

Symmetry and congruence energies in different macroscopic models



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80th Anniversary of the Liquid Drop Model



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Zur Theorie der Kernmassen.

Von **C. F. v. Weizsäcker** in Leipzig.

Mit 5 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 6. Juli 1935.)

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found by Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker (1912 – 2007).

Leptodermous expansion of the energy functional

The **one-body density** of the nucleus is given by the integral:

$$\rho = A \int \int \dots \int \Psi^* \Psi d^3 r_2 \dots d^3 r_A ,$$

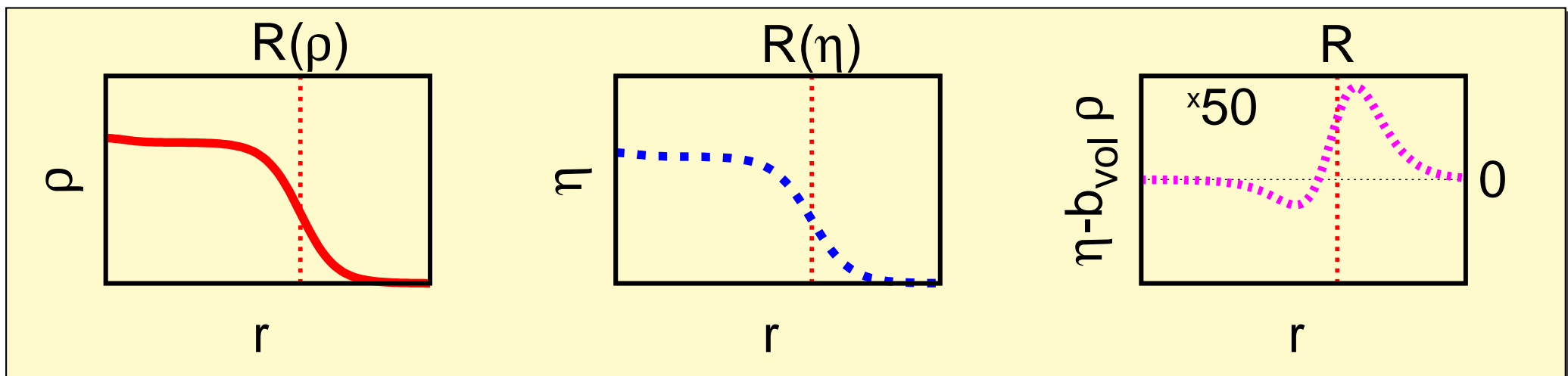
where $\Psi(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_A)$ is the many-body wave function and $A = \int \rho d^3 r$.

Similarly one defines the **binding energy density**:

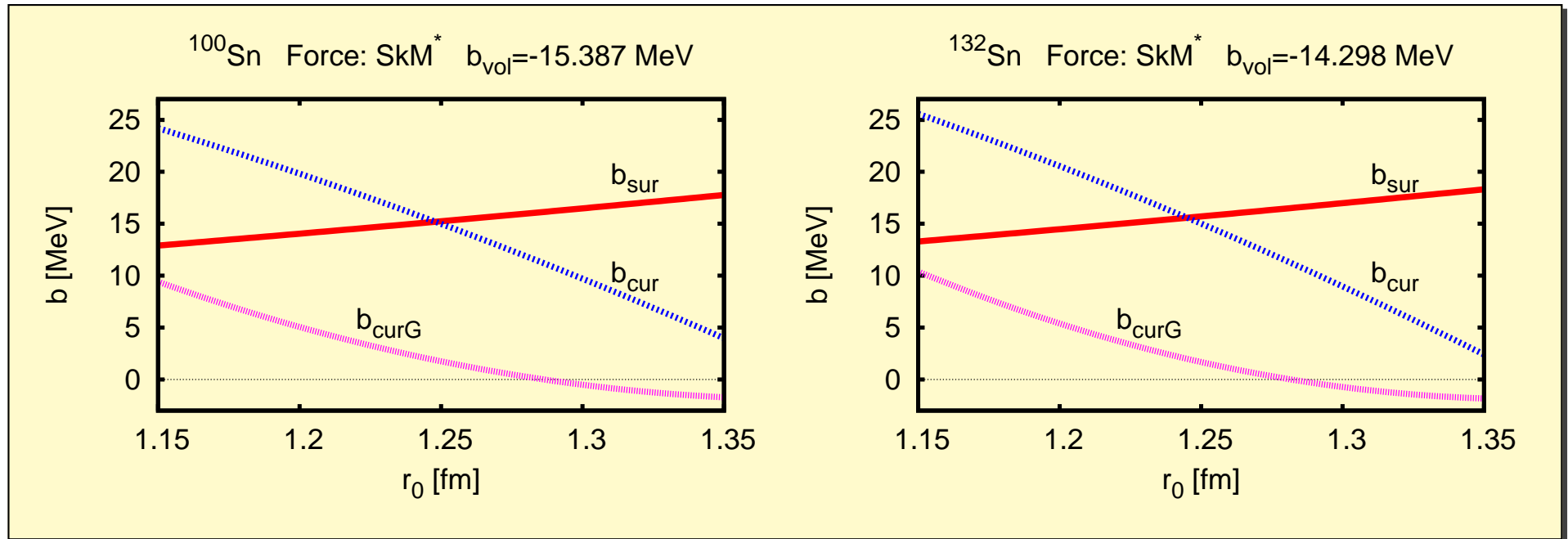
$$\eta = - \int \int \dots \int \Psi^* \hat{H} \Psi d^3 r_2 \dots d^3 r_A .$$

The **total binding energy** of the nucleus is:

$$B = \int_V \eta dV = \int_V [\eta - b_{\text{vol}}(\rho - \rho)] dV = b_{\text{vol}} A + \int_V [\eta - b_{\text{vol}} \rho] dV$$



Leptodermous expansion of the ETF-Skyrme energy:



$$B = \int_V \eta d^3r = b_{\text{vol}}A + b_{\text{surf}}A^{2/3} + b_{\text{curv}}A^{1/3} + b_{\text{curG}}A^0 + \dots$$

Note! The magnitudes of the surface and curvature terms depend on the choice of the expansion radius $R = r_0 A^{1/3}$.

Macroscopic – microscopic model*:

$$\begin{aligned} M(Z, N; \text{def}) &= ZM_{\text{H}} + NM_{\text{n}} - b_{\text{elec}} Z^{2.39} \\ \text{volume} &+ b_{\text{vol}} (1 - \kappa_{\text{vol}} I^2) A \\ \text{surface} &+ b_{\text{surf}} (1 - \kappa_{\text{surf}} I^2) A^{2/3} B_{\text{surf}}(\text{def}) \\ \text{curvature} &+ b_{\text{cur}} (1 - \kappa_{\text{cur}} I^2) A^{1/3} B_{\text{cur}}(\text{def}) \\ \text{Coulomb} &+ \frac{3}{5} \frac{e^2 Z^2}{r_0^{ch} A^{1/3}} B_{\text{Coul}}(\text{def}) - C_4 \frac{Z^2}{A} \\ &+ E_{\text{micr}}(Z, N; \text{def}) + E_{\text{cong}}(Z, N) \end{aligned}$$

Here $I = (N - Z)/A$ is the **reduced isospin** and

$$E_{\text{micr}}(Z, N; \text{def}) = E_{\text{shell}}(Z, N; \text{def}) + E_{\text{pair}}(Z, N; \text{def})$$

while $E_{\text{cong}} = -10 \exp(-4.2|I|)$ MeV is the **Wigner energy**.

*W.D. Myers and W.J. Świątecki, Nucl. Phys. **81**, 1 1966,

LSD → K. Pomorski and J. Dudek, Phys. Rev. C **67** (2003) 044316.

Lublin Strasbourg Drop *

Fit to the 2766 experimental masses[†] with $Z \geq 8$ and $N \geq 8$:

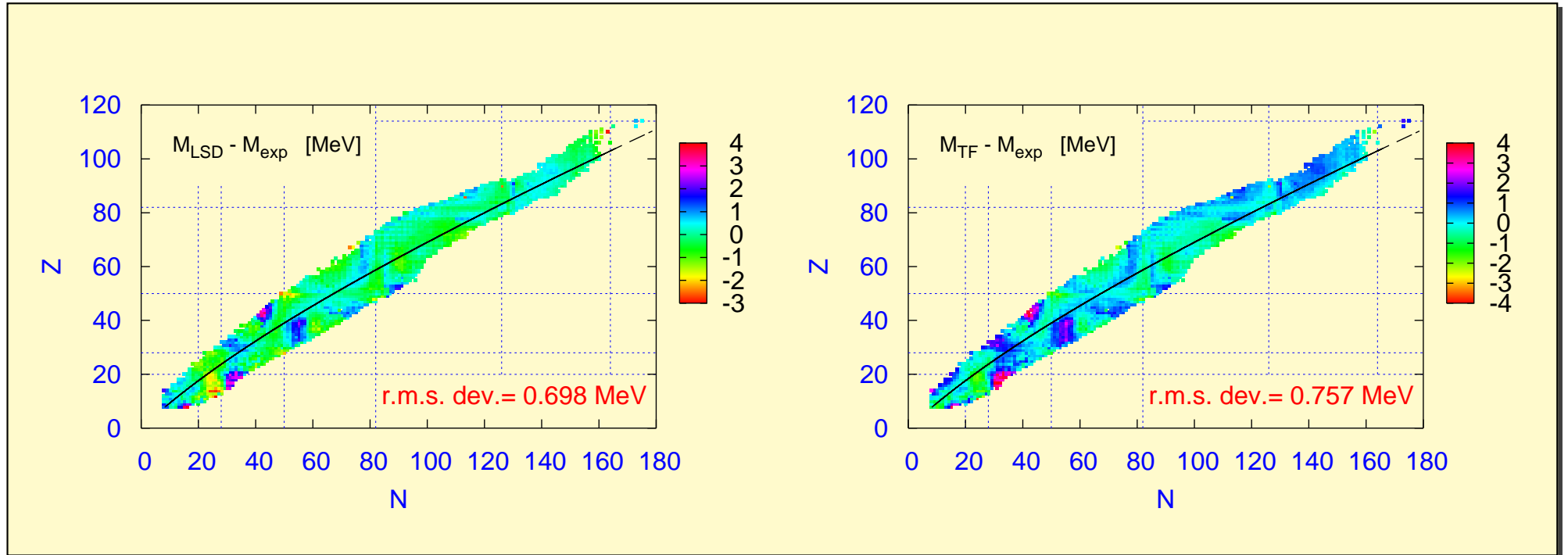
Term	Units	LDM	LSD
b_{vol}	MeV	-15.8484	-15.4920
κ_{vol}	-	1.8475	1.8601
b_{surf}	MeV	19.3859	16.9707
κ_{surf}	-	1.9830	2.2938
b_{cur}	MeV	0	3.8602
κ_{cur}	-	0	-2.3764
r_0	fm	1.18995	1.21725
C_4	MeV	1.1995	0.9181
δM	MeV	0.732	0.698
$\delta V_{B_{Z>70}}$	MeV	5.58	0.88

$$M_{\text{H}}=7.289034 \text{ MeV}; \quad M_{\text{n}}=8.071431 \text{ MeV}; \quad b_{\text{elec}}=1.433 \text{ eV}$$

*K. Pomorski , J. Dudek, Phys. Rev. **C67**, 044316 (2003).

[†]Chart of Nuclides by M.S. Antony, Strasbourg, 2002.

Masses of isotopes:

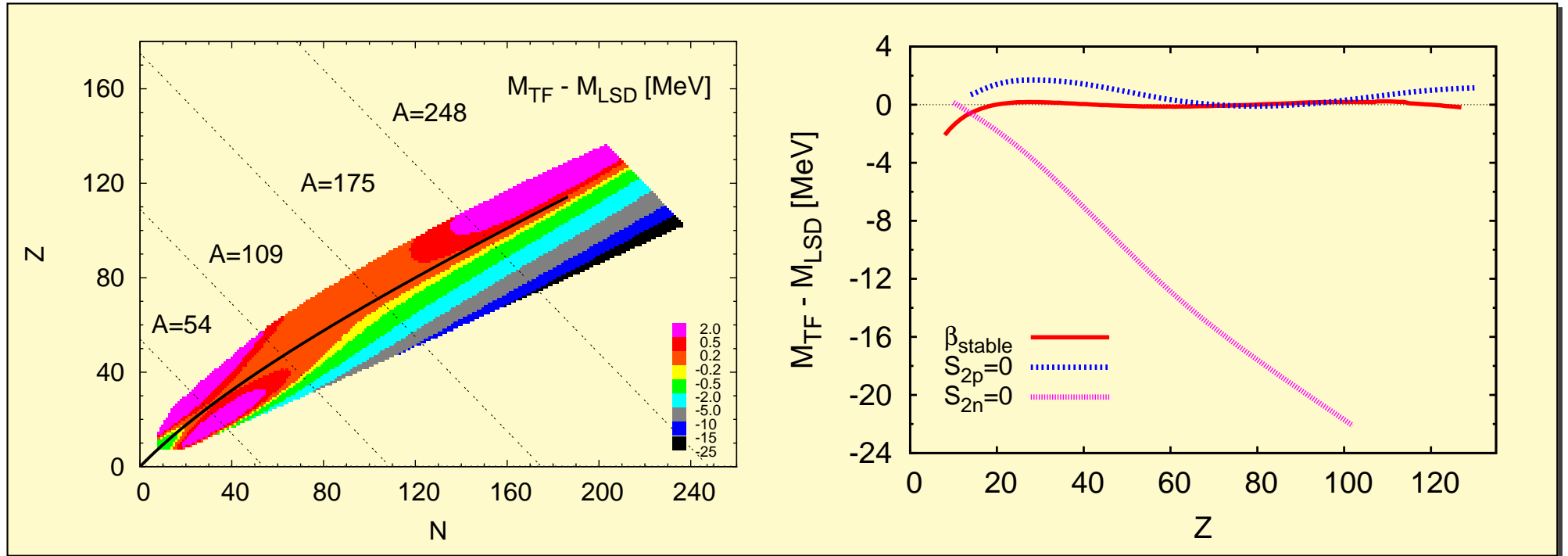


exp: The mass deviations are plotted for 2766 isotopes taken from the
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Masses of nuclei far from stability:



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Isospin square dependent LD formula *

$$E_B = \left[b_{\text{vol}}A + a_{\text{surf}}A^{2/3} + a_{\text{cur}}A^{1/3} \right] \left[1 - \kappa \frac{|N-Z|(|N-Z|+2)}{A^2} \right] + a_{\text{Coul}} \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} \pm \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{A}}$$

It is to be noted that volume, surface and curvature terms carry the **same** isospin parameter κ . The last term describes the odd-even mass difference.

Note that the **Wigner term** is already contained in the LD energy.

* L.G. Moretto, P.T. Lake, L. Phair, J.B. Elliott, Phys. Rev. **C86** (2012) 021303(R).

Four different parameter sets fitted by Moretto et al.*

	a_{vol} [MeV]	a_{surf} [MeV]	a_{cur} [MeV]	κ	a_{Coul} [MeV]	δ [MeV]	r.m.s. [MeV]
M_i	-15.597	17.32	0.0	1.8048	0.7060	11.4	0.76
M_{ii}	-14.843	14.843	0.0	1.7196	0.6585	10.1	2.06
M_{iii}	-15.25	15.17	3.8	1.779	0.6932	11.3	0.73
M_{iv}	-15.264	15.264	3.6	1.7805	0.6938	11.3	0.73

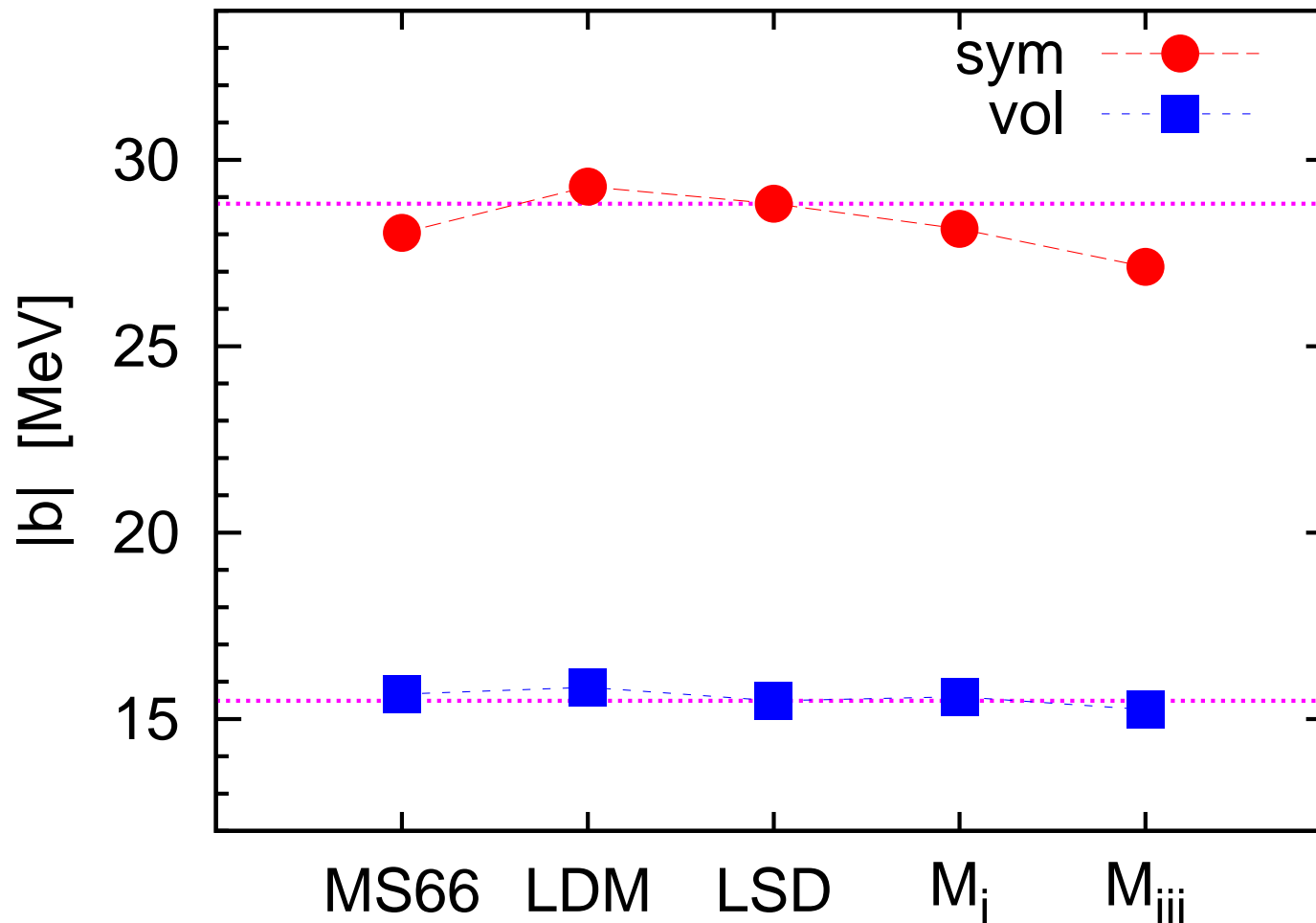
The fit was performed using a set of 2076 masses**, corrected for the shell and deformation effects according to Moller et al.***

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** G. Audi, O. Bersillon, J. Blachot, A. H. Wapstra, Nucl. Phys. **A729** (2003) 3.

*** P. Moller, J. R. Nix, W. D. Myers, W. J. Swiatecki, ADNDT **59** (1995) 185.

Volume and symmetry energy in different LD models



MS66: W.D. Myers and W.J. Swiatecki, Nucl. Phys. **81** (1966) 1.

LDM,LSD: K. Pomorski and J. Dudek, Phys. Rev. C **67** (2003) 044316.

M_i, M_{iii} : L.G. Moretto et al., Phys. Rev. **C86** (2012) 021303(R).

Wigner term in Swiatecki and Moretto approaches

It is interesting to compare the Wigner/congruence energy term in the models considered above:

$$\text{MS66:} \quad -7 \exp(-6|I|) \text{ MeV} \quad \longrightarrow \sim 42 \cdot |I| \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{MNNS:} \quad -10 \exp(-4.2|I|) \text{ MeV} \quad \longrightarrow \sim 42 \cdot |I| \text{ MeV}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M-i:} \quad -2\kappa \left(-15.594 + \frac{17.32}{A^{1/3}} \right) |I| \text{ MeV} &\longrightarrow 40.7 \cdot |I| \text{ MeV for } A = 64 \\ &\longrightarrow 45.9 \cdot |I| \text{ MeV for } A = 216 \end{aligned}$$

Contrary to the exponential, the **linear dependent on I Wigner term does not vanish for large values of isospin**. It will influence significantly the binding energy predictions for the heavy neutron rich nuclei.

MS66: W.D. Myers and W.J. Swiatecki, Nucl. Phys. **81** (1966) 1.

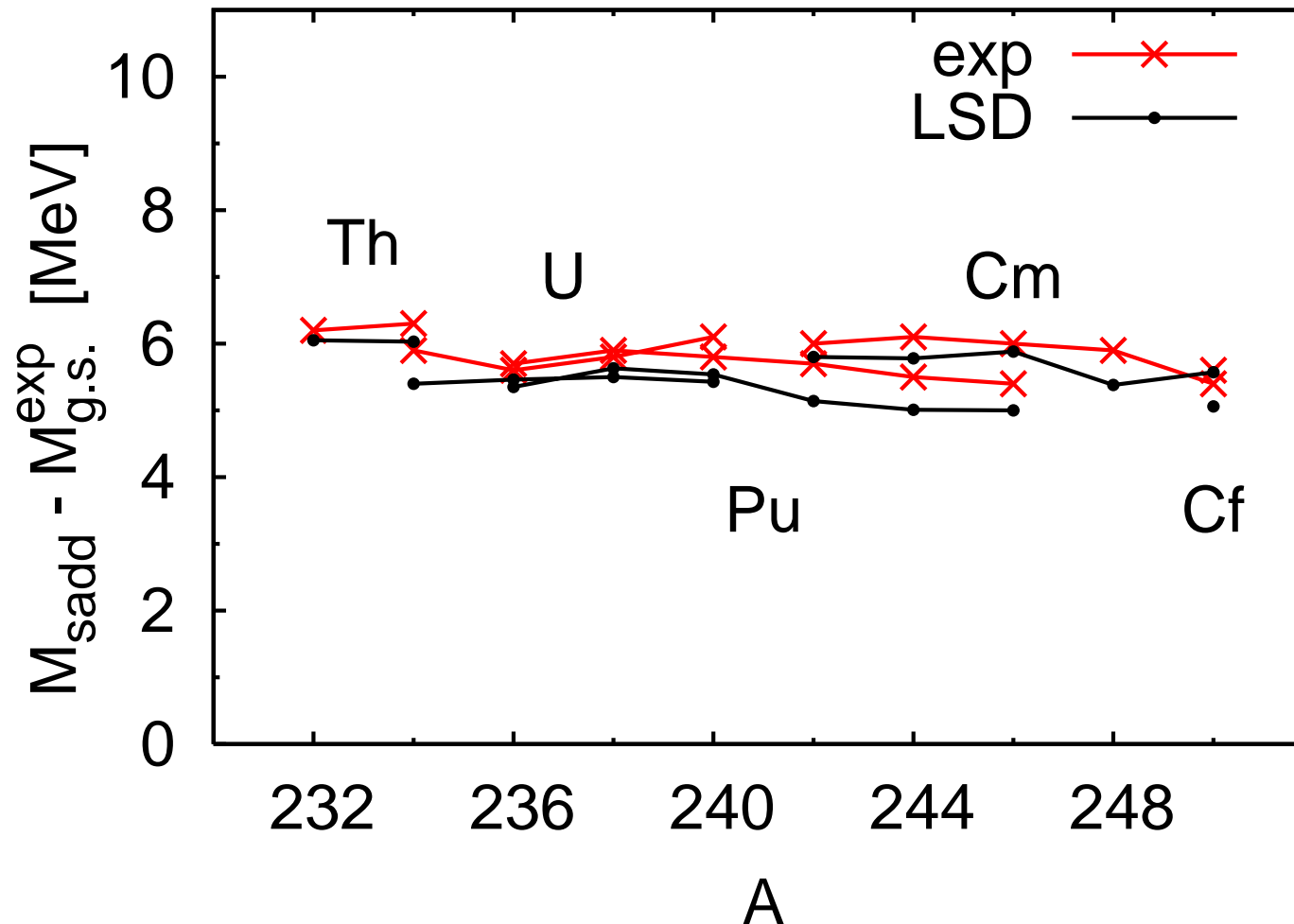
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Topographical theorem of Swiatecki



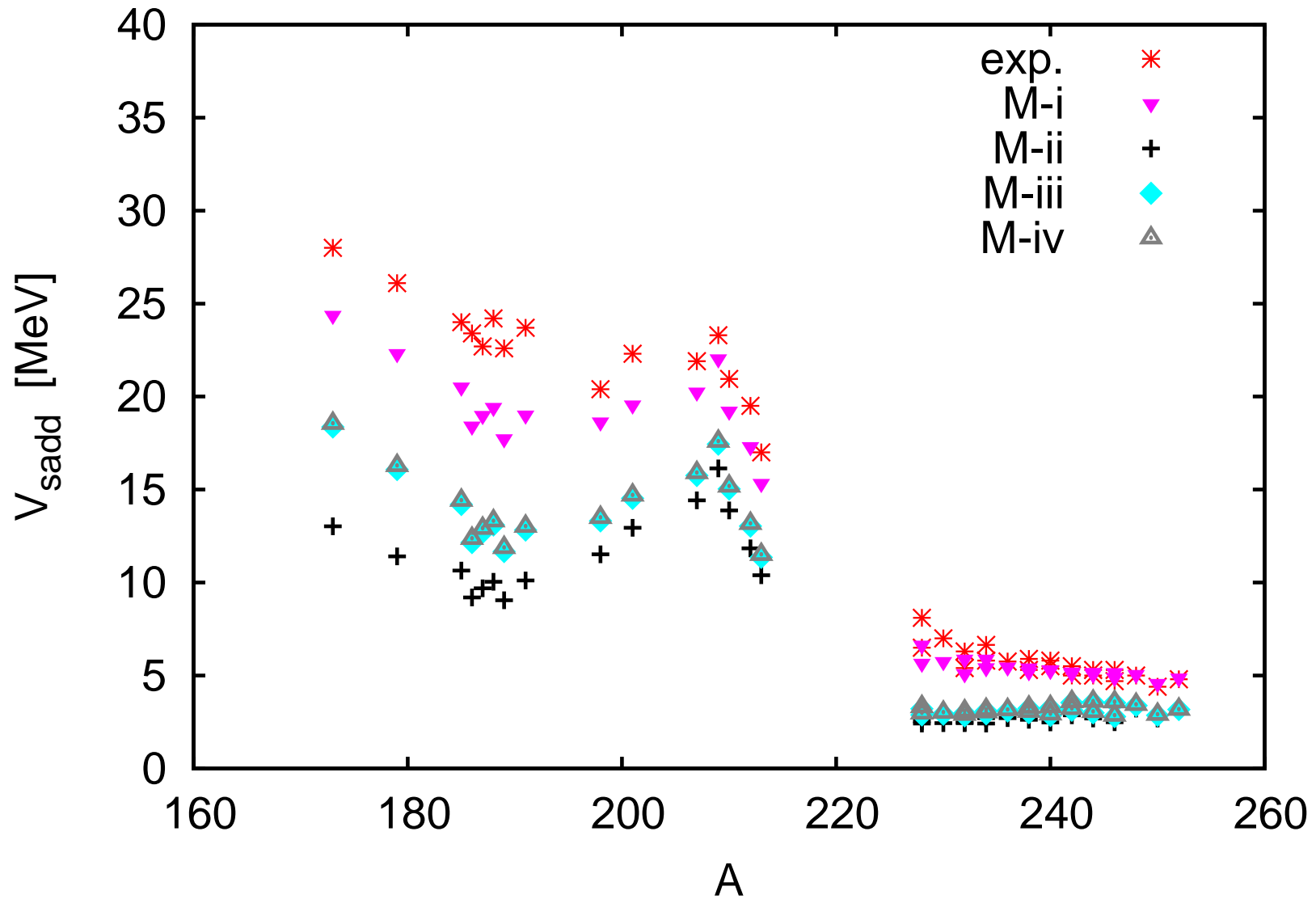
LSD barrier heights obtained using the topographical theorem of Swiatecki*



* W.D. Myers, W.J. Swiatecki, Nucl. Phys. **A601**, 141 (1996).

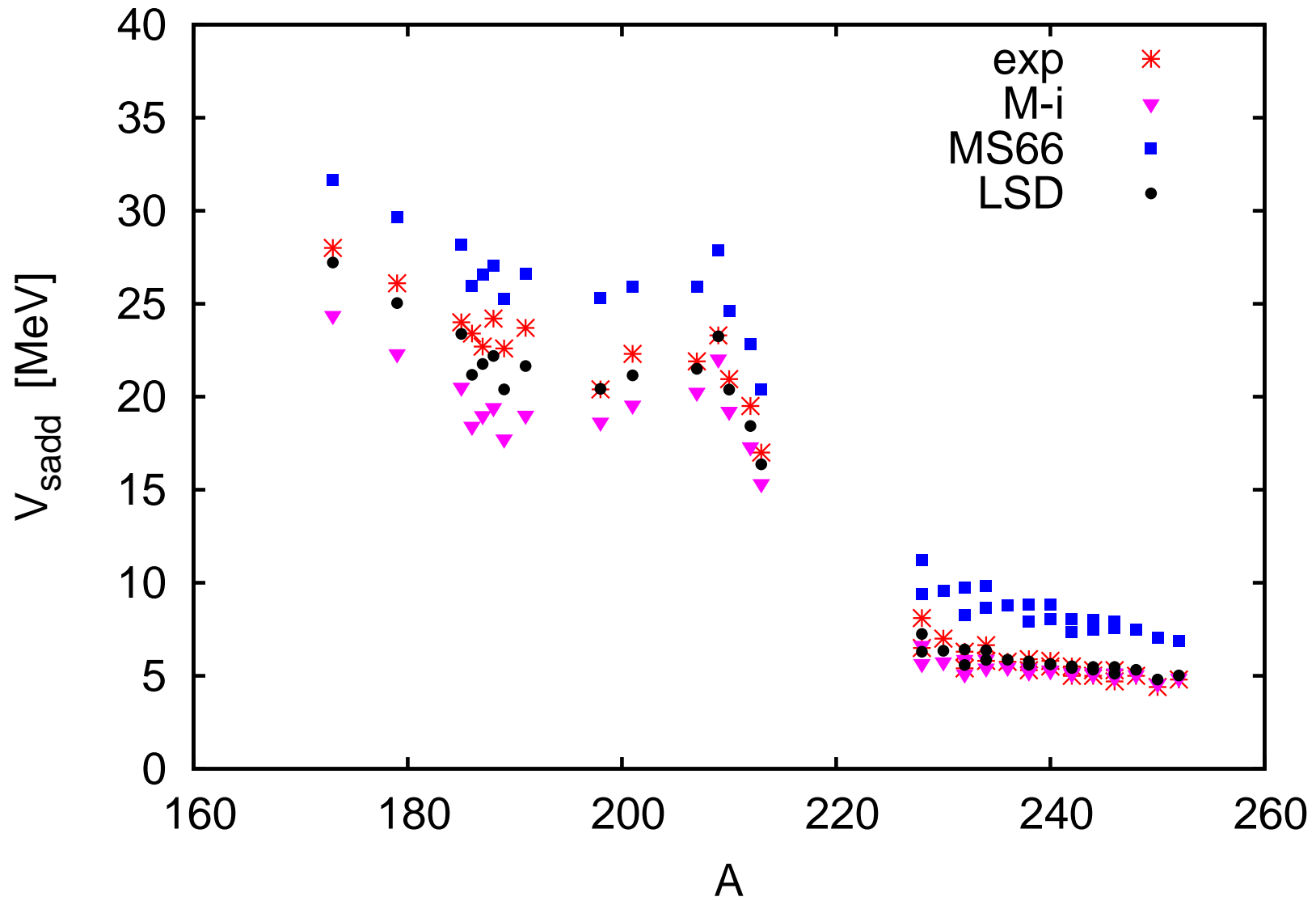
A. Dobrowolski, B. Nerlo-Pomorska, K. Pomorski, Acta Phys. Pol. **B40**, 705 (2009).

Fission barrier heights in the Moretto et al. models*



* K. Pomorski, Phys. Scr. **T154** (2013) 014023.

Fission barrier heights in different LD models*

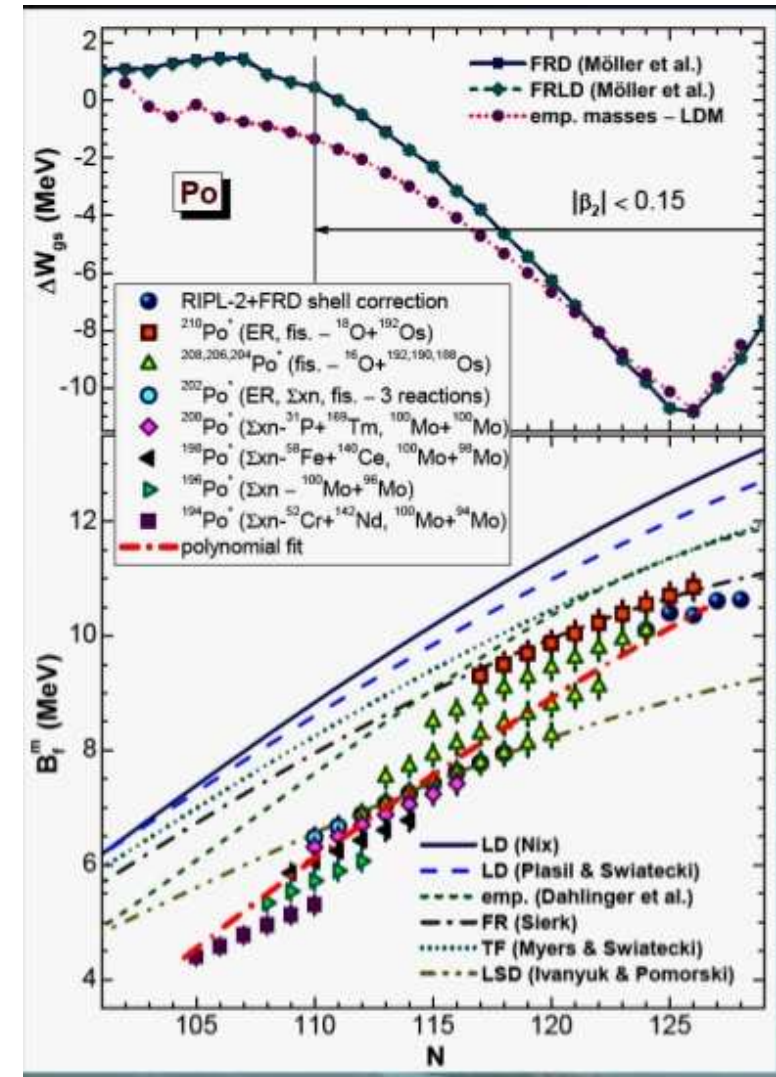
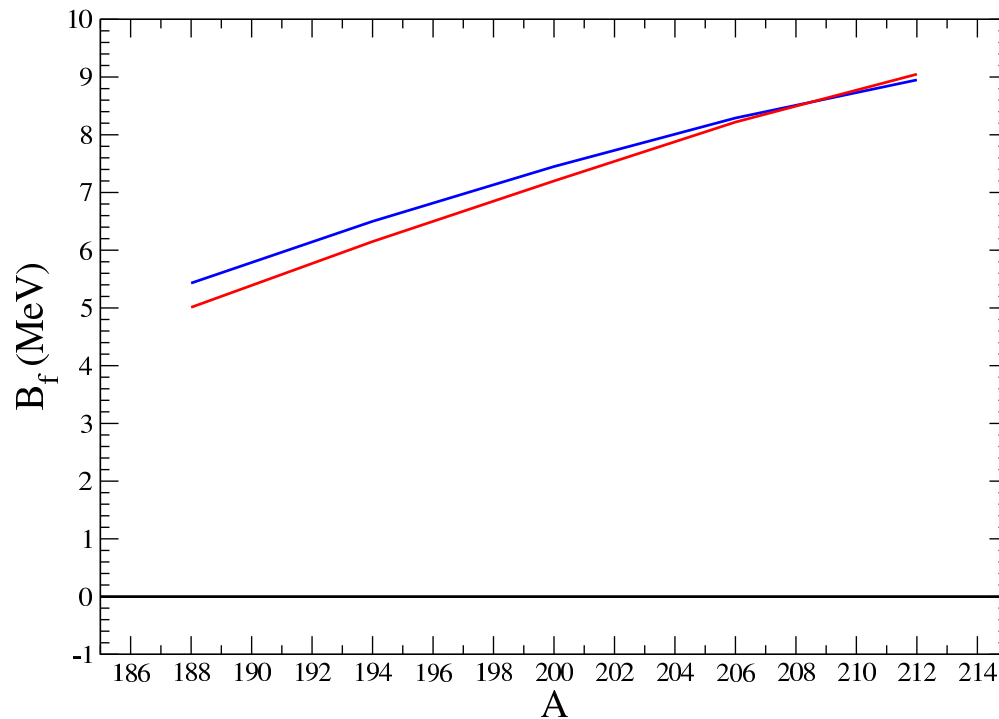


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Fission barrier heights of Po isotopes in LSD and M_i *

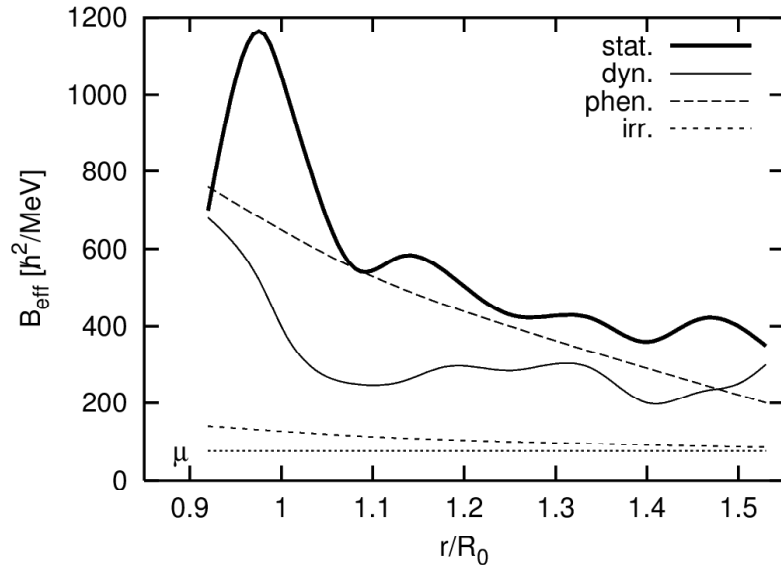
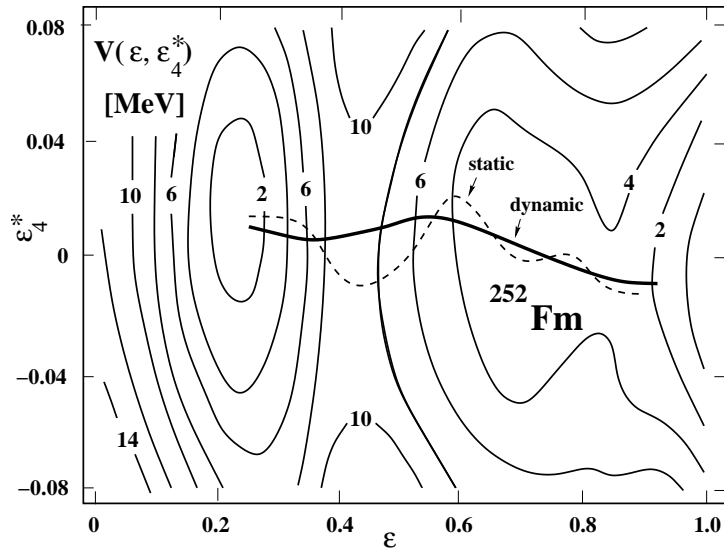
Sagaidak and Andreyev has made the analysis of the barrier heights shown in the neighbouring figure taken from [Phys. Rev. **C79** (2009)]

barrier heights of Po isotopes



* J. Bartel, B. Nerlo-Pomorska, K. Pomorski, C. Schmitt, Phys. Scr. (2015) in print.

Spontaneous fission life-times systematics



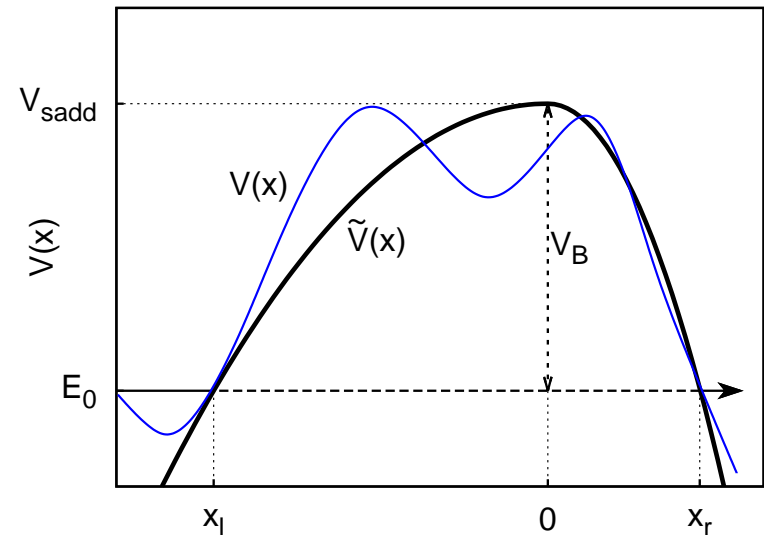
The transformation:

$$x(s) = \int_{s_{\text{sadd}}}^s \sqrt{\frac{B_{ss}(s')}{m}} ds' ,$$

ensures that $B_{xx} = m = \text{const.}$

The potential $V[s(x)]$ in the new coordinate x can be approximated by:

$$\tilde{V}(x) = \begin{cases} V_{\text{sadd}} - \frac{1}{2} C_l x^2 & \text{for } x < 0 , \\ V_{\text{sadd}} - \frac{1}{2} C_r x^2 & \text{for } x > 0 , \end{cases}$$



WKB approximation

The spontaneous fission half-life is given by:

$$T_{1/2}^{\text{sf}} = \frac{\ln 2}{nP}, \quad \text{where} \quad P = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\{2S(L)\}}.$$

The WKB action-integral along the fission path $L(x)$ is given by:

$$S(L) = \int_{s_l}^{s_r} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\hbar^2} B_{ss}[V(s) - E_0]} ds \approx \int_{-x_l}^{x_r} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [\tilde{V}(x) - E_0]} dx$$

After a small algebra the action integral becomes

$$S = \frac{\pi}{2\hbar} V_B \left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{C_l}} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{C_r}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{\hbar} V_B \frac{\omega_l + \omega_r}{2\omega_l\omega_r} = \frac{\pi}{\hbar} V_B \tilde{\omega},$$

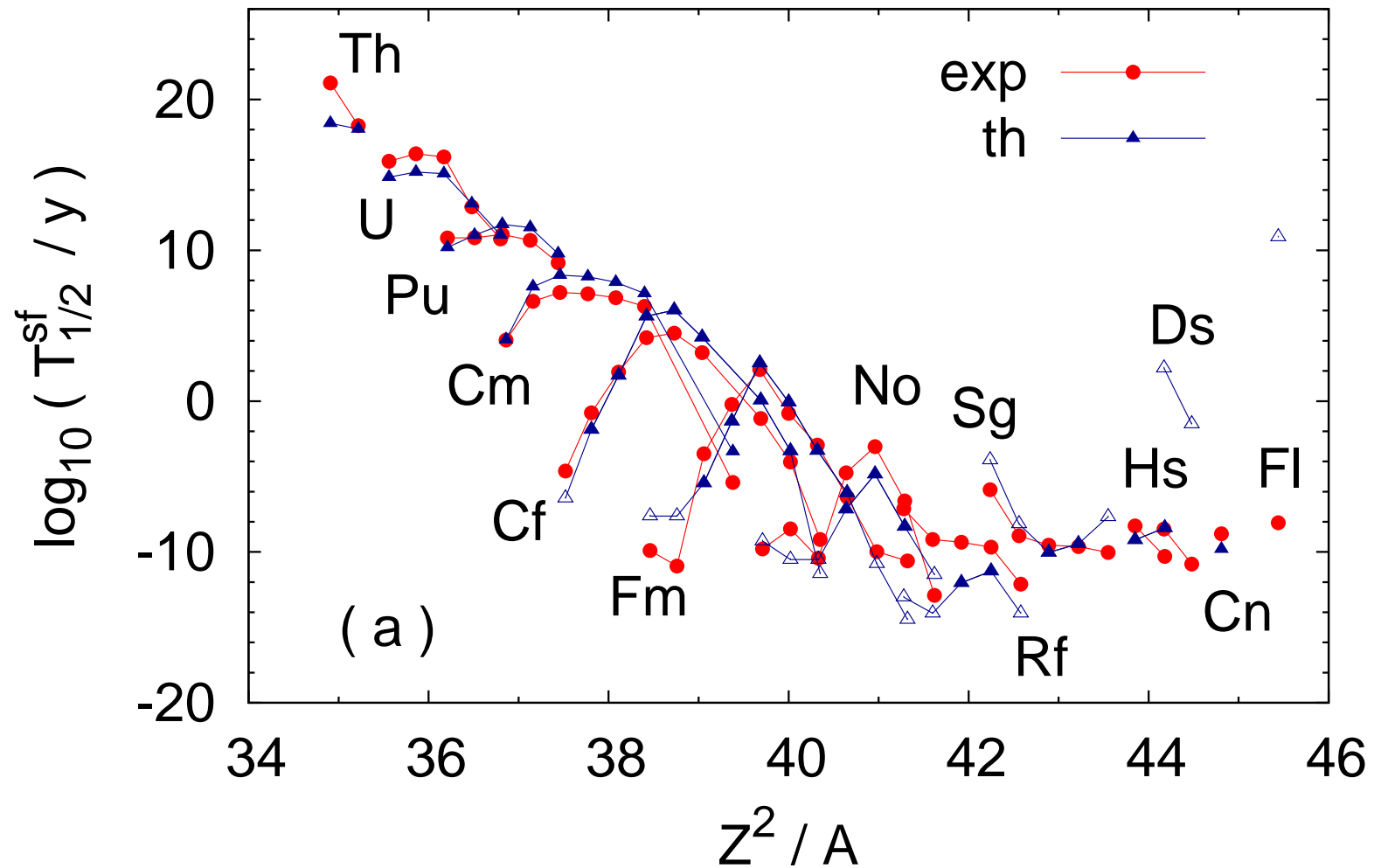
where $\omega_l = \sqrt{C_l/m}$ and $\omega_r = \sqrt{C_r/m}$ the inverted H.O. frequencies.

For $S > 1$ the logarithm of the s.f. half-lives takes the form:

$$\log(T_{1/2}^{\text{sf}}) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} V_B \tilde{\omega} - \log(n) - \log[\ln 2],$$

where n is the frequency of assaults against the fission barrier.

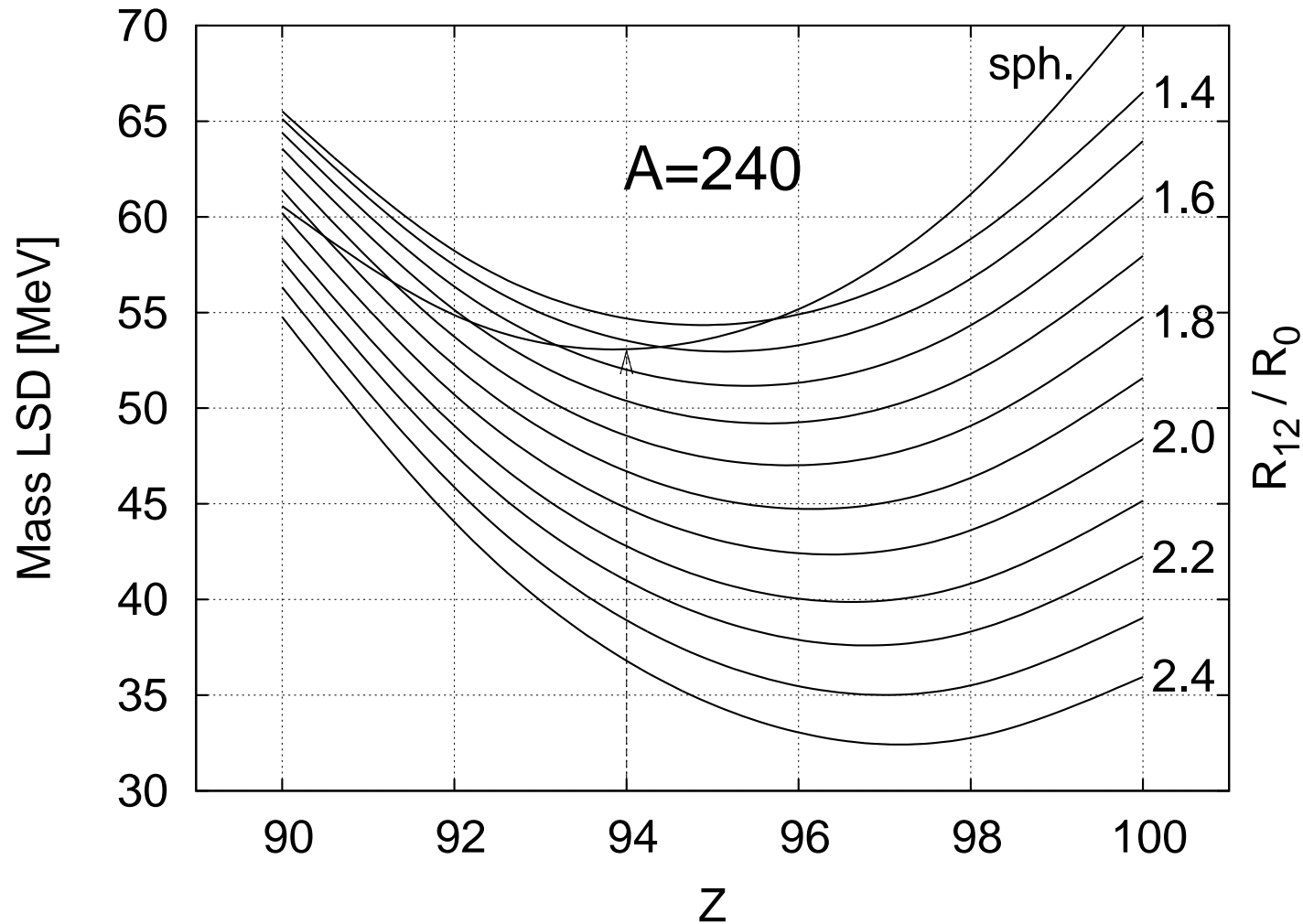
Spontaneous fission half-lives for e-e isotopes*



We have assumed here the linear dependence of $\tilde{\omega}$ in Z .

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Confer also: W.J. Swiatecki, Phys. Rev. **100**, 937 (1955).

Masses of $A=240$ nuclei at different deformations



Very deformed stable nuclei becomes β -unstable! Read more in:

[K.Pomorski, B. Nerlo-Pomorska and P. Quentin, Phys. Rev. C **91**, 054605 \(2015\).](#)

Conclusions:

- The liquid drop like phenomenological models with realistic microscopic corrections are able to reproduce the binding energies of known isotopes with accuracy of the order of 0.7 MeV.
- The fitted in volume symmetry energy varies from 27 to 30 MeV dependent on the LD model.
- The good accuracy in reproduction of the ground state binding energies does not guarantee that the fission barrier heights are also reproduced.
- The different isospin dependence of the Wigner energy in considered models will influence significantly predictions of masses for the heavy neutron rich nuclei.
- Experimental study of the super and hyper-deformed shape isomers could bring important information on the surface energy symmetry term.
- Systematics of the fission barrier heights and the $T_{1/2}^{sf}$ confirms in addition the right isospin dependence of the LSD terms.

Thank you for your attention!



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