

Radioactivity, nuclear structure, chemists, and the abundances of the elements.

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The University of Maryland is located inside the Capital Beltway around Washington, DC.

This is a short memorial tribute to our late daughter Kathy (1966-2013) who died after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer, a year ago in March, just prior to this meeting. She was a “gamer” and also an adult “mixed-gender” ice hockey player. Here, she is holding one of the trophies earned by the team which qualified for an international tournament in Toronto on one occasion.



Topics on my agenda

Chemists and Elemental abundances

^{68}Ni and neighbors for the structure people, along with a discussion of experimental methods

The coming end of the “big dip”.

The “myth” of important experimental measurements

Who is eating Rh?

[CONTRIBUTION FROM THE KENT CHEMICAL LABORATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.]

THE EVOLUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND THE STABILITY OF COMPLEX ATOMS.

I. A NEW PERIODIC SYSTEM WHICH SHOWS A RELATION BETWEEN THE ABUNDANCE OF THE ELEMENTS AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE NUCLEI OF ATOMS.

By WILLIAM D. HARKINS.

Received November 6, 1916.

The Hydrogen-Helium Structure of Complex Atoms.

It has been shown in previous papers¹ that the elements are very probably intra-atomic compounds of hydrogen. The hydrogen first forms helium, and this becomes a secondary unit of fundamental importance in the formation of all of the elements with atomic weights higher than its own.

TABLE III.—AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF METEORITES ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THE PERIODIC SYSTEM.

Series.	Group 1.	Group 2.	Group 3.	Group 4.	Group 5.	Group 6.	Group 7.	Group 8.		
	Odd.	Even.	Odd.	Even.	Odd.	Even.	Odd.	Even.	Odd.	Even.
2				6C 0.04%		8O 10.10				
3	11Na 0.17%	12Mg 3.80	13Al 0.39	14Si 5.20	15P 0.14	16S 0.49				
4	19K 0.04%	20Ca 0.46		22Ti 0.01		24Cr 0.09	25Mn 0.03	26Fe 72.06	27Co 0.44	28Ni 6.50
	29Cu 0.01%									

Table III gives the average composition of iron and stone meteorites, arranged according to the periodic system. The numbers before the symbols represent the atomic numbers, and the numbers underneath give the percentage of the element. It will be noted that *the even-numbered elements are in every case more abundant than the adjacent odd-numbered elements.* The helium group elements form no chemical compounds,

Chemists have long recognized the relationship between elemental abundances.....measured by analytical chemists and by geochemists, and the structure of the nucleus, even before the neutron was discovered.

The centennial of this paper in the Journal of the American Chemical Society **39**, 856 (1917) is fast approaching. Perhaps an ACS symposium should be held to mark the occasion and celebrate the work of William Harkin.

As this is a “school” I would like to spend a bit of time describing some of the modern methods for studying the structure of nuclei.

Gammasphere and Gretina are modern detector systems.

Deep Inelastic reactions and fast fragmentation are methods for production

Gammasphere is 20 years old and consisted of ONE HUNDRED COMPTON SUPPRESSED DETECTORS

A lot of solid angle is lost to the BGO.

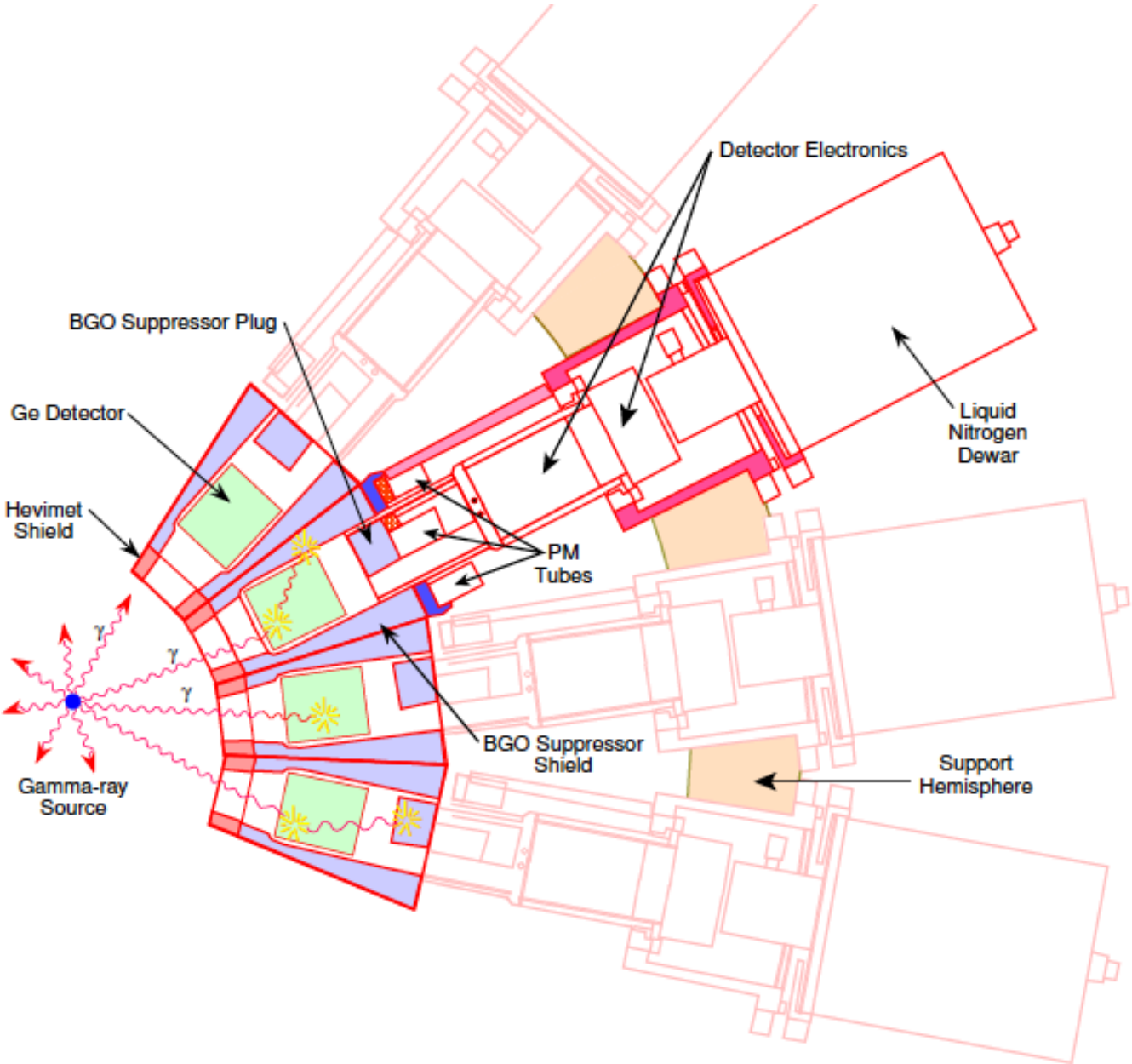
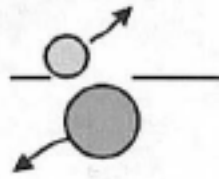
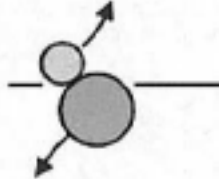


Figure 2.5: Schematic depiction of the layout of Gammasphere detector mod and of the types of interactions between γ rays and the detector material.

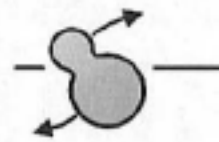
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and Coulomb excitation**



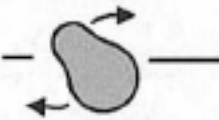
**inelastic scattering and
onset of nucleon exchange**

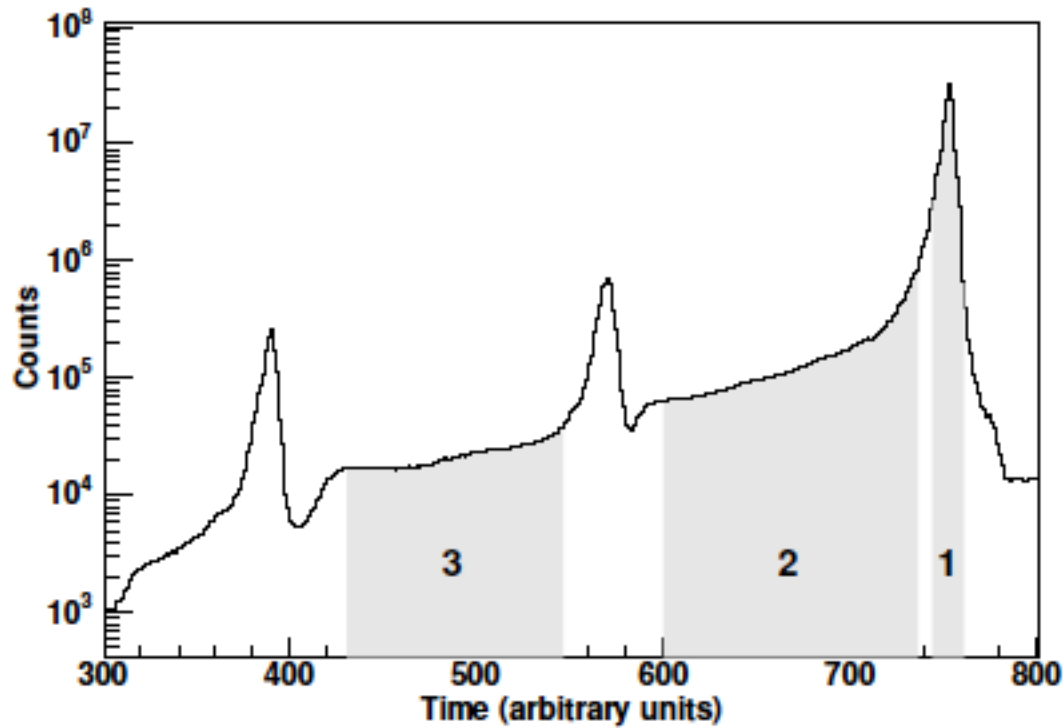


**deep-inelastic or damped
reactions - substantial
kinetic energy damping
and mass exchange**



**fusion-fission and
fusion-evaporation
reactions**





Prompt gamma rays, window 1, delayed gamma rays, isomers, beta decay in window 2.

Figure 2.7: The time with respect to an RF pulse for a selected group of γ -ray signals. Shaded region 1 depicts the “prompt” flash of radiation arriving with the beam pulse. Regions 2 and 3 indicate “delayed” transitions which arrive between beam pulses. Note that time increments backwards in this spectrum.

Hard wired triple coincidences.....old Gammasphere
 Digital Gammasphere, all data are written and then events reconstructed with whatever is needed. MUCH MORE SOFTWARE INTENSIVE.

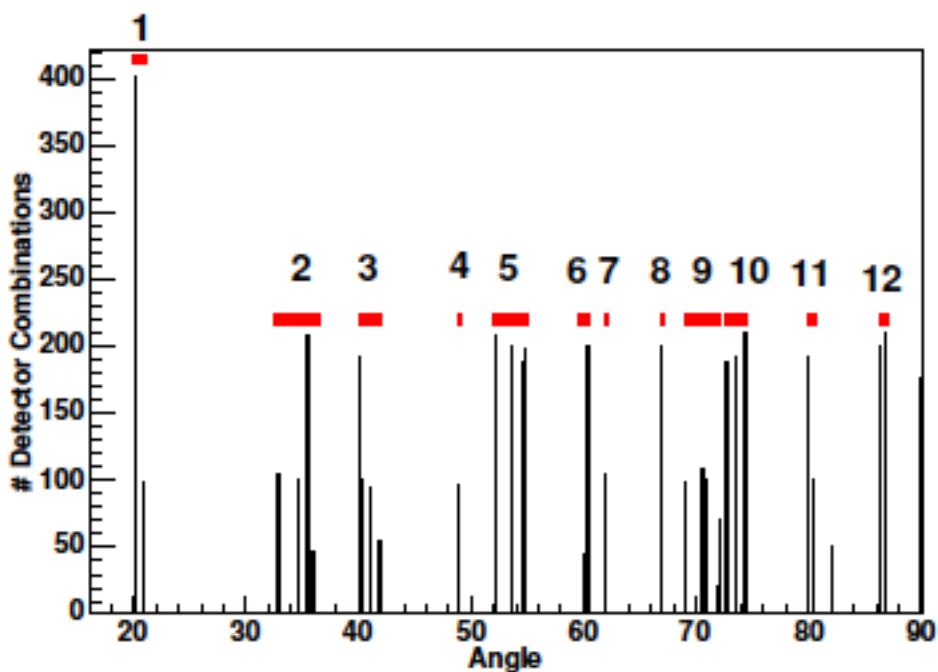


Figure 2.10: The distribution of possible angles between detectors with the 100-detector setup used for this experiment. Horizontal lines depict the angular bins used for the construction of correlation curves. Bins 4 and 7 exhibited very low statistics and were omitted from the analysis reported in this work.

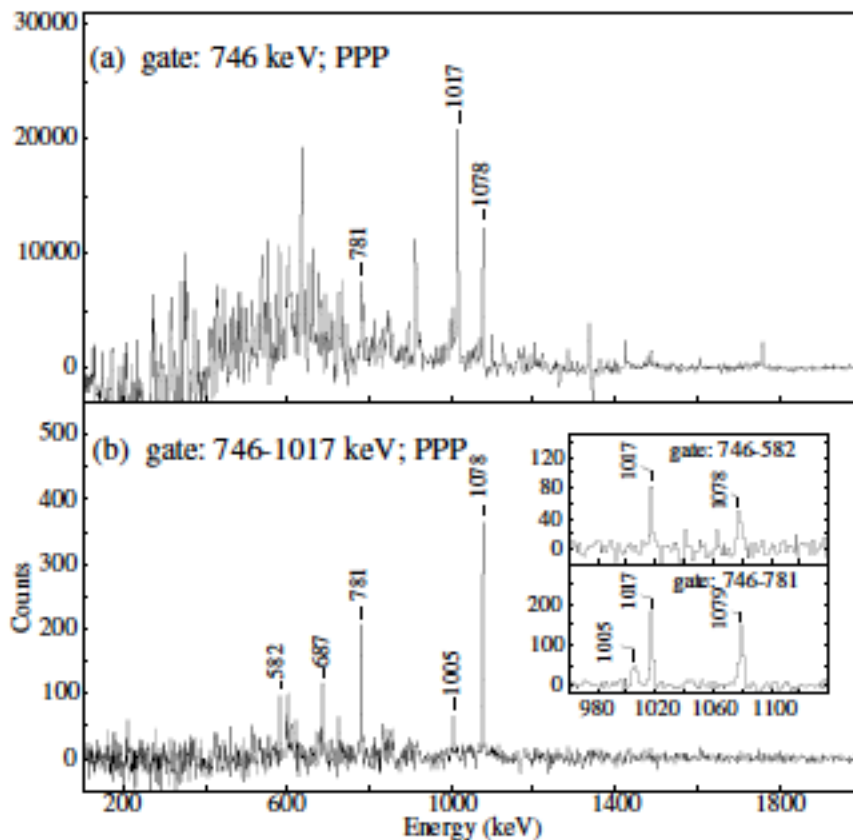
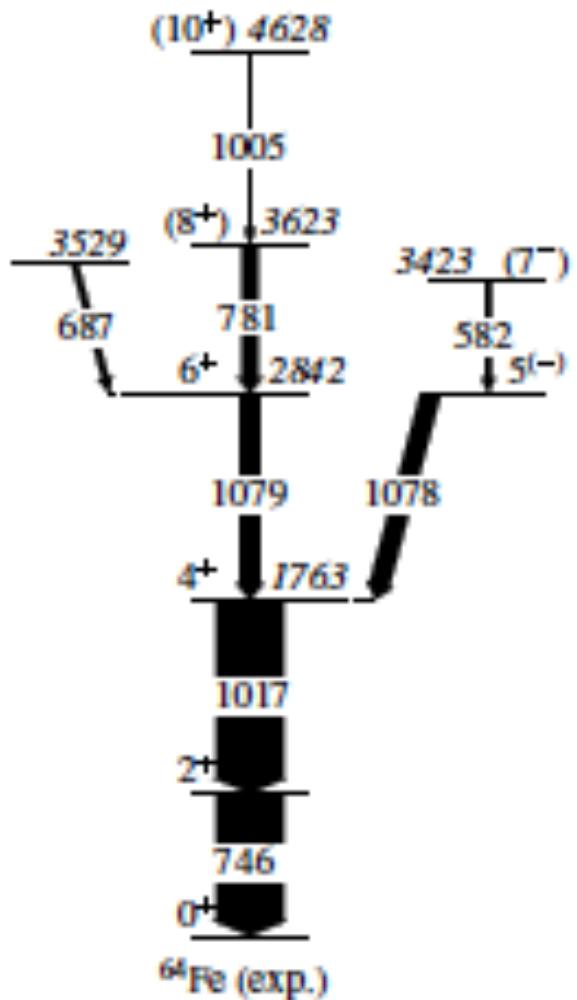


Figure 3.15: Representative spectra from coincidence gates on $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ and $4^+ \rightarrow 2^+$ transitions in ^{64}Fe in prompt cube. The insets illustrate a systematic shift in the centroid position of the 1078-keV peak.

Decay of Neutron-Rich Mn Nuclides and Deformation of Heavy Fe Isotopes

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At the start of this work, the one sure gamma ray in ^{64}Fe was at 746 keV, discovered at ISOLDE in the decay of ^{64}Mn in 1997, the experiment that STARTED the whole ^{68}Ni craze. The reaction was $^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{238}\text{U}$.



Why GRETINA. In Gammasphere a lot of data are thrown away via the Compton Suppression. Each detector is surrounded by a BiGeO low-resolution detector system that detects Compton scattering and cancels that event.

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Yrast structure of ^{64}Fe

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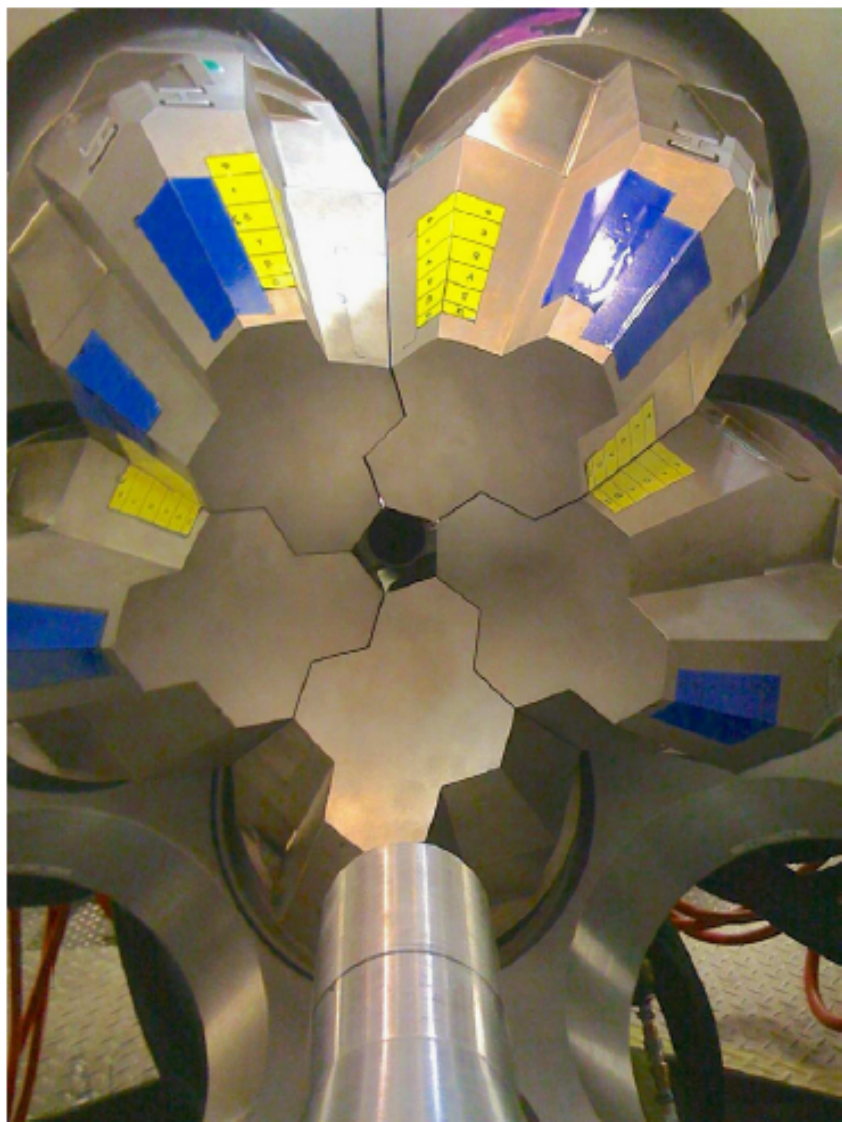


Fig. 2. A photograph of the actual array showing five GRETTINA detector modules (20 crystals) mounted in a close-packed configuration.

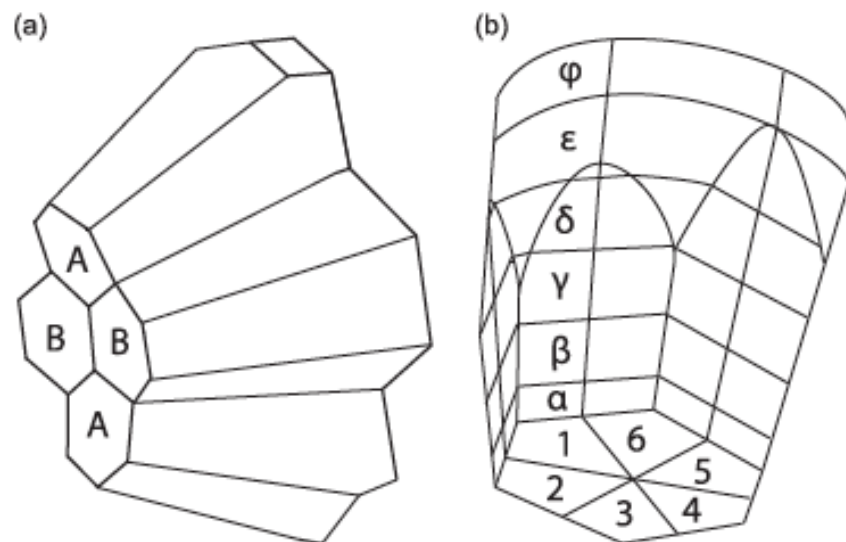


Fig. 3. Schematic drawing of (a) four crystals packed in one module, two A-type crystals and two B-type crystals and (b) an individual crystal showing the electrical segmentation of its outer contact.

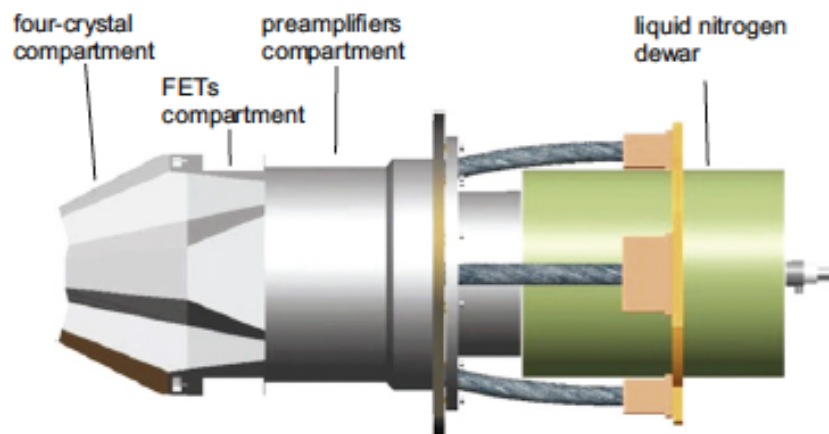


Fig. 4. A side-view drawing of the GRETTINA detector module.

Each module is broken into 36 segments, 6 x 6. The Compton events are detected and added back to produce full-energy events.

VERY SOFTWARE INTENSIVE.

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Configuration mixing and relative transition rates between low-spin states in ^{68}Ni

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First Gretina paper in print from MSU, winner of the Macchiavelli prize

Here are spectra from DIS at Gammasphere

See the gamma at 1139 keV.

CONFIGURATION MIXING AND RELATIVE TRANSITION ...

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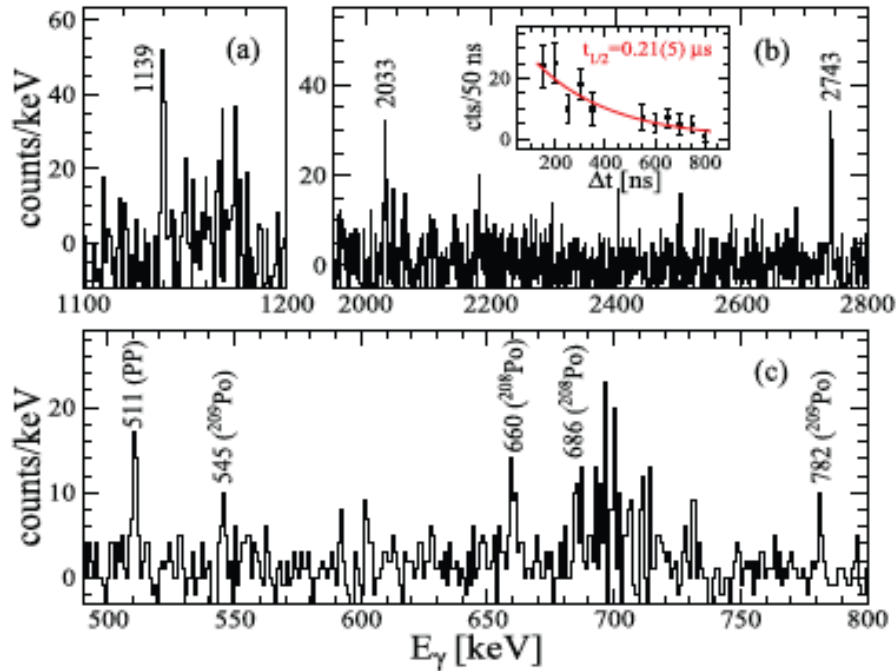


FIG. 3. (Color online) Spectra from the DIS data. (a), (b) Prompt γ rays coincident with the 662-keV γ ray and delayed $^{208,209}\text{Po}$ lines. (c) Delayed γ rays coincident with prompt 662- and 1139-keV transitions. Inset to (b): decay curve for the 511-keV line; random events associated with the next beam burst at ~ 400 ns are excluded from the fit.

TABLE I. Intensities I_γ and $B(E2)$ ratios $R(E_\gamma)$ (see text) for transitions from the 2_2^+ state in ^{68}Ni . The bottom row provides weighted averages of the values from the two data sets presented here (DIS and 2nKO) and the earlier β -decay work [4].

Reaction	$I_\gamma(2743),$ $2_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+$	$I_\gamma(1139),$ $2_2^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+$	$I_\gamma(710),$ $2_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$	$R(1139)$	$R(710)$
DIS	100(11)	47(10)	58(10)	38(9)	346_{-225}^{+117}
2nKO	100(3)	50(6)	52(9)	41(5)	310_{-199}^{+100}
β [4]	100(5)	42(3)	41(3)	34(3)	244_{-152}^{+69}
Average	100(3)	44(3)	43(3)	36(2)	259_{-161}^{+73}

2743-keV $E2$ transition directly to the ground state. The presence of several branches offers an opportunity to explore the nature of the 0^+ and 2^+ states further by examining the properties of these transitions. Although an absolute determination of the $B(E2)$ strengths would require knowledge of the half-life of the 2_2^+ state, or a direct measurement of the $B(E2)$ value for one of the transitions, the *relative* strengths can be compared to those predicted by different calculations.

In the DIS data, the spectrum in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) was

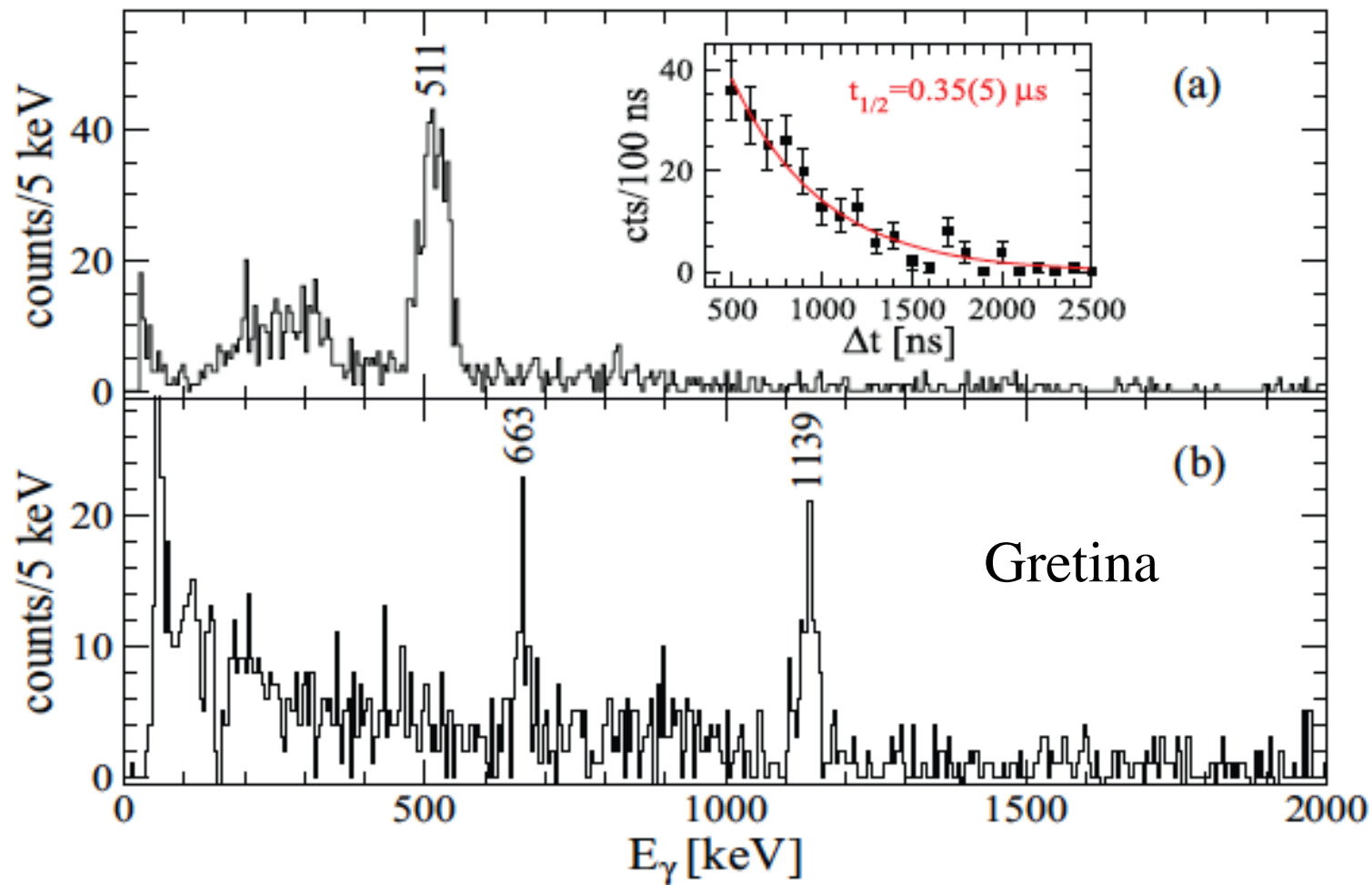
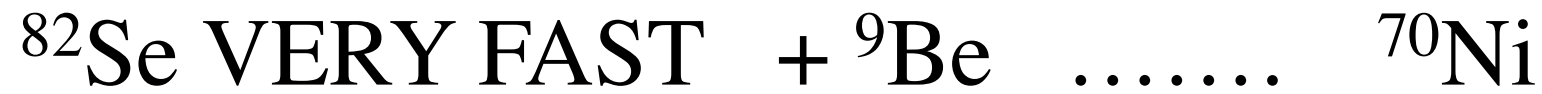


FIG. 2. (Color online) Spectra from the 2nKO data. (a) Delayed γ -ray spectrum recorded in the CsI(Na) scintillators in coincidence with implanted ^{68}Ni ions. Inset: decay curve for the 511-keV line. (b) Prompt GRETINA spectrum coincident with the identification of a ^{68}Ni recoil and the detection of a delayed 511-keV γ ray in the CsI(Na) detectors.

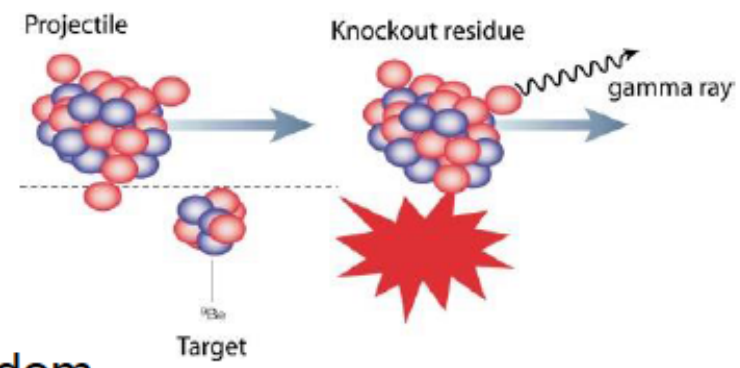
^{68}Ni was also produced in two-neutron knockout (2nKO) reactions at the Coupled Cyclotron Facility of the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (NSCL). A secondary cocktail beam containing ^{70}Ni , ^{69}Co , and ^{71}Cu ions was produced in the projectile fragmentation of a 140-MeV/u ^{82}Se beam on a 423-mg/cm² ^9Be production target located at the entrance of the A1900 fragment separator [18]. The momentum acceptance of the separator was set to 1%. Secondary beams with typical intensities of 10^5 ions/s were delivered

Knocking out 2 neutrons leaves an excited ^{68}Ni nucleus, whose gamma rays can be studied in coincidence with the ^{68}Ni fragment



Nuclear Structure Physics

- Complementary degrees of freedom are accessible
 - Single-particle properties
 - » Nucleon knockout
 - » Transfer reactions
 - Collective degrees of freedom



- Direct reactions:**
- nucleon-removing reactions (knockout)
 - Nucleon-adding transfer reactions (light-ion and heavy-ion induced)

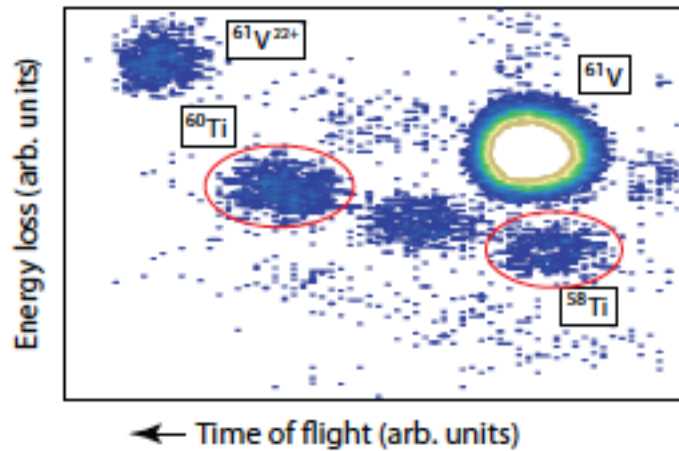
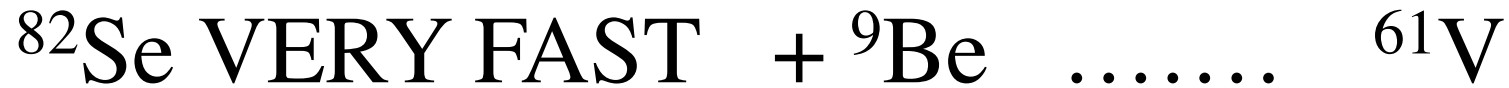
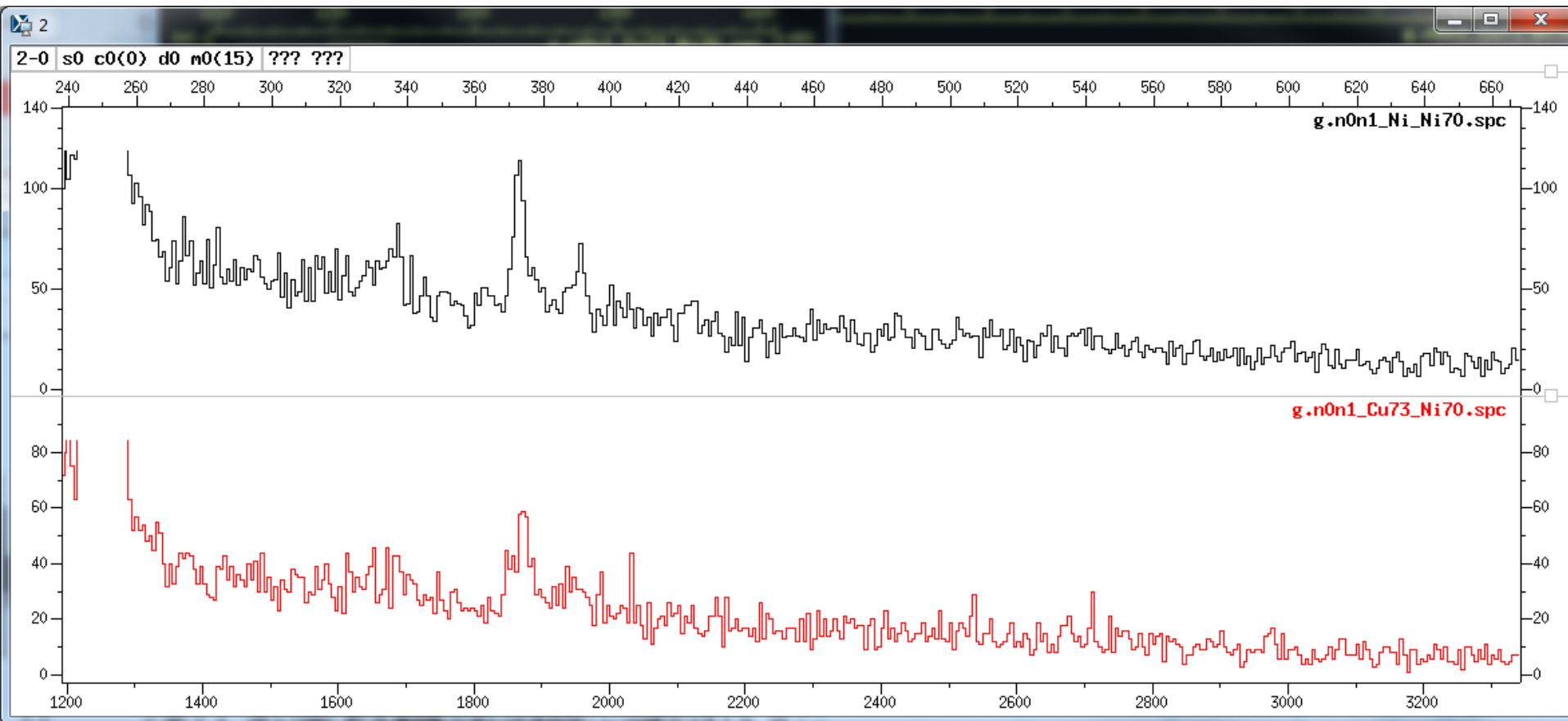


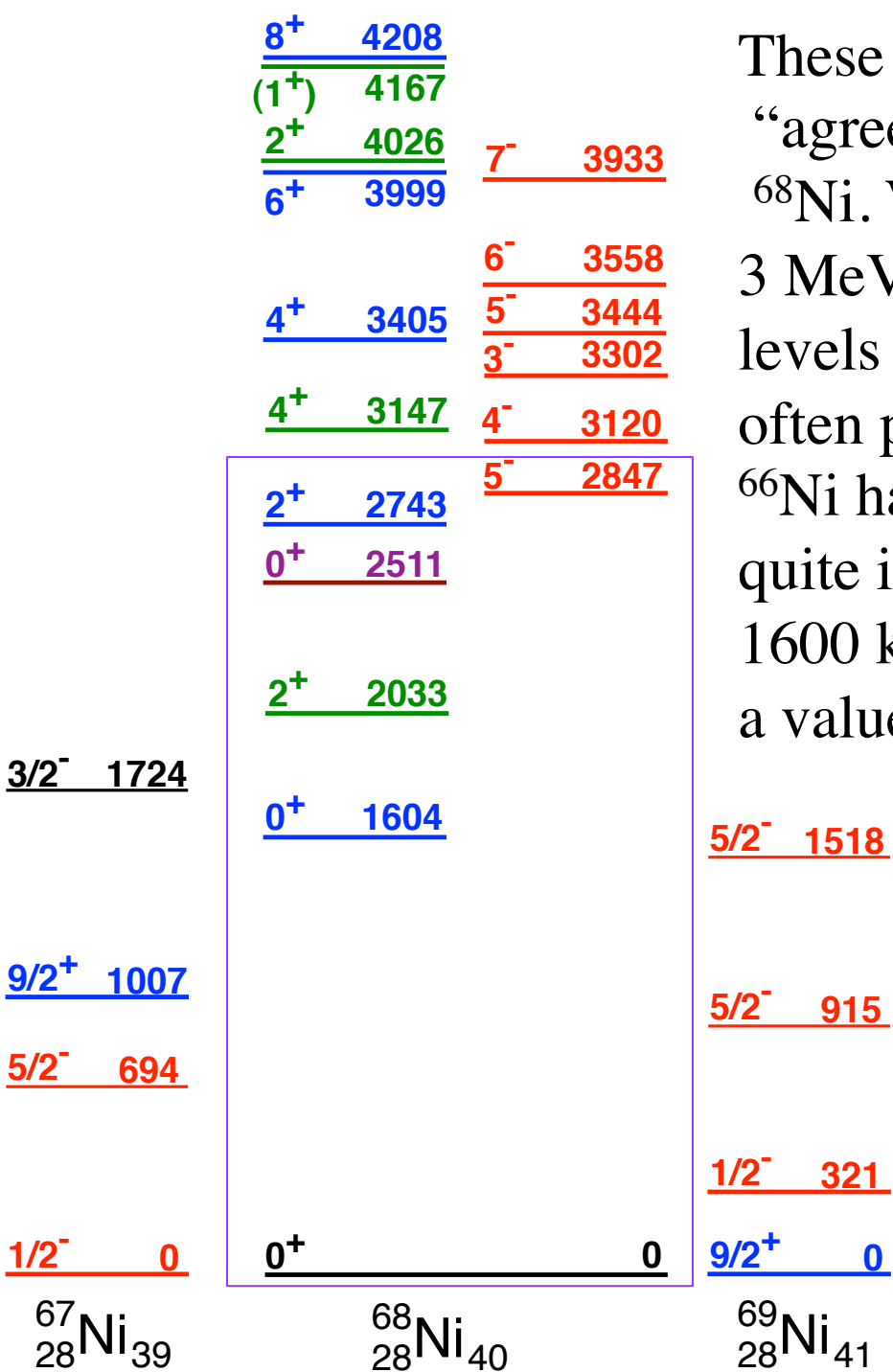
FIG. 1: (Color online) Identification spectrum for the reaction residues produced in $^9\text{Be}(^{61}\text{V}, ^A\text{Ti})\text{X}$ at a 90-MeV/u mid-target energy. All reaction residues are unambiguously identified by their energy loss, measured in the S800 ionization chamber, and their time of flight.



^{70}Ni gammas, 5keV/bin, top from 2n KO from incoming ^{72}Ni , bottom ^{70}Ni made from incoming ^{73}Cu .



1866-keV gamma ray was identified in one decay study, but not in another decay paper. The other high-energy gamma rays were not previously seen.



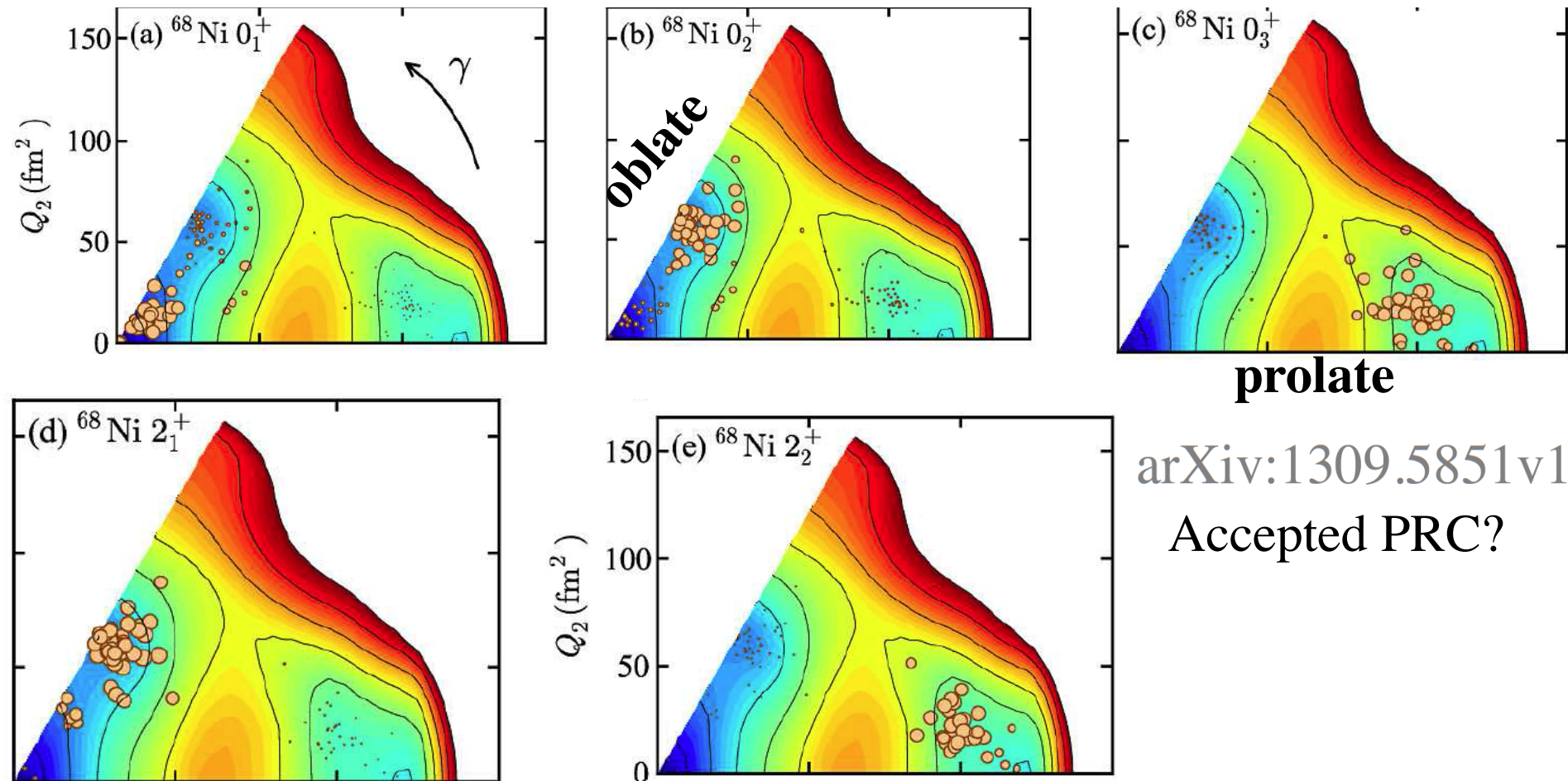
These seem to be the “agreed-on levels in magic ^{68}Ni . What is the fuss? Mainly that below 3 MeV, there are three 0^+ levels and two 2^+ levels and a single 5^- level. Although this often portrayed as “unique” the fact is that ^{66}Ni has a similar structure. This region is quite interesting owing to the “ $p_{1/2}$ gap” of 1600 keV between the $9/2^+$ and $5/2^-$ levels, a value comparable to the pairing energy.

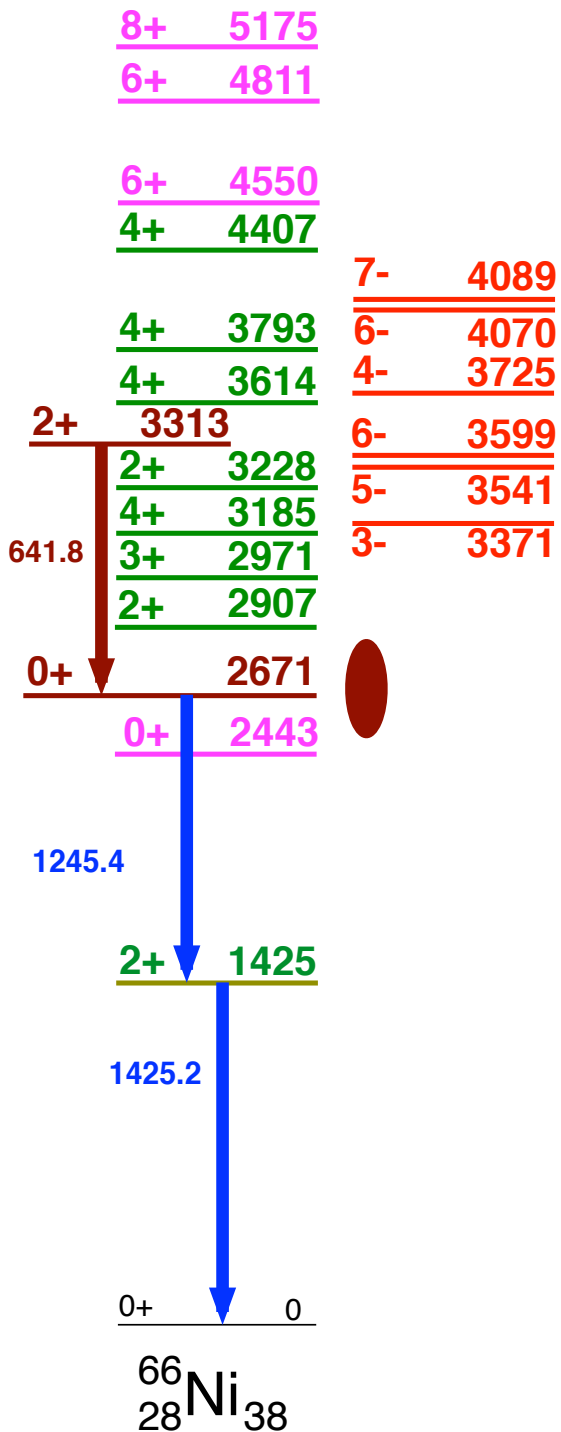
A second major feature of the $N = 40$ oscillator shell gap is that 1-neutron-particle-1-hole states have negative parity, whereas, similar 1-proton-particle-1-hole states have positive parity. Hence they don’t mix.

These are the five ^{68}Ni low-energy levels from Tsunoda et al., that will serve as a basis for an analysis of the level structure of ^{69}Cu . These graphs show the deformation from wavefunction components from Monte Carlo Shell Model calculations.

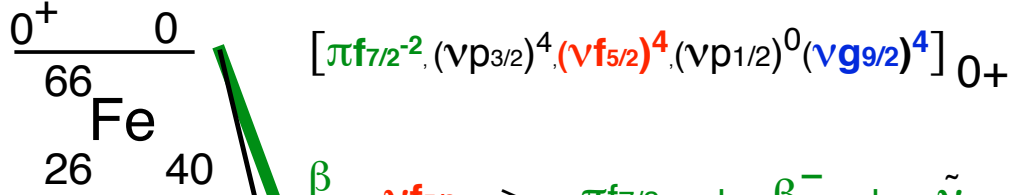
Novel shape evolution in exotic Ni isotopes and Type II shell evolution

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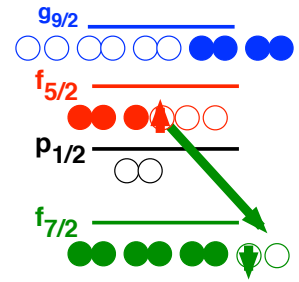




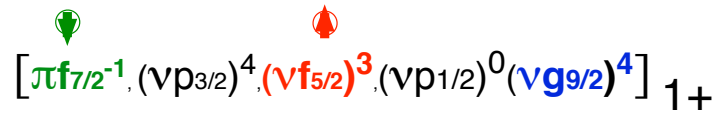
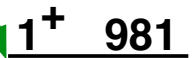
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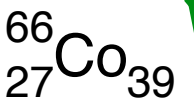
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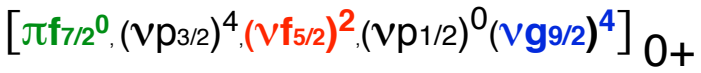
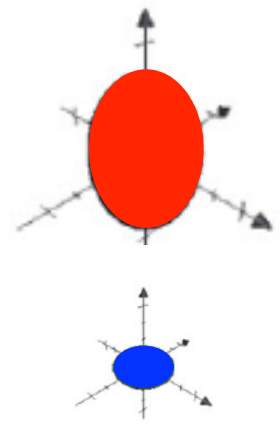
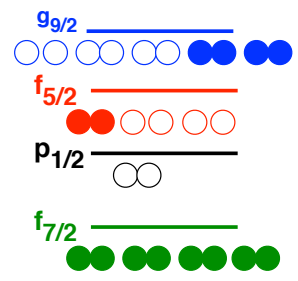
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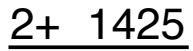
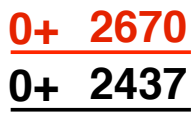
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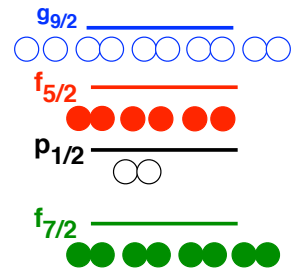
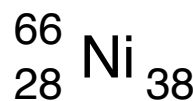
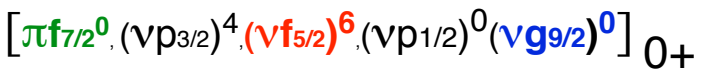
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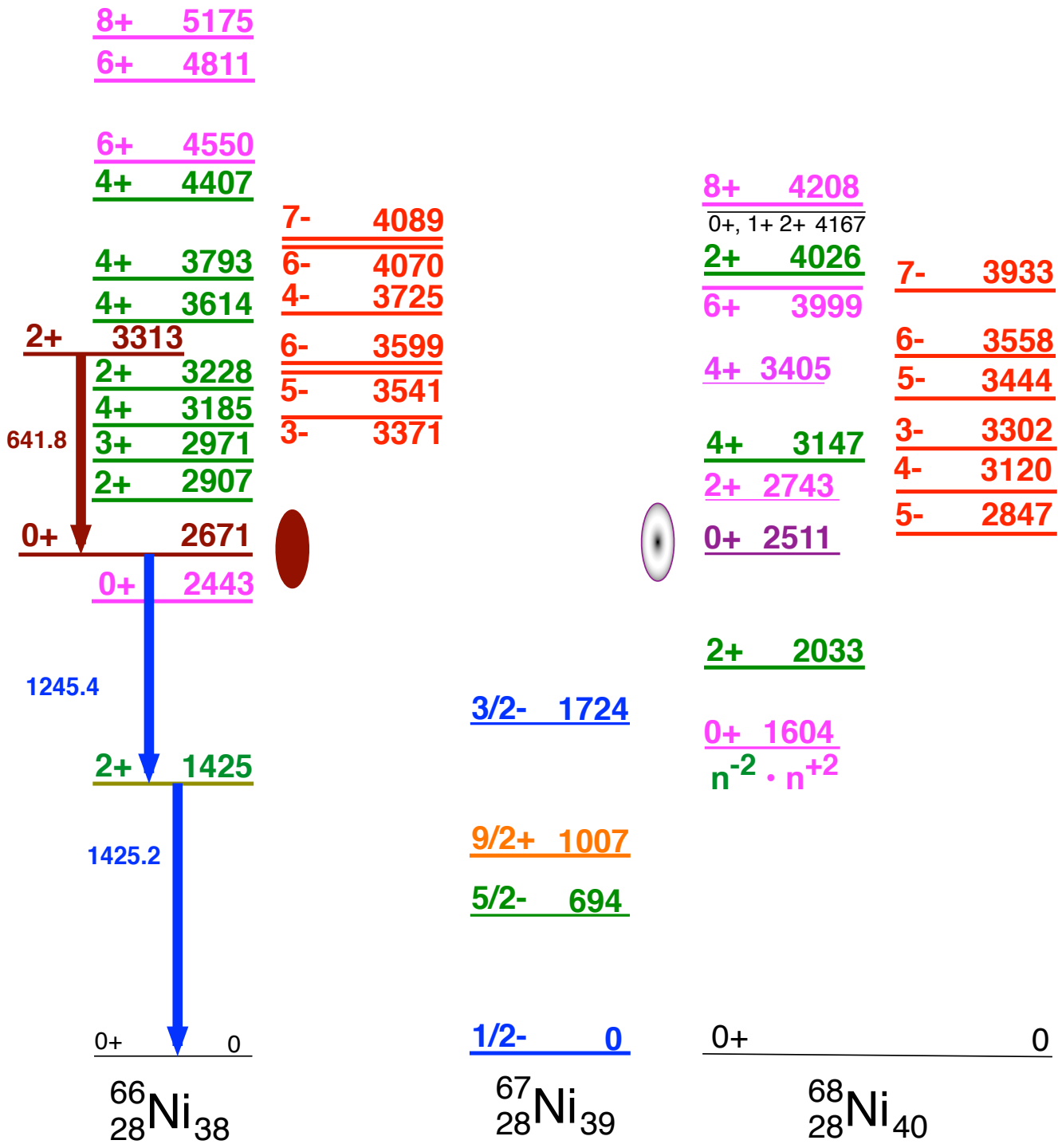


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Two more points, first magnetic moment for the $p_{1/2}$ ground state has been measured and found to lie close to the Schmidt single-particle limit.

Second, Spin orbit splitting is restored in ^{67}Ni to nearly the same value as it was in ^{49}Cabefore EIGHT $J - L + 1$ $f_{7/2}$ protons were added.

So, the tensor interaction is not the whole story in nuclear structure.

TABLE I. Experimental magnetic moments μ_{expt} and single-particle values μ_{sp} and their difference $\Delta\mu$ for odd-proton (π) and odd-neutron (ν) nuclei in the Pb region.

		μ_{expt}	μ_{sp}	$\Delta\mu$
^{209}Bi	$\pi h_{9/2}$	4.11	2.62	1.49
^{209}Bi	$\pi i_{13/2}$	2.78(10) ^a	3.56	-0.78
^{207}Tl	$\pi s_{1/2}^{-1}$	1.87	2.79	-0.92
^{207}Tl	$\pi d_{3/2}^{-1}$	0.76(19) ^b	0.12	0.64
^{209}Pb	$\nu g_{9/2}$	-1.47	-1.91	0.44
^{207}Pb	$\nu p_{1/2}^{-1}$	0.59	0.64	-0.05
^{207}Pb	$\nu f_{5/2}^{-1}$	0.79(3)	1.37	-0.58
^{207}Pb	$\nu i_{13/2}^{-1}$	-1.01(3) ^c	-1.91	0.90

All corrections have been collated in Table II. For the $p_{3/2}$ proton in ^{69}Cu , the calculated correction to the single-particle magnetic moment is large, $-0.94\mu_N$, while for the $p_{1/2}$ neutron in ^{67}Ni it is small, $-0.18\mu_N$. For the former, the result is in good agreement with experiment, while for the latter, the correction, although small, is a factor of 4 larger than required by experiment. The same phenomenon is found in the Pb region, where for the neutron $p_{1/2}$ state the calculated [12,14,15] correction is of order $\sim 0.2\mu_N$, compared with the experimental value of $0.05\mu_N$. The small changes observed for $p_{1/2}$ nuclei are related to the absence of nearby low angular momentum negative parity orbitals. The fact that, in ^{67}Ni , even this small correction is overestimated, provides evidence for the strength of the subshell closure at $N = 40$ in ^{68}Ni .

The first fully on-line use of the angular distribution of beta emission in detection of NMR of nuclei oriented at low temperatures is reported. The magnetic moments of the single valence particle, intermediate mass, isotopes $^{67}\text{Ni}(\nu p_{1/2}^{-1}; 1/2^-)$ and $^{69}\text{Cu}(\pi p_{3/2}^1; 3/2^-)$ are measured to be $+0.601(5)\mu_N$ and $+2.84(1)\mu_N$, respectively, revealing only a small deviation from the neutron $p_{1/2}$ single-particle value in the former and a large deviation from the proton $p_{3/2}$ single-particle value in the latter. Quantitative interpretation is given in terms of core polarization and meson-exchange currents.

First On-Line Beta-NMR on Oriented Nuclei: Magnetic Dipole Moments of the $(\nu p_{1/2})^{-1} 1/2^-$ Ground State in ^{67}Ni and $(\pi p_{3/2})^{+1} 3/2^-$ Ground State in ^{69}Cu

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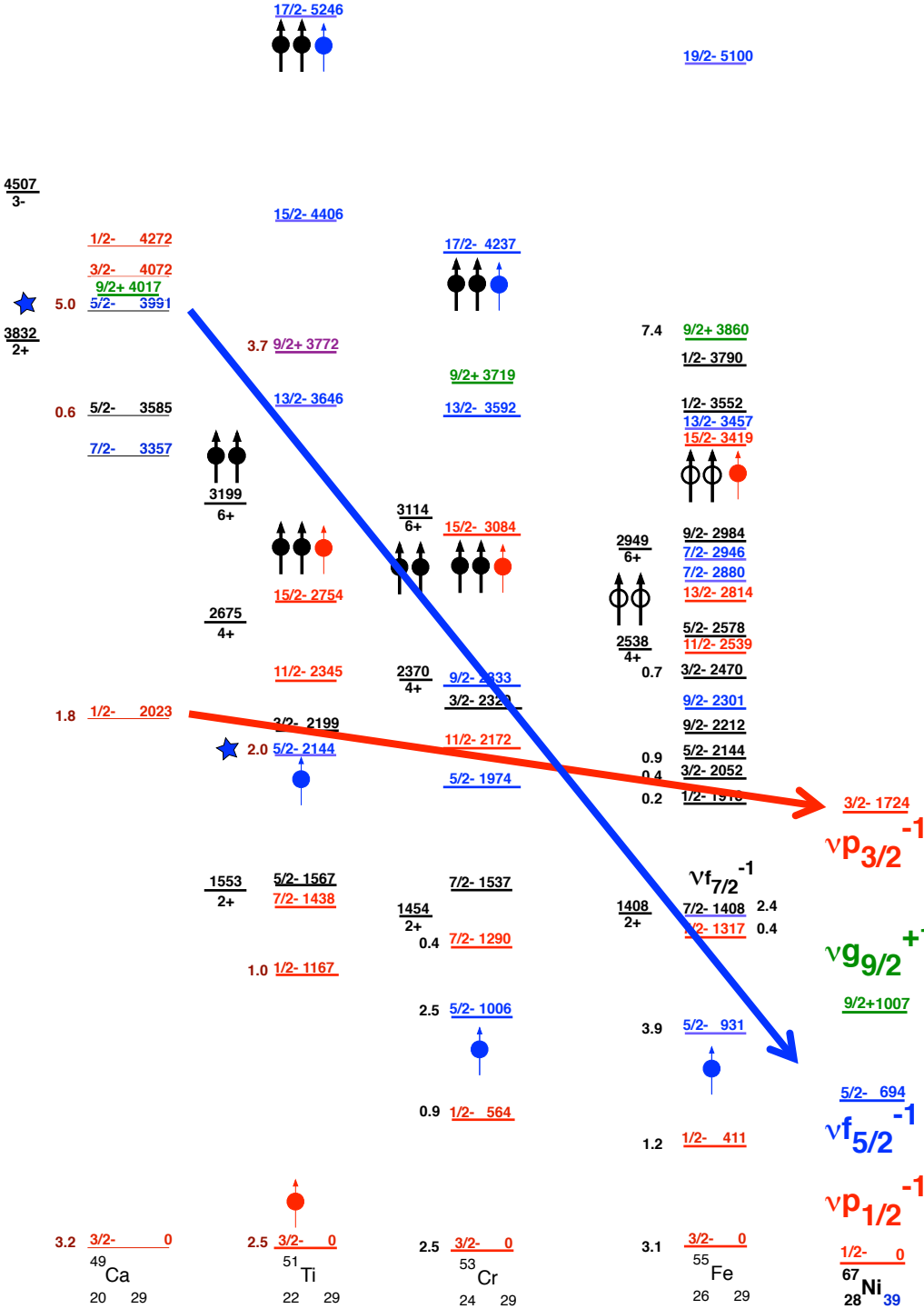
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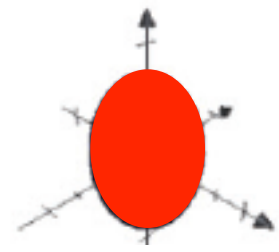
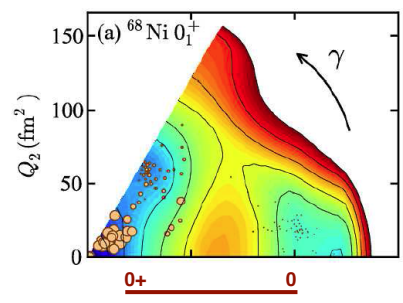
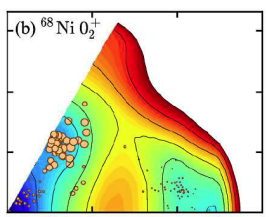
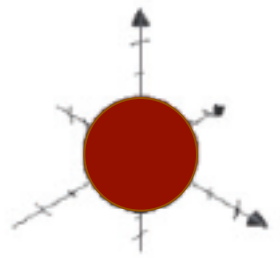
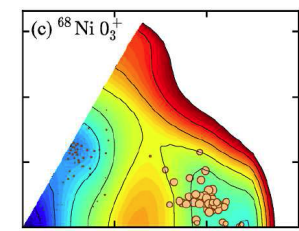
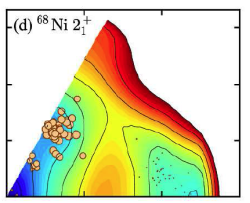
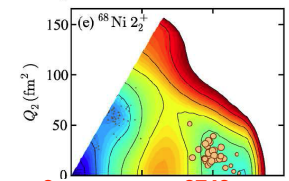
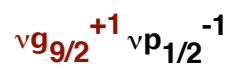
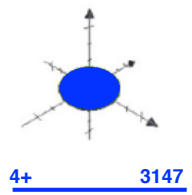
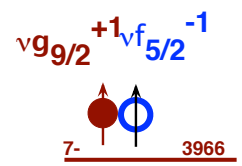
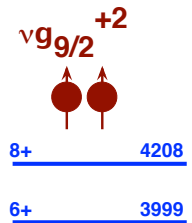
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Measured moment 0.60 (5)
Single-particle 0.64



Here, I want to make an observation about spin-orbit splitting. Much comment has been made about the Tensor interaction and the lowering of the $J - 1/2$ state. BUT, look here, when the nucleus is returned to a largely spherical state in ^{67}Ni , lo and behold, **the total change is from 2020 to 1724 keV only 300 keV relative to the splitting observed in ^{49}Ca for the $p_{3/2}$ to $p_{1/2}$ split!!!** Compared to the high-j $f_{5/2}$ orbital, the change for the lower-J $L = 1$ orbitals is much smaller.



^{68}Ni
28 40

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Shape coexistence in ^{68}Ni

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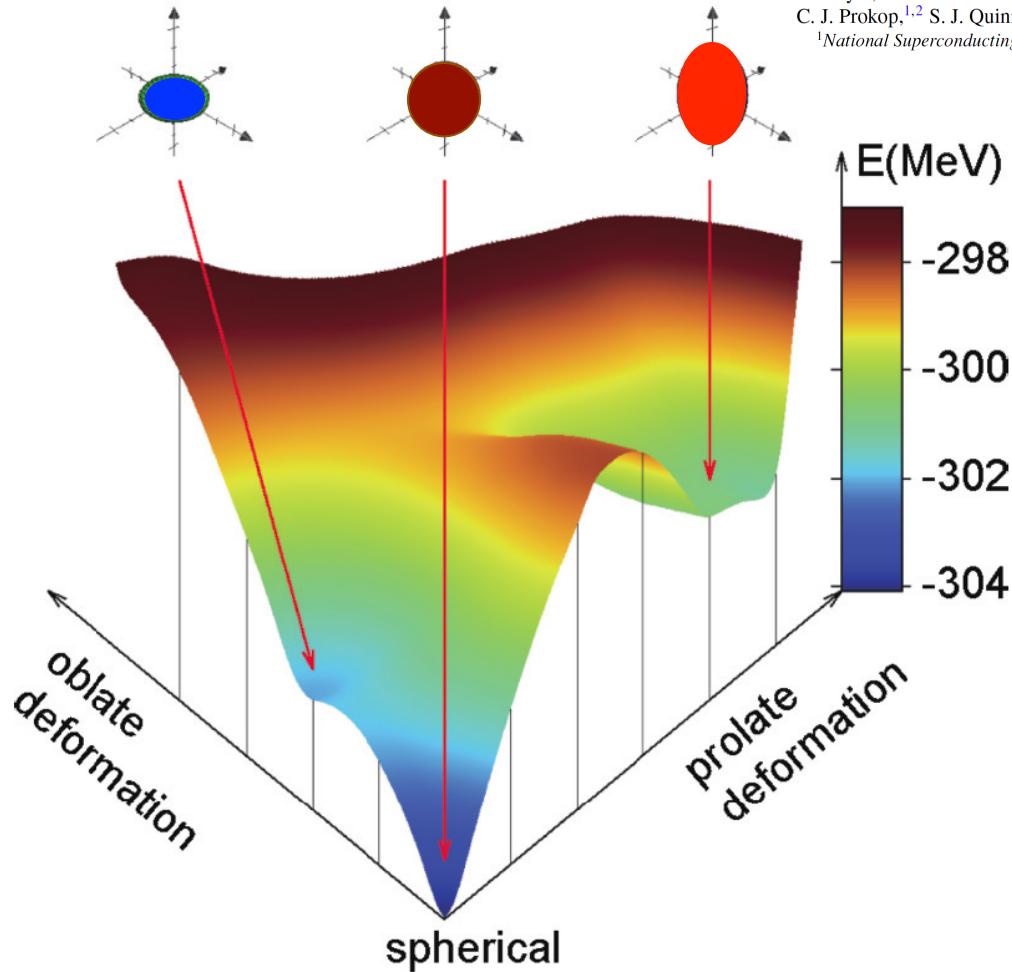


FIG. 3. (Color online) The energy of ^{68}Ni as a function of a given ellipsoidal shape. The energy was obtained by a Hartree-Fock calculation constrained by the quadrupole moment for the Hamiltonian being used. Each tick along the axis corresponds to an increment of $50 e \text{ fm}^2$ in the magnitude of the quadrupole moment.

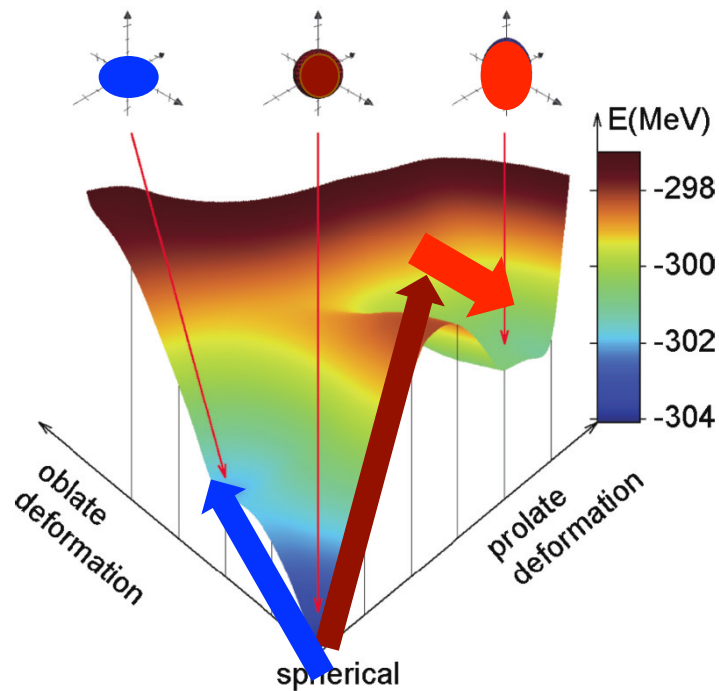
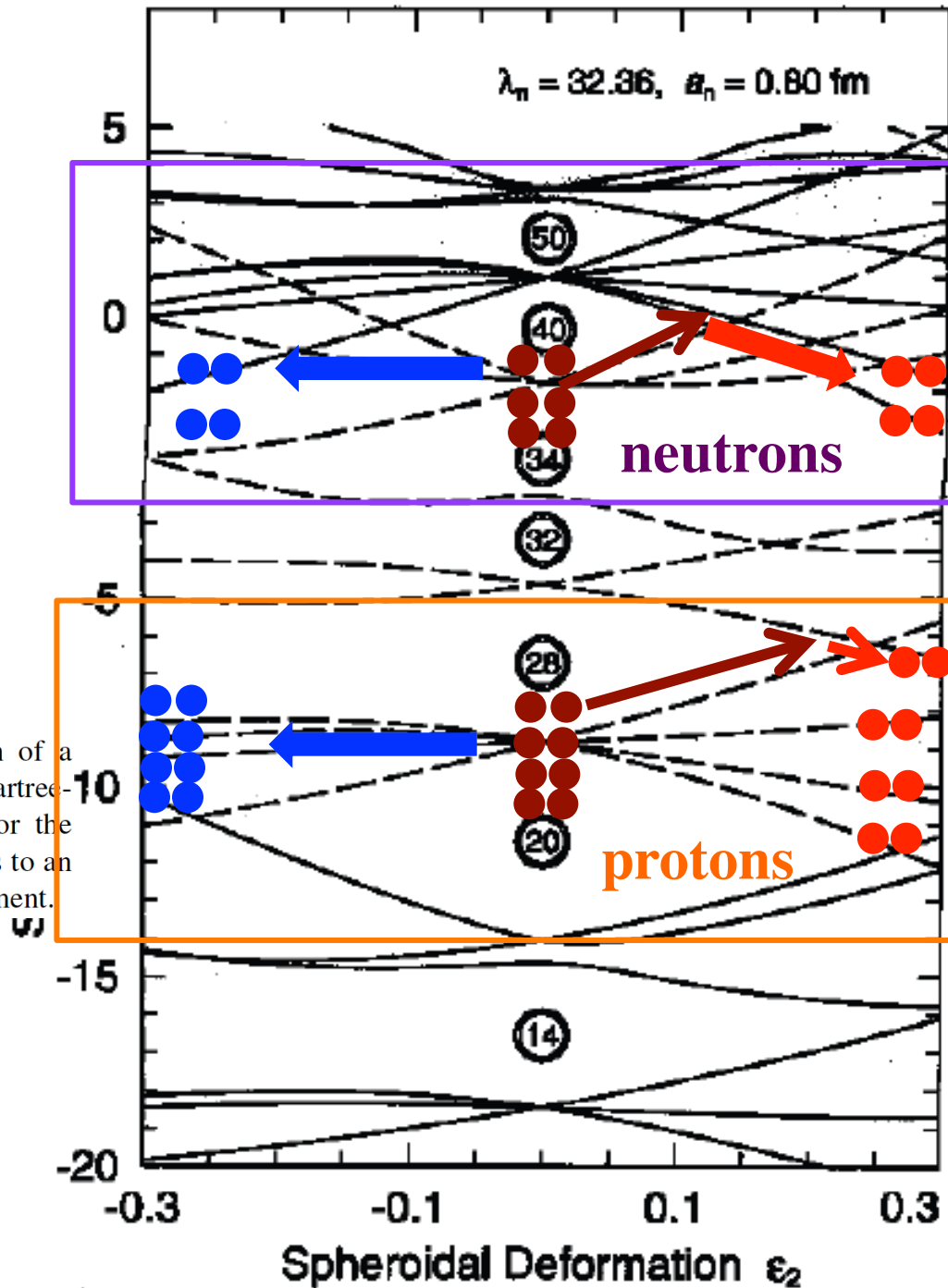
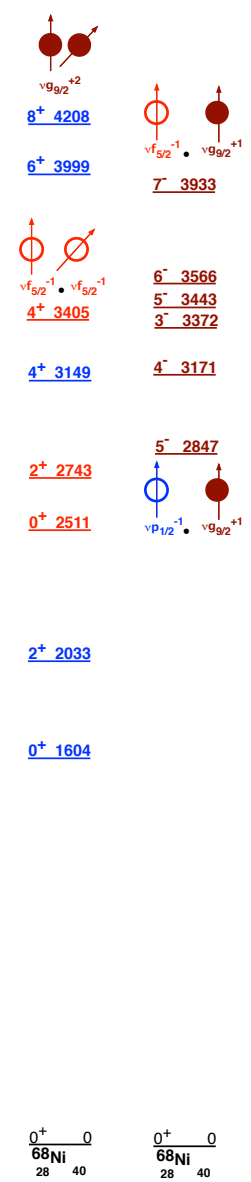
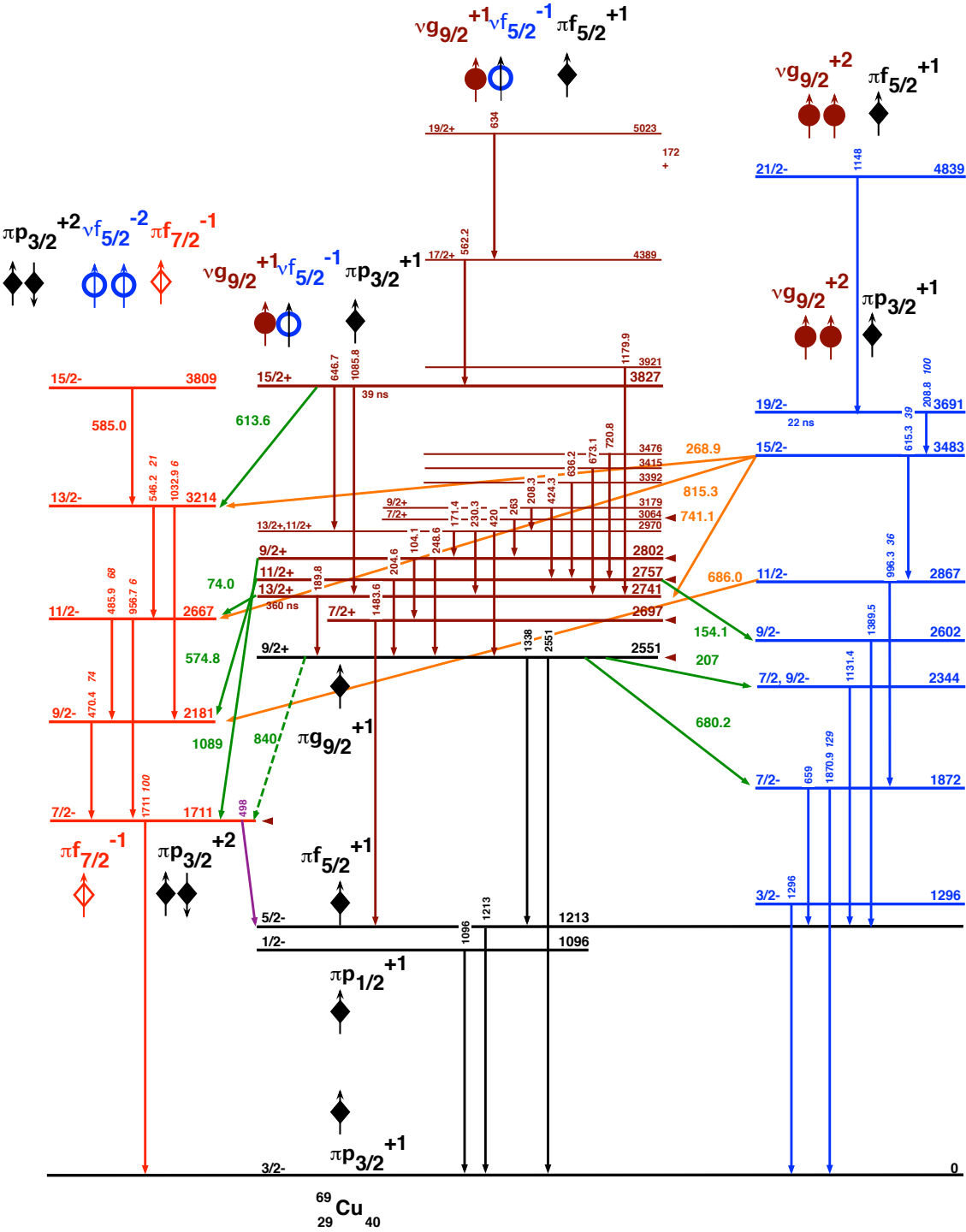
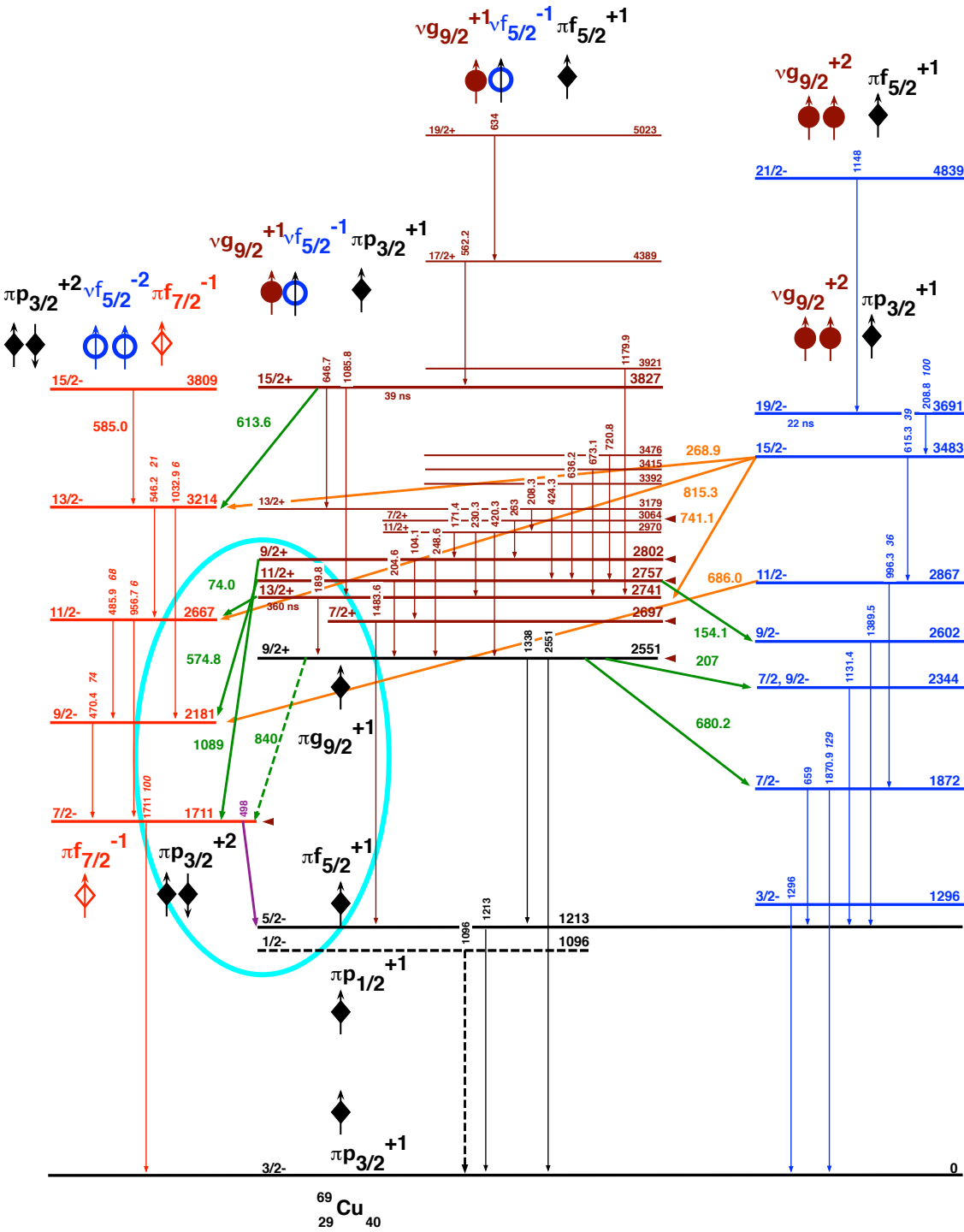


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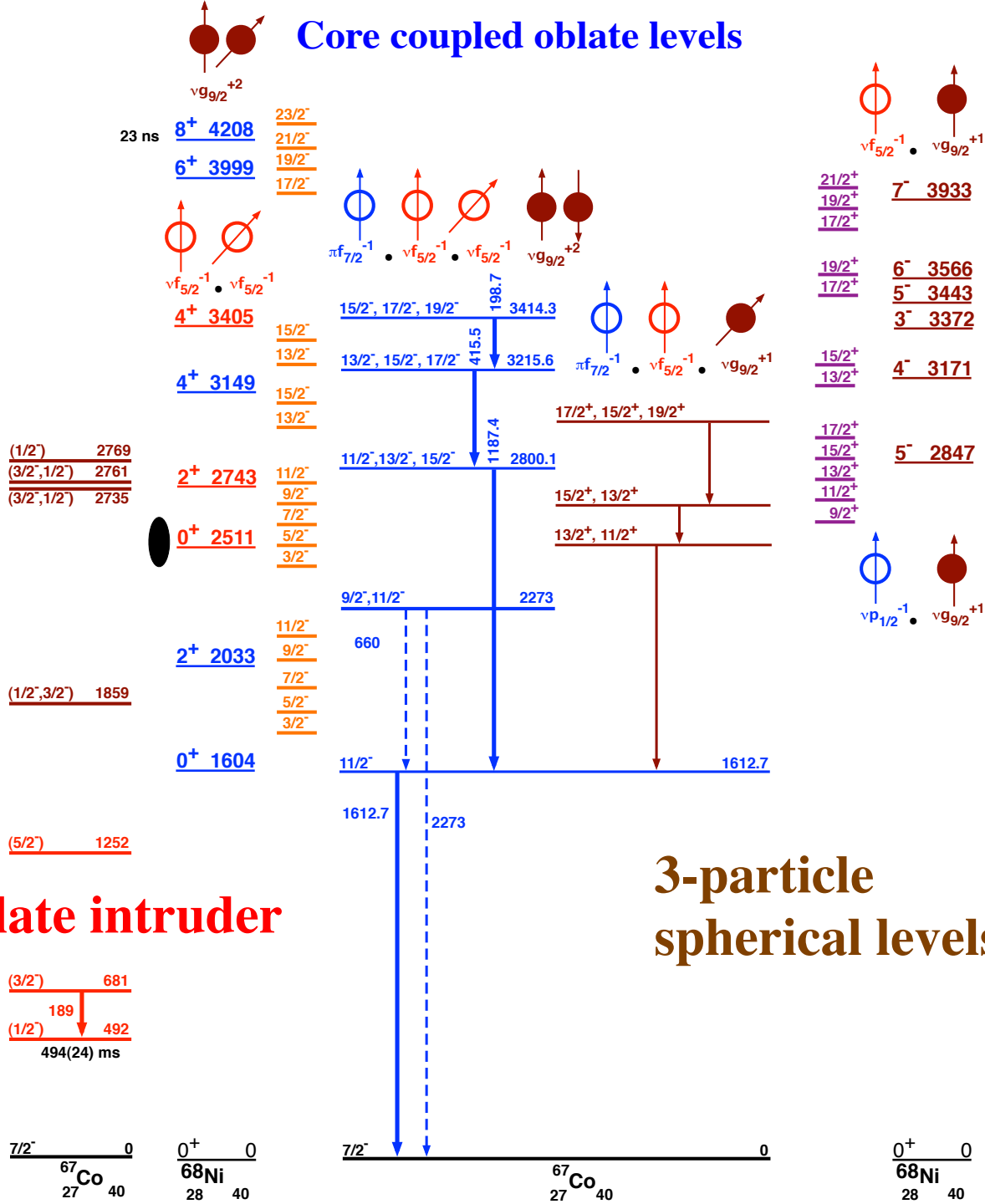






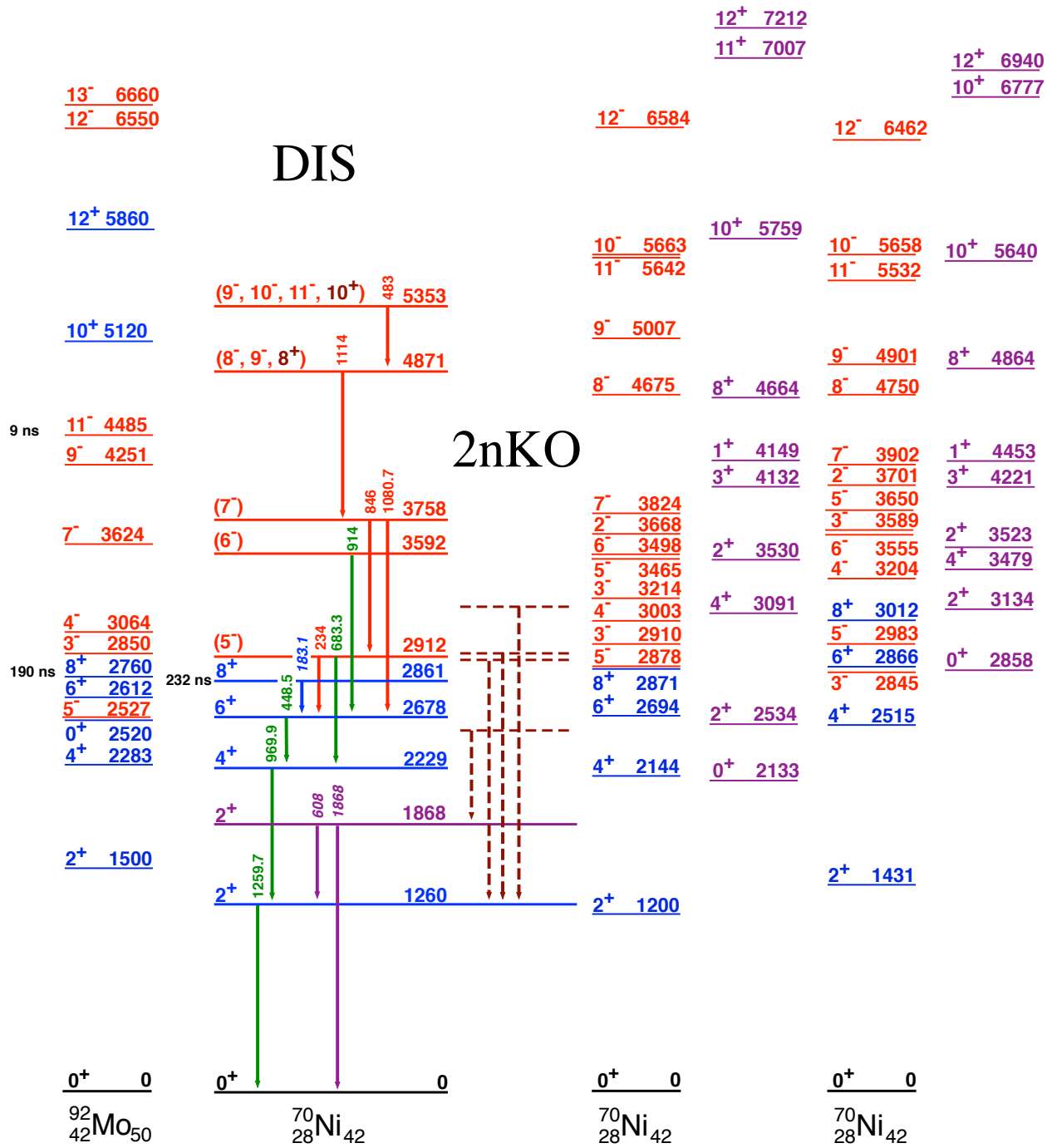
The transitions that are weak or not observed are those from the **prolate levels on the left** into the **oblate and spherical levels on the right**. **The conclusion is that the $7/2^-$ level, down in the well has not mixed with the oblate $7/2^-$ level at 1872 keV.**

Core coupled oblate levels



$K = 1/2^-$ - prolate intruder

3-particle spherical levels



There is a GRETINA paper due out momentarily showing the levels of ^{60}Ti . The structure shown below seems to rule out the wild notions of big-time deformations for ^{60}Ca .

2014

2009

2006

4+ 1716

2+ 850

0+ 0
 ^{60}Ti
 22 38

4+ 1175

2+ 446

0+ 0
 ^{62}Cr
 24 38

4+ 1763

(0+) 1442

2+ 746

1999

0+ 0
 ^{64}Fe
 26 38

8+ 5175

(10+) 4628

(8+) 3623

(6+) 3528

(7-) 3423

6+ 2842

5(-) 2841

0+ 2670

0+ 2437

2+ 1425

0+ 0
 ^{66}Ni
 28 38

10+ 5578

8+ 4398

7- 3955

6+ 3688

5- 3458

4+ 2419

0+ 1665

2+ 1077

0+ 0
 ^{68}Zn
 30 38

10+ 5540

8+ 4203

7- 3955

5- 3416

6+ 3297

4+ 2153

0+ 1216

2+ 1039

0+ 0
 ^{70}Ge
 32 38

10+ 4505

7- 3770

8+ 3452

5- 3309

6+ 2467

4+ 1638

0+ 938

2+ 864

0+ 0
 ^{72}Se
 34 38

10+ 3984

7- 3369

5- 2814

8+ 2748

6+ 1782

4+ 1013

0+ 508

2+ 456

0+ 0
 ^{74}Kr
 36 38

10+ 3403

8+ 2336

6+ 1443

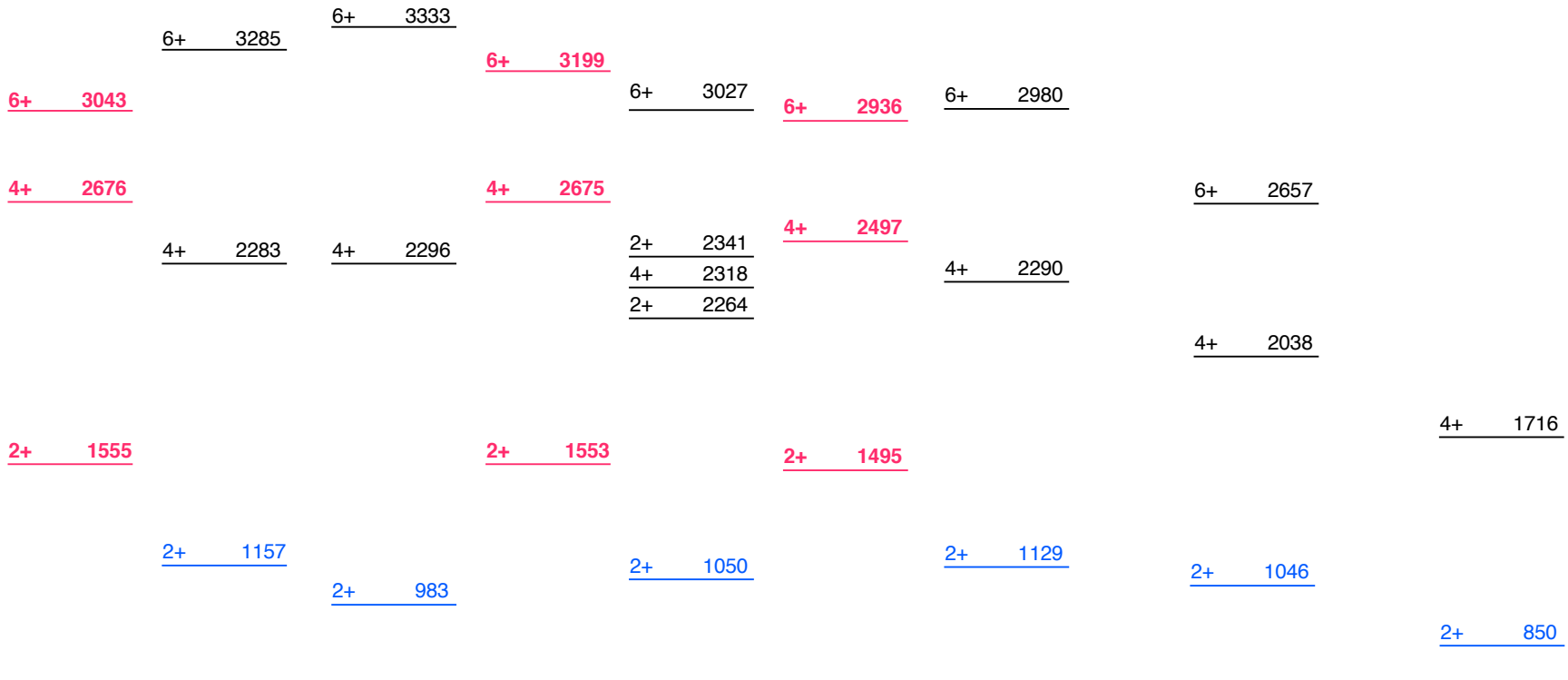
4+ 745

2+ 261

0+ 0
 ^{76}Sr
 38 38

Here the three magic Ti nuclei, N = 20, 28, 32, each with two protons coupled to the Ca core. For $^{60}\text{Ti}_{38}$, it is possible to observe “some mixing” with the $g_{9/2}$ neutron broken pair from across N = 40.

$$(\nu f_{7/2})^2 \quad 2+ \quad 4+ \quad 6+$$



23 ns

$\nu g_{9/2}^{+2}$

$\nu f_{5/2}^{-1} \cdot \nu f_{5/2}^{-1}$

$4^+ \quad 3405$

$4^+ \quad 3149$

$2^+ \quad 2743$

$0^+ \quad 2511$

$0^+ \quad 0$

^{68}Ni

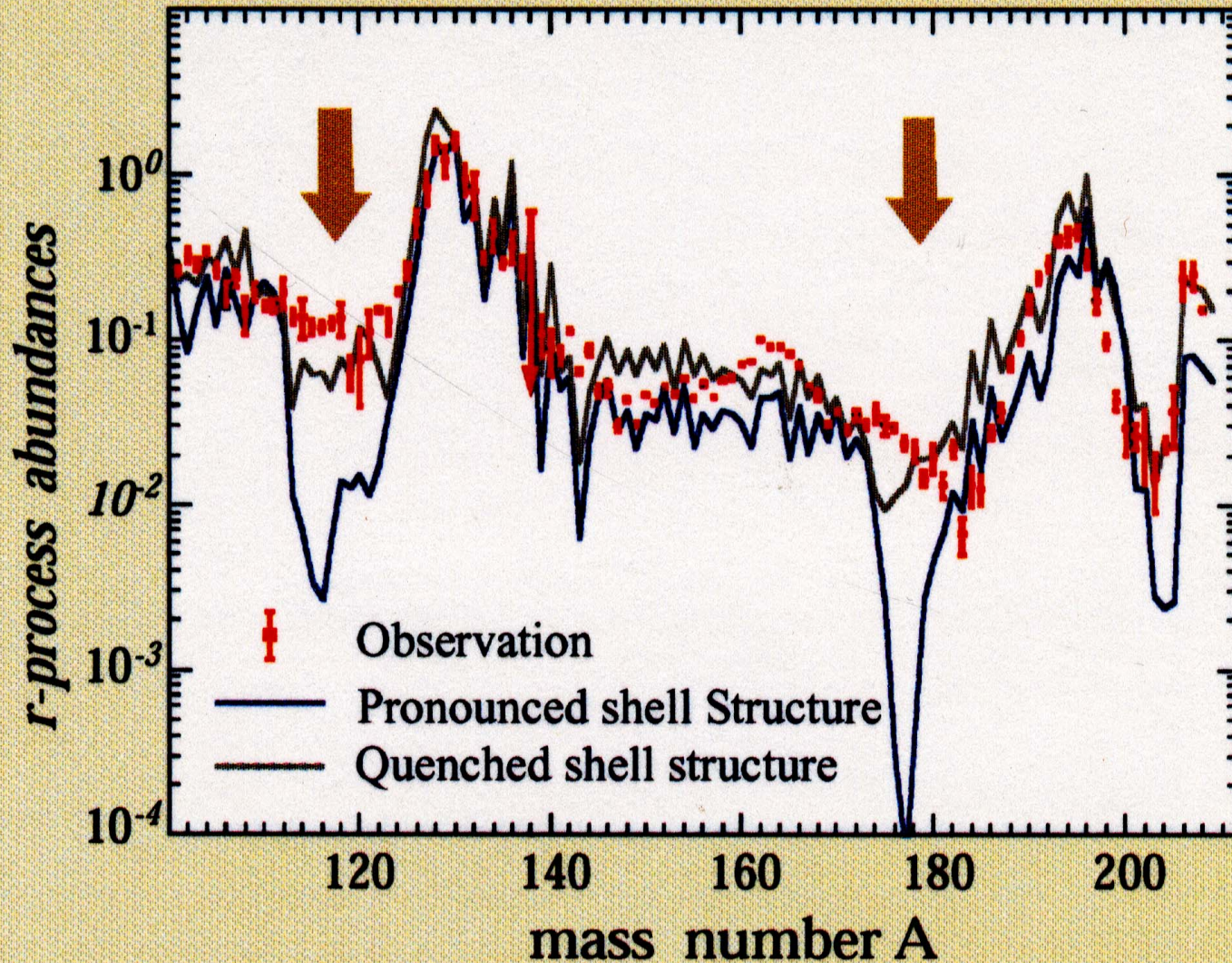
28 40

^{42}Ti	^{44}Ti	^{48}Ti	^{50}Ti	^{52}Ti	^{54}Ti	^{56}Ti	^{58}Ti	^{60}Ti
0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0	0+ 0
22 20	22 22	22 26	22 28	22 30	22 32	22 34	22 36	22 38

Now, I would like to return to a topic that is approaching 20 years old that is not quite yet resolved, but, at least one aspect of possible resolution seems to be at hand.

This chart was a hot topic about 18 years ago and is a composite of 2 charts shown next.

I call it "the big dip"



K.-L. Kratz, B.
Pfeiffer et.al

Short note

Analysis of the solar-system r-process abundance pattern
with the new ETFSI-Q mass formulaB. Pfeiffer¹, K.-L. Kratz¹, F.-K. Thielemann²¹ Institut für Kernchemie, Universität Mainz, D-55099 Mainz, Germany² Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität Basel, CH-4056 Basel, SwitzerlandNuclear mass formula with Bogolyubov-enhanced
shell-quenching: application to r-process *J.M. Pearson^a, R.C. Nayak^a, S. Gorlely^b

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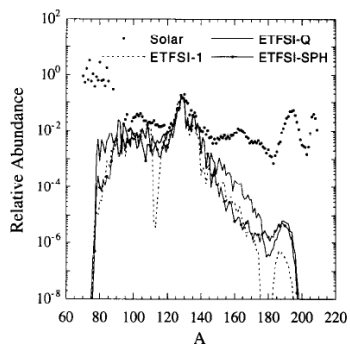


Fig. 2. Comparison between the abundances calculated with ETFSI-1 masses, ETFSI-Q masses, and ETFSI-SPH masses in the framework of the canonical model characterized by temperature $T = 1.5 \times 10^9$ K, neutron density $n_n = 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and number of neutrons captured per seed nucleus $n_{\text{cap}} = 68$. The symbols correspond to the solar-system r-process abundances [15], arbitrarily normalized to the $A = 130$ peak of the calculated curves.

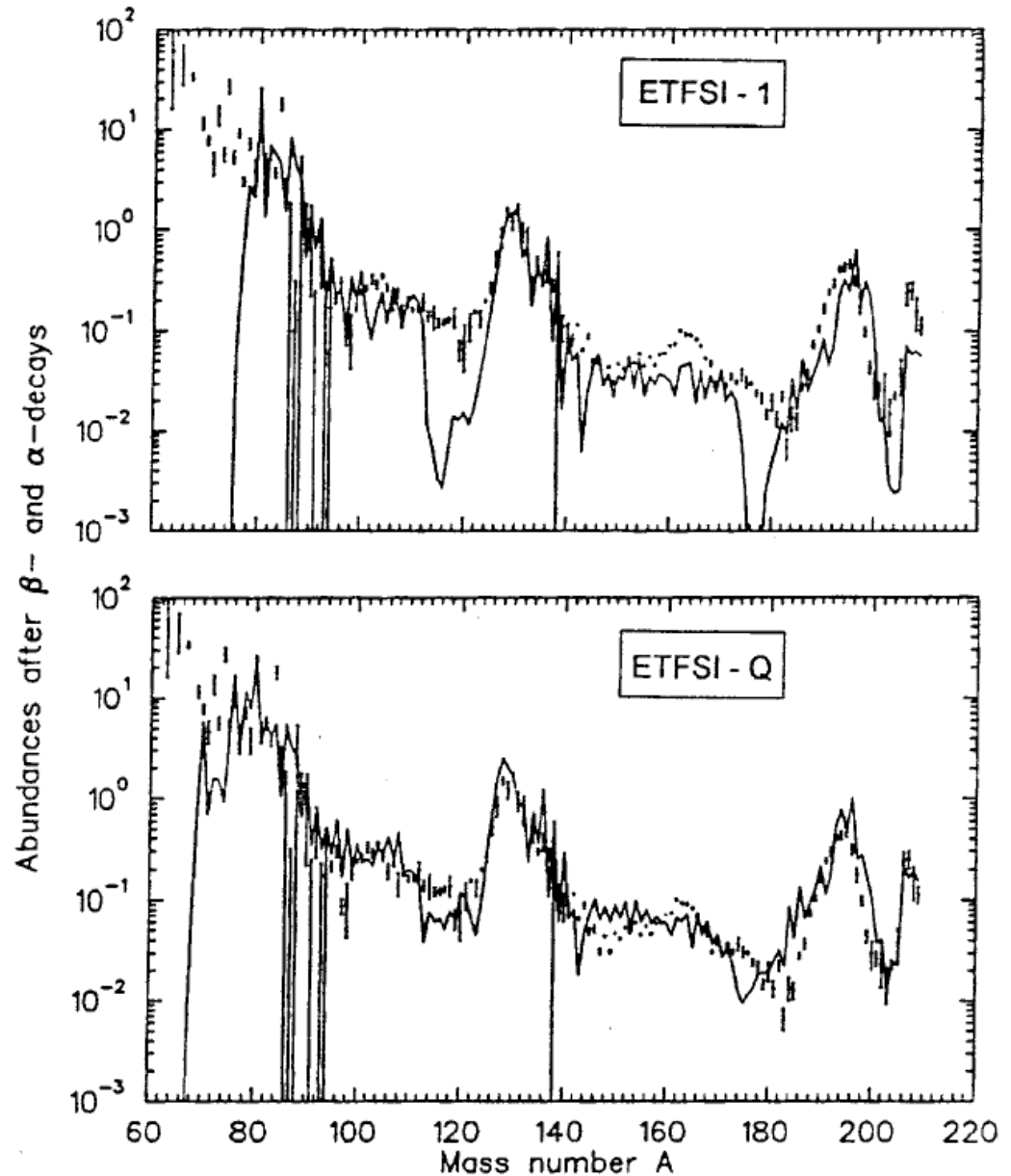


Fig. 2. Global r-abundance fits with superpositions of 16 time-dependent r-process components, calculated with the $n_n - \tau$ conditions for $T_9 = 1.35$ given in Fig. 1 of [11]. For the *upper part*, the S_n values are taken from ETFSI-1 [4], whereas for the *lower part* the new ETFSI-Q [13] mass formula was applied

The “mother paper” for the shell quenching and filling of the big dip is excerpted here. The source of the differences are shown on the next page. **Namely, the calculated overbinding of the $h_{11/2}$ neutrons for Kr, Zr, Mo, and Ru.** The net effect of “shell-quenching” has been to maintain the straight line behavior for neutron binding.

Influence of shell-quenching far from stability on the astrophysical r-process

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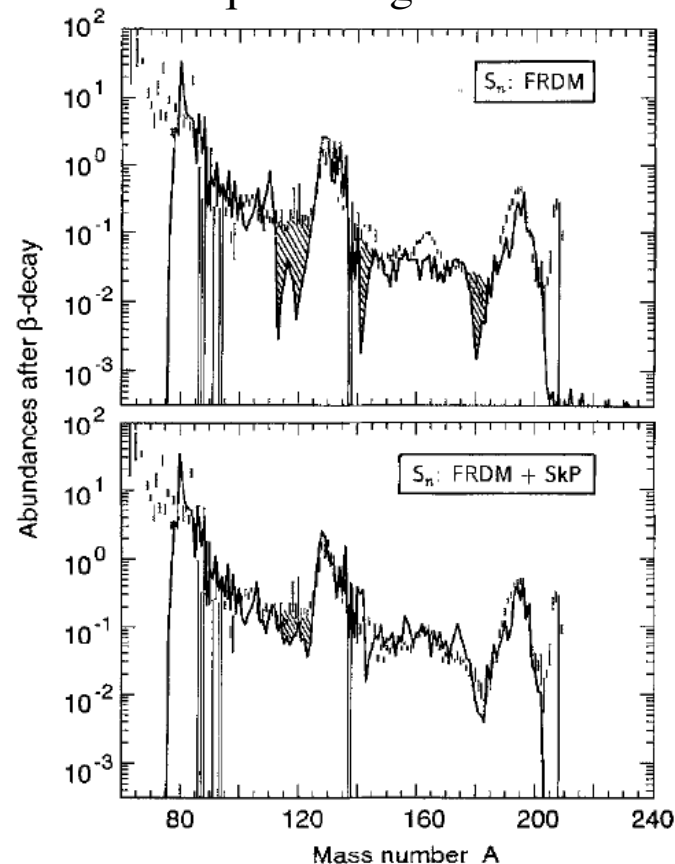
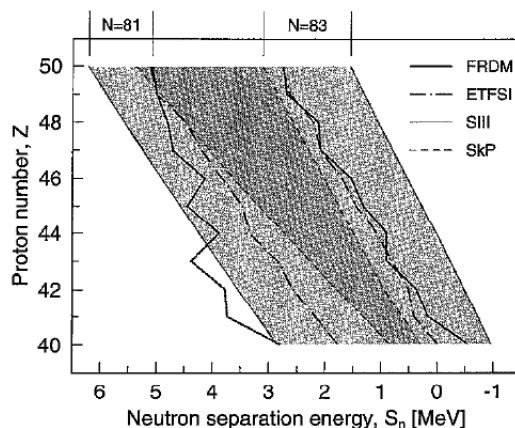
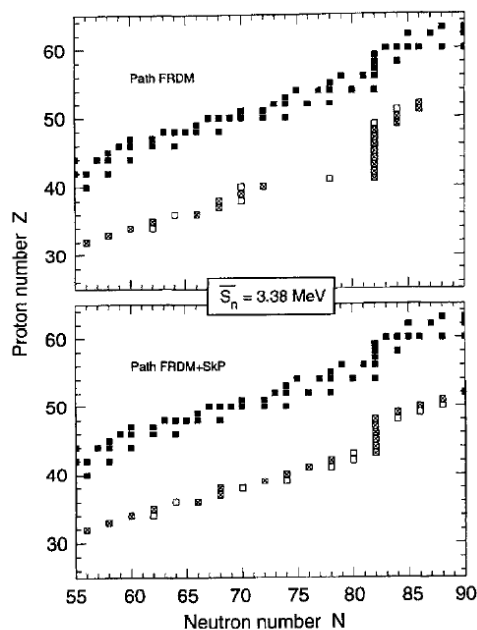
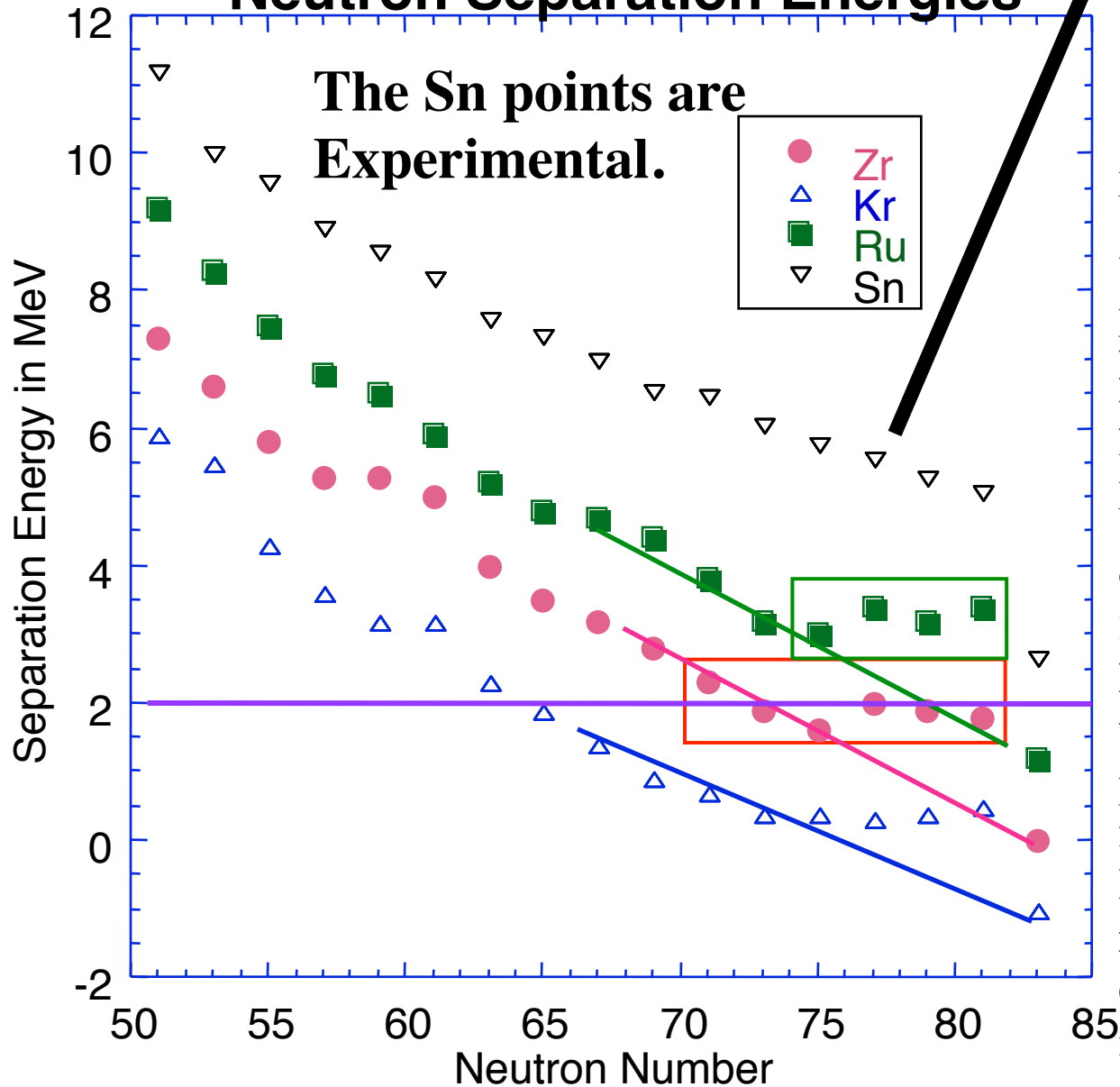


Fig. 2. r-process abundance fits obtained with ten equidistant neutron-density components from 10^{20} cm^{-3} to $3 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ according to Fig. 1. In the upper part, the result is presented for FRDM [10] masses with the $T_{1/2}$ and P_n values from the QRPA calculations according to Ref. [11]. In the lower part, masses of spherical nuclei around $N = 82$ have been replaced by masses from HFB calculations with the Skyrme force SkP. The quenching of the $N = 82$ shell gap (see Fig. 4) leads to a filling of the abundance troughs around $A \simeq 120$ and 140, and to a better overall reproduction of the heavy-mass region.

Fig. 3. r-process paths in the $80 \leq A \leq 140$ mass region. In the upper part the result is shown for the FRDM mass model. The large gap before the shell closure at $N = 82$ (also existing when using the ETFSI and SIII masses) causes the deep trough before the $N_{r,\odot}$ peak at $A = 130$ (see upper part of Fig. 2). The lower part shows the same picture, but with masses of spherical nuclei around $N = 82$ being replaced by masses from HFB calculations with the SkP force. Nuclei in the valley of stability are displayed as full squares. The population of nuclei during the r-process is shown in form of open squares (nuclei with more than 10% of the population of an isotopic chain) or open squares with a cross (nuclei with the maximum abundance in an isotopic chain).

Neutron Separation Energies



From Möller, Nix and Kratz, ANDT **66**, 131 (1997).

Observe there is NO leveling for the Sn nuclides!!!!

As ~ 2 MeV is the critical binding energy for many temperatures used in r-process abundances, it is **the leveling off for Sr, Zr and Mo that causes the big dip**. Ru is always tight enough bound to move to the $N = 82$ closed shell, and Kr reaches 2 MeV far from stability. **Hence the problem lies with Sr, Zr, and Mo**. The problem starts above $N = 75$ for Zr and adjacent nuclei. Note that these are **single-neutron separation energies**, those that are needed in calculations for photodisintegration in the $(\gamma, n) = (n, \gamma)$ equilibrium.

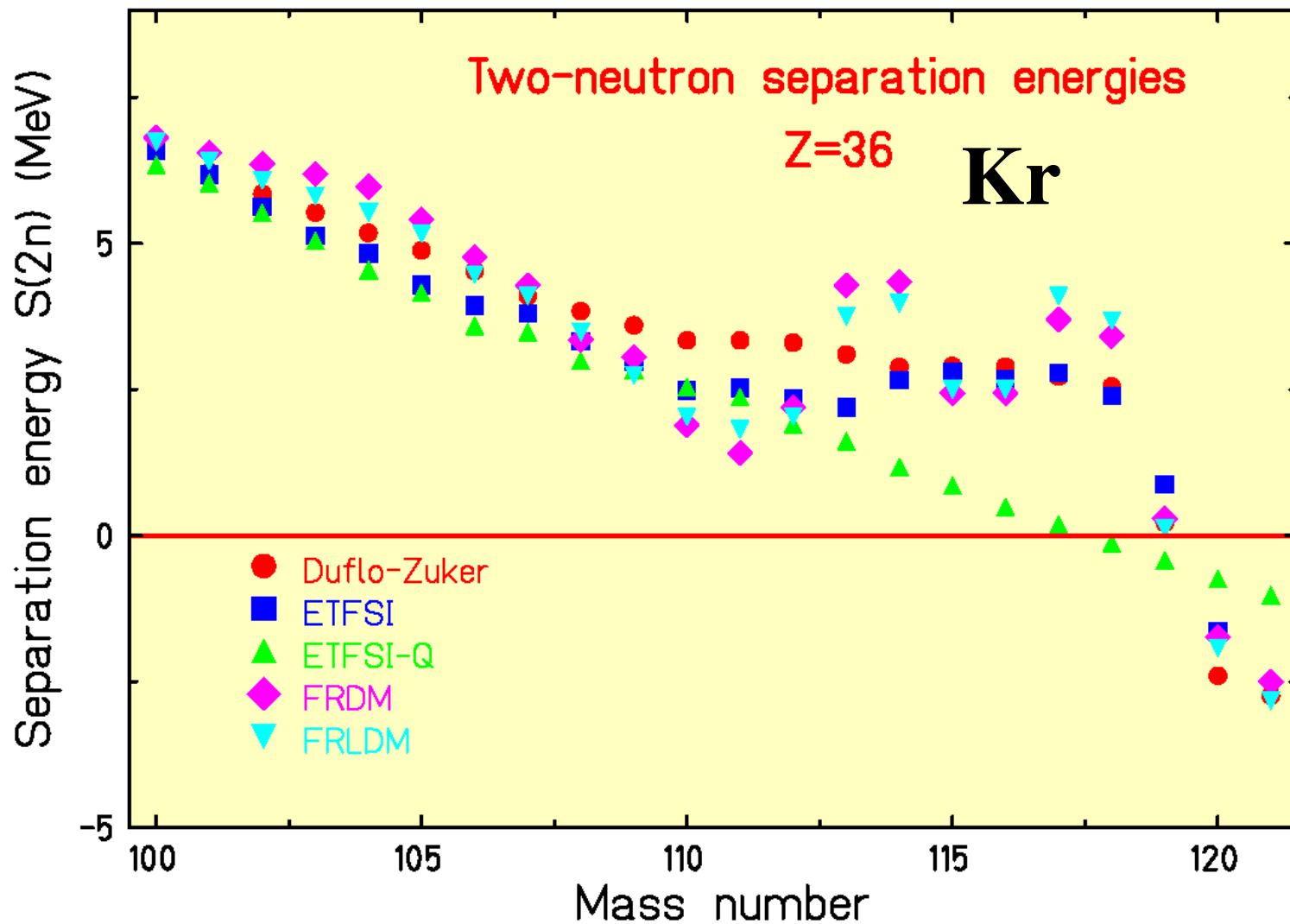
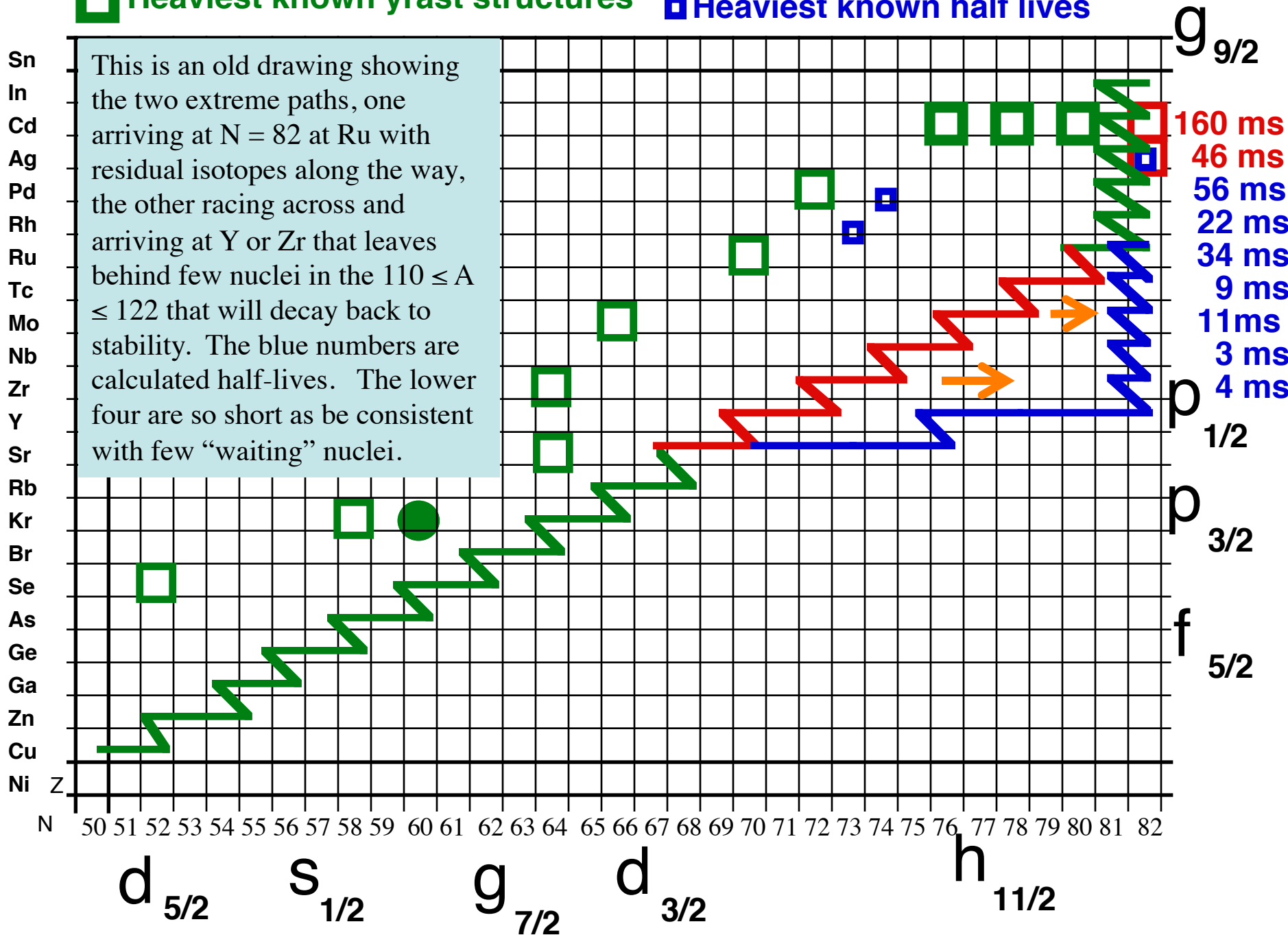


Fig. 4. The two-neutron separation energy S_{2n} is plotted as a function of of the mass number A for krypton isotopes. The dripline is reached as soon as this quantity is negative. The different predictions are from the mass model of Duflo and Zuker, the Extended Thomas-Fermi model (ETFSI), the extended Thomas-Fermi model with shell quenching (ETFSI-Q), the finite range droplet model (FRDM), and the finite range liquid-drop model (FRLDM).

□ Heaviest known yrast structures

▣ Heaviest known half lives



N	Sn	Cd	Pd	Ru	Mo
57.000	9320.0	8437.0	7625.0	6802.0	5925.0
59.000	8632.0	7929.0	7094.0	6232.0	5398.0
61.000	8169.0	7323.0	6536.0	5910.0	5468.0
63.000	7744.0	6976.0	6153.0	5609.0	5059.0
65.000	7548.0	6539.0	5726.0	5148.0	4488.0
67.000	6943.0	6141.0	5341.0	4784.0	3981.0
69.000	6483.0	5777.0	5007.0	4310.0	3460.0
71.000	6170.0	5350.0	4664.0	4150.0	
73.000	5946.0	5188.0	4091.0		
75.000	5733.0	4873.0	3973.0		
77.000	5527.0	4718.0			
79.000	5316.0	4305.0			
81.000	5211.0				
83.000	2402.0				
85.000	2271.0				

These are the current 1-neutron separation energies in keV from the new AME paper. So far, only Sn has moved close to the 2-MeV level.

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105	660(65) ms		Zr	JYFLTRAP	-61469	12	104.934010	1.3E-05	1.228E-07	Adopted 06HA03§
106	260(38) ms			IMS	-58380	300	105.93733	3.2E-04	3.040E-06	04MAXZ§
110					-64549	24	109.930704	2.6E-05	2.333E-07	Adopted
111	200(39) ms		Mo	IMS	-59940	260	110.93565	2.8E-04	2.516E-06	04MAXZ
111				JYFLTRAP	-59933	13	110.935659	1.4E-05	1.258E-07	11HA48
111				JYFLTRAP	-59936	12	110.935656	1.3E-05	1.161E-07	11KU16
111					-59934.6	8.8	110.9356575	9.5E-06	8.528E-08	Adopted
114					-70220.4	3.8	113.9246153	4.1E-06	3.602E-08	Adopted
115	740(80) ms				-66430	130	114.92869	1.4E-04	1.214E-06	03AU02
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115				β decay	-66430	128	114.92869	1.4E-04	1.196E-06	08KLXZ
115					-66073.7	8.0	114.9290669	8.6E-06	7.444E-08	Adopted
116	204 ⁺³² ₋₂₉ ms	0 ⁺	Ru	JYFLTRAP	-64069	4	115.9312191	4.3E-06	3.704E-08	11HA48§
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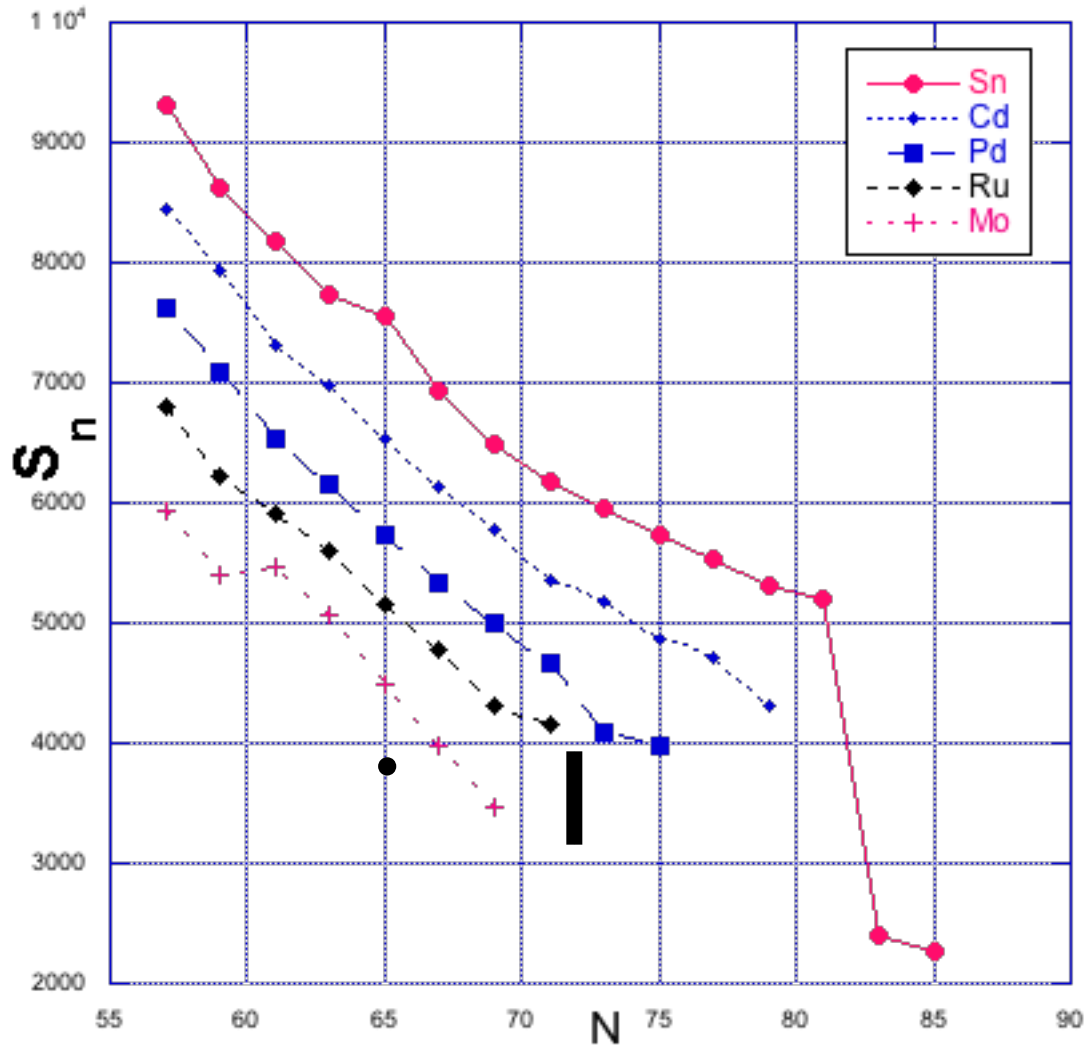
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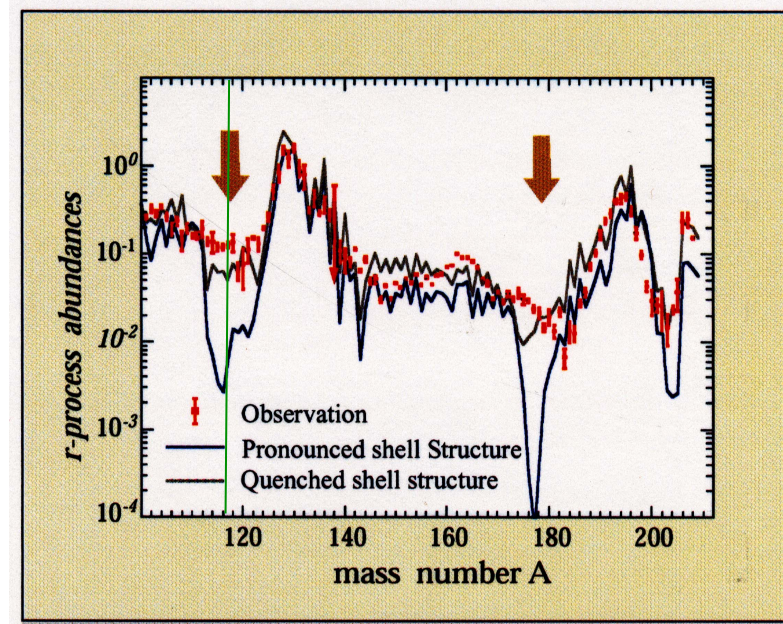
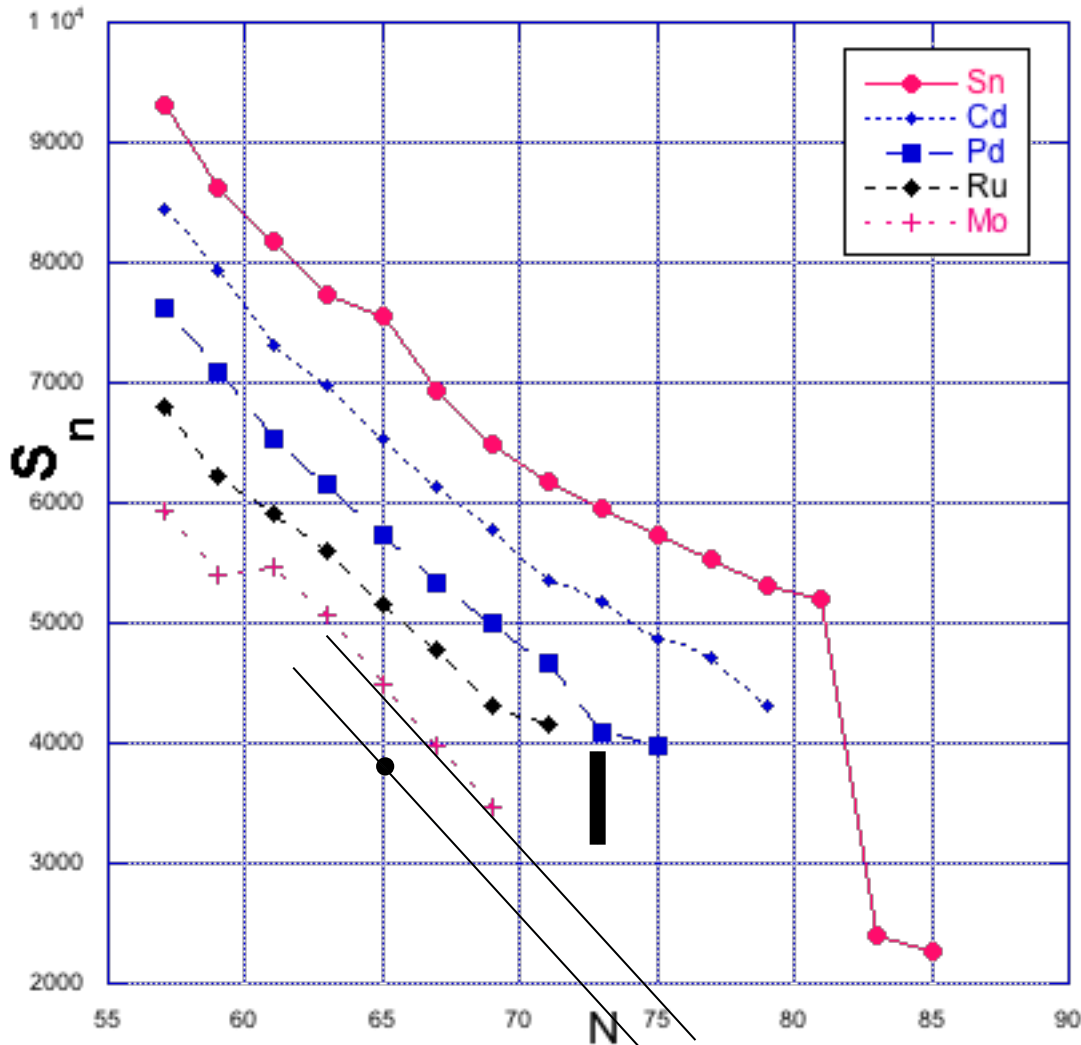
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Mo Cd Sn one-neutron



This is a clean plot of the data on the previous page.

Mo Cd Sn one-neutron

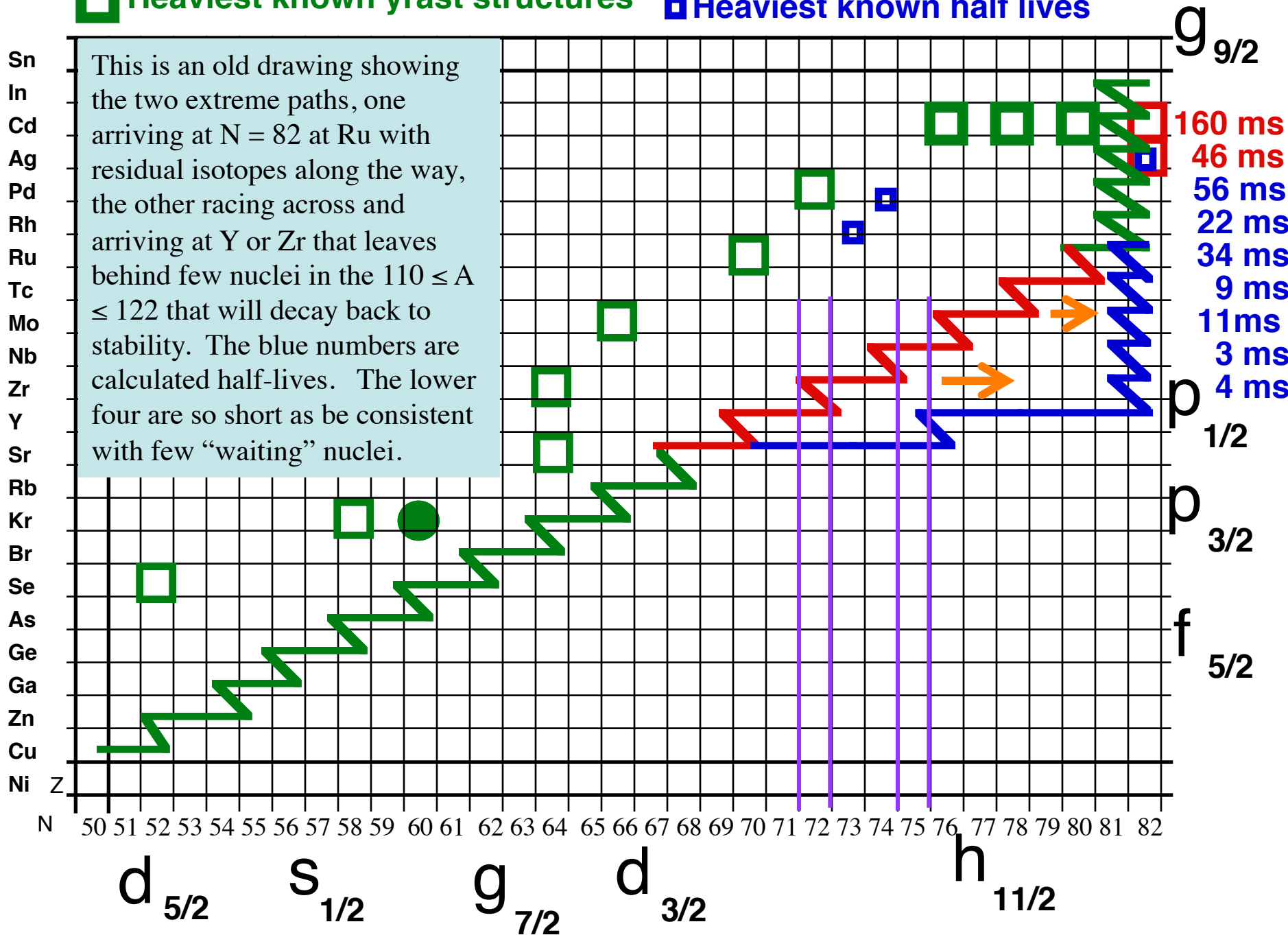


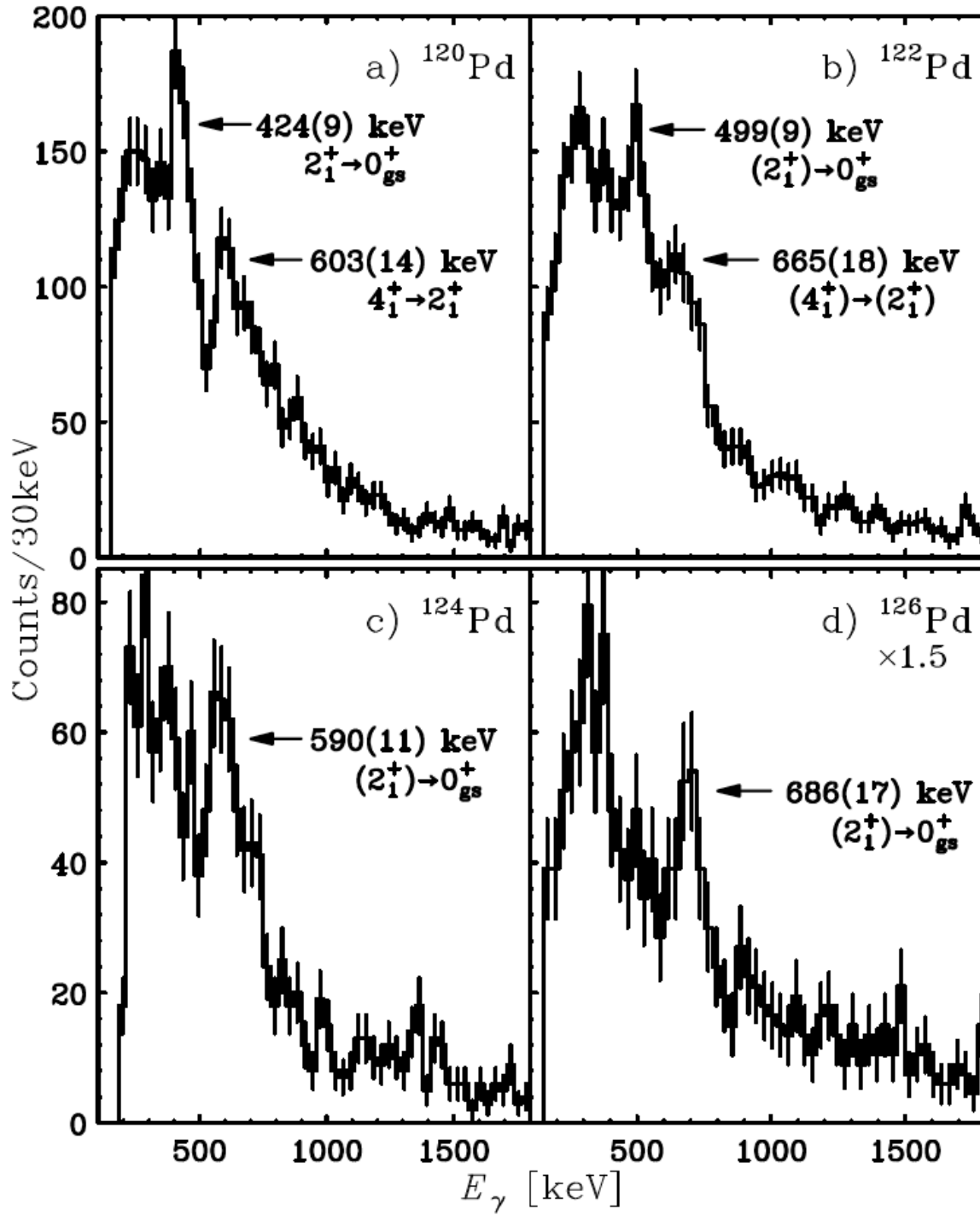
This is a plot showing the extrapolation of the 1-neutron separation energies. What is seen is that for $^{117}\text{Mo}_{75}$, the 2-MeV separation energy at $N = 75$ would fall in the middle of the “big dip” and..... **completely destroy the calculated “big dip?”** However, misbehavior can be seen for Ru and Pd as N increases, so there may be no justification for a straight line.

There could be isomers in both Ru and Pd. These 1-neutron separation energies are never going to play a role in the big dip as they never reach 2 MeV before the $N = 82$ closed shell. But, if there is “enhanced binding” in those $N = 70$ to 78 nuclei, then, indeed, the straight line for Mo may not be supported, EVEN if it is difficult to measure the Mo masses, new data for Ru and Pd would be helpful.

□ Heaviest known yrast structures

■ Heaviest known half lives





686 on left
693.3 below
RIKEN DATA

So, **506 and 674** for ^{122}Pd
and **597** for ^{124}Pd maybe
guess **720** for 4^+ to 2^+ in
 ^{124}Pd ?

	E_x (keV)	$T_{1/2}$	E_γ (keV)	I_γ (%)	$J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi$
^{128}Pd	1311.4		1311.4	100(29)	$(2^+) \rightarrow 0^+$
	1815.8		504.4	88(24)	$(4^+) \rightarrow (2^+)$
	2075.9		260.1	74(20)	$(6^+) \rightarrow (4^+)$
	2151.0	5.8(8) μs	75.1	28(10)	$(8^+) \rightarrow (6^+)$
^{126}Pd	693.3		693.3	100(5)	$(2^+) \rightarrow 0^+$
	1481.0		787.7	57(4)	$(4^+) \rightarrow (2^+)$
	2023.4	0.33(4) μs	542.4	52(3)	$(5^-) \rightarrow (4^+)$
			1330.2	40(3)	$(5^-) \rightarrow (2^+)$
	2109.7	0.44(3) μs	86.2	21(2)	$(7^-) \rightarrow (5^-)$

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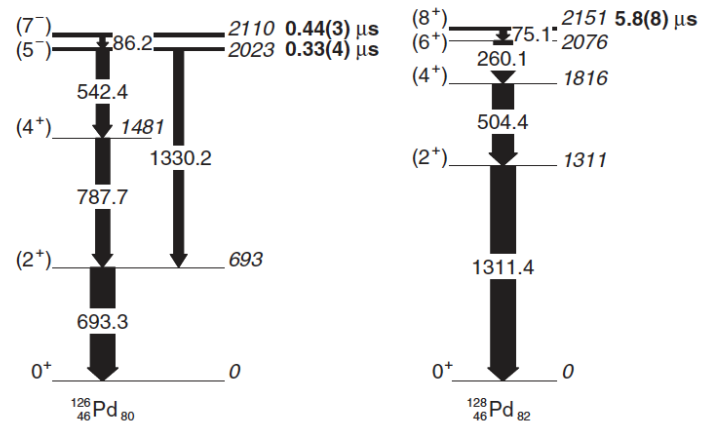
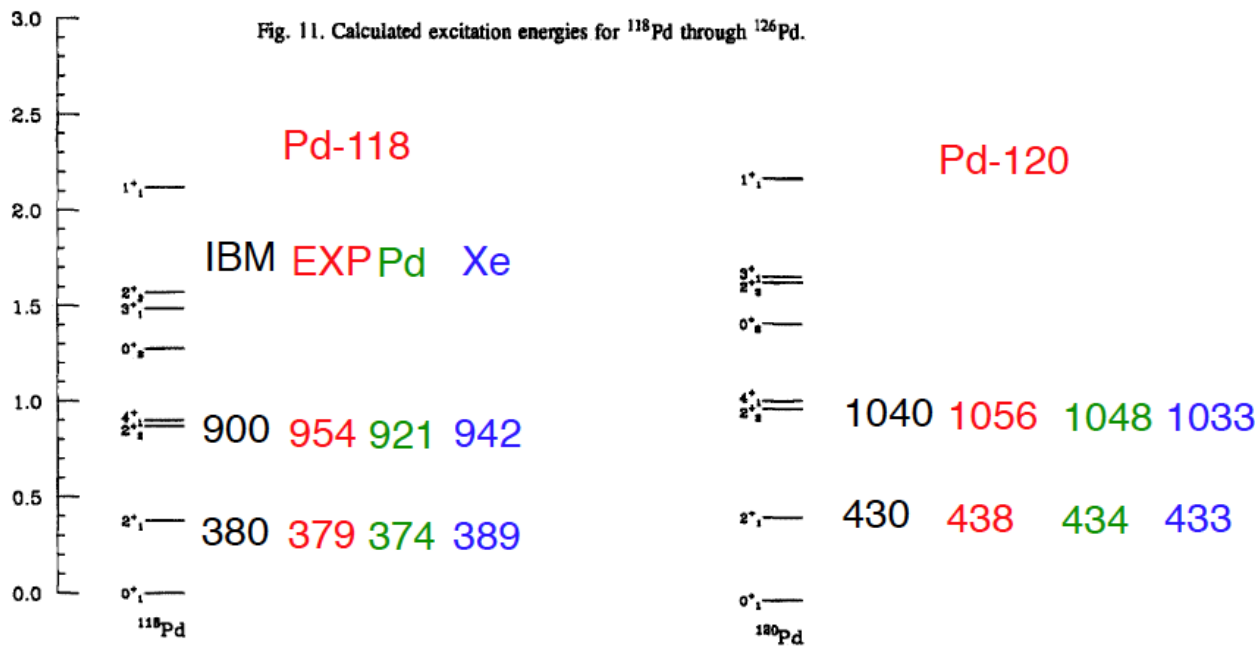


Fig. 11. Calculated excitation energies for ^{118}Pd through ^{126}Pd .



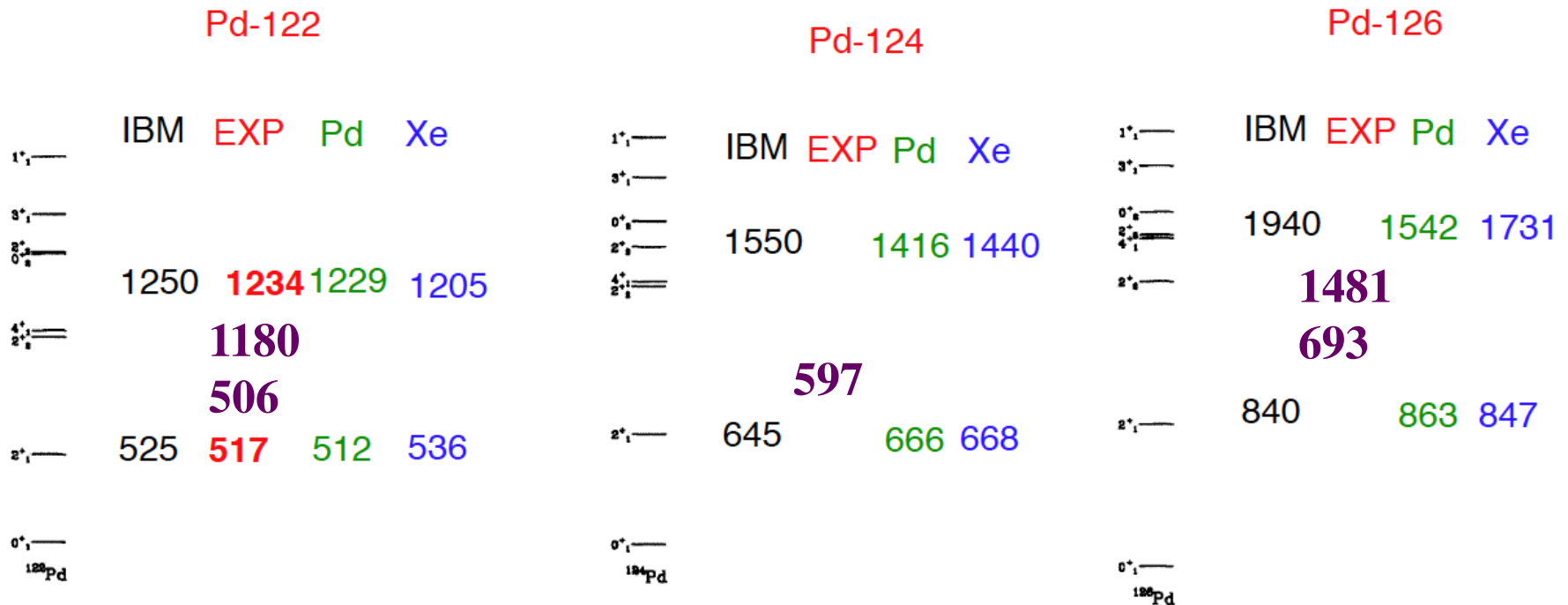
Mark Stoyer and I did some work trying to see if their alpha-induced mass-gated fission data could be extended beyond ^{120}Pd . The observed numbers suggest more collectivity than found in isotonic Xe or symmetric Pd for $^{122,124,126}\text{Pd}$, in spite of the nearly identical structures for ^{126}Pd and ^{128}Cd .

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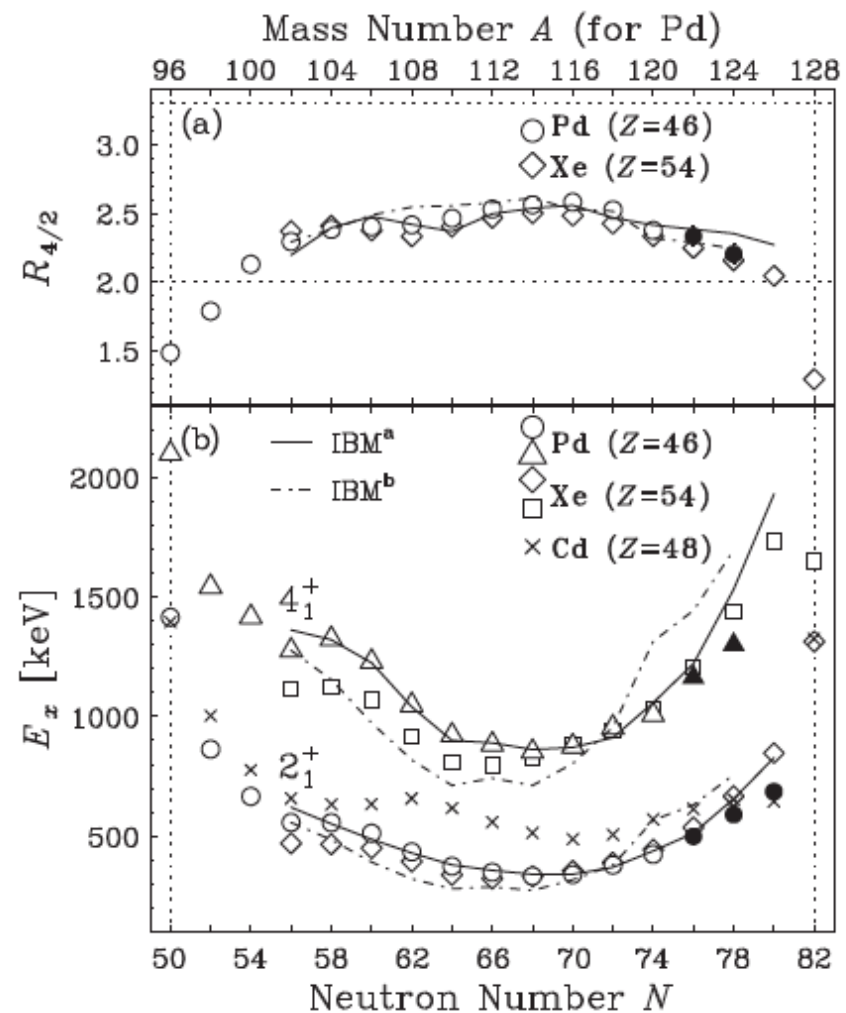
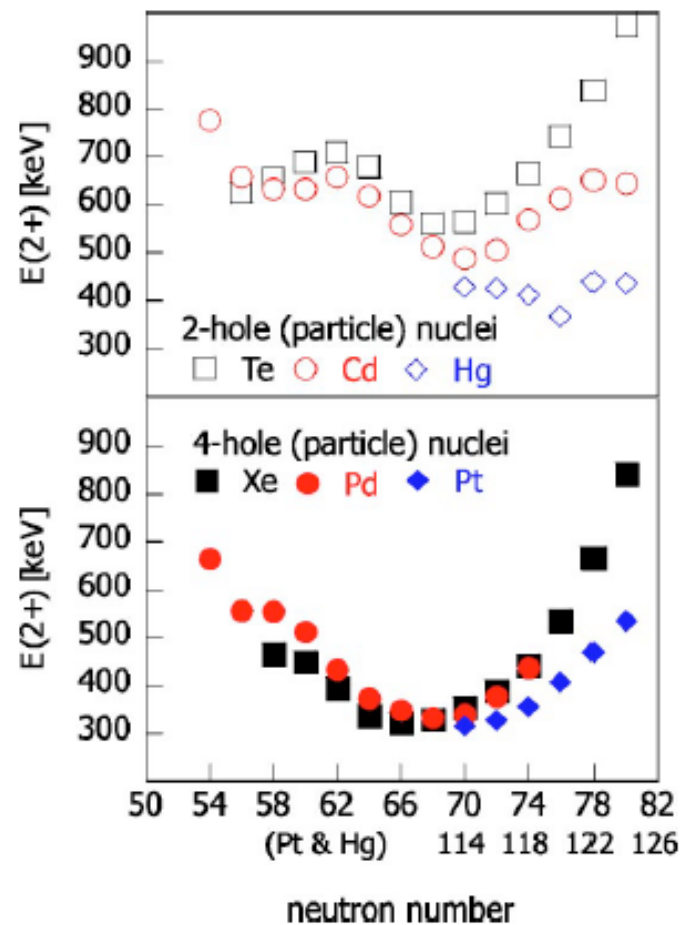
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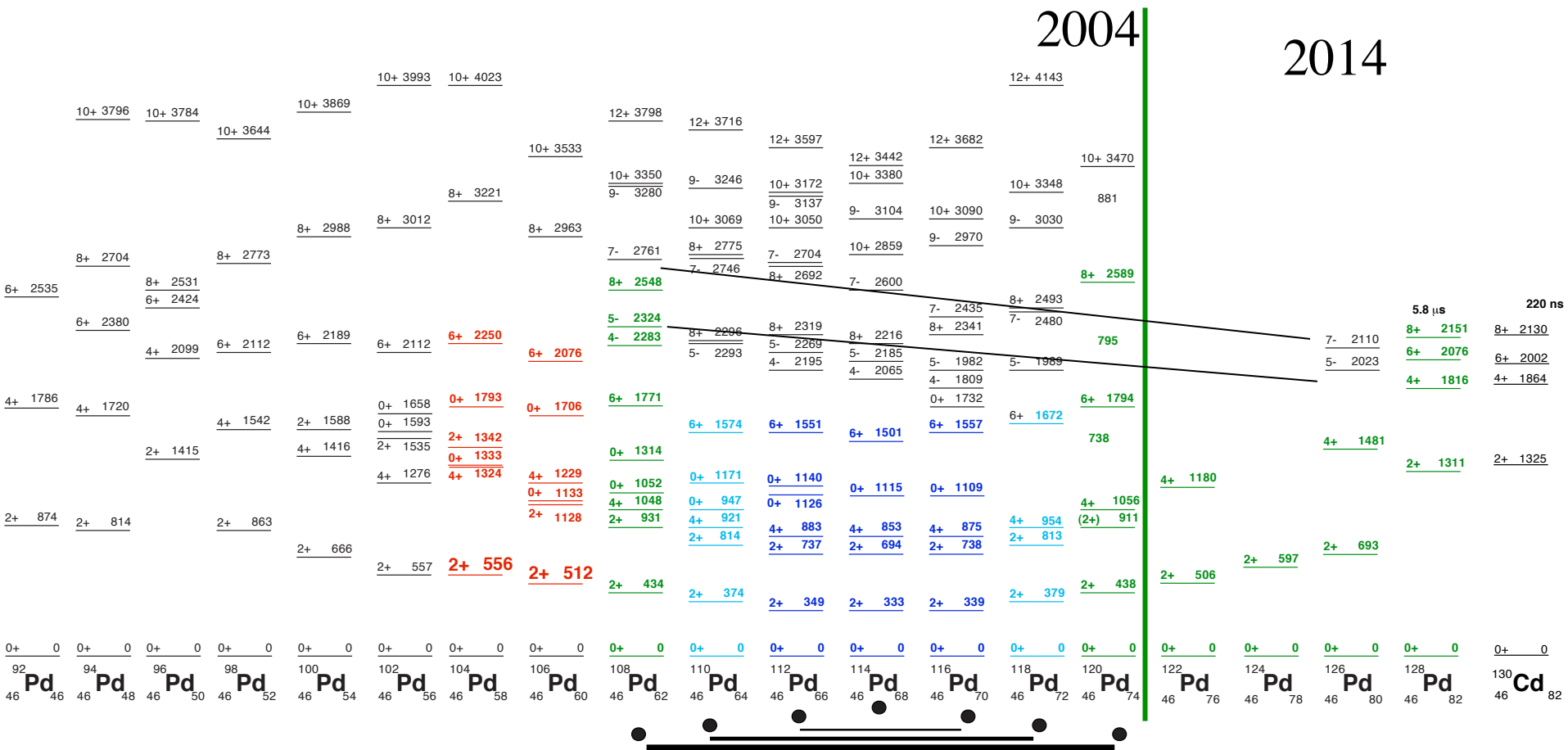
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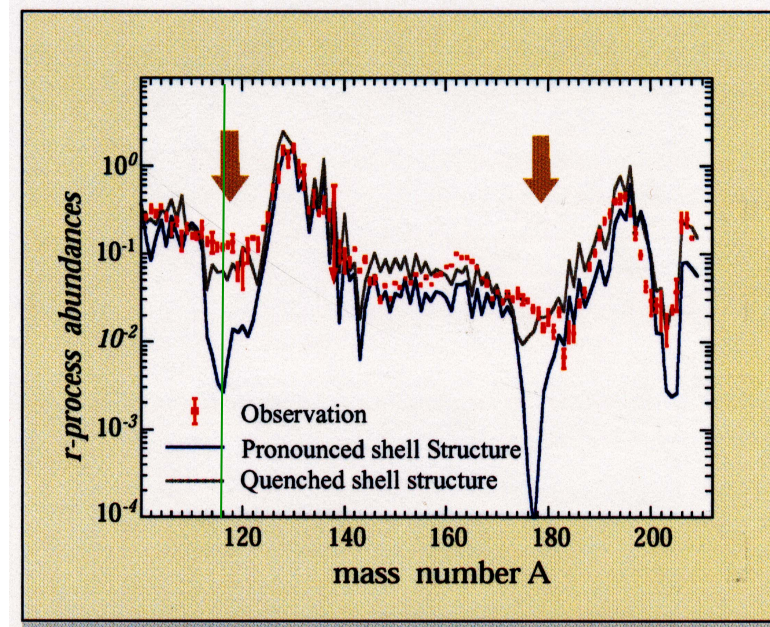
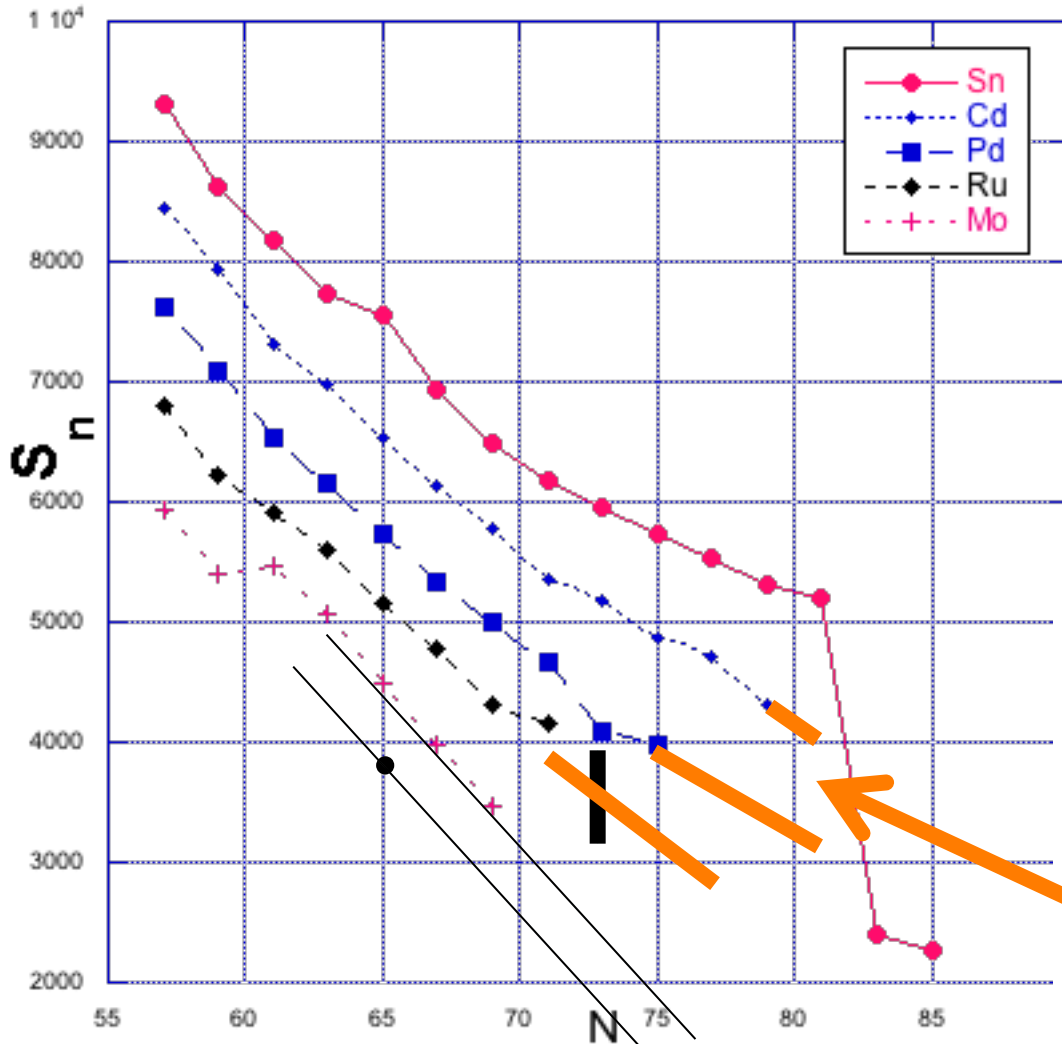
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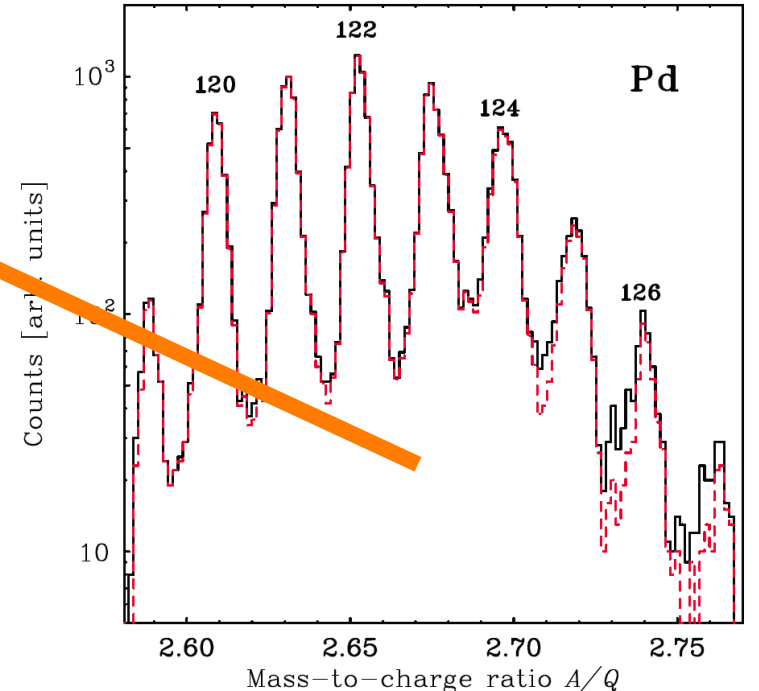
One point is that if it has been possible to accumulate enough atoms or Pd and Rh to obtain these data, then there should be enough atoms of Ru, Tc, and Mo to obtain masses much nearer to $N = 82$. It has taken 10 years since we reported the structure of ^{120}Pd to move on to the shell. It is possible to see the broken $g_{9/2}$ pair in both $^{96}\text{Pd}_{50}$ and $^{128}\text{Pd}_{82}$ and the changes brought about by adding 32 neutrons to the nucleus.



Mo Cd Sn one-neutron

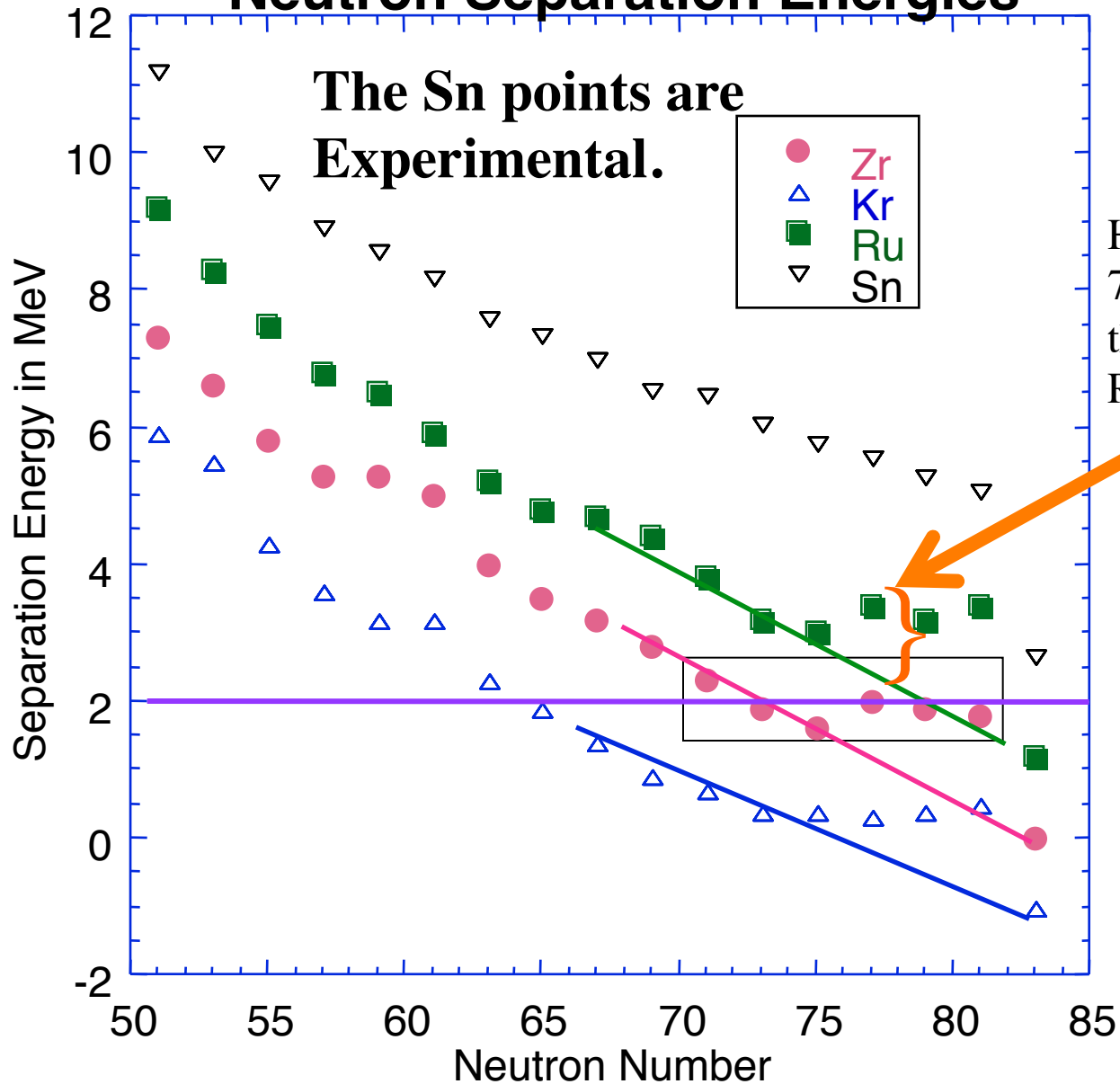


$N = 75, 76, 77, 78, 79$
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My point is that if enough Pd can be made at RIKEN to reach ^{128}Pd , surely it will soon be possible measure Cd, and Pd masses out to $N = 82$. And most likely, enough to go out to $^{121}\text{Ru}_{77}$, far enough to see if the “bump” has any chance to exist for Mo and Zr.

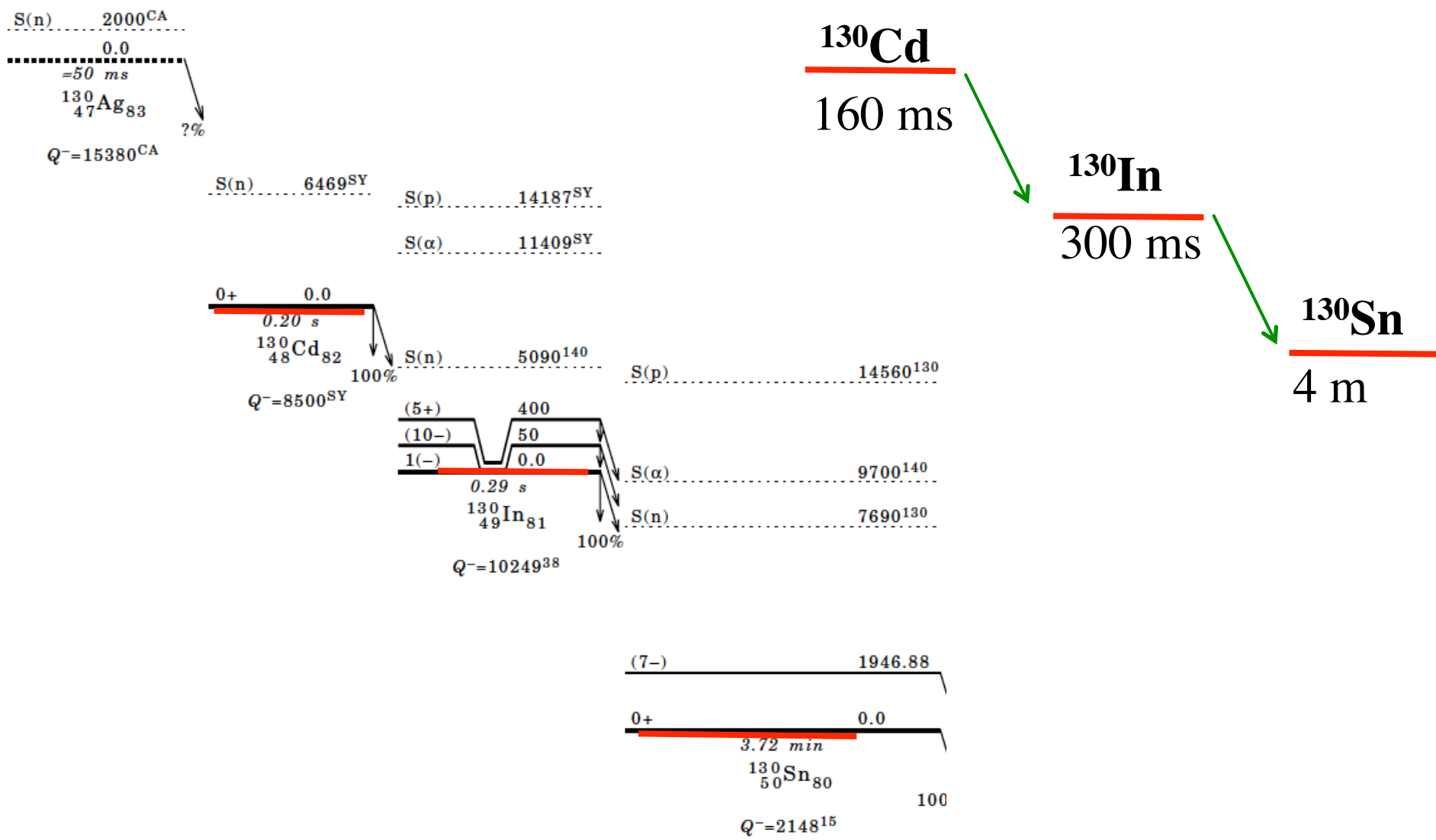
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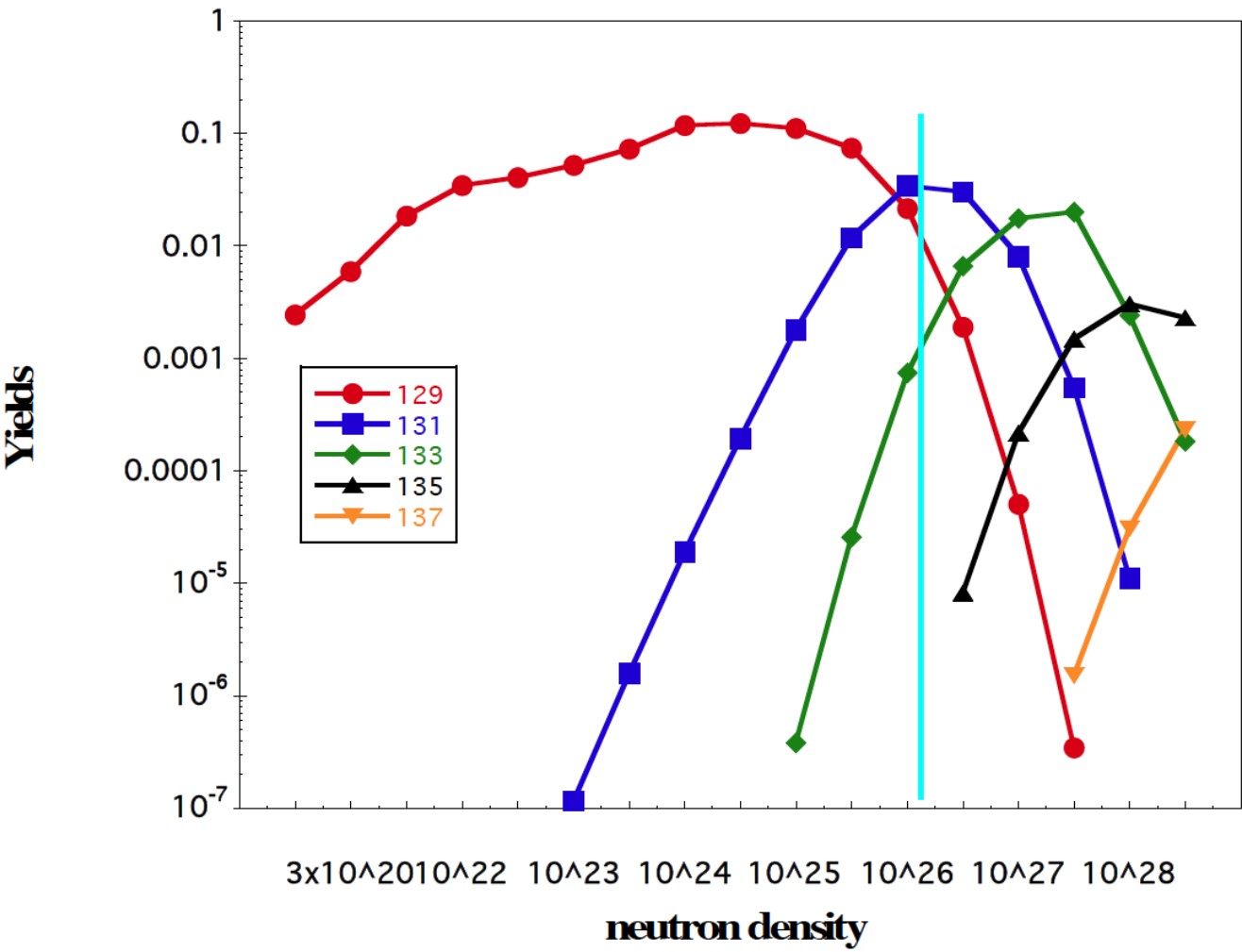
Here, it can be seen that $N = 77$ is the critical point where the “bump” is present for Ru, meaning $^{121}\text{Ru}_{77}$.

Now I would like to make a few comments about some occasional exaggerations about the importance of nuclear data for r-process abundance calculations.

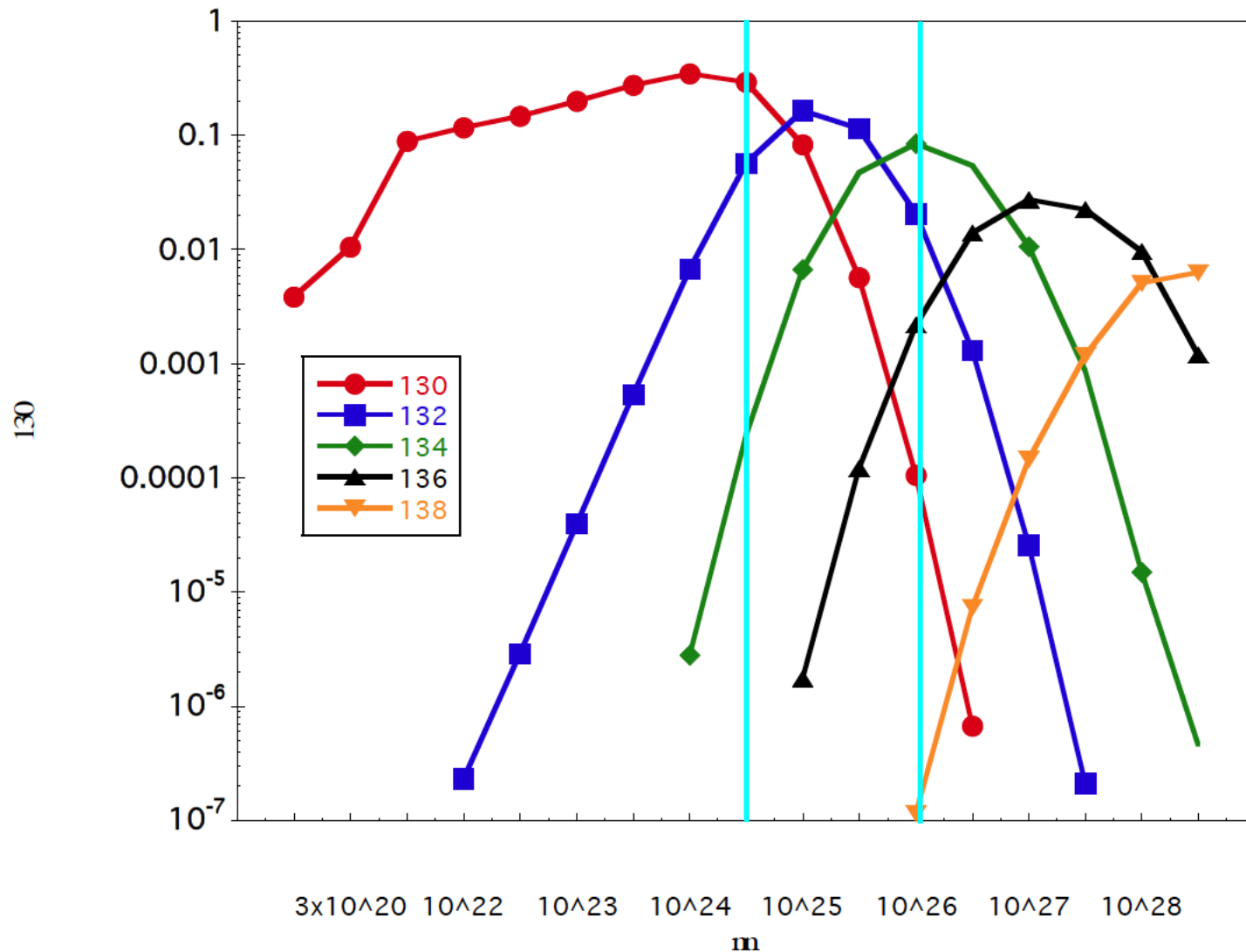
Consider the claim that uncertainty in the values for the neutron capture of ^{130}Sn will have huge effects on the calculated yields of Pb region nuclei!!!
 The neutron density when Pb is being made is probably $\sim 10^{26}$ n/cm 3 .
 Where is the r-process at that density?



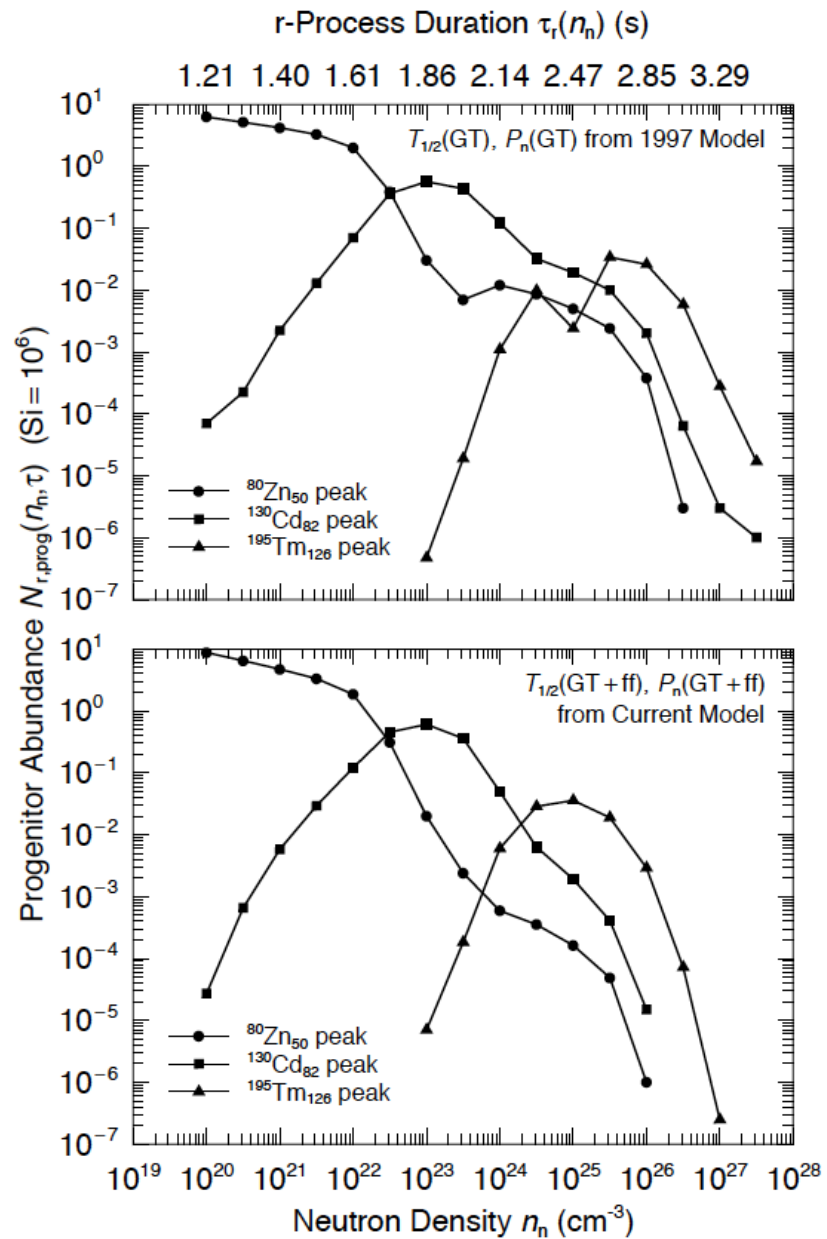
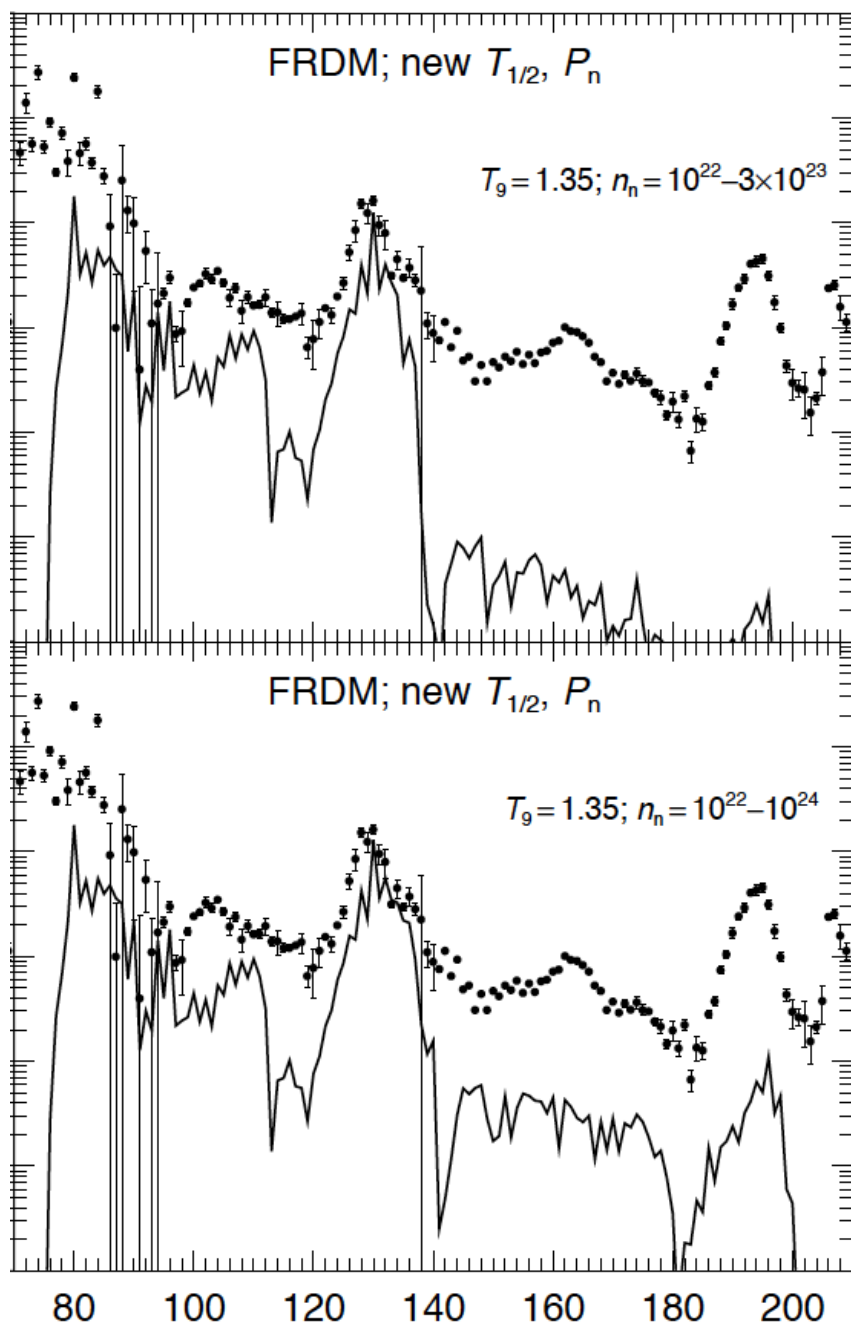
At 10^{26} , Ag is
around $A = 131$

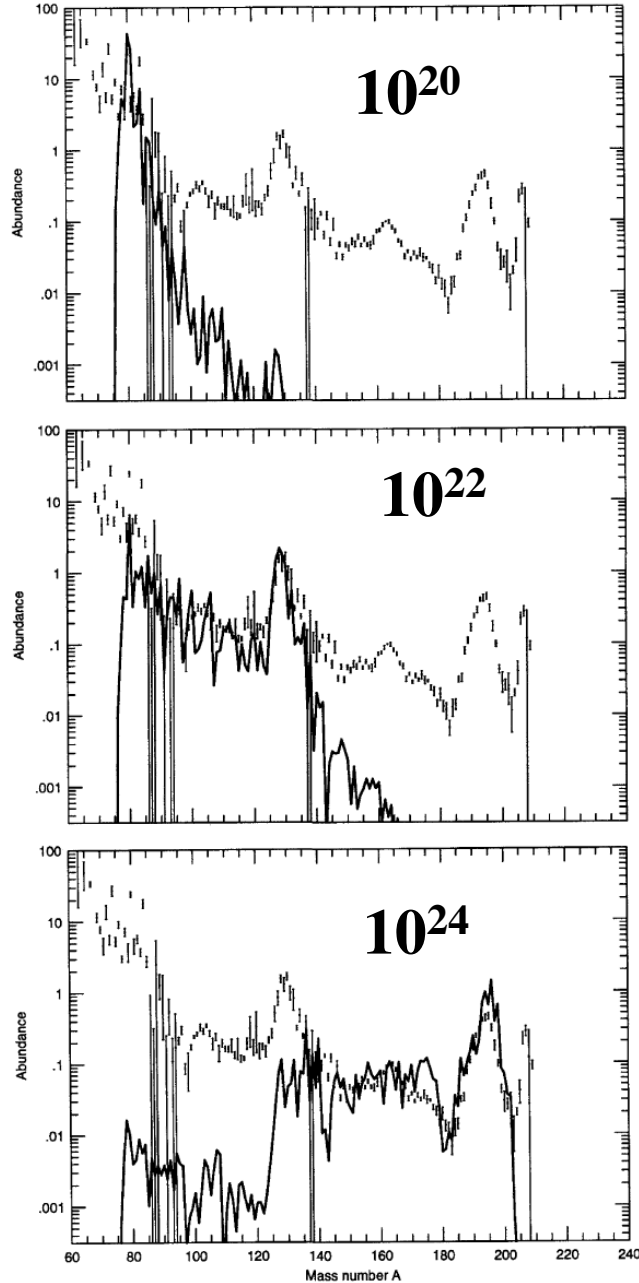


At 10^{26} , Cd is around $A = 134$. At what neutron density is ^{130}Cd dominant, down around 10^{24} ? But when the flux is THAT low, very few Pb region nuclei will be produced.



Abundances after β - and α -Decays





Nuclear structure studies for the astrophysical r-process

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Fig. 2. Results of time-dependent r-process calculations with $n_n = 10^{20}$, 10^{22} , and 10^{24} g cm^{-3} at $T = 1.35 \times 10^9$ K for duration times τ of 1.2 (upper part), 1.7 (middle), and 2.1 s (lower part), respectively, in comparison with solar r-process abundances [34].

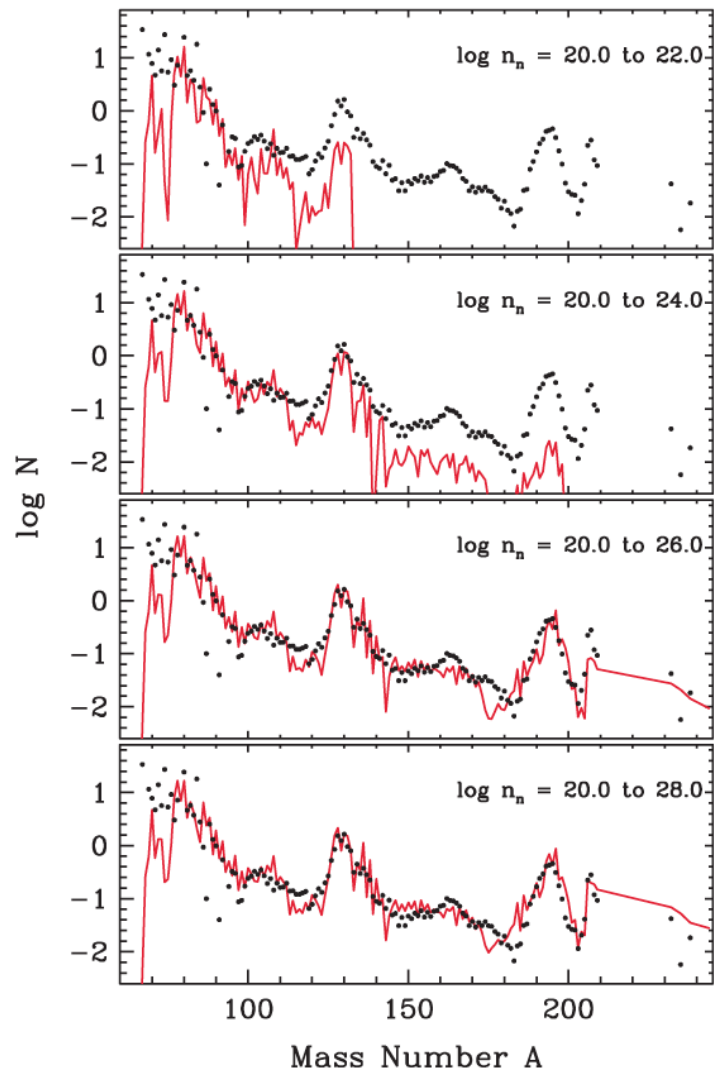


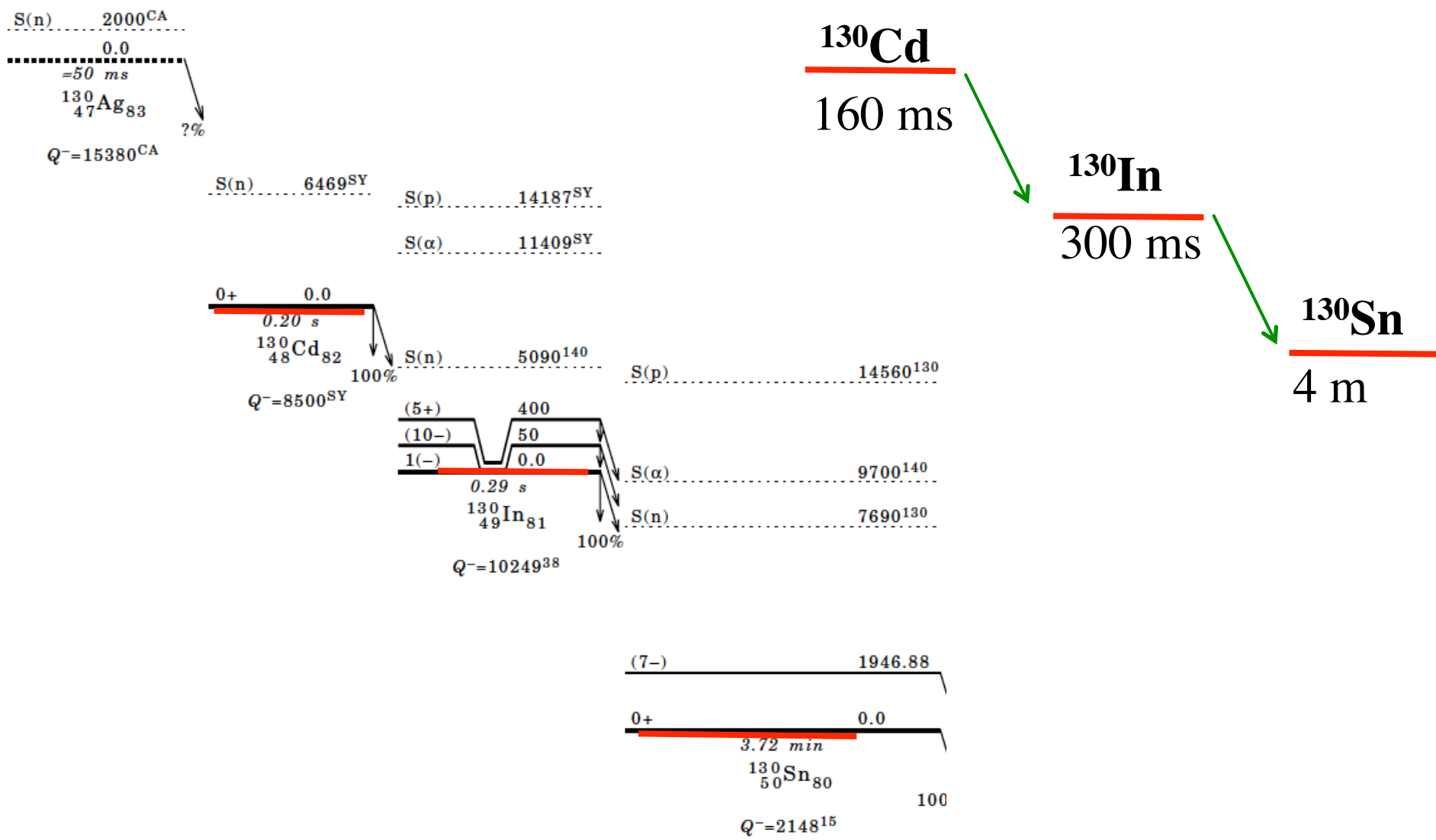
FIG. 5.—Comparison of meteoritic SS r -process-only isotopic abundances to weighted sums of r -process computations for different neutron densities ranges. The SS abundances (*black points*; Käppeler et al. 1989; Wisshak et al. 1998; O’Brien et al. 2003; see listing in Cowan et al. 2006) are on the standard meteoritic scale in which $\log N_{\text{Si}} = 6$. The four panels show from top to bottom the effect of incorporating progressively higher ranges of n_n . The top panel predictions span $20.0 \leq \log n_n \leq 22.0$, adequate only for matching the lightest isotopes. The bottom three panels successively add more neutron density components weighted to simultaneously match the greatest mass range of nuclei. The values displayed here are ones taking into account α - and β -decays of nuclei back to stability.

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EXPLORATIONS OF THE r -PROCESSES: COMPARISONS BETWEEN CALCULATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF LOW-METALLICITY STARS

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The point is that by the time any significant quantity of ^{130}Sn is produced, the neutron density is far to low to carry those nuclei toward Pt. The sum of the mean lives for ^{130}Cd and ^{130}In is ~ 600 ms. If the speeding up argument is sound, the r-process is over before there is any significant quantity of ^{130}Sn . Stated another way, when the neutron density is high, there are few ^{130}Sn nuclei, by the time there are a lot of ^{130}Sn nuclei, there are few neutrons.



Distribution of Mass in the Spontaneous Fission of $^{256}\text{Fm}^\dagger$

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Now I want to comment on the “rare-earth bump and fission recycling”. The left graph is selected because it shows so clearly **that the bump centers at $A = 160$** , and the graph below shows that the **heavy fission mass bump would center at $A = 139$** . Maybe the “fuzz” on the heavy side of the $A = 132$ peak could come from fission, most likely from slow beta decay.

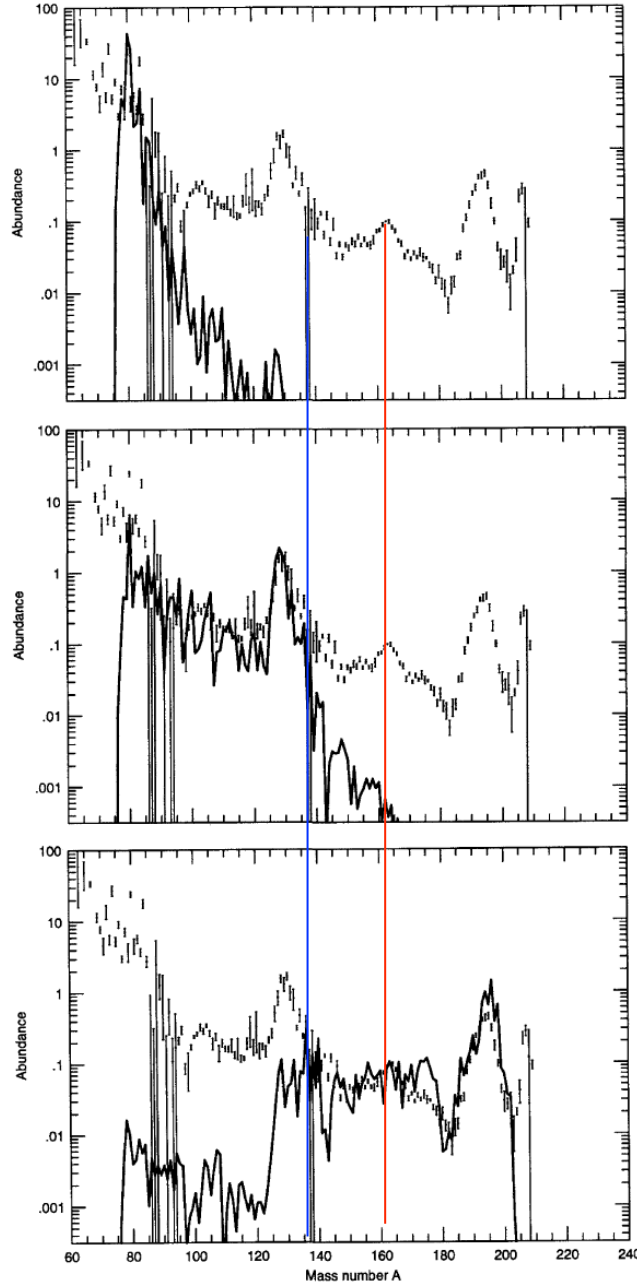


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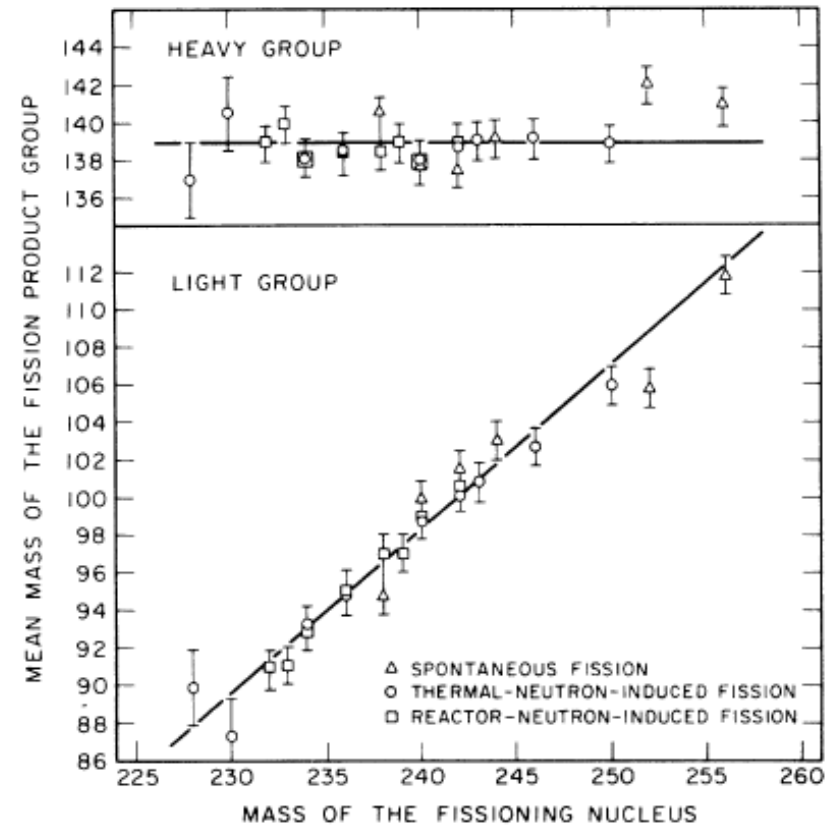


FIG. 4. Average masses of light and heavy groups as a function of the masses of the fissioning nucleus.

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Delayed neutrons for control

Wigner, **John Wheeler**, ^{135}Xe and
the Hanford Pu production reactors
1500 + corner 500 December 1944

Henry Stimson, Sec. of War.

The first 9 chapters are an excellent
description of the history of nuclear
science in the early 20th century that
led to the discovery of fission.

The last 9 chapters are devoted to
describing the human, scientific, and
engineering activities that actually
produced and delivered the bomb.

Delayed neutrons and the r-process

I checked with Karl-Ludwig and he confirmed the notion that the neutron to see ratio varies downward from 100 when making U and Th to around 30 when making $A = 130$.

As with the control of a reactor, delayed neutrons reflect nuclei produced slightly earlier.

So, even if every irradiated “seed” nucleus was spraying out 1 delayed neutron each, the net increase might only be 5%. In other words, 3% of the nuclei have been irradiated, and the delayed neutrons come from a time slightly earlier. Not a big deal????

Wigner designed Pu reactors, Wheeler built them. Wheeler was cautious and “worried” about a fission product “poison”. He drilled in large unoccupied corners. When the ^{135}Xe poison shut the reactor down, it was possible to fill out the corners and stuff them with U and get going again. The delay was about 3 months for the drilling. By December 1944, fuel rods were being sent to Seaborg’s robotic separators at full speed.

Now, I want to ask about the low value for Rh and Ag in old halo stars?
 Fermi used Rh as his flux monitor in the Rome experiments of 1936/7.

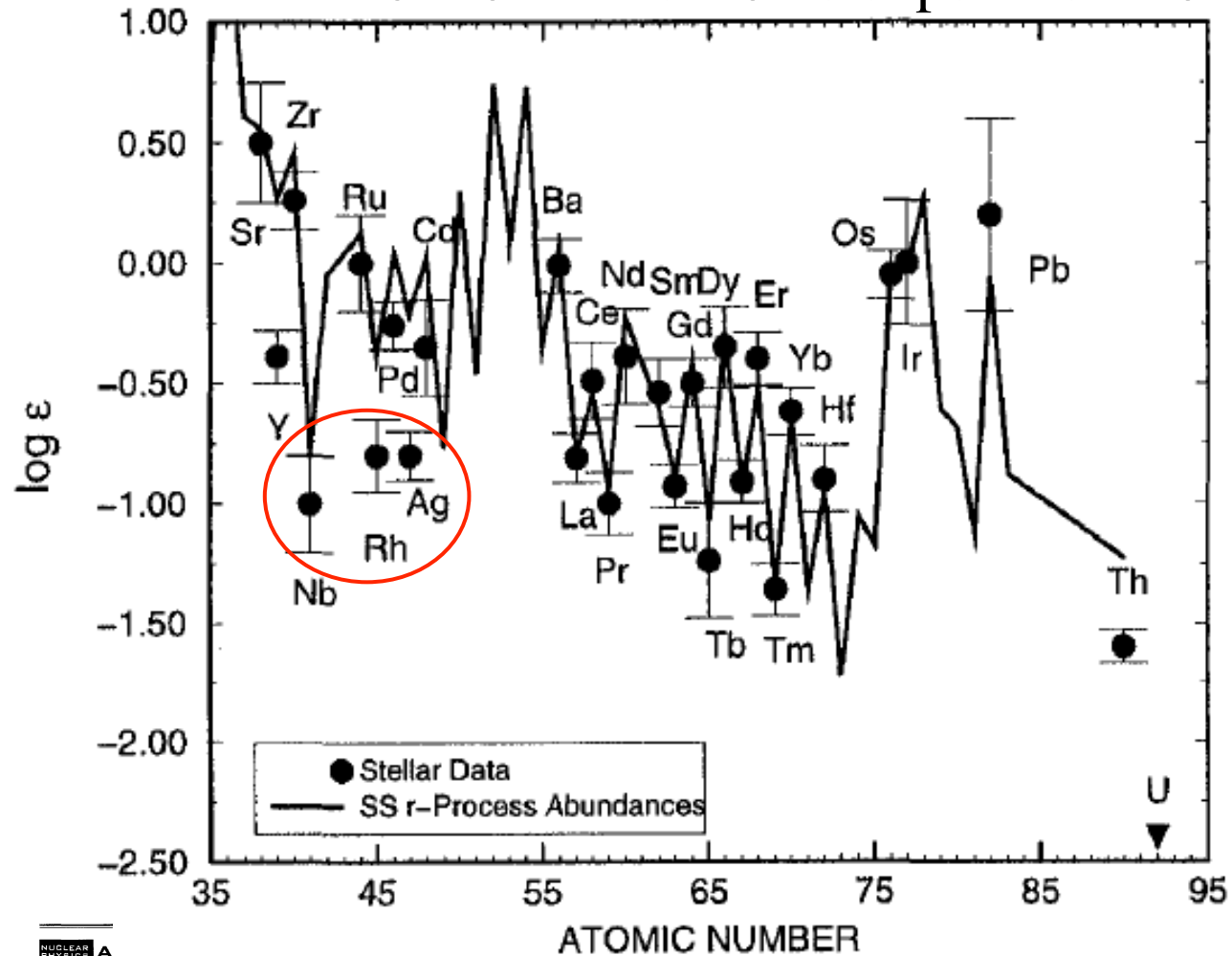


Figure 1. The heavy element abundance patterns for CS 22892-052 compared with the solar system r-process abundance distribution (solid line) [7]

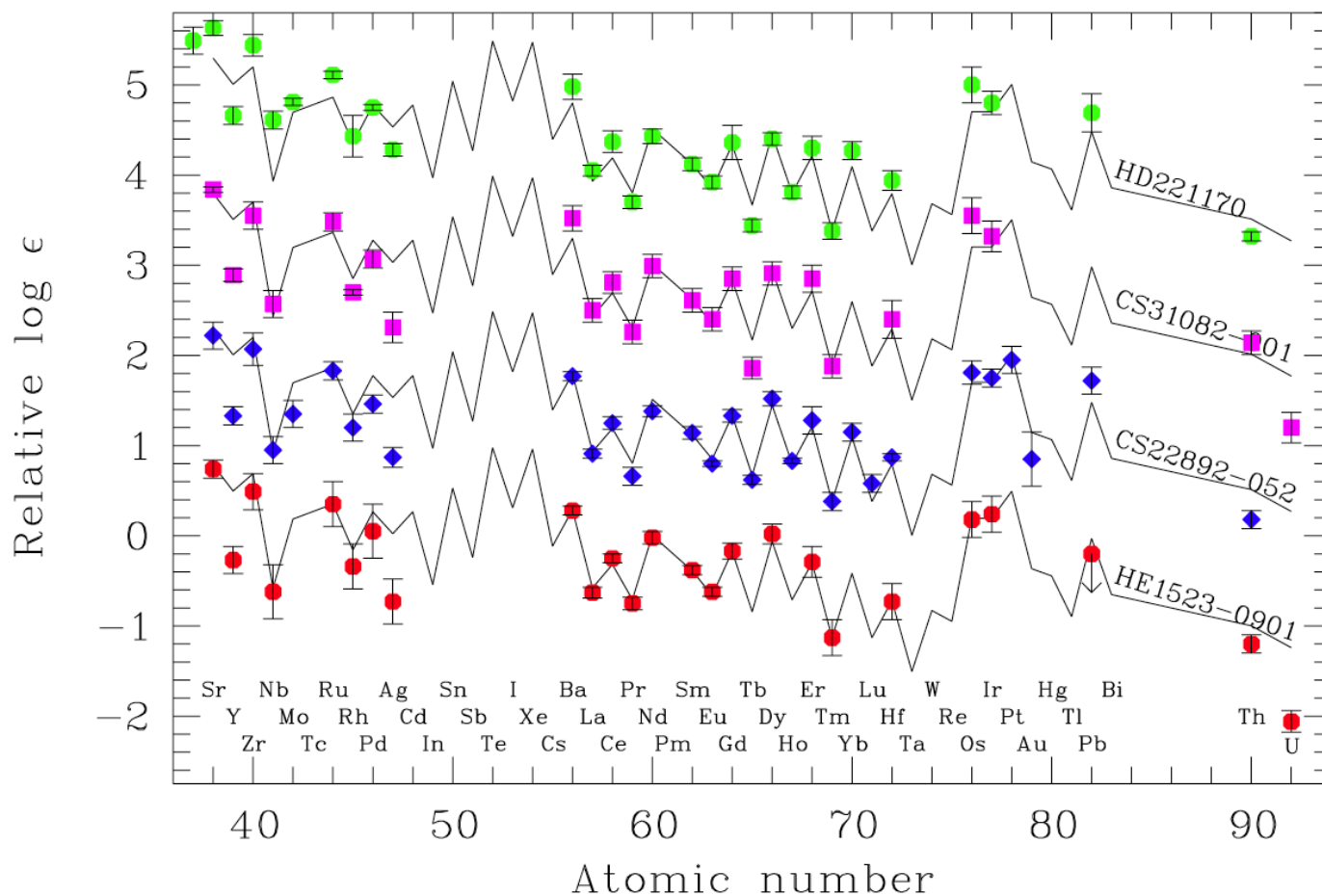
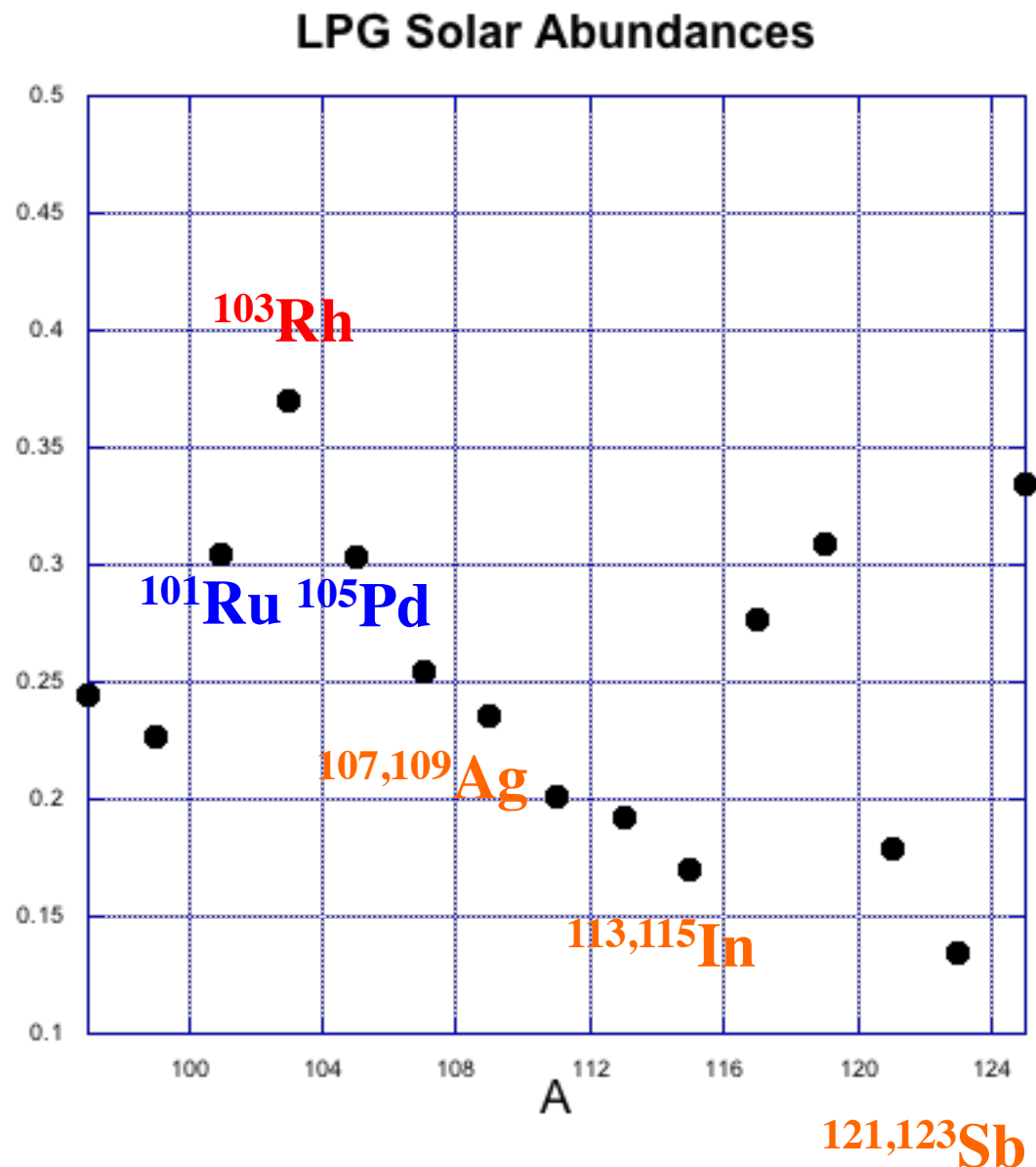


Figure 5. Element abundance patterns of a sample of r-process element enriched stars (points), with the solar r-process pattern scaled to each star’s Eu abundance (solid lines). The agreement between the solar pattern and the stellar abundances is excellent for elements $Z \approx 56 - 72$. However, the agreement with the solar pattern of the lighter elements ($Z \approx 38-40$) is not as good. References for the abundances: HD 221170—*Ivans et al (2006)*; CS 31082-001—*Hill et al (2002)*; CS 22892-052—*Snedden et al (1996)*; HE 1523-0901—*Frebel et al (2007)*. (Figure adapted from *Frebel and Norris 2013*.)

These are usually seen in a log plot where they all look equal. Even in a linear plot, these abundances are, more or less equal, varying in this plot by a factor of 3.

If Rh is large in Solar, does this mean the main source is the s-process?



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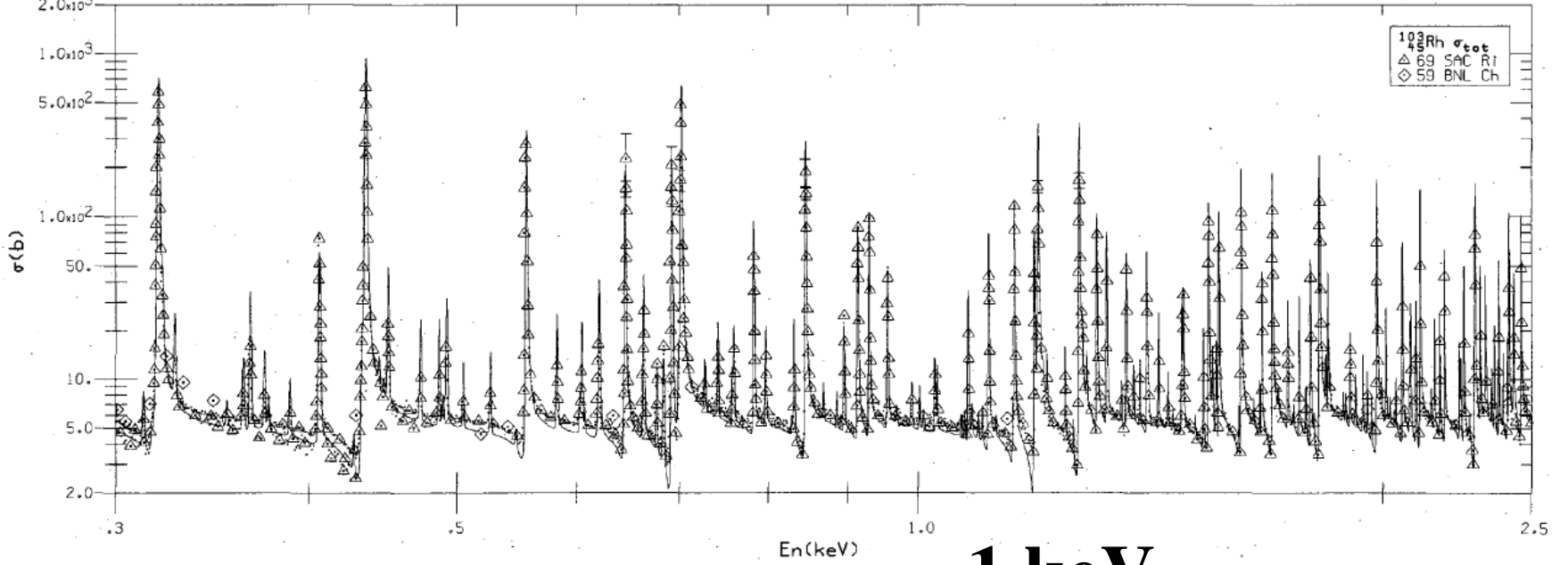
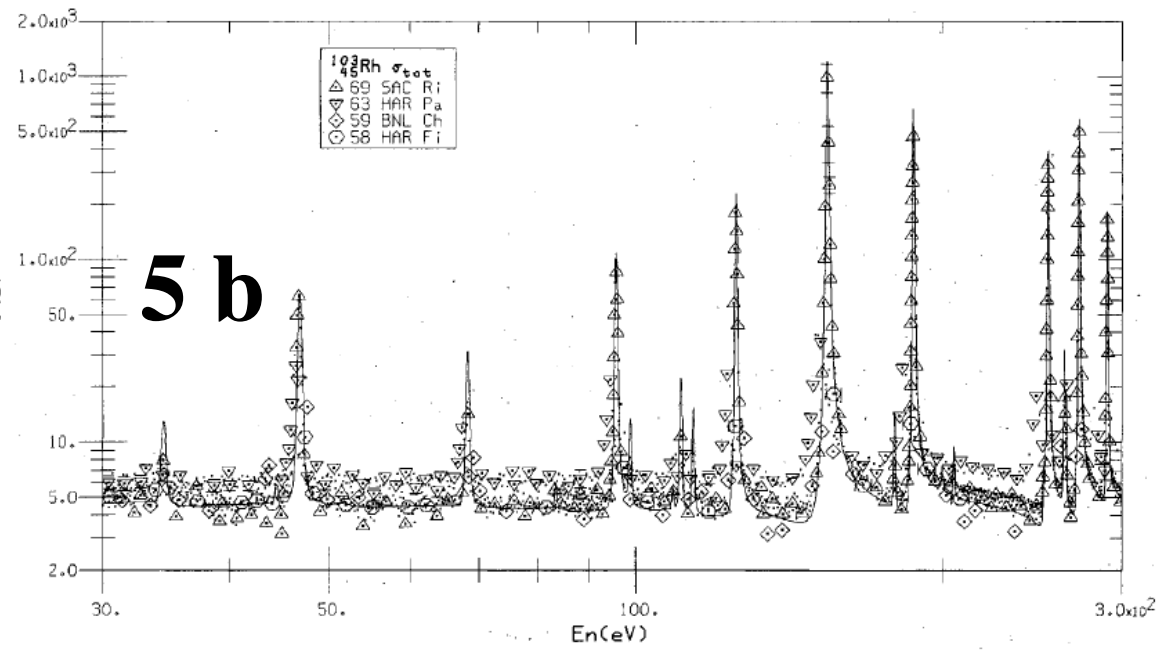
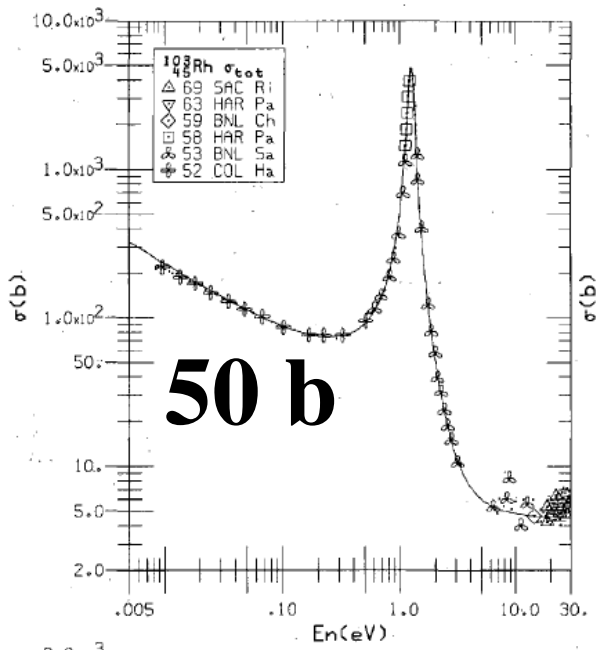
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Table 5 – *continued*

Isotope	Solar Abb. AG89	Solar Abb. L09	N_z A99	s (per cent) A99	N_z Updated	s (per cent) Updated ^(a)	r (per cent) Updated
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
⁹⁹ Ru	2.36E-01	2.27E-01	6.69E-02	28.3	7.52E-02	33.1	
¹⁰⁰ Ru	2.34E-01	2.24E-01	2.23E-01	95.3	–	+9.9 per cent ^(b)	
¹⁰¹ Ru	3.16E-01	3.04E-01	4.83E-02	15.3	5.38E-02	17.7	
¹⁰² Ru	5.88E-01	5.62E-01	2.53E-01	43.0	2.81E-01	50.0	
¹⁰⁴ Ru	3.48E-01	3.32E-01	9.52E-03	2.7	8.17E-03	2.5	
Ru				32.0		37.3 ± 2.2	
¹⁰³ Rh	3.44E-01	3.70E-01	4.67E-02	13.6	5.64E-02	15.2	
Rh				14.0		15.2 ± 1.5	
¹⁰⁴ Pd	1.55E-01	1.51E-01	–	+5.7 per cent ^(b)	–	+21.6 per cent ^(b)	
¹⁰⁵ Pd	3.10E-01	3.03E-01	4.27E-02	13.8	4.75E-02	15.7	
¹⁰⁶ Pd	3.80E-01	3.71E-01	1.95E-01	51.3	2.17E-01	58.4	
¹⁰⁸ Pd	3.68E-01	3.59E-01	2.40E-01	65.2	2.68E-01	74.6	
¹¹⁰ Pd	1.63E-01	1.59E-01	5.93E-03	3.6	4.73E-03	3.0	
Pd				46.0		53.1 ± 2.7	
¹⁰⁷ Ag	2.52E-01	2.54E-01	3.77E-02	15.0	4.21E-02	16.6	
¹⁰⁹ Ag	2.34E-01	2.36E-01	5.86E-02	25.0	6.64E-02	28.1	
Ag				20.0		22.1 ± 1.1	
¹⁰⁸ Cd	1.43E-02	1.40E-02	1.61E-05	0.1	5.34E-05	0.4	
¹¹⁰ Cd	2.01E-01	1.97E-01	1.95E-01	97.0	–	+15.1 per cent ^(b)	
¹¹¹ Cd	2.06E-01	2.01E-01	4.87E-02	23.6	7.65E-02	38.0	
¹¹² Cd	3.88E-01	3.80E-01	2.05E-01	52.8	2.84E-01	74.8	
¹¹³ Cd	1.97E-01	1.92E-01	6.85E-02	34.8	8.30E-02	43.2	
¹¹⁴ Cd	4.63E-01	4.52E-01	2.95E-01	63.7	4.06E-01	89.8	
¹¹⁶ Cd	1.21E-01	1.18E-01	2.13E-02	17.6	2.00E-02	17.0	
Cd				52.0		69.6 ± 4.9	
¹¹³ In	7.90E-03	8.00E-03	5.59E-08	0.0	5.96E-08	0.0	
¹¹⁵ In	1.76E-01	1.70E-01	6.43E-02	36.5	7.53E-02	44.3	
In				35.0		42.4 ± 3.0	
⁹³ Nb	6.98E-01	7.80E-01	5.96E-01	85.4	6.68E-01	85.6	
Nb				85.0		85.6 ± 8.6	

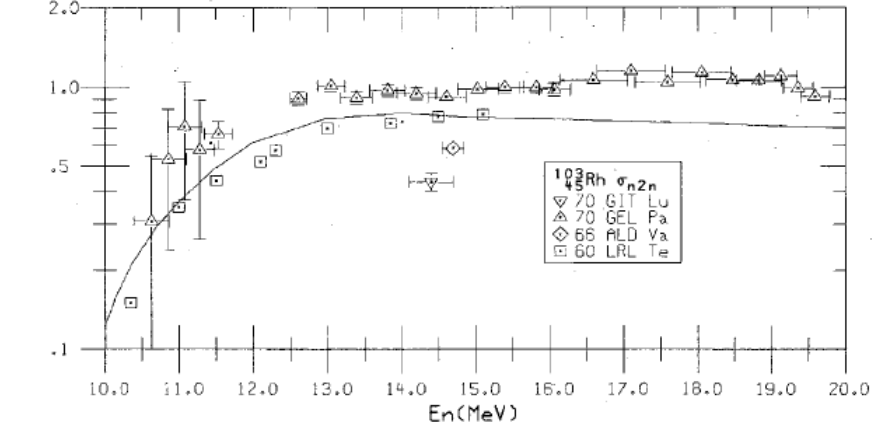
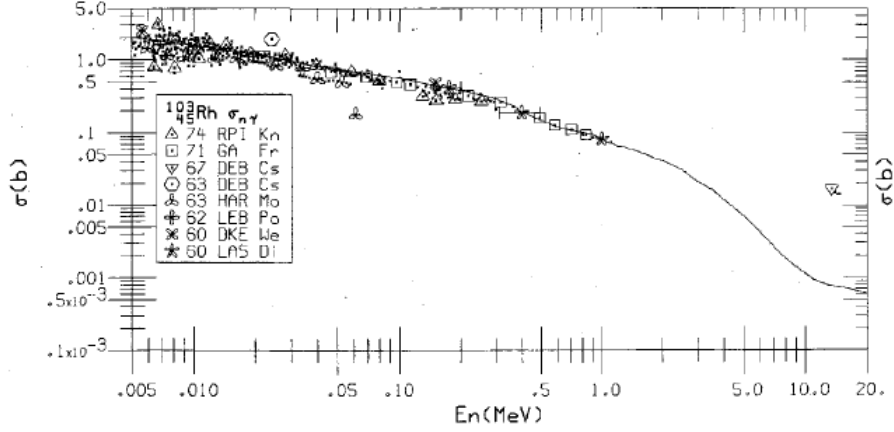
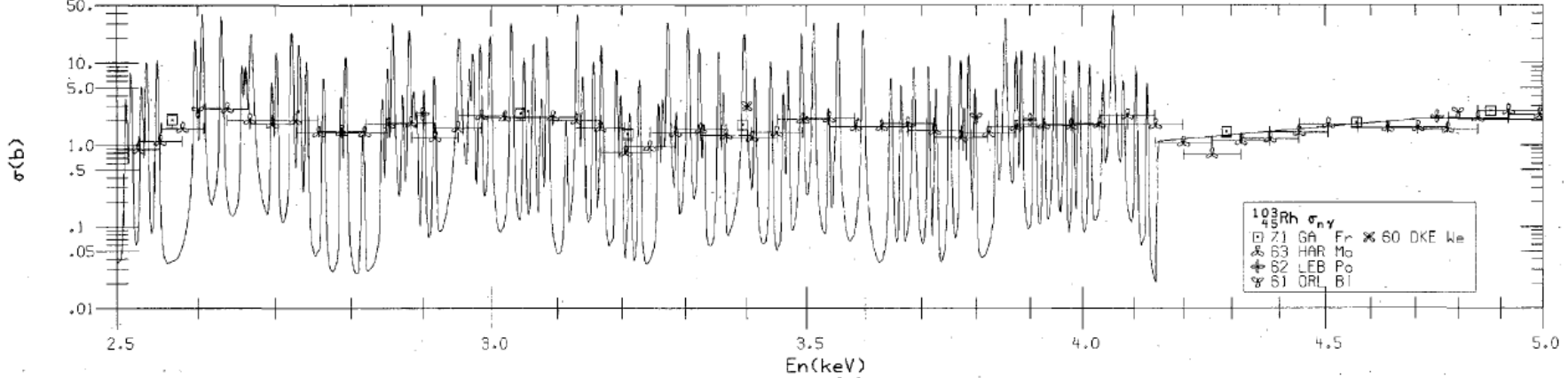
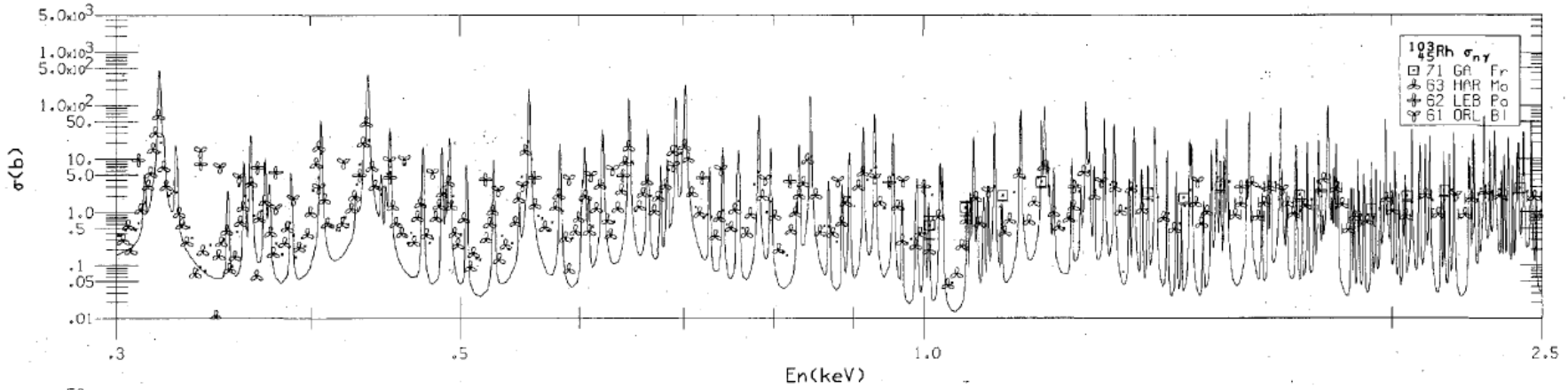
Where do Solar Nb, Rh and Ag come from, given that they eat neutrons strongly, including those beta-delayed neutrons, at the end of the r-process?

$^{103}_{45}\text{Rh}$
 σ_{tot}
[1125]



The point is that the capture cross sections for Rh are HIGH!!!

$^{103}_{45}\text{Rh}$
 $\sigma_{n\gamma}$
 σ_{n2n}
 [1125]

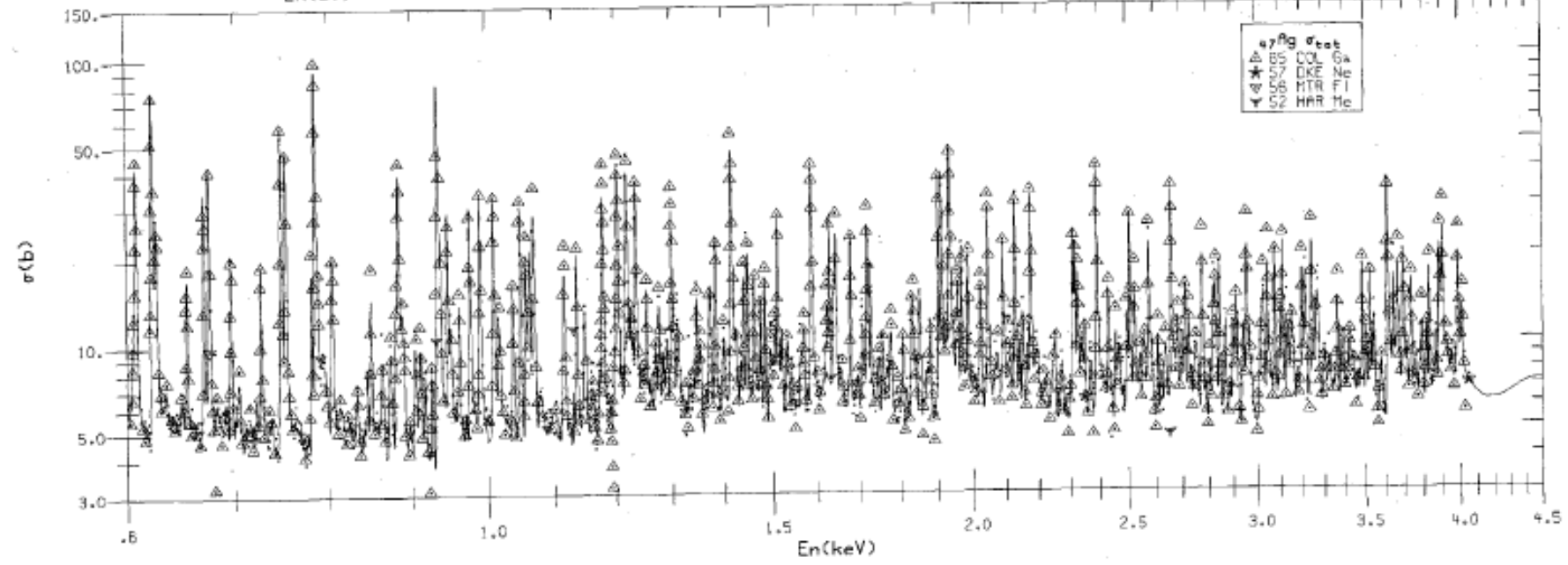
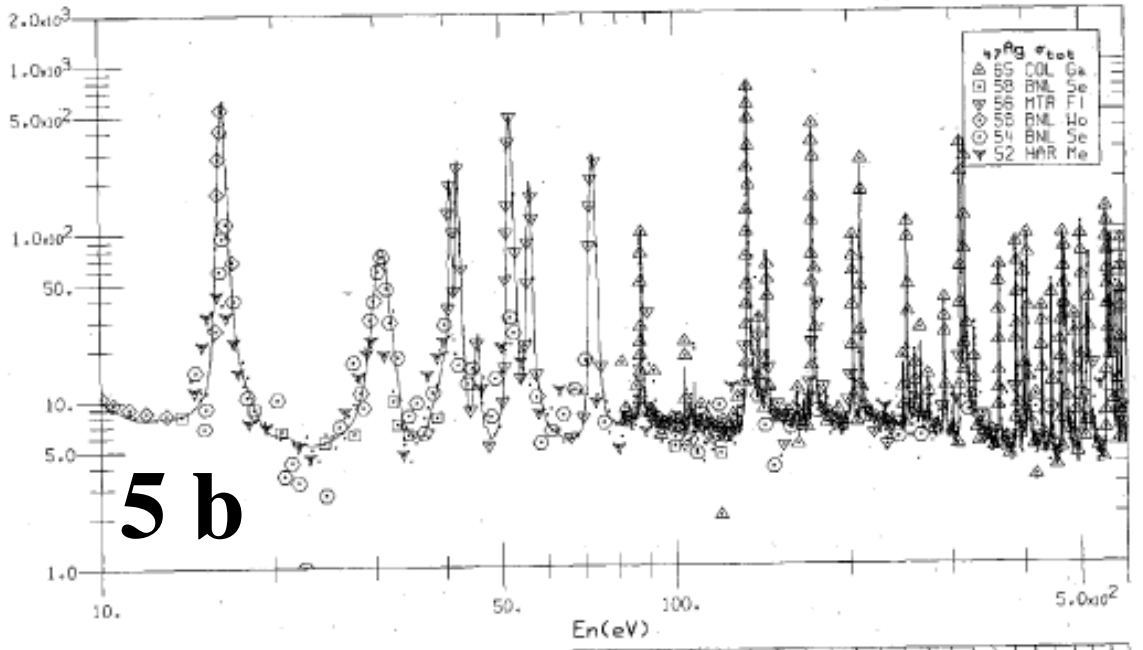
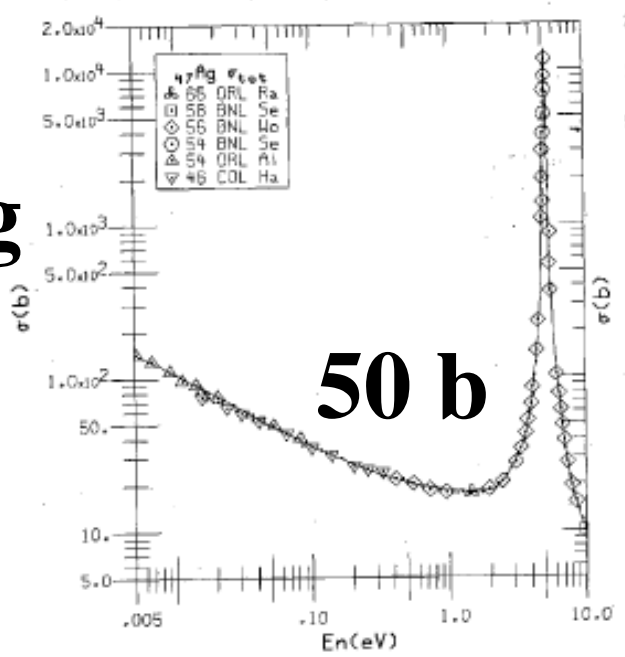


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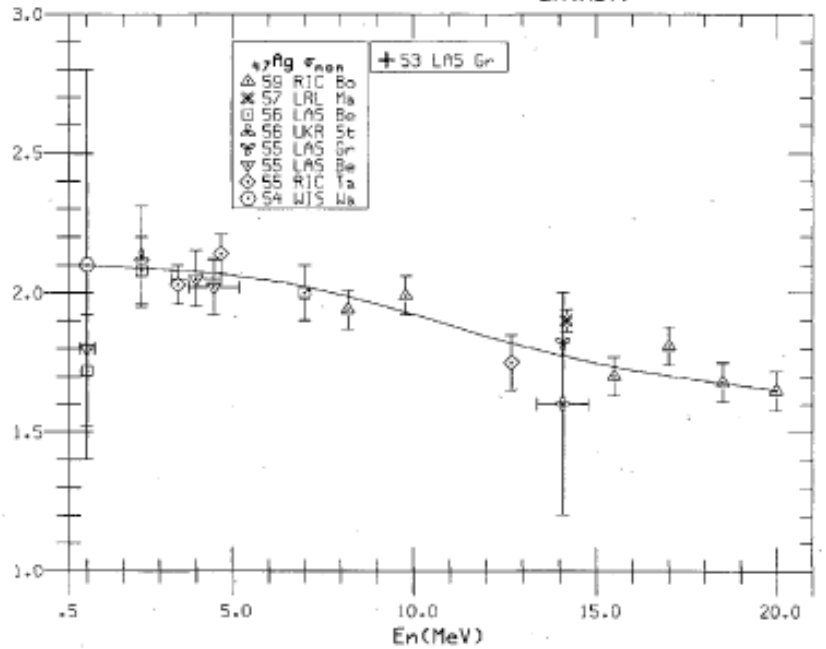
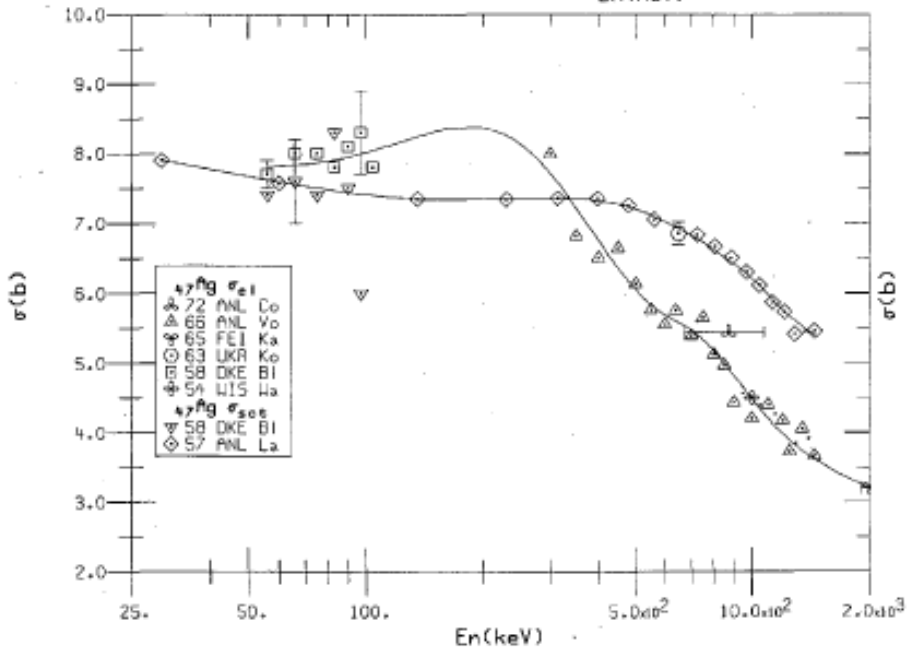
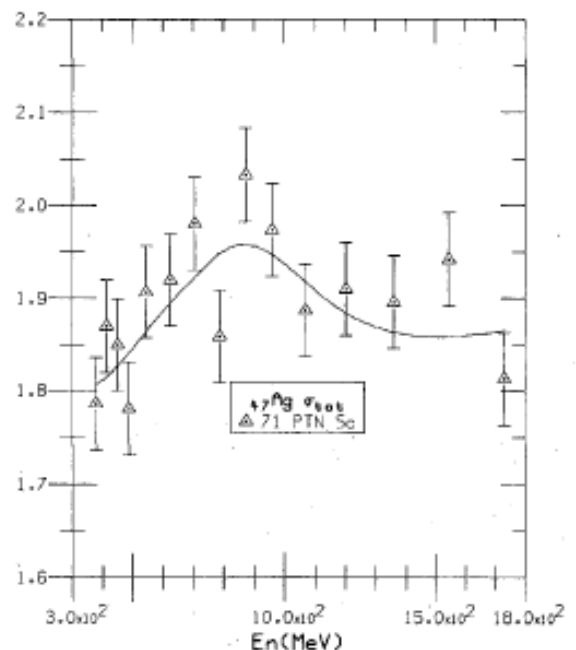
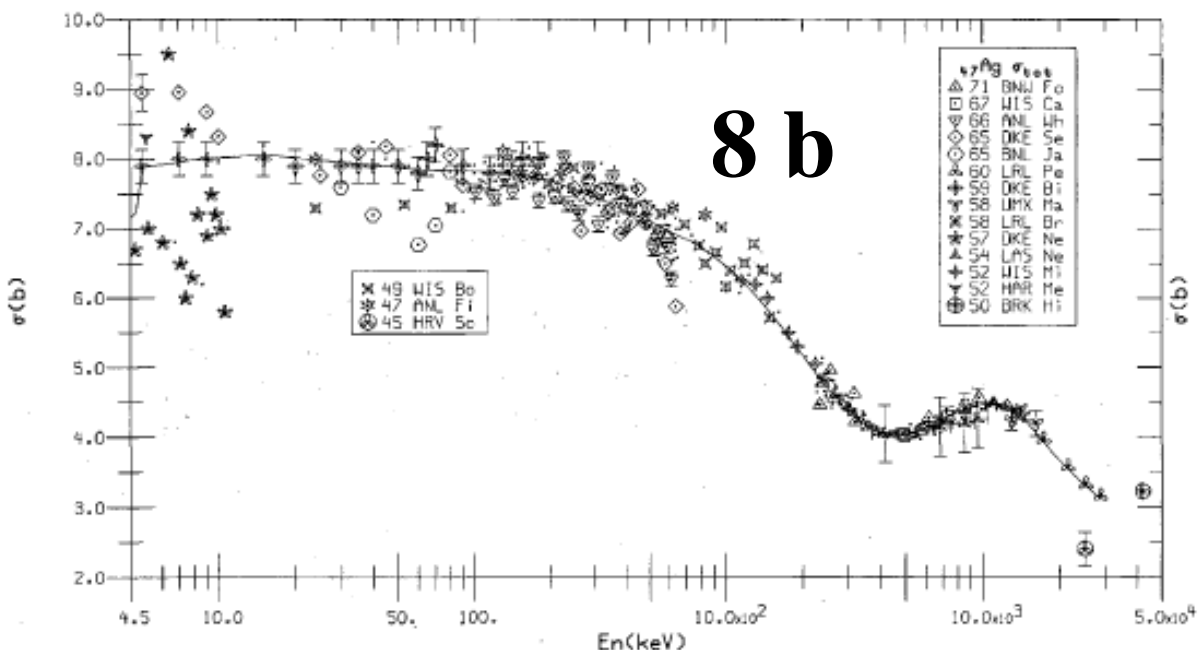
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9/+ Rh101 ^{1/-} 4.35 d 3.3 a ϵ γ 306.9, 157.3, ... e- E .54	6+ Rh102 ^{2/-} ~2.9 a 207 d $\epsilon, \beta^+ 1.30, .82, \dots$ γ 475.1, 631.3, 697.5, ... IT 98.8 ω γ 41.9 ω E-1.150	7/+ Rh103 ^{1/-} 56.12m 100 IT 39.8, e- σ_γ (11+134), (8E1+10.2E2) 102.905504	5- Rh104 ¹⁺ 4.36 ms 42.3 s IT 77.3 $\beta^- 2.44, \dots, \epsilon$ γ 555.8, ... $\beta^- 1.3 \omega, \dots$ $\hat{\sigma}_\alpha$ 4E1 E 2.441	1/- Rh105 ^{7/+} 40 s 35.4 h IT 129.6 $\beta^- .566, .248, \dots$ γ 319.2, ... σ_γ (5E3+11E3), 17E3 E .567	(6) + Rh106 ¹⁺ 2.18 h 29.9 s $\beta^- .92, \dots$ γ 511.9, 1045.8, 717.4, ... E 3.54	Rh107 ^{7/+} 21.7 m $\beta^- 1.20, \dots$ γ 302.8, ... E 1.51
Ru100 12.6 σ_γ 5.8, 11 99.904219	Ru101 ^{5/+} 17.0 σ_γ 5, 1.0E2 $\hat{\sigma}_\alpha$ <.15 μ b 100.905581	Ru102 31.6 σ_γ 1.3, 4.7 101.904349	Ru103 ⁽³⁾⁺ 39.27 d $\beta^- .223, \dots$ γ 497.1, ... $\hat{\sigma}_\gamma$ <20, 3E1 E .763	Ru104 18.7 σ_γ .47, 6 103.905429	Ru105 ^{3/+} 4.44 h $\beta^- 1.187, 1.11, 1.134, \dots$ γ 724.3, 469.4, 676.3, ... $\hat{\sigma}_\gamma$ ~.30 E 1.917	Ru106 1.020 a $\beta^- .0394$ no γ σ_γ .15, 2.1 E .0394
1/- Tc99 ^{9/+} 6.01 h 2.13E5 a IT 142.7, $\beta^- .294, 2.2(e^-)$ γ 140.5, $\beta^- .435 \omega$, ... γ 322 $\nu \omega$ E .294	Tc100 ¹⁺ 15.8 s $\beta^- 3.4, 2.9, \dots$ γ 539.5, 590.8, ... E 3.202	Tc101 ^{9/+} 14.22 m $\beta^- 1.32, \dots$ γ 306.8, ... E 1.61	Tc102 ¹⁺ 4.4 m 5.3 s $\beta^- 1.8, \dots, \beta^- 4.2, 3.4, 2.2, \dots$ γ 475.1, 628.1, ... γ 475.1, ... IT E 4.53	Tc103 ^{5/+} 54 s $\beta^- 2.2, 2.0, \dots$ γ 346.4, 136.1, 210.4, ... E 2.66	Tc104 ⁽³⁾⁺ 18.2 m $\beta^- 5.3, \dots$ γ 358.0, ... E 5.60	Tc105 ^(3/-) 7.6 m $\beta^- 3.4, \dots$ γ 143.2, 107.9, 321.5, 159.5, ... E 3.64
Mo98 24.13 σ_γ 13, 7.2 97.905407	Mo99 ¹⁺ 2.7476 d $\beta^- 1.214, \dots$ γ 739.5, 181.1, 140.5D, ... E 1.357	Mo100 9.63 σ_γ .19, 3.8 99.90748	Mo101 ^{1/+} 14.61 m $\beta^- .7, 2.23, \dots$ γ 590.9, 191.9, 1012.5, 506.0, ... E 2.82	Mo102 11.3 m $\beta^- 1.2, \dots$ γ 211.6, 148.2, 223.8, ... E 1.01	Mo103 ⁽³⁾⁺ 1.13 m $\beta^- 3.7, \dots$ γ 83.4, 423.9, 45.8, ... E 3.8	Mo104 1.00 m $\beta^- 2.02, \dots$ γ 68.8, 69.7, 36.3, ... E 2.16
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Here, it is possible to see that ¹⁰³Rh is “protected” in the r-process by 40-day ¹⁰³Ru, so any neutrons from late beta-delayed processes will have little effect.

Moreover, ¹⁰⁷Ag is well protected by six million-year ¹⁰⁷Pd.

My question is “how are the ¹⁰³Rh and Ag being eaten in the old halo stars?”

The large cross section for ¹⁰³Rh and short daughter half life made ¹⁰⁴Rh an excellent flux monitor for Fermi in his Rome experiments when he was irradiating “everything” with neutrons.

