

Constant temperature description of the nuclear level densities

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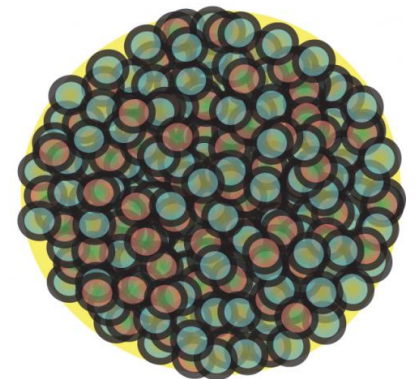


Overview

- The interactive shell model and effective Hamiltonians
- Spin and parity moments method and nuclear level density
- Applications to reaction rates
- Constant temperature (CT) parameterization
- Features of the CT parameters in the fp shell and beyond
- Summary and Outlook

Microscopic Models of Nuclear Structure

- Take into account the quantum motion of many nucleons
- Some nucleons will be considered active - valence nucleons - , some will be considered to form an “inert” core
- Motion will be considered nonrelativistic: use nonrelativistic many-body Schrodinger equation



Nuclear Configuration Interaction

$0\hbar\omega$

$$H' = H + \beta(H_{CoM} - 3/2\hbar\omega)$$

Center-of-mass spurious states

$1\hbar\omega$

$$\Psi^{(J)} = [\Phi_{CoM}(NL)\Phi_{int}^{(J')}]^{(J)} \rightarrow \Phi_{CoM}(00)\Phi_{int}^{(J)}$$

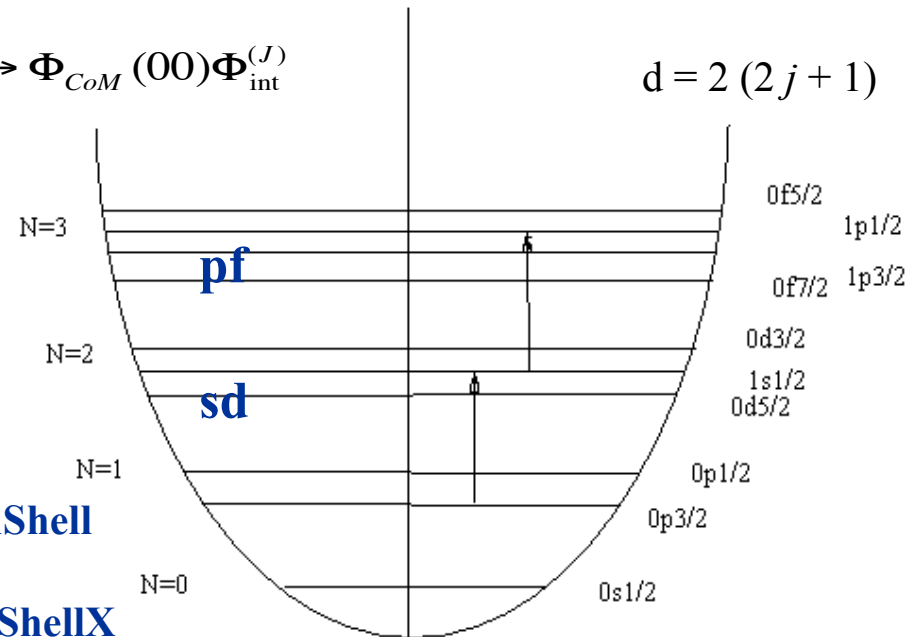
$$d = 2(2j + 1)$$

$(0 + 2)\hbar\omega$

$(1 + 3)\hbar\omega$

N_{max}

$$H = \sum_k \epsilon_K a_k^+ a_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{klmn} V_{kl;mn} a_k^+ a_l^+ a_n a_m + \dots$$



$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_i C_i^\alpha |i(JT)\rangle \quad \text{JT-scheme: OXBASH, NuShell}$$

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_i C_i^\alpha |i(JT_z)\rangle \quad \text{J-scheme: NATHAN, NuShellX}$$

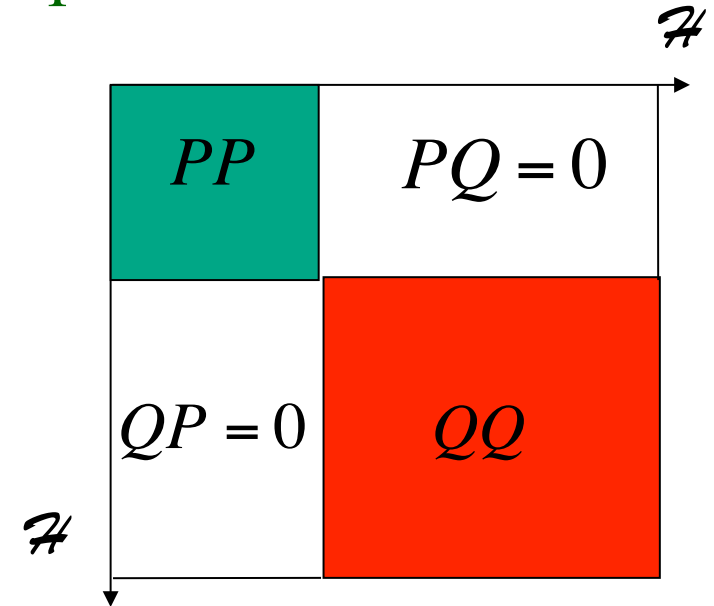
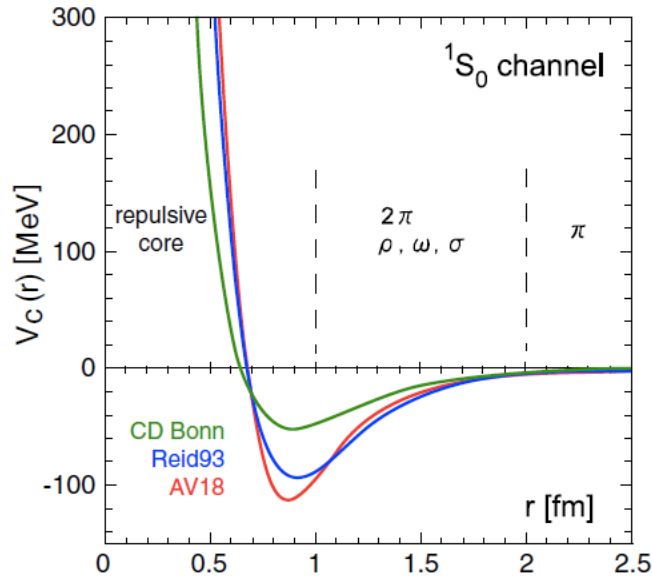
$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_i C_i^\alpha |i(MT_z)\rangle \quad \text{M-scheme: Oslo-code, Antoine, MFDN, MSHELL, CMichSM, ...}$$

Limits: $10^{10} - 10^{11}$ m-scheme basis states, about 50 s.p. valence states (p+n)

$$\sum_j \langle i | H | j \rangle C_j^\alpha = E_\alpha C_i^\alpha$$

Lanczos algorithm: provides few lower energies, especially the M-scheme codes.

Effective Hamiltonians for Large N $\hbar\omega$ Excitation Model Spaces



“Bare” Nucleon-Nucleon Potentials:

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$$H = T + \sum_{i < j} V_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

$$\Psi_{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow \Psi_P = P \Psi_{\mathcal{H}}$$

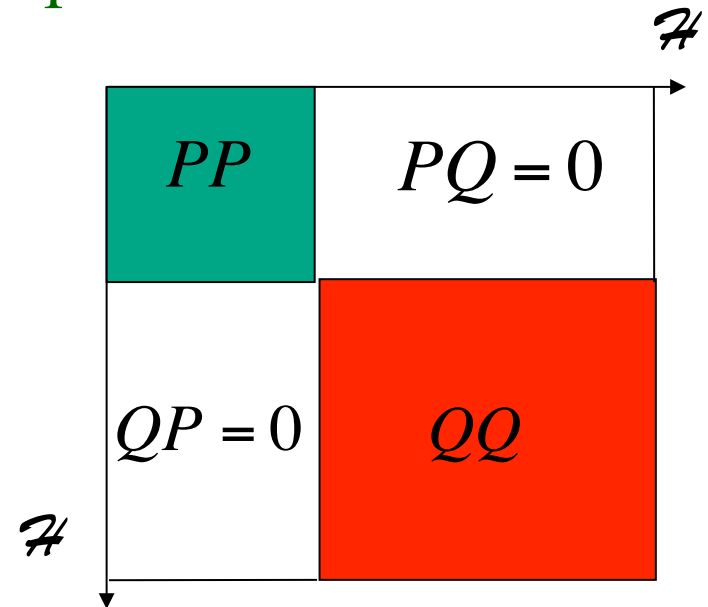
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Renormalization methods:

- G-matrix: Physics Reports 261, 125 (1995)
- Lee-Suzuki (NCSM): PRC 61, 044001 (2000)
- $V_{\text{low } k}$: PRC 65, 051301(R) (2002)
- Unitary Correlation Operator: PRC 72, 034002 (2004)
- Similarity Renormalization Group (SRG): PRL 103, 082501 (2009)



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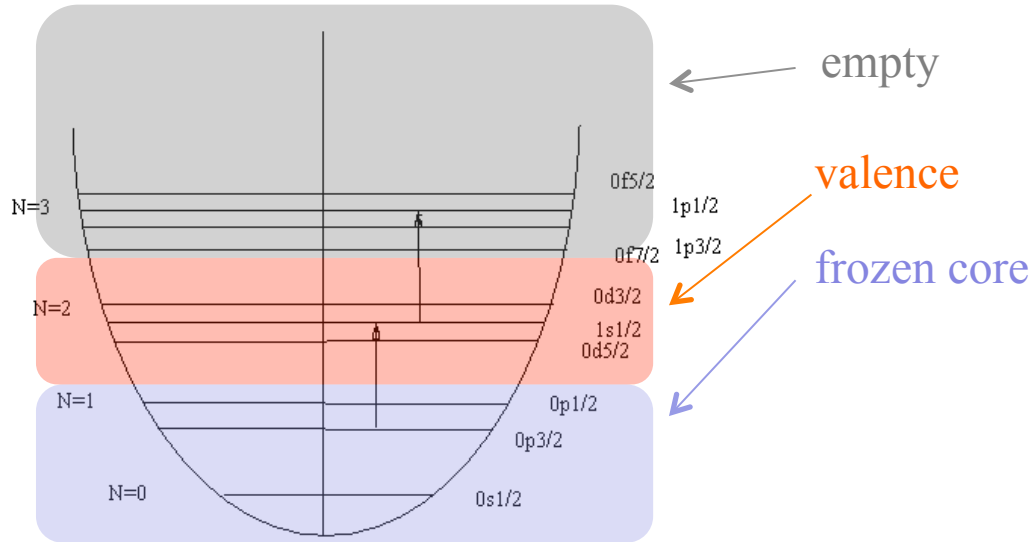
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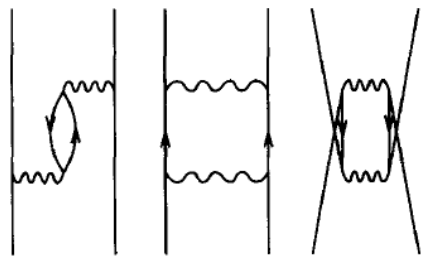
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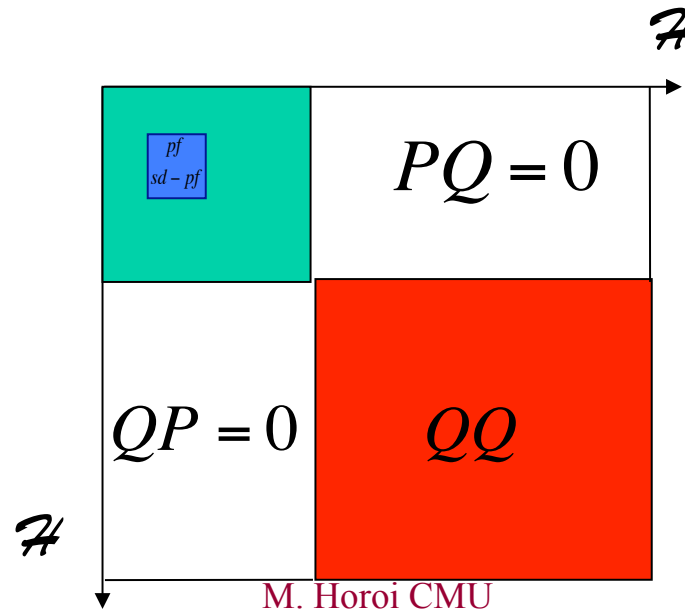
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core polarization:
Phys.Rep. **261**, 125
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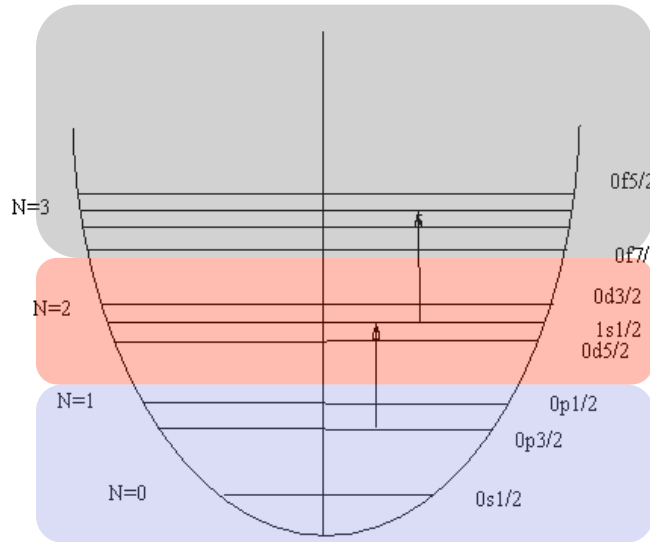


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Shell Model Effective Hamiltonians



$g_A \sigma \tau \xrightarrow{\text{quenched}} g_A 0.77 \sigma \tau$
empty

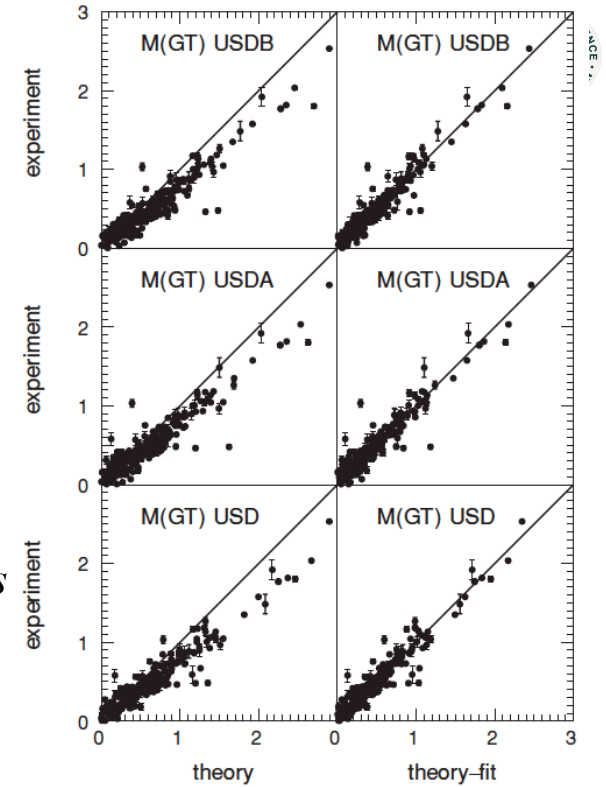
valence

frozen core

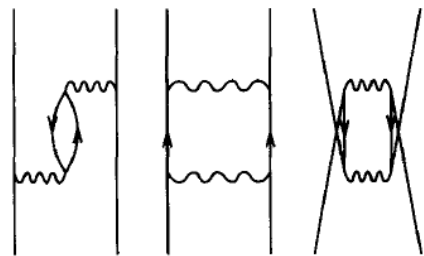
$$H_{\text{valence}} = H_{2\text{-body}}$$

can describe most correlations around the Fermi surface!

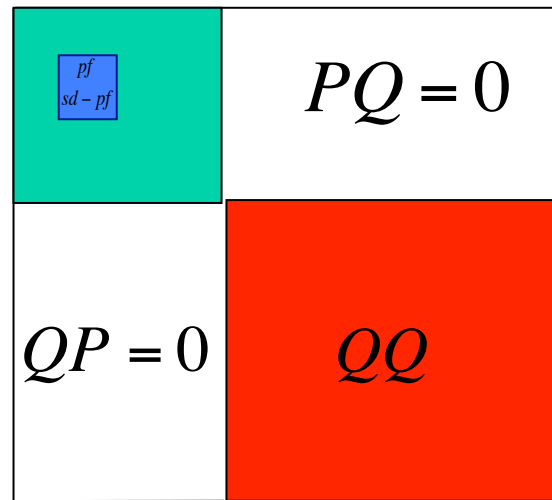
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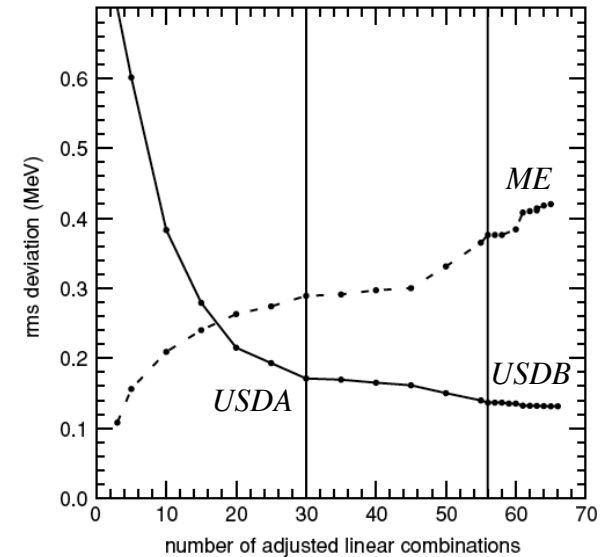
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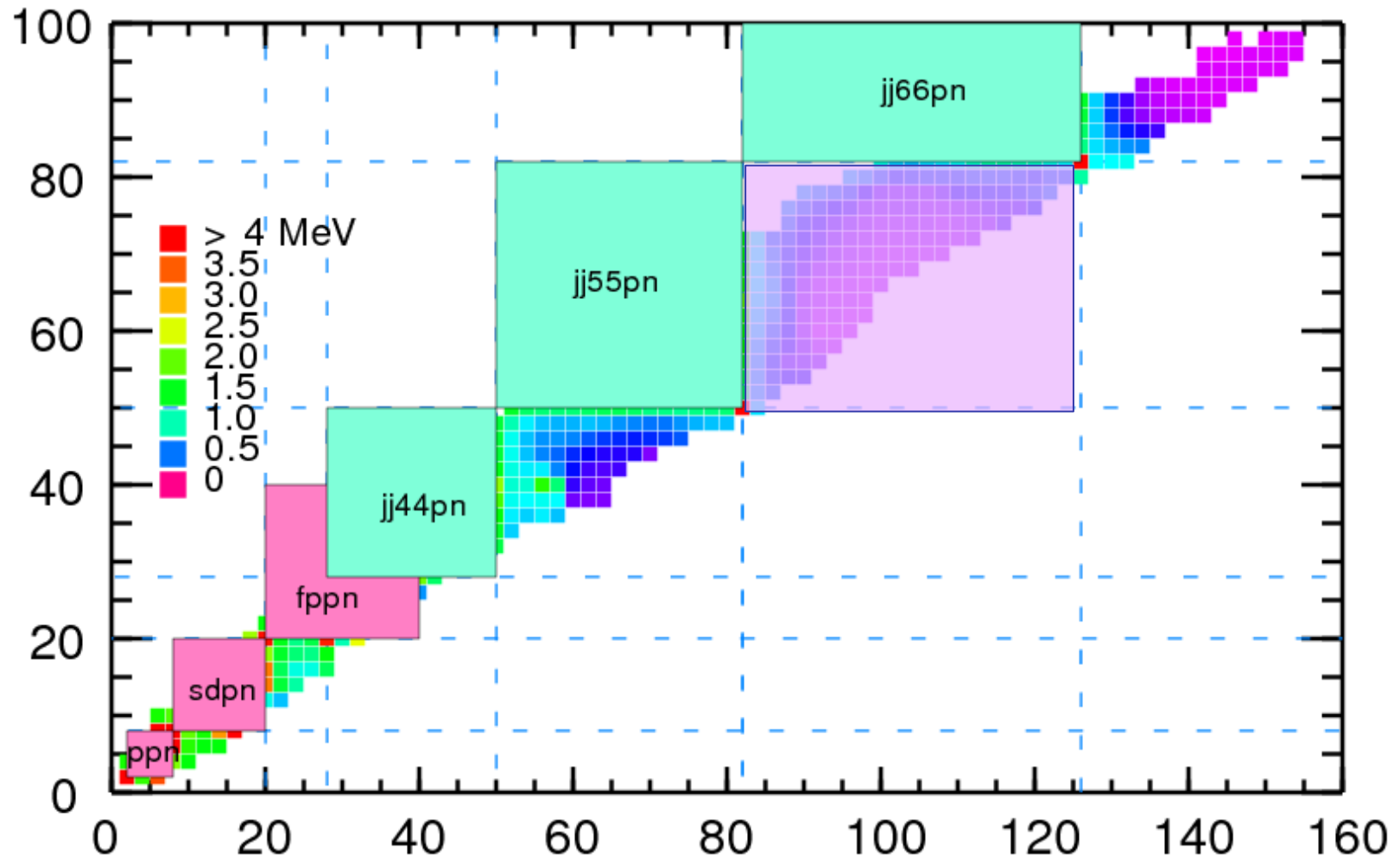


PRC 74, 34315 (2006), 78, 064302 (2008)

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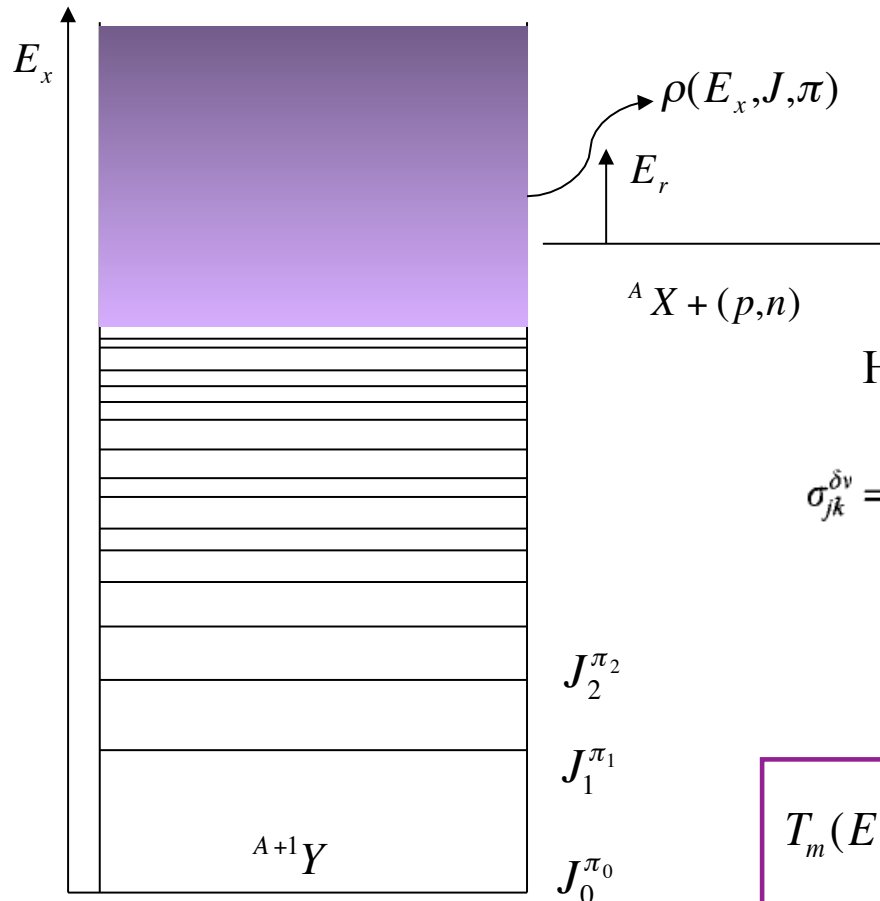


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Shell Model: Gold Standard of Nuclear Structure

- ✓ Shell model techniques **describe** and **predict** a large amount of data in light, medium, and heavy nuclei:
 - ✓ Energies and quantum numbers
 - ✓ Electromagnetic transition probabilities
 - ✓ Spectroscopic amplitudes
 - ✓ Nuclear level densities
 - ✓ Beta decay probabilities and charge exchange strength functions
 - ✓ $2\nu/0\nu$ Double-beta decay matrix elements

Nuclear Level Densities (NLD)



$(n, \gamma), (n, xn), (n, n'), (n, p), (n, f), \dots$

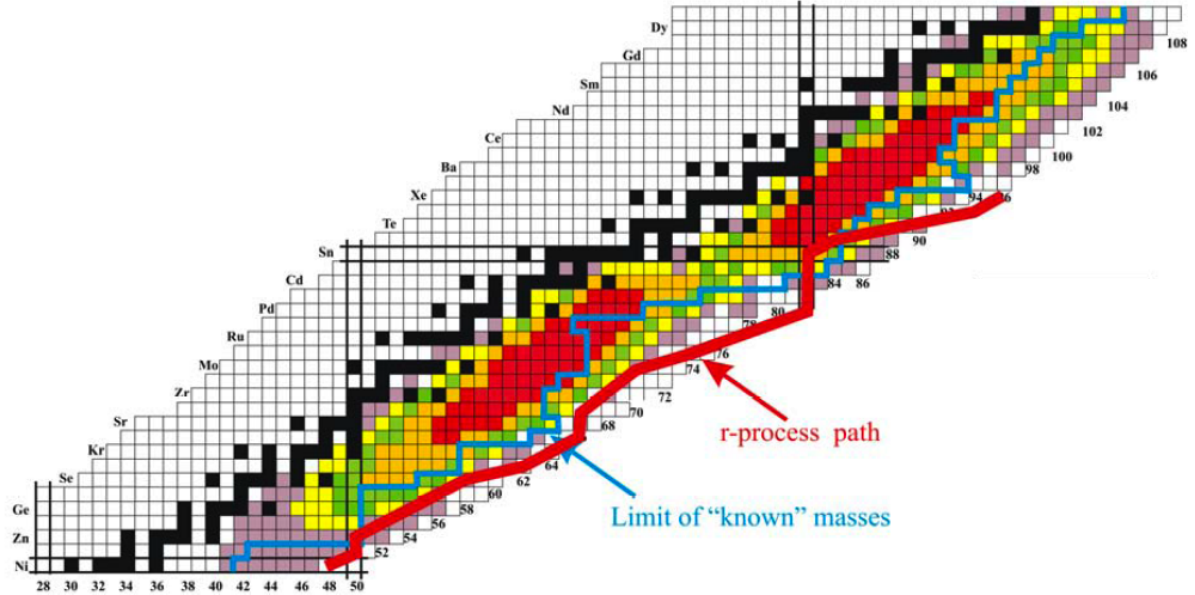
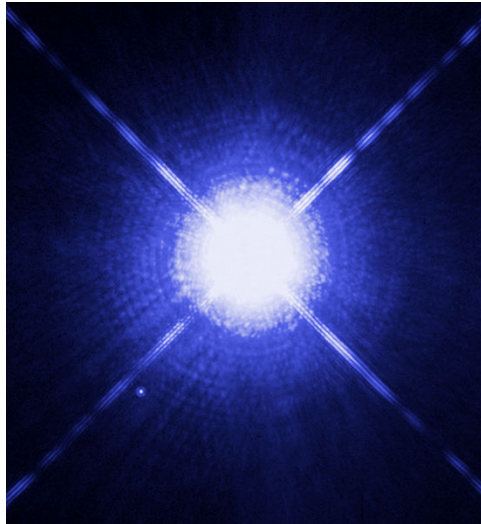
Hauser and Feshbach, Phys. Rev **87**, 366 (1952)

$$\sigma_{jk}^{\delta v} = \frac{\pi \hbar^2}{2\mu_{ij} E_{ij}} \frac{1}{(2J_i^\delta + 1)(2J_j + 1)} \times \sum_{J, \pi} (2J + 1) \frac{T_j^\delta(E, J, \pi, E_j^\delta, J_j^\delta, \pi_j^\delta) T_k^v(E, J, \pi, E_k^v, J_k^v, \pi_k^v)}{\sum_m T_m(E, J, \pi)}$$

$$T_m(E, J, \pi) = \int_{E_{\min}}^{E_{\max}} T(E, J, \pi; E_x, J_x, \pi_x) \rho(E_x, J_x, \pi_x) dE_x$$

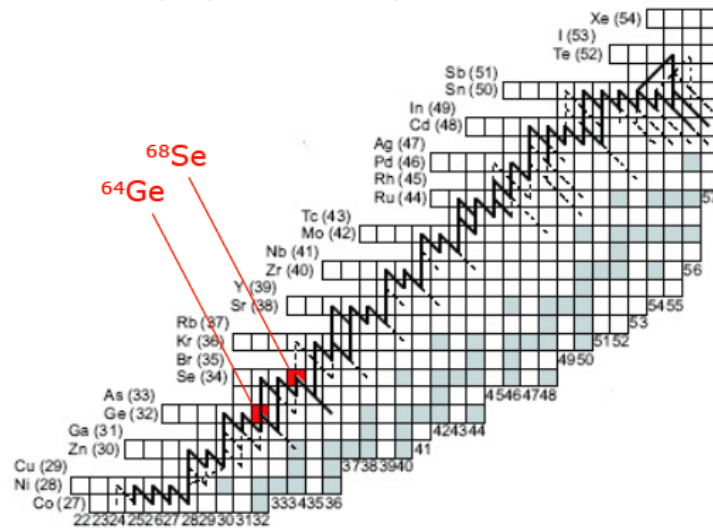
Where are NLD Needed: Nuclear Astrophysics

Binary stars XRB: Sirius



the rp-process path

SN 1987 A



Schatz et al. Phys. Rep 294 (1998) 167-298

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Accurate Nuclear Level Densities

Comparison of:

1. CI
2. HF+BCS

www-astro.ulb.ac.be/Html/nld.html

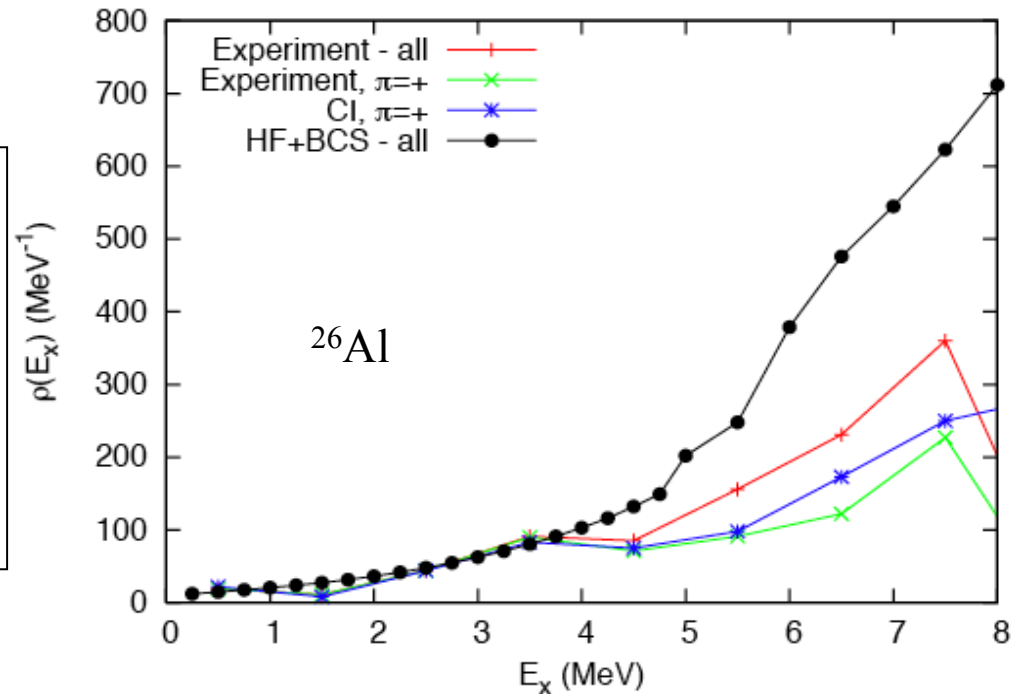
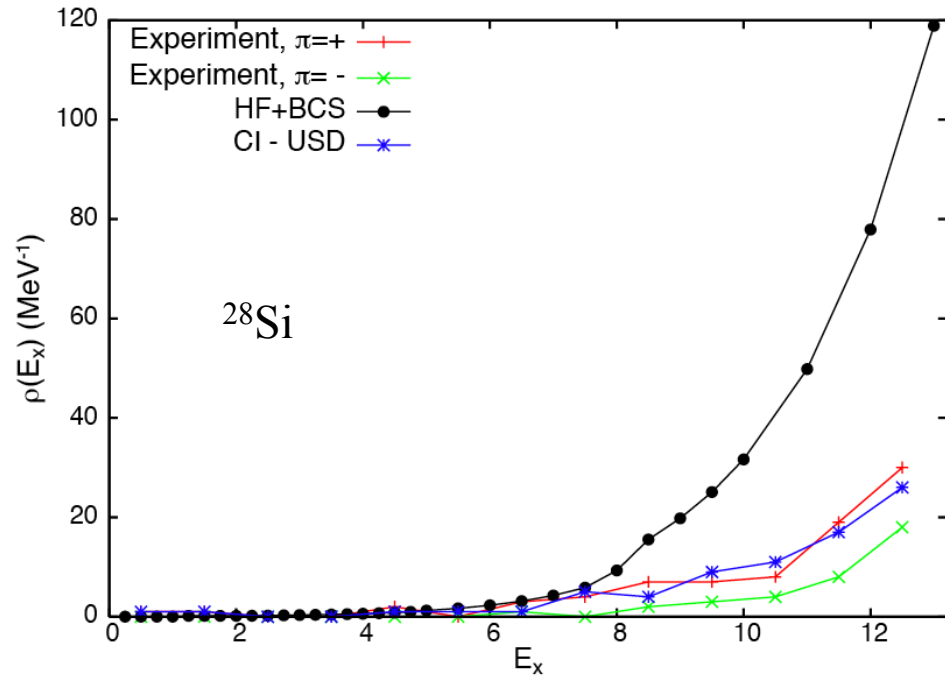
3. experimental data

Complete spectroscopy: sd-
shell nuclei

Conclusions:

- HF+BCS seems to overestimate the data
- CI seem to accurately describe the data

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NLD and Statistical Spectroscopy

M. Horoi et al. :

PRC **67**, 054309 (2003),

PRC **69**, 041307(R) (2004),

NPA **785**, 142 (2005).

PRL **98**, 265503 (2007)

Configurations: e.g. 4 particles in sd

d3 d5 s1

4 0 0

3 1 0

3 0 1 ...

preserve rotational invariance
and parity

$$\rho(E_x, J, \pi) = \sum_{c \in \text{conf}} D_c(J, \pi) G_{FR}(E, E_c(J), \sigma_c(J))$$

$$E_c(J), \sigma_c(J) \leftarrow \text{Tr}_{SD_c} \langle M | H^q | M \rangle_{SD_c}$$

$$E_x = E - E_{g.s.}$$

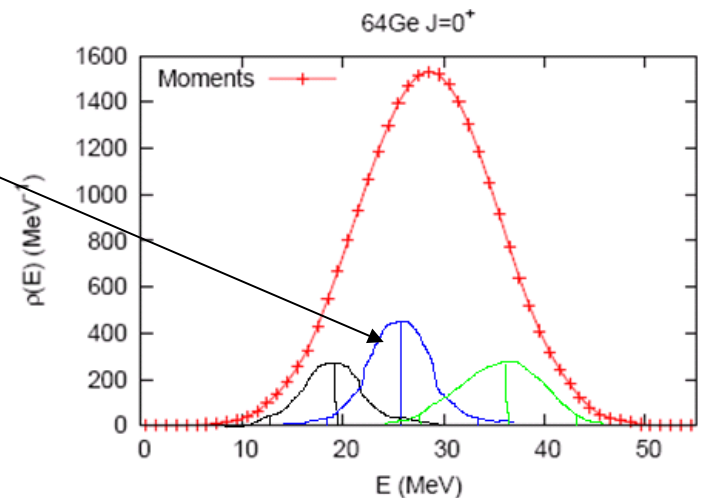
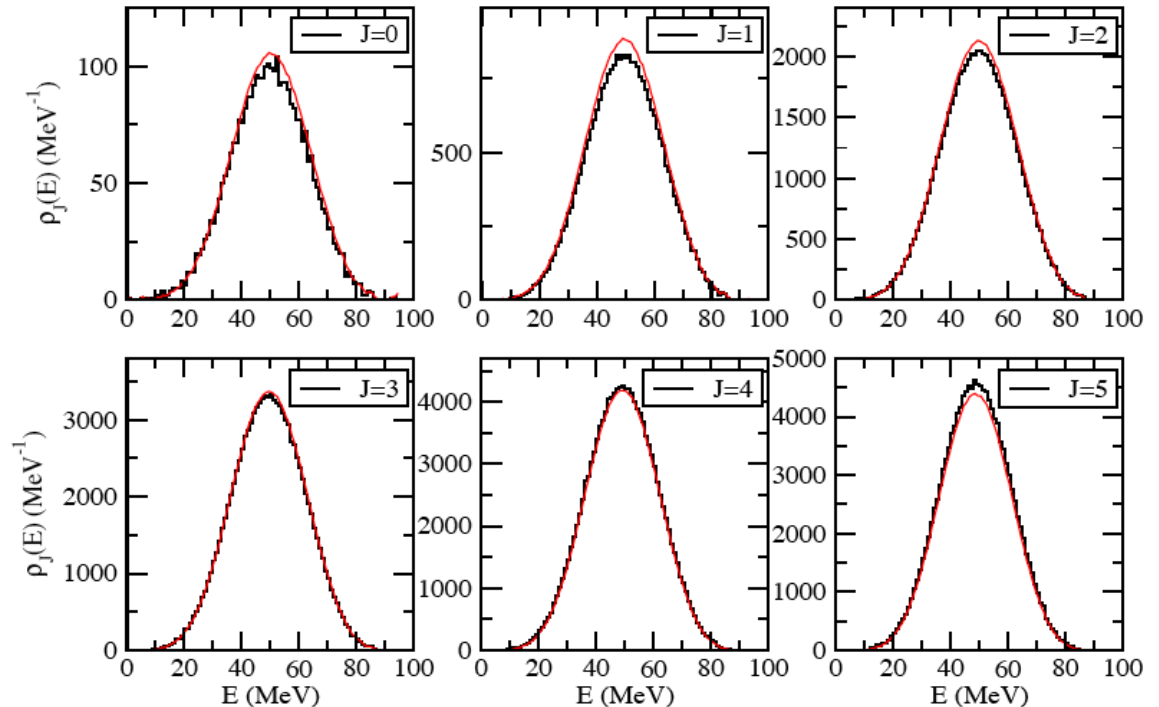
$E_{g.s.}$ from CI, ECM (PRL **82**, 2064 (1999)), CC, etc.

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^{28}Si $\pi = +$ staircase: CI, USD



Shell model moments method: pro and con

✓ Pro

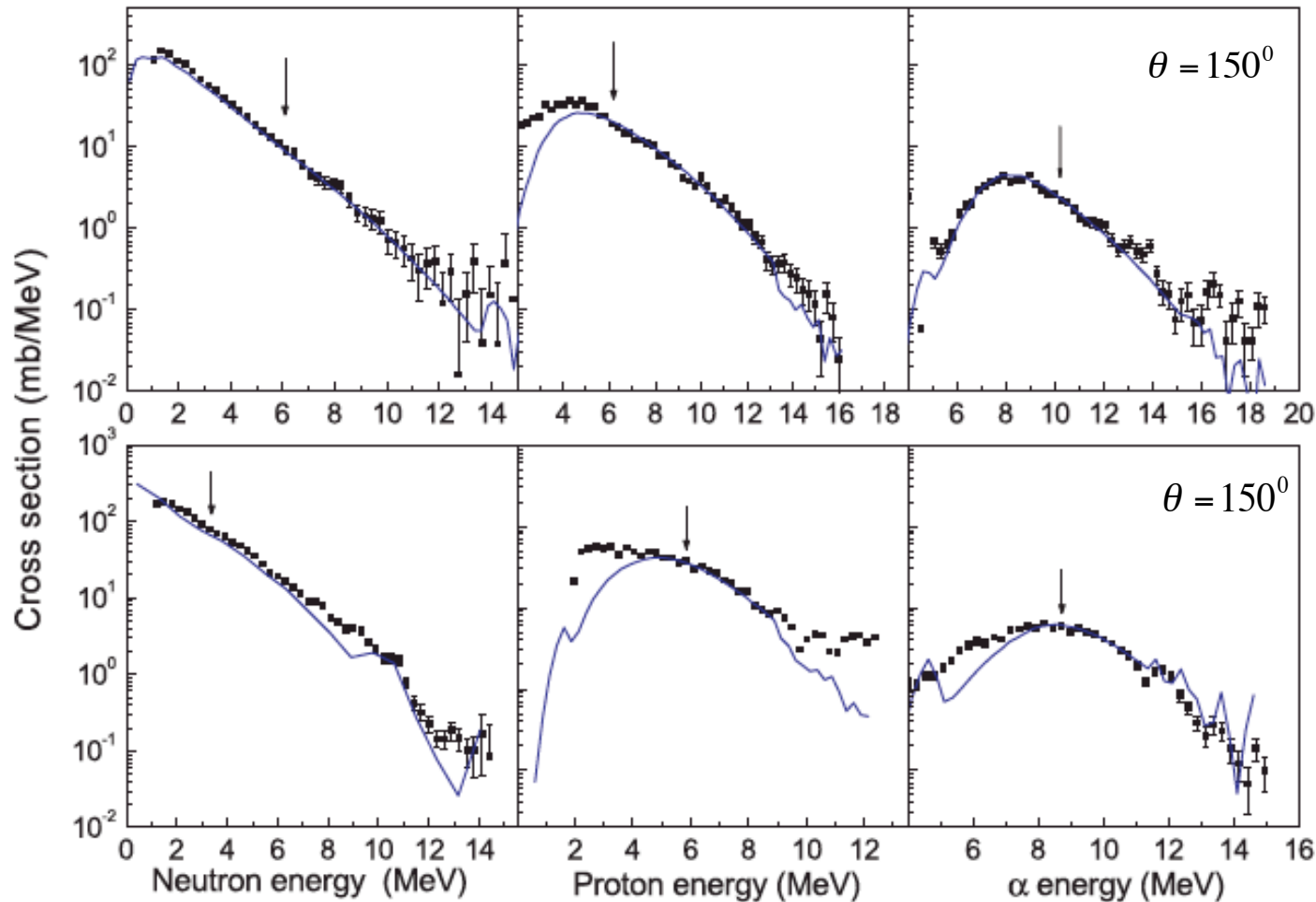
- ✓ Spin and parity dependent centroids take into account the s.p. energy shifting due the monopoles (tensor interaction)
- ✓ Spin and parity dependent widths take into account more realistic spreading, beyond that of pairing
- ✓ No need to consider rotational/vibrational amplifications

✓ Con

- ✓ Relatively small number of s.p. orbitals in the valence space: natural parity favored (unique)
- ✓ Reliable Hamiltonians hard to obtain
- ✓ Energy of the g.s. could be a problem (but there are some solutions)
- ✓ The configuration distribution could be asymmetric (some solutions here as well)

NLD and Hauser-Feshbach Cross-Sections

From A. Voinov et al., PRC **76**, 044602 (2007)



$\leftarrow {}^3\text{He} + {}^{58}\text{Fe}$
 $E_{{}^3\text{He}} = 10 \text{ MeV}$

${}^{61}\text{Ni}^*$ compound

$\leftarrow d + {}^{59}\text{Co}$

$E_d = 7.5 \text{ MeV}$

Comparison with Moments Densities

talys : www.talys.eu

NLD-M1

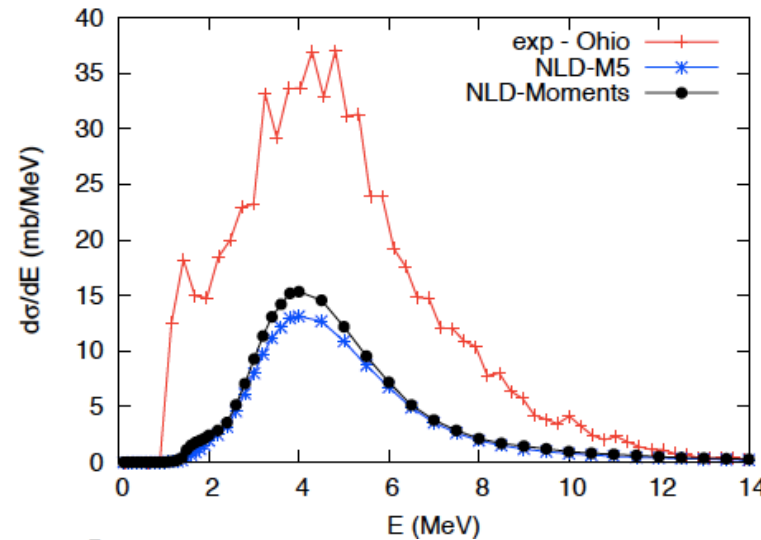
- Idmodel 1:** Constant temperature + Fermi gas model
- Idmodel 2:** Back-shifted Fermi gas model
- Idmodel 3:** Generalised superfluid model
- Idmodel 4:** Microscopic level densities from Goriely's table
- Idmodel 5:** Microscopic level densities from Hilaire's table

NLD-M5

Interface:

Moments table -> Hilaire's table

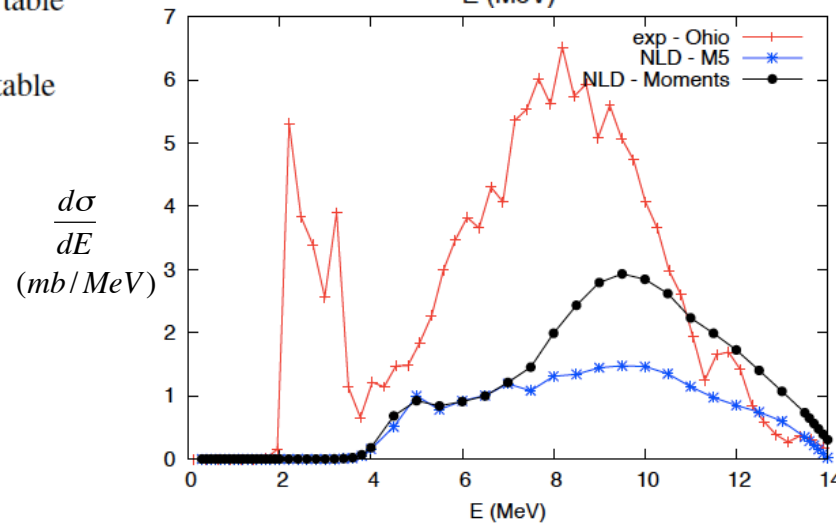
Exp - Ohio: A. Voinov et al., PRC 76, 044602 (2007)



$\leftarrow {}^{58}\text{Fe}({}^3\text{He}, p){}^{60}\text{Co}$

$\theta = 150^\circ$

$E_{{}^3\text{He}} = 10.0 \text{ MeV}$

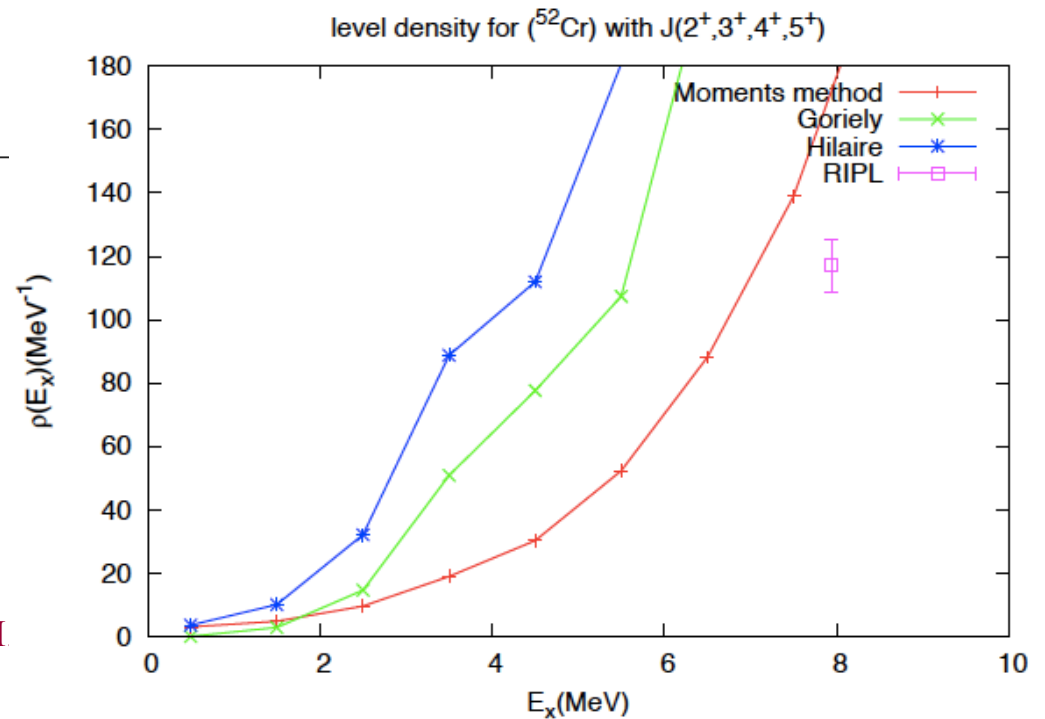
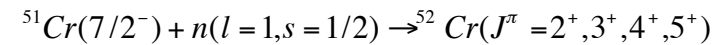
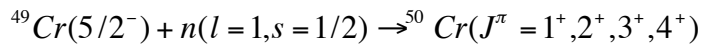
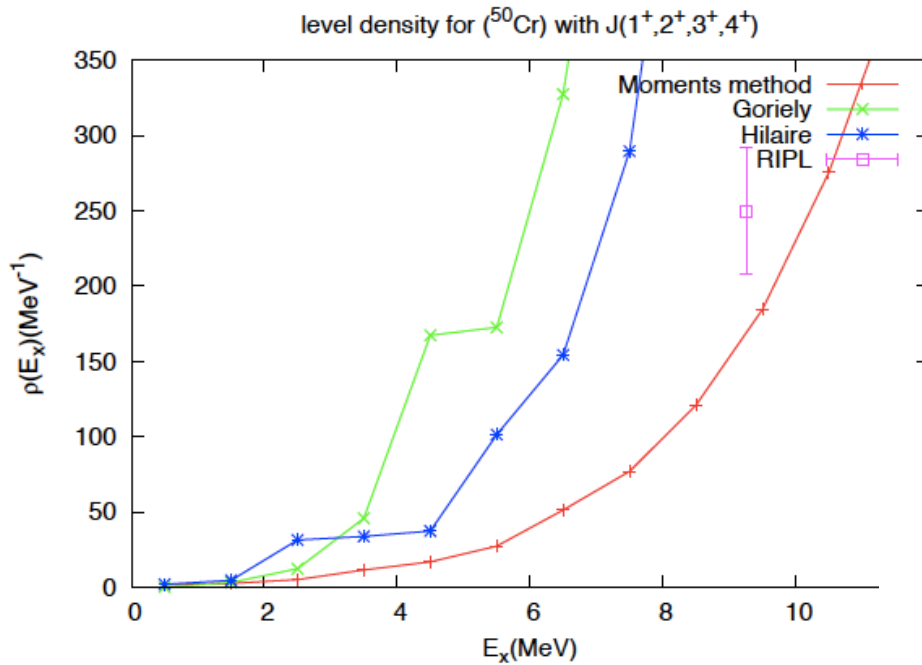


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Comparison with RIPL-2 p-waves neutron resonances data



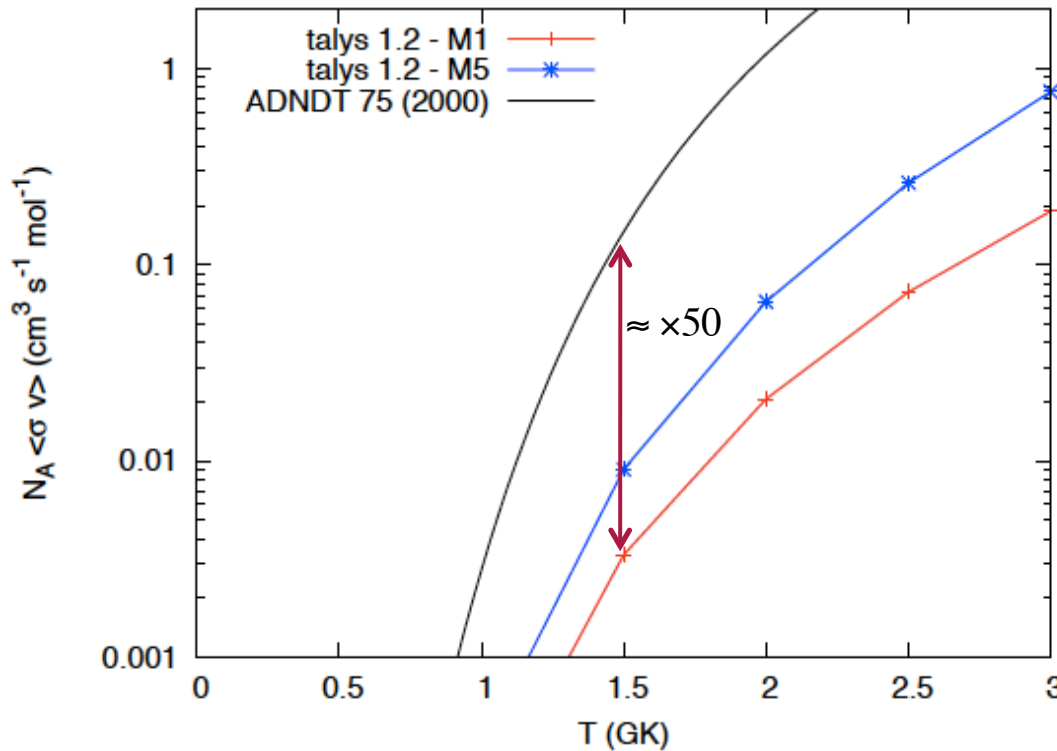
NLD: reaction rates

talys 1.2 : www.talys.eu

Rauscher & Thielemann ADNDT 75, 1 (2000)

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\alpha\alpha'}^*(T) = \left(\frac{8}{\pi m}\right)^{1/2} \frac{N_A}{(kT)^{3/2} G(T)} \int_0^\infty \sum_\mu \frac{(2I^\mu + 1)}{(2I^0 + 1)} \times \sigma_{\alpha\alpha'}^\mu(E) E \exp\left(-\frac{E + E_x^\mu}{kT}\right) dE,$$

$$G(T) = \sum_\mu (2I^\mu + 1) / (2I^0 + 1) e^{-E_x^\mu / kT} \rightarrow \sum_{I,\pi} \int (2I^\pi + 1) / (2I^0 + 1) \rho(E_x, I, \pi) e^{-E_x / kT} dE_x$$



$^{64}\text{Ge}(p,\gamma)$

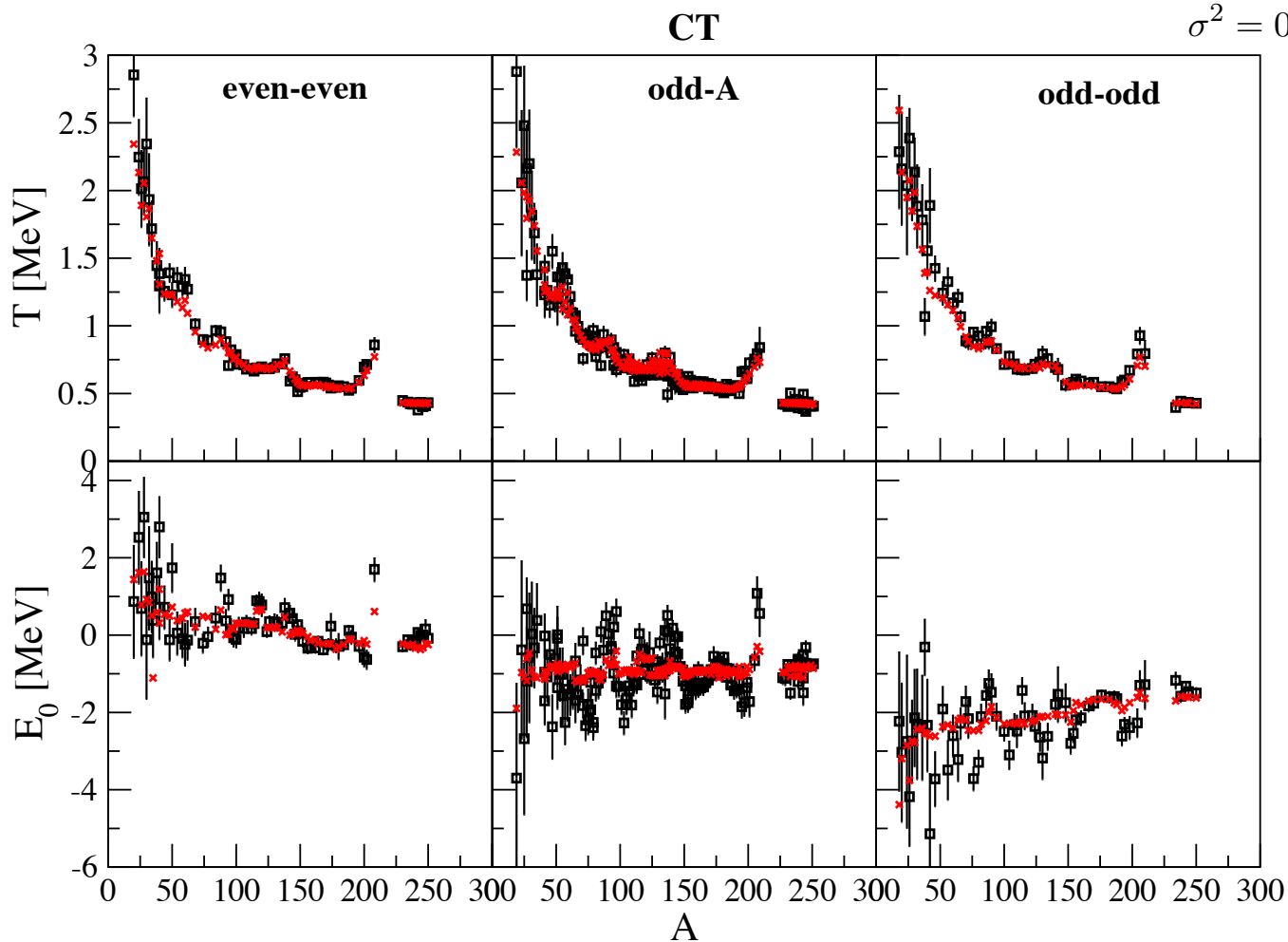
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$$\sigma^2 = 0.391 \cdot A^{0.675} (E - 0.5 \cdot Pa')^{0.31}$$



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Bucurescu

PRC 72, 044311
(2005), PRC 72,
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Why constant temperature?

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Pairing phase transitions in nuclear wave functions

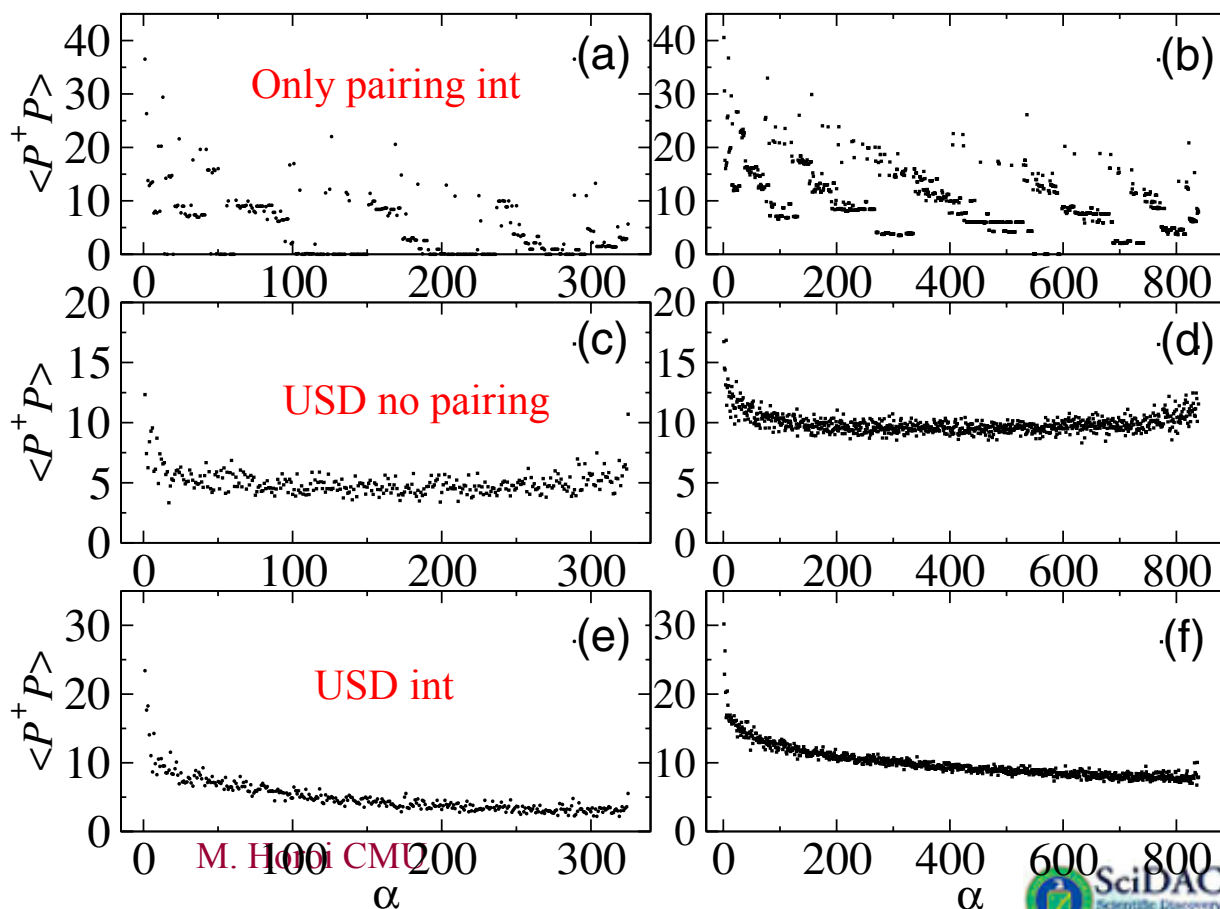
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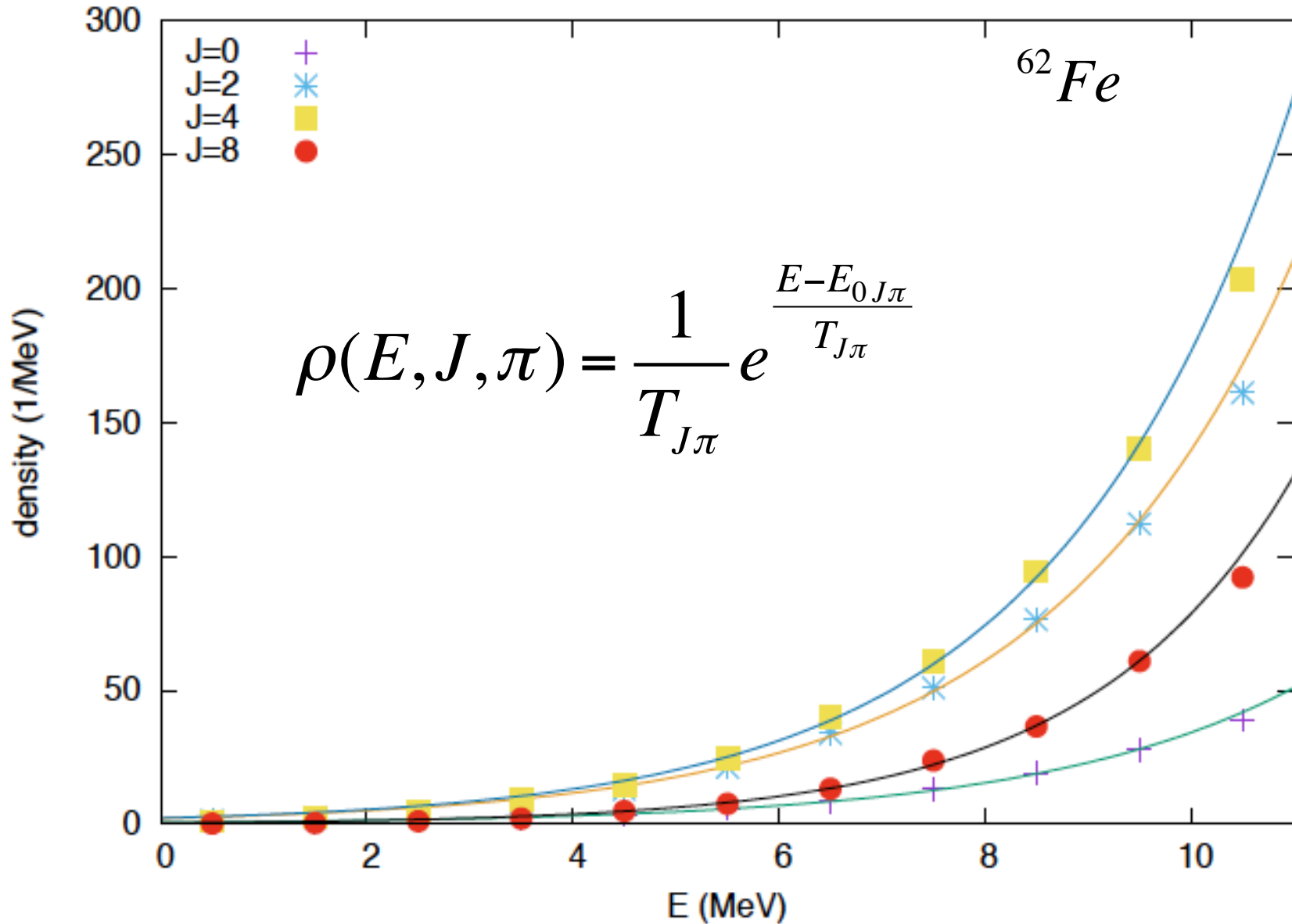
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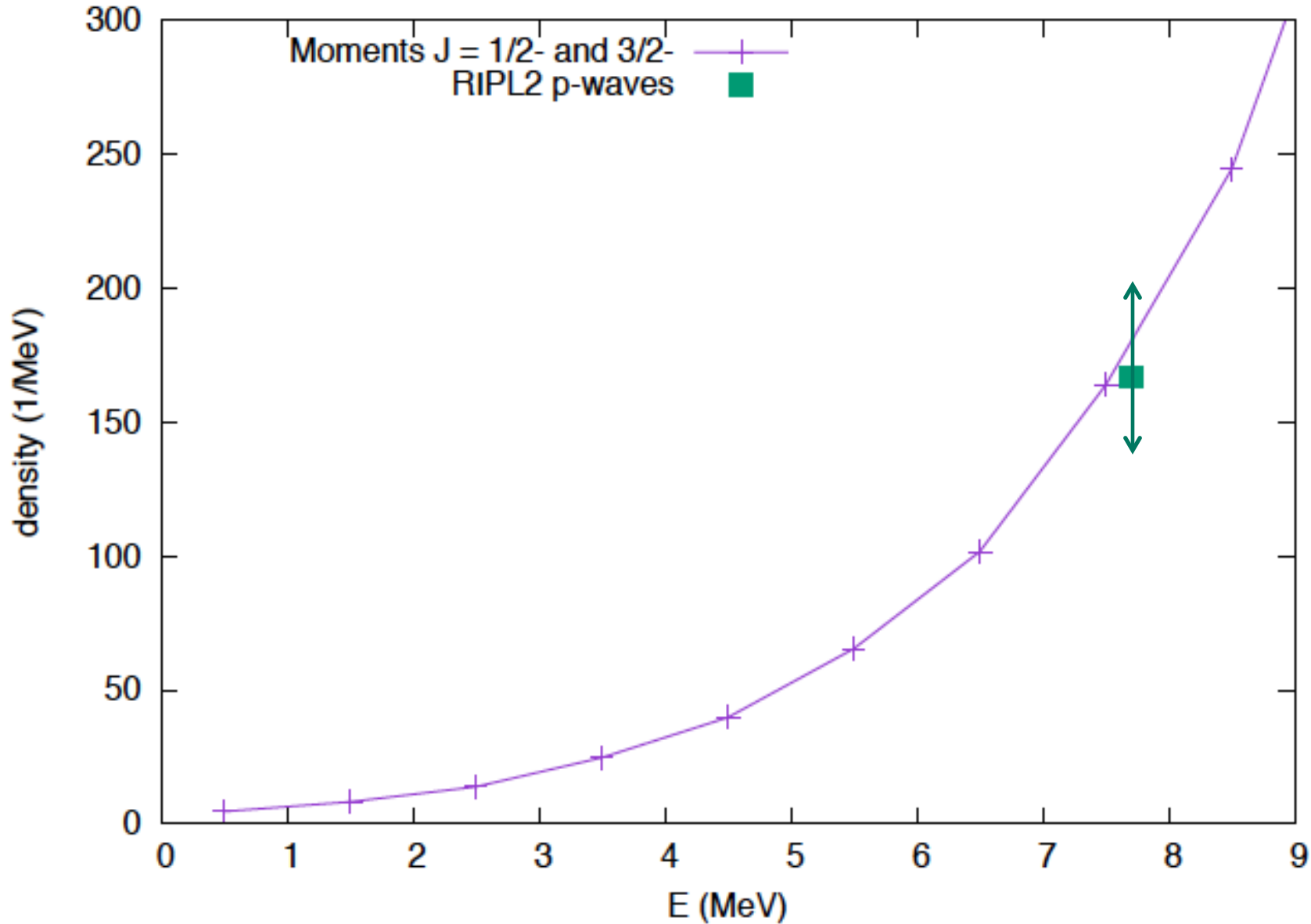


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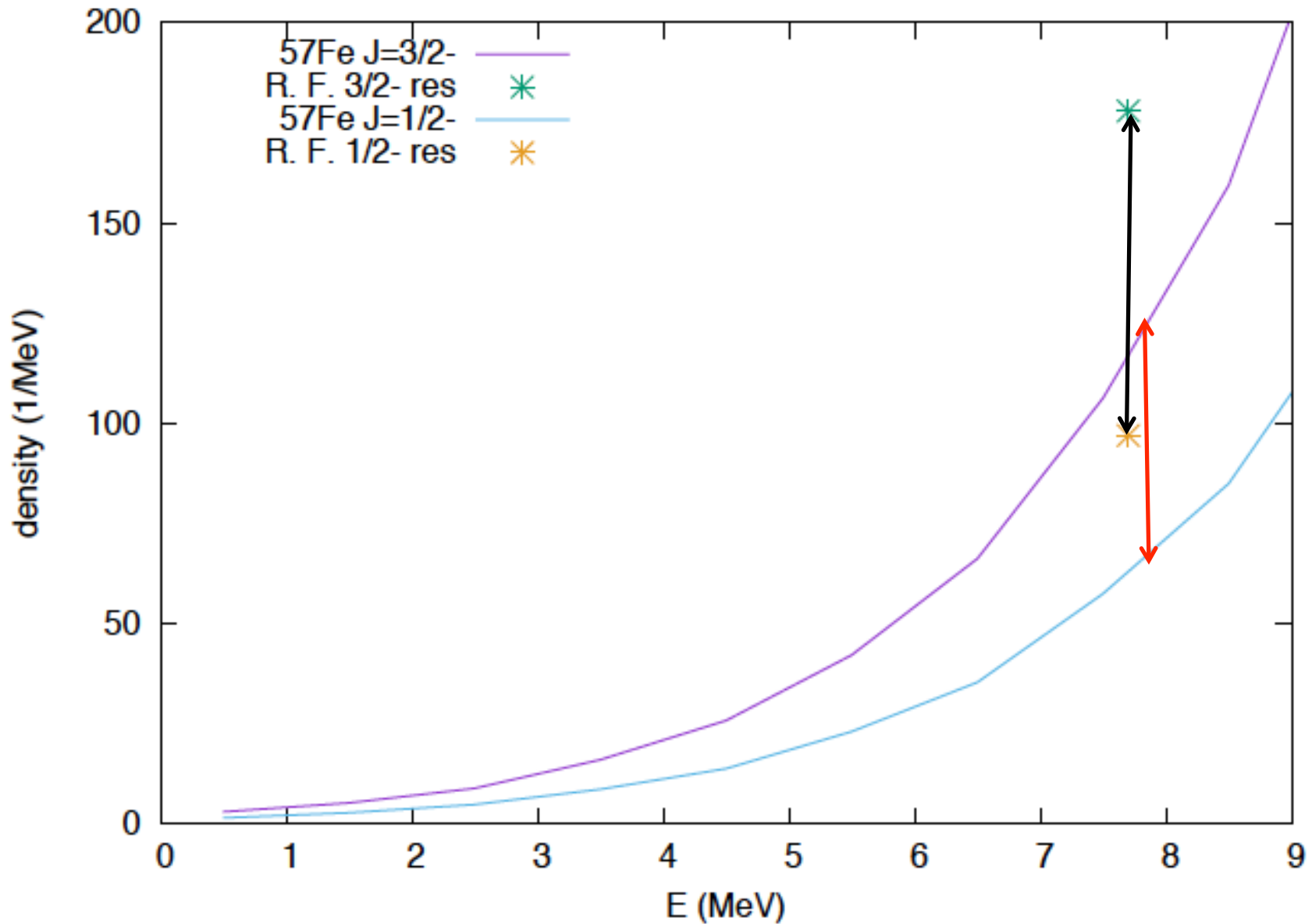
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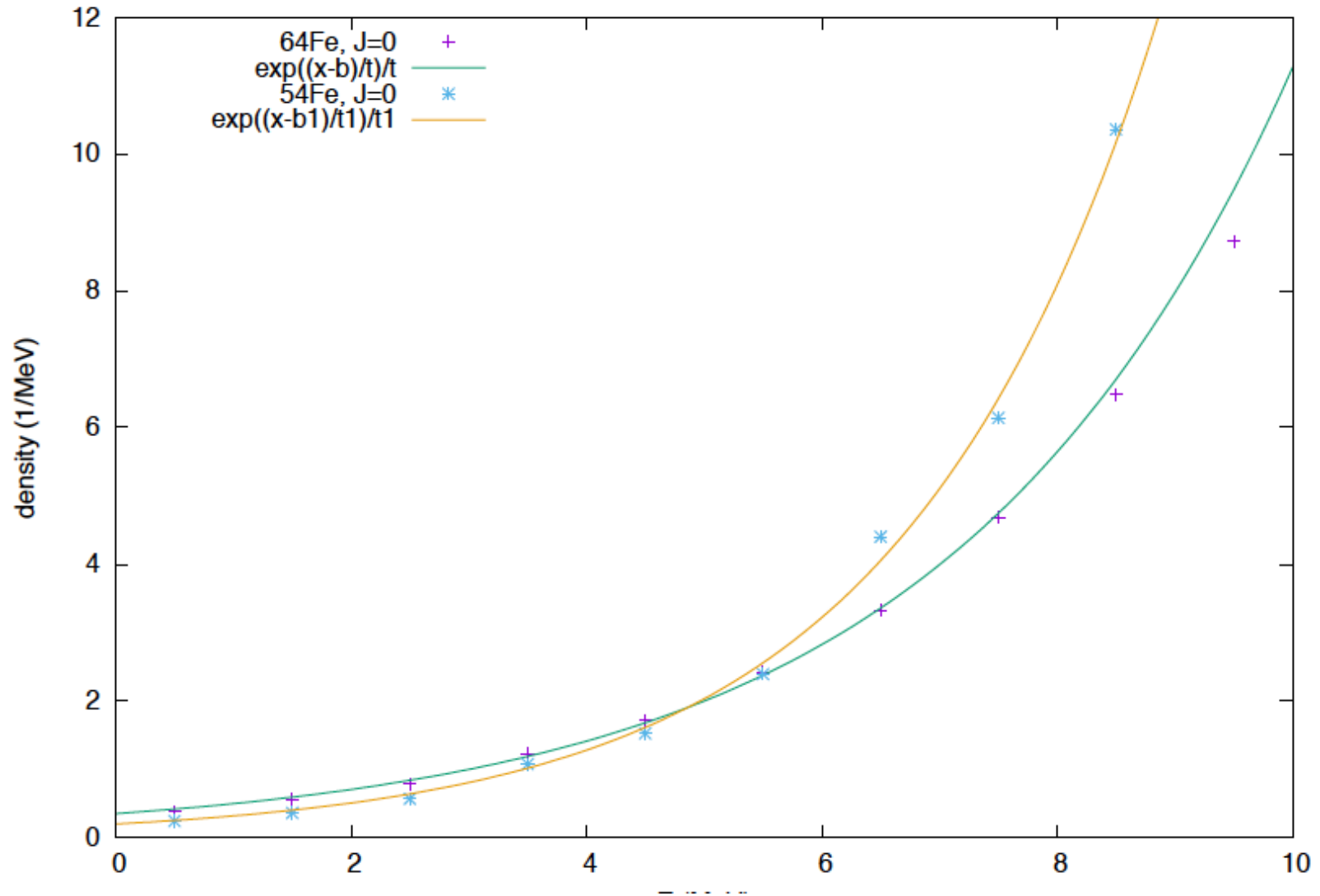
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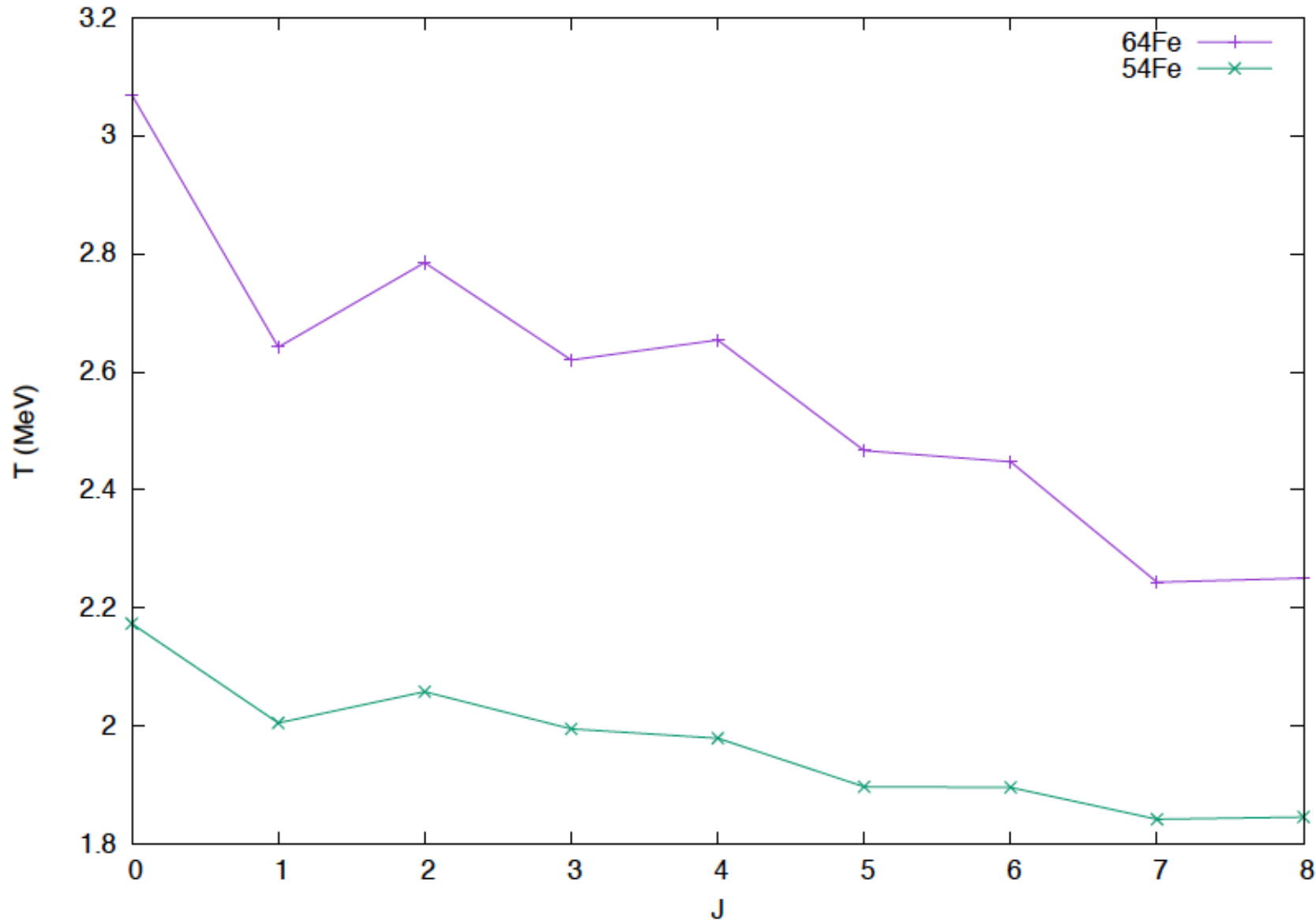
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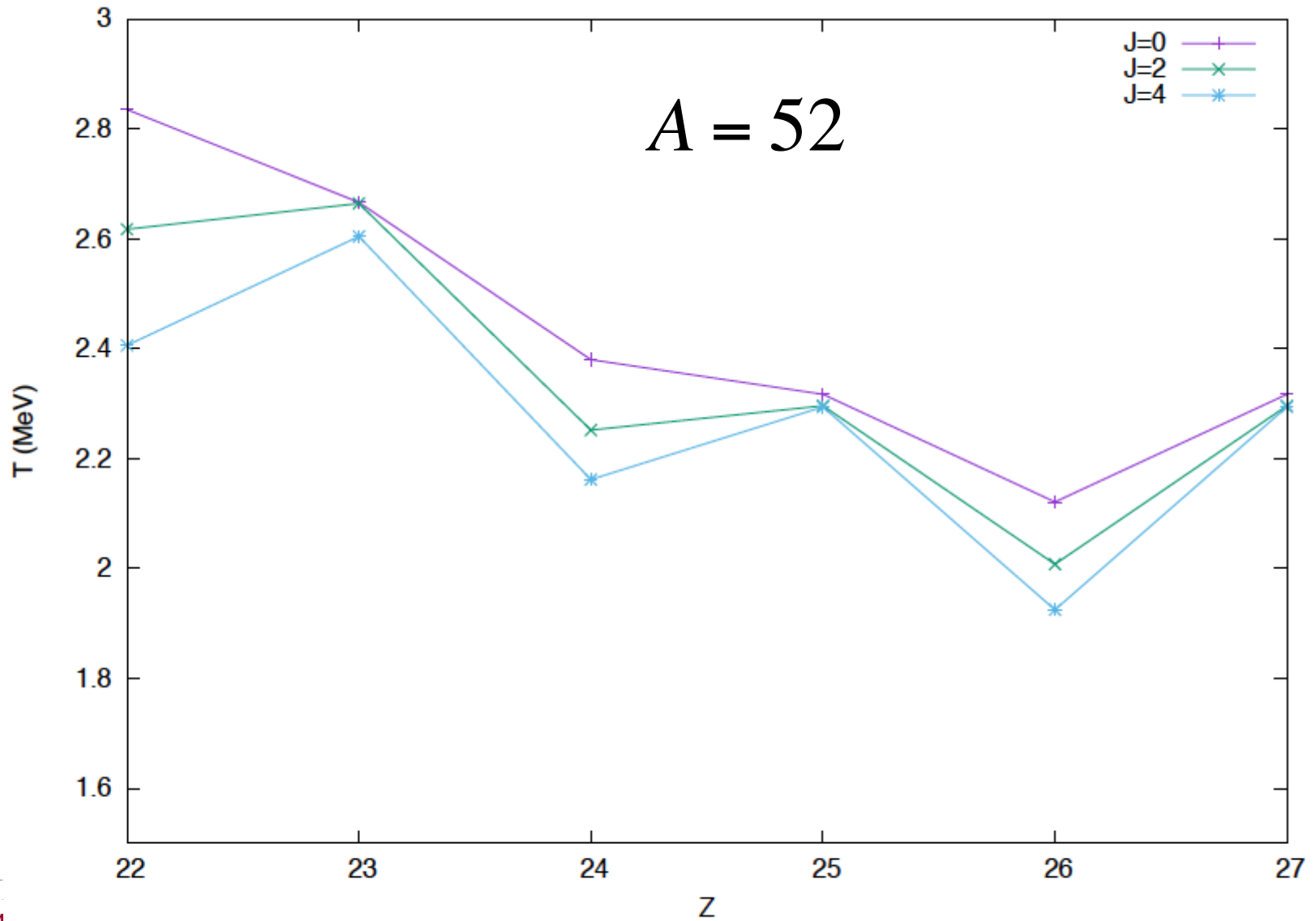
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Back to pairing?

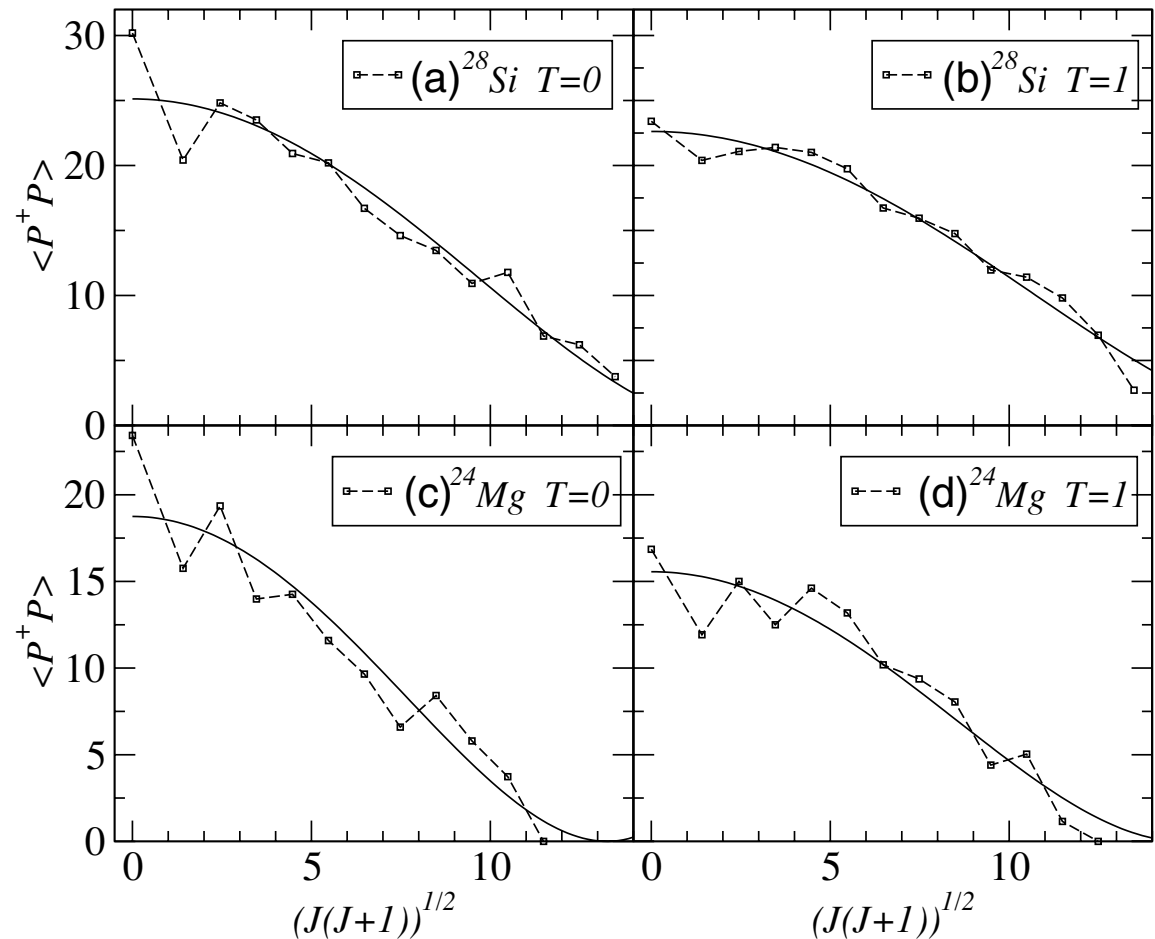
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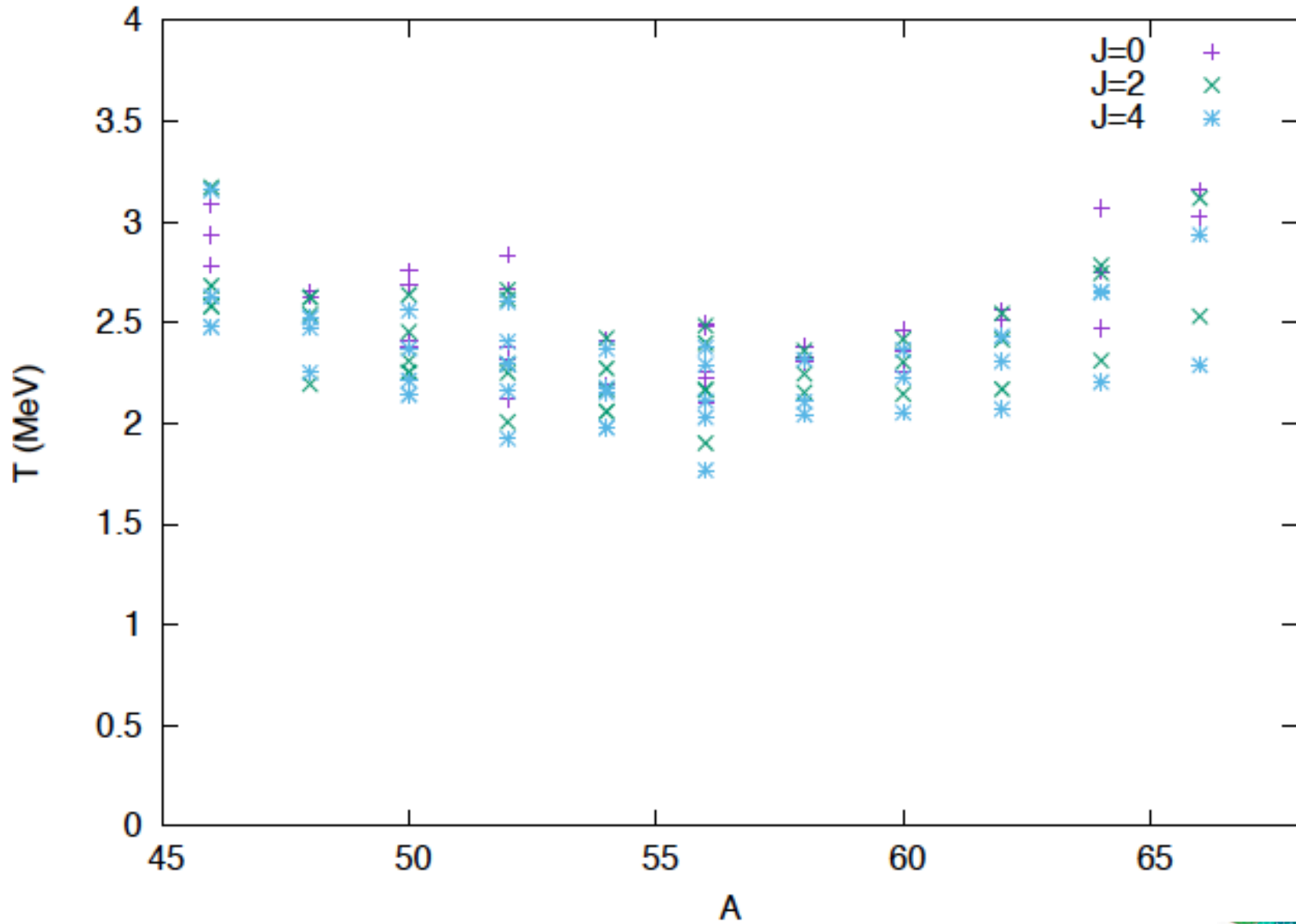
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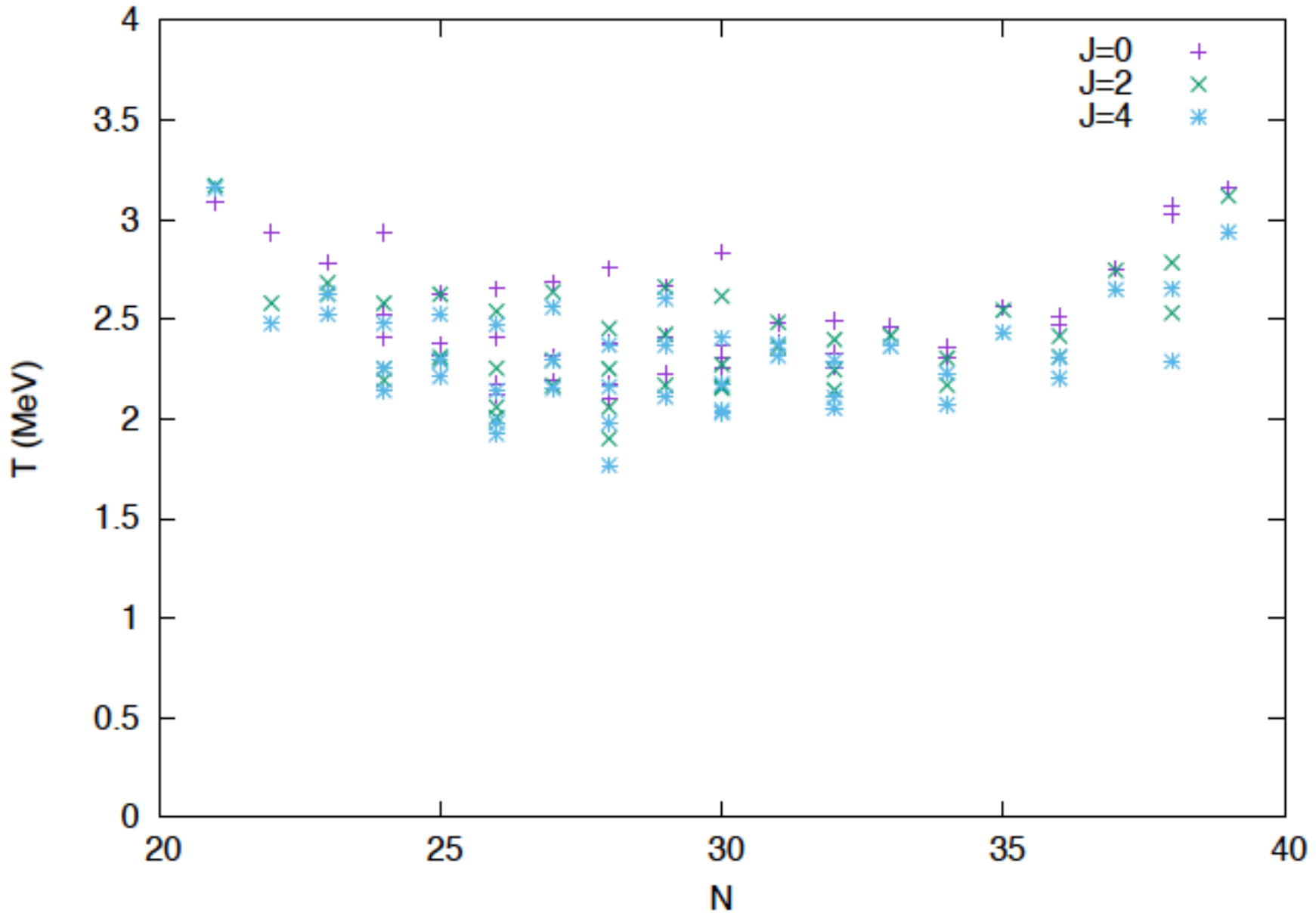
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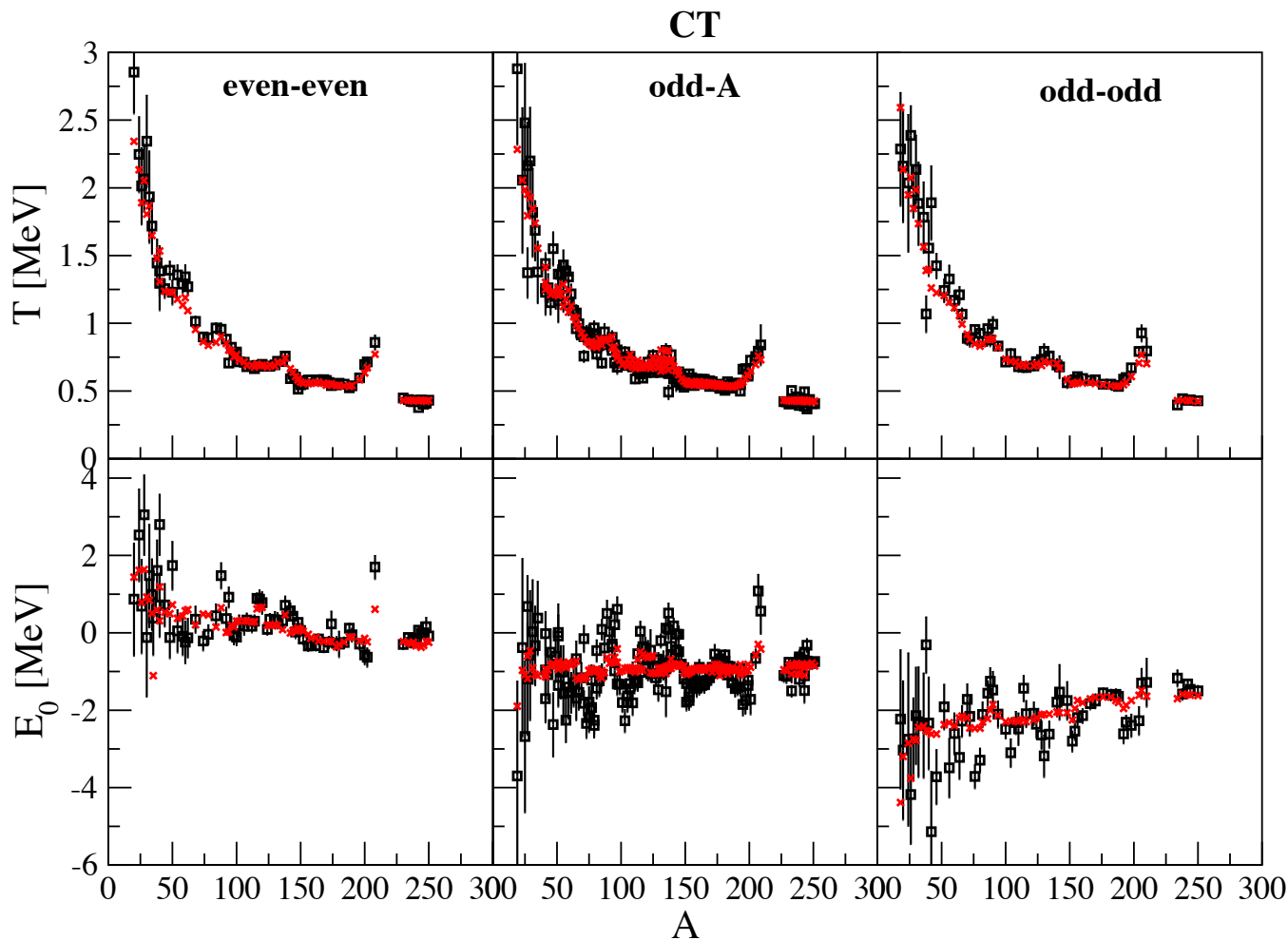


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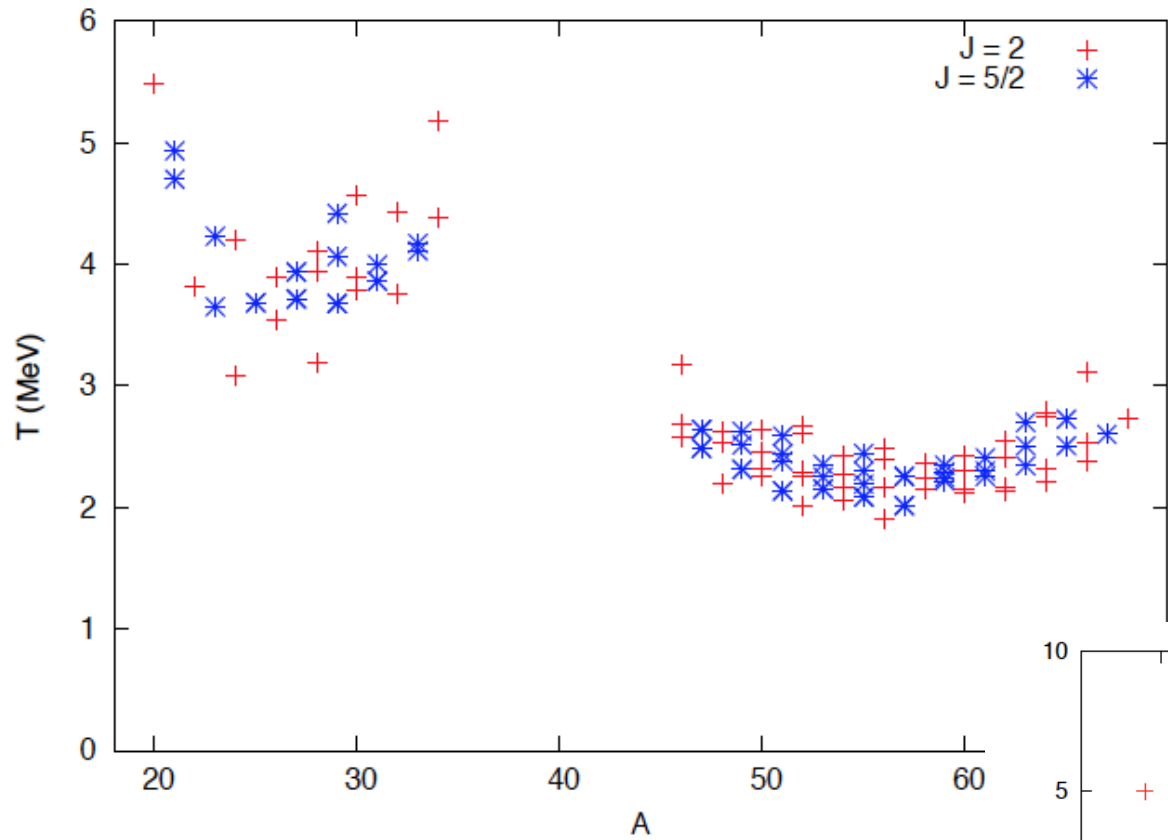
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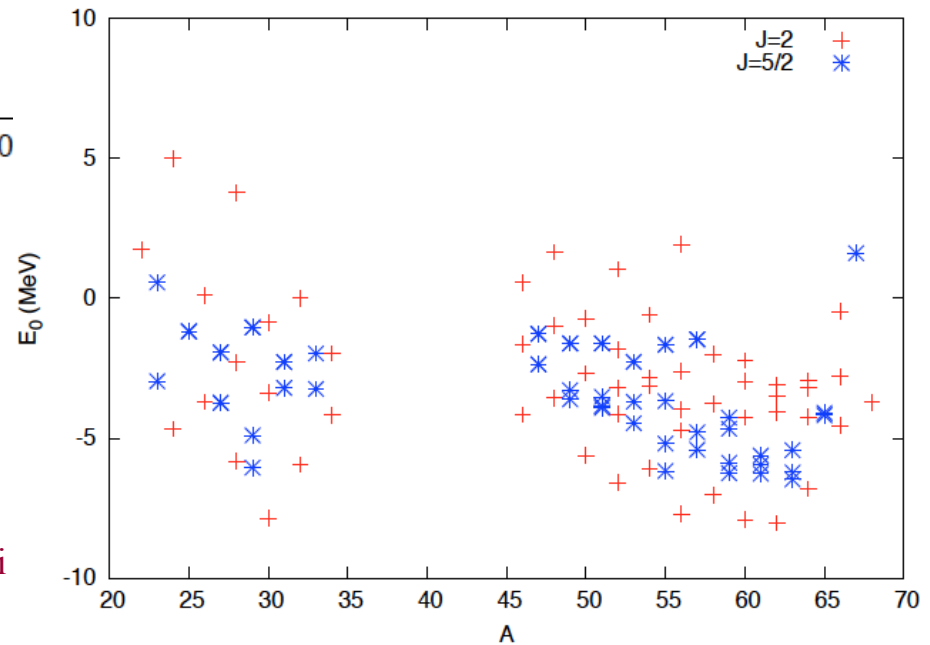
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- ✓ These observables are essential, but:
 - ✓ There is a clear need to obtain accurate effective Hamiltonians for enlarged, but tractable valence spaces.
 - ✓ Effective truncation scheme for configurations (partitions)
- ✓ Constant temperature description of the J-dependent shell model NLD represents a new and powerful technique:
 - ✓ Provides inside into the physics of nuclei as mesoscopic systems
 - ✓ Can provide an efficient interface of the shell model nuclear level densities to reaction codes

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