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My recent measurements have demonstrated a dependence of the caloric curve on the neutron-proton asymmetry. If confirmed, this represents a new feature of the nuclear equation of state. These results were made possible by the complete isotopic reconstruction of excited quasi-projectiles produced in heavy ion collisions. I will discuss the isotopic reconstruction and multiple probes of the the temperature, which are the strengths of this measurement. I will address the uncertainty which arises from the neutron measurement. I will present the status of an independent experiment designed to measure the caloric curve in a way that completely eliminates the previous uncertainties and will allow us to confirm or deny our initial discovery.

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