

Charge-exchange reactions and role of competing transfer channels

Recent advances and challenges
in the description of nuclear reactions
at the limit of stability



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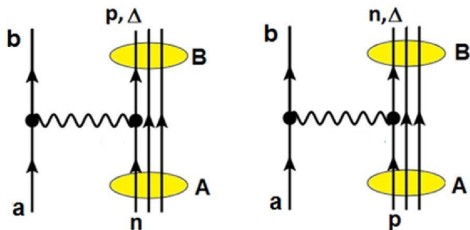
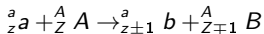
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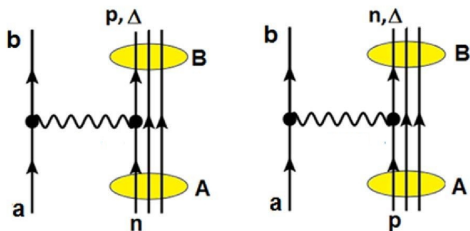
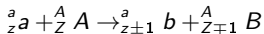
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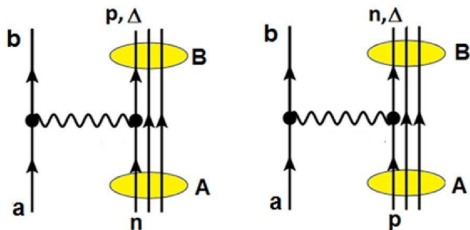
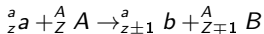
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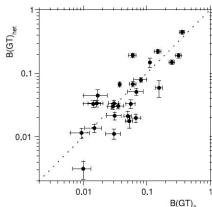
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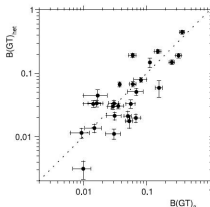
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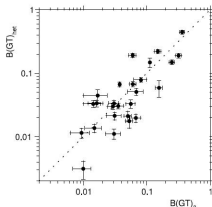
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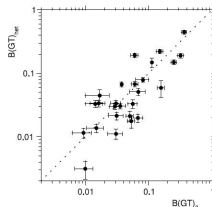
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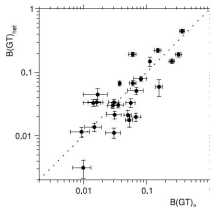
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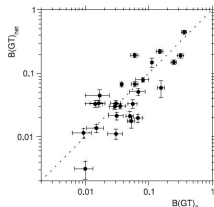
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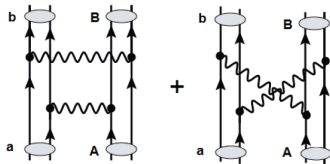
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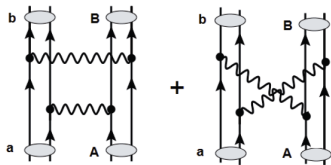
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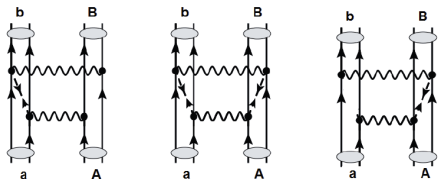
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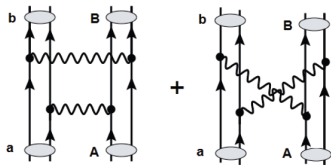
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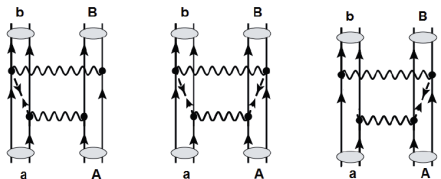
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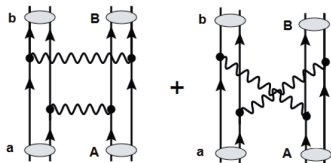
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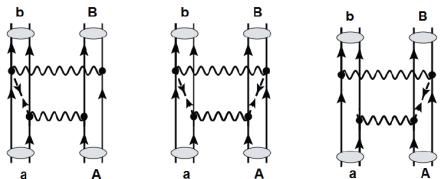
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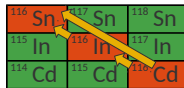
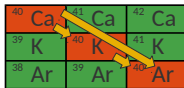
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NUMEN @ LNS-INFN

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[see talk of M. Cavallaro]



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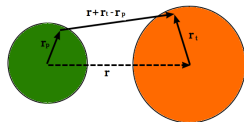
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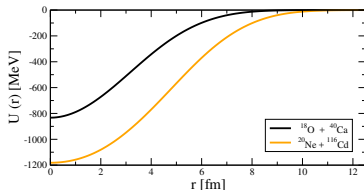
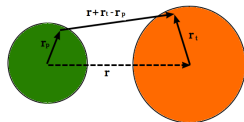
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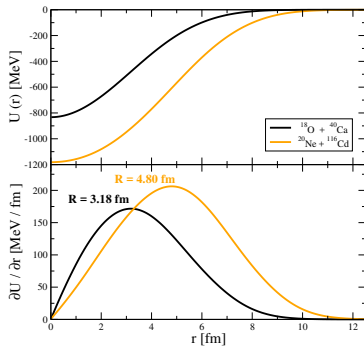
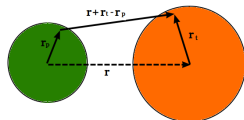
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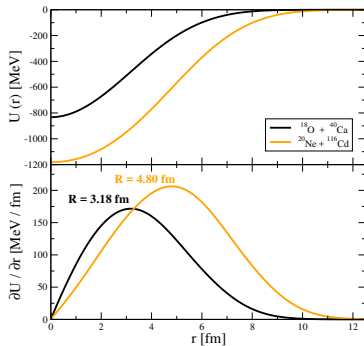
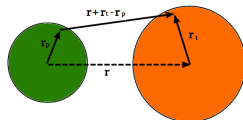
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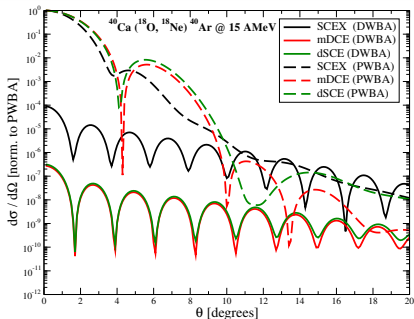
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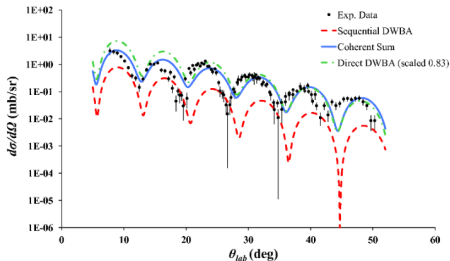
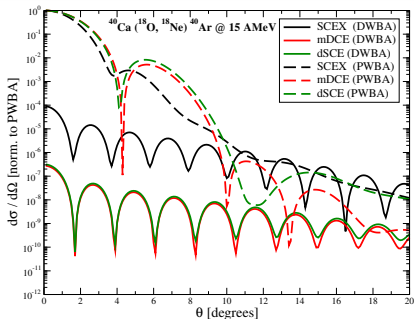
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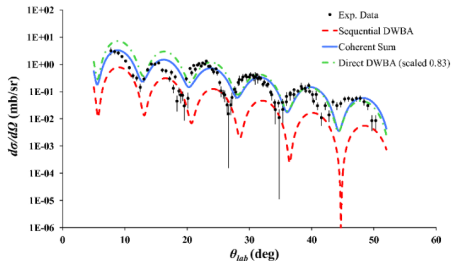
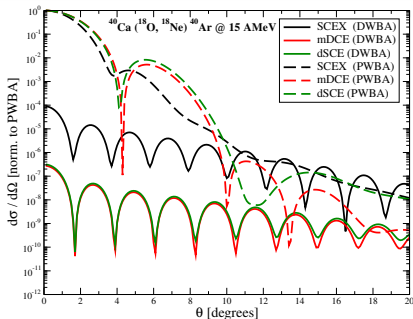
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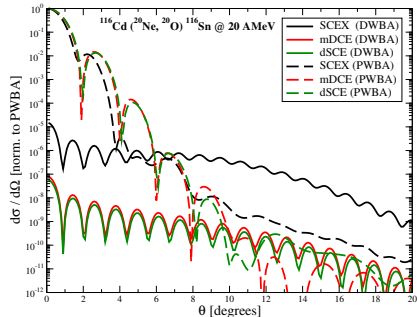
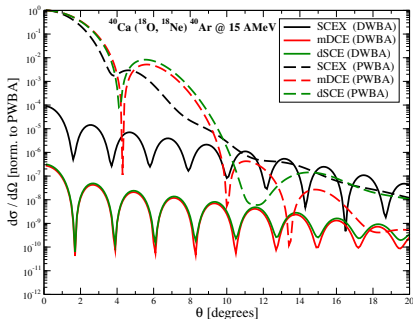
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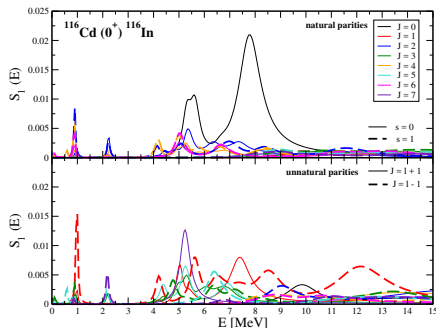
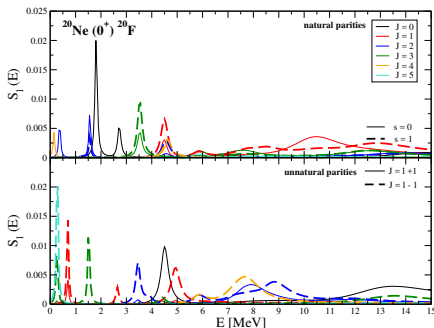
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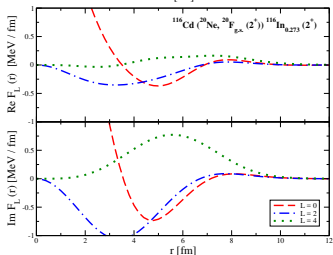
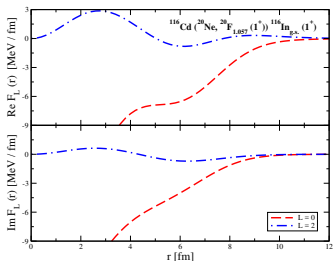
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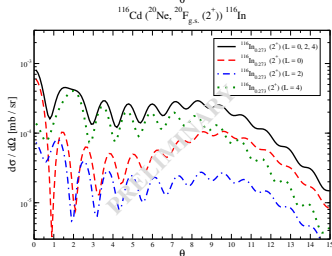
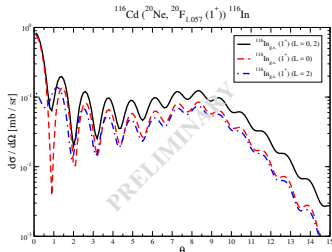
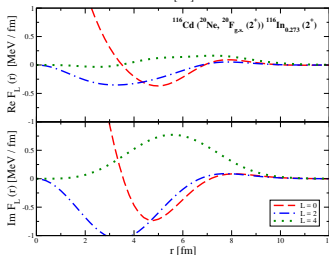
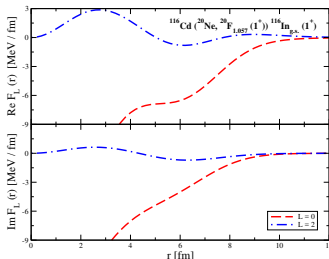
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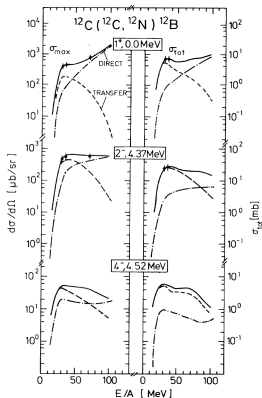
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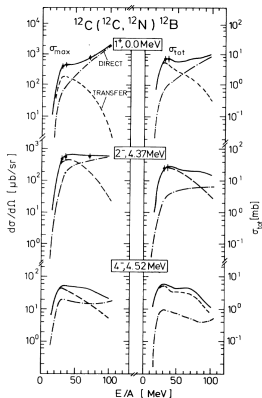
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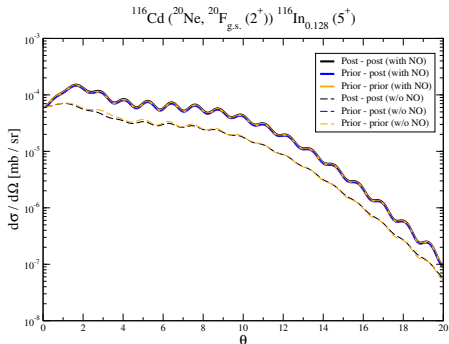
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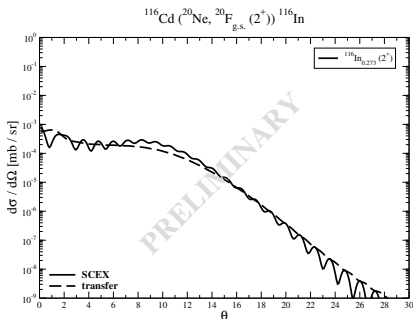
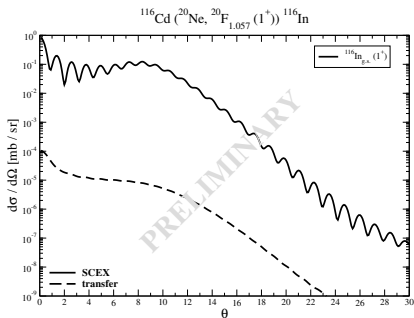
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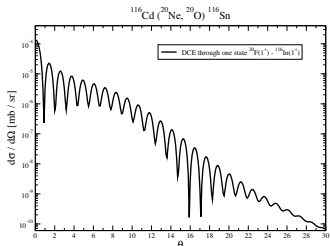
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Perspectives and outlooks: towards DCEX



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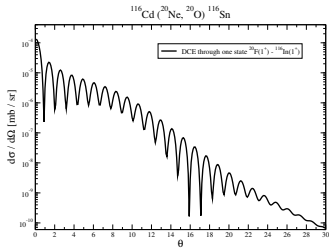
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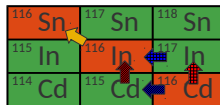
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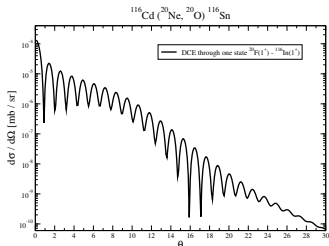
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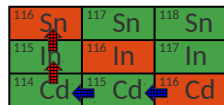
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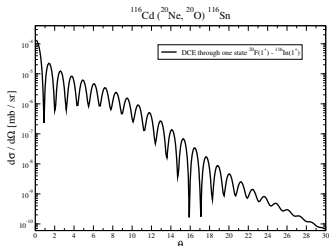
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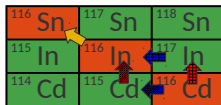
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