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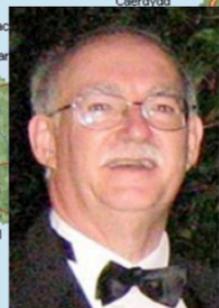


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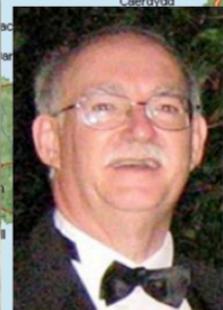
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## 2: Facilities

**The theory community gives the ECT\* its strongest possible support, noting also that it is widely used by nuclear experimentalists and by theorists and experimentalists from other parts of the STFC community,** and that it enables fruitful dialogue between all of these constituencies. A series of workshops is organised each year covering a wide range of nuclear physics topics with an emphasis on theory. The UK has taken leadership on organising a number of workshops. **STFC should continue to support UK membership of ECT\*.**

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## 3.3.2 Future opportunities and projects

With the present intellectual environment, the UK theory community will seek to further leadership roles over the next few years. Opportunities from the advent of new facilities will demand advances in reaction theory on several fronts. In an international setting in which reaction theorists are in demand, the UK could easily capitalise on its expertise and expand the efforts in this sub field. The DFT and ab-initio groups have a unique opportunity to pursue a new generation of EDFs that are derived from first principles. On the one hand, first principle calculations are necessary, for example to address data on radii and masses coming from ISOLDE (CERN) and TITAN (TRIUMF) and data on nuclear correlations from R3B (GSI) and RIKEN. On the other hand, new and more accurate functionals will open path to addressing several question in heavy nuclei and specific reactions governing nucleo-synthesis. Applying ab-initio theory to test our understanding of the nuclear force (with links to the EFTs and calculation from the international Lattice QCD community) will also be beneficial to improve predictions of neutron star matter and astrophysical objects.

**Neutrino-nucleus interactions project:** The UK theory groups have expertise both in nuclear structure and in reactions, including using modern ab-initio methods and effective field theory. This technology can be harnessed to calculate experimentally-crucial cross-sections with greater precision and sophistication than most currently-used codes. Additional expertise in nuclear structure and chiral physics would also contribute, and synergy with the UK particle experimental program is envisaged. An investment of roughly £0.5M funding for workforce and £0.4M for computer power would be required.

**Theoretical studies of spontaneous and induced fission project:** A proposal to develop a leadership hub for theoretical studies of spontaneous and induced fission. This will build upon expertise in self-consistent methods, building synergic connections with experimental studies. Newton fellowship funding to support PDRAs is being sought along with an ERC-AdG proposal for 0.5MEuro/year funding for manpower and 1MEuro funding for computer power.

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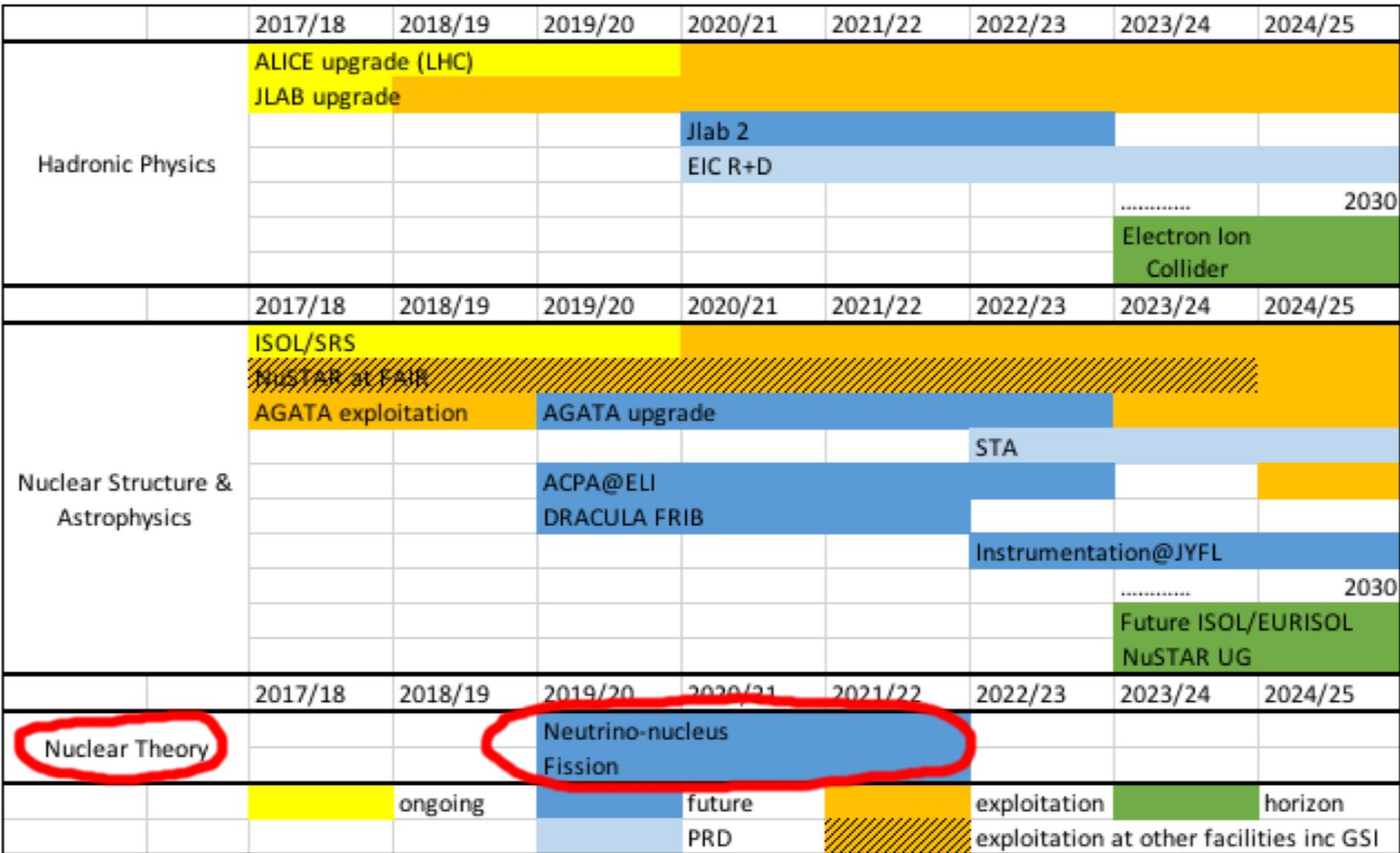


Figure 9: Project timescales

# Highlights 2018

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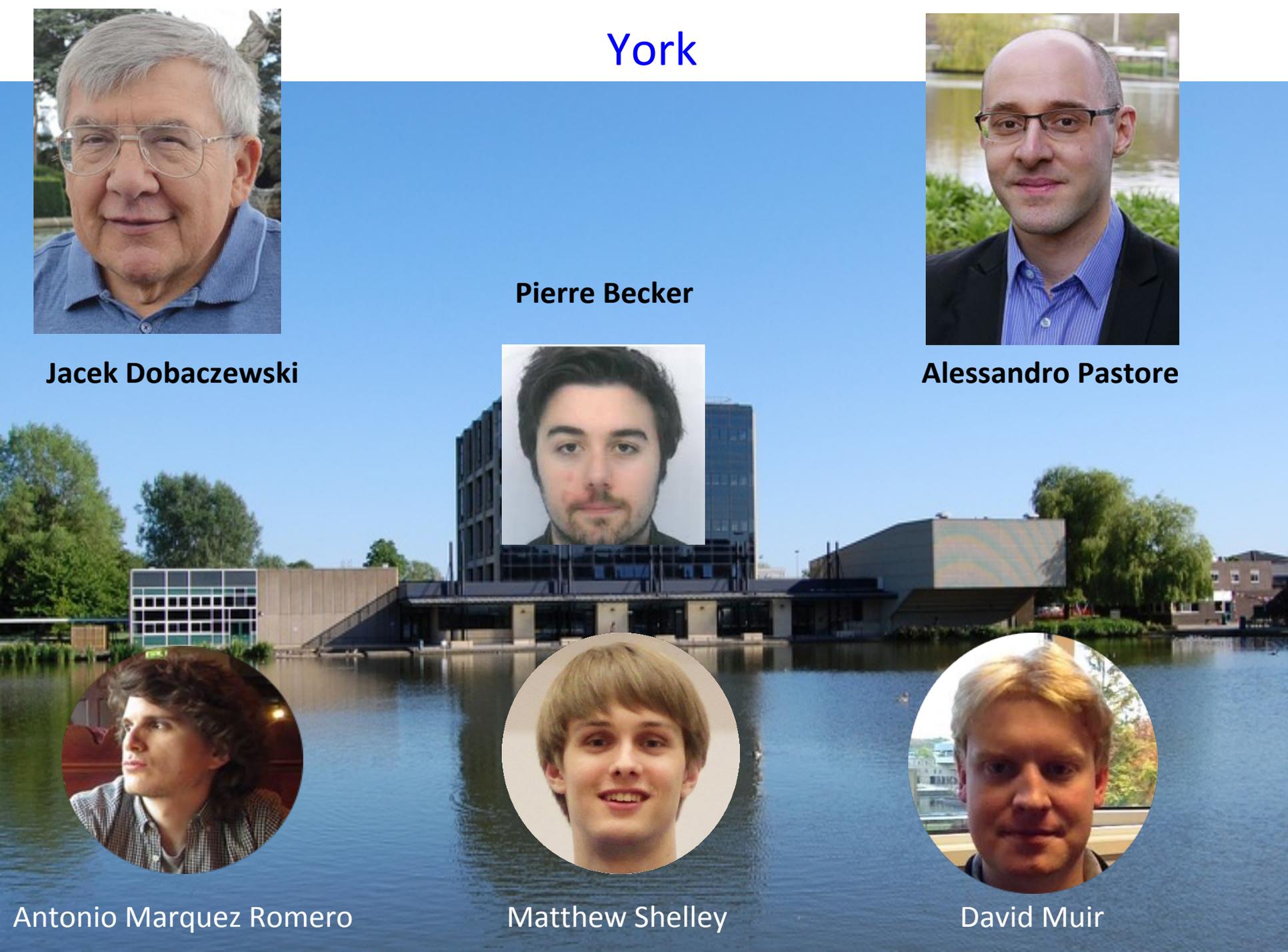
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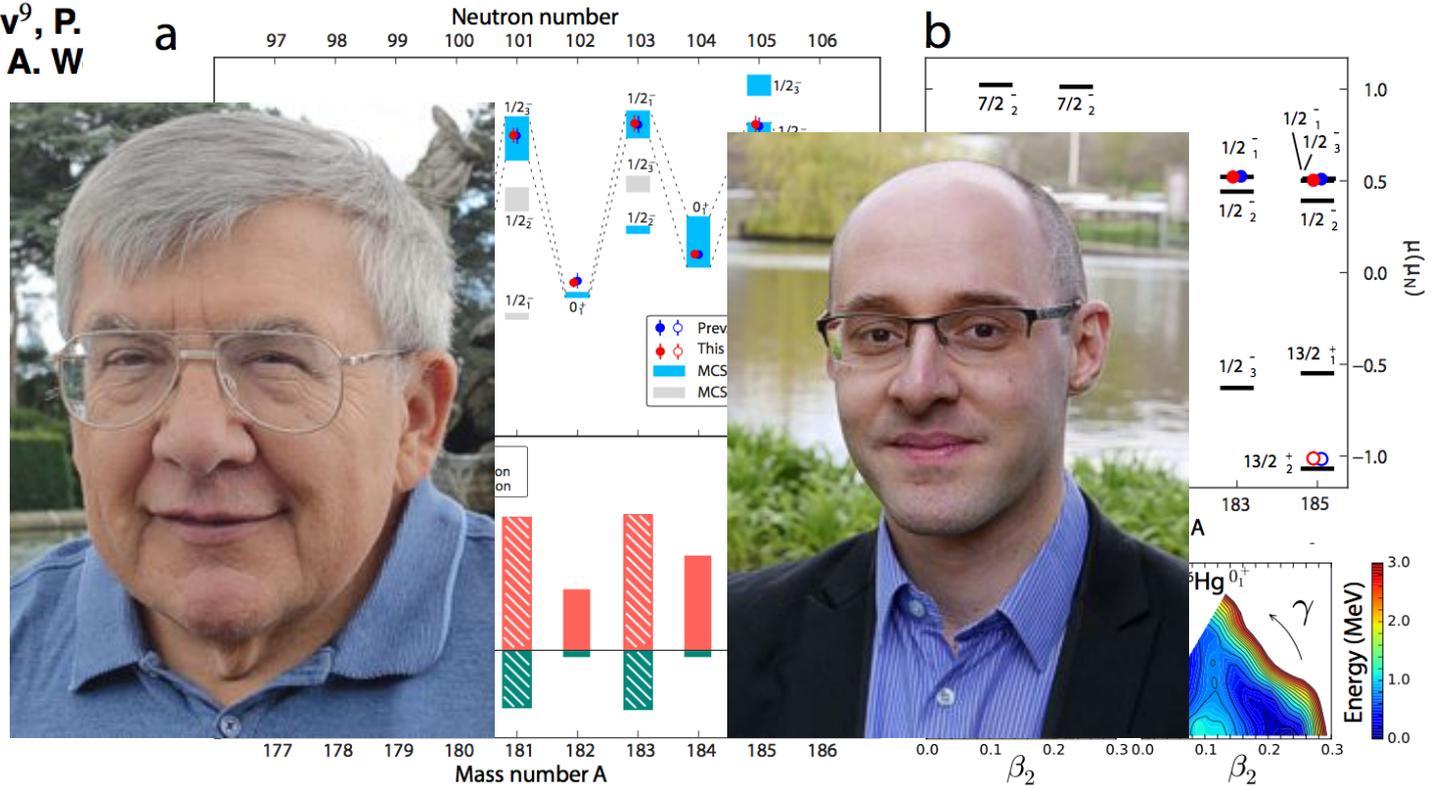
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# Characterization of the shape-staggering effect in mercury nuclei

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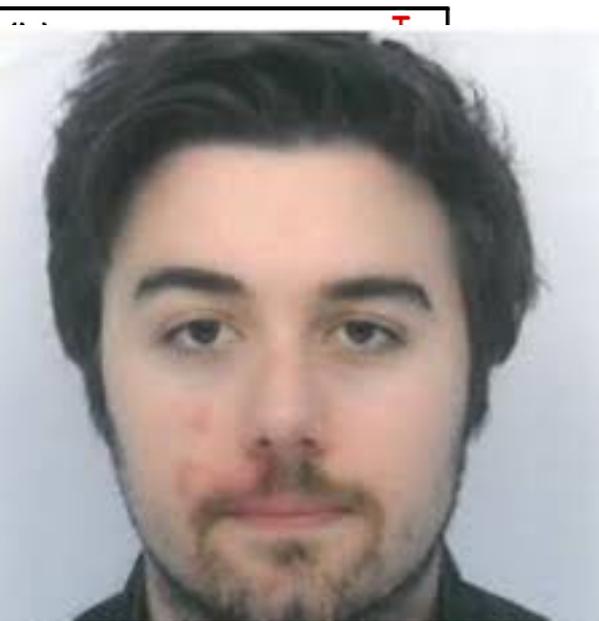
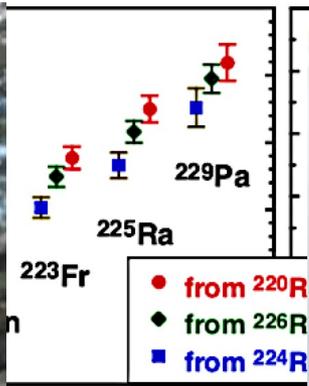
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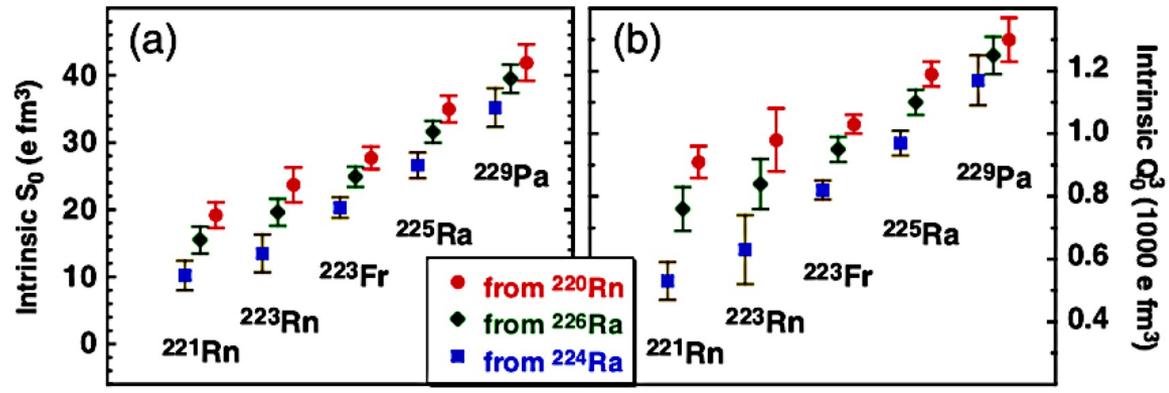
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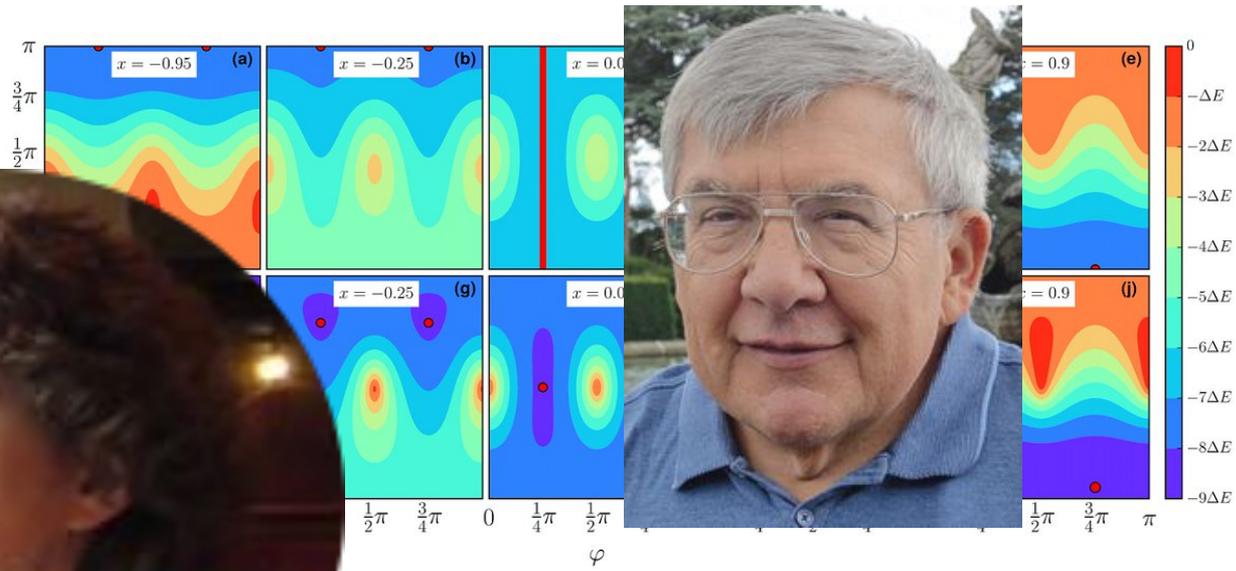


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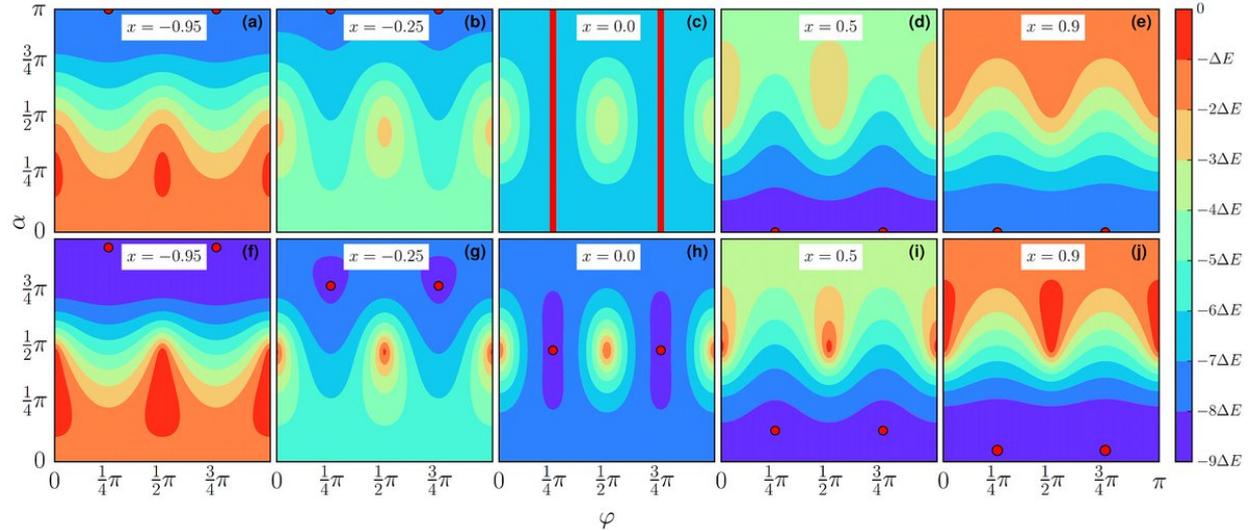
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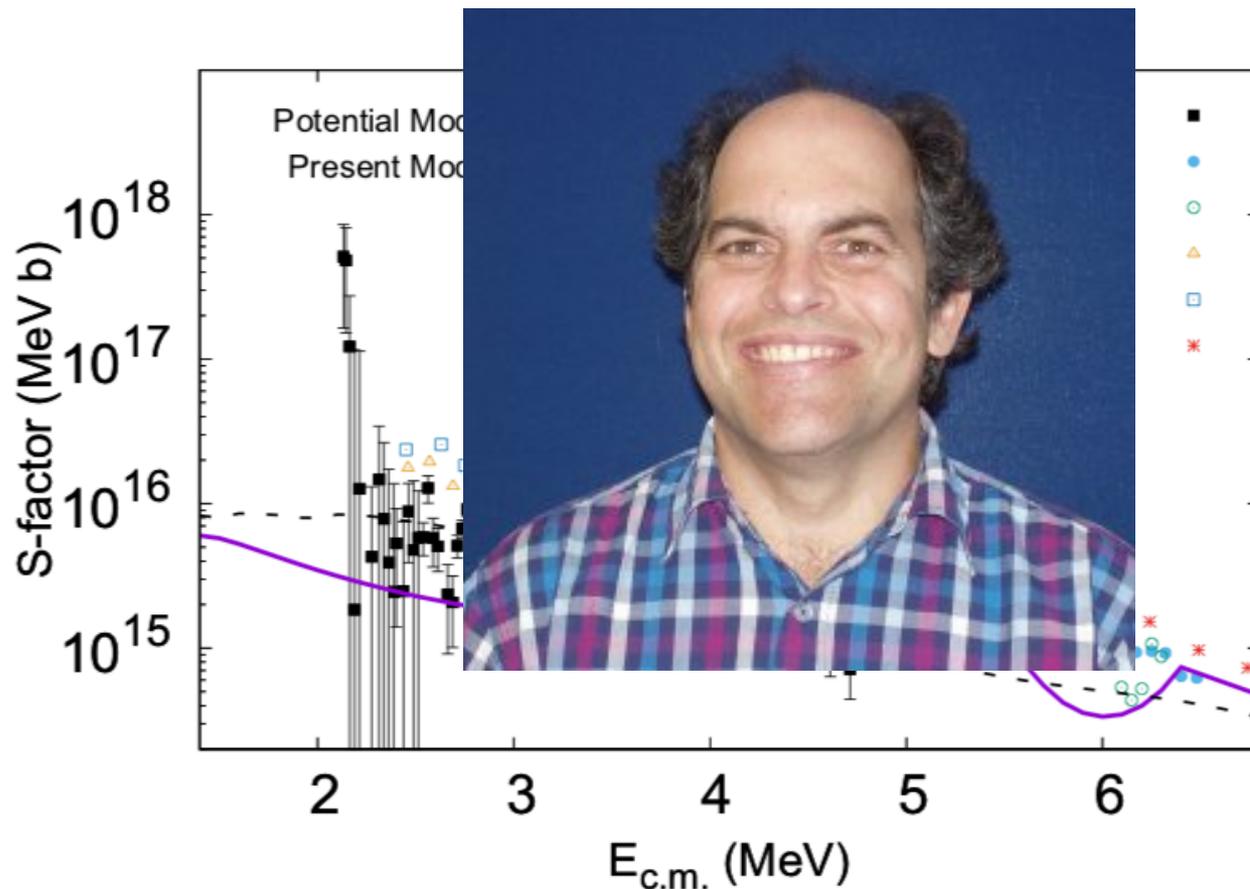
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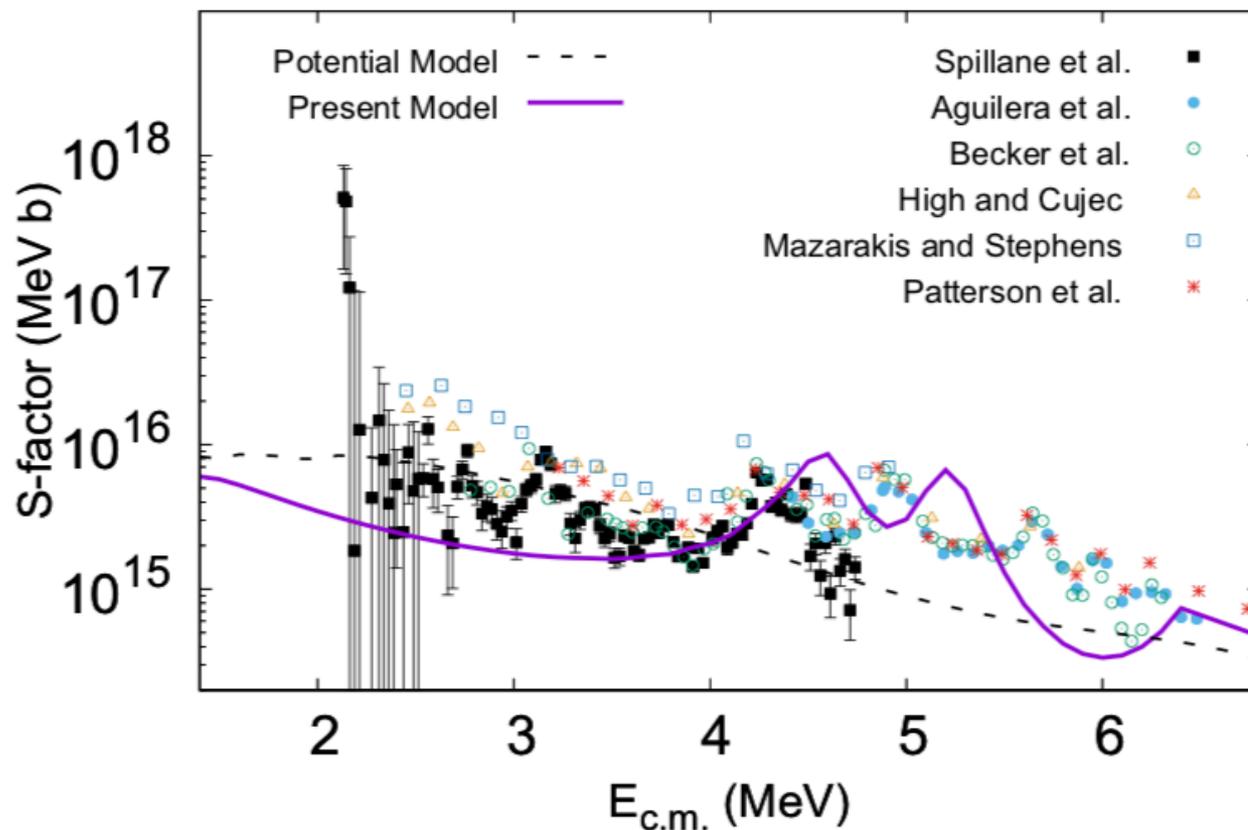
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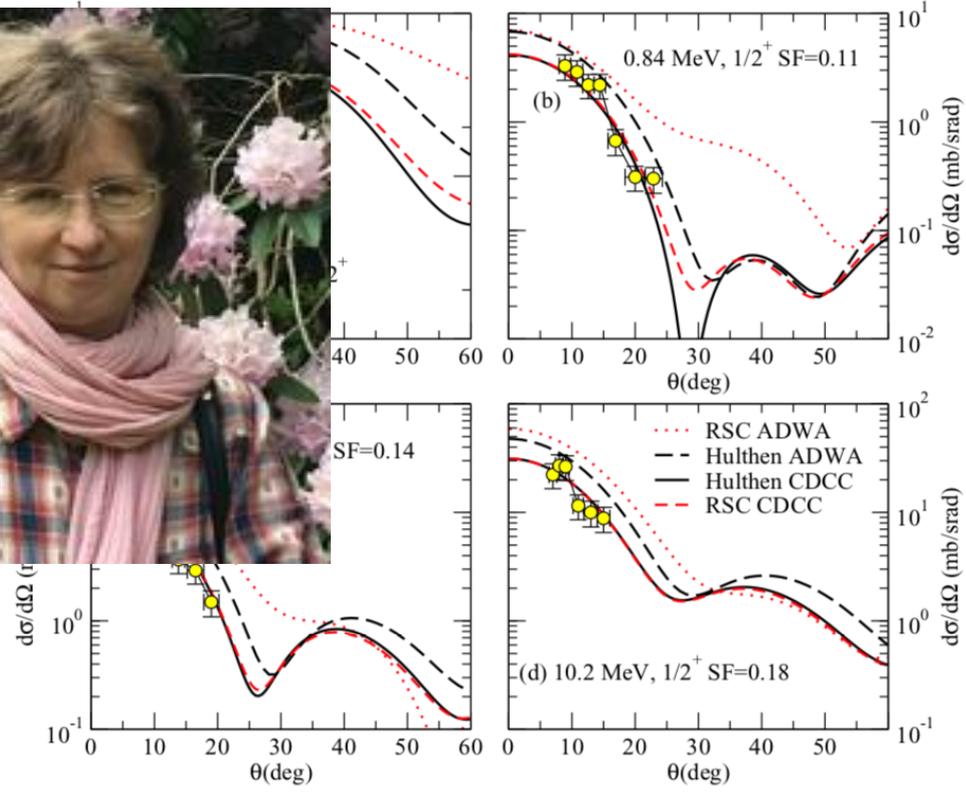


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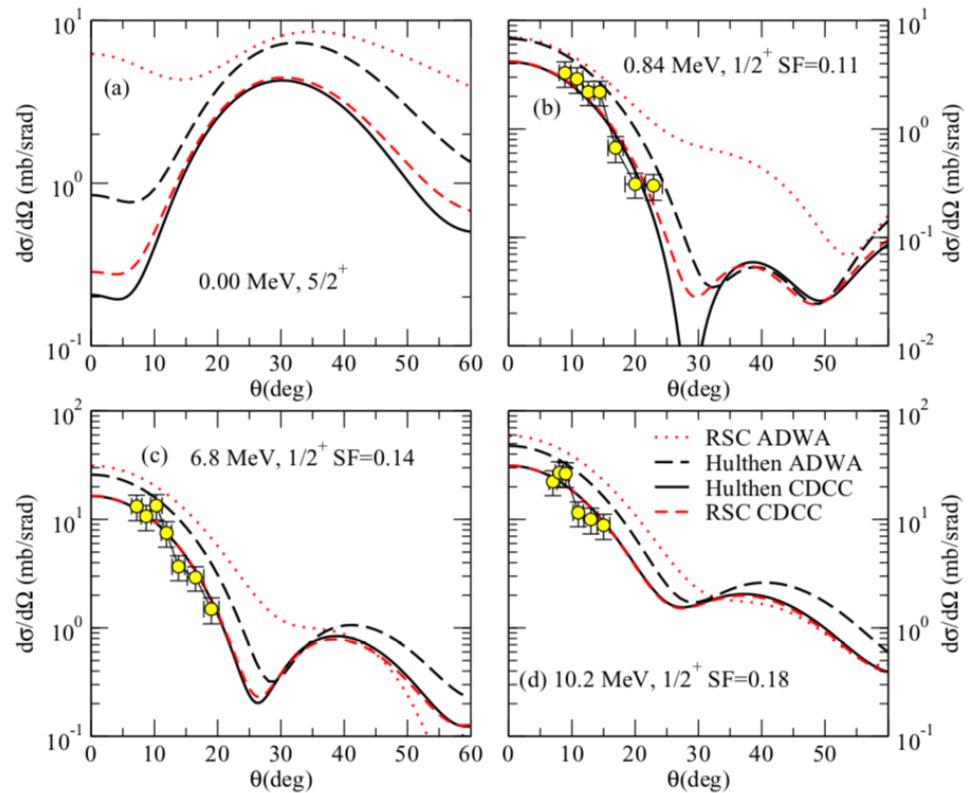


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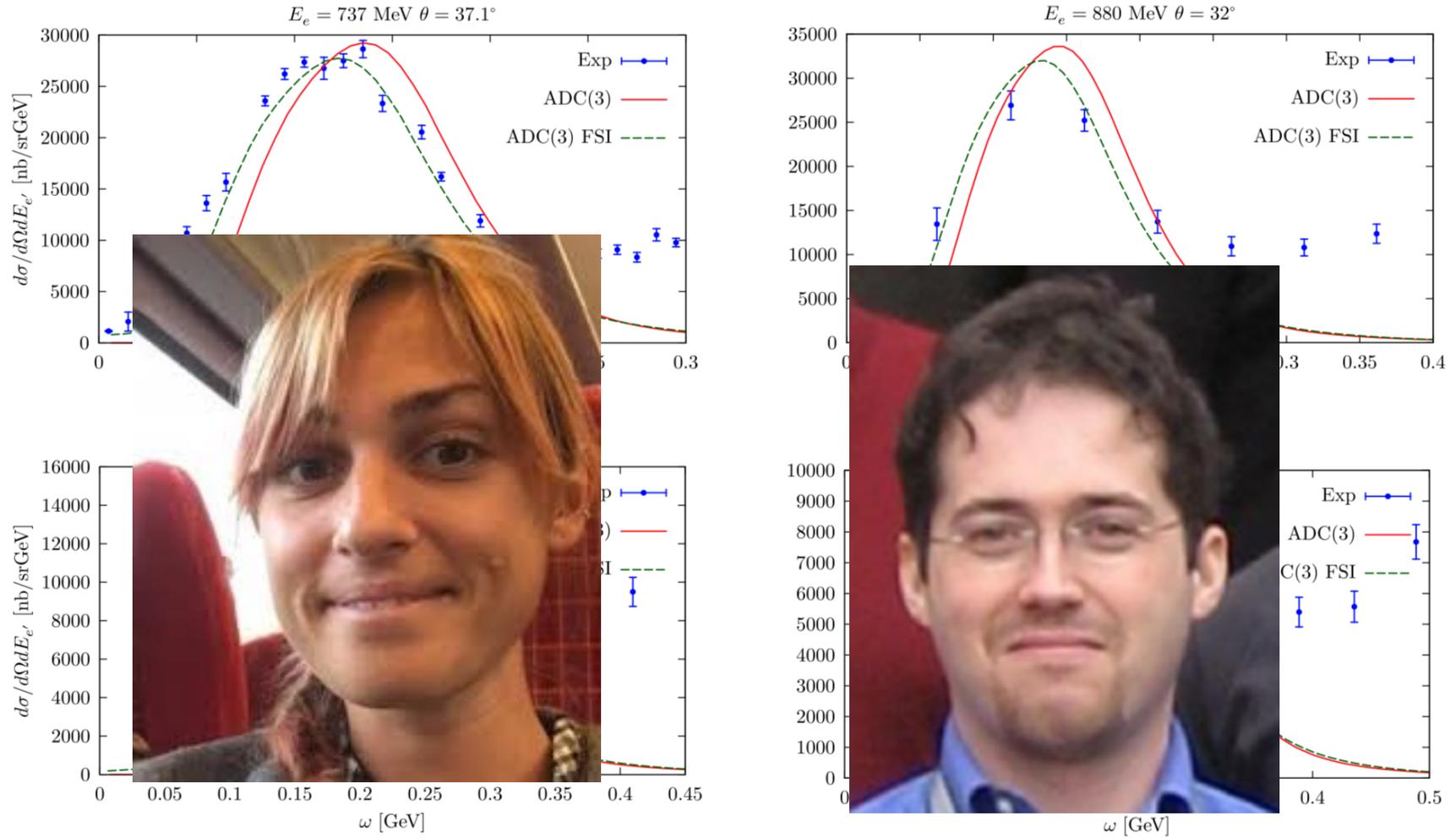


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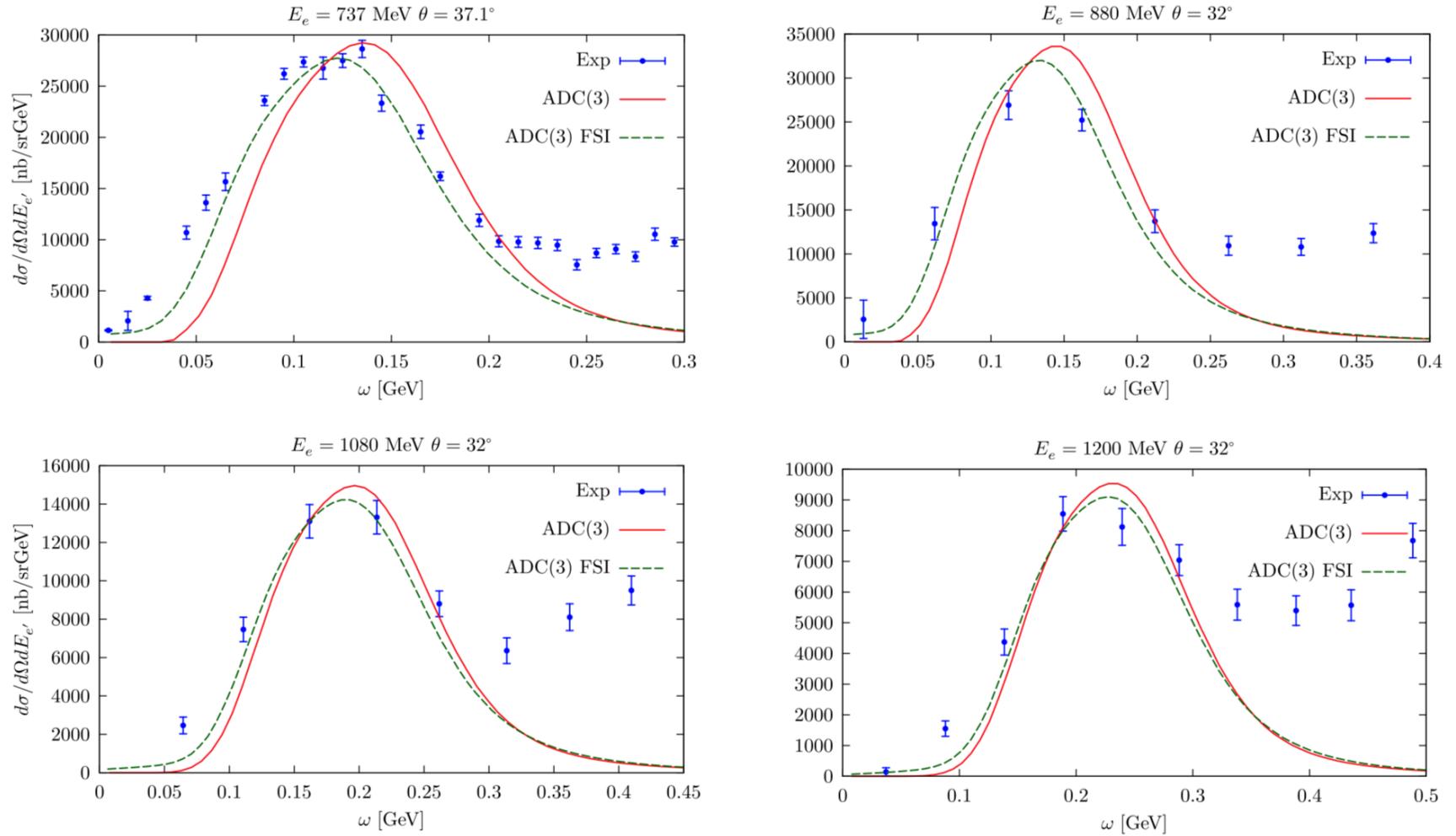
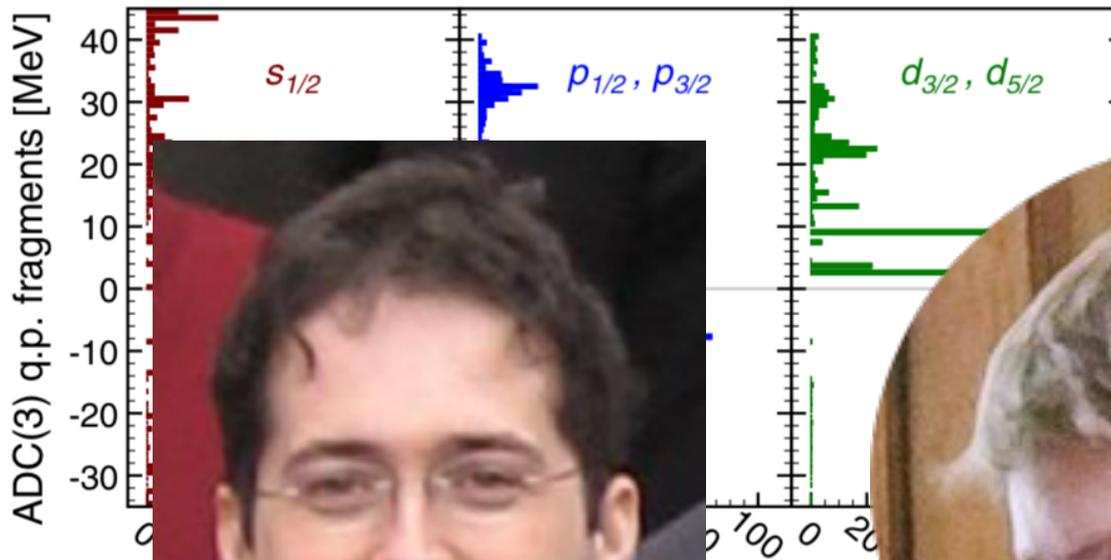


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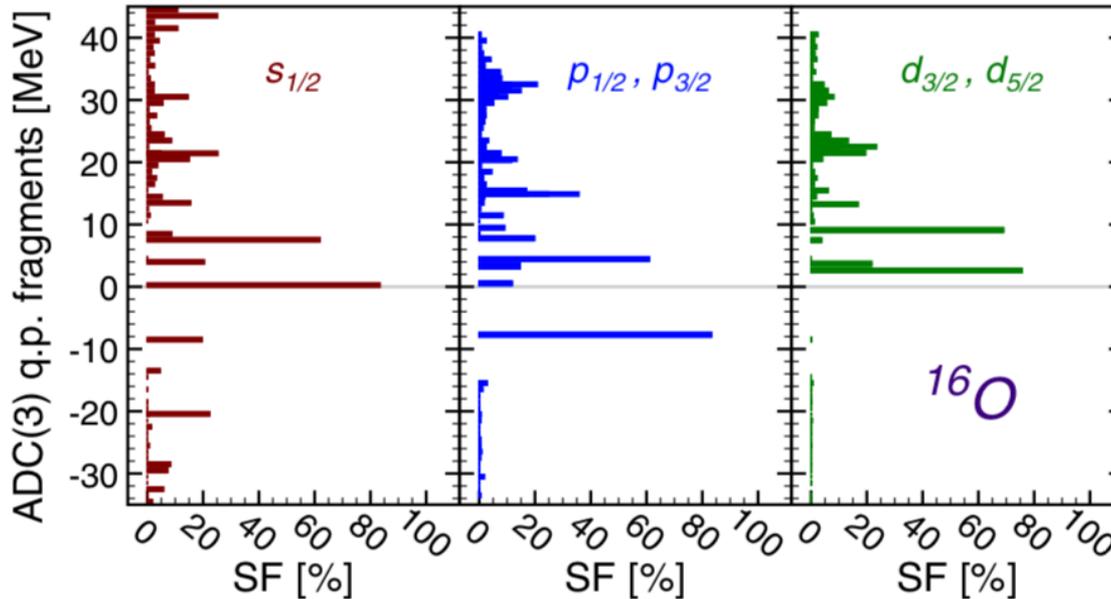
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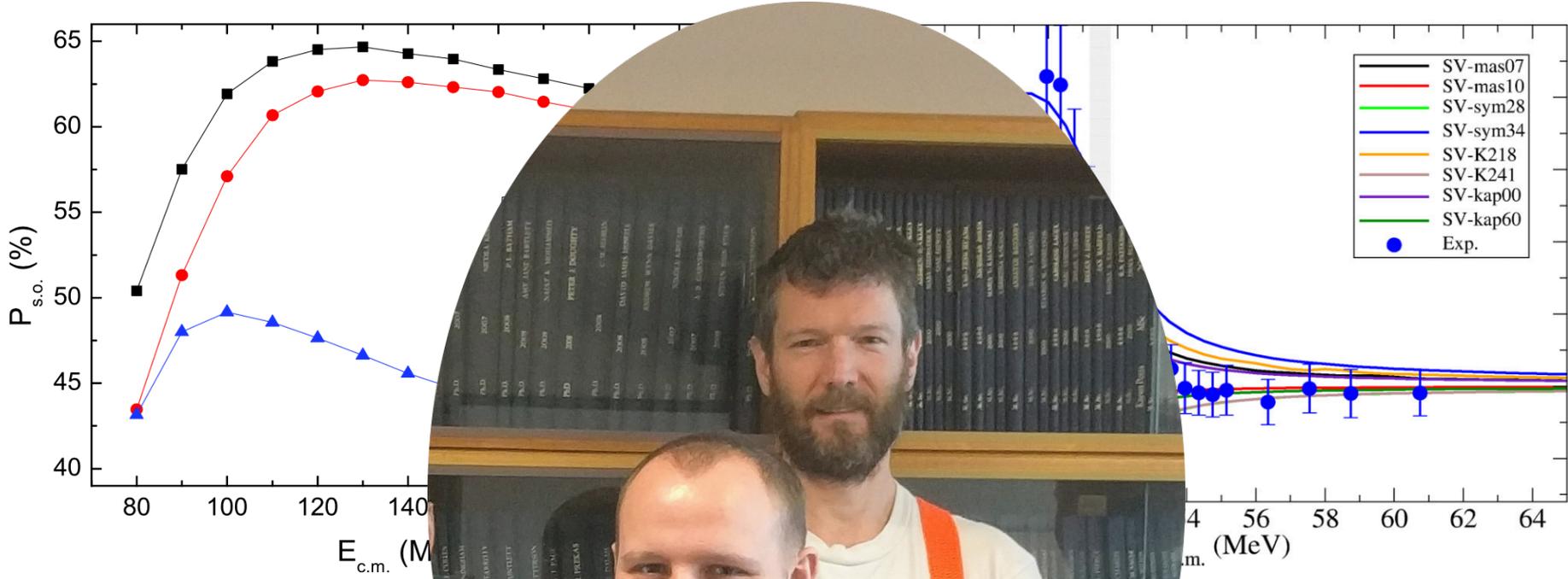
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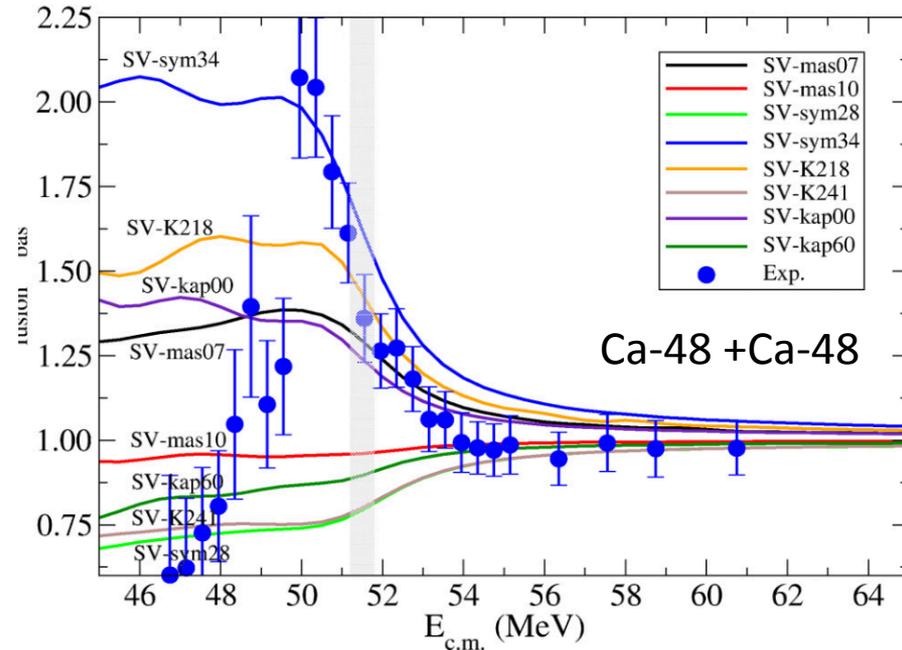
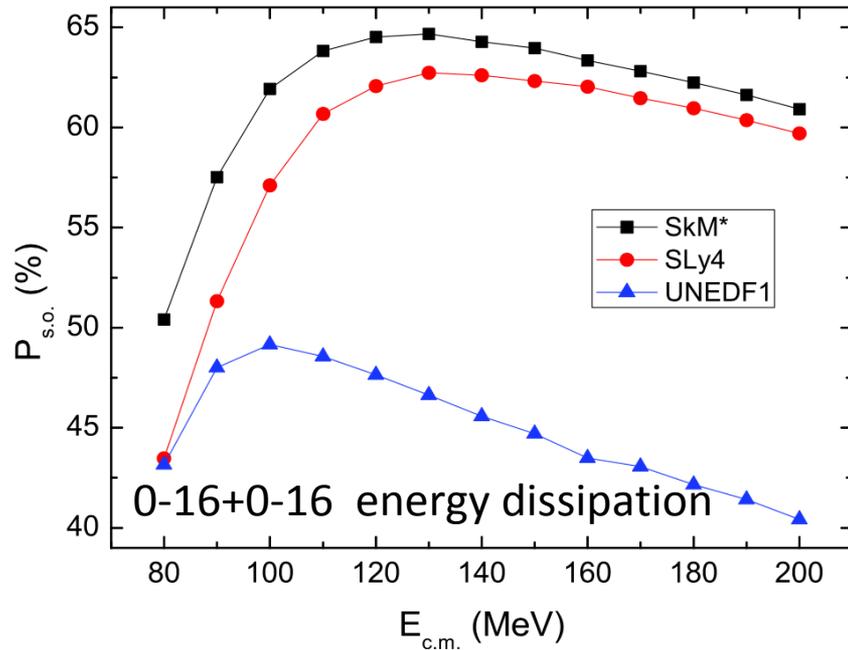


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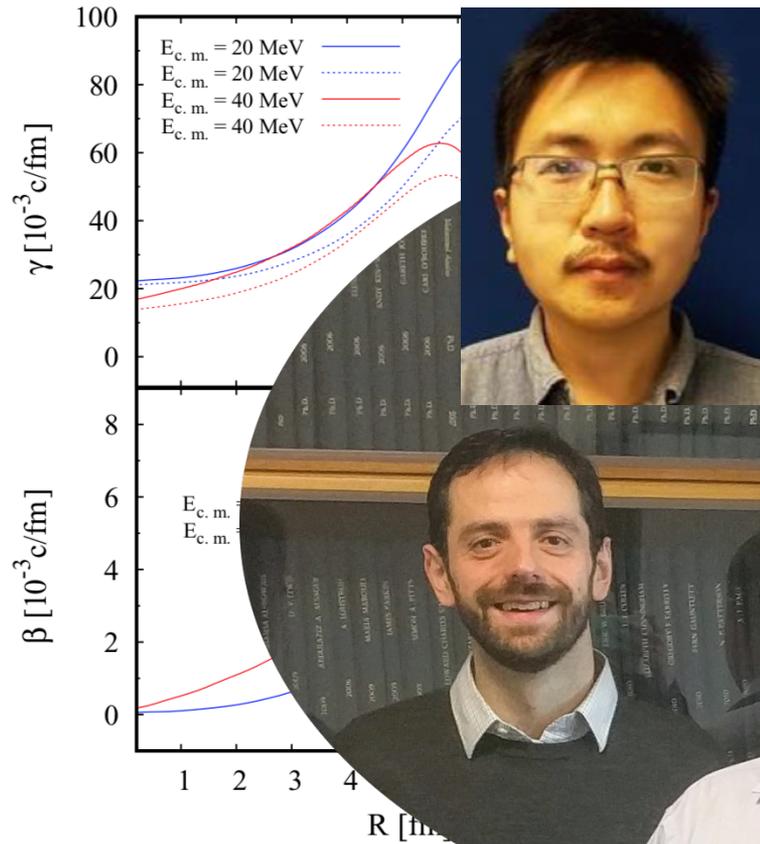


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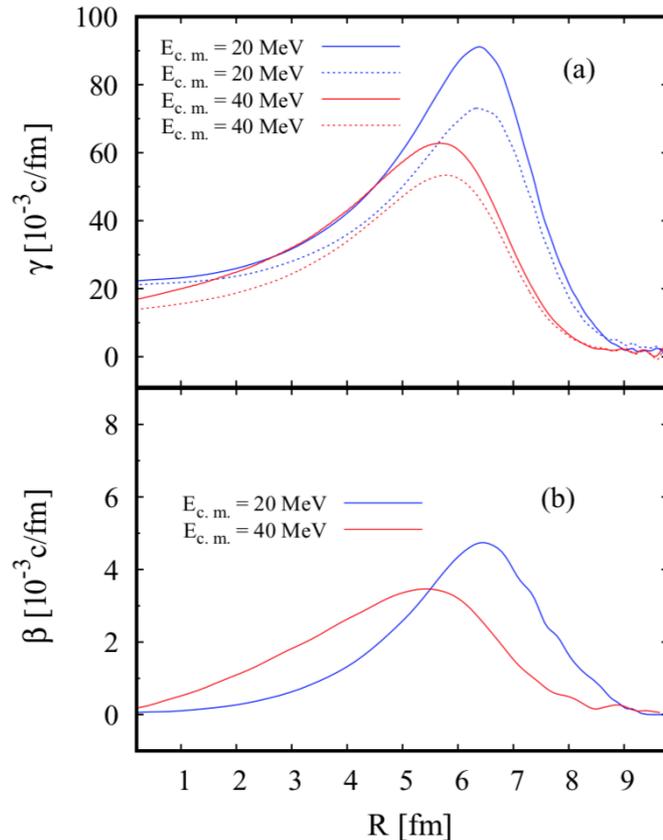


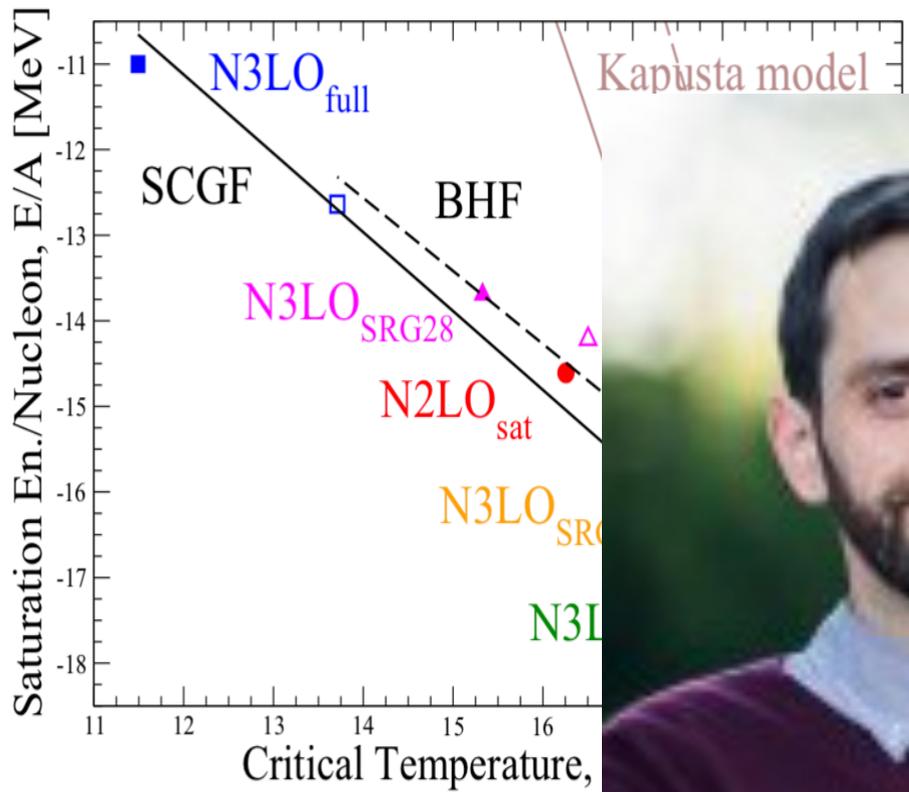
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# Microscopic predictions of the nuclear matter liquid-gas phase transition

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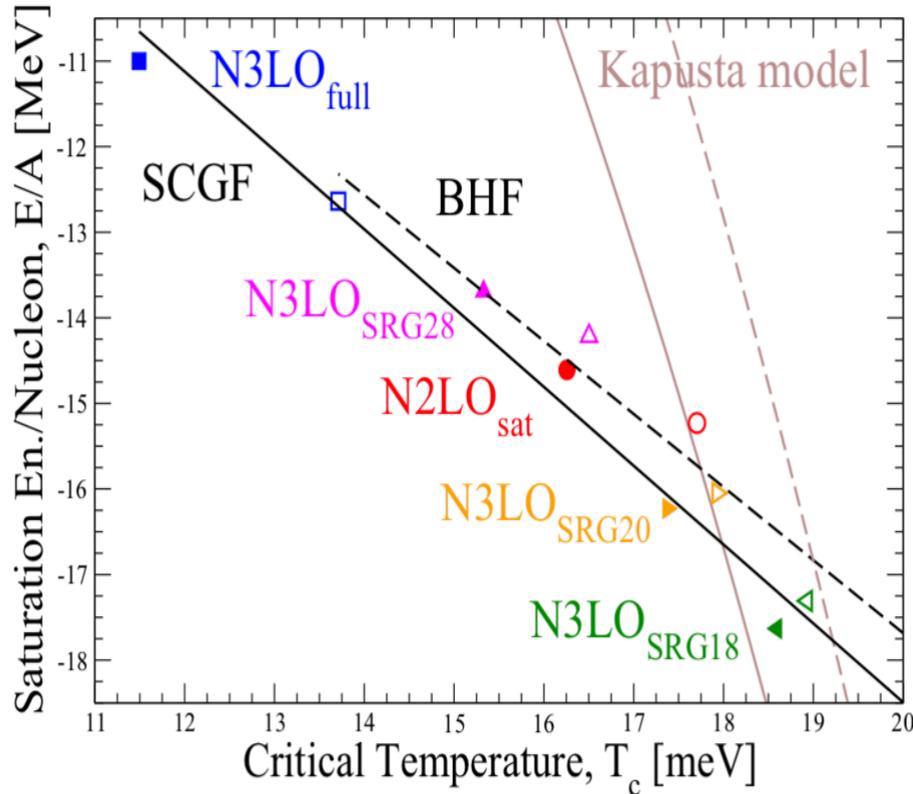


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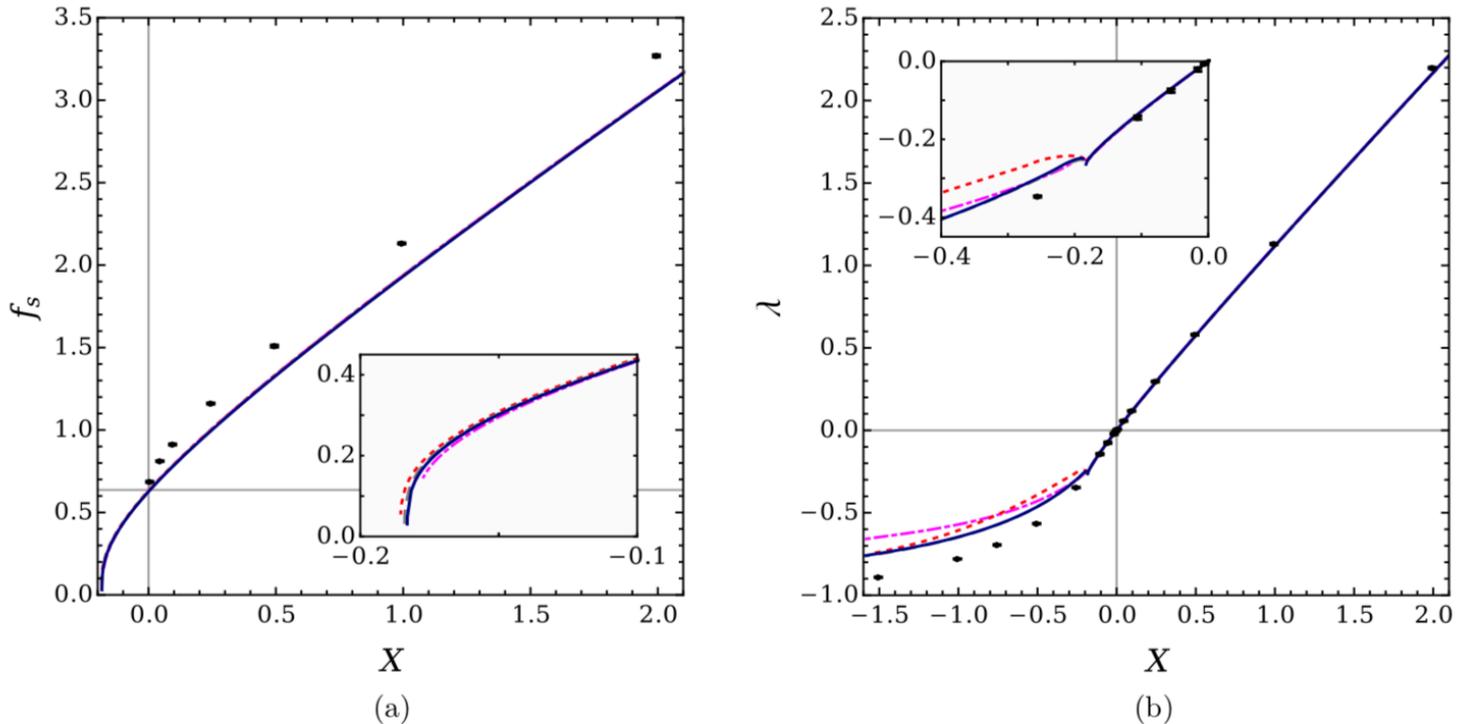
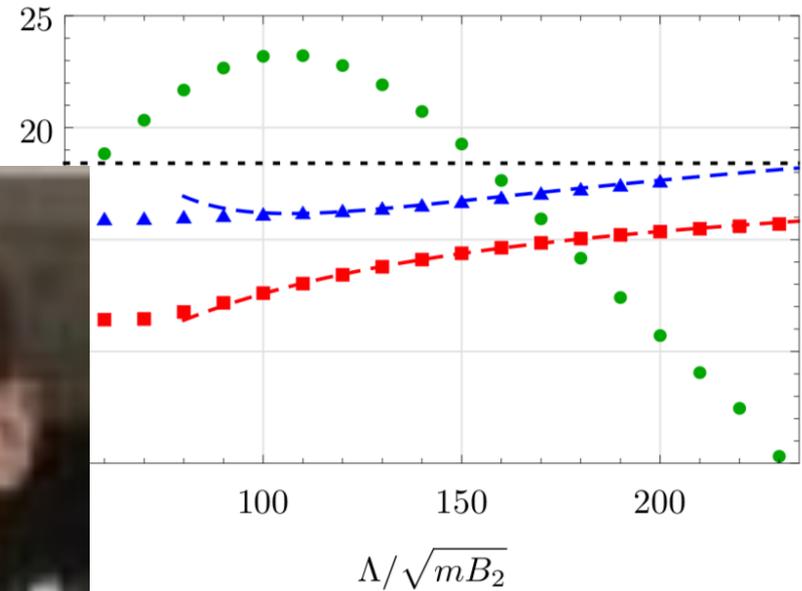
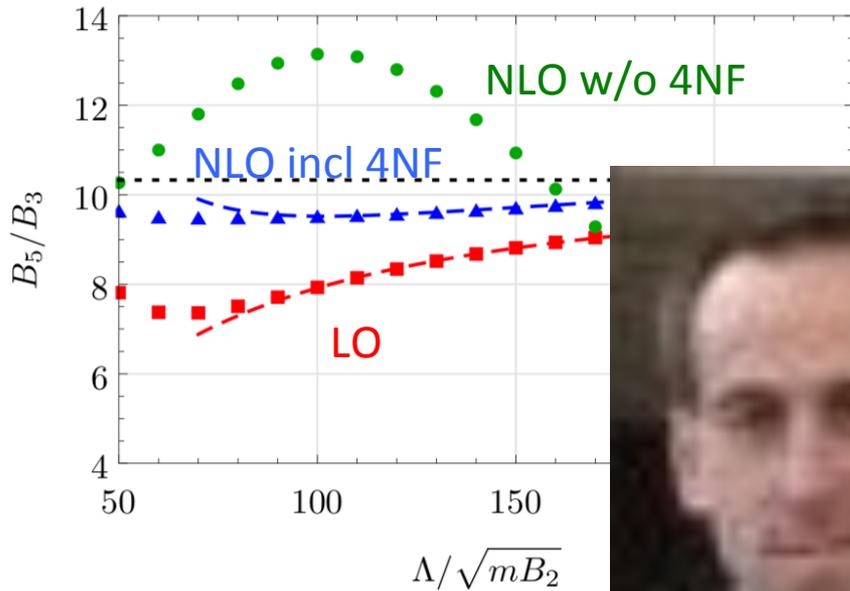


FIG. 7. Dimensionless superfluid density  $f_s$  (a) and density profile  $\lambda$  (b) as a function of  $X$  in two dimensions. The point where  $X = 0$  in the FRG calculations was chosen when  $f_s = 2/\pi$ . The fuchsia dash-dotted lines are obtained using  $\nu = 1.5$ , the red dotted lines using  $\nu = 2$ , the gray dashed lines using  $\nu = 2.5$ , and the solid dark blue lines using  $\nu = 3$ . The black circles correspond to the MC simulations of Ref. [51].

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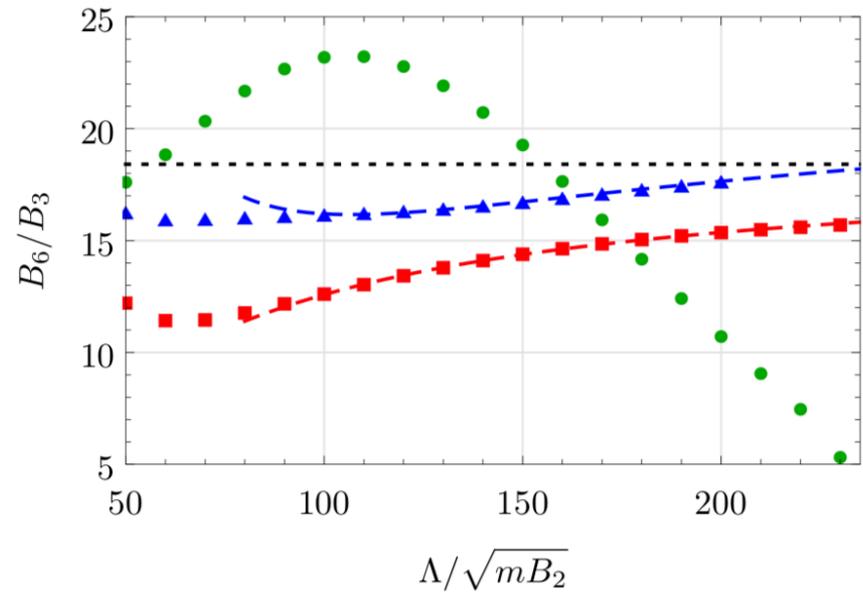
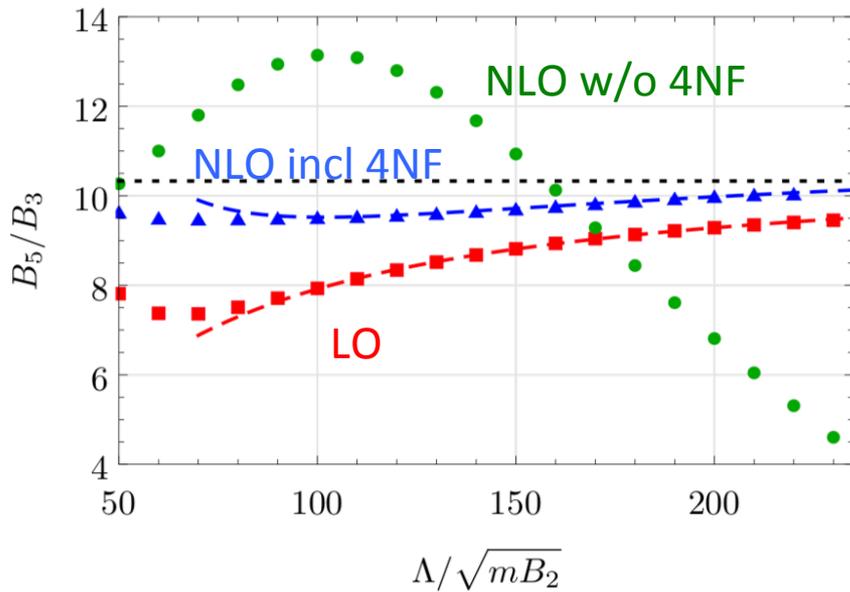
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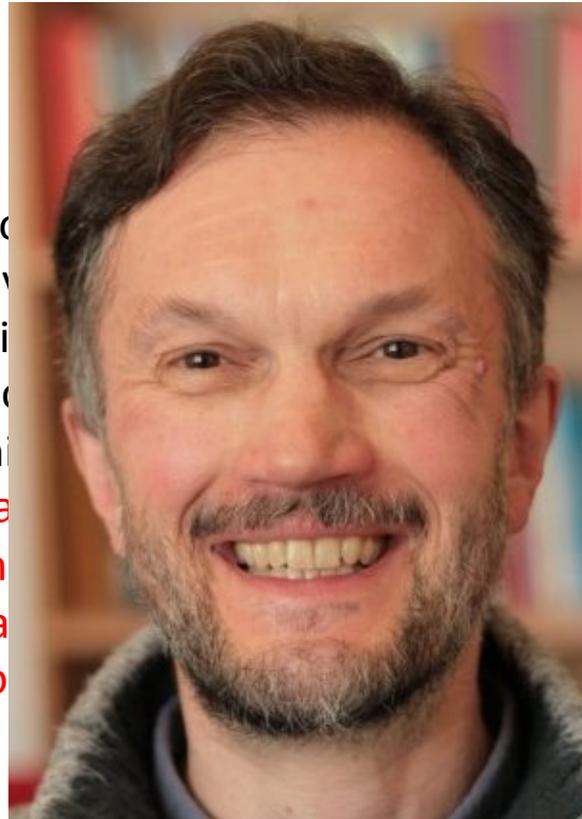
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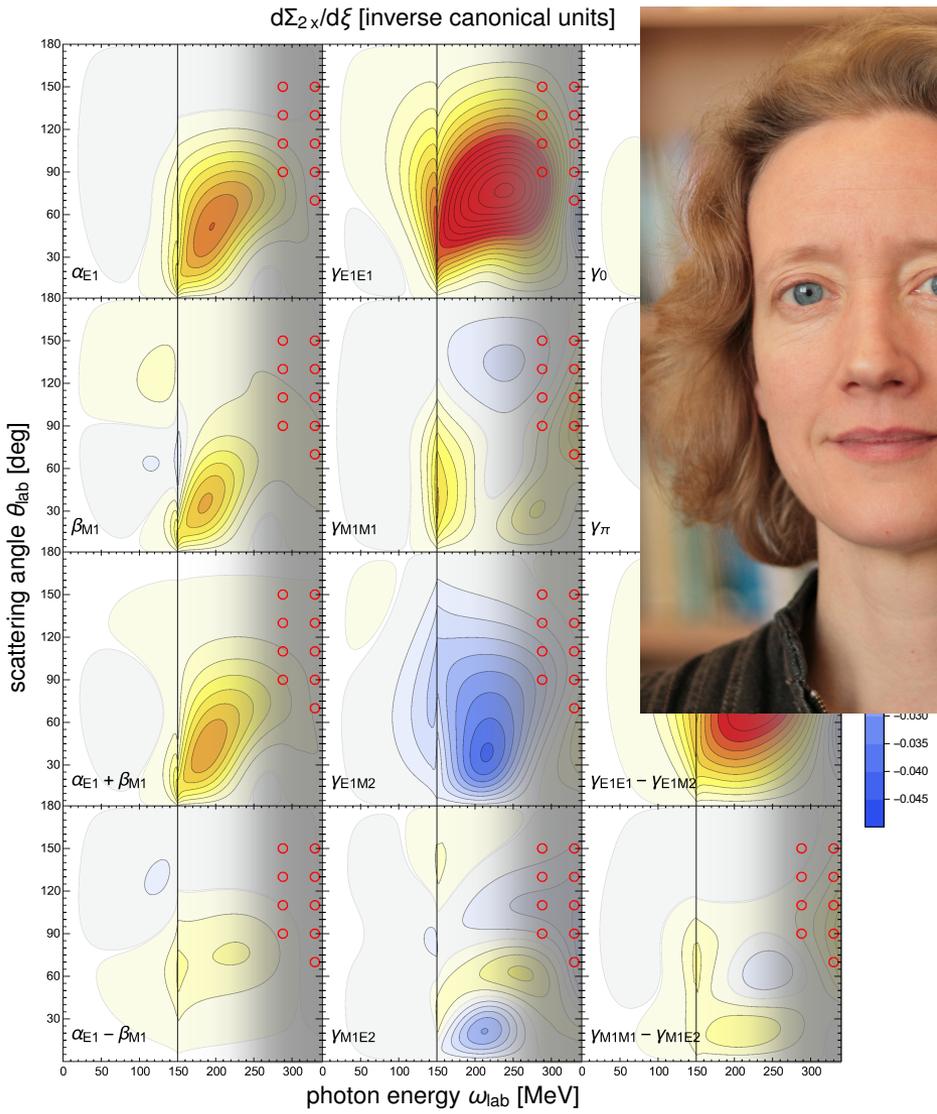
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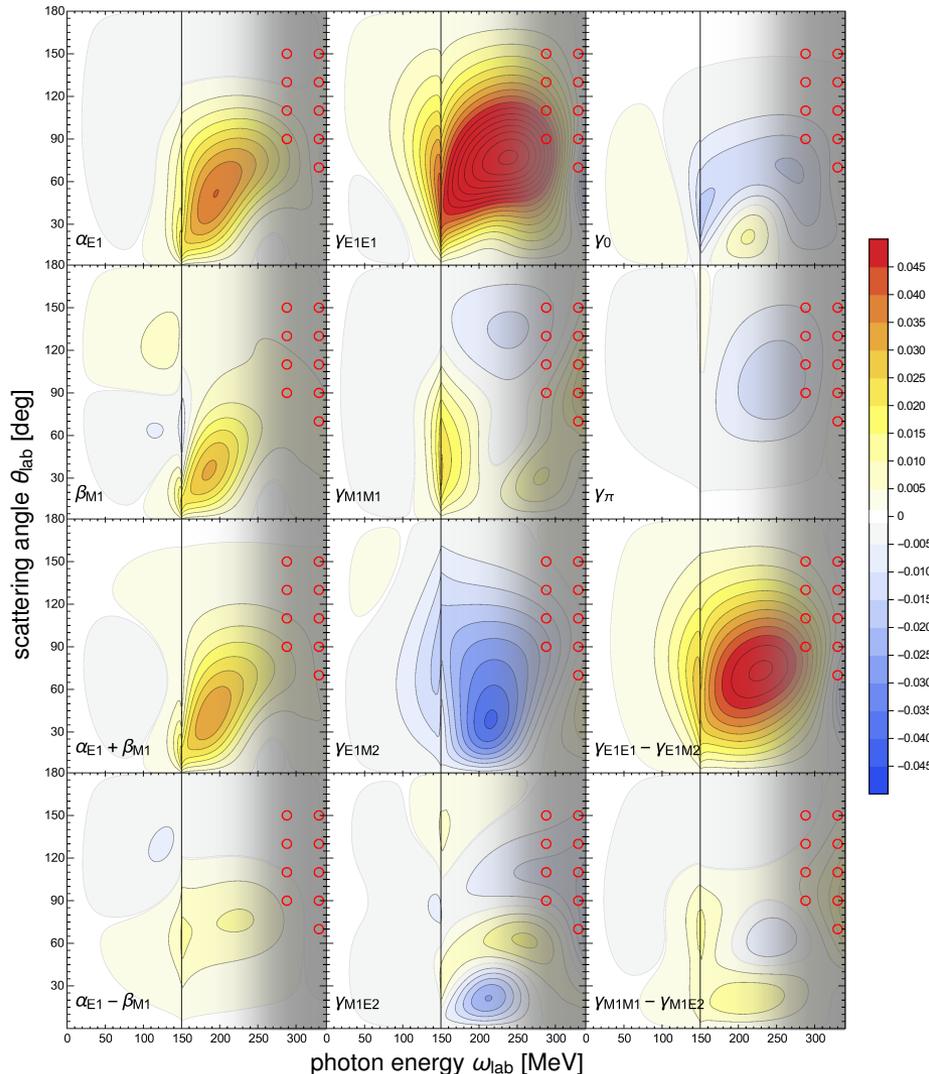
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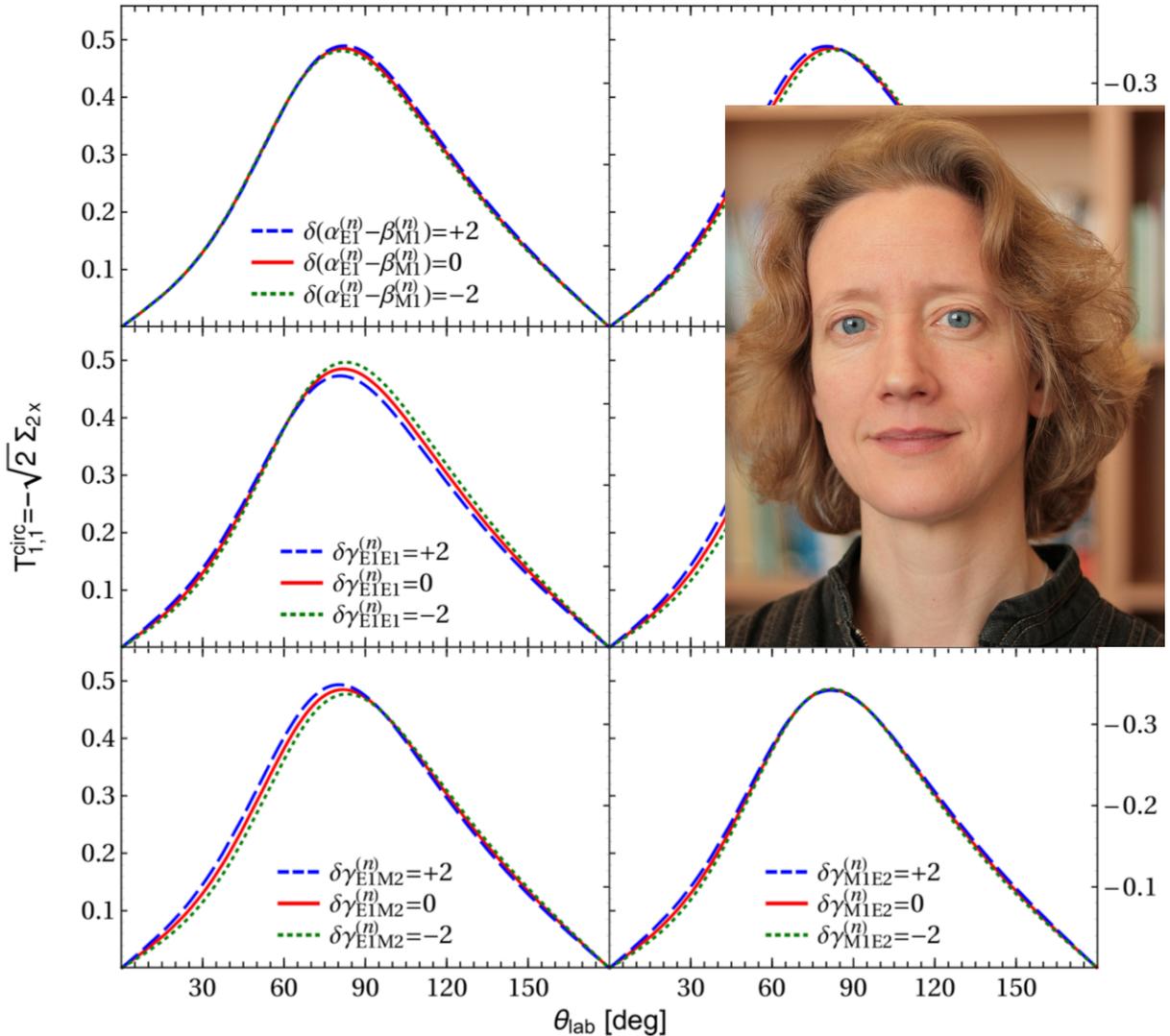


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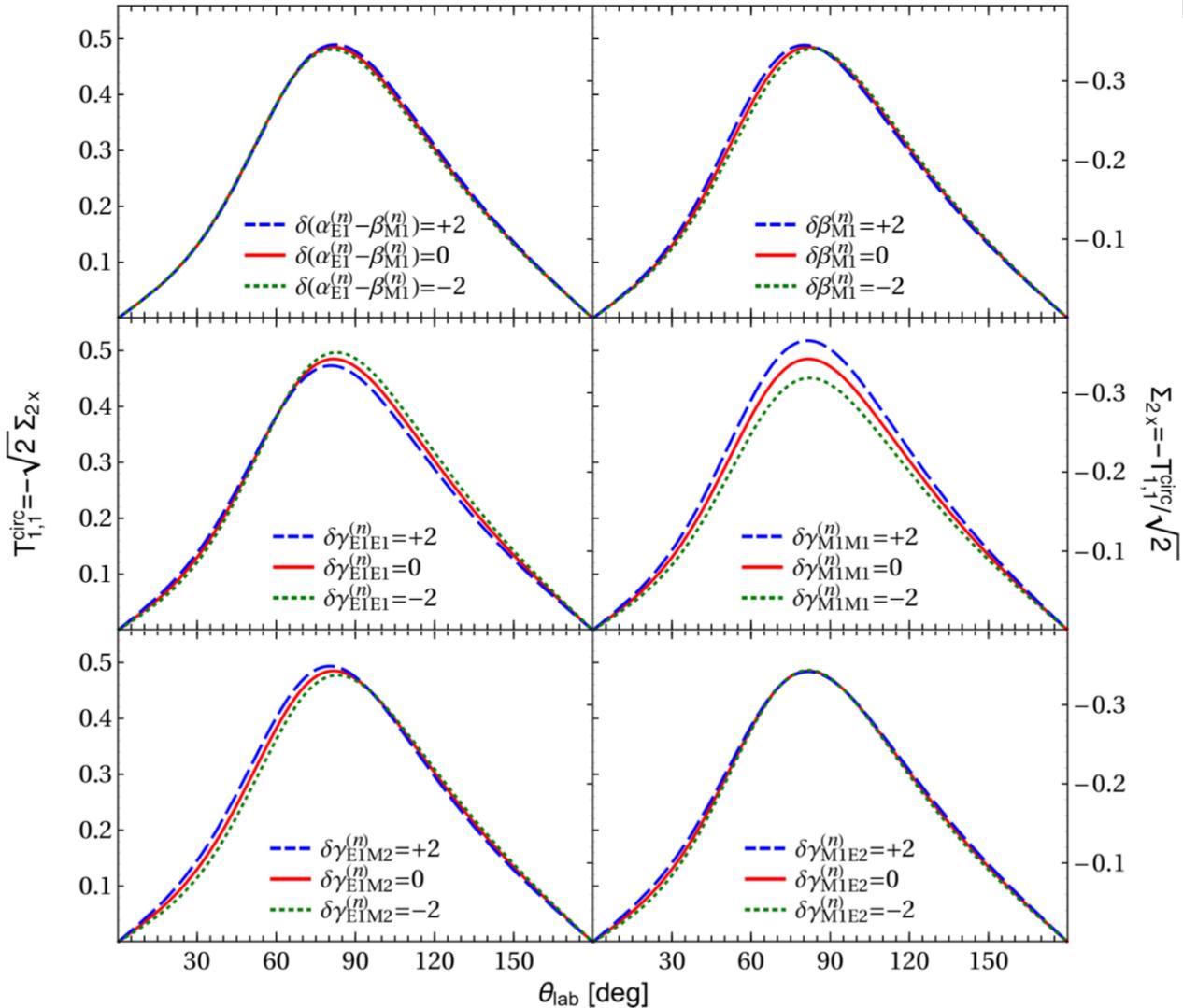
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