}$$

And same for prior-prior