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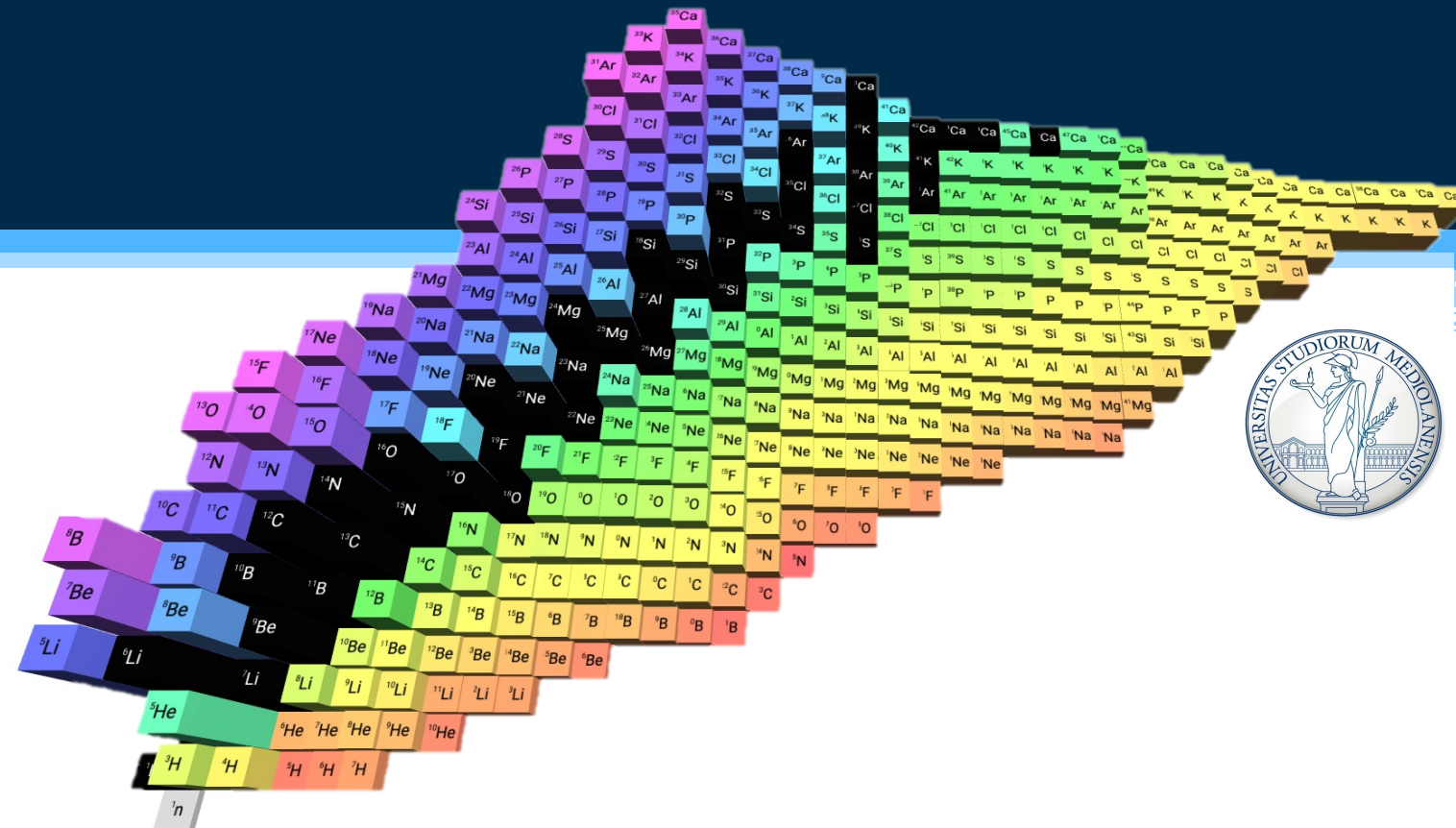
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Light to medium-mass exotic nuclei



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Study of light and medium mass nuclei

Comprehensive understanding of nuclear structure and dynamics from first principles

Nature of the nuclear forces and nuclear interactions

Implications for stellar nucleosynthesis

Synergy between experiments and theory

Different nuclear models

with different predictive powers

Shell Model calculations

E. Caurier *et al*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 427 (2005)

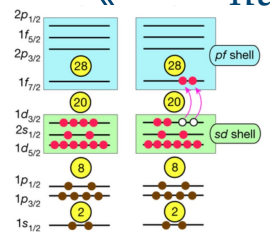
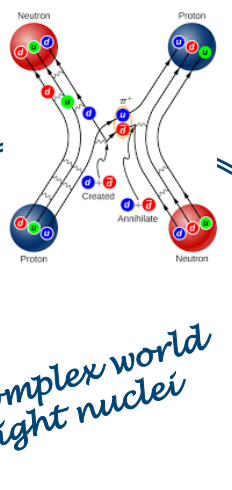
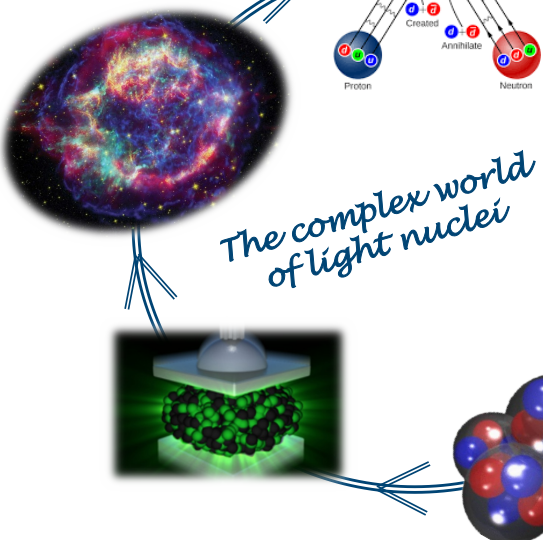
Density functional theories

G. Colò, Adv. Phys.-X 5, 1740061 (2020)

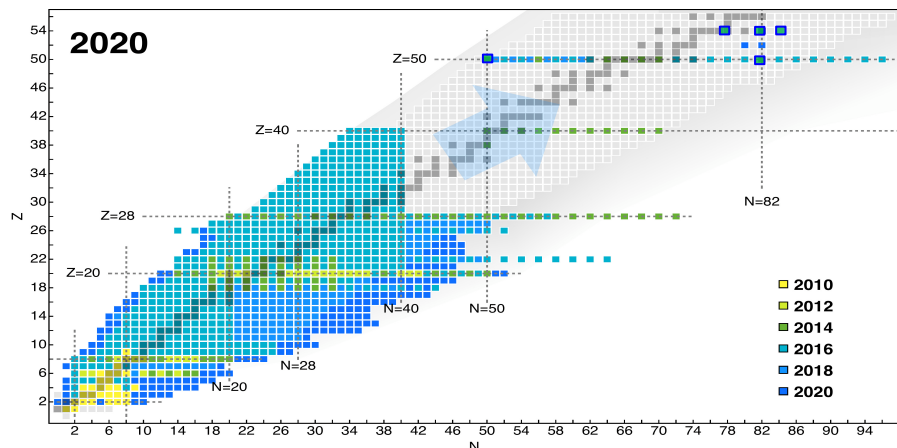
Ab initio methods

V. Somà, Frontiers in Phys. 8, 340 (2020)

Light and medium-mass nuclei: benchmark for heavier systems



H. Hergert, Frontiers in Phys. 8, 379 (2020)



A Guided Tour of ab initio nuclear Many-Body Theory

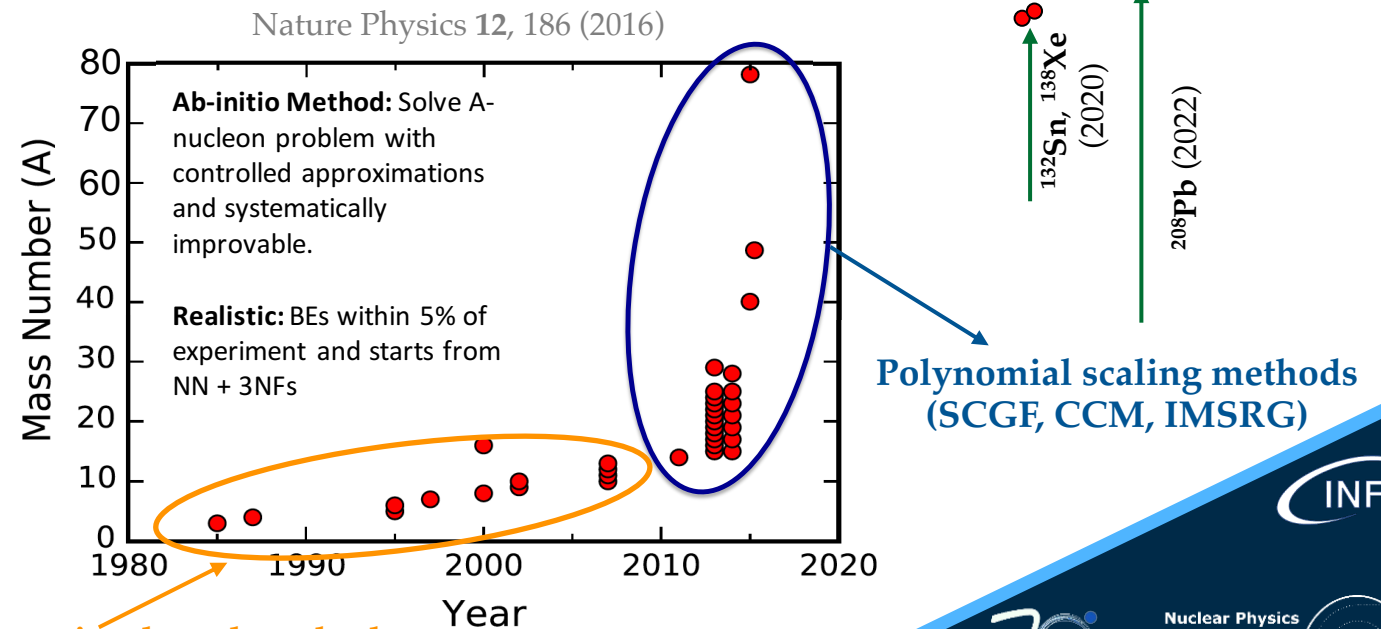
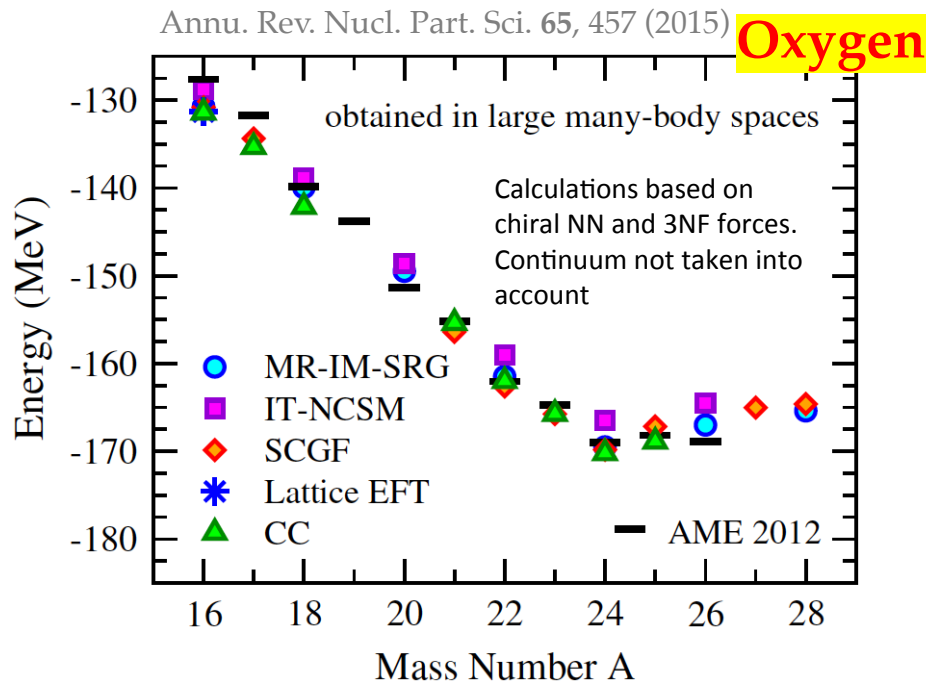
Two pillars for *ab initio* nuclear theory

Learning Nuclear Forces from QCD

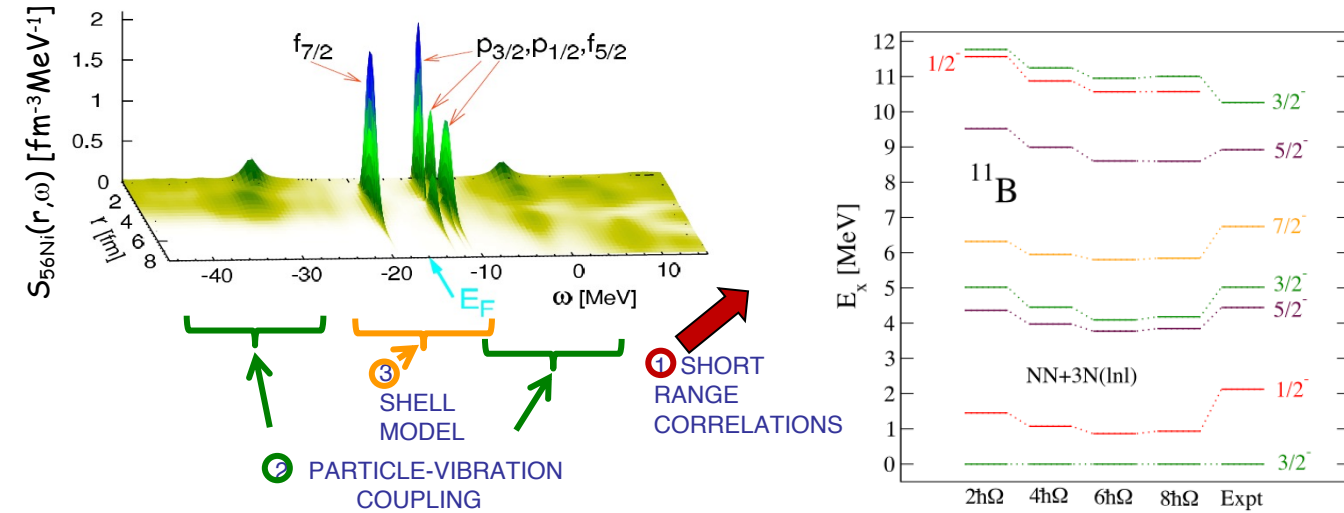
p, n, π are the dominant d.o.f. \rightarrow chiral EFT forces

Predictive and learning nuclear properties

Solve the (hard) few- and many-body problem

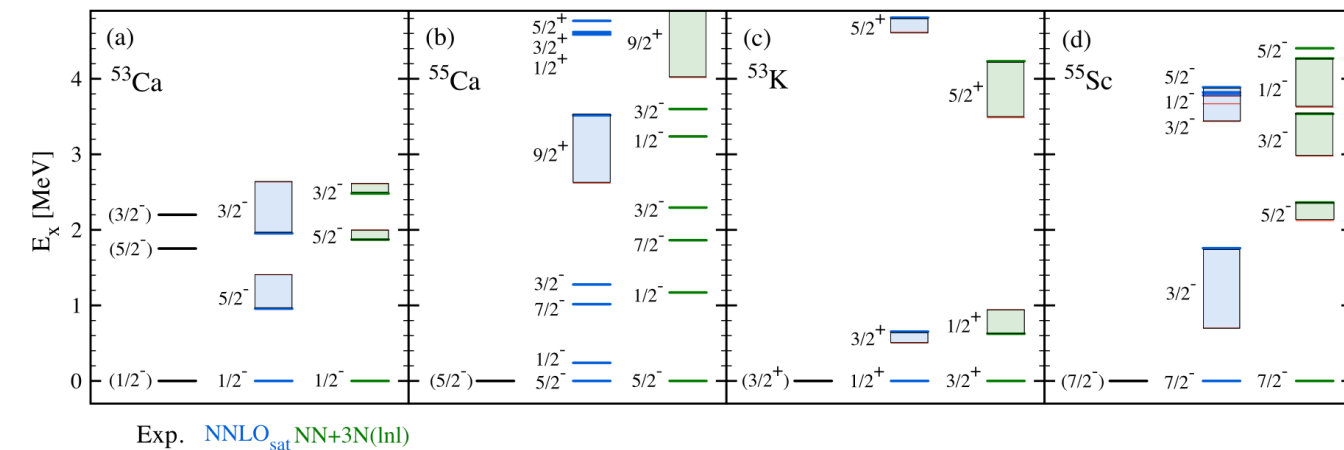


Nuclear spectroscopy

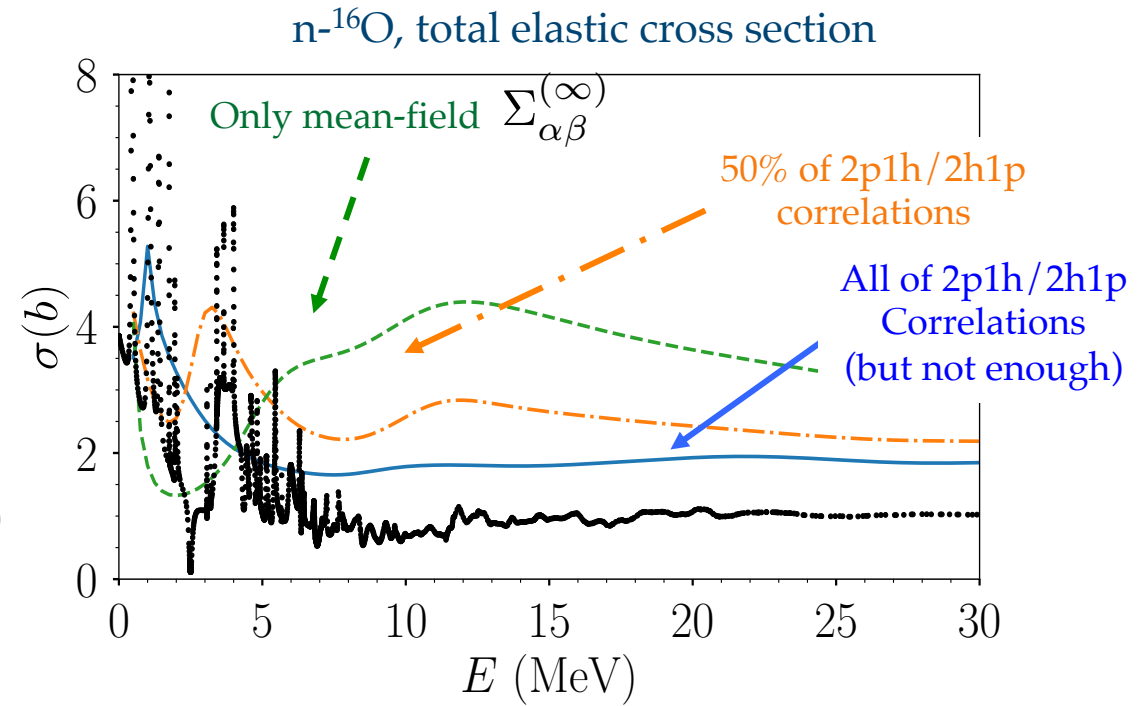


C. Barbieri, Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 202502 (2009)

V. Somà *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **101**, 014318 (2020)



Microscopic optical potentials

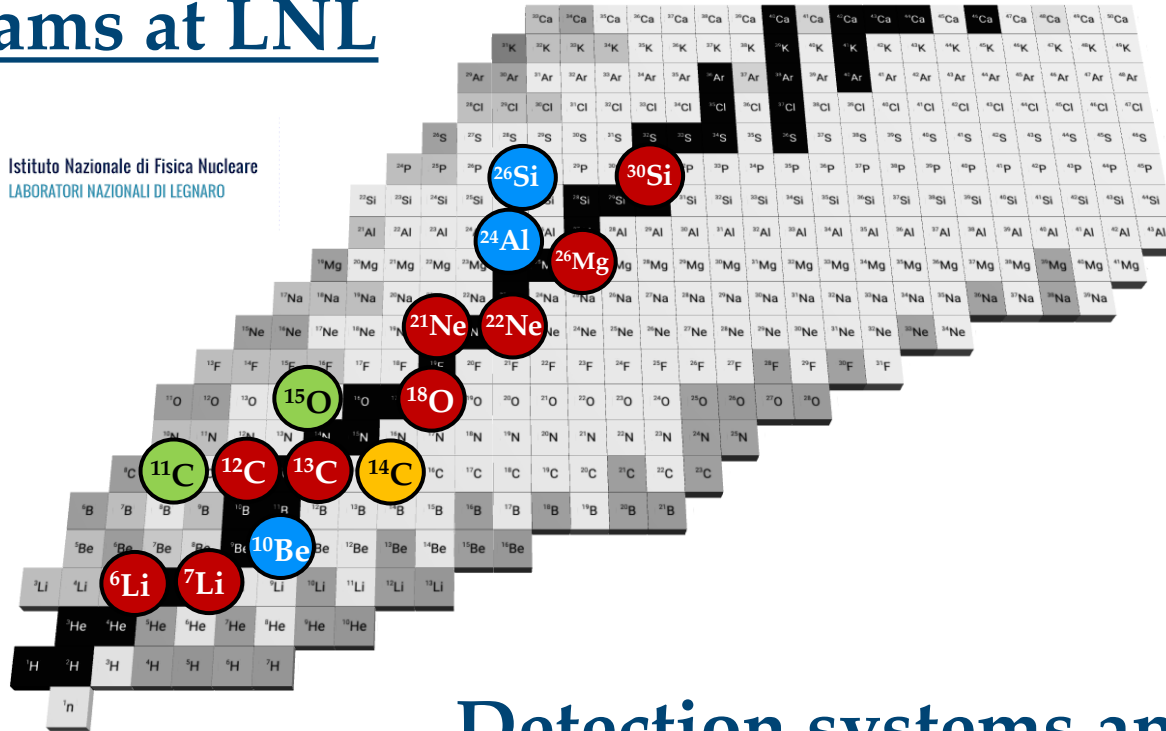


A. Idini, C. Barbieri, P. Navratil, Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 092501 (2019)

A great opportunity and a current challenge for low-energy nuclear physics!

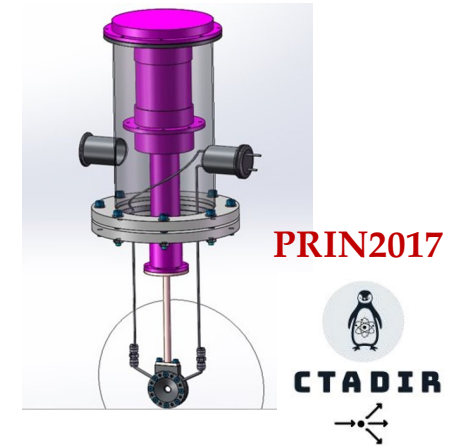
Tight connection with LNL experimental programs

Light beams at LNL

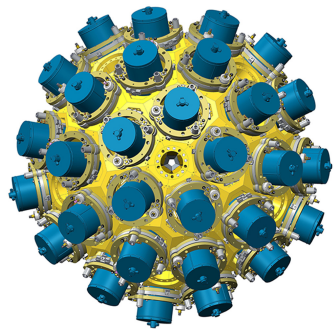


- STABLE
- EXOTIC
- SPES (phase 2-3)
- ¹⁴C

Detection systems and targets



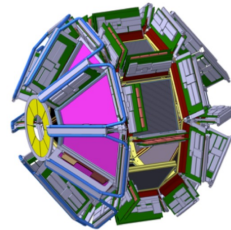
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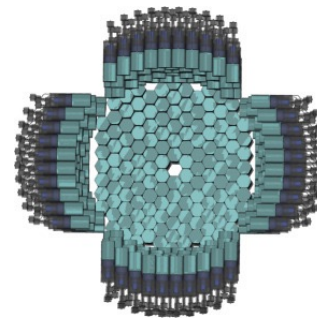
AGATA
γ rays



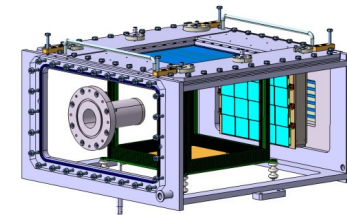
PRISMA
heavy ions



GRIT
charged particles



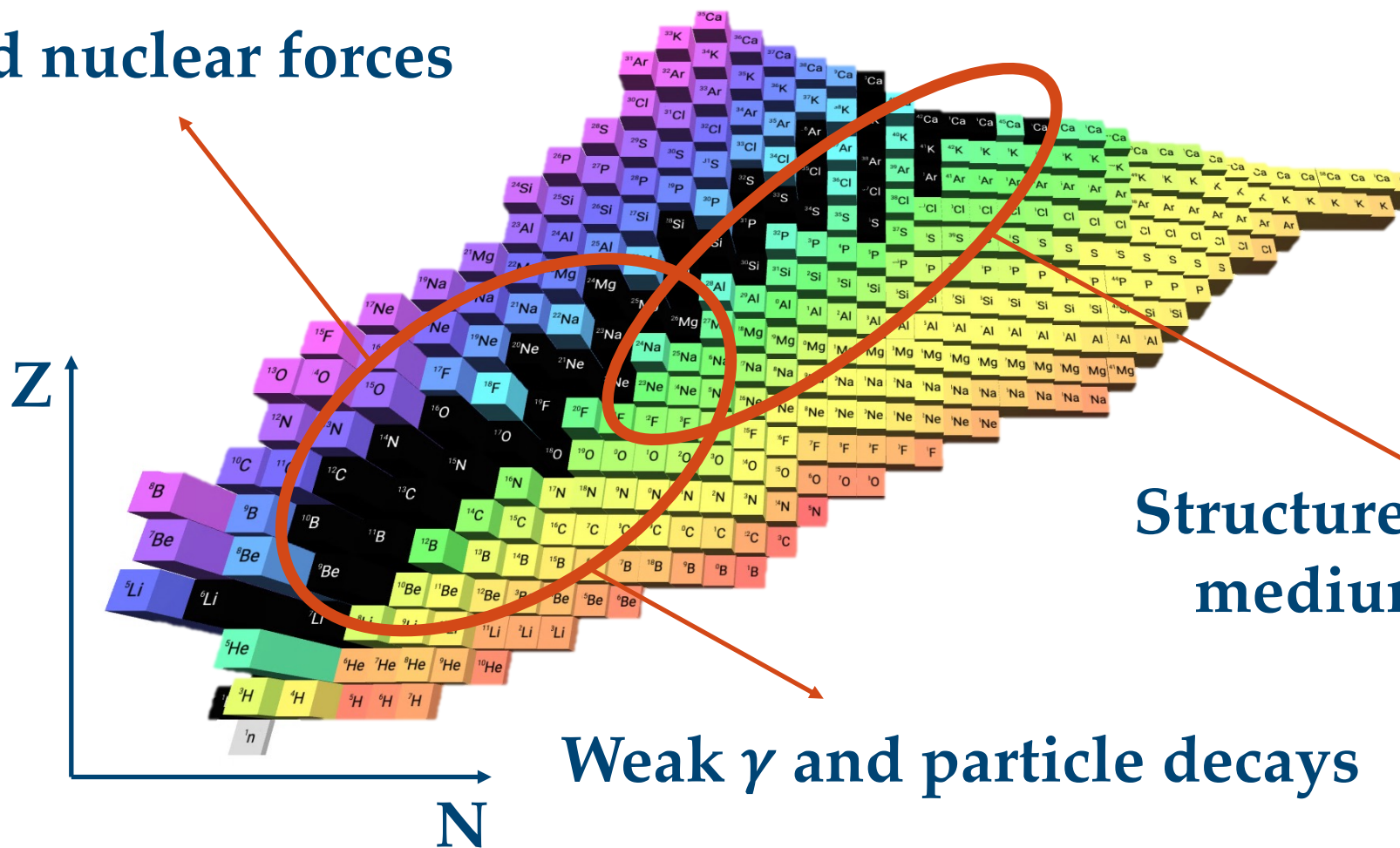
NEDA
neutrons



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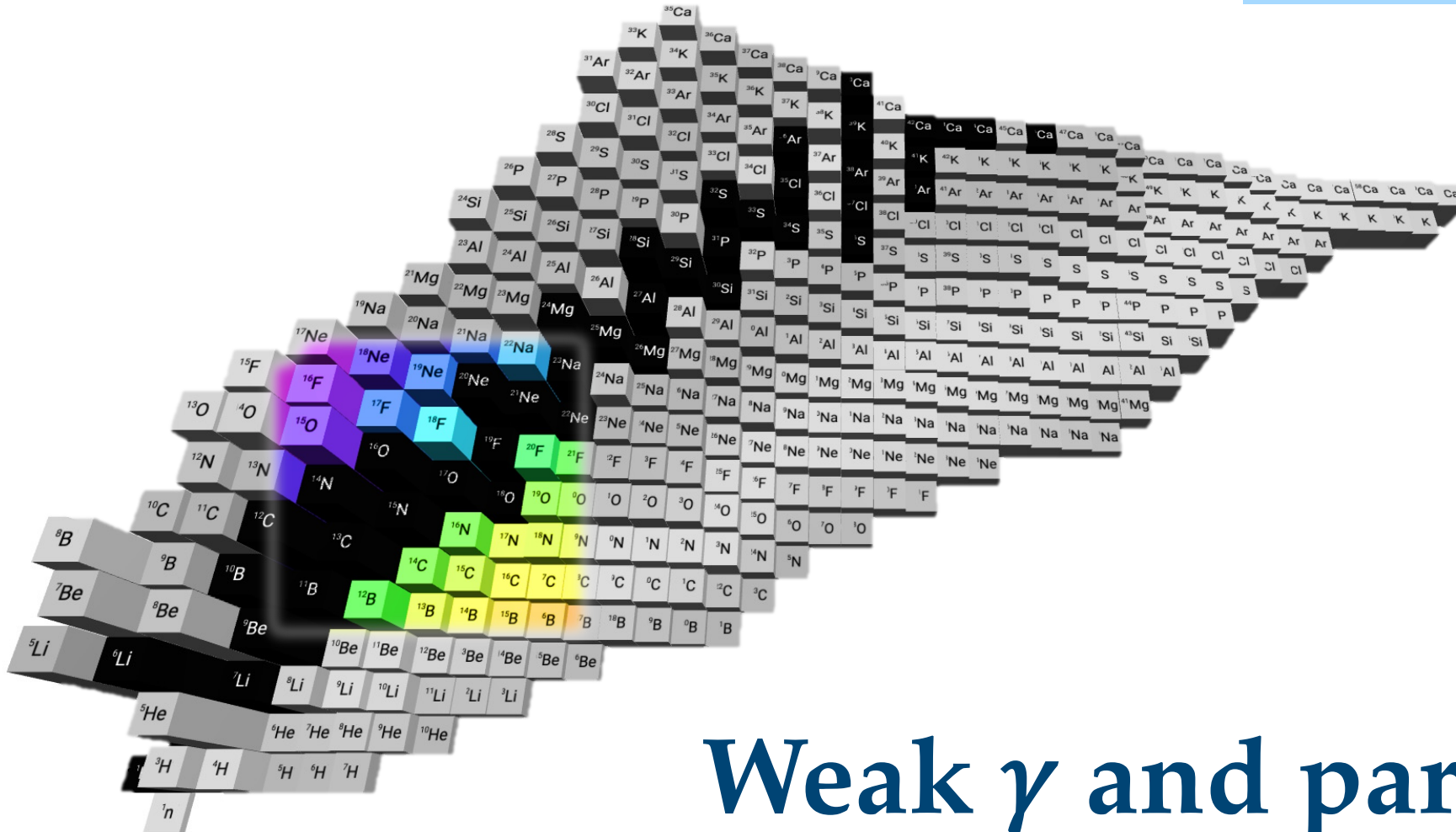


Nuclear correlations and nuclear forces

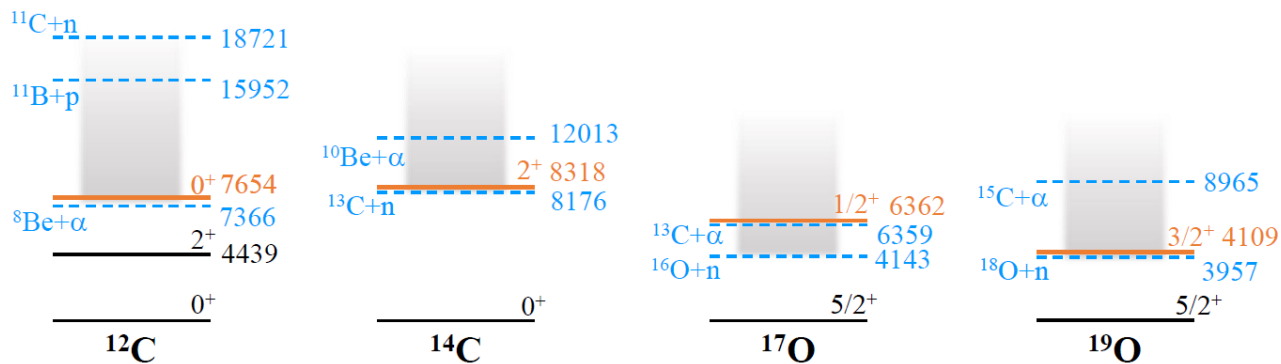


Structure of neutron-rich
medium-mass nuclei

Weak γ and particle decays



Weak γ and particle decays



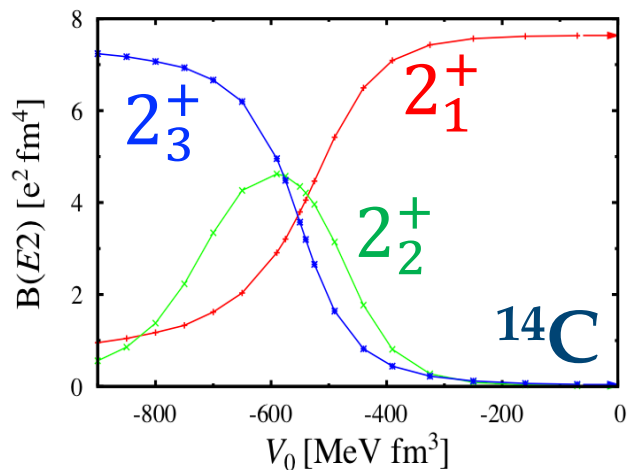
Onset of collectivization and clusterization

Strong impact in nuclear astrophysics

Limited information from γ spectroscopy:
very weak γ branchings $< 10^{-3}$

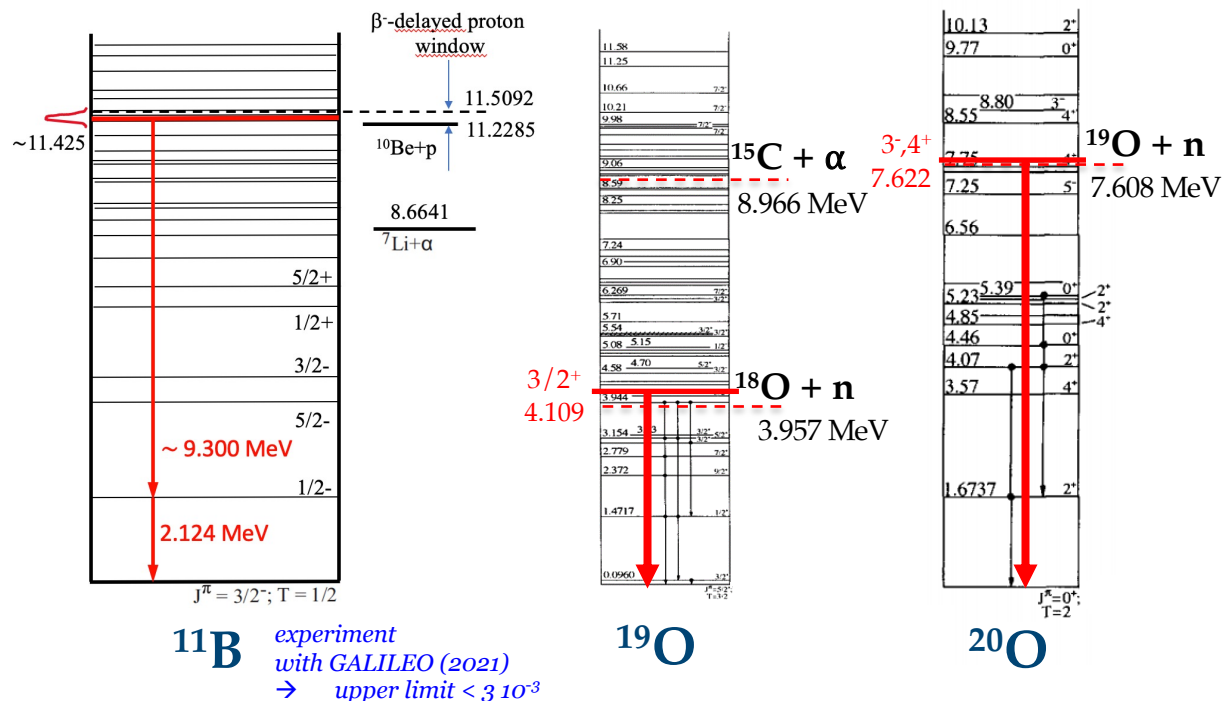
Shell Model Embedded in the Continuum (SMEC)

J. Okołowicz, M. Płoszajczak, W. Nazarewicz, Fortschr. Phys. 61, 66 (2013)



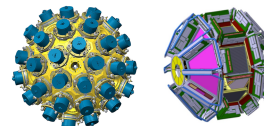
- Open quantum systems
- Prediction of narrow resonances
- Enhanced E/M transition probabilities
- Couplings with the continuum

Possible measurements



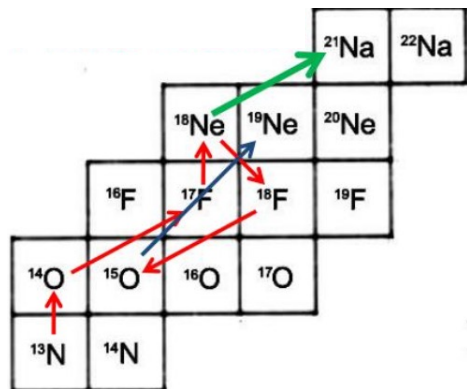
Fusion reactions with stable beams + ^{14}C

AGATA + TRACE/GRIT



α -cluster structures relevant for nuclear astrophysics

Break -out from the CNO cycle



Nuclear states close to α -emission thresholds
weak decay branchings $\sim 10^{-3}$

^{19}Ne

Three states close to the alpha-decay threshold

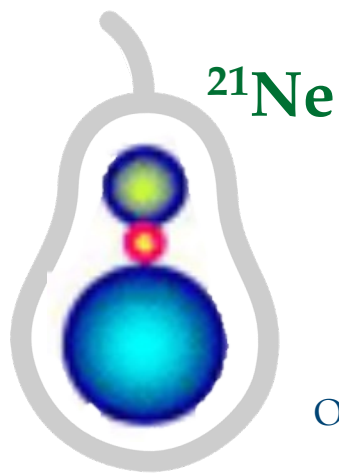
M. Wiescher, *et al.*, Prog. in Part. & Nucl. Phys. 59, 51 (2007)

^{15}O

Tentative α structures

M. Wiescher, *et al.*, Annual Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 60, 381 (2010)

Clusterization in medium-light nuclei



Molecular octupole deformations

Identification of octupole bands
weak and fast γ branchings $< 10^{-3}$

C. Wheldon, *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. A 26, 321 (2015)

Cluster shell model

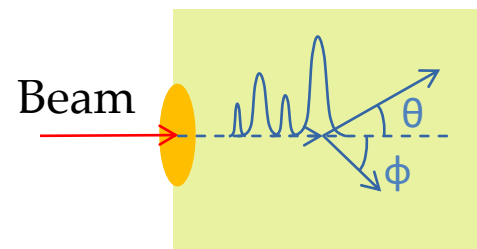
Octupole structure doesn't emerge easily from calculations

R. Bijker and F. Iachello, Nucl. Phys. A 1010, 122193 (2021)

Possible measurements

Resonant scattering with EXOTIC and stable beams

Reaction kinematics event-by-event (TPC)



$^{15}\text{O}(\alpha, \alpha')$

$^{11}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha')$

No angular uncertainty at 0°

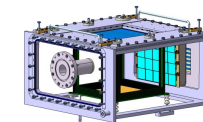
Solid ^3He and ^4He thin targets

Next developments: ^{20}Ne and ^{21}Ne

A. Fernández *et al.*, Materials and Design 186, 108337 (2020).

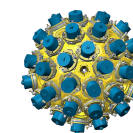
^{21}Ne inelastic scattering

ACTIVE TARGET



C. Wheldon

AGATA



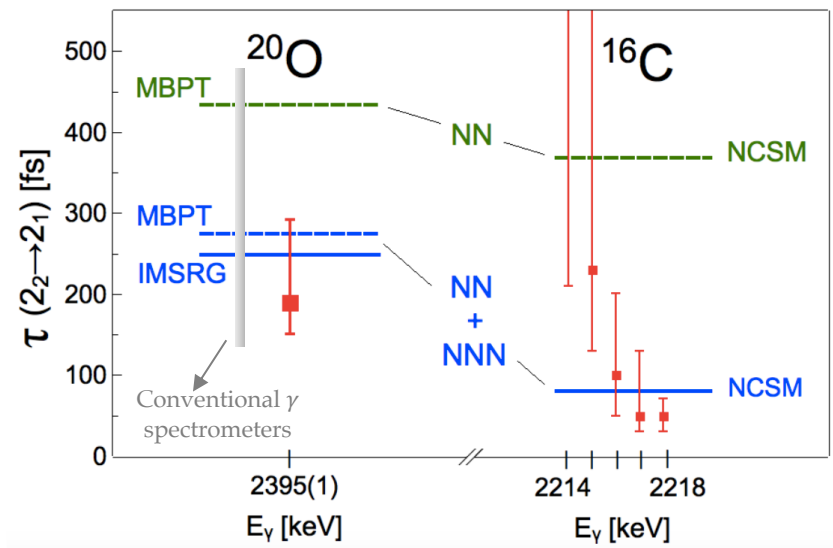
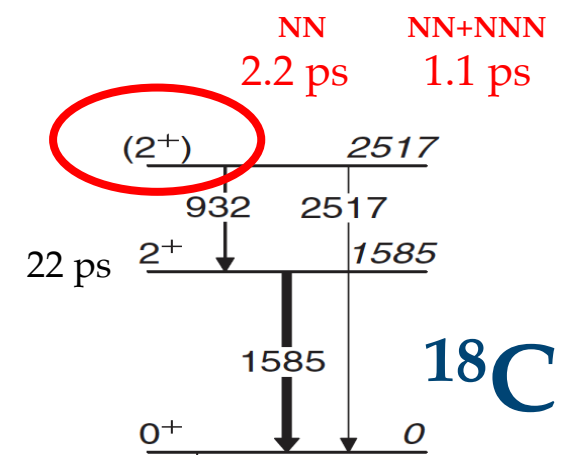
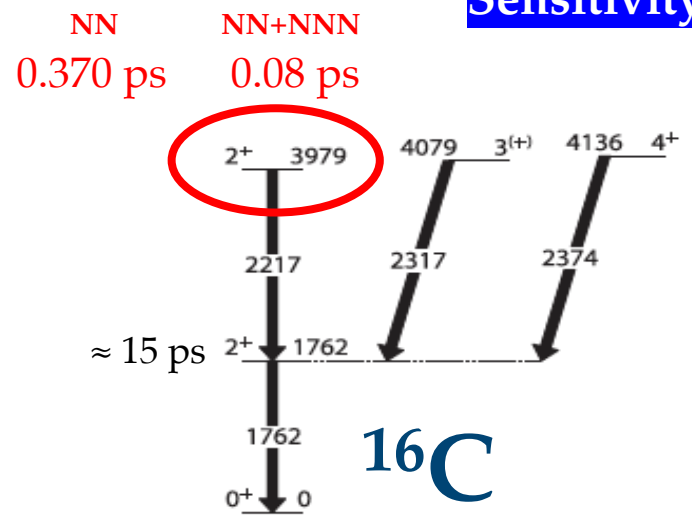
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ab initio No-Core-Shell-Model Calculations

C. Forssen et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 40, 055105 (2013).

Sensitivity to 3-body forces



AGATA+VAMOS deep-inelastic experiment

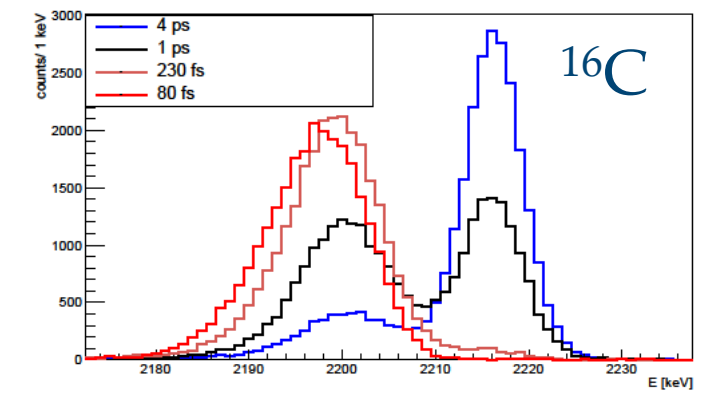
M. Ciemala, S. Ziliani, F.C.L. Crespi, S. Leoni, B. Fornal, A. Maj, et al., Phys. Rev. C 101, 021303(R) (2020)

development of lifetime measurement techniques for deep-inelastic reactions

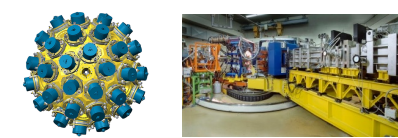
Possible measurements

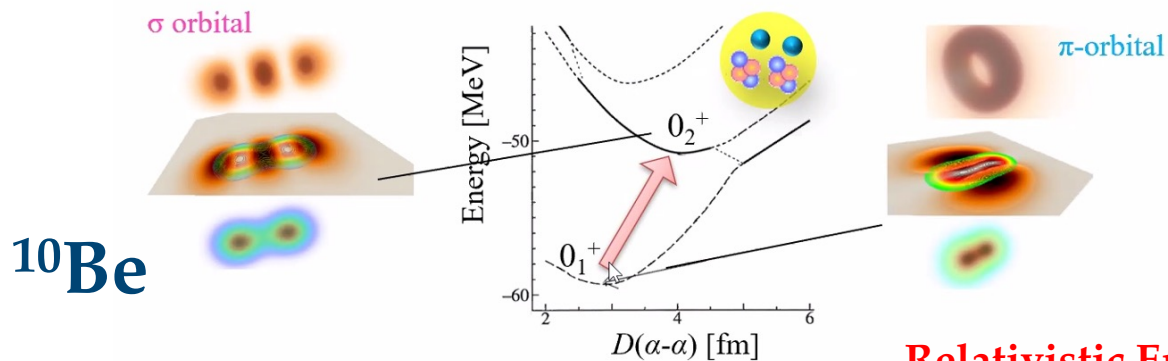
Deep-inelastic reactions with ¹⁸O

- ¹⁹⁸Pt thick target and degrader
- AGATA to achieve enough sensitivity
- Advantages from PRISMA upgrade



AGATA + PRISMA





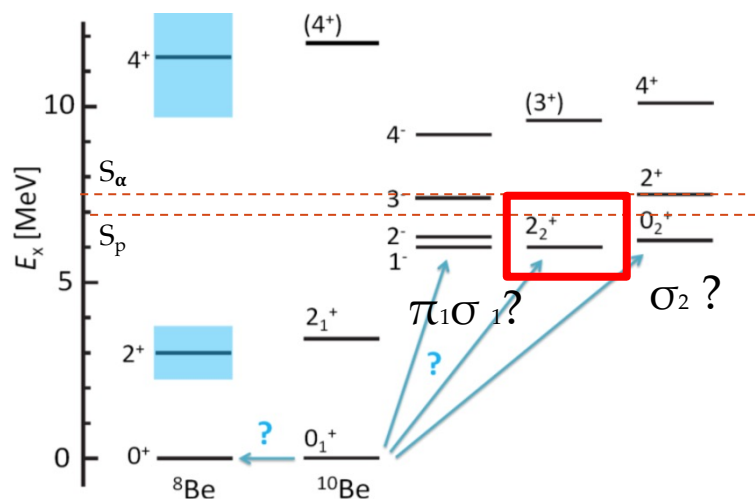
Relativistic Energy Density Functional theory

J. -P. Ebran, E. Khan et al., Phys. Rev. C 90, 054329 (2014)

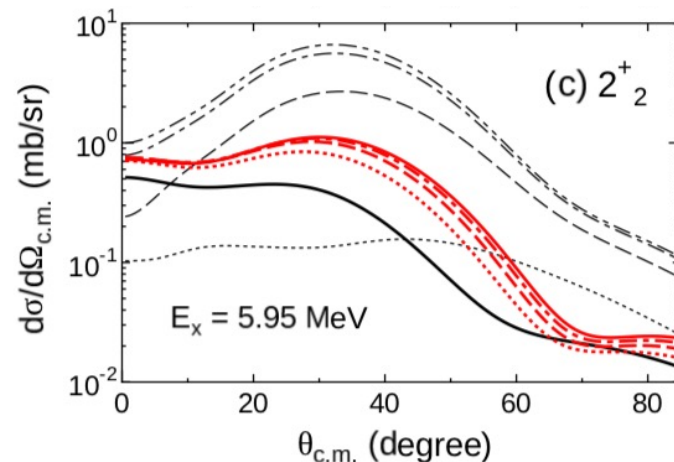
Molecular bonding

Sensitivity to inelastic cross sections

- Transition strength from π - to σ -type molecular states
- Di-neutron configuration



2 alphas + 2n ($\pi_{3/2}$)²
 2 alphas + 2n($\pi_{1/2}$) ($\pi_{3/2}$)



Furumoto et al, PRC104 (2021).

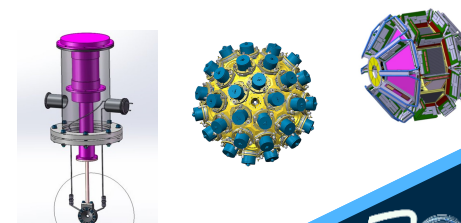
Possible measurements

Inelastic excitation of ¹⁰Be SPES beam

- ¹⁰Be(α, α') or ¹⁰Be(d, d')
 probing molecular states
 γ detection needed
- ¹⁰Be(p, p')
 probing di-neutron correlations
 γ detection needed

Same technique with ¹⁴C

AGATA + GRIT CRYOGENIC TARGET

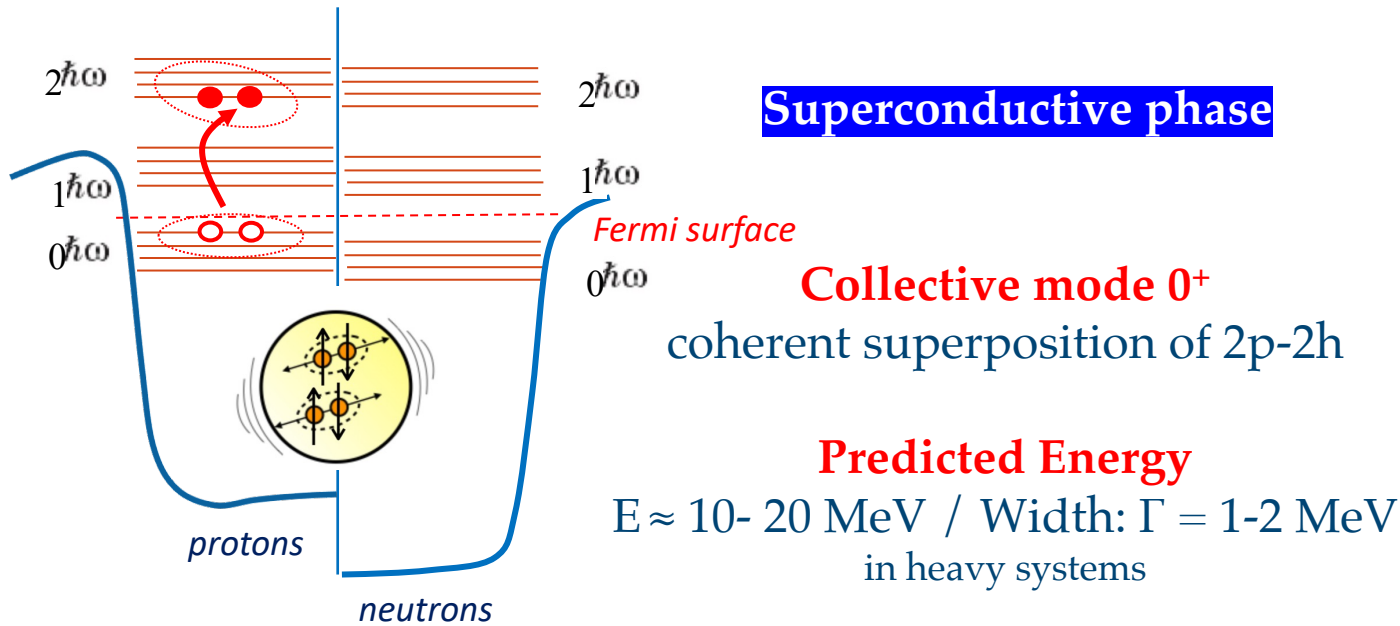


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R. Broglia, Phys. Lett. B. 69(1977) 129
M.W. Herzog Phys. Rev. C 31, (1985) 259. M. Assié et al Eur. PJA 55 (2019) 245

nn GPV not observed in heavy nuclei with (p,t) reactions
continuum effect (low l state dominant with low centrifugal barrier):
too wide to be observed

Possible signature of nn GPV identified in light C isotopes

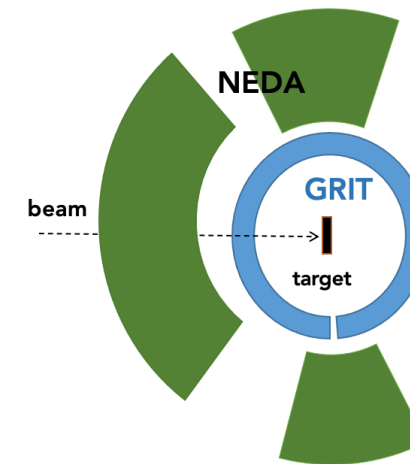
F. Capuzzello et al., Nat. Commun. 6, 6743 (2015)

Possible measurements

$(^3\text{He},n)$ reactions with stable C beams + ^{14}C

Two-proton Giant Pairing vibration

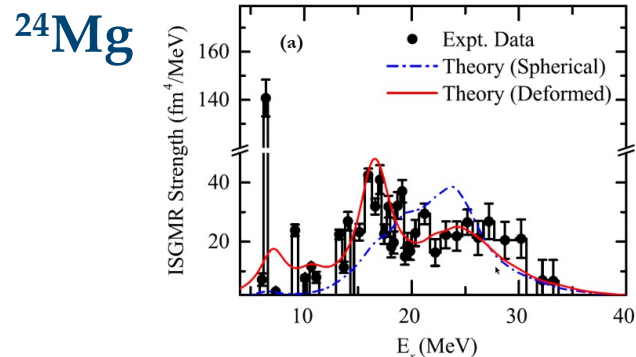
- Narrower due to the Coulomb Barrier
- L=0 angular distribution from scattered n
- Trigger on the 2p decay



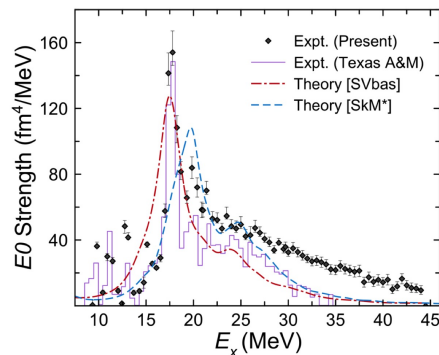
NEDA + GRIT

CRYOGENIC TARGET

Giant monopole resonances in light deformed nuclei



Y.K. Gupta *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B 748, 343 (2015)



T. Peach *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 93 064325 (2016)

²⁸Si

Nuclear incompressibility

Energy Density Functional theory

U. Garg and G. Colò, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 101 (2018)

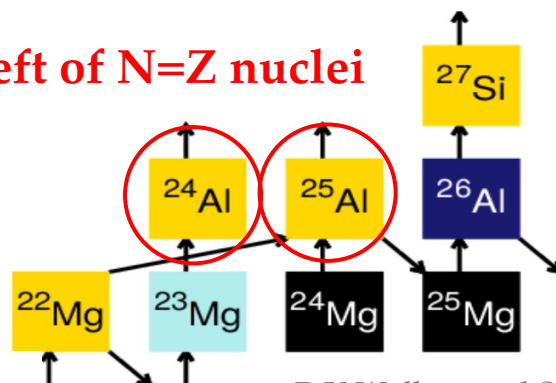
- Effects of deformations
- Fragmentation of ISGMR
- K=0 couplings with L=2

Astrophysical interest

Path of the rp-process

- Resonant excited states
- Impact on capture rates

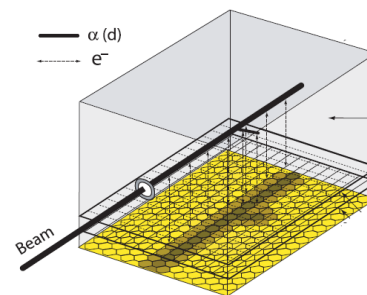
Left of N=Z nuclei



R.K.Wallace and S.E.Woosley, Astr. J. 45, 389 (1981)

Possible measurements

Elastic and inelastic scattering in inverse kinematics with SPES

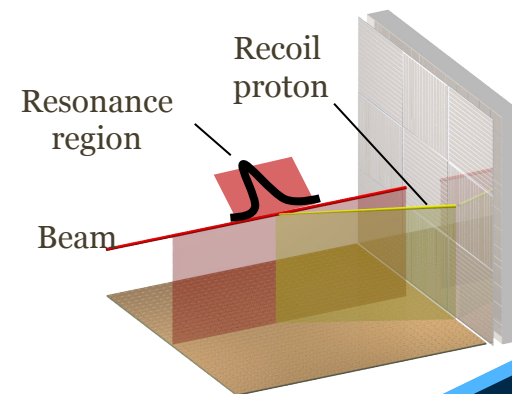


²⁶Si(α,α')

- Inelastic scattering
- Low momentum transfer

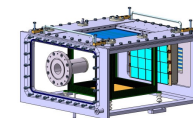
^{24,25}Al(p,p')

- Resonant scattering
- Large CM angles

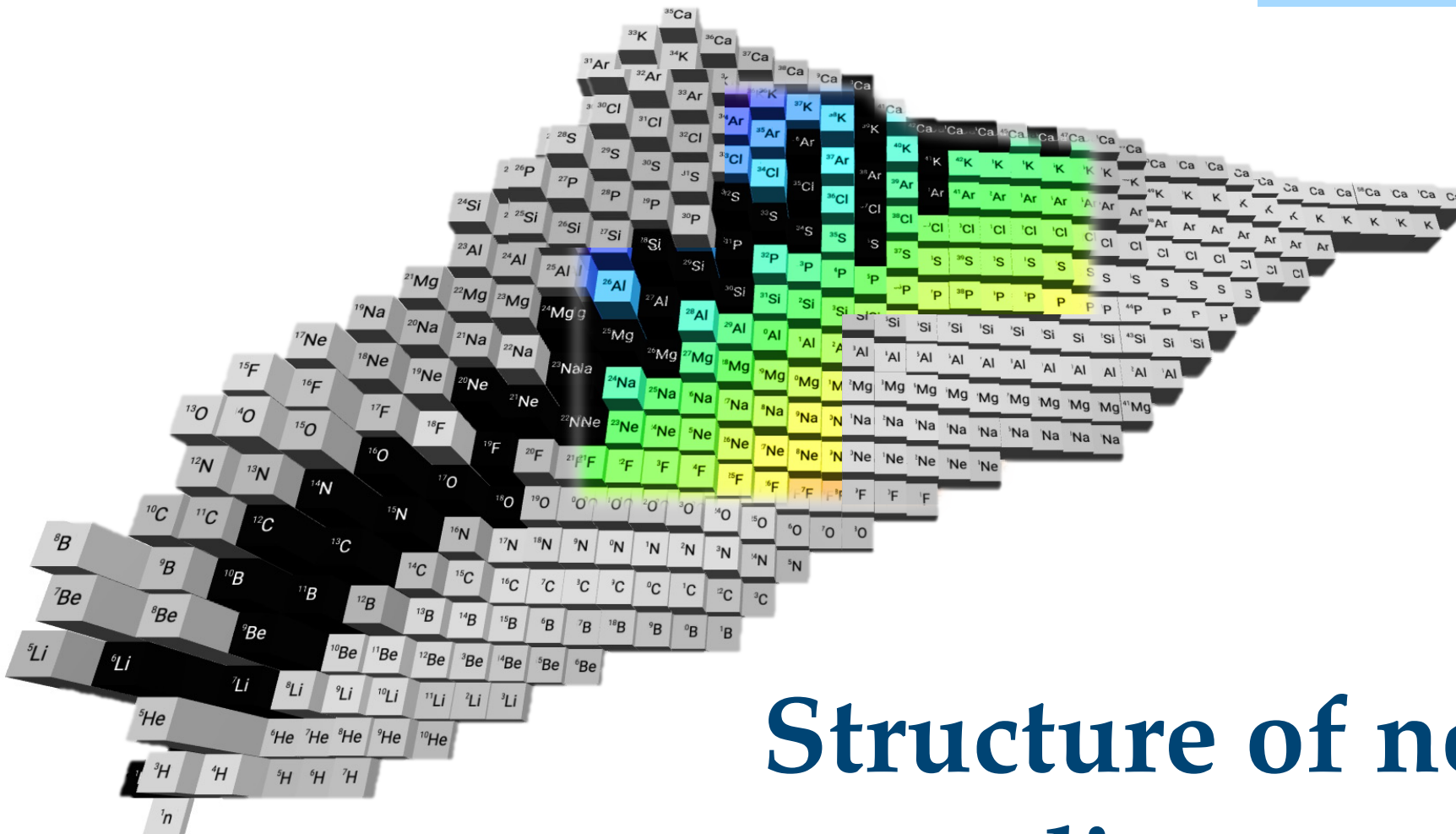


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Possible coupling with γ detections



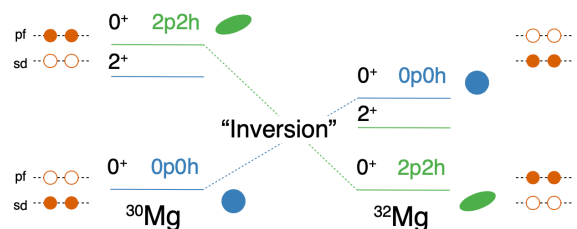
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Structure of neutron-rich medium-mass nuclei

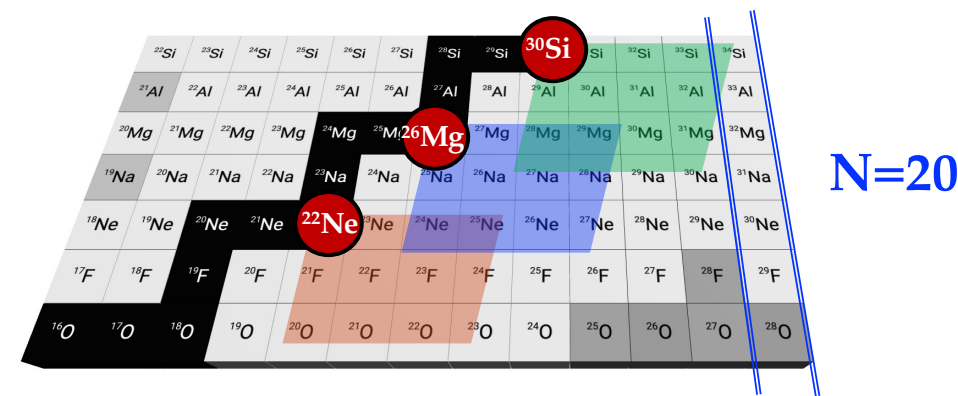
Anomalies towards N=20

- Non-standard ordering of orbitals
- Inversion of spherical and deformed structures



Possible measurements

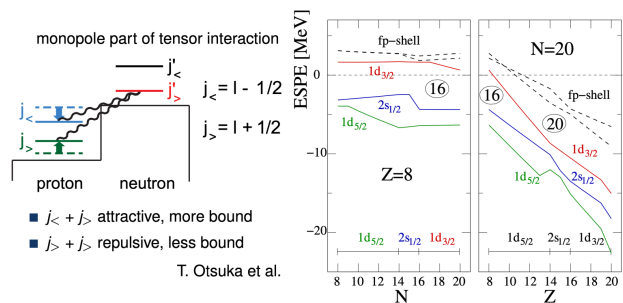
Multi-nucleon transfer reactions



N=20

Tracking shape changes

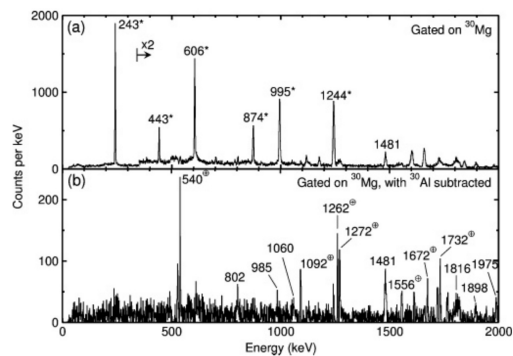
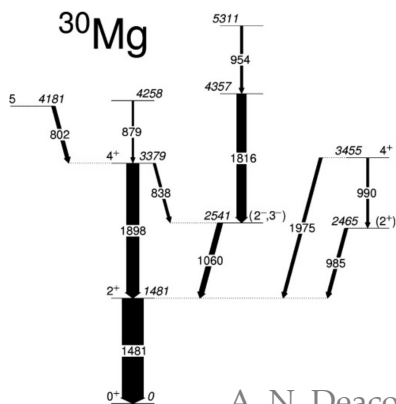
Monte-Carlo Shell Model



Island of Inversion at higher spin

Origin of collectivity

Mixing of multi-particle-multi hole configurations

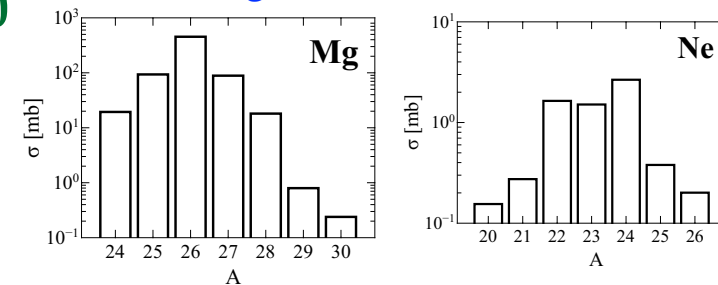


A. N. Deacon, et al., Phys. Rev. C 82 (2010) 034305.c

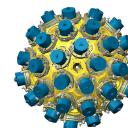
Approaching N=20

- γ spectroscopy
- Lifetimes
- Advantages from PRISMA upgrade

$^{26}\text{Mg} + ^{238}\text{U}$ @ 7 MeV A



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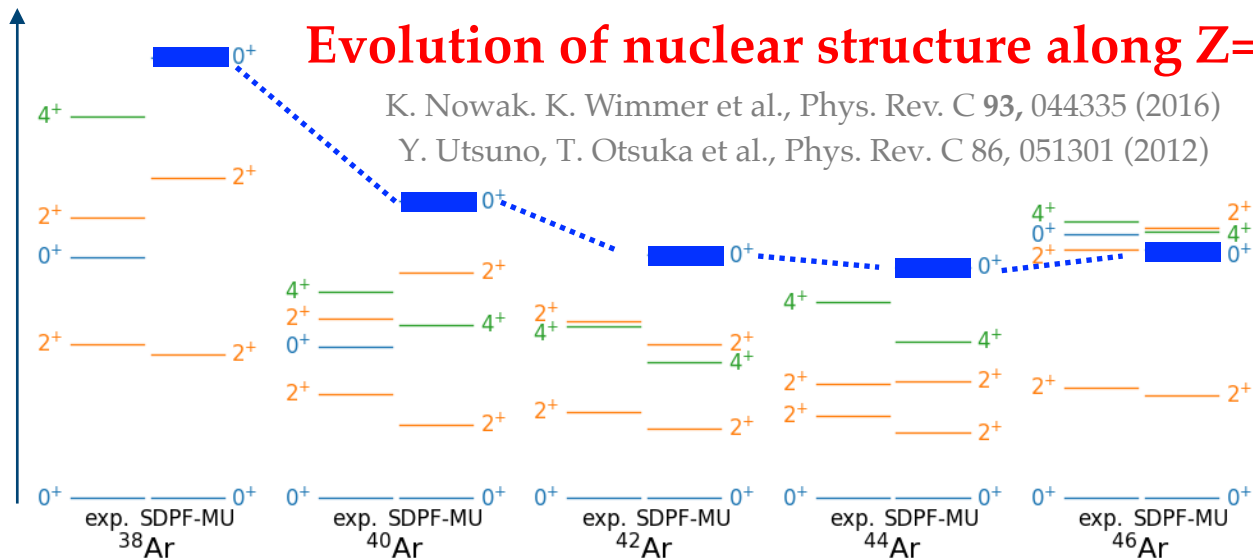


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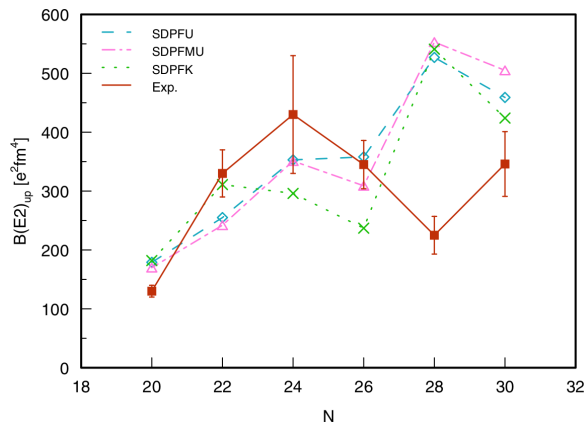


Evolution of nuclear structure along Z=18

K. Nowak, K. Wimmer et al., Phys. Rev. C 93, 044335 (2016)
 Y. Utsuno, T. Otsuka et al., Phys. Rev. C 86, 051301 (2012)

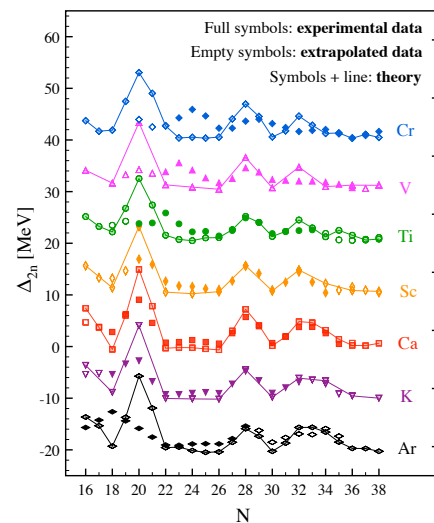


Emergence of shape coexistence



Discrepancies with standard shell-model interactions

S. Calinescu et al., Phys. Rev. C 93, 044333 (2016)

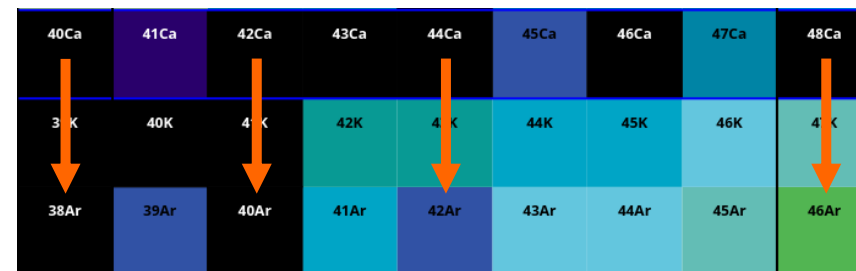


Two-particle overlaps possible with *ab-initio*

V. Somà, C. Barbieri et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 57, 135 (2019)

Possible measurements

($^{14}\text{C}, ^{16}\text{O}$) two-proton transfer reactions



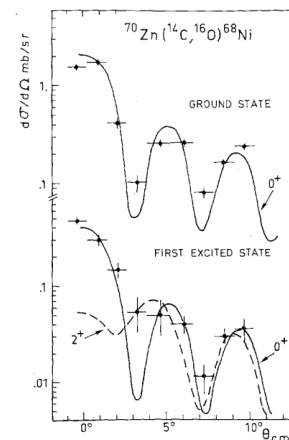
Sensitivity to transferred angular momentum

Study of 2p-2h proton strength

Study of 0^+ states

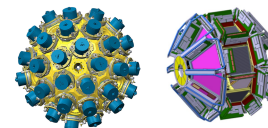
Search for shape coexistence

- γ decays + lifetimes
- E0 decays



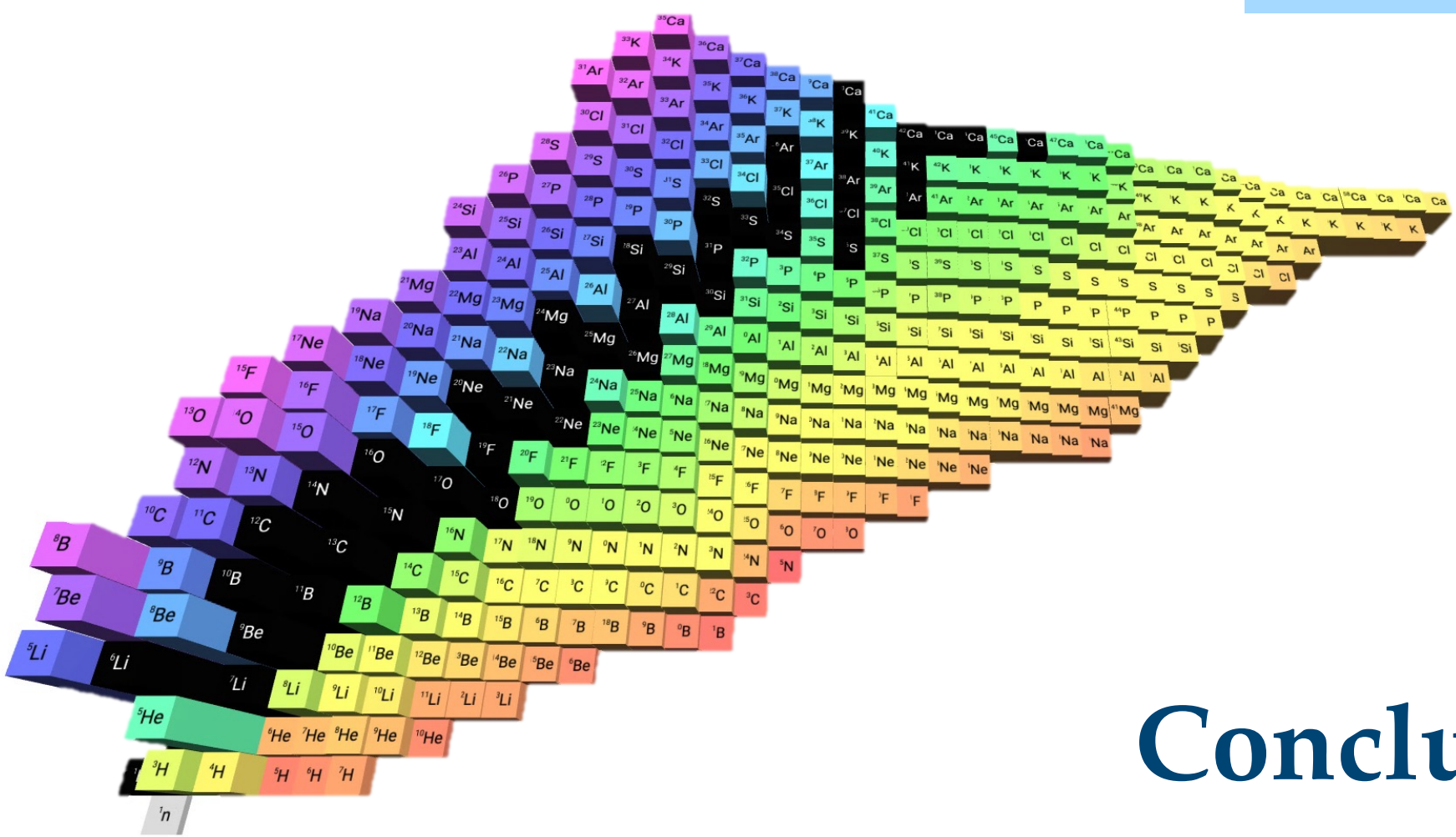
M. Bernas et al., Phys. Lett. B, 113 279 (1982)

AGATA + GRIT



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Conclusions

Title	Topics	Beams	Reactions	Setup	Phase
γ decay from near-threshold states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onset of collectivization and clusterization 	STABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ${}^6\text{Li}({}^6\text{Li},p){}^{11}\text{B}$ ${}^{13}\text{C}({}^7\text{Li},p){}^{19}\text{O}$ ${}^7\text{Li}({}^{14}\text{C},p){}^{20}\text{O}^*$ 	AGATA + GRIT	A/C
Particle and γ decays from α -cluster states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakout of CNO cycle Molecular octupole deformations 	EXOTIC and STABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ${}^{11}\text{C}(\alpha,\alpha')$ ${}^{15}\text{O}(\alpha,\alpha')$ ${}^{21}\text{Ne}$ inelastic 	ACTIVE TARGET and AGATA	B
Role of 3-body forces in C and O nuclei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitivity to 3-body forces 	STABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ${}^{18}\text{O}$ deep inelastic 	AGATA+PRISMA	A
Molecular orbitals and di-neutron correlations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Molecular bonding 	SPES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ${}^{10}\text{Be}(\alpha,\alpha')$ ${}^{10}\text{Be}(p,p')$ 	AGATA + GRIT+ CTADIR	C
Two-proton giant pairing vibrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superconductive phases 	STABLE + ${}^{14}\text{C}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ${}^A\text{C}({}^3\text{He},n)$ 	NEDA+ GRIT	B/C
Resonance in proton-rich nuclei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuclear incompressibility Path of rp-process 	SPES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ${}^{26}\text{Si}(\alpha,\alpha')$ ${}^{24-25}\text{Al}(p,p')$ 	ACTIVE TARGET	C
Approaching the Island of Inversion at higher spins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origin of collectivity 	STABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-nucleon transfer ${}^{22}\text{Ne}, {}^{26}\text{Mg}, {}^{30}\text{Si}$ 	AGATA+PRISMA	A
Proton excitations and 0+ states in Ar isotopes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergence of shape coexistence 	${}^{14}\text{C}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-proton transfer ${}^A\text{Ca}({}^{14}\text{C}, {}^{16}\text{O})$ 	AGATA + GRIT	C

Thank you!