

Development of collectivity beyond $N=50$ in the Ge and Se isotopes

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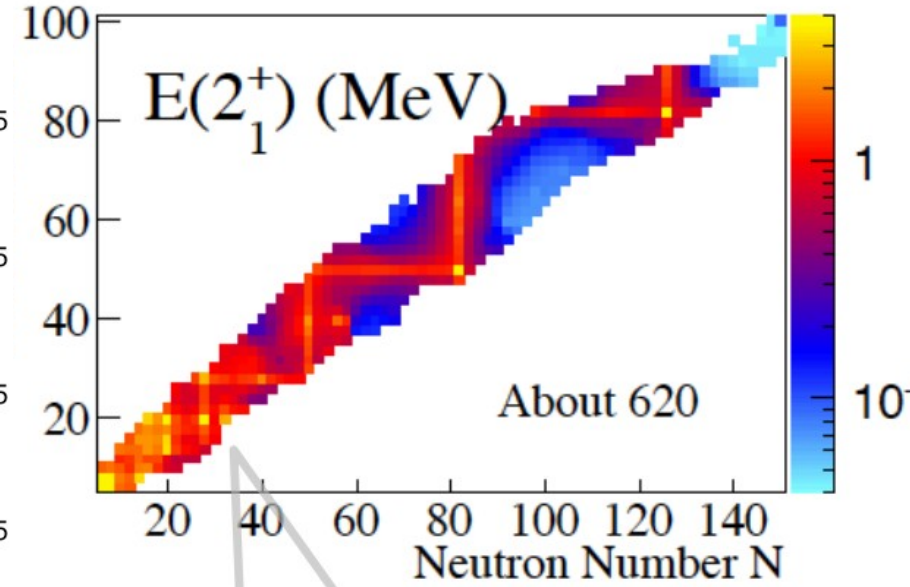
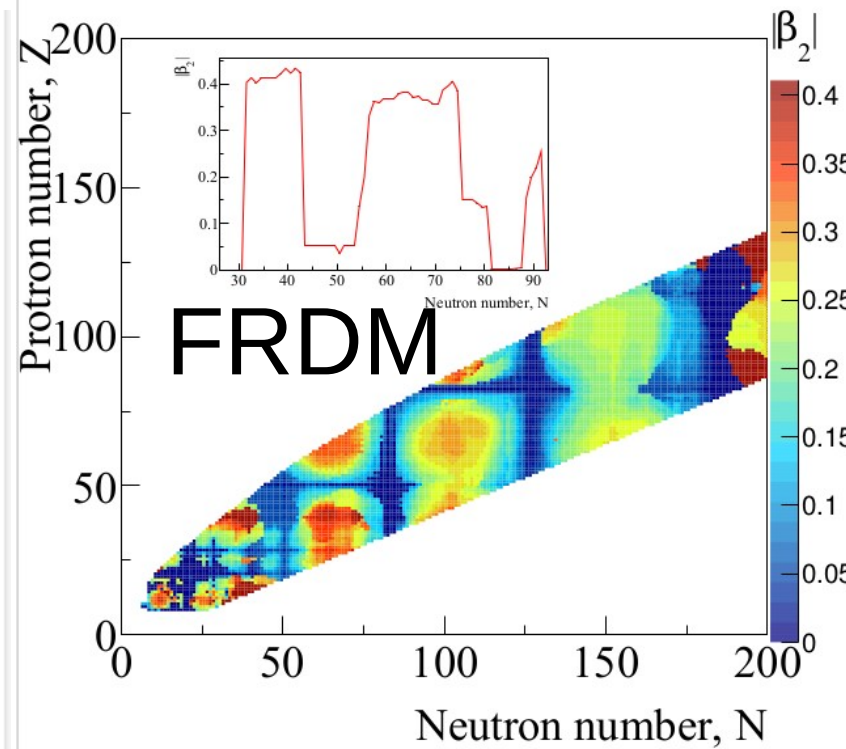
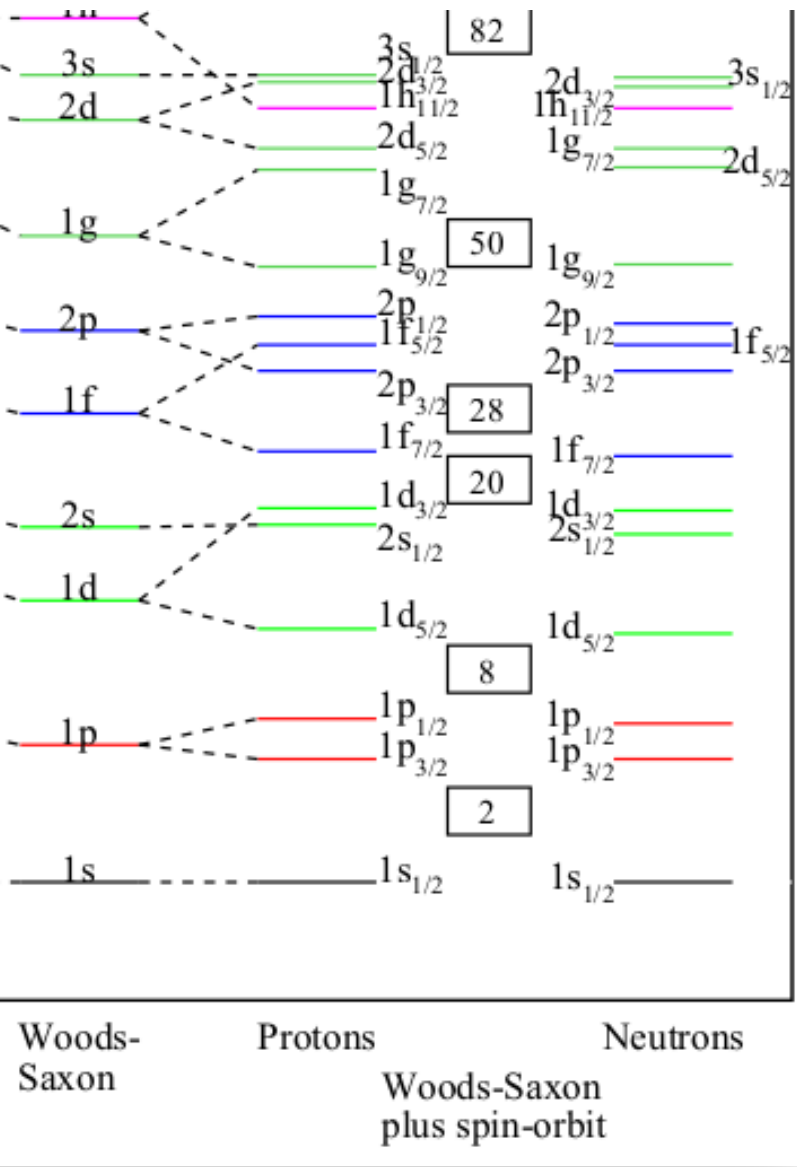
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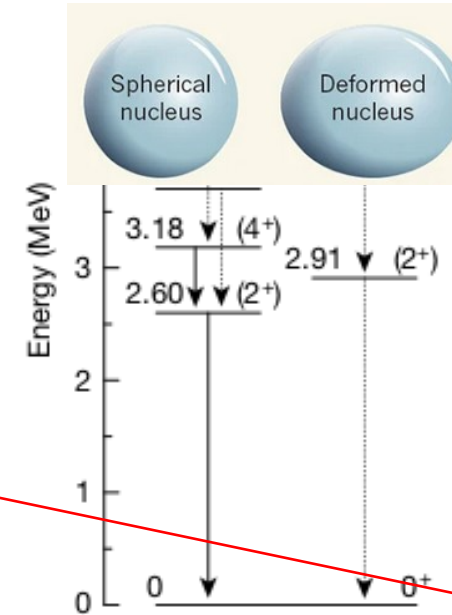
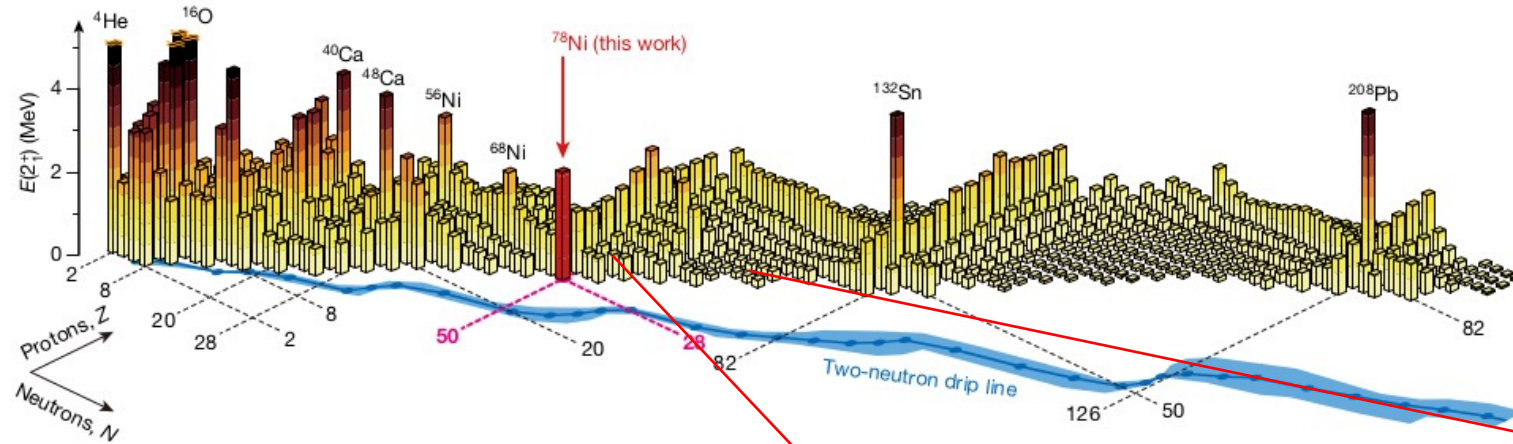
Shells to shapes



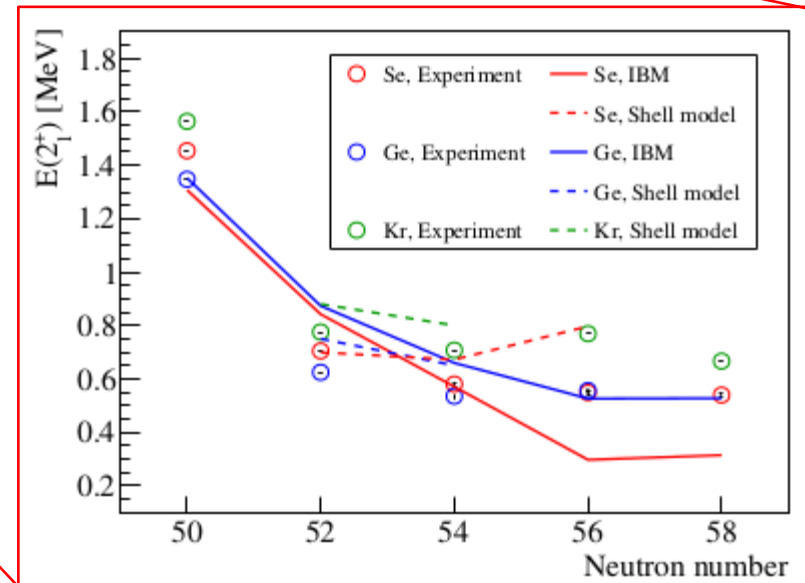
- ▶ “Typical magic numbers”
 - ▶ Associated with “spherical” shell closures/enhanced stability
- ▶ First indication is $E(2^+_1)$

Departure from magicity

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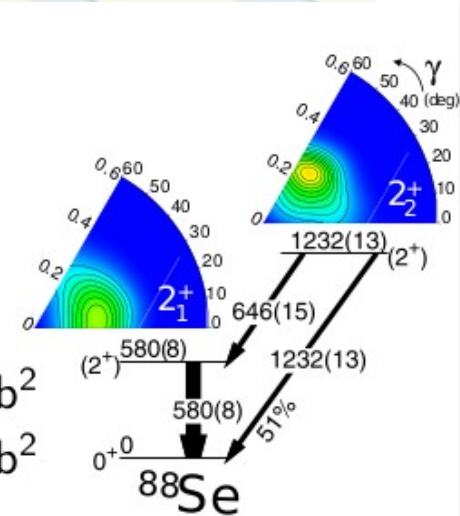
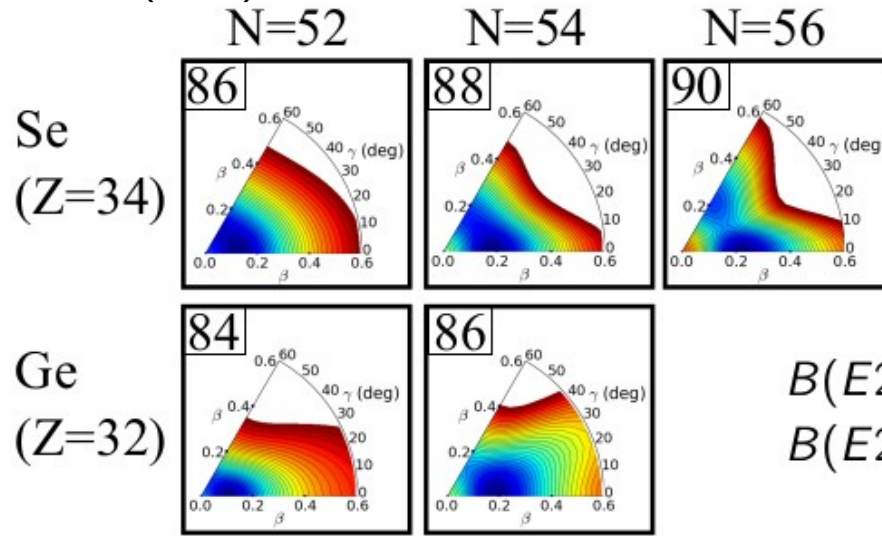
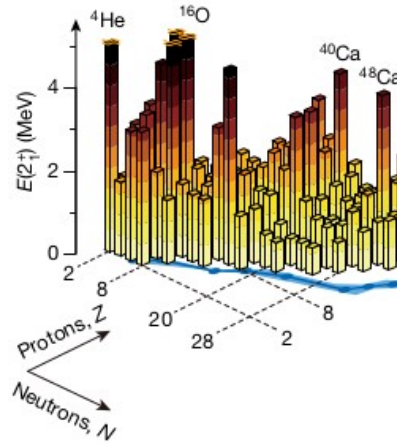


- ▶ Large $E(2^+_{1})$ energies, low $B(E2)$ values
- ▶ ^{78}Ni most recently measured
 - Competing structures: spherical/deformed...
 - How are these manifest deeper into mid-shell?



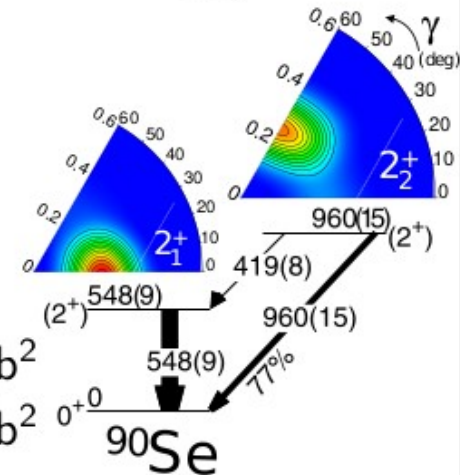
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$$B(E2; 2_1^+) \uparrow = 0.284 e^2 b^2$$

$$B(E2; 2_2^+) \uparrow = 0.006 e^2 b^2$$



$$B(E2; 2_1^+) \uparrow = 0.193 e^2 b^2$$

$$B(E2; 2_2^+) \uparrow = 0.052 e^2 b^2$$

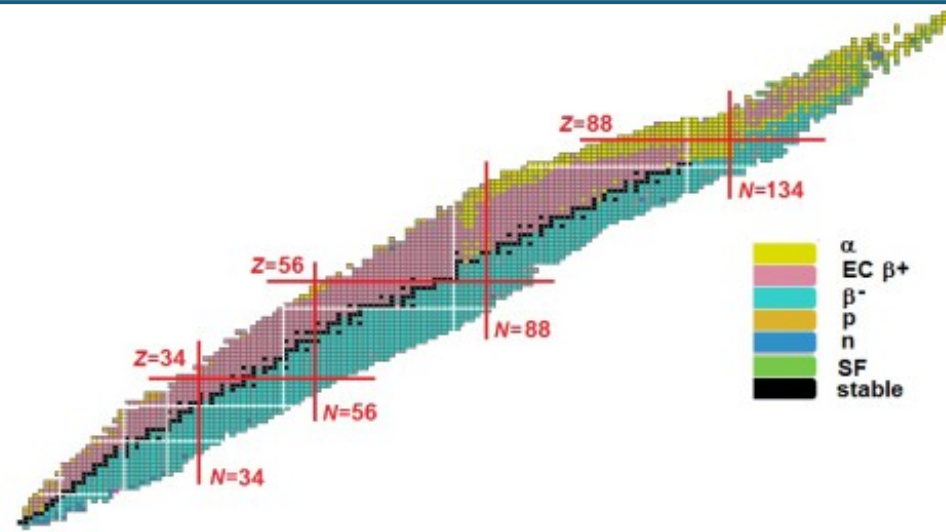
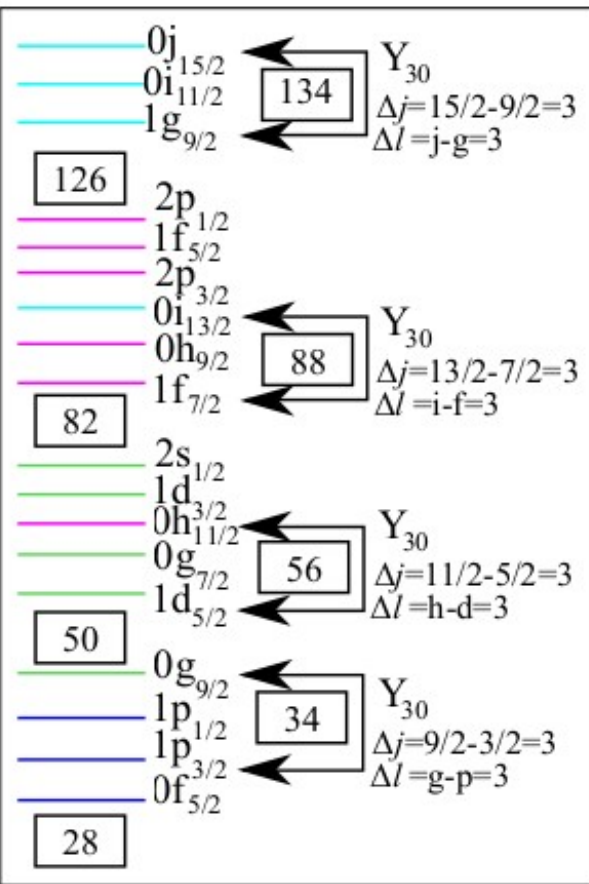


- ▶ Large $E(2_1^+)$
- ▶ ^{78}Ni most re
- ▶ Competing spherical/c
- ▶ How are th mid-shell?

- ▶ Shell model, SCCM and mean-field predict:
 - Triaxiality in ^{86}Ge
 - Prolate & oblate minima in ^{90}Se
- ▶ Enhancement of $B(E2; 2_2^+)$ in ^{90}Se
 - Strong test of models

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Octupole collectivity at N=56 and Z=34

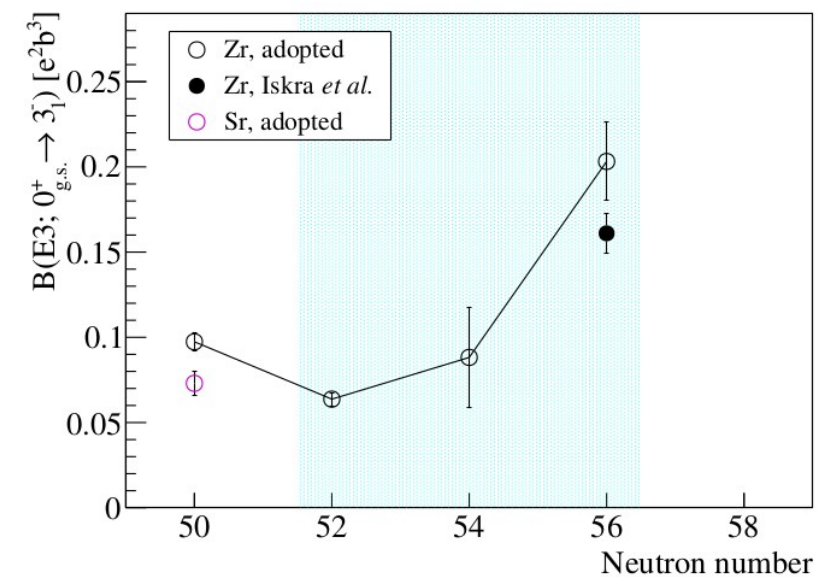
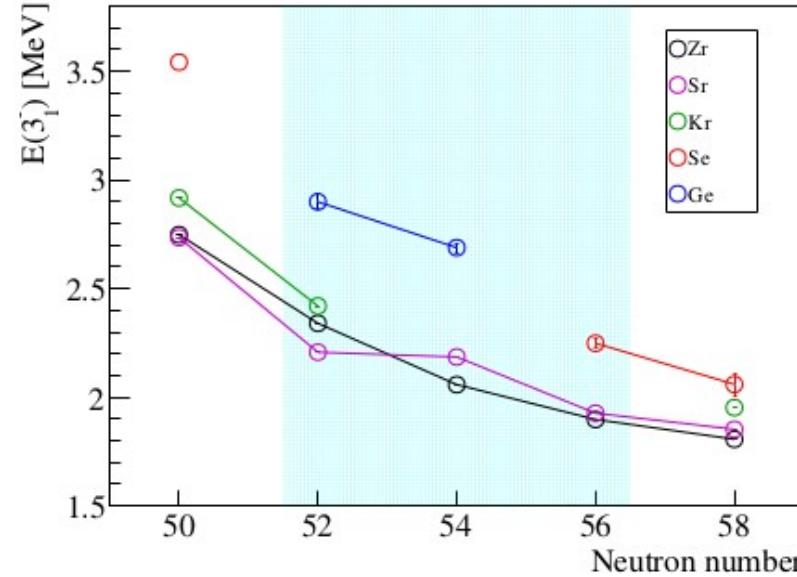
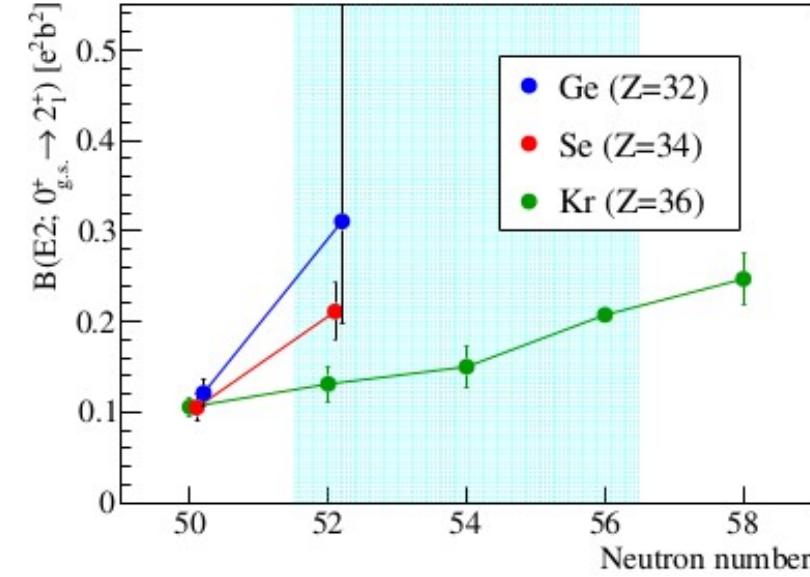


- ▶ ISOLDE, CERN: $Z \approx 88$ & $N \approx 134$
 - ${}^{220}_{86}\text{Rn}_{134} \Rightarrow$ Vibrational β_3 mode
 - ${}^{224}_{88}\text{Ra}_{136} \Rightarrow$ *Static* β_3 deformation
- ▶ ATLAS, ANL: $Z \approx 56$ & $N \approx 88$
 - ${}^{144}_{56}\text{Ba}_{88} \Rightarrow$ larger β_3 than any prediction
- ▶ RIBF, RIKEN: $Z \approx 34$ & $N \approx 56$
 - The final frontier...?



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Measurement objectives

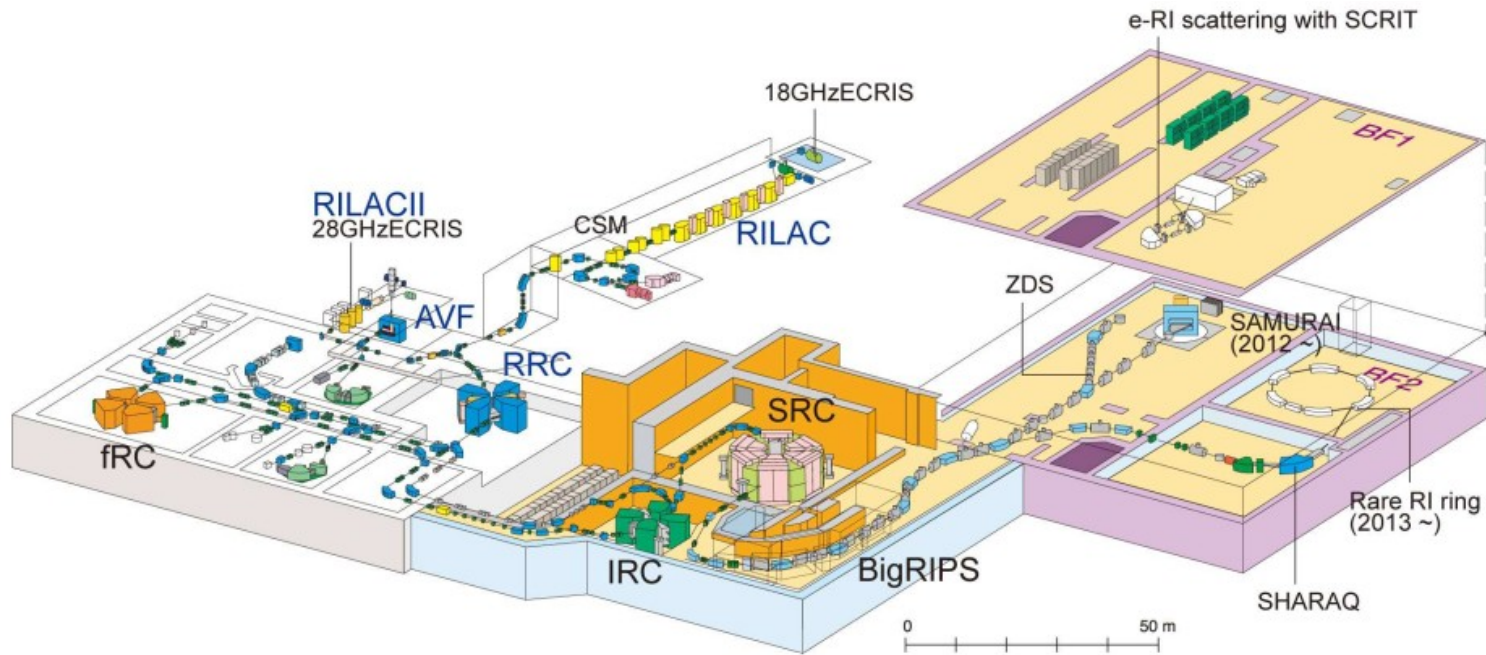


	⁸⁴ Ge	⁸⁶ Ge	⁸⁶ Se	⁸⁸ Se	⁹⁰ Se
$E(2^+_{1})$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$B(E2; 0^+_{g.s.} \rightarrow 2^+_{1})$	(✓)●	●	✓●	●	●
$E(2^+_{2})$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$B(E2; 0^+_{g.s.} \rightarrow 2^+_{2})$	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
$E(3^-_{1})$	+	+	●	●	+
$B(E3)$	X	X	◆	◆	◆

- ✓ = Measured
- (✓) = Measured with large uncertainty
- +
- = Easily measurable, well controlled model-dependence
- ▲ = Potential for measurement/limit
- ◆ = Measurement model dependent
- X = Not yet feasible

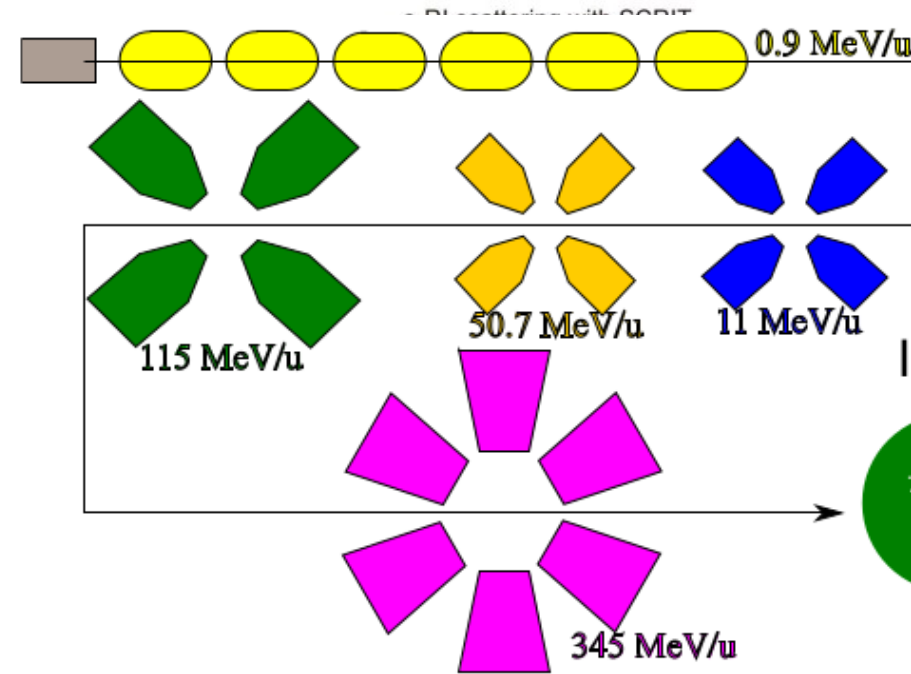
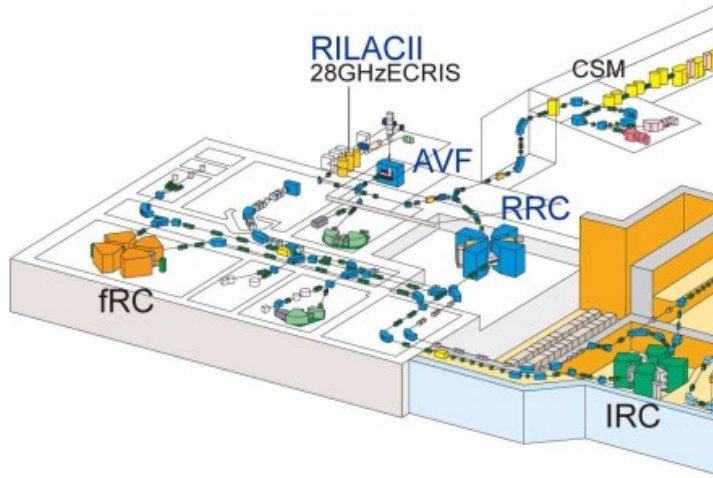
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Radioactive Isotope Beam Factory



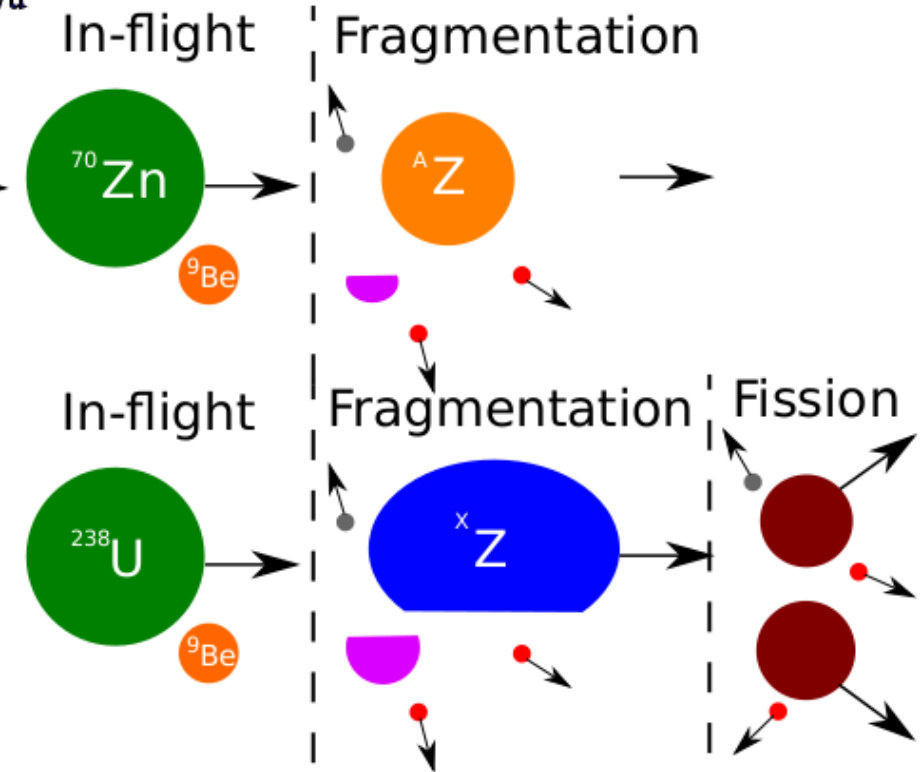
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 - **H**heavy ion accelerator complex
 - At RIKEN HQ, close to Tokyo
- ▶ “Old facility” since 1986
 - **RILAC**/AVF → **RRC** → RIPS
 - ~60–100 MeV/ u
- ▶ “New facility” since 2007
 - 3 new cyclotrons
 - Several spectrometers
 - → **fRC** → **IRC** → **SRC** → BigRIPS
 - 345 MeV/ u
 - Heavy primary beams, ^{238}U !

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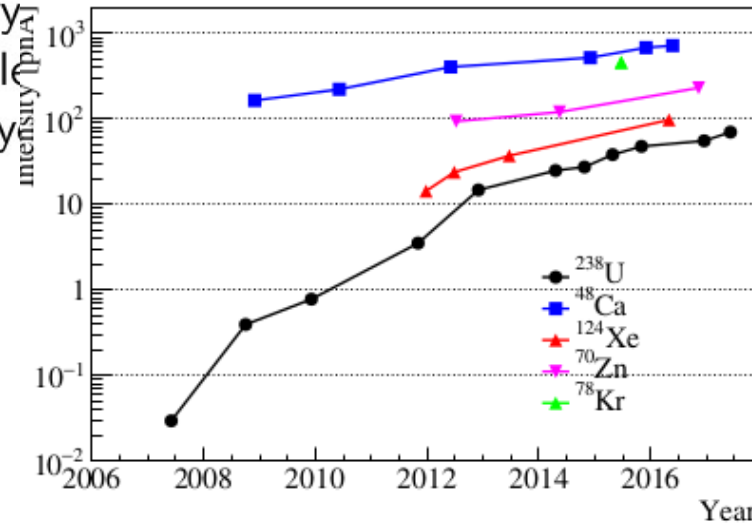


▶ Target: (Typically)
→ ${}^9\text{Be}$, 3–20 mm

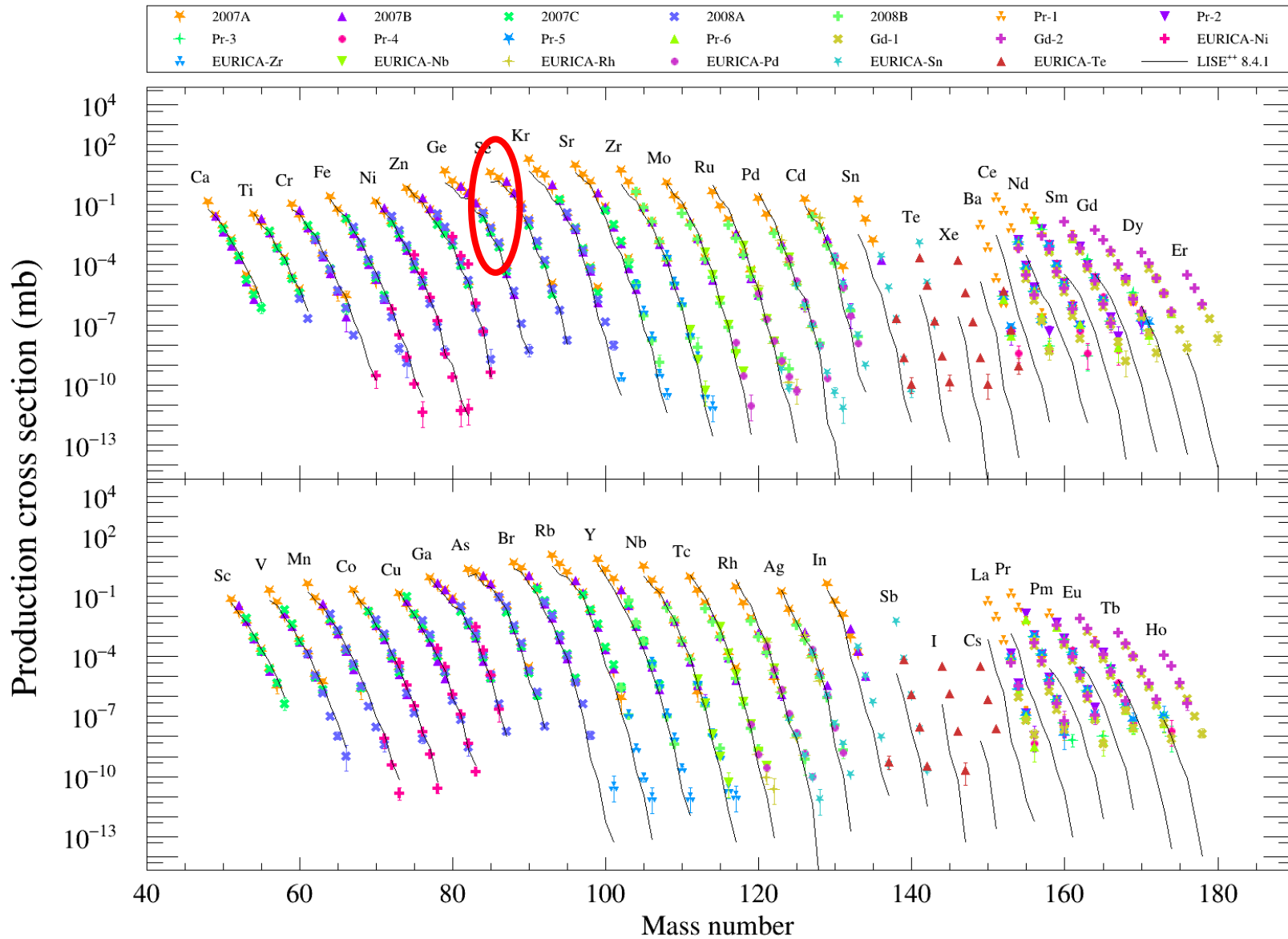
▶ Beam:
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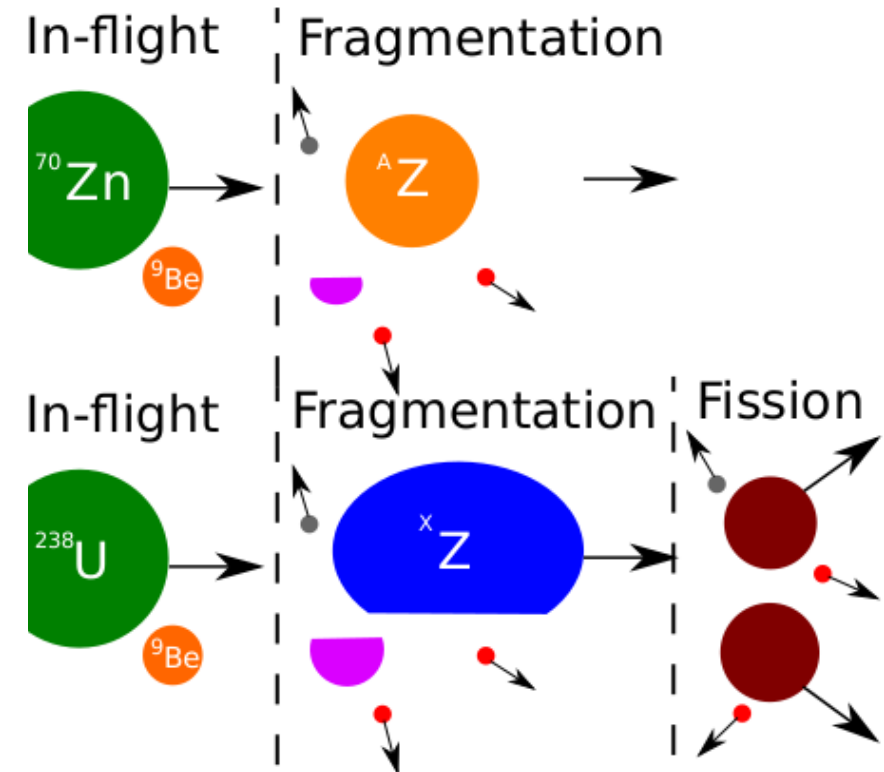


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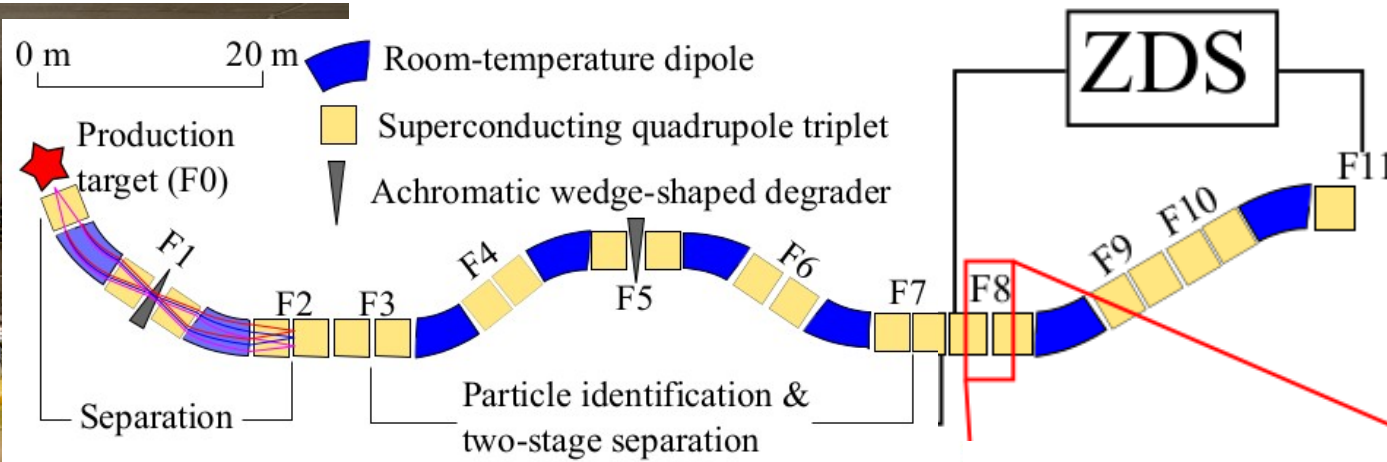


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RI Beam settings



► Big RIKEN Projectile Fragment Separator

→ $L \approx 78$ m, $\Delta T(F0-F7) \approx 400$ ns

→ $B\rho_{\max} = 9$ Tm

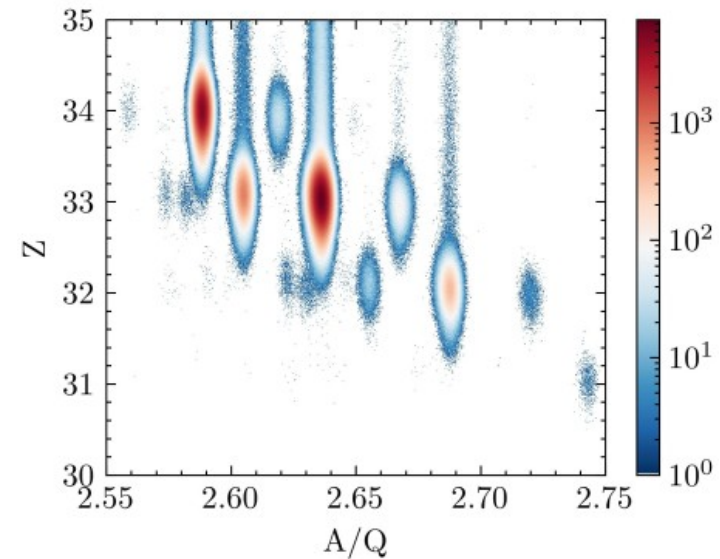
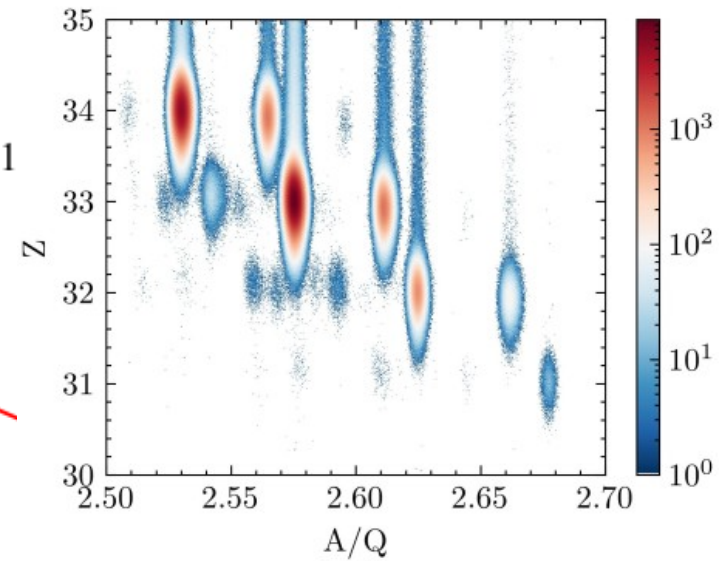
→ $B\rho$ - ΔE - $B\rho$ separation

► Particle identifications through:

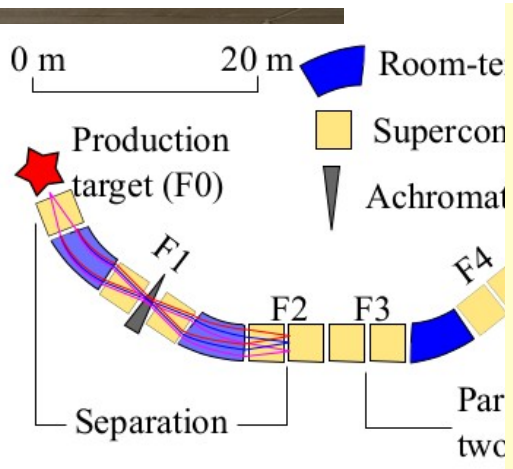
→ Tracking w/ parallel plate avalanche chambers

→ Velocity w/ plastic scintillators

→ Energy loss w/ ionisation chambers



RI Beam settings



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- ▶ **Particle identifications through**
 - Tracking w/ parallel plates
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 - Energy loss w/ ionisation



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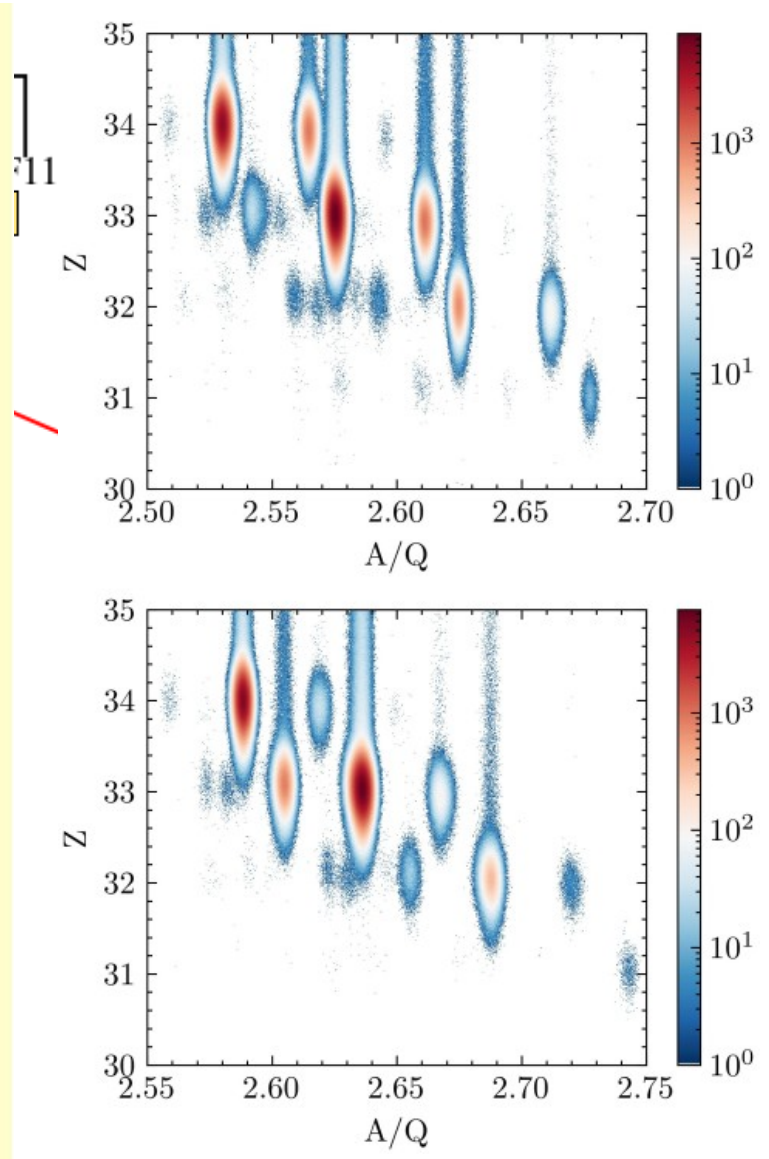
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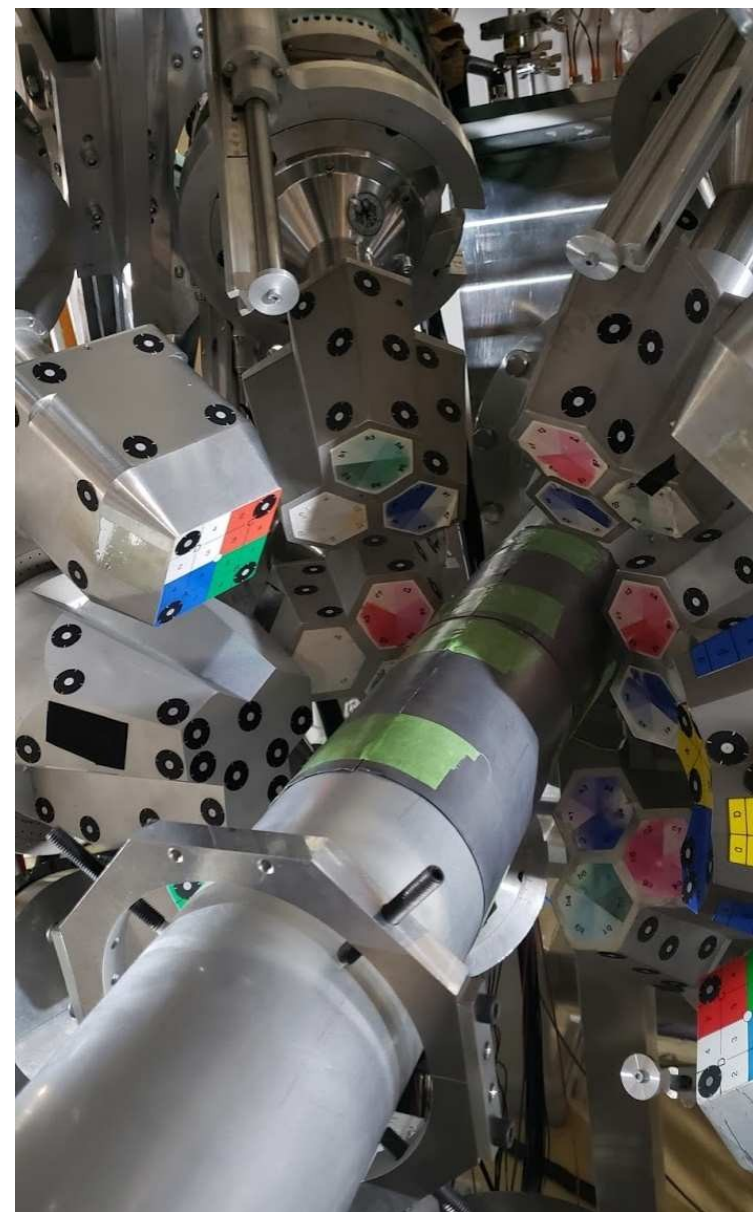
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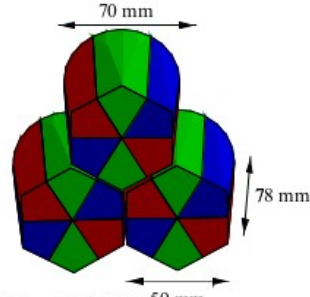


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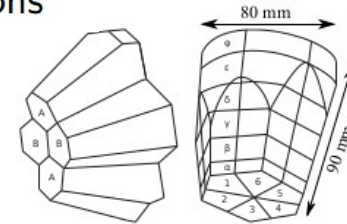


- ▶ High Resolution Cluster Array at RIBF
 - “HIKARI” = 光 means “light”
 - Wako-shi = 和光市
- ▶ Mixed array of segmented HPGe detectors
 - Full tracking, clovers, Miniball
 - From many countries/institutions

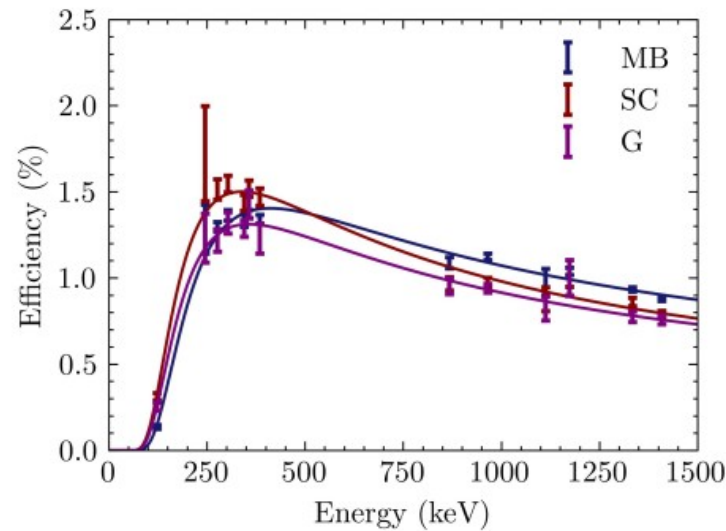
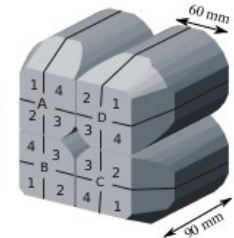
- ▶ Miniball: KU Leuven/U. of Köln
 - 6-fold segmentation
 - Triplet crystal arrangement
 - 6× in the array



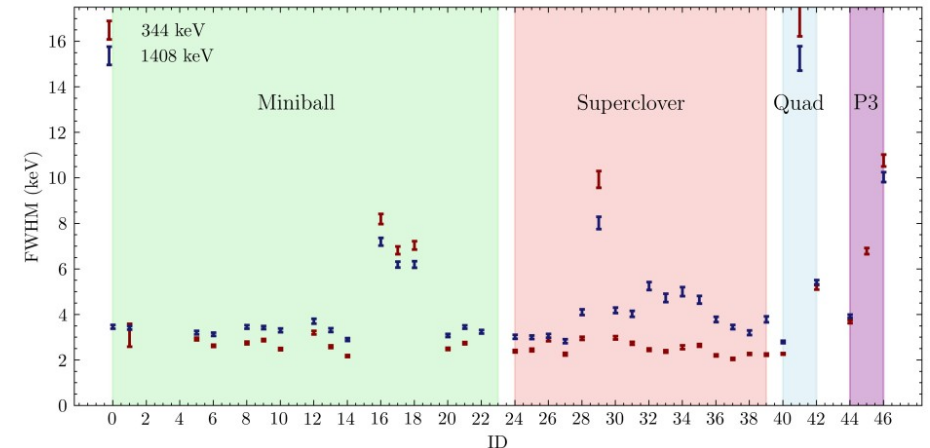
- ▶ Tracking detectors: LBNL, RCNP⁵⁹ mm
 - 36-fold segmentation
 - 1× GRETINA triplet prototype (P3)
 - 1× GRETINA quad-type (QUAD)



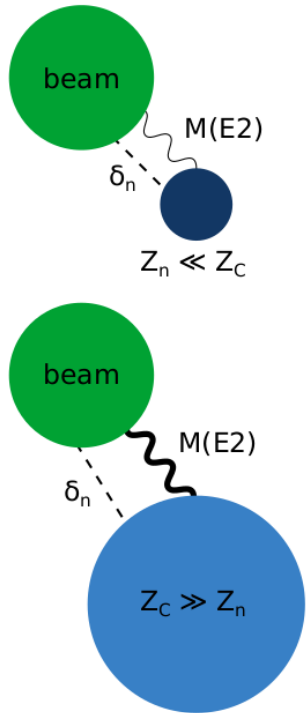
- ▶ Clovers: IMP Lanzhou
 - 4 crystals/detector
 - 4-fold segmentation
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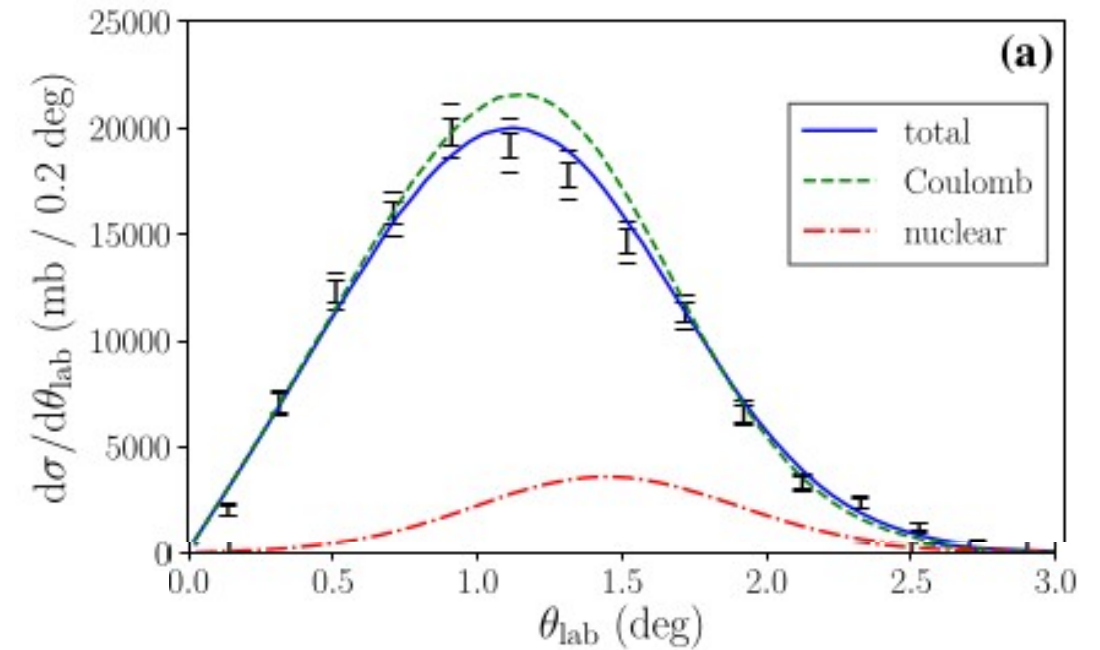
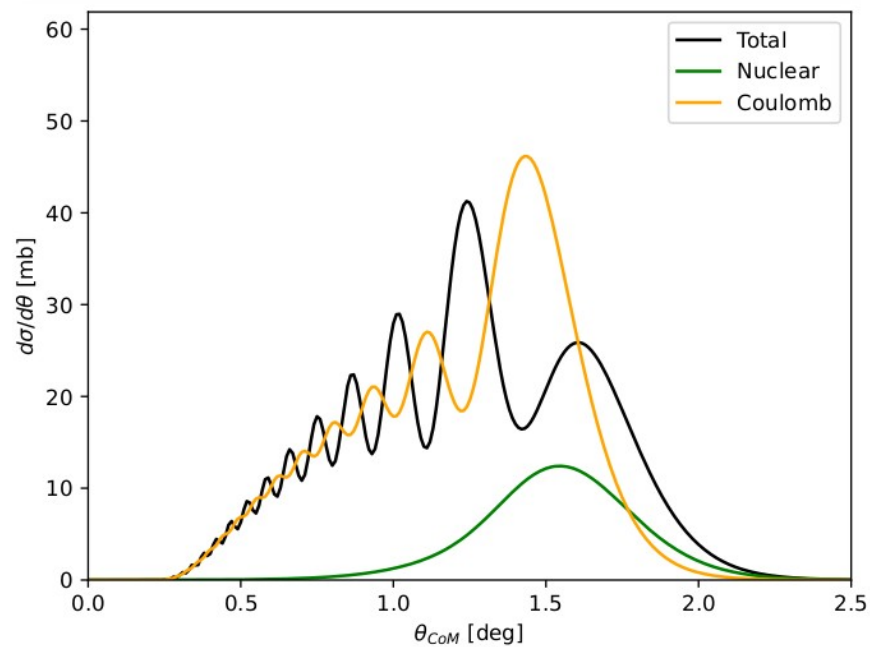
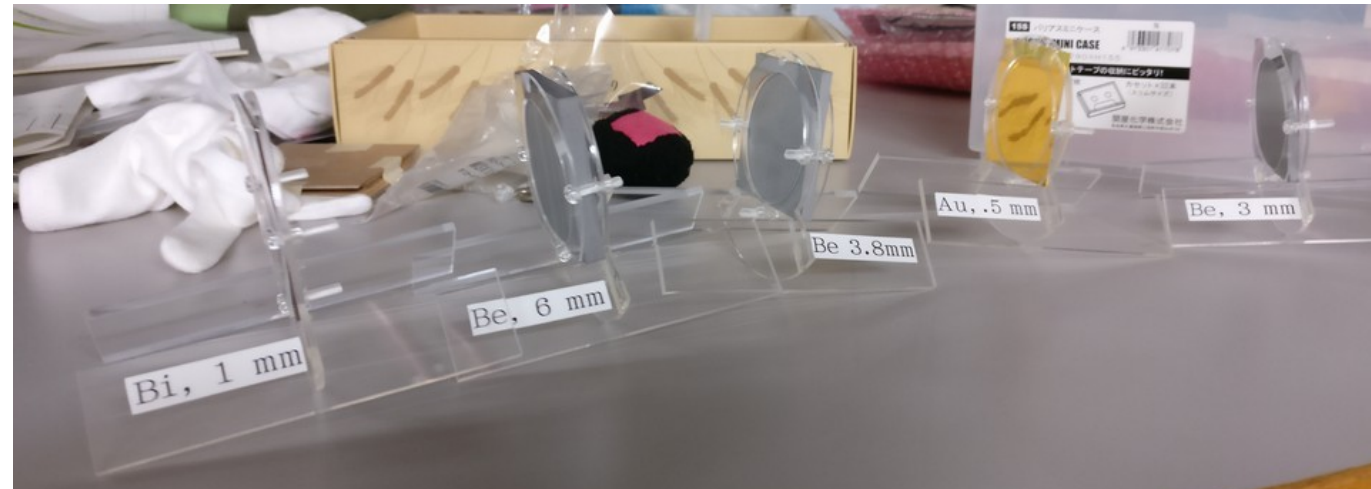


Coulomb excitation at 100s of MeV/u

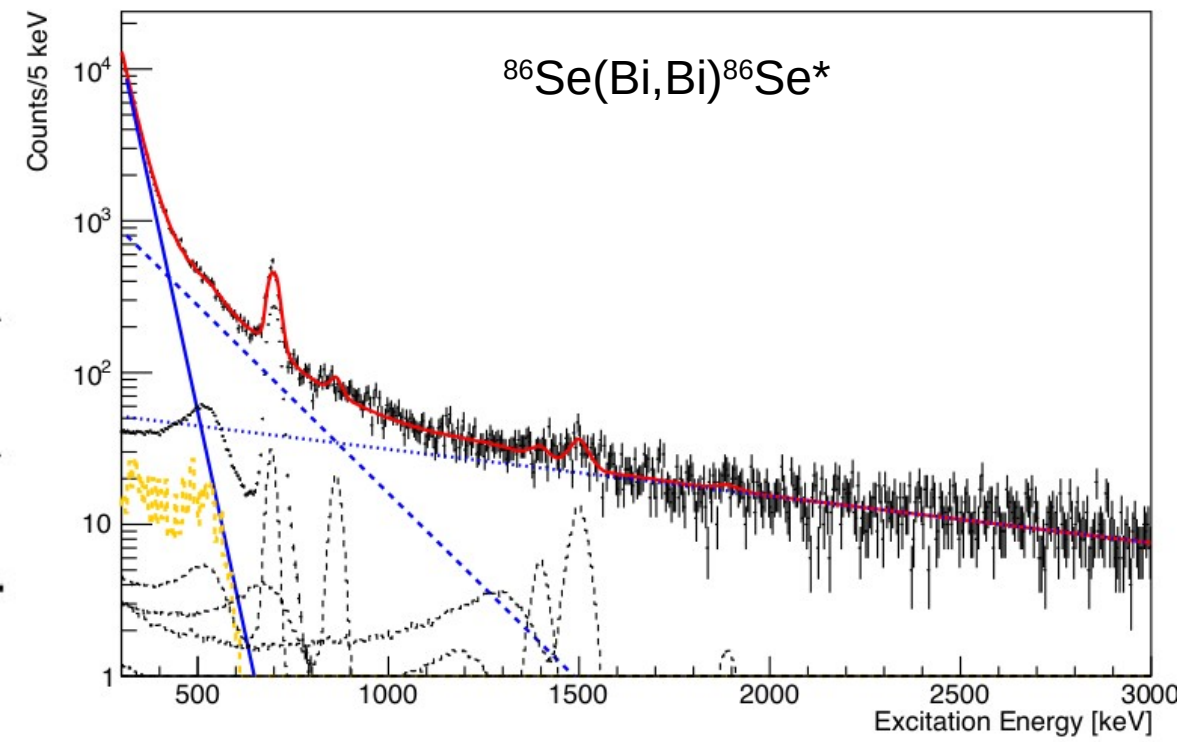
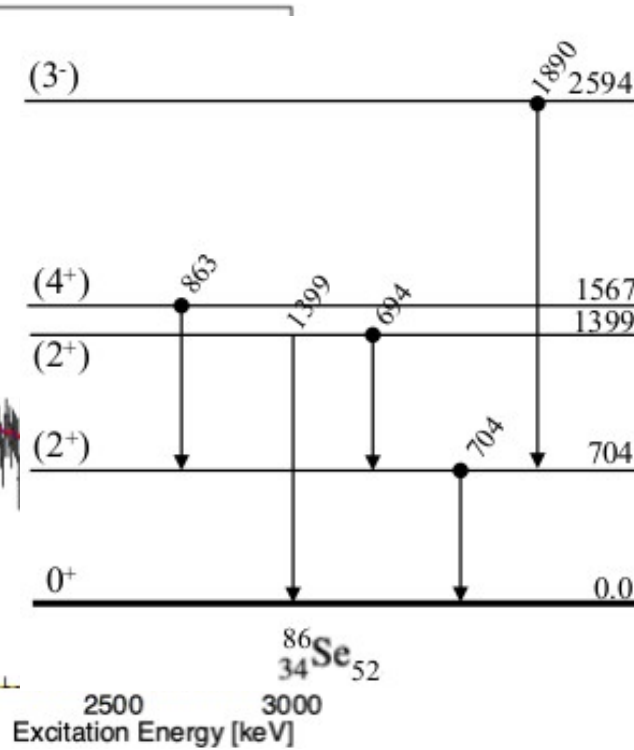
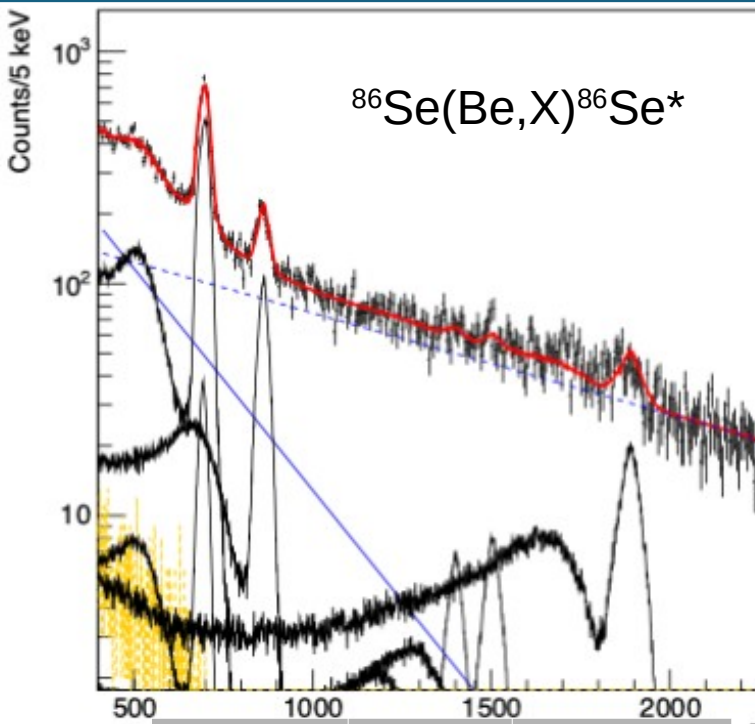


- determine nuclear deformation length δ_n from data on light target (Be or C) limiting electro-magnetic excitation
- analyze using a guess for $M(E2)$ (0 or theoretical value)
- use this δ_n value in the analysis of the scattering on high-Z target (Au, Pb, Bi, etc)
- obtain $M(E2)$
- \rightarrow repeat
- convergence reached after two iterations
- compare to assumption $\delta_n = \delta_C$

$$M(E2) = \frac{3}{4\pi} ZeR\delta_C$$



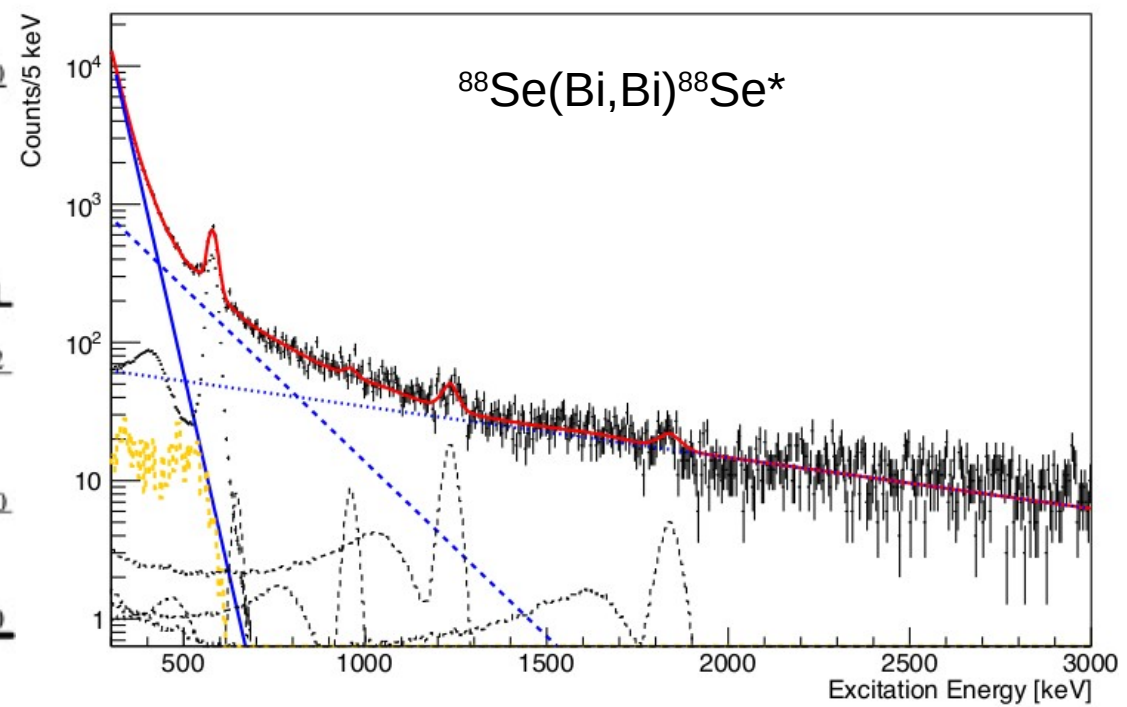
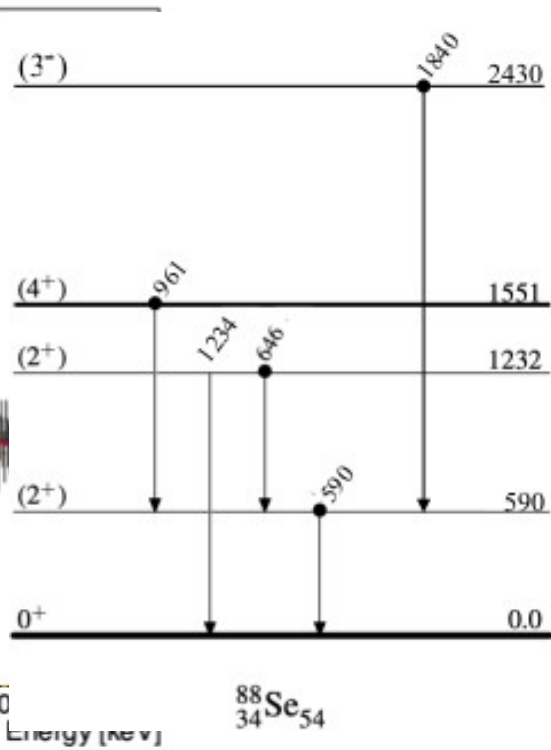
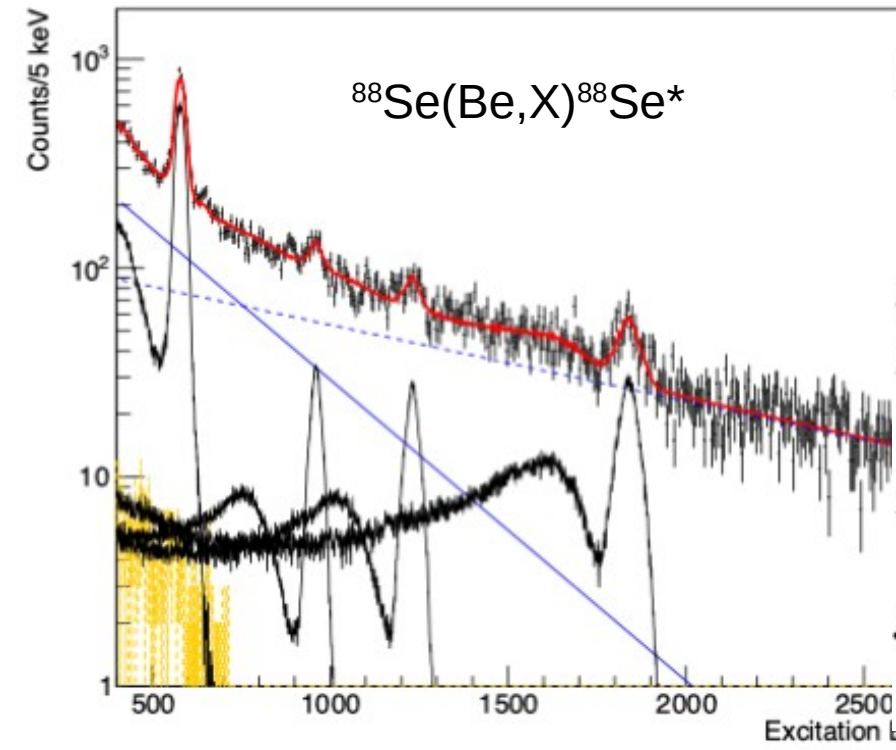
Results: ^{86}Se



State	E_{level}	σ [mb]
2^+_1	704	13(2)
2^+_2	1399	1.8(8)
2^+_3	2208	1.4(4)
3^-_1	2594	3.8(4)
4^+_1	1567	5.9(4)

State	E_{level}	σ [mb]
2^+_1	704	169(24)
2^+_2	1399	42.5(66)
2^+_3	2208	18.2(3)
3^-_1	2594	4.9(33)

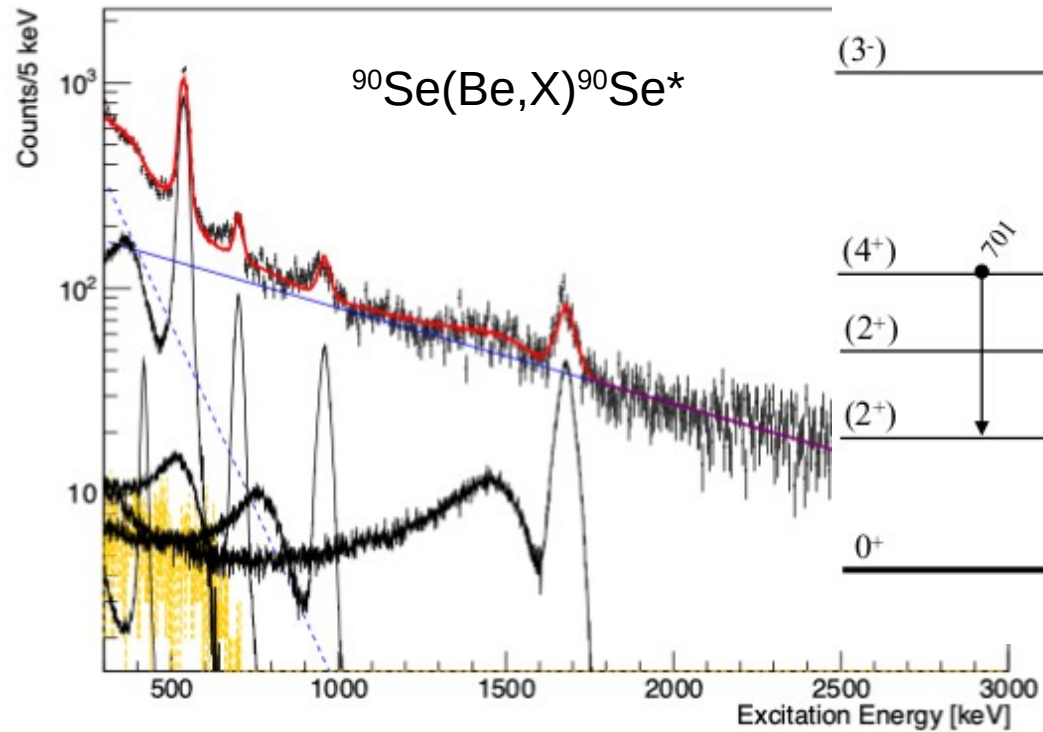
Results: ^{88}Se



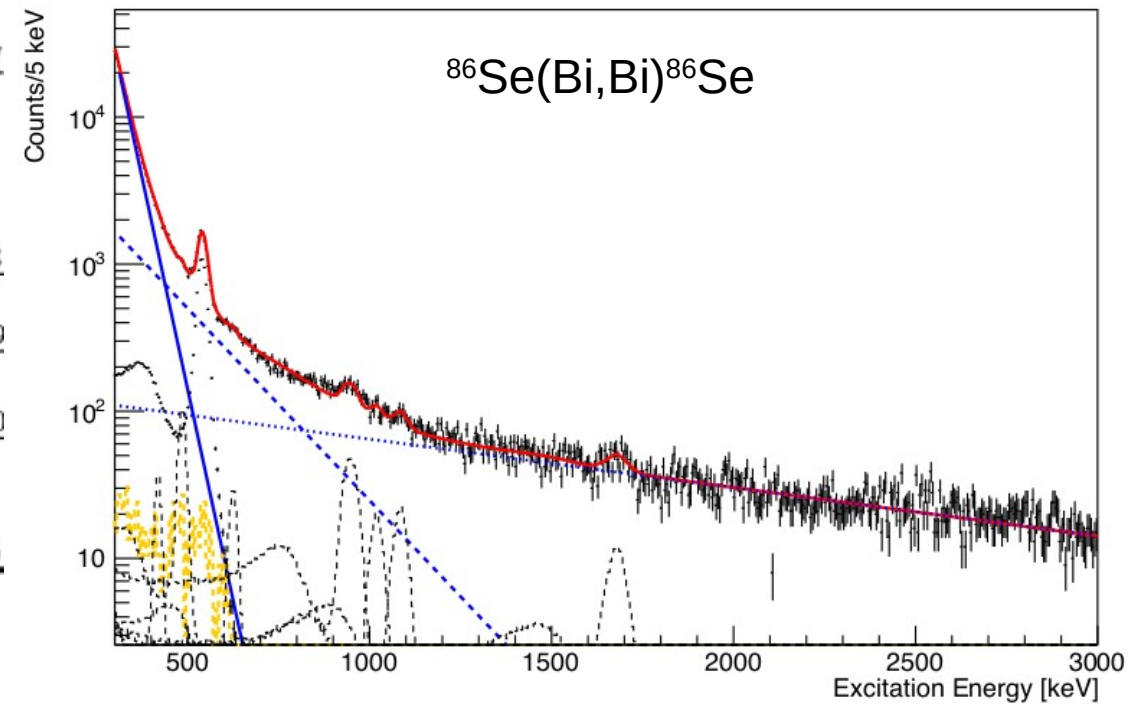
State	E_{level}	σ [mb]
2^+_{1}	590	17(2)
2^+_{2}	1232	3.3(4)
3^-_{1}	1840	5.3(4)
4^+_{1}	1551	2.1(5)

State	E_{level}	σ [mb]
2^+_{1}	590	195(28)
2^+_{2}	1232	30.7(31)
3^-_{1}	1840	5.6(35)

Results: ^{90}Se

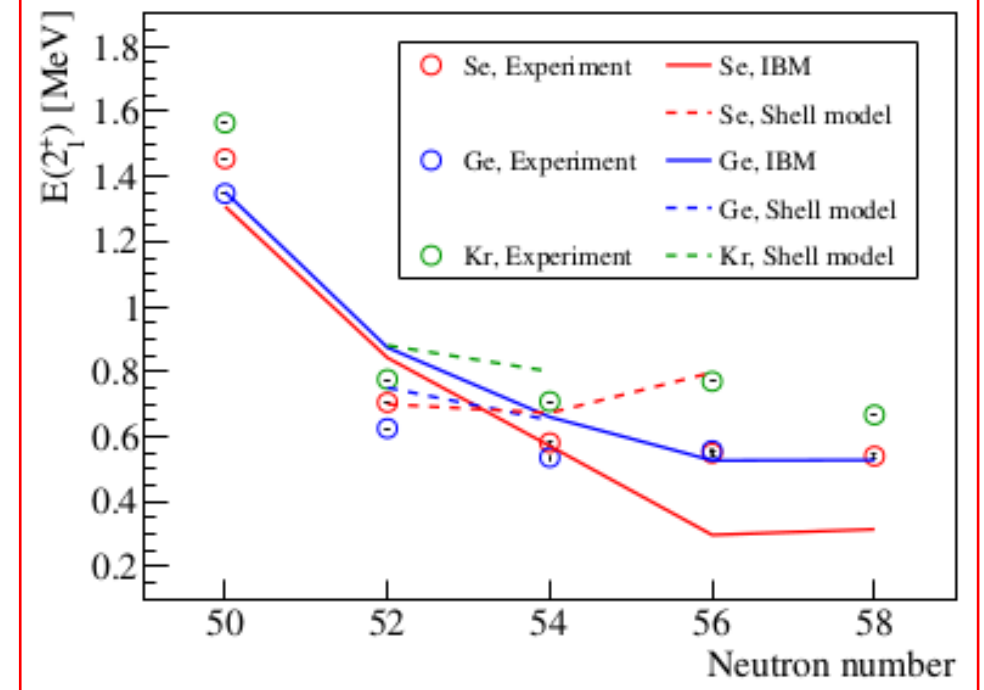
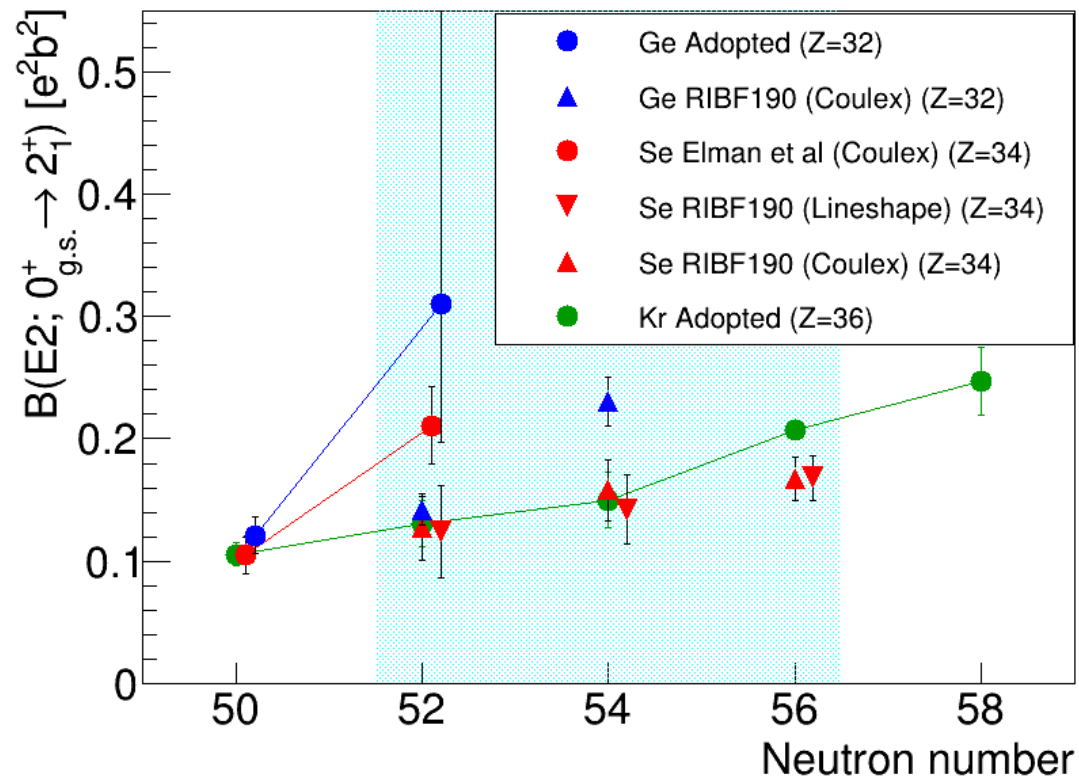


State	E_{level}	σ [mb]
2^+_1	548	17(1)
2^+_2	959	3.4(3)
3^-_1	2207	3.7(3)
4^+_1	1238	2.5(3)



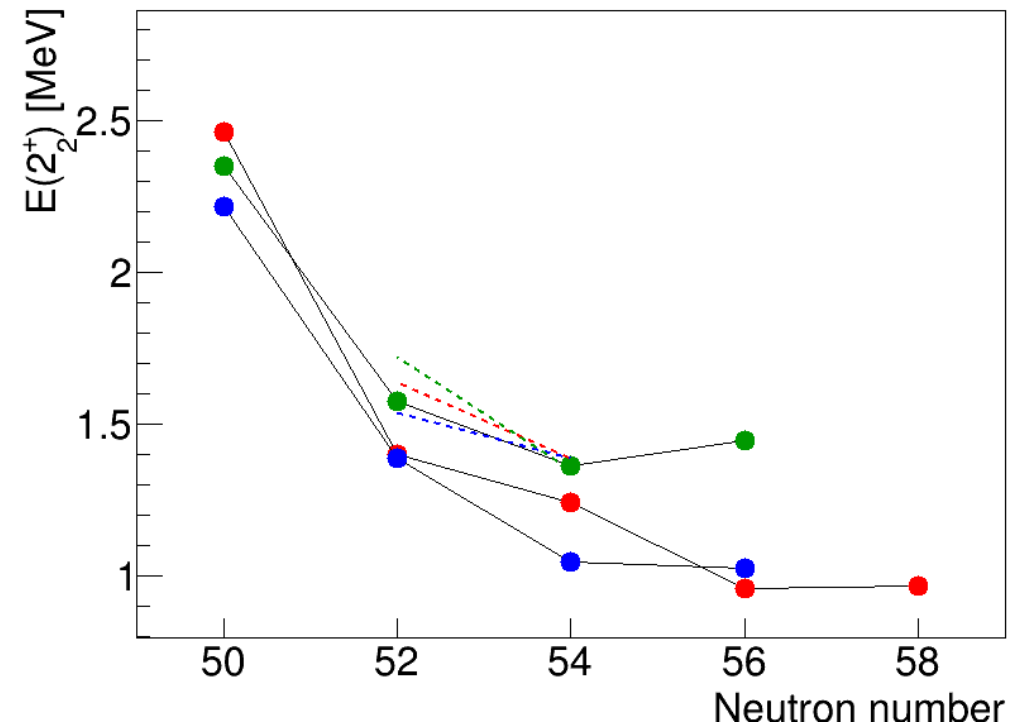
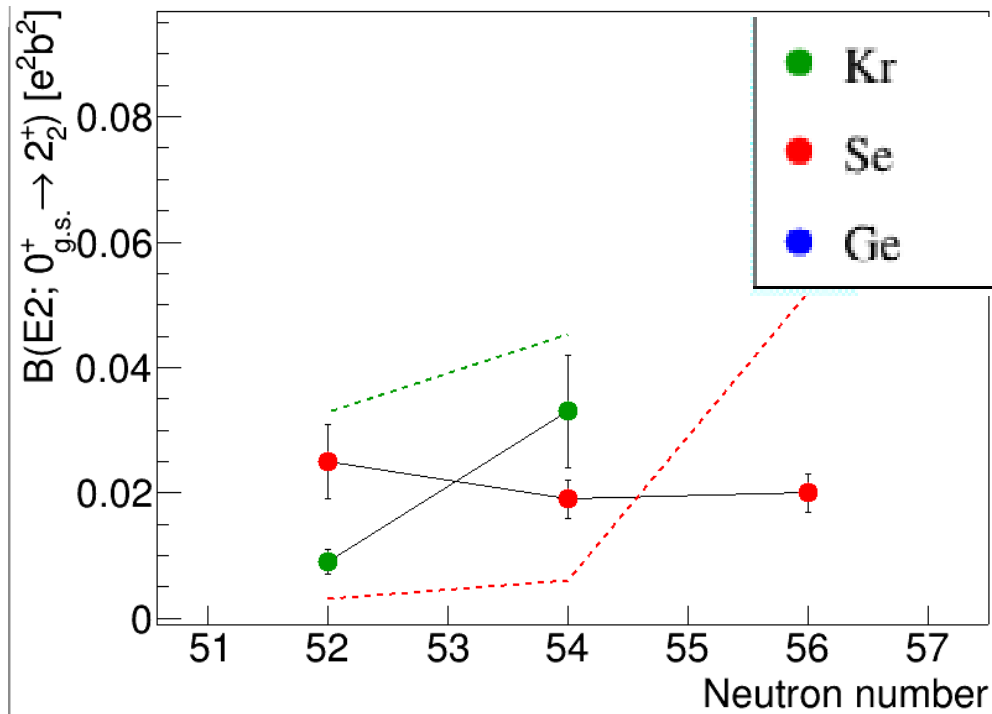
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$0_{g.s.}^+ \rightarrow 2_{1,2}^+$ transition probabilities



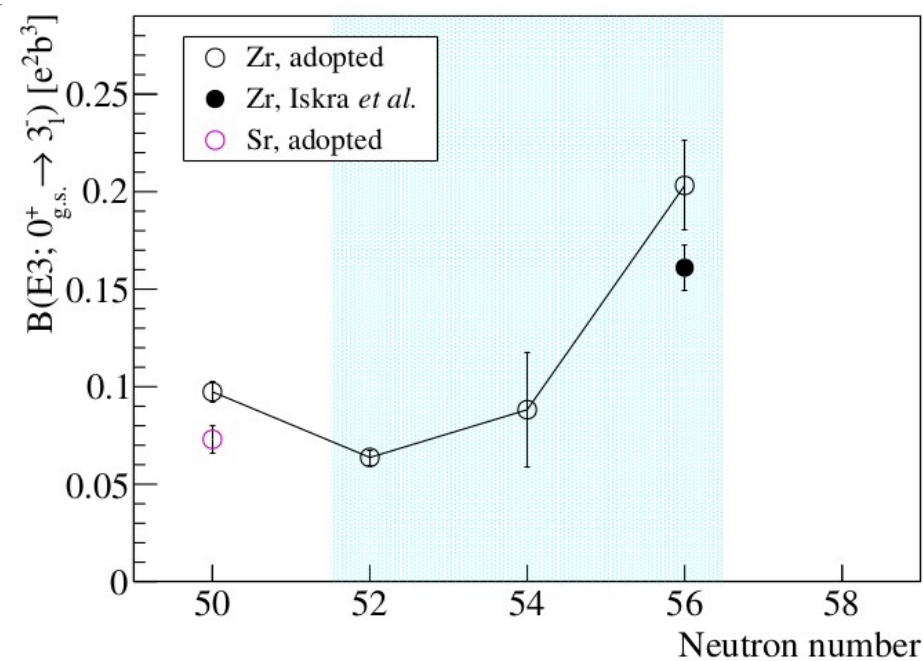
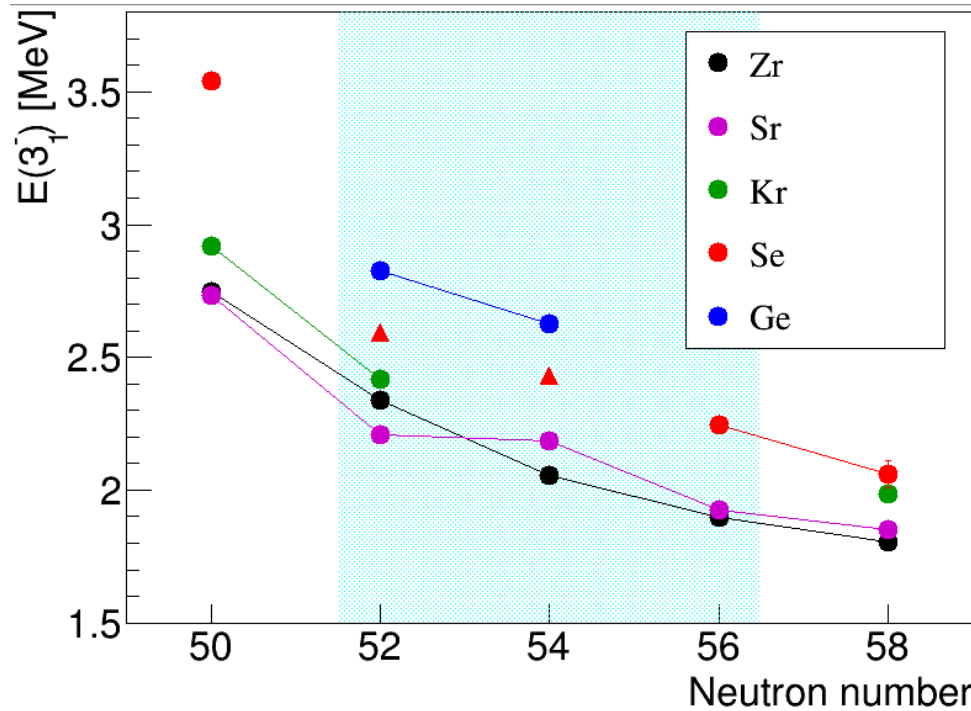
- ▶ New values reflect a less abrupt transition to collective behaviours
- ▶ $B(E2)$ from lineshape and Coulex cross section are consistent
- ▶ In-line with $E(2_+^1)$

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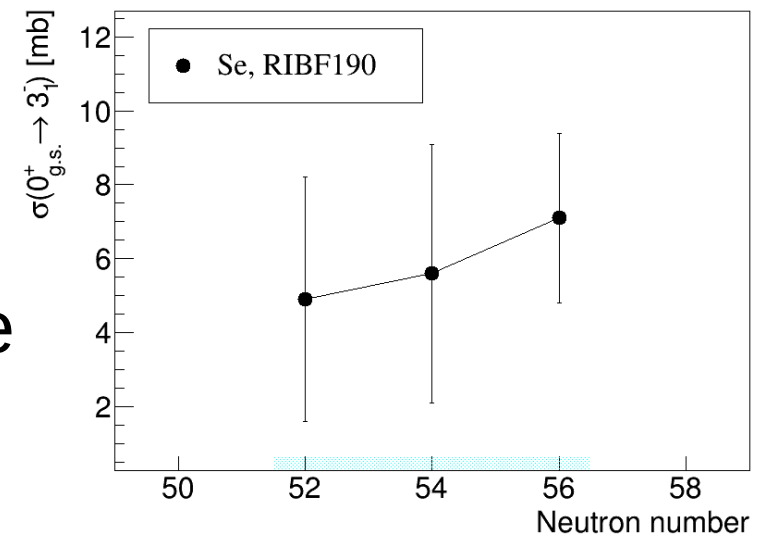


- ▶ Limited values for systematics in 2_2^+ B(E2) values
 - Smoother trend in Se than the $E(2_2^+)$
- ▶ Shell model which predicts shape co-existence predicts sharp increase at N=56, not seen in data.

3_1^- state measurements



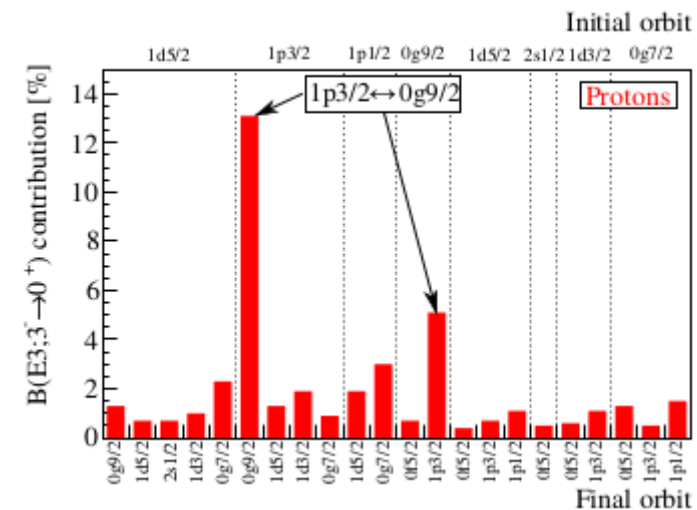
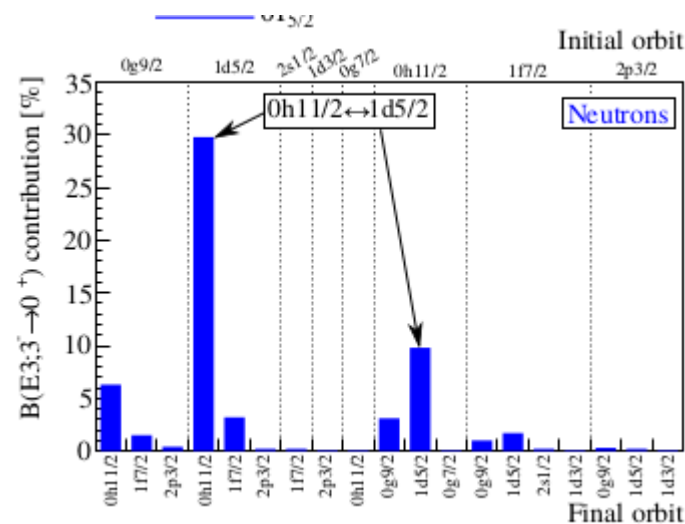
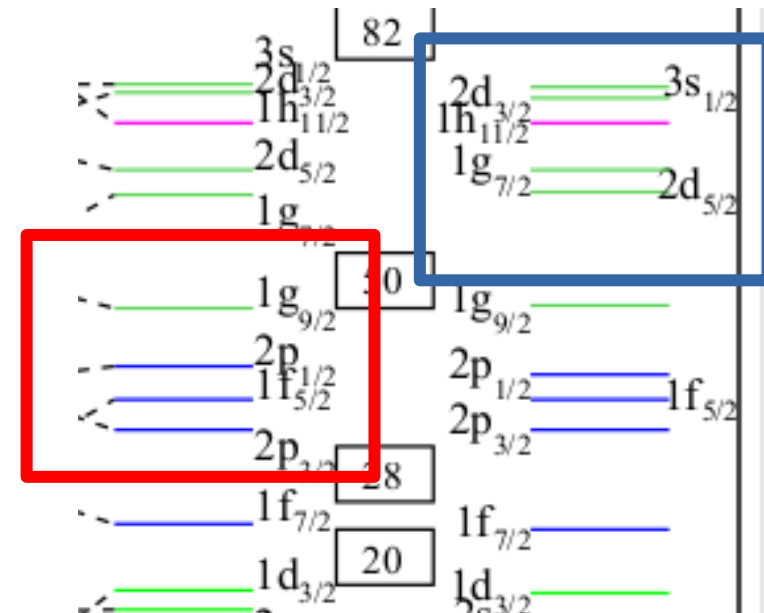
- ▶ New $E(3_1^-)$ values complete systematics
 - Quite sharp decrease for Se
- ▶ $B(E3)$ still work in progress....
 - Cross sections measured in this work have large uncertainties



L. W. Iskra et al, Phys. Lett B 88 396 (2019).

Where next?

- ▶ Extract $B(E3)$ from cross sections from FRESCO
- ▶ Interpretation!
 - Shell model calculations are ongoing: Ni78-II interaction: Shape coexistence/triaxility
 - $\pi (1f_{5/2}, 2p_{3/2}, 2p_{1/2}, 1g_{9/2})$
 - $\nu(2d_{5/2}, 3s_{1/2}, 2d_{3/2}, 1g_{7/2}, 1h_{11/2})$
 - What are the active orbits?
 - Mean field calculations?



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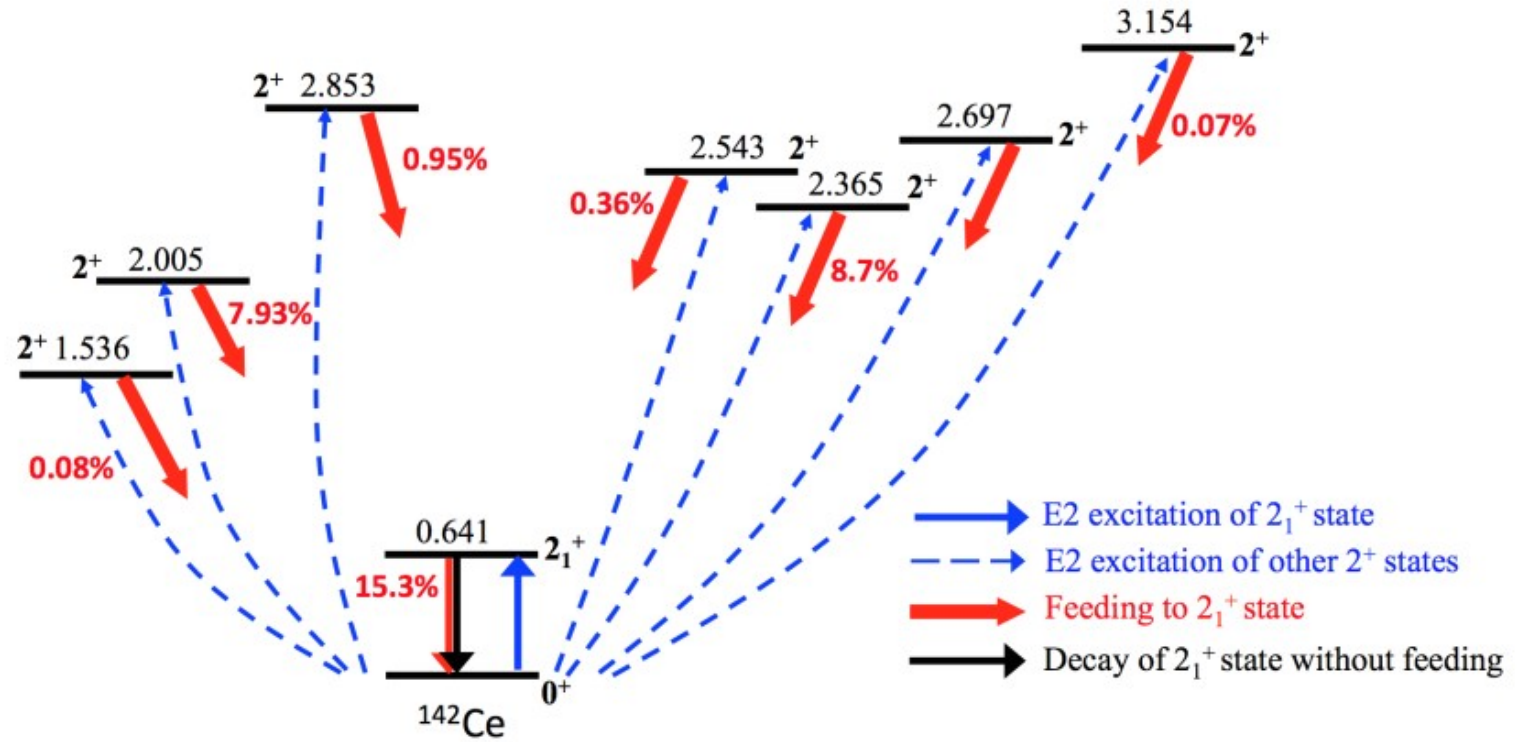
Cross section to transition probability

TABLE I. Measured cross sections, σ , and transition strengths, $B(E2)$, for all isotopes studied in this work, as well as transition strengths from the shell-model calculation described in Sec. IV are shown. The uncertainty includes both statistical uncertainties and systematic contributions from varying the background model, as well as a 5.4% uncertainty from the efficiency determination.

AZ	J_i	J_f	σ (mb)	$B(E2; J_i \rightarrow J_f)$ ($e^2 \text{fm}^4$)	
				Measured	Shell model
^{88}Kr	0_1^+	2_1^+	210(30)	1310(190)	1450
	0_1^+	2_2^+	14(3)	90(20)	80
	2_2^+	2_1^+		$\leq 2010(450)$	440
	0_1^+	2_3^+	50(8)	320(50)	450
	2_3^+	2_1^+		$\leq 71^a$	69
	0_1^+	(2_4^+)	11(3)	70(20)	170
^{90}Kr	0_1^+	2_1^+	180(30)	1500(230)	1740
	0_1^+	2_2^+	40(10)	330(90)	580
	2_2^+	2_1^+		360(110)	280
	0_1^+	(2_3^+)	17(13)	150(110)	230
^{86}Se	0_1^+	2_1^+	230(30)	2110(320) ^b	1910
	0_1^+	2_2^+			150
	0_1^+	2_3^+			340

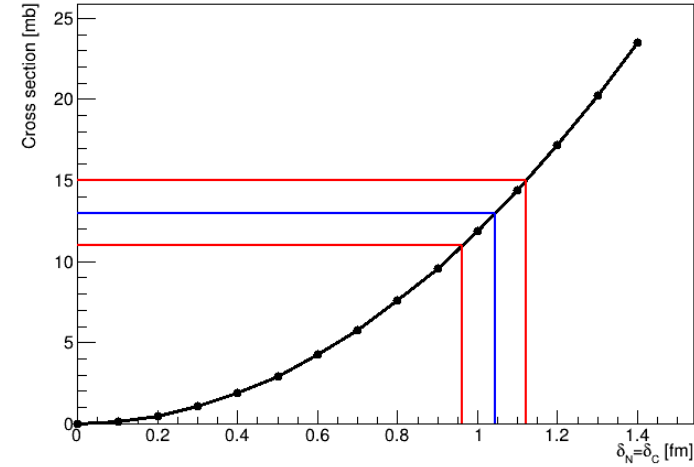
^aThe corresponding $B(M1; 2_3^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+) = 0.46(8)\mu_N^2$ strength was extracted using the multipole mixing ratio from Ref. [32] and compares well to our shell-model prediction of $0.51\mu_N^2$ obtained with standard orbital and spin nucleon g factors.

^bSee Sec. III C for discussion of possible unobserved feeding contributions.

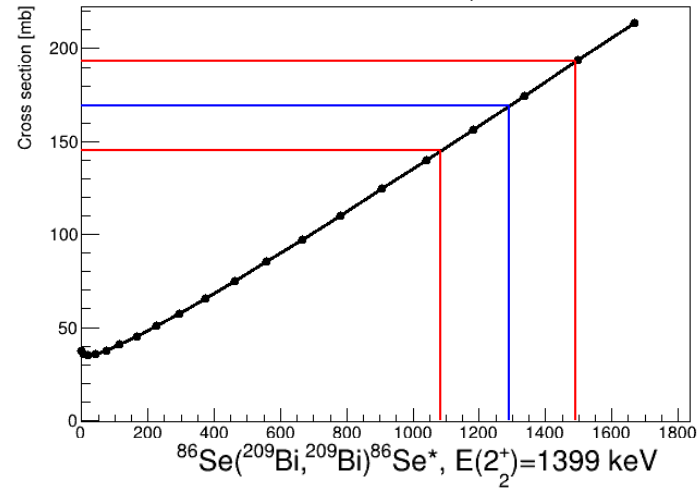


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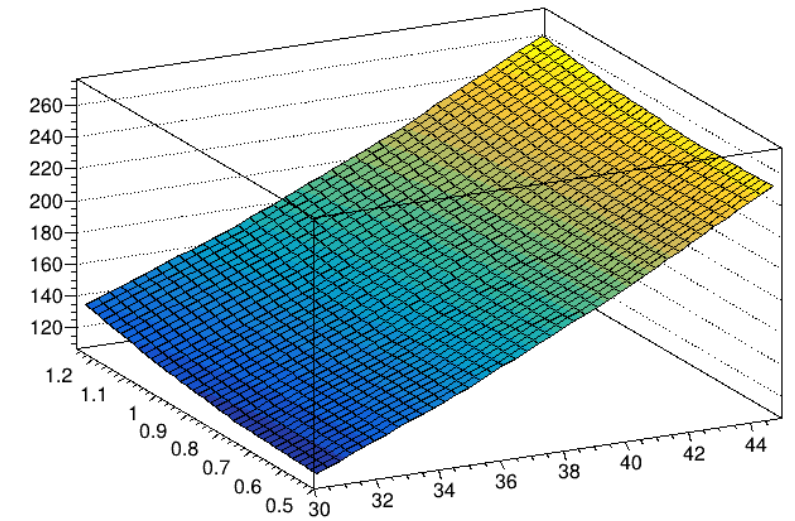
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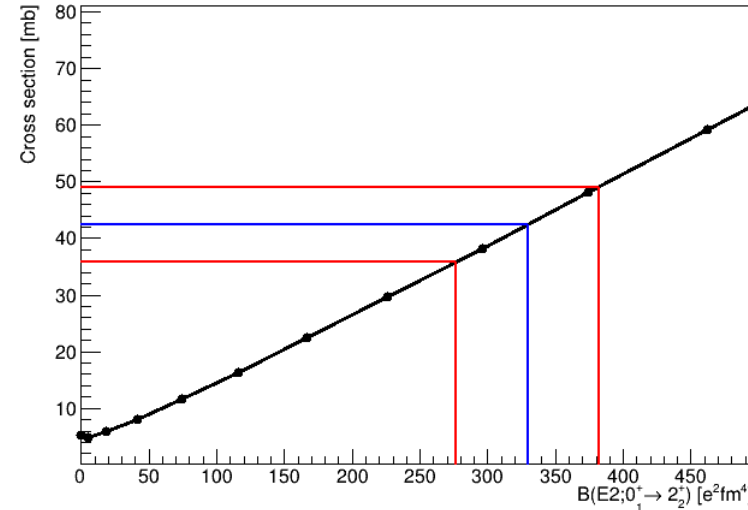
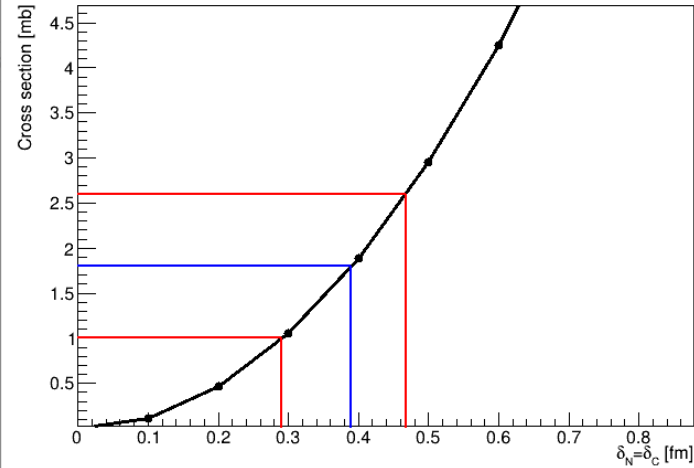
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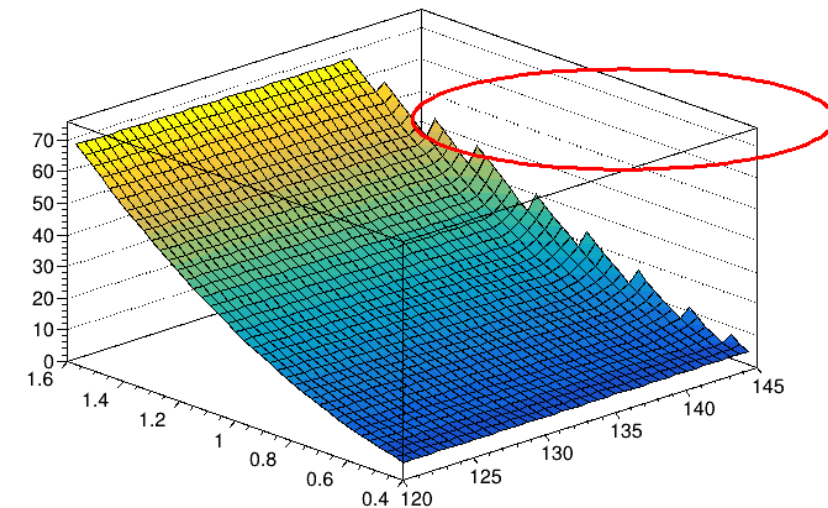
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