

# Collective excitations of Lambda hypernuclei

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# Introduction

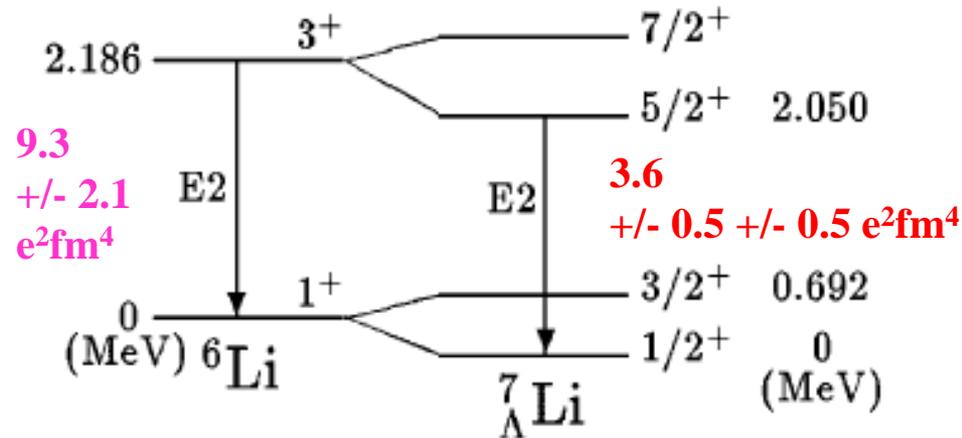
**Impurity effects:** one of the main interests of hypernuclear physics

**how does  $\Lambda$  affect several properties of atomic nuclei?**

- size, shape, density distribution, single-particle energy, shell effect, fission barrier.....

the most prominent example:

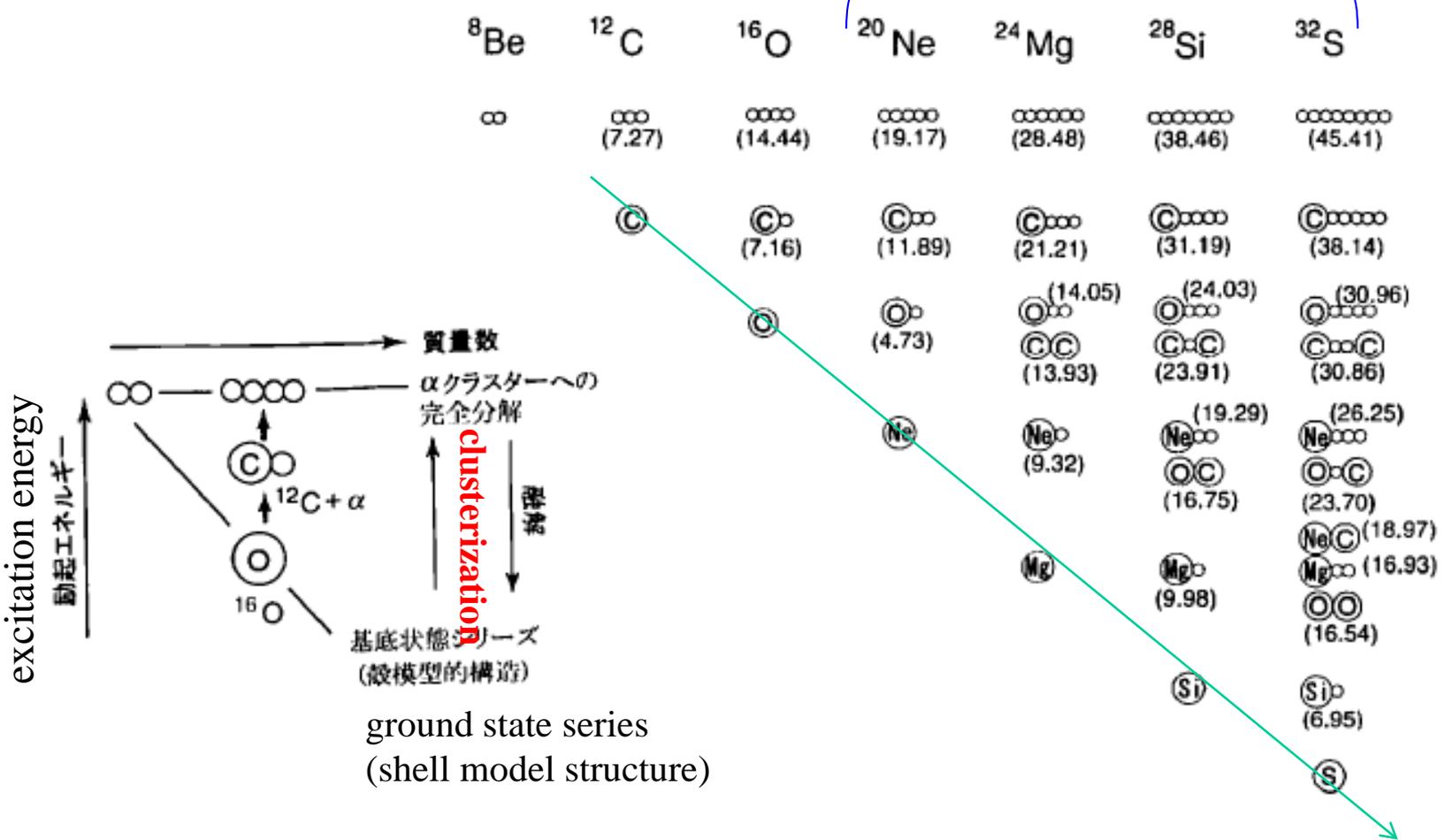
the reduction of  $B(E2)$  in  ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$



about 19% reduction of nuclear size  
(shrinkage effect)

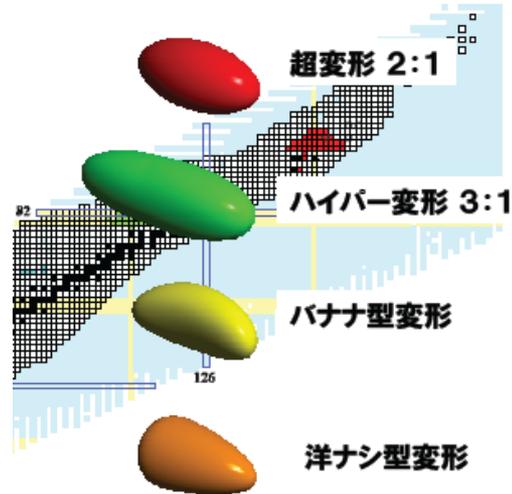
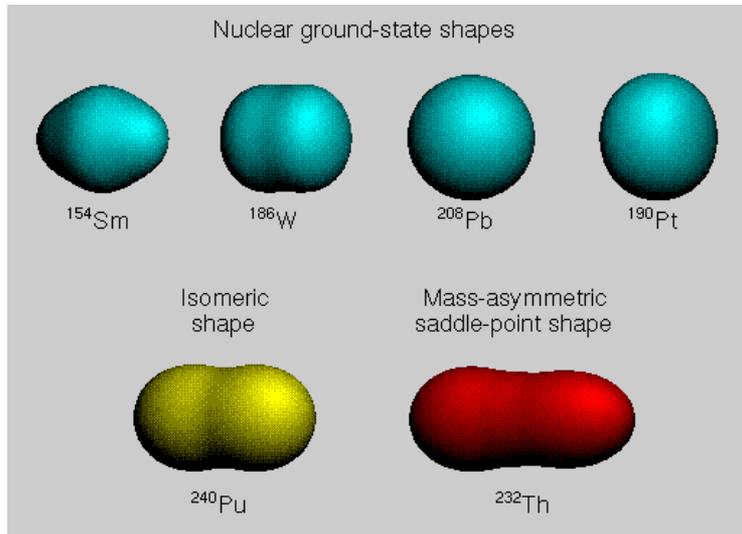
# how about heavier nuclei?

# sd-shell nuclei Ikeda diagram



the g.s. has a shell model-like structure for nuclei heavier than Be (cluster-like structure appears in the excited states : threshold rule)

# Shell model (mean-field) structure and nuclear deformation



<http://t2.lanl.gov/tour/sch001.html>

- many open-shell nuclei are deformed in the ground state
  - ✓ characteristic feature of finite many-body systems
  - ✓ spontaneous symmetry breaking of (rotational) symmetry

## ➤ B(E2) for deformed nuclei

$$B(E2 : 2^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = \frac{1}{16\pi} \cdot Q_0^2$$

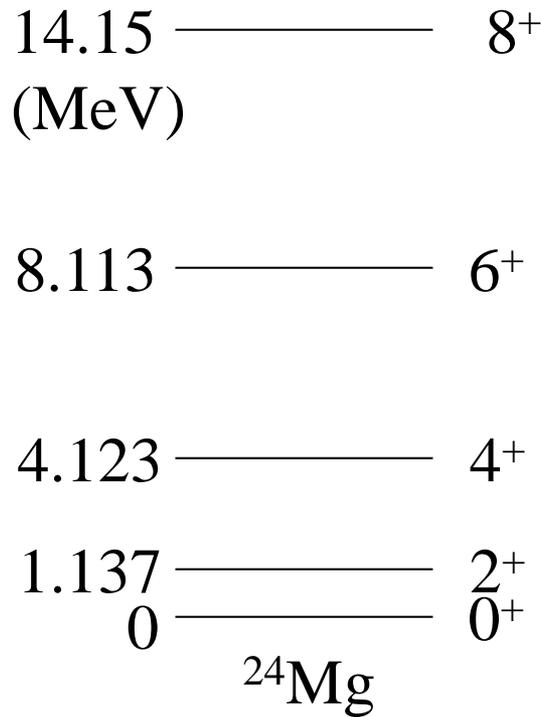
$$Q_0 \sim \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \frac{3}{4\pi} Z e R_0^2 \beta$$

➡ A change in B(E2) can be interpreted as a change in  $\beta$

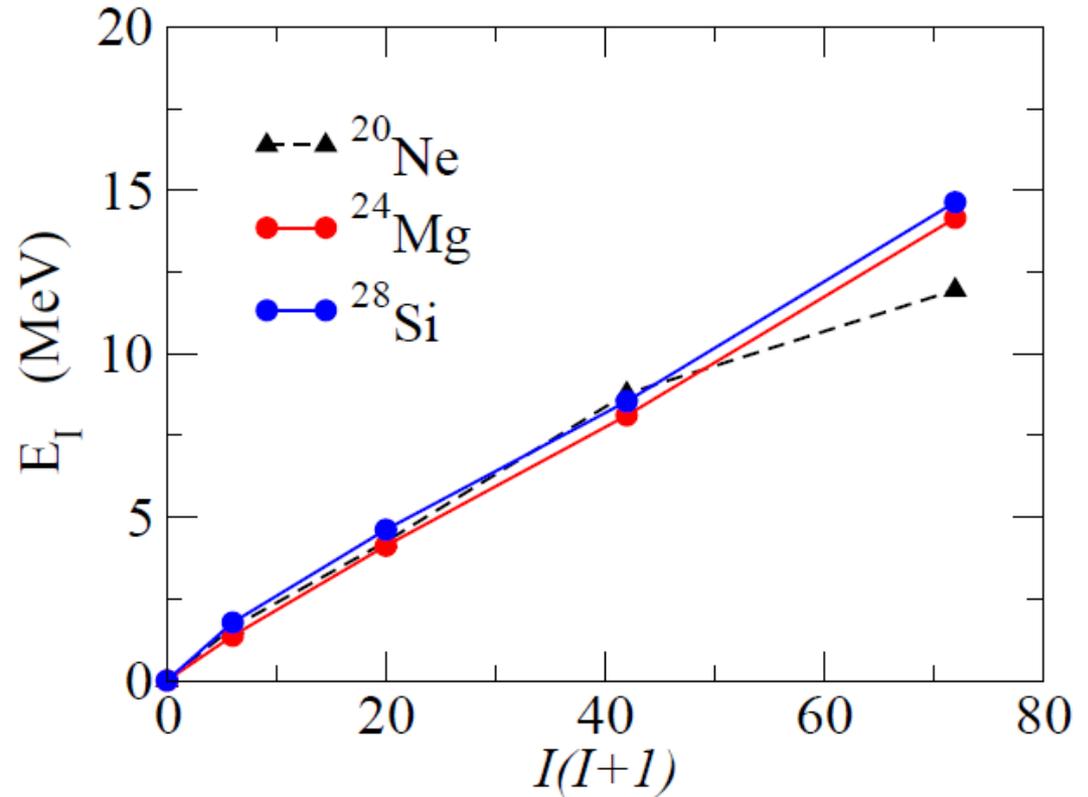
# sd-shell nuclei : prominent nuclear deformation

an evidence for deformation

rotational spectrum



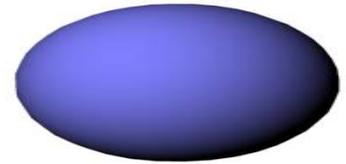
$$E_I \sim \frac{I(I+1)\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{J}}$$



How is the deformation altered due to an addition of  $\Lambda$  particle?

## Self-consistent mean-field method:

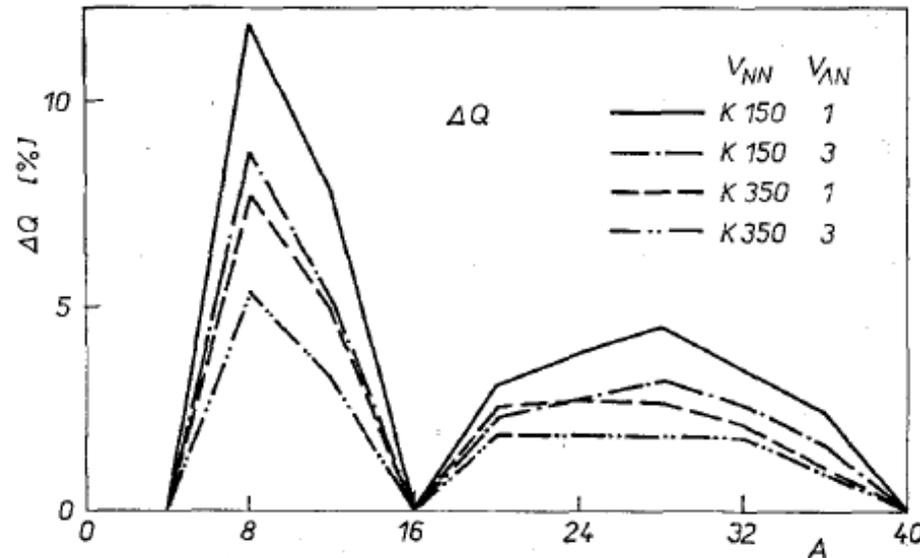
optimized shape can be automatically determined  
= suitable for discussion of shape of hypernuclei



➤ First application to deformed hypernucleus

J. Zofka, Czech. J. Phys. B30('80)95

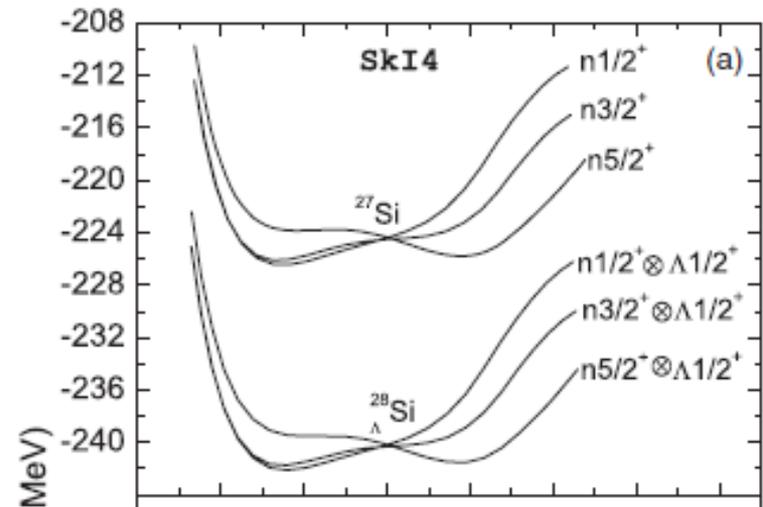
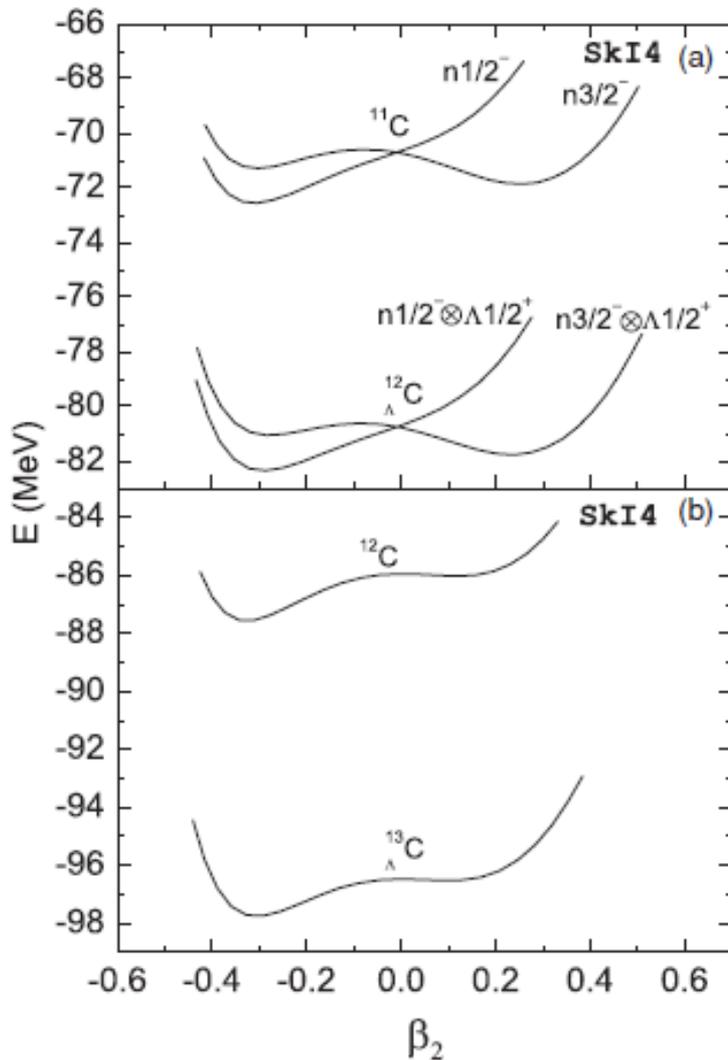
Hartree-Fock calculations with  $V_{NN}$ : 3 range Gauss  
 $V_{\Lambda N}$ : 2 range Gauss



$\Lambda$  changes the Q-moment (deformation) at most by 5%  
e.g.,  $\beta = 0.5 \rightarrow \beta = 0.475$

# Shape of hypernuclei

Recent Skyrme-Hartree-Fock +BCS calculation by Zhou *et al.*  
(with assumption of axial symmetry for simplicity)



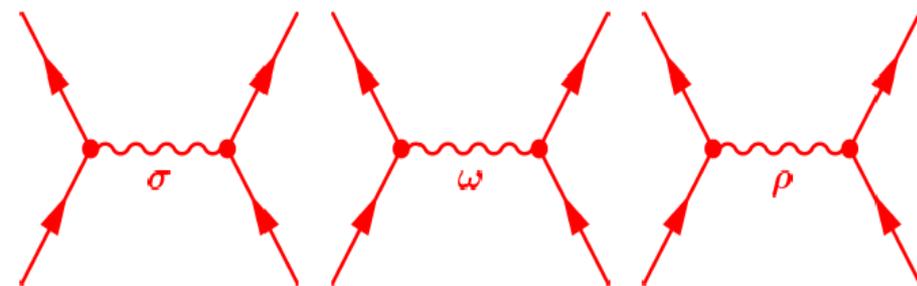
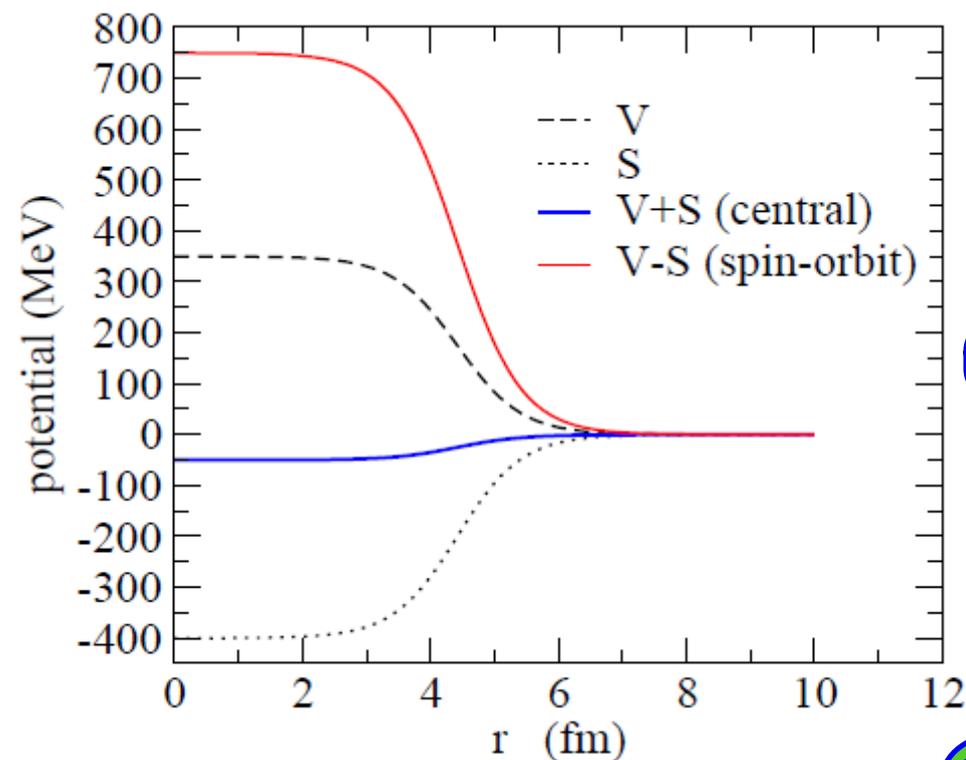
- similar deformation between the hypernuclei and the core nuclei
- hypernuclei: slightly smaller deformation than the core

# Deformation of $\Lambda$ hypernuclei

Recent Skyrme-Hartree-Fock calculations by Zhou *et al.*



How about Relativistic Mean-Field (RMF) approach?



non-relativistic reduction

$$V_{\text{cent}} = V + S$$

(strong cancellation between  $V$  and  $S$ )

$$V_{\text{Is}} = \frac{m}{m - (V - S)/2} (V - S)$$

changes in  $V$  and  $S$  due to a  $\Lambda$  particle are emphasized (only in RMF)

cf. D. Vretenar *et al.*,  
PRC57('98)R1060

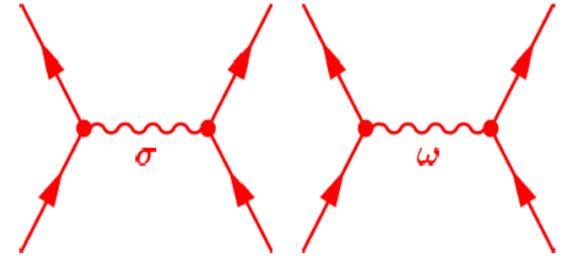
## RMF for deformed hypernuclei

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_N + \bar{\psi}_\Lambda [\gamma_\mu (i\partial^\mu - g_\omega \Lambda \omega^\mu) - m_\Lambda - g_\sigma \Lambda \sigma] \psi_\Lambda$$

$$g_{\omega\Lambda} = \frac{2}{3} g_{\omega N} \longleftarrow \text{quark model}$$

$$g_{\sigma\Lambda} = 0.621 g_{\sigma N} \longleftarrow {}^{17}_\Lambda\text{O}$$

cf. D. Vretenar et al.,  
PRC57('98)R1060



$\Lambda\sigma$  and  $\Lambda\omega$  couplings

variational principle

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [-i\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla + \beta (m_\Lambda + g_{\sigma\Lambda}\sigma(\mathbf{r})) + g_{\omega\Lambda}\omega^0(\mathbf{r})] \psi_\Lambda = \epsilon_\Lambda \psi_\Lambda \\ [-\nabla^2 + m_\omega^2] \omega^0(\mathbf{r}) = g_\omega \rho_v(\mathbf{r}) + g_{\omega\Lambda} \psi_\Lambda^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_\Lambda(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right. \text{etc.}$$

self-consistent solution (iteration)

# RMF for deformed hypernuclei

self-consistent solution (iteration)



(intrinsic) Quadrupole moment

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \int d\mathbf{r} [\rho_v(\mathbf{r}) + \psi_{\Lambda}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{r})] r^2 Y_{20}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

## Application to hypernuclei

- parameter sets: NL3 and NLSH
- Axial symmetry
- pairing among nucleons: Const. gap approach

$$\Delta_n = 4.8/N^{1/3} \quad \Delta_p = 4.8/Z^{1/3} \quad (\text{MeV})$$

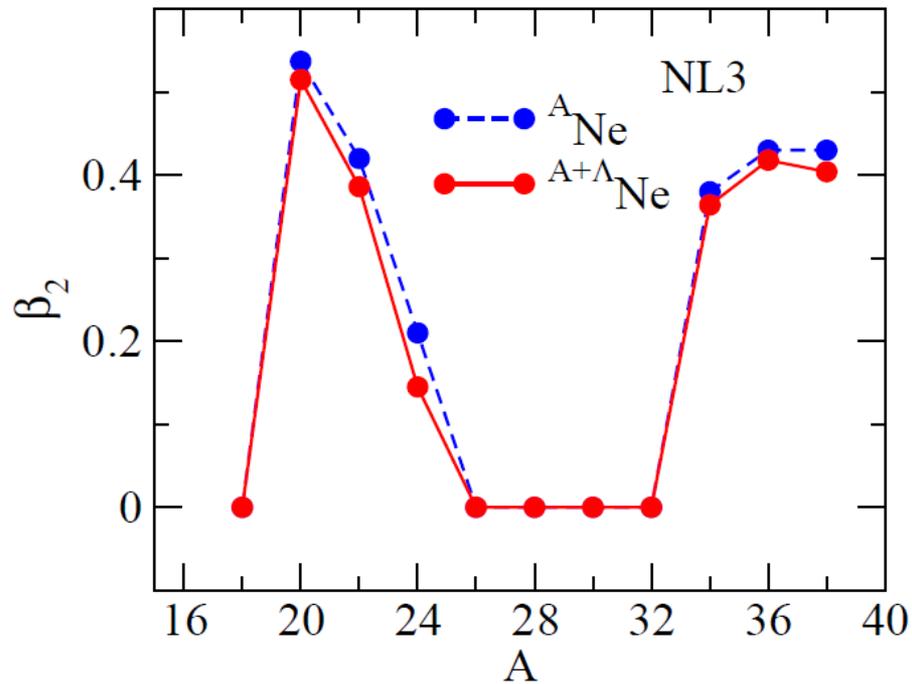
➤  $\Lambda$  particle: the lowest s.p. level ( $K^{\pi} = 1/2^{+}$ )

➤ Basis expansion with deformed H.O. wf

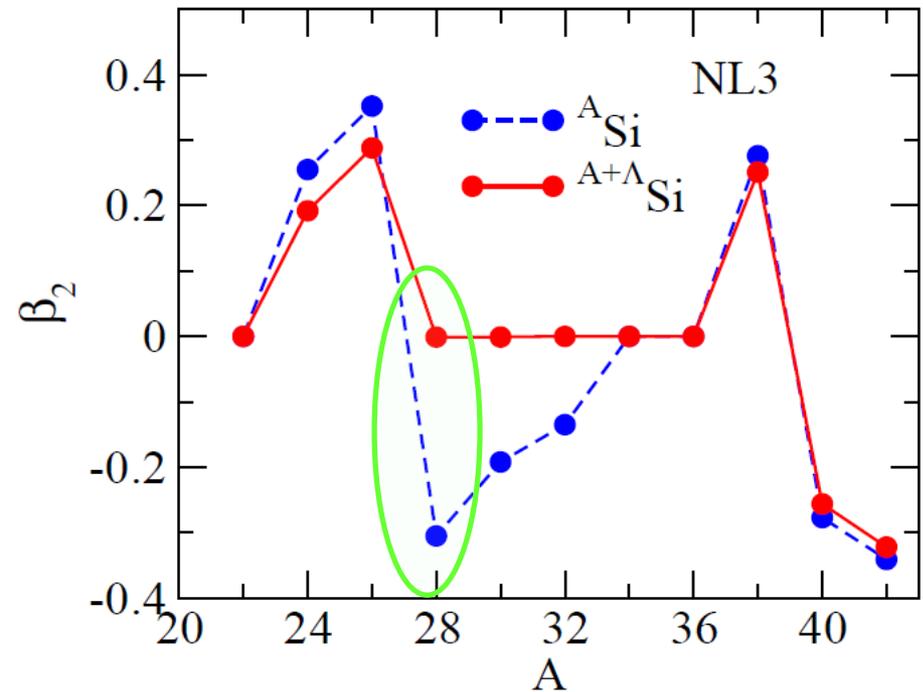
➤ Deformation parameter:

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \frac{3}{4\pi} (A_c + 1) R_0^2 \beta$$
$$R_0 = 1.2 A_c^{1/3} \quad (\text{fm})$$

## Ne isotopes



## Si isotopes



- in most cases, similar deformation between the core and the hypernuclei

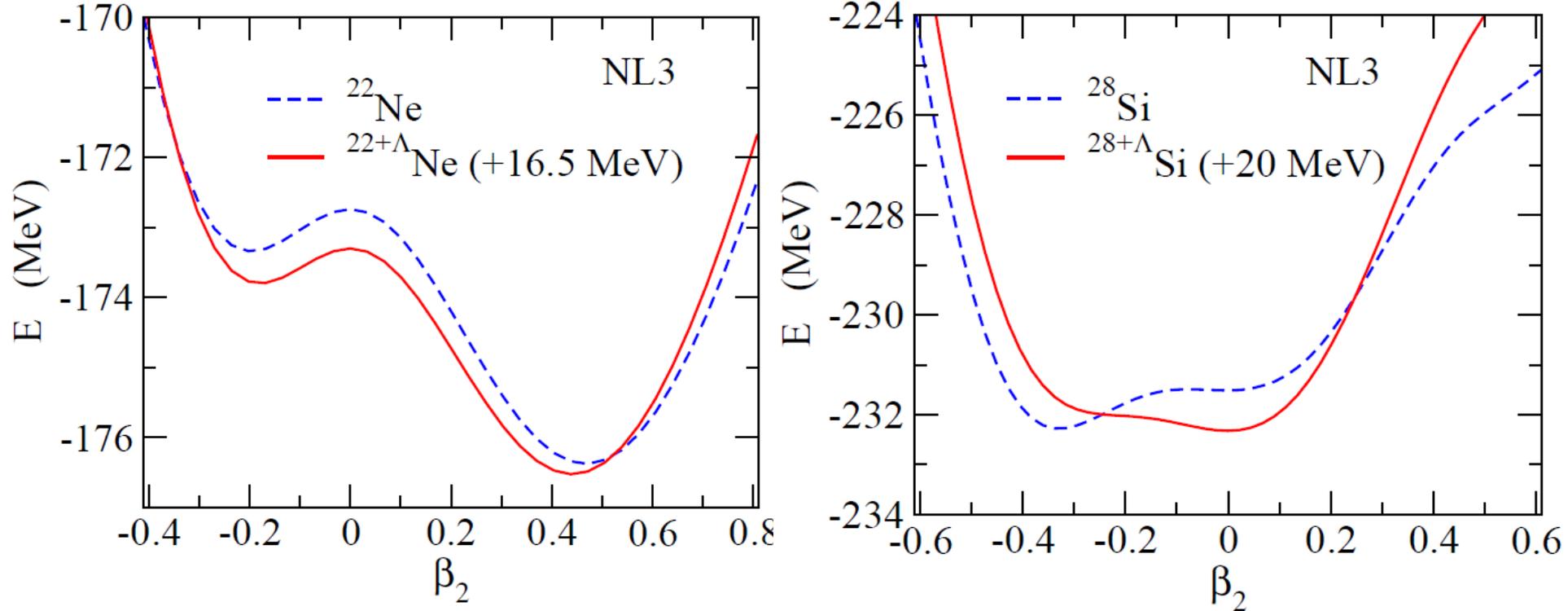
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—————> conclusions similar to Skyrme-Hartree-Fock (Zhou *et al.*)

**Exception:**  ${}^{29}_{\Lambda}\text{Si}$

oblate ( ${}^{28}\text{Si}$ )  $\xrightarrow{\Lambda}$  spherical ( ${}^{29}_{\Lambda}\text{Si}$ )

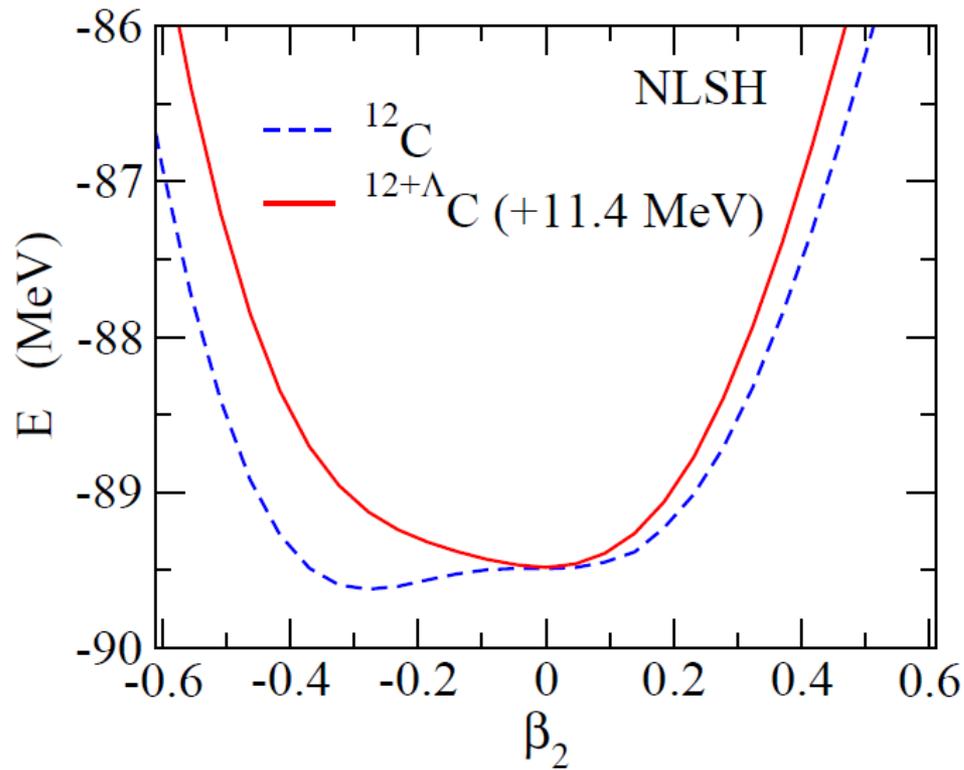
## Potential energy surface (constraint Hartree-Fock)



If the energy curve is relatively flat, a large change in nuclear deformation can occur due to an addition of  $\Lambda$  particle

the same conclusion also with NLSH and/or with another treatment of pairing correlation (constant G approach)

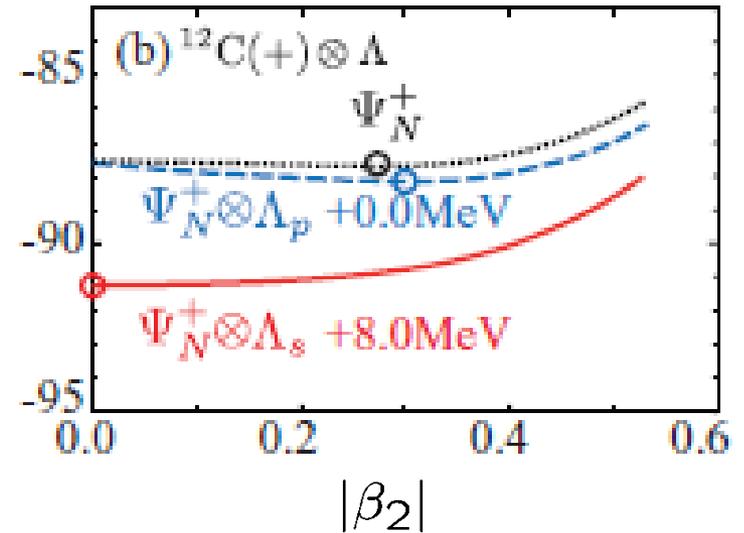
# Another example: $^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$



oblate  $\longrightarrow$  spherical

*Myaing Thi Win and K.H.,  
PRC78('08)054311*

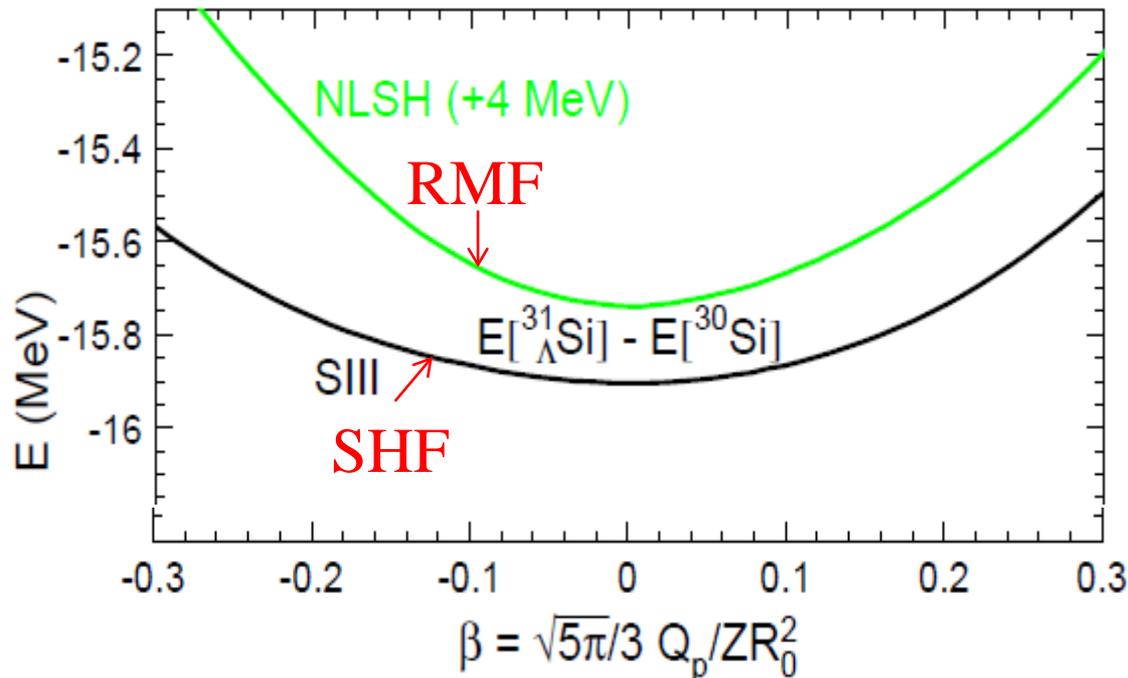
cf. recent AMD calculations



M. Isaka, K. Kimura, A. Dote,  
and A. Ohnishi, PRC83('11)044323

## Comparison between RMF and SHF

- Gain of binding energy =  $E_{30+\Lambda \text{ Si}} - E_{30 \text{ Si}}$ 
  - in spherical configuration
    - $\Delta E = E(\beta = -0.2) - E(\beta = 0) \approx 0.14 \text{ MeV}$  (SHF)
    - $\Delta E = E(\beta = -0.2) - E(\beta = 0) \approx 0.3 \text{ MeV}$  (RMF)
- Larger effect of  $N\Lambda$  force in RMF

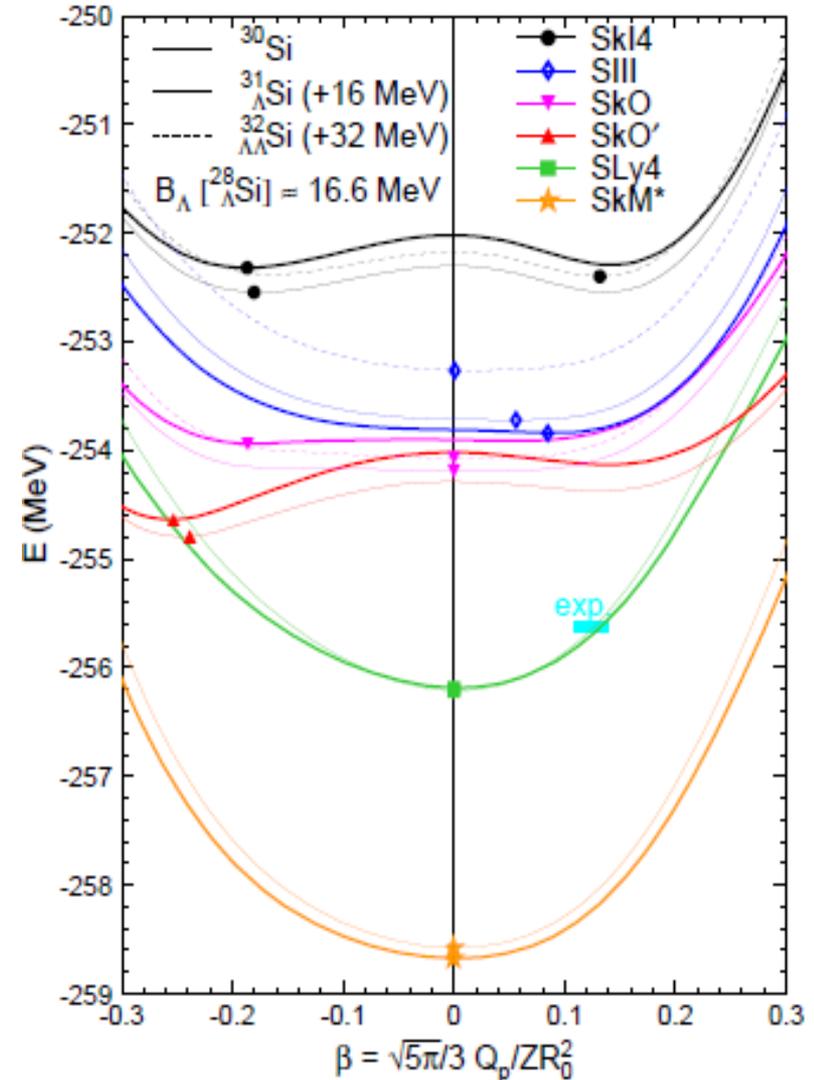


## Systematic comparison with Skyrme-Hartree-Fock method:

- Stronger influence of  $\Lambda$  in RMF than in SHF
- Disappearance of deformation can happen also with SHF if the energy curve is very flat

H.-J. Schulze, Myaing Thi Win,  
K.H., H. Sagawa, PTP123('10)569

A key point is a flatness of potential energy curve

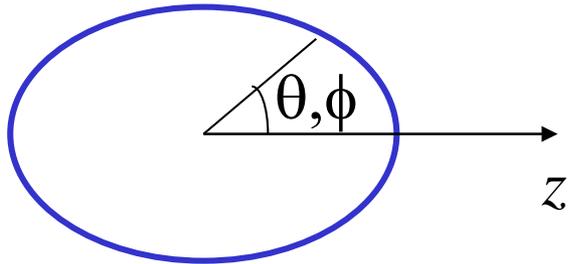


# 3D Hartree-Fock calculation for hypernuclei

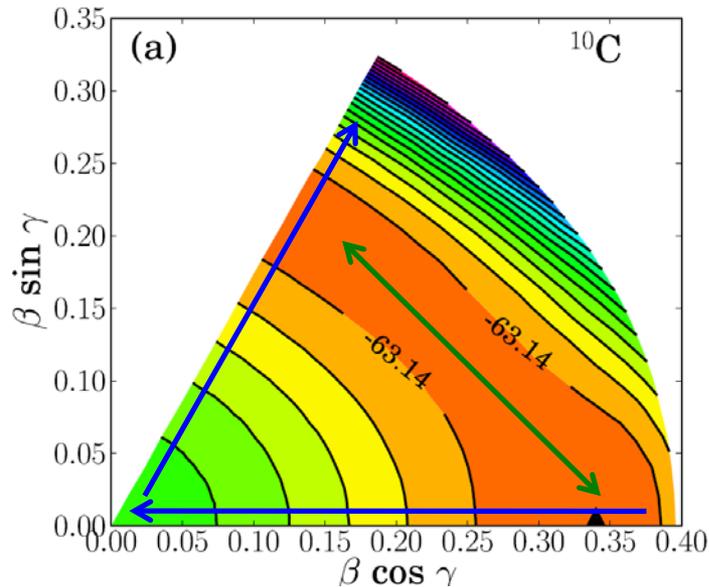
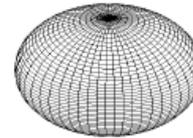
So far, axial symmetric shape has been assumed for simplicity

➡ Effect of  $\Lambda$  particle on triaxial deformation?

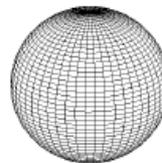
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left[ 1 + \beta \cos \gamma Y_{20}(\theta) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta \sin \gamma (Y_{22}(\theta, \phi) + Y_{2-2}(\theta, \phi)) \right]$$



Non collective  
oblate  
( $\beta, \gamma=60$ )



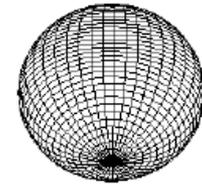
spherical



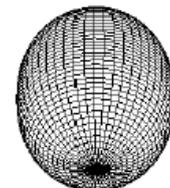
(0,0)

$\beta$

$\gamma$



triaxial



Collective  
prolate

( $\beta, \gamma=0$ )

Courtesy: Takeshi Koike

# Skyrme-Hartree-Fock calculations for hypernuclei

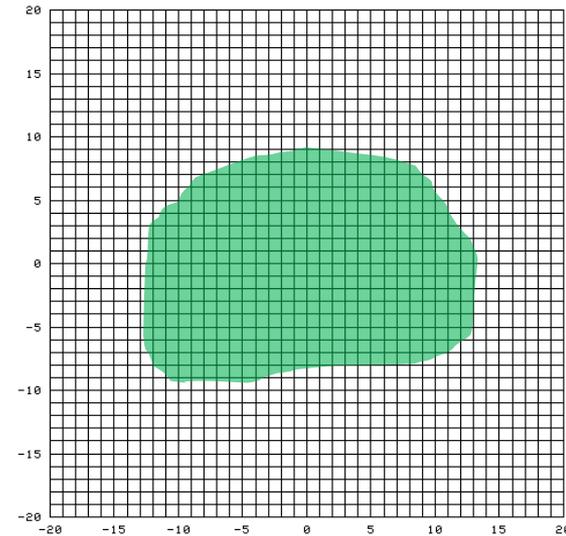
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NPA467(‘87)115, CPC171(‘05)49

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_k(x, y, z) &\sim \phi_k(n_x \Delta x, n_y \Delta y, n_z \Delta z) \\ \phi_k(x, y, z) &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\hat{h}\tau} \phi_k^{(0)}(x, y, z)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{note}) \quad e^{-\hat{h}\tau} \phi^{(0)} &= e^{-\hat{h}\tau} \sum_k C_k \phi_k \\ &= \sum_k e^{-e_k \tau} C_k \phi_k \\ &\rightarrow e^{-e_0 \tau} C_0 \phi_0 \quad (\tau \rightarrow \infty)\end{aligned}$$



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extension to hypernuclei

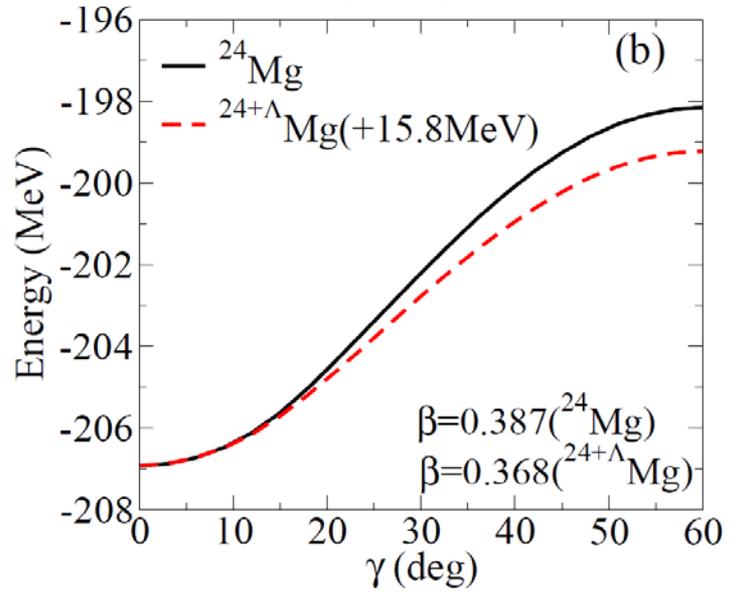
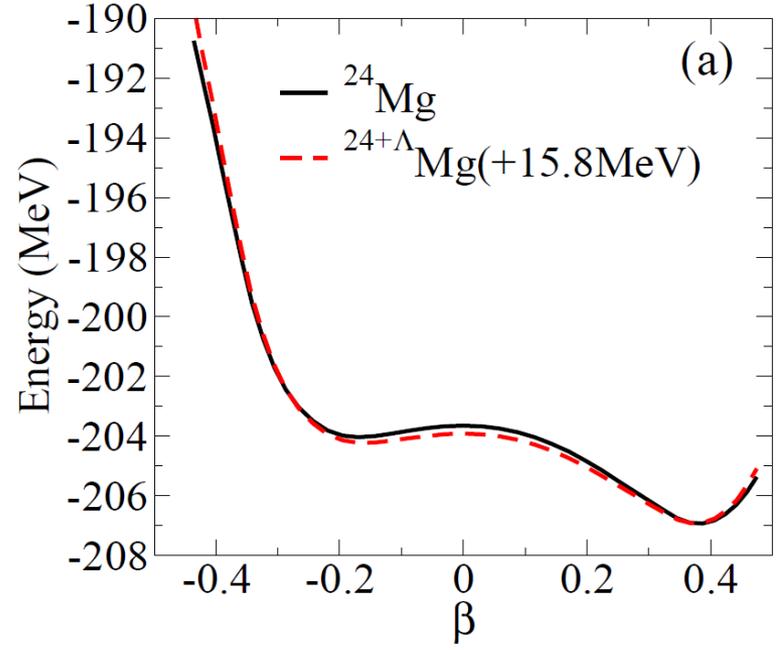
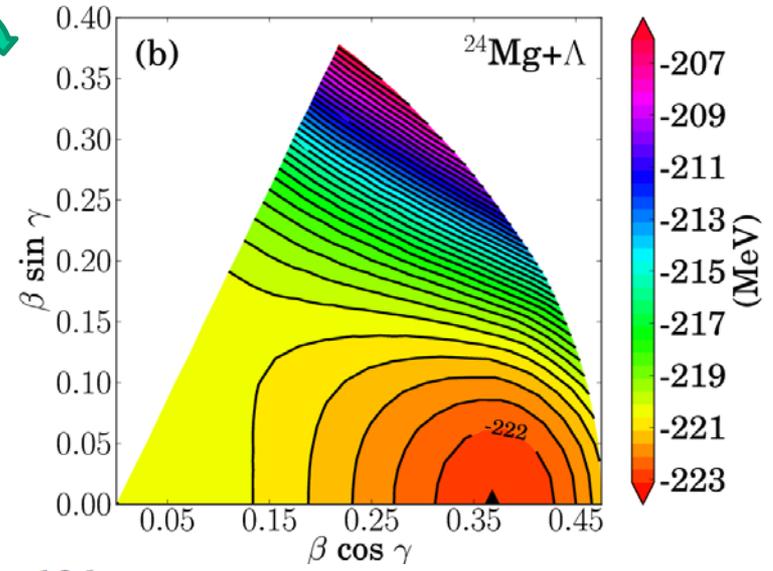
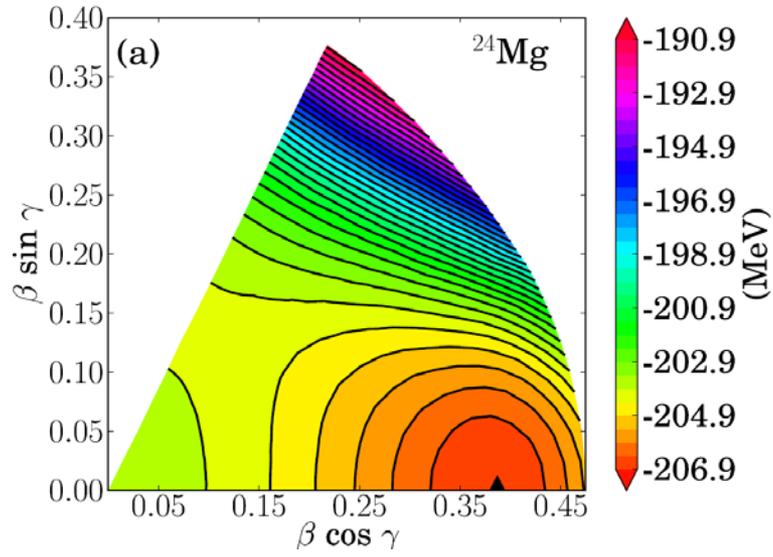
$$\begin{aligned}v_{\Lambda N}(r_{\Lambda}, r_N) &= t_0(1 + x_0 P_{\sigma})\delta(r_{\Lambda} - r_N) + \dots \\v_{\Lambda NN}(r_{\Lambda}, r_1, r_2) &= t_3\delta(r_{\Lambda} - r_1)\delta(r_{\Lambda} - r_2)\end{aligned}$$

M. Rayet, NPA367(‘81)381

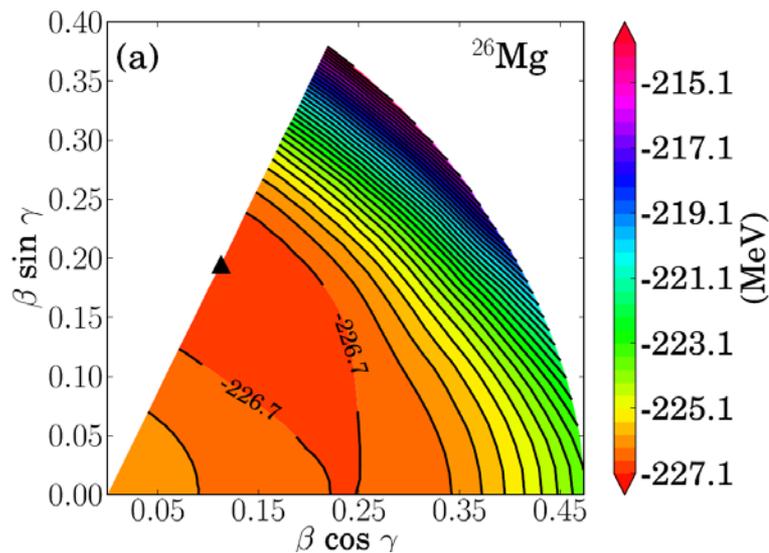
- \* Interaction No.1 of Yamamoto *et al.* + SGII (NN)  
(Y. Yamamoto, H. Bando, and J. Zofka, PTP80(‘88)757)
- \* Pairing among nucleons: BCS approximation with d.d. contact force
- \*  $\Lambda$  particle: the lowest energy state

$^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{25}_{\Lambda}\text{Mg}$

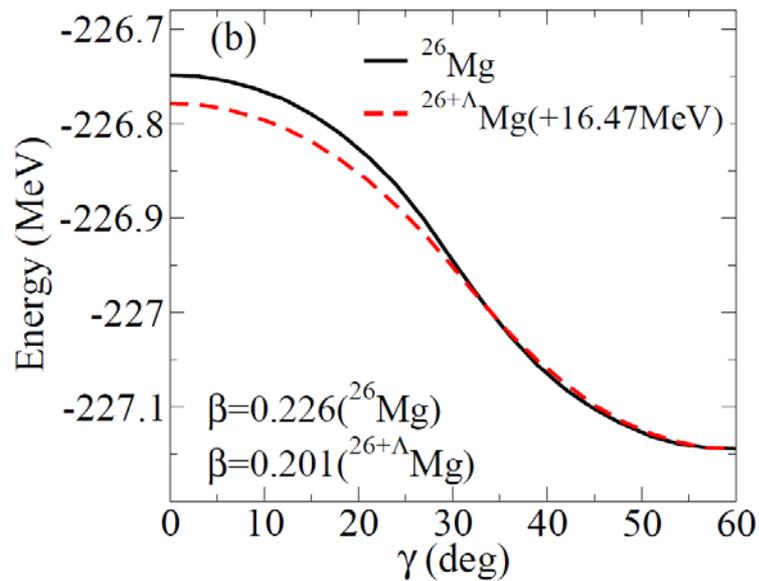
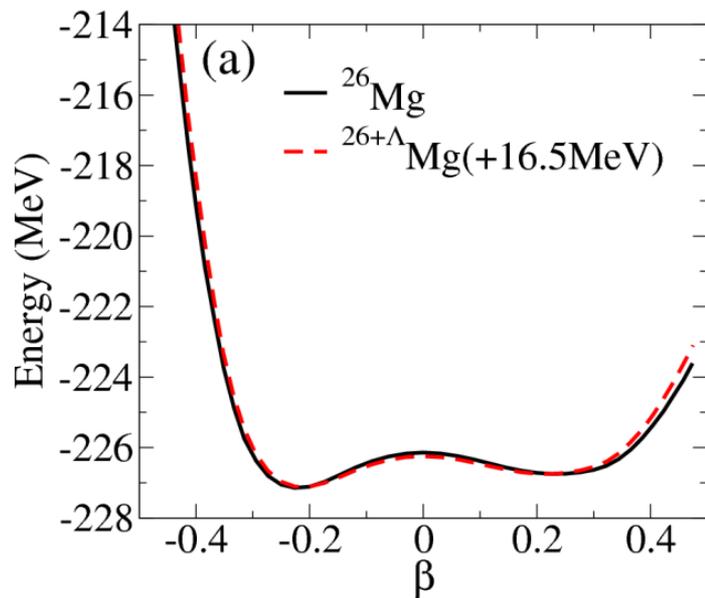
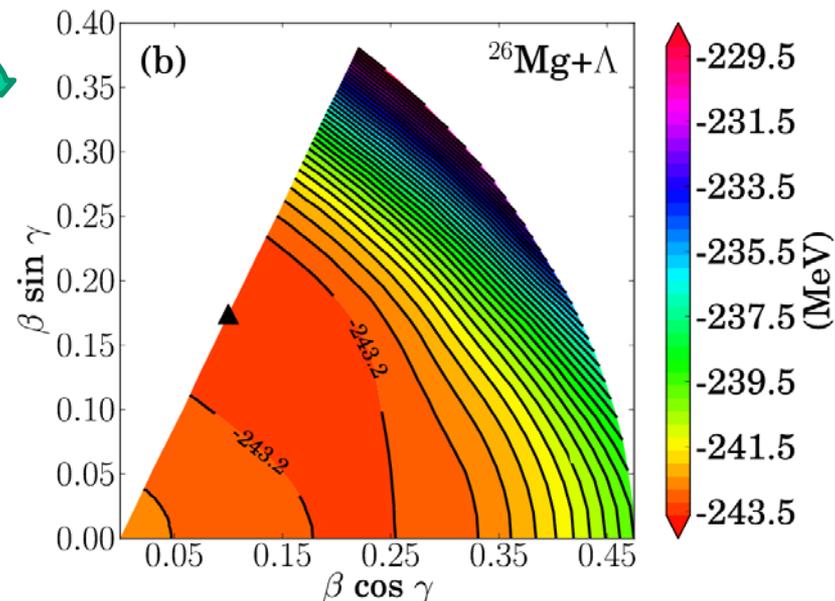
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$^{26}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{27}_{\Lambda}\text{Mg}$

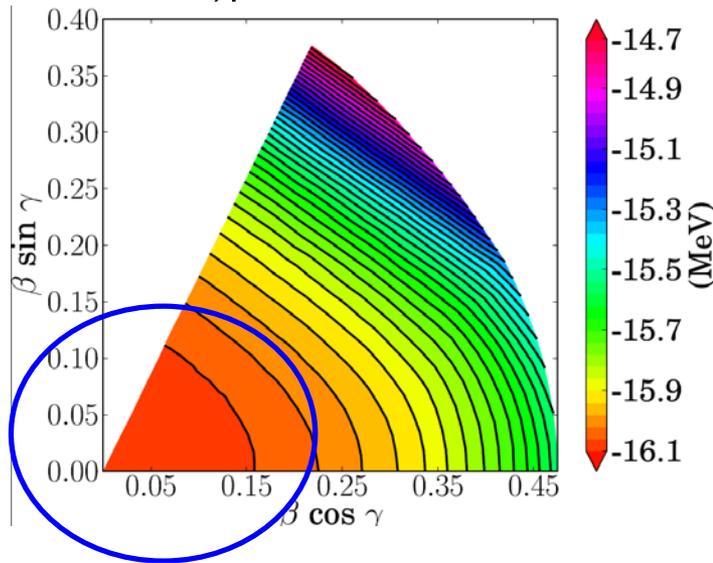


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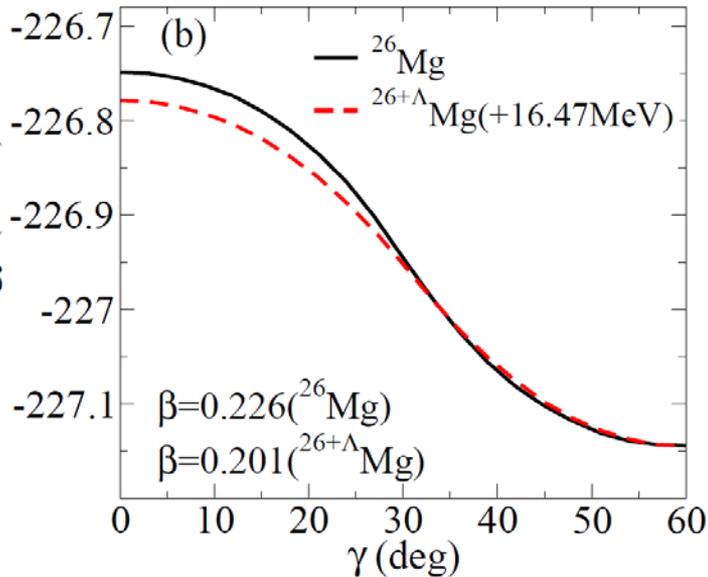


# Discussions

$$E_{\Lambda}^{25}\text{Mg}(\beta, \gamma) - E_{24}\text{Mg}(\beta, \gamma)$$



- Deformation is driven to spherical when  $\Lambda$  is in the lowest state
- Prolate configuration is preferred for the same value of  $\beta$



All of  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Si}$  show that  $\Lambda$  makes the curvature along the  $\gamma$  direction somewhat smaller



Experiment? (the energy of  $2_2^+$  state)

quantitative estimat: RPA or GCM

or Bohr Hamiltonian

# Rotational Excitation of hypernuclei

Collective spectrum of a hypernucleus: half-integer spin

“Bohr Hamiltonian” for the *core* part:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{coll}} = T_{\text{vib}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\hat{I}_k^2}{2\mathcal{J}_k} + V_{\text{coll}}(\beta, \gamma)$$

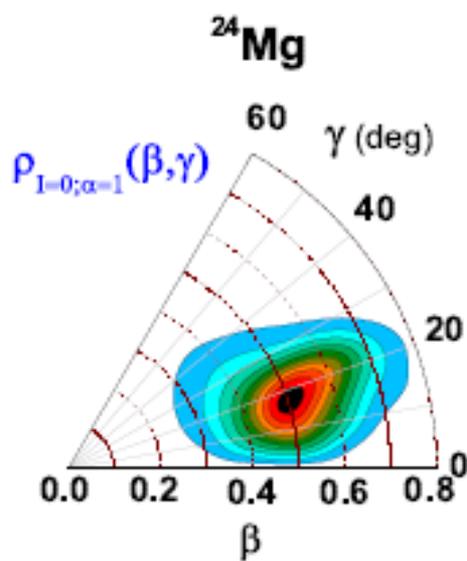
mass inertias: cranking approximation

(Inglis-Belyaev formula for the rotational inertia)

$$V_{\text{coll}}(\beta, \gamma) = E(\beta, \gamma) - \Delta V_{\text{vib}}(\beta, \gamma) - \Delta V_{\text{rot}}(\beta, \gamma)$$

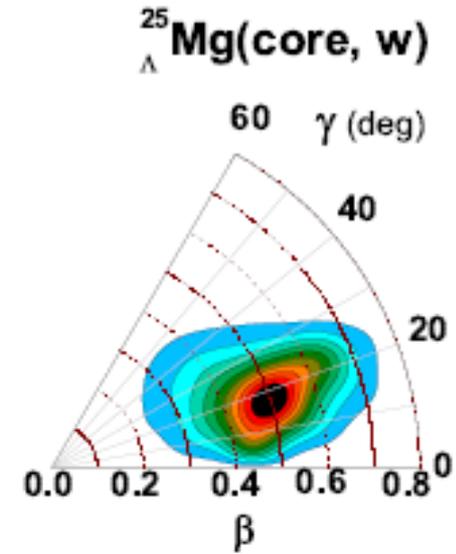
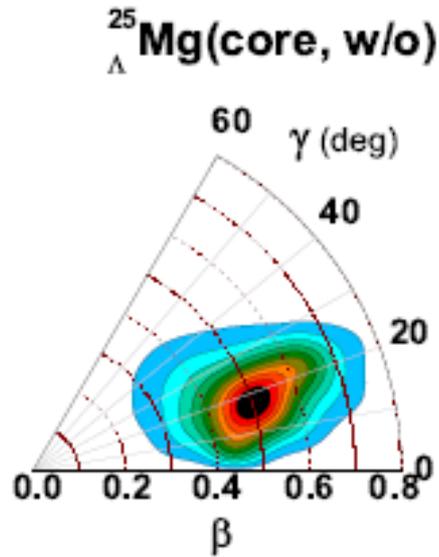
$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} (i) \ E(\beta, \gamma) = E_N(\beta, \gamma) \\ (ii) \ E(\beta, \gamma) = E_N(\beta, \gamma) + \int d\mathbf{r} \mathcal{E}_{N\Lambda}(\mathbf{r}) \end{array} \right.$$

# Solution of Coll. H $\rightarrow$ fluctuation of deformation parameters



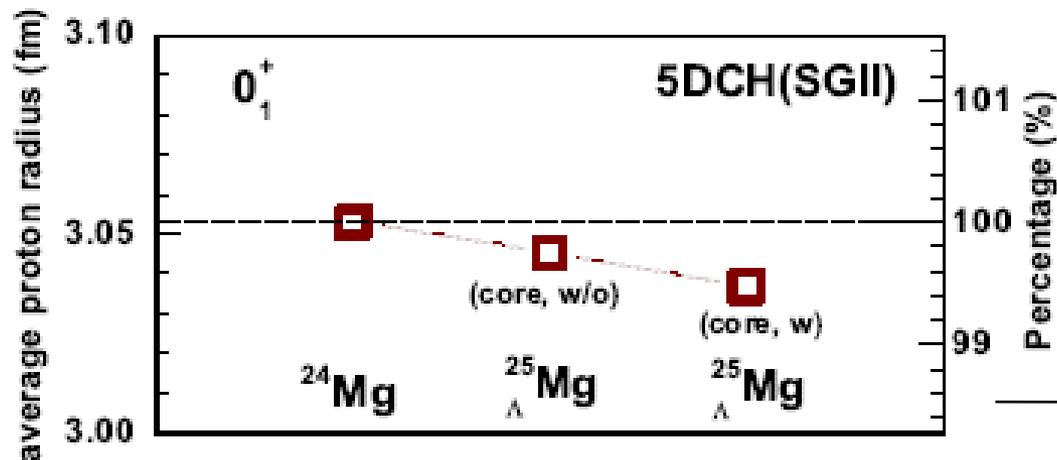
$$\langle \beta \rangle = 0.54$$

$$\langle \gamma \rangle = 20^\circ$$



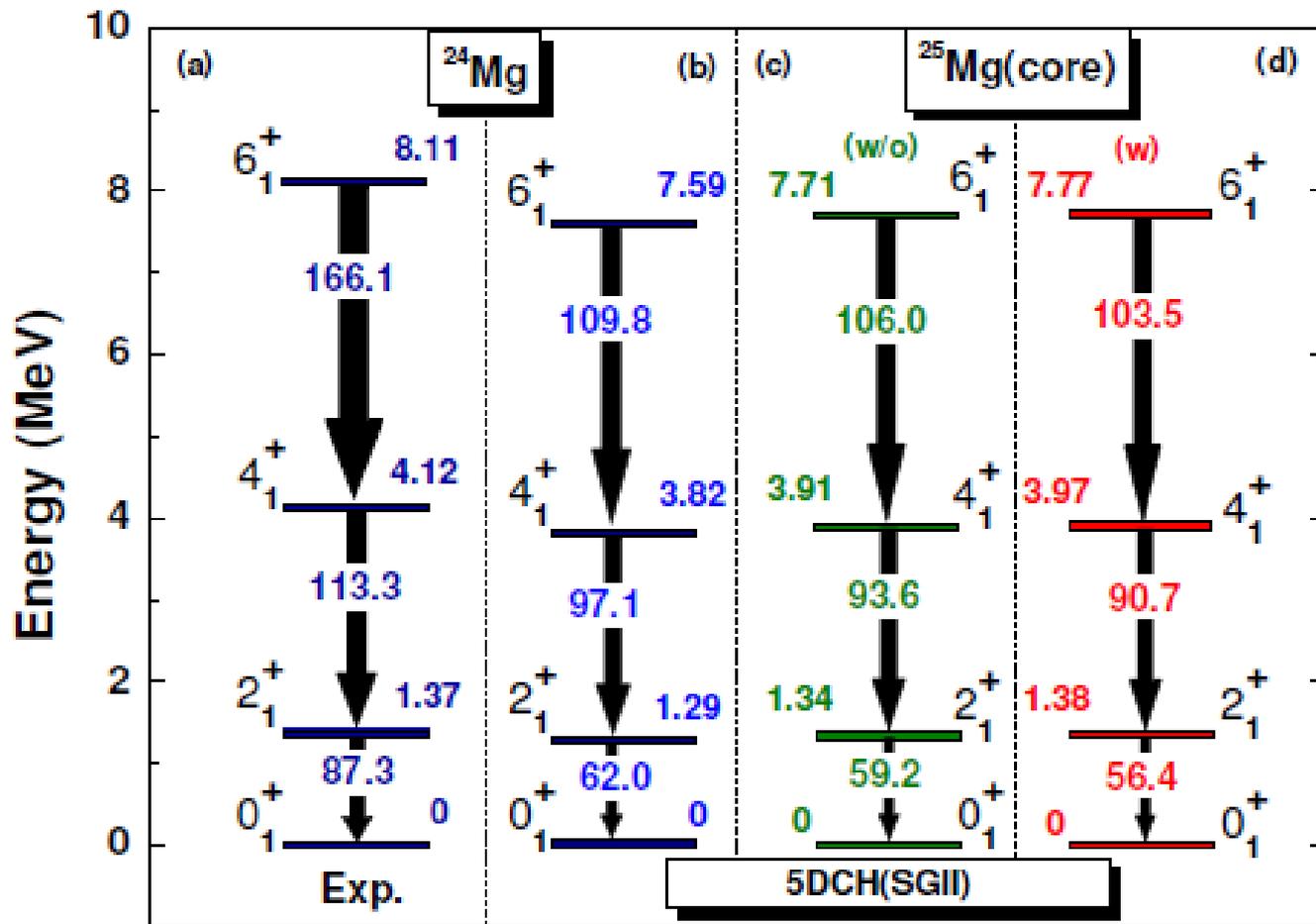
$$\langle \beta \rangle = 0.52$$

$$\langle \gamma \rangle = 20.8^\circ$$



J.M. Yao, Z.P. Li, K.H. et al.,  
arXiv: 1104.3200

$\longrightarrow$  much smaller change



reduction of  $B(E2)$  from  $2^+$  to  $0^+$

J.M. Yao, Z.P. Li, K.H. et al.,  
arXiv: 1104.3200

$$^{24}\text{Mg}: B(E2) = 62.0 \text{ e}^2\text{fm}^4$$

$$^{25}_{\Lambda}\text{Mg}: B(E2) = 56.4 \text{ e}^2\text{fm}^4 \text{ (about 9\% reduction)}$$

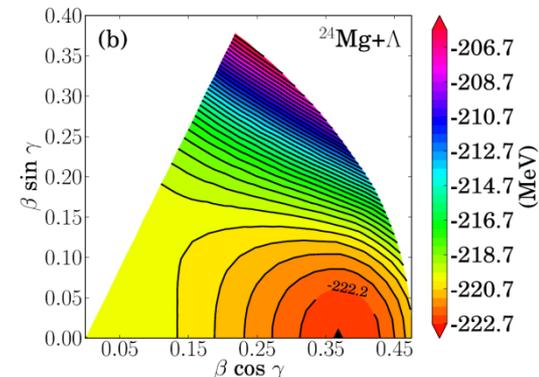
# Summary

## Shape of $\Lambda$ hypernuclei: from the view point of mean-field theory

- deformation: in important key word in the sd-shell region
- RMF: stronger influence of  $\Lambda$  particle
  - Shape of  $^{28}\text{Si}$  : drastically changed due to  $\Lambda$
- SHF: weaker influence of  $\Lambda$ , but large def. change if PES is very flat
  - 3D calculations
  - softening of  $\gamma$ -vibration?

## Rotational excitations of $\Lambda$ hypernuclei

- about 9% reduction of  $B(E2)$  value



## A challenging problem

- full spectrum of a hypernucleus
  - odd mass, broken time reversal symmetry, half-integer spins
  - spectrum of a double  $\Lambda$  hypernucleus?