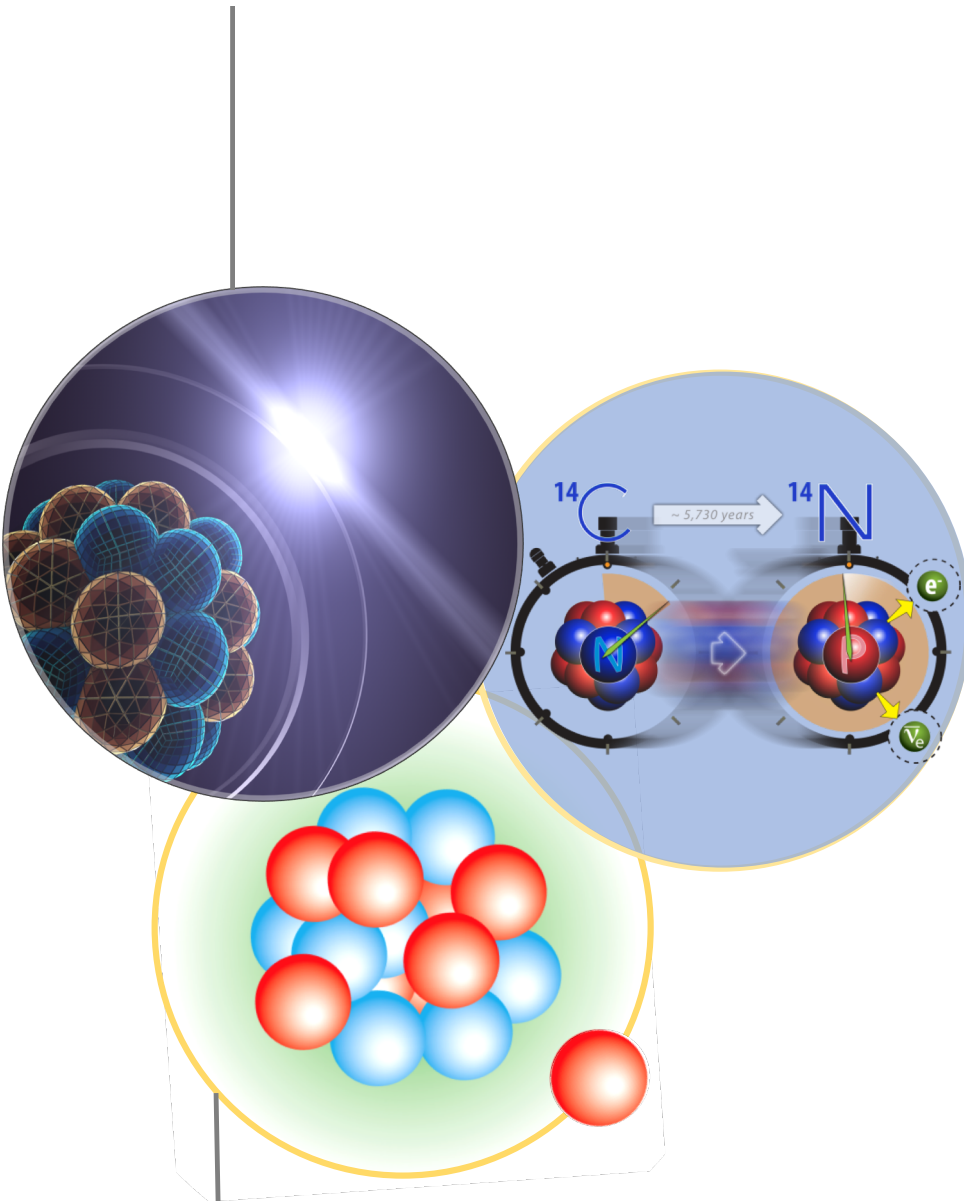


Collectivity in neutron-rich neon isotopes

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Perspectives of the Ab Initio No-Core Shell Model

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Talks will be held in the NRC Building Room 1310 on Feb 23-24 and in the TRIUMF MOB Conference Room on Feb 25

Thursday, February 23, NRC Building Room 1310

09:00-09:15 Reiner Kruecken, Head of the TRIUMF Science Division, Welcome and Introduction

09:15-10:00 Ruprecht Machleidt, [Three-nucleon forces at N³LO and beyond](#)

10:00-10:30 Angelo Calci, [Similarity Renormalization Group for Chiral NN+3N Interactions: Physics & Technology](#)

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Evolution of Shell Structure in Neutron-Rich Calcium Isotopes

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In memory of friend and colleague Rup



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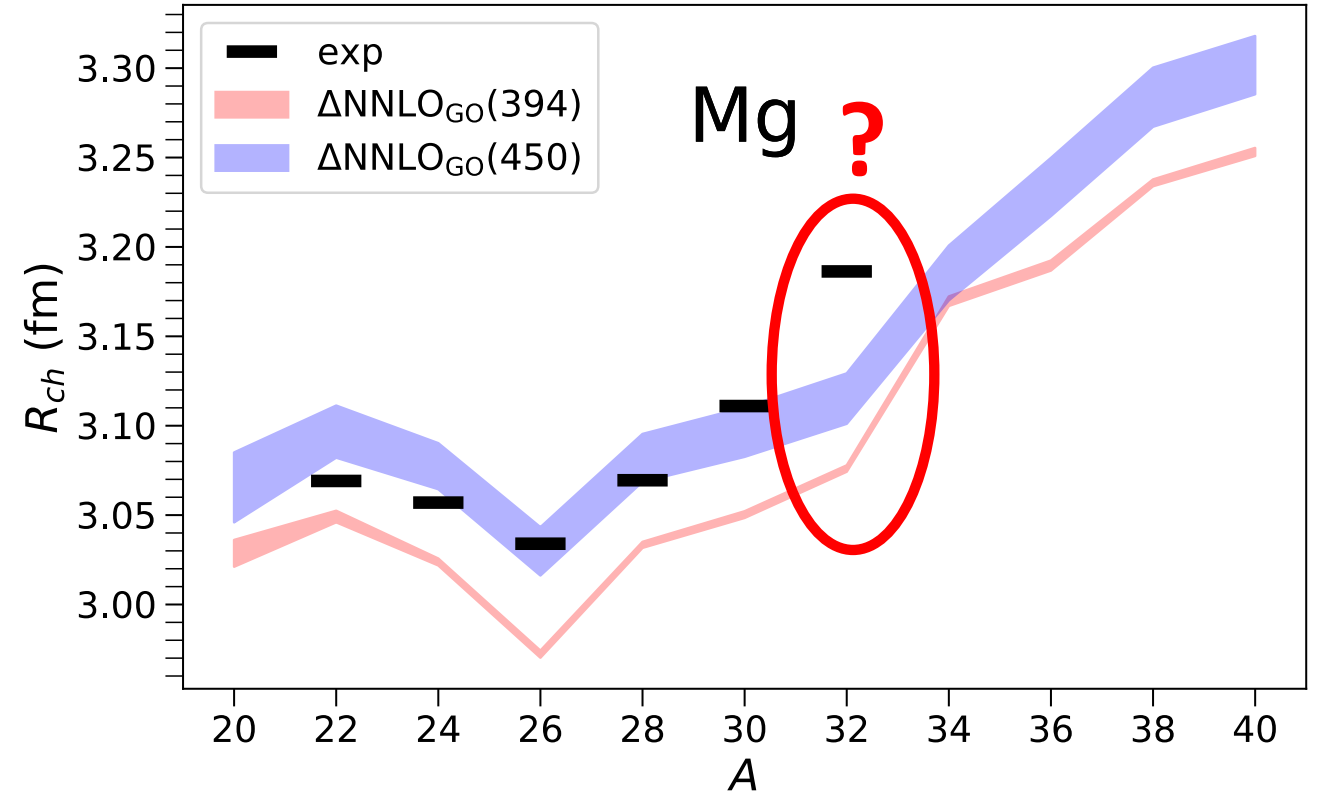
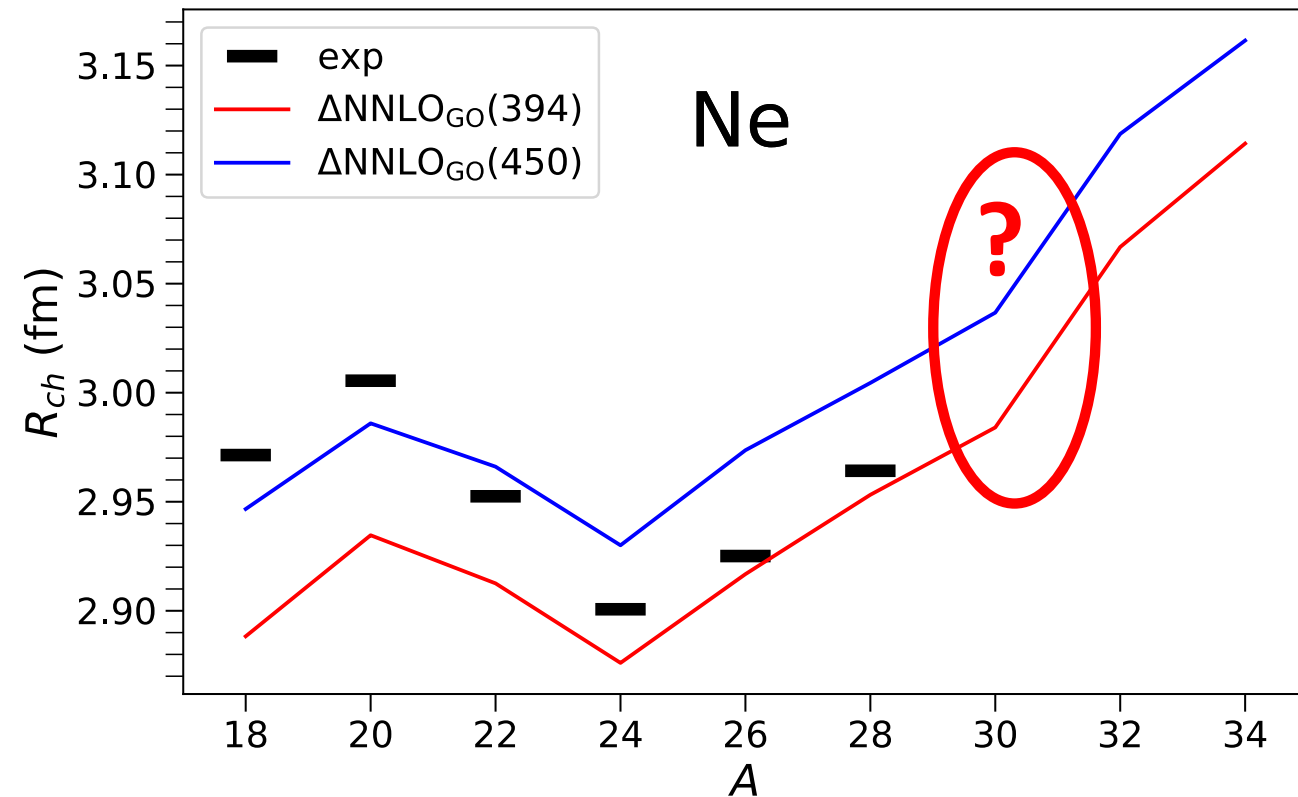
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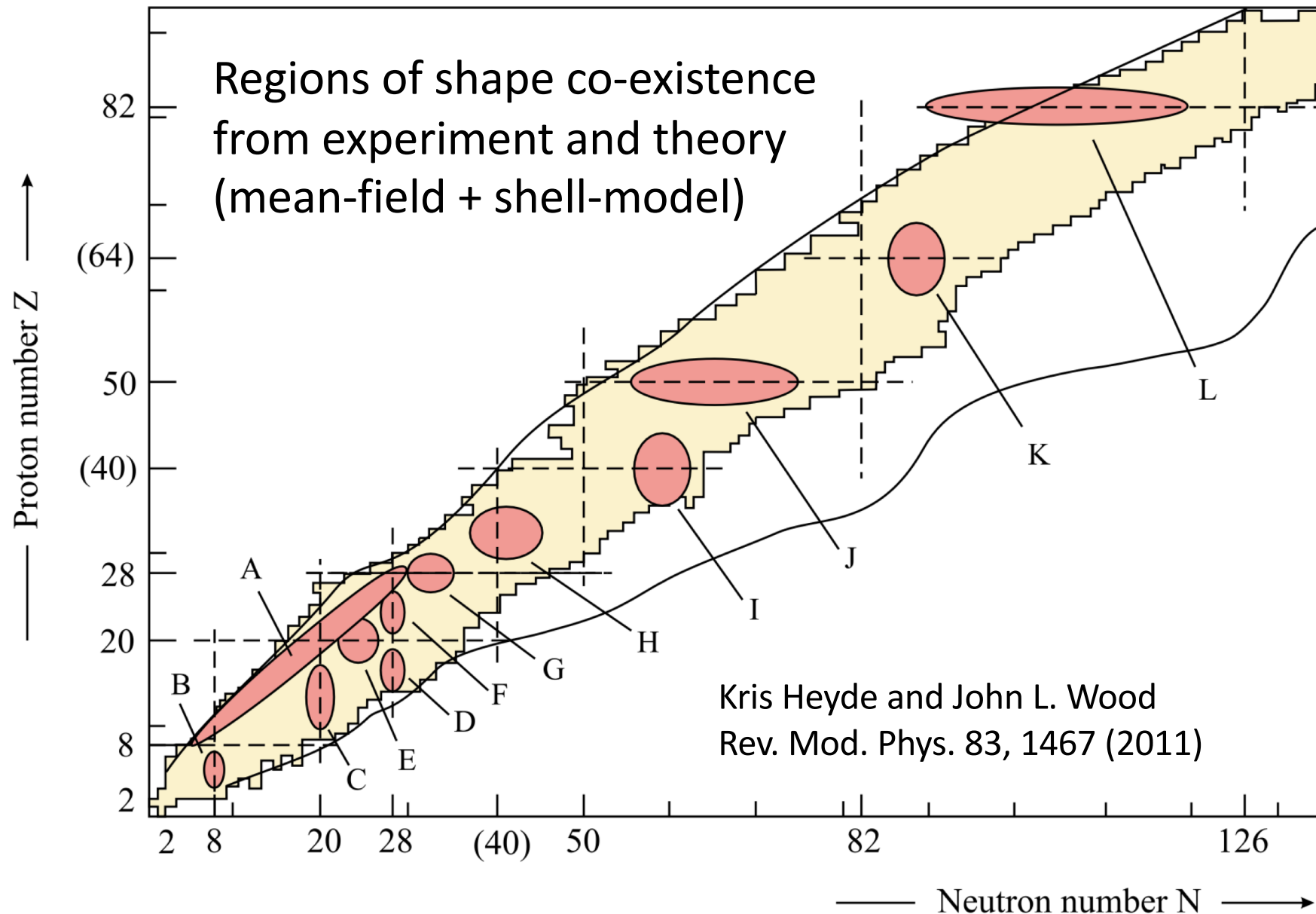
What's going at N = 20?



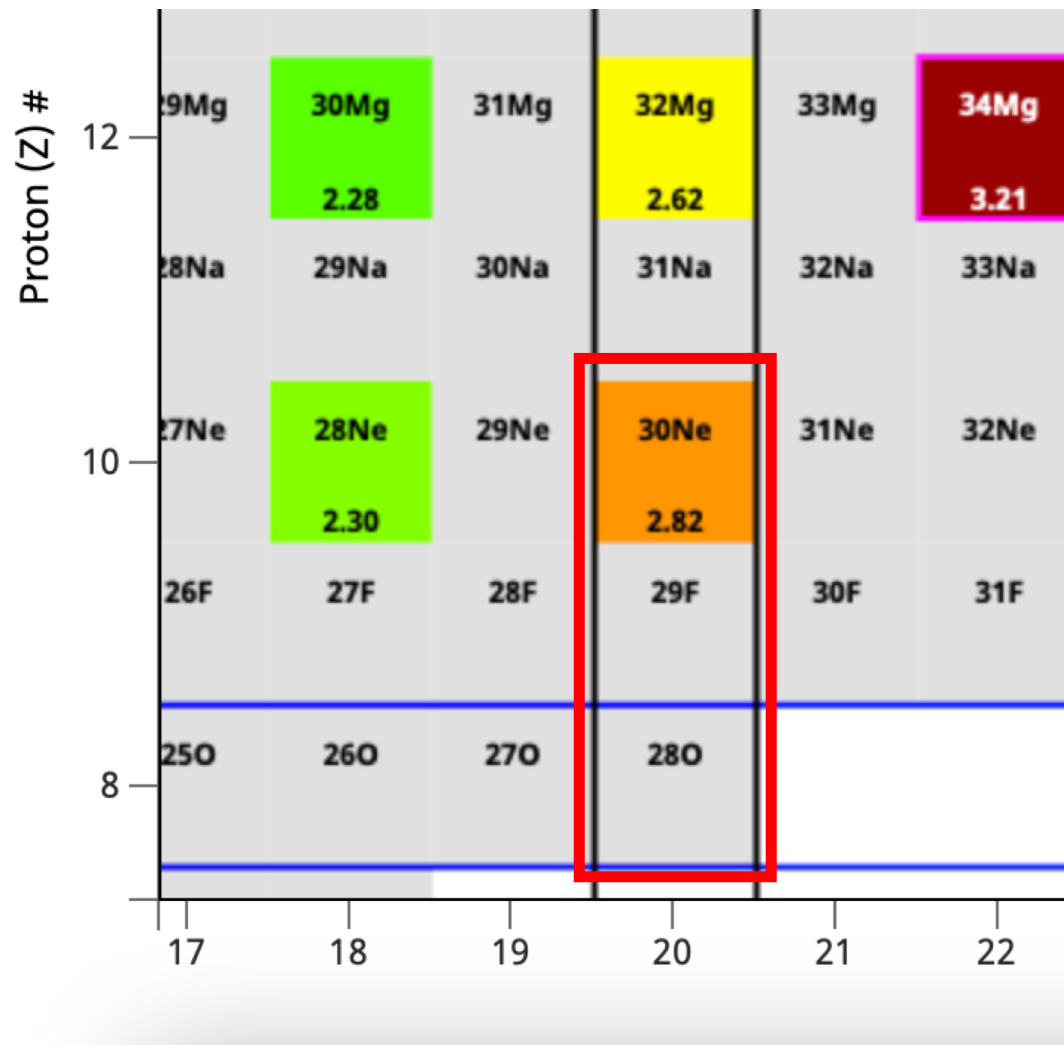
Interaction/method deficiency or something else?



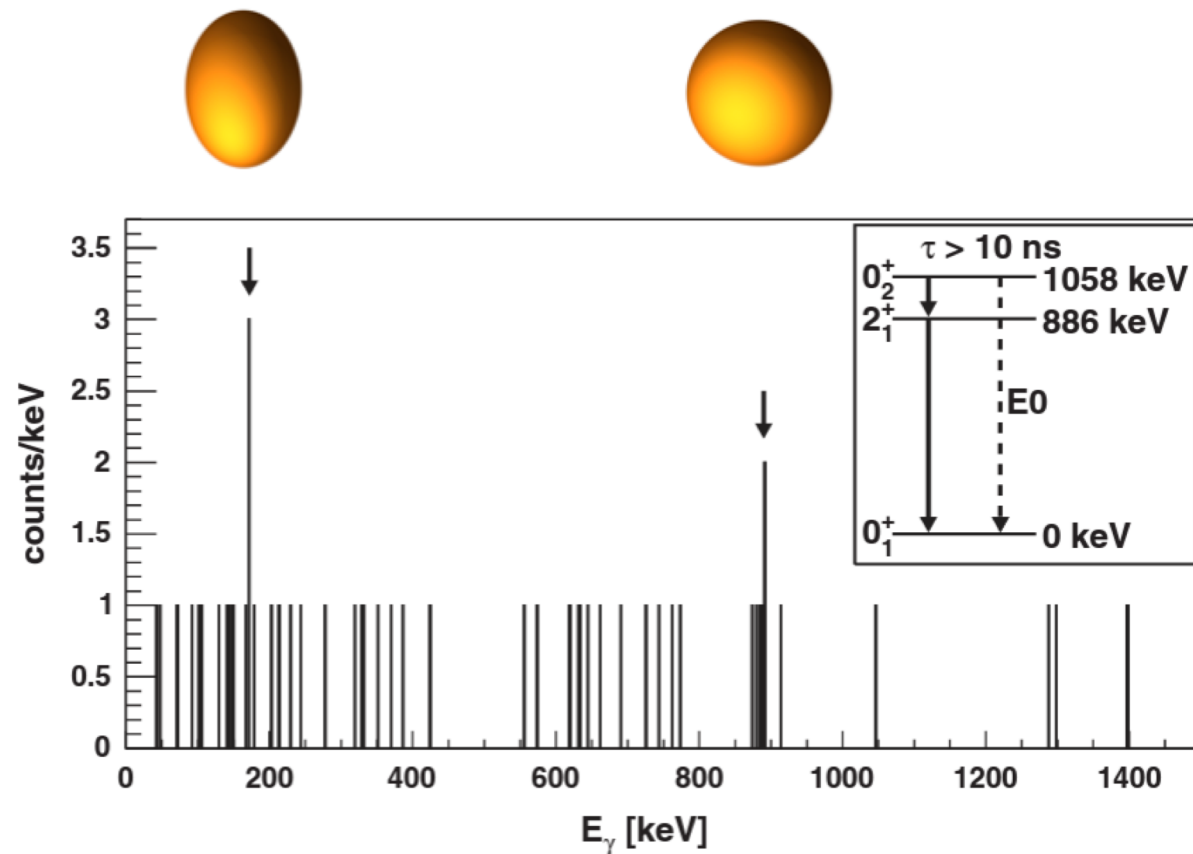
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Onset of deformation and shape co-existence along N = 20

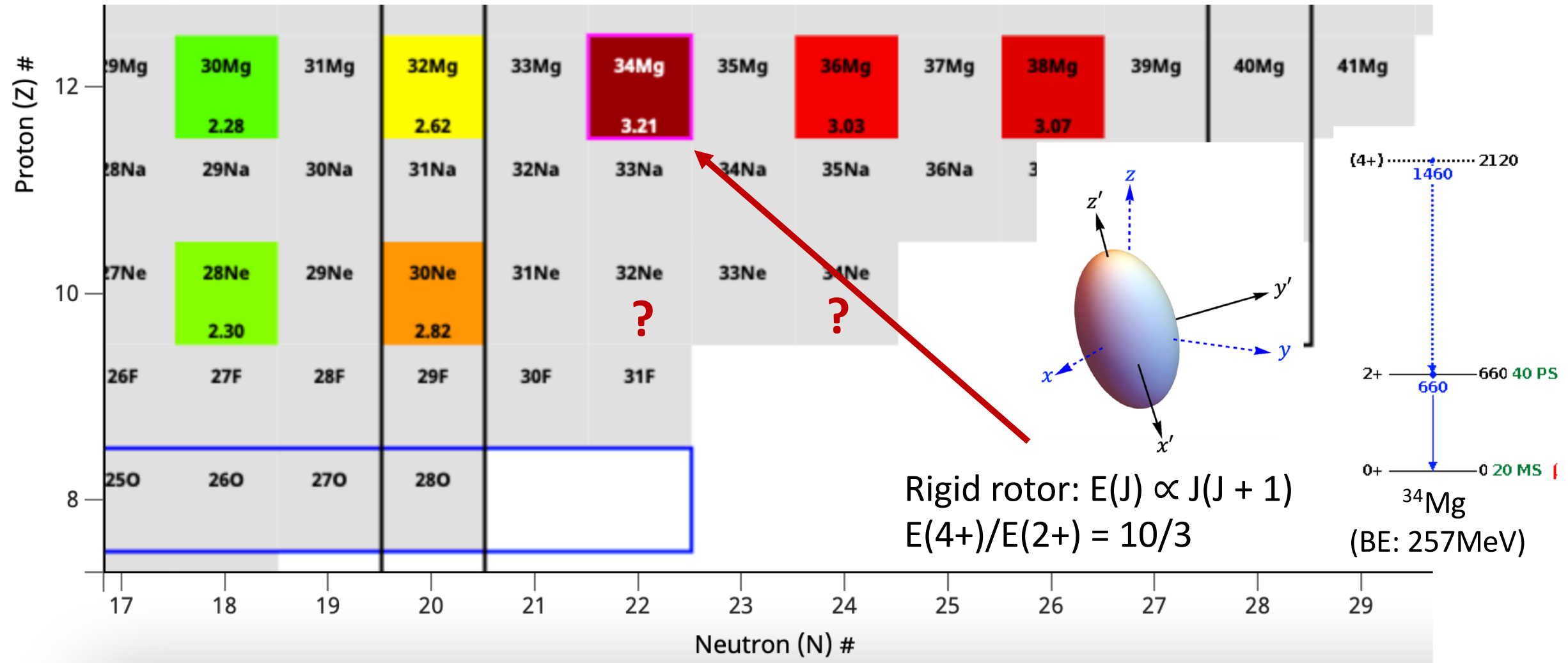


Shape co-existence in ³²Mg



K. Wimmer et al, PRL (2010)

Towards island of inversion with ab initio methods



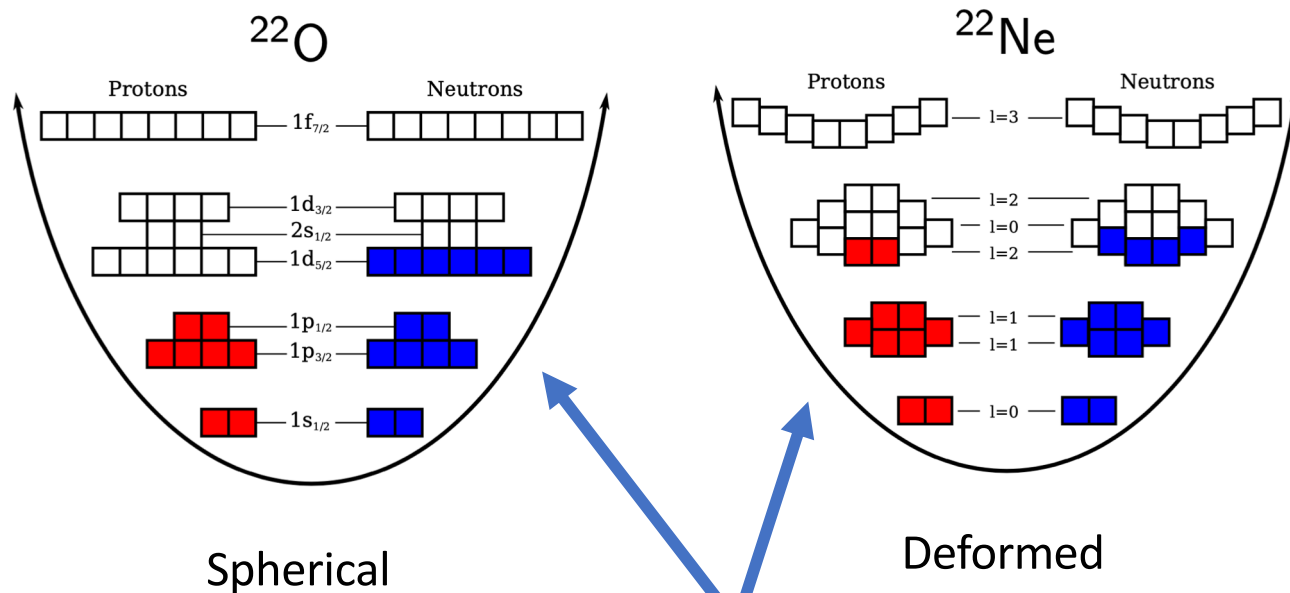
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Coupled-cluster computations of deformed nuclei

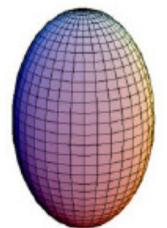
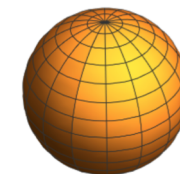
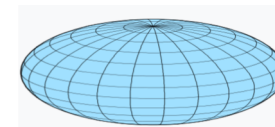
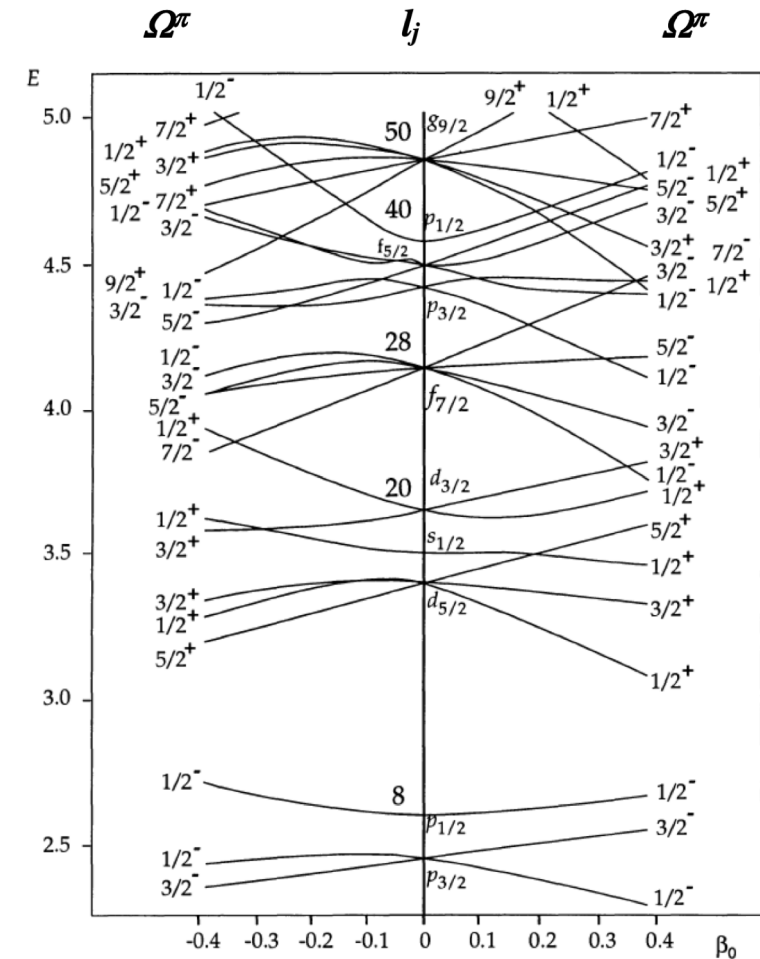
The key lies in choosing the correct starting point

Wave-function based methods starts from a mean-field reference state



$$|\Psi\rangle = \Omega |\Phi\rangle$$

Wave-operator (includes many-body correlations)



Coupled-cluster computations of deformed nuclei

1. Compute Hartree-Fock reference state
 - Nontrivial vacuum state informs us about emergent breaking of symmetries
 - Yields normal-ordered two-body Hamiltonian
2. Include dynamical (extensive) correlations via coupled-cluster theory
 - (or via IMSRG, or Gorkov methods, or Green's functions)
 - Cost increases polynomial with mass number
3. Perform symmetry projections
 - Non-extensive contributions to the energy
 - Often relevant for transition matrix elements

The total energy of
a nucleus

Dynamic correlation (large contribution
and requires size-extensive methods)

Static correlation (can use
non size-extensive methods)

$$E = E_{\text{ref}} + \Delta E_{\text{CC}} + \delta E$$

Symmetry restored coupled-cluster theory

Projection after variation (PAV): $E^{(J)} = \frac{\langle \tilde{\Psi} | P_J H | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \tilde{\Psi} | P_J | \Psi \rangle}$

Right coupled-cluster state: $|\Psi\rangle = e^T |\Phi_0\rangle$

Left state is parametrized differently:

$$\langle \tilde{\Psi} | = \langle \Phi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) e^{-T}$$

Bi-variational

$$P_J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi d\beta \sin(\beta) d_{00}^J(\beta) R(\beta)$$



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For axial symmetry around the z-axis the rotation operator is:

$$R(\beta) \equiv e^{i\beta J_y}$$

Symmetry restored coupled-cluster theory

The kernels can be evaluated by using Thouless theorem:

$$\langle \Phi_0 | R(\beta) = \langle \Phi_0 | R(\beta) | \Phi_0 \rangle \langle \Phi_0 | e^{V_1(\beta)}$$


$$\mathcal{H}(\beta) = \langle \Phi | \bar{R}(\beta) | \Phi \rangle \langle \Phi | Z(\beta) \tilde{H}(\beta) e^{V(\beta)} e^{T_2} | \Phi \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\beta) = \langle \Phi | \bar{R}(\beta) | \Phi \rangle \langle \Phi | Z(\beta) e^{V(\beta)} e^{T_2} | \Phi \rangle$$

Similarity transformed rotation operator and Hamiltonian:

$$\bar{R}(\beta) = e^{-T_1} R(\beta) e^{T_1}$$

$$\tilde{H}(\beta) = e^{V_1(\beta)} \bar{H} e^{-V_1(\beta)}$$


$$e^{V(\beta)} e^{T_2} | \Phi \rangle = e^{W_0(\beta) + W_1(\beta) + W_2(\beta) + \dots} | \Phi \rangle$$

- Does not truncate
- How to evaluate the disentangled amplitudes?

[Qiu et al, J. Chem. Phys. 147, 064111 (2017)]

Solving for the disentangled amplitudes [Qiu et al]

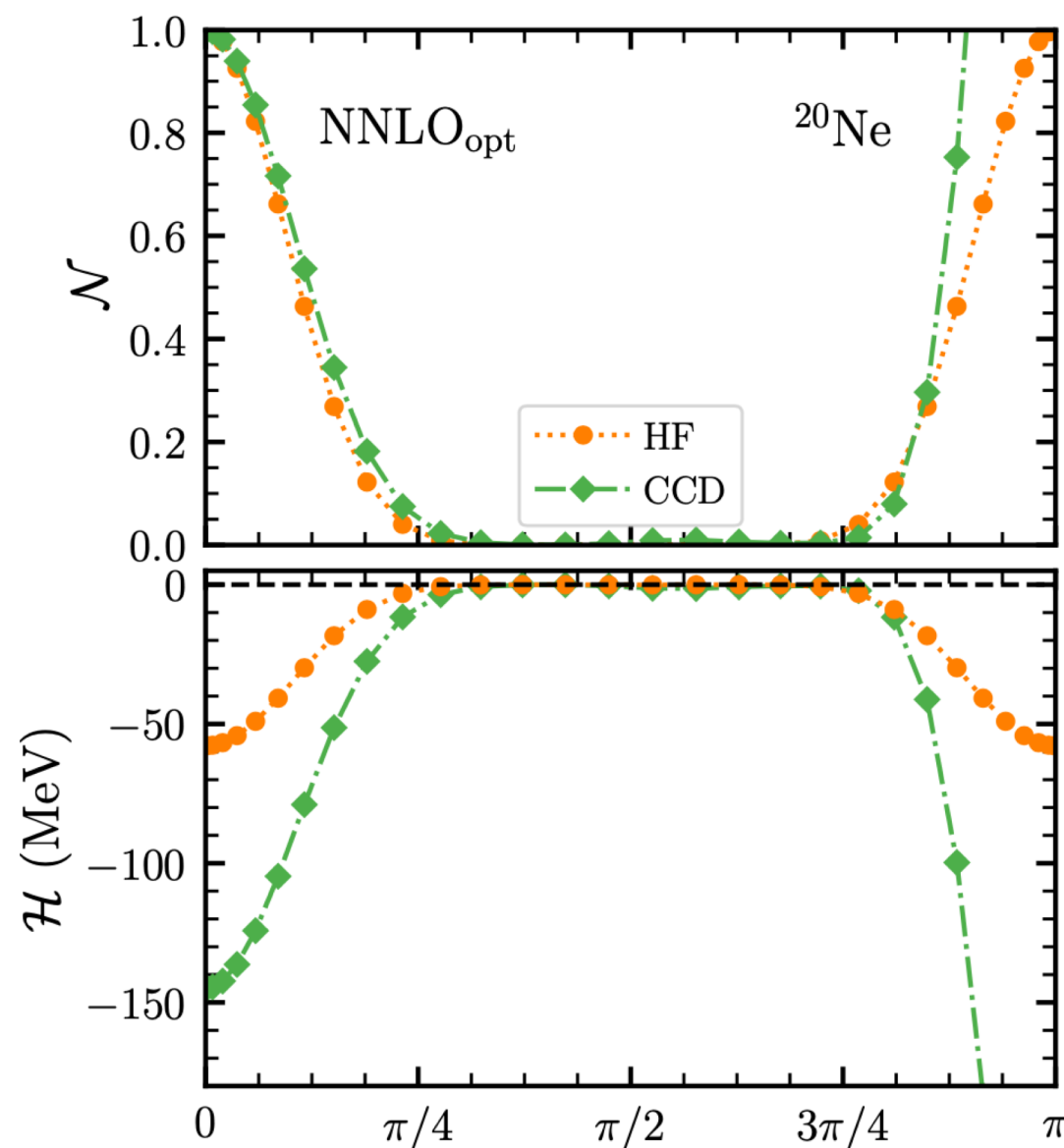
Approximate:
$$e^{V(\beta)} e^{T_2} |\Phi\rangle \approx e^{W_0(\beta) + W_1(\beta) + W_2(\beta)} |\Phi\rangle$$

Taking the derivative with respect to β leads to a set of ODEs with initial conditions:

$$W_0(\beta = 0) = W_1(\beta = 0) = 0, W_2(\beta = 0) = T_2$$

[Qiu et al, J. Chem. Phys. 147, 064111 (2017)]

- Approximate restoration of symmetries
- Can lead to stiffness as $dV(\beta)/d(\beta)$ might be large for $\langle \Phi | R(\beta) | \Phi \rangle \approx 0$.
- The truncation at W_2 might lead to loss of accuracy at larger angles
- Kernels are not symmetric around $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$



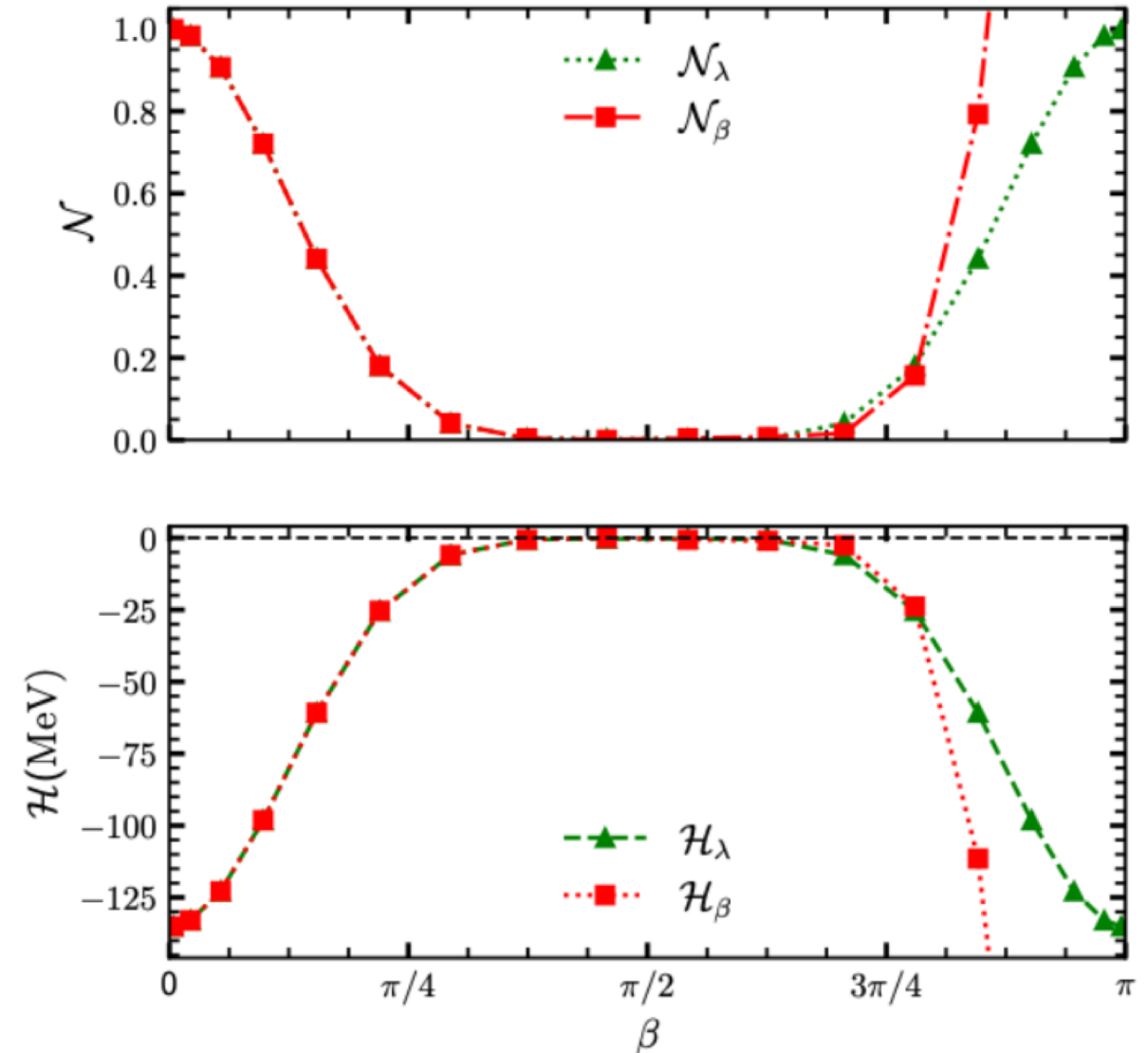
New approach to solve for disentangled amplitudes

We write:
$$e^{\lambda V} e^{T_2} |\Phi\rangle \approx e^{W_0(\lambda) + W_1(\lambda) + W_2(\lambda)} |\Phi\rangle$$

Taking the derivative with respect to λ for fixed β leads to a new set of ODEs with initial conditions: $W_n(\lambda = 0) = T_n$

- Approximate restoration of symmetries
- Significantly improves stability of ODEs
- Kernels are fully symmetric around $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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Electromagnetic transitions

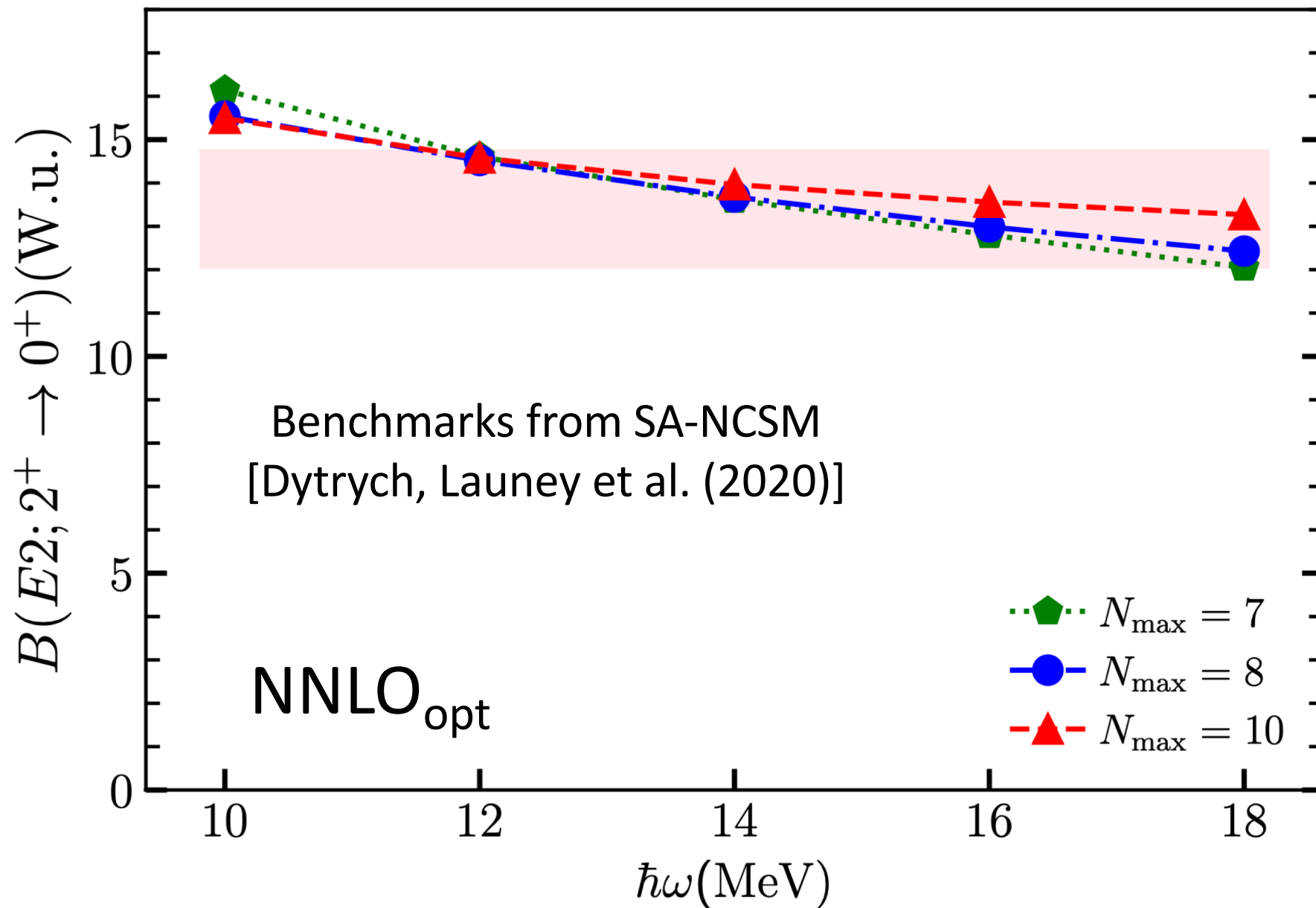
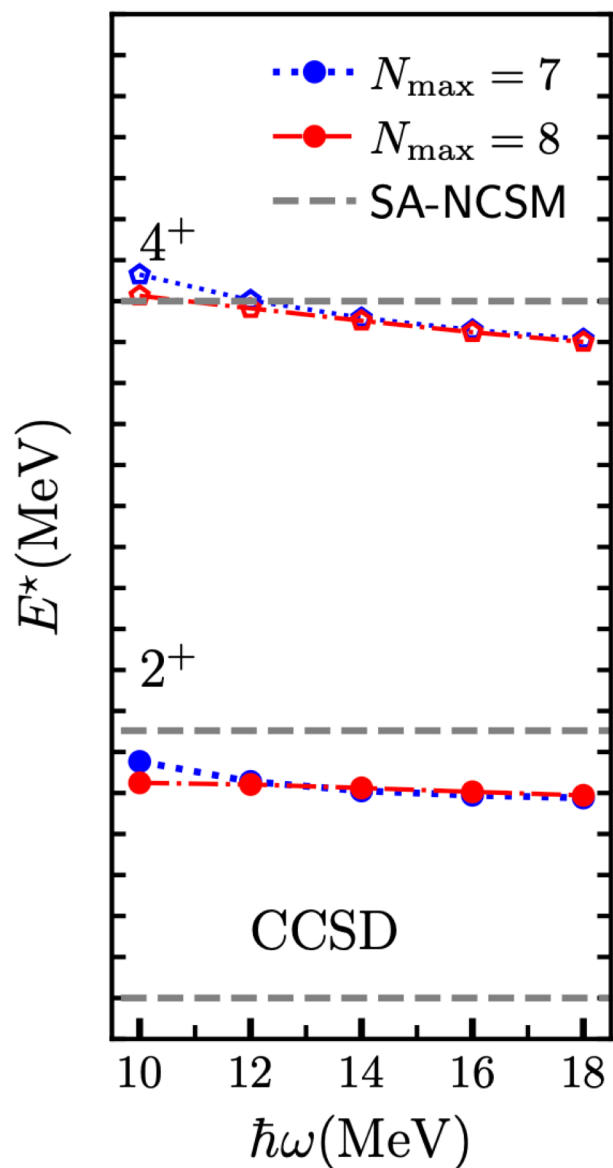
$$B(E2, \downarrow) \equiv |\langle 0^+ || Q_2 || 2^+ \rangle|^2$$

$$B(E2, \downarrow) = \frac{\langle \tilde{\Psi} | P_0 Q_{20} P_2 | \Psi \rangle \langle \tilde{\Psi} | P_2 Q_{20} P_0 | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \tilde{\Psi} | P_0 | \Psi \rangle \langle \tilde{\Psi} | P_2 | \Psi \rangle}$$

Recall the left and right coupled-cluster states:

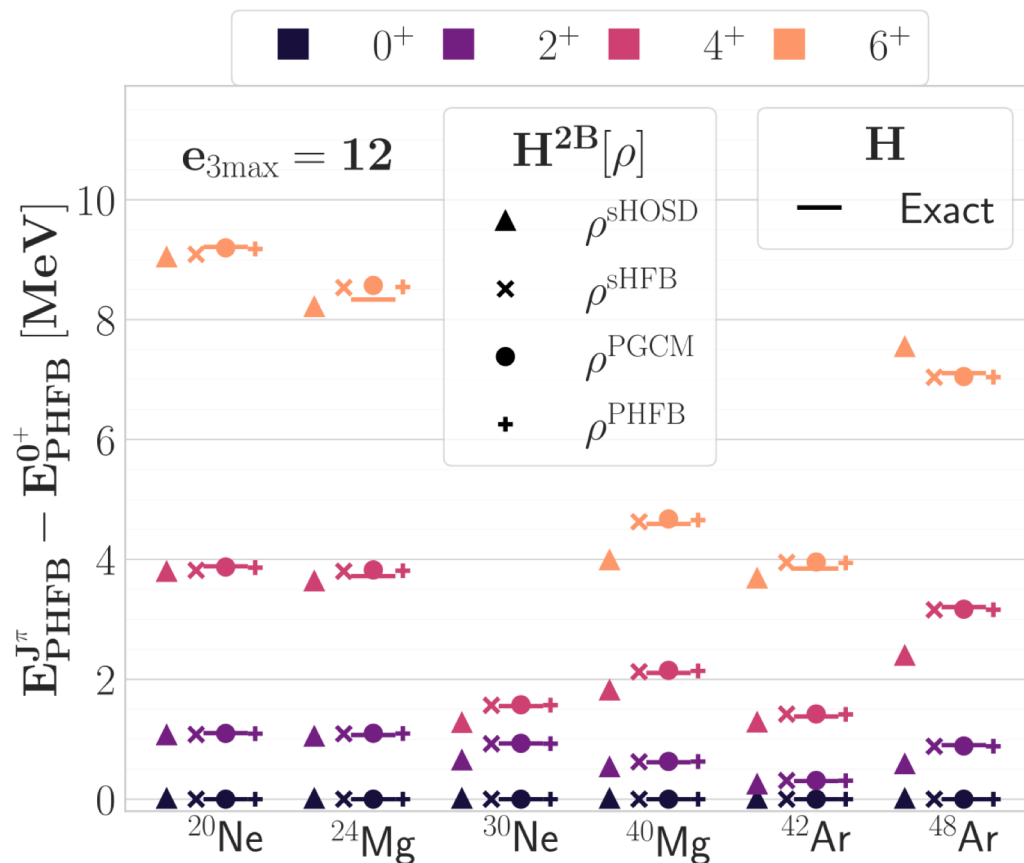
$$\langle \tilde{\Psi} | \equiv \langle \Phi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) e^{-T} \quad | \Psi \rangle \equiv e^T | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

Benchmarking projected coupled-cluster in ^{20}Ne

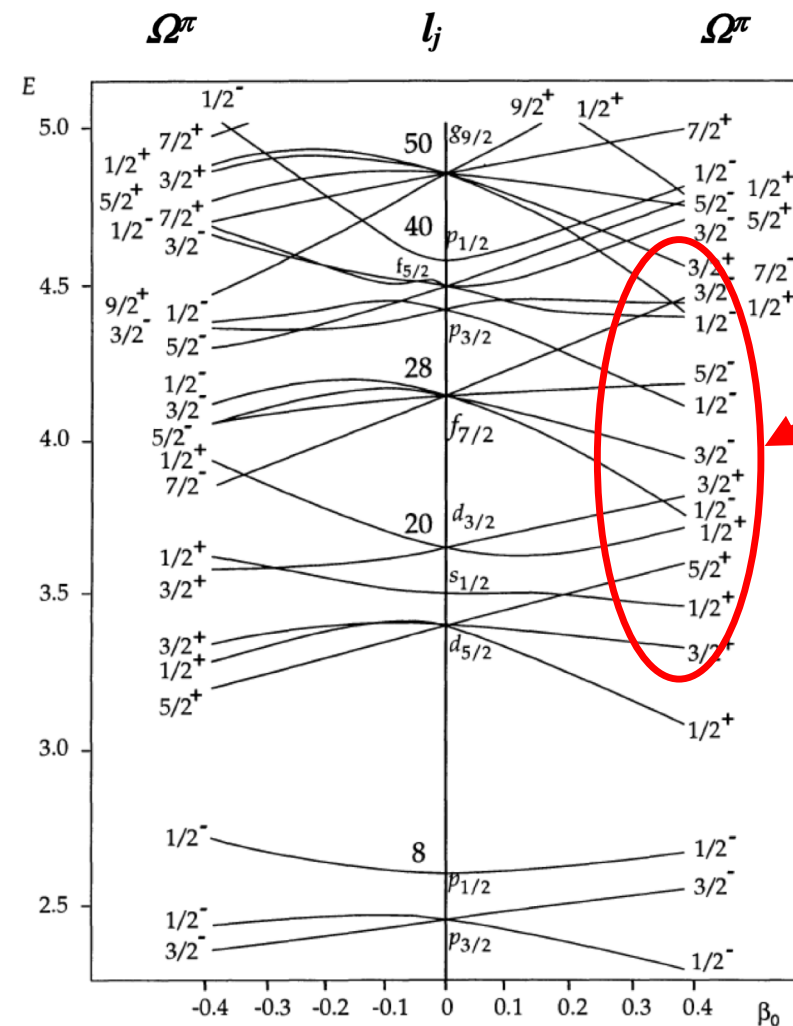


Inclusion of three-body forces

- The normal ordered 2-body approximation breaks rotational symmetry when normal-ordered with respect to a broken symmetry reference state
- Perform spherical HF with fractional filling to normal-order three-nucleon force
- Use normal-ordered Hamiltonian in the 2-body approximation in a second HF calculation of deformed nuclei

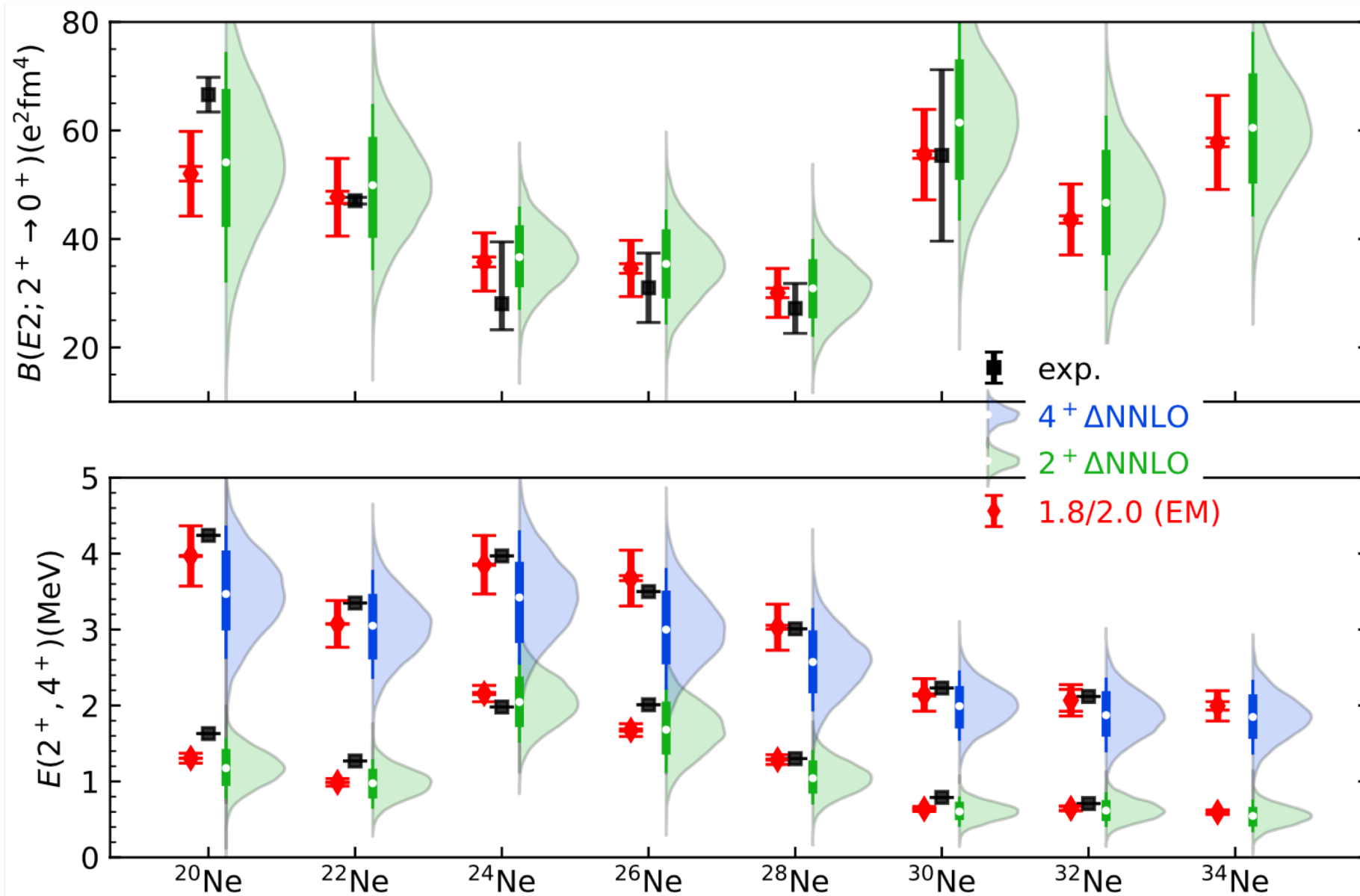


Mikael Frosini et al, Eur. Phys. J. A 57 (2021)



What is the correct spherical filling in very deformed nuclei?

Collectivity in neon isotopes

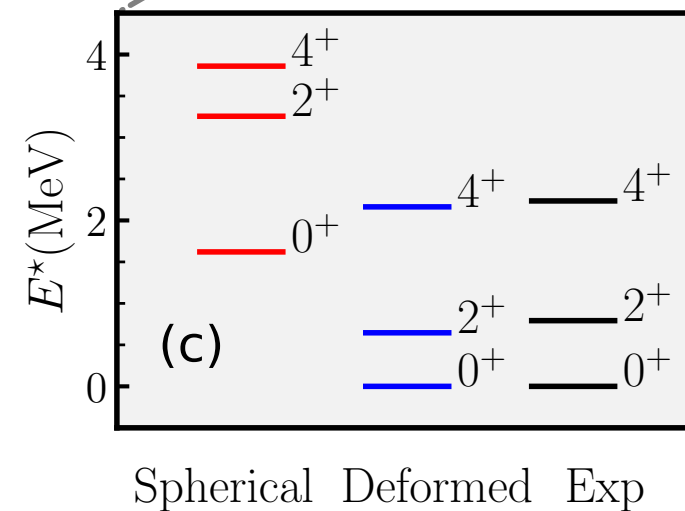
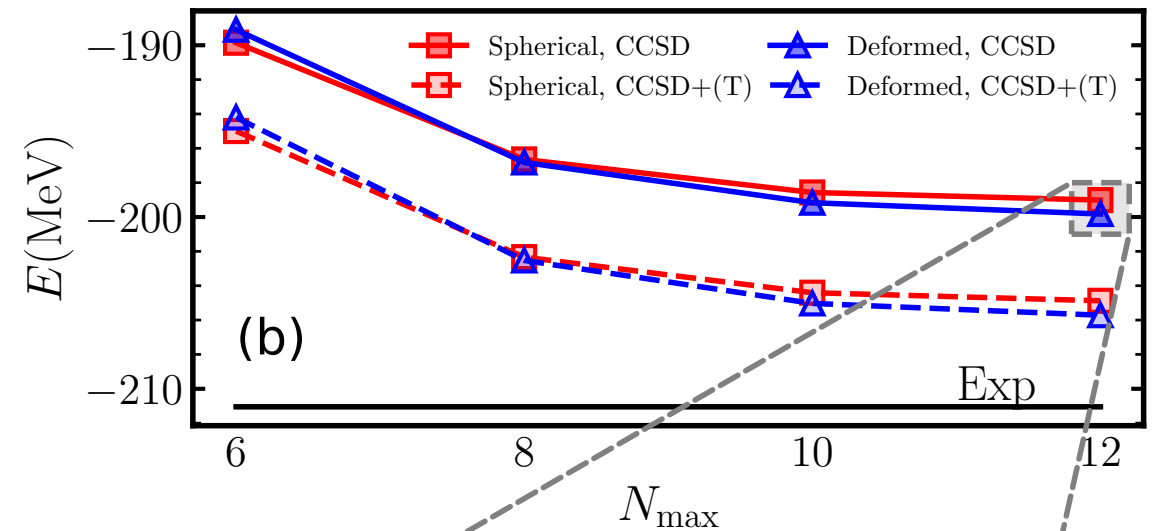
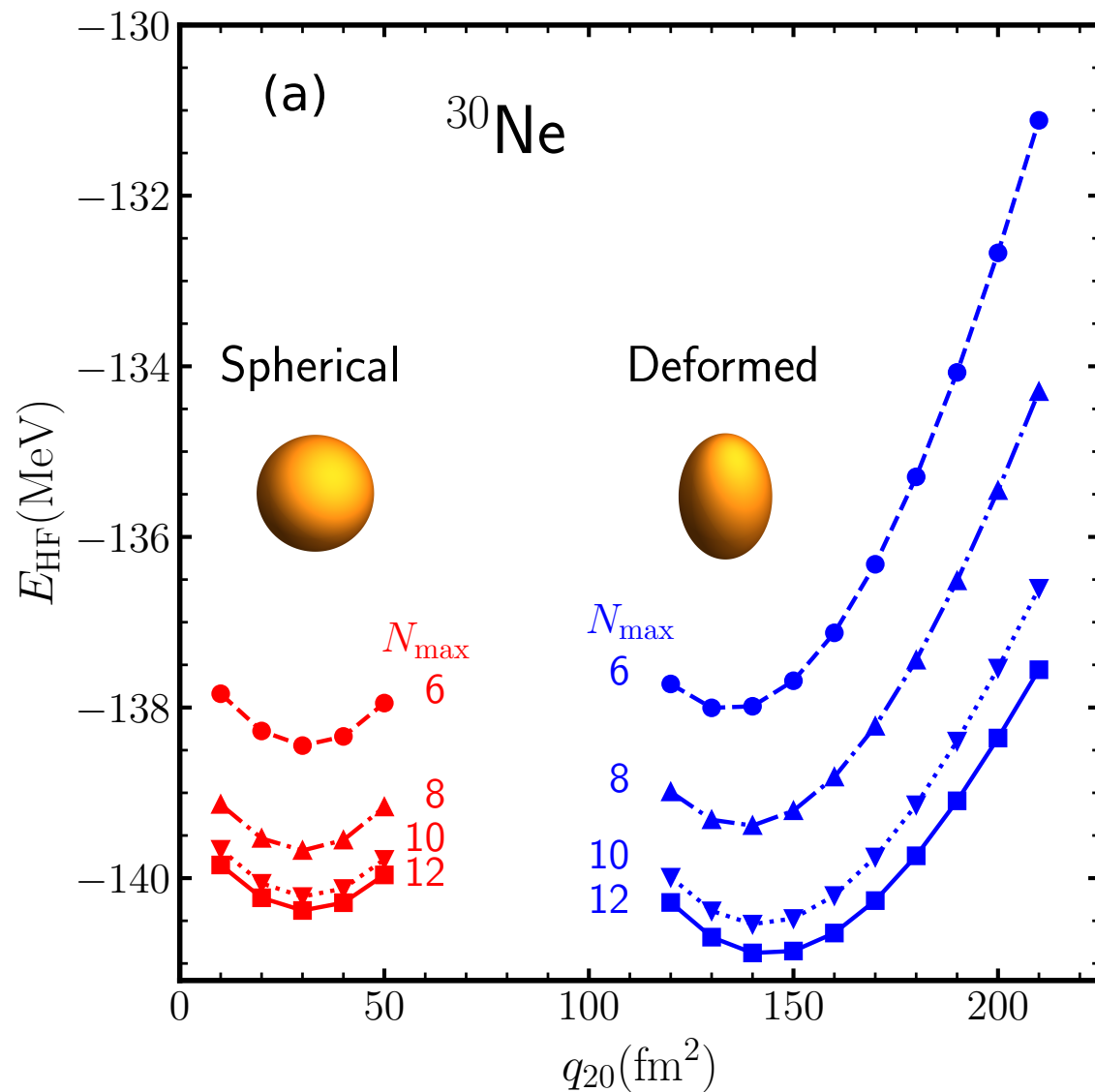


Rotational structure of neutron-rich neon isotopes in good agreement with data

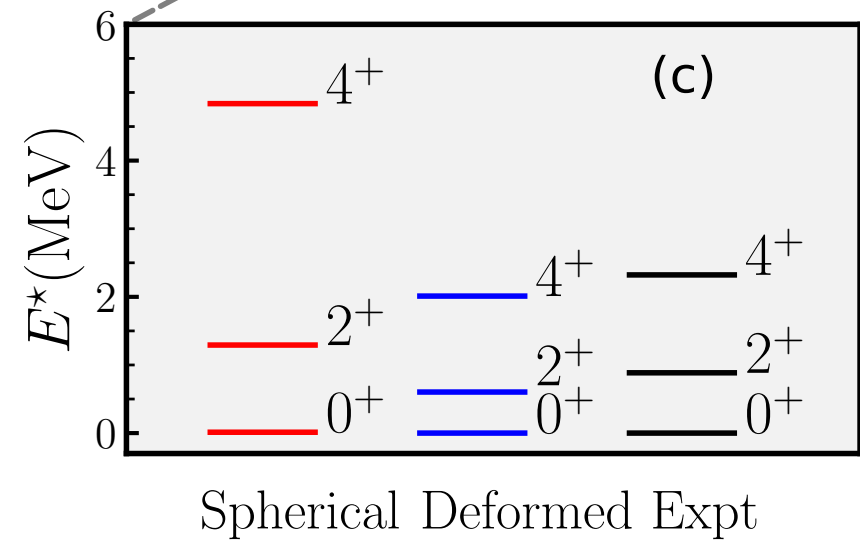
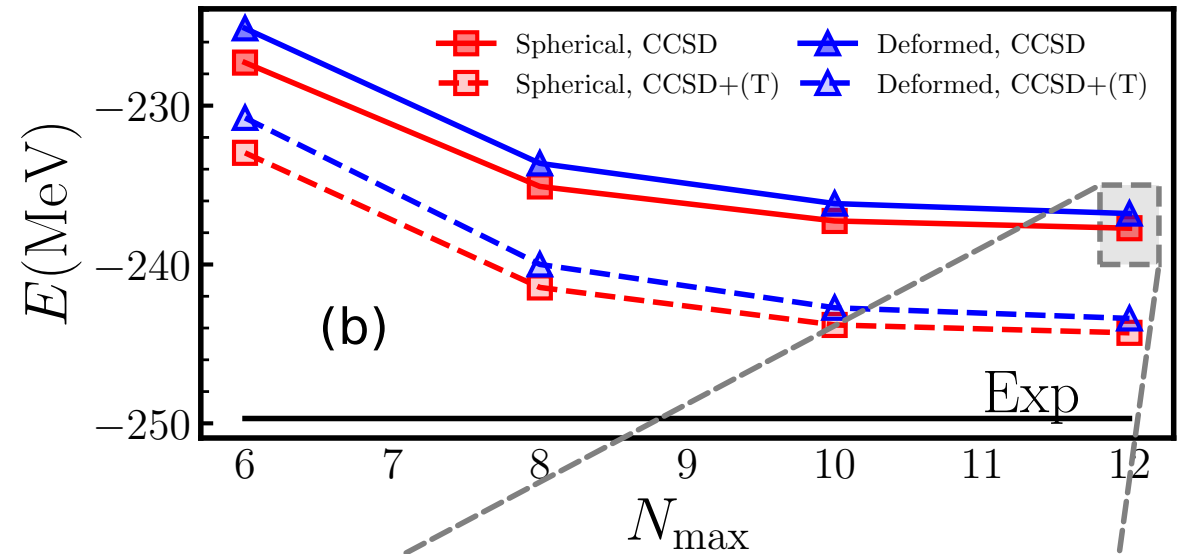
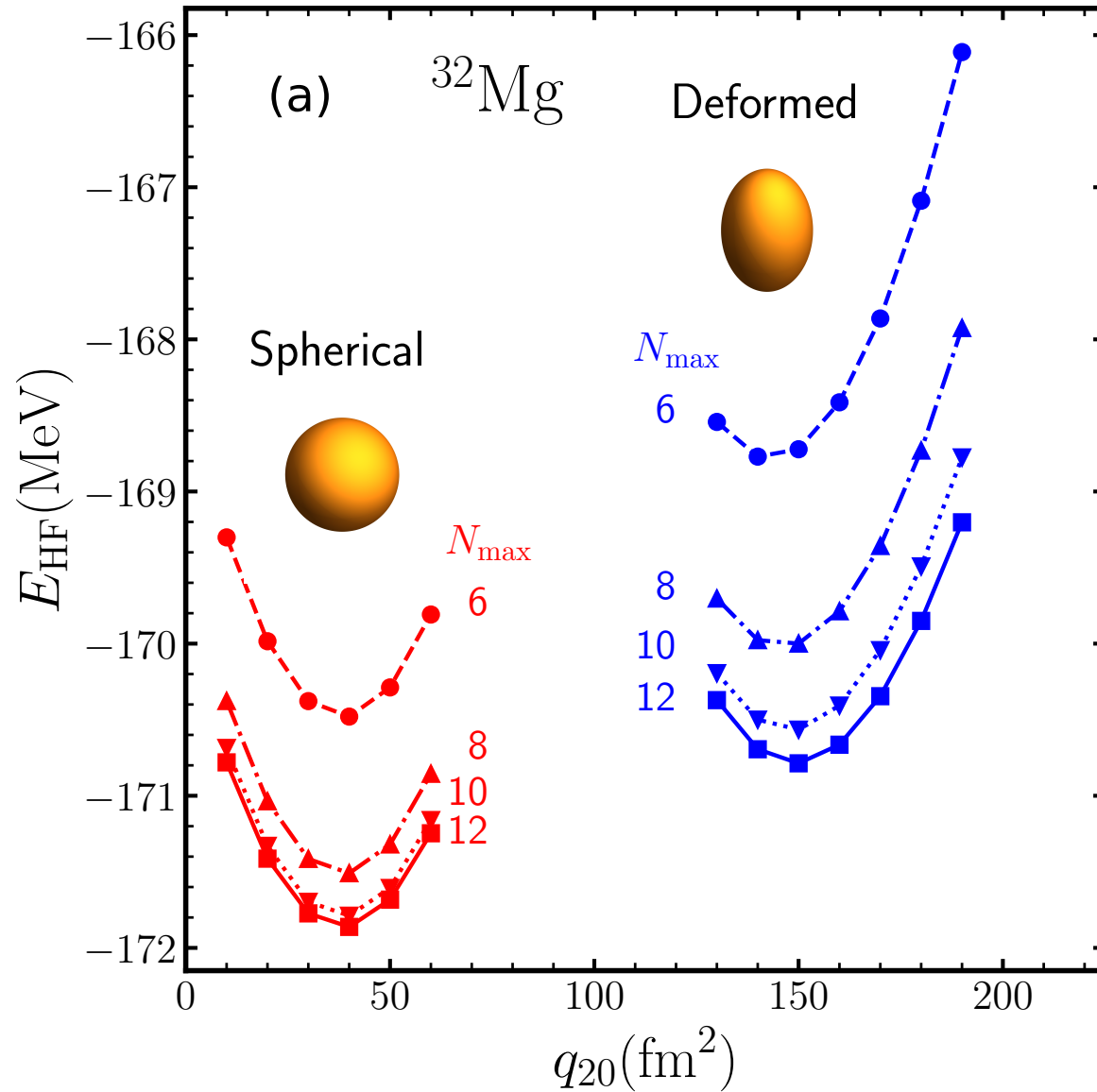
Spectra of $^{30-34}\text{Ne}$ follow that of a rigid rotor $E(J) \propto J(J + 1)$

Small energies reflect a large moment of inertia and a strong deformation

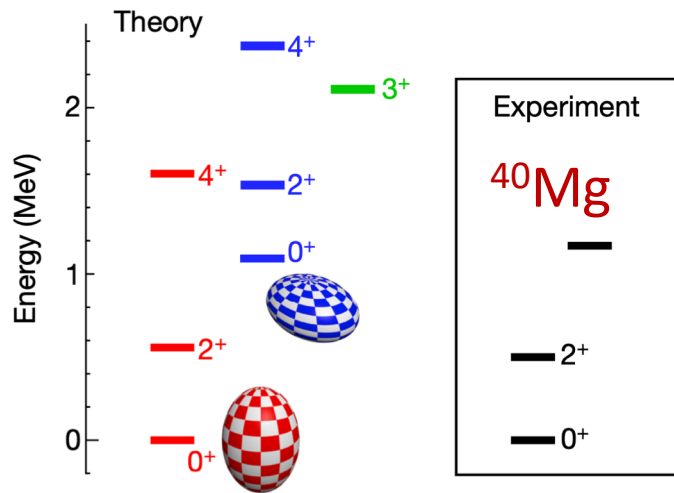
Shape co-existence in ^{30}Ne



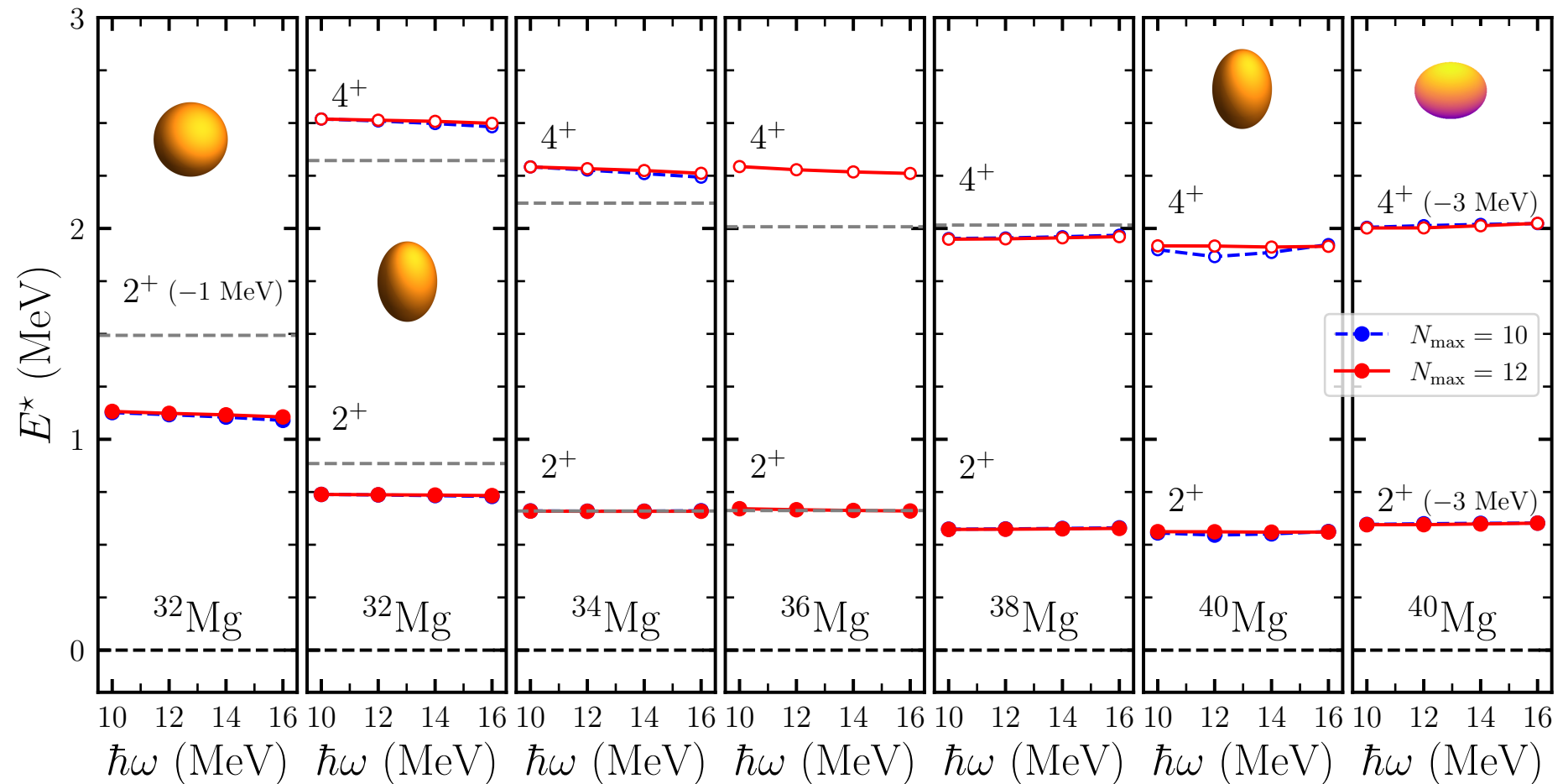
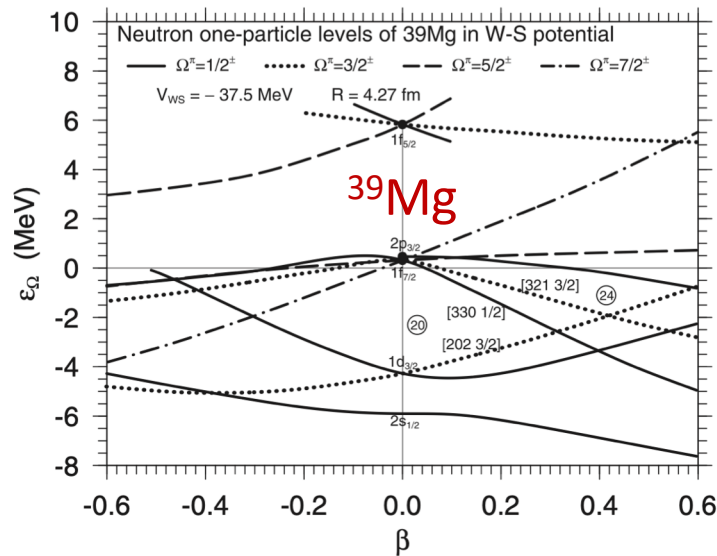
Shape co-existence in ^{32}Mg



Deformation in neutron-rich magnesium



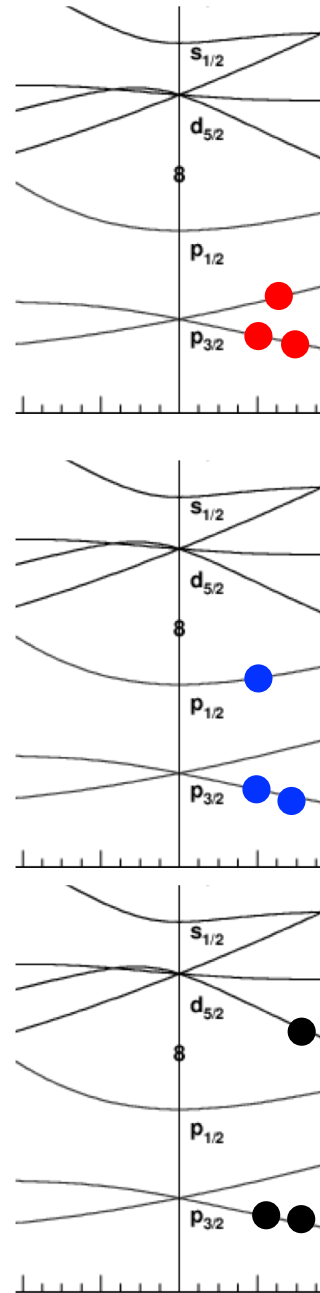
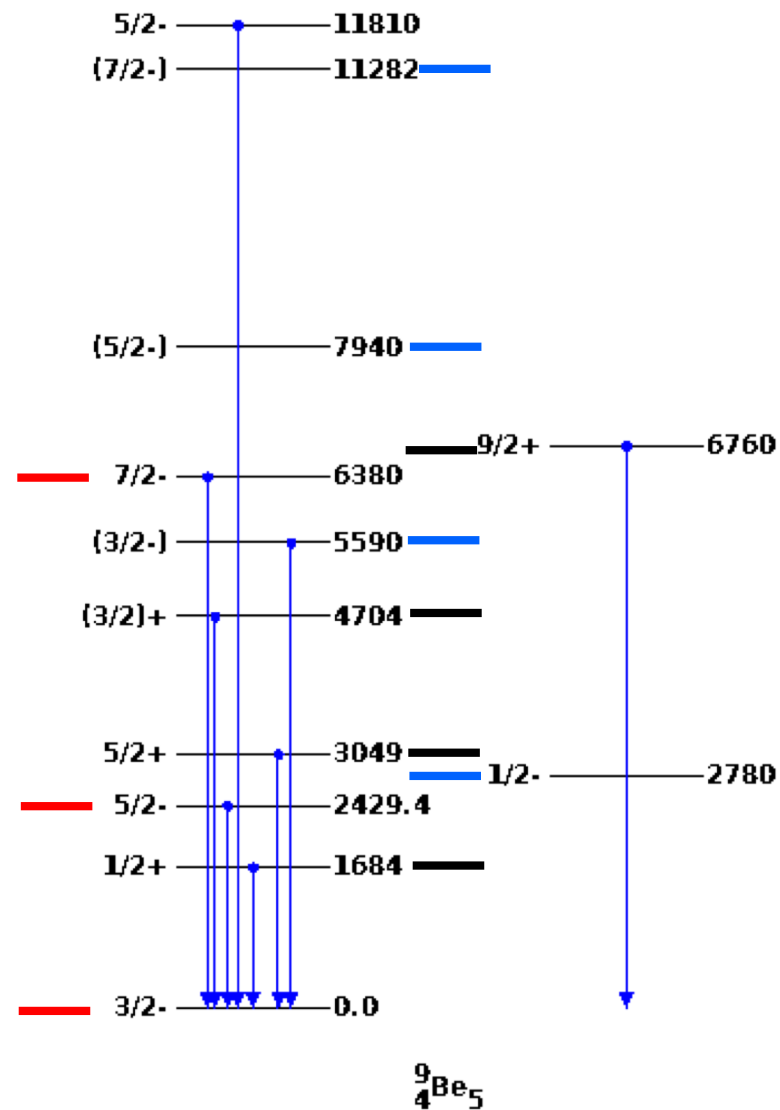
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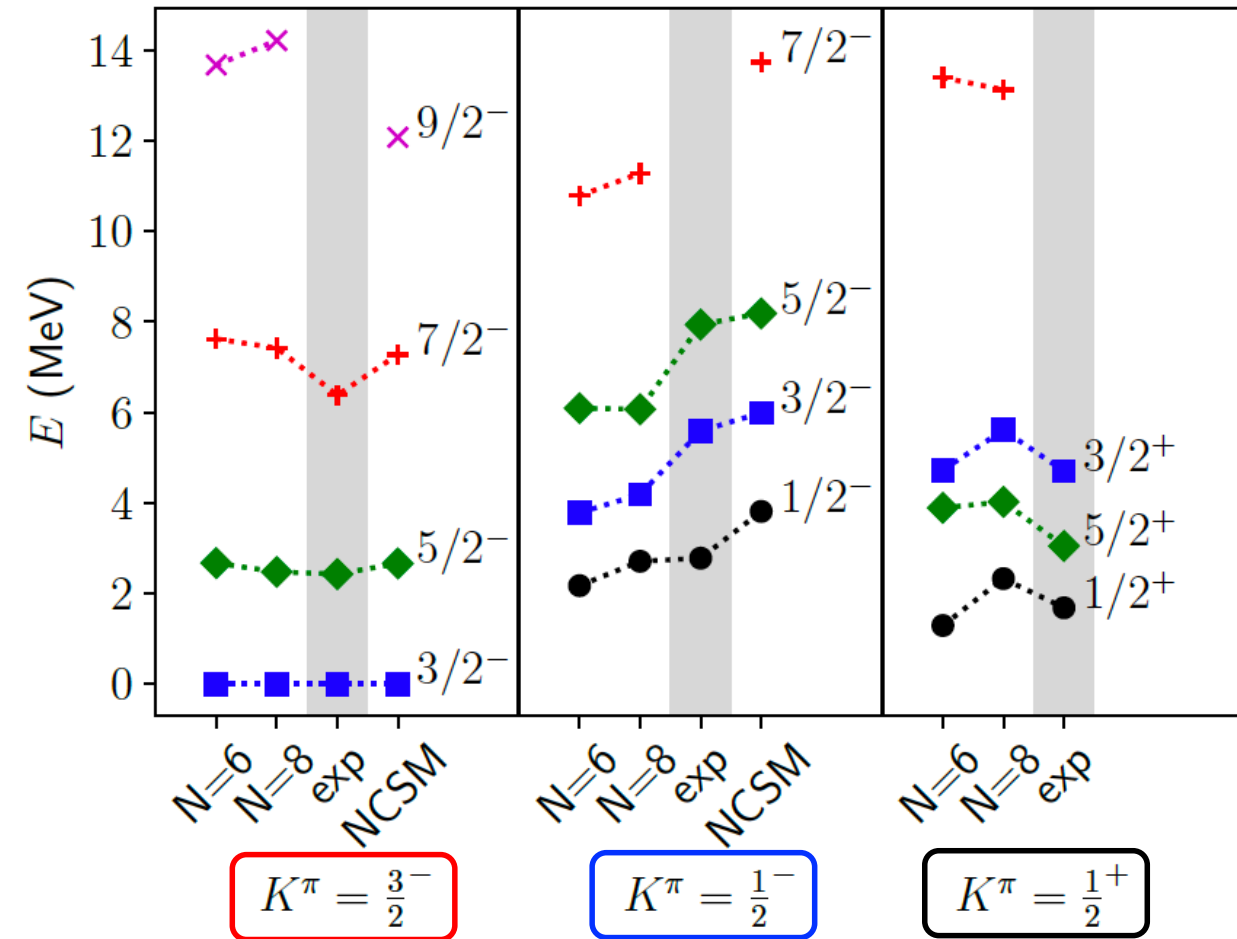
- Rotational structure in good agreement with experiment
- Indications of shape co-existence in ^{40}Mg
- Find oblate band in ^{40}Mg 2-3MeV above the prolate band

Making sense of spectra in odd-mass nuclei

Looks complicated;
shown data lacks understanding



Zhonghao Sun et al., in preparation
Hartree-Fock computations yield deformed reference
Coupled-cluster + projection yields bands

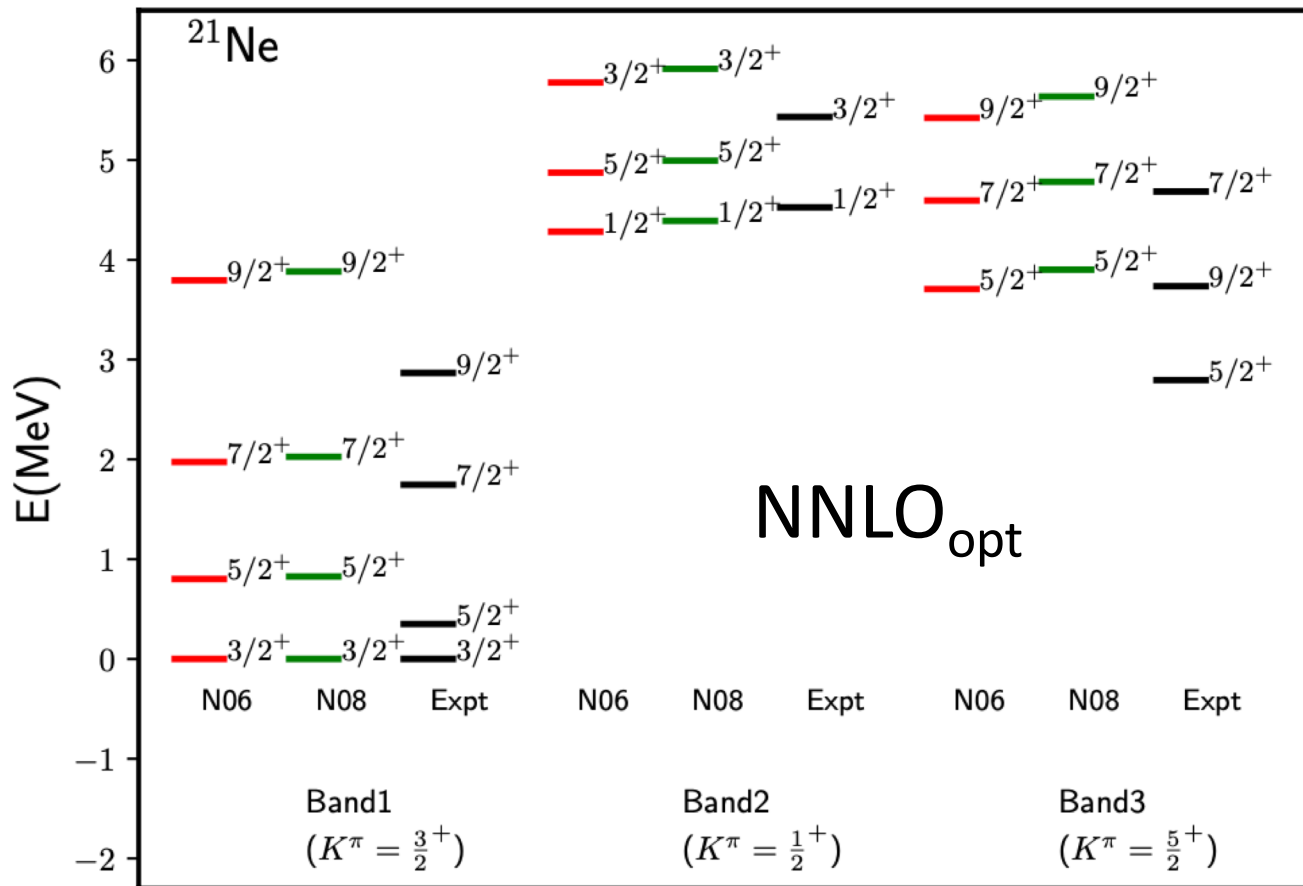


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Rotational bands in odd-mass nuclei

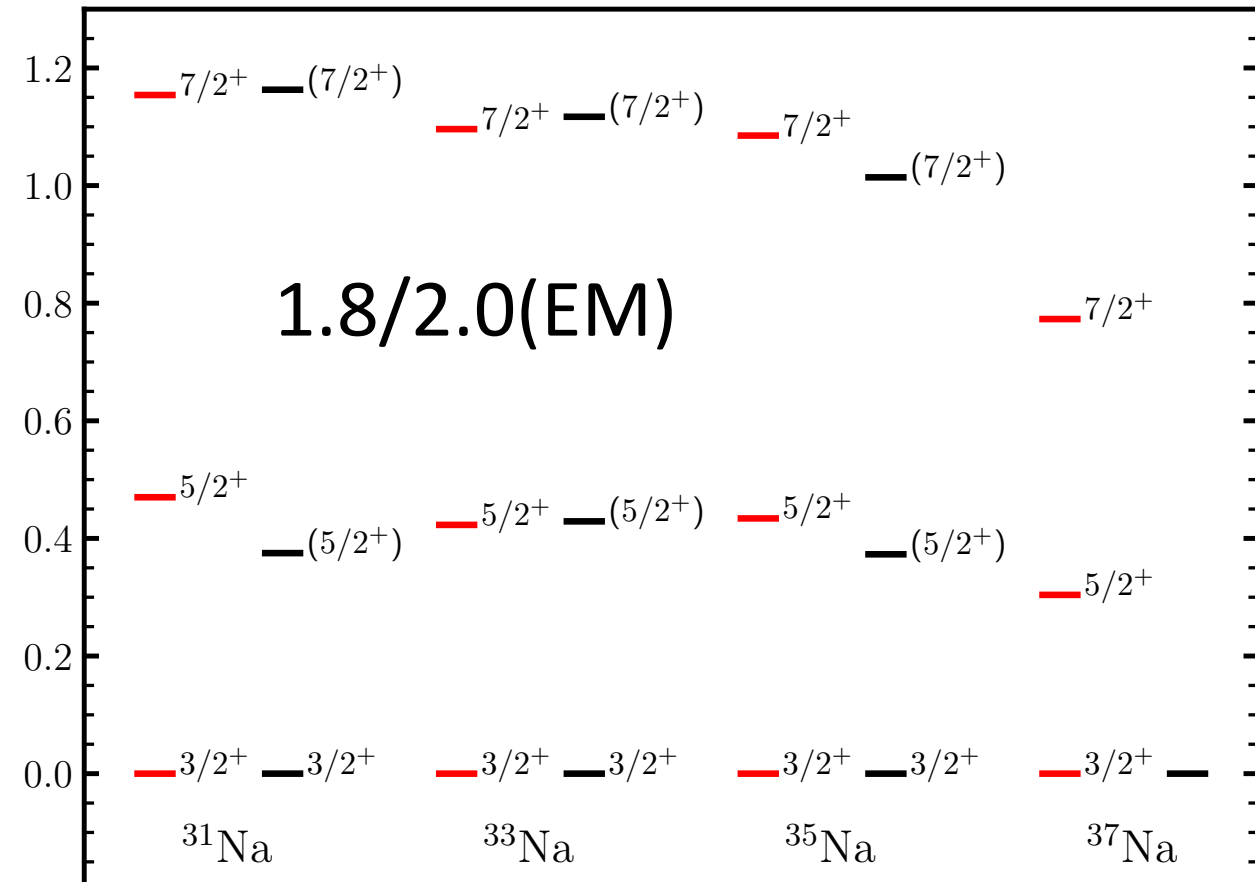
Protons are paired

Neutron occupy ($j = d5/2, j_z=1/2, 3/2$ and $5/2$)



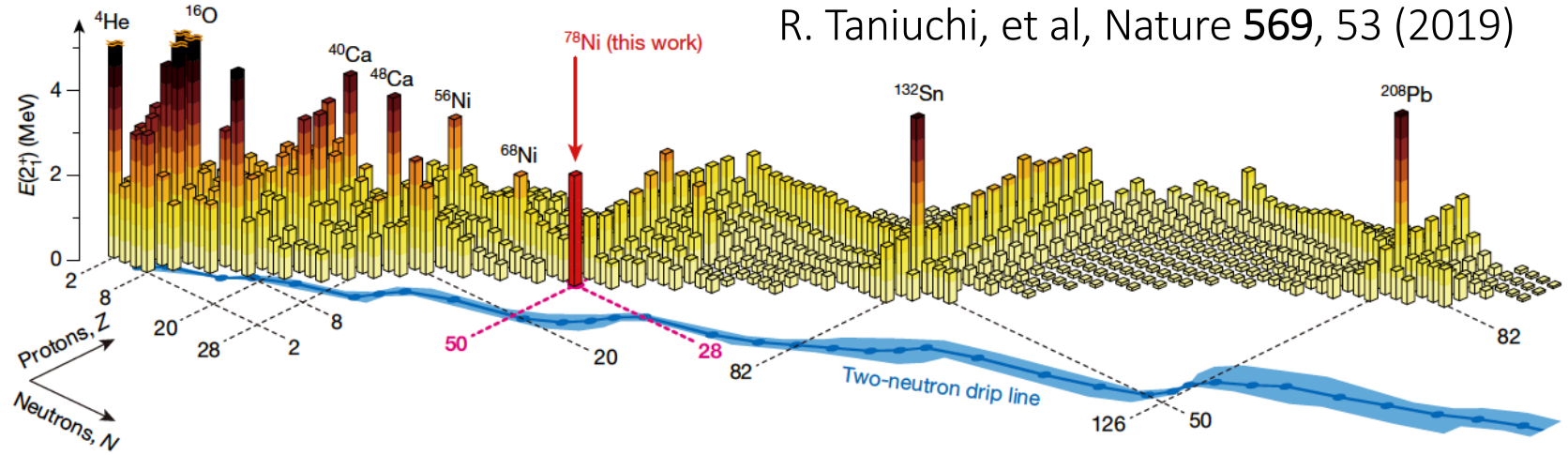
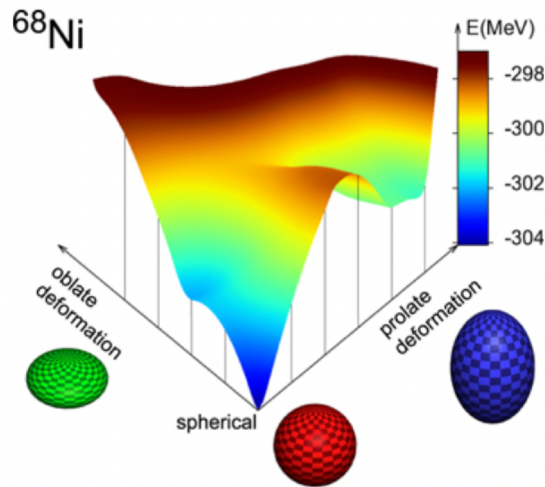
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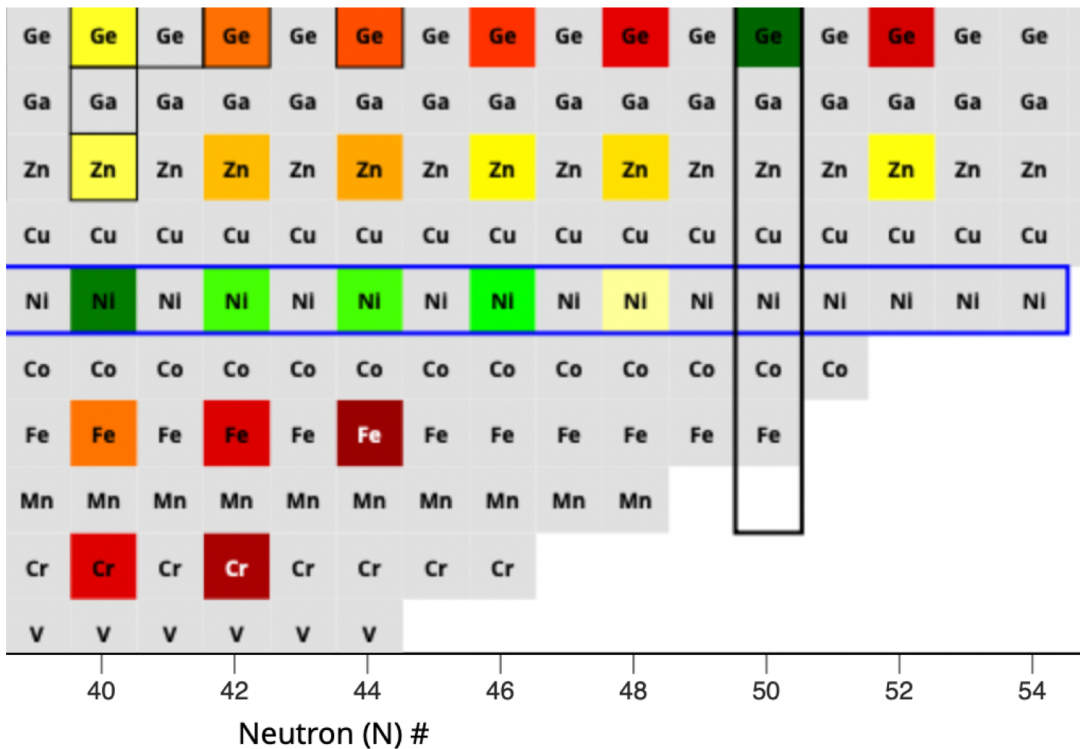


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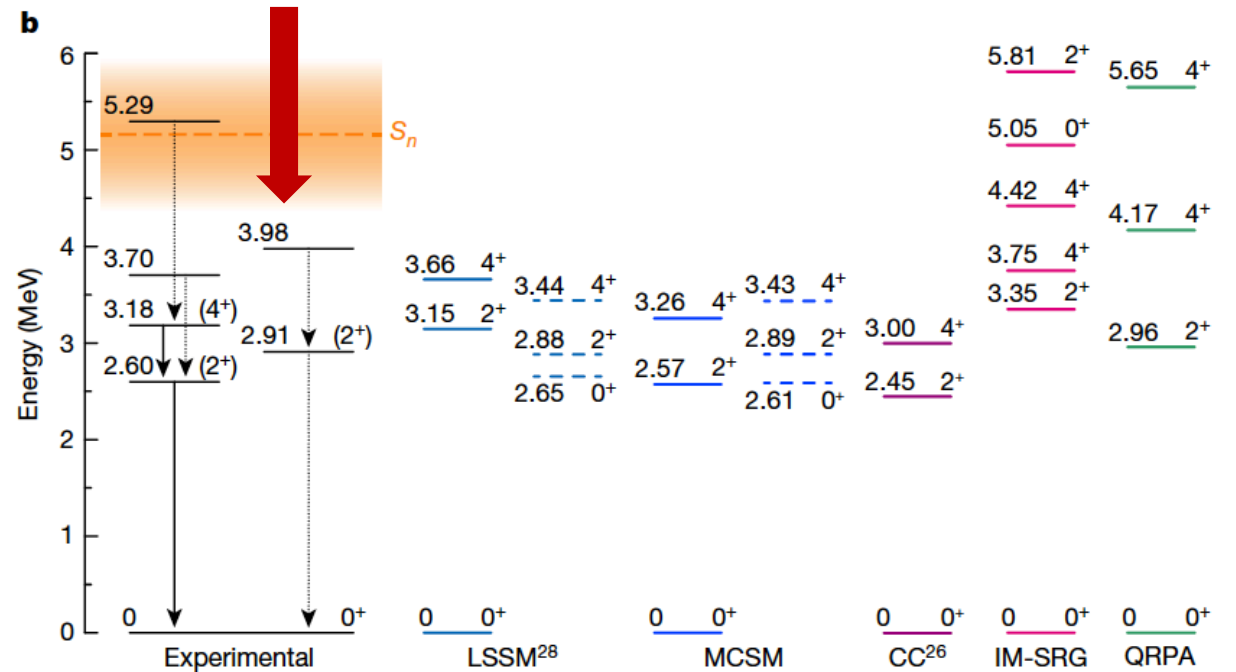
Onset of deformation around ^{78}Ni



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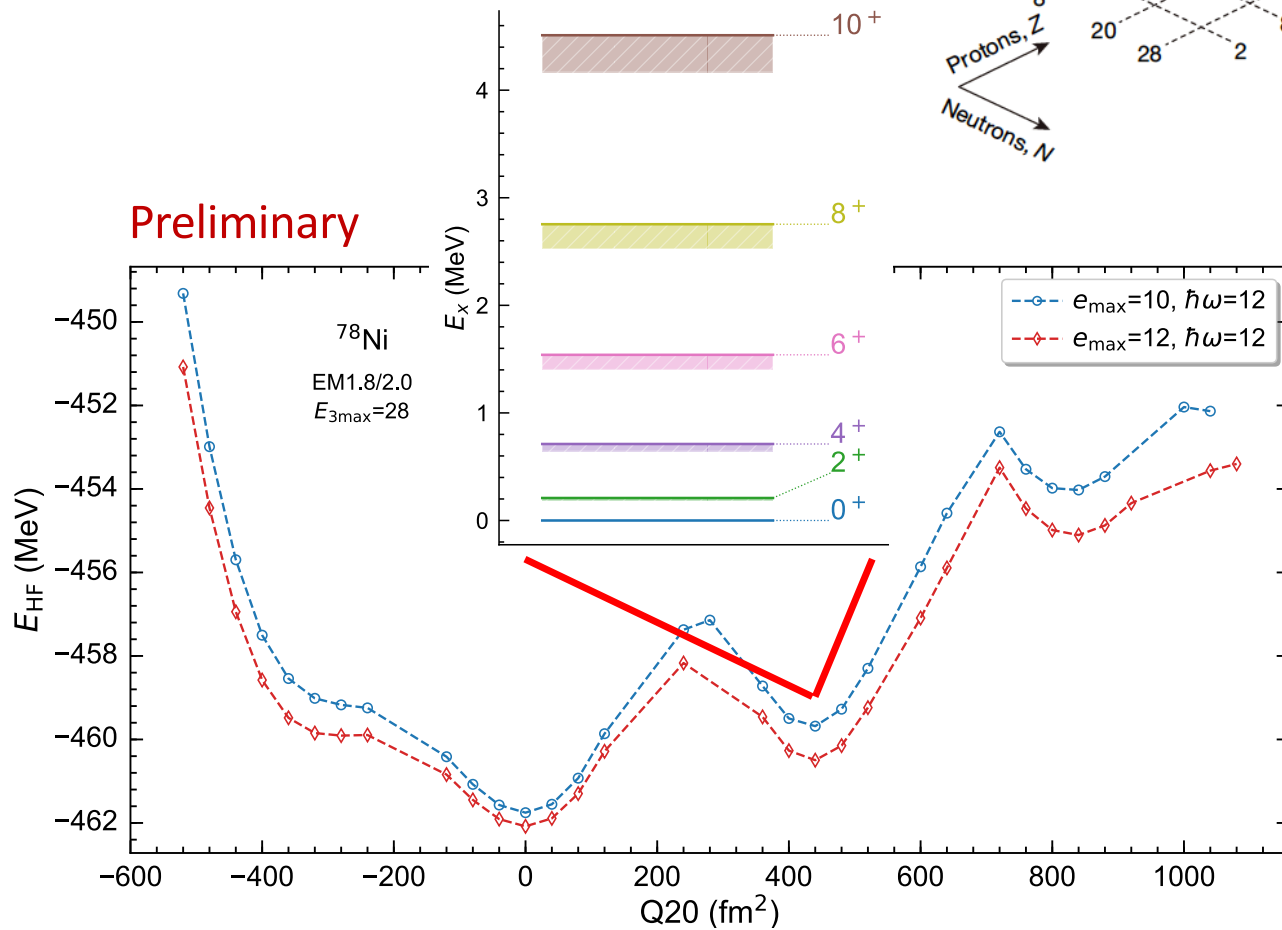
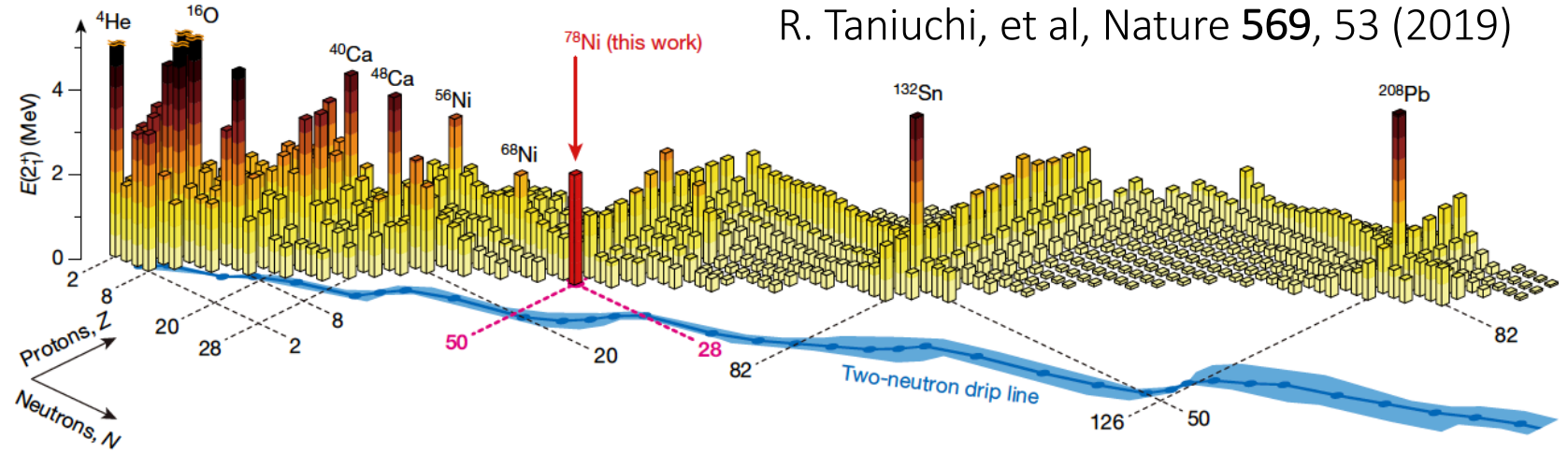


Deformed band?
Where is the band head?

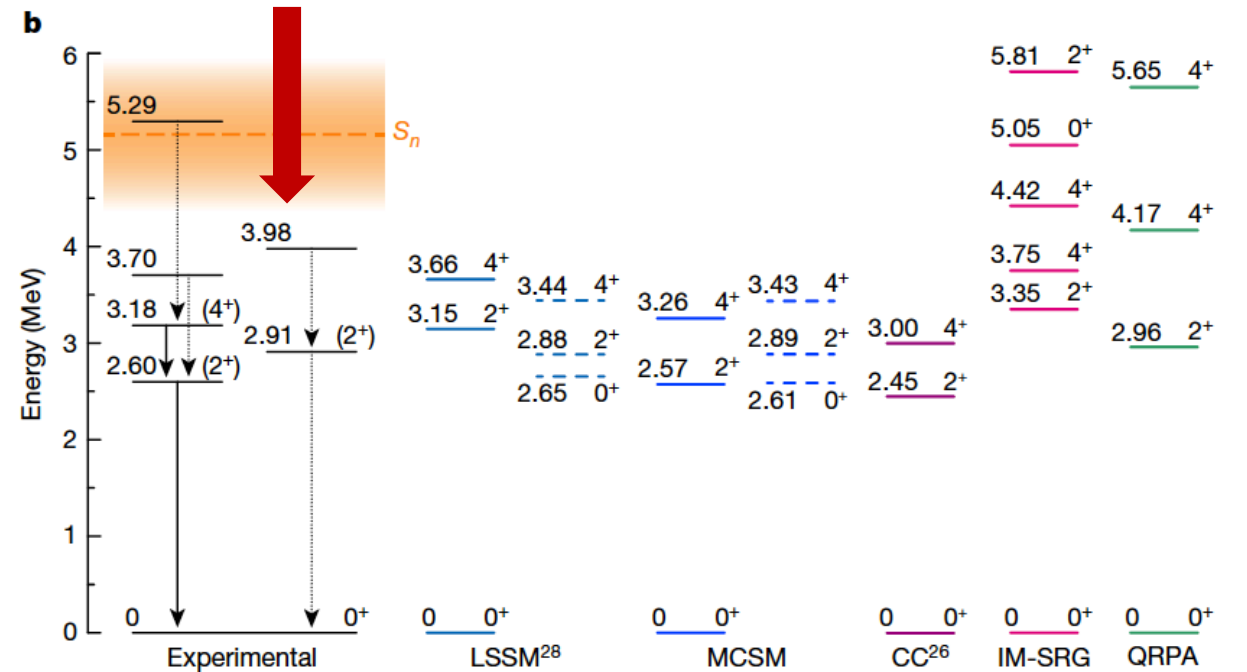


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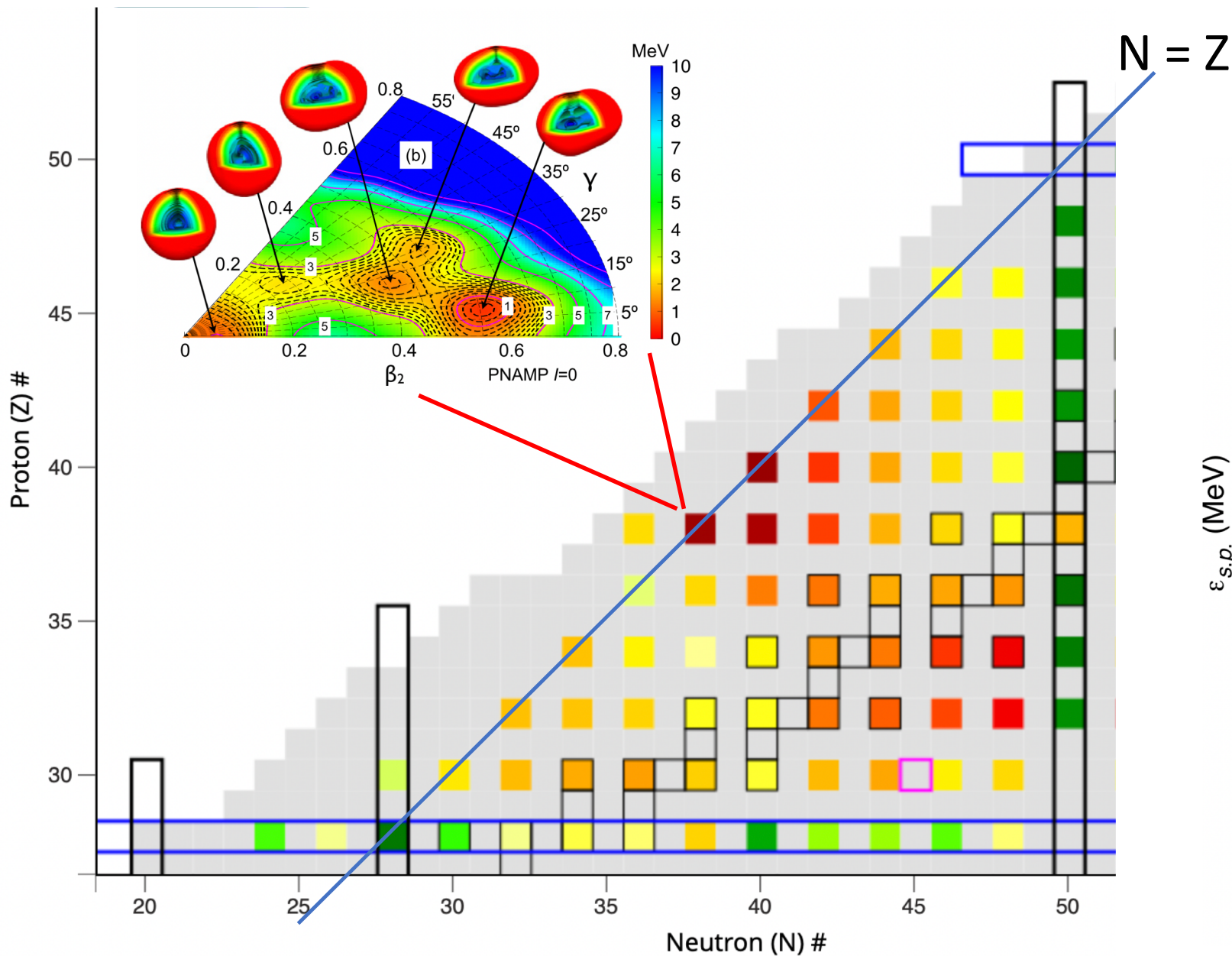
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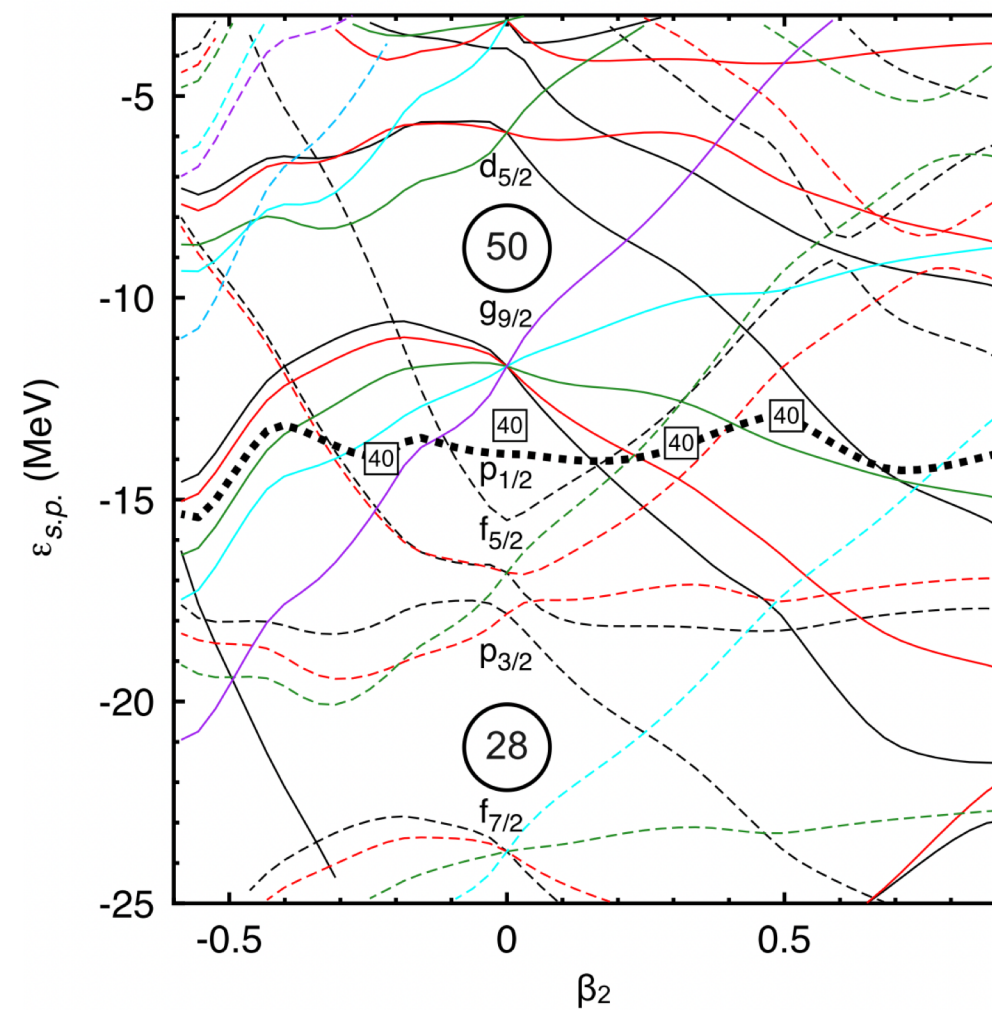
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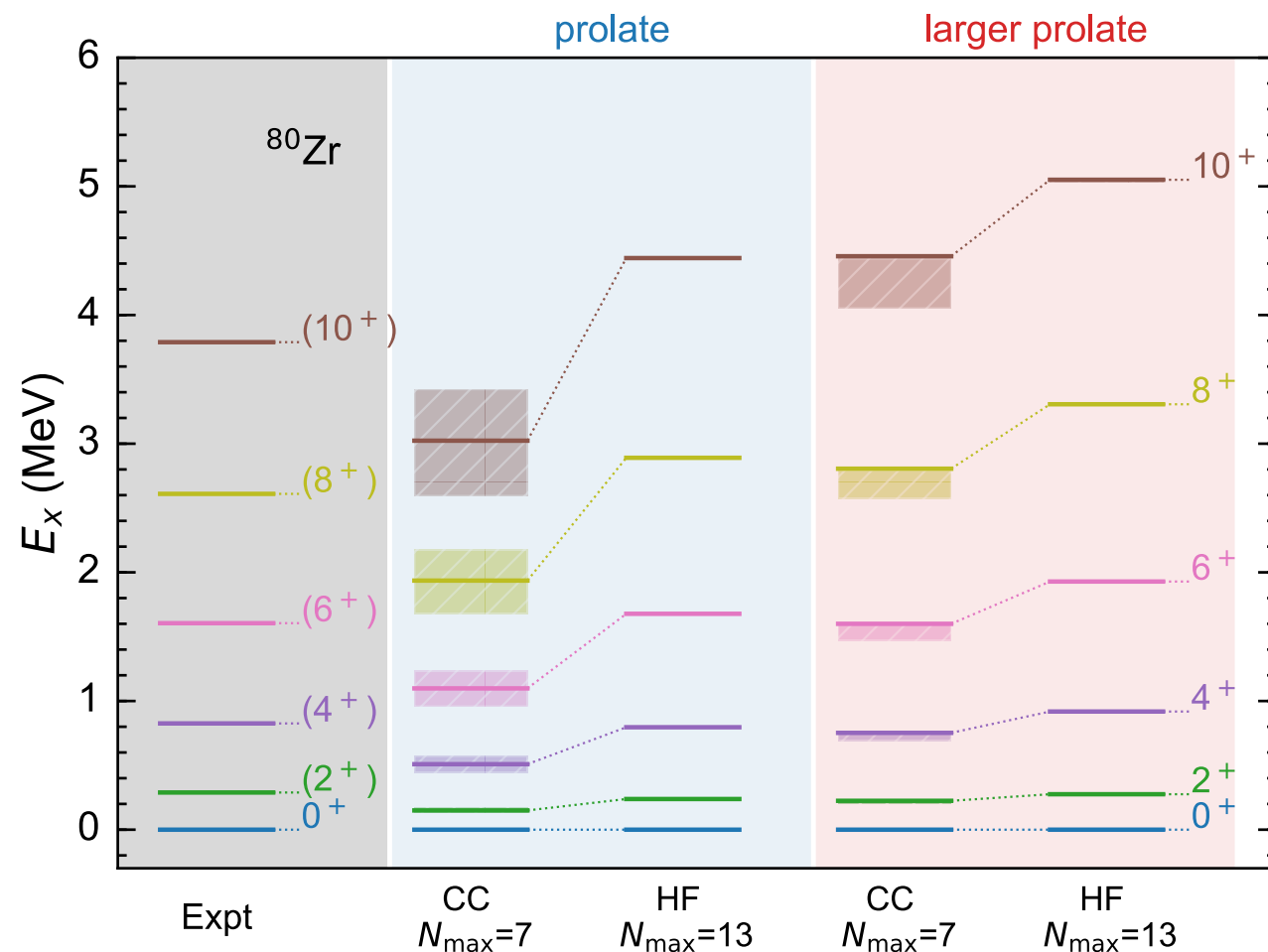
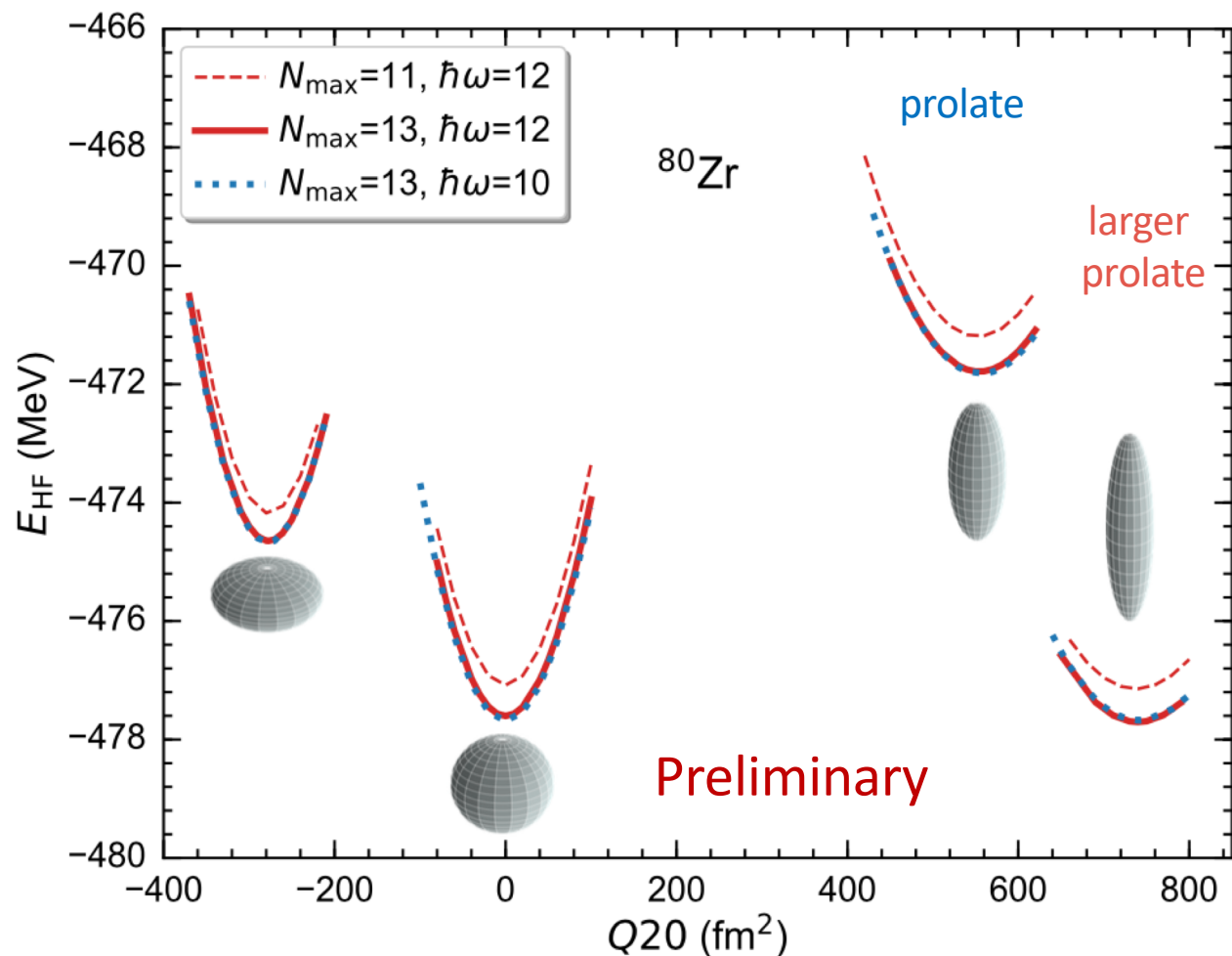
Coupled-cluster computations of strongly deformed nuclei around ^{80}Zr



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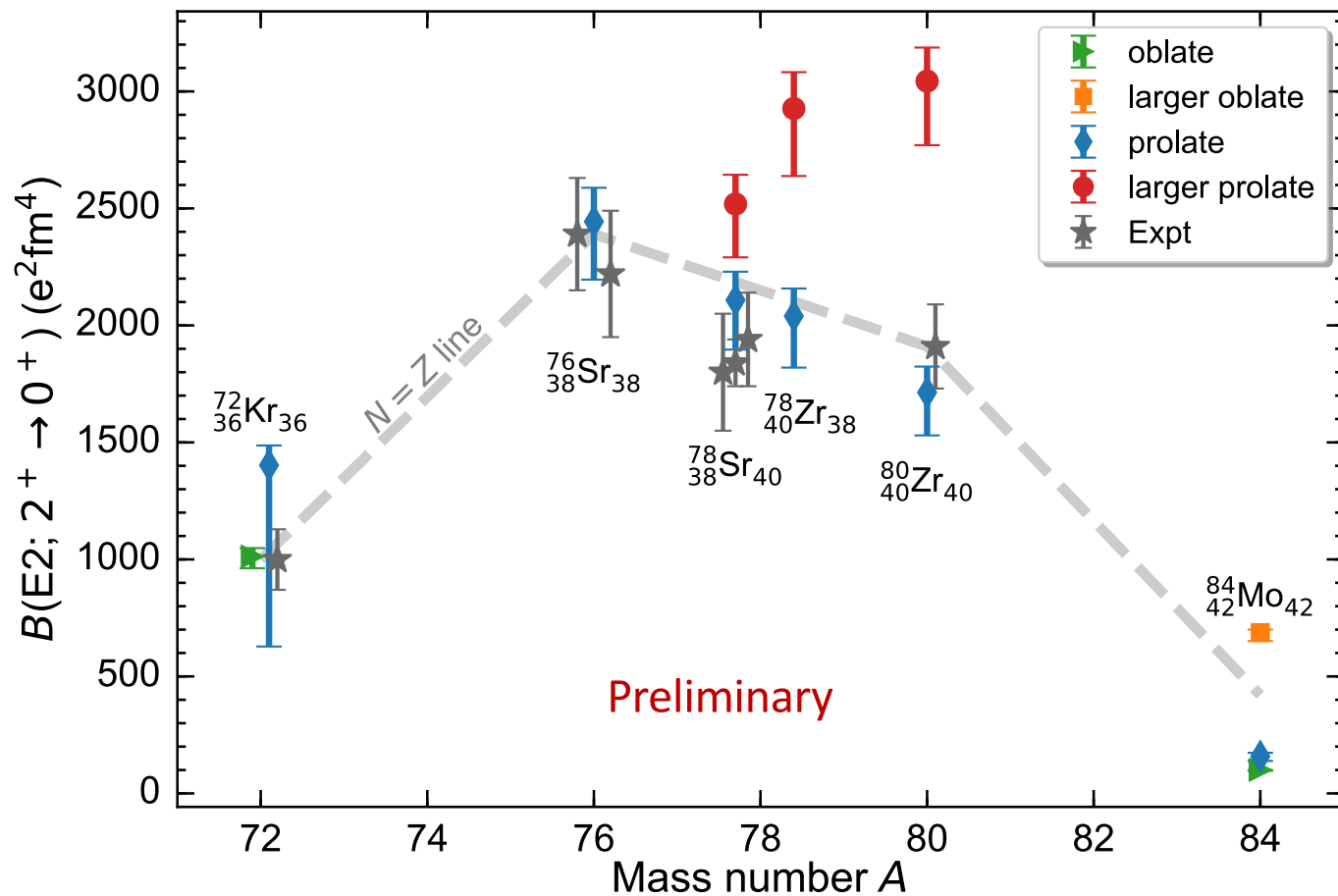


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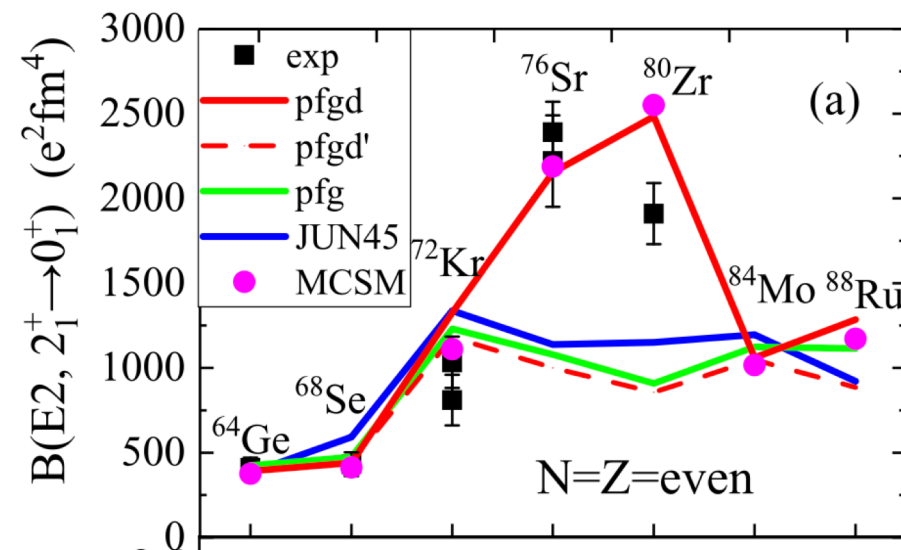
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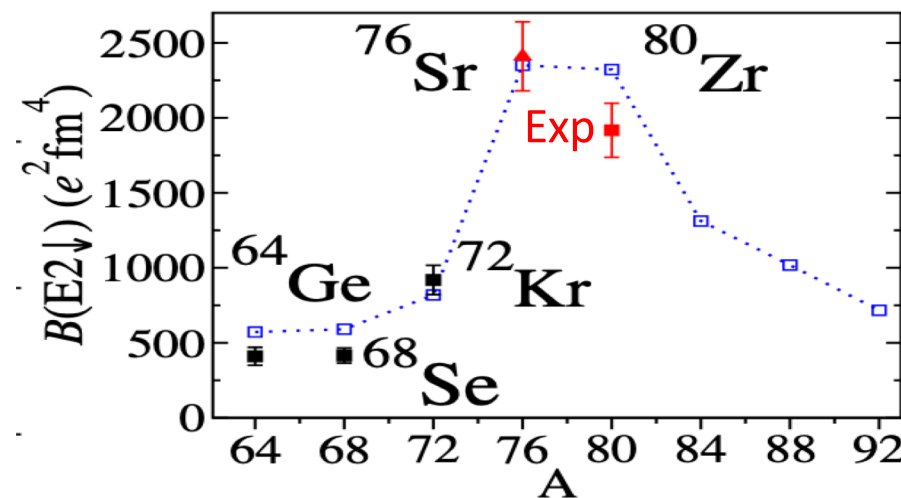


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Shell model K. Kaneko, et al, Phys Lett B **817**, 136286 (2021)



Mean field R.D.O. Llewellyn, et al, Phys Rev Lett **124**, 152501 (2020)



Summary

- Neutron-rich neon isotopes are strongly deformed: ^{34}Ne as rotational as ^{32}Ne and ^{34}Mg
- Electromagnetic transitions follow experimental trends
- Signatures of shape co-existence along $N = 20$ towards ^{28}O
- Nuclei around ^{80}Zr are strongly deformed with rich prolate and oblate structure
- Predict low-lying rotational states in ^{78}Ni consistent with data and shell-model predictions

Thank you for your attention!