

Precision Measurement of Isospin Diffusion and Odd-Even Staggering in Fragment Yields

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Outline

- **Isospin Diffusion Experiment**
 - Motivation
 - Experimental Setup
 - Current Progress (Analysis is ongoing)
- **Fragment Production (Staggering in fragment yields)**
 - Motivation
 - Preliminary Results
- **Future**

Isospin Diffusion → Isospin Transport Ratio

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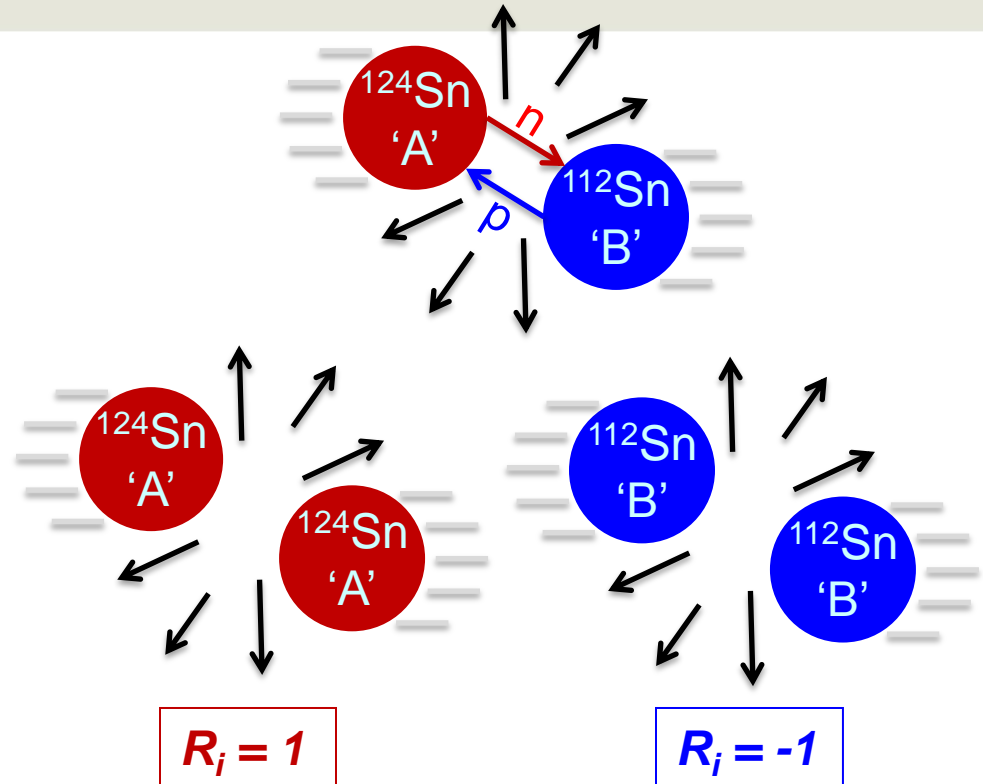
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$$R_i = 2 \frac{x_{AB} - (x_{AA} + x_{BB}) / 2}{x_{AA} - x_{BB}}$$

δ - Residue asymmetry (from theory)

α - (isoscaling parameter, Exp. Obs.)

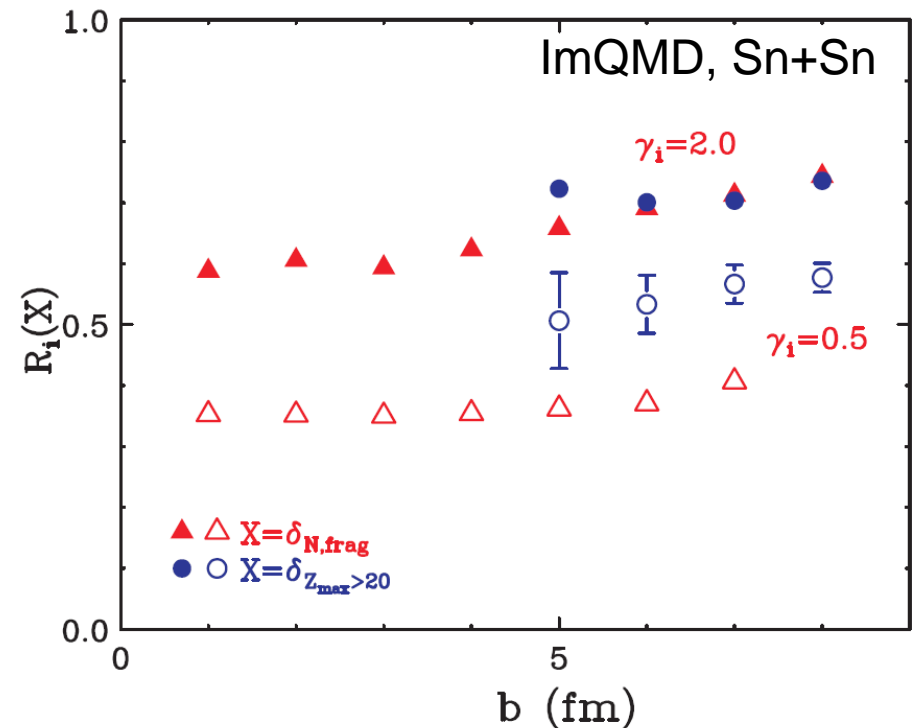
$R_i(\alpha) = R_i(\delta)$ assuming $\delta = m\alpha + b$



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Main Goal: Isospin Transport in Residues

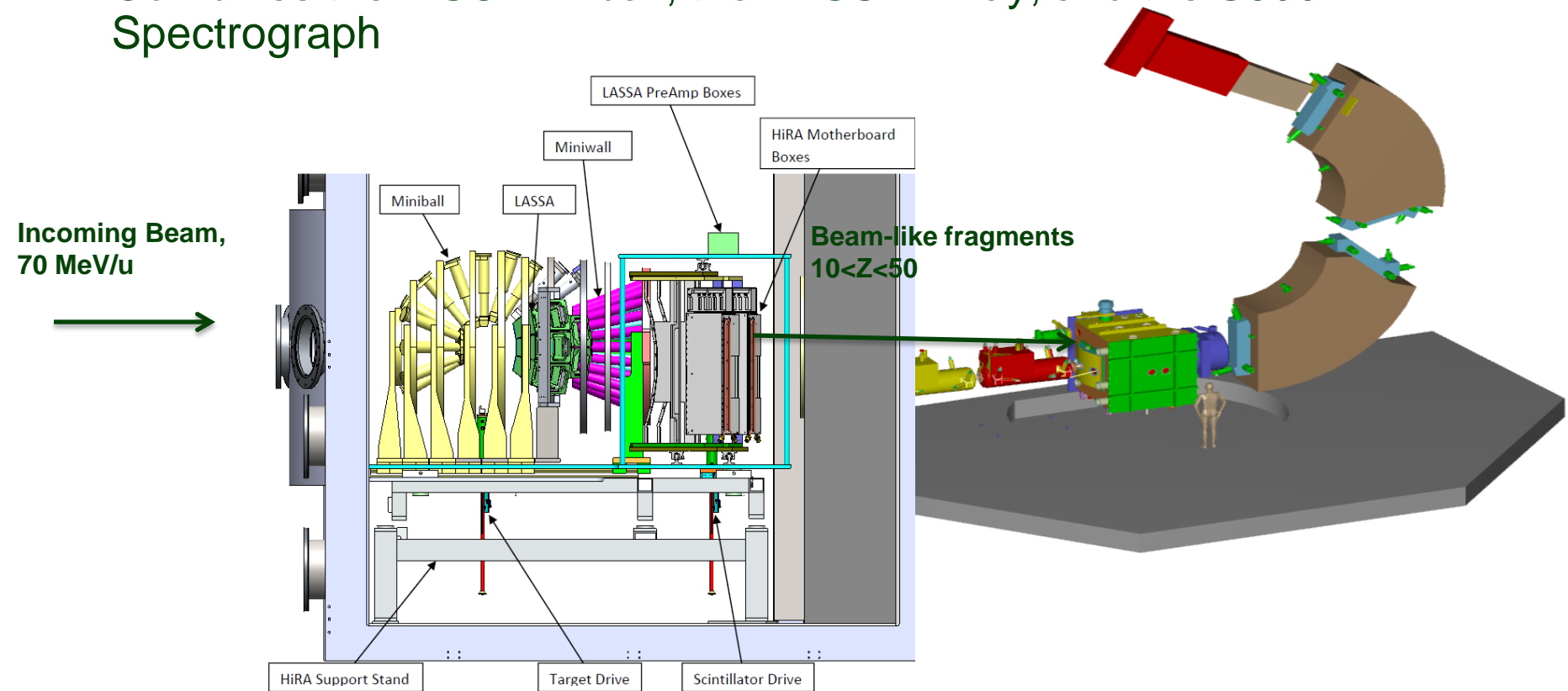
- Different amount of isospin diffusion for heavy residues.
- We will measure the isospin transport for the residue using the S800 spectrograph in addition to measuring the fragment distributions.



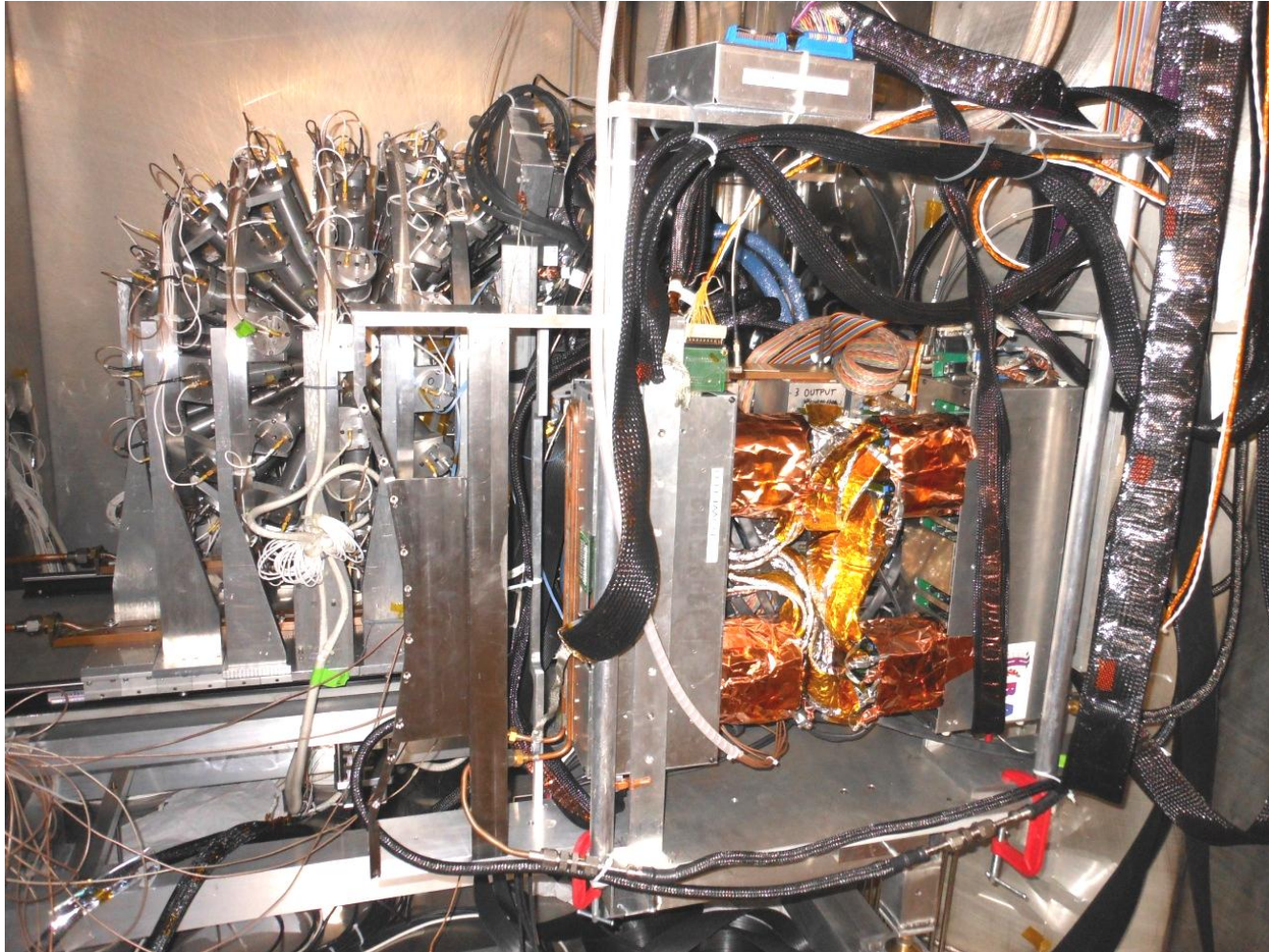
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Experiment 07038: Precision Measurement of Isospin Diffusion

- Investigates the density-dependence of the nuclear symmetry energy
- $^{112,118,124}\text{Sn} + ^{112,118,124}\text{Sn}$ Collisions
- Combines the MSU Miniball, the LASSA Array, and the S800 Spectrograph

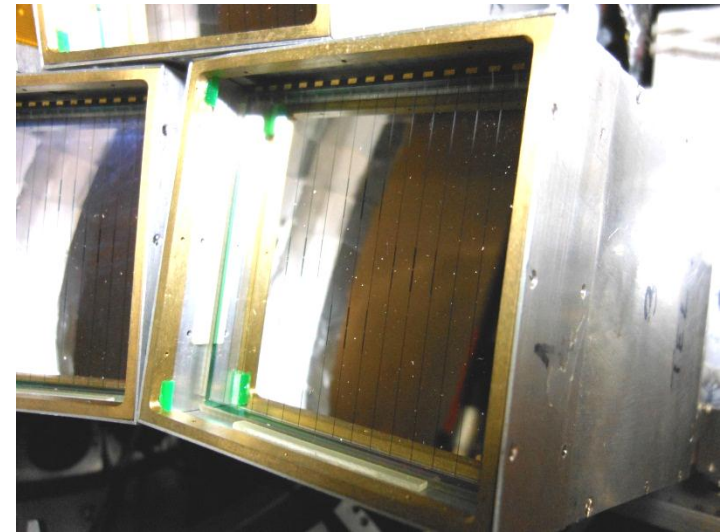
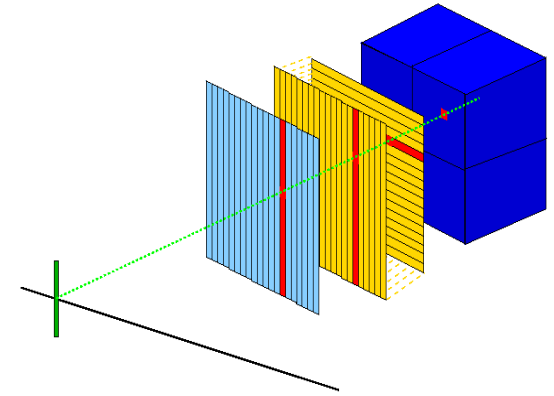
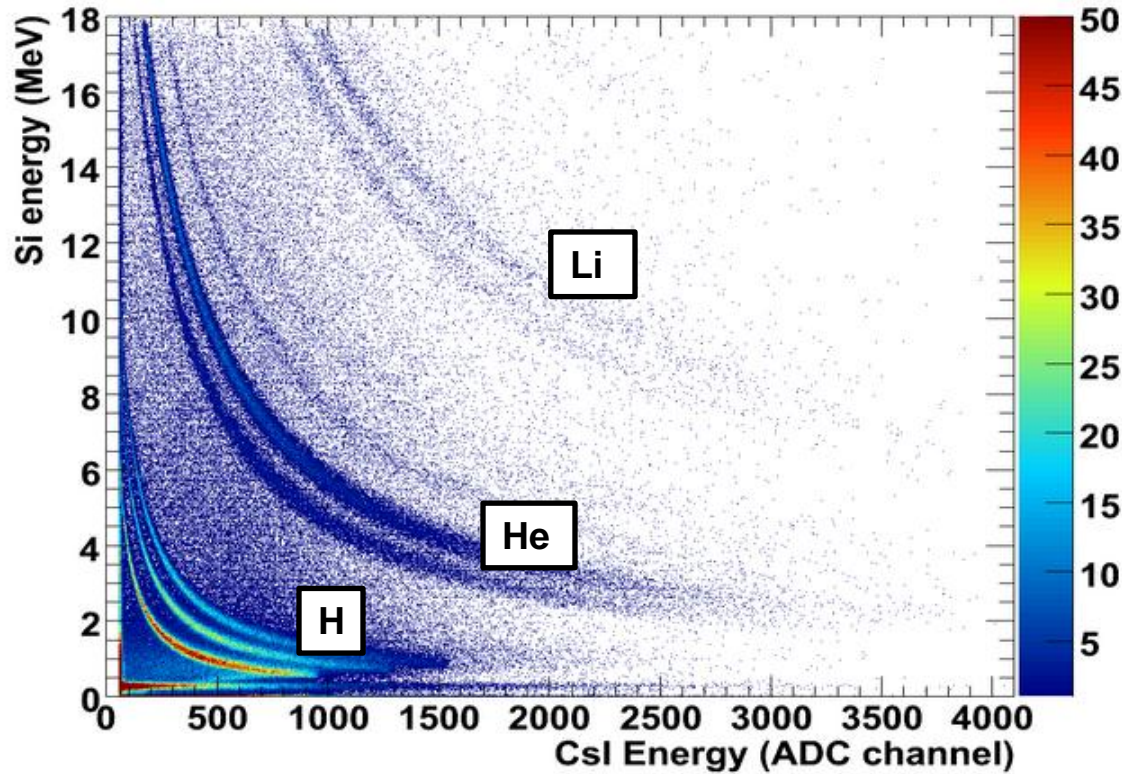


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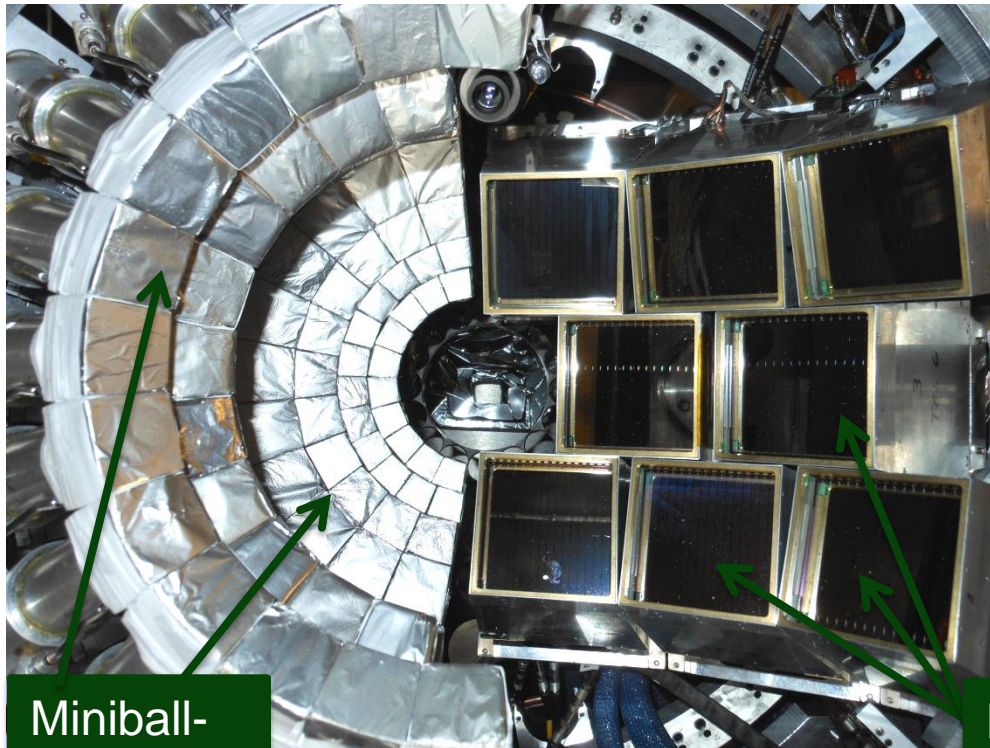
The LASSA Array

LASSA PID



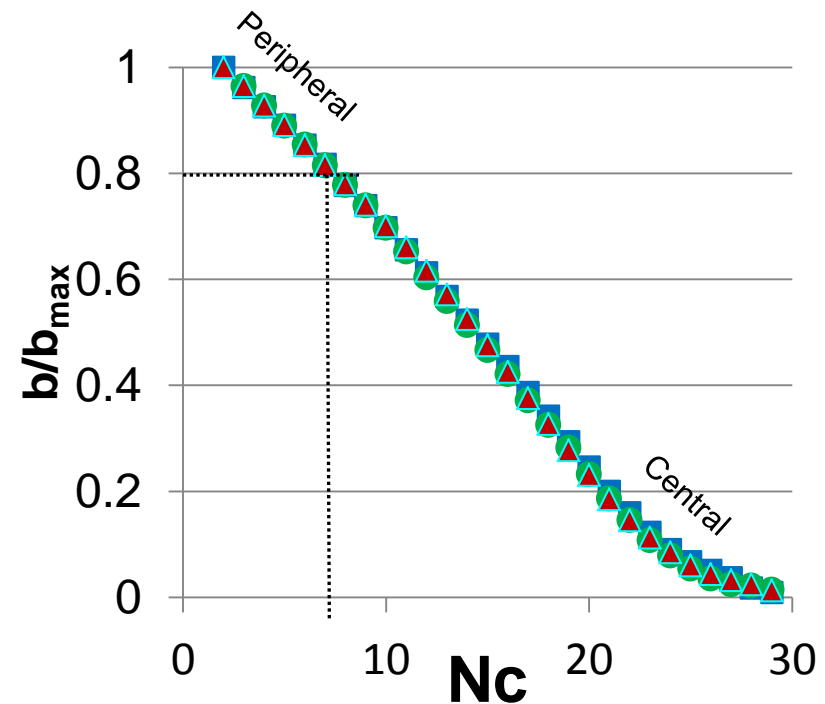
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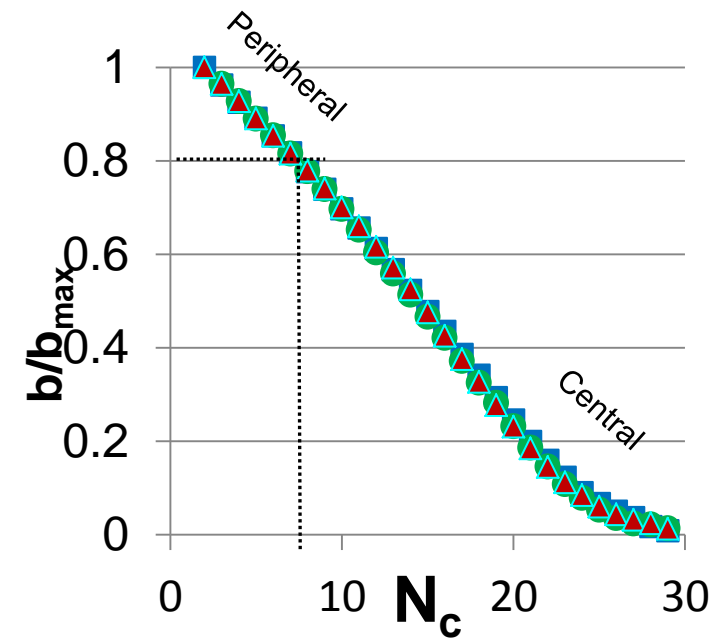
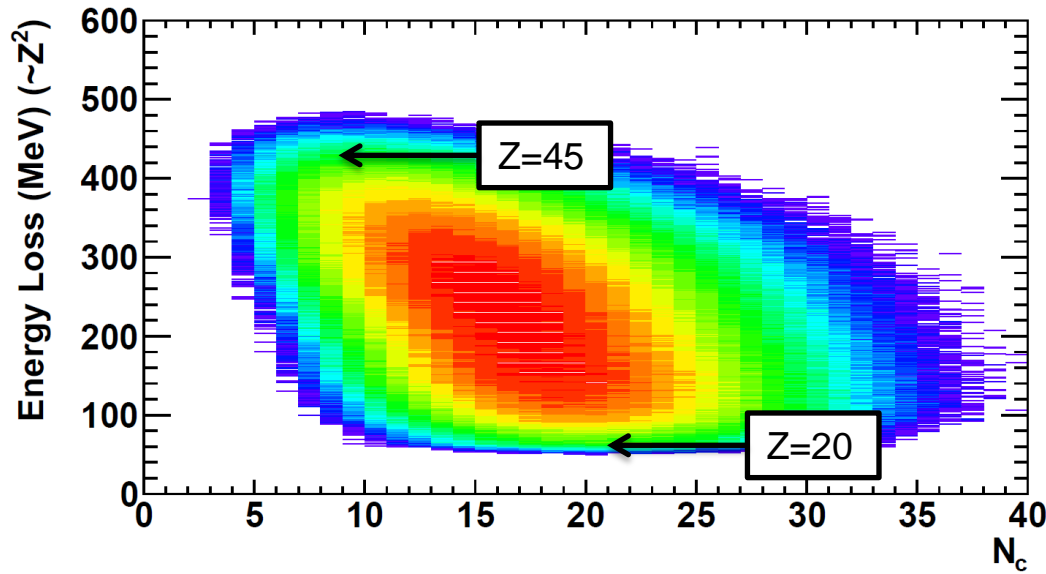
Miniball-
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LASSA



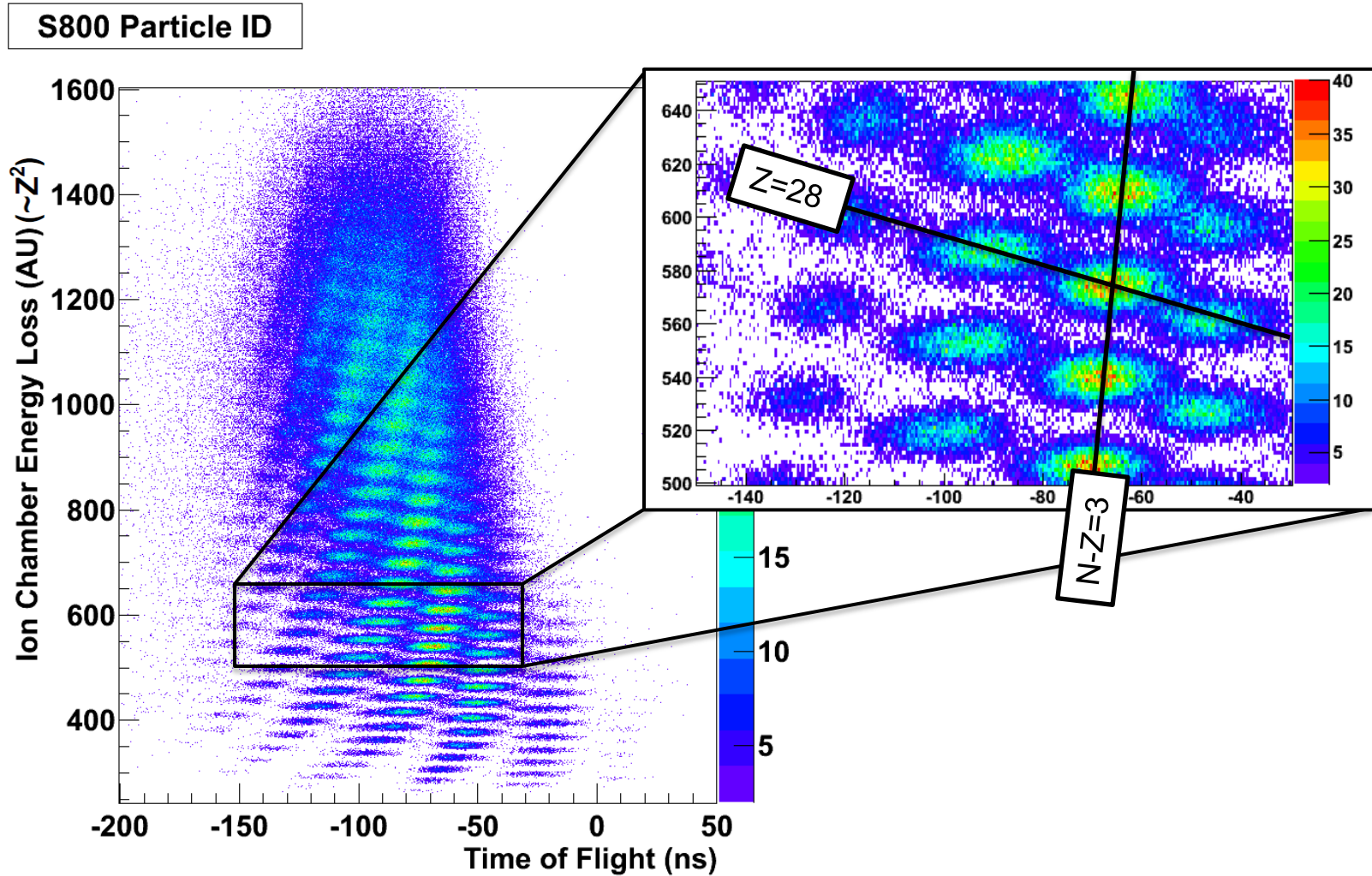
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The S800 Spectrometer

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Progress Towards Isospin Diffusion

- Impact parameter Selection using MB (Rachel Showalter, GS NSCL)
- Analysis of LASSA data is underway
- S800
 - Detector calibrations are done
 - Working on implementing TKE CsI Hodoscope for q-state identification
 - Working on producing/fitting momentum distributions for heavy fragments
- Meanwhile, we are looking at the structure in heavy fragment yields
 - Hot excited system -> stable heavy fragment

Odd-Even Z Staggering

$^{112}\text{Sn}+^{58}\text{Ni}$ 35 MeV/u, Catania

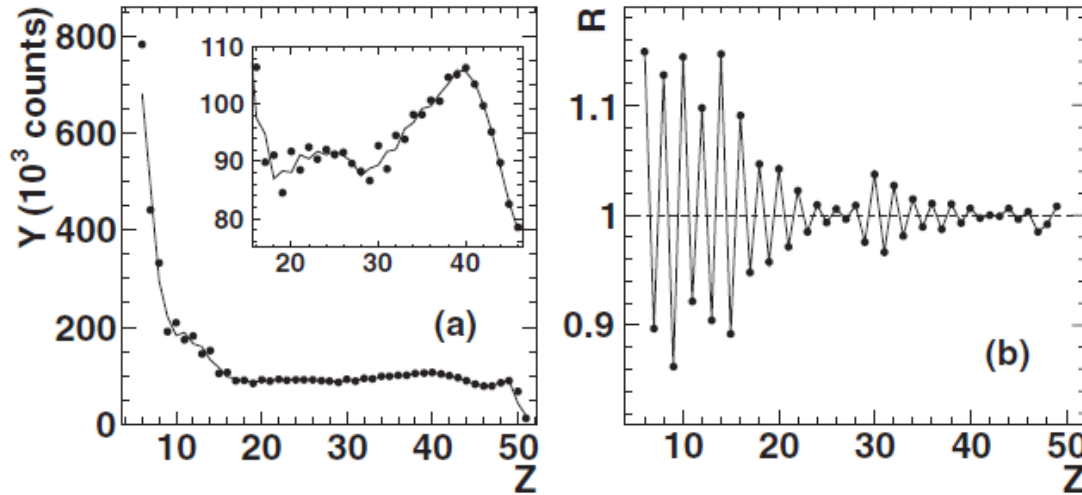


Figure: Casini et al., PRC 86 011602 2012

- $^{112}\text{Sn}+^{112}\text{Sn}$ 70 MeV/u, NSCL
 - See odd-even staggering, but analysis is incomplete
- Staggering is complex, need A identification
- $^{58}\text{Ni}+\text{Be}$, 140 MeV/u, NSCL
 - Complete Analysis
 - Michal Mocko, PRC 74, 054612 2006

$$R = \frac{Y(Z)}{Y_{smooth}(Z)}$$



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Pairing Energy in the SMM

$$E_B = a_V A - a_S A^{2/3} - a_A \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A^{1/3}} - a_C \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} + \delta(A, Z)$$

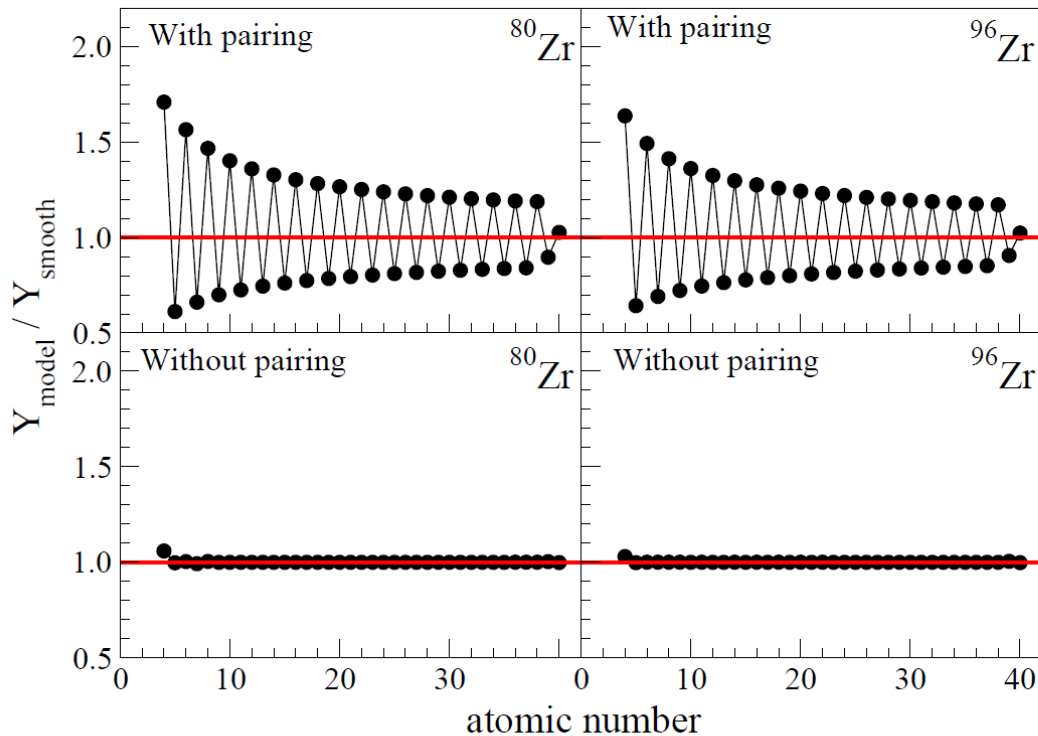
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Asymmetry
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Coulomb
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Pairing
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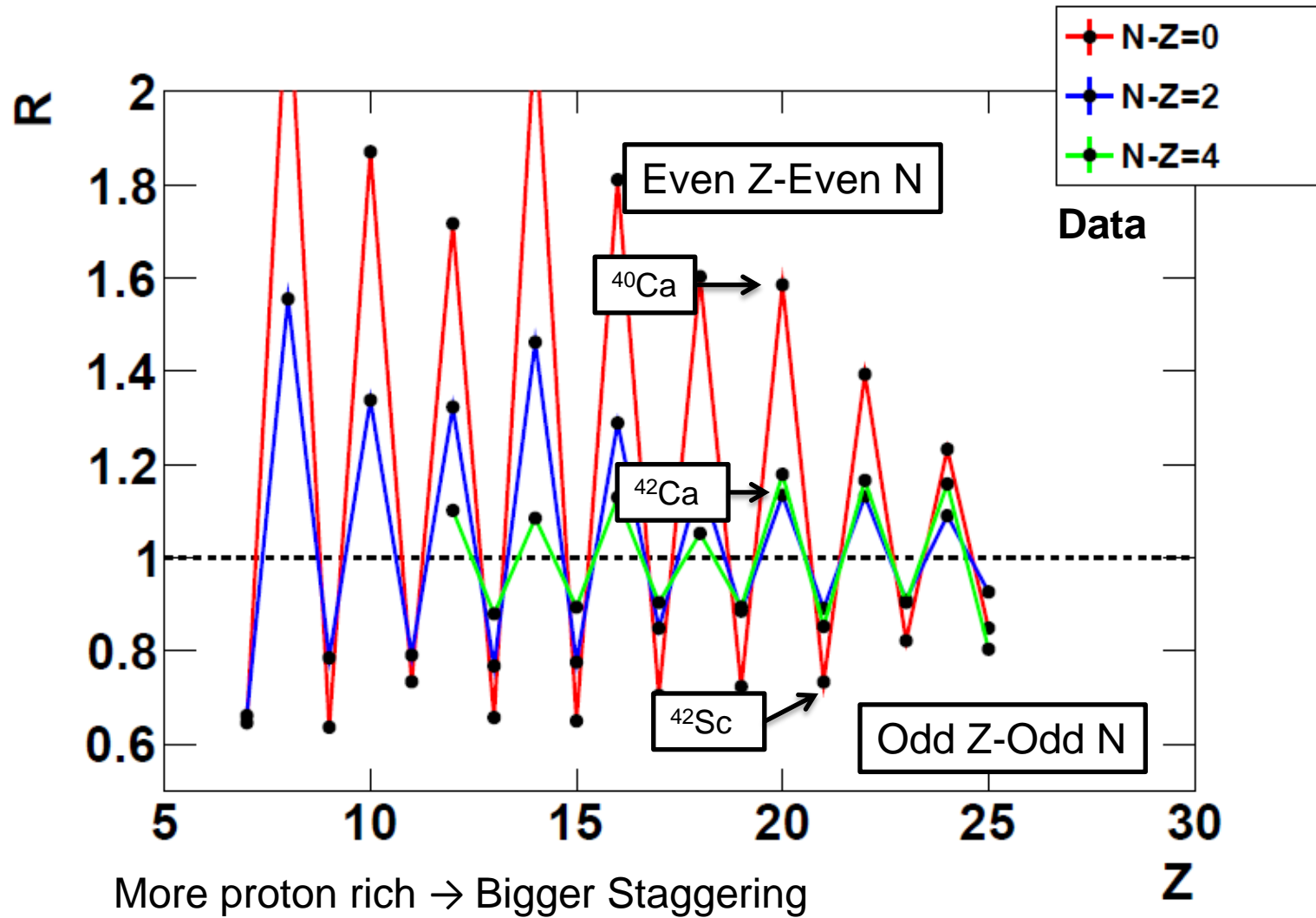
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Odd mass \rightarrow No Pairing

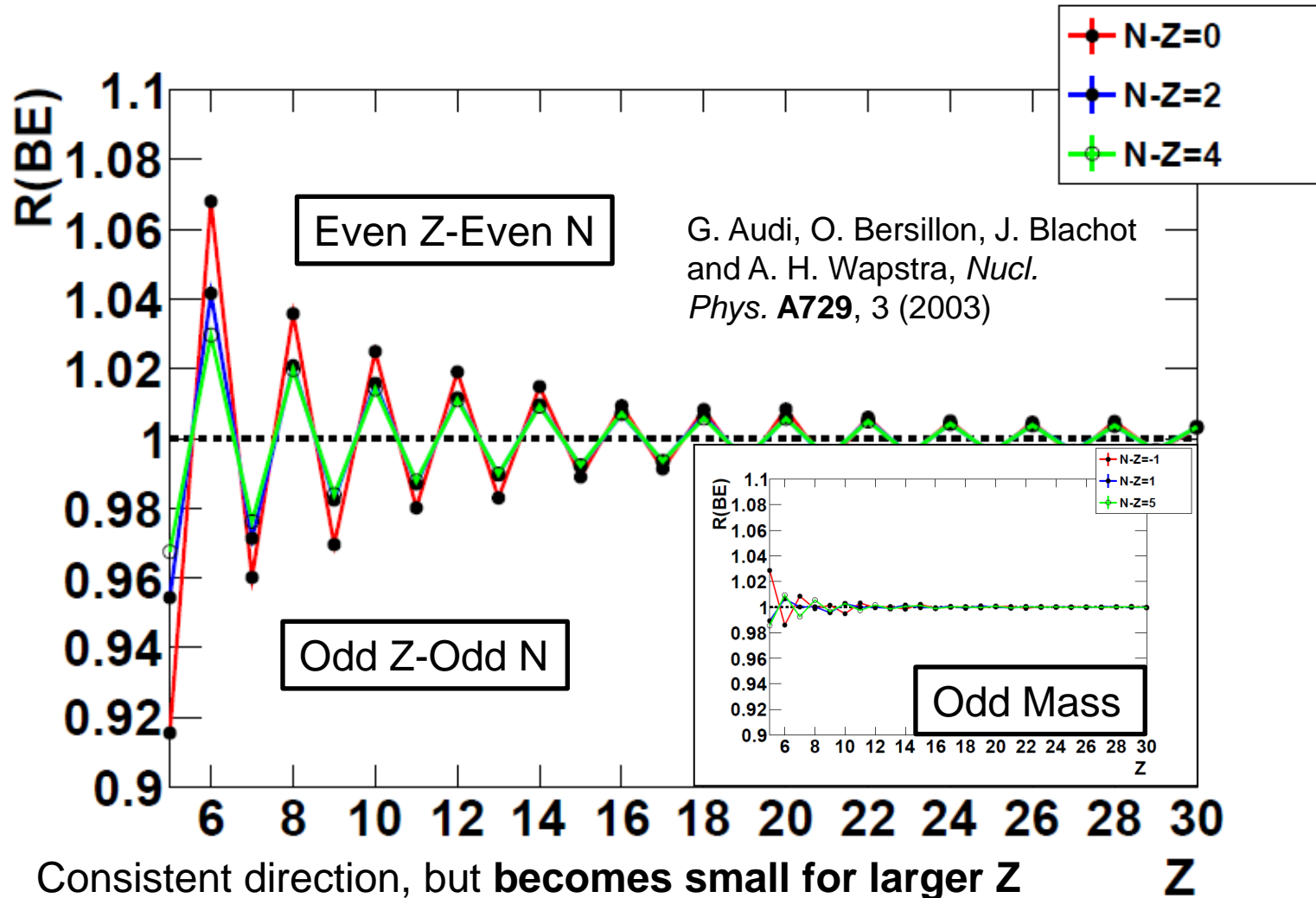
No Pairing \rightarrow No Staggering

Figure: Sergio Souza, SMM Calc.

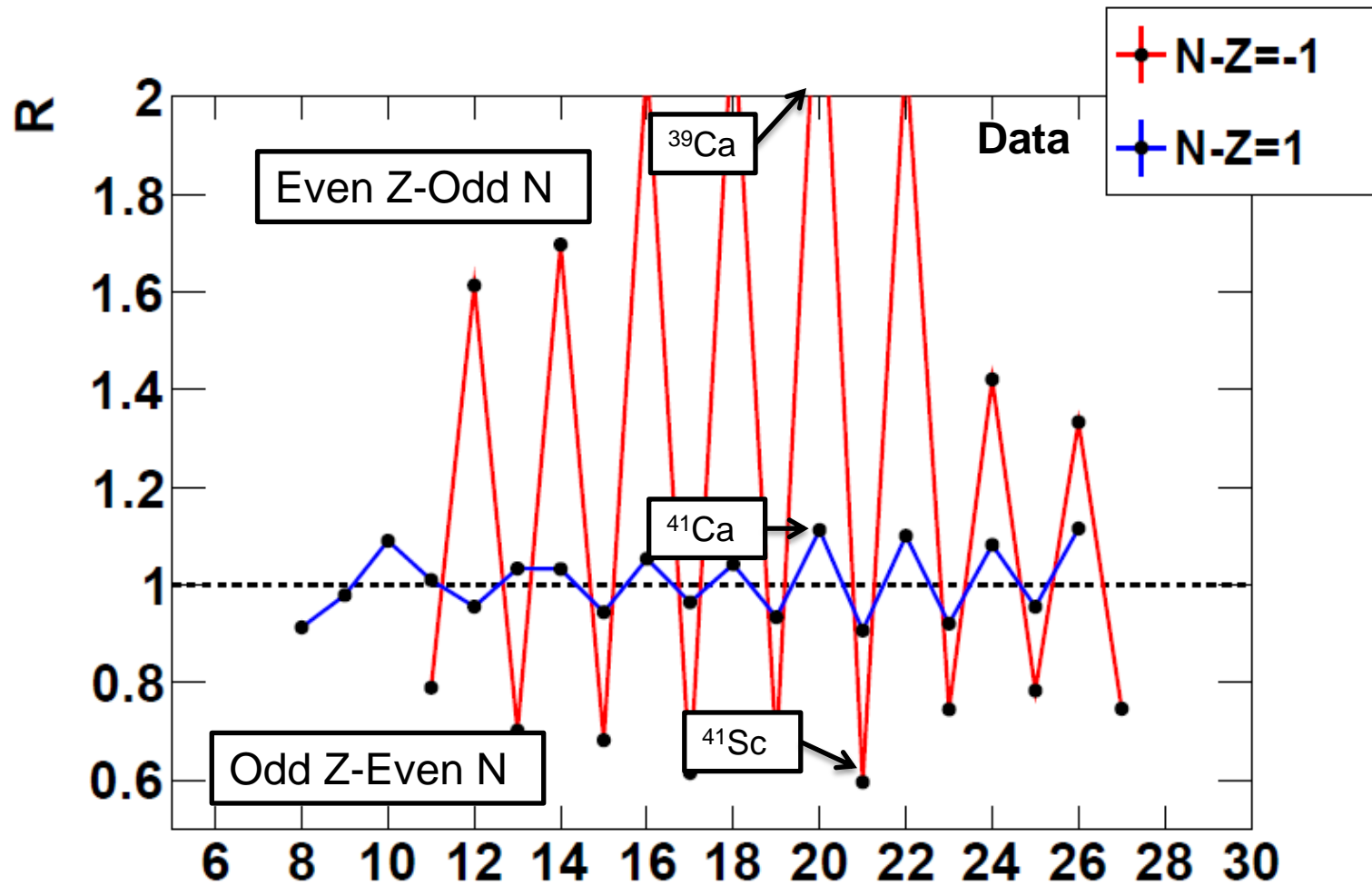
Even Mass Staggering for $^{58}\text{Ni}+\text{Be}$



Even Mass Staggering in Exp. BE

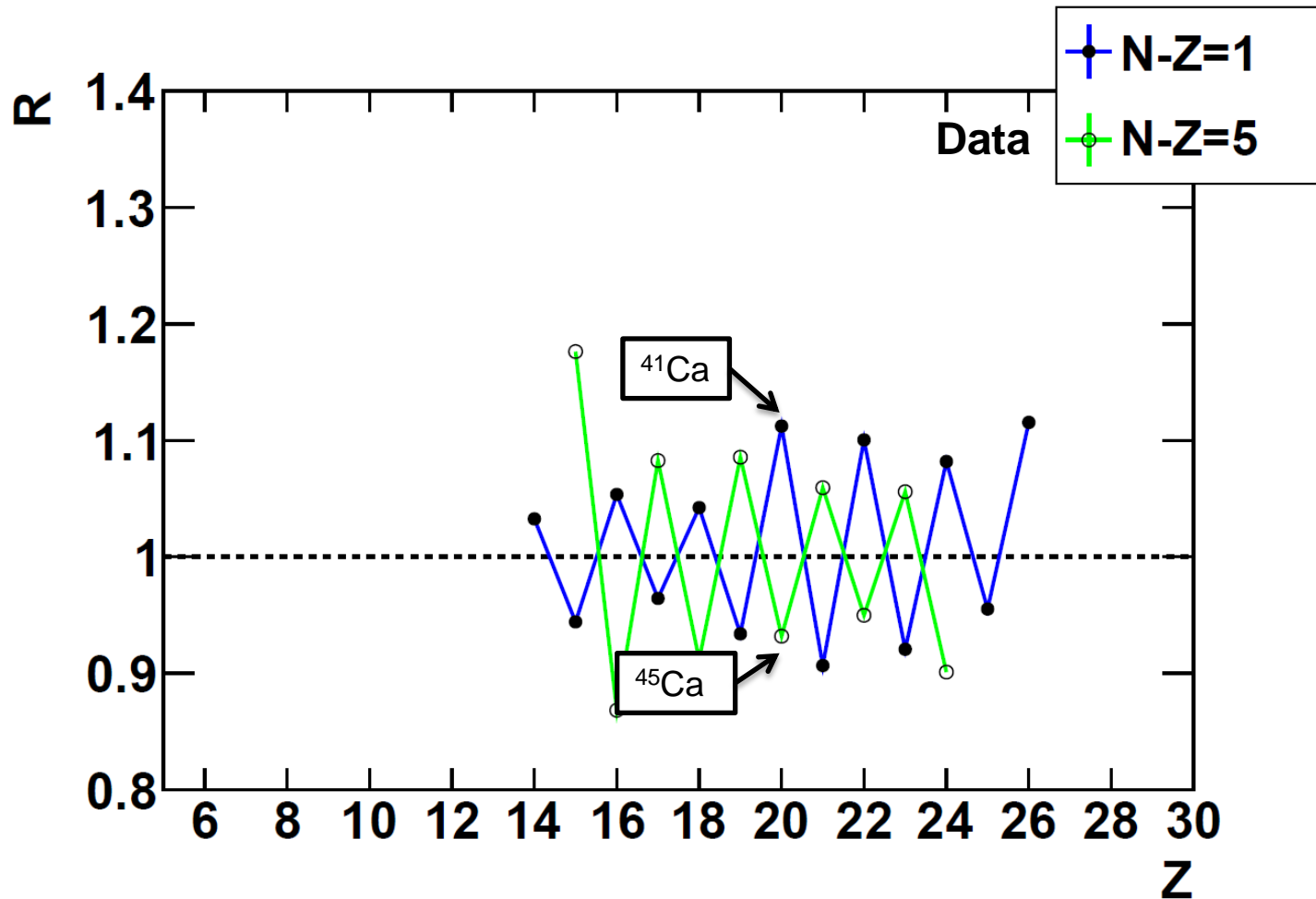


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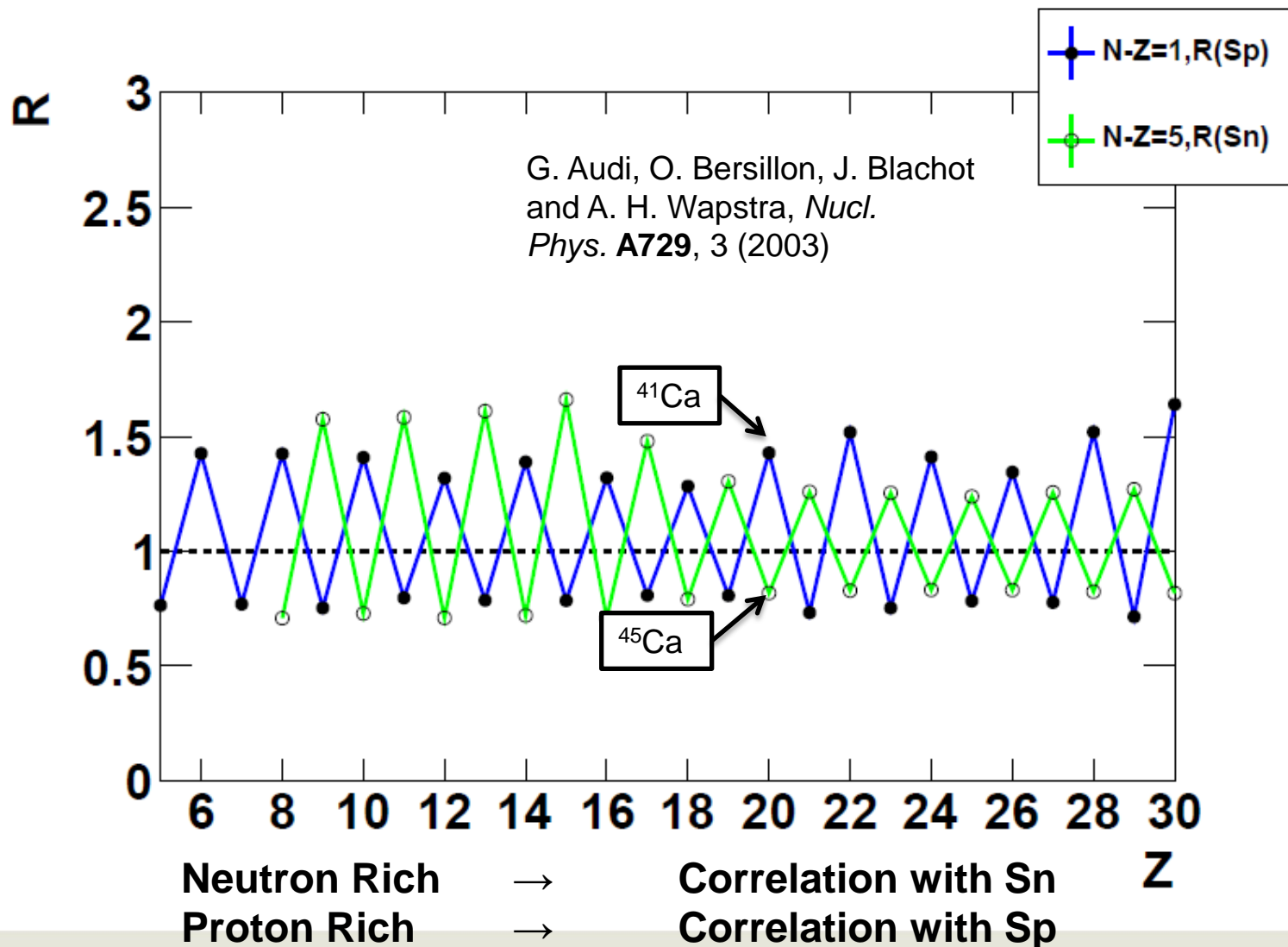
Very Proton-rich \rightarrow strong staggering, less proton rich \rightarrow less staggering

Odd Even Staggering for $^{58}\text{Ni}+\text{Be}$



Very Neutron Rich \rightarrow Staggering Flips

Odd Even Staggering in Sn and Sp



Influence of Secondary Decay

- Neutron Rich ($N-Z=5$)

- Over producing for odd Z , under producing for even Z
- $S_n < S_p$, likely to excite to a neutron unbound level.
- Odd Z , Even N emitting a neutron decays to odd-odd nucleus, which is unfavorable, because of pairing term.

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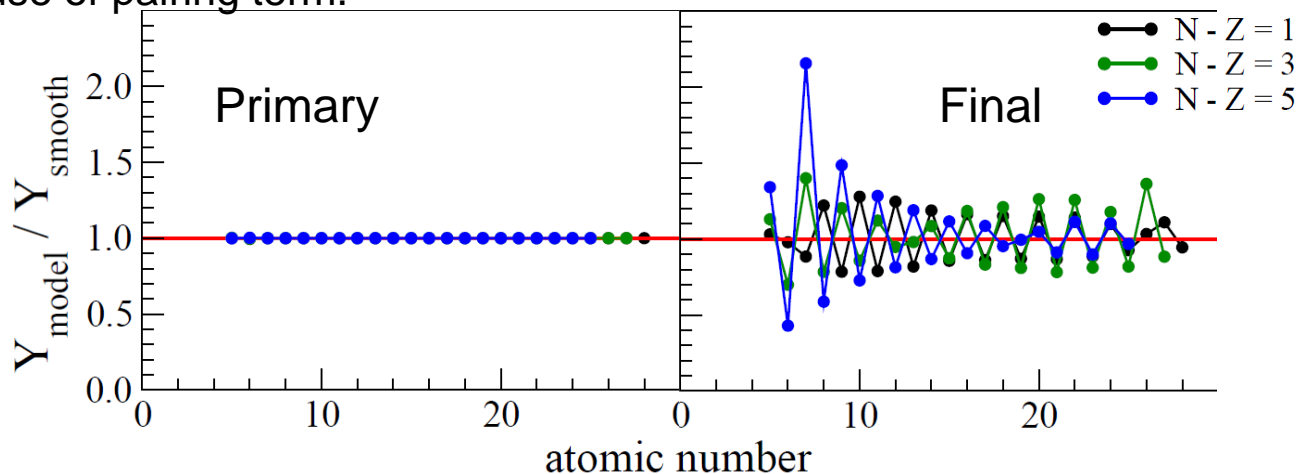


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Conclusions and Future

- Odd Even Staggering

- Z-Staggering is more complicated, isotopic resolution is necessary
- Staggering effect increases as you go to more proton rich isotopes ($N-Z=-1$, $N-Z=-2$)
- Staggering trend flips as you go to more neutron rich isotopes ($N-Z=5$, $N-Z=7$)
- Working on quantifying effect with model calculations

- Isospin Diffusion

- Analysis is ongoing, look for results soon

Collaborators

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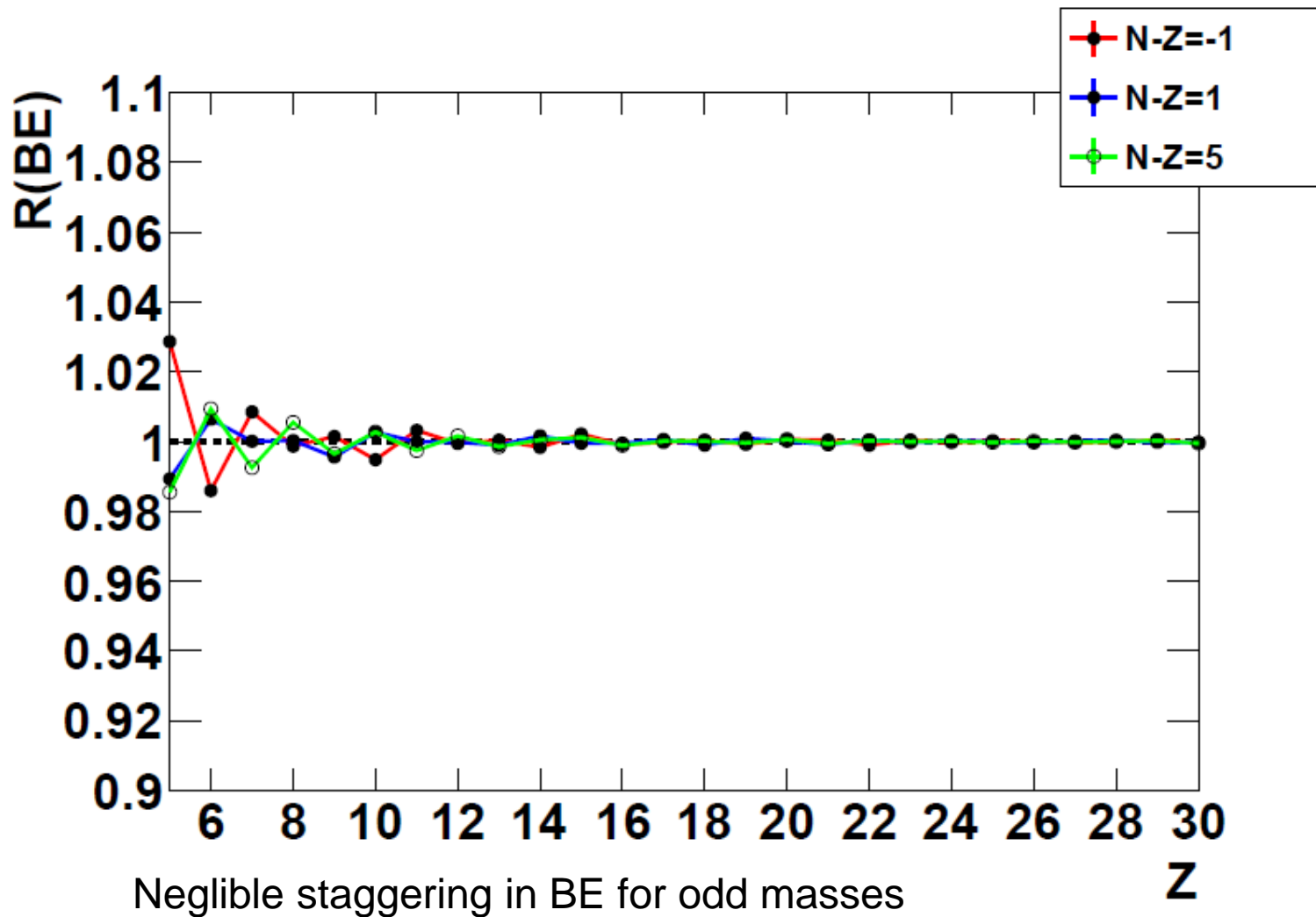
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Negligible staggering in BE for odd masses

Measured Systems

- Data taken (Millions of events):

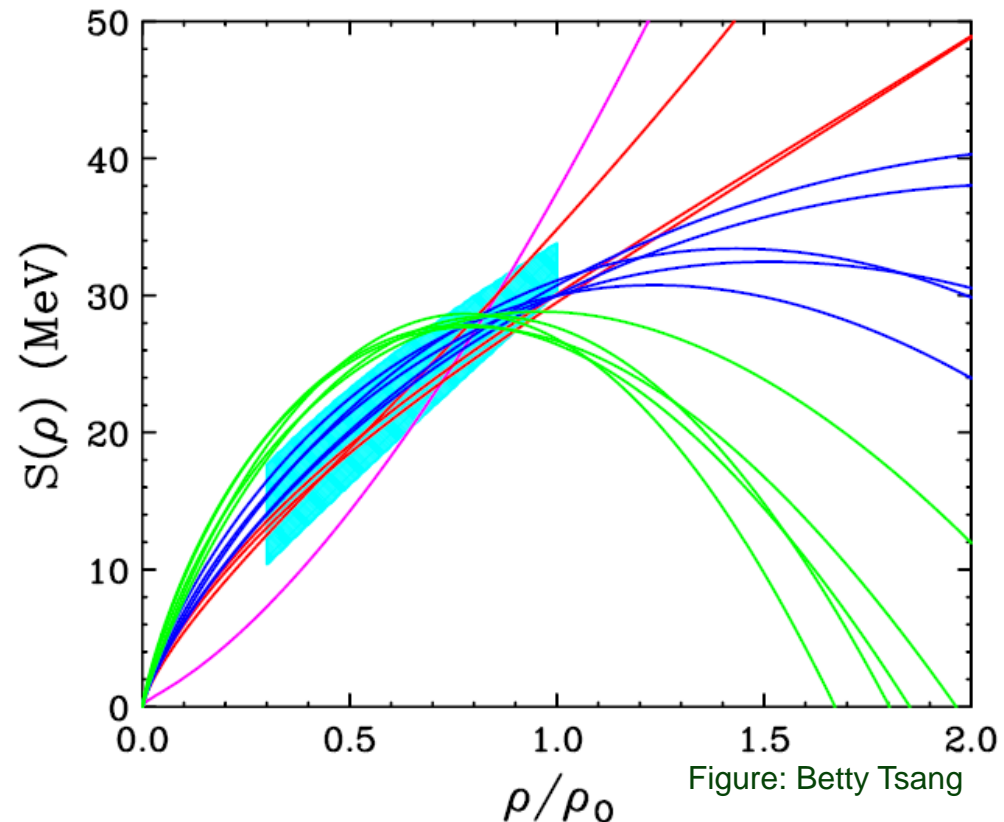
Beam	Target		
	^{112}Sn	^{118}Sn	^{124}Sn
^{112}Sn	11.4	x	8.7
^{118}Sn	3.8	10.7	x
^{124}Sn	12.3	10.1	15.2

What is the Symmetry Energy?

$$\frac{E}{A}(\rho, \delta) = \frac{E}{A}(\rho, 0) + E_{sym}(\rho)\delta^2$$

$$\delta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_n + \rho_p}$$

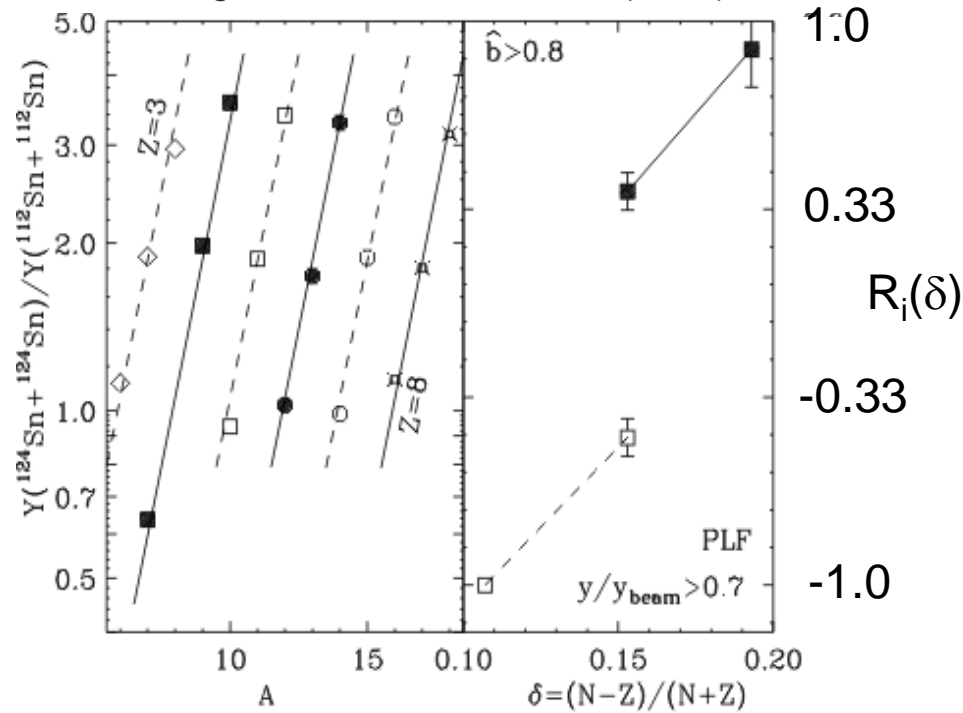
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This constraint mainly comes from
“isospin diffusion” measured in HIC’s.

Isoscaling

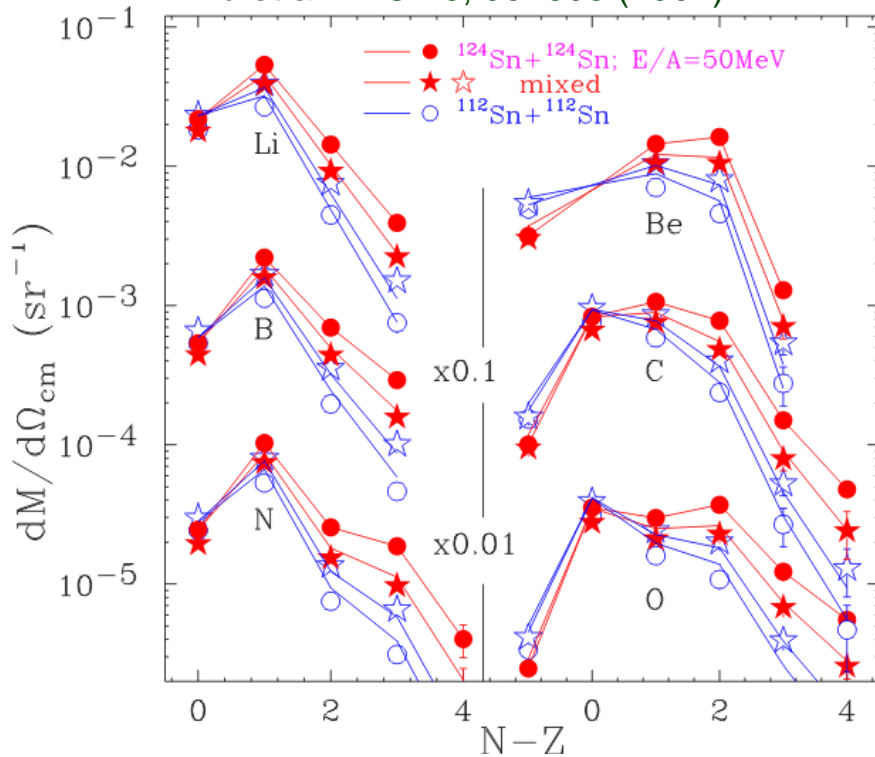
Tsang et. al., PRL 92, 062701 (2004)



Probing the Asymmetry of the Spectators

The main effect of changing the asymmetry of the projectile spectator remnant is to shift the isotopic distributions of the products of its decay.

Liu et al. PRC 76, 034603 (2007).



This can be described by the isoscaling parameters α and β :

$$\frac{Y_2(N, Z)}{Y_1(N, Z)} = C \exp(\alpha N + \beta Z)$$

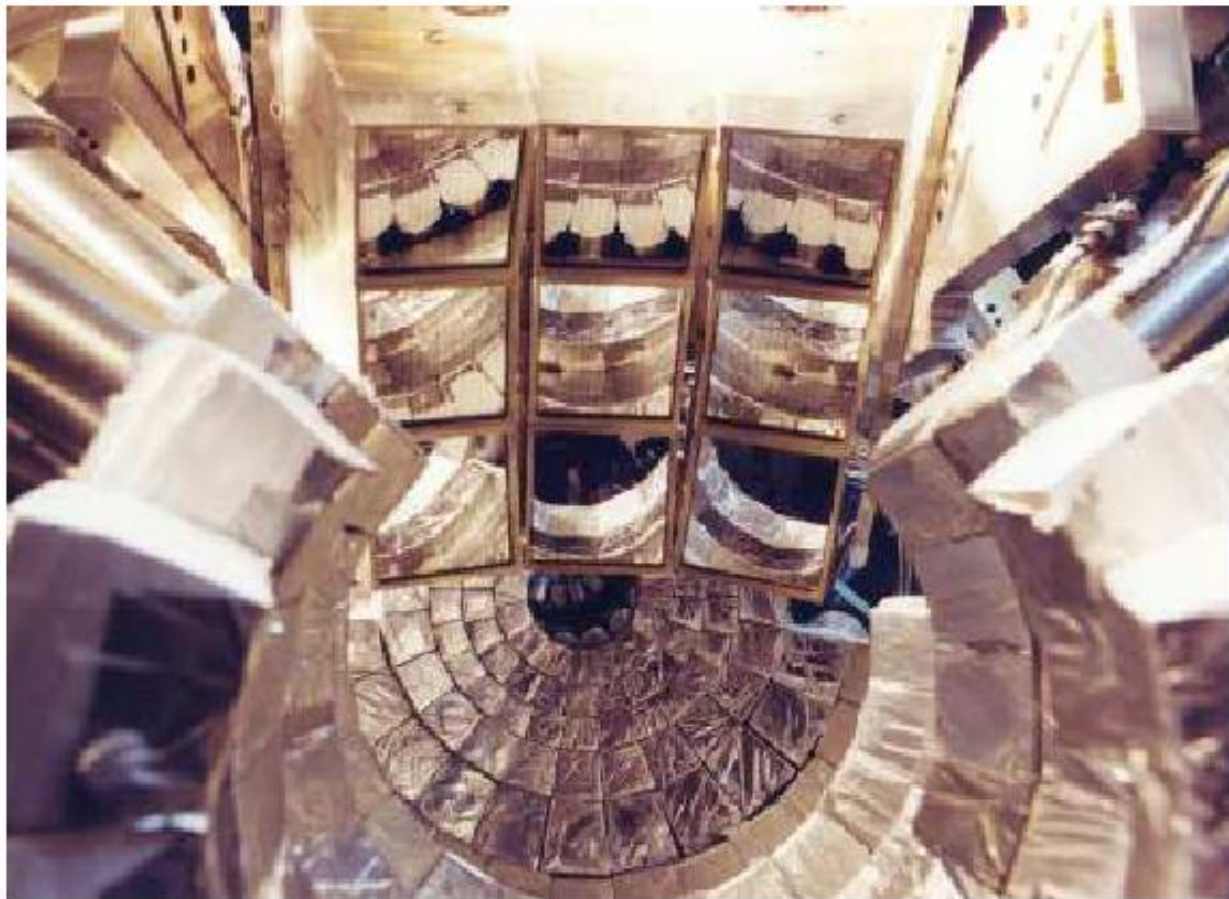
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 δ (residue asymmetry)
 α (isoscaling parameter)

Previous Isospin Diffusion Experiment

Collaboration between MSU, IUCF, WU (recall: Rachel Hodges's talk)

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4π multiplicity array
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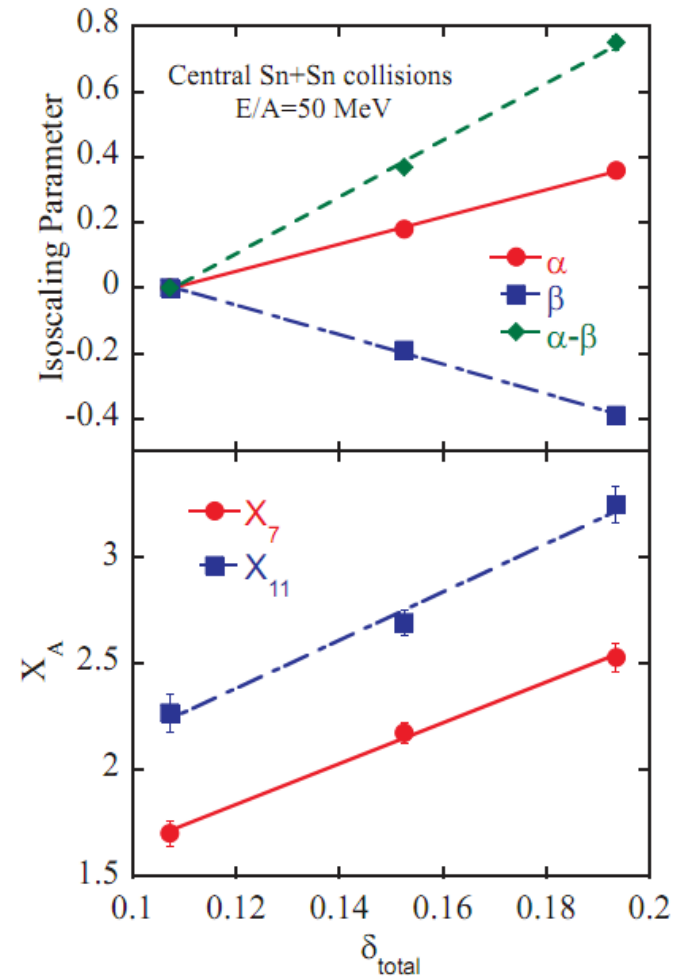
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DSSD + CsI(Tl)
Energy, Position,
A, Z Resolution for $Z < 8$

Xu et al, PRL, 85, 716 (2000)

Confirm Linearity of α on δ

- α depends linearly on the asymmetry according to statistical and dynamic models.
- Experimentally verified in central collisions.
- Measure ^{118}Sn on ^{118}Sn to add a data point to $^{112}\text{Sn} + ^{112}\text{Sn}$ and $^{124}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$.



Establishing A and Z from ΔE , TOF

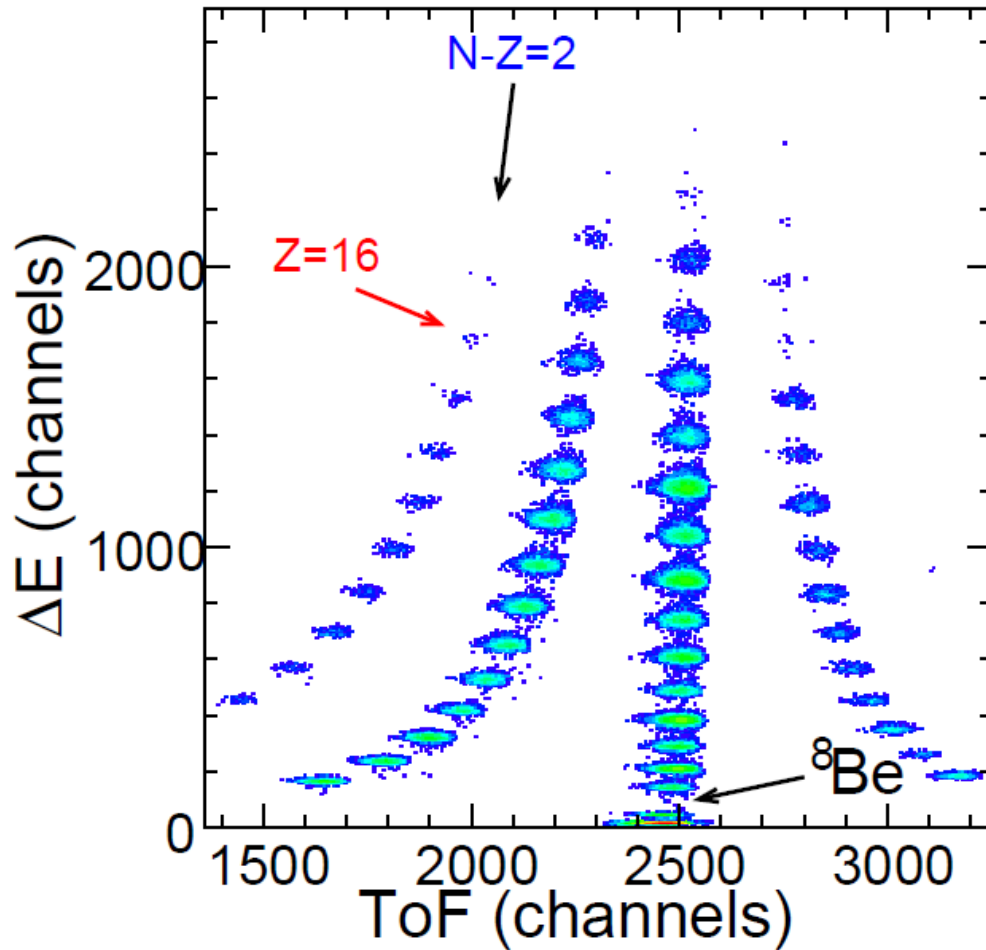
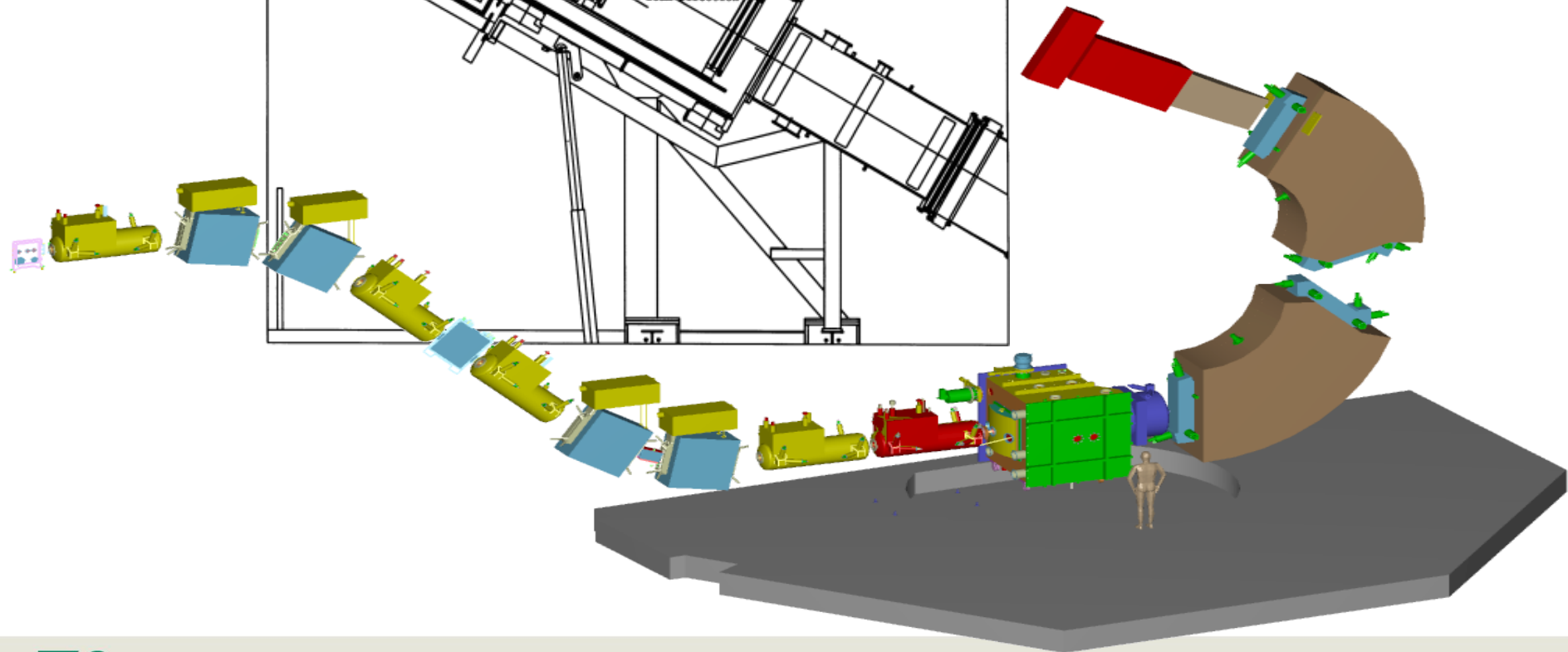
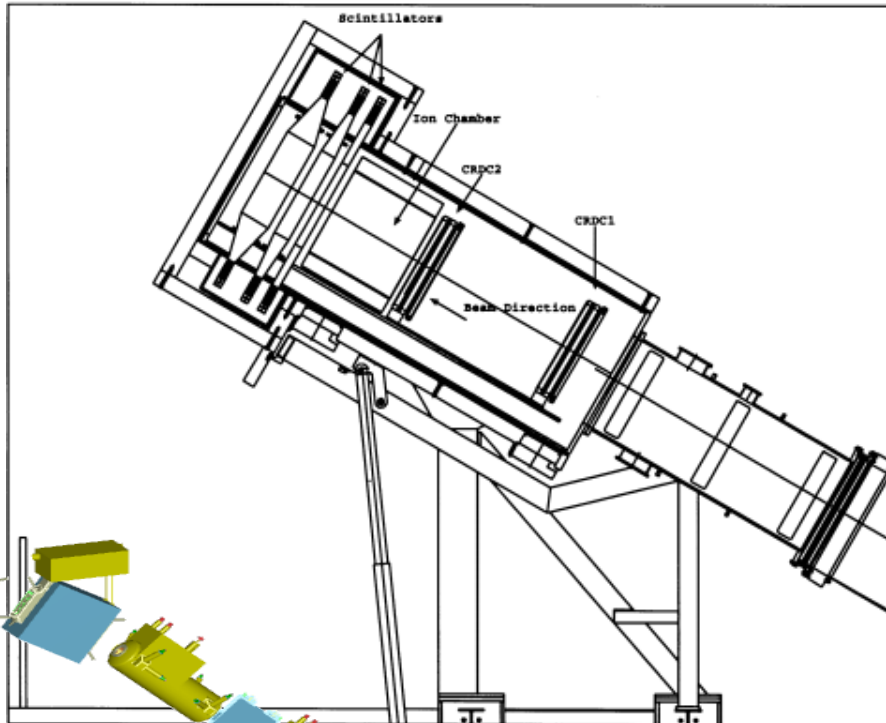


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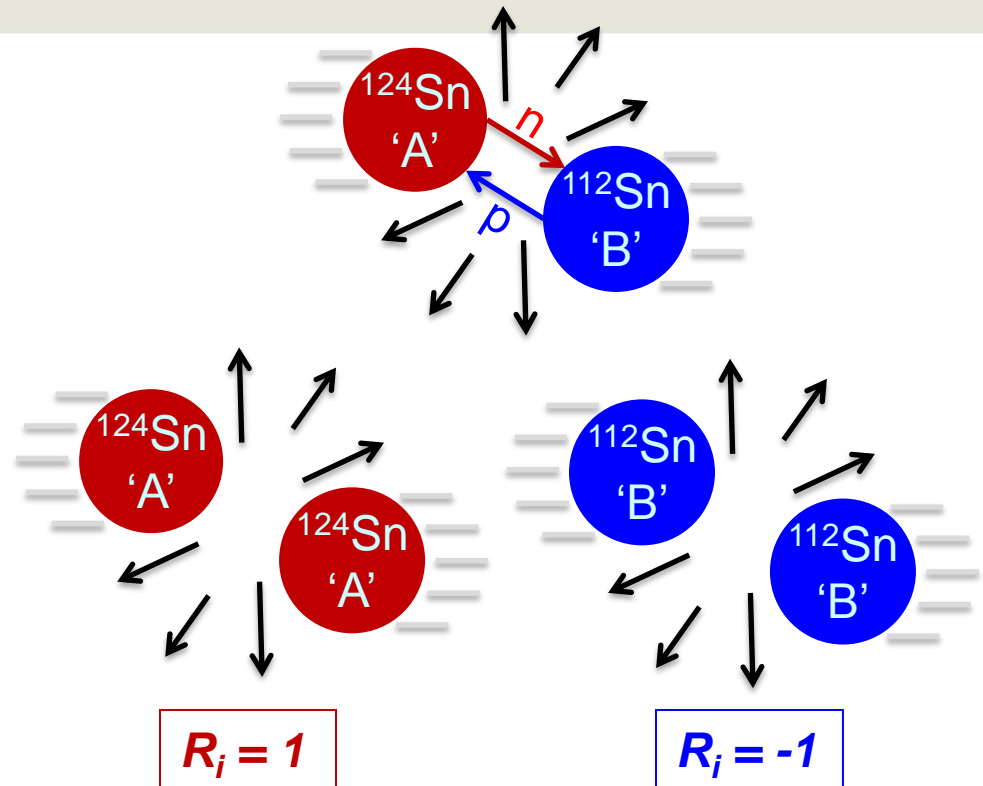
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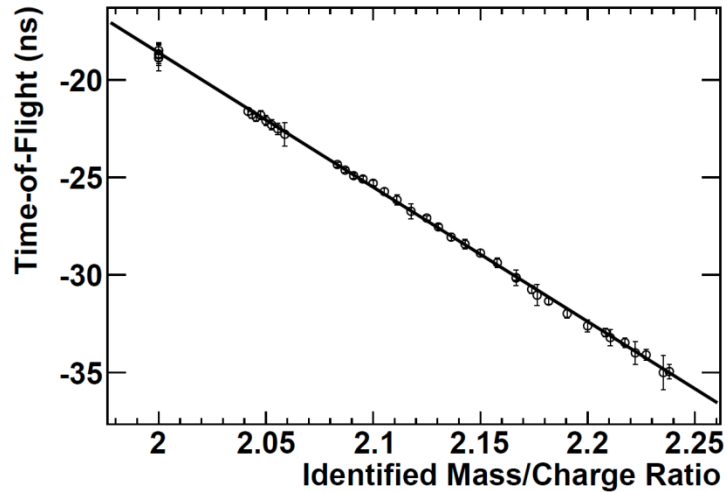


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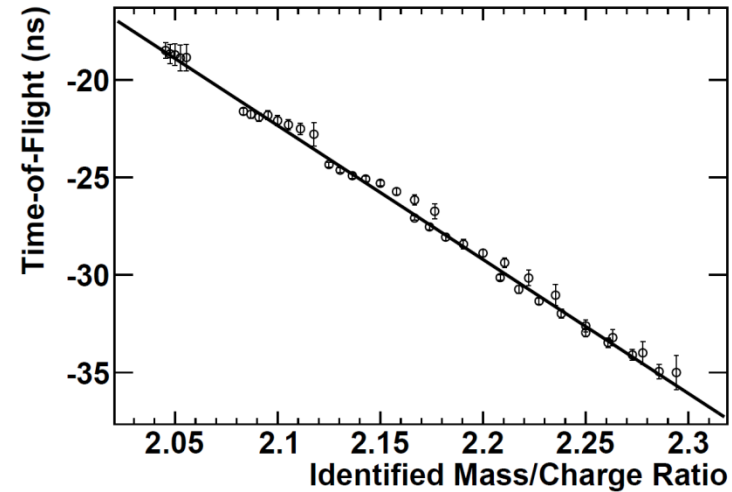
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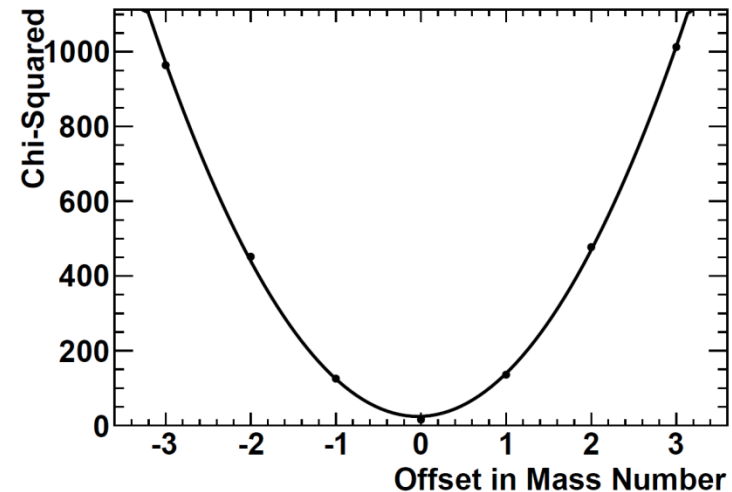
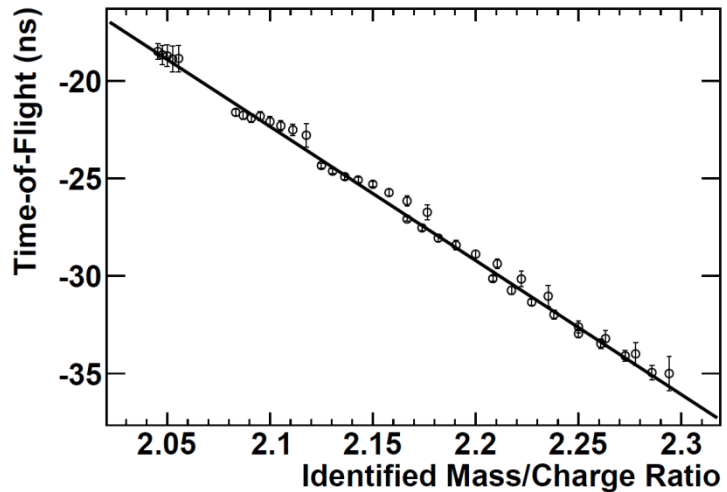
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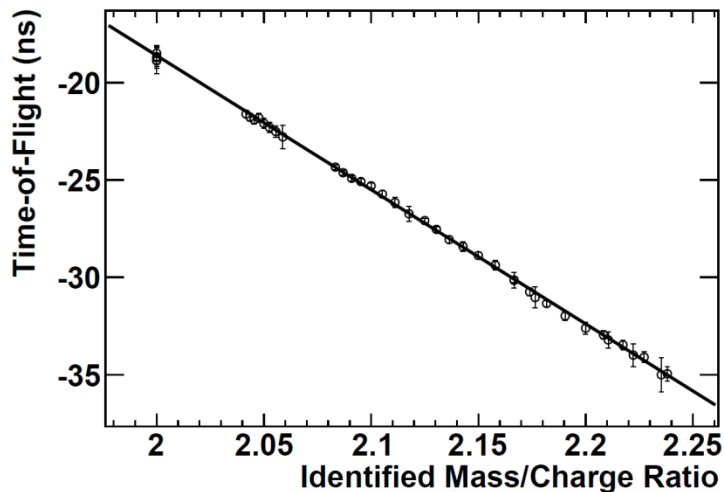
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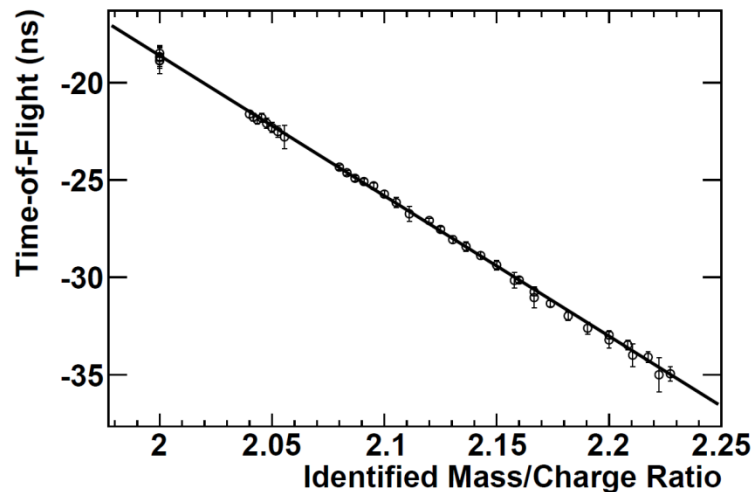
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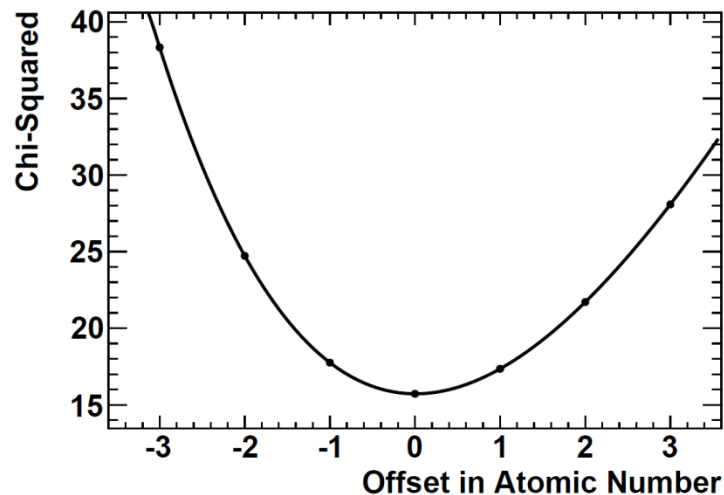
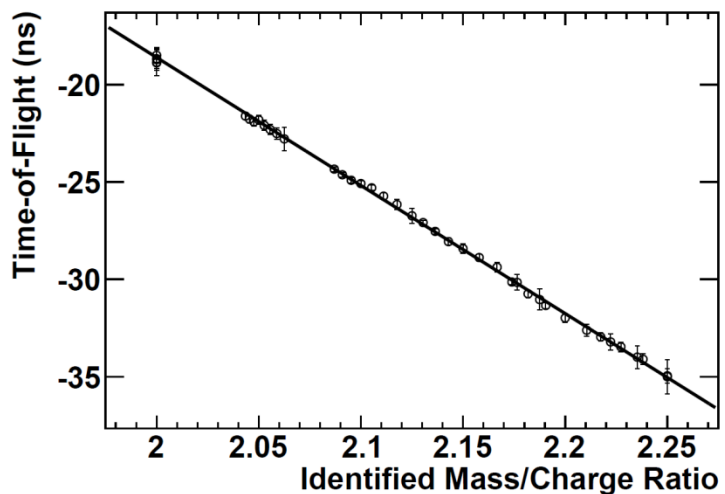
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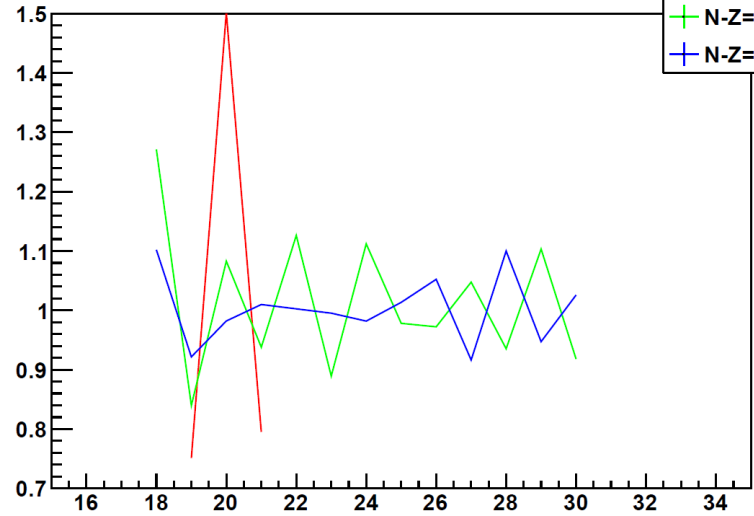
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