Shape coexistence and octupole correlations in ^{72}Se.

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In atomic nuclei nearly all the shape related phenomena such as shape coexistence, shape evolution, octupole correlations are influenced by a favorable shell structure and the unique parity intruder orbitals near the Fermi energy. In particular, the presence of intruder $g_{9/2}$ orbital in 70 mass region triggers the presence of coexisting shapes and octupole correlations in the low-lying states .

INGA setup:

^{50}Cr(^{28}Si, α2p)^{72}Se @ 90 MeV

Result & Discussion:
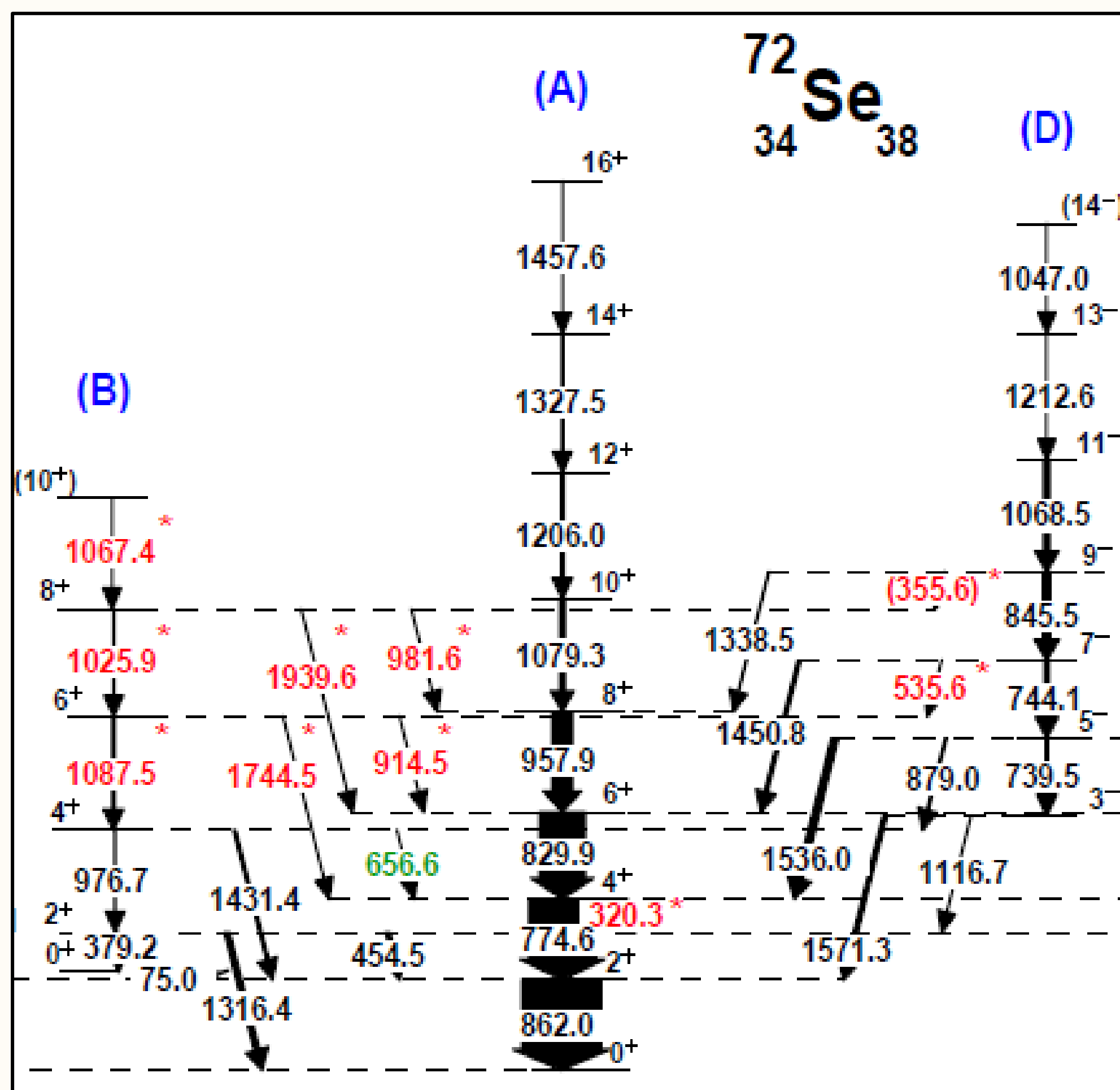
Shape coexistence
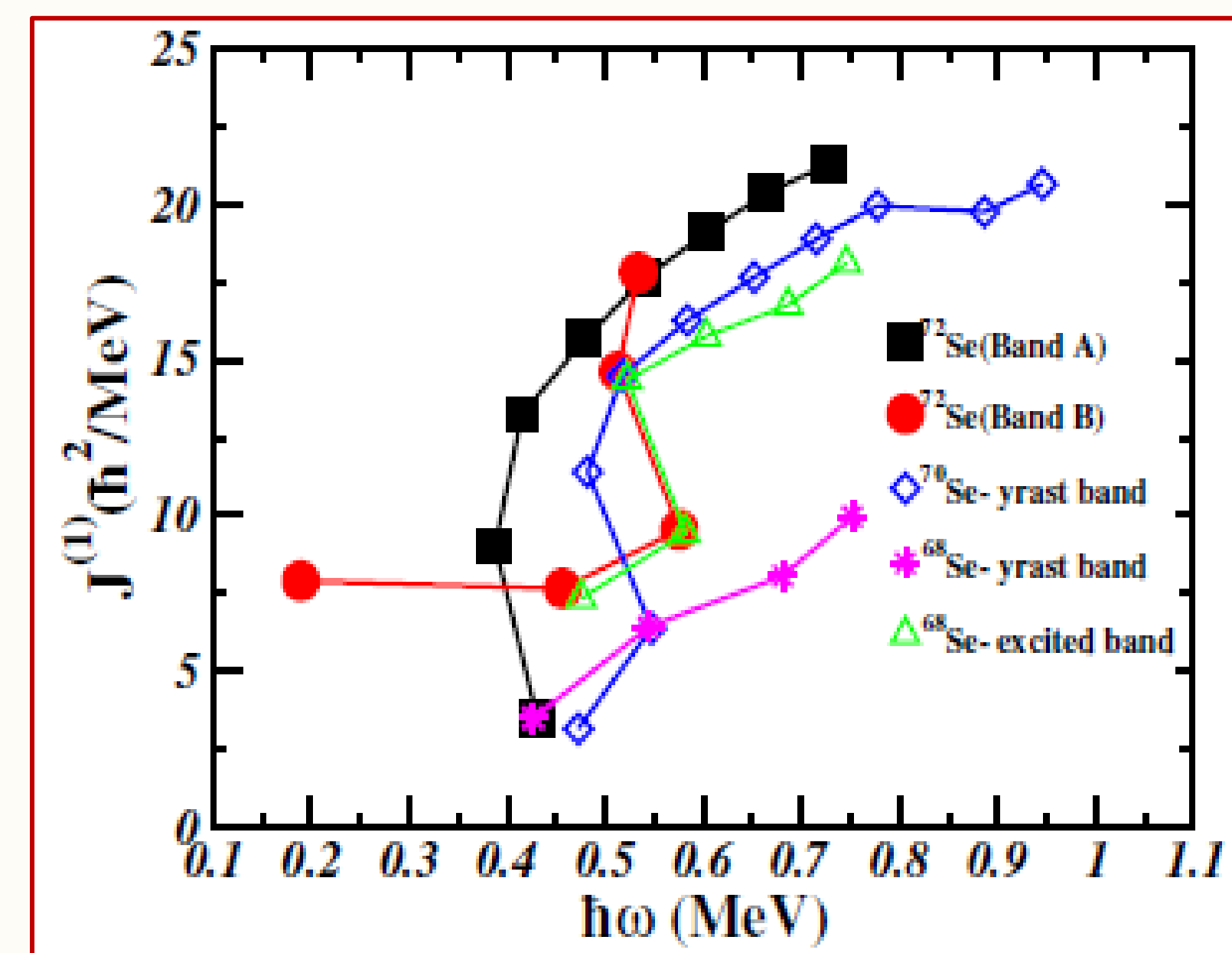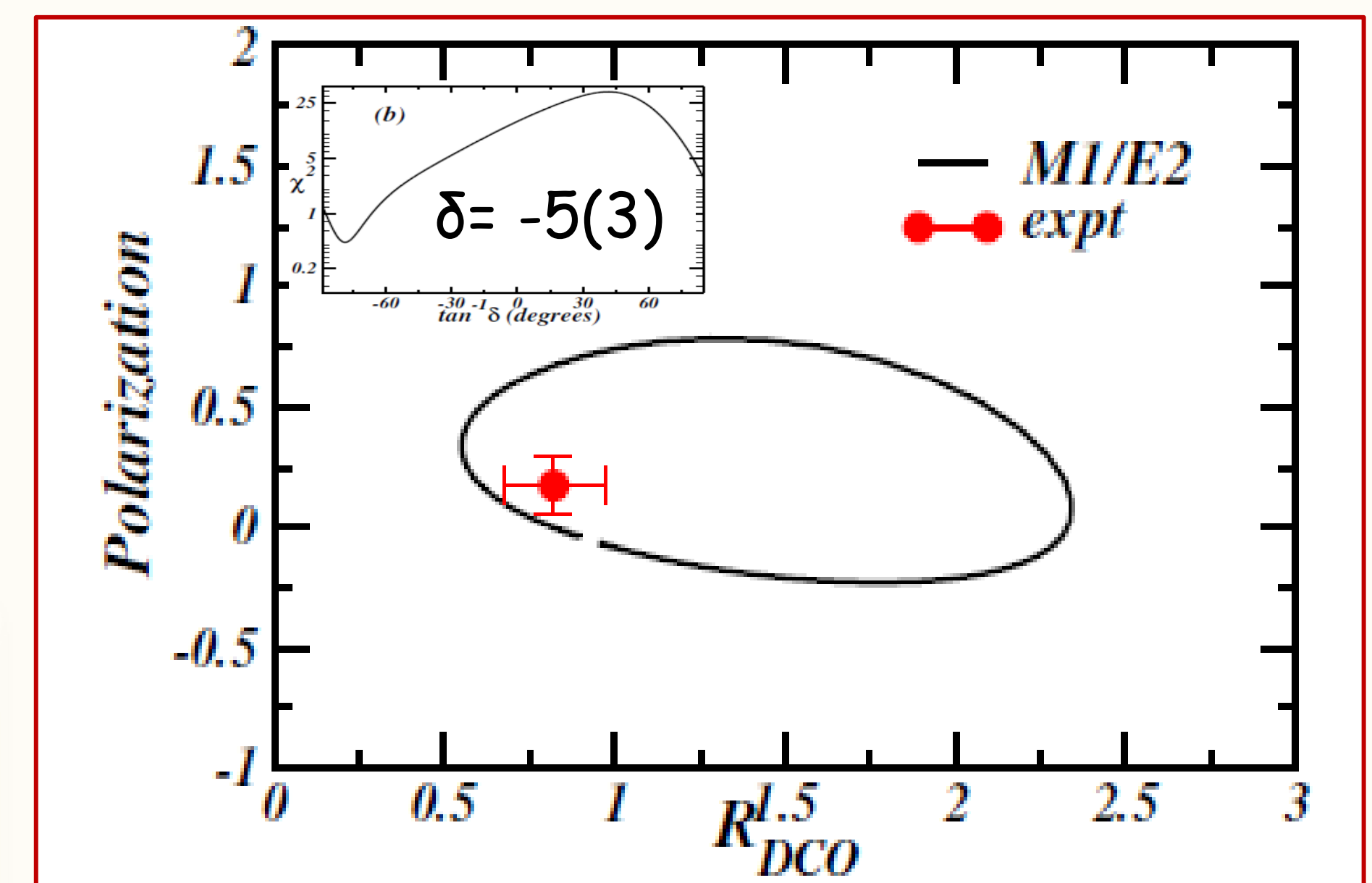

➢ Coexistence of oblate ground state with a probable prolate deformed excited 0$^+$ state.
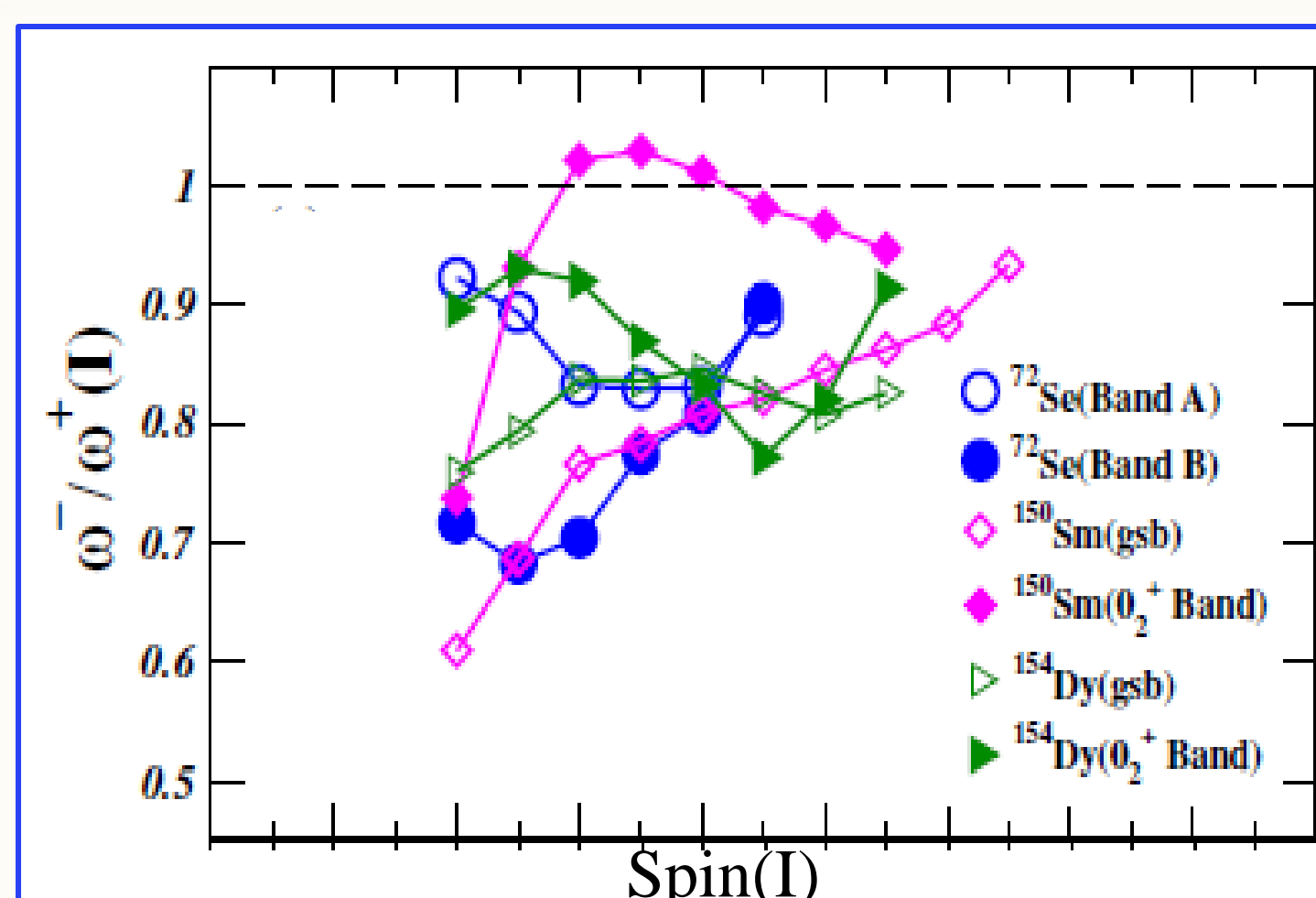➢ The mixing ratio of ΔI=0,454.5 keV transition shows its nearly pure E2 character.


TRS calculation:

Octupole correlations

➢ The Z = 34 involves the role of intruder $g_{9/2}$ orbital and normal $p_{3/2}$ orbital with an angular momentum difference of 3ℏ.
➢ The values of B($E1$)/B($E2$) ratio and transition strength B($E1$) of ^{72}Se supports the enhancement of inter-connecting $E1$ transitions.

E_γ (keV)	I_i^π	I_f^π	$\frac{B(E1)}{B(E2)} 10^{-6}$ fm^{-2}	B($E1$) 10^{-4} W.U.
879.0	5$^-$	4$^+_2$	0.204(6)	---
535.6	7$^-$	6$^+_2$	0.04(11)	0.85(10)
1535.8	5$^-$	4$^+_1$	0.16(11)	---
1450.8	7$^-$	6$^+_1$	0.03(11)	0.72(10)
1338.5	9$^-$	8$^+_1$	0.012(13)	0.20(3)
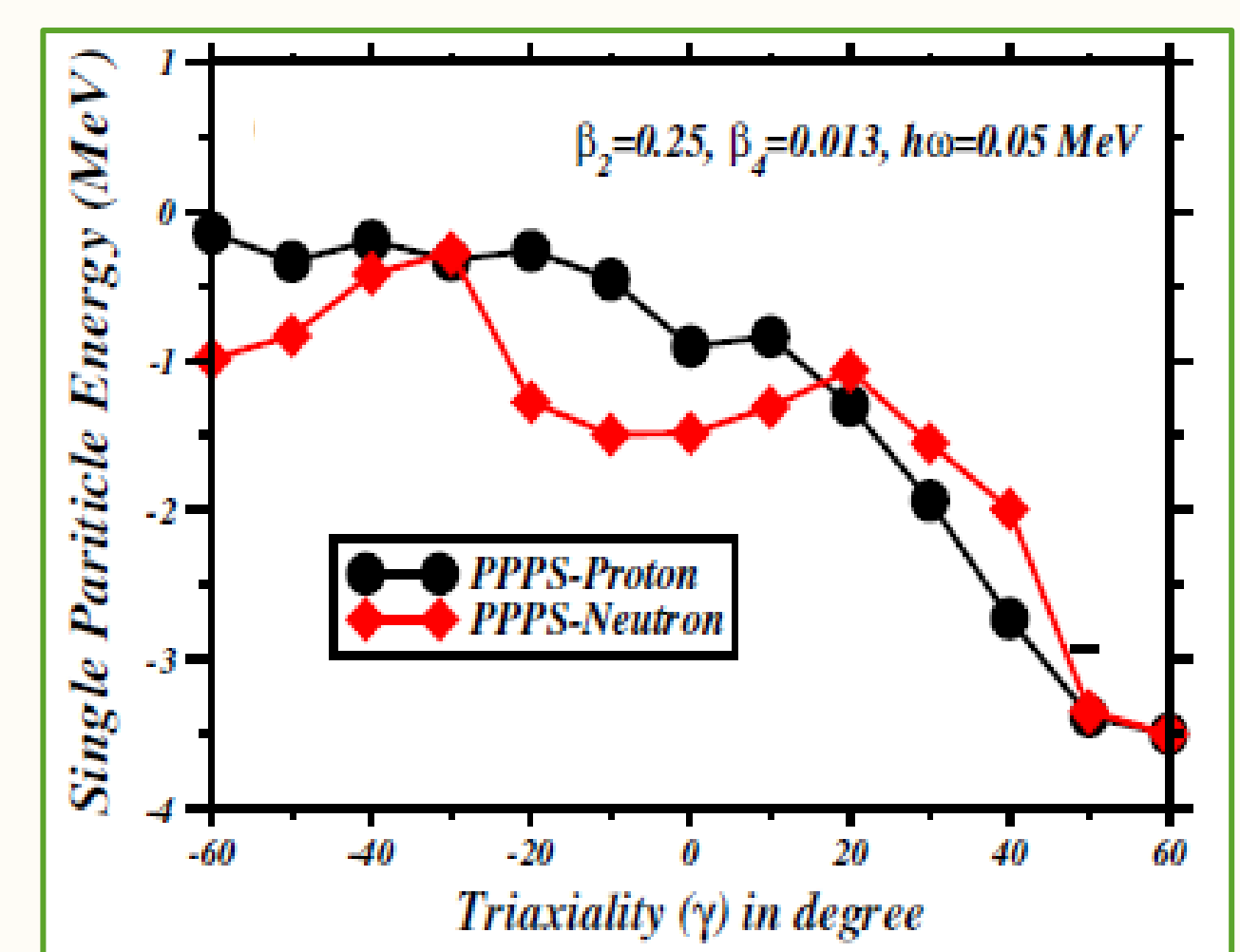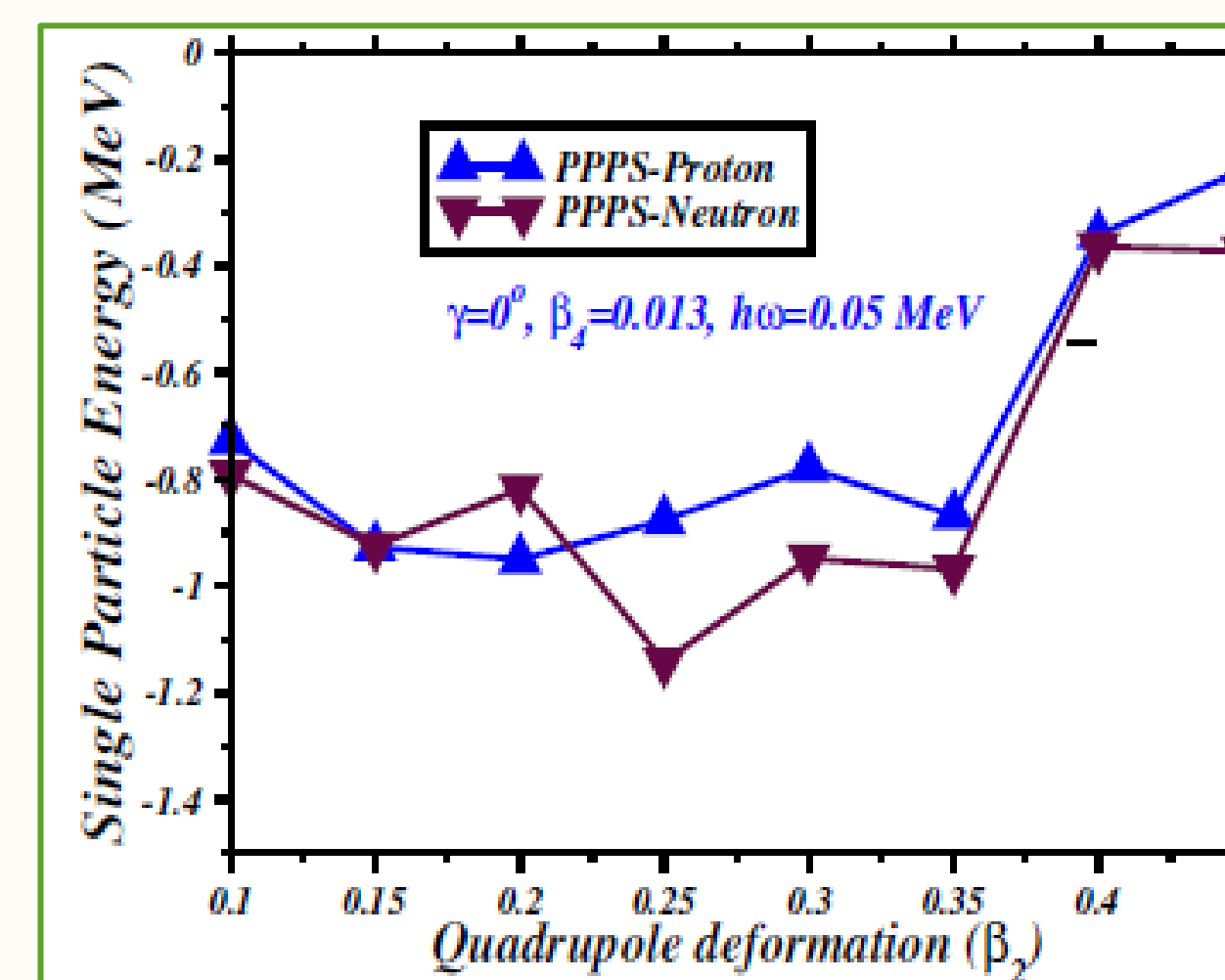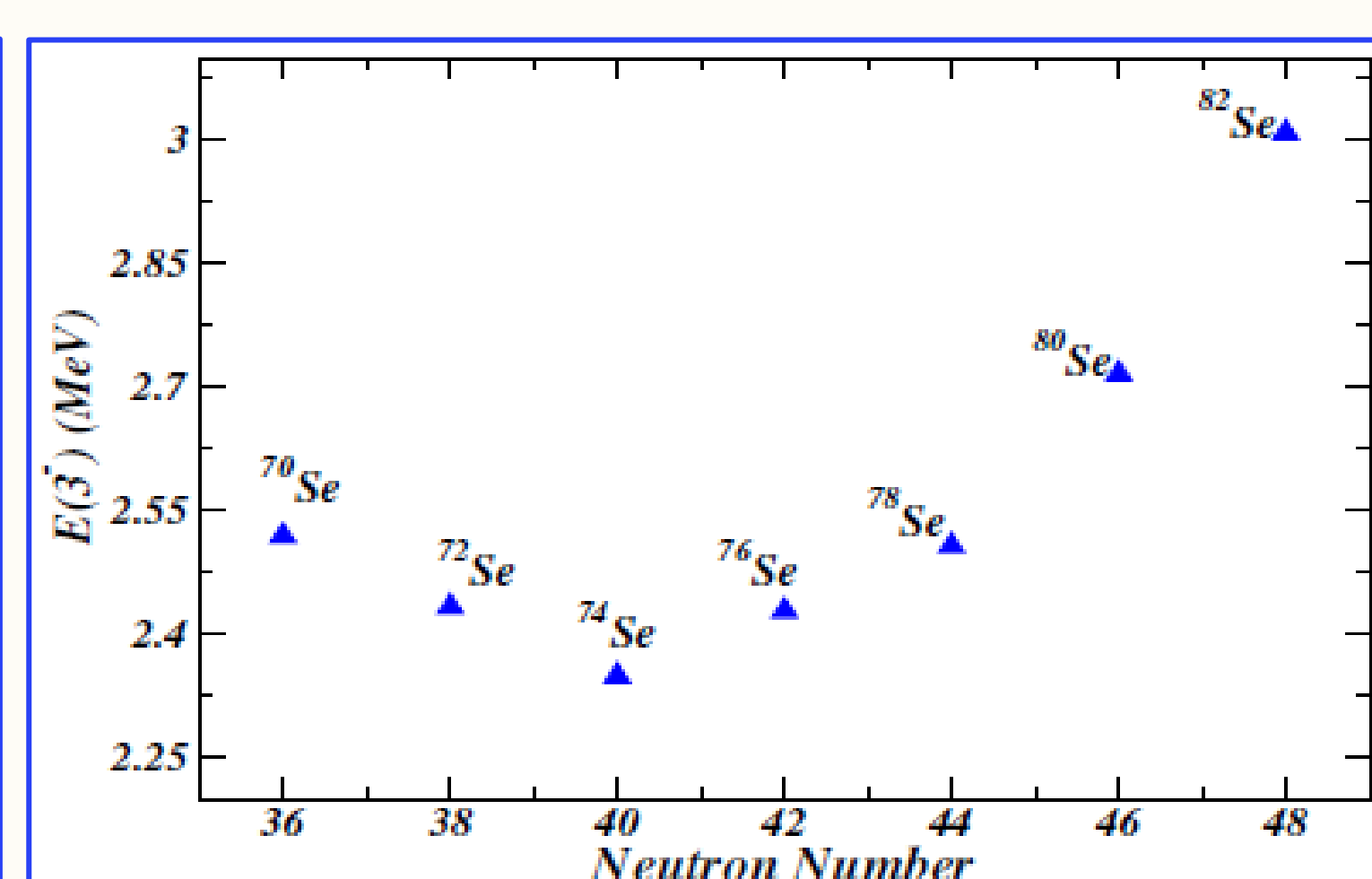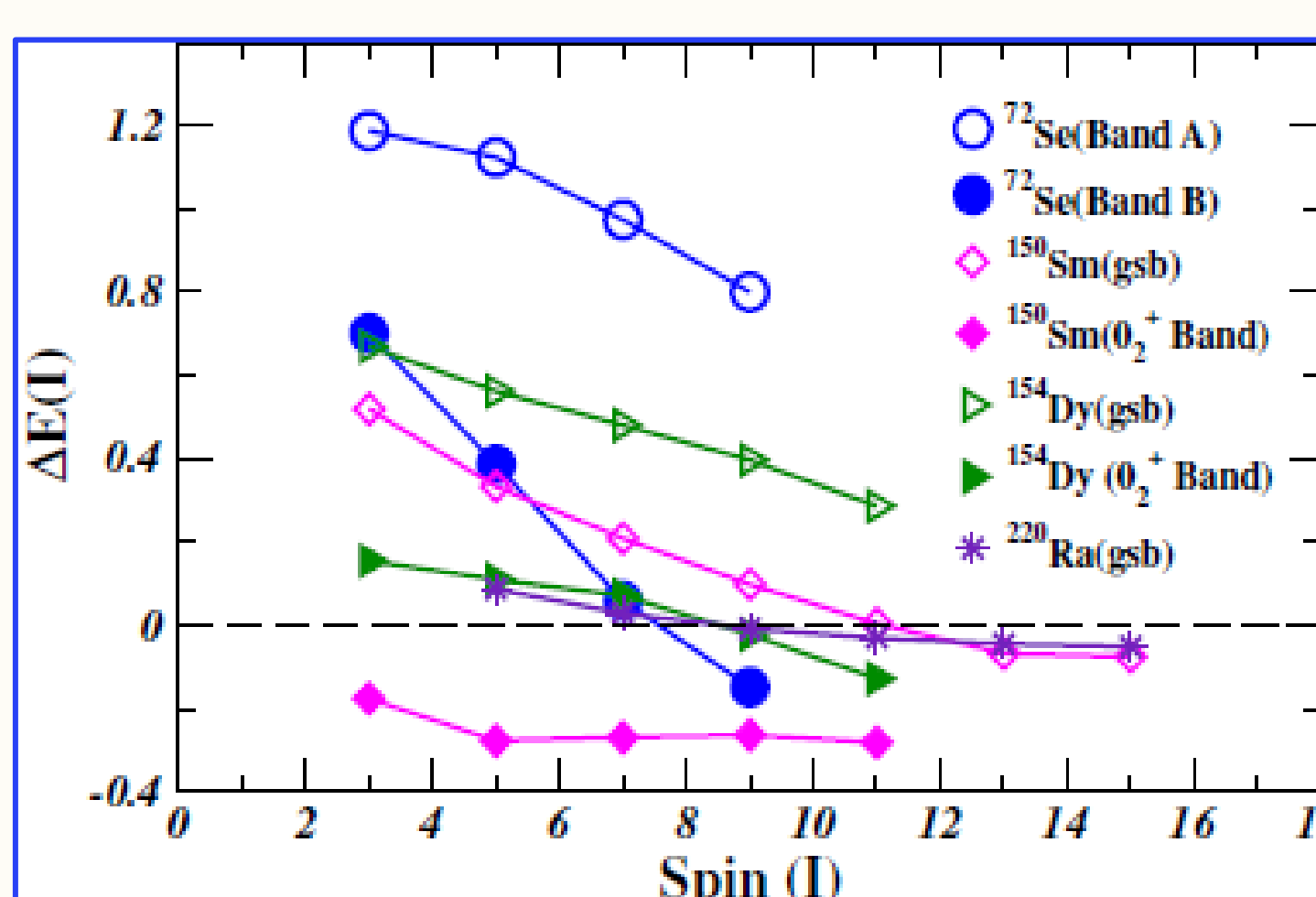
➢ The ν$g_{9/2}$ orbital plays the most crucial role to create a shape driving force at low frequency.
➢ It generates the three minima with γ= 60^0; 0^0 and −60^0, respectively. The third minimum is comparatively weaker than other two minima.

Summary:

➢Coexisting oblate ground state with prolate deformed excited states with linking $E0$ and $E2$ transitions between two shape coexistence band.
➢First observation of decaying enhanced $E1$ transition from negative parity band to both K$^\pi$ = 0$^+$ bands, in 70 mass region, showing octupole correlation in ^{72}Se nucleus.