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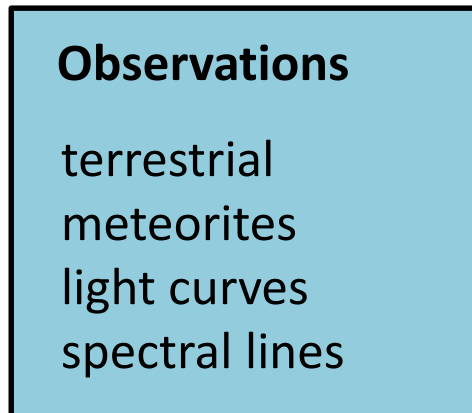
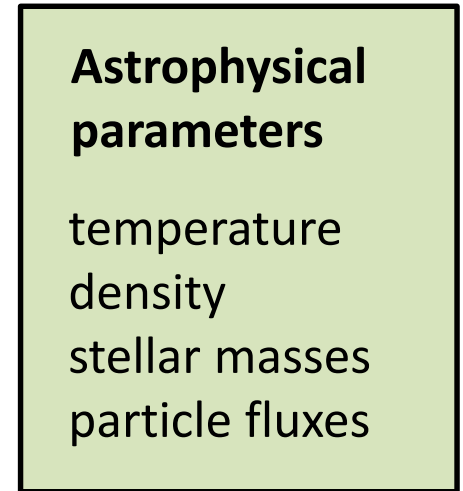
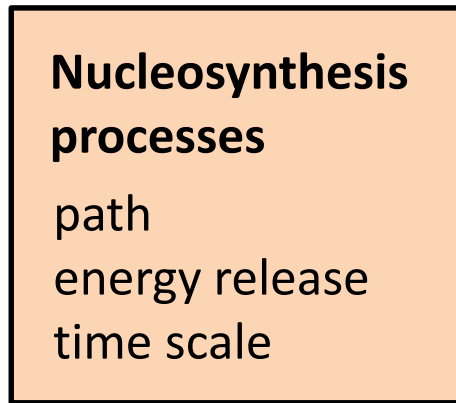
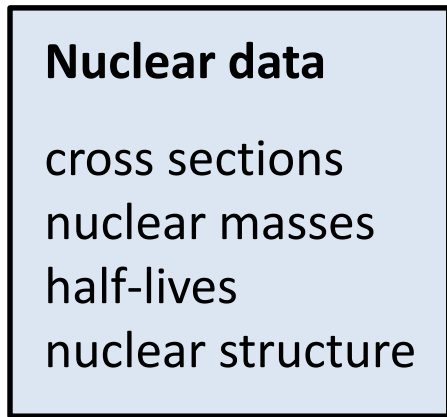
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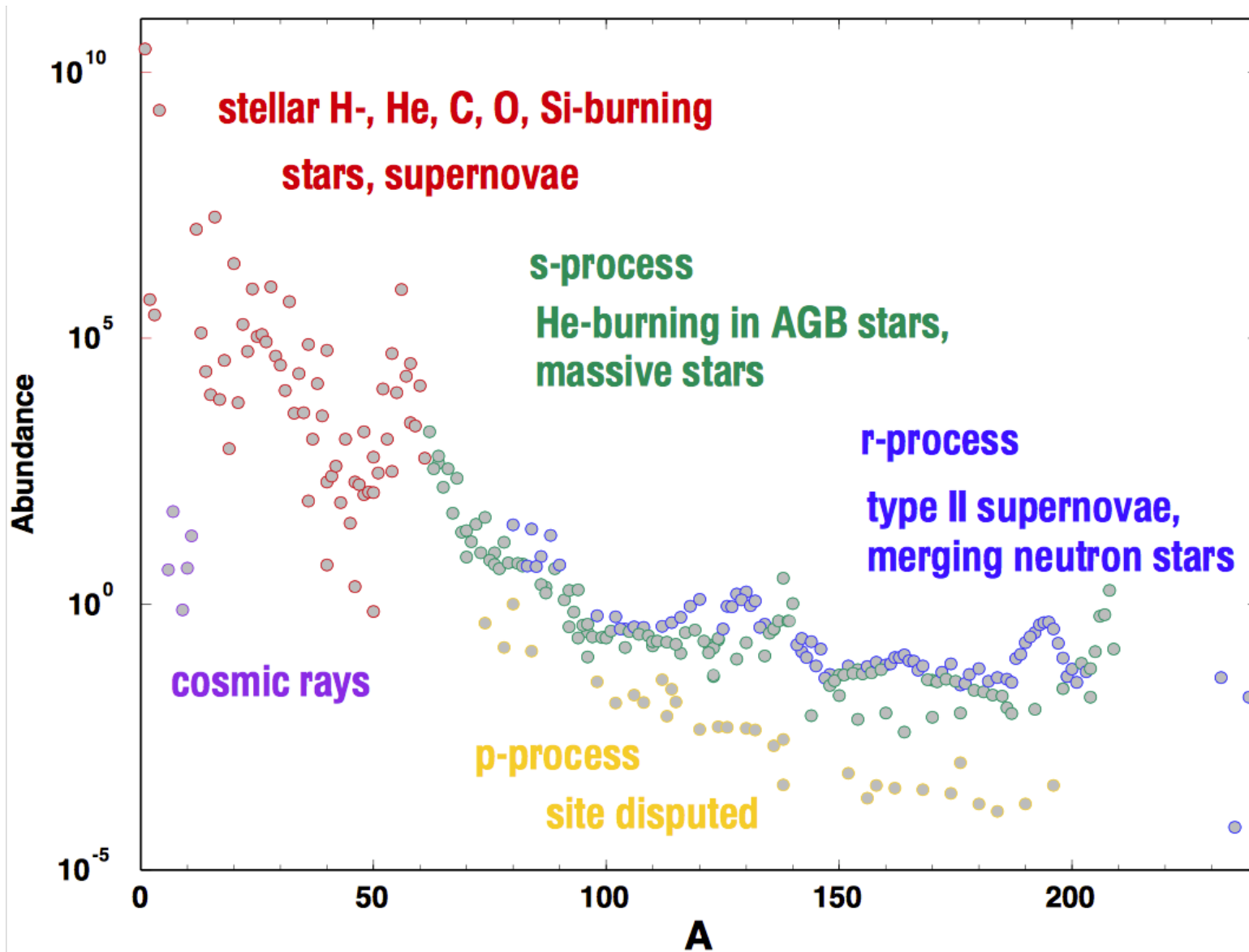
## **Nuclear Spectroscopy – helping to understand how heavy elements are made**

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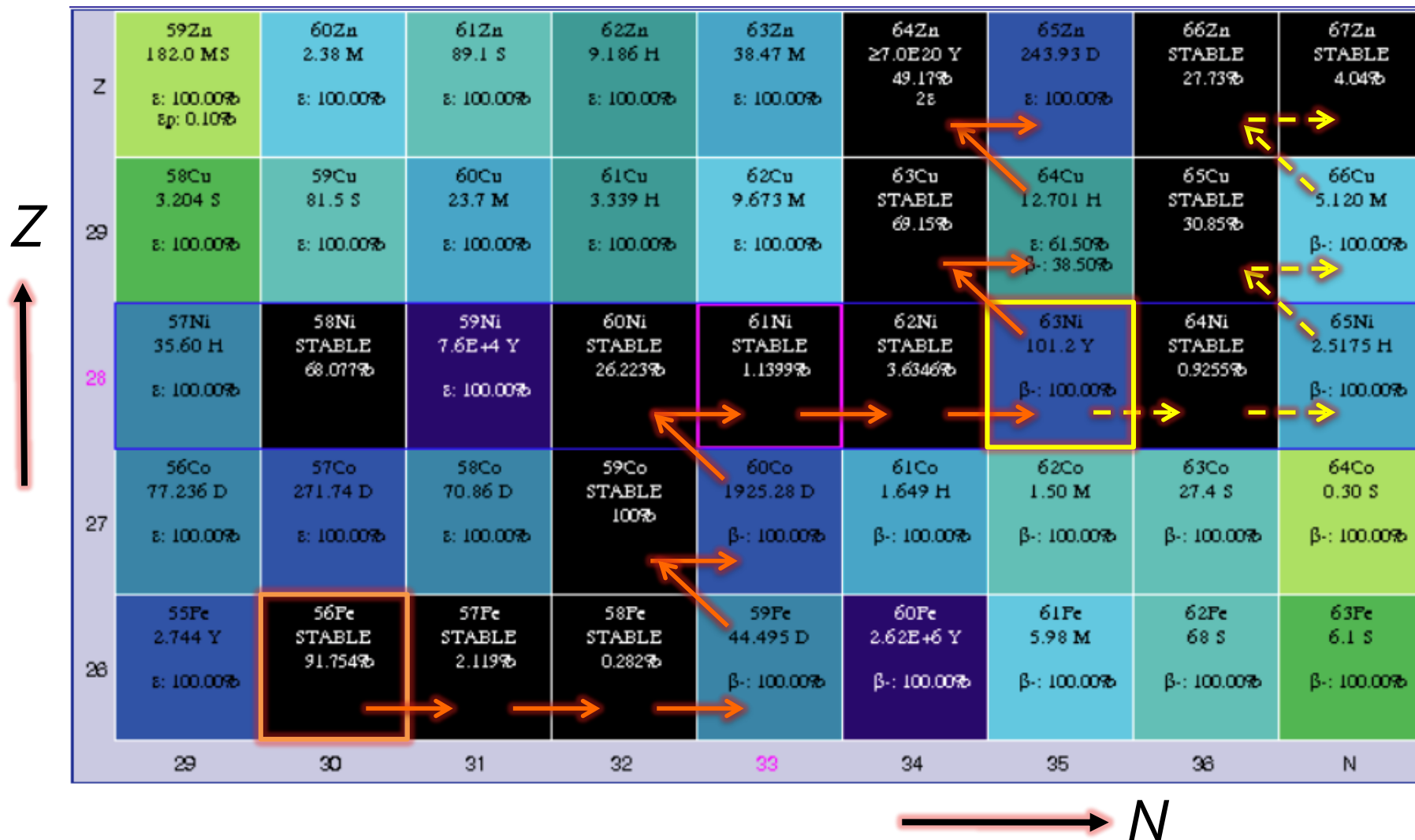
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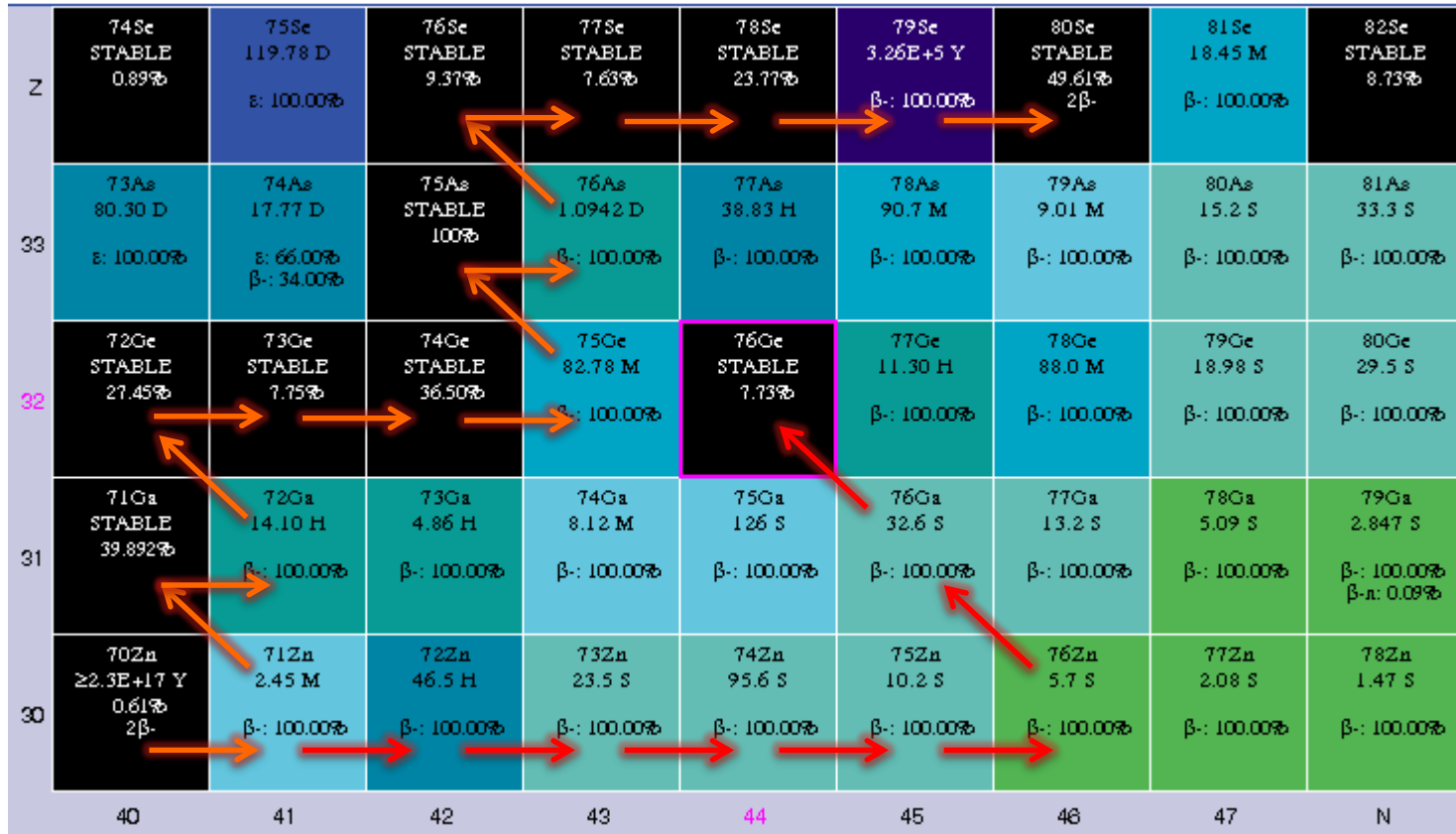
# Nucleosynthesis



# s – process : slow neutron capture



# r – process : rapid neutron capture



How is  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  produced  
when  $T_{1/2}$  for  $^{75}\text{Ge}$  is only 83 min?

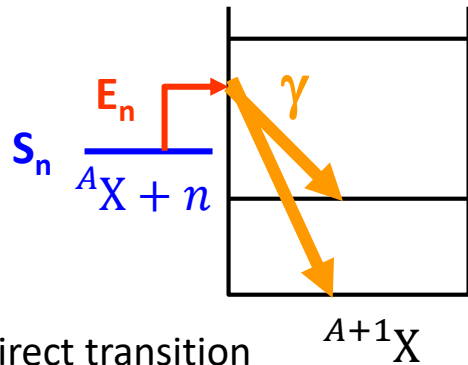
many neutron  $\Rightarrow$  rapid neutron capture

or  $^{82}\text{Se}$  when  $T_{1/2}$  for  $^{81}\text{Se}$  is only 18 min?

# Neutron capture reactions

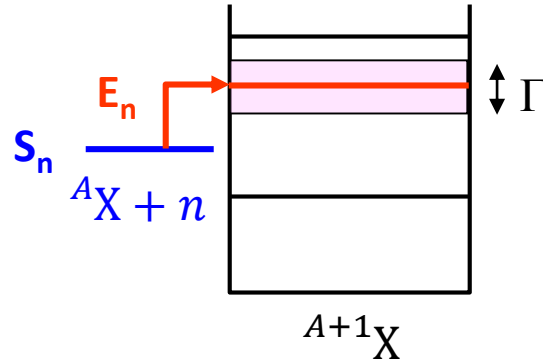
## resonant capture

### direct capture

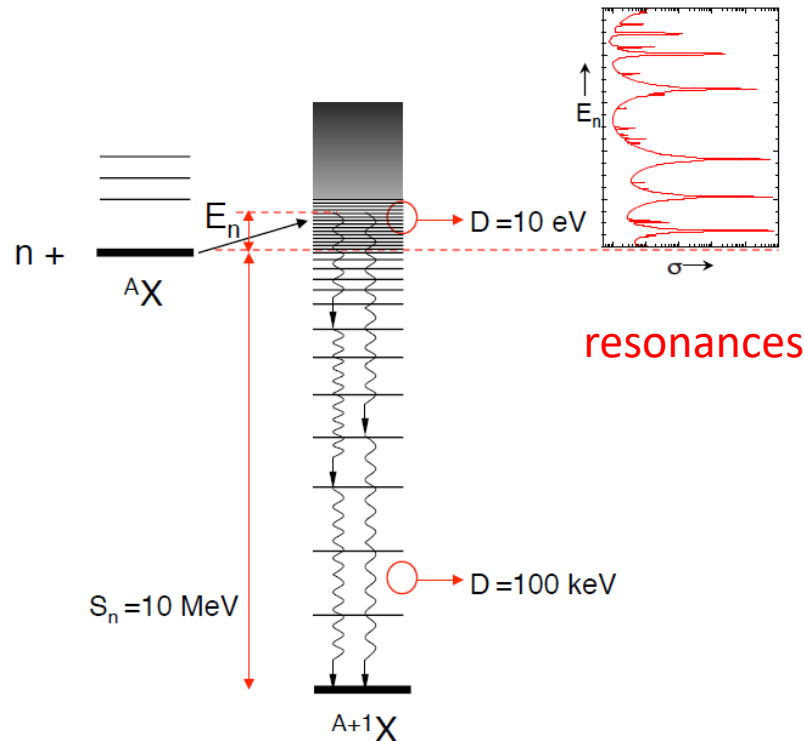
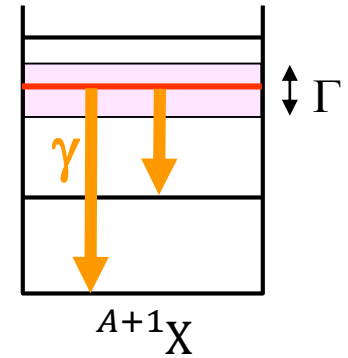


direct transition into bound states

Step 1: Compound nucleus formation (into an unbound state)



Step 2: Compound nucleus decay



$E_n$  has to "match" an excited state with width  $\Gamma$

enhanced cross section for  $E_n \approx E_x - S_n$

stellar environment:

- Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution
- average cross section over energy for given temperature



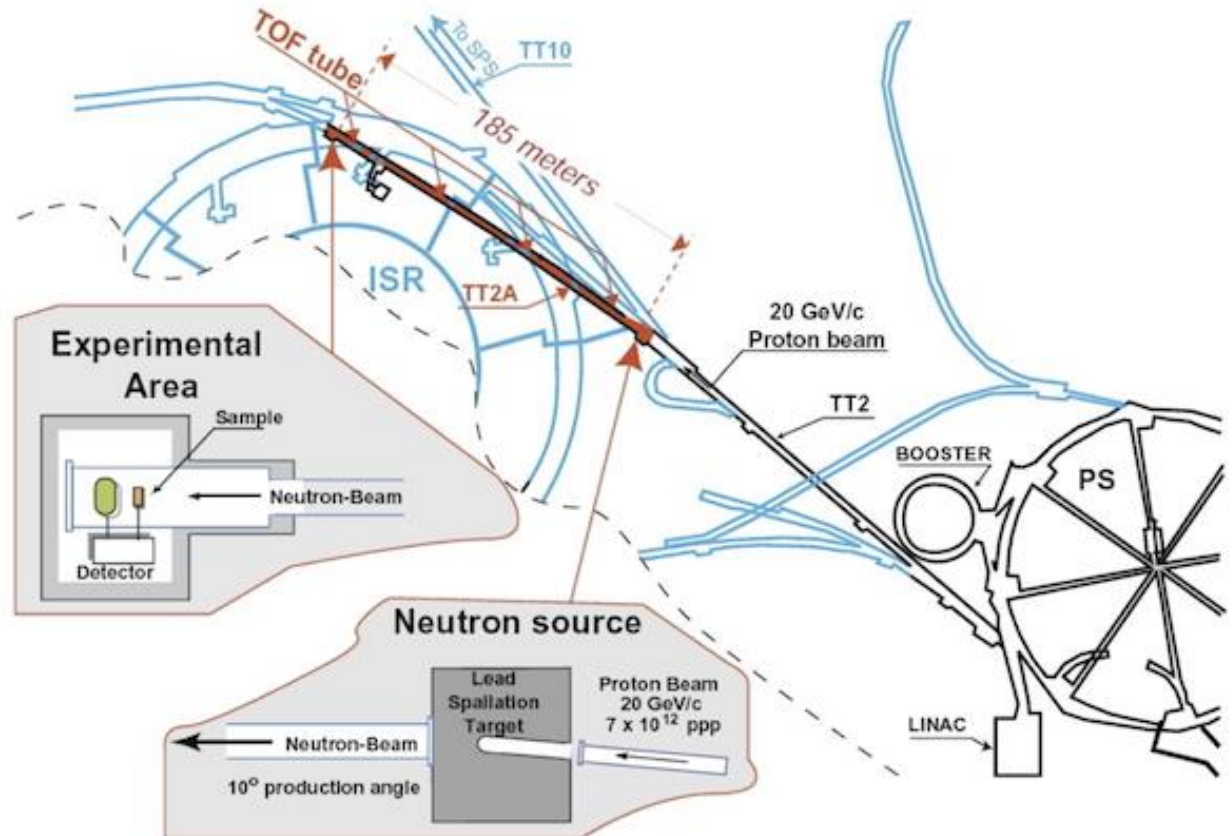
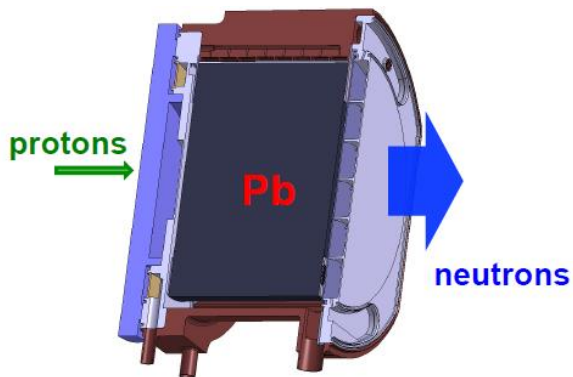
## Cross section measurements

### Example: n-ToF at CERN

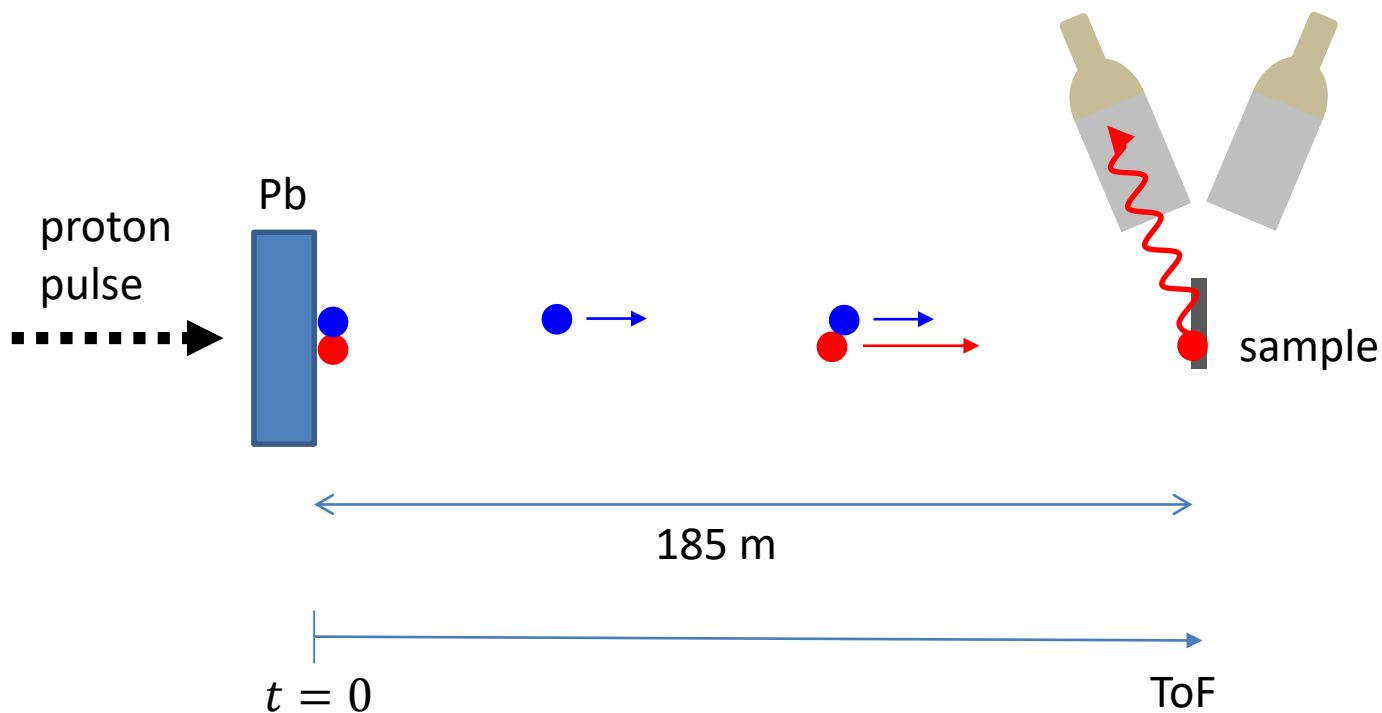
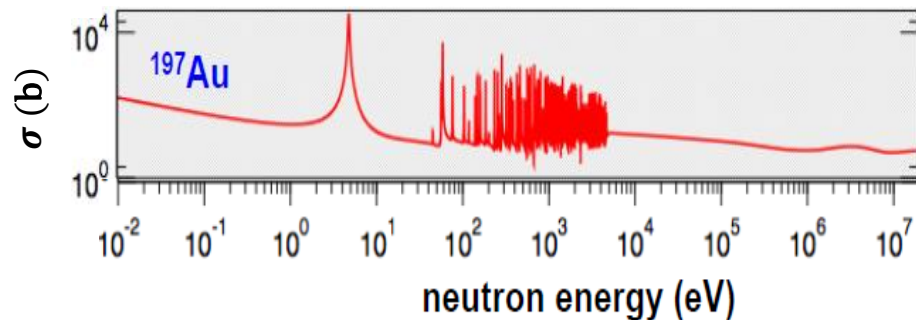
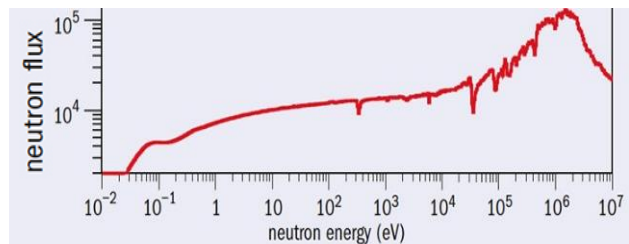
- 20 GeV protons
- 1 pulse every 2.4 s
- $7 \times 10^{12}$  protons/pulse
- $2 \times 10^{15}$  neutrons/pulse
- Flight path: 185 m
- Neutron energy range: 0.1 eV – 250 MeV



BaF<sub>2</sub> total absorption calorimeter



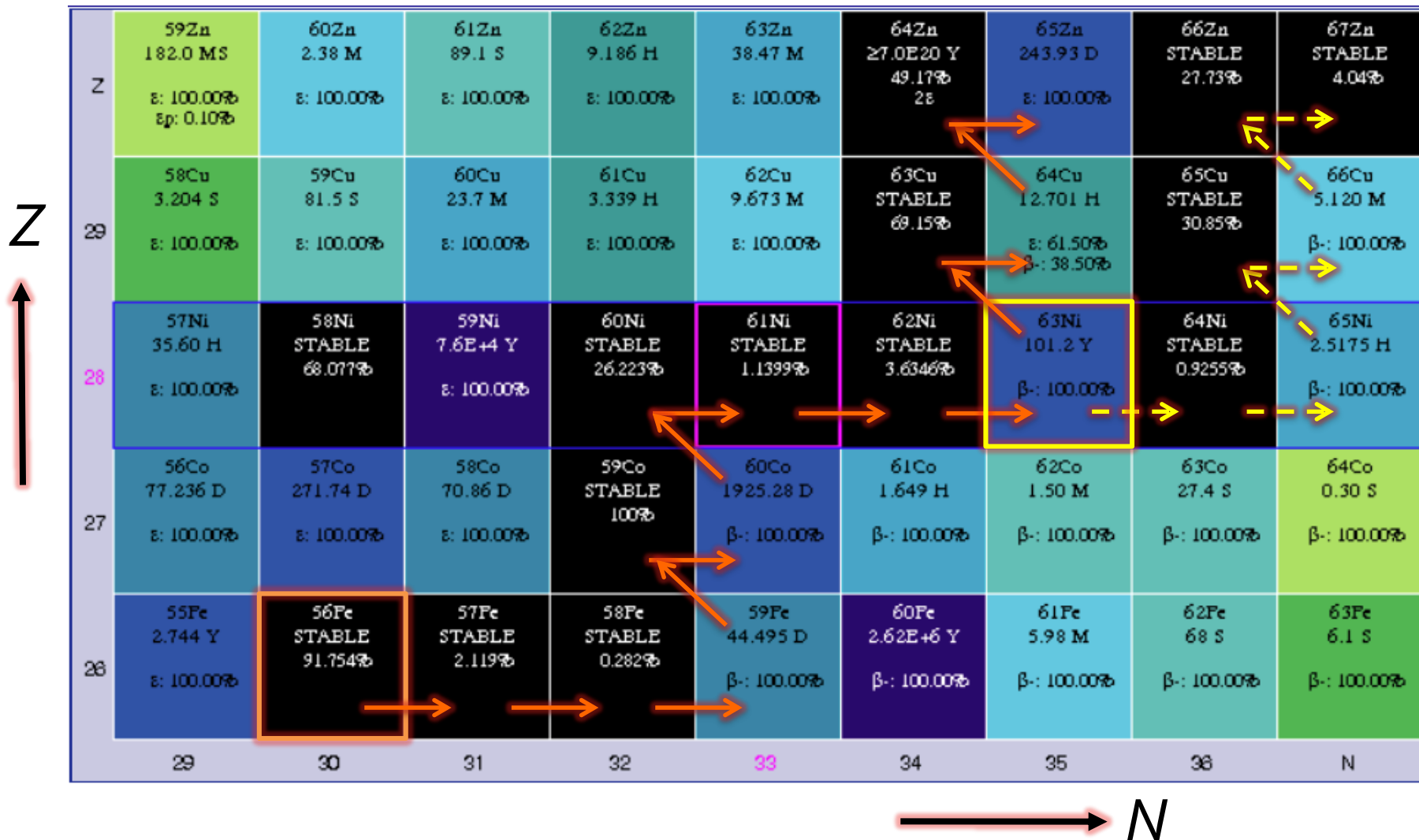
# $(n, \gamma)$ cross sections from neutron time of flight measurements



needs samples of stable isotopes  
or long-lived radioactive isotopes (e.g. actinides)



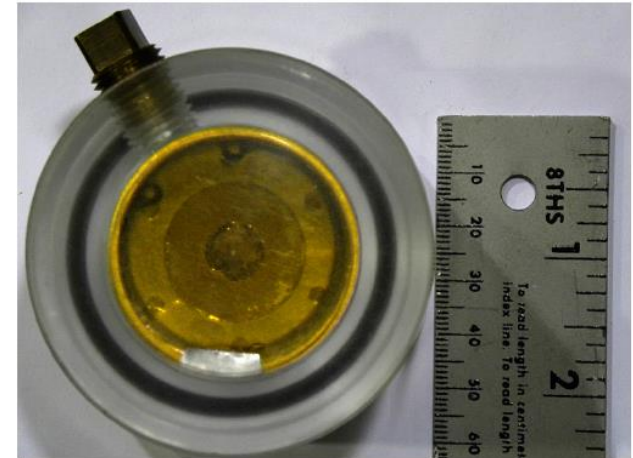
# s – process : slow neutron capture



# $^{63}\text{Ni}(n, \gamma)$ cross section

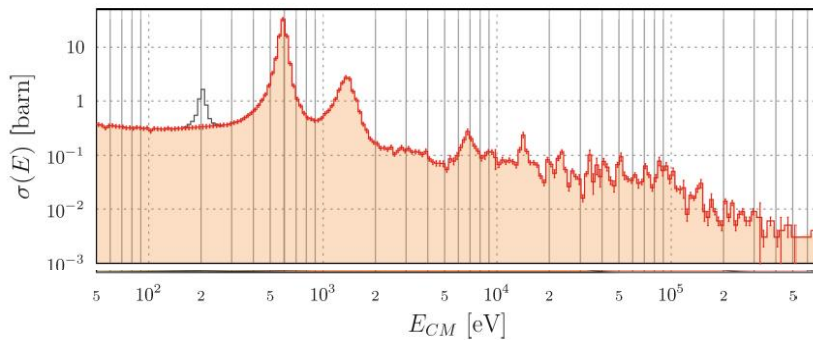
Recipe:

- take 347 mg  $^{62}\text{Ni}$  enriched to 98%
- place it in high-flux reactor (ILL Grenoble)
- after 280 days you have 10.77%  $^{63}\text{Ni}$
- do a ToF measurement with  $^{62,63}\text{Ni}$  sample
- do a ToF measurement with a pure  $^{62}\text{Ni}$  sample
- subtract



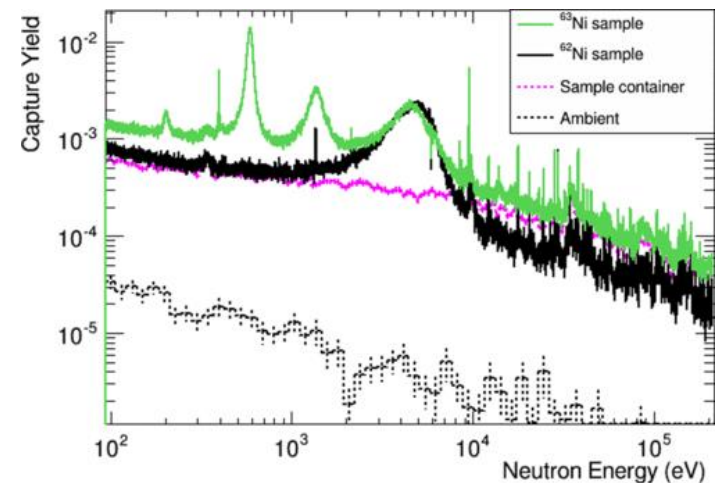
M.Weigand, PhD Univ. Frankfurt (2014)

measurement at DANCE / Los Alamos



M. Weigand et al., PRC 92, 045810 (2015)

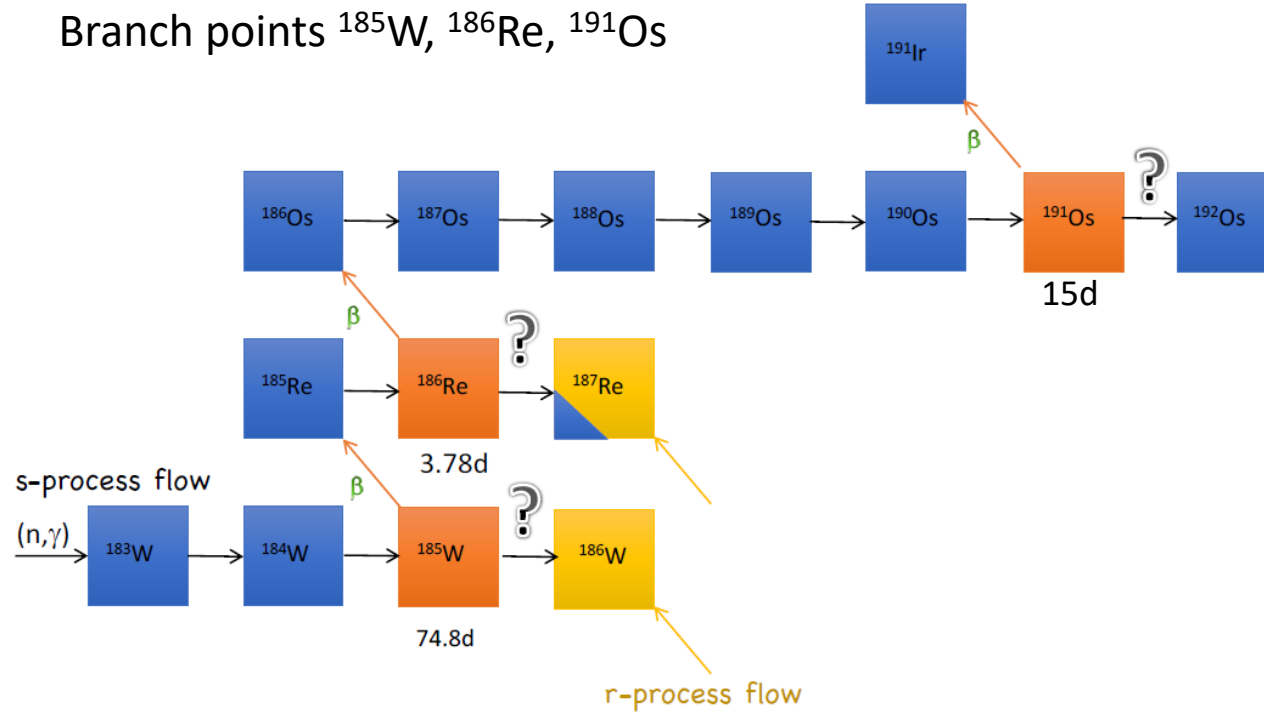
measurement at n-ToF / CERN



C. Lederer et al., PRC 89, 025810 (2014)

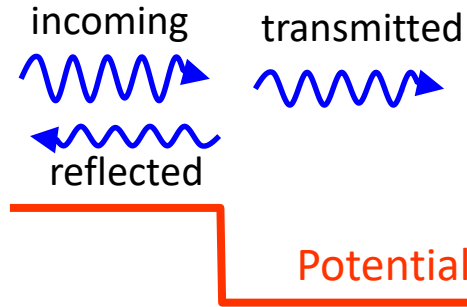
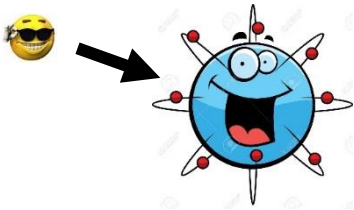


# How can we determine $(n, \gamma)$ cross sections for short-lived branch points?



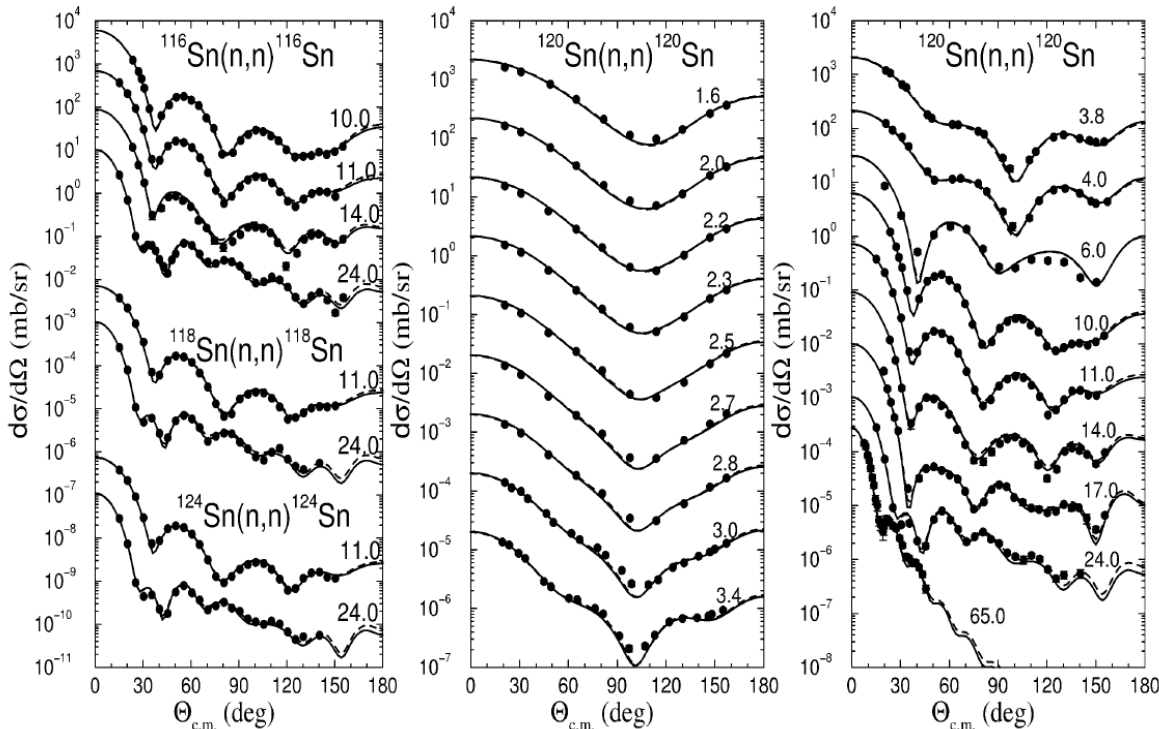
- Direct measurements impossible due to short lifetime.
- Rely on theory?
- Indirect measurements?

# What is needed to calculate $(n, \gamma)$ reaction rates?



- Optical model potential**
- Level density**
- Gamma strength function**

potential important for describing absorption and scattering of the neutron



- microscopic models
- phenomenological models
- ✓ good agreement with experimental observables
- ✓ uncertainties under control

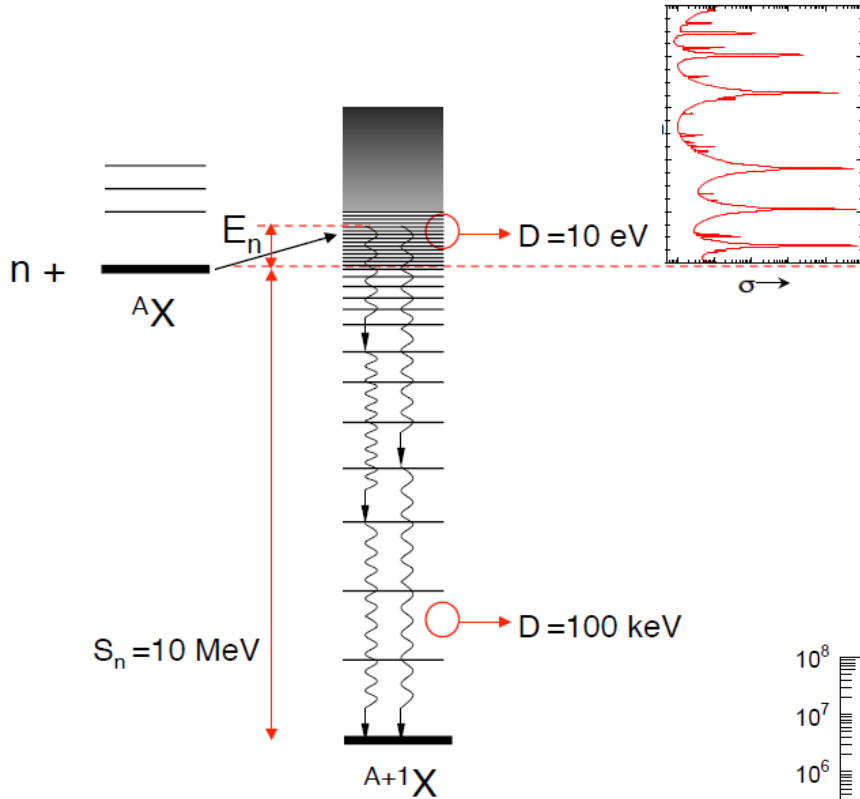
A.J. Koning, J.P. Delaroche  
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**Level density**

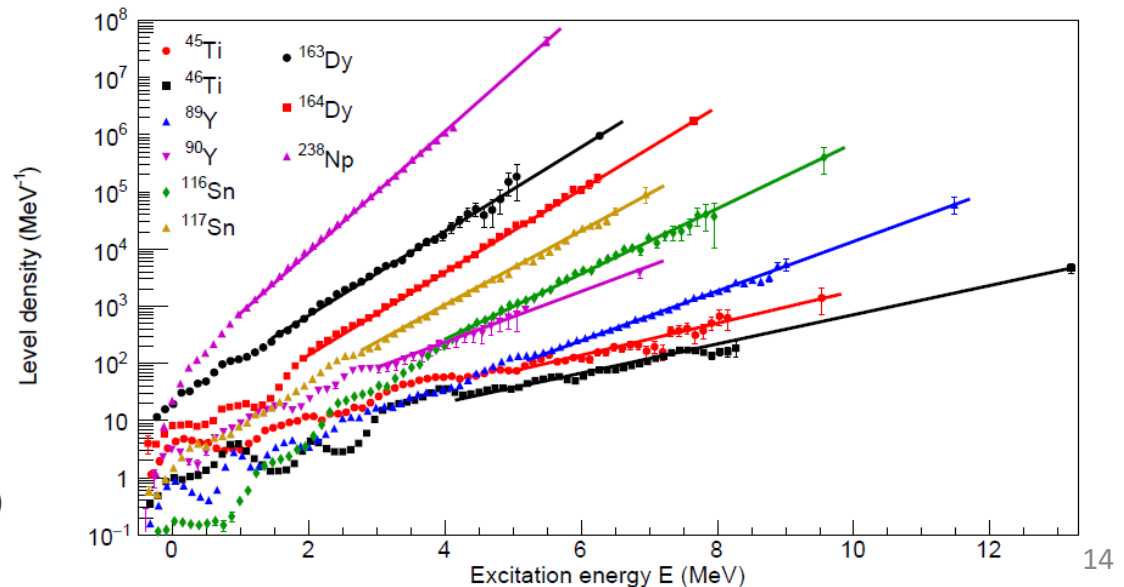
Gamma strength function



- count low-lying discrete levels
- count resonances at  $S_n$
- in between?
  
- microscopic models
- ✗ not sufficiently accurate
- phenomenological models
- ✗ describe general trends, but not details
- ✗ not sufficiently predictive

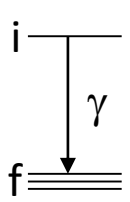
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M. Guttormsen et al.  
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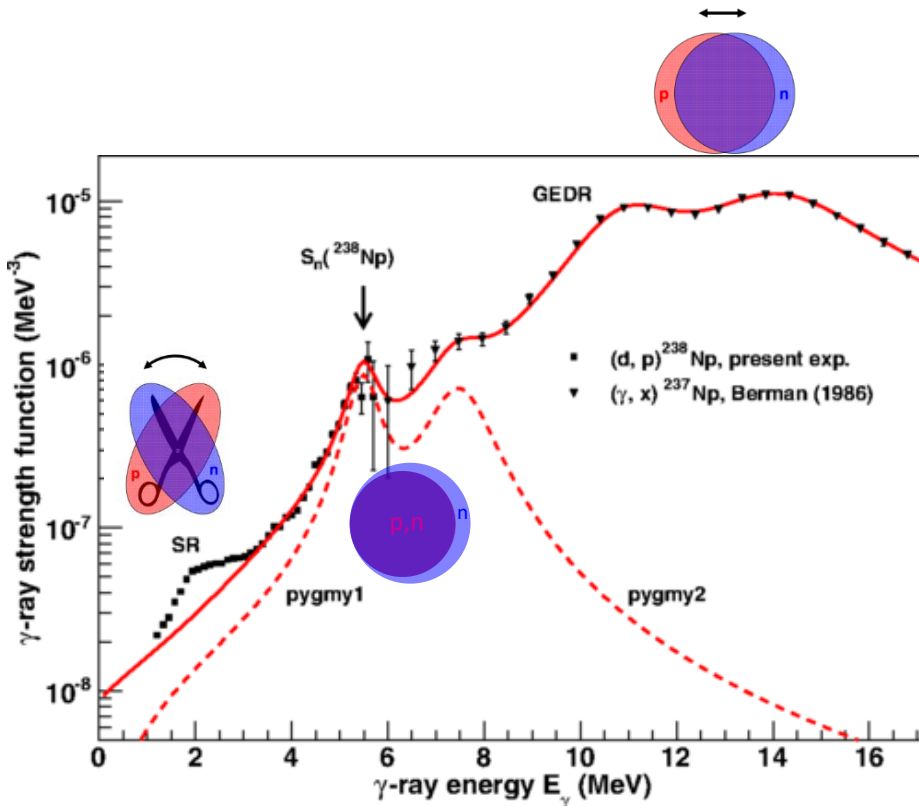
Fermi's golden rule



$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | H_{\text{int}} | i \rangle \right|^2 \rho(E_f)$$

(quasi-)continuum  $\rightarrow$  average quantity

$\gamma$ SF: average probability to decay with  $E_\gamma$



Optical model potential  
Level density

## Gamma strength function

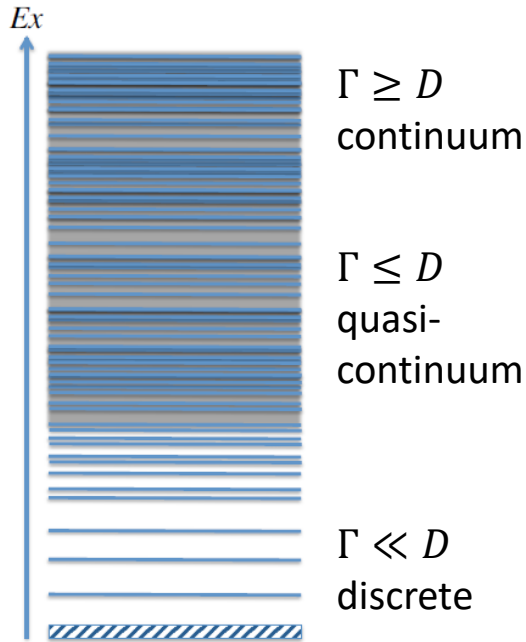
- dominated by Giant Dipole Resonance
- Pygmy Resonances
- Scissors Resonance
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T.G. Tornyi et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C 89, 044323 (2014)

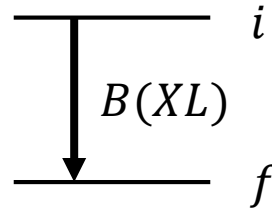


# The quasi-continuum



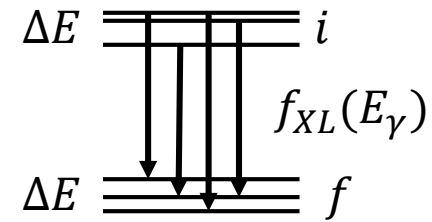
discrete states

$$\frac{E_x}{I\pi}$$



quasi-continuum

$$\Delta E \frac{\rho(E_x)}{\text{levels per MeV}}$$

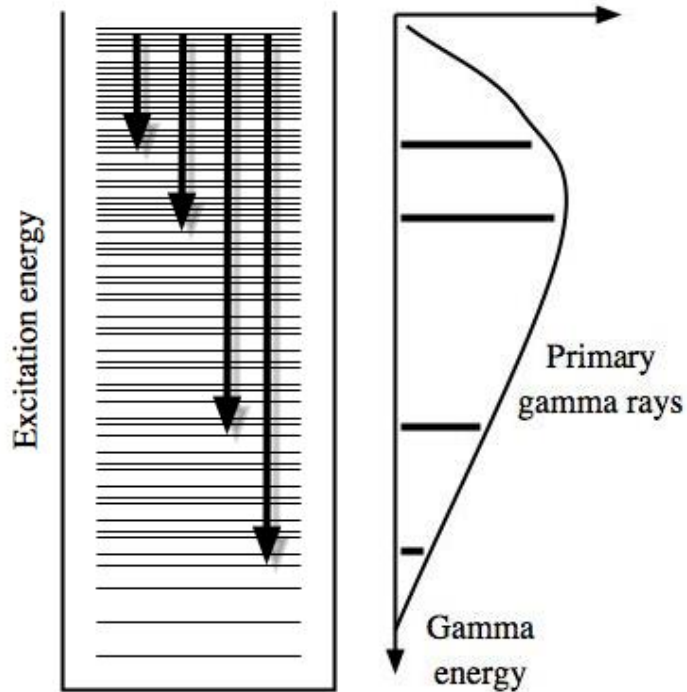
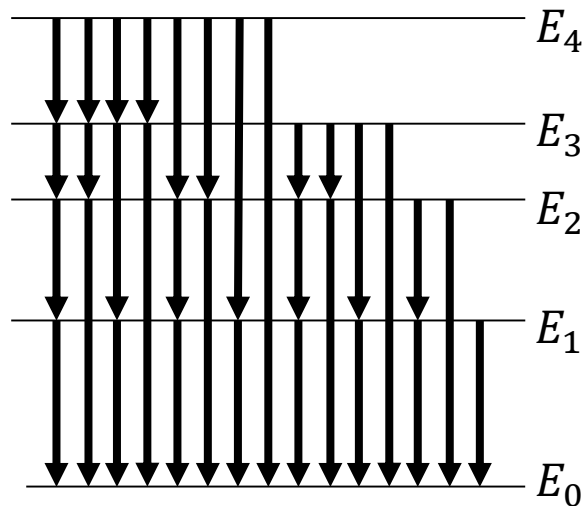


$\Gamma$ : width  
 $D$ : average level spacing

$\gamma$ SF: average nuclear electromagnetic response

$$f_{XL}(E_\gamma) = \frac{\langle \Gamma_{XL}(E_\gamma) \rangle}{D E_\gamma^{2L+1}}$$

# Primary gamma-ray spectra



weighting function  
=  $\gamma$  strength function

Probability to emit a  $\gamma$  ray of energy  $E_\gamma$   
from an initial excitation energy  $E_i$

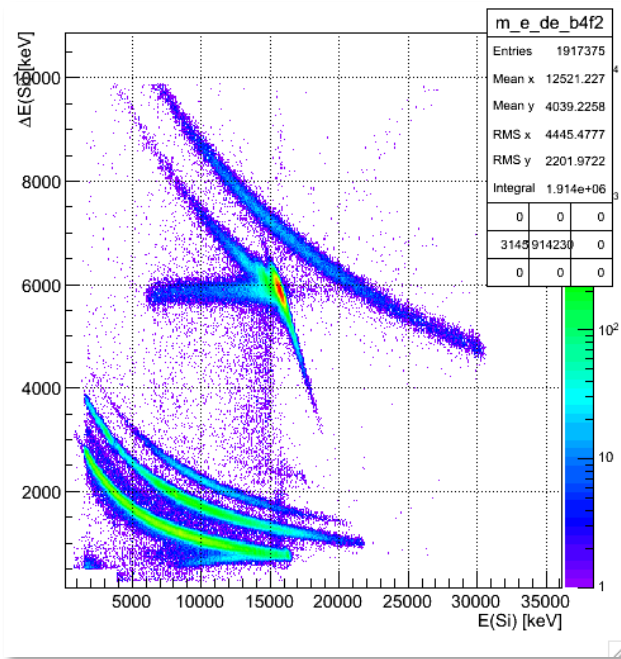
$$P(E_i, E_\gamma) \propto \rho(E_f) T(E_\gamma)$$

Transmission coefficient: 
$$T(E_\gamma) = 2\pi \sum_{XL} E_\gamma^{2L+1} f_{XL}(E_\gamma)$$

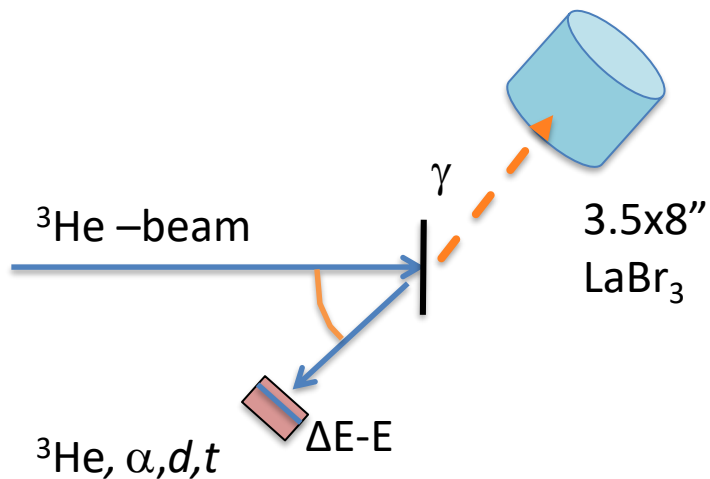
we assume dipole  
(E1,M1) radiation

measure  $P(E_i, E_\gamma) \rightarrow$  level density and  $\gamma$ SF

# Experiments at the Oslo Cyclotron Laboratory



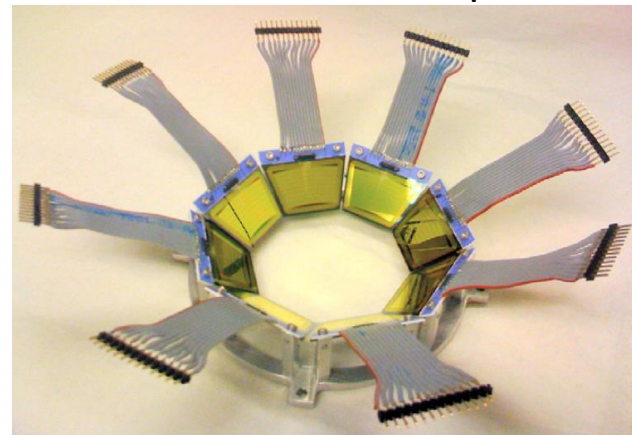
$\Delta E - E$  particle identification  
 reaction kinematics  $\rightarrow$  excitation energy



# Oslo Scintillator Array (OSCAR)

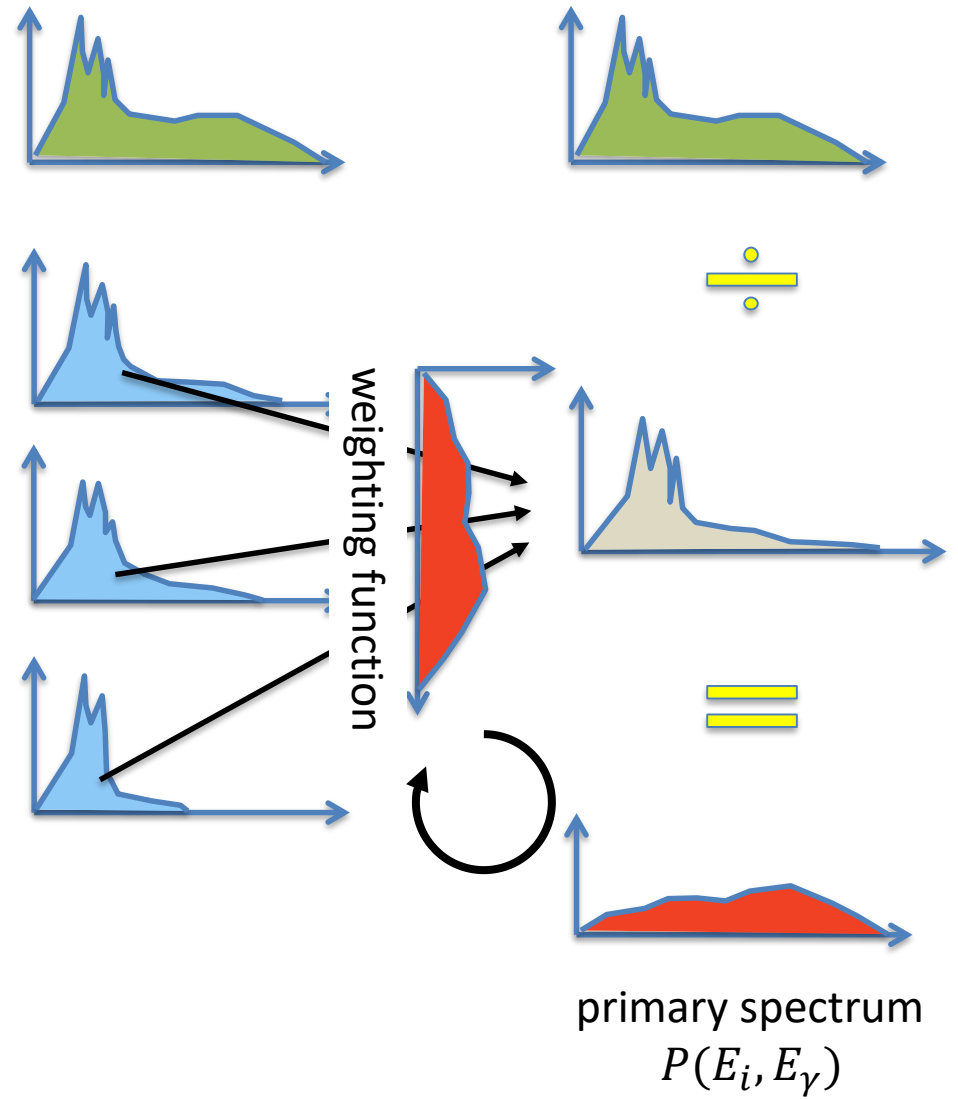
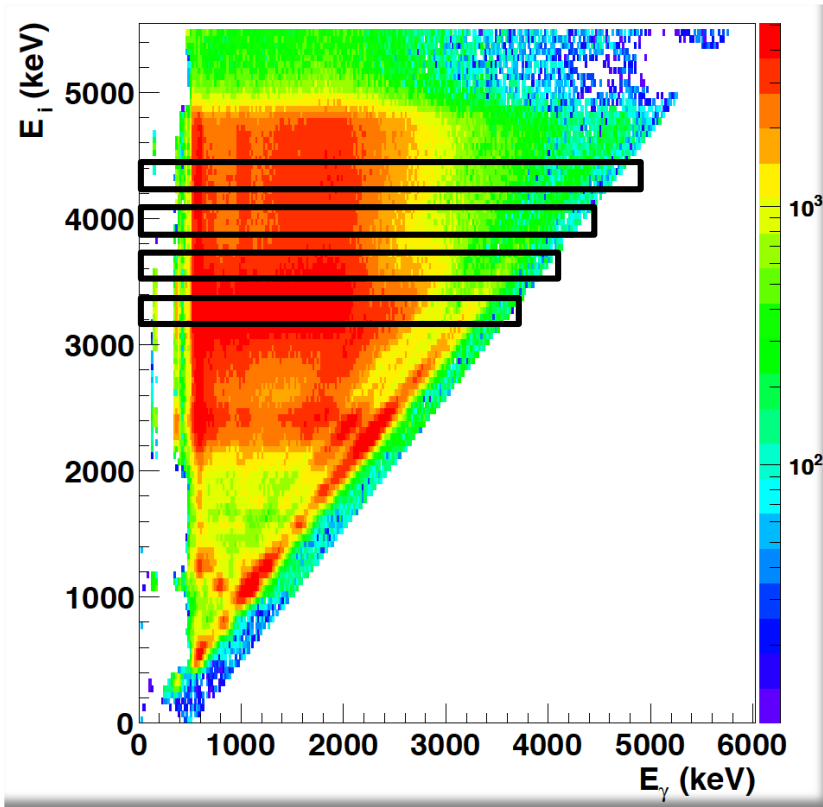


$\Delta E - E$  Si telescopes



M.Guttormsen et al., NIM A 648, 168 (2011)

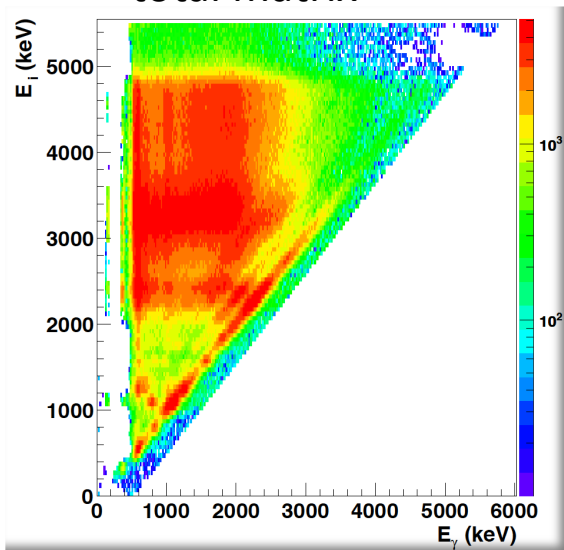
# The Oslo Method



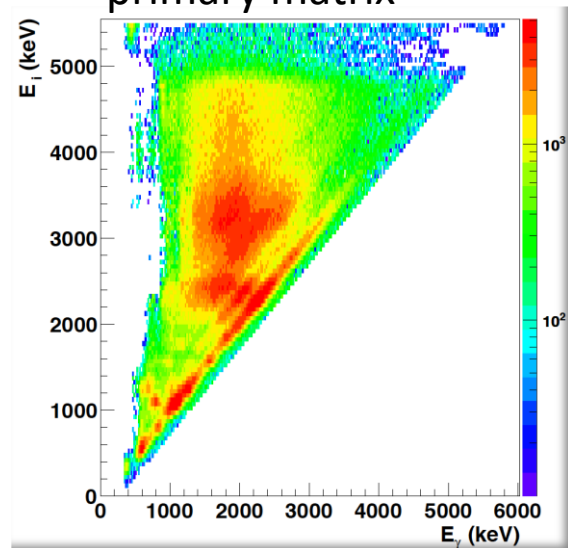
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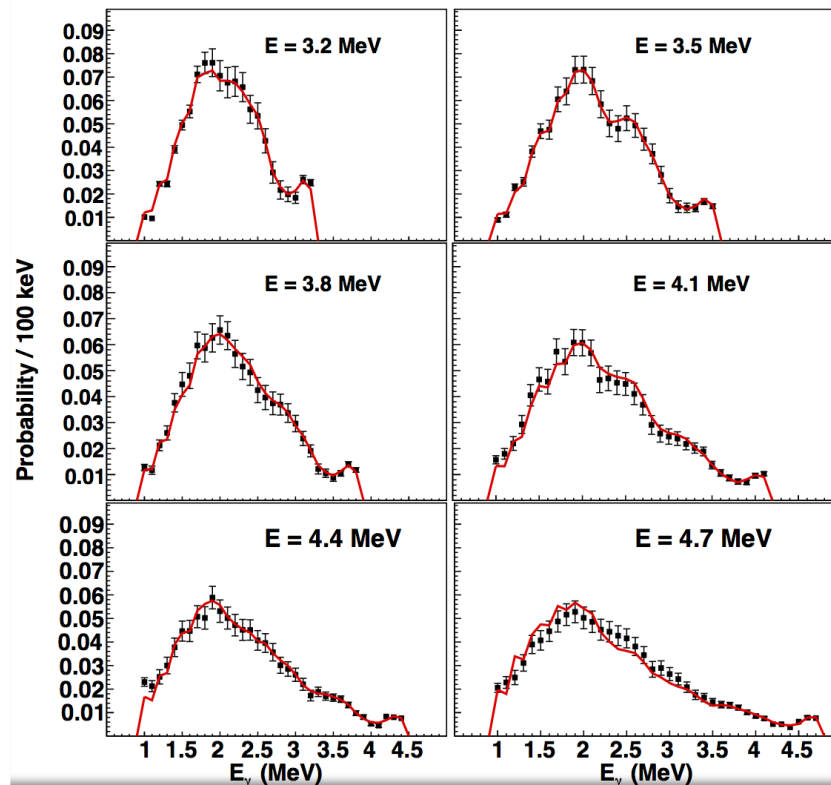
total matrix



primary matrix

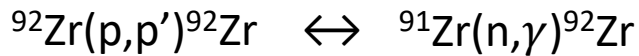
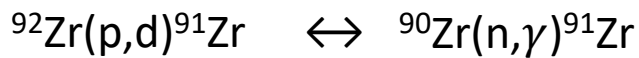
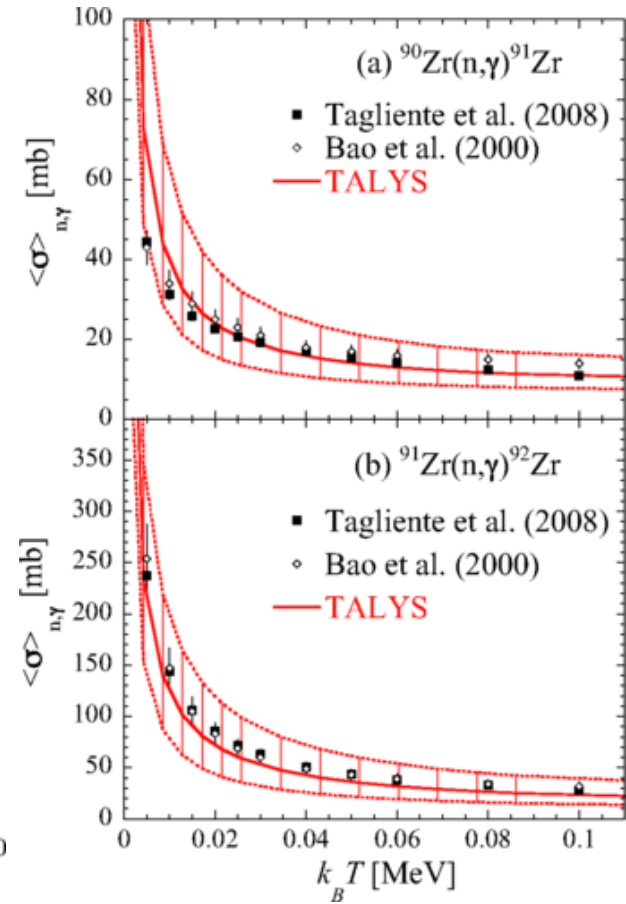
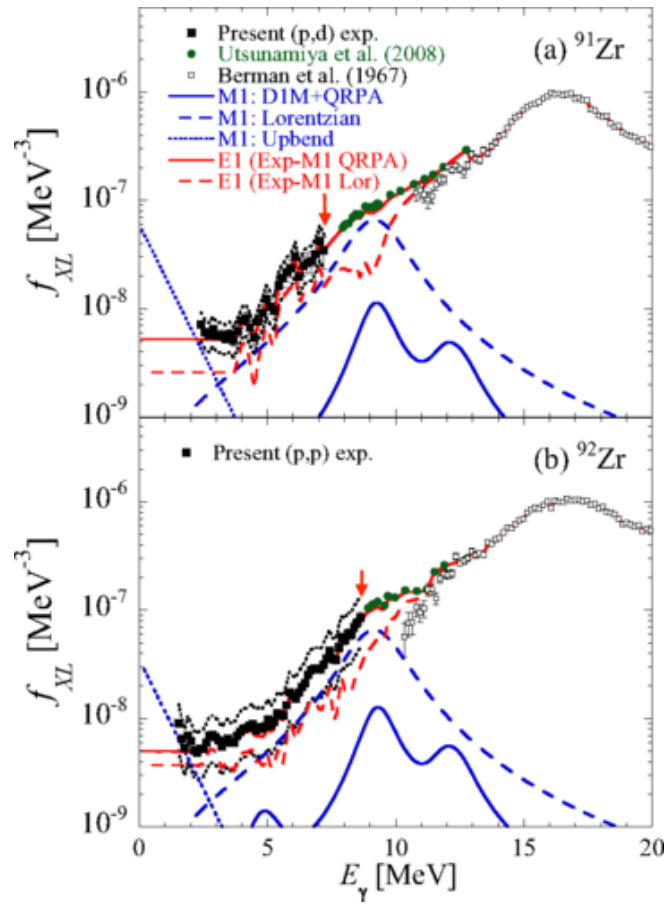
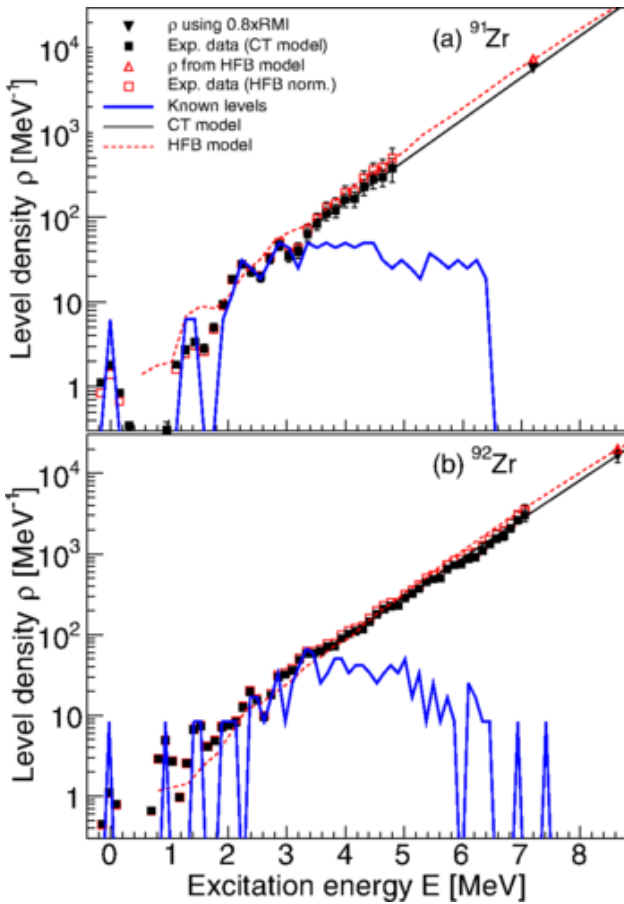


$$P(E_i, E_\gamma) \propto \rho(E_f)T(E_\gamma)$$



A. Schiller et al., NIM A 447, 498 (2000)  
A.C. Larsen et al., PRC 83, 034315 (2011)

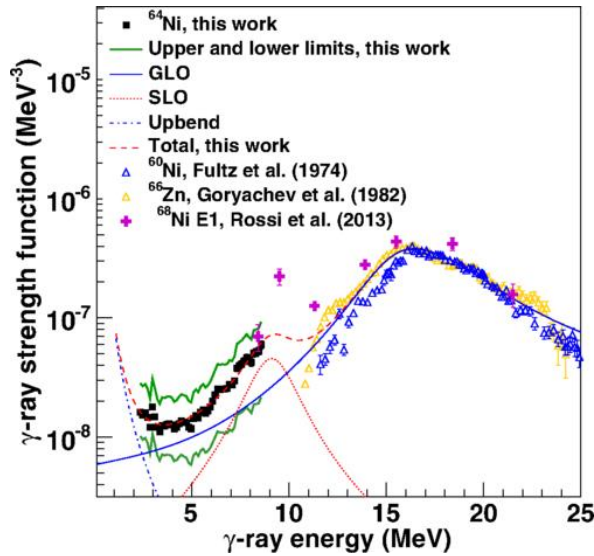
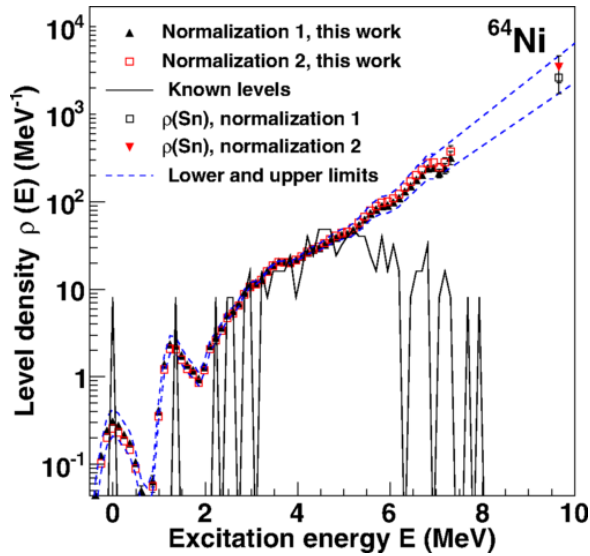
# NLD and $\gamma$ SF from charged-particle reactions to constrain $(n, \gamma)$ reactions



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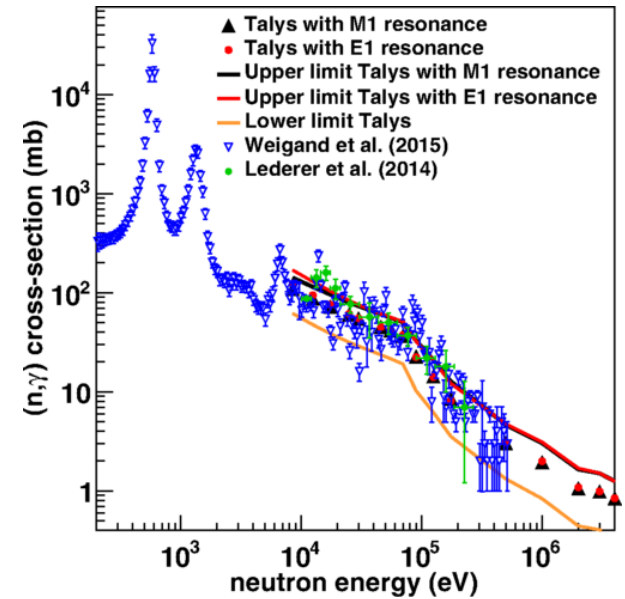
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# $^{64}\text{Ni}(p,p')^{64}\text{Ni}$ : experiment with stable target

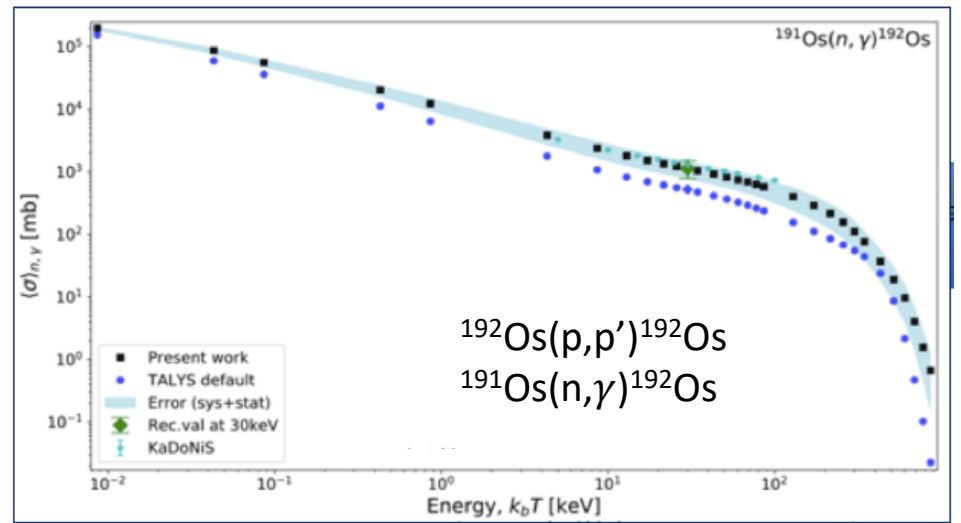
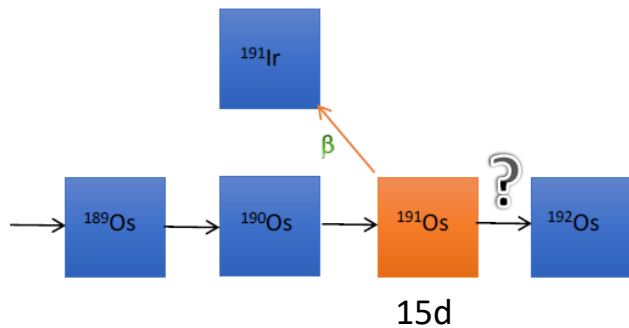


L. Crespo Campo, PRC 94, 044321 (2016)

# constrain $^{63}\text{Ni}(n,\gamma)^{64}\text{Ni}$ cross section for radioactive $^{63}\text{Ni}$



also for nuclei that are not accessible for direct reactions

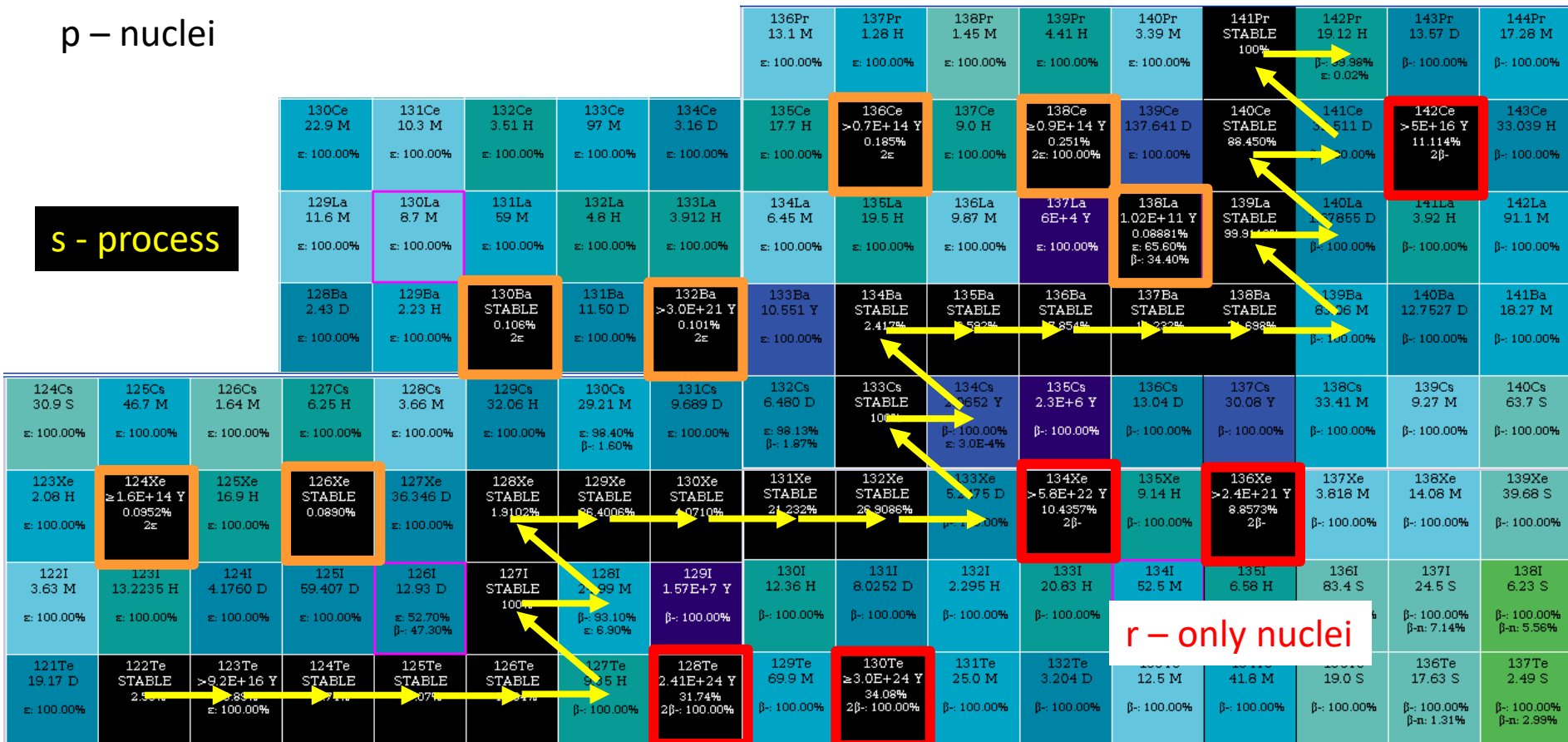


I. Kullmann, MSc Thesis Univ. Oslo (2018)

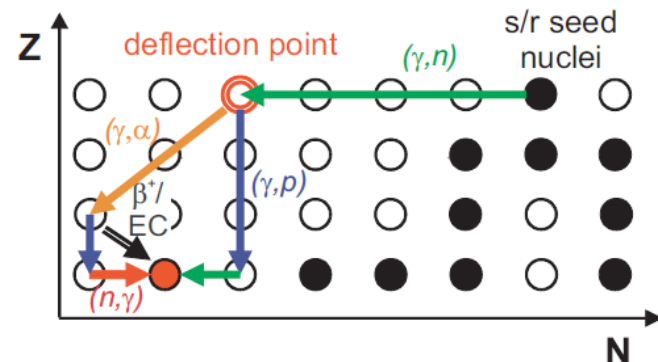


p – nuclei

s - process



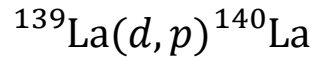
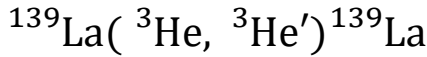
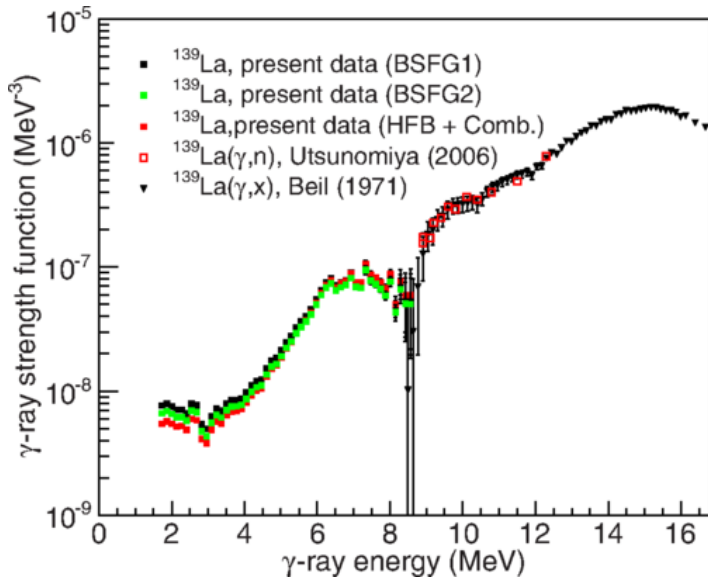
- proton capture ( $p, \gamma$ ) ?  
difficult to find suitable environments  
because of Coulomb barrier
- photodisintegration ( $\gamma$  process)
- neutrino-induced processes ( $\nu$  process)  
(core-collapse supernovae)



T. Rauscher et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 76, 066201 (2013)

# Galactic production of $^{138}\text{La}$

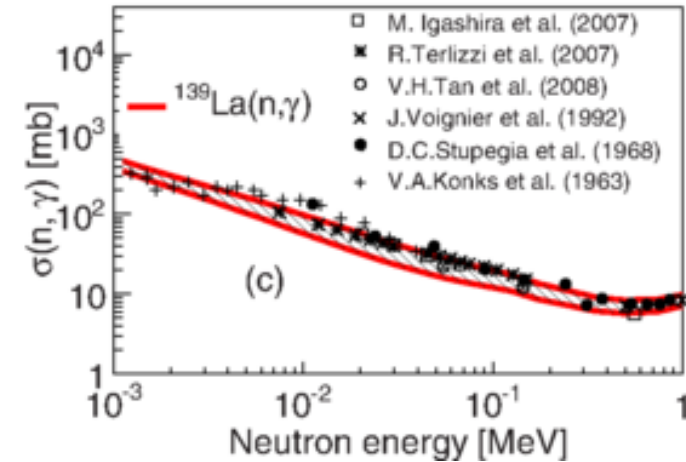
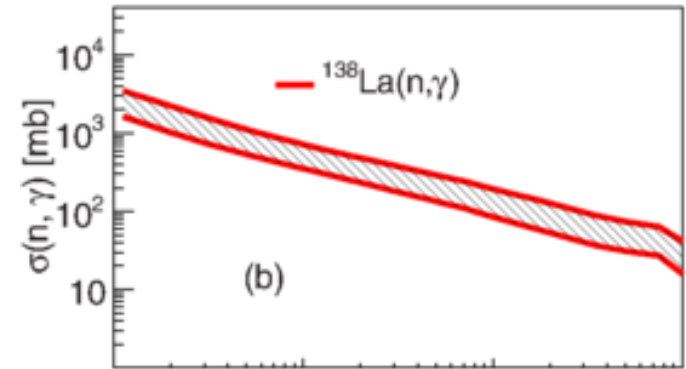
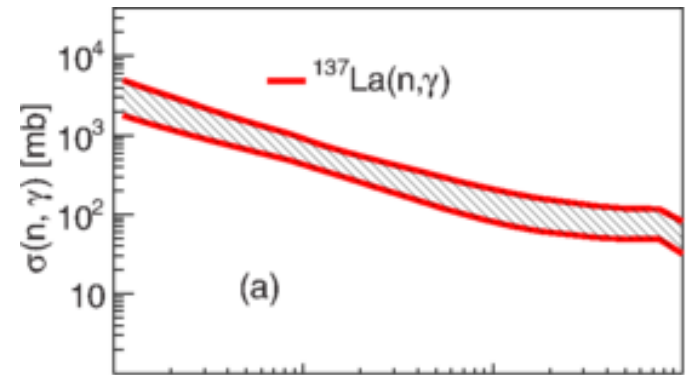
$^{136}\text{Ce}$ >0.7E+14 Y 0.185% 2e	$^{137}\text{Ce}$ 9.0 H e: 100.00%	$^{138}\text{Ce}$ ≥0.9E+14 Y 0.251% 2e: 100.00%	$^{139}\text{Ce}$ 137.641 D e: 100.00%	$^{140}\text{Ce}$ STABLE 88.450%	$^{141}\text{Ce}$ 32.511 D β-: 100.00%	$^{142}\text{Ce}$ >5E+14 Y 11.1% 2e
$^{135}\text{La}$ 19.5 H e: 100.00%	$^{136}\text{La}$ 9.87 M e: 100.00%	$^{137}\text{La}$ 6E+4 Y e: 100.00%	$^{138}\text{La}$ 1.02E+11 Y 0.08881% e: 65.60% β-: 34.4%	$^{139}\text{La}$ STABLE 99.9119%	$^{140}\text{La}$ 1.67855 D β-: 100.00%	$^{141}\text{La}$ 3.9 H β-: 100.00%
$^{134}\text{Ba}$ STABLE 2.417%	$^{135}\text{Ba}$ STABLE 6.592%	$^{136}\text{Ba}$ STABLE 7.854%	$^{137}\text{Ba}$ STABLE 11.232%	$^{138}\text{Ba}$ STABLE 71.698%	$^{139}\text{Ba}$ 83.06 M β-: 100.00%	$^{140}\text{Ba}$ 12.75 H β-: 100.00%
$^{133}\text{Cs}$	$^{134}\text{Cs}$	$^{135}\text{Cs}$	$^{136}\text{Cs}$	$^{137}\text{Cs}$	$^{138}\text{Cs}$	$^{139}\text{Cs}$



experiments

→ NLD &  $\gamma\text{SF}$

→  $\sigma_{(n,\gamma)}$ ,  $\sigma_{(\gamma,n)}$

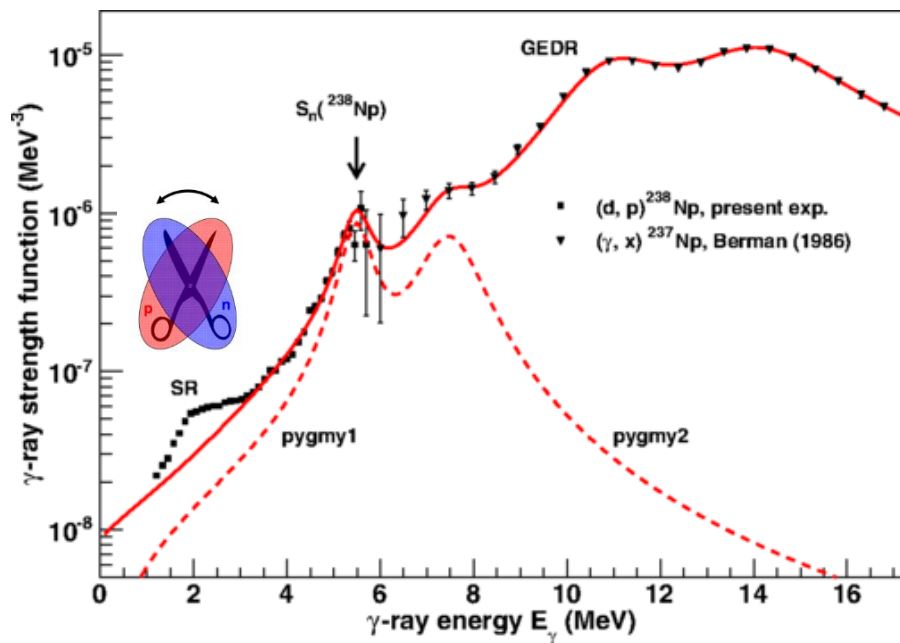


→ need neutrino processes to explain  $^{138}\text{La}$  abundance

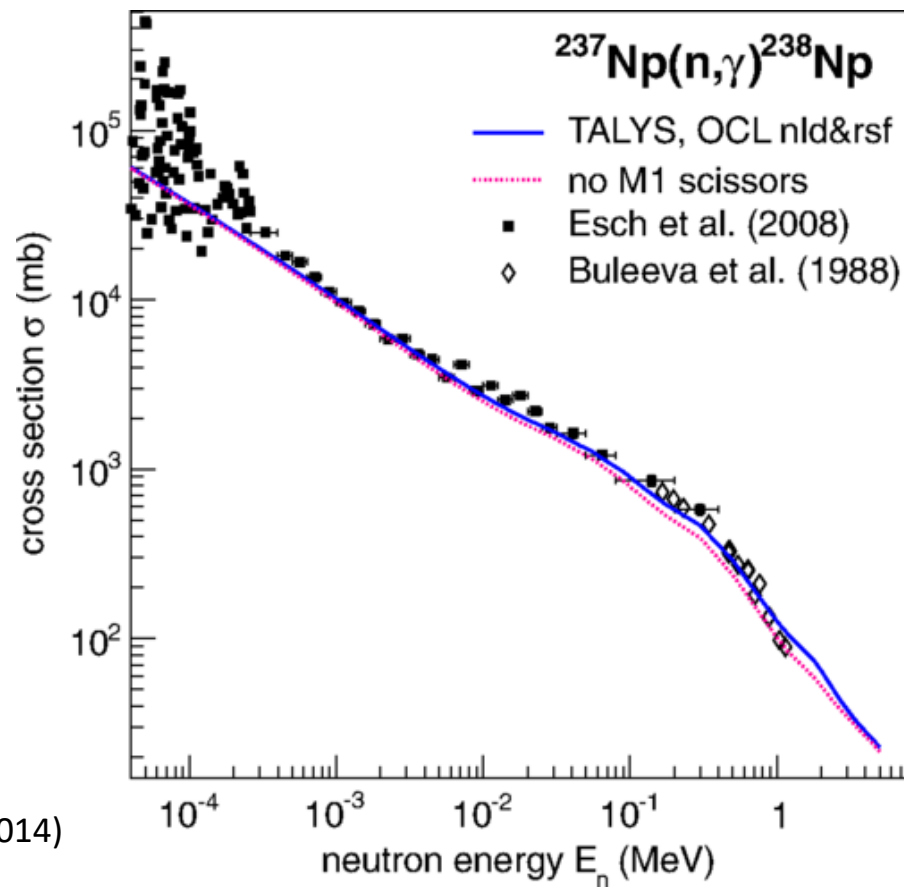
B.V. Kheswa et al., Phys. Lett. B 744, 268 (2015)

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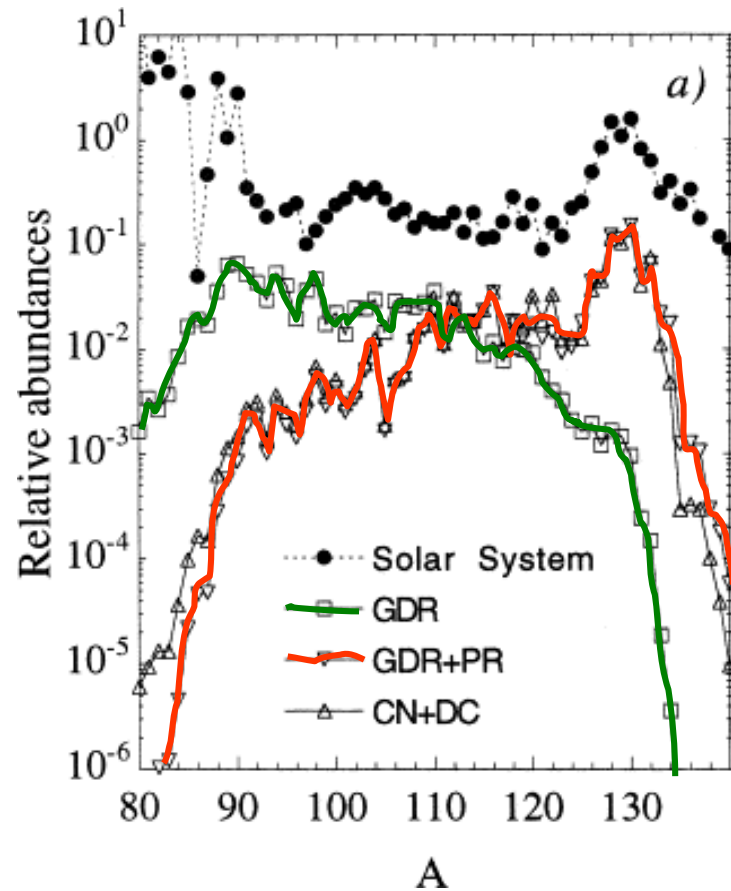
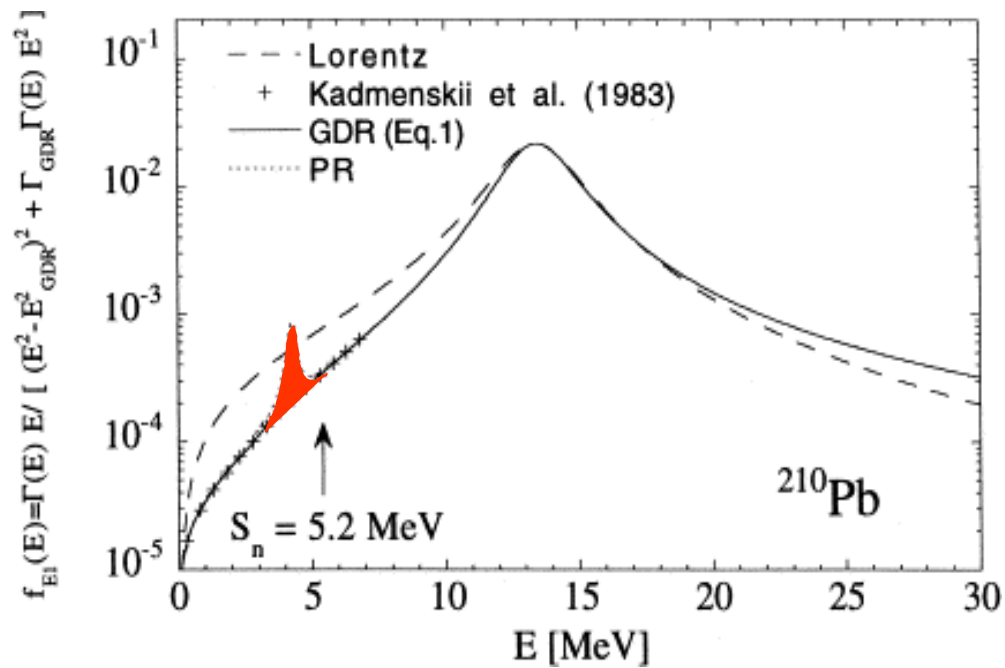
# Do small resonances matter?



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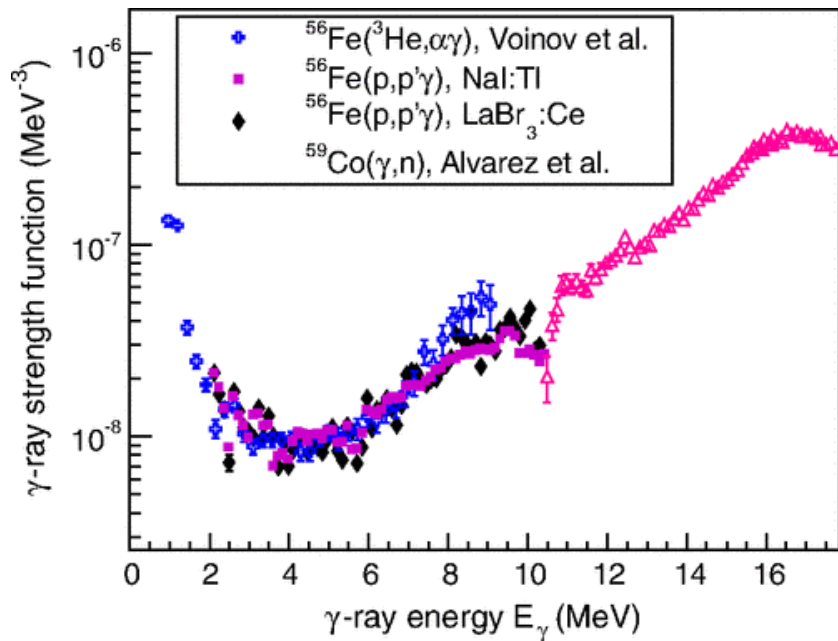


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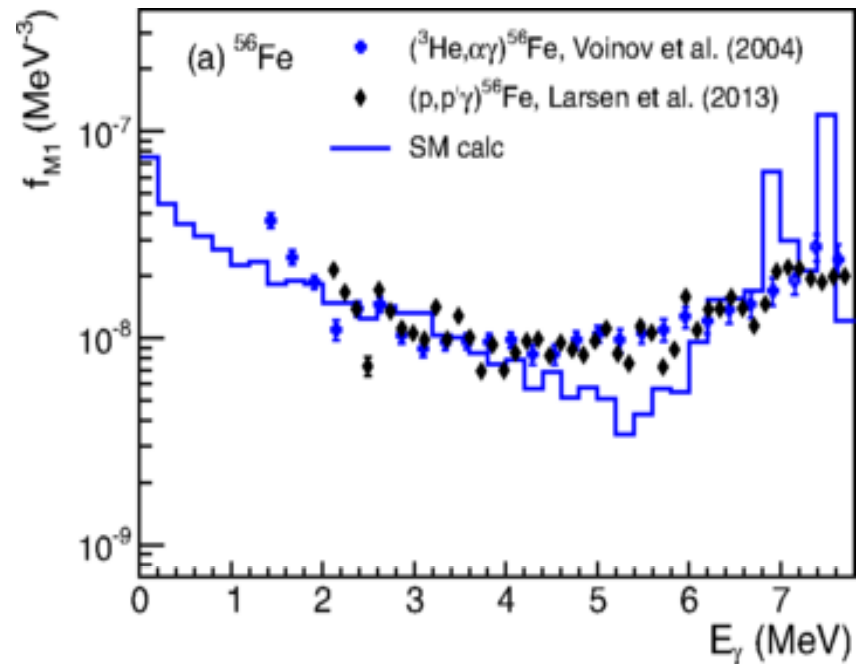
S. Goriely, Phys. Lett. B 436, 10 (1998)

## Low-energy enhancement of $\gamma$ SF



A. Voinov et al, PRL 93, 142504 (2004)

A.C. Larsen et al., PRL 111, 242504 (2013)

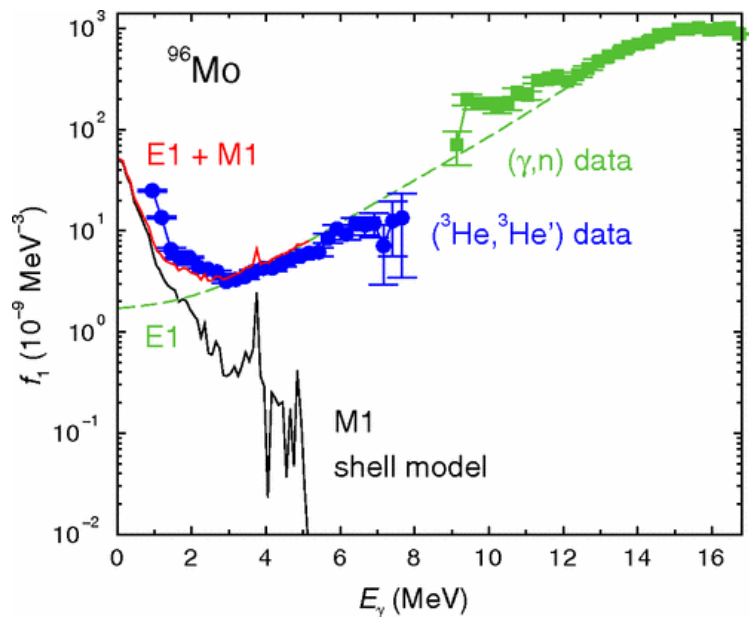


B. Alex Brown and A. C. Larsen

PRL 113, 252502 (2014)

- caused by  $0\hbar\omega$  transitions
- reorientation of the spins of high-j proton and neutron orbits

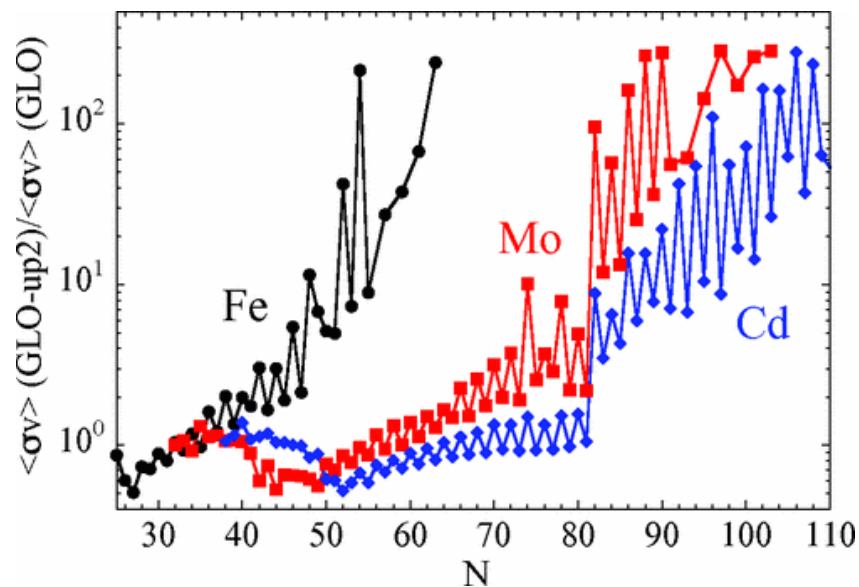
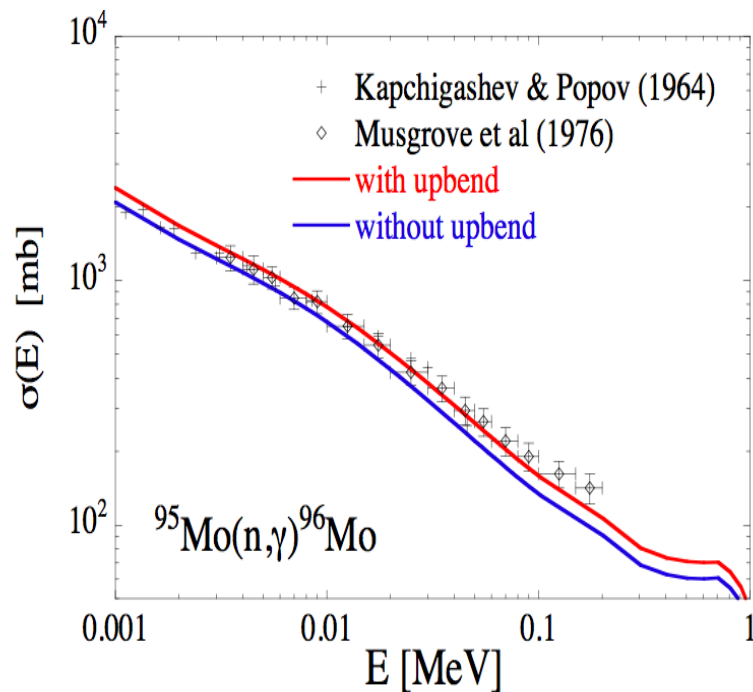
# Consequences of low-energy enhancement



M. Guttormsen et al., PRC 71, 044307 (2005)

R. Schwengner et al., PRL 111, 232504 (2013)

- large increase in  $(n, \gamma)$  cross section for neutron-rich nuclei?
- measure NLD and  $\gamma\text{SF}$  for neutron-rich nuclei?

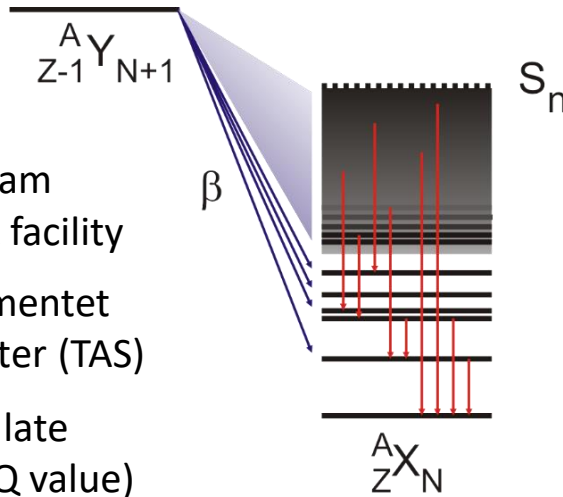


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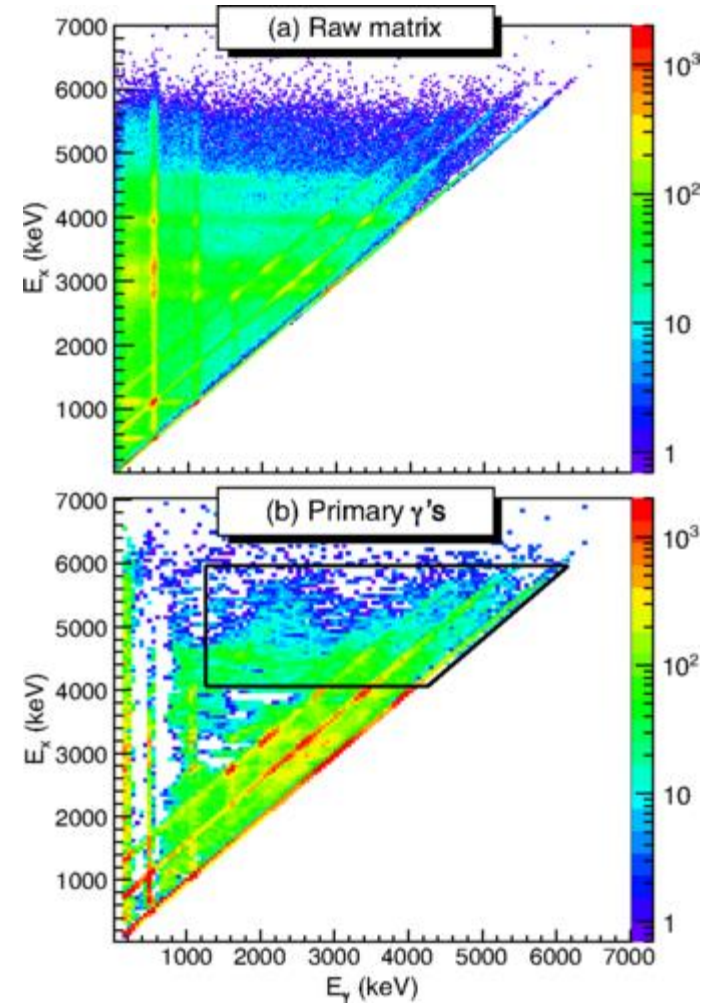


# The beta-Oslo method

- neutron-rich radioactive beam from fragmentation or ISOL facility
- implant ions in a large, segmented total absorption spectrometer (TAS)
- wait for beta decay to populate highly excited states (large Q value)
- get excitation energy from sum spectrum
- get individual cascades from segments
- apply Oslo method to get NLD and  $\gamma$ SF
- calculate  $(n, \gamma)$  cross section

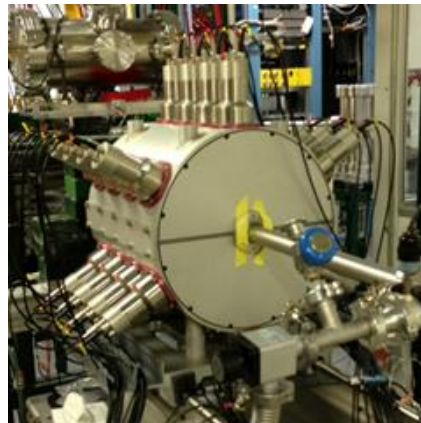
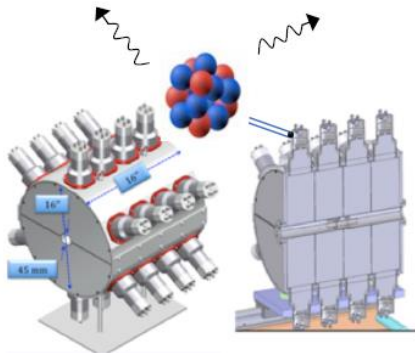


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A. Spyrou et al.,  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 232502 (2014)

## SuN at NSCL/MSU



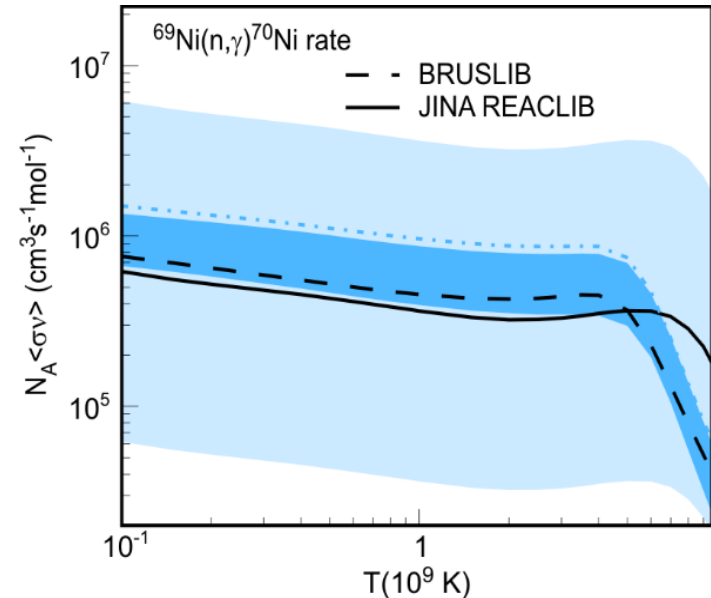
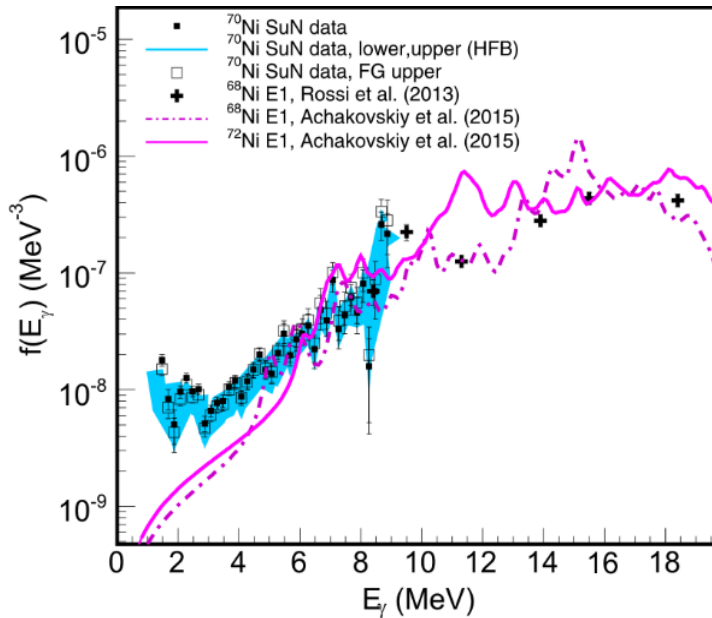
A. Simon et al., NIM A 703, 16 (2013)



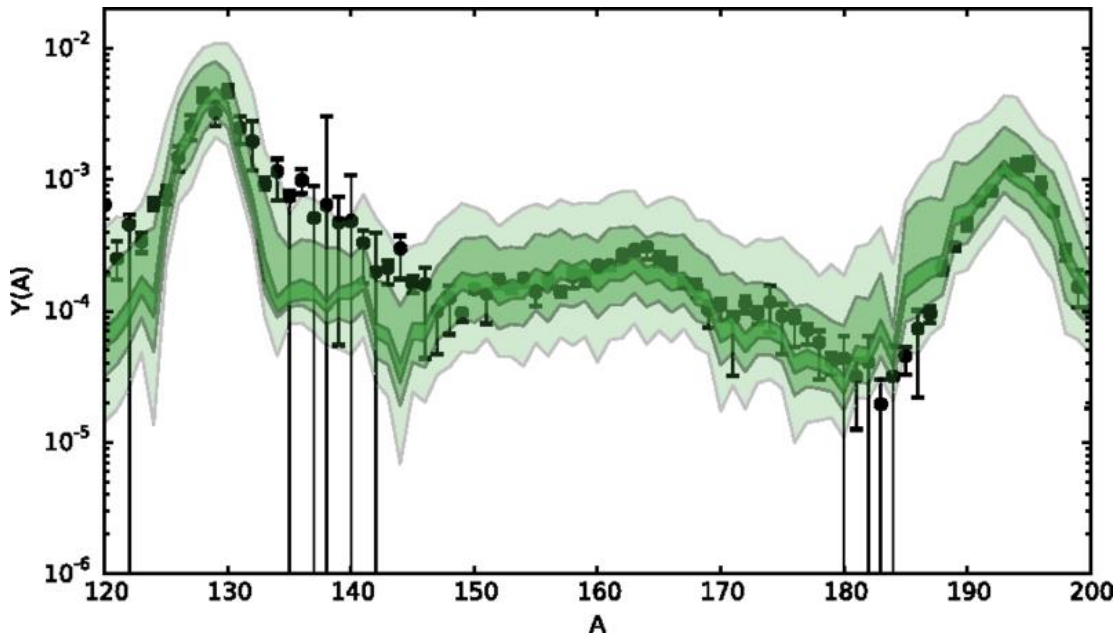
# Constraint on $(n, \gamma)$ cross section far from stability

64Ni STABLE 0.9255%	65Ni 2.5175 H $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	66Ni 54.6 H $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	67Ni 21 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	68Ni 29 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	69Ni 11.4 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	70Ni 6.0 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	71Ni 2.56 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%
63Co 27.4 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	64Co 0.30 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	65Co 1.16 S $\beta^-$ : 100.00%	66Co 209 MS $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n	67Co 329 MS $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n	68Co 99 MS $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n	69Co 180 MS $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n	70Co 14 MS $\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -2n

- fragmentation of  $^{86}\text{Kr}$  beam at 140 MeV/u on  $^9\text{Be}$
- secondary  $^{70}\text{Co}$  beam from A1900 fragment separator
- implanted into SuN TAS
- apply  $\beta$ -Oslo method for  $^{70}\text{Ni}$
- calculate  $^{69}\text{Ni}(n, \gamma)^{70}\text{Ni}$  cross section

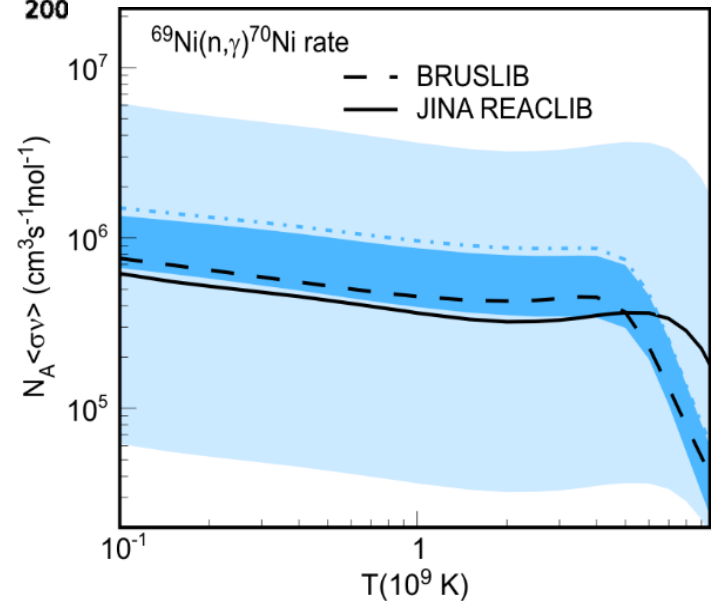


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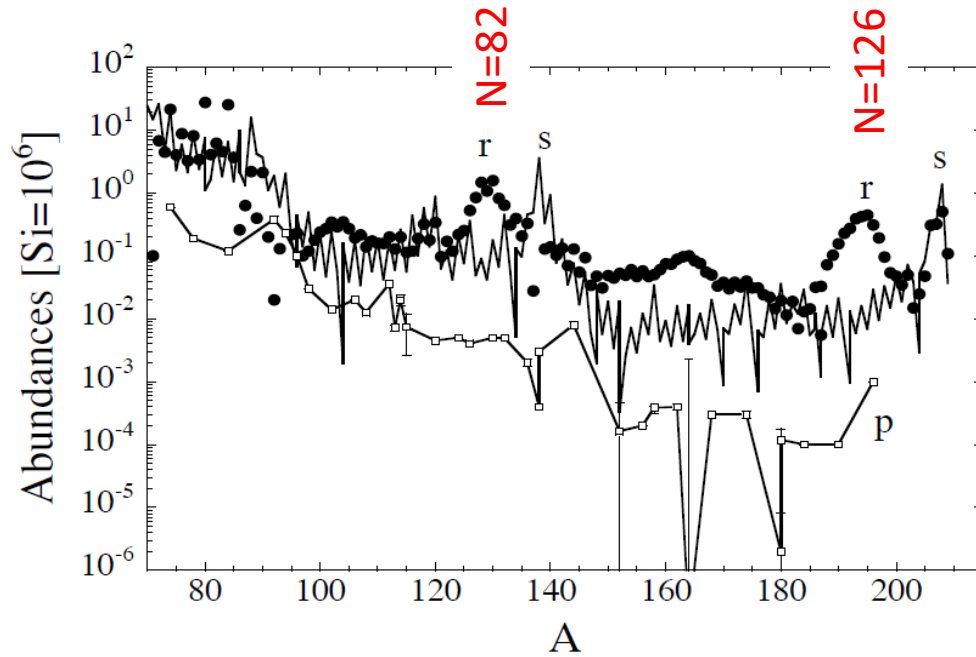


r-process abundances and sensitivity to  $(n, \gamma)$  cross sections (Monte Carlo):

- factor 100
- factor 10
- factor 2



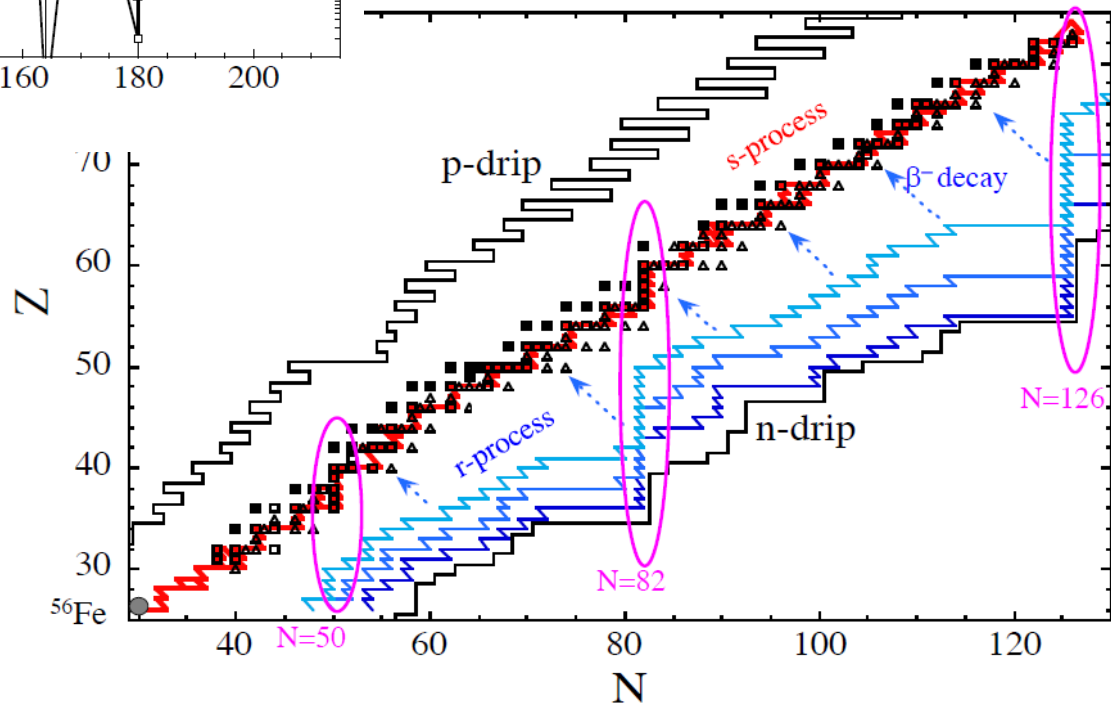
# Abundance of heavy elements in the universe (solar system)



M. Arnould et al.,  
Phys. Rep. 450, 97 (2007)

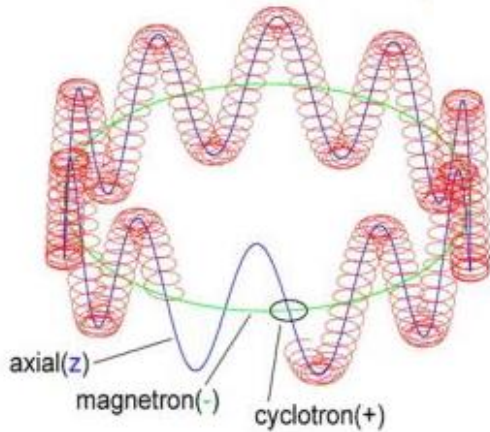
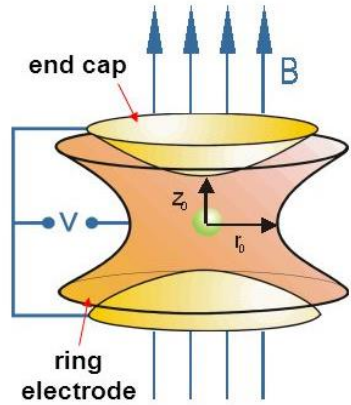
closed shells at  $N = 82, 126$

- low cross section for neutron capture
- importance of
  - nuclear structure
  - half-lives
  - masses



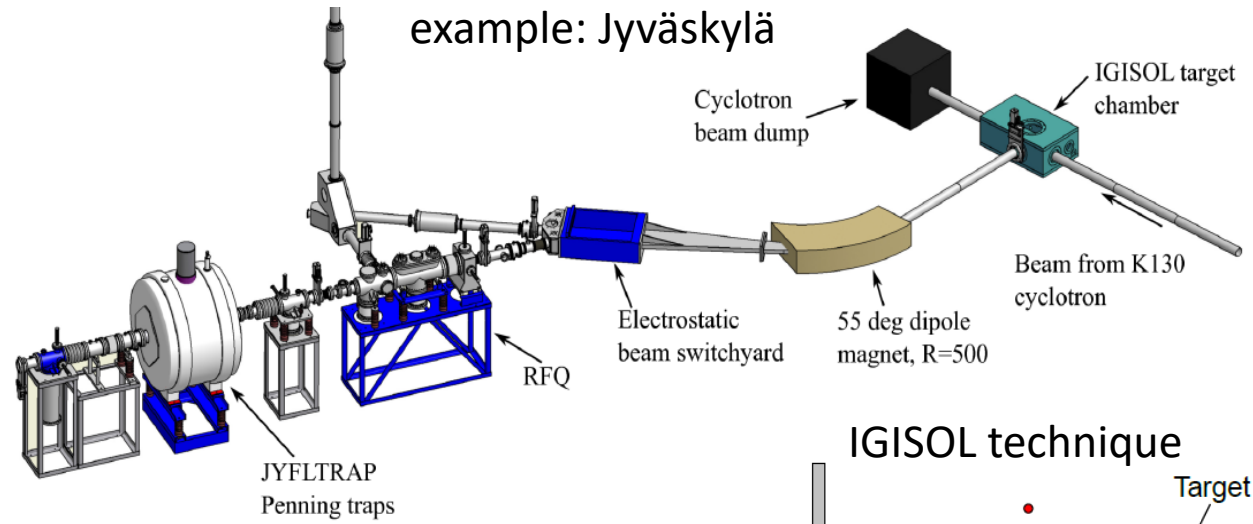
# Mass measurements

## Penning trap



cyclotron frequency: 
$$\omega_c = \frac{qB}{m}$$

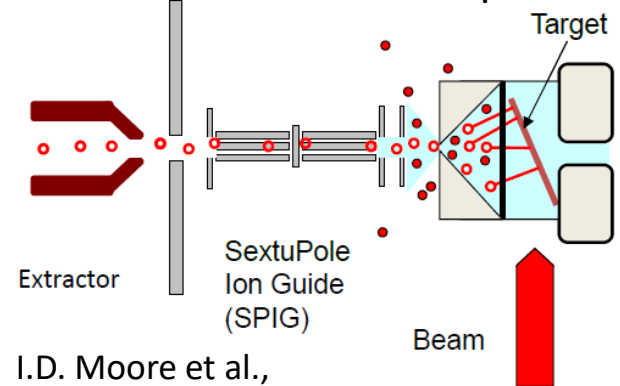
## example: Jyväskylä



T. Eronen et al.,  
Eur. Phys. J. A 48, 46 (2012)

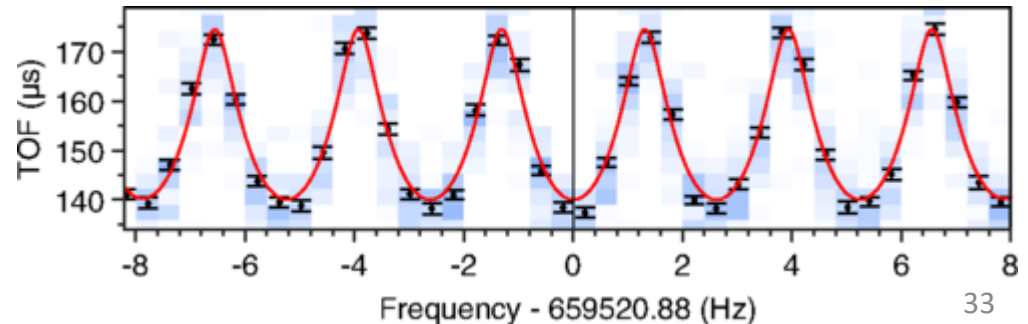
- 3 eigenmotions:
- axial ( $\omega_z$ )
  - magnetron ( $\omega_-$ )
  - modified cyclotron ( $\omega_+$ )

## IGISOL technique

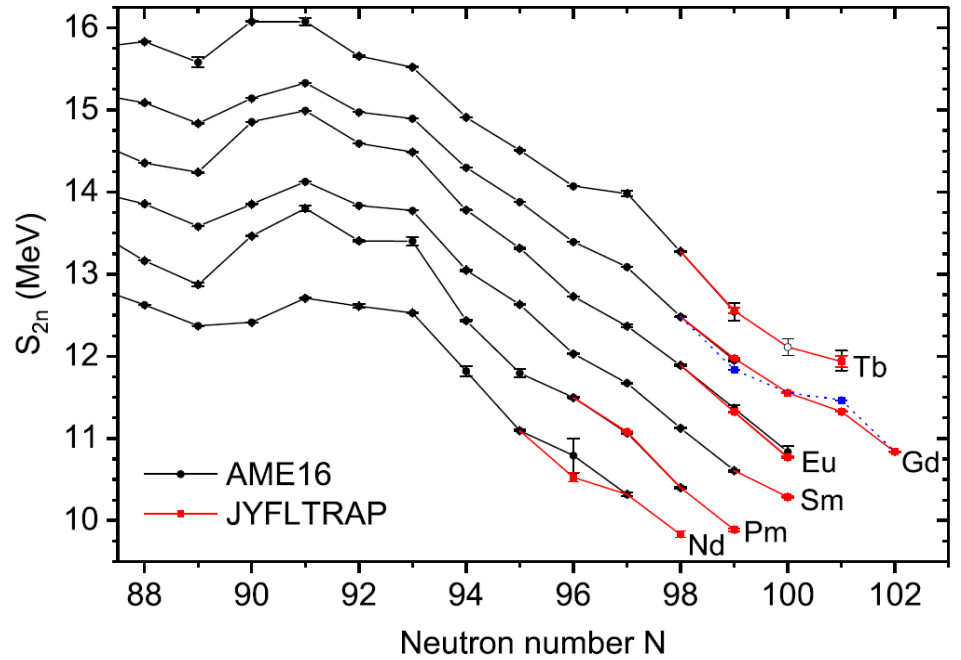
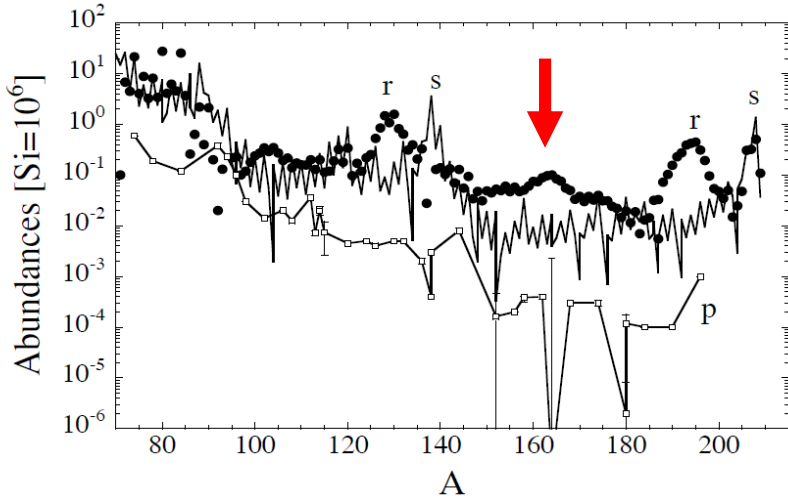


I.D. Moore et al.,  
NIM B 317, 2018 (2013)

very high precision:  $\Delta m/m \approx 10^{-8}$



# Mass measurements in the rare earth peak at JYFL



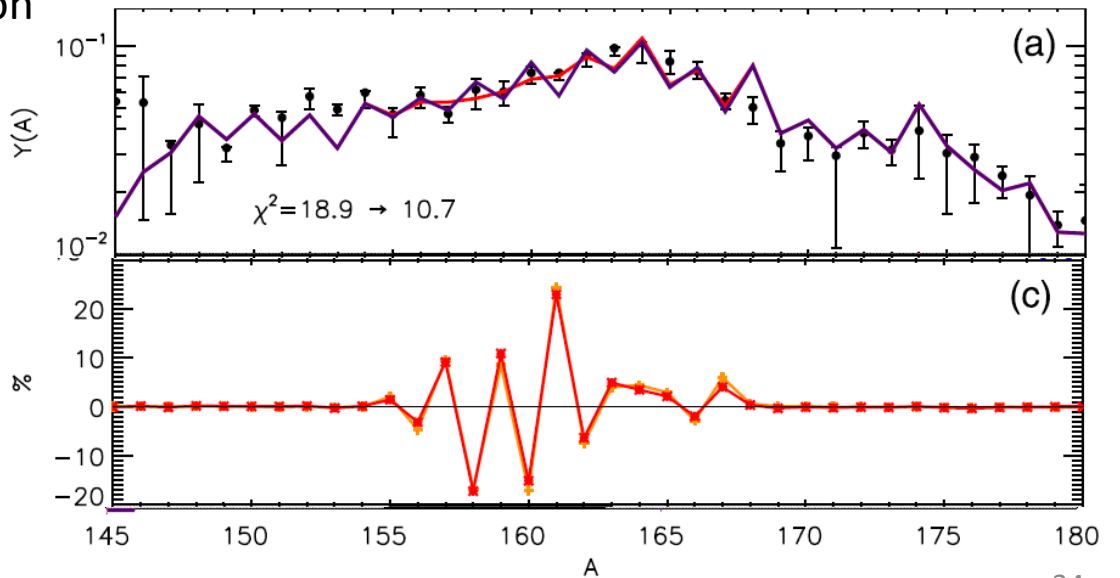
M. Vilen et al., PRL 120, 262701 (2018)

abundance calculations for neutron star merger using masses from:

- Vilen et al.
- FRDM(2012)

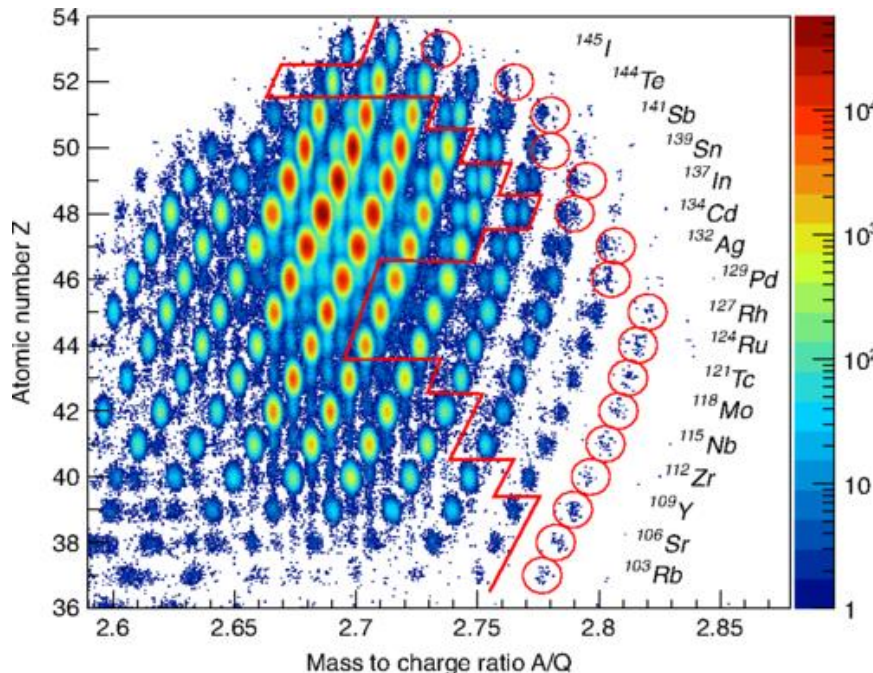
P. Möller et al.,  
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weaker neutron pairing  
than predicted by theory





# Measurement of half-lives at RIKEN

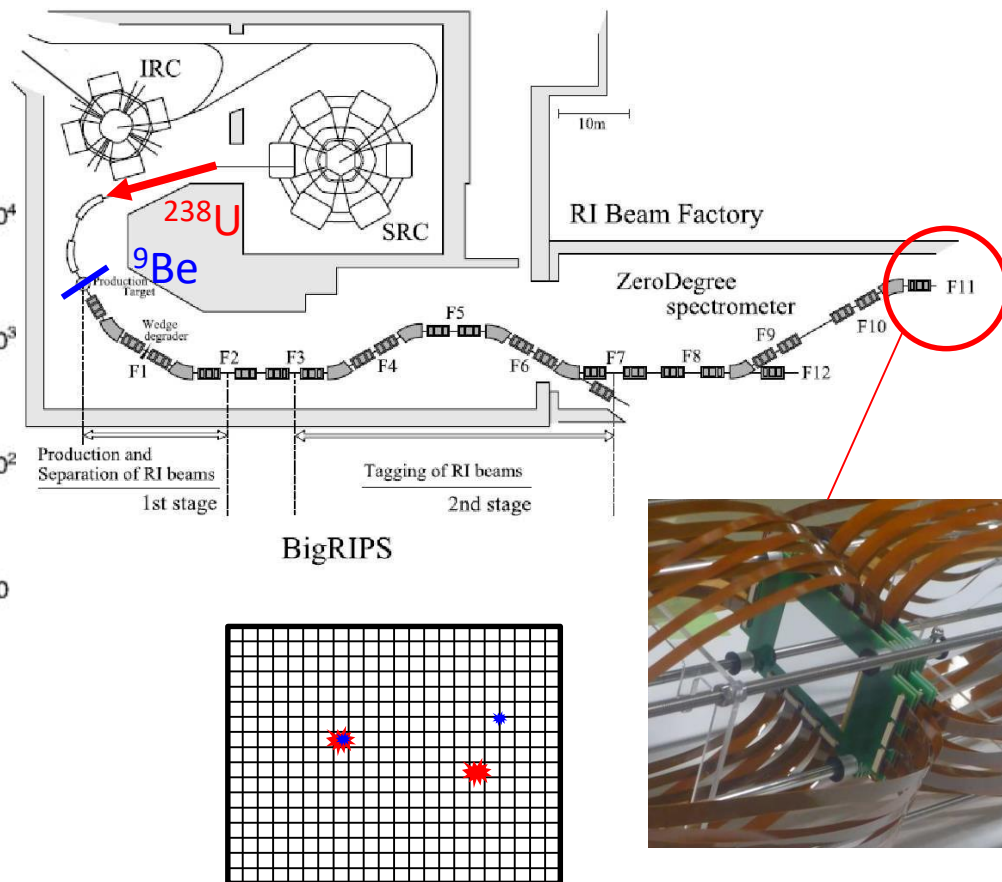


G. Lorusso et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114 (2015)

$Z$ : characteristic energy loss  $\Delta E$  in ionization chamber

$A/Q$ : magnetic rigidity  $B\rho$  in dipole

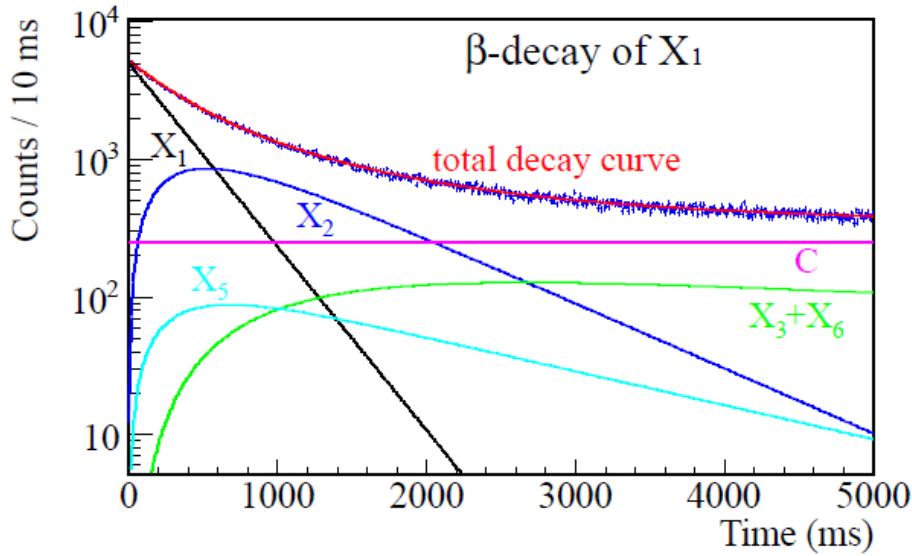
$Q$ : fully stripped



- implant ions in pixelized Si detector
  - start signal (high  $E$ )
- $\beta$  particle in same pixel
  - stop signal (low  $E$ )
- ignore if not correlated in space

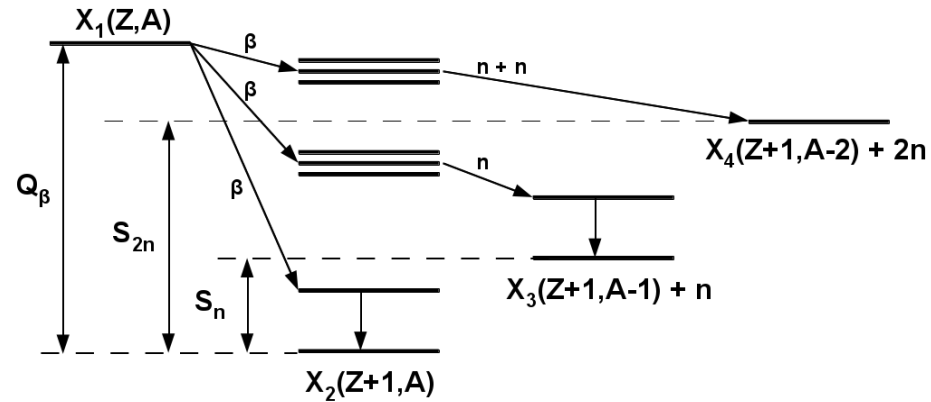
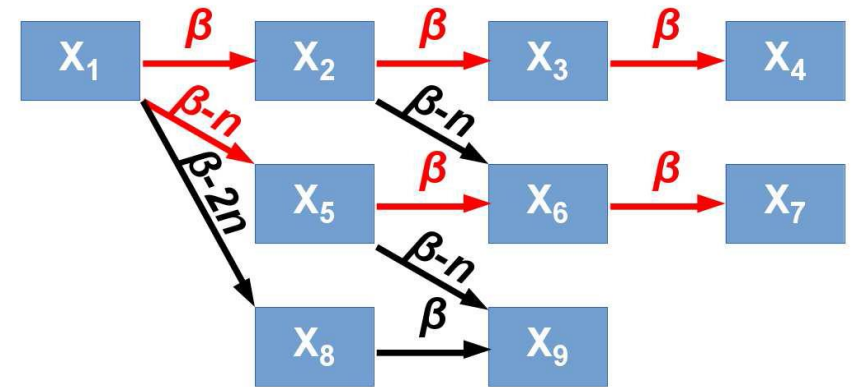


# Decay chains



need to consider

- decay of daughter & granddaughter
- branching for  $\beta$ -delayed neutron emission

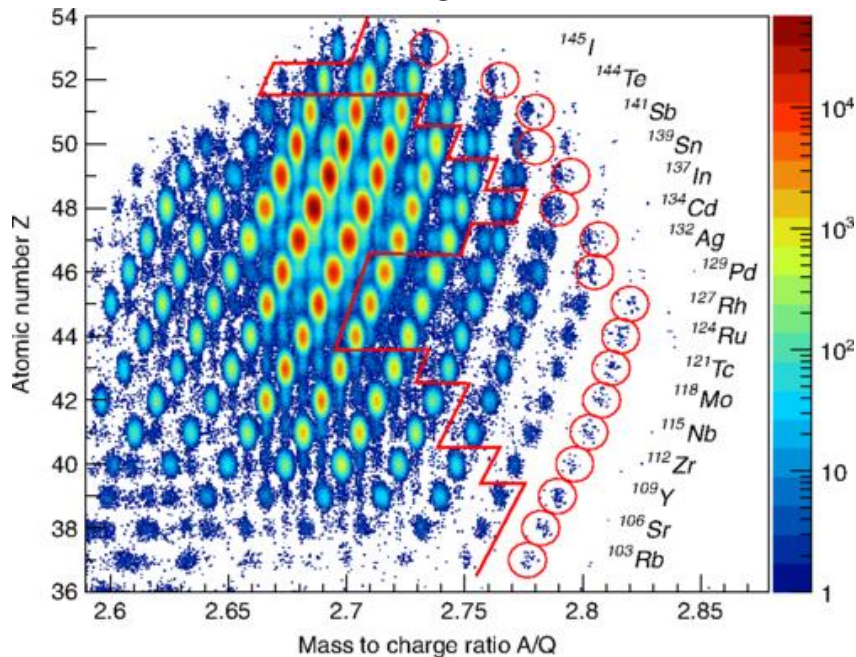
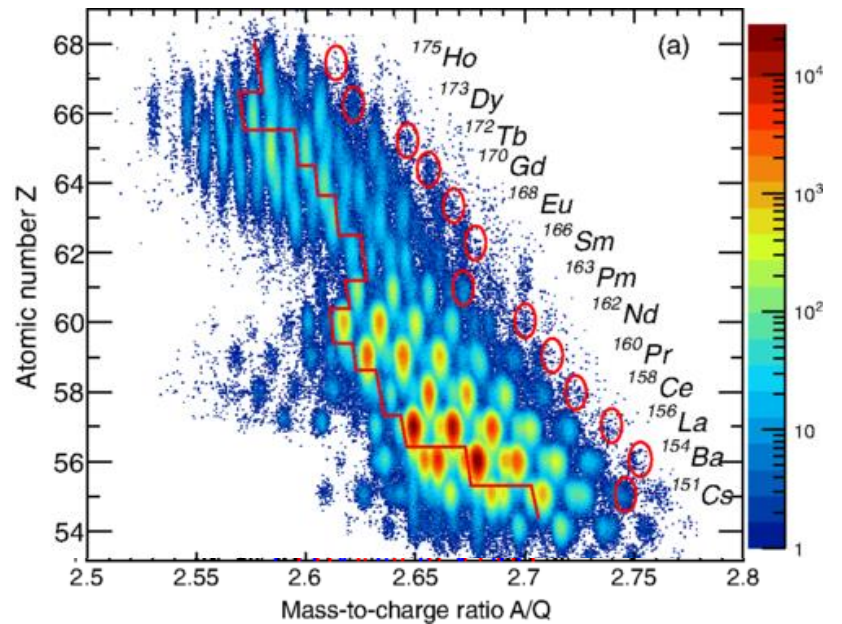


$$\frac{dX_1}{dt} = -\lambda_1 X_1$$

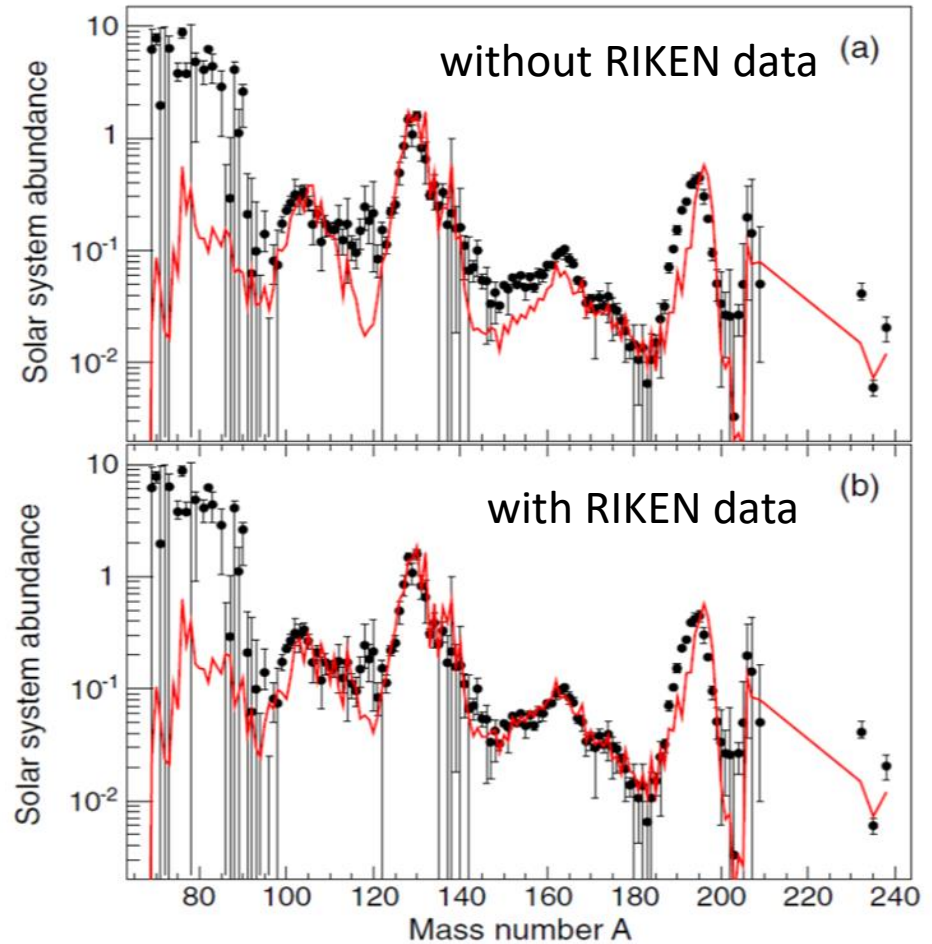
$$\frac{dX_2}{dt} = -\lambda_2 X_2 + \lambda_1 X_1 P_{\beta 1}$$

$$\frac{dX_3}{dt} = -\lambda_3 X_3 + \lambda_2 X_2 P_{\beta 2}$$

## > 200 new half-lives



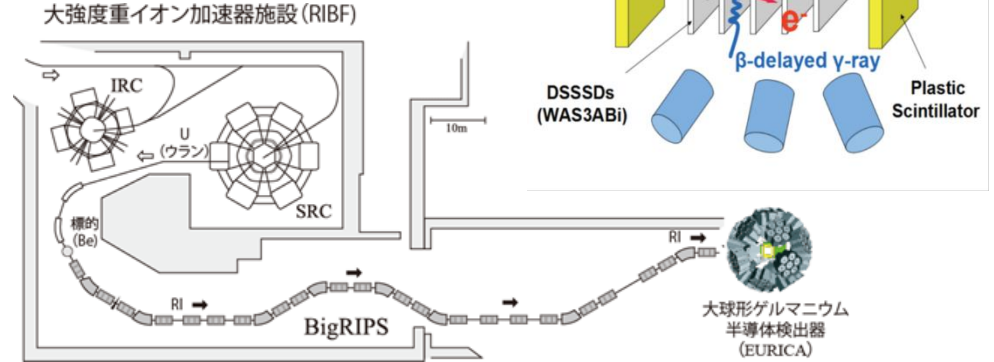
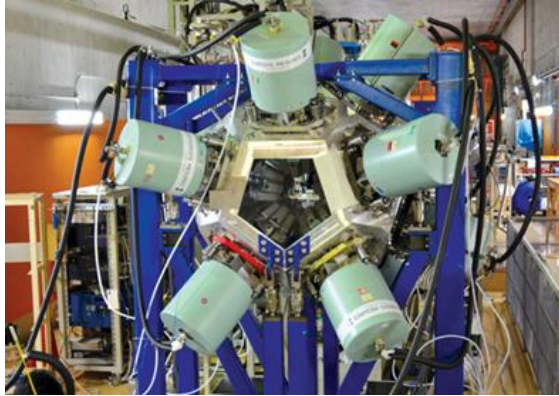
## reaction network calculations



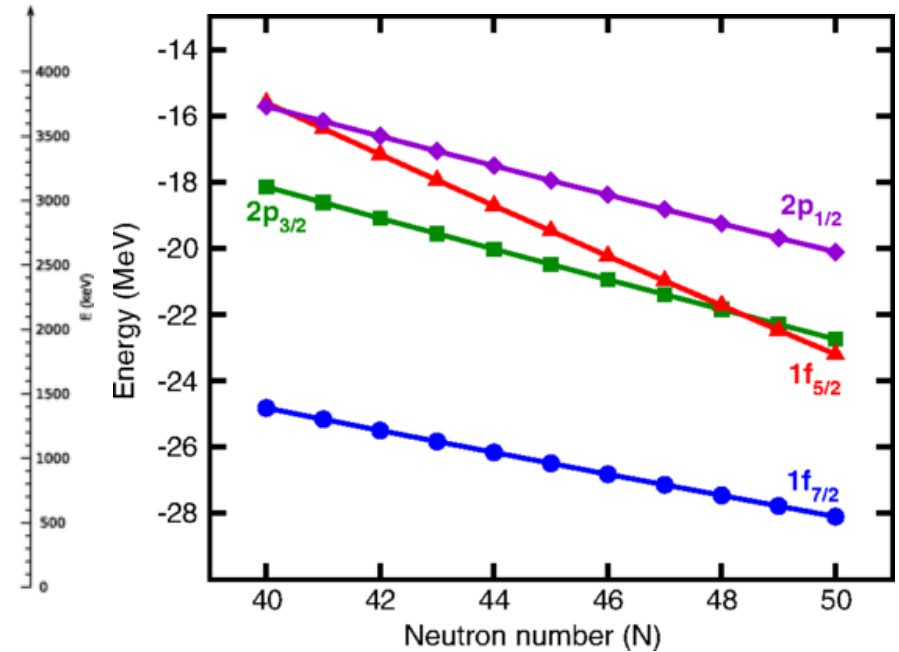
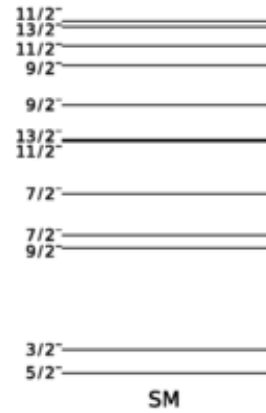
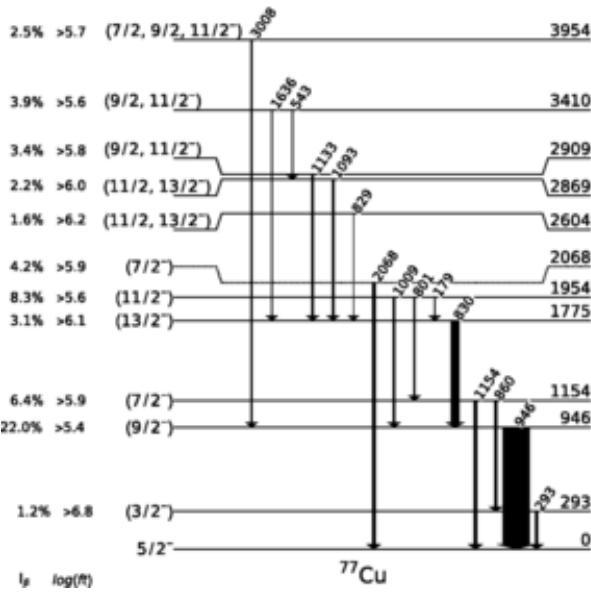
- S. Nishimura et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 052502 (2011)
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# Gamma spectroscopy following $\beta$ decay

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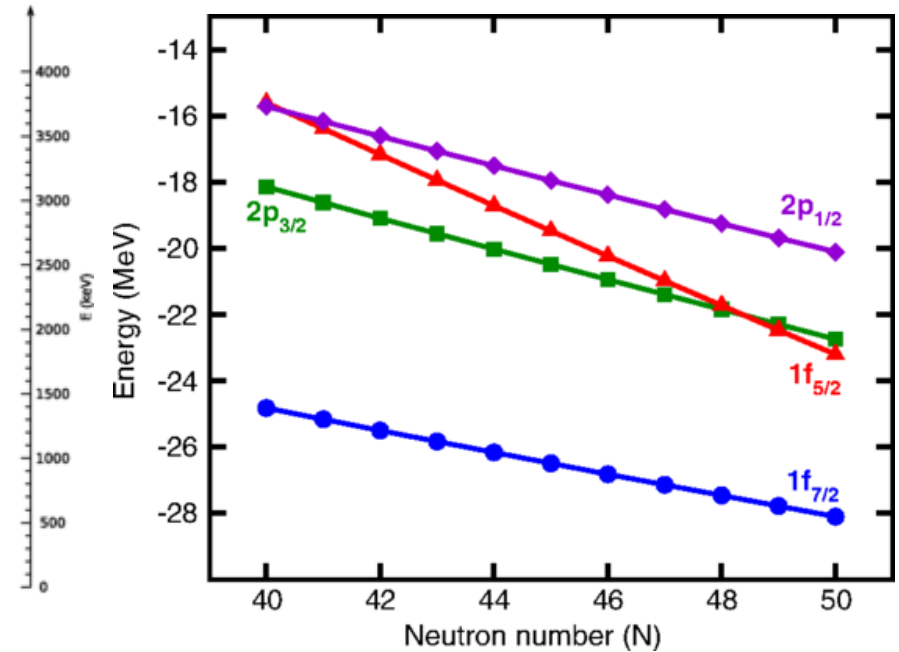
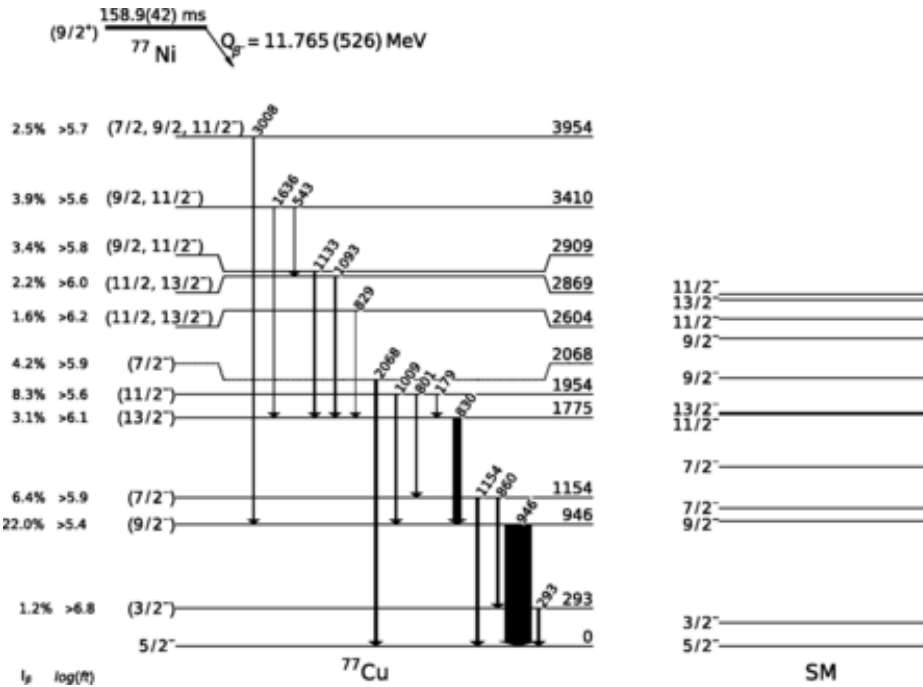
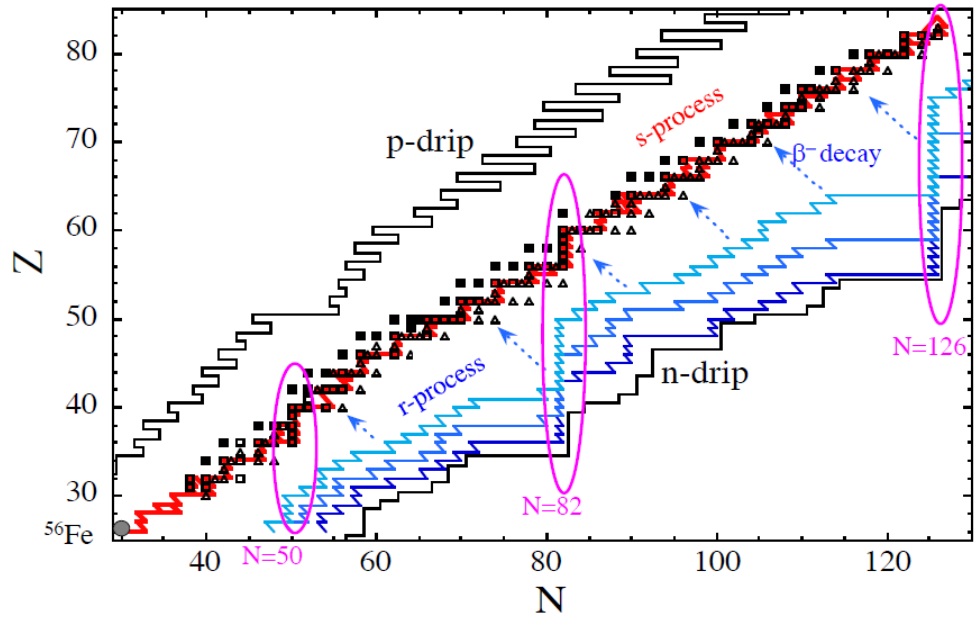
$${}^{77}\text{Ni} \quad T_{1/2} = 158.9(42) \text{ ms} \quad Q_{\beta} = 11.765(526) \text{ MeV}$$



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# Gamma spectroscopy following $\beta$ decay

importance of shell gaps for r-process path

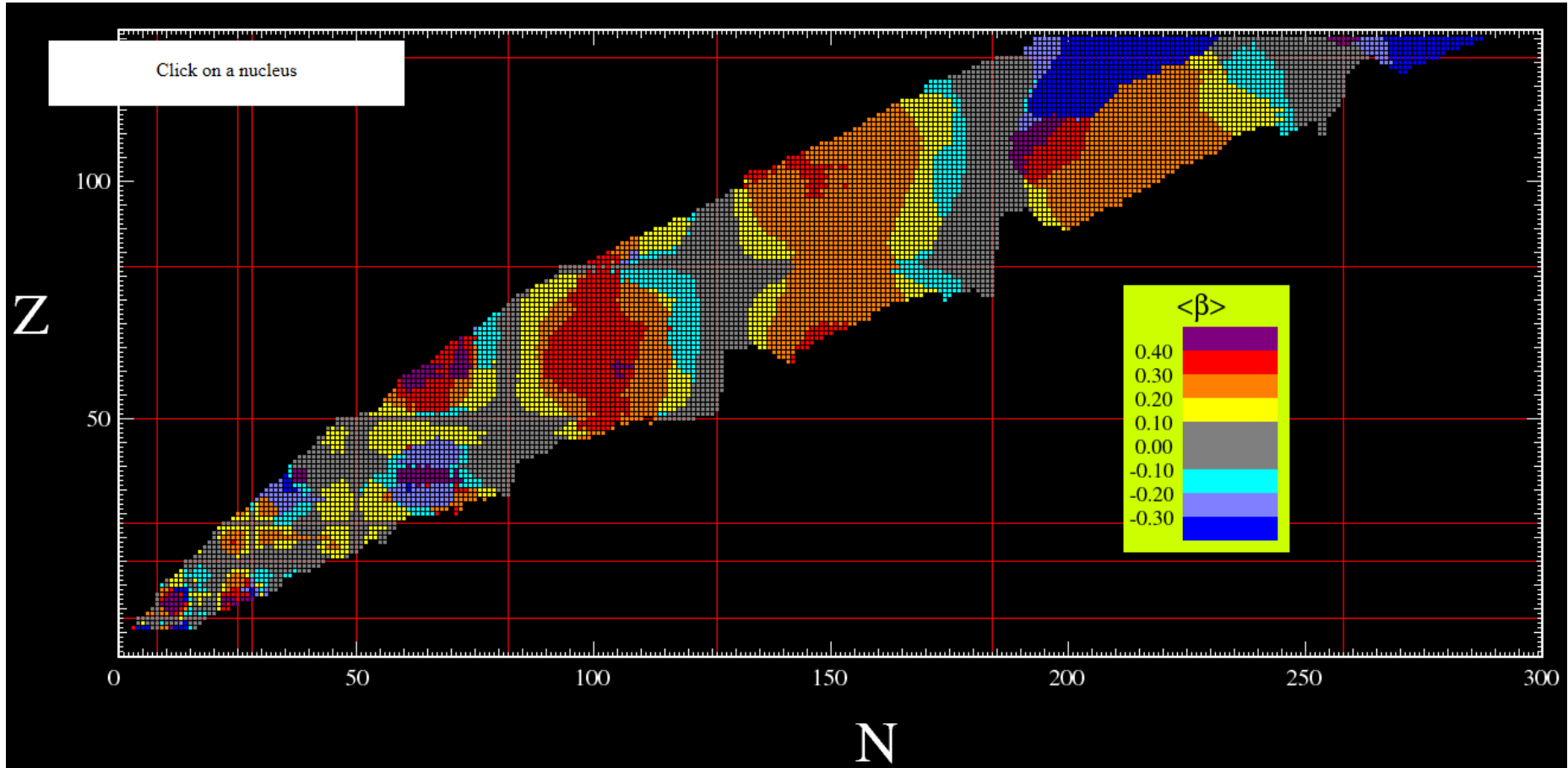


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# Global nuclear structure models

Example: quadrupole deformation across the nuclear chart  
HFB extended by GCM with 5DCH and Gogny D1S

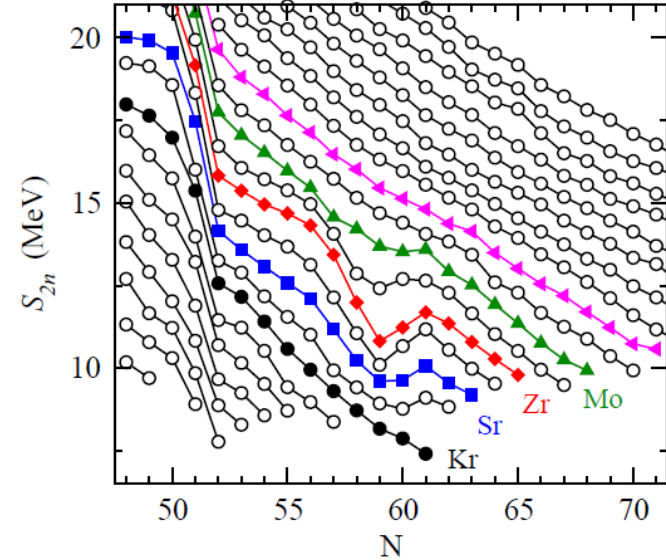
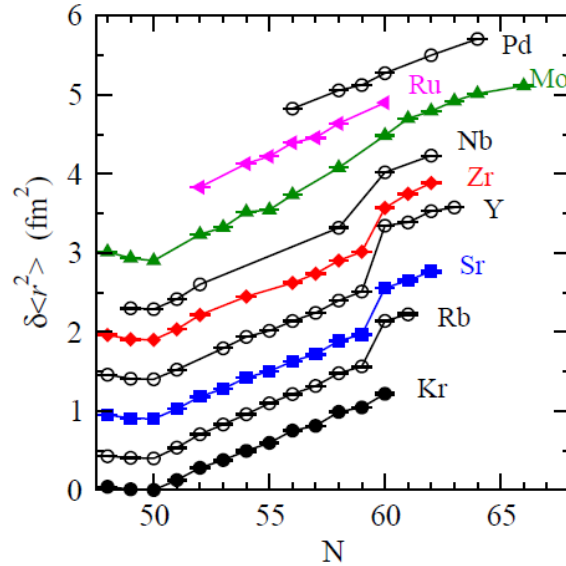
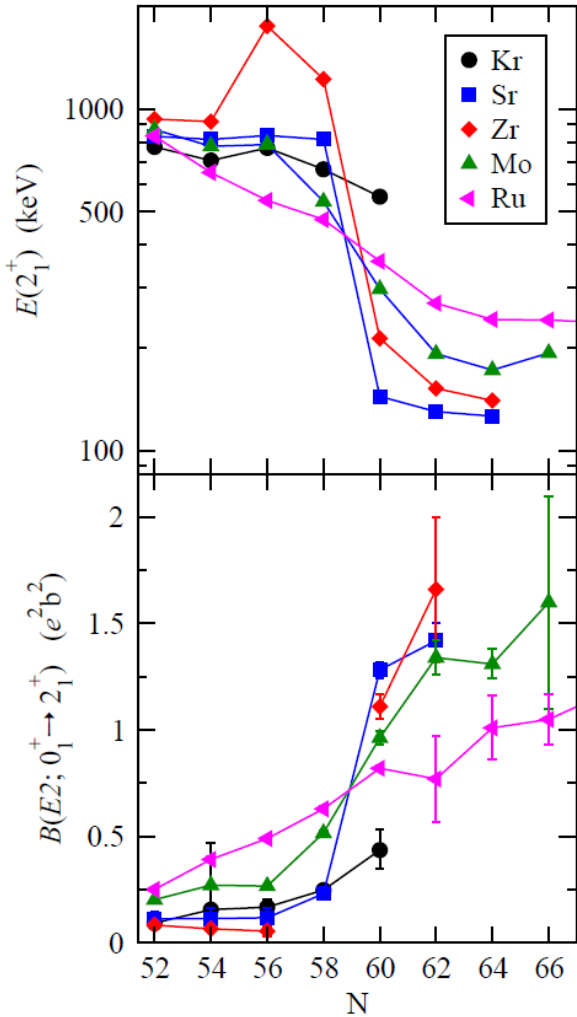


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S.Hilaire, M.Girod, Eur. Phys. J. A 33, 237 (2007)

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# Shape transition at $N = 60$



At  $N = 60$ :

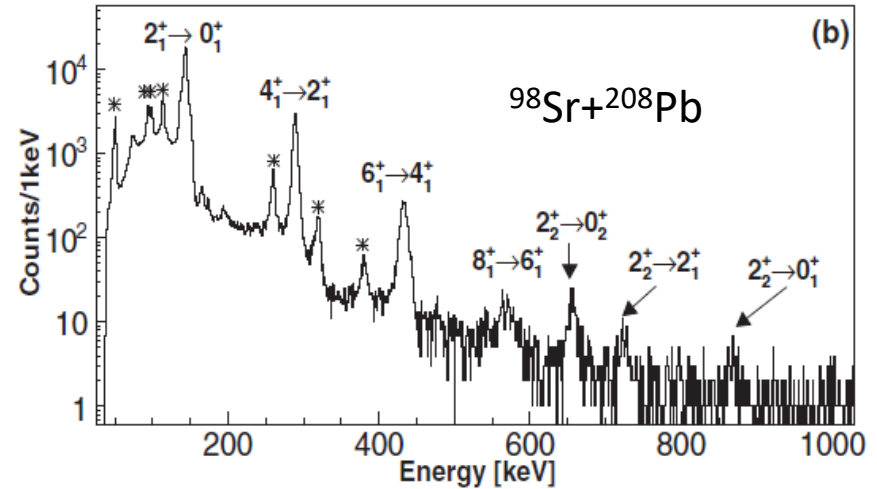
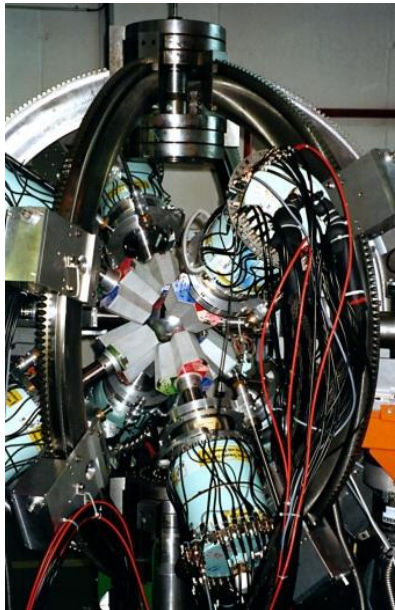
- drop in energy of first  $2^+$  state
- step increase of  $B(E2; 0^+ \rightarrow 2^+)$
- discontinuity in charge radii
- irregularity in two-neutron binding energy



# Coulomb excitation at CERN-ISOLDE

Benchmark theoretical models:

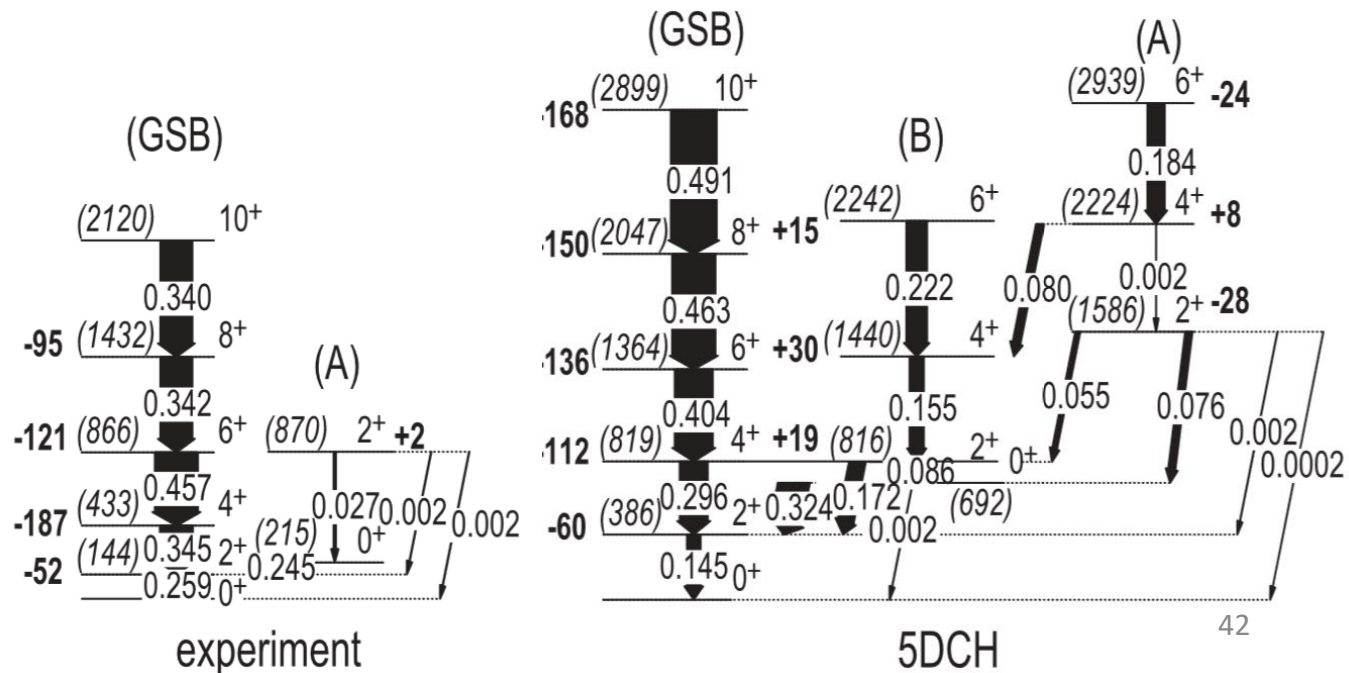
- $B(E2)$  transition strengths
- $Q_s$  quadrupole moments



E. Clément et al., PRL 116, 022701 (2016)

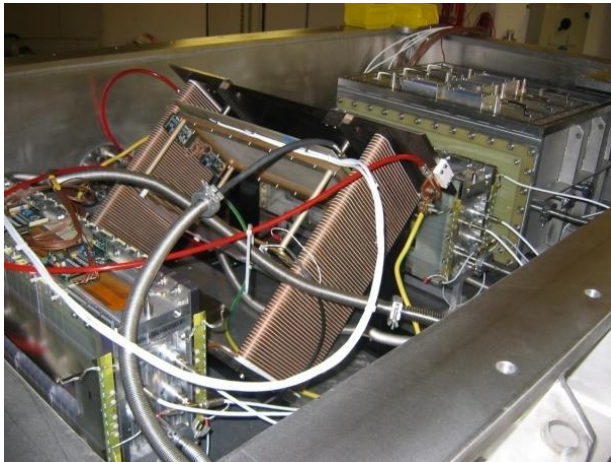
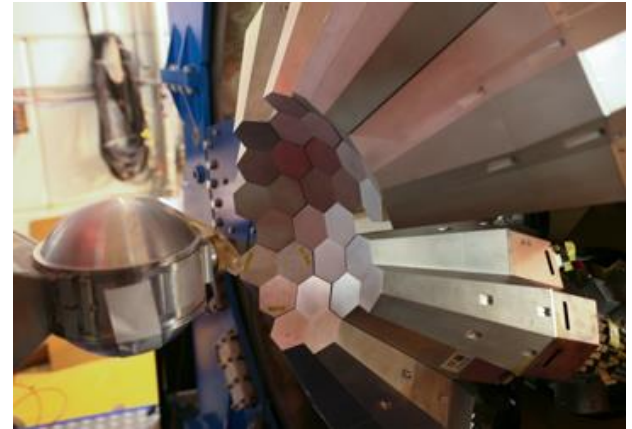
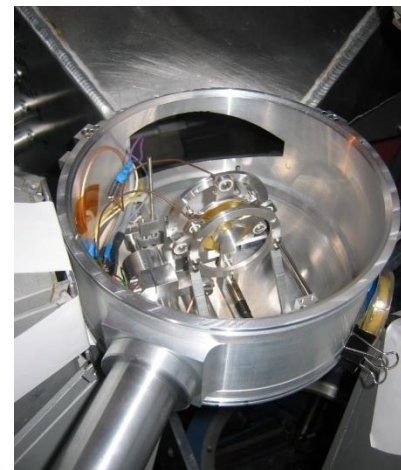
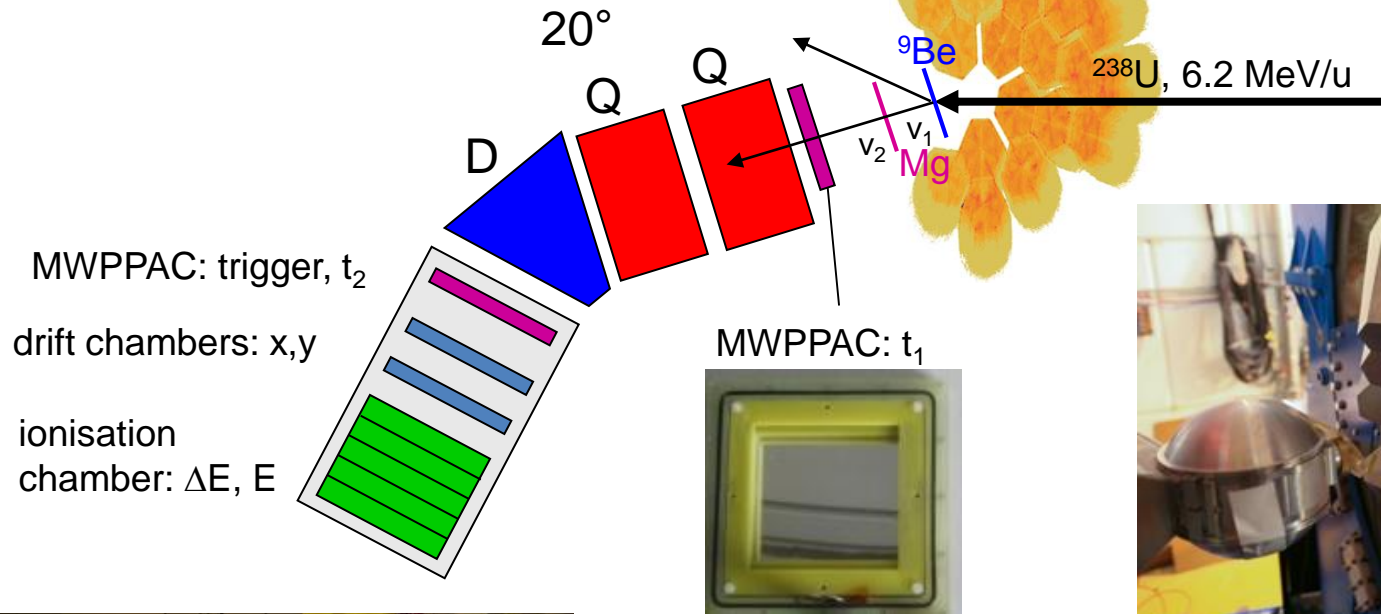
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$^{98}\text{Sr}$



# Fission fragment spectroscopy at GANIL

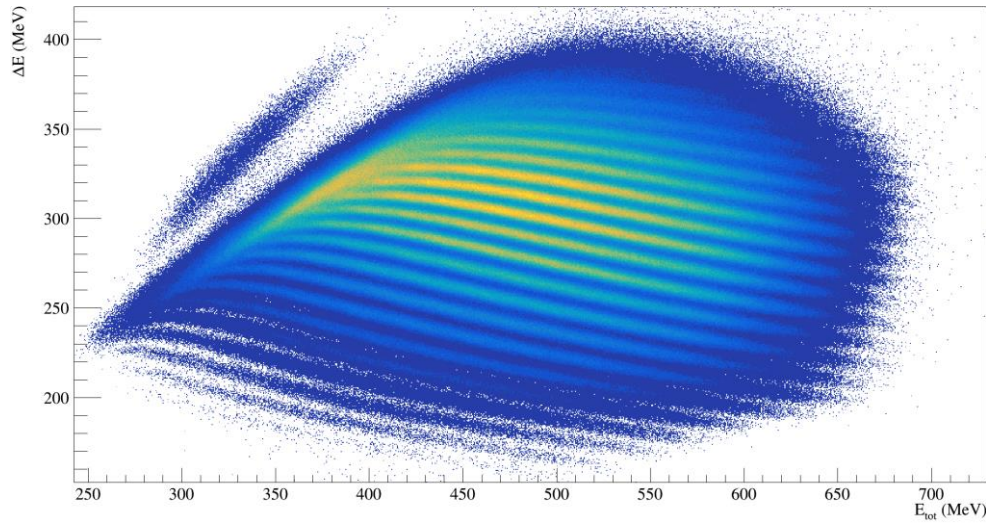
${}^9\text{Be}({}^{238}\text{U}, f){}^{247}\text{Cm}$   
fusion-fission reaction



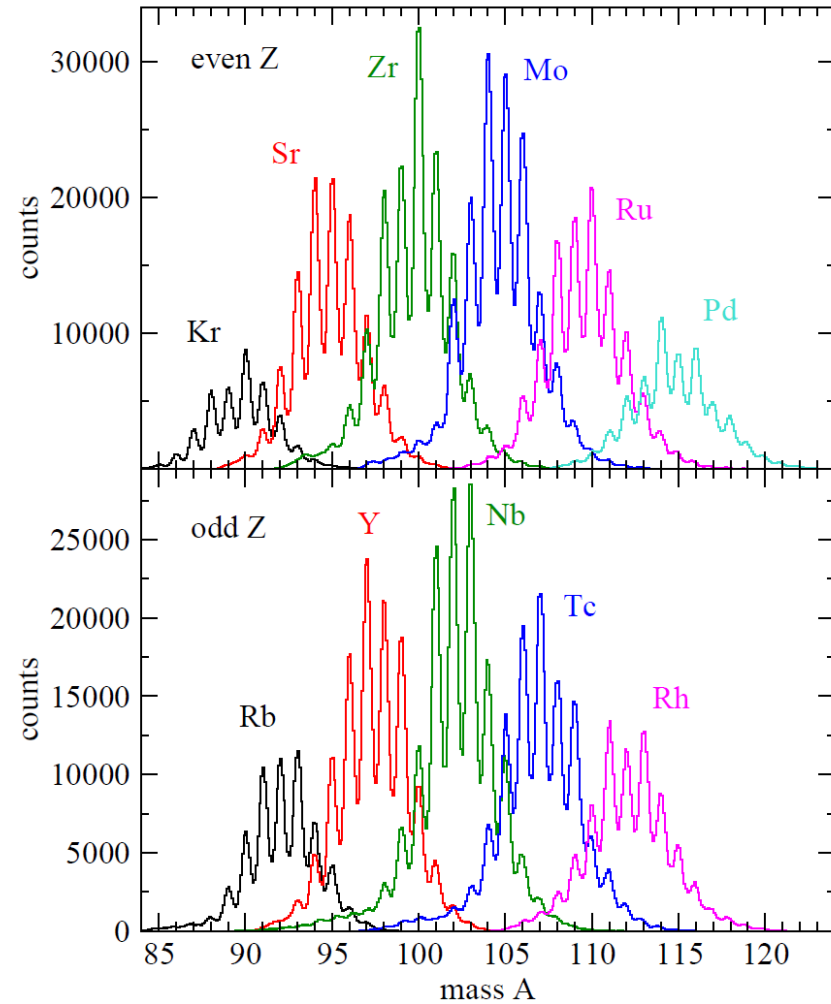
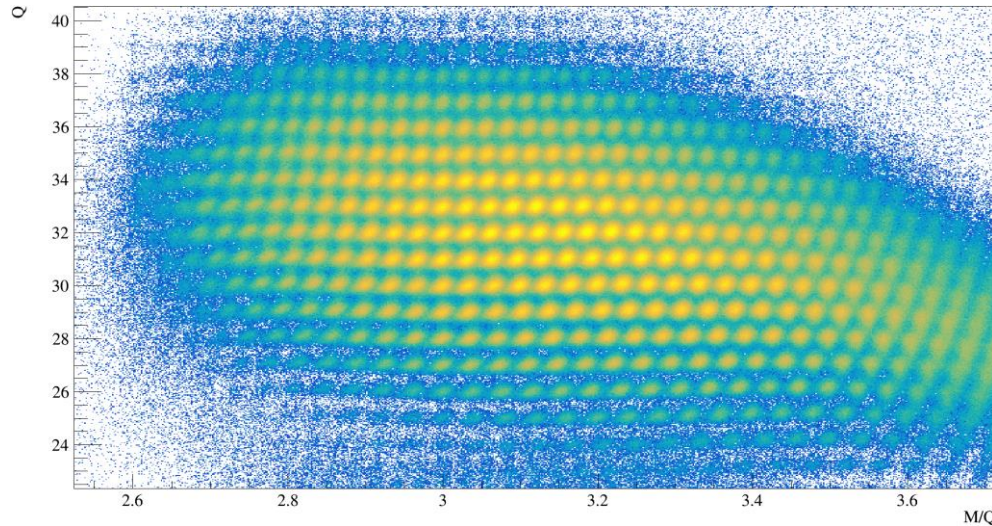


# Identification of fission fragments in VAMOS

energy loss and total energy in ionization chamber  $\Rightarrow Z$

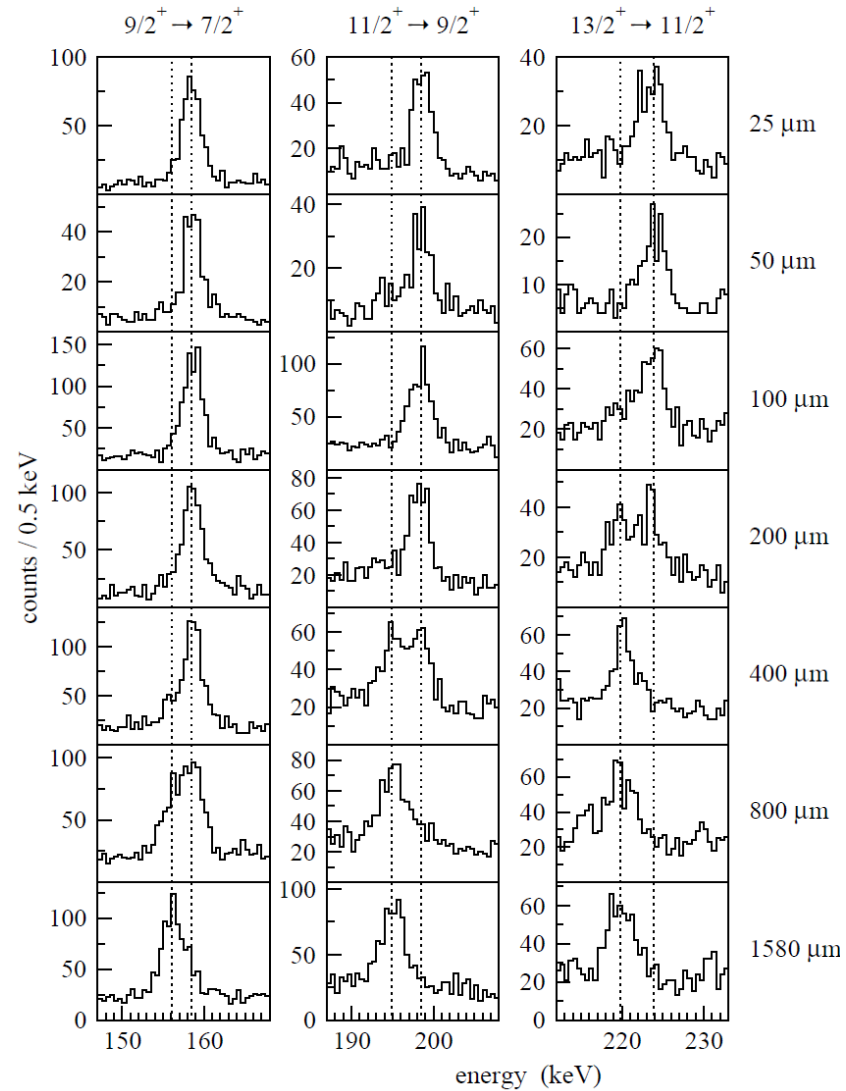
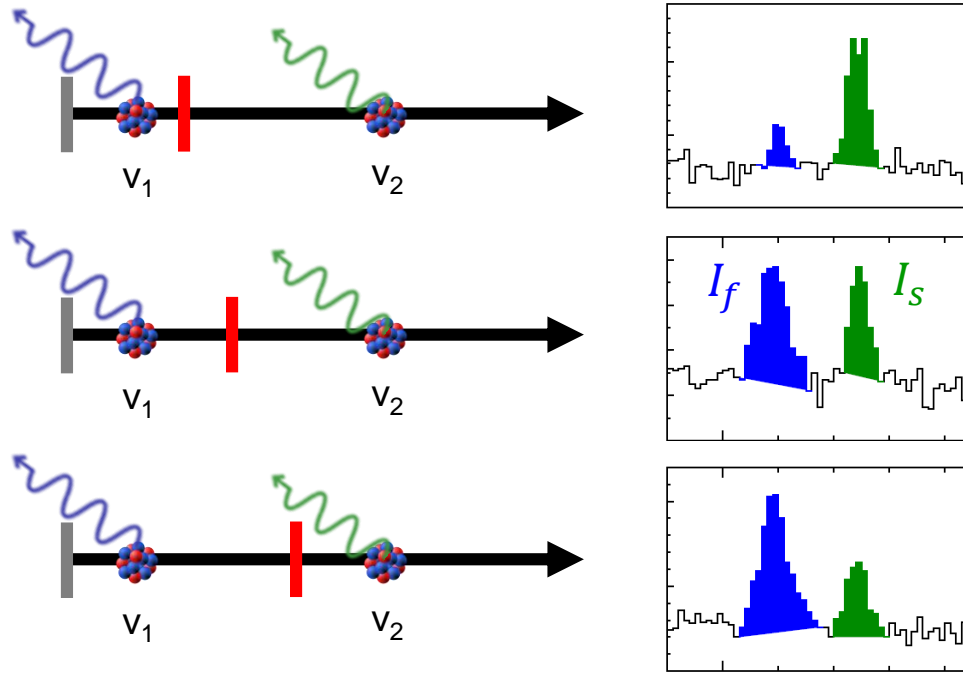


reconstructed trajectory, magnetic rigidity  
time of flight, total energy  $\Rightarrow$  mass  $M$  and  $M/Q$



event-by-event identification  
in  $Z$  and  $A$  of more than 200  
fission fragments

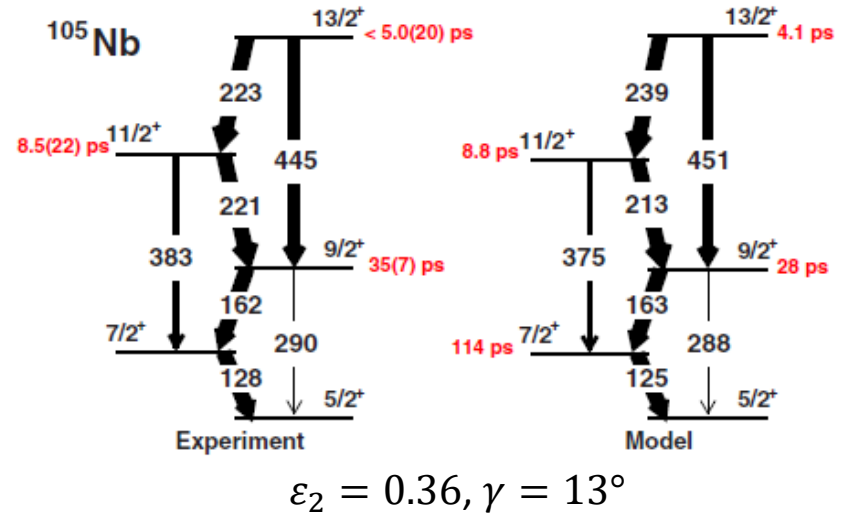
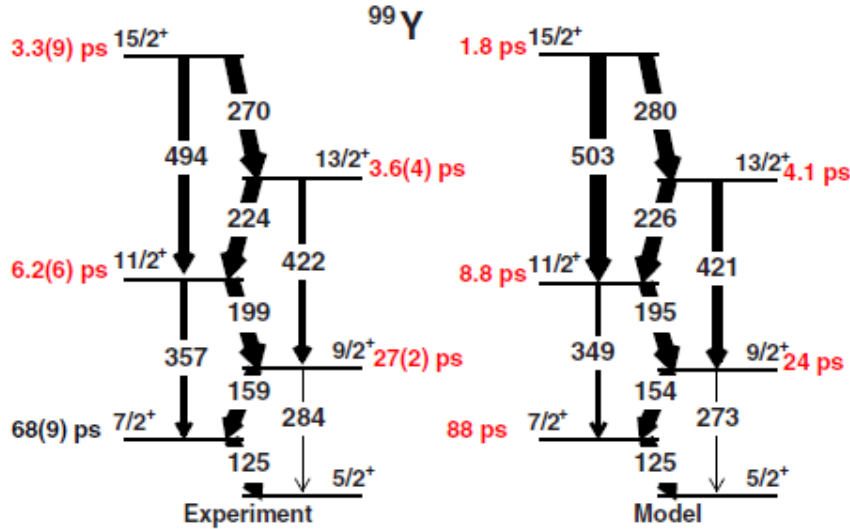
# Recoil distance Doppler shift (RDDS) method



- picosecond lifetimes in n-rich fission fragments
- transition probabilities
- benchmarks for theory
- evolution of deformation across nuclear chart

T.W.Hagen et al.,  
 PRC 95, 034302 (2017)

# Deformed odd-mass nuclei: particle-rotor coupling

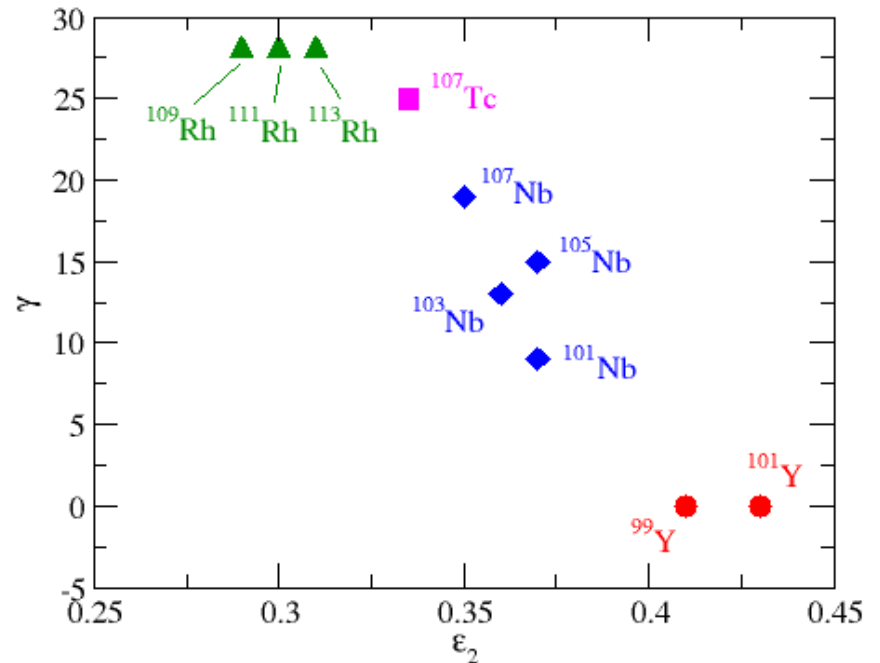


microscopic particle-rotor calculations  
with  $\varepsilon_2 = 0.41$  and  $\gamma = 0^\circ$

Results for  $_{39}\text{Y}$ ,  $_{41}\text{Nb}$ ,  $_{43}\text{Tc}$ ,  $_{45}\text{Rh}$   
with increasing  $Z$ :

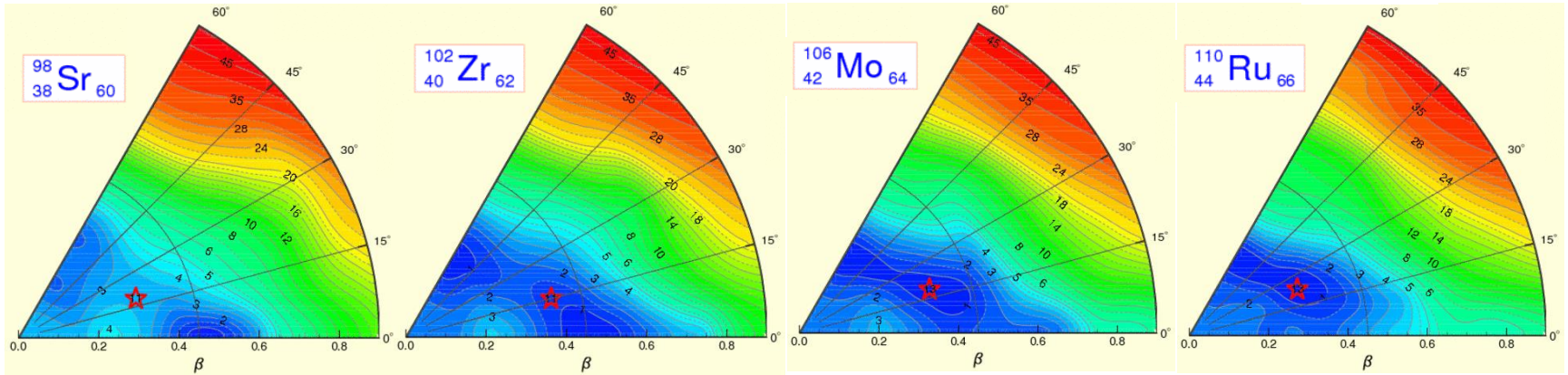
- increase of triaxiality  $\gamma$
- decrease of deformation  $\varepsilon_2$

T.W. Hagen, PhD Univ. Oslo (2016)  
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# Many more results from the same experiment

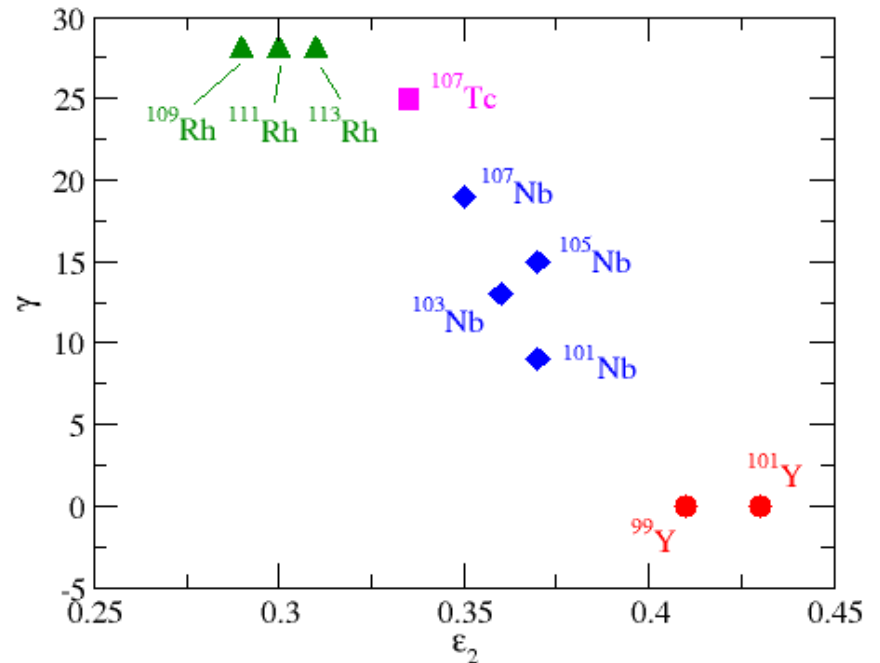
## Potential energy surfaces for even-even cores (Gogny D1S)



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**Nuclear data**  
cross sections  
nuclear masses  
half-lives  
nuclear structure



**Nucleosynthesis processes**  
path  
energy release  
time scale



**Astrophysical parameters**  
temperature  
density  
stellar masses  
particle fluxes



**Abundances**



**Observations**  
terrestrial  
meteorites  
light curves  
spectral lines

“If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe.”

Carl Sagan

