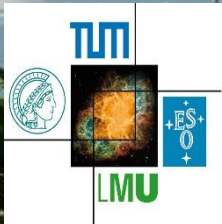




# Recent developments in Covariant density functional theory beyond mean field

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# Density functional theory (DFT) for manybody quantum systems

The manybody problem is mapped onto a one-body problem:

Density functional theory starts from the

**Hohenberg-Kohn theorem:**

„The exact ground state energy  $E[\rho]$  is a universal functional for the local density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ “

**Kohn-Sham theory** starts

with a density dependent self-energy:

and the single particle equation:

with the exact density:

$$h(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta E[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$h(\mathbf{r})|\varphi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i|\varphi_i\rangle$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i^A |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

In Coulombic systems the functional is derived *ab initio*

# Density functional theory in nuclei:

- **more degrees of freedom:** spin, isospin, pairing, relativistic
- Nuclei are **selfbound systems**
- **Symmetry breaking** is important:

## Advantage:

Correlations can be taken into account in simple wave functions



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## Problems:

no good quantum numbers  
no spectroscopy  
projection required

translational,  
momentum  $P$

rotational,  
spin  $J$

gauge symmetry,  
particle number  $N$

.....

- **Shape coexistence:** transitional nuclei, shape transitions
- **Energy dependence** of the self energy
- at present all successful functionals are **phenomenological**

# Density Functional Theory: mean field and beyond

- **Mean Field Level:** static DFT:  $h[\rho(r)] = \frac{\delta E}{\delta \rho}$

Static DFT: ground state properties

constraint mean field: fission landscapes

rotating mean field: rotational spectra

adiabatic DFT:  $h[\rho_t(r)]$  time-dependent mean field: RPA, QRPA

- **Beyond Mean Field:** time-dep. DFT

Energy dependent self energy

$$h[\rho(r,t)] \rightarrow h(\omega)$$

Small amplitudes: coupling to vibrations PVC (model)

- **Beyond Mean Field:** Configuration Mixing:

Large amplitudes: Generator coordinate (GCM)  $|\Psi\rangle = \int dq f(q) |q\rangle$   
Collective Hamiltonian

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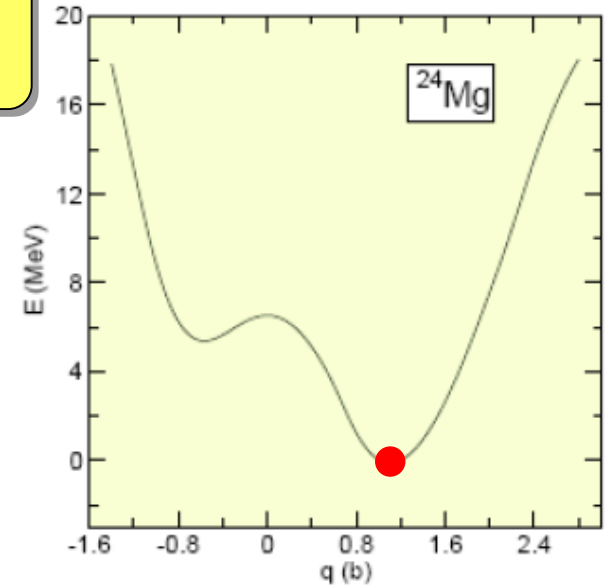
# DFT beyond mean field: GCM-method

$$\langle \delta\Phi | \hat{H} - q\hat{Q} | \Phi \rangle = 0$$



$$|q\rangle = |\Phi(q)\rangle$$

Constraint Hartree Fock produces wave functions depending on a **generator coordinate**  $q$



$$|\Psi\rangle = \int dq f(q) |q\rangle$$

GCM wave function is a **superposition of Slater determinants**

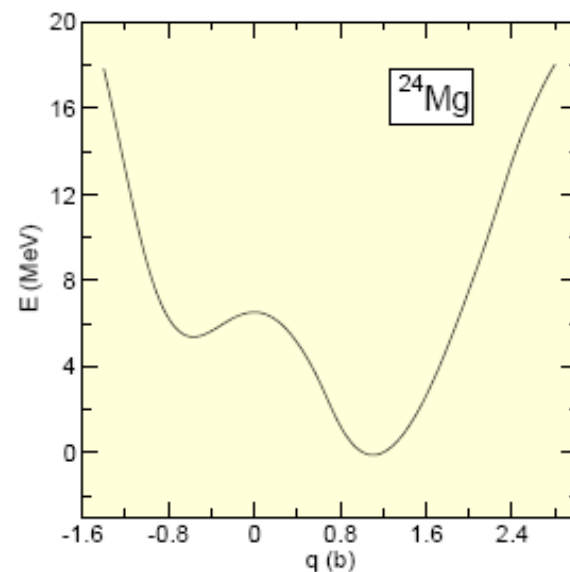
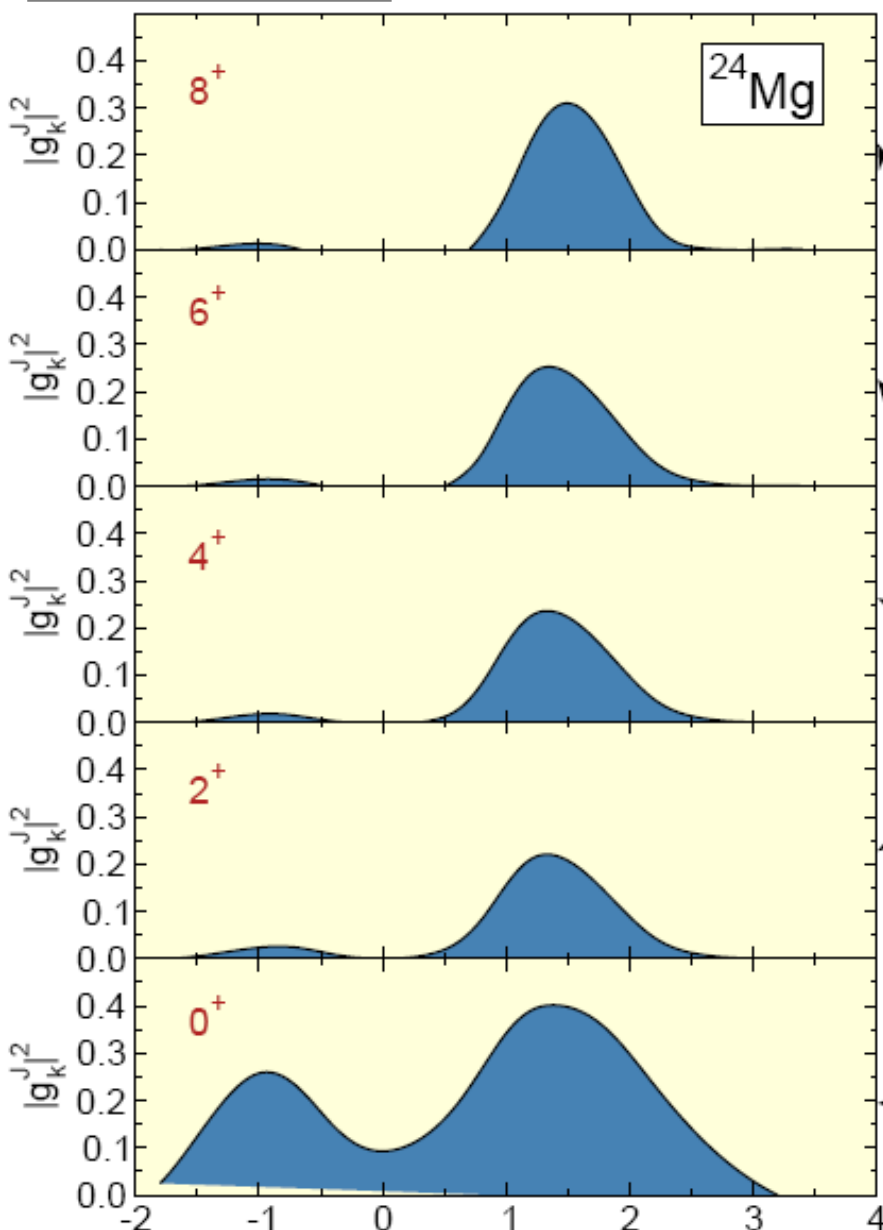
$$\int dq' [\langle q | H | q' \rangle - E \langle q | q' \rangle] f(q') = 0$$

Hill-Wheeler equation:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int dq f(q) \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^I |q\rangle$$

with projection:

# GCM:

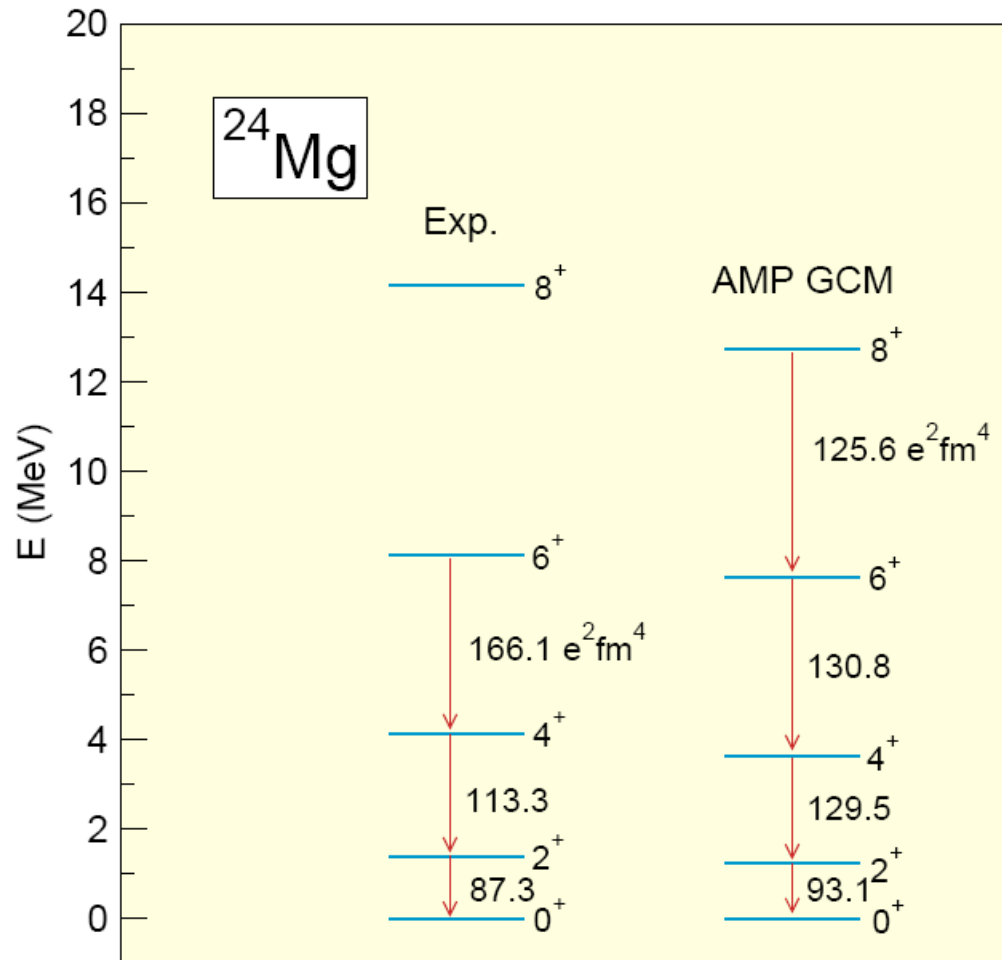


The amplitudes of states with  $J \geq 2$  are concentrated in the prolate well.

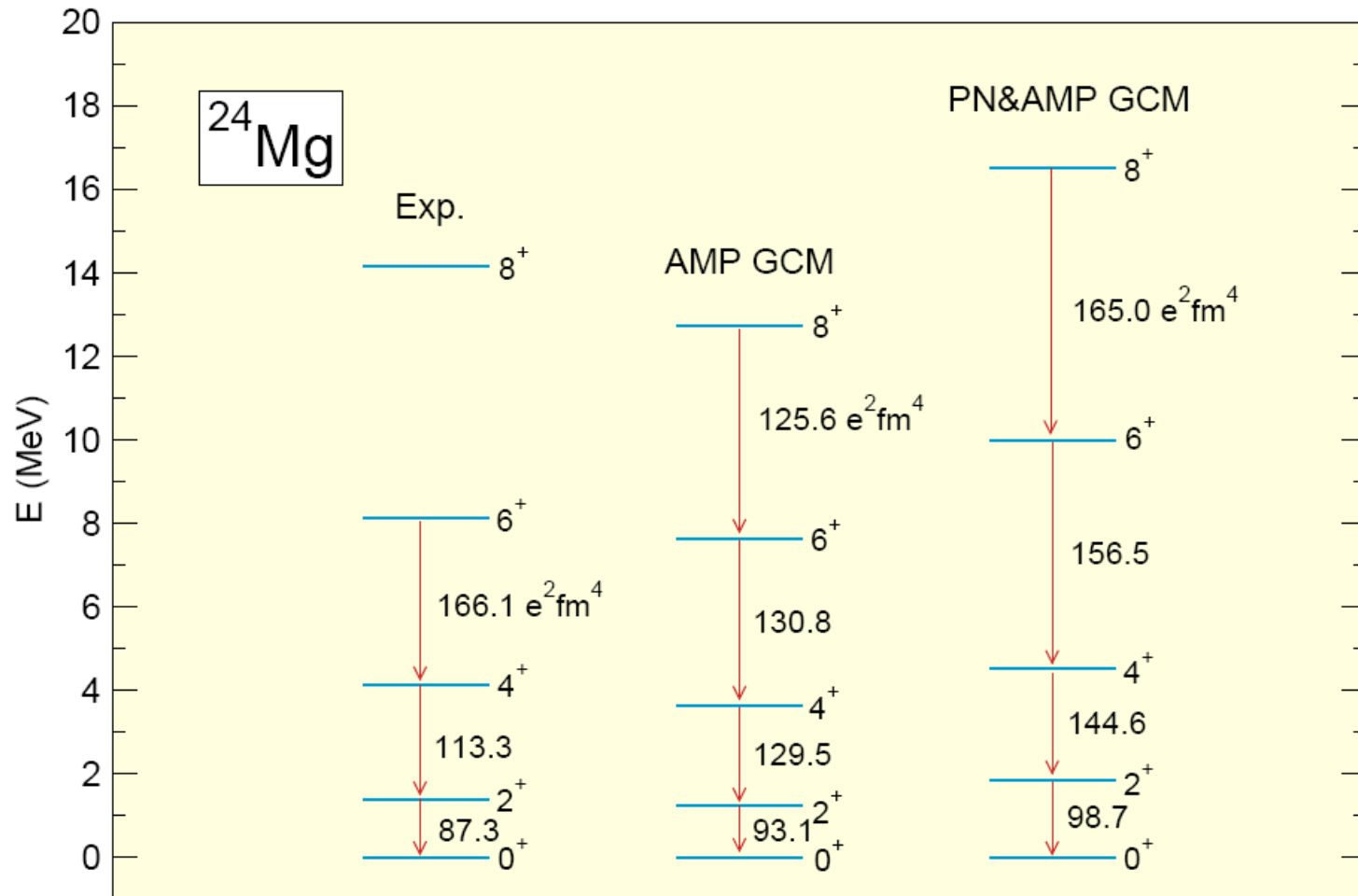
Only the  $0_1^+$  state contains significant admixtures of oblate deformed shapes.



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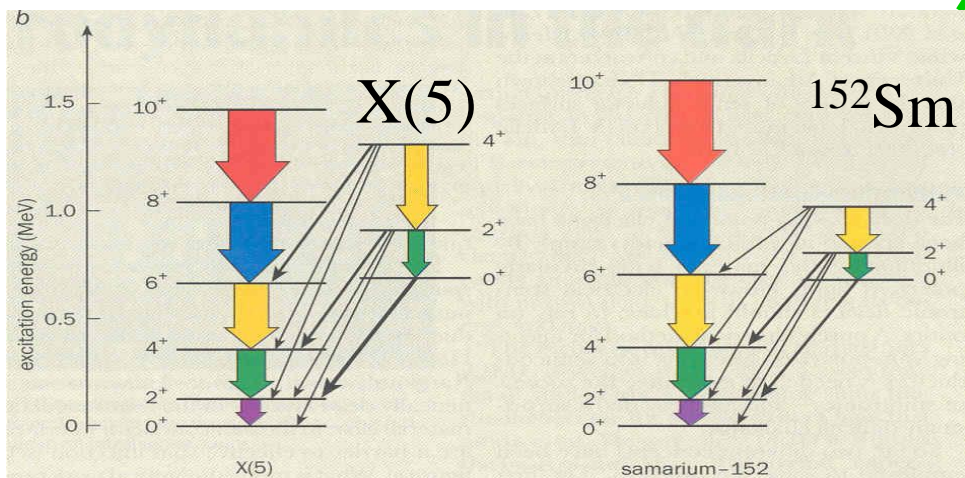
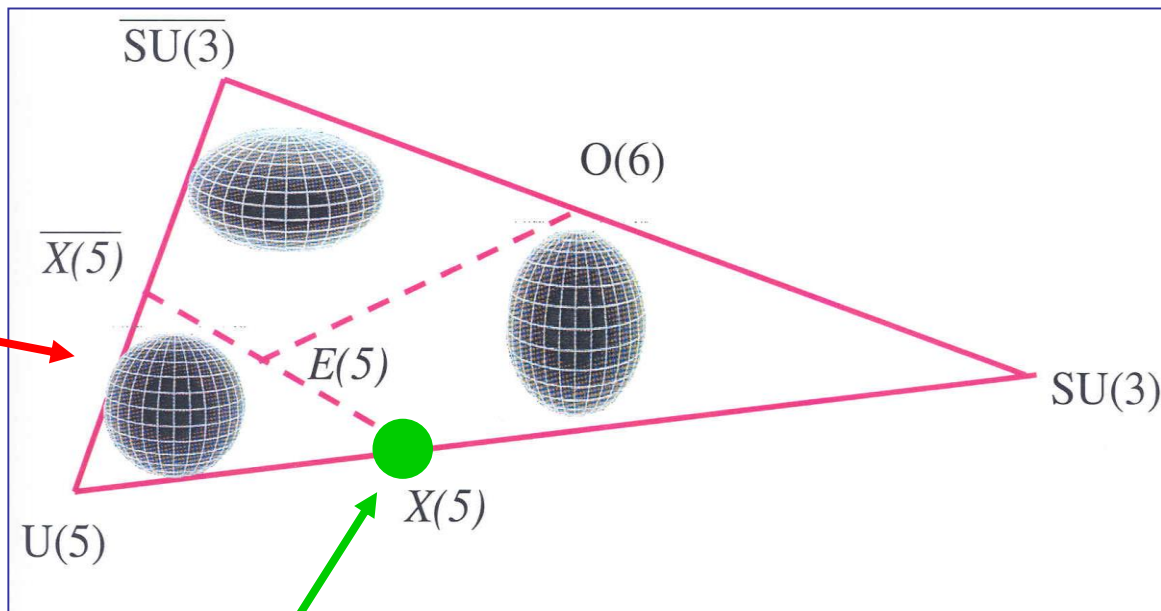
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# Quantum phase transitions and critical symmetries

## Interacting Boson Model

### Casten Triangle

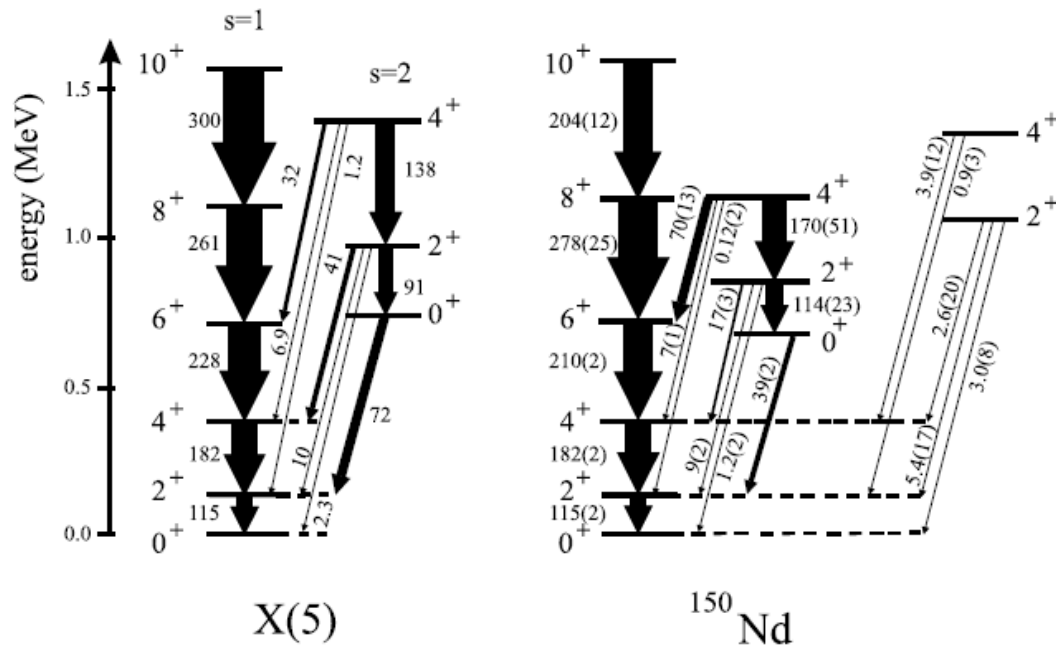


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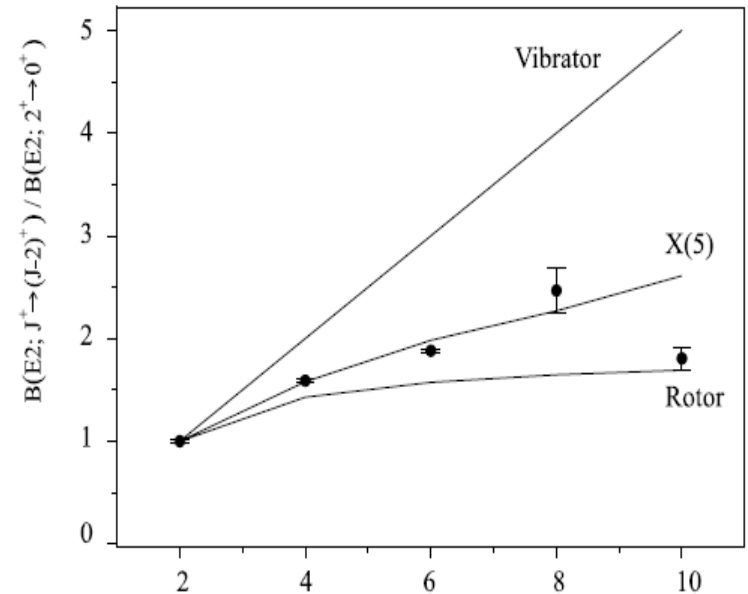
R.F. Casten, V. Zamfir, PRL 85 3584, (2000)

# Transition U(5) $\rightarrow$ SU(3) in Ne-isotopes

R. Krücken *et al*, PRL 88, 232501 (2002)



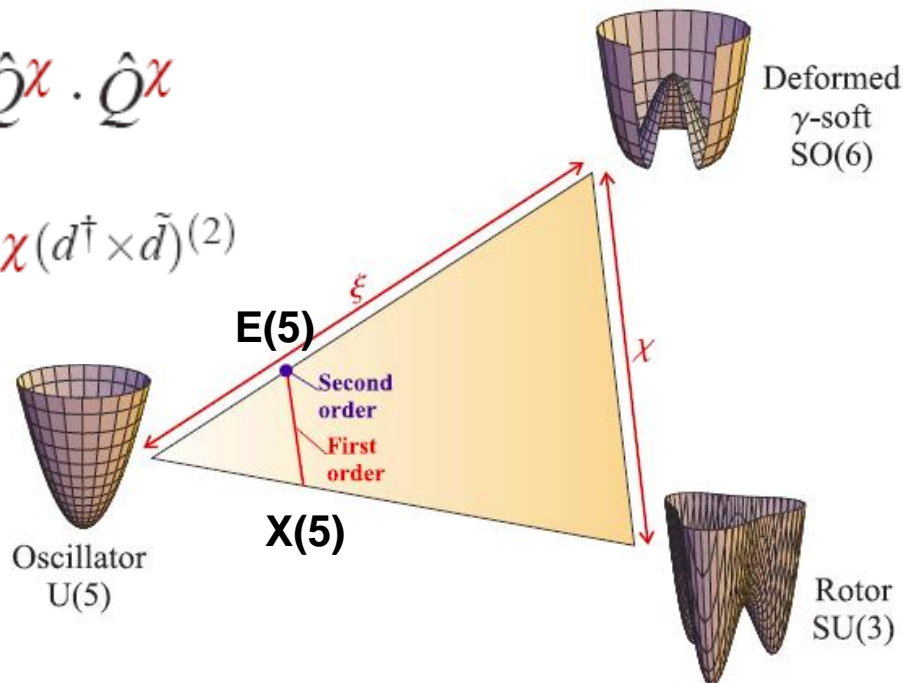
$$R = BE2(J \rightarrow J-2) / BE2(2 \rightarrow 0)$$



# Quantum phase transitions in the interacting boson model:

$$H_{\text{IBM}} = \frac{(1 - \xi)}{N} \hat{n}_d - \frac{\xi}{N^2} \hat{Q}\chi \cdot \hat{Q}\chi$$

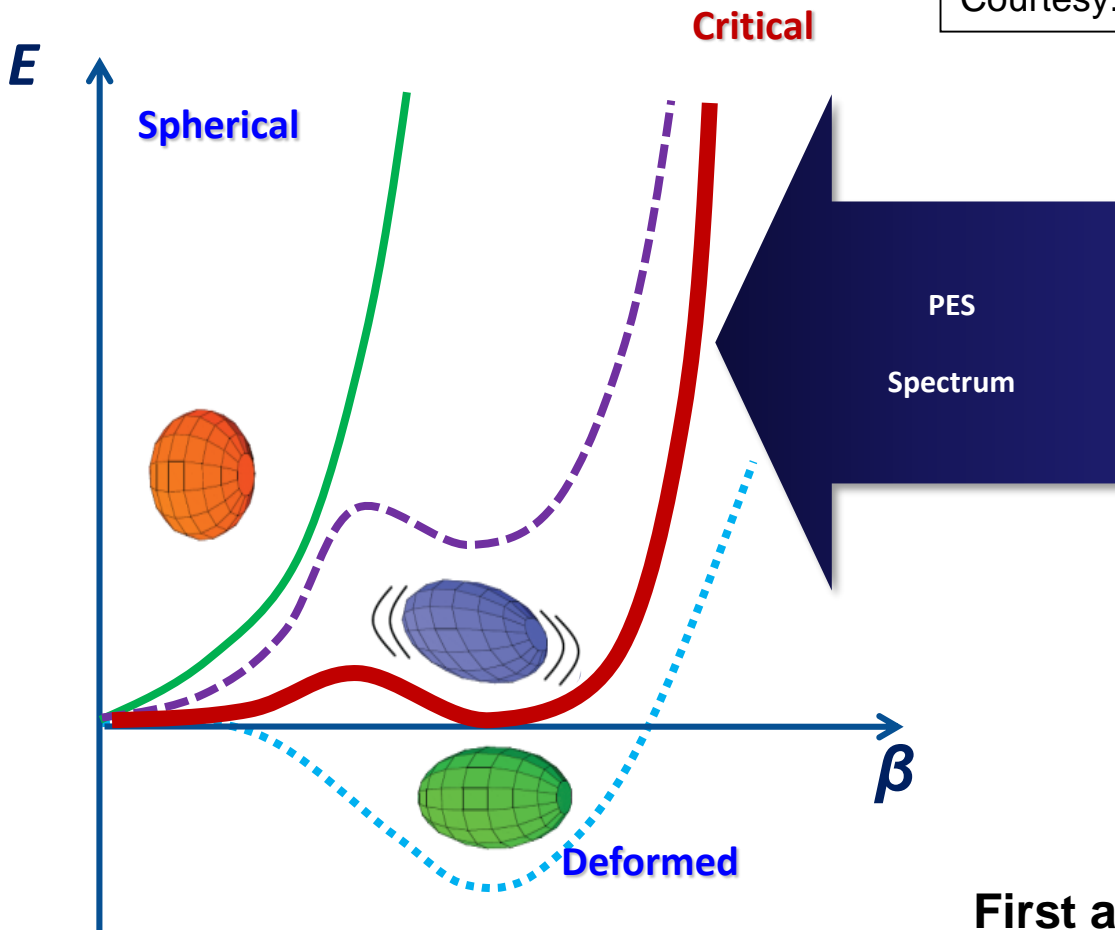
$$\hat{n}_d = d^\dagger \cdot \tilde{d} \quad \hat{Q}\chi = (s^\dagger \times \tilde{d} + d^\dagger \times \tilde{s})^{(2)} + \chi (d^\dagger \times \tilde{d})^{(2)}$$



$$|\beta, \gamma; N\rangle = (N!)^{-1/2} (b_c^\dagger)^N |0\rangle,$$

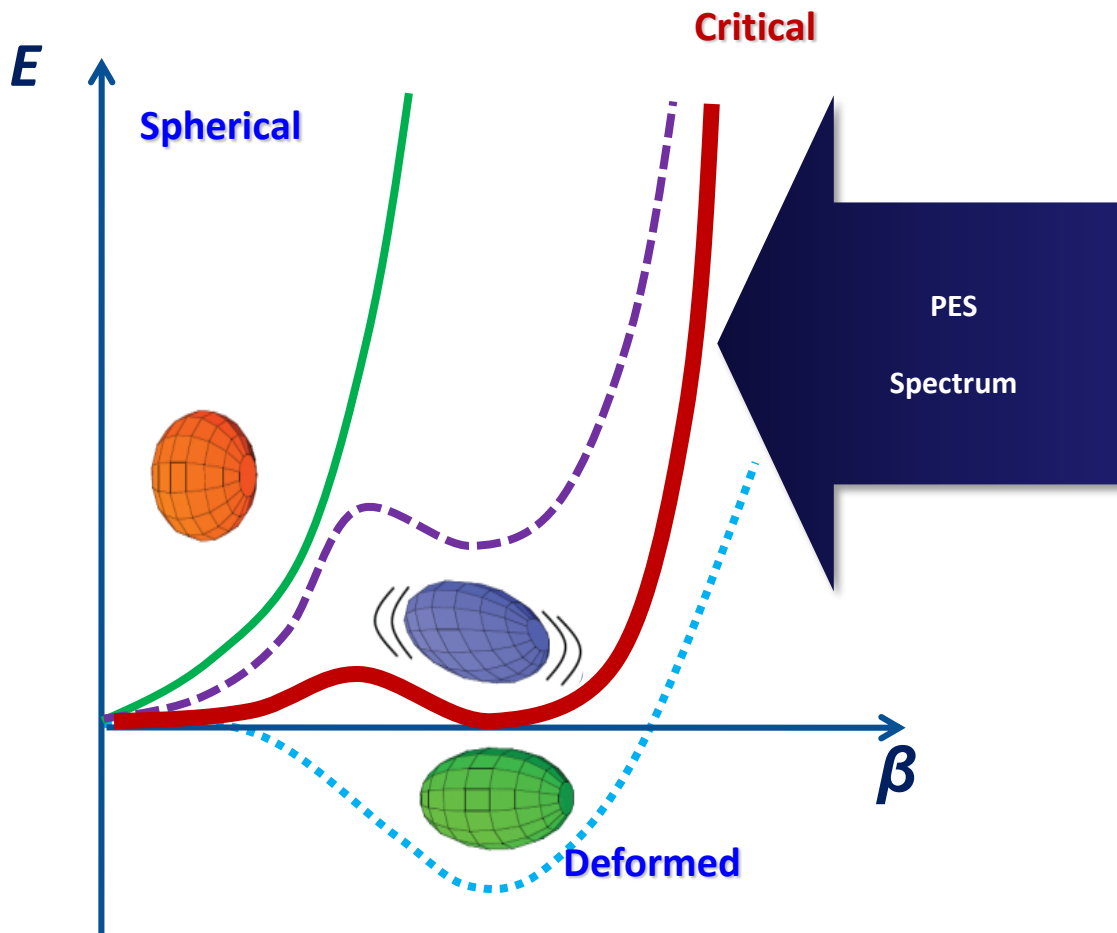
$$b_c^\dagger = (1 + \beta^2)^{-1/2} [\beta \cos \gamma d_0^\dagger + \beta \sin \gamma (d_2^\dagger + d_{-2}^\dagger) / \sqrt{2} + s^\dagger]$$

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**First and second order QPT** can occur between systems characterized by different ground-state **shapes**.

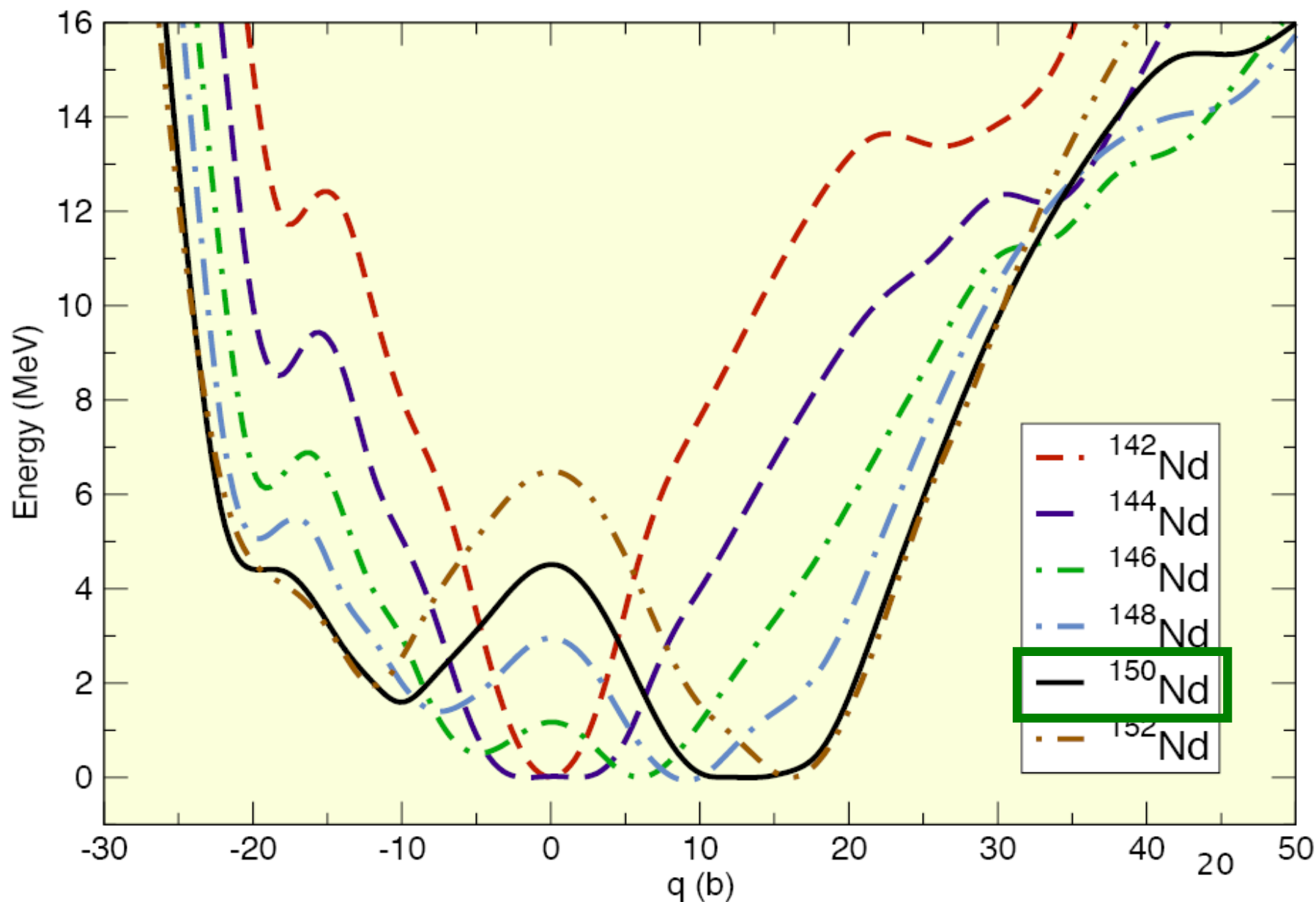
Control Parameter: **Number of nucleons**



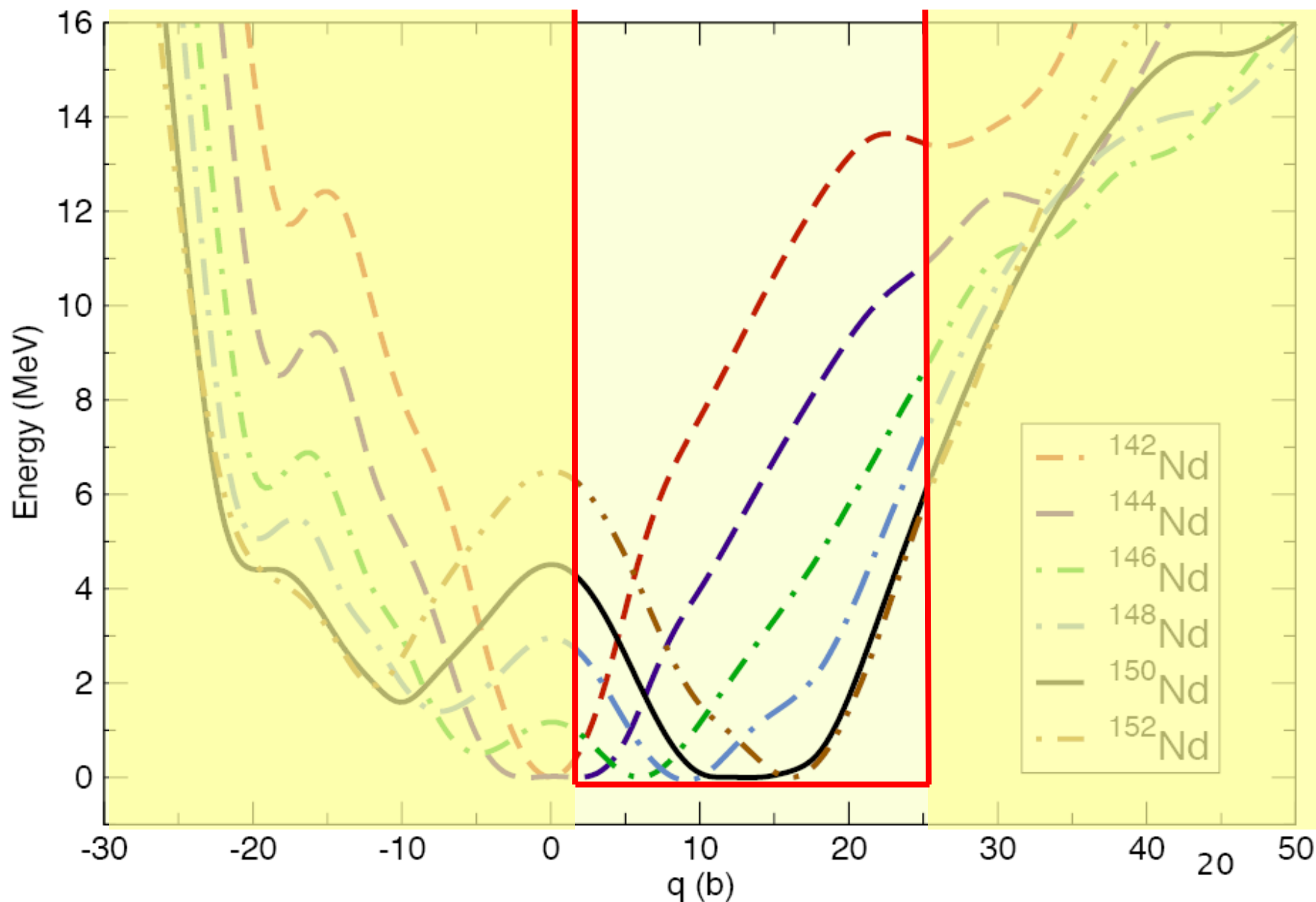
Can we describe such phenomena in a microscopic picture, with nucleonic degrees of freedom, free of phenomenological parameters?



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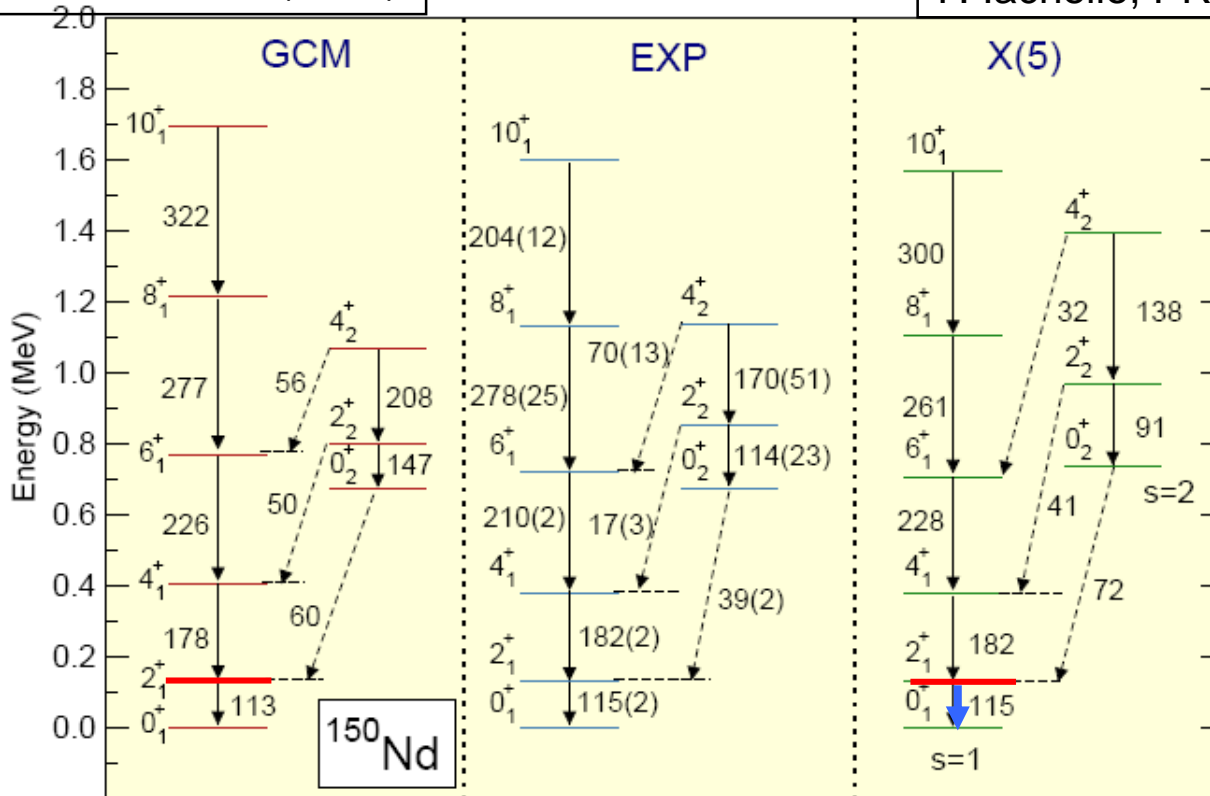
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**GCM: only one scale parameter:**

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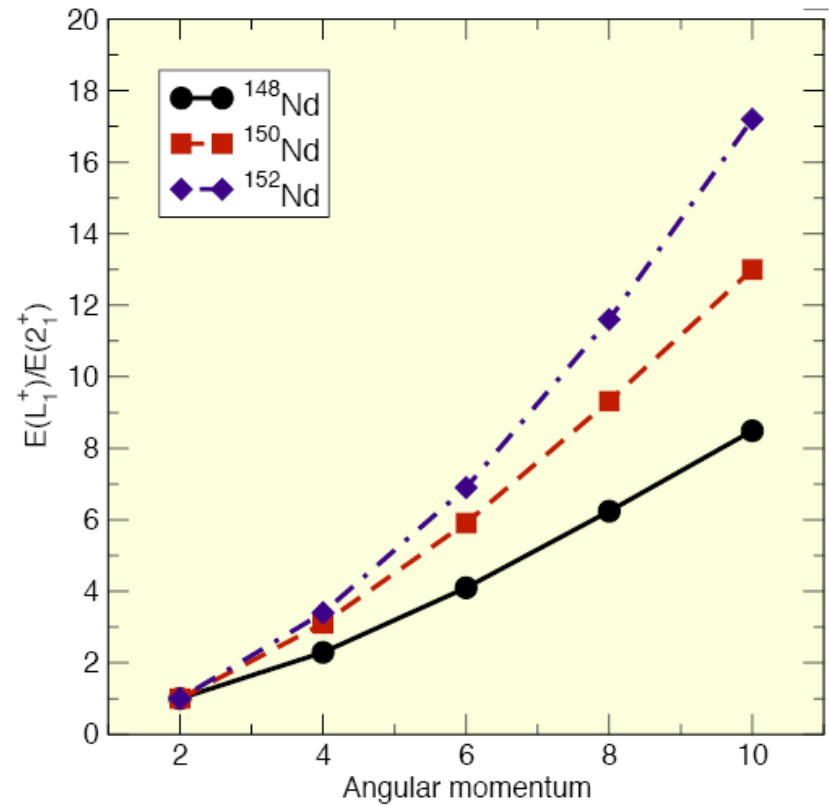
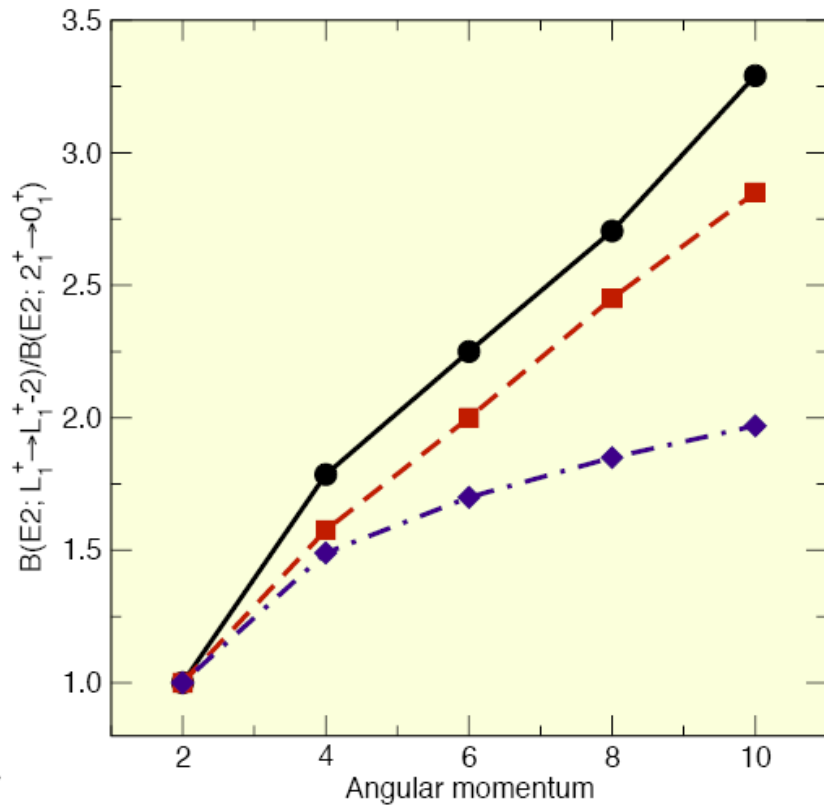
**X(5): two scale parameters:**

**$E(2_1)$ ,  $BE2(2_2 \rightarrow 0_1)$**

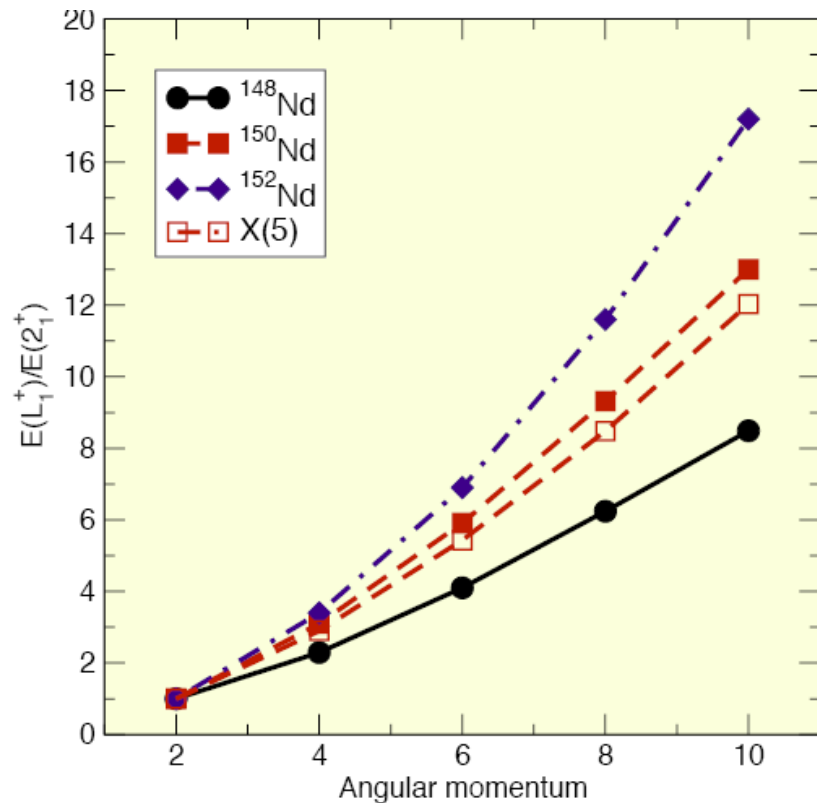
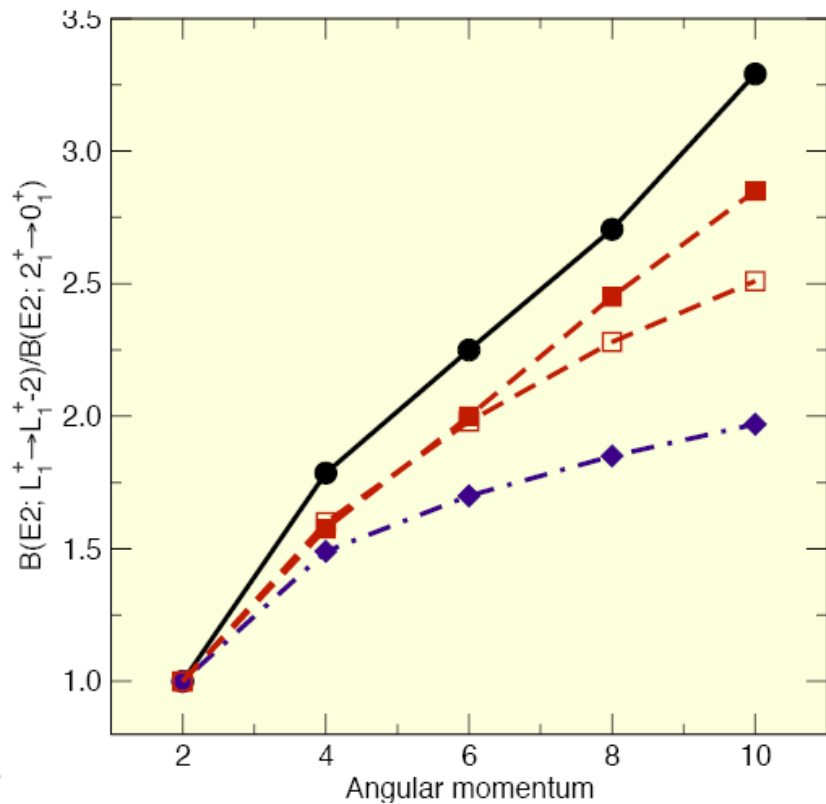
**Problem of GCM at this level:**

**restricted to  $\gamma=0$**

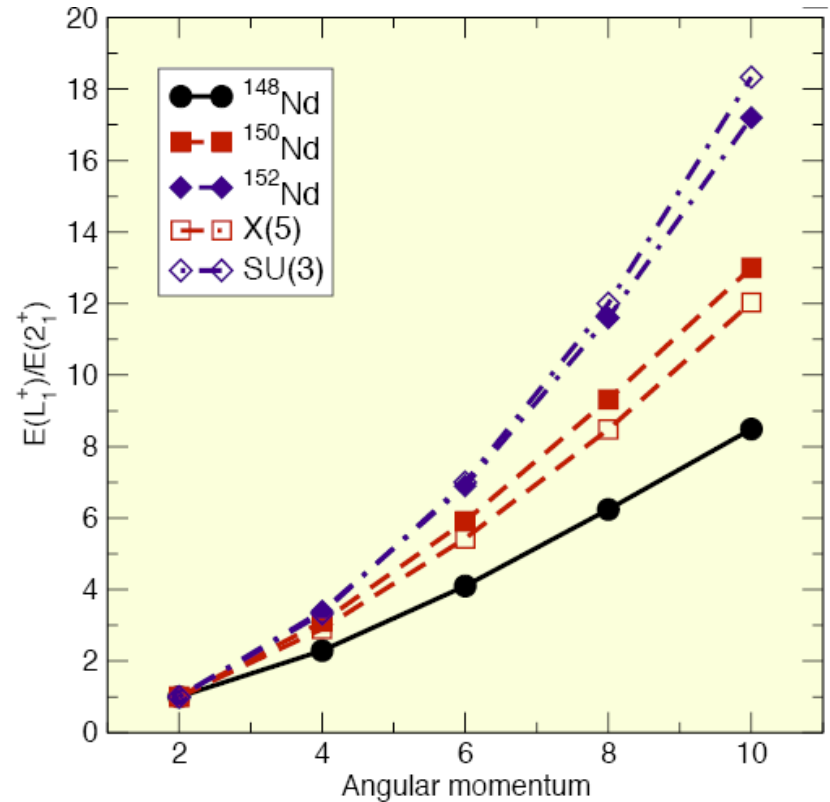
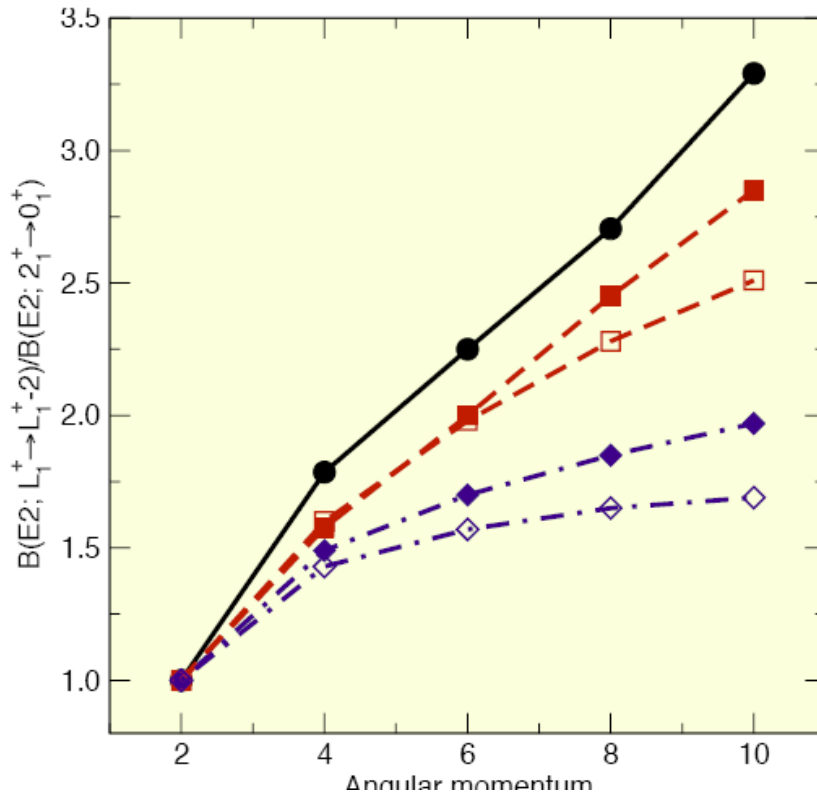
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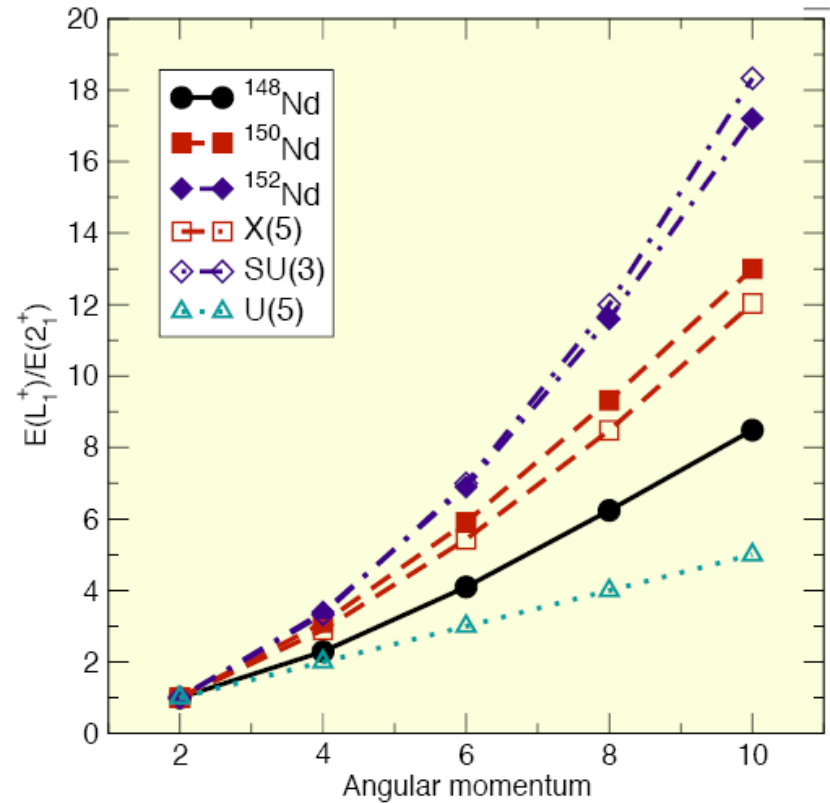
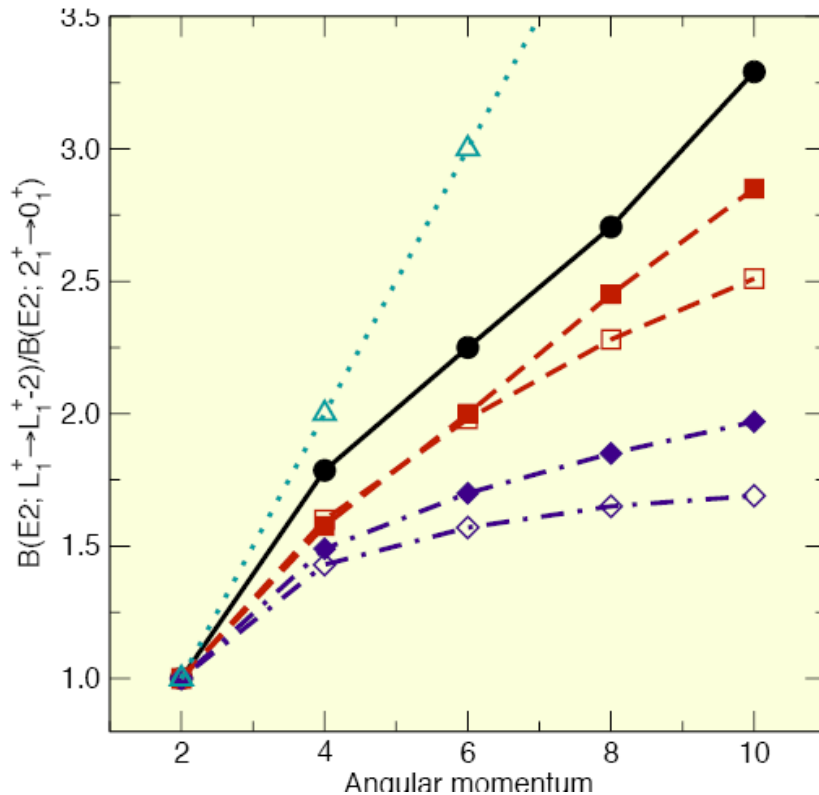
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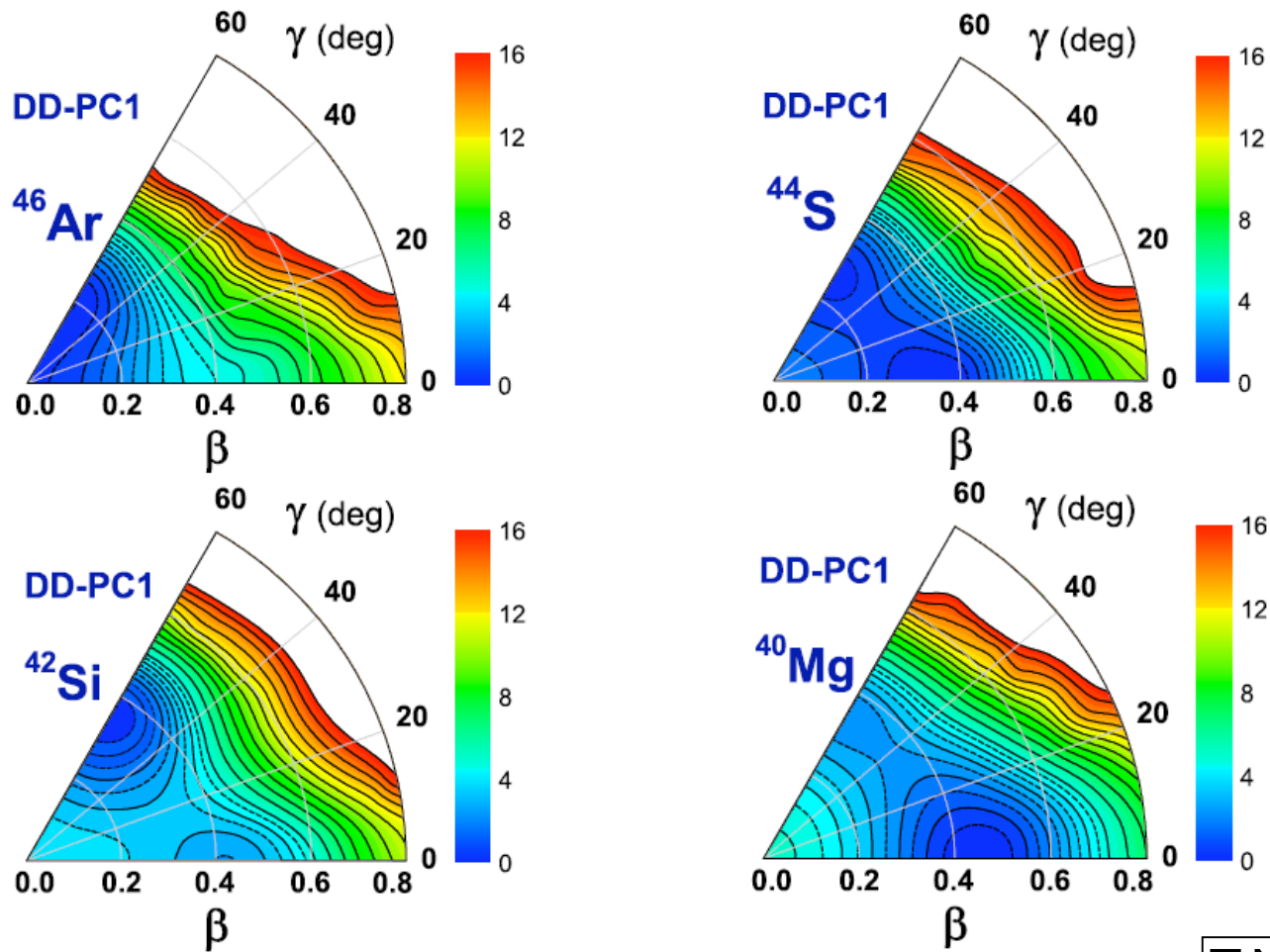
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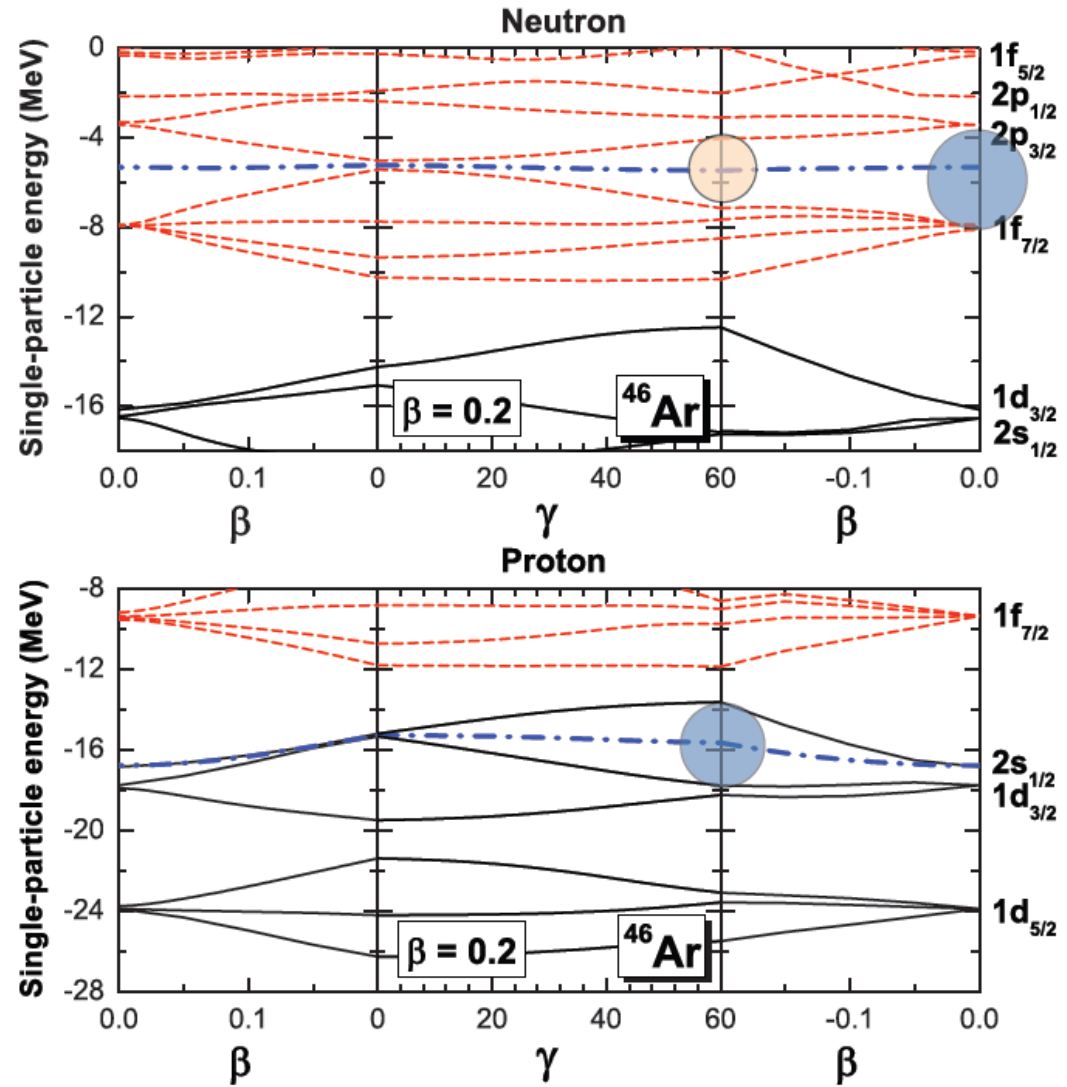
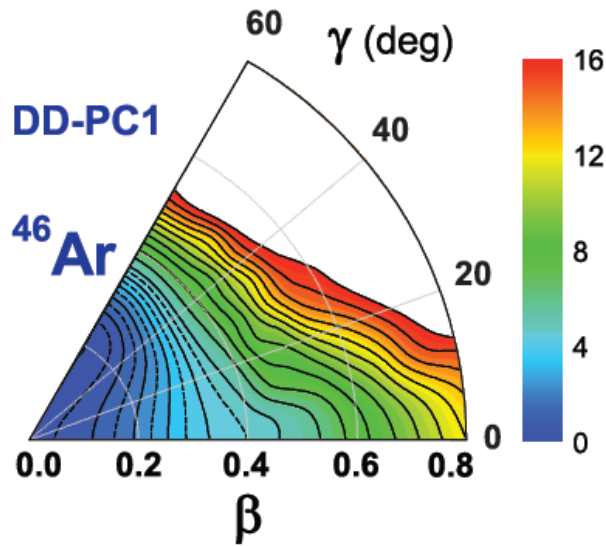
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The variation of the mean-field shapes is governed by the evolution of the underlying shell structure of single-nucleon orbitals.



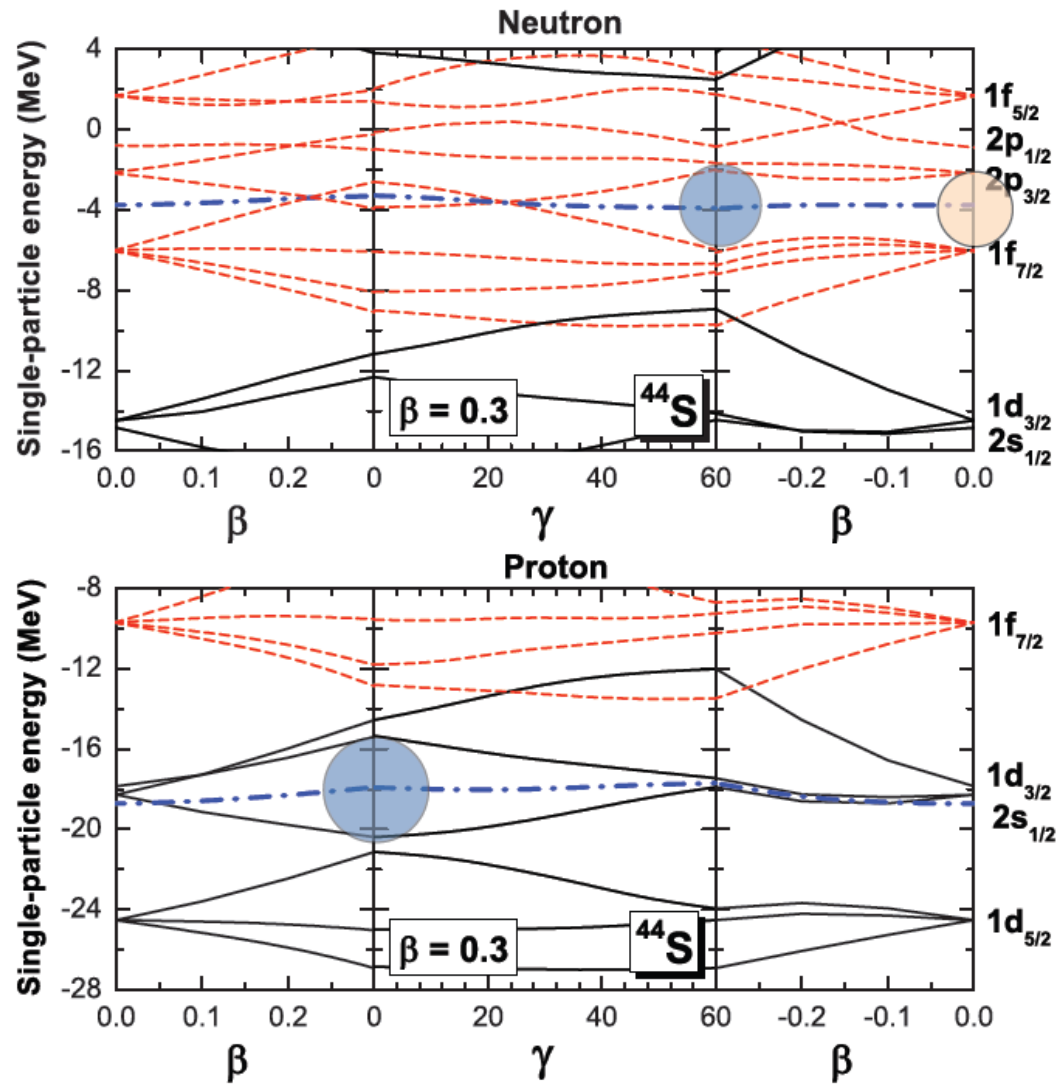
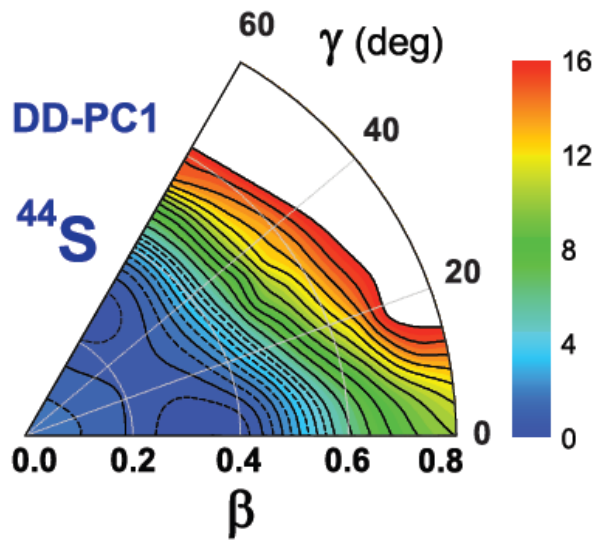
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# $^{46}\text{Ar}$ isotope: single-particle levels



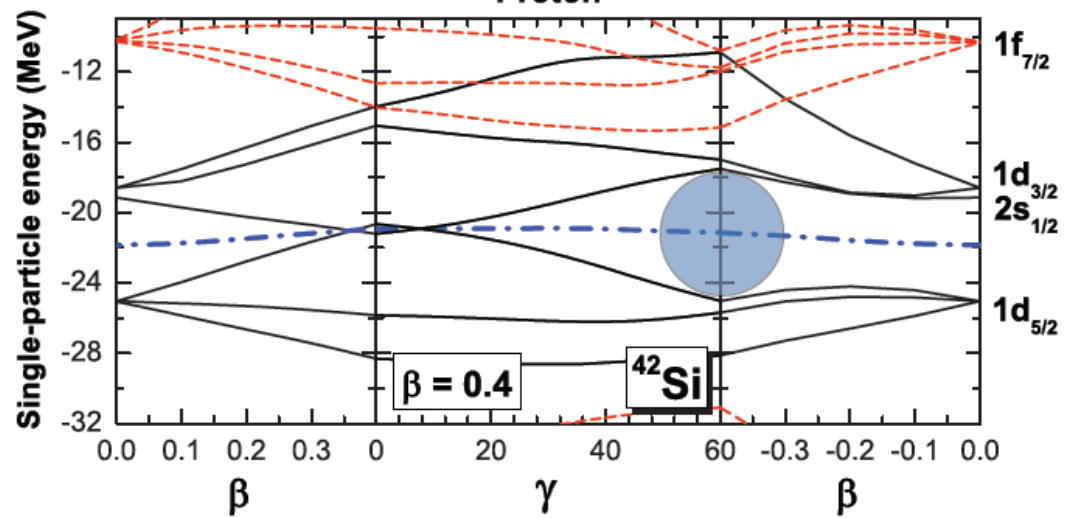
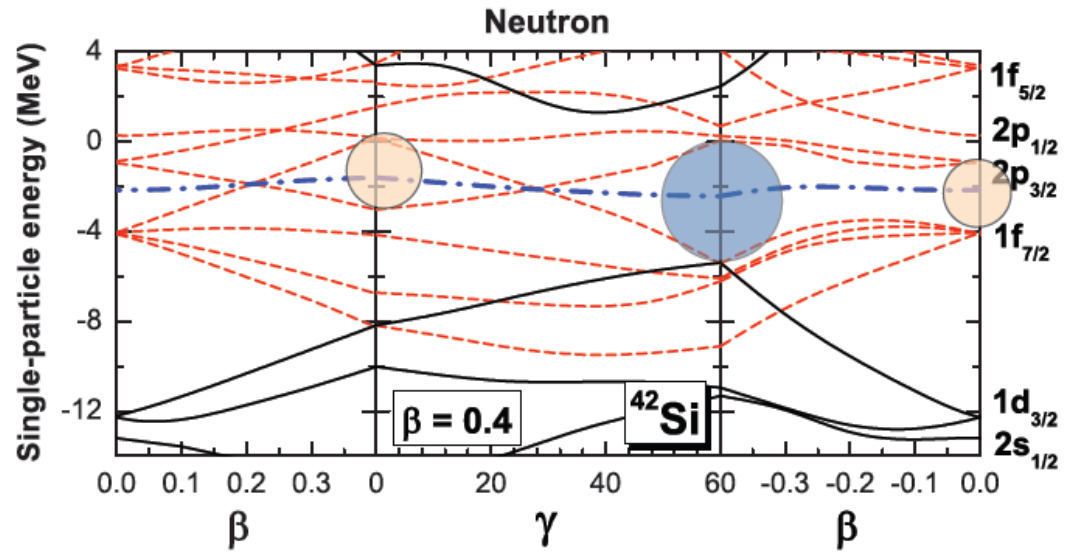
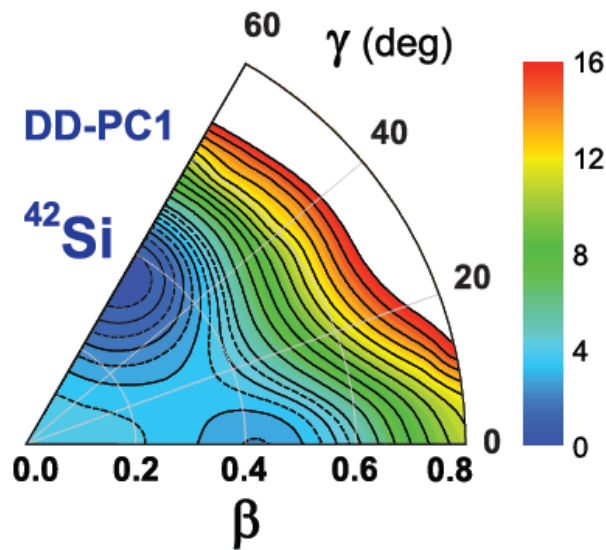
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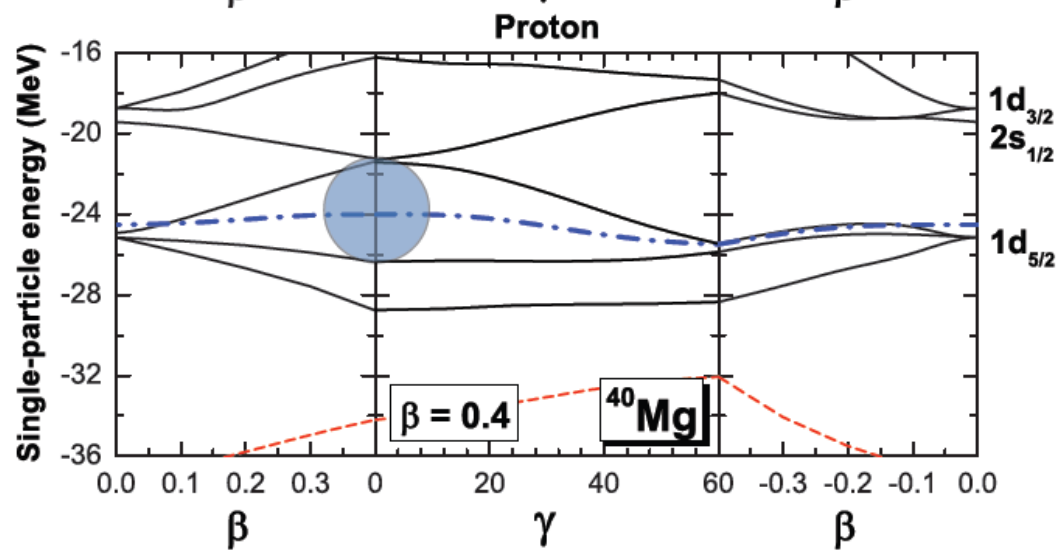
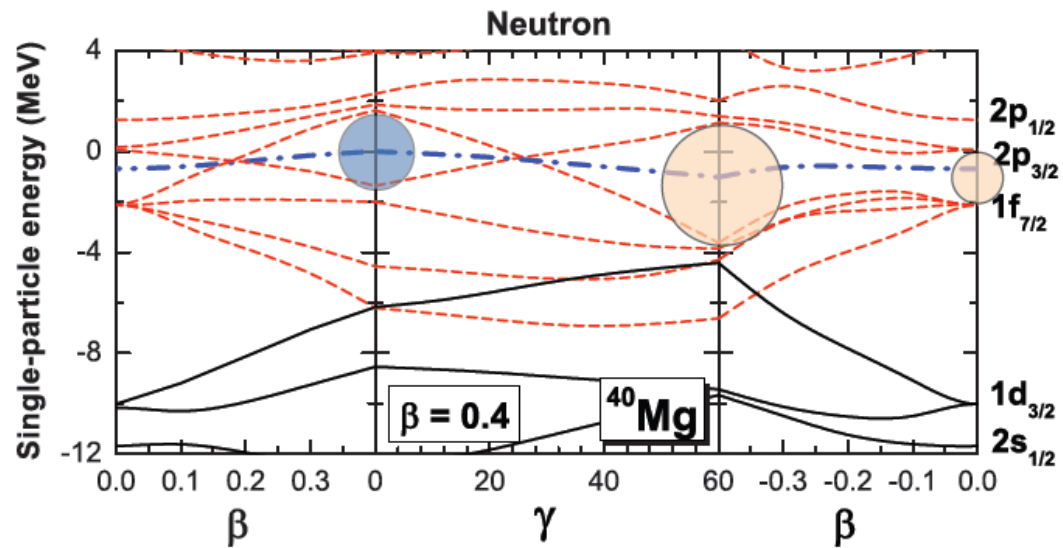
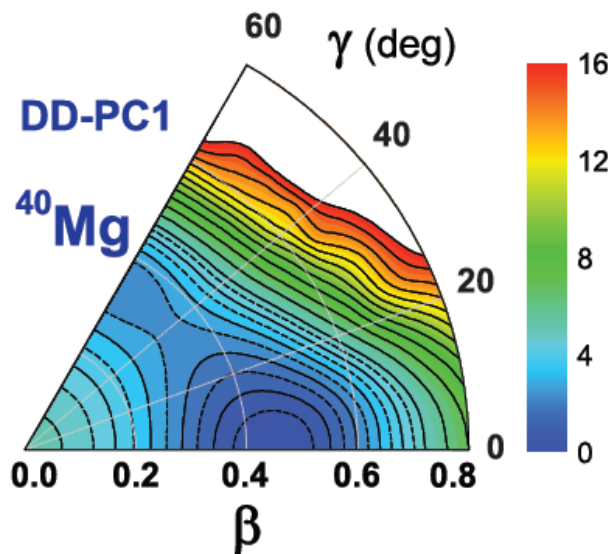
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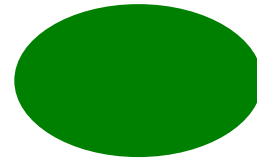
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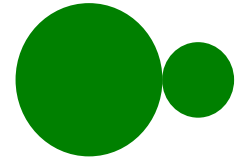
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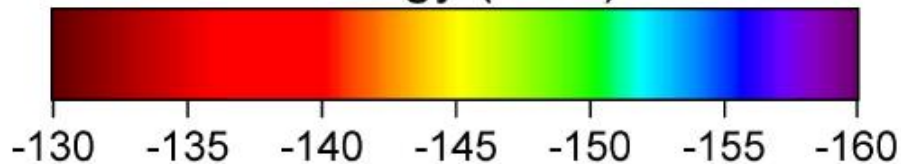
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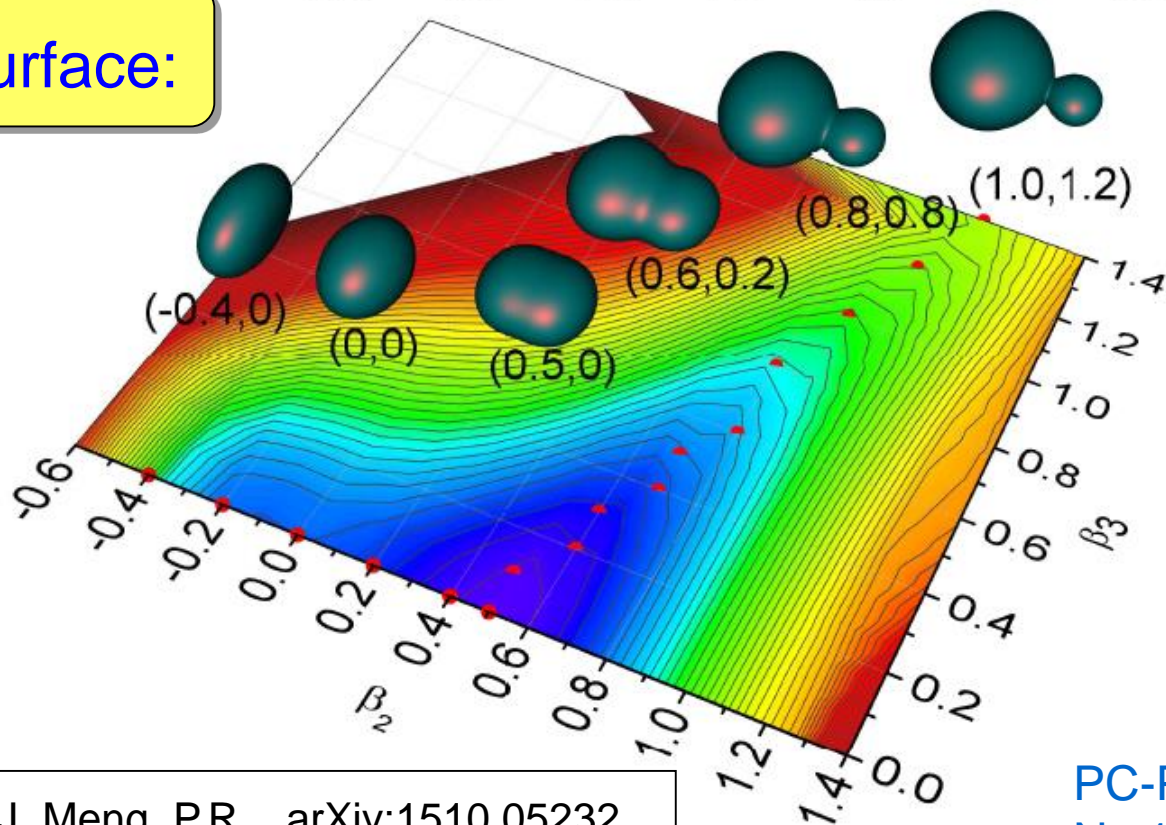


$^{20}\text{Ne}$

Energy (MeV)



Mean field energy surface:

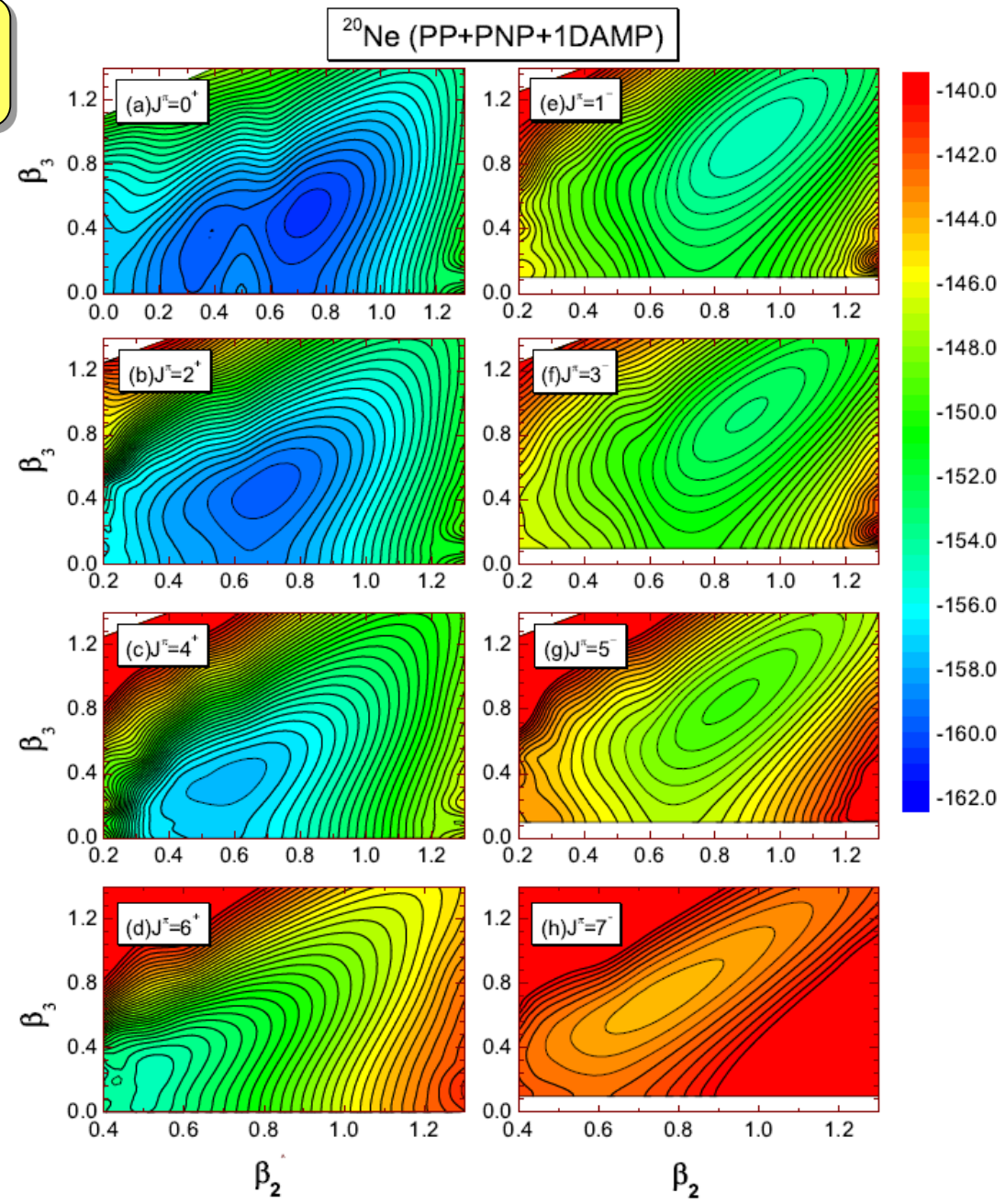


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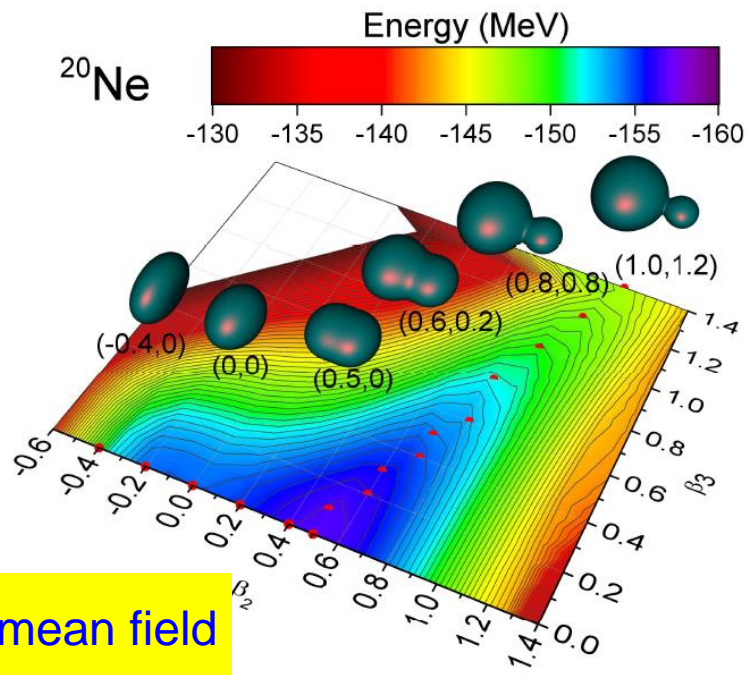
PC-PK1  
 $N_f=10$   
 $N_{\text{GCM}}=54$

$$|J^\pi NZ; \alpha\rangle = \sum_{\kappa \in \{q, K\}} f_{\kappa}^{J\pi\alpha} \hat{P}_{MK}^J \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^Z \hat{P}^\pi |q\rangle, \quad q = \{\beta_2, \beta_3\}$$

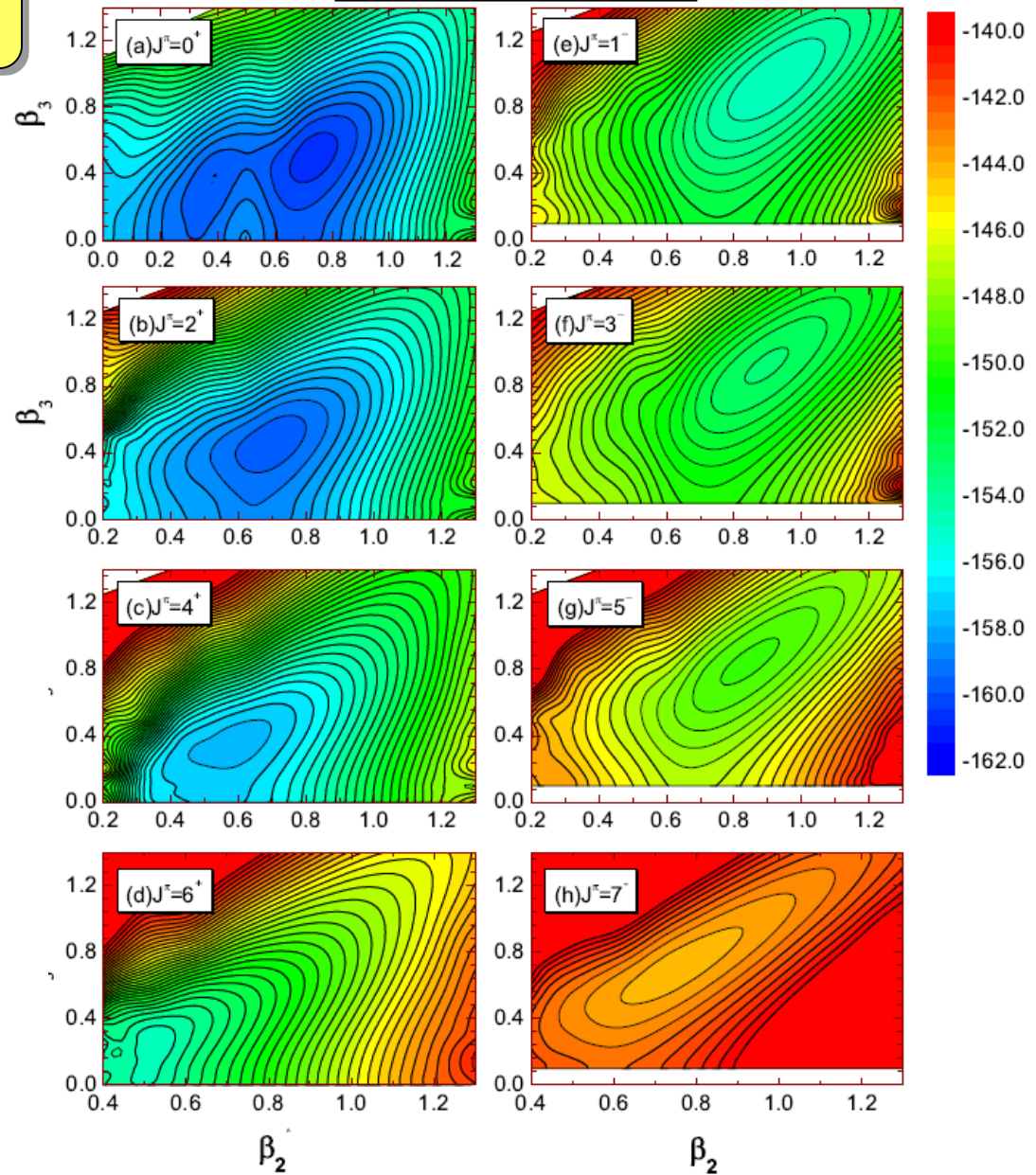
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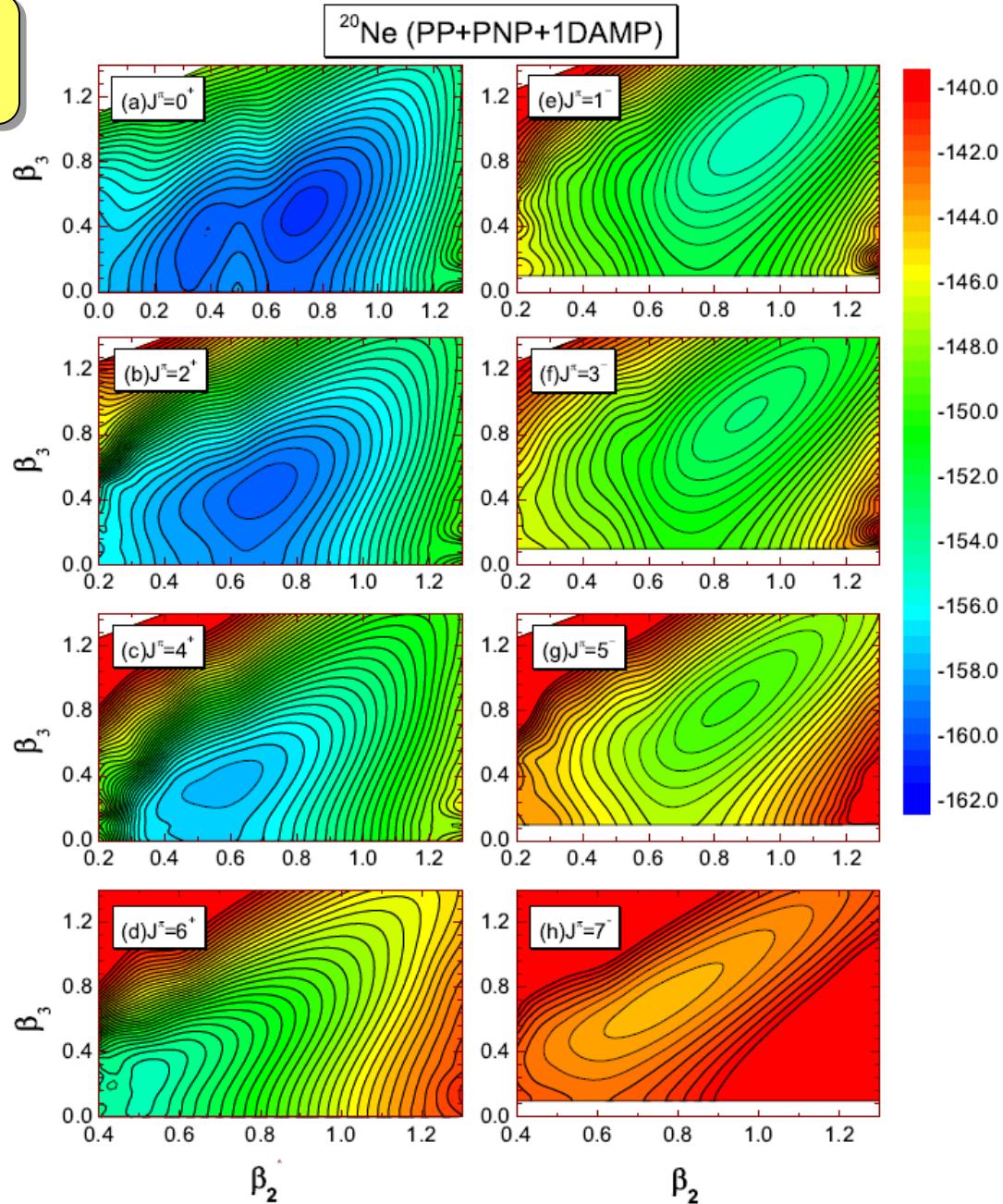
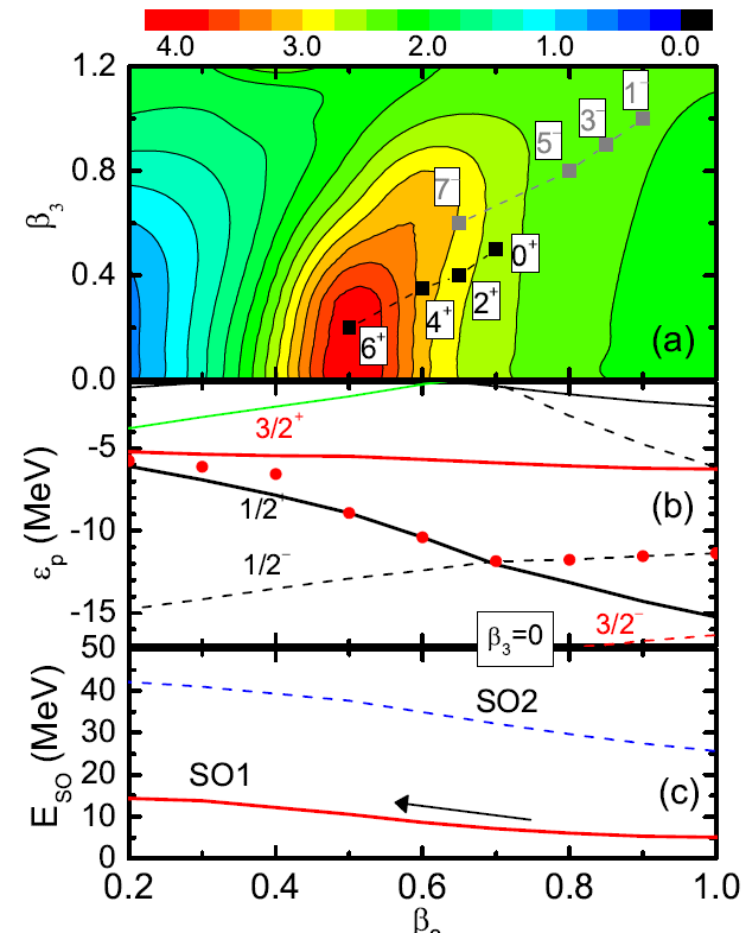
$^{20}\text{Ne}$  (PP+PNP+1DAMP)



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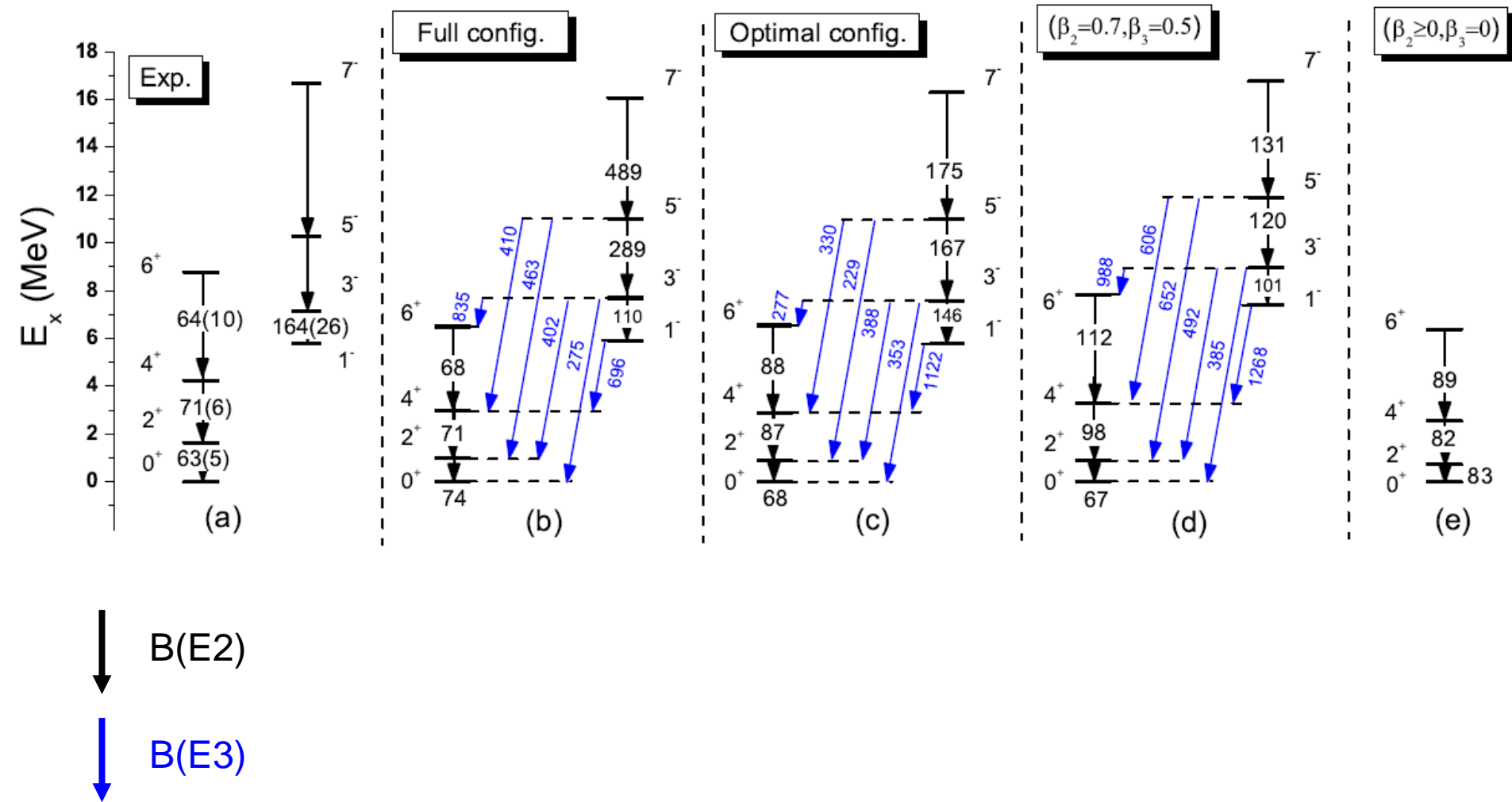
# Projected energy surfaces:

Moment of inertia  $J$



# Low-lying spectra:

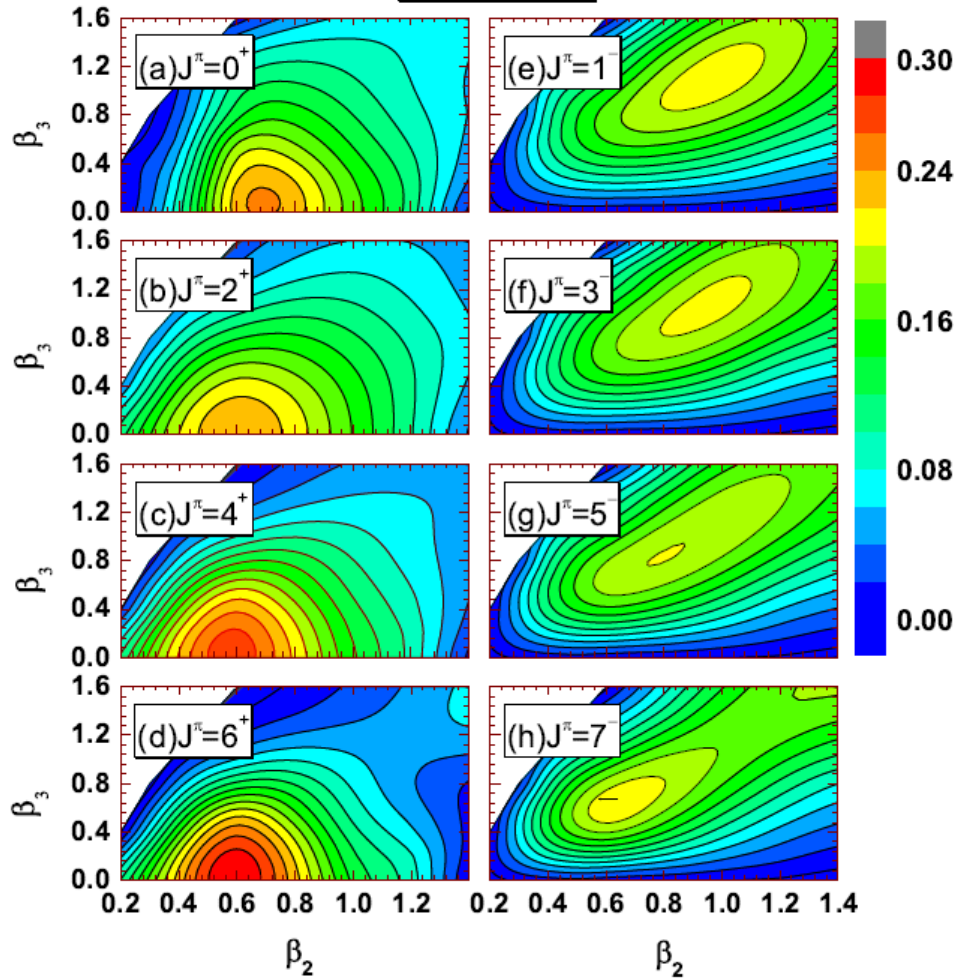
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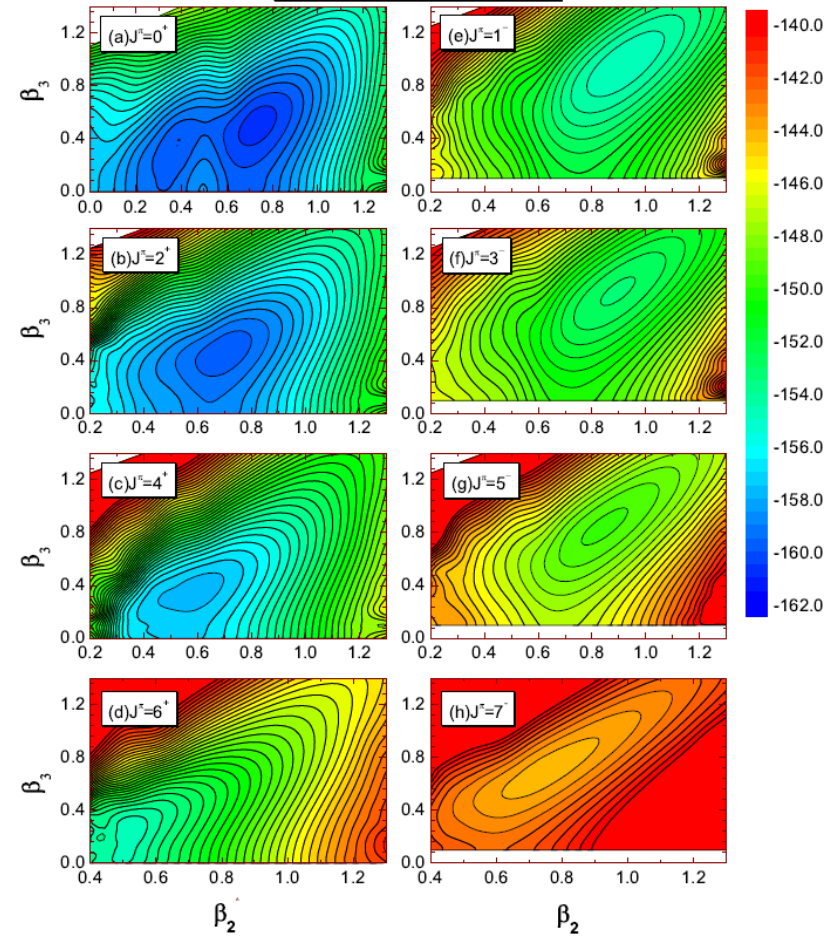
Wave functions:

projected energy:

$^{20}\text{Ne} (g_1^{J\pi})$

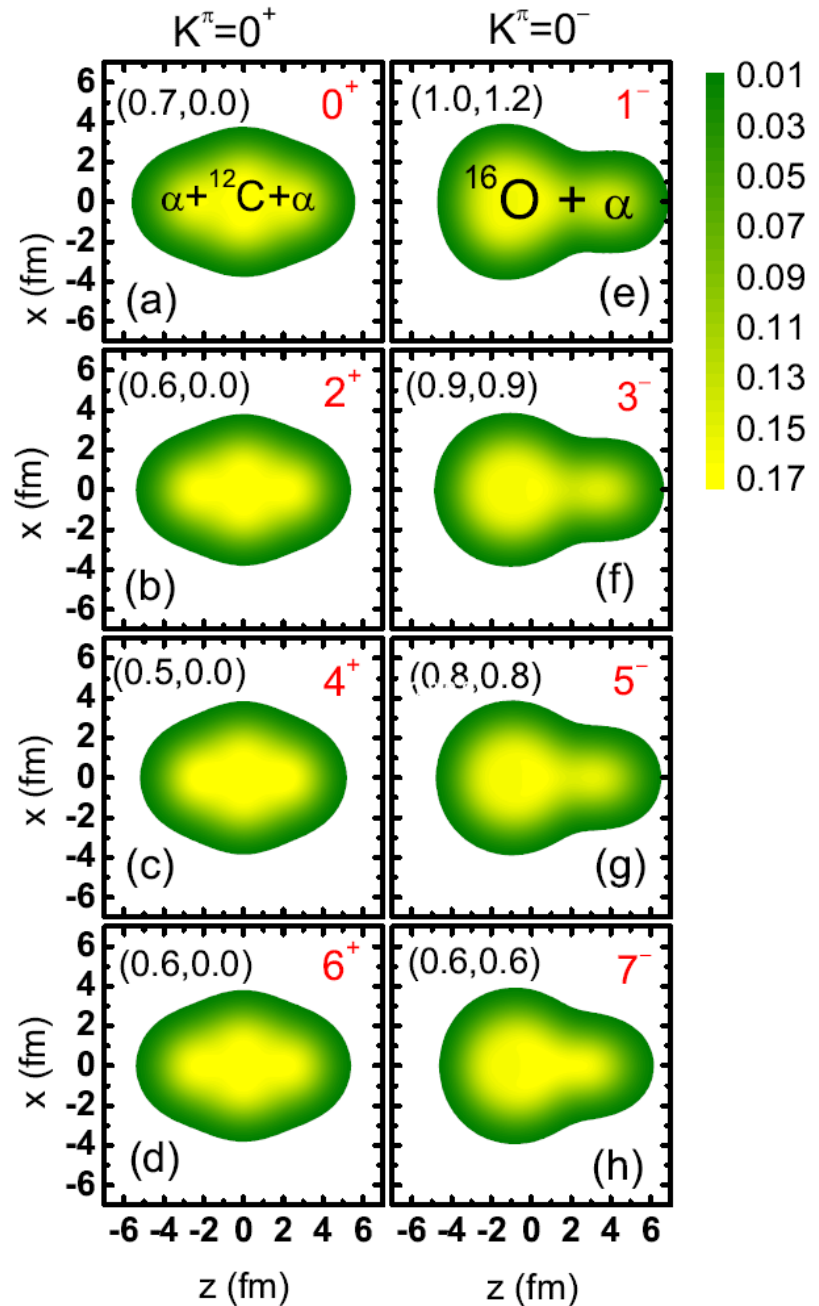


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Intrinsic density of the  
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triaxial GCM in  $q=(\beta,\gamma)$  is approximated by the diagonalization of a 5-dimensional Bohr Hamiltonian:

$$\text{Bohr Hamiltonian: } H = -\frac{\partial}{\partial q} \frac{1}{2B(q)} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} + V(q) + V_{corr}(q)$$

the potential and the inertia functions  
are calculated microscopically from rel. density functional

Theory:	Giraud and Grammaticos (1975) (from GCM)
	Baranger and Veneroni (1978) (from ATDHF)
Skyrme:	J. Libert, M. Girod, and J.-P. Delaroche (1999)
RMF:	L. Prochniak and P. R. (2004)
	Niksic, Li, et al (2009)

## Inertia of Thouless Valatin:

$$\mathbf{B}_{\mu\mu'}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \begin{pmatrix} P^* & -P \end{pmatrix}_{\mu} \mathcal{M} \begin{pmatrix} P \\ -P^* \end{pmatrix}_{\mu'}$$

$$\hat{P} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & -B \\ -B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{M}_0^{-1} + \mathcal{V}$$

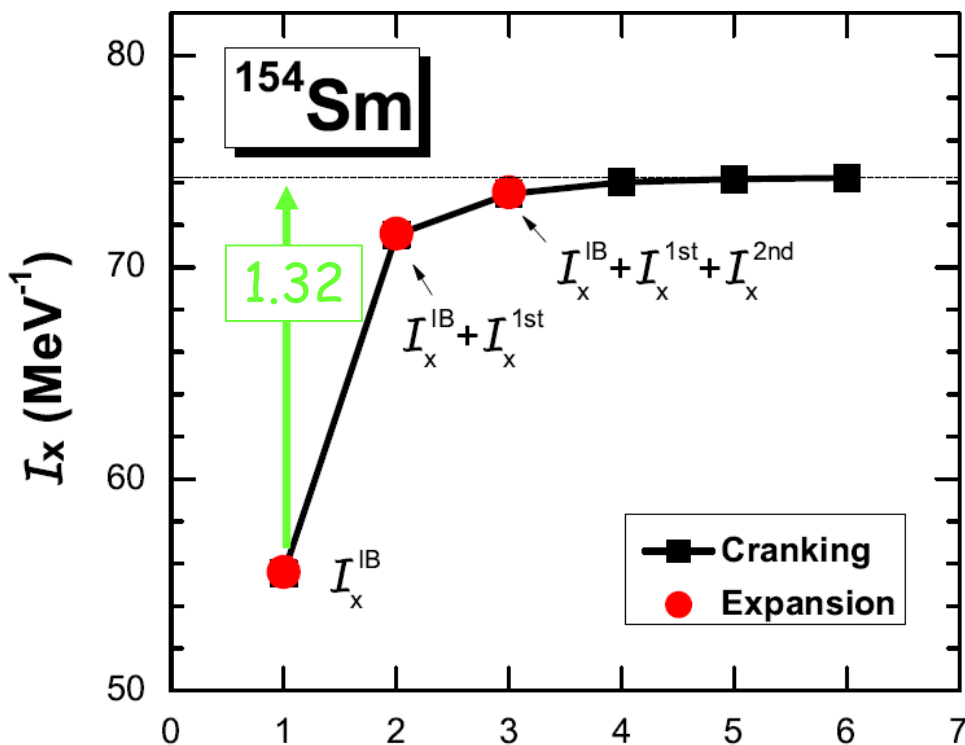
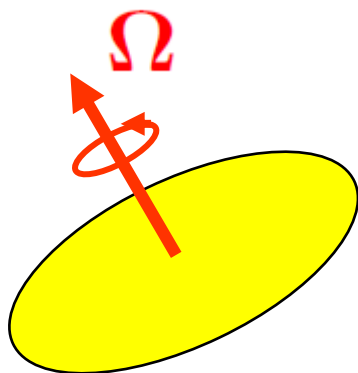
$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_0 [\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{V}\mathcal{M}_0]^{-1}$$

$$(\mathcal{M}_0^{-1})_{php'h'} = (\epsilon_p - \epsilon_h) \delta_{pp'} \delta_{hh'}$$

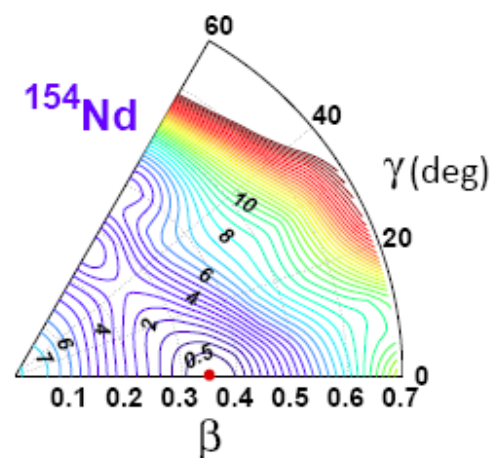
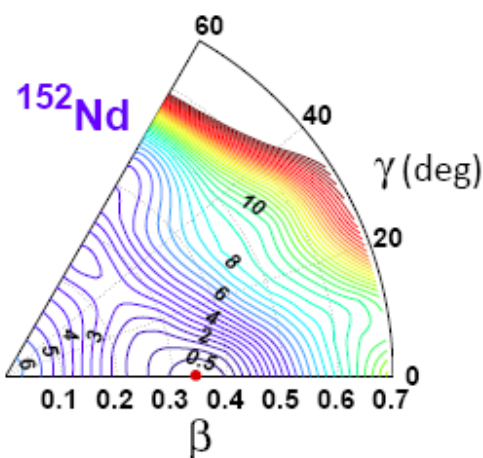
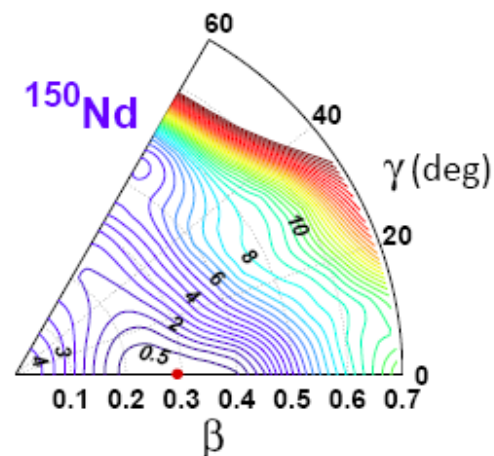
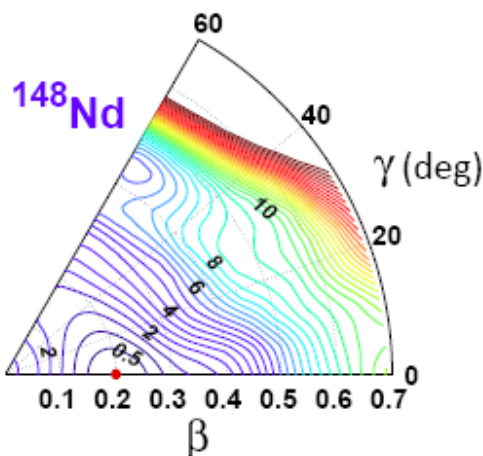
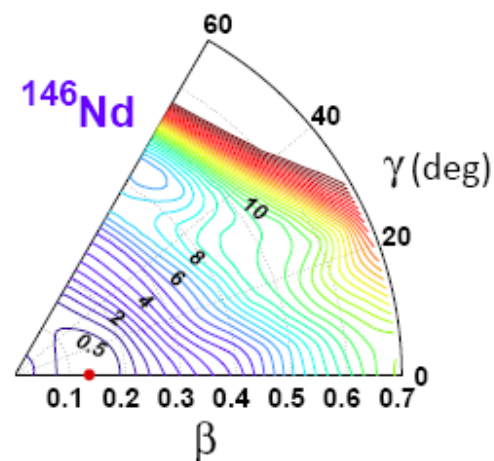
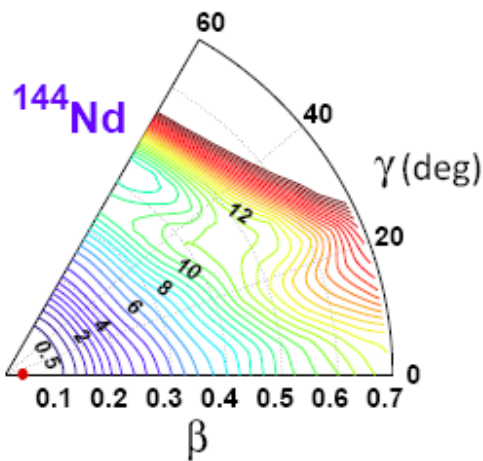
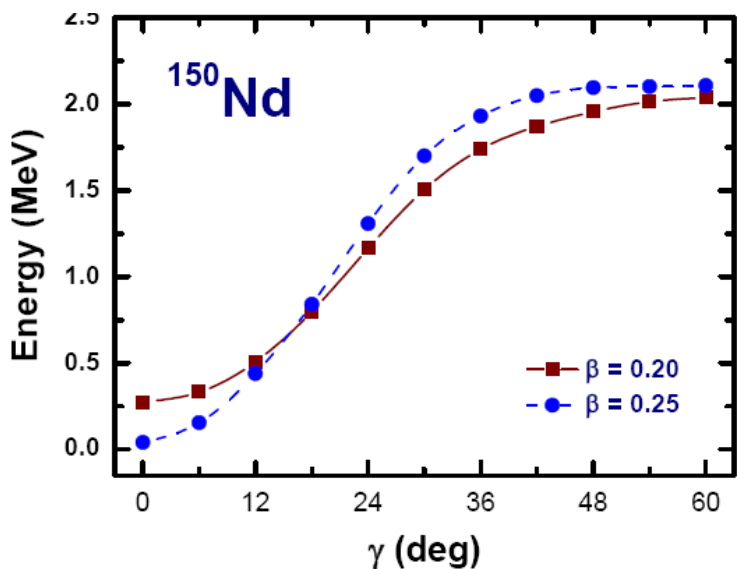
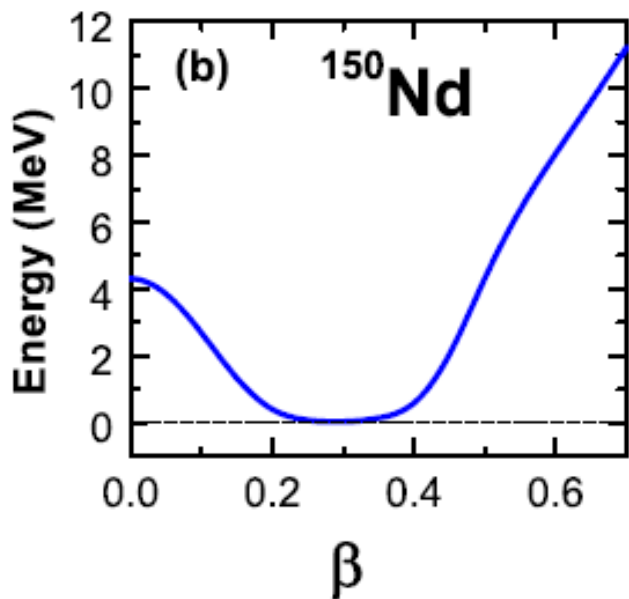
$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_0 - \mathcal{M}_0 \mathcal{V} \mathcal{M}_0 + \mathcal{M}_0 \mathcal{V} \mathcal{M}_0 \mathcal{V} \mathcal{M}_0 + \dots$$

Zhipan Li et al PRC 86 (2012)

## Moment of inertia

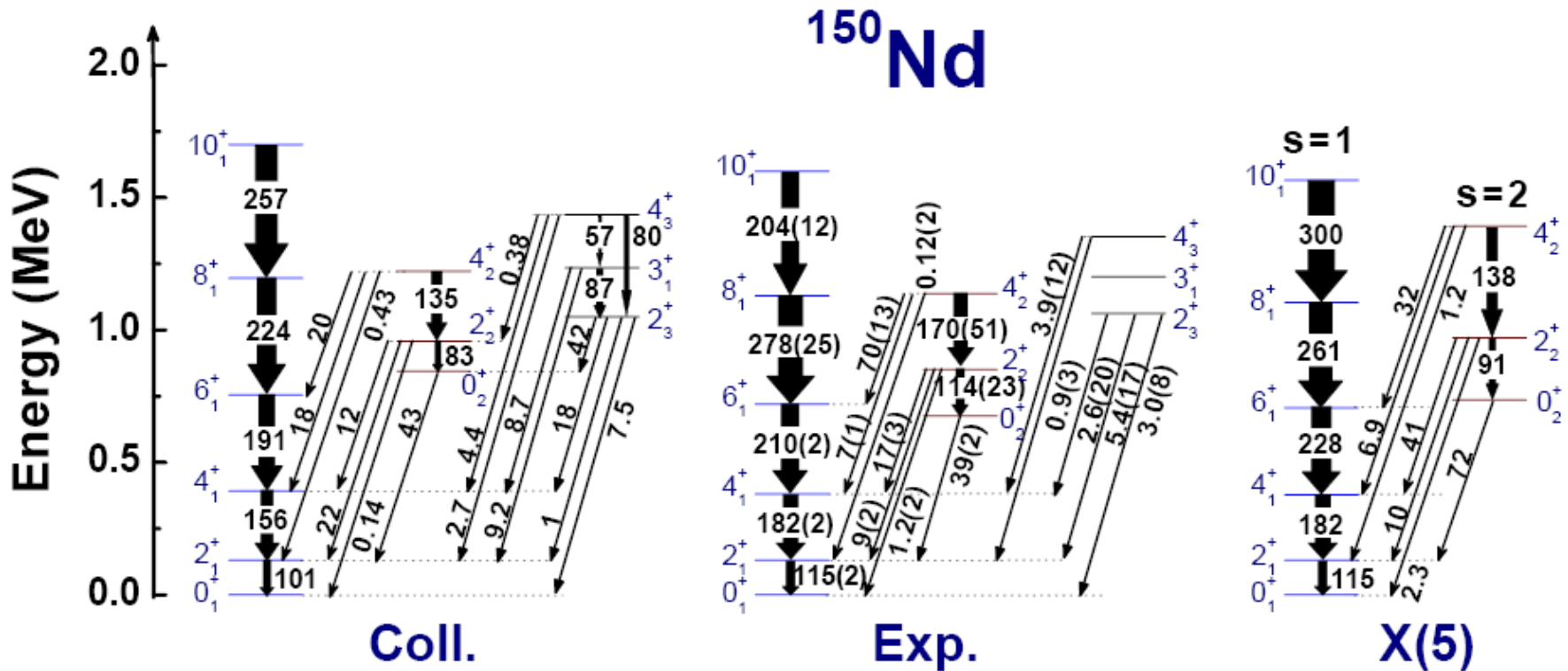


# Potential energy surfaces:



# Microscopic analysis of nuclear QPT:

## ➤ Spectrum



GCM: only one scale parameter:

$E(2_1)$

X(5): two scale parameters:

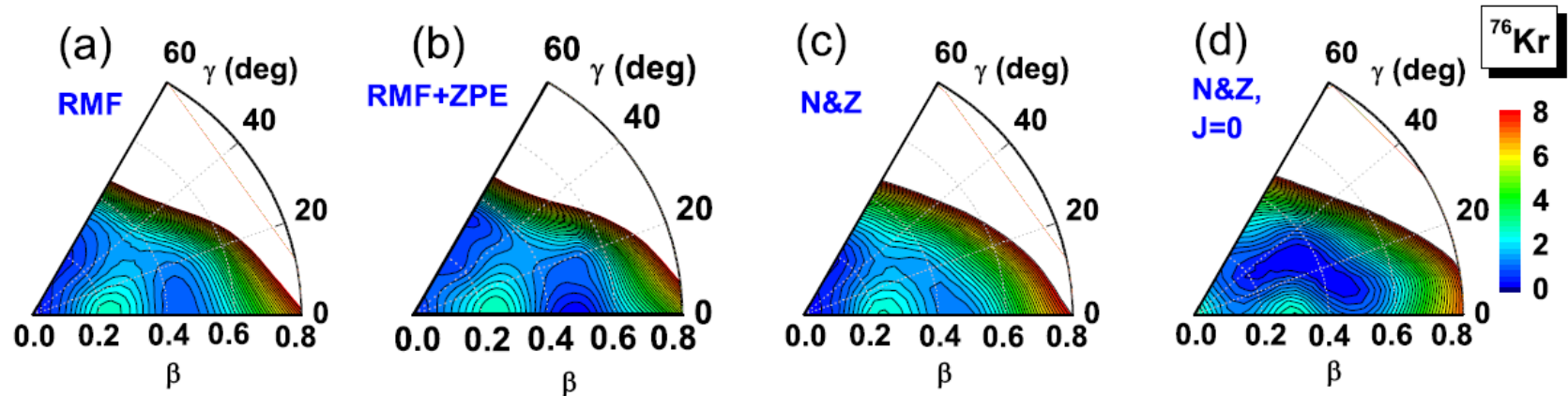
$E(2_1)$ ,  $BE2(2_2 \rightarrow 0_1)$

No restriction to axial shapes

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# Transitional nuclei: DFT beyond mean field:



Generator-Coordinates:  $q = (\beta, \gamma)$   
 Projection on J and N: (5 angles)

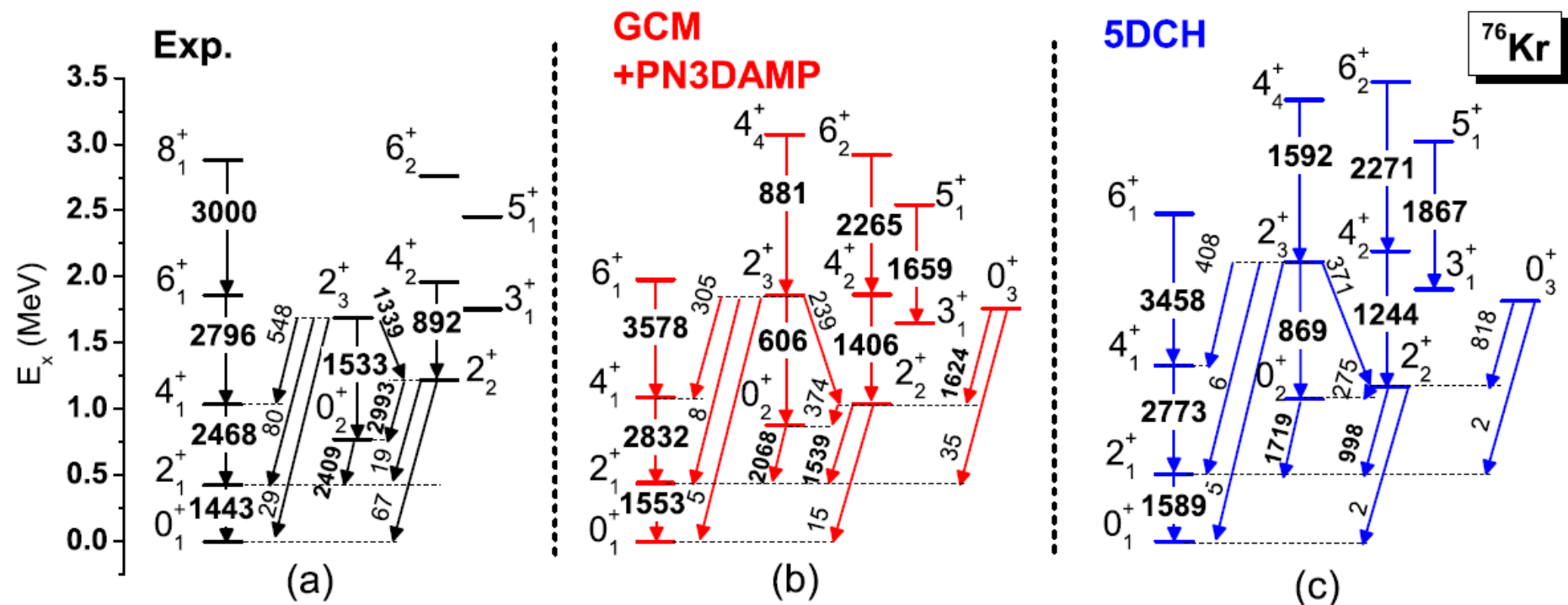
$$|JNZ; \alpha\rangle = \sum_{q, K} f_{\alpha}^{JK}(q) \hat{P}_{MK}^J \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^Z |q\rangle,$$

Bohr Hamiltonian:  $H = -\frac{\partial}{\partial q} \frac{1}{2B(q)} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} + V(q) + V_{corr}(q)$

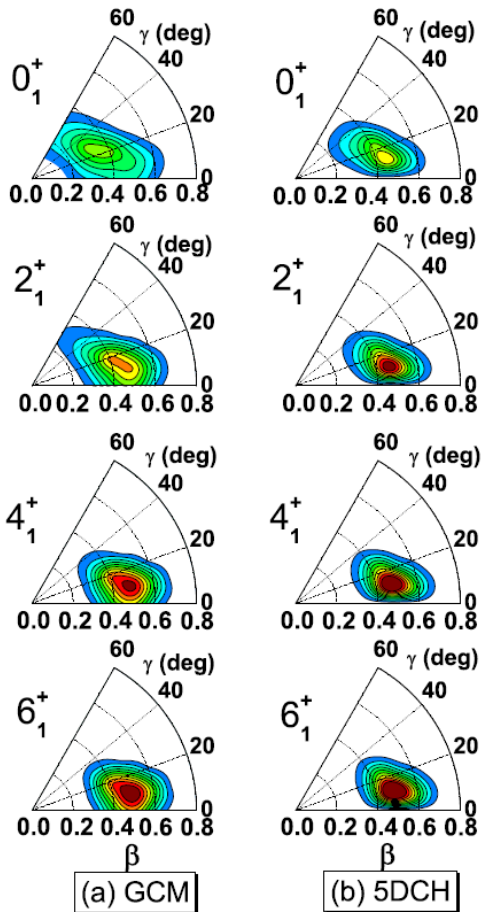
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# Spectra: GCM (7D) Bohr Hamiltonian (5DCH)

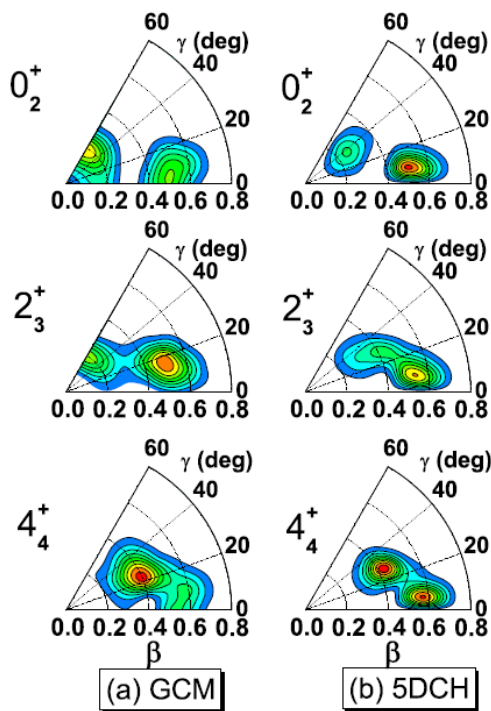
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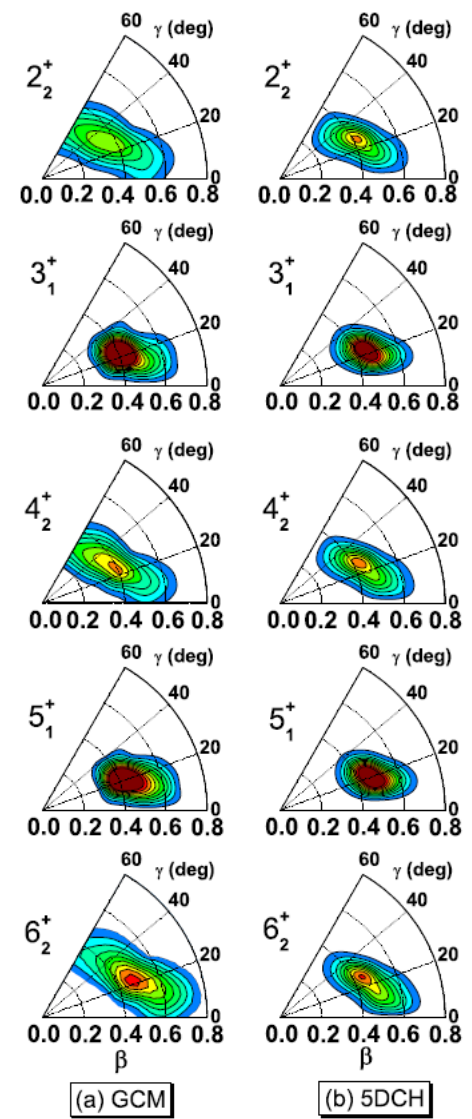


ground state band



quasi- $\beta$  band

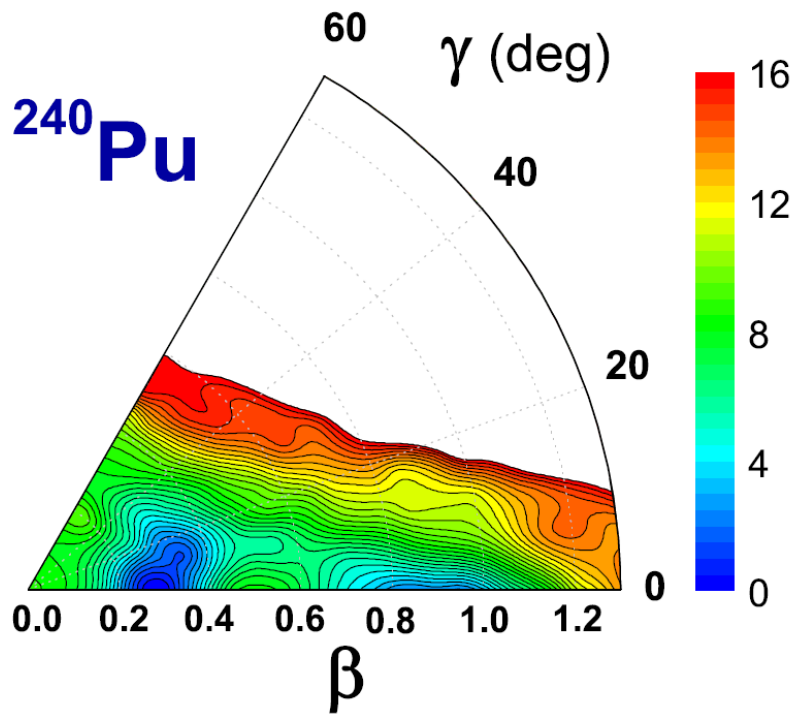
wave functions



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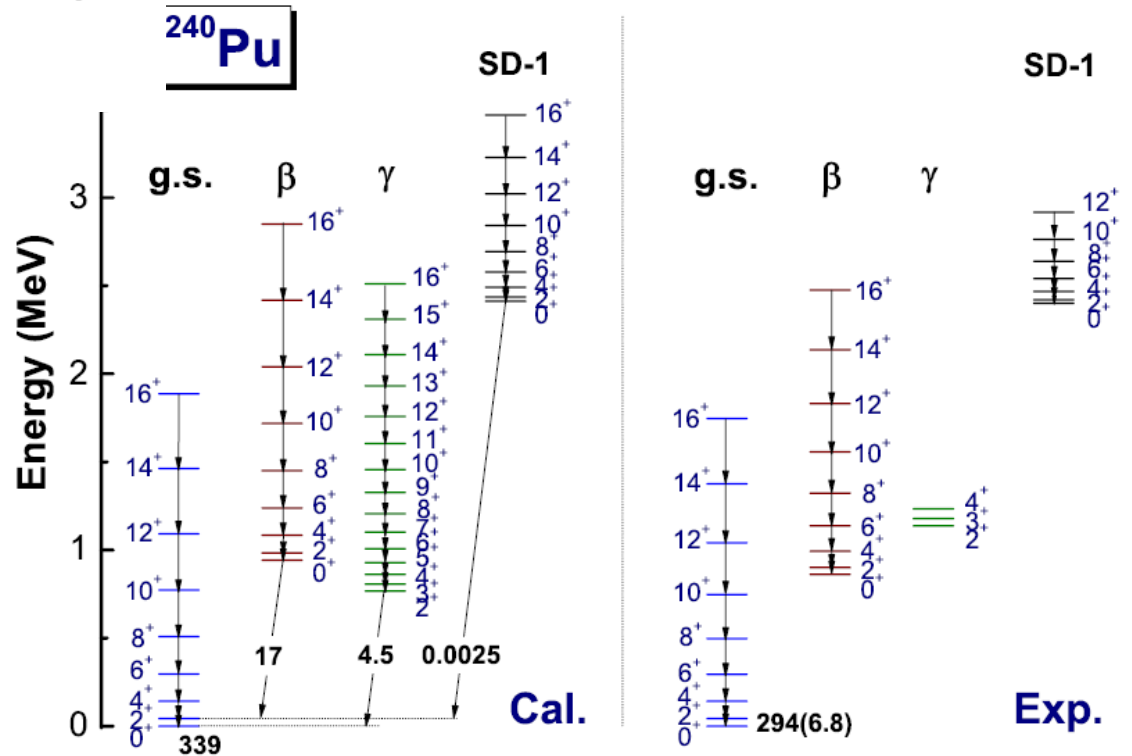
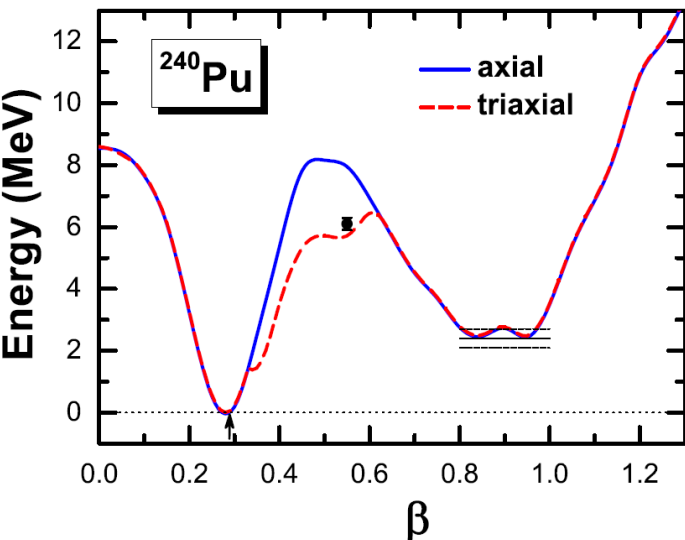




# Fission barrier and super-deformed bands in $^{240}\text{Pu}$

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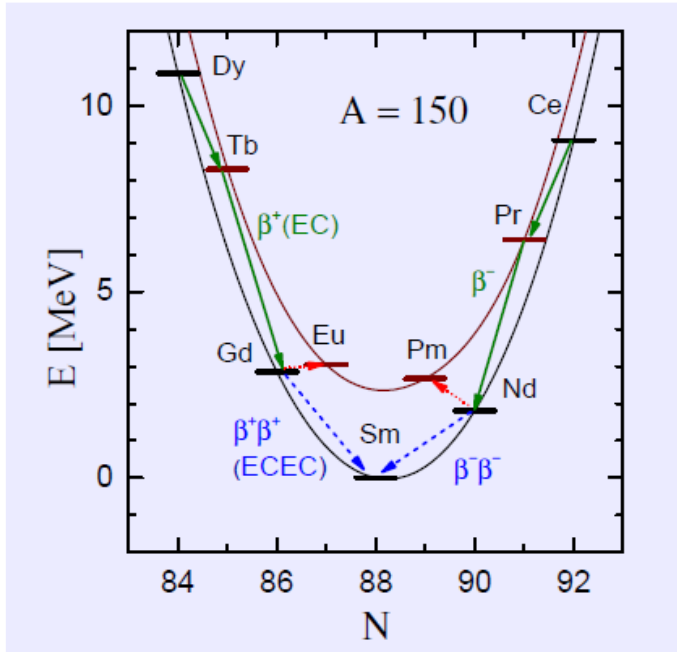
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# Introduction



In  $\beta\beta$ -decay the nucleus  $(A,Z)$  decays:

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z \pm 2) + 2e^\mp + \text{light particles}$$

emitting 2 electrons (positrons) and, usually, additional light particles.

It can be observed in some even-even nuclei, where single beta-decay is energetically forbidden, as for instance in the nucleus  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ .

for  $\beta^-\beta^-$  we have:

$$2\nu\text{-}\beta\beta: (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2e^- + 2\nu$$

$$0\nu\text{-}\beta\beta: (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2e^-$$

others exotic modes

Neutrino-less double beta-decay is not observed yet in experiment  
**Lepton number** is violated.

Its observation would prove that the neutrino is a **Majorana particle**

# Half live of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

Assuming the light neutrino decay mechanism, we find the decay rate:

$$\left[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}\right]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} g_A^4 \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle^2}{m_e^2} |M^{0\nu}|^2$$

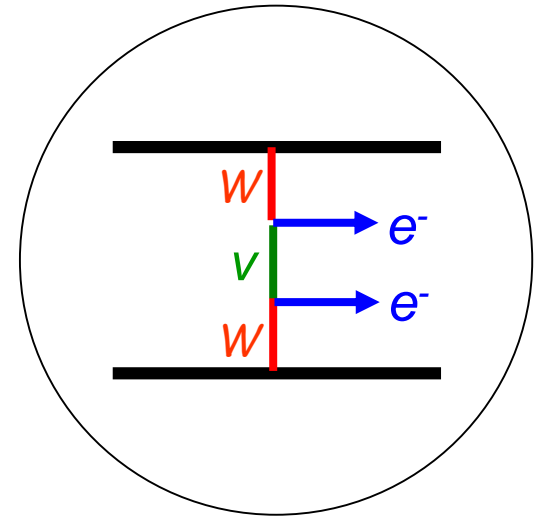
$g_A$  : axial vector coupling constant

$m_e$  : electron mass

$G_{0\nu}$  : kinematic phase space factor

$\langle m_\nu \rangle$  : effective neutrino mass:  $\langle m_\nu \rangle = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k \xi_k$

$M^{0\nu}$  : nuclear matrix element (NME)



Kotila 2012: PRC 85, 034016

Bilenky 1987: RMP 59, 671

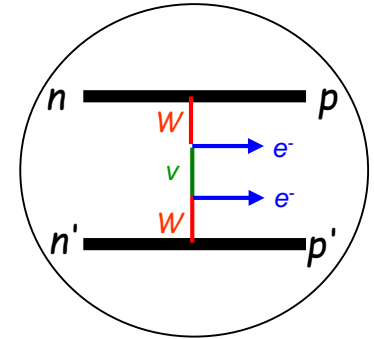
The observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay  
would teach us the **nature of the neutrino**.

and the **neutrino mass** (provided that the **NME** is known)

# Nuclear matrix element NME:

$$M^{0\nu} = \langle \Psi_F(Z + 2) | \mathcal{O}^{0\nu} | \Psi_I(Z) \rangle$$

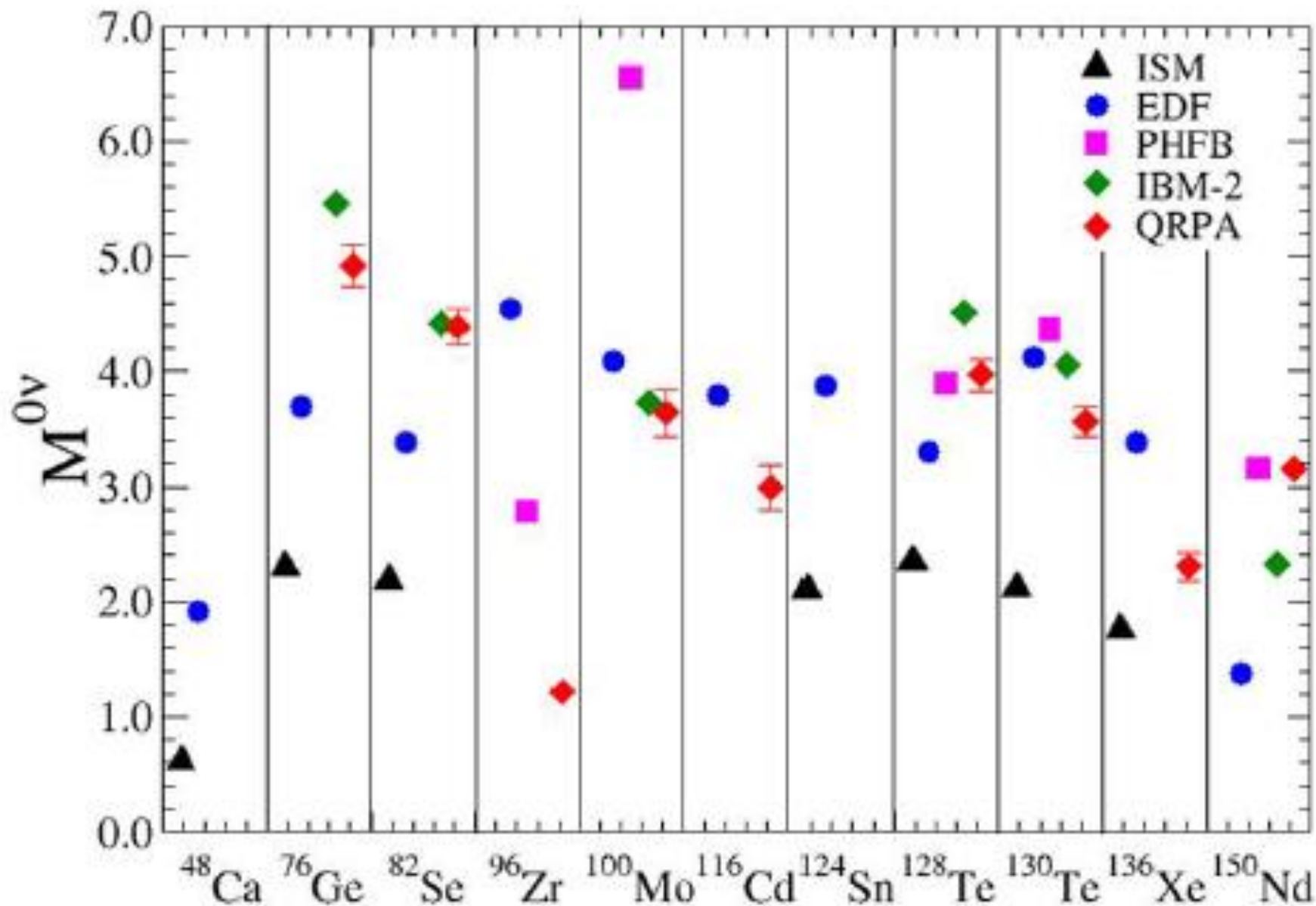
depends on the nuclear wave functions  $|\Psi_I\rangle$  and  $|\Psi_F\rangle$   
and  $\mathcal{O}^{0\nu}$  is an effective 2-body transition operator



Various non-relativistic models have been used in the literature:

- ✓ Quasiparticle random phase approximation (QRPA)  
Simkovic 1999, PRC 60, 055502; Simkovic 2008, PRC 77, 045503; Fang 2011, PRC 83, 034320;  
Kortelainen 2007, PRC 75, 051303(R); Mustonen 2013, PRC 87, 064302; ...
- ✓ Interacting shell model (ISM)  
Caurier 2008, PRL 100, 052503; Menéndez 2009, NPA 818, 139; Neacsu 2012, PRC 86, 067304; ...
- ✓ Interacting boson model (IBM)  
Barea 2009, PRC 79, 044301; Barea 2013, PRC 87, 014315
- ✓ Projected Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (PHFB)  
Rath 2010, PRC 82, 064310; Rath 2013, PRC 88, 064322; ...
- ✓ Energy density functional theory (EDF)  
Rodríguez 2010, PRL 105, 252503; Rodríguez 2011, PPNP 66, 436; Rodríguez 2013, PLB 719, 174;  
Vaquero 2013, PRL 111, 142501; ...

# Present status for the Nuclear matrix element NME:



## Present work:

- We use:
  - Beyond mean field covariant density functional theory**
- It is based on a unified density functional
  - no parameters,
  - full space
- Correlations are taken into account
  - by deformed and superfluid intrinsic wave functions,
  - by superposition of deformed wave functions (GCM),
  - by projection and the restoration of the broken symmetries
- Systematic investigations over a large number of nuclei
- We study:
  - Influence of relativistic effects
  - Influence of deformations
  - Influence of pairing correlations

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ - matrix elements:

weak interaction:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{weak}}(x) = \frac{G_F \cos \theta_C}{\sqrt{2}} j^\mu(x) J_\mu^\dagger(x) + h.c.$$

leptonic current (V-A):

$$j^\mu(x) = \bar{e}(x) \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e(x)$$

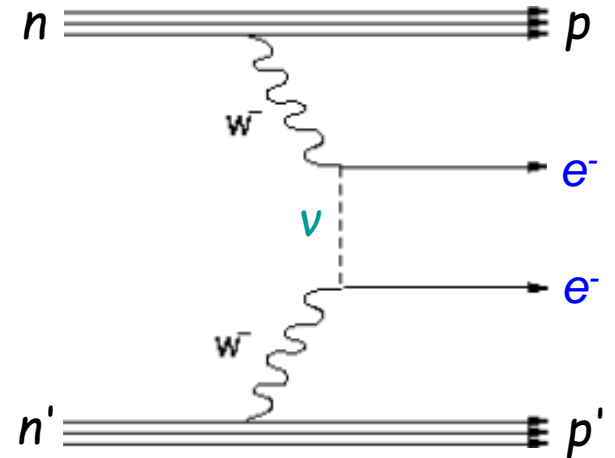
hadronic current:

$$J_\mu^\dagger(x) = \bar{\psi}_p(x) \left[ g_V(q^2) \gamma_\mu - ig_M(q^2) \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{2m_p} - g_A(q^2) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 + g_P(q^2) \gamma_5 q_\mu \right] \tau_- \psi_n(x)$$

Second order perturbation theory and integration over leptonic sector:

$$\mathcal{O}^{0\nu} = \frac{4\pi R}{g_A^2} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^{iq(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)}}{q} \sum_m \frac{J_\mu^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1) |m\rangle \langle m| J^{\mu\dagger}(\mathbf{x}_2)}{q + E_m - E_0 - Q_{\beta\beta}/2}$$

$$E_m - E_0 - Q_{\beta\beta}/2 \rightarrow E_d \text{ and closure approximation: } \sum_m |m\rangle \langle m| \rightarrow 1$$





# Decay operator in Fermion space:

The operator is decomposed into five terms with different coupling properties:

$$\mathcal{O}^{0\nu} = \sum_i \mathcal{O}_i \quad (i = VV, AA, AP, PP, MM)$$

with

$$\mathcal{O}_i = \frac{4\pi R}{g_A^2} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)}}{|\mathbf{q}|} \frac{[J_\mu^\dagger J^{\mu\dagger}]_i}{|\mathbf{q}| + E_d}$$

and

$$[J_\mu^\dagger J^{\mu\dagger}]_{VV} = g_V^2(q^2) (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \tau_- \psi)^{(1)} (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \tau_- \psi)^{(2)}$$

$$[J_\mu^\dagger J^{\mu\dagger}]_{AA} = g_A^2(q^2) (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \tau_- \psi)^{(1)} (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \tau_- \psi)^{(2)}$$

$$[J_\mu^\dagger J^{\mu\dagger}]_{AP} = g_A(q^2) g_P(q^2) (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \tau_- \psi)^{(1)} (\bar{\psi} q^\mu \gamma_5 \tau_- \psi)^{(2)}$$

$$[J_\mu^\dagger J^{\mu\dagger}]_{PP} = -g_P^2(q^2) (\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \tau_- \psi)^{(1)} (\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \tau_- \psi)^{(2)}$$

$$[J_\mu^\dagger J^{\mu\dagger}]_{MM} = g_M^2(q^2) (\bar{\psi} \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{2m_p} \tau_- \psi)^{(1)} (\bar{\psi} \frac{\sigma^{\mu\rho} q_\rho}{2m_p} \tau_- \psi)^{(2)}$$

## Basic assumptions:

- **Closure** approximation
- **Higher order currents** are fully incorporated
- The **tensorial part** is included automatically
- Finite **nuclear size corrections** are taken into account by form factors  $g(q^2)$  (from Simkovic et al, PRC 2008)
- **Short range correlations** are neglected
- $g_A(0) = 1.254$  (no renormalization)

# Nuclear wave functions:

- Intrinsic state:

self-consistent constrained RMF+BCS calculations:  $|\beta\rangle = |\Phi(\beta)\rangle$

- Projected state:  $|JZN, \beta\rangle = \hat{P}^J \hat{P}^Z \hat{P}^N |\beta\rangle$

- Generator coordinate method (GCM): shape mixing

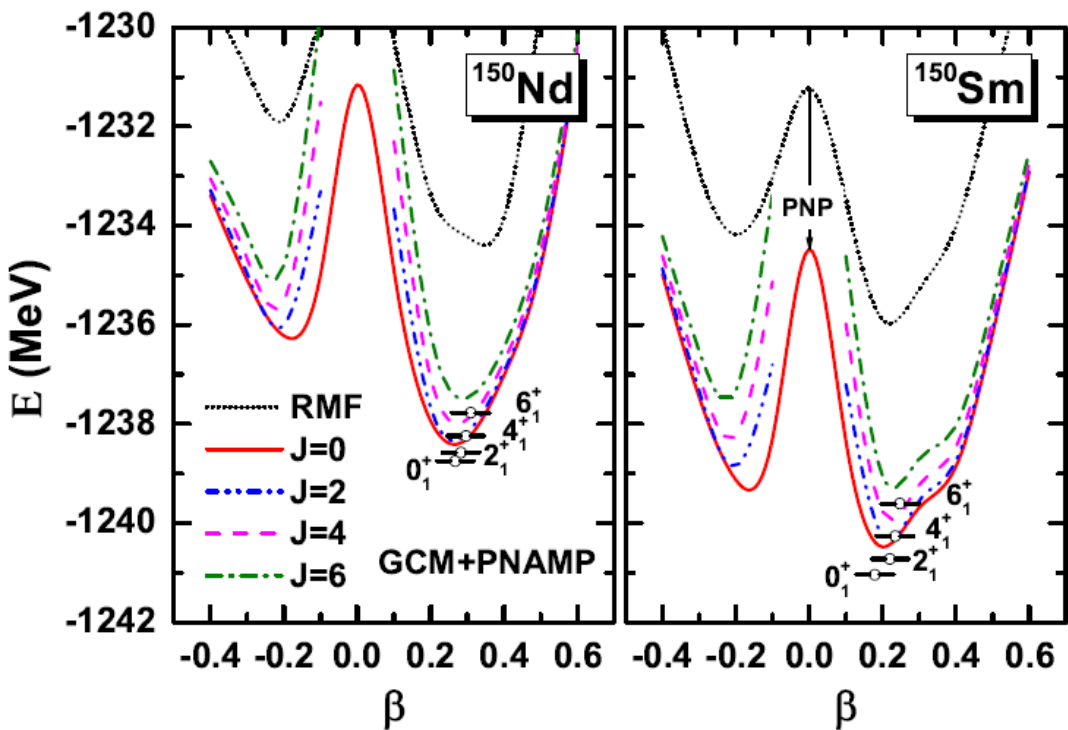
$$|\Psi^{JZN}\rangle = \int d\beta f(\beta) |JZN, \beta\rangle$$

- Transition matrix element:

$$M^{0\nu} = \int \int d\beta_F d\beta_I f^*(\beta_F) f(\beta_I) M^{0\nu}(\beta_F, \beta_I)$$

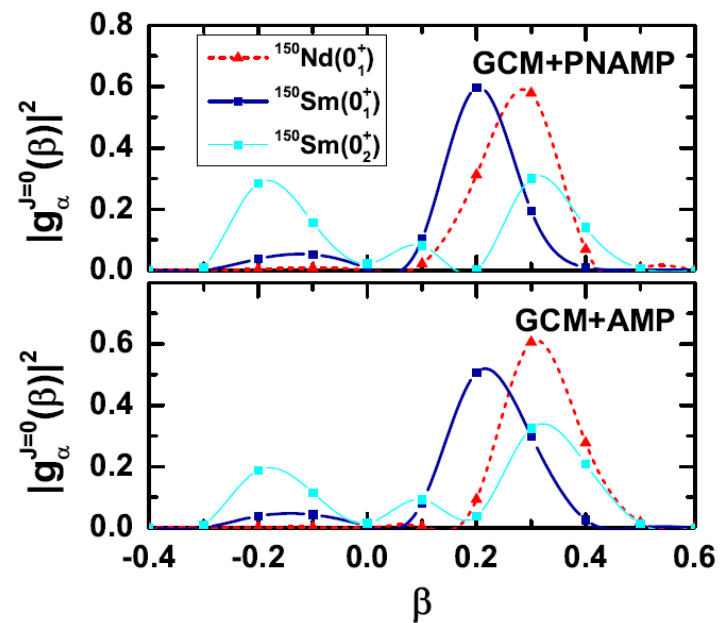
$$M^{0\nu}(\beta_F, \beta_I) = \sum_{pp'nn'} \langle pp' | \mathcal{O} | nn' \rangle \langle \beta_F | c_p^\dagger c_p^\dagger c_n c_n | IZN, \beta_I \rangle$$

# Results for the transition $^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$ :

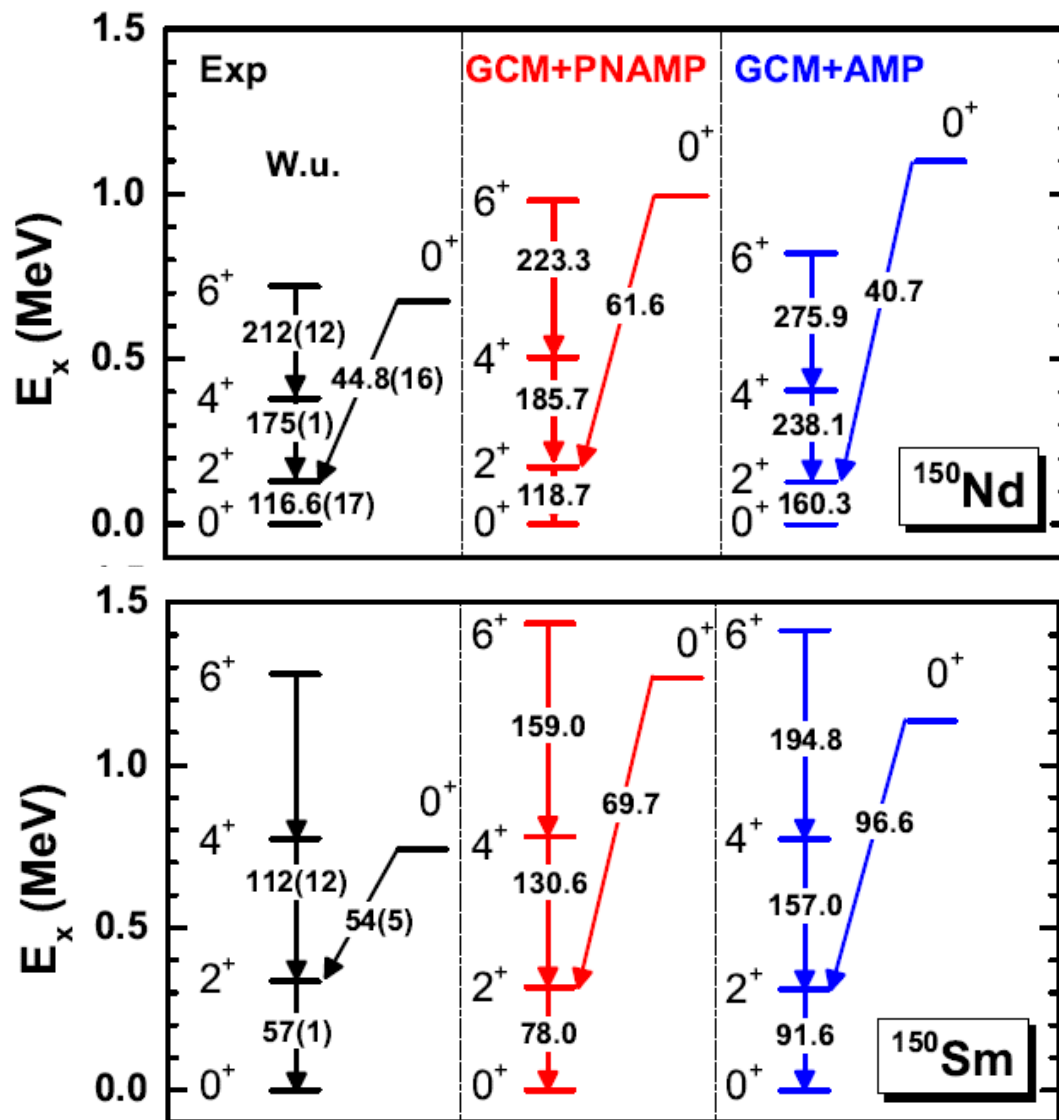


Energy surfaces

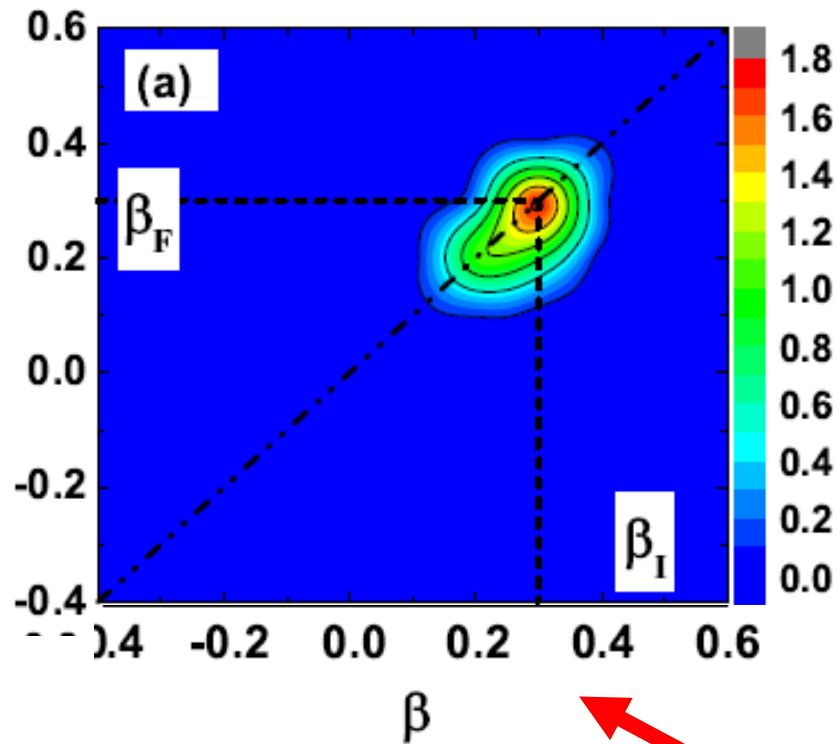
probabilities for deformation:



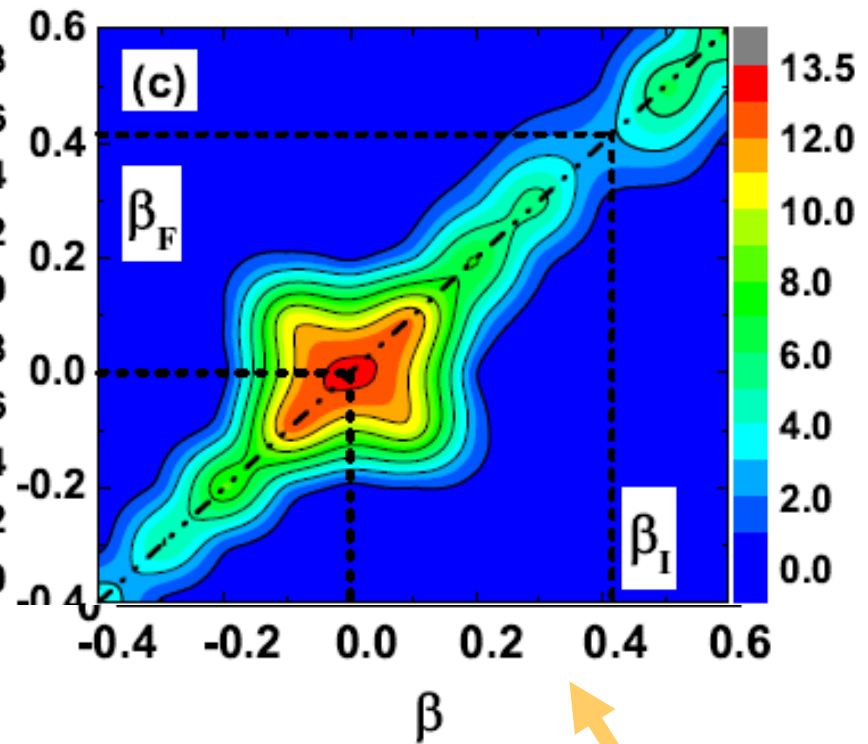
# Low-lying spectra in $^{150}\text{Nd}$ and $^{150}\text{Sm}$ :



## Contributions to NME

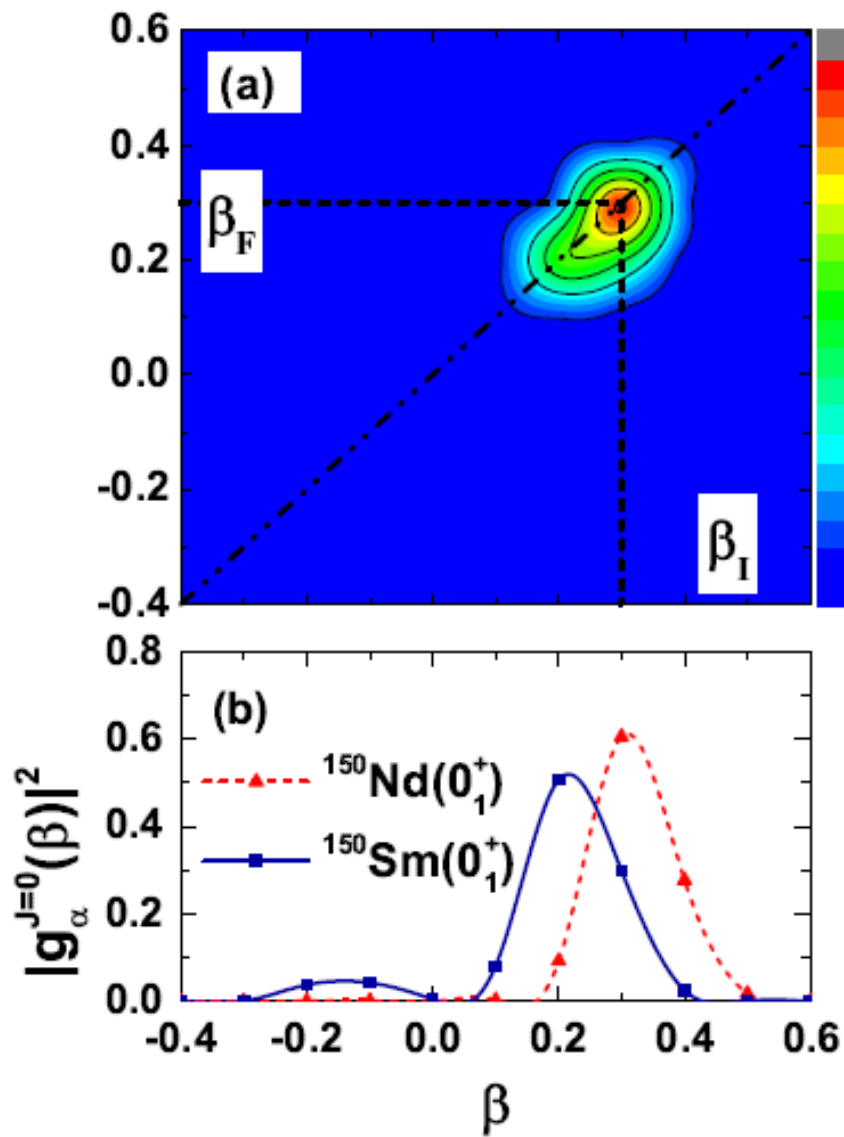


## NME at fixed deformations



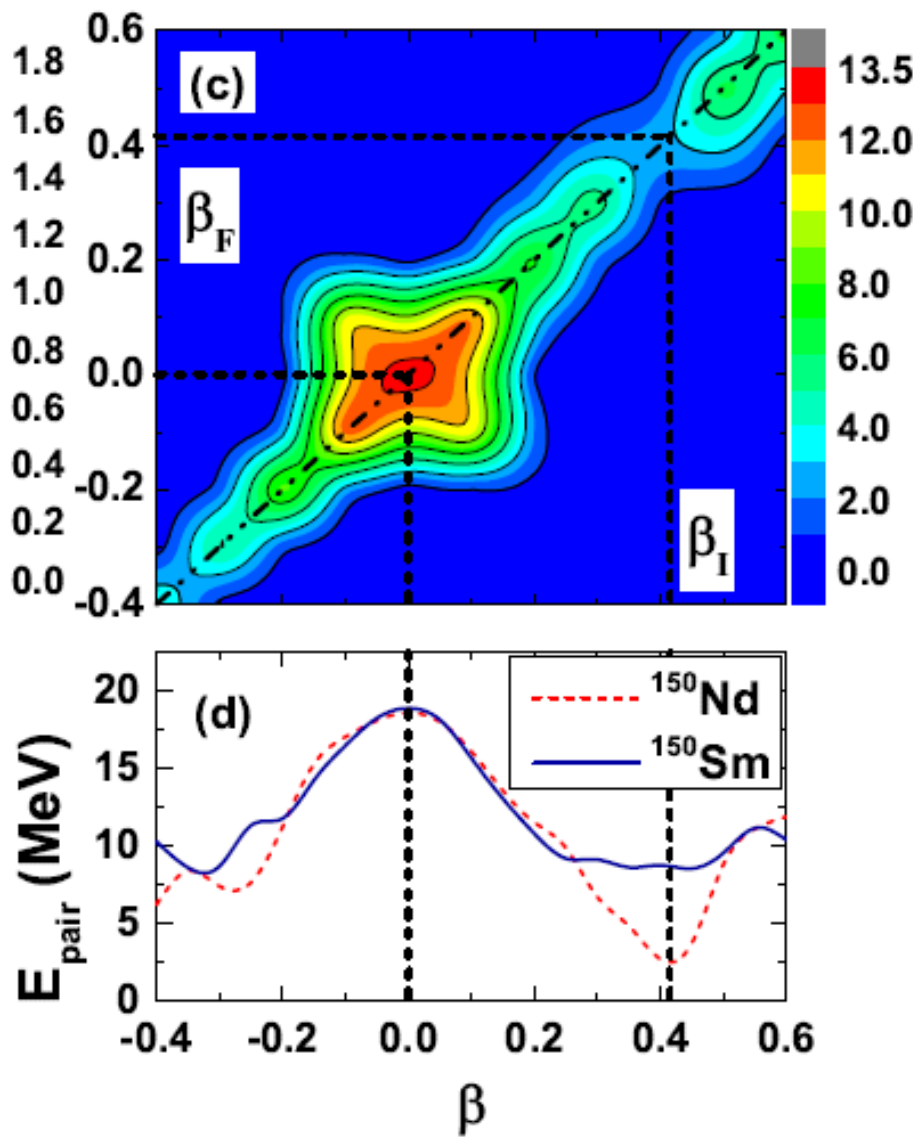
$$M^{0\nu} = \int \int d\beta_F d\beta_I f^*(\beta_F) f(\beta_I) M^{0\nu}(\beta_F, \beta_I)$$

## Contributions to NME



probability distributions

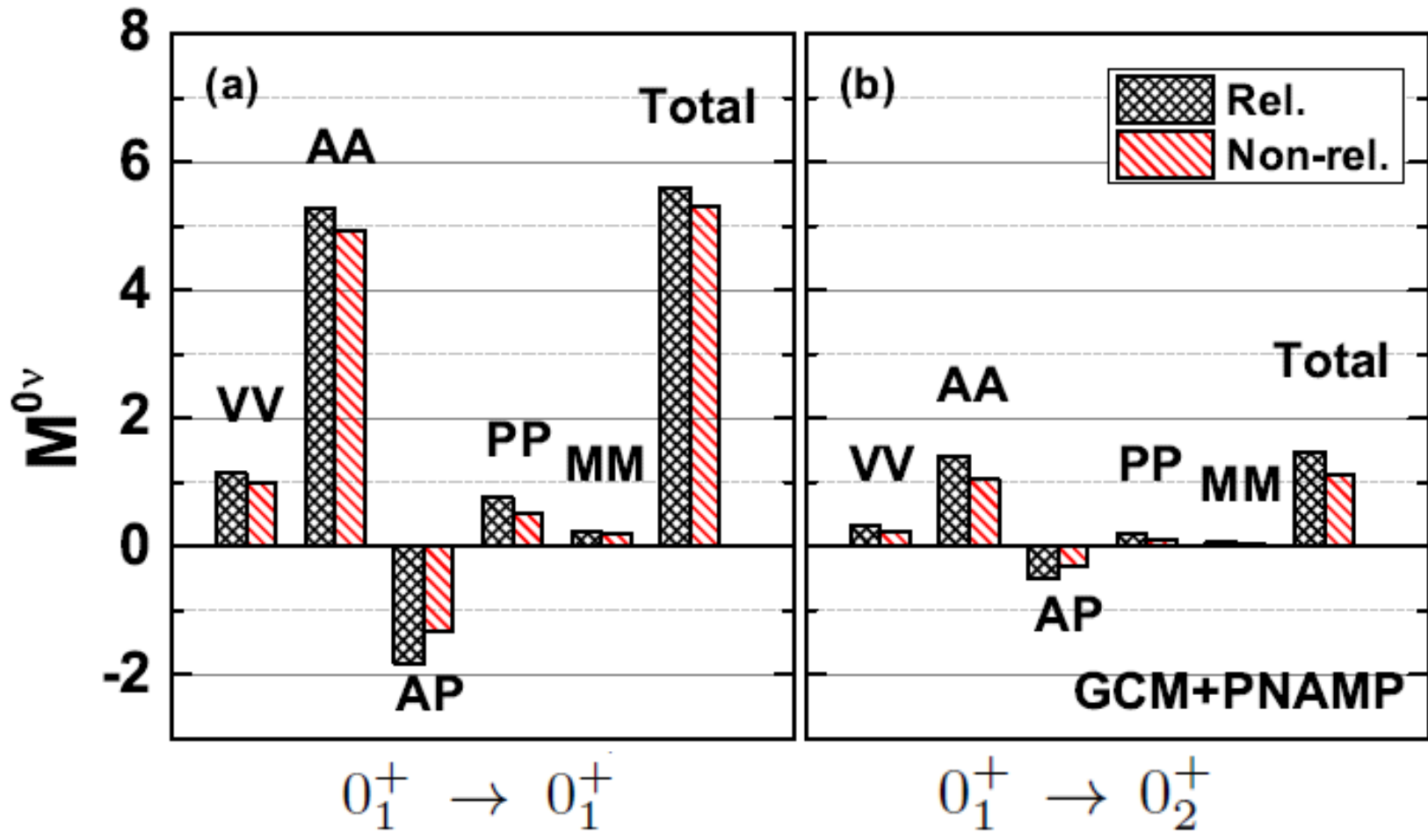
## NME at fixed deformations



pairing energies

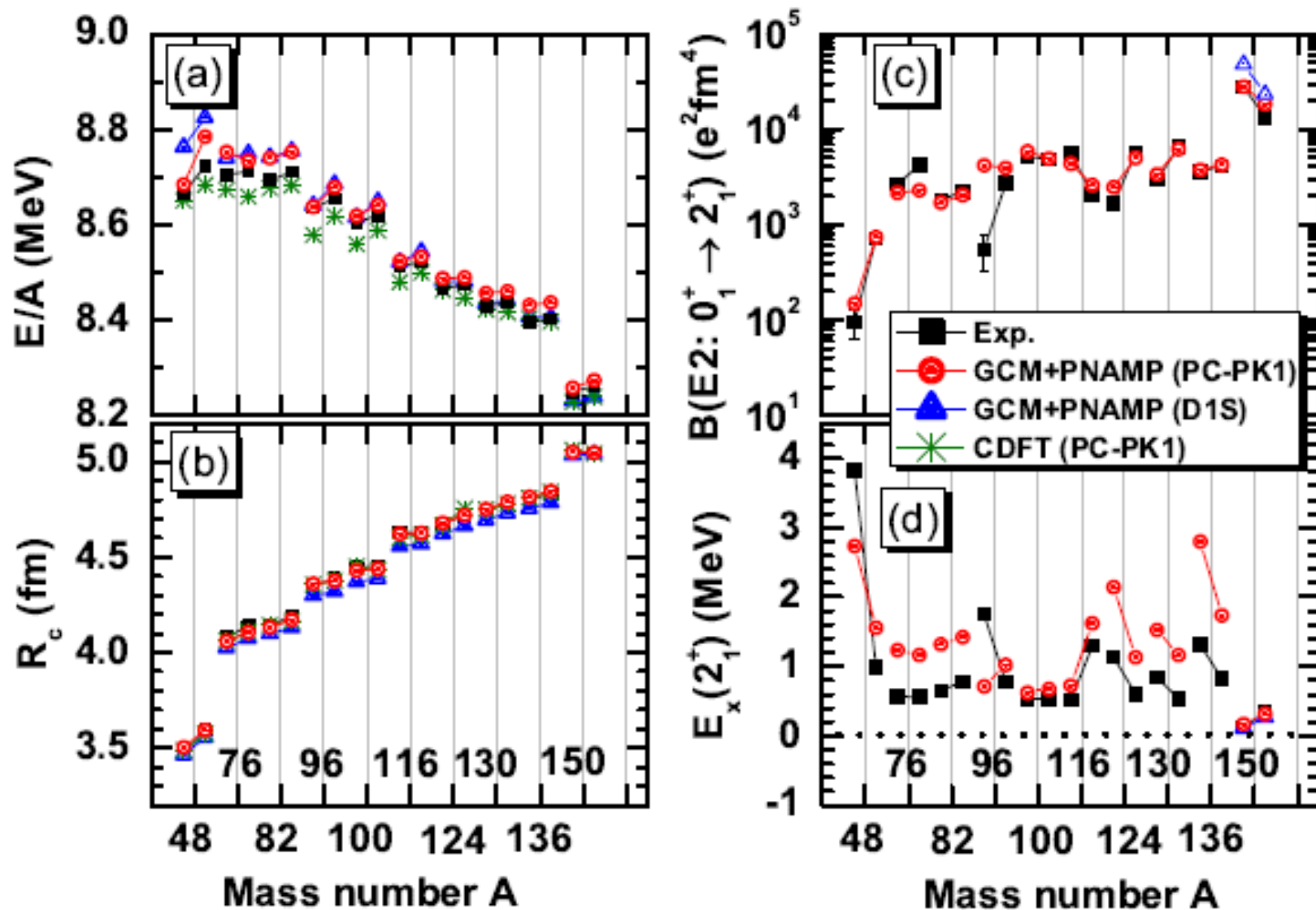
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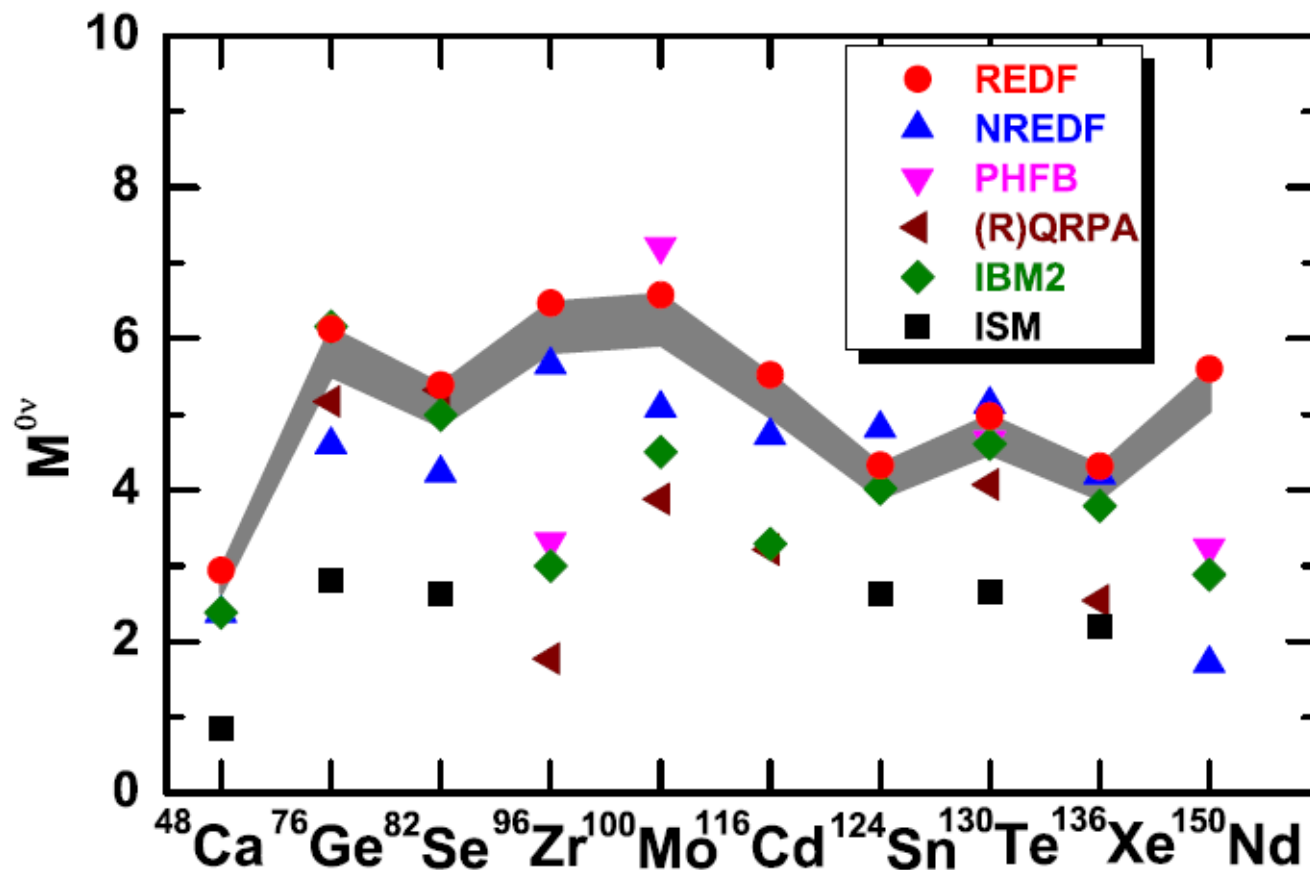
Matrix element of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay and its contributions:





# Systematic investigations: ground state properties





- The matrix elements differ by a factor 2 to 3
- Density functionals are at the upper end
- Not much sensitivity to the EDF (except for  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ )
- Relativistic effects and tensor terms are with 10 %

## Upper limits for neutrino masses:

$$\left[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}\right]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} g_A^4 \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle^2}{m_e^2} |M^{0\nu}|^2$$

Upper limits of the effective neutrino mass  $\langle m_\nu \rangle$  (eV) based on:

- the nuclear matrix elements  $M^{0\nu}$  from this work
- the lower limits of the half lives  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} (\times 10^{24} \text{yr})$  for the  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay from recent measurements
- the phase space factors  $G_{0\nu} (\times 10^{-15} \text{yr}^{-1})$

	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	$^{82}\text{Se}$	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	$^{130}\text{Te}$	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	$^{150}\text{Nd}$
$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$	$\leq 2.92$	$\leq 0.20$	$\leq 1.00$	$\leq 0.38$	$\leq 0.33$	$\leq 0.11$	$\leq 1.72$
$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$	$\geq 0.058$	$\geq 30$	$\geq 0.36$	$\geq 1.1$	$\geq 2.8$	$\geq 34$	$\geq 0.018$
$G_{0\nu}$	24.81	2.363	10.16	15.92	14.22	14.58	63.03

## Conclusions

- Static DFT in nuclei has its limits:
  - no energy dependence in self energy (level density, width of GR)
  - no good quantum numbers (spectroscopic data)
  - no fluctuations (shape coexistence, transitions)
- Generator-Coordinate Method
  - successful, but complicated ,
  - problem with moment of inertia
- Derivation of a collective Hamiltonian (from GCM, from ATDHF)
  - benchmark calculations show excellent agreement
- Application for Quantum Phase Transitions (QPT)
  - parameterfree, microscopic description
- Application to  $\alpha$ -clustering in light nuclei
  - dissolution of the  $\alpha+^{16}\text{O}$  molecular structure with increasing spin
- Application for neutrinoless double-beta decay
  - Influence of relativistic effects, pairing, deformation

# General remarks to DFT beyond mean field:

- Present methods of DFT beyond MF are **very successful** but there exists no clear derivation (**Intelligent Cooking**)  
completely different concepts are mixed
- For small amplitudes: energy dependent self-energy in PVC mixes the DFT self-energy with perturbation theory  
problems of **overcounting**  
problems of **divergencies** (non-renormalizable)
- For large amplitudes: GCM is based on DFT-Slater-determinants mixes the concept of „local density“ with global wave functions picture  
**extremely complicated**: derivation of a Bohr-Hamiltonian may help  
**Egido-poles**: maybe technical  
limitation to **very few collective coordinates** (intelligent guess)

# Problems for the future:

- **Improved (more universal)** density functionals
- **Ab initio derivation** of the density functional may help to determine the relevant terms (e.g. tensor) and to reduce the number of free parameters essentially only fine-tuning with very few parameters has to be done
- **The Projected Shell model** will allow a general configuration-mixing for heavy nuclei
- Search for methods of a **consistent treatment** of DFT and beyond MF

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**Prediction of the half lives** ( $[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} g_A^4 \left| \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle}{m_e} \right|^2 |M^{0\nu}|^2$ )

Neutrino mass  $\langle m_\nu \rangle = 50$  meV; Phase space factors  $G_{0\nu}$  from Kotila 2012, Phys. Rev. C 85, 034316.

	Rel. full	only AMP	NR-Gogny	
$M^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	5.60	4.68	1.71,	2.19
$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+) [10^{25} \text{ yr}]$	2.1	3.1	22.9,	14.0
$M^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)$	1.48	2.42	2.81,	
$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) [10^{25} \text{ yr}]$	70.7	26.4	19.6,	—

Rodriguez et al				
	QRPA		IBM-2	PHFB
$M^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	3.16,	2.71	2.321	2.83
$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+) [10^{25} \text{ yr}]$	6.7,	9.1	12.4	8.4
$M^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)$	—		0.395	—
$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) [10^{25} \text{ yr}]$	—		992.7	—

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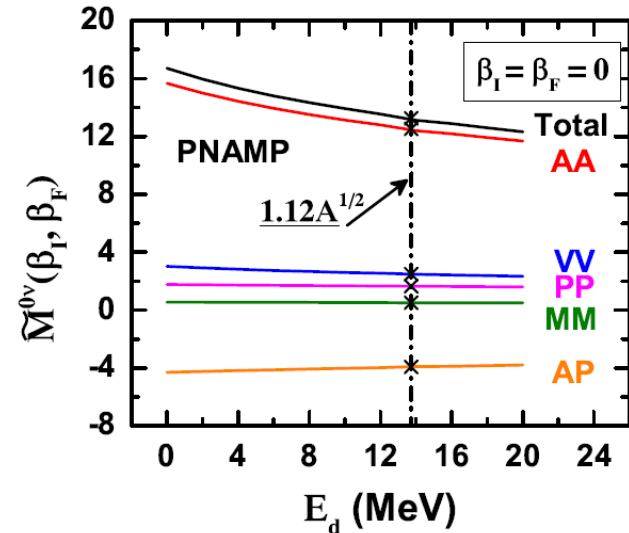
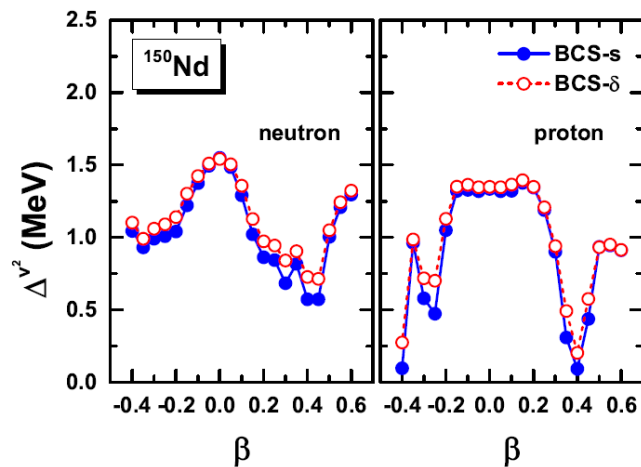


## GT-part, relativistic effects, and tensor contributions:

Sph+PNP (PC-PK1)	$M^{0\nu}$	$R_{AA}$	$M_{NR}^{0\nu}$	$\Delta_{\text{Rel.}}$	$R_T$
$^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Ti}$	3.66	81%	3.74	-2.1%	-2.4%
$^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$	7.59	94%	7.71	-1.6%	3.5%
$^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr}$	7.58	93%	7.68	-1.4%	2.9%
$^{96}\text{Zr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo}$	5.64	95%	5.63	0.2%	3.6%
$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$	10.92	95%	10.91	0.1%	3.5%
$^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}\text{Sn}$	6.18	94%	6.13	0.7%	1.9%
$^{124}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{124}\text{Te}$	6.66	94%	6.78	-1.8%	4.9%
$^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe}$	9.50	94%	9.64	-1.4%	4.3%
$^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$	6.59	94%	6.70	-1.7%	4.1%
$^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$	13.25	95%	13.08	1.3%	2.5%

# Numerical details:

- axially symmetric calculation:  $|q\rangle = |\beta\rangle$
- interaction: density dependent point coupling PC-PK1
- pairing: zero range interaction (adjusted to Gogny):
- number of oscillator shells:  $N = 12$
- number of meshpoints in Euler angle (1DAMP):  $n = 14$
- mesh points in  $q$ -space:  $-0.4 \leq \beta \leq 0.6$ ,  $\Delta\beta = 0.05$
- energy denominator:  $E_d = 1.12 A^{1/2}$  (Haxton PPNP 1984)



## Derivation of a collective Hamiltonian from GCM:

$$\int dq' \langle q|H|q'\rangle f(q') = E \int dq' \langle q|q'\rangle f(q'),$$

$$|q + s\rangle = e^{is\hat{P}}|q\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{P} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q}$$

$$\langle q|q + s\rangle = \langle q|e^{is\hat{P}}|q\rangle \approx \prod_{i=1}^A \langle \varphi_i^*(q) \varphi_i(q + s) \rangle$$

Gaussian overlap approach:  $\approx (1 - \varepsilon s^2)^A \approx \exp(-\gamma s^2)$

$$\gamma(q) = \langle q|\hat{P}^2|q\rangle \quad \text{grows with } A$$

$$\langle q|H|q'\rangle = h(q, q') \langle q|q'\rangle$$

$$\approx \left( (h_0(q) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q} h_2(q) \frac{\partial}{\partial q}) \right) \langle q|q'\rangle$$

$$\int dq' (\langle q|H|q'\rangle - E \langle q|q'\rangle f(q')) = 0$$

$$\int dq' (h(q, q') - E) \langle q|q'\rangle f(q') = 0,$$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial q} h_2(q) \frac{\partial}{\partial q} + h_0(q) - E \right) \int dq' \langle q|q'\rangle f(q') = 0$$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial q} \frac{1}{2B_Y(q)} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} + V(q) - \varepsilon_0(q) - E \right) g(q) = 0$$

$$V(q) = \langle q | \hat{H} | q \rangle \quad B_Y(q) \approx \frac{\langle q | [\hat{P}, [\hat{H}, \hat{P}]_+]_+ | q \rangle}{4 \langle q | \hat{P}^2 | q \rangle}$$

## Adiabatic TDHF:

Baranger+Veneroni (1978)

$$i\dot{\rho}(t) = [h(\rho(t)), \rho(t)]$$

time-odd

$$\rho(t) = e^{i\chi(t)} \rho_0(t) e^{-i\chi(t)}$$

time-even

fixed path in deformation space =  $q(t)$        $\rho(q) = e^{i\chi} \rho_0(q) e^{-i\chi}$

$$|\Phi_0(q+s)\rangle = e^{is\hat{P}} |\Phi_0(q)\rangle \quad |\Phi(q+s)\rangle = e^{-ip\hat{Q}} |\Phi_0(q+s)\rangle$$

$$\langle q | [\hat{P}, \hat{Q}] | q \rangle = \frac{1}{i}$$

$$E = H(p, q) = p \frac{1}{B_{\text{TV}}(q)} p + V(q)$$

$$B_{\text{TV}}^{-1}(q) = \langle q | [\hat{Q}, [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}]] | q \rangle \quad B_{\text{TV}}(q) = (P - P^*) \mathcal{M} \begin{pmatrix} P \\ -P^* \end{pmatrix}$$