

Methods to deal with an effective pairing in the continuum: real and complex energy representations



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Goal:

Study the many-body properties in open shell nuclei with Fermi level close to the continuum threshold or embedded in it

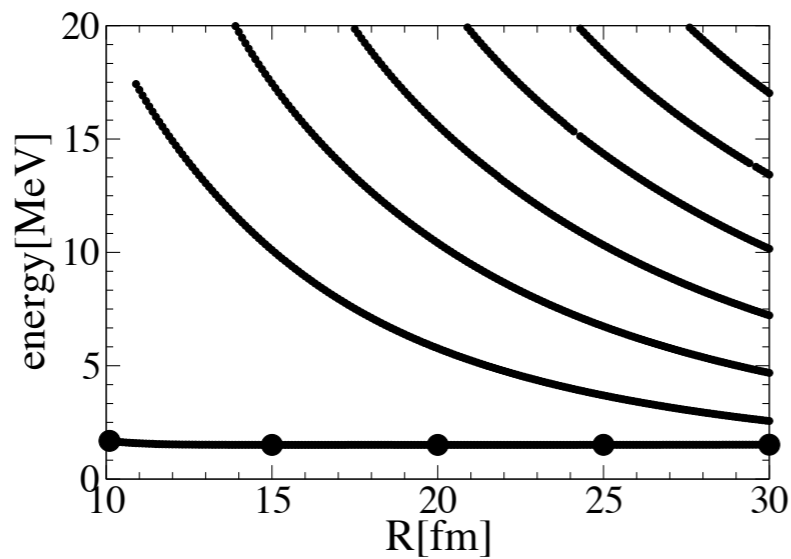
Outline

- **About representation**
 - Single particle representation
 - Single particle level density
 - Single particle complex energy
- **Model interaction:** pairing
- **Model solutions**
 - Richardson (Exact)
 - Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS)
 - Lipkin-Nogami (LN)
- **Applications:** open shell nuclei (constant pairing)

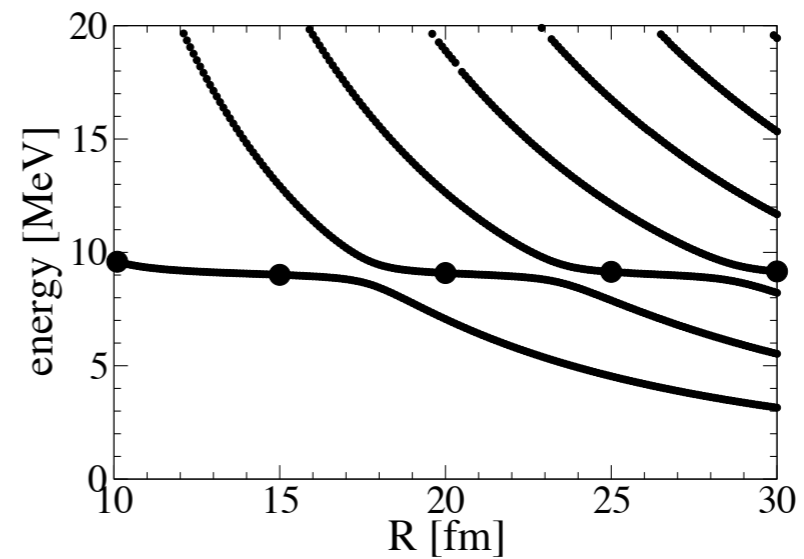
ABOUT RESONANCES

- **Signature in box representation**
- **Signature in real energy representation**
- **Signature in complex energy representation**
- **Resonances as basis states**

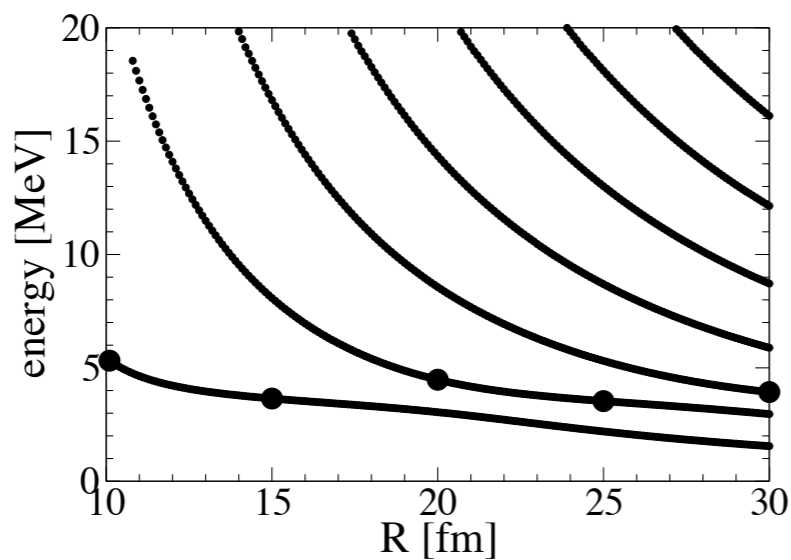
Signature of resonances in the box representation



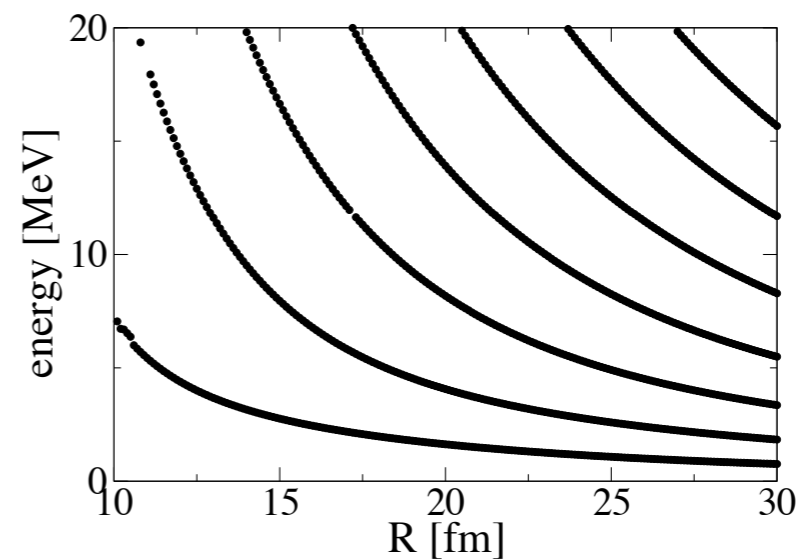
$$\epsilon = 1.452 - i 0.225 \times 10^{-4} \text{ MeV}$$



$$\epsilon = 9.019 - i 0.126 \text{ MeV}$$

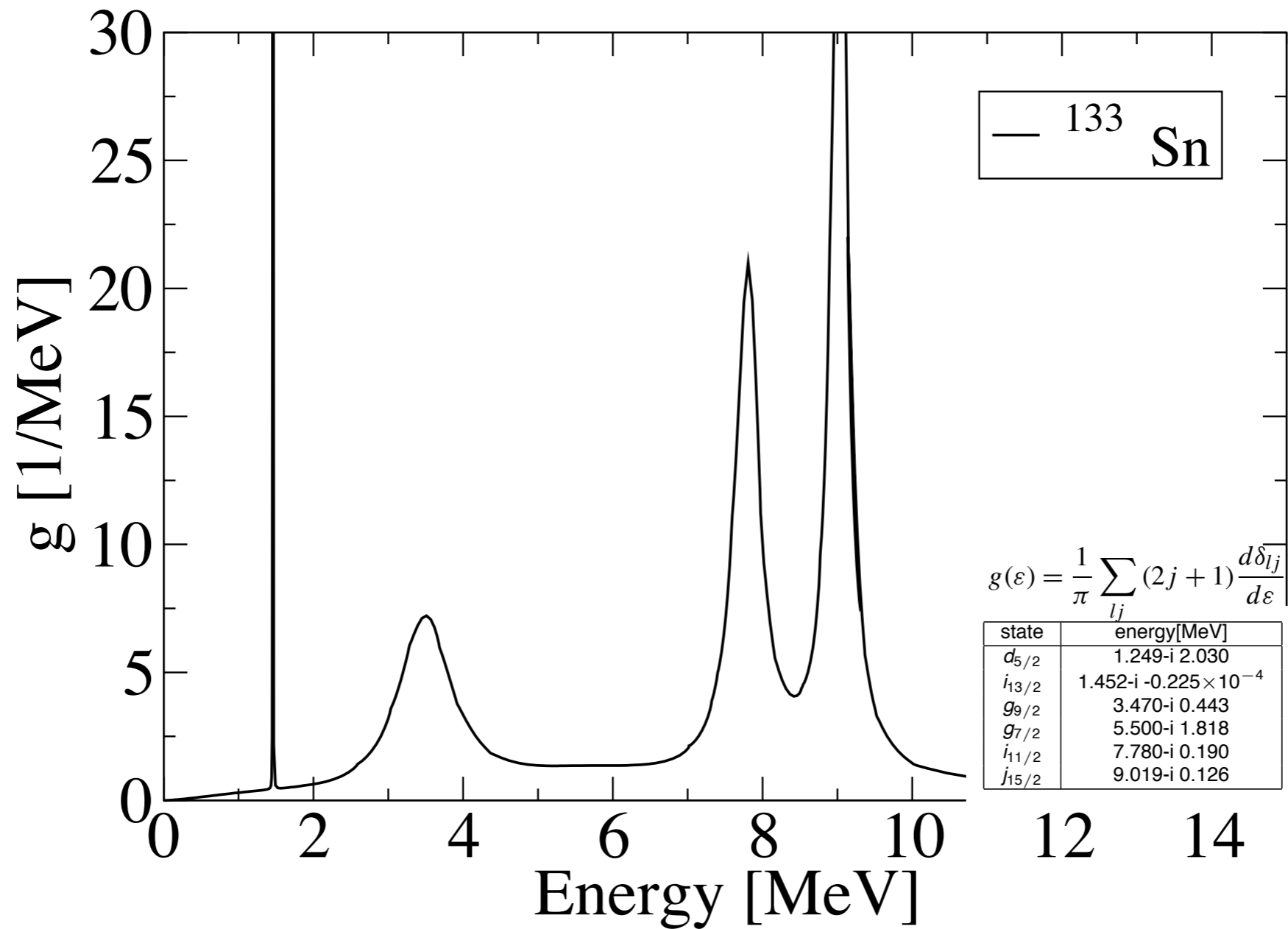


$$\epsilon = 3.470 - i 0.443 \text{ MeV}$$



$$\epsilon = 1.249 - i 2.030 \text{ MeV}$$

Signature of resonances in the real energy representation

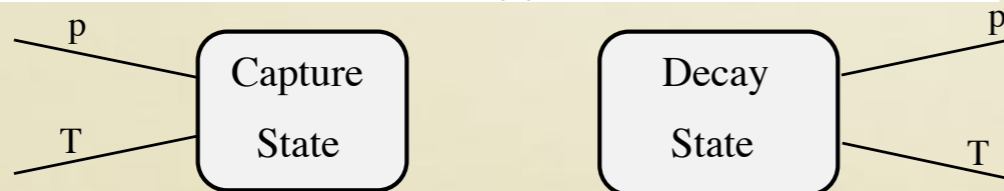
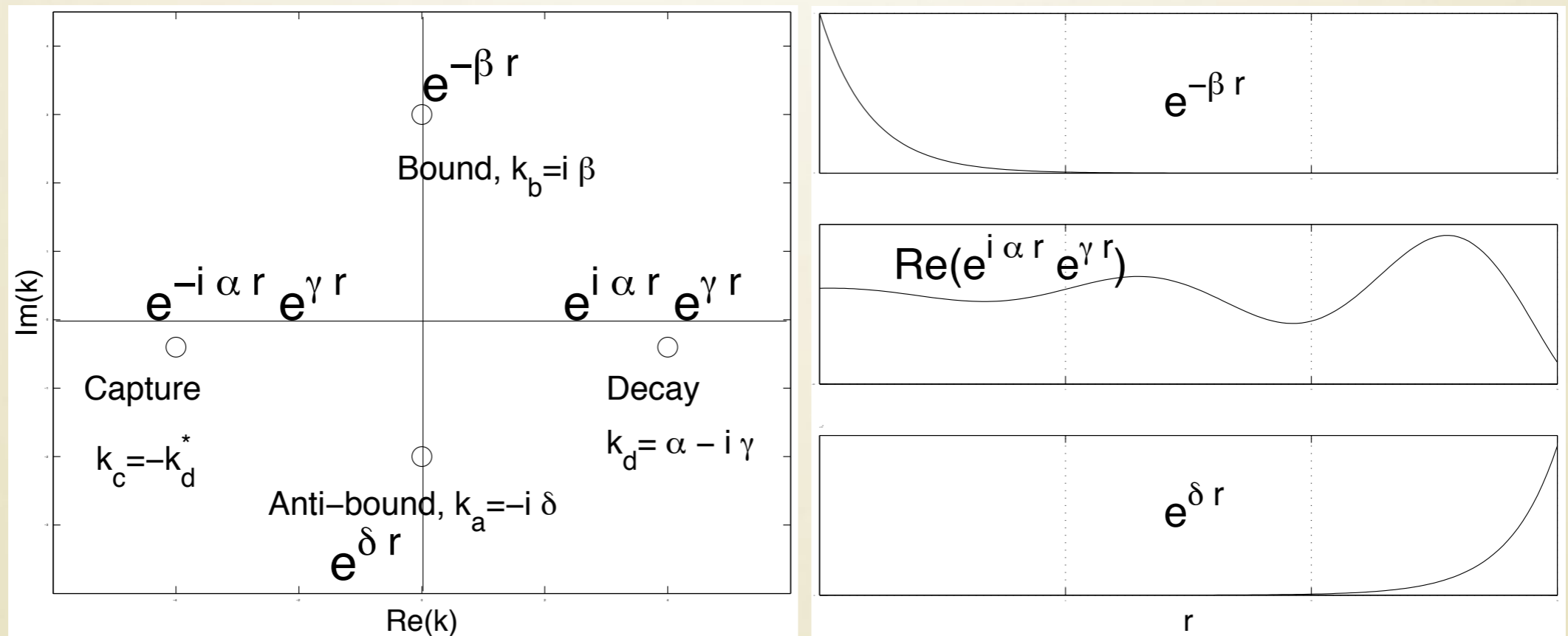


Signature of resonances in the complex energy representation

$$\varphi_{lj}(k, r) = \frac{i}{2} k^{-(l+1)} [f_{lj}(-k) f_{lj}(k, r) - (-)^l f_{lj}(k) f_{lj}(-k, r)] \quad f_{lj}(\pm k, r \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow e^{\mp ikr} e^{\frac{\pi}{2}l}$$

$$S_{lj}(k) = \frac{f_{lj}(k)}{f_{lj}(-k)}$$

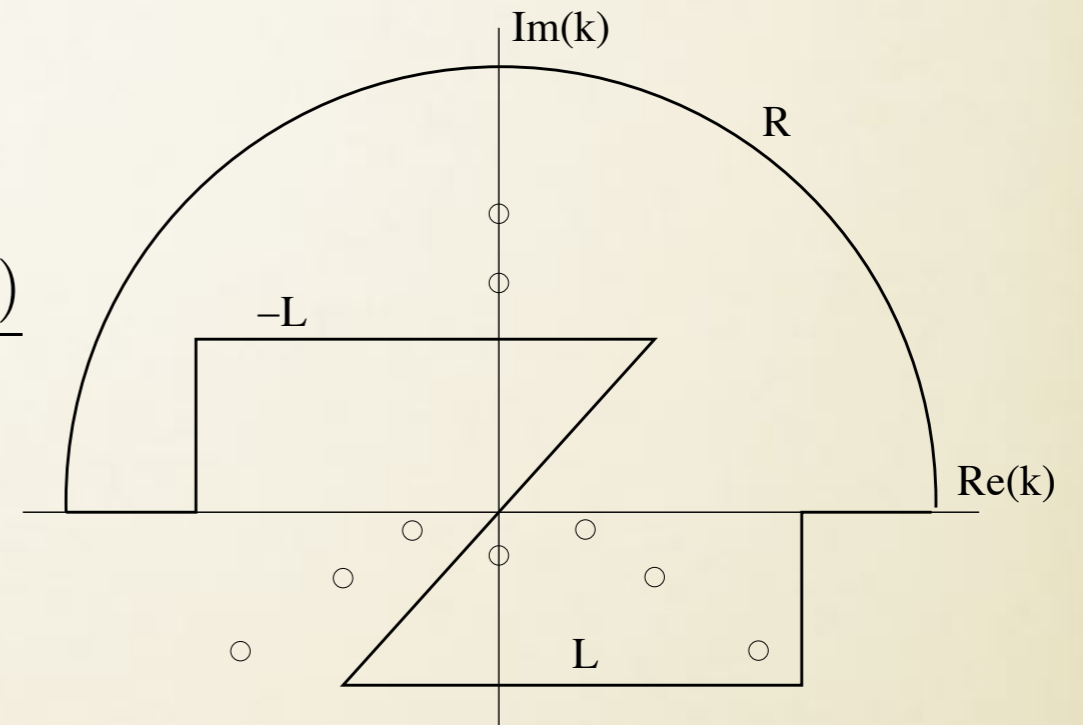
$$S_l^R(E) = e^{i2\delta_l^R(E)} = 1 - \frac{i\Gamma}{E - (E_R - i\Gamma/2)}$$



Continuum states as basis expansion

T. Berggren, Nuclear Physics A **109**, 265 (1968)

$$G_{lj}(k; r, r') = (-)^{l+1} k^l \frac{\varphi_{lj}(k, r_{<}) f_{lj}(-k, r_{>})}{f_{lj}(-k)}$$



$$\delta(r - r') = \sum_{n=n_b, n_a, n_d} u_n(r) u_n(r') + \int_L dk u(k, r) u(k, r')$$

$$f(r) = \int f(r') \delta(r - r') dr'$$

$$f(r) = \sum_{n=n_b, n_a, n_d} c_n u_n(r) + \int_L c(k) u(k, r) dk$$

MODEL INTERACTION

For the

Many-body calculation in open shells

- **Single particle basis**
- **Model interaction: pairing**
- **Correlations between continuum states**

How to Introduce the Single Particle Basis in Many-Body Calculations

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^A \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i} \right] \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2 + \sum_{i<j=1}^A v(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j)$$

$$H = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^A \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i} \right] \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^A v(\mathbf{r}_i) \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{i<j=1}^A v(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) - \sum_{i=1}^A v(\mathbf{r}_i) \right\}$$

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^A h(\mathbf{r}_i) + V$$

$$h(\bar{r}) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + v(r)$$

$$h(\mathbf{r})\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_\alpha\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\delta(r - r') = \sum_{n_b, n_v, n_r} u_{nlj}(r) u_{nlj}(r') + \int_L dk u_{lj}(k, r) u_{lj}(k, r')$$

Computer Code: ANTI

L. Gr. Ixaru, M. Rizea, T. Vertse, Comp. Phys. Comm. **85**, 217 (1995)

Model Interaction

$$H = \sum_{am_a} \varepsilon_a c_{am_a}^\dagger c_{am_a} + \sum_{JM} \sum_{b \leq a} \sum_{d \leq c} \langle ab, JM | V | cd, JM \rangle A_{JM}^\dagger(ab) A_{JM}(cd)$$

$$\langle cd, JM | V | ab, JM \rangle = -\frac{G}{2} \sqrt{(2j_c + 1)(2j_a + 1)} \delta_{J0} \delta_{cd} \delta_{ab}$$

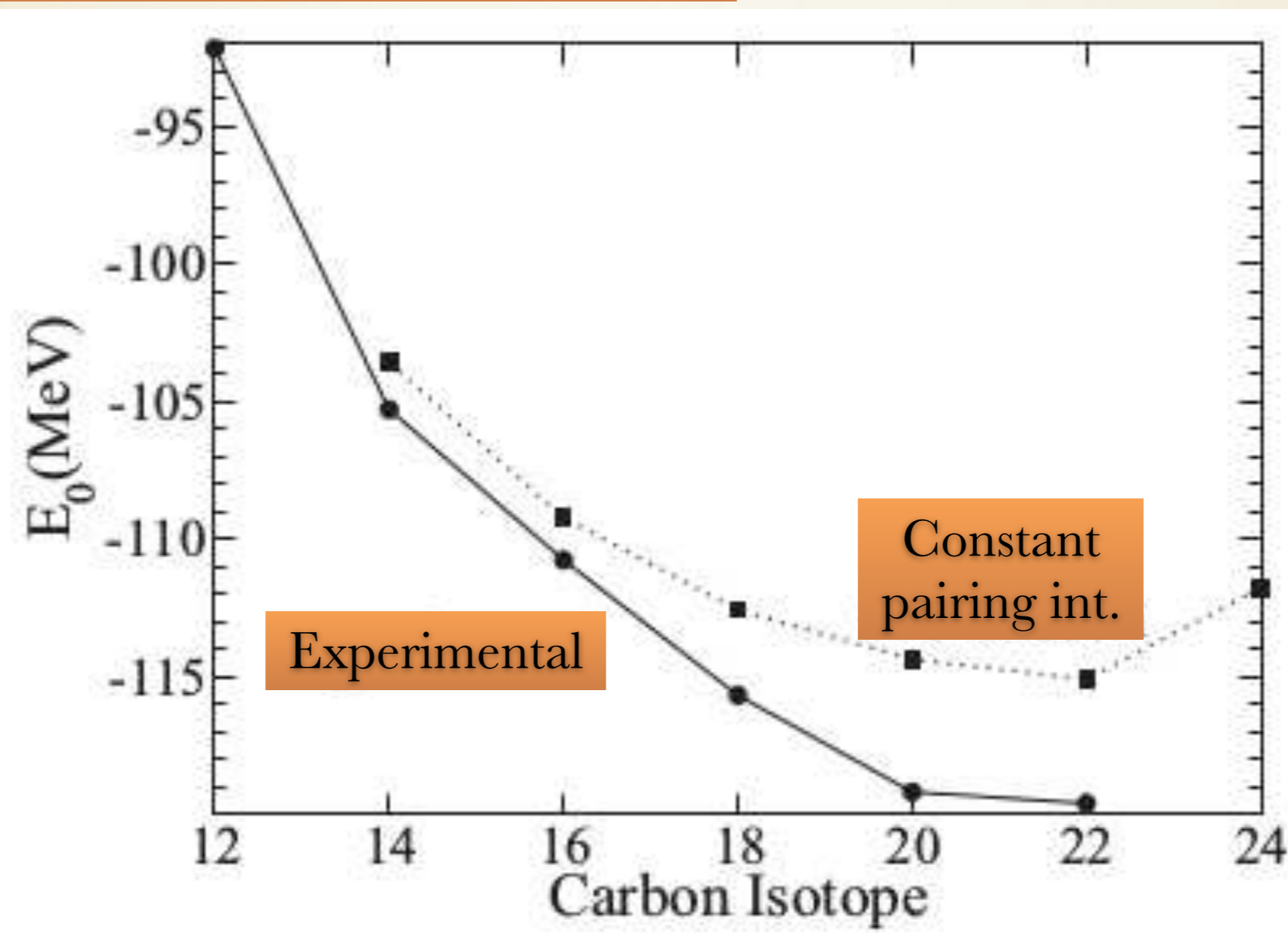
Pairing Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{am_a} \varepsilon_a c_{am_a}^\dagger c_{am_a} - G P^\dagger P$$

$$P^\dagger = \sum_{am_a > 0} c_{am_a}^\dagger c_{a\bar{m}_a}^\dagger$$

About the limitations of the pairing interaction

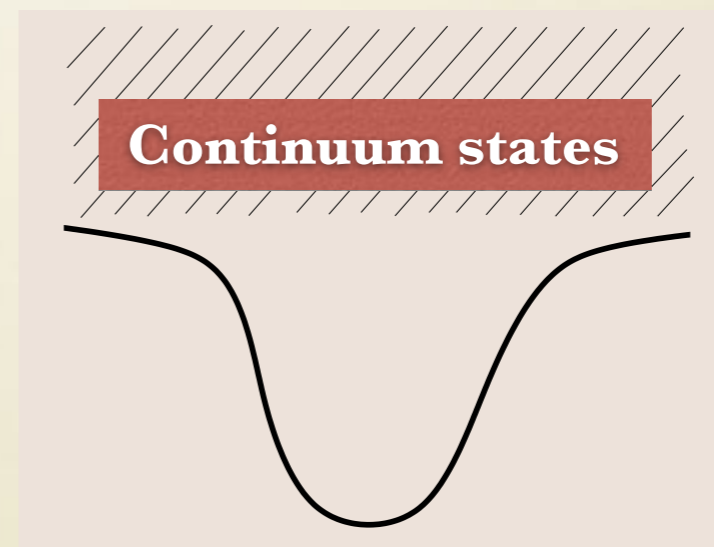
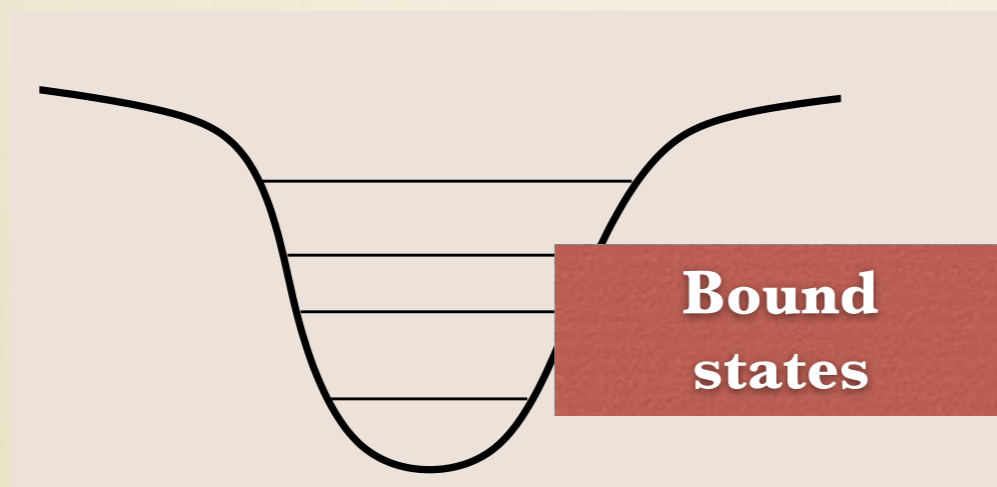
Missing correlations $\langle cd, JM | V | ab, JM \rangle$



Classification of the Two Body Correlations

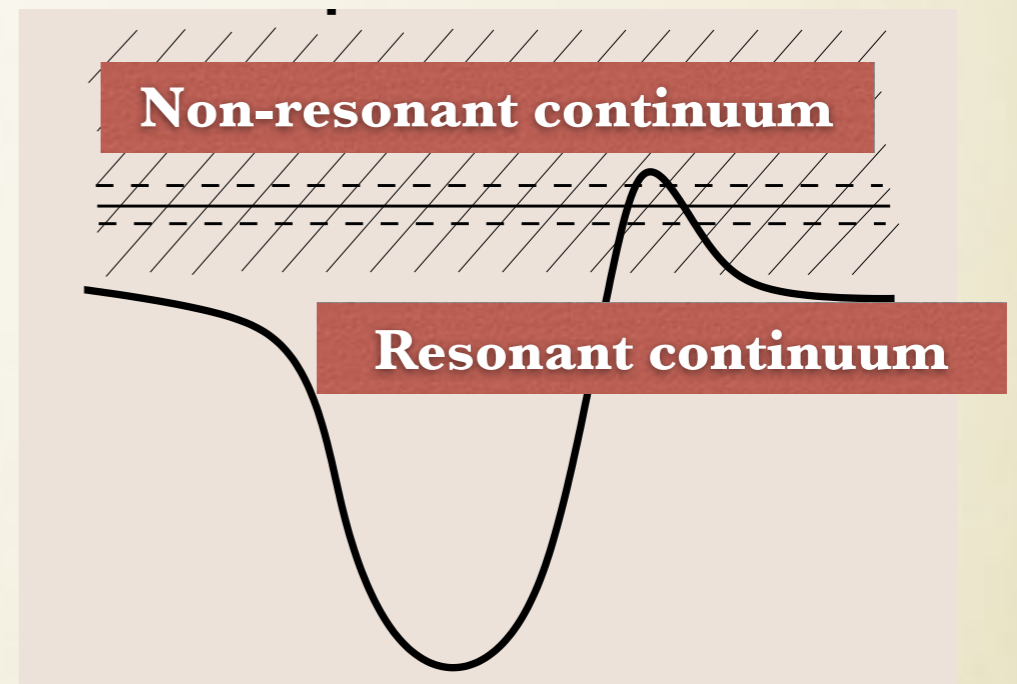
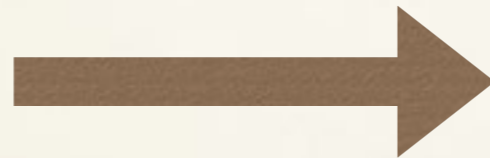
- **Bound-Bound**
- **Bound-Continuum**
- **Continuum-Continuum**

$$\langle cd, JM | V | ab, JM \rangle$$



Classification of Continuum-Continuum Correlations

CONTINUUM



- Resonant-Resonant
- Resonant-Non Resonant
- Non Resonant-Non Resonant

$$\langle cd, JM | V | ab, JM \rangle$$

CONSERVING PARTICLE NUMBER MODEL SOLUTION

Richardson

- Real energy representation
- Complex energy representation

Conserving particle number solution: Richardson

Richardson ansatz

$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{pair}} \left(\sum_a \frac{P_a^\dagger}{2\varepsilon_a - E_i} \right) |0\rangle$$

$$N|\Psi\rangle = (2N_{pair})|\Psi\rangle$$

Pair creation operator

$$P_a^\dagger = \sum_{m_a > 0} c_{am_a}^\dagger c_{a\bar{m}_a}^\dagger$$

Many-body eigenvalue

$$H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$

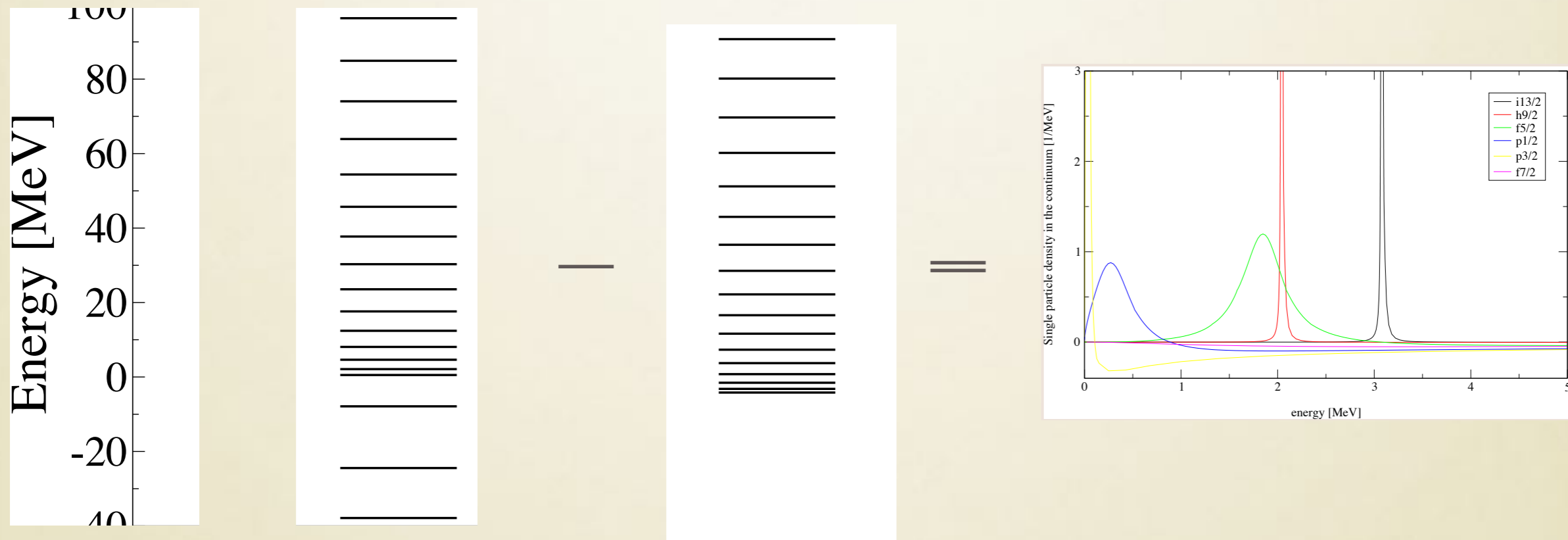
$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{pair}} E_i$$

Richardson equations

$$1 - \frac{G}{2} \sum_a \frac{2j_a + 1}{2\varepsilon_a - E_i} + 2G \sum_{j \neq i}^{N_{pair}} \frac{1}{E_j - E_i} = 0$$

Conserving particle number solution: Continuum spectrum

Single Particle Level Density Ansatz



$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2\pi^2 \hbar^2 \epsilon}} R + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\delta_{lj}}{d\epsilon} \right] - \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2\pi^2 \hbar^2 \epsilon}} R = g_{lj}(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\delta_{lj}}{d\epsilon}$$

$$h(r) u(k, r) = \epsilon u(k, r)$$

Conserving particle number solution: Continuum spectrum

$$\sum_n f_n \rightarrow \int f = \sum_{n_b} (2j_{n_b} + 1) f_{n_b} + \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon g(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon)$$

Richardson equations

**Effective pairing
in the continuum**



$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_b (2j_b + 1) \frac{G}{2\varepsilon_b - E_\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon \frac{Gg(\varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon - E_\alpha} + 2G \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \frac{1}{E_\beta - E_\alpha} = 0$$

Compare with...

$$1 - \frac{G}{2} \sum_a \frac{2j_a + 1}{2\varepsilon_a - E_i} + 2G \sum_{j \neq i}^{N_{\text{pair}}} \frac{1}{E_j - E_i} = 0$$

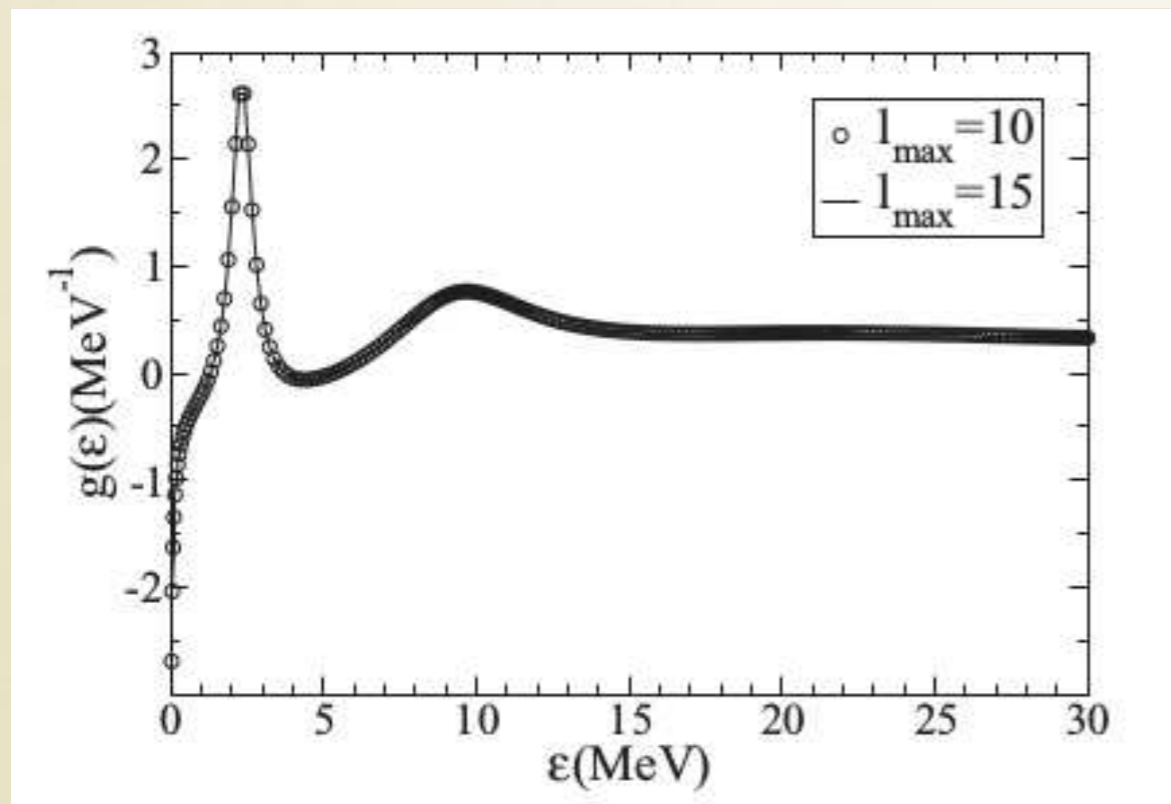
$$g(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{lj} (2j + 1) \frac{d\delta_{lj}}{d\varepsilon}$$

The level density contains the resonant
and non resonant continuum

Conserving particle number solution

Application: Carbon isotopes

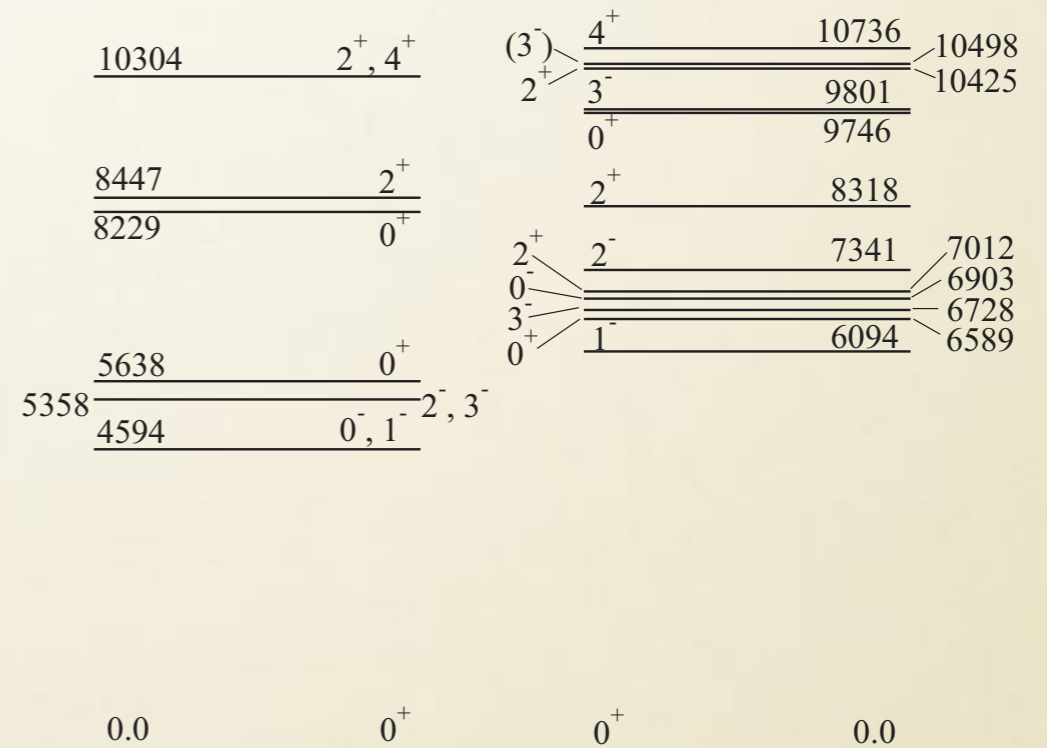
Neutron level density in ^{12}C



bound states : $0p_{1/2}, 1s_{1/2}, 0d_{5/2}$

$$G = \frac{10.9}{A} \text{ MeV}$$

Spectrum of ^{14}C



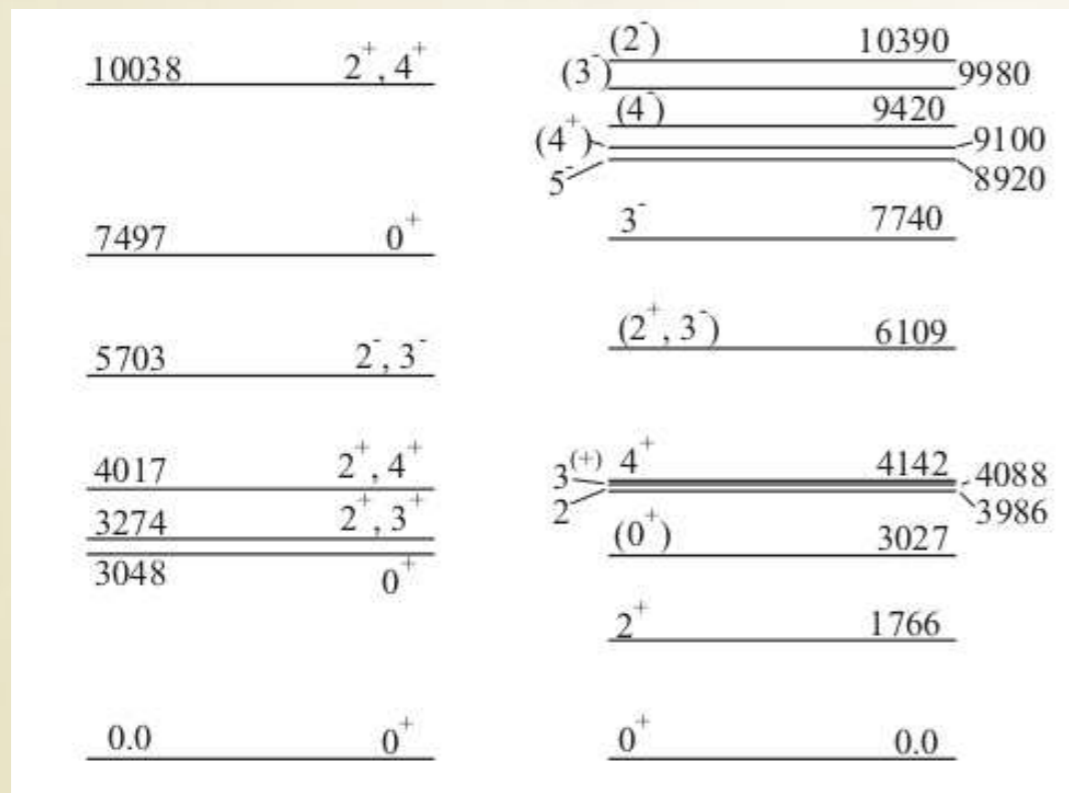
Calculated

Experimental

Conserving particle number solution

Application: Carbon isotopes

Spectrum of ^{16}C

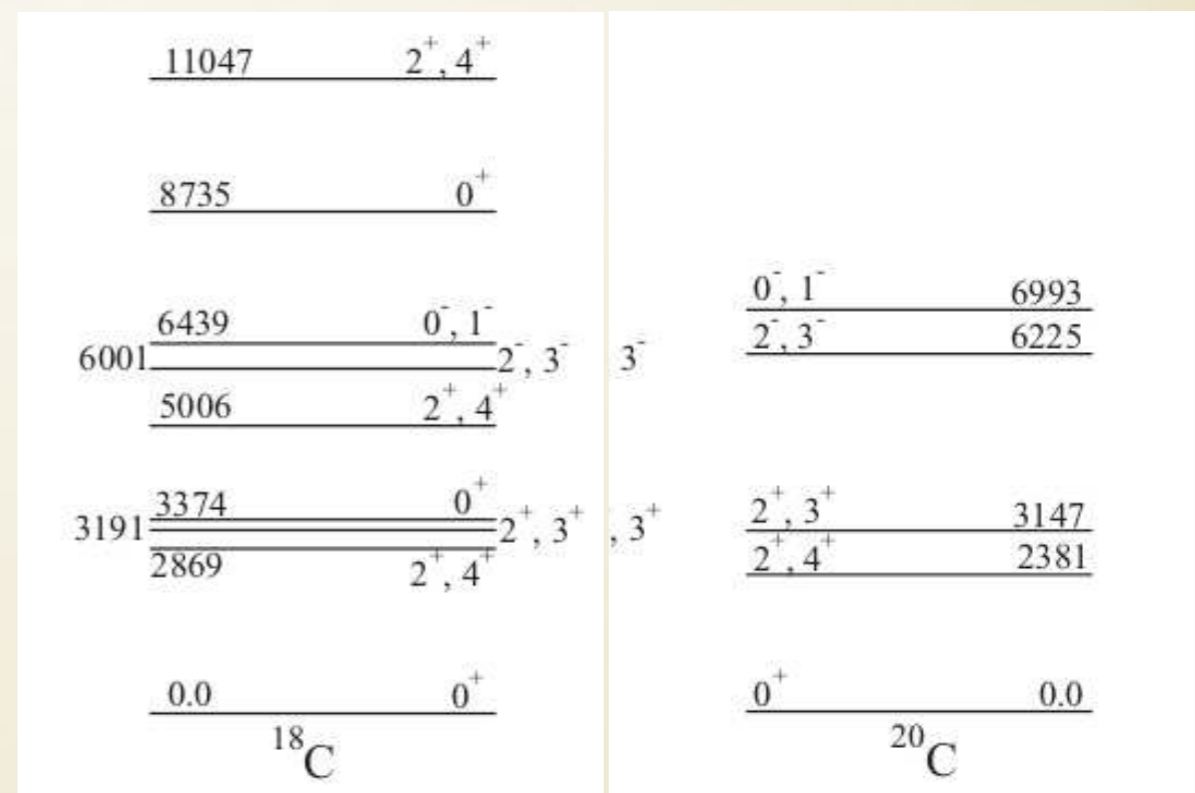


Calculated

Experimental

6 particles

8 particles



Calculated

Calculated

Exp. (2^+) 1.620 MeV

Conserving particle number solution in the complex energy plane

$$g(\varepsilon) = g_{Res}(\varepsilon) + g_{Bckg}(\varepsilon)$$

Resonant density

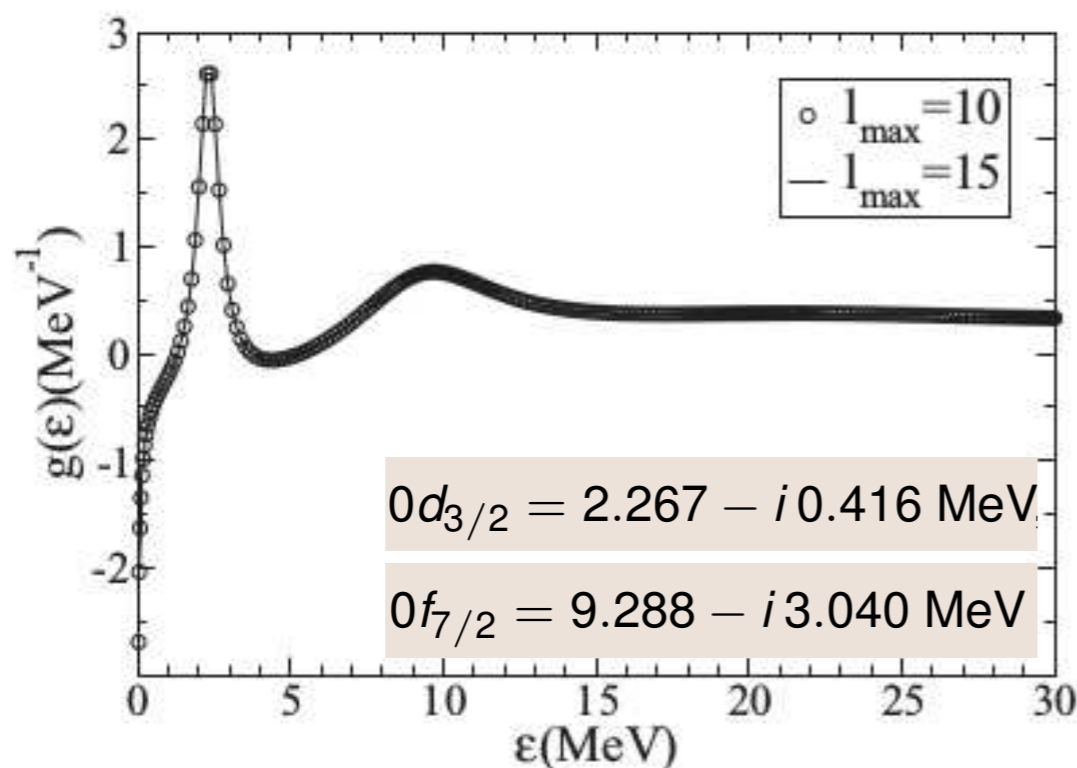
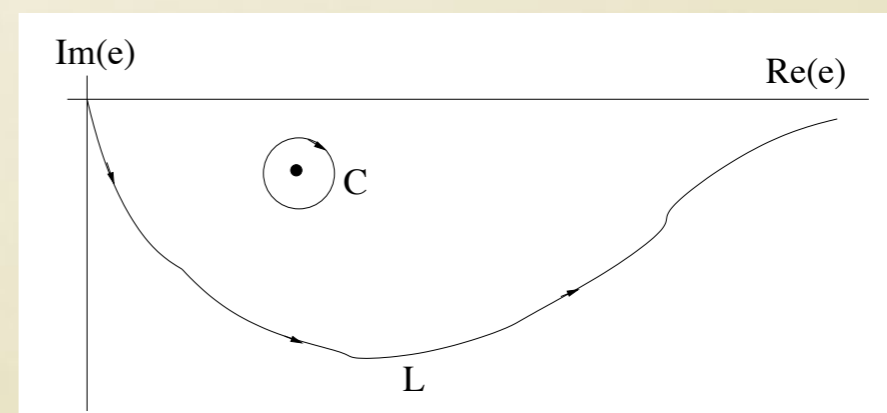
$$g_{Res}(\varepsilon) = \sum_r \frac{2j_r + 1}{\pi} \frac{d\delta_r}{d\varepsilon} \approx \sum_r \frac{2j_r + 1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma_r/2}{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_r)^2 + (\Gamma_r/2)^2}$$

Continuum part

in the Richardson eq.

$$\int_0^\infty d\varepsilon \frac{g_{Res}(\varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon - E_k} \approx \sum_r \frac{2j_r + 1}{\pi} \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\varepsilon - E_k} \frac{\Gamma_r/2}{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_r)^2 + (\Gamma_r/2)^2} \right]$$

Analytic deformation



Just to remember

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_b (2j_b + 1) \frac{G}{2\varepsilon_b - E_\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon \frac{Gg(\varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon - E_\alpha} + 2G \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \frac{1}{E_\beta - E_\alpha} = 0$$

Separation of resonant and non resonant contributions

Richardson equations in the complex energy plane

$$1 - \frac{G}{2} \sum_b \frac{2j_b + 1}{2\varepsilon_b - E_k} - \frac{G}{2} \sum_r \frac{2j_r + 1}{2\varepsilon_r - E_k}$$

with
 $\varepsilon_r = \varepsilon_r - \frac{\Gamma_r}{2}$

$$- \frac{G}{2} \int_0^\infty g_{Cx\text{Bckg}}(\varepsilon) \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\varepsilon - iE_k} - \frac{G}{2} \int_0^\infty g_{\text{Bckg}}(\varepsilon) \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\varepsilon - E_k}$$

$$+ 2G \sum_{l \neq k} \frac{1}{E_l - E_k} = 0$$

(we change $z = -i\varepsilon$)

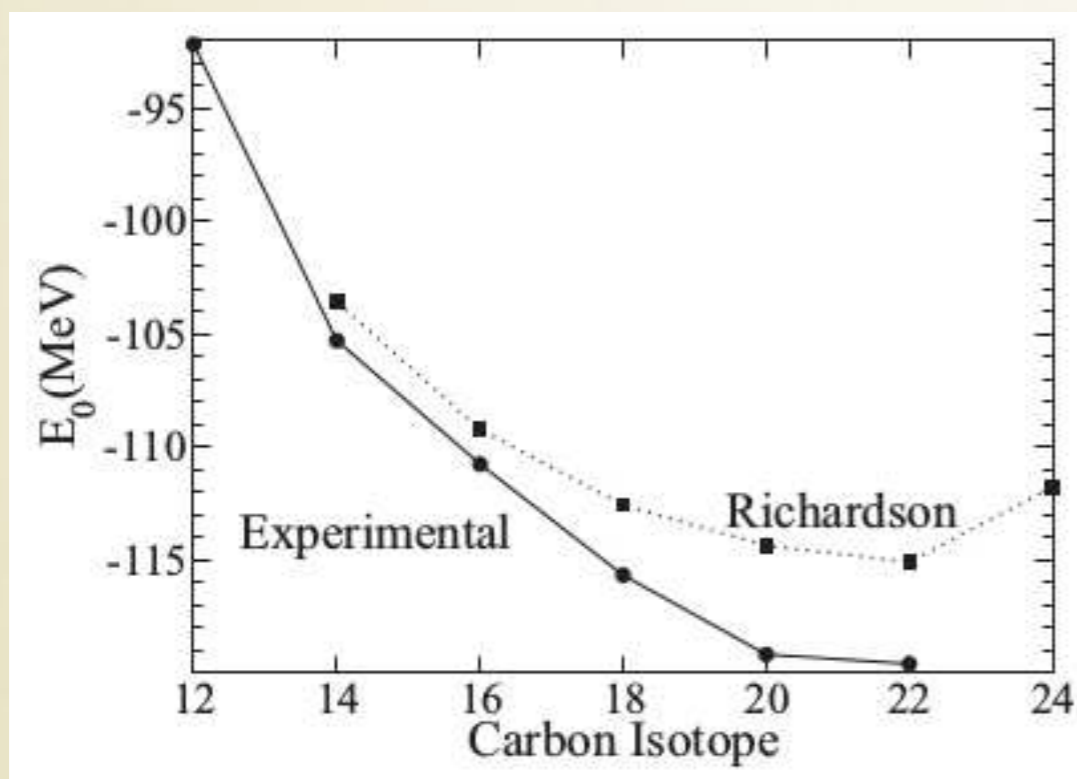
$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{pair}}} E_i$$

Before the extension into the complex plane

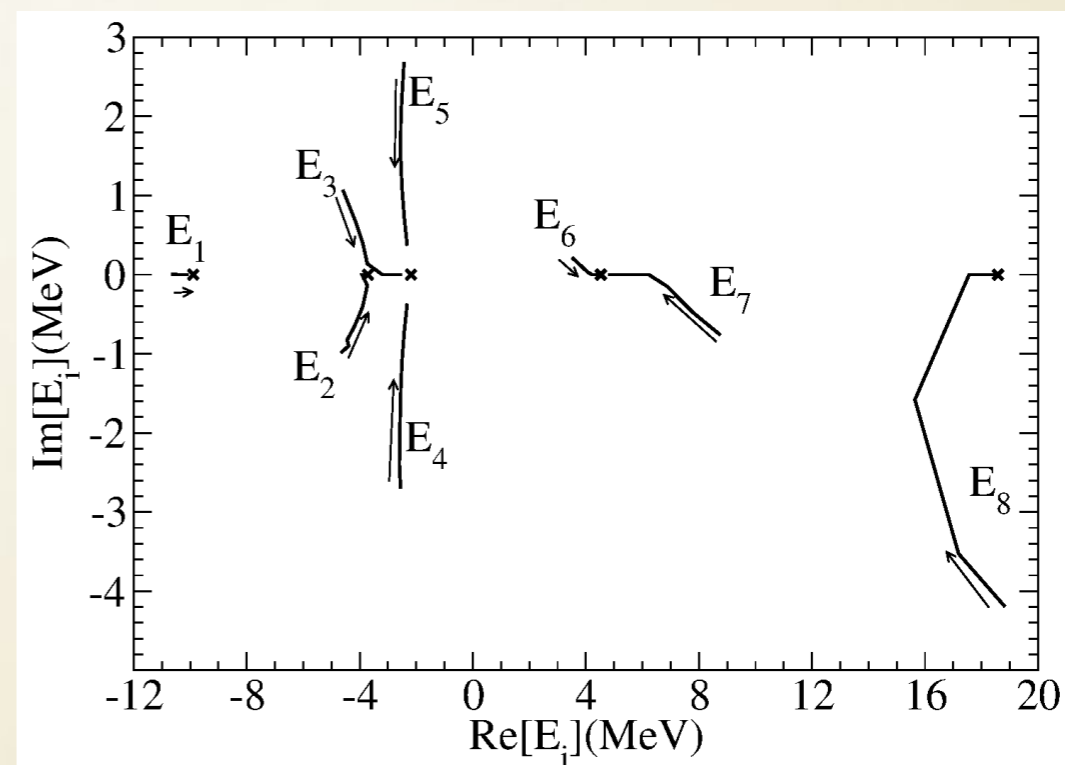
$$1 - \frac{G}{2} \sum_b \frac{(2j_b + 1)}{2\varepsilon_b - E_\alpha} - \frac{G}{2} \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon \frac{g(\varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon - E_\alpha} + 2G \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \frac{1}{E_\beta - E_\alpha} = 0$$

Going beyond the drip line

Drip line



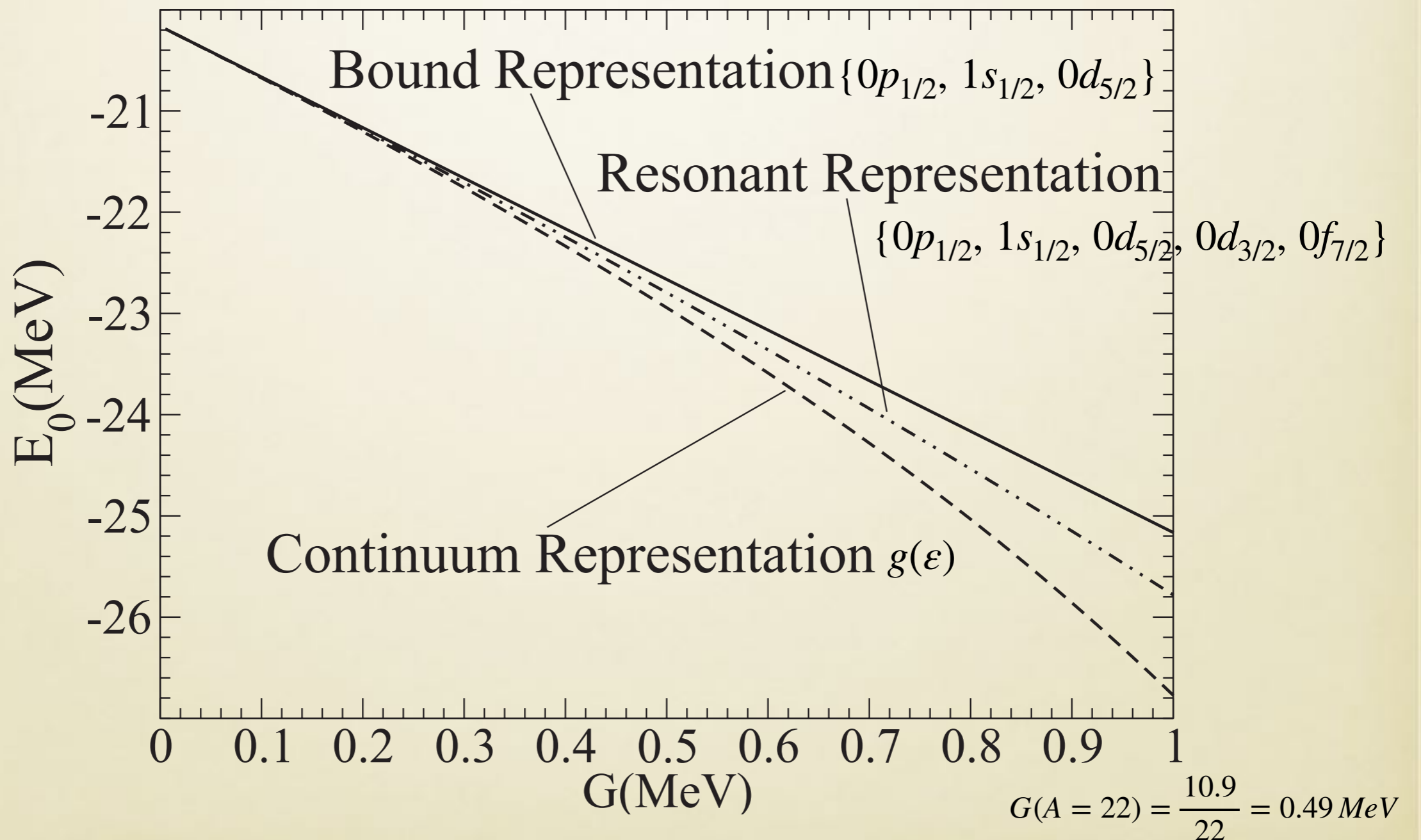
Beyond drip line ^{28}C 16 neutrons



$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{pair}} E_i$$

Assessment of the importance of the resonant and non resonant continuum

^{22}C



NON CONSERVING PARTICLE MODEL SOLUTION

Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS)
and
Lipkin-Nogami (LN)

- Real energy representation

Non conserving particle number solutions: BCS and LN

BCS and LN ansatz

$$|BCS\rangle = \prod_{a, m_a > 0} \left[u_a + (-1)^{a-m_a} v_a c_{am_a}^\dagger c_{a-m_a}^\dagger \right] |0\rangle$$

BCS Hamiltonian

$$H_{BCS} = H - \lambda N$$

LN Hamiltonian

$$H_{LN} = H - \lambda_1 N - \lambda_2 N^2$$

BCS and LN equations...

$$\frac{4}{G} = \sum_n \frac{1}{E_n} \quad N = \sum_n v_n^2$$

$$\frac{4\lambda_2}{G} = \frac{(\sum_n u_n^3 v_n)(\sum_n u_n v_n^3) - 2 \sum_n (u_n v_n)^4}{(\sum_n (u_n v_n)^2)^2 - 2 \sum_n (u_n v_n)^4}$$

...in the continuum

$$\sum_n f_n \rightarrow \oint f$$

$$= \sum_{n_b} (2j_{n_b} + 1) f_{n_b} + \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon g(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon)$$

$$\langle BCS | H_{LN} (\hat{N}^2 - \langle BCS | \hat{N}^2 | BCS \rangle) | BCS \rangle = 0$$

Non conserving particle number solutions

BCS and LN:

Application in real representation

Tin isotopes from A=102 to A=176

Single particle representation

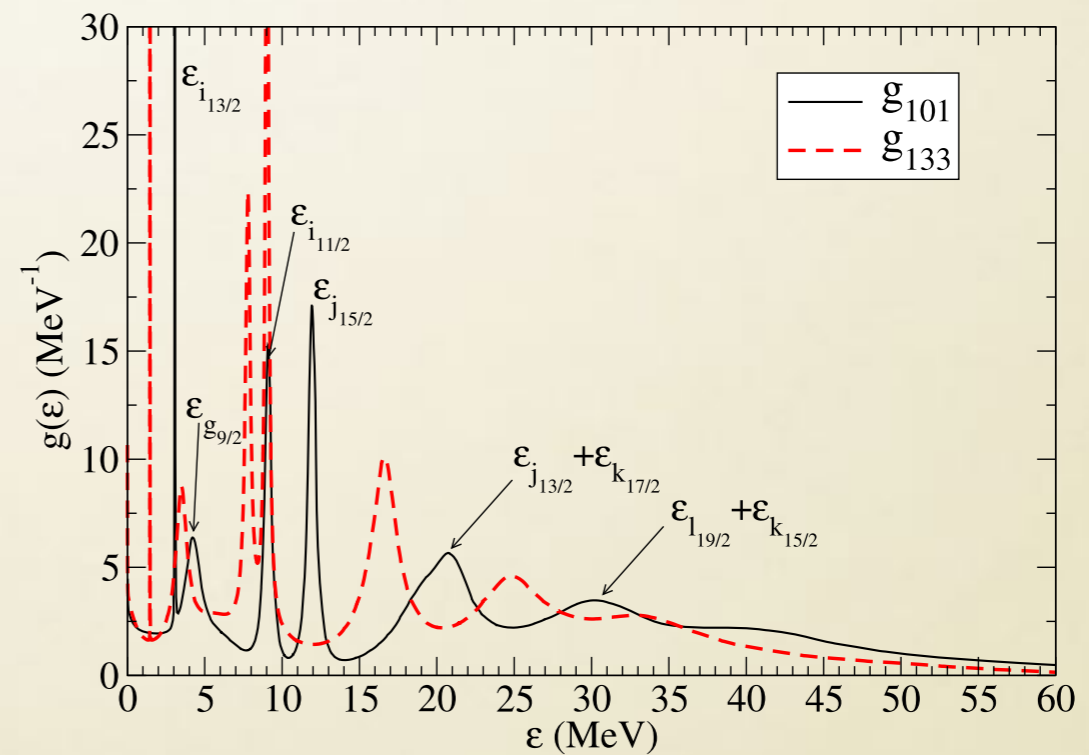
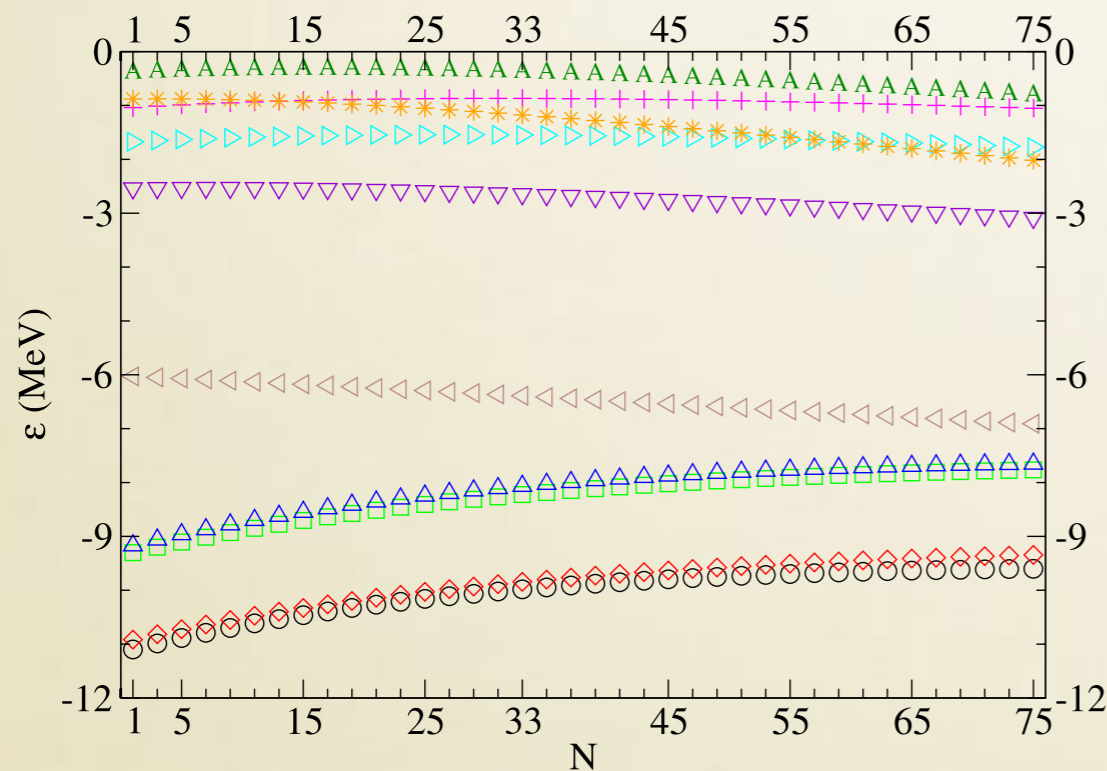
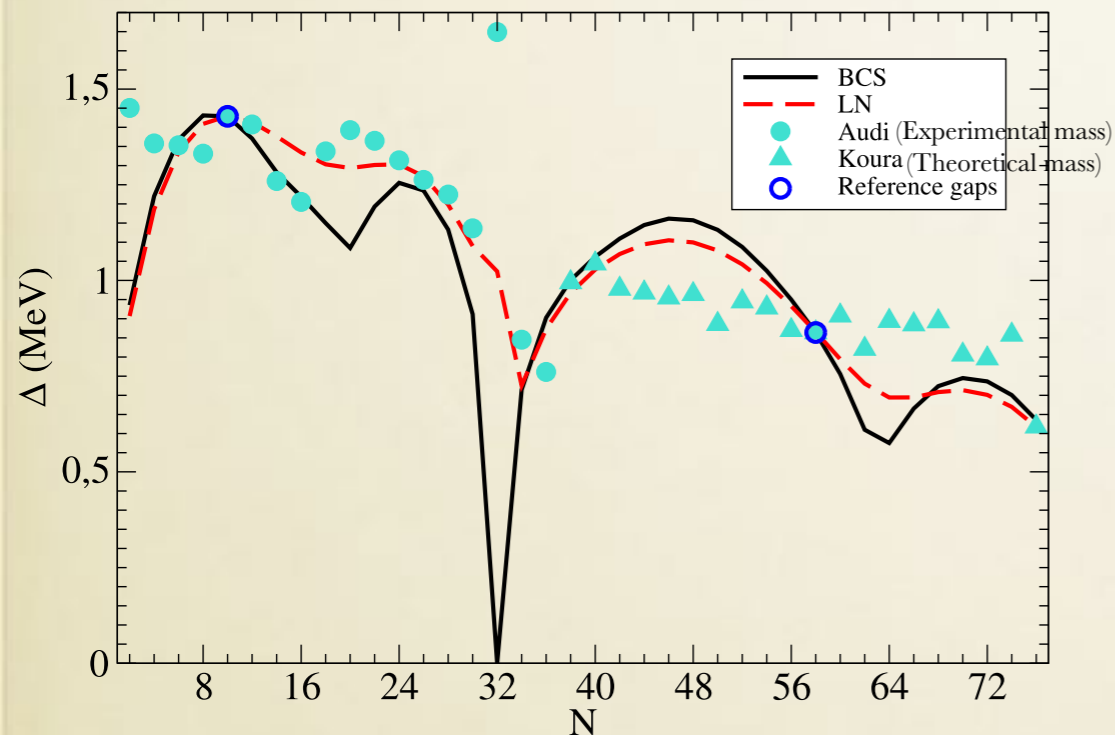


Fig. 1. (Color online.) Evolution of the single particle energies in the core ^{100}Sn as a function of the number of the valence neutrons. The following labels $\circ g_{7/2}$, $\diamond d_{5/2}$, $\square s_{1/2}$, $\triangle d_{3/2}$, $\triangleleft h_{11/2}$, $\nabla f_{7/2}$, $\triangleright p_{3/2}$, $+$ $p_{1/2}$, $*$ $h_{9/2}$, $\Delta f_{5/2}$ identify each single particle state.

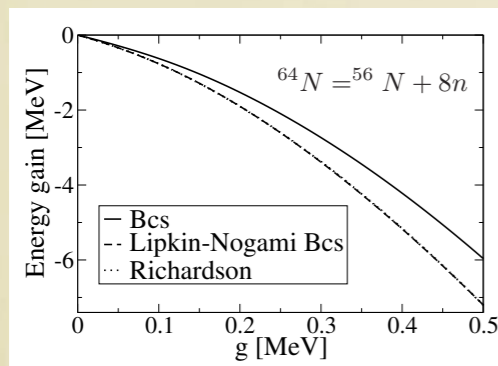
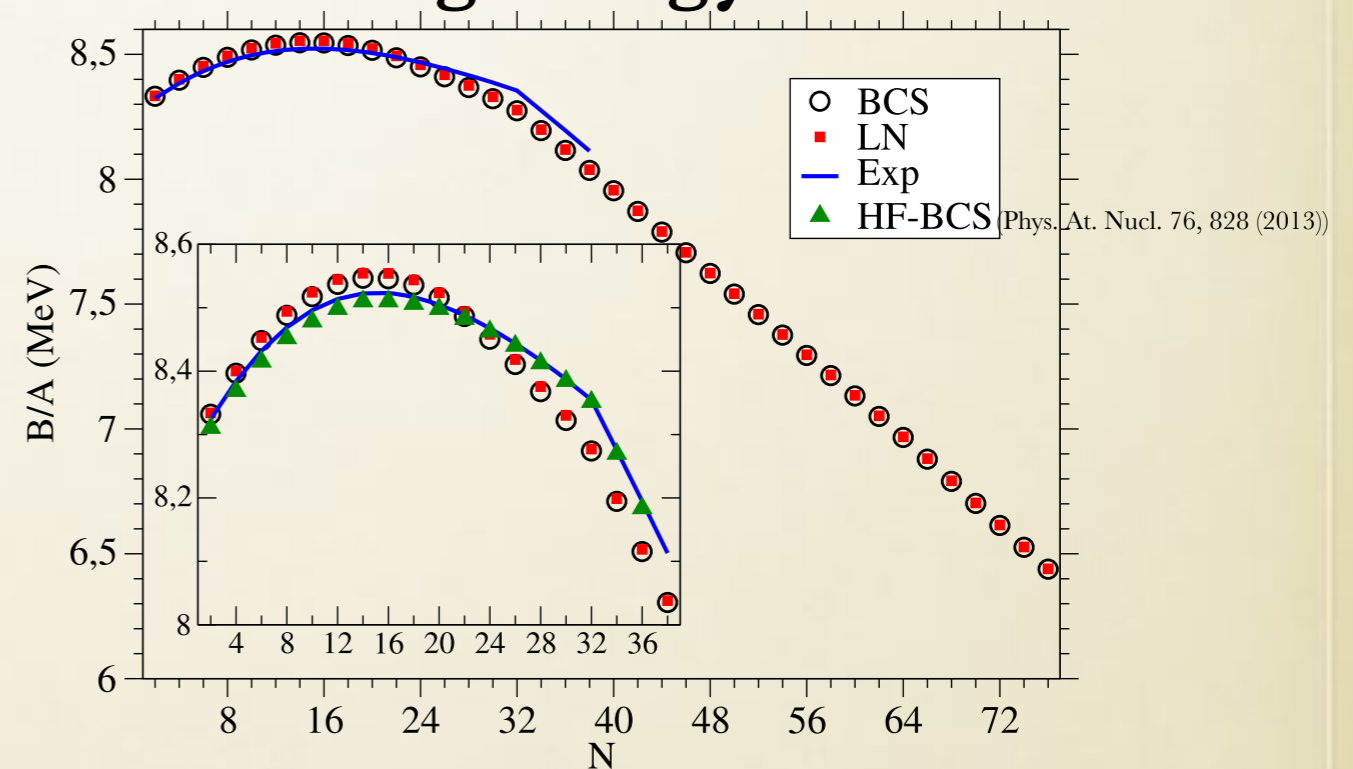
BCS and LN in real representation

Tin isotopes from A=102 to A=176

Gap



Binding energy



Bound representation

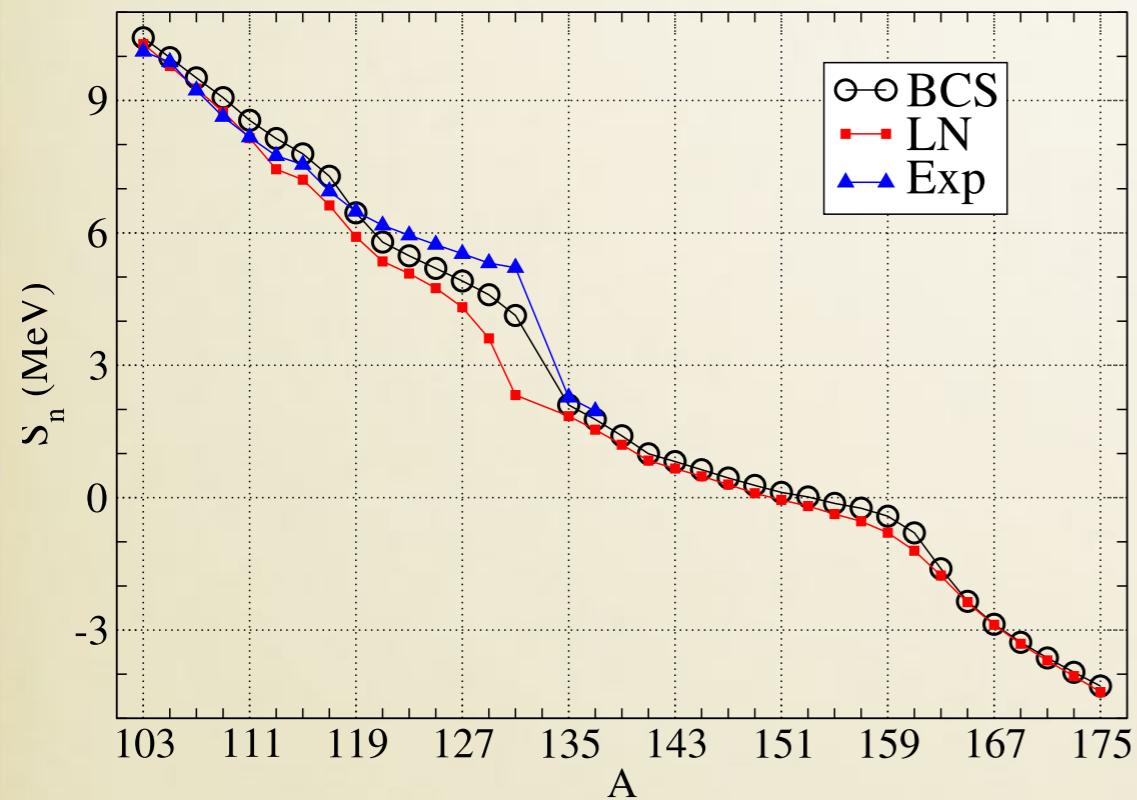
$$\frac{B}{A} = \frac{B(^{100}\text{Sn}) - E_{\text{BCS/LN}}(N)}{50 + N}$$

$$E_{\text{BCS/LN}}(N) = \sum_n v_n^2 \left(\varepsilon_n - \frac{G}{2} v_n^2 \right) - \frac{\Delta^2}{G} - \lambda_2 \sum_n 2u_n^2 v_n^2$$

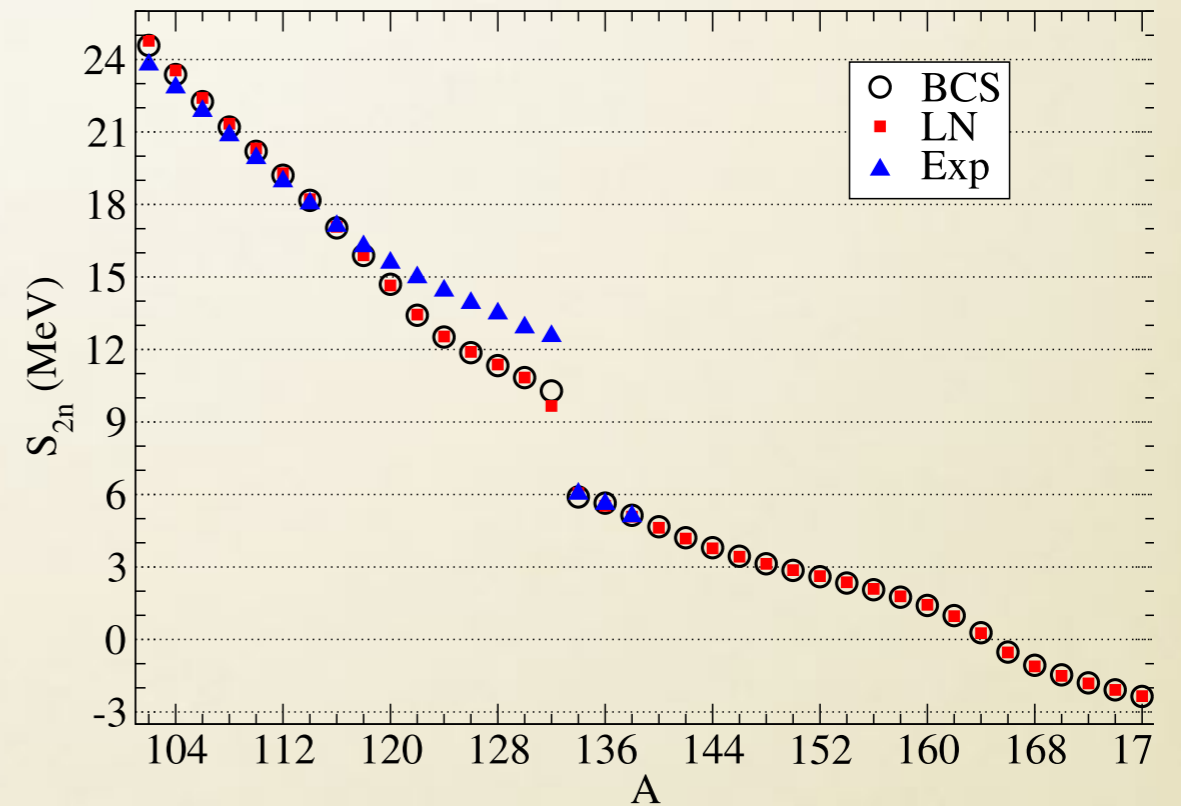
BCS and LN in real representation

Tin isotopes From proton drip line to neutron drip line

Drip line



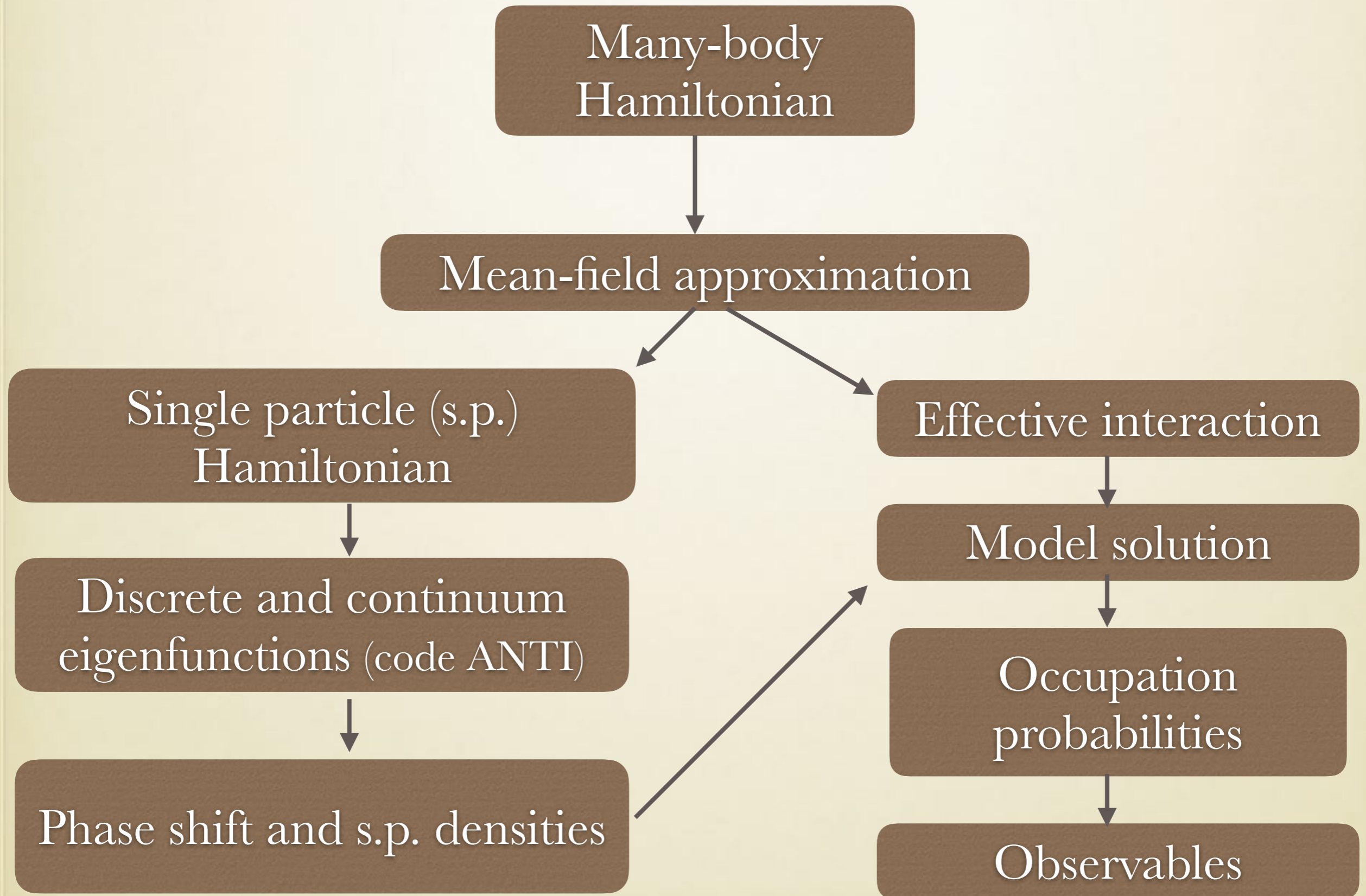
Two-neutron separation energy



Discussion and Outlook

- **PRO:** *fast/manageable dimensions*
- **CONS:** *losses of correlations*
- **Improvements (pairing):**
 - Separable interaction
 - Effective interaction
 - Realistic interaction

Workflow for practitioners



THANK YOU

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