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Exploring New Magic Numbers  
Using Separation Energy and Machine  
Learning



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## Evidence for a new nuclear ‘magic number’ from the level structure of $^{54}\text{Ca}$

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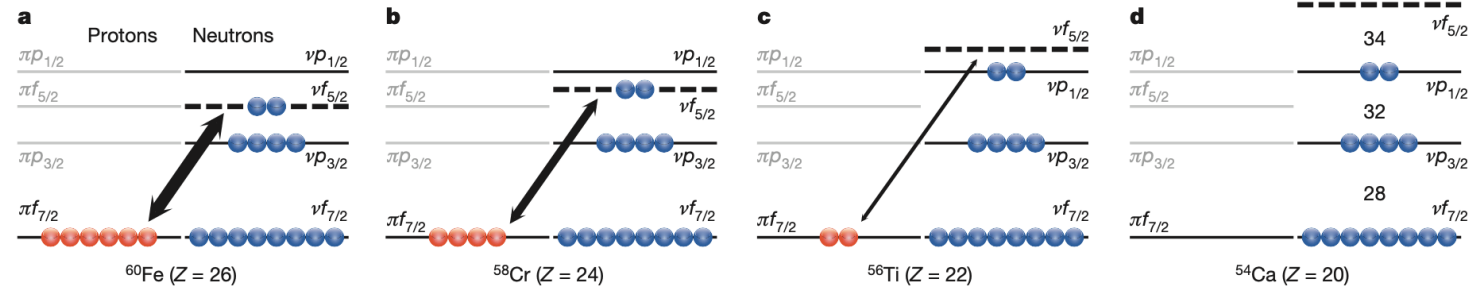
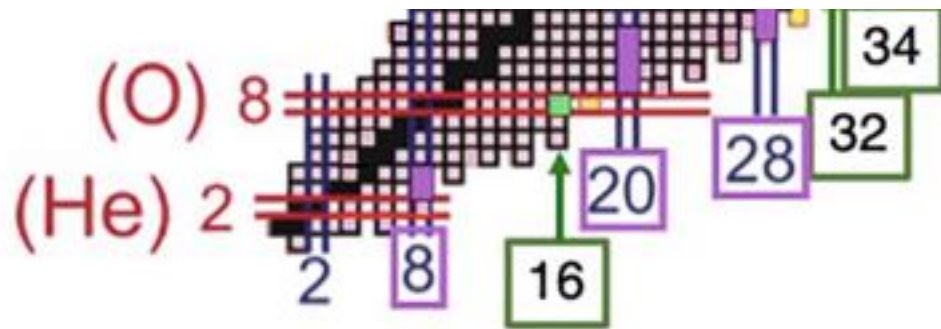
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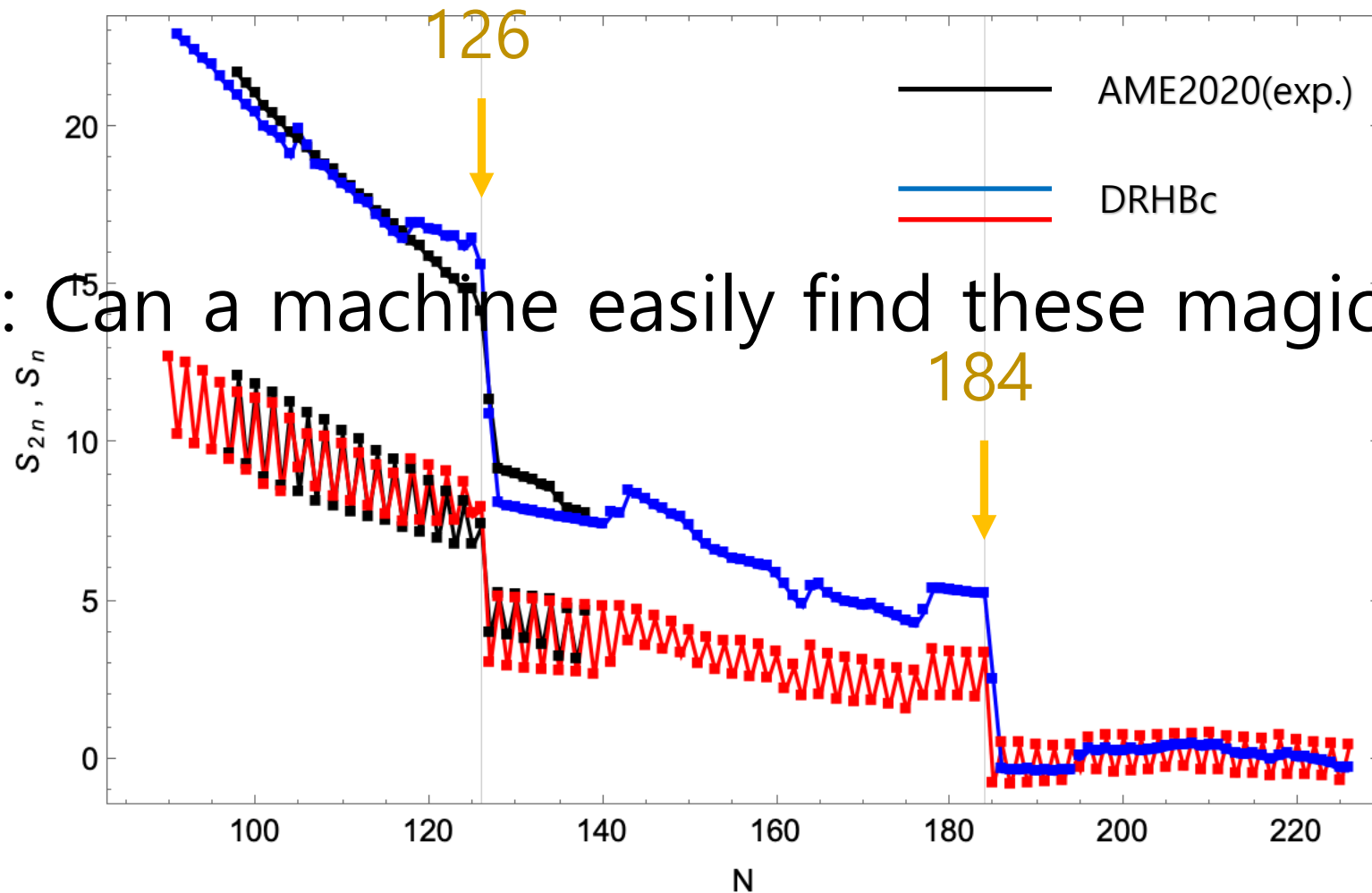
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Motobayashi, T. (2023). Magic Numbers Off the Stability Line. In: Tanihata, I., Toki, H., Kajino, T. (eds) Handbook of Nuclear Physics. Springer, Singapore.

# A well-known example: Pb(Z=82) isotopes

Motivation: Can a machine easily find these magic numbers?



# Machine Learning

(In machine learning language)

**“machine”** = ‘model (from data)’

Learning = Improving performance at a task (ex) with experience

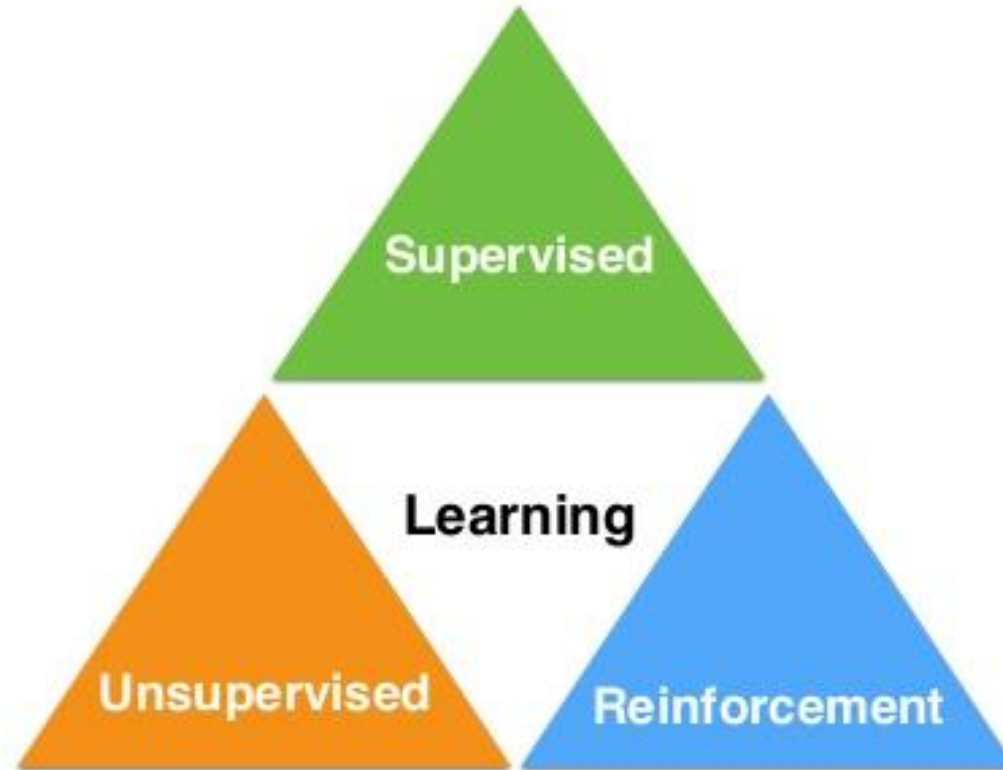
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**“Learning”** = Optimization of (machine’s/model’s) parameters via a proper error function which represents performance at a task.

Therefore, **“I am training a machine”**

= I am building a new model (from data)

- Labeled data
- Direct feedback
- Predict outcome/future



- No labels
- No feedback
- "Find hidden structure"

- Decision process
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# Machine Learning



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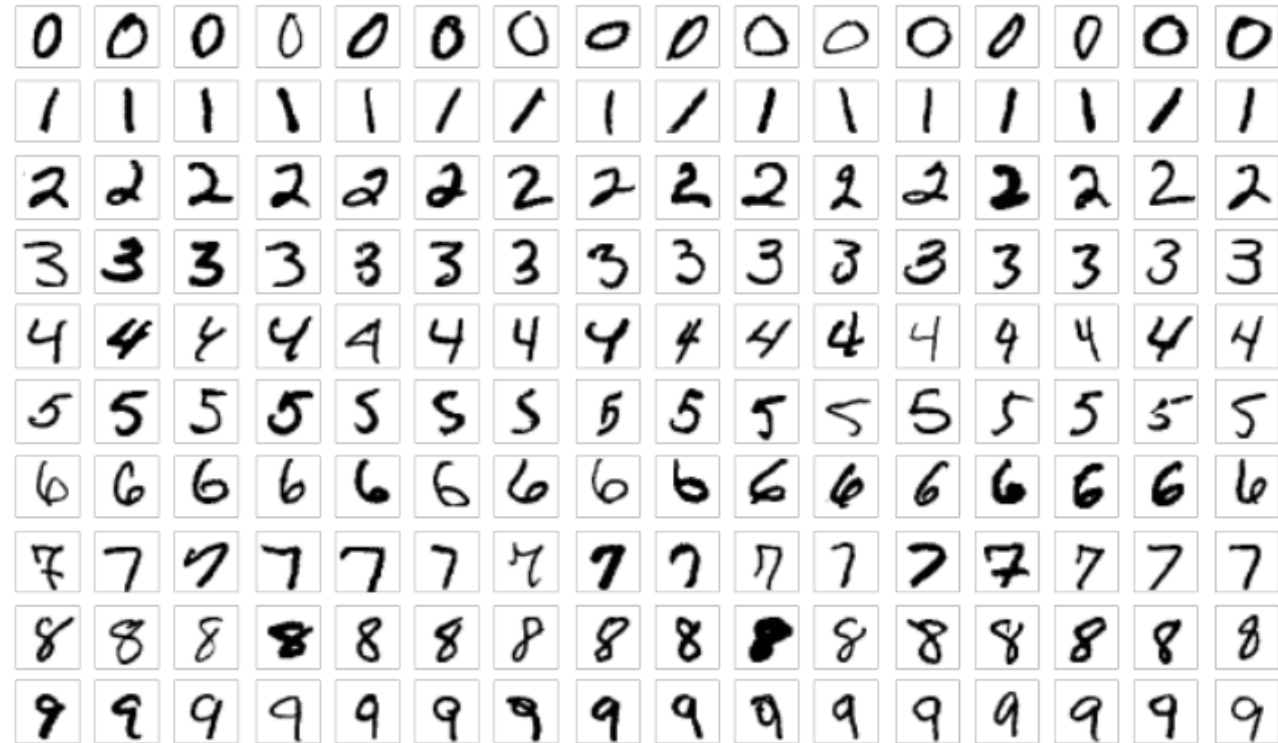
- **Machine learning** (ML) is a field of [artificial intelligence](#) that uses statistical techniques to give [computer systems](#) the ability to "learn" (e.g., progressively improve performance on a specific task) from [data](#), without being explicitly programmed.<sup>[2]</sup>
- The name *machine learning* was coined in 1959 by [Arthur Samuel](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Machine learning explores the study and construction of [algorithms](#) that can learn from and make predictions on [data](#)<sup>[3]</sup> – such algorithms overcome following strictly static [program instructions](#) by making data-driven predictions or decisions,<sup>[4]:2</sup> through building a [model](#) from sample inputs. Machine learning is employed in a range of computing tasks where designing and programming explicit algorithms with good performance is difficult or infeasible; example applications include [email filtering](#), detection of network intruders, and [computer vision](#).
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Some examples on ML



# MNIST

image database of 70,000 handwritten digits

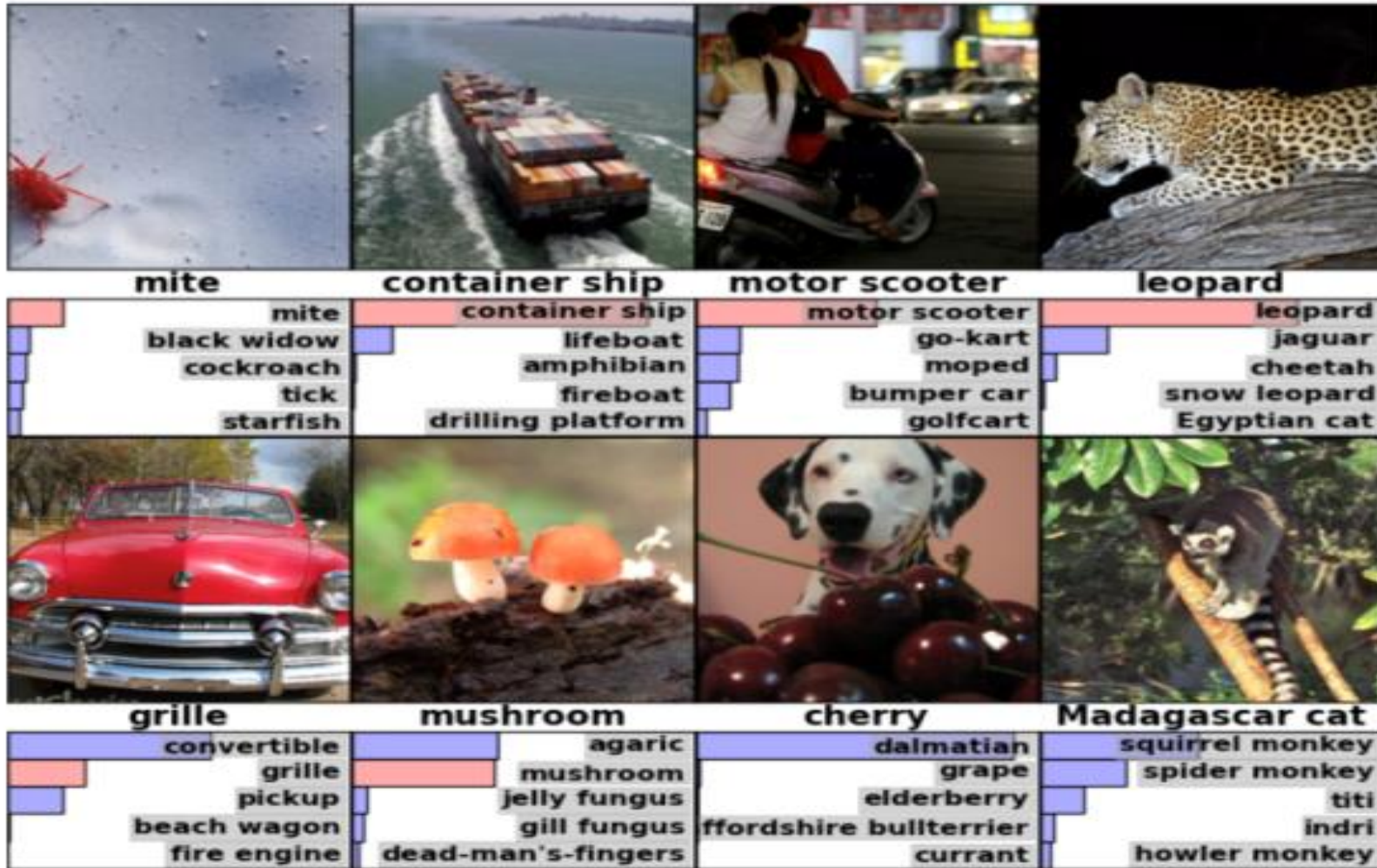


Train with ML algorithm to recognize handwritten digits

# ImageNET challenge

1000 object classes

Images : 1.2 M train  
& 100k Test



# Image Segmentation beyond simple image classification....

**Classification**      **Classification + Localization**      **Object Detection**      **Instance**

CAT      CAT      CAT, DOG, DUC

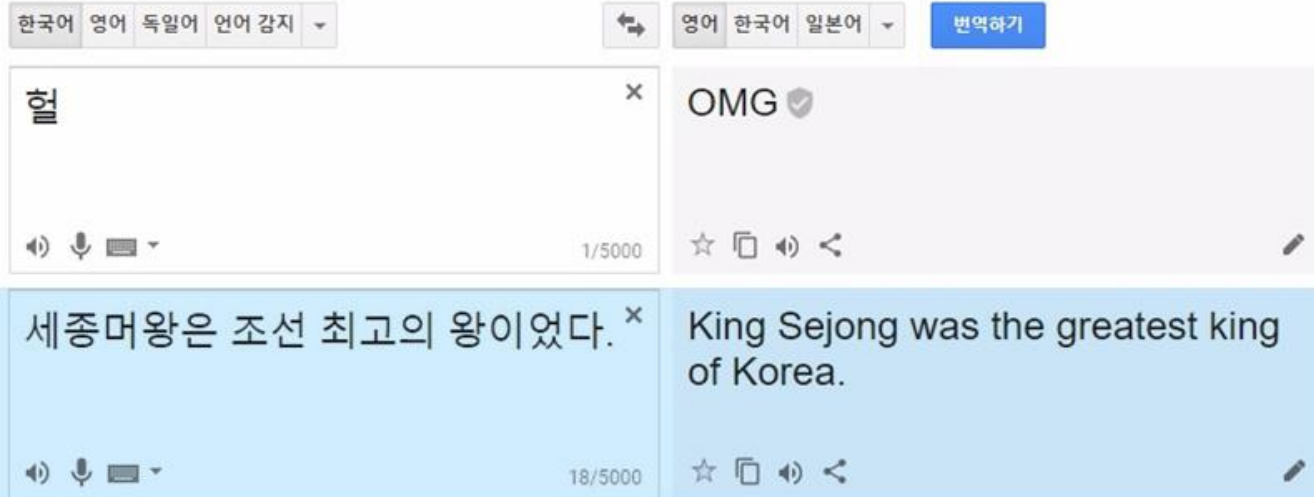
Single object

Legend:

Road	Sidewalk	Building	Fence
Pole	Vegetation	Vehicle	Unlabel

# AI Revolution and Big Data

## Language Translation



! (위) 인터넷 용어의 번역이바르게 된 경우, (아래) 오타를 제대로 번역한 경우 ©구글 번역기

## Autonomous driving



## AlphaGo v.s. Master Lee

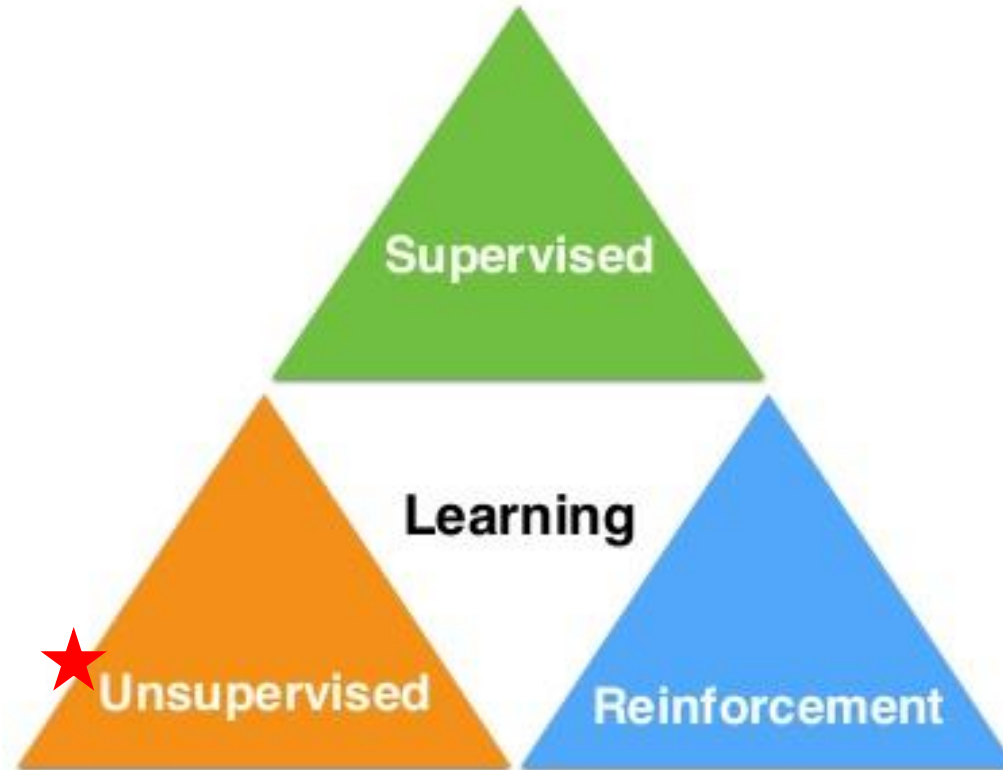


## DeepFake



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deepfake>

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# Unsupervised Learning (UL)

Using UL and neutron separation energy ( $S_n$ ) to identify magic numbers can offer a new perspective on traditional methods and theories. The use of unsupervised learning clustering techniques offers the following advantages:

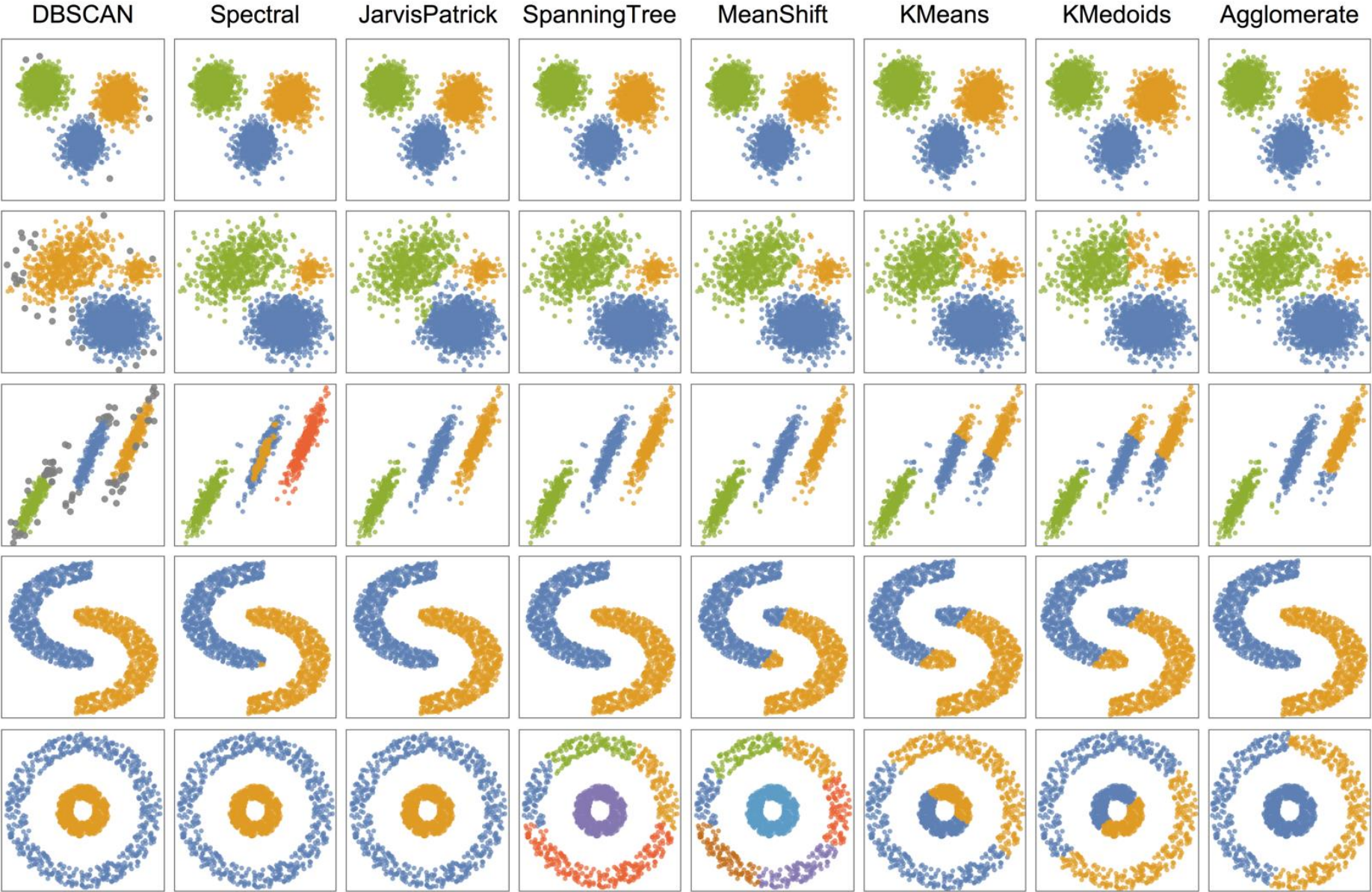
**Discovery of New Patterns:** Unsupervised learning is useful for discovering patterns in unlabeled data. Clustering neutron separation energy data can reveal unexpected patterns of magic numbers.

**Verification of Theoretical Hypotheses:** By comparing clustering results with existing theoretical predictions, new theoretical hypotheses can be verified or existing theories can be modified.

**Data-Driven Approach:** Machine learning can effectively handle large volumes of data, thus enabling empirical research based on more precise and extensive experimental data.

**Automation and Efficiency:** Techniques such as clustering in unsupervised learning can be automated, allowing for more efficient analysis of large datasets.

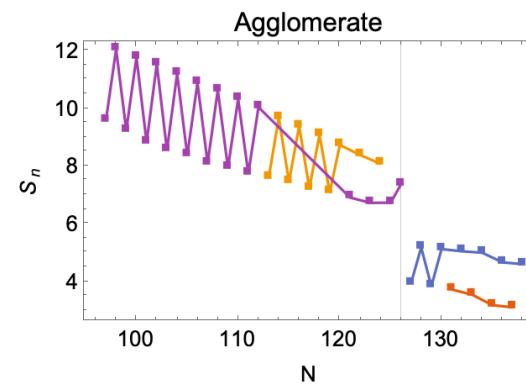
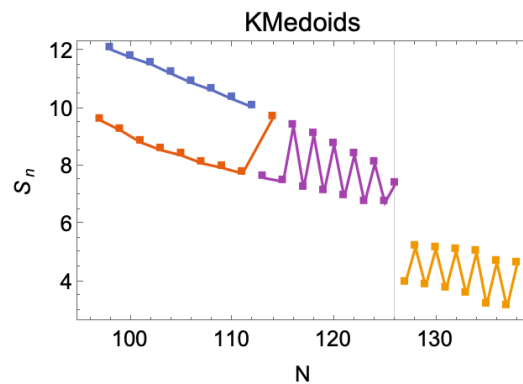
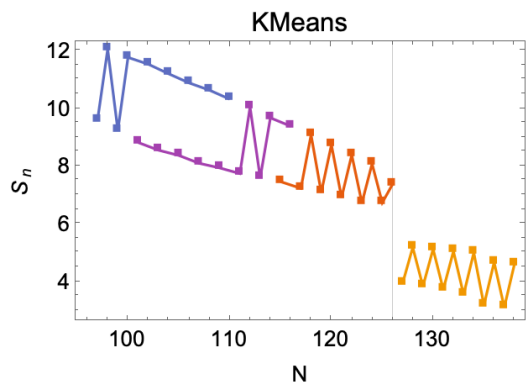
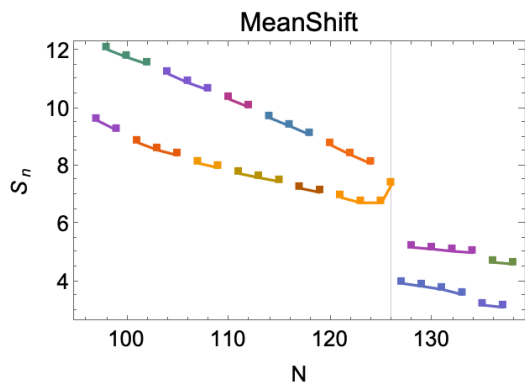
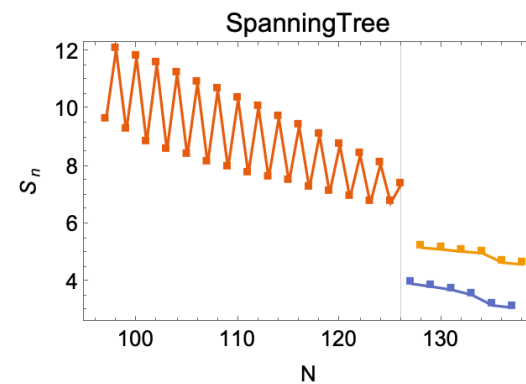
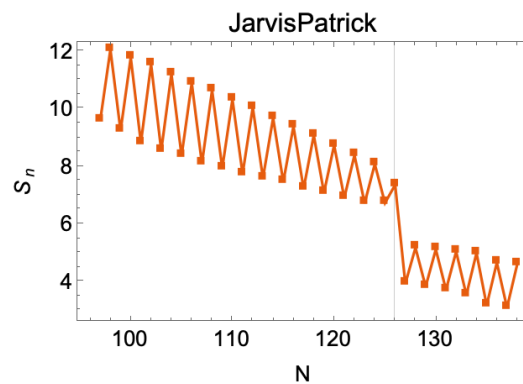
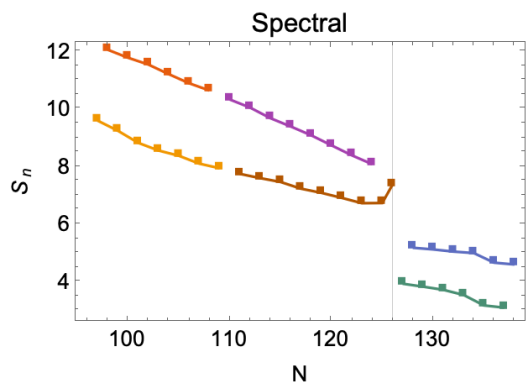
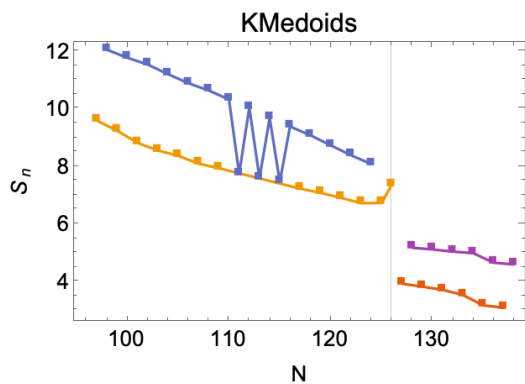
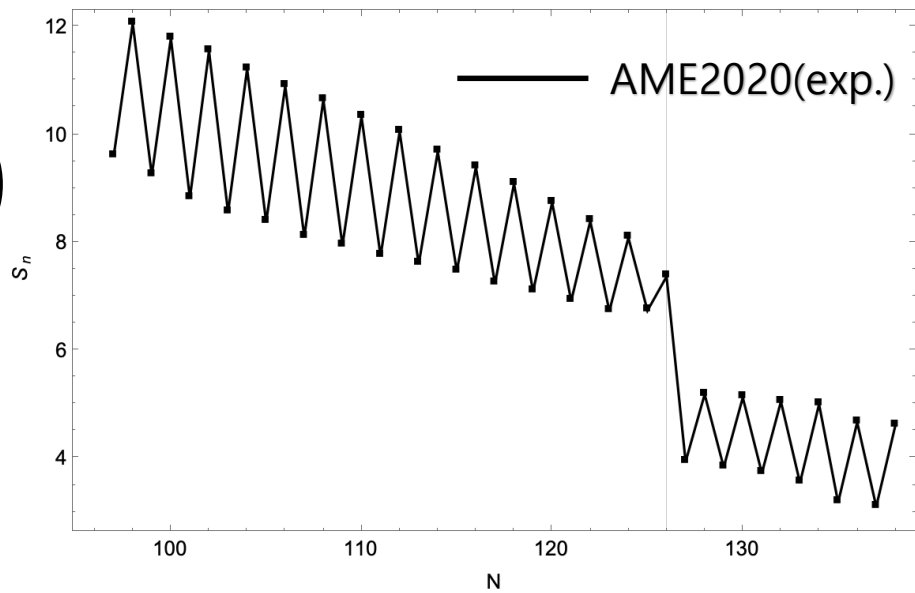
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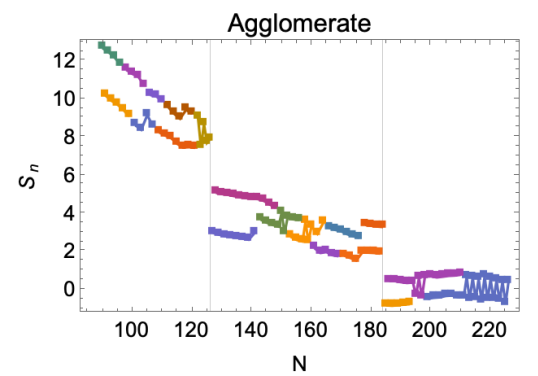
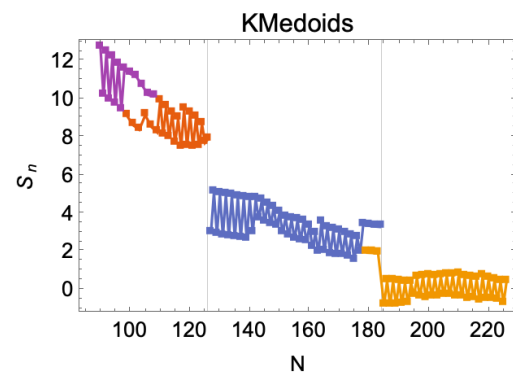
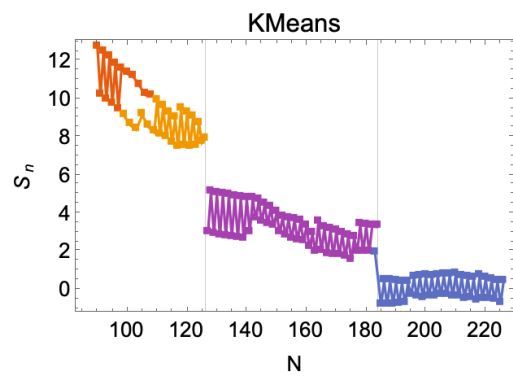
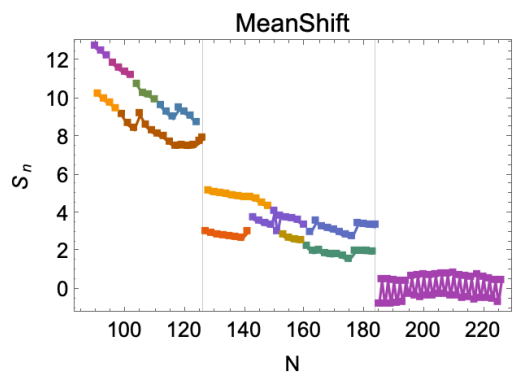
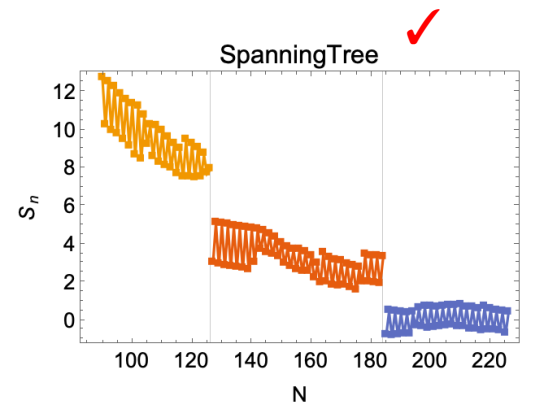
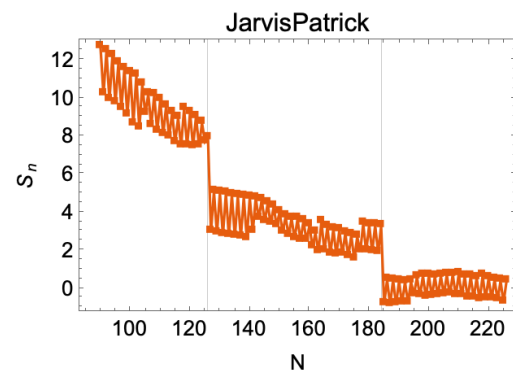
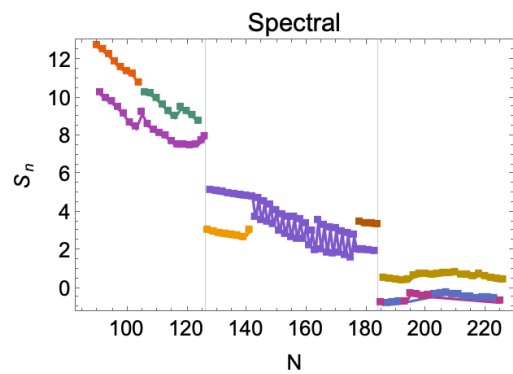
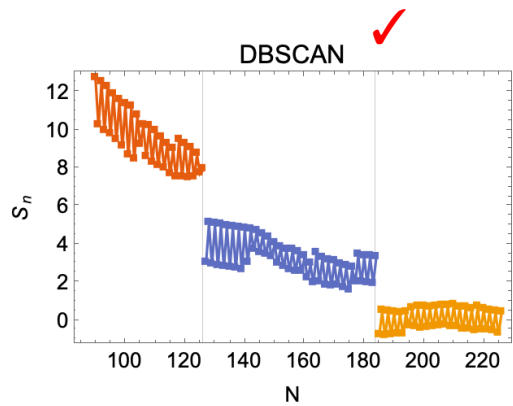
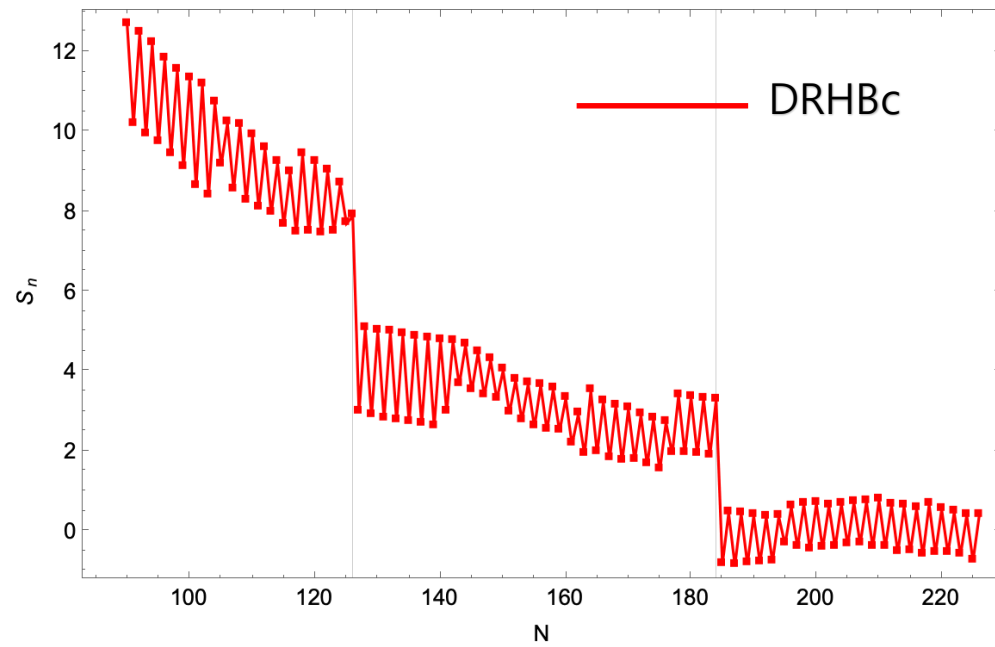


# Results and Analysis



# ① Pb ( $Z=82$ )





# ② Oxygen ( $Z=8$ )

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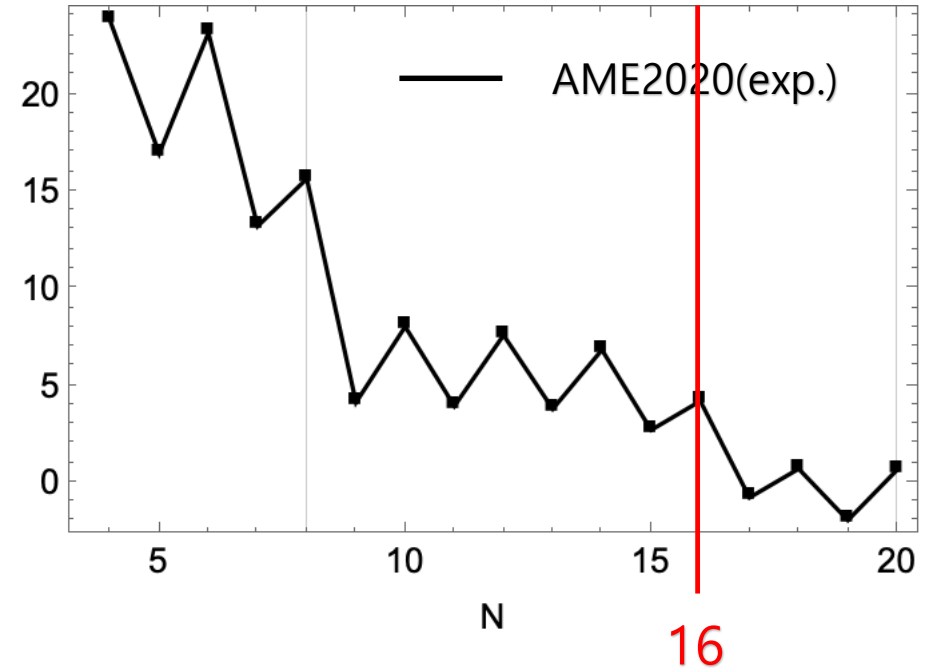
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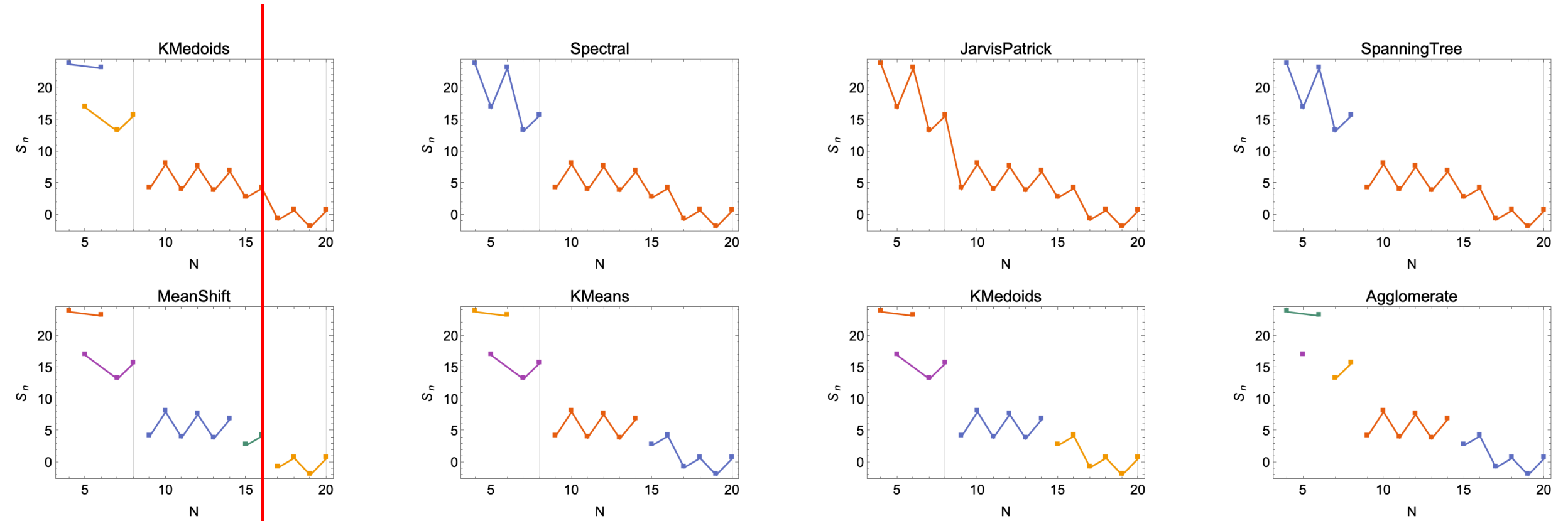
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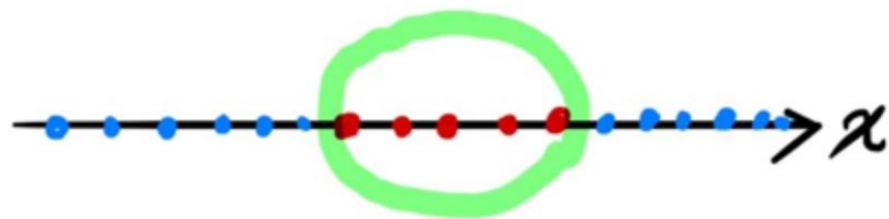
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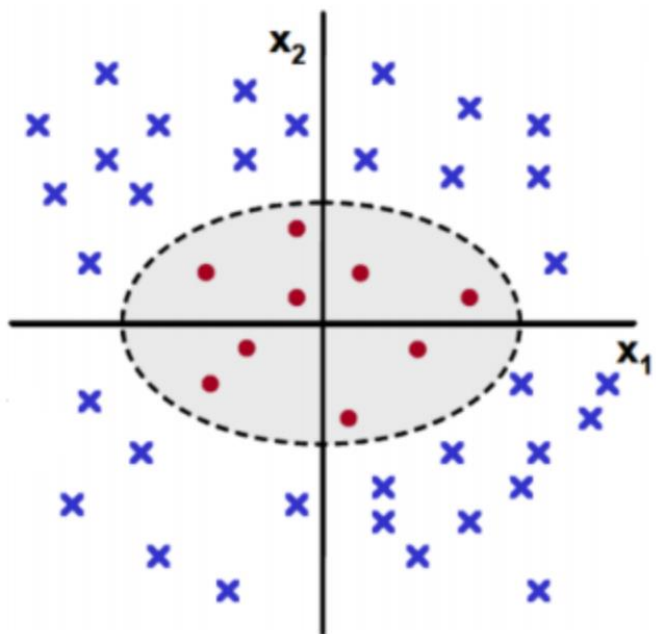
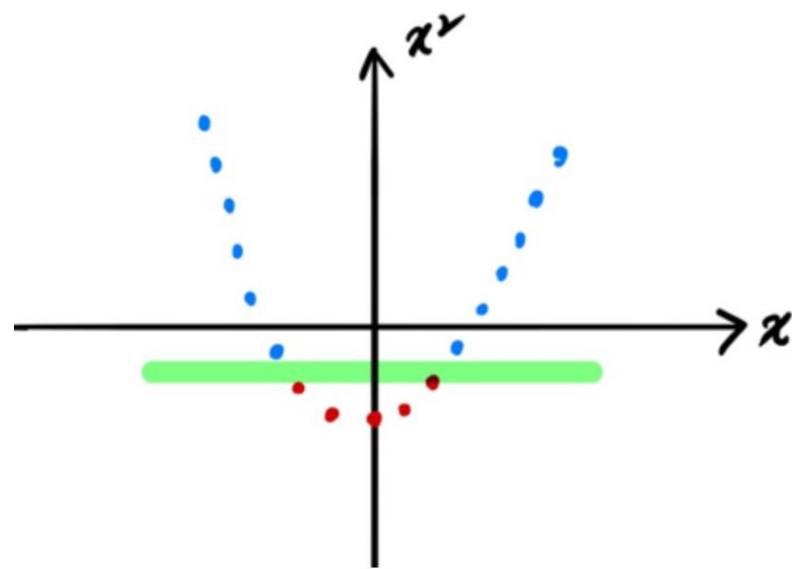
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Q) How can we improve this result?

**A) Kernel method**

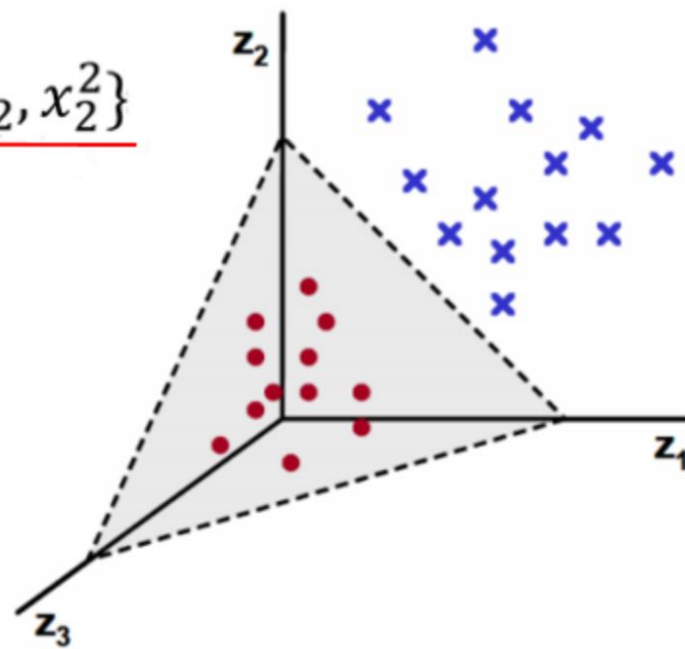


$$x \rightarrow \{x, x^2\}$$

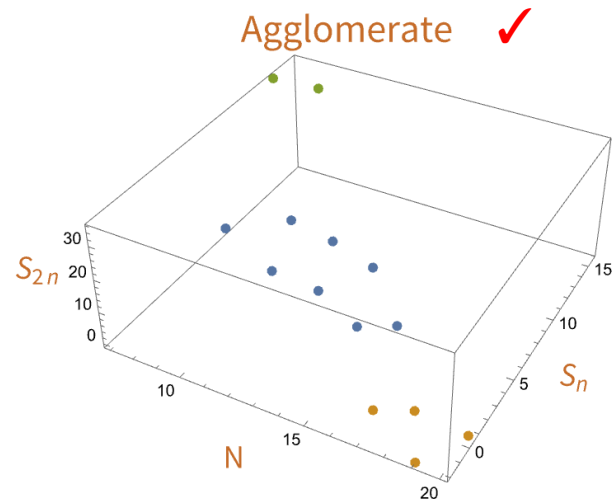
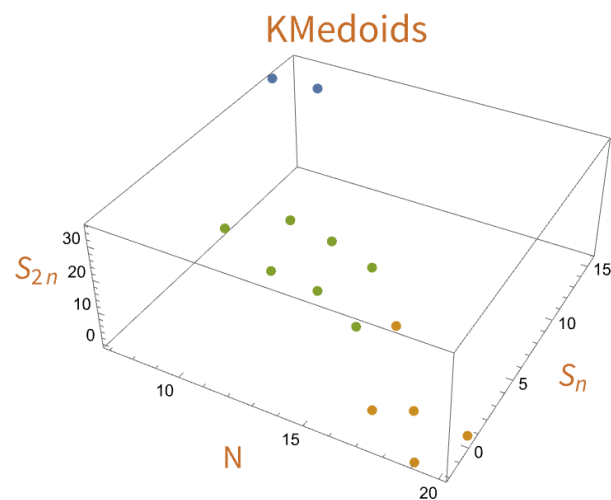
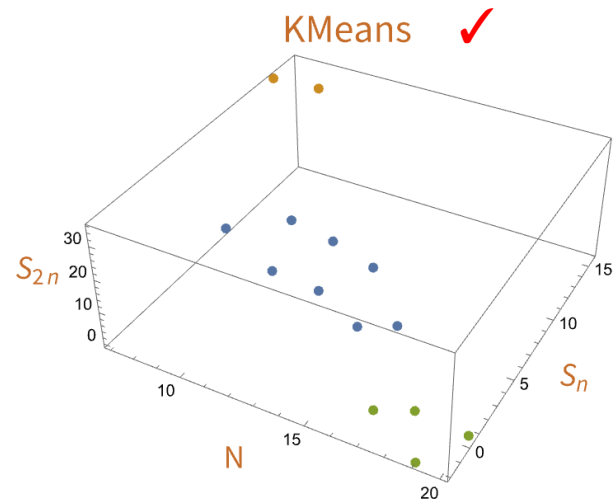
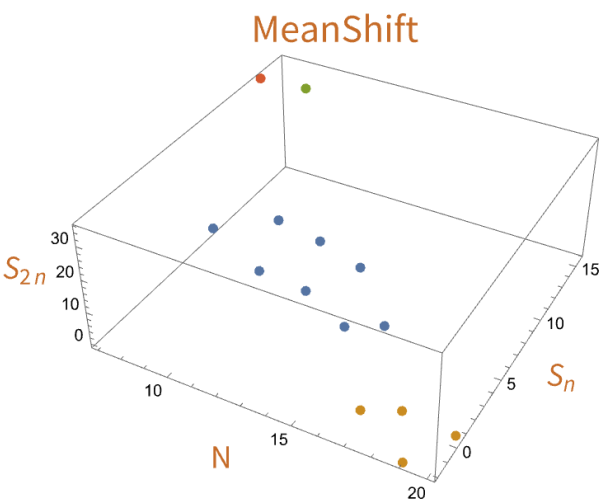
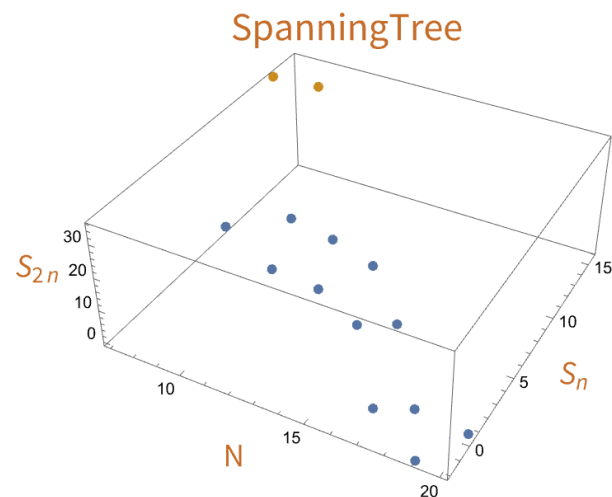
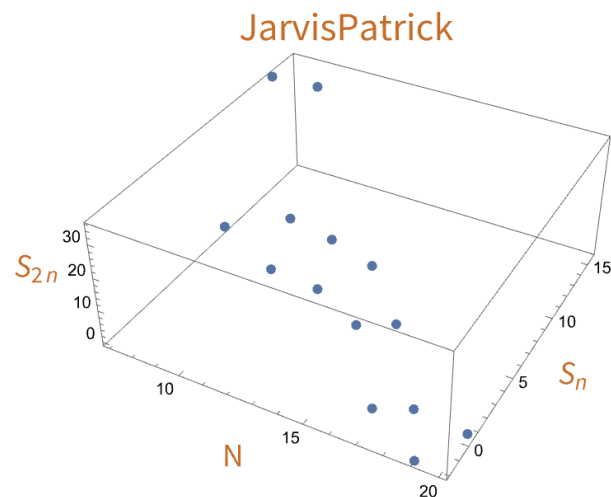
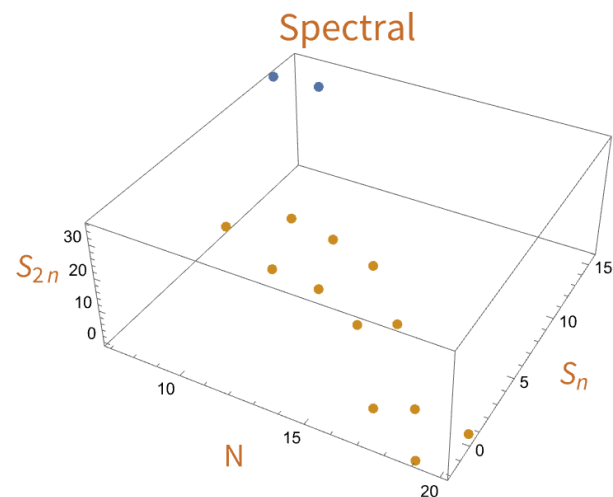
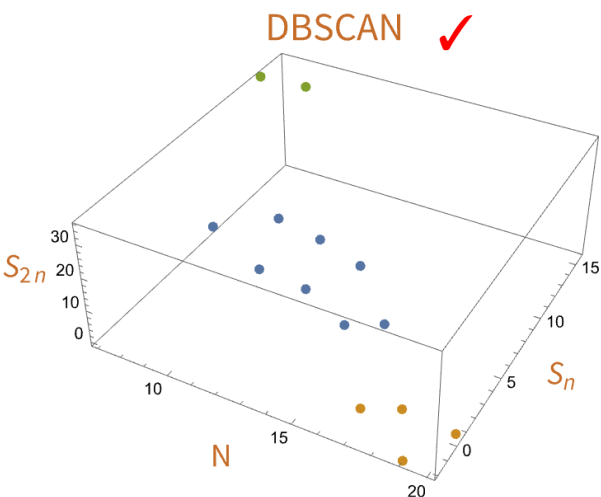


$$x = \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow z = \{x_1^2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2, x_2^2\}$$

Mapping function



$$(N, S_n) \rightarrow (N, S_n, S_{2n})$$



# ③ Calcium ( $Z=20$ )

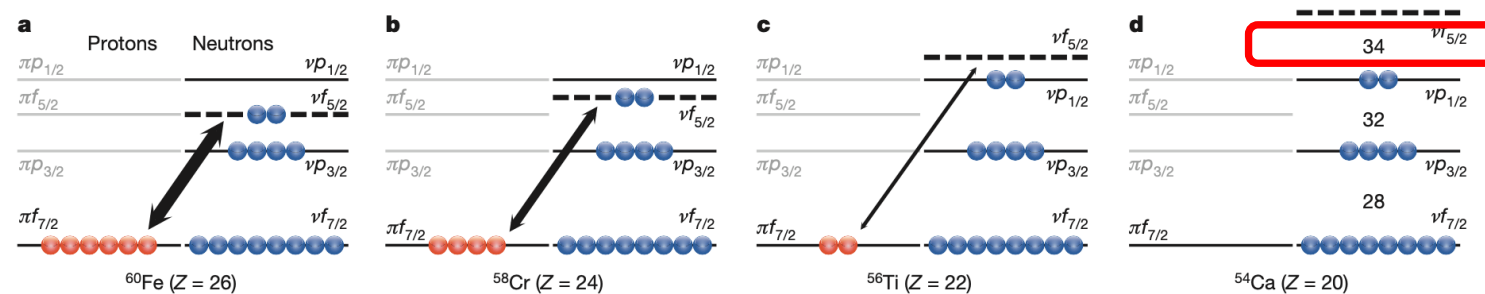
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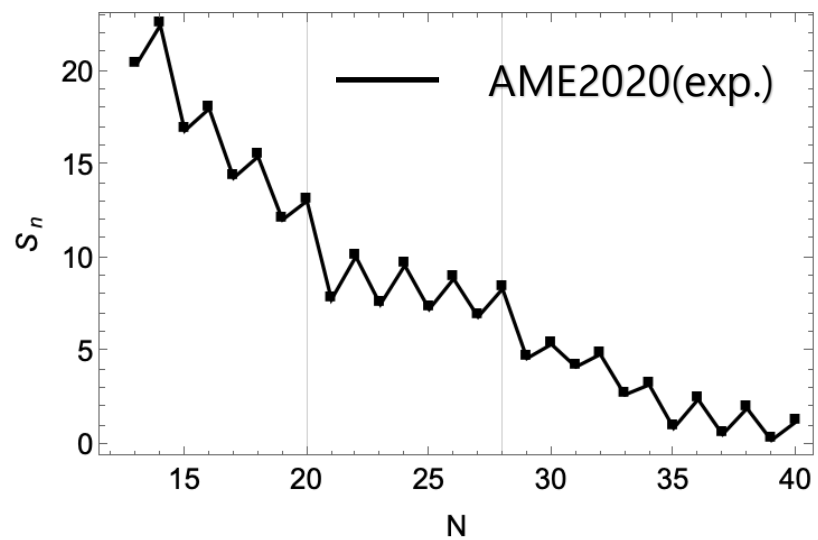
Atomic nuclei are finite quantum systems composed of two distinct types of fermion—protons and neutrons. In a manner similar to that of electrons orbiting in an atom, protons and neutrons in a nucleus form shell structures. In the case of stable, naturally occurring nuclei, large energy gaps exist between shells that fill completely when the proton or neutron number is equal to 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82 or 126 (ref. 1). Away from stability, however, these so-called ‘magic numbers’ are known to evolve in systems with a large imbalance of protons and neutrons. Although some of the standard shell closures can disappear, new ones are known to appear<sup>2,3</sup>. Studies aiming to identify and understand such behaviour are of major importance in the field of experimental and theoretical nuclear physics. Here we report a spectroscopic study of the neutron-rich nucleus  $^{54}\text{Ca}$  (a bound system composed of 20 protons and 34 neutrons) using proton knockout reactions involving fast radioactive projectiles. The results highlight the doubly magic nature of  $^{54}\text{Ca}$  and provide direct experimental evidence for the onset of a sizable subshell closure at neutron number 34 in isotopes far from stability.

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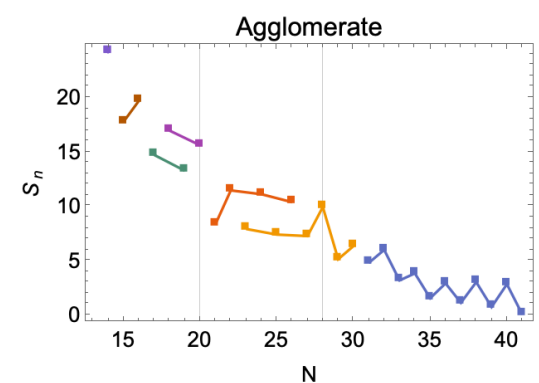
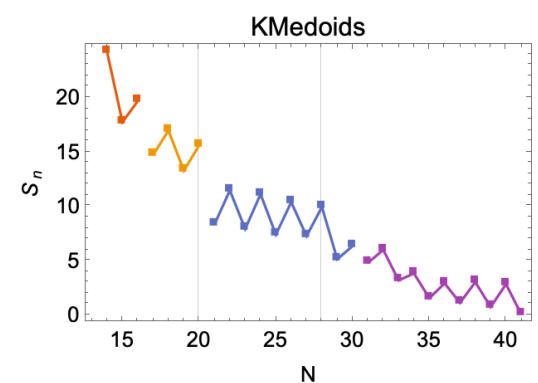
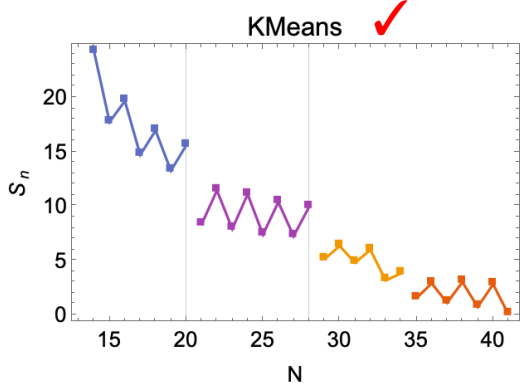
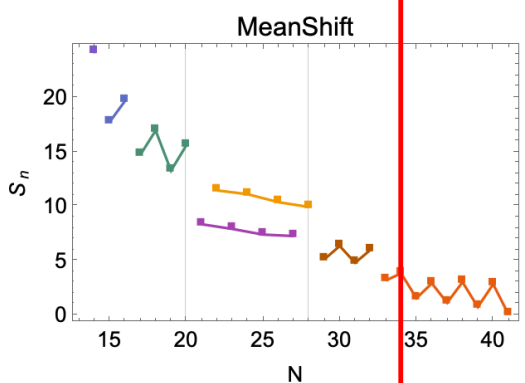
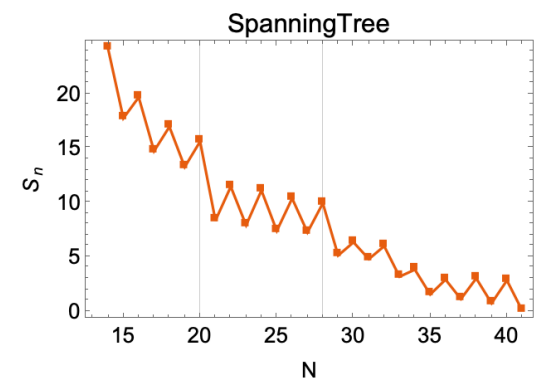
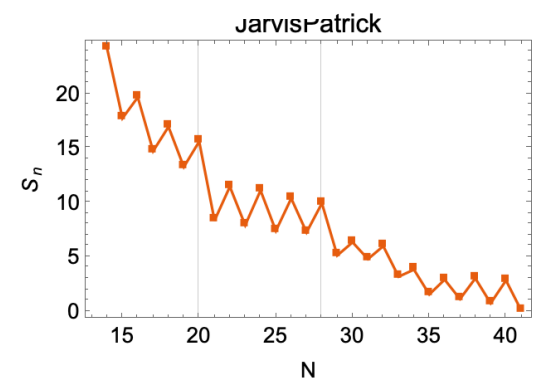
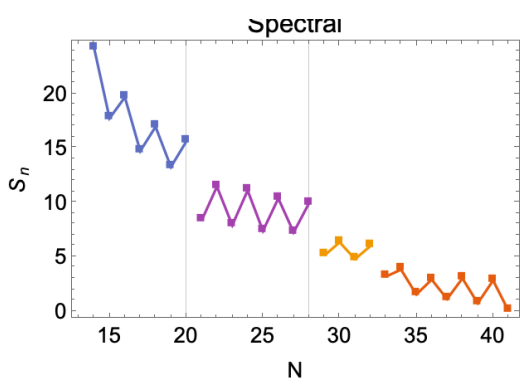
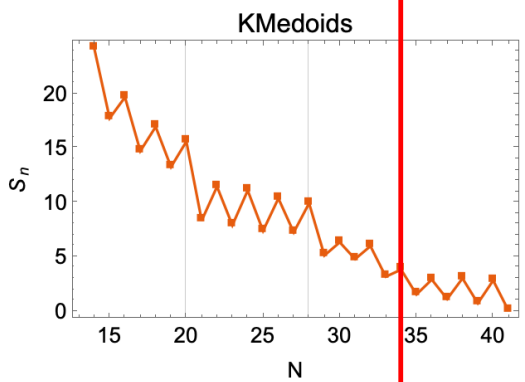


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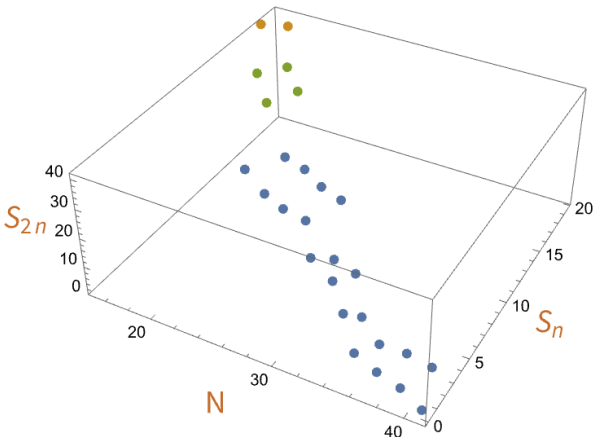
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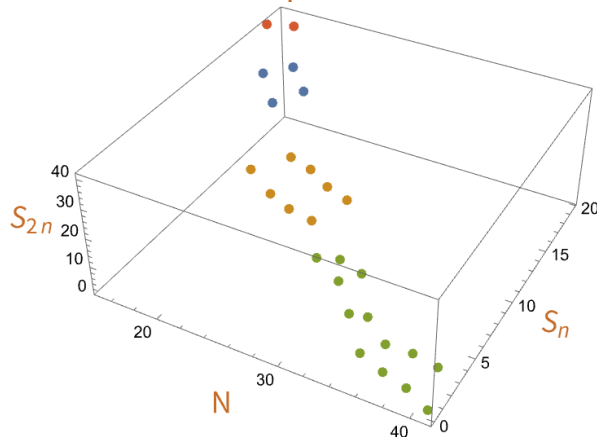
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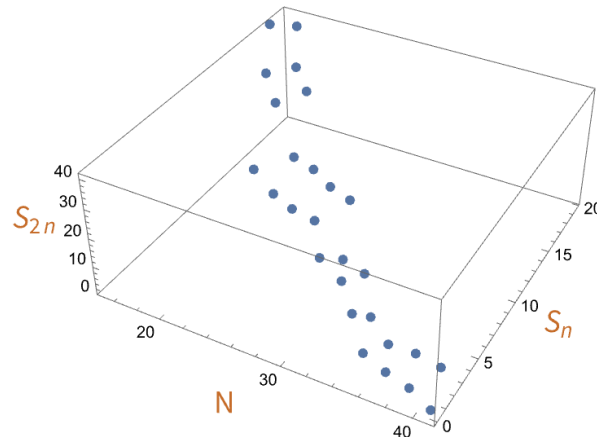
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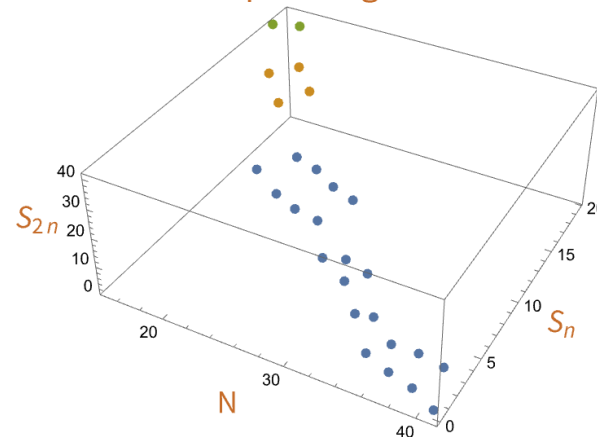
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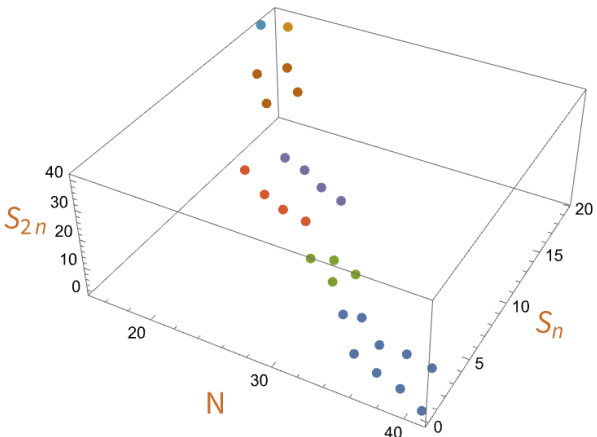
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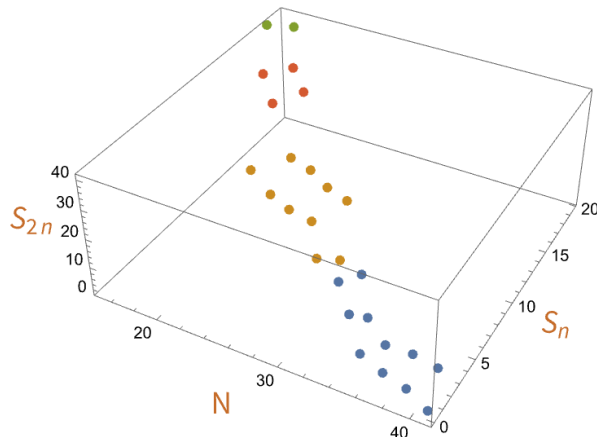
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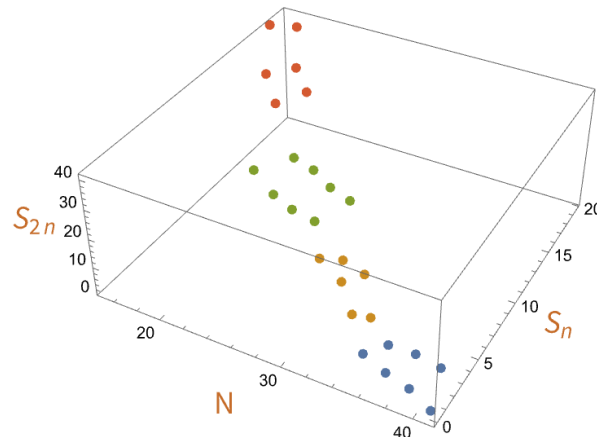
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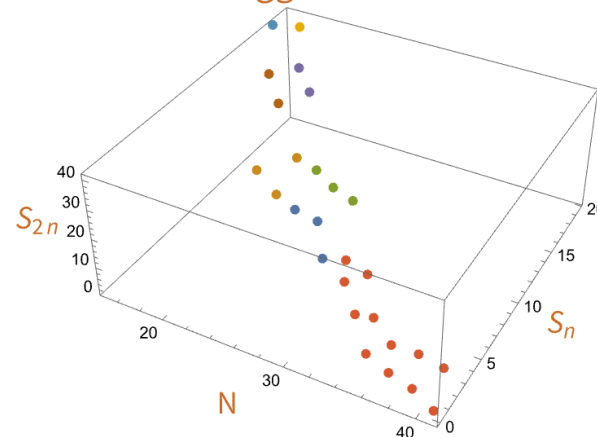
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Agglomerate



# Conclusion

- We investigated the possibility of using machine learning to find new (known) magic numbers.
- In particular, we tried to use unsupervised clustering methods to identify the internal structure of the data and determine the magic number.
- We first verified that our clustering method is generally able to find the well-known neutron magic numbers (126, 184) in the case of lead (Pb,  $Z=82$ ).
- Additionally, for oxygen (O,  $Z=8$ ), we found that the recently known new magic number  $N=16$  can be found by increasing the dimensionality of the data  $(N, S_n) \rightarrow (N, S_n, S_{2n})$ .
- For Ca ( $Z=20$ ), we showed that the magic number of  $N=42$  can be well discovered by the clustering method.

- When new physical quantities such as charge radius are included, the dimensionality of the data is expected to increase further and identification of the new magic number will become clearer.



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## Charge radii of exotic potassium isotopes challenge nuclear theory and the magic character of $N = 32$

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# Thank you for your attention !

# Descriptions for the clustering algorithms:

**Agglomerate (Single-Linkage Clustering Algorithm):** This method incrementally forms clusters by merging similar data points. It combines clusters based on the nearest members.

**DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise):** This method identifies clusters in high-density areas and excludes noise data points. It is capable of discovering clusters of arbitrary shapes, which is useful when the sizes of the clusters vary.

**Gaussian Mixture (Variational Gaussian Mixture Algorithm):** This algorithm assumes that the data consists of a mixture of several Gaussian distributions and forms clusters based on this assumption. It is a soft clustering method that provides the probability of each data point belonging to various clusters.

**Jarvis-Patrick (Jarvis-Patrick Clustering Algorithm):** Clusters are formed based on the degree to which neighbors are shared.

**KMeans:** This algorithm groups data points into K clusters, finding the center of each cluster. It works by minimizing the variance within each cluster.

**KMedoids (Partitioning Around Medoids):** Similar to KMeans, but this method uses data points as the centers of clusters, which makes it more robust to outliers.

**MeanShift:** This method shifts cluster centers towards the density centers of data points. It does not require specifying the number of clusters beforehand, and the clusters can vary in shape and size.

**Neighborhood Contraction:** Forms clusters by moving data points towards high-density areas.

**Spanning Tree (Minimum Spanning Tree-Based Clustering Algorithm):** Uses a minimum spanning tree to form clusters based on the connectivity structure among data points.

**Spectral:** Forms clusters using eigenvectors and eigenvalues based on a graph that represents the similarity among datapoints. This method is suitable for data with complex structures.