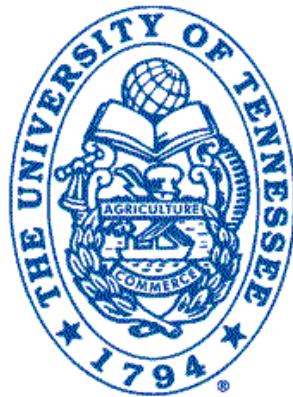


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Universal Nuclear Energy Density Functional



- 15 institutions
- ~50 researchers
 - physics
 - computer science
 - applied mathematics
- foreign collaborators
- annual budget \$3M
- 2008-2012

<http://unedf.org/>

Bottom-up approach to nuclear structure

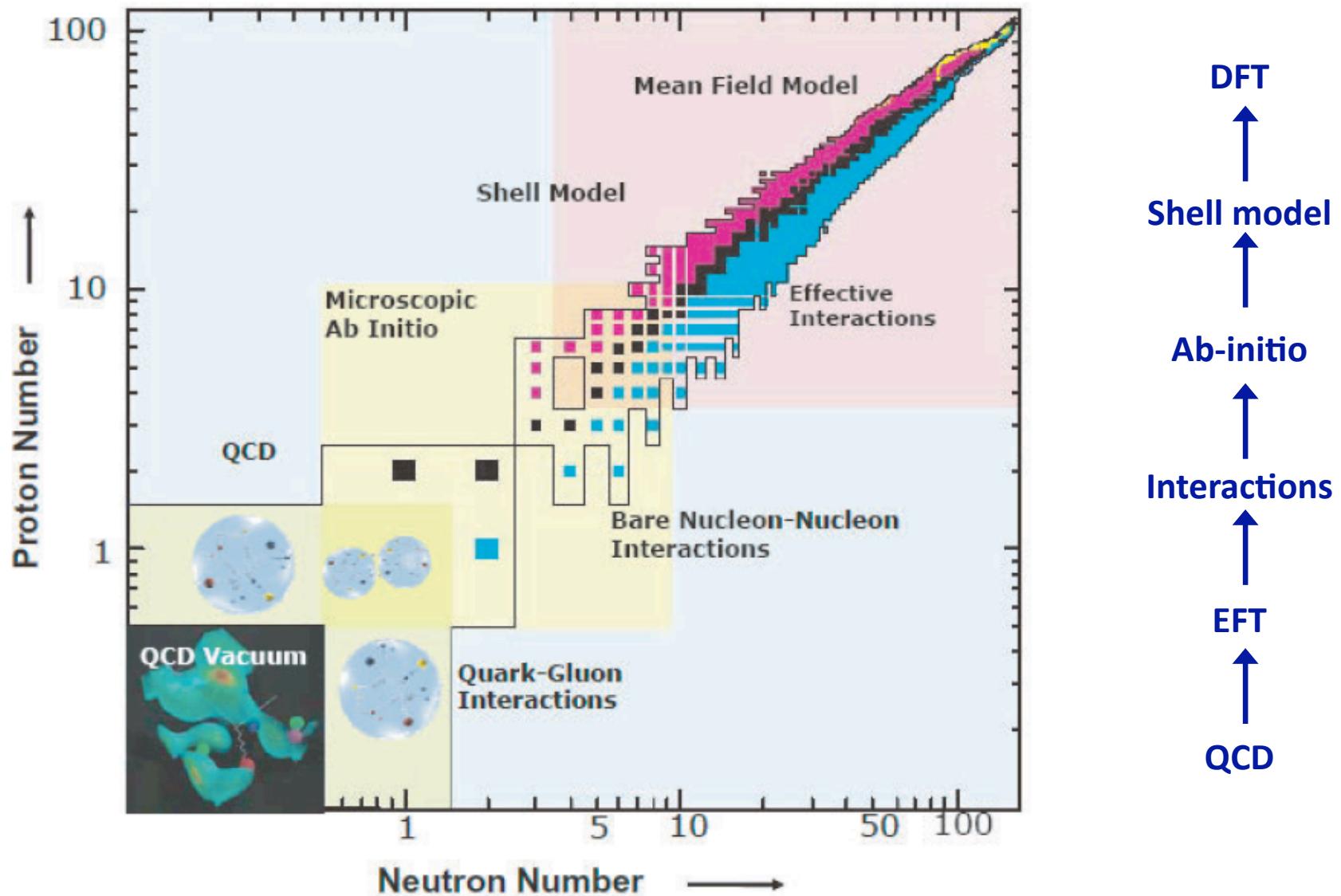
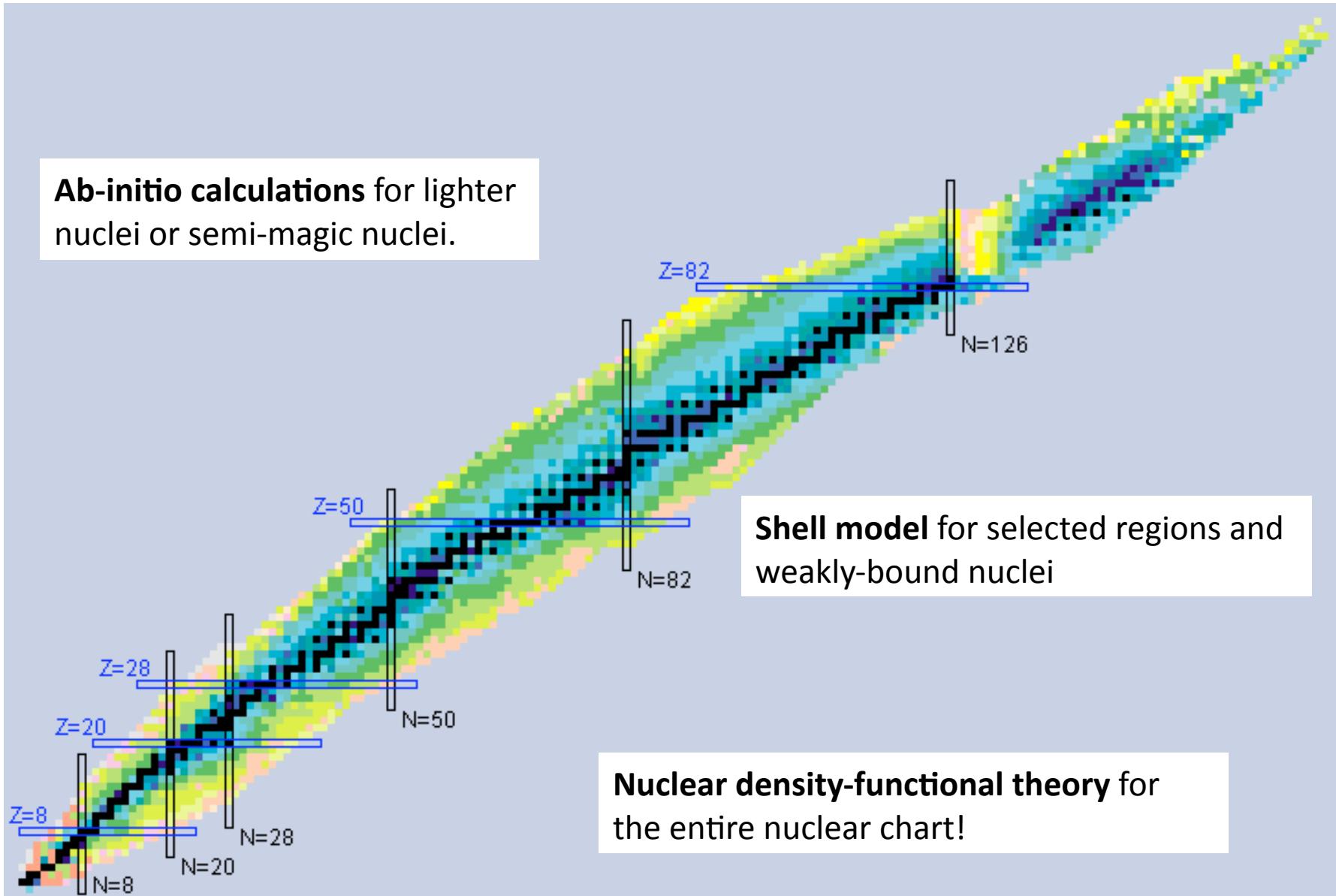


Figure from A. Richter (2004)

Methods across the nuclear chart



UNEDFO functional

Kortelainen, Lesinski, Moré, Nazarewicz, Sarich, Schunck, Stoitsov, Wild, Phys. Rev. C 82, 024313 (2010)

- Energy functional based on Skyrme SLy4 parametrization

$$E = \int \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

- usual kinetic part (with 1/A mass shift); interaction: $\chi = \chi_0 + \chi_1$
- interaction energy functional (with isospin labels): 13 parameters

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_t(\mathbf{r}) &= C_t^{\rho\rho} \rho_t^2 + C_t^{\rho\tau} \rho_t \tau_t + C_t^{J^2} \mathbf{J}_t^2 \\ &\quad + C_t^{\rho\Delta\rho} \rho_t \Delta\rho_t + C_t^{\rho\nabla J} \rho_t \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_t \\ C_t^{\rho\rho} &= C_{t0}^{\rho\rho} + C_{tD}^{\rho\rho} \rho_0^\gamma\end{aligned}$$

- Pairing part depends on local pairing density: 2 parameters

$$\check{\chi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{q=n,p} \frac{V_0^q}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} \right] \check{\rho}^2(\mathbf{r})$$

UNEDF0 functional

Several parameters constrained from nuclear matter properties

$$\{C_{t0}^{\rho\rho}, C_{tD}^{\rho\rho}, C_t^{\rho\Delta\rho}, C_t^{\rho\tau}, C_t^{J^2}, C_t^{\rho\nabla J}\}_{t=0,1} \text{ and } \gamma$$

- Equation of state (EOS) of symmetric nuclear matter around saturation

$$W(\rho_0) = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + C_0^{\rho\tau} \rho_0 \right) C_k \rho_0^{2/3} + (C_{00}^{\rho\rho} + C_{0D}^{\rho\rho} \rho_0^\gamma) \rho_0. \quad \rho_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

- EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter

$$W(I, \rho_0) = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + C_0^{\rho\tau} \rho \right) C_k \rho_0^{2/3} F_+(I) + C_1^{\rho\tau} C_k \rho_0^{5/3} I F_-(I) + [C_{00}^{\rho\rho} + C_{0D}^{\rho\rho} \rho_0^\gamma + I^2 (C_{10}^{\rho\rho} + C_{1D}^{\rho\rho} \rho_0^\gamma)] \rho_0.$$

$$F_\pm(I) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(1+I)^{5/3} \pm (1-I)^{5/3} \right]$$

- Parameters $\{\rho_c, E^{\text{NM}}/A, M_s^*, K^{\text{NM}}, a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}, L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}, M_v^*, C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}, C_1^{\rho\Delta\rho}, C_0^{\rho\nabla J}, C_1^{\rho\nabla J}, C_0^{J^2}, C_1^{J^2}\}$

UNEDFO functional

- Pairing parameters from odd-even staggering (OES); Lipkin-Nagomi for particle number projections
- Optimization employs POUNDerS [Practical Optimization Using No Derivatives (of Squares)]
- (pseudo) observables: nuclear matter properties, binding energies, radii, OES of 44 well-deformed even-even nuclei and 28 spherical nuclei

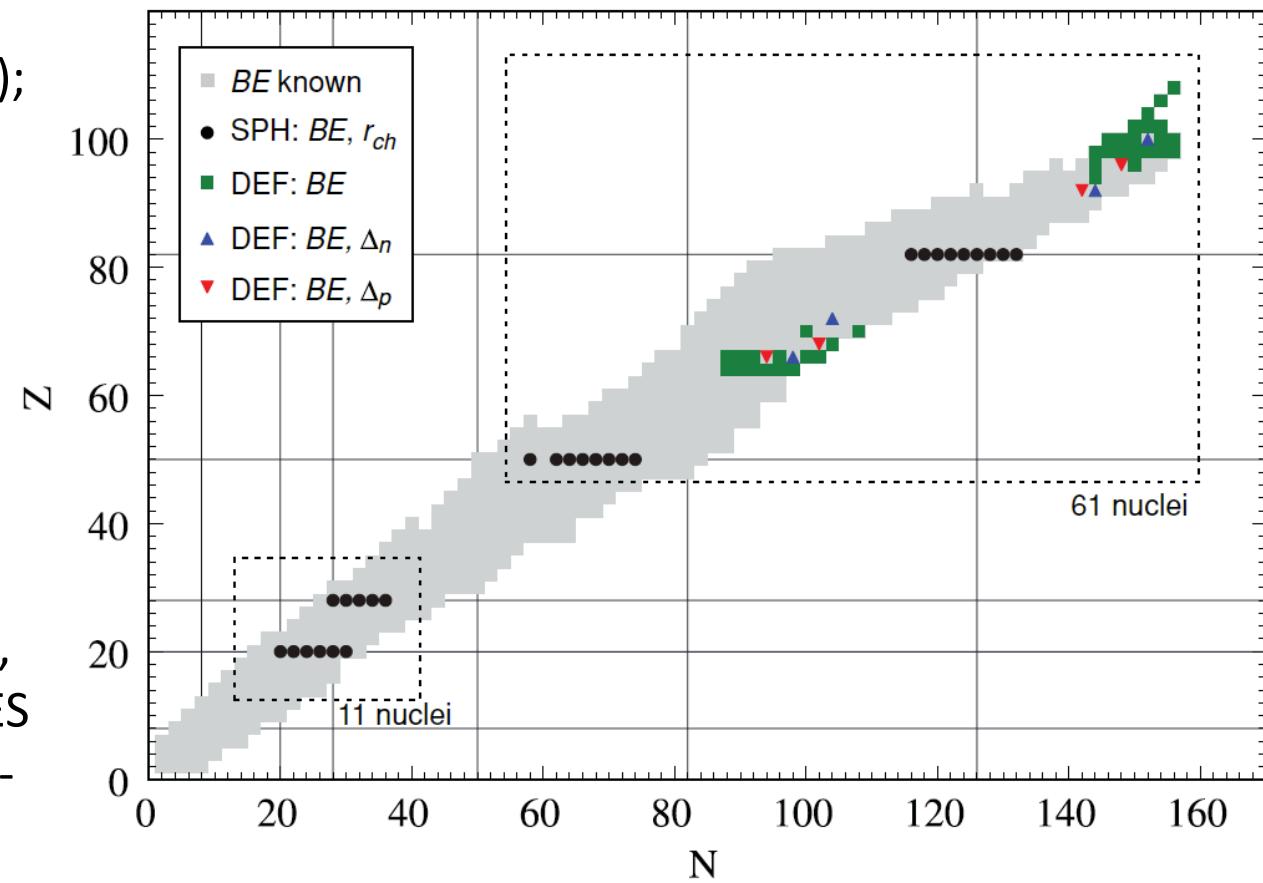
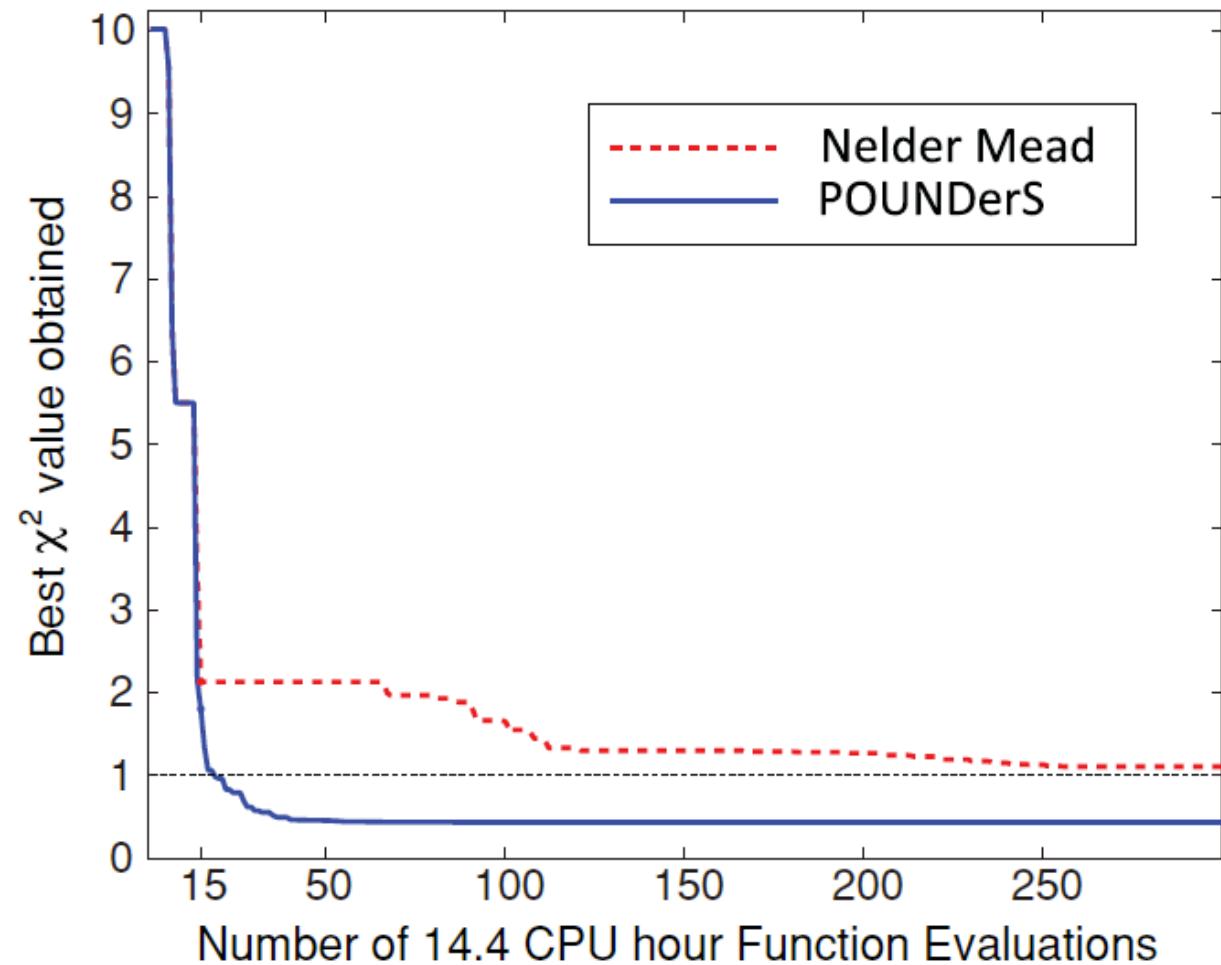


FIG. 1. (Color online) Experimental set of fit observables used in this work. The set contains data for 11 nuclei with $A < 66$ and 61 nuclei with $A > 106$.

Optimization of UNEDF0 via POUNDerS

POUNDers

- builds a quadratic model and does not require derivatives.
- fairly robust against noise
- finds acceptable minima



POUNDerS = Practical Optimization Using No Derivatives (for Squares)
[J. Moré and S. Wild (2009)]

Optimized parameters

unedfnb (no bounds) $\chi^2 = 1.65$ MeV on masses

k	x	Scaling Interval *	$\hat{x}^{(\text{init.})}$	$\hat{x}^{(\text{fin.})}$
1.	ρ_c	[+0.14 , +0.18]	+0.160	0.151046
2.	E^{NM}/A	[-17.00, -15.00]	-15.972	-16.0632
3.	K^{NM}	[+170.00, +270.00]	+229.901	337.878
4.	$a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	[+27.00, +37.00]	+32.004	32.455
5.	$L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	[+30.00, +70.00]	+45.962	70.2185
6.	$1/M_s^*$	[+0.80, +2.00]	+1.439	0.95728
7.	$C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	[-100.00, -40.00]	-76.996	-49.5135
8.	$C_1^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	[-100.00, +100.00]	+15.657	33.5289
9.	V_0^n	[-350.00, -150.00]	-258.200	-176.796
10.	V_0^p	[-350.00, -150.00]	-258.200	-203.255
11.	$C_0^{\rho\nabla J}$	[-120.00, -50.00]	-92.250	-78.4564
12.	$C_1^{\rho\nabla J}$	[-100.00, +50.00]	-30.750	63.9931

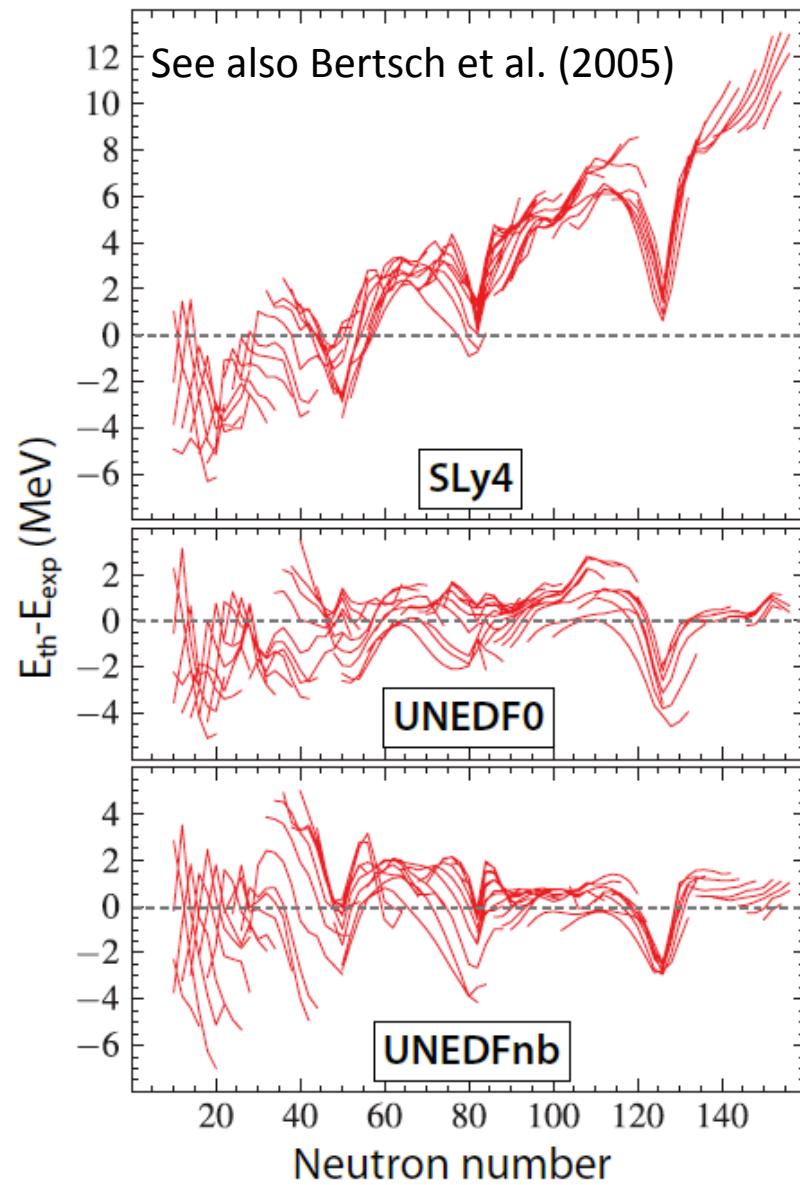
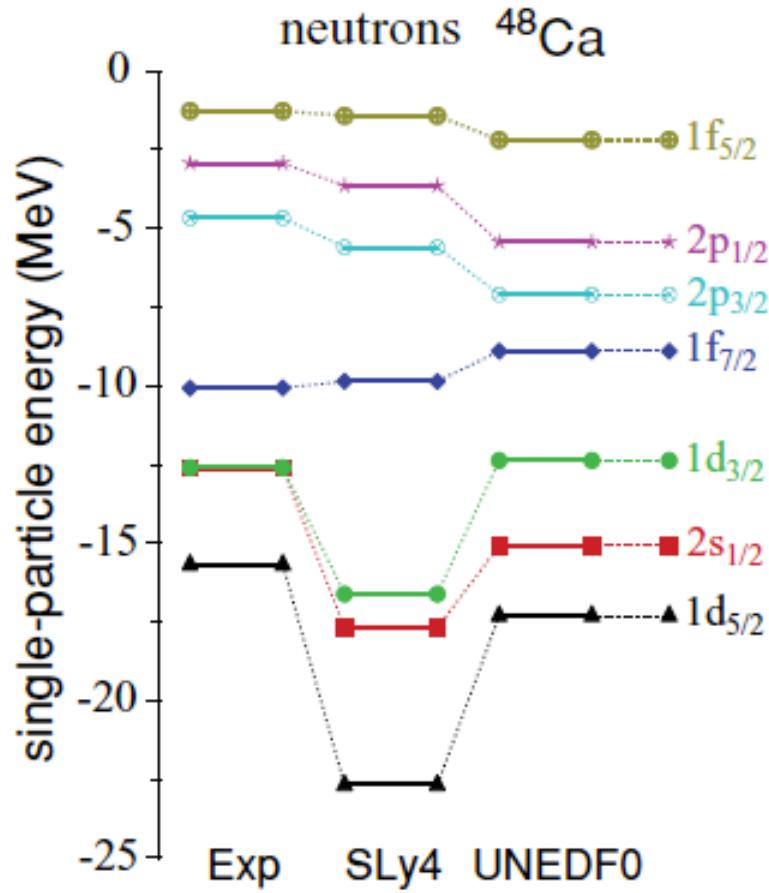
* Required by POUNDerS

Optimized parameters

unedf0 (hard bounds from nuclear matter properties) $\chi^2 = 1.45$ MeV on masses

k	\mathbf{x}	Bounds	$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(\text{init.})}$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(\text{fin.})}$
1.	ρ_c	[+0.15, +0.17]	+0.160	0.160526
2.	E^{NM}/A	[-16.2, -15.8]	-15.972	-16.0559
3.	K^{NM}	[+190, +230]	+229.901	230
4.	$a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	[+28, +36]	+32.004	30.5429
5.	$L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	[+40, +100]	+45.962	45.0804
6.	$1/M_s^*$	[+0.9, +1.5]	+1.439	0.9
7.	$C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-76.996	-55.2606
8.	$C_1^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	+15.657	-55.6226
9.	V_0^n	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-258.200	-170.374
10.	V_0^p	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-258.200	-199.202
11.	$C_0^{\rho\nabla J}$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-92.250	-79.5308
12.	$C_1^{\rho\nabla J}$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-30.750	45.6302

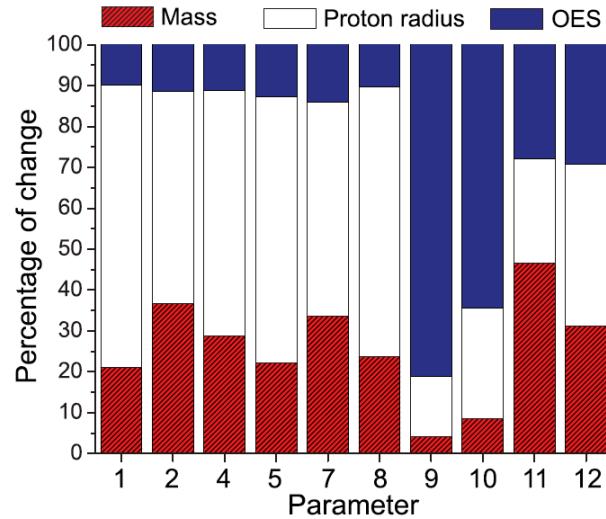
Some results of the optimization of UNEDFO



Correlation matrix [unedf0]

	ρ_c	E^{NM}/A	K^{NM}	$a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	$L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	$1/M_s^*$	$C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	$C_1^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	V_0^n	V_0^p	$C_0^{\rho\nabla J}$	$C_1^{\rho\nabla J}$
E^{NM}/A	1.00	-0.28	1.00									
K^{NM}		-	-									
$a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	-0.10	-0.88	-	1.00								
$L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	-0.17	-0.80	-	0.97	1.00							
$1/M_s^*$	-	-	-			-	-					
$C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	0.09	0.80	-	-0.81	-0.74	-	1.00					
$C_1^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	0.20	0.35	-	-0.47	-0.66	-	0.23	1.00				
V_0^n	0.02	0.21	-	-0.23	-0.25	-	0.23	0.23	1.00			
V_0^p	-0.13	-0.42	-	0.52	0.56	-	-0.29	-0.45	-0.14	1.00		
$C_0^{\rho\nabla J}$	0.37	-0.14	-	0.02	-0.00	-	0.44	-0.02	0.09	0.16	1.00	
$C_1^{\rho\nabla J}$	-0.06	-0.18	-	0.27	0.33	-	-0.38	-0.20	-0.01	0.00	-0.37	1.00
	ρ_c	E^{NM}/A	K^{NM}	$a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	$L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	$1/M_s^*$	$C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	$C_1^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	V_0^n	V_0^p	$C_0^{\rho\nabla J}$	$C_1^{\rho\nabla J}$

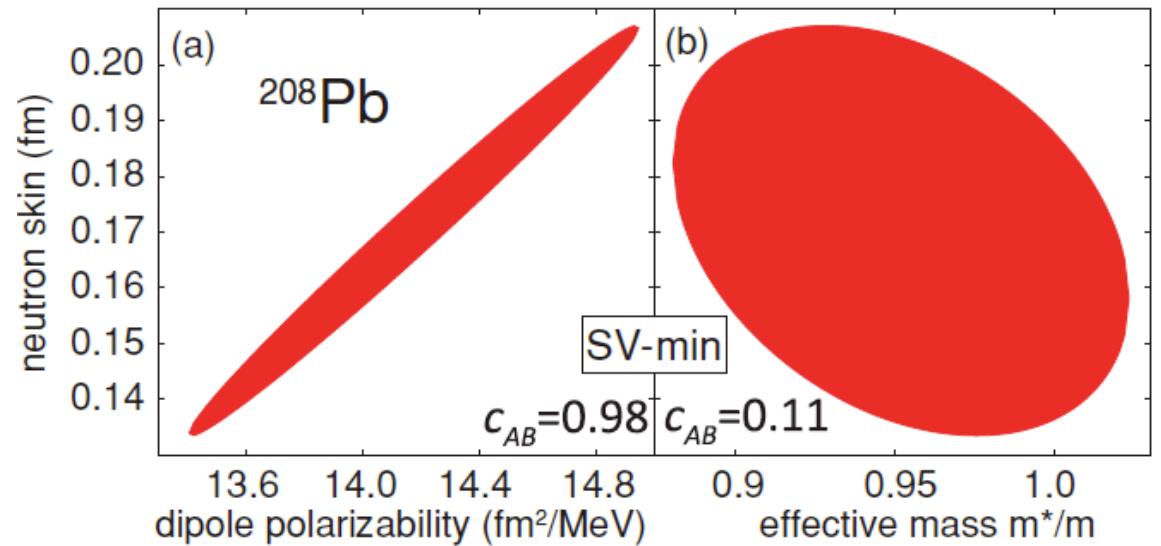
Sensitivity analysis exhibits correlations of the model



← Sensitivity of parameters to changes in mass, proton radius, odd-even staggering [Kortelainen et al (2010)]

FIG. 10. (Color online) Sensitivity of the parameters of UNEDFO to different data types entering χ^2 . The EDF parameters are labeled as in Table VII.

Correlation of observables
within the model →
[Nazarewicz & Reinhard (2010)]



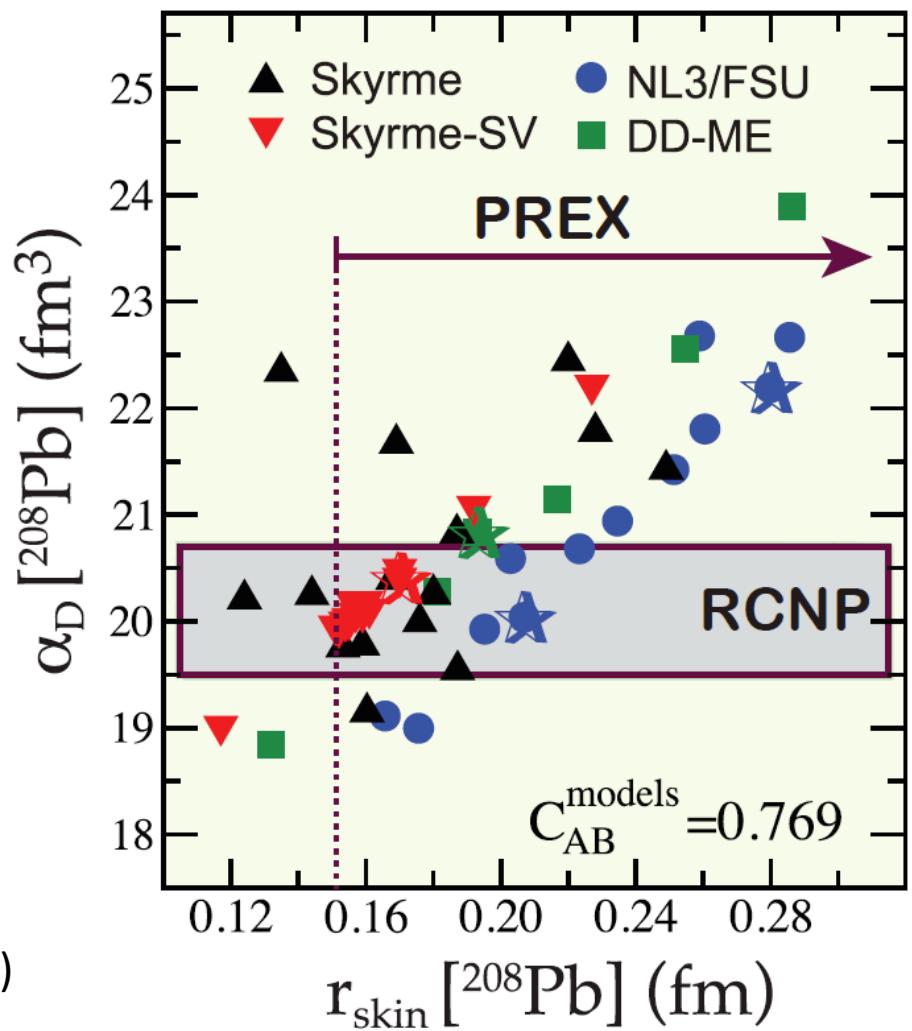
Dipole polarizability and neutron skin

$$\alpha_D = \frac{8\pi}{9} e^2 \int_0^\infty \omega^{-1} R_{E1}(\omega) d\omega$$

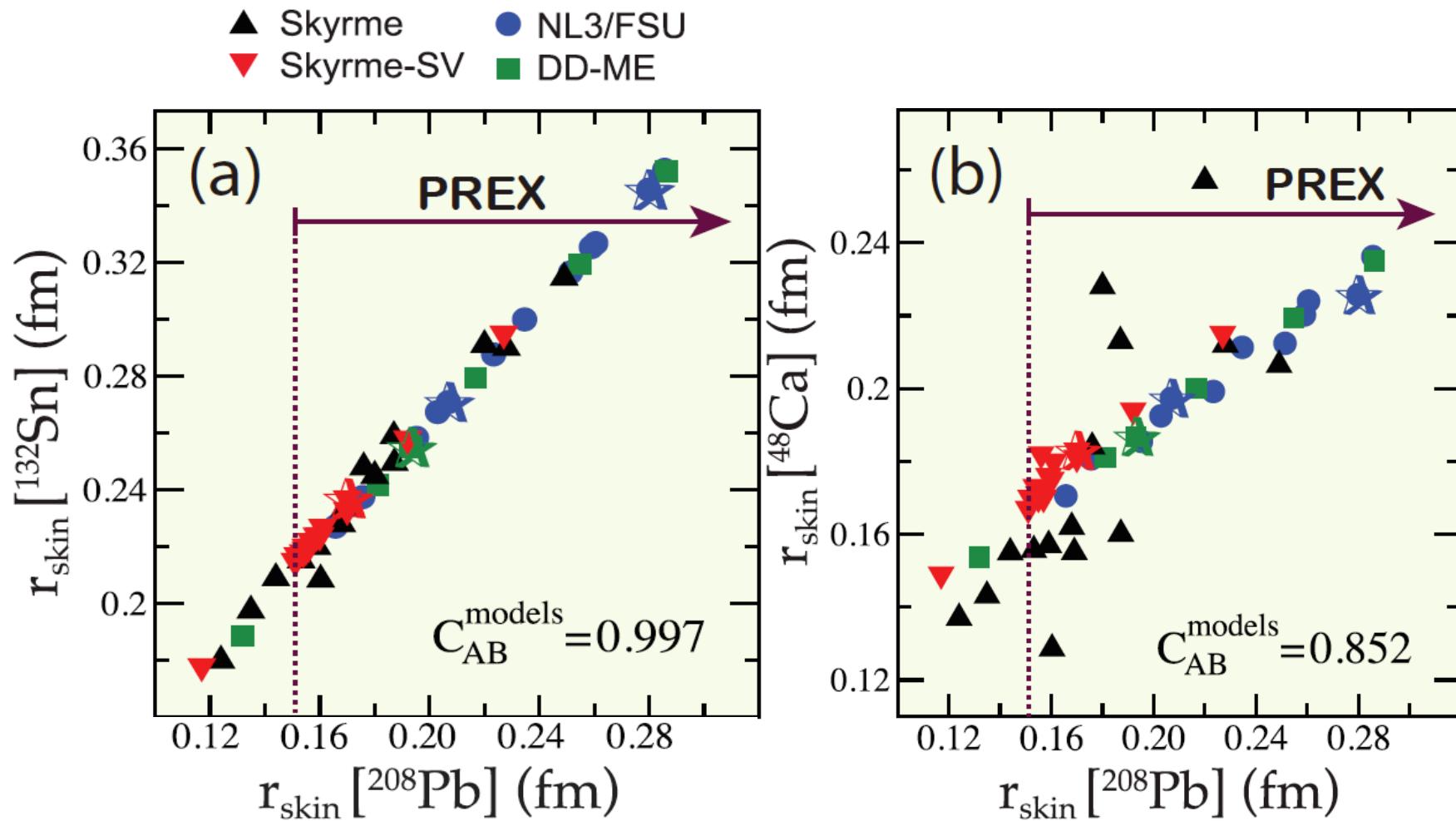
Correlations between observables based on an ensemble of ~ 18 functionals

$$C_{AB} = \frac{|\overline{\Delta A} \overline{\Delta B}|}{\sqrt{\overline{\Delta A^2} \overline{\Delta B^2}}}$$

Tamii et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 062502 (2011);
Piekarewicz et al., Phys. Rev. C 85, 041302 (2012)



Strong correlations between neutron skins in different nuclei

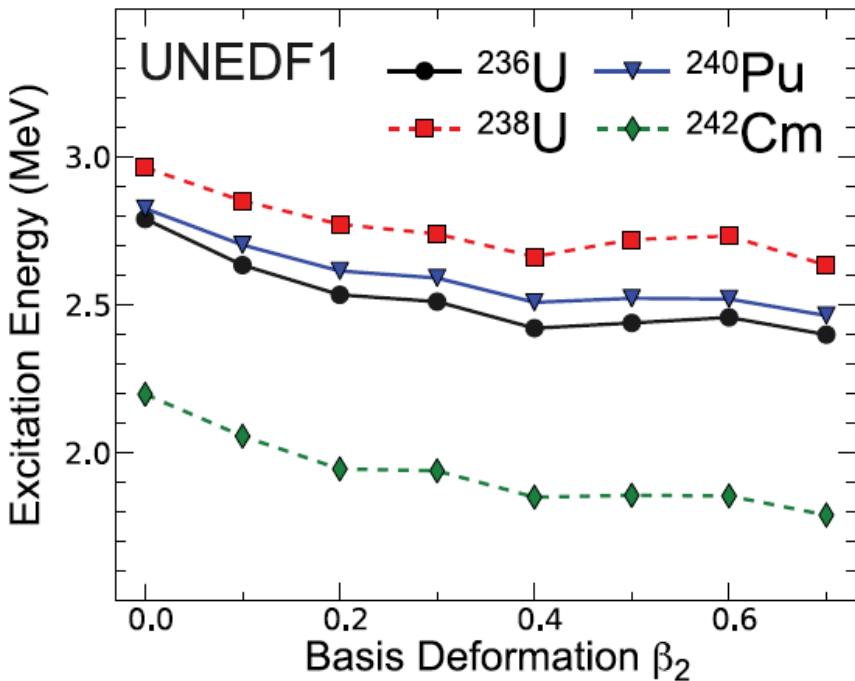


UNEDF1

Enlarge set of optimization observables by excitation energies of fission isomers.

TABLE I. Experimental excitation energies of fission isomers [50] (in MeV) considered in the UNEDF1 data set.

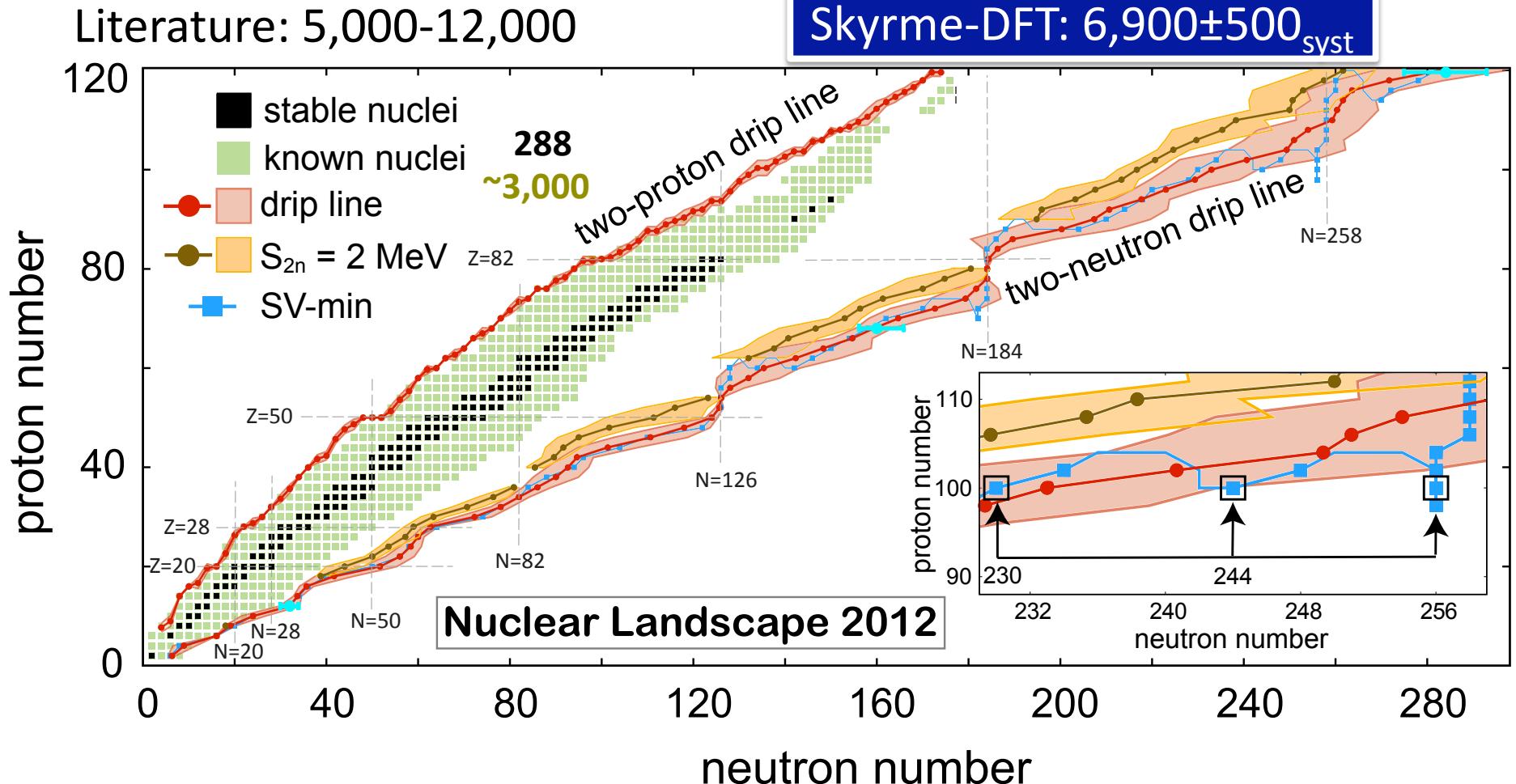
Z	N	E
92	144	2.750
92	146	2.557
94	146	2.800
96	146	1.900



χ^2 comparisons

Observable	UNEDF0	UNEDF1	No.
E	1.428	1.912	555
$E (A < 80)$	2.092	2.566	113
$E (A \geq 80)$	1.200	1.705	442
S_{2n}	0.758	0.752	500
$S_{2n} (A < 80)$	1.447	1.161	99
$S_{2n} (A \geq 80)$	0.446	0.609	401
S_{2p}	0.862	0.791	477
$S_{2p} (A < 80)$	1.496	1.264	96
$S_{2p} (A \geq 80)$	0.605	0.618	381
$\tilde{\Delta}_n^{(3)}$	0.355	0.358	442
$\tilde{\Delta}_n^{(3)} (A < 80)$	0.401	0.388	89
$\tilde{\Delta}_n^{(3)} (A \geq 80)$	0.342	0.350	353
$\tilde{\Delta}_p^{(3)}$	0.258	0.261	395
$\tilde{\Delta}_p^{(3)} (A < 80)$	0.346	0.304	83
$\tilde{\Delta}_p^{(3)} (A \geq 80)$	0.229	0.248	312
R_p	0.017	0.017	49
$R_p (A < 80)$	0.022	0.019	16
$R_p (A \geq 80)$	0.013	0.015	33

How many atomic nuclei exist?

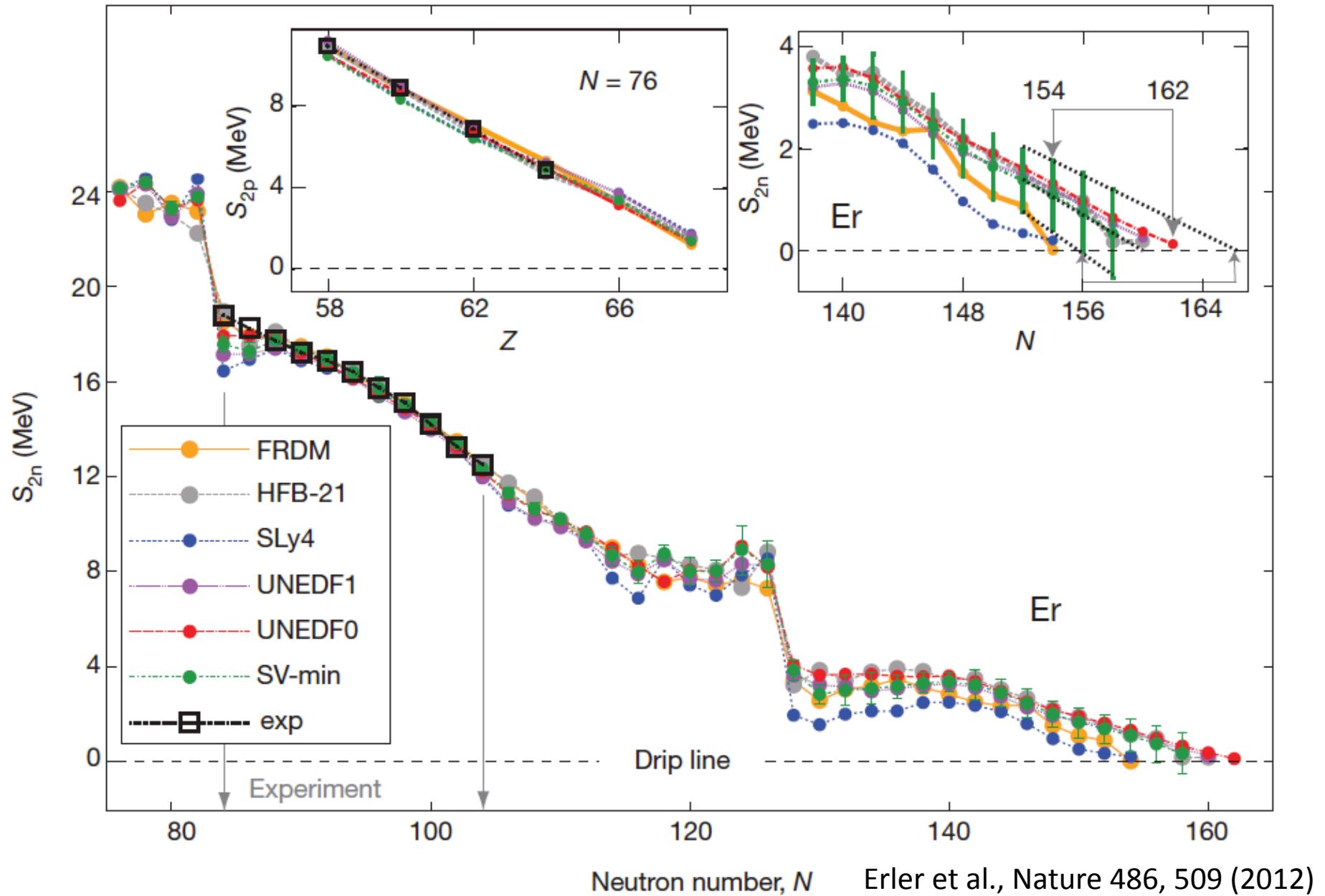


Models: SLy4, Svmin,UNEDF0, UNEDF1, FRDM and HFB-21

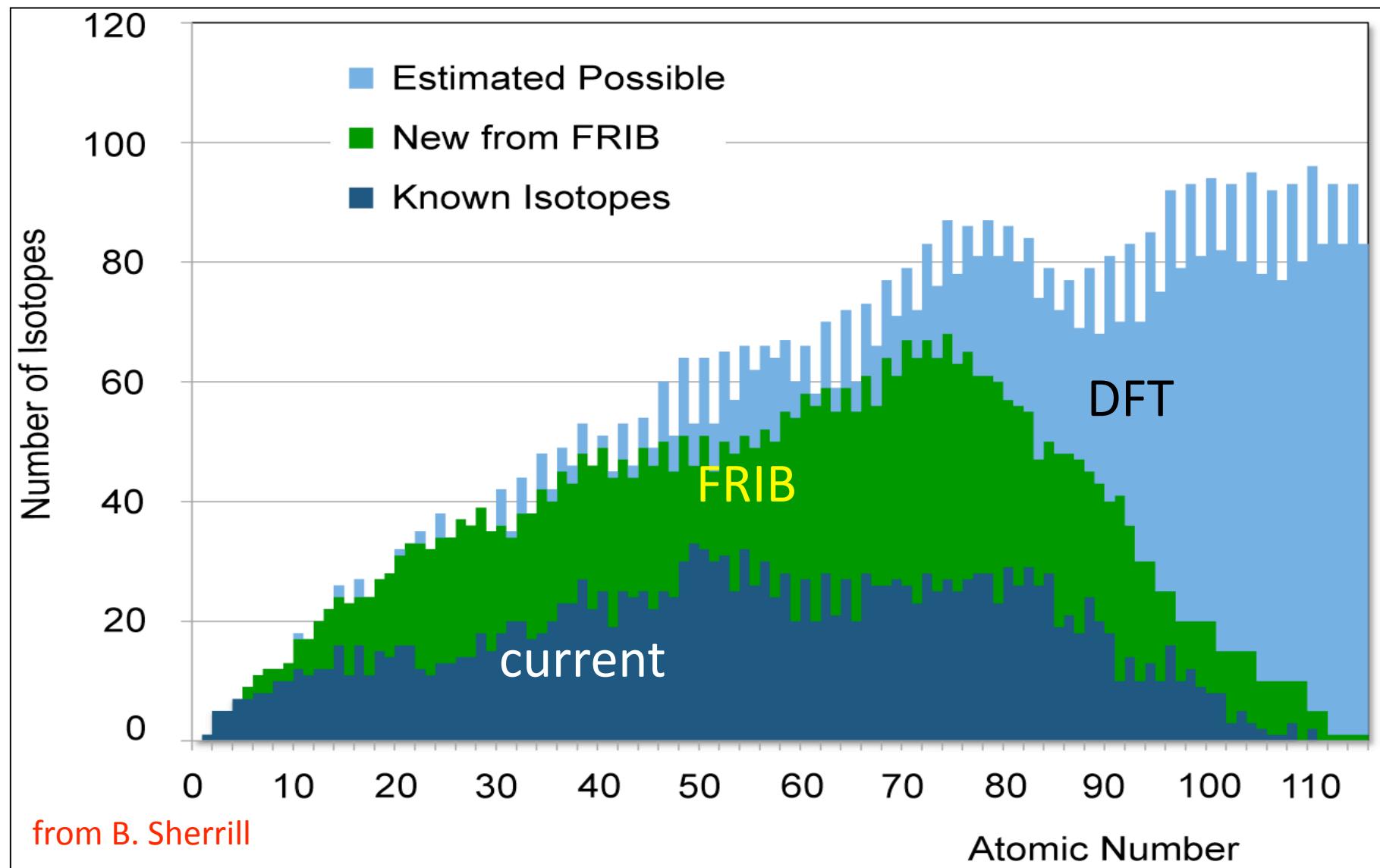
- Systematic errors (due to incorrect assumptions/poor modeling)
- Statistical errors (optimization and numerical errors)

Erler et al., Nature 486, 509 (2012)

Separation energies illustrate challenges



How many nuclei can be produced?



Theoretical improvements of the energy functional: density-matrix expansion using soft interactions

Basic idea:

Vautherin & Negele (1972)

$$\rho\left(\vec{R} + \frac{\vec{s}}{2}, \vec{R} - \frac{\vec{s}}{2}\right) = \rho_{SL}(sk_F)\rho(\vec{R}) + \frac{35}{2sk_F^3} j_3(sk_F) [\frac{1}{4}\nabla^2\rho(\vec{R}) - \tau(\vec{R}) + \frac{3}{5}k_F^2\rho(\vec{R})]$$

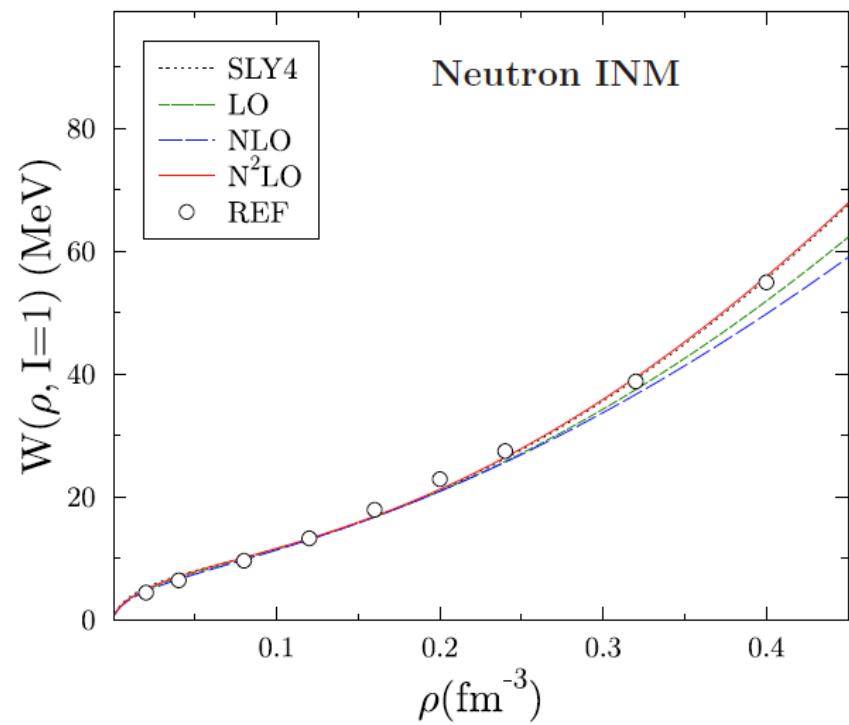
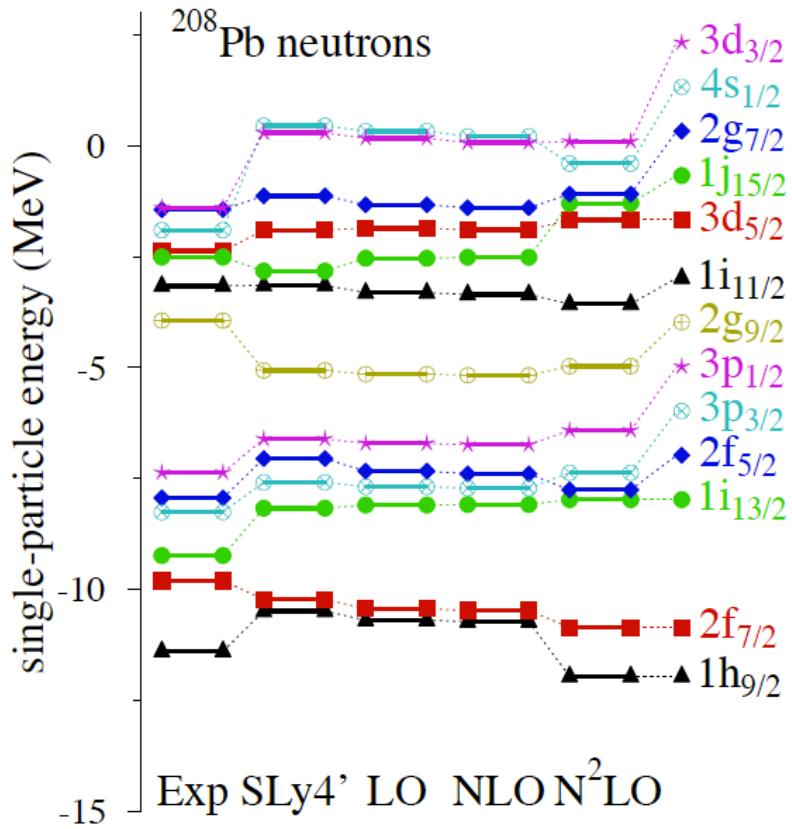
Gebremariam, Duguet & Bogner (2010); J. W. Holt, Kaiser & Weise (2011)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_t^\pi(\mathbf{r}) &= (g_t^{\rho^2}(u) + \rho_0 h_t^{\rho^2}(u))\rho_t^2 \\ &\quad + (g_t^{\rho\tau}(u) + \rho_0 h_t^{\rho\tau}(u))\rho_t\tau_t \\ &\quad + (g_t^{\rho\Delta\rho}(u) + \rho_0 h_t^{\rho\Delta\rho}(u))\rho_t\Delta\rho_t \\ &\quad + (g_t^{J^2}(u) + \rho_0 h_t^{J^2}(u))J_t^2 \\ &\quad + (g_t^{\rho\nabla J}(u) + \rho_0 h_t^{\rho\nabla J}(u))\rho_t\nabla J_t \\ u &= k_F/m_\pi \qquad \qquad \qquad k \equiv k_F(\mathbf{R}) = \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{2}\rho_0(\mathbf{R})\right)^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

Short-range part is of Skyrme type but with a rich density-dependence in the couplings
(Long-ranged pion contributions not shown)

Discussion of instabilities: Kortelainen & Lesinski, J. Phys. G 37 064039 (2010)

Density matrix expansion (pre optimization)



Occupation-number based energy functional for nuclear masses

Inspiration: Mass formula by Duflo and Zuker (1995); RMS=0.35 MeV

[J. Mendoza-Temis, J. G. Hirsch, and A. P. Zuker, Nucl. Phys. A 843, 14 (2010).]

Functional: [M. Bertolli, TP, S.M. Wild, Phys. Rev. C 85, 014322 (2012)] RMS=1.31 MeV

Main idea: replace densities from Hohenberg-Kohn DFT by shell-model occupations

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) \leftrightarrow n_\alpha$$

Functional:

$$F(c; n, z) = c_c \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} + c_P \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{A}} + \mathcal{F}(c; n, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(c; n, z) = & \hbar\omega \left(V + T_{\text{kin}} + I_{2B} + D \right. \\ & + D_{4B} + \mathcal{T} + M_{4\text{Bex}} + L_{\text{val}} \Big) \\ & + \hbar\tilde{\omega}(\tilde{D}_{2B} + L + \tilde{L}). \end{aligned}$$

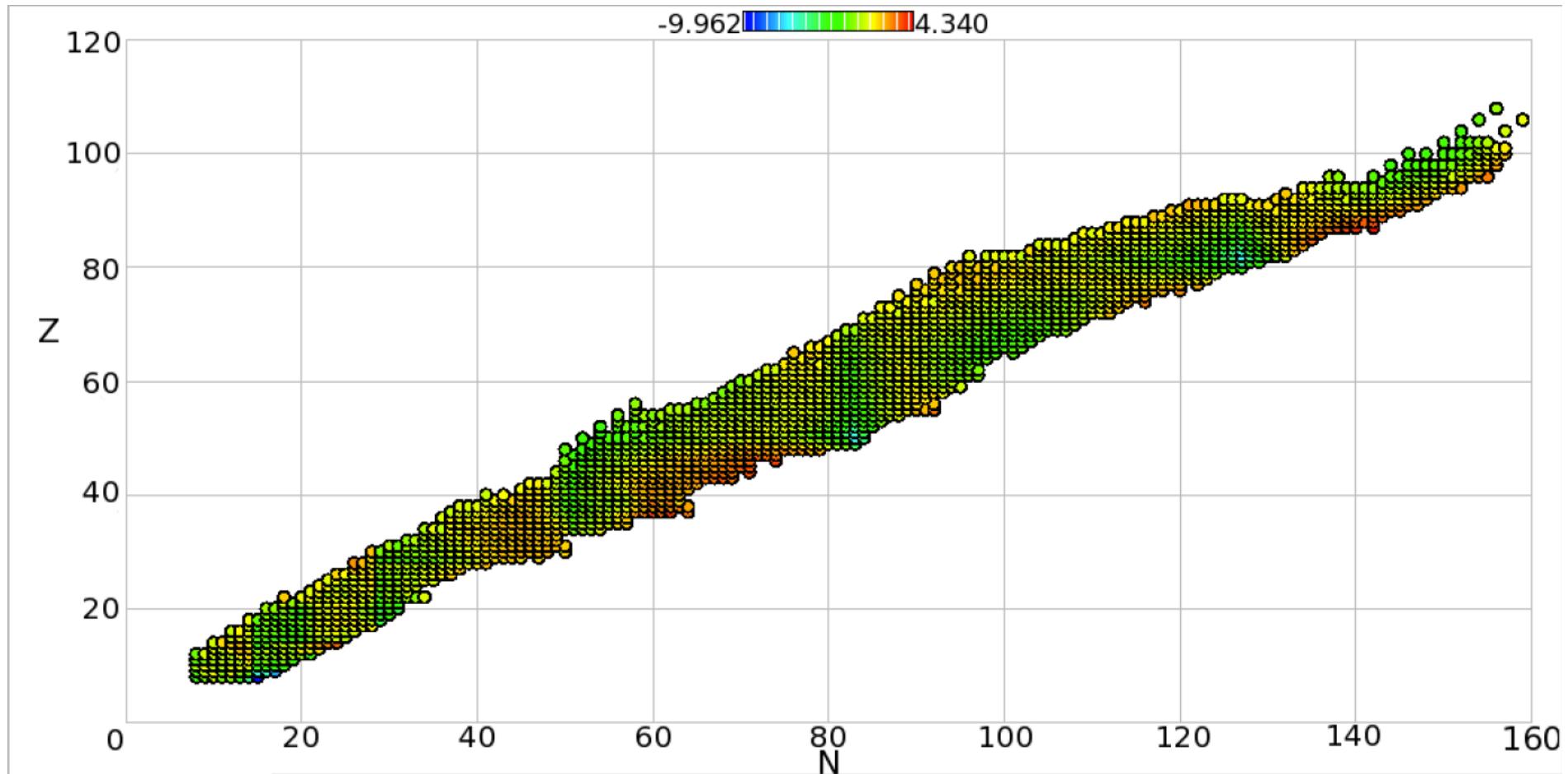
$$\begin{aligned} V &\equiv c_1 A, \\ T_{\text{kin}} &\equiv c_2 A^{-1/3} \sum_p p(z_p + n_p), \\ I_{2B} &\equiv c_3 A^{-1/3} \sum_p \left(\frac{z_p(z_p-1)}{p} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{n_p(n_p-1)}{p} + \frac{2n_p z_p}{p} \right), \\ D &\equiv c_4 \sum_p \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_p}}{2} - \frac{2}{d_p^{3/2}} (z_p - d_p/2)^2 \right) \\ &\quad \times \sum_q \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_q}}{2} - \frac{2}{d_q^{3/2}} (n_q - d_q/2)^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

Adjust 17 parameters

$$c \equiv \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{11}, c_c, c_P, c_s, c_{as}, c_{ss}, \tilde{c}_s\}$$

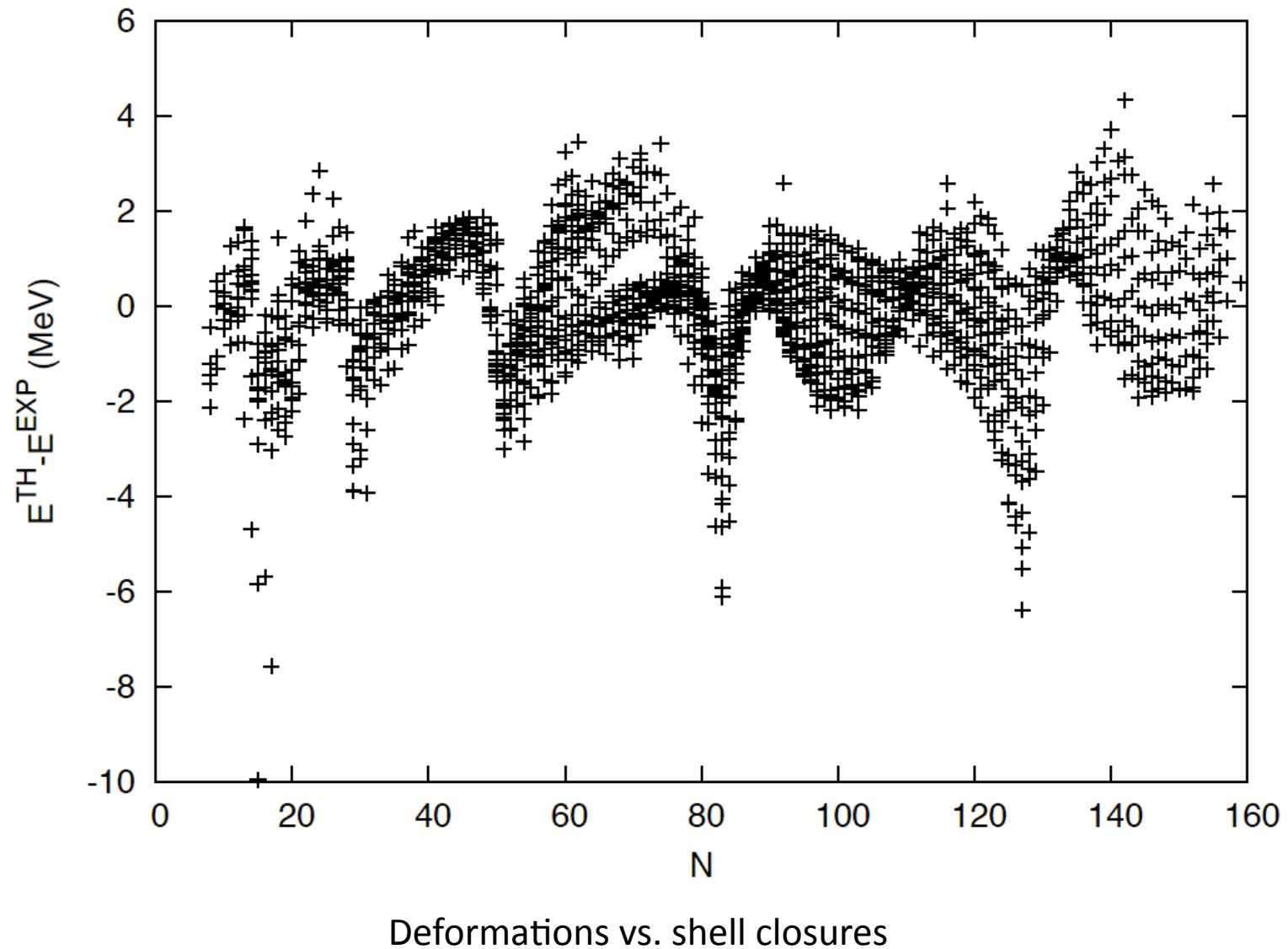
by globally optimizing functional to 2049 masses

Results: RMS deviation from data is 1.31 MeV



Deviations smooth across the nuclear chart
Some shell oscillations / deformations visible

Results: deviations from data as a function of N



Extrapolation properties of the functional

Data Set	N_{pts}	Fit	χ (MeV)	
			Extrapolation to	
			Data Set B	Data Set C
A	1837	1.38	1.34	1.40
B	2049	1.31	—	1.38
C	2149	1.37	—	—

Data sets:

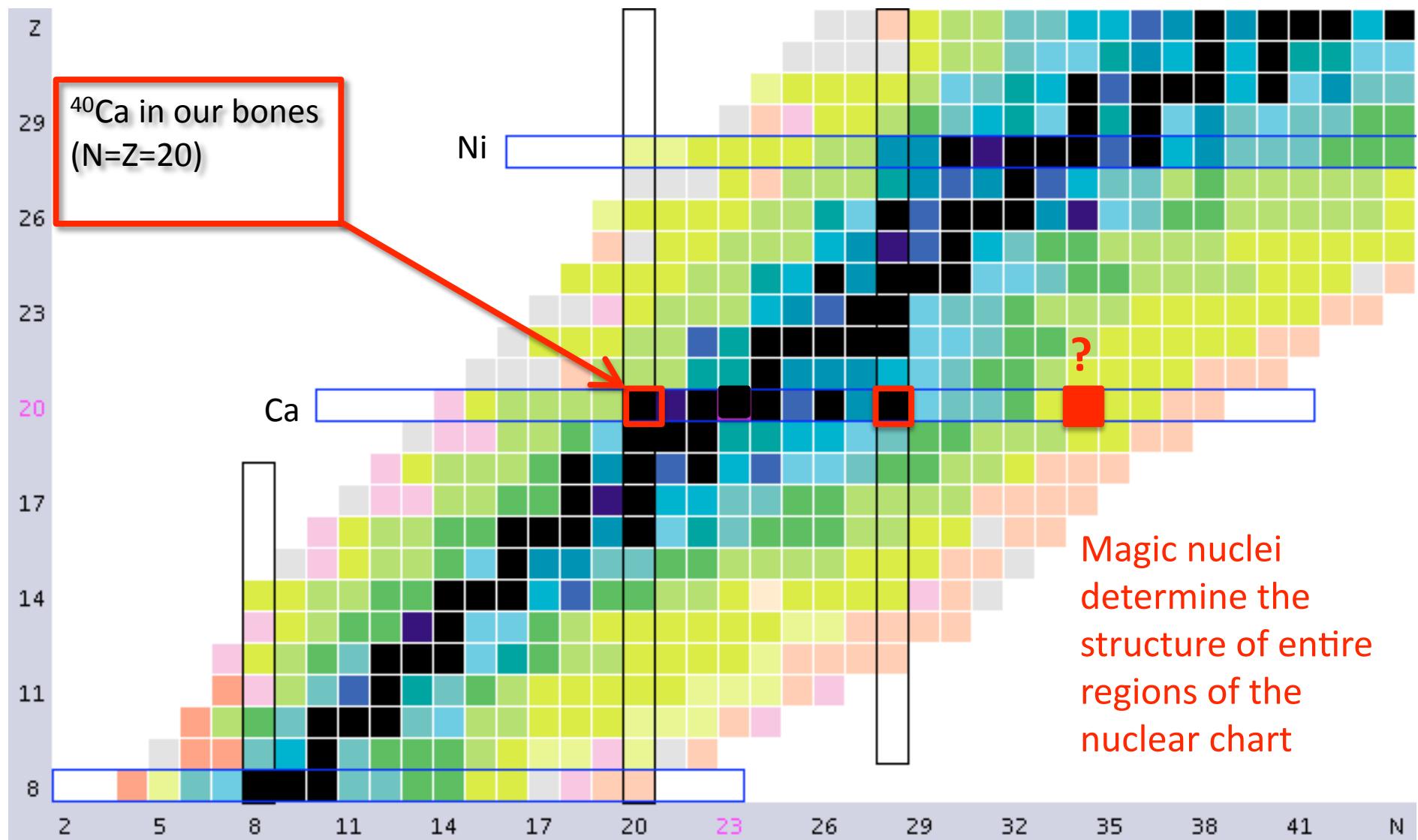
A: 1995 data set

B: well-determined nuclei (exp. uncertainty < 0.2MeV) from 2003 data set

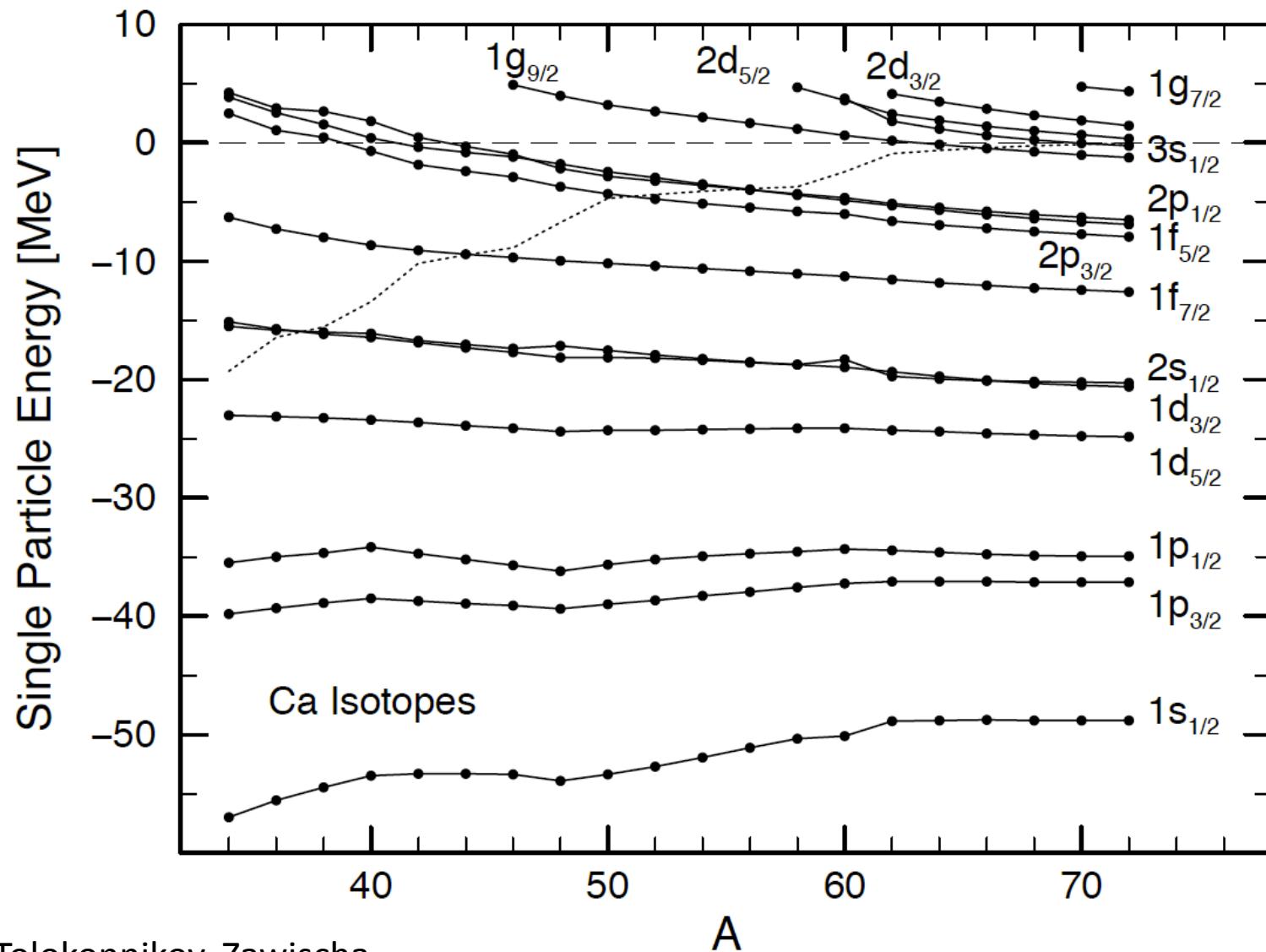
C: Full 2003 data set

Functional extrapolates reasonably well

Evolution of shell structure in calcium



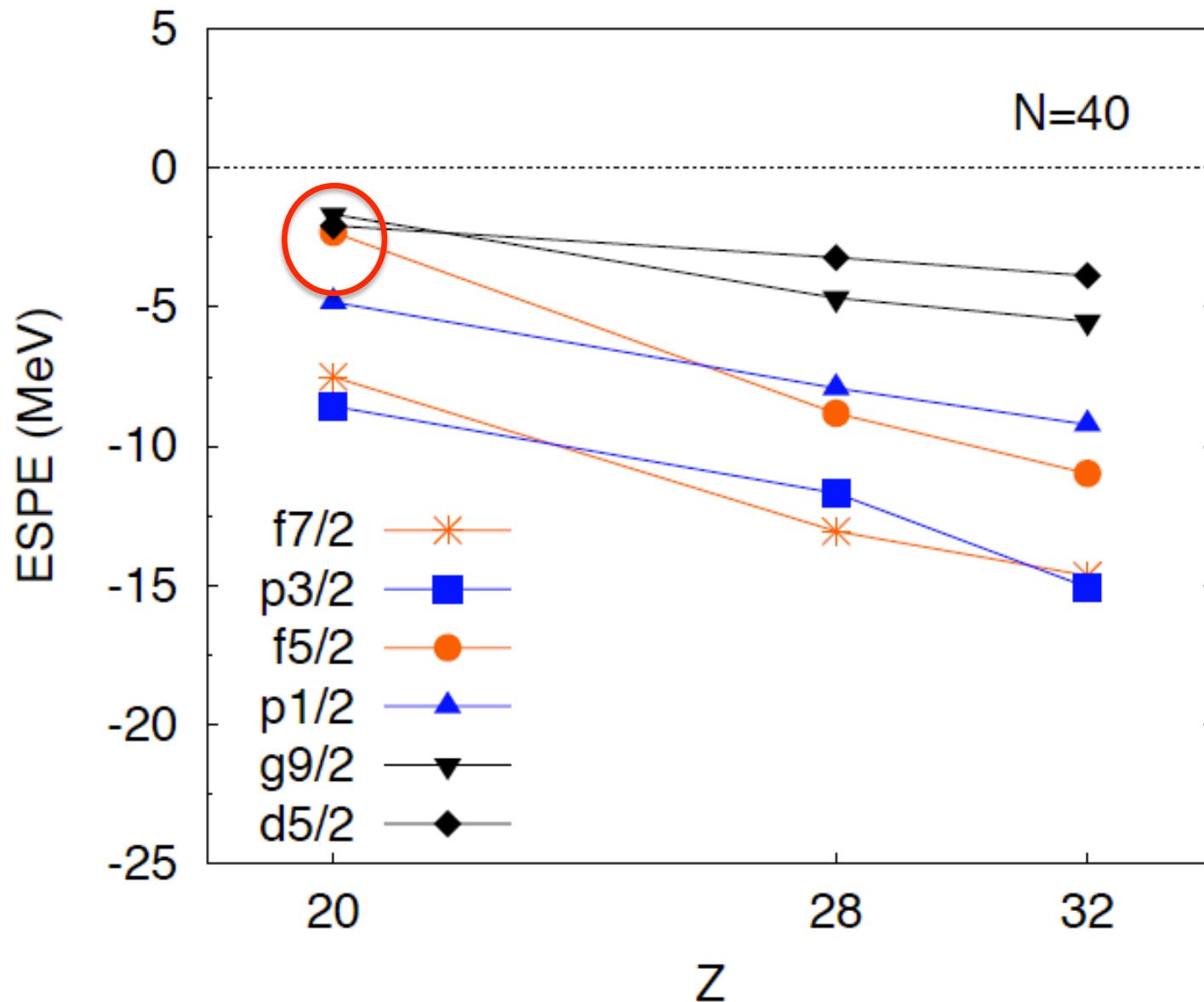
Shell evolution from relativistic mean-field



Fayans, Tolokonnikov, Zawischa,
Phys. Lett. B 491, 245 (2000)

J. Meng et al., PRC 65, 041302(R) (2002)

Shell model



Is ^{54}Ca a magic nucleus? (Is N=34 a magic number?)

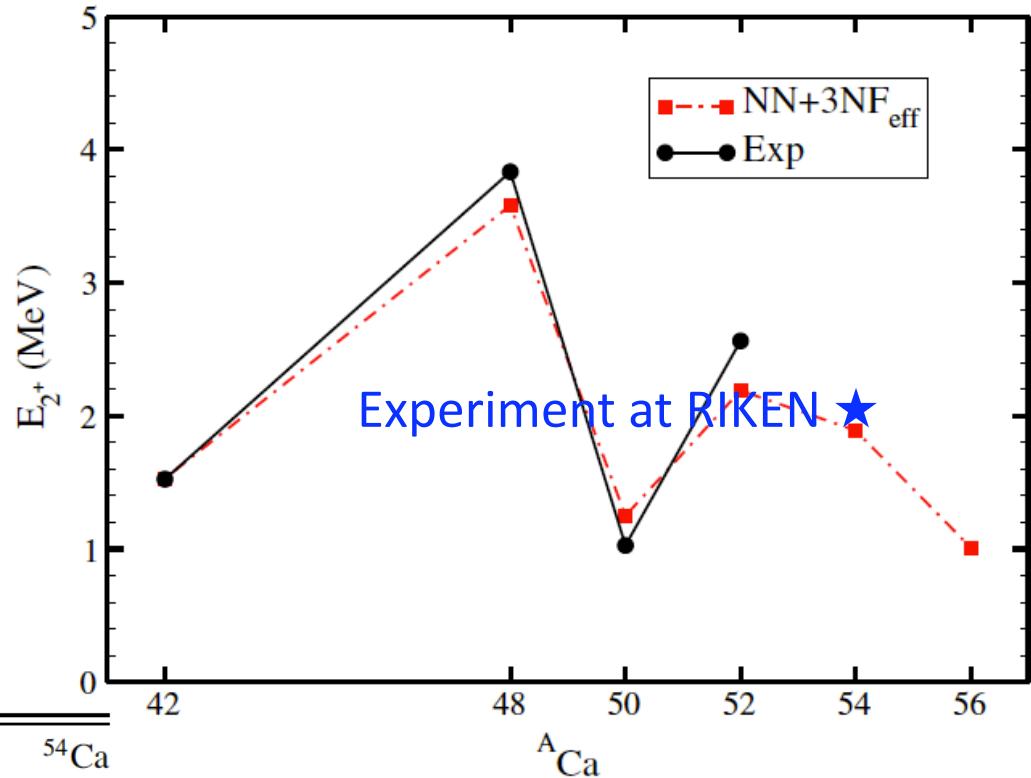
Results from coupled-cluster computations with NN forces from chiral EFT and in-medium effective 3NF: $k_F = 0.95 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, $c_E = 0.735$, $c_D = -0.2$
 [Holt, Kaiser, Weise 2009; Hebeler and Schwenk 2010]

^{54}Ca exhibits soft subshell closure

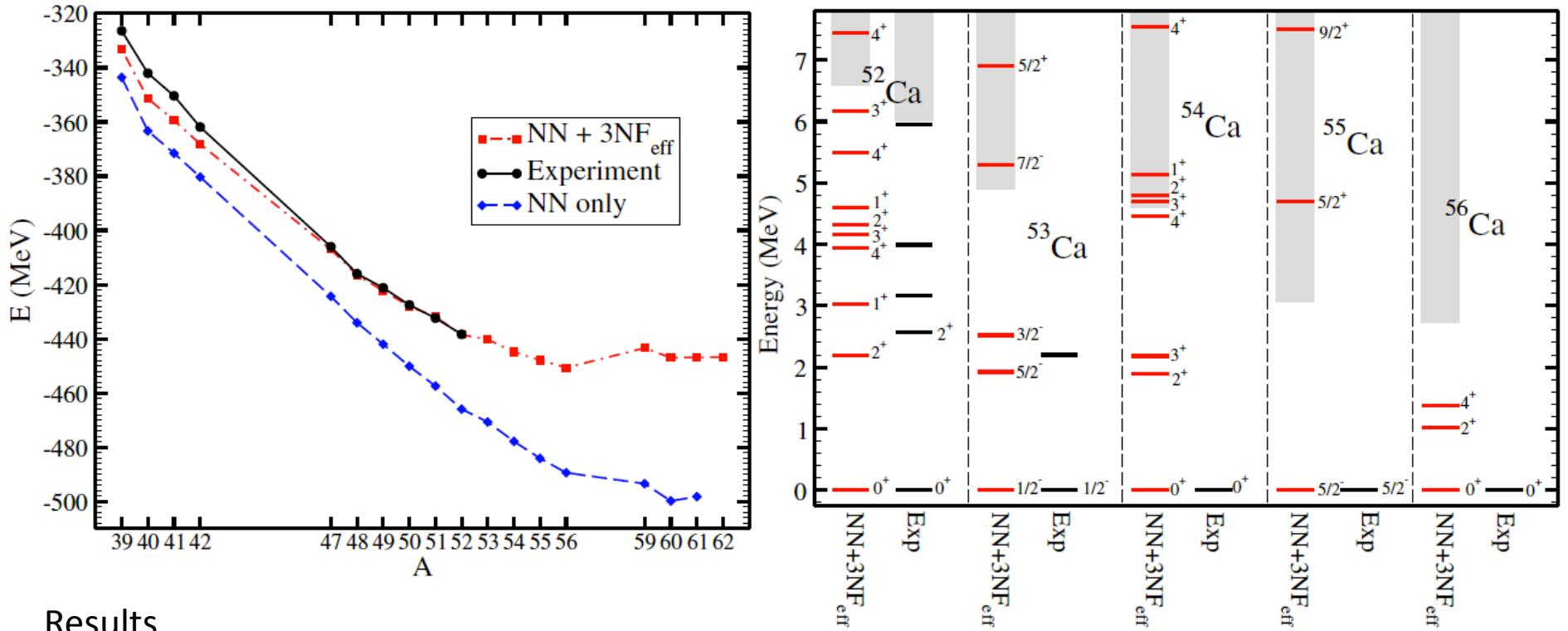
Measurement at RIKEN (Japan)
 agrees with theoretical prediction.

	^{48}Ca	^{52}Ca	^{54}Ca
E_{2^+} (CC) (MeV)	3.58	2.19	1.89
E_{2^+} (Expt) (MeV)	3.83	2.56	n.a. ^a
E_{4^+}/E_{2^+} (CC)	1.17	1.80	2.36
E_{4^+}/E_{2^+} (Expt)	1.17	n.a.	n.a.
S_n (CC) (MeV)	9.45	6.59	4.59
S_n (Expt) (MeV)	9.95	6.0 ^b	4.0 ^c

Recent mass measurement by Gallant et al.,
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **109**, 032506 (2012)



Binding energies and spectra of Ca isotopes



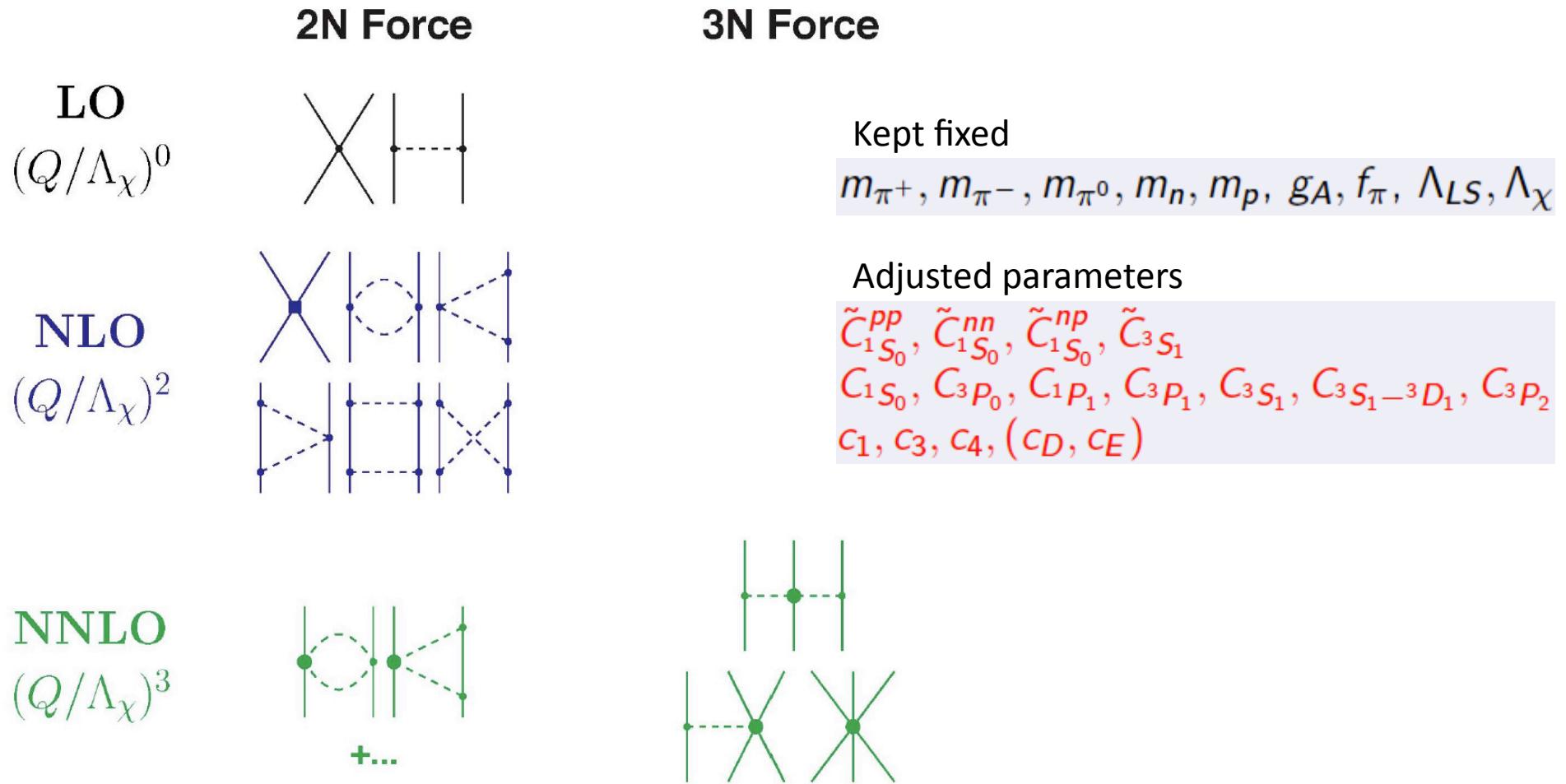
Results

- Effective chiral 3NF acts repulsive
- In ^{61}Ca , level ordering $s_{1/2}, d_{5/2}, g_{9/2}$
- ^{48}Ca magic due to 3NF [J. D. Holt et al, J. Phys. G 39, 085111 (2012)]
- Dripline beyond ^{60}Ca ?

	^{53}Ca	^{55}Ca	^{61}Ca			
J^π	Re[E]	Γ	Re[E]	Γ	Re[E]	Γ
$5/2^+$	1.99	1.97	1.63	1.33	1.14	0.62
	4.75	0.28	4.43	0.23	2.19	0.02

Optimization of chiral interaction at NNLO

A. Ekström, G. Baardsen, C. Forssen, G. Hagen, M. Hjorth-Jensen, G. R. Jansen, R. Machleidt, W. Nazarewicz, TP, J. Sarich, S. M. Wild, arXiv:1303.4674



Weinberg; van Kolck; Epelbaum, Glöckle & Meiβner; Entem & Machleidt; ...

Optimization to phase shifts; χ^2 from data

$$f(\vec{x}) = \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} \left(\frac{\delta_q^{\text{NNLO}}(\vec{x}) - \delta_q^{\text{Nijm93}}}{w_q} \right)^2$$

πN LEC	πN -scattering ¹	NN-PWA ²	NNLO ³	N3LO	POUNDerS
$c_1 \text{ [GeV}^{-1}]$	-0.81 ± 0.15	-0.76 ± 0.07	-0.81	-0.81	-0.9186
$c_3 \text{ [GeV}^{-1}]$	-4.69 ± 1.34	-4.78 ± 0.10	-3.40	-3.20	-3.8887
$c_4 \text{ [GeV}^{-1}]$	$+3.40 \pm 0.04$	$+3.96 \pm 0.22$	+3.40	+5.40	+4.3103

¹ πN Fit 1, in P. Büttiker, U-G. Meißner Nucl. Phys. A 668, 97 (2000)

² NN PWA, in M. C. M. Rentmeester *et al.* Phys. Rev C 67 044001 (2003)

³ E. Epelbaum *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. A19, 401 (2004)

χ^2/datum , np scattering data (1999 database)

The previous picture...

T_{lab} bin (MeV)	N3LO	NNLO ¹	NLO ¹	AV18
0-100	1.06	1.71	5.20	0.95
100-190	1.08	12.9	49.3	1.10
190-290	1.15	19.2	68.3	1.11
0-290	1.10	10.1	36.2	1.04

¹ E. Epelbaum et al., Eur. Phys. J. A19, 401 (2004)

... changes with POUNDerS

T_{lab} bin (MeV)	POUNDerS-NNLO(500)
0-35	0.85
35-125	1.17
125-183	1.87
183-290	6.09
0-290	2.95

χ^2/datum , pp scattering data (1999 database)

The previous picture...

T_{lab} bin (MeV)	N3LO	NNLO ¹	NLO ¹	AV18
0-100	1.05	6.66	57.8	0.96
100-190	1.50	28.3	62.0	1.31
190-290	1.93	66.8	111.6	1.82
0-290	1.50	35.4	80.1	1.38

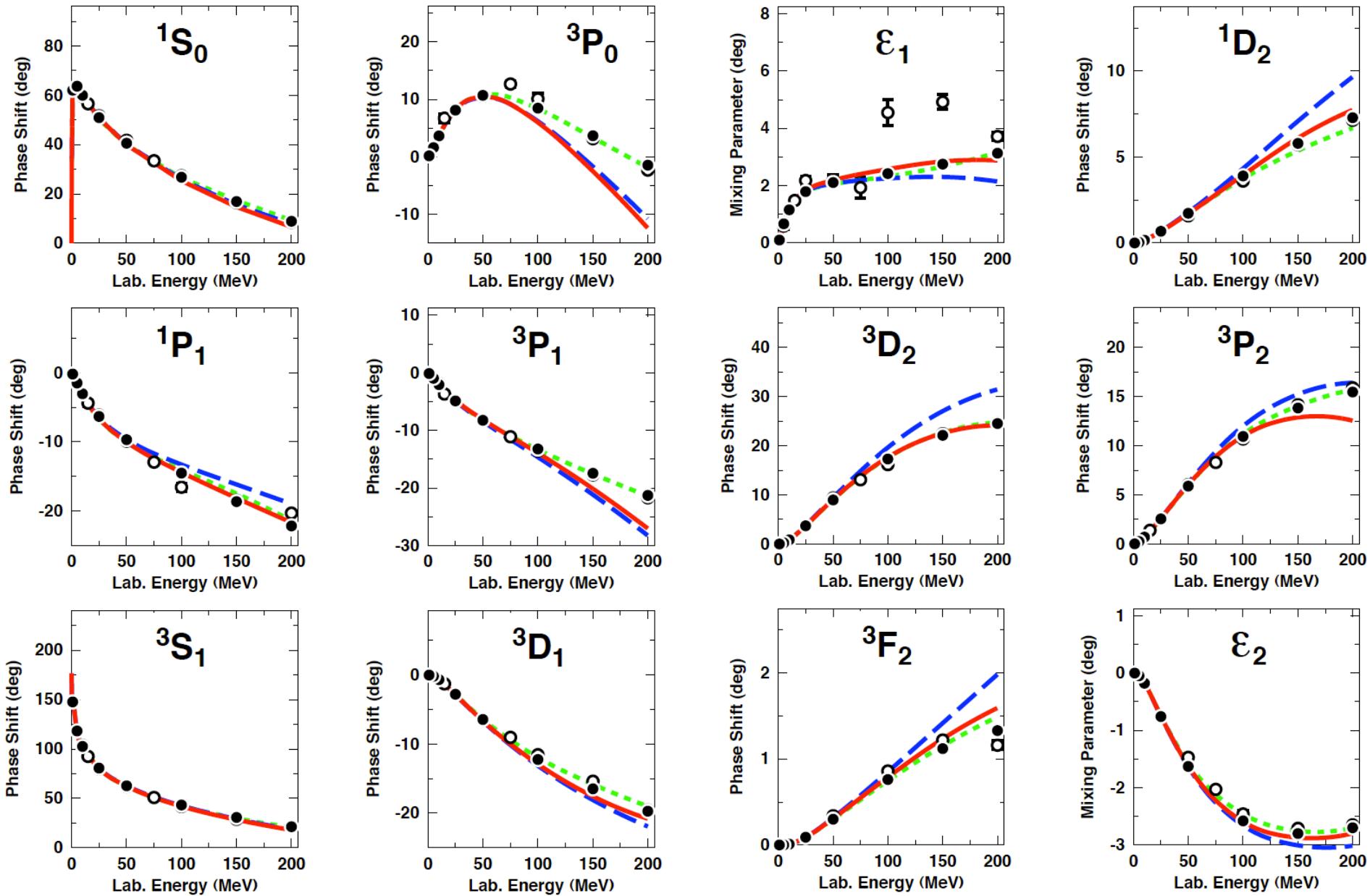
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... changes with POUNDerS

T_{lab} bin (MeV)	POUNDerS-NNLO(500)
0-35	1.11
35-125	1.56
125-183	23.95 (4.35 ^a)
183-290	29.26
0-290	17.10 (14.03)²

² Total (0-290) MeV pp χ^2/datum when excluding two low-uncertainty data sets.

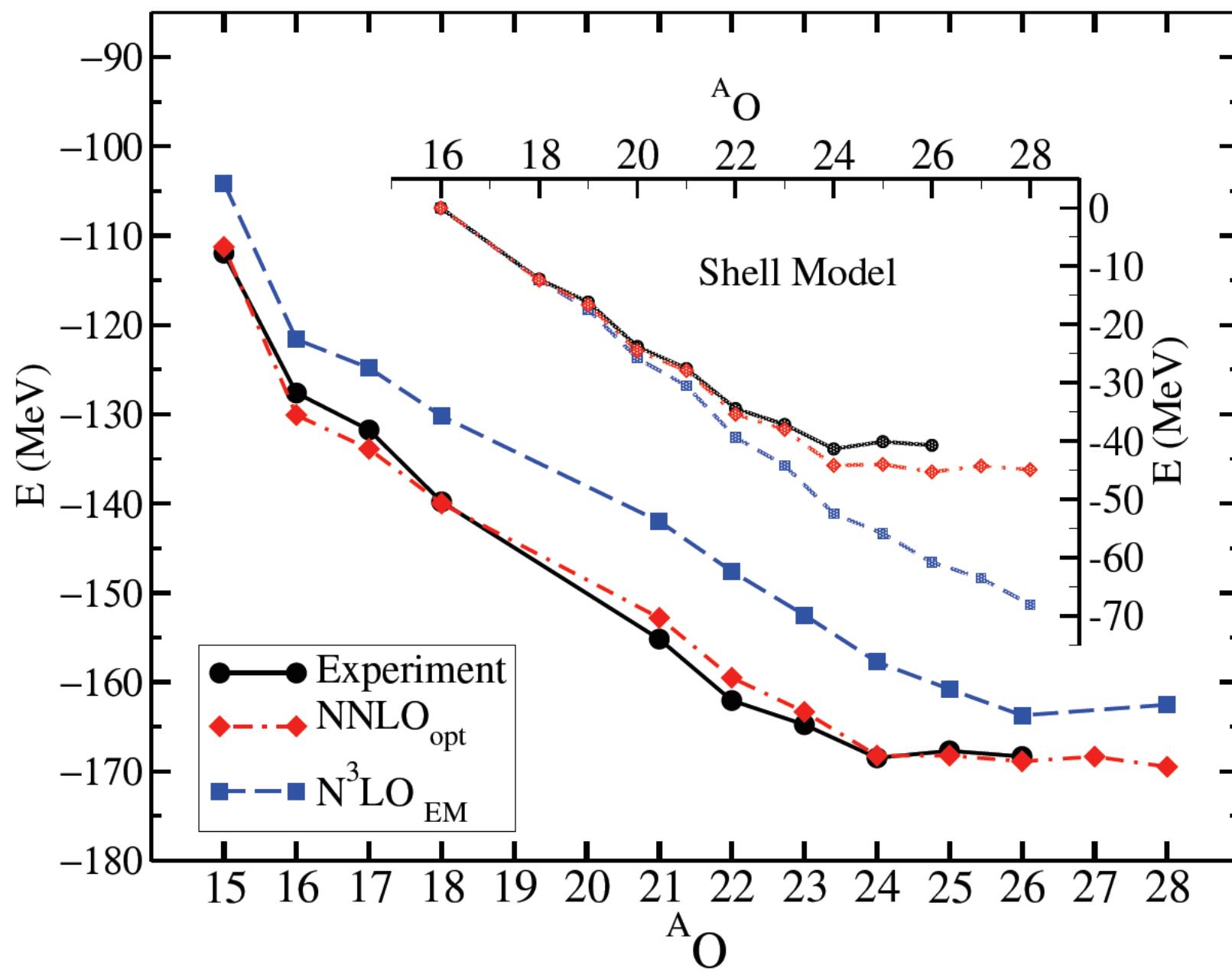
Optimization with POUNDers



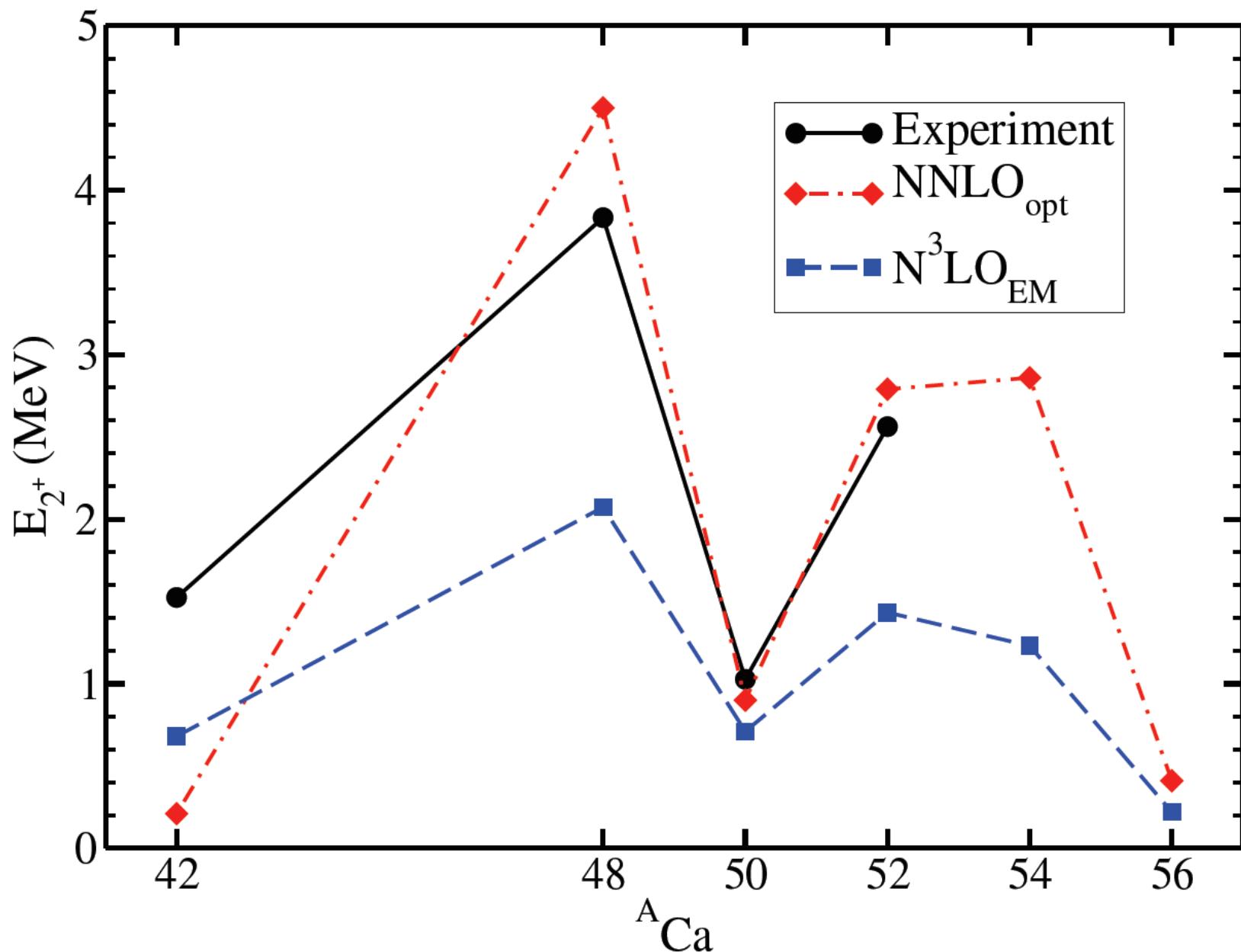
Nucleon-nucleon properties

	$\text{N}^3\text{LO}_{\text{EM}}$	NNLO_{opt}	Exp.
a_{pp}^C	-7.8188	-7.8174	-7.8196(26) -7.8149(29)
r_{pp}^C	2.795	2.755	2.790(14) 2.769(14)
a_{pp}^N	-17.083	-17.825	
r_{pp}^N	2.876	2.817	
a_{nn}	-18.900	-18.889	-18.95(40)
r_{nn}	2.838	2.797	2.75(11)
a_{np}	-23.732	-23.749	-23.740(20)
r_{np}	2.725	2.684	2.77(5)
B_D (MeV)	2.224575	2.224582	2.224575(9)
r_D (fm)	1.975	1.967	1.97535(85)
Q_D (fm 2)	0.275	0.272	0.2859(3)
P_D (%)	4.51	4.05	

Oxygen isotopes (NN only)



Calcium isotopes (NN only)



Three nucleon force

TABLE IV. Ground-state energies (in MeV) and point proton radii (in fm) for ^3H , ^3He , and ^4He using the NNLO_{opt} with and without the NNLO 3NF interaction for $c_D = -0.20$ and $c_E = -0.36$.

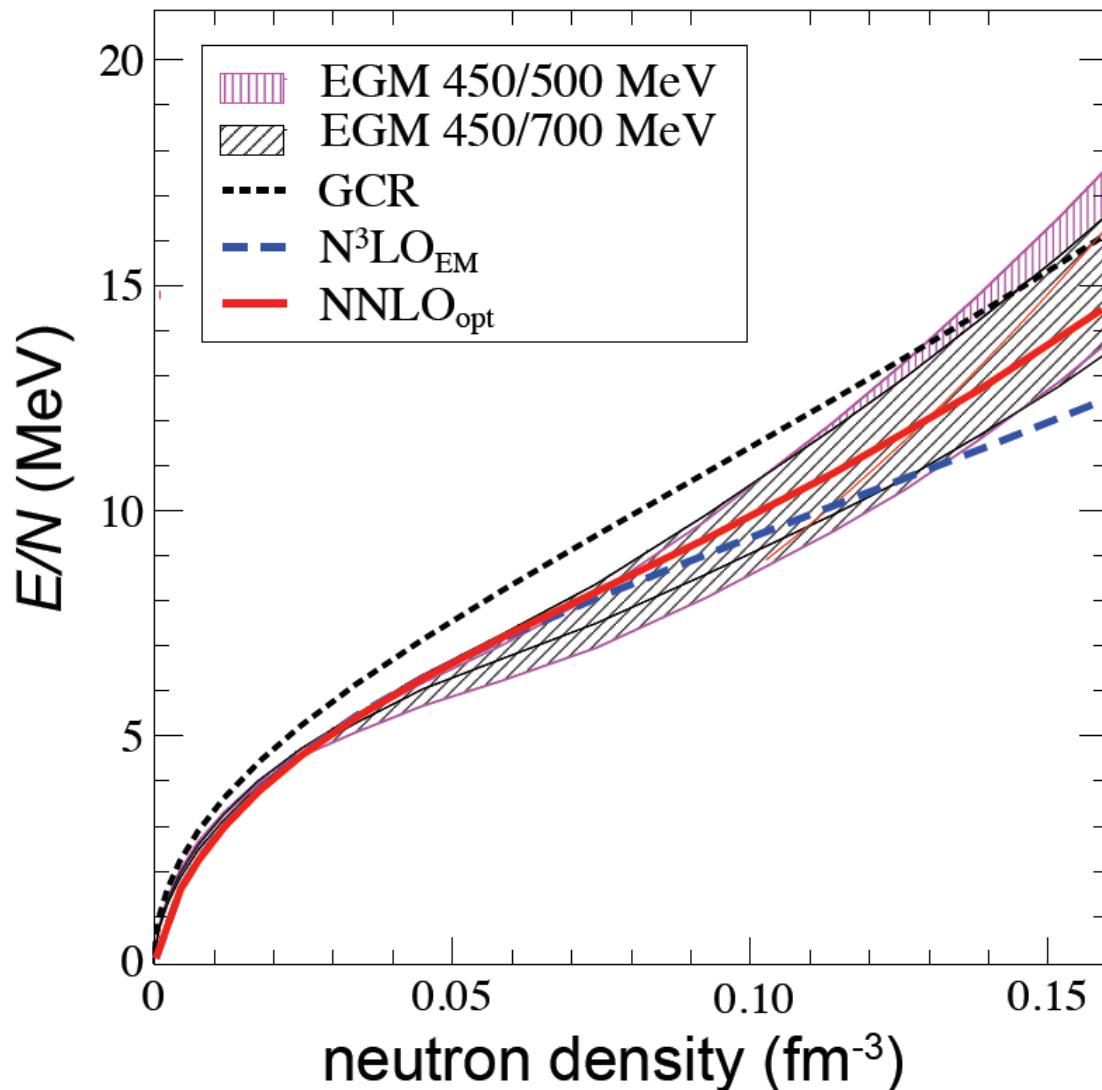
	$E(^3\text{H})$	$E(^3\text{He})$	$E(^4\text{He})$	$r_p(^4\text{He})$
NNLO	-8.249	-7.501	-27.759	1.43(8)
NNLO+NNN	-8.469	-7.722	-28.417	1.43(8)
Experiment	-8.482	-7.717	-28.296	1.467(13)

Three-nucleon forces

- Matrix elements of 3NFs up to energies $E_{3\max} = 14 \hbar\omega$
- Insufficient to reach converged results for binding energies
- Convergence of energy differences somewhat better
- Error estimates based on variation $16 \text{ MeV} \leq \hbar\omega \leq 22 \text{ MeV}$

First 2+ state	^{22}O	^{24}O	^{48}Ca
NN +3NF	2.3(3) MeV	3.5(5) MeV	4.8(7) MeV
NN only	2.5 MeV	5.0 MeV	4.5 MeV
Experiment	3.2 MeV	4.7 MeV	3.8 MeV

Neutron matter with optimized chiral interactions at NNLO



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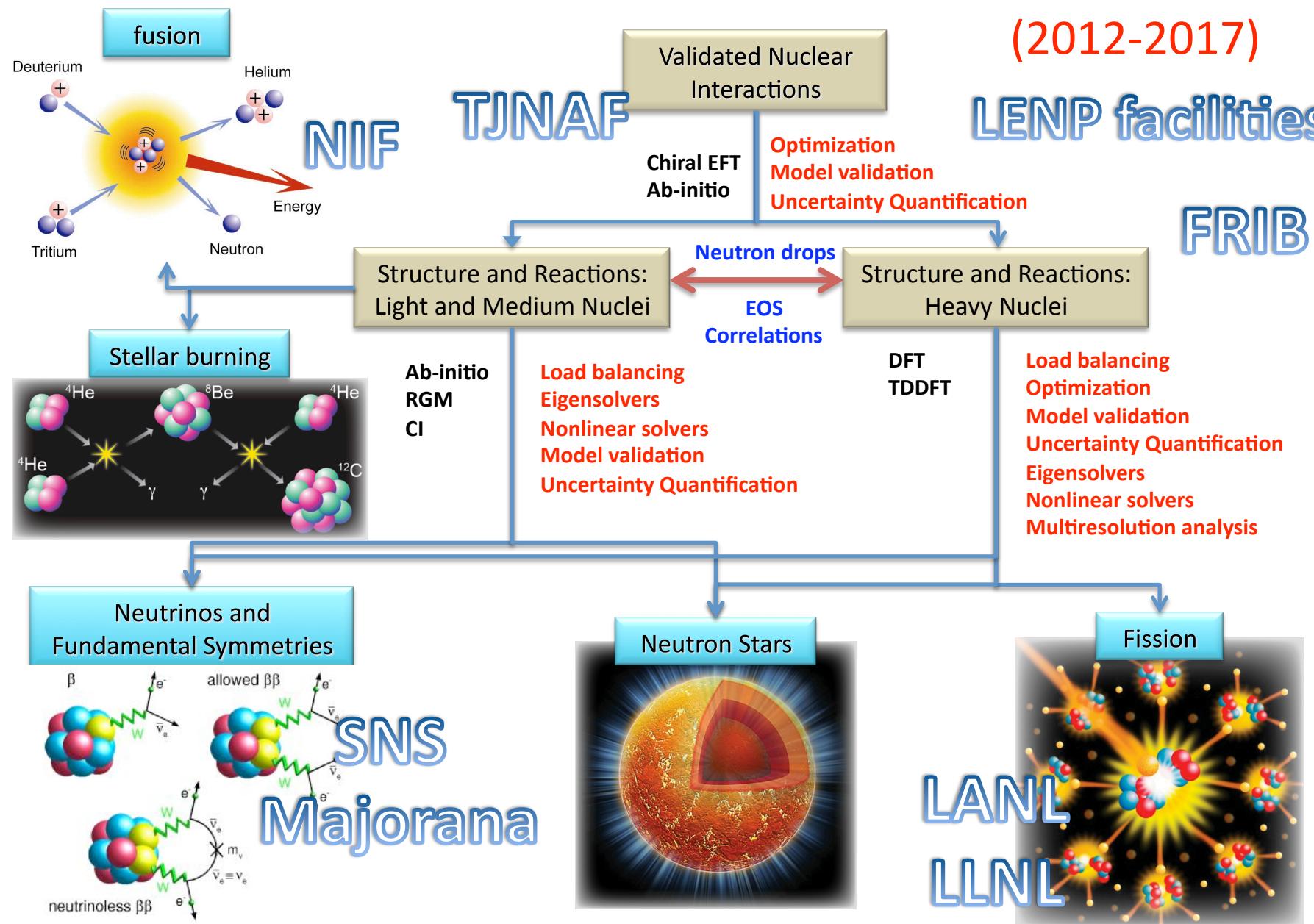
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cluster (and Bruckner HF)



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Summary

- Optimized functionals from UNEDF collaboration with emphasis on correlations and quantification of uncertainties
- Shell evolution in isotopes of calcium; interesting commonalities between energy functional studies and coupled-cluster method (quenching of single-particle orbitals beyond ^{60}Ca)
- Optimization of chiral interaction at NNLO