

# Some (more) Nuclear Structure

## Lecture 2

### Low-energy Collective Modes and Electromagnetic Decays in Nuclei

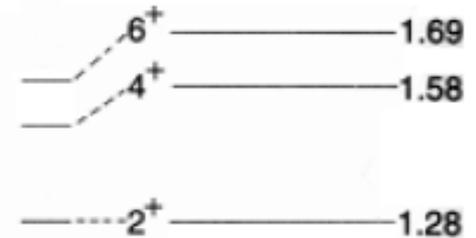
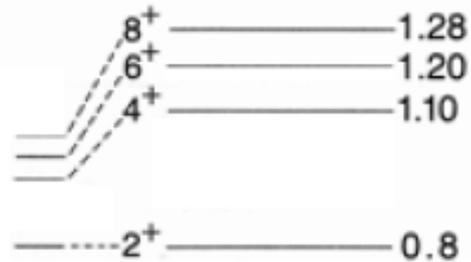
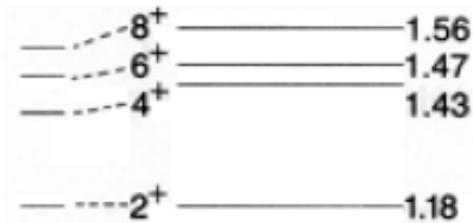
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# Outline of Lectures 1 & 2

- 1) Overview of nuclear structure 'limits'
  - Some experimental observables, evidence for shell structure
  - Independent particle (shell) model
  - Single particle excitations and 2 particle interactions.
  
- 2) Low Energy Collective Modes and EM Decays in Nuclei.
  - Low-energy quadrupole vibrations in nuclei
  - Rotations in even-even nuclei
  - Vibrator-rotor transitions, E-GOS curves

# What about 2 nucleons outside a closed shell ?

## 2 VALENCE NUCLEONS



$(h_{9/2})^2$   $^{210}_{84}\text{Po}_{126}$   $0^+$  0

$(g_{9/2})^2$   $^{210}_{82}\text{Pb}_{128}$   $0^+$  0

$(g_{7/2})^2$   $^{134}_{52}\text{Te}_{82}$   $0^+$  0

# Residual Interactions?

- We need to include any additional changes to the energy which arise from the interactions between valence nucleons.
- This is in addition the mean-field (average) potential which the valence proton/neutron feels.
- Hamiltonian now becomes  $H = H_0 + H_{\text{residual}}$
- 2-nucleon system can be thought of as an inert, doubly magic core plus 2 interacting nucleons.
- Residual interactions between these two 'valence' nucleons will determine the energy sequence of the allowed spins / parities.

# What spins can you make?

- If two particles are in identical orbits ( $j^2$ ), then what spins are allowed?

Two possible cases:

- Same particle, e.g., 2 protons or 2 neutrons = even-even nuclei like  $^{42}\text{Ca}$ , 2 neutrons in  $f_{7/2} = (vf_{7/2})^2$

We can couple the two neutrons to make states with spin/parity  $J^\pi = 0^+, 2^+, 4^+$  and  $6^+$

These all have  $T=1$  in isospin formalism, intrinsic spins are anti-aligned with respect to each other.

- Proton-neutron configurations (odd-odd)  
e.g.,  $^{42}\text{Sc}$ , 1 proton and 1 neutron in  $f_{7/2}$

We can couple these two make states with spin / parity  $0^+, 1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+, 6^+$  and  $7^+$ .

Even spins have  $T=1$  ( $S=0$ , intrinsic spins anti-aligned);

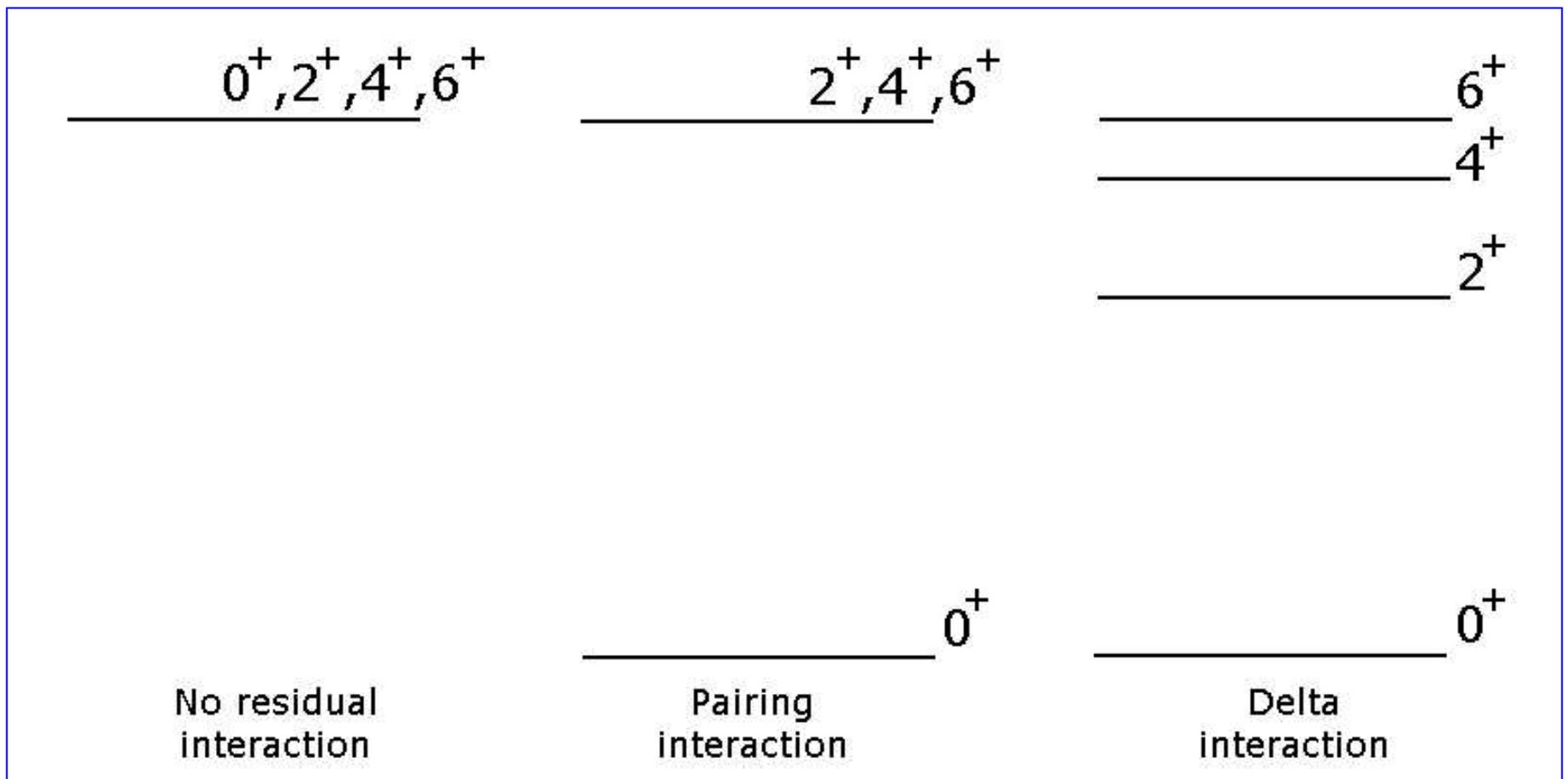
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m - scheme showing which  $J_{\text{tot}}$  values are allowed for  $(f_{7/2})^2$  coupling of two identical particles (2 protons or 2 neutrons).

$j_1 = 7/2$ $m_1$	$j_2 = 7/2$ $m_2$	$M$	$J$
7/2	5/2	6	6
7/2	3/2	5	
7/2	1/2	4	
7/2	-1/2	3	
7/2	-3/2	2	
7/2	-5/2	1	
7/2	-7/2	0	
5/2	3/2	4	4
5/2	1/2	3	
5/2	-1/2	2	
5/2	-3/2	1	
5/2	-5/2	0	
3/2	1/2	2	2
3/2	-1/2	1	
3/2	-3/2	0	
1/2	-1/2	0	0

\* Only positive total  $M$  values are shown. The table is symmetric for  $M < 0$ .

Note, that only even spin states are allowed.



Schematic for  $(f_{7/2})^2$  configuration.

4 degenerate states if there are no residual interactions.

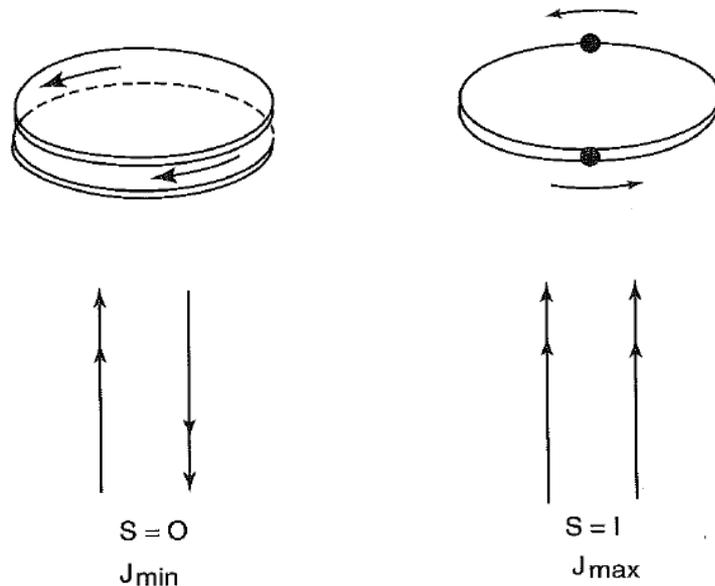
Residual interactions between two valence nucleons give additional binding, lowering the (mass) energy of the state.

# Nuclear Structure from a Simple Perspective

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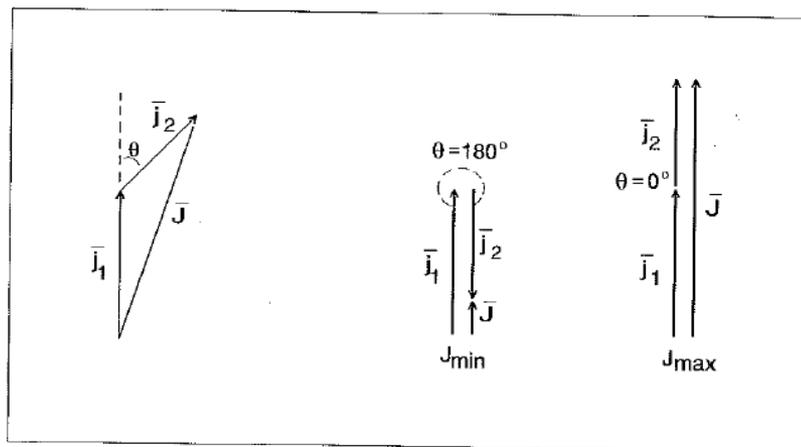
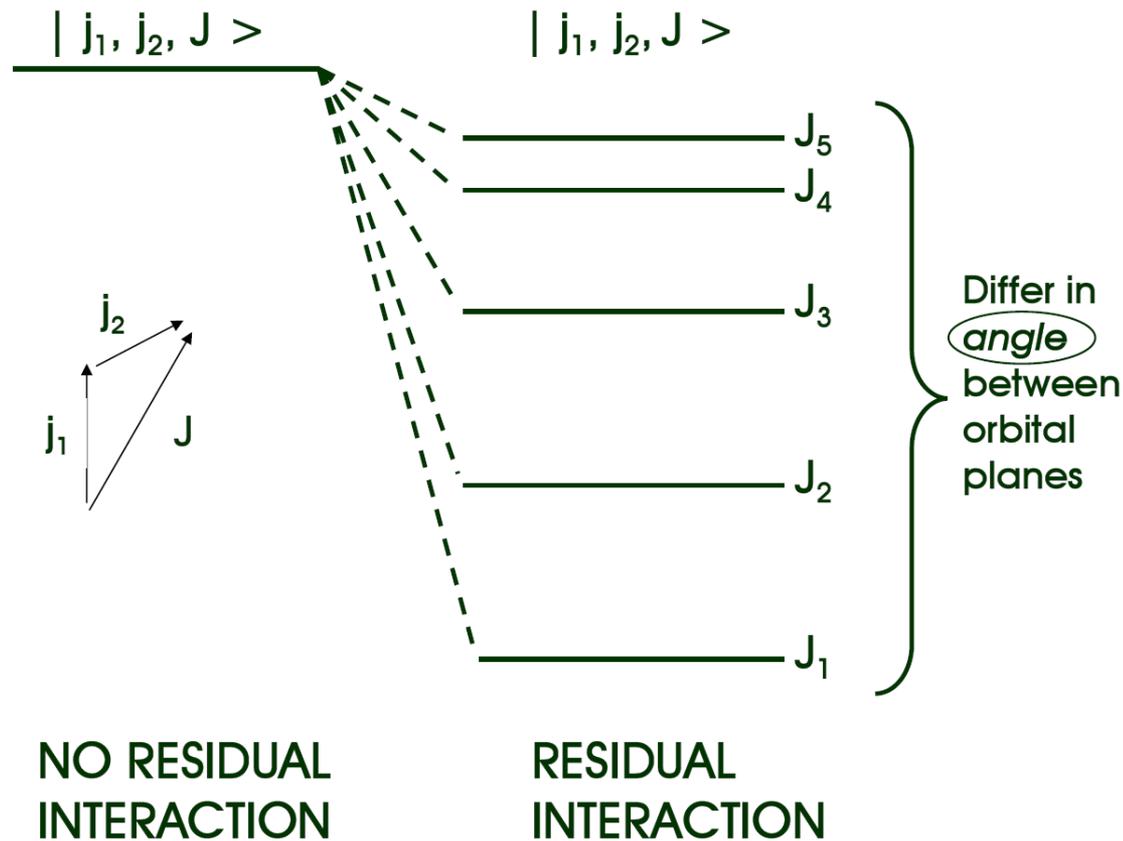


FIG. 4.8. Definition and schematic illustration of some of the ideas used in the geometrical analysis of short-range residual interactions.

# Residual Interactions—Diagonal Effects

Consider 2 particles, in orbits  $j_1, j_2$  coupled to spin  $J_i$ , and interacting with a residual interaction,  $V_{12}$ .

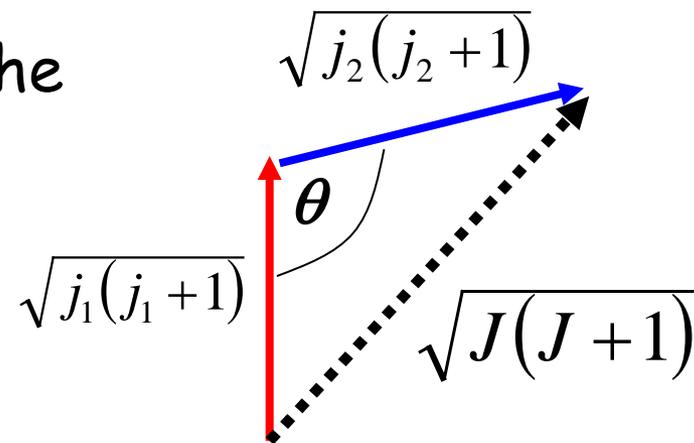
2 Identical Nucleons



# Geometric Interpretation of the $\delta$ Residual

## Interaction for a $j^2$ Configuration Coupled to Spin $J$

Use the cosine rule and recall that the magnitude of the spin vector of spin  $j = [j(j+1)]^{-1/2}$



$$J^2 = j_1^2 + j_2^2 - 2j_1j_2 \cos(\theta)$$

*therefore*

$$J(J+1) = j_1(j_1+1) + j_2(j_2+1) - \sqrt{j_1(j_1+1)}\sqrt{j_2(j_2+1)} \cos(\theta)$$

$$\therefore \text{for } j_1 = j_2 = j \quad \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{J(J+1) - 2j(j+1)}{j(j+1)} \right]$$

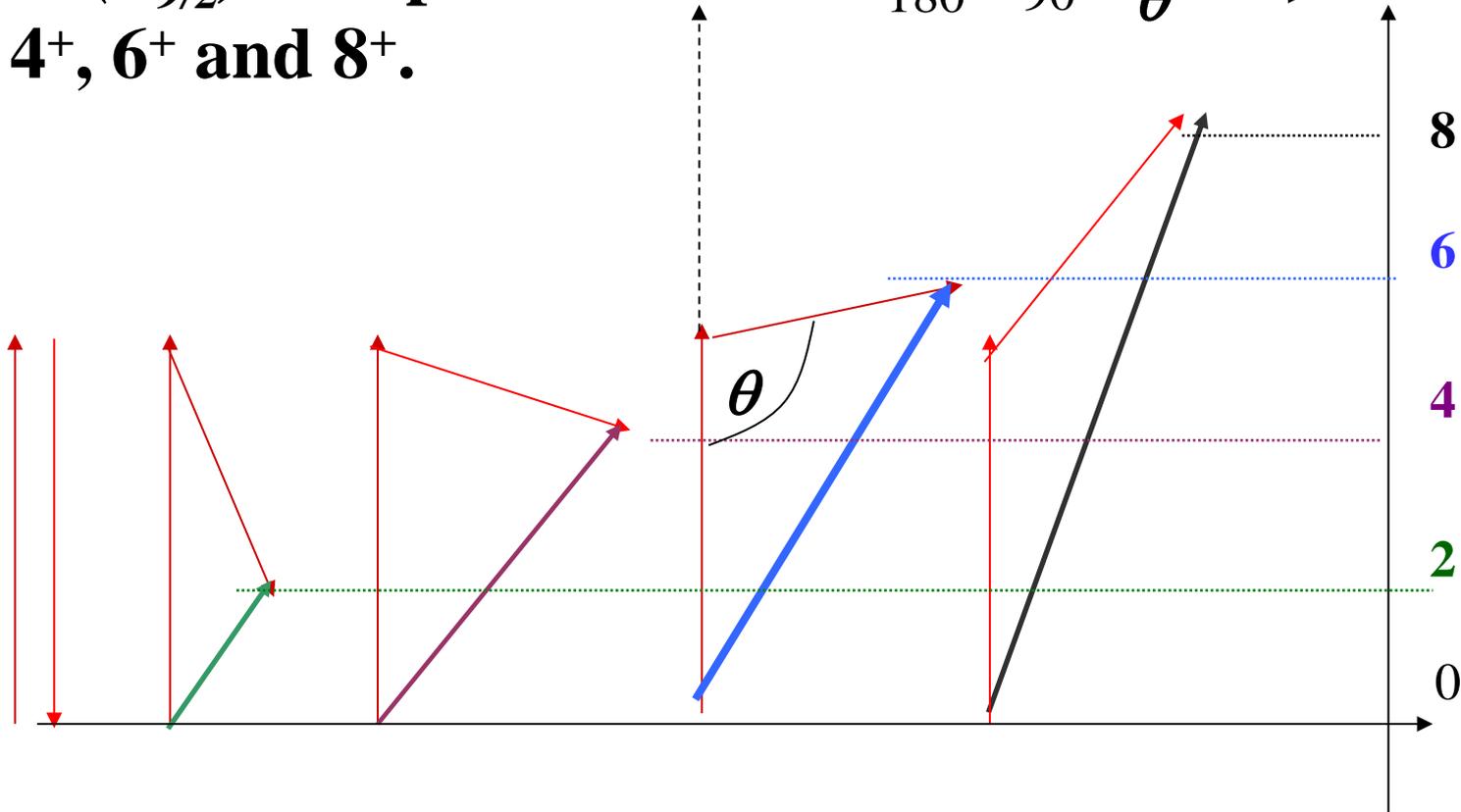
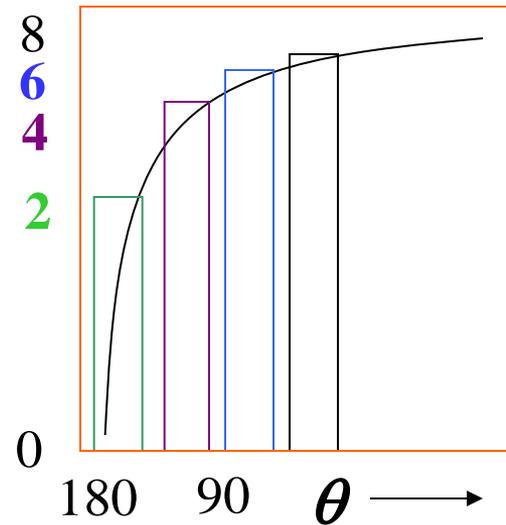
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for  $T=1$ , even  $J$

e.g.  $J^\pi = (h_{9/2})^2$  coupled to  
 $0^+$ ,  $2^+$ ,  $4^+$ ,  $6^+$  and  $8^+$ .

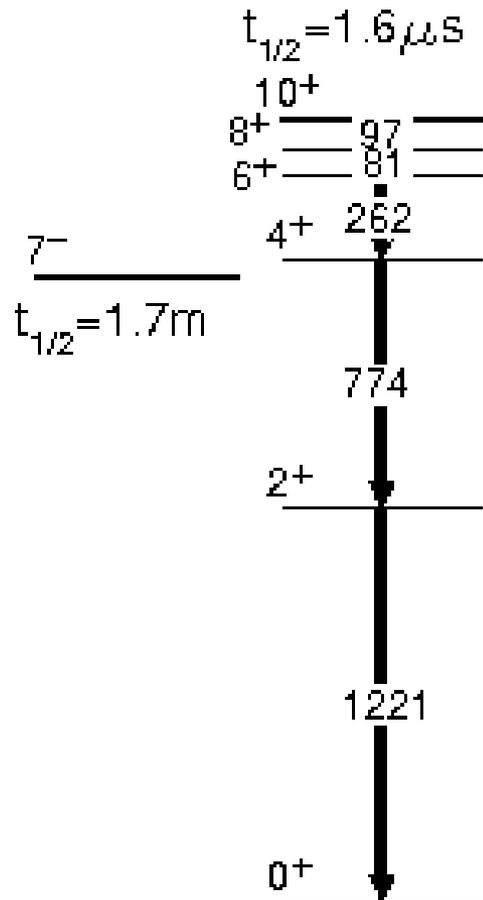
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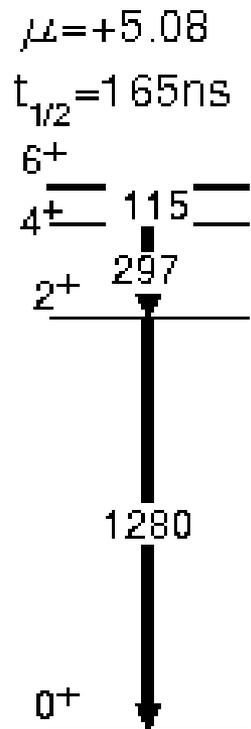
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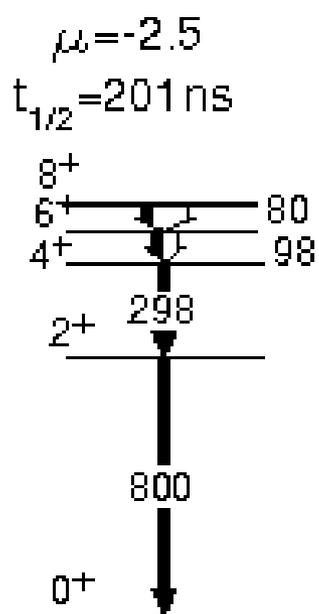
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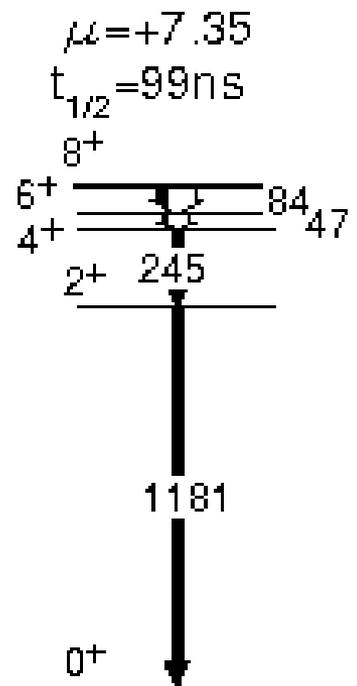
$t_{1/2} = 1.6\ \mu\text{s}$   
 $10^+$   
 $8^+$  97  
 $6^+$  81



$\mu = +5.08$   
 $t_{1/2} = 165\text{ns}$   
 $6^+$   
 $4^+$  115  
 $2^+$  297



$\mu = -2.5$   
 $t_{1/2} = 201\text{ns}$   
 $8^+$   
 $6^+$  80  
 $4^+$  98  
 $2^+$  298



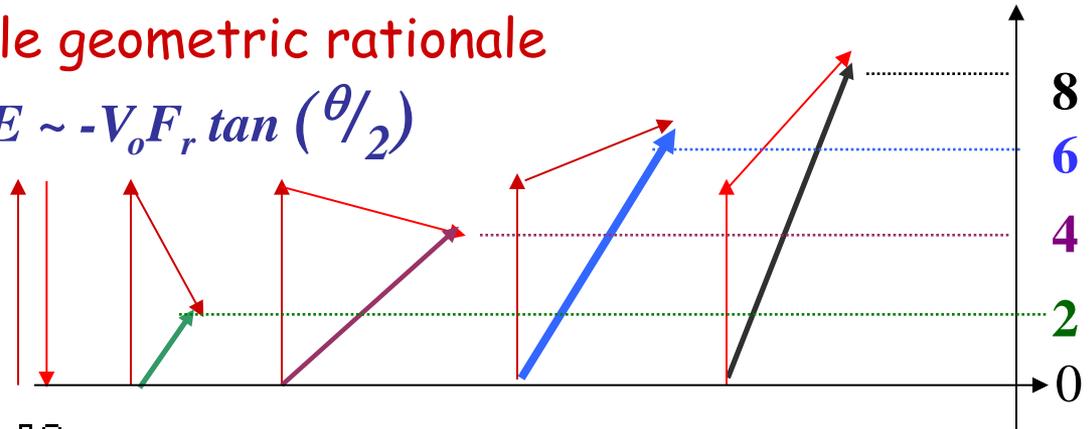
$\mu = +7.35$   
 $t_{1/2} = 99\text{ns}$   
 $8^+$   
 $6^+$  84 47  
 $4^+$   
 $2^+$  245

$^{130}\text{Sn}$   
 $(\nu h_{11/2})^{-2}$

$^{134}\text{Te}$   
 $(\pi g_{7/2})^2$

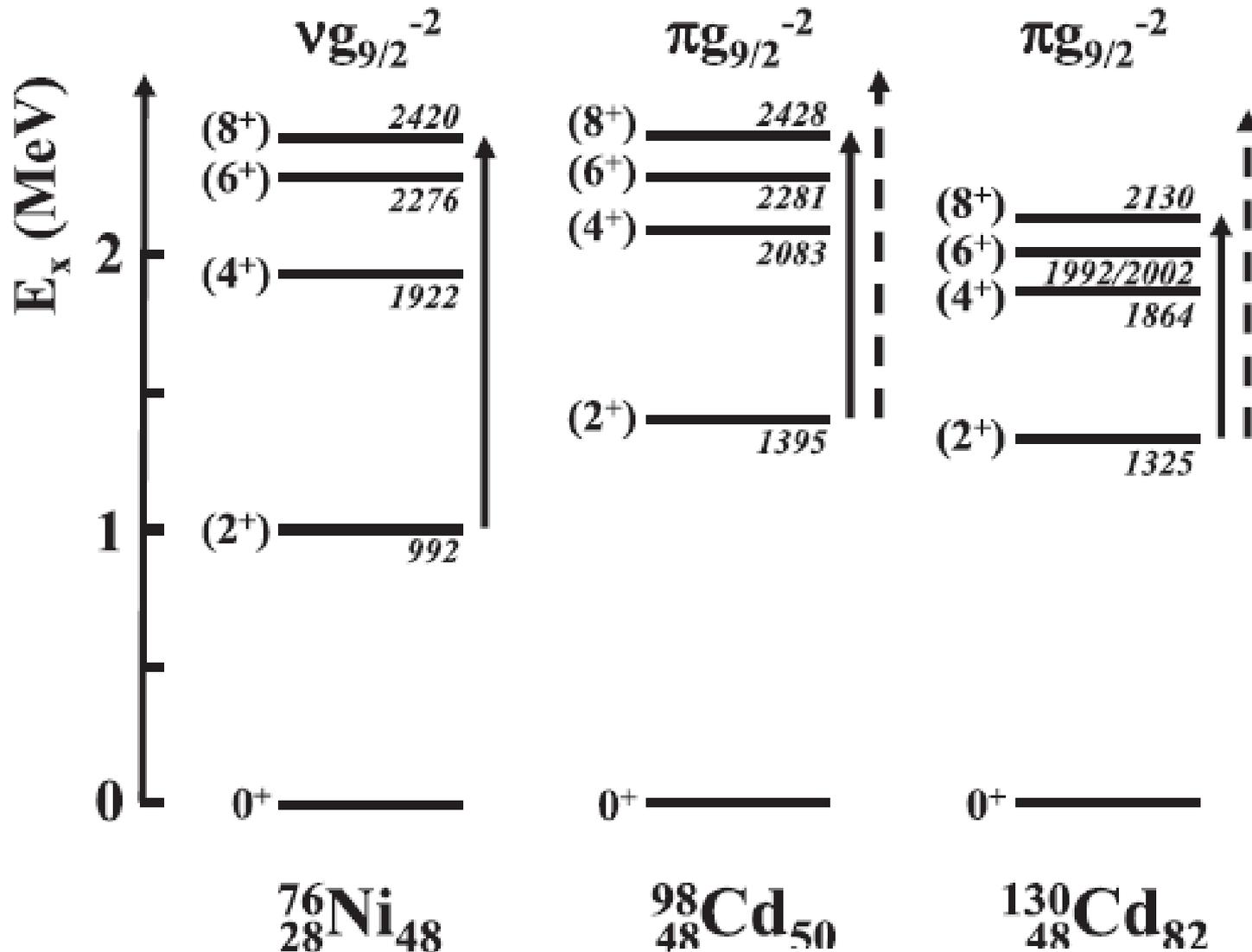
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See e.g., Nuclear structure from a simple perspective, R.F. Casten Chap 4.)

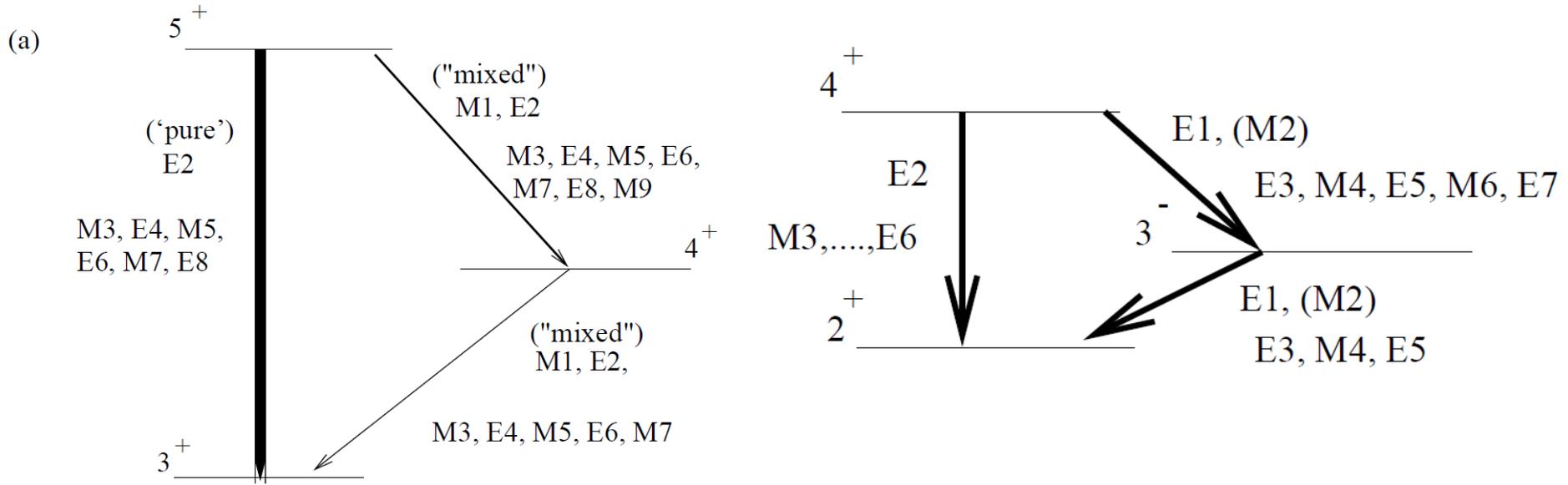
Note, 2 neutron or 2 proton **holes** in doubly magic nuclei show spectra like 2 proton or neutron particles.



A. Jungclaus et al., PRL 99, 132501 (2007)

# Basic EM Selection Rules?

$$|I_i + I_f| \geq L \geq |I_i - I_f|$$



The transition probability for a state decaying from state  $J_i$  to state  $J_f$ , separated by energy  $E_\gamma$ , by a transition of multipole order  $L$  is given by [1, 7]

$$T_{fi}(\lambda L) = \frac{8\pi(L+1)}{\hbar L ((2L+1)!!)^2} \left( \frac{E_\gamma}{\hbar c} \right)^{2L+1} B(\lambda L : J_i \rightarrow J_f) \quad (1.1.2)$$

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Measuring the lifetime (decay probability) of a nuclear state thus gives a value for the  $B(\lambda L : J_i \rightarrow J_f)$ .

For lifetimes,  $\tau$  in units of seconds where the transition *probability* per unit second,  $T = \frac{1}{\tau}$ , ( $E_\gamma$  in MeV),

$$T(E1) = 1.587 \times 10^{15} E_\gamma^3 B(E1) \quad (5.0.4)$$

$$T(E2) = 1.223 \times 10^9 E_\gamma^5 B(E2) \quad (5.0.5)$$

$$T(E3) = 5.698 \times 10^2 E_\gamma^7 B(E3) \quad (5.0.6)$$

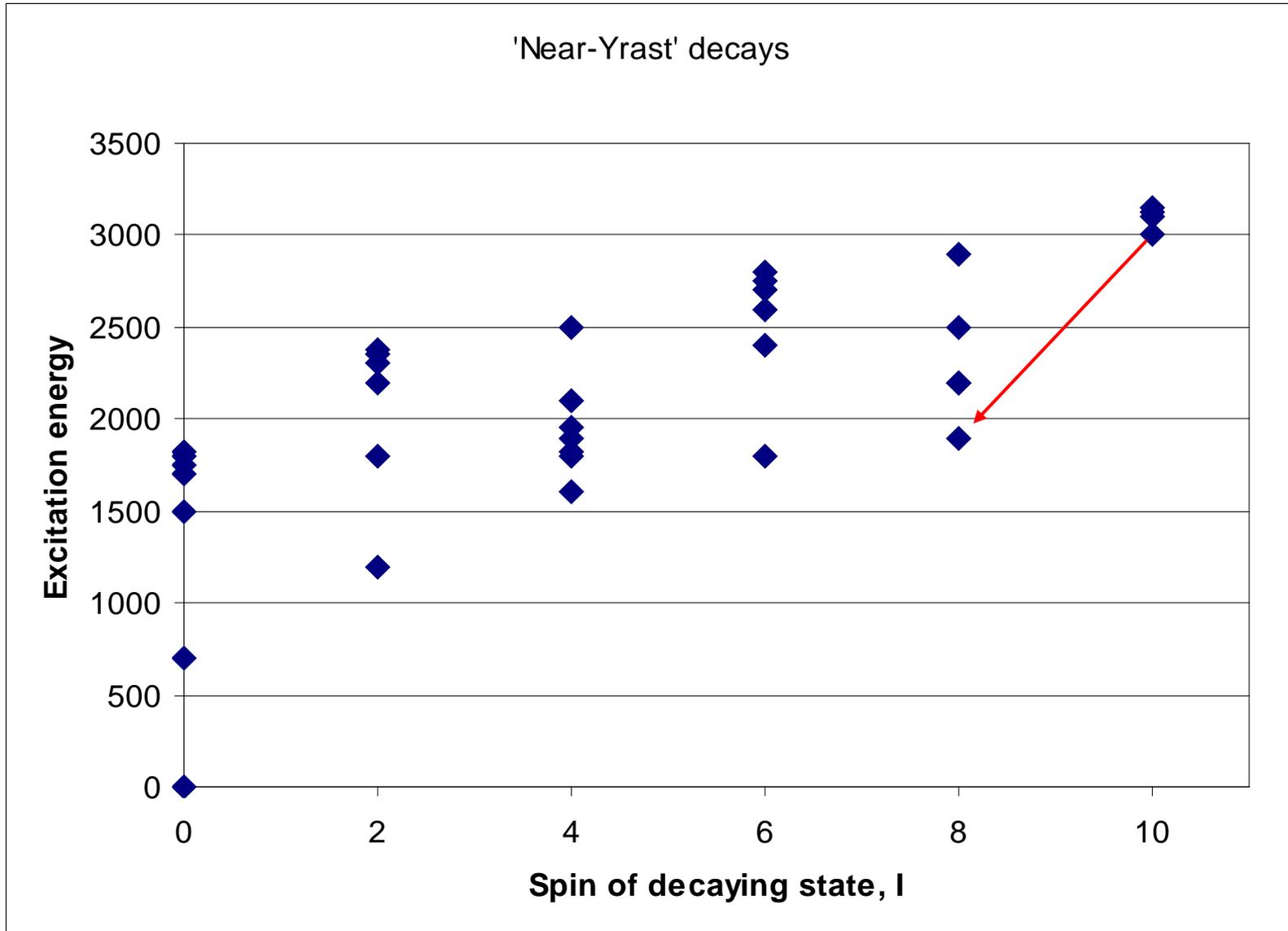
$$T(M1) = 1.779 \times 10^{13} E_\gamma^3 B(M1) \quad (5.0.7)$$

$$T(M2) = 1.371 \times 10^7 E_\gamma^5 B(M2) \quad (5.0.8)$$

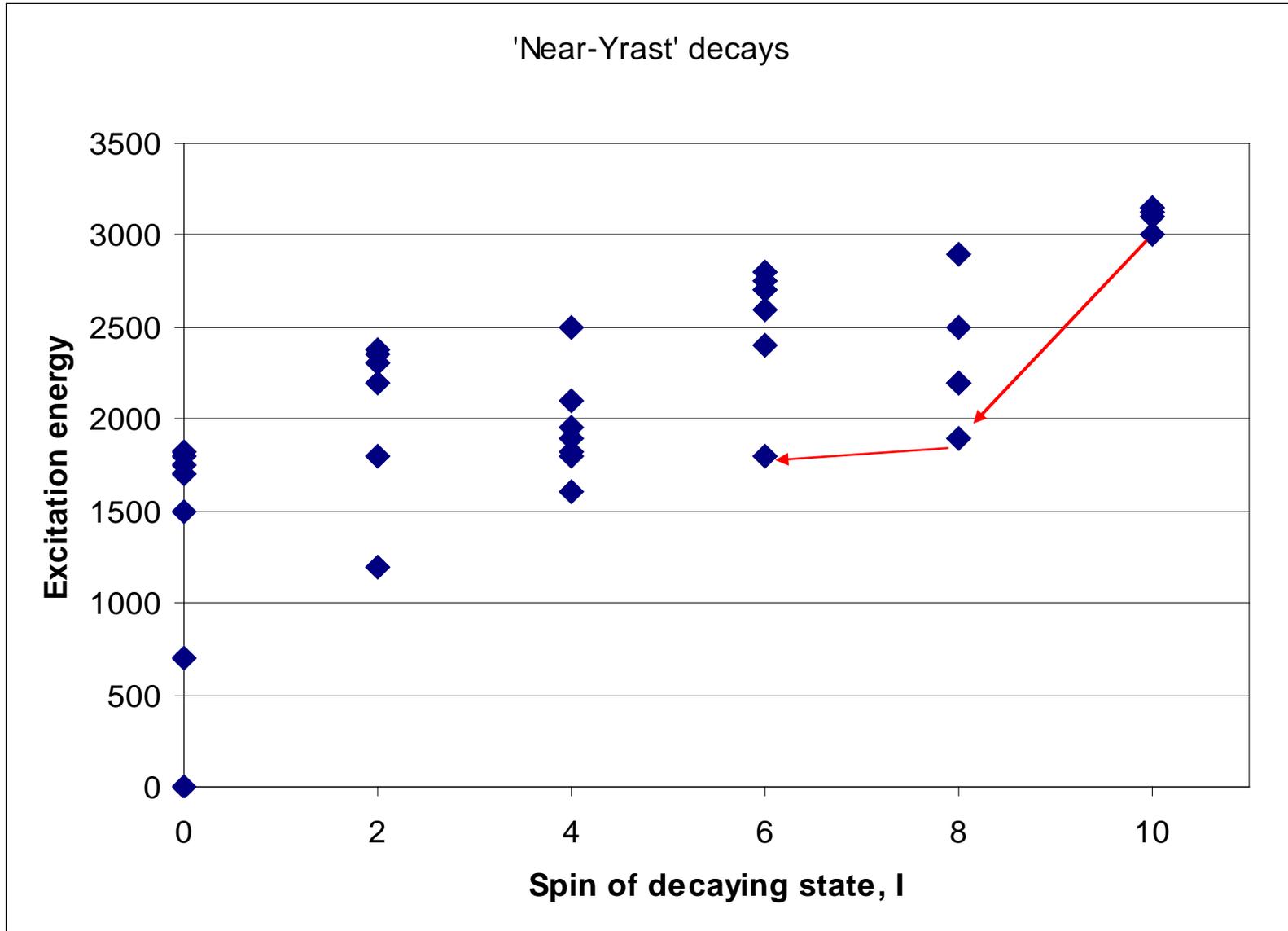
$$T(M3) = 6.387 \times E_\gamma^7 B(M3) \quad (5.0.9)$$

The units of  $B(E\lambda)$  are  $e^2 \text{fm}^{2\lambda}$  and the units of  $B(M\lambda)$  are  $(e\hbar 2Mc)^2 (\text{fm})^{2\lambda-2}$ .

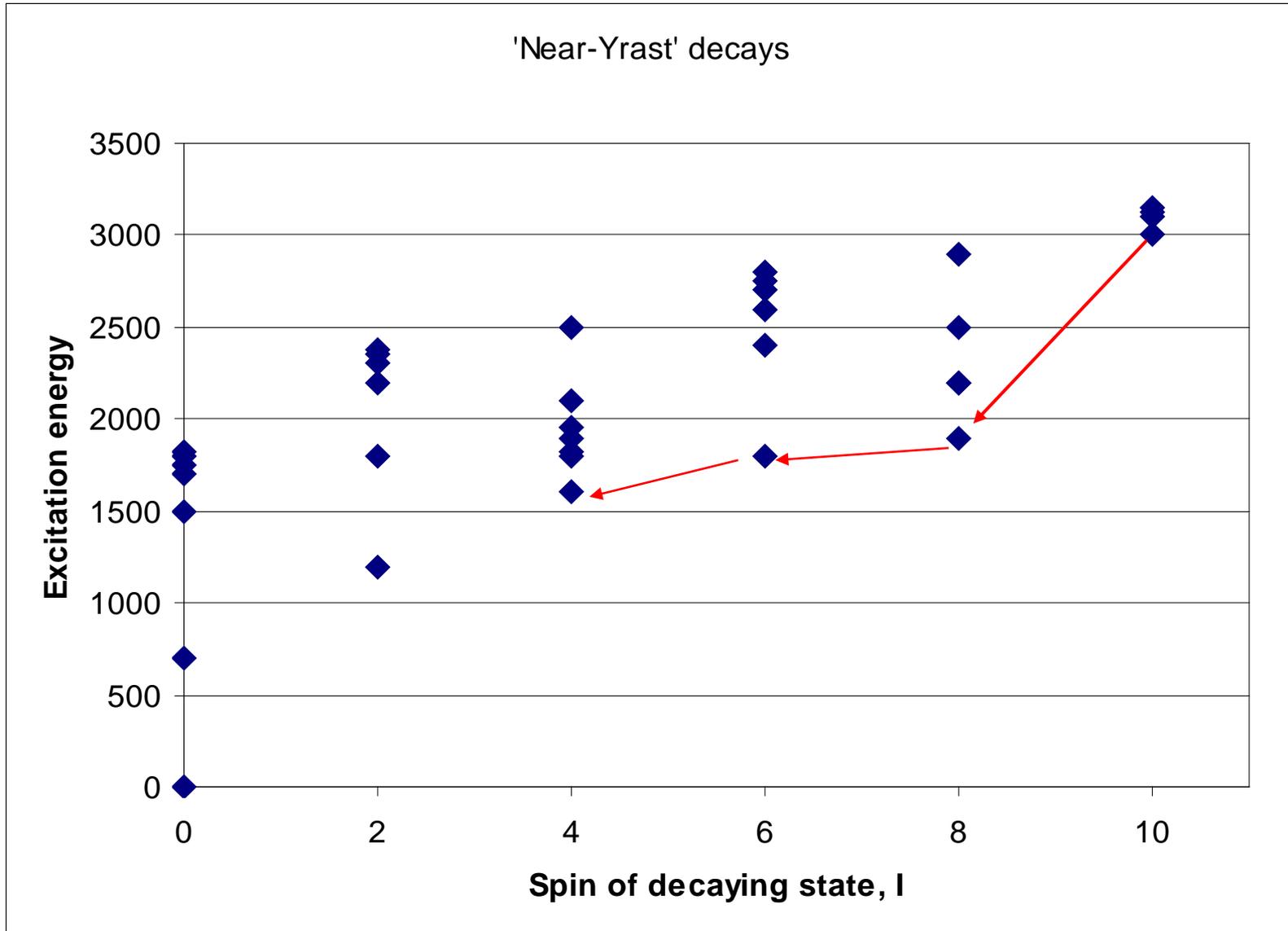
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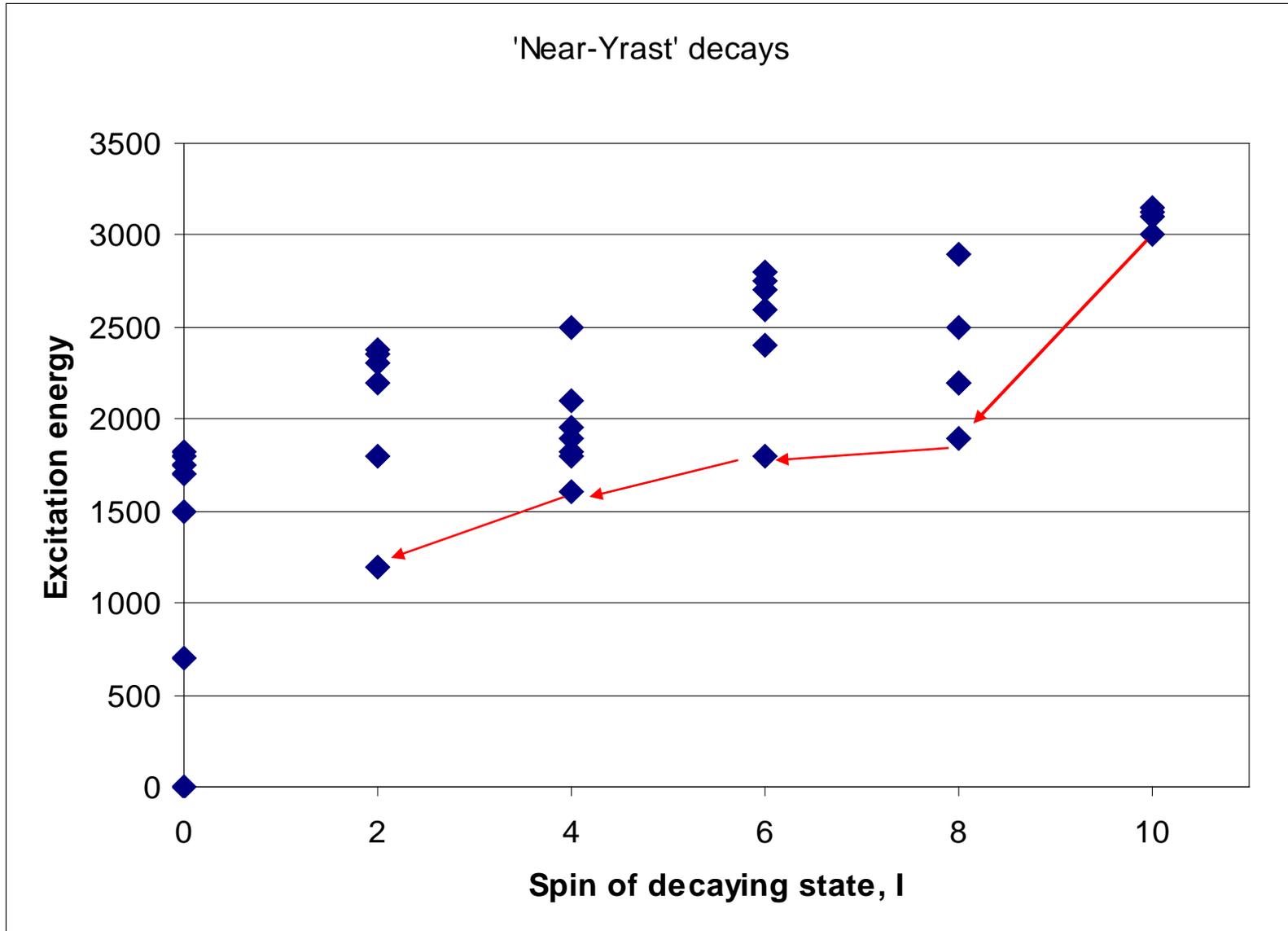
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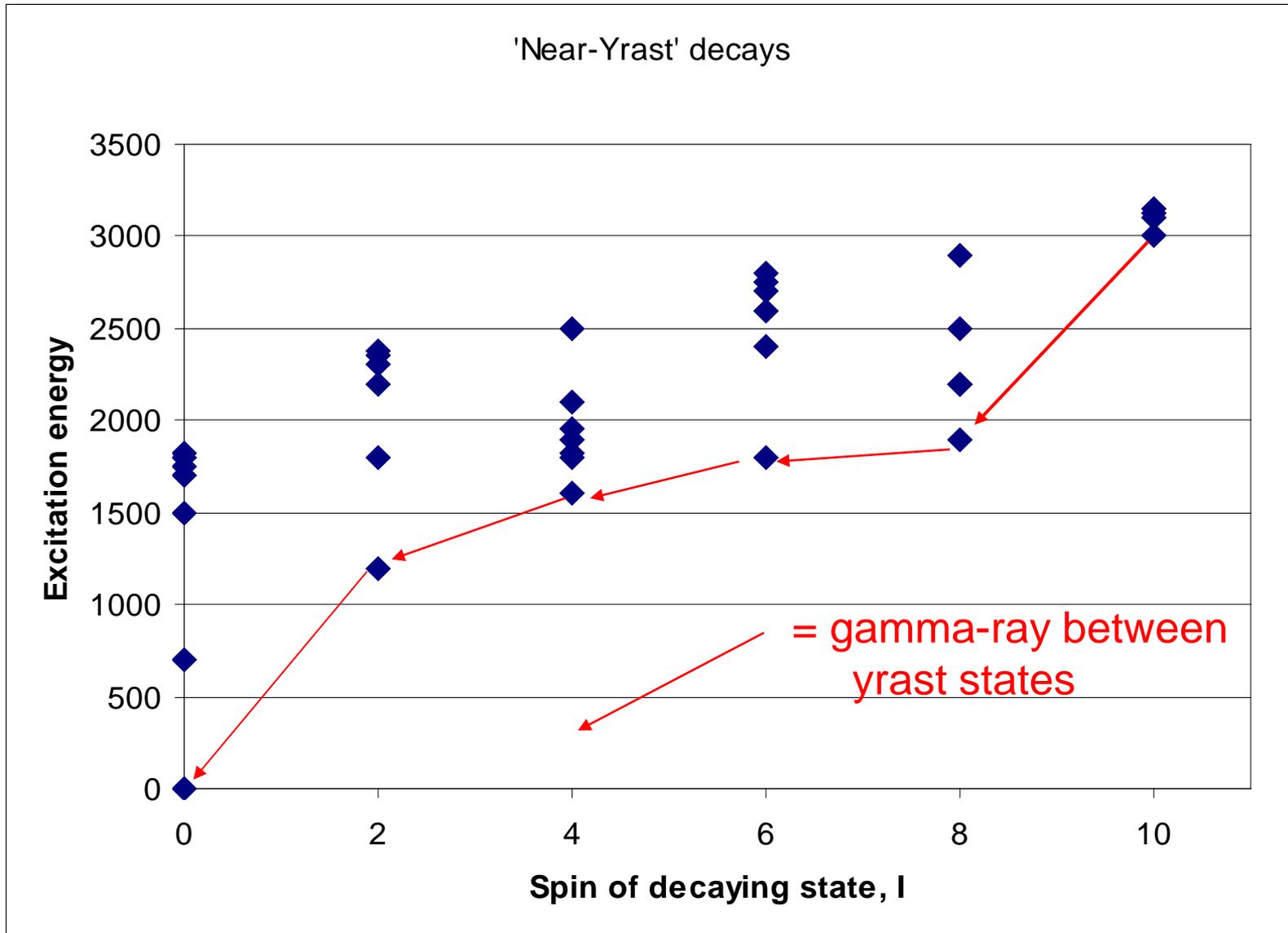
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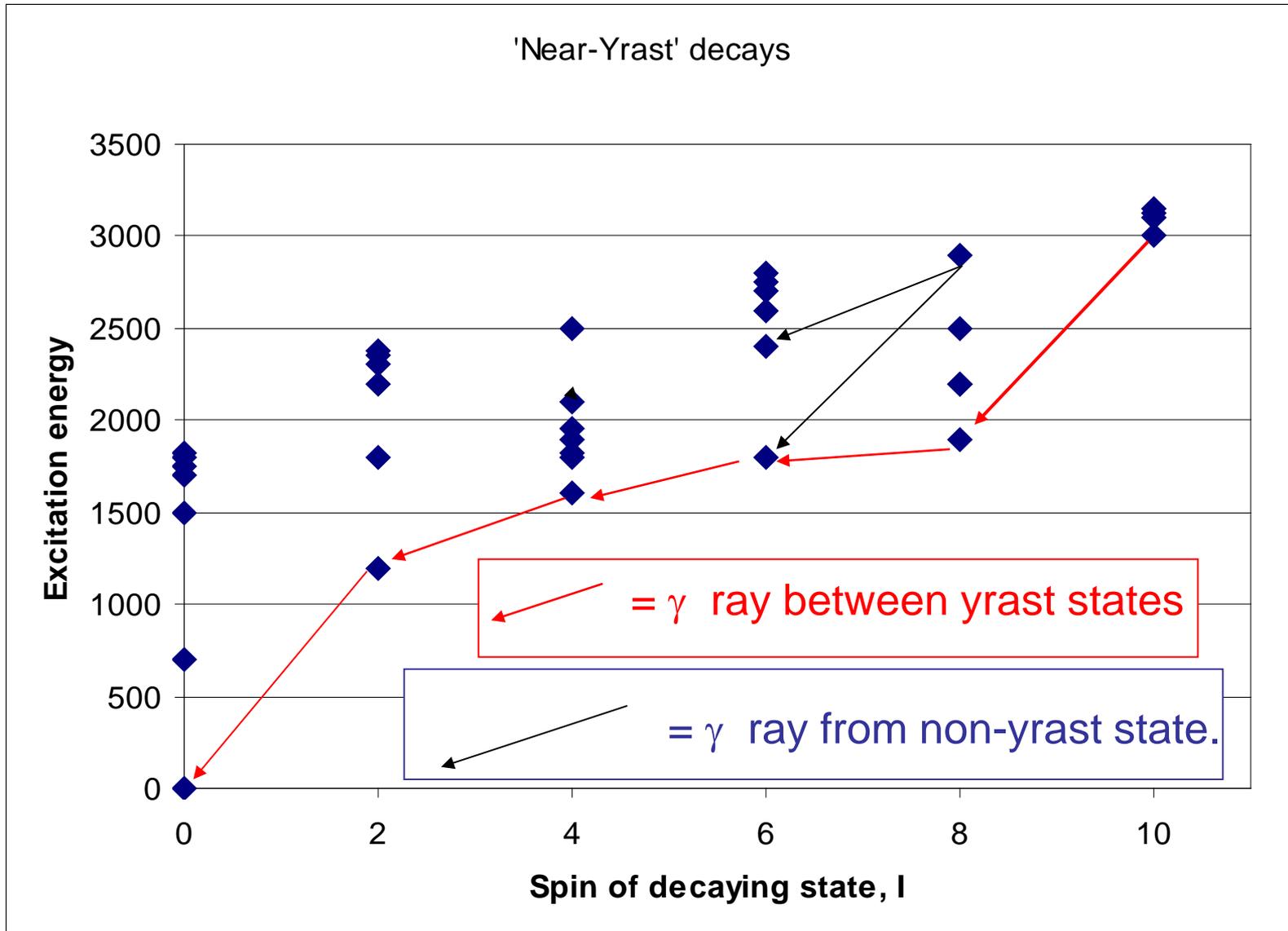
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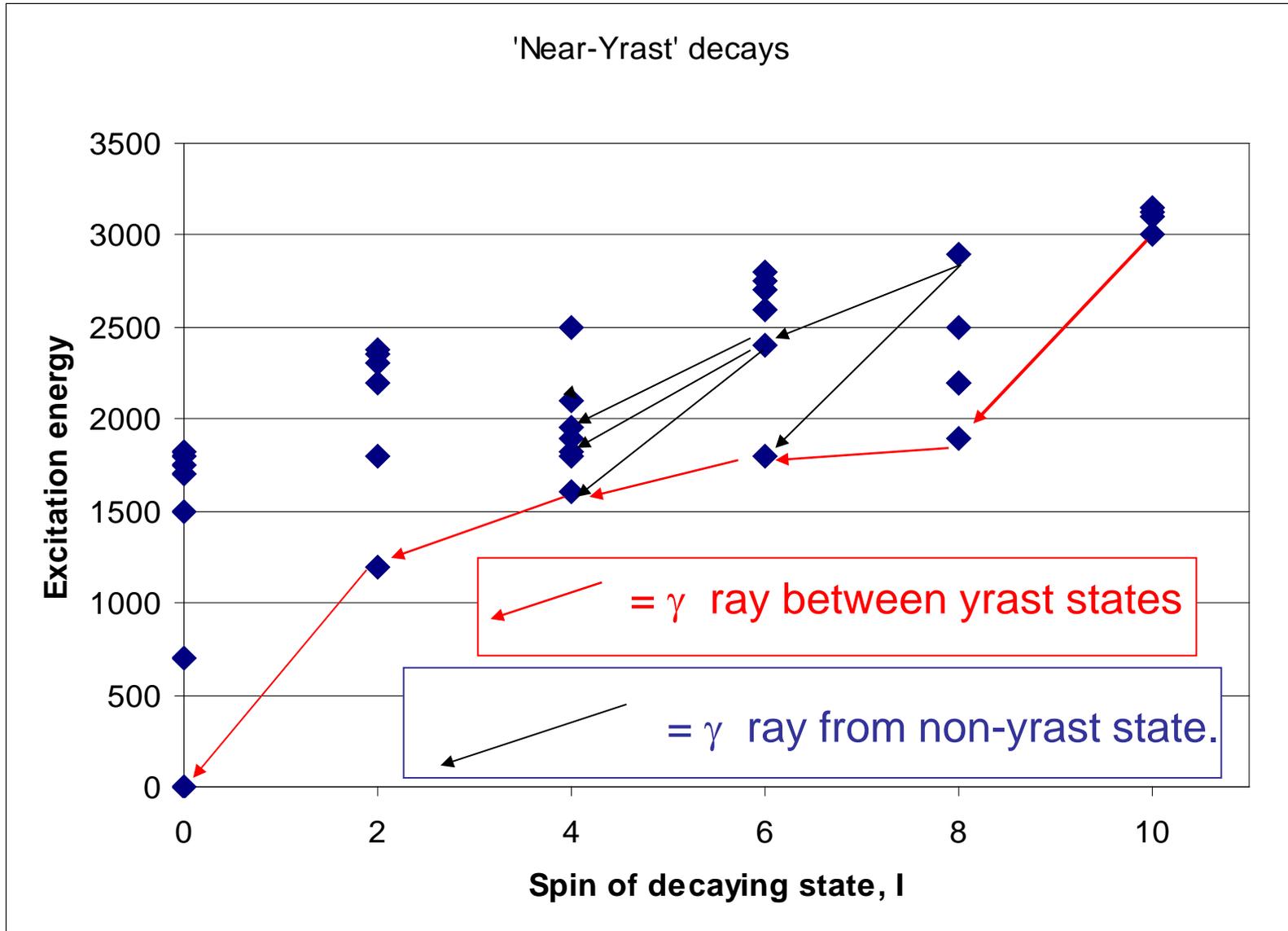
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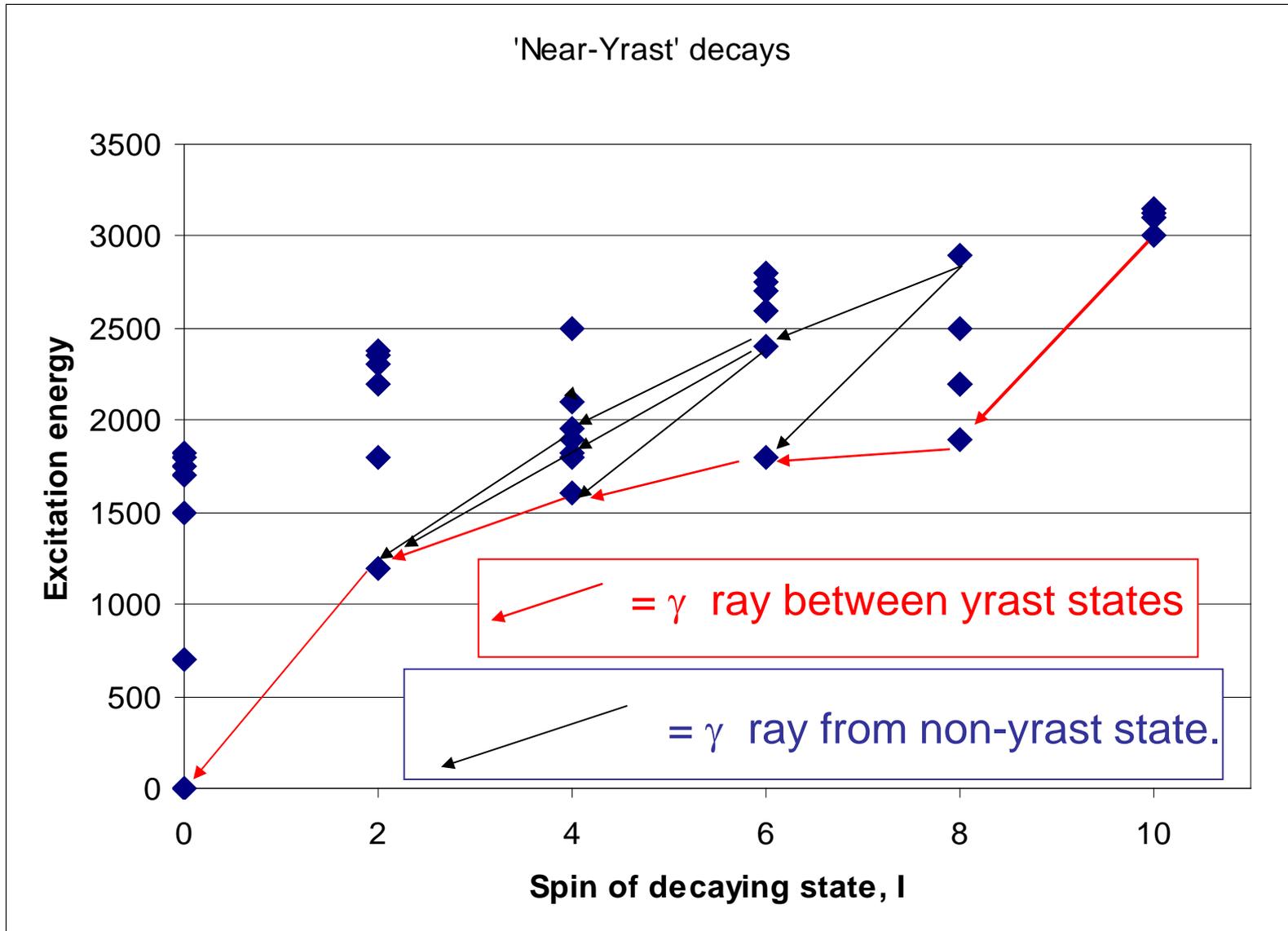
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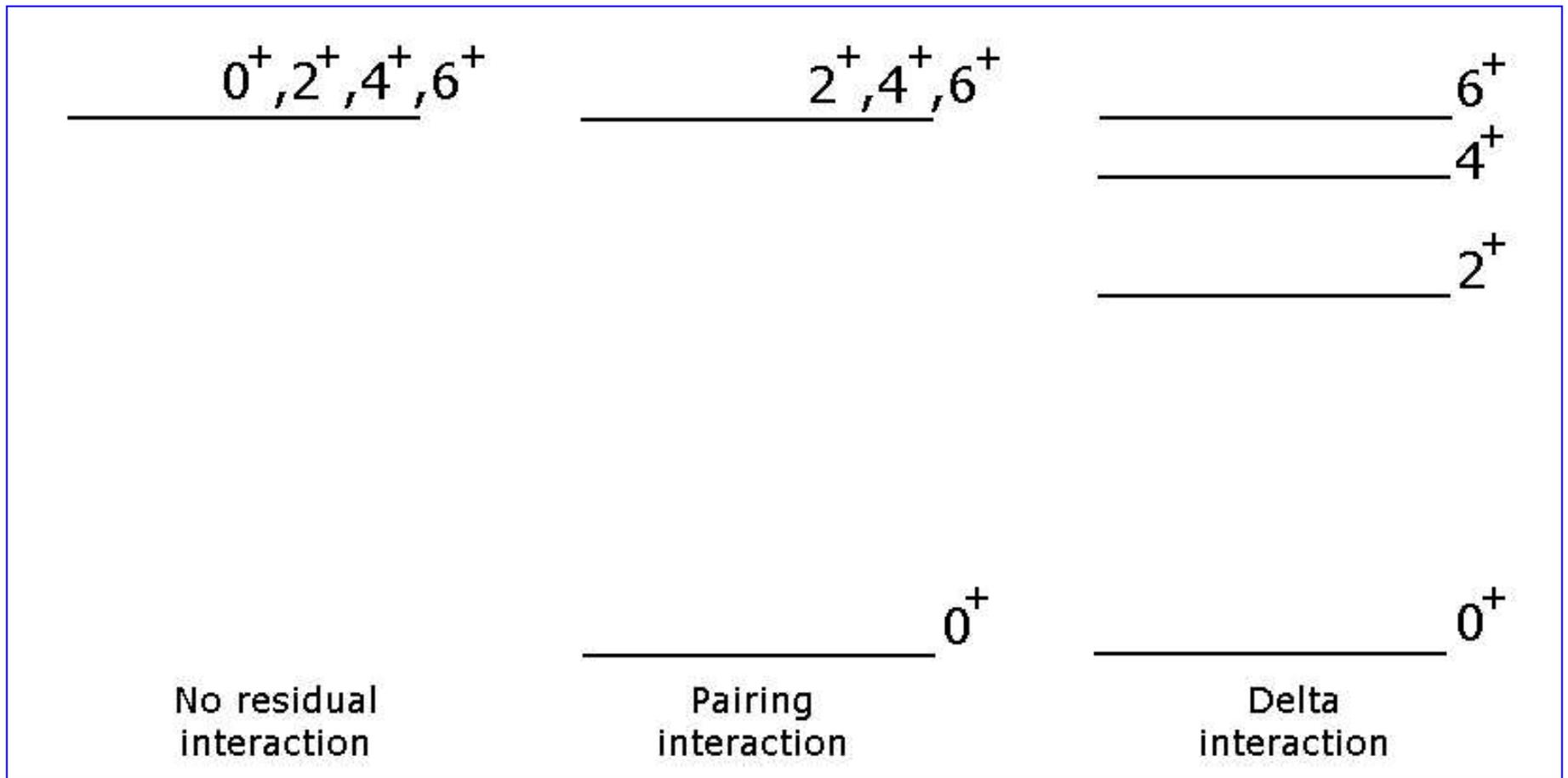


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# The effective interaction between nucleons deduced from nuclear spectra\*

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## B. General features in the experimental matrix elements

Several comparisons of the experimental matrix elements seem worthwhile before embarking on detailed analyses. To gain a qualitative impression of spectra we adopt plots of matrix elements as a function of  $\theta_{12}$ , the classical angle of orientation between the two angular momentum vectors  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  coupled to  $J$  which gives a measure of the overlap of their orbital wavefunctions.  $\theta_{12}$  is defined by

$$\cos \theta_{12} = \frac{J(J+1) - j_1(j_1+1) - j_2(j_2+1)}{2\sqrt{j_1 j_2 (j_1+1)(j_2+1)}}. \quad (\text{II.2})$$

$$\Delta E(j^2 J) \approx \frac{-V_0 F_R}{\pi} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (T = 1, J \text{ even}) \quad \Delta E(j_p j_n J)_{j_p=j_n} = \frac{-V_0 F_R}{\pi} \left( \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \right] \quad (T = 0, J \text{ odd})$$

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### EQUIVALENT ORBITS

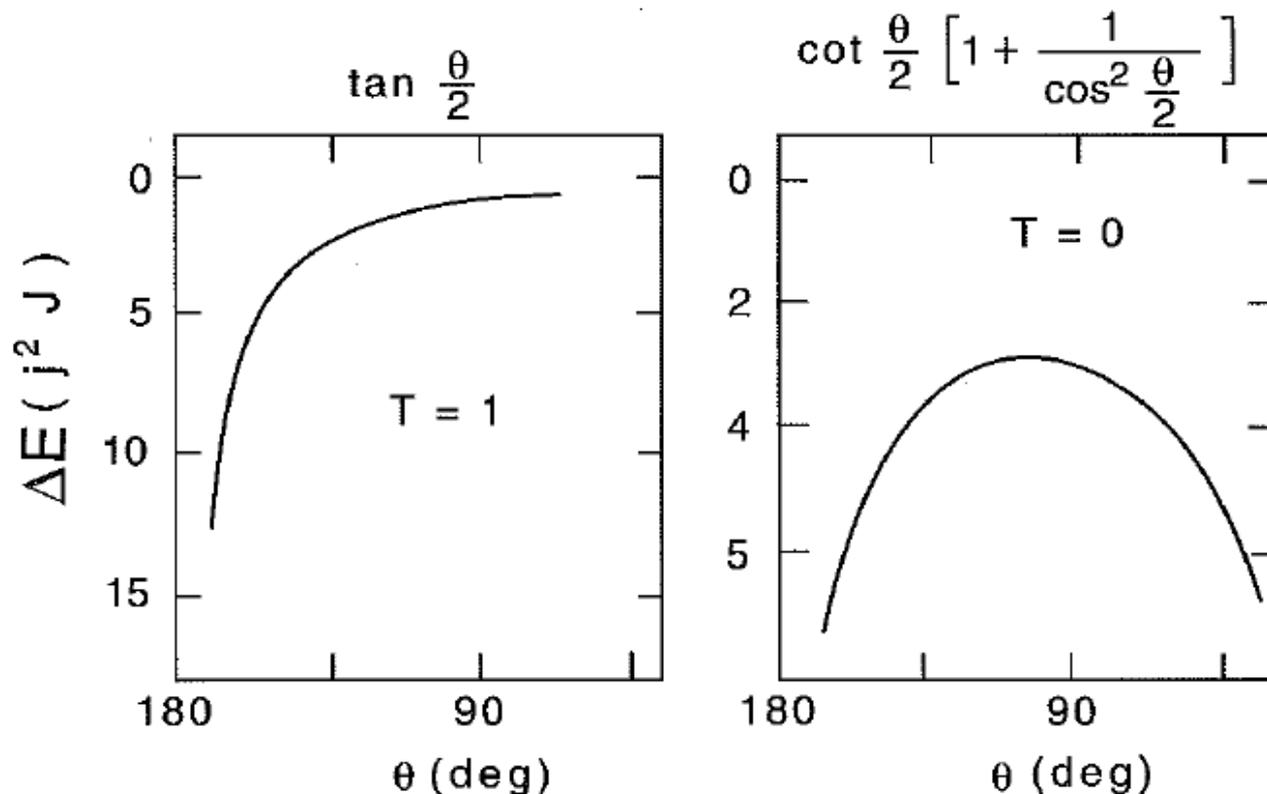


FIG. 4.9. Angular dependence of the  $\delta$ -function residual interaction strength (lower values correspond to more attractive residual interactions) for two particles in equivalent orbits. (Left) The  $T = 1$  ( $J$  even) states. (Right) The  $T = 0$  ( $J$  odd) states. The analytic expressions are indicated above their respective plots.

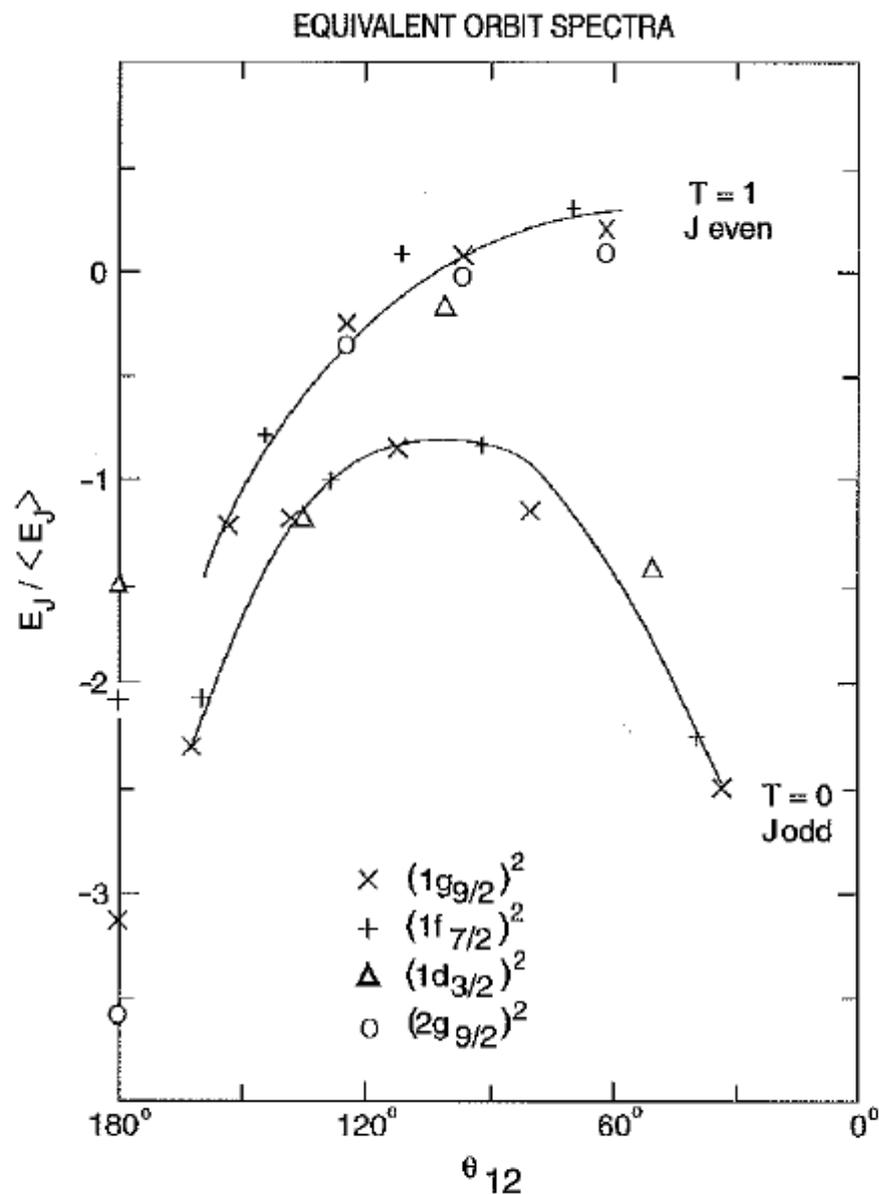


FIG. 4.10. Empirical proton-neutron multiplets for two particle equivalent orbit configurations for comparison with the behavior shown in Fig. 4.9. The curves are drawn through the data (Schiffer, 1971).

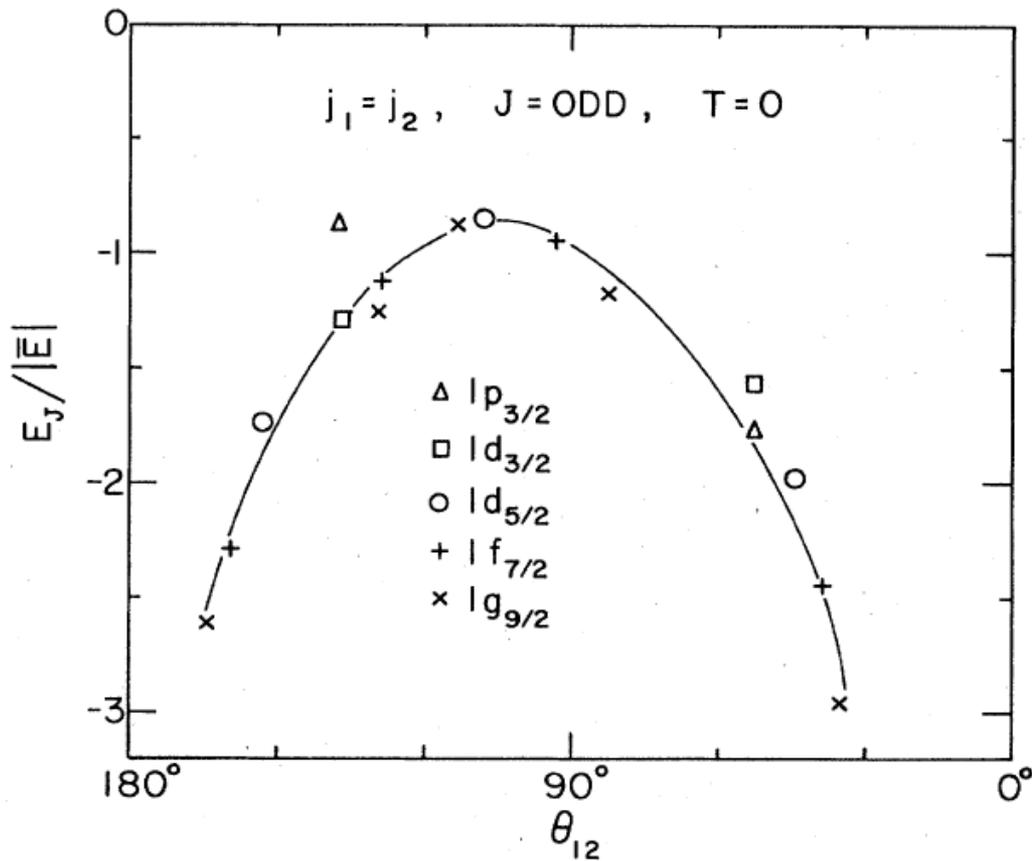


FIG. 2. Comparison of data from various multiplets with  $j_1 = j_2$  and  $T = 0$ . The values of the matrix elements are divided by  $\bar{E} \equiv \sum_J [J] E_J / \sum_J [J]$  to display the similarities in the  $J$  dependence (or  $\theta$  dependence) of the various multiplets.

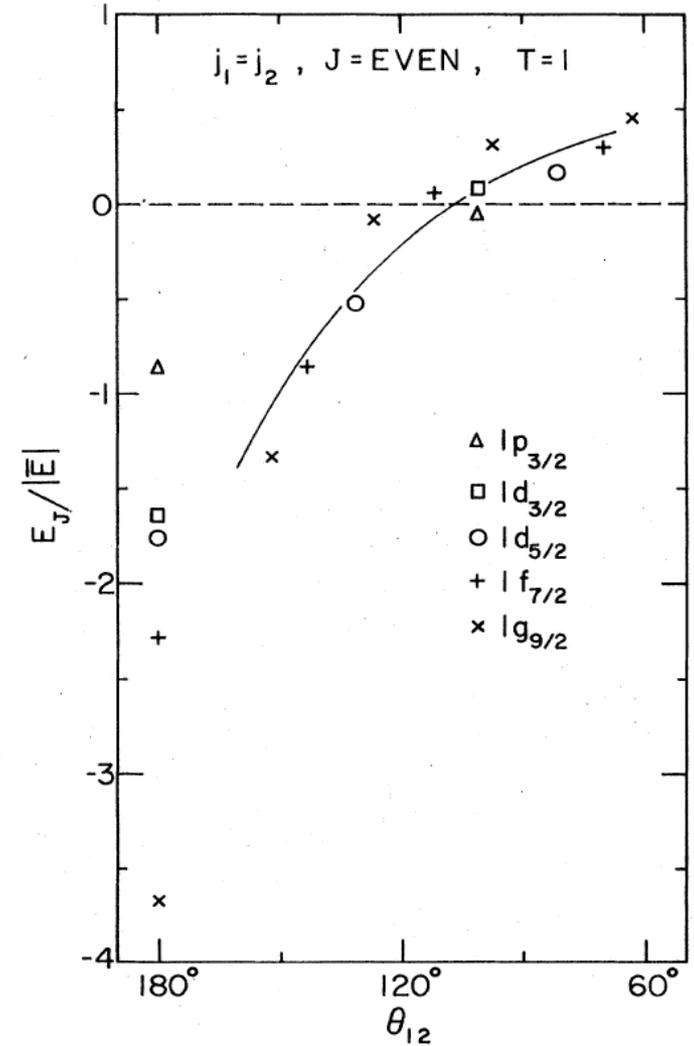


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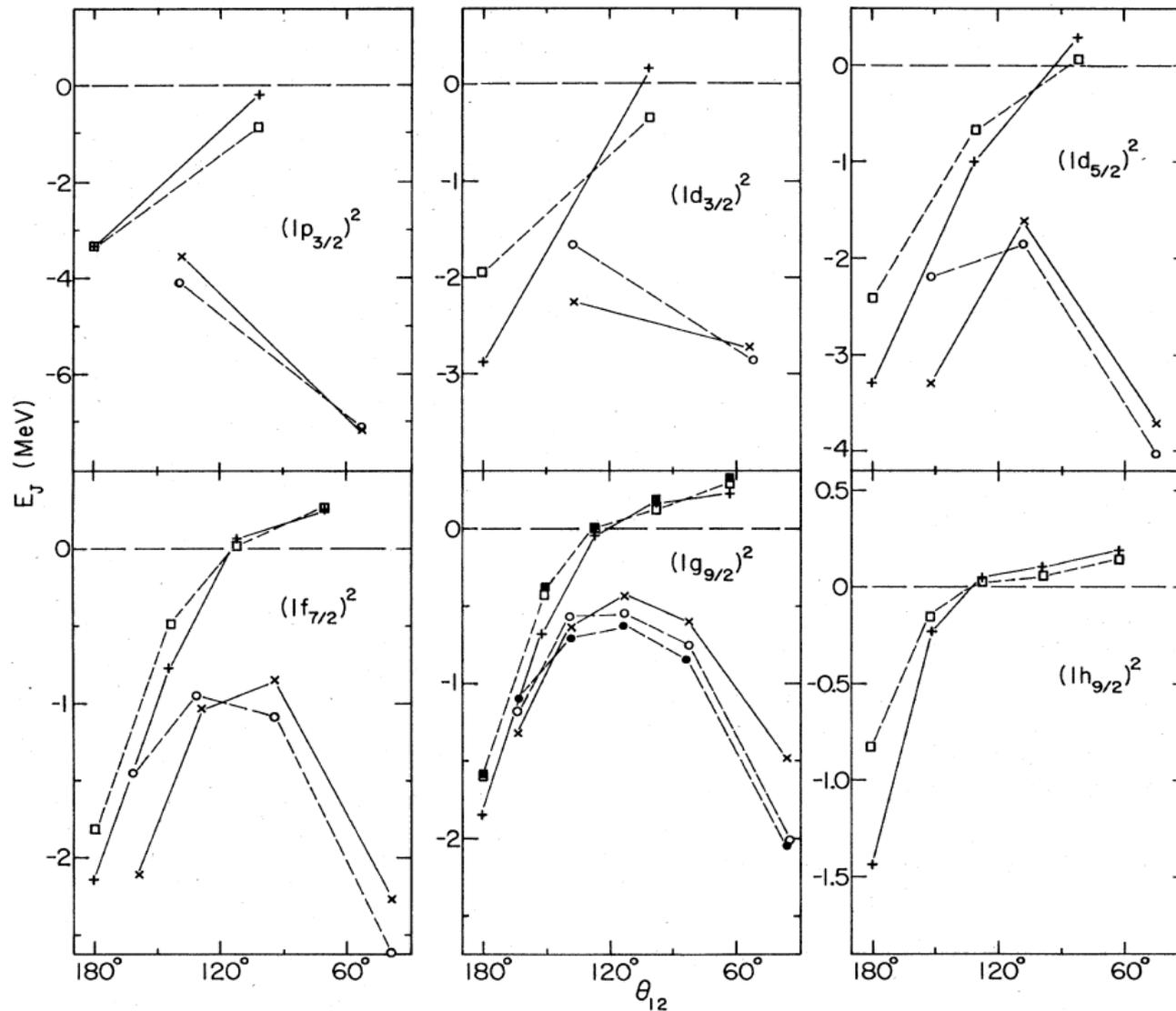


FIG. 4. Plots of the various  $j_1=j_2$  multiplets. The data (crosses) are compared to calculations (circles for  $T=0$  and squares for  $T=1$ ) with the 12-parameter interaction of Table XVII ( $r_2=2.0$  fm). The solid points for the  $(1g_{9/2})^2$  multiplet represent calculations with the purely central five-parameter interaction of Table XIII.

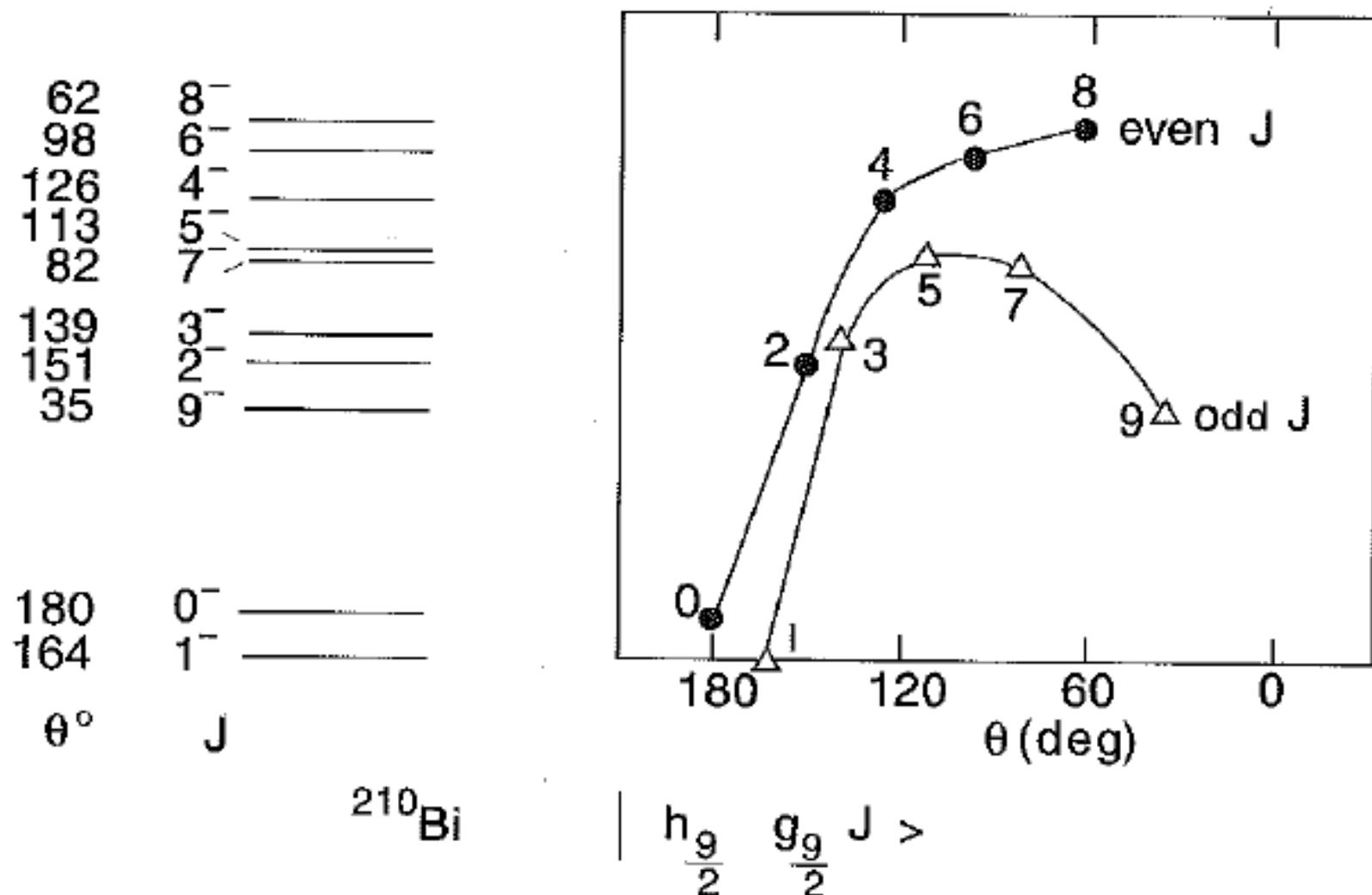
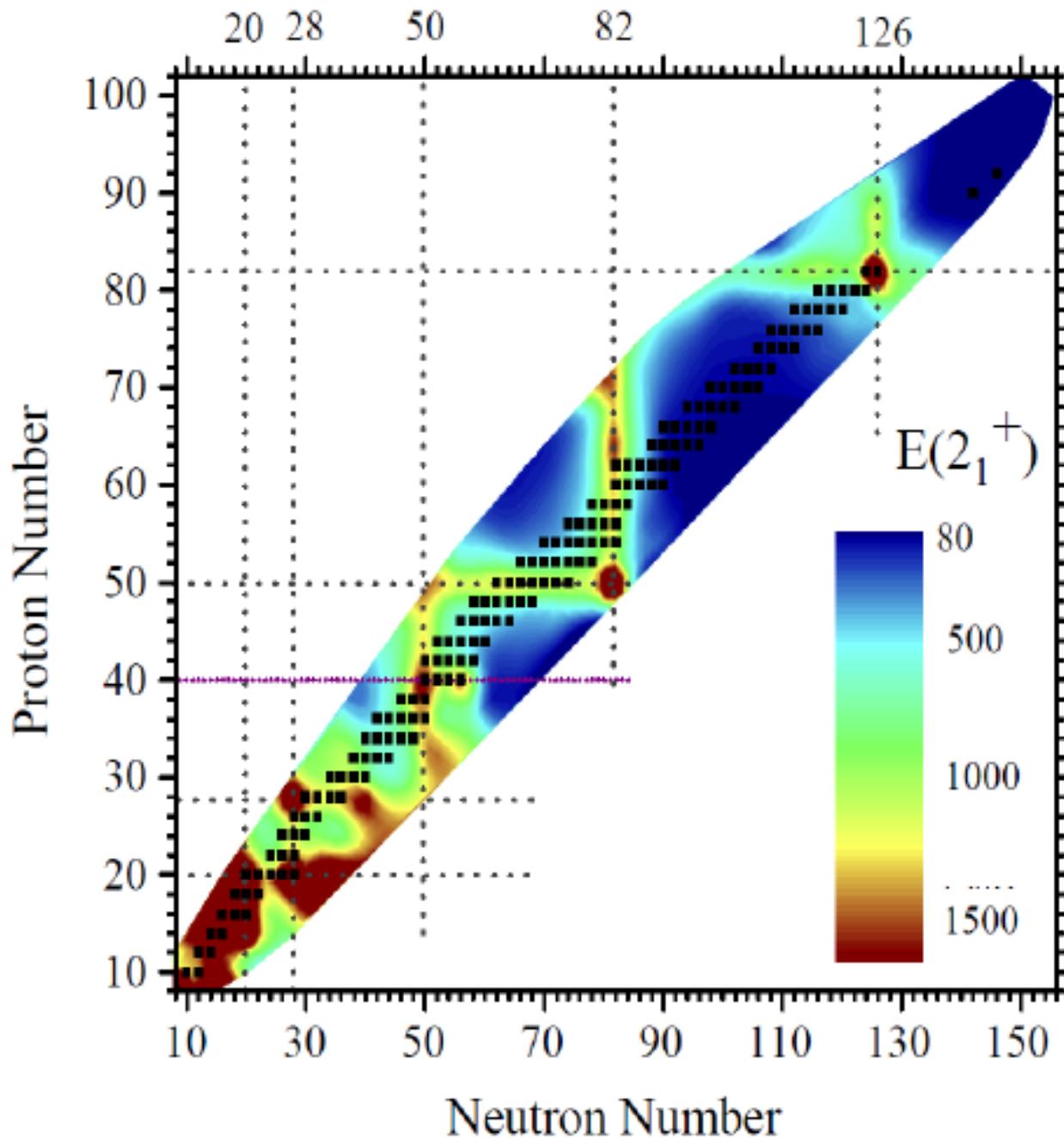
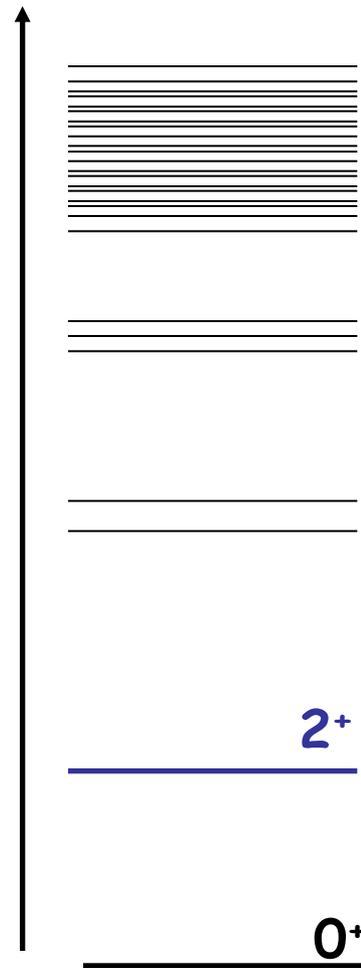


FIG. 4.12. A geometrical analysis of the  $|h_{g/2} g_{g/2} J\rangle$  p-n multiplet in  $^{210}\text{Bi}$ . The empirical levels are shown on the left along with the semiclassical angle between the orbits of the two nucleons. The right side shows that the levels split into two families, according to  $J$  even or  $J$  odd. The solid lines are drawn to connect the points.

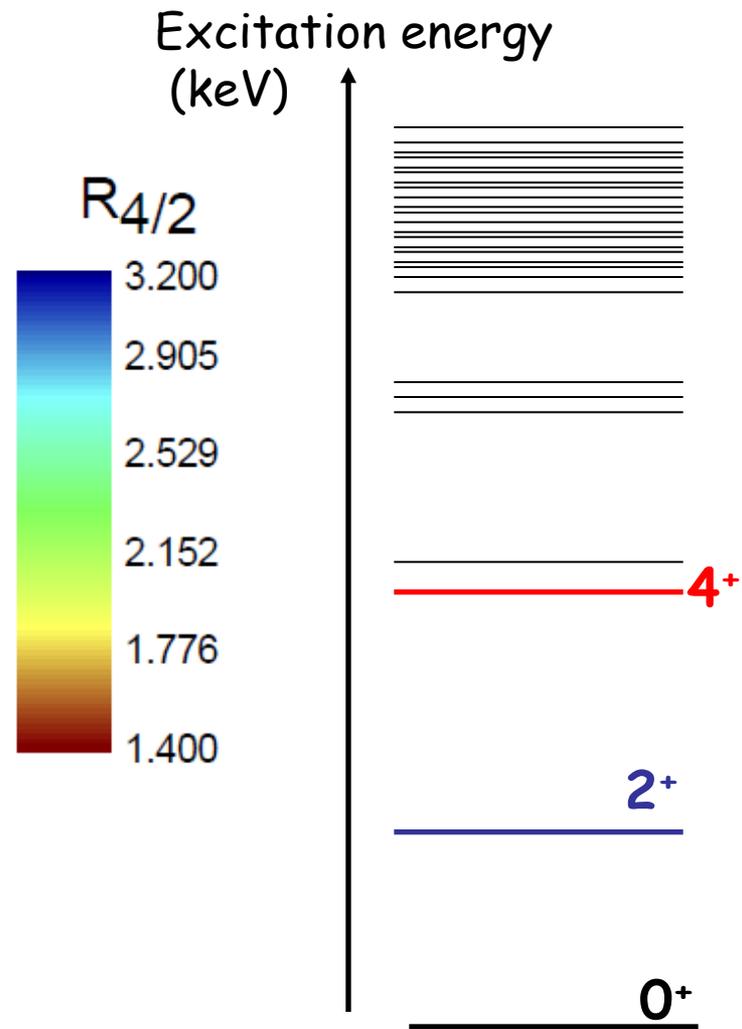
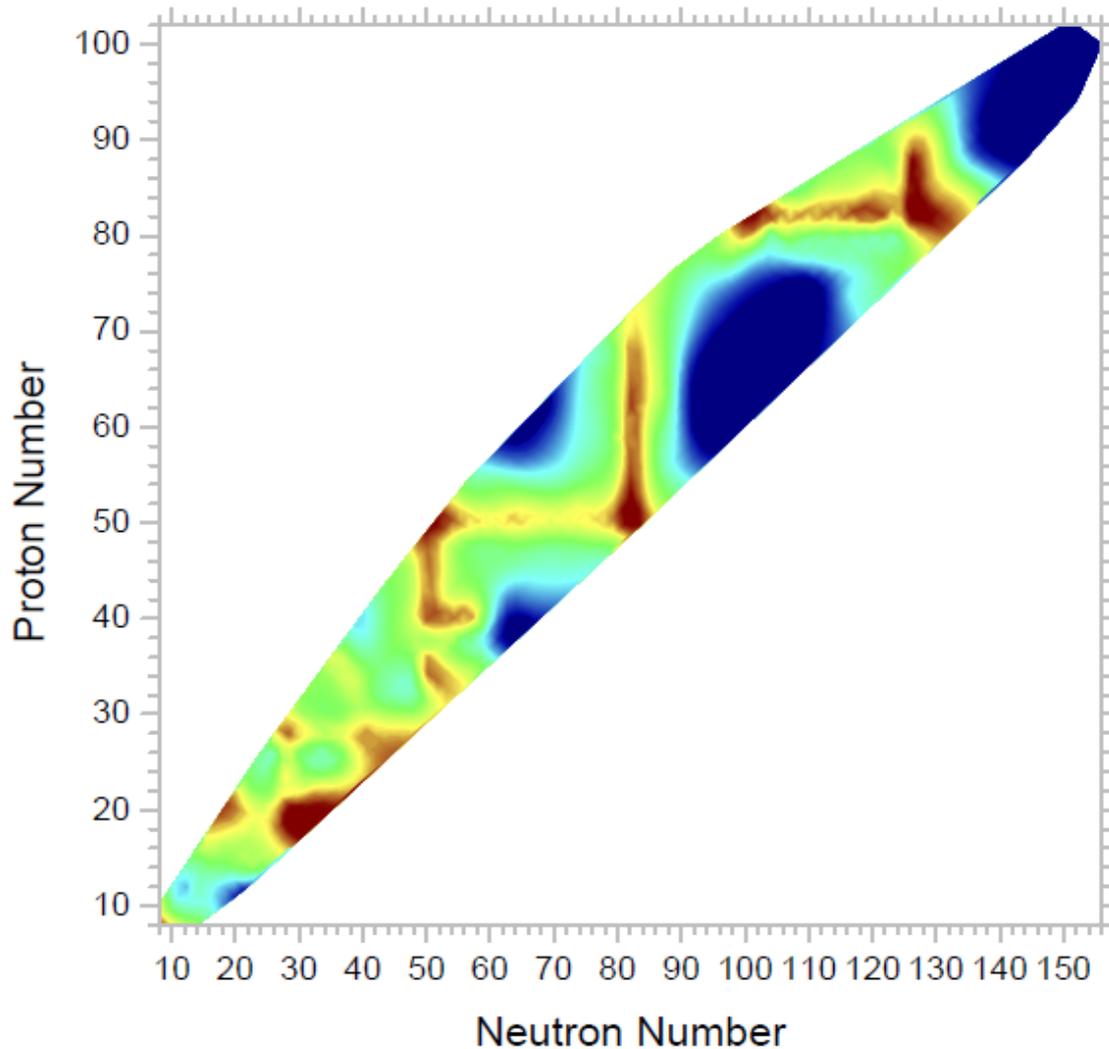


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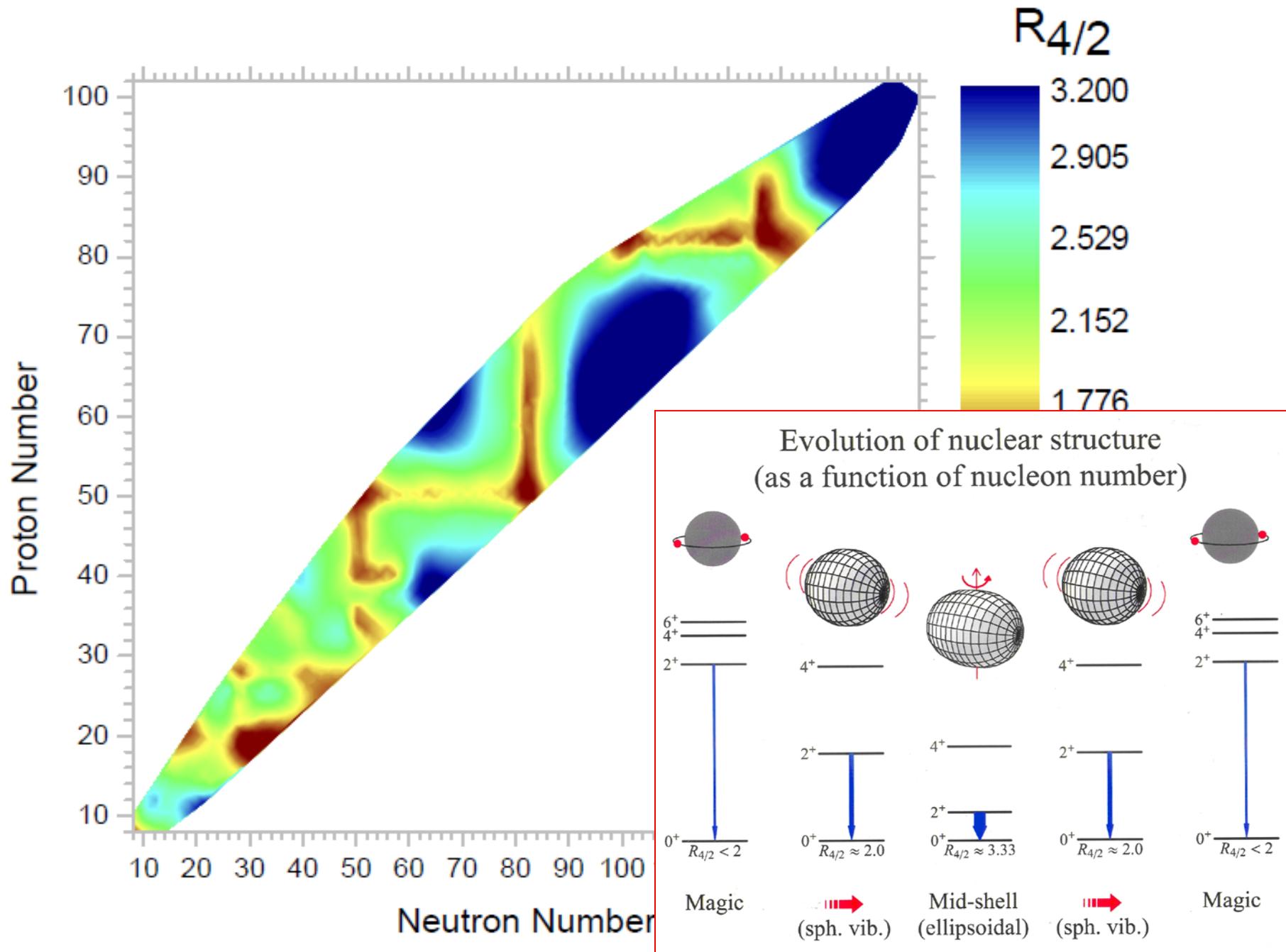


Ground state  
Configuration.  
Spin/parity  $I^\pi=0^+$  ;  
 $E_x = 0$  keV

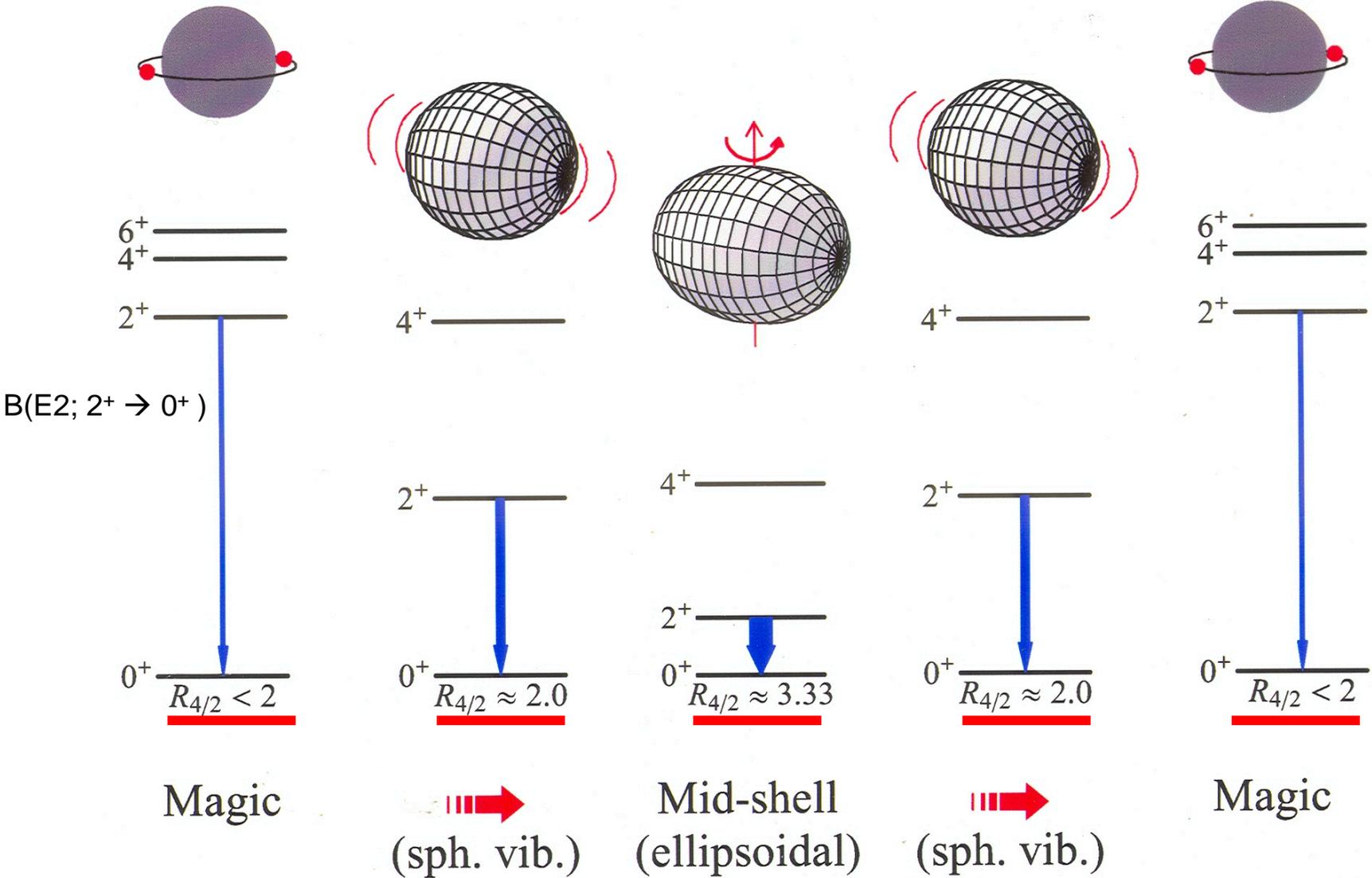
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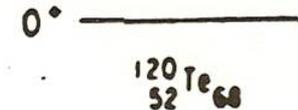
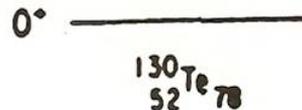
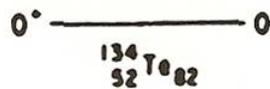
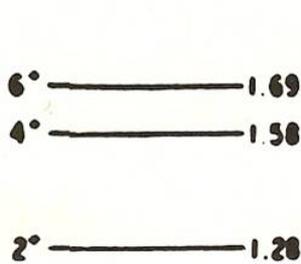
# Evolution of nuclear structure

  
 (as a function of nucleon number)


What about both valence neutrons and protons?

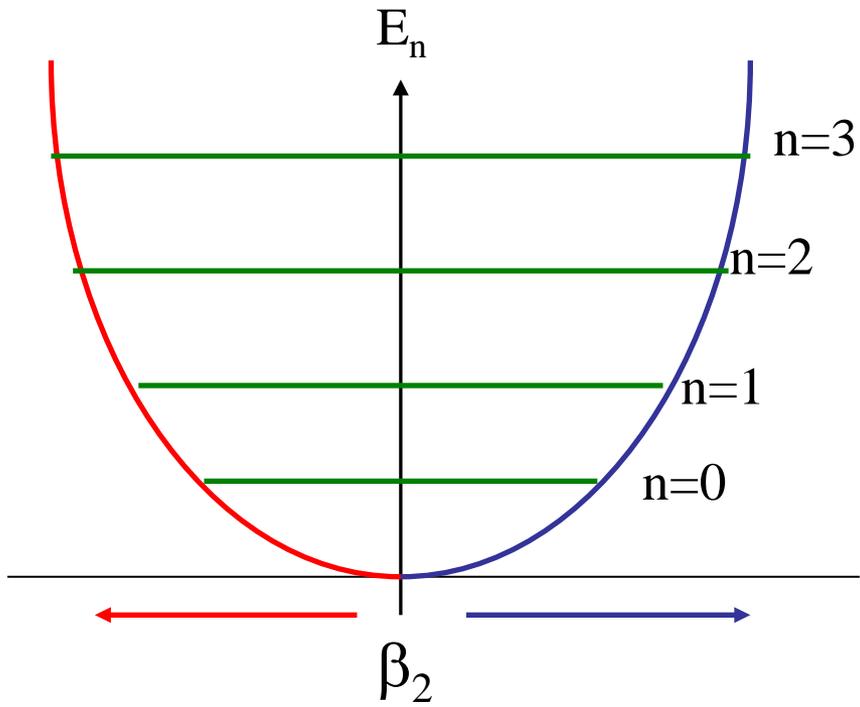
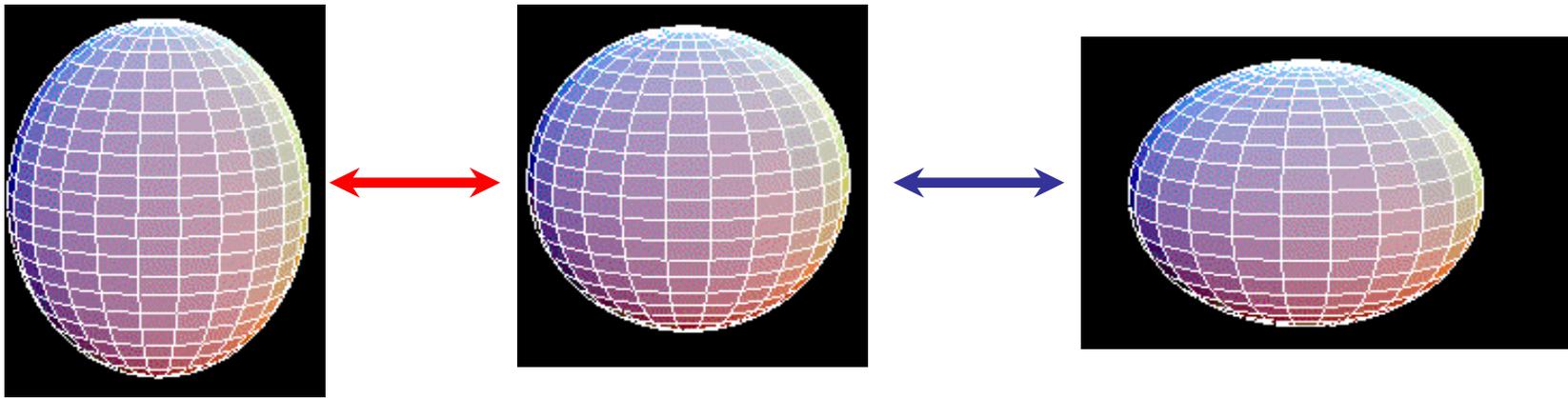
In cases of a few valence nucleons there is a lowering of energies, development of multiplets.

$$R_{4/2} \rightarrow \sim 2-2.4$$

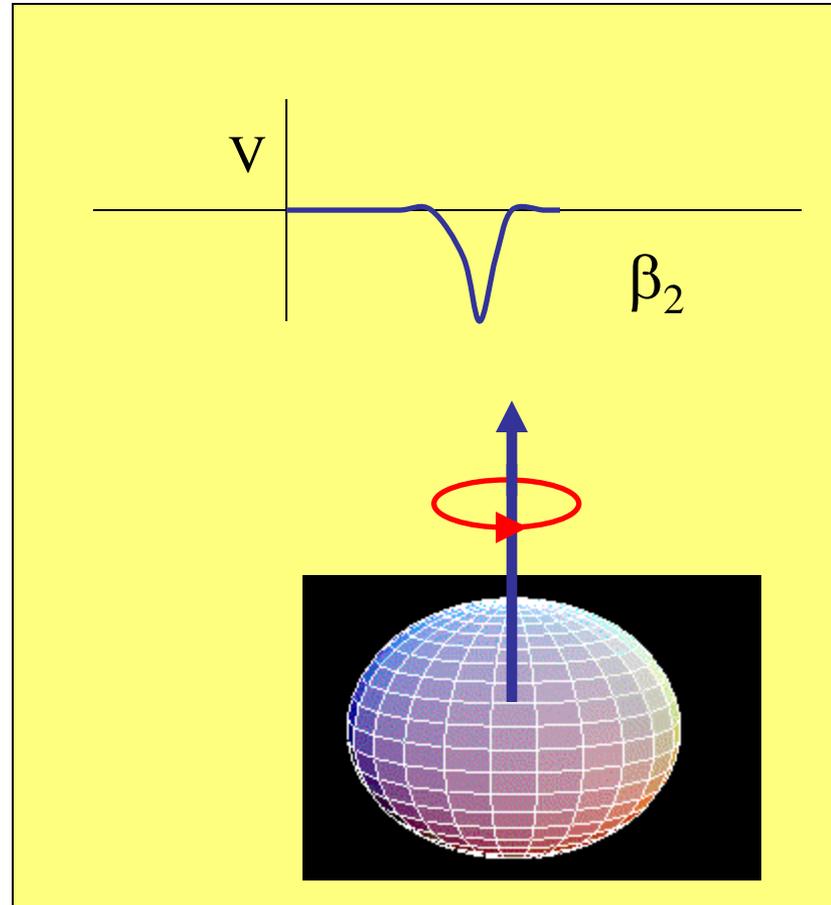


# Quadrupole Vibrations in Nuclei ?

- Low-energy quadrupole vibrations in nuclei ?
  - Evidence?
  - Signatures?
  - Coupling schemes ?



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## Low energy vibrations

$\lambda = 1$  is equivalent to motion of center of mass

Lowest physical mode is  $\lambda = 2$

Quadrupole



$Y_{2\mu}$

$2^+$  \_\_\_\_\_

$0^+$  \_\_\_\_\_

We can use the m-scheme to see what states we can make when we couple together 2 quadrupole phonon excitations of order  $J=2\hbar$

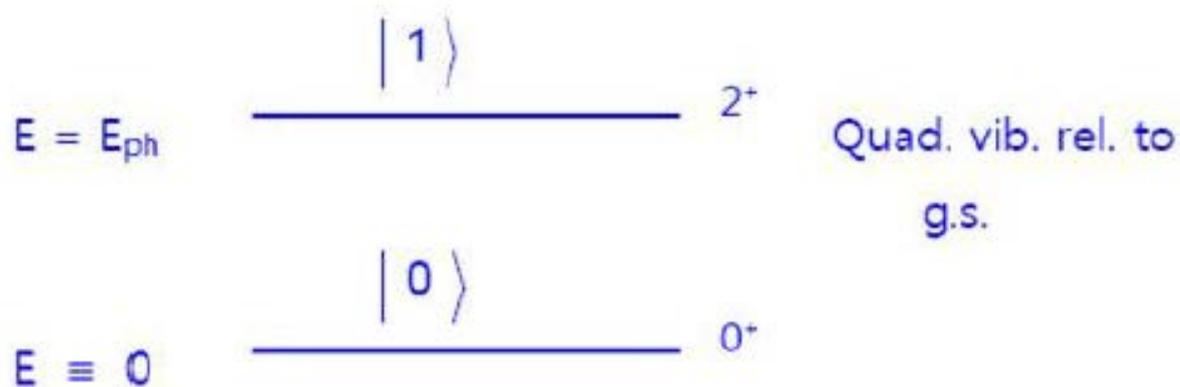
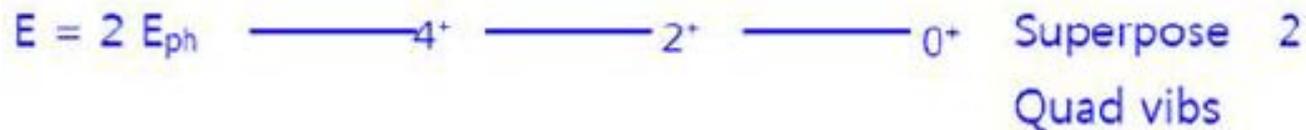
(Note phonons are bosons, so we can couple identical 'particles' together).

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2	1	3	
2	0	2	
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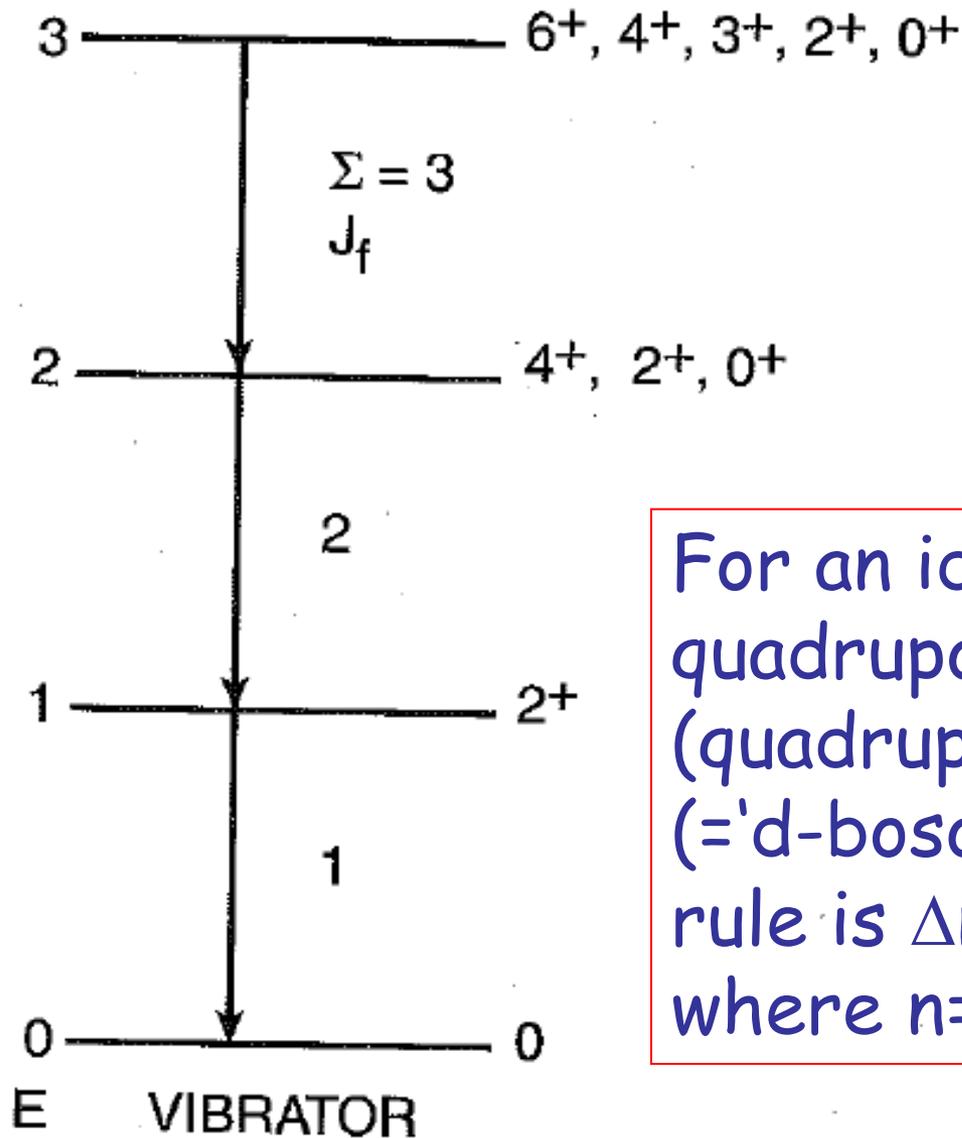
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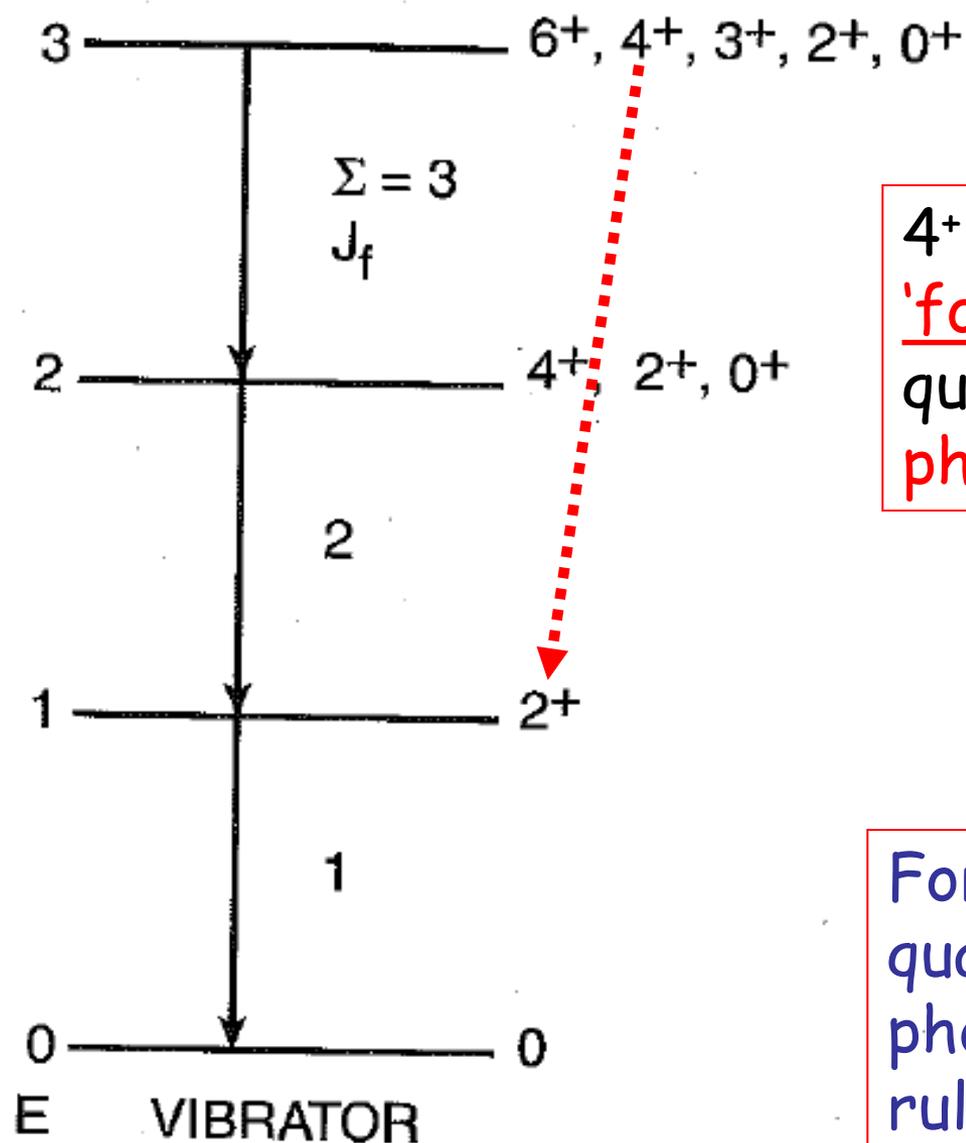
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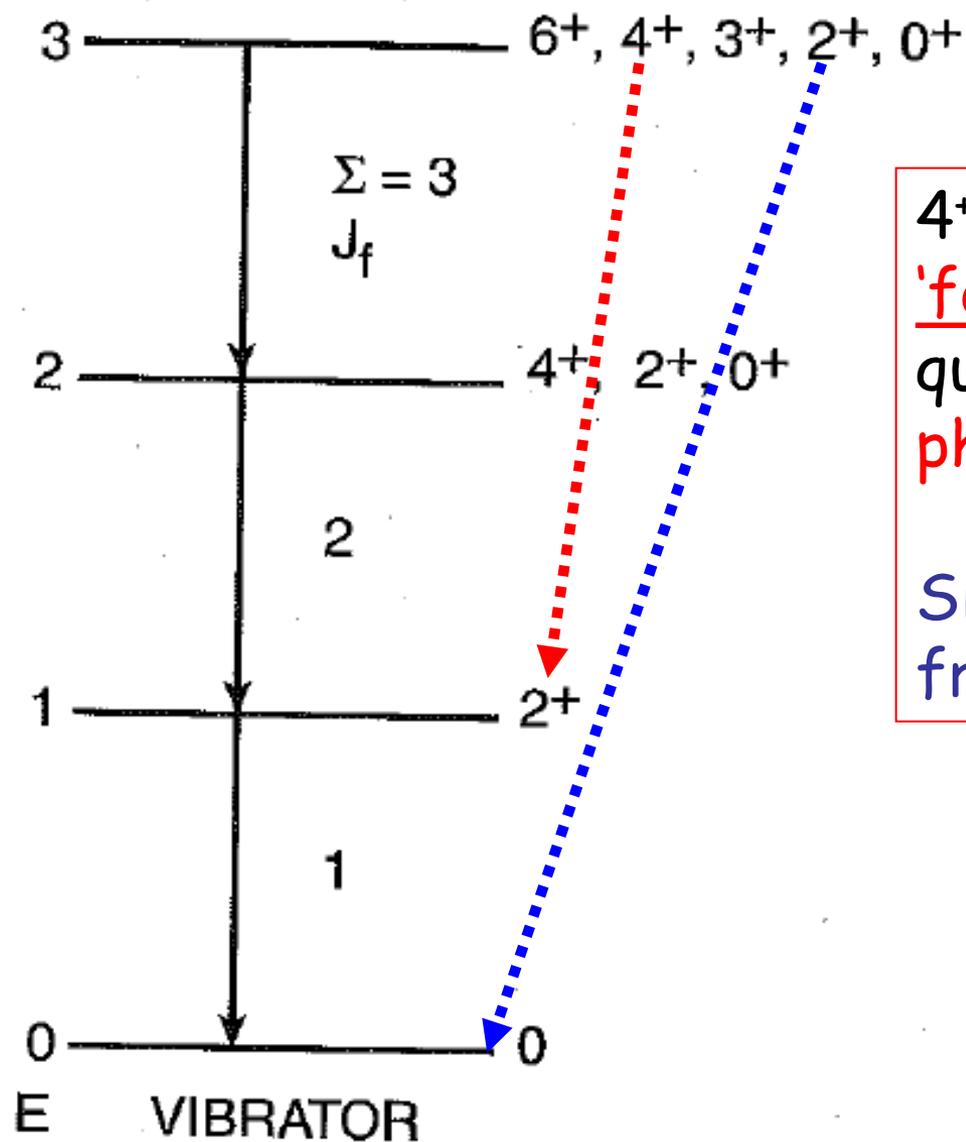
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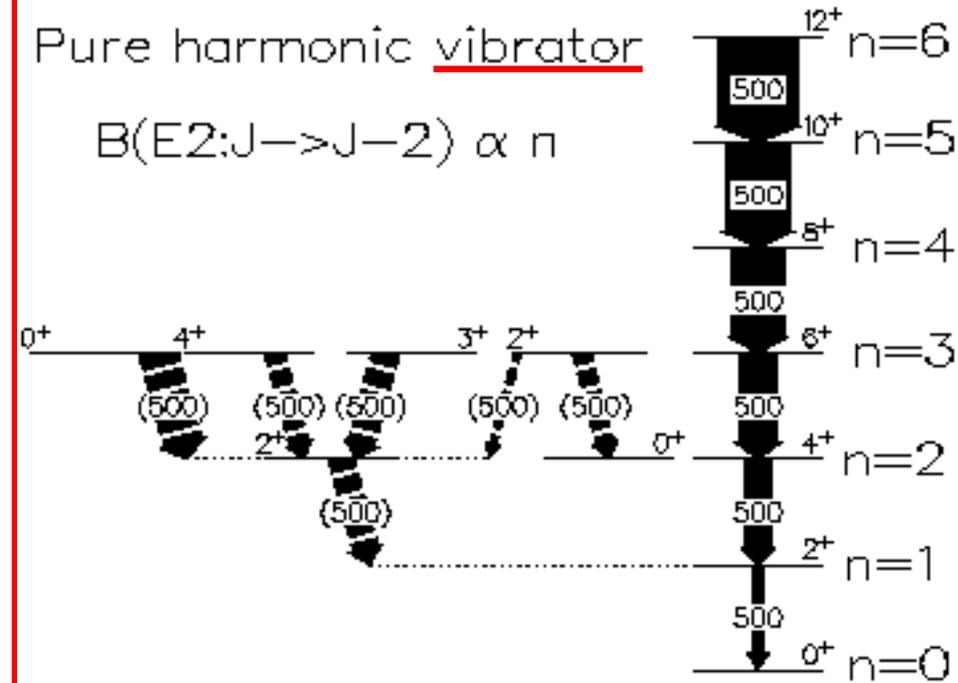
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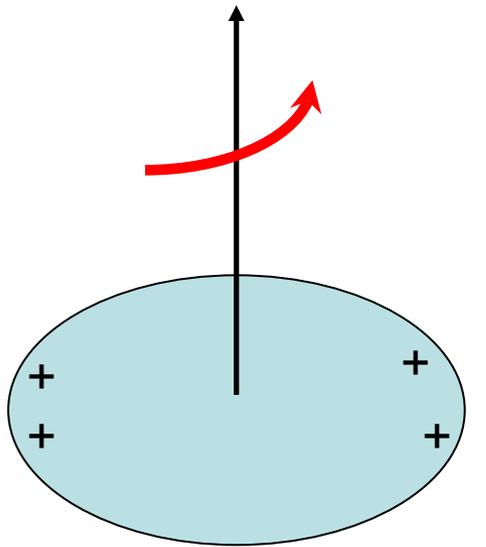
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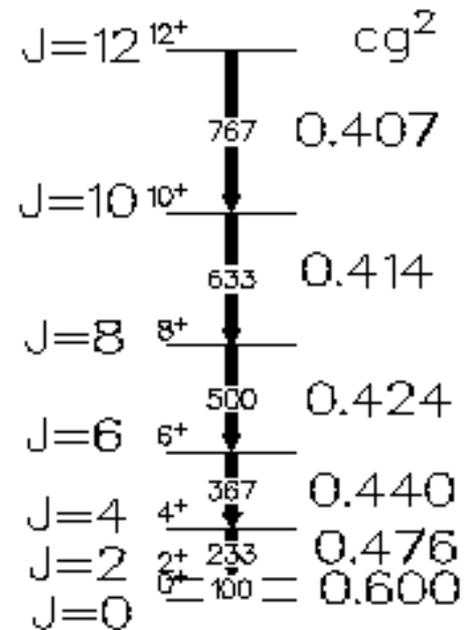


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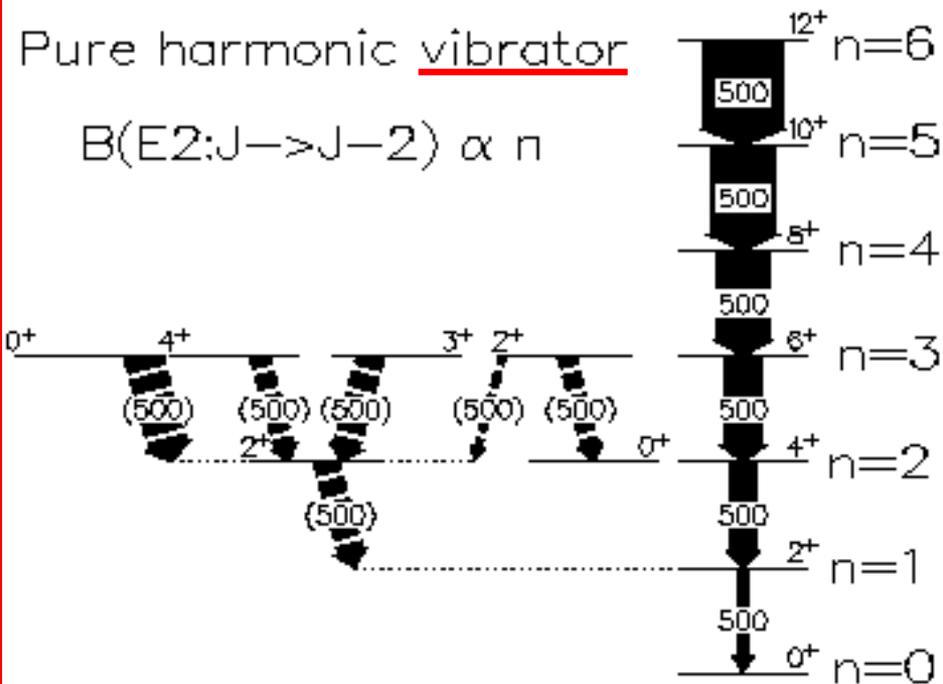
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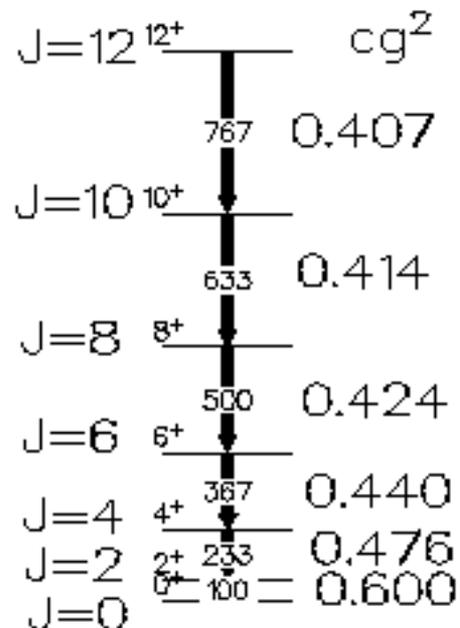
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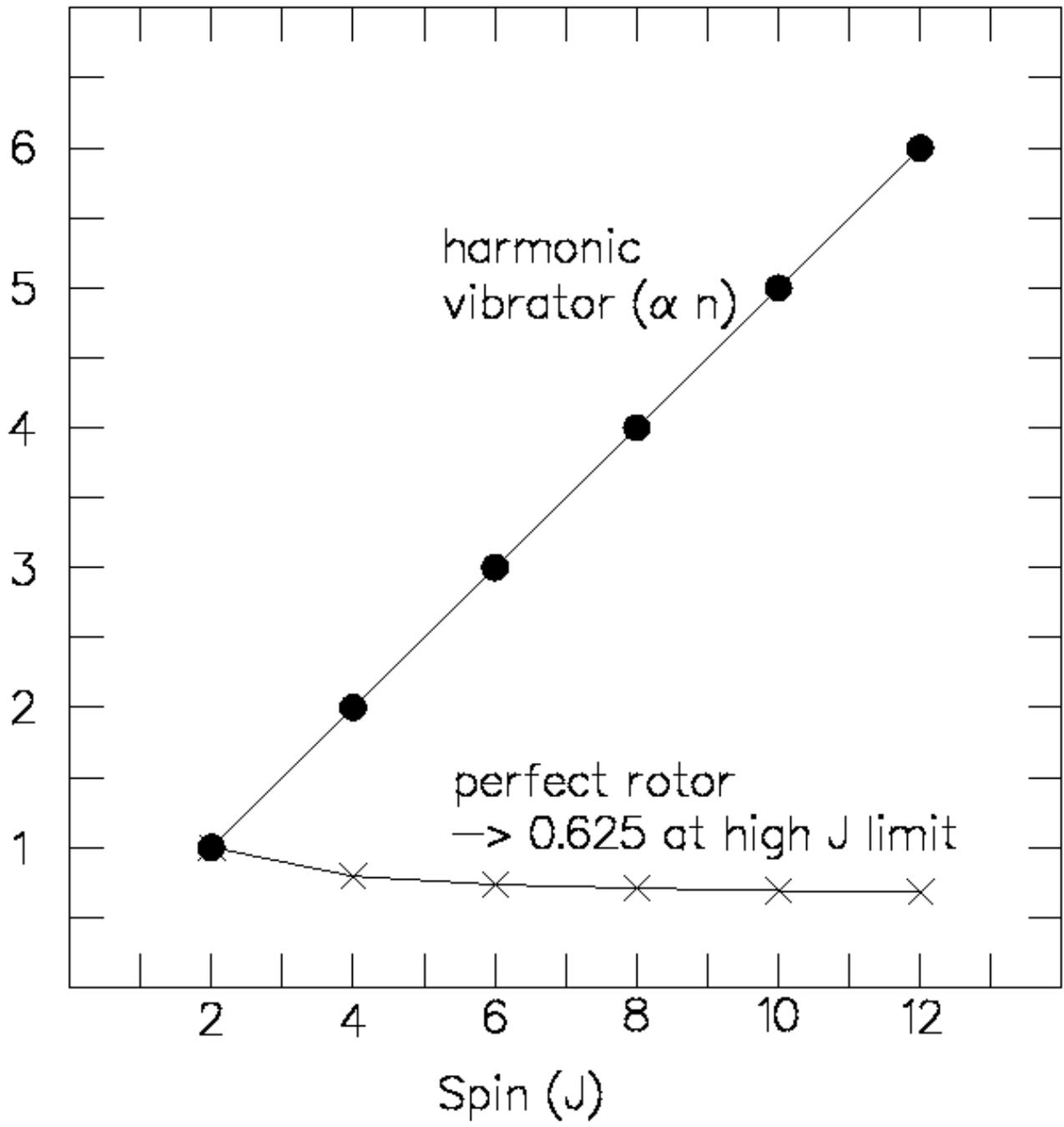


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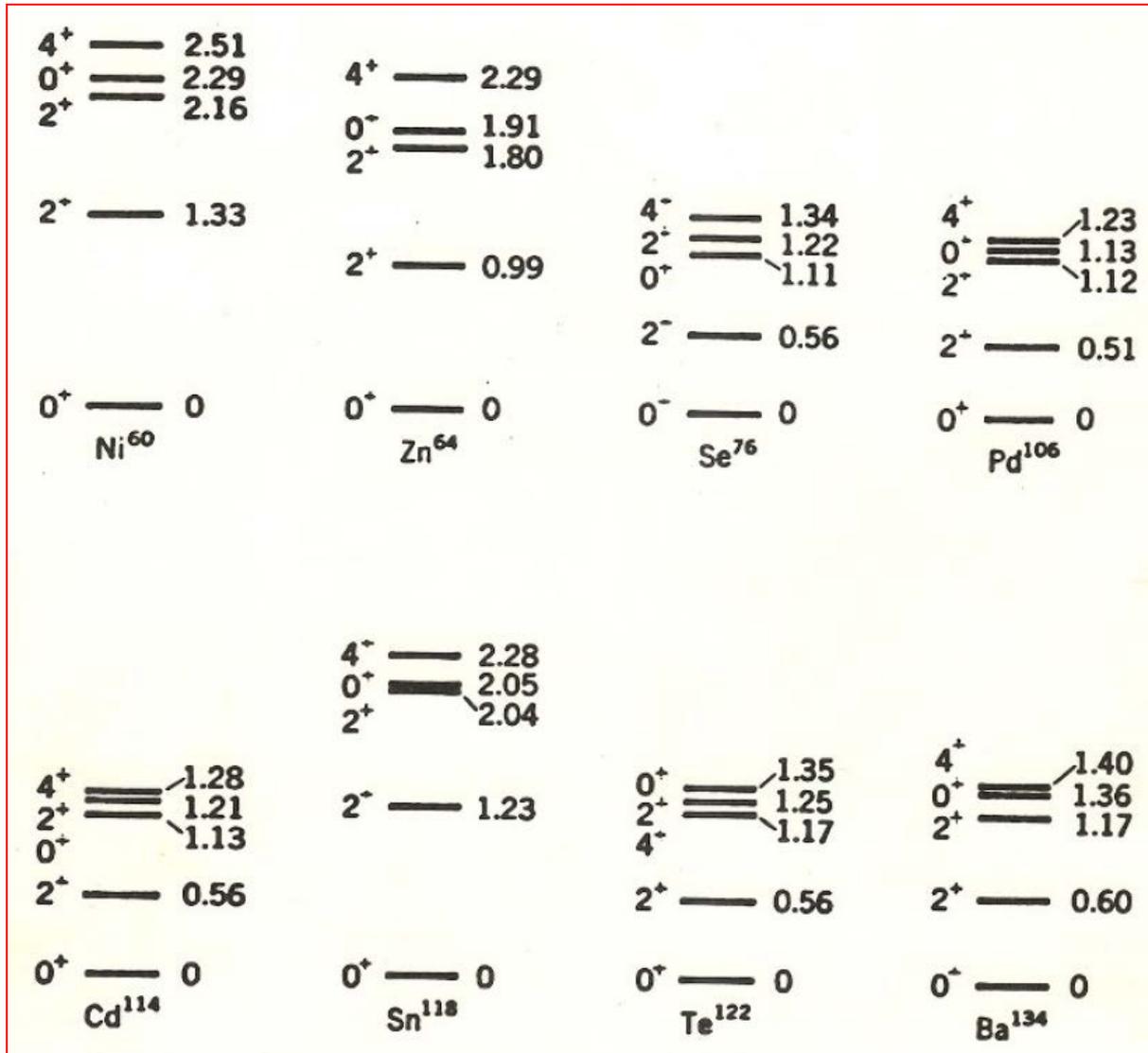
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$B(E2:J \rightarrow J-2) / B(E2:2^+ \rightarrow 0^+)$



So, what about 'real' nuclei ?

Many nuclei with  $R(4/2) \sim 2.0$  also show  $I^\pi = 4^+, 2^+, 0^+$  triplet states at  $\sim 2E(2^+)$ .



## First Observation of a Near-Harmonic Vibrational Nucleus

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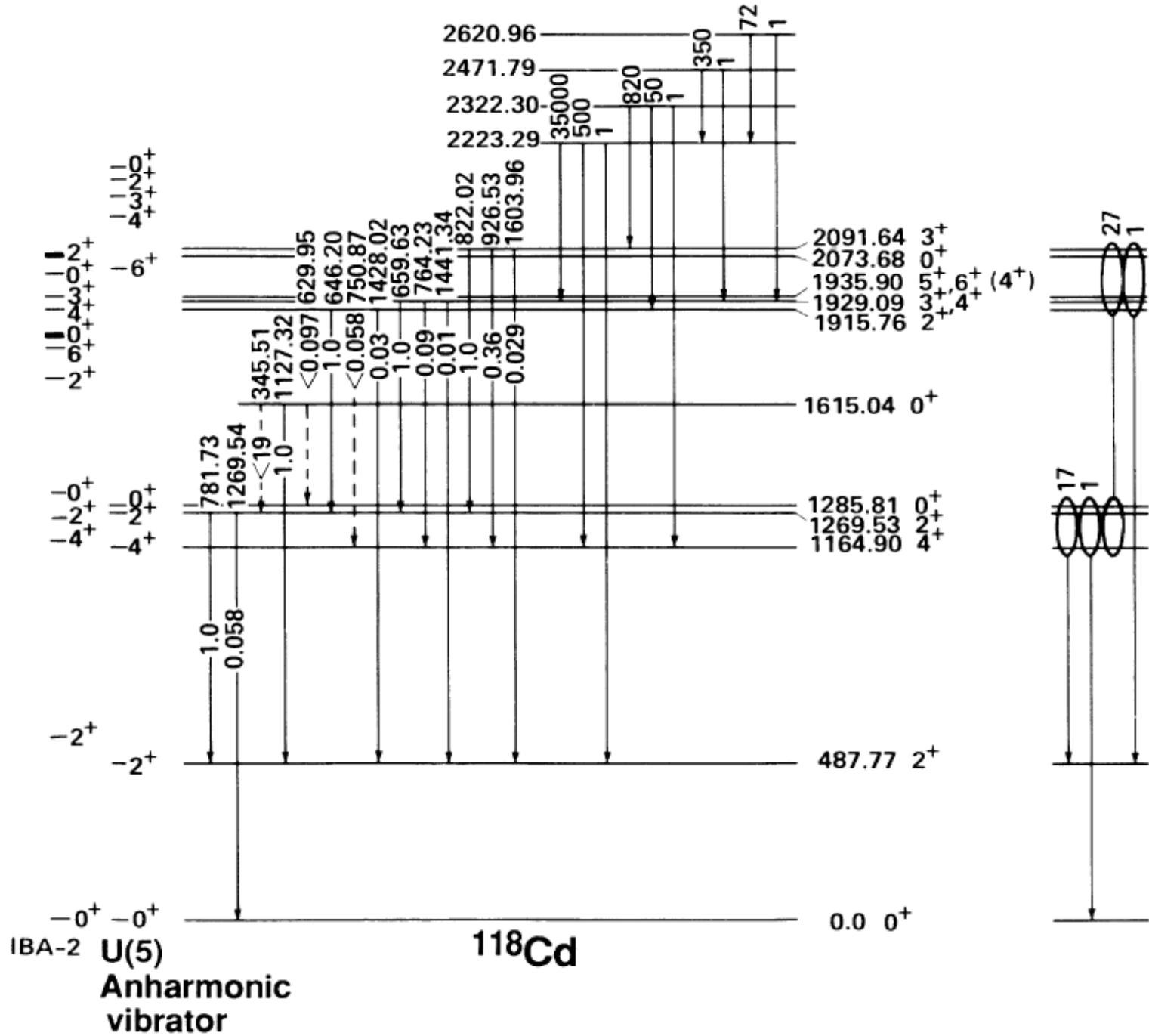
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Evidence is presented for five closely spaced states in  $^{118}\text{Cd}$  near  $E_{\text{ex}} \approx 2$  MeV, which are interpreted as a near-harmonic three-phonon quintuplet. Candidates for even higher-lying multiphonon states are also found. The experimental spectrum is compared with an anharmonic vibrator [or U(5) spectrum] and an interacting-boson-approximation calculation incorporating a two-particle, four-hole intruder configuration.

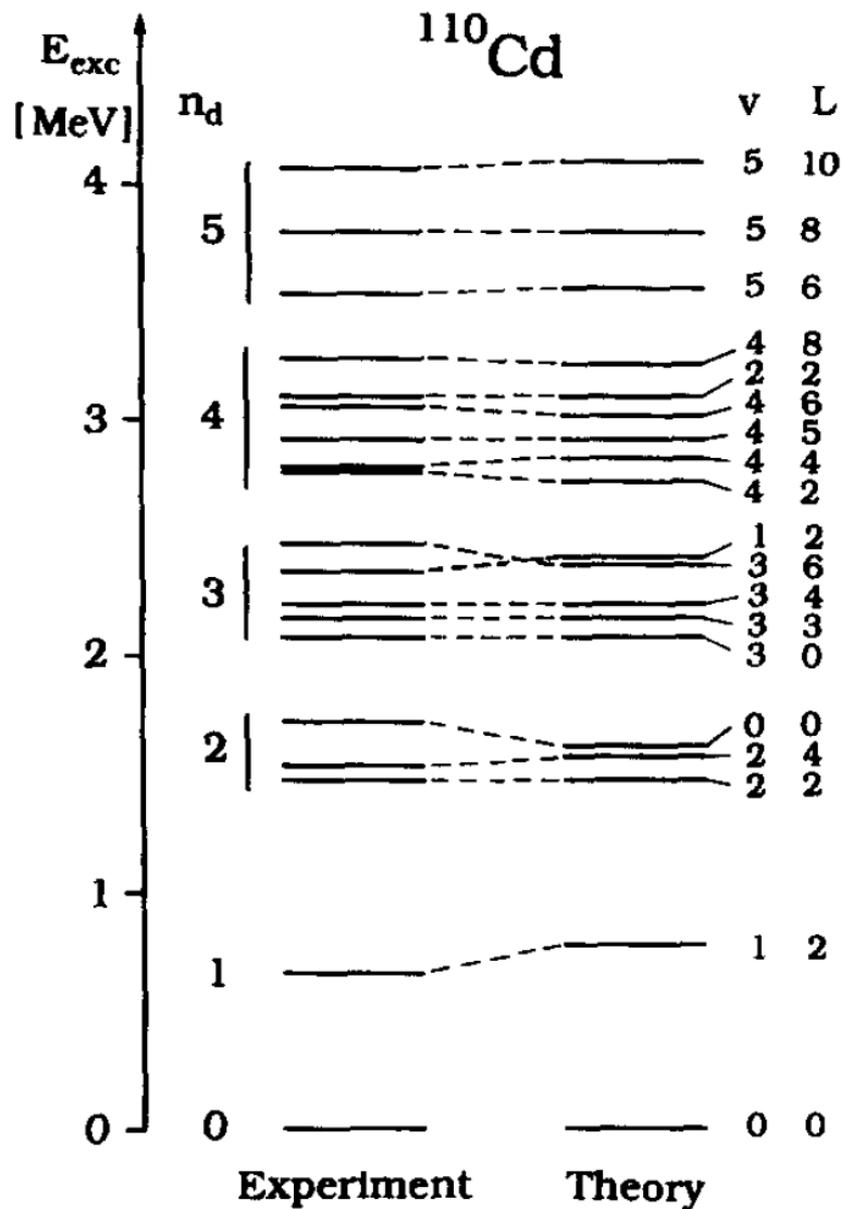
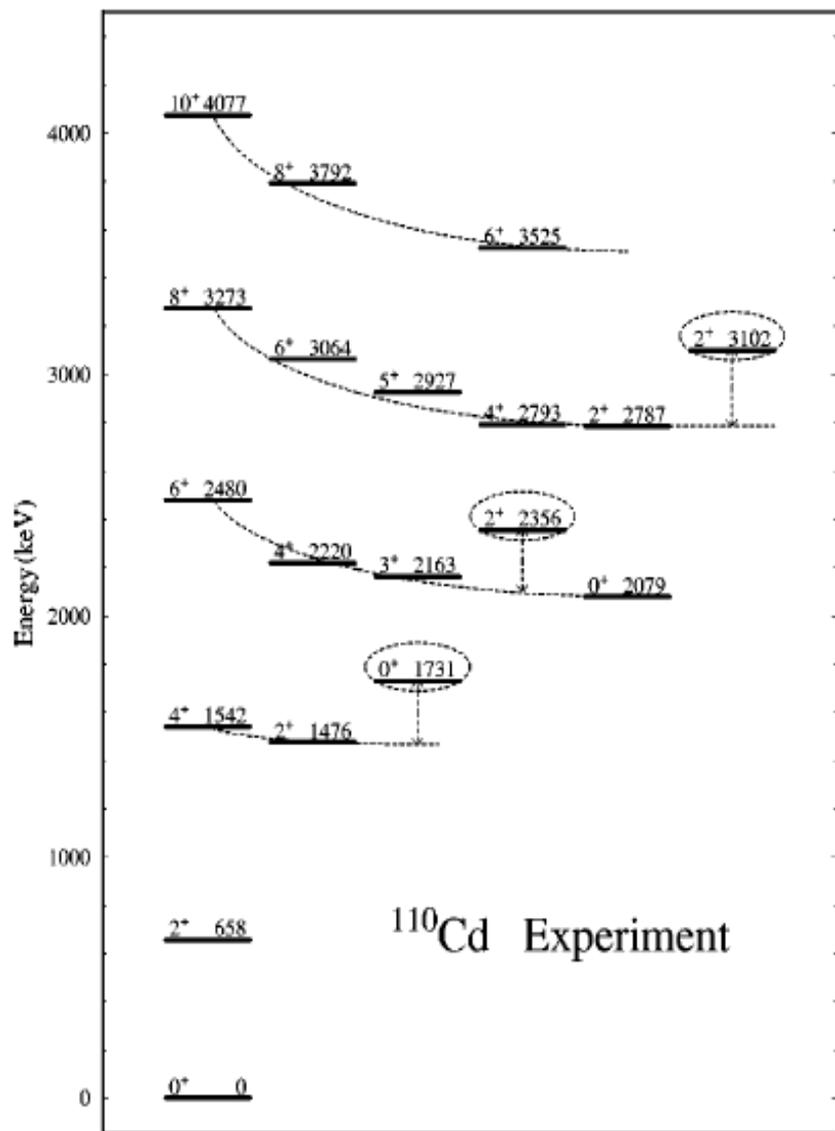


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HARMONIC  
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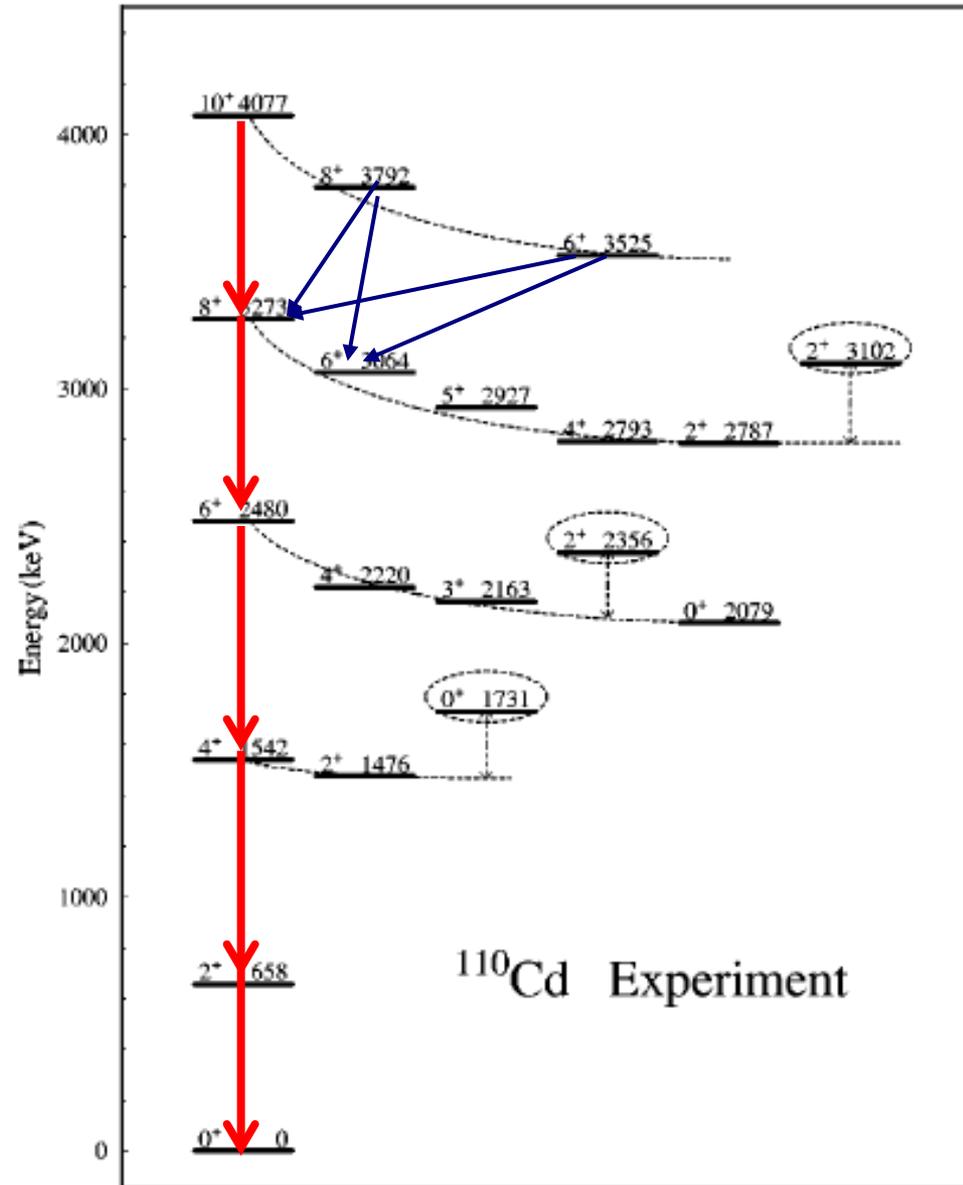


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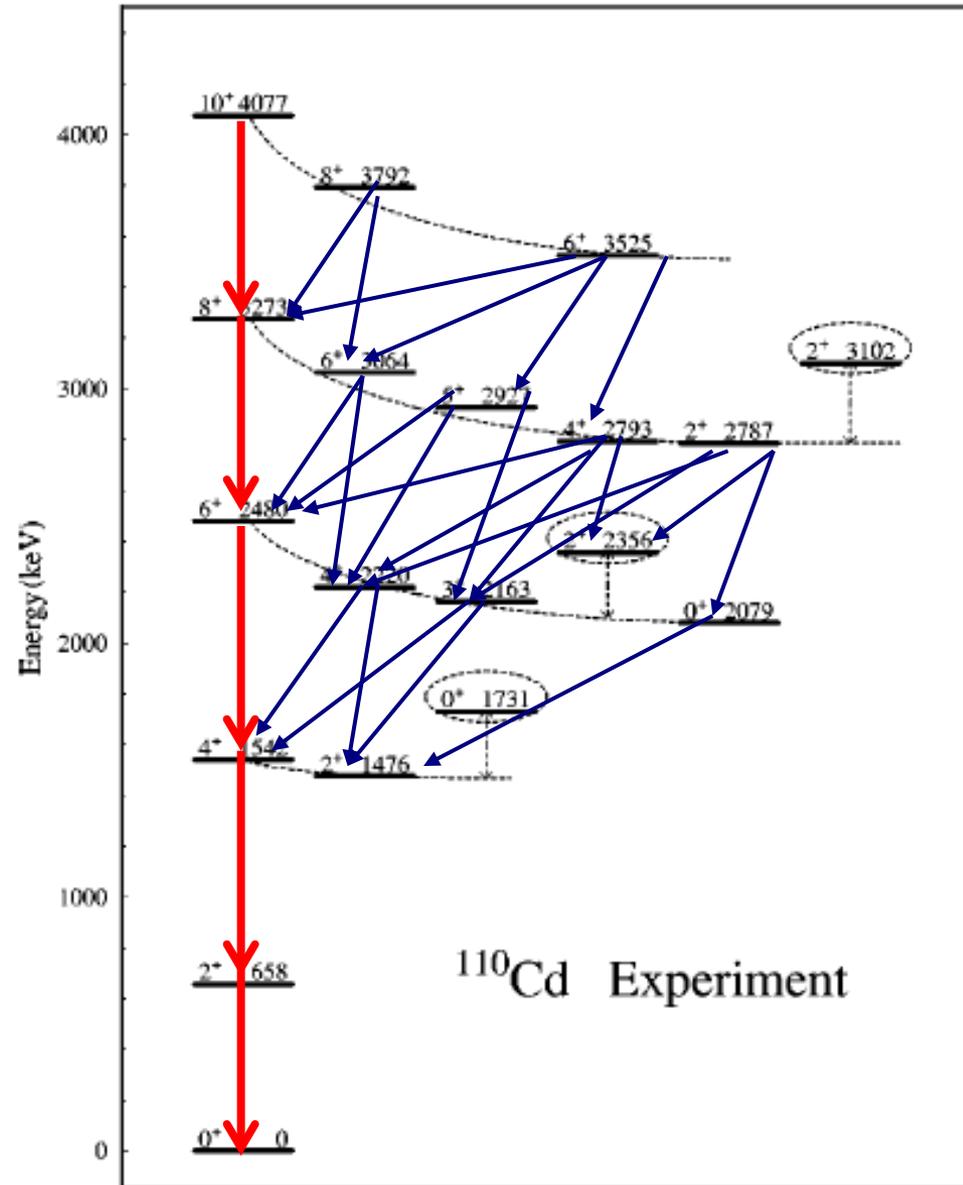


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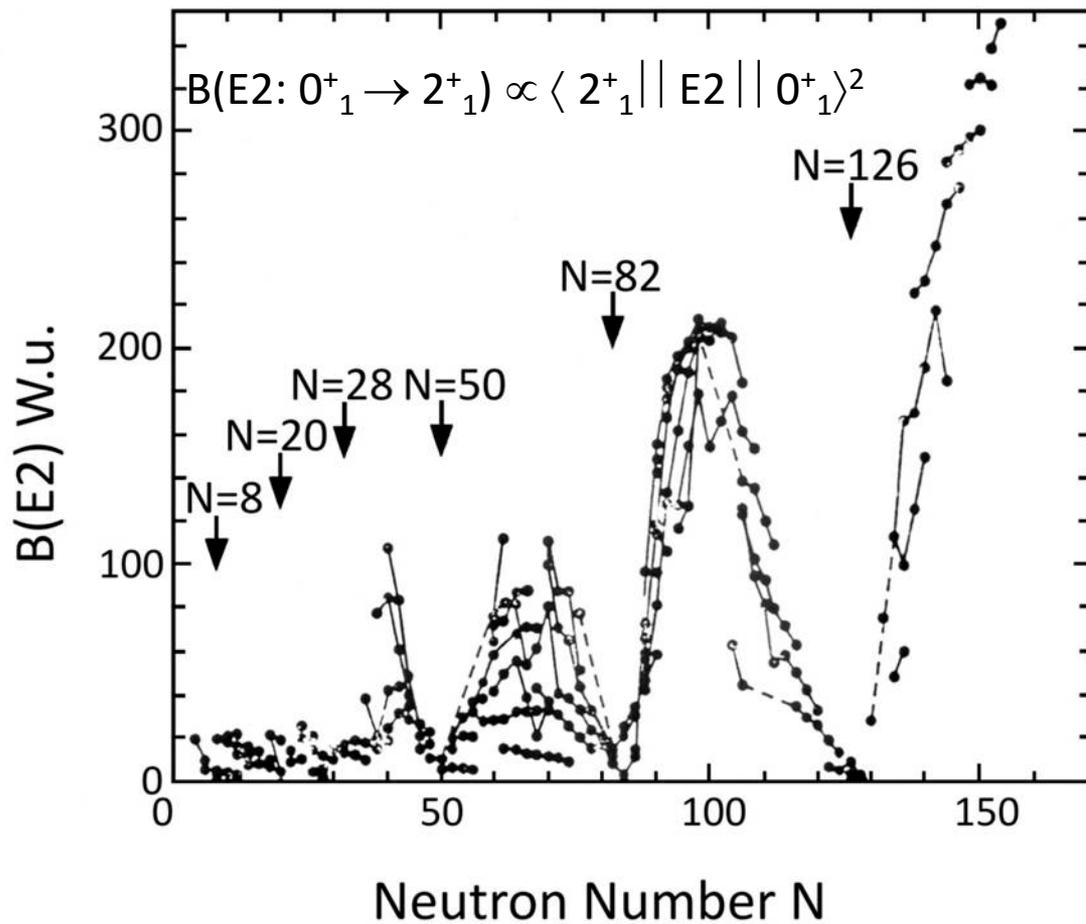
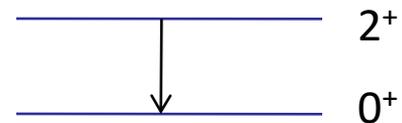
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# Nuclear Rotations and Static Quadrupole Deformation

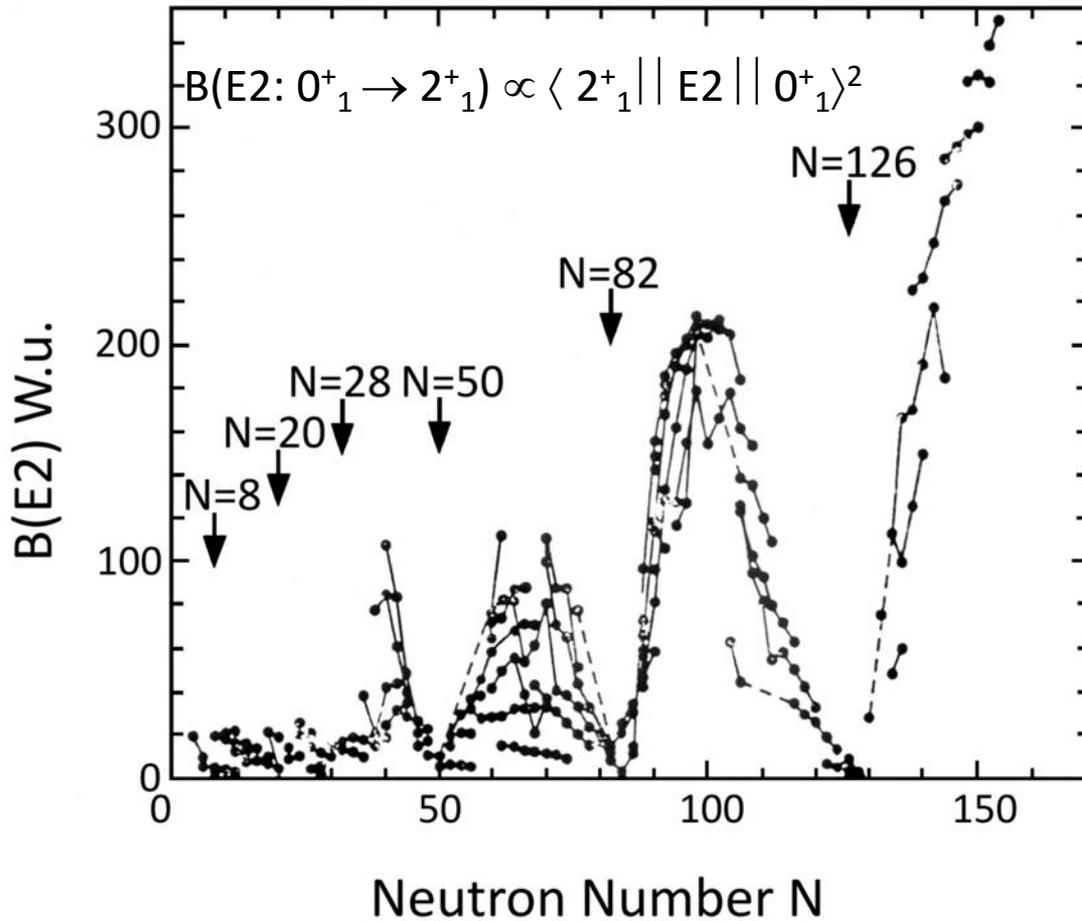
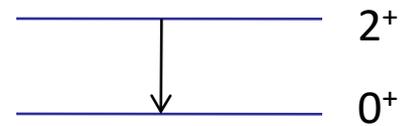
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$Q_0$  = INTRINSIC  
 (TRANSITION)  
 ELECTRIC  
 QUADRUPOLE  
 MOMENT.

This is intimately linked to the electrical charge (i.e. proton) distribution within the nucleus.

Non-zero  $Q_0$  means some deviation from spherical symmetry and thus some quadrupole 'deformation'.

Rotational model,  $B(E2: I \rightarrow I-2)$  gives:

$$B(E2) = \frac{5}{16\pi} Q_0^2 \frac{3(I-K)(I-K-1)(I+K)(I+K-1)}{(2J-2)(2J-1)J(2J+1)}$$

Bohr and Mottelson, Phys. Rev. 90, 717 (1953)

Isomer spin in  $^{180}\text{Hf}$ ,  $I^\pi > 11$  shown later to be  $I^\pi = K^\pi = 8^-$  by Korner et al. Phys. Rev. Letts. 27, 1593 (1971).

K-value very important in understanding isomers.

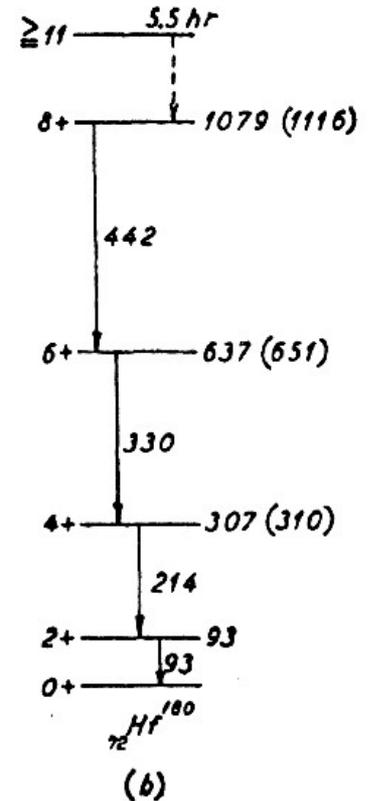
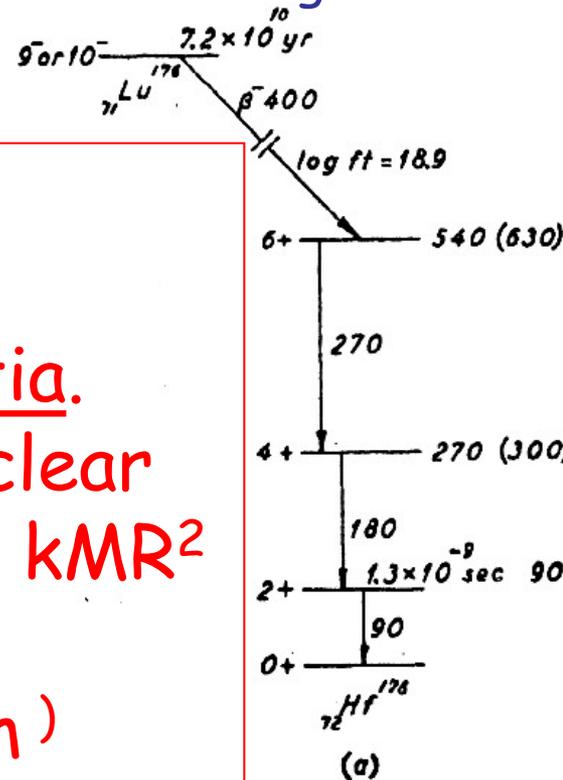


FIG. 2. Suggested decay schemes of  $^{176}\text{Lu}_{71}$  and  $^{180}\text{Hf}_{72}$ . The gamma-ray energies as well as the  $\beta$ -decay data of  $\text{Lu}^{176}$  are taken from reference 2. The excitation energies listed in parentheses are obtained from Eq. (1) adjusted to give the energy of the first excited state. All energies are given in kev.

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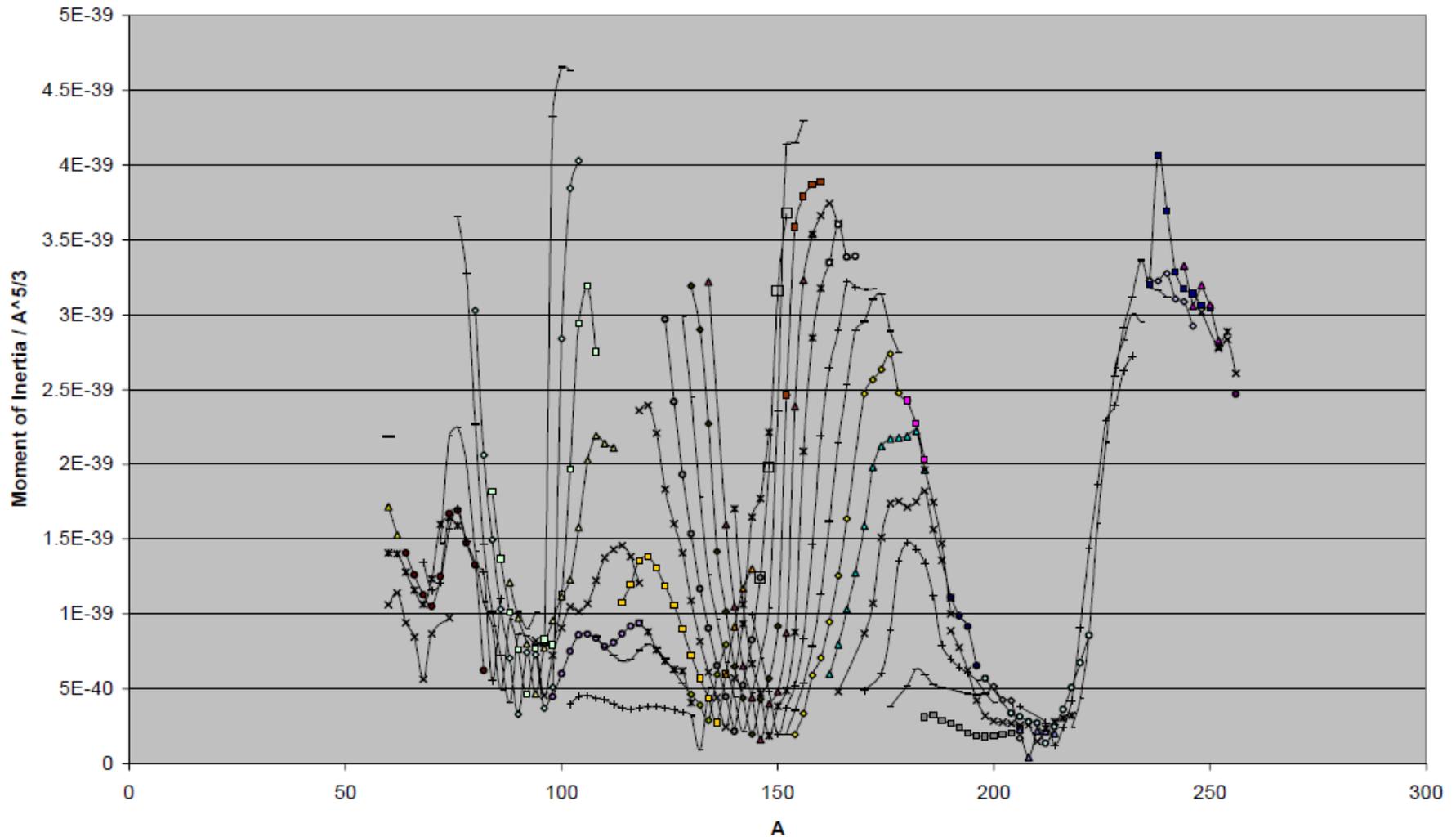
I = moment of inertia.

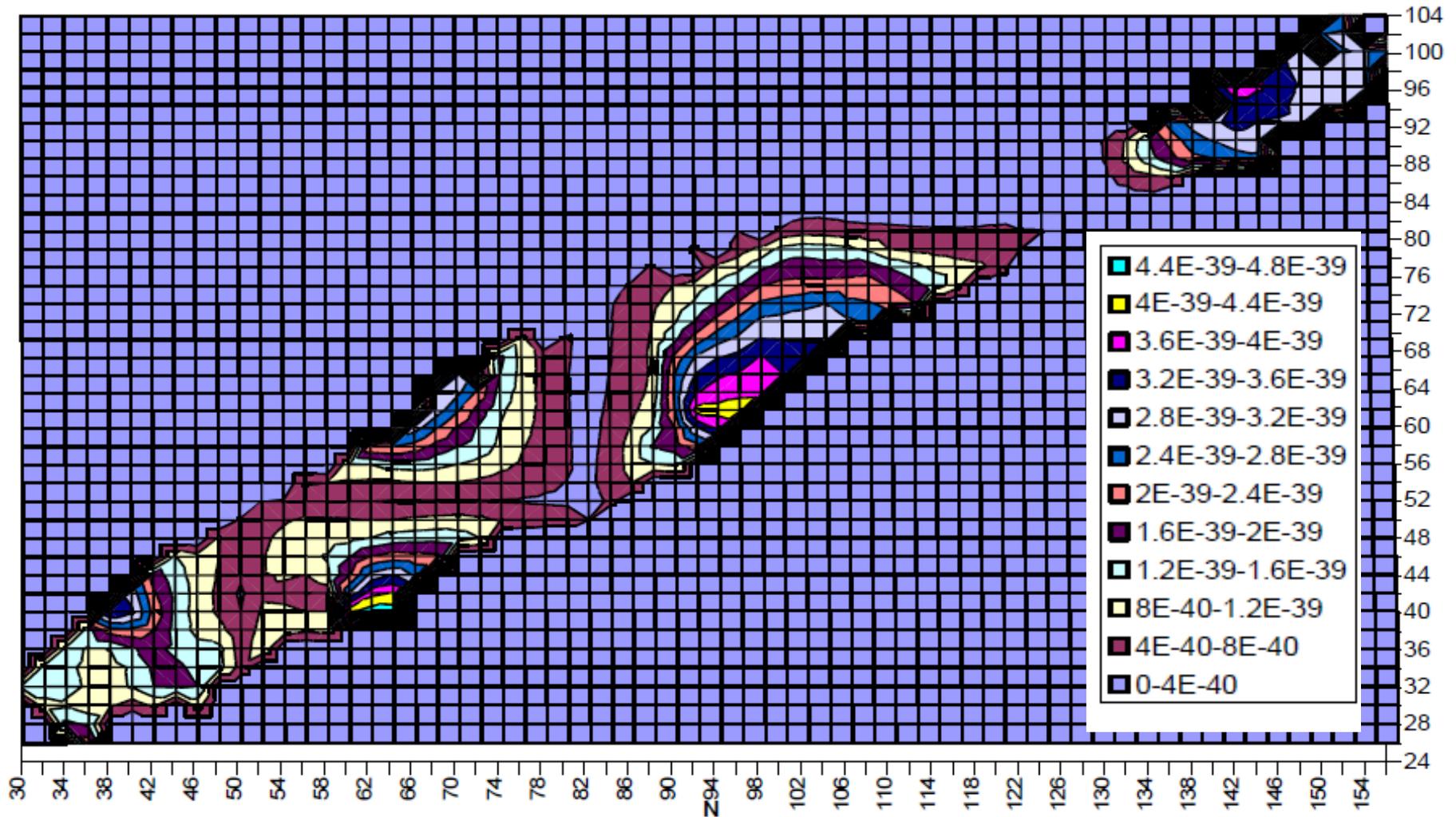
This depends on nuclear deformation and  $I \sim kMR^2$

Thus,  $I \sim kA^{5/3}$

(since  $r_{\text{nuc}} = 1.2A^{1/3}\text{fm}$ )

Therefore, plotting the moment of inertia, divided by  $A^{5/3}$  should give a comparison of nuclear deformations across chains of nuclei and mass regions....

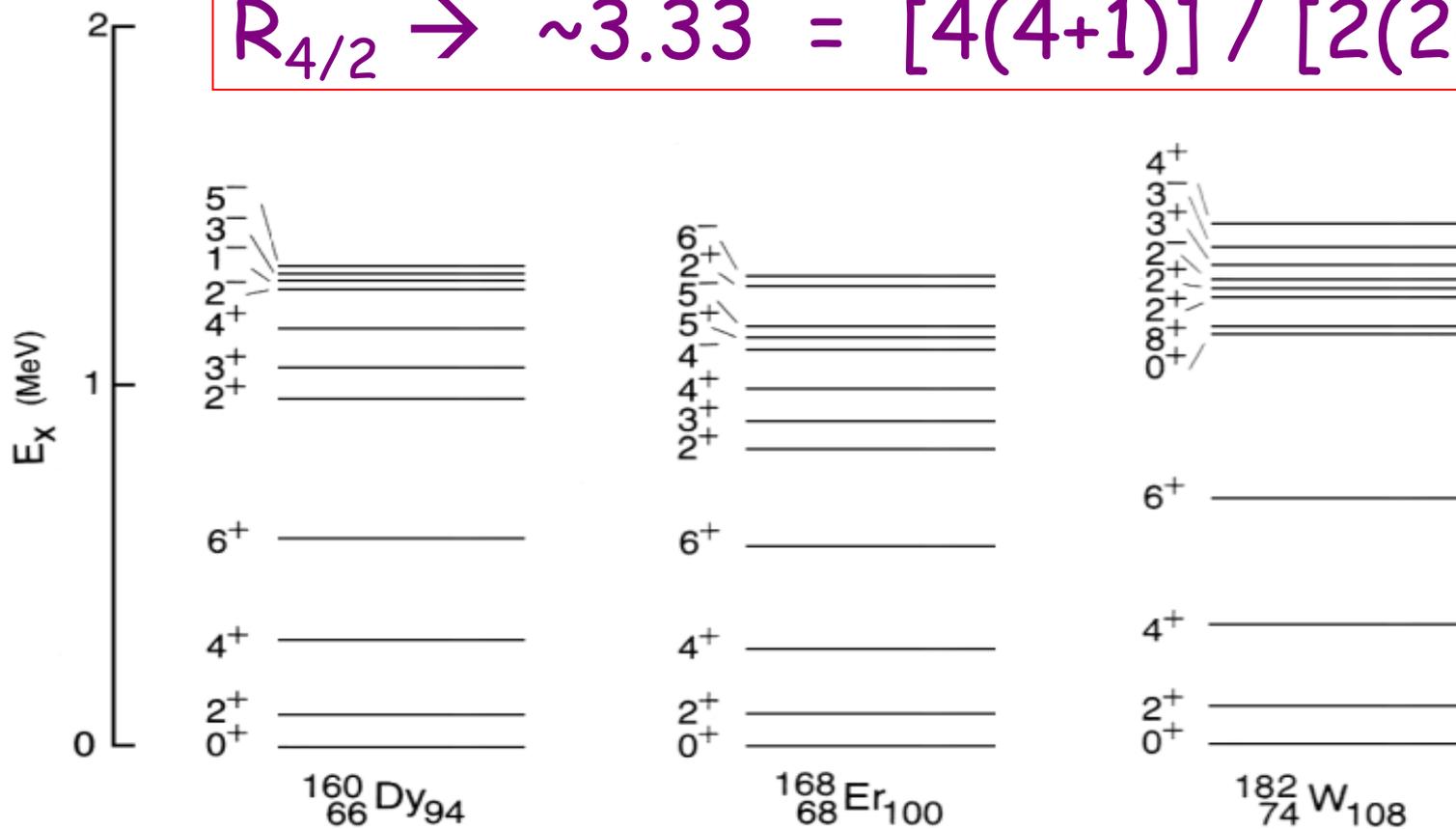


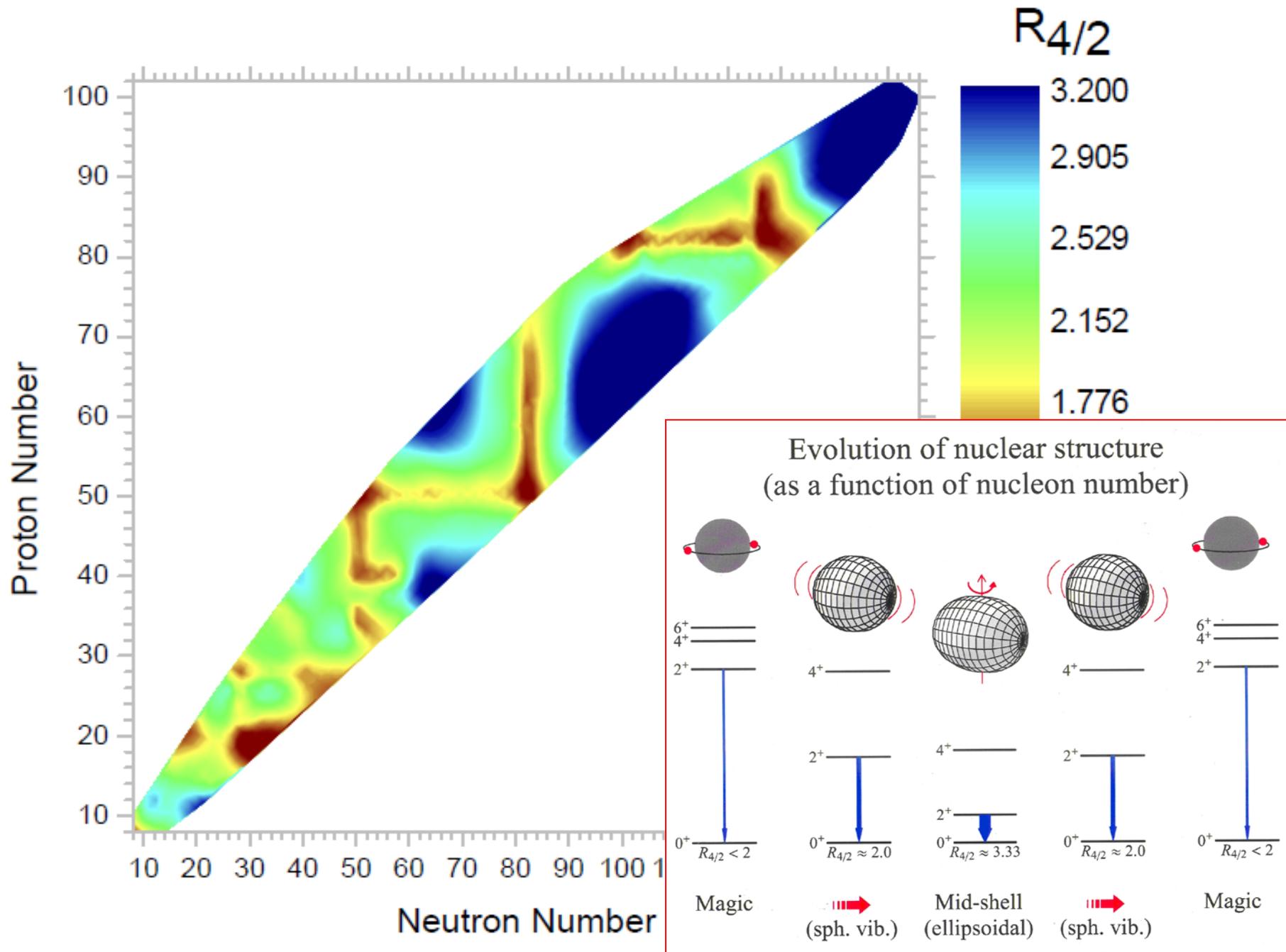


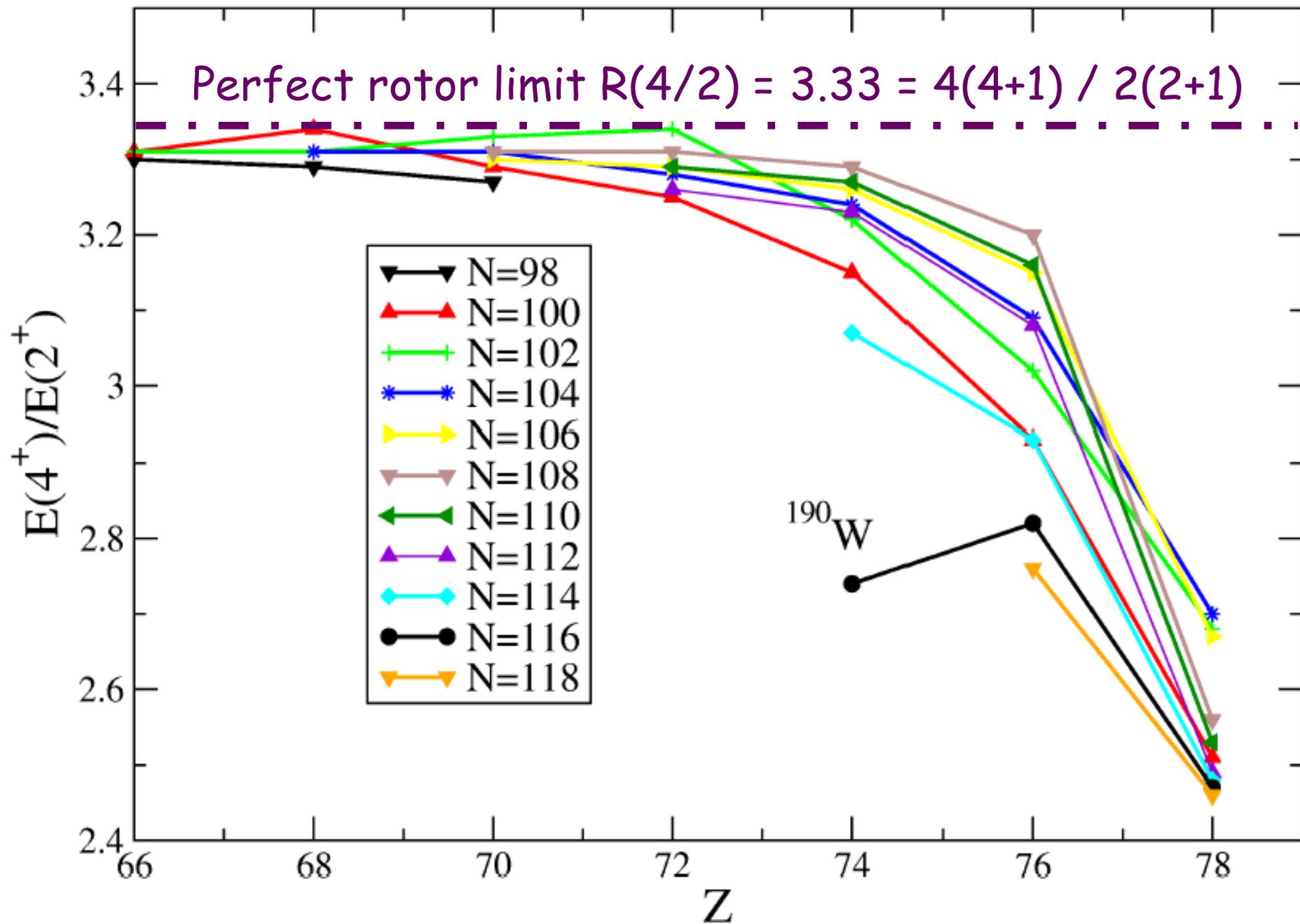
Nuclear static moment of inertia for  $E(2+)$  states divided by  $A^{5/3}$  trivial mass dependence.  
 Should show regions of quadrupole deformation.

Lots of valence nucleons of both types:  
emergence of deformation and therefore rotation

$$R_{4/2} \rightarrow \sim 3.33 = [4(4+1)] / [2(2+1)]$$

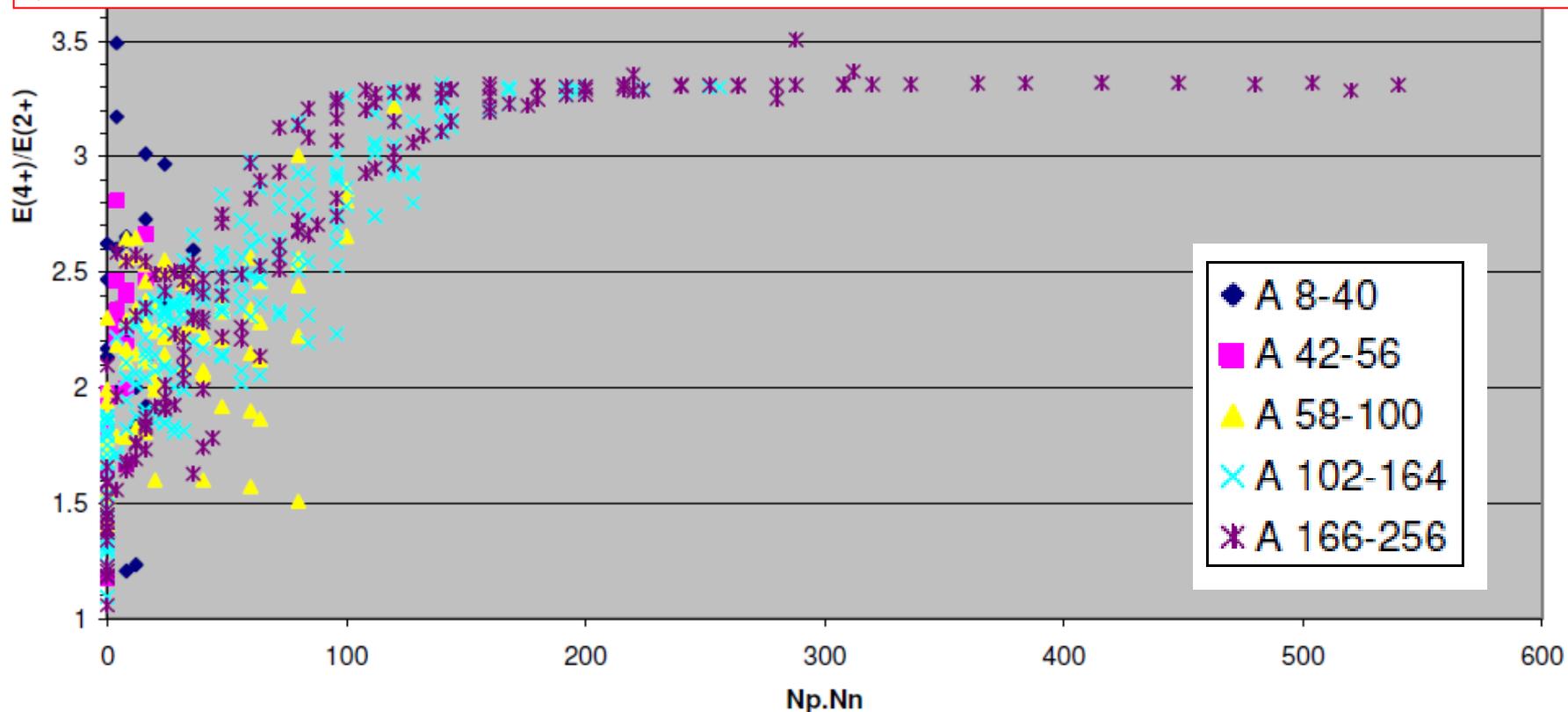




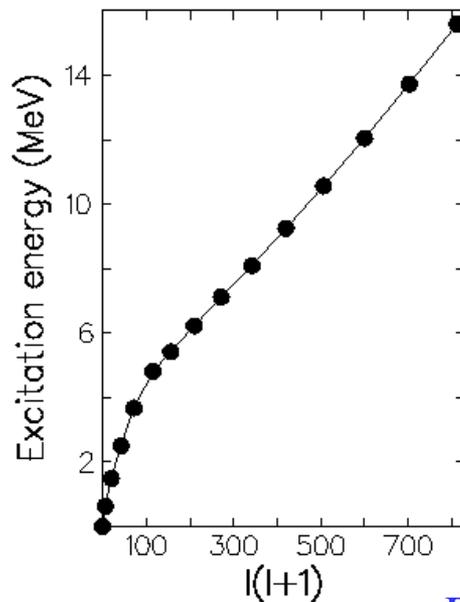
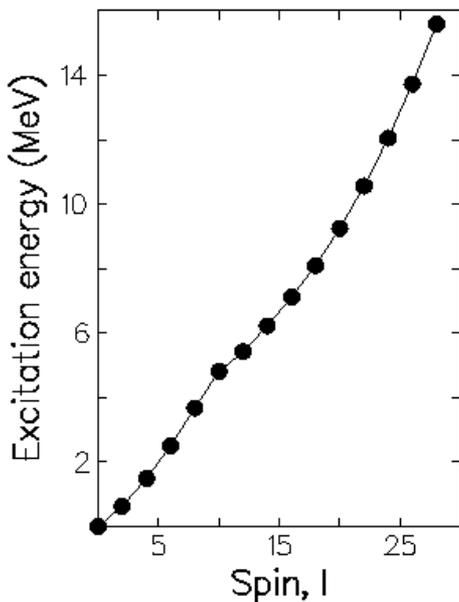
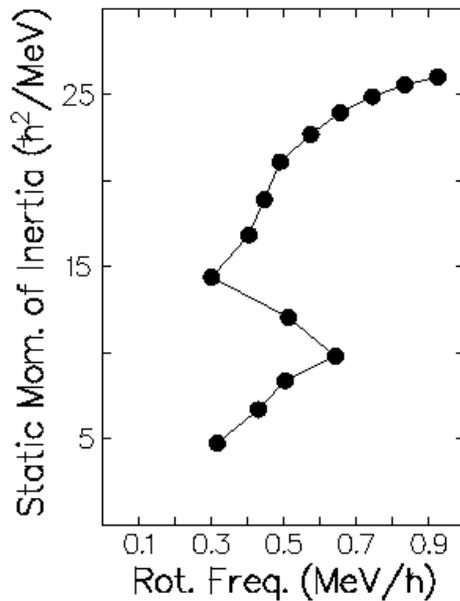
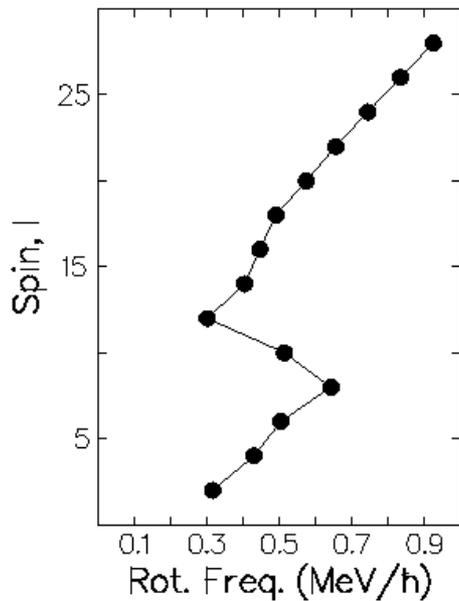


Best nuclear 'rotors' have largest values of  $N_{\pi} \cdot N_{\nu}$

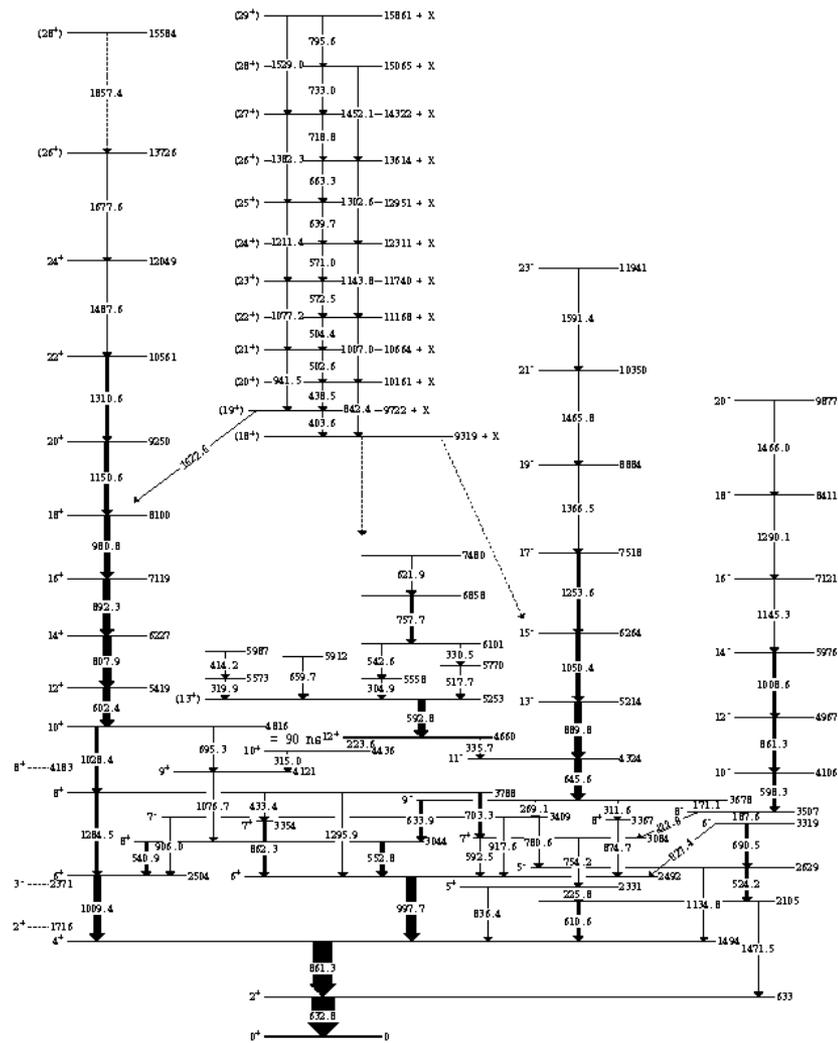
This is the product of the number of 'valence' protons,  $N_{\pi}$  X the number of valence neutrons  $N_{\nu}$



<sup>106</sup>Cd Yrast Band



Alignments and rotational motion in 'vibrational' <sup>106</sup>Cd (Z=48, N=58),



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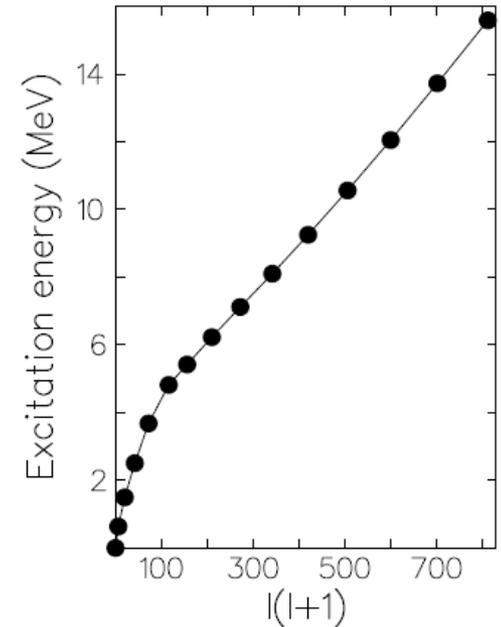
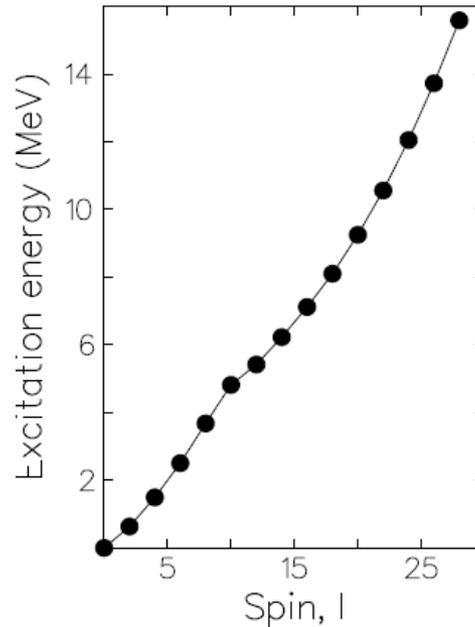
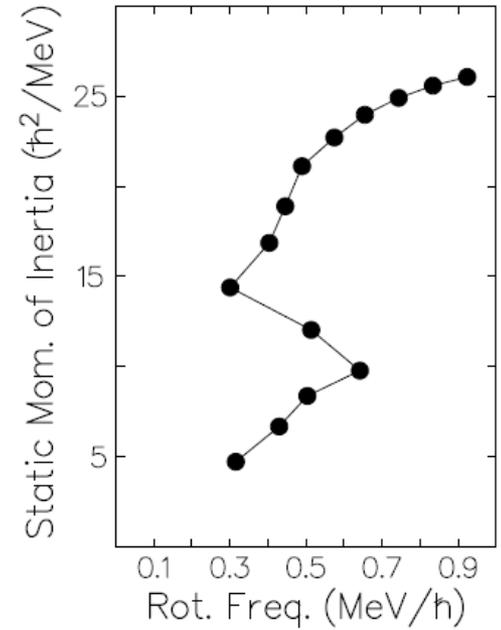
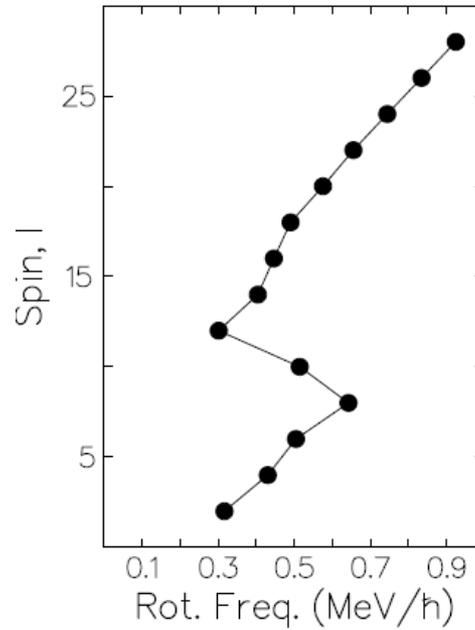
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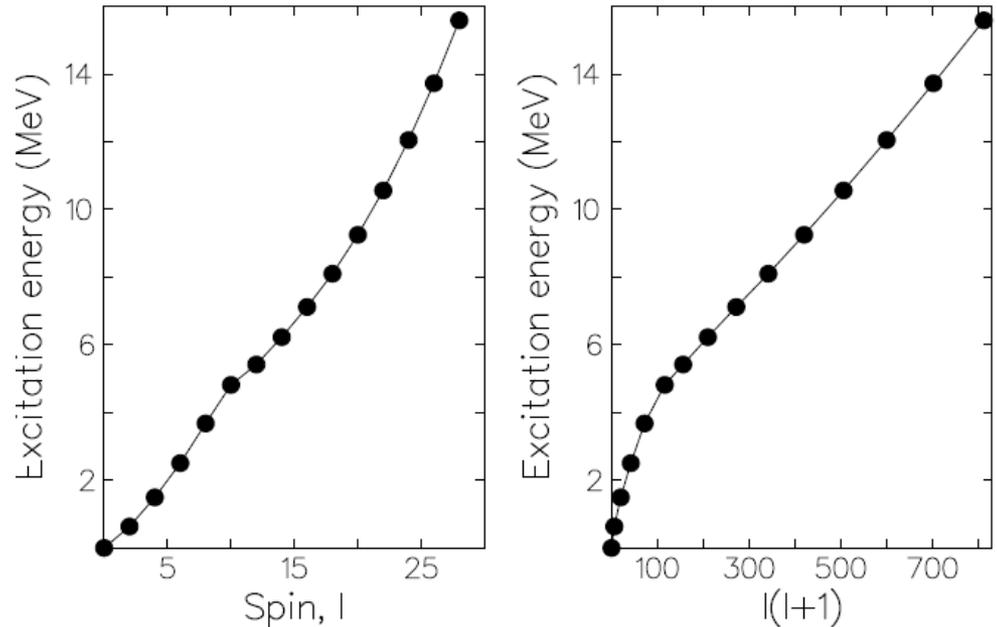
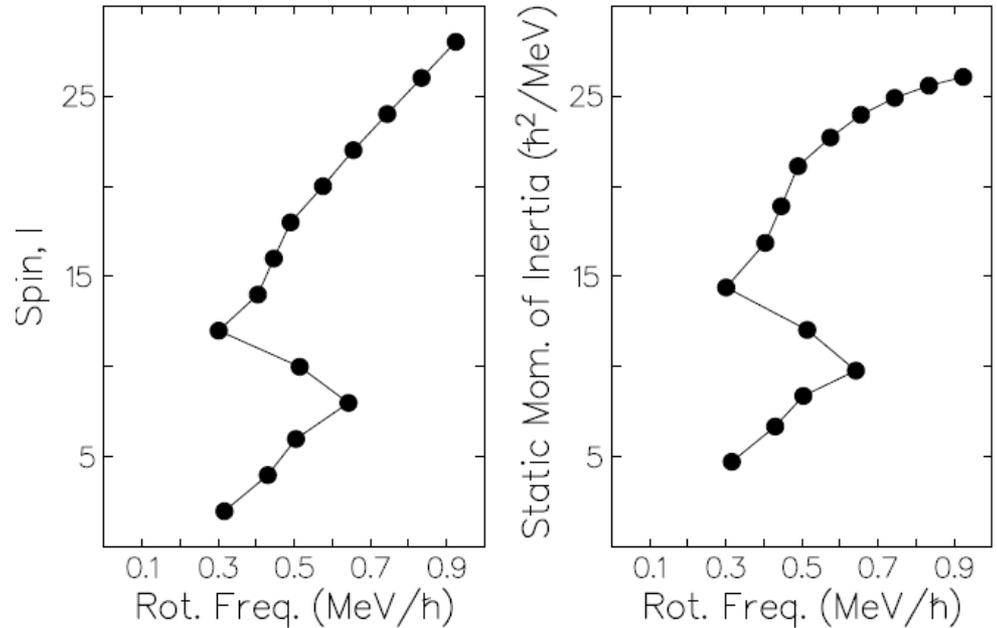
Rotational 'frequency',  $\omega$  given by,

$$\omega = \frac{dE(I)}{dI_x(I)} \approx \frac{E(I+1) - E(I-1)}{I_x(I+1) - I_x(I-1)}$$

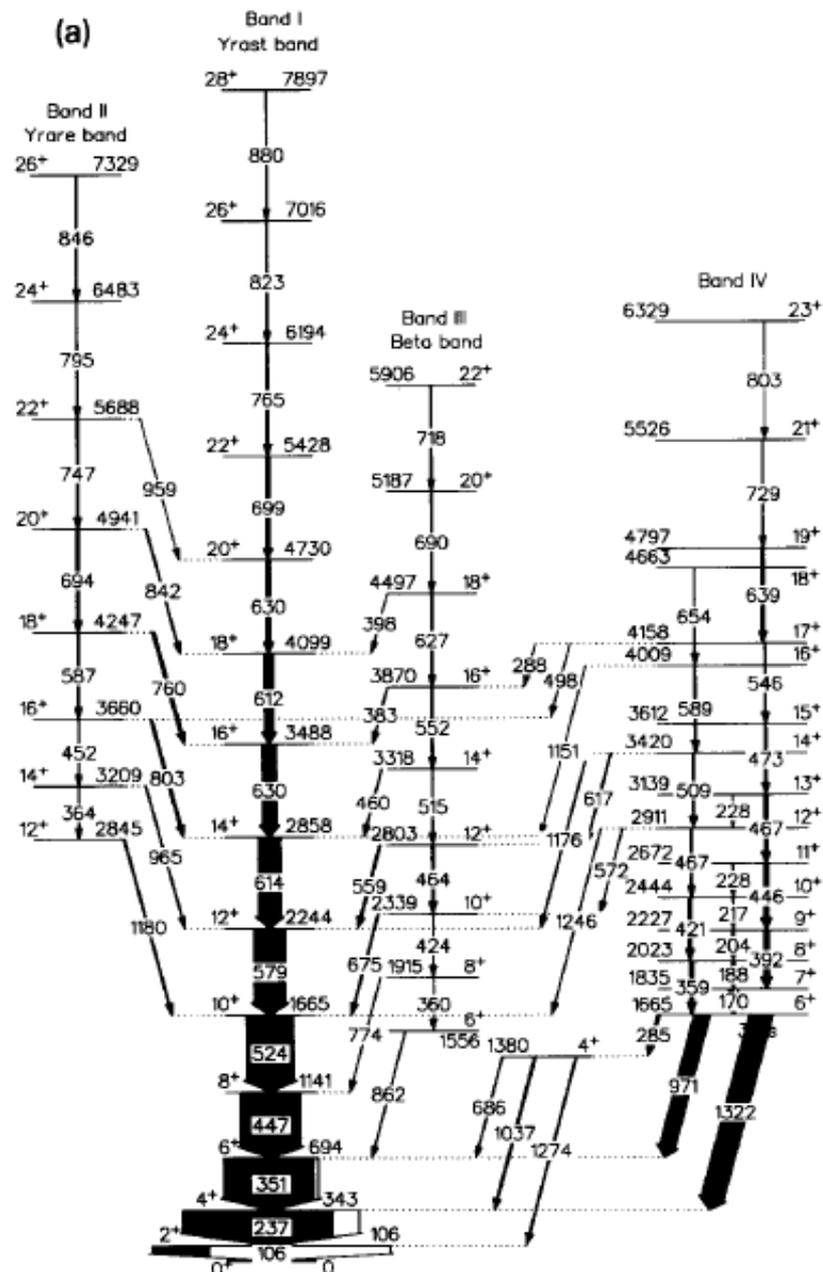
$$I_x(I) = \sqrt{I(I+1) - K^2} \approx \sqrt{\left(I + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - K^2}$$

$$\omega \approx \frac{E_\gamma}{\sqrt{\left(I + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - K^2} - \sqrt{\left(I - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - K^2}}$$

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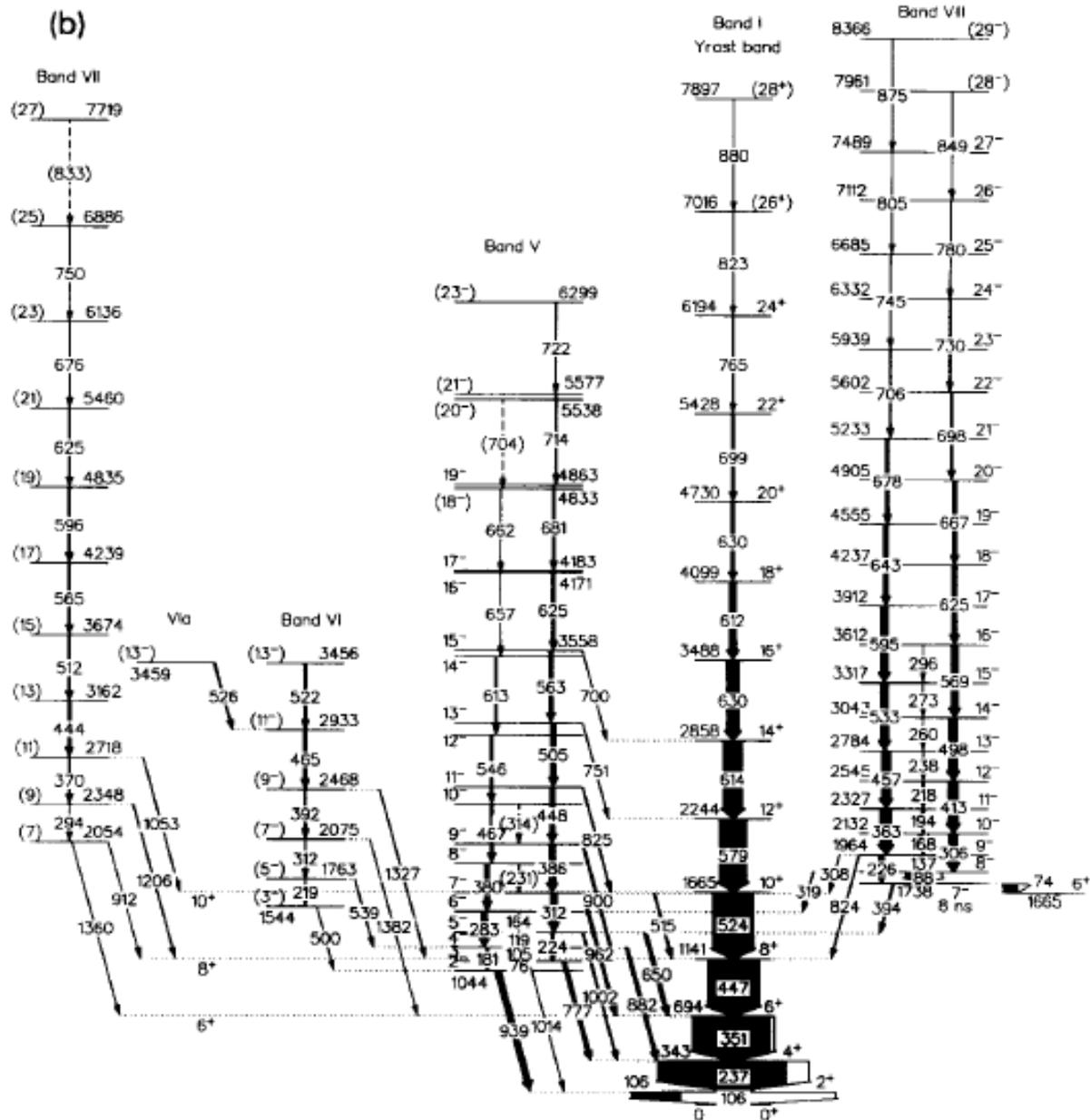


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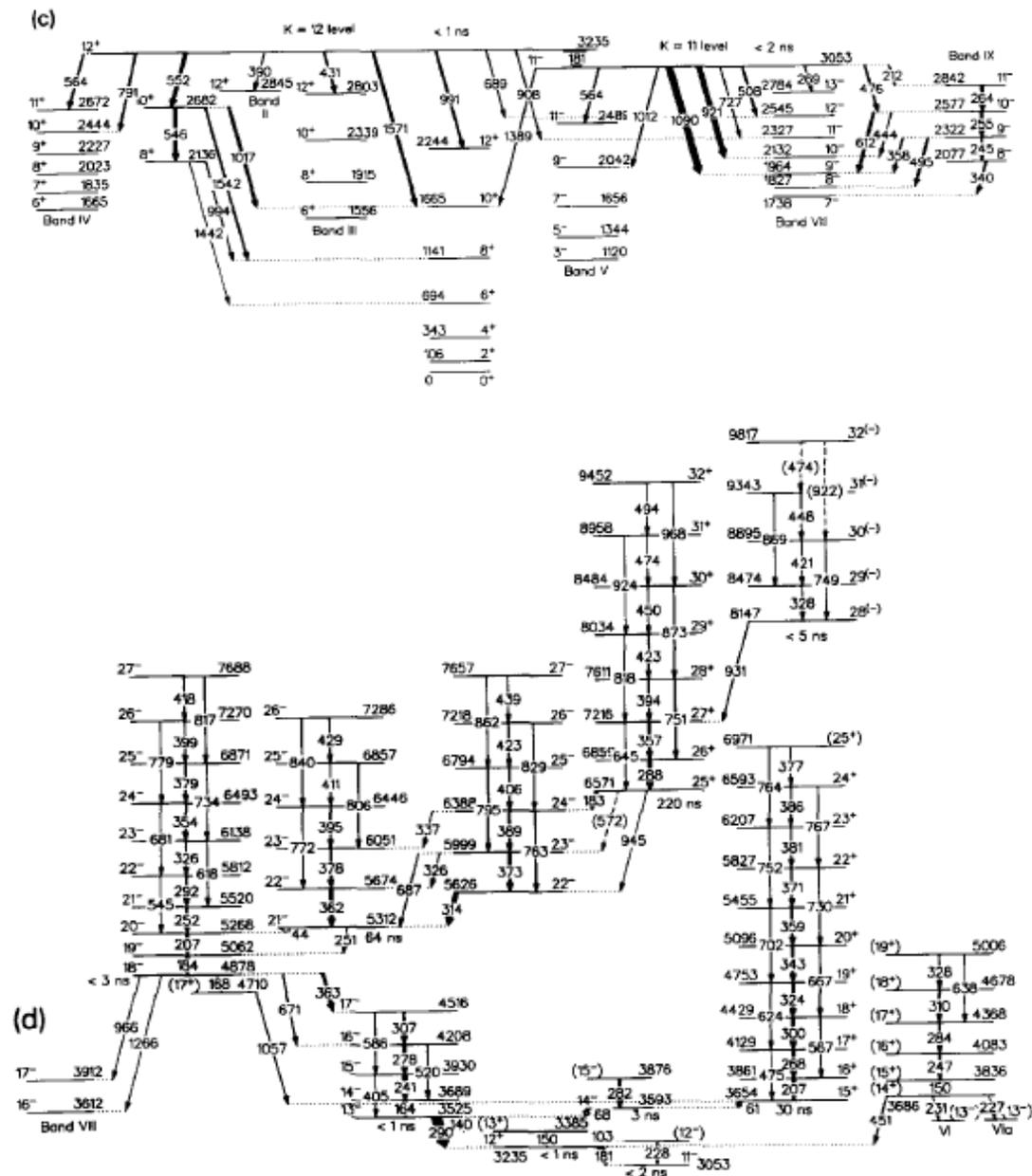


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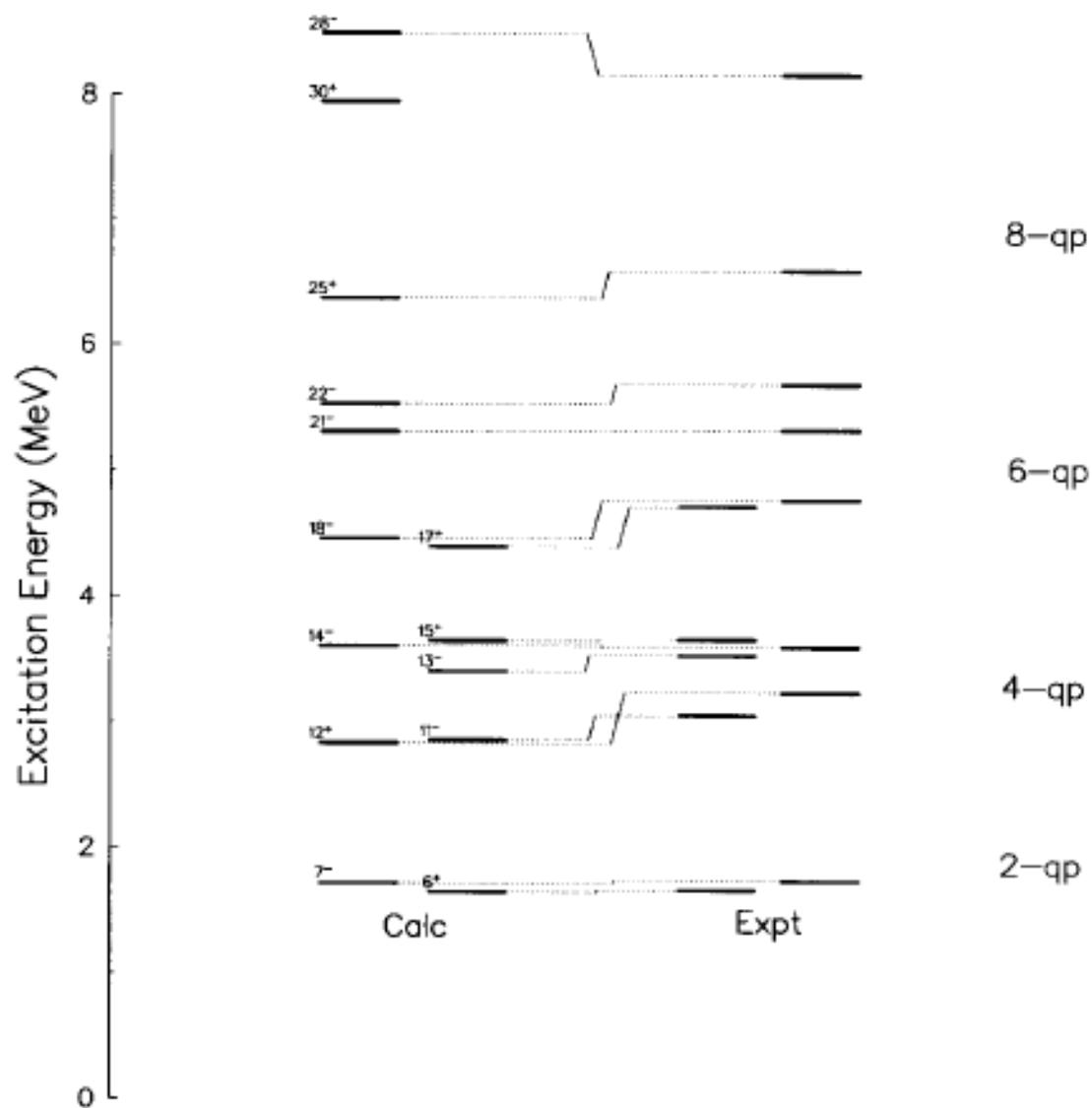


Fig. 14. Experimental and calculated bandhead energies.

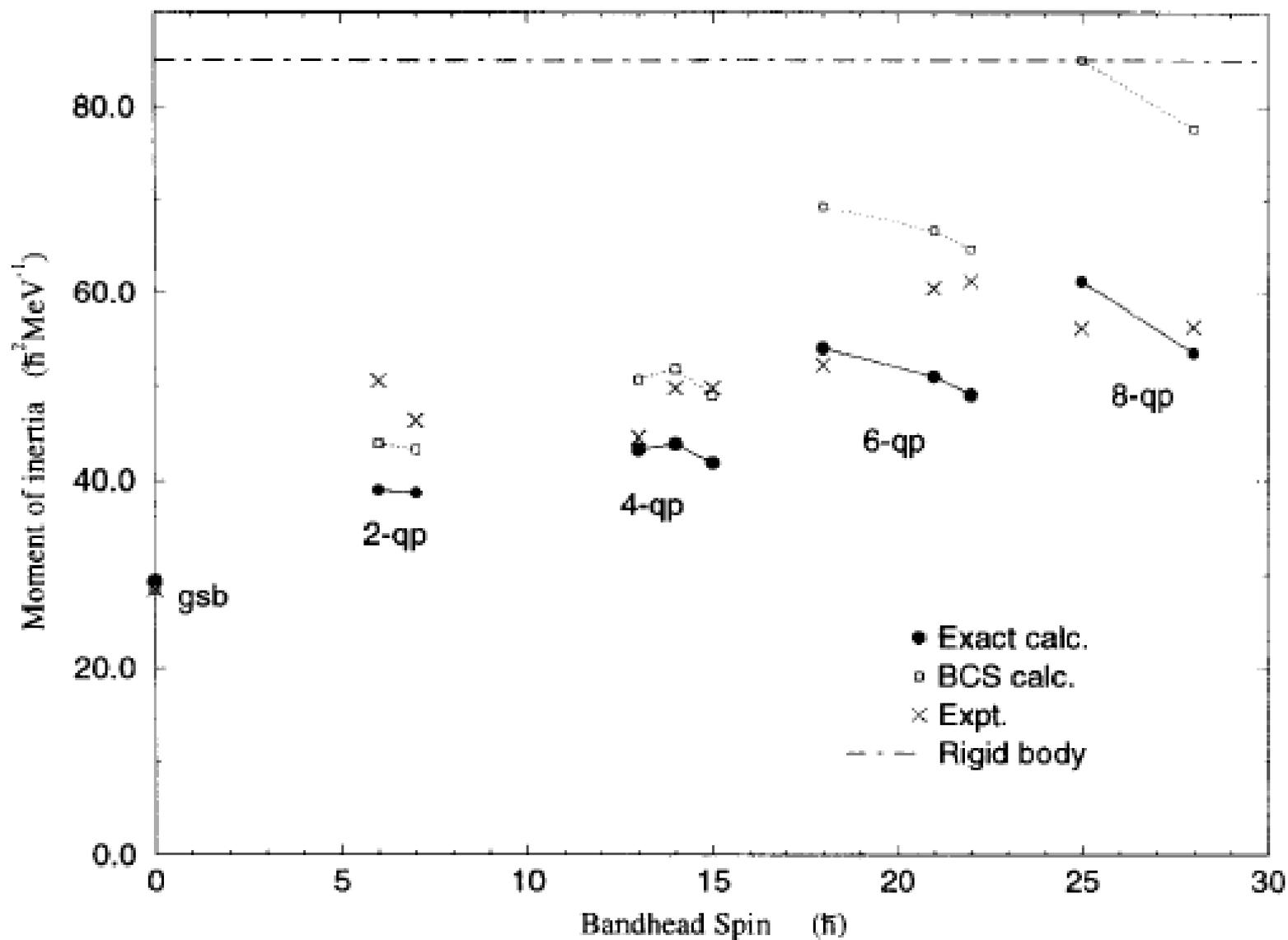


Fig. 17. Comparison of experimental and calculated moments of inertia.

Transitions from Vibrator to Rotor?

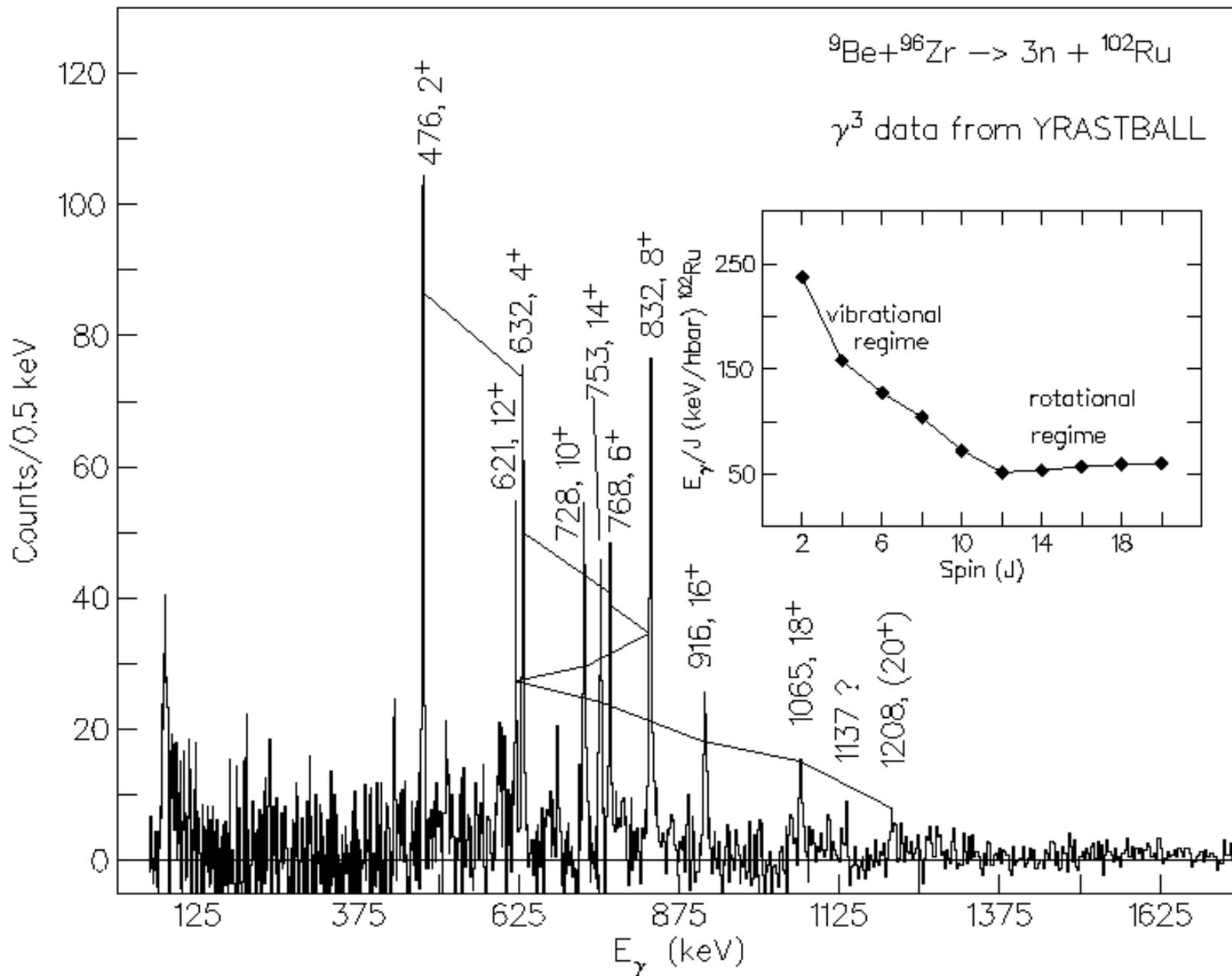
$$\text{Vibrator : } E_n = n\hbar\omega = \frac{J}{2}\hbar\omega, \quad E_\gamma = \hbar\omega$$

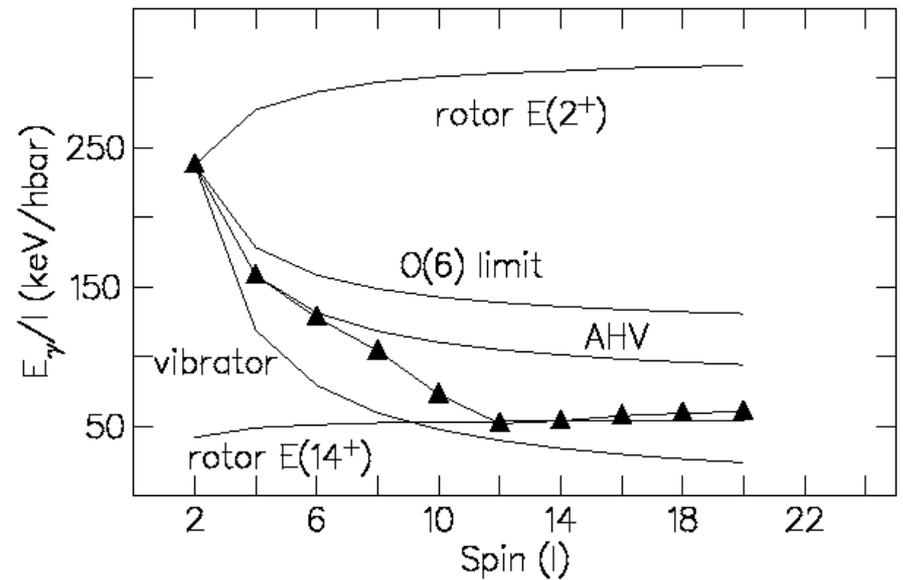
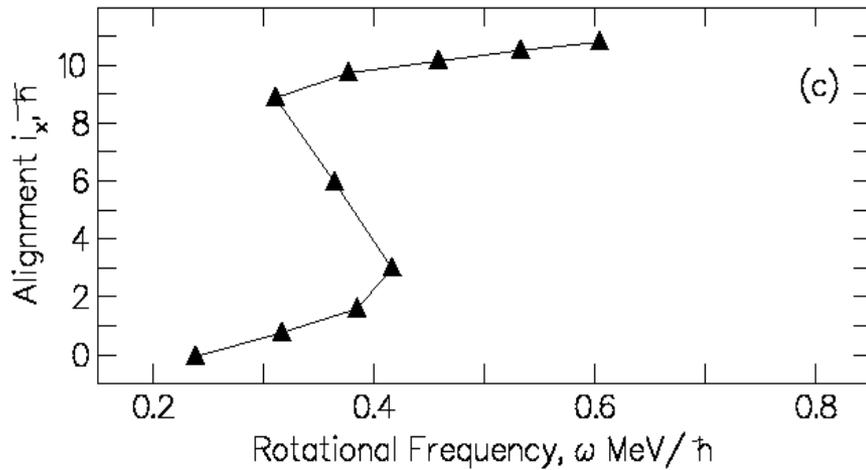
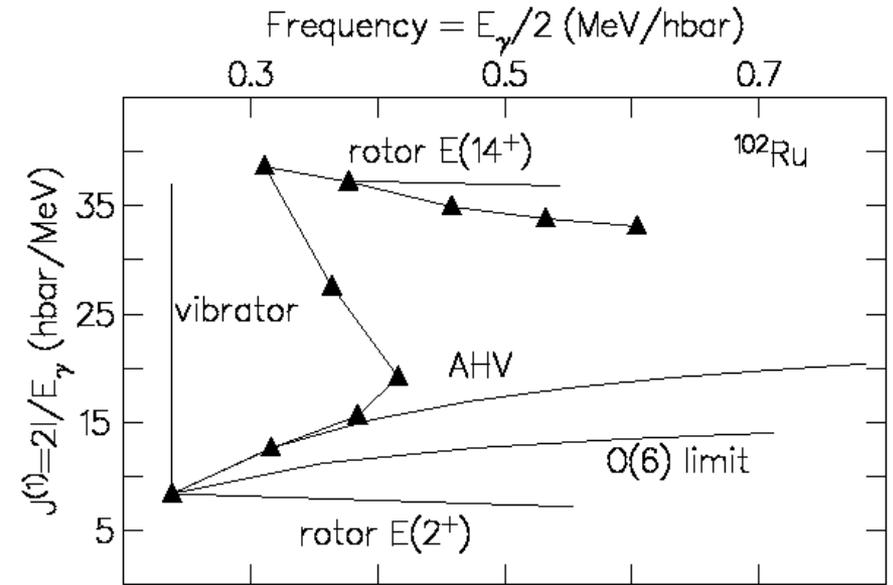
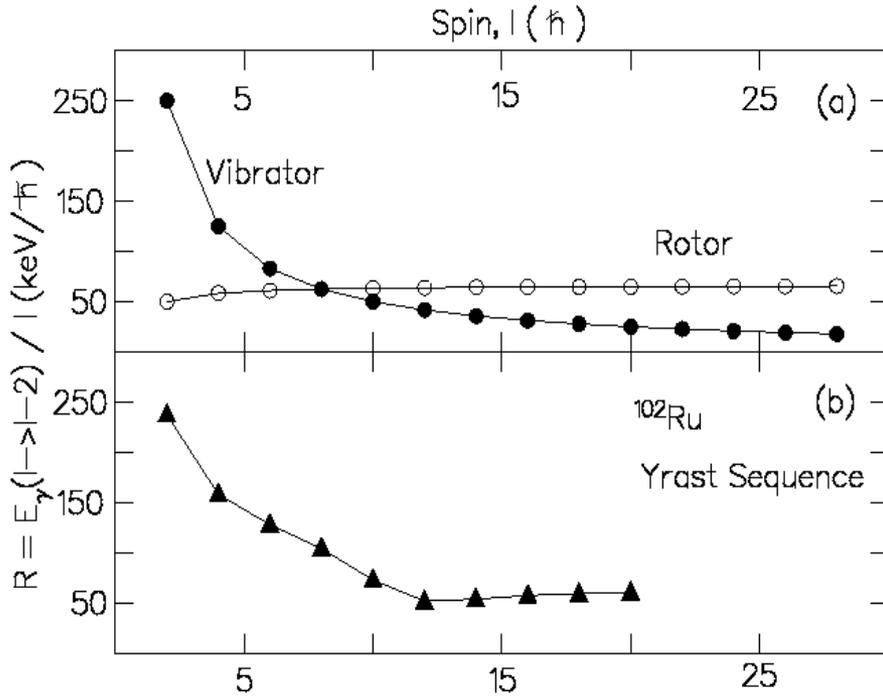
$$\text{Rotor : } E_J = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\ell} J(J+1), \quad E_\gamma = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\ell} (4J-2)$$

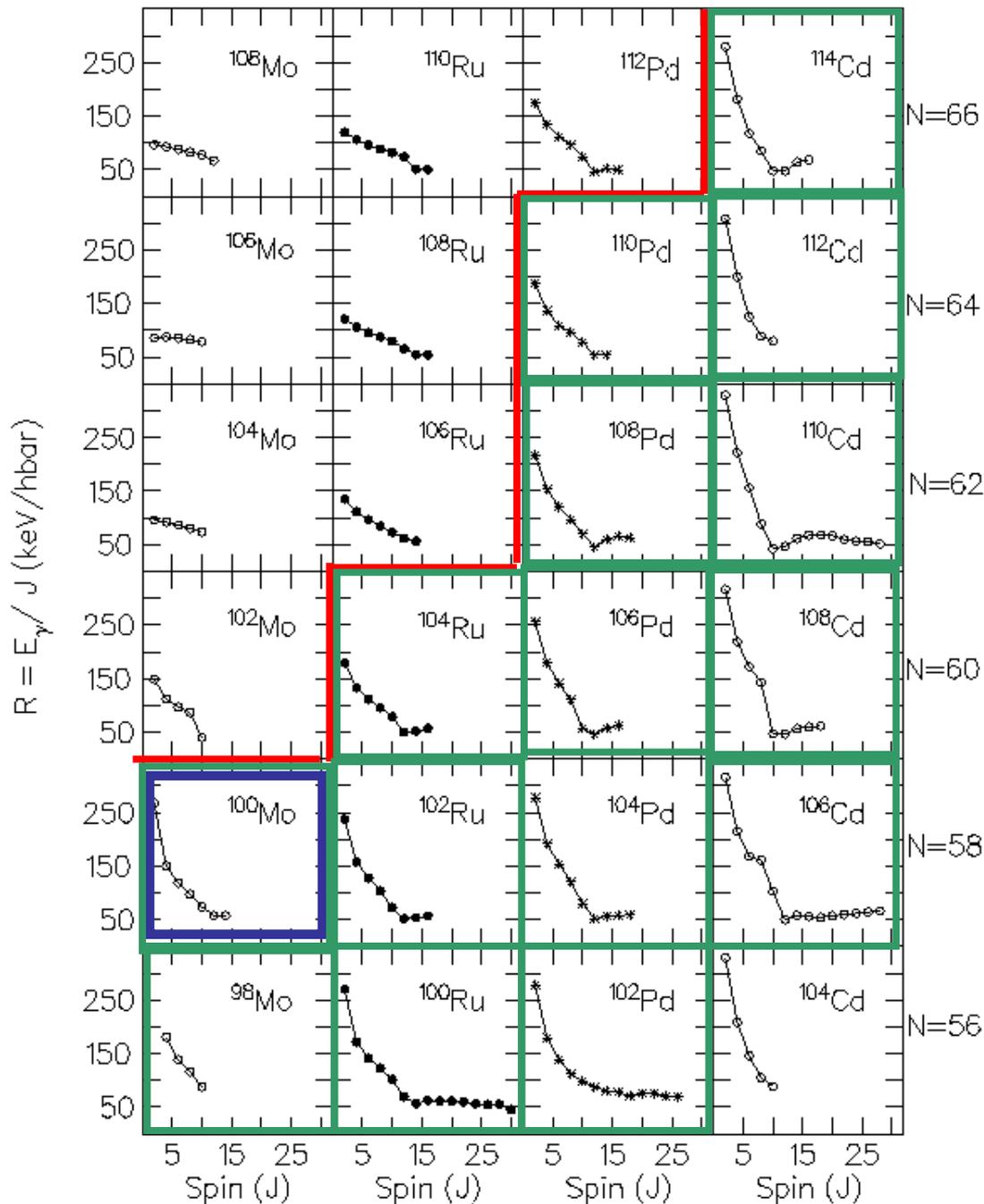
$$R = \frac{E_\gamma(J \rightarrow J-2)}{J}$$

$$\text{Vibrator : } R = \frac{\hbar\omega}{J} \xrightarrow{J \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\text{Rotor : } R = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\ell} \left( 4 - \frac{2}{J} \right) \xrightarrow{J \rightarrow \infty} 4 \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2\ell} \right)$$







Vibrator-Rotator phase change is a feature of near stable (green)  $A \sim 100$ .

‘Rotational alignment’ can be a crossing between quasi-vibrational GSB & deformed rotational sequence. (stiffening of potential by population of high-j, equatorial ( $h_{11/2}$ ) orbitals).

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