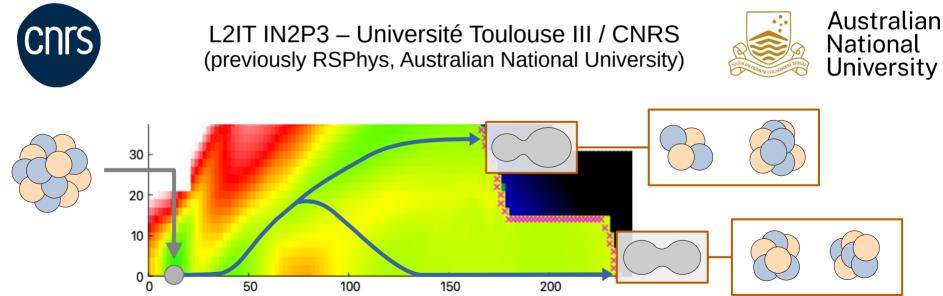
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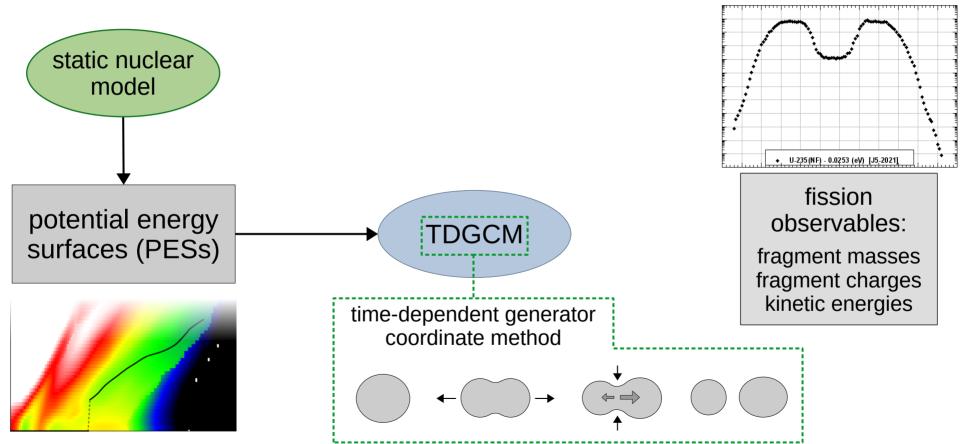
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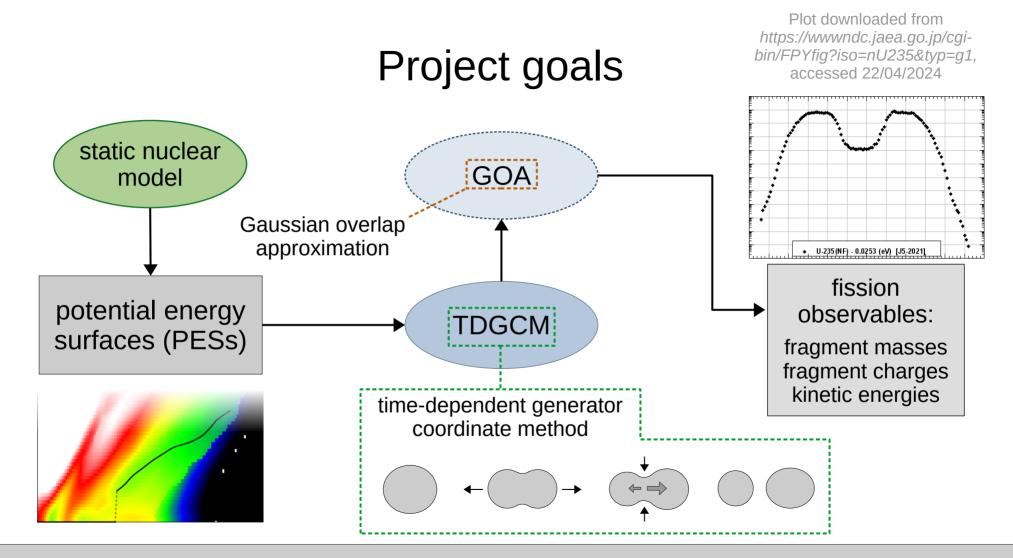
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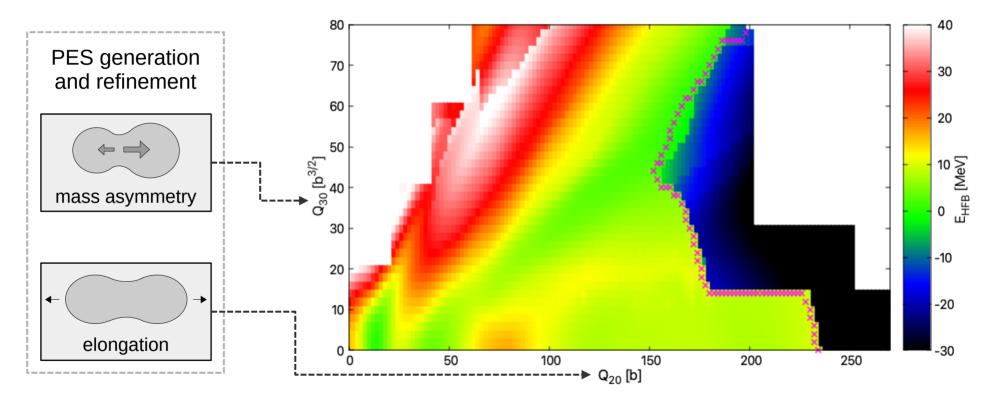
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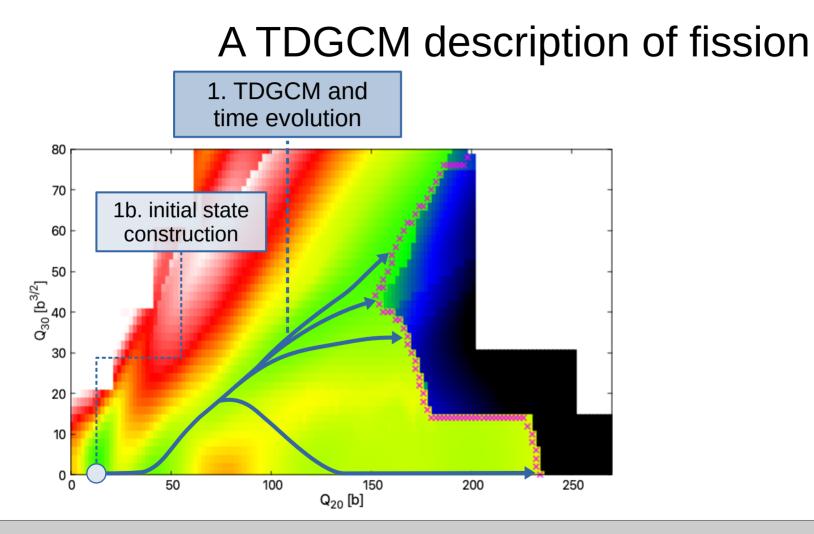


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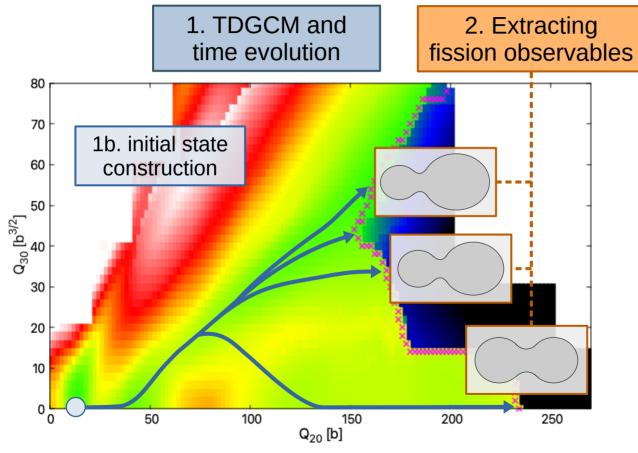
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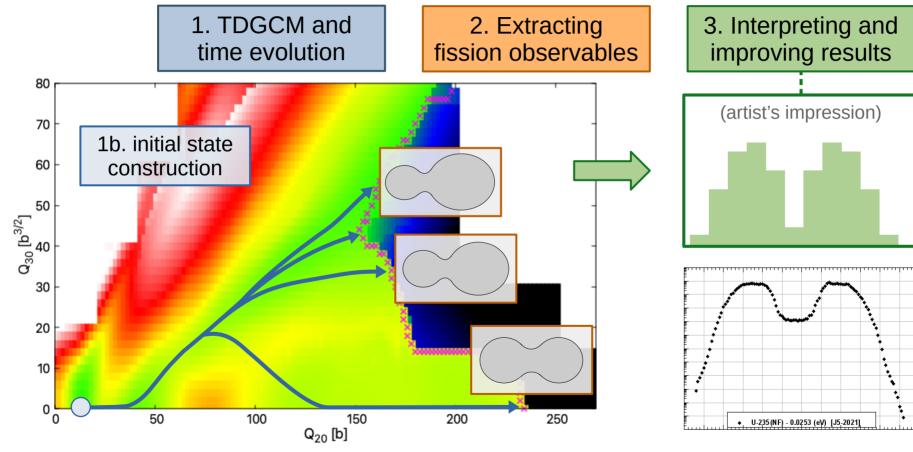
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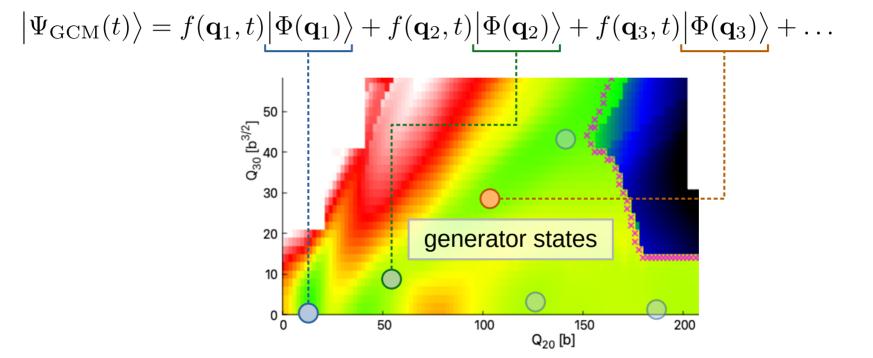


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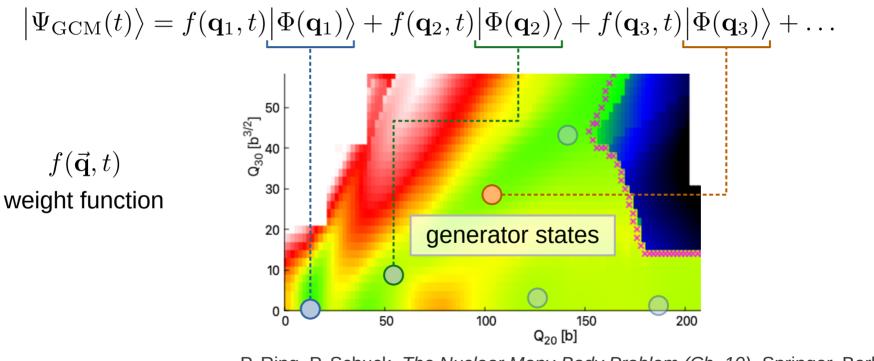
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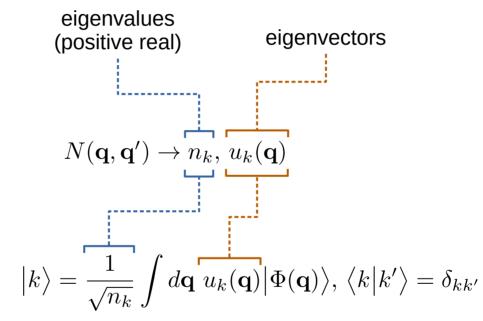
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$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}'$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}') \approx \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{s}\cdot\Gamma(\mathbf{\bar{q}})\cdot\mathbf{s}\right)$$

Gaussian approximation of overlap kernel

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}') \approx \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}') \Big[h_0(\bar{\mathbf{q}}) + \mathbf{h}_1(\bar{\mathbf{q}}) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \bar{\mathbf{q}} \cdot H_2(\bar{\mathbf{q}}) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \mathcal{O}(\bar{\mathbf{q}}^3) \Big]$$

quadratic approximation for Hamiltonian (and other) kernels

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Collective inertia tensor
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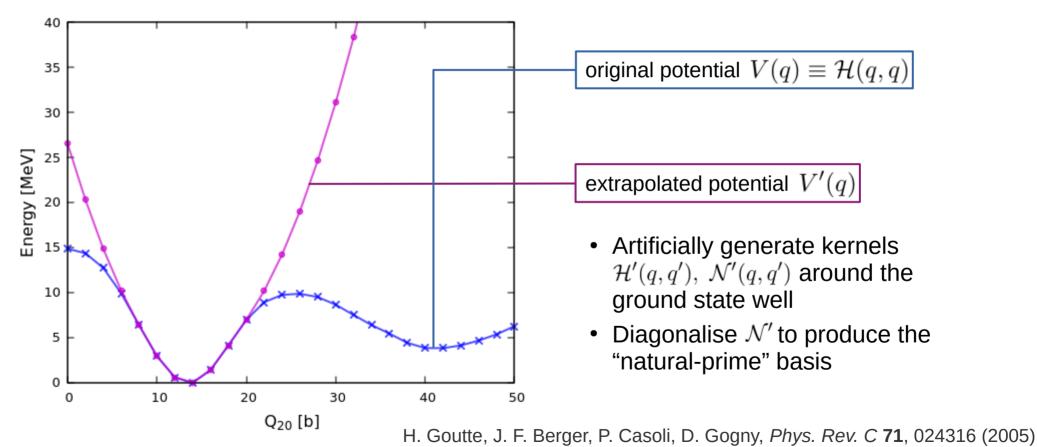
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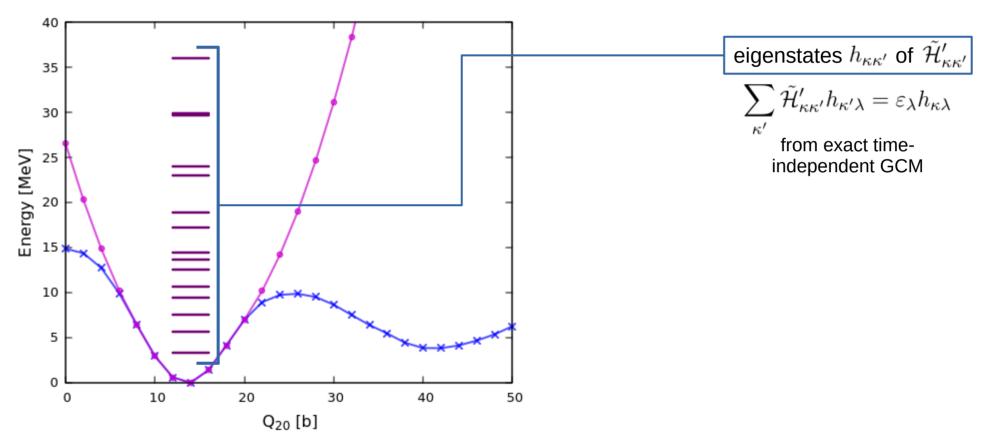
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Initial state construction



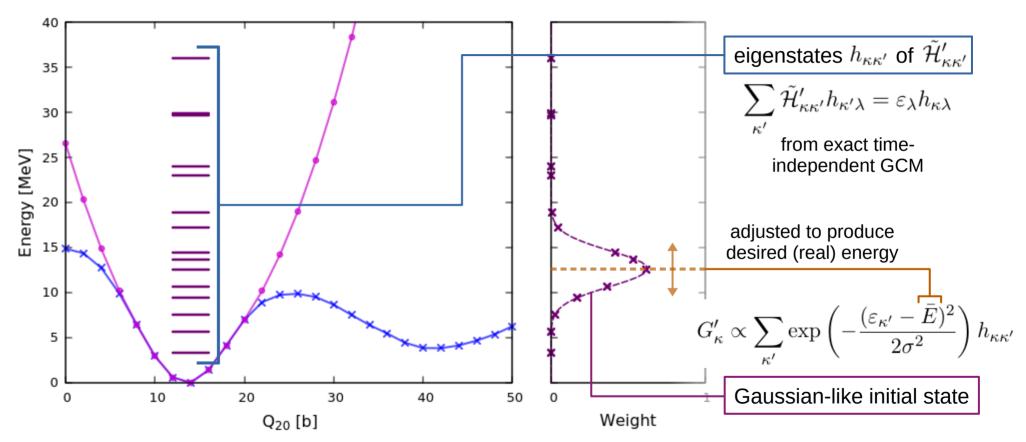
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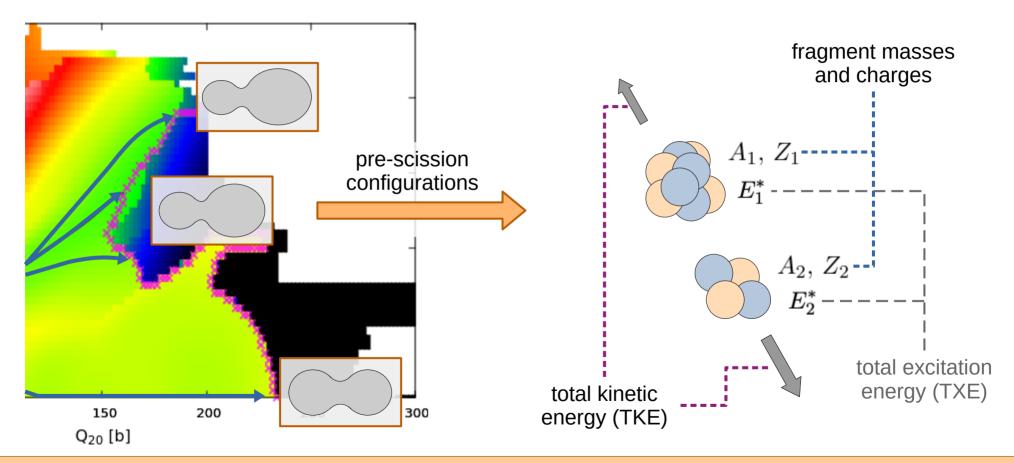


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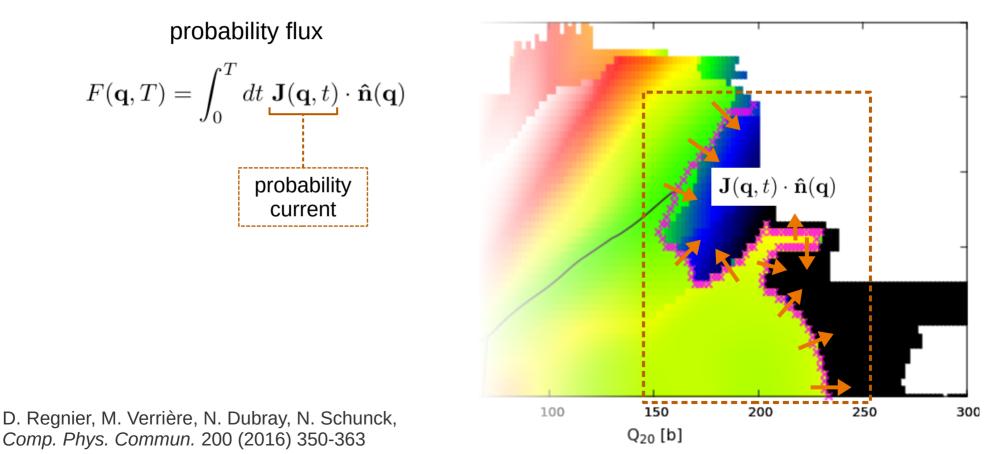
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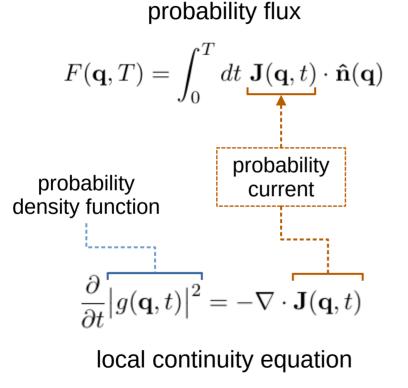
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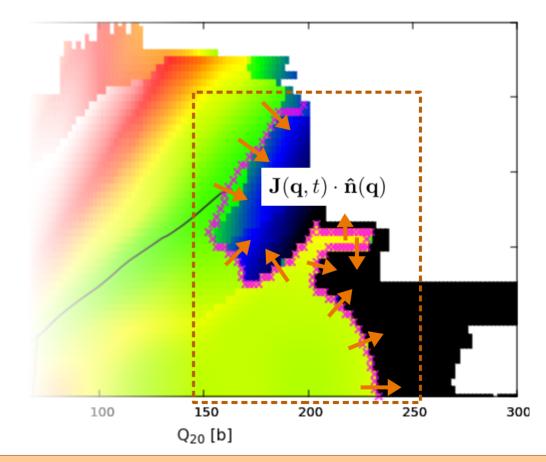
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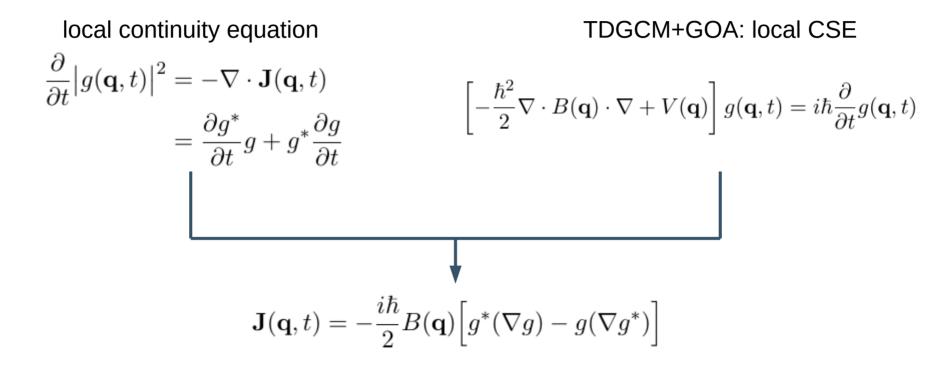
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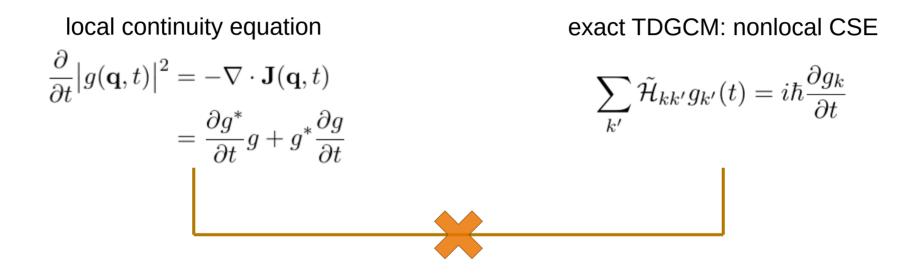


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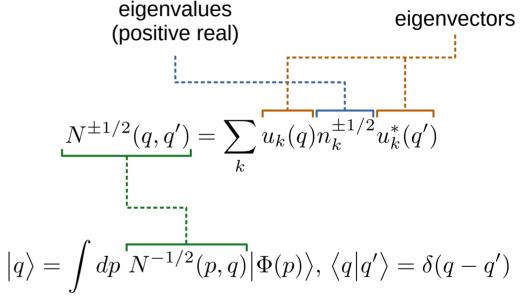
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change to central coordinates

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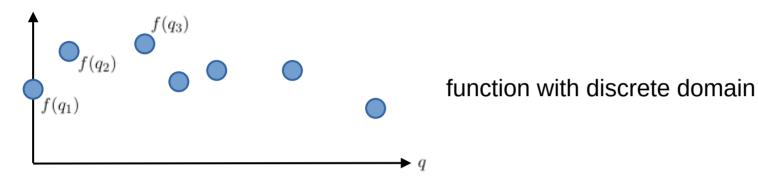
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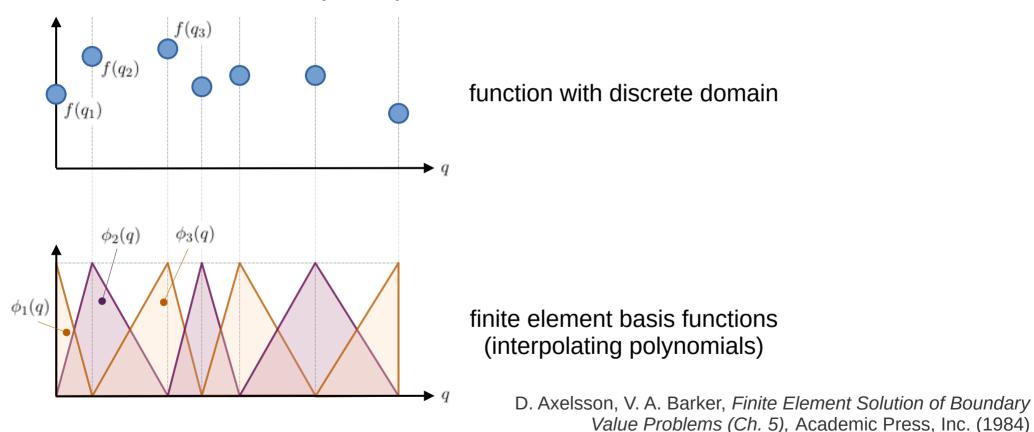
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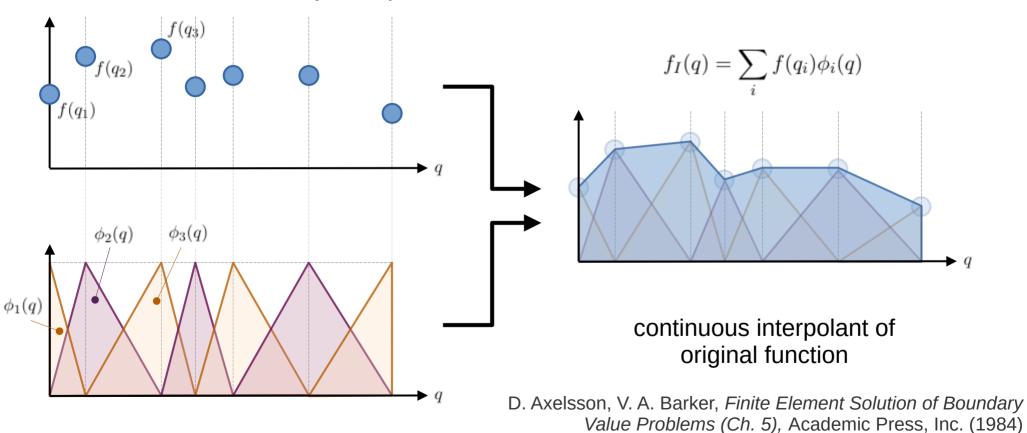
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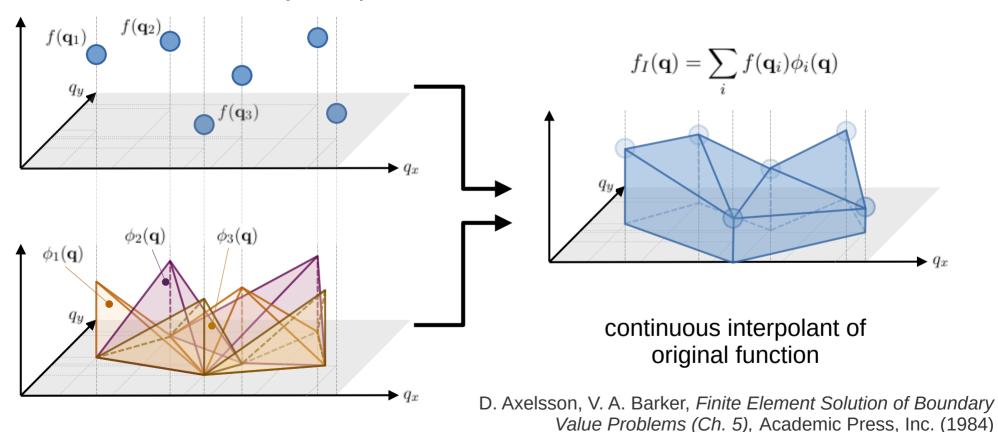
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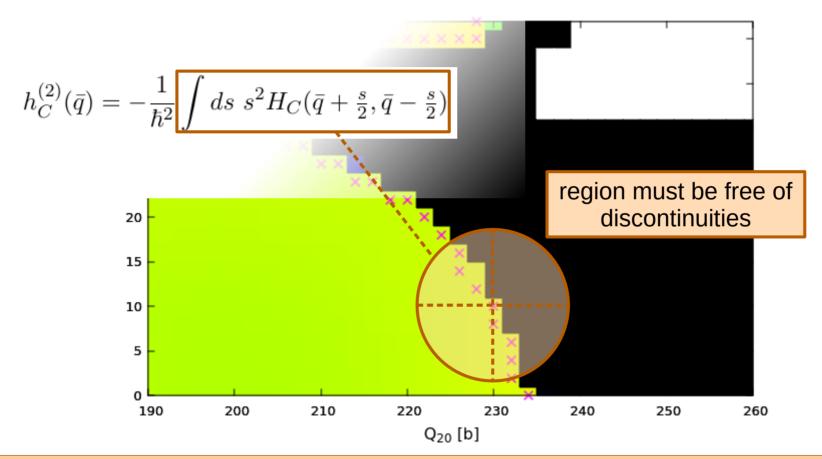
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interpolant of the nonlocal collective Hamiltonian
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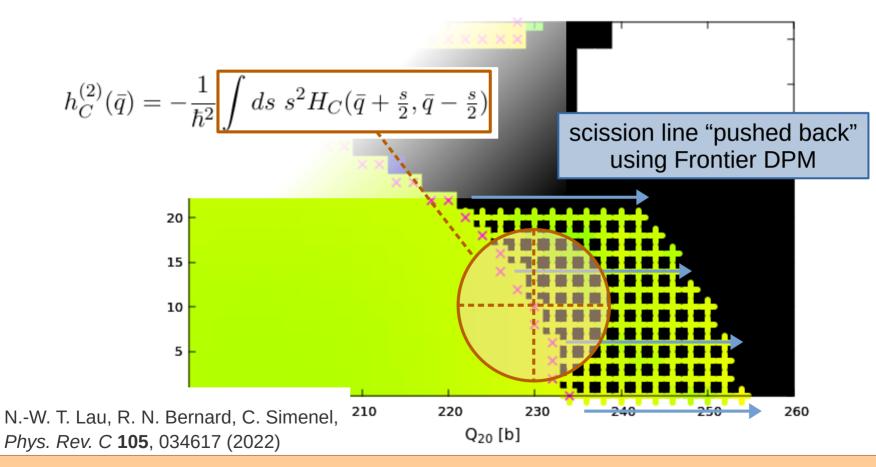
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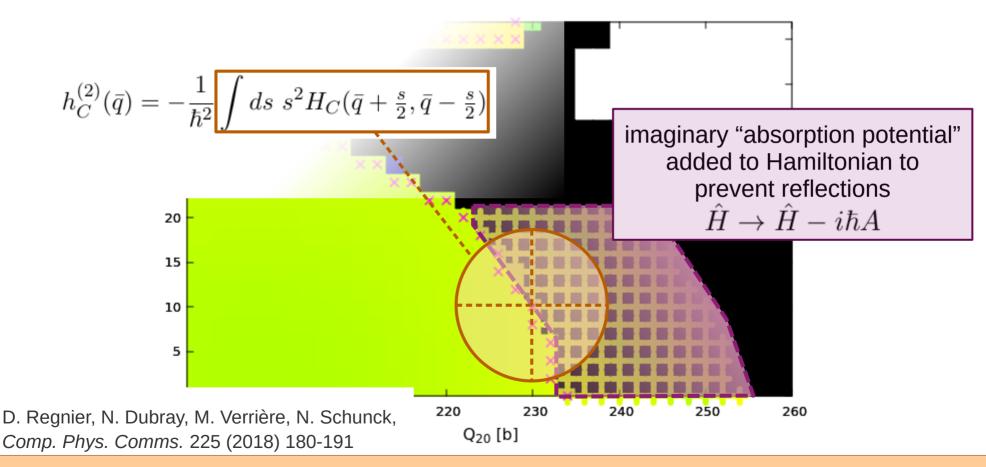
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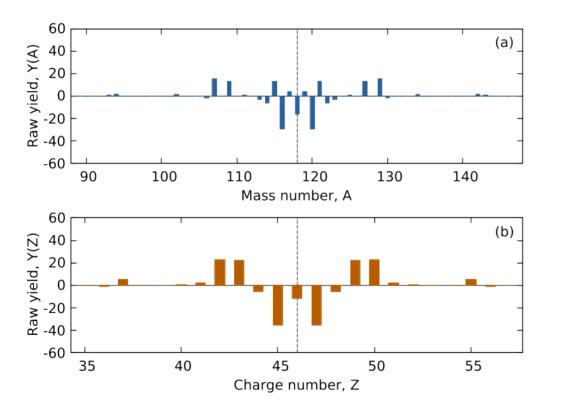


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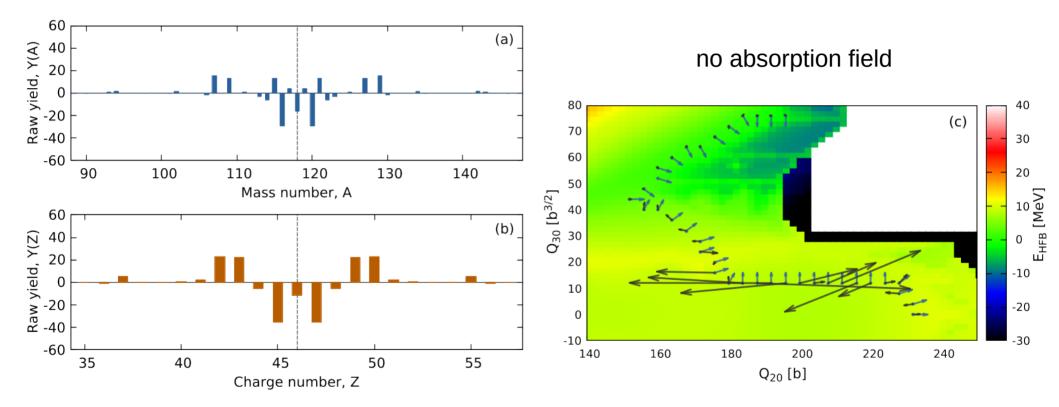
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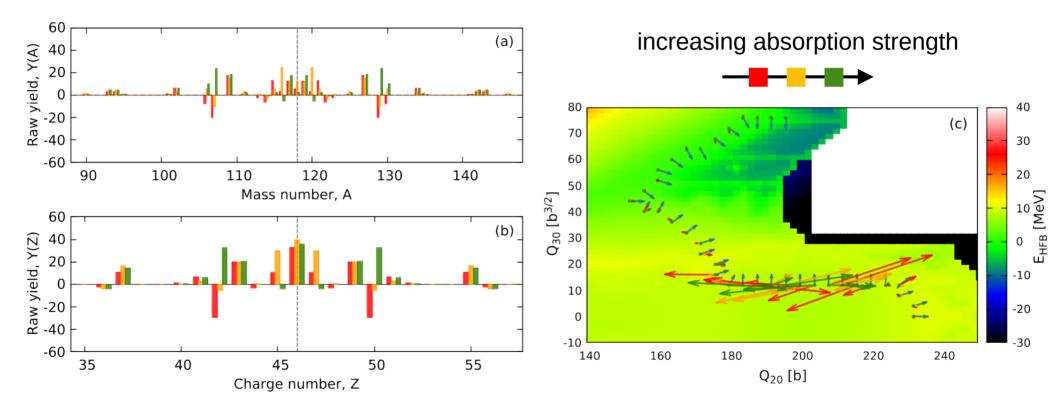


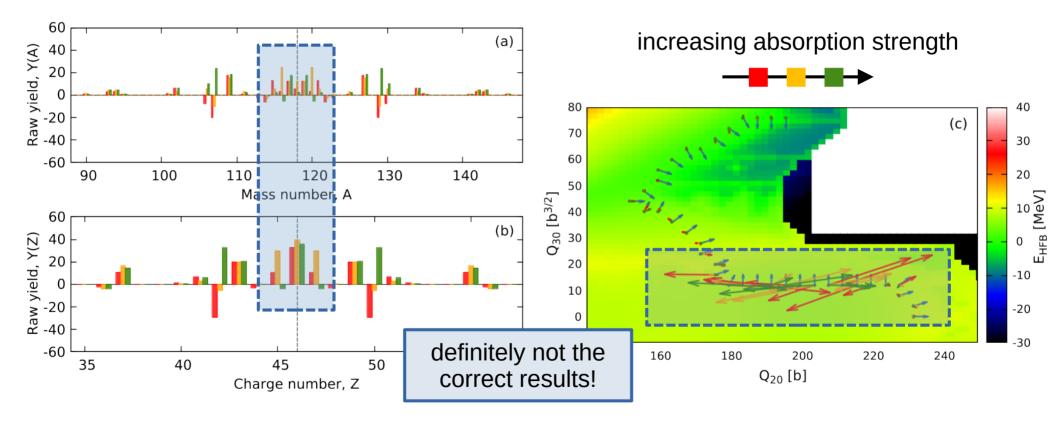
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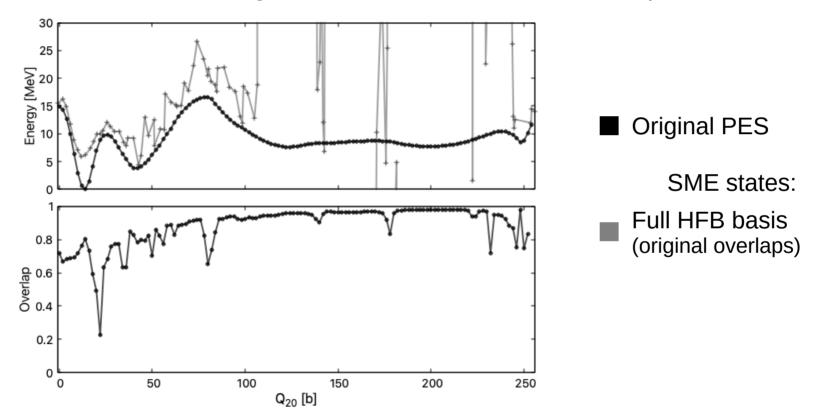
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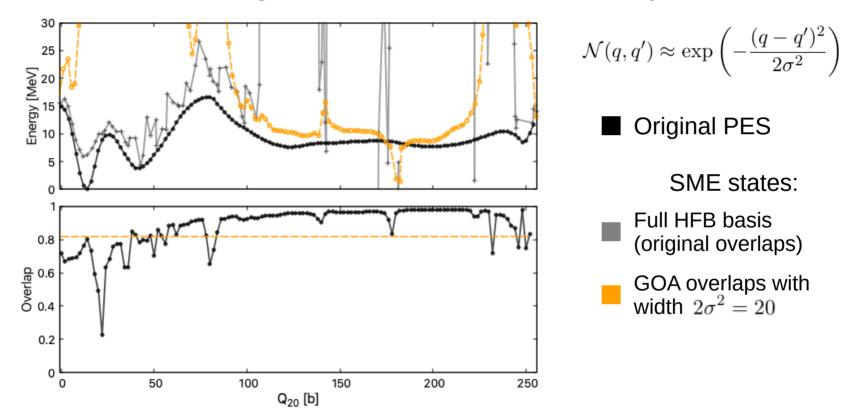




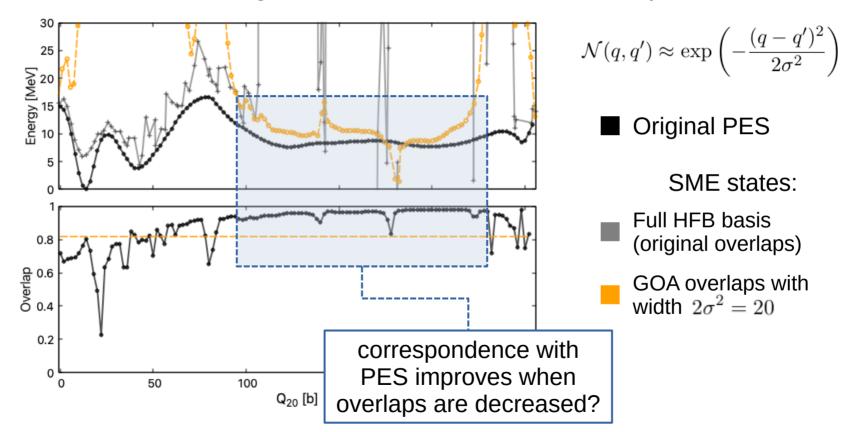
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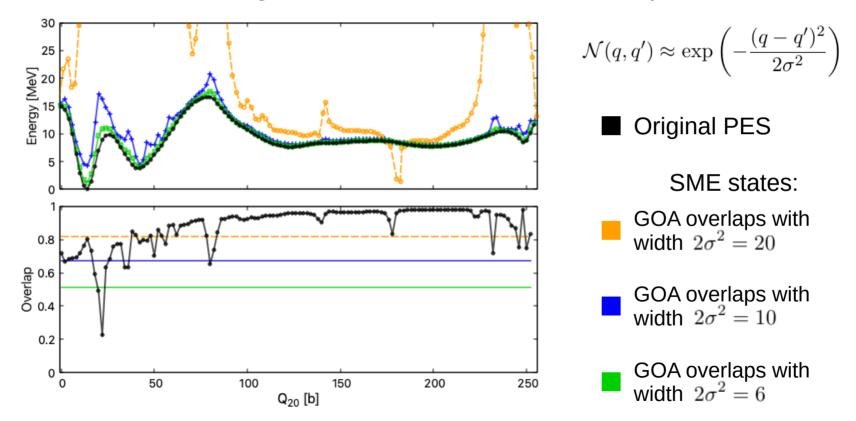
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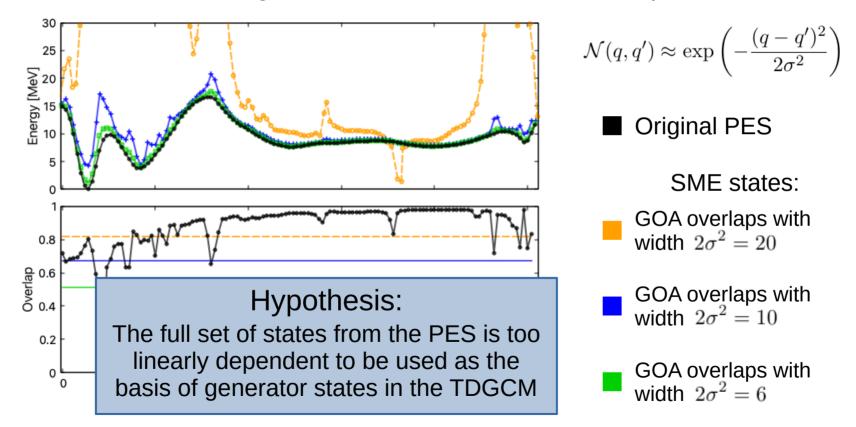
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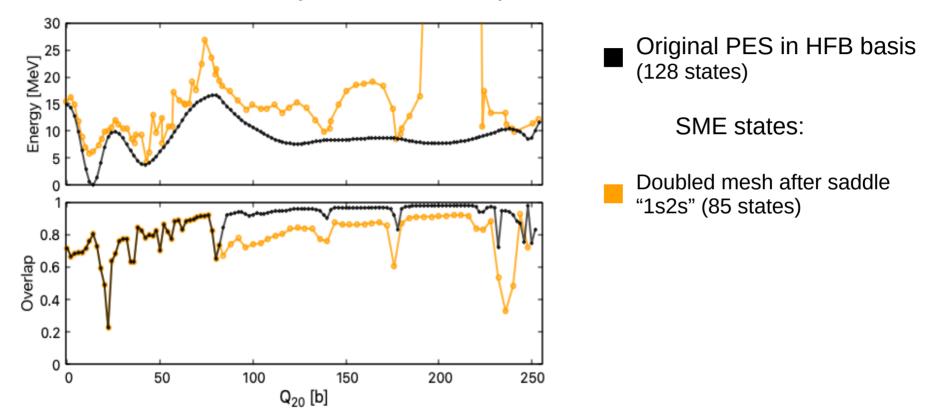


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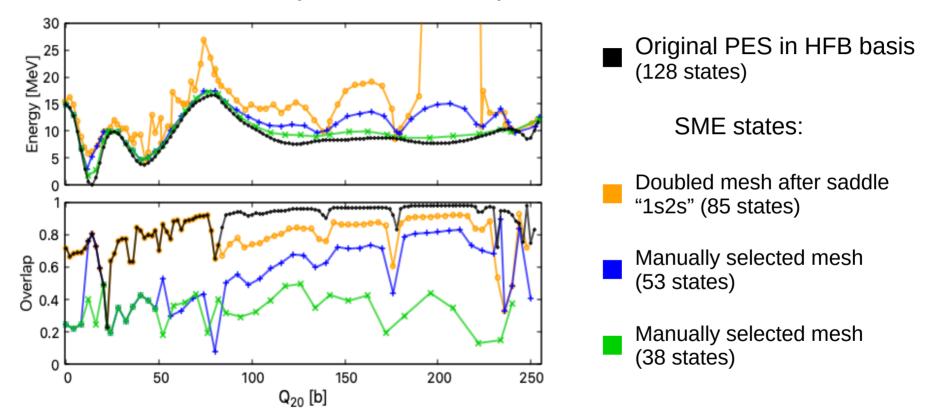
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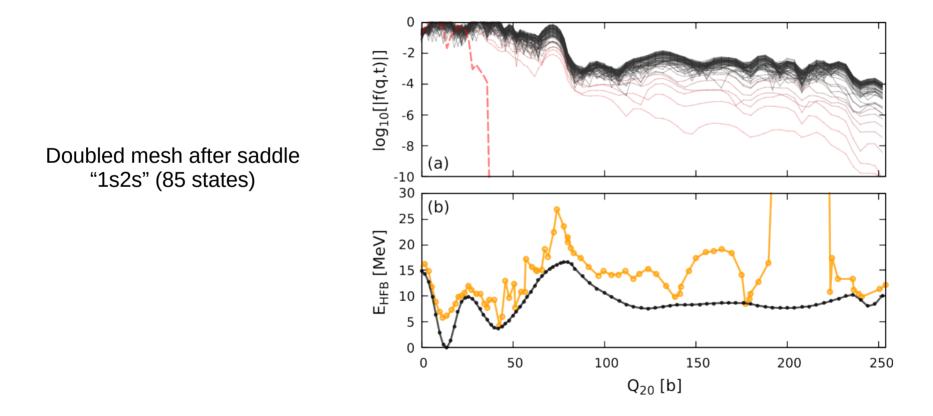


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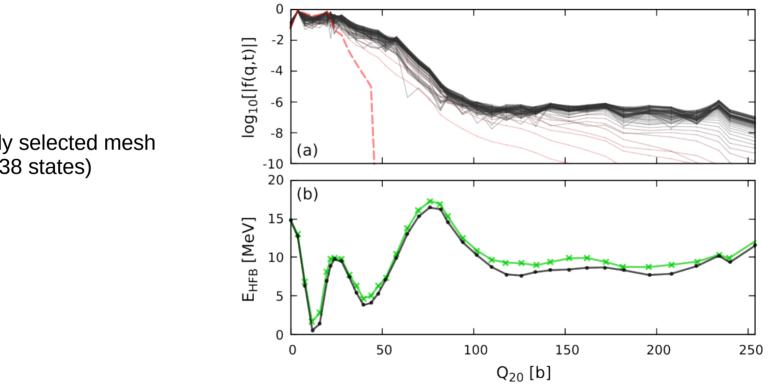
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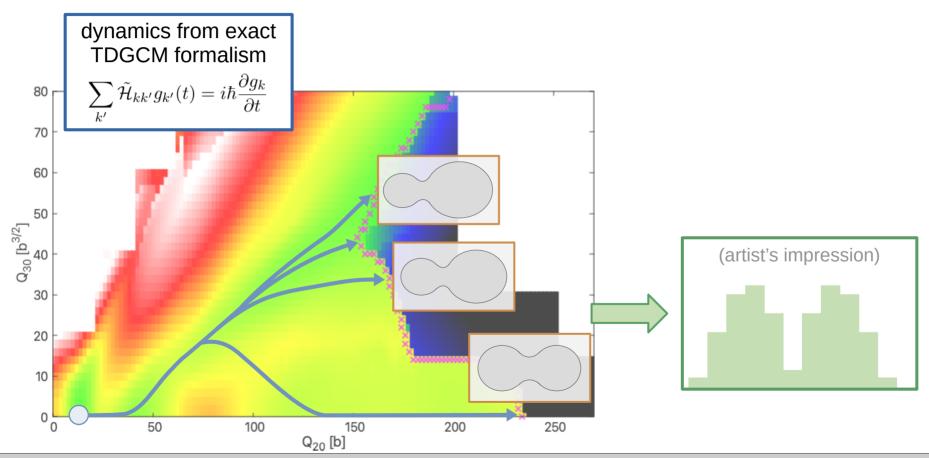
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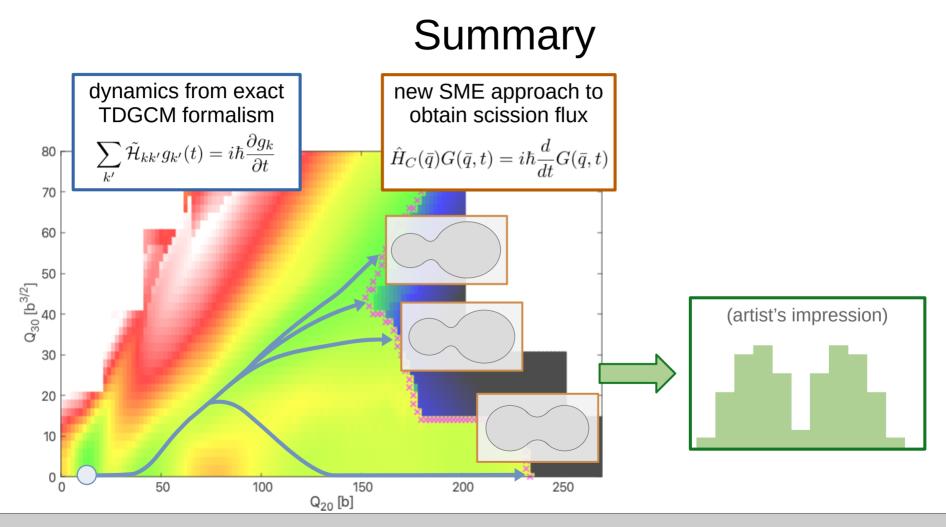
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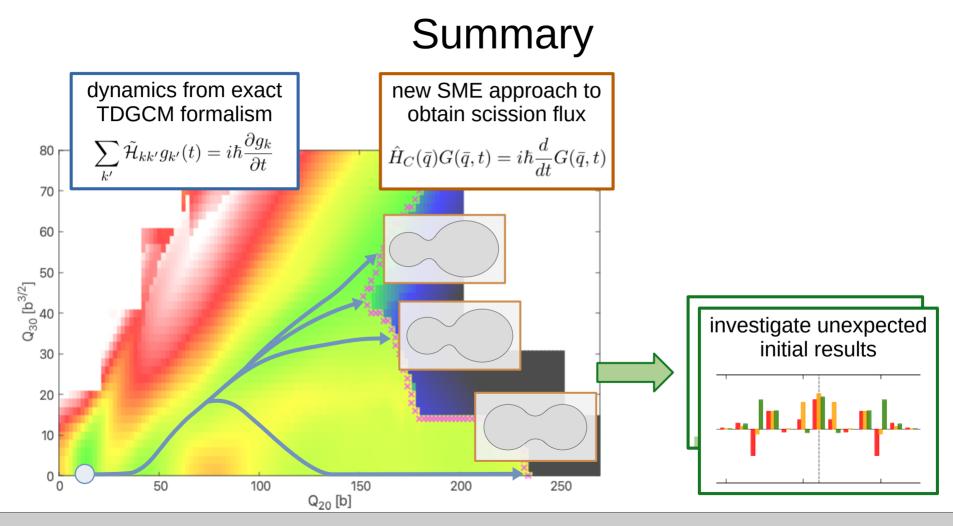
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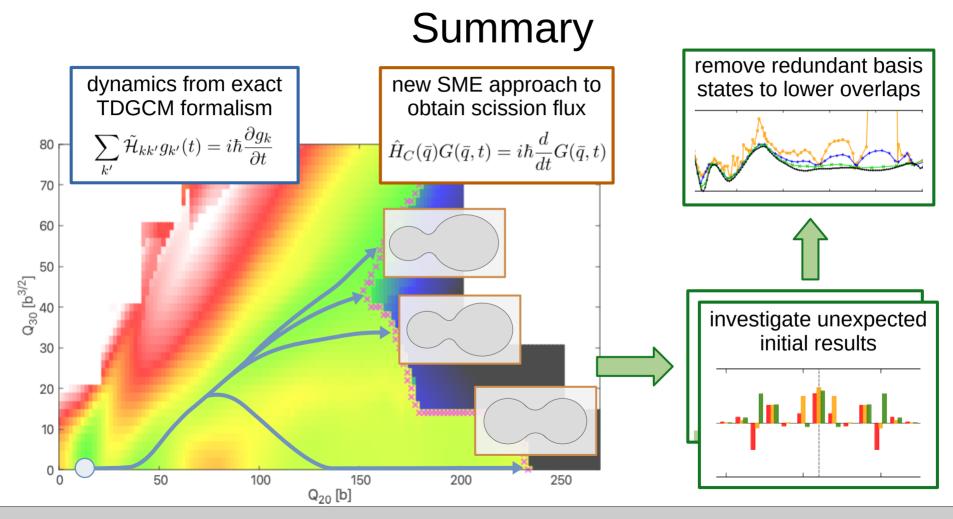
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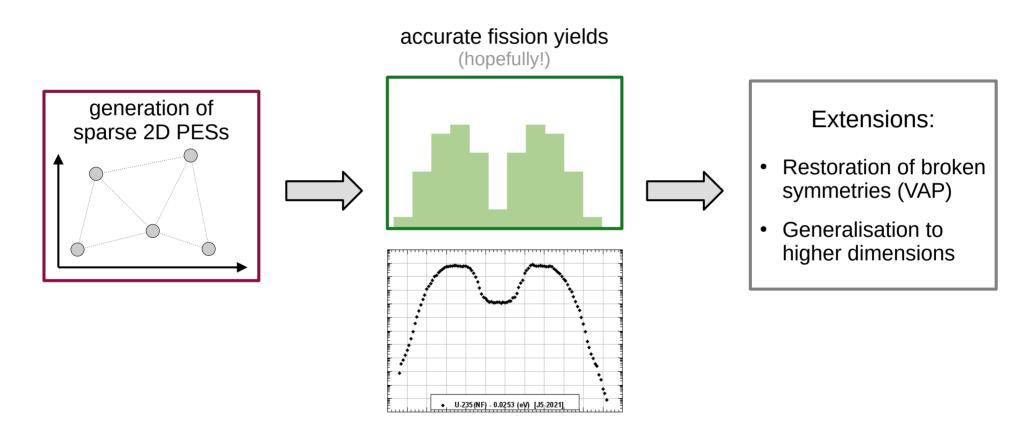


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