

Mapping Low-Energy Fission in the lead region

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On behalf of β DF@ISOLDE and fission@JAEA Collaborations

- Brief (experimental) review on low-energy fission
- Low-energy fission in the "**new**" regions of Nuclear Chart
- Beta Delayed Fission (β DF) at ISOLDE
- Fusion-fission reactions: excitation energy dependence of fission in the lead region
- Multimodal fission of ^{178}Pt at JAEA

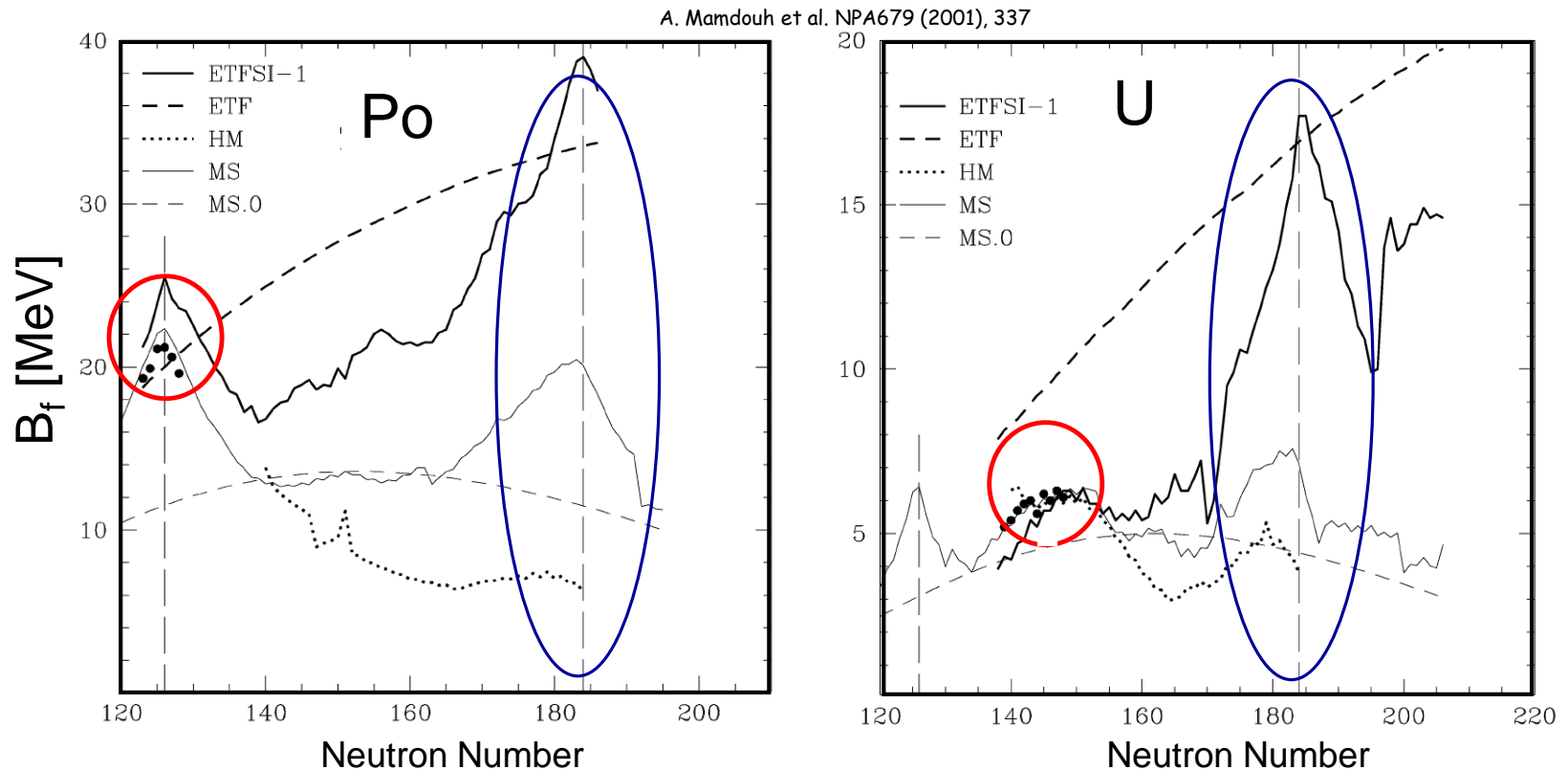
Outlook: Why 'new regions of fission'?

(a short answer - to study isospin dependence of fission)

- Most of previous (and current) fission studies are in the classical region of heavy transactinides ($N/Z(^{241}\text{Pu}) \sim 1.56$)
- Many nuclear properties change far from stability line (e.g. disappearance of traditional magic numbers; appearance of new shell gaps; halos, skins...)
- **What happens to fission far from stability, e.g. on the extremely proton-rich side (as neutron-rich is very difficult to reach at present)**
- Not simple to answer, as to fission these nuclei **at low excitation energy** ($E^* \sim B_f$) is a very challenging task (none fissions from g.s.)
- We run experiments at ISOLDE(CERN) and JAEA tandem **to study fission in proton-rich nuclei in the lead region, with $N/Z \sim 1.25-1.3$** (yet scarcely studied by fission)

Fission and r-process (or why we need to study isospin dependence of fission)

Fission barrier heights calculations



- Good agreement between $B_{f,cal}$ and $B_{f,exp}$ for nuclei close to stability
- Large disagreement far of stability (both on n-def. and n-rich sides)
- Need **measured** fission data far of stability to 'tune' fission models (see Nishio-san's talk)

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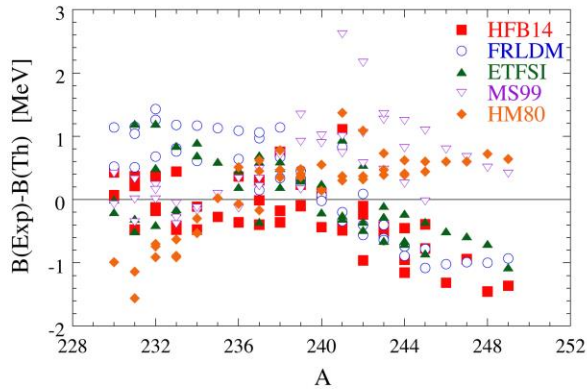


Fig. 1. Deviations between 45 empirical primary fission barriers [71] and those predicted by the HFB-14 [69], FRLDM [68], ETFSI [65], MS99 [66] and HM80 [67] global models for $88 \leq Z \leq 96$.

Theory vs Theory

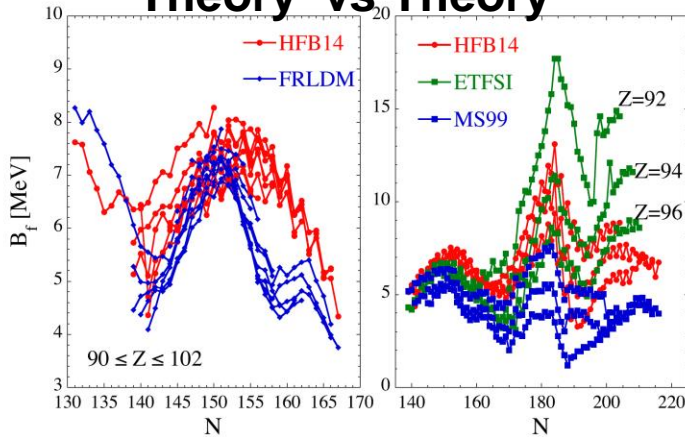


Fig. 2. (Colour online.) *Left*: Comparison between the HFB-14 [69] and FRLDM primary barriers [68] for even Z isotopic chains relatively close to the valley of stability. *Right*: Same for the HFB-14, ETFSI [65] and MS99 model [66] barriers for $Z = 92, 94$ and 96 isotopes up to the neutron drip line.

Experiment vs Theory

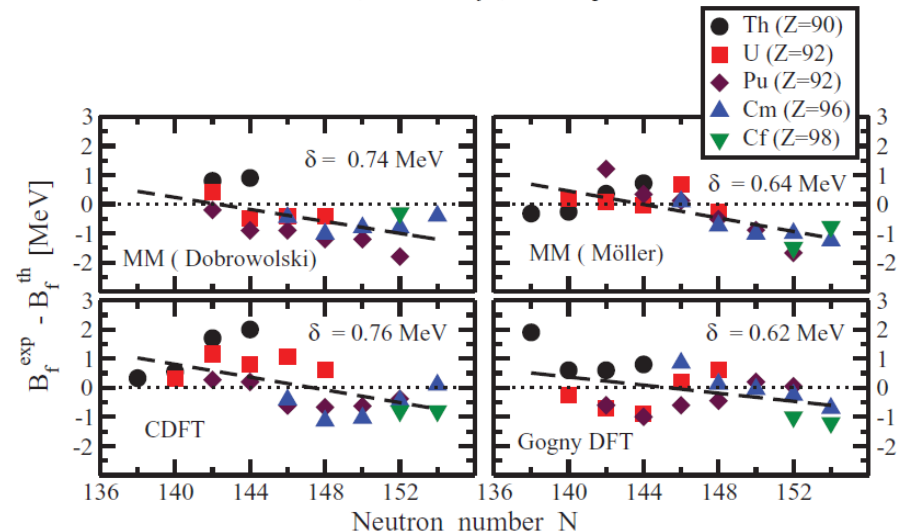
- 45 experimental barriers close to stability
- 5 theory models

Deviation <1 MeV

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Fission barriers in covariant density functional theory: Extrapolation to superheavy nuclei

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Fission and r-process (or why we need to study isospin dependence of fission)

Fission fragments mass distributions models

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THE ROLE OF FISSION IN NEUTRON STAR MERGERS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE *r*-PROCESS PEAKS

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²⁷⁴Pu(n,f)

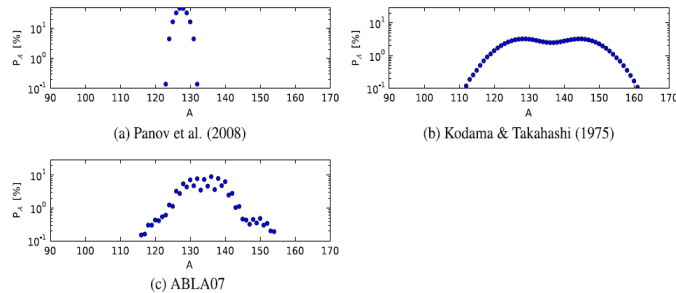


Figure 3. Fission fragment distributions for the models considered in our calculations, here for the case of neutron-induced fission of ²⁷⁴Pu. For this reaction Panov et al. (2008) predict 19 ABLA07-released fission neutrons. Kodama & Takahashi (1975) do not predict any fission neutrons. For Panov et al. (2001) neutrons can be released if the fragments would lie beyond the neutron dripline. The distribution for Panov et al. (2001) consists only of two products with $A_1 = 130$ and $A_2 = 144$.

A=278 (8 isobars)

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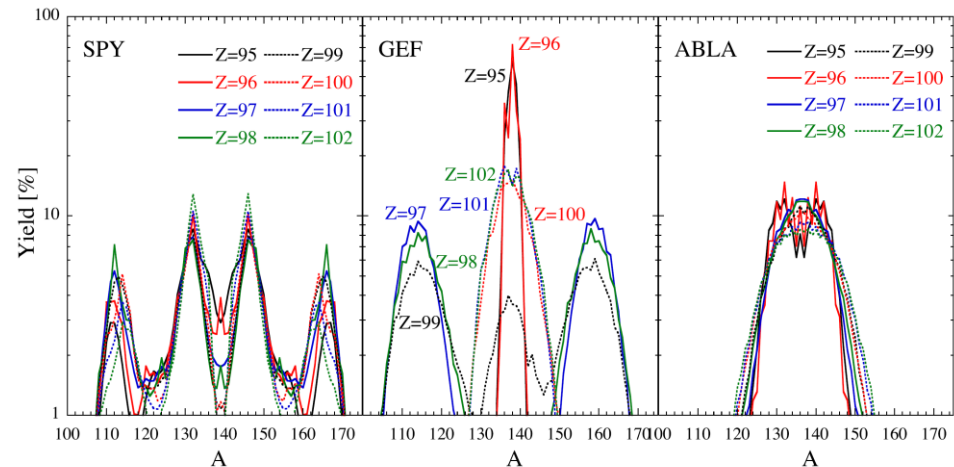
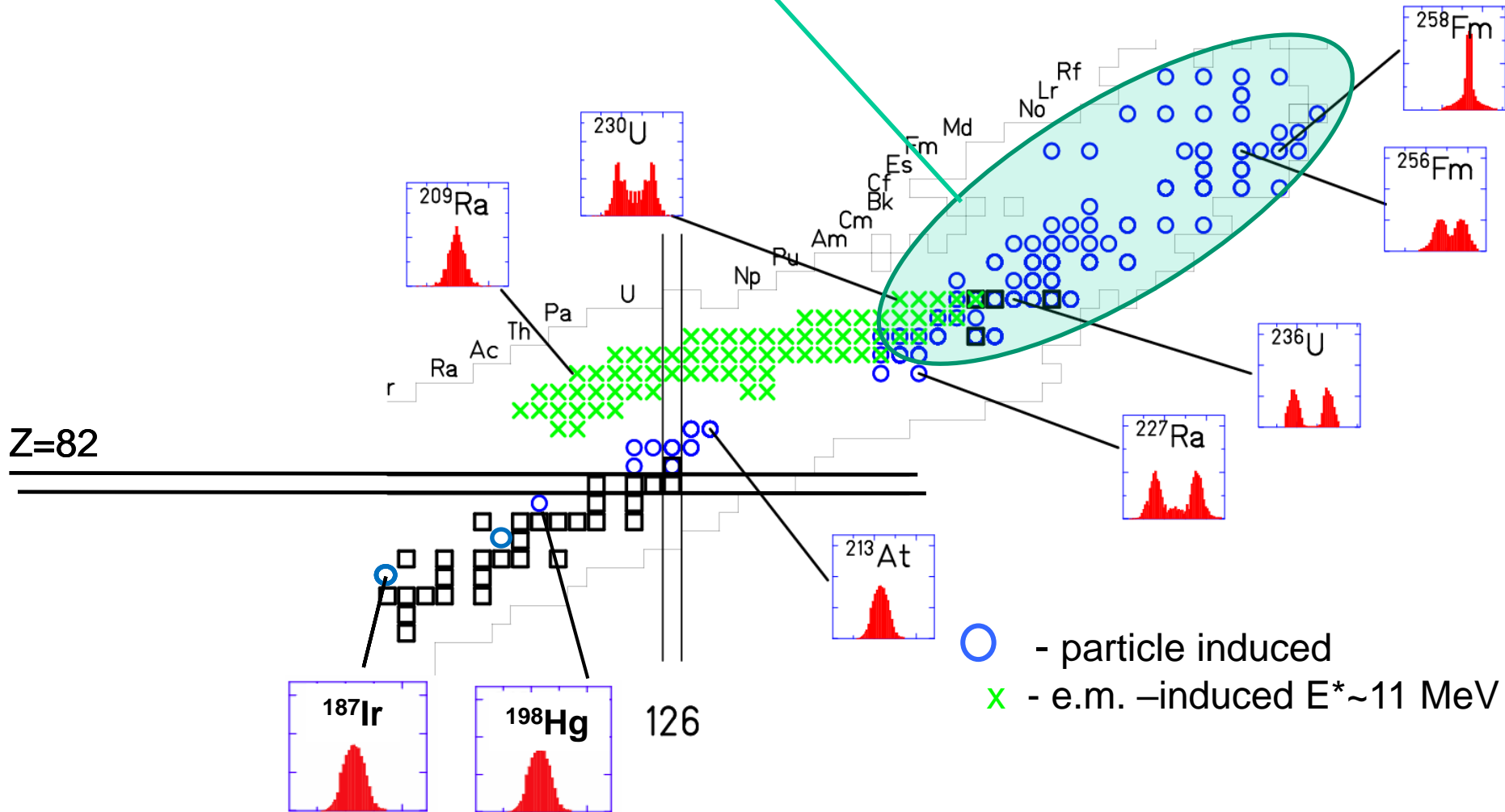


Fig. 5. (Colour online.) FFDs predicted by the SPY (left panel), GEF (middle panel) and ABLA (right panel) models for 8 $A = 278$ isobars. In the SPY case, the 8 FFD have more or less the same 4-humped pattern and in the ABLA case, more or less the same rather symmetrical pattern.

Experimental information on low-energy fission

Nuclei with measured charge/mass split (RIPL-2 + GSI)

Heavy Actinides, $N/Z \sim 1.56$: **predominantly asymmetric**; spontaneous fission, fission isomers

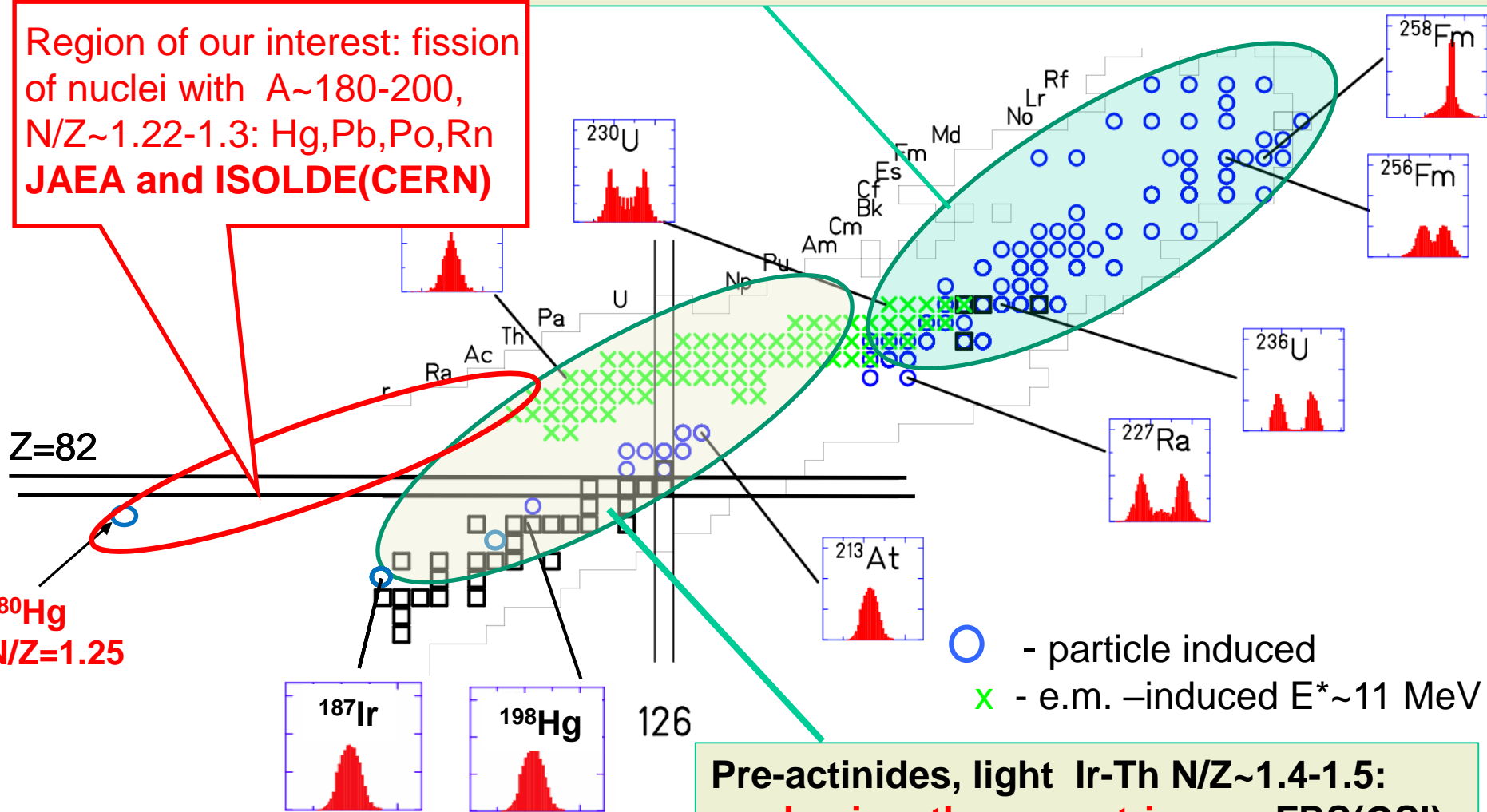


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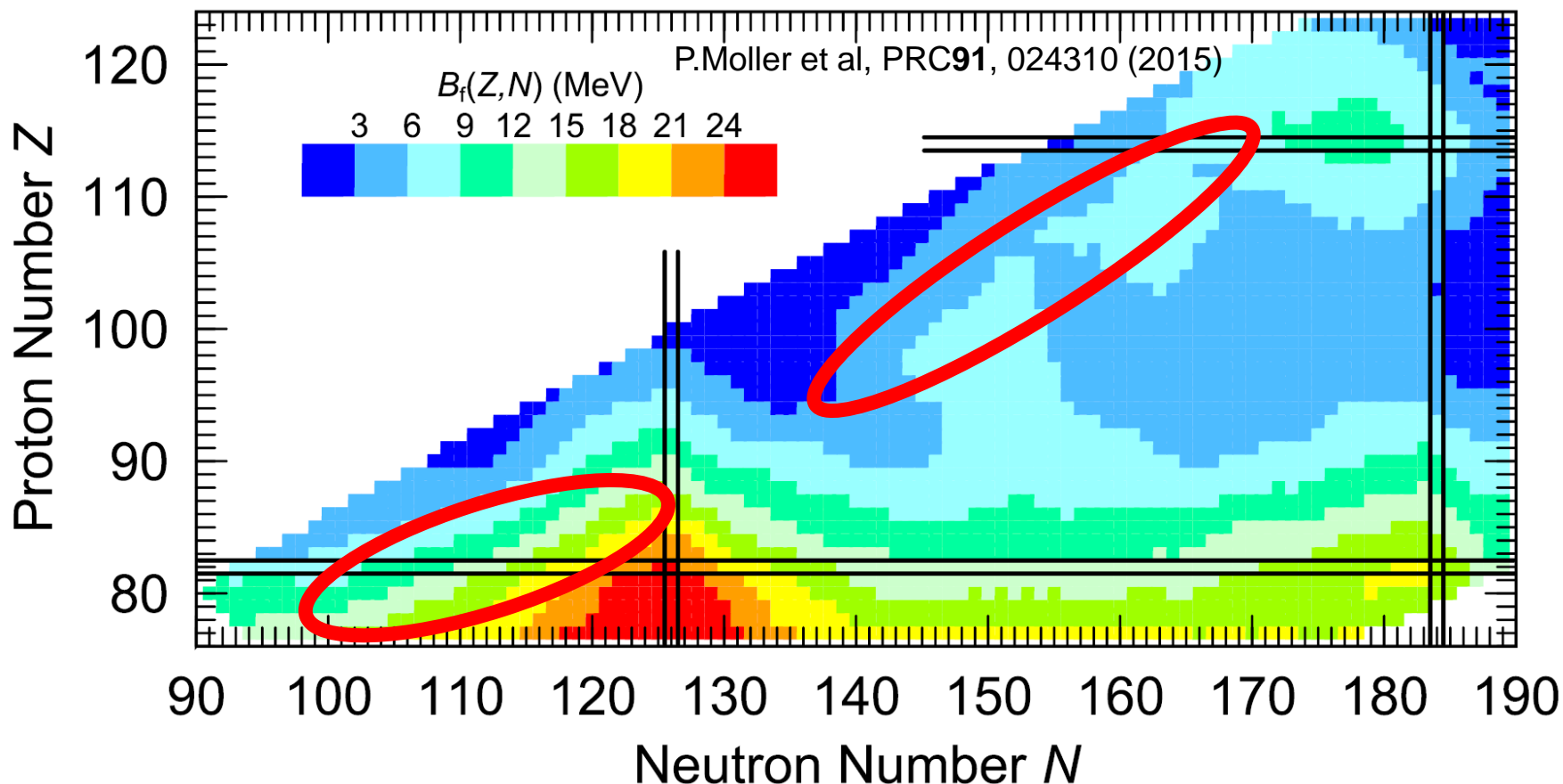
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Region of our interest: fission of nuclei with $A \sim 180-200$, $N/Z \sim 1.22-1.3$: Hg, Pb, Po, Rn
JAEA and ISOLDE (CERN)



Fission in the light Pb region and in heavy actinides: what differences could be expected?

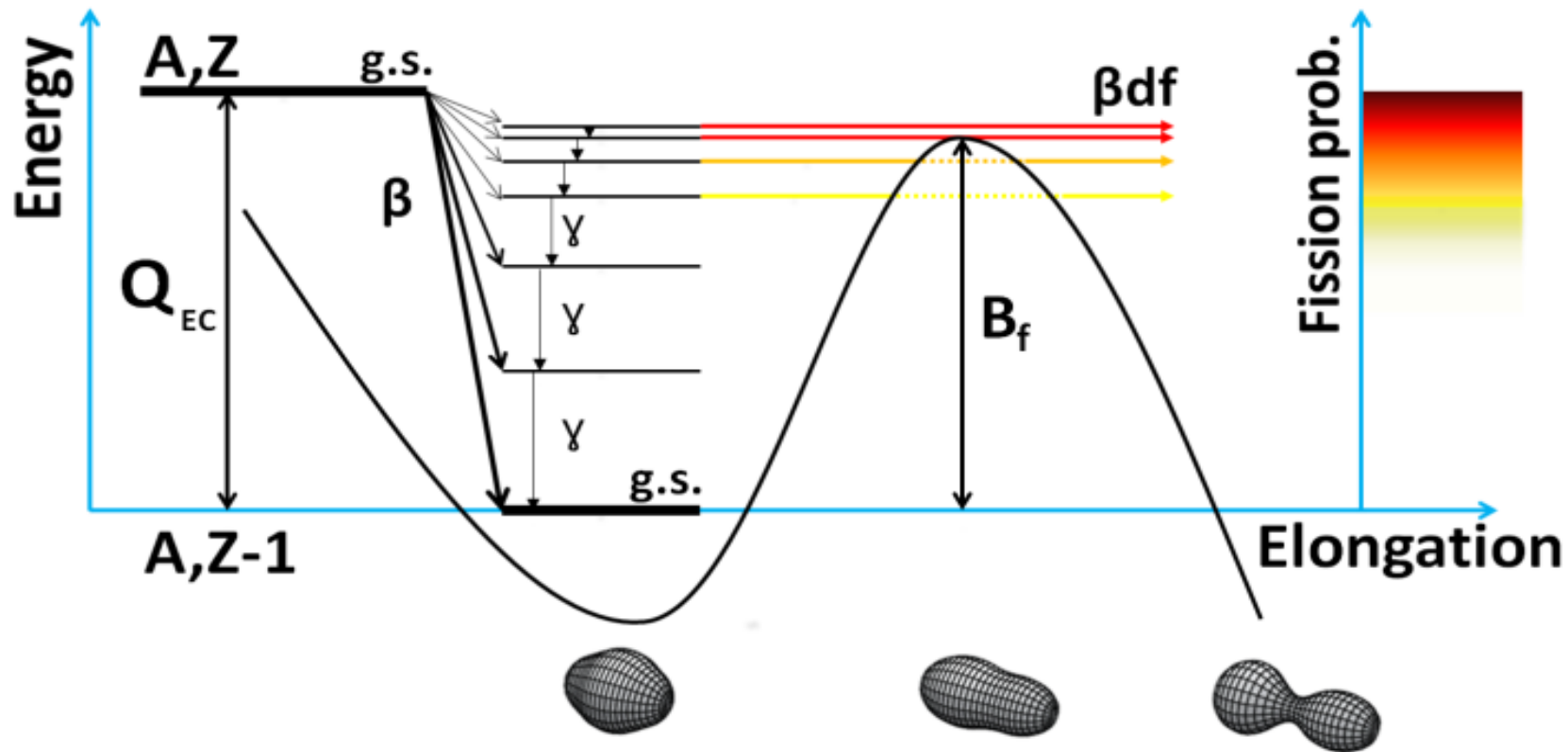
Calculated Fission-Barrier Height



- Different values of $N/Z \sim 1.25-1.3$ for the lead region, $N/Z \sim 1.55$ for transuraniums.
- **Very different fission barriers heights**, >8 MeV for lead region, a few MeV for actinides
- **Shell effects and PES?** No influence of ^{132}Sn in the lead region.
- **Possibly different excitation energy dependence of shell effects/barriers?**

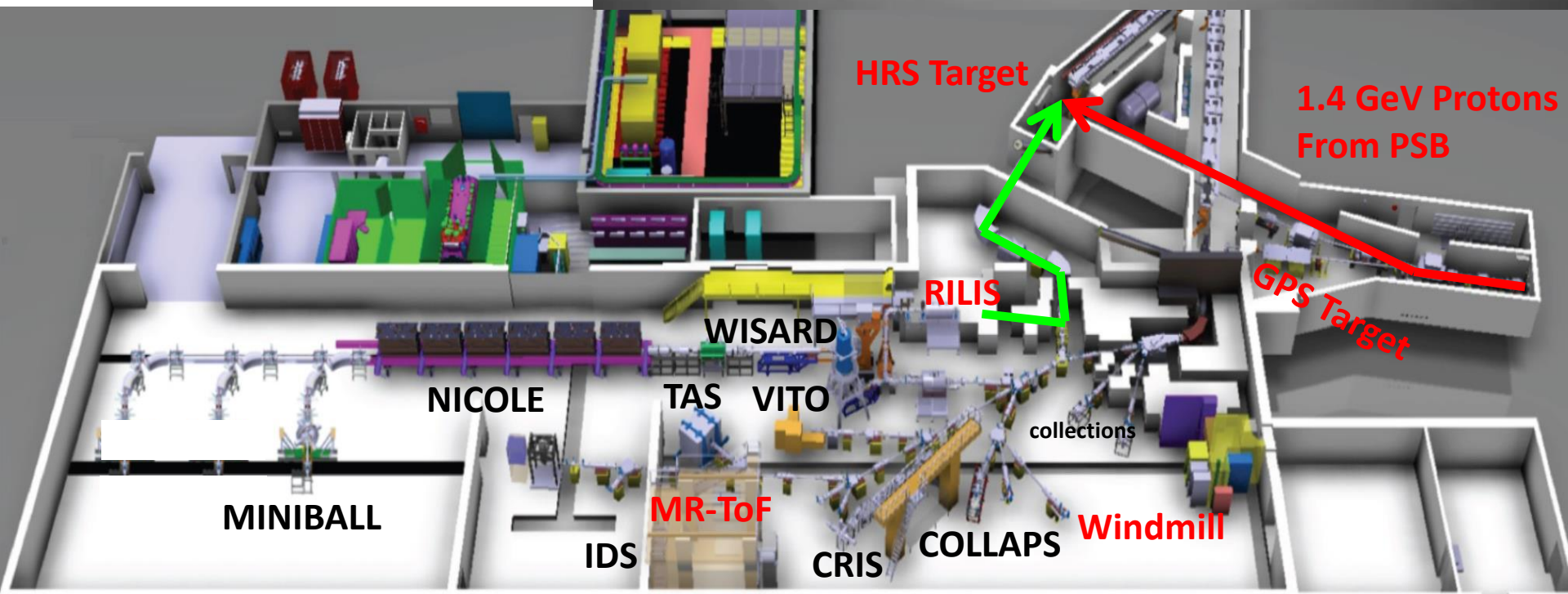
Beta-Delayed Fission

(believed to be of importance for r-process)



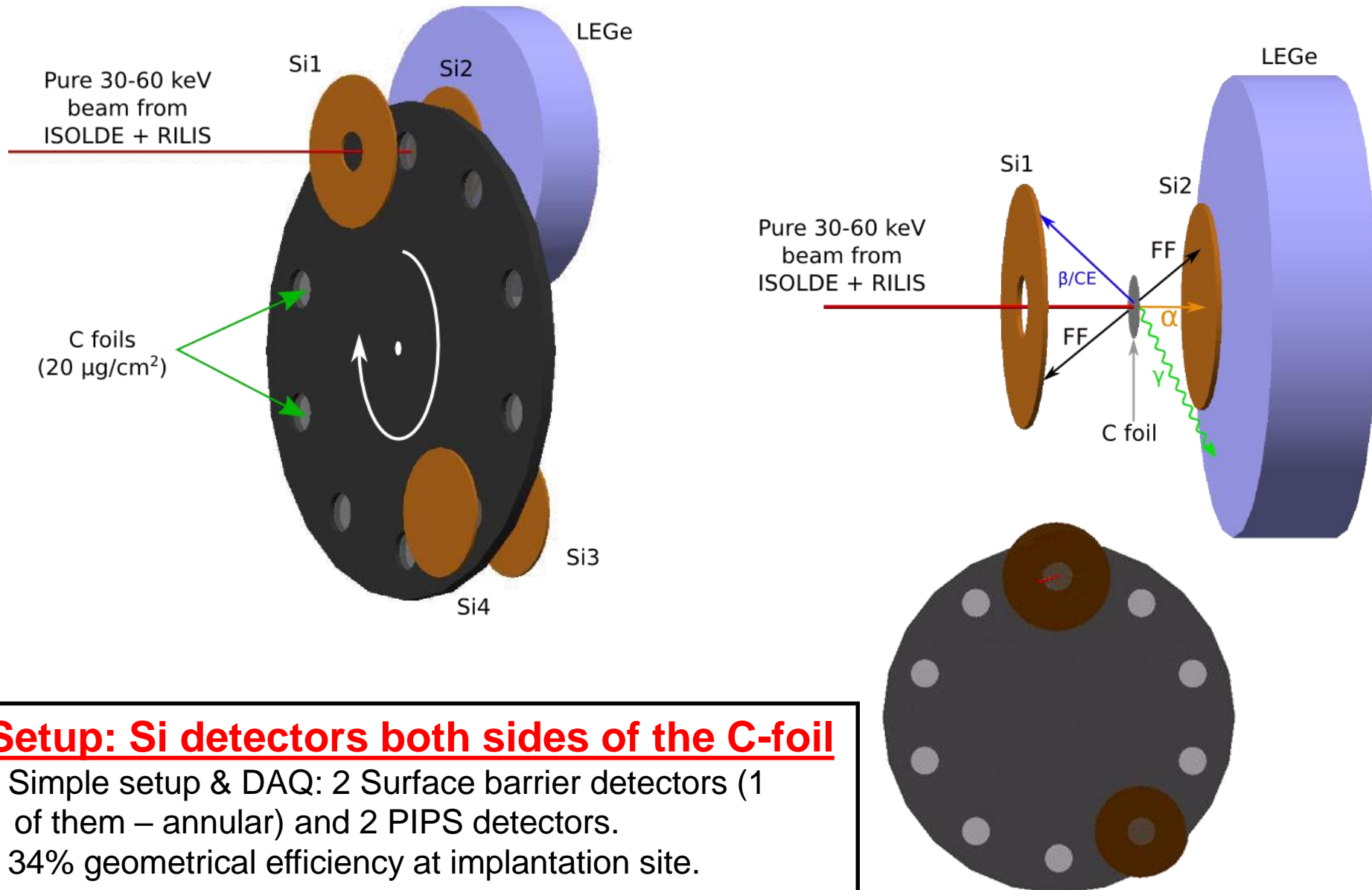
- Two step process: β decay followed by fission
- Low-energy fission ($E^* \sim 3-12$ MeV, limited by Q_{EC})
e.g. ^{180}Tl : $Q_{EC} = 10.4$ MeV, $B_{f, \text{calc}} = 9.8$ MeV
- Low angular momentum of the state (easier for theory calculations)
e.g. ^{180}Tl : $l = 4$ or 5 (some cases: up to 10)

The ISOLDE facility at CERN



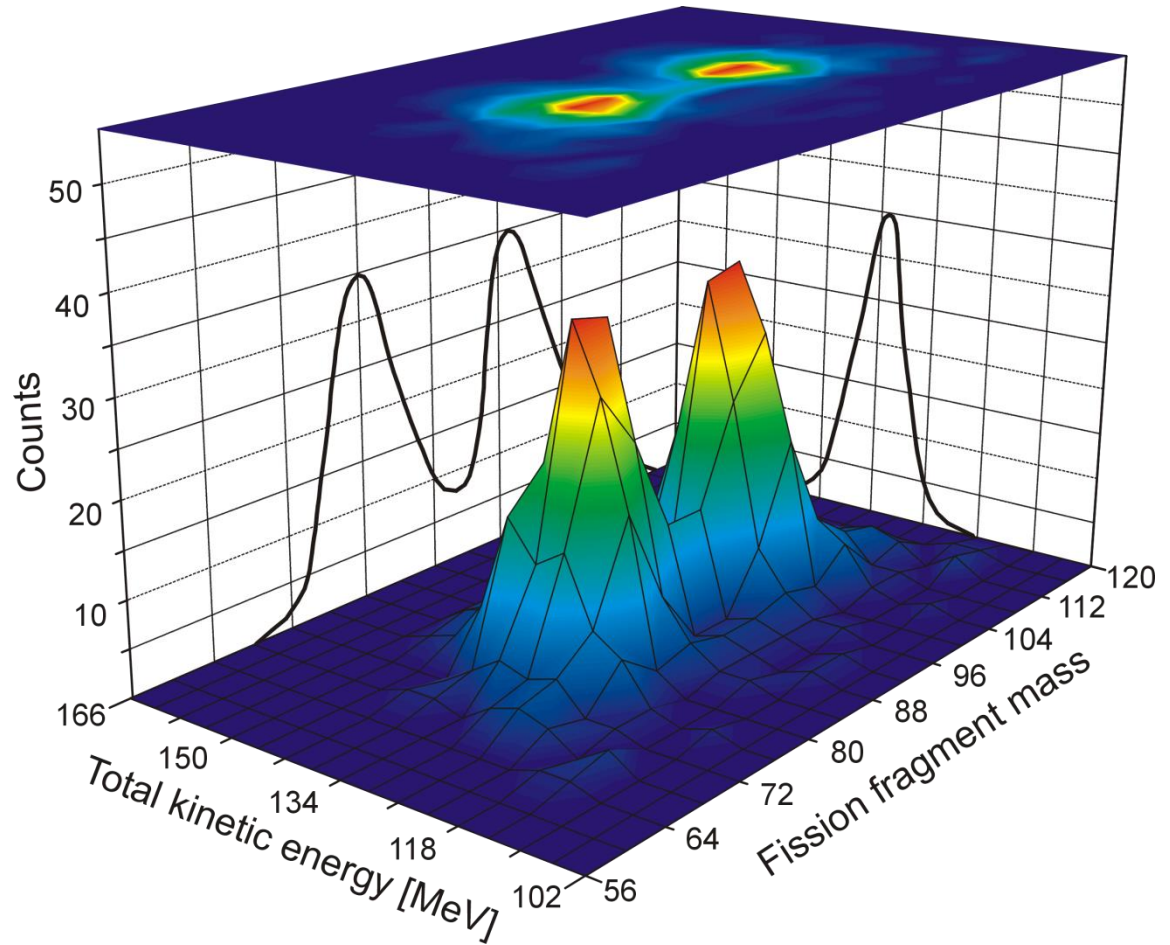
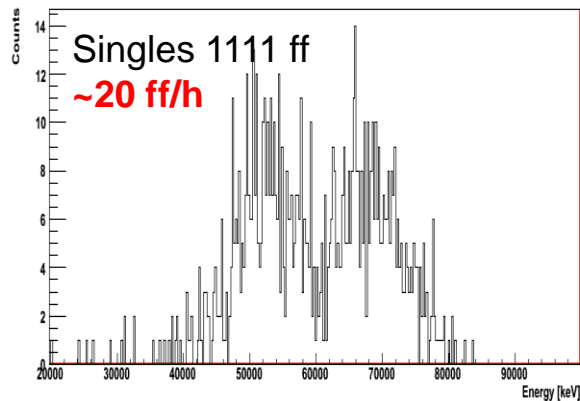
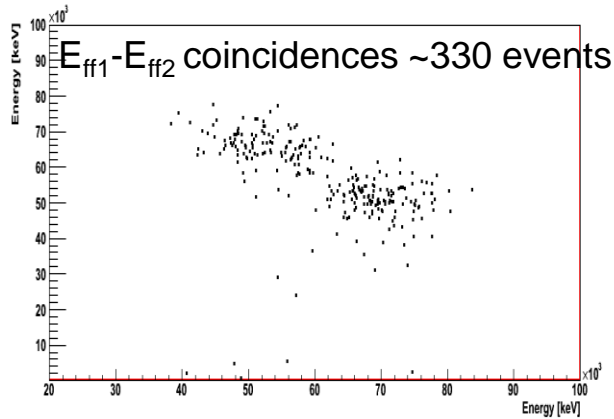
Detection system for β DF studies at ISOLDE

A.N. Andreyev et al. PRL 105 (2010)



Mass distribution of fission fragments from ^{180}Hg (βDF of ^{180}Tl) (would one get $2 \times ^{90}\text{Zr}$?)

**ASYMMETRIC energy split! Thus asymmetric mass split: $M_H=100(4)$
and $M_L=80(4)$**



**A problem: "low-energy" FF's - 1 AMeV only, A and Z identification difficult
The most probable fission fragments are ^{100}Ru (N=56,Z=44) and ^{80}Kr (N=44,Z=36)**

New Type of Asymmetric Fission in Proton-Rich Nuclei

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β DF of ^{180}Tl – fissioning nucleus is ^{180}Hg

New Type of Asymmetric Fission in Proton-Rich Nuclei

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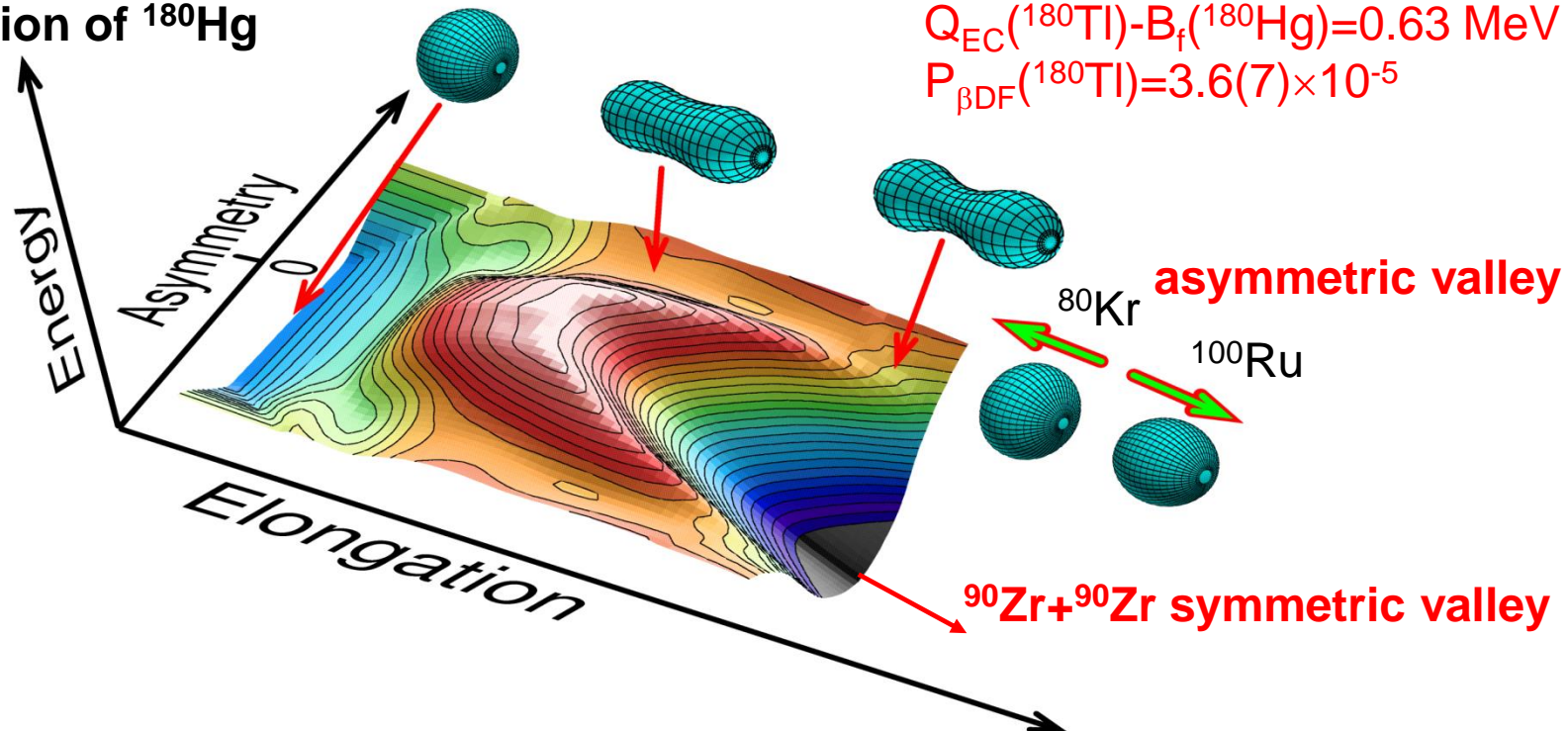
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$$\begin{aligned} Q_{EC}(^{180}\text{Tl}) &= E^*_{\max} = 10.44 \text{ MeV} \\ B_f(^{180}\text{Hg}) &= 9.8 \text{ MeV (Moller)} \\ Q_{EC}(^{180}\text{Tl}) - B_f(^{180}\text{Hg}) &= 0.63 \text{ MeV} \\ P_{\beta\text{DF}}(^{180}\text{Tl}) &= 3.6(7) \times 10^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

Fission of ^{180}Hg



Calculations according to 5D fission model (P. Möller et al., Nature 409, 785 (2001))

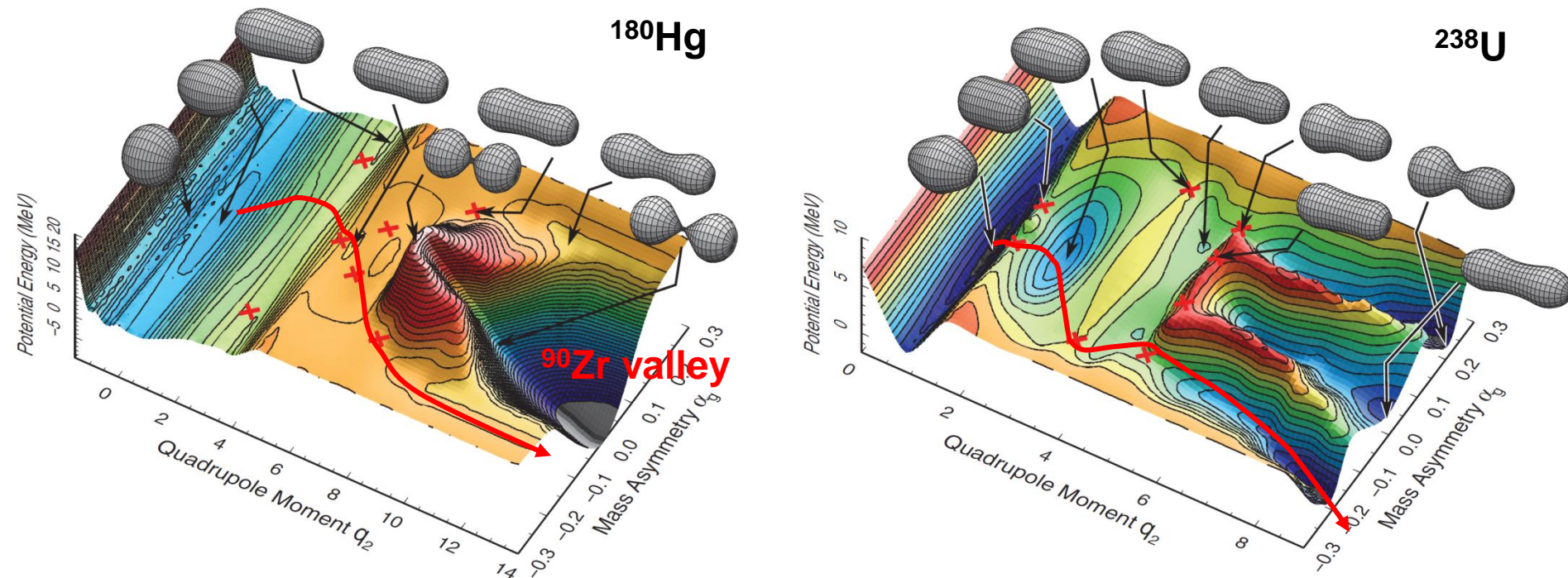
Two types of fission asymmetry: what's the difference?

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Contrasting fission potential-energy structure of actinides and mercury isotopes

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Conclusions: The mechanism of asymmetric fission must be very different in the lighter proton-rich mercury isotopes compared to the actinide region and is apparently unrelated to fragment shell structure. Isotopes lighter than ^{192}Hg have the saddle point shielded from a deep symmetric valley by a significant ridge. The ridge vanishes for the heavier Hg isotopes, for which we would expect a qualitatively different asymmetry of the fragments.



Brownian Metropolis Shape Motion

based on J. Randrup and P. Moller, PRL 106, 132503 (2011)

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Calculated fission yields of neutron-deficient mercury isotopes

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The recent unexpected discovery of asymmetric fission of ¹⁸⁰Hg following the electron-capture decay of ¹⁸⁰Tl has led to intense interest in experimentally mapping the fission-yield properties over more extended regions of the nuclear chart and compound-system energies. We present here a first calculation of fission-fragment yields for neutron-deficient Hg isotopes, using the recently developed Brownian Metropolis shape motion treatment. The results for ¹⁸⁰Hg are in approximate agreement with the experimental data. For ¹⁷⁴Hg the symmetric yield increases strongly with decreasing energy, an unusual feature, which would be interesting to verify experimentally.

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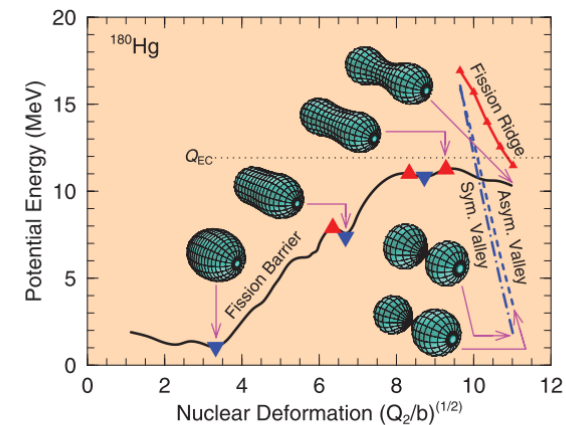
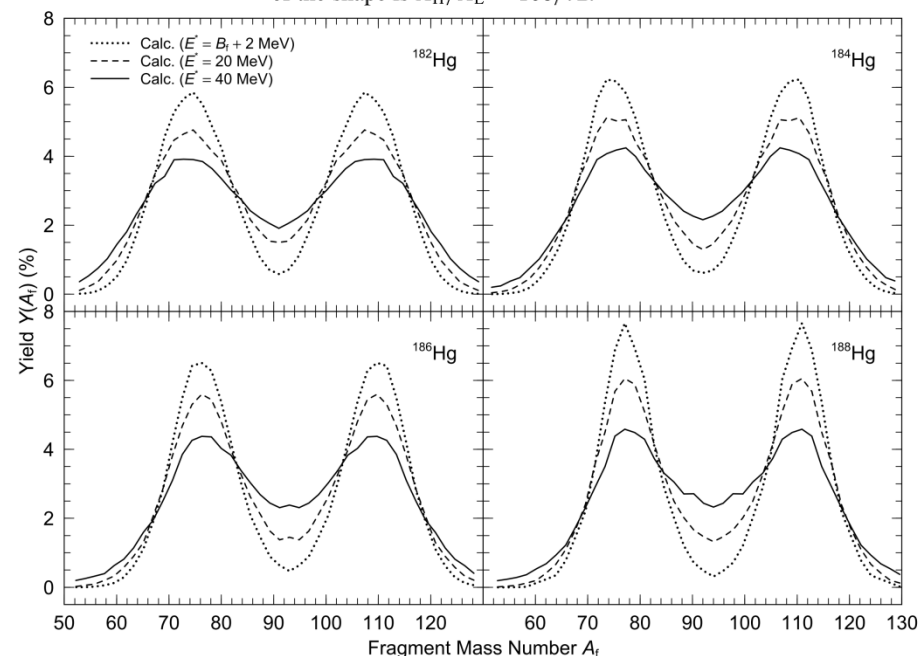
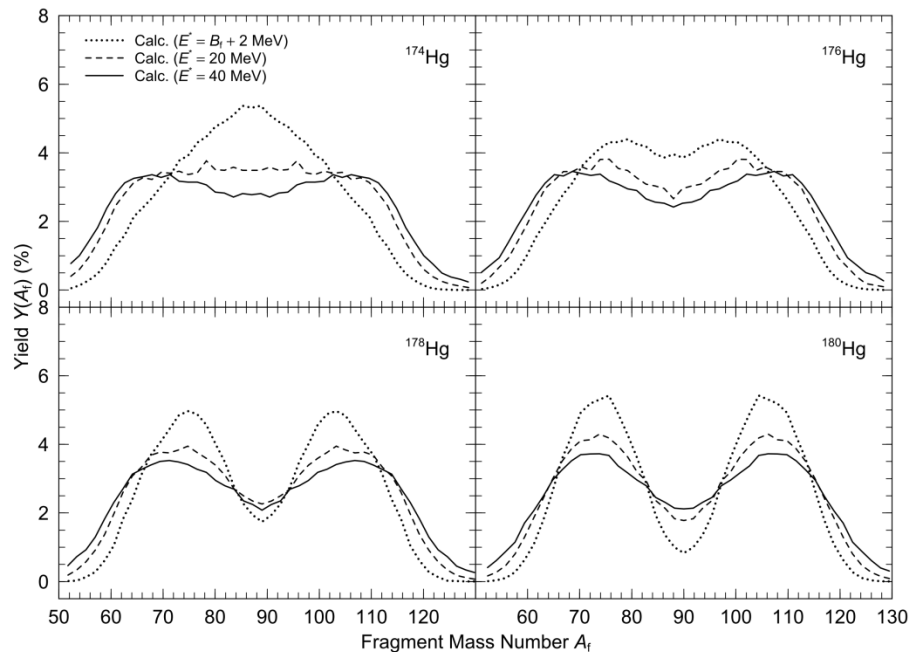


FIG. 4. (Color online) Minima, saddles, major valleys, and ridges in the 5D potential-energy surface of ¹⁸⁰Hg (see text). At the last plotted point on the fission barrier, $(Q_2/b)^{(1/2)} \approx 11$, the asymmetry of the shape is $A_H/A_L = 108/72$.



'Improved' Scission-Point Model

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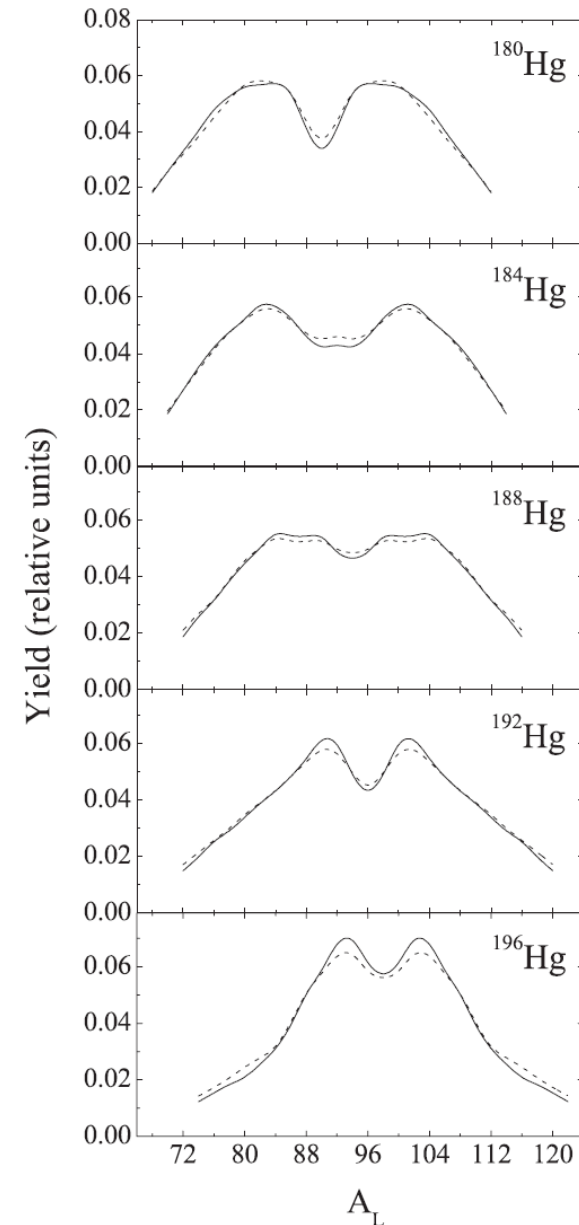
Mass distributions for induced fission of different Hg isotopes

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With the improved scission-point model mass distributions are calculated for induced fission of different Hg isotopes with even mass numbers $A = 180, 184, 188, 192, 196$, and 198 . The calculated mass distribution and mean total kinetic energy of fission fragments are in good agreement with the existing experimental data. The asymmetric mass distribution of fission fragments of ^{180}Hg observed in the recent experiment is explained. The change in the shape of the mass distribution from asymmetric to more symmetric is revealed with increasing A of the fissioning ^AHg nucleus, and reactions are proposed to verify this prediction experimentally.

- Inter-fragment distance is not fixed and calculated.
- values of $\sim 0.5\text{-}1$ fm result (Wilkins – fixed at 1.4 fm)
- Mass symmetry/asymmetry doesn't change as a function of E^* (up to $E^* \sim 60$ MeV) – good for future experiments



'Self-consistent Scission-Point Model'

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Role of deformed shell effects on the mass asymmetry in nuclear fission of mercury isotopes

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{av}(Z_{1,2}, N_{1,2}, \beta_{1,2}, d) &= E_{\text{tot}} - E_{\text{HFB}}(Z_1, N_1, \beta_1) - E_{\text{HFB}}(Z_2, N_2, \beta_2) \\
 &\quad - E_{\text{nucl}}(Z_{1,2}, N_{1,2}, \beta_{1,2}, d) - E_{\text{Coul}}(Z_{1,2}, N_{1,2}, \beta_{1,2}, d).
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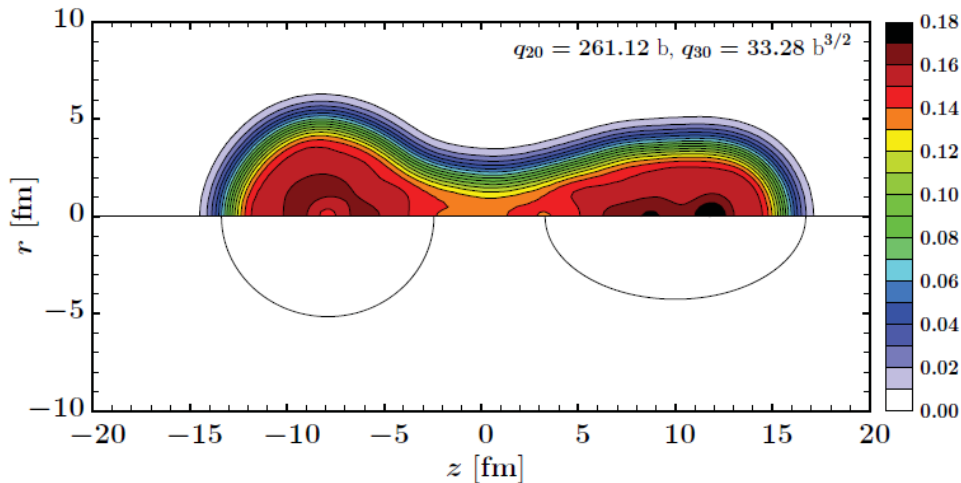


FIG. 4. (Color online) Total nuclear density for the most energetically favorable scission configuration in ^{180}Hg fission, extracted from a self-consistent HFB calculation. In the lower part of the figure, two

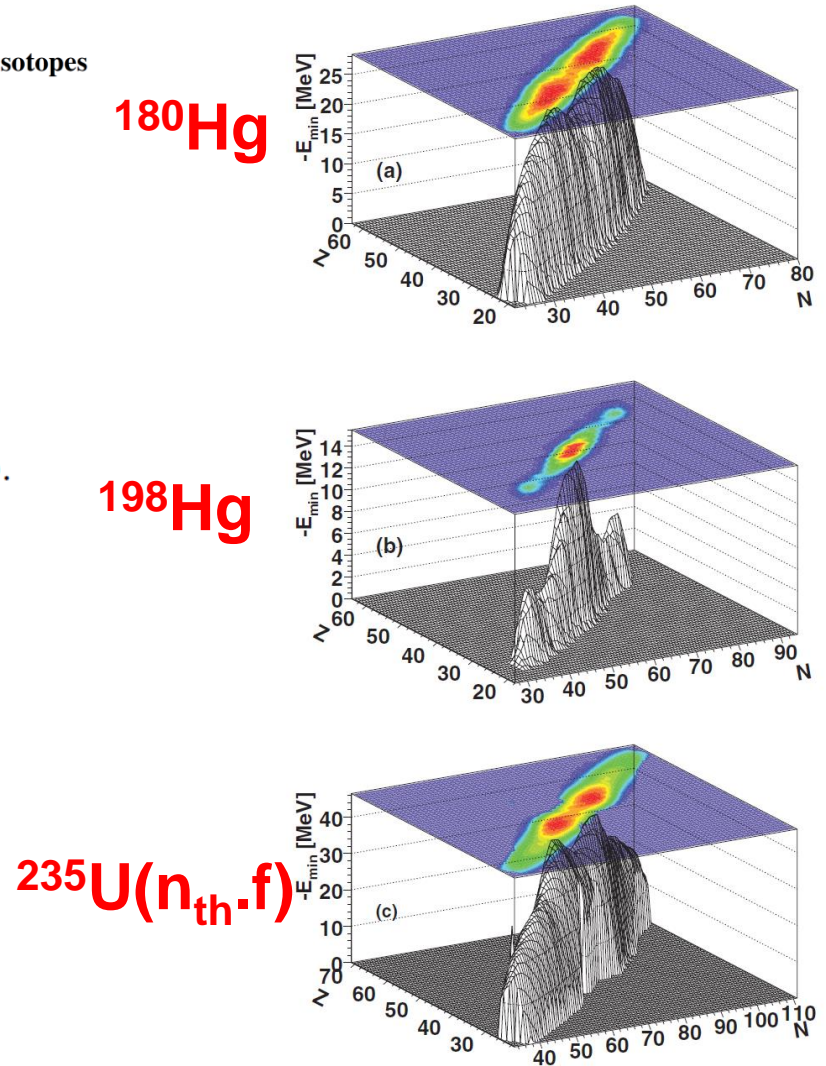


FIG. 2. (Color online) Minimum absolute available energy at scission calculated for all possible fragmentations in (a) ^{180}Hg and (b) ^{198}Hg fission at 10 MeV and in (c) the thermal n -induced fission of ^{235}U .

Mean-field HFB-D1S and HFB-SkM*

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Fission modes of mercury isotopes

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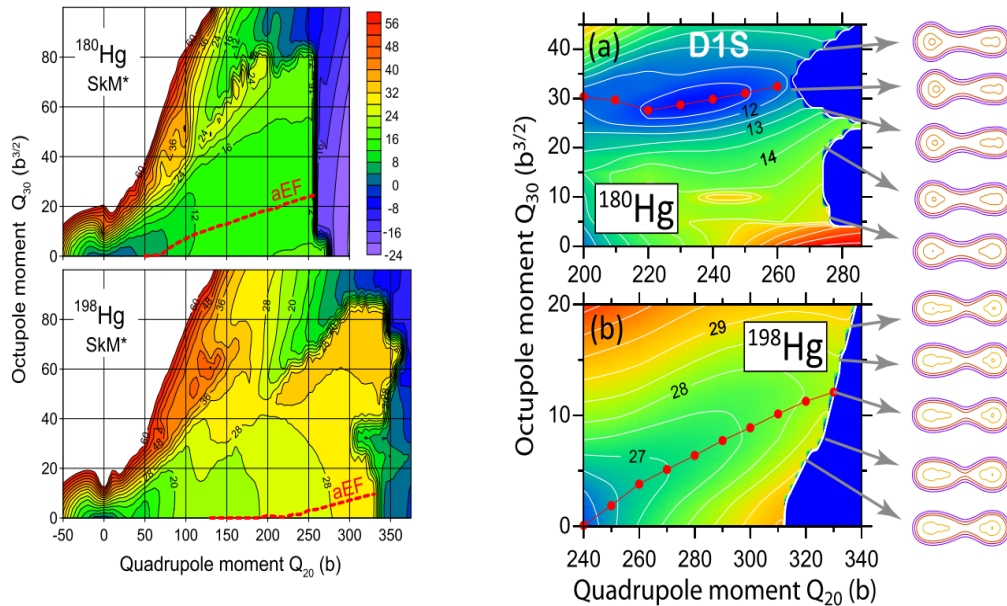


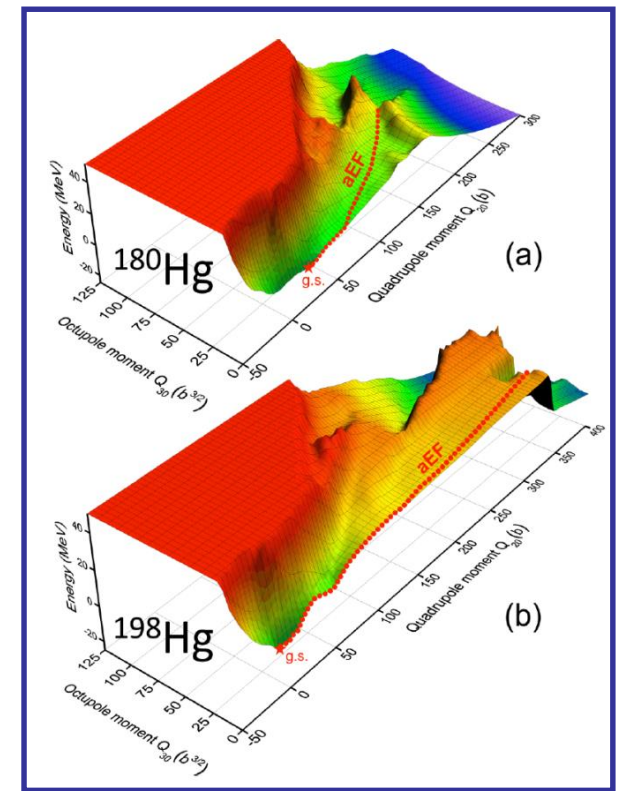
FIG. 2. (Color online) PES for ^{180}Hg (top) and ^{198}Hg (bottom) in the plane of collective coordinates $Q_{20} - Q_{30}$ in HFB-SkM*. The aEF fission pathway corresponding to asymmetric elongated fragments is marked. The difference between contour lines is 4 MeV. The effects due to triaxiality, known to impact inner fission barriers in the actinides, are negligible here.

FIG. 3. (Color online) PES in HFB-D1S for ^{180}Hg (top) and ^{198}Hg (bottom) in the (Q_{20}, Q_{30}) plane in the pre-scission region of aEF valley. The symmetric limit corresponds to $Q_{30} = 0$. The aEF valley and density profiles for pre-scission configurations are indicated. The difference between contour lines is 0.5 MeV. Note different Q_{30} -scales in ^{180}Hg and ^{198}Hg plots.

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Excitation-energy dependence of fission in the mercury region

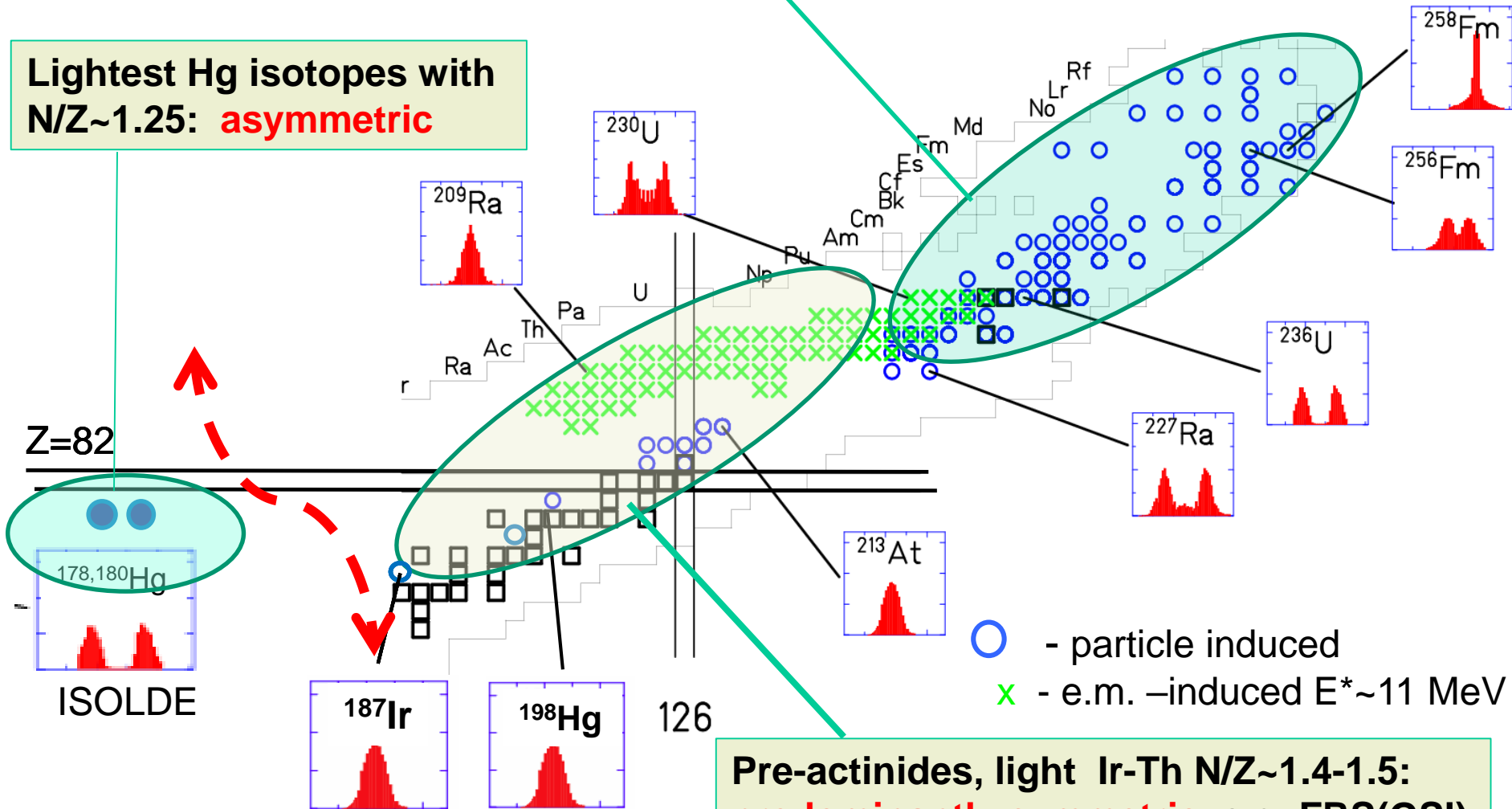
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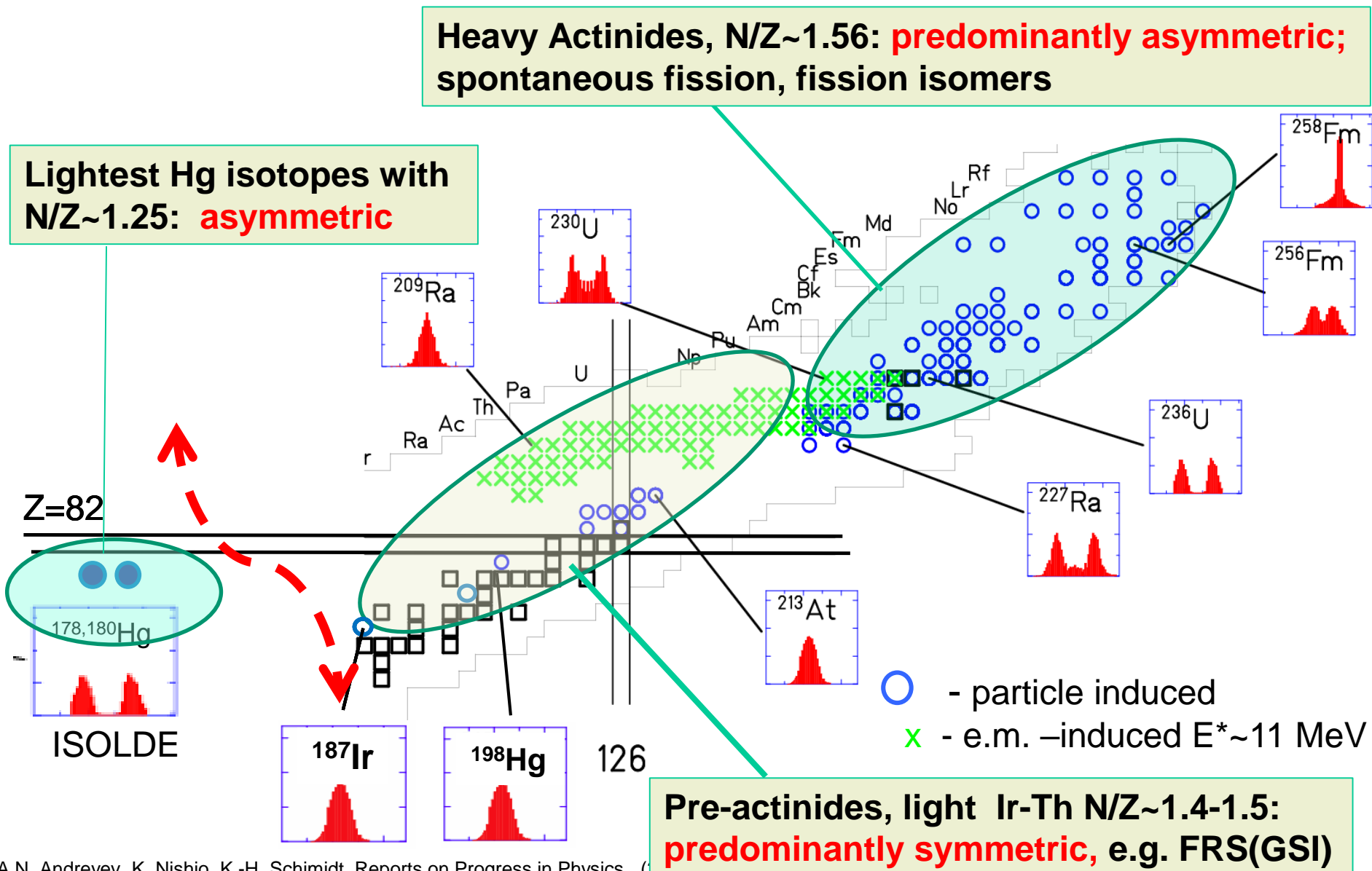
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Lightest Hg isotopes with $N/Z \sim 1.25$: **asymmetric**

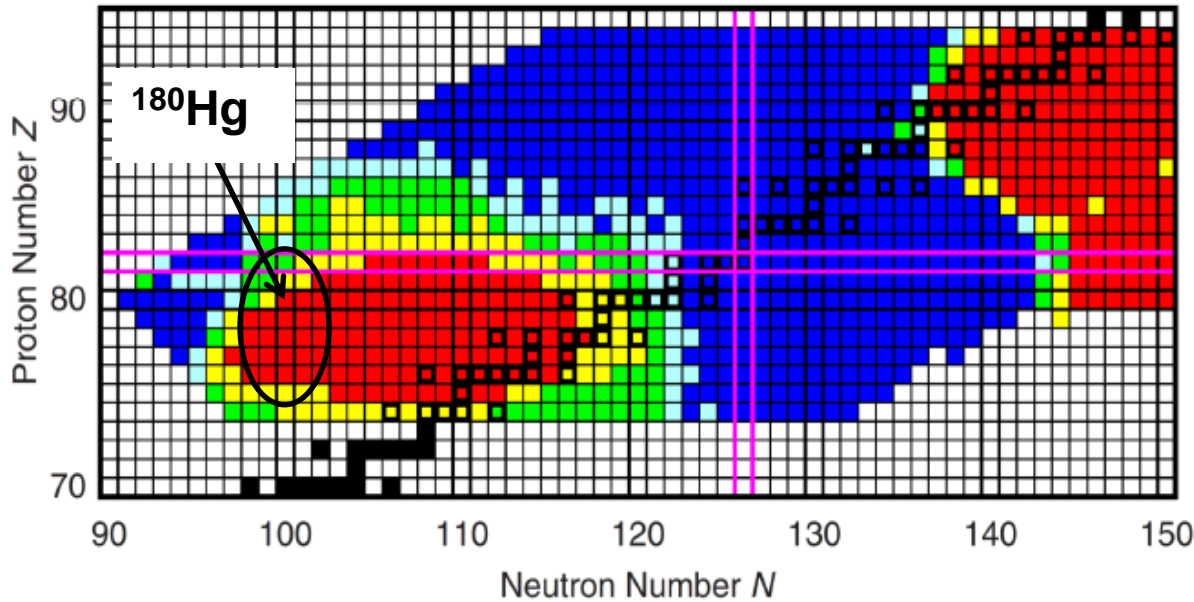
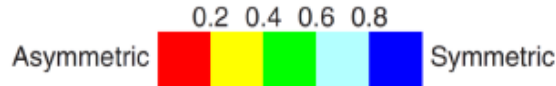


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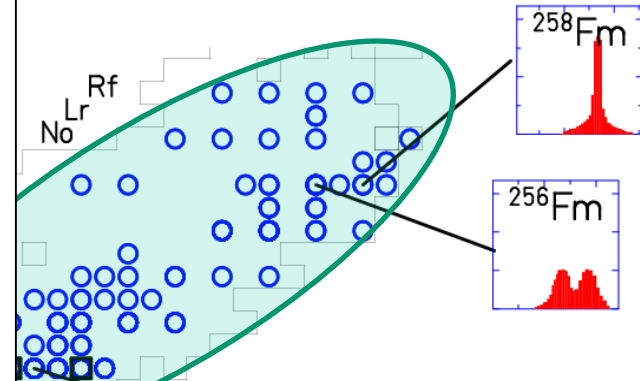
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Fission-Fragment Symmetric-Yield to Peak-Yield Ratio

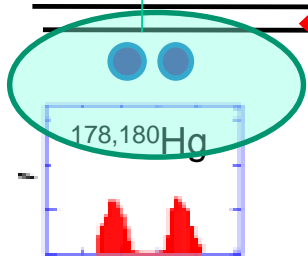


P. Moller and J. Randrup, PRC **91**, 044316 (2015)

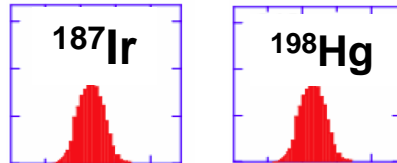
predominantly asymmetric; isomers



Z=82



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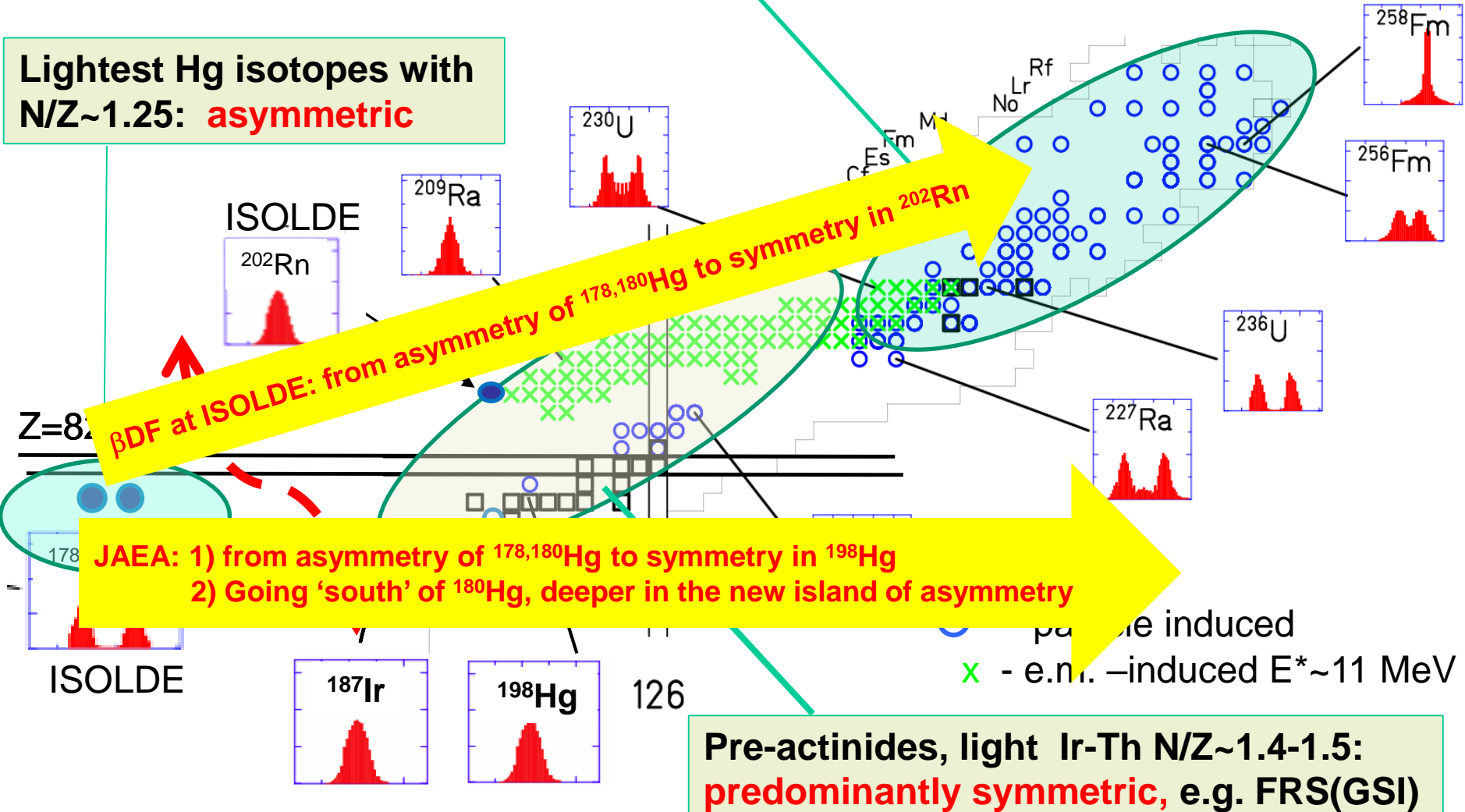
- - particle induced
- x - e.m. -induced $E^* \sim 11$ MeV

**Pre-actinides, light Ir-Th $N/Z \sim 1.4-1.5$:
predominantly symmetric, e.g. FRS(GSI)**

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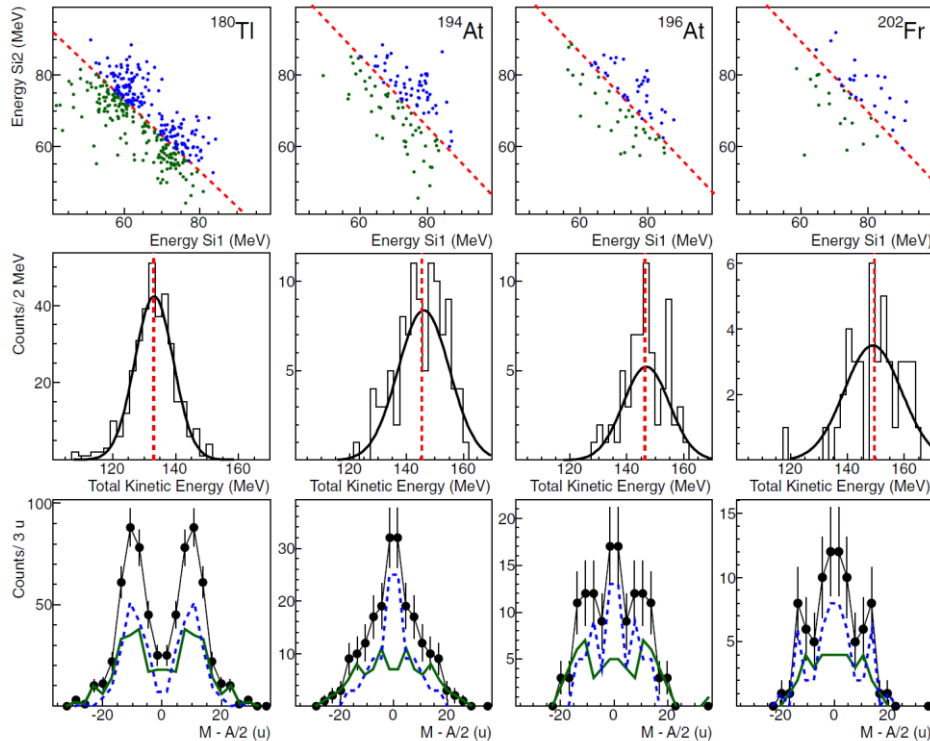


Multi-modal fission in the light Pb region

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Evolution of fission-fragment mass distributions in the neutron-deficient lead region

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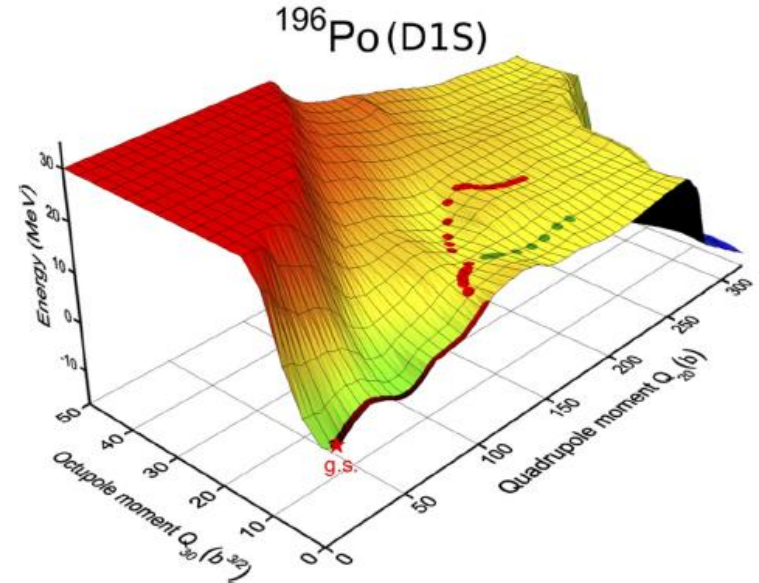


FIG. 2. (Color online) Similar to Fig. 1, but for ^{196}Po in HFB-D1S. Two competing fission pathways corresponding to different mass asymmetry are marked.

- **Difficulty for theory: flat, structure-less PES's (very different from U's)**
- **Temperature-dependence?**

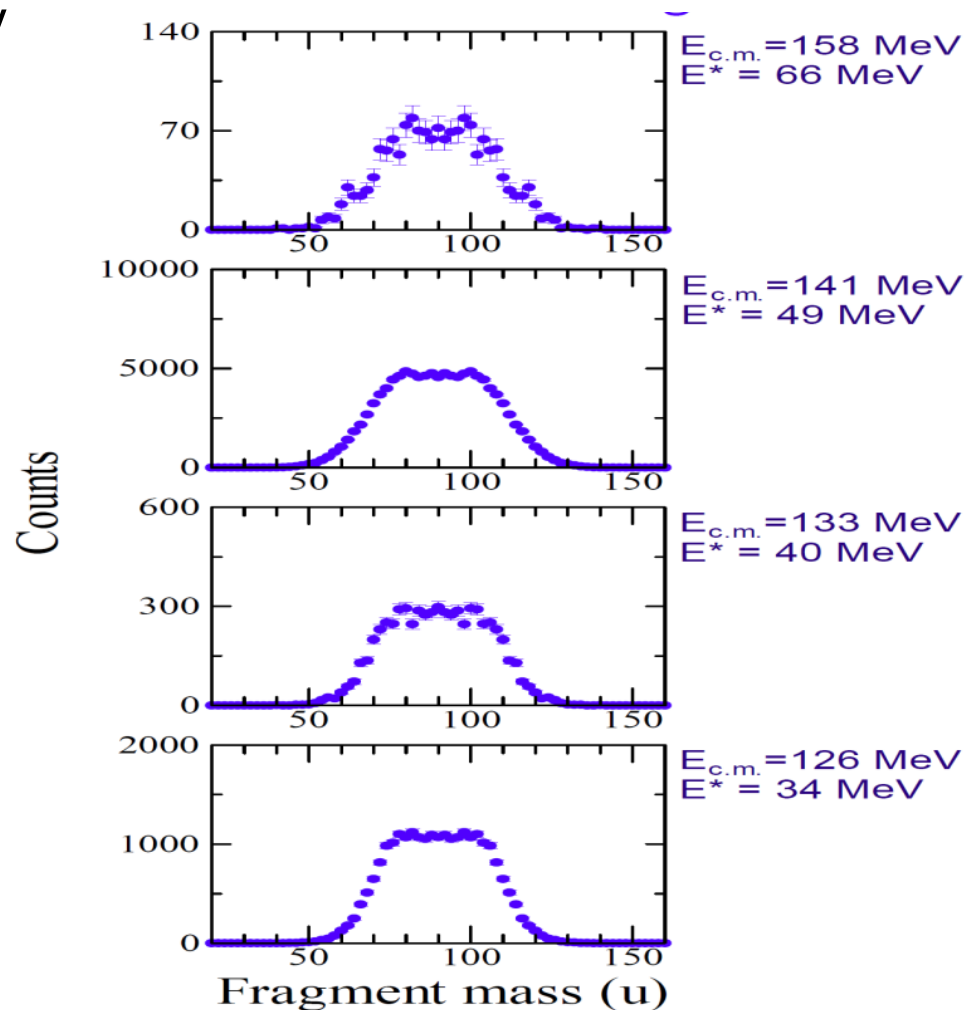
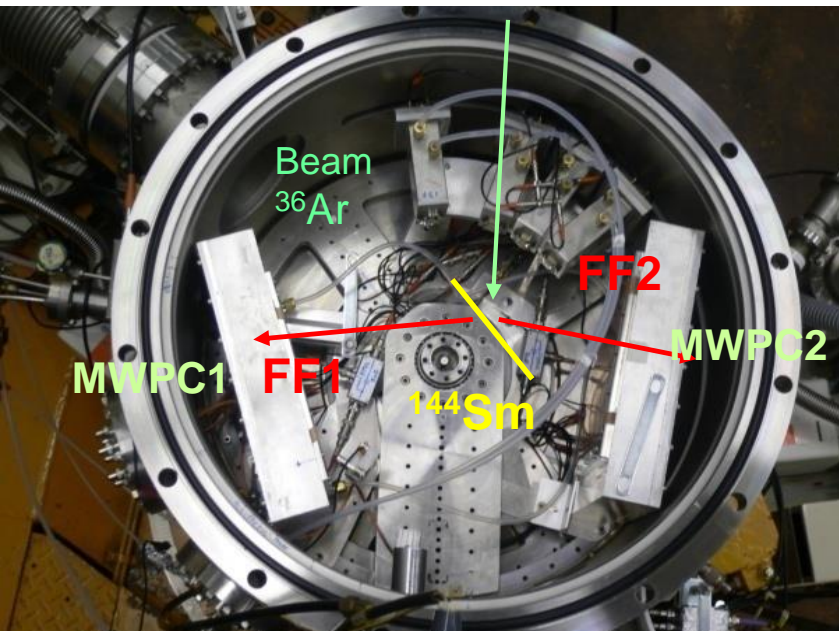
By using the same method, beta-delayed fission was studied at ISOLDE for:

- **$^{178,180}\text{Tl}$** , V.Liberati et al, PRC88 (2013), A.Andreyev et al, PRL105 (2010)
- **$^{188m1,m2}\text{Bi}$** : advanced draft is ready (Andel et al)
- **$^{194,196}\text{At},^{202}\text{Fr}$** : L.Ghys et al, PRC90 (2014), V.Truesdale, PRC94 (2016)
- **Mix of symmetry and asymmetry (multi-modal) fission is proposed**

^{180}Hg : More surprises?

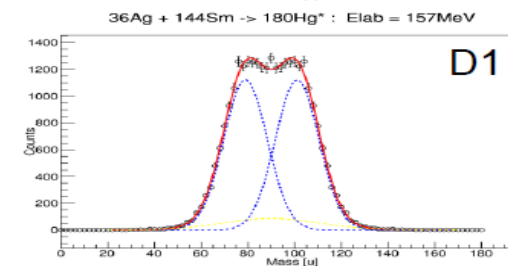
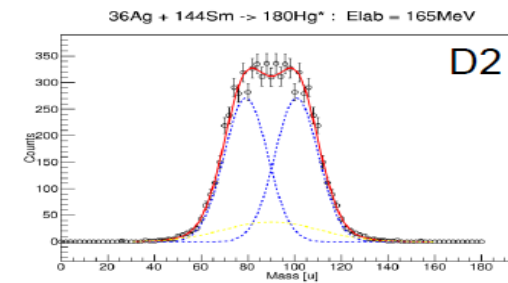
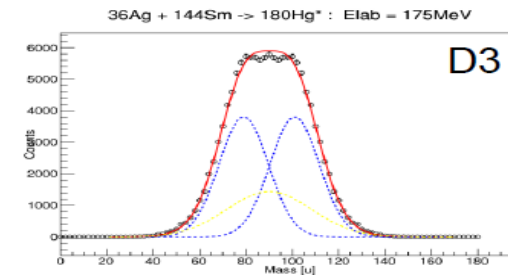
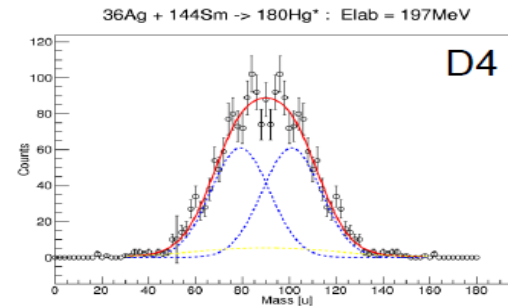
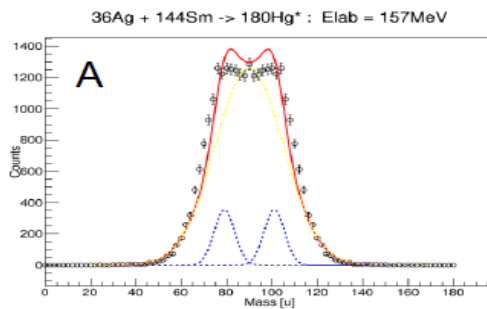
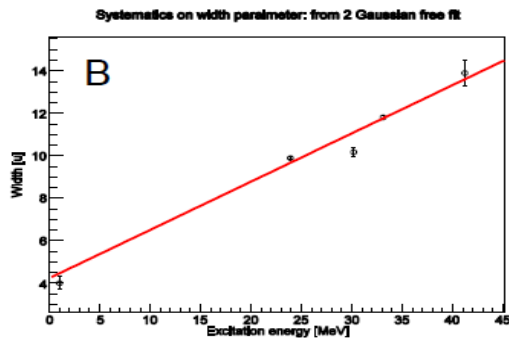
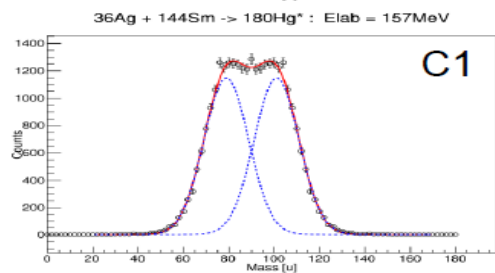
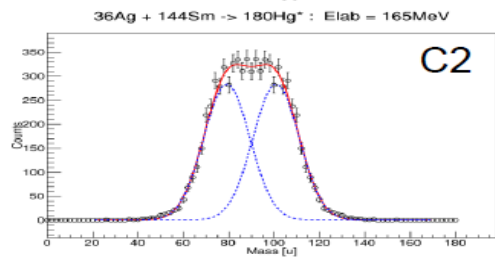
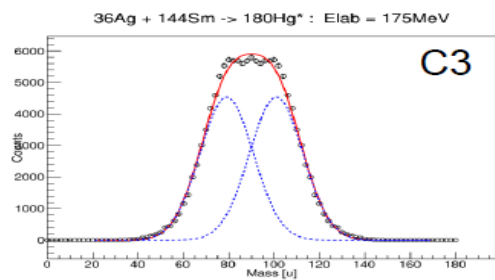
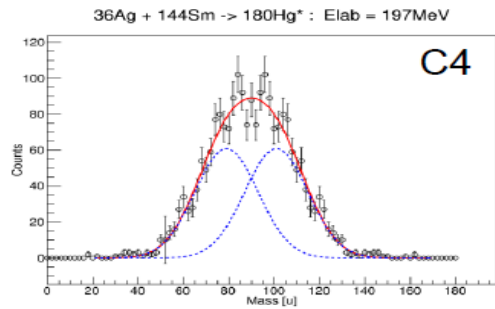
How does ^{180}Hg fission at *higher* excitation energies?

- $^{36}\text{Ar} + ^{144}\text{Sm} \rightarrow ^{180}\text{Hg}^*$ $E^* = 34\text{--}66\text{ MeV}$
- 2010-2014: JAEA, Tokai



Even at $E^* = 66\text{ MeV}$: asymmetric mass split with $A_1 \sim 100$, $A_2 \sim 80$

^{180}Hg : One or two fission modes?



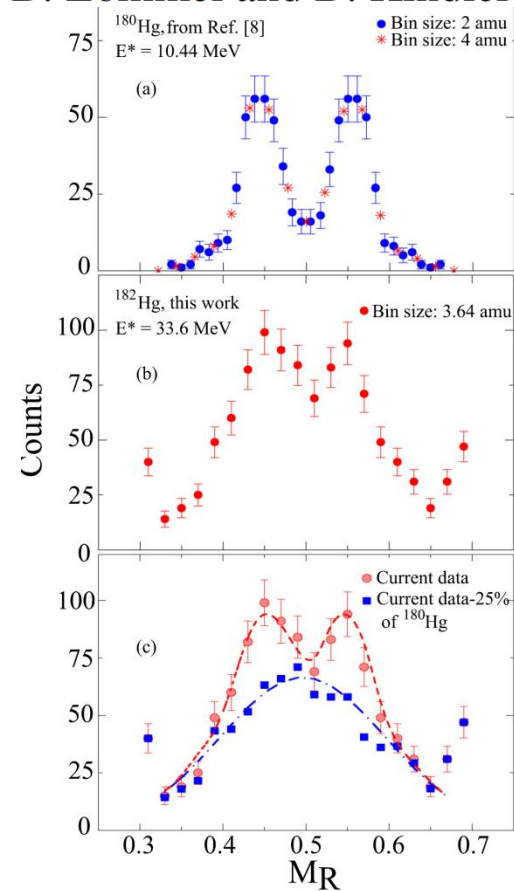
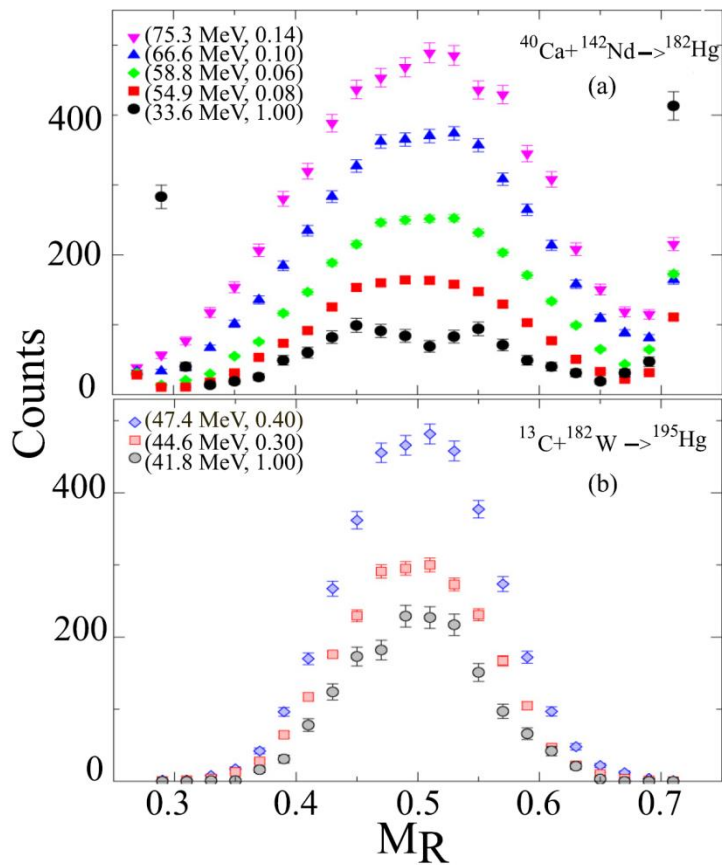
Fusion-Fission of $^{182,195}\text{Hg}$ at ANU

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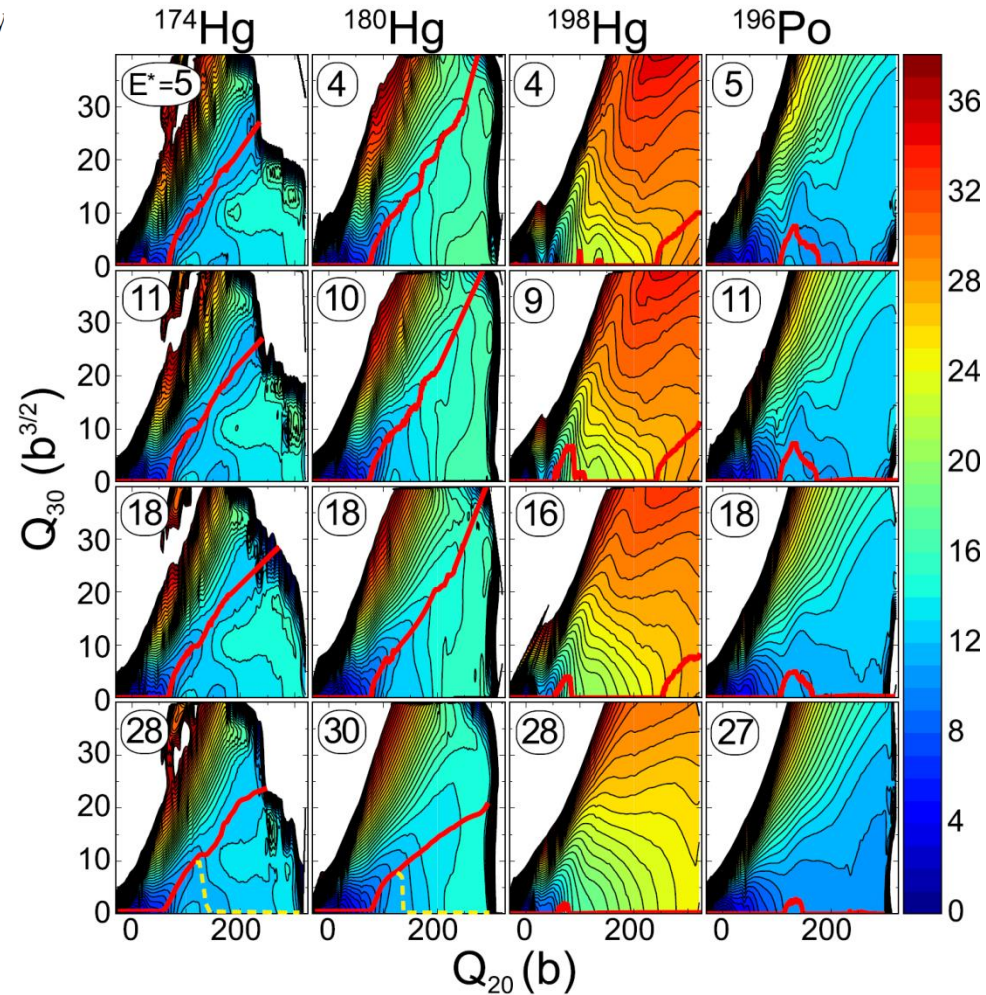
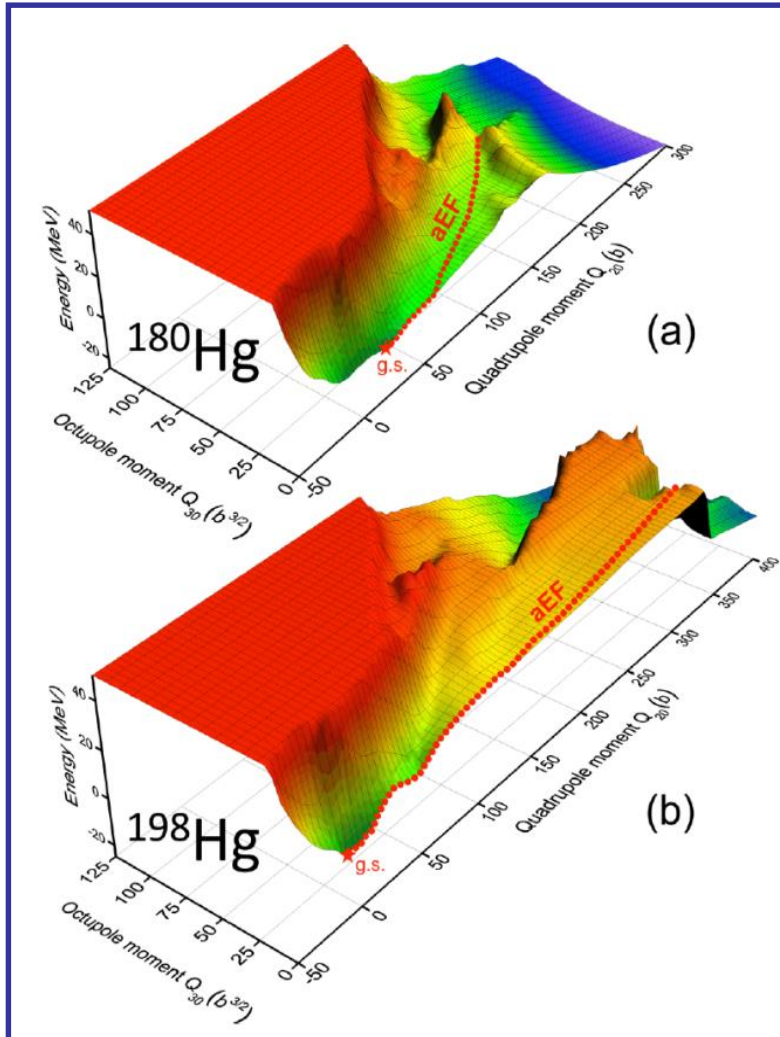


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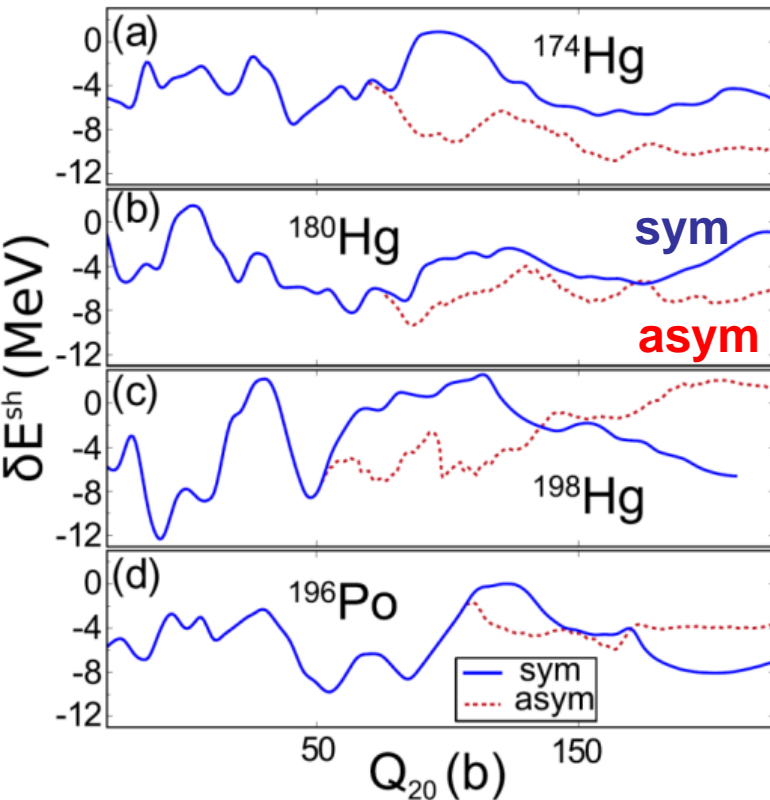
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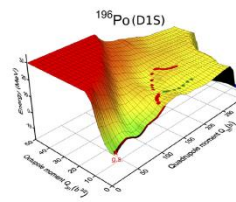
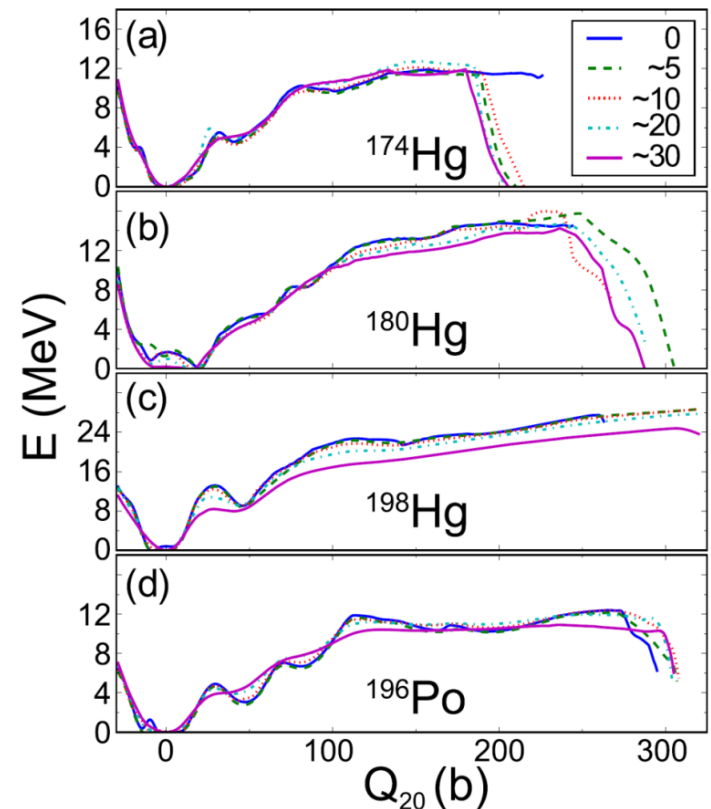
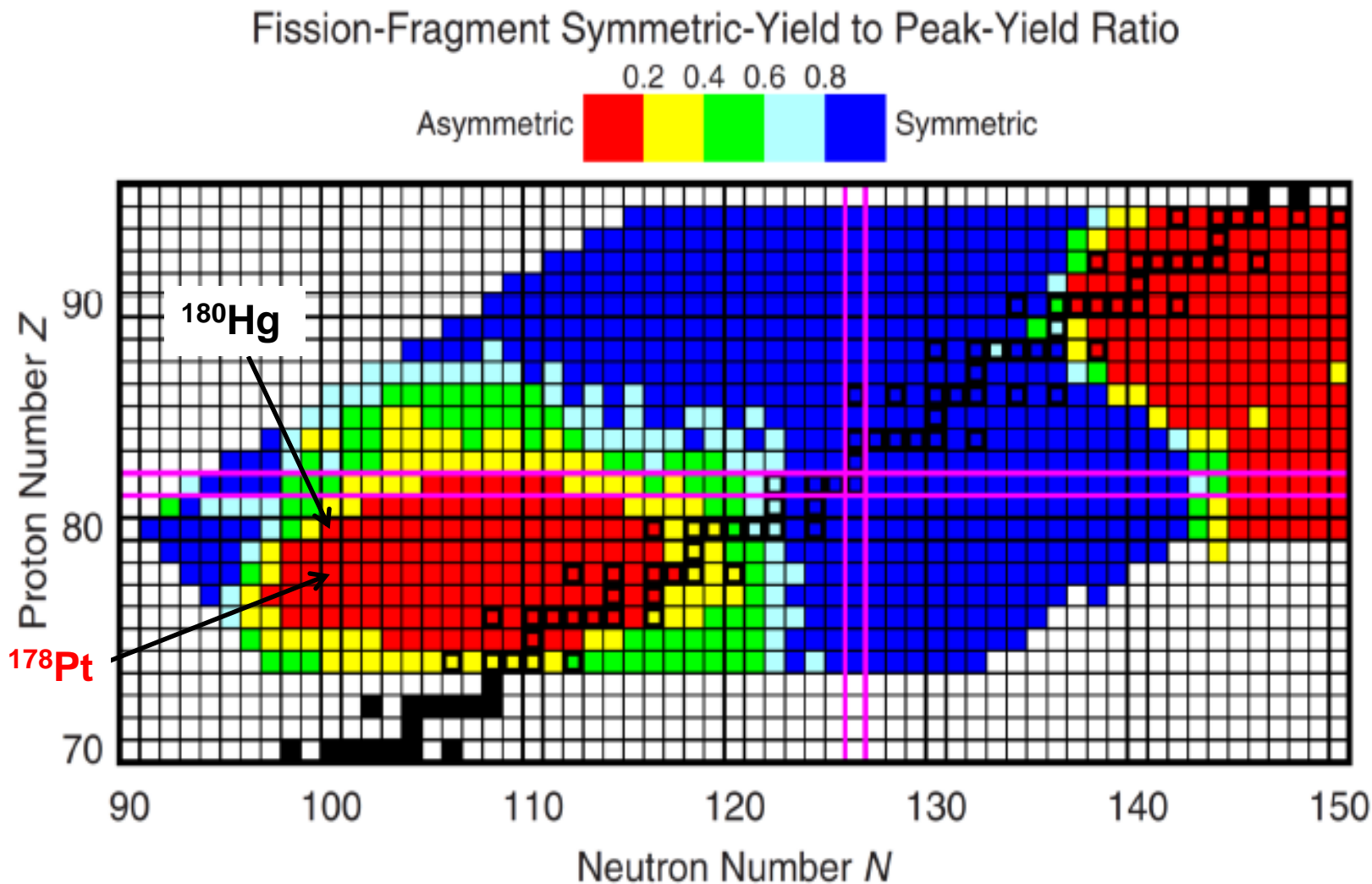


FIG. 2. (Color online) Similar to Fig. 1, but for ^{196}Po in MB-DIS. Two competing fission pathways corresponding to different mass asymmetry are marked.

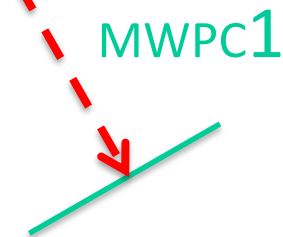
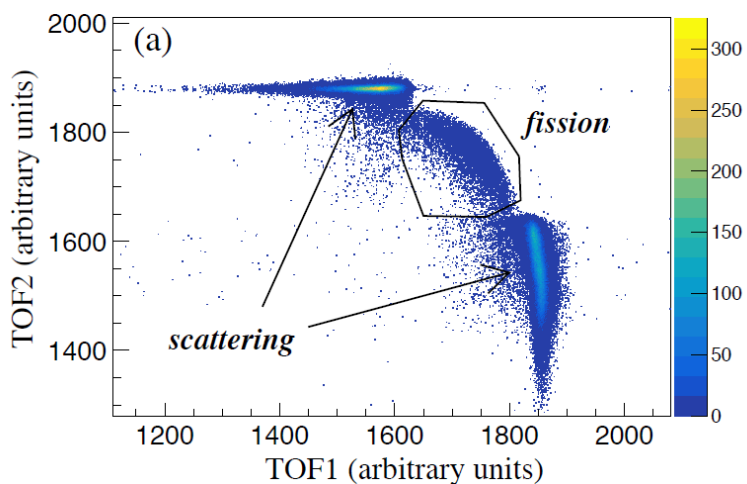
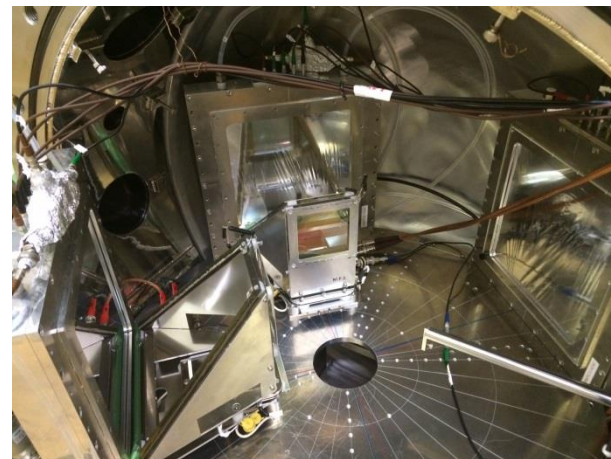
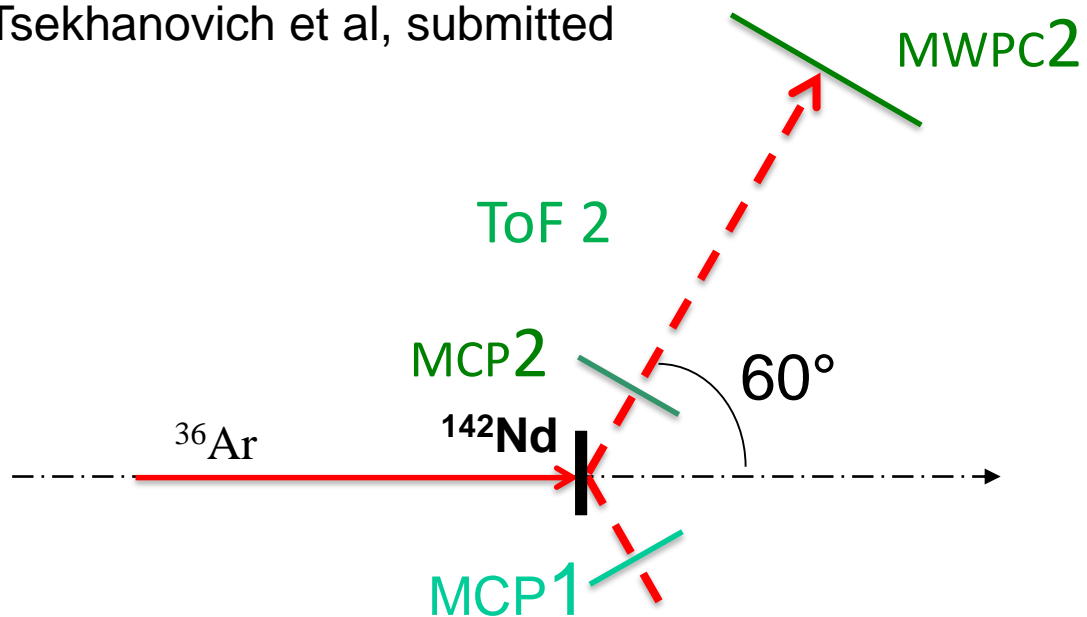


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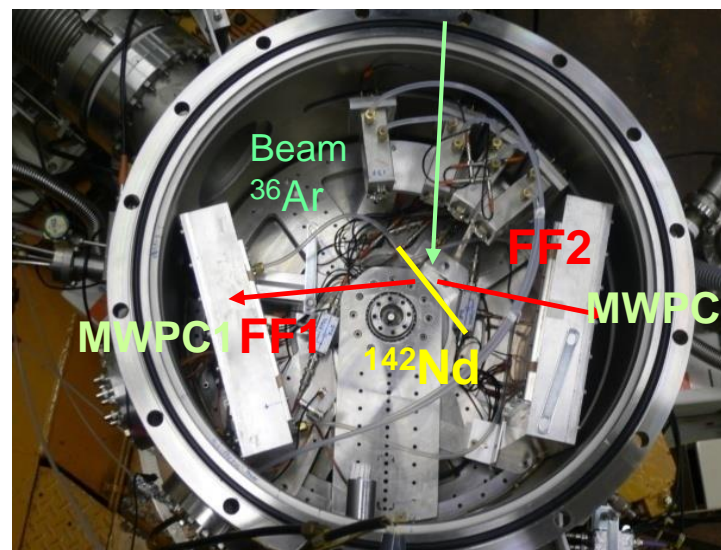


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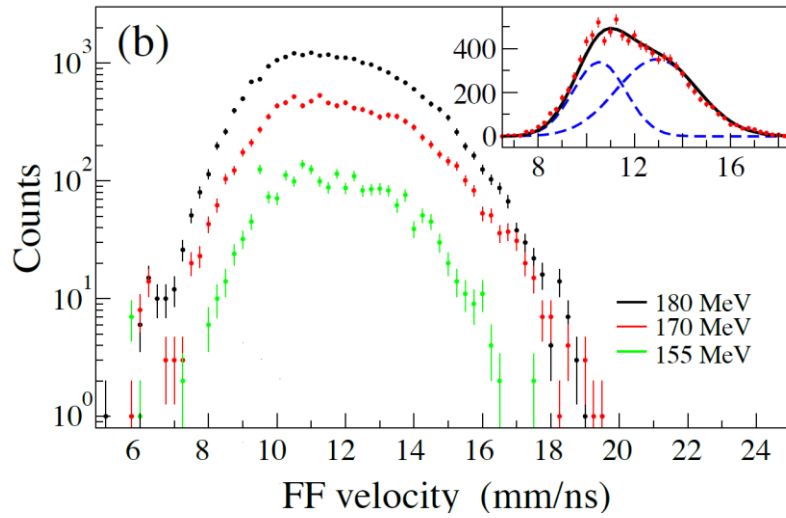
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Using ToF detectors
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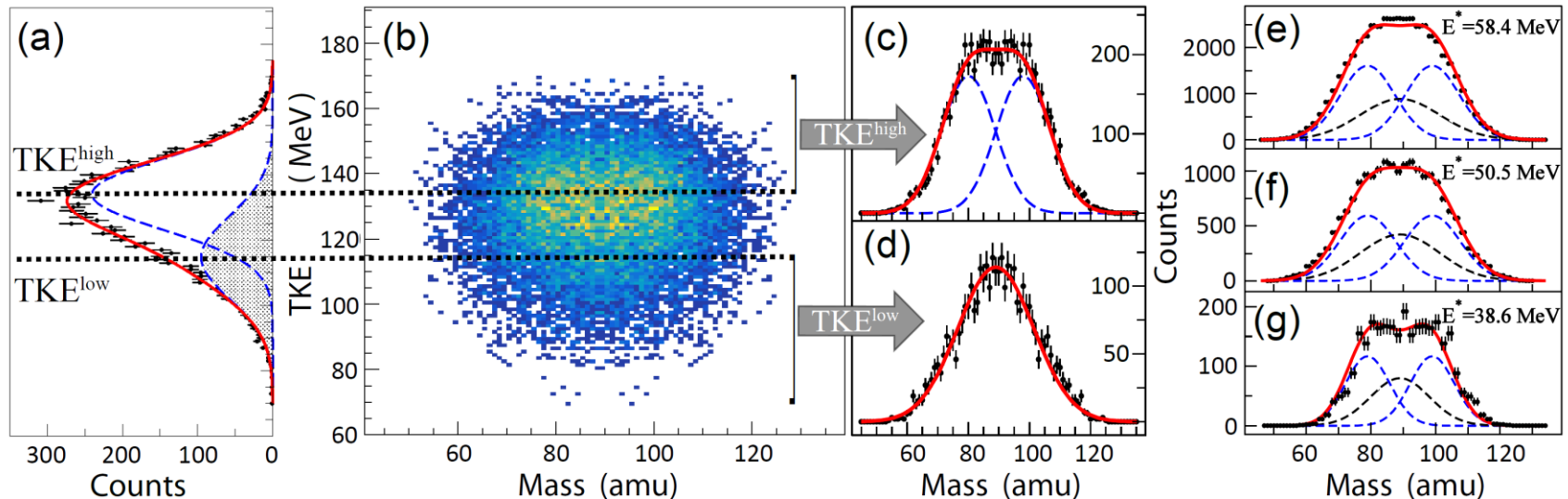
Results - TKE vs Mass; Mass distributions



a) **Left-hand side plot: Fission fragments velocities.**

Asymmetric distribution means that at least **two fission modes contribute**

b) **Bottom plot: Total Kinetic Energy vs Mass distributions.** Asymmetry in TKE further confirms the presence of two modes



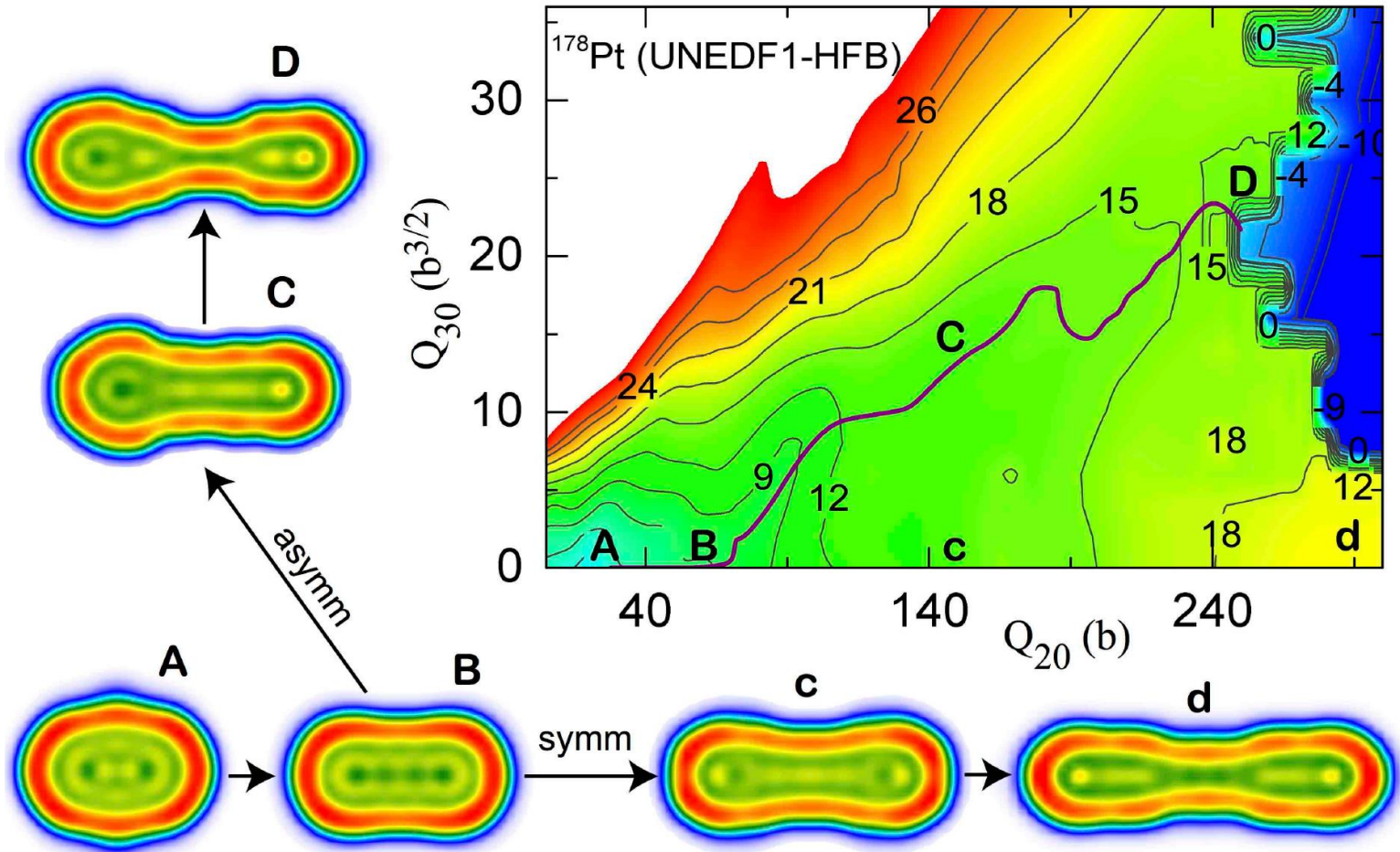
Conclusions: 2 fission modes

symmetric with $A_L = A_H = A_{CN}/2 = 89$ Asymmetric mode : $A_L = 79, A_H = 99$

Multimodal fission of $^{178}\text{Pt}^+$: Manuscript is on arXiv

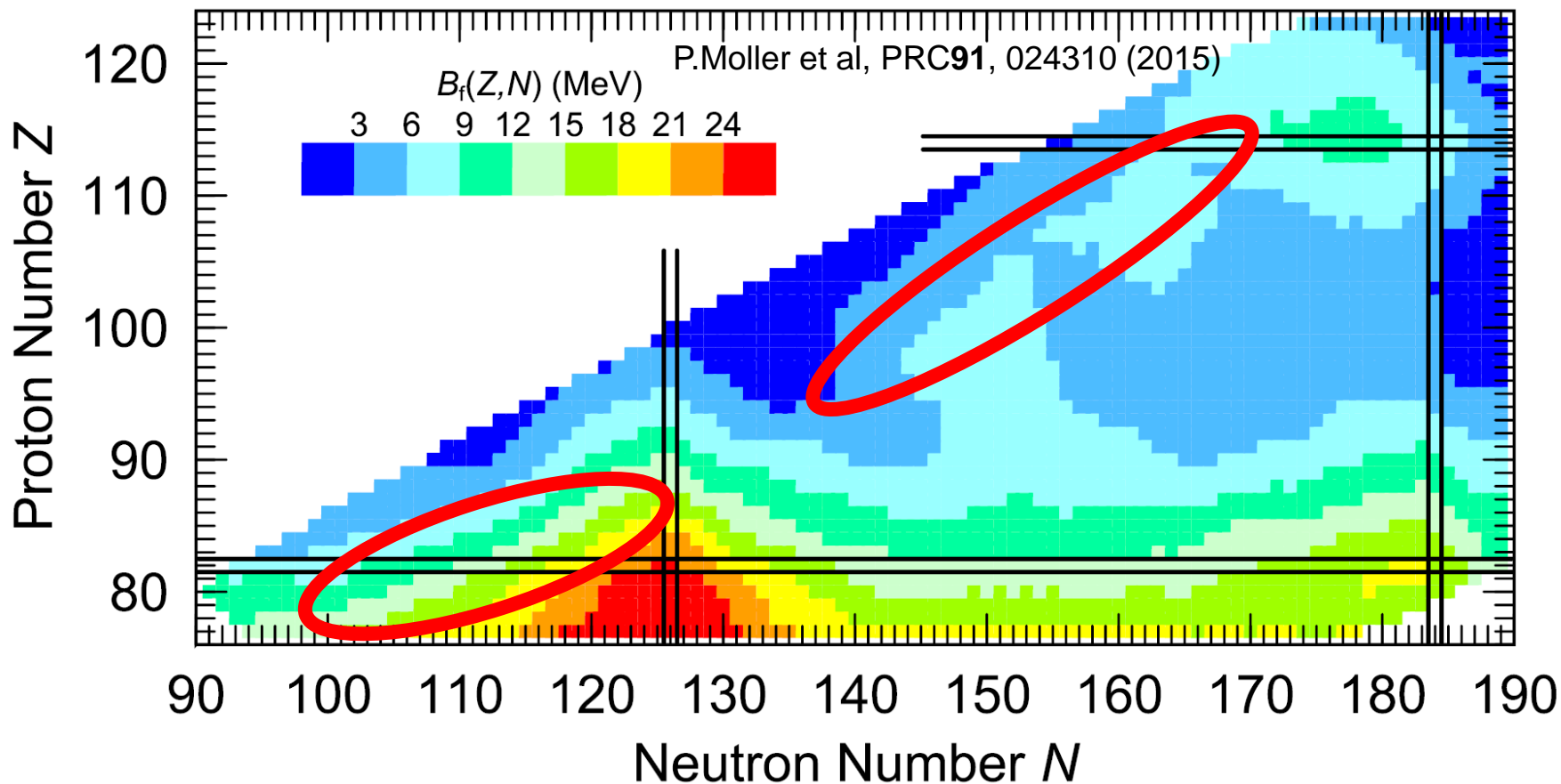
First observation of the competing fission modes in the sub-lead region

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Summary: Fission in the light lead region is different in many respects from the transactinides

Calculated Fission-Barrier Height



- **Very different fission barriers heights**, >8 MeV for lead region, a few MeV for actinides
- **Shell effects and PES are very different** (quite flat and structure-less in the leads)
- **Different excitation energy dependence of shell effects/barriers!**

Thank You for your attention!

