

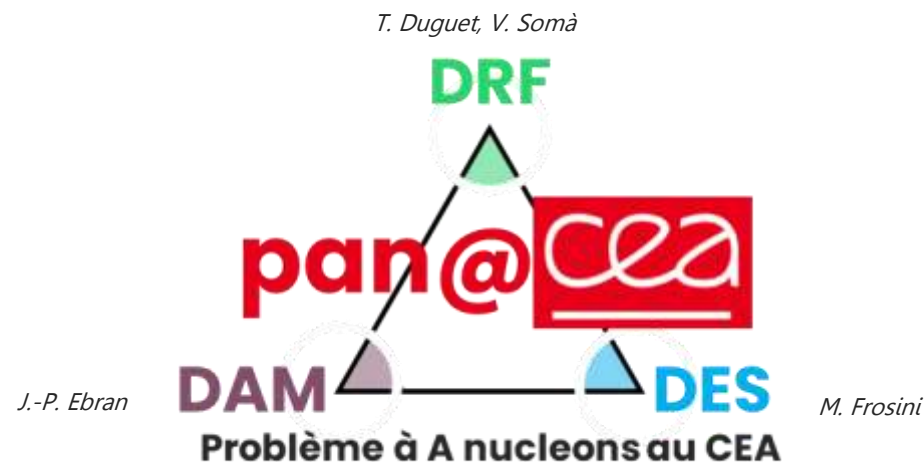
From the EDF method to Ab initio approaches and back again – A DRF-DAM success story –

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- 2. Recent work on empirical EDFs**
- 3. EDF-inspired ab initio methods**
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1 ■ General context

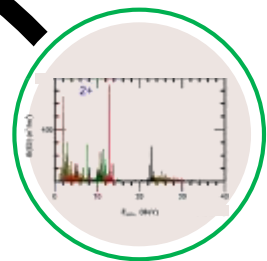
Context : General goal of nuclear structure theory



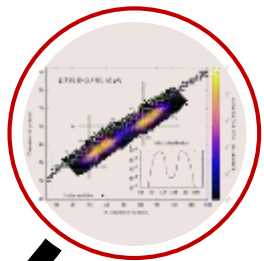
☉ Starting from the hadronic level of organization (nucleons + interactions), what novel structures emerge and how they evolve with E_{ex} , N , Z , ...



Ground-state
masses, radii, density profile, ...



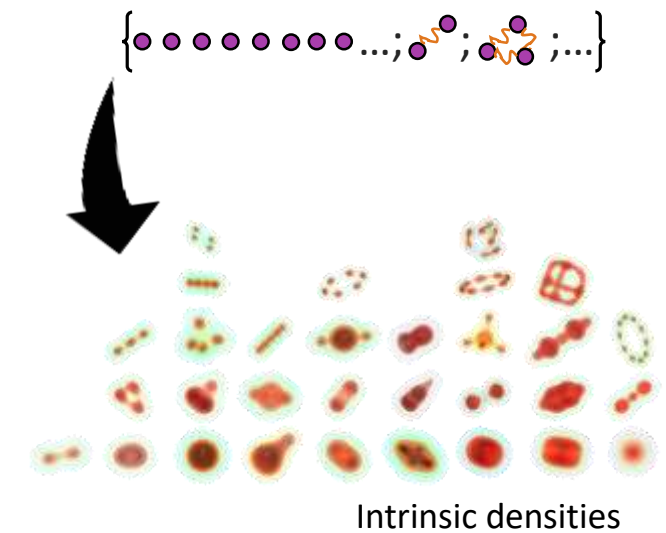
Excitation spectra
energies, transition probabilities,
response function to electroweak
probes, ...



Decay modes
lifetime, yields, ...



Reactions
cross sections, ...



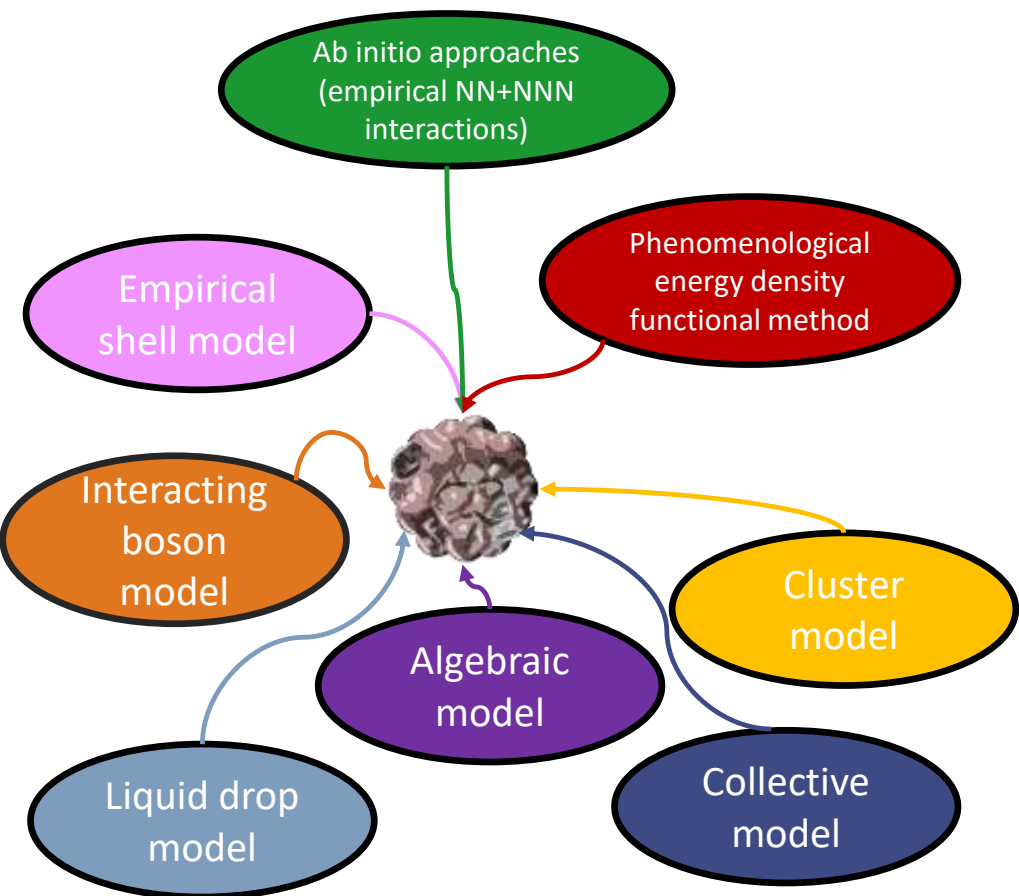
Intrinsic densities

Atomic nucleus
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A mesoscopic, self-bound system of strongly correlated spin-1/2 and isospin-1/2 composite fermions in strong and electroweak interaction.

- What is the nature of the force binding nucleons in nuclei and how all the richness of structure, decay and reactions properties emerge from it ?
- How nucleon, cluster and collective dofs interfere/compete and how their coexistence evolve with mass number, neutron-proton asymmetry, excitation energy, ... ?
- What are the limit of existence of nuclei in terms of mass number and excitation energy, and what properties emerge near and beyond these frontiers ?
- How structure properties impact nuclear decay and reactions features ?

Strategies

Era of models



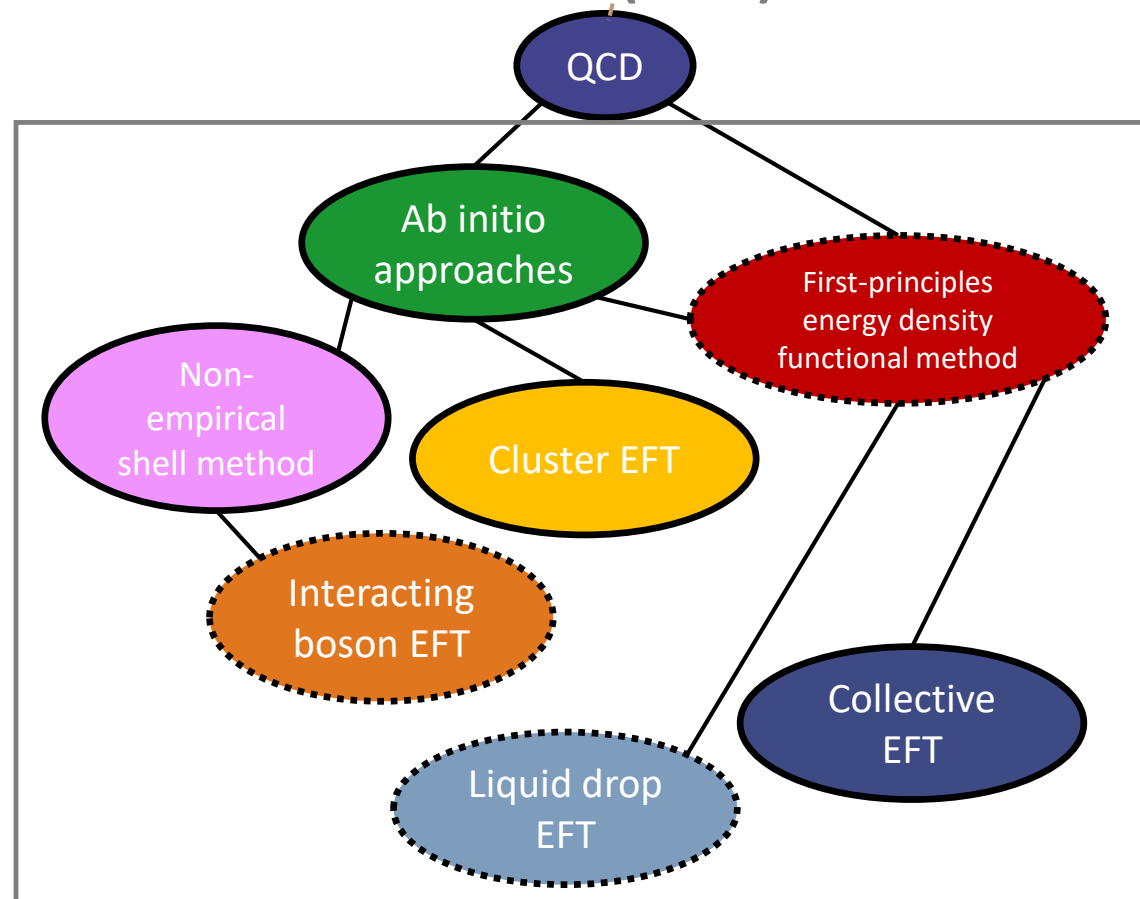
- ✓ Gives insight about relevant scales/dofs
- ✓ Ready to be used
- ✗ Lack of control
⇒ double counting issues, error compensation, no error assessment

⊙ Achieve a

accurate
predictive
computationally affordable

description ?

Era of effective (field) theories



- ✓ Full control ⇒ systematically improvable, no error compensation, no double counting, possibility of error estimation, ...
- ✓ ✗ Force you to step back and rethink



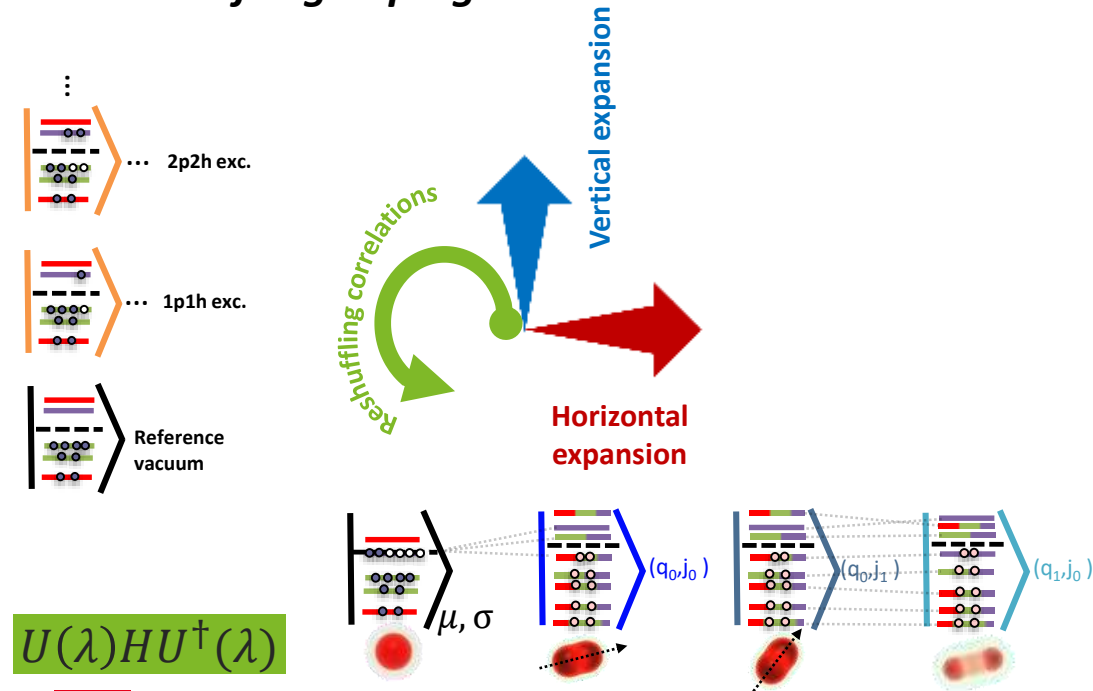
Microscopic viewpoint

- 1) Nucleus: A interacting, structure-less nucleons
- 2) Structure & dynamic encoded in Hamiltonian, Functional, ...
- 3) Solve A -nucleon Schrödinger/Dirac equation to desired accuracy

$$H(\dots) |\Psi_{\mu,\sigma}\rangle = E_{\mu\sigma} |\Psi_{\mu,\sigma}\rangle \quad N_{FCI} \times \binom{I}{A}$$

Strongly correlated WF \leftarrow $|\Psi_{gs}\rangle = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_A} C_{i_1 \dots i_A} |\phi_{i_1} \dots \phi_{i_A}\rangle \equiv \sum_I C_I |\Phi_I\rangle$

Rationale for grasping nucleon correlations



$$U(\lambda) H U^\dagger(\lambda)$$

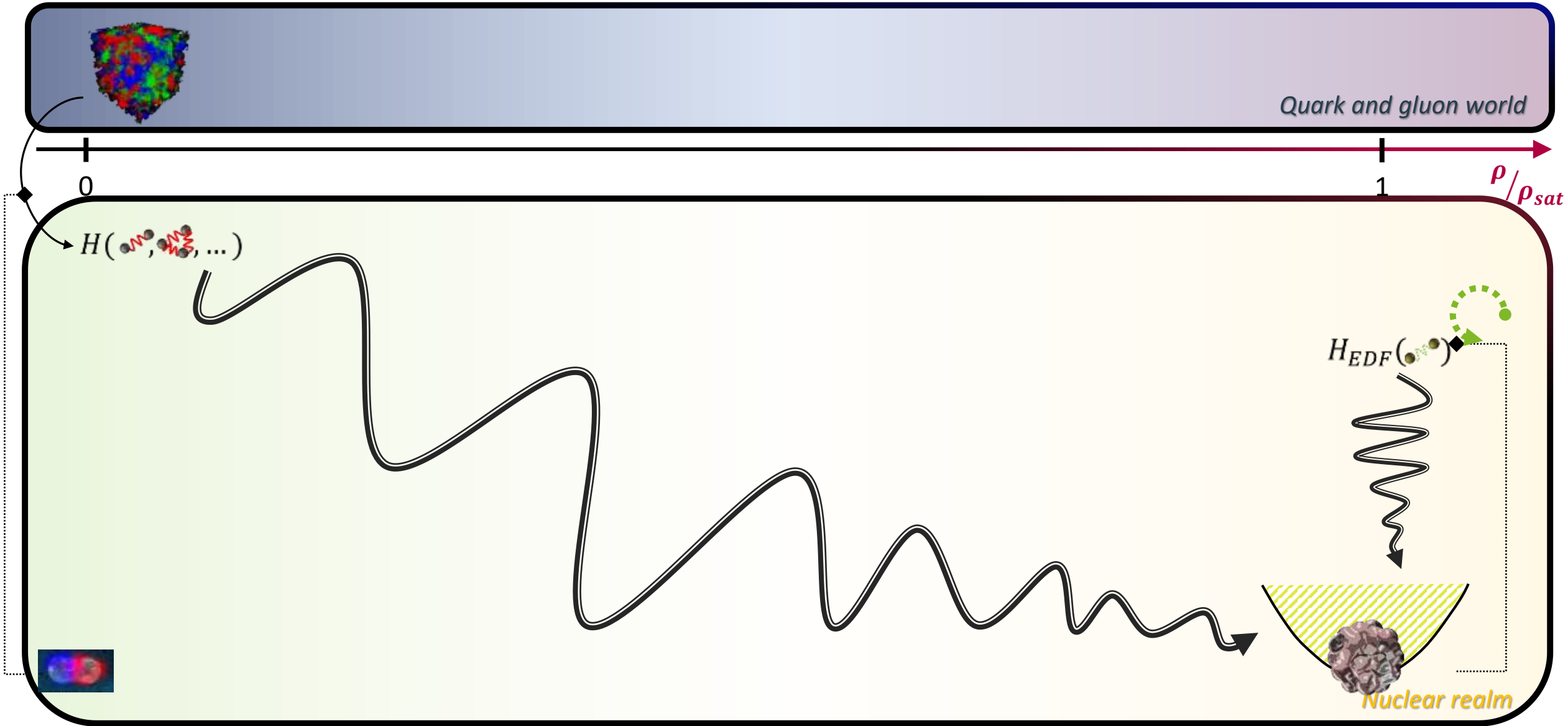
Ab initio

- Systematically improvable free-space Hamiltonian in χ EFT
 - Solving Schrödinger equation
 - Pre-processing H
 - Refined many-body schemes with controlled uncertainties
 - \rightarrow CI (full space diag.): exponential scaling
 - \rightarrow Hybrids (valence space diag.): mixed scaling
 - \rightarrow Expansion methods (partition, expand and truncate): polynomial scaling
- ⊗ How to challenge ab initio frontiers

EDF

- Effective pseudo-Hamiltonian
 - Free-space interactions \rightarrow Effective in-medium interactions
 - $|\Psi_{\mu,\sigma}\rangle$ Complicated WF \rightarrow $|\Theta_{\mu\sigma}\rangle$ Simplified auxiliary WF
 - Various levels of realization
 - \rightarrow Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (HFB)
 - \rightarrow Projected Generator Coordinate Method (PGCM)
 - \rightarrow Quasiparticle Random Phase Approximation (QRPA)
- ⊗ How to improve current EDFs
 ⊗ How to turn EDF in EFT?

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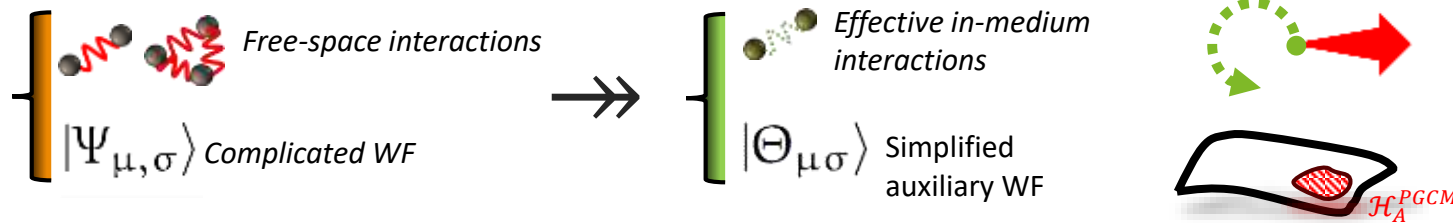
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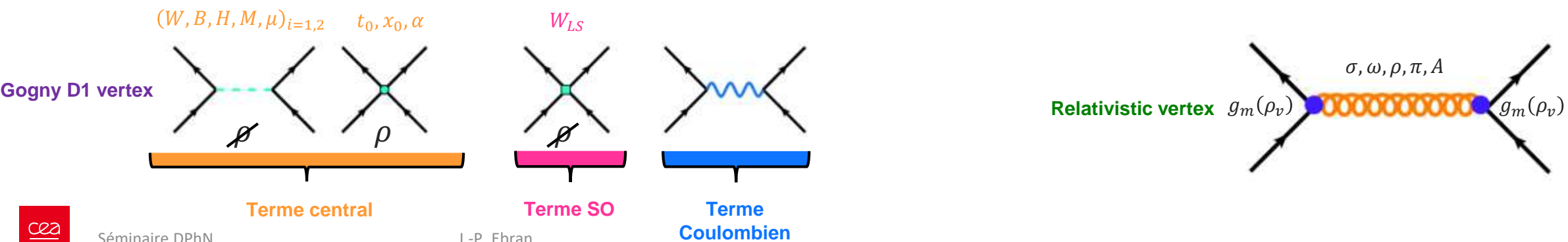
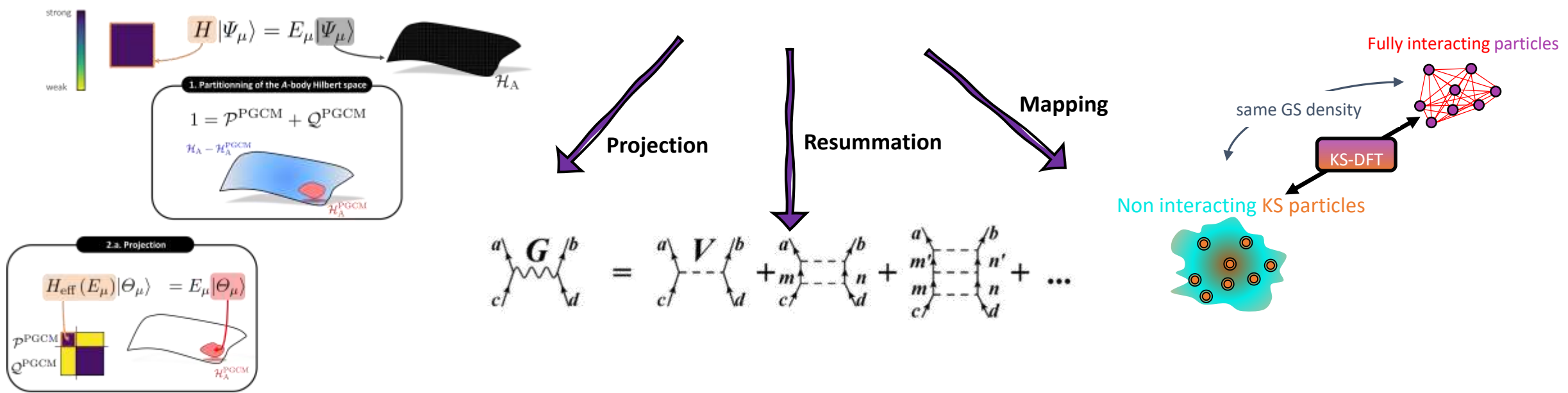


2 ■ **Recent work on empirical EDFs**

Empirical EDFs



Ground- and low-lying excited states computed from $H_{EDF}(\dots)$ and $|\Theta_{\mu \sigma}\rangle \Leftrightarrow$ the ones computed from $H(\dots)$ and $|\Psi_{\mu, \sigma}\rangle$

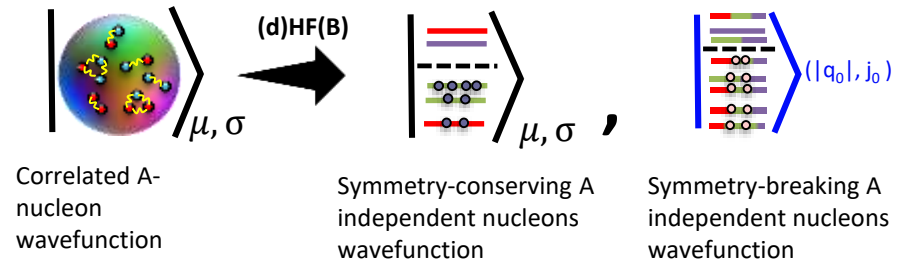


EDF : HFB realization

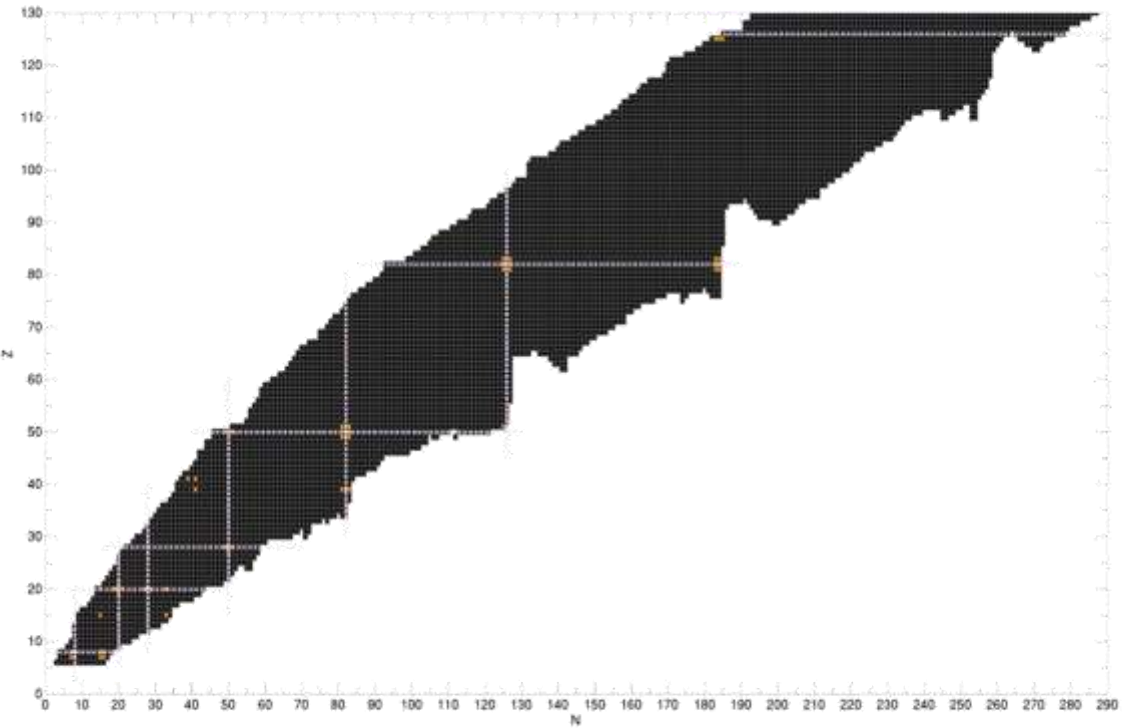


⊙ HFB treatment

--> A-nucleon problem → A 1-nucleon problems



--> SSB : Efficient way for capturing so-called static correlations



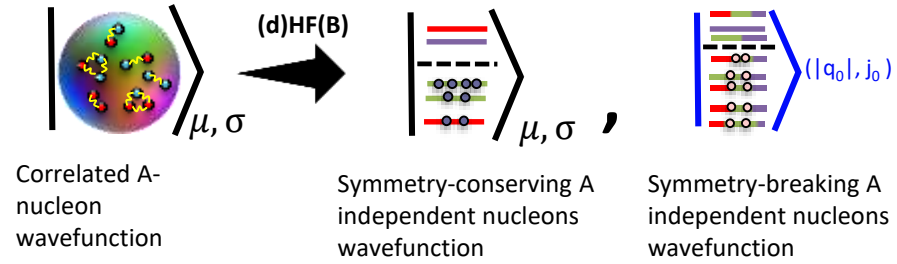
No SSBs allowed : First level of description for ~30 nuclei

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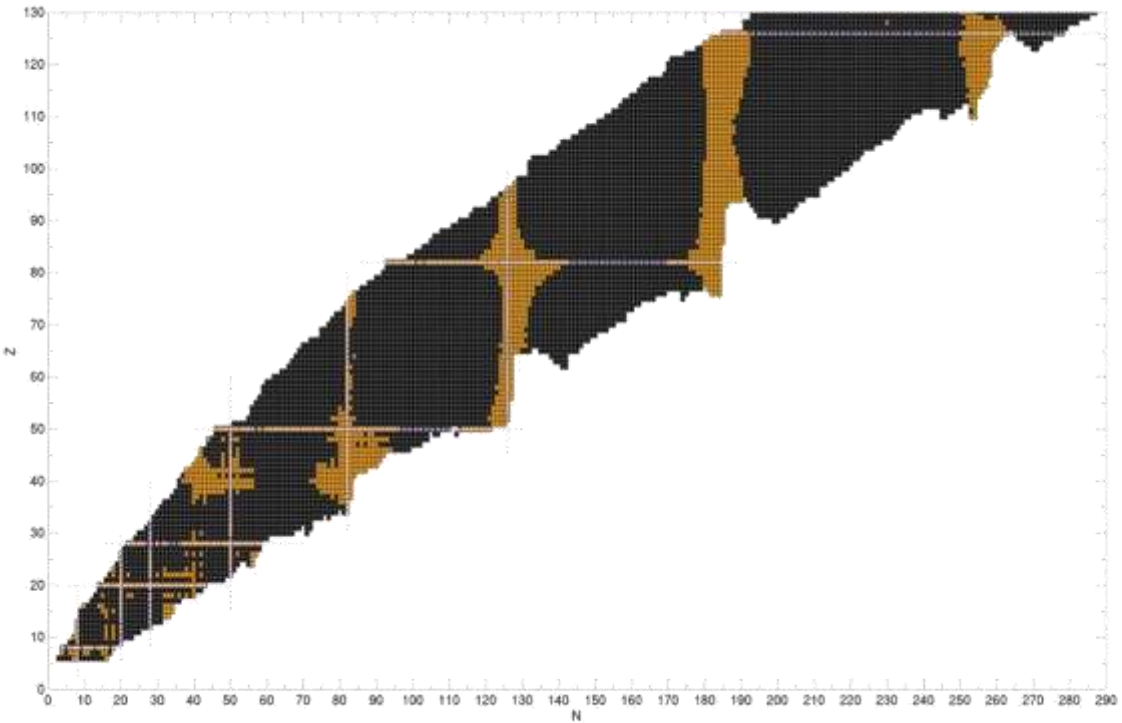


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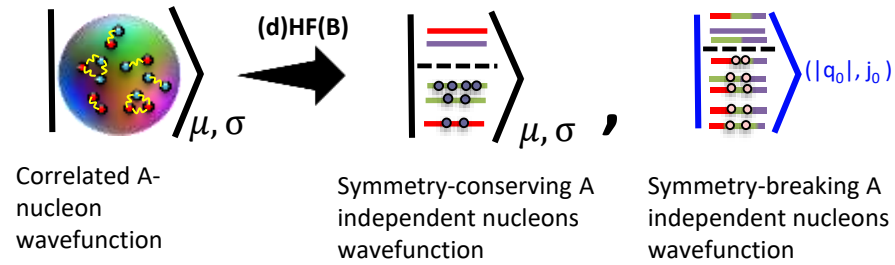
U(1) SSB allowed : First level of description for ~300 nuclei

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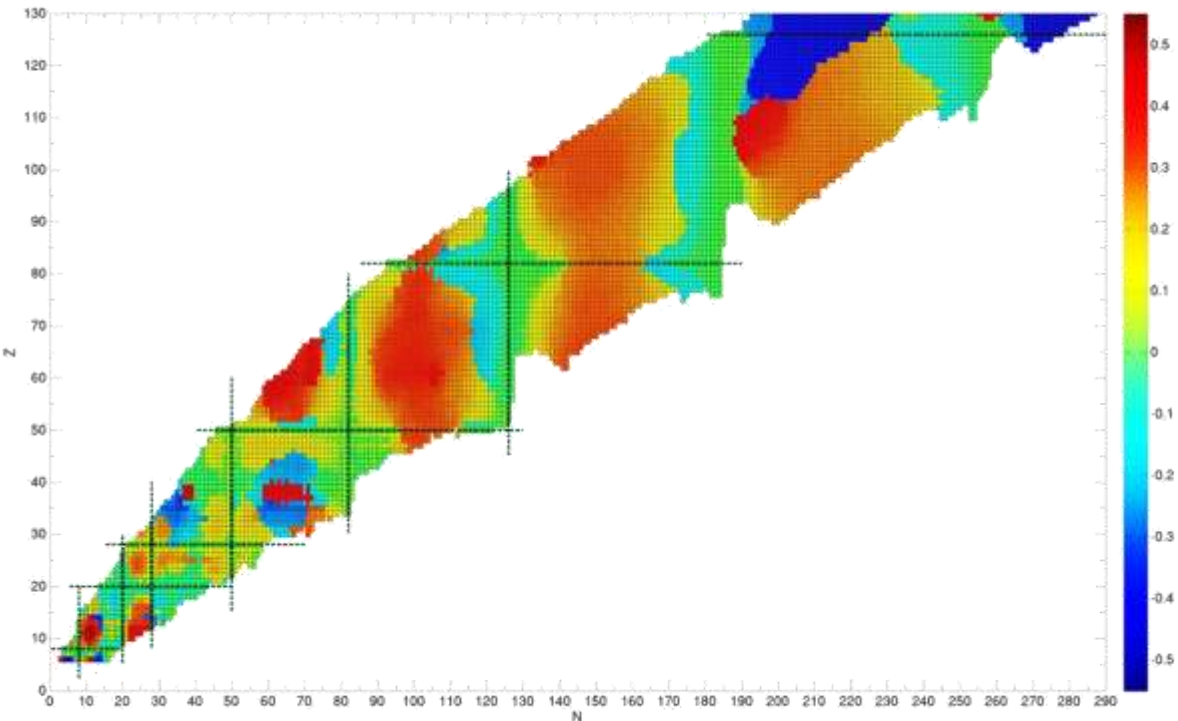


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SU(2) & U(1) SSB allowed : First level of description for all nuclei

⊙ Typical physical quantities computed at the HFB level :

- ◆ Mass, radius, intrinsic density, ... of the GS (and some isomeric states)
- ◆ Single-particle energies and wfs
- ◆ Barrier, inertia tensor, ...

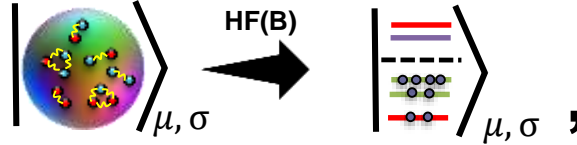
⊙ Refined description of properties already accessible at the HFB level, or access to new types of properties (essentially spectroscopic ones) require going beyond the HFB realization

Horizontal expansion



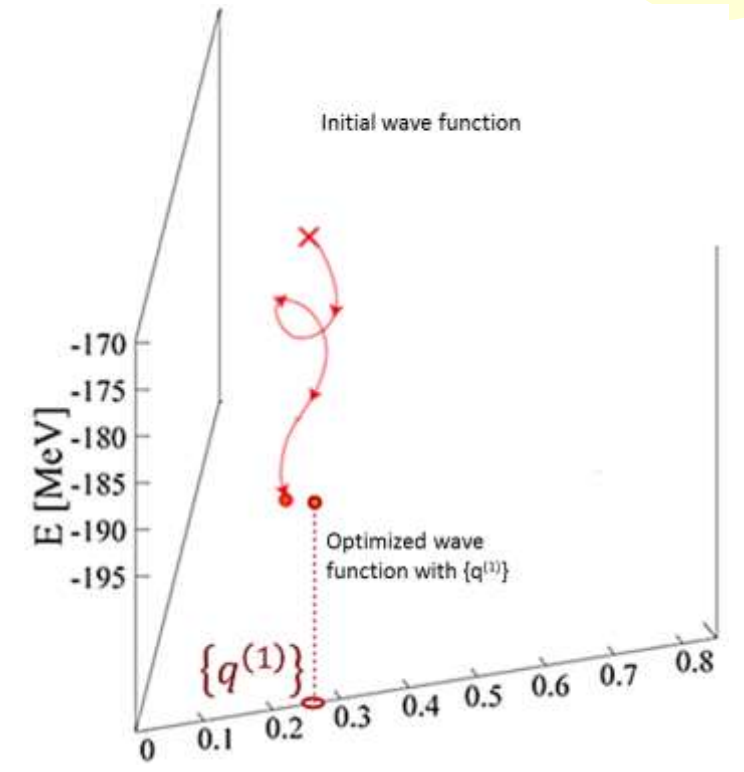
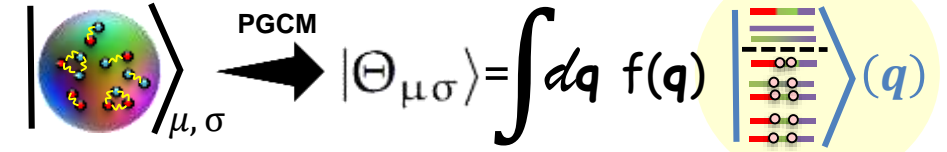
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● Post-HFB treatment : PGCM

→ Symmetry-conserving (non orthogonal) mixture of symmetry-breaking HFB vacua

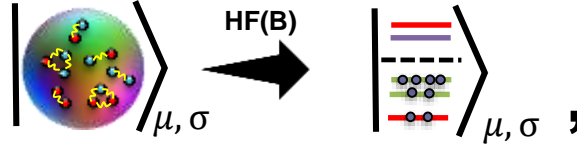


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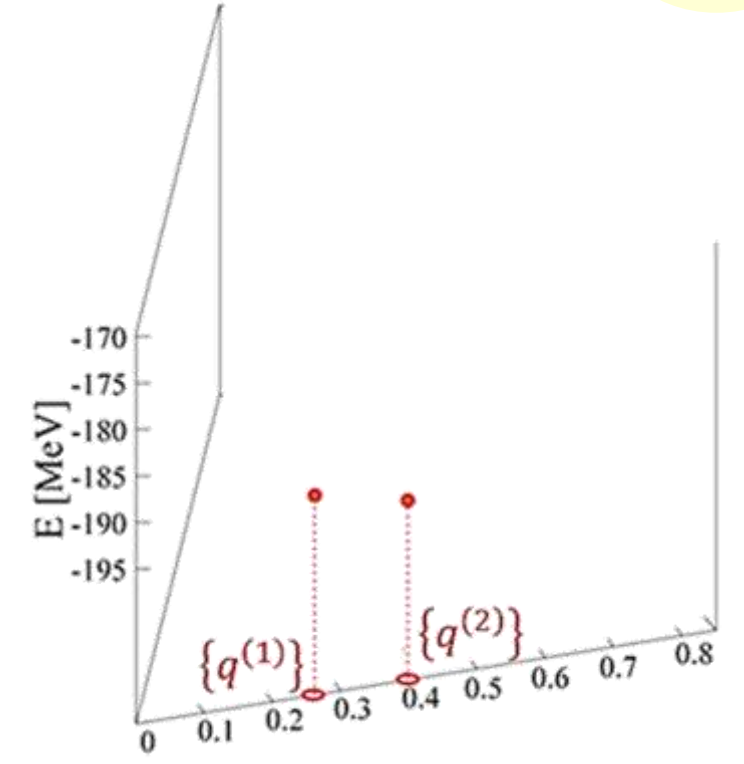
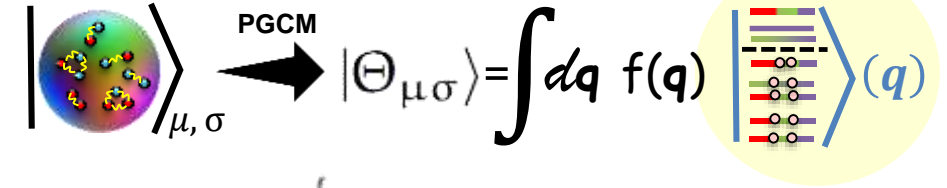
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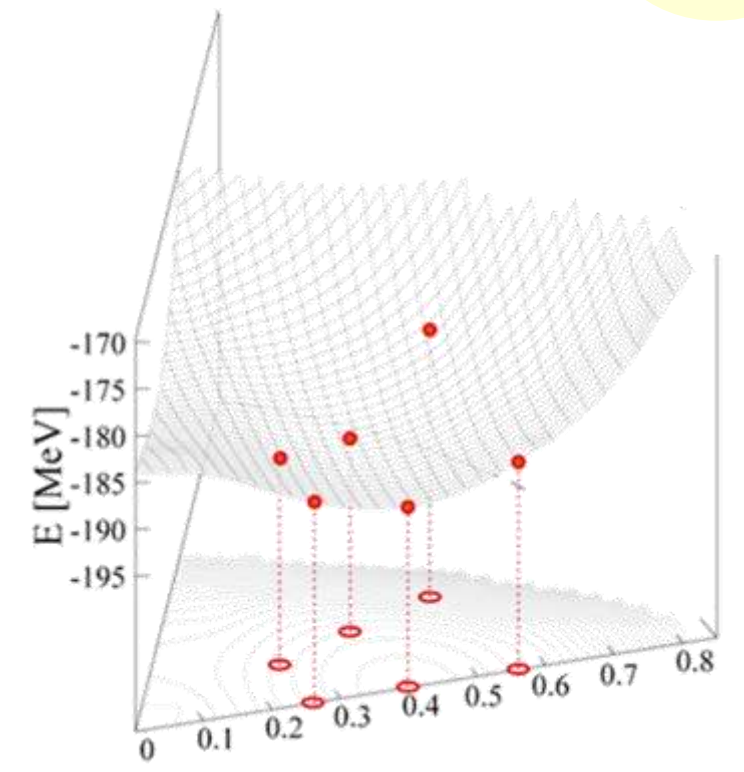
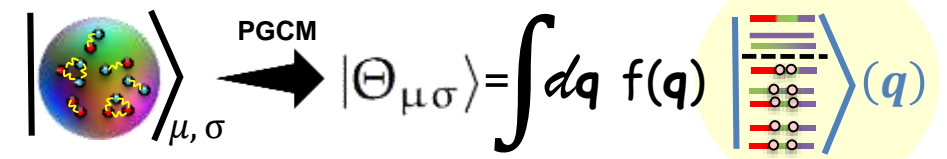
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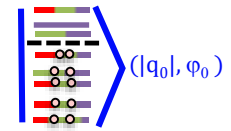
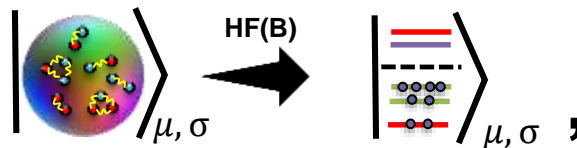


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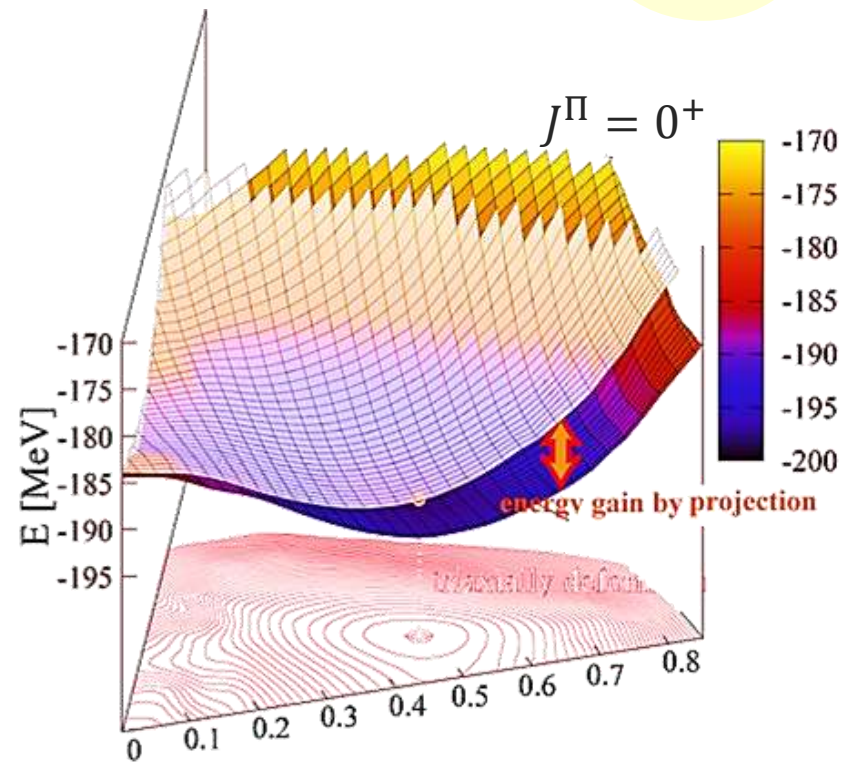
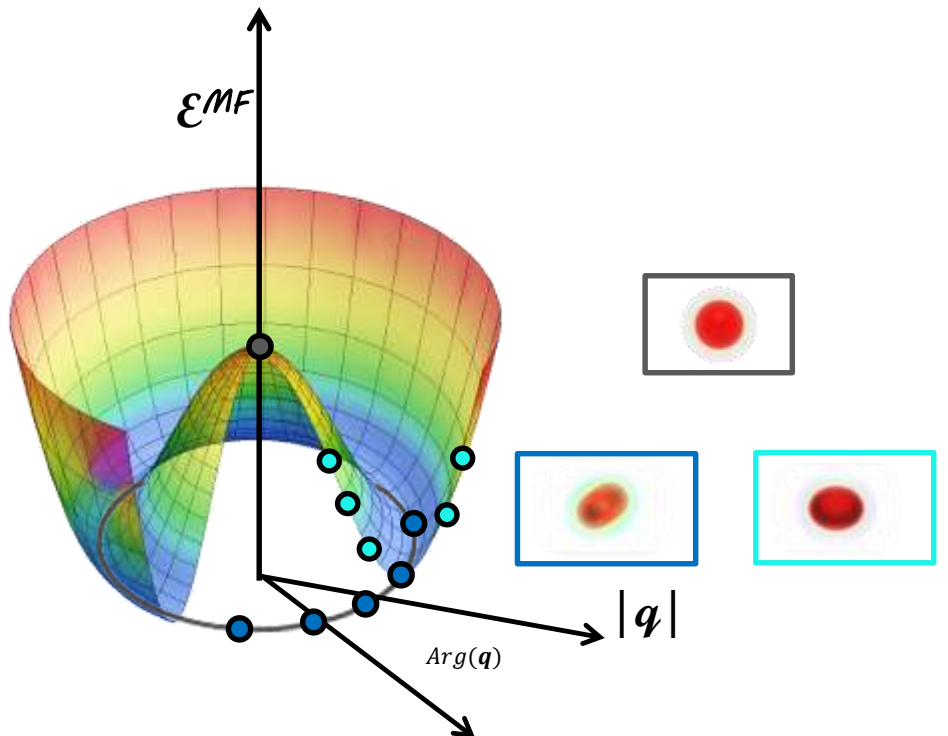


HFB constrained calculations

● Post-HFB treatment : PGCM

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$$|\mu, \sigma\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{PGCM}} |\Theta_{\mu\sigma}\rangle = \int dq f(q) |\mu, \sigma\rangle(q)$$

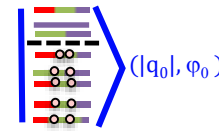
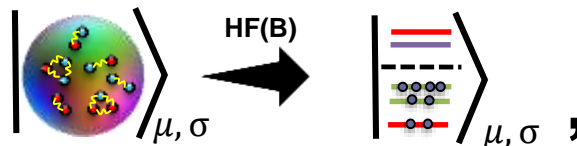


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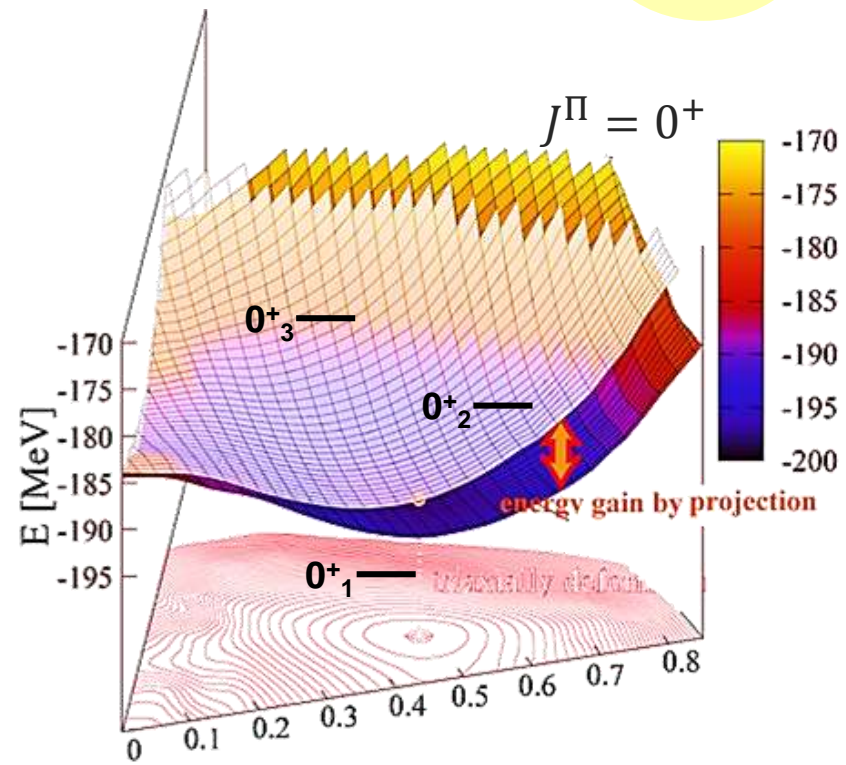
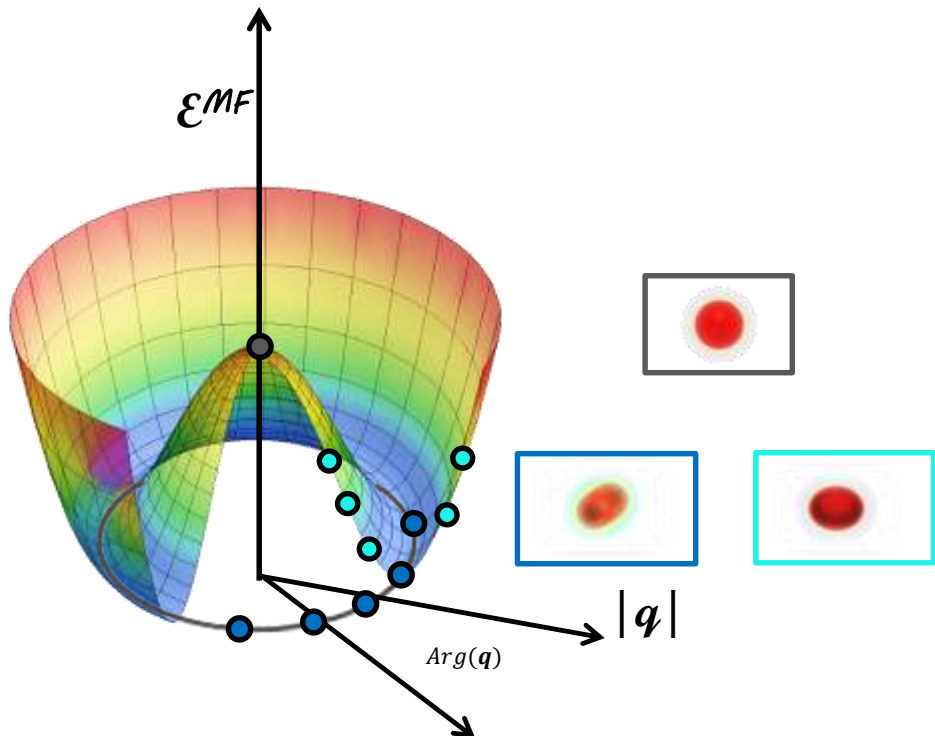
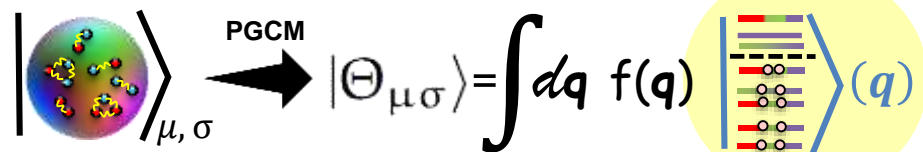
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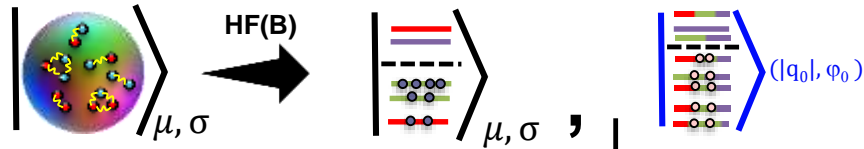


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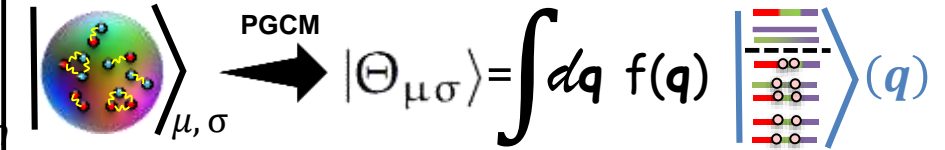
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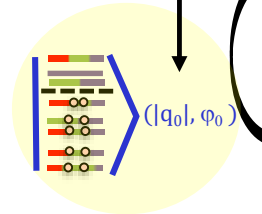
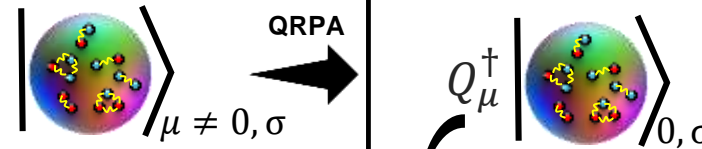
HFB calculation



● Post-HFB : QRPA

--> Excitations = coherent mixture of 2-qp excitations

--> Harmonic limit of the GCM

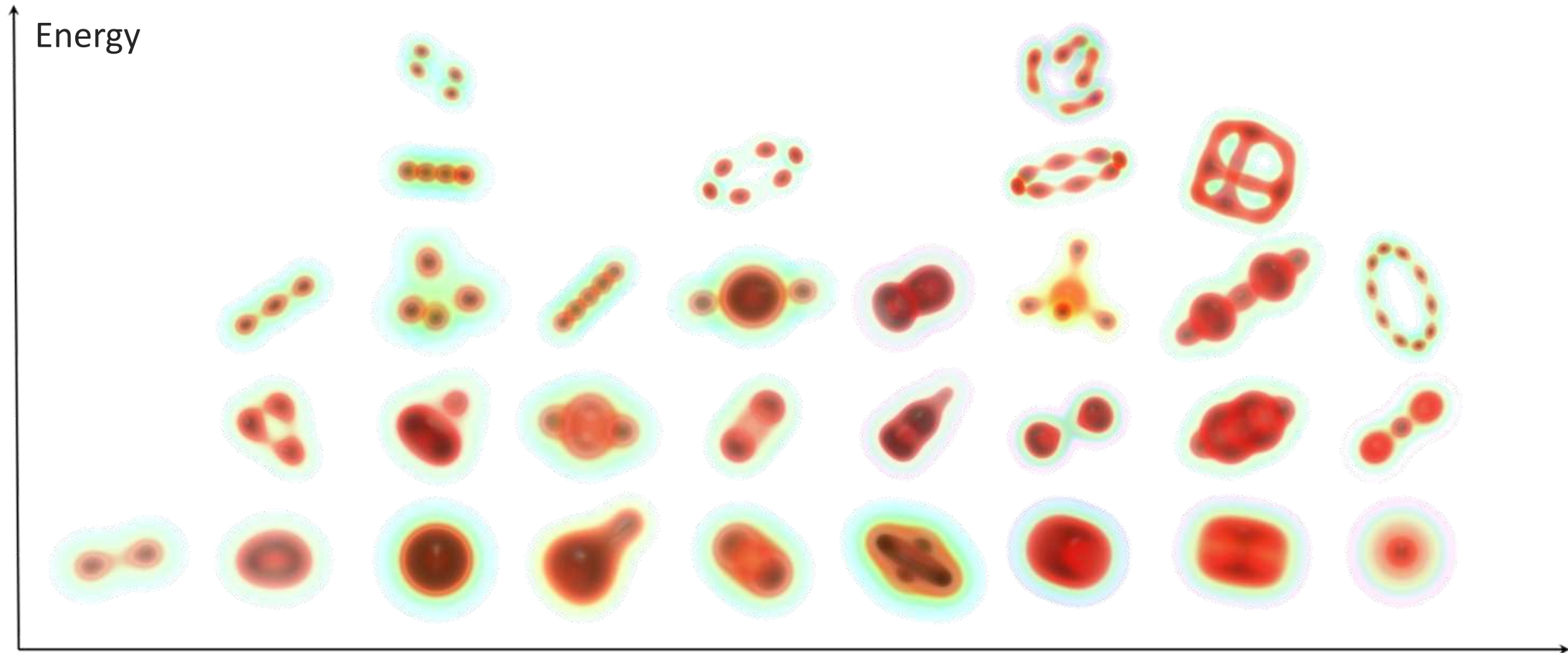


Quasi-bosonic excitation operator



Example of applications : Nuclear clustering

● Clustering = nucleons clumping together into sub-groups within the nucleus



Intrinsic densities computed within cEDF realized at the SR level (DD-ME2 parametrization)

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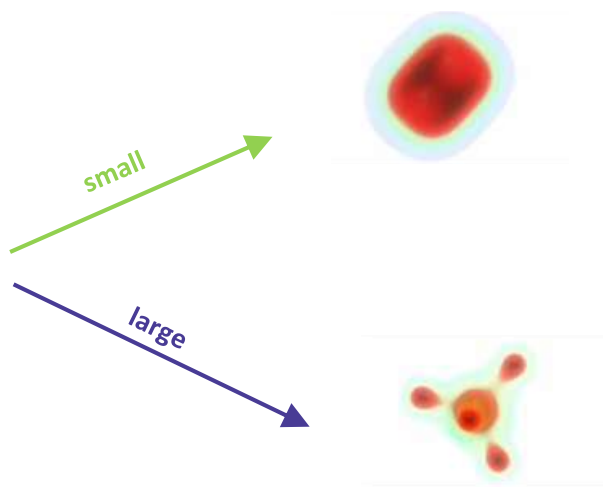
Strength of correlations



Strength of correlations measured by dimensionless ratios

$$\sqrt{\Lambda} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\langle V \rangle}{\langle T \rangle}} = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{3}{4\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} (2MU)^{\frac{1}{4}} (An)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \sim \alpha_{loc}$$

Nucleon mass Number of nucleons
Depth of the confining potential Mean density



- Clustering favored \rightarrow For deep confining potential
- \rightarrow For light nuclei
- \rightarrow In regions at low-density

Formation/dissolution of clusters : Mott parameter

Size of the nucleus X

$$\frac{R_X}{d_{Mott}^X} \sim 1 \Rightarrow n_{Mott}^X \sim \frac{\rho_{sat}}{A_X}$$

inter-nucleon average distance

$$n_{Mott}^\alpha \sim 0.25\rho_{sat}$$

$$\sim \frac{\rho_{sat}}{3}$$

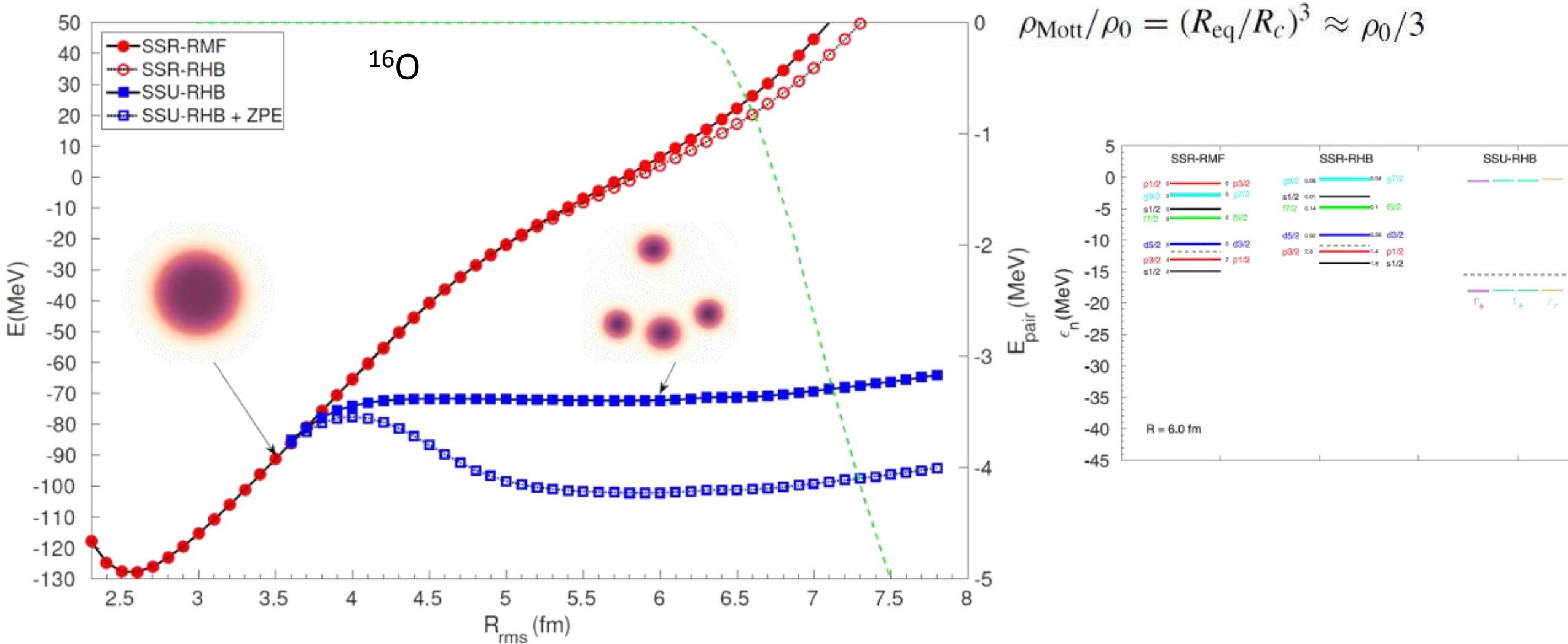
Size of an α in free-space
 0.9 size of an α in free-space

Ebran, Girod, Khan, Lasserri, Schuck, PRC 2020
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Quantum Mott-like phase transition



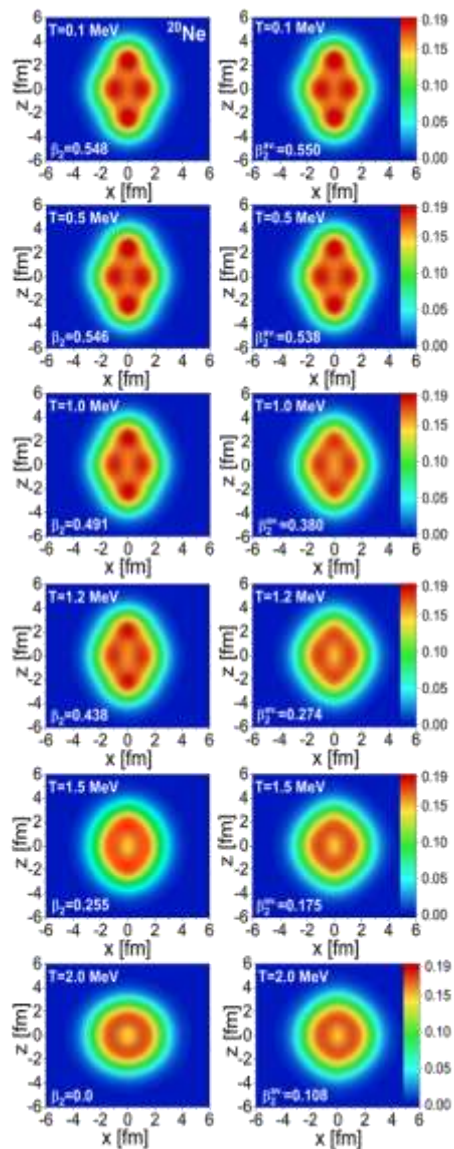
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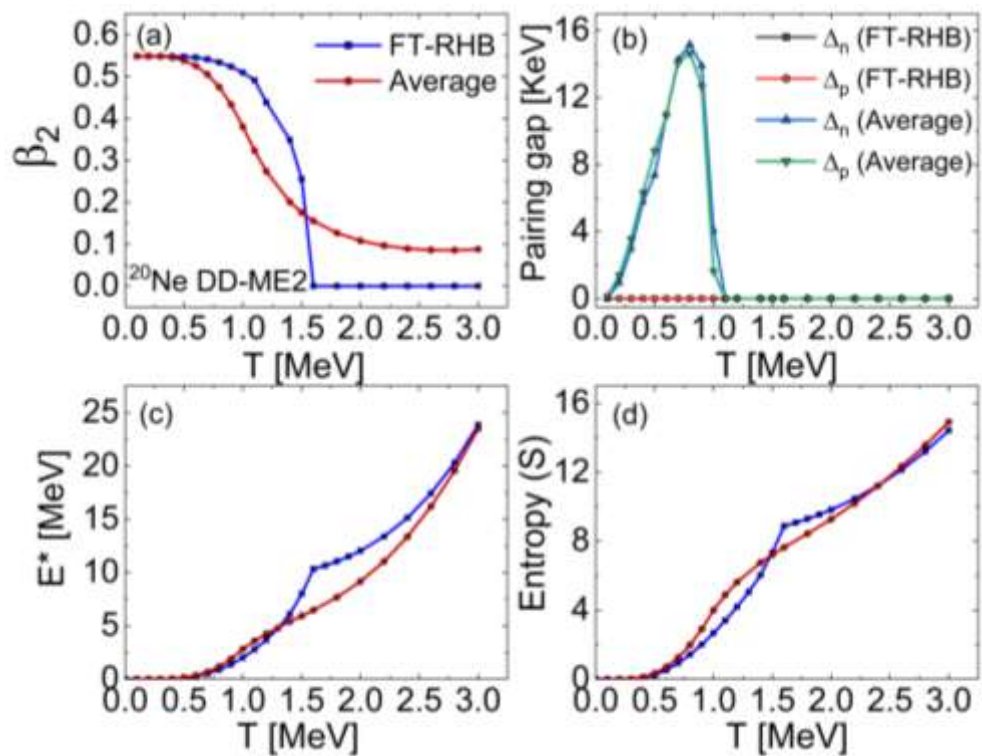
Thermal phase transition



- Isotropically inflate ^{16}O by constraining its r.m.s. radius while imposing a global quadrupole moment to be zero



$$\bar{O} = \frac{\int d\beta_2 O(\beta_2, T) \exp(-\Delta F(\beta_2, T)/T)}{\int d\beta_2 \exp(-\Delta F(\beta_2, T)/T)}$$



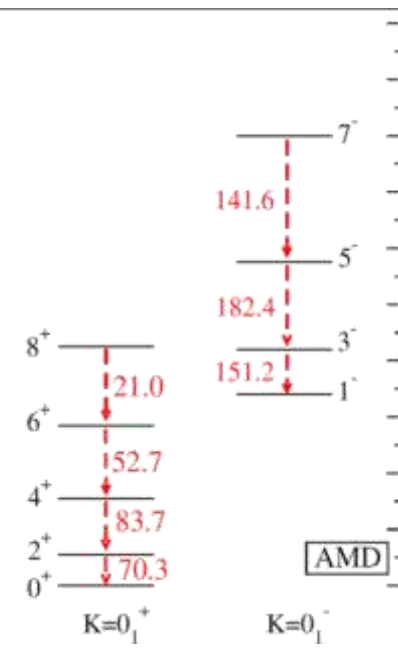
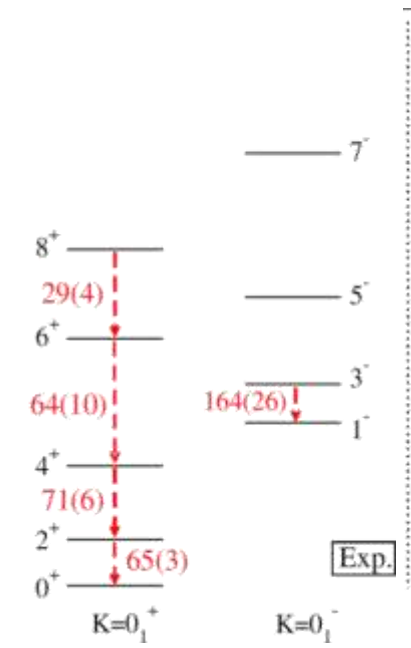
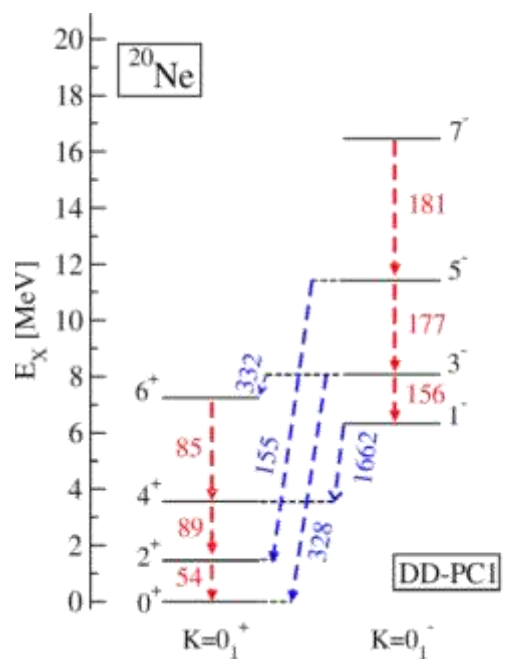
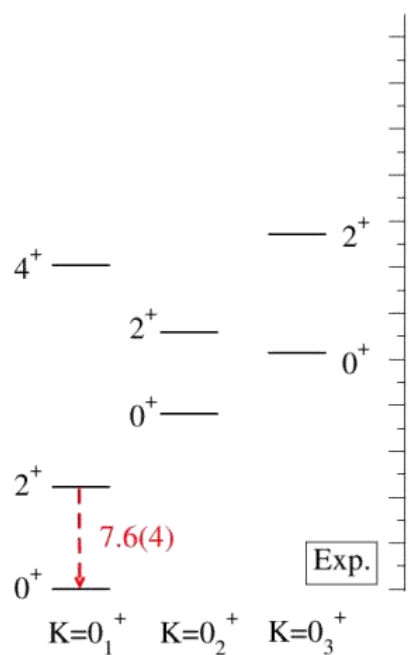
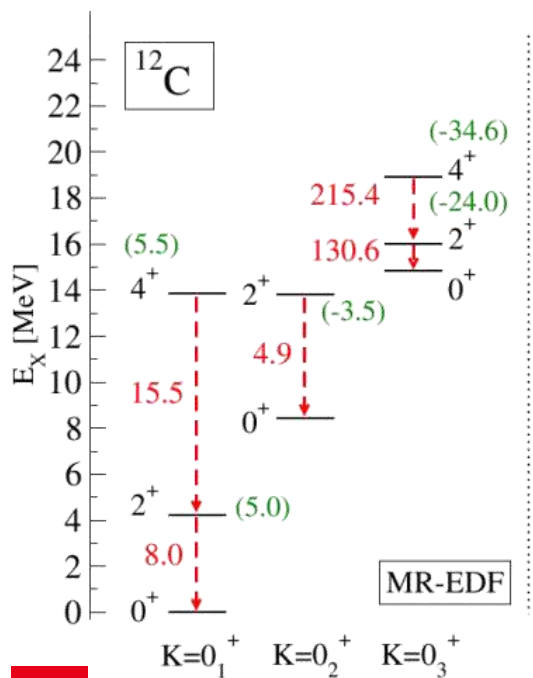
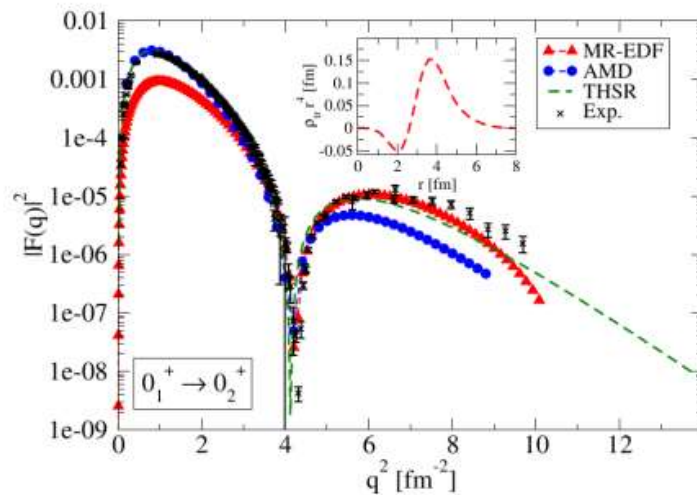
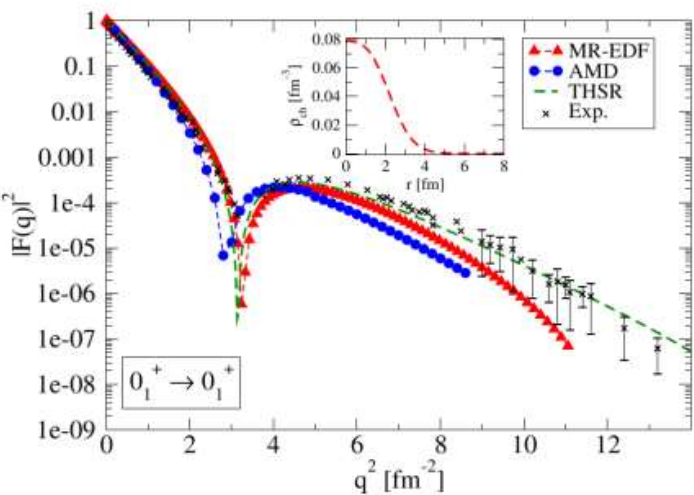
Yüksel, Mercier, Ebran, Khan PRC 2022

Nuclear clustering & PGCM



● Spectroscopy

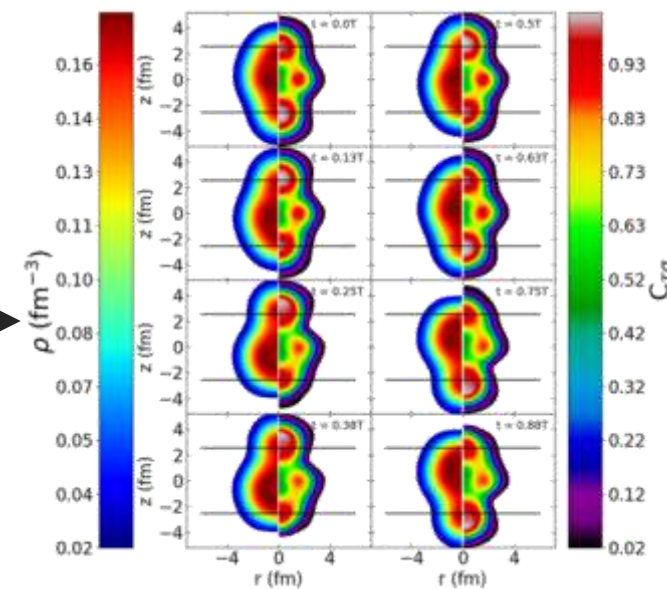
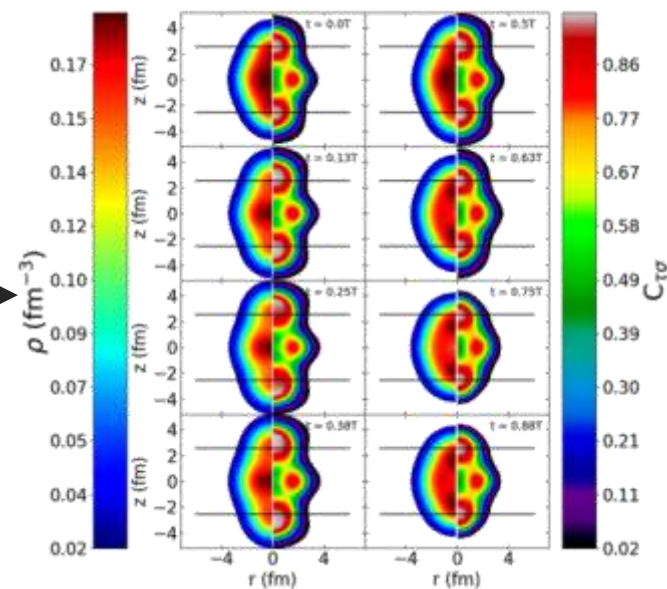
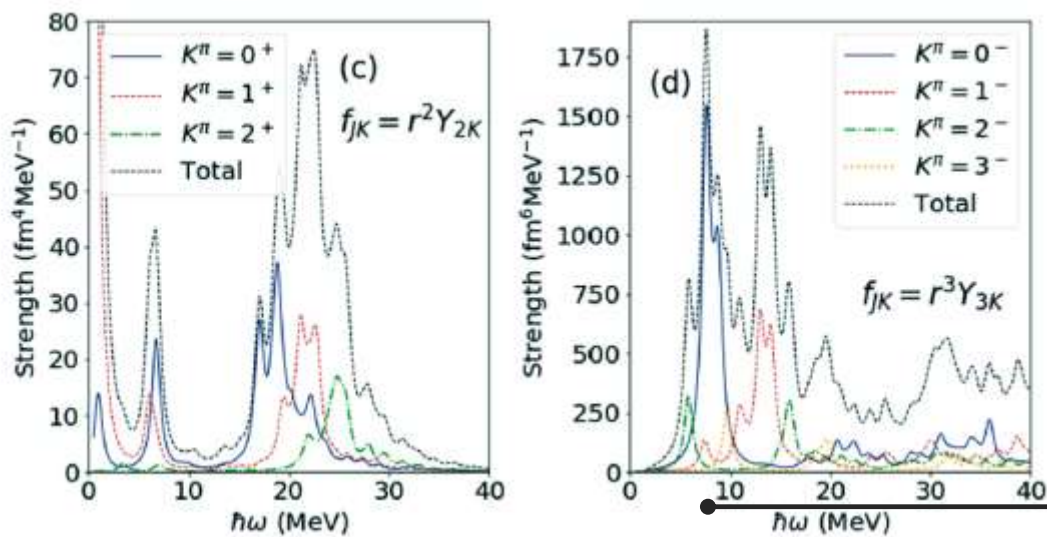
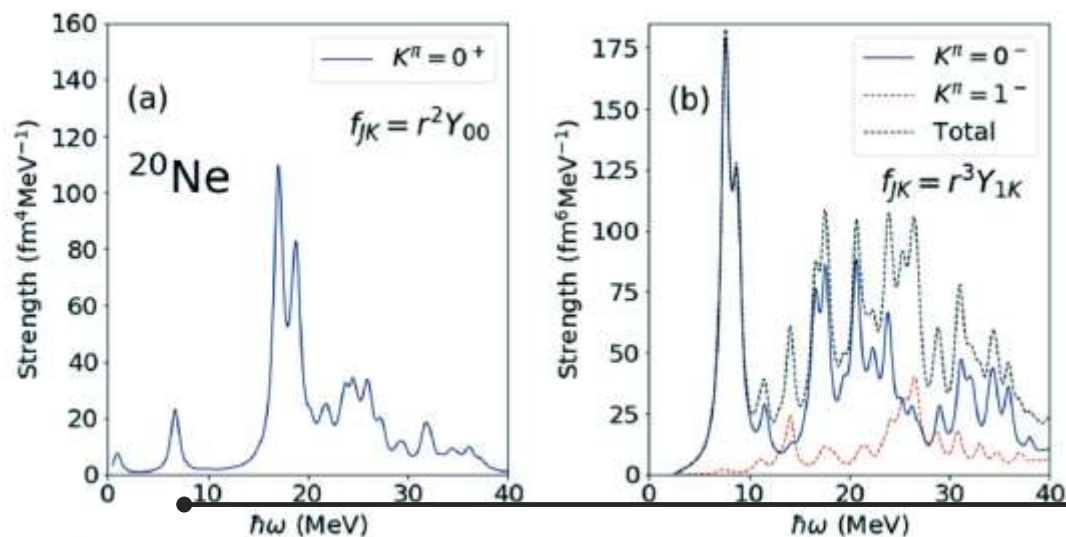
Marević, Ebran, Khan, Nikšić, and Vretenar, 2019



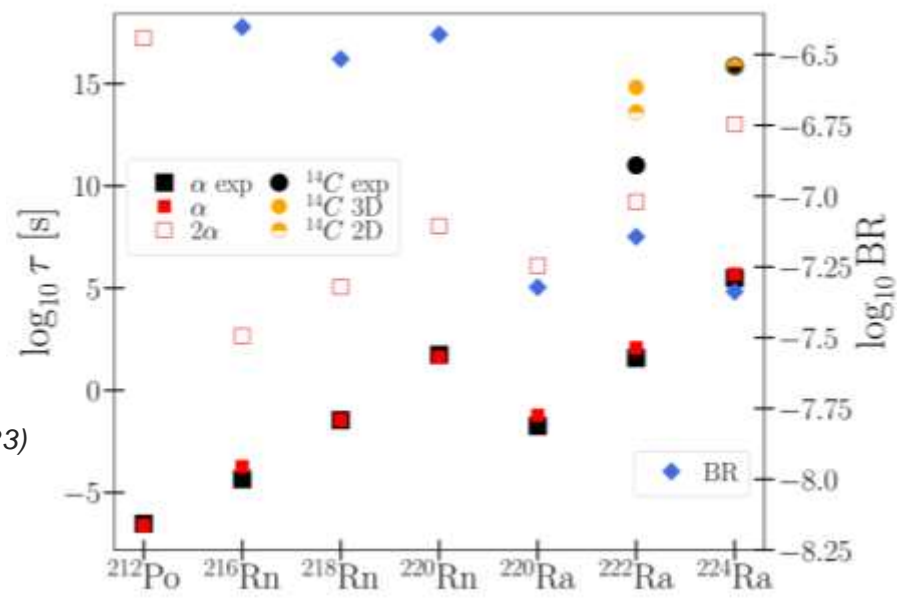
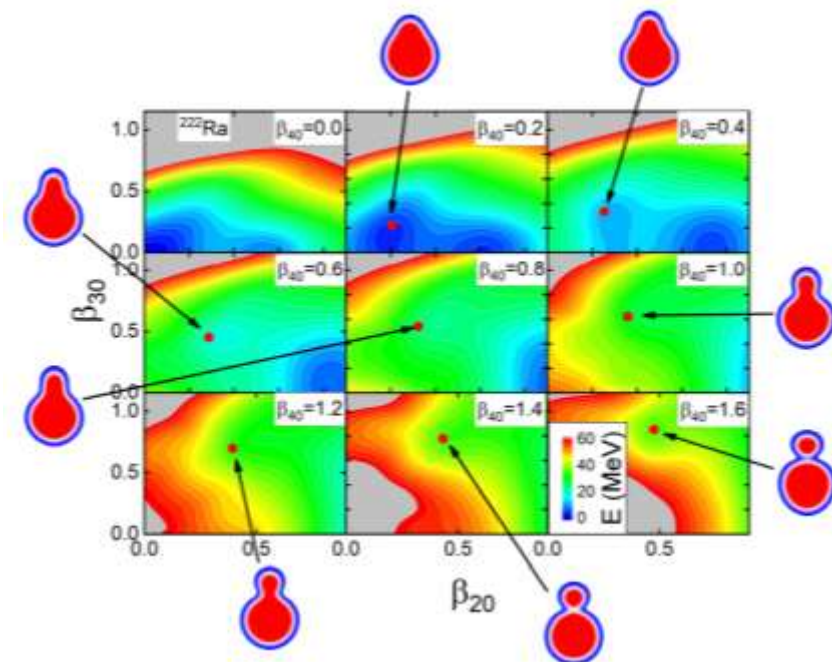
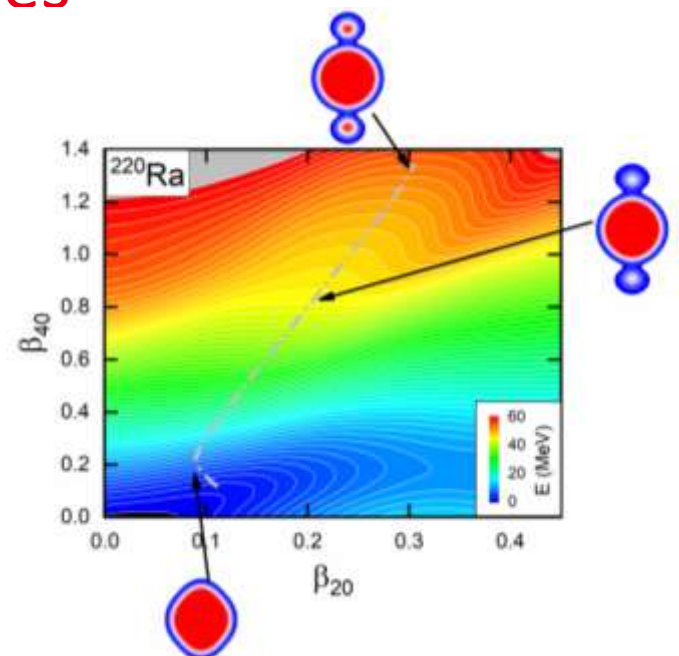
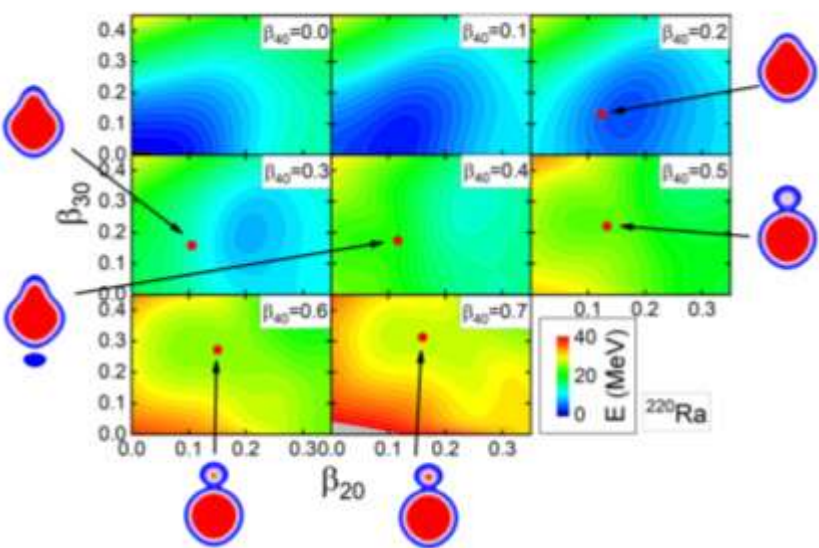
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Cluster vibration

Mercier, Bjelčić, Nikšić, Ebran, Khan, Vretenar 2021
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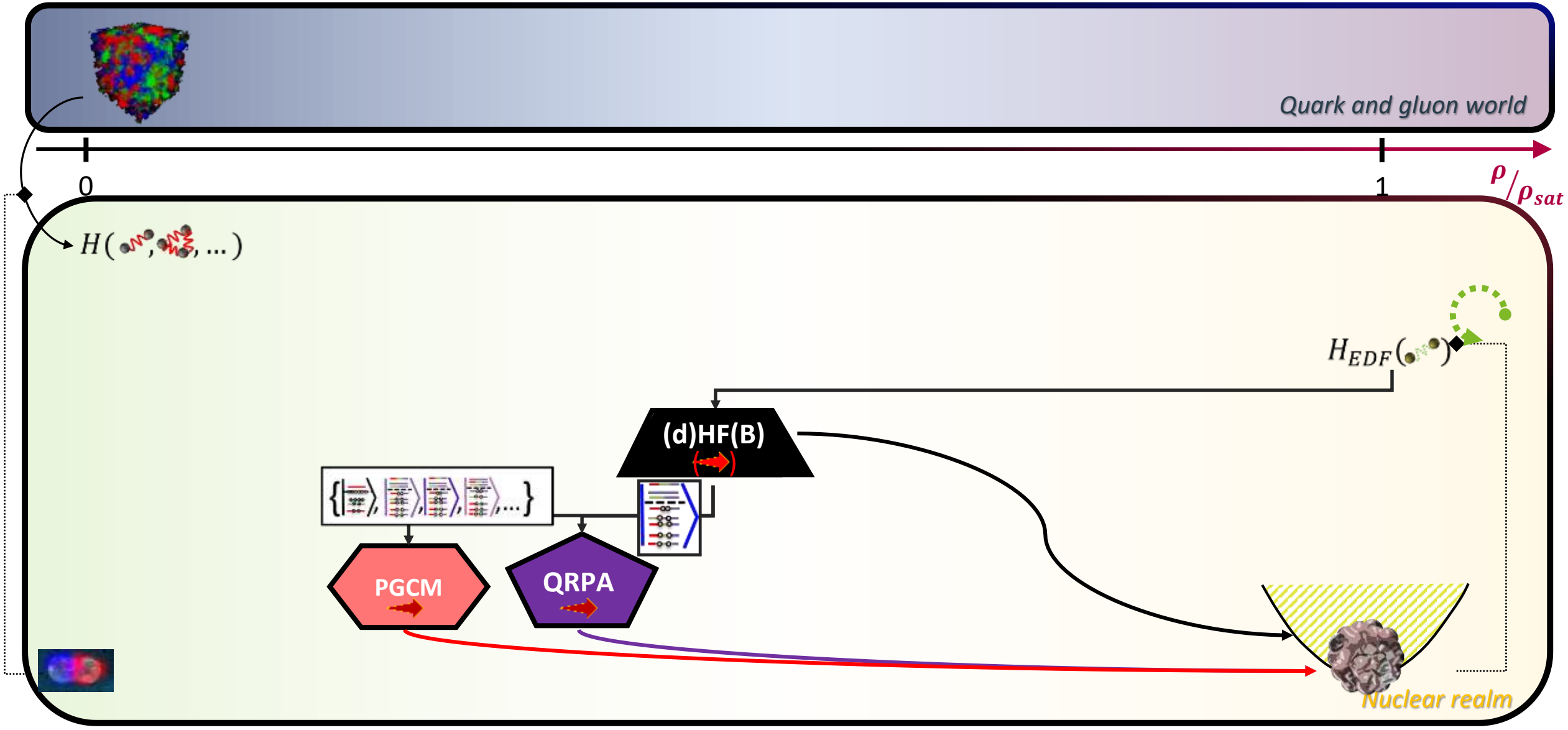


Cluster, α and 2α radioactivities



Zhao, Ebran, Heitz, Khan, Mercier, Nikšić, Vretenar PRC (2023)
 Mercier, Zhao, Ebran, Khan, Nikšić, Vretenar PRL (2021)

EDF workflow



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3 ■ **EDF-inspired ab initio methods**

Ab initio strategy



⦿ Solve in a controlled way, to some desired accuracy $H(\dots)|\Psi_{\mu,\sigma}\rangle = E_{\mu\sigma} |\Psi_{\mu,\sigma}\rangle$

Which part of correlations should be treated here ?

--> Ab initio WFT : Expansion many-body methods

$$H = H_0 + H_1$$

$|\Phi\rangle$
 $|\Psi\rangle = \Omega|\Phi\rangle$

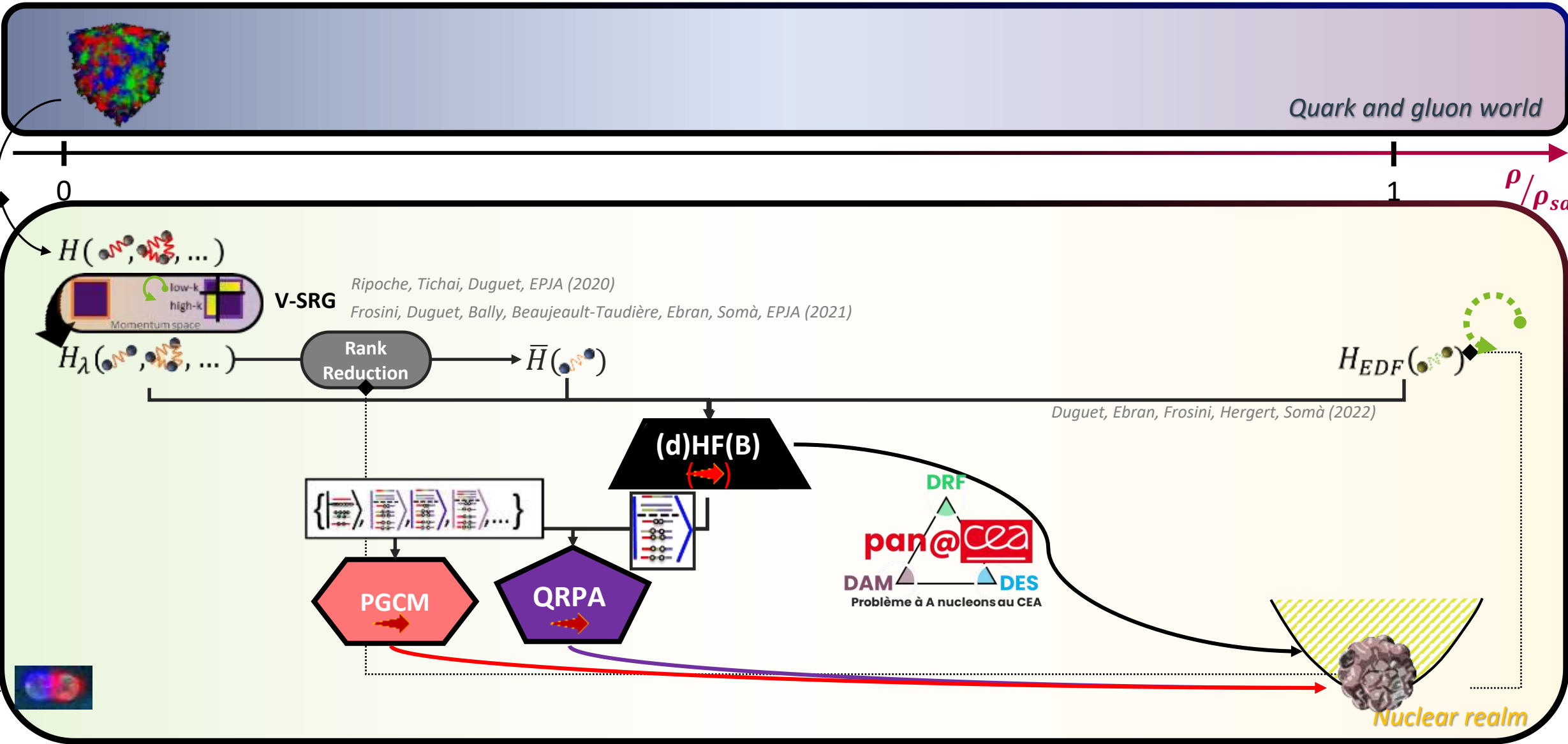
--> Get inspiration from EDFs to design new expansion methods working for both closed- and open-shell nuclei

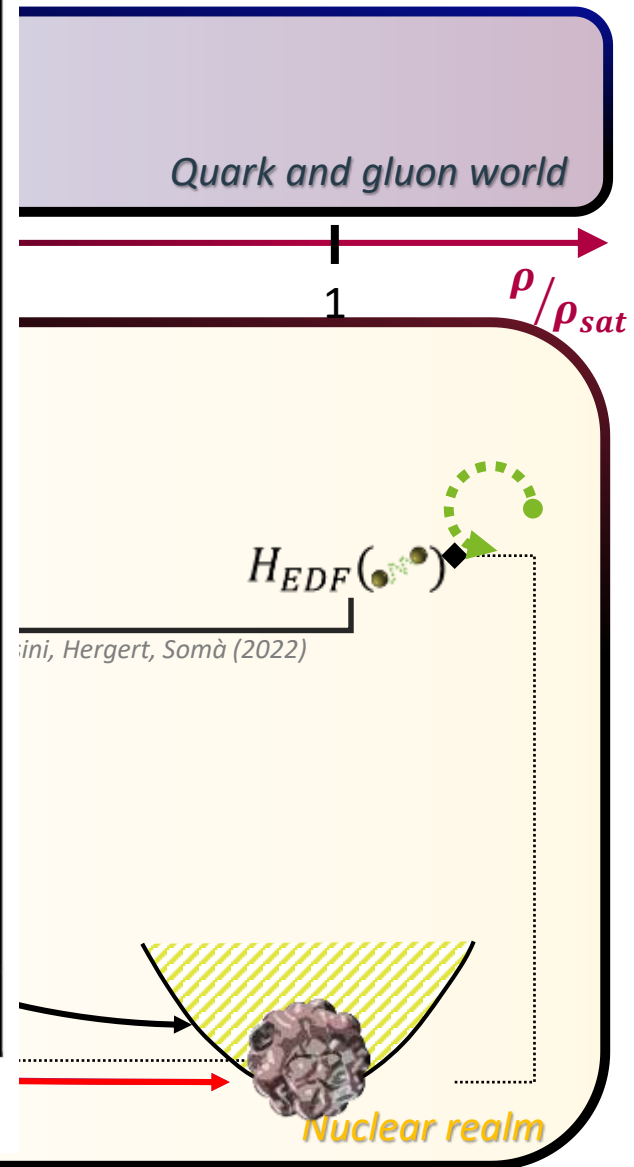
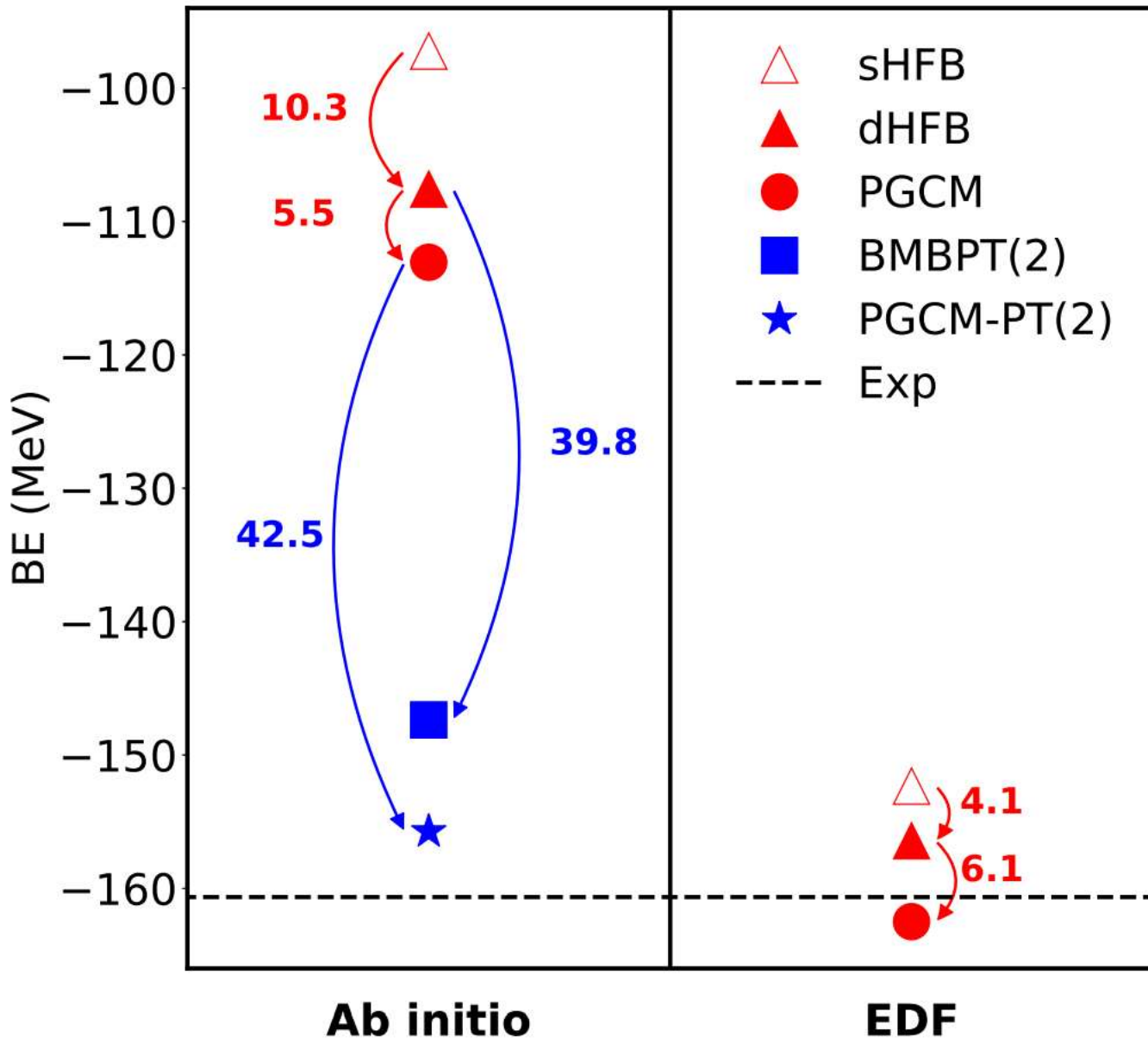
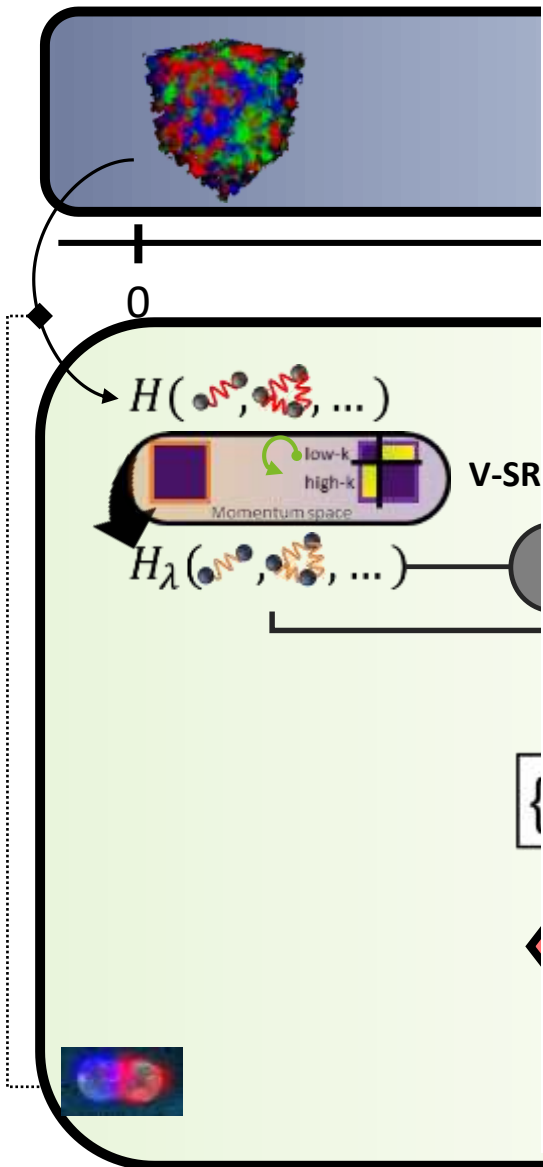
Pioneering work by T. Duguet

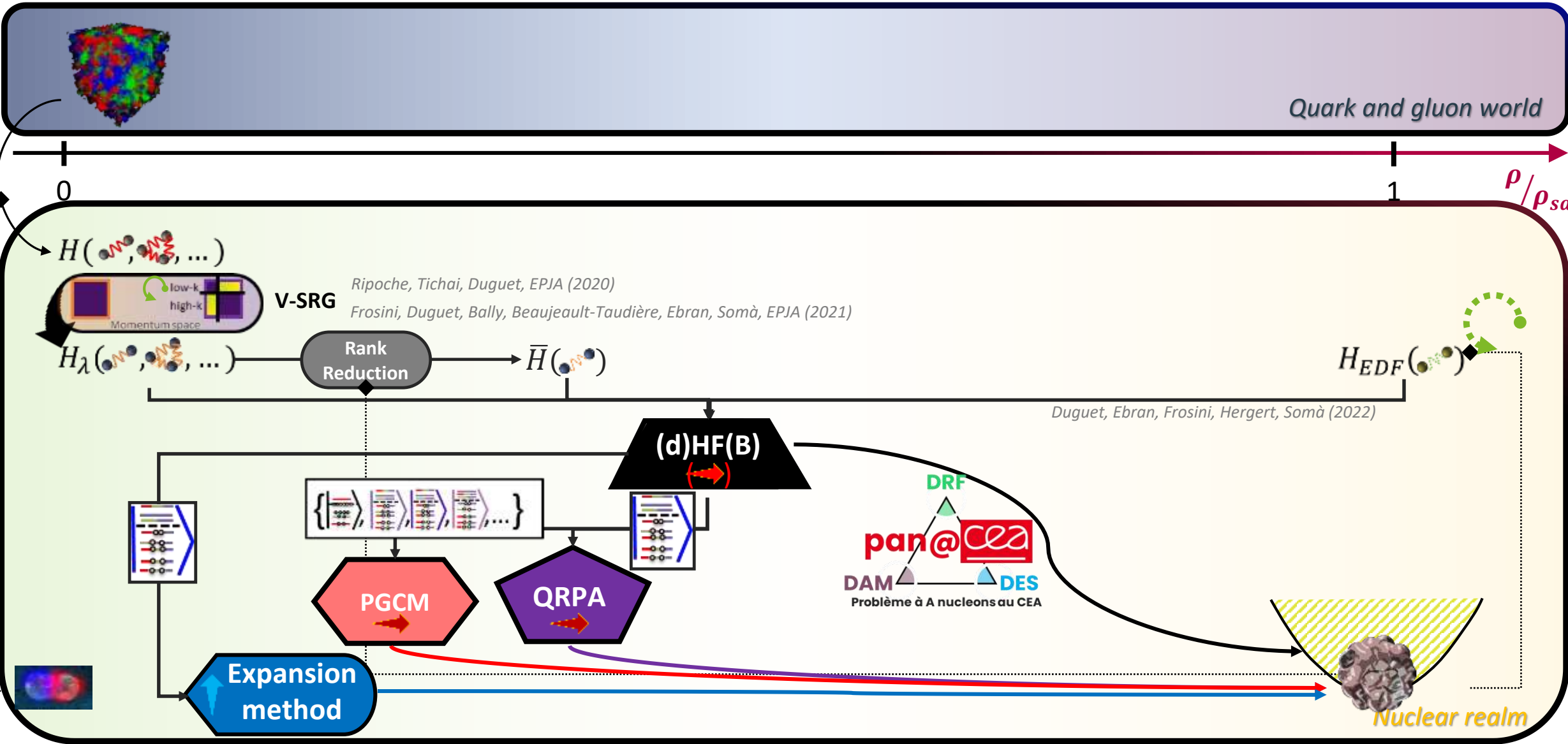


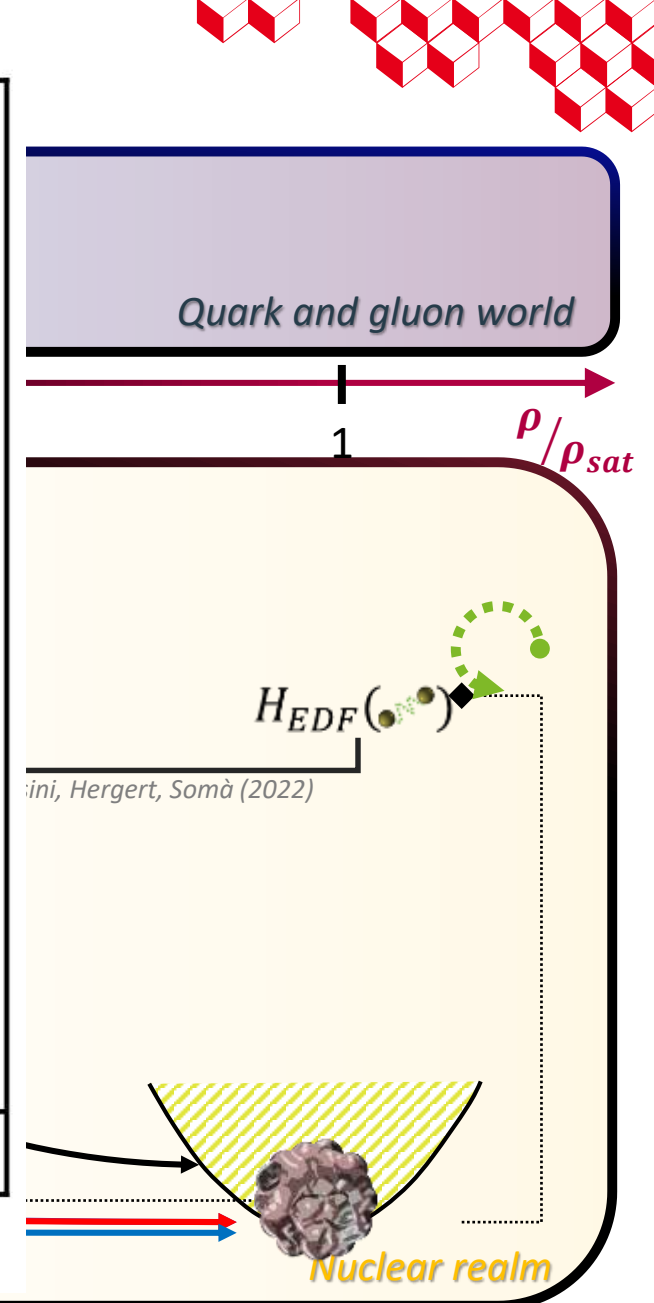
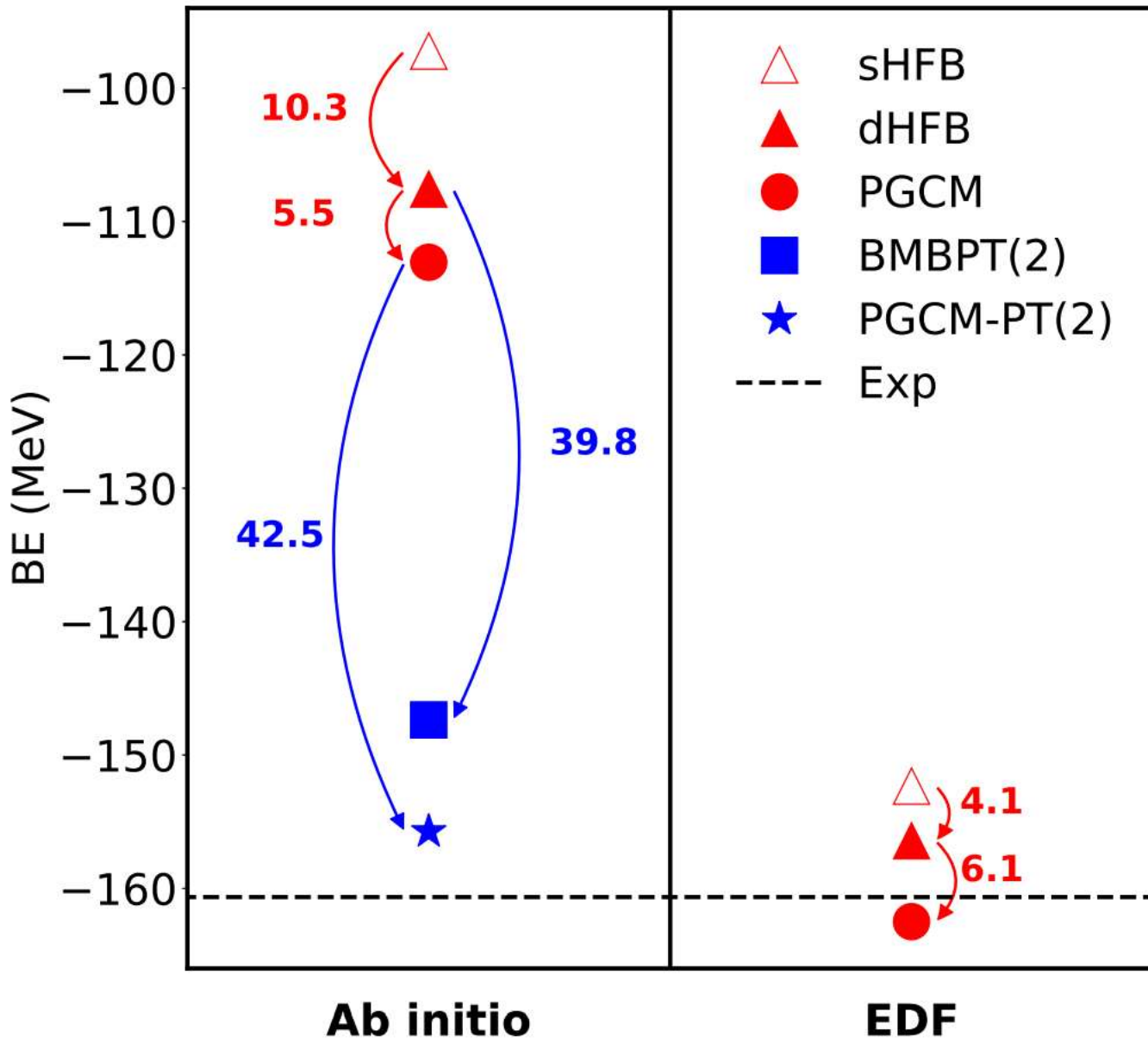
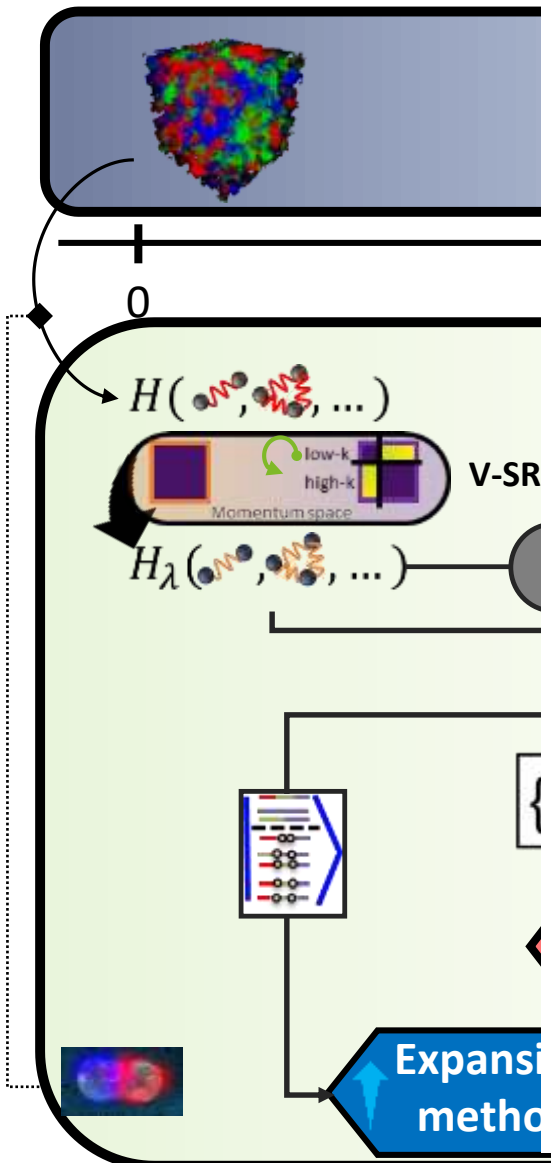
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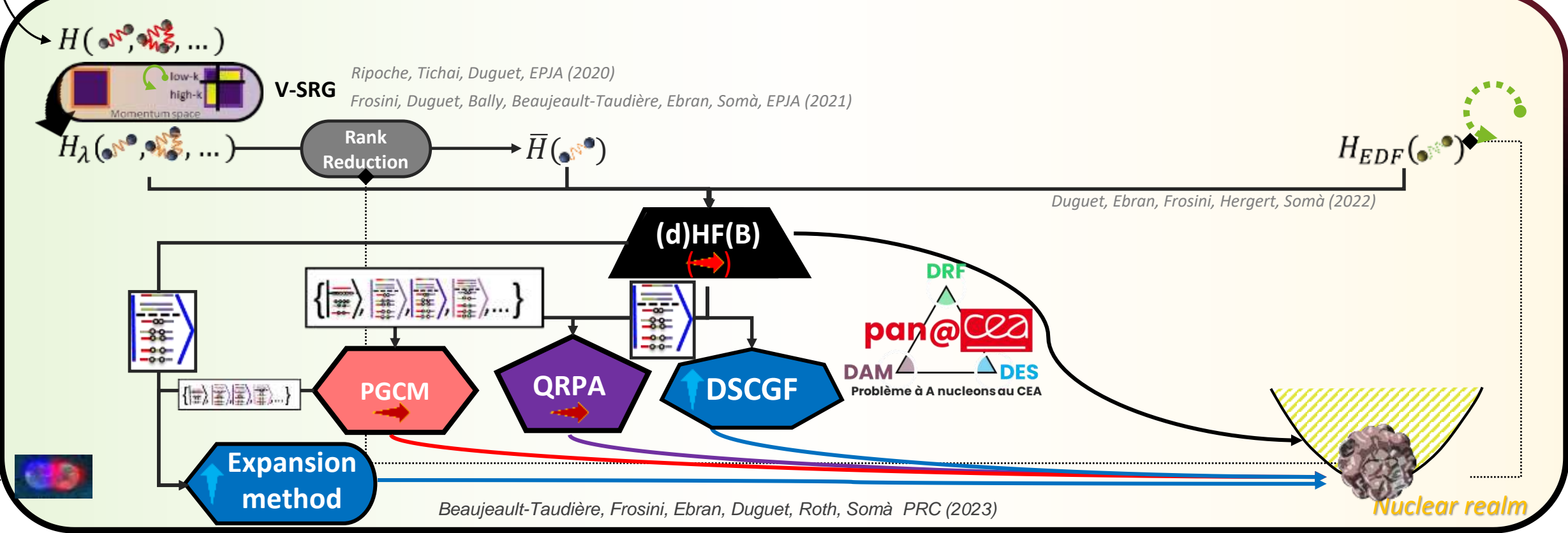








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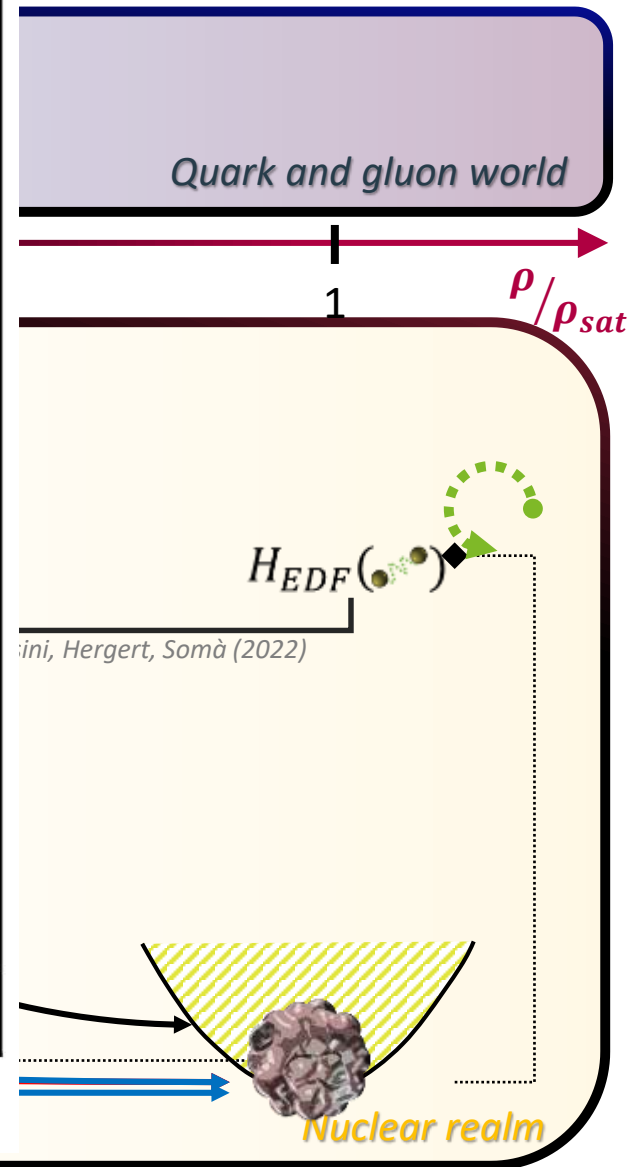
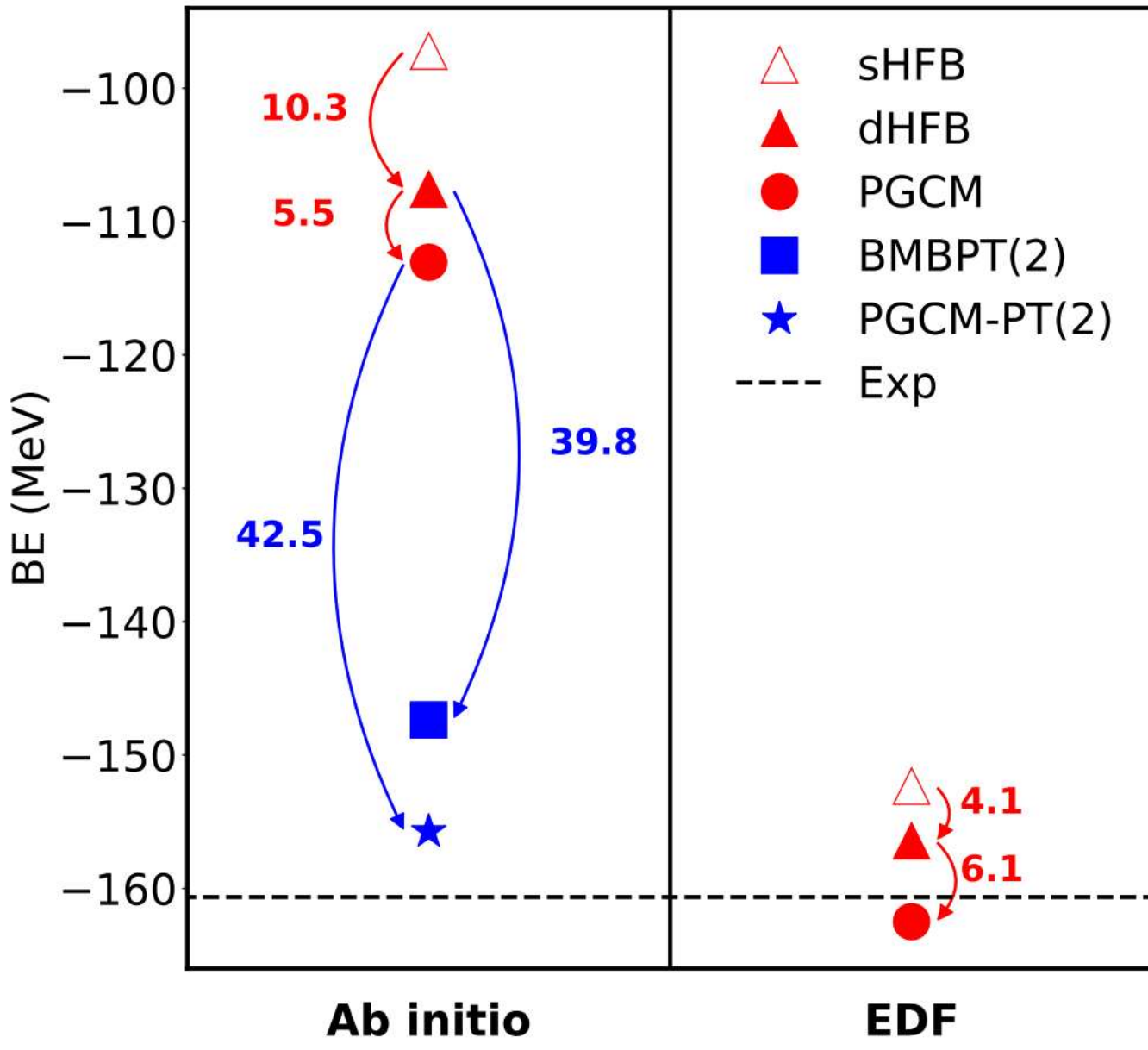
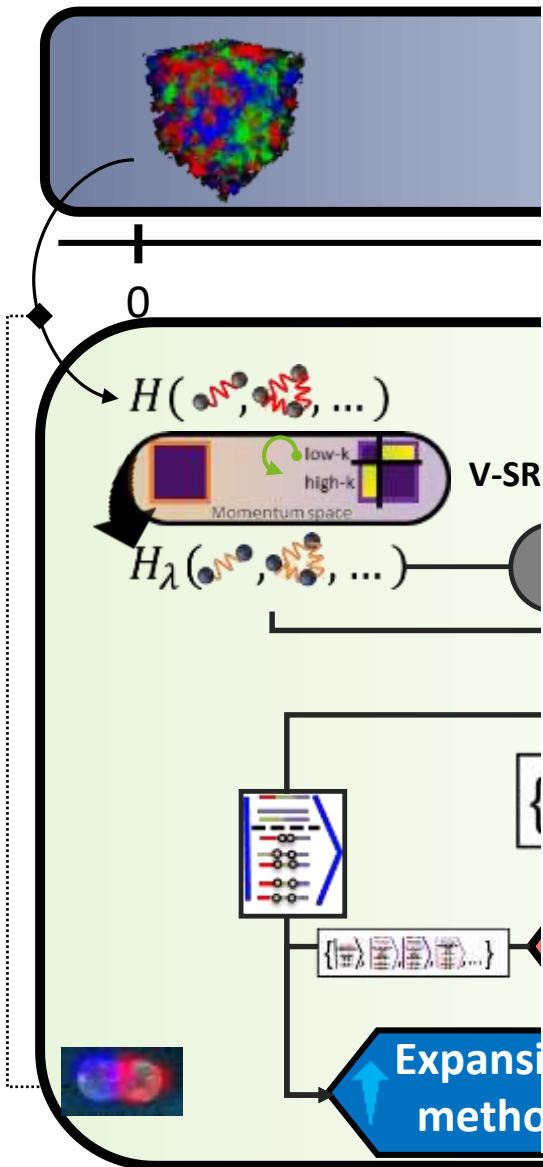


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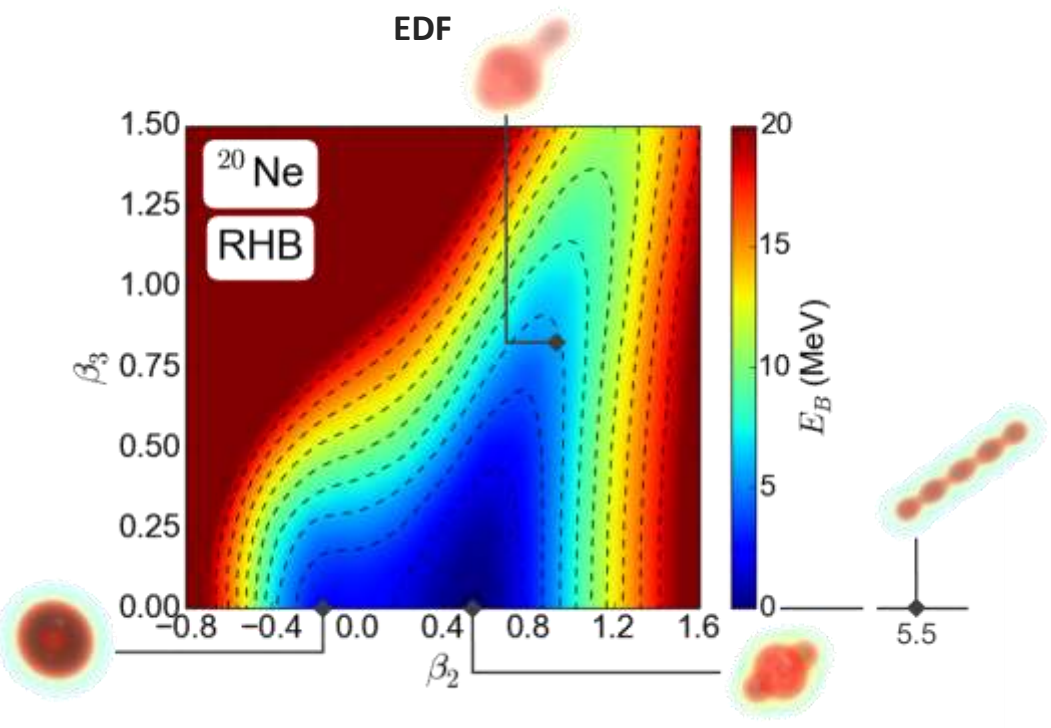
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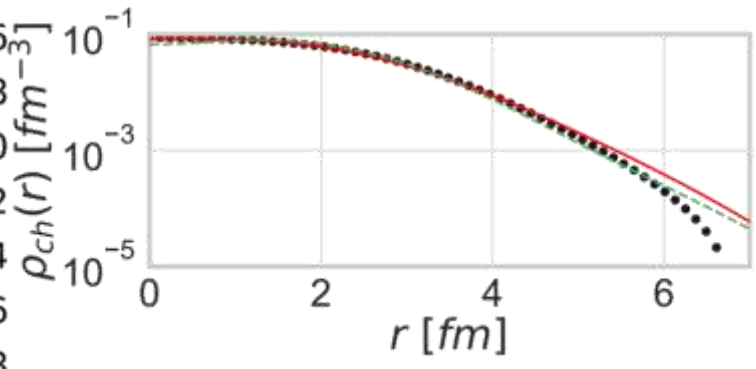
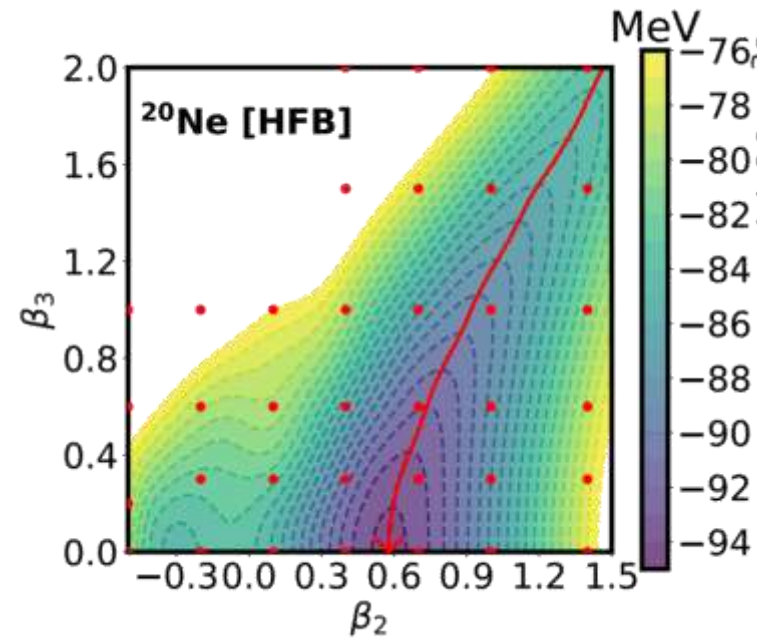
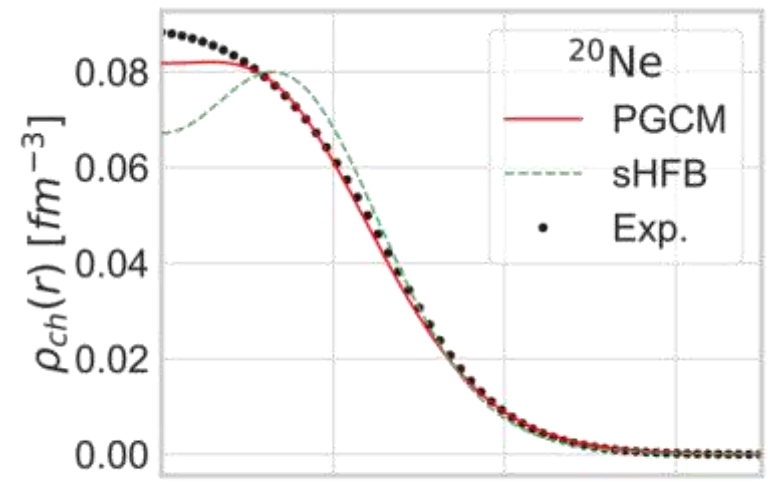
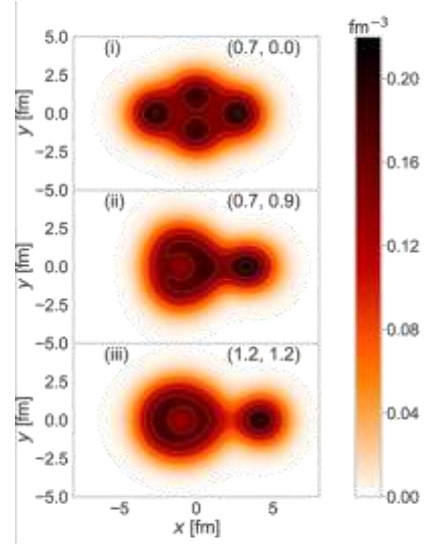


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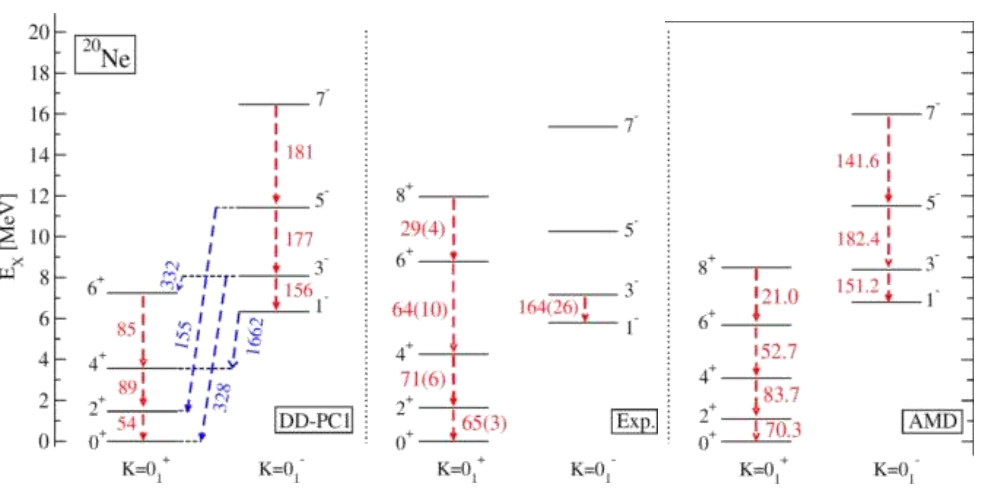


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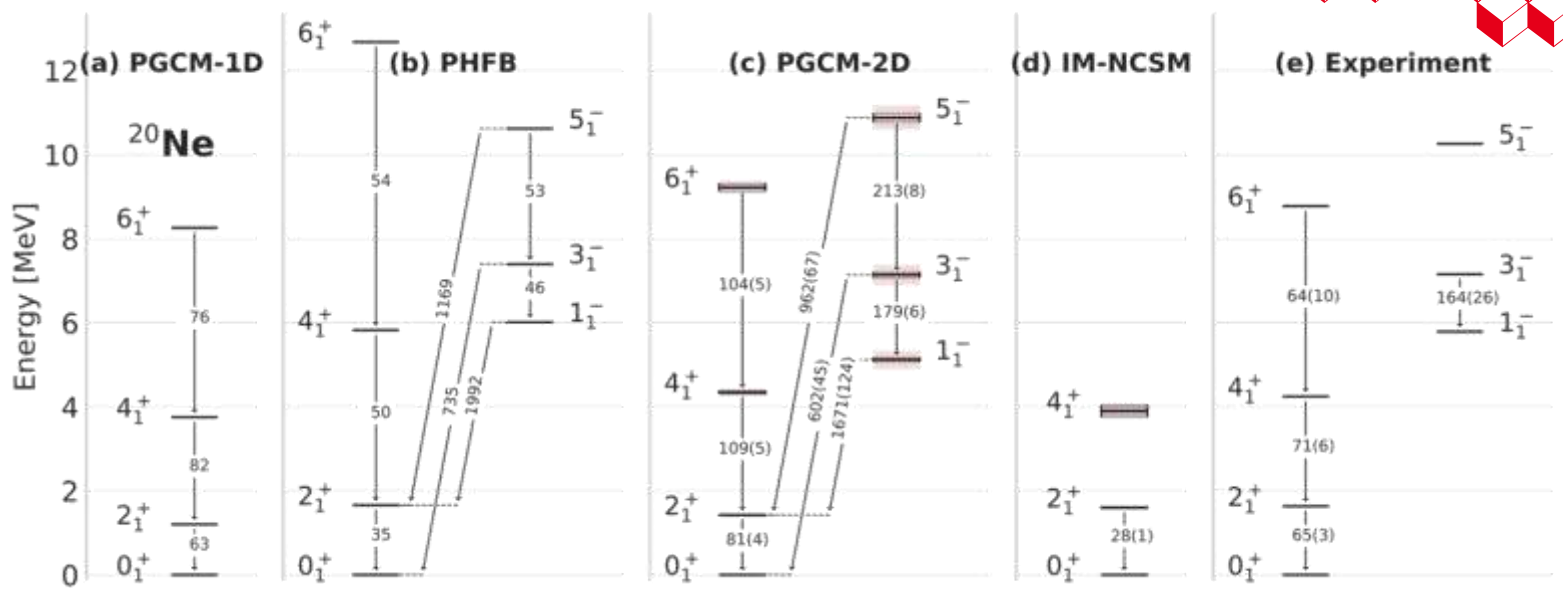
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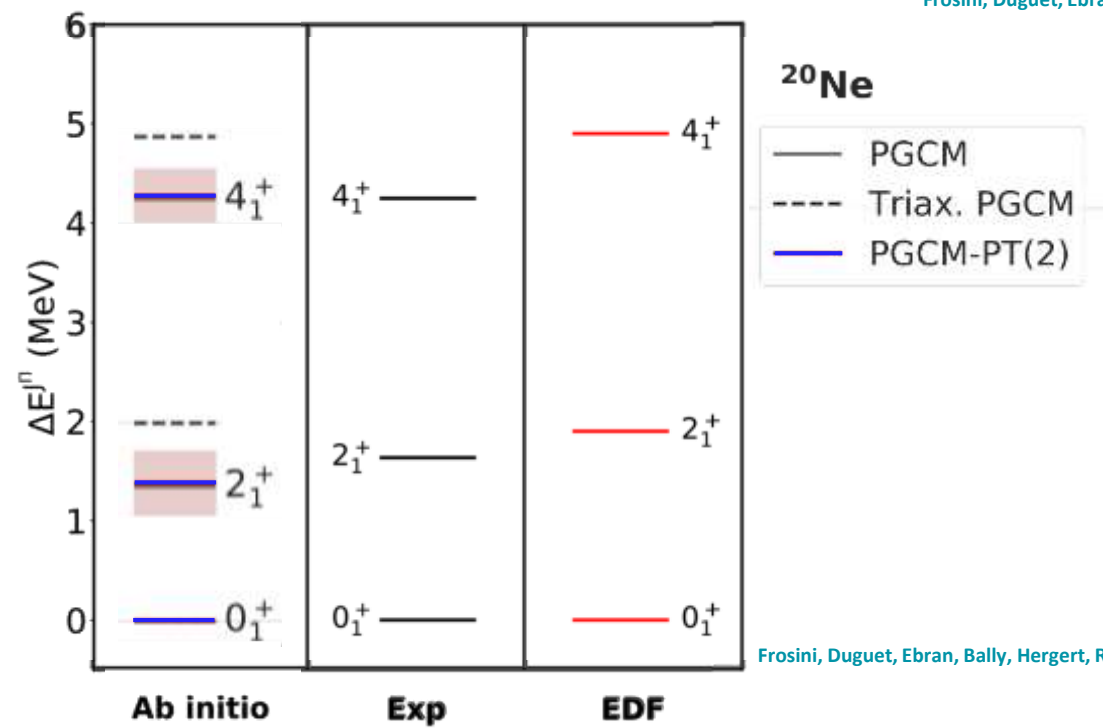
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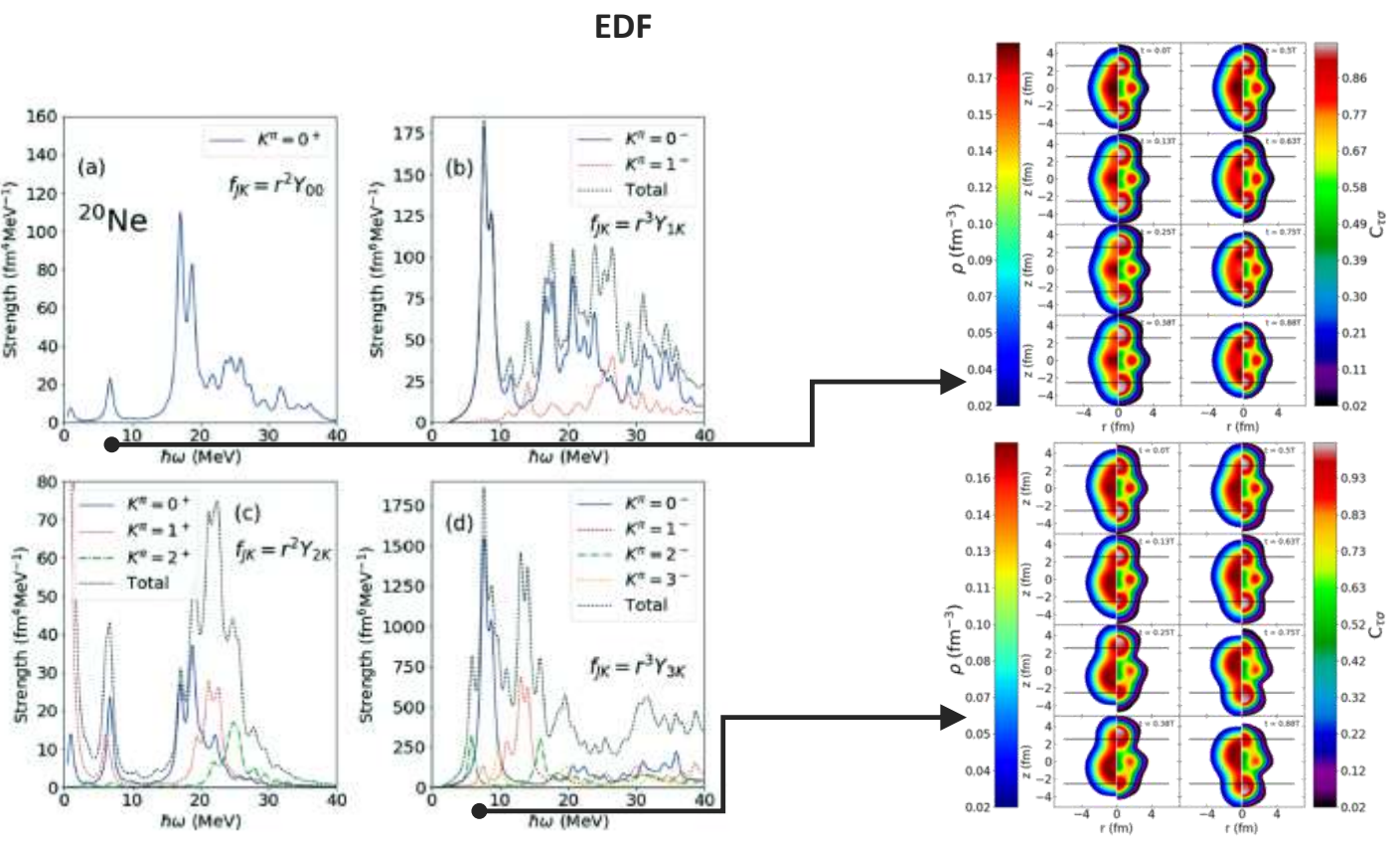


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Cluster vibration

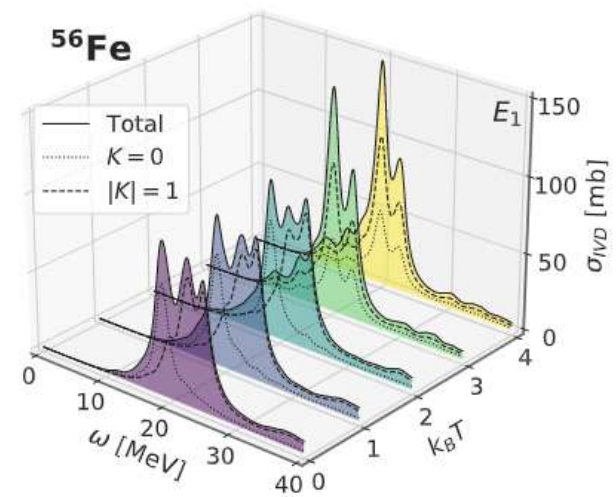
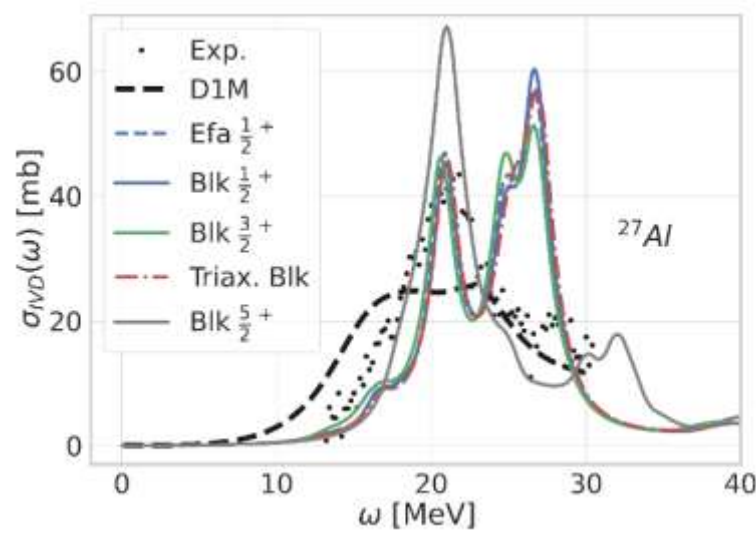
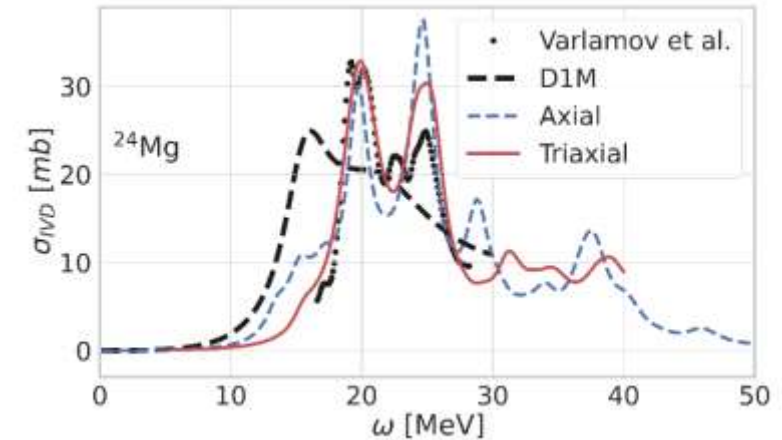
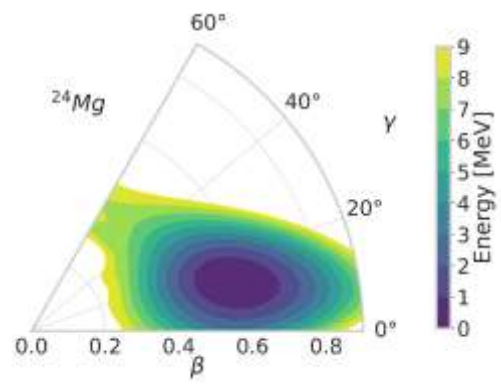
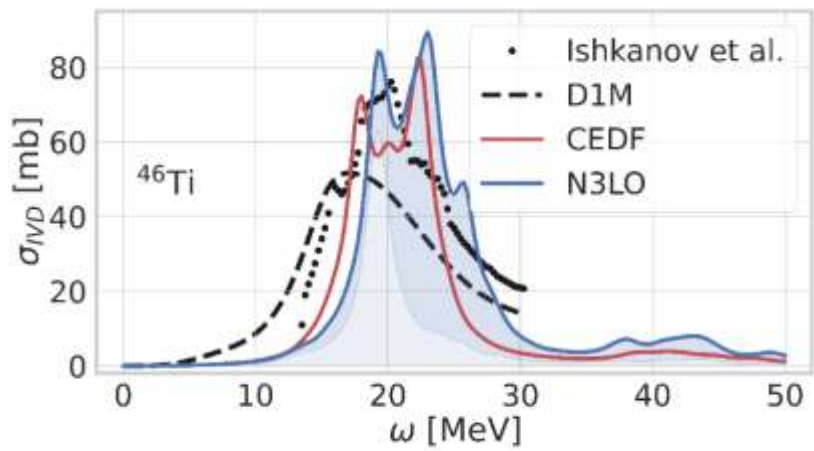


Ab initio QFAM time-dependent intrinsic density
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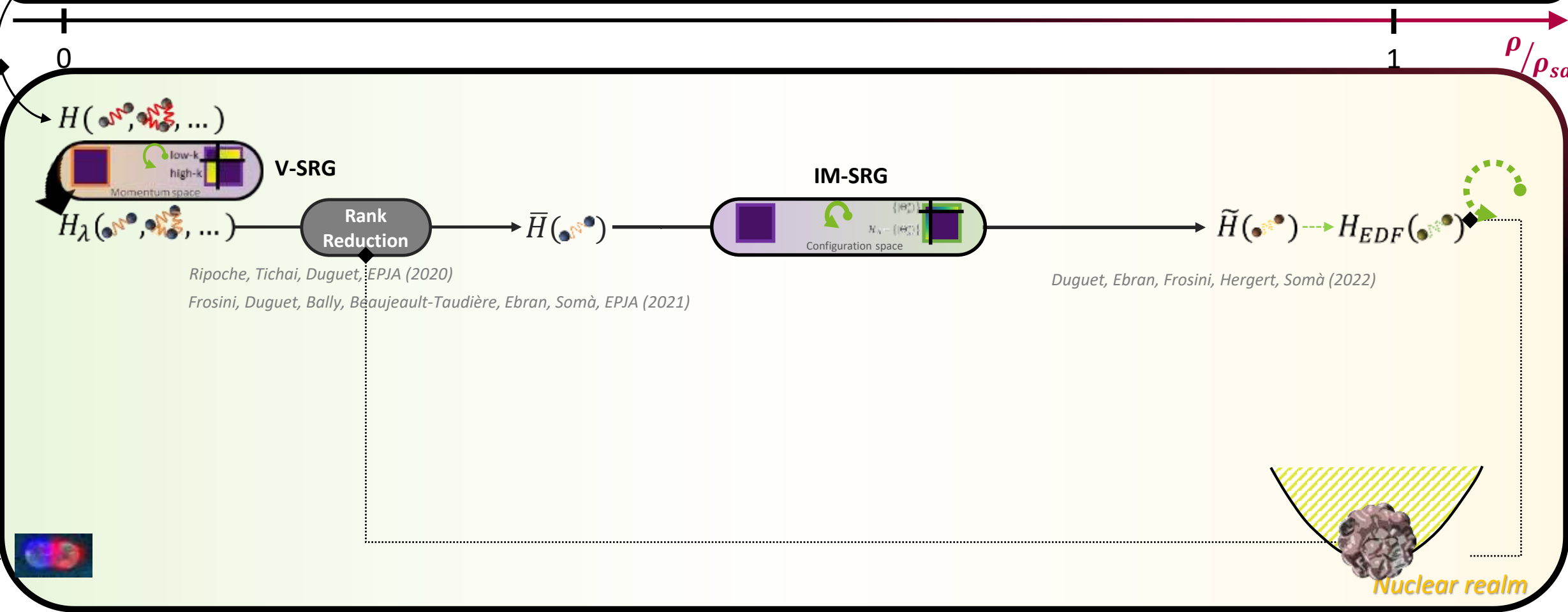
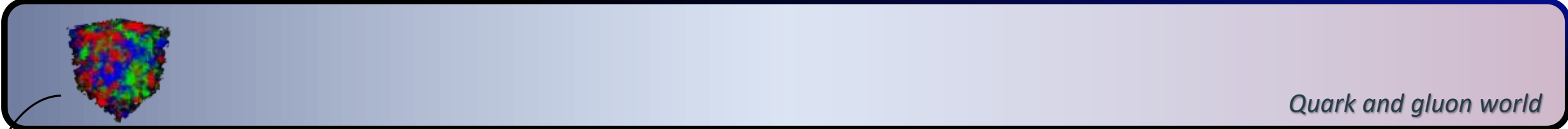
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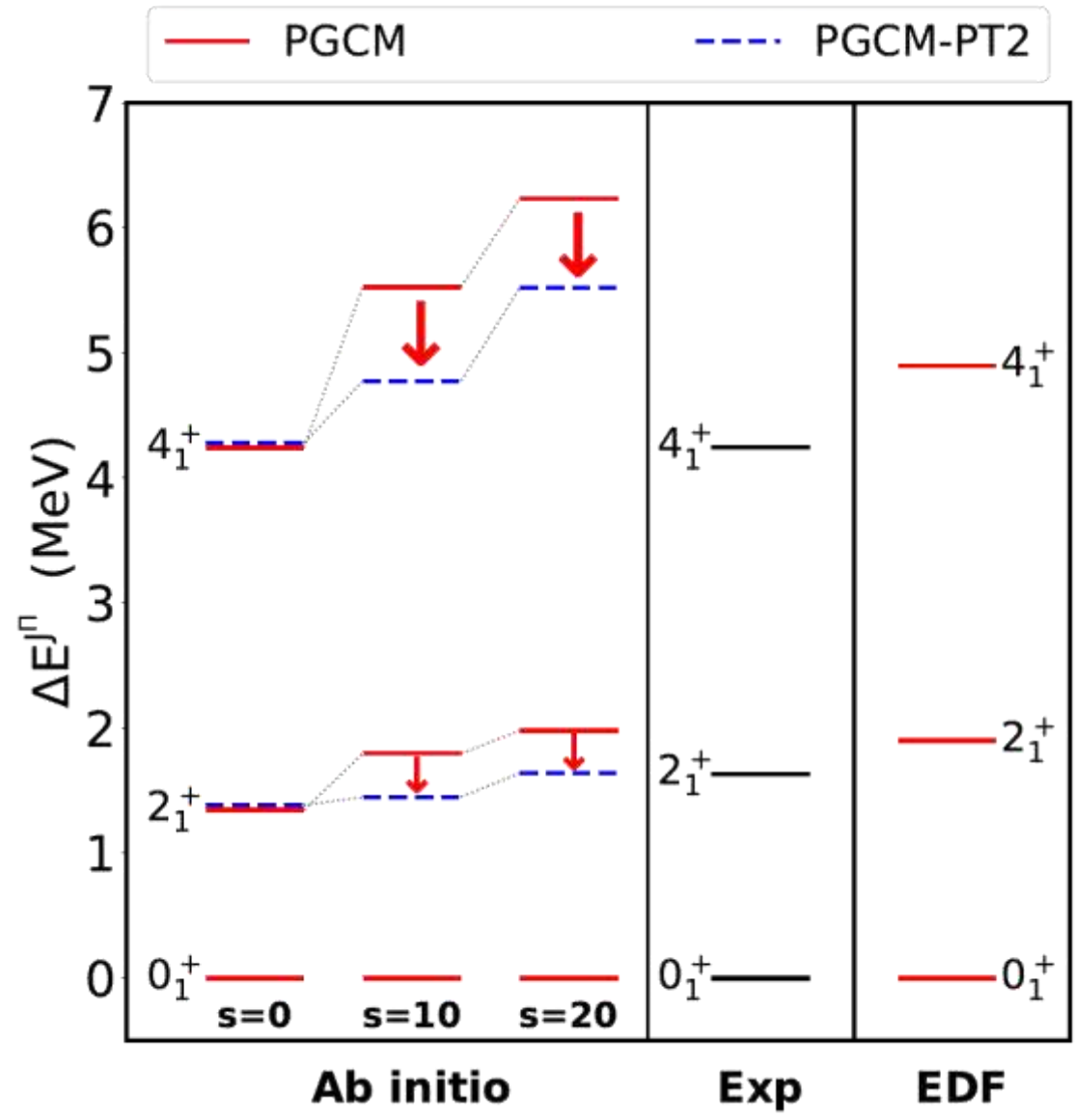
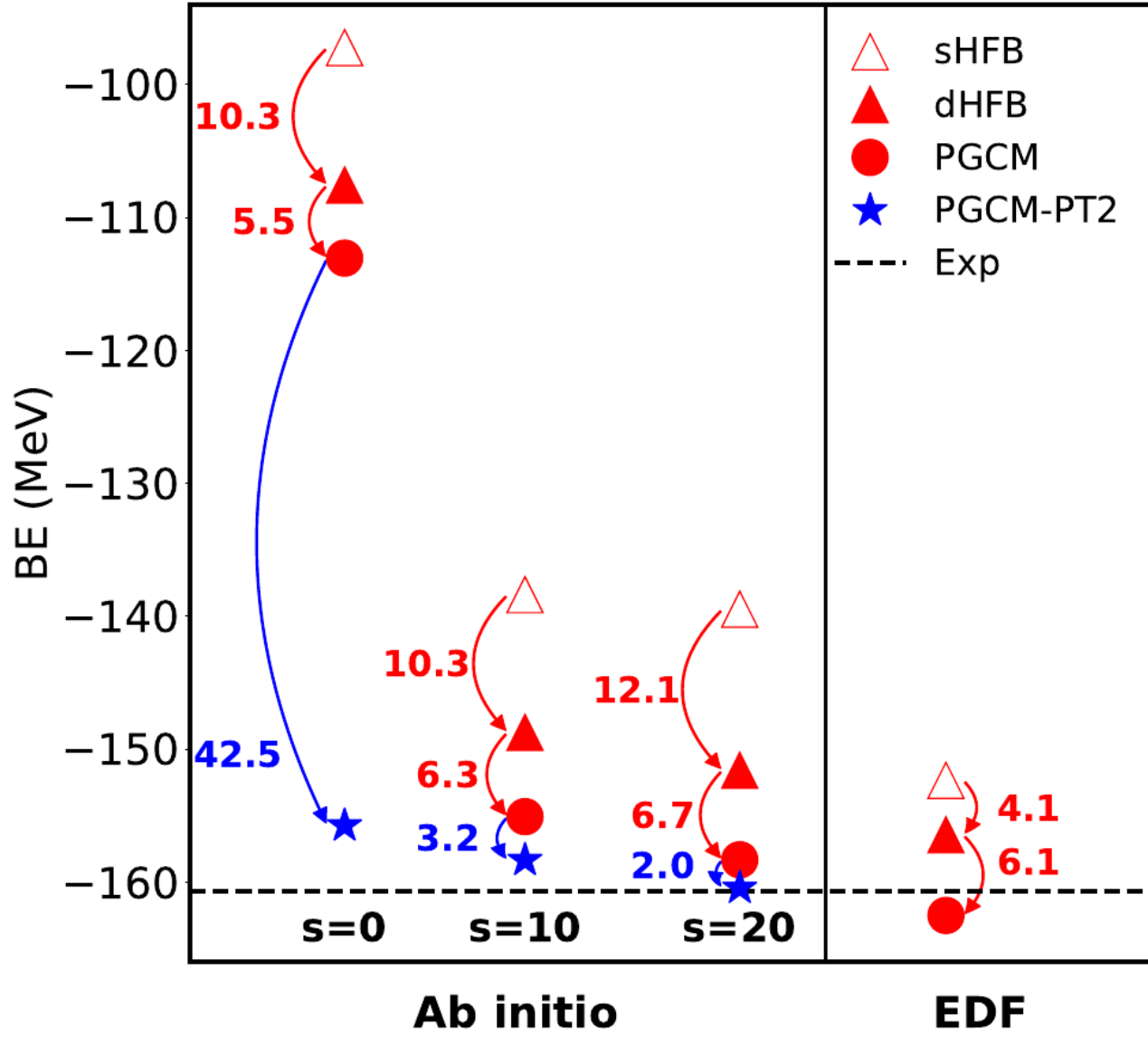
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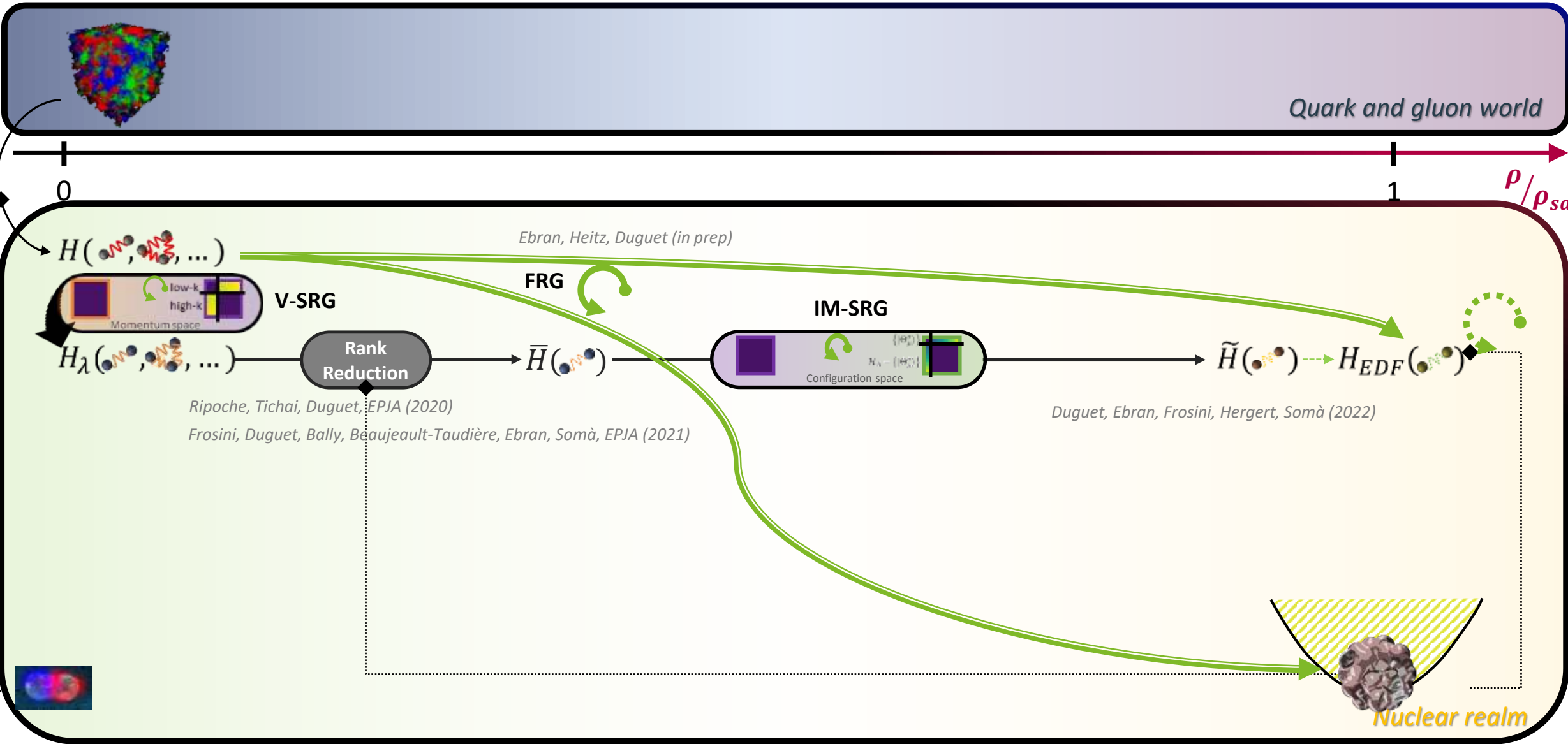
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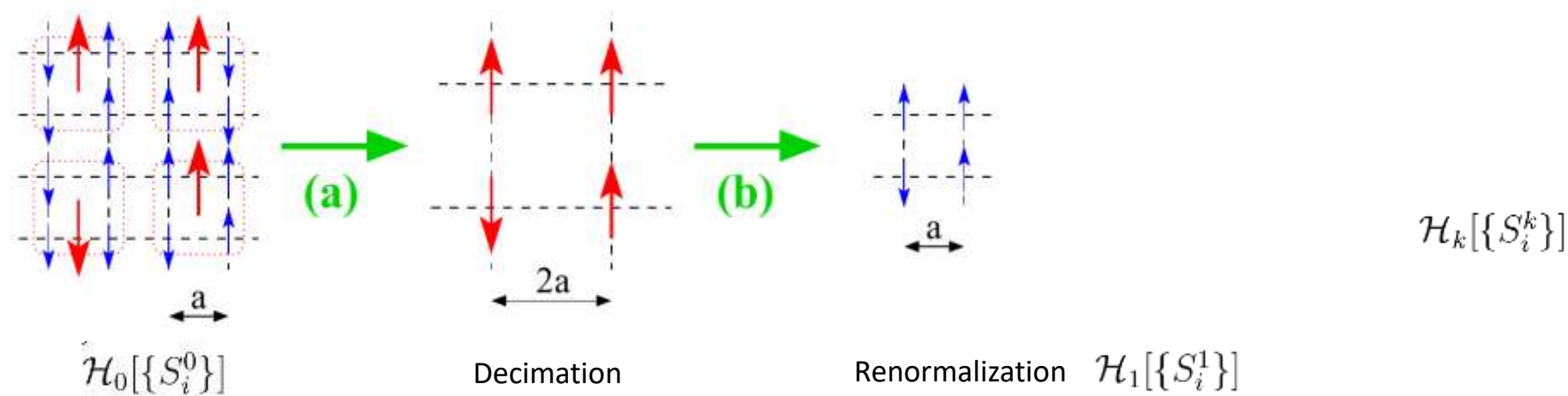
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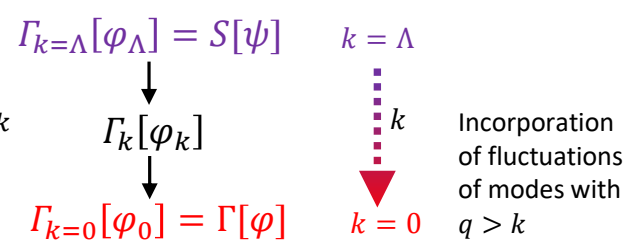
Non empirical EDFs via FRG

Renormalization group transformation : Wilson-Kadanoff procedure



Renormalization group transformation : FRG

Central object of FRG : scale-dependent (or average) effective action Γ_k interpolating between the S and Γ



Mass term $S + \Delta S_k$

$$\Delta S_k = \frac{1}{2} \int \psi^\dagger(q) R_k(q) \psi(-q)$$

Exact RG (or Wetterich) equation

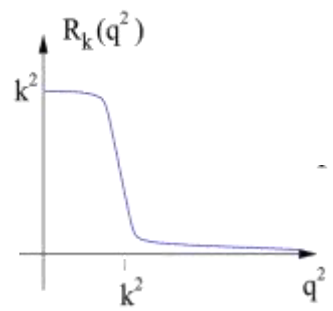
$$\partial_k \Gamma_k[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ \partial_k R_k \left(\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\varphi] + R_k \right)^{-1} \right\}$$

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = - \text{tr} \left\{ \partial_k R_k \left(\Gamma_k^{(1,1)}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] + R_k \right)^{-1} \right\}$$

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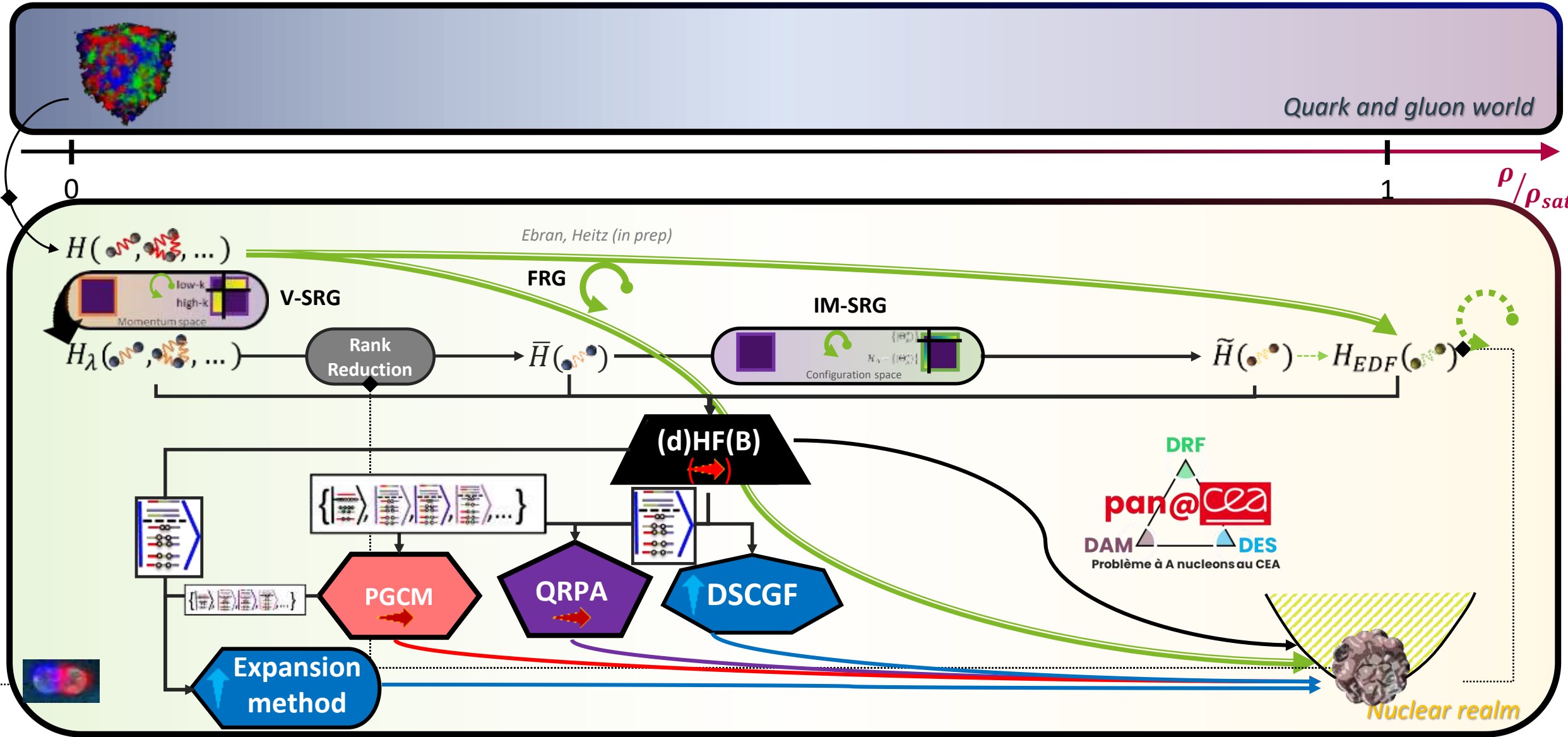
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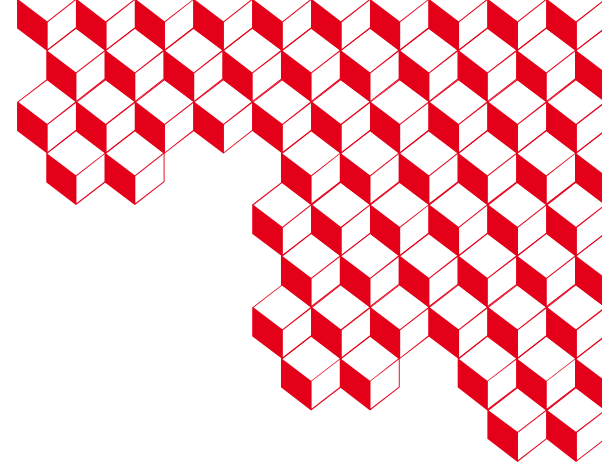
$$\Gamma_k^{(a,b)}[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta^a}}{\delta \bar{\psi}^a} \Gamma_k[\psi, \bar{\psi}] \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta^b}}{\delta \psi^b}$$





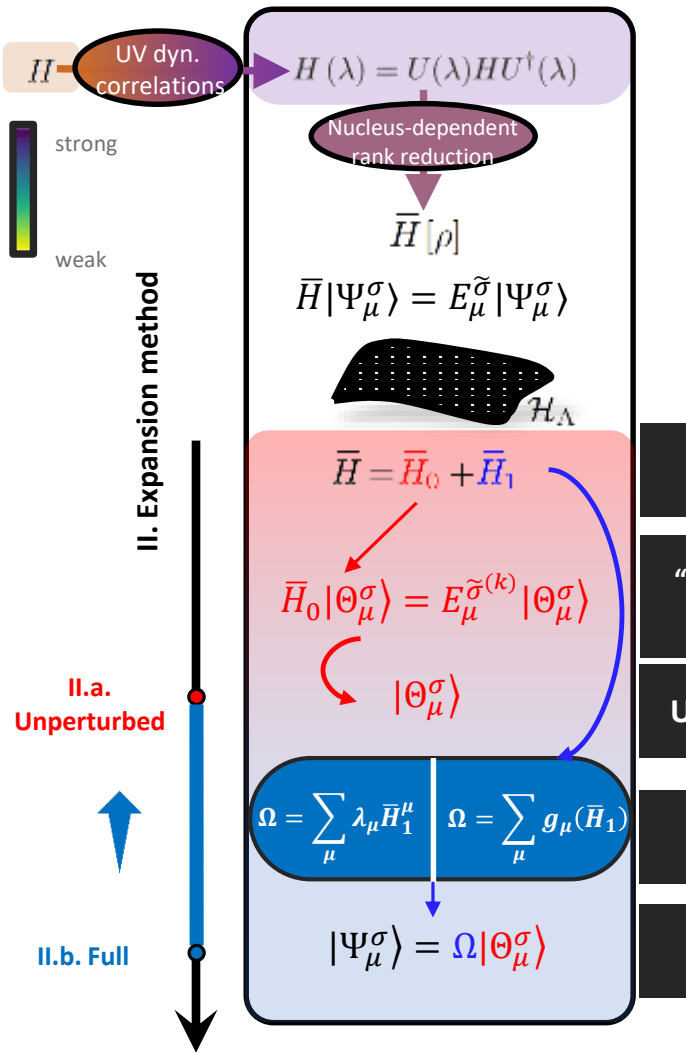
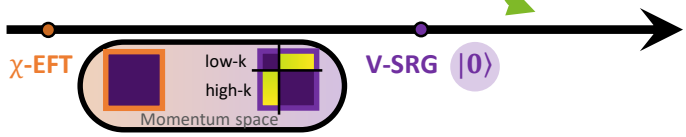
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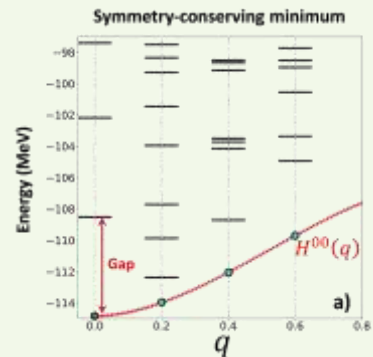


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I. Preprocessing of the Hamiltonian



Closed shell



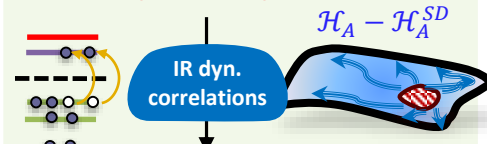
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sHF

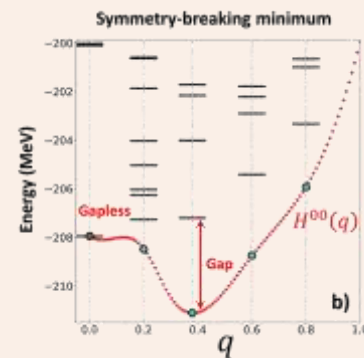
Fermi correlations

$$|\Theta_\mu^\sigma\rangle = |\Phi_\mu^\sigma(0)\rangle$$

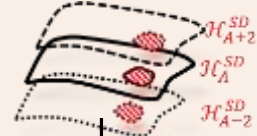


sMBPT $E_\mu^{\tilde{\sigma}} = \frac{\langle \Theta_\mu^\sigma | \bar{H} | \Psi_\mu^\sigma \rangle}{\langle \Theta_\mu^\sigma | \Psi_\mu^\sigma \rangle} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_\mu^{\tilde{\sigma}^{(k)}}$

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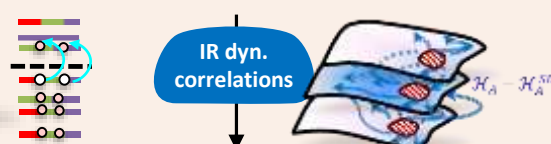
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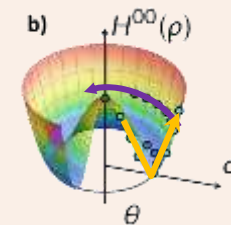
dHFB

static correlations

$$|\Theta(q)\rangle = |\Phi(q)\rangle$$



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PGCM

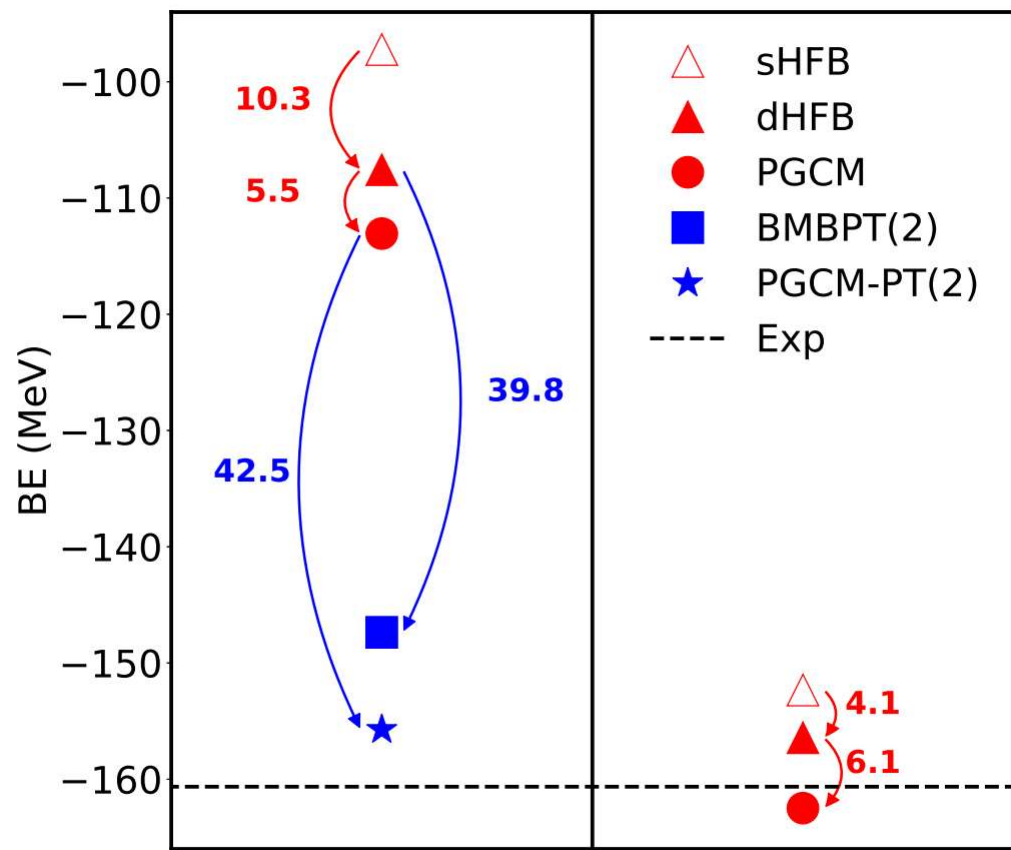
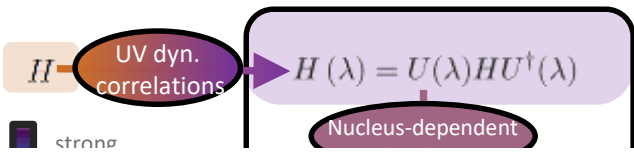
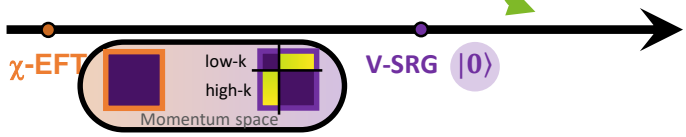
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Expand & Project

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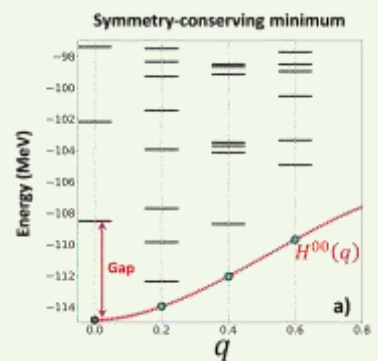
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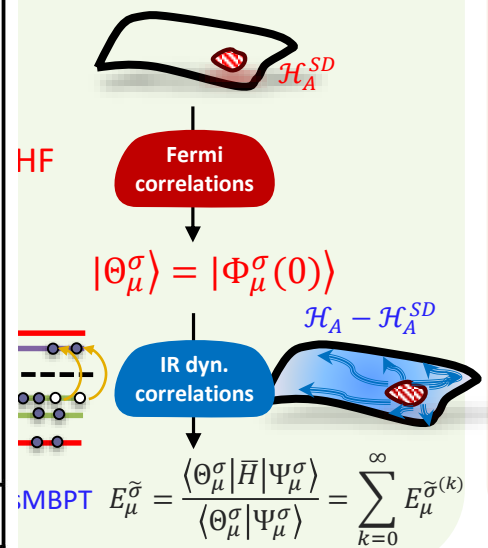
Ab initio

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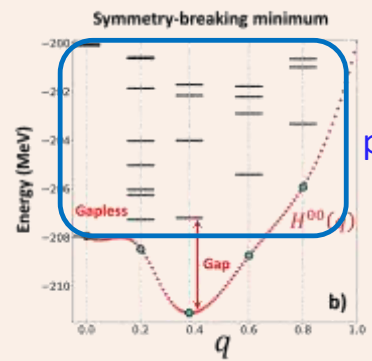
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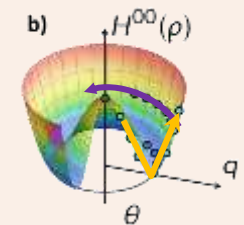
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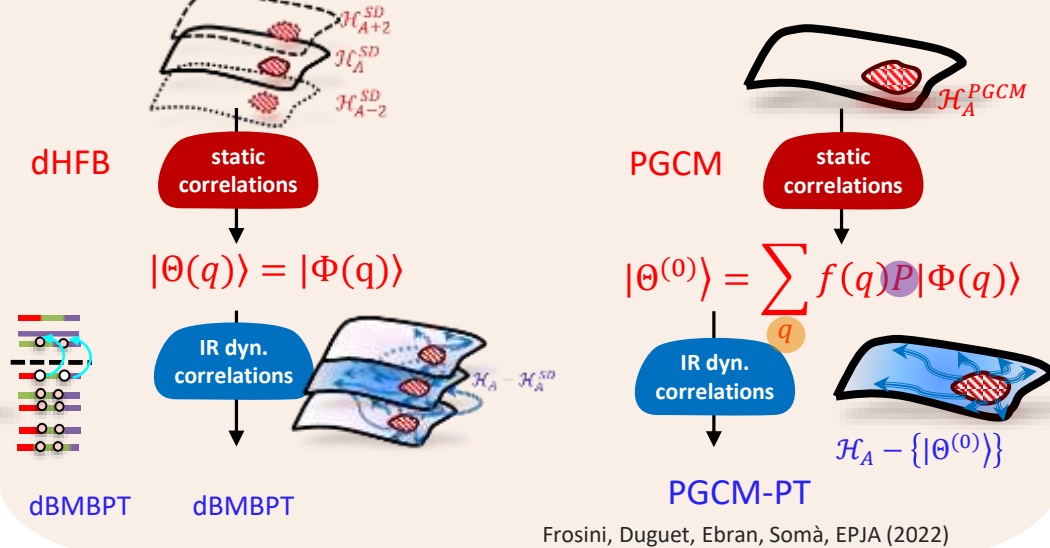


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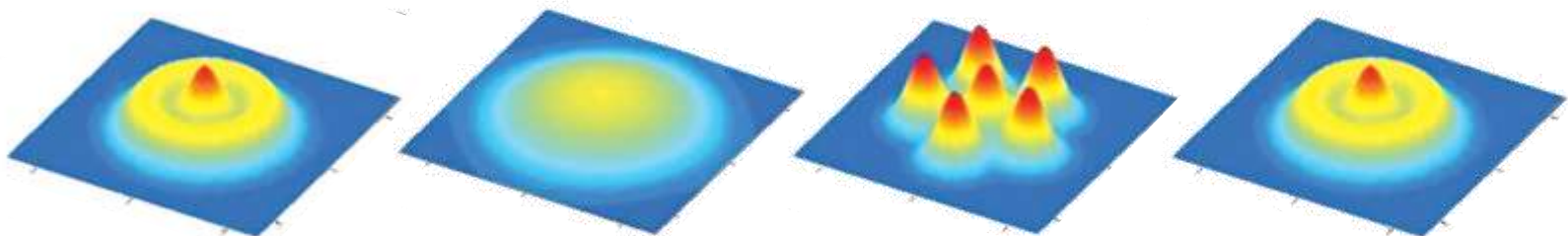
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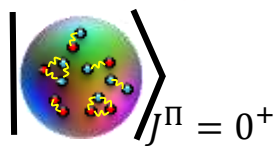
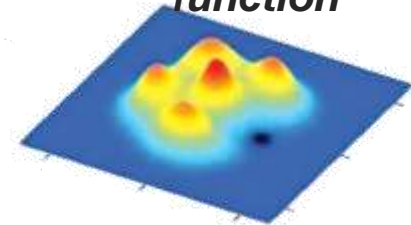
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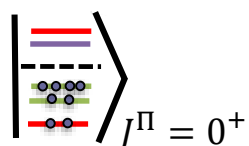
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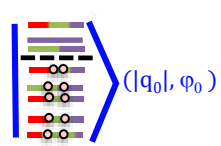
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Exact WF



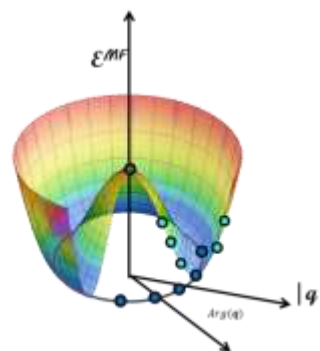
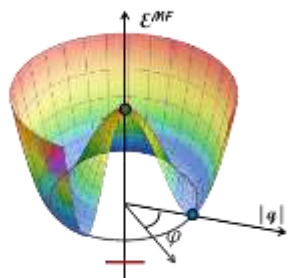
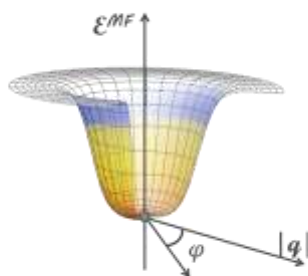
Approx :
Symmetry-preserving HF WF



Approx :
Symmetry-broken HFB WF

$$\int dq f(q) | \text{Approx : PGCM WF} \rangle (q)$$

Approx :
PGCM WF



Spectroscopy

Nuclear clustering & PGCM

