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**Comparative study of three
body models for continuum
states**

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Outline of this paper

Hyperspherical Harmonics (HH) basis

- 1, R-matrix method
- 2, Complex scaling method
- 3, Pseudostate method

Application: ^6He , phase shift, dipole transition

$$\alpha + n + n$$

Introduction of HH basis

Define the Jacobi coordinate:

$$\mathbf{x}_{N-j+1} = \sqrt{\frac{2m_{j+1}M_j}{M_{j+1}m}} \left(\mathbf{r}_{j+1} - \mathbf{X}_j \right) \quad \mathbf{X}_j = \frac{1}{M_j} \sum_{i=1}^j m_i \mathbf{r}_i$$

Define the hyperradius:

$$\rho = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{A} \sum_{j>i=1}^A (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)^2} = \sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^A (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{X})^2},$$

Define the hyperangle:

$$\cos \varphi_j = \frac{x_j}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_j^2}}$$

3B situation:

$$\rho = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}_k^2 + \mathbf{y}_k^2}, \quad \tan \alpha_k = \mathbf{y}_k / \mathbf{x}_k$$

Introduction of HH basis

All the angle variable: $\Omega_{5k} = (\alpha_k, \Omega_x, \Omega_y)$

T operator in CM frame:

$$T_\rho = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{5}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} - \frac{K^2(\Omega_5)}{\rho^2} \right)$$

**Grand angular momentum
Operator**

Eigfunction of the operator is the HH function:

$$K^2 \mathcal{Y}_{\gamma K}^{JM} = K(K+4) \mathcal{Y}_{\gamma K}^{JM}$$

The index contains a set of quantum numbers:

$$\gamma = (\ell_x, \ell_y, L, S)$$

Introduction of HH basis

The HH function has the form:

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\gamma K}^{JM}(\Omega_5) = \phi_K^{\ell_x \ell_y}(\alpha) \left[\mathcal{Y}_{\ell_x \ell_y}^L \otimes \chi^S \right]^{JM}$$
$$\mathcal{Y}_{\ell_x \ell_y}^{LM_L}(\Omega_5) = \left[Y_{\ell_x}(\Omega_x) \otimes Y_{\ell_y}(\Omega_y) \right]^{LM_L}$$

The wave function can be expanded in:

$$\Psi^{JM\pi} = \rho^{-5/2} \sum_{K=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\gamma} \chi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi}(\rho) \mathcal{Y}_{\gamma K}^{JM}(\Omega_5) = \rho^{-5/2} \sum_{K=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\gamma} \Psi_{\gamma K}^{JM\pi}$$

The Schrödinger equation can be written in:

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N} \left[\frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} - \frac{\mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K + 1)}{\rho^2} \right] - E \right) \chi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi}(\rho) + \sum_{K'\gamma'} V_{\gamma K, \gamma' K'}^{J\pi}(\rho) \chi_{\gamma' K'}^{J\pi}(\rho) = 0$$

Introduction of HH basis

The potential matrix is given by:

$$V_{\gamma K, \gamma' K'}^{J\pi}(\rho) = \left\langle \mathcal{Y}_{\gamma K}^{JM} \left| \sum_{i>j} V_{ij}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \right| \mathcal{Y}_{\gamma' K'}^{JM} \right\rangle$$

The potential takes the form:

$$V_{\gamma K, \gamma' K'}^{J\pi}(\rho) \xrightarrow{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \delta_{LL'} \delta_{SS'} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{v_k}{\rho^{2k+3}}$$

Projection over the forbidden states:

$$V_{ij} \rightarrow V_{ij} + \Lambda \sum_n |\varphi_n\rangle \langle \varphi_n|$$

Dipole strength

The E1 transition strength from gs to a continuum is

$$\frac{dB(E1)}{dE} = \frac{1}{2J_0 + 1} \sum_{\gamma_\omega K_\omega} \sum_{JM\pi M_0\mu} \left| \left\langle \mathcal{K} \Psi_{\gamma_\omega K_\omega}^{JM\pi}(E) \left| \mathcal{M}_\mu^{E1} \right| \Psi^{J_0 M_0 \pi_0} \right\rangle \right|^2,$$

The dipole electric operator takes the form(HH form)

$$\mathcal{M}_\mu^{E1} = eZ_c \left(\frac{2}{A_c A} \right)^{1/2} \rho \sin \alpha Y_1^\mu(\Omega_y)$$

The matrix element can be calculated:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \Psi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi} \parallel \mathcal{M}^{E\lambda} \parallel \Psi_{\gamma' K'}^{J'\pi'} \right\rangle &= eZ_c \left(\frac{2}{A_c A} \right)^{\lambda/2} C_{\gamma K \gamma' K'}^{JJ'} \\ &\times \int_0^\infty \chi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi}(\rho) \rho^\lambda \chi_{\gamma' K'}^{J'\pi'}(\rho) d\rho \int_0^{\pi/2} \phi_K^{\ell_x \ell_y}(\alpha) \phi_{K'}^{\ell'_x \ell'_y}(\alpha) (\cos \alpha)^2 (\sin \alpha)^{\lambda+2} d\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

R-matrix method

The radial function has the asymptotic form:

$$\chi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi}(\rho) \xrightarrow{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi}, \text{ as } (\rho),$$

$$\chi_{\gamma K}^{J\pi}, \text{ as } (\rho) = i^{K_\omega+1} (k/4\pi E)^{1/2} \left[H_{\gamma K}^-(k\rho) \delta_{\gamma\gamma_\omega} \delta_{KK_\omega} - U_{\gamma K, \gamma_\omega K_\omega}^{J\pi} H_{\gamma K}^+(k\rho) \right]$$

The wave function in the internal region can be expanded:

$$\chi_{\gamma K, \text{int}}^{J\pi}(\rho) = \sum_{i=1}^N c_{\gamma Ki}^{J\pi} u_i(\rho)$$

Introduce the Bloch-Schrödinger equation:

$$(H + \mathcal{L} - E)\Psi^{JM\pi} = \mathcal{L}\Psi^{JM\pi},$$

The R-matrix can be expressed as:

$$R_{\gamma K, \gamma' K'}^{J\pi}(a_0) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_N a_0} \sum_{i, i'} u_i(a_0) (\mathbf{C}^{J\pi})_{\gamma Ki, \gamma' K' i'}^{-1} u_{i'}(a_0),$$

CSM

We are solving the complexed scaled Schrödinger equation:

$$H(\theta)\Psi(\theta) = U(\theta)HU^{-1}(\theta)\Psi(\theta) = E(\theta)\Psi(\theta)$$

The complex eigenvalues are:

$$E(\theta) = E_r - i\Gamma_r/2$$

The response function can be expressed :

$$R_{E1} (J_0\pi_0 \rightarrow J\pi, E) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\left\langle \tilde{\Psi}_{\lambda}^{J\pi}(\theta) \parallel \mathcal{M}_{\theta}^{E1} \parallel \Psi^{J_0\pi_0}(\theta) \right\rangle^2}{E - E_{\lambda}^J(\theta)}$$

The dipole strength is obtained from the response function:

$$\frac{dB(E1)}{dE} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} R_{E1} (J_0\pi_0 \rightarrow J\pi, E)$$

pseudostate method

The pseudostate method just solve the eigenvalue problem:

$$H\Psi_{\lambda}^{JM\pi} = E_{\lambda}^{J\pi}\Psi_{\lambda}^{JM\pi}$$

The dipole strength for specific energy is obtained with:

$$B_{E1}(J_0\pi_0 \rightarrow J\pi, E_{\lambda}^{J\pi}) = \frac{2J+1}{2J_0+1} \left| \left\langle \Psi_{\lambda}^{J\pi}(E_{\lambda}^{J\pi}) \parallel \mathcal{M}^{E1} \parallel \Psi^{J_0\pi_0} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

The differential relation can be recovered by:

$$\frac{dB(E1)}{dE} \approx \sum_{J\pi\lambda} f(E, E_{\lambda}^{J\pi}) B_{E1}(J_0\pi_0 \rightarrow J\pi, E_{\lambda}^{J\pi})$$

The function is in general chosen as a Gaussian, with a width parameter.

Application to ${}^6\text{He}$

For exotic nuclei, the binding energy is very small, and many observables are very sensitive to its value.

Fine-tuning is required for its potential

1. Renormalizing the $\alpha + n$ by a factor $\lambda_{\alpha n}$. This factor is close to unity (see Table I), but slightly affects the $\alpha + n$ phase shifts. In particular the $p_{3/2}$ and $p_{1/2}$ resonances are lower than the experimental values.
2. Rescaling the attractive part of the $n + n$ Minnesota interaction.³¹⁾ This option leaves the $\alpha + n$ phase shifts unchanged.
3. Introducing a phenomenological three-body potential depending on the hyper-radius only. This potential is defined as

$$V_3(\rho) = \frac{v_3}{1 + \exp(\rho/\rho_3)} \delta_{KK'} \delta_{\gamma\gamma'}$$

3B phase shift

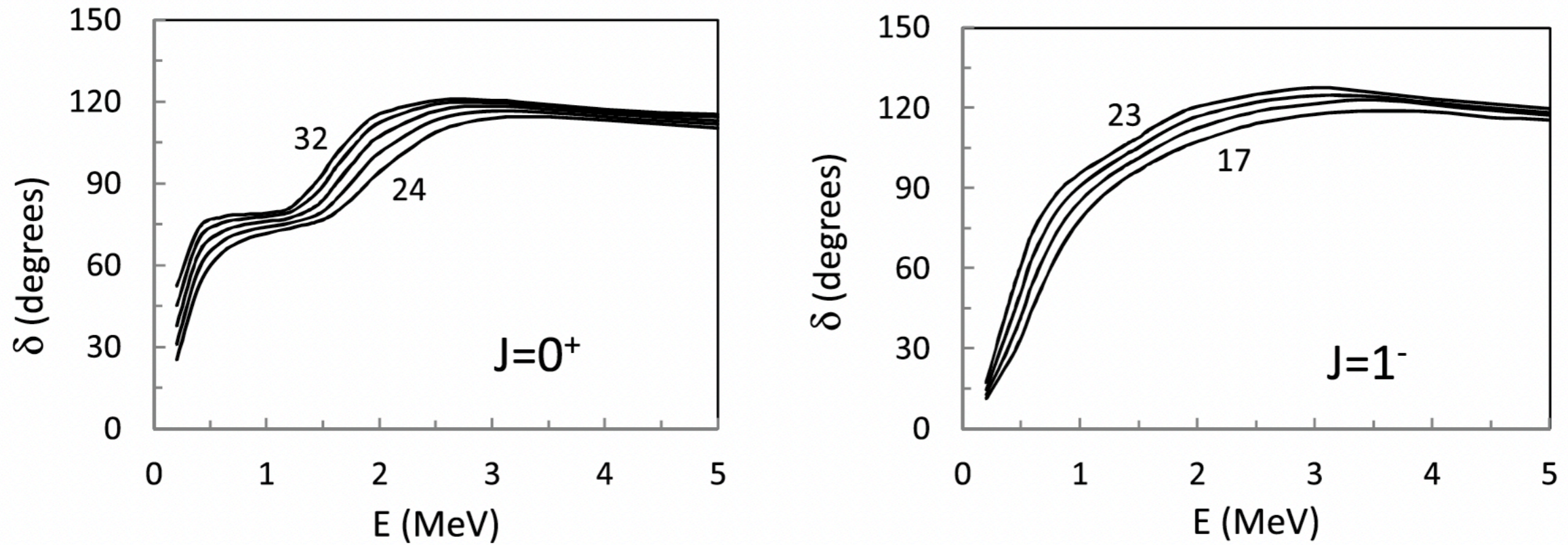


Fig. 1. $\alpha + n + n$ eigenphase shifts for $J = 0^+$ (left panel) and $J = 1^-$ (right panel), and for the renormalized $n + n$ potential. The K_{\max} values vary by steps of 2 (the minimum and maximum values are indicated).

3B phase shift

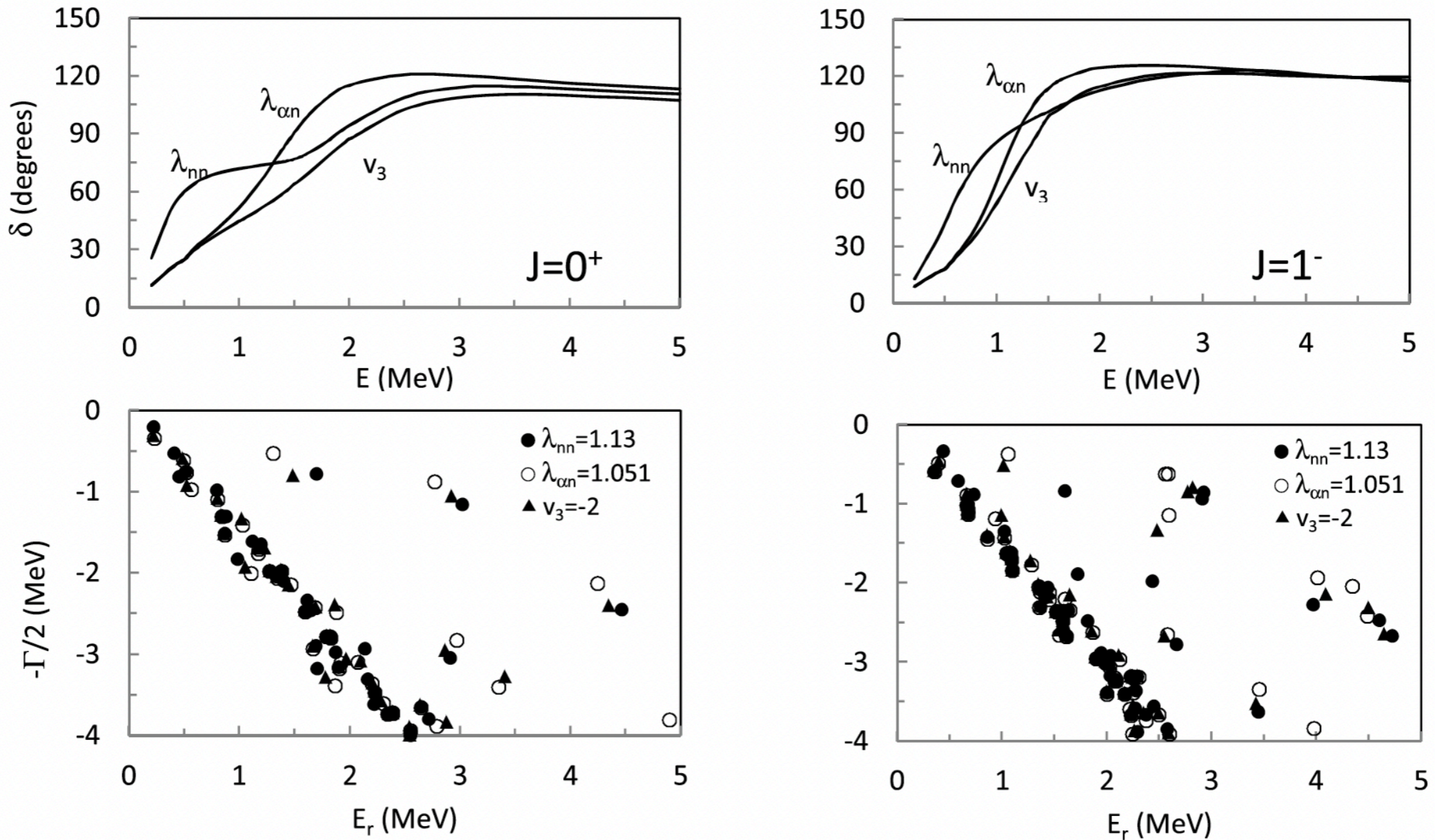


Fig. 2. Upper panel: 0^+ and 1^- eigenphase shifts for different conditions of calculations ($K_{\max} = 24$ for $J = 0^+$ and $K_{\max} = 19$ for $J = 1^-$). Lower panel: corresponding CSM energies with $\theta = 0.5$.

Dipole strength

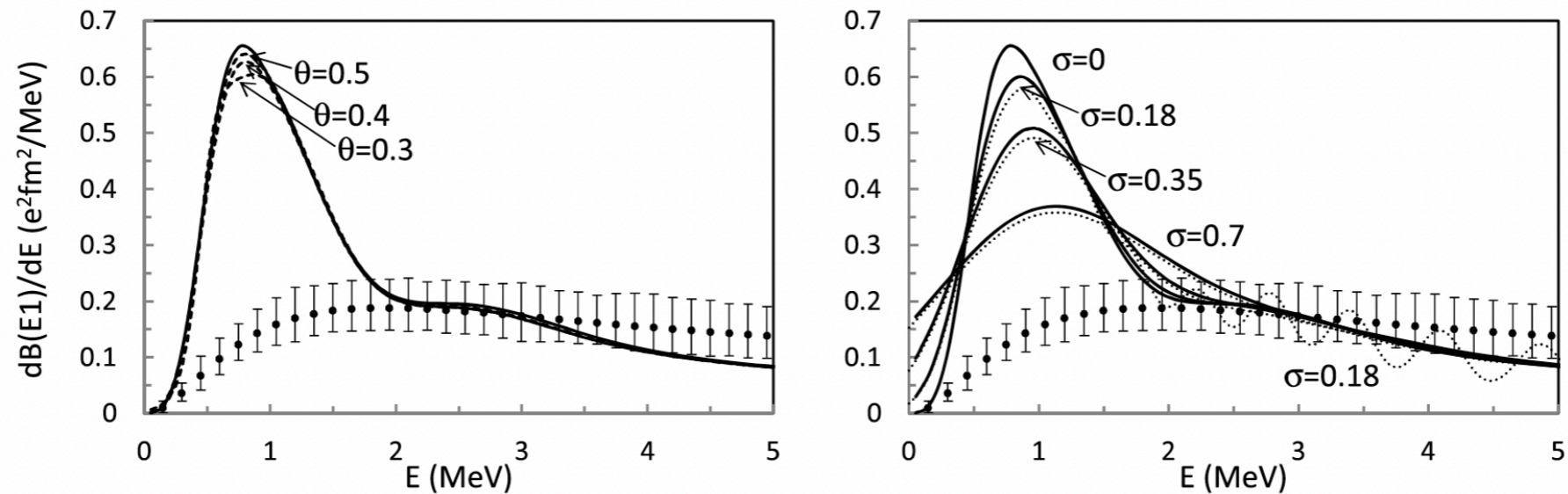


Fig. 3. ${}^6\text{He}$ dipole strengths. Left panel: comparison of the R -matrix (solid lines) and CSM (dashed lines) methods for different θ values. Right panel: comparison of the R -matrix (solid lines) and PS (dotted lines) methods for different σ values. The experimental data are taken from Ref. 36).

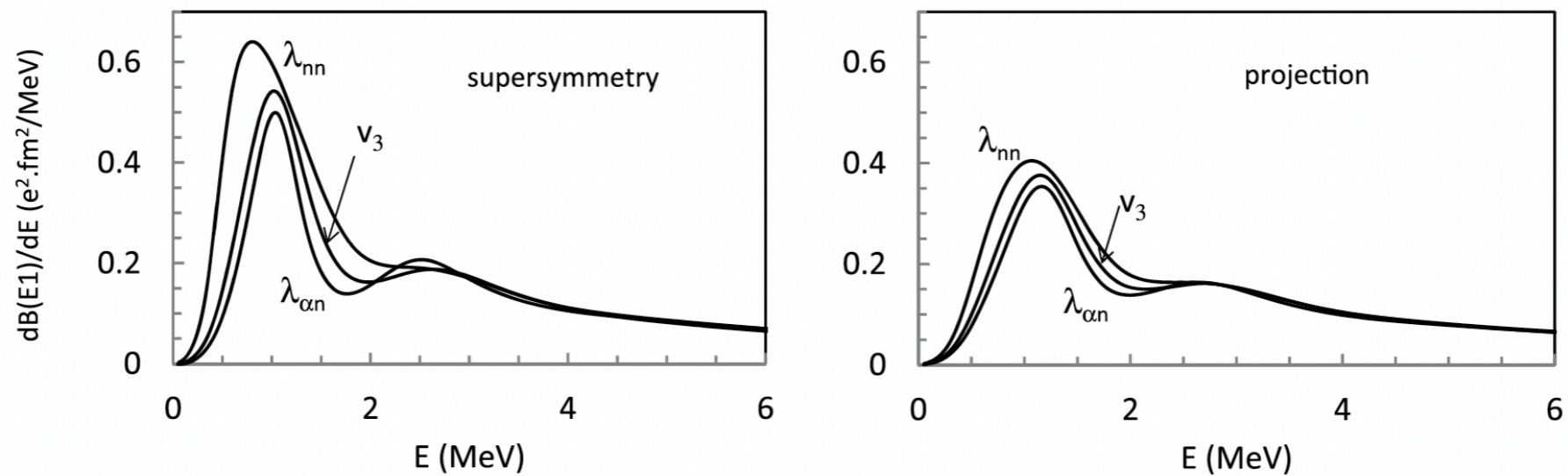


Fig. 4. ${}^6\text{He}$ dipole-strength distributions with different potentials (see Table I) and with two methods for removing $\alpha + n$ forbidden states: supersymmetry (left panel) and projection (right panel).