

# Monte Carlo shell model and its application to exotic nuclei

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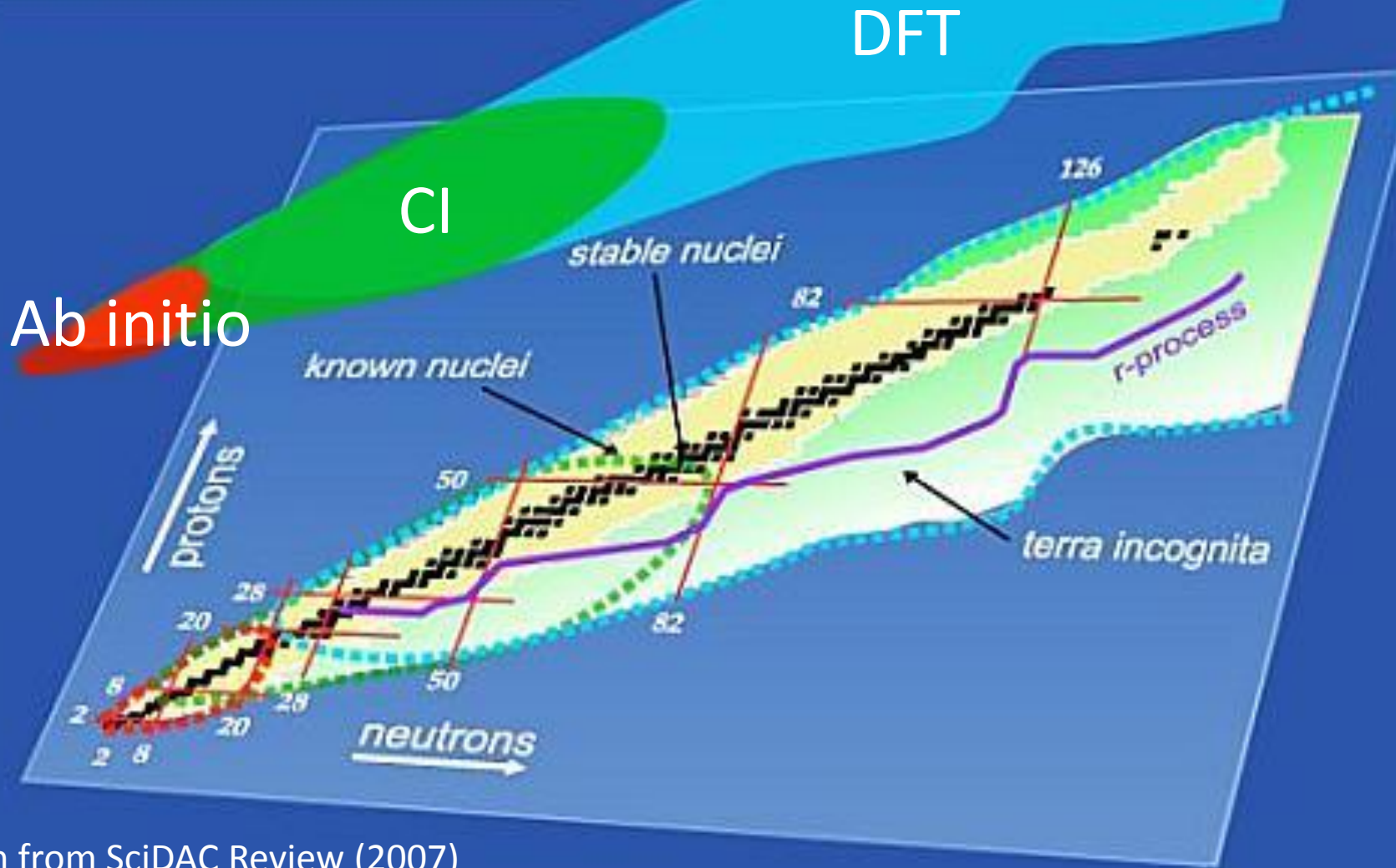
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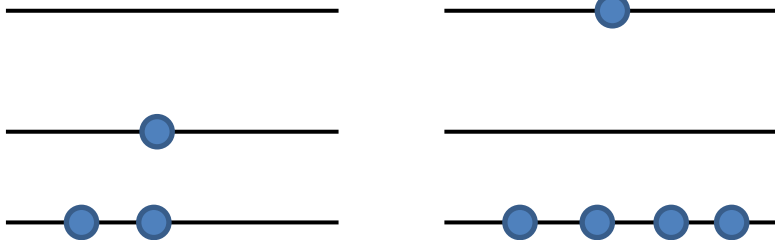
# Nuclear Landscape



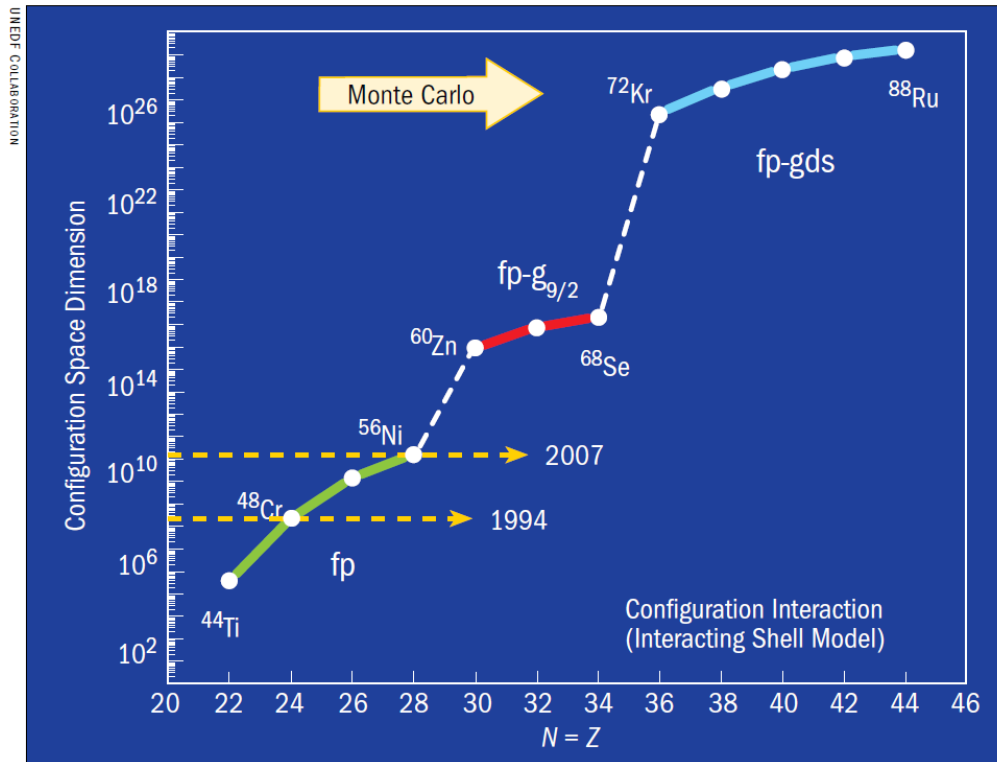
# Even with-core shell model ...

- Exponential wall

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} N_{sp}(\pi) \\ N_p(\pi) \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} N_{sp}(\nu) \\ N_p(\nu) \end{pmatrix}$$



Shell model dimension for N=Z pf-g shell nuclei (without symmetry consideration)



Taken from SciDAC Review (2007)

# Current situation

- Light nuclei (p shell and sd shell in near future)
  - Ab initio shell model approach
  - Bare NN force can be used such as JISP16.
- Heavier nuclei (up to  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  region)
  - Conventional shell model
  - Effective interaction
- What is needed
  1. A tool to make large-scale nuclear calculation possible
    - Monte Carlo shell model (MCSM)
  2. Good interaction
    - New findings about the evolution of the shell structure

# Brief introduction of the Monte Carlo shell model (MCSM)

# Basic idea of MCSM

- Can a complicated nuclear many-body state be approximated by a small number of “basis” states?

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & * & * & * & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & * & * & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ * & * & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{diagonalization}} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & & & & & & 0 \\ & \epsilon_2 & & & & & \\ & & \epsilon_3 & & & & \\ & & & \cdot & & & \\ & & & & \cdot & & \\ & & & & & \cdot & \\ 0 & & & & & & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

**Conventional Shell Model**

all Slater determinants

$$\mathbf{H} \approx \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & \cdot \\ * & * & * & \cdot \\ * & * & \cdot & \\ \cdot & \cdot & & \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{diagonalization}} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon'_1 & & 0 \\ & \epsilon'_2 & \\ 0 & & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

**Monte Carlo Shell Model**

bases important for a specific eigenstate

# Brief history

- Quantum Monte Carlo Diagonalization method (1995)
  - tested with the IBM model
- Reformulation for the shell model (MCSM) (1996)
- Several improvements and applications (until ~2005)
  - Implementing variational procedure
  - Implementing quantum number projection
  - Implementing Lawson's prescription
  - Application to full pf shell, sd-f7/2-p3/2 shell, ...

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- New generation of MCSM (since 2009)
  - Energy variance extrapolation method
  - Efficient computation (algorithm, coding, ...)
  - Application to ab initio shell model, large systems with core

this talk



Abe's talk



# Background of MCSM

- Basis states: follow auxiliary field Monte Carlo approach (the shell model Monte Carlo (SMMC) by Koonin et al.)

- $\exp(-\beta H)$ : projector onto the ground state when  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$

- $\exp(-\beta H)|\Psi\rangle$ : cannot be obtained for a two-body operator  $H$

- Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation

for  $\hat{H} = \varepsilon \hat{O} + \frac{1}{2} V \hat{O} \hat{O}$ ;

$$e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \sqrt{\frac{\beta |V|}{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\sigma e^{-(1/2)\beta |V| \sigma^2} e^{-\beta \hat{h}}; \quad \hat{h} = \varepsilon \hat{O} + s V \sigma \hat{O}$$

$\sigma$ : auxiliary field

- $\exp(-\beta \hat{h})|\Psi\rangle$ : Slater determinant when  $|\Psi\rangle$  is a Slater determinant. However, integration over  $\sigma$  is needed.

- In SMMC, Monte Carlo integration is carried out.

# Original MCSCM procedure

- In MCSCM, Monte Carlo integration is not carried out. Instead,  $\sigma$ 's are regarded as generators of basis states.

$$|\Phi(\sigma)\rangle \propto e^{-\beta h(\sigma)} |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle$$

- Many-body states are made from  $|\Phi(\sigma_1)\rangle, |\Phi(\sigma_2)\rangle, \dots$  by diagonalizing the Hamiltonian in a space spanned by those basis states.

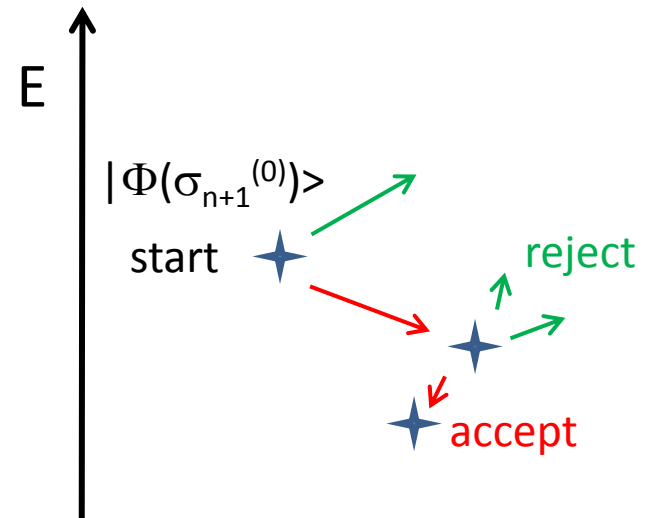
# Implementing variational procedure

- A series of  $|\Phi(\sigma_1)\rangle, |\Phi(\sigma_2)\rangle, \dots$  contains useless basis states which barely contribute to improving the energy.

- Search for efficient basis states: trial and error

Consider  $|\Phi(\sigma_1)\rangle, |\Phi(\sigma_2)\rangle, \dots, |\Phi(\sigma_n)\rangle$  are already fixed and a good  $|\Phi(\sigma_{n+1})\rangle$  is sought.

1. Candidate for  $|\Phi(\sigma_{n+1})\rangle$  is generated, and the energy is obtained with  $|\Phi(\sigma_1)\rangle, \dots, |\Phi(\sigma_{n+1})\rangle$ .
2. Shift  $\sigma_{n+1}$  slightly and calculate energy. If energy becomes lower, this  $\sigma$  replaces  $\sigma_{n+1}$ . If not, try another  $\sigma$ .
3. This is repeated until good convergence is attained.



# Implementing symmetry restoration

- Since each  $|\Phi(\sigma)\rangle$  is a general Slater determinant, it does not have good quantum numbers that the Hamiltonian possesses (such as total angular momentum).
- In estimating the energy,  $P|\Phi(\sigma)\rangle$  is considered instead of  $|\Phi(\sigma)\rangle$ , where  $P$  is the projector onto a desired quantum number ( $J=0, 2, \dots$ , etc.)
- To summarize, the MCSM wave function is expressed as

$$|\Psi_{JM}\rangle = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{N_{MCSM}} c^{(k)}}_{\text{superposition}} \underbrace{P^{\pi} \sum_{K=-J}^J g_K^{(k)} P_{MK}^J}_{\text{projection}} \underbrace{|\Phi(D^{(k)})\rangle}_{\text{basis state}}$$

$$|\Phi(D)\rangle = \prod_k a(D)_k^+ |-\rangle \quad a_k^+ = \sum_i D_{ik} c_i^+$$

# Effective use of parallel computers

- Angular momentum projection
  - Three dimensional integration ( $\sim 10^4$  mesh points) can be done independently.
- Introducing a workstation-based cluster for exclusive use of MCSM named Alphleet (in 1999).



- consists of 140 CPUs (cores)
- highest top500 rank: 169.
- Effective performance: 61.3 GFLOPS
- cost:  $\sim$  a million dollars

## Alphleet Cluster

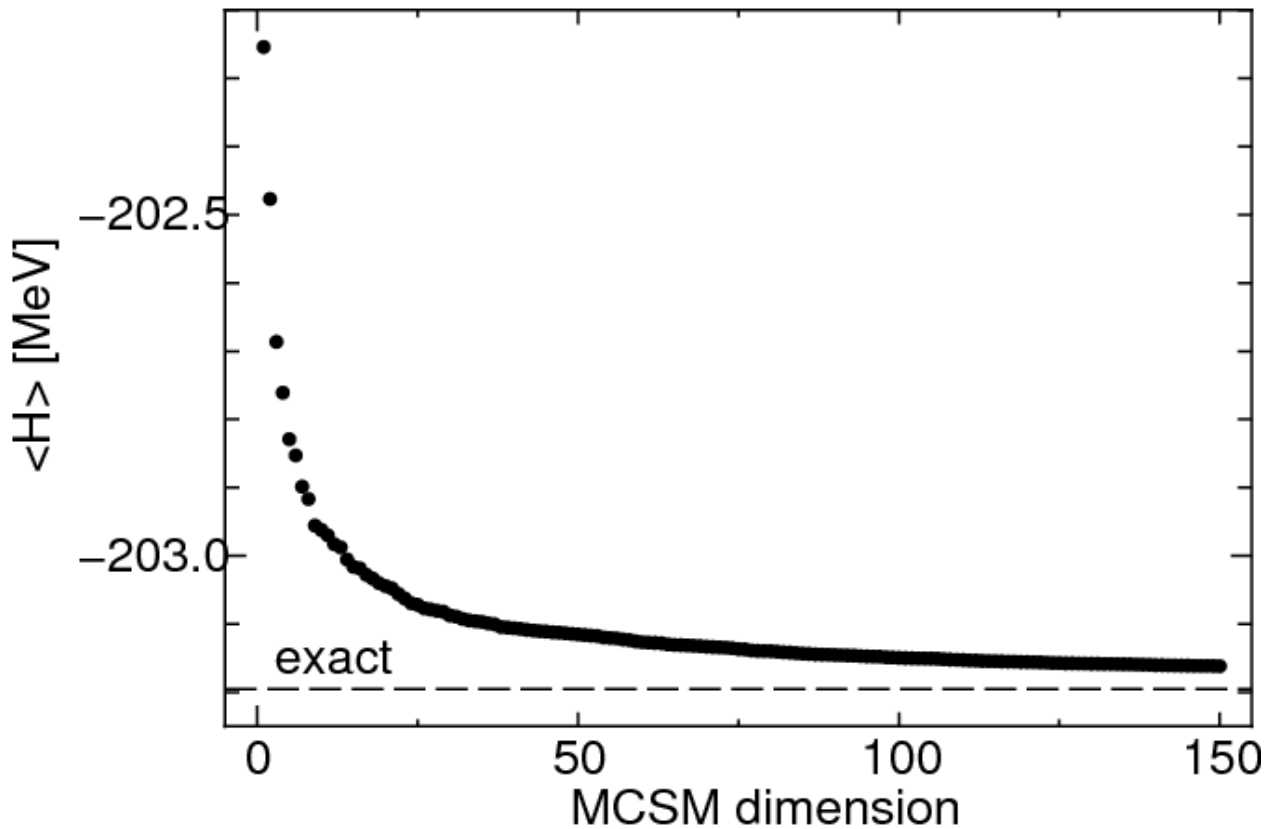
Site:	Institute of Physical and Chemical Res. (RIKEN)
System URL:	
Manufacturer:	Hewlett-Packard (Compaq)
Cores:	140
Power:	
Memory:	
Interconnect:	Myrinet
Operating System:	N/A

## Configurations

List	Rank	System	Vendor	Total Cores	Rmax (GFlops)	Rpeak (GFlops)	Power (kW)
11/2000	435	Alphleet Cluster	Hewlett-Packard (Compaq)	140	61.30	140.00	
06/2000	232	Alphleet Cluster	Hewlett-Packard (Compaq)	140	61.30	140.00	
11/1999	169	Alphleet Cluster	Hewlett-Packard (Compaq)	140	61.30	140.00	

# Demonstration of efficiency

- $^{56}\text{Ni}$  in the full pf shell
  - $10^9$  m-scheme dimension: Several groups competed about a decade ago for obtaining the energy as low as possible.

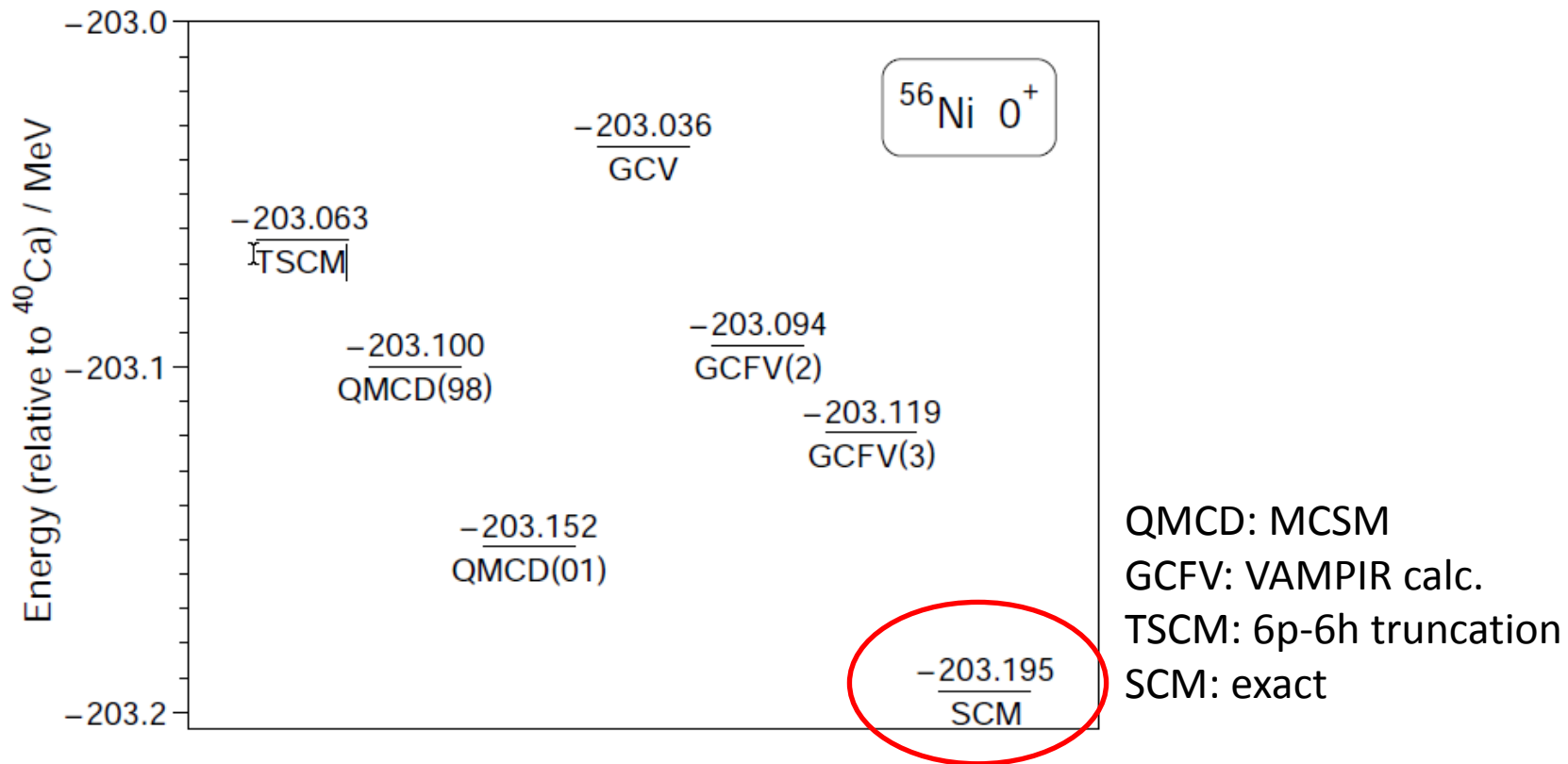


Exact: obtained after the MCSM calc.

The g.s. energy can be precisely estimated with extrapolation. (Abe's talk).

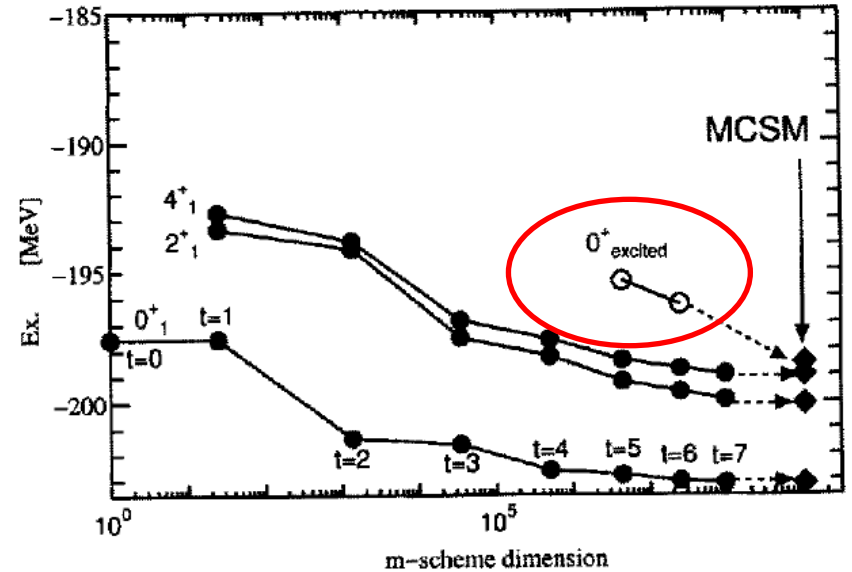
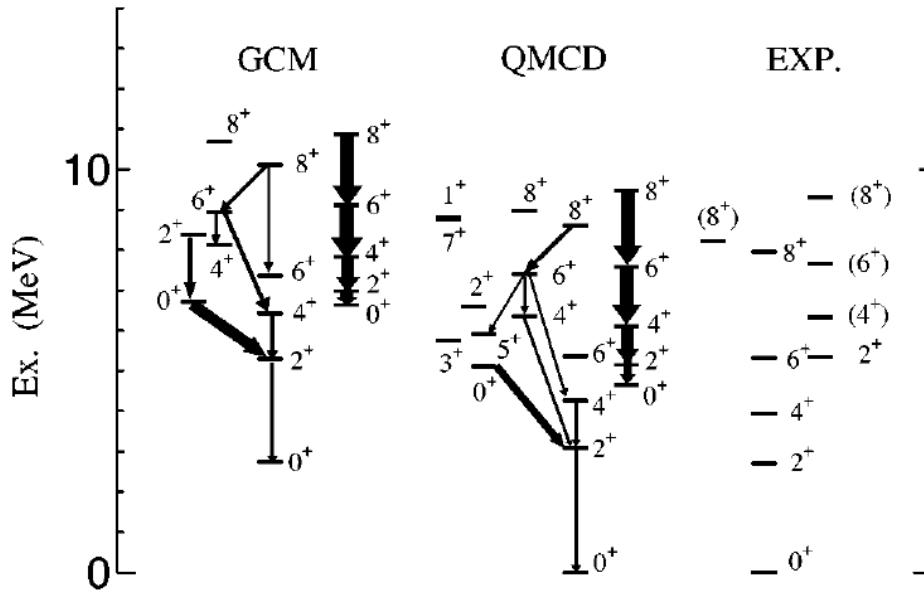
# Comparison with other calculations

- M-scheme basis dimension:  $\sim 10^9$ 
  - It was not feasible to perform the exact calculation until  $\sim 2004$ .

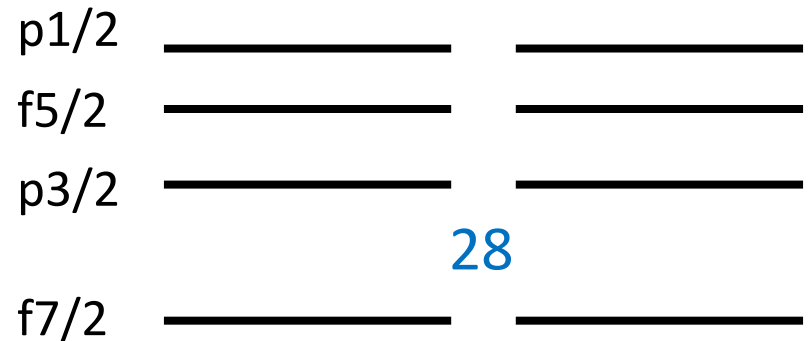


Taken from K.W. Schmidt, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 52, 565 (2004).

# Deformed-spherical shape coexistence



- The usual truncation (restricting the number of nucleons in sub shells) is not good for strongly deformed states.

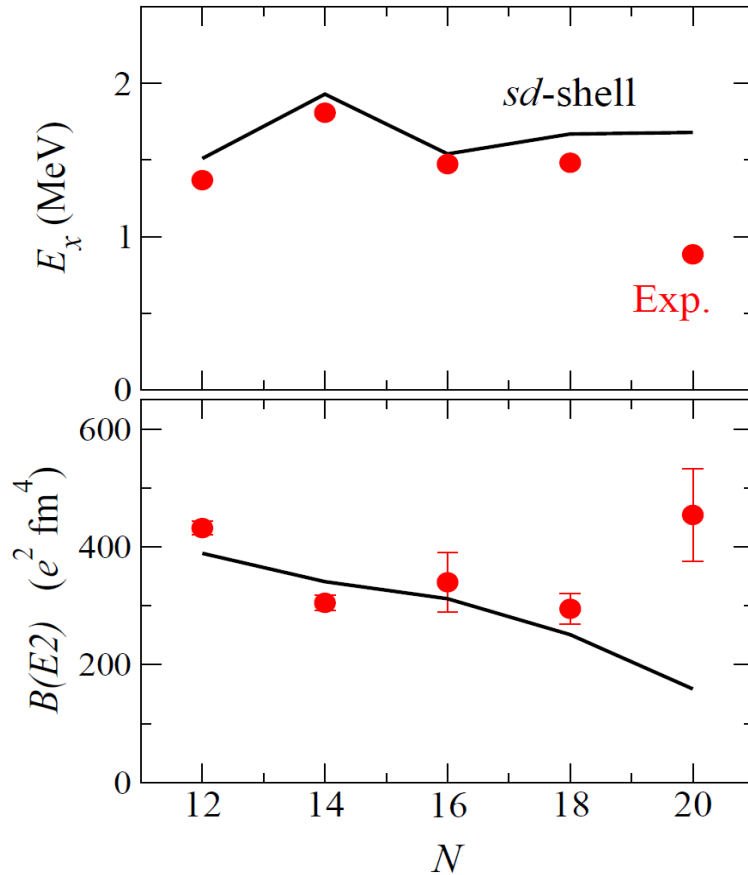




# Structure of exotic nuclei around $N=20$

# Disappearance of the N=20 magic number

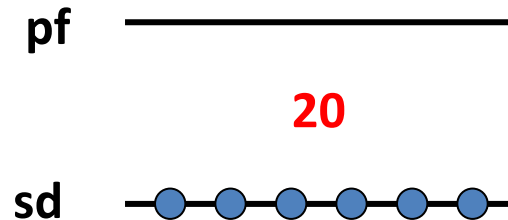
Mg isotopes



Ref.) D.Guillemaud-Mueller *et al.*, NPA426, 37 (1984).

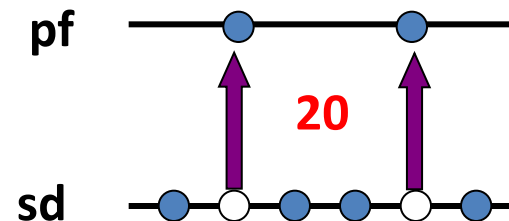
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normal state (0p0h)

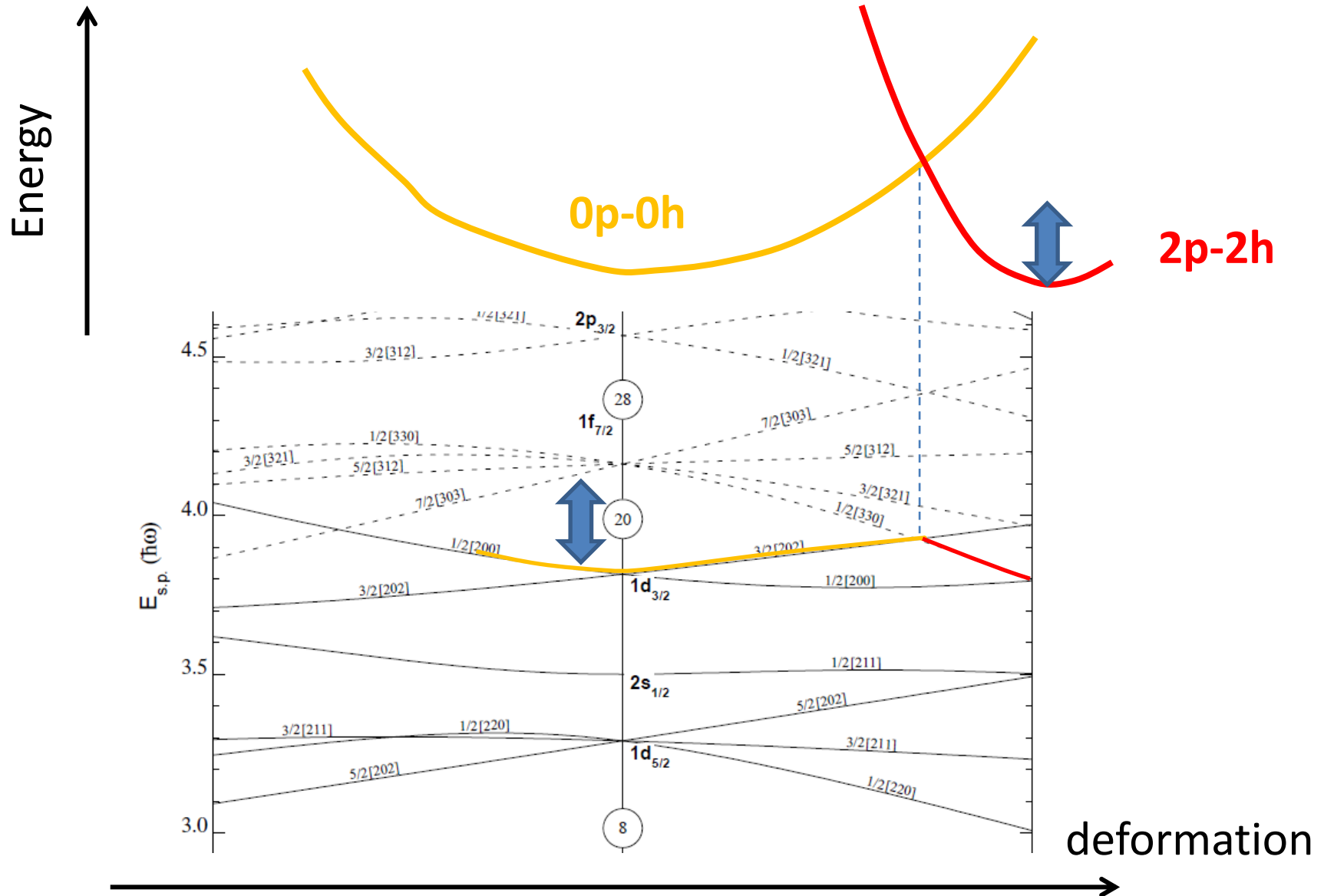


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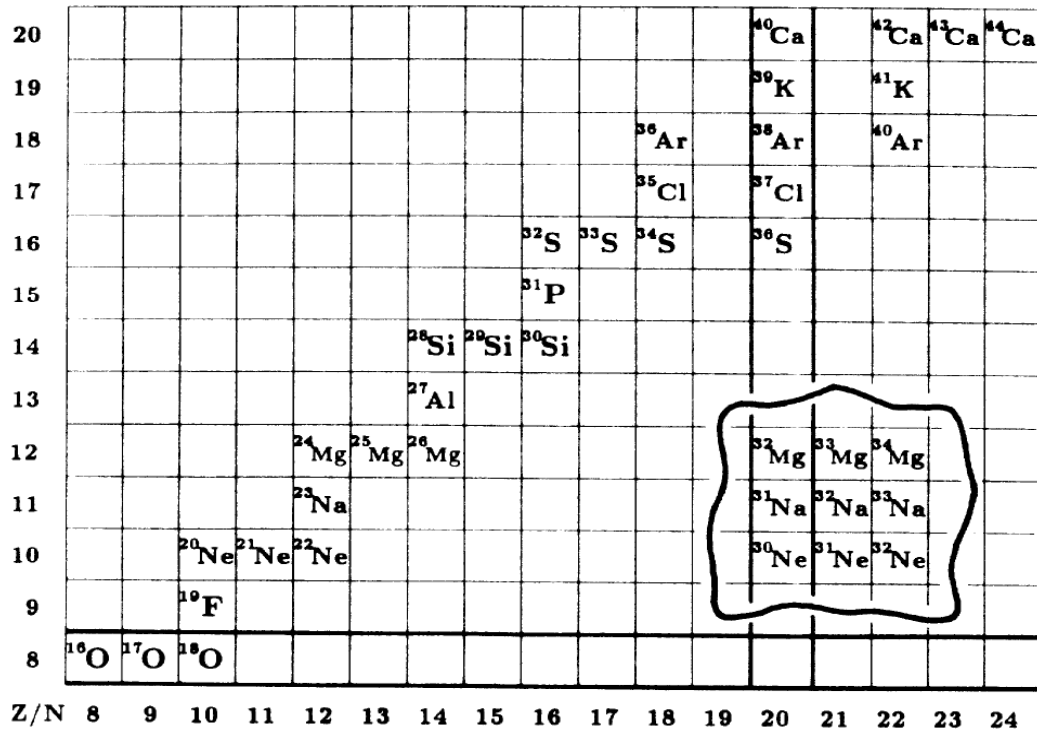
intruder state (2p2h)



# Viewpoint of the deformed shell model



# Island of inversion



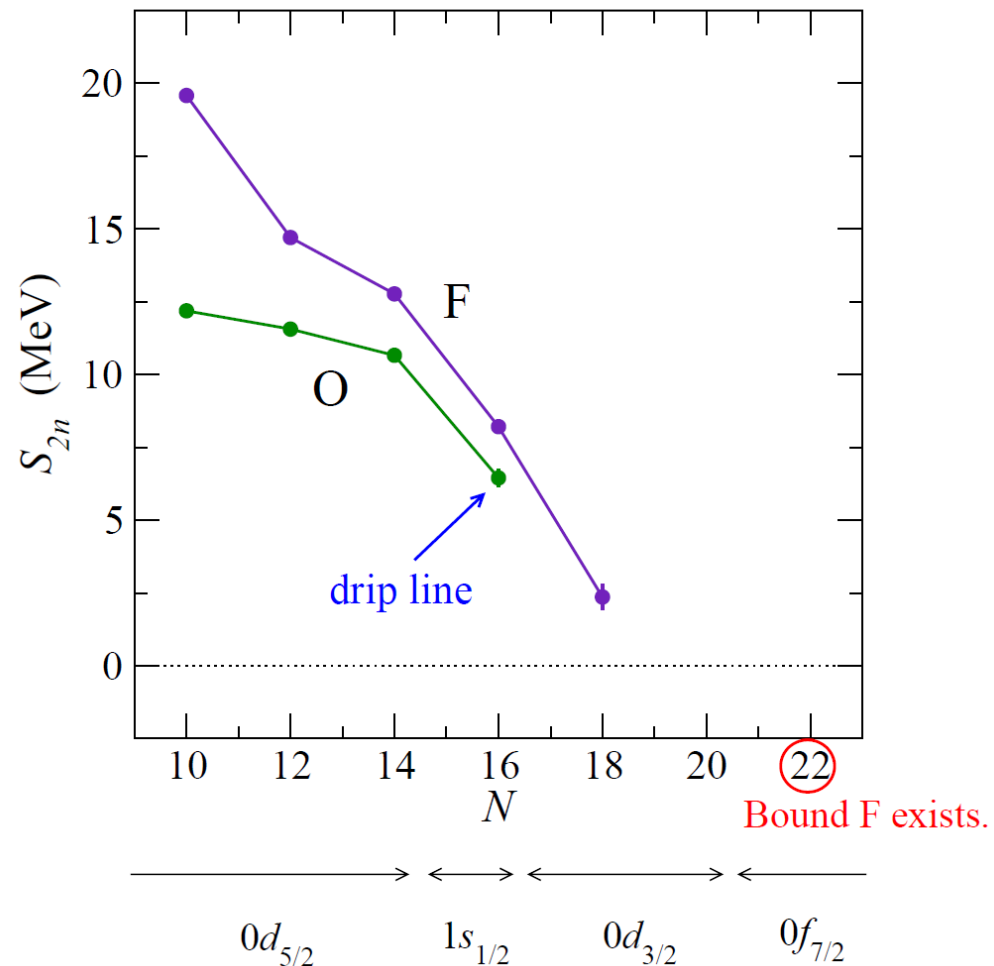
E.K. Warburton et al., Phys. Rev. C 41, 1147 (1990).

- Nine nuclei dominated by 2p-2h: prediction from (approximated) shell-model calculation

# Drip line of oxygen and fluorine: another unexpected property

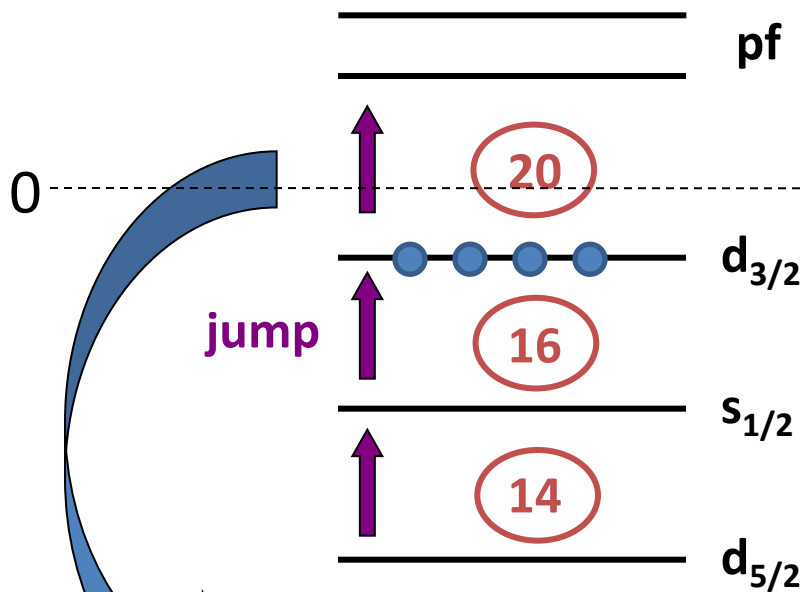
- Oxygen (Z=8)
  - The last bound isotopes is located at N=16 with a considerably large separation energy.
- Fluorine (Z=9)
  - The isotope with N=22 is known to be a bound nucleus. The separation energy should be kept small from N=18.

Experimental  $S_{2n}$  of O and F



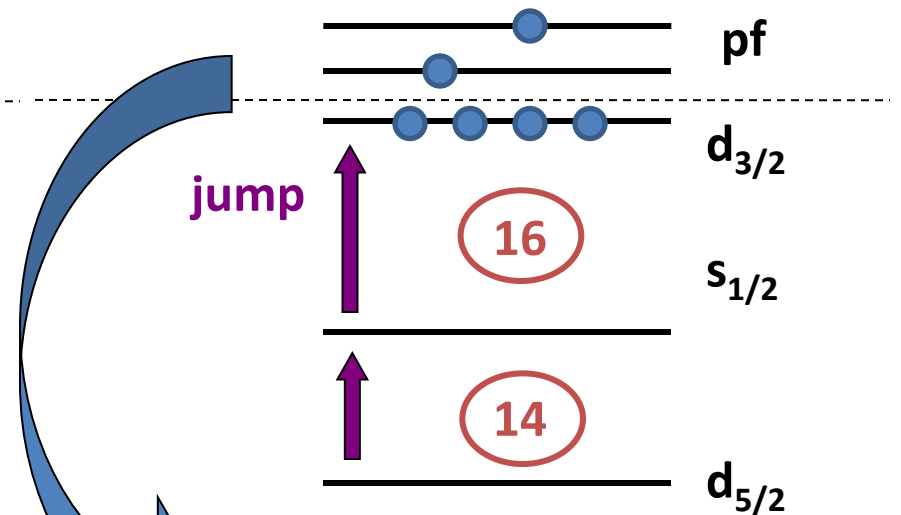
# Phenomenological explanation

i) Normal shell structure



If there is a certain  $N=20$  shell gap in  $F$ , the drip line would not persist so far away (at most 4 in  $d_{3/2}$ ).

ii) Quenched  $N=20$  shell gap



Large correlation energy due to the degeneracy can extend the drip line further.

# What is obtained with the shell model

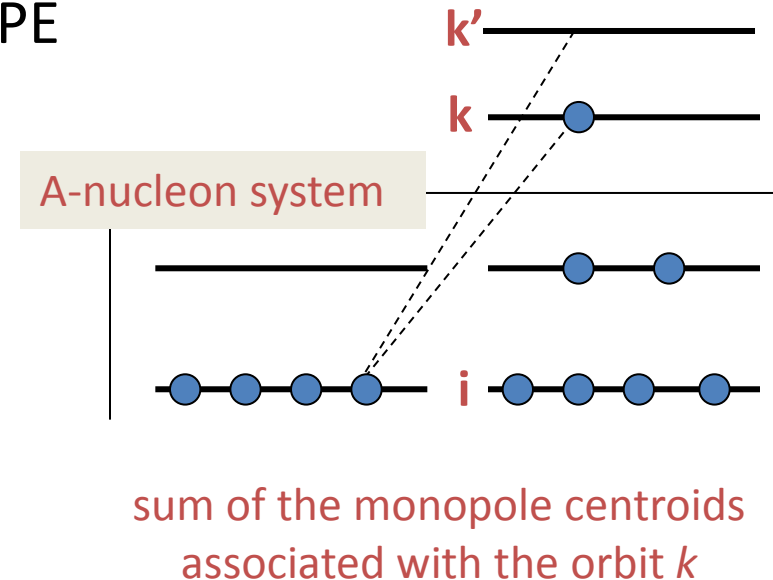
- An anomalous shell structure is expected, but observed states are not pure single particle states. A description with **appropriate treatment of correlation** is needed.  
→ shell model calculation
- Nevertheless, the observed state is strongly affected by the shell structure. It is desirable to **pin down the evolution of the shell structure** and to provide its mechanism.  
→ effective single-particle energy

# Effective single particle energy

- Effective single-particle energy (ESPE):

Shell-model viewpoint of generalized SPE

- Filling configuration is assumed for the A-nucleon system.
- Additional binding energy in the (A+1) nucleon system defines ESPE.
- Total energy for a fully occupied system can be evaluated simply by counting the number of “bonds” and their **monopole** centroids.



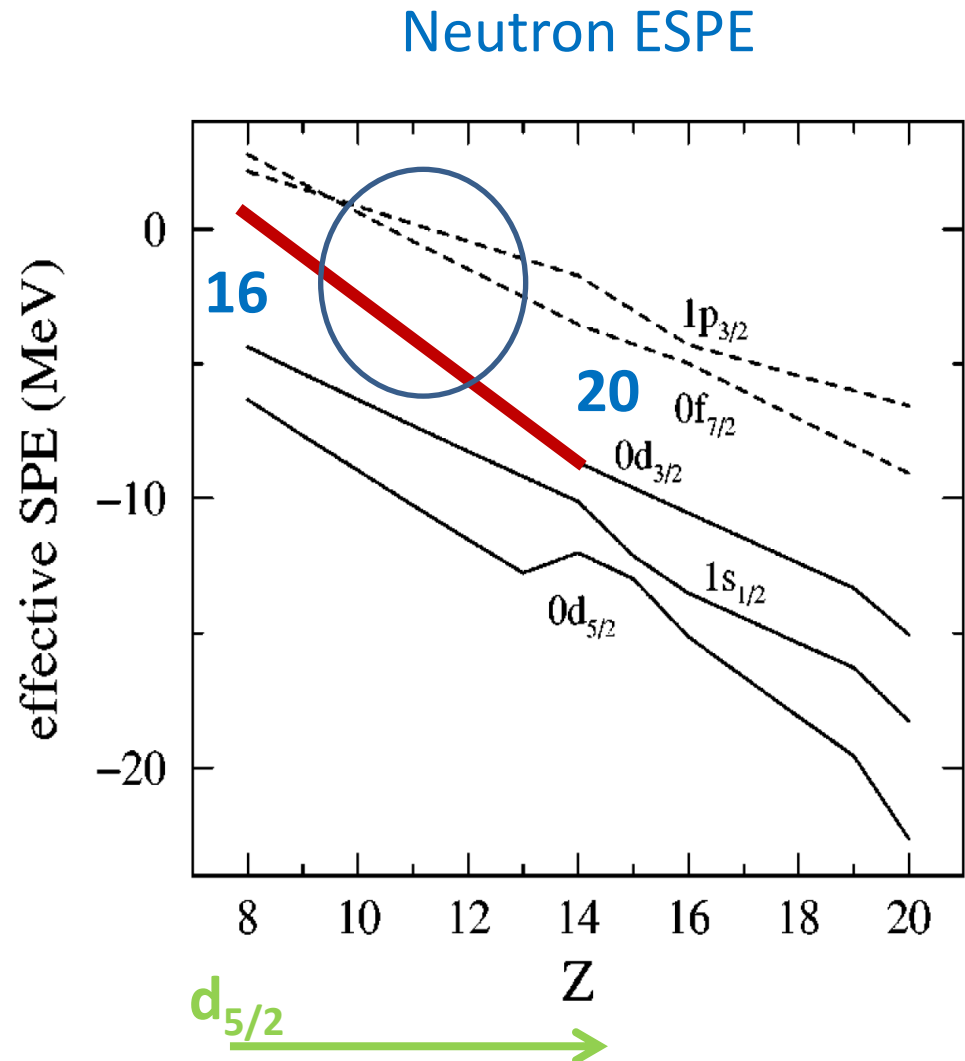
$$V_{i,j}^T = \frac{\sum_J (2J + 1) \langle i, j | V | i, j \rangle_{J,T}}{\sum_J (2J + 1)}$$

- Orbital dependence of the monopole centroid causes the **shell evolution**. ( $V_{i,k} \neq V_{i,k'}$  gives rise to the variation of the shell gap.)



# Proposed shell structure changing from oxygen to calcium

- Neutron  $d_{3/2}$ : main player
  - stays high around oxygen: N=16 magic number
  - comes down around calcium: (normal) N=20 magic number
  - contributes to the inversion
- Strongly attractive  $d_{5/2}$ - $d_{3/2}$  interaction



# How do we make an effective interaction with that single-particle structure

- Model space: full sd shell +  $f_{7/2}$  +  $p_{3/2}$
- Starting point: existing effective interactions
  - USD (Wildenthal and Brown): sd shell part
  - Kuo-Brown: pf shell part
  - Millener-Kurath: cross shell part
- Modification of the monopole interaction

$$\delta V_{0d_{5/2},0d_{3/2}}^{T=1,0} = +0.30, -0.70 \text{ MeV},$$

$$\delta V_{0d_{5/2},0f_{7/2}}^{T=1,0} = +0.16, -0.50 \text{ MeV},$$

named  
SDPF-M

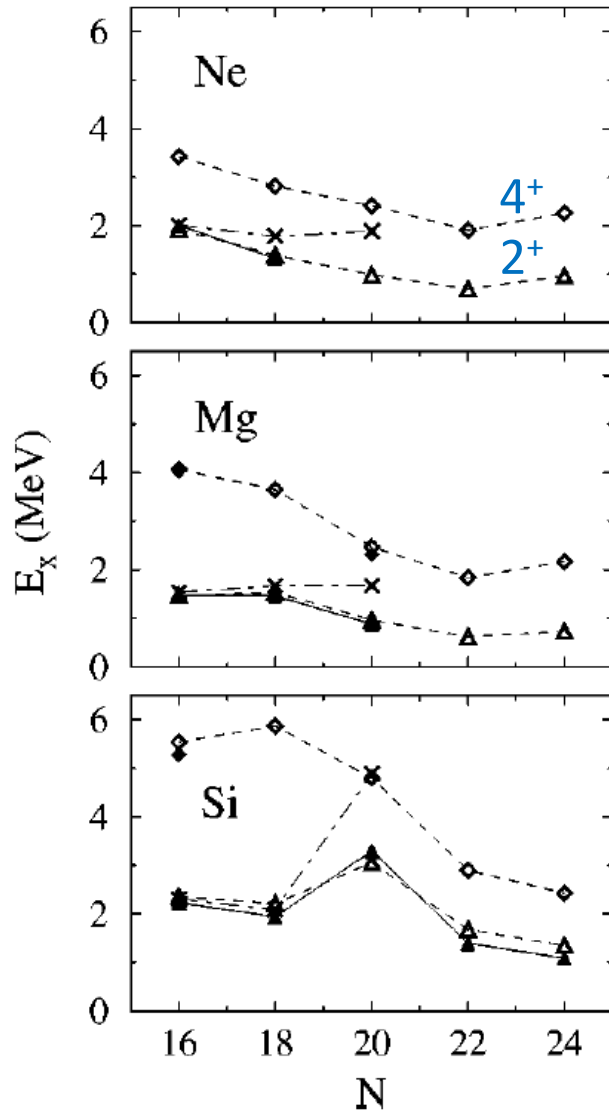


shell structure  
shown in the  
last slide

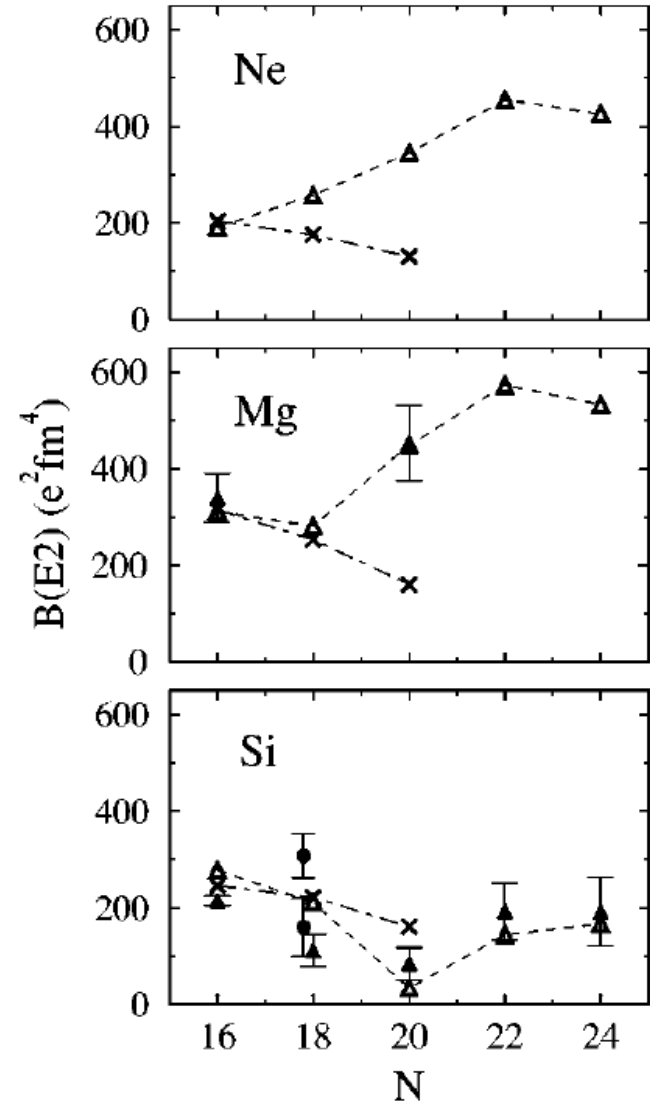
minimal change for this aim

# Overview of the yrast properties

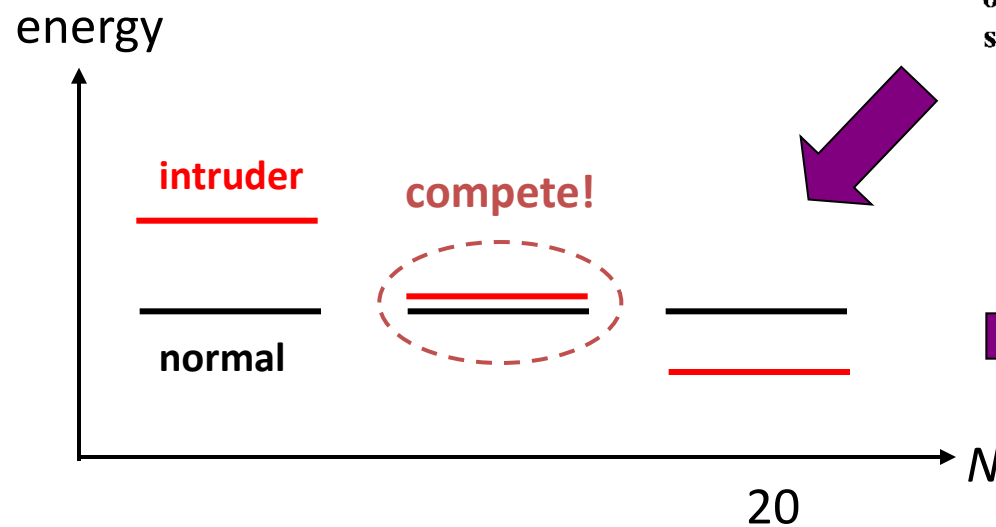
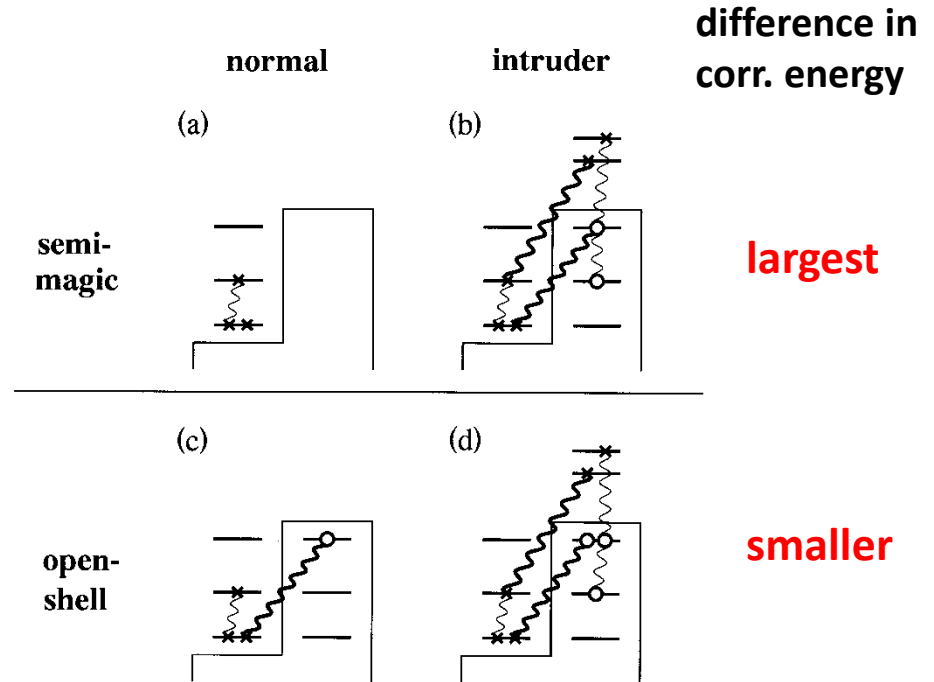
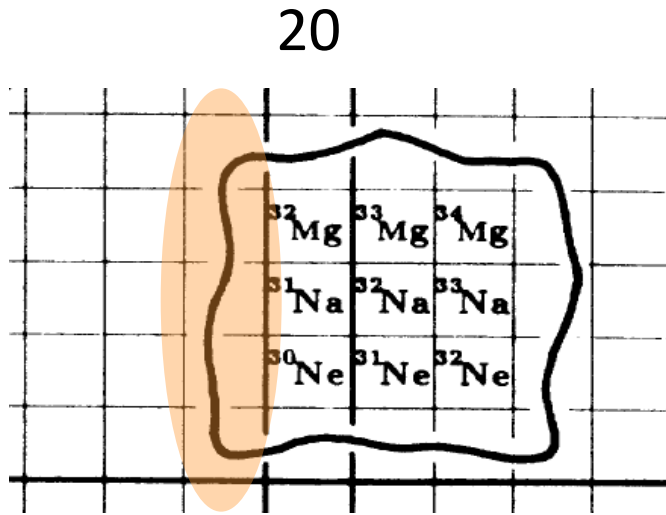
## Energy levels



## B(E2) values



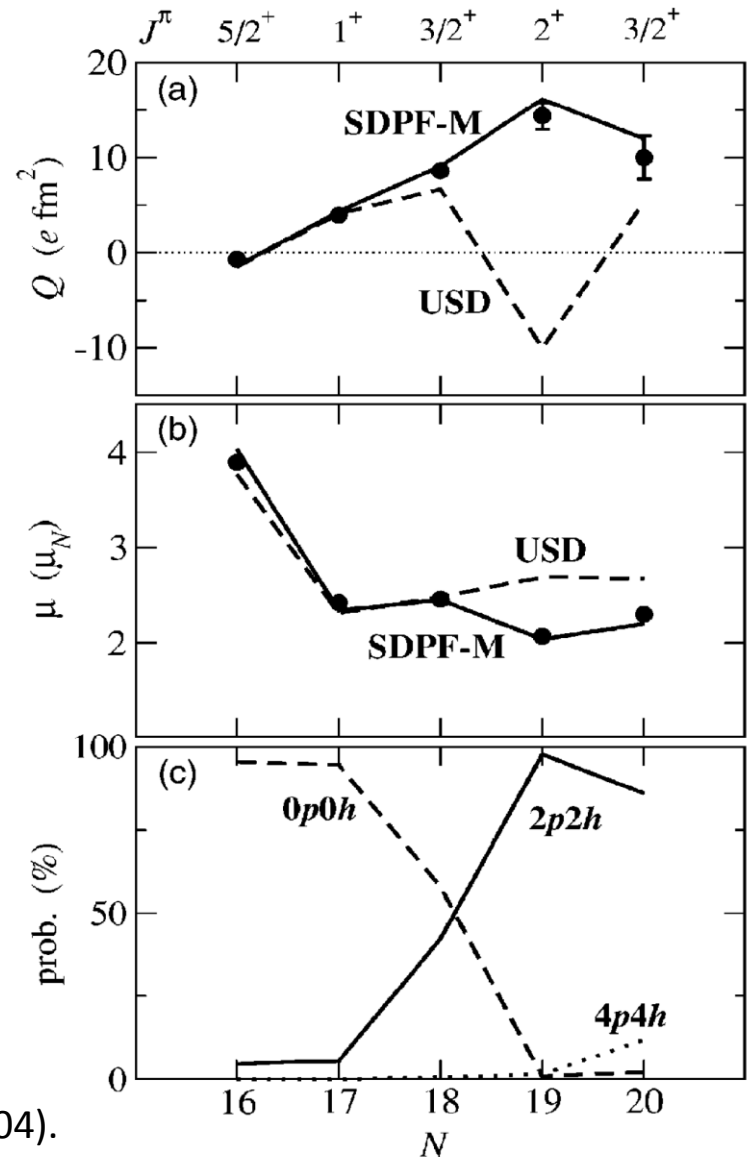
# Importance of determining “western” boundary



The location of the western boundary is quite sensitive to the shell gap.

# Case of Na ( $Z=11$ ) isotopes

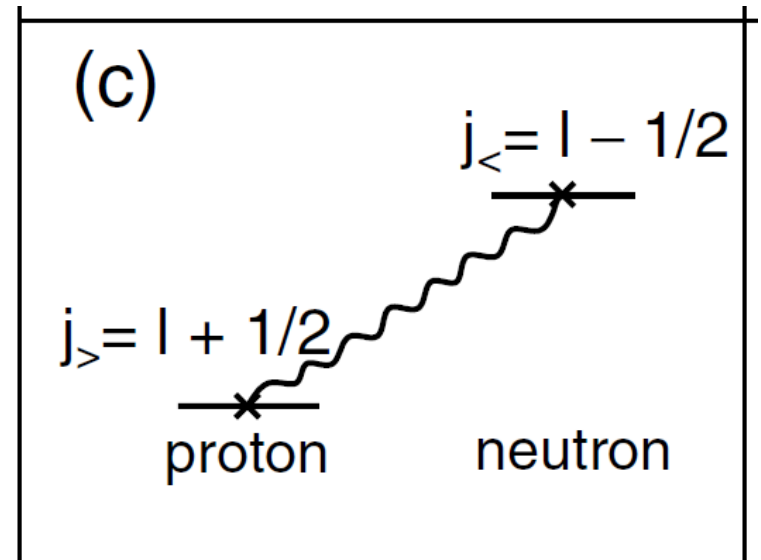
- Electromagnetic moment
  - good probe for the wave function
- Comparison between theory and experiment
  - The  $N=19$  isotope is clearly inside the island of inversion contrary to the original mapping.
- larger island with indistinct boundary due to the narrow  $N=20$  shell gap



# Recent understanding of the shell evolution

# Origin of the difference in monopole interaction

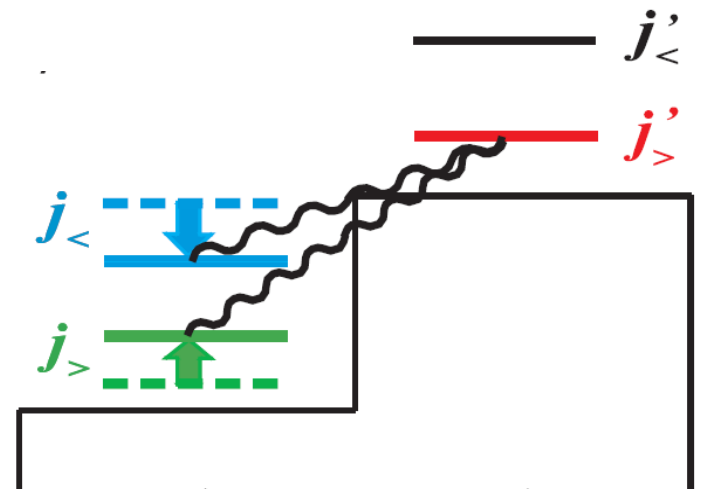
- $V_{ij} \neq V_{ik}$  causes the evolution of the shell structure.
- Strong dependence on spin direction
  - Strong attraction between  $j_>$  and  $j_<$  (such as  $d_{5/2}$  and  $d_{3/2}$ )
- $(\tau \cdot \tau)(\sigma \cdot \sigma)V(r)$  ?
  - demonstrated to cause a plausible effect at the long range limit
  - However, the spin dependence is too small in realistic systems.
- Another origin?



# Tensor force

- Regarded as an important part as the bare force, but often omitted as the effective interaction (Skyrme, Gogny, ...)
  - dominance of the second-order effect (e.g., no effect on the spin-saturated mean-field wave functions such as  $^{16}\text{O}$ )
- Revival of the tensor force as the effective interaction
  - Not large effect on the total energy, but large contribution to the shell energy
  - Evolution of the  $1s$  splitting due to

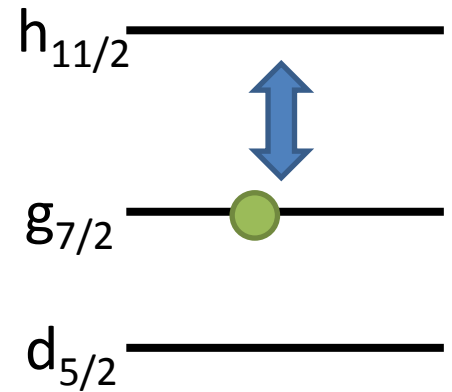
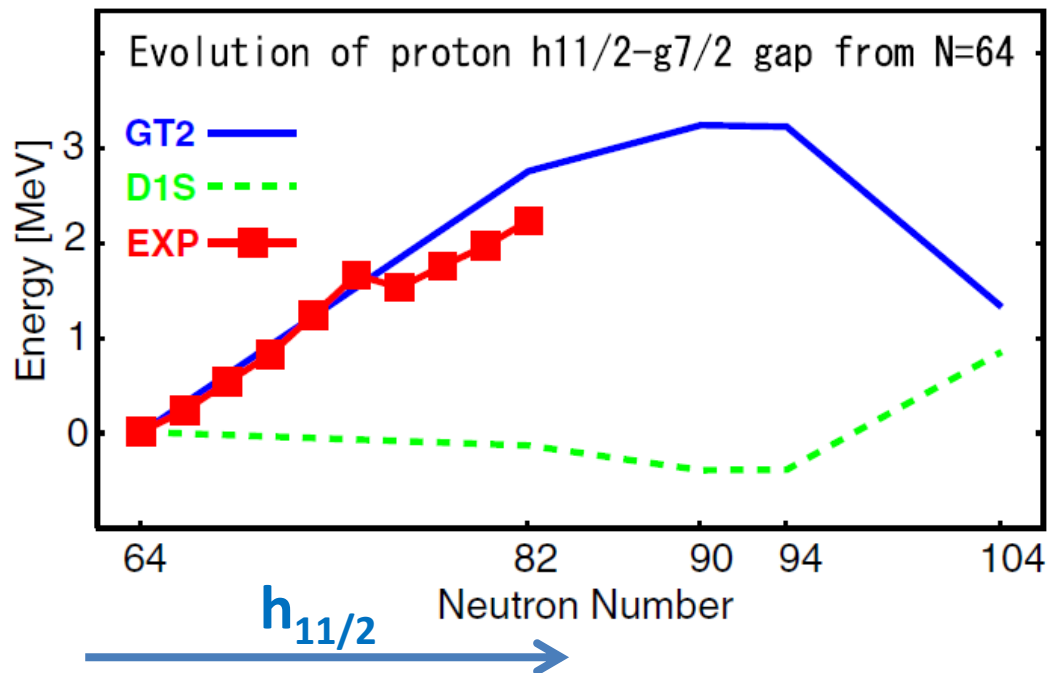
$$(2j_{>} + 1)V_{j_{>},j'}^T + (2j_{<} + 1)V_{j_{<},j'}^T = 0,$$





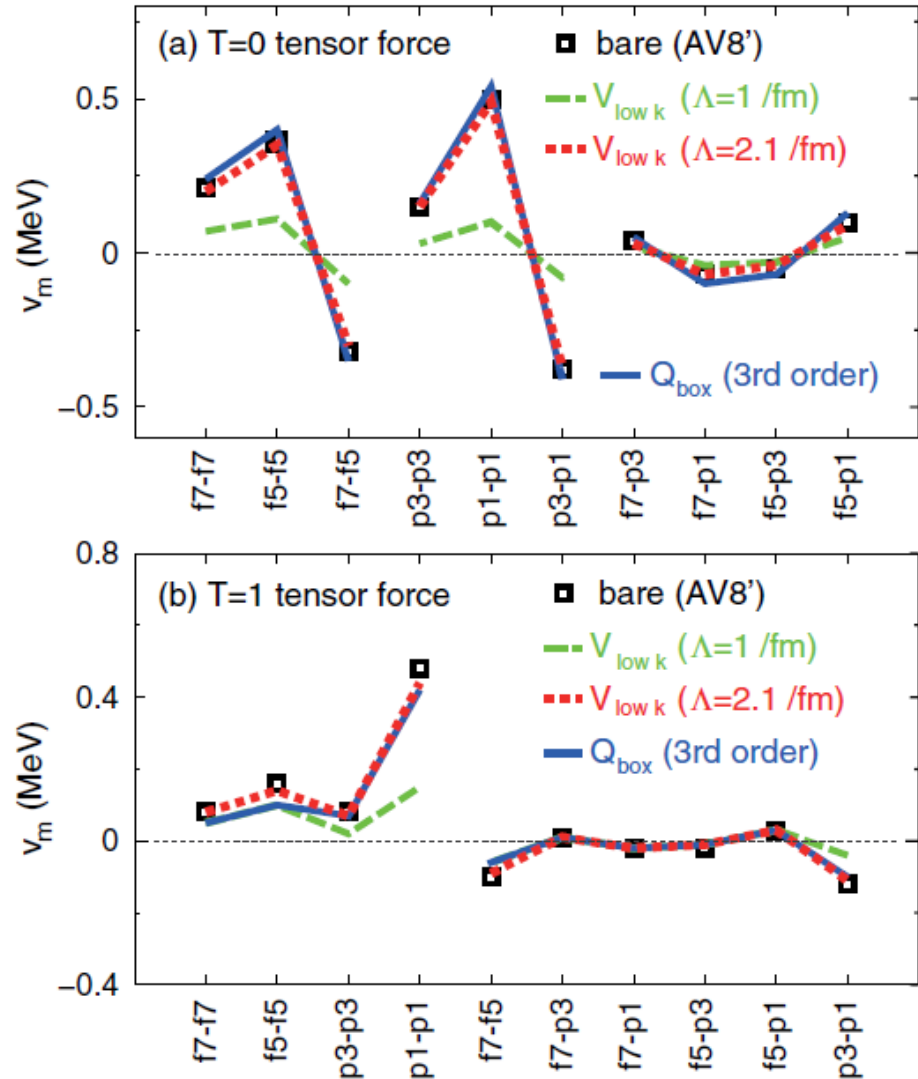
# Evolution of energy levels in antimony isotopes

- Sb ( $Z=51$ ): dominance of proton single-particle level
  - supported by proton transfer experiment (J.P. Schiffer et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 162501 (2004).)
  - The tensor force (included in GT2) reproduces experiment.



# Persistency of the tensor force

- How strong is the tensor force as the effective interaction?
  - Model space dependence?
- Analysis by a microscopic effective interaction theory
  - $V_{\text{low } k}$ : short range correlation is treated
  - $Q_{\text{box}}$ : in-medium effect is included further.
- Very similar to the bare (long range) tensor force



# Comparison with empirical interaction

- GXPF1: an empirically fitted interaction for the pf shell
- The tensor part is extracted with the spin-tensor decomposition

$$V = \sum_{k=0}^2 V_k = \sum_{k=0}^2 U^{(k)} \cdot X^{(k)}$$



$$\langle ABLSJ'T | V_k | CDL'S'J'T \rangle$$

$$= (-1)^{J'} (2k+1) \left\{ \begin{matrix} L & S & J' \\ S' & L' & k \end{matrix} \right\} \sum_J (-1)^J (2J+1) \left\{ \begin{matrix} L & S & J \\ S' & L' & k \end{matrix} \right\}$$

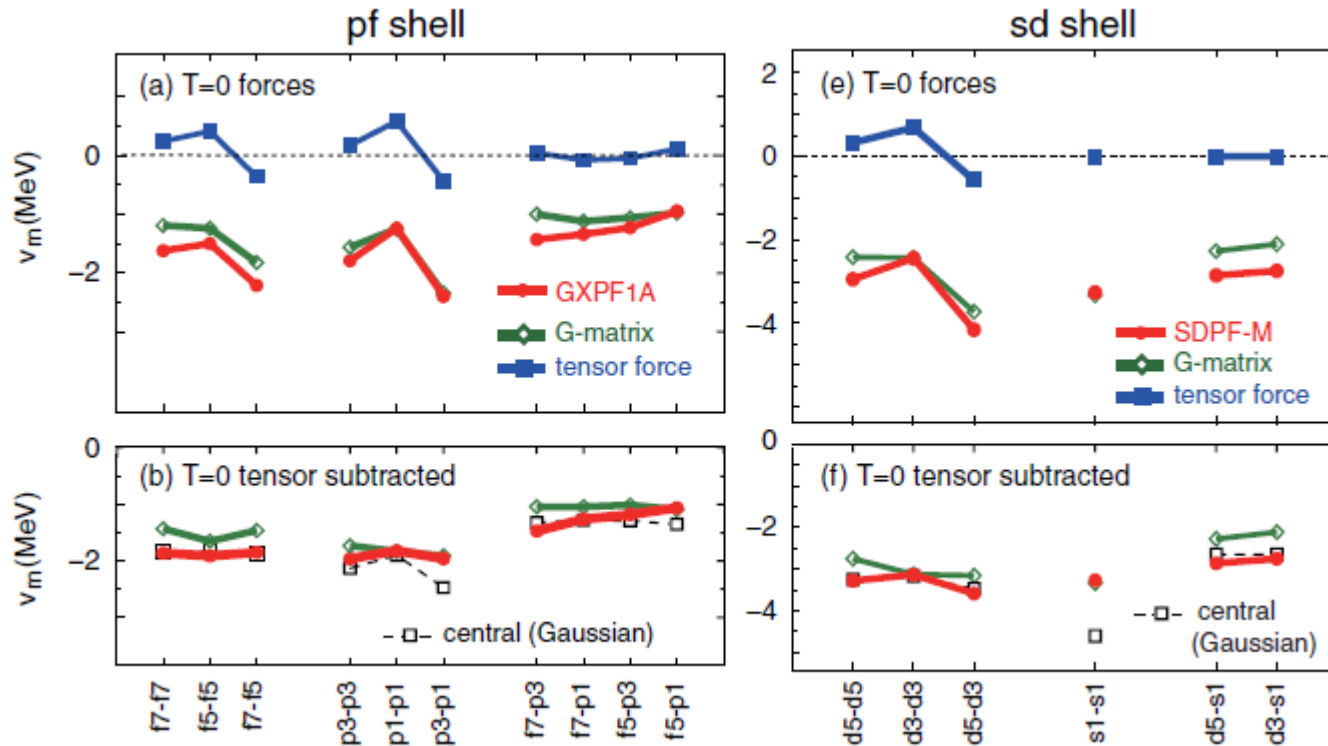
$$\times \langle ABLSJT | V | CDL'S'JT \rangle$$

T=0 monopole centroid of the tensor force (MeV)

i	j	GXPF1	$\pi+\rho$
f7	f7	0.223	0.210
f7	p3	0.036	0.035
f7	f5	-0.335	-0.315
f7	p1	-0.073	-0.070
p3	p3	0.092	0.150
p3	f5	-0.048	-0.046
p3	p1	-0.229	-0.376
f5	f5	0.382	0.360
f5	p1	0.097	0.093
p1	p1	0.306	0.501

quite similar

# Non tensor part of the monopole interaction

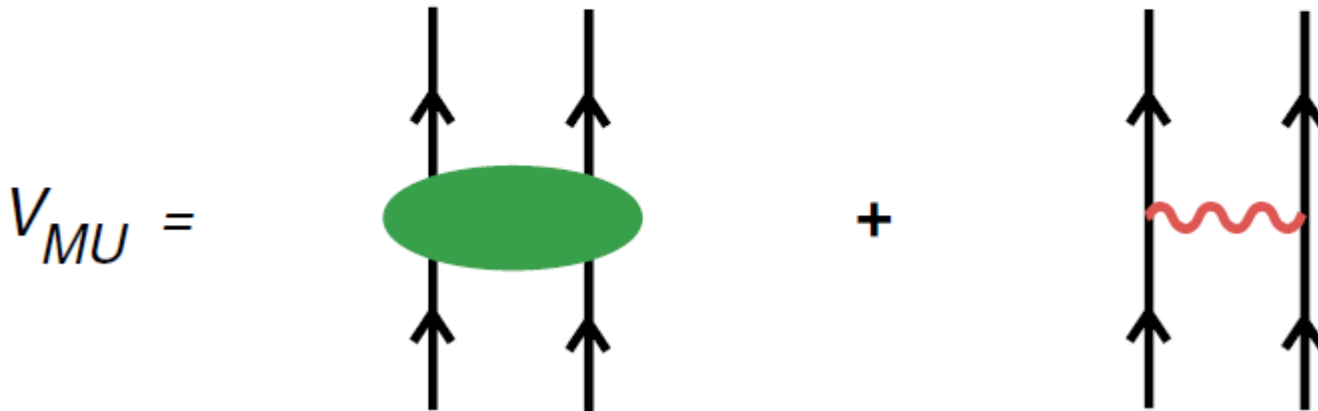


- Very mild spin dependence
- Some node dependence
- Can be fitted by a Gaussian central force

# Monopole-based universal interaction ( $V_{MU}$ )

(a) central force :  
Gaussian  
(strongly renormalized)

(b) tensor force :  
 $\pi + \rho$  meson  
exchange

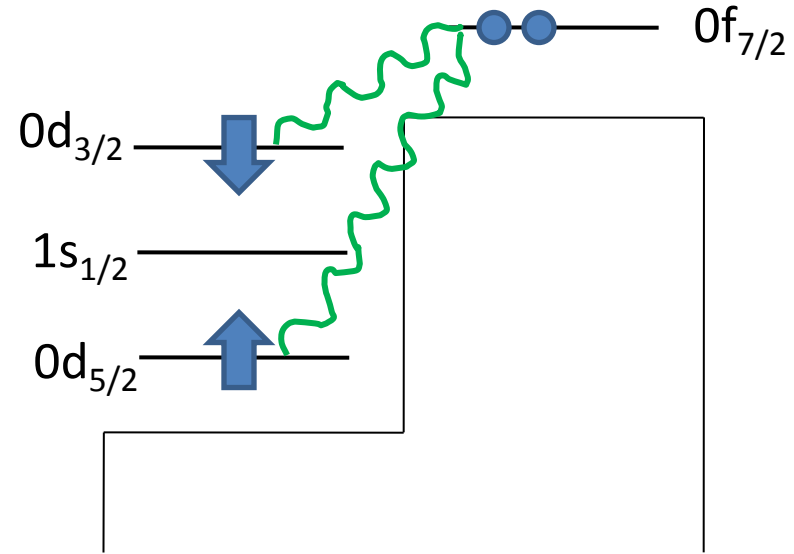


T. Otsuka et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 012501 (2010).

- Ansatz
  - Strongly renormalized central part is well approximated by the Gaussian force at least as far as the monopole part is concerned.

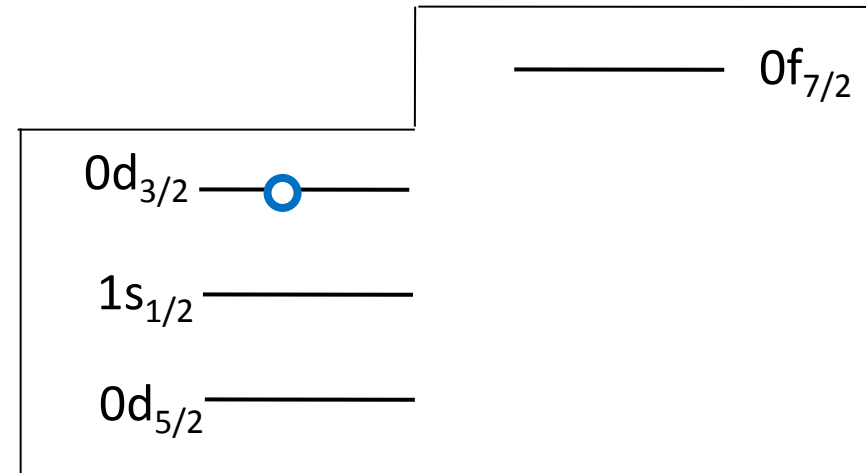
# Application of $V_{MU}$ to the $N \approx 28$ region

- Evolution of the sd shell from  $N=20$  to 28 is focused.
  - cross shell part
- Effect of correlation is included by the shell model.
- Setup of the calculation
  - Full sd-pf orbit is taken, but excitation of nucleons across the  $N=20$  is not allowed.
  - $V_{MU}$  (slightly refined) is used as the cross shell interaction.
  - The sd shell part and the pf shell part are substituted with USD and GXPF1B (empirical interactions), respectively.



# Probing the proton 1s splitting

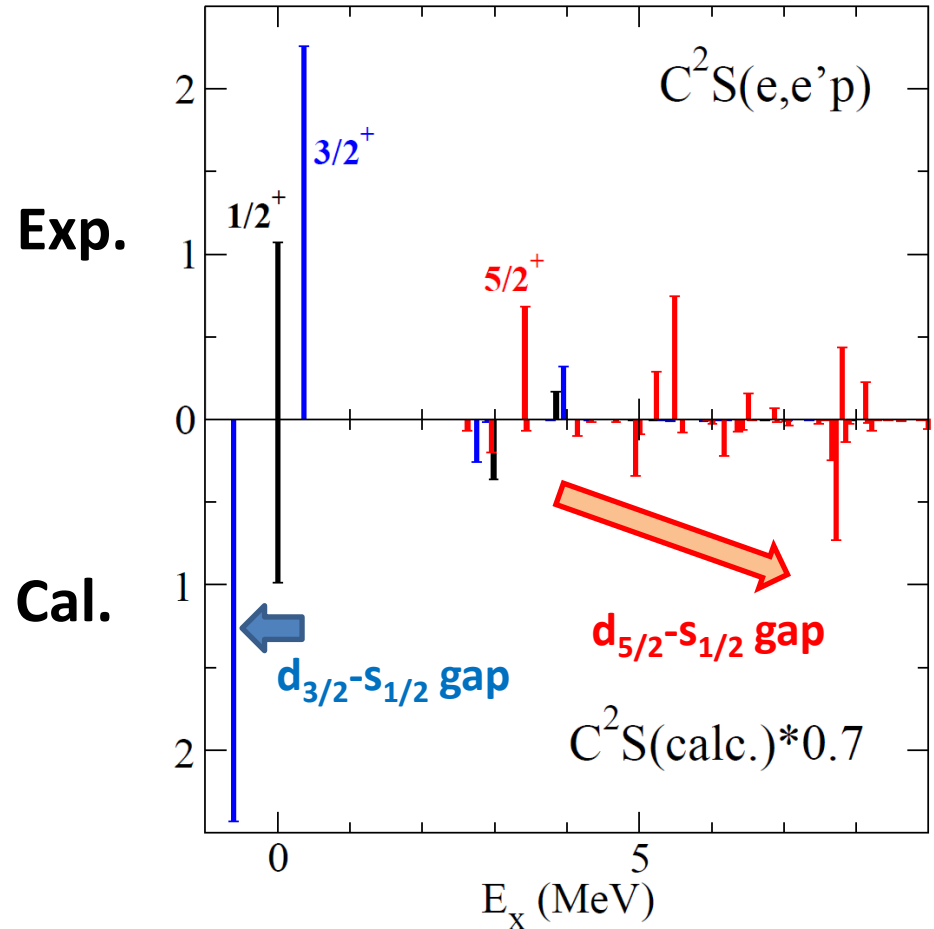
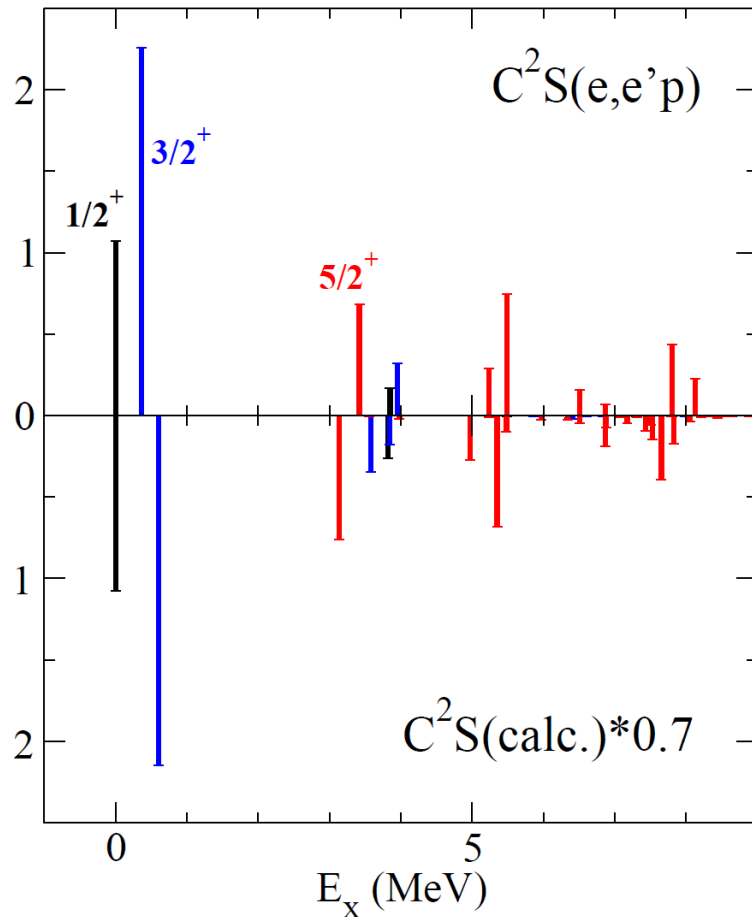
- Proton one-hole state
  - Good measure for probing the single-proton state
  - However, the  $d_{5/2}$  state is strongly fragmented because of high excitation energy.
  - Distribution of the spectroscopic factor is helpful.



# Spectroscopic factor for 1p removal from $^{48}\text{Ca}$

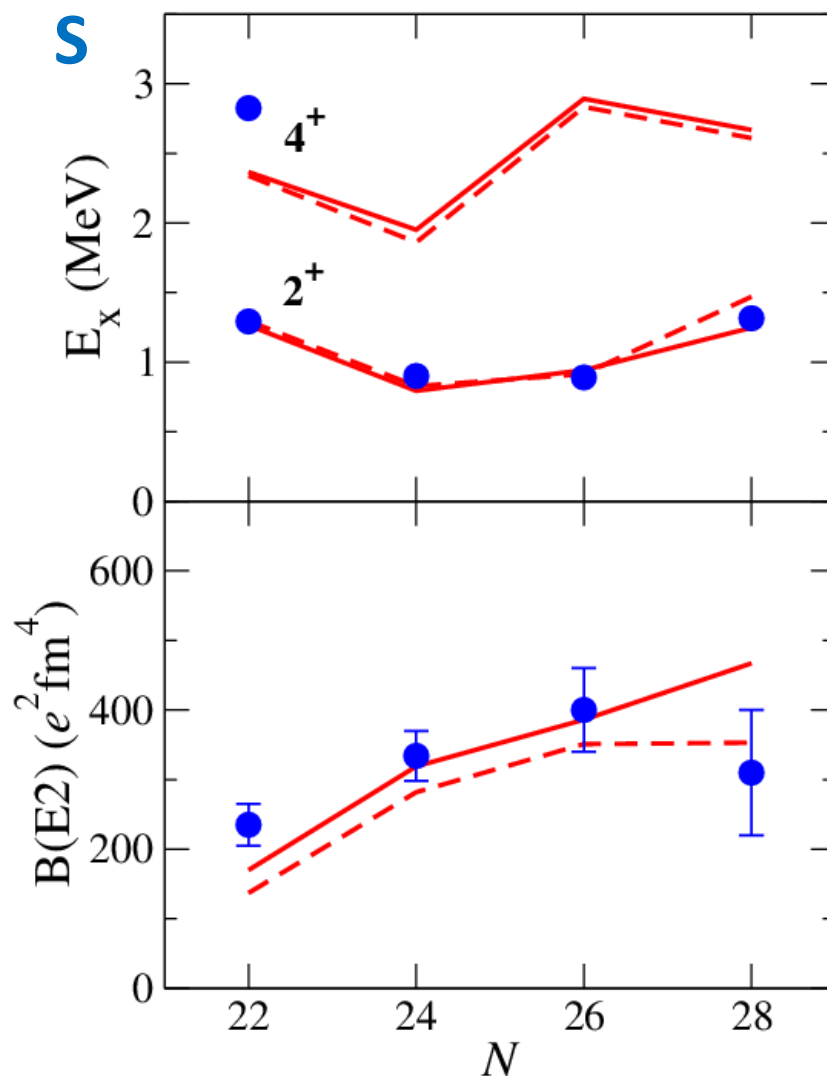
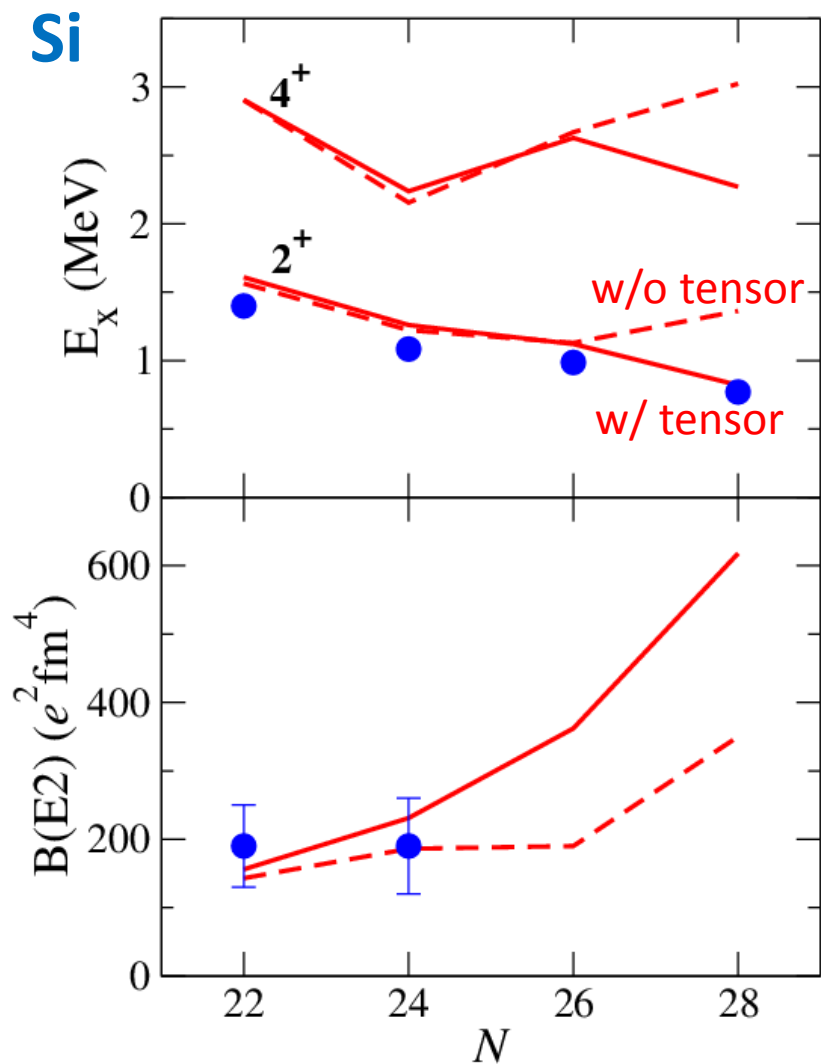
Present interaction (w/ tensor)

w/o tensor in the cross shell int.

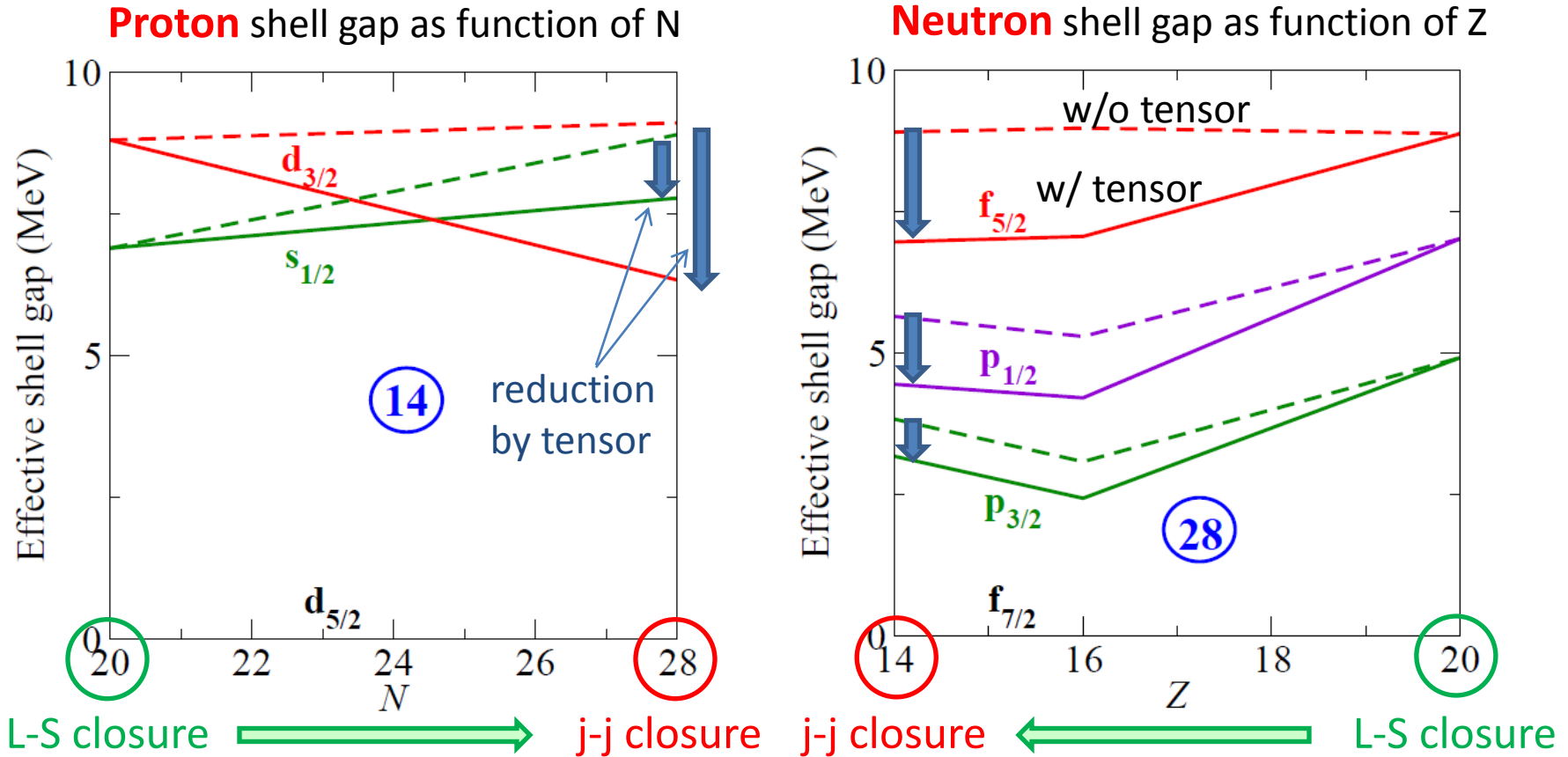




# Effect on collectivity: Si and S isotopes



# Comparison of the effective SPE

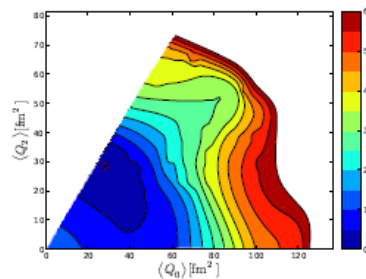


- **Coherent** quenching of proton and neutron shell gaps which increase toward the j-j closure

# Potential energy surface

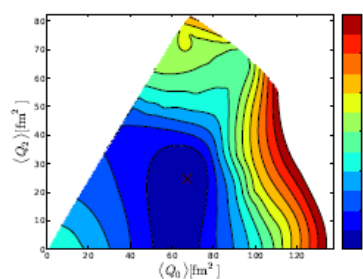
- obtained by constrained HF calc. in the shell-model space
- The tensor force drives shape to oblate deformation in Si.
  - caused by near degeneracy: Jahn-Teller effect

$^{36}\text{Si}$  (N=22)

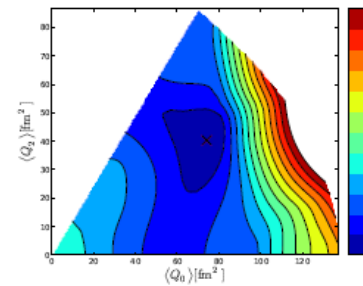


with  
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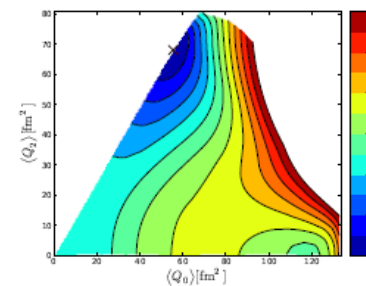
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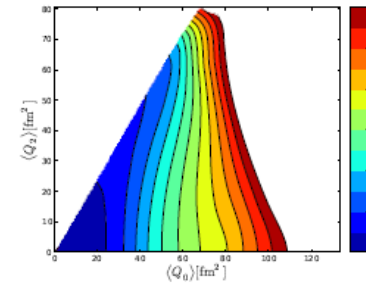
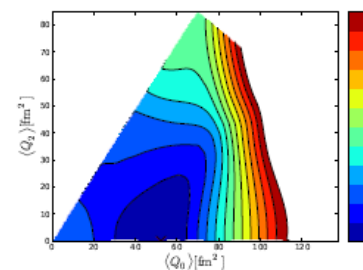
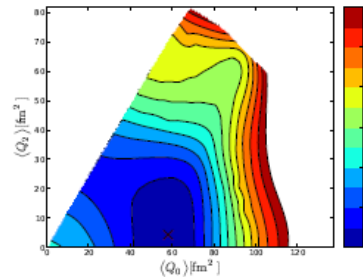
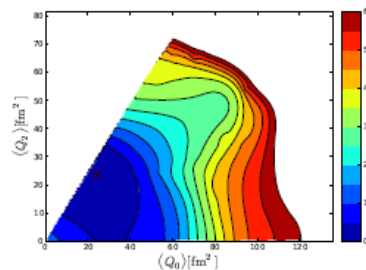
$^{40}\text{Si}$  (N=26)



$^{42}\text{Si}$  (N=28)



without  
tensor



# Summary

- The Monte Carlo shell model (MCSM) has been developed to overcome the limitation of conventional diagonalization.
  - Description of many-body wave function with a small number of symmetry-restored Slater determinants
- The disappearance of the  $N=20$  magic number in neutron-rich nuclei has been studied with MCSM.
  - Correlated system; shell model calculation is helpful.
  - Effective single-particle energy, monopole interaction
- Recent understanding of the shell evolution has been shown.
  - Revival of the tensor force as the effective interaction
  - (semi-phenomenological) universal monopole interaction
  - Neutron-rich  $N\sim 28$  systems