

Large-scale shell-model challenges within the RIB era

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Framework

- Large-scale shell-model calculations are, at present, a consolidated tool to investigate nuclear properties.
- The new physics coming from RIBs facilities provides a challenging ground, since they are approaching the nuclear driplines.
- The computational complexity of dealing with large model spaces and many interacting valence nucleons is the main problematic to be tackled.



Large-scale shell model

Large-scale shell model:
shell model calculations
performed within a
model space made up
by a number of orbitals
larger than usual.

An extended model
space enables to study
exotic (for shell model)
properties: collective
motion, deformation,
clustering, etc.

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Full pf shell model study of $A=48$ nuclei

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Nuclear Shell Model by the Quantum Monte Carlo Diagonalization Method

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Collective behavior

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Quadrupole Collectivity in Neutron-Rich Fe and Cr Isotopes

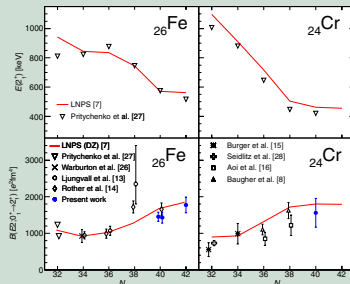
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Onset of collectivity
at $N = 40$

Model space

- 4 proton orbitals:
 $0f_{7/2}, 1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}$
- 5 neutron orbitals:
 $1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 1d_{5/2}$

NATHAN shell-model code



Novel collective features

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Novel shape evolution in exotic Ni isotopes and configuration-dependent shell structure

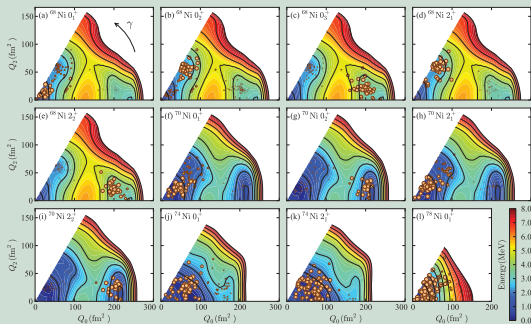
Yusuke Tsunoda,¹ Takaharu Otsuka,^{1,2,3} Noritaka Shimizu,² Michio Honma,⁴ and Yutaka Utsuno⁵

Shape evolution
in **Ni** isotopes

Model space

- 6 proton orbitals:
 $0f_{7/2}, 1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2},$
 $0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 1d_{5/2}$
- 6 neutron orbitals:
 $0f_{7/2}, 1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2},$
 $0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 1d_{5/2}$

Monte Carlo shell model



Islands of inversion

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Merging of the islands of inversion at $N = 20$ and $N = 28$

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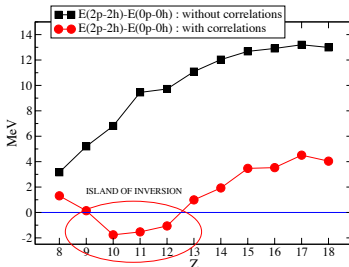
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Merging of the
 $N = 20$ and $N = 28$
islands of inversion
in Mg isotopes

Model space:
full sd orbitals
NATHAN
shell-model code



Shell evolution

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Quenching of the neutron $N = 82$ shell gap near ^{120}Sr with monopole-driving core excitations

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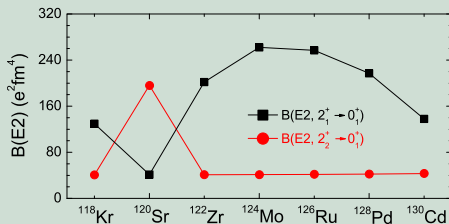
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Study of the
 $N = 82$ shell
evolution as a
function of the
neutron shell
gap

- 6 proton orbitals:
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 $0g_{9/2}, 0g_{7/2}, 1d_{5/2}$
- 7 neutron orbitals:
 $0g_{7/2}, 1d_{5/2}, 1d_{3/2},$
 $2s_{1/2}, 0h_{11/2}, 1f_{7/2},$
 $2p_{3/2}$
- NuShellX code



- In calculations [1] both proton model space is spanned by the four orbitals $0f_{7/2}, 1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}$ and the five neutron ones $1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 1d_{5/2}$ outside ^{48}Ca core, and the shell model basis is truncated so to retain up to $14p - 14h$ excitations across the $Z = 28$ and $N = 40$ gaps.
- In calculations [2] both proton and neutron model spaces are spanned by the six orbitals $0f_{7/2}, 1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 1d_{5/2}$ outside ^{40}Ca core. In the m -scheme the dimension of the basis is $\simeq 10^{24}$, reduced to 50 by the importance sampling of the shell-model basis performed within the Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM) approach.
- In calculations [3] only neutron $N = 20$ cross-shell excitations are taken into account. Shell model basis has a dimension up to 10^{10}
- In calculations [4] only one valence-neutron is allowed to occupy the $1f_{7/2}, 2p_{3/2}$.



Calculations with a large number of valence nucleons need to employ reduction/truncation schemes.

Those schemes need to be under control, convergence properties and theoretical error estimates are an important tool to understand the reliability of the shell-model calculations.

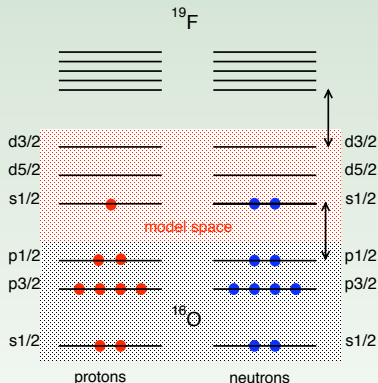


The realistic shell model

- The derivation of the **shell-model hamiltonian** using the many-body theory may provide a reliable approach
- The model space may be “shaped” according to the computational needs of the diagonalization of the **shell-model hamiltonian**
- In such a case, the effects of the **neglected degrees of freedom** are taken into account by the effective hamiltonian H_{eff} theoretically



An example: ^{19}F



- 9 protons & 10 neutrons interacting
- spherically symmetric mean field (e.g. harmonic oscillator)
- 1 valence proton & 2 valence neutrons interacting in a truncated model space

The degrees of freedom of the core nucleons and the excitations of the valence ones above the model space are not considered explicitly.



Effective shell-model hamiltonian

The shell-model hamiltonian has to take into account in an effective way all the degrees of freedom not explicitly considered

Two alternative approaches

- phenomenological
- microscopic

$$V_{NN} (+ V_{NNN}) \Rightarrow \text{many-body theory} \Rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$$

Definition

The eigenvalues of H_{eff} belong to the set of eigenvalues of the full nuclear hamiltonian



Workflow for a realistic shell-model calculation

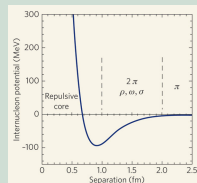
- 1 Choose a realistic NN potential (NNN)
- 2 Determine the model space better tailored to study the system under investigation
- 3 Derive the effective shell-model hamiltonian by way of [the many-body theory](#)
- 4 Calculate the physical observables ([energies, e.m. transition probabilities, ...](#))



Realistic nucleon-nucleon potential: V_{NN}

Several realistic potentials $\chi^2/datum \simeq 1$:
CD-Bonn, Argonne V18, Nijmegen, ...

Strong short-range repulsion



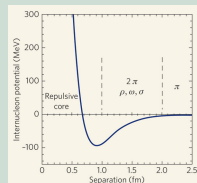
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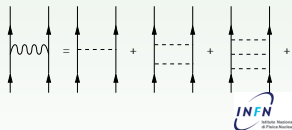
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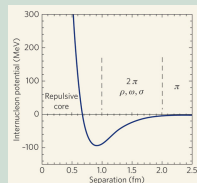
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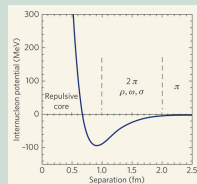
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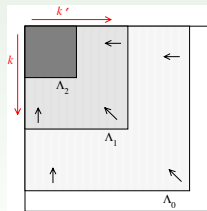
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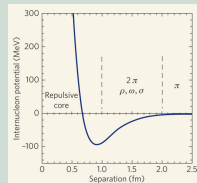
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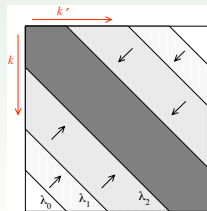
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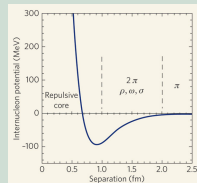
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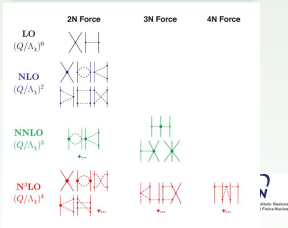
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The shell-model effective hamiltonian

A-nucleon system Schrödinger equation

$$H|\Psi_\nu\rangle = E_\nu|\Psi_\nu\rangle$$

with

$$H = H_0 + H_1 = \sum_{i=1}^A (T_i + U_i) + \sum_{i<j} (V_{ij}^{NN} - U_i)$$

Model space

$$|\Phi_i\rangle = [a_1^\dagger a_2^\dagger \dots a_n^\dagger]_i |c\rangle \Rightarrow P = \sum_{i=1}^d |\Phi_i\rangle \langle \Phi_i|$$

Model-space eigenvalue problem

$$H_{\text{eff}} P |\Psi_\alpha\rangle = E_\alpha P |\Psi_\alpha\rangle$$



The shell-model effective hamiltonian

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} PHP & PHQ \\ \hline QHP & QHQ \end{array} \right) \mathcal{H} = X^{-1} H X \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c} P\mathcal{H}P & P\mathcal{H}Q \\ \hline 0 & Q\mathcal{H}Q \end{array} \right)$$

$$Q\mathcal{H}P = 0$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = P\mathcal{H}P$$

Suzuki & Lee $\Rightarrow X = e^{\omega}$ with $\omega = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline Q\omega P & 0 \end{array} \right)$

$$H_1^{\text{eff}}(\omega) = PH_1P + PH_1Q \frac{1}{\epsilon - QHQ} QH_1P -$$

$$- PH_1Q \frac{1}{\epsilon - QHQ} \omega H_1^{\text{eff}}(\omega)$$



The shell-model effective hamiltonian

Folded-diagram expansion

\hat{Q} -box vertex function

$$\hat{Q}(\epsilon) = PH_1P + PH_1Q \frac{1}{\epsilon - QH_1Q} QH_1P$$

\Rightarrow Recursive equation for $H_{\text{eff}} \Rightarrow$ iterative techniques
(Krenciglowa-Kuo, Lee-Suzuki, ...)

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \hat{Q} - \hat{Q}' \int \hat{Q} + \hat{Q}' \int \hat{Q} \int \hat{Q} - \hat{Q}' \int \hat{Q} \int \hat{Q} \int \hat{Q} \dots,$$



The perturbative approach to the shell-model H^{eff}

$$\hat{Q}(\epsilon) = PH_1P + PH_1Q \frac{1}{\epsilon - QH_0Q} QH_1P$$

The \hat{Q} -box can be calculated perturbatively

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon - QH_0Q} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(QH_1Q)^n}{(\epsilon - QH_0Q)^{n+1}}$$

The diagrammatic expansion of the \hat{Q} -box

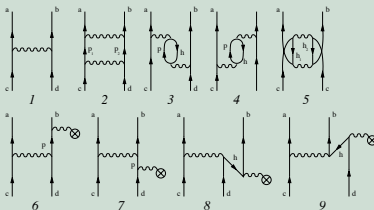
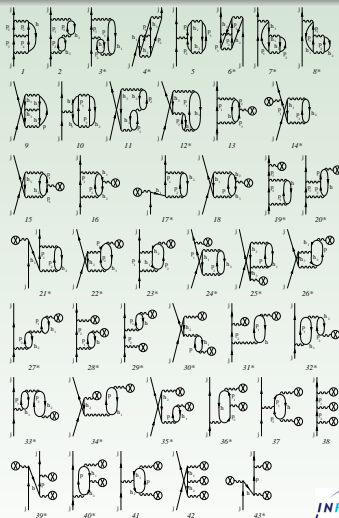
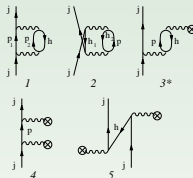
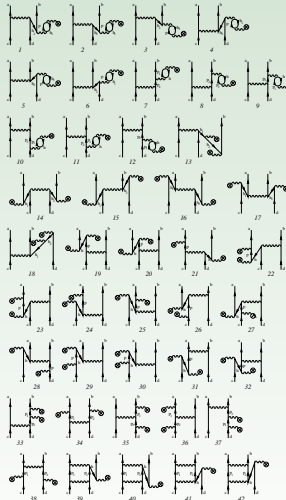
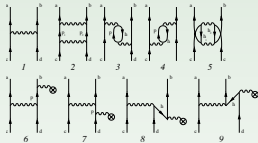


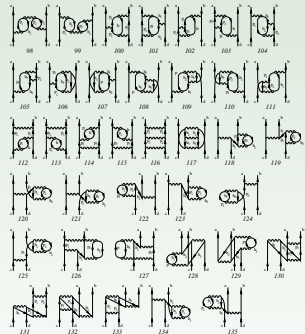
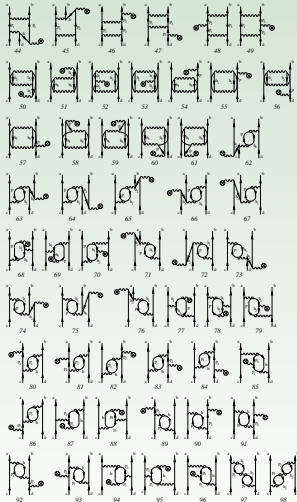
Figure 1 consists of two parts, (a) and (b), each showing a diagrammatic equation. In part (a), a wavy line with a cross in a circle is equal to a wavy line with a loop labeled 'h' minus a dashed line with a cross. In part (b), a wavy line with a cross in a circle is equal to a wavy line with a loop labeled 'h' minus a dashed line with a cross.



\hat{Q} -box perturbative expansion: 2-body diagrams

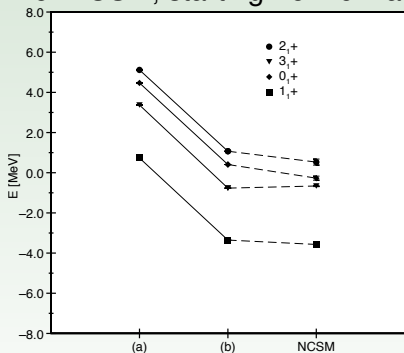


\hat{Q} -box perturbative expansion: 2-body diagrams



Benchmark calculation

A benchmark calculation has been performed for light p -shell nuclei, comparing realistic shell-model calculations with those of NCSM, starting from chiral two-body potential N^3LO .



(a) not translationally invariant Hamiltonian

(b) purely intrinsic hamiltonian

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Our recipe for realistic shell model

- Input V_{NN} : $V_{\text{low-k}}$ derived from the high-precision NN CD-Bonn potential with a cutoff: $\Lambda = 2.6 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.
- H_{eff} obtained calculating the Q -box up to the 3rd order in $V_{\text{low-k}}$.
- Effective electromagnetic operators are consistently derived by way of the the MBPT



Double-step approach

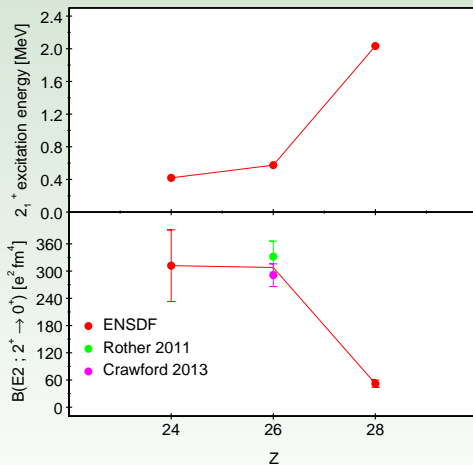
However, it may occur that H_{eff} can be diagonalized for a certain class of nuclei, but not for other with a larger number of valence nucleons

Recently, we have started to explore the possibility to perform a double-step approach to the renormalization of the shell-model hamiltonian

More precisely, after we have derived H_{eff} in a certain model space P , starting from this one we generate a new $H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{new}}$ acting in a truncated subspace $P^{\text{new}} \subset P$



First example: the collectivity at $N = 40$



The collectivity at $N = 40$: the model space

Within the shell-model framework the key role for the onset/disappearance of the $N = 40$ collectivity is played by the interaction between the quadrupole partners $\nu 0g_{9/2}, \nu 1d_{5/2}$

In order to study this phenomenon we have chosen to perform a sort of “differential diagnosis”, employing as the proton model space the $\pi 0f_{7/2}, \pi 1p_{3/2}$ orbitals, and two different neutron model spaces:

- Model space I: $1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}$
- Model space II: $1p_{3/2}, 1p_{1/2}, 0f_{5/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 1d_{5/2}$



The double-step procedure

In order to make this comparison as much consistent as possible, we have followed this procedure

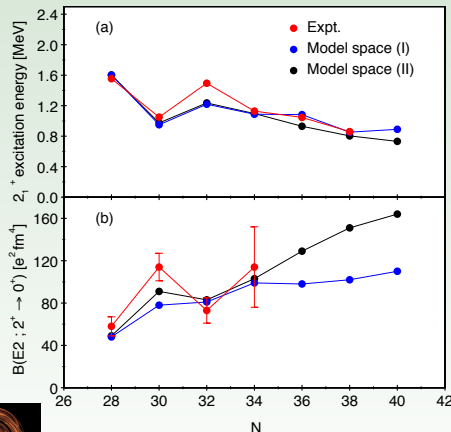
- 1 We have derived first H_{eff} - within the MBPT - in a very large model space outside the ^{40}Ca closed core, and spanned by six proton and neutron *pf*gd orbitals.
- 2 Then, we derive from this “mother hamiltonian” two new effective hamiltonians - again using MBPT - defined in the smaller model spaces (I) and (II).
- 3 Single-particle energies are taken for experimental data.

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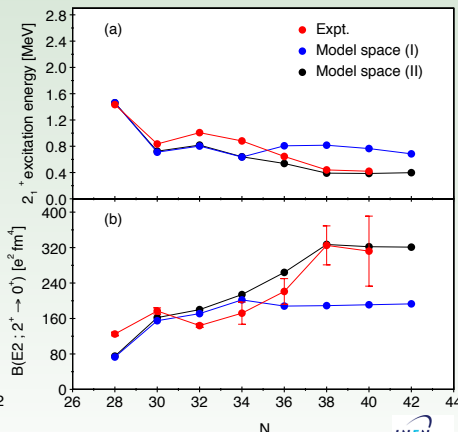


Collectivity at $N = 40$

Titanium isotopes

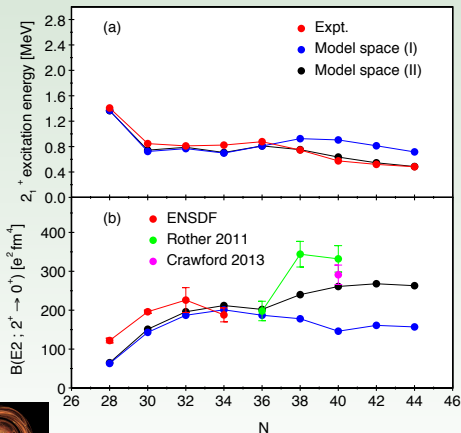


Chromium isotopes

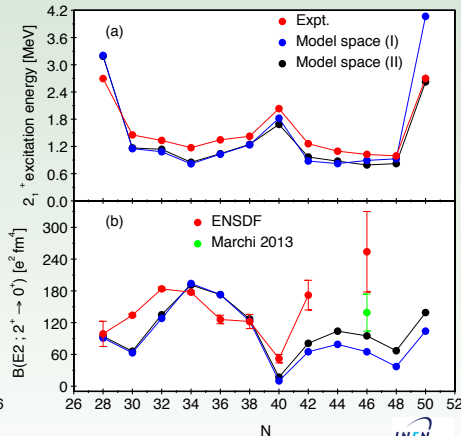


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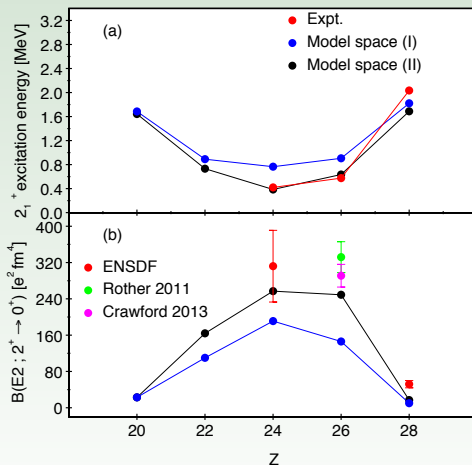
Iron isotopes



Nickel isotopes



Collectivity at $N = 40$



A second example: quadrupole collectivity around $Z = 50$

Our interest: to study the quadrupole collectivity due to $Z = 50$ cross-shell excitations in even-mass isotopic chains above ^{88}Sr .

Model space of the “mother hamiltonian”:

Proton orbitals	Neutron orbitals
$1p_{1/2}$	
$0g_{9/2}$	
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$
$0g_{7/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$
$1d_{3/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$
$2s_{1/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$
$0h_{11/2}$	$0h_{11/2}$



A modest proposal

A “**Poor Man’s Approach**” to lighten the computational complexity of diagonalizing the “mother hamiltonian” H^{75} defined in a **large shell-model space**:

- **First step**: analyze the evolution of the effective single-particle energies (ESPE) of the “**mother hamiltonian**”, and locate the relevant degrees of freedom (single-particle orbitals).
- **Second step**: perform a unitary transformation of the “**mother hamiltonian**” into a reduced model space, so to obtain an effective hamiltonian that is computationally.

Single-particle energies, effective two-body matrix elements, and effective electromagnetic operators are all **derived from theory**

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Single-particle properties with H^{75}

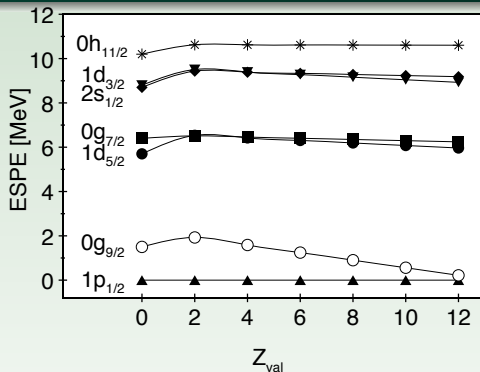
orbital	proton s.p.e.
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$0g_{9/2}$	1.5
$0g_{7/2}$	5.7
$1d_{5/2}$	6.4
$1d_{3/2}$	8.8
$2s_{1/2}$	8.7
$0h_{11/2}$	10.2
orbital	neutron s.p.e.
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$0g_{7/2}$	1.5
$2s_{1/2}$	2.2
$1d_{3/2}$	3.4
$0h_{11/2}$	5.1

$n_a l_a j_a$	$n_b l_b j_b$	$\langle a e_p b \rangle$
$0g_{9/2}$	$0g_{9/2}$	1.62
$0g_{9/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$	1.67
$0g_{9/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	1.60
$0g_{7/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$	1.73
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	1.74
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	1.76
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	1.73
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	1.72
$1d_{5/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	1.76
$1d_{3/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	1.74
$1d_{3/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	1.76
$0h_{11/2}$	$0h_{11/2}$	1.72

$n_a l_a j_a$	$n_b l_b j_b$	$\langle a e_n b \rangle$
$0g_{7/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$	0.94
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	0.96
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	0.95
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	0.94
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	0.97
$1d_{5/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	0.79
$1d_{3/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	0.96
$1d_{3/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	0.79
$0h_{11/2}$	$0h_{11/2}$	0.87



Proton ESPE

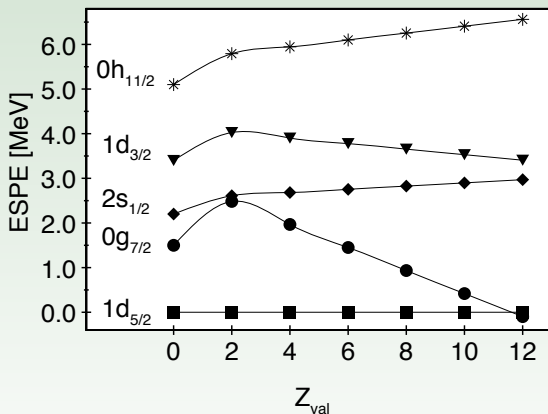


$$ESPE(j) = \epsilon_j + \sum_{j'} V_{jj'} n_{j'}$$

$$\text{with } V_{jj'} = \sum_J (2J+1) \langle jj' | V | jj' \rangle_J / \sum_J (2J+1)$$



Neutron ESPE



Truncating the model space

- The evolution of proton and neutron ESPE suggests a possible reduction of both model spaces.
- By way of a unitary transformation we can derive a H_{eff}^{4n} defined in a reduced proton model space spanned only by 4 orbitals $1p_{1/2}, 0g_{9/2}, 0g_{7/2}, 1d_{5/2}$ and a neutron one spanned by both the 5 original orbitals or by only 2 orbitals $0g_{7/2}, 1d_{5/2}$.
- The physics of two valence-nucleon systems is exactly preserved.



The second step

Let us sketch out the derivation of H^{4n} .

The eigenvalue problem for H^{75} is:

$$H^{75}|\psi_k\rangle = E_k|\psi_k\rangle \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

H^{75} is the sum of the unperturbed single-particle hamiltonian H_0 and the residual two-body potential V

$$H^{75} = H_0 + V \ .$$

The model space is splitted up in two subspaces P^{4n} and $Q^{3,5-n}$.
Since H_0 is diagonal:

$$H_0 = PH_0P + QH_0Q \ .$$



The second step

The P-space eigenvalue problem is:

$$H^{4n}|\phi_k\rangle = (PH_oP + V^{4n})|\phi_k\rangle = E_k|\phi_k\rangle \quad k = 1, \dots, d$$

where $|\phi_k\rangle = P|\psi_k\rangle$.

The eigenvalue problem for H^{75} can be easily solved for the two valence-nucleon systems ($^{90}\text{Zr}, ^{90}\text{Sr}, ^{90}\text{Y}$), and consequently providing the E_k, ψ_k .

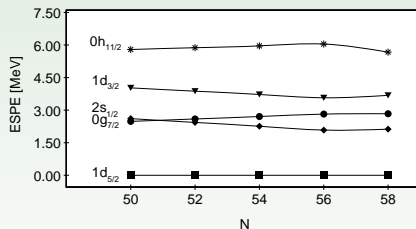
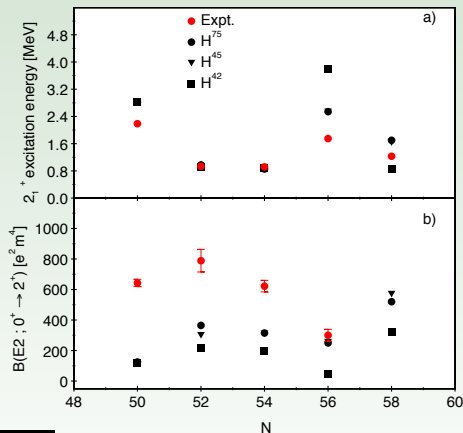
The solutions of the equation for the effective residual interaction $V^{4,n}$ are given by:

$$V^{4n} = \sum_{k=1}^d (E_k - E_0) |\phi_k\rangle \langle \tilde{\phi}_k| ,$$

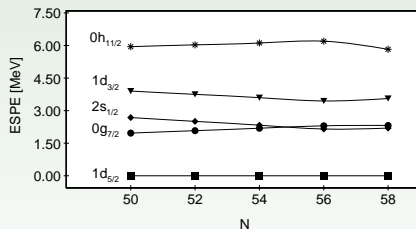
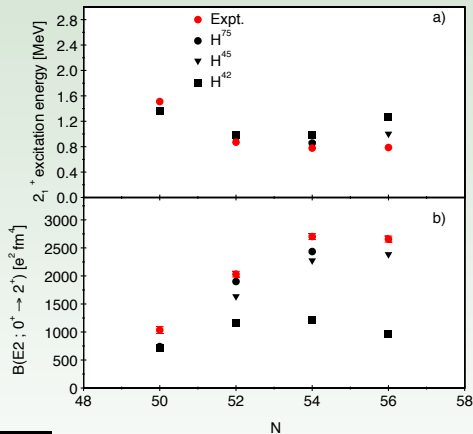
where $|\tilde{\phi}_k\rangle$ are biorthogonal states defined as $|\tilde{\phi}_k\rangle \langle \phi_{k'}| = \delta_{kk'}$



Results for Zr isotopes

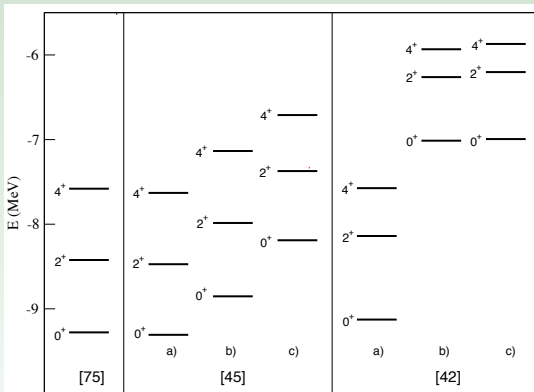


Results for Mo isotopes



A closer look to ^{96}Mo

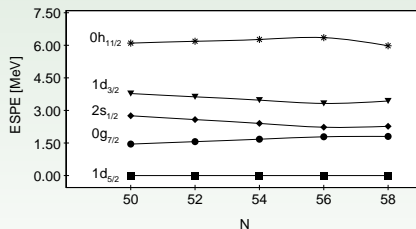
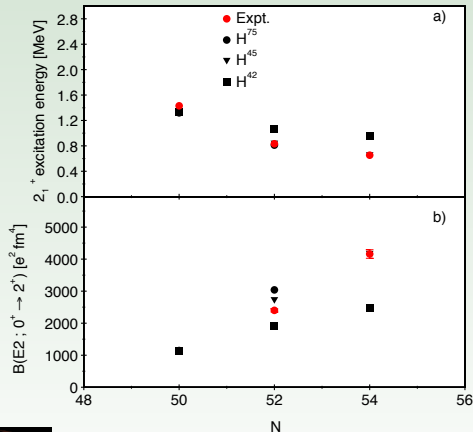
- $H^{75} \approx 10^8$
- $H_{\text{eff}}^{45} \approx 10^7$
- $H_{\text{eff}}^{42} \approx 10^5$



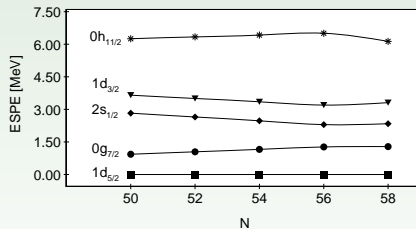
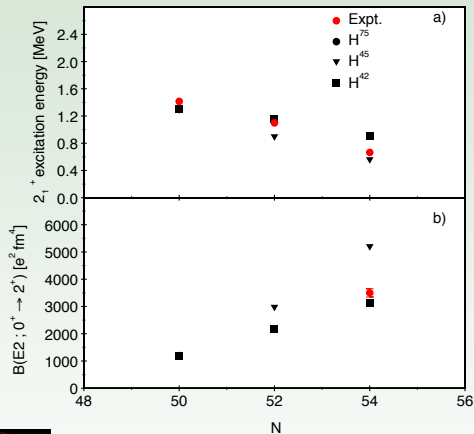
- a) H_{eff}^{45} and H_{eff}^{42} with double-step procedure;
- b) \tilde{H}^{45} , $\tilde{H}_{\text{eff}}^{42}$ derived by way of the many-body perturbation theory;
- c) the hamiltonian H^{75} , but constraining the calculations to model spaces [45], [42].



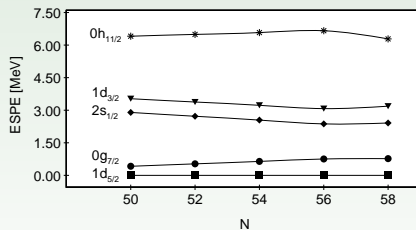
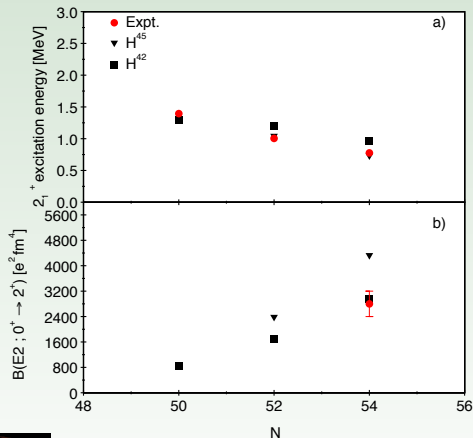
Results for Ru isotopes



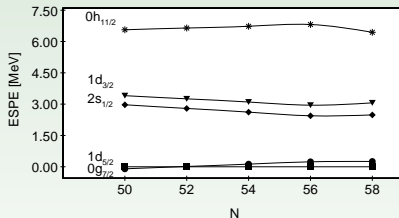
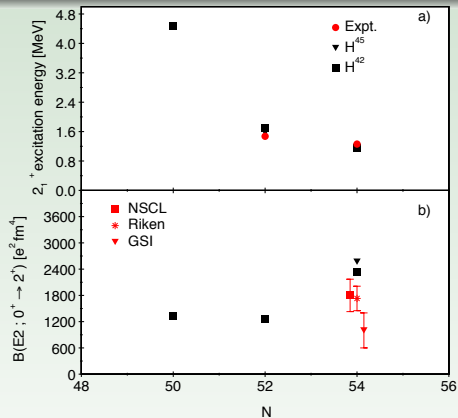
Results for Pd isotopes



Results for Cd isotopes



Results for Sn isotopes



	^{100}Sn	^{102}Sn	^{104}Sn
H^{75}	10^9	10^{11}	10^{13}
H^{45}_{eff}	10^5	10^8	10^9
H^{42}_{eff}	10^5	10^7	10^8



Last example: open-shell nuclei around ^{132}Sn

Our goal: to study the structure of nuclei that are currently of experimental interest to detect the neutrinoless double-beta decay.

Model space of the “mother hamiltonian”:

Proton orbitals	Neutron orbitals
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$
$0g_{7/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$
$1d_{3/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$
$2s_{1/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$
$0h_{11/2}$	$0h_{11/2}$



Single-particle properties with H^{55}

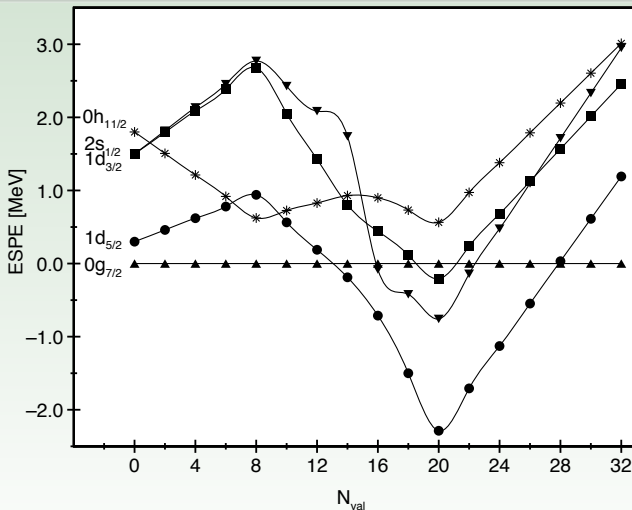
orbital	proton s.p.e.
$0g_{7/2}$	0.0
$1d_{5/2}$	0.3
$1d_{3/2}$	1.5
$2s_{1/2}$	1.5
$0h_{11/2}$	1.8
orbital	neutron s.p.e.
$0g_{7/2}$	0.0
$1d_{5/2}$	0.6
$1d_{3/2}$	1.5
$2s_{1/2}$	1.2
$0h_{11/2}$	2.7

$n_a l_a j_a$	$n_b l_b j_b$	$\langle a e_p b \rangle$
$0g_{7/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$	1.42
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	1.40
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	1.40
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	1.21
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	1.28
$1d_{5/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	1.23
$1d_{3/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	1.26
$1d_{3/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	1.29
$0h_{11/2}$	$0h_{11/2}$	1.31

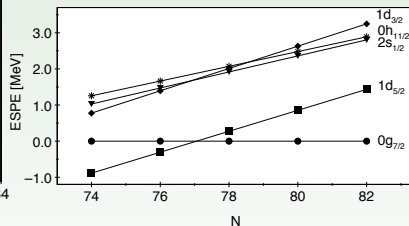
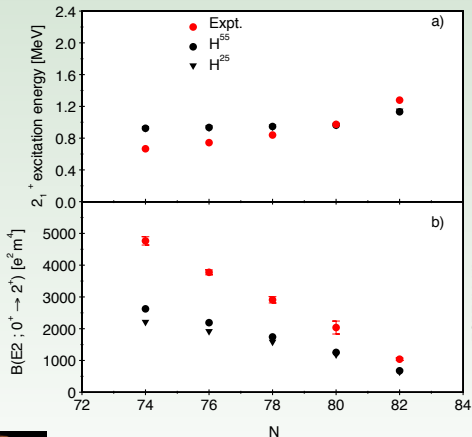
$n_a l_a j_a$	$n_b l_b j_b$	$\langle a e_n b \rangle$
$0g_{7/2}$	$0g_{7/2}$	1.00
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	1.03
$0g_{7/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	0.98
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{5/2}$	0.63
$1d_{5/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	0.65
$1d_{5/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	0.62
$1d_{3/2}$	$1d_{3/2}$	0.69
$1d_{3/2}$	$2s_{1/2}$	0.68
$0h_{11/2}$	$0h_{11/2}$	0.68



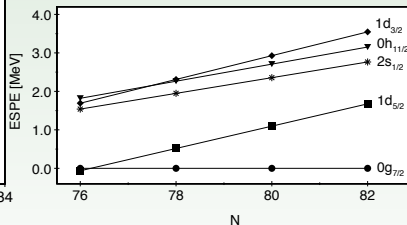
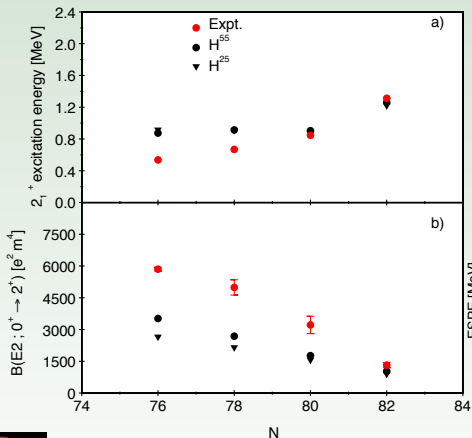
Proton ESPE



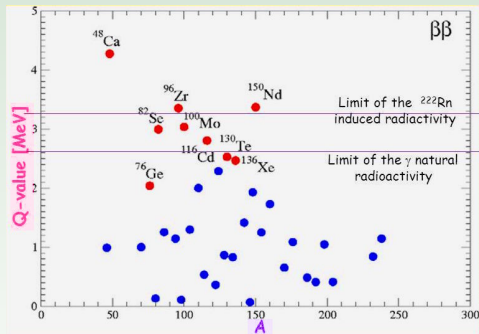
Results for heavy Te isotopes



Results for heavy Xe isotopes



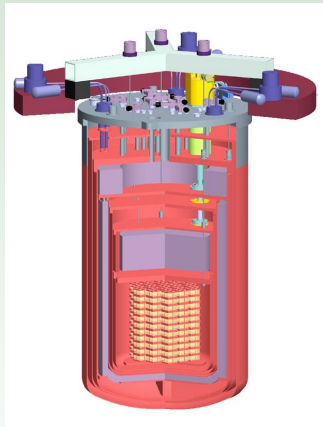
The detection of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay



- First group: ^{76}Ge , ^{130}Te , and ^{136}Xe .
- Second group: ^{82}Se , ^{100}Mo , and ^{116}Cd .
- Third group: ^{48}Ca , ^{96}Zr , and ^{150}Nd .



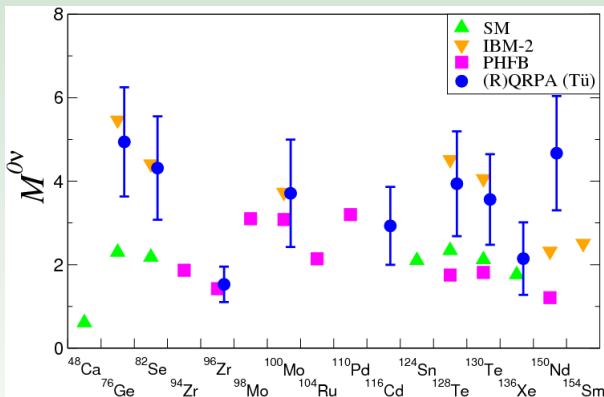
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- TeO₂ crystals used as low heat capacity bolometers, arranged into towers and cooled in a large cryostat to approximately 10 m°K with a dilution refrigerator.
- The detectors are isolated from backgrounds by ultrapure low-radioactivity shielding.
- Temperature spikes from electrons emitted in Te $0\nu\beta\beta$ are collected for spectrum analysis.



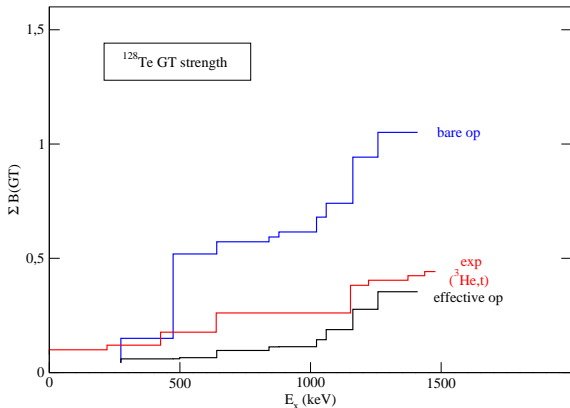
Nuclear structure calculations



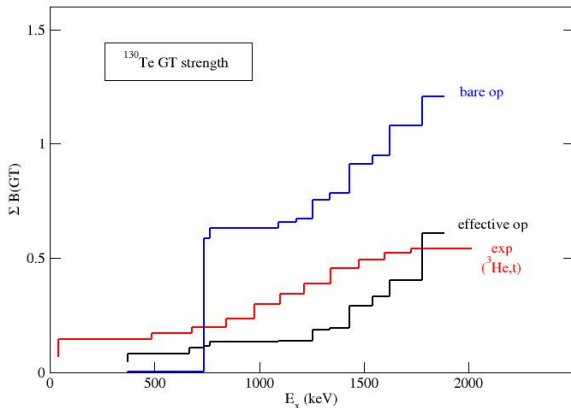
- The spread of nuclear structure calculations evidences inconsistencies among results obtained with different models



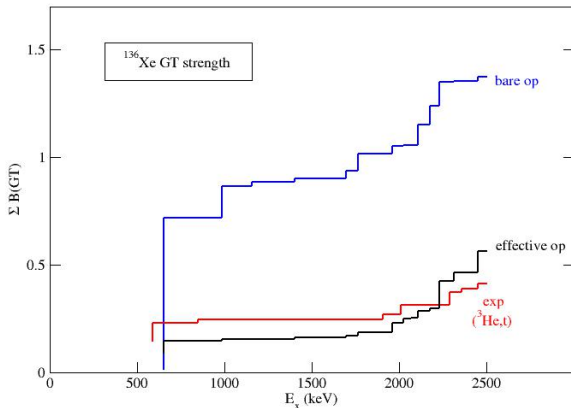
Gamow-Teller strengths for ^{128}Te



Gamow-Teller strengths for ^{130}Te



Gamow-Teller strengths for ^{136}Xe



Conclusions and outlook

- The introduction of a **double-step** procedure allows a reduction the complexity of the computational problem, and may be useful for other **large scale shell-model calculations**.
- **Quadrupole collectivities** in isotopic chains outside ^{48}Ca and ^{88}Sr cores are well reproduced.
- We are working to **extend** the procedure to consider also the truncation of the degrees of freedom of **filled shell-model orbitals**.
- The calculation of **effective two-body operators** are in order to improve the calculation of the **electromagnetic-multipole transition rates**.
- A parameter-free calculation of the **NME** for the **neutrinoless double β -decay** is in progress.



Present Prospects in Nuclear Structure

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Test case: p -shell nuclei

- $V_{NN} \Rightarrow$ chiral N^3LO potential by Entem & Machleidt (smooth cutoff $\simeq 2.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$)
- H_{eff} for two valence nucleons outside ^4He
- Single-particle energies and residual two-body interaction are derived from the theory. **No empirical input**

First, some convergence checks !

*L.C., A. Covello, A. Gargano, N. Itaco, and T. T. S. Kuo, Ann. Phys. **327** , 2125-2151 (2012)*



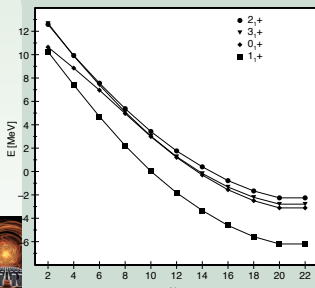
Convergence checks

The intermediate-state space Q

Q -space is truncated: intermediate states whose unperturbed excitation energy is greater than a fixed value E_{\max} are disregarded

$$|\epsilon_0 - QH_0Q| \leq E_{\max} = N_{\max} \hbar\omega$$

${}^6\text{Li}$ yrast states



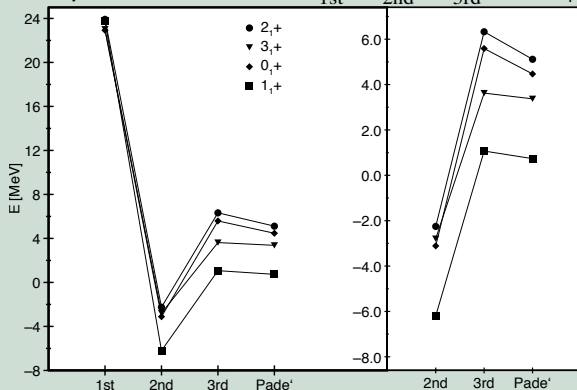
results stable for $N_{\max} \geq 20$



Convergence checks

Order-by-order convergence

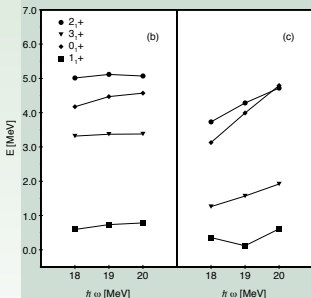
Compare results from H_{1st}^{eff} , H_{2nd}^{eff} , H_{3rd}^{eff} and $H_{Padé}^{eff}$



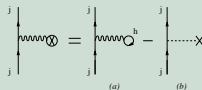
Convergence checks

Dependence on $\hbar\omega$

Auxiliary potential $U \Rightarrow$ harmonic oscillator potential



HF-insertions



- zero in a self-consistent basis
- neglected in most applications
- disregard of HF-insertions introduces relevant dependence on $\hbar\omega$

Benchmark calculation

Approximations are under control ... and what about the accuracy of the results ?

Compare the results with the “exact” ones

ab initio no-core shell model (NCSM)

P. Navrátil, E. Caurier, Phys. Rev. C **69**, 014311 (2004)

P. Navrátil *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 042501 (2007)

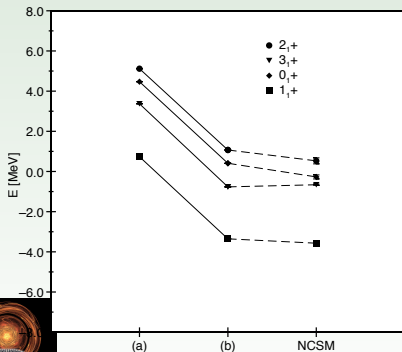


Benchmark calculation

To compare our results with NCSM we need to start from a translationally invariant Hamiltonian

$$H_{int} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{A}\right) \sum_{i=1}^A \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i<j=1}^A \left(V_{ij}^{NN} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j}{mA} \right) =$$

$$= \left[\sum_{i=1}^A \left(\frac{p_i^2}{2m} + U_i \right) \right] + \left[\sum_{i<j=1}^A \left(V_{ij}^{NN} - U_i - \frac{p_i^2}{2mA} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j}{mA} \right) \right]$$



(a) not translationally invariant Hamiltonian

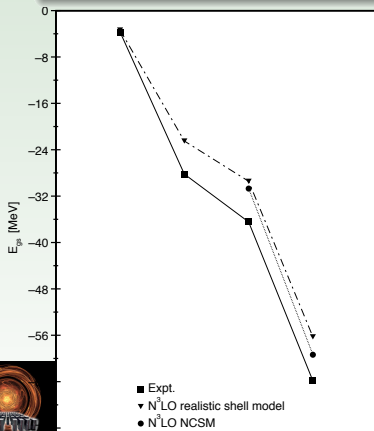
(b) purely intrinsic hamiltonian



Benchmark calculation

Remark

H^{eff} derived for 2 valence nucleon systems \Rightarrow 3-, 4-, .. n -body components are neglected

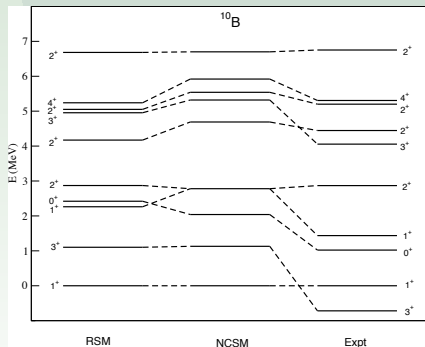


- ground-state energies for $N = Z$ nuclei
- discrepancy grows with the number of valence nucleons



Benchmark calculation

^{10}B relative spectrum



- discrepancy ≤ 1 MeV
- minor role of many-body correlations

