THE FCC SUBSTRUCTURE OF THE NUCLEUS AND THE MAGNETIC INTERACTION AMONG NUCLEONS

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The strongest objection to "cold fusion" research since 1989 has been the assertion by nuclear theorists that low-energy nuclear reactions (LENR) "violate everything known about nuclear physics." We argue to the contrary that LENR are consistent with quantum mechanics (QM), and "violate" only various questionable assumptions of the 30+ established models of nuclear structure theory [1]. In fact, these "models" are known to be mutually-contradictory (a liquid nuclear interior in the liquid-drop model [LDM], a gaseous-phase in the shell model; local cluster formations in the alpha-particle model, no local interactions in the Fermi-gas model; a short-range nuclear force in the LDM, a long-range "effective" force in the shell model; etc.) and clearly indicate that nuclear theory itself is unfinished business [1].

We have previously shown that only one model of nuclear structure (the fcc lattice model) is consistent with both QM and the many empirical indications of an extremely high-density nuclear interior [2-4] (Fig. 1). Here, we demonstrate that the nuclear force that binds nucleons together into a superfluid lattice [4] cannot be a fictitious potential-well acting over 10-15 fm (as in the shell model), but, rather, must be a spin- and isospin-dependent, short-range force acting over distances of less than 2.0 fm, as known from nucleon-nucleon experiments. The only known force of sufficient strength to overcome the Coulomb repulsion between two protons is an in-phase magnetic force [5]. That is, at a center-to-center distance of 2.0 fm (which gives a nuclear core density of 0.17 nucleons/fm³), the surface-to-surface distance of singlet-paired, same-isospin nucleons (each with a known RMS radius of 0.86 fm) is only 0.28 fm, corresponding to an attractive magnetic force of ~3 MeV. Triplet-paired nucleons of opposite-isospin show similar attraction. Provided that nucleons are arranged in an antiferromagnetic fcc lattice with alternating isospin layers (Fig. 1), the nucleon build-up procedure is identical to that of the shell model. Moreover, using a realistic, short-range nuclear force, the lattice gives binding energies and nuclear radii similar to those of the LDM [2-4]. It is also noteworthy that this same fcc lattice of nucleons has been shown from QM calculations [6] to be the lowest-energy condensate of nuclear matter (Z=N), possibly present in neutron stars.

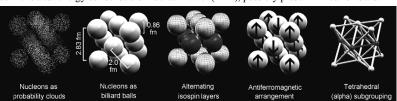


Fig. 1: The fcc unit structure with dimensions that give the known nuclear density.

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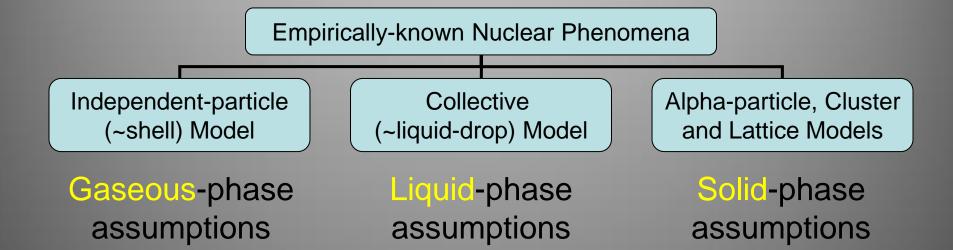
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The field of "cold fusion" still needs developments in three distinct areas:

- (1) reliable experimental data
- (2) hypotheses concerning the underlying phenomena
- (3) integration into established nuclear structure theory

Nuclear Structure Theory (since the 1950s)



More than 30 (!) nuclear structure models reviewed in Greiner & Maruhn, *Nuclear Models*, Springer, 1996 (not including any of the cluster and lattice models)

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On the Consequences of the Symmetry of the Nuclear Hamiltonian on the Spectroscopy of Nuclei

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The structure of the multiplets of nuclear terms is investigated, using as first approximation a Hamiltonian which does not involve the ordinary spin and corresponds to equal forces between all nuclear constituents, protons and neutrons. The multiplets turn out to have a rather complicated structure, instead of the S of atomic spectroscopy, one has three quantum numbers S, T, Y. The second approximation can either introduce spin forces (method 2), or else can discriminate between protons and neutrons (method 3). The last approximation discriminates between protons and neutrons in method 2 and takes the spin forces into account in method 3. The method 2 is worked out schematically and is shown to explain qualitatively the table of stable nuclei to about Mo.

 $T_{\zeta} = -1/2$

34, 32, 12

 $T_{\xi} = 1/2$

43, 23, 21

 $T_{1} = 3/2$

32, 12

 $T_{\zeta} = 5/2$

 $T_{\xi} = -5/2$

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 $T_{\zeta} = -3/2$

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Eugene Wigner, Physical Review, 1937

The symmetries
of nuclear
"quantum space"
are
face-centered-cubic.

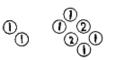
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He⁴

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12 21

 $(3/2 \ 1/2 \ -1/2)$ 2+2+1+0

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$$T_{\zeta} = -3/2$$
 $T_{\zeta} = -1$
21 32, 12

$$T_1 = 1/2$$
23, 21

3+1+1+0

$$T_{\zeta} = 3/2$$

Si²⁸





(3/2 3/2 1/2)





$$T_{\zeta} = -3/2$$
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$$T_{\zeta} = -1/2$$

32, 14, 12

$$T_{\xi} = 1/2$$
23, 41, 21

$$T_{\zeta} = 3/2$$

Ne²⁰

 $(3/2 \ 3/2 \ -3/2)$ 3+3+3+0









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Ca⁴⁰

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An FCC lattice model for nuclei

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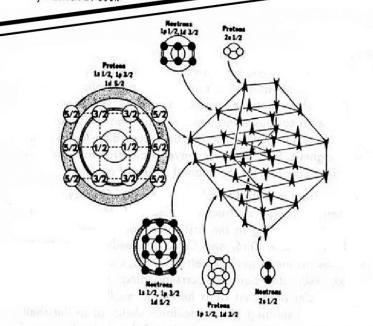


Fig. 3: The proton and neutron layers in Ca 40. In each layer the nucleons have opposite spins to all nearest neighbors, as indicated by the arrows. The middle proton level, on the left, shows the relationship between the nuclear z axis and the individual nucleon angular momentum quantum values

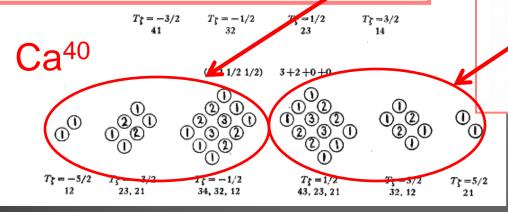
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Fig. 1.

(1/2 1/2 1/2) 1+0+0+0

The symmetries of nuclear "quantum space" correspond to FCC lattice symmetries in 3D "coordinate space"

(Lezuo, Cook, Dallacasa, Stevens, Bobezko, Everling, Palazzi, Goldman, Bauer, Chao, Chung, Santiago, Campi, Musulmanbekov, DasGupta, Pan, Bevelacqua, et al.)



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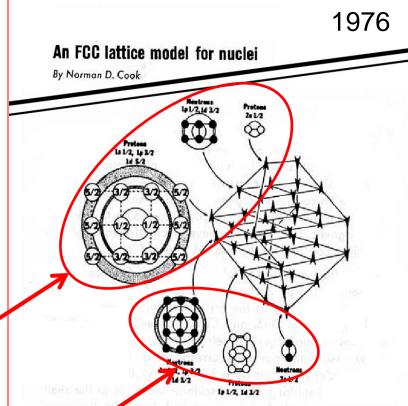


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Physics Bulletin 1988;

New Scientist 1988;

Computers in Physics 1989;

Modern Physics Letters 1990a, 1990b;

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The lattice model potentially unifies nuclear structure theory, but it also leads to answers concerning transmutation results in LENR.

Let us build nuclei based on what is known about protons, neutrons and the nuclear force...

At energies less than 300 MeV...

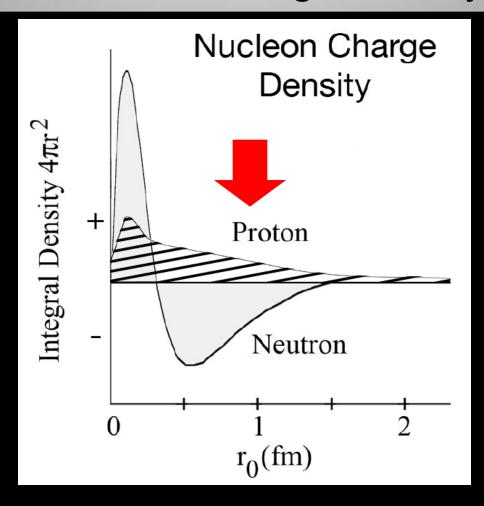
Electric and magnetic rms radii of nucleons

Particle	$r_{ m rms}^e$	$r_{ m rms}^m$
Proton Neutron	$\frac{0.895 \pm 0.018 \text{ fm}}{-0.113 \pm 0.003 \text{ fm}}$	$\frac{1.086 \pm 0.012 \text{ fm}}{0.873 \pm 0.015 \text{ fm}}$

I. Sick, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 55, 440, 2005.

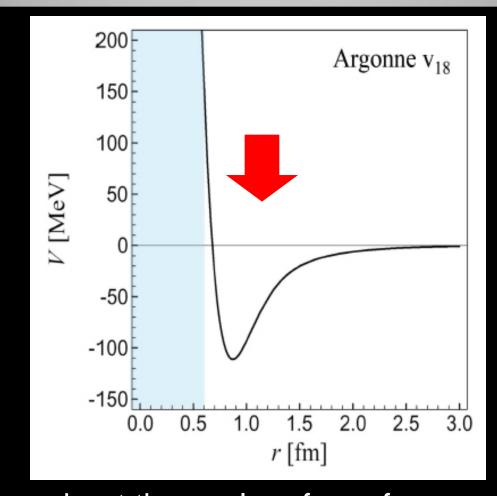
nucleons are particles with radii of ~1 fm.

The internal charge density...



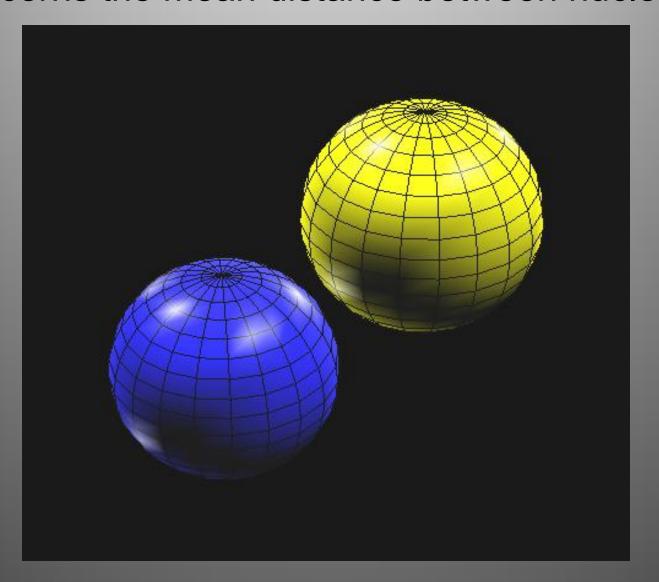
is experimentally known

and is consistent with what is known...

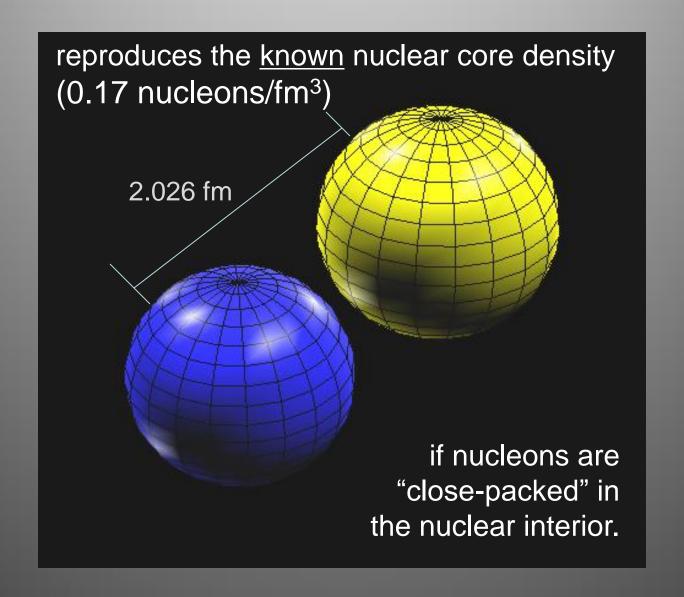


about the nuclear force from nucleon-nucleon scattering experiments.

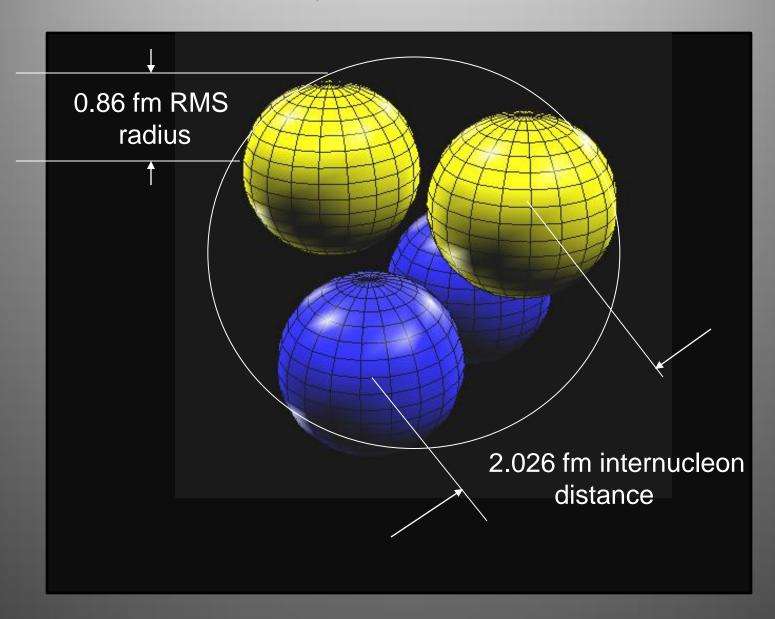
The first question about nuclear <u>structure</u> concerns the mean distance between nucleons.



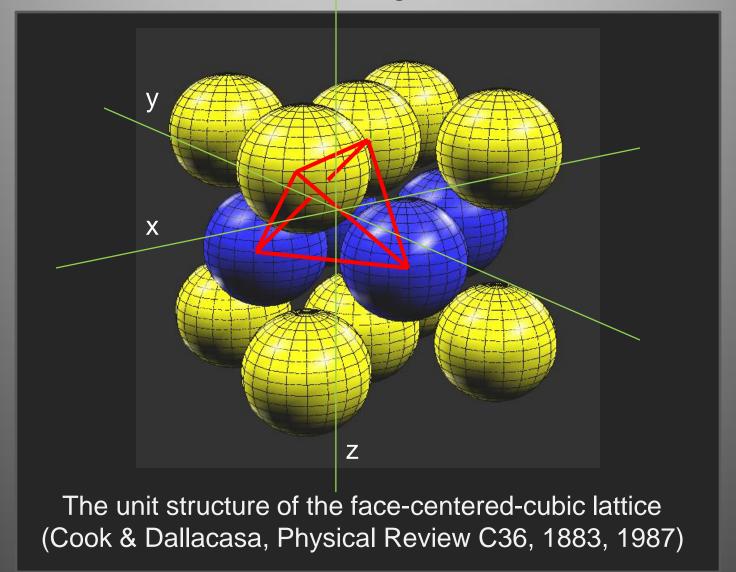
An internucleon distance of about 2 fm



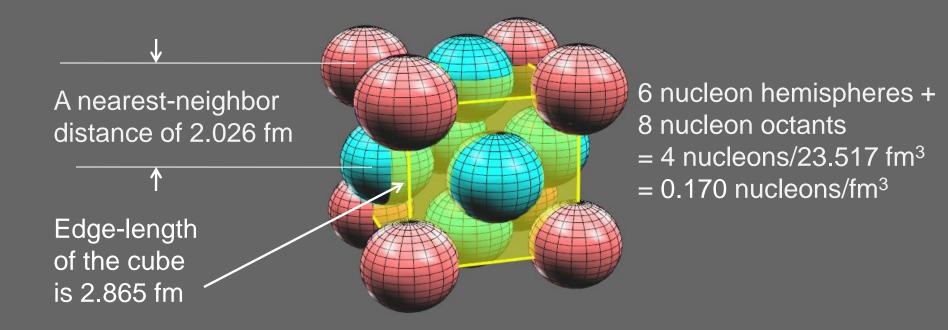
First, the He⁴ nucleus...



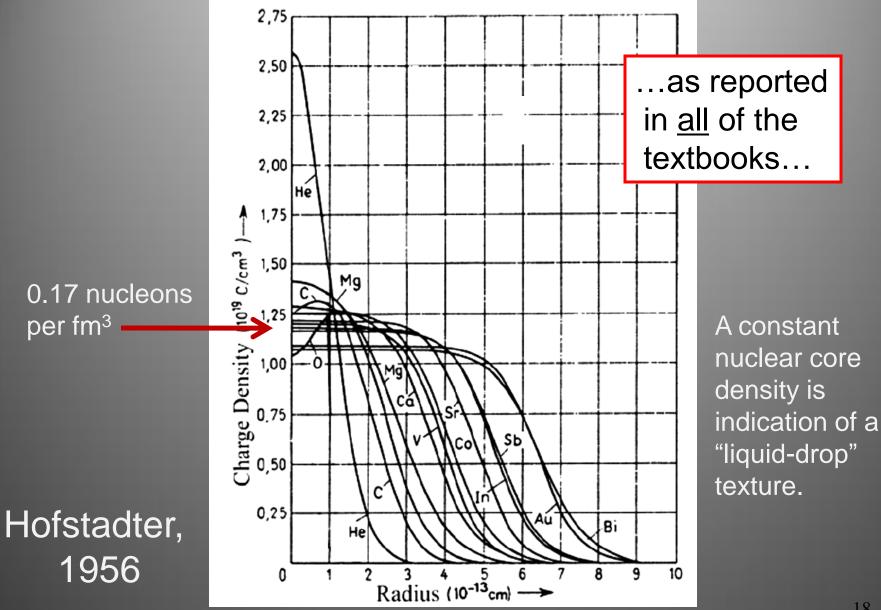
What do we get if we continue to "close pack" nucleons with a nearest-neighbor distance of ~2 fm?



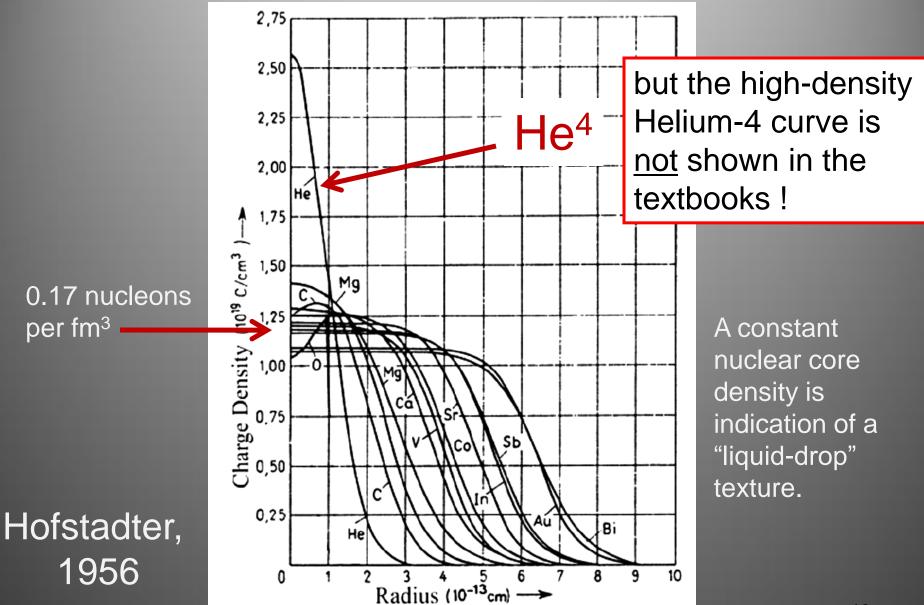
A nuclear core density of 0.17 nucleons/fm³



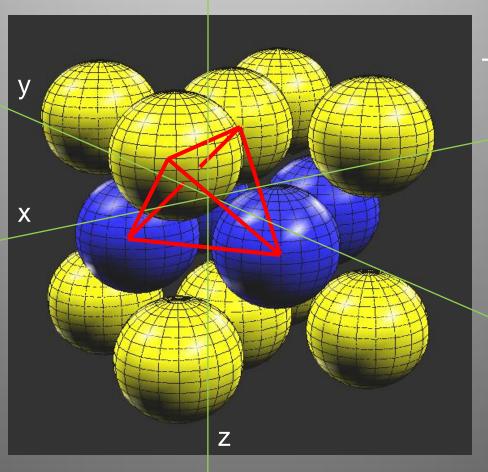
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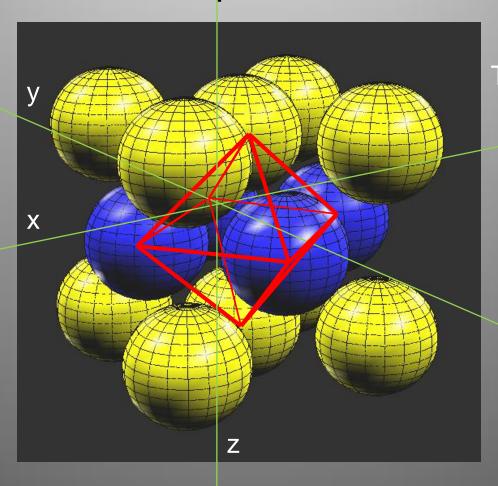


There are <u>high</u>-density tetrahedral regions inside of a "close packed" lattice



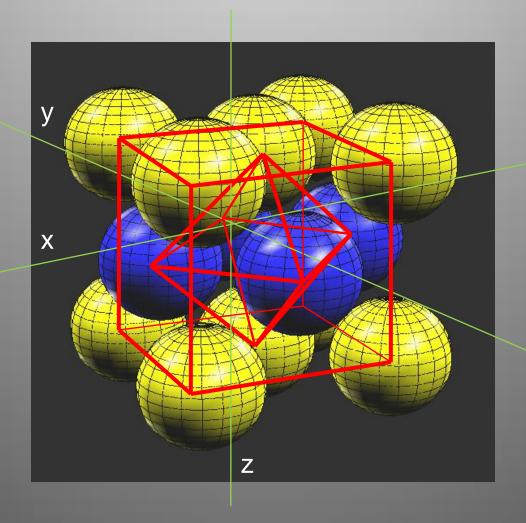
The density of the Helium-4 tetrahedron in the FCC lattice is 0.31 nucleons/fm³.

and <u>low</u>-density octahedral regions inside of a "close packed" lattice

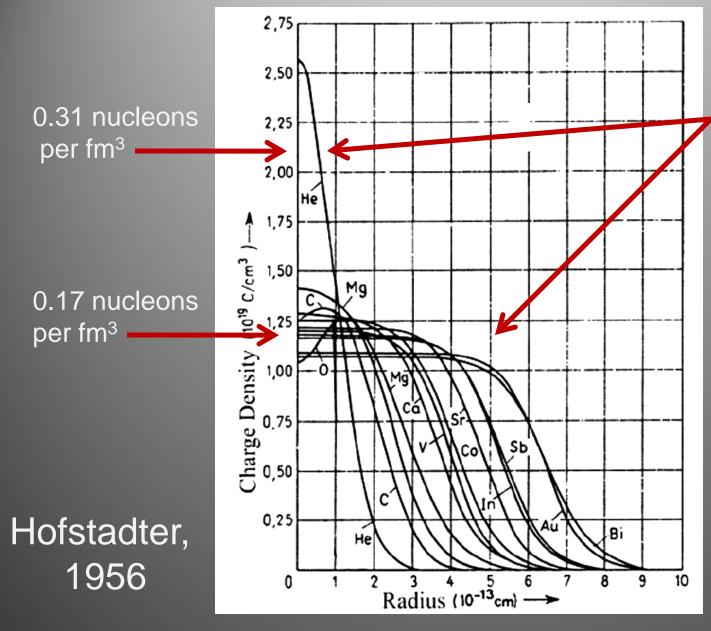


The density of octahedral regions in the FCC lattice is 0.09 nucleons/fm³.

...giving a mean density of 0.170 n/fm³

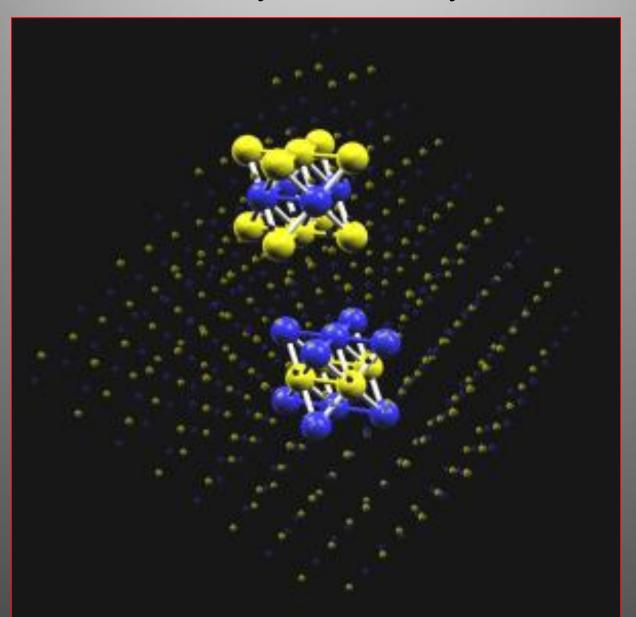


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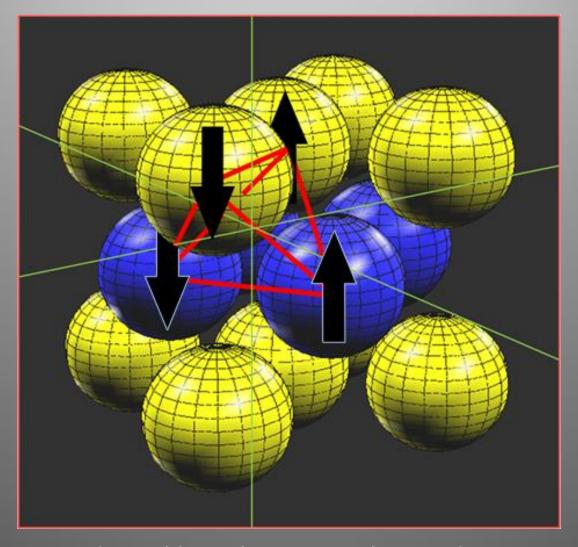


means that both density values are consistent with a close-packed lattice of nucleons.

The FCC "unit cube" buried within the many-nucleon system.

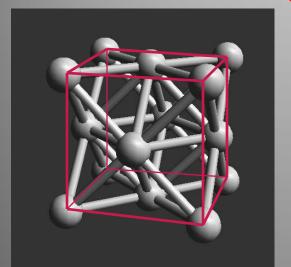


What is the substructure within the lattice?

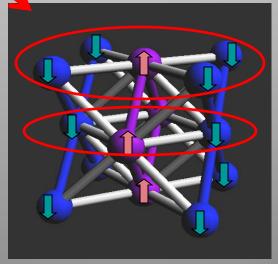


...spin and isospin symmetries are known.

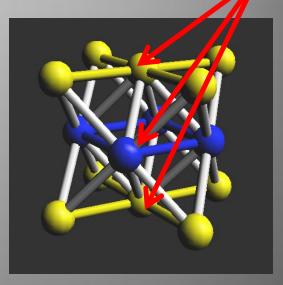
The antiferromagnetic FCC lattice with alternating isospin layers



The fcc unit cube...



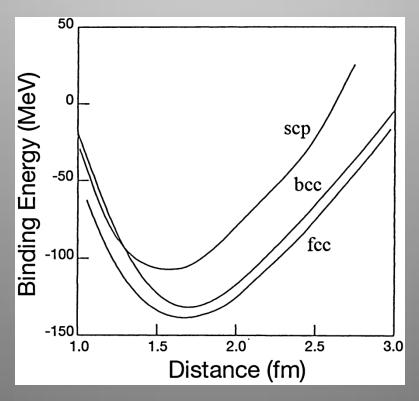
with antiferromagnetic spin alignment...



and alternating isospin layers.

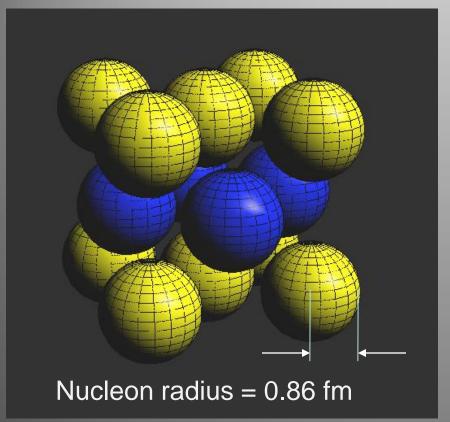
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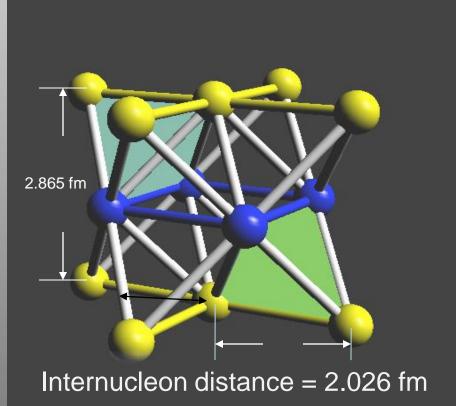
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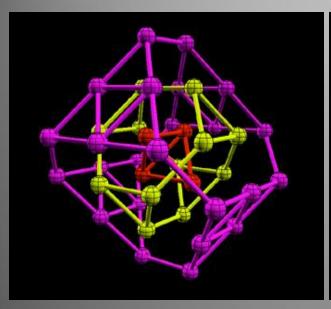
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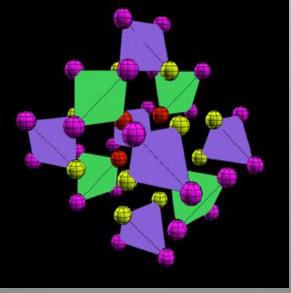
Alpha-particle clusters in the FCC lattice...

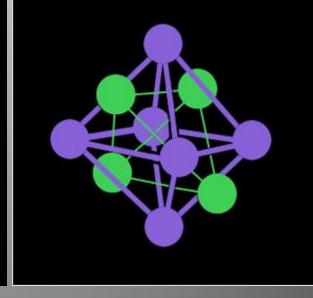




The alpha structure of Ca⁴⁰ in the FCC lattice





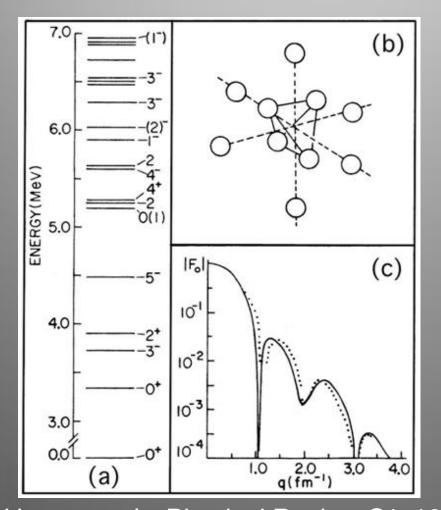


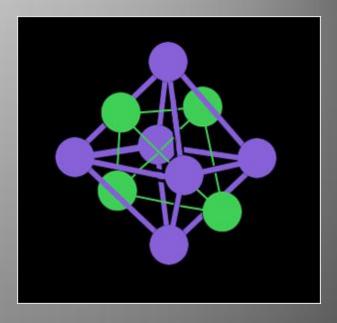
The FCC lattice showing three spherical shells, corresponding to the first three doubly-magic nuclei.

Ten tetrahedral alpha clusters are found in the FCC lattice...

and the alpha-particle structure is identical to the "classical" alpha structure for Ca-40.

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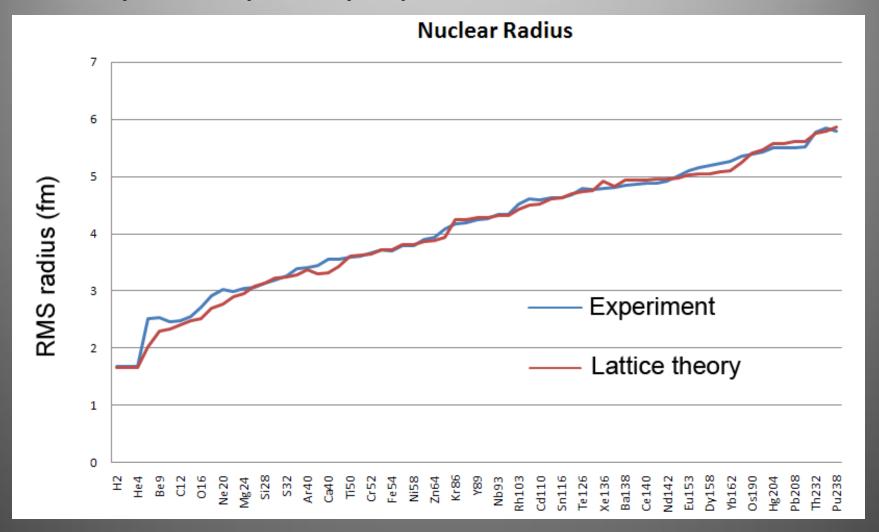




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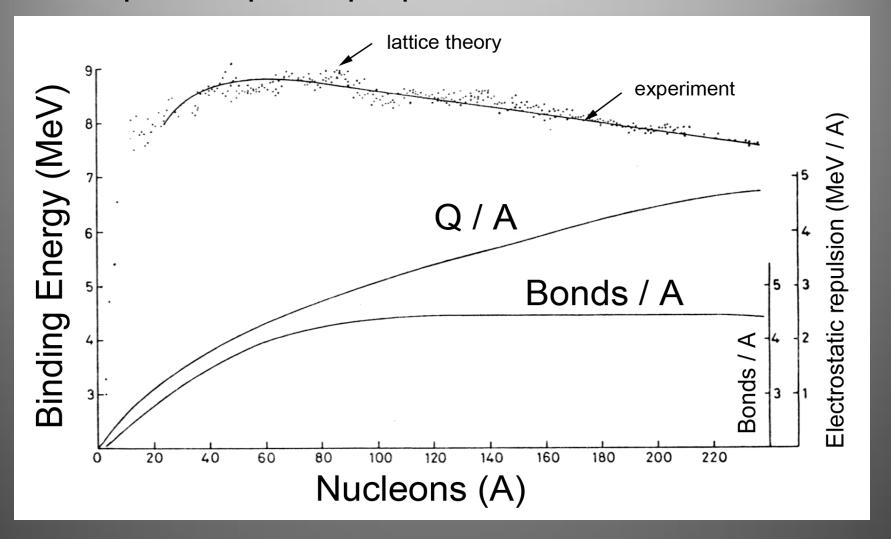
Hauge et al., *Physical Review C*4, 1044-1069, 1971; Inopin et al., *Annals of Physics* 118, 307-333, 1979

Liquid-drop-like properties in the FCC lattice



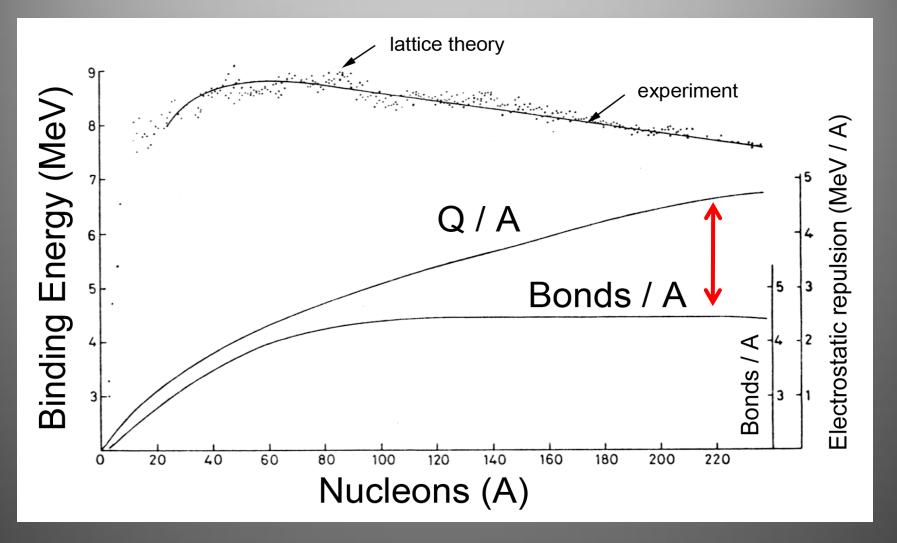
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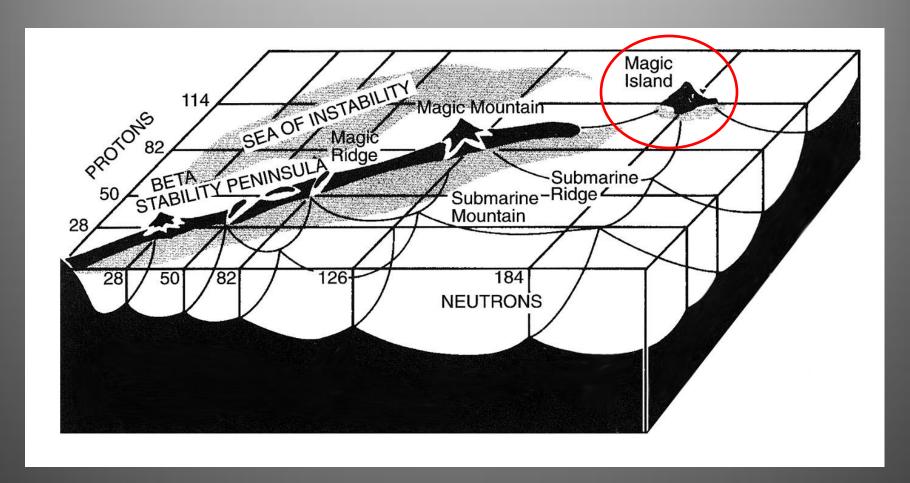


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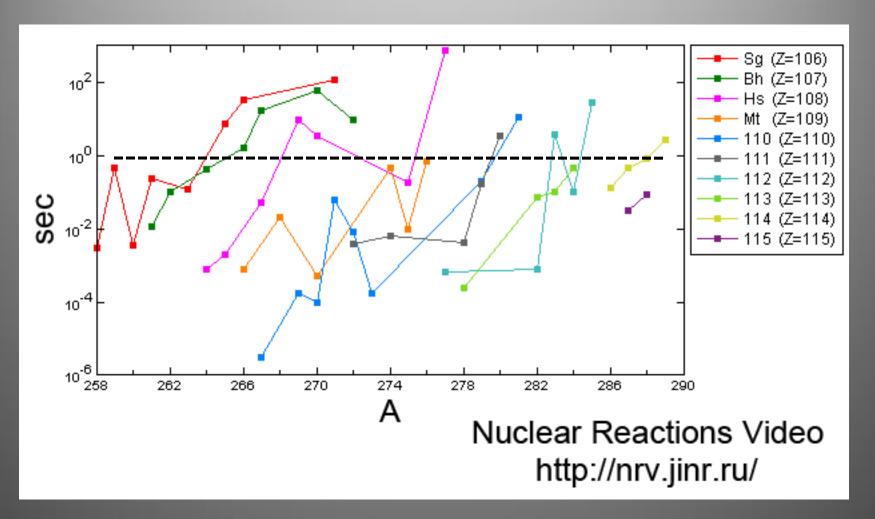
Quantitative prediction of the *impossibility* of super-heavy nuclei.



All shell model predictions since the 1960s predict "stable" (~10¹⁵ years, Moller & Nix, 1994) super-heavy nuclei.



Experimental Data (2009)



After 40+ years, still no indication of long-lived super-heavies.

In fact, however, the independent-particle model (IPM=shell model) is the central paradigm in nuclear structure theory.

Why?

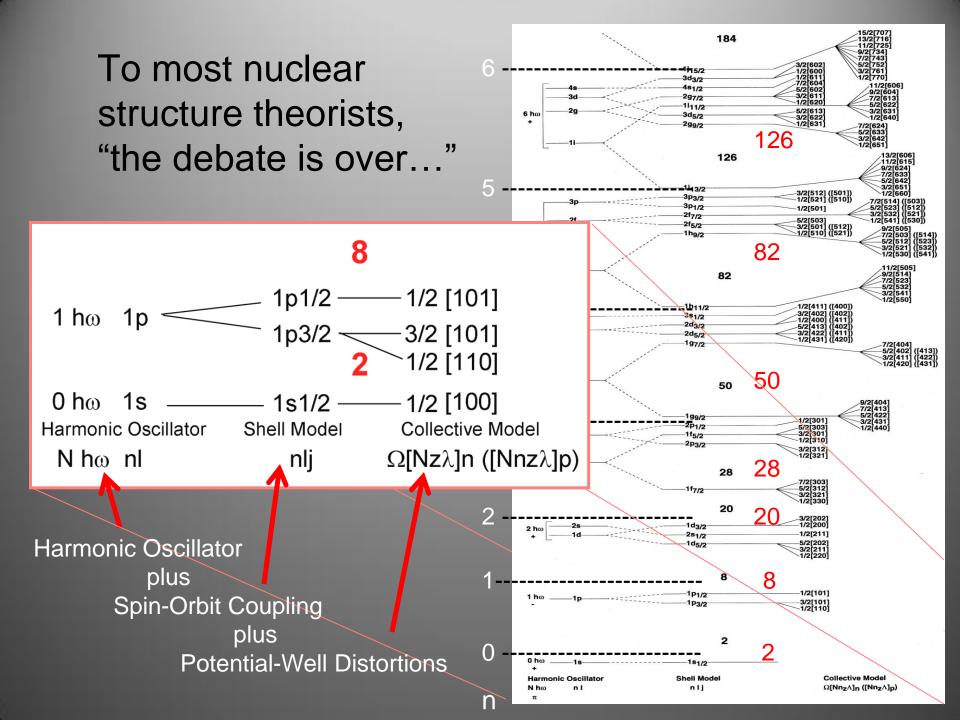
Unlike the liquid-drop model and the cluster models, the independent-particle (~shell) model is quantum mechanical.

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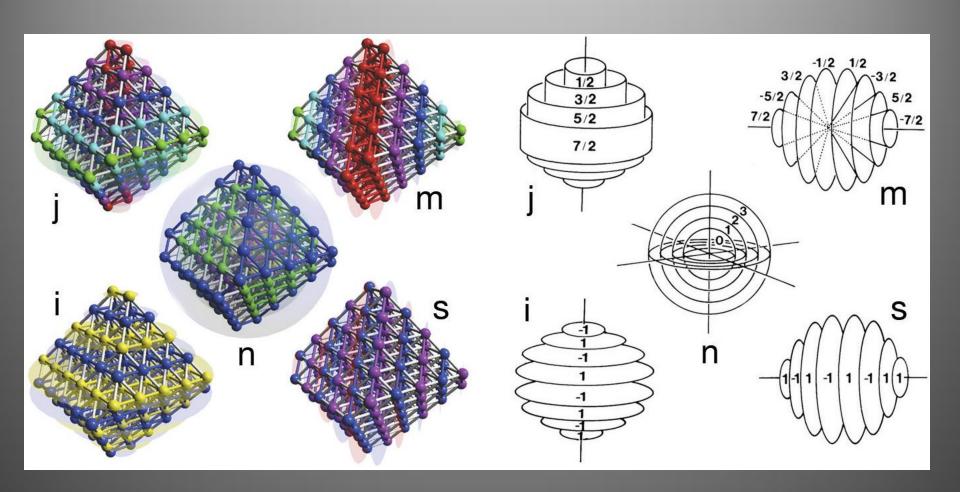
$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...$$

 $l = 0, ..., n-2, n-1, n$
 $s = \pm 1/2$
 $i = \pm 1/2$
 $j = l \pm s$
 $m = \pm 1/2, \pm 3/2, ..., \pm j$

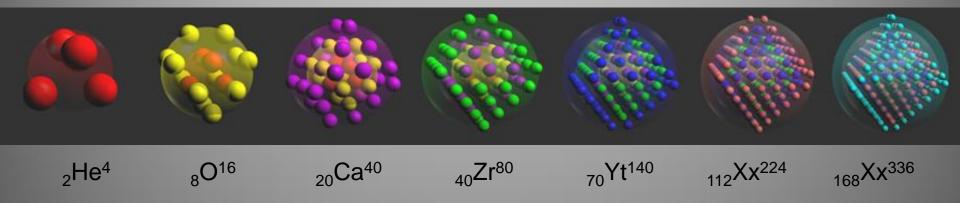
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All of the shells and subshells of the gaseous-phase IPM are also found in the solid-phase FCC lattice.

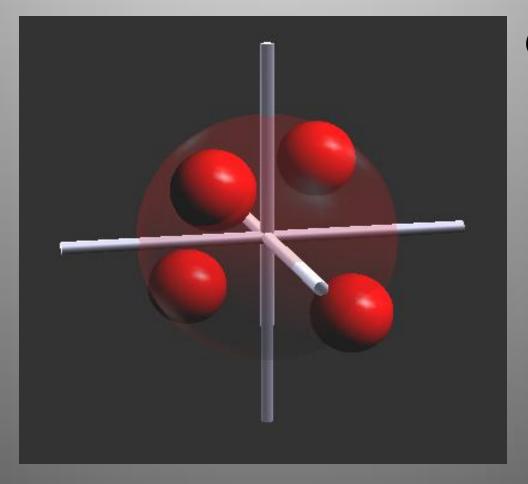


The n-shells of the IPM are closed (x=y=z) shells in the FCC lattice model



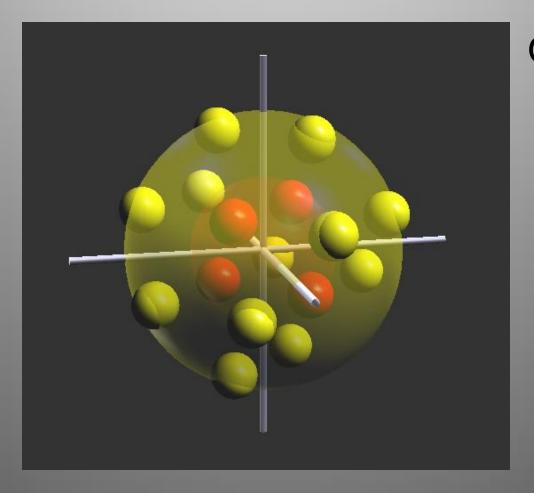
Principal quantum number, n = (|x| + |y| + |z| - 3)/2

i.e., each nucleon's n-value is dependent on its distance from the nuclear center.



Occupancy

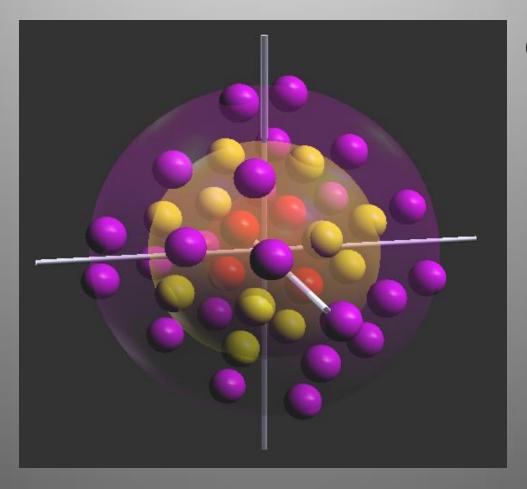
 $^{2}_{2}$ He⁴: the first "doubly-magic" nucleus, principal quantum number n = 0



Occupancy

n Z N Total
 0 2 2 4
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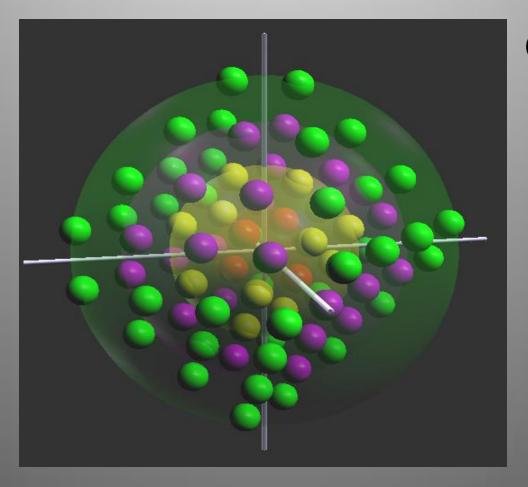
 $^{8}_{8}$ O¹⁶: the second "doubly-magic" nucleus, principal quantum numbers n = 0, 1



Occupancy

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2 12 12 40

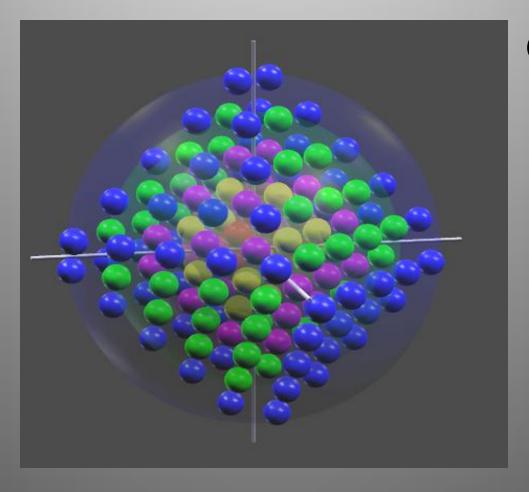
²⁰Ca⁴⁰: the third "doubly-magic" nucleus, principal quantum numbers n = 0, 1, 2



Occupancy

<u>n</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Total</u>
0	2	2	4
1	6	6	16
2	12	12	40
	20	20	80

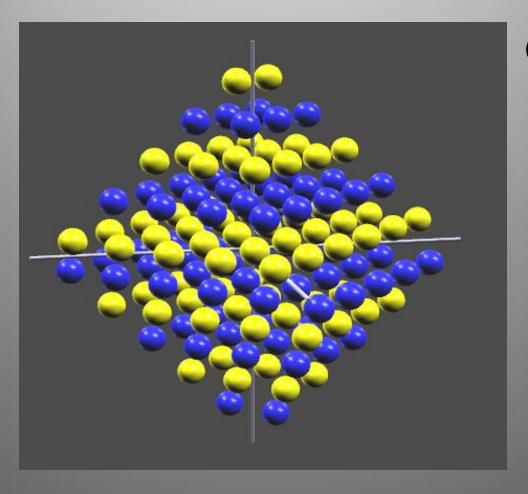
⁴⁰₄₀Zr⁸⁰: an unstable closed-shell nucleus, principal quantum numbers n = 0, 1, 2, 3



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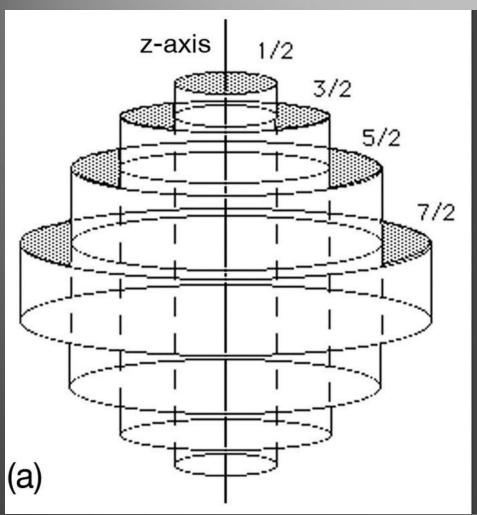
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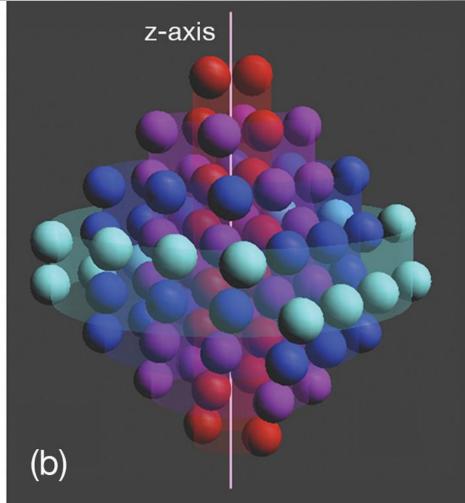


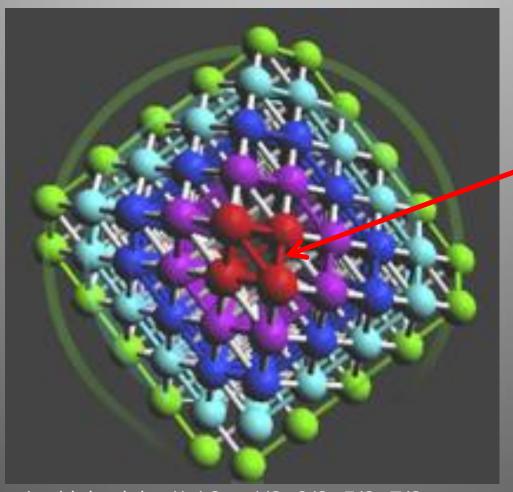
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3	20	20	80
4	30	30	140

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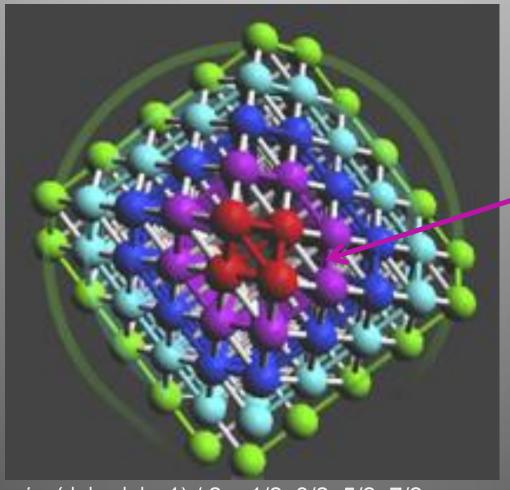




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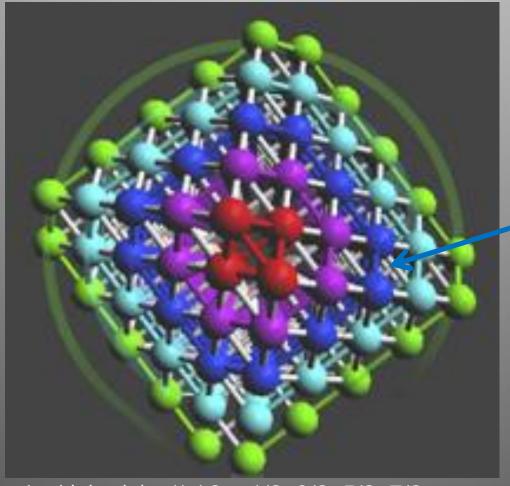
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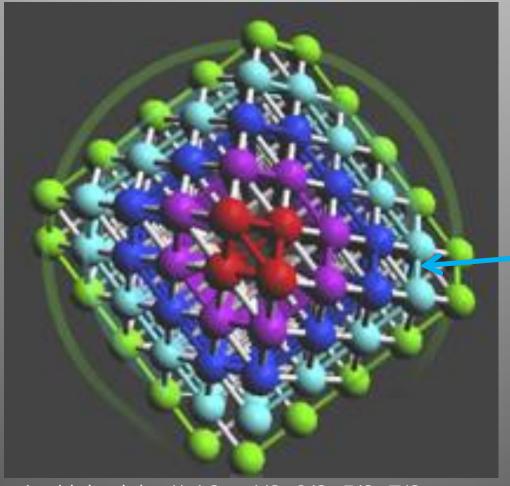
j	<u>Z</u>	<u>N</u>	Total
1/2	2	2	4
3/2	4	4	8

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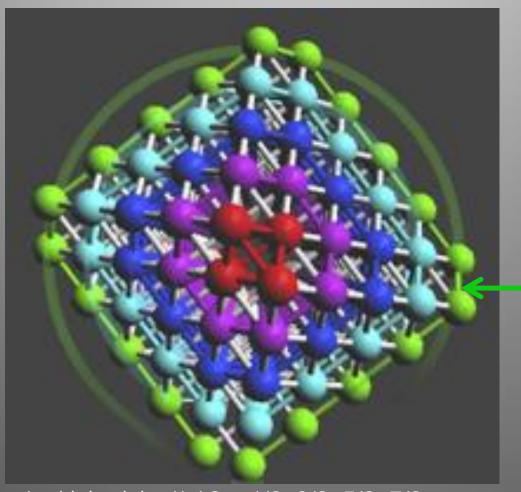
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Every nucleon has a unique set of quantum numbers in the Schrodinger equation... and a unique position in the FCC lattice.

Principal:
$$n = (|x| + |y| + |z| - 3) / 2$$

Angular momentum: $j = (|x| + |y| - 1) / 2$
Azimuthal: $m = s * |x| / 2$
Spin: $s = (-1)^{x-1}$

Isospin: $i = (-1)^{z-1}$

where x, y, z are odd-integer lattice coordinates.

Conversely, if we know the quantal state of a nucleon, we can calculate its spatial coordinates.

$$x = |2m|(-1)(m+1/2)$$

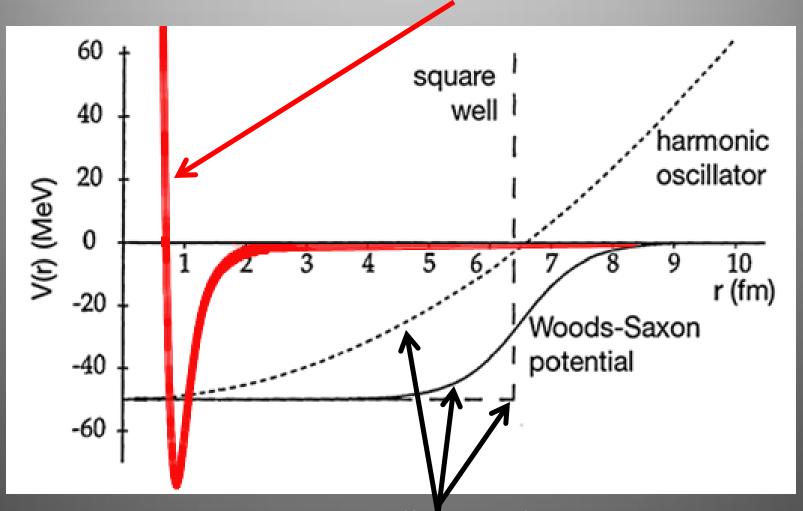
$$y = (2j+1-|x|)(-1)^{(i+j+m+1/2)}$$

$$z = (2n+3-|x|-|y|)(-1)^{(i+n-j-1)}$$

The correspondence between the IPM and the FCC model is exact.

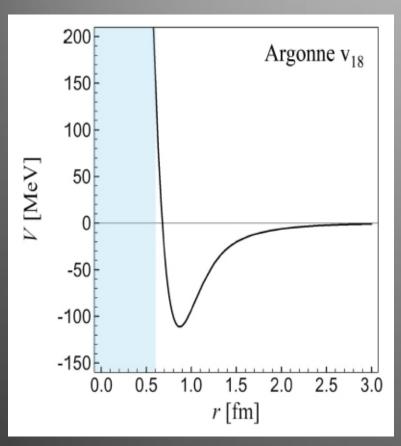
The symmetries of the IPM are also found in the lattice model... but without using a long-range "effective" nuclear potential-well.

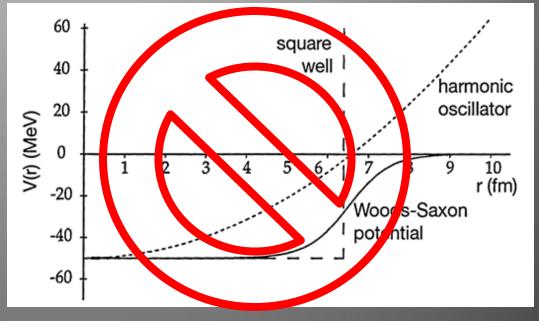
The realistic, short-range nuclear force <u>known</u> from nucleon-nucleon scattering experiments suffices...



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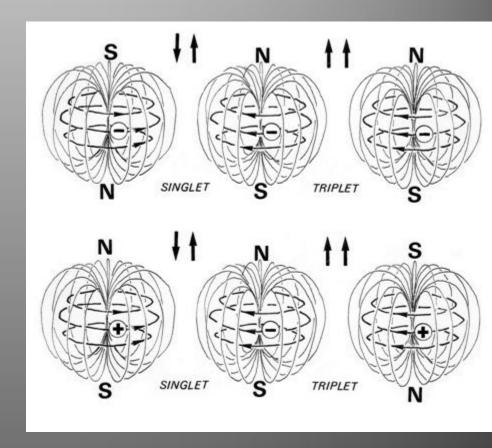
"Effective" forces are unnecessary since the lattice reproduces all of the shell model quantal symmetries using a realistic, short-range (~2 fm) force.

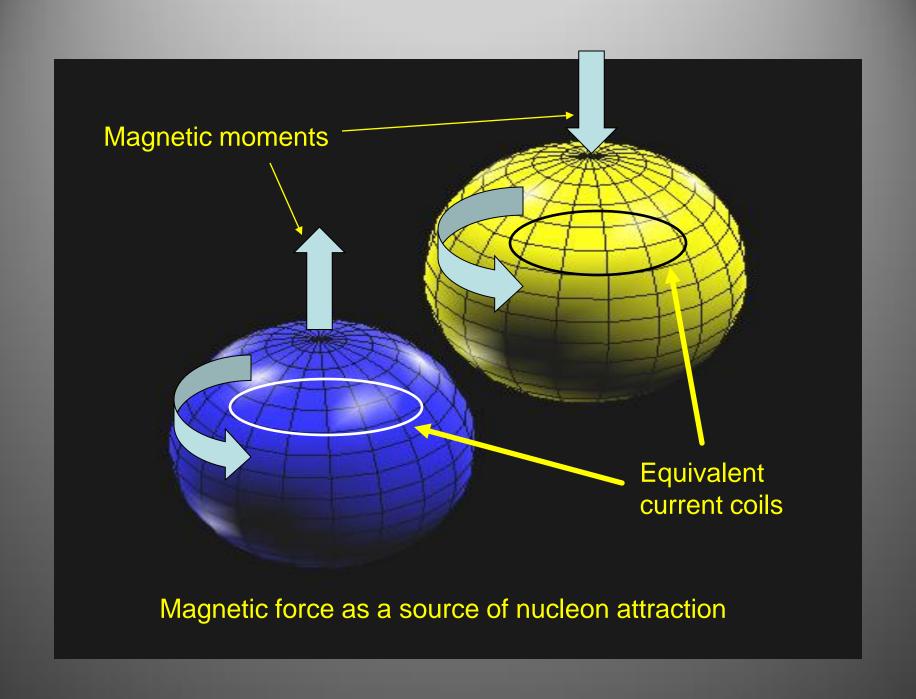




Electromagnetic theory at the Fermi level

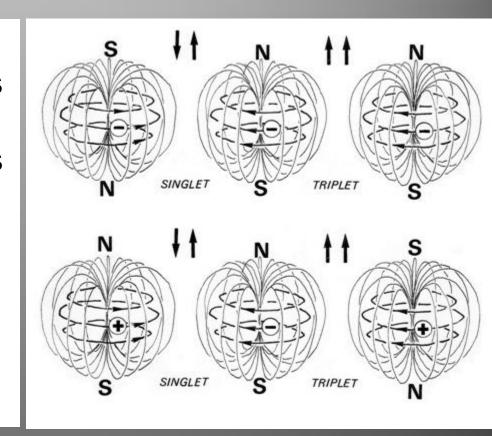
Attractive magnetic force between nearest-neighbor nucleons ~3 MeV





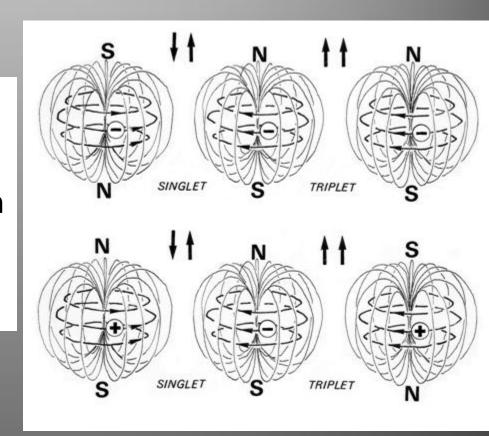
The magnetic components of the nuclear force

In the Biot-Savart formula, the mutual force between two coils is obtained as the contribution of infinitesimal length elements of currents, by ignoring any phase relationship between them. In contrast, the currents of two neighboring coils in a lattice are correlated since there is periodicity.

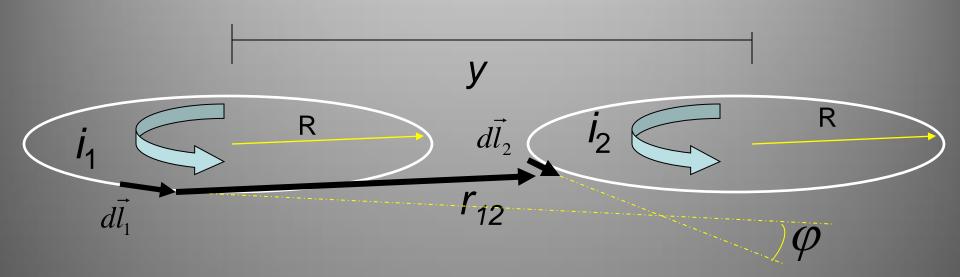


The magnetic components of the nuclear force

Contrary to the Biot-Savart result in which the potential energy of the two coils is dependent on their separation as y⁻³, there is a strongly enhanced contribution which behaves as 1/y.



Magnetic force between two coils



$$F_{12} = \frac{\mu o i_1 i_2}{4\pi} \int_{C2} d\vec{l}_2 \int_{C1} \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \wedge \vec{r}_{12}}{r^3_{12}}$$

i = coil current

R = coil radius

 φ_1

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In cylindrical coordinates

$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{\mu_o i_1 i_2}{4\pi} \vec{j} \int \int \frac{yR^2 \cos(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) d\varphi_1 d\varphi_2}{\left[(y^2 + 2R^2(1 - \cos(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2))) \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Note phases between currents

Expansion of the denominator:

$$\left[(y^2 + 2R^2(1 - \cos(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)) \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{y^3} (1 - \frac{3R^2}{y^2} (1 - \cos(\varphi - \varphi)) + \dots)$$

Potential energy

$$V = \mu_0 \frac{m_1 m_2}{\pi R^2 y} \cos \varphi + O(y^{-2})$$

= 0 when nucleons are randomly distributed in space (gas/liquid models)

$$<\cos\varphi>=\exp(-y/d)$$
 when nucleons are in a lattice (from periodicity conditions, the currents become correlated)

where **d** is the lattice constant

Numerical results

$$V = \mu_0 \frac{m_1 m_2}{\pi R^2 y} \cos \varphi + O(y^{-2})$$

$$y = 2.0 \text{ fm}$$
; $R = 0.5 \text{ fm}$; $\cos \phi = 1$

Nucleon pair	V(MeV)	V (MeV) _{Biot-Savart}
P-P	3.93	4.2688.10-3
N-N	1.84	4.2688.10-3
N-P	2.69	4.2688.10-3

Average value = 2.82 MeV

Properties and order of magnitude

Yukawa form with quadrupole features:

- (1) Attractive/repulsive for first/second neighbors, according to the antiferromagnetic arrangement.
- (2) Short range (as a result of dephasing with distance)
- (3) Right order of magnitude ~ 1-10 MeV
- (4) Higher order terms O(y⁻³) small at the normal level of the magnetic force < 100keV

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Short mean-free-path of nucleons	yes	no	no	yes
Constant nuclear density	yes	no	no	yes
Energetics of fission	yes	no	no	yes
Nuclear shells/subshells	no	yes	no	yes
Nuclear spin/parity	no	yes	no	yes
Magnetic and quadrupole moments	no	yes	no	yes
Diffuse nuclear surface	no	yes	no	yes
Alphas on nuclear surface	no	no	yes	yes
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Finally, the lattice model also explains two sets of "anomalous" data.

(1) The <u>asymmetrical</u> fission fragments produced by thermal fission of Uranium, Plutonium, etc.

("Asymmetric fission along nuclear lattice planes," Proceedings of the St. Andrews Conference on Fission, World Scientific, pp. 217-226, 1999)

(2) The <u>symmetrical</u> fission fragments produced by low-energy fission of Palladium.

(Poster ICCF15)

Thank you for your attention.

Further details on the FCC nuclear model can be found in: N.D. Cook, *Models of the Atomic Nucleus*, Springer, 2006

The nuclear visualization software (NVS) is available as freeware at: http://www.res.kutc.kansai-u.ac.jp/~cook/nvsDownload.html