

Energy dependent ratios of level-density parameters in superheavy nuclei

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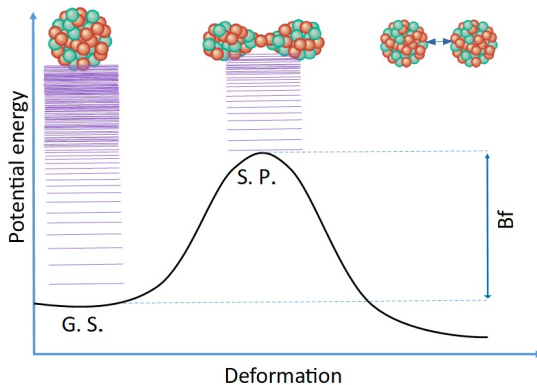
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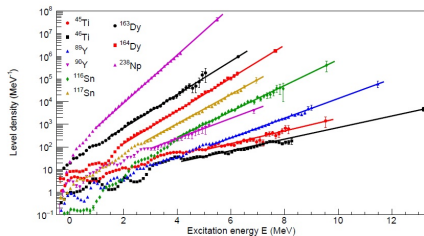
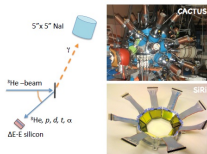
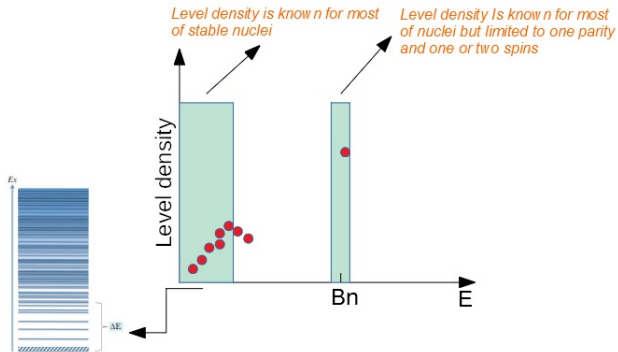
Why level density is important in superheavy region?!

Level density is the number of levels per energy unit (MeV).



$$\frac{\Gamma_f}{\Gamma_n} \propto \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_n}$$





Fermi Gas Model (FGM)

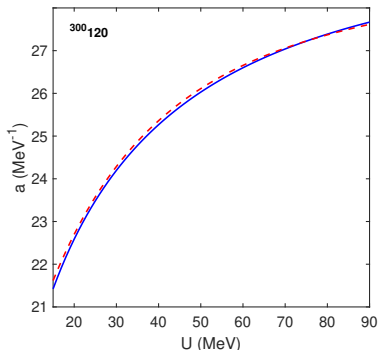
$$\rho_{FG}(U) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{12a^{1/4}U^{5/4}} \exp(2\sqrt{aU})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_n}{\Gamma_f} = \frac{4A^{2/3}a_f(U - B_n)}{K_0a_n \left[2a_f^{1/2}(U - B_f)^{1/2} - 1 \right]} \times \exp \left[2a_n^{1/2}(U - B_n)^{1/2} - 2a_f^{1/2}(U - B_f)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$U = aT^2$$

$$a = \frac{A}{12}$$

$$a(A, U) = \bar{a}(A) \left[1 + \frac{1 - \exp(-\frac{U}{E_D})}{U} \delta E_{sh} \right]$$



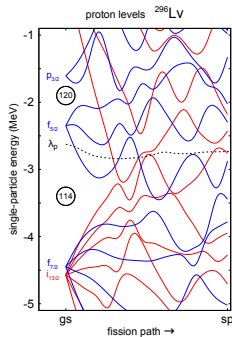
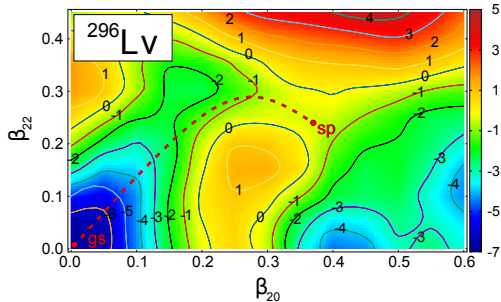
To keep simplicity of FGM for more realistic studies on survival probabilities

- To use a proper theoretical model which includes shell and pairing effects for the calculation of level densities.
- To analyze energy and shell correction dependencies of level-density parameter through fitting the FGM with microscopic calculations.
- To analyze energy dependent level-densities parameter ratios which are important for the estimation of the probabilities of de-excitation cascades via light particles emission in competition with splitting and thus for the determination of the survival probabilities.



(1): Single particle energies

MM method: M. Kowal, P. Jachimowicz, A. Sobczewski, Phys. Rev. C 82, 014303 (2010); P. Jachimowicz, M. Kowal, J. Skalski, Phys. Rev. C 89, 024304 (2014); Phys. Rev. C 95, 034329 (2017)



(2): Data

Mass, potential energy, shell correction and deformations of nuclei.

Ground state								
Z	N	A	Mass (MeV)	E_{tot} (MeV)	ELD (MeV)	δE_{sh} (MeV)	β_2	β_4
118	172	290	196.44	-5.58	0.1	-5.68	-0.12	0.01
118	173	291	197.38	-5.41	1.12	-6.53	0.08	-0.04
118	174	292	197.75	-5.92	0.29	-6.22	0.08	-0.04
118	175	293	198.83	-5.84	1.52	-7.37	0.08	-0.05
118	176	294	199.61	-6.18	0.04	-6.22	-0.09	-0.01
118	177	295	200.89	-6.12	0.93	-7.06	-0.09	-0.01
118	178	296	201.85	-6.5	0.14	-6.64	-0.09	-0.01
118	179	297	203.81	-6.00	0.88	-6.88	0.03	-0.02
118	180	298	204.91	-6.46	0.04	-6.50	-0.04	-0.01



(2): Data

Saddle point								
Z	N	A	Mass (MeV)	E_{tot} (MeV)	ELD (MeV)	δE_{sh} (MeV)	β_2	β_4
118	172	290	202.19	0.17	2.11	-1.94	0.27	-0.04
118	173	291	203.78	0.99	3.74	-2.75	0.27	-0.06
118	174	292	203.84	0.17	0.45	-0.28	0.36	0.02
118	175	293	205.45	0.78	1.52	-0.74	0.35	0.03
118	176	294	205.71	-0.08	0.38	-0.46	0.36	0.03
118	177	295	207.53	0.51	1.48	-0.97	0.35	0.03
118	178	296	207.97	-0.39	0.44	-0.83	0.36	0.03
118	179	297	210.02	0.21	1.28	-1.07	0.36	0.03
118	180	298	210.69	-0.68	0.32	-1.00	0.37	0.03



(3) Model: Superfluid formalism

Nucleus is considered as a system of independent quasiparticles.

The thermal equilibrium is assumed between neutron and proton subsystems.

$$\Omega = -\beta \sum_{\tau=p,n} \sum_k (\varepsilon_{\tau k} - \lambda_{\tau} - E_{\tau k}) + 2 \sum_k \log[1 + \exp(-\beta E_{\tau k})] - \beta \frac{\Delta_{\tau}^2}{G_{\tau}}$$

The BCS equations, which determine the temperature dependence of Δ_{τ} and λ_{τ} , are derived from Ω .

$$N_{\tau} = \sum_k \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{\tau k} - \lambda_{\tau}}{E_{\tau k}} \tanh \frac{\beta E_{\tau k}}{2} \right), \quad \frac{2}{G_{\tau}} = \sum_k \frac{\tanh(\beta E_{\tau k})/2}{E_{\tau k}}$$

λ_{τ} , Δ_{τ} : chemical potential, pairing gap.

$E_{\tau k} = \sqrt{(\varepsilon_k - \lambda)^2 + \Delta^2}$: quasiparticle energies.

G_{τ} : The constant of the pairing interaction.



(4) Thermodynamic relations

$$E_{\tau}(T) = \sum_k \varepsilon_{k,\tau} \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{k,\tau} - \lambda_{\tau}}{E_{k,\tau}} \tanh \frac{\beta E_{k,\tau}}{2} \right) - \frac{\Delta_{\tau}^2}{G_{\tau}},$$

$$U(T) = \sum_{\tau} E_{\tau}(T) - E_{\tau}(0).$$

$$S(T) = \sum_{\tau} \sum_k \left\{ \ln[1 + \exp(-\beta E_{k,\tau})] + \frac{\beta E_{k,\tau}}{1 + \exp(\beta E_{k,\tau})} \right\}.$$

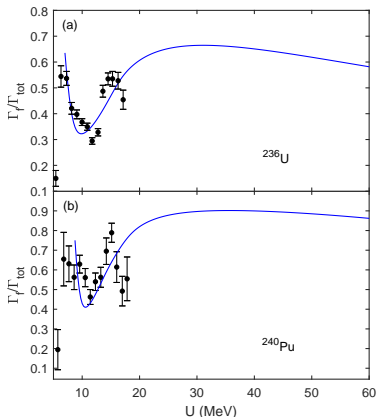
$$\rho_i(U) = \frac{\exp(S)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{D}}$$



Fission and neutron emission probabilities

$$\frac{\Gamma_n}{\Gamma_f} = \frac{gA^{2/3} \int_0^{U-B_n} \varepsilon \rho_{GS}(U - B_n - \varepsilon) d\varepsilon}{K_0 \int_0^{U-B_f} \rho_{SP}(U - B_f - \varepsilon) d\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_f}{\Gamma_{tot}} = \frac{1}{1 + \Gamma_n/\Gamma_f}$$



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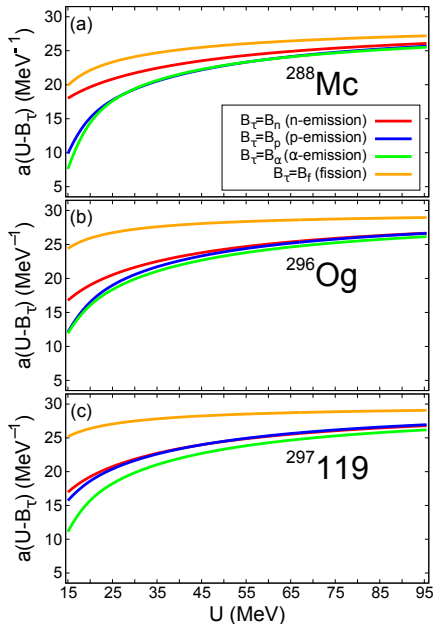
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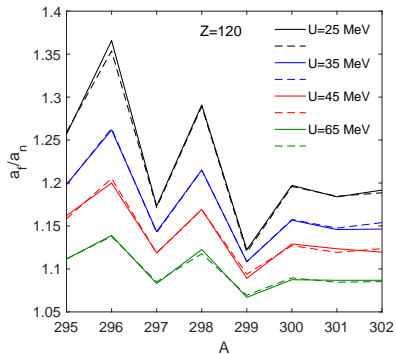
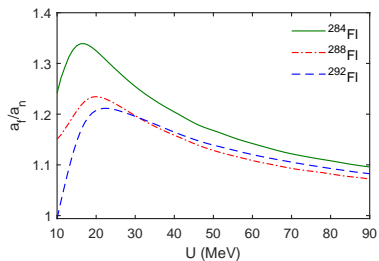
$$\frac{a_f}{a_n} = \frac{a_{sp}(A, U - B_f)}{a_{gs}(A - 1, U - B_n)}$$

$$\frac{a_p}{a_n} = \frac{a_{gs}(A - 1, U - B_p)}{a_{gs}(A - 1, U - B_n)}$$

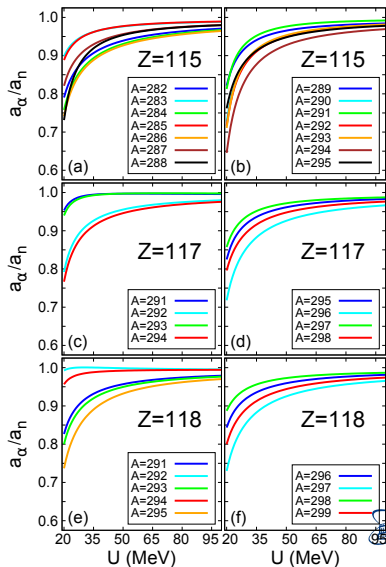
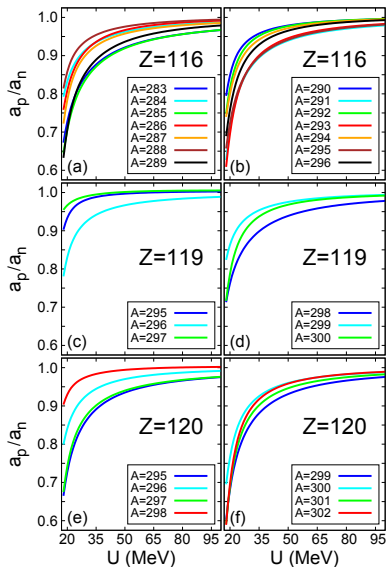
$$\frac{a_\alpha}{a_n} = \frac{a_{gs}(A - 4, U - B_\alpha)}{a_{gs}(A - 1, U - B_n)}$$



$$a_f/a_n$$



$$a_p(\alpha)/a_n$$



Collective enhancements

$$\rho(U) = \sum_c \rho_i(U - U_c) \tau_c \simeq \rho_i(U) K_{coll}$$

$$K_{coll} = \sum_c \exp(-\beta U_c) \tau_c$$

$$\tau_c = 2I_c + 1$$

$$U_c = \hbar\omega_\beta(n_\beta + 1/2) + \hbar\omega_\gamma(2n_\gamma + |K|/2 + 1) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathfrak{S}} [I_c(I_c + 1) - K^2]$$

$$K_{coll} = K_{rot} K_{vib}$$

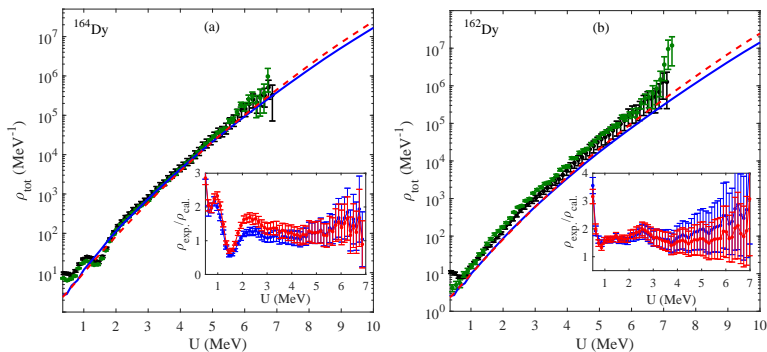
$$K_{vib} = \exp\left(0.0555A^{2/3} T^{4/3}\right)$$

$$K_{rot} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for spherical nuclei} \\ \mathfrak{S}_\perp T, & \text{for deformed nuclei,} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{S}_\perp = \mathfrak{S}_{r.b} f(\beta_2, \beta_4)$$

$$f(\beta_2, \beta_4) = 1 + \sqrt{5/16\pi} \beta_2 + (45/28\pi) \beta_2^2 + (15/7\pi\sqrt{5}) \beta_2 \beta_4$$





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Collective states in α -emission channel

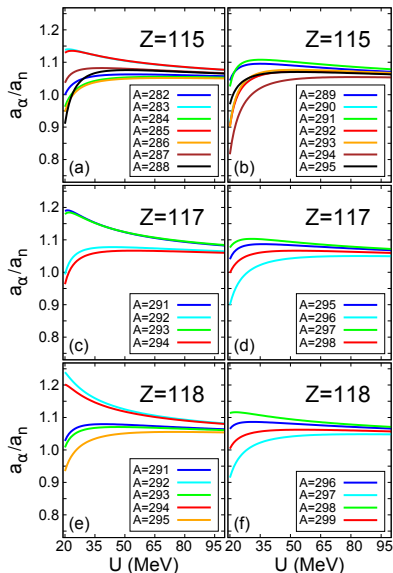
Excitations in mass asymmetry motion and relative vibrations of α -particle and daughter nucleus

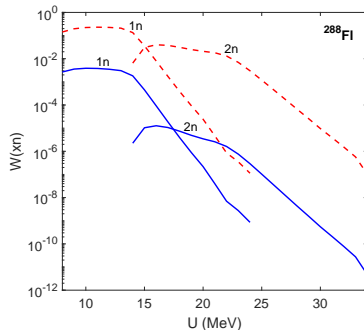
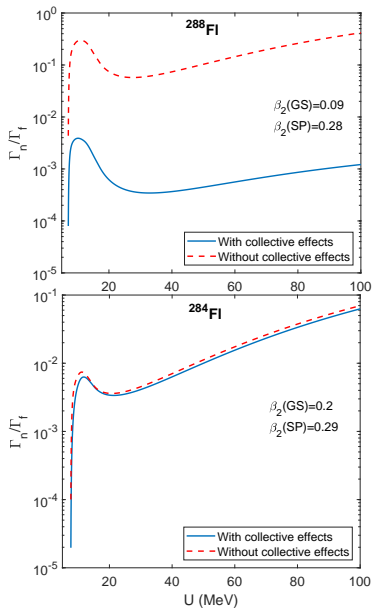
$$K_{\alpha}(\beta) = \sum_c \exp(-\beta U_c) \tau_c$$

$$U_c = \hbar\omega_{ma} n_{ma} + \hbar\omega_b (2n_b + |K|)$$

$$\tau_c = 2|K| + 1$$

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Summary

- With nuclear level densities at SP and GS one can evaluate competition between neutron emission and fission.
- Generally, the level-density parameter ratios increase with excitation energy and reach an asymptotic value less than 1.1 for a_f/a_n , and less than unity for $a_{p(\alpha)}/a_n$.
- Because of large difference in the shell corrections at the saddle point and at the ground state as well as different rates of their damping with excitation energy, the ratios a_f/a_n have a peak at energy lower than 30 MeV.
- The account of collective effects due to cluster degrees of freedom in the level densities of α -emission residue enhances the ratio a_α/a_n to the values larger than unity.
- The values of a_α/a_n and a_f/a_n larger than those obtained microscopically effectively account the collective enhancement of level density.
- More details in: [arXiv:2108.12484v1 \[nucl-th\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.12484v1)



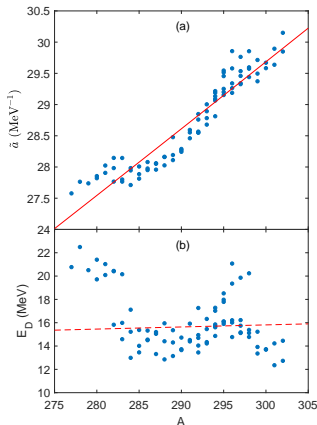
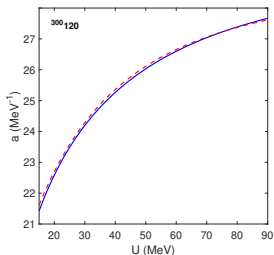
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Fermi Gas Model (FGM)

$$\rho_{FG}(U) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{12a[U]^{1/4} U^{5/4}} \exp(2\sqrt{a[U]U})$$

$$a(A, U) = \tilde{a}(A) \left[1 + \frac{1 - \exp(-\frac{U}{E_D})}{U} \delta E_{sh} \right]$$



$$\tilde{a} = a_1 A + a_2 A^2$$

$$a_1 = 0.09 \text{ MeV}^{-1},$$

$$a_2 = 2.89 \times 10^{-4} \text{ MeV}^{-1},$$

$$E_D \approx 15 \text{ MeV}.$$



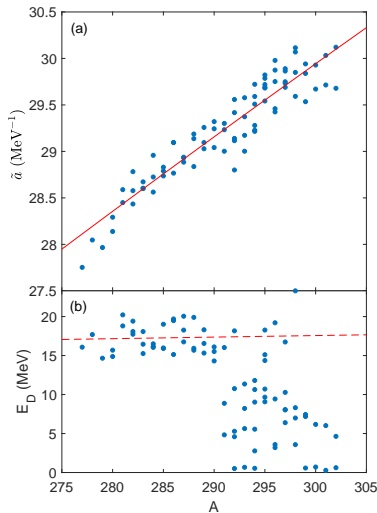
Saddle point

$$|\delta E_{sh}| \leq 1.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\delta E_{sh} \rightarrow (\delta E_{sh} - \Delta)$$

$$\tilde{a} = a_1 A + a_2 A^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0.1217 \text{ MeV}^{-1}, \\ a_2 &= -7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ MeV}^{-1}, \\ E_D &\approx 17 \text{ MeV}. \end{aligned}$$

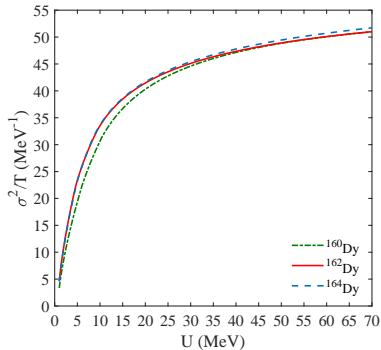


$$\rho_{\text{tot}}(U) = \frac{\rho(U)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\tau=p,n} \sum_k m_{\tau k}^2 \cosh^{-2}(1/2\beta E_{\tau k}),$$

$m_{\tau k}$: The single-particle spin projections.

$$\mathfrak{S} = \frac{\hbar^2 \sigma^2}{T}$$



Nucleus	$\mathfrak{S}_{r.b.}$ (\hbar^2/MeV)
^{160}Dy	65.46
^{162}Dy	66.83
^{164}Dy	68.21

$$\mathfrak{S}_{r.b.} = 0.4MR^2$$



Assumption of a decoupling between intrinsic and collective degrees of freedom

$$U = U_i + U_c$$

$$\rho(U) = \int \rho_i(U_i) \rho_{coll}(U - U_i) dU_i$$

$$\rho_{coll}(U - U_i) = \sum_c \delta(U - U_i - U_c) \tau_c(U_c).$$

$$\tau_c(U_c) = 2I_c + 1$$

$$\rho(U) = \sum_c \rho_i(U - U_c) \tau_c(U_c)$$



$$\rho(U) \simeq \sum_c \left[\rho_i(U) - U_c \frac{\partial \rho_i(U)}{\partial U} \right] \tau_c(U_c)$$

$$= \sum_c \left[\rho_i(U) - \frac{U_c}{T} \rho_i(U) \right] \tau_c(U_c).$$

$$\rho(U) \simeq \rho_i(U) \sum_c \exp\left(-\frac{U_c}{T}\right) \tau_c(U_c)$$

$$K_{coll} = \sum_c \exp\left(-\frac{U_c}{T}\right) \tau_c(U_c)$$

$$U_c = \hbar\omega_\beta(n_\beta + 1/2) + \hbar\omega_\gamma(2n_\gamma + |K|/2 + 1) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{I}} [I_c(I_c + 1) - K^2]$$

n_β, n_γ : the quantum numbers of harmonic oscillator energies.

K : the projection of I_c on the symmetry axis.



Yrast band

Quantum numbers:

$$K = 0, I = 0, 2, 4, \dots$$

$$n_\beta = n_\gamma = 0$$

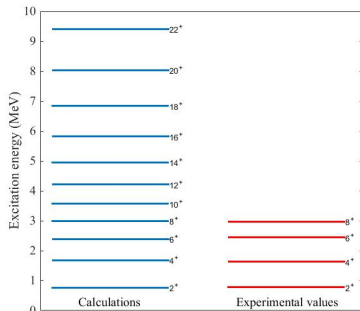
$$U_c = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathfrak{S}} [I(I+1)].$$

$$E(2^+) = \frac{2 \times 3}{2\mathfrak{S}}$$

$$\mathfrak{S}_{exp} = \frac{3}{E(2^+)}.$$

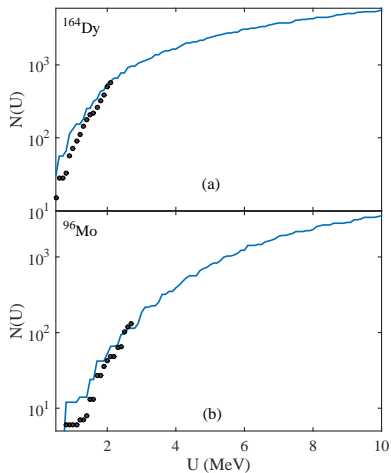
$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}_{r.b} (1 - a_1 e^{-a_2 I(I+1)})$$

$$a_1 = 0.89, a_2 = 0.006$$



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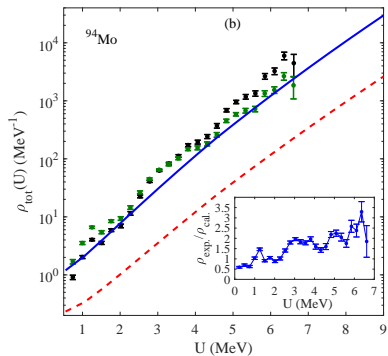
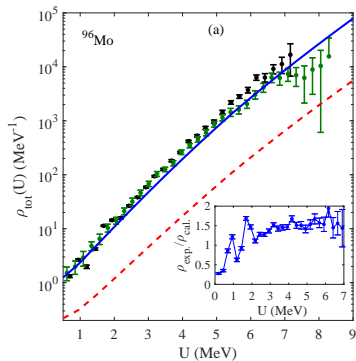




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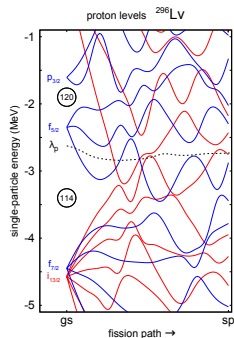
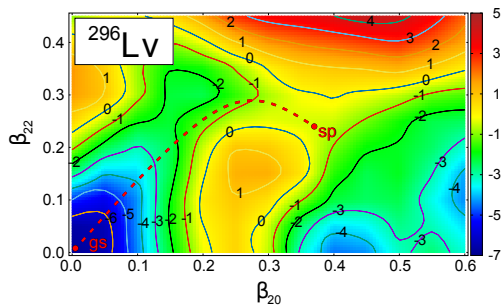


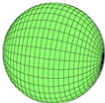
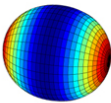
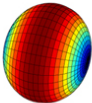
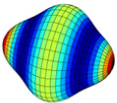
PES: Ground states and saddle points

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$$GS : R(\vartheta, \varphi) = cR_0 \{ 1 + \beta_{20}Y_{20} + \beta_{30}Y_{30} + \beta_{40}Y_{40} + \beta_{50}Y_{50} + \beta_{60}Y_{60} + \beta_{70}Y_{70} + \beta_{80}Y_{80} \}$$

$$SP : R(\vartheta, \varphi) = cR_0 \{ 1 + \beta_{20}Y_{20} + \frac{\beta_{22}}{\sqrt{2}}[Y_{22} + Y_{2-2}] + \beta_{40}Y_{40} + \beta_{60}Y_{60} + \beta_{80}Y_{80} \}$$



$\beta_{\lambda\mu} = 0$	$\beta_{20} > 0$	$\beta_{20} < 0$	$\beta_{40} > 0$
			
$\beta_{22} \neq 0$	$\beta_{30} \neq 0$	$\beta_{32} \neq 0$	$\beta_{20} \gg 0$
