

# Quantum Monte Carlo calculations of nuclear charge radii

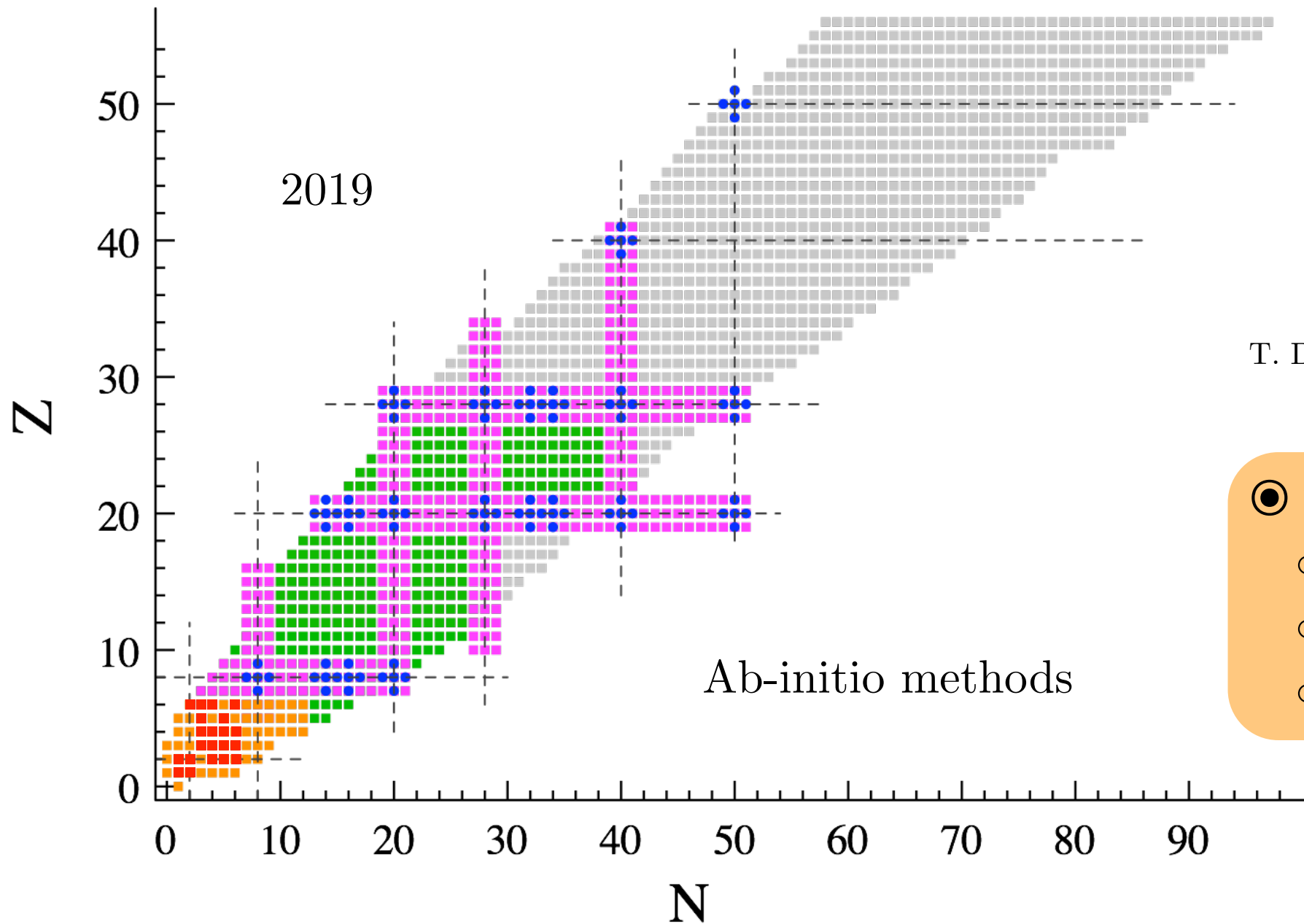
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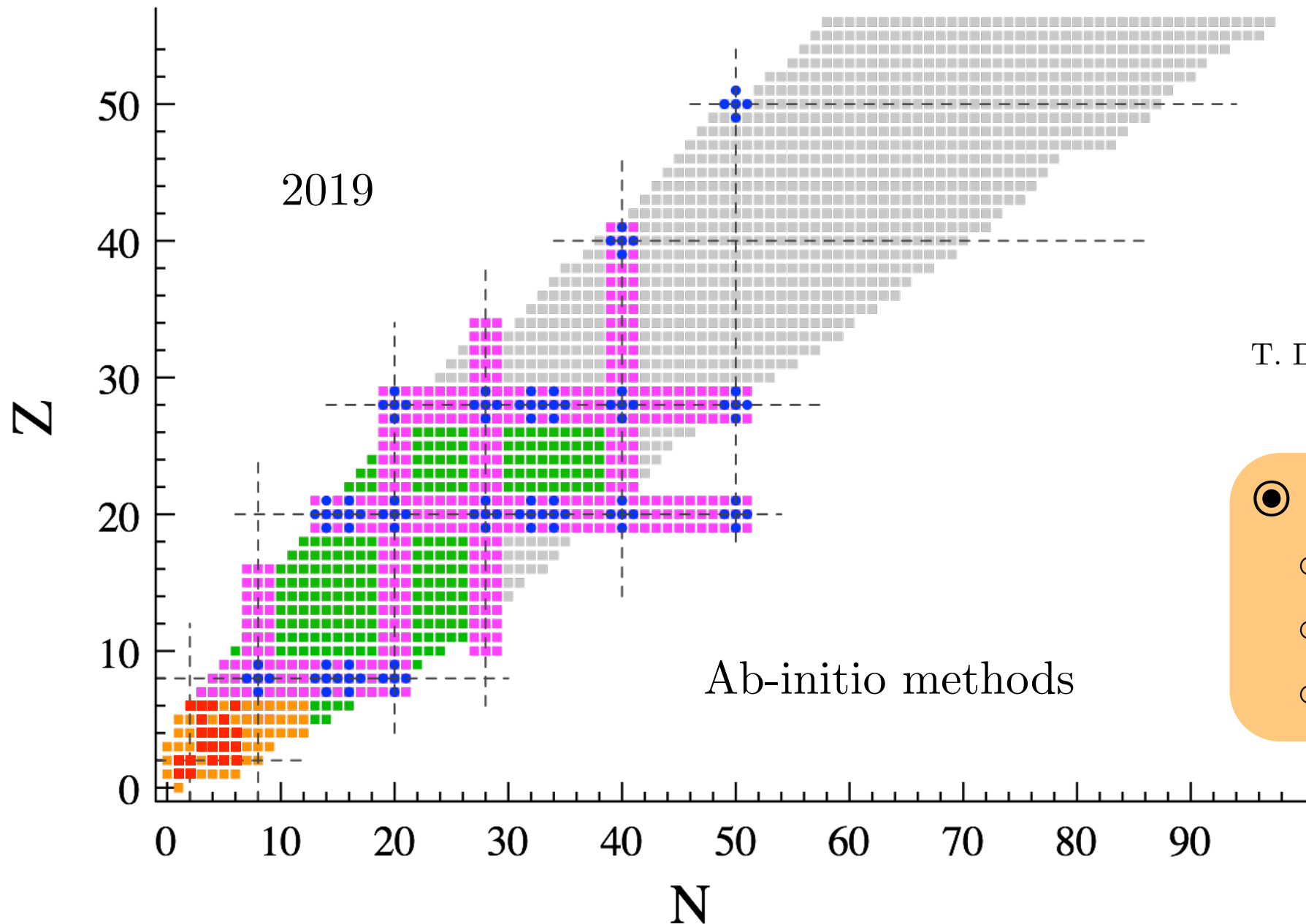
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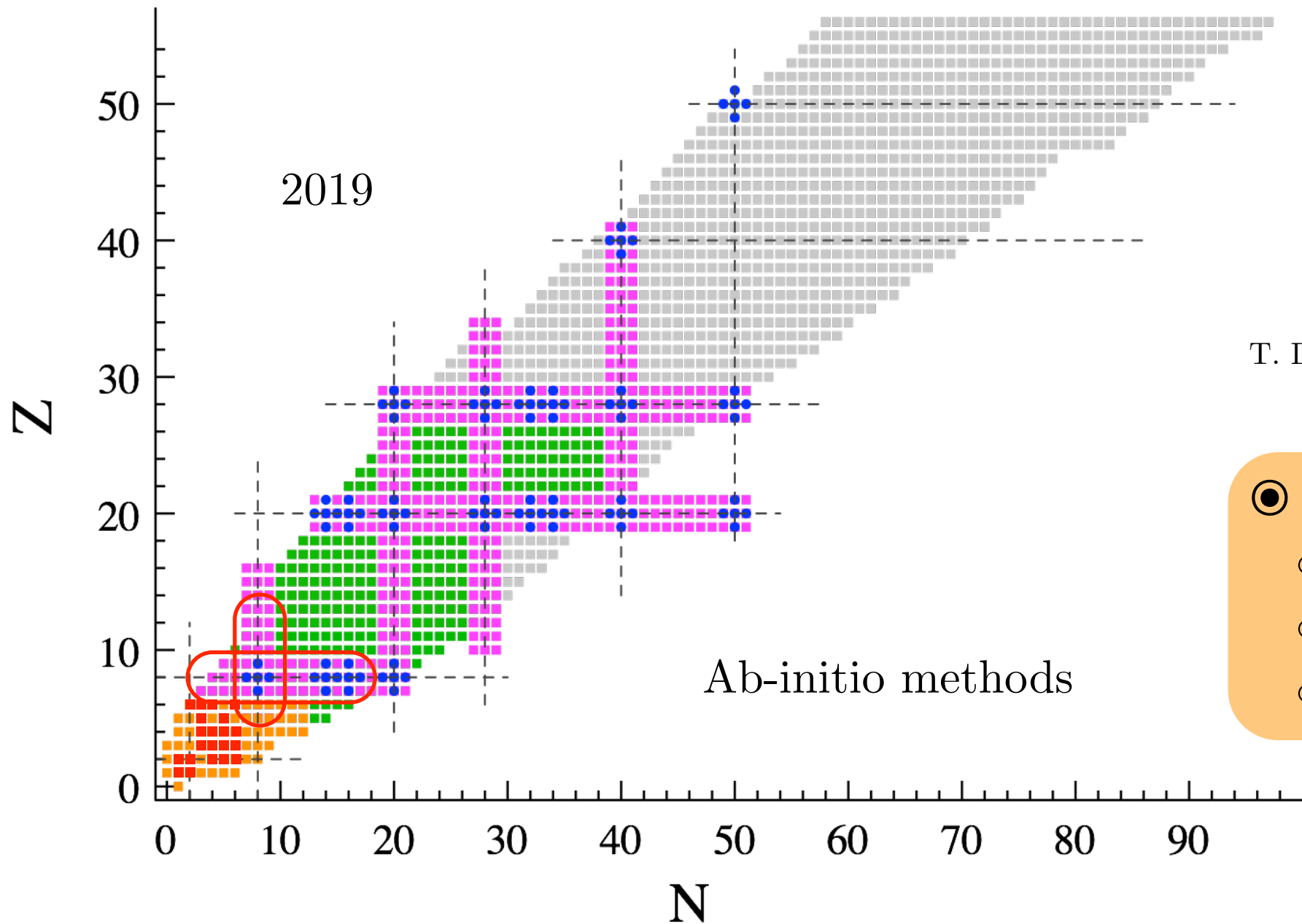
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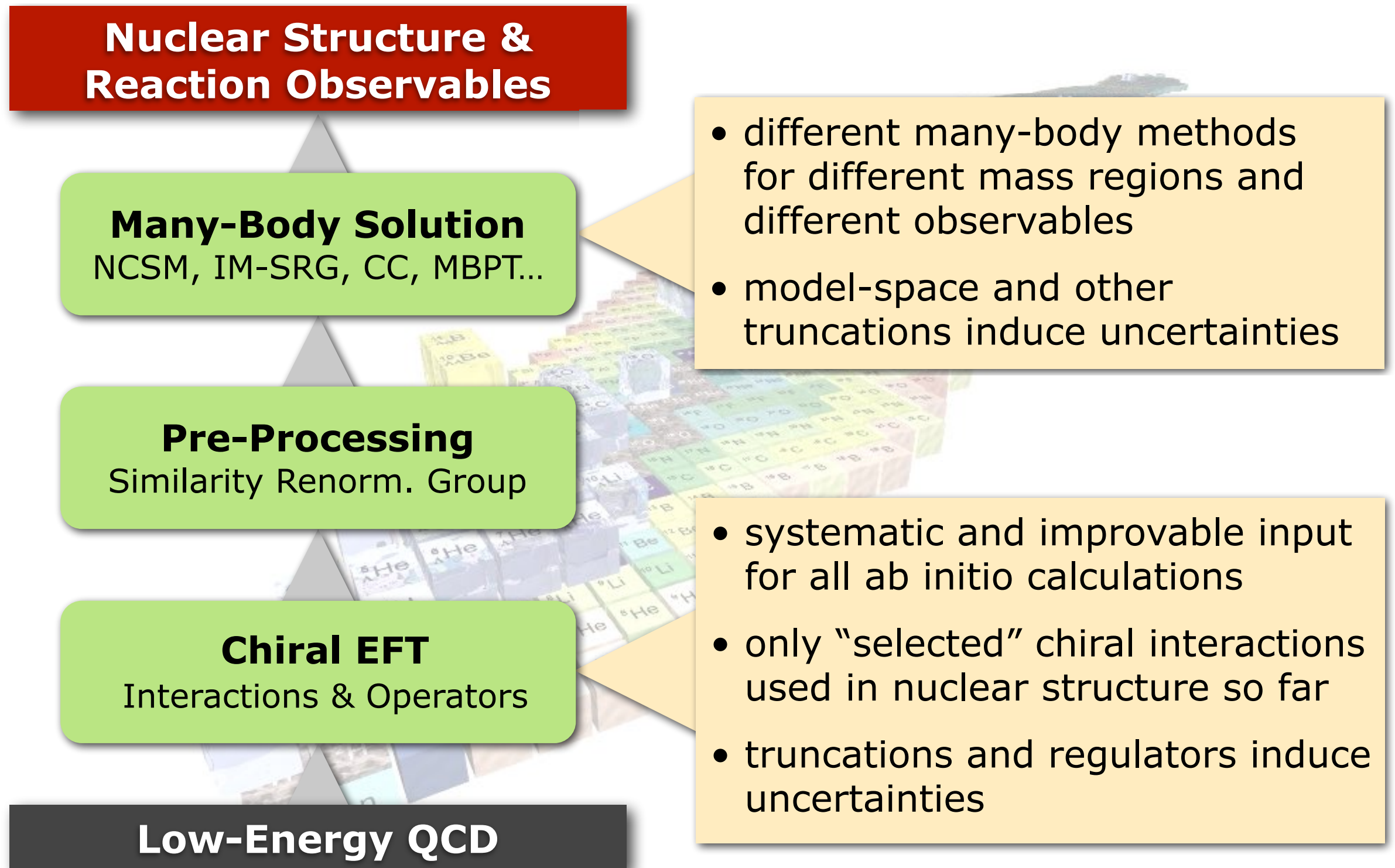
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2018: "alternative" QMC calculations (AFDMC)

- ▶ Scaling: polynomial
- ▶ Nuclear Hamiltonians: local chiral interactions ( $\Delta$ -less)



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## Nuclear Structure & Reaction Observables

**Many-Body Solution**  
VMC, CVMC, GFMC, AFDMC

~~**Pre-Processing**  
Similarity Renormalization Group~~

**Chiral EFT**  
Interactions & Operators

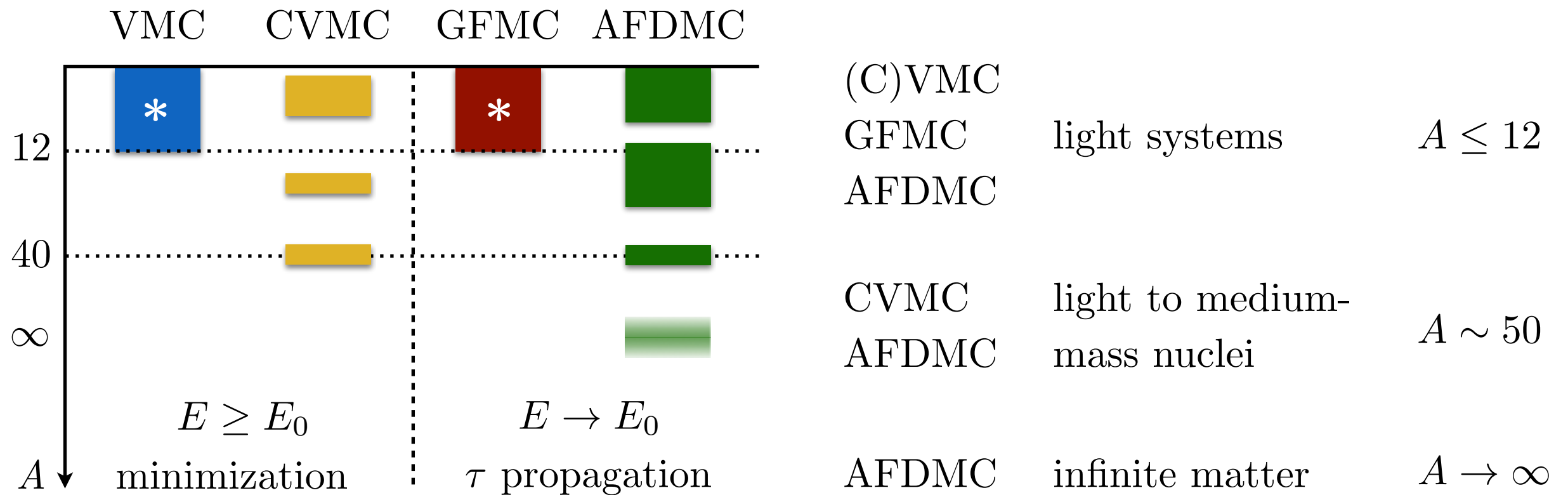
**Low-Energy QCD**

QMC

- different many-body methods for different mass regions and different observables
- ~~model-space and other truncations induce uncertainties~~
- statistical uncertainties (systematically improvable)

- systematic and improvable input for all ab initio calculations
- only "selected" chiral interactions used in nuclear structure so far
- truncations and regulators induce uncertainties

**Idea:** solve the many-body problem for correlated systems in a non perturbative fashion



**Pros:**

- ▶ *Ab-initio*: microscopic “exact” approach, bare interactions
- ▶ Fully correlated many-body wave functions
- ▶ Stochastic method: errors quantifiable and systematically improvable  $\sigma \sim 1/\sqrt{N}$

**Cons:**

- ▶ Limitations in the systems and/or in the interaction to be used
- ▶ Can be computationally expensive

$$|\Psi_T\rangle = \mathcal{F} |\Phi\rangle \begin{cases} |\Phi\rangle & \text{long-range, low-momentum component (mean-field)} \\ \mathcal{F} & \text{short-range, high-momentum component} \end{cases}$$

1. VMC: variational search of optimal parameters for  $|\Psi_T\rangle$

$$\text{minimize: } E_V = \frac{\langle \Psi_T | H | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} \geq E_0 \longrightarrow \text{NLopt, SR, LM}$$

2. DMC: propagation in imaginary time

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(\tau)\rangle &= e^{-(H-E_0)\tau} |\Psi_T\rangle && \text{ground state} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-(E_n-E_0)\tau} c_n |\psi_n\rangle \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} c_0 |\psi_0\rangle && \tau = \mathcal{M}d\tau \quad \begin{matrix} \mathcal{M} \gg 1 \\ d\tau \ll 1 \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

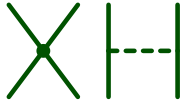
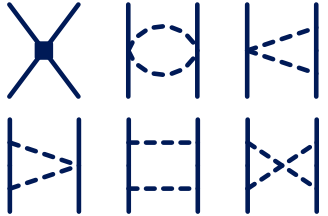

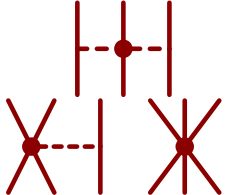
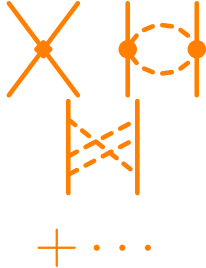

**GFMC:** sample of spatial degrees of freedom, full spin-isospin structure

$$\text{scaling} \sim 2^A \binom{A}{Z} \quad \img alt="Warning sign icon: a person sitting at a desk with a computer monitor." data-bbox="452 778 512 858"/>$$

**AFDMC:** sample of both spatial and spin-isospin degrees of freedom

$$\text{scaling} \sim A^n \quad (\text{currently } n=4)$$



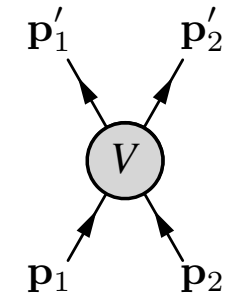
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NLO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_b}\right)^2$		—	—
N <sup>2</sup> LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_b}\right)^3$			—
N <sup>3</sup> LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_b}\right)^4$			...

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local in  
coordinate  
space  
↓  
good for  
QMC

## Regularization schemes for nuclear interactions (here: NN)

**Separation of long- and short-range physics**



$$\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)/2$$

$$\mathbf{p}' = (\mathbf{p}'_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2)/2$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_1)$$

nonlocal	$V_{NN}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}') \rightarrow \exp\left[-((p^2 + p'^2)/\Lambda^2)^n\right] V_{NN}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}')$	Epelbaum, Glöckle, Meissner, NPA 747, 362 (2005) Entem, Machleidt, PRC 68, 041001 (2003)
local (momentum space)	$V_{NN}(\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \exp\left[-(Q^2/\Lambda^2)^n\right] V_{NN}(\mathbf{Q})$	cf. Navratil, Few-body Systems 41, 117 (2007)
local (coordinate space)	$V_{NN}^\pi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \left(1 - \exp\left[-(r^2/R^2)^n\right]\right) V_{NN}^\pi(\mathbf{r})$ $\delta(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \alpha_n \exp\left[-(r^2/R^2)^n\right]$	Gezerlis et. al, PRL, 111, 032501 (2013)
semi-local	$V_{NN}^\pi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \left(1 - \exp\left[-(r^2/R^2)\right]\right)^n V_{NN}^\pi(\mathbf{r})$ $\delta(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow C \rightarrow \exp\left[-((p^2 + p'^2)/\Lambda^2)^n\right] C$	Epelbaum et. al, PRL, 115, 122301 (2015)

K. Hebeler's talk @ INT 19-2a, July 1st, 2019

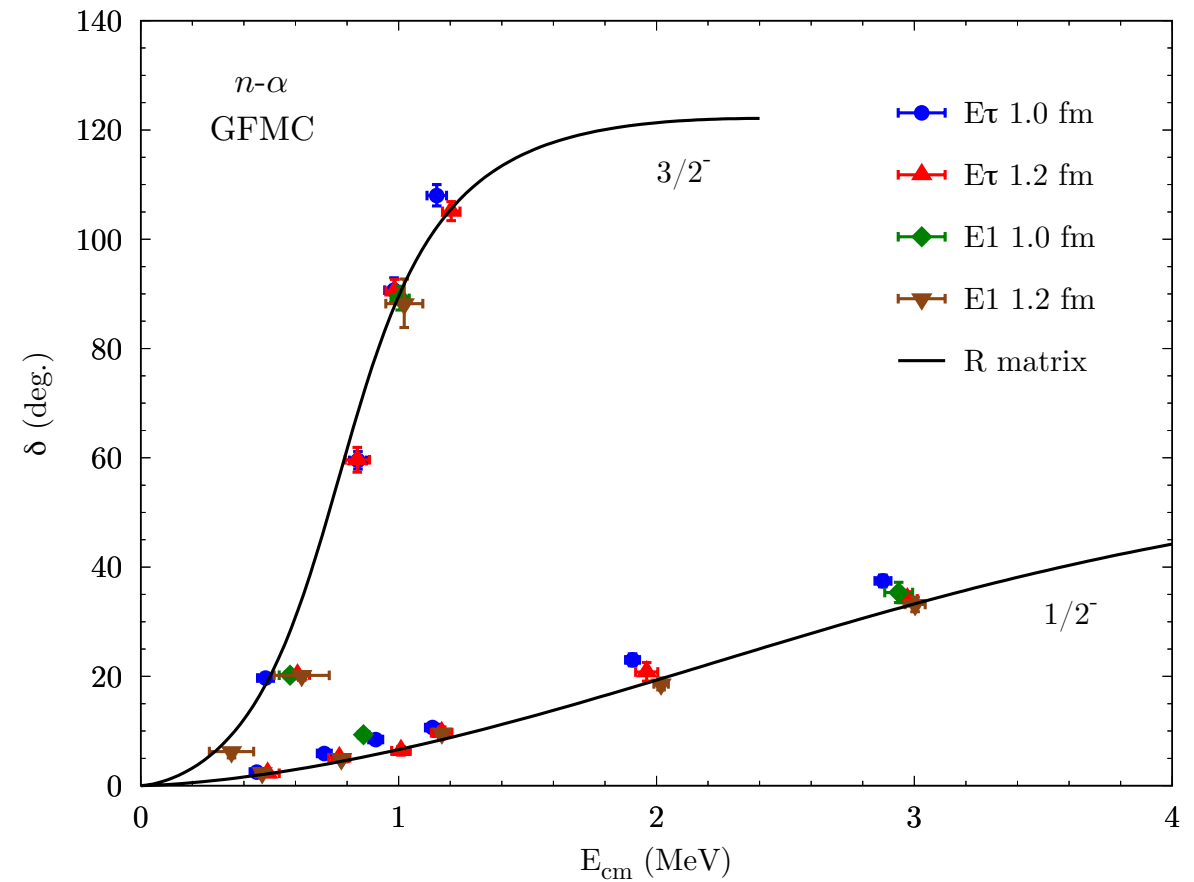
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good for QMC

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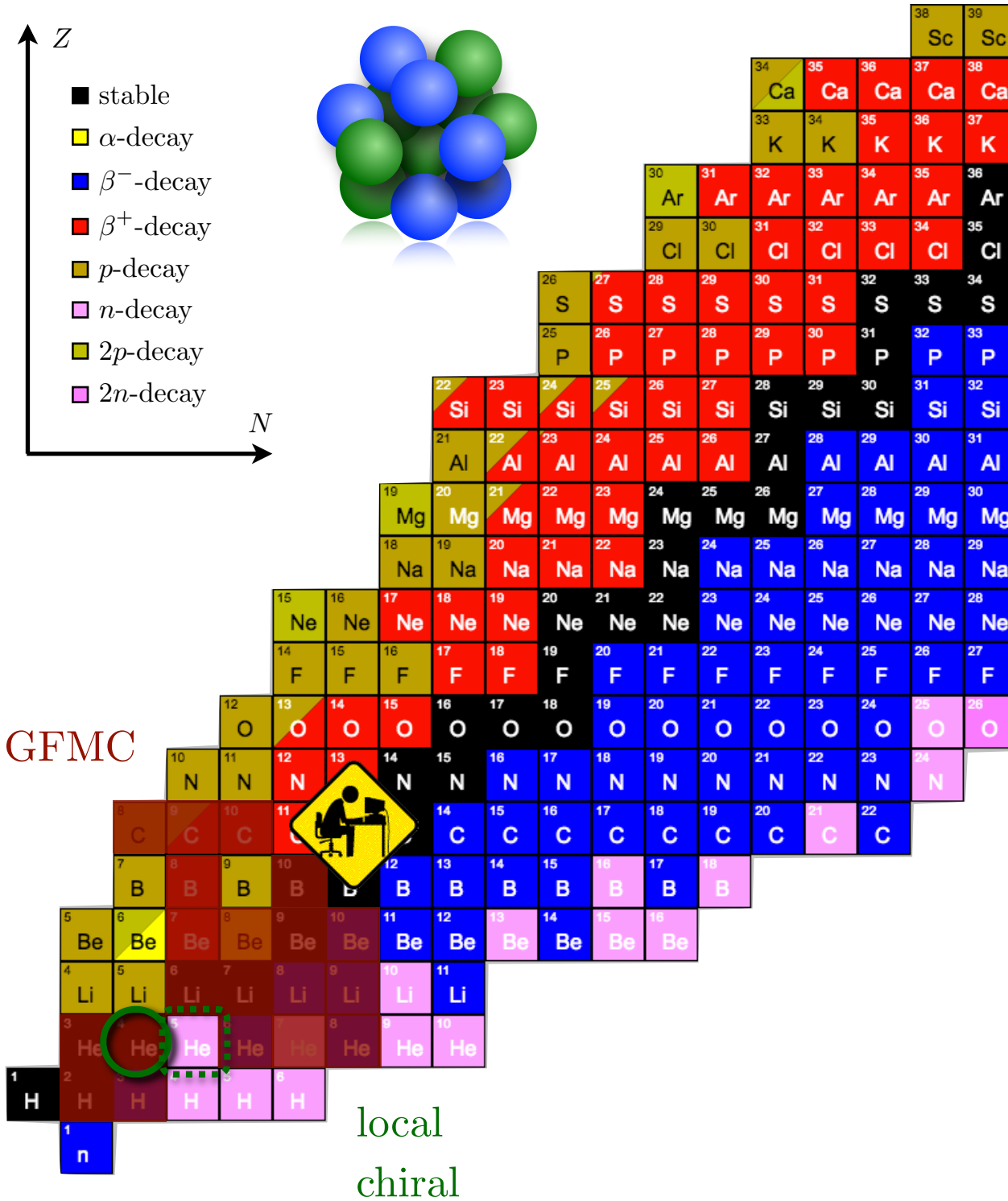


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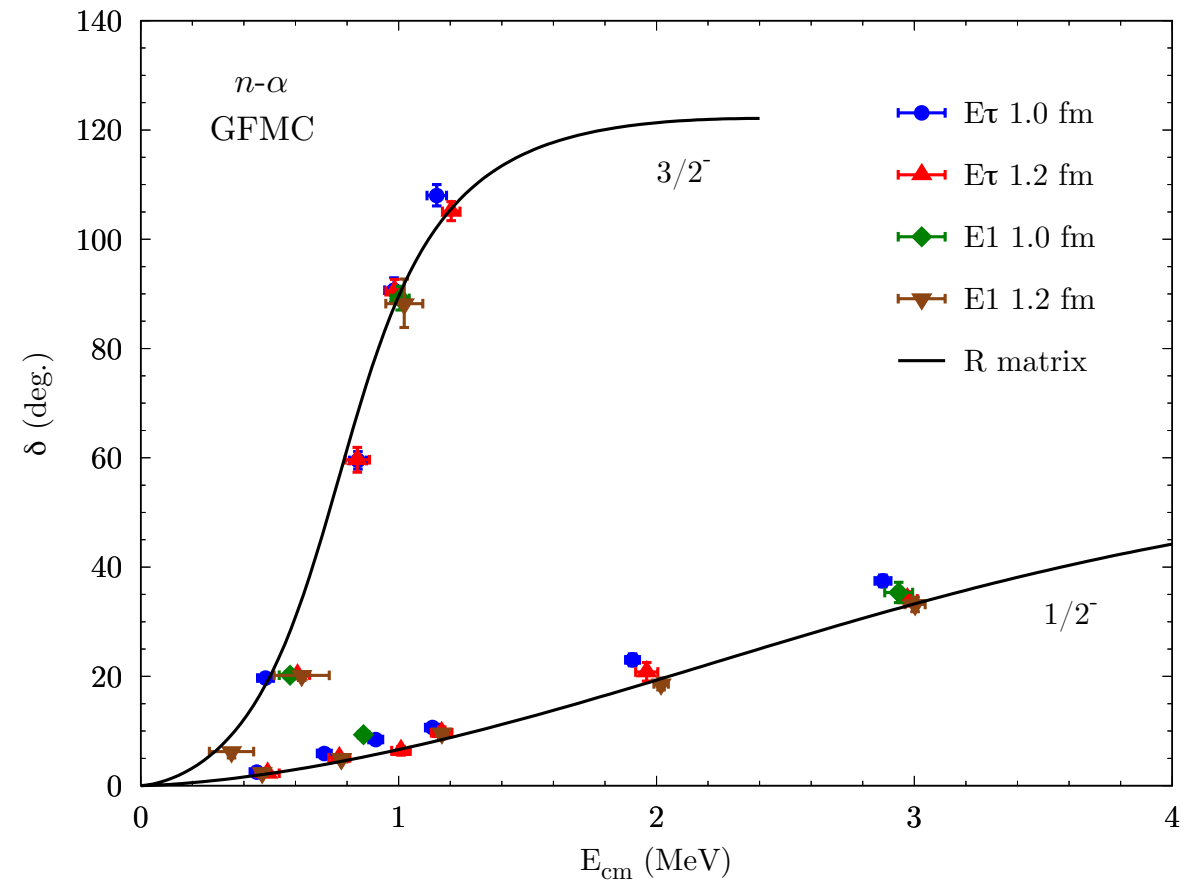


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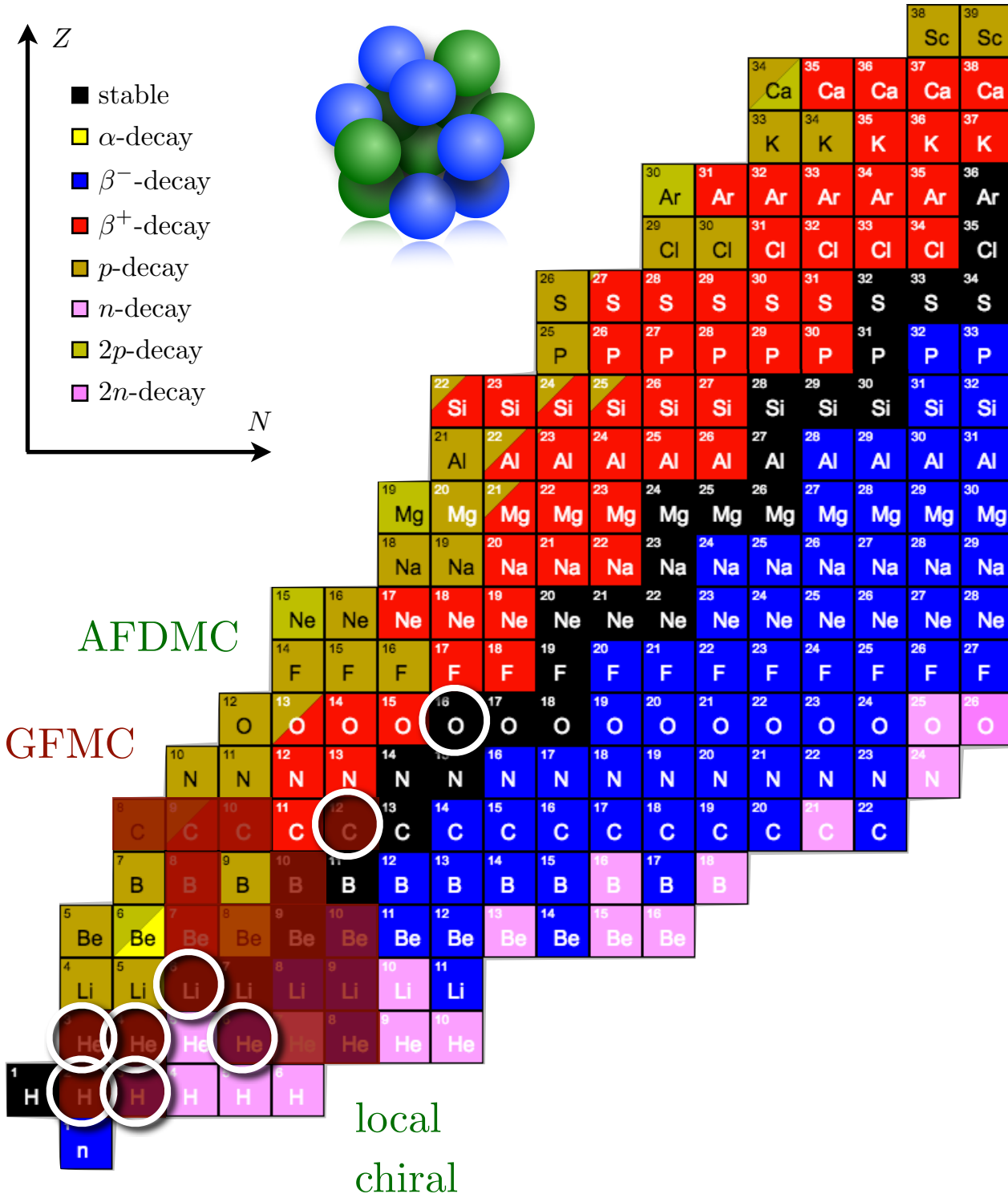
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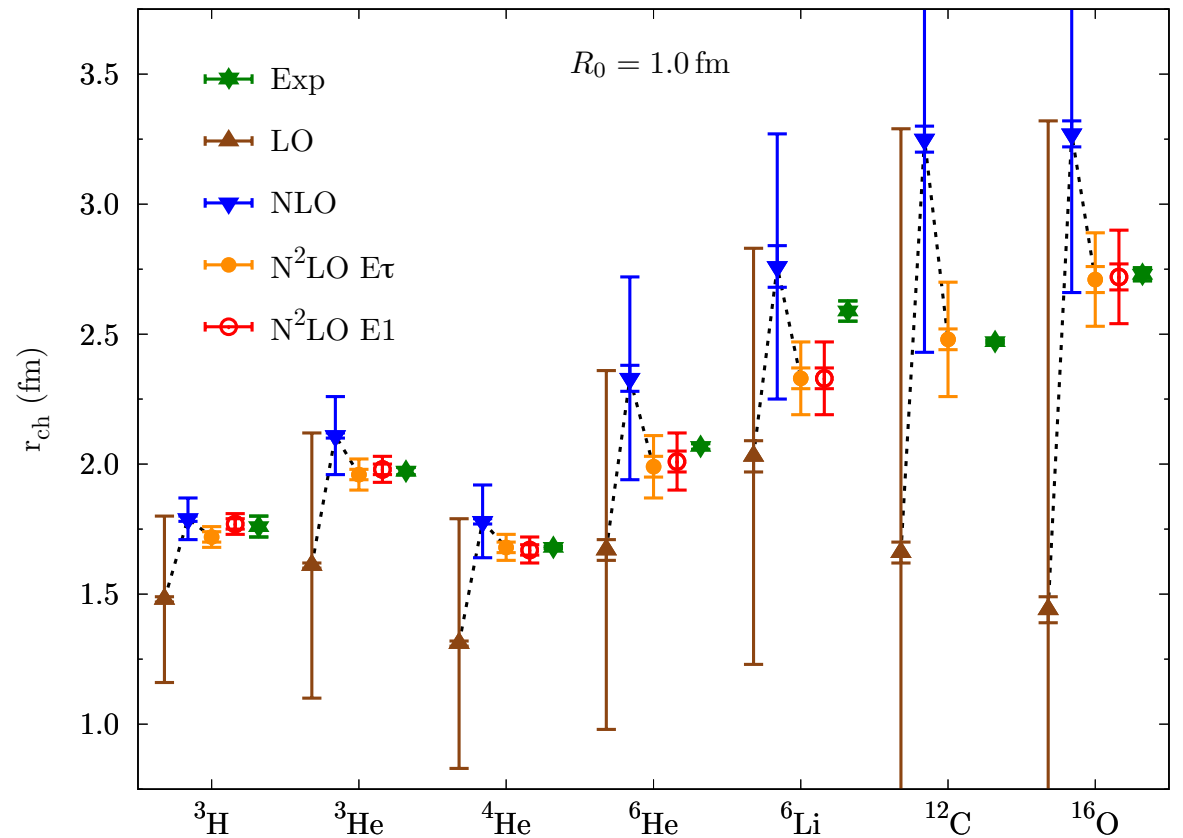
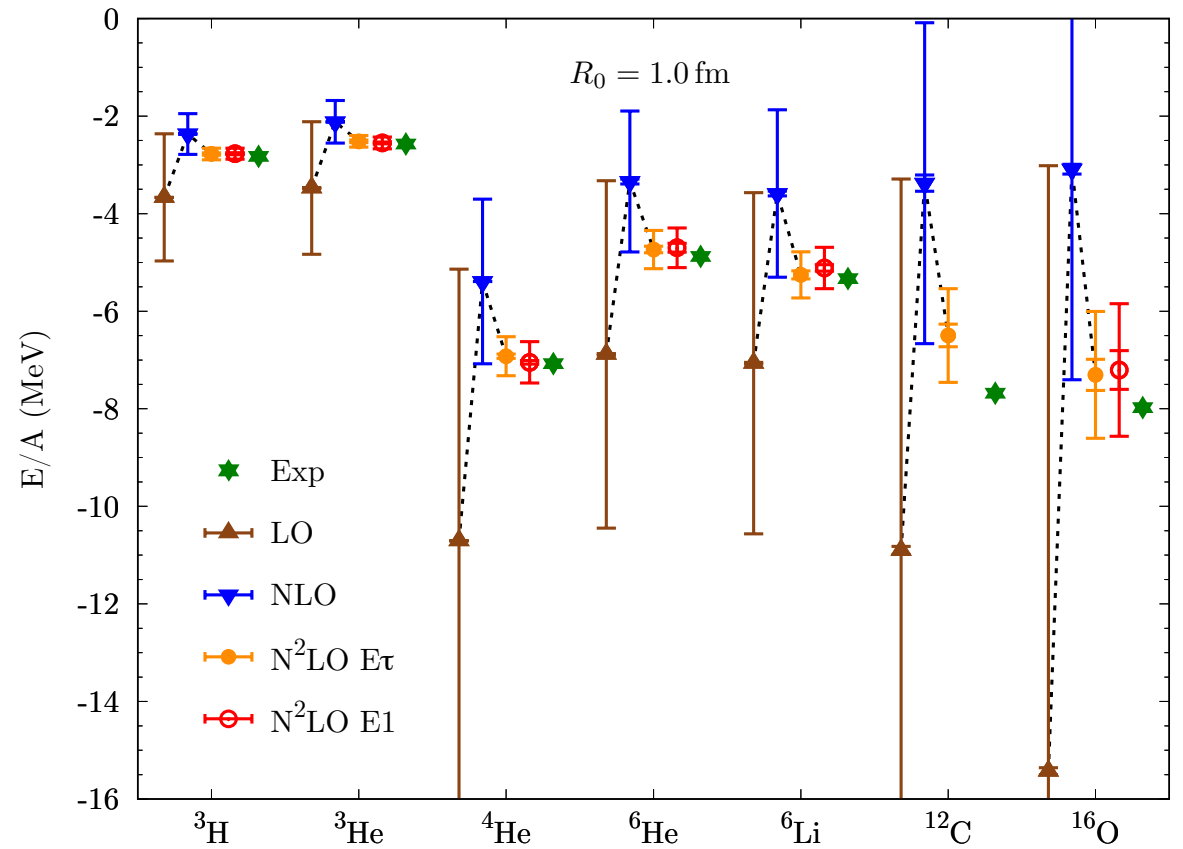
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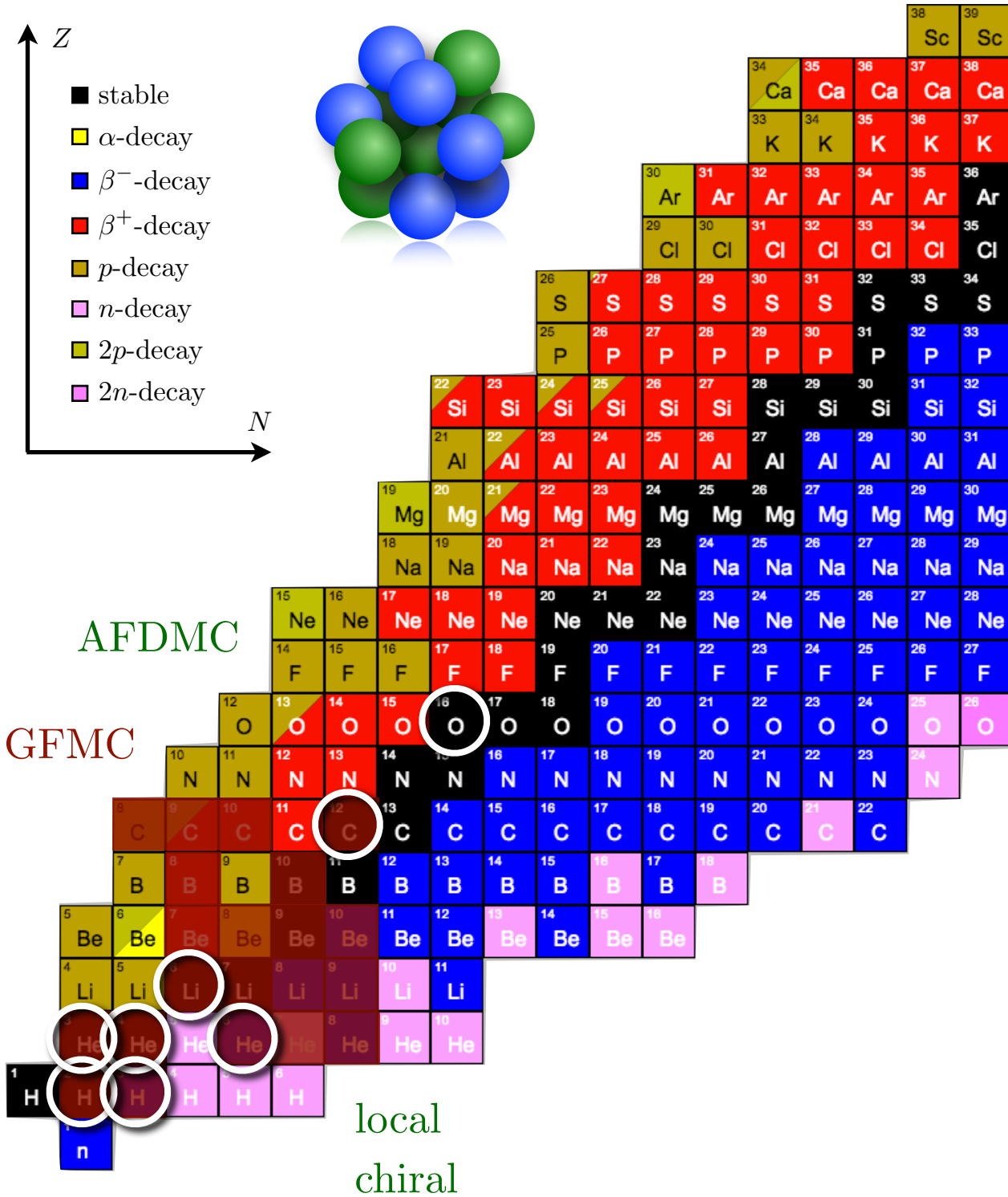




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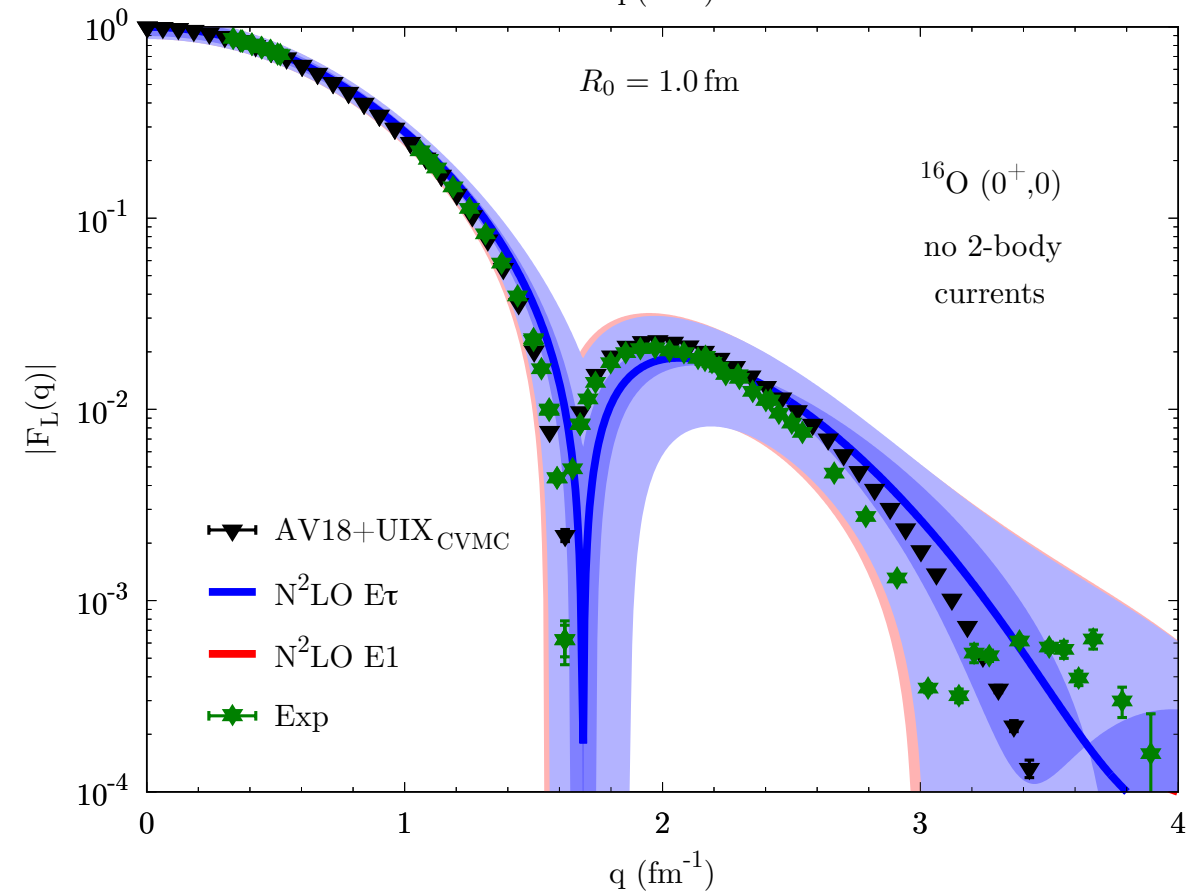
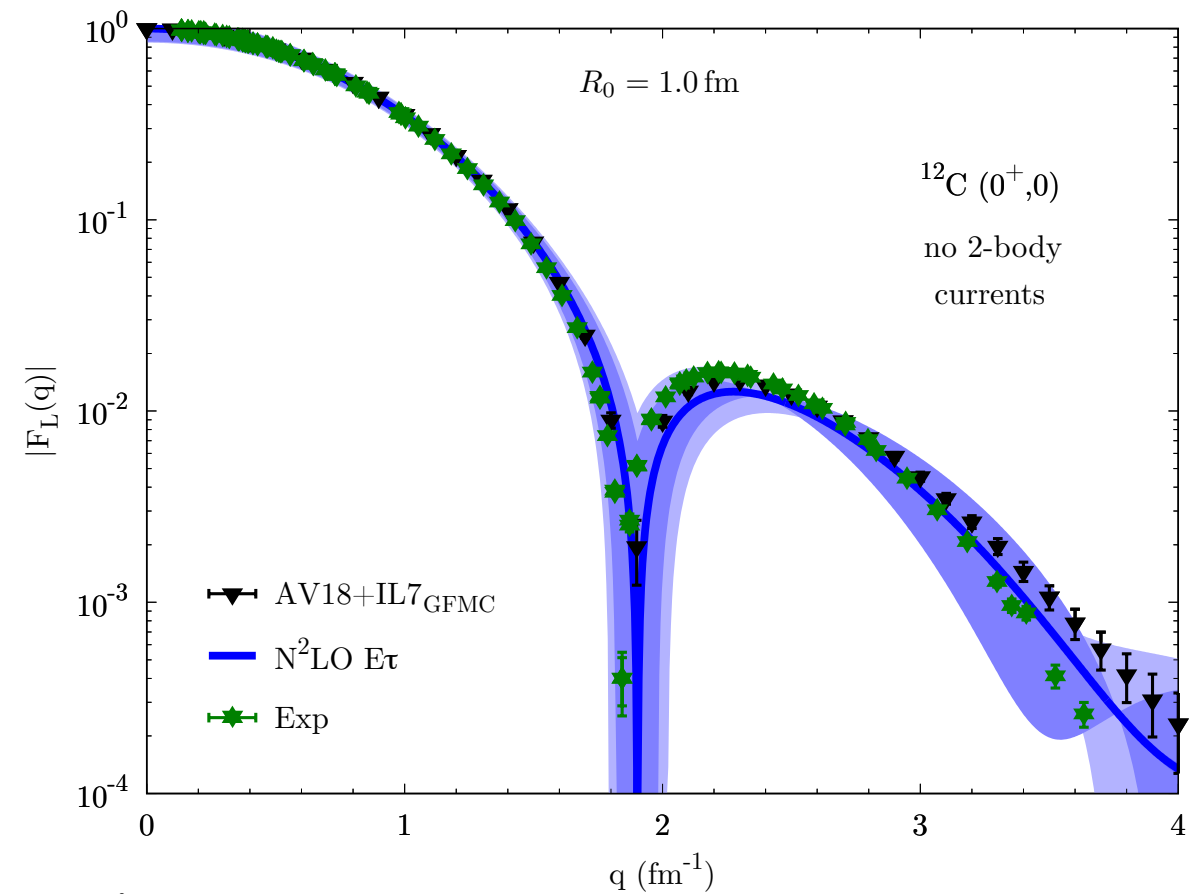


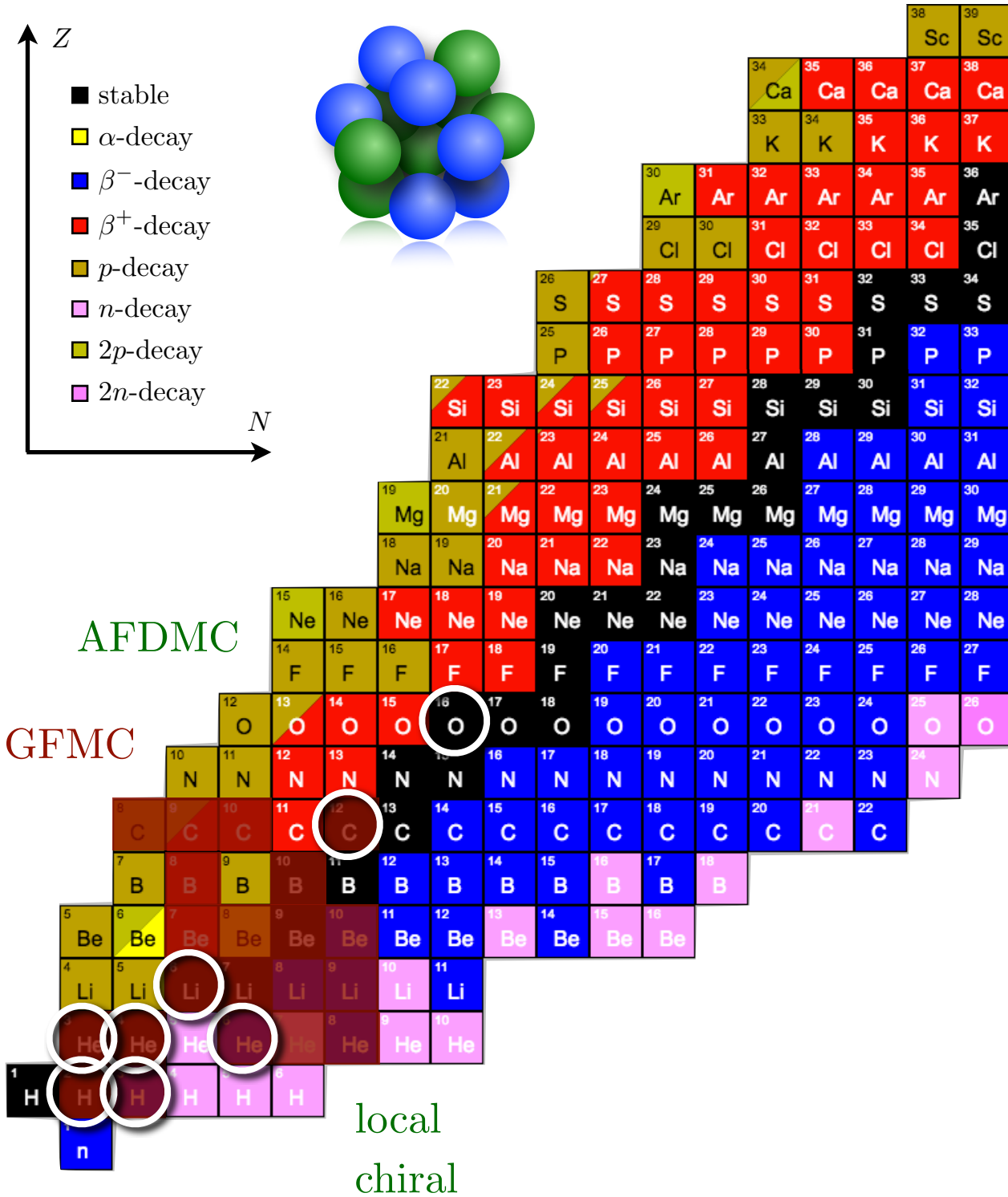


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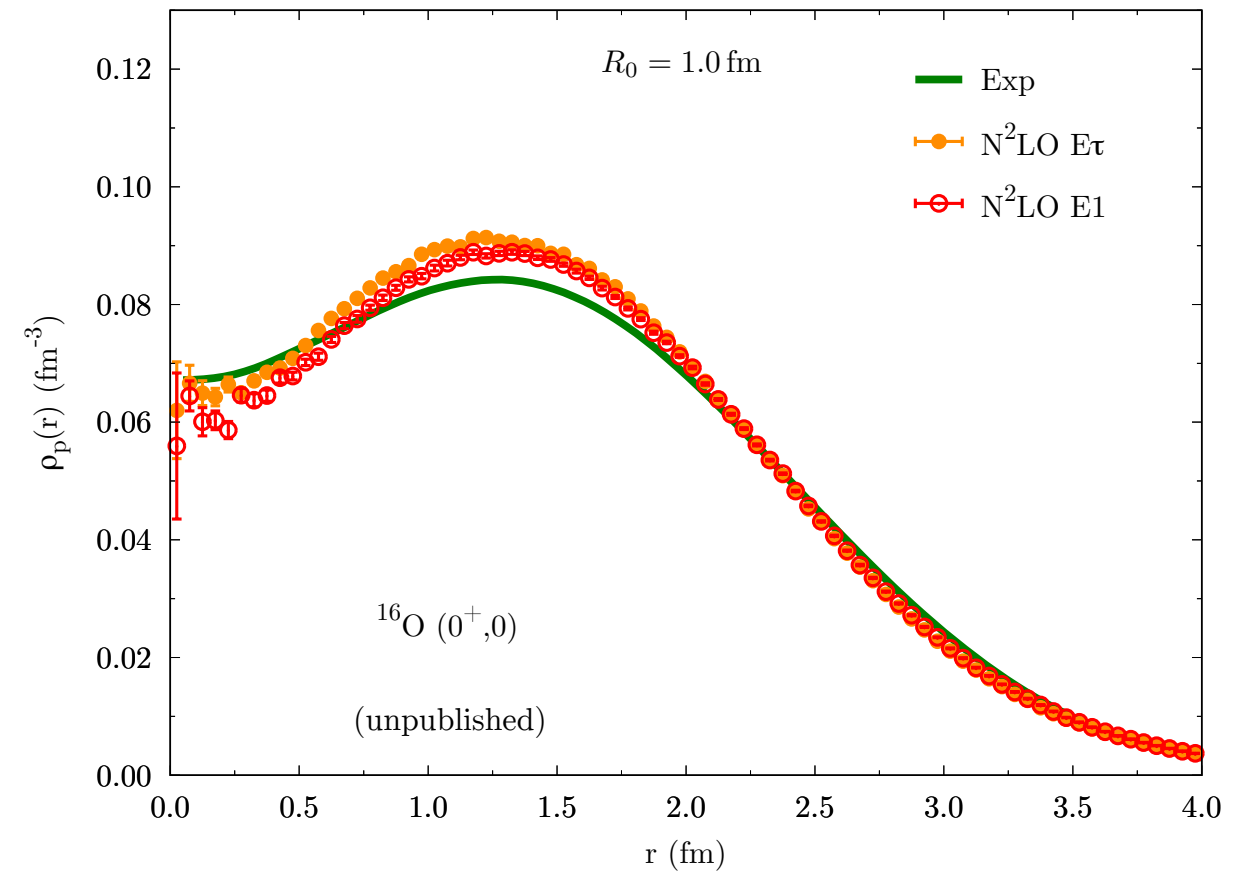
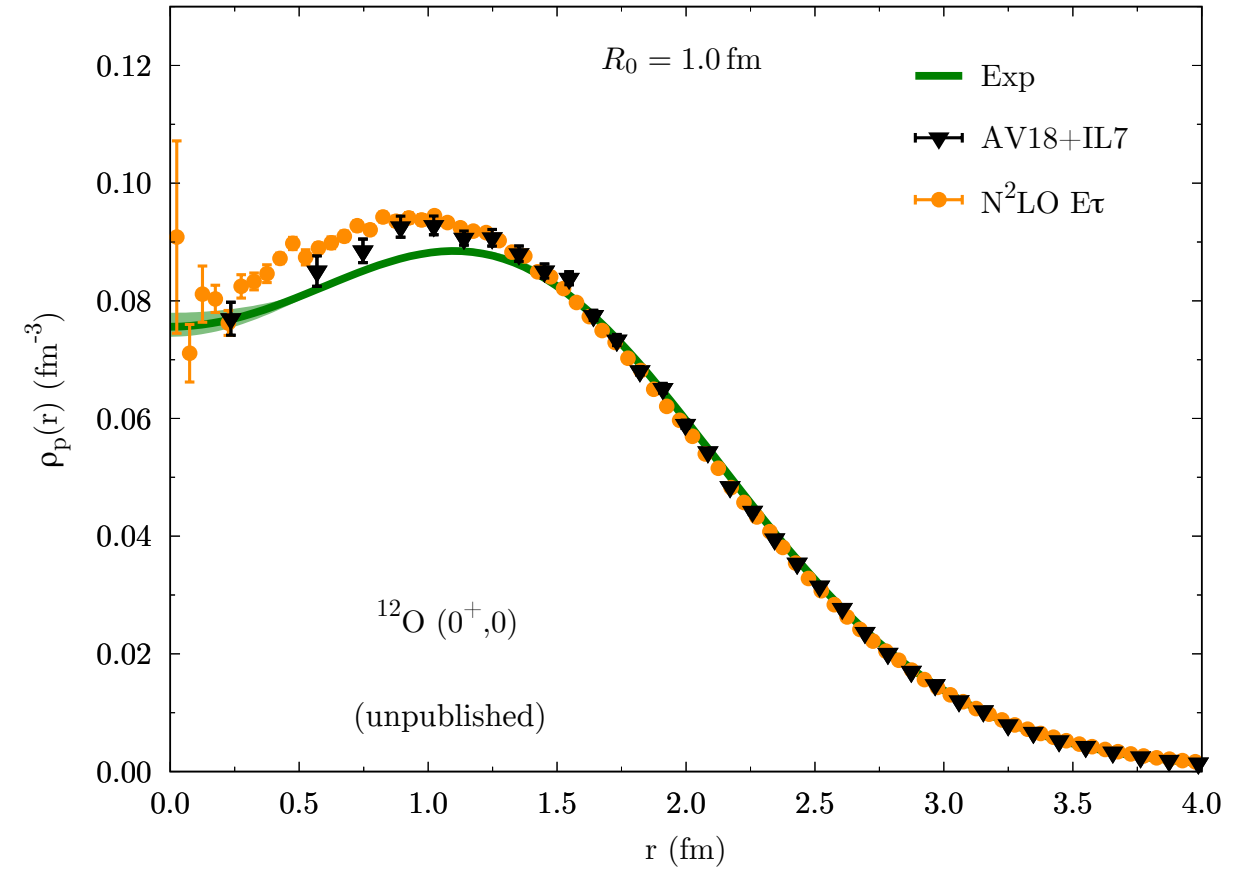
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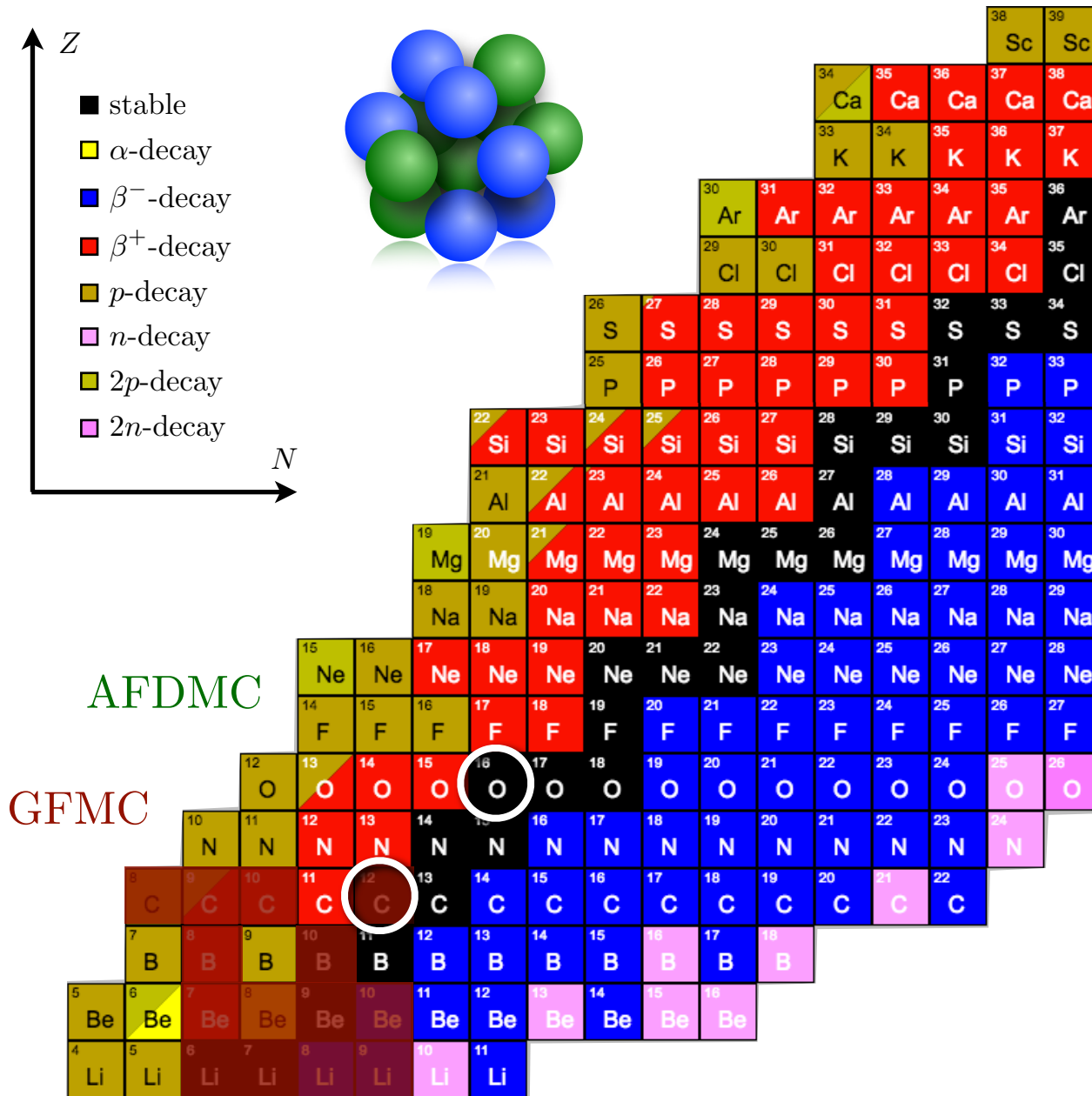




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direct calculation:

- ▶ binding energies (& operators)
- ▶ nucleon radii
- ▶ single- & two-nucleon coordinate-space densities
- ▶ single- & two-nucleon momentum-space densities

derived quantities:

- ▶ charge radii
- ▶ nucleon skins
- ▶ charge form factors
- ▶ Coulomb sum rules
- ▶ short-range correlation scaling factor
- ▶ slope of the EMC effect
- ▶ “nuclear contacts”
- ▶ geometries for heavy ion collisions
- ▶ (beta-decay matrix elements)

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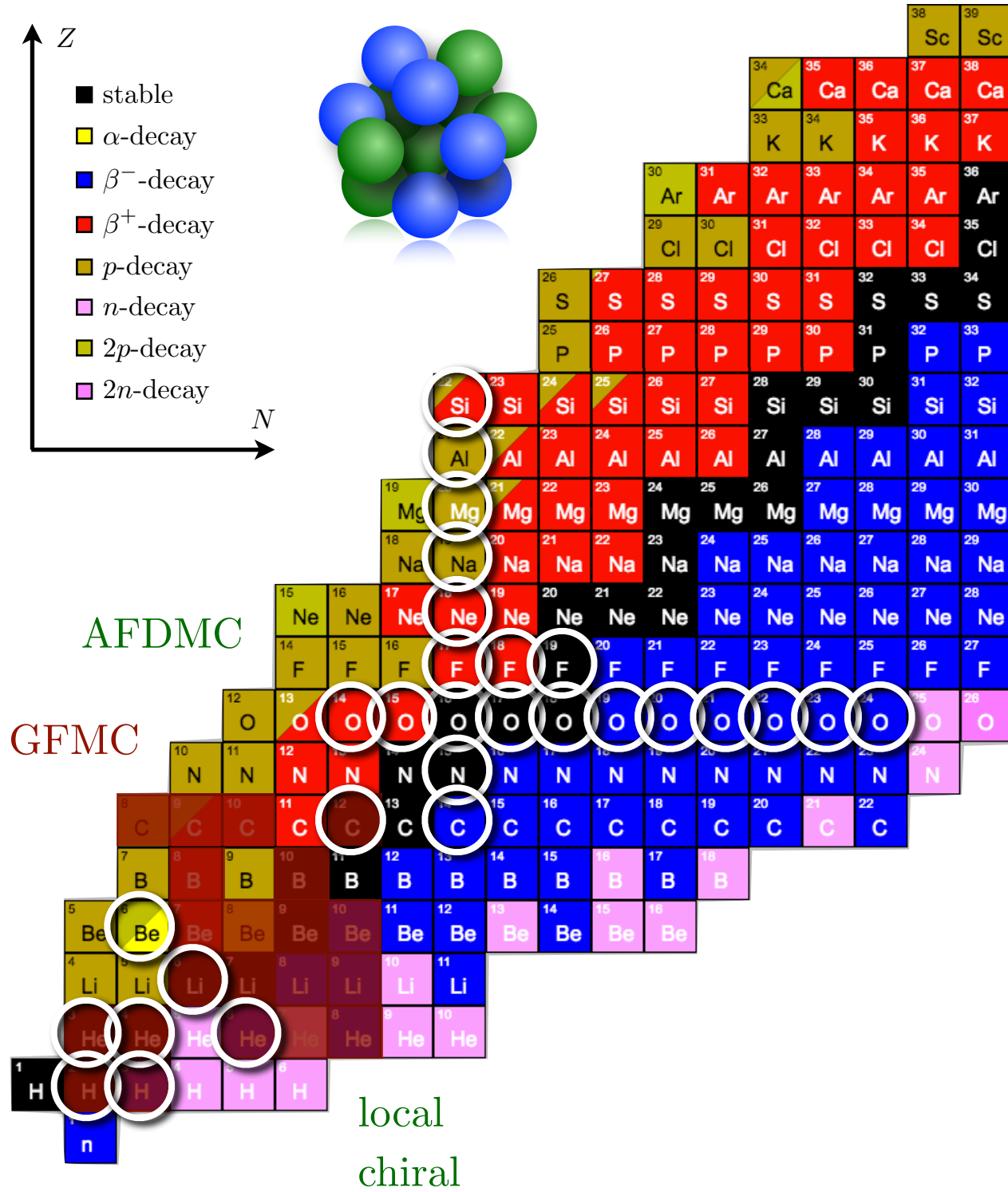
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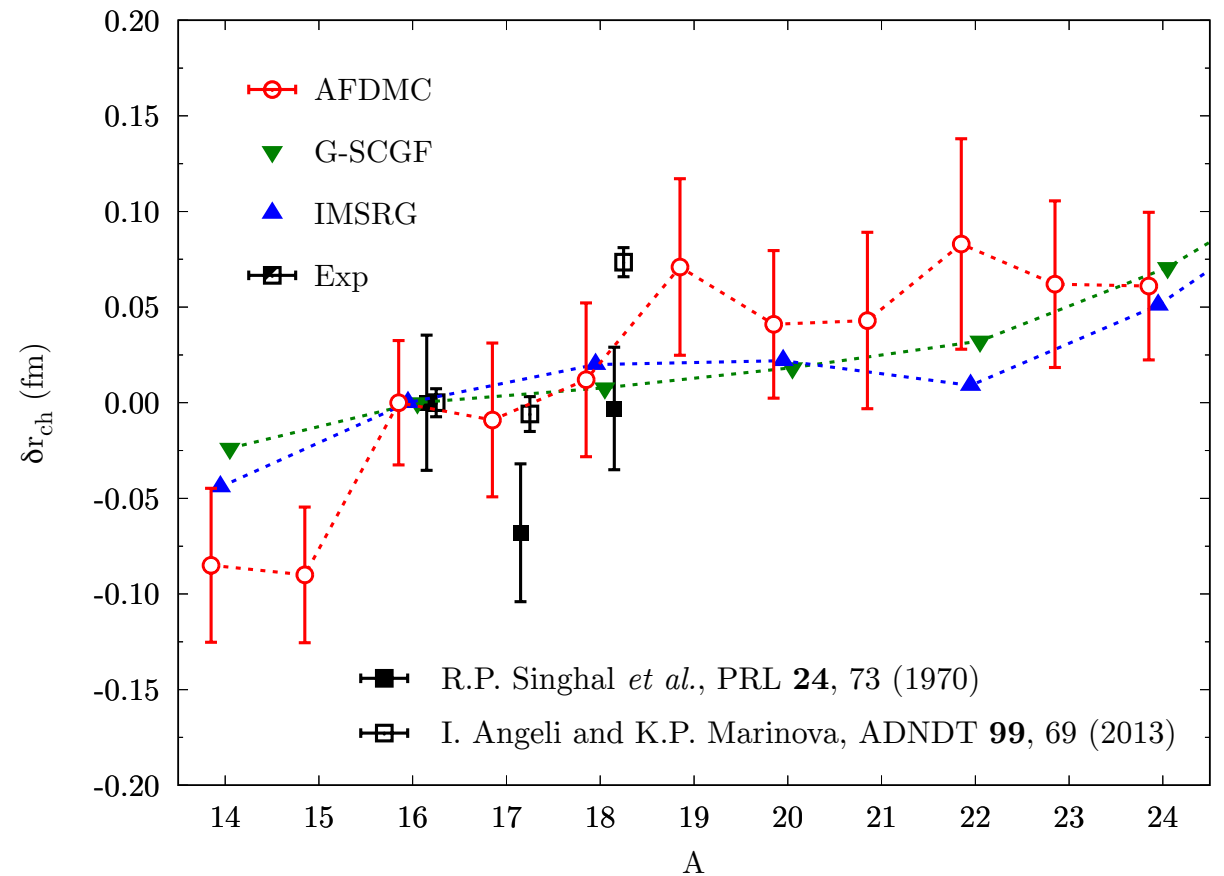
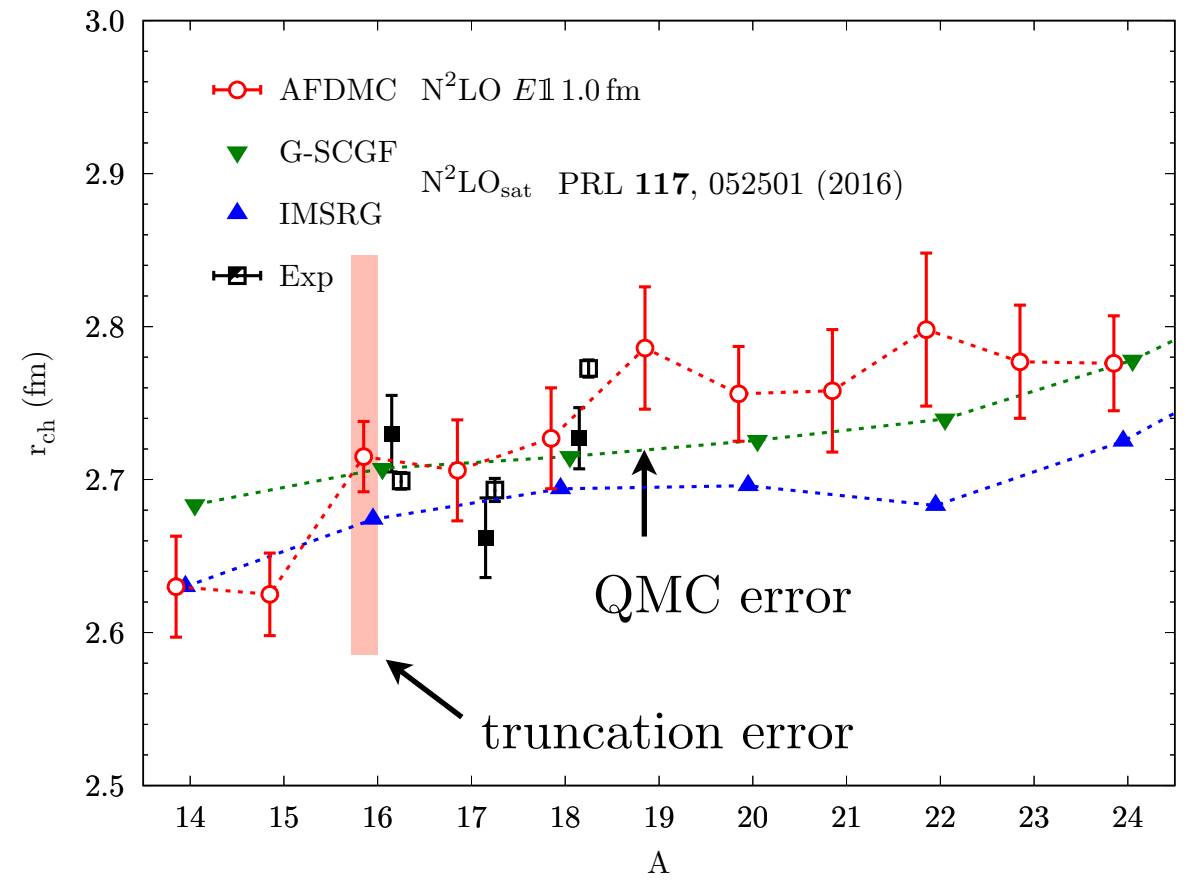
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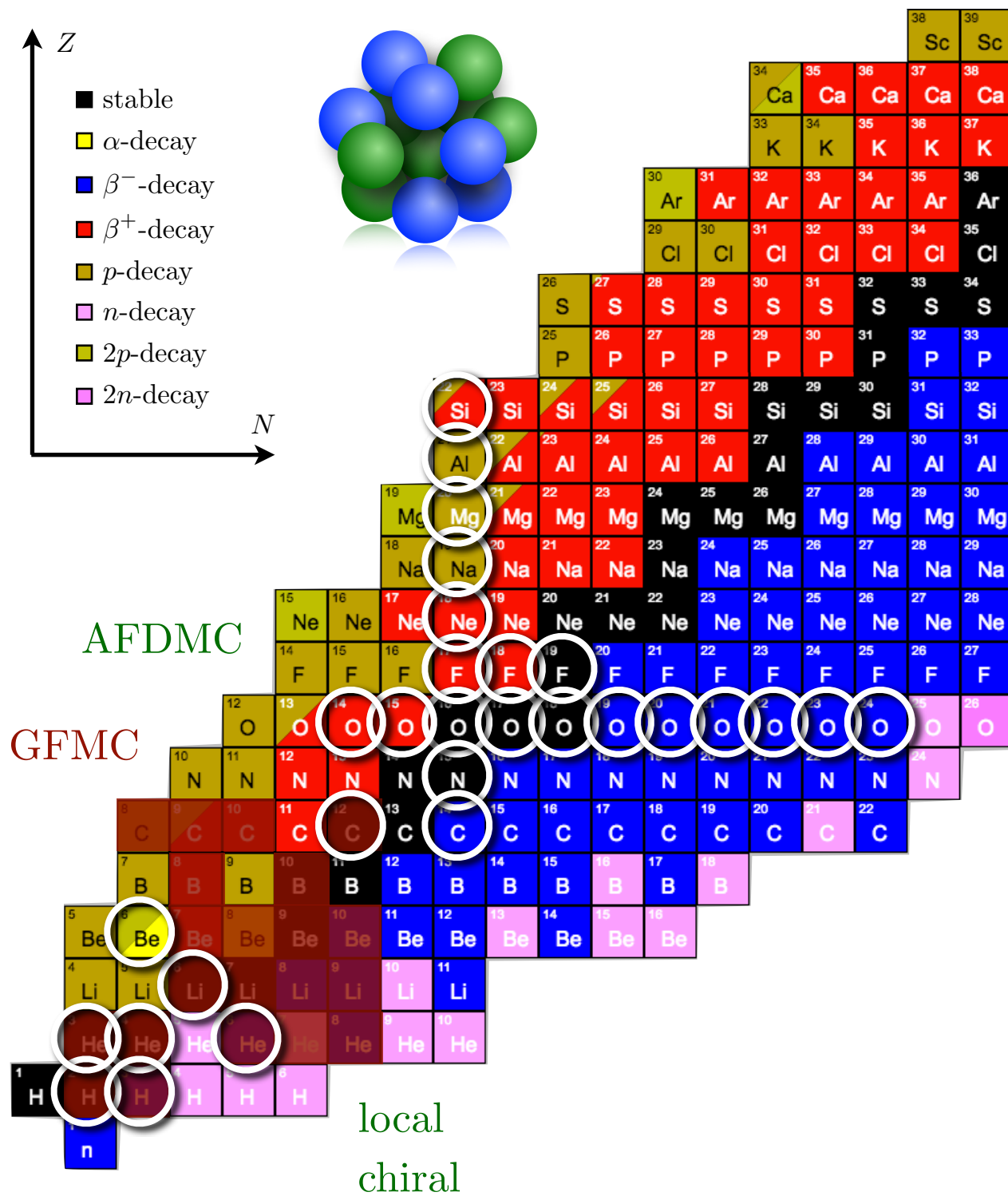




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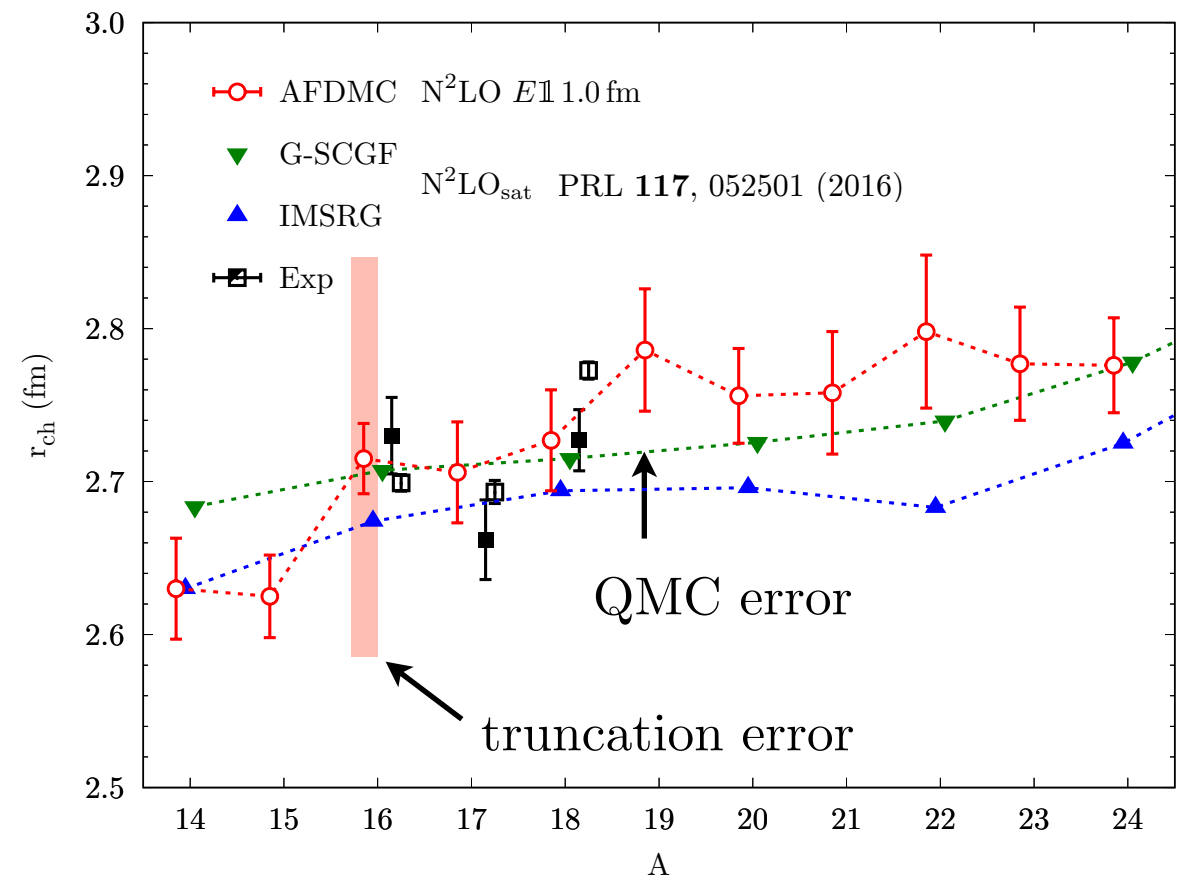
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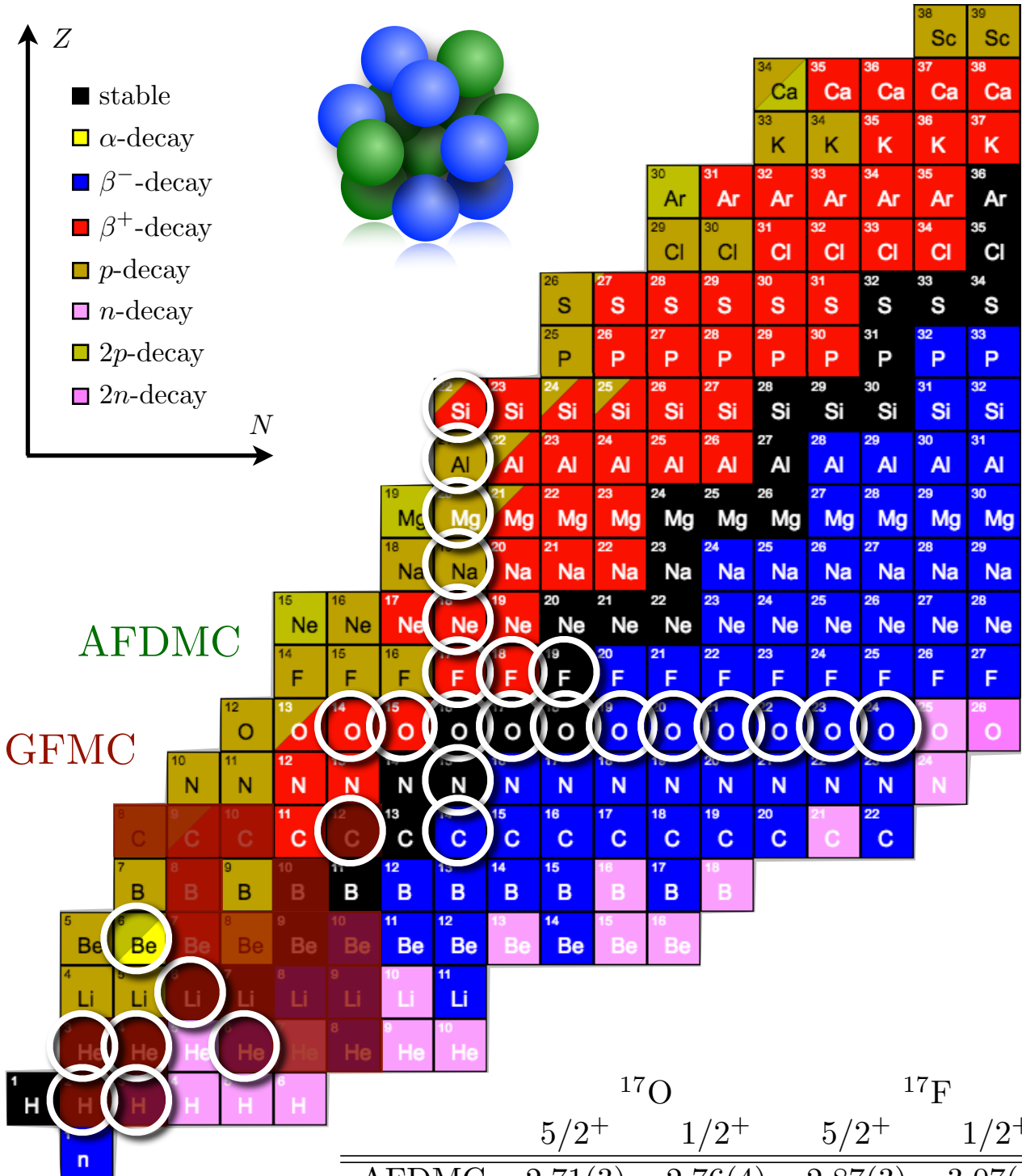


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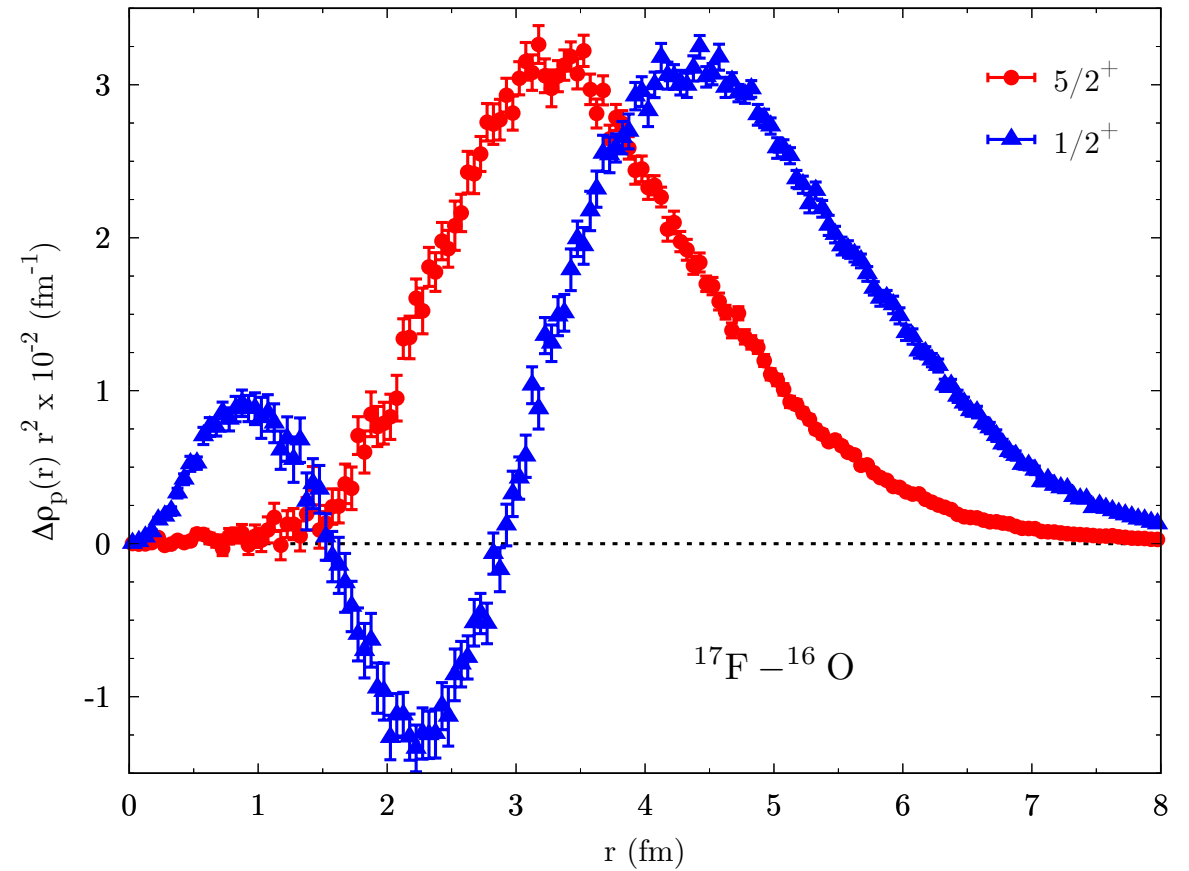
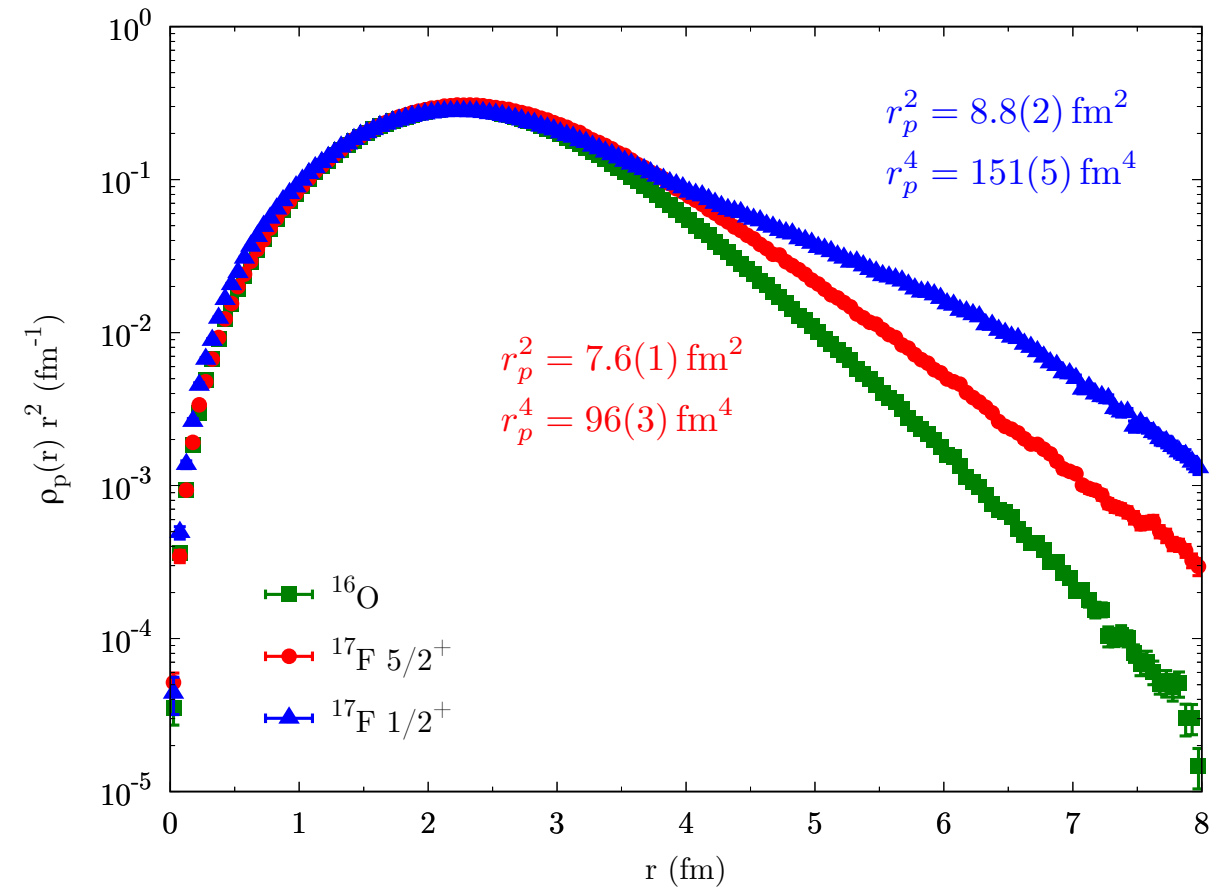
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$^{15}\text{N} (\frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{1}{2})$	2.58(5)	2.58(3) <i>e</i> -scattering 2.61(1) <i>e</i> -scattering
$^{17}\text{F} (\frac{5}{2}^+, \frac{1}{2})$	2.87(5)	—
$^{18}\text{F} (1^+, 0)$	3.03(8)	—
$^{19}\text{F} (\frac{1}{2}^+, \frac{3}{2})$	3.01(7)	2.90(2) <i>e</i> -scattering 2.90(1) muonic <i>X</i> -ray
$^{18}\text{Ne} (0^+, 1)$	3.06(6)	2.97(8) ref $^{20}\text{Ne} (e^-)$ 2.97(3) ref $^{20}\text{Ne} (\mu)$

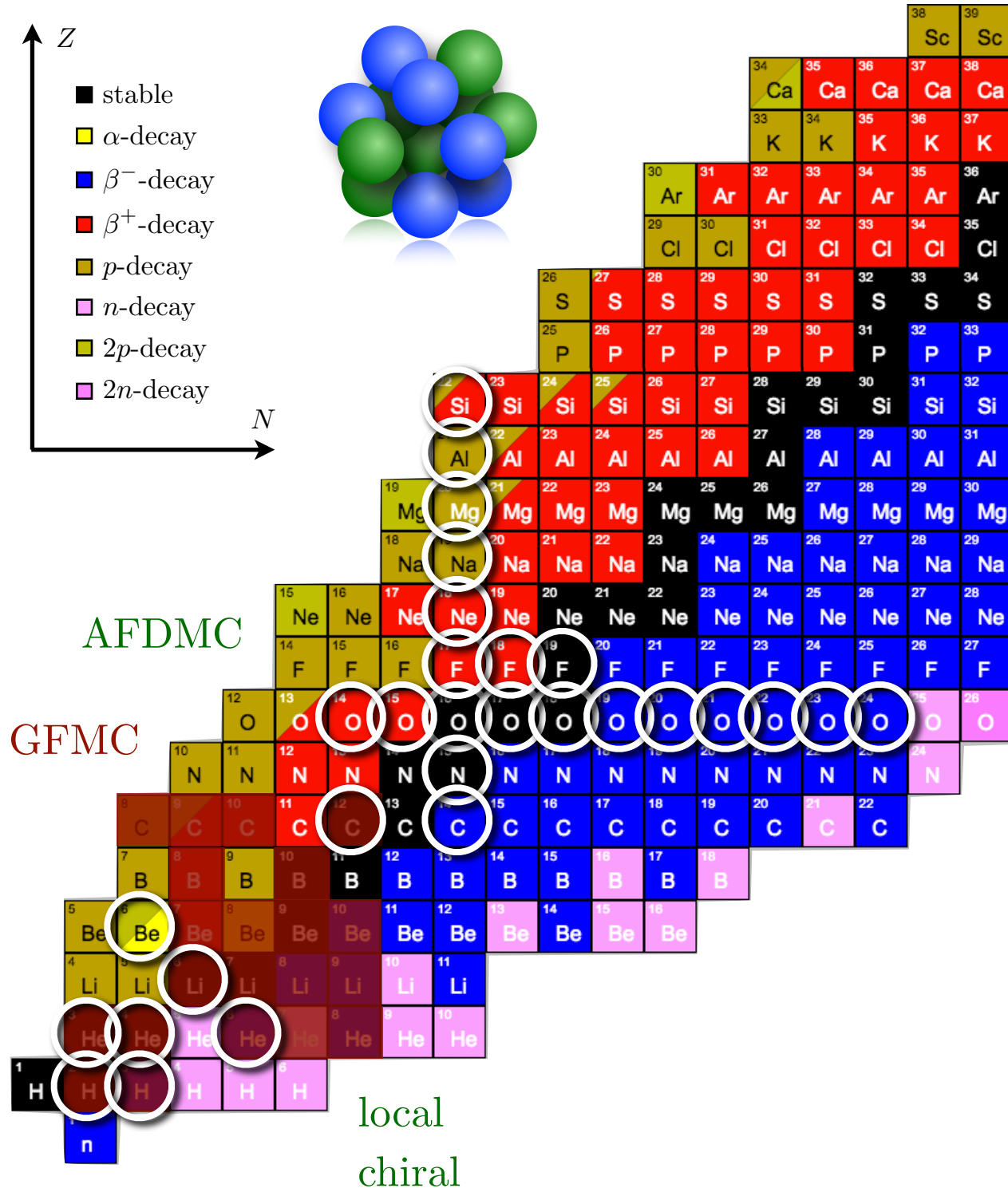


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AFDMC	2.71(3)	2.76(4)	2.87(3)	3.07(4)
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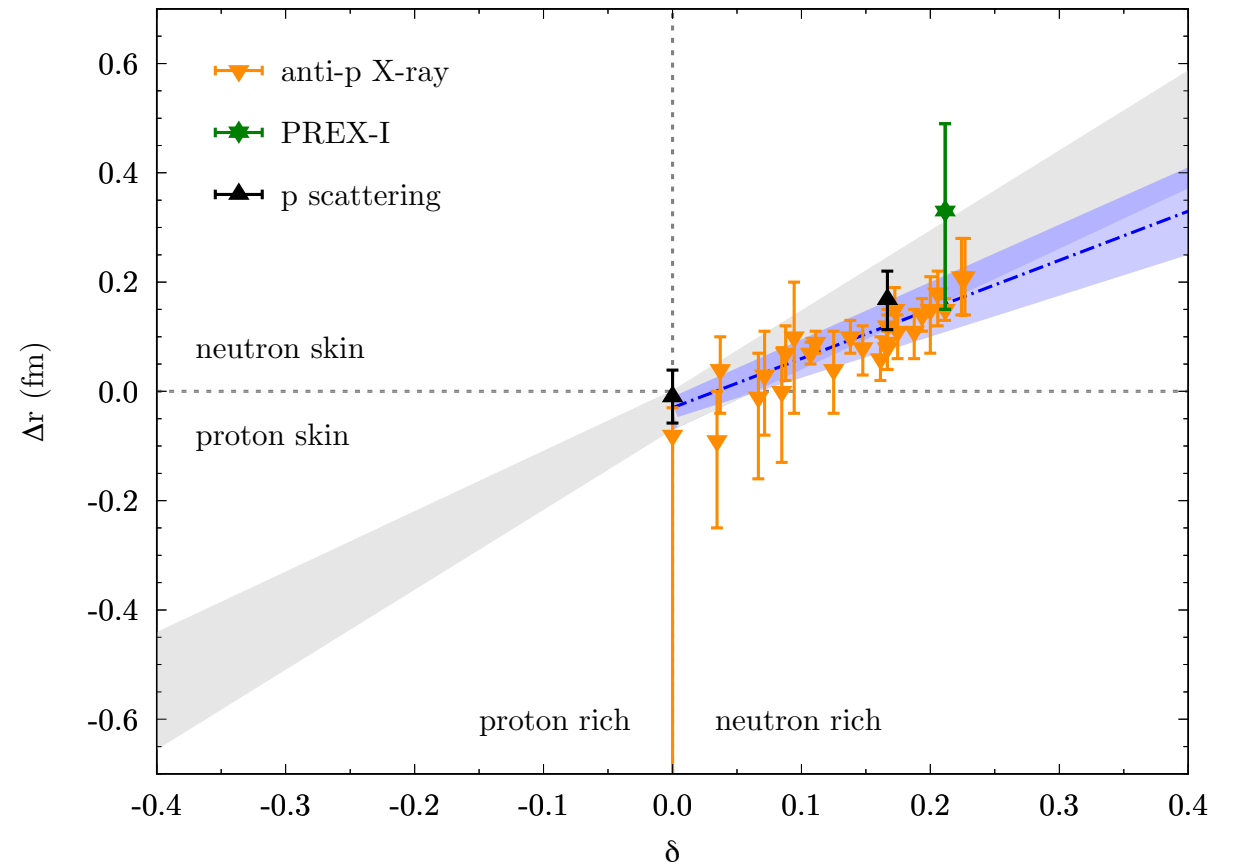
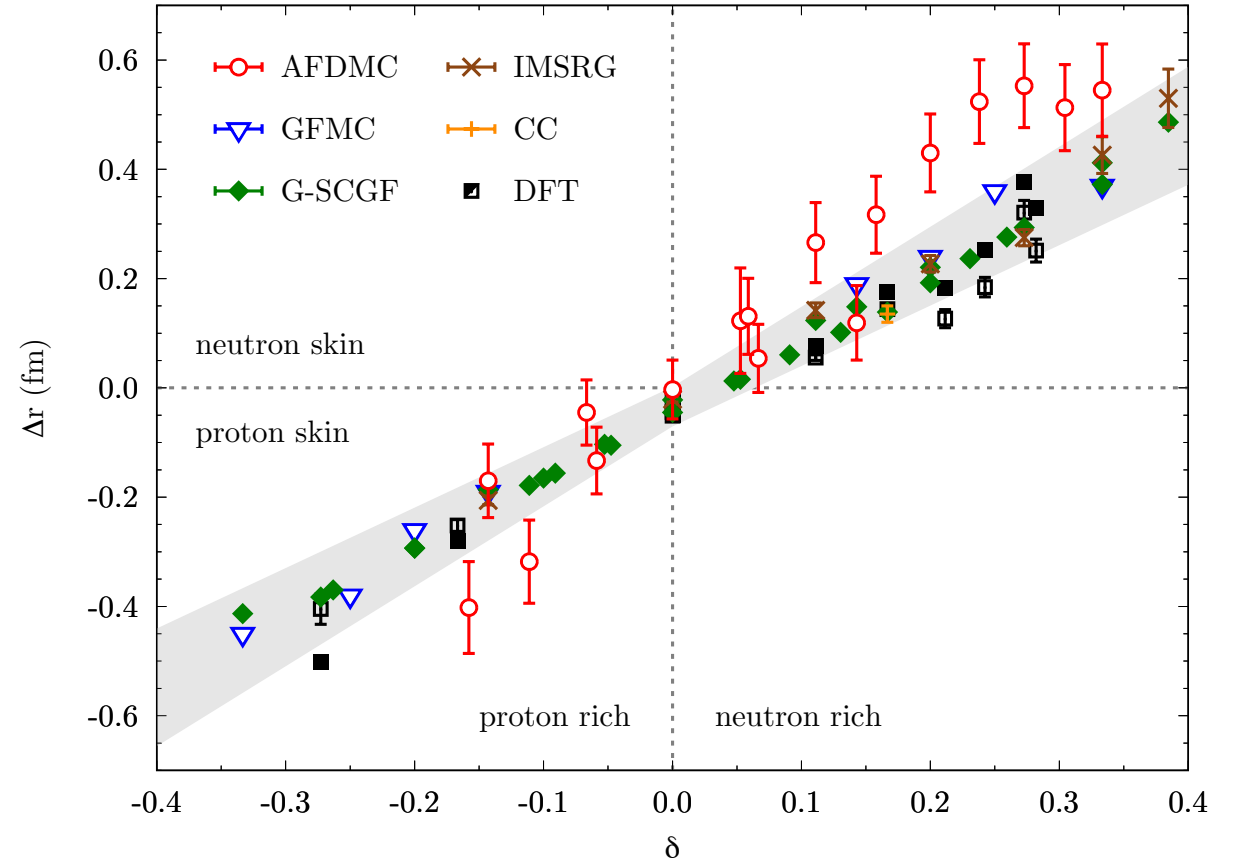
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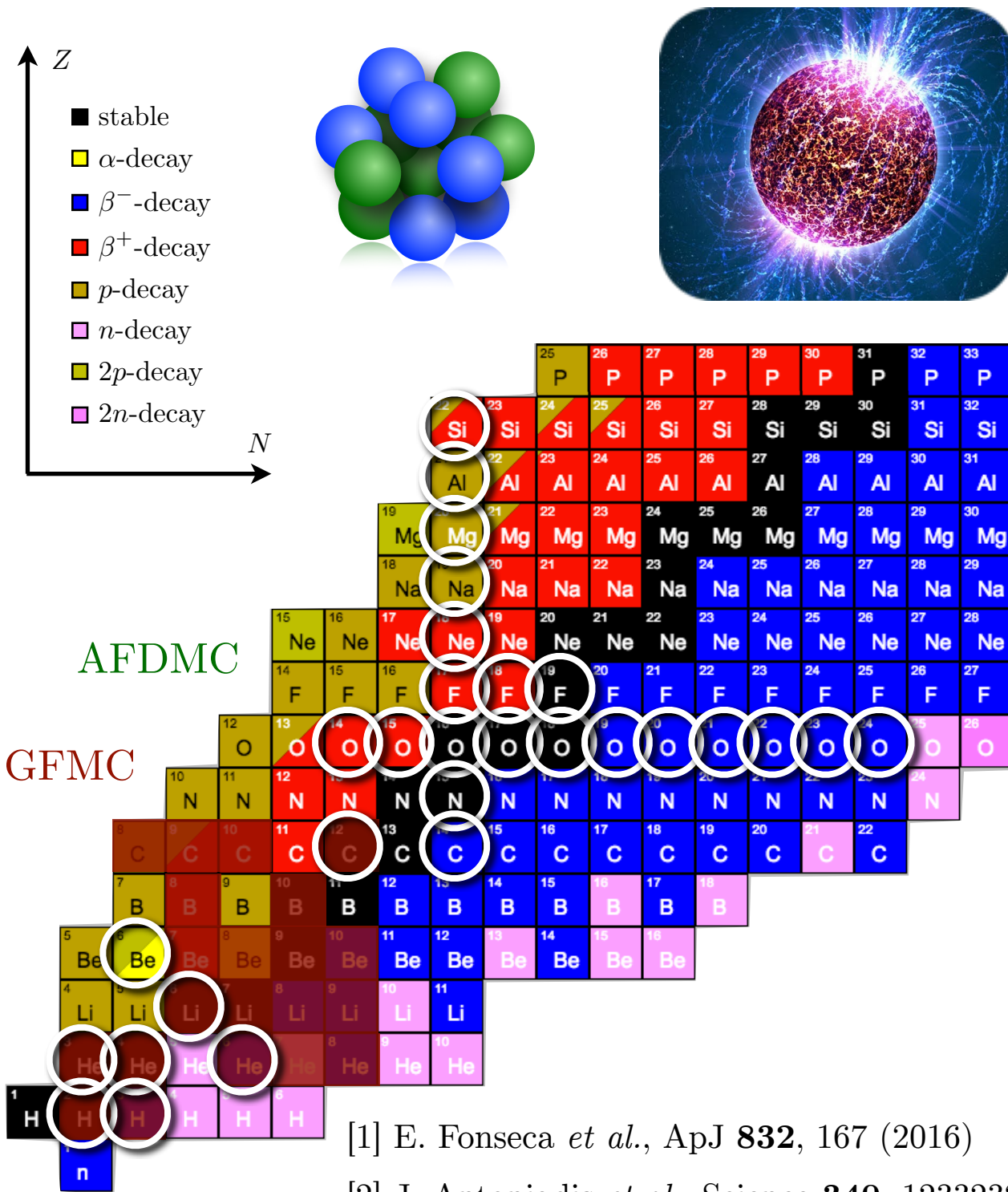


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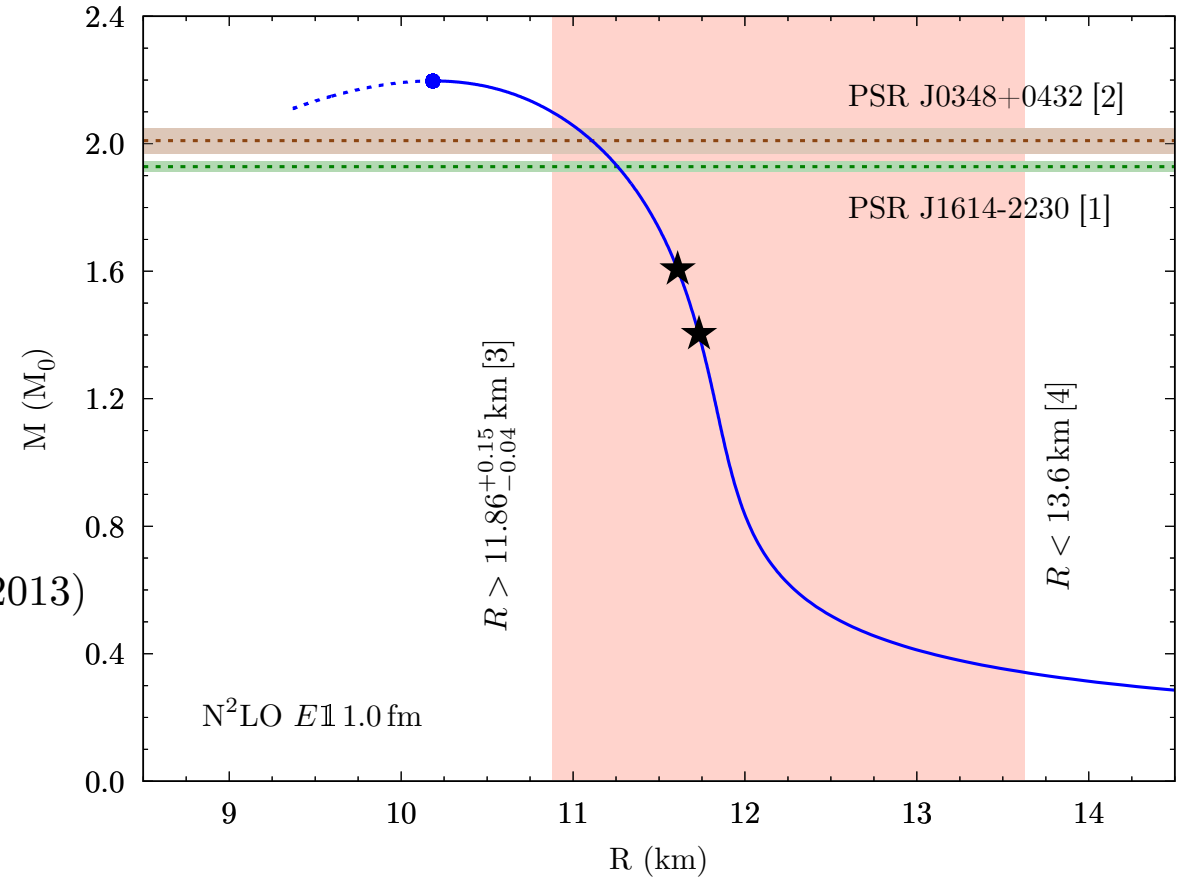
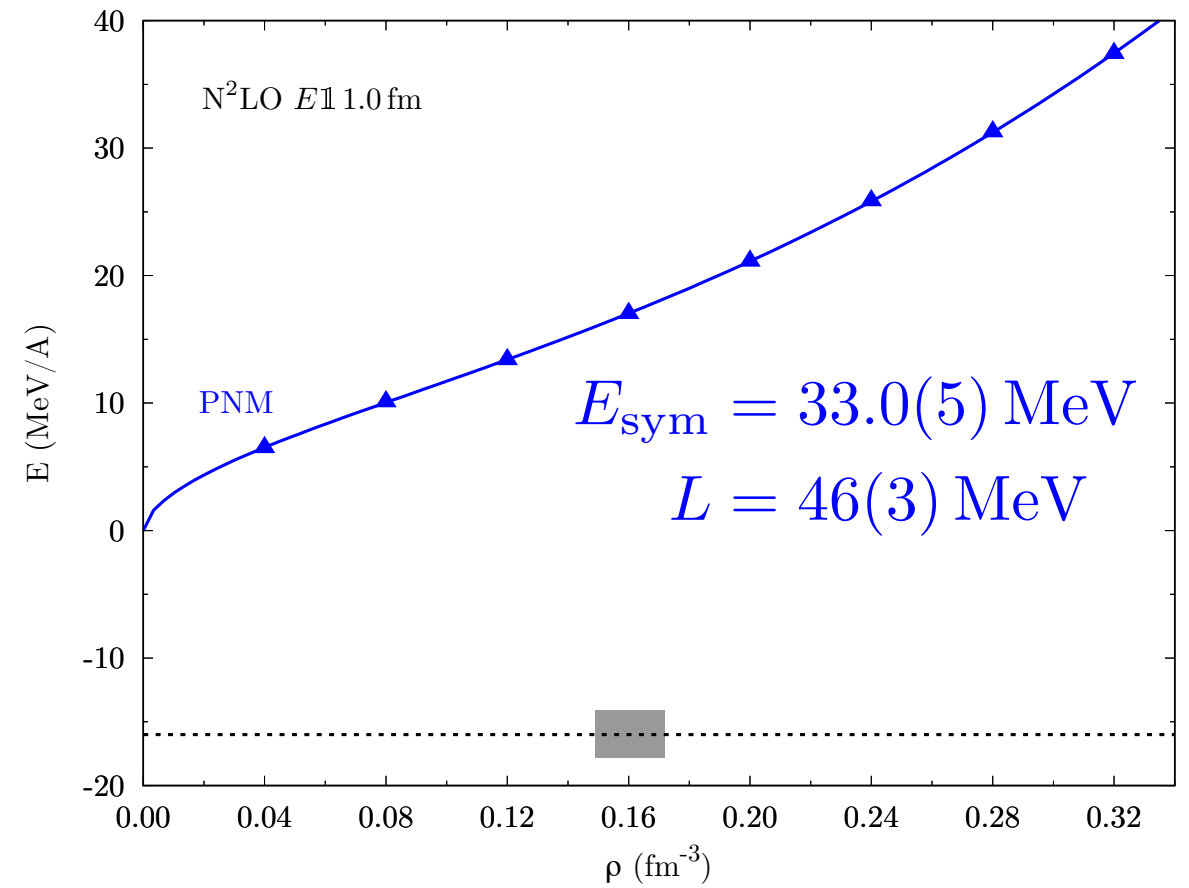


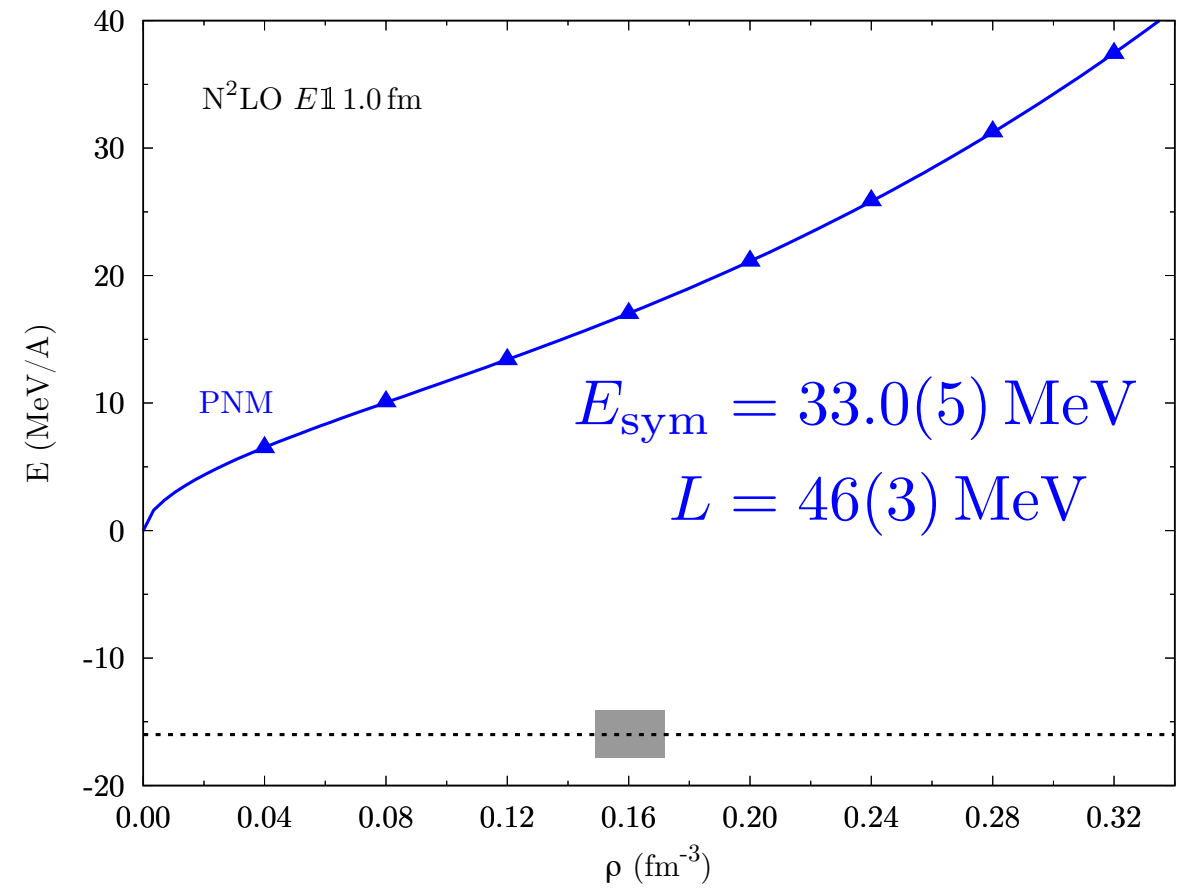
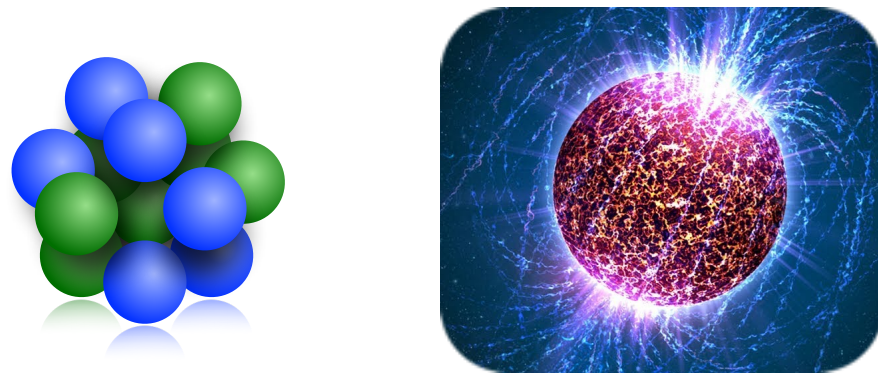
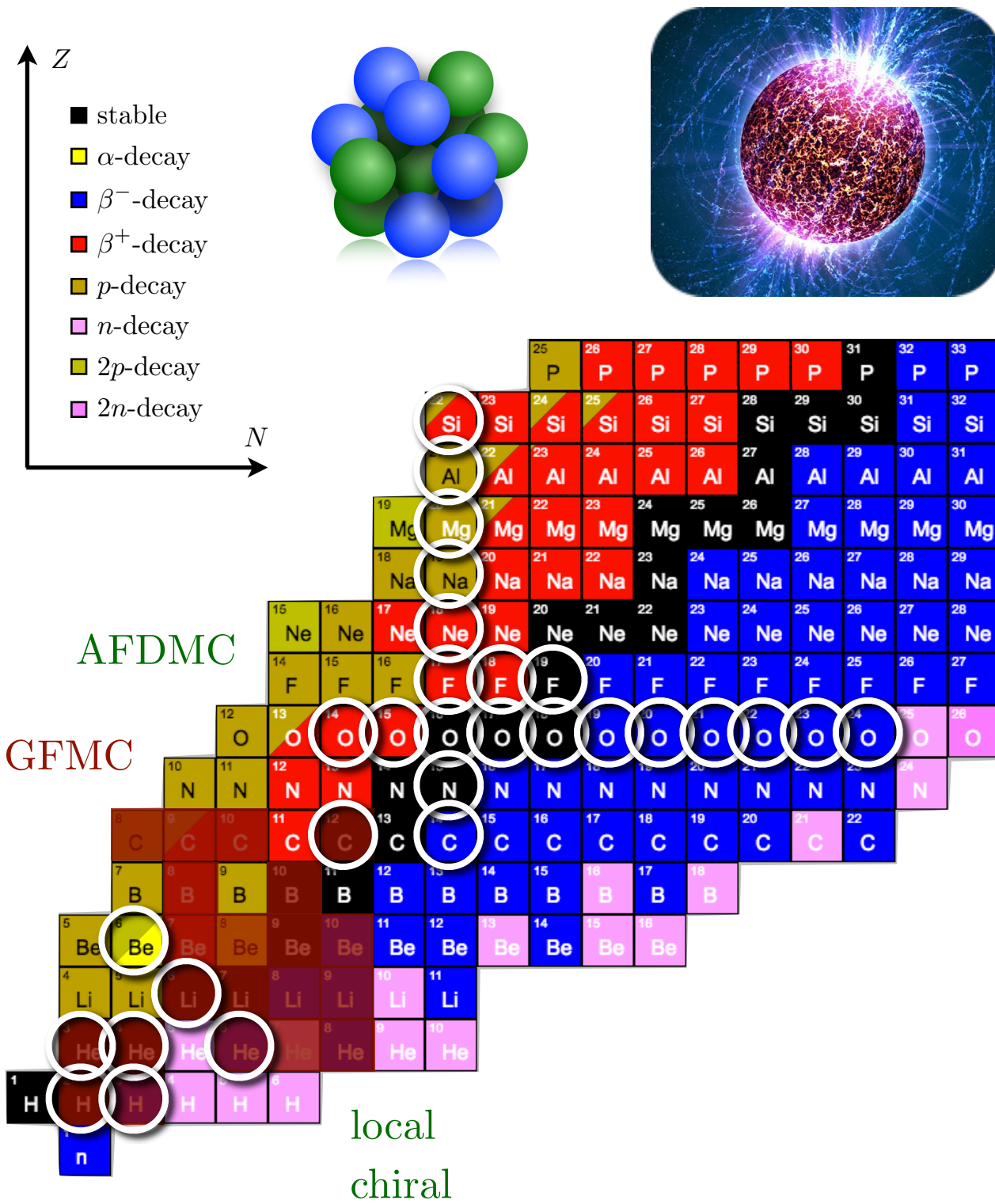




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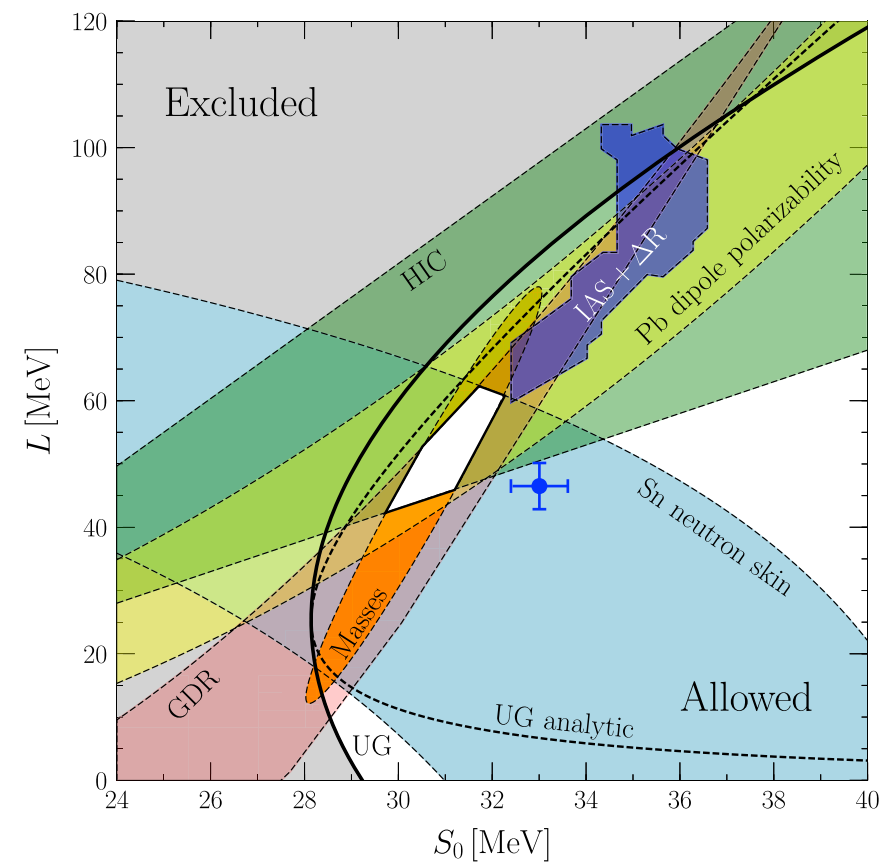


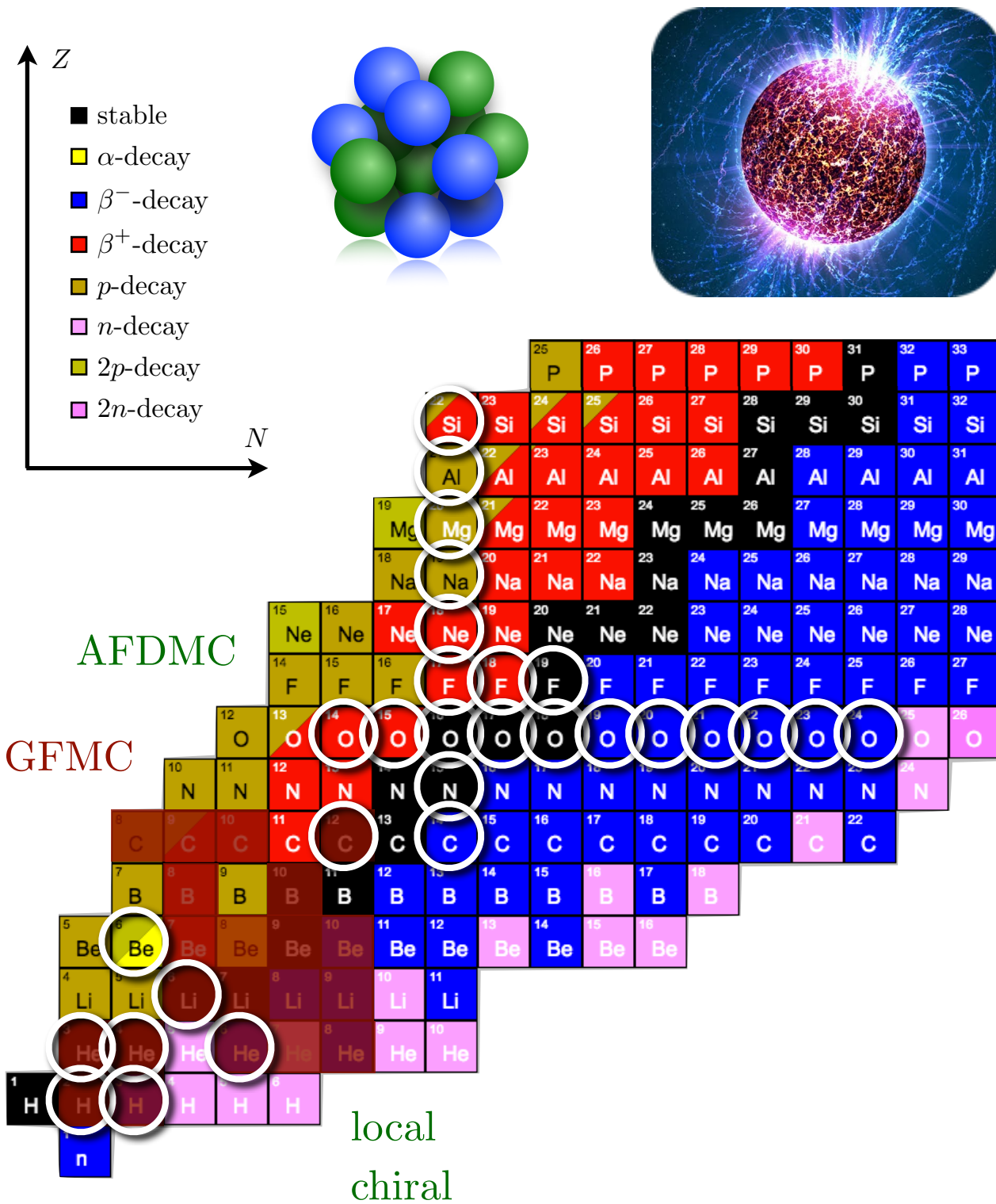


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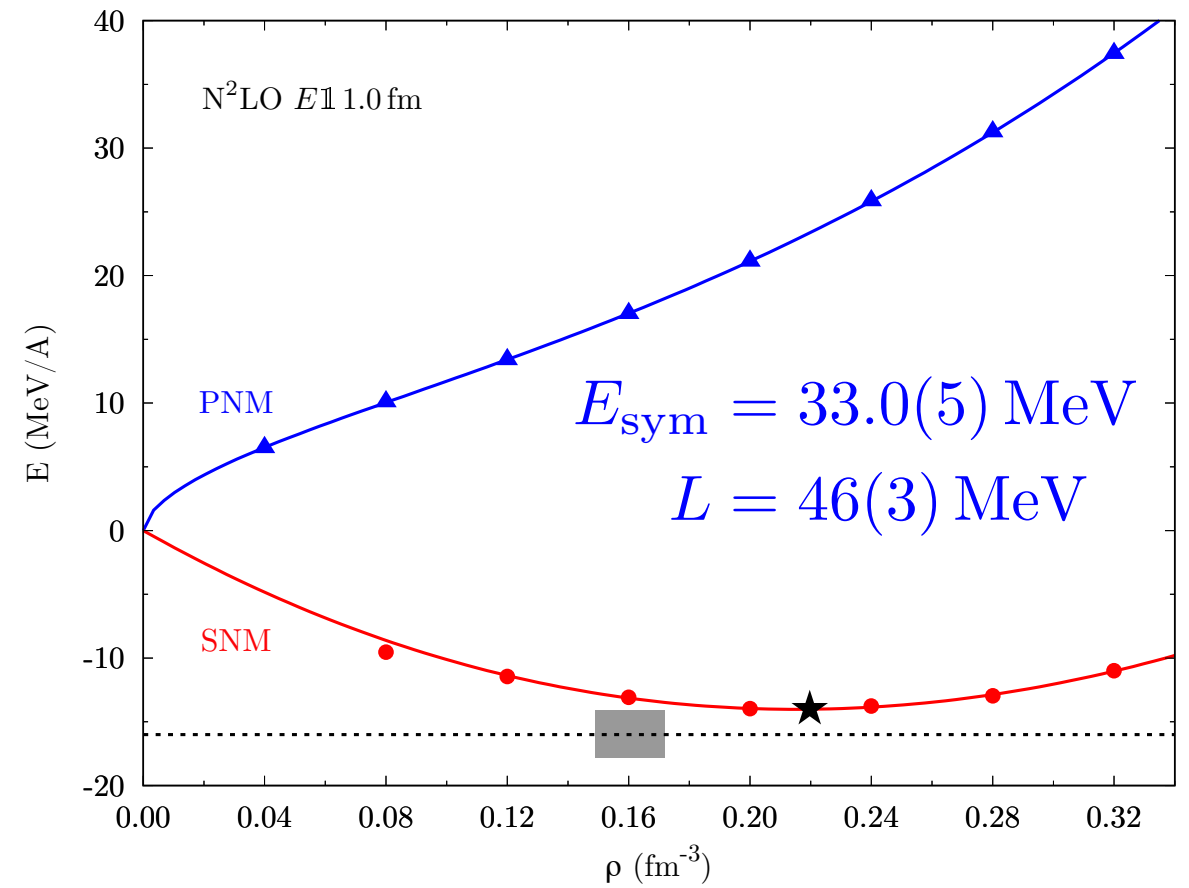
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$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{SNM}(\rho) = & E_0 + \frac{K_0}{18} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^2 \\
 & + \frac{Q_0}{162} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^3 + O \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^4
 \end{aligned}$$

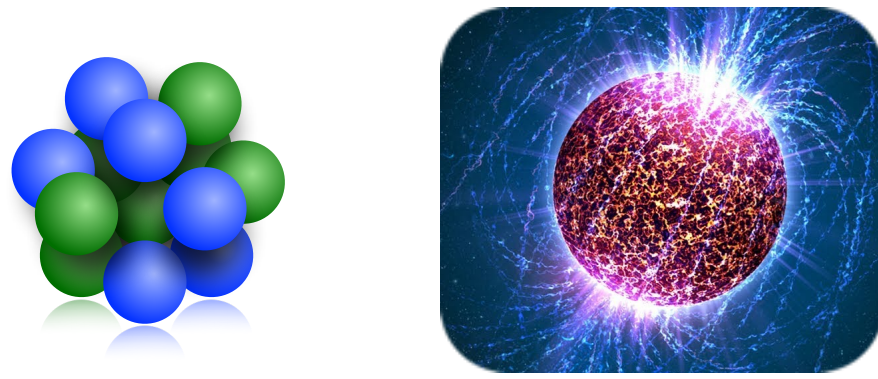
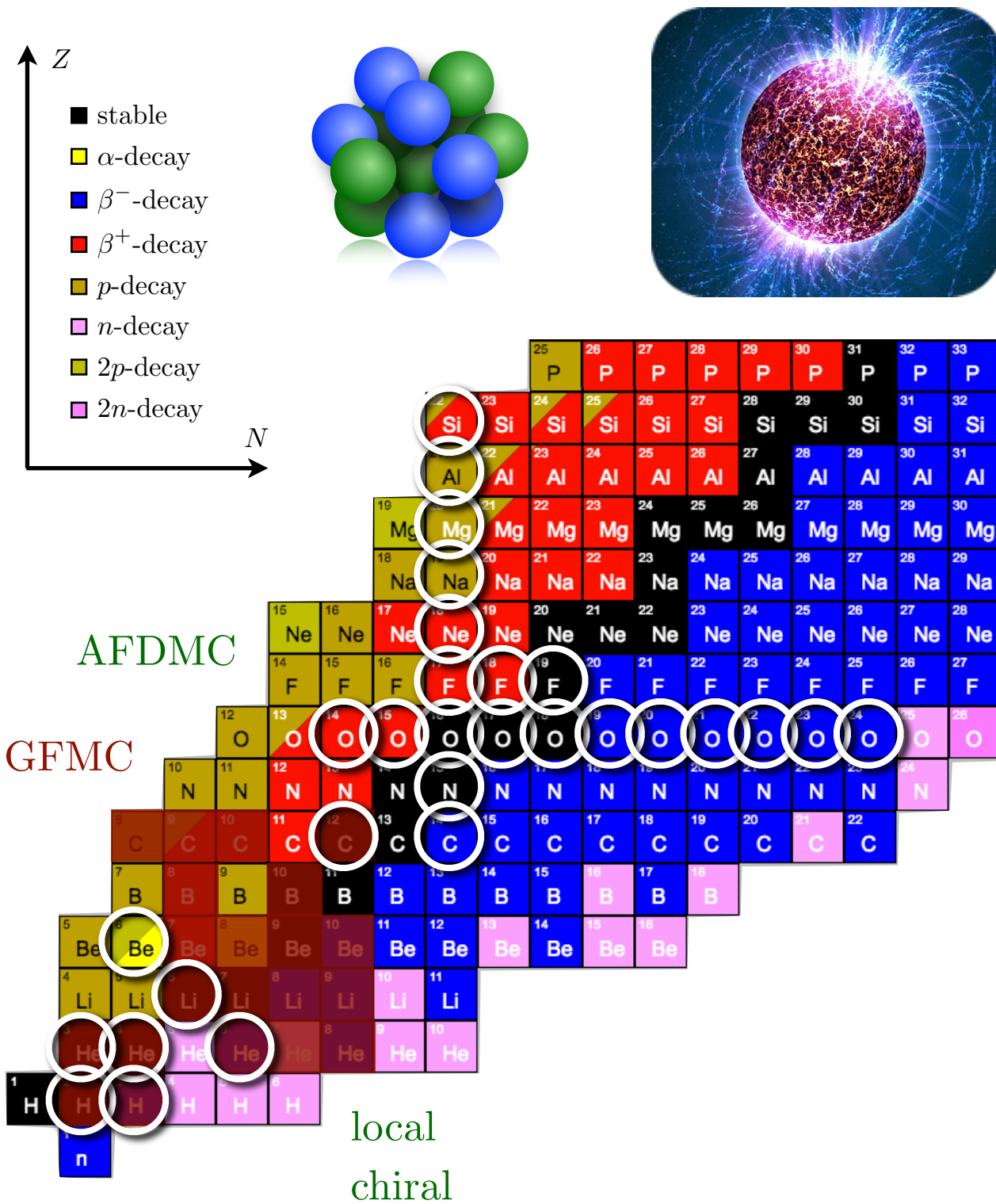
$$E_0 = -14.0(1) MeV$$

$$\rho_0 = 0.22(2) fm^{-3}$$

$$K_0 = 236(10) MeV$$

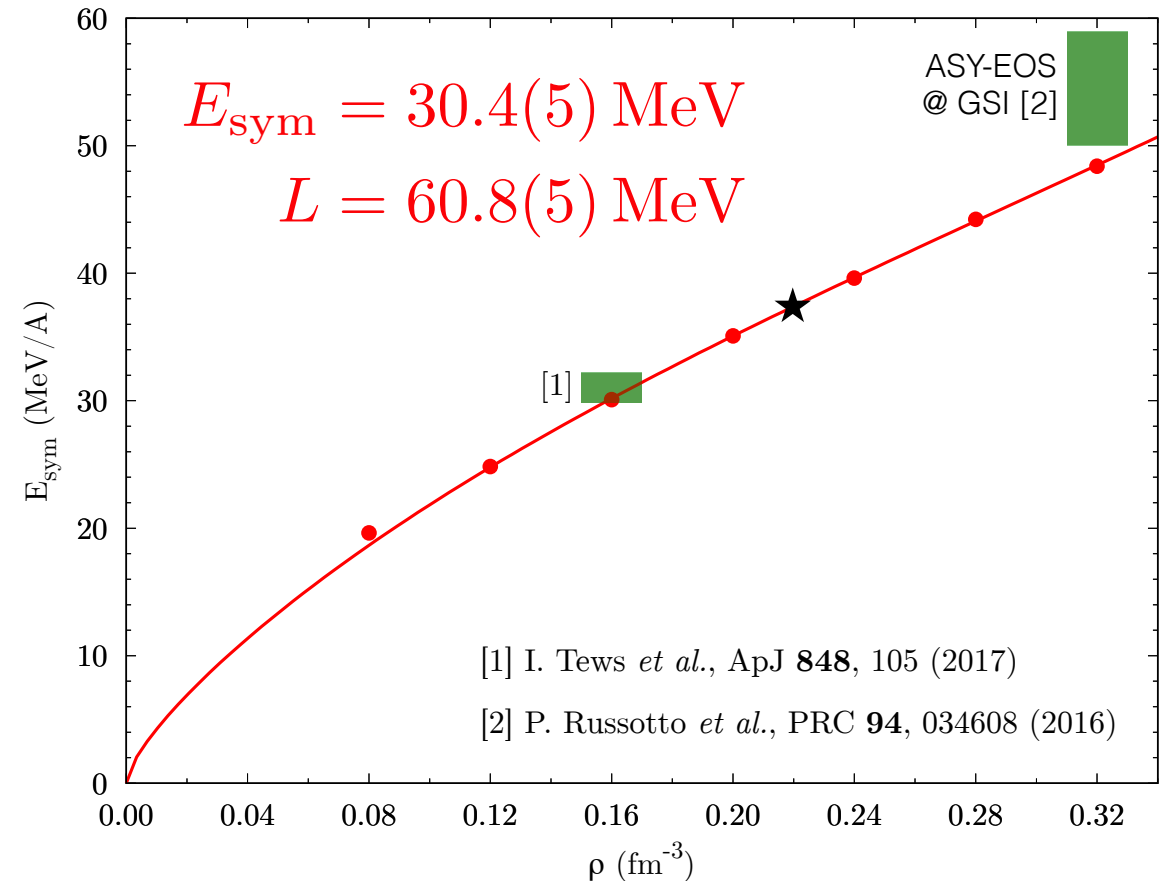
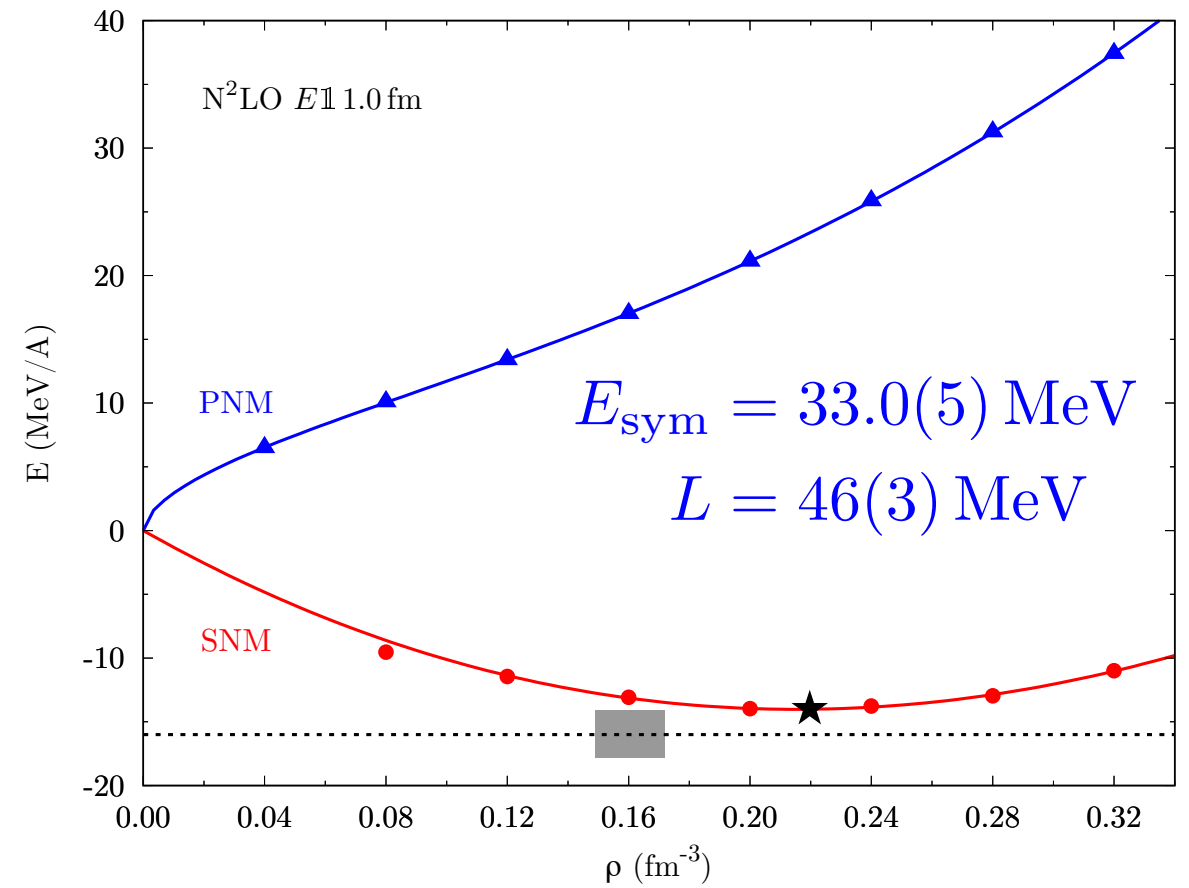
$$Q_0 = -144(100) MeV$$





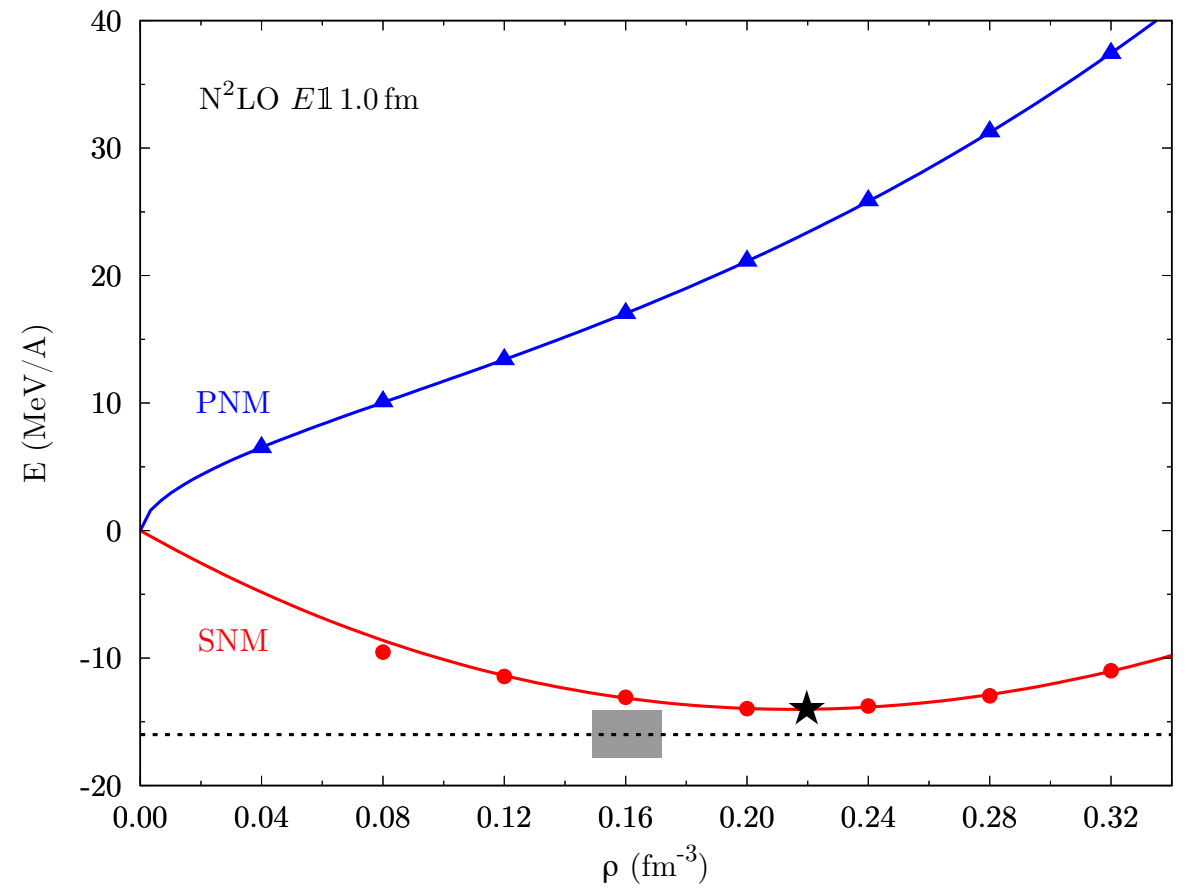
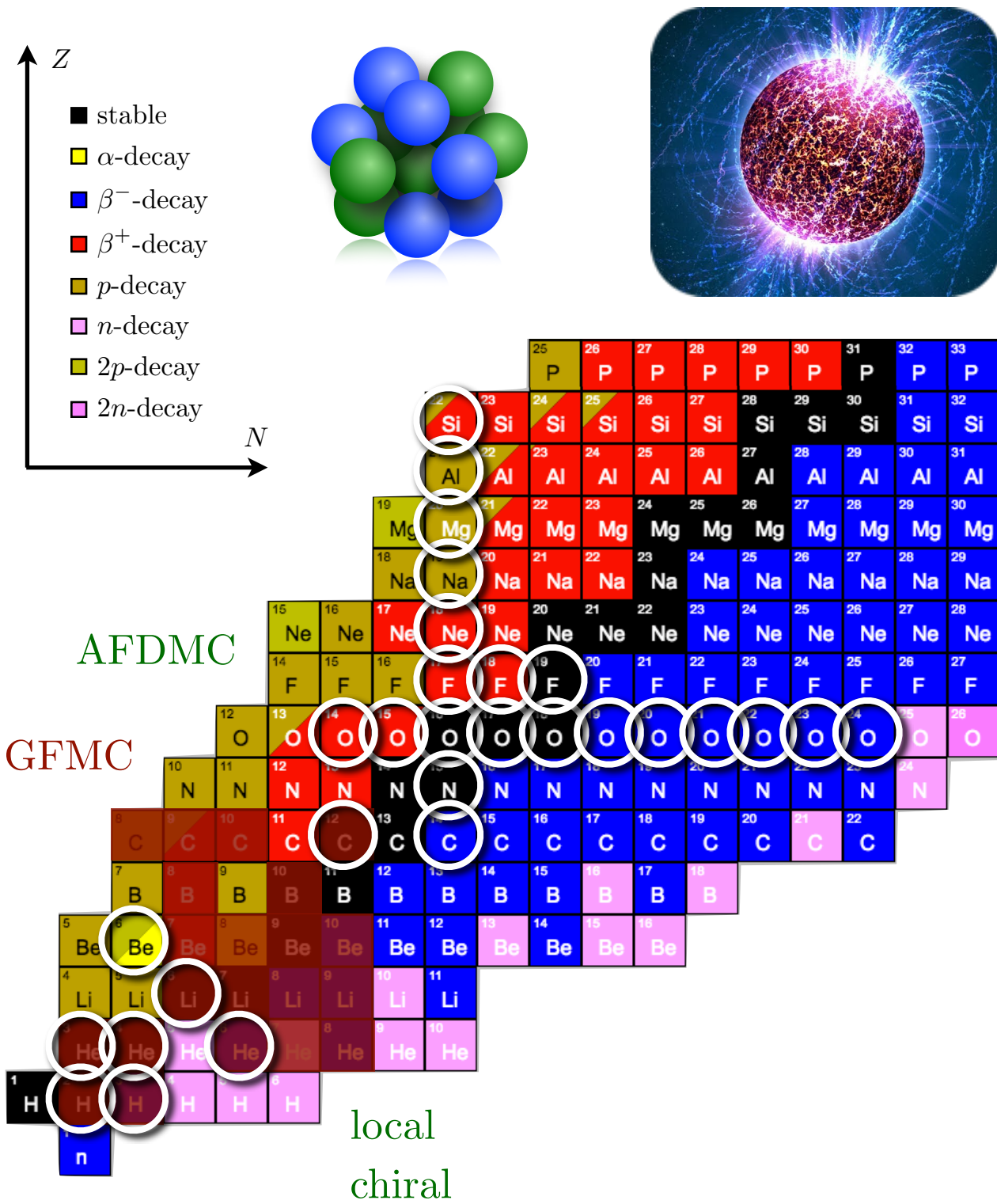
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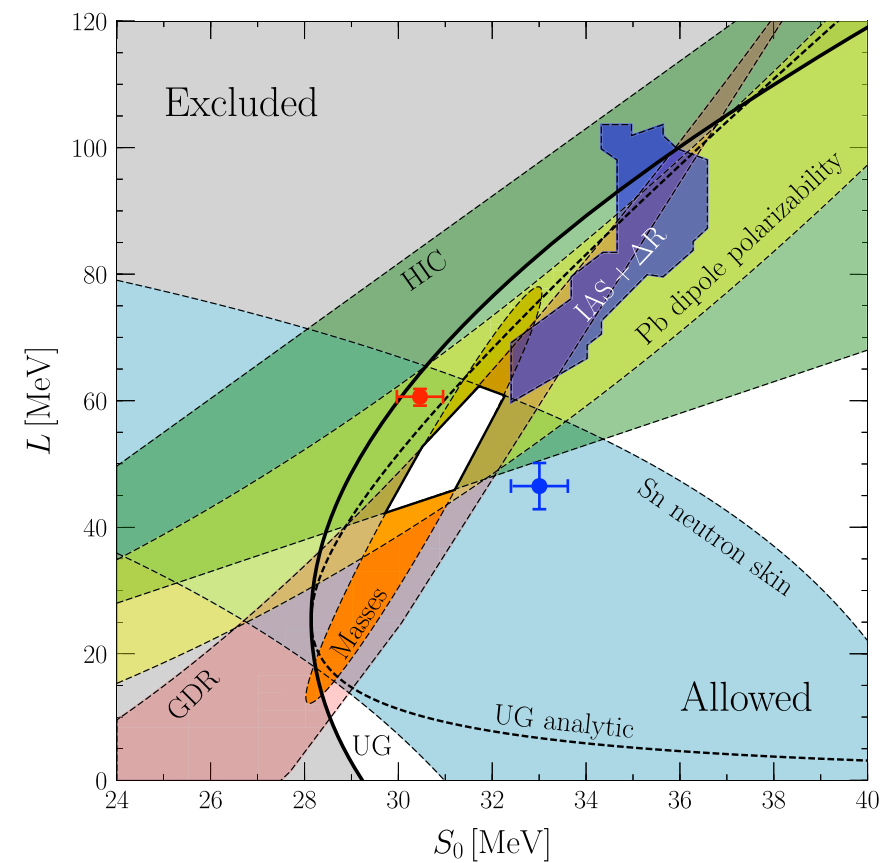
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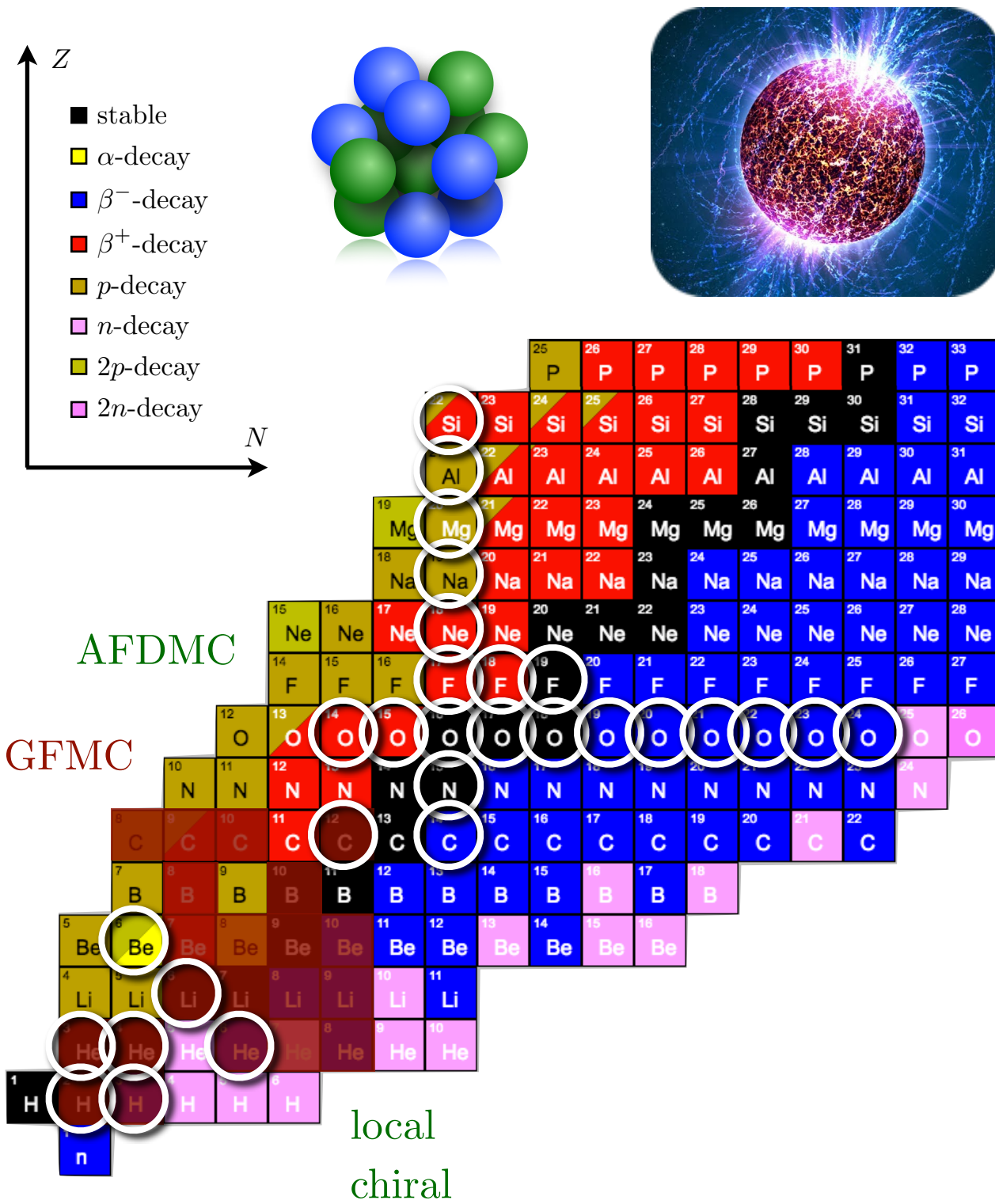
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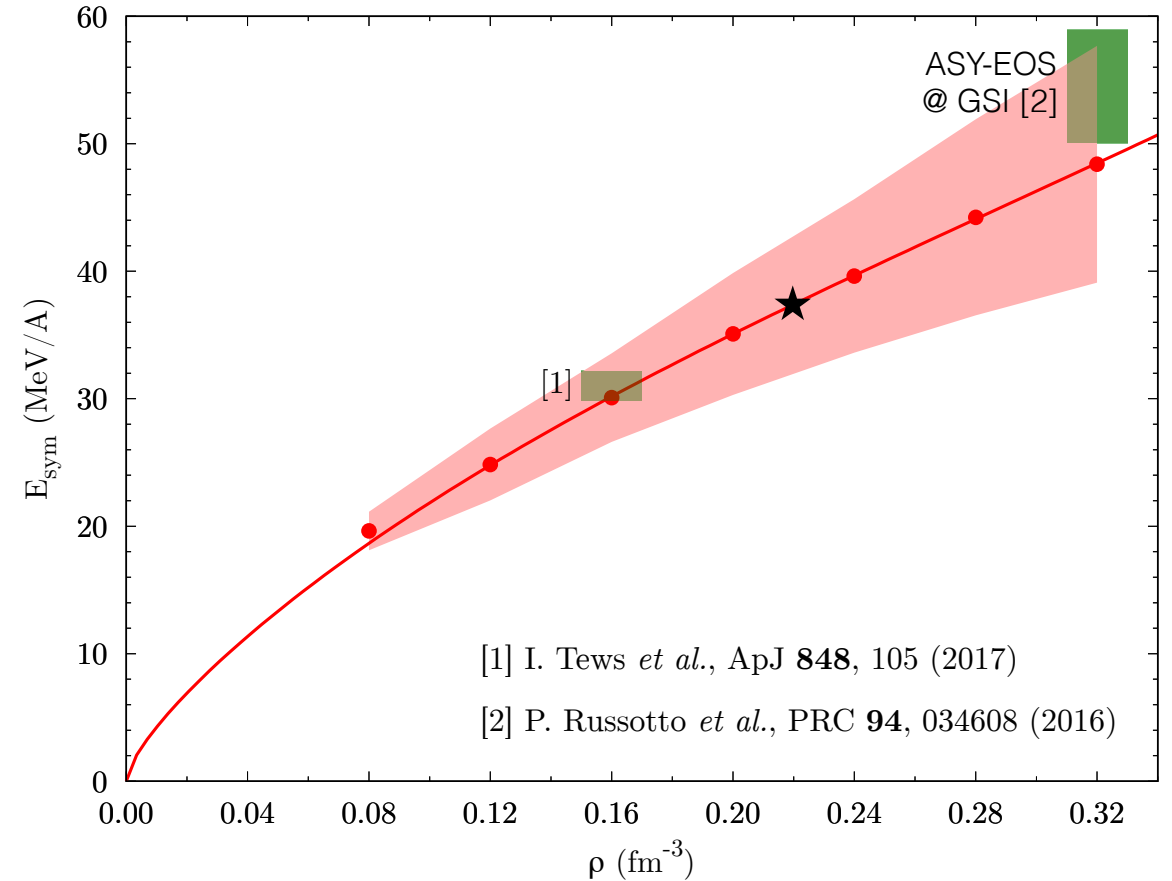
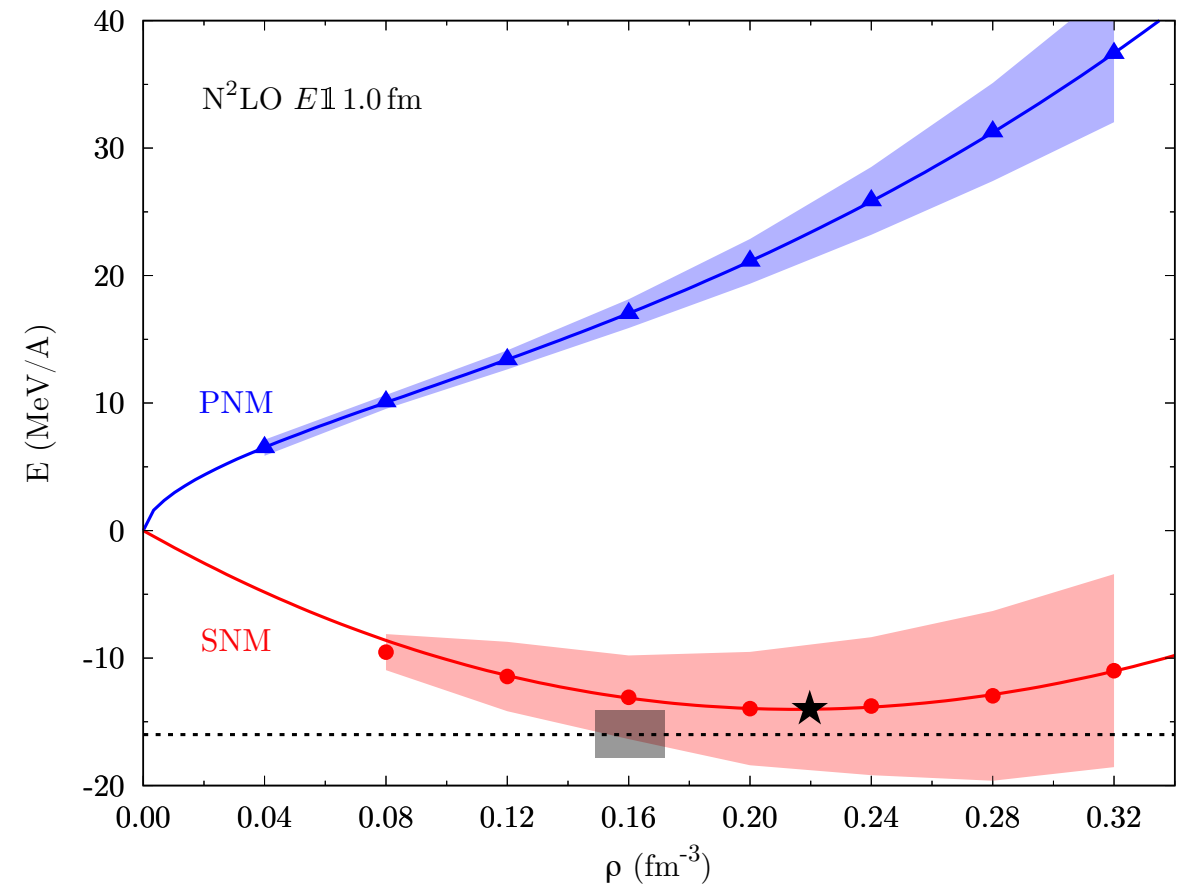


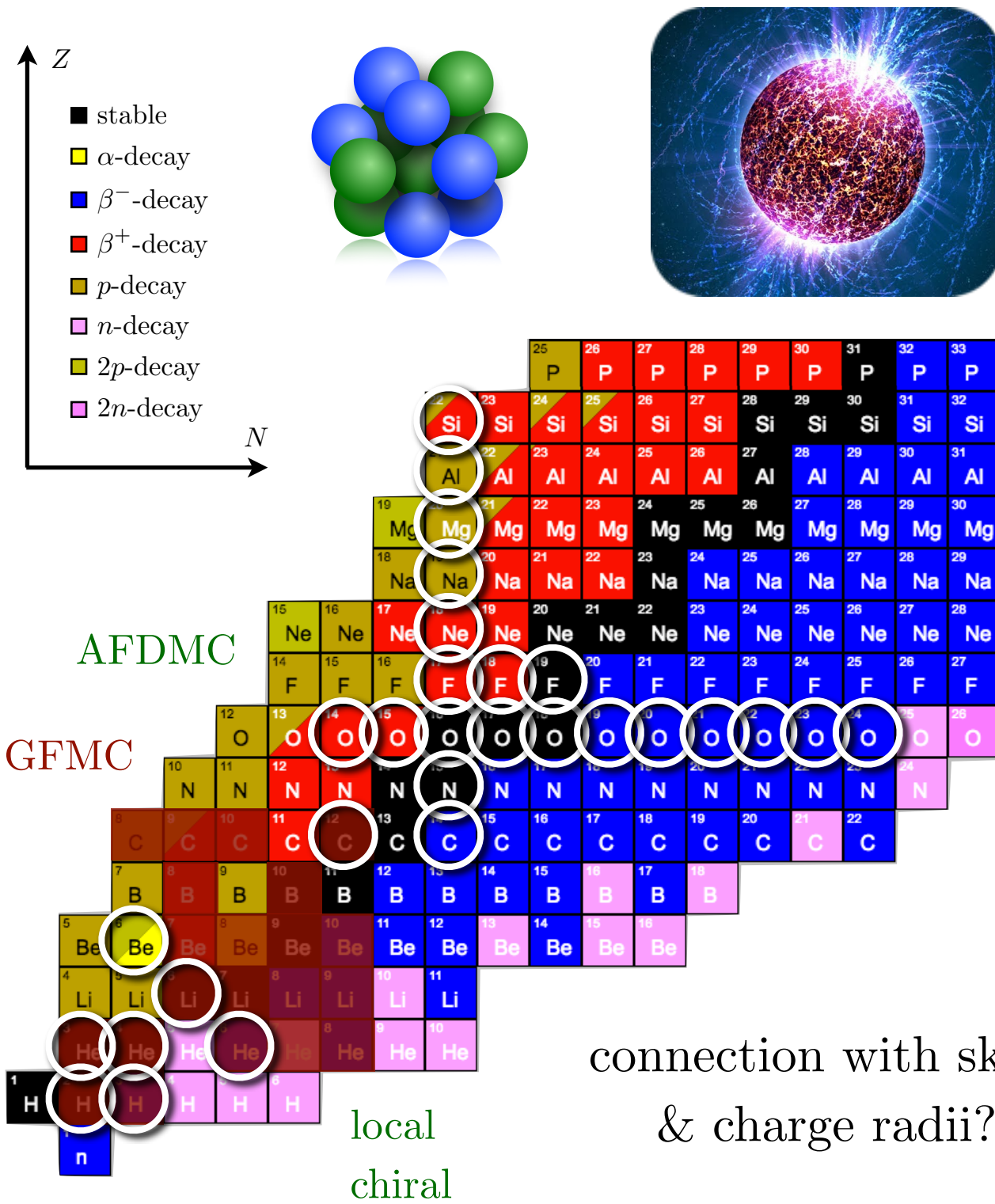




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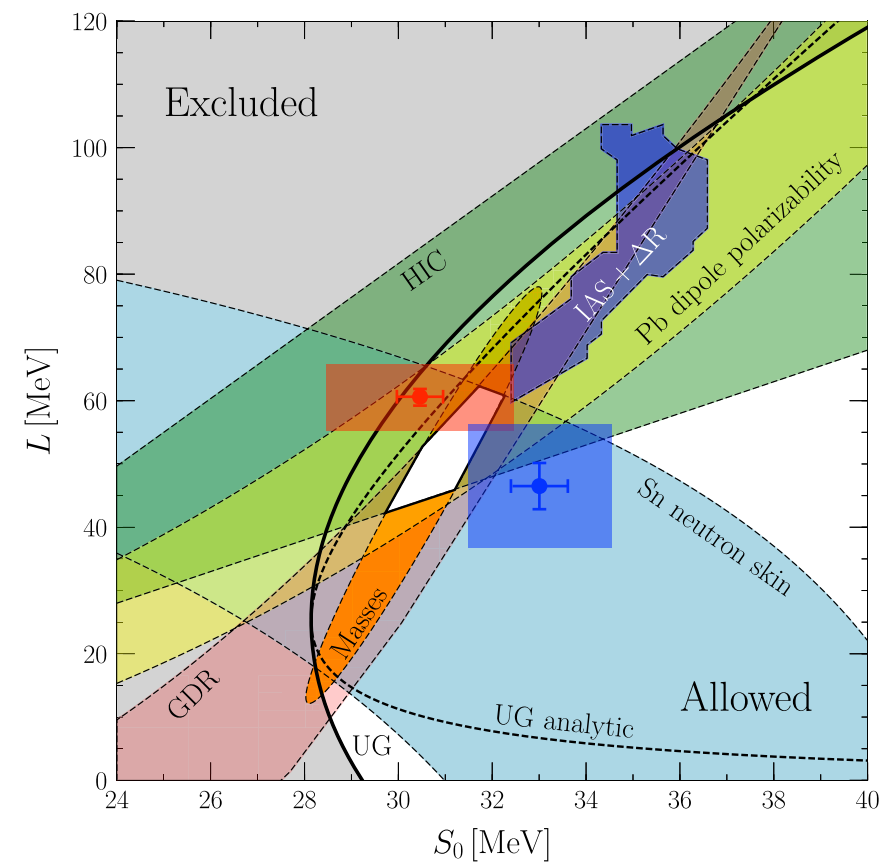
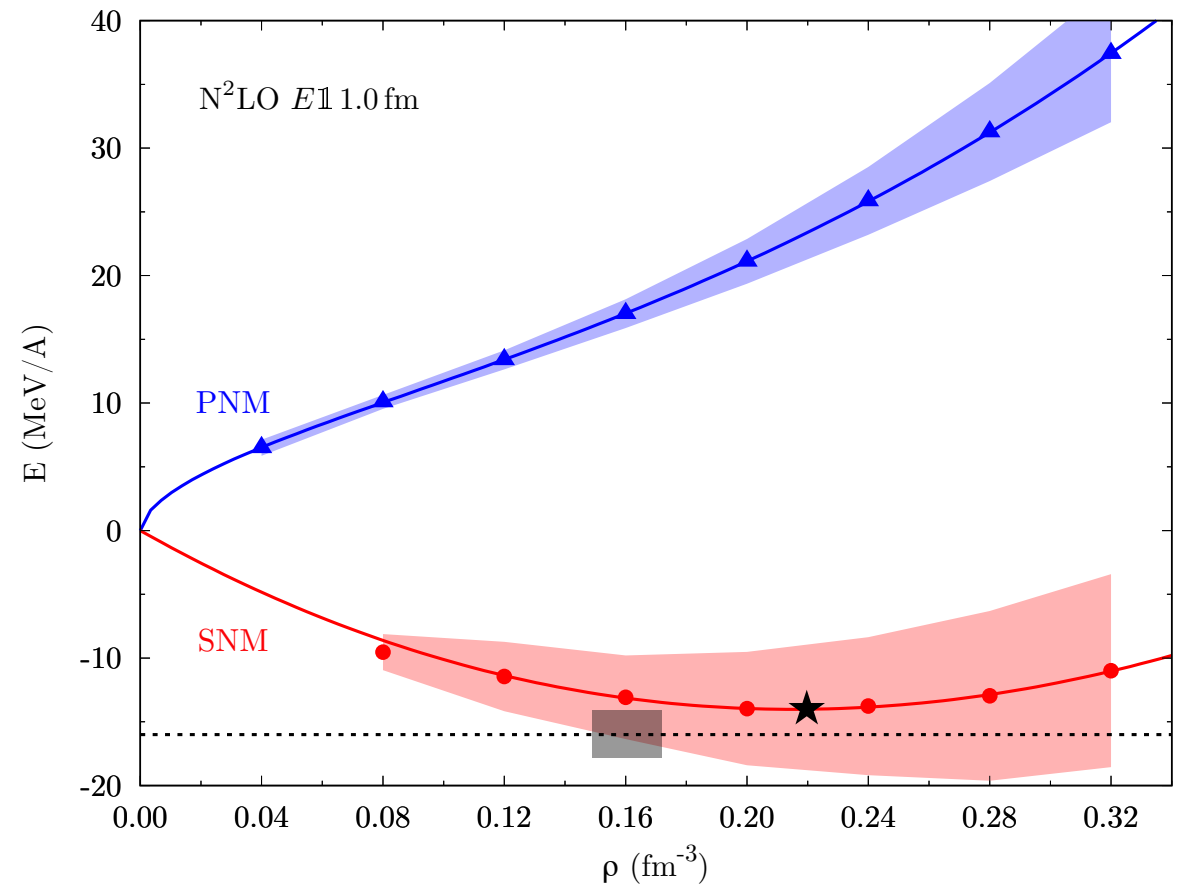


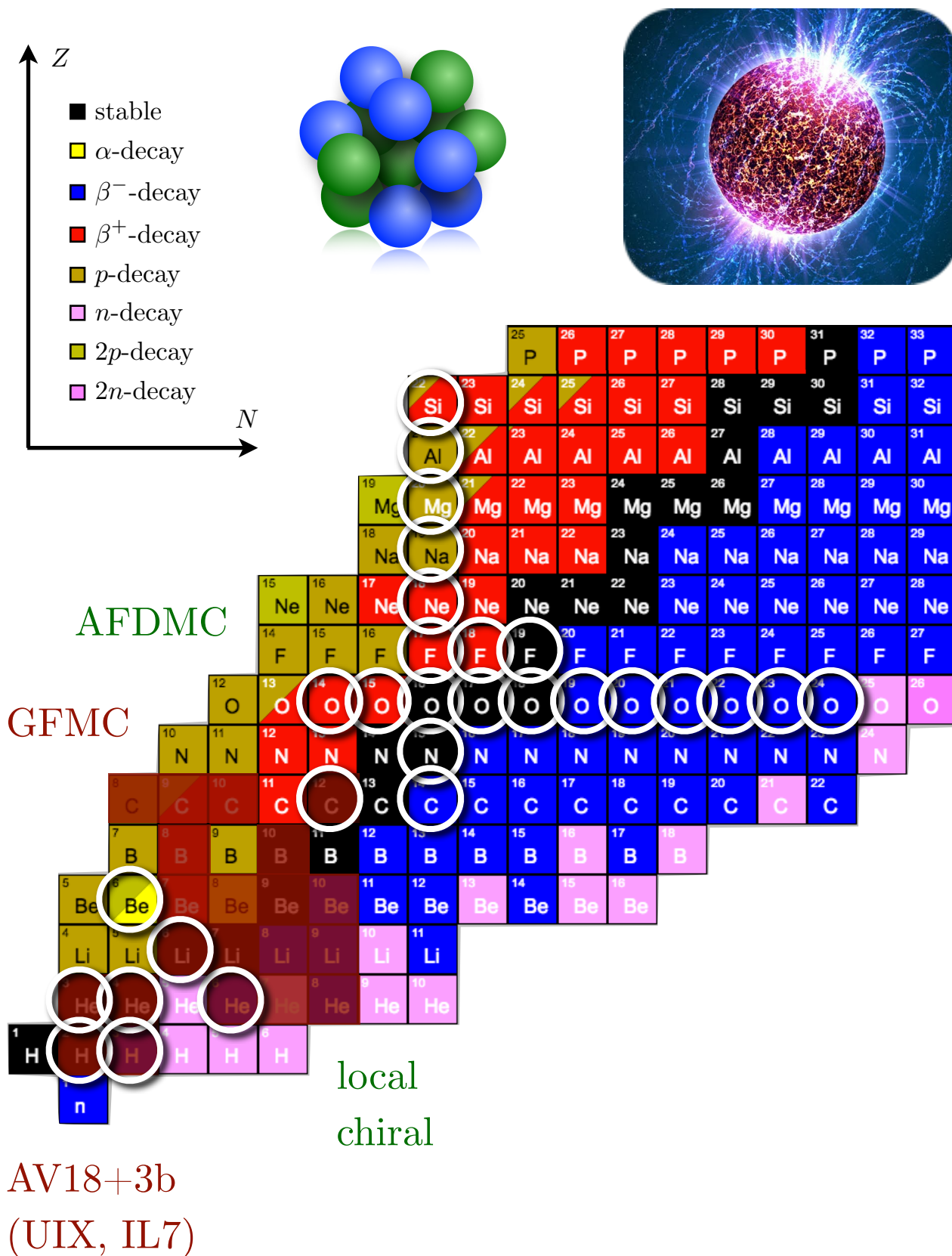
connection with skins  
& charge radii?

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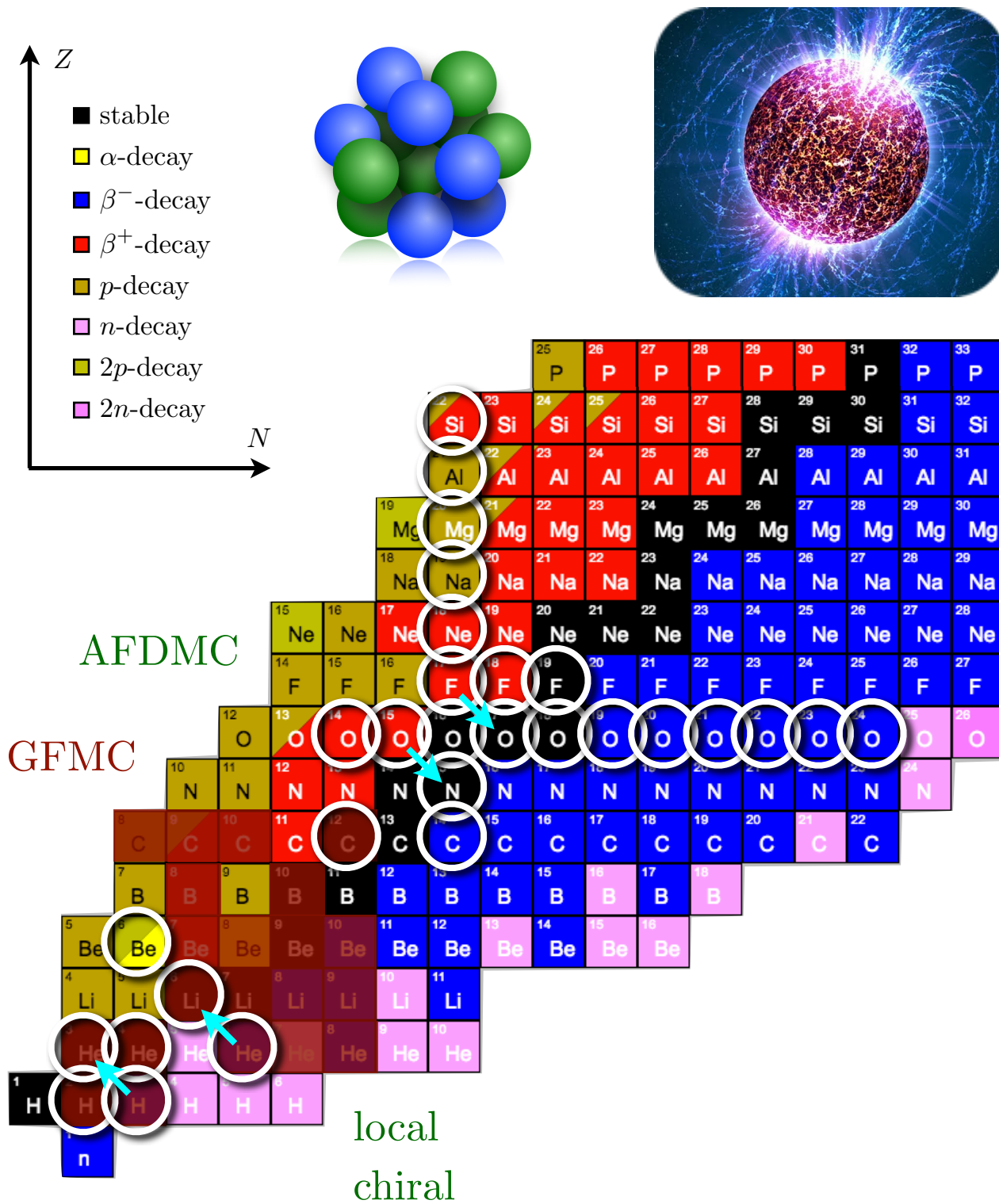
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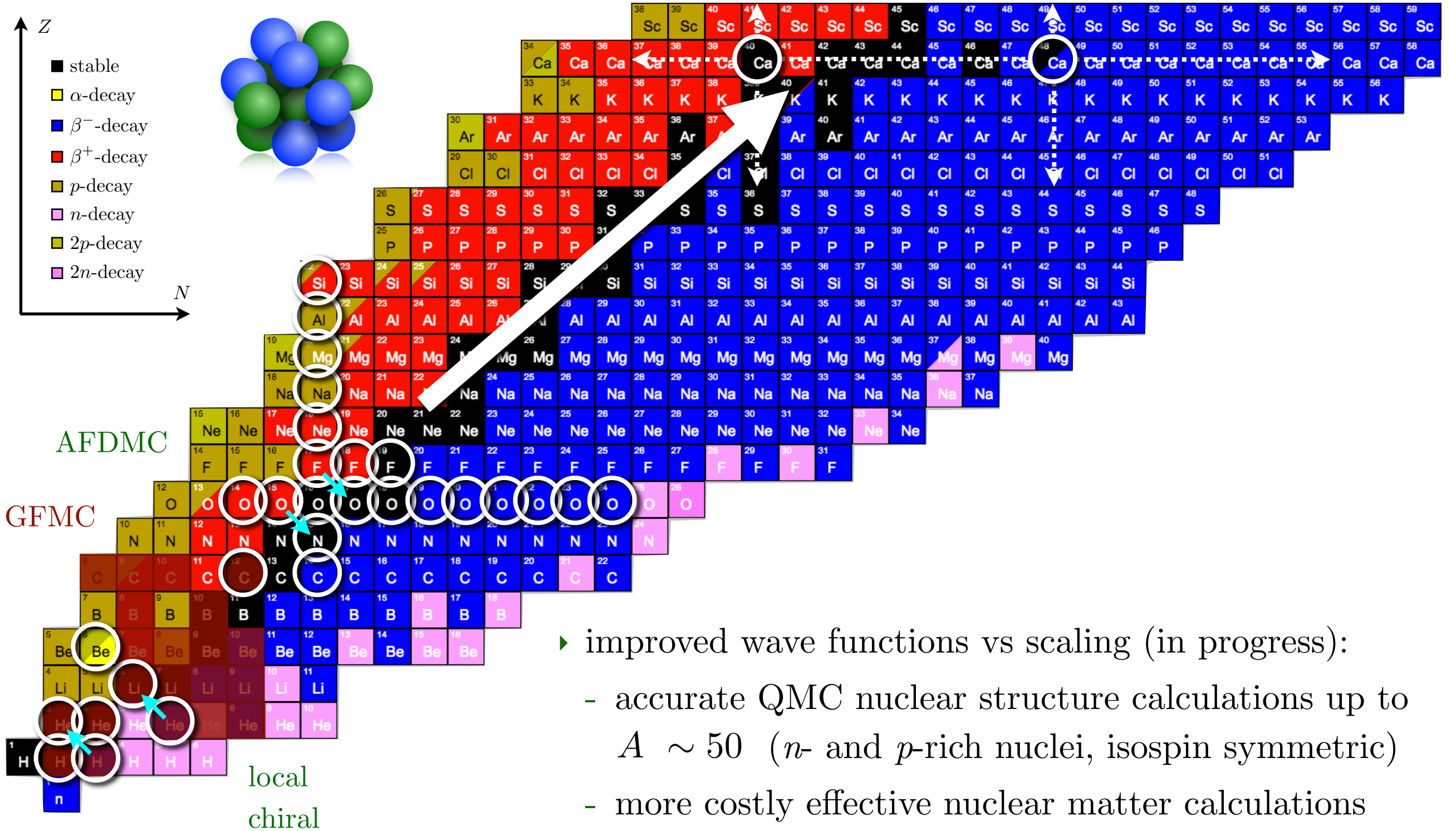
- ▶ advances in QMC techniques and the integration of local chiral potentials largely extend the range of applicability of QMC methods
- ▶ calculations for both nuclei and infinite matter can be carried out using the same algorithm, the same bare Hamiltonians, the “same” wave functions, and a comprehensive uncertainty estimation can be provided
- ▶ chiral interactions fit to few-body observables can simultaneously describe the physics of nuclei and infinite matter
- ▶ charge radii, nucleon skins, and other structural properties of nuclei up to (at least)  $A=24$  can be calculated
- ▶ connections between radii, skins, the symmetry energy and its slope can be consistently investigated





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- ▶ construction of harder coordinate-space local chiral potentials @  $N^2$ LO for QMC (in progress). Next:  $N^3$ LO?
- ▶ implementation of coordinate-space  $\Delta$ -full chiral potentials in AFDMC (2-body ok, 3-body in progress)
- ▶ derivation and implementation of consistent 2-body currents in AFDMC, both  $\Delta$ -less and  $\Delta$ -full (in progress)  
*Example:*  $\beta$ -decay matrix elements, magnetic moments, transitions?



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- ▶ improved wave functions vs scaling (in progress):
  - accurate QMC nuclear structure calculations up to  $A \sim 50$  ( $n$ - and  $p$ -rich nuclei, isospin symmetric)
  - more costly effective nuclear matter calculations
  - inherit the light-nuclei QMC “technology” and export it to the medium-mass range





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