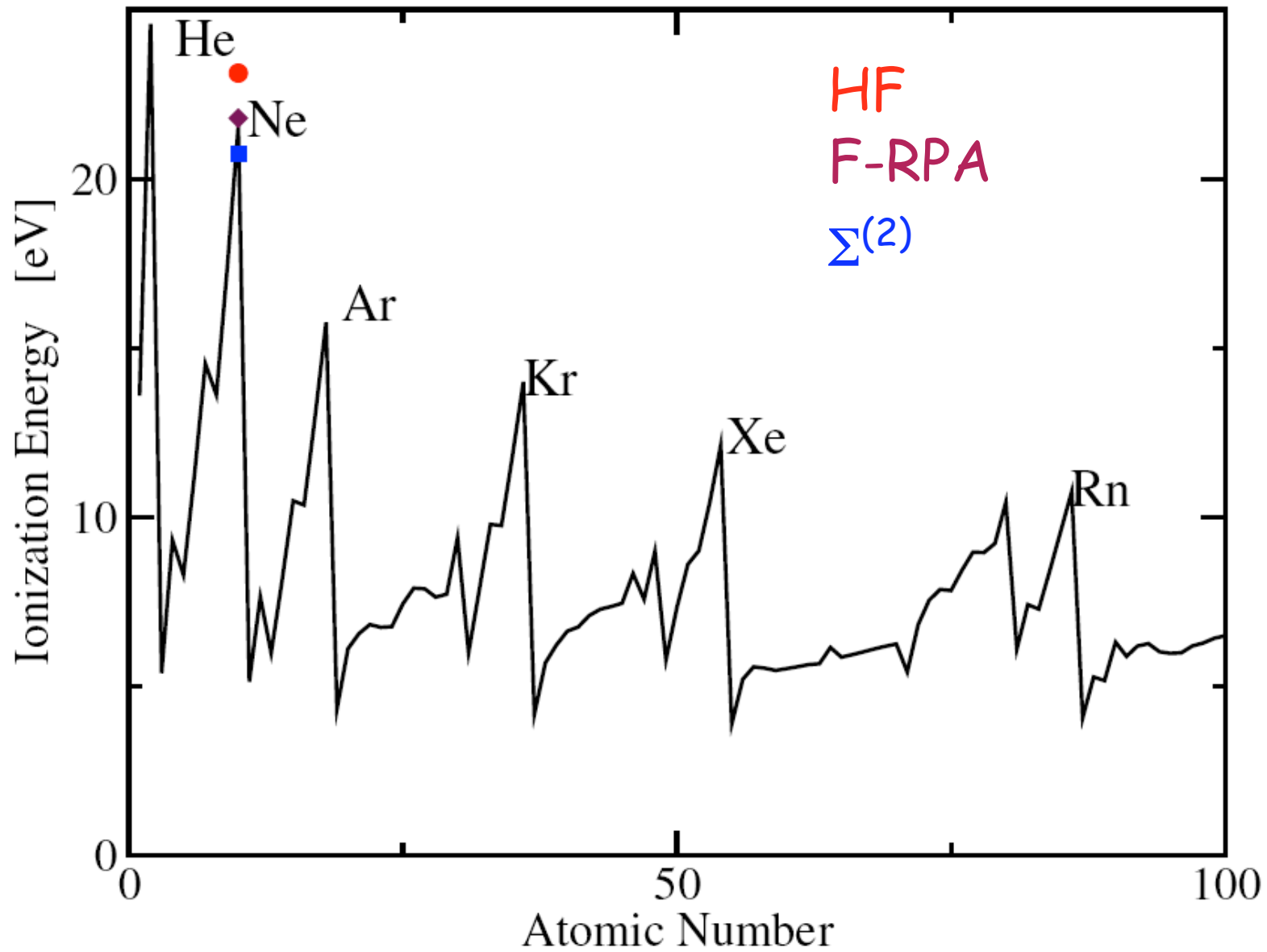


# Periodic table



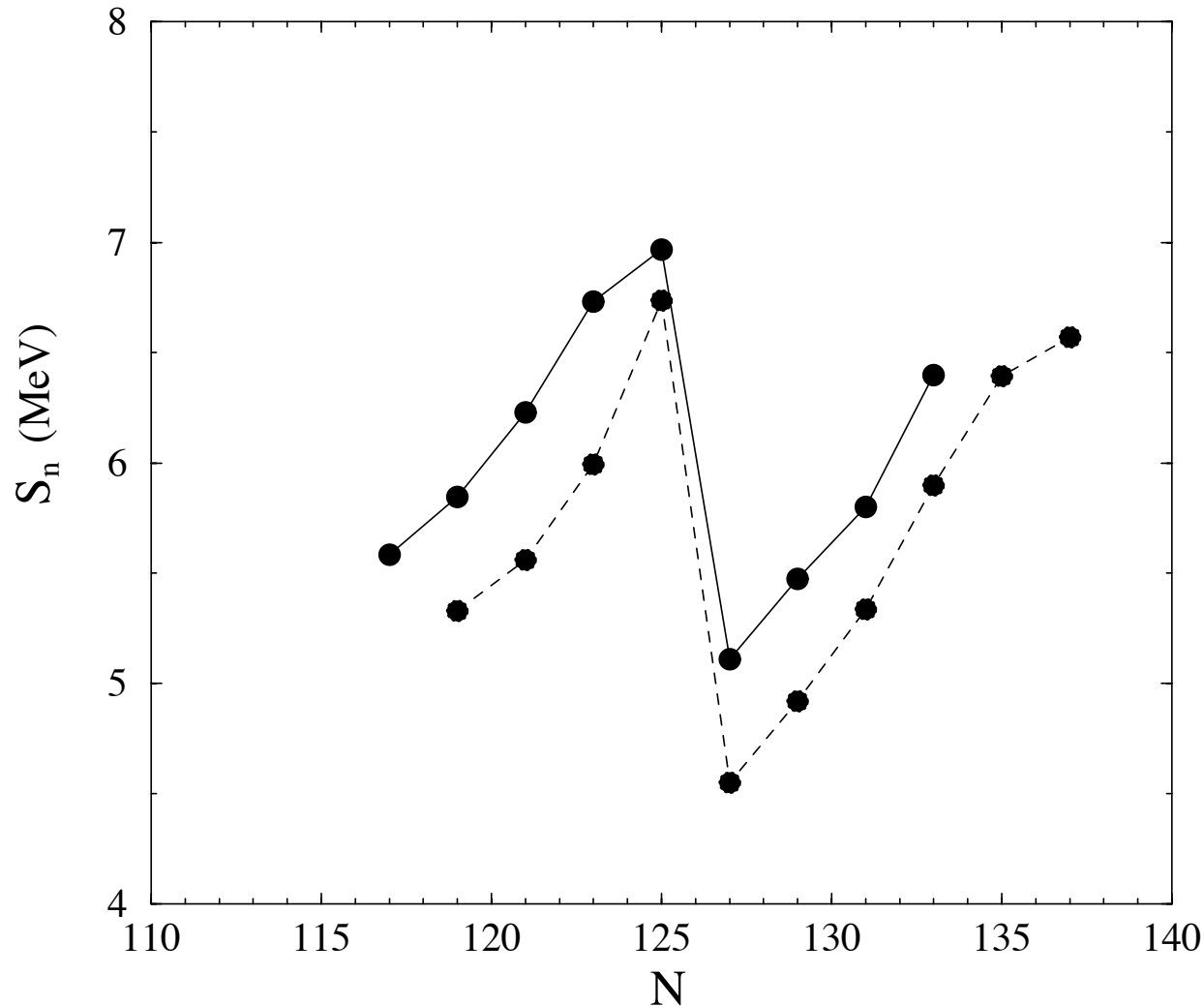
# Nucleons in nuclei

- Atoms: shell closures at 2,10,18,36,54,86
- Similar features observed in nuclei
- Notation:
  - # of neutrons  $N$
  - # of protons  $Z$
  - # of nucleons  $A = N + Z$
- Equivalent of ionization energy: separation energy
  - for protons  $S_p(N, Z) = B(N, Z) - B(N, Z - 1)$
  - for neutrons  $S_n(N, Z) = B(N, Z) - B(N - 1, Z)$
  - binding energy

$$M(N, Z) = \frac{E(N, Z)}{c^2} = N m_n + Z m_p - \frac{B(N, Z)}{c^2}$$

# Shell closure at N=126

- Odd-even effect: plot only even Z

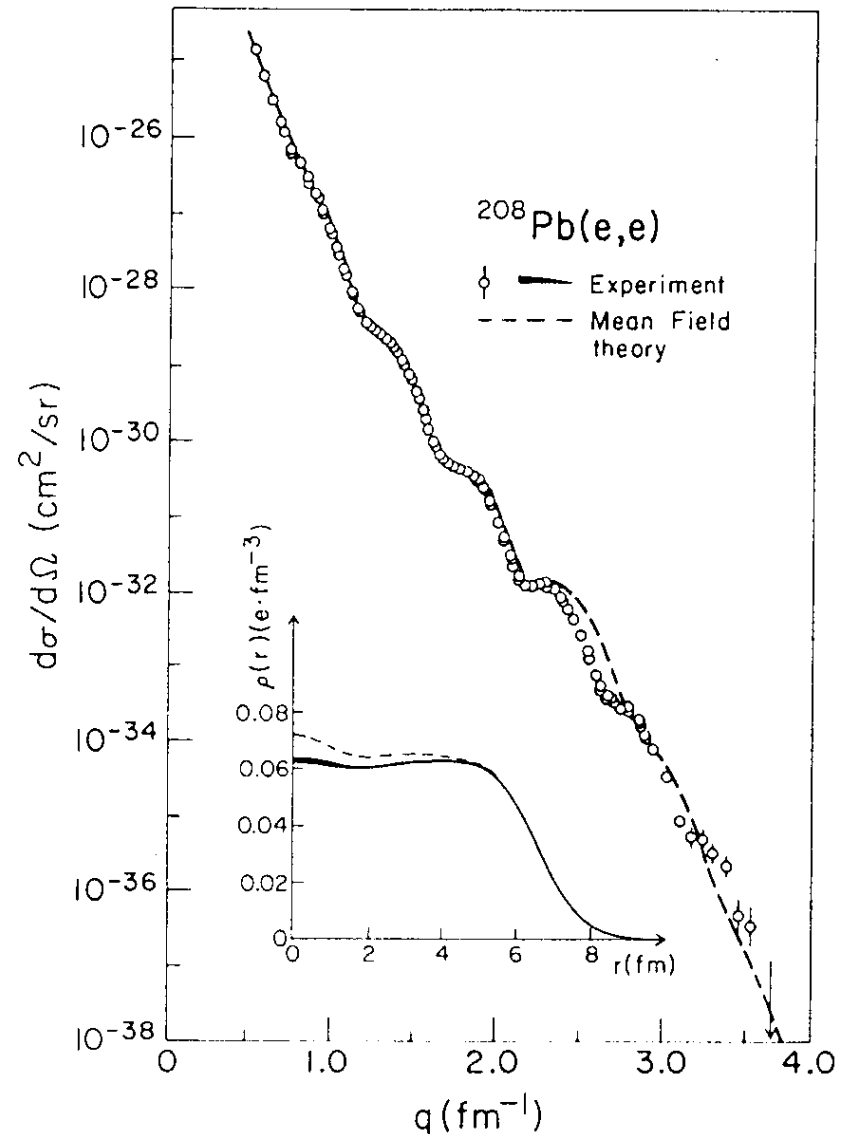


Solid: N-Z=41  
Dashed: N-Z=43

- Also at other values N and Z: 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, and 82
- "Magic numbers"

# Empirical potential

- Analogy to atoms suggests finding a  $sp$  potential  $\Rightarrow$  shells + IPM
- Difference(s) with atoms?
- Properties of empirical potential
  - overall?
  - size?
  - shape?
- Consider nuclear charge density



Frois & Papanicolas, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. **37**, 133 (1987)

# Nuclear density distribution

- Central density ( $A/Z^*$  charge density) about the same for nuclei heavier than  $^{16}\text{O}$ , corresponding to  $0.16$  nucleons/ $\text{fm}^3$

- Important quantity

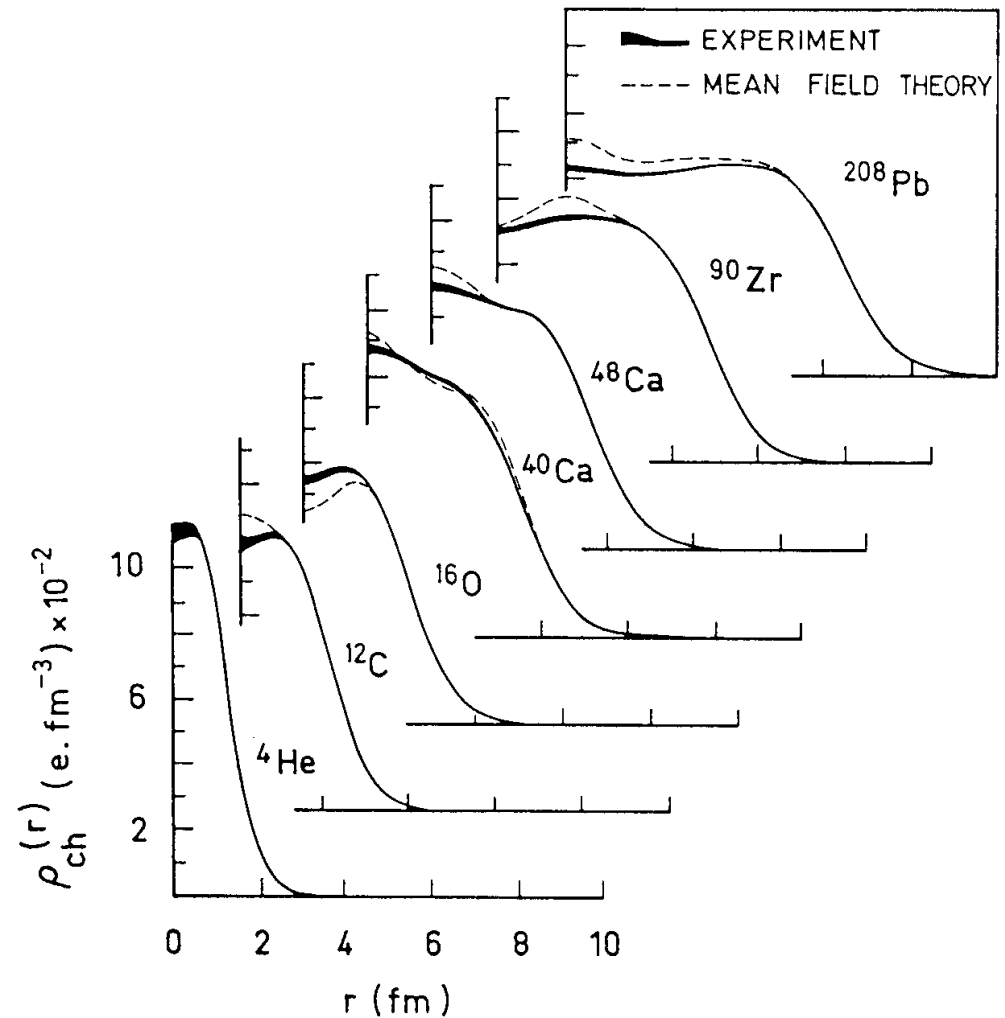
- Shape roughly represented by

$$\rho_{ch}(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r-c}{z}\right)}$$

$$c \approx 1.07A^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ fm}$$

$$z \approx 0.55 \text{ fm}$$

- Potential similar shape



# Empirical potential

- Bohr & Mottelson Vol.1

$$U = V f(r) + V_{ls} \left( \frac{\ell \cdot s}{\hbar^2} \right) r_0^2 \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f(r)$$

- Central part roughly follows shape of density

$$f(r) = \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \frac{r - R}{a} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

- Woods-Saxon form

- Depth  $V = \left[ -51 \pm 33 \left( \frac{N - Z}{A} \right) \right] \text{ MeV}$ 
  - + neutrons
  - protons

- radius  $R = r_0 A^{1/3}$  with  $r_0 = 1.27 \text{ fm}$

- diffuseness  $a = 0.67 \text{ fm}$

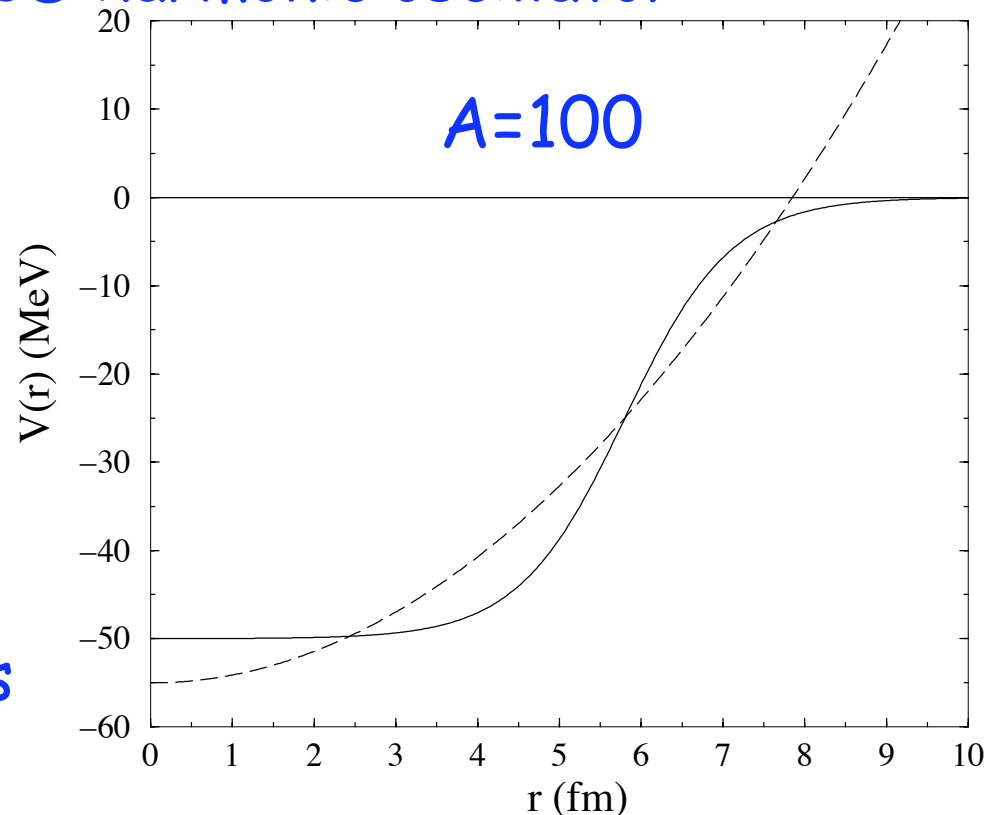
# Analytically solvable alternative

- Woods-Saxon (WS) generates finite number of bound states
- IPM: fill lowest levels  $\Rightarrow$  nuclear shells  $\Rightarrow$  magic numbers
- reasonably approximated by 3D harmonic oscillator

$$U_{HO}(r) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 r^2 - V_0$$

$$H_0 = \frac{p^2}{2m} + U_{HO}(r)$$

- Eigenstates in spherical basis



$$H_{HO} |nlm_\ell m_s\rangle = [\hbar\omega(2n + \ell + \frac{3}{2}) - V_0] |nlm_\ell m_s\rangle$$

# Harmonic oscillator

- Filling of oscillator shells
- # of quanta  $N = 2n + \ell$

$N$	$n$	$\ell$	# of particles	"magic #"	parity
0	0	0	2	2	+
1	0	1	6	8	-
2	1	0	2		+
2	0	2	10	20	+
3	1	1	6		-
3	0	3	14	40	-
4	2	0	2		+
4	1	2	10		+
4	0	4	18	70	+



# Need for another type of sp potential

- 1949 Mayer and Jensen suggest the need of a spin-orbit term
- Requires a coupled basis

$$|n(\ell s)jm_j\rangle = \sum_{m_\ell m_s} |nlm_\ell m_s\rangle (\ell m_\ell s m_s | j m_j)$$

- Use  $\ell \cdot s = \frac{1}{2}(j^2 - \ell^2 - s^2)$  to show that these are eigenstates

$$\frac{\ell \cdot s}{\hbar^2} |n(\ell s)jm_j\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(j(j+1) - \ell(\ell+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)) |n(\ell s)jm_j\rangle$$

- For  $j = \ell + \frac{1}{2}$  eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{2}\ell$
- while for  $j = \ell - \frac{1}{2}$  eigenvalue  $-\frac{1}{2}(\ell + 1)$
- so SO splits these levels! and more so with larger  $\ell$

# Inclusion of SO potential and magic numbers

- Sign of SO?

$$V_{ls} \left( \frac{\ell \cdot s}{\hbar^2} \right) r_0^2 \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f(r)$$

$$V_{ls} = -0.44V$$

- Consequence for

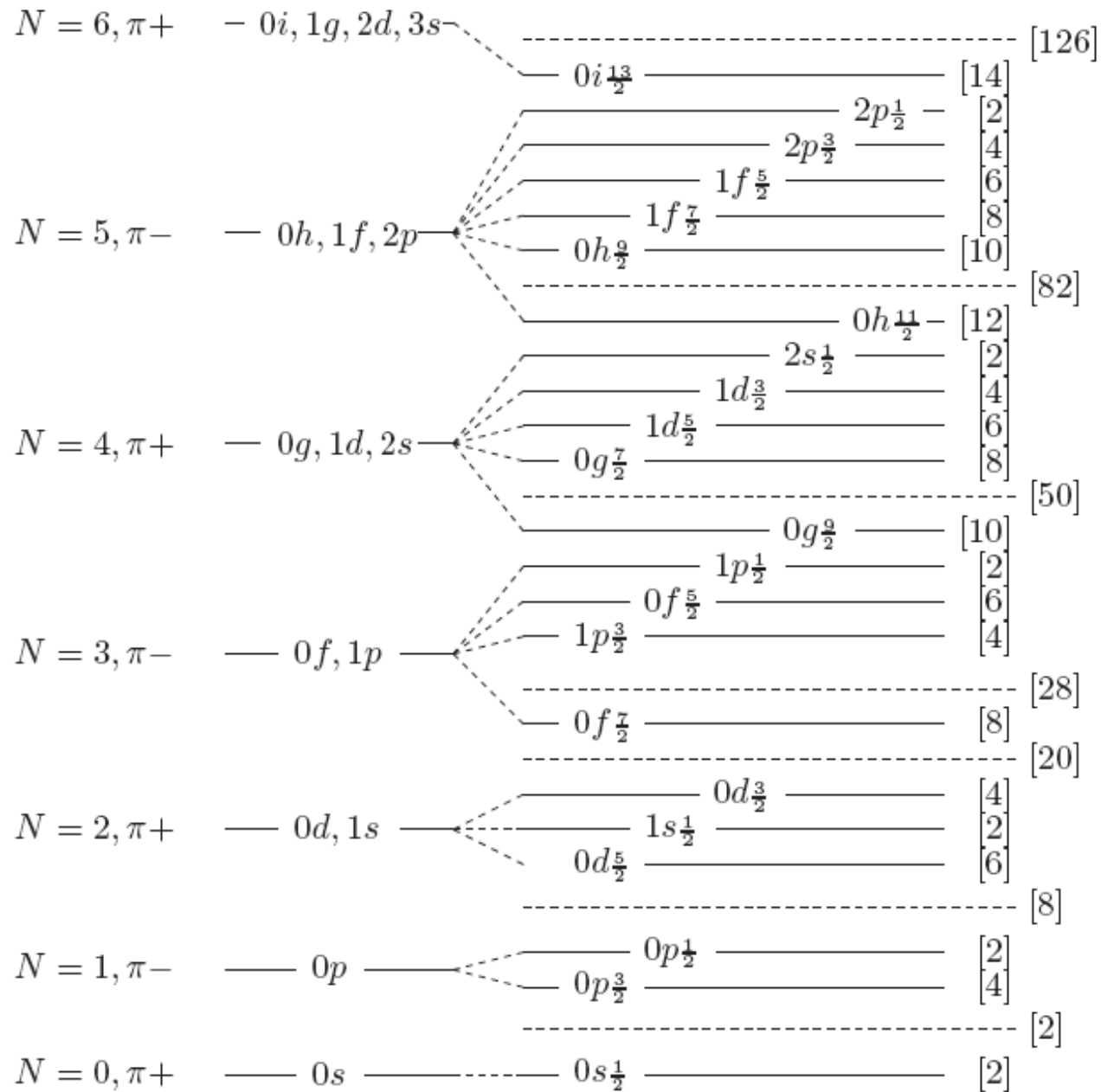
$$0f \frac{7}{2}$$

$$0g \frac{9}{2}$$

$$0h \frac{11}{2}$$

$$0i \frac{13}{2}$$

- Noticeably shifted
- Correct magic numbers!



# Neutron levels as a function of A

- Phenomenological!
- Calculated from Woods-Saxon plus spin-orbit

