

proton-neutron pairing vibrations

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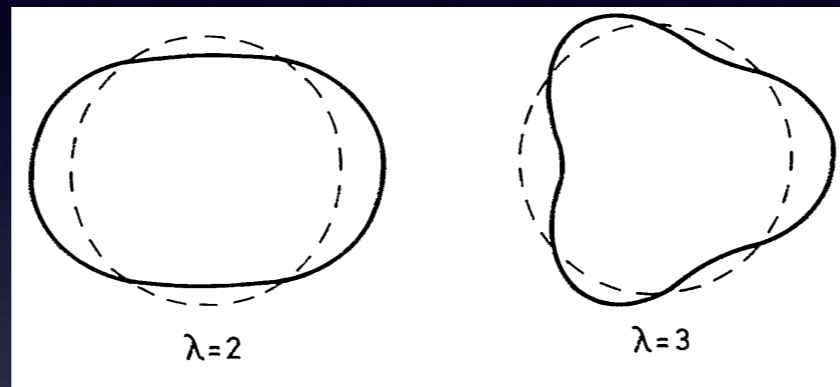
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Outline of this lecture:

- ✓ Basics of the vibrational modes of excitation in nuclei
surface vibration, like-particle pairing vibration, and then...
- ✓ Microscopic framework to describe the vibrations in spin-isospin space
- ✓ Some results in $N=Z$ nuclei: ^{40}Ca - ^{56}Ni
- ✓ Summary and outlook

Vibrational excitations in nuclei

- ✓ Giant resonance: high-frequency vibration of “surface”
intuitive and classical picture of the collective modes



GQR and HEOR

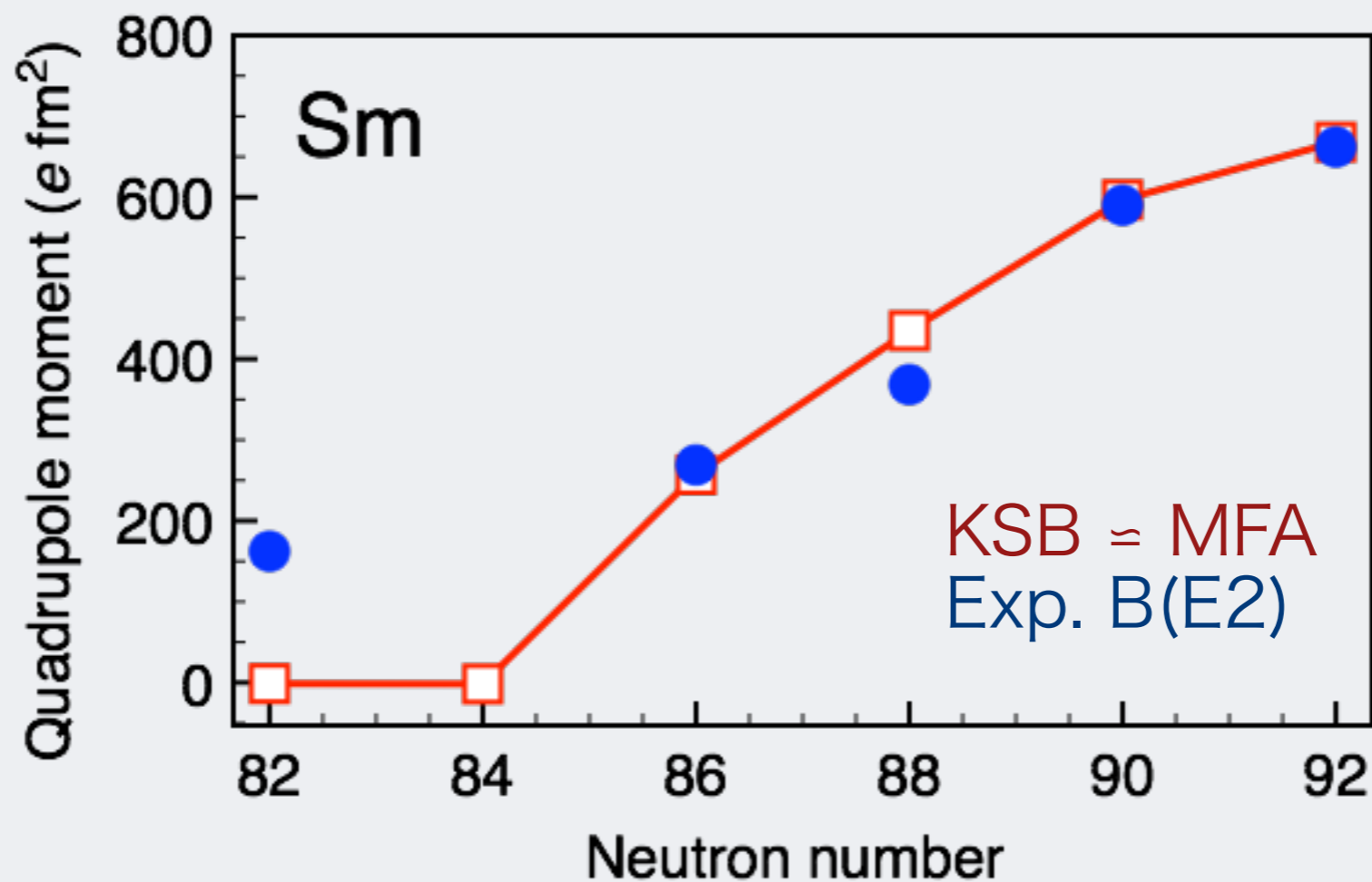
- ✓ Soft mode: low-frequency vibration associated with “phase transition”

How do we define “phases” and its transition in finite nuclei?

Quadrupole correlation and associated collective excitation order parameter characterizing the quadrupole dynamics

$$\hat{Q}_{20} \equiv \int dx r^2 Y_{20}(r) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(x) \hat{\psi}(x) \quad q \equiv \langle \hat{Q}_{20} \rangle \propto \beta_2$$

$E(2^+)$, $|\langle 2^+ | \hat{Q}_{20} | 0^+ \rangle|^2$:signatures of the collectivity

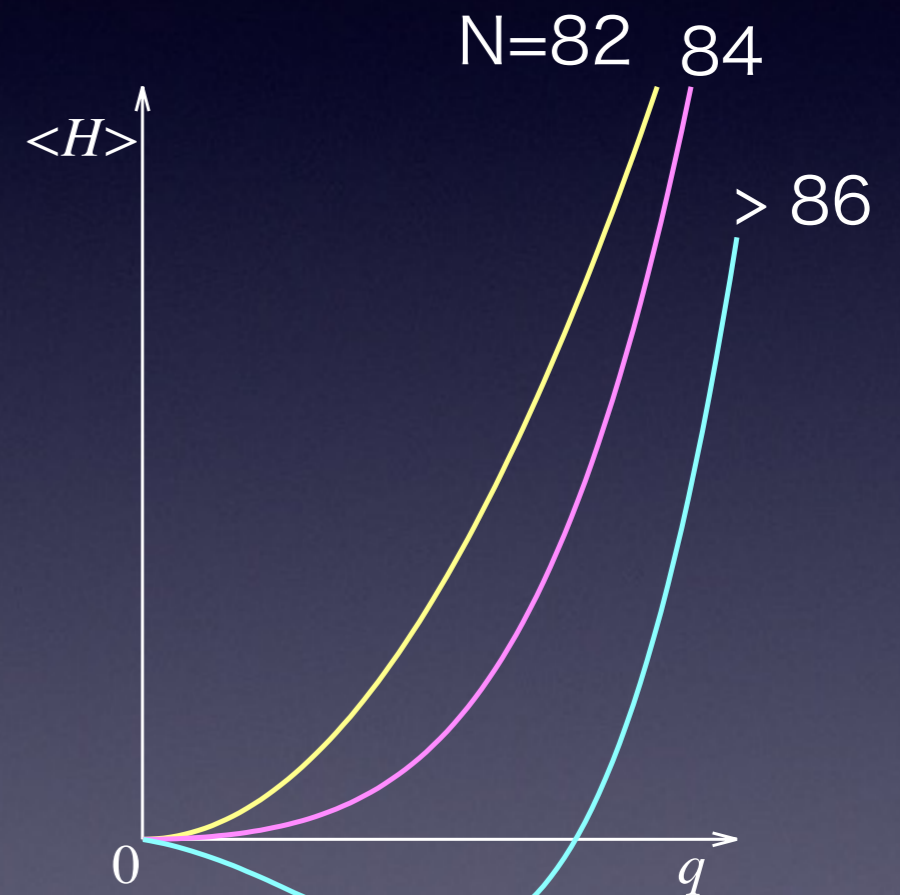
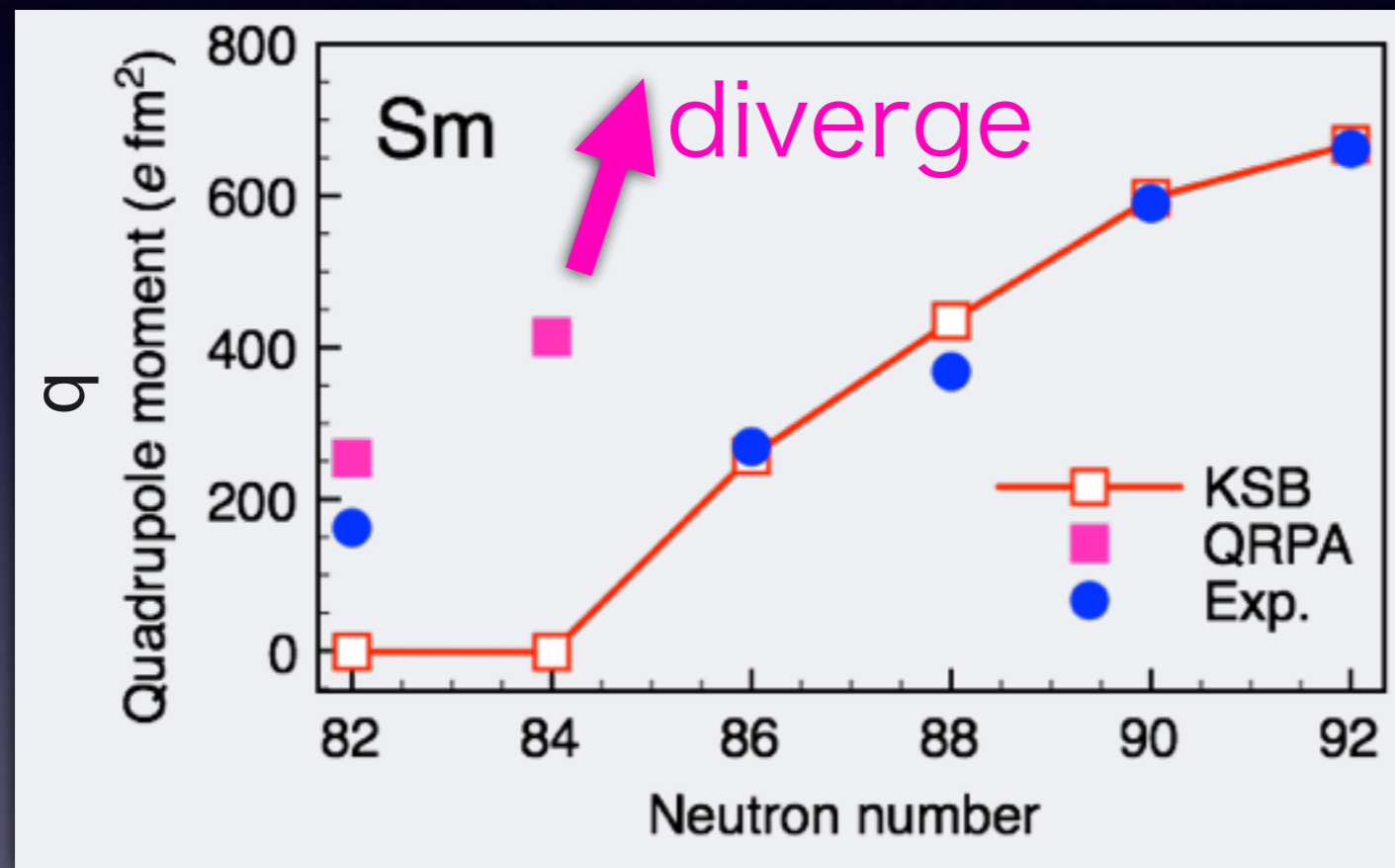


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→ low-frequency quadrupole mode: precursory soft mode of the quadrupole deformation



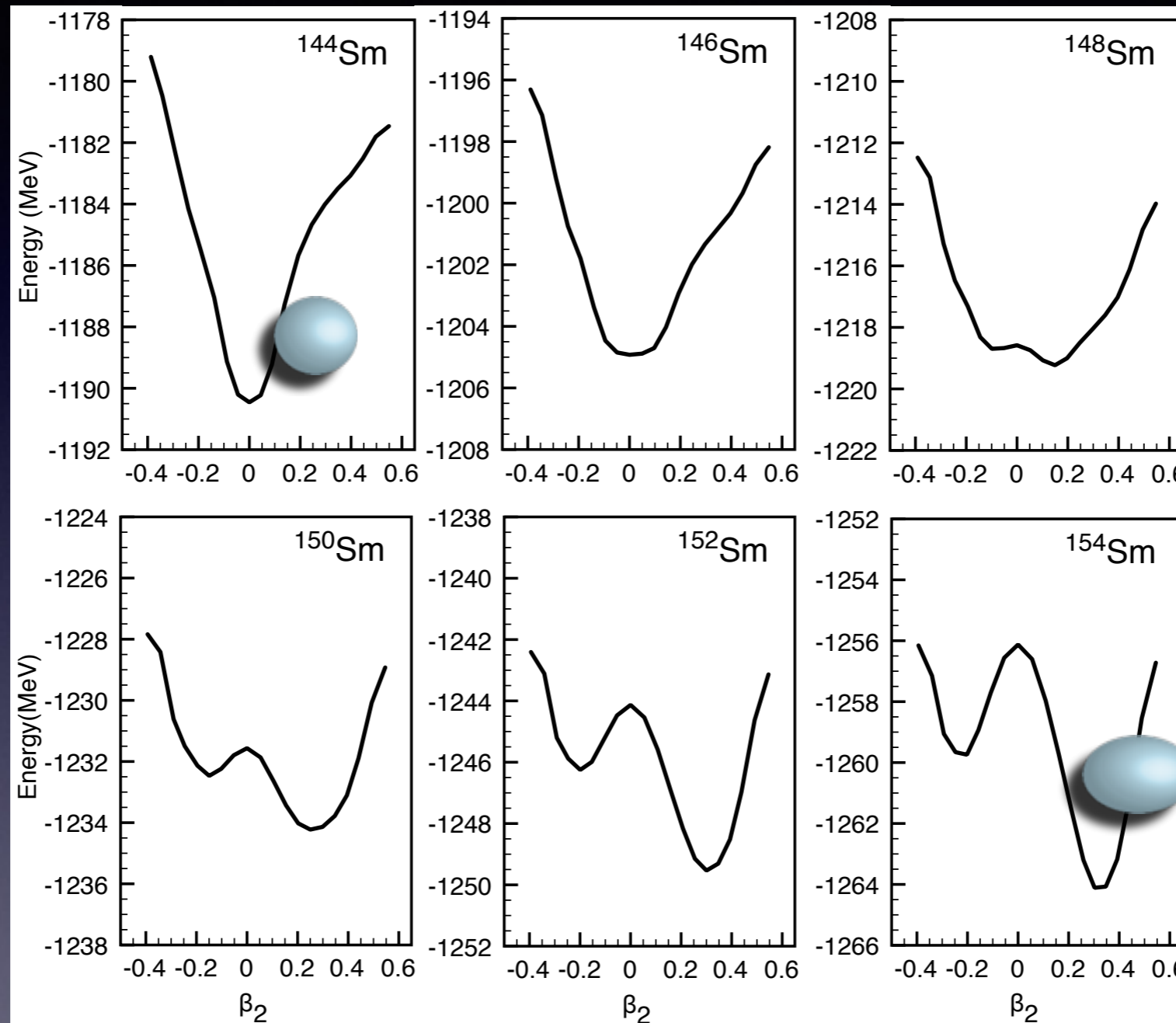
collapse of the RPA solution: location of the critical point
divergence of the transition strength: nature of the “super” phase

anharmonicity and fluctuation

explicitly taken into account around the critical point for a quantitative description

Quadrupole correlation in rare-earth nuclei

shape 'transition' as an increase in the neutron number



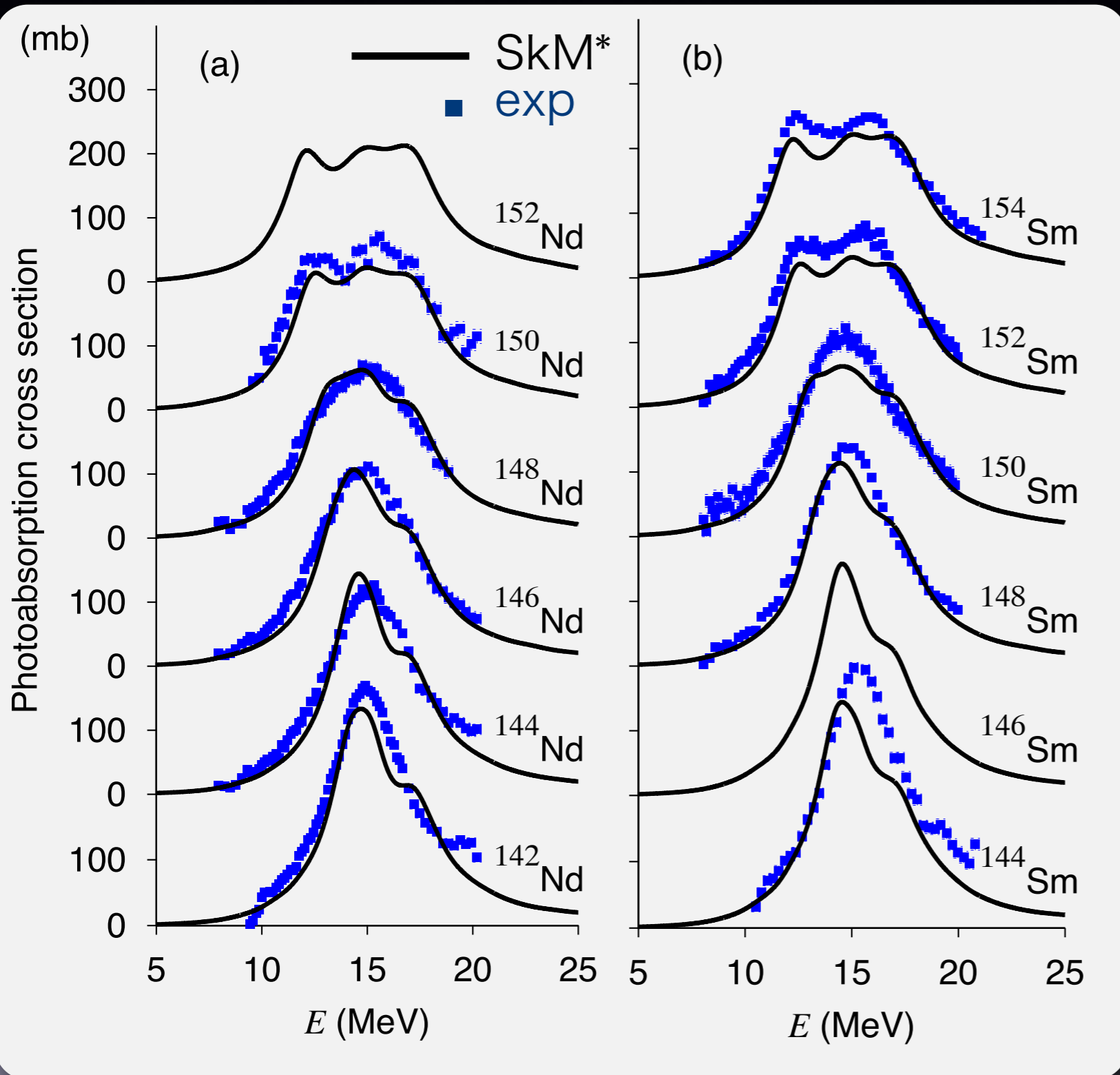
SkM*-KSB

selfconsistent mean-field model taking the breaking of symmetries defines the "phases" of finite nuclear system

Shape evolution seen in photo absorption cross sections

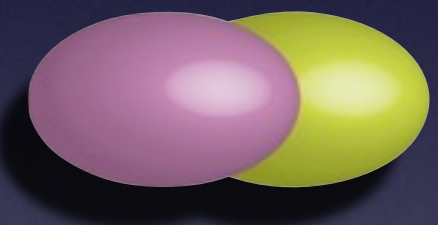
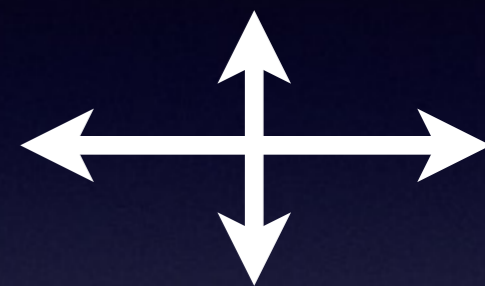
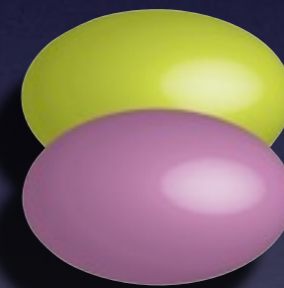
SkM*-KSB-QRPA

KY and T. Nakatsukasa, PRC83(2011)021304R



two eigen frequencies

$$\omega \sim \frac{1}{R}$$



cf. Harakeh & van der Woude,
"Giant Resonances"

Pairing vibration and condensation (of neutrons)

cf. Bès and Broglia

neutron-pair operator; a probe to see the collectivity

$$\hat{P}_{T=1, T_z=1, S=0} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \sum_{\tau, \tau'} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \sigma \tau) \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \langle \tau | \tau_+ | \tau' \rangle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \bar{\sigma}' \bar{\tau}') = \sqrt{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}_\nu(\mathbf{r} \downarrow) \hat{\psi}_\nu(\mathbf{r} \uparrow)$$

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \bar{\sigma} \bar{\tau}) = (-2\sigma)(-2\tau) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} - \sigma - \tau)$$

pairing condensation: order parameter

$$q \equiv \langle \hat{P}_{T=1, T_z=1, S=0} \rangle = \sqrt{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \tilde{\rho}_\nu(\mathbf{r})$$

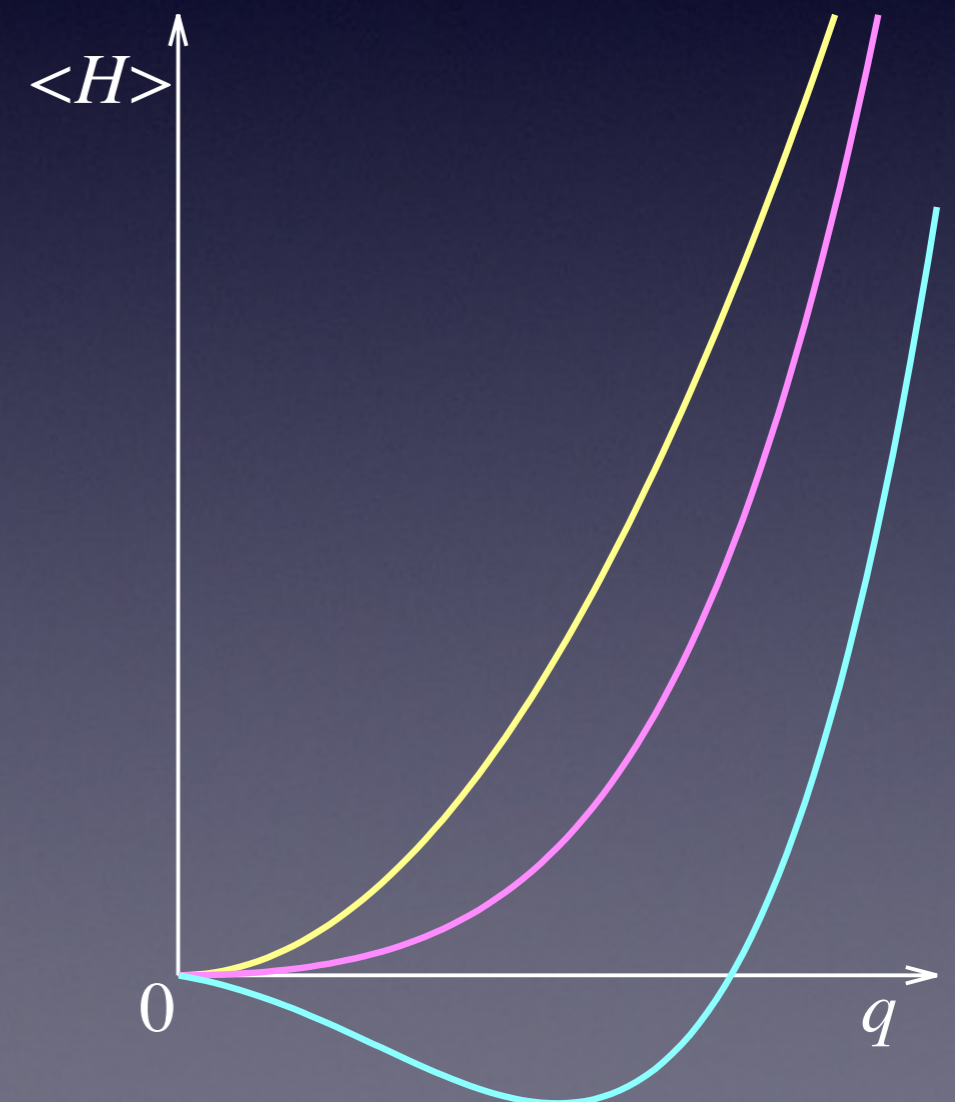
pairing gap: $\Delta \sim \int d\mathbf{r} \tilde{h}(\mathbf{r}) \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})$

pairing vibration;
precursory soft mode: $|\lambda\rangle$

w/ an enhanced transition strength

$$|\langle \lambda | \hat{P}_{T=1, T_z=1, S=0} | \rangle|^2$$

is seen in normal nuclei ($q=0$)



Proton-neutron pairing collectivity

$T=1$ ($T_z=0$), $S=0$ pair

$$\hat{P}_{T=1, T_z=0, S=0} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \sum_{\tau, \tau'} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \sigma \tau) \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \langle \tau | \tau_0 | \tau' \rangle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \bar{\sigma}' \bar{\tau}')$$

strong collectivity is expected as in nn and pp pairings

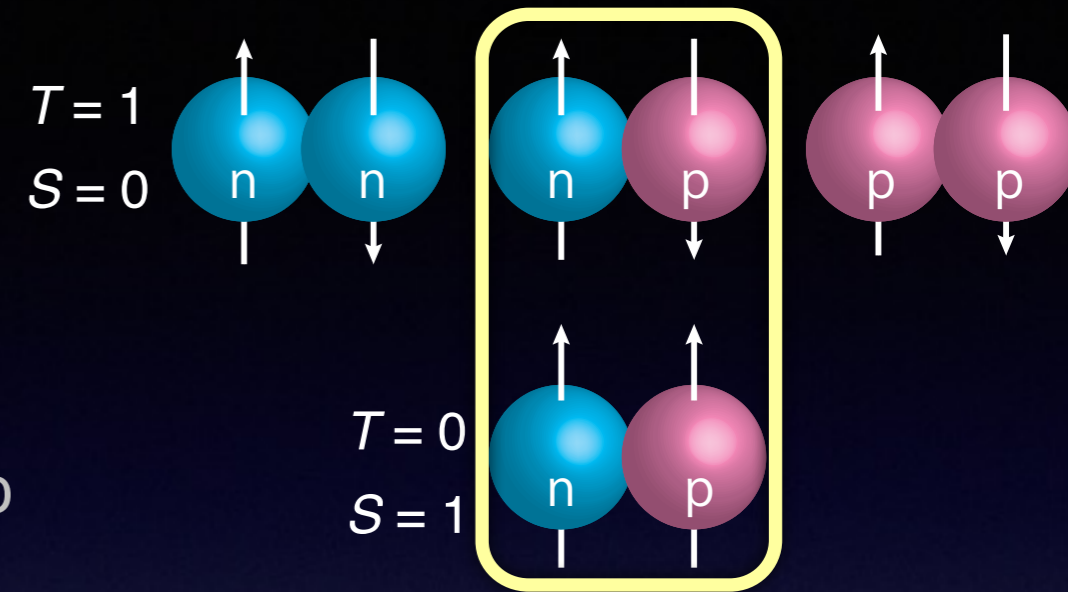
$T=0$, $S=1$ ($S_z=0, \pm 1$) pair

$$\hat{P}_{T=0, S=1} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \sum_{\tau, \tau'} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \sigma \tau) \delta_{\tau, \tau'} \langle \sigma | \sigma | \sigma' \rangle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \bar{\sigma}' \bar{\tau}')$$

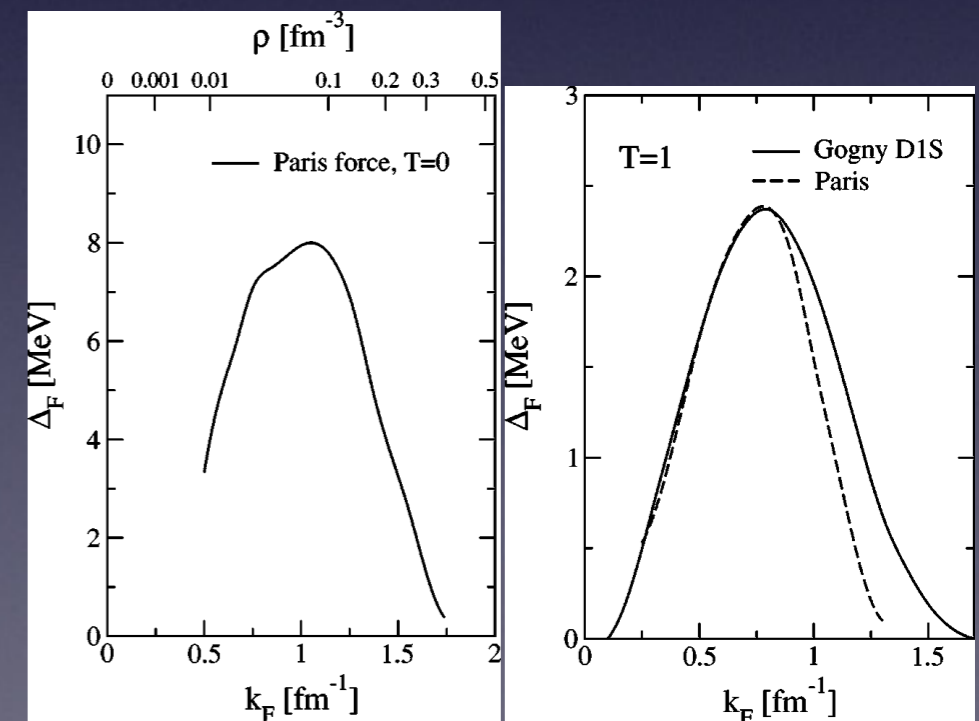
many works on the possible occurrence of the condensation, but largely unknown

“no evidence so far”

S. Frauendorf and A. O. Macchiavelli,
Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 78 (2014) 24



$$\Delta_{01} > \Delta_{10}$$



Pairing phase diagram: Pairing vibration and rotation

G.G.Dussel et al., NPA450(1986)164

two-level solvable model:

$$H = 2N_2 - X_{10} \sum_{\mu} \sum_{l,l'=1,2} D_{\mu l}^+ D_{\mu l'} - X_{01} \sum_{\mu} \sum_{l,l'=1,2} P_{\mu l}^+ P_{\mu l'}$$

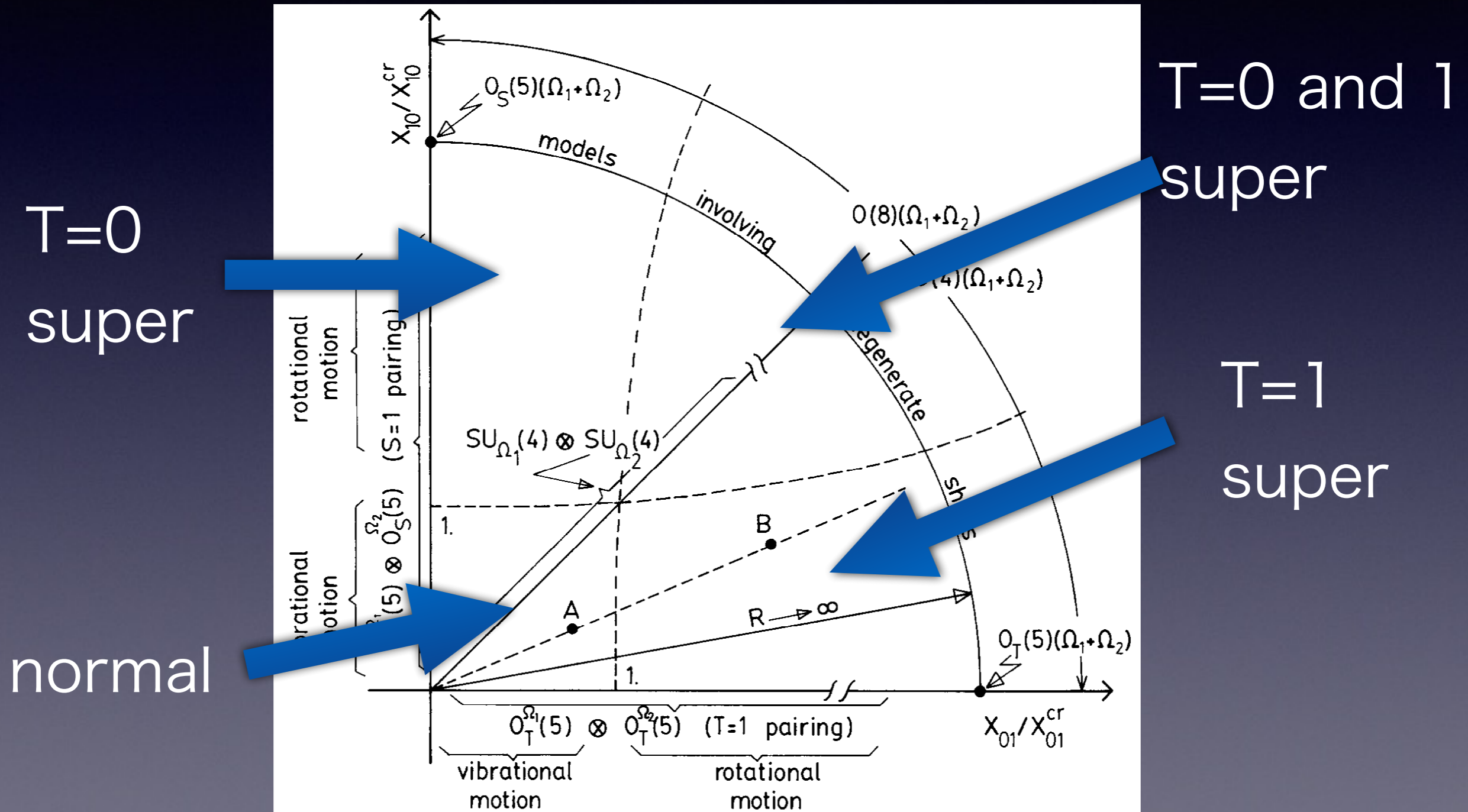


Fig. 1. The two-dimensional space of phases of the model. Various limiting schemes are indicated.

Density functional theory



1998



Kohn

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem (1964)

Existence of the energy density giving the exact g.s. energy of many-body int. system

$$E = \min_{\Psi} \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle = \min_{\rho(\mathbf{r})} \left[\underbrace{\min_{\Psi \rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{r})} \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle}_{\mathcal{E}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]} \right] : \text{EDF}$$

Kohn-Sham theorem (1965)

The exact g.s. of many-body int. system is given as a Slater determinant of the Kohn-Sham orbitals

Kohn-Sham (KS) eq.

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \phi_i + v[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \phi_i = \epsilon_i \phi_i$$
$$v[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho} \{ \mathcal{E}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] - T_s[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \}$$

particle density

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

kinetic energy density

$$T_s[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \sum_i |\nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

cf. HF mean field

$$\Gamma[\rho] \neq v[\rho]$$

gs of many-body system



single-particle motions
in a one-body potential

Skyrme energy-density functional (EDF)

Energy functional: $E = \int d\mathbf{r} \mathcal{E}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$ $\rho(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_{\sigma} \langle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}\sigma) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}\sigma) \rangle$

Energy density: $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{T} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{Skyrme}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{em}}$

Skyrme energy density: $\mathcal{H}_{\text{Skyrme}} = \sum_{t=0,1} \sum_{t_3=-t}^t \left(\mathcal{H}_{tt_3}^{\text{even}} + \mathcal{H}_{tt_3}^{\text{odd}} \right)$

$$\mathcal{H}_{tt_3}^{\text{even}} = C_t^{\rho} \rho_{tt_3}^2 + C_t^{\Delta\rho} \rho_{tt_3} \Delta\rho_{tt_3} + C_t^{\tau} \rho_{tt_3} \tau_{tt_3} + C_t^{\nabla J} \rho_{tt_3} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_{tt_3} + C_t^{J^{\leftrightarrow}} \mathbf{J}_{tt_3}^2$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{tt_3}^{\text{odd}} = C_t^s \mathbf{s}_{tt_3}^2 + C_t^{\Delta s} \mathbf{s}_{tt_3} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{s}_{tt_3} + C_t^T \mathbf{s}_{tt_3} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{tt_3} + C_t^{\nabla s} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{s}_{tt_3})^2 + C_t^j \mathbf{j}_{tt_3}^2 + C_t^{\nabla j} \mathbf{s}_{tt_3} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{j}_{tt_3}$$

T-odd densities vanish in g.s of e-e nuclei

T-odd Skyrme energy density is not well constrained,

but plays a role in dynamics

$\mathcal{E}[\rho(\mathbf{r}), \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})]$ pair correlation is also important

$\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \langle \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \downarrow) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r} \uparrow) \rangle$: spin-singlet pair of like-particles

Self-consistent pn-QRPA for exploring vibrational modes in spin-isospin space

starting point: Skyrme + pairing EDF $\mathcal{E}[\rho(\mathbf{r}), \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})]$

T=I (nn and pp) pairing condensates

variation w.r.t densities

The coordinate-space Kohn-Sham-Bogoliubov-de Gennes eq. for ground states

J. Dobaczewski et al., NPA422(1984)103

$$\begin{pmatrix} h^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) - \lambda^q & \tilde{h}^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \\ \tilde{h}^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) & -(h^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) - \lambda^q) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{1,\alpha}^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \\ \varphi_{2,\alpha}^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \end{pmatrix} = E_\alpha \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{1,\alpha}^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \\ \varphi_{2,\alpha}^q(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \end{pmatrix}$$

$q = \nu, \pi$

“s.p.” hamiltonian and pair potential: $h^q = \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho^q}, \quad \tilde{h}^q = \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \tilde{\rho}^q}$



quasiparticle basis $\alpha, \beta \dots$

The proton-neutron quasiparticle RPA eq. for excited states $[\hat{H}, \hat{O}_\lambda^\dagger] |\Psi_\lambda\rangle = \omega_\lambda \hat{O}_\lambda^\dagger |\Psi_\lambda\rangle$

Collective excitation = coherent superposition of 2qp excitations:

$$\hat{O}_\lambda^\dagger = \sum_{\alpha\beta} X_{\alpha\beta}^\lambda \hat{a}_{\alpha,\nu}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\beta,\pi}^\dagger - Y_{\alpha\beta}^\lambda \hat{a}_{\beta,\pi} \hat{a}_{\alpha,\nu}$$

residual interactions derived self-consistently :

$$v_{\text{res}}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho_{1t_3}(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta \rho_{1t_3}(\mathbf{r}_2)} \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 + \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{E}}{\delta s_{1t_3}(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta s_{1t_3}(\mathbf{r}_2)} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2$$

Recent progress

EDF-based **self-consistent** pnQRPA for **axially-deformed** nuclei

w/o any free parameters

(almost all the) arbitrary nuclei

Skyrme

coordinate-space



suitable for weakly-bound nuclei

PTEP

Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2013**, 113D02 (17 pages)
DOI: 10.1093/ptep/ptt091

Spin–isospin response of deformed neutron-rich nuclei in a self-consistent Skyrme energy-density-functional approach

Kenichi Yoshida*

PHYSICAL REVIEW C **87**, 064302 (2013)

Large-scale calculations of the double- β decay of ^{76}Ge , ^{130}Te , ^{136}Xe , and ^{150}Nd in the deformed self-consistent Skyrme quasiparticle random-phase approximation

M. T. Mustonen^{1,2,*} and J. Engel^{1,†}

PHYSICAL REVIEW C **90**, 024308 (2014)

Finite-amplitude method for charge-changing transitions in axially deformed nuclei

M. T. Mustonen,^{1,*} T. Shafer,^{1,†} Z. Zenginerler,^{2,‡} and J. Engel^{1,§}

PHYSICAL REVIEW C **89**, 044306 (2014)

Gamow-Teller strength in deformed nuclei within the self-consistent charge-exchange quasiparticle random-phase approximation with the Gogny force

M. Martini,^{1,2,3} S. Péru,³ and S. Goriely¹

Gogny

Interactions employed for pn-pairing vibrations in fp-shell nuclei

KSB(HFB) eq:

SGII + surface pairing

$$V_0 = -520 \text{ MeV fm}^3$$

^{44}Ti

$$\Delta_n = 1.82 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta_p = 1.87 \text{ MeV}$$

pnQRPA eq:

p-h channel: SGII

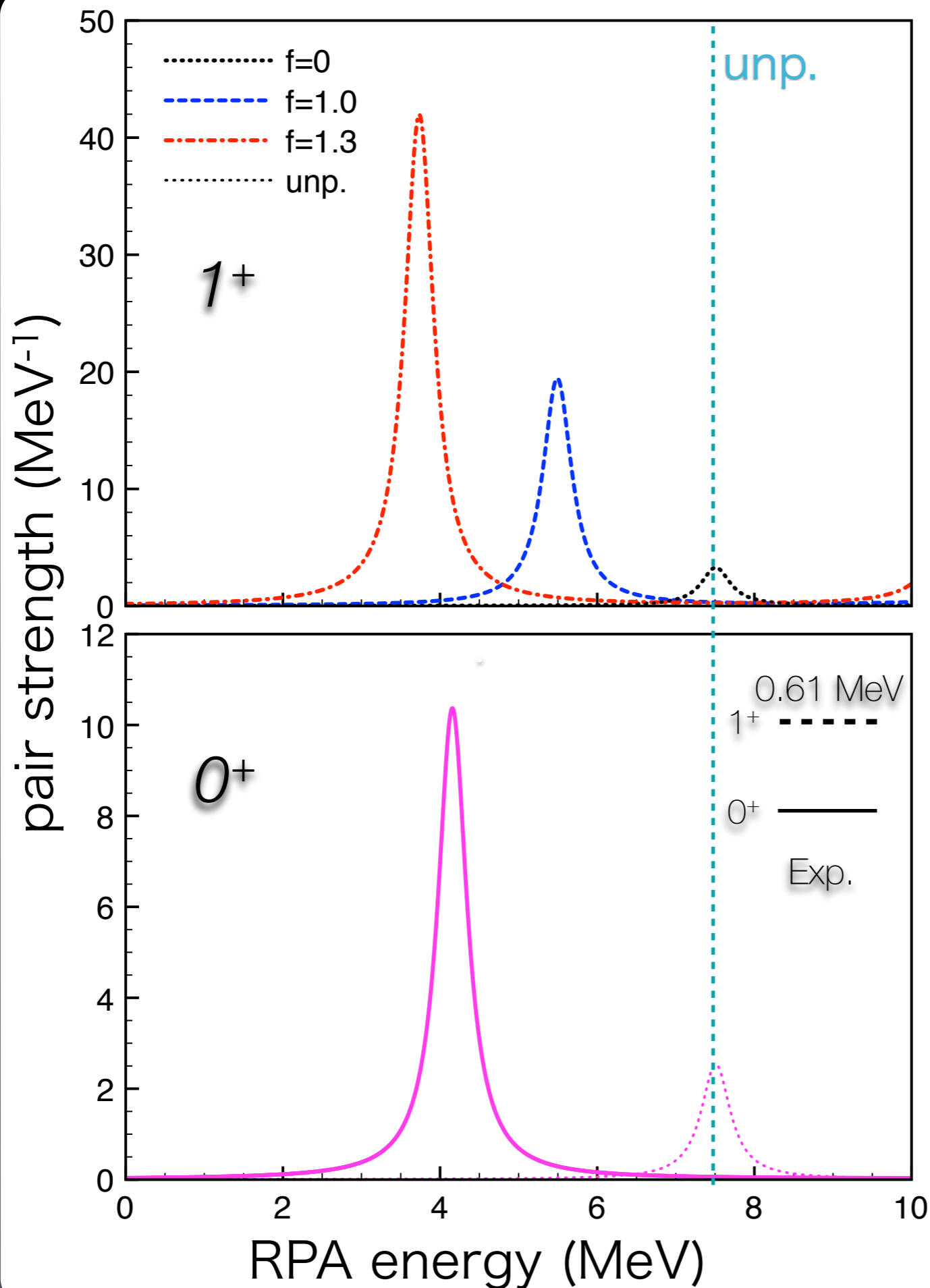
p-p channel:

$$v_{pp}^{T=0}(\mathbf{r}\sigma\tau, \mathbf{r}'\sigma'\tau') = f \times V_0 \frac{1 + P_\sigma}{2} \frac{1 - P_\tau}{2} \left[1 - \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} \right] \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

$$v_{pp}^{T=1}(\mathbf{r}\sigma\tau, \mathbf{r}'\sigma'\tau') = V_0 \frac{1 - P_\sigma}{2} \frac{1 + P_\tau}{2} \left[1 - \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} \right] \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

changing “f” to see an effect of the residual interaction

cf. C. Bai et al., PLB719(2013)116



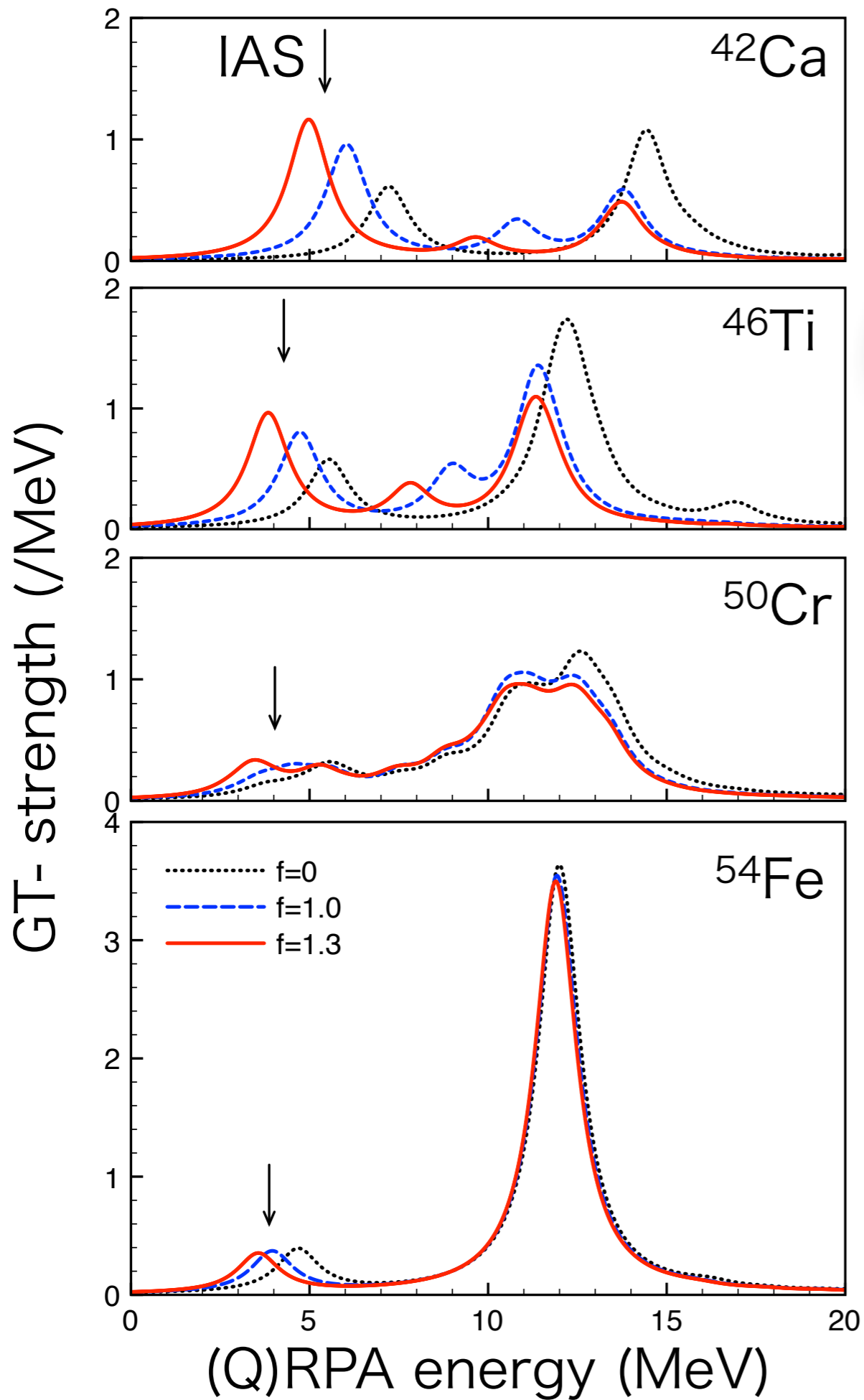
f=1.3

^{42}Sc	$J^\pi = 1^+$	$J^\pi = 0^+$	
configuration	$E_\alpha + E_\beta$	$M_{\alpha\beta}^{S=1, S_z=0}$	$M_{\alpha\beta}^{S=0}$
$\pi 1f_{7/2} \otimes \nu 1f_{7/2}$	7.5	1.70	2.85
$\pi 1f_{7/2} \otimes \nu 1f_{5/2}$	15.2	0.62	
$\pi 1f_{5/2} \otimes \nu 1f_{7/2}$	14.7	0.51	
$\pi 2p_{3/2} \otimes \nu 2p_{3/2}$	16.1	0.17	0.22
$\pi 1d_{3/2} \otimes \nu 1d_{3/2}$	4.2	0.25	0.48
$\pi 2s_{1/2} \otimes \nu 2s_{1/2}$	6.6	0.25	
$\pi 1d_{3/2} \otimes \nu 1d_{5/2}$	10.1	0.32	
$\pi 1d_{5/2} \otimes \nu 1d_{3/2}$	10.2	0.32	
$\pi 1d_{5/2} \otimes \nu 1d_{5/2}$	16.1	0.16	0.31

Transition matrix element

$$\langle \lambda | \hat{P}_{T,S}^\dagger | 0 \rangle = \sum_{\alpha\beta} M_{\alpha\beta}^{T,S}$$

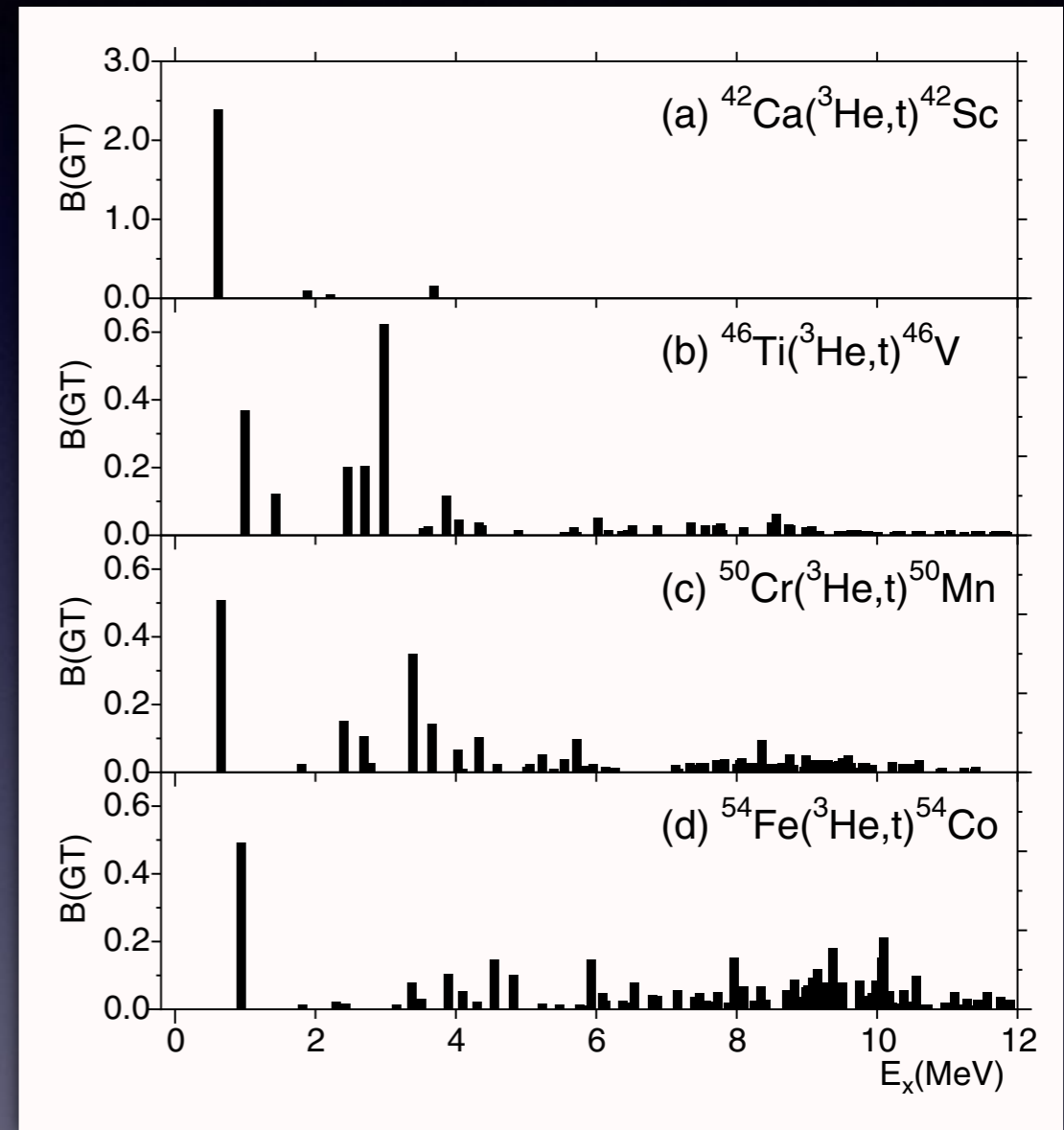
- ✓ coherent superposition of $(f)^2$ excitation
- ✓ sizable hole-hole excitations



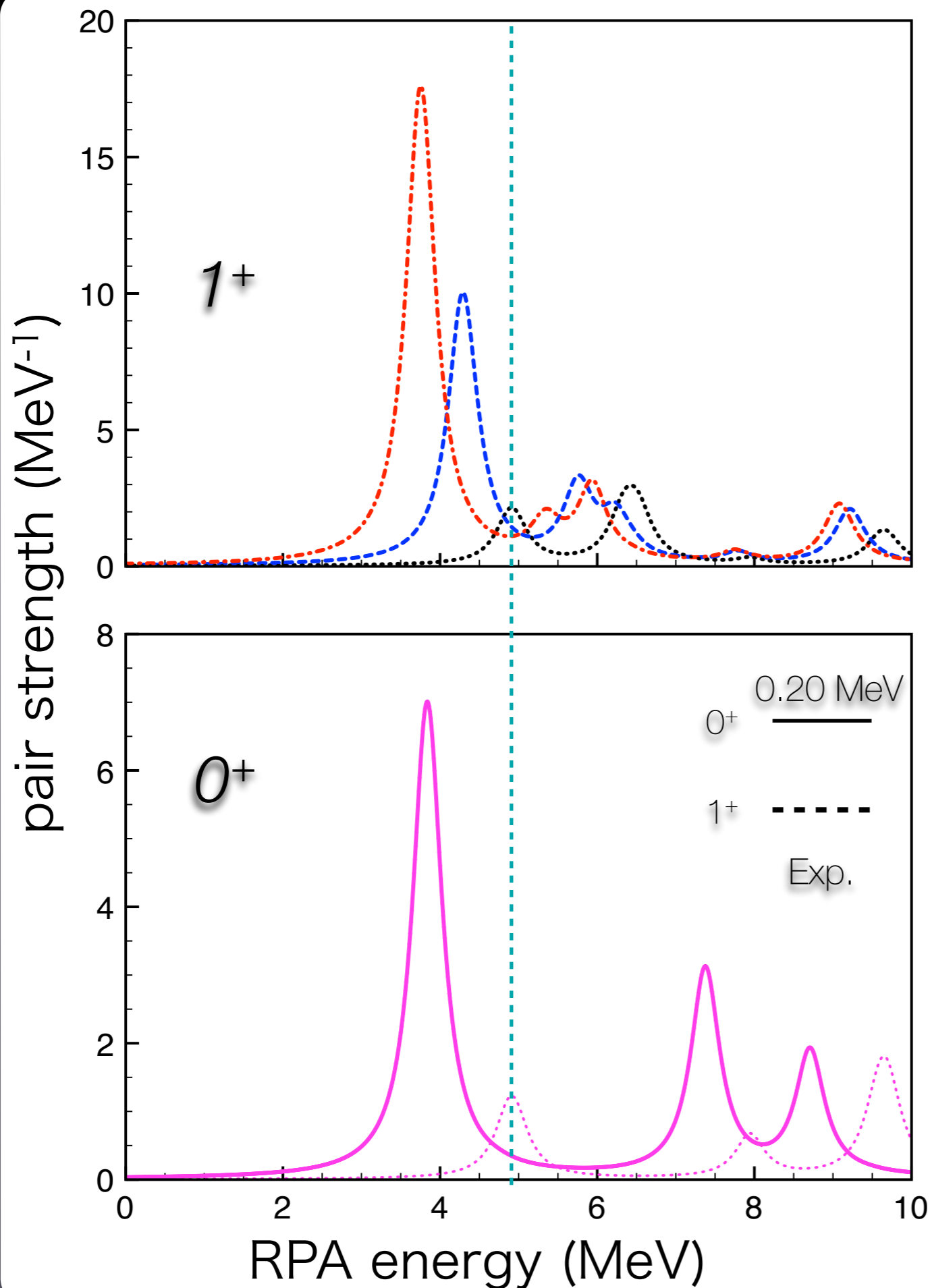
Talk by Fujita this morning:
 “Low-energy super GT state” in ^{42}Sc



pn-pairing more effective



T. Adachi, Y. Fujita et al.,
 NPA788 (2007) 70c



$f=1.3$

^{58}Cu	$J^\pi = 1^+$	$J^\pi = 0^+$	
configuration	$E_\alpha + E_\beta$	$M_{\alpha\beta}^{S=1, S_z=0}$	$M_{\alpha\beta}^{S=0}$
$\pi 2p_{3/2} \otimes \nu 2p_{3/2}$	4.5	1.28	1.90
$\pi 2p_{1/2} \otimes \nu 2p_{3/2}$	6.4	0.39	
$\pi 2p_{3/2} \otimes \nu 2p_{1/2}$	6.5	0.37	
$\pi 2p_{1/2} \otimes \nu 2p_{1/2}$	7.9		0.26
$\pi 1f_{5/2} \otimes \nu 1f_{5/2}$	9.7	0.15	0.55
$\pi 1f_{7/2} \otimes \nu 1f_{7/2}$	5.1	0.17	0.50

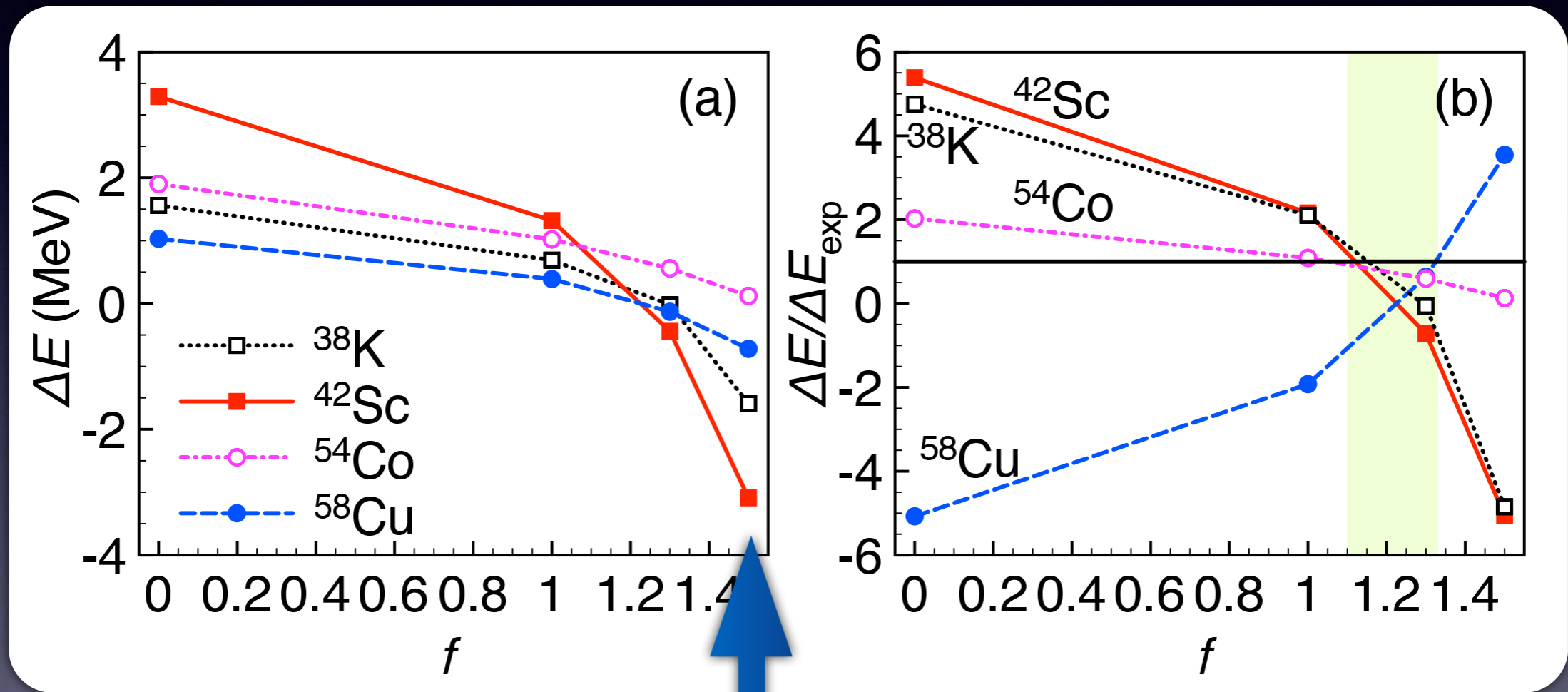
- ✓ coherent superposition of $(p)^2$ and $(f_{5/2})^2$ excitations
- ✓ $(f_{7/2})^2$ excitation as a ground-state correlation



weaker collectivity than
in ^{40}Ca

Collective pn-pairing vibration mode precursory to the T=0 pairing condensation

$$\Delta E = \omega_{1+} - \omega_{0+}$$



approaching the critical point to the T=0 pairing condensation

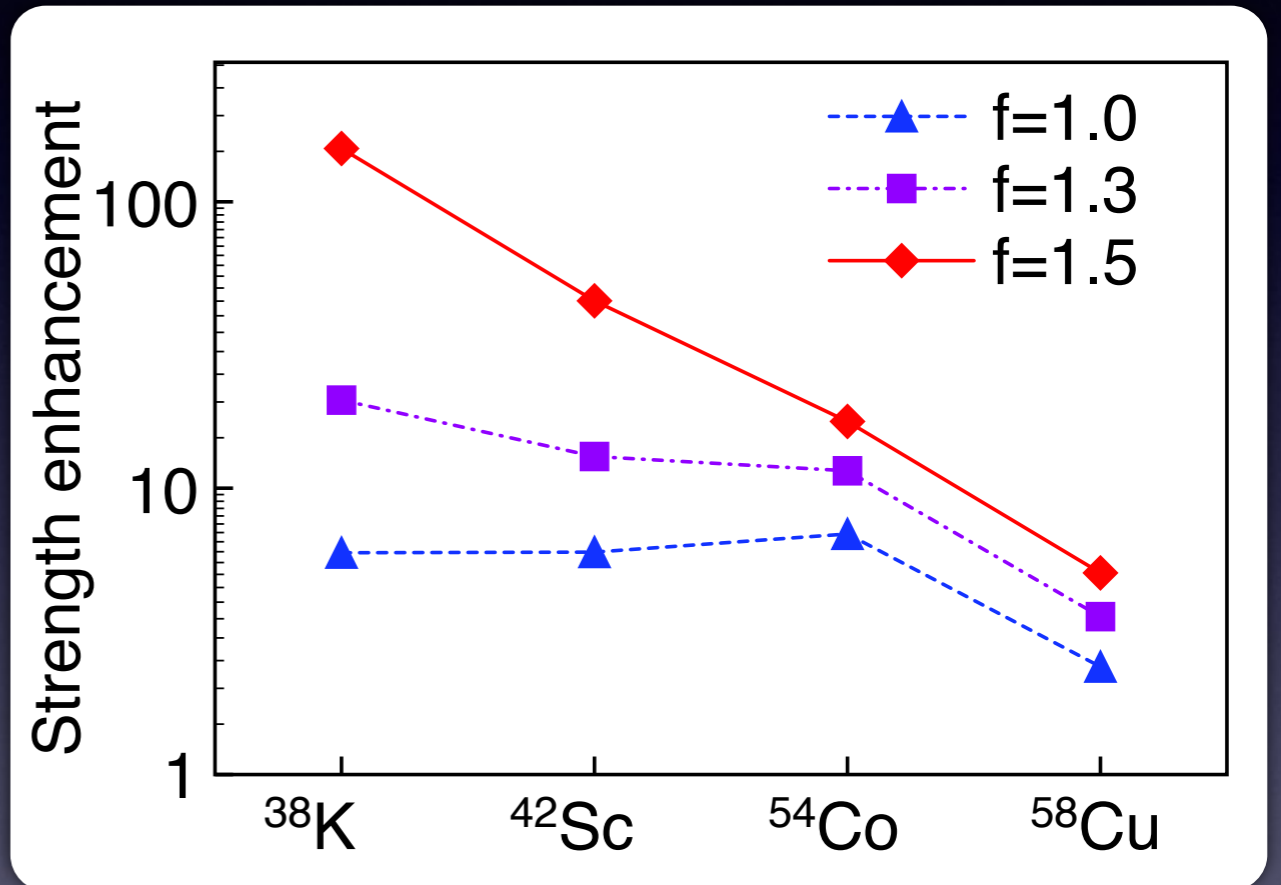
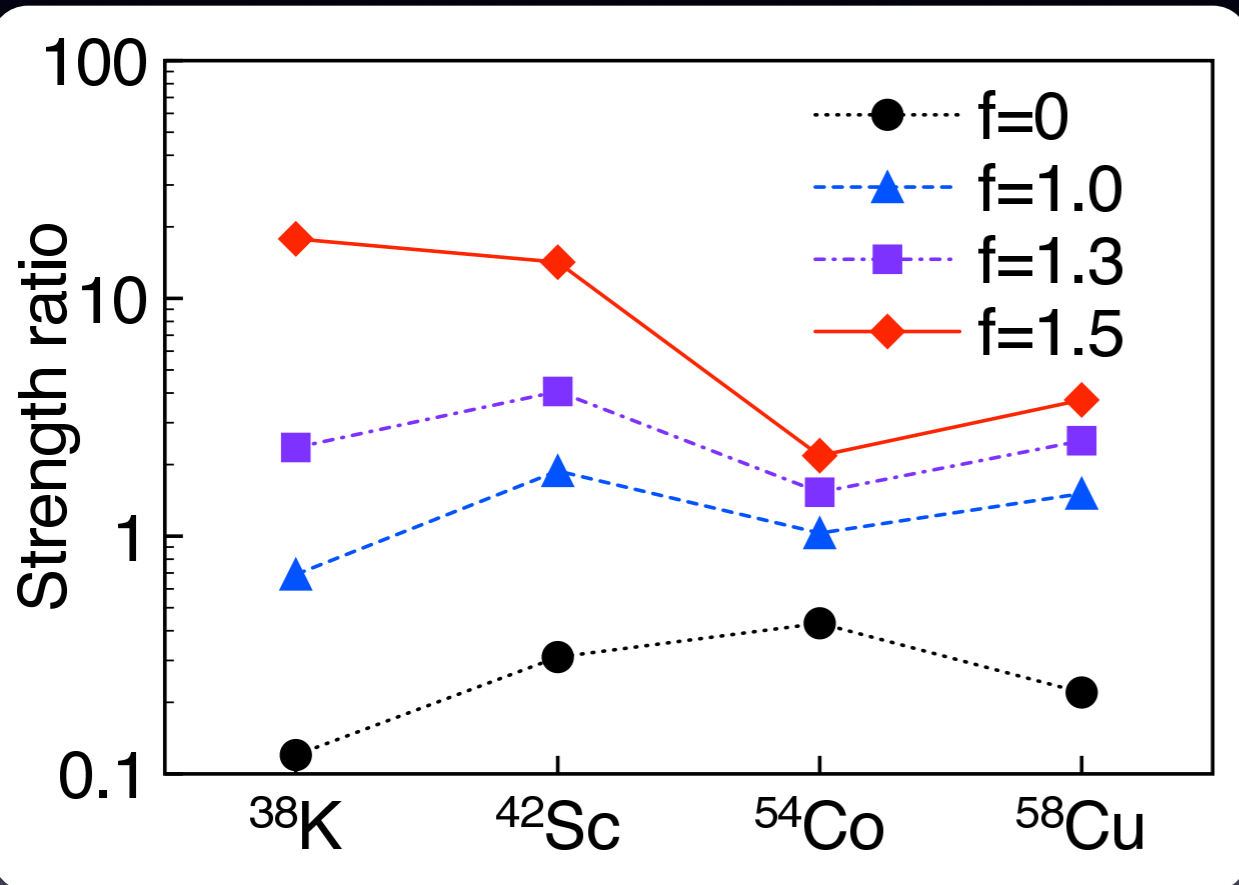
$$f_c = 1.53 \text{ } (^{40}\text{Ca})$$

Enhancement of the pair transfer strengths

pair addition and removal

$$\frac{|\langle \lambda | \hat{P}_{T=0}^\dagger | 0 \rangle|^2}{|\langle \lambda | \hat{P}_{T=1}^\dagger | 0 \rangle|^2}$$

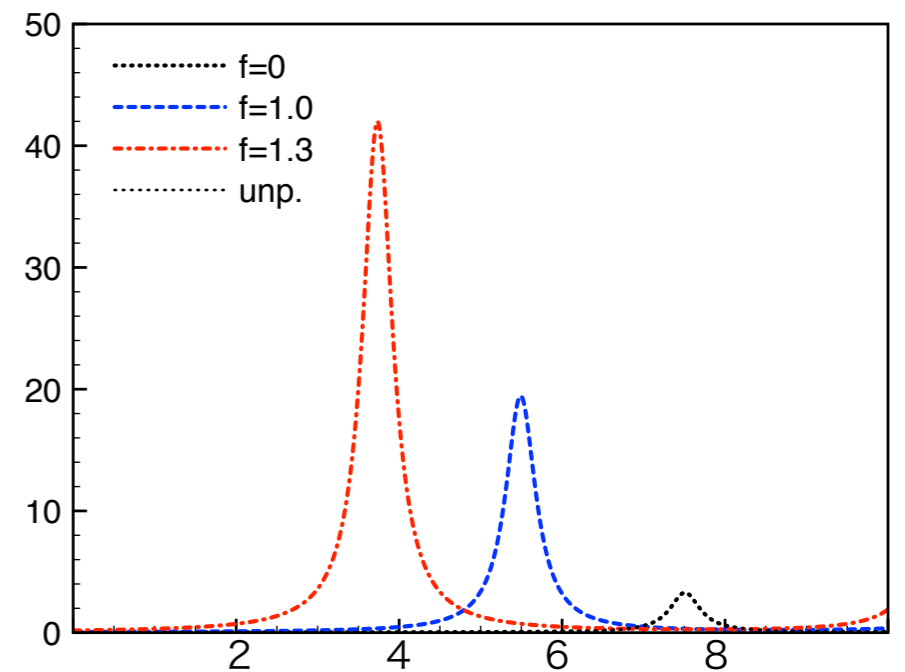
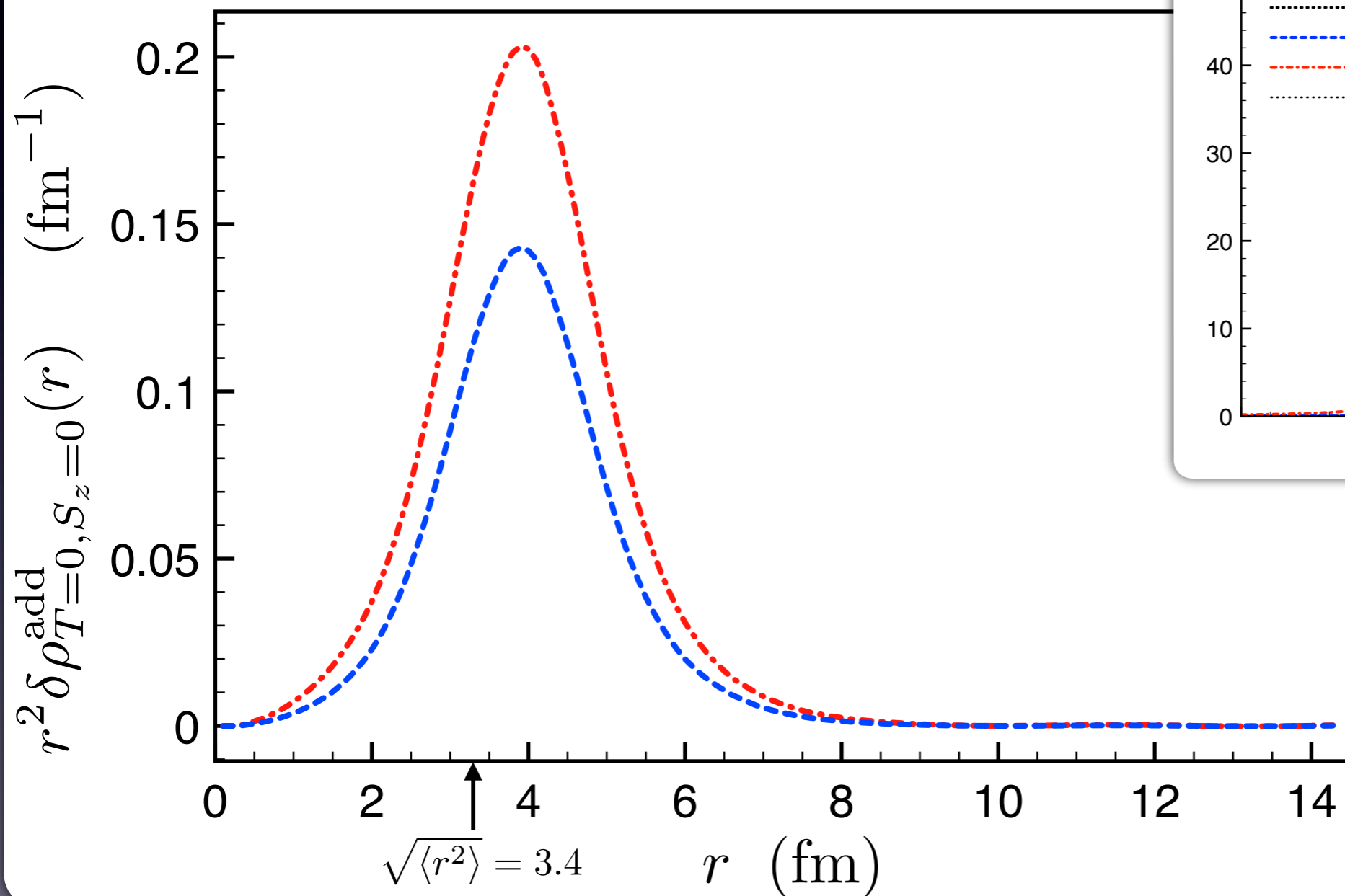
$$\frac{|\langle \lambda | \hat{P}_{T=0}^\dagger | 0 \rangle|^2}{|\langle \text{unp.} | \hat{P}_{T=0}^\dagger | 0 \rangle|^2}$$



enhancement of the cross section
in $^{40}\text{Ca}(^3\text{He},p)^{42}\text{Sc}$

$$\frac{\sigma(1^+)_{\text{exp}}}{\sigma(1^+)_{\text{unp}}} = 23.9$$

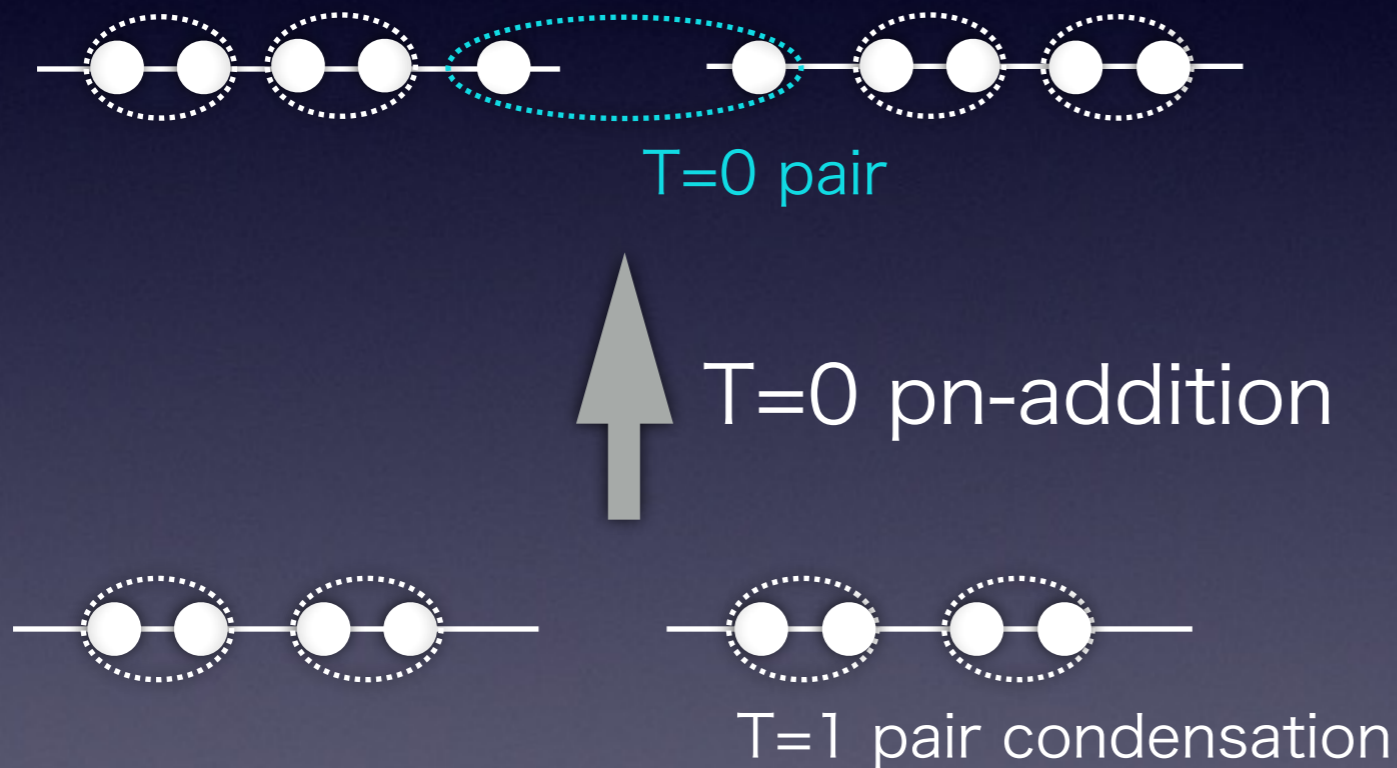
Microscopic transition density of the T=0 pair transfer



pn-pairing vibrations in the open-shell nuclei

w/ $T=1$ pairing condensation

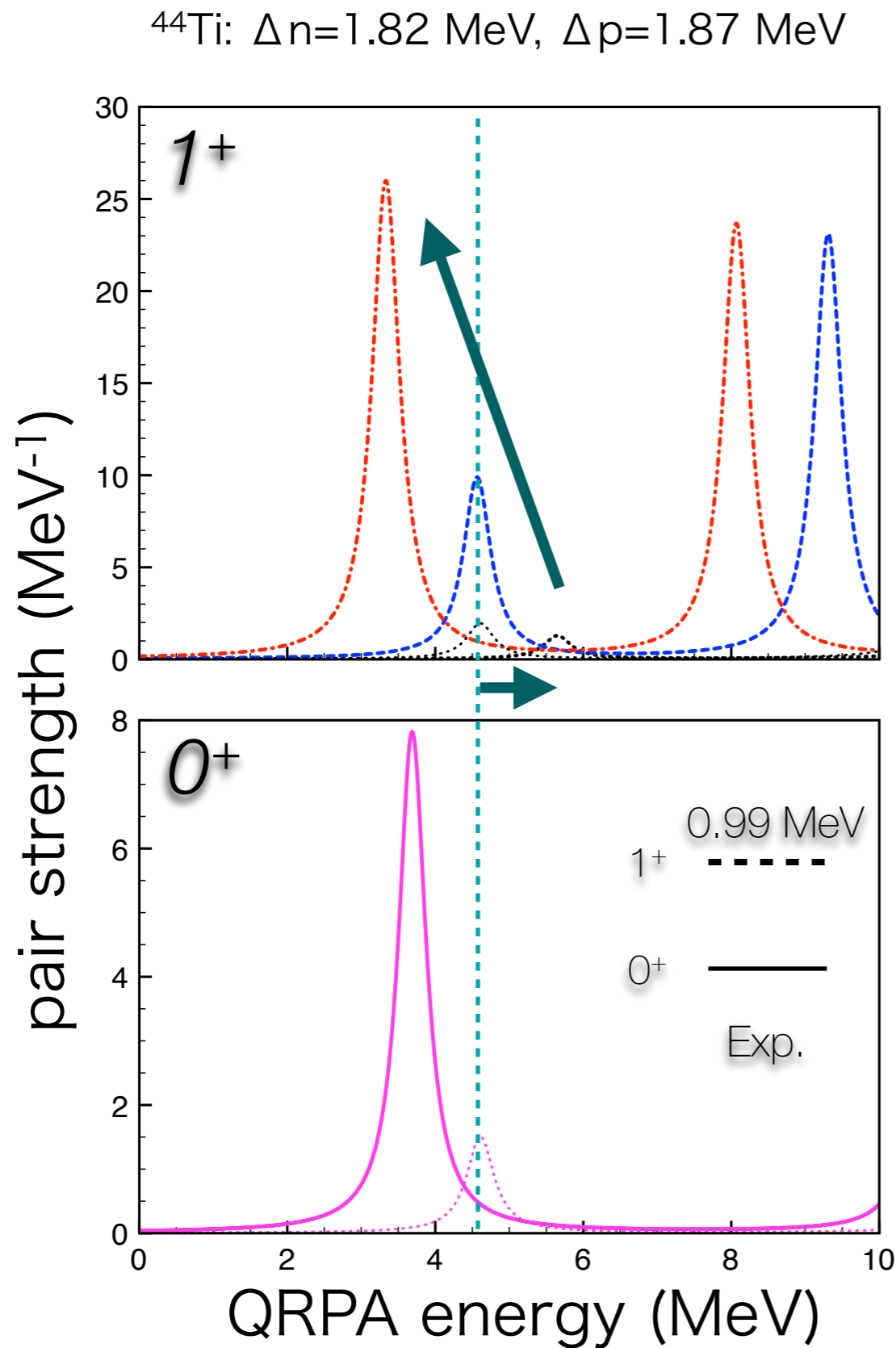
Adding a $T=0$ pair
needs to destroy (a part of)
the condensed $T=1$ pairs



pn-pairing vibrations in the open-shell nuclei

w/ T=I pairing condensation

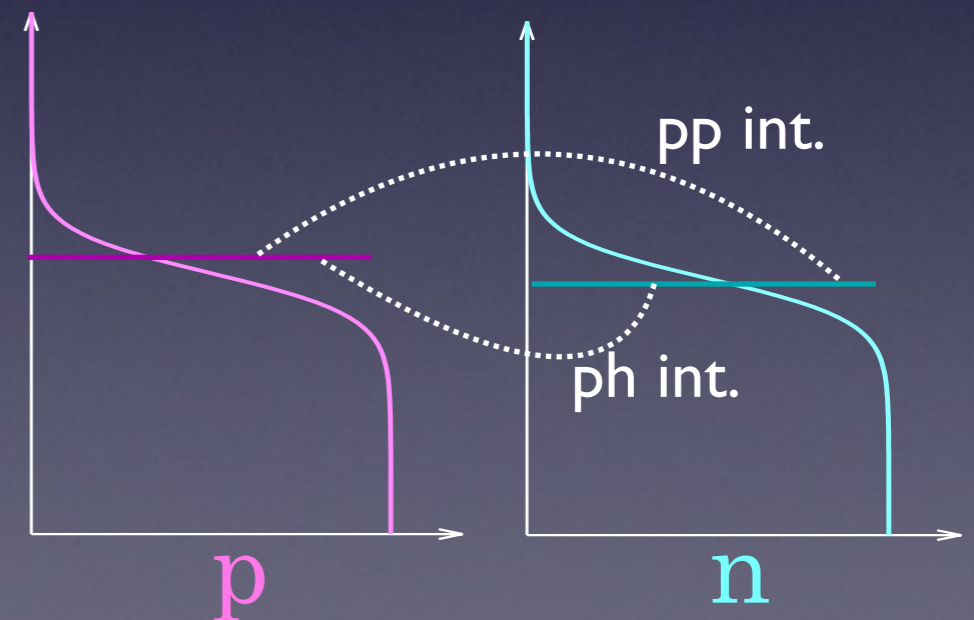
^{44}Ti
↓
 ^{46}V



repulsive ph interaction
(GT-type)



attractive pp interaction



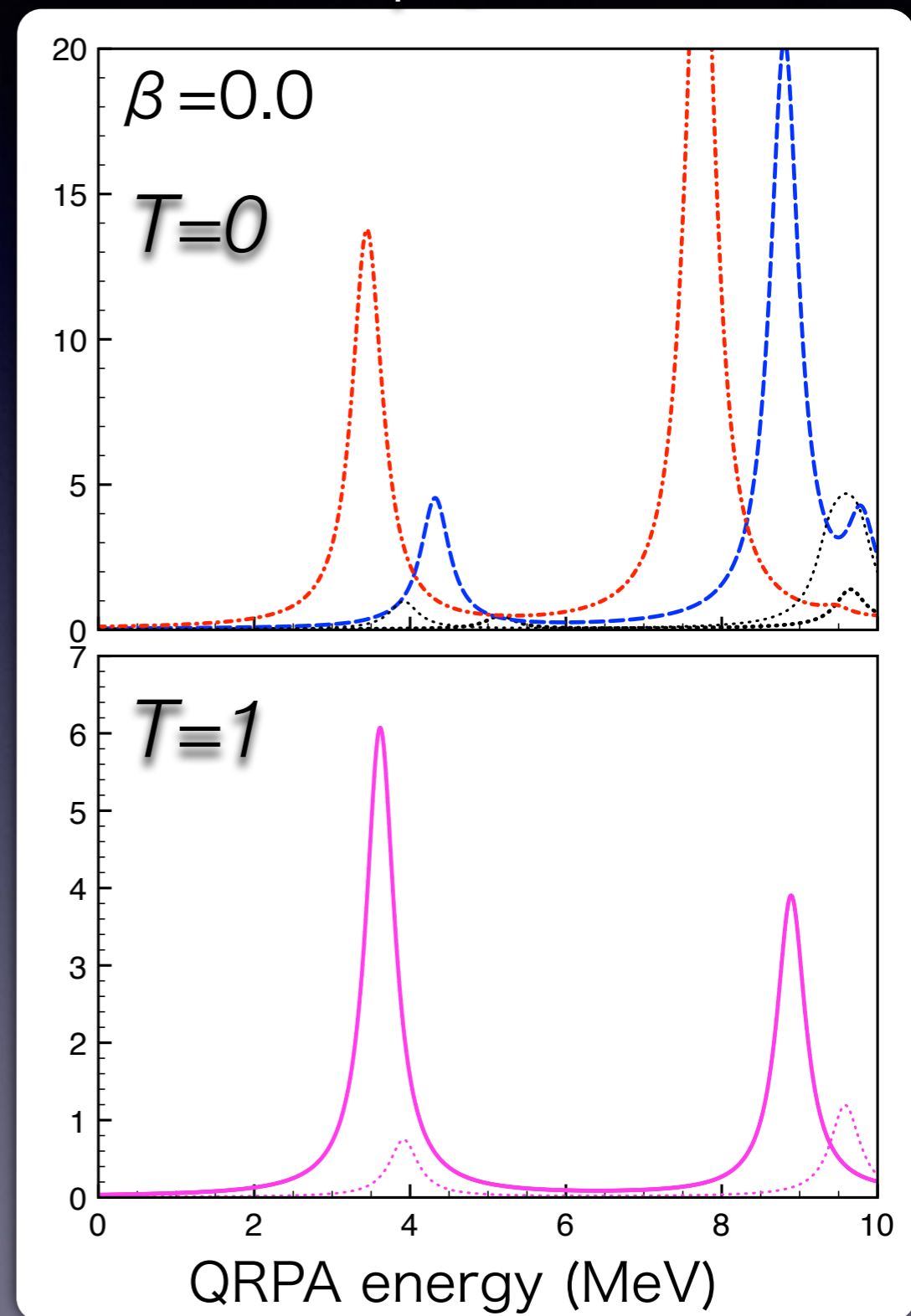
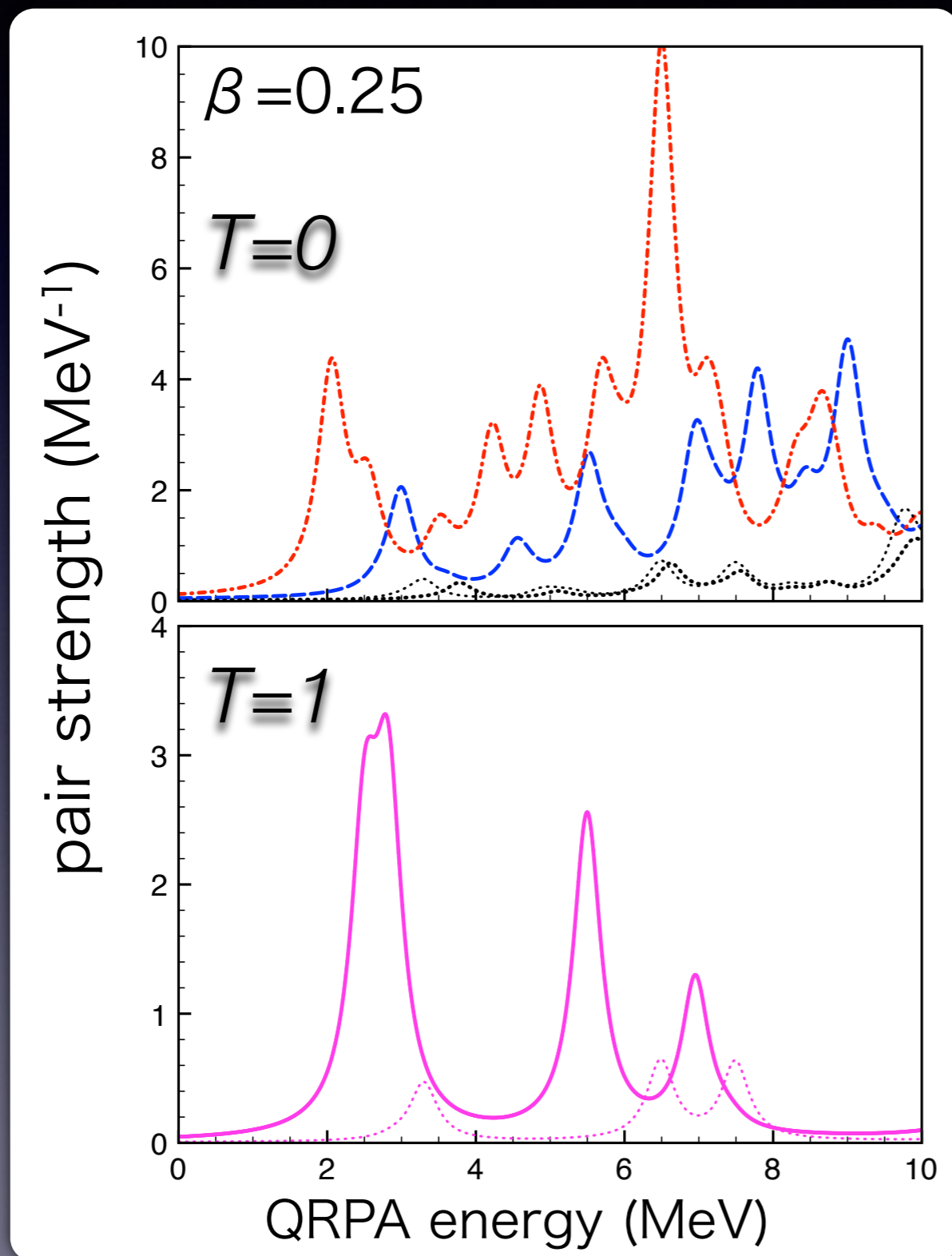
“ $^{44}\text{Ti} + 2\text{qp}$ excitation”

pn-pairing vibrations in the mid-shell nuclei

w/ $T=1$ pairing condensation and quadrupole def.

^{48}Cr
↓
 ^{50}Mn

constrained HFB+pnQRPA

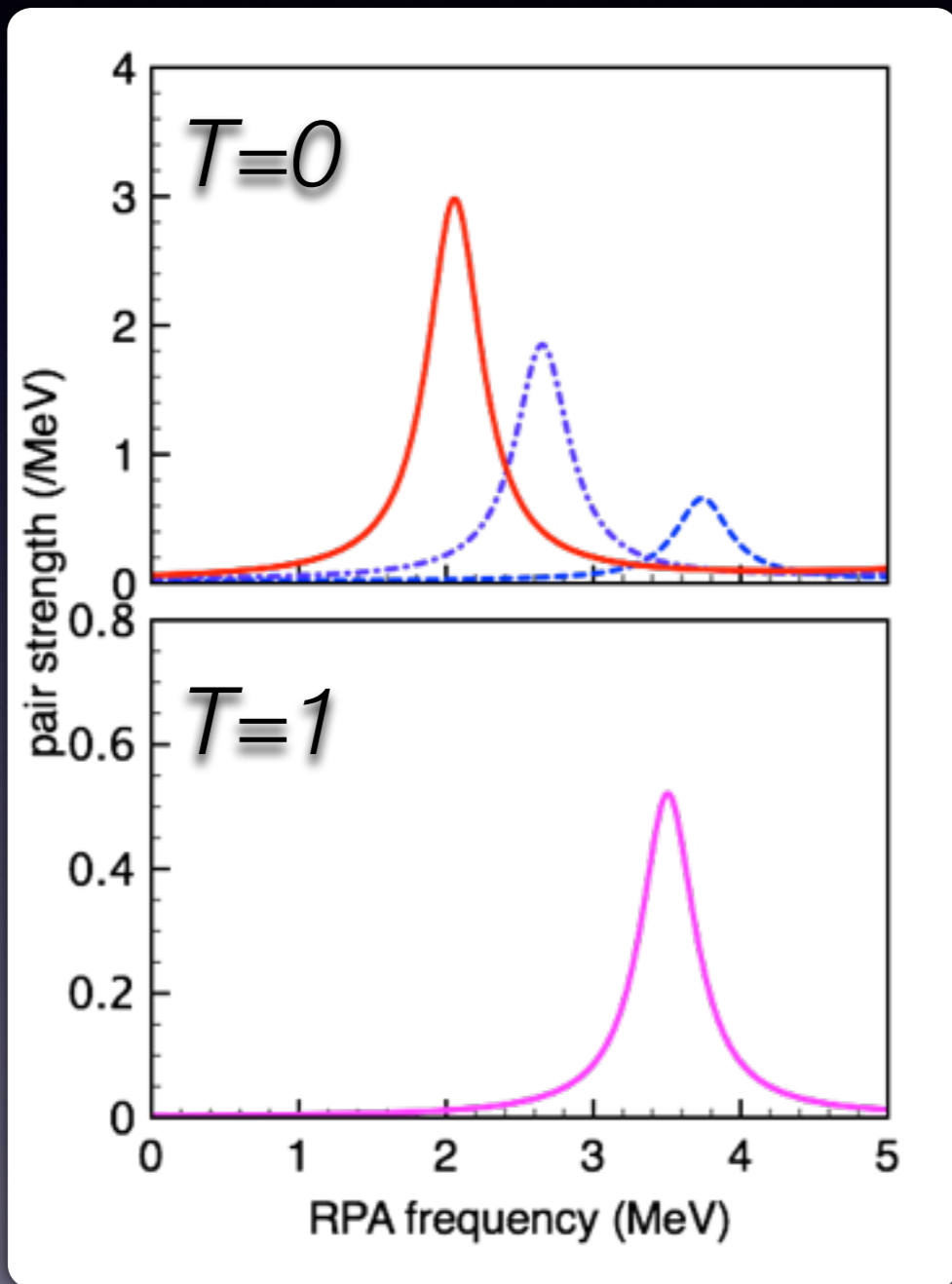


pn-pairing vibrations in sd-shell nuclei

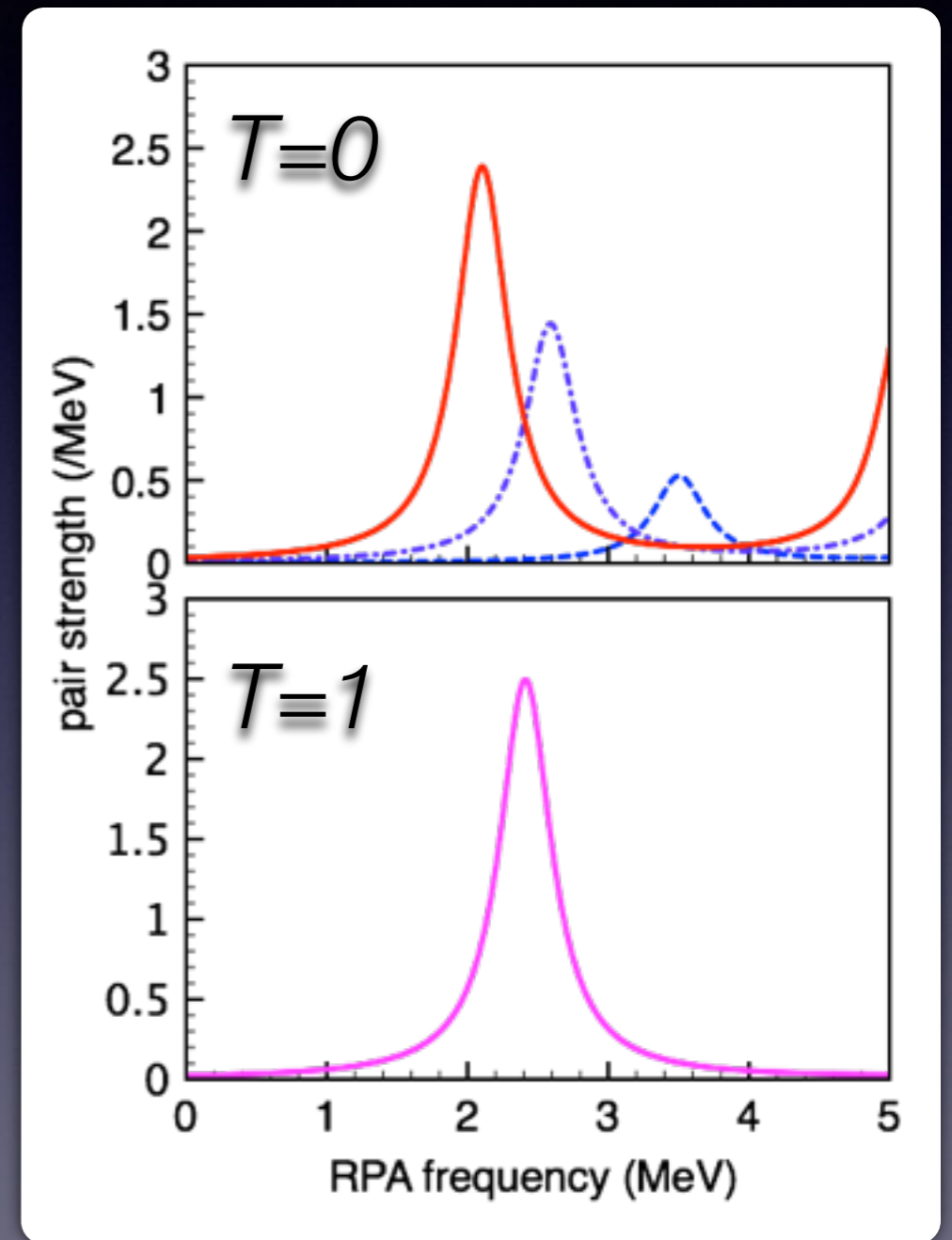
cf. Talks by Lee and Lay;

$(^3\text{He},p)$ and $(p,^3\text{He})$ exps. in ^{24}Mg , $^{28}\text{Si}, \dots @\text{RCNP}$

^{24}Mg
↓
 ^{26}Al



^{24}Mg
↓
 ^{22}Na



Summary and outlook

Nuclear energy-density functional method for spin-isospin response

Microscopic and powerful framework to study a rich variety of nuclear collective dynamics

Possible occurrence of a new kind of collective mode associated with the spin-triplet pairing condensation

In LS-closed nuclei, the spin-orbit partners have a coherent contribution to the collective mode

We can study the $T=0$ pairing in nuclei even if they are in the “normal” phase.

Comparison with the experiments

- ✓ strength of the $T=0$ pairing interaction
- ✓ cross sections of deuteron transfer/knock-out reactions