

# Fission in Inverse Kinematics

A new window to experimental observables

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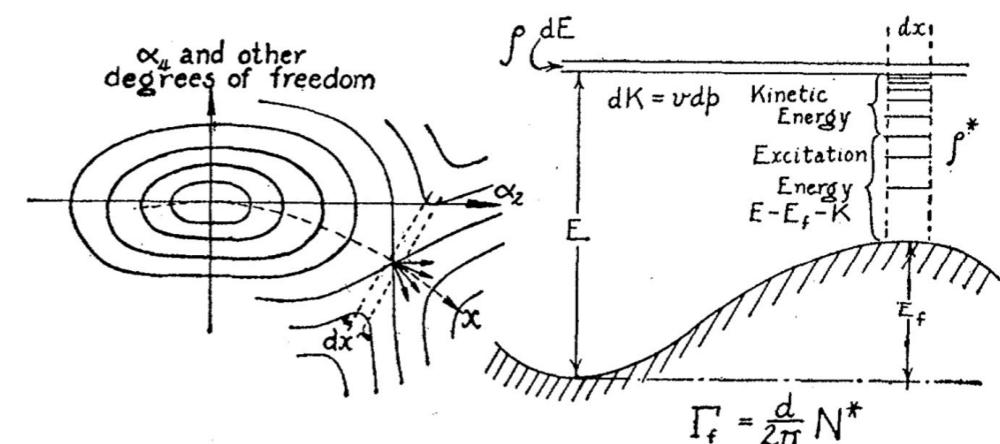
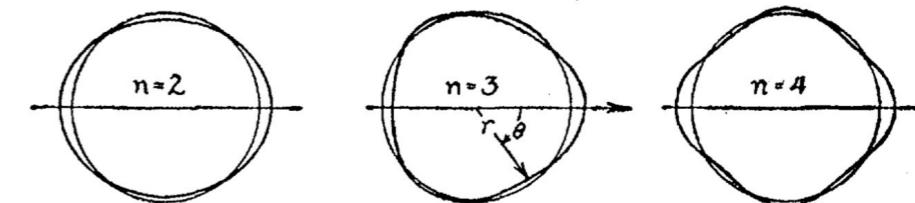


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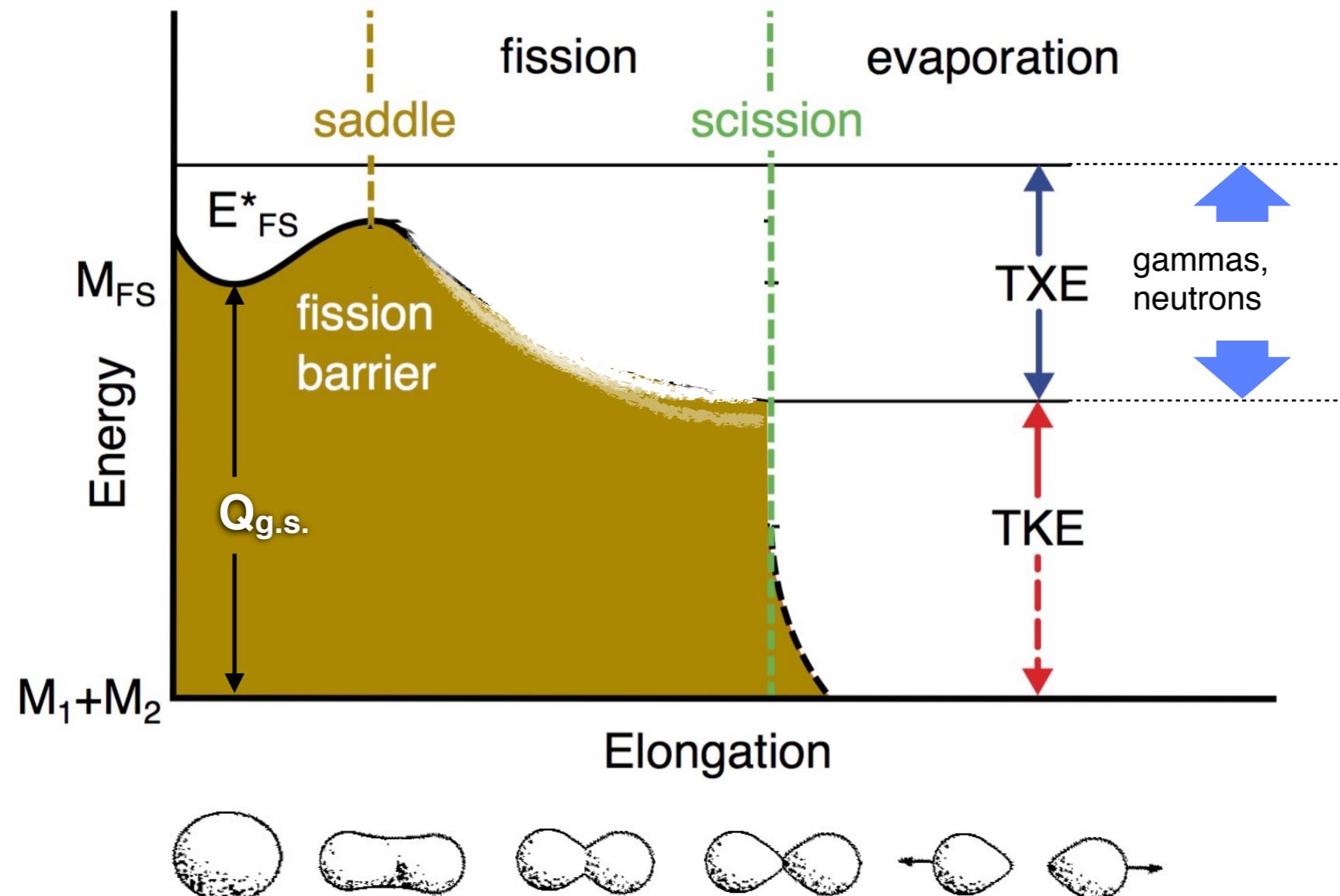


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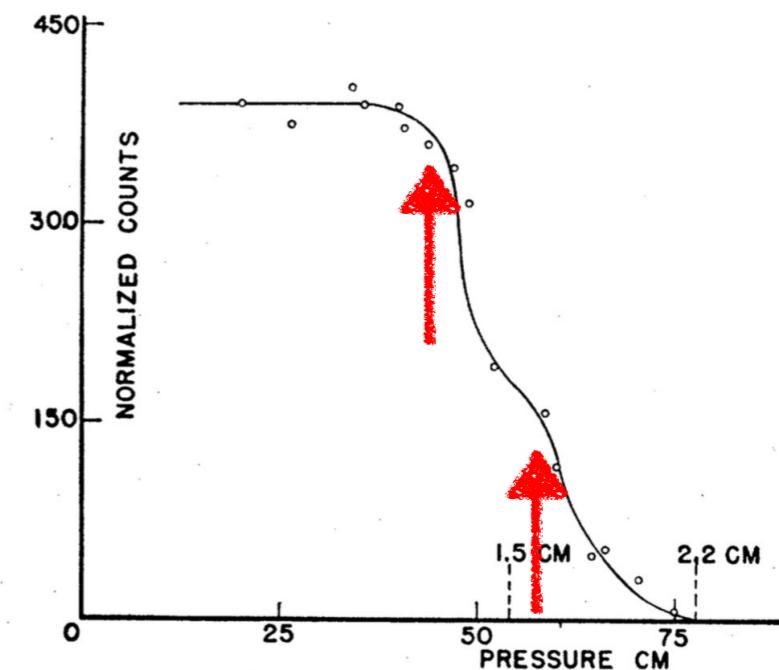
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## Disintegration of Uranium by Neutrons: a New Type of Nuclear Reaction

Hahn and Strassmann were forced to conclude that *isotopes of barium ( $Z = 56$ ) are formed as a consequence of the bombardment of uranium ( $Z = 92$ ) with neutrons.*

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E.T. Booth et al., PR 55, 982 (1939)

## IX. ASYMMETRIC FISSION

It is somewhat tempting to associate the existence of the closed shells of 50 and 82 neutrons with the dissymmetry of masses encountered in the fission process.  $U^{235}$  contains  $143 = 82 + 50 + 11$

M.G. Mayer, PR 74, 235 (1948)

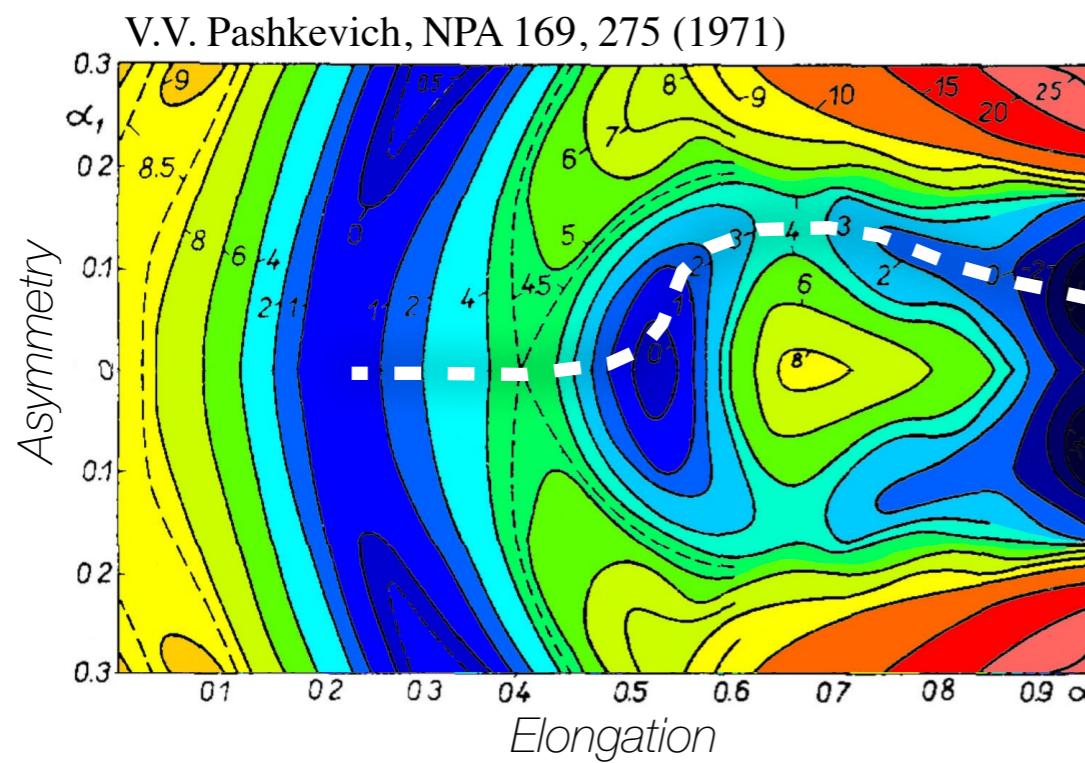
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A macroscopic LD behaviour shaped by structure

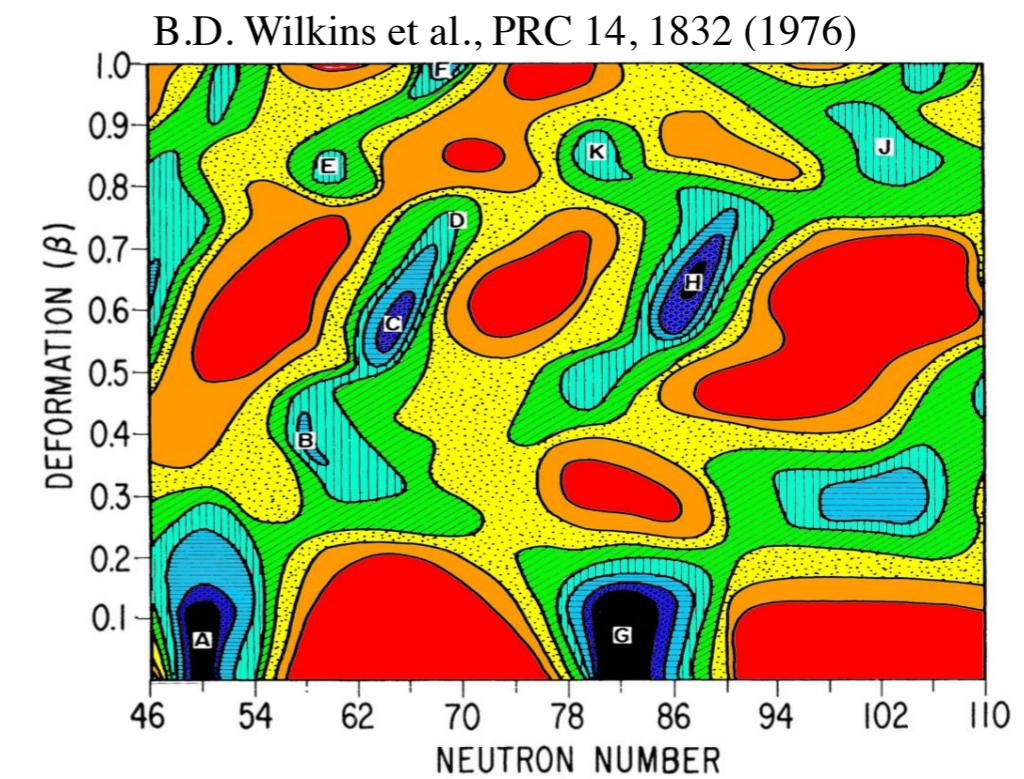
$$W = \tilde{W} + \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{n}} (\delta U + P).$$

V.M. Strutinsky, NPA 95, 420 (1967)

at the barrier



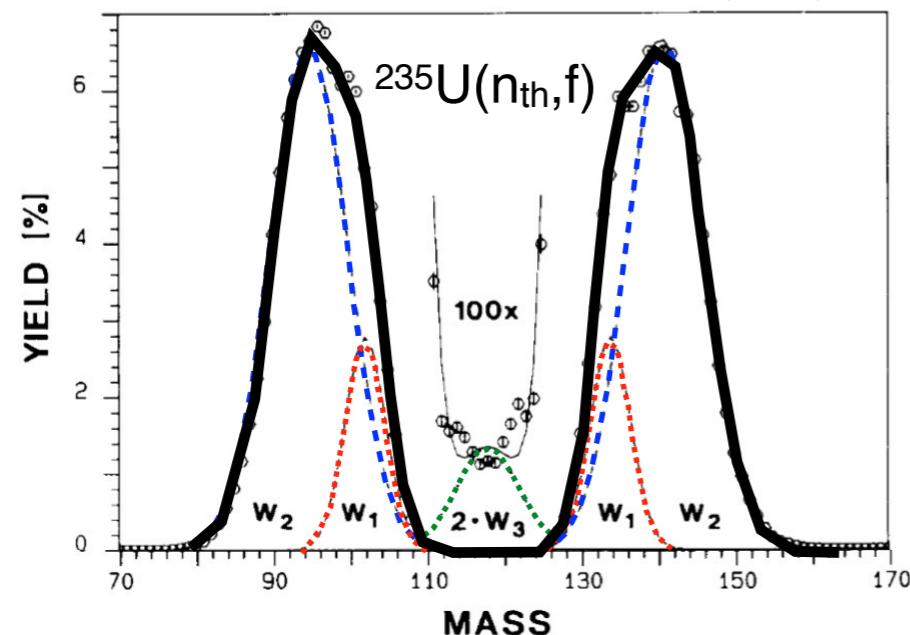
and at scission



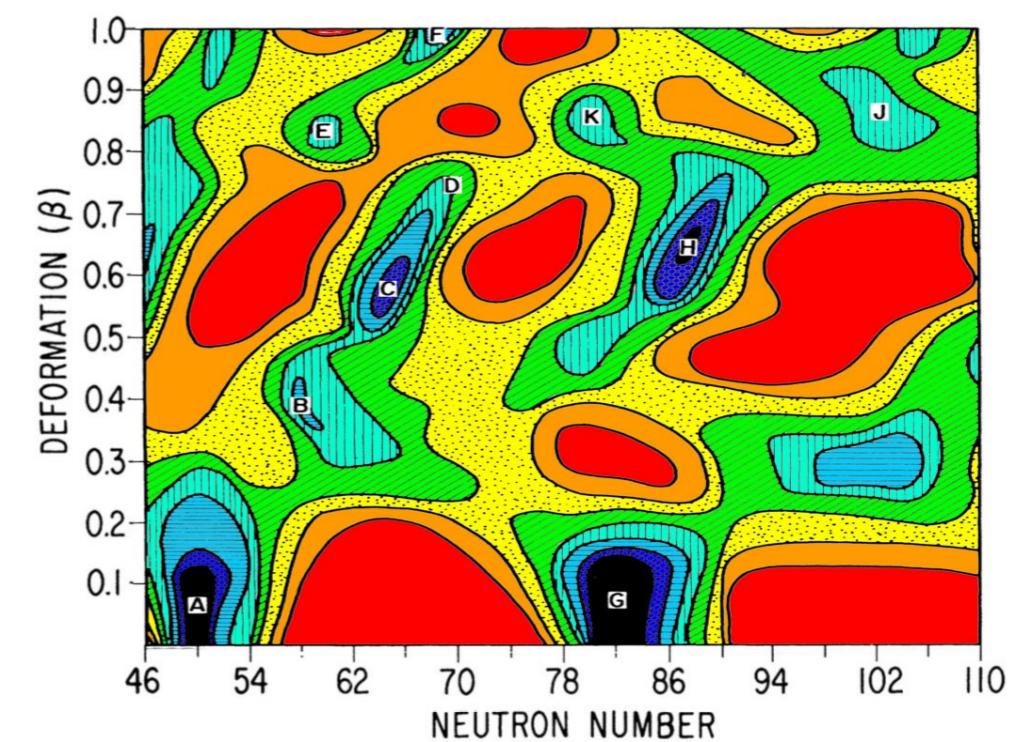
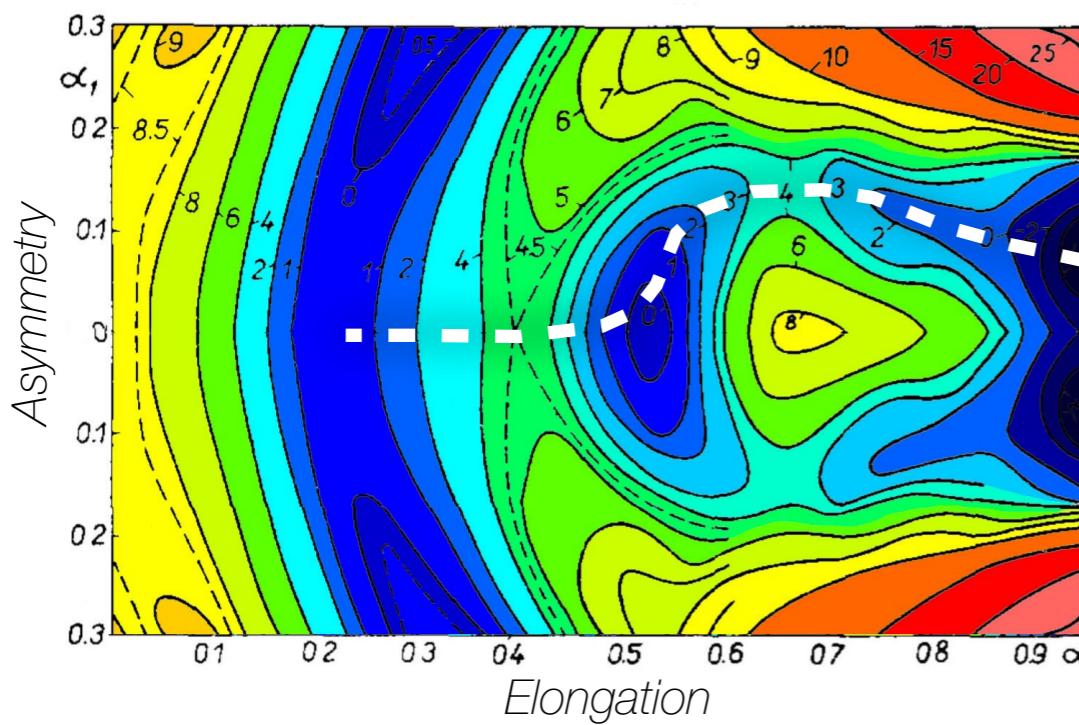
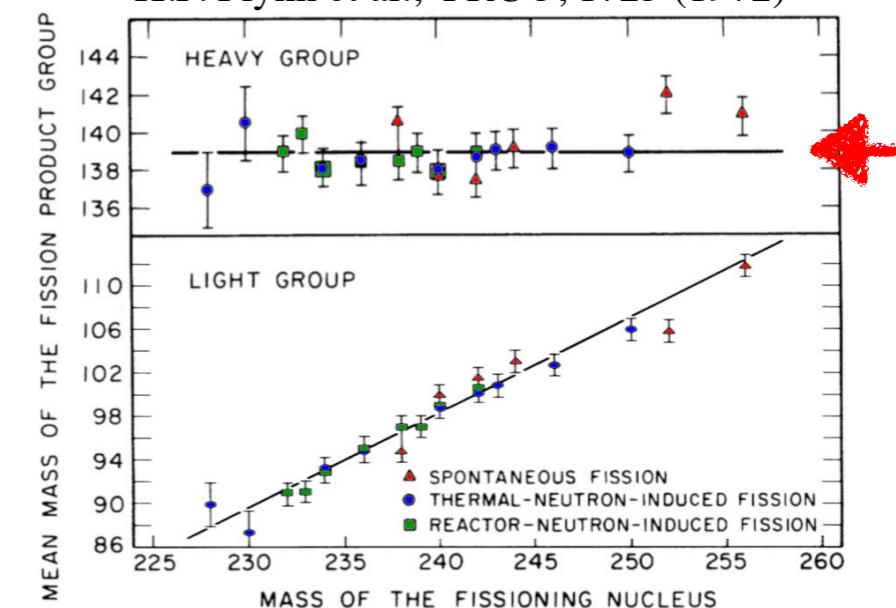
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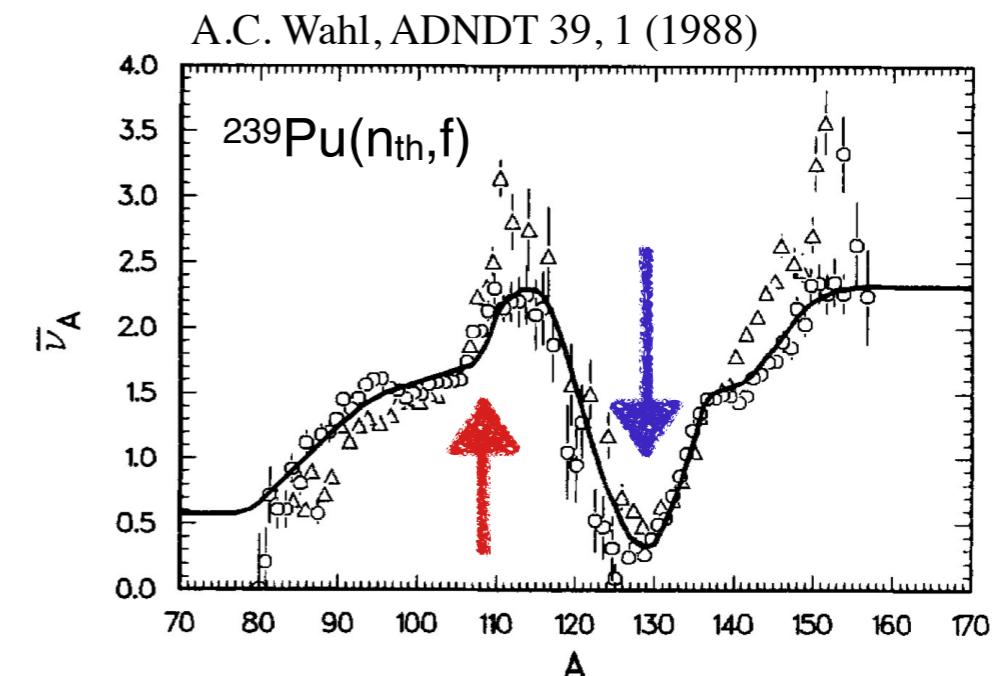
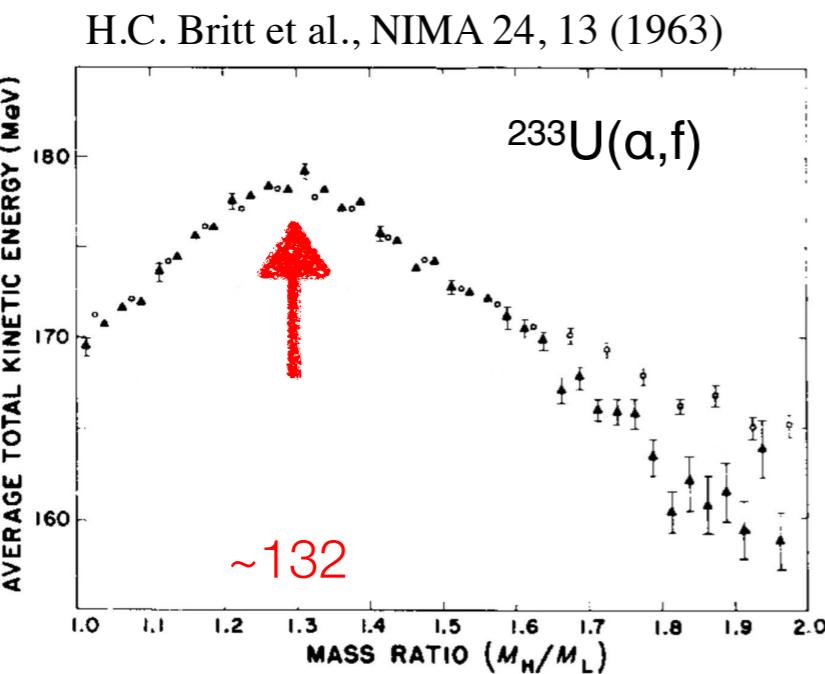


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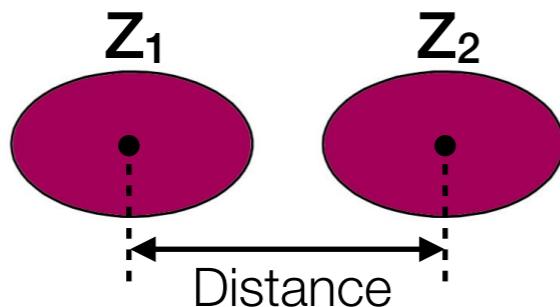


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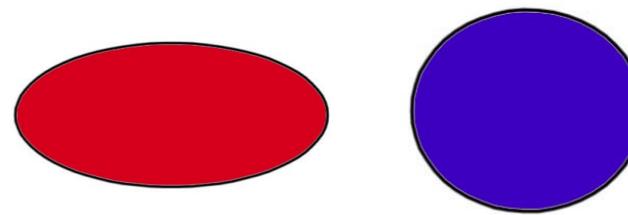


Total kinetic energy (TKE)



$$TKE \propto \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{D}$$

Neutron evaporation

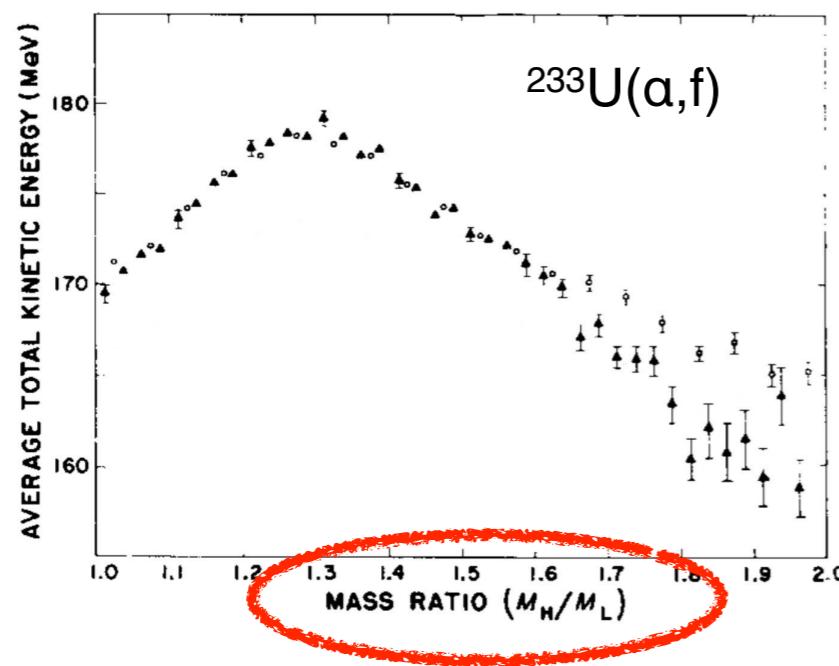


$$\nu \propto E^{def} + E^{int}$$

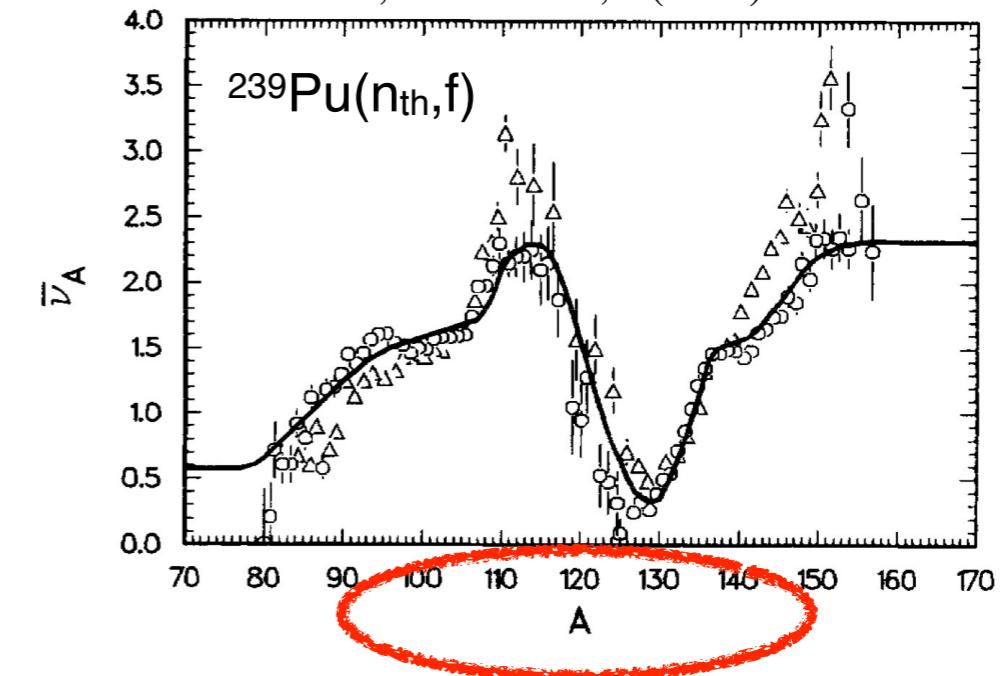
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Fragment identification: All is Mass

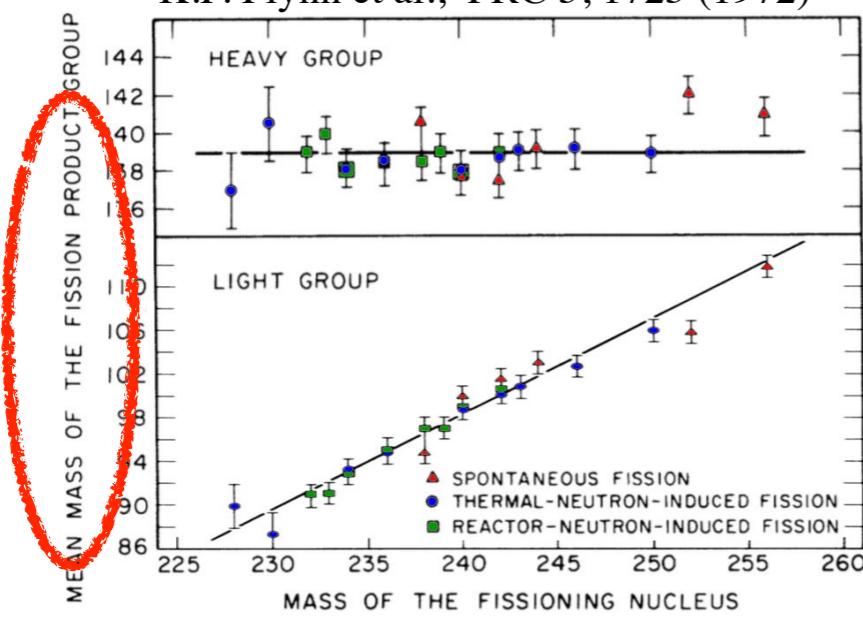
H.C. Britt et al., NIMA 24, 13 (1963)



A.C. Wahl, ADNDT 39, 1 (1988)



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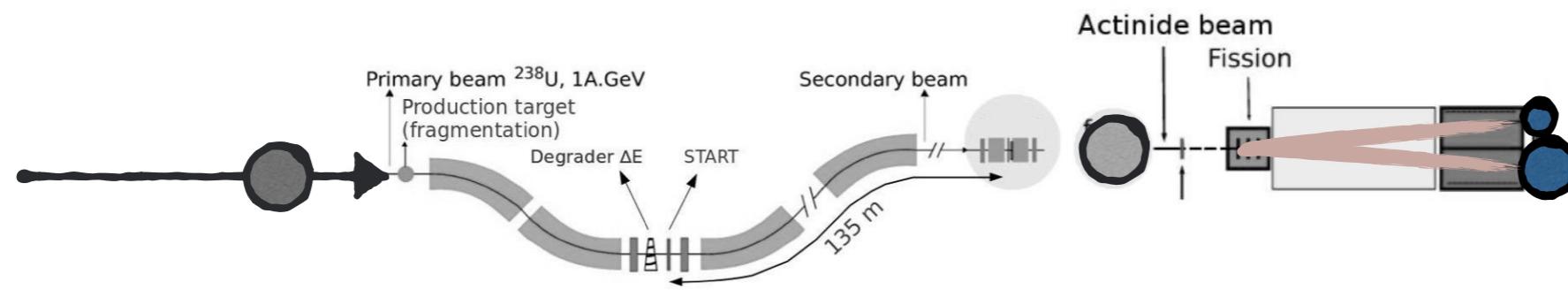
Most of the data is measured in terms of fragment masses.

But shells, structure appear in Z and N.

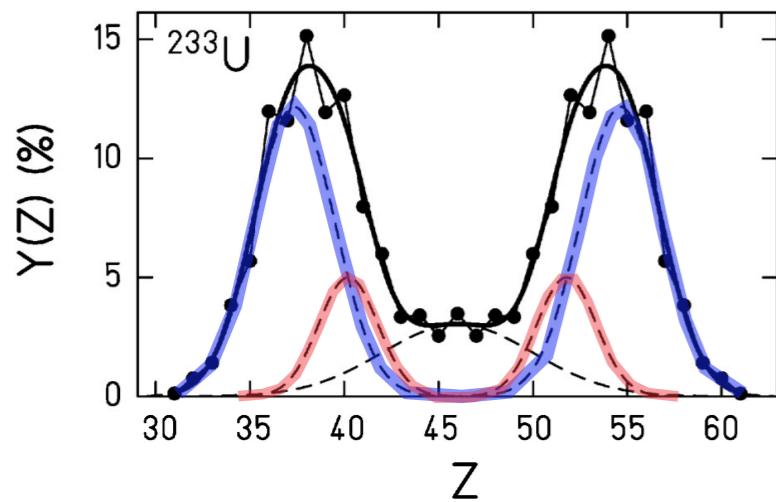
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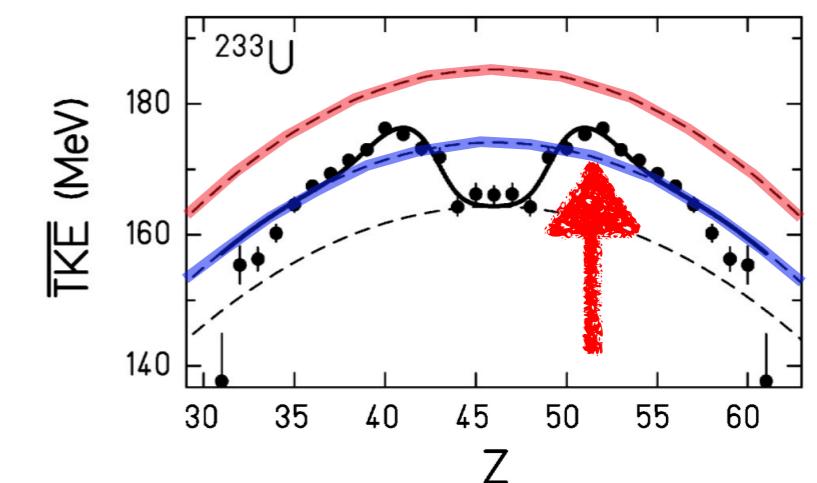
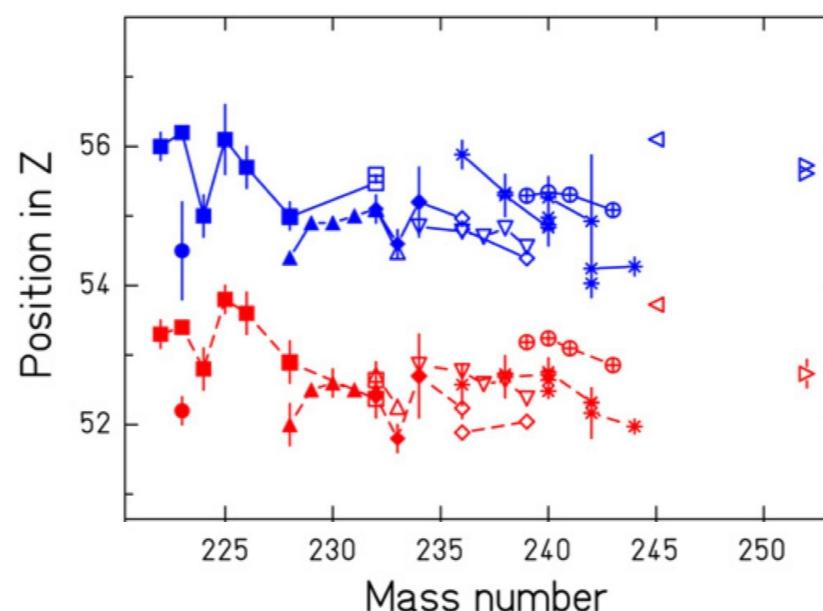
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Accurate access to components on the yield distribution



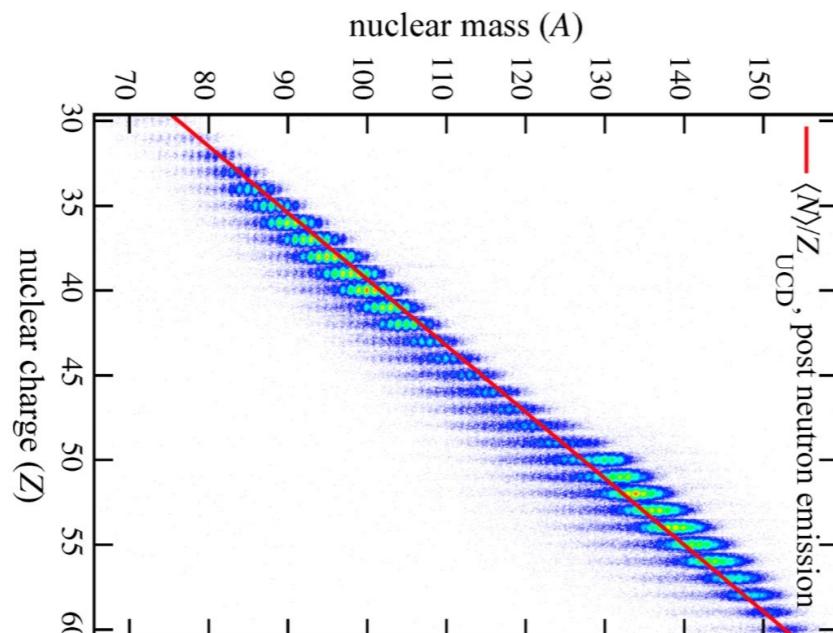
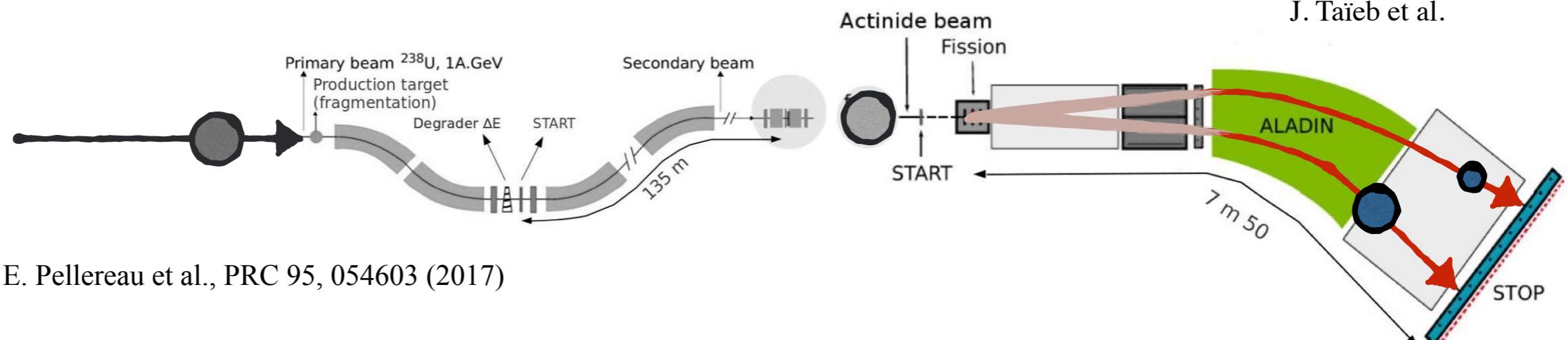
Compact scission around  $Z \sim 52$



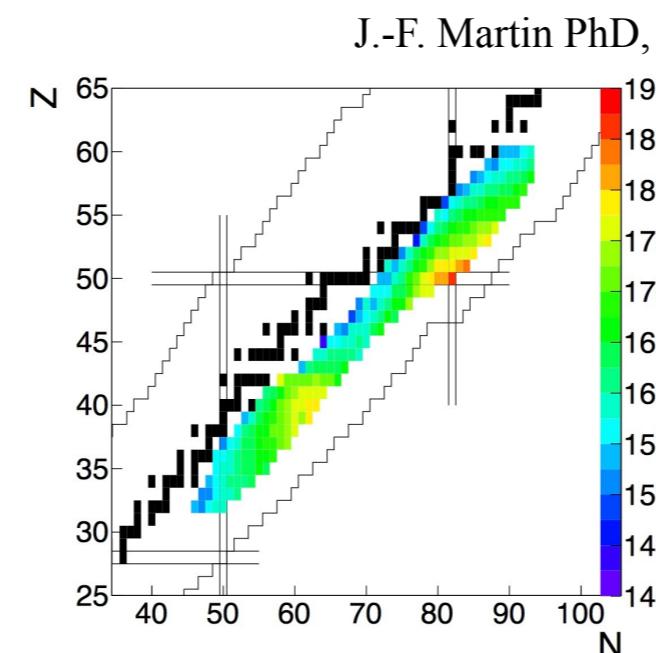
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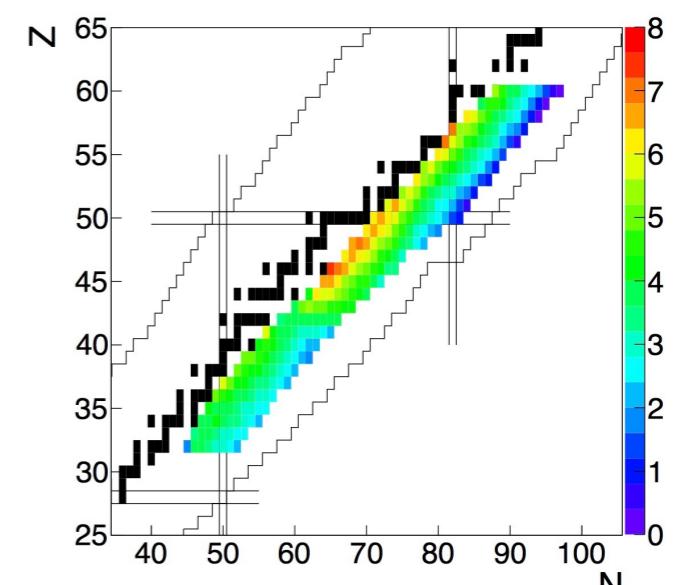
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Accurate access to Z and Mass



TKE



Neutron evaporation

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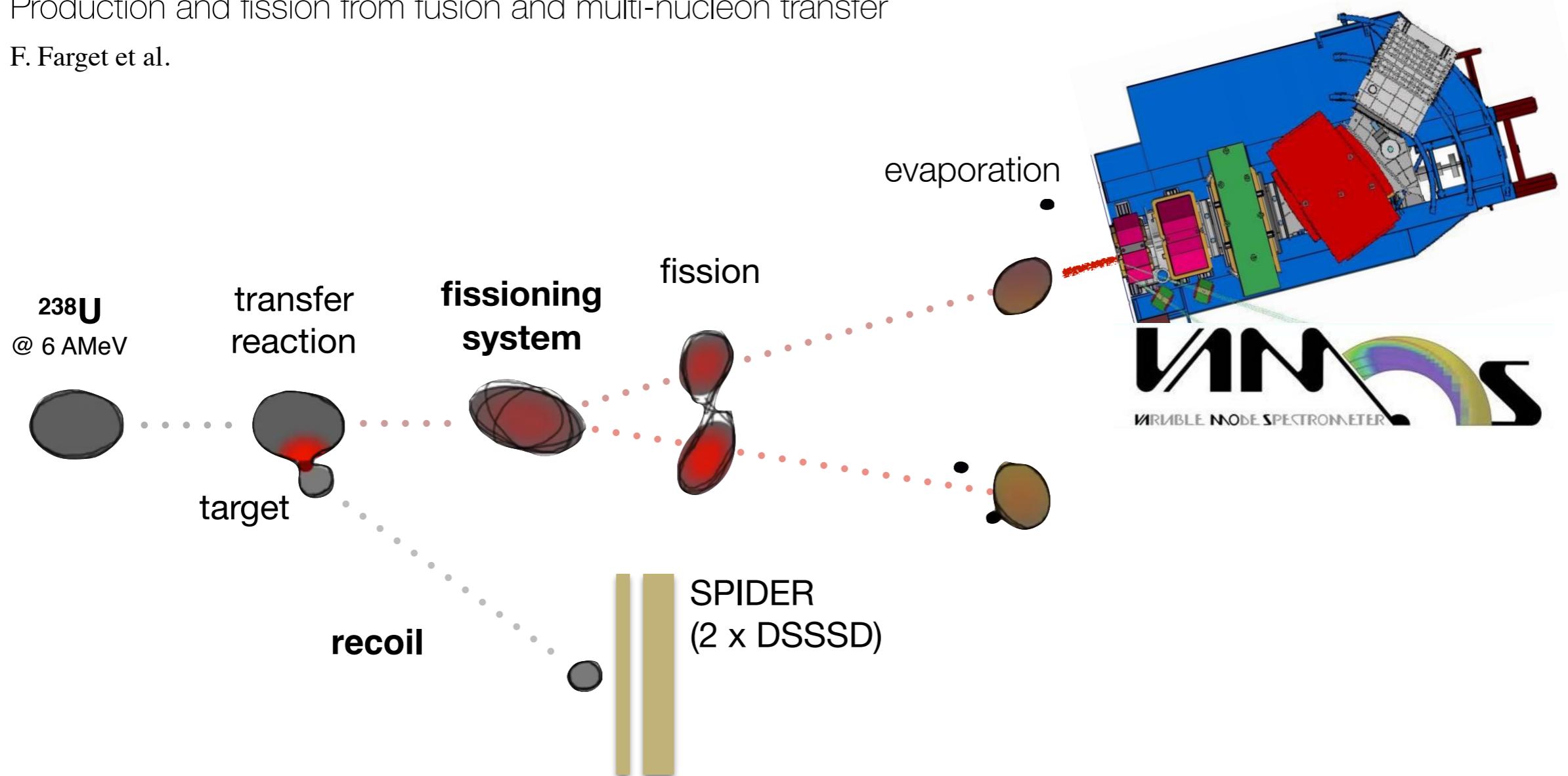


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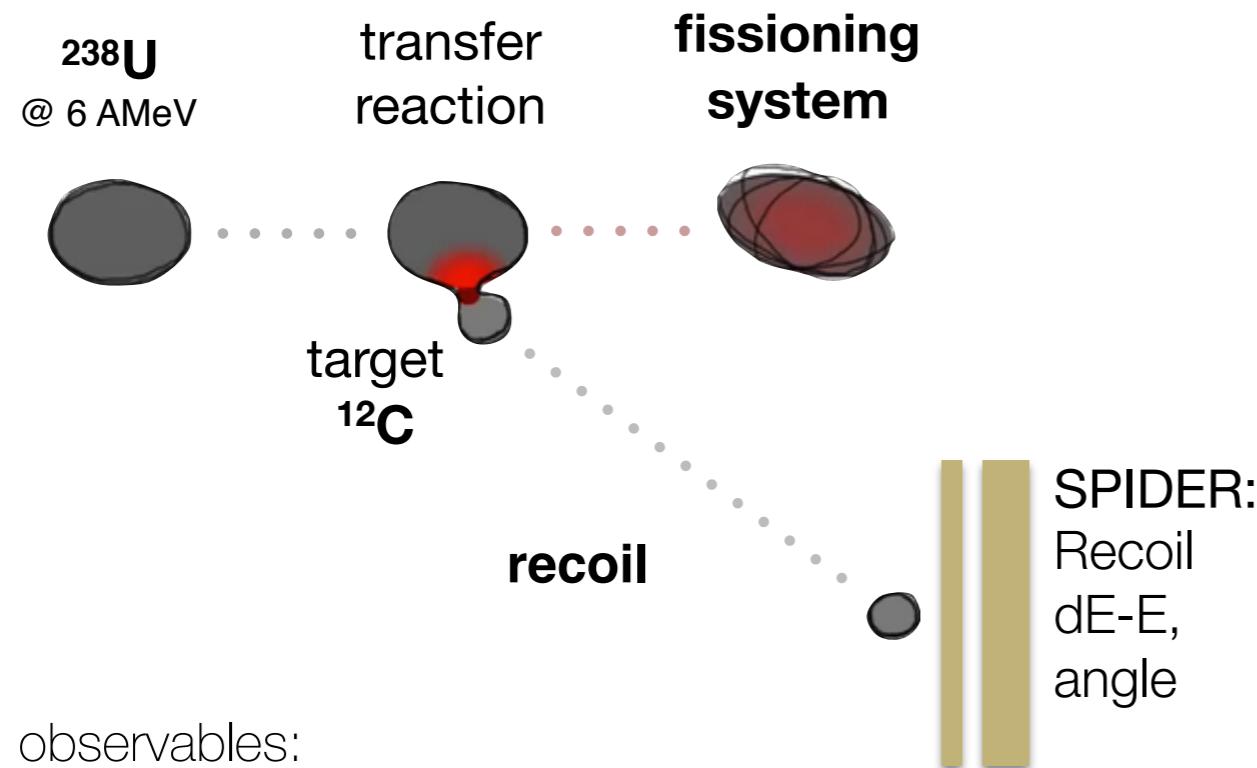
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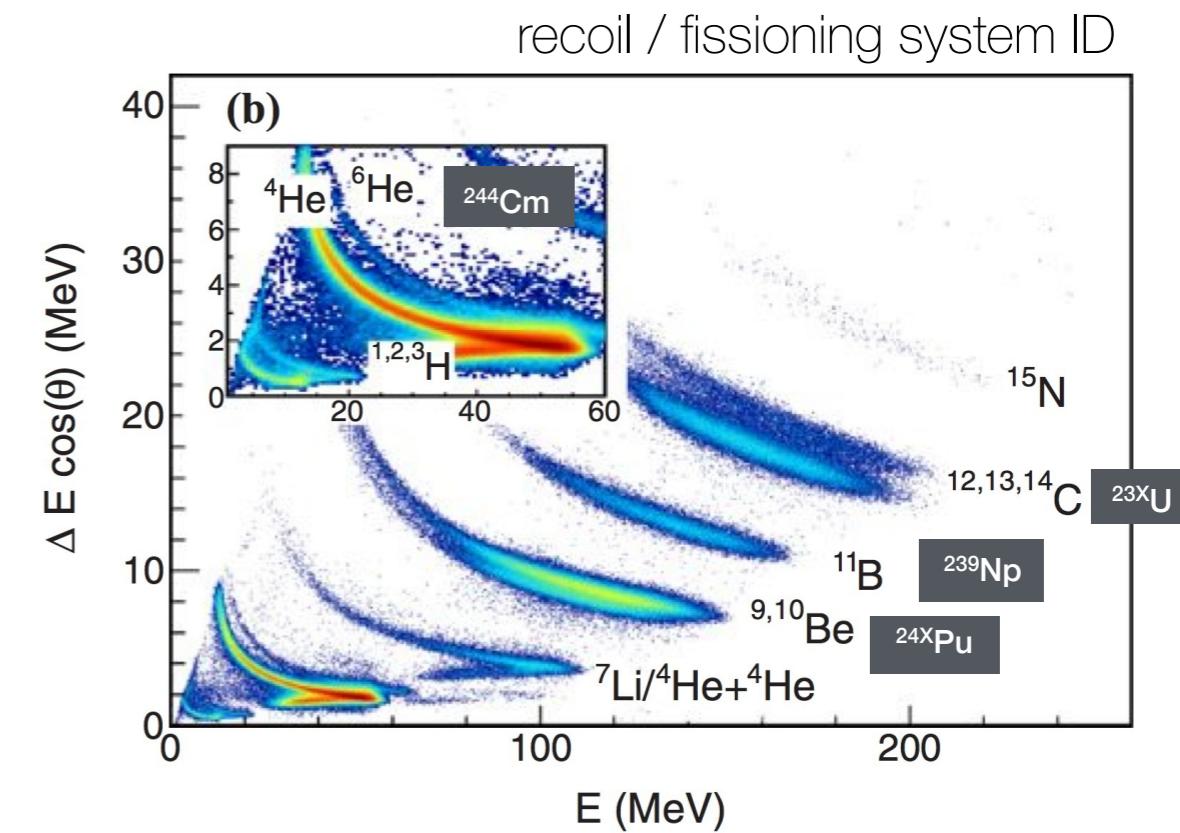
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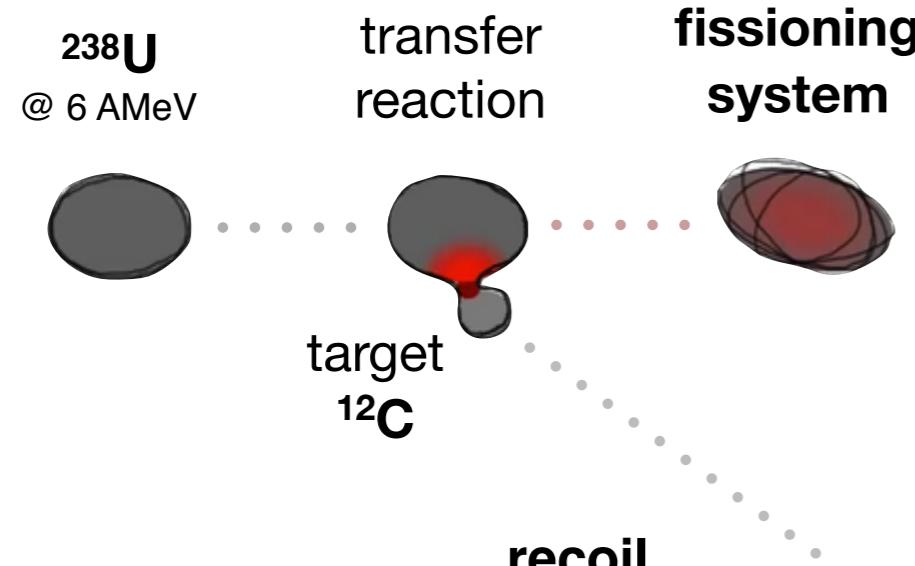


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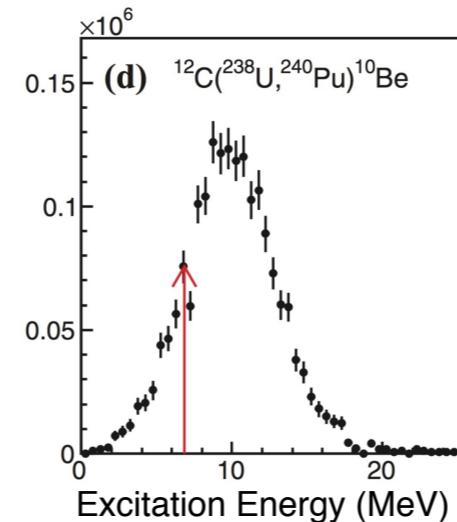
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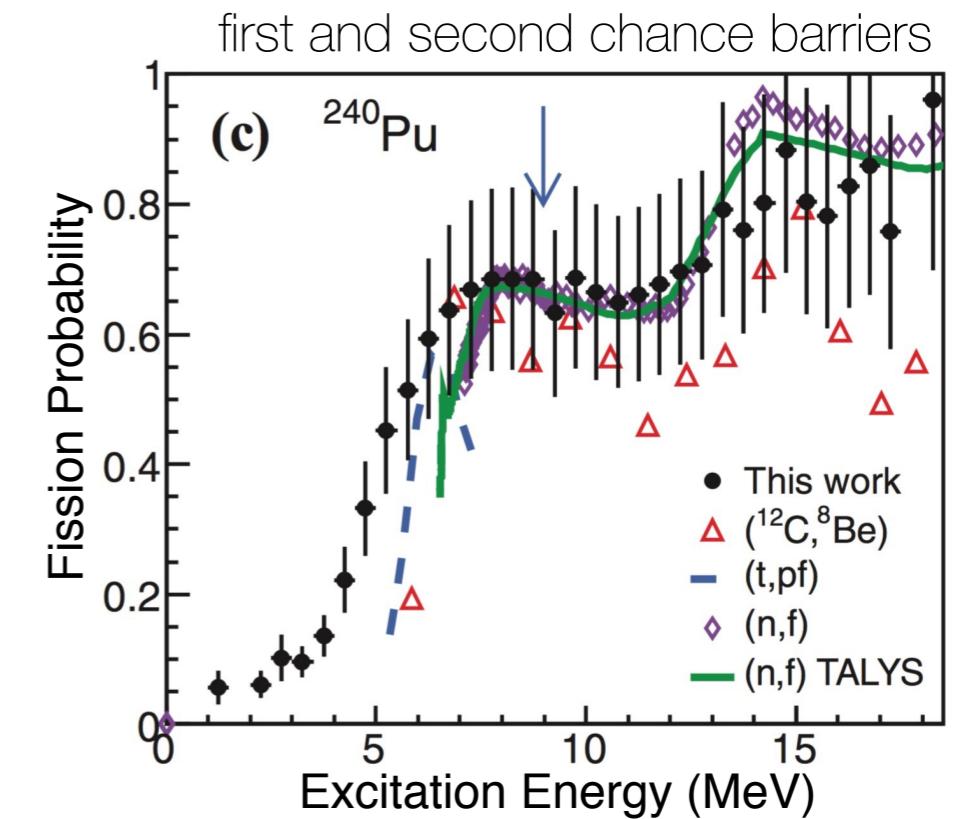
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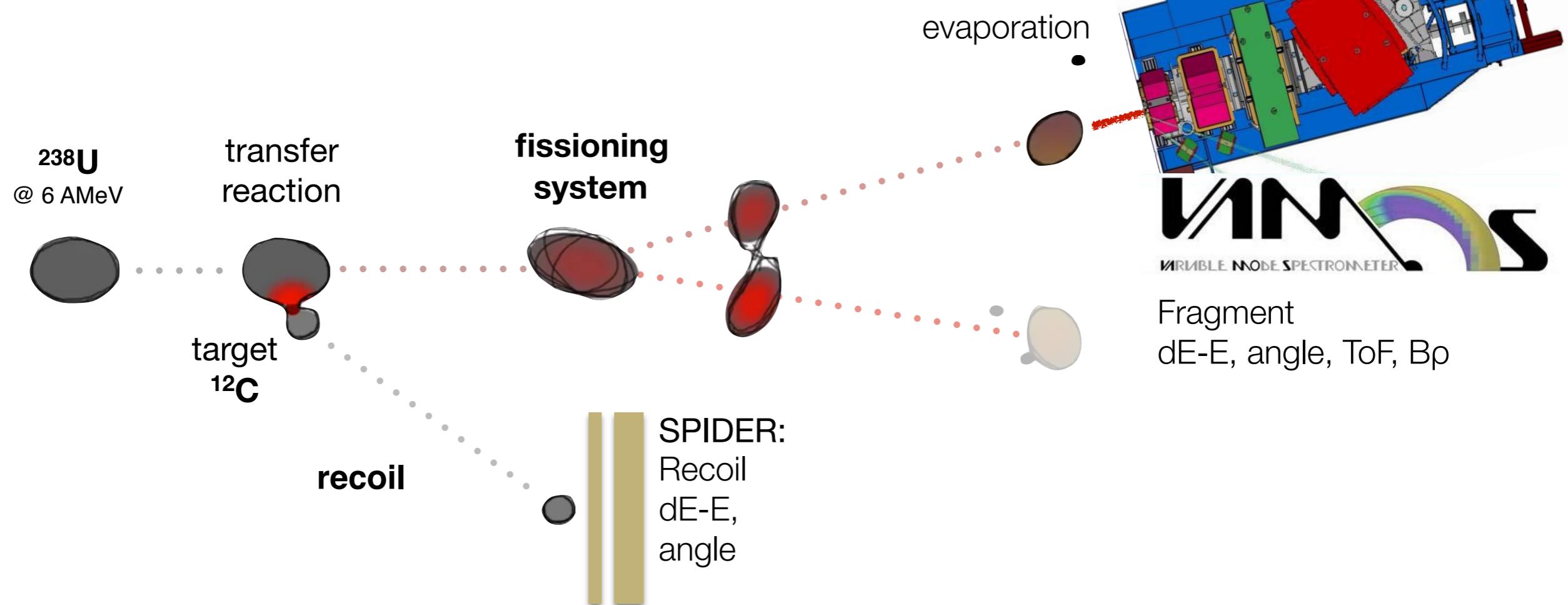
The **reconstruction** of the binary reaction also provides information on the **fission barrier**



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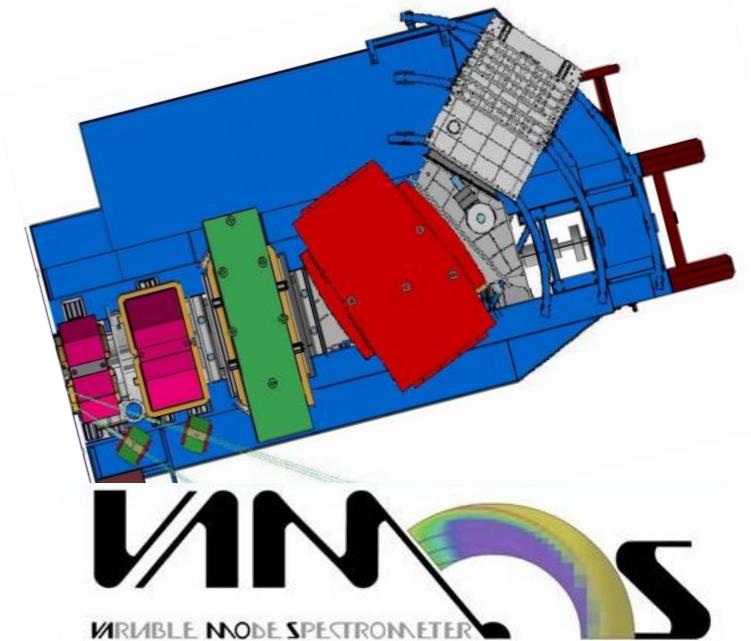
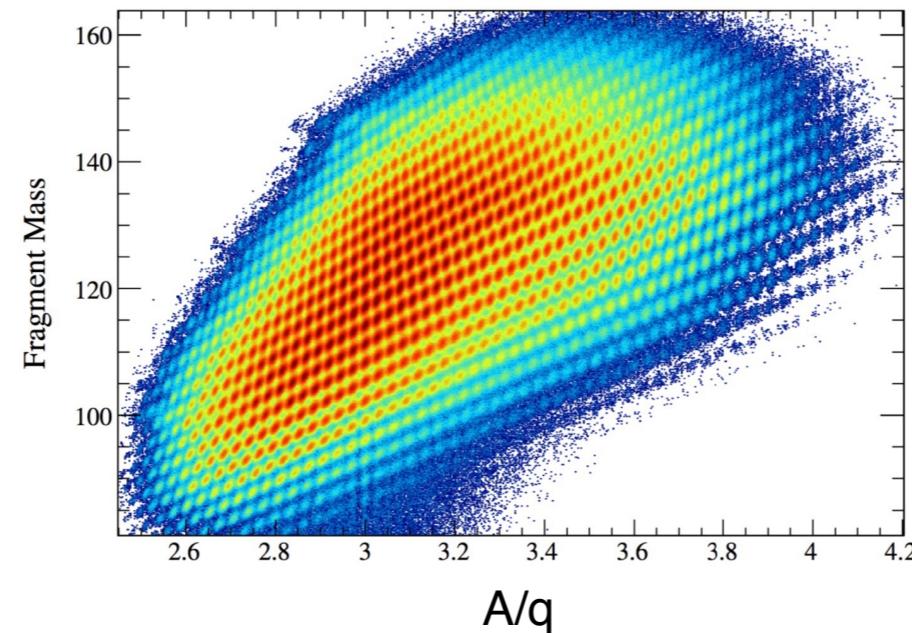
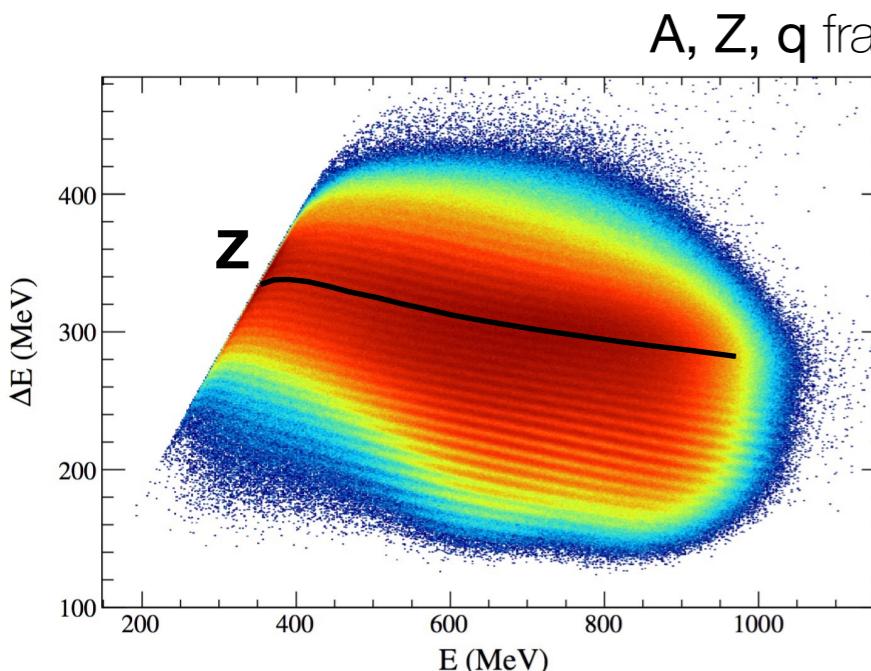
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Fragment  
dE-E, angle, ToF, B<sub>0</sub>

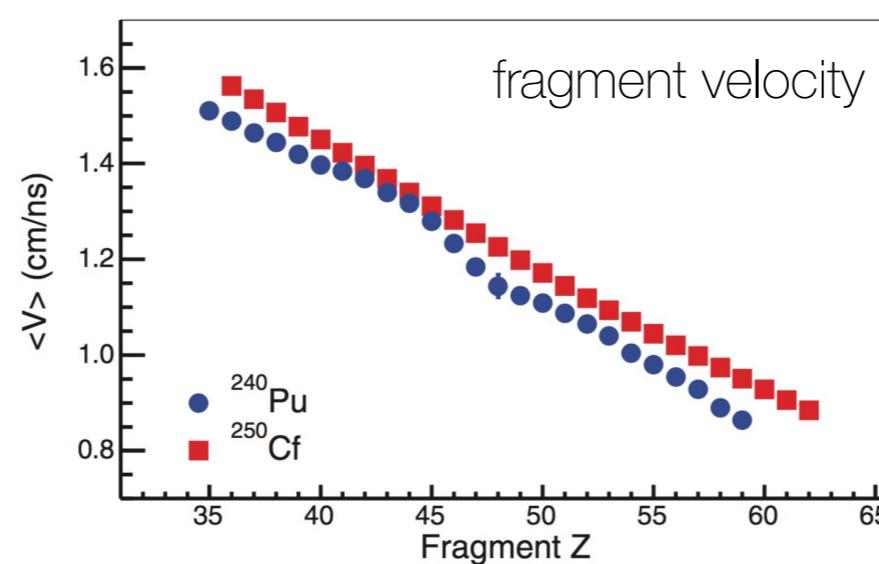
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Fission Fragments:

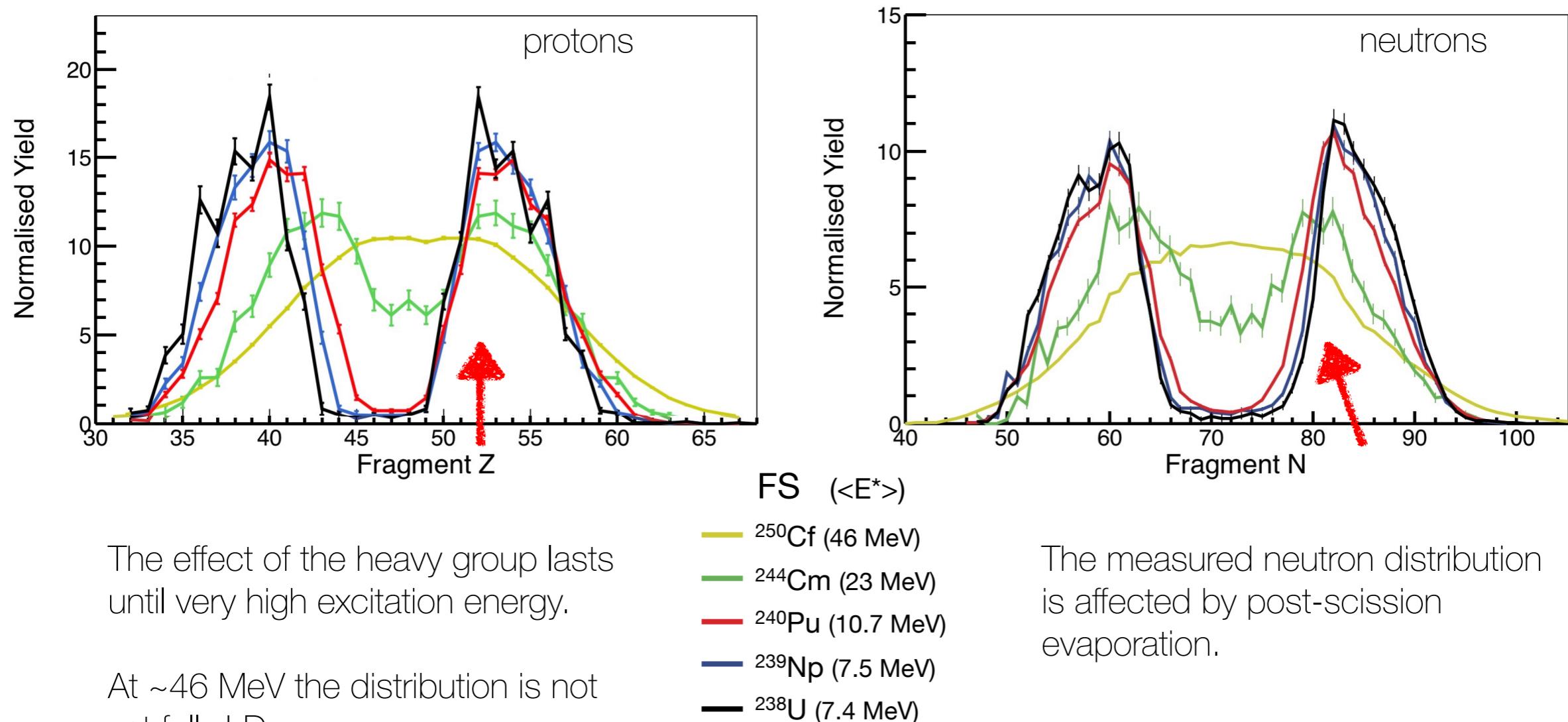
- $A^{\text{post}}, Z, q, \text{angle, velocity}$



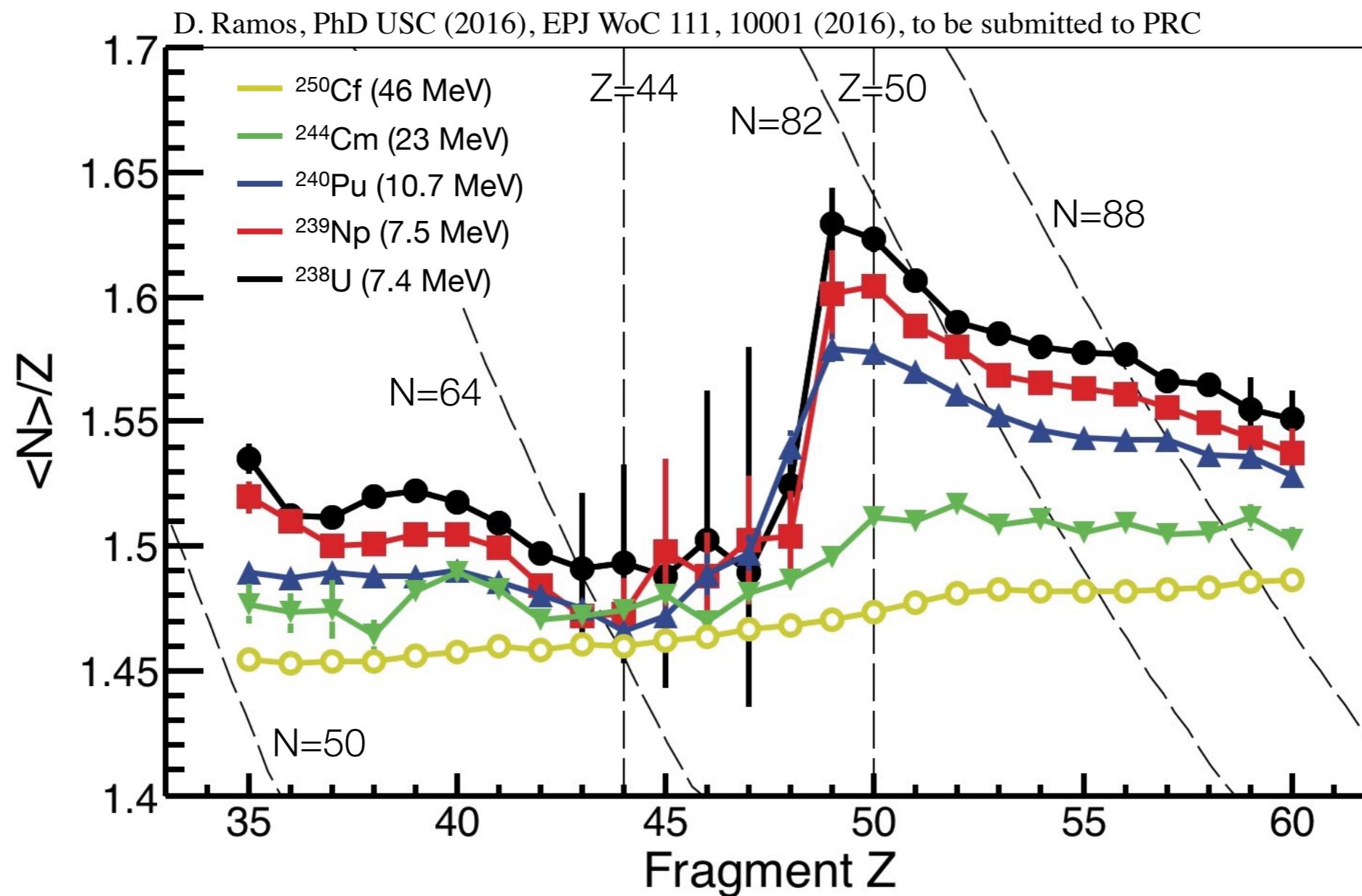
A set of revisited and new observables

## Fragment Z, N distributions

D. Ramos, PhD USC (2016), PRC (2018) 97, 054612 (2018).

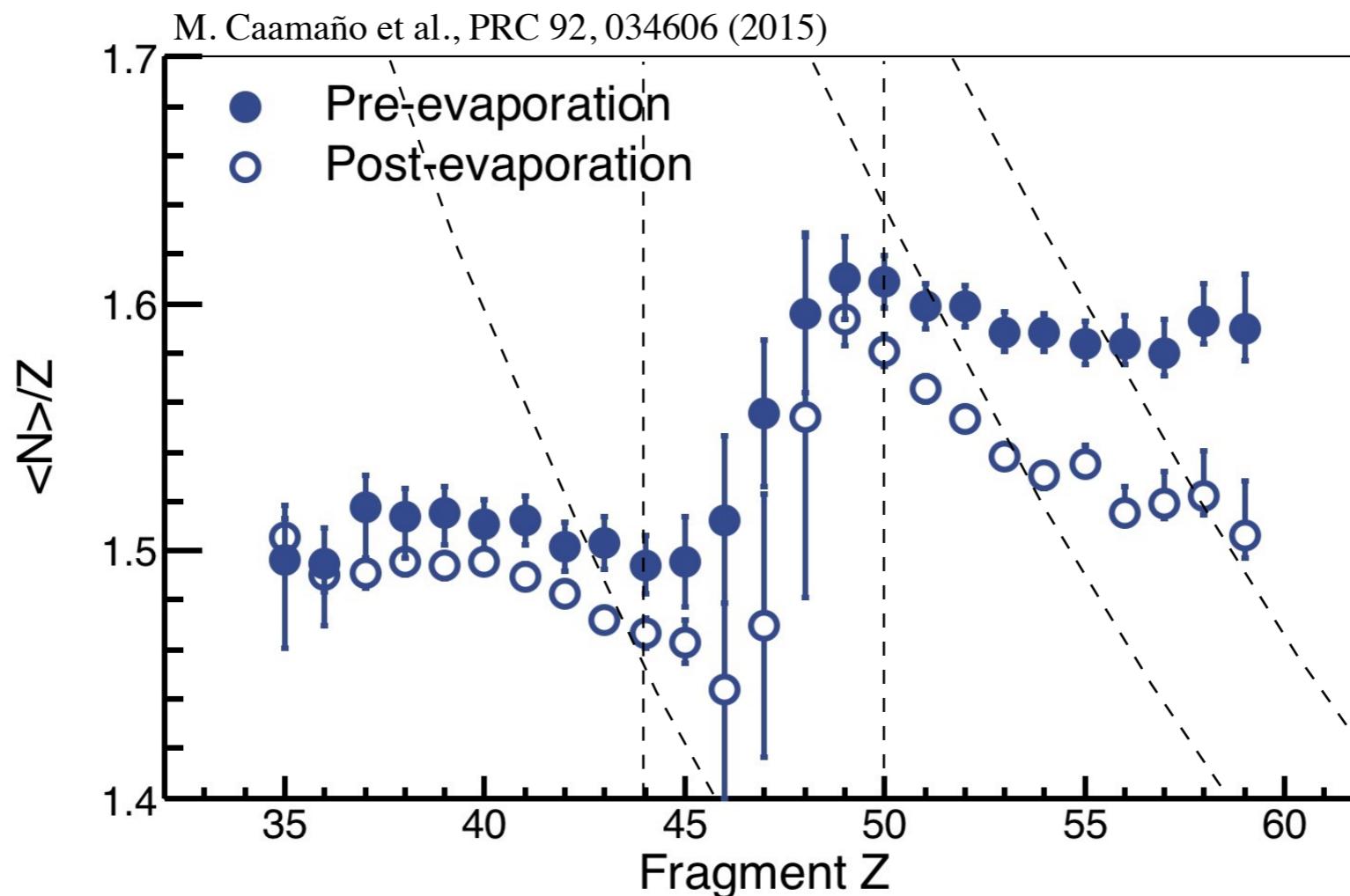


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**Fragment N excess ( $N/Z$ )**

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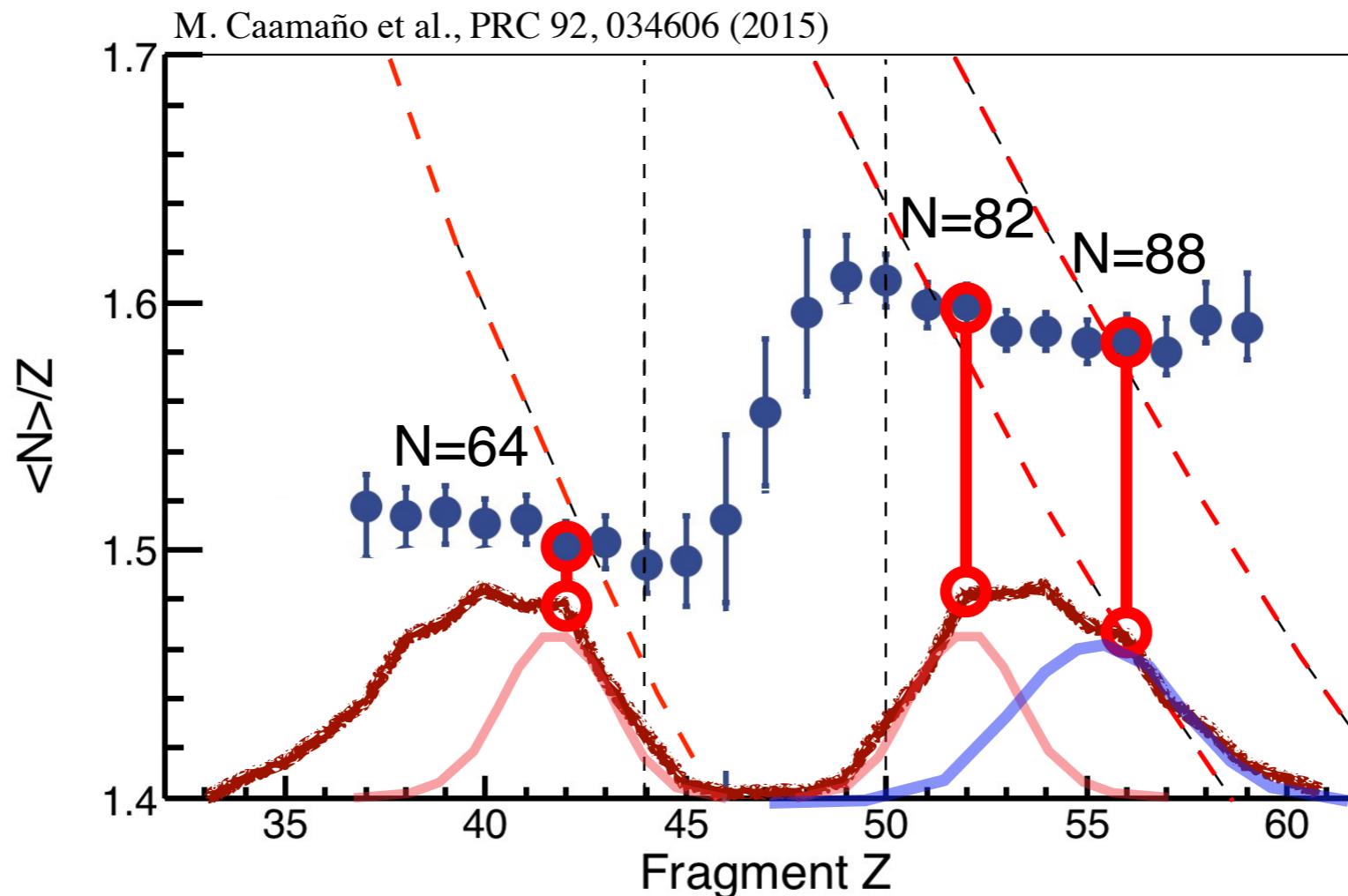


measured velocities and momentum conservation:

$$\langle A_1^* \rangle = A_{\text{FS}} \frac{\langle V_2 \gamma_2 \rangle}{\langle V_1 \gamma_1 \rangle + \langle V_2 \gamma_2 \rangle}, \quad \langle A_2^* \rangle = A_{\text{FS}} - \langle A_1^* \rangle.$$

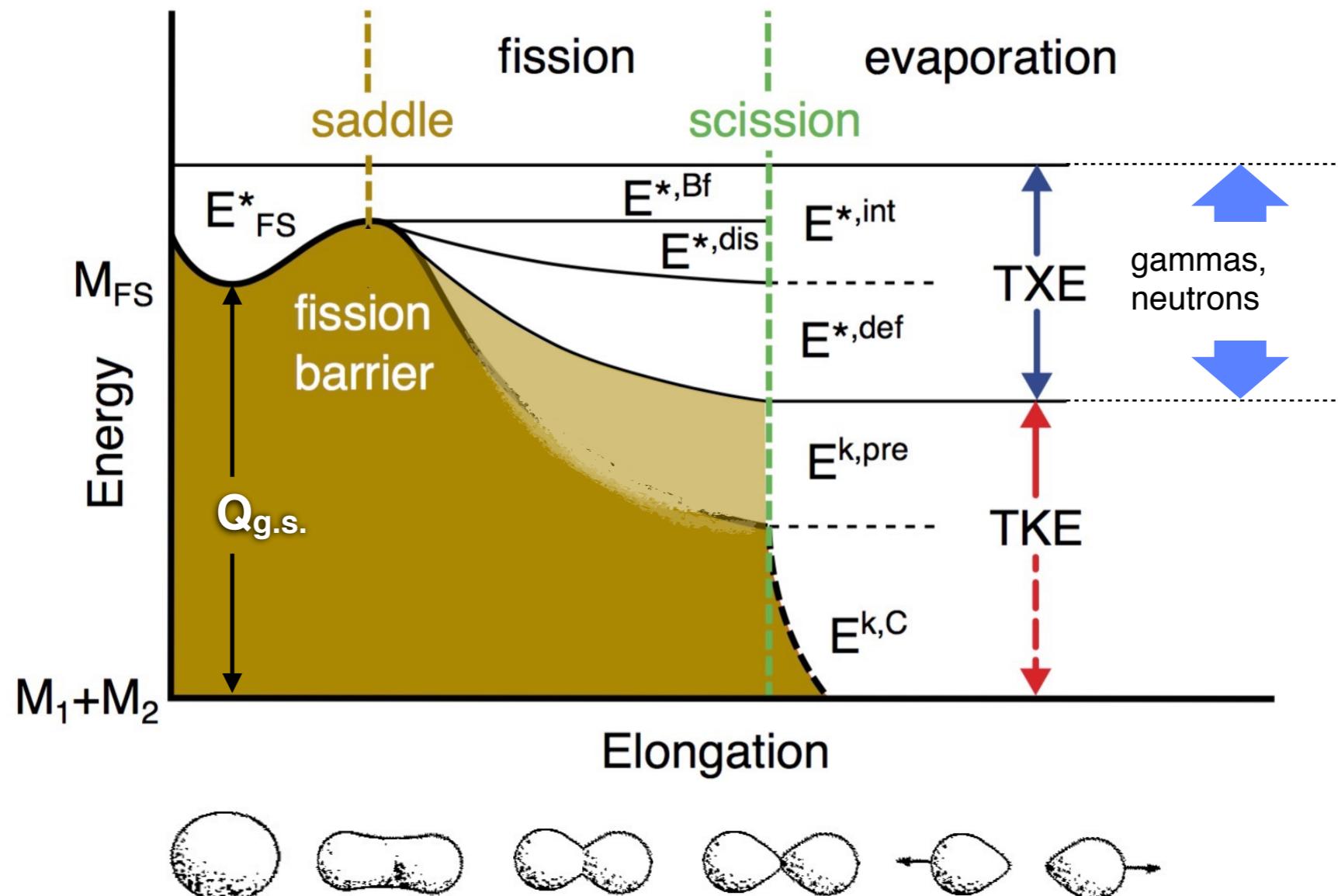
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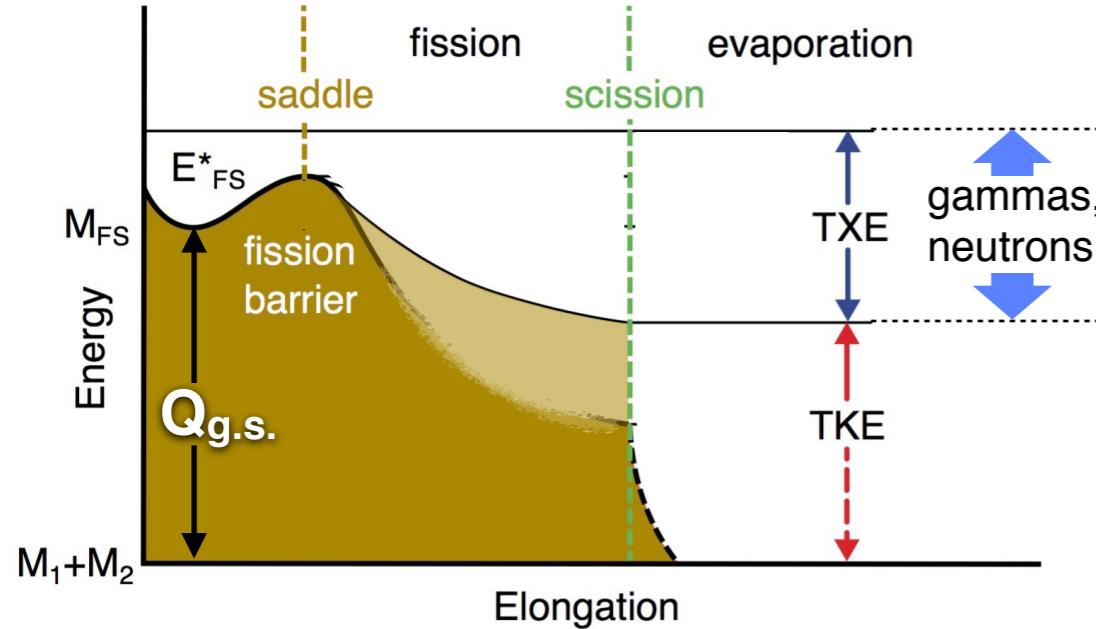


Neutron shells seem to drive the final splits

A more detailed energy balance

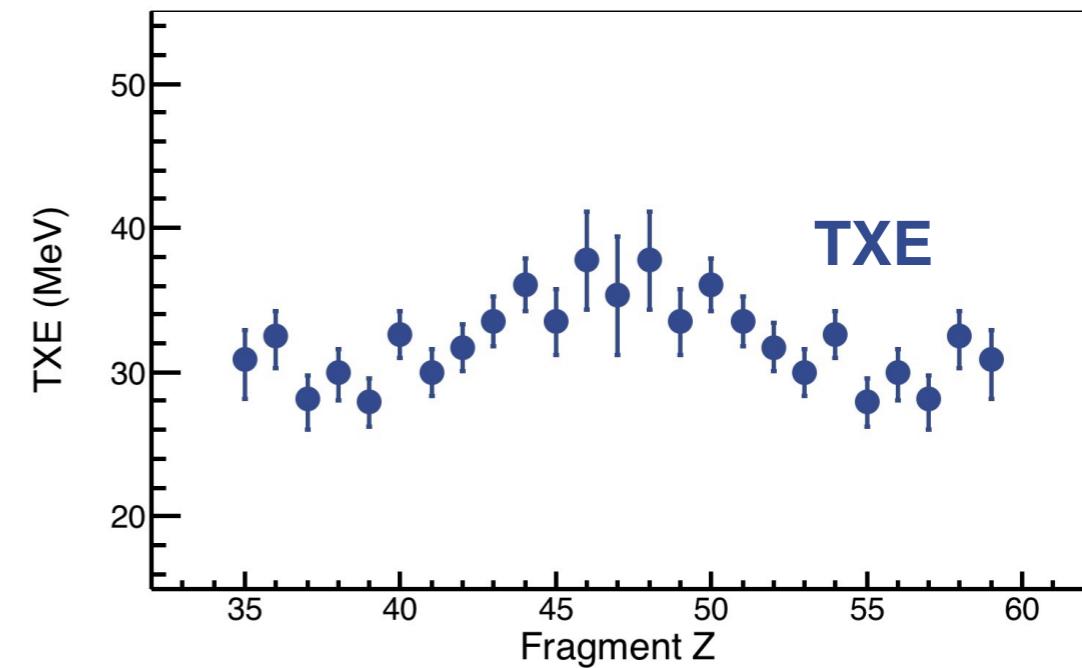
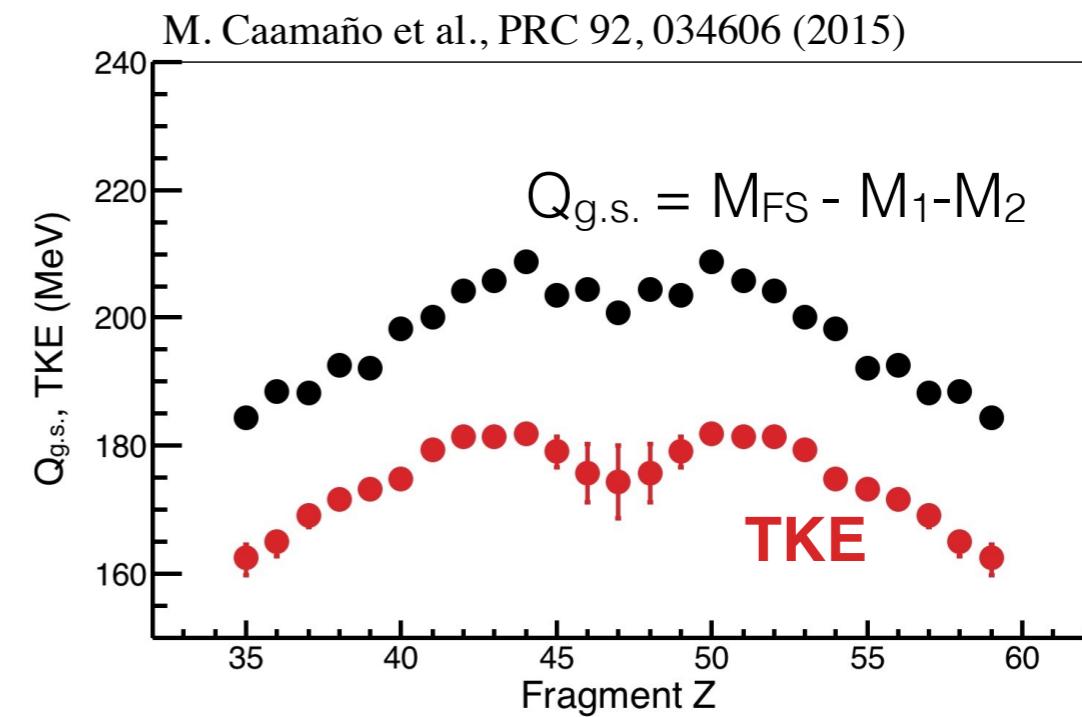


## Total Kinetic Energy and Total eXcitation Energy

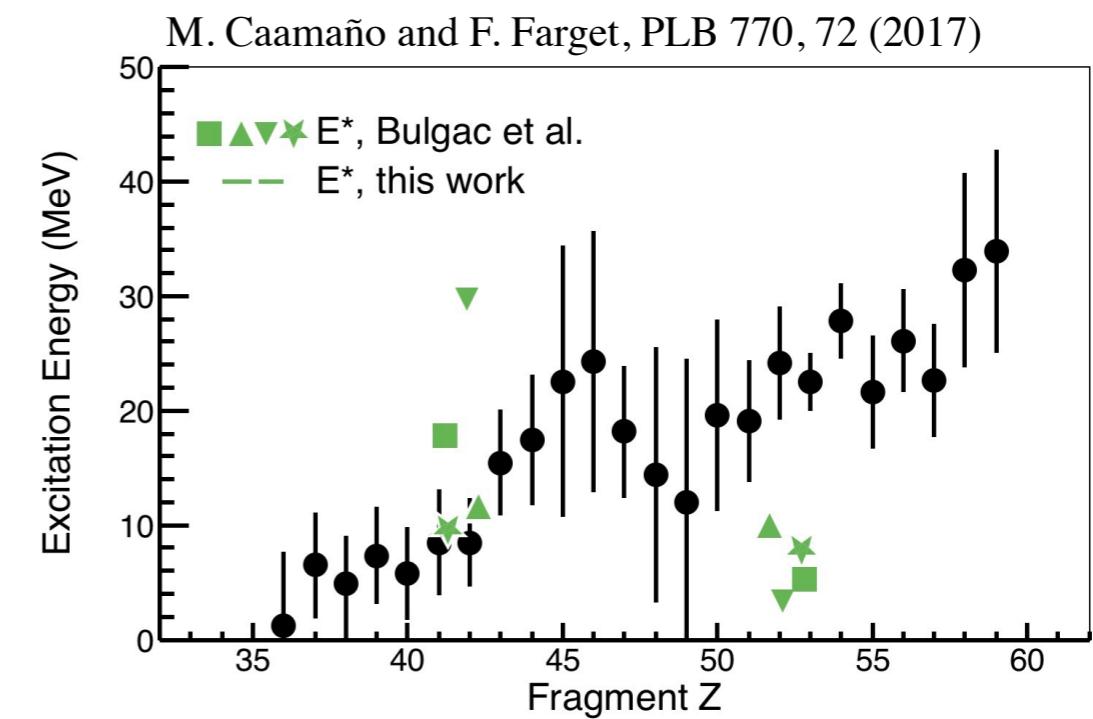
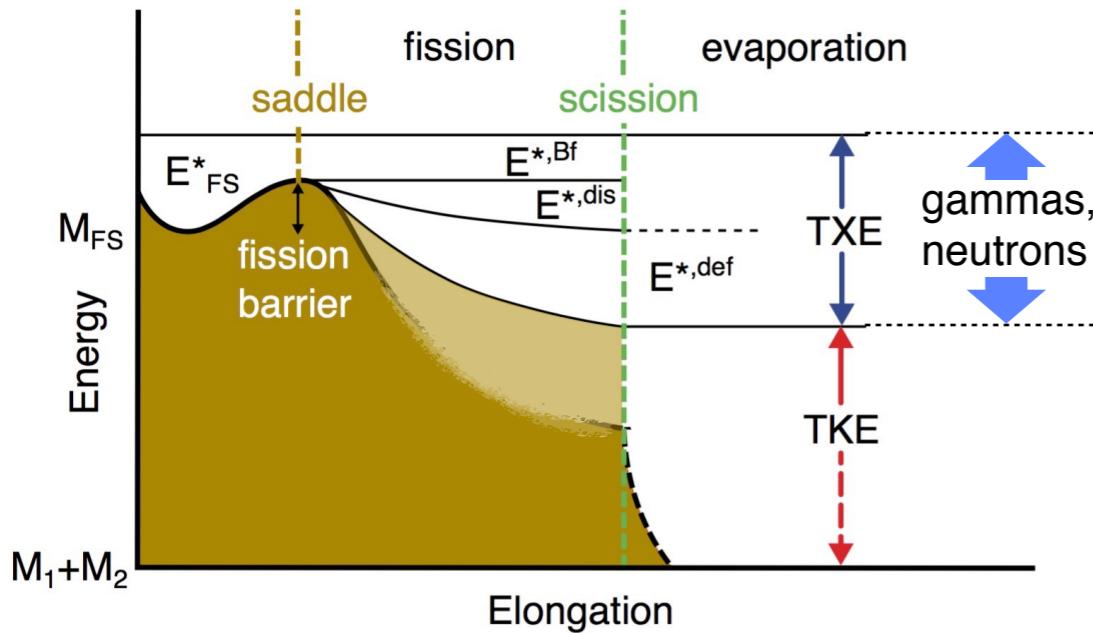


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These are all **measured** quantities



## Intrinsic energy: statistical equilibrium



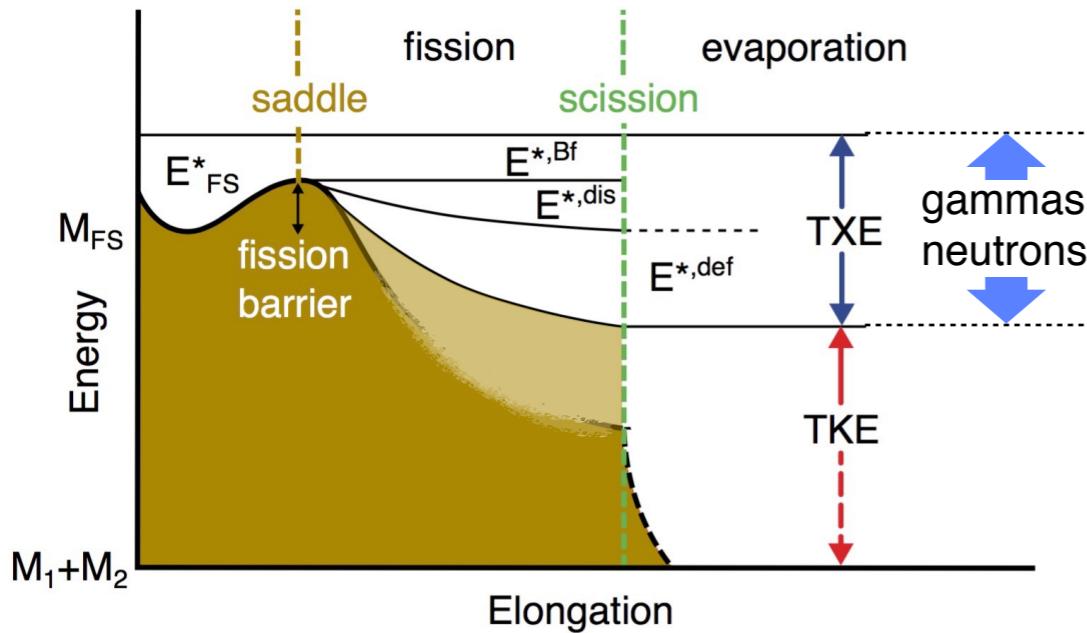
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{TXE} &= \sum (E^{*,\text{Bf}} + E^{*,\text{dis}} + E^{*,\text{def}}) \\ &= \sum (\nu \cdot (Q_n + \varepsilon) + E^\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

The **total  $E^*$**  is shared between the fragments following the neutron evaporation.  
It can be used to assess theoretical descriptions



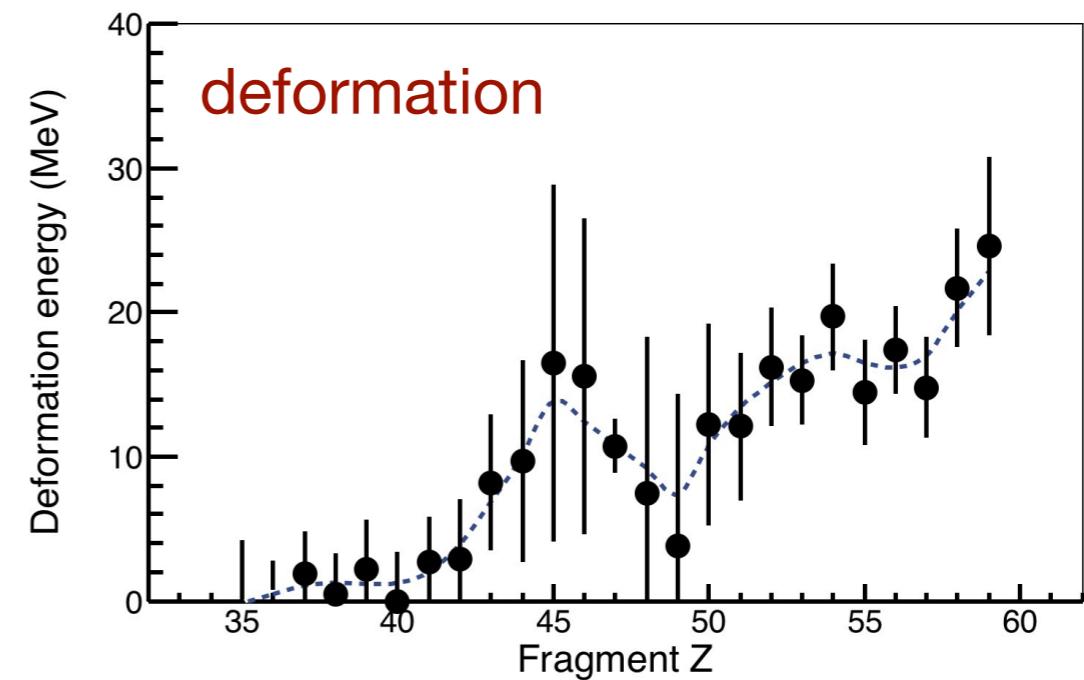
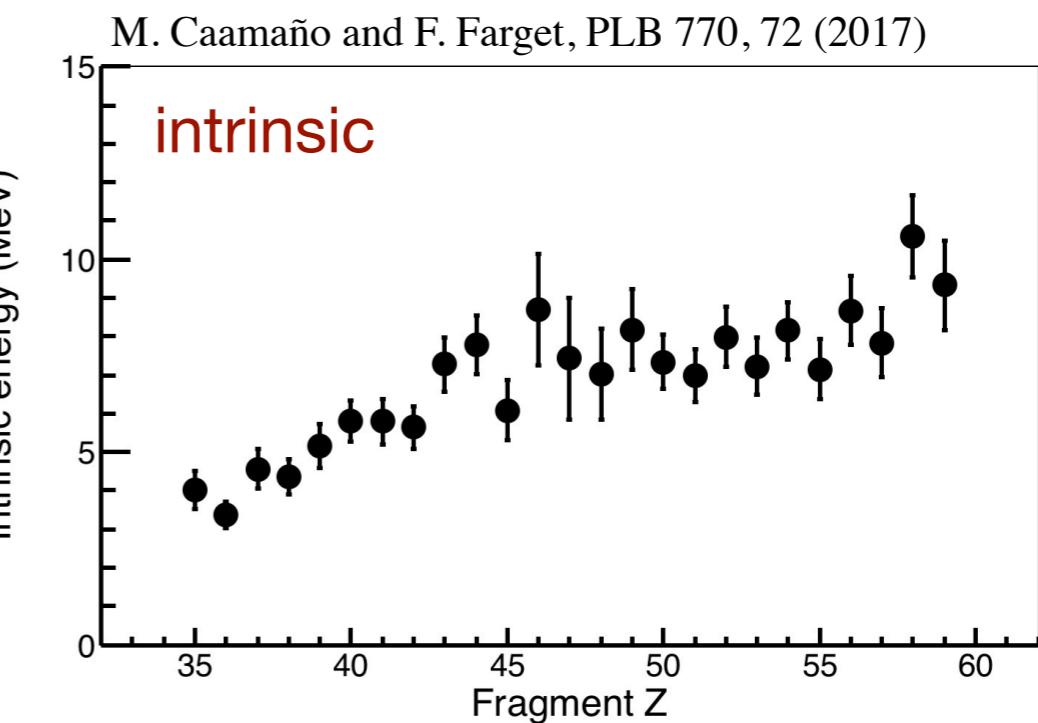
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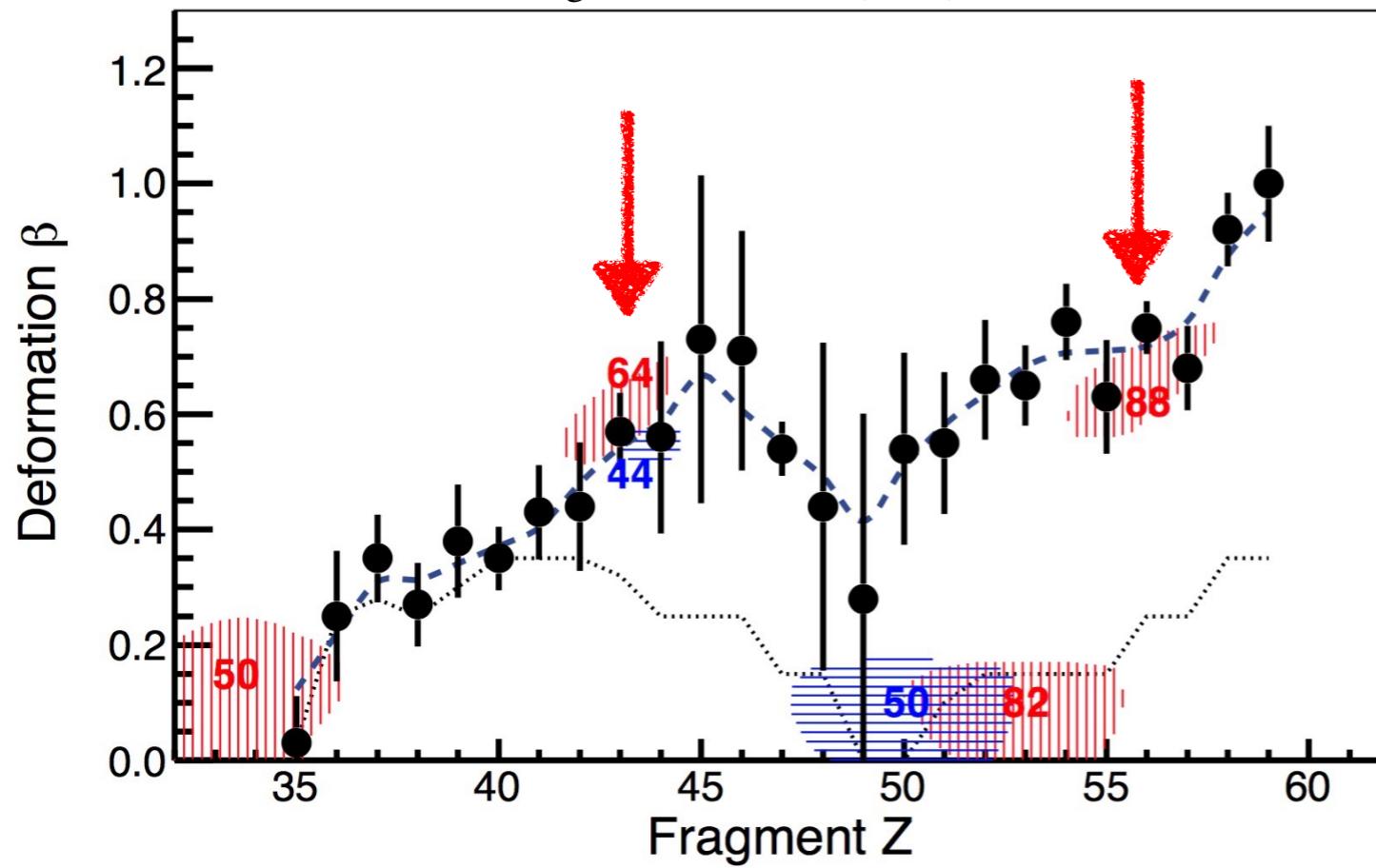
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We can also access **intrinsic energy** and **deformation energy**



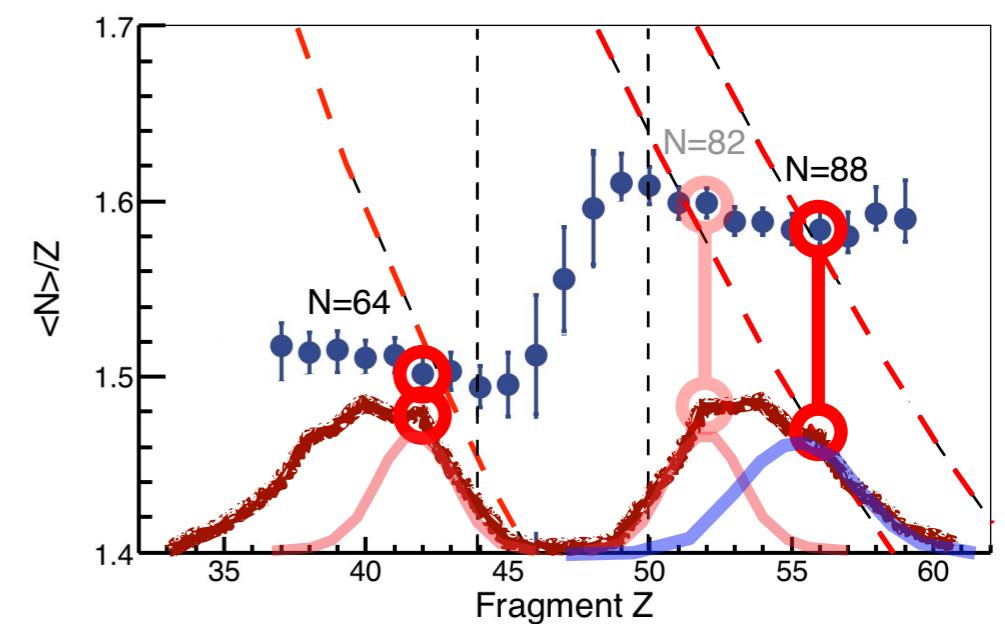
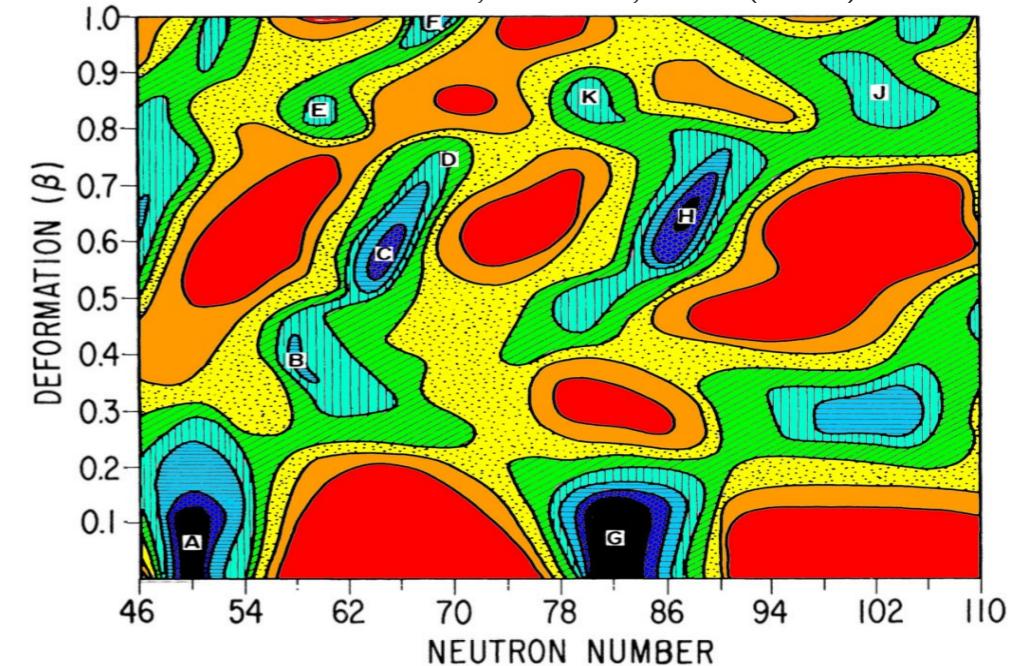
## Deformed shells

M. Caamaño and F. Farget, PLB 770, 72 (2017)

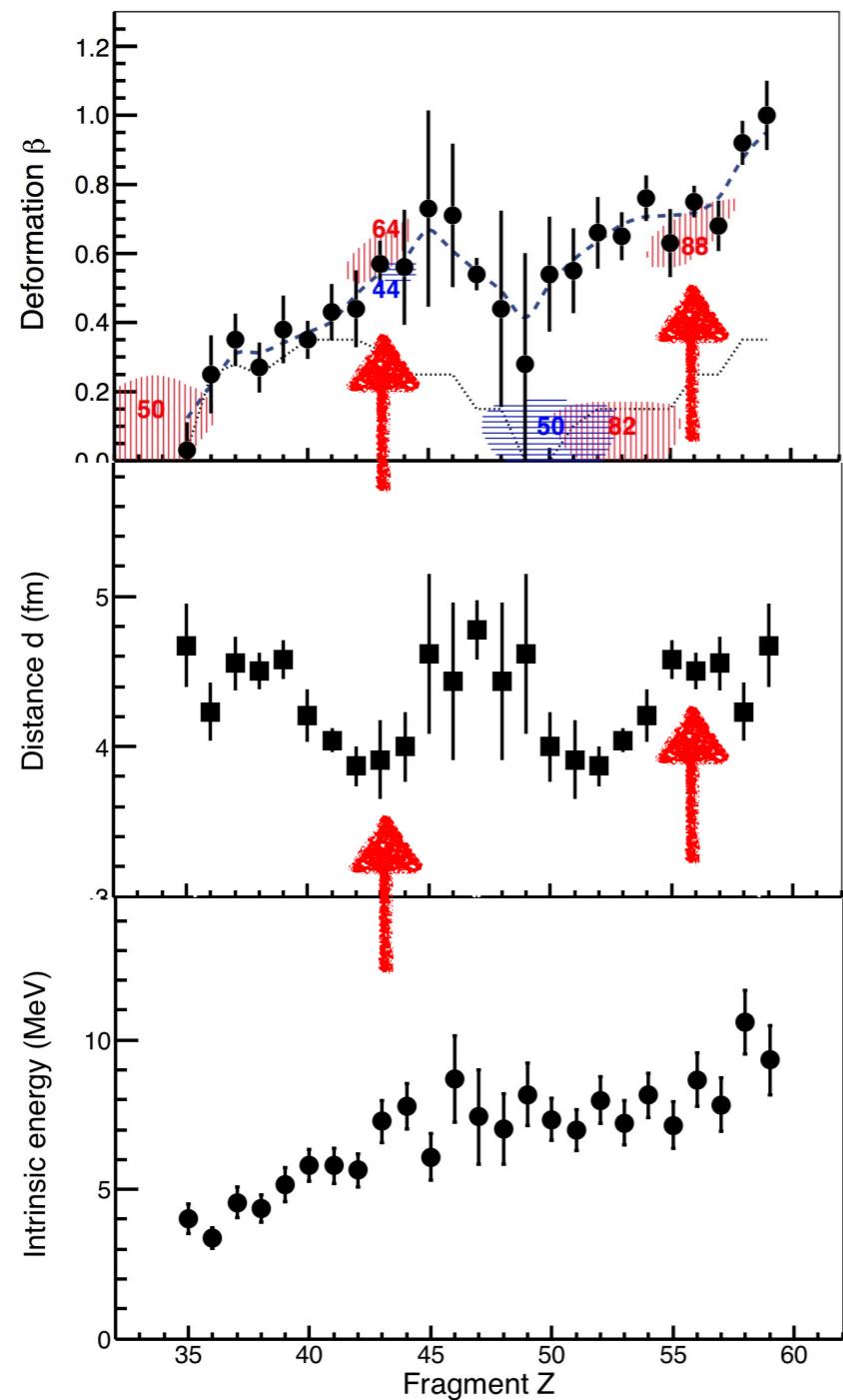


The deformation distribution crosses  
 $N=64$ ,  $N=88$  shells to produce  $Z \sim 43$ ,  $Z=56$

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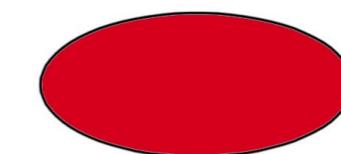
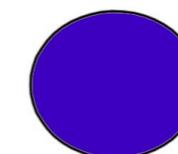


## A picture of scission: shapes and energy

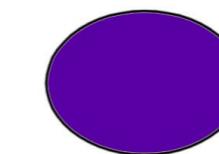


a collective picture of scission:

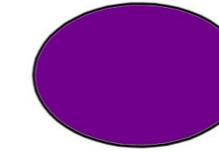
$Z_1=35, Z_2=59$



$Z_1=38, Z_2=56$



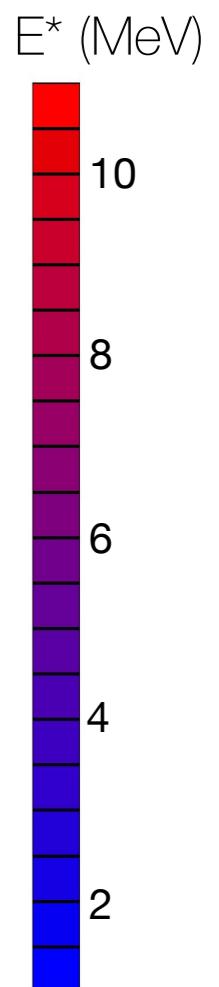
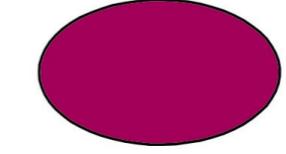
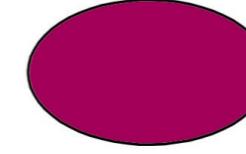
$Z_1=41, Z_2=53$



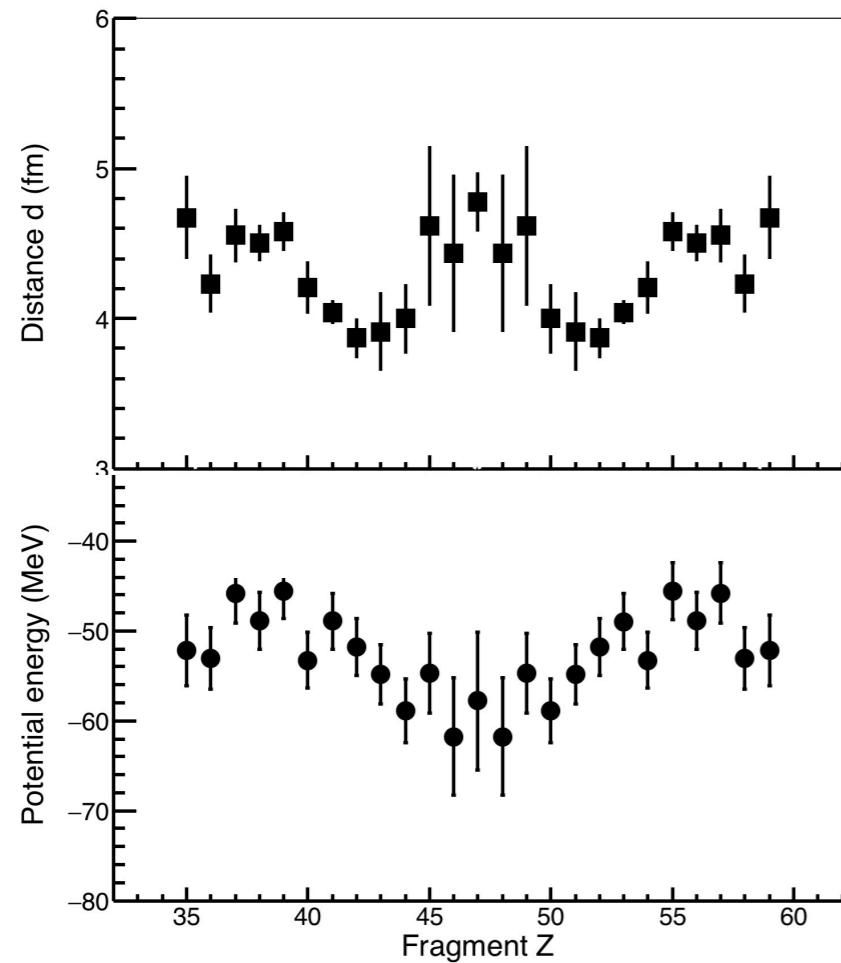
$Z_1=44, Z_2=50$



$Z_1=47, Z_2=47$

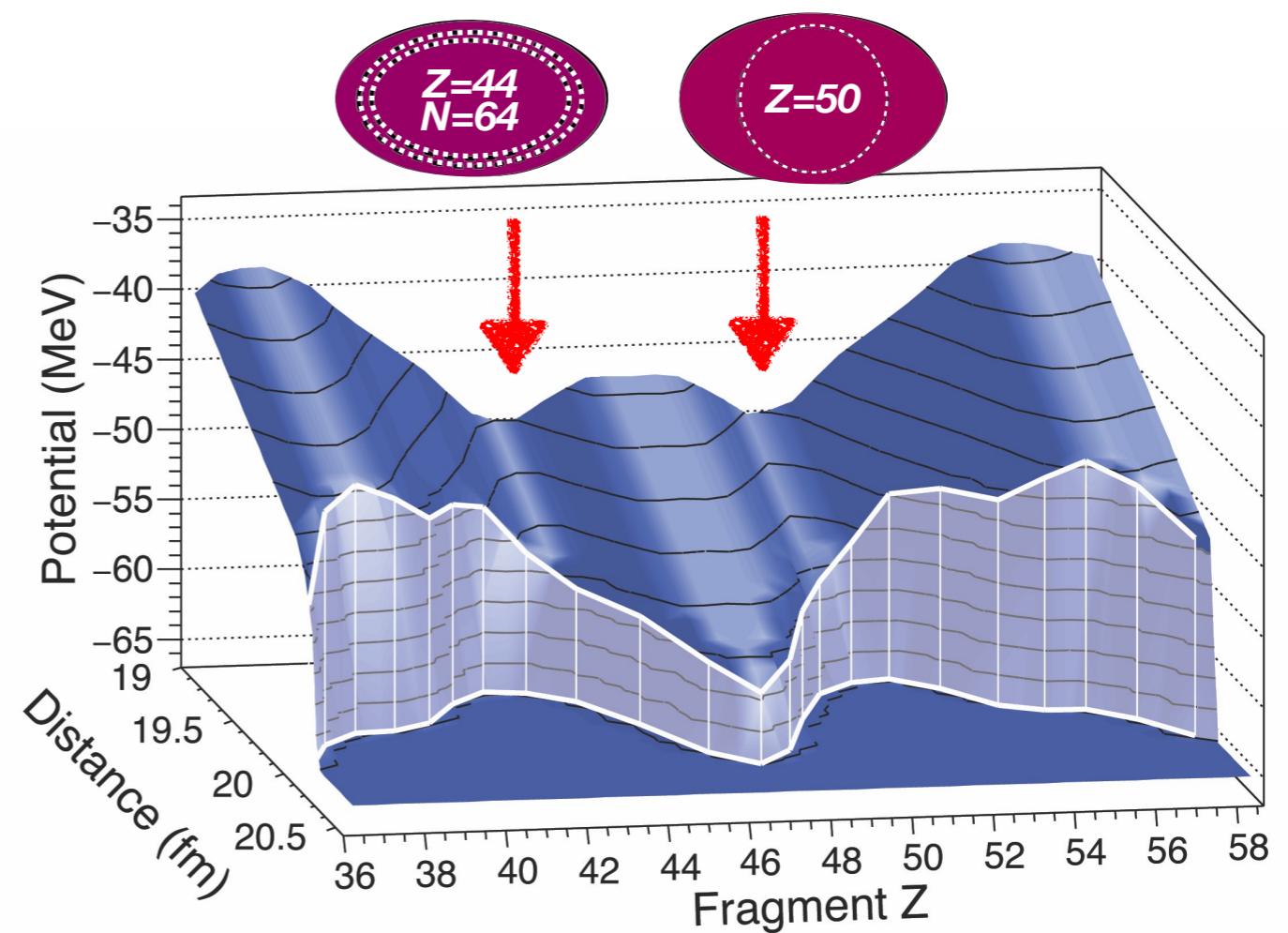


## A picture of scission: potential energy landscape

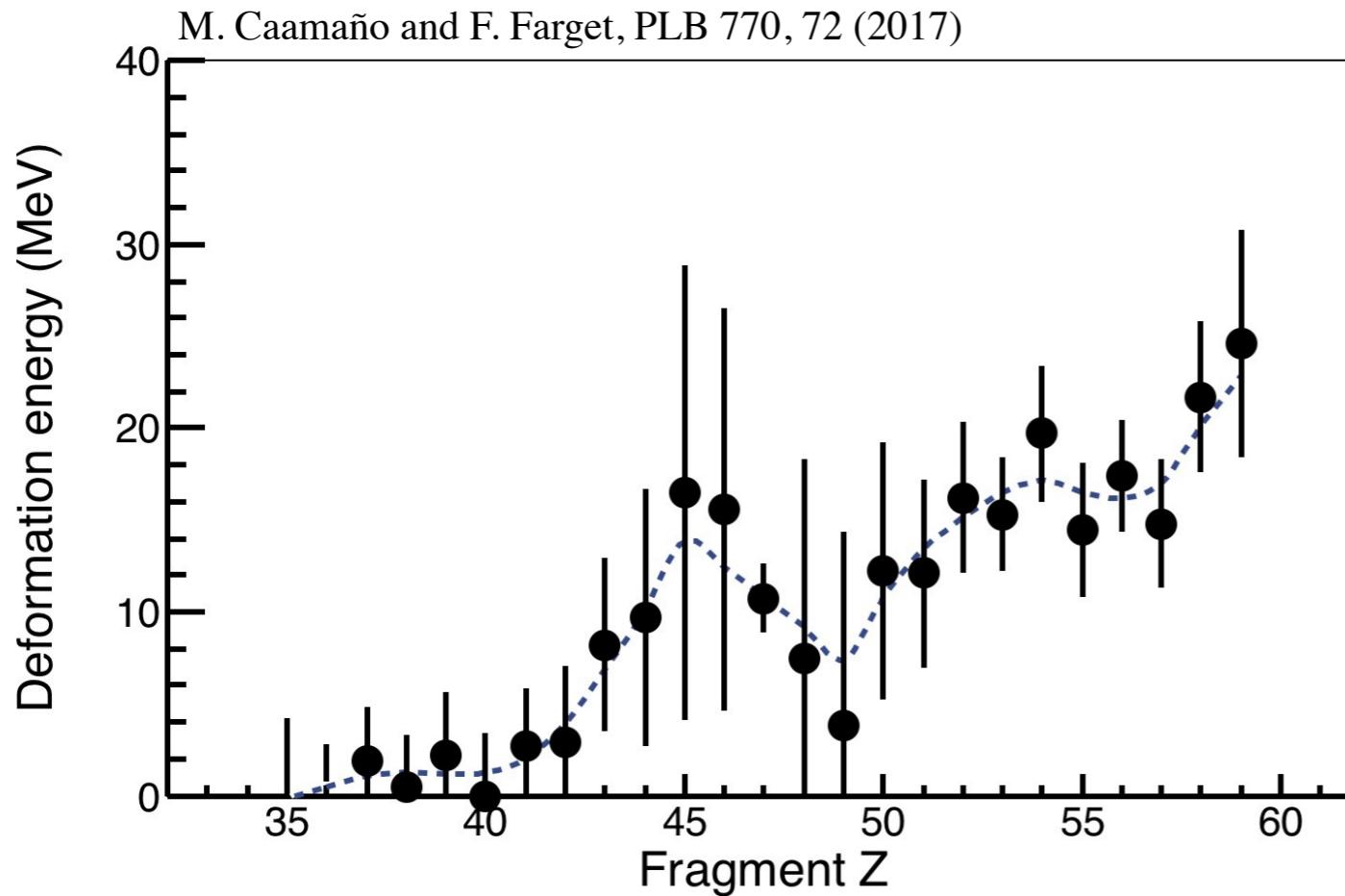


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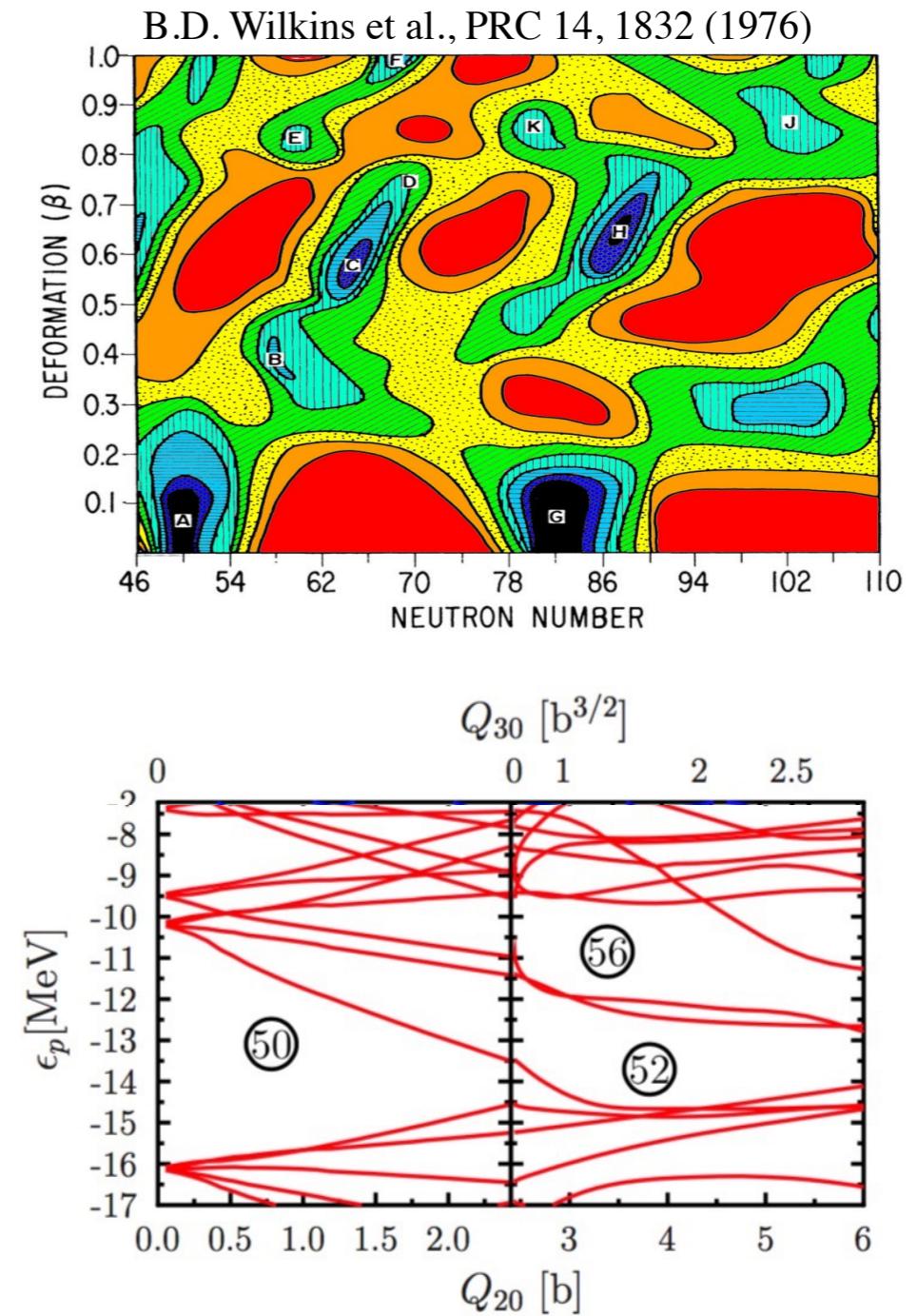
and a sneak peek of the potential landscape:



Except that... Quadrupolar or octupolar?



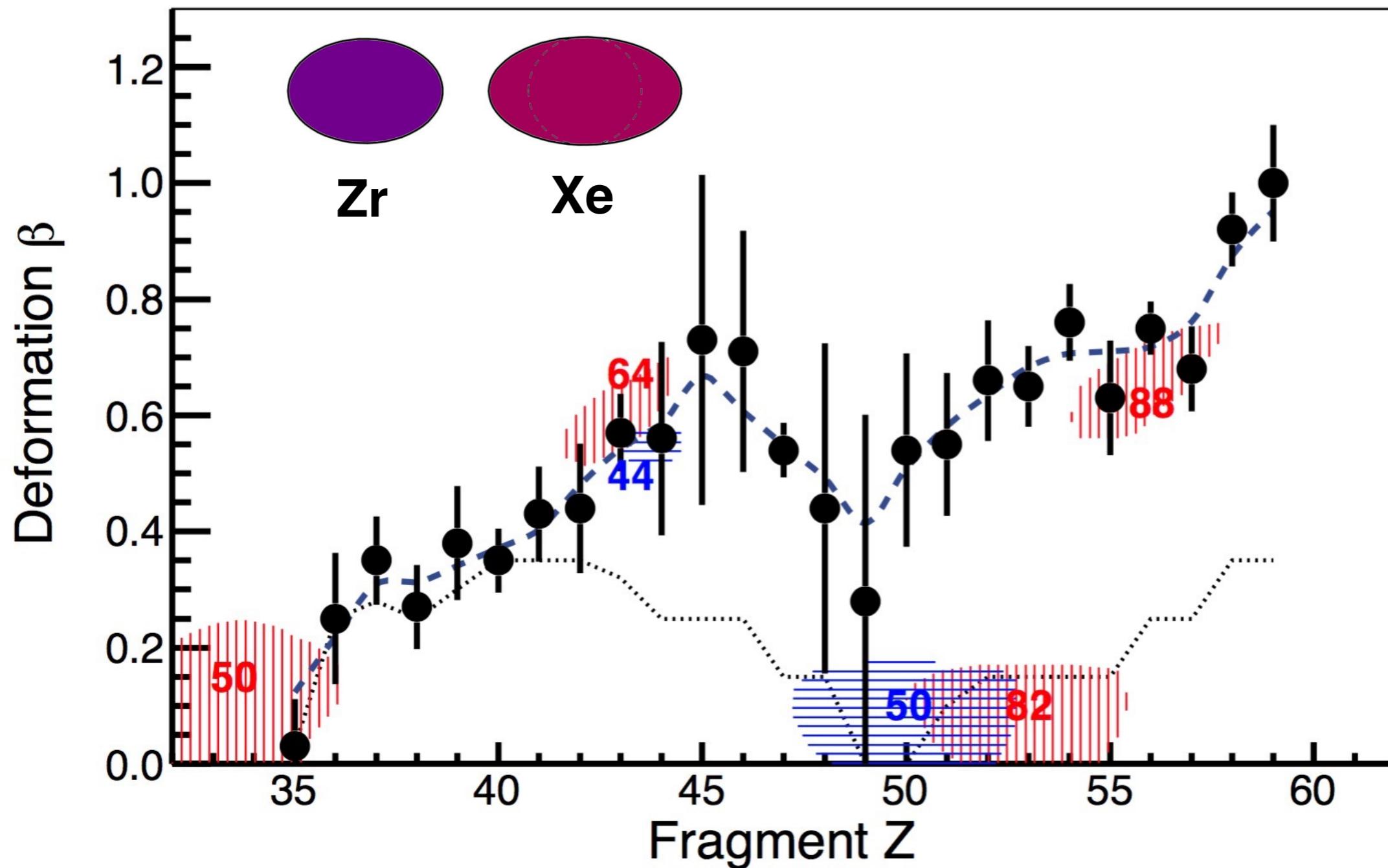
How do the fragments use their  
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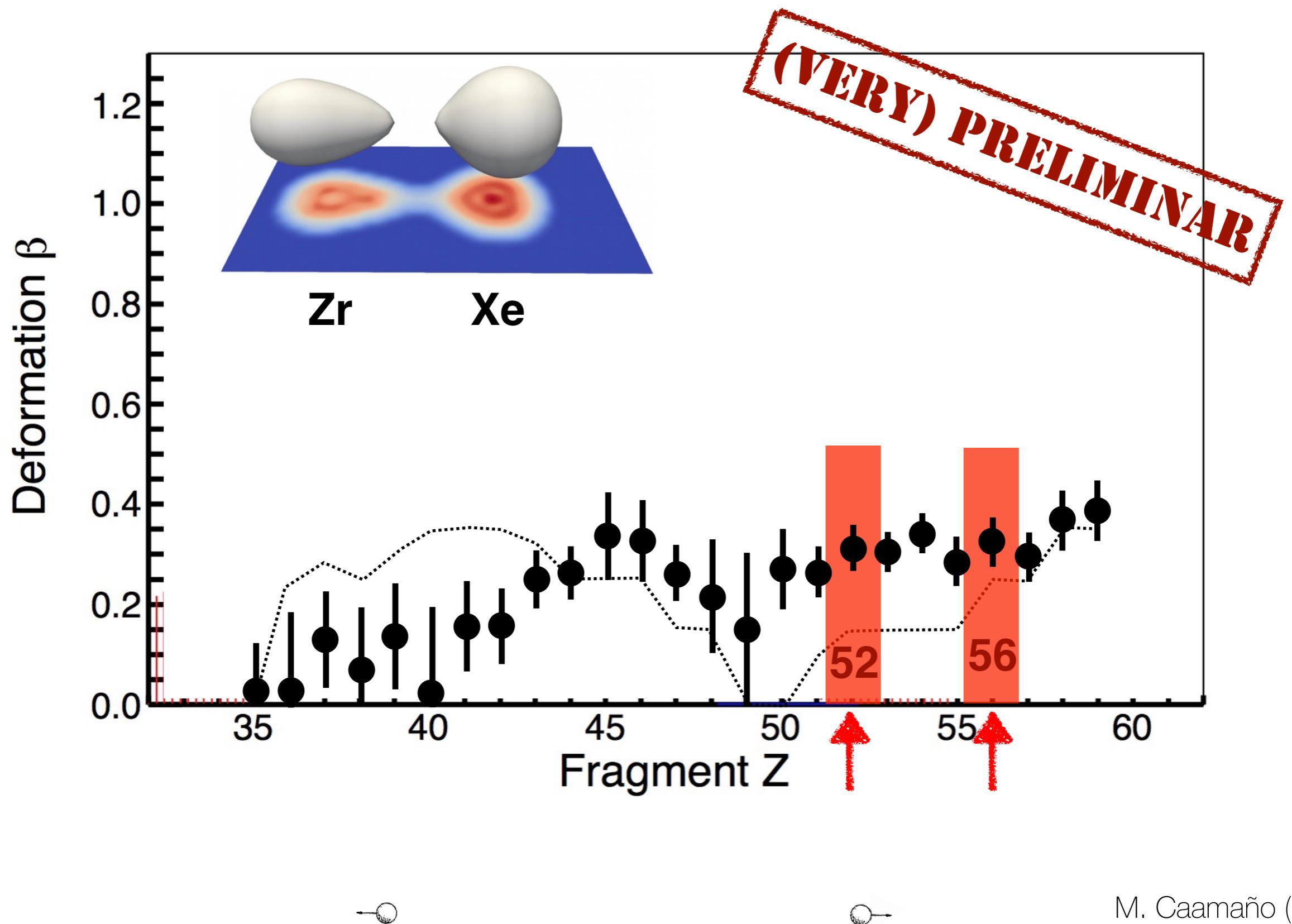
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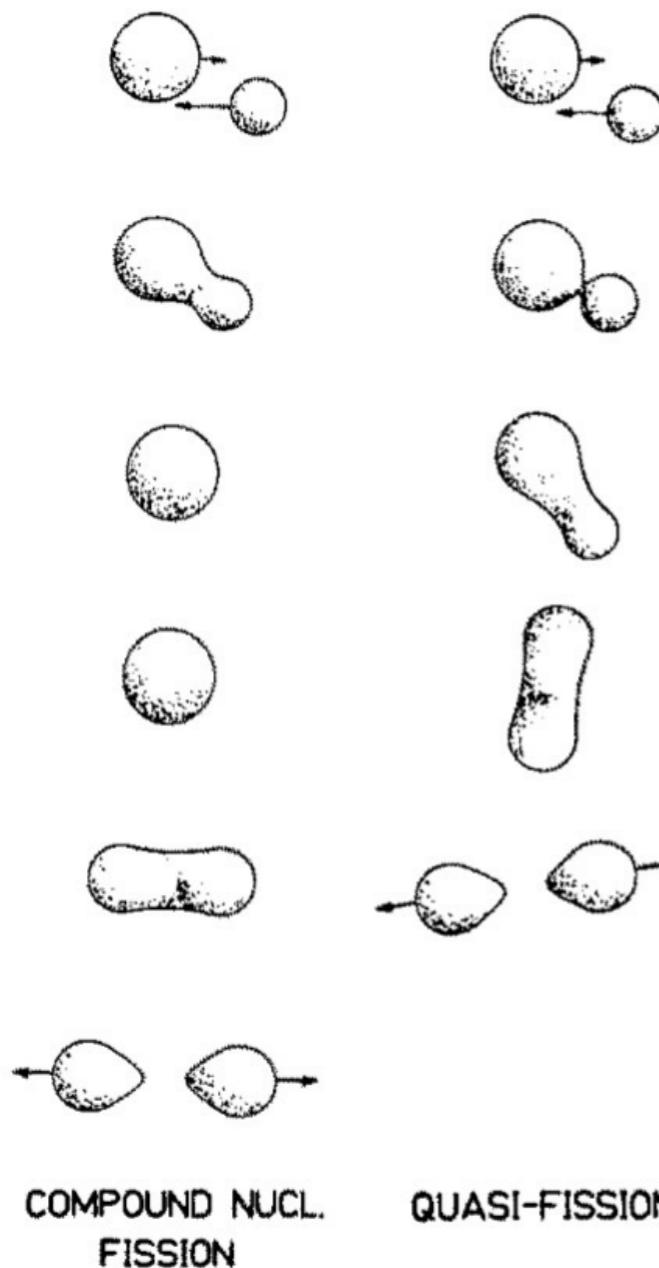
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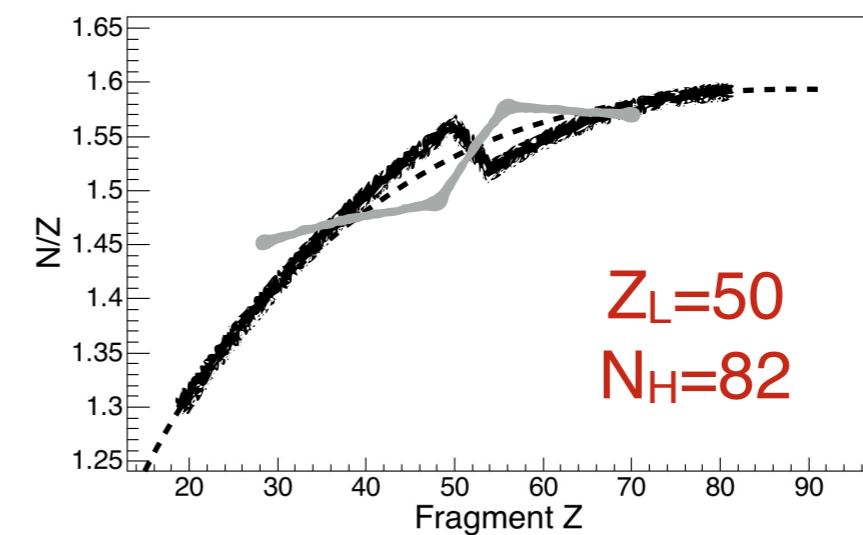
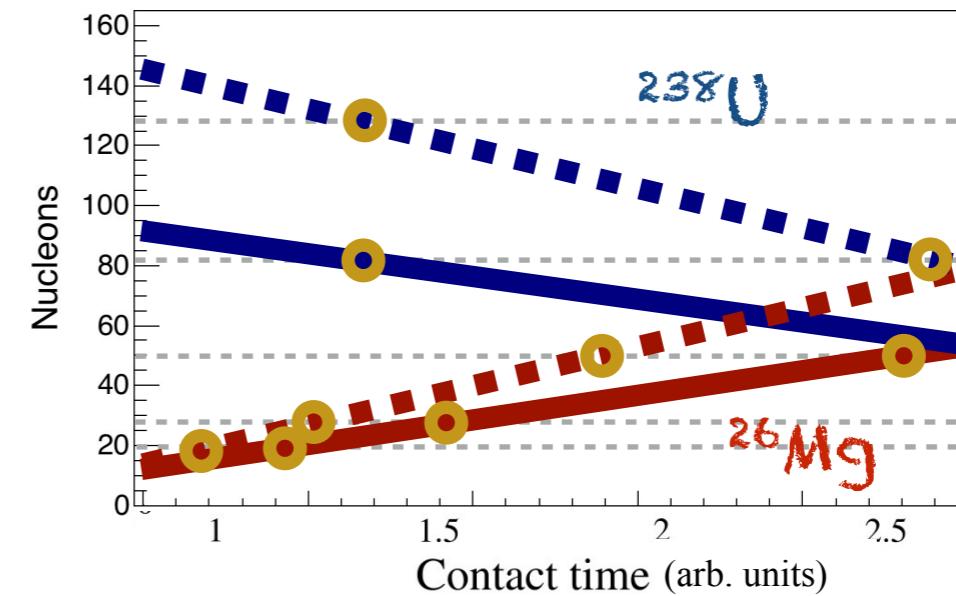
What else?

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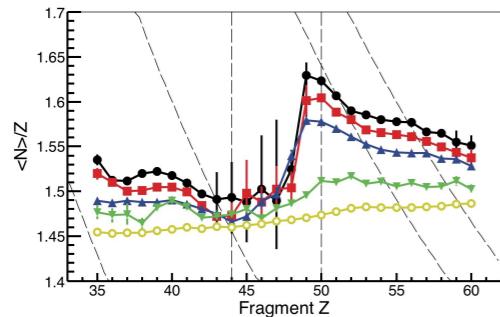


The case of **high-energy** and **quasi-fission**

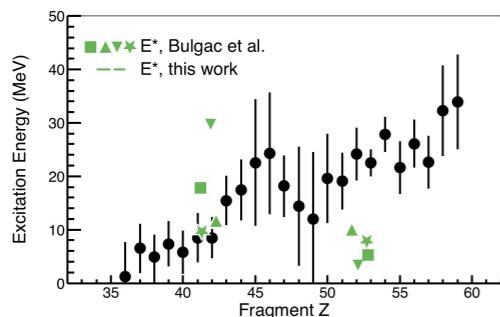
$^{238}\text{U}$  @ 5.9 AMeV + [ $^{26}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^9\text{Be}$ ] at VAMOS/GANIL



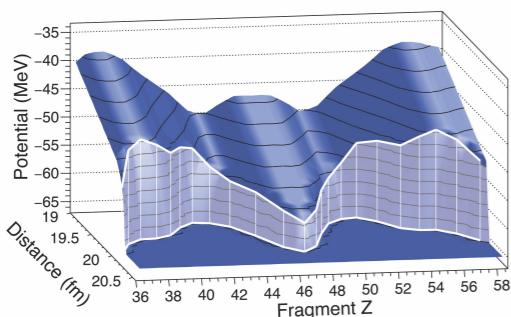
In summary, inverse kinematics brings



New and revisited fission observables (nuclear databases)



Stringent checking and comparisons with models



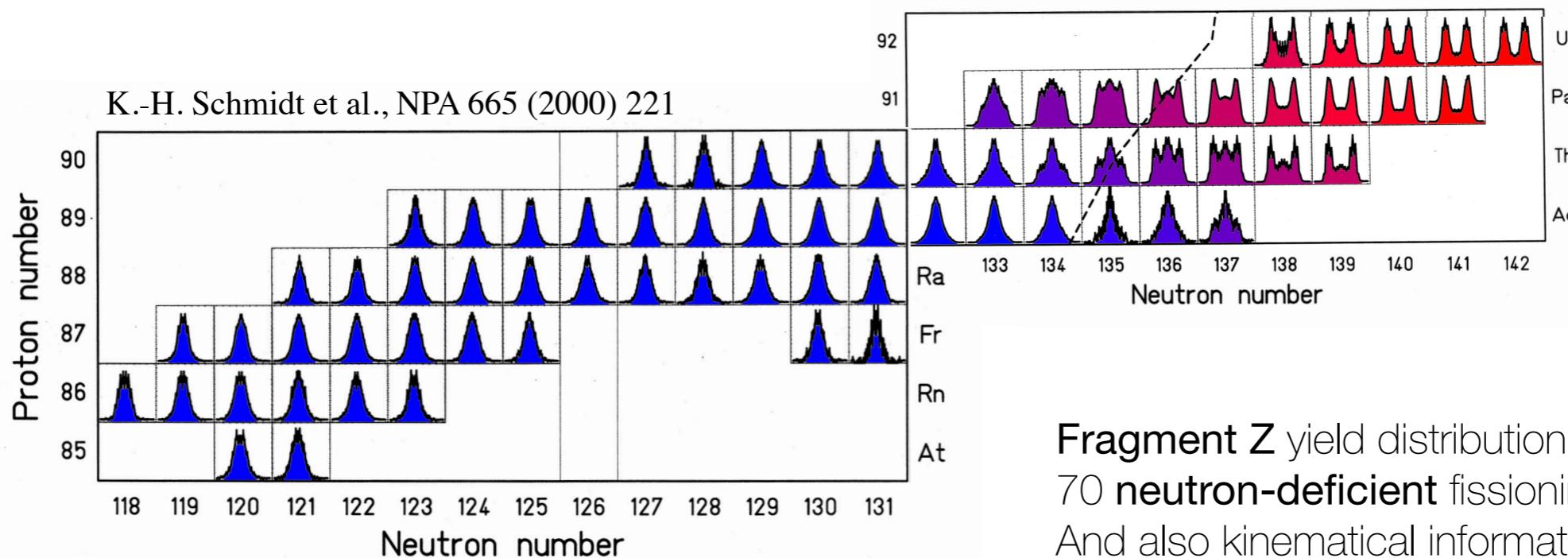
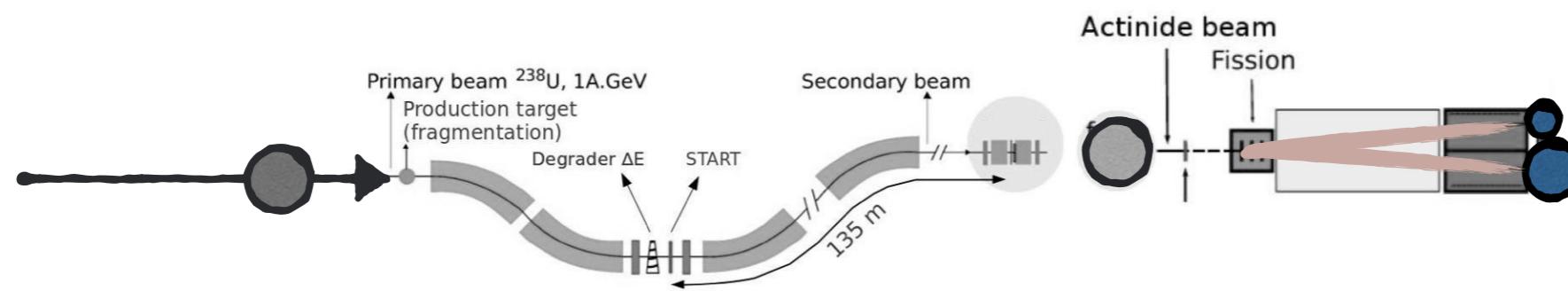
Access to the scission configuration (shells and dynamics)



## Inverse kinematics at GSI:

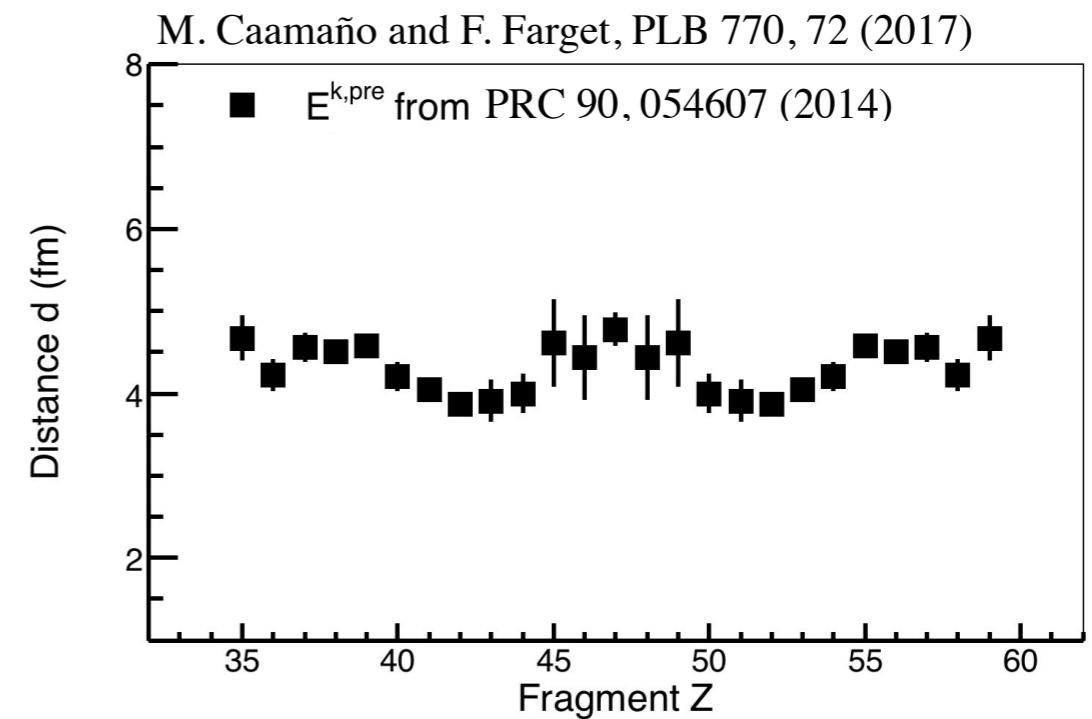
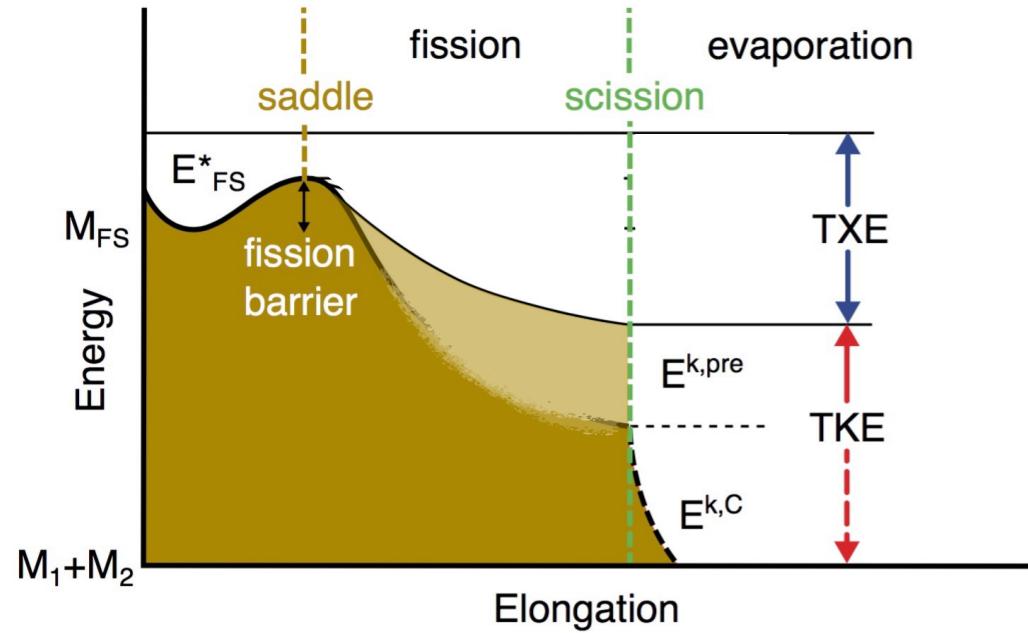
Production from fragmentation and e-m fission induced

K.-H. Schmidt et al.



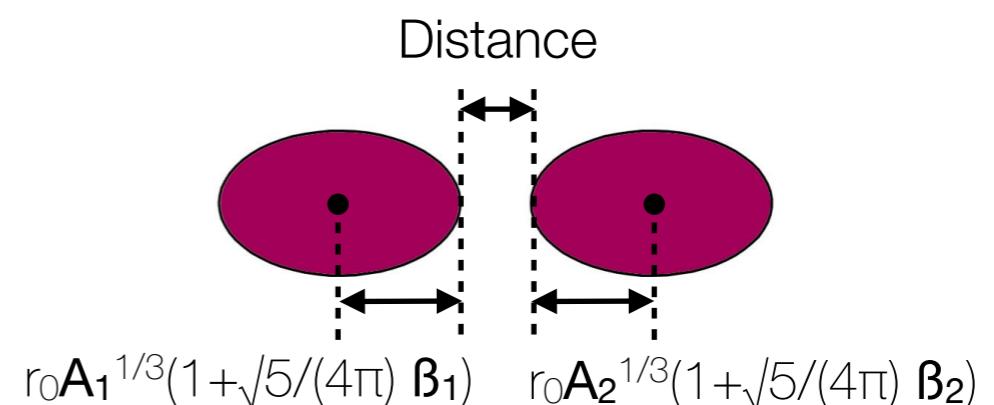
**Fragment Z** yield distribution of more than 70 **neutron-deficient** fissioning systems.  
And also kinematical information...

## TKE and fragment distance



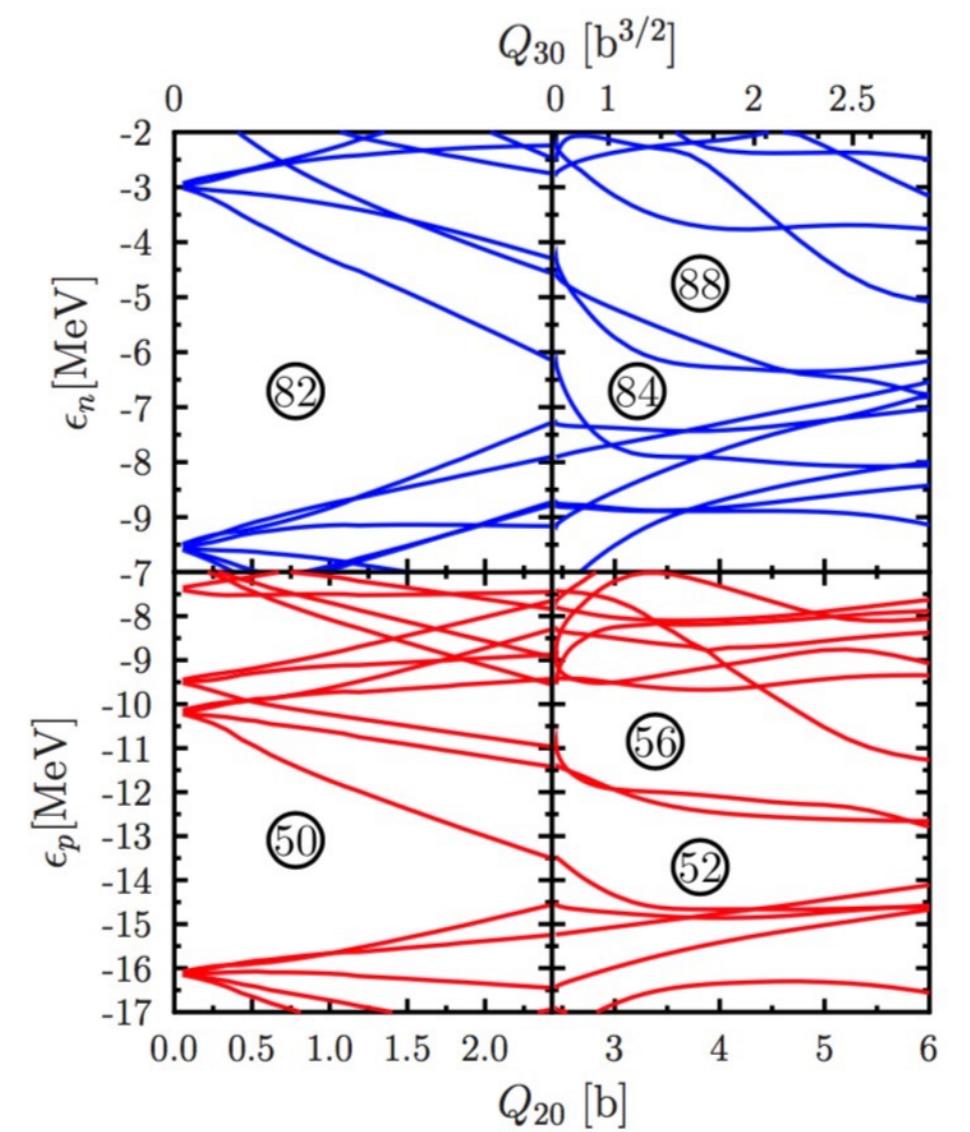
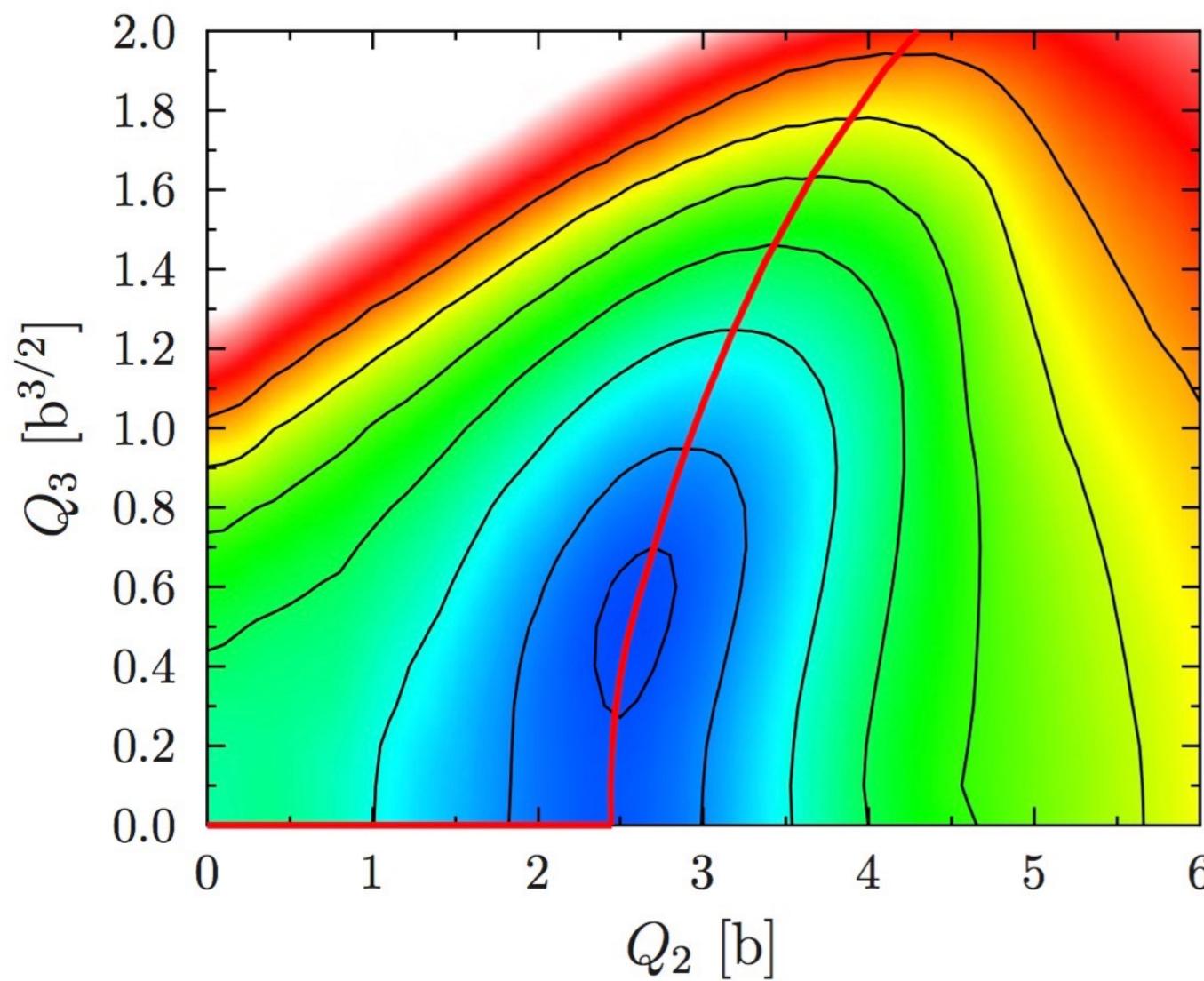
$$M_{FS} + E^*_{FS} = \text{TXE} + \text{TKE} + M_1 + M_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TKE} &= E^{k,pre} + E^{k,C} \\ &= E^{k,pre} + 1.44 \cdot Z_1 \cdot Z_2 / D(\beta, d) \end{aligned}$$



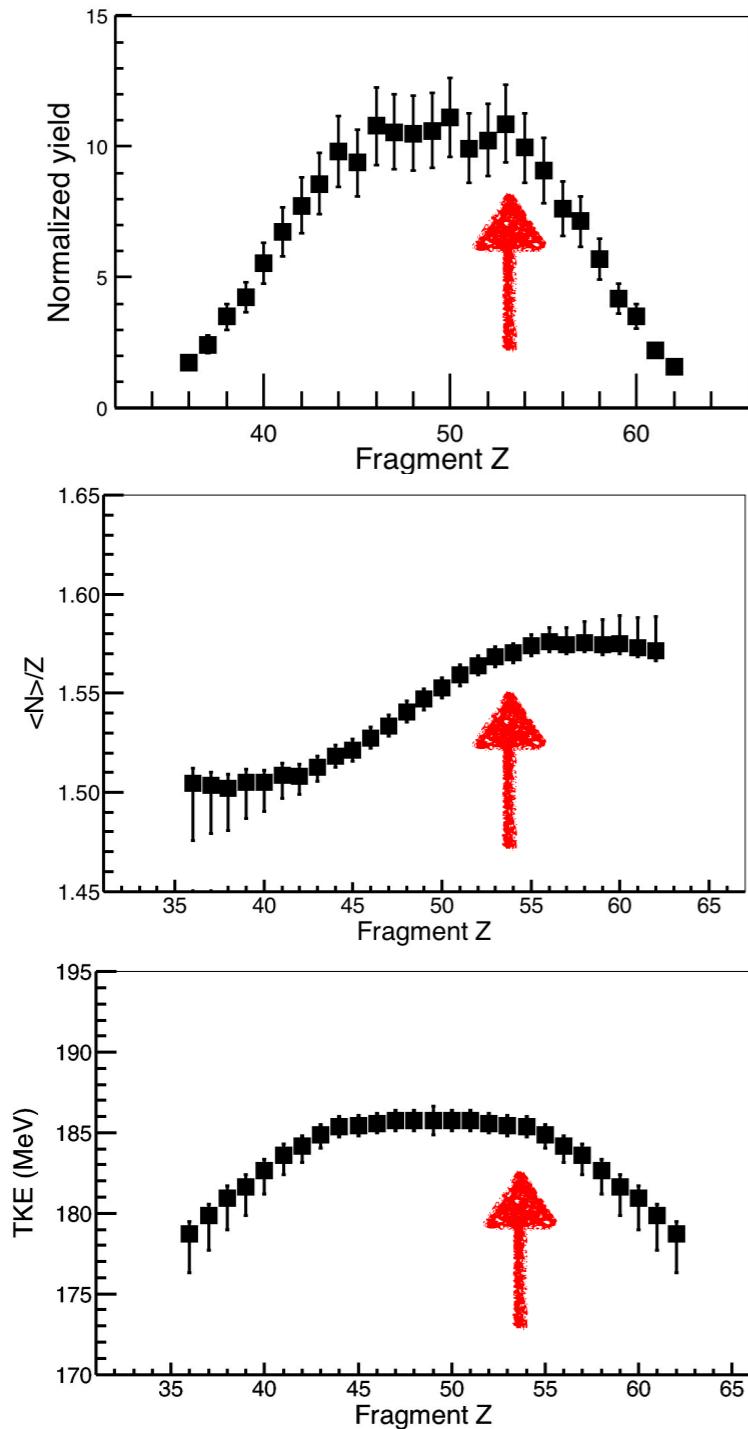
access to the distance between fragments

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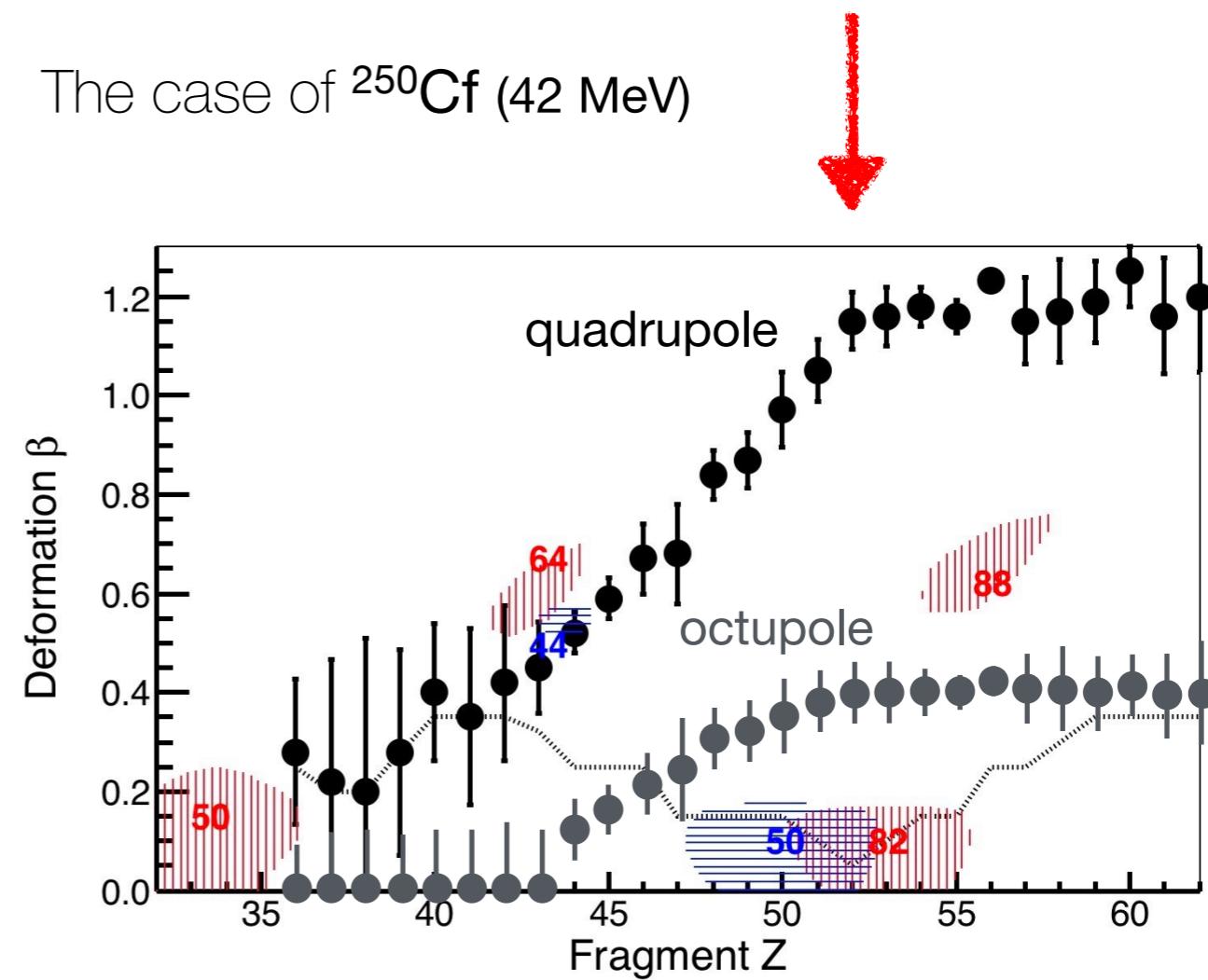


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What else?

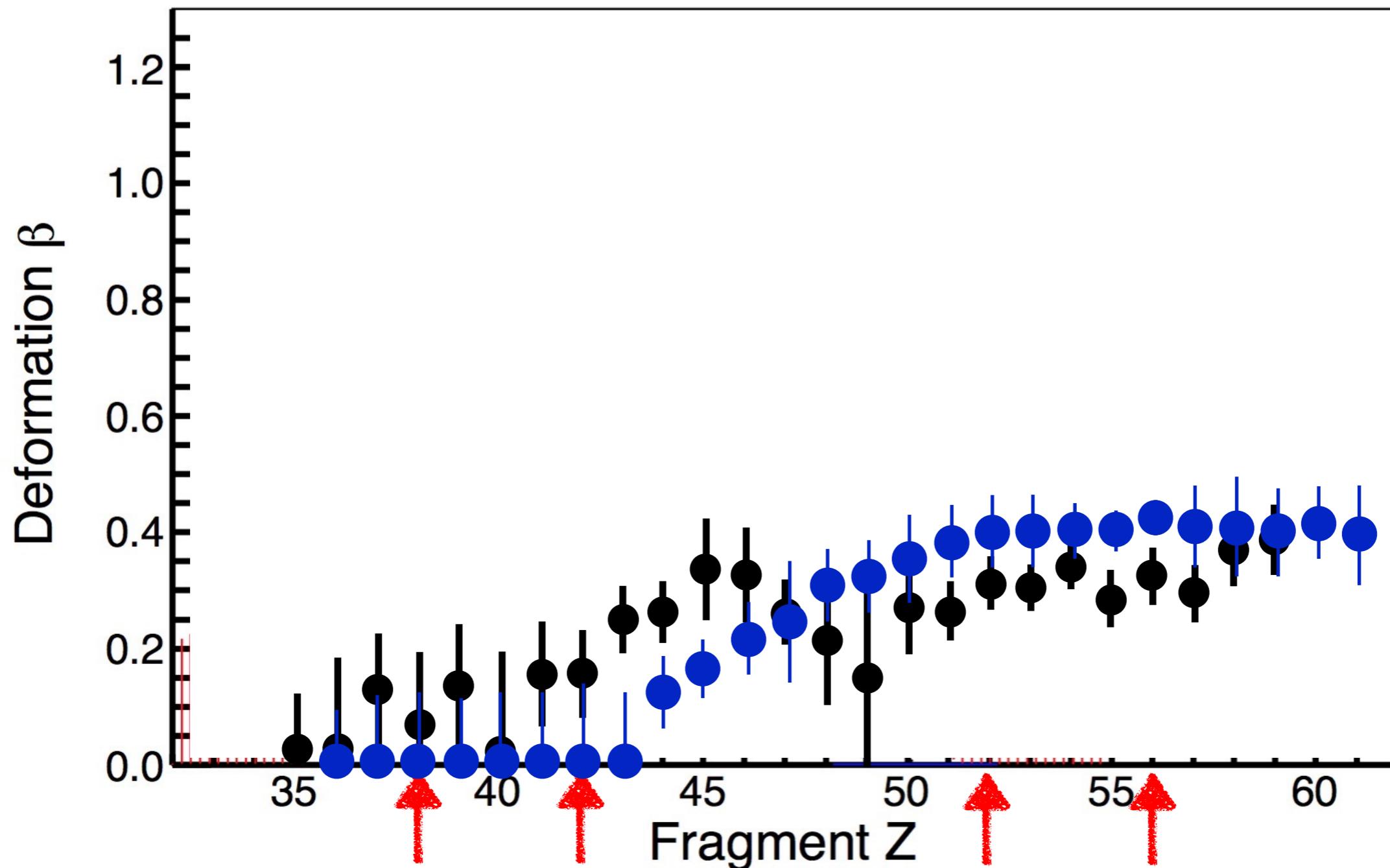


The case of  $^{250}\text{Cf}$  (42 MeV)

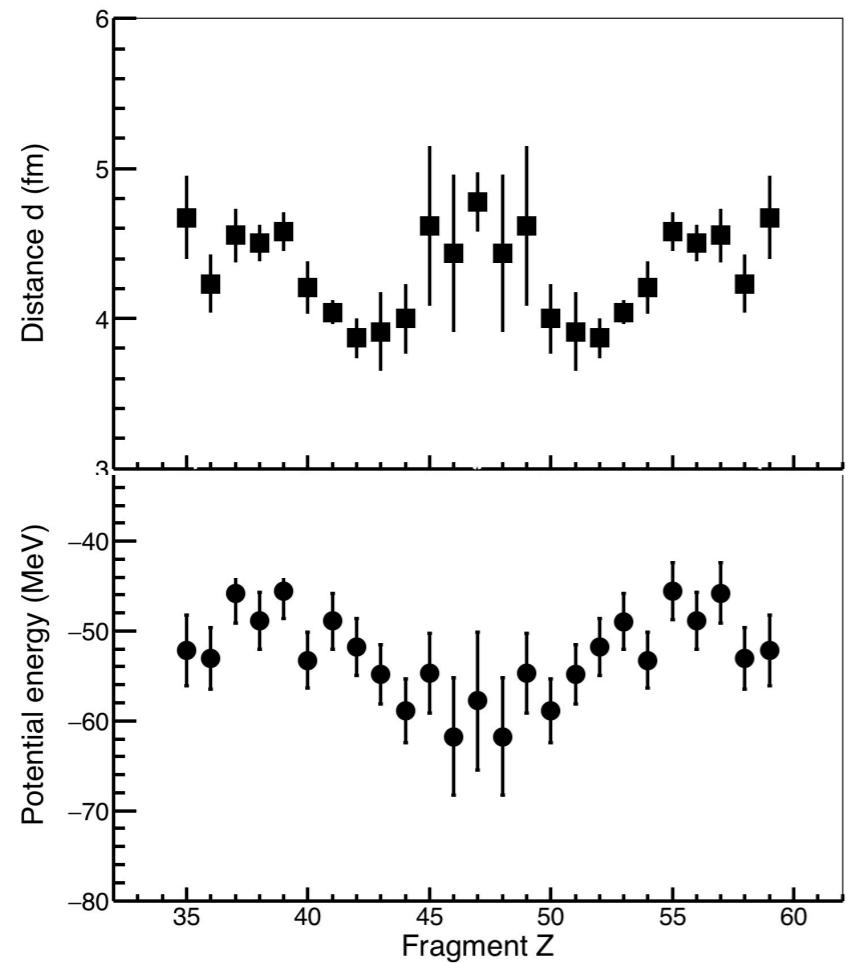


- Pre-saddle emission?
- No dissipation?
- Still shells?



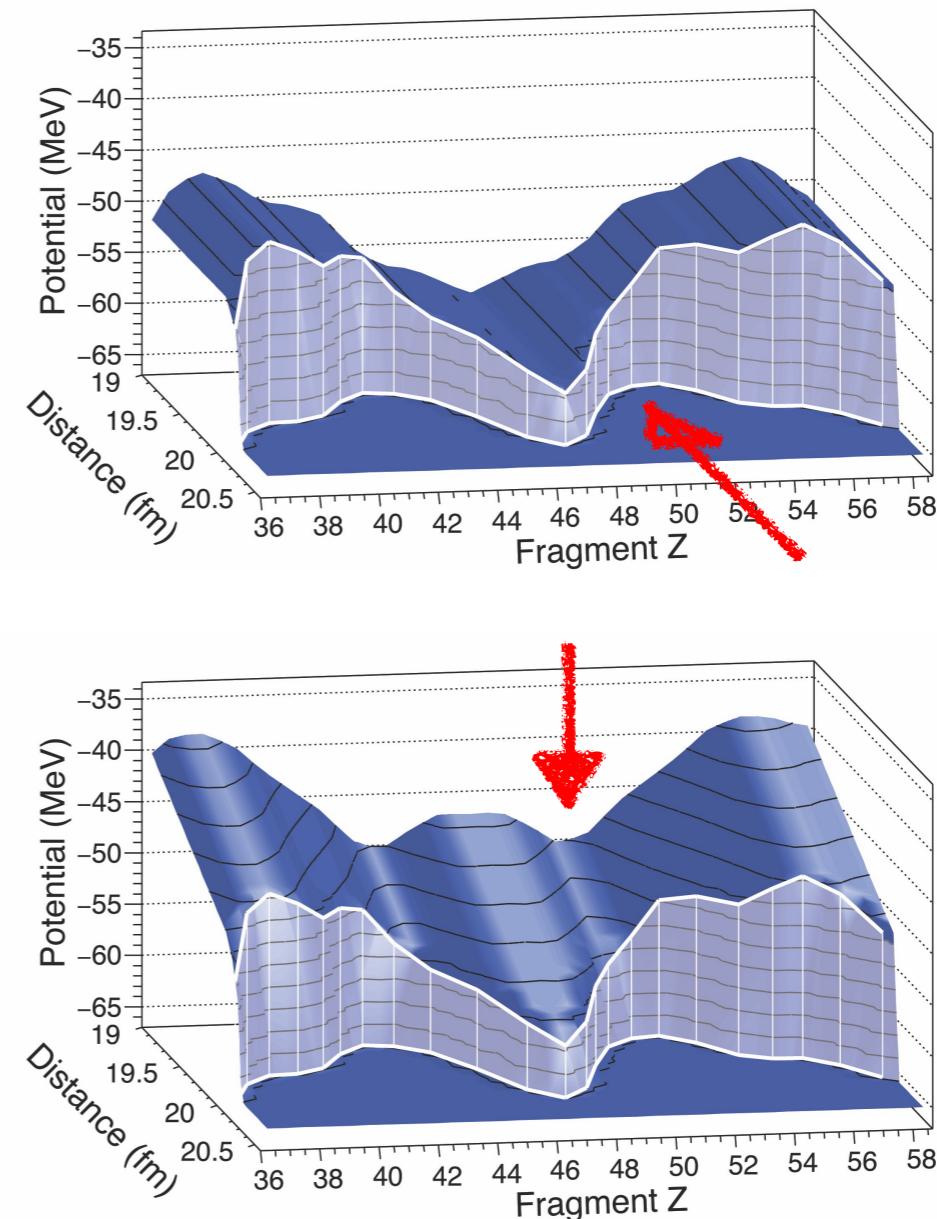


## New access to scission; the case of $^{240}\text{Pu}$ (9 MeV)



$$\text{PE} = -\text{TXE} + E^*, \text{def}$$

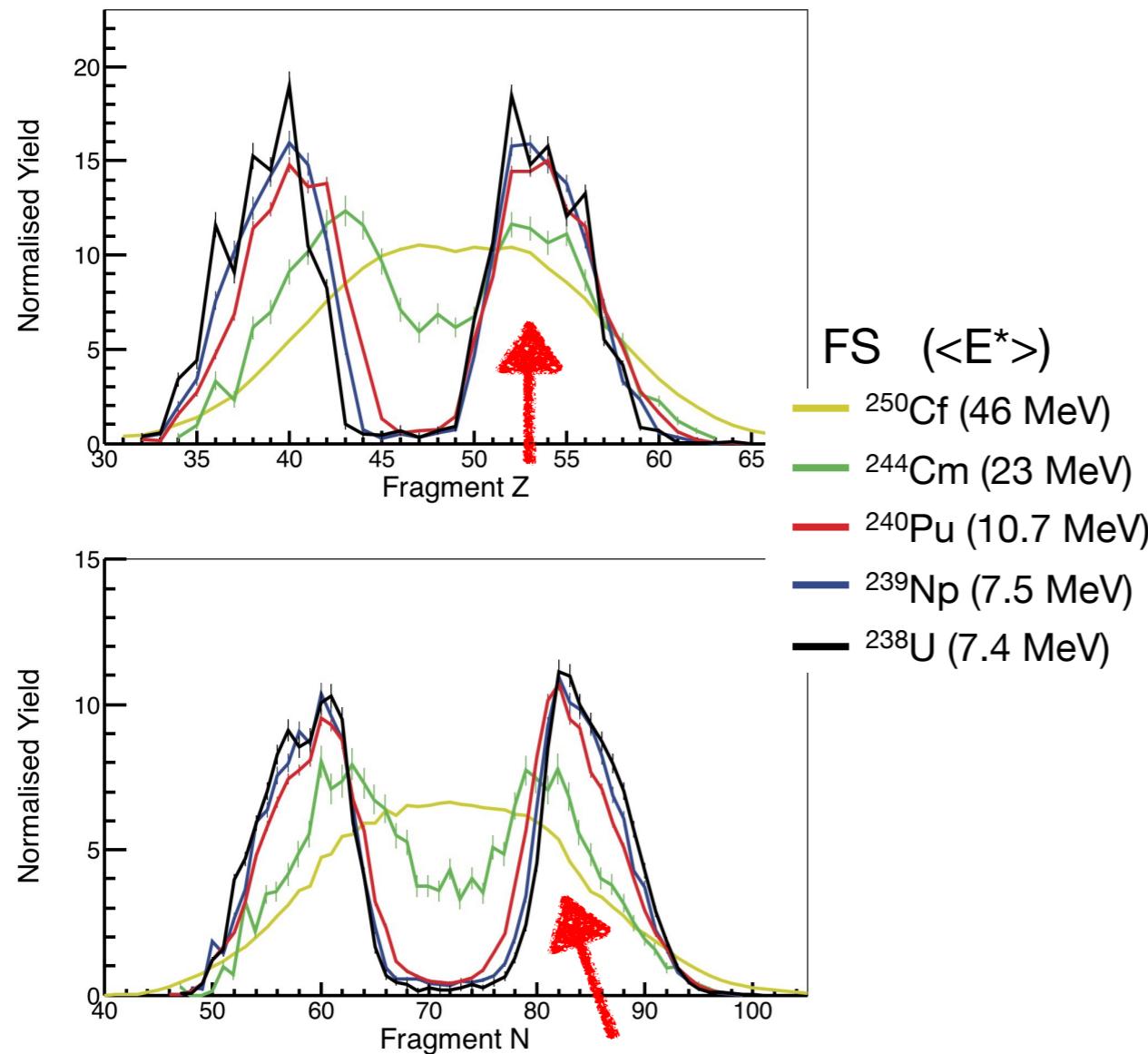
and a sneak peak of the potential landscape:



## A set of revisited and new observables

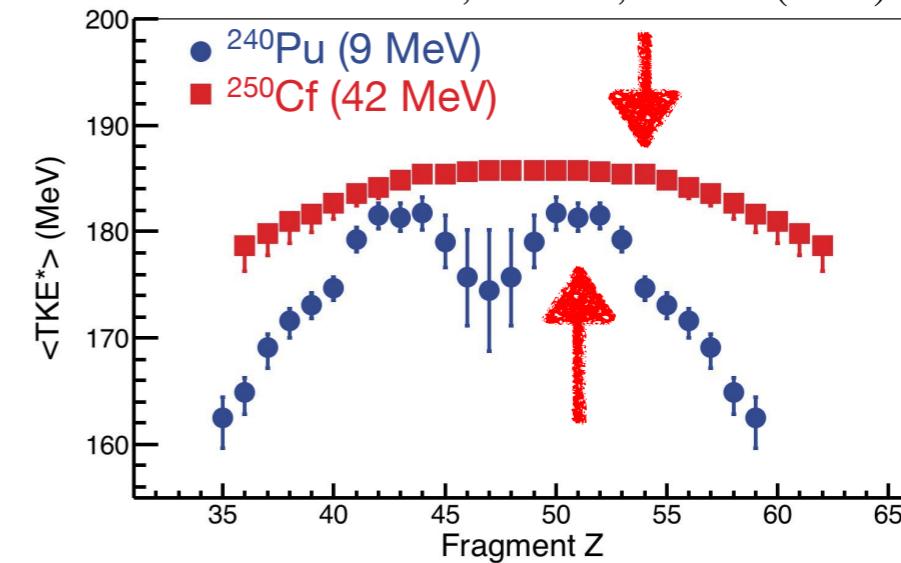
### Fragment Z, N distributions

D. Ramos, PhD USdC (2016),  
EPJ WoC 111, 10001 (2016)

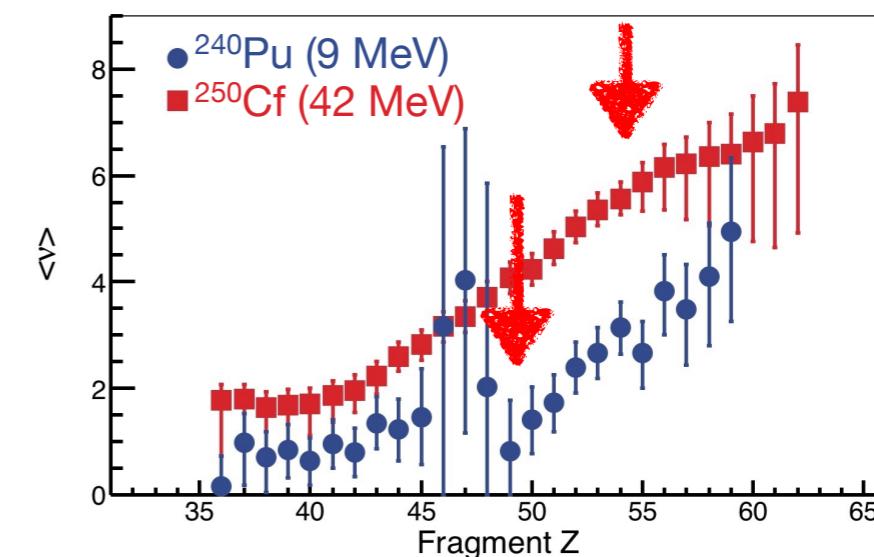


### Total kinetic energy (TKE)

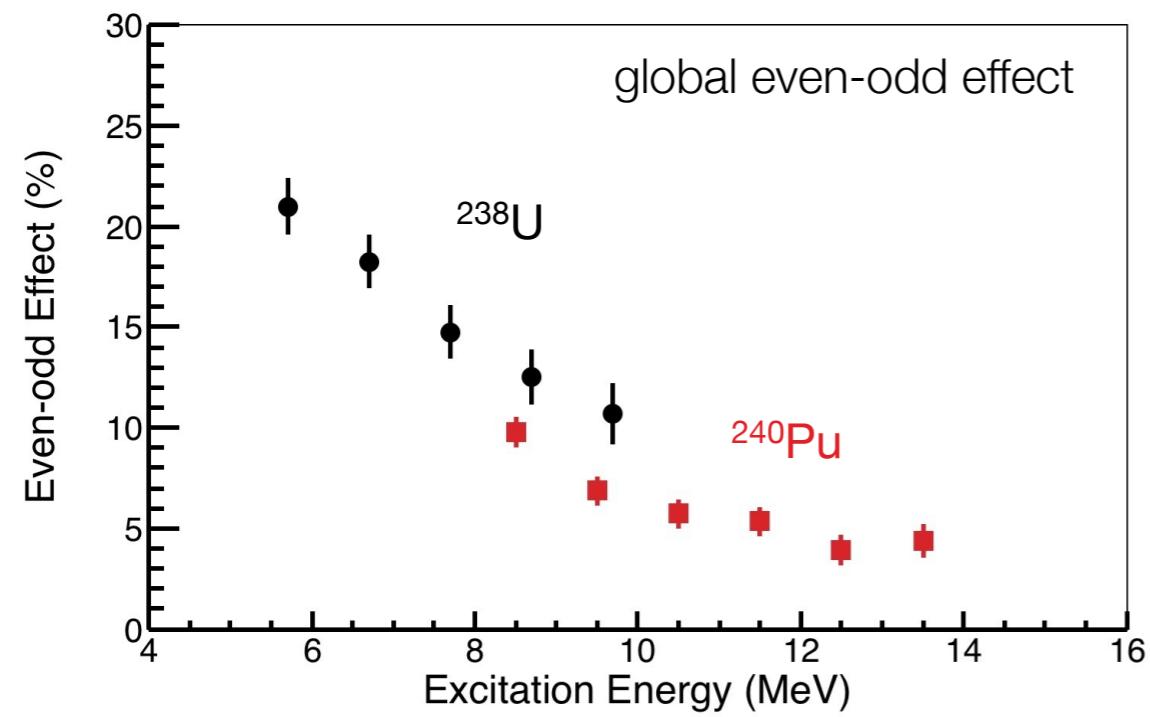
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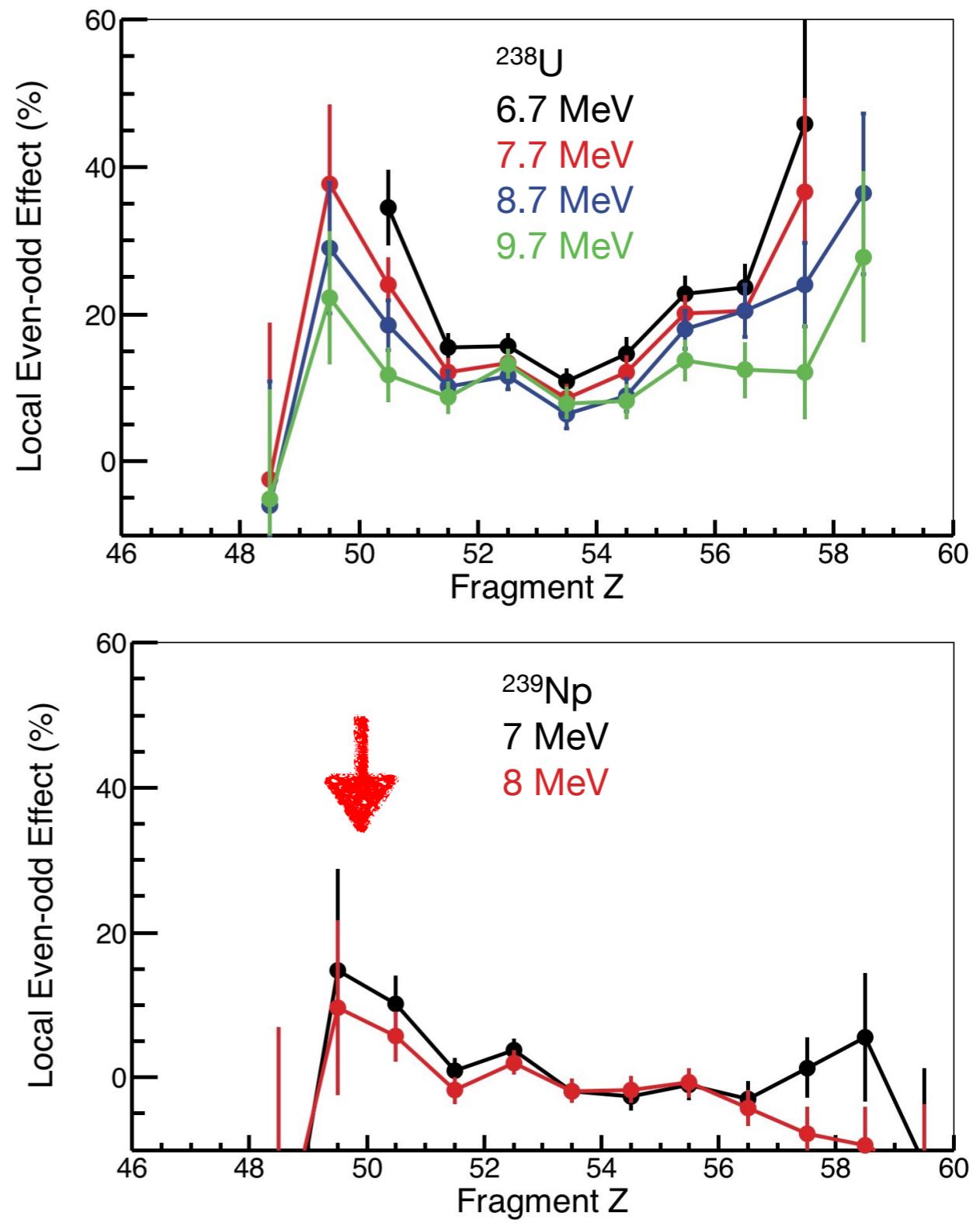
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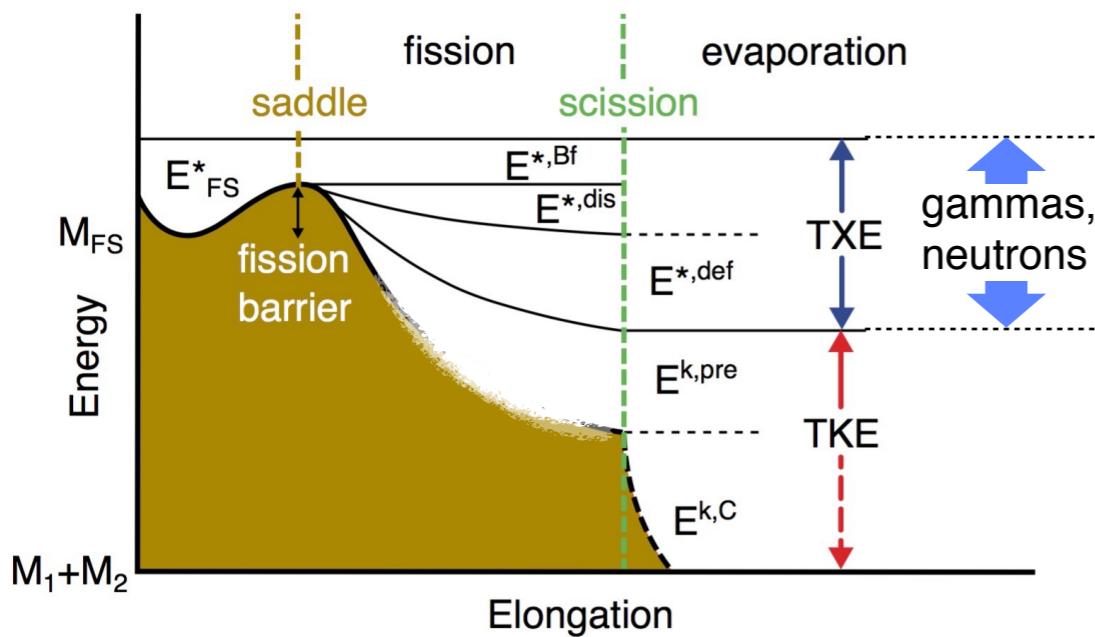


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# Inverse kinematics: A window to new observables in fission.

M. Caamaño and F. Farget, PLB 770, 72 (2017)



$$E^*_{FS} + M_{FS} = M_1 + M_2 + TKE + TXE,$$

$$E_i^{*,\text{def}} = B(A_i, Z_i, \beta_i) - B(A_i, Z_i, \beta_i^{\text{g.s.}})$$

$$TKE = E^{k,C}(Z_1, Z_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, d) + E^{k,\text{pre}}$$

PRC 90,  
054607 (2014)

$$TXE = E^{*,\text{Bf}} + E^{*,\text{dis}} + \sum_{i=1}^2 E_i^{*,\text{def}}$$

$$E^{*,\text{dis}} = F^{\text{dis}} (TXE - E^{*,\text{Bf}})$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 E_i^{*,\text{int}} = E^{*,\text{Bf}} + E^{*,\text{dis}}$$

shared according statistical eq.

$$TXE = \sum_{i=1}^2 Q_i^n + \nu_i \varepsilon_i + E_i^\gamma$$

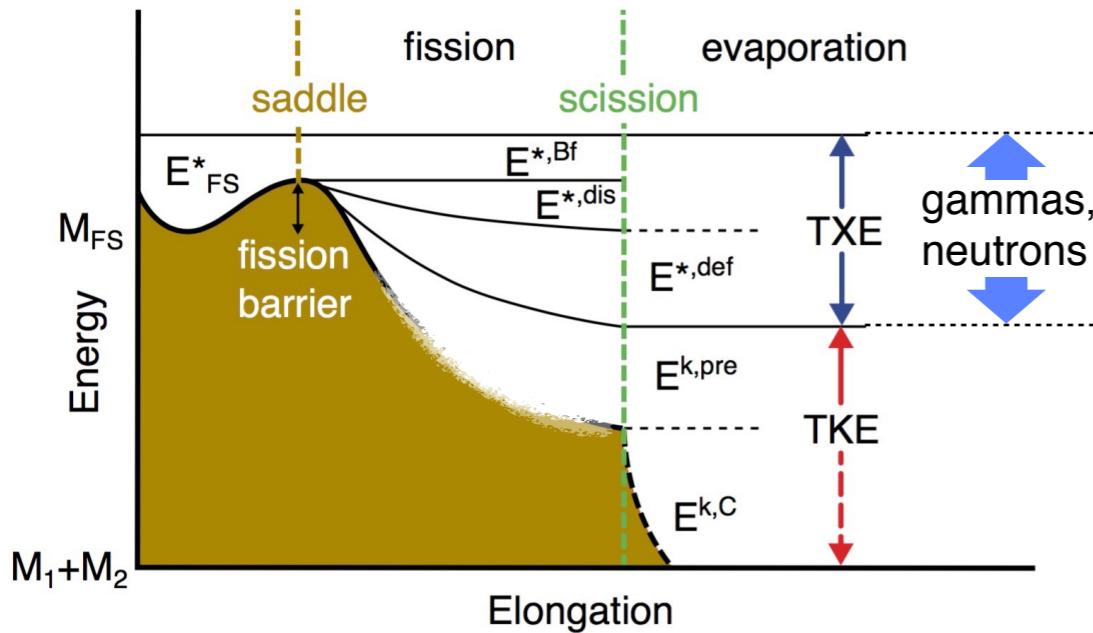
$$E_i^\gamma = S n_i^{\text{post}} \frac{\nu_i}{\nu_1 + \nu_2}$$

$$E_i^* = Q_i^n + \nu_i \varepsilon + E_i^\gamma$$

$$E_i^{*,\text{def}} = E_i^* - E_i^{*,\text{int}}$$

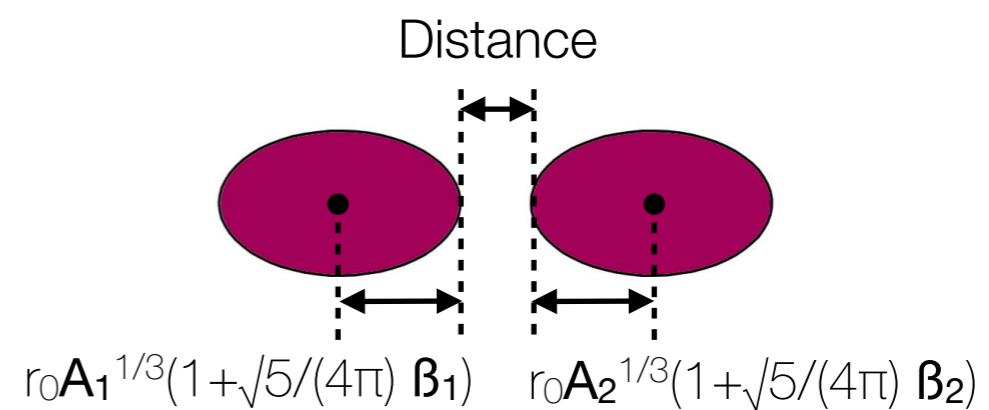
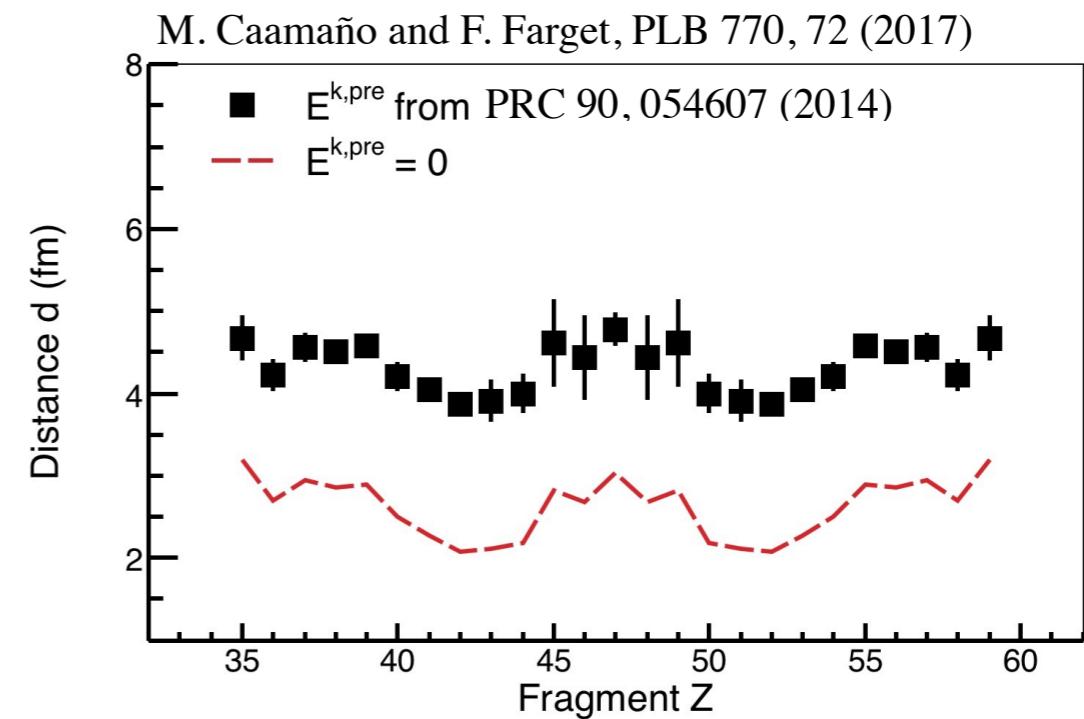
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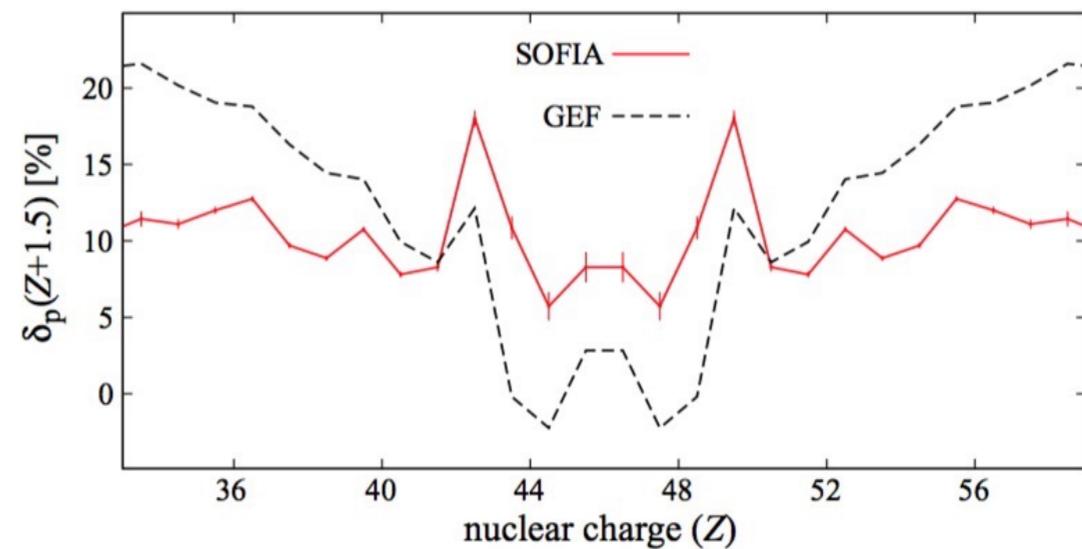
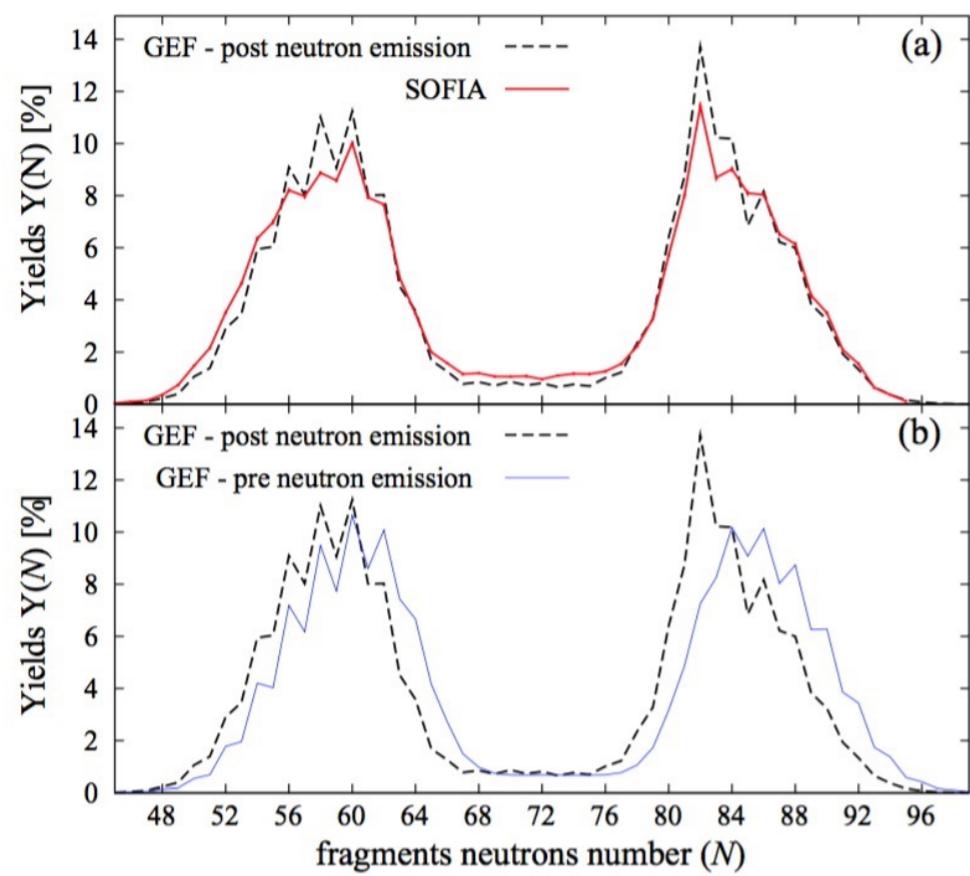
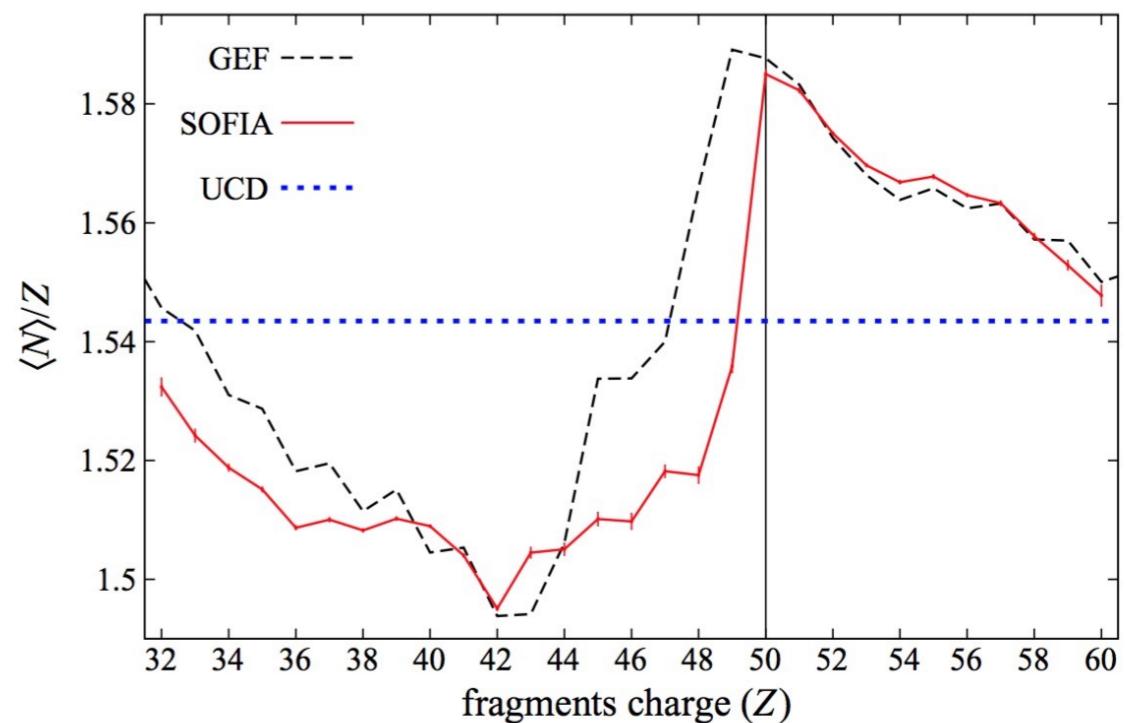
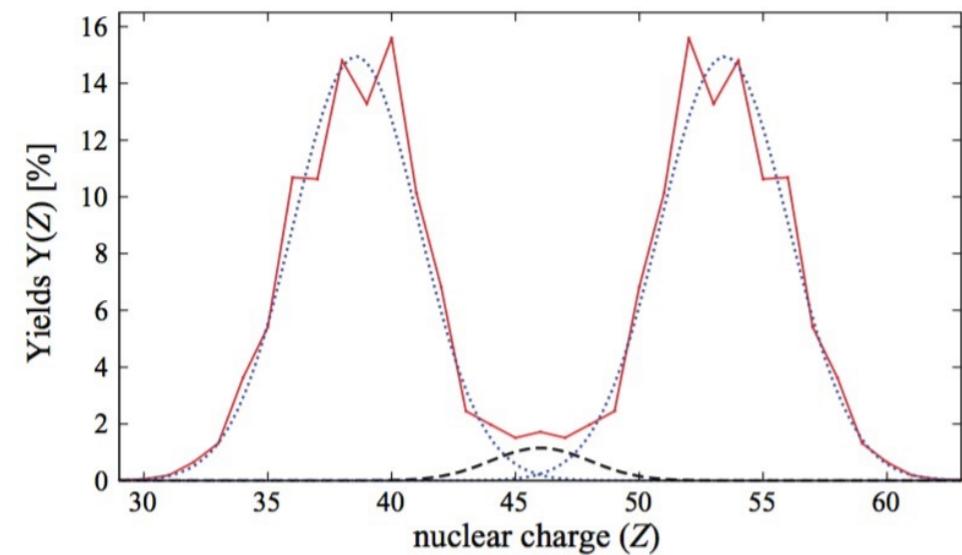
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SOFIA @ GSI

$^{238}\text{U} (\text{em},\text{f})$  @ 650AMeV

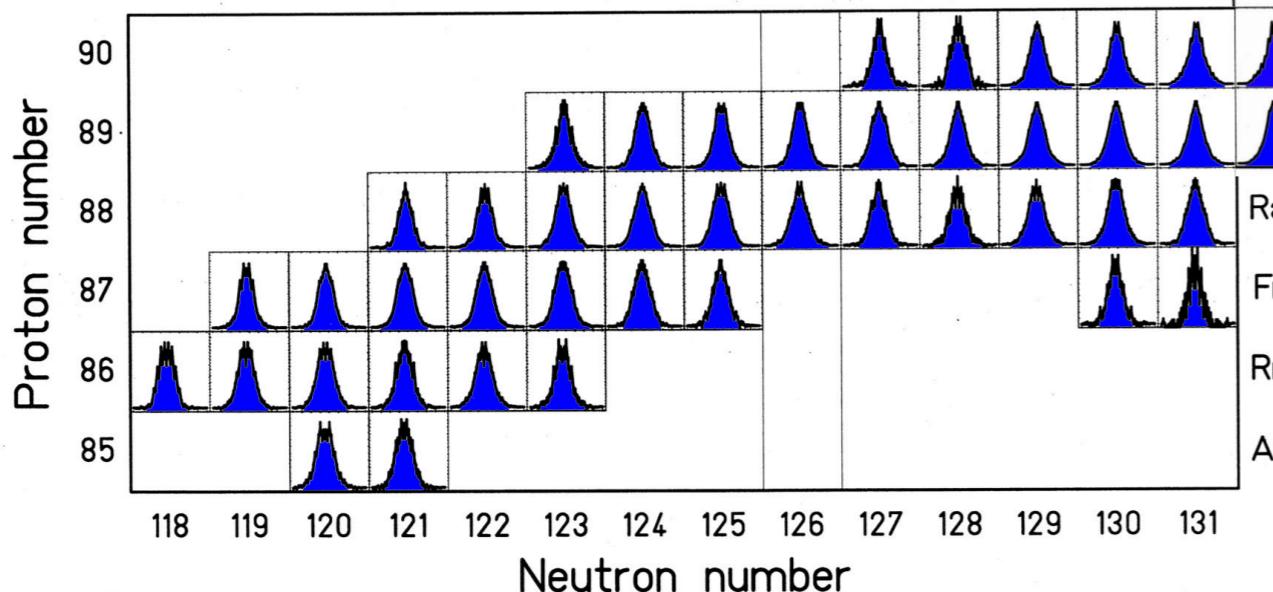


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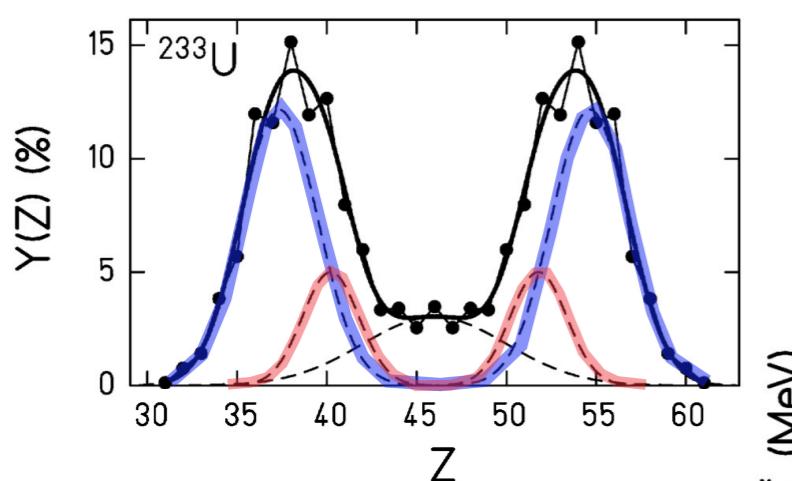
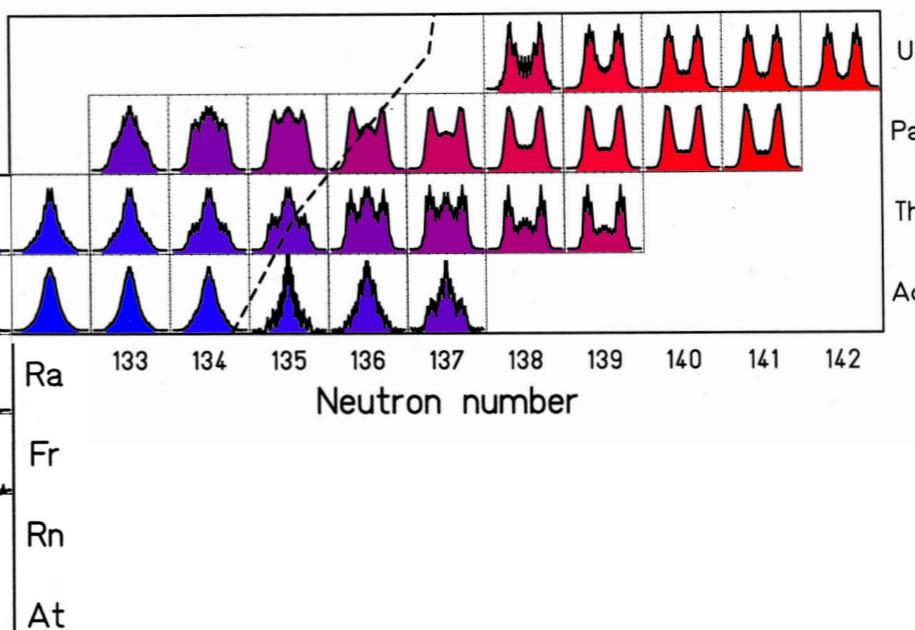
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## FRS campaign @ GSI

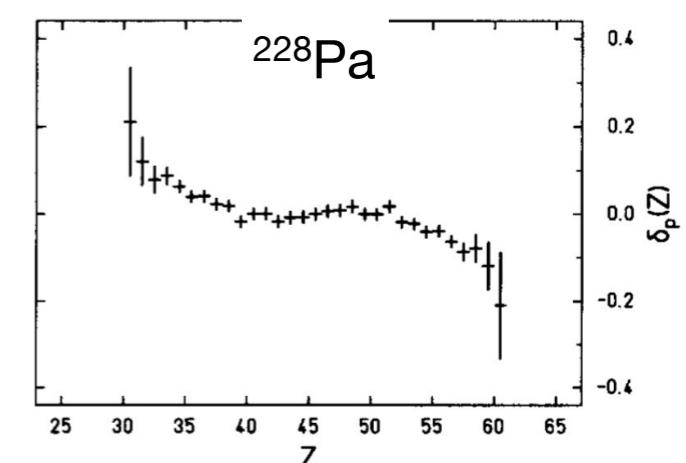
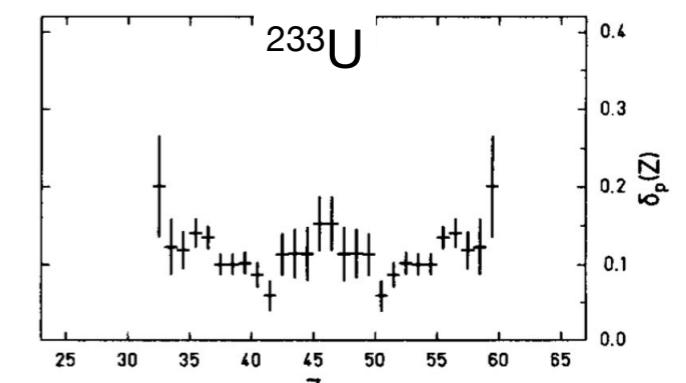
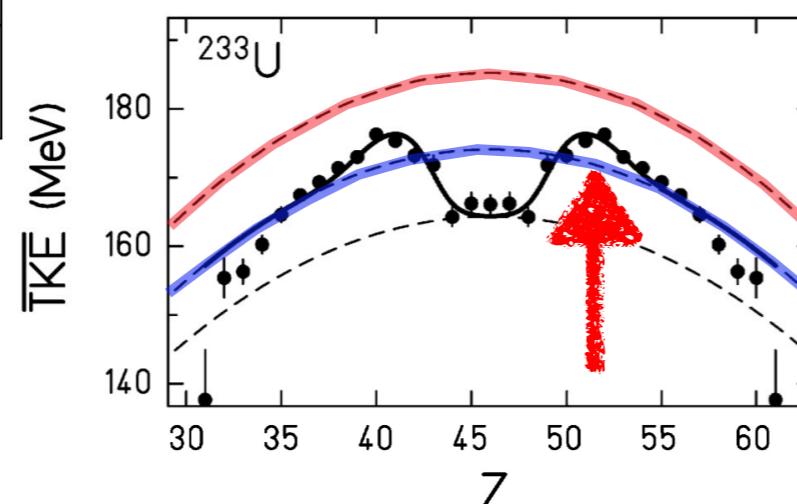
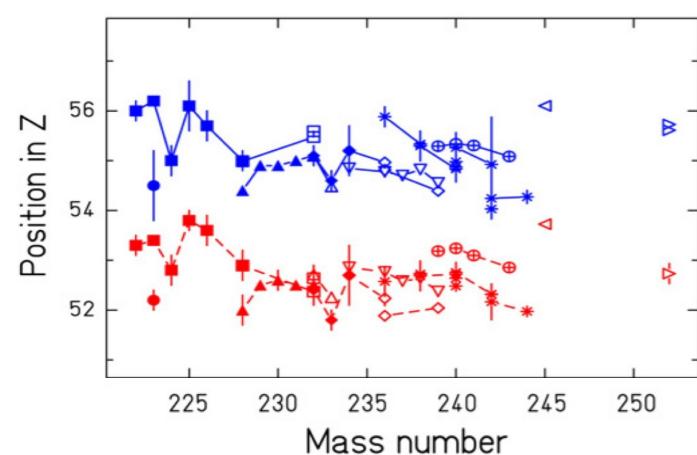
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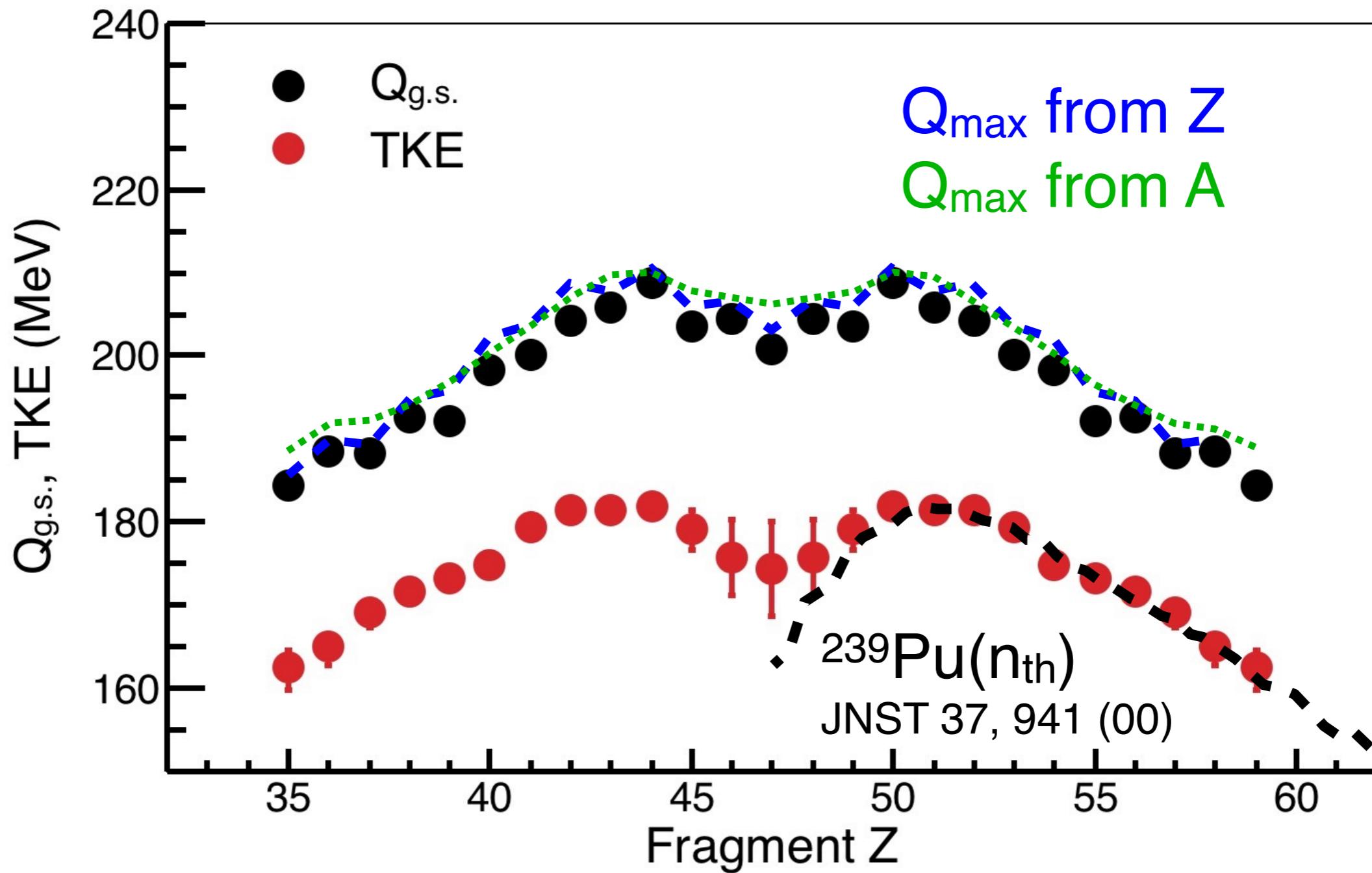
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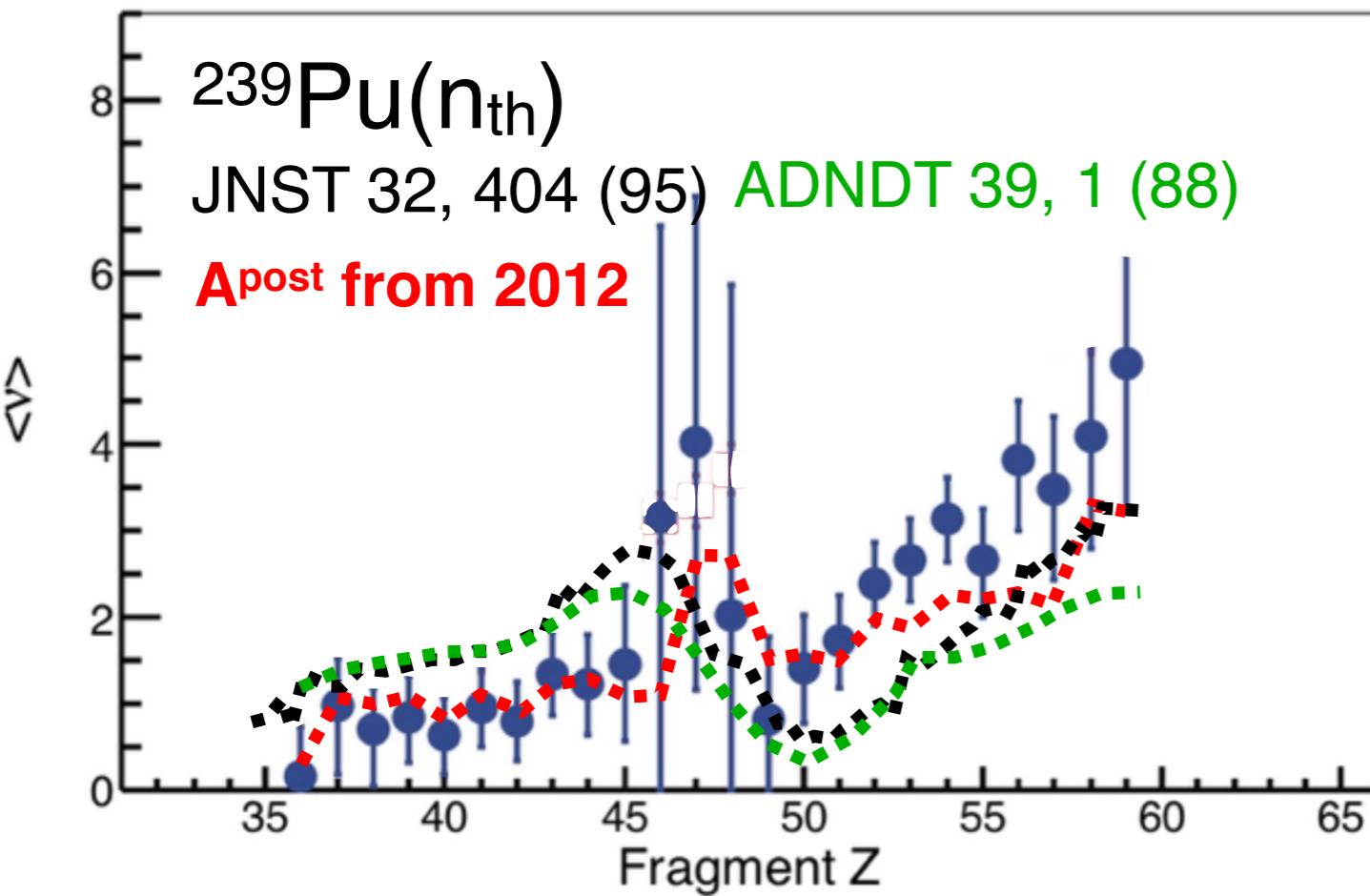


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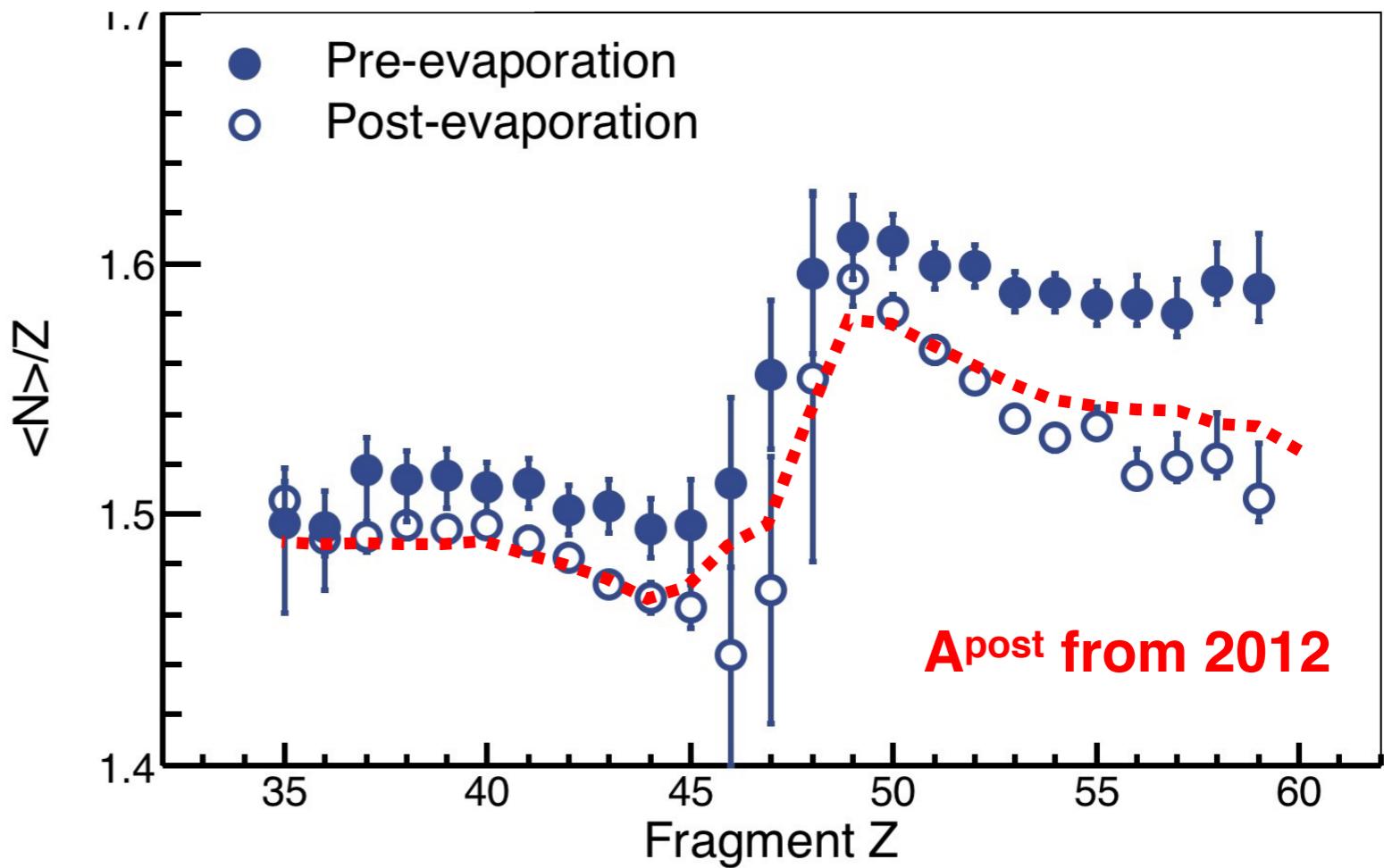


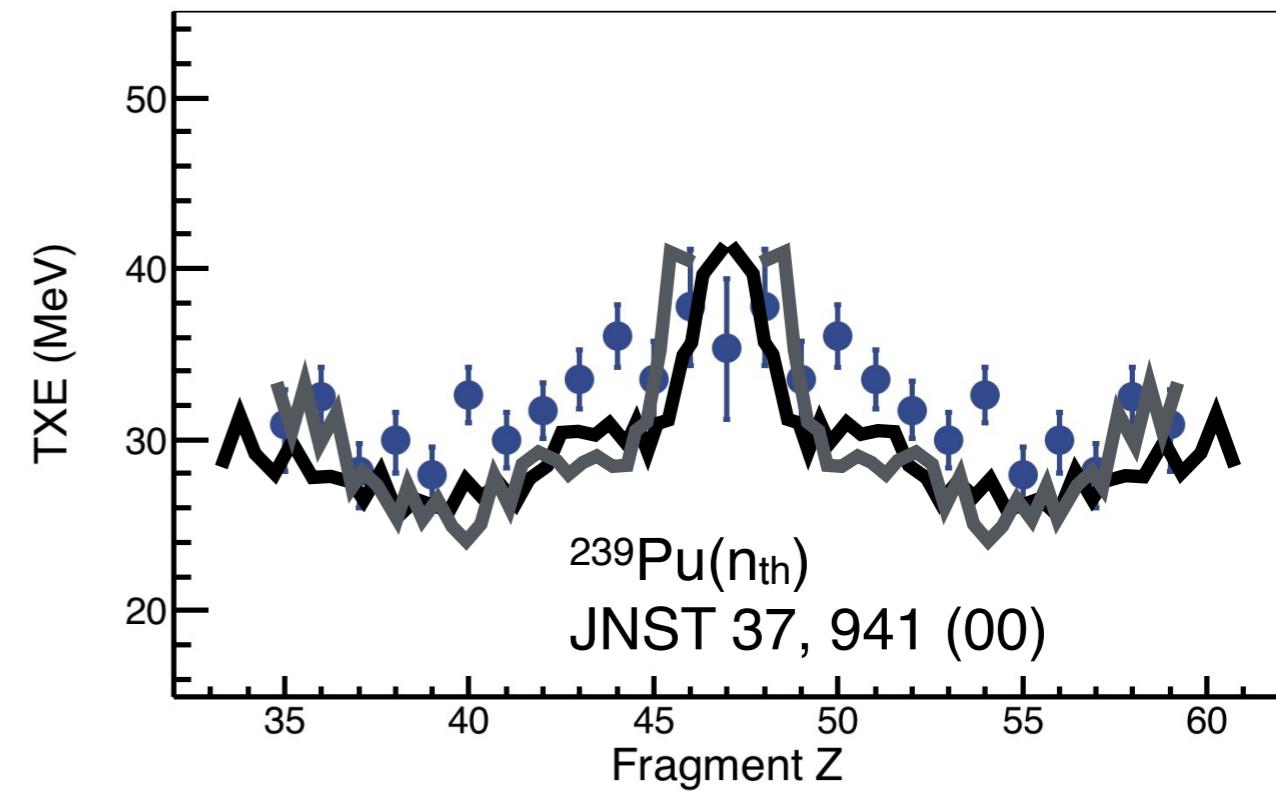
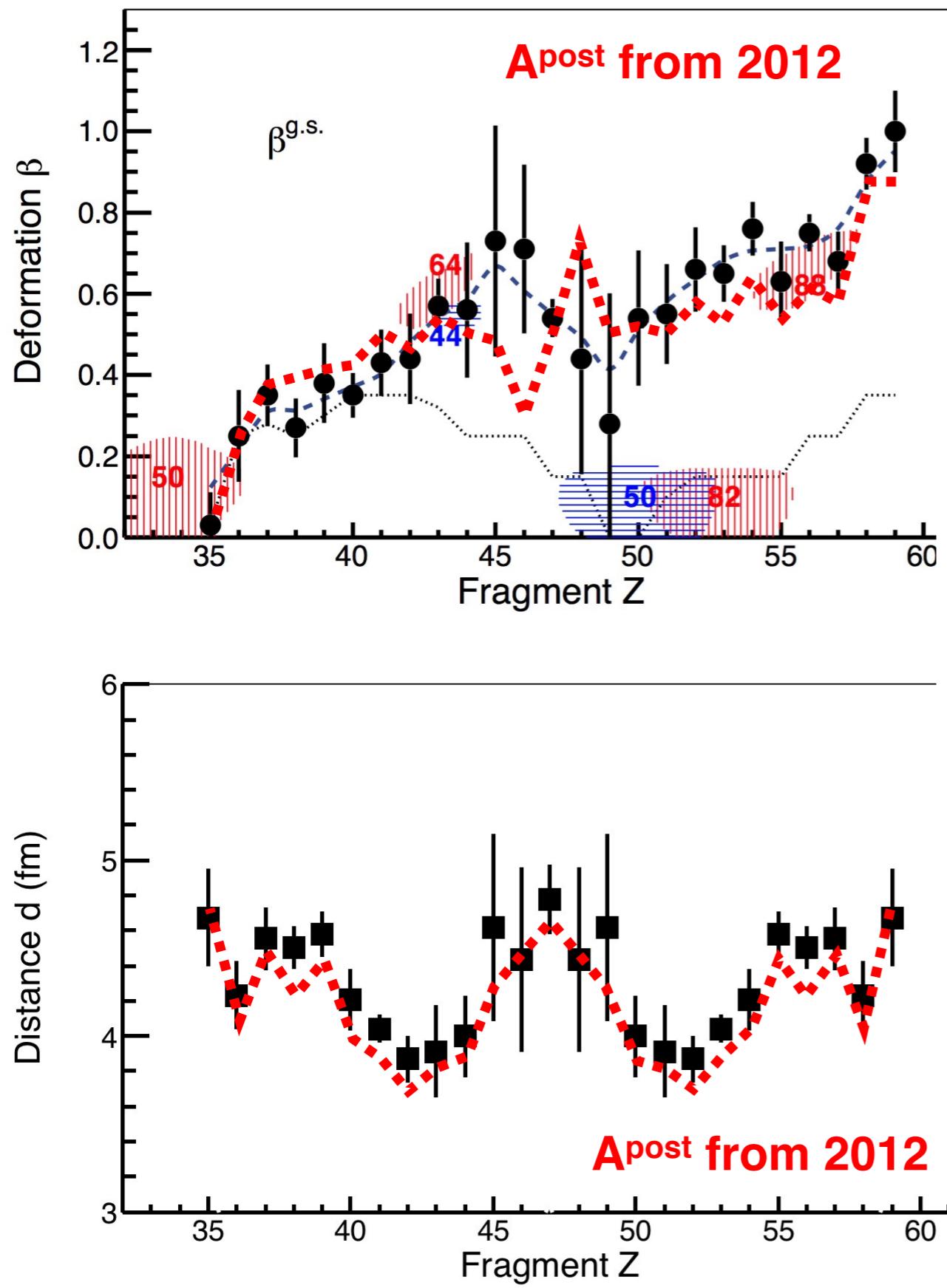
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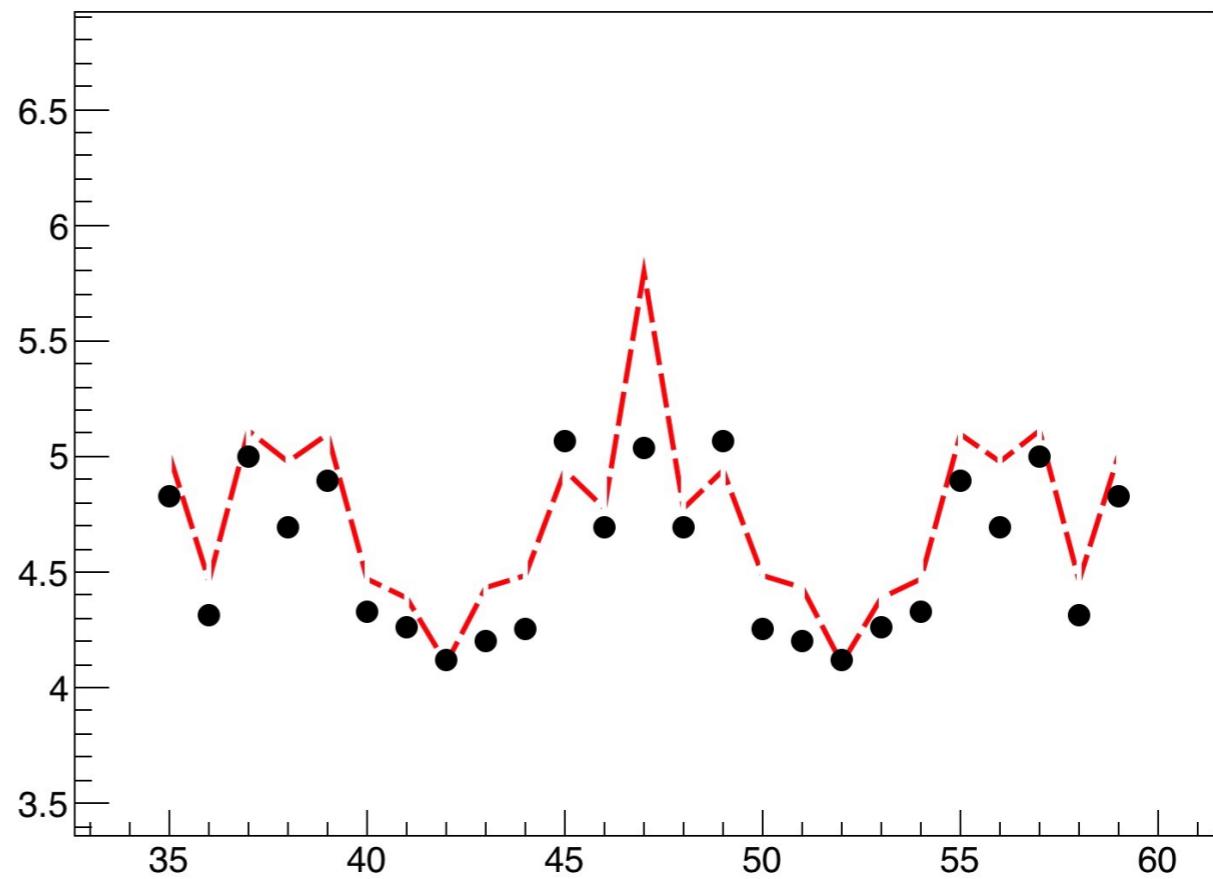
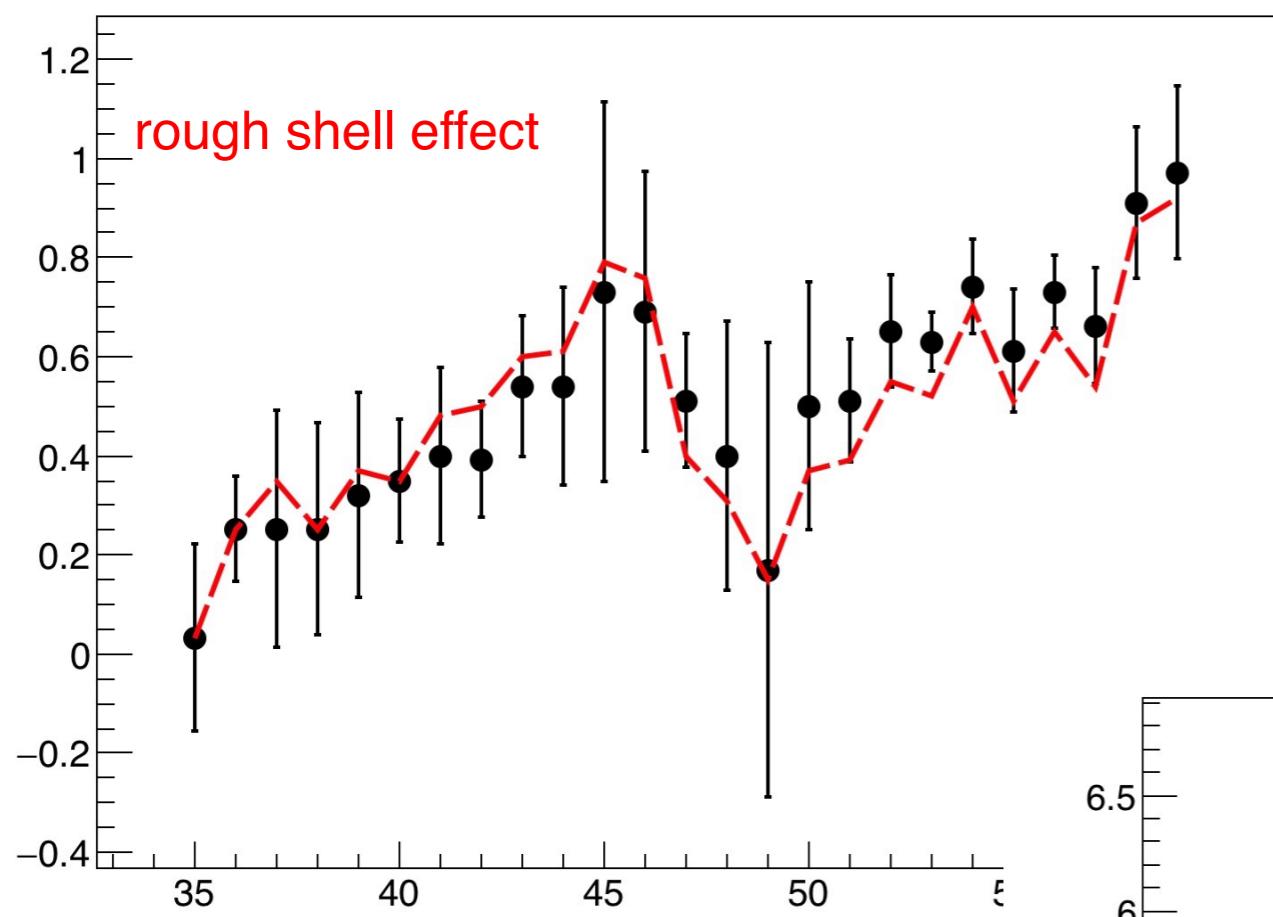


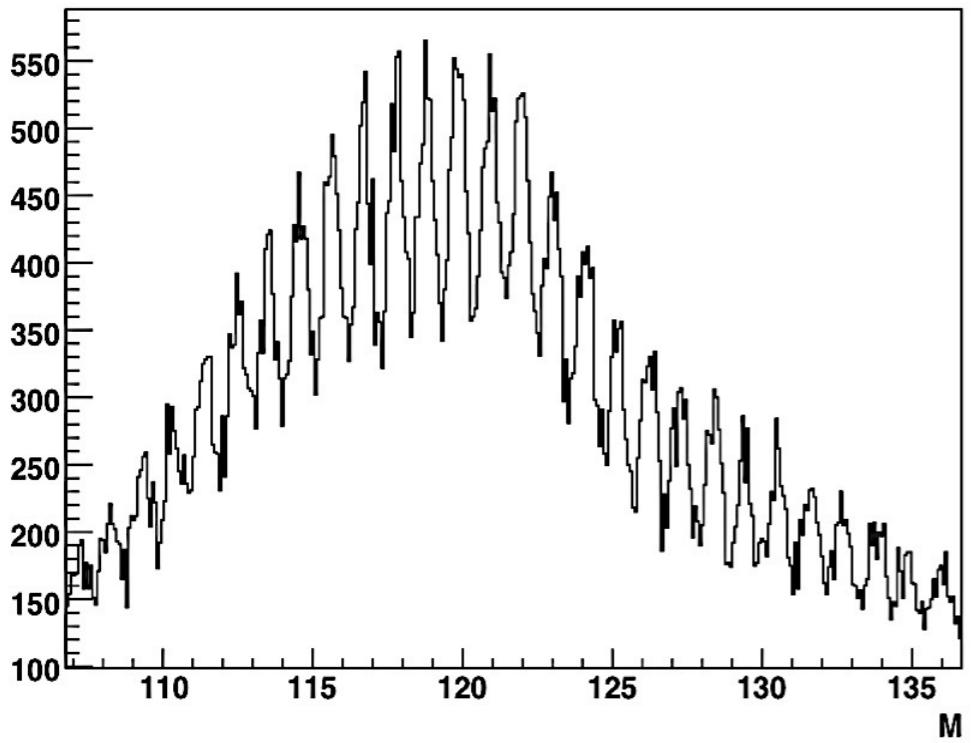


problems in mass measured  
around symmetry: low  
statistics



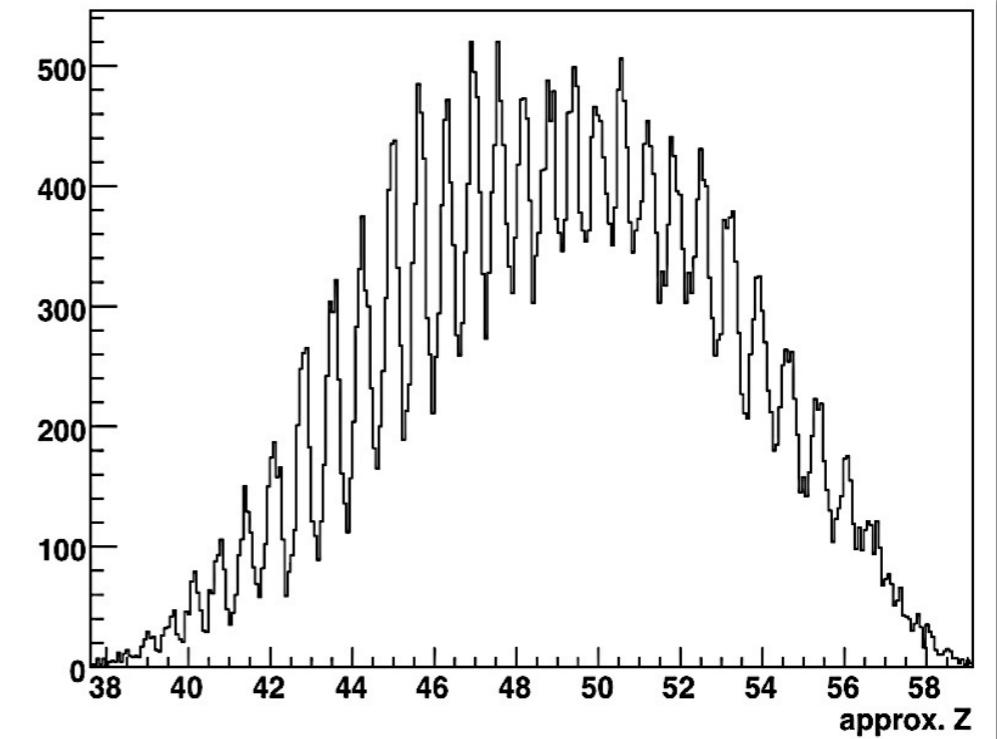






$$\Delta M/M \approx 0.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

Fragments  
identified from  
**M ≈ 90** to  
**M ≈ 140**



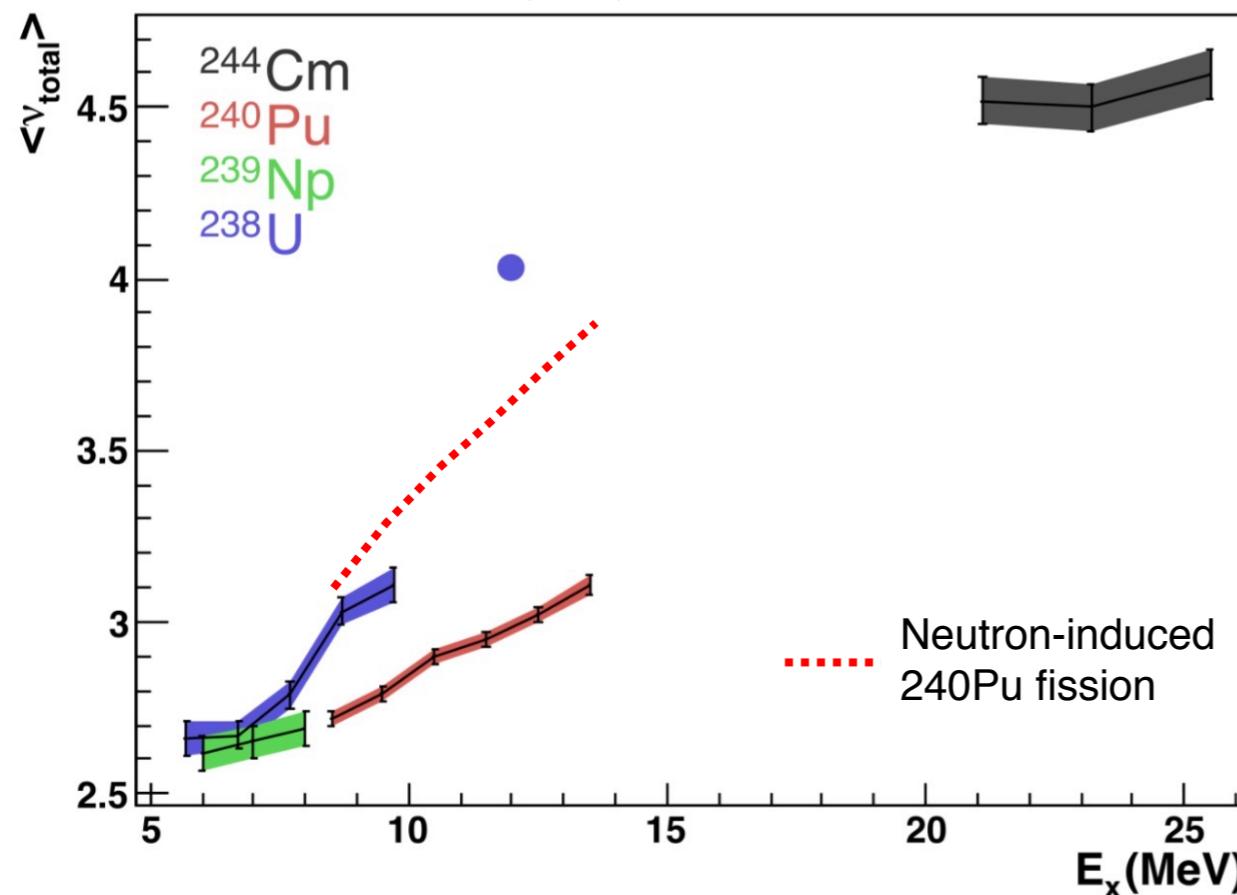
$$\Delta Z/Z \approx 1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

Fragments identified from  
**Z ≈ 36** to **Z ≈ 59** in  
600 MeV range

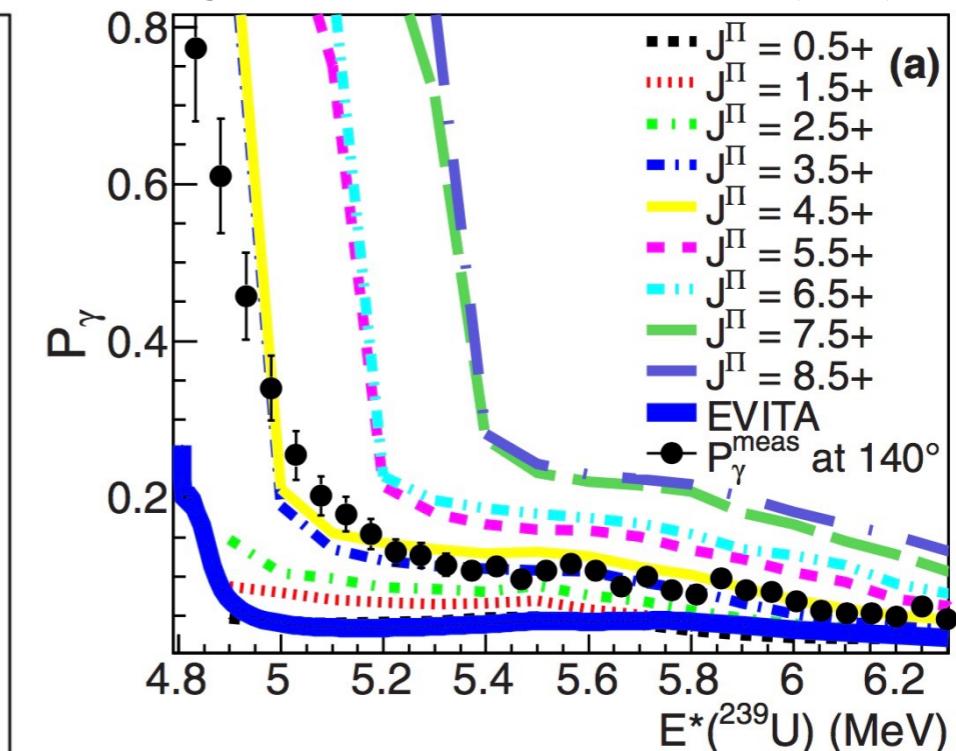
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## Neutron evaporation

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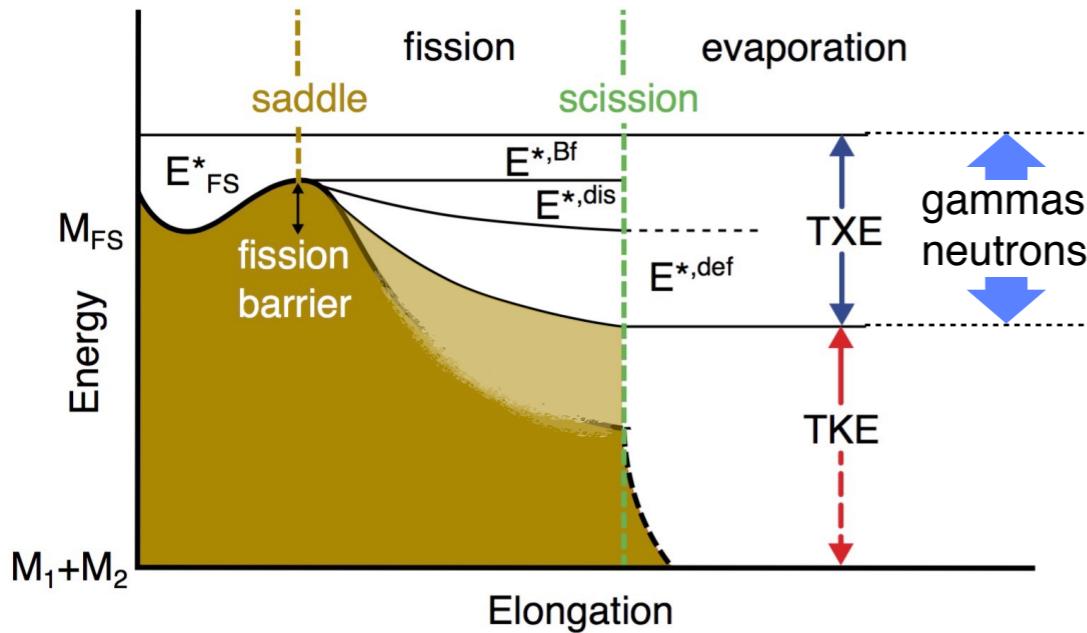


The evolution of the neutron evaporation with  $E^*$  is slower for the case of transfer-fission than for neutron-induced.

An measurement of angular momentum?



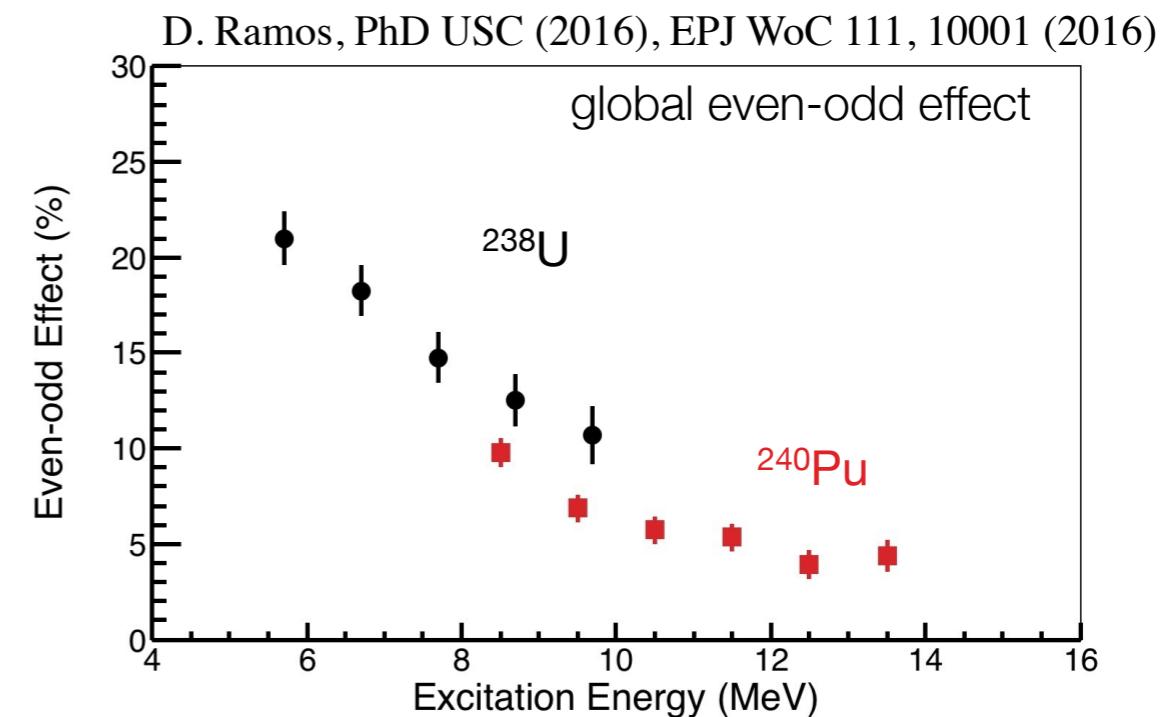
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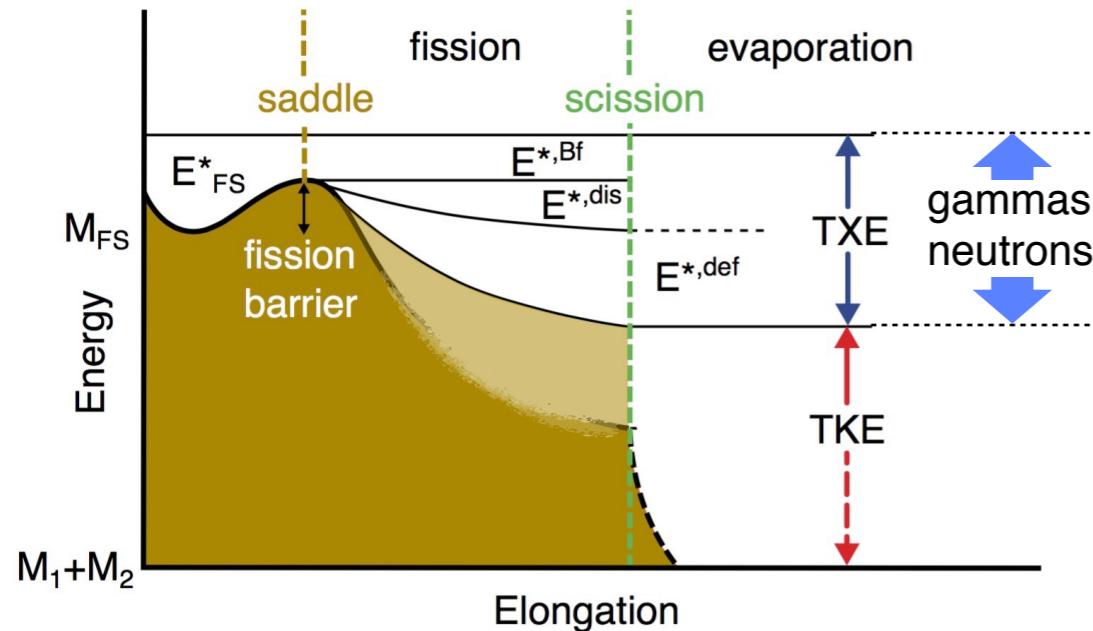
from data:  
 $\ln \delta_Z \propto -TXE$

from theory:  
 $E^{*,\text{diss}} \propto -\ln \delta_Z$

in the case of  $^{240}\text{Pu}$ :  
 $E^{*,\text{diss}} \approx 0.35 TXE$



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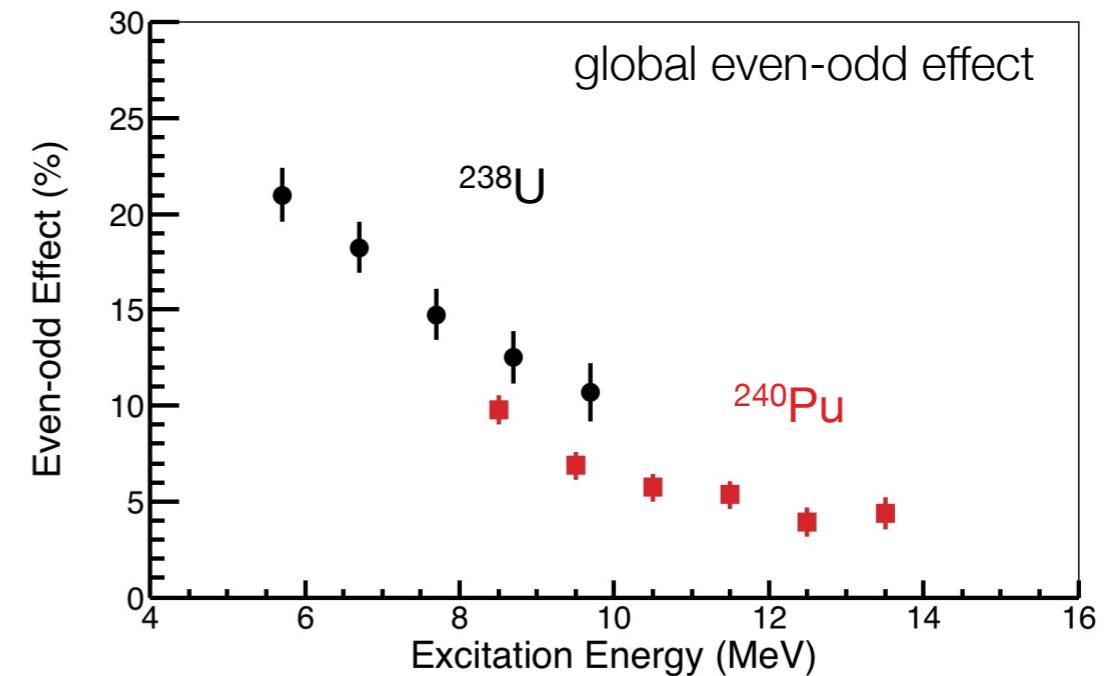
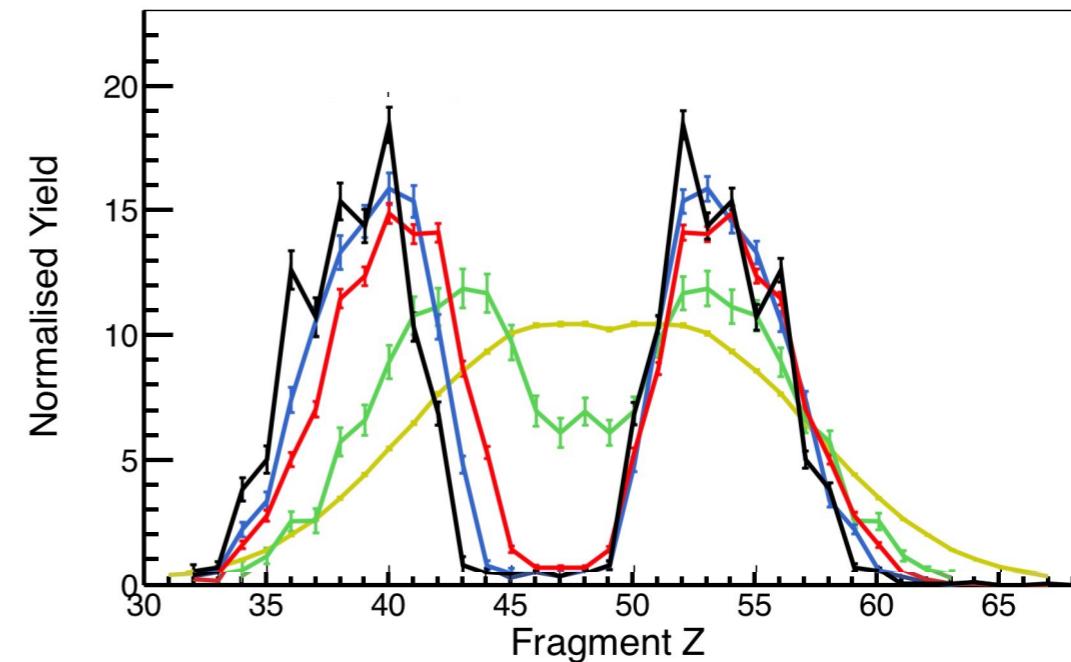


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