SRG with the husky and TALENT generators!

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Shell closures from masses

2n (2p) separation energy decreases rapidly following shell closure: N (Z)=2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82,... (peak in shell gap = difference of S_{2n})



The oxygen anomaly



one such nucleus — yet it lies just at the limit of stability.

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microscopic explanation of the oxygen anomaly Otsuka et al. (2010)

New ab-initio methods extend reach

impact of 3N forces confirmed in large-space calculations:
Coupled Cluster theory with phenomenological 3N forces Hagen et al. (2012)
In-Medium Similarity RG based on chiral NN+3N Hergert et al. (2013)
Green's function methods based on chiral NN+3N Cipollone et al. (2013)

