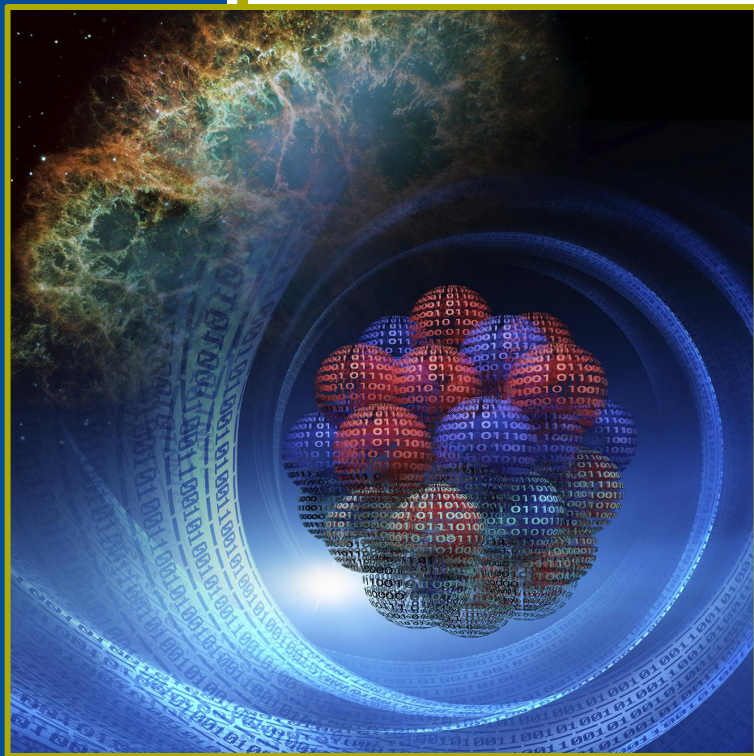




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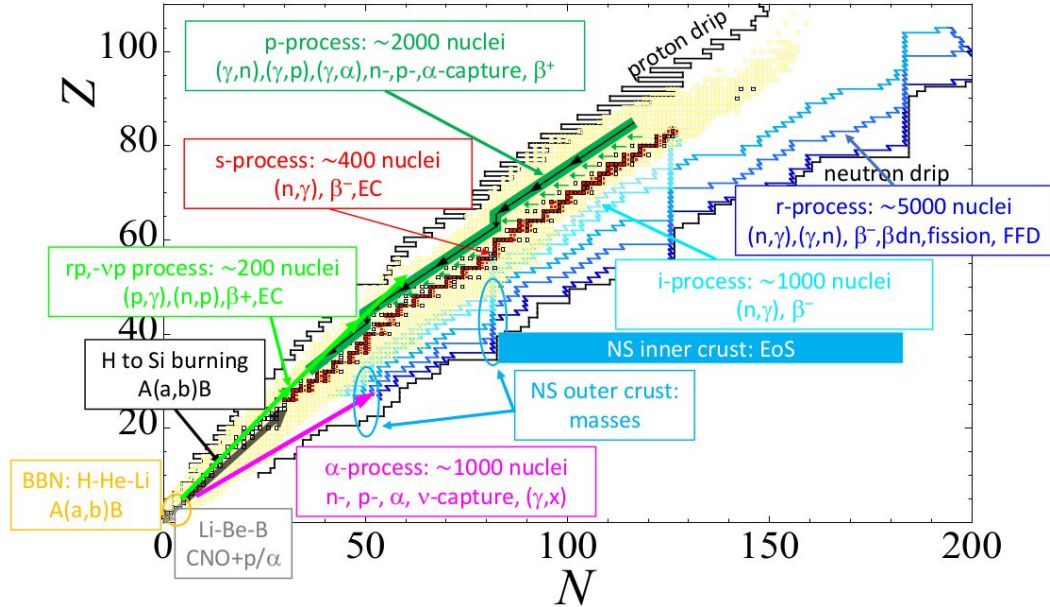
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The challenge for nuclear theory



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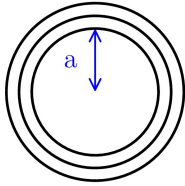
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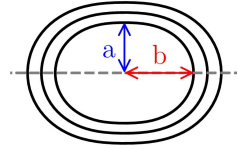
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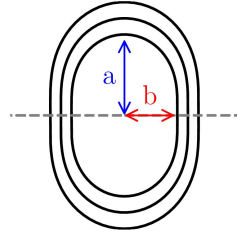
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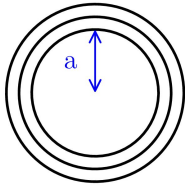
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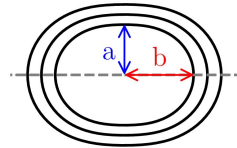
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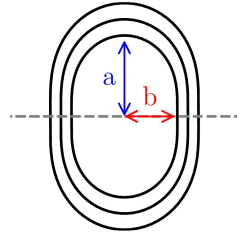
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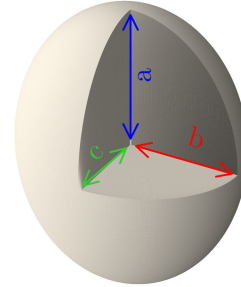


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One DOF: β_{20}

Triaxial



Two DOF: (β_{20}, β_{22}) or (β, γ)

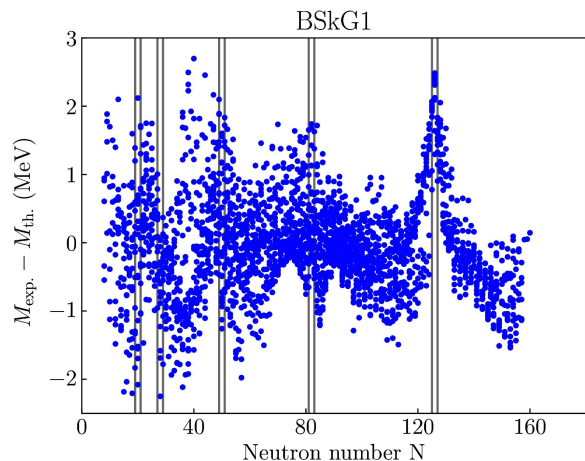
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Today's models

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- triaxial shapes
- reflection symmetric

Brussels Skyrme on a Grid: **BSkG1/2**



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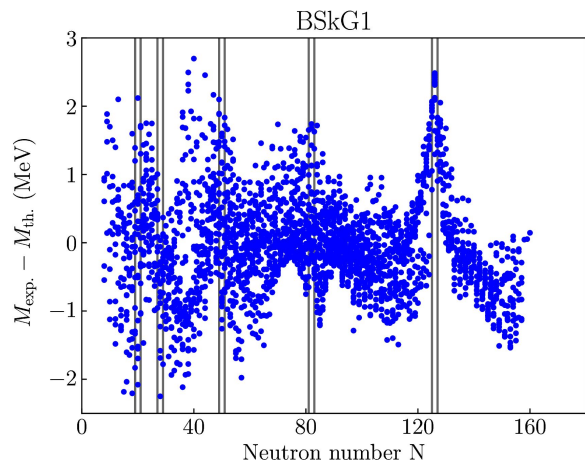
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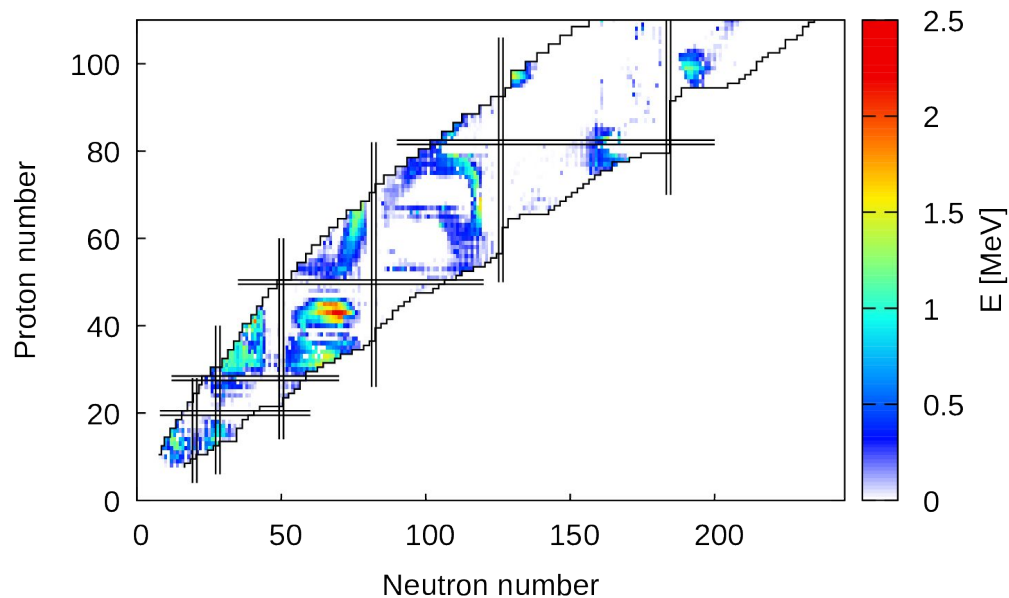
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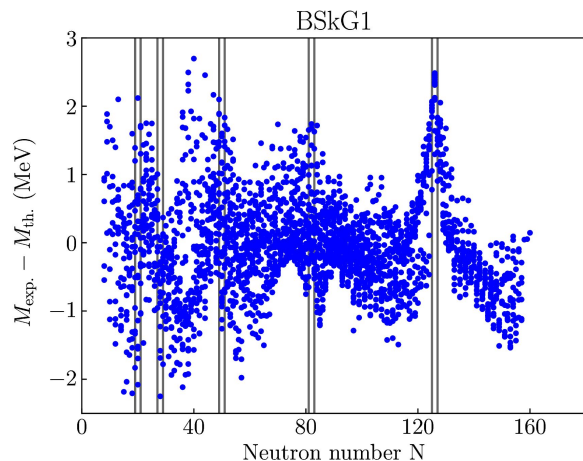


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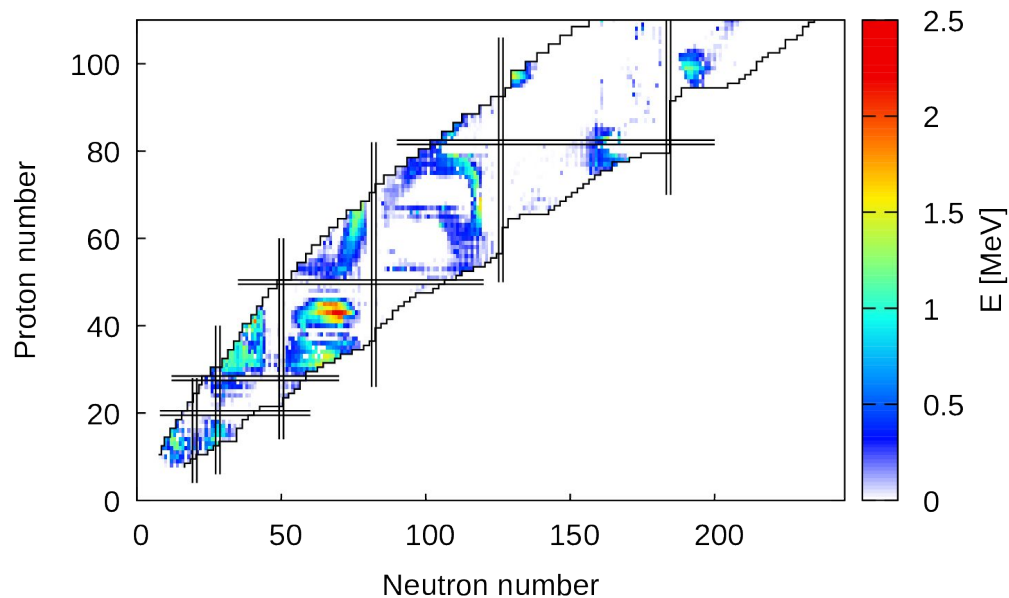
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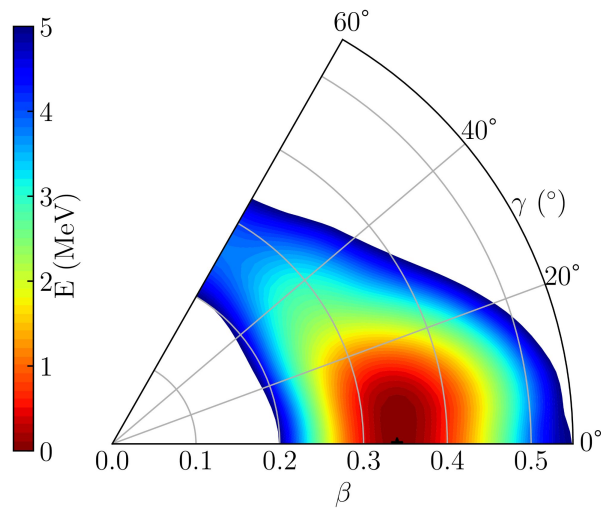
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Isomers	0.45	0.48	0.93	1.04



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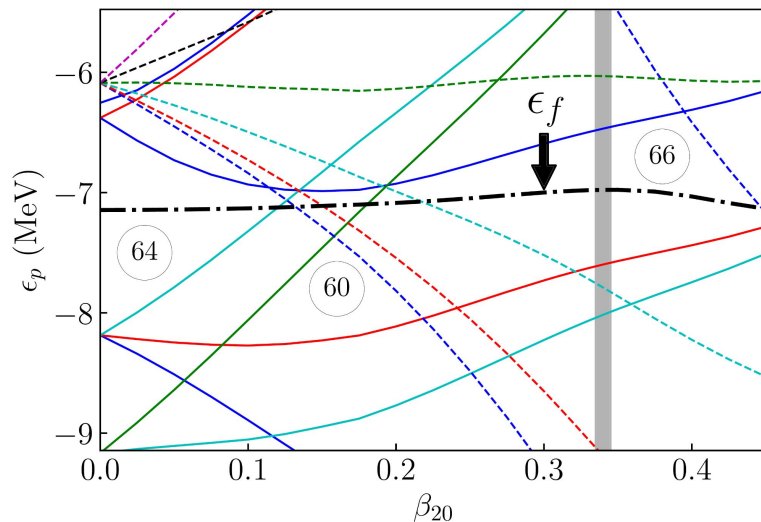


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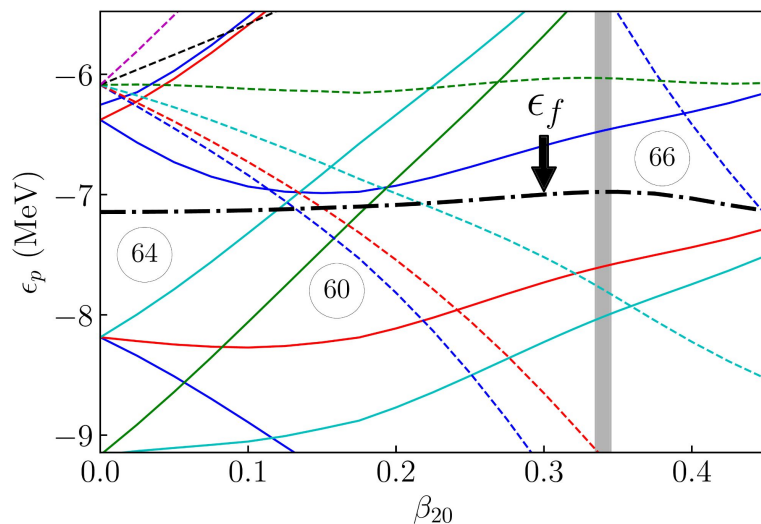
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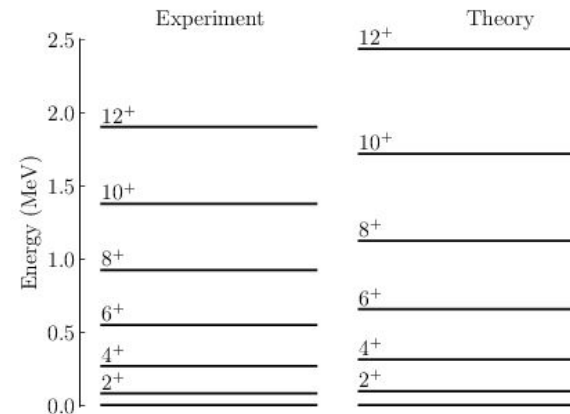
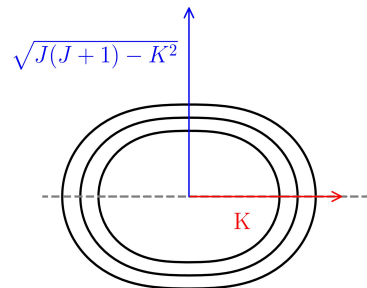
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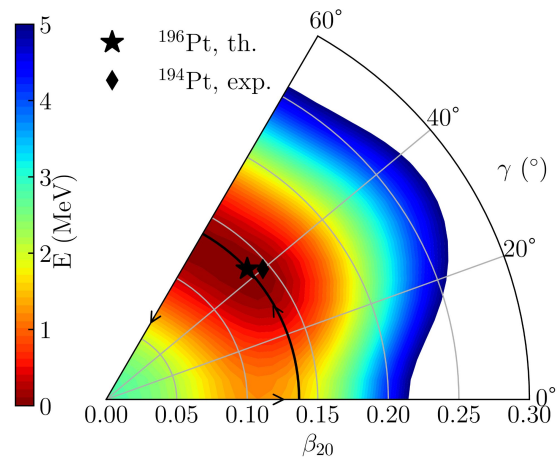
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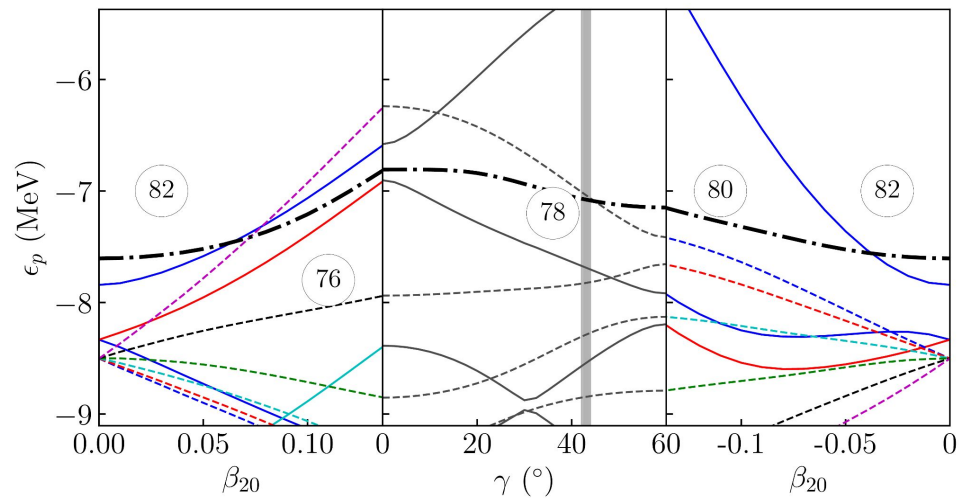
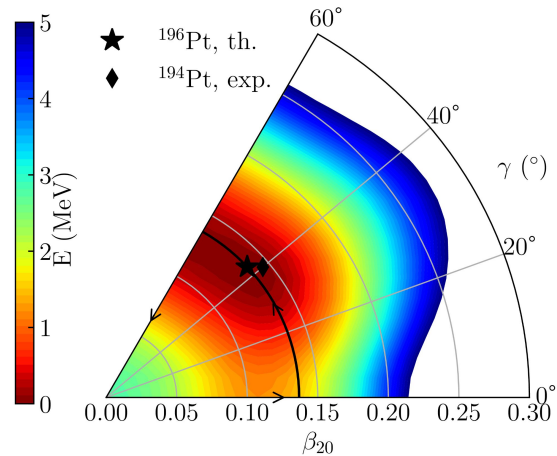
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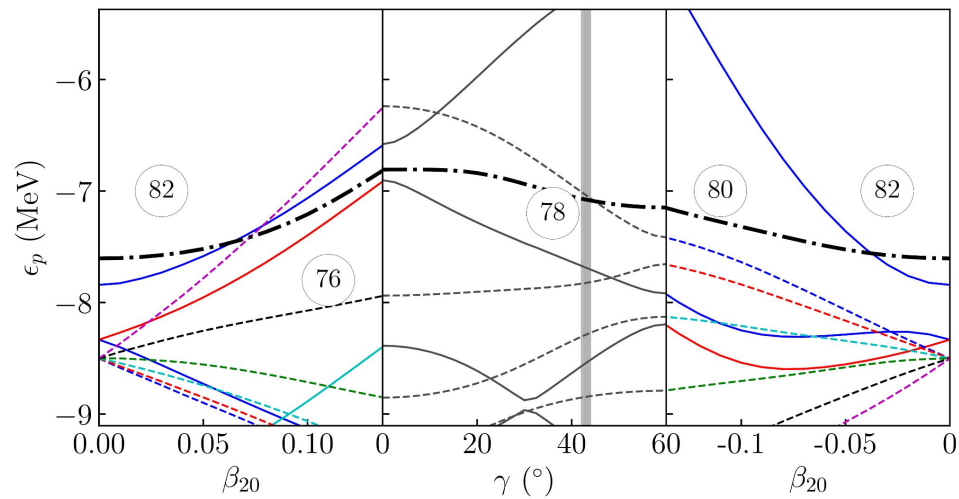
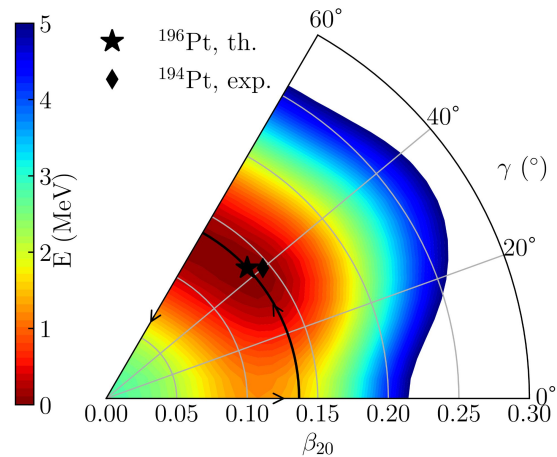
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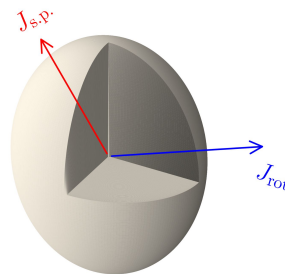
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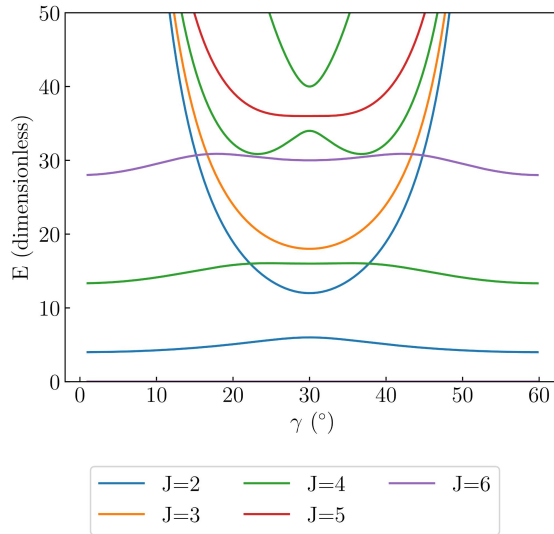
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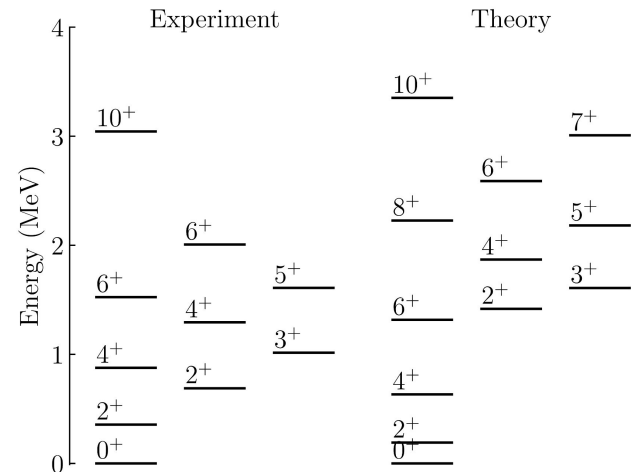
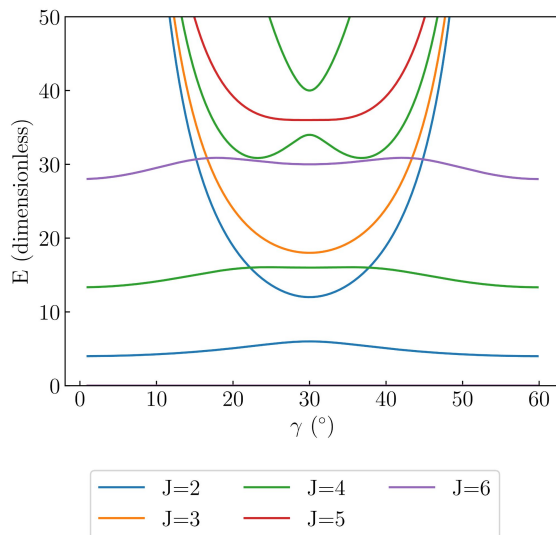
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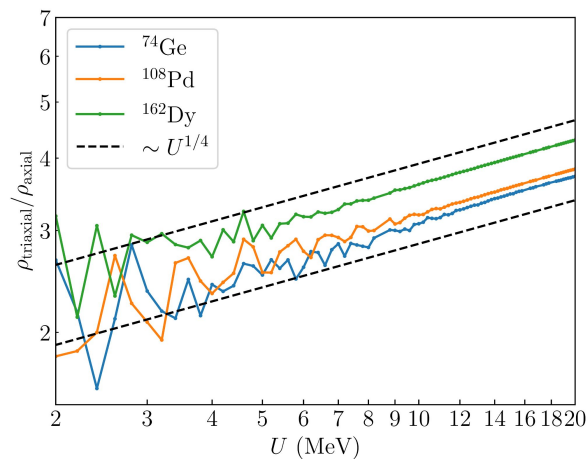
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Collective enhancement for triaxial nuclei



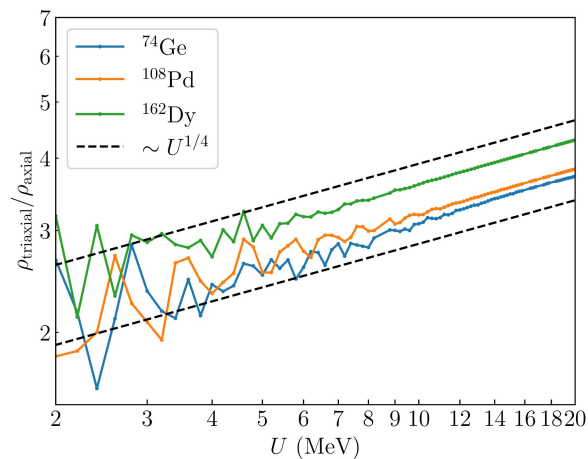
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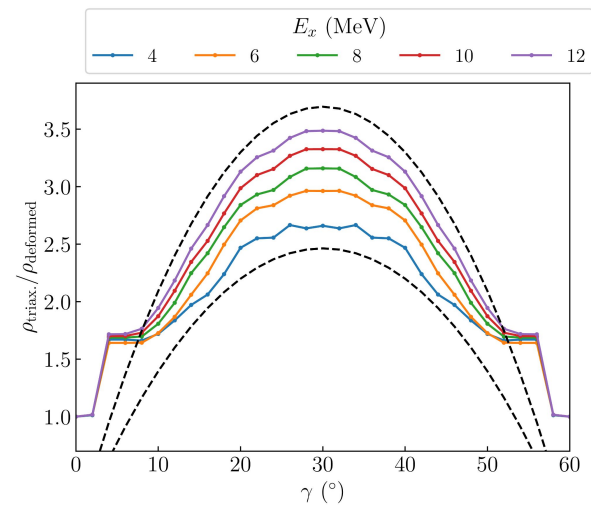


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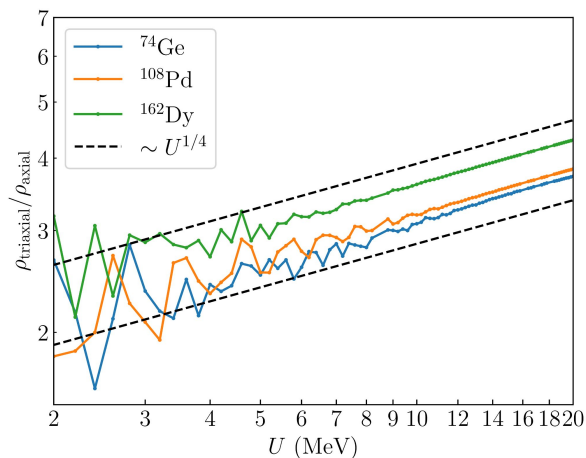
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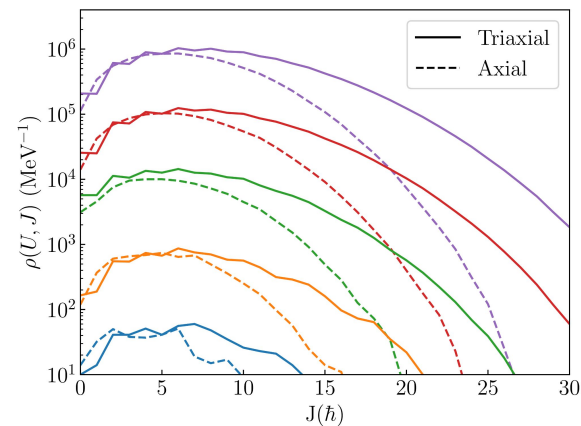
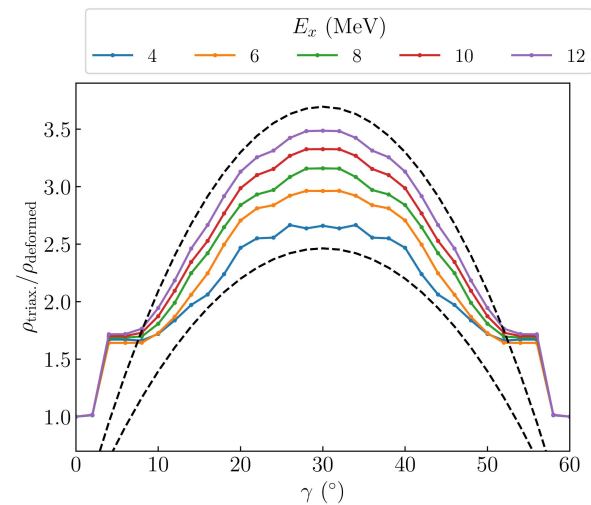


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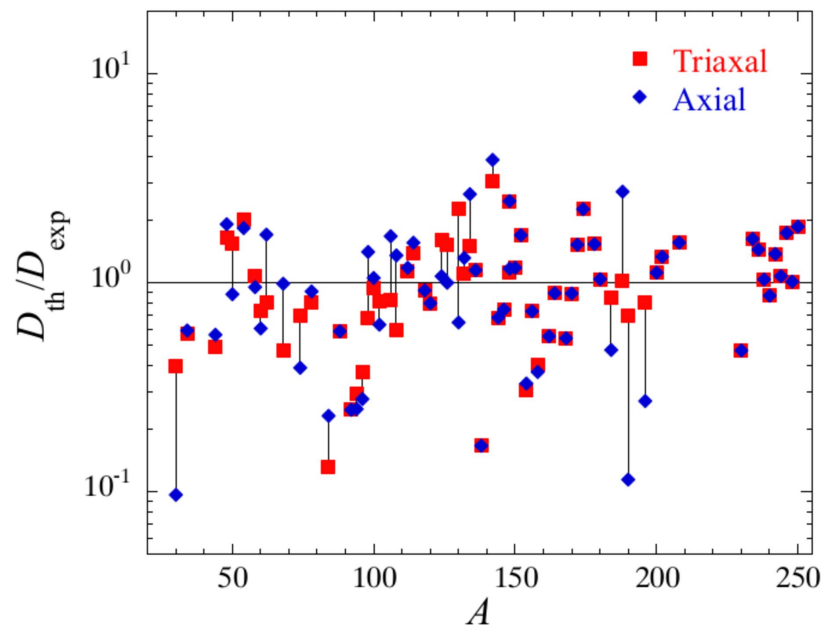
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Performance on mean s-wave spacings

$$f_{\text{rms}} = \exp \left[\frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \ln^2 \frac{D_{\text{th}}^i}{D_{\text{exp}}^i} \right]^{1/2},$$

	f_{rms}
BSkG2 (triaxial)	1.83
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BSFG	1.80
HFB+comb	2.30
THFB+comb	2.70



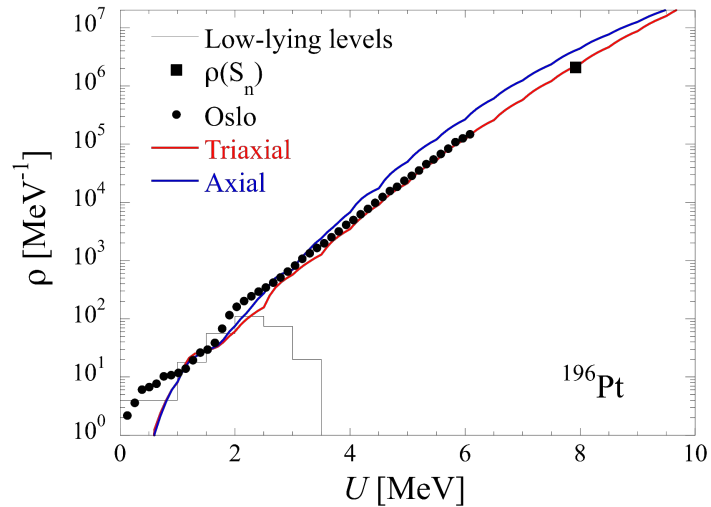
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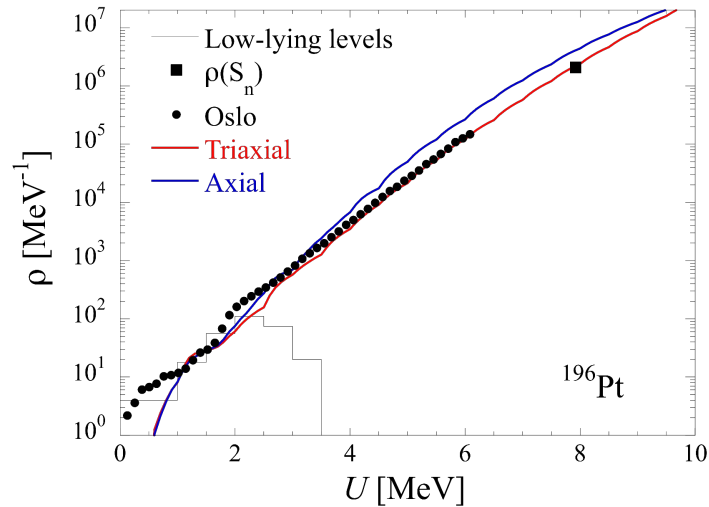
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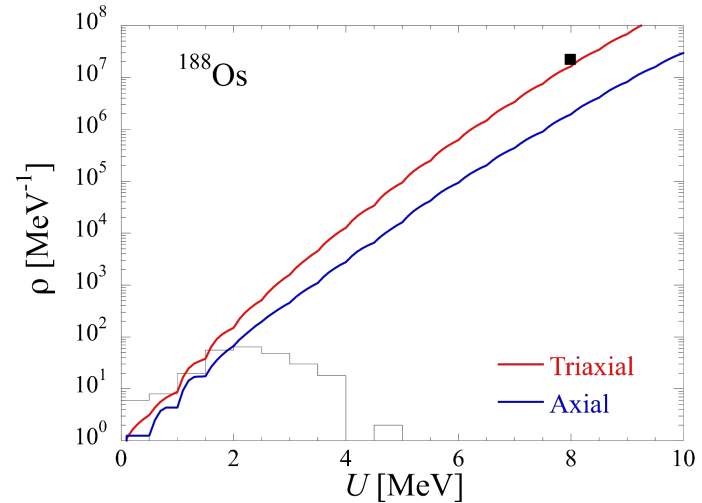
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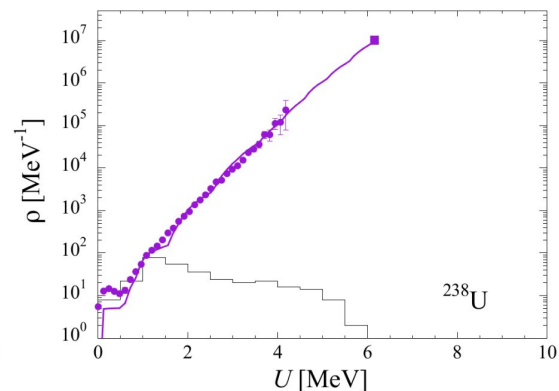
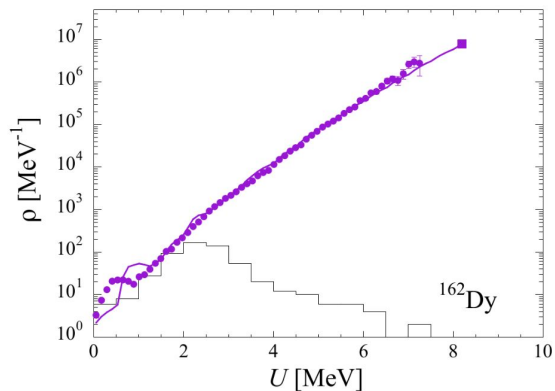
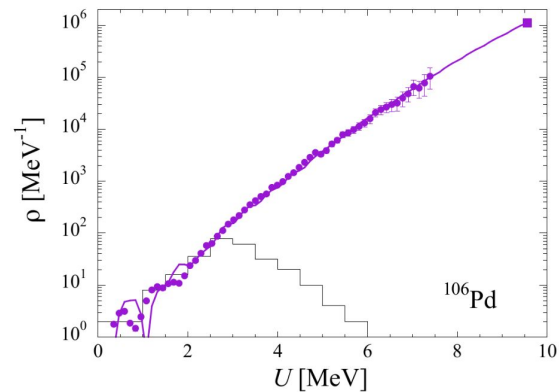
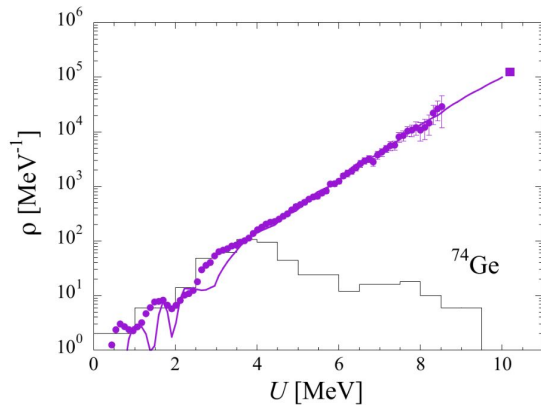
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Comparing to Oslo data



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Conclusions and outlook

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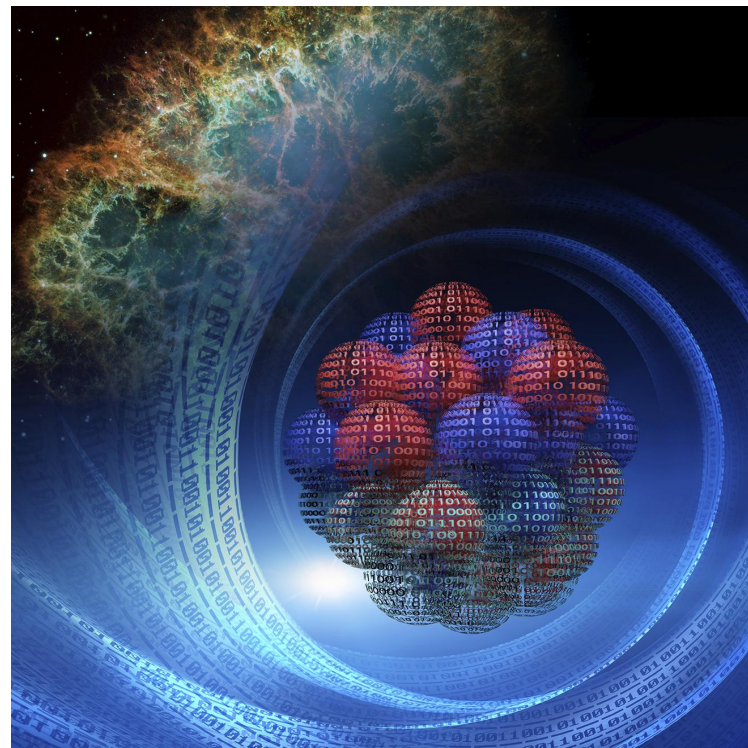
- excellent for all known masses and radii
- includes triaxiality and time-odd channel
- state-of-the-art description of fission barriers

Level densities with BSkG2:

- triaxiality implies
 - **lower s.p. density near Fermi energy**
 - **larger rotational enhancement**
 - **more extended spin distribution**
- many questions remain
 - vibrations?
 - fade-out of triaxiality?
 - large-scale comparisons?

The future:

- complete fission model
- octupole deformation
- neutron-matter equation of state



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