

# A weak entanglement approximation for nuclear structure



Proton And Neutron Approximate Shell model (PANASh)

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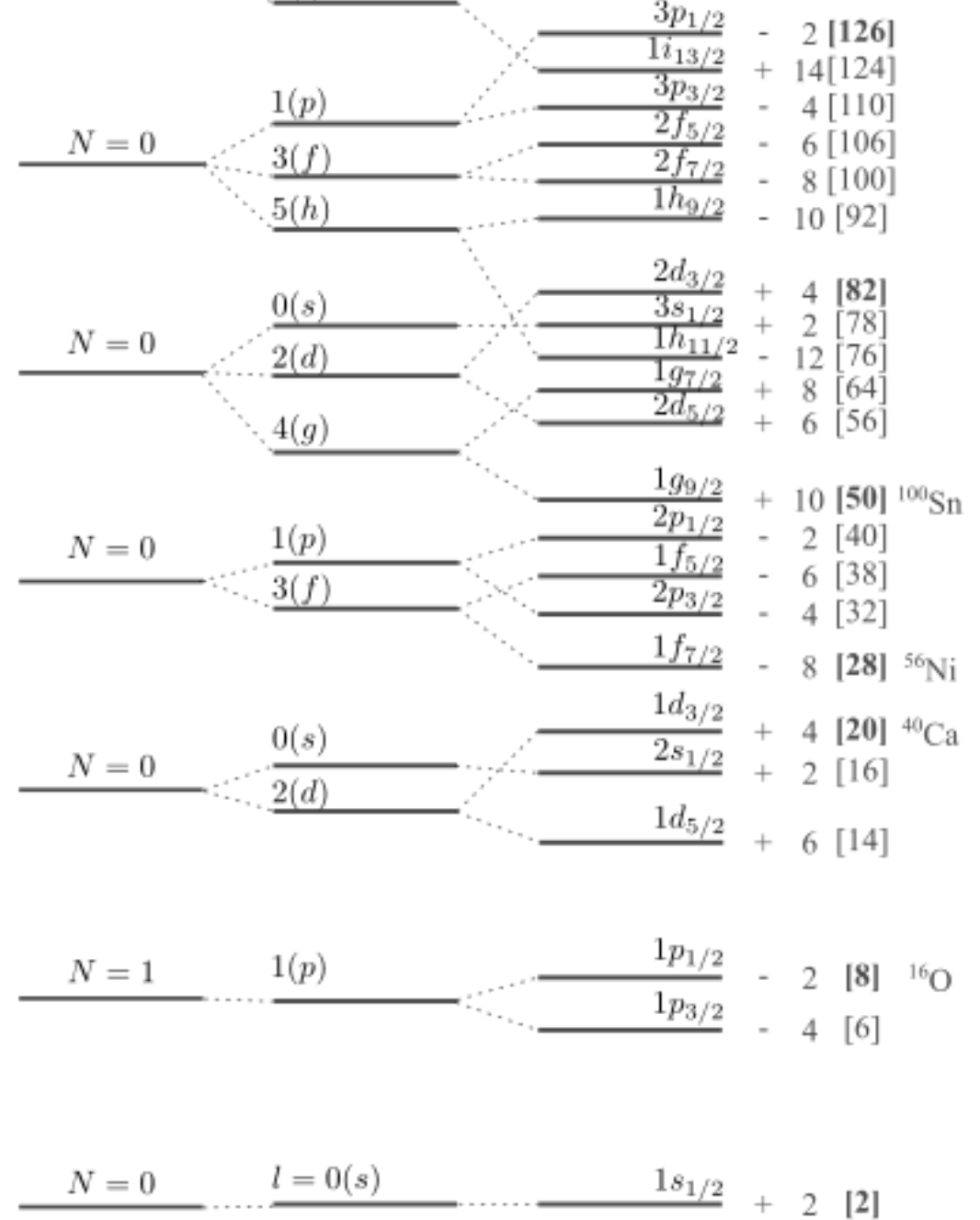


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Matrix diagonalization

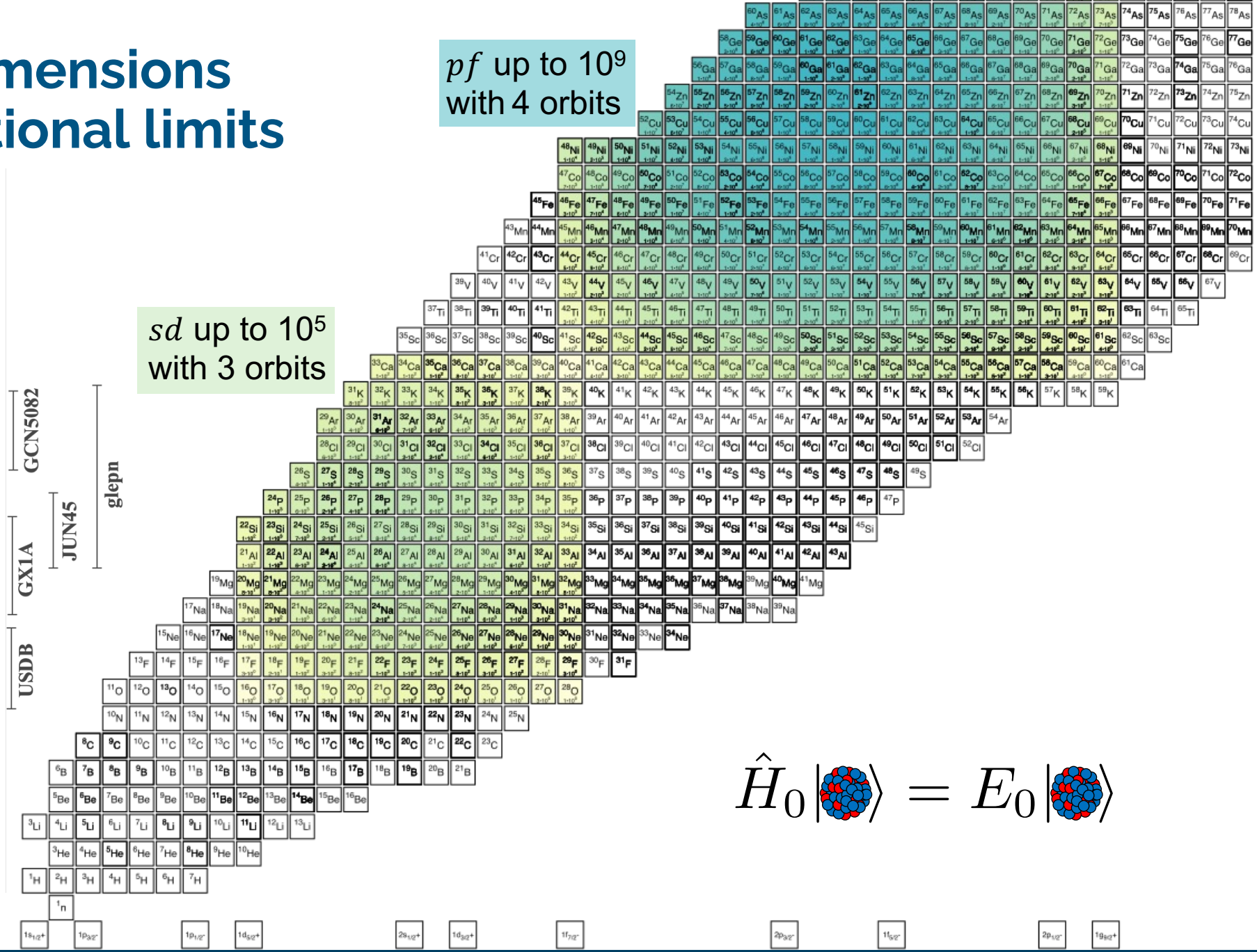
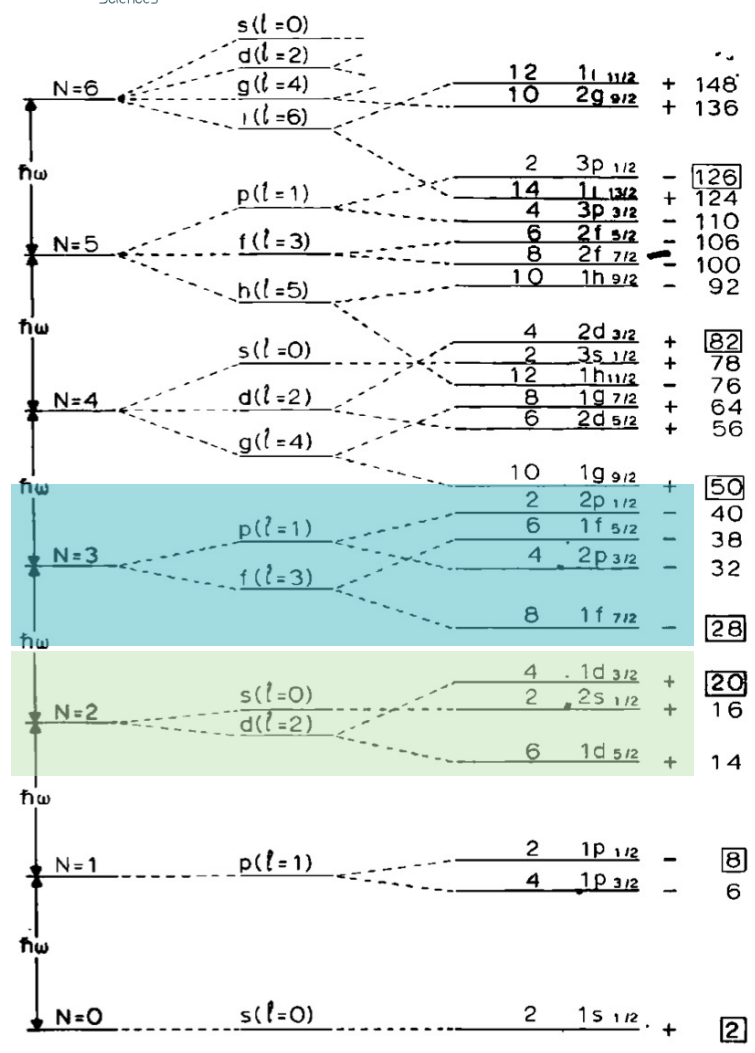




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with 4 orbits

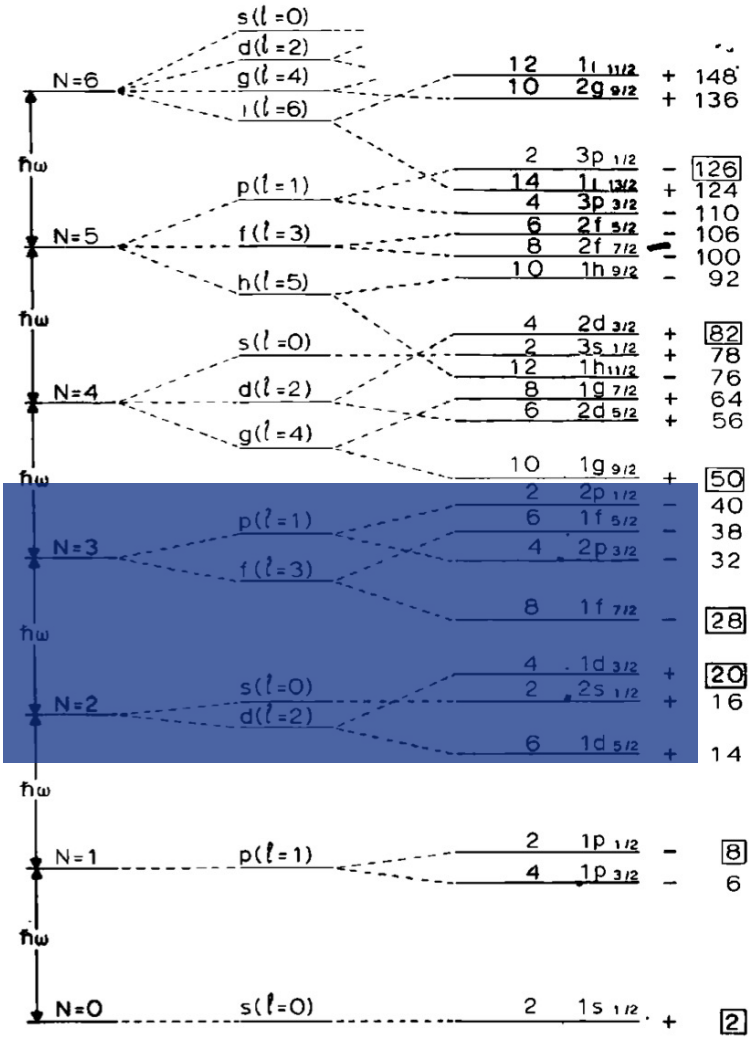
*sd* up to  $10^5$   
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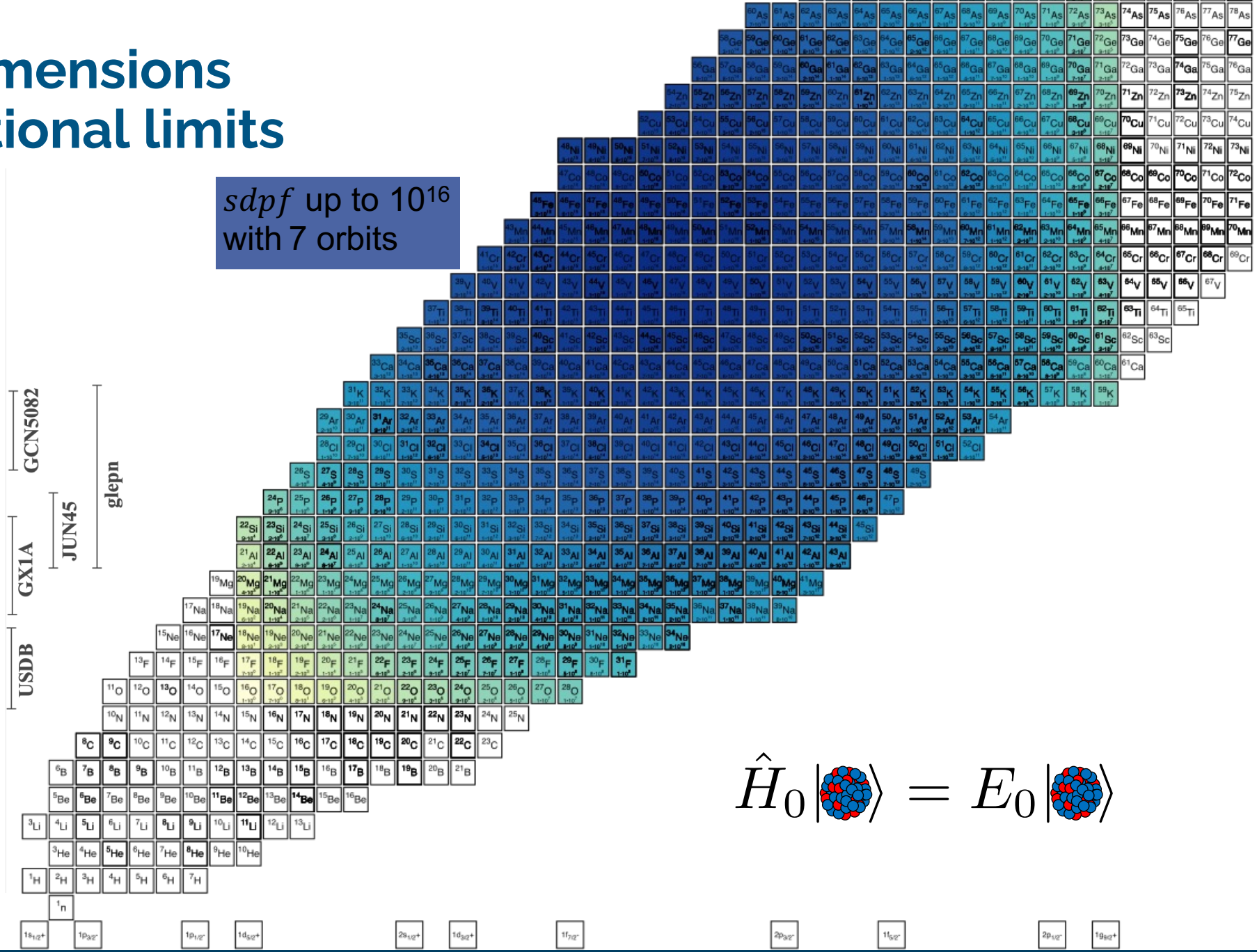
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# Shell model dimensions push computational limits



*sdpf* up to  $10^{16}$   
with 7 orbits



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# Proton neutron factorization is a standard trick

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$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{pn} \psi_{pn} |p\rangle \otimes |n\rangle \longleftrightarrow H = P + N + H_{pn}$$

Factorization improves efficiency of on-the-fly matrix element calculation

See BIGSTICK (<https://github.com/cwjsdsu/BigstickPublick>)

# PN factorization also enables singular value methods

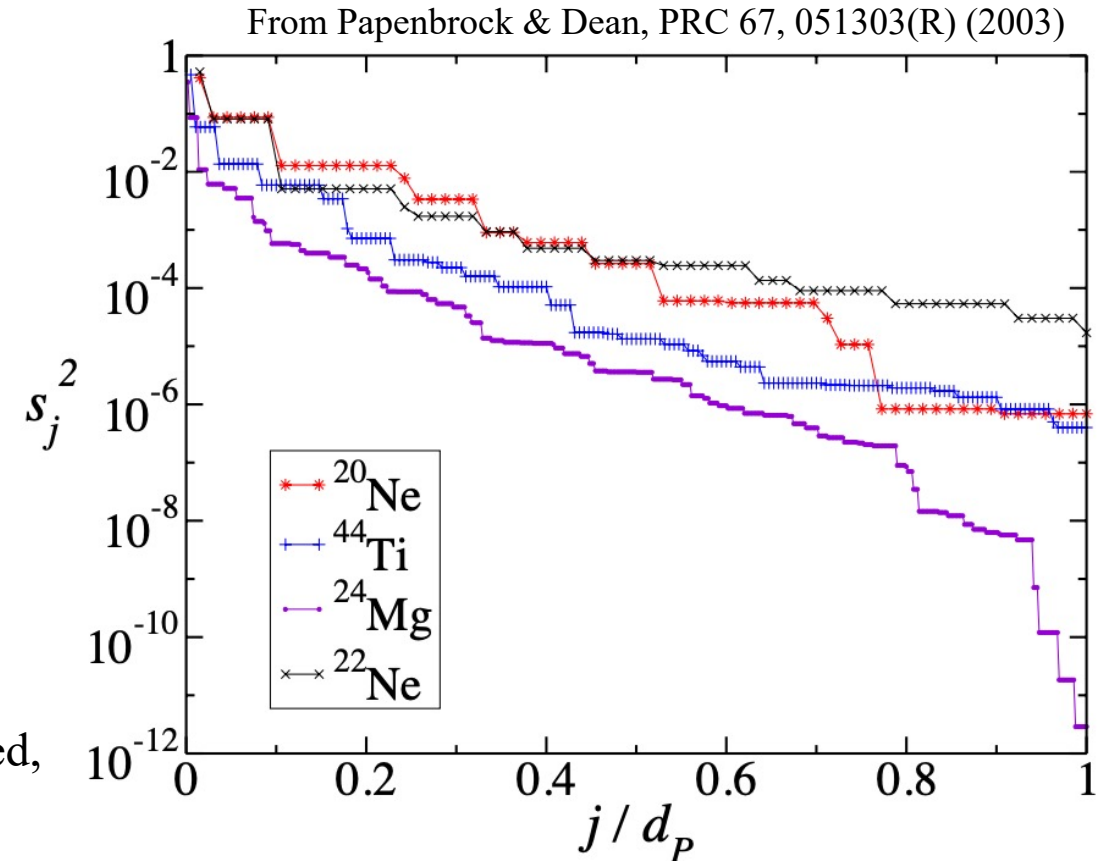
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{pn} \psi_{pn} |p\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$$

$$\psi = U S V^T$$

There are "optimal" factors,  $|p\rangle$  and  $|n\rangle$ , where wave function is diagonal

Exponential decay of components  $\Rightarrow$  truncation can be performed, *if optimal basis factors can be found:*

- DMRG (S. White)
- Variational wave function factorization (T. Papenbrock)



Both iterative approaches starting from random ansatz

# Desired approach: approximate SVD to avoid iteration

**Goal: find the optimal basis factors  $|p\rangle$  and  $|n\rangle$ .**


$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{pn} \psi_{pn} |p\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$$

There is an “optimal” basis  
where wave function is diagonal

Can we guess a “good-enough” set of  $|p\rangle$  and  $|n\rangle$ ,  
*a priori*, where  $\psi$  has components that decay  
exponentially?

Hint: SVD equivalent to diagonalization of both  
P, N reduced density matrices:

- Proton factors:  $\rho^p = US^2U^T$
- Neutron factors:  $\rho^n = VS^2V^T$


$$\rho^p = \text{Tr}_n |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

# Quantum information: entanglement

Two systems are **entangled** if joint wave function cannot be written as a **product**

Two spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  particles:

$$|\uparrow_a\rangle|\downarrow_b\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow_a\rangle|\downarrow_b\rangle + |\downarrow_a\rangle|\uparrow_b\rangle)$$

Effective dimension additive

Effective dimension multiplicative

Entanglement “entropy”:  
 $S_{entangle} = -\text{Tr}(\rho^p \ln \rho^p)$

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# Proton-neutron entanglement in the nuclear shell model

C. Johnson and O. Gorton, J. Phys. G 50, 045110 (2023)

Compute entanglement “entropy”:

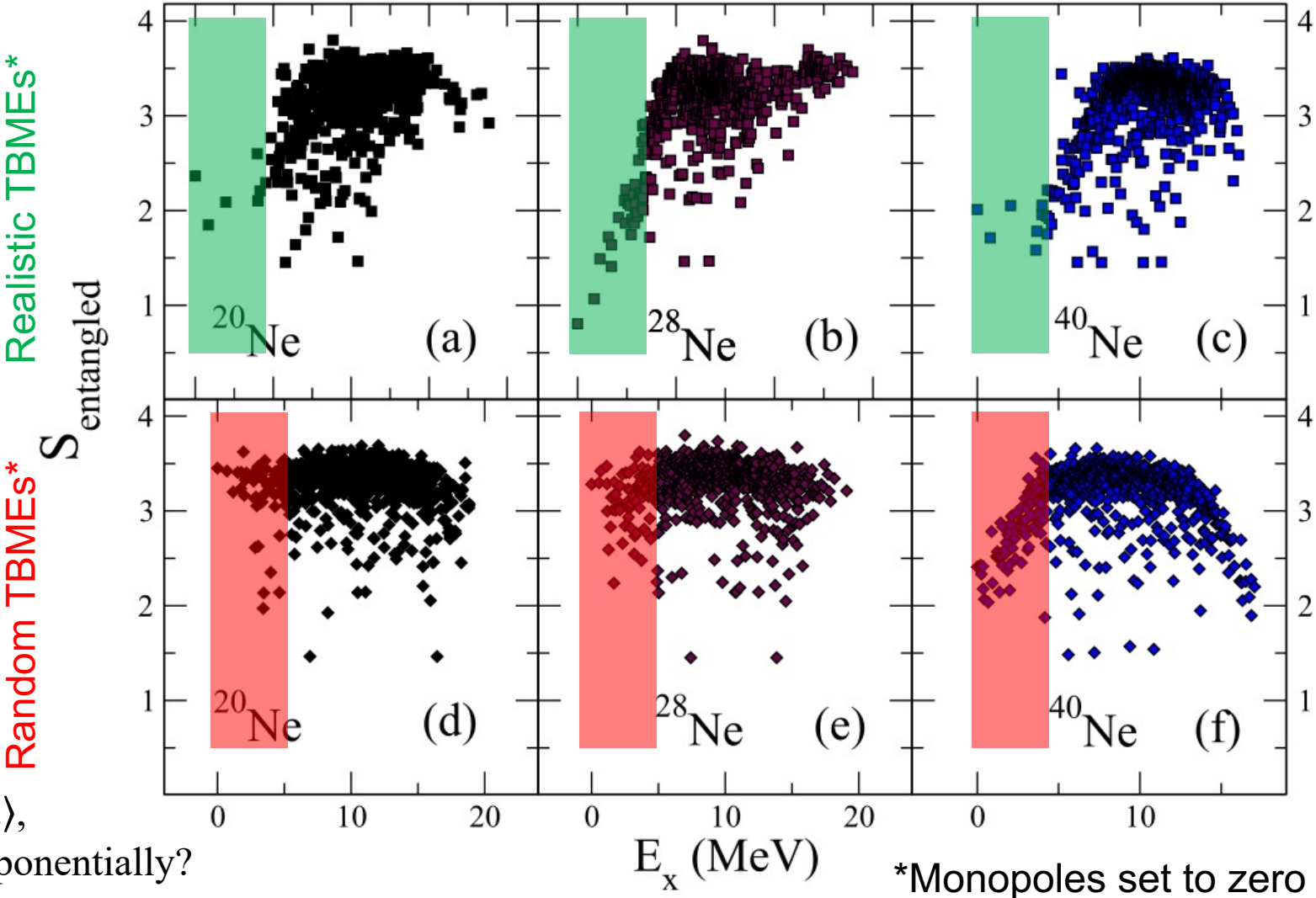
$$S_{entangle} = -\text{Tr}(\rho^p \ln \rho^p)$$

Lesson: low-lying shell model wave functions have low PN entanglement

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A small number of SVD eigenvalues dominate (already known)

In  $S = 0$  limit,  $H_{pn} \rightarrow 0$ .



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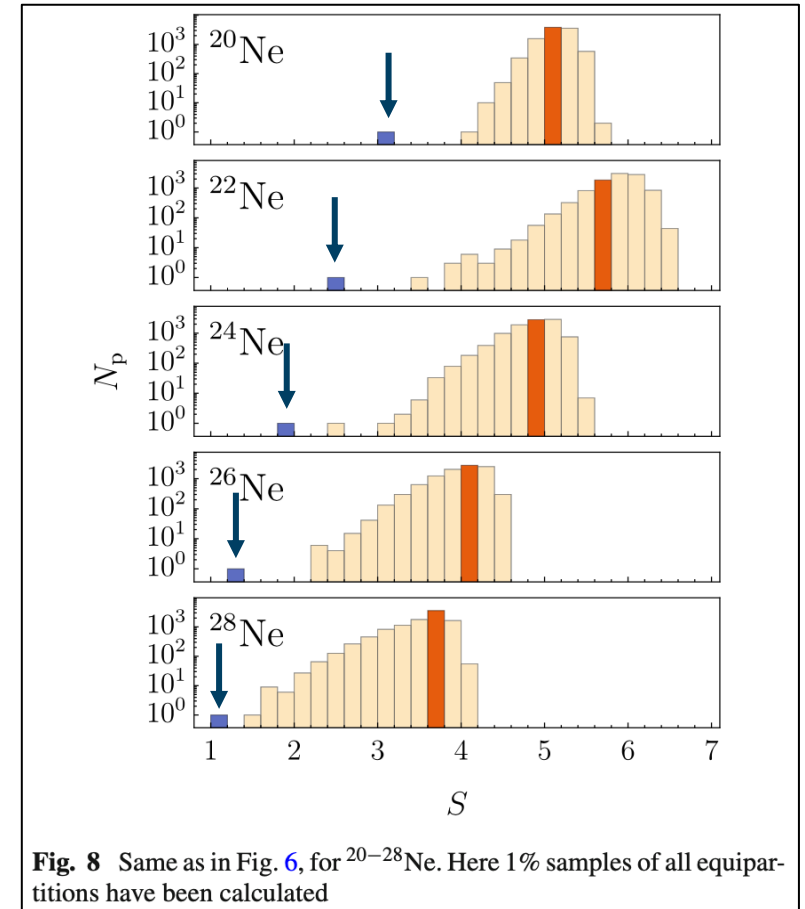
# Other reasons this might be a good idea

Protons and neutrons have weak entanglement,  
and *lower when  $N > Z$* .

Among orbital equipartitions, the proton-  
neutron bipartition has *weakest* entanglement.

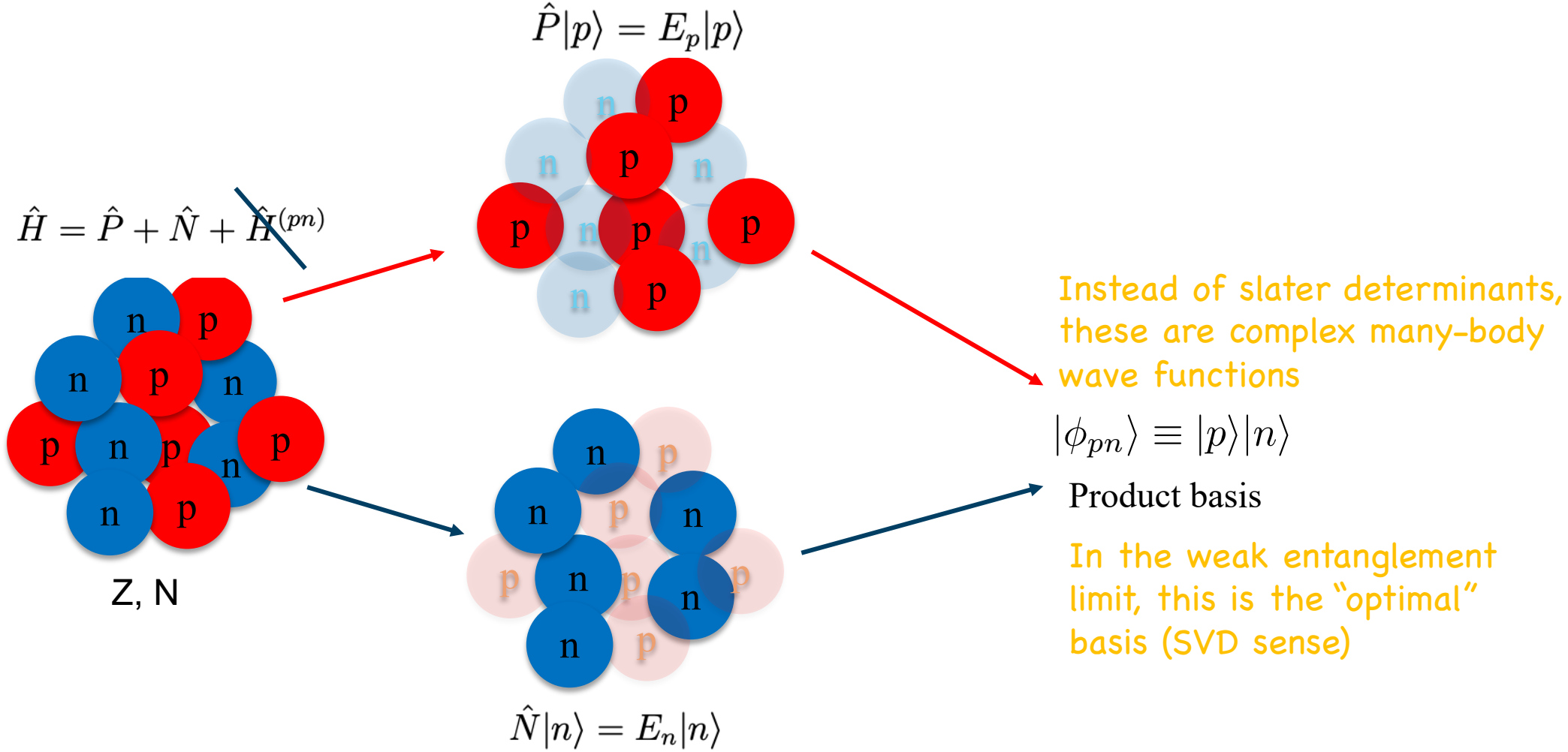
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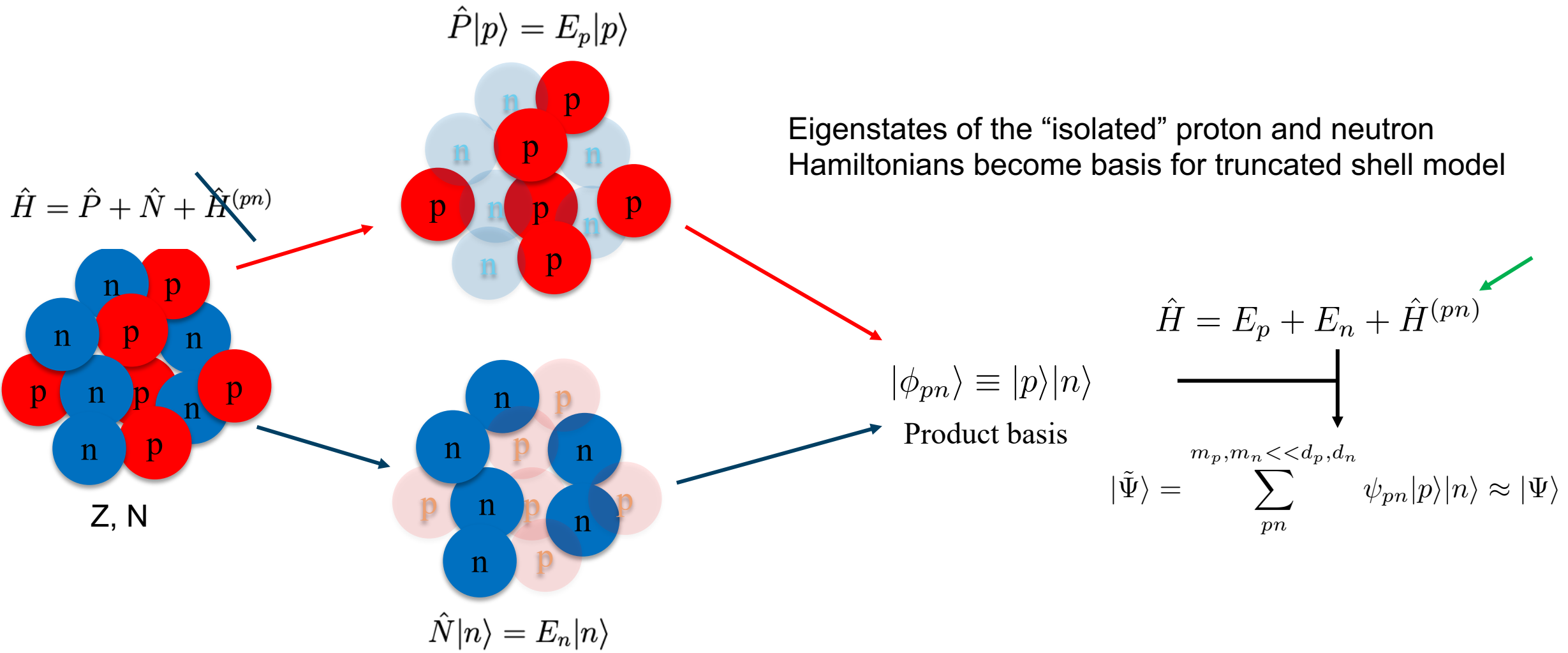
Pérez-Obiol et al., Eur. Phys. J. A **59**, 240 (2023).

# Let's take this "weak coupling" to its limit: $H^{pn} \rightarrow 0$



In the weak entanglement limit, SVD basis factors reduce to eigenstates of  $\hat{P}$  and  $\hat{N}$

# Proton and Neutron Approximate Shell model (PANASh)





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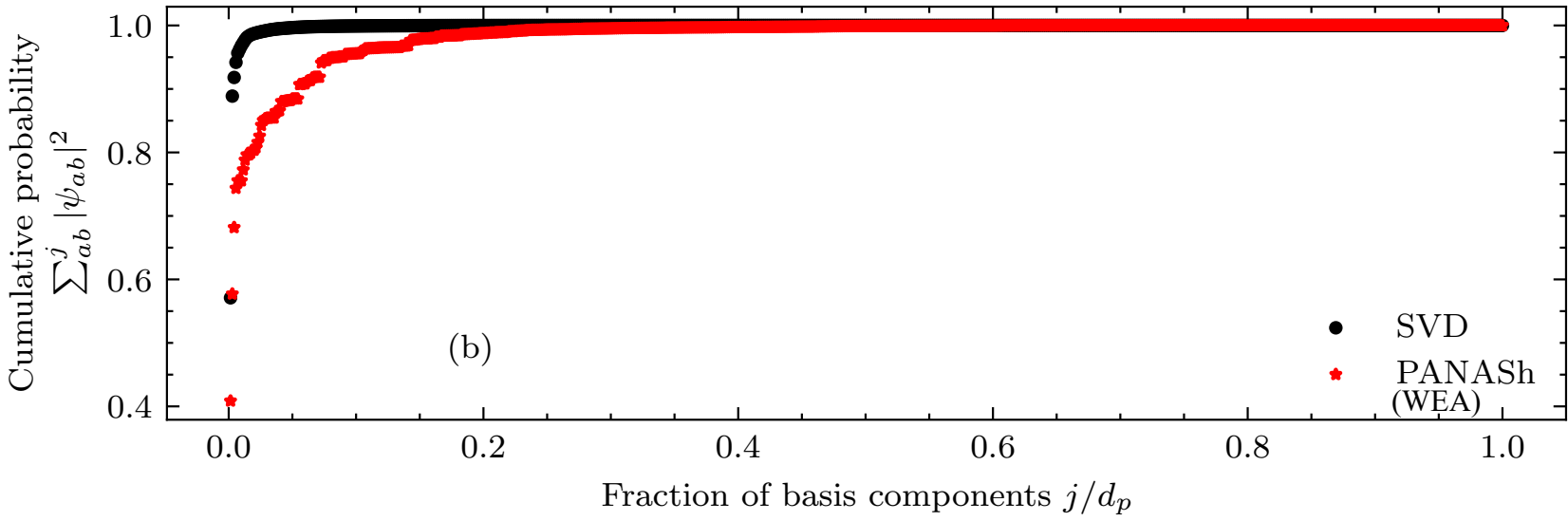
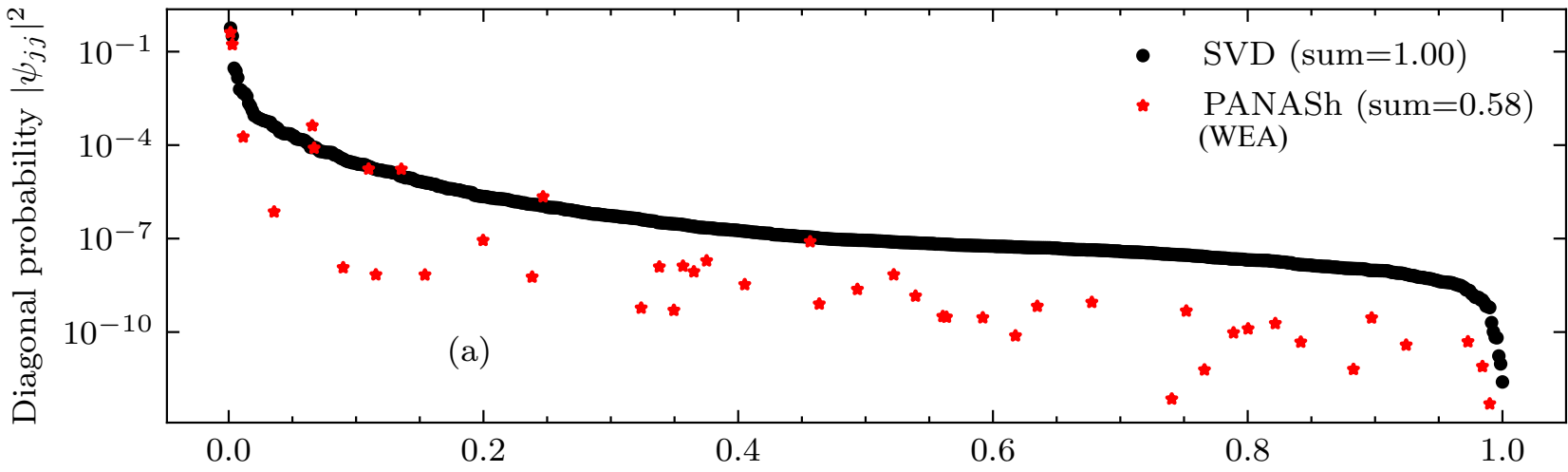
# How does our PN WEA compare to SVD?

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_j \psi_j |p_{SVD}\rangle \otimes |n_{SVD}\rangle$$

SVD (optimal, diagonal)

$$= \sum_{pn} \tilde{\psi}_{pn} |p_{WEA}\rangle \otimes |n_{WEA}\rangle$$

PANASh/WEA



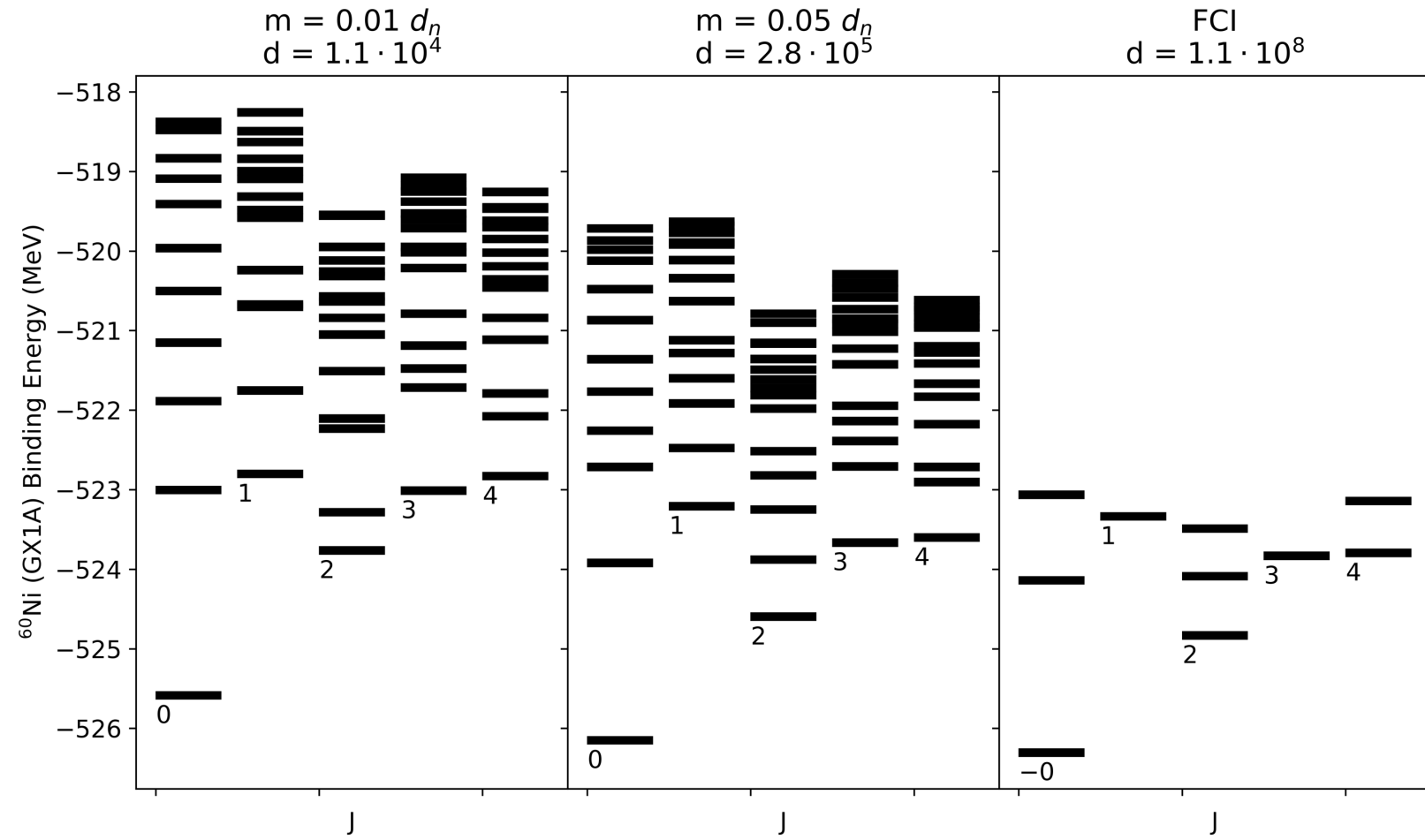
# Benchmark cases

Nucleus	Interaction	M-scheme FCI dim. ( $\times 10^6$ )	$Z$ ( $Z_{\text{val.}}$ )	$Z$ dim.	$N$ ( $N_{\text{val.}}$ )	$N$ dim.	Properties
$^{78}\text{Ge}$	JUN45	3.7	32 (4)	701	46 (18)	701	even-even, deformed
$^{70}\text{As}$	JUN45	760	33 (5)	2,293	37 (9)	36,998	odd-odd, deformed
$^{60}\text{Ni}$	GX1A	1090	28 (8)	12,022	32 (12)	12,022	even-even, spherical
$^{79}\text{Rb}$	JUN45	8600	37 (9)	36,998	42 (14)	24,426	odd-A, spherical

Prerequisite for p/n basis factors

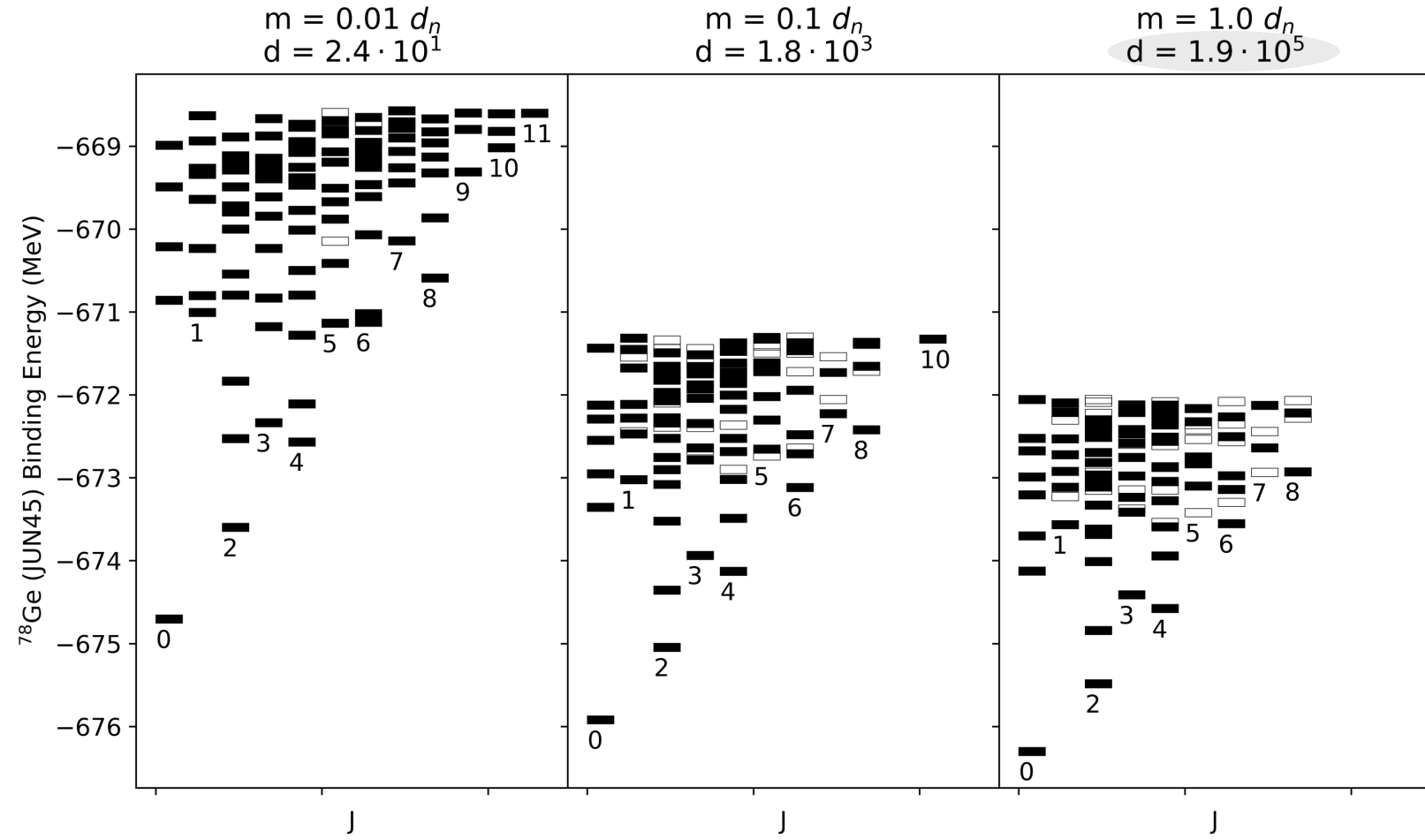


# Even-even, spherical: $^{56}\text{Ni}$ in the lower $pf$ shell with GX1A



Excellent agreement with 3-4 orders of magnitude reduction

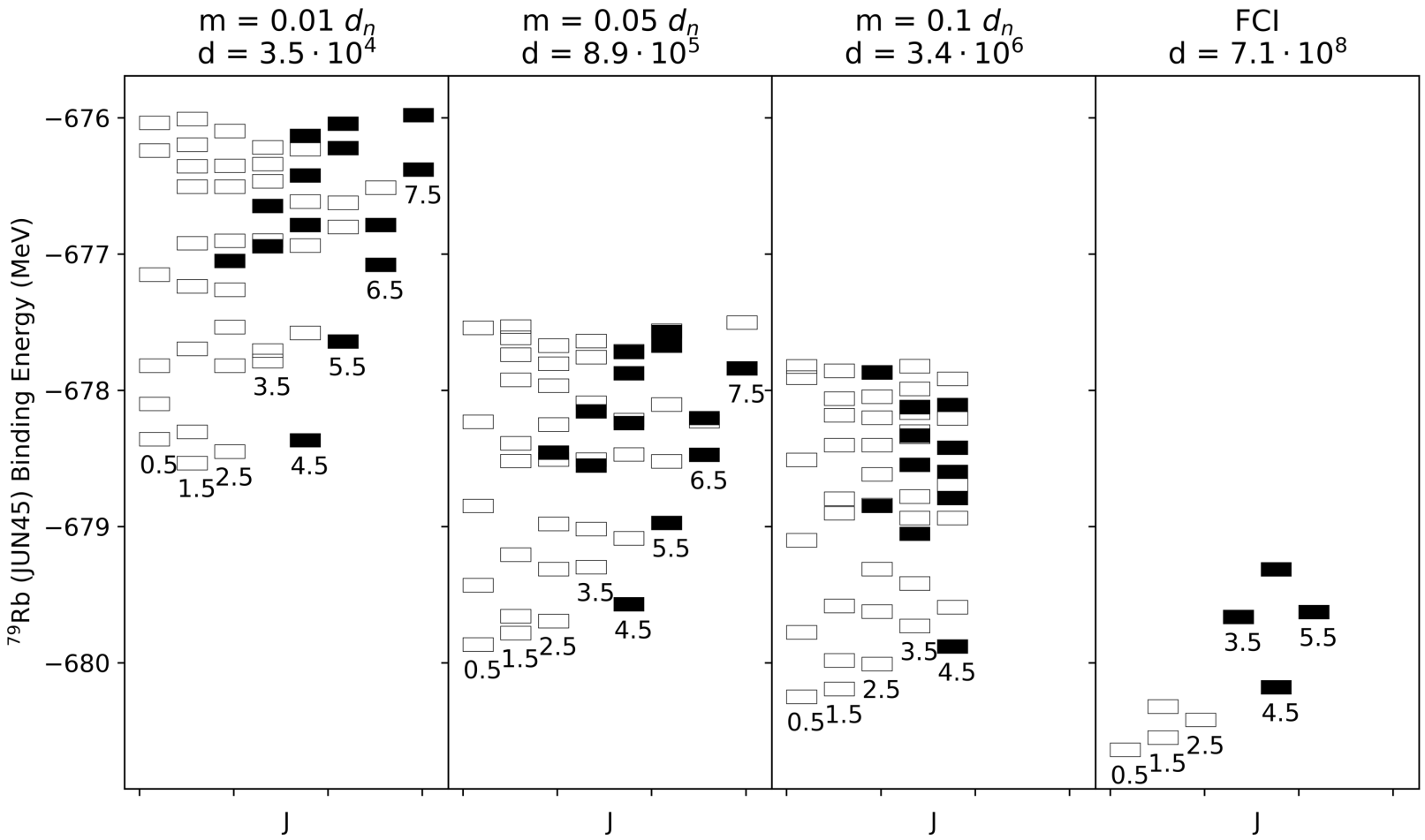
# Even-even, deformed: $^{78}\text{Ge}$ in the upper $pf$ shell with JUN45



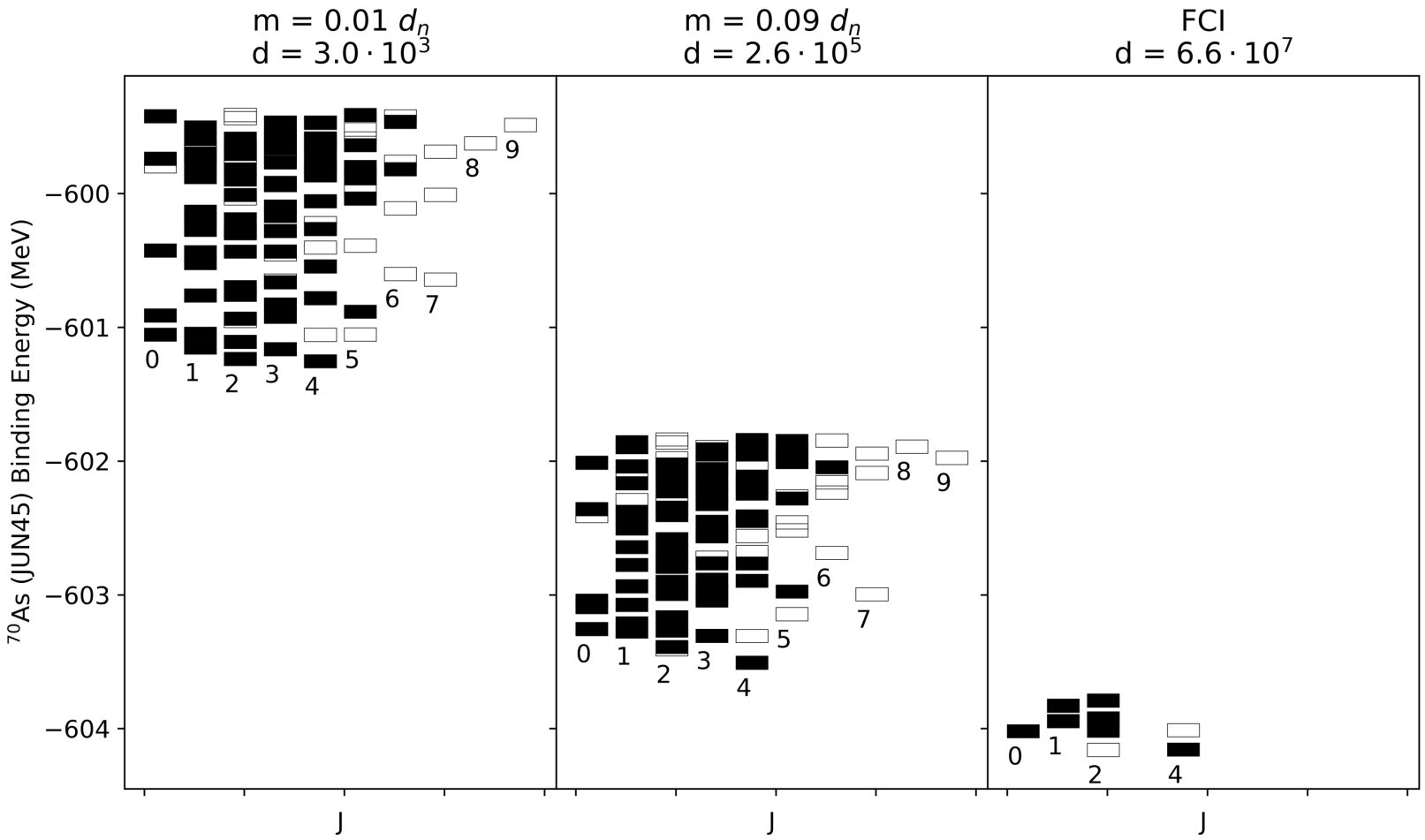
Convergence is slower for deformed system



# Odd-A, spherical: $^{79}\text{Rb}$ in the upper $pf$ shell with JUN45

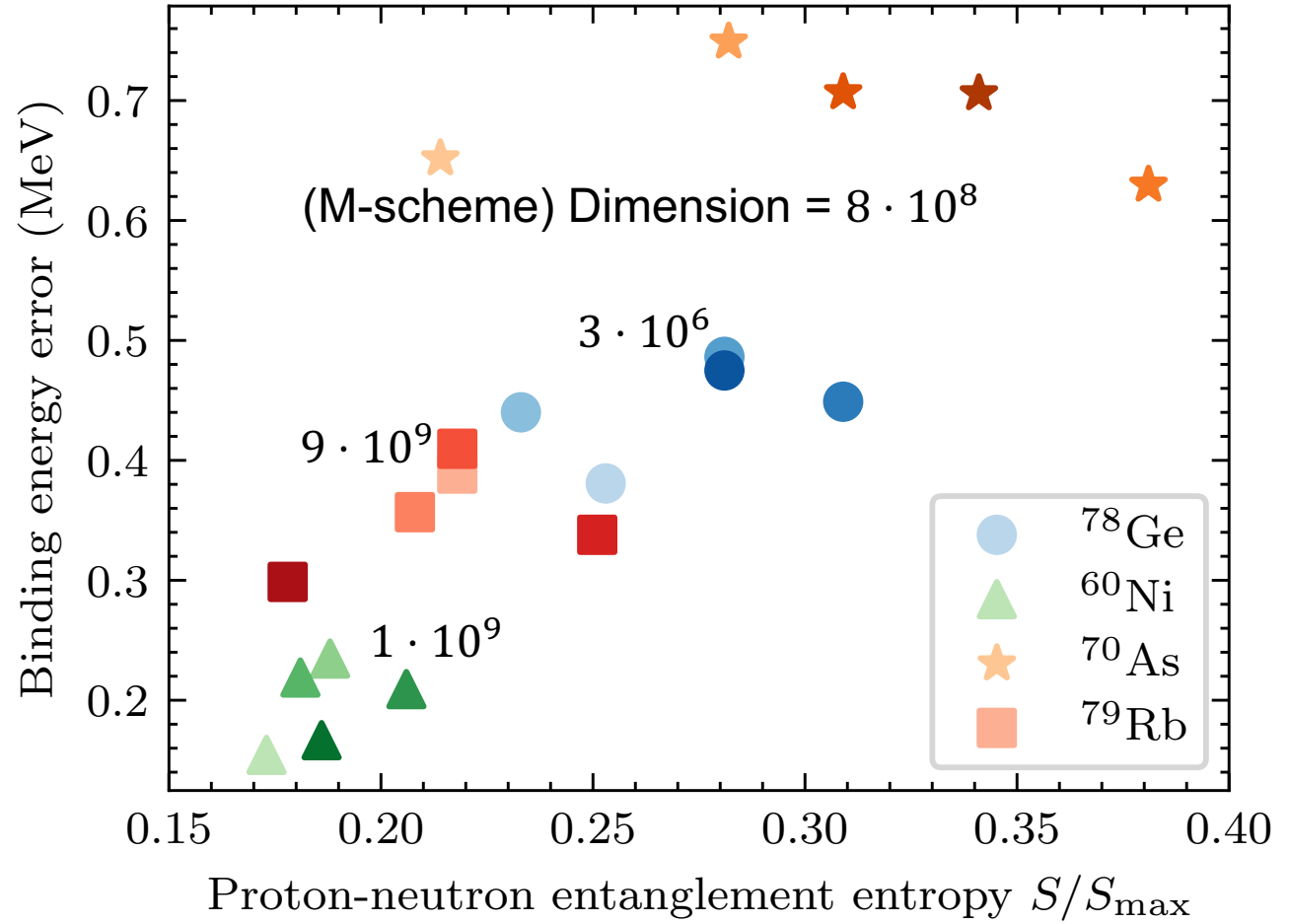


# Odd-odd, deformed: $^{70}\text{As}$ in the upper $pf$ shell with JUN45

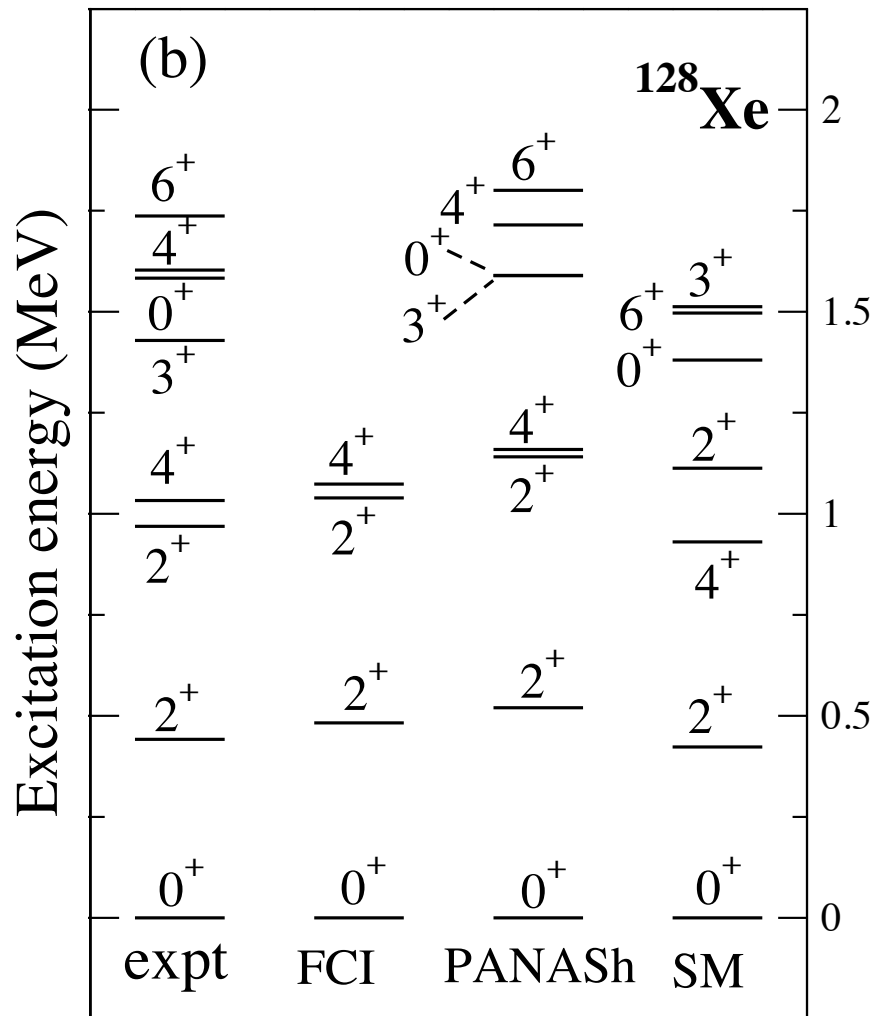


Dimension 200 times smaller (compute cost: dimension<sup>3</sup>)

# Rate of convergence correlated with proton-neutron entanglement



# Beyond current limits in 50-82 shell

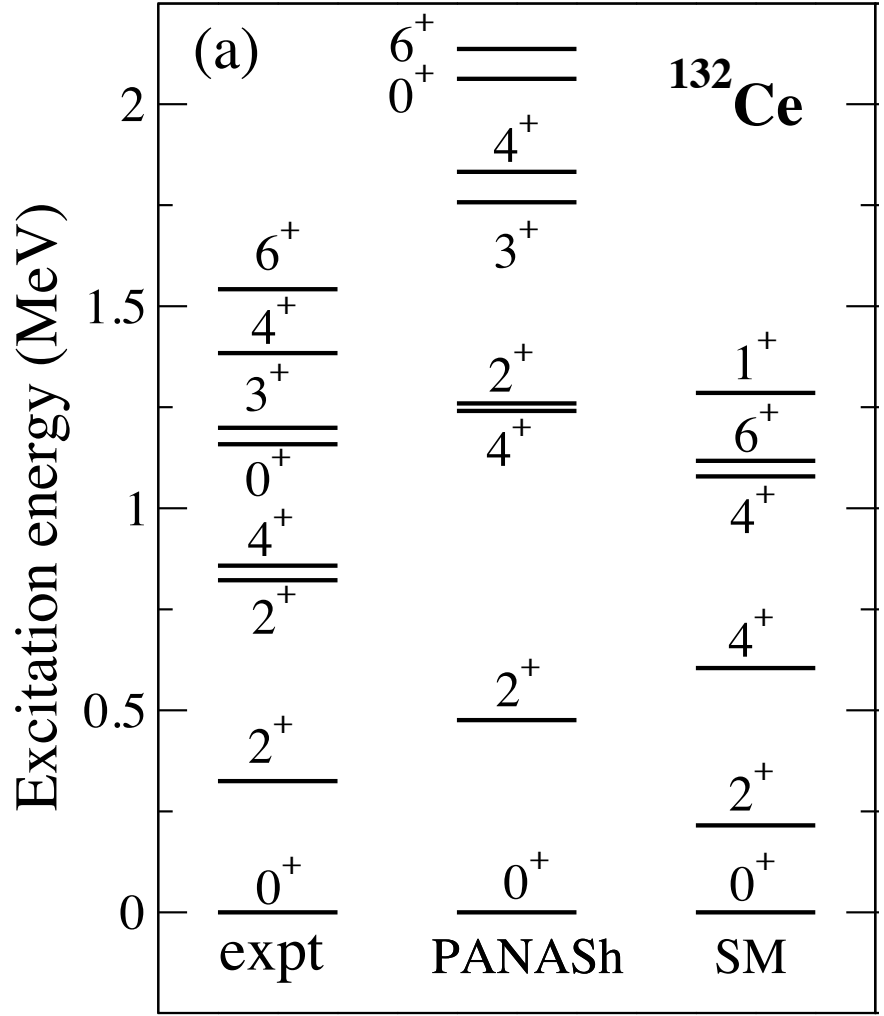


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The interacting shell model, a configuration–interaction method, is a venerable approach to low-lying nuclear structure; but it is hampered by the exponential growth of the basis dimension as one increases the single-particle space and/or the number of active particles. Recent, quantum–information–inspired work has demonstrated that the proton and neutron sectors of a nuclear wave function are weakly entangled. Furthermore the entanglement is smaller for nuclides away from  $N = Z$ , such as heavy, neutron–rich nuclides. Here we implement a weak entanglement approximation to bipartite configuration–interaction wave functions, approximating low-lying levels through coupling a relatively small number of many–proton and many–neutron states. This truncation scheme, which we put in context to other past approaches, reduces the basis dimension by many orders of magnitude while preserving essential features of nuclear spectra.

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