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NEW DOUBLE MAGIC NUCLEUS ^{96}Zr AND CONDITIONS FOR EXISTENCE OF NEW MAGIC NUCLEI

- *What does it mean - ^{96}Zr is «double magic nucleus»?*
- *Why numbers $N = 56$ and $Z = 40$ can be treated as pair of magic ones?*
 - *What is known about shell structure of «new» magic nuclei?*
 - *Are there other «new» magic nuclei?*

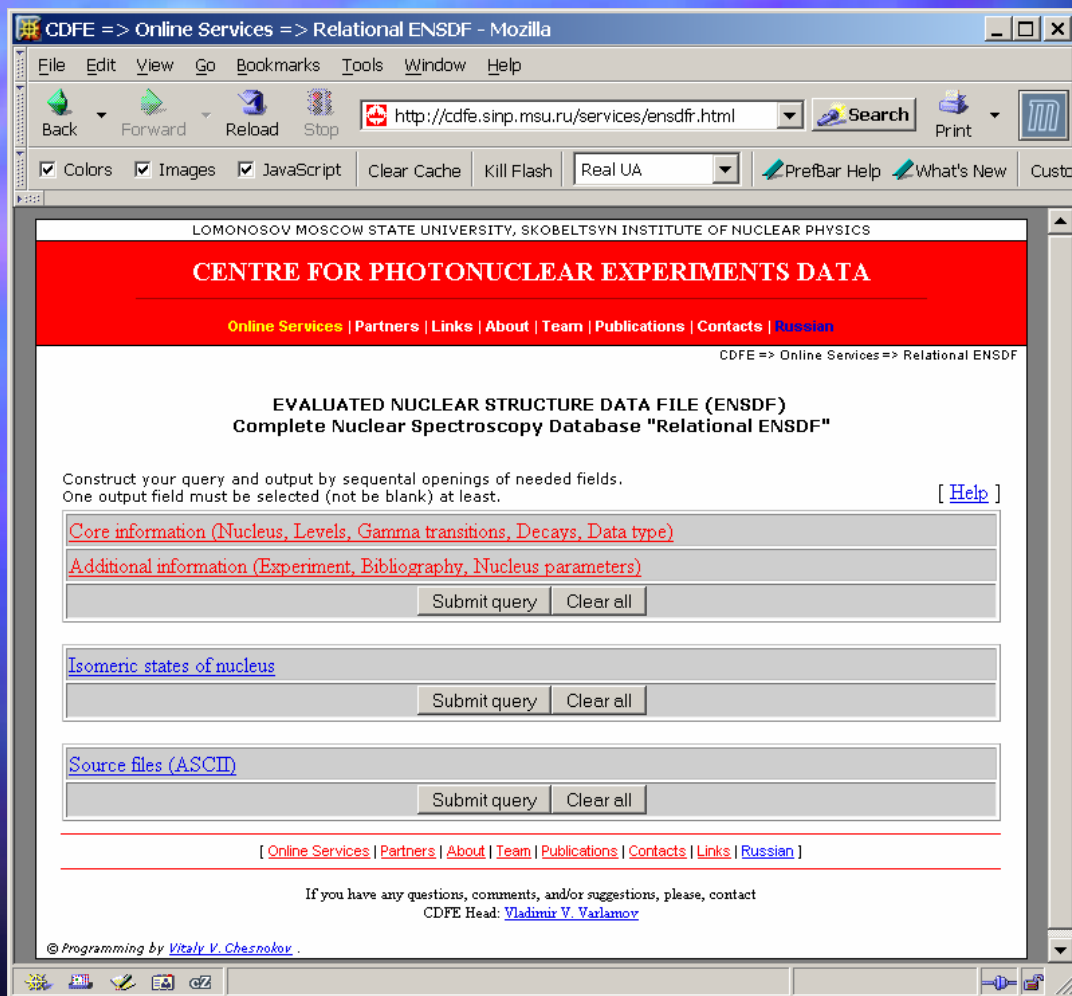
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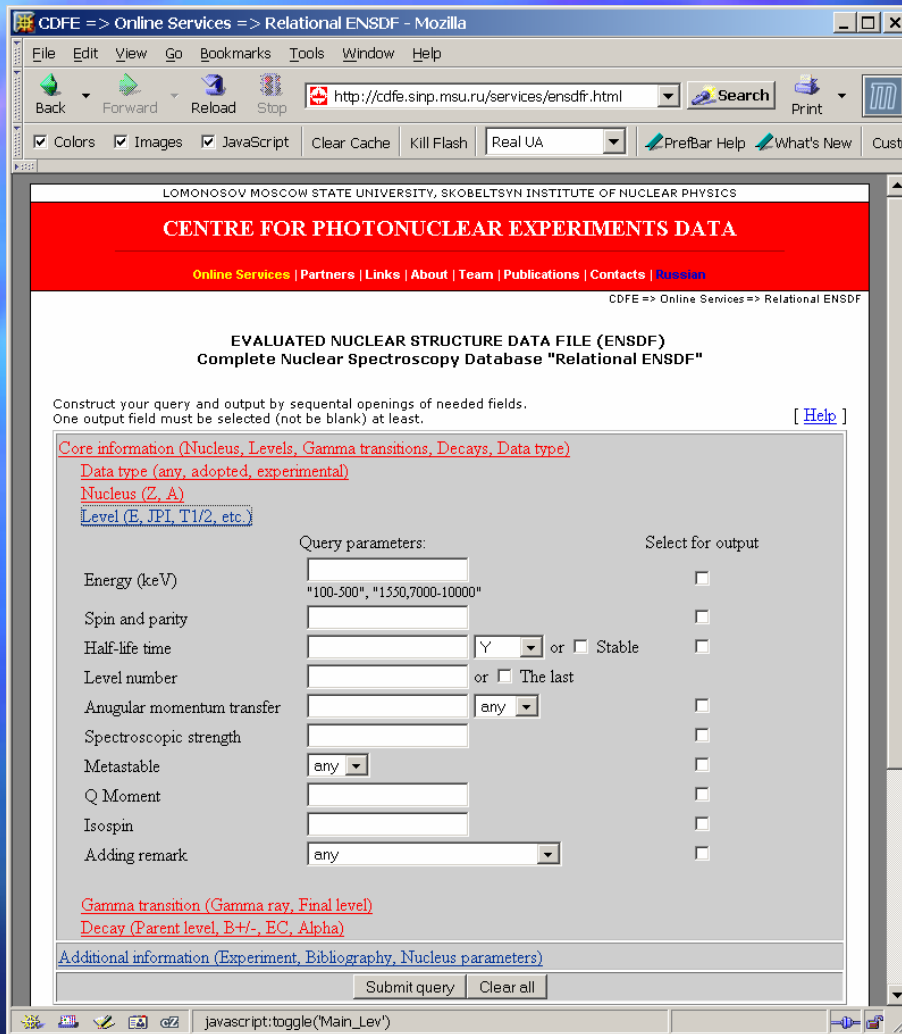
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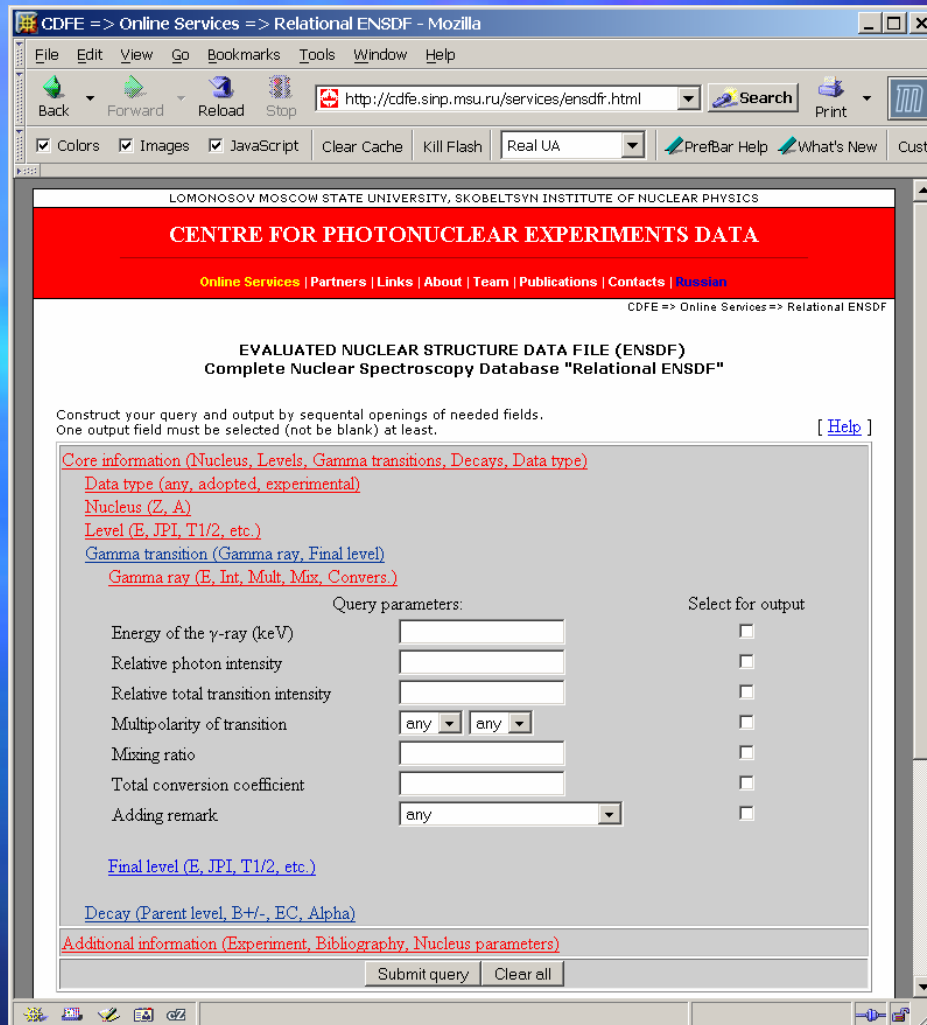
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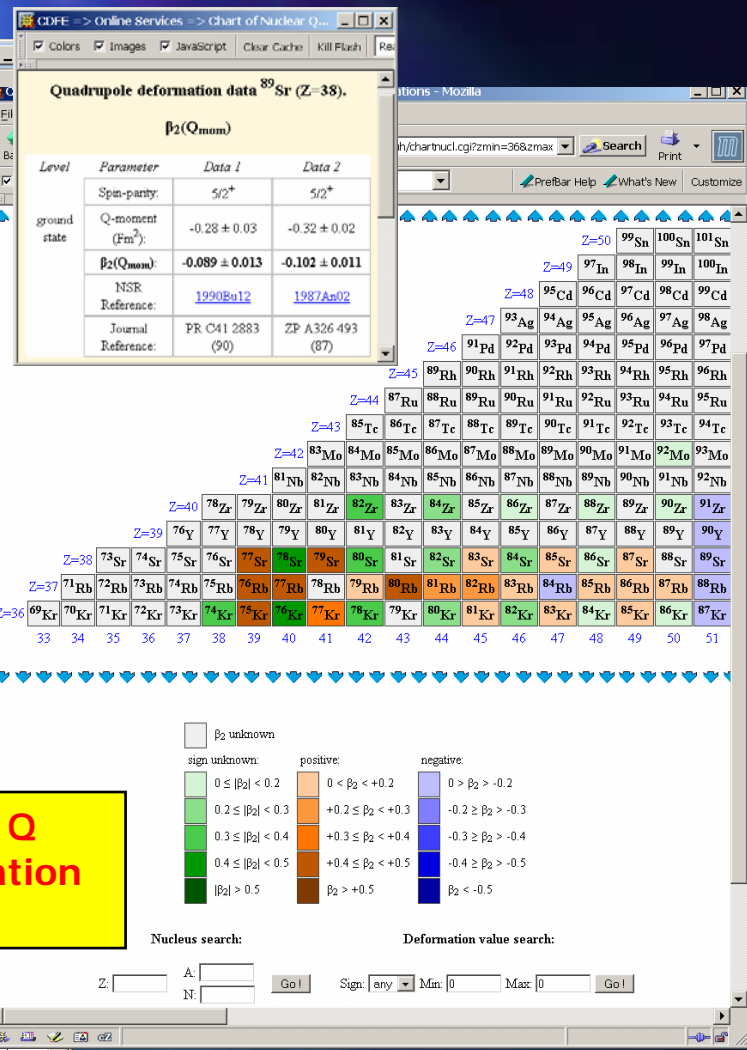
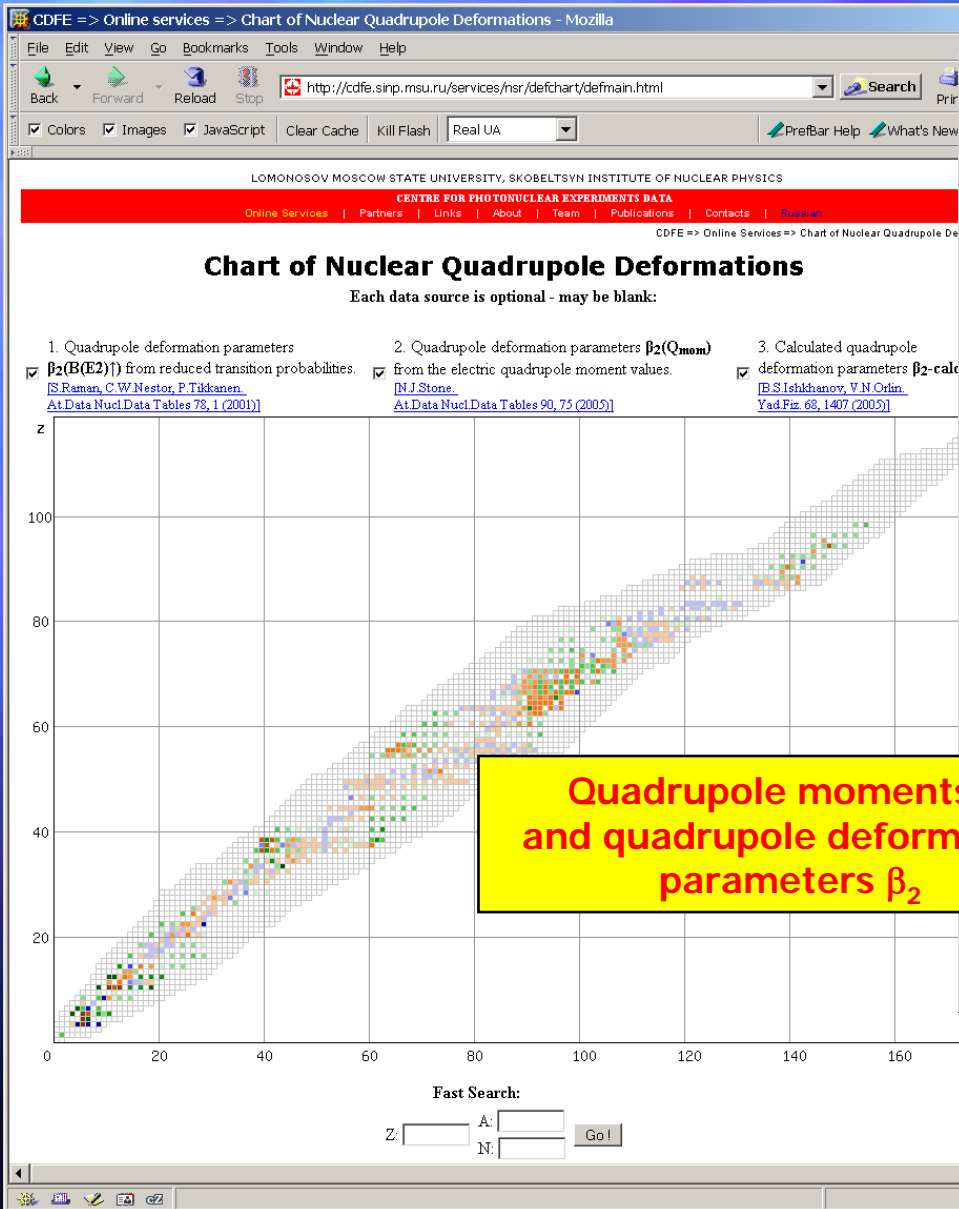
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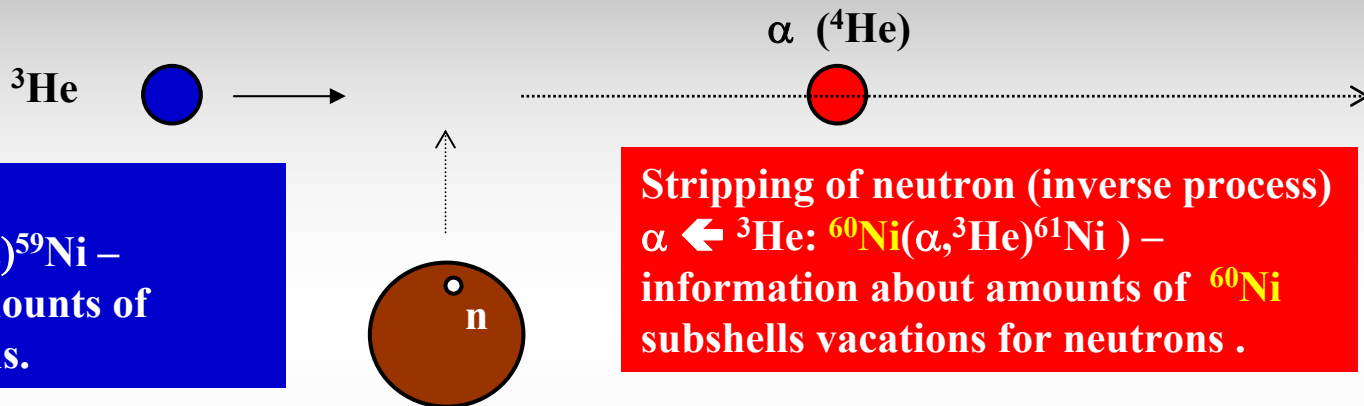
Quadrupole moments Q and quadrupole deformation parameters β_2

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Nucleus one-particle structure investigation: joint nucleon stripping and pick-up reaction data analysis

Reaction (\rightarrow) $^{60}\text{Ni}(^3\text{He}, \alpha)^{59}\text{Ni}$ of neutron pick-up by ^{60}Ni



$^{60}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{59}\text{Ni}$

$^{60}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{61}\text{Ni}$

**Pick-up data:
transferred neutron parameters**

S l j

From ^{59}Ni levels data \rightarrow

$j = J$ for even-even nucleus
($J_0 = 0$) final level spin

Stripping-Pick-up



Nucleon stripping and pick-up reaction data joint evaluation method

Basic idea: renormalization (n^+ и n^-) of experimental data for equation

$$n^+ S_{nlj}^+(E_x) + n^- S_{nlj}^-(E_x) = 2j + 1$$

be valid for three one-particle orbitals closest to Fermi energy ($(n,l,j) = (n_1,l_1,j_1), (n_2,l_2,j_2), (n_3,l_3,j_3)$).

The joint solution of those three equations – determination of n^+ and n^- and evaluation of spectroscopic strengths and j values for different transitions.

Obtaining (R.K.Bansal, etc, Phys.Lett., 19 (1965) 223)
of occupation probabilities

$$N_{nlj} = \frac{[n^- S_{nlj}^- + (2j + 1 - n^+ S_{nlj}^+)]}{2(2j + 1)}$$

and energies

$$-E_{nlj} = (1 - N_{nlj})[B(A + 1) - e_{nlj}^+] + N_{nlj}[B(A) + e_{nlj}^-]$$

of one-particle orbitals ($\varepsilon_{n,l,j}^+$, $\varepsilon_{n,l,j}^-$ – centres of gravity of final nucleus levels spectroscopic strengths distributions for stripping and pick-up reactions, $B(A)$ и $B(A+1)$ – nucleon separation energy values.



Method of joint evaluation efficiency:

Putting into consistency ($n = 0.93 - 1.04$) C^2S values for ^{59}Co levels using $(^{60}\text{Ni}(d,^3\text{He})^{59}\text{Co}$ and $^{60}\text{Ni}(^3\text{H},\alpha)^{59}\text{Co}$ reaction data.

Level energy, keV	J^π	L	C^2S	
			before	after
0	$7/2^-$	3	$3.81 - 6.61$ (27%)	$3.55 - 3.96$ (5%)
1087	$3/2^-$	1	$0.15 - 0.29$ (32%)	$0.14 - 0.16$ (2%)
1291	$3/2^-$	1	0.07 - 0.07	0.07*
1493	$1/2^-$	1	0.03	0.03*
1493	$5/2^-$	3	0.22	0.20 - 0.23
1749	$7/2^-$	3	$0.60 - 1.01$ (25%)	$0.56 - 0.62$ (5%)
2048	$7/2^-$	3	$0.48 - 0.80$ (25%)	$0.45 - 0.50$ (6%)



Various subshells energie values and occupation probabilities were obtained for many nuclei

42,44,46,48,50,52,54Ca,

50,52,54,56,58,60,62Cr,

54,56,58Fe,

58,60,62,64Ni,

84,86,88Sr,

90,92,94,96Zr,

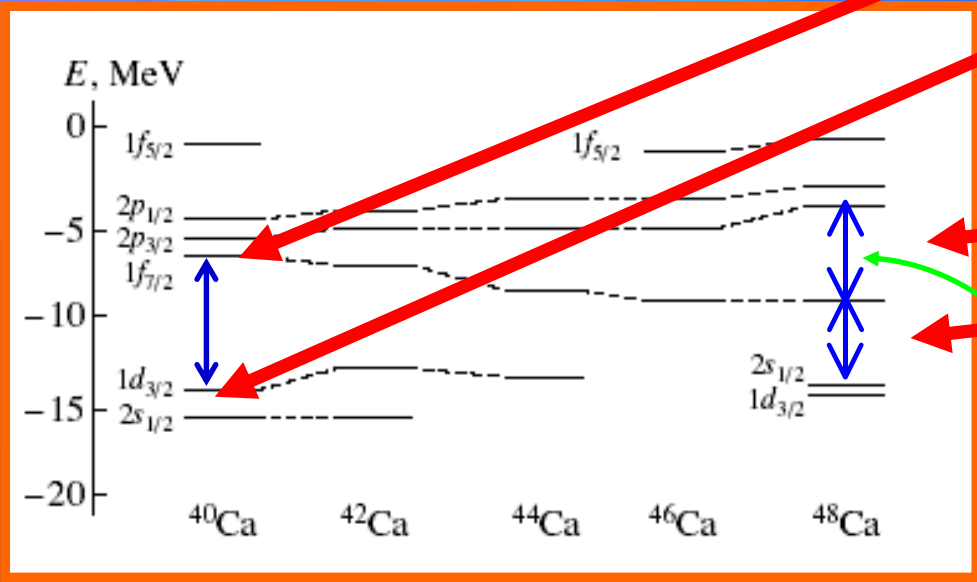
112,114,116,118,120,122,124Sn,

and some others

between those were presented also **nuclei with noticeable neutron excess.**



Neutron subshells of $^{40,42,44,46,48}\text{Ca}$: typical picture of magic nuclei formation



In ^{40}Ca $1f_{7/2}$ - subshell is empty, but $1d_{3/2}$ - filled and there is very large (~ 10 MeV) energy gap between them.

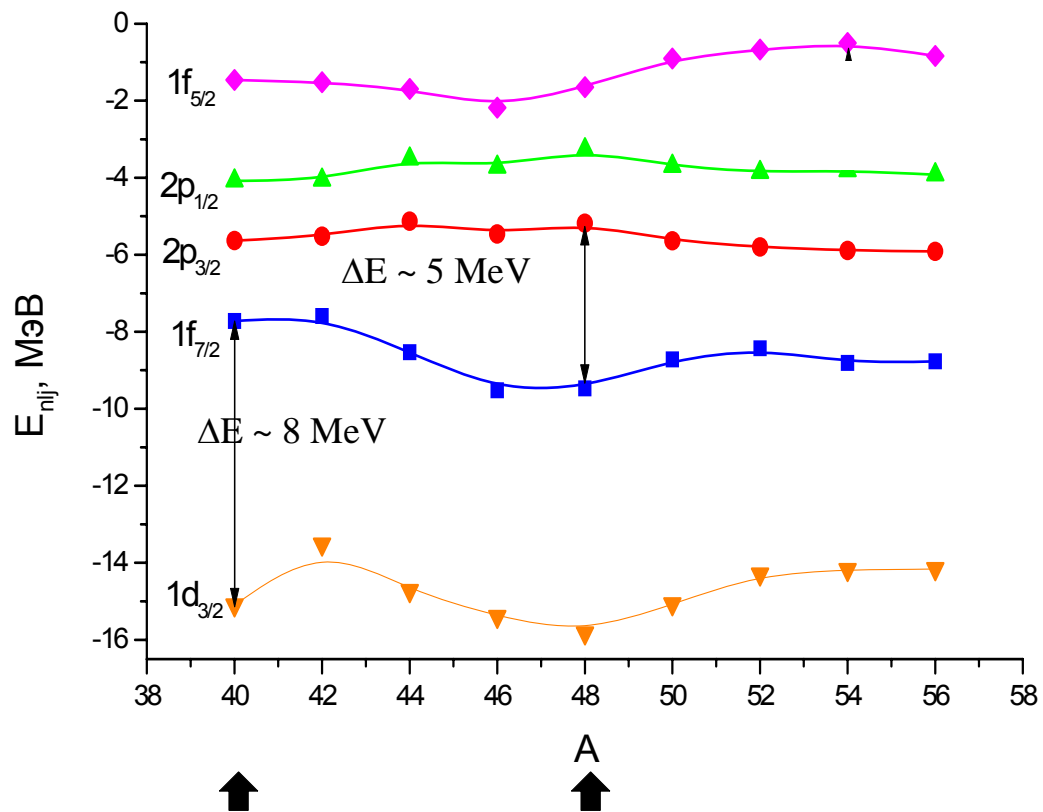
Increasing in neutron number on $1f_{7/2}$ leads to its lowering and decreasing of $1d_{3/2}$ - $1f_{7/2}$ energy gap but increasing of $1f_{7/2}$ - $2p_{3/2}$ gap.

In ^{48}Ca filled (closed) $1f_{7/2}$ -subshell is placed between empty $2p_{3/2}$ -subshell and closed $2s_{1/2}$ -subshell and became a separate shell (energy gap $1f_{7/2}$ - $2p_{3/2}$ is enough large (~ 4 MeV)).

^{40}Ca (20,20) - double magic nuclei - ^{48}Ca (20,28)



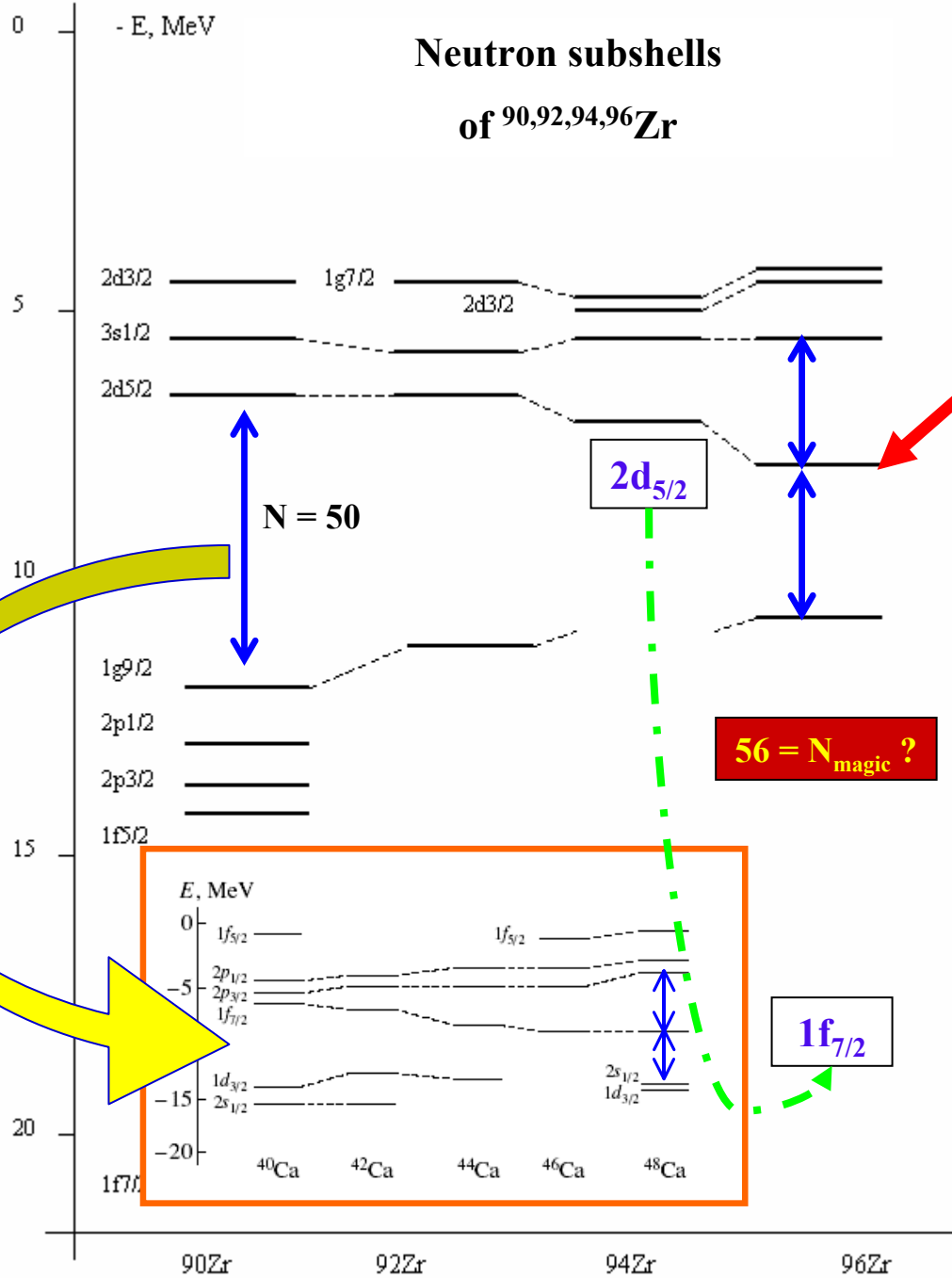
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Those are the results from which the problem of new magic nuclei appeared very clearly.



Zr - Ca subshells behaviour clear correlation:

in ^{96}Zr

$2d_{5/2}$ -subshell is placed between empty $3s_{1/2}$ -subshell and closed $1g_{9/2}$ -subshell and became a separate shell (energy gap $2d_{5/2} - 3s_{1/2}$ is enough large ($\sim 5 \text{ MeV}$)).

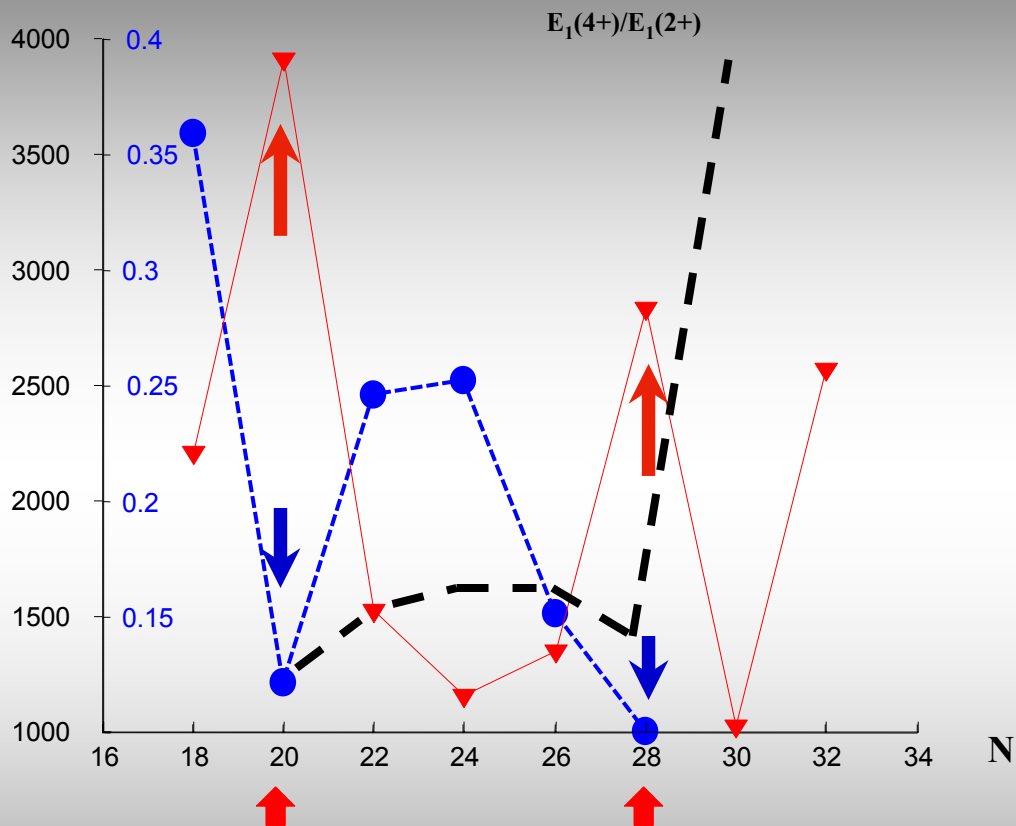
Therefore important question appears: is not nucleus ^{96}Zr magic one?



«Magic» parameters for Ca isotopes (Z = 20)

$E_1(2^+)$, keV

β_2

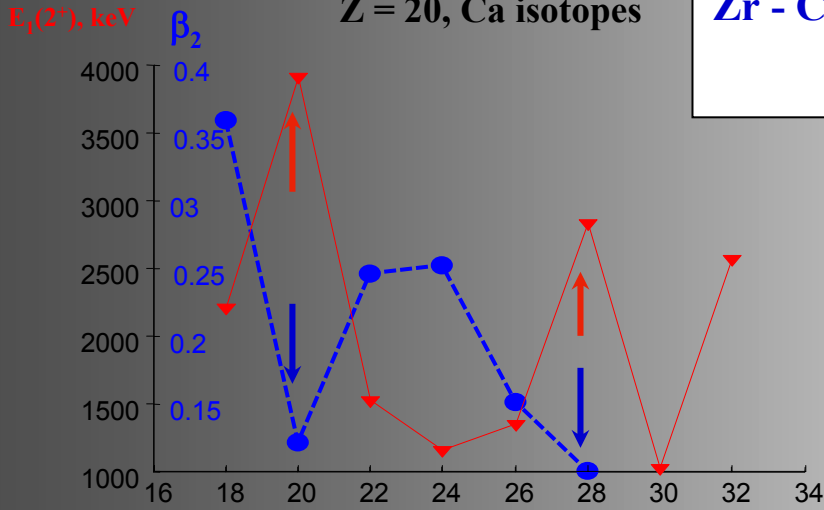


Double-magic (20,20) ^{40}Ca

Double-magic ^{48}Ca (20,28)



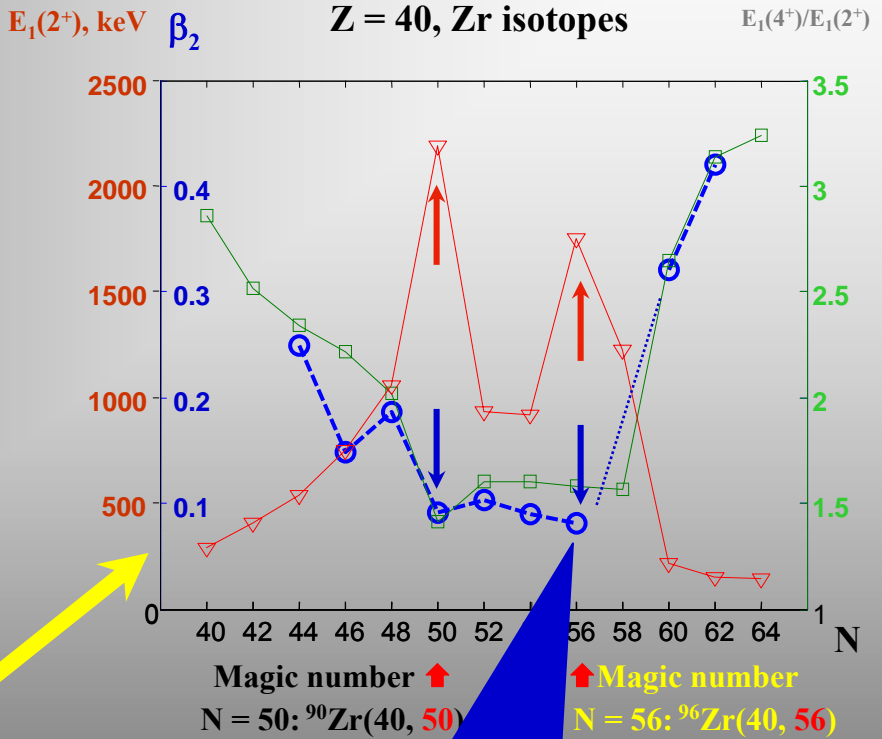
Zr - Ca «magicity» parameters behaviour
clear correlation



Two clear maxima in $E_1(2^+)$ and minima in β_2 at double magic $^{40}\text{Ca}(20,20)$ and double magic $^{48}\text{Ca}(20,28)$.

Two clear maxima in $E_1(2^+)$ and minima in β_2 (as in $E_1(4^+)/E_1(2^+)$ ratio at magic nucleus $^{90}\text{Zr}(40,50)$ and at what - $^{96}\text{Zr}(40,56)$?

^{96}Zr - magic nucleus (N = 56).



^{96}Zr quadrupole deformation ($\beta_2 = 0.08$) is less not only than those for neighboring Zr isotopes but than of those for double magic ^{40}Ca ($\beta_2 = 0.123$) and ^{48}Ca ($\beta_2 = 0.106$).

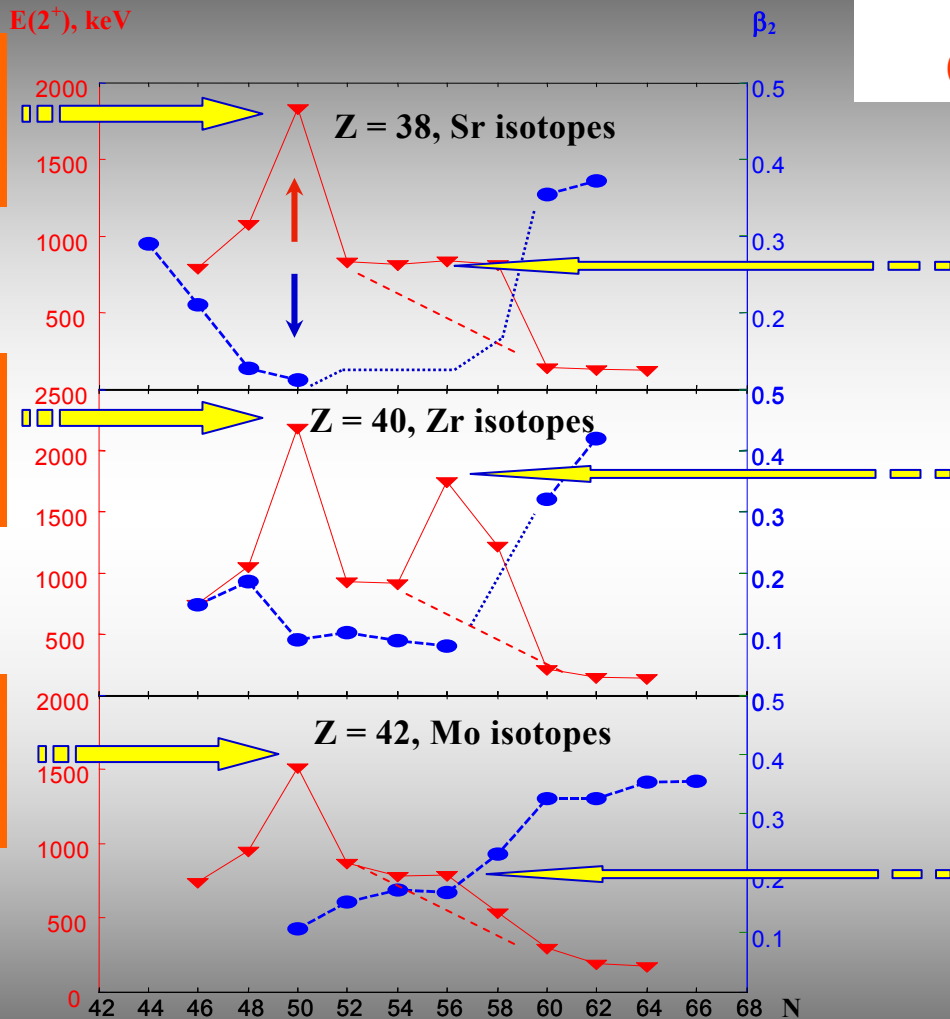
Zr - Ca



N = 50
is magic
for Z = ..., 36, 38

N = 50
is magic
for Z = 40

N = 50
is magic
for Z = ...42, 44, ...



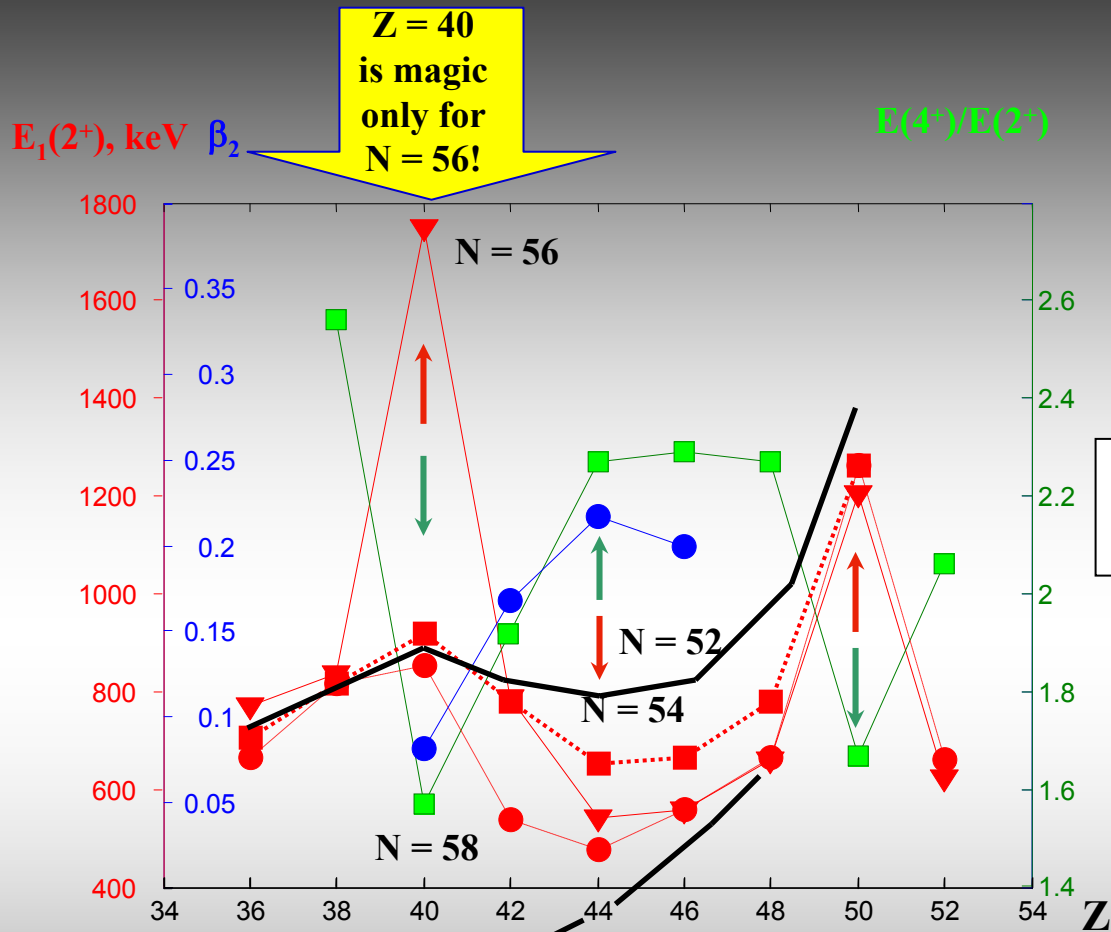
**Is N = 56 magic number
(only for Z = 40)?**

**May be N = 56
is «slightly» magic
for Z = 38 ?**

**N = 56
is magic for
Z = 40 !**

**N = 56
is not magic for
Z = 42.**

N = 56, Z = 40



Is Z = 40 magic number (only for N = 56)?

Z = 50 is magic for N = ..., 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, ...

N=54-56-58



Z = 40 is magic number (for N = 56):

**N increasing leads to increasing of the energy gap ΔE
between closed $2p_{1/2}$ and empty $1g_{9/2}$ subshells
twice from **1.56 MeV** for ^{90}Zr to **3.11 MeV** for ^{96}Zr**

Nlj	Occupation probability energy	ΔE , MeV			
		1.56 ^{90}Zr	2.68 ^{92}Zr	2.63 ^{94}Zr	3.11 ^{96}Zr
1g _{9/2}	N _{nlj}	0.06(5)	0.08(5)	0.09(5)	0.00(0)
	-E _{nlj}	5.41(54)	4.98(142)	6.74(80)	7.48(75)
2p _{1/2}	N _{nlj}	0.58(5)	0.49(3)	0.75(5)	0.81(5)
	-E _{nlj}	6.97(70)	7.66(77)	9.37(94)	10.59(106)
1f _{5/2}	N _{nlj}	1.00(2)	1.00(2)	1.00(2)	0.94(5)
	-E _{nlj}	10.37(110)	10.93(110)	11.490(115)	12.17(122)
2p _{3/2}	N _{nlj}	-	-	0.87(5)	-
	-E _{nlj}	-	-	11.11(112)	-

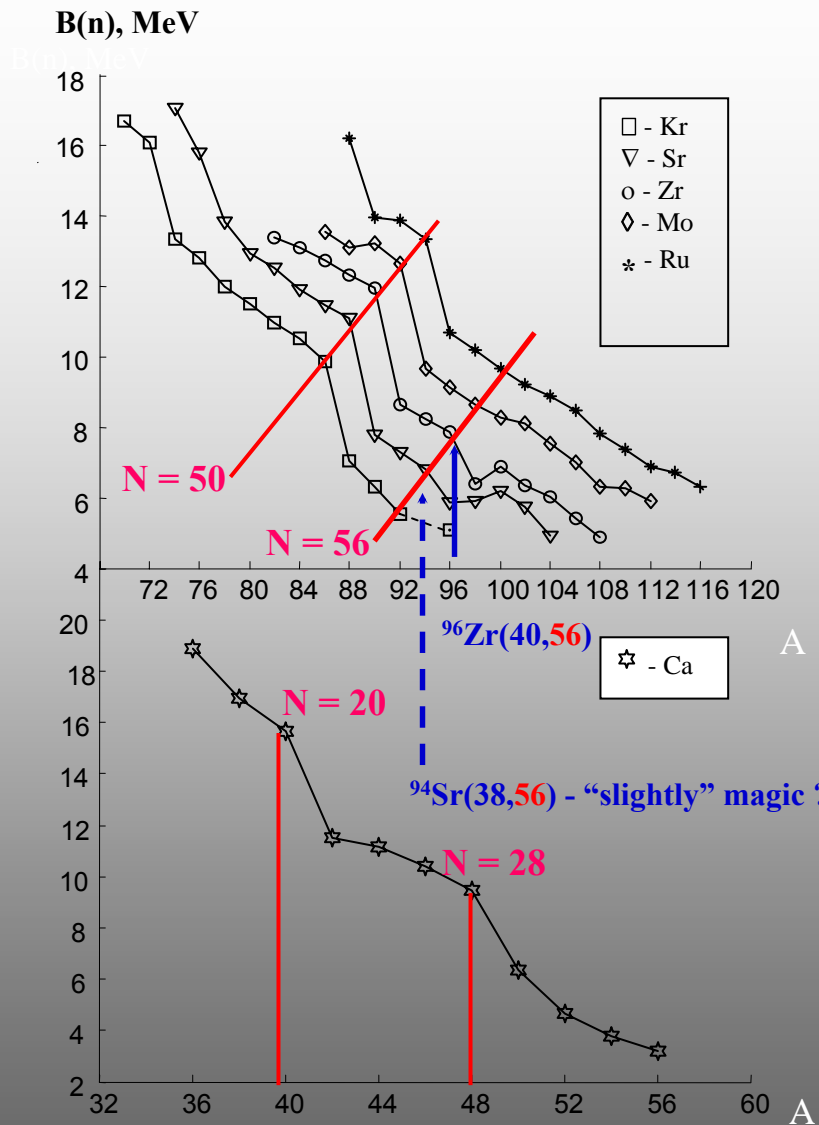
**Nucleon occupation probabilities N_{nlj} and single-particle energies -E_{nlj} (MeV)
of proton orbits in nuclei $^{90,92,94,96}\text{Zr}$**



Thus,
systematical analysis of well-known data reveals the following: nuclei near to numbers $Z = 40$ and $N = 56$ show unique properties - the isotopes with $Z = 40$ behave so, as if crossing a magic line $N = 56$, and isotones with $N = 56$ - so, as if crossing a magic line $Z = 40$.

In the middle of this crossing there is a ^{96}Zr , which has a set of many properties, characteristics and parameters similar to those for typical magic nucleus.

So ^{96}Zr can be identified as new double magic nucleus.



Irregularities in A-dependence of neutron separation energy $B(n)$

$B(n)$

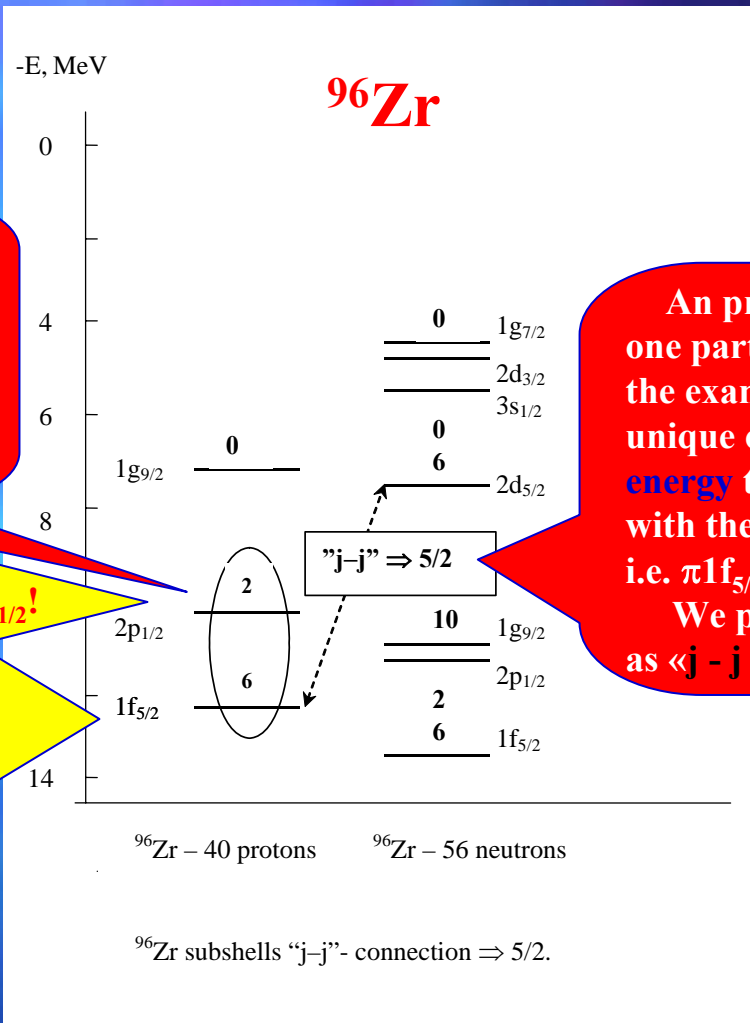
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The magic peak is achieved at the point, when both subshells are closed and additionally above one of them, i.e. $\pi 1f_{5/2}$, a closed subshell with $j = 1/2$, $\pi 2p_{1/2}$ occurs.

^{96}Zr - magic: 2 protons on $2p_{1/2}$!

^{94}Sr - «slightly» magic: no 2 protons on $2p_{1/2}$



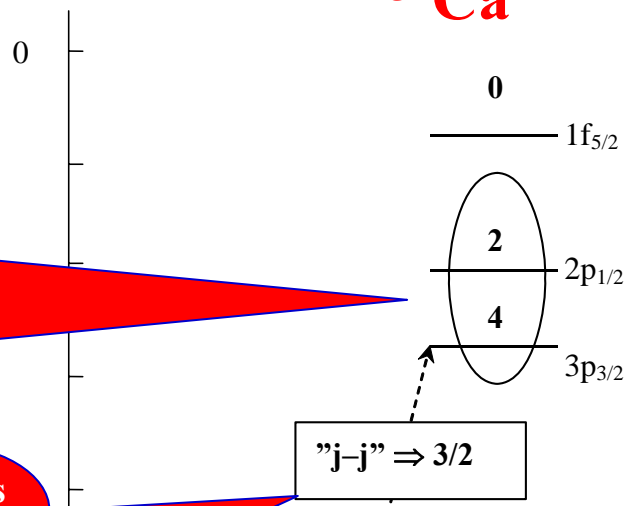
An preliminary consideration - one particularly uncommon feature: in the examined case there is a rather unique occurrence, when near to Fermi energy there are two closed subshells with the large identical moment $j = 5/2$, i.e. $\pi 1f_{5/2}$ and $\nu 2d_{5/2}$.

We propose to call that phenomenon as «j - j (5/2) connection».



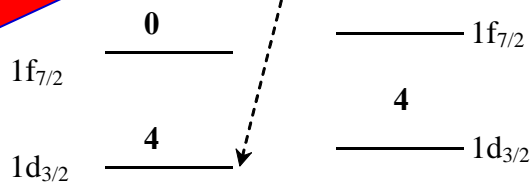
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⁵⁴Ca



⁵⁴Ca - magic: 2 protons on 2p_{1/2}

⁵²Ca - «slightly» magic: no 2 protons on 2p_{1/2}



⁵⁴Ca – 20 protons ⁵⁴Ca – 34 neutrons

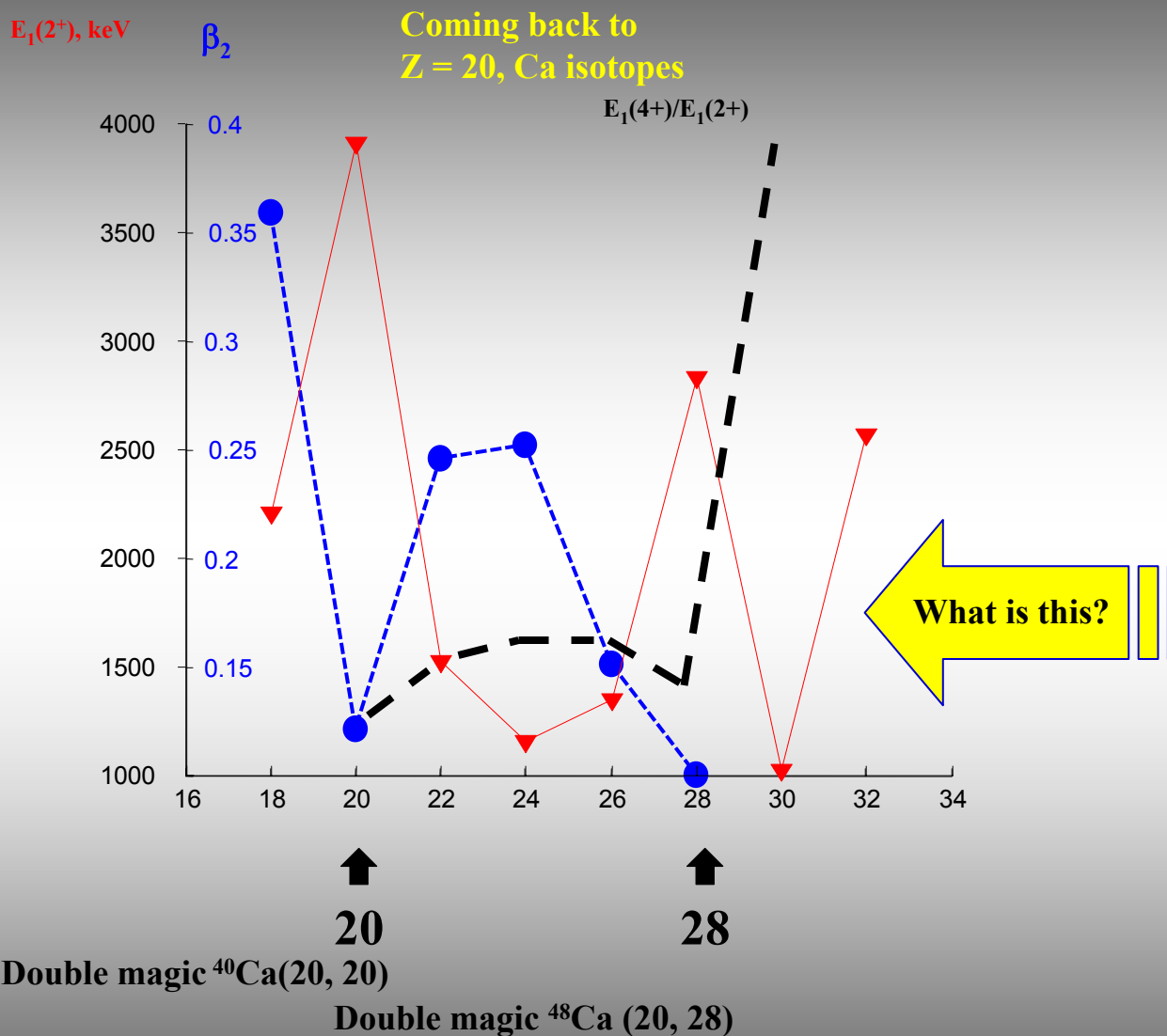
⁵⁴Ca subshells “j-j”- connection ” ⇒ 3/2.

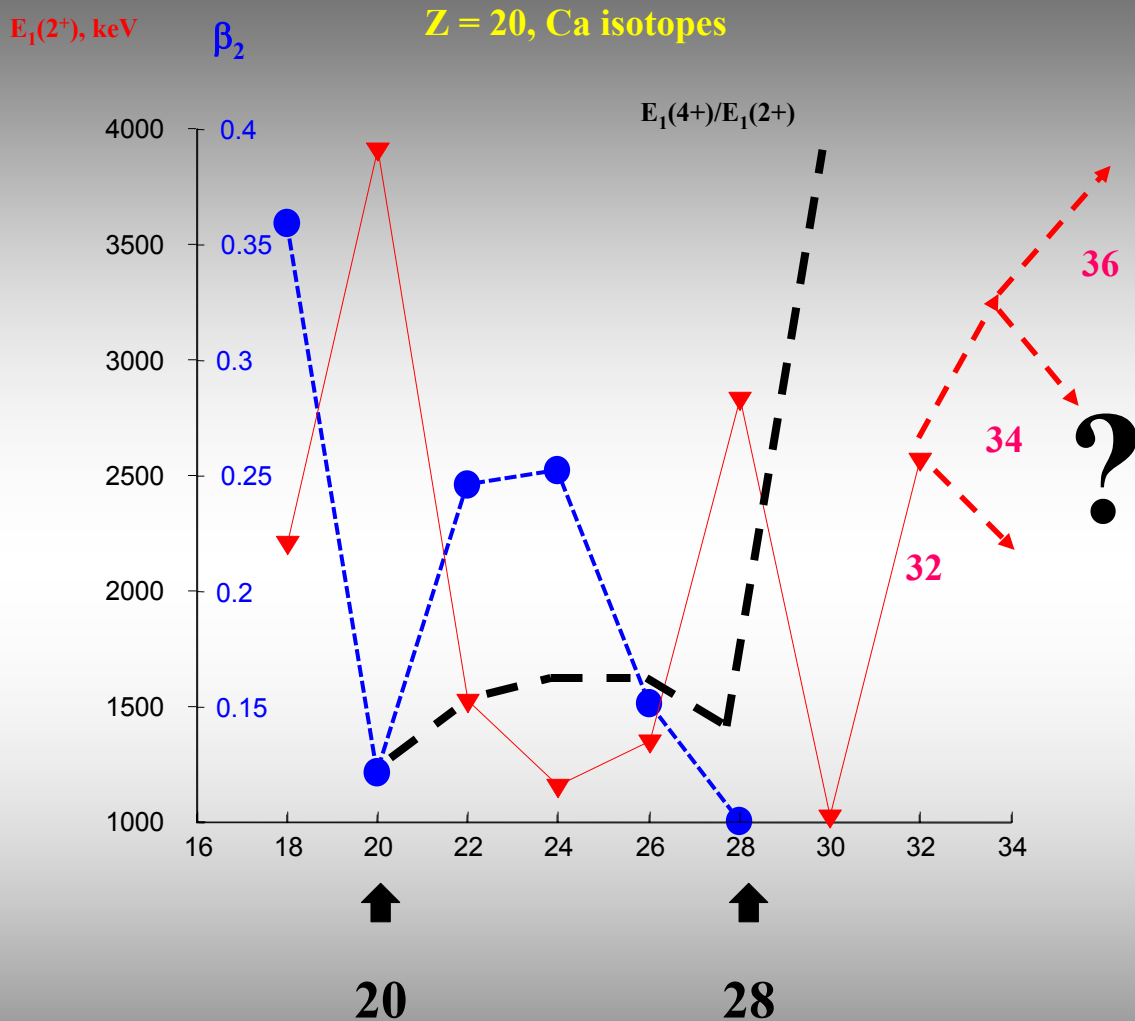
In this case numbers $Z = 20$ and $N = 34$ appear as magic then.

The magic for these numbers pair (20,34) is discussed in press in comparison of those for (20,32) .

If the previous suggestion is applied to subshells with the moment $j = 3/2$, we should expect nothing but a nucleus ⁵⁴Ca: there are closed $\pi 1d_{3/2}$ ($j = 3/2$) and $\nu 2p_{3/2}$ ($j = 3/2$) subshells - j - j (3/2) connection - and above the latter there is a closed $\nu 2p_{1/2}$ ($j = 1/2$).

⁵⁴Ca - pairs

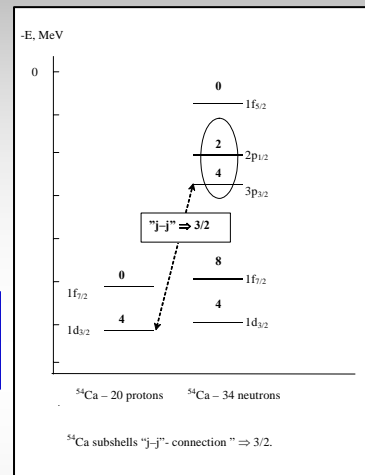
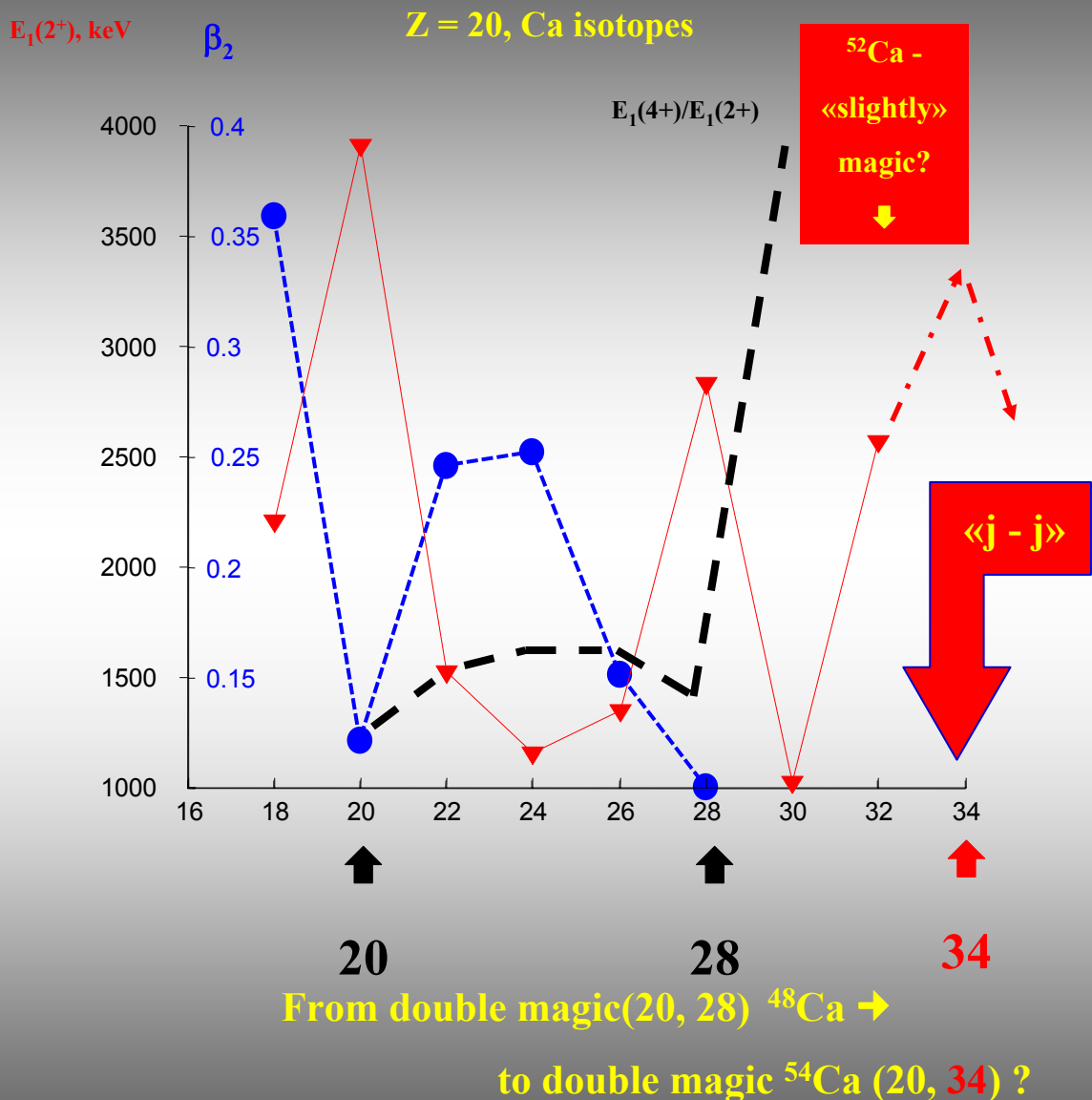




From double magic $(20, 28)^{48}\text{Ca}$ → to what?

^{54}Ca - ?

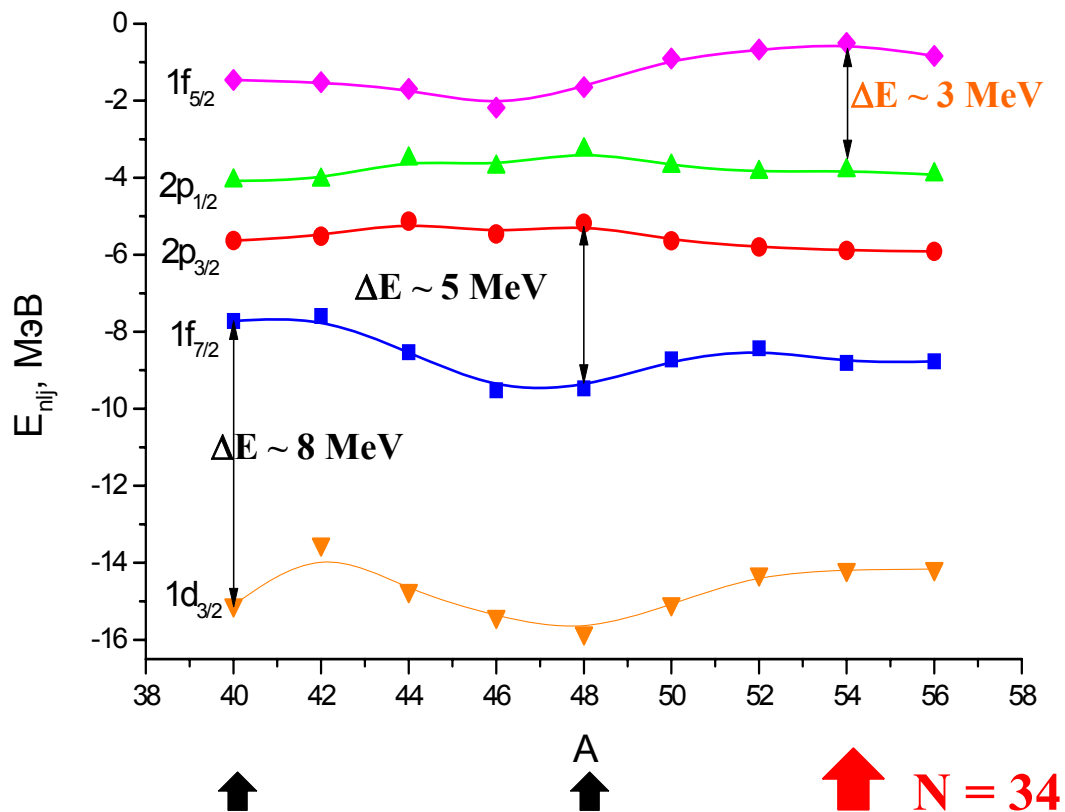
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^{54}Ca - !

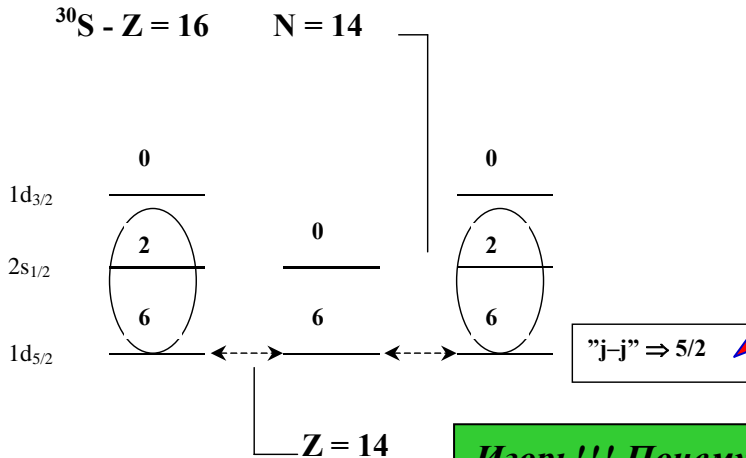


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³⁰S-³⁰Si



If to apply that suggestion to subshells $\nu 1d_{5/2}$ and $\pi 1d_{5/2} - j - j (5/2)$ connection - and the above laying $(\pi/\nu)2s_{1/2}$, we should expect magic N = 16 for Z = 14, and magic Z = 16 for N = 14.

Surprisingly, but it really is like this. In Table the systematics of the first 2⁺ level energies, $E_1(4^+)/E_1(2^+)$ ratios and β_2 for nuclei with Z = 14 and N = 14 is presented. It is well visible, that in both cases the maximum is reached at the conjugate numbers Z/N = 16!

Игорь!!! Почему-то в этом случае в отличие от всех остальных (C, O, ⁵⁴⁻⁵²Ca, Zr-Sr) совсем (!) ничего хорошего не получается: добавление-убирание пары нуклонов заканчивается «абсолютно обычными» ядрами ²⁸Si и ³²S?!

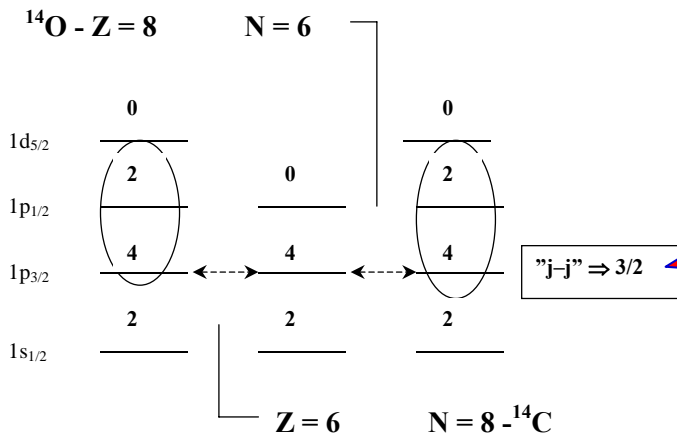
³⁰Si - ³⁰S subshells "j-j"- connect

N = 14					Z = 14				
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²⁴ Ne	10	1982		0.41					
²⁶ Mg	12	1809	2.39	0.48	²⁶ Si	12	1796	2.92	0.44
²⁸ Si	14	1780	2.6	0.41	²⁸ Si	14	1779	2.6	0.42
³⁰ S	16	2211		0.34	³⁰ Si	16	2235	2.36	0.32
					³² Si	18	1942	2.69	0.35
					³⁴ Si	20	3228		0.18
					³⁶ Si	22	1399		0.26
					³⁶ Si	24	1084		0.25

Magic number N = 20

³⁰Si - ³⁰S

$^{14}\text{C}-^{14}\text{O}$



$^{14}\text{C} - ^{14}\text{O}$ subshells "j-j"- connection $\Rightarrow 3/2$.

Analogous suggestion to $\nu 1p_{3/2}$ and $\pi 1p_{3/2}$ - subshells -

j - j (3/2) connection -

and the above laying $(\pi/\nu)1p_{1/2}$ subshell leads not only to magic number $Z=6$ for $N=8$, but to magic number $N=6$ for $Z=8$.

The systematics of the first 2^+ level energies, $E_1(4^+)E_1(2^+)$ ratios and β_2 for nuclei with $Z=6$ and $N=6$ confirms that in both cases «magic» maximum is occurred at $Z/N=6$.

Z = 8					N = 6					Z = 6				
Nucl	N	$E(2^+)$, keV	$E(4^+)/E(2^+)$	β_2	Nucl	Z	$E(2^+)$, keV	$E(4^+)/E(2^+)$	β_2	Nucl	N	$E(2^+)$, keV	$E(4^+)/E(2^+)$	β_2
					^{10}Be	4	3368		1.13	^{10}C	4	3354		0.82
					^{12}C	6	4439	3.17	0.59	^{12}C	6	4439	3.17	0.59
^{14}O	6	6590	1.5		^{14}O	8	6590	1.5		^{14}C	8	7012	1.53	0.36
^{16}O	8	6917	1.5	0.36	^{16}Ne	10	1690			^{16}C	10	1766	2.35	
^{18}O	10	1982	1.8	0.36						^{18}C	12	1620		
^{20}O	12	1674	2.13	0.21										

Addition of two $1p_{1/2}$ protons (to ^{14}C) or neutrons (to ^{14}O) leads to double magic ^{16}O .

Deletion of two $1p_{1/2}$ protons (from ^{14}O) or neutrons (from ^{14}C) leads to «slightly» magic ^{12}C .

$^{14}\text{C} - ^{14}\text{O}$



Thus:
systematics of «magic» parameters

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{energy of the first } 2^+ \text{ level } E_1(2^+) \\ \text{ratio of energies of first } 4^+ \text{ and } 2^+ \text{ levels } E_1(4^+)/E_1(2^+) \\ \text{quadrupole parameter } \beta_2 \\ \text{neutron separation energy} \end{array} \right\}$

reveal existence of «new magic» nuclei with characteristic subshell structure
 (j - j connection)

$^{14}\text{C}(6,8):$	$\pi 1p_{3/2}$	$- \nu 1p_{3/2} \nu 1p_{1/2}$	$(j - j \Rightarrow 3/2)$
$^{14}\text{O}(8,6):$	$\pi 1p_{3/2} \pi 1p_{1/2}$	$- \nu 1p_{3/2}$	$(j - j \Rightarrow 3/2)$
$^{30}\text{Si}(14,16):$	$\pi 1d_{5/2}$	$- \nu 1d_{5/2} \nu 2s_{1/2}$	$(j - j \Rightarrow 5/2)$
$^{30}\text{S}(16,14):$	$\pi 1d_{5/2} \pi 2s_{1/2}$	$- \nu 1d_{5/2}$	$(j - j \Rightarrow 5/2)$
$^{54}\text{Ca}(20,34):$	$\pi 1d_{3/2}$	$- \nu 2p_{3/2} \nu 2p_{1/2}$	$(j - j \Rightarrow 3/2)$
$^{96}\text{Zr}(40,56):$	$\pi 1f_{5/2} \pi 2p_{1/2}$	$- \nu 2d_{5/2}$	$(j - j \Rightarrow 5/2)$



Final «hot» questions:

- **What is the «magic» phenomenon in general?**
- **Is there (what) a difference between traditional and «new» magic nuclei?**
- **Is «magic» an quantity which can be more and less?**
- **What is the role of out nucleon (2 protons or 2 neutrons) pair?**
- **Can not we talk about an additional specific attractive proton-neutron interaction?**



**Thanks a lot
for your attention!**



Z	Protons	Neutrons	N
2		1s _{1/2}	2
6		1p _{3/2}	6
8		1p _{1/2}	8
14		1d _{5/2}	14
16		2s _{1/2}	16
20		1d _{3/2}	20
28		1f _{7/2}	28
32		2p _{3/2}	32
38		1f _{5/2}	38
40		2p _{1/2}	40
50		1g _{9/2}	50
58	1g _{7/2}	2d _{5/2}	56
64	2d _{5/2}	1g _{7/2}	64
76	1h _{11/2}	3s _{1/2}	66
80	2d _{3/2}	2d _{3/2}	70
82	3s _{1/2}	1h _{11/2}	82
92	1h _{9/2}	1h _{9/2}	92
100	2f _{7/2}	2f _{7/2}	100
114	1i _{13/2}	1i _{13/2}	114
120	2f _{5/2}	3p _{3/2}	118
124	3p _{3/2}	2f _{5/2}	124
126	3p _{1/2}	3p _{1/2}	126
142	1j _{15/2}	2g _{9/2}	136
152	2g _{9/2}	1i _{11/2}	148
164	1i _{11/2}	1j _{15/2}	164
170	3d _{5/2}	3d _{5/2}	170
178	2g _{7/2}	4s _{1/2}	172
180	4s _{1/2}	2g _{7/2}	180
184	3d _{3/2}	3d _{3/2}	184

~ 200 stable nuclei -
classic

single-particle shell model



7 classic magic numbers:
2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126

Some typical features of magic nuclei
(compare to neighboring):

- those are more spheric (less deformed) - quadrupole deformation parameter β_2 is clearly smaller;
- energy of first $J^\pi = 2^+$ level is clearly higher;
- ratio of energies of first $J^\pi = 4^+$ and $J^\pi = 2^+$ levels is clearly smaller;
- there are clear irregularities in nucleon separation energies;
- some others;



«magic parameters»:

$$\frac{E(2^+)}{E(4^+)/E(2^+)}$$

$$\beta_2$$

Magic numbers