



Testing CVC and CKM unitarity via superallowed nuclear β decay

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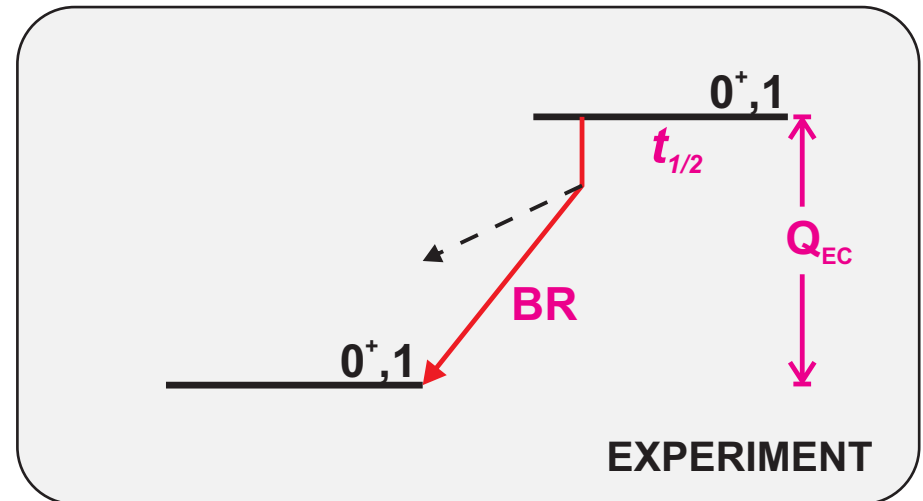
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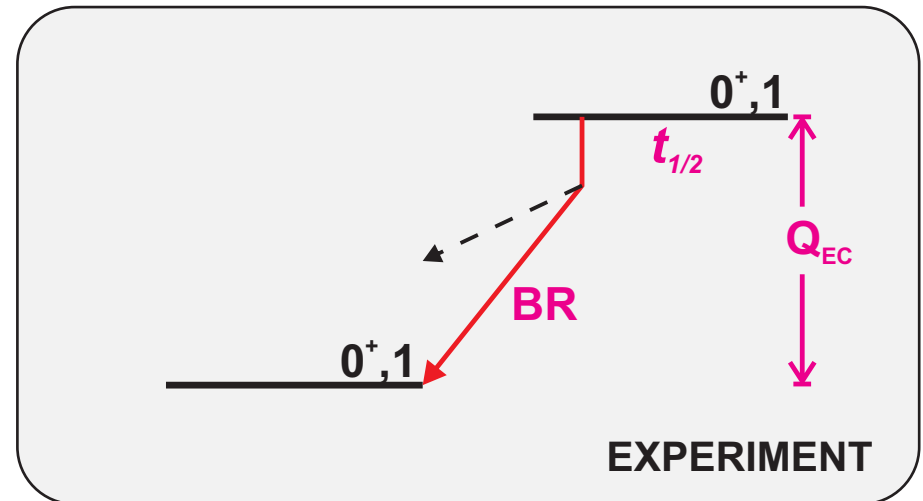
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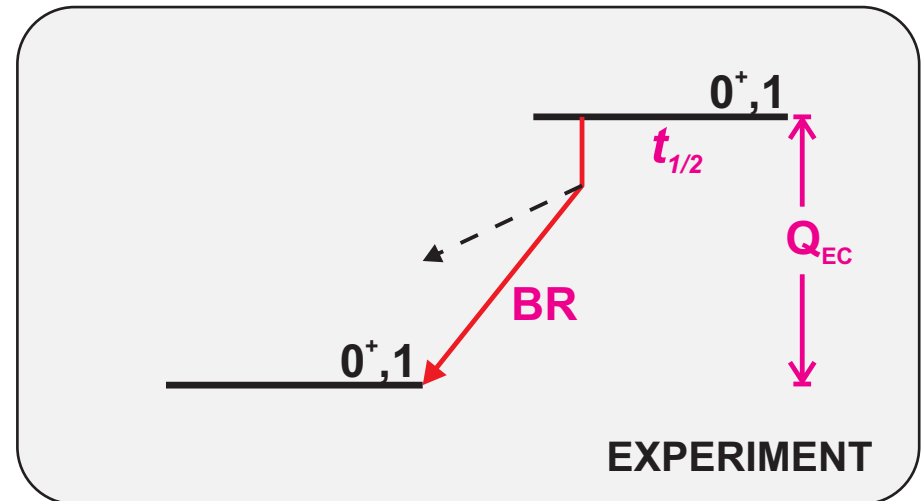
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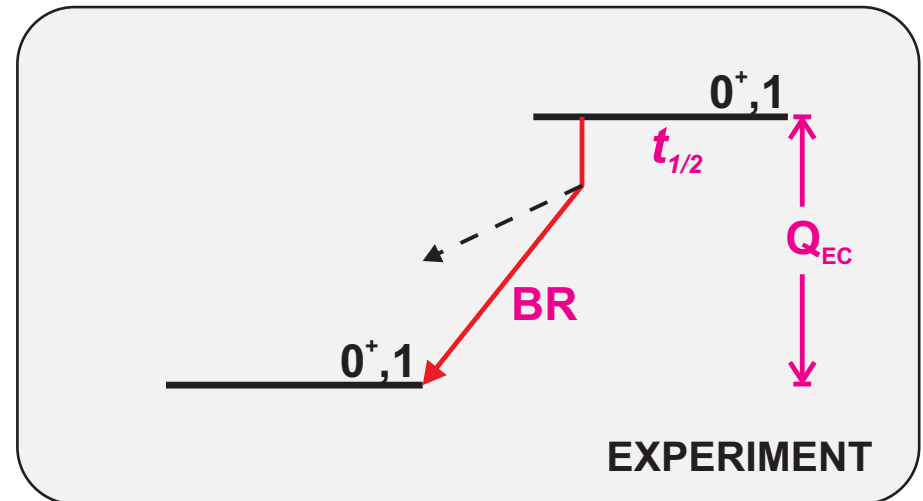
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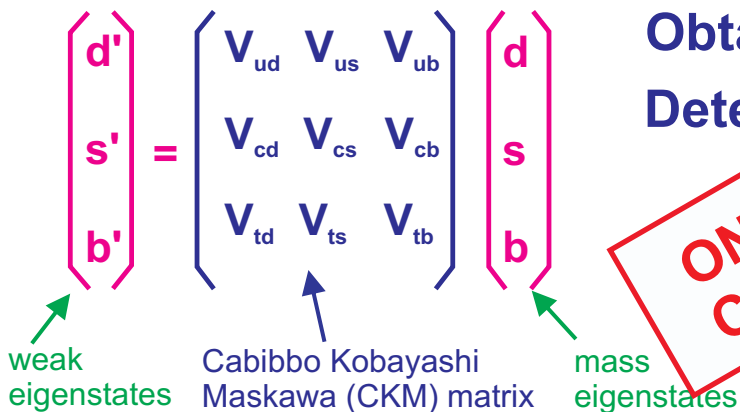
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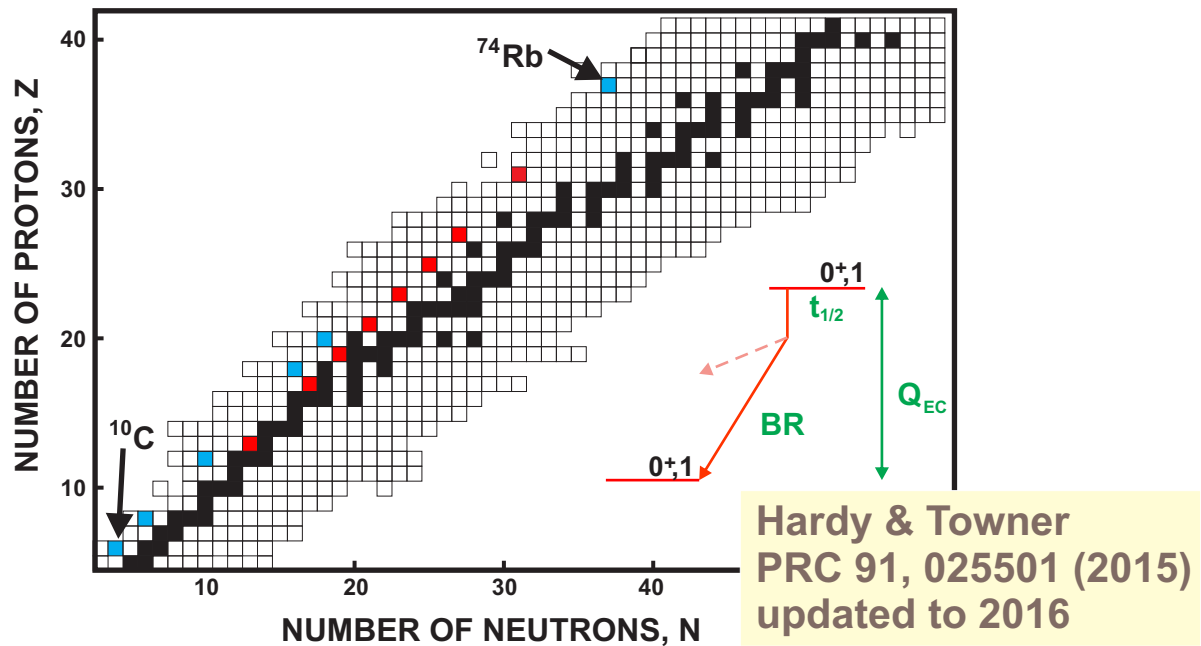
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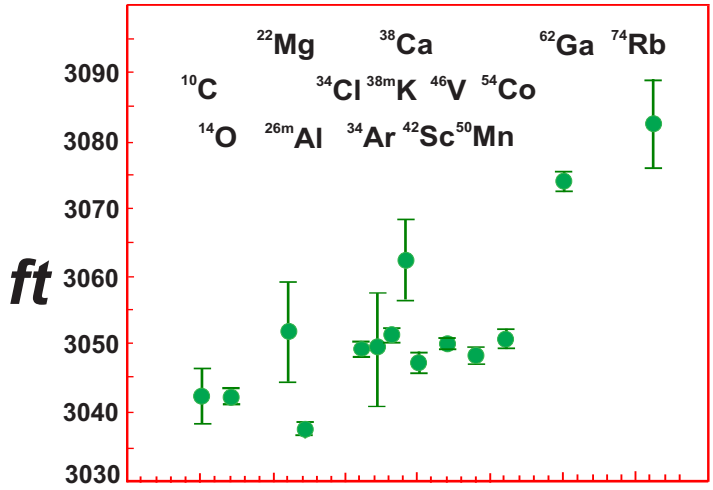
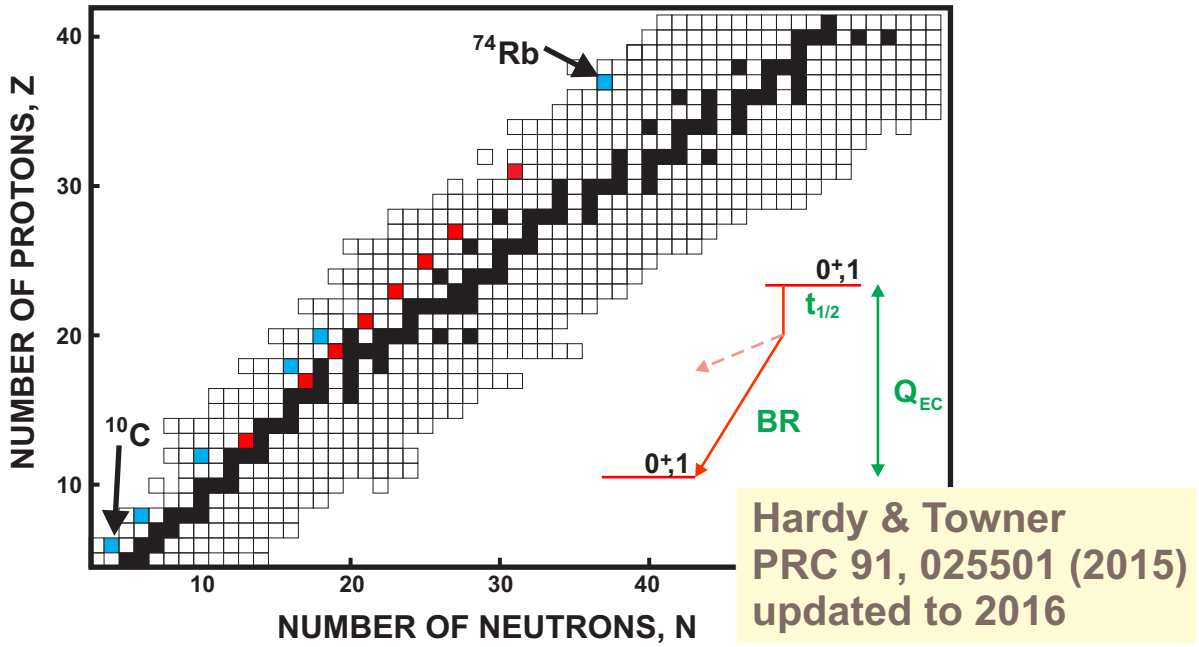
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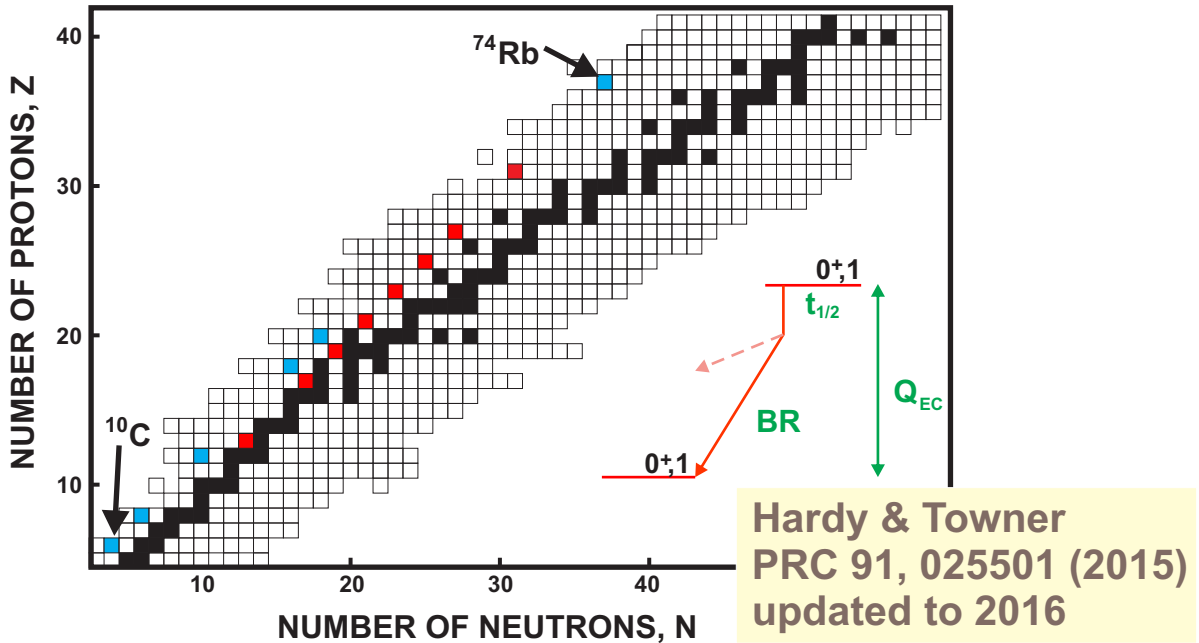
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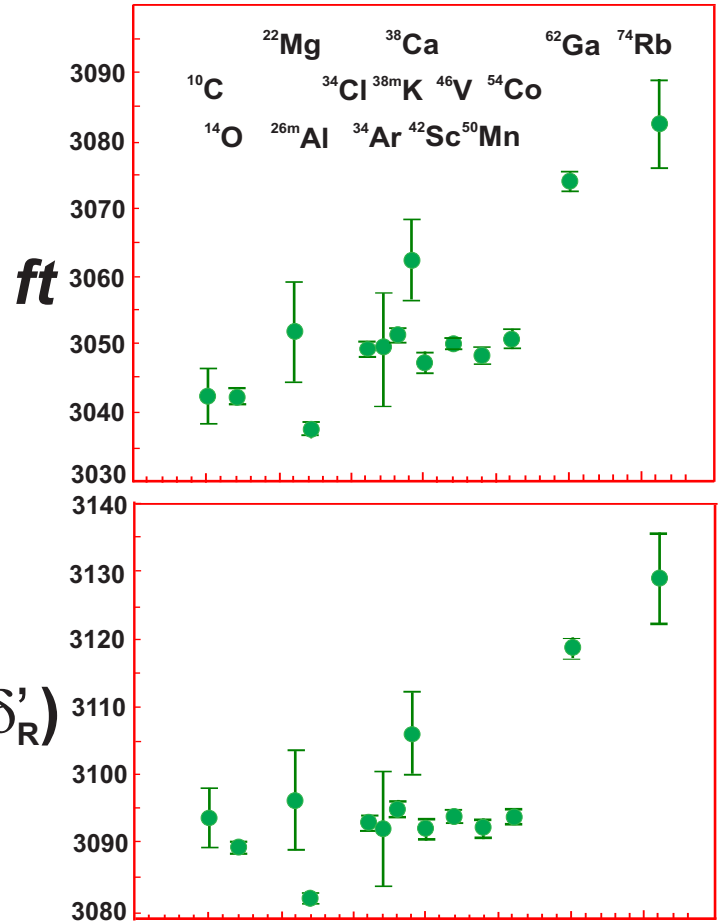
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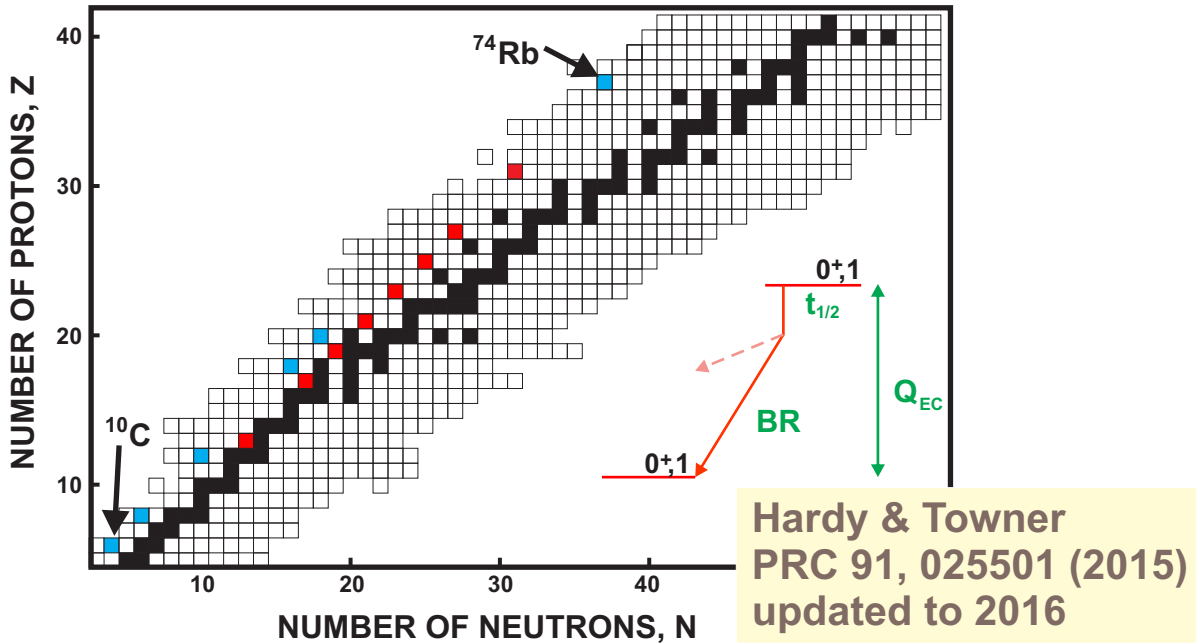
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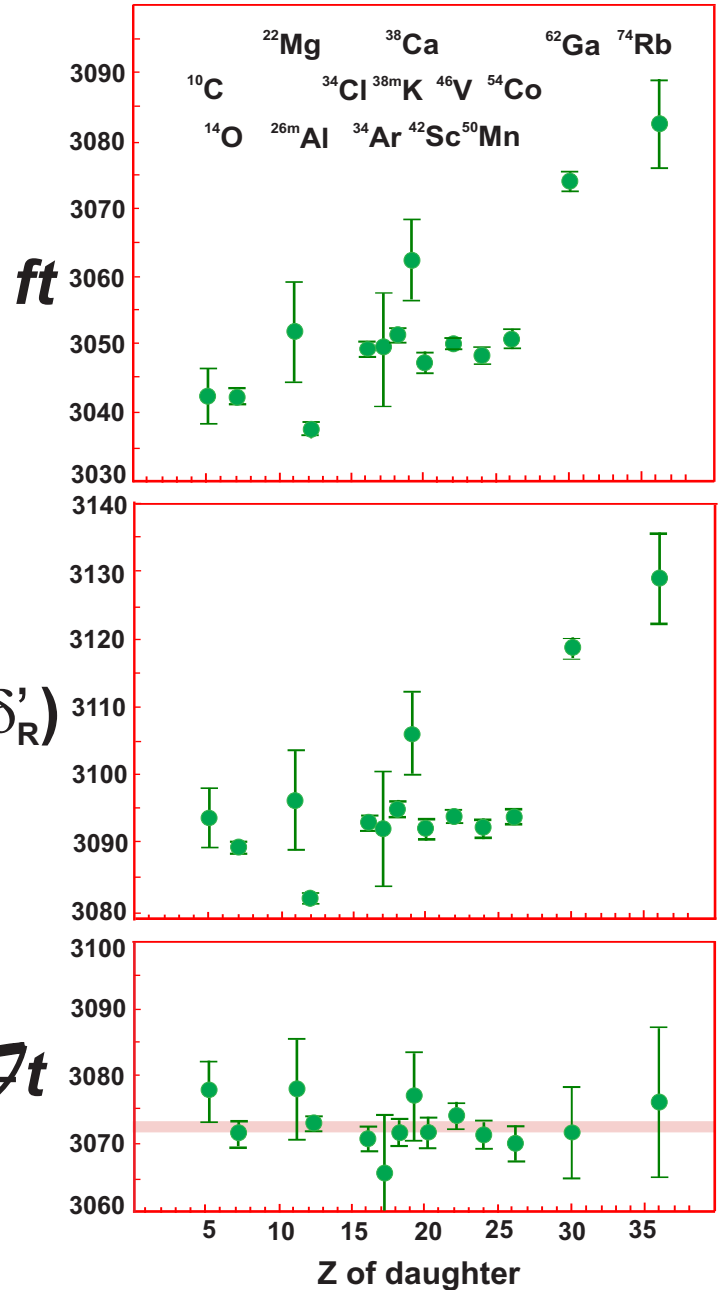
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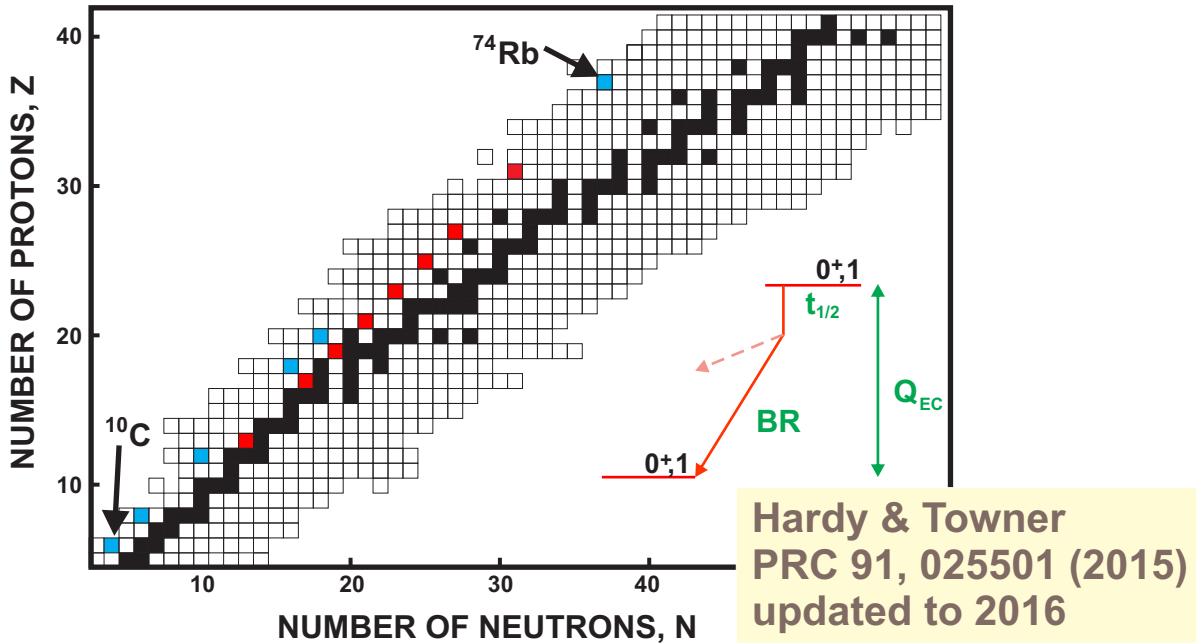
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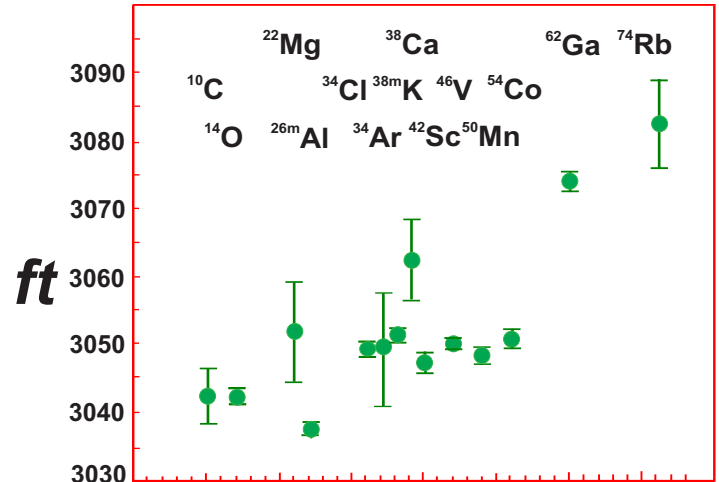
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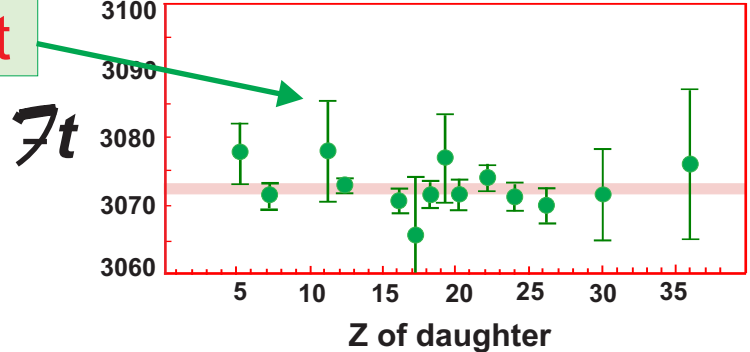
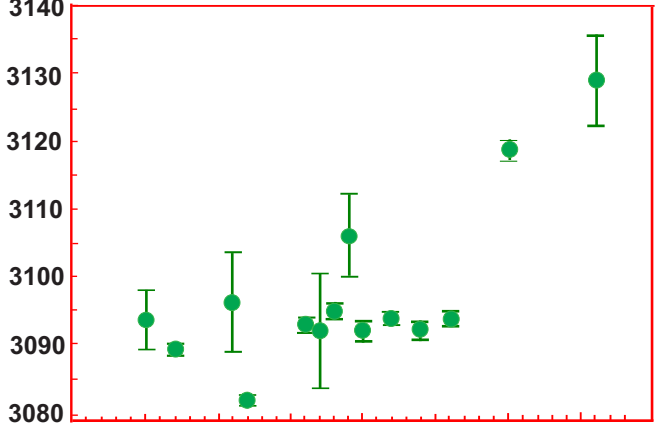
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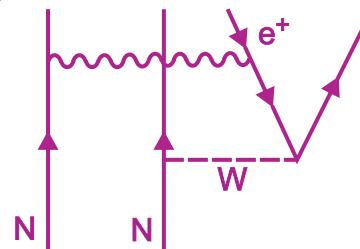
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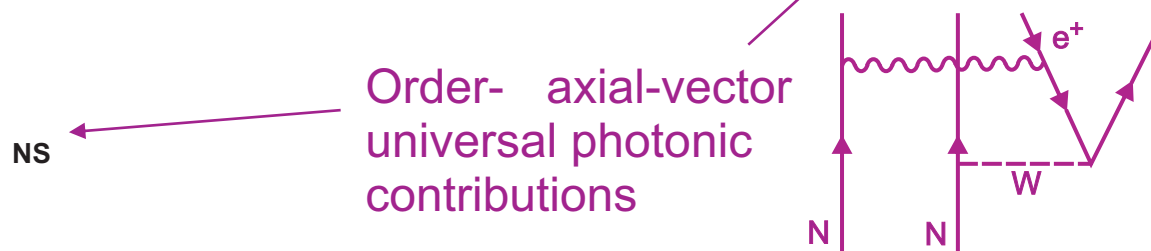
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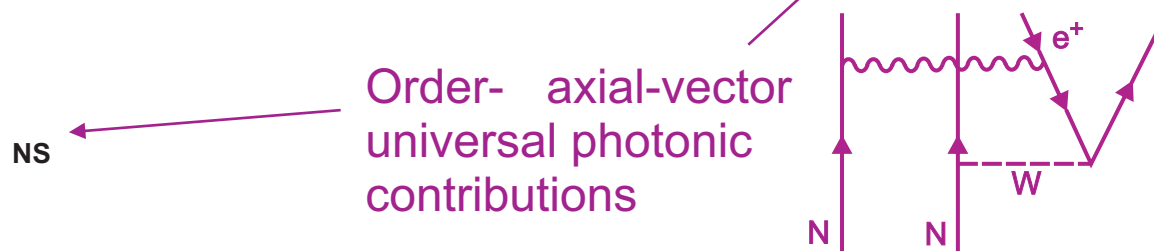
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Dependent on nuclear structure

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$$\delta_c = \delta_{CM} + \delta_{RO}$$

Difference in configuration mixing
between parent and daughter.

- Shell-model calculation with well-established two-body matrix elements.
- Charge dependence tuned to known single-particle energies and to measured IMME coefficients.
- Results also adjusted to measured 0^+ state energies.

0.01 – 0.3 %

Mismatch in radial wave function
between parent and daughter.

- Full-parentage Saxon-Woods wave function matched to known binding energy and charge radius from electron scattering.
- Core states included based on measured spectroscopic factors.

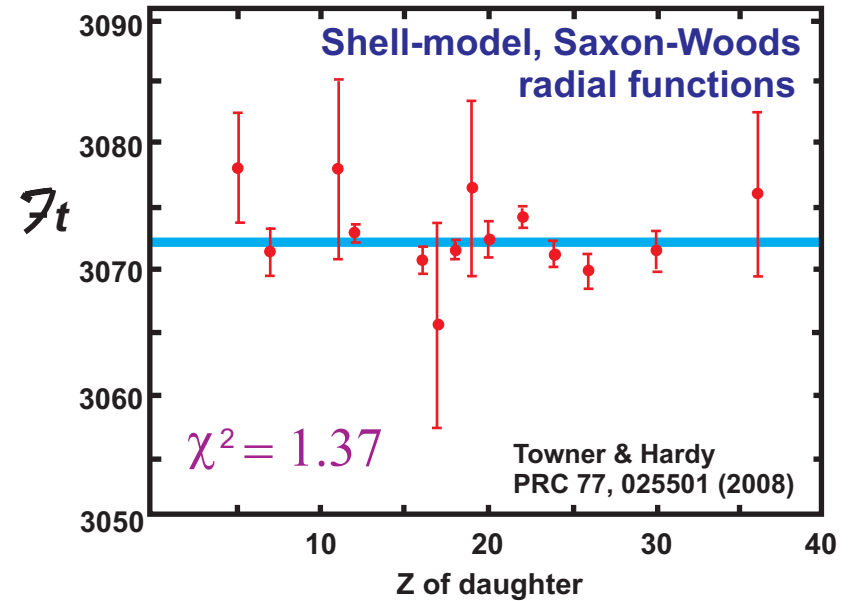
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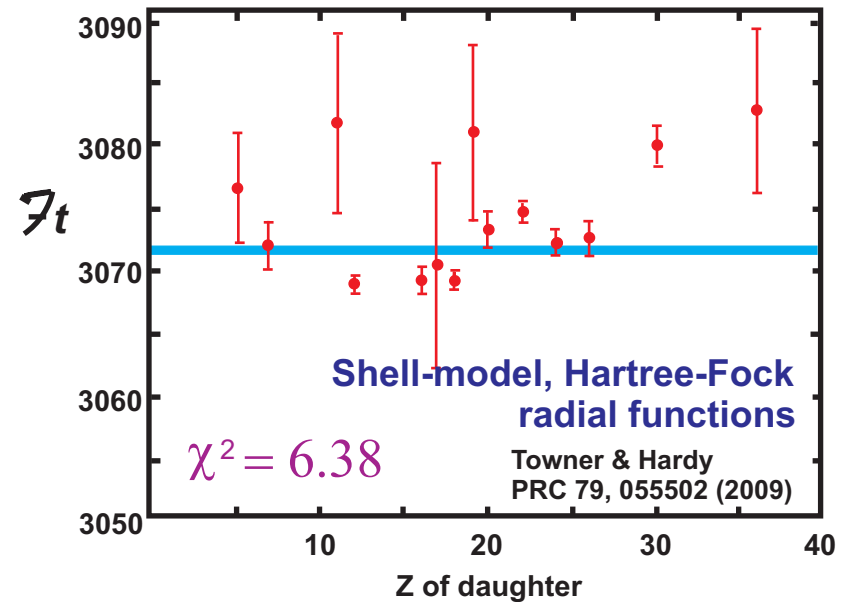
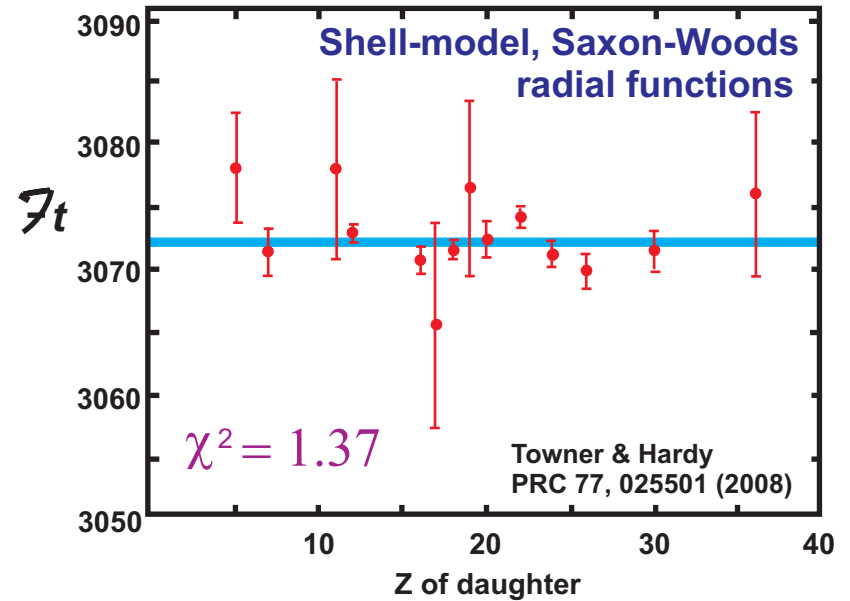


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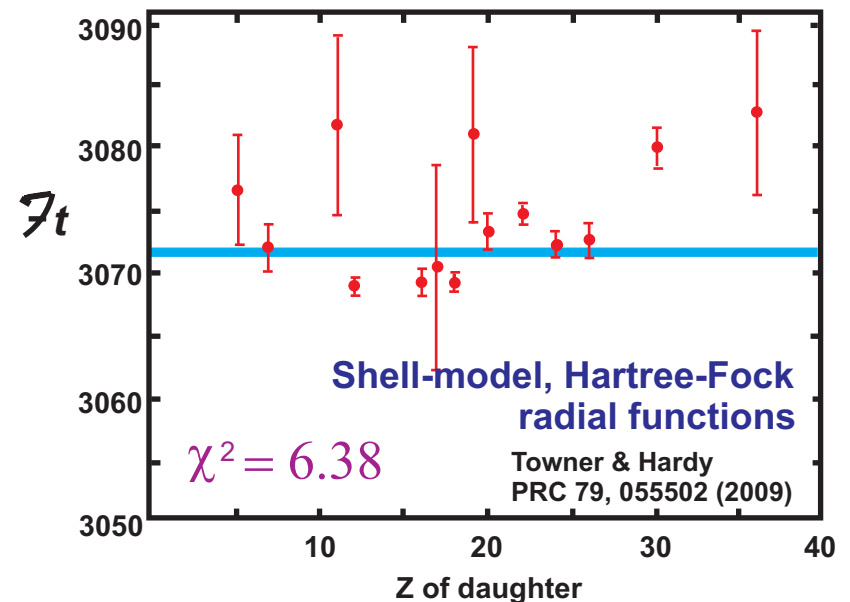
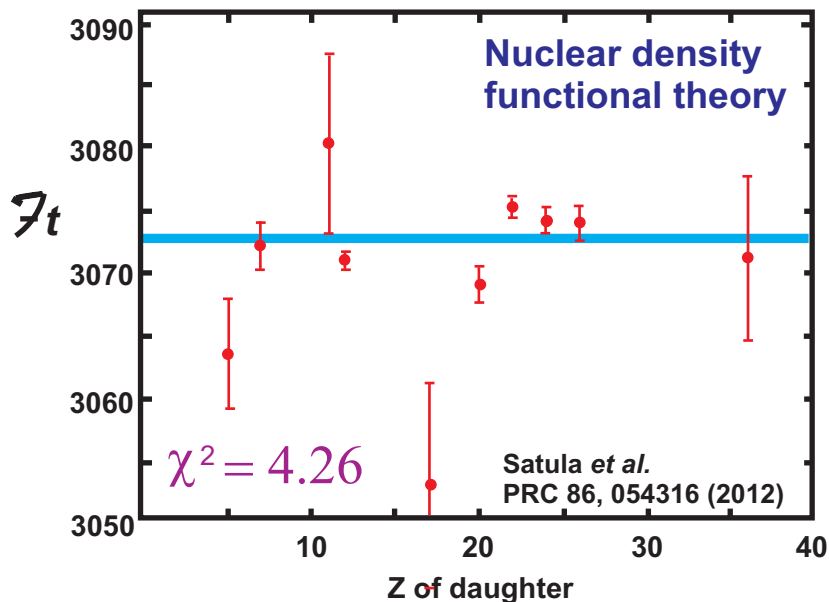
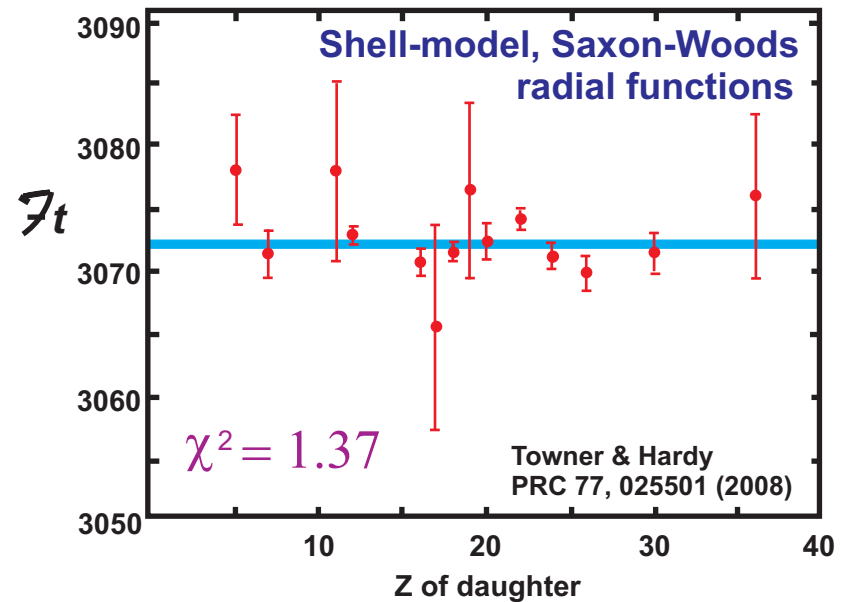


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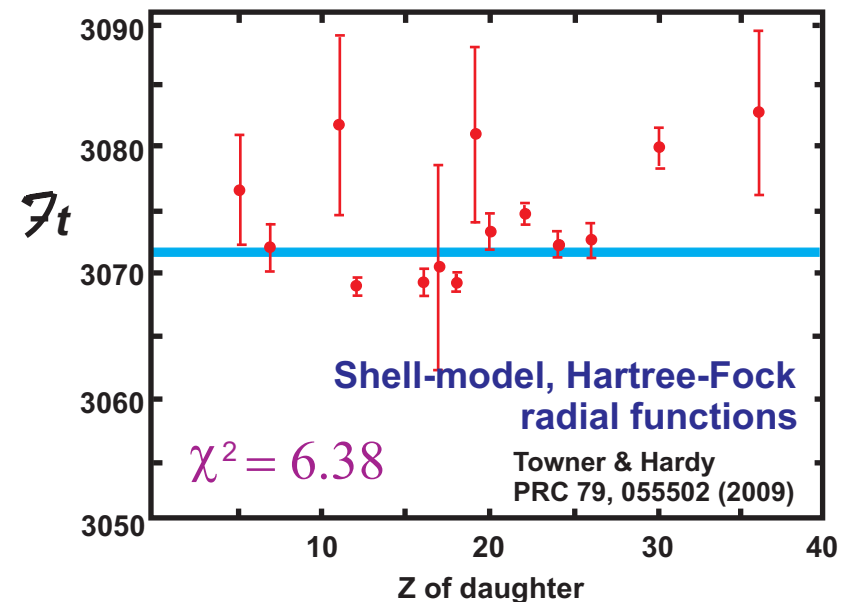
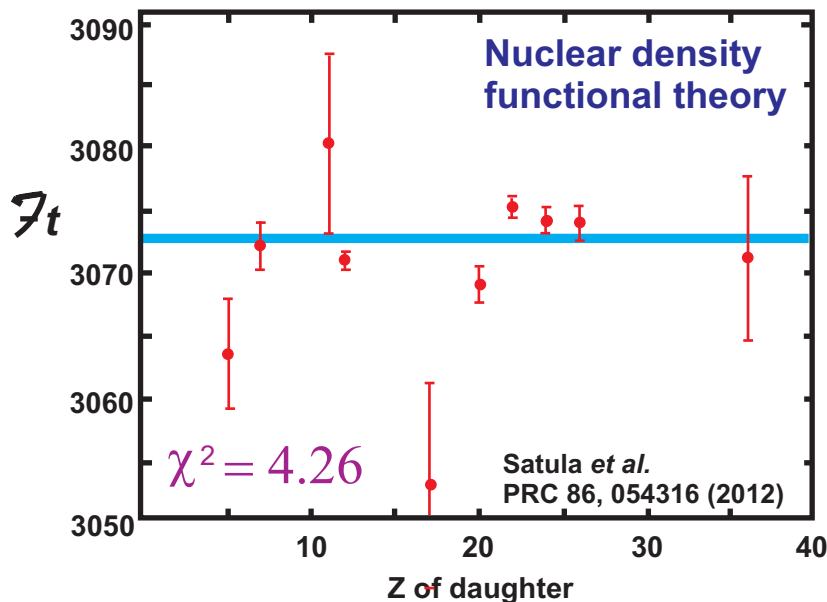
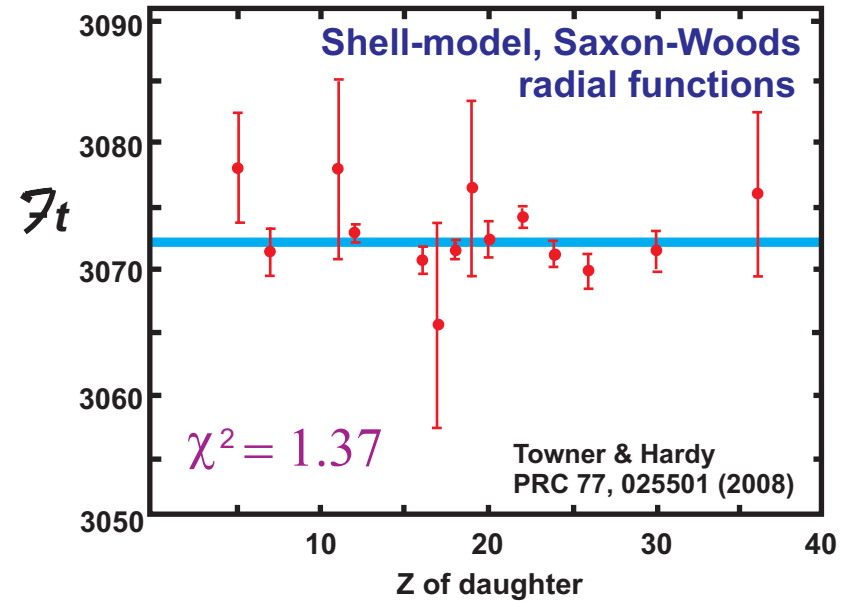


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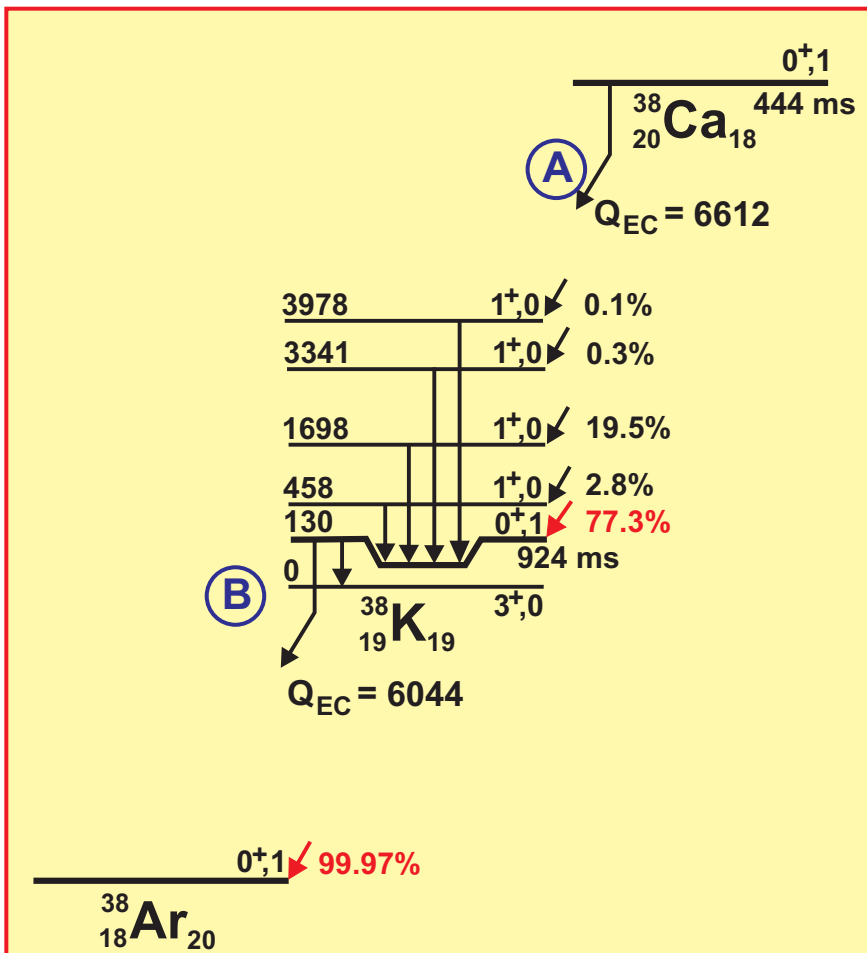
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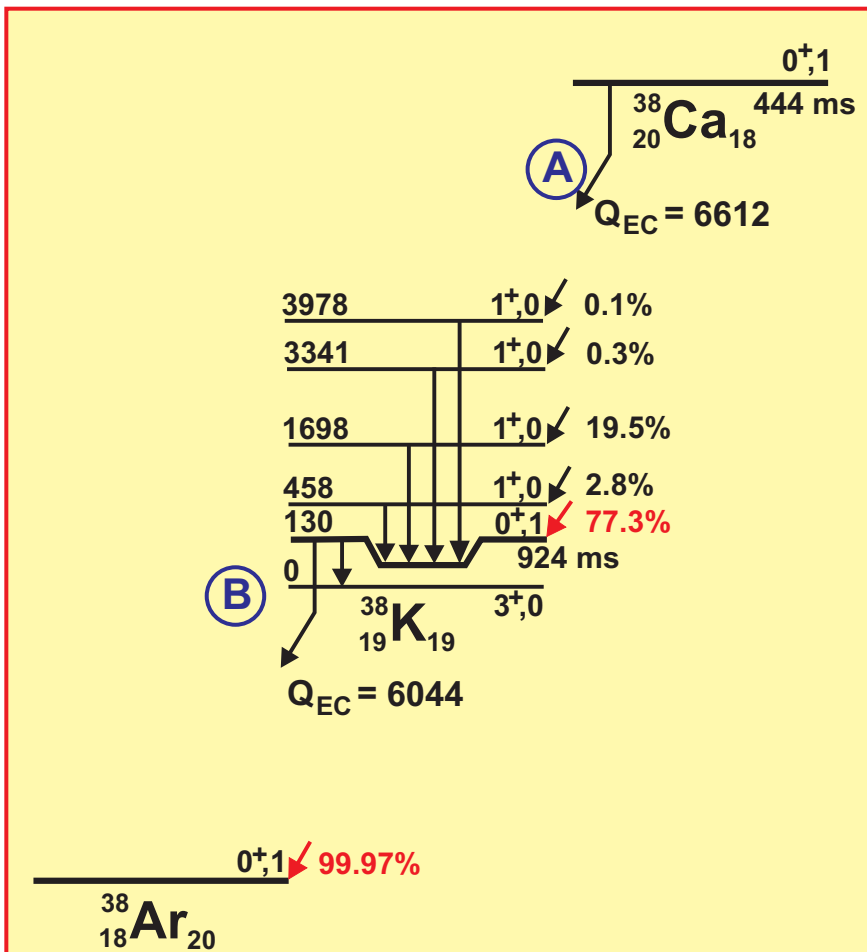
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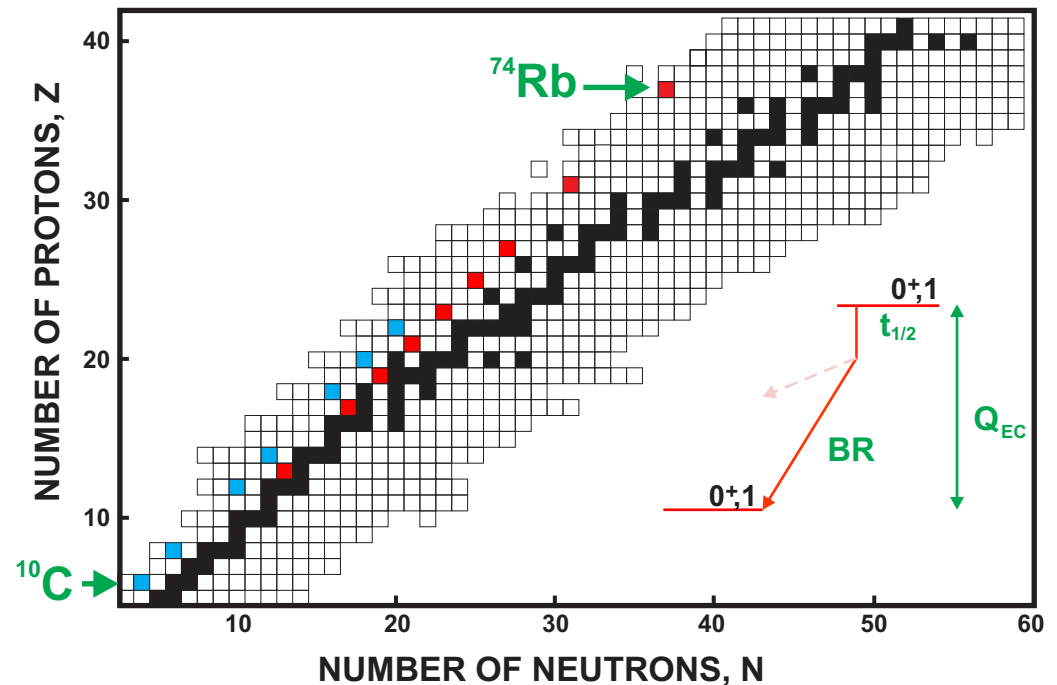
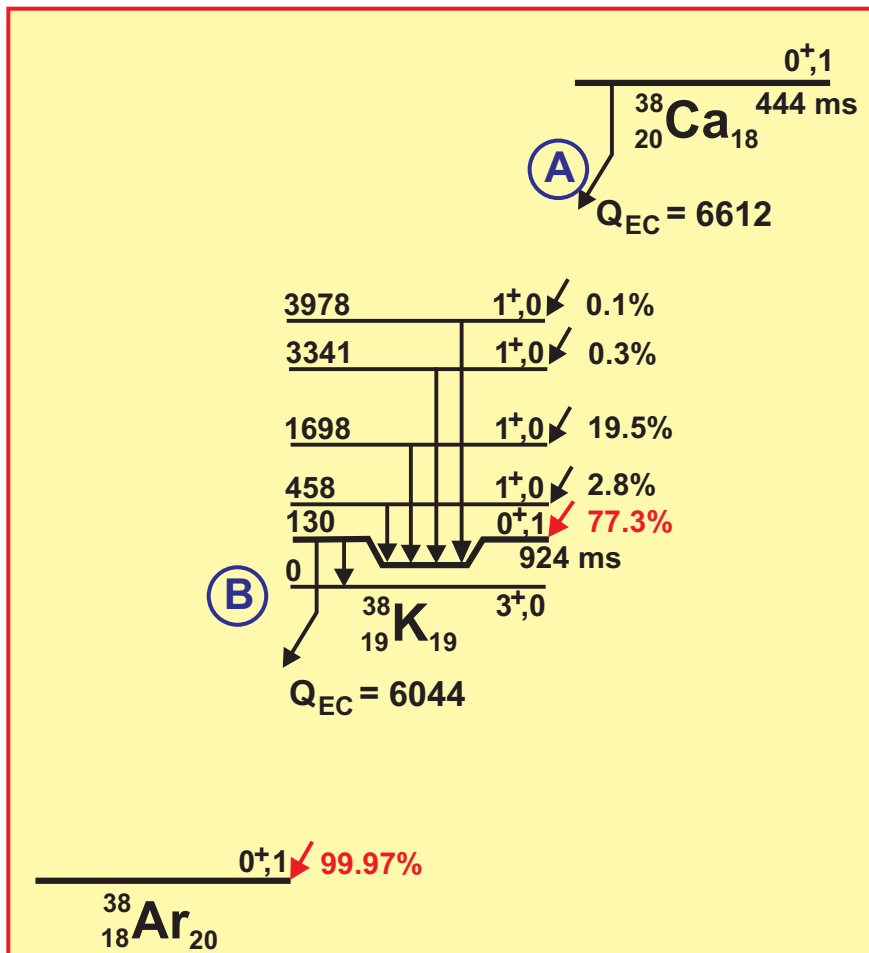
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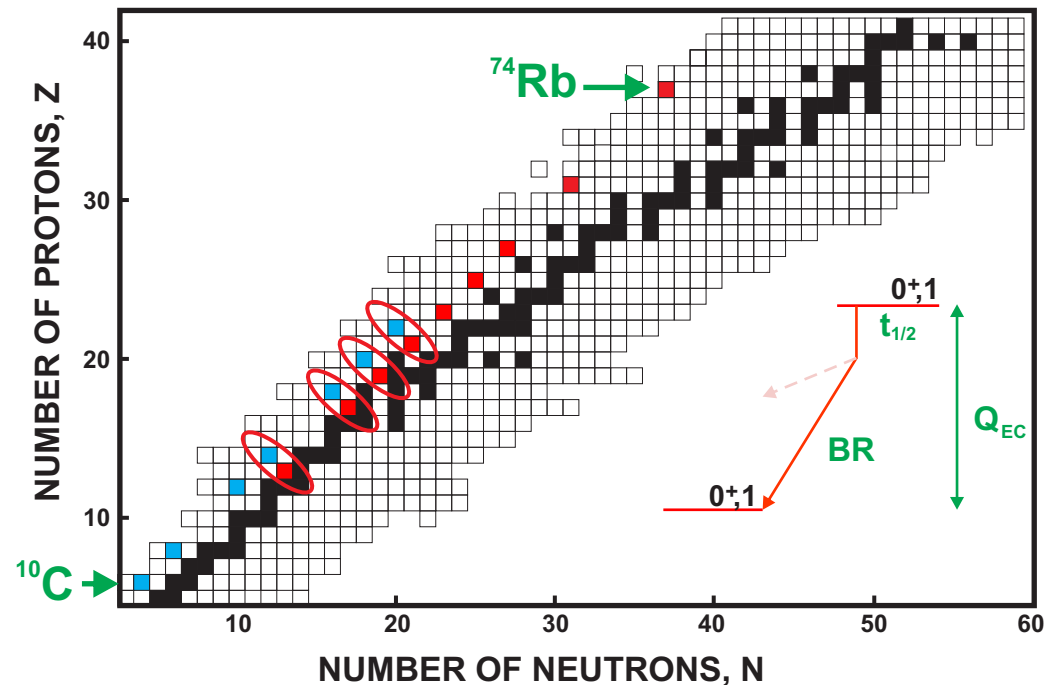
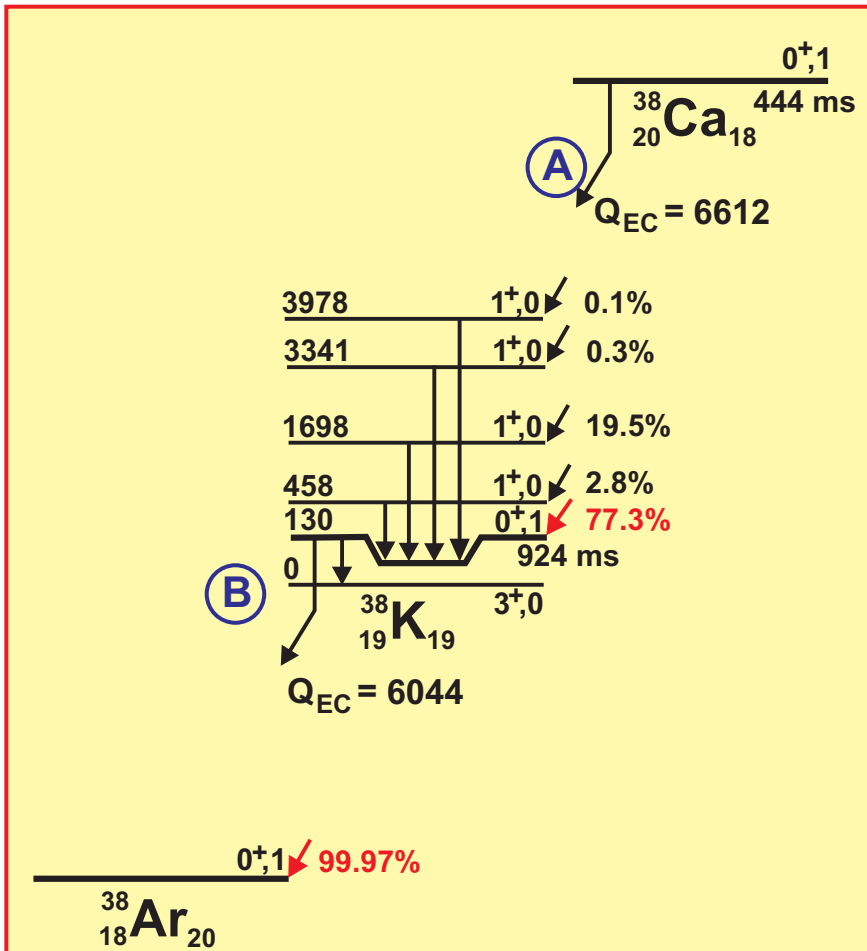
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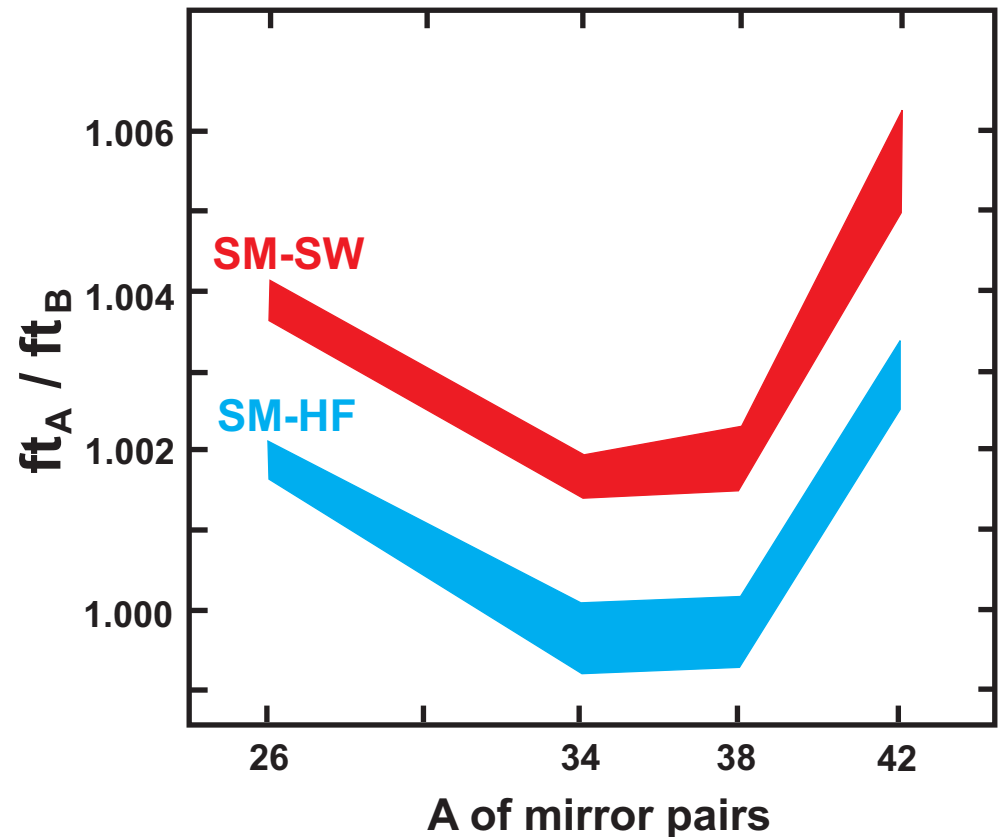
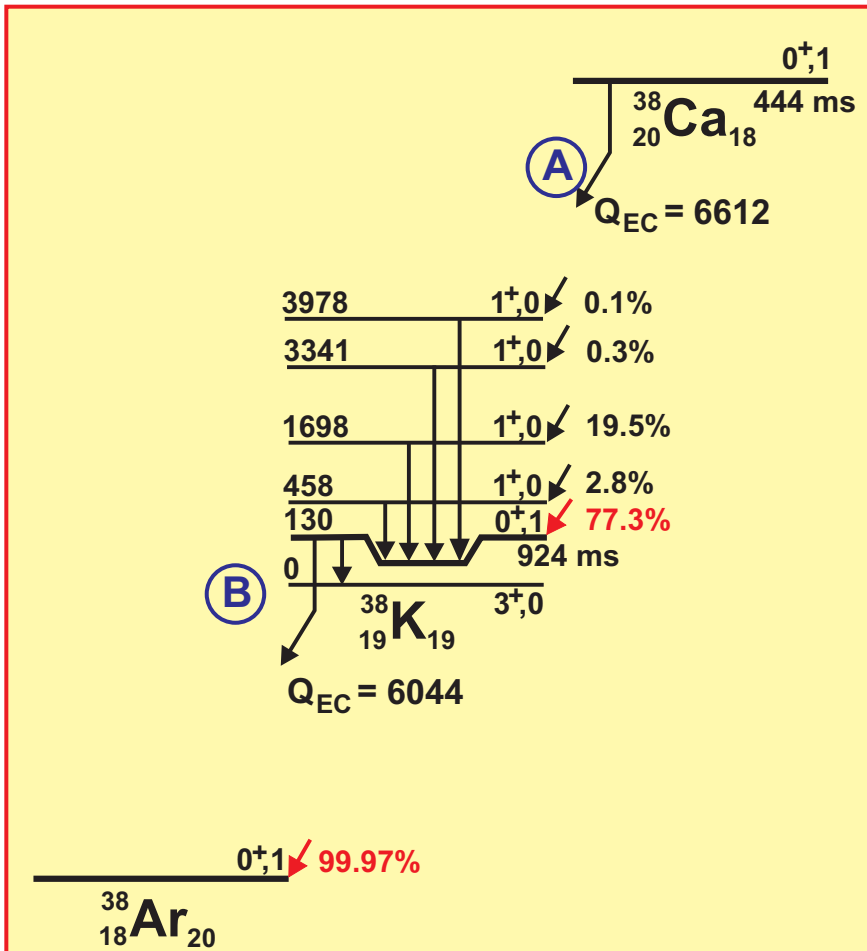
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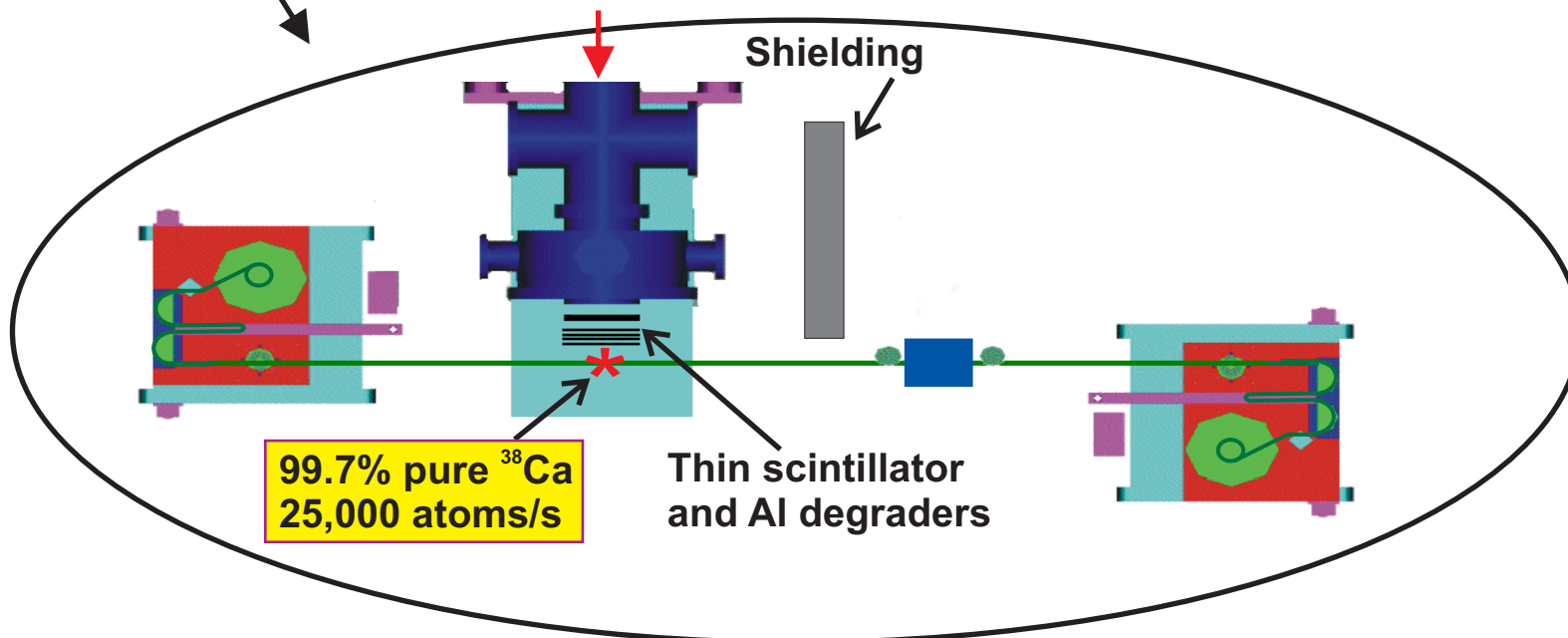
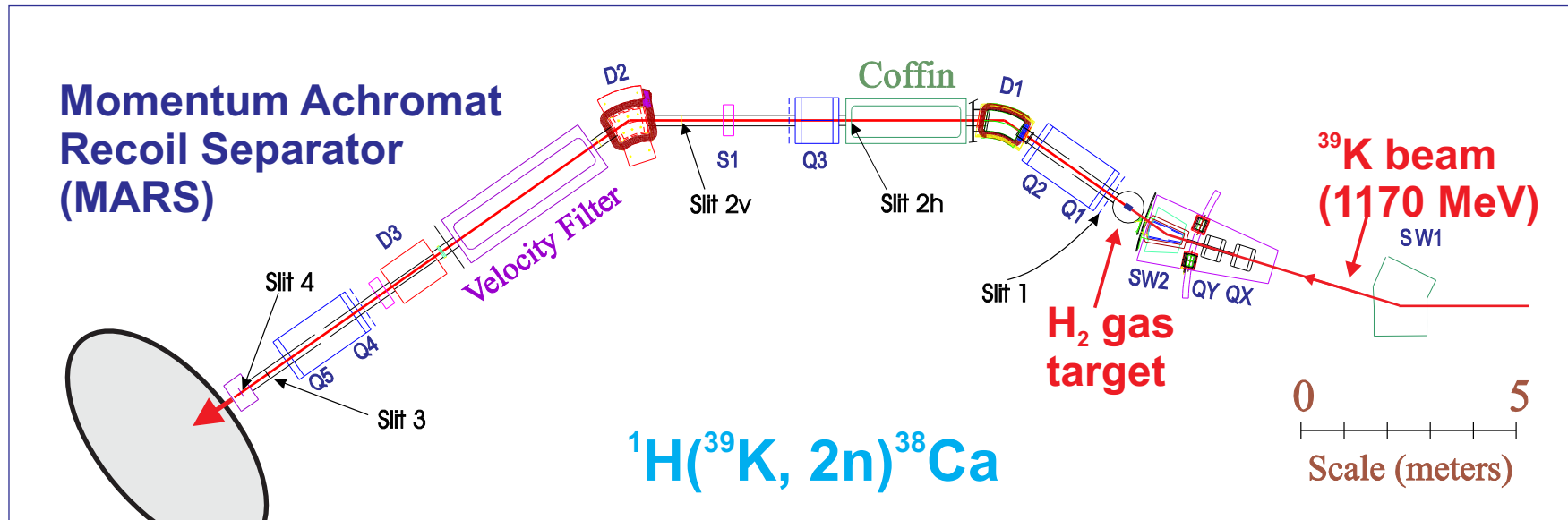
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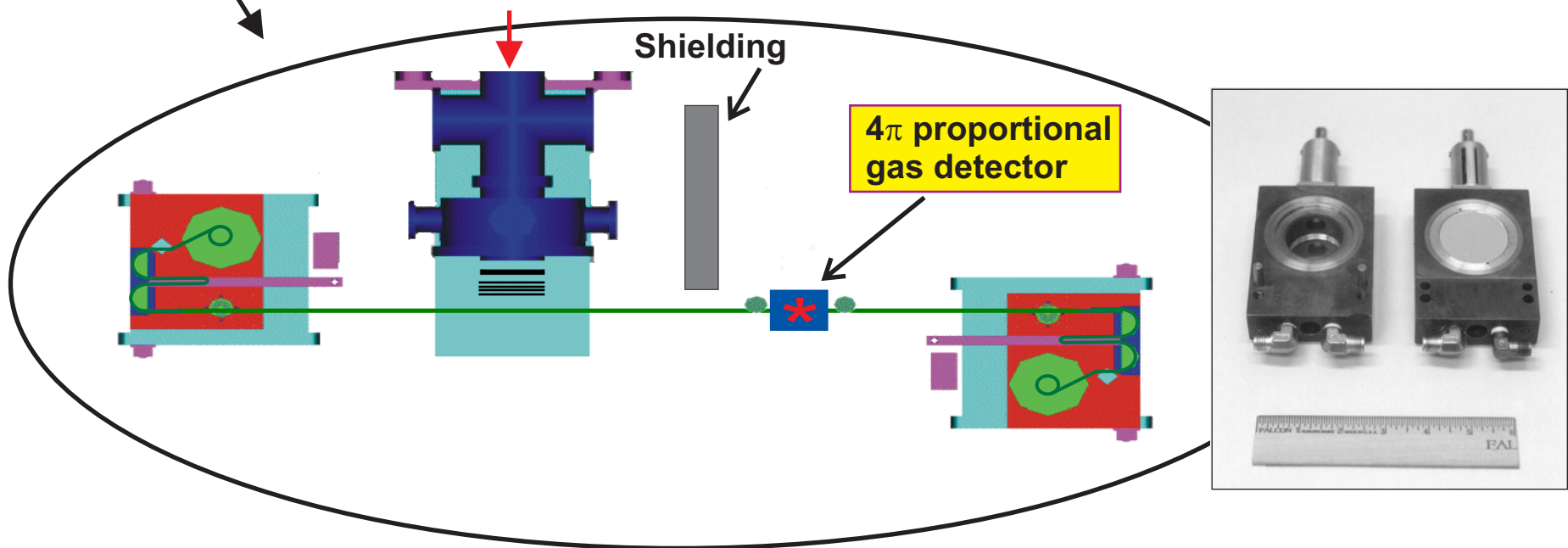
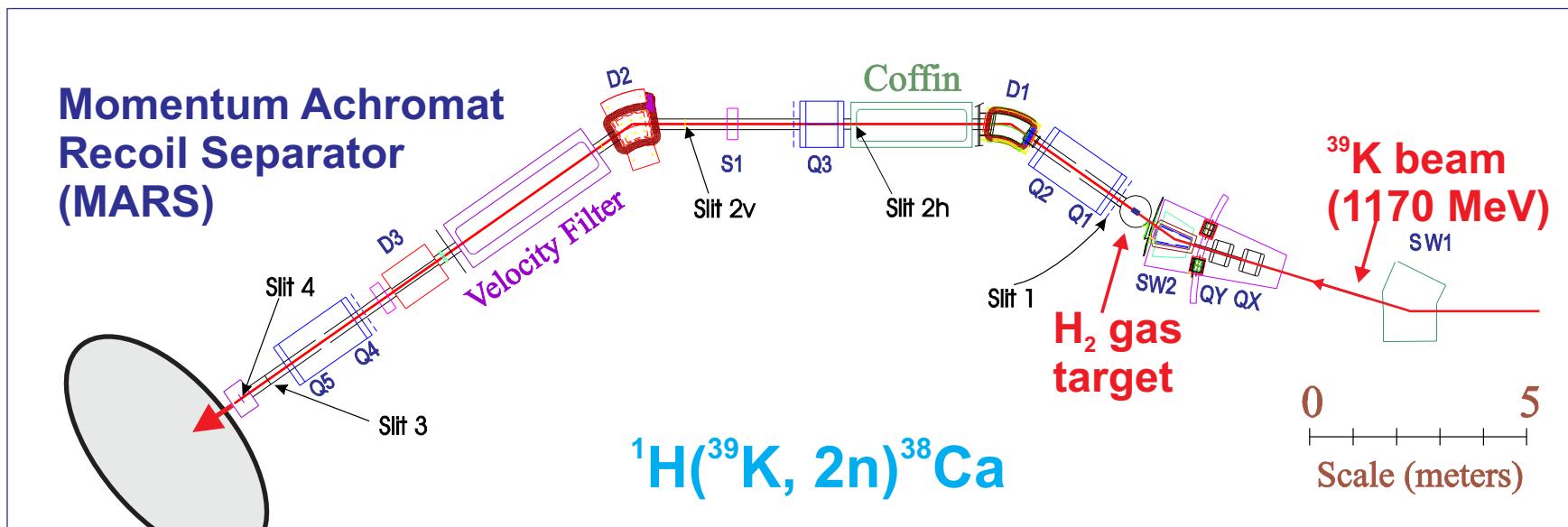
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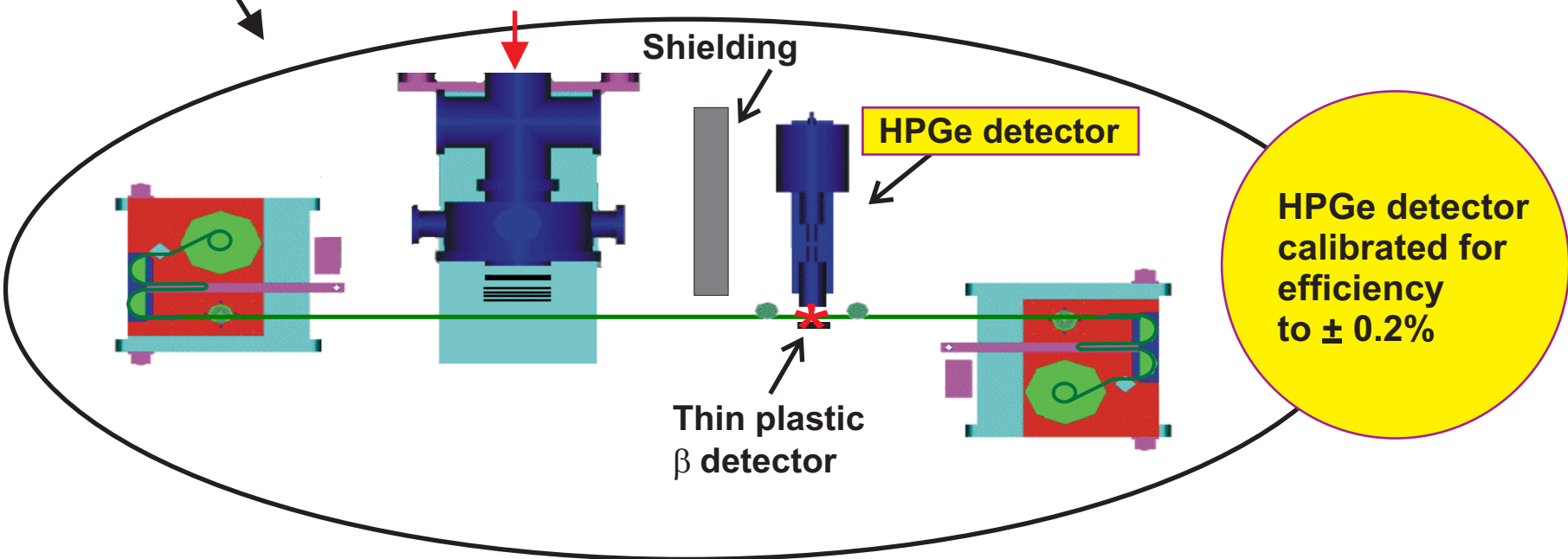
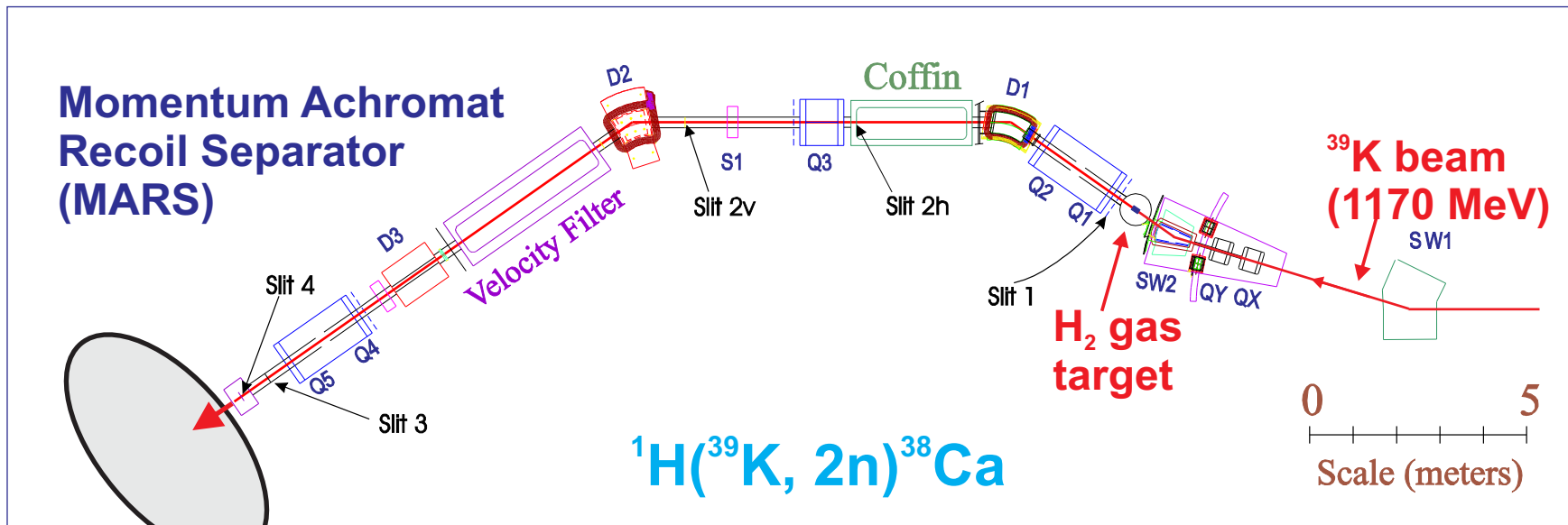
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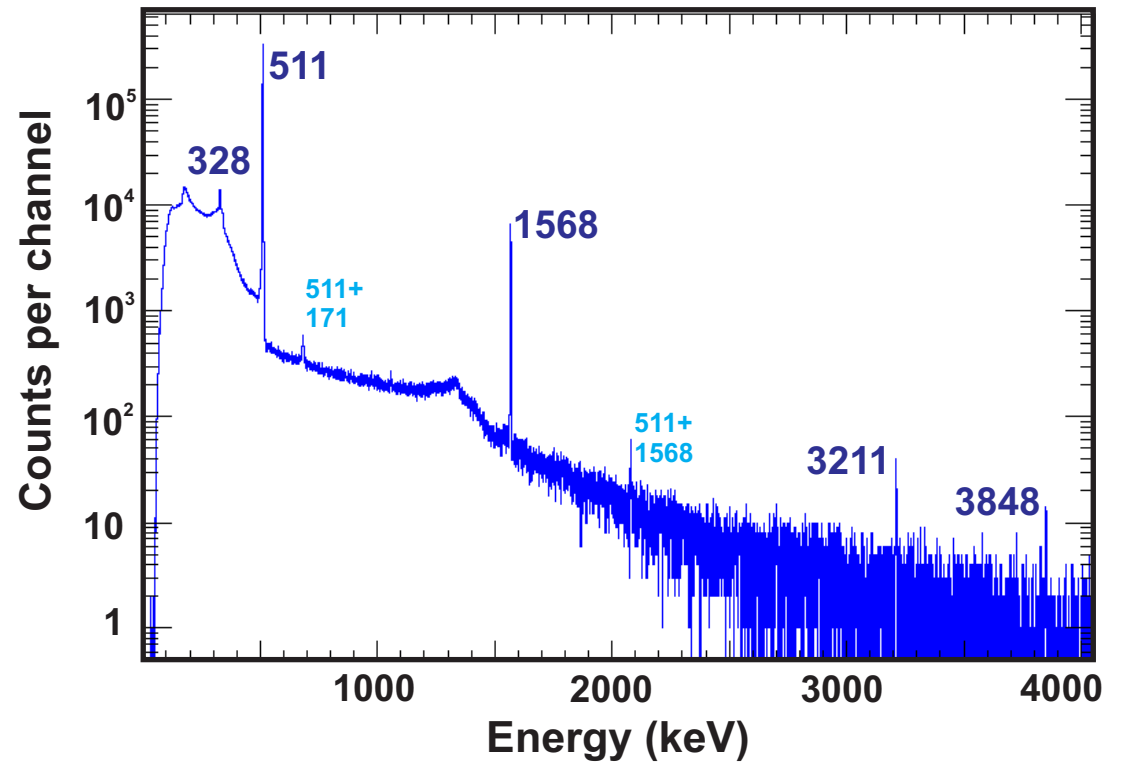
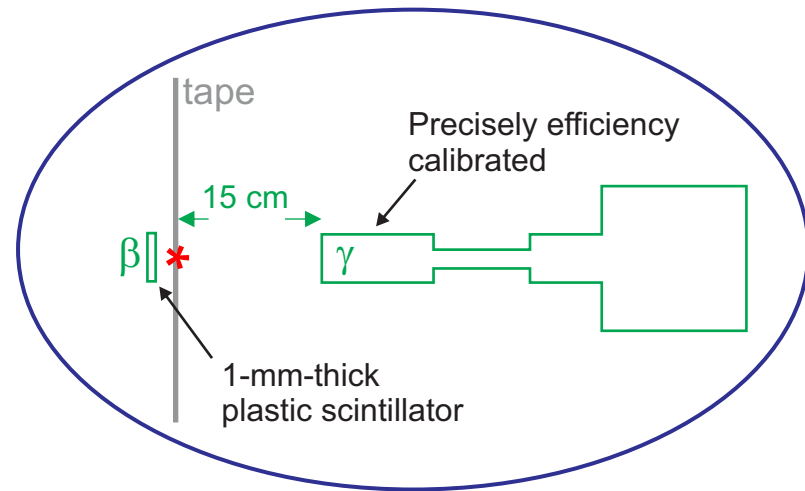
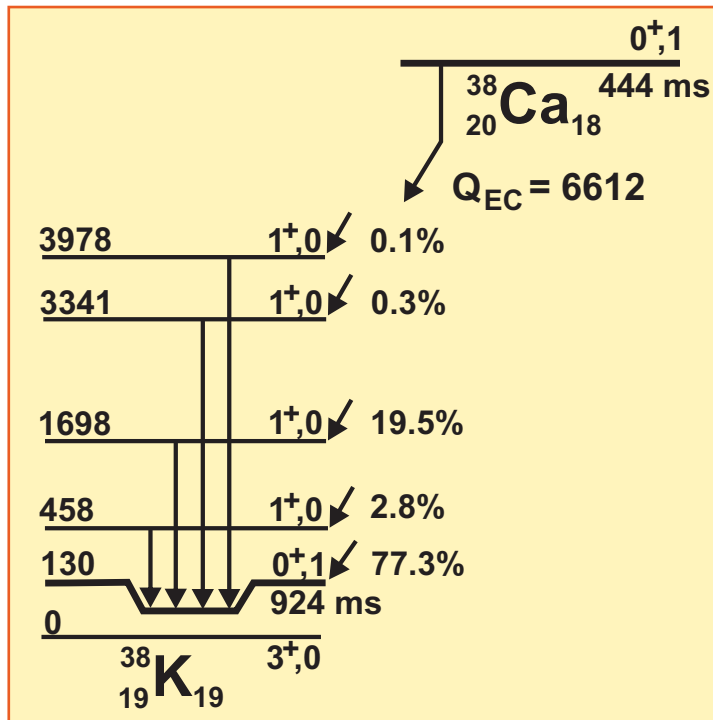
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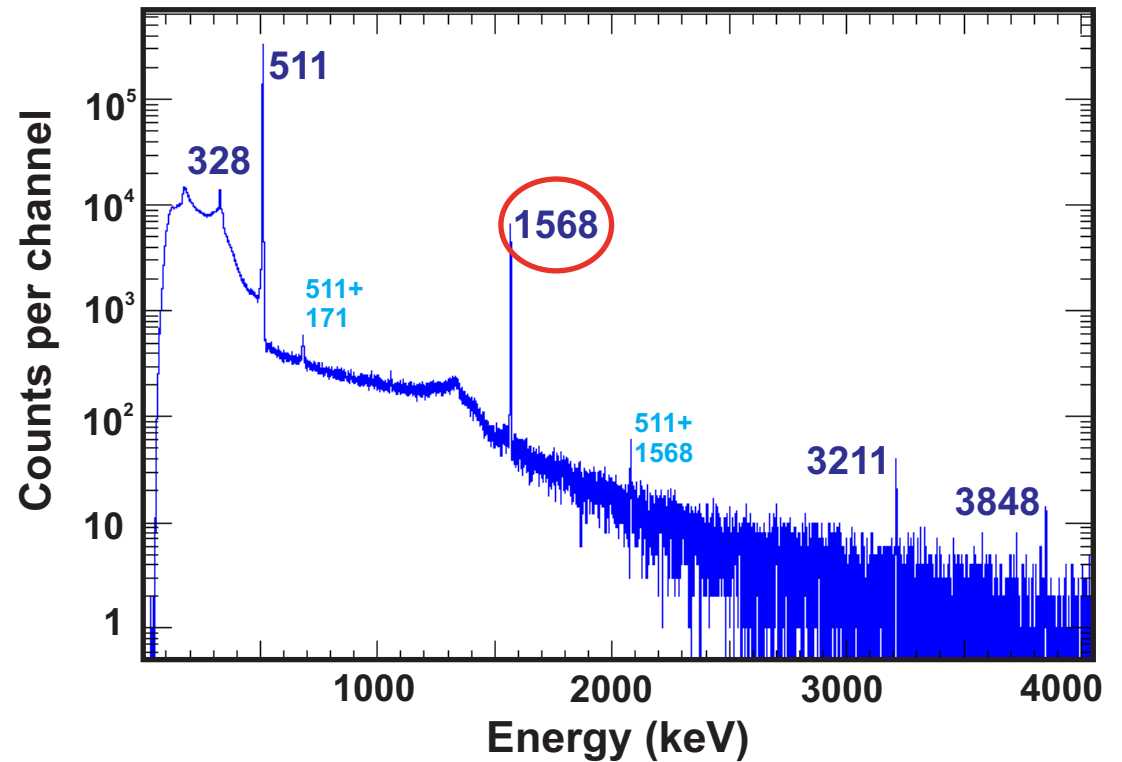
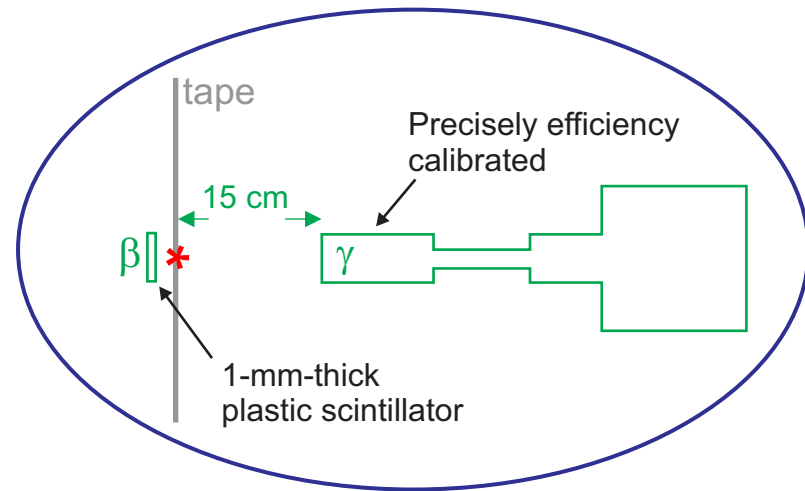
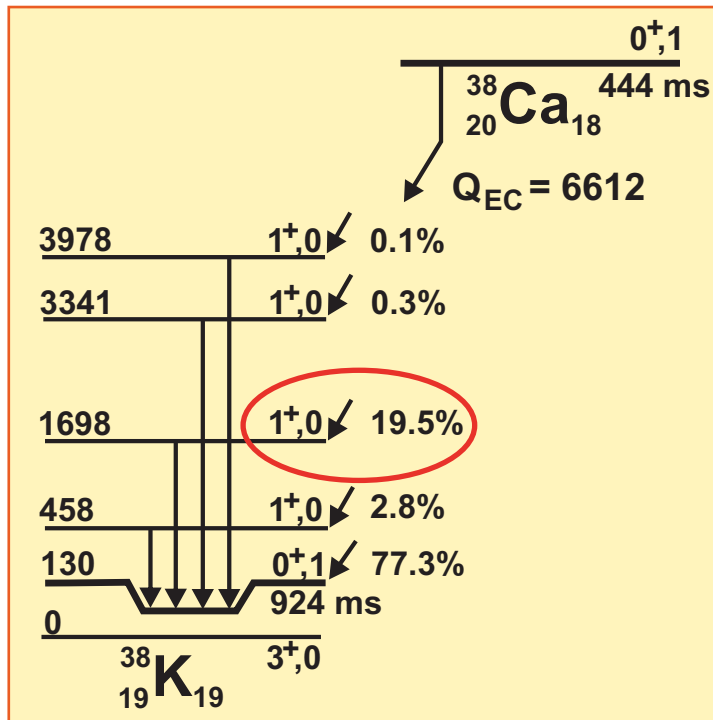
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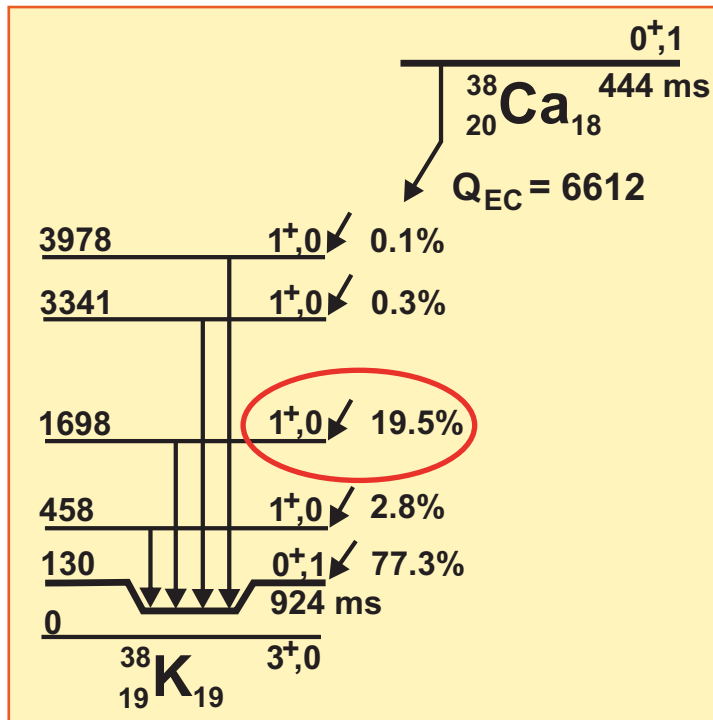
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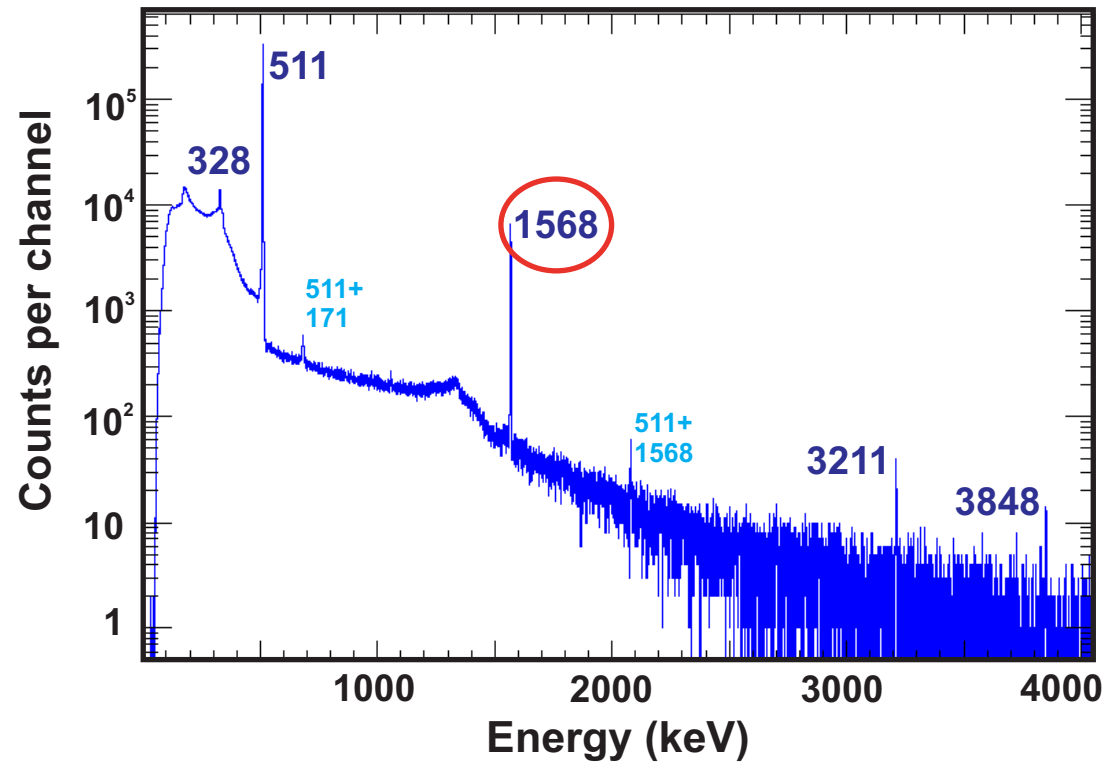
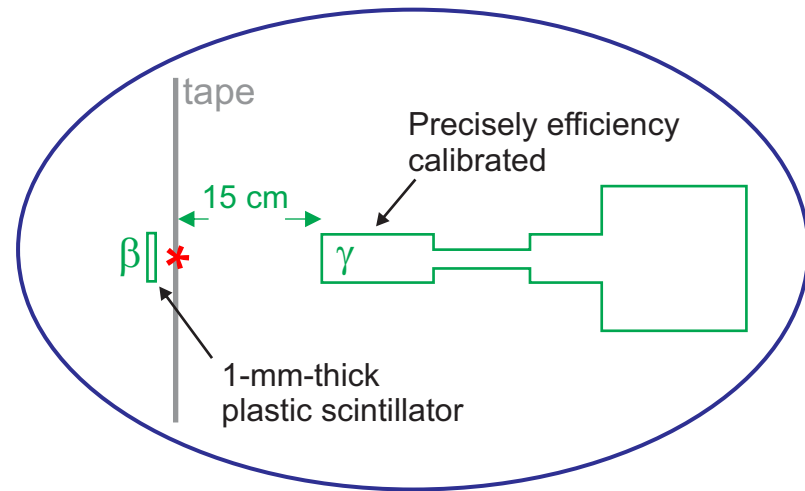
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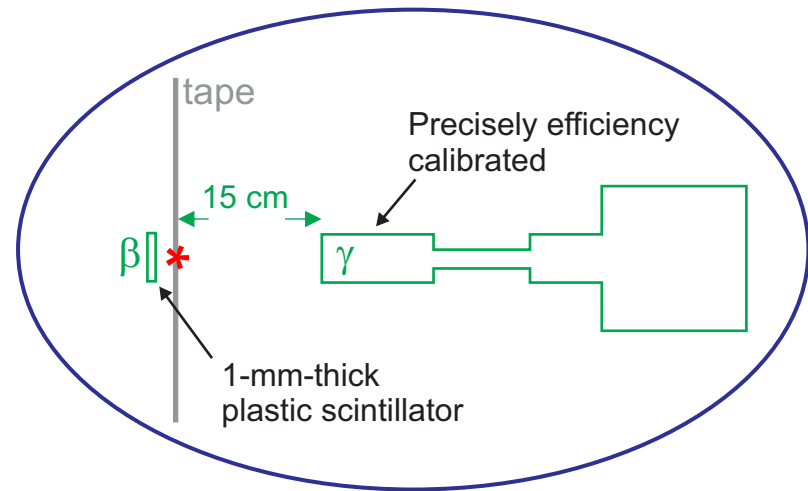
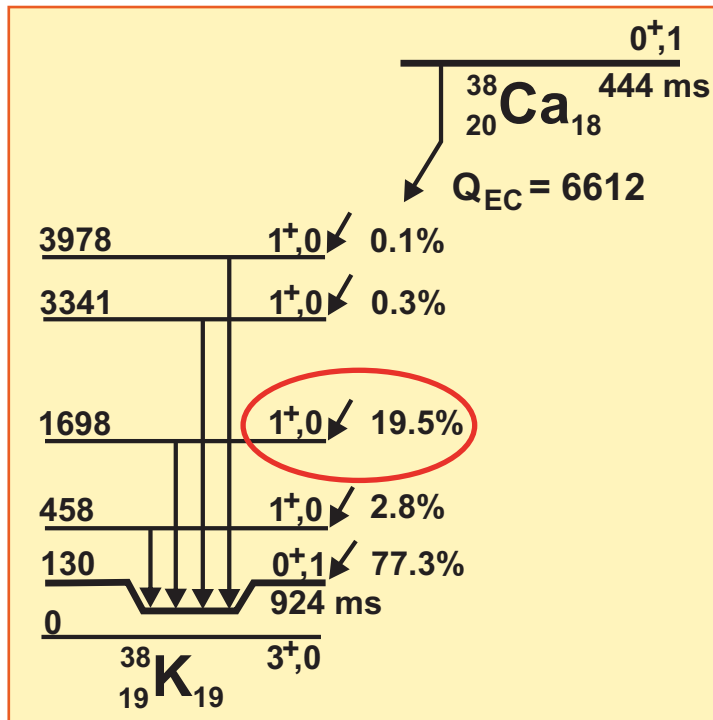
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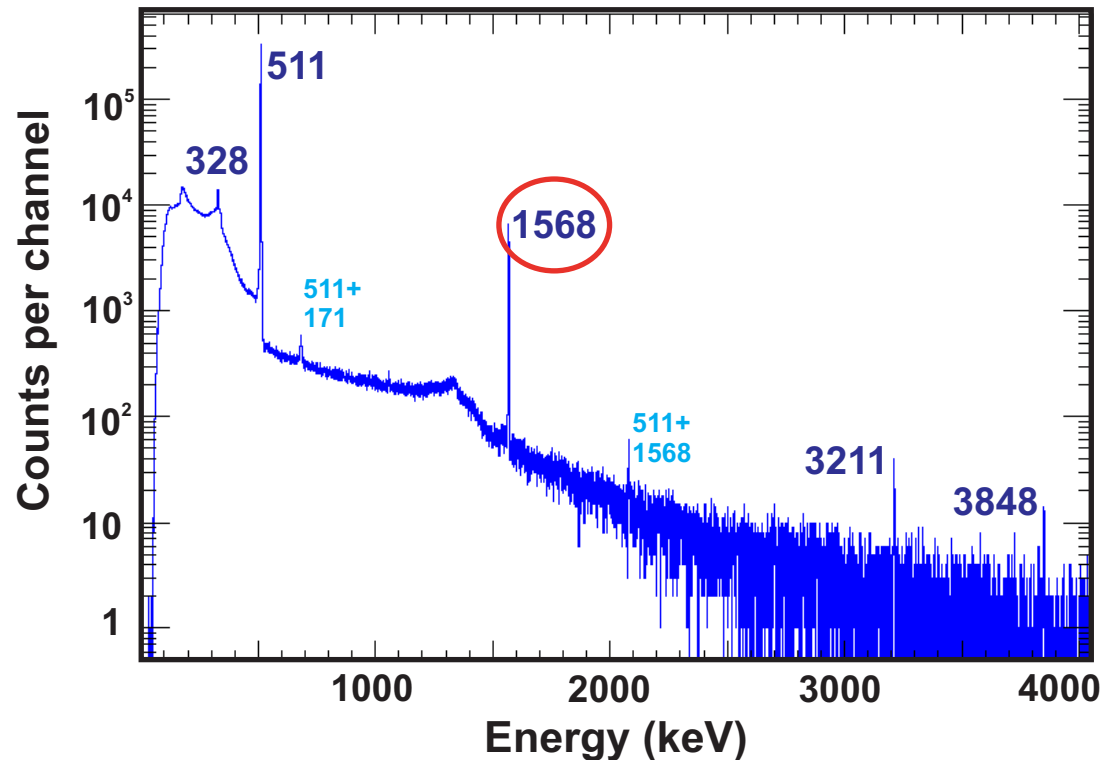


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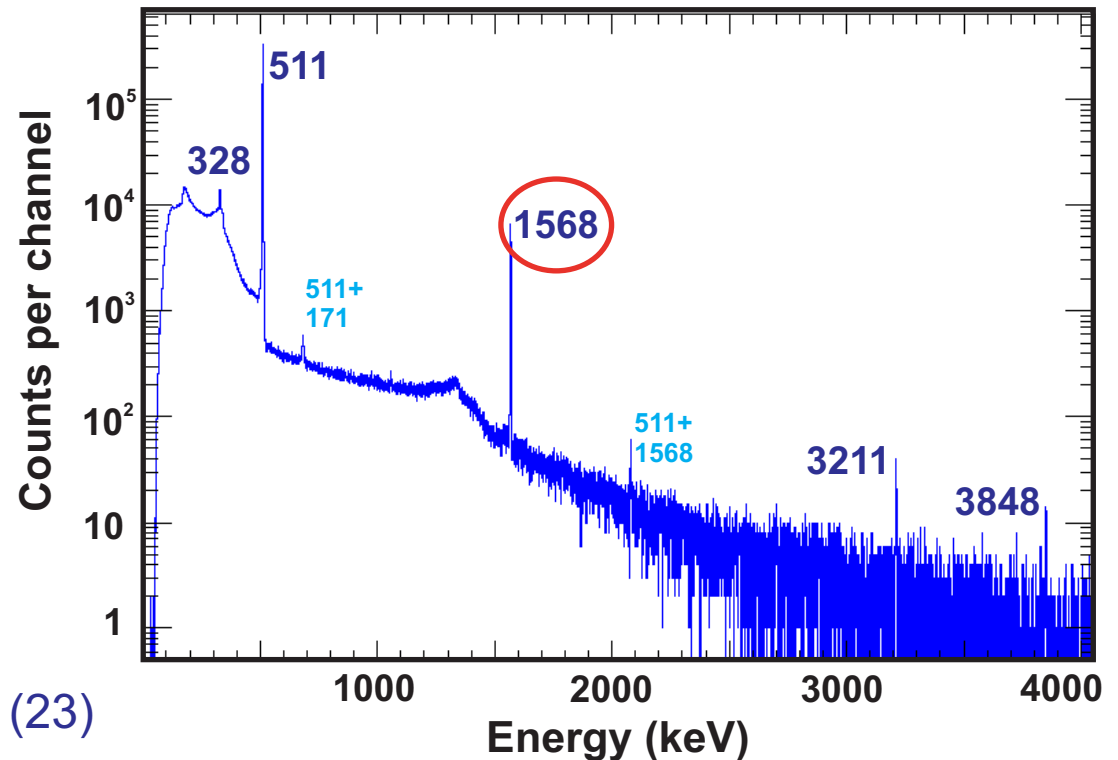
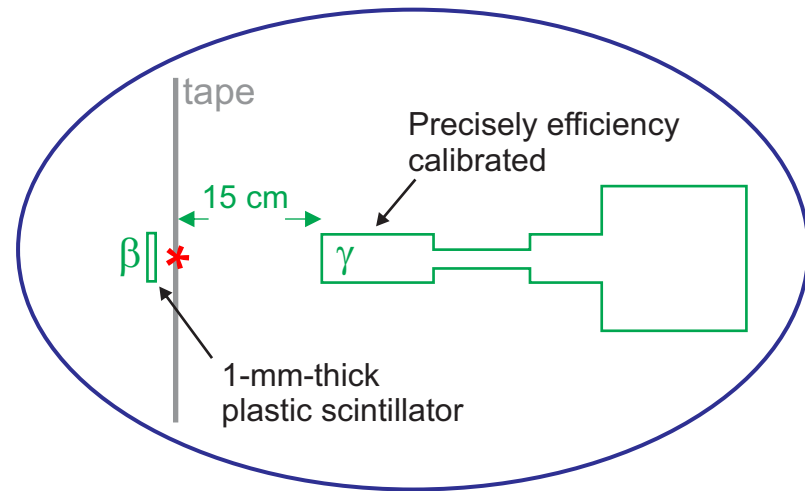
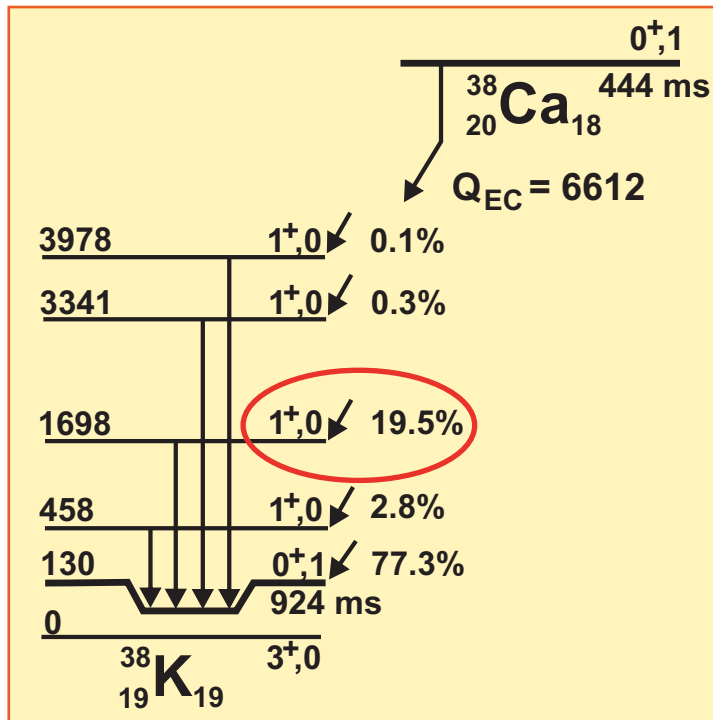


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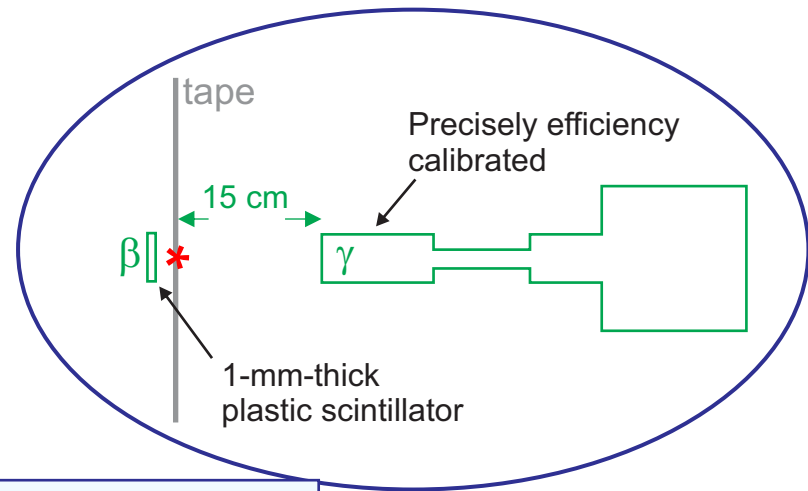
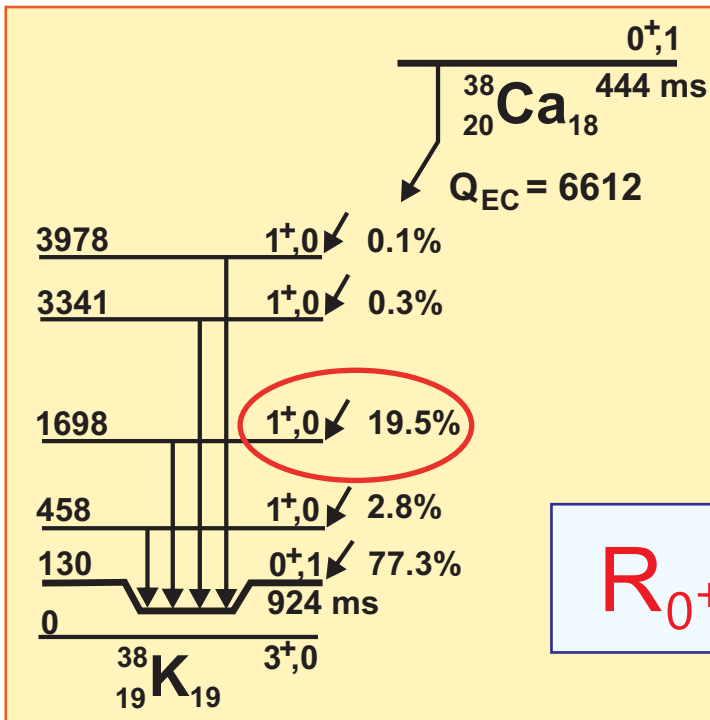


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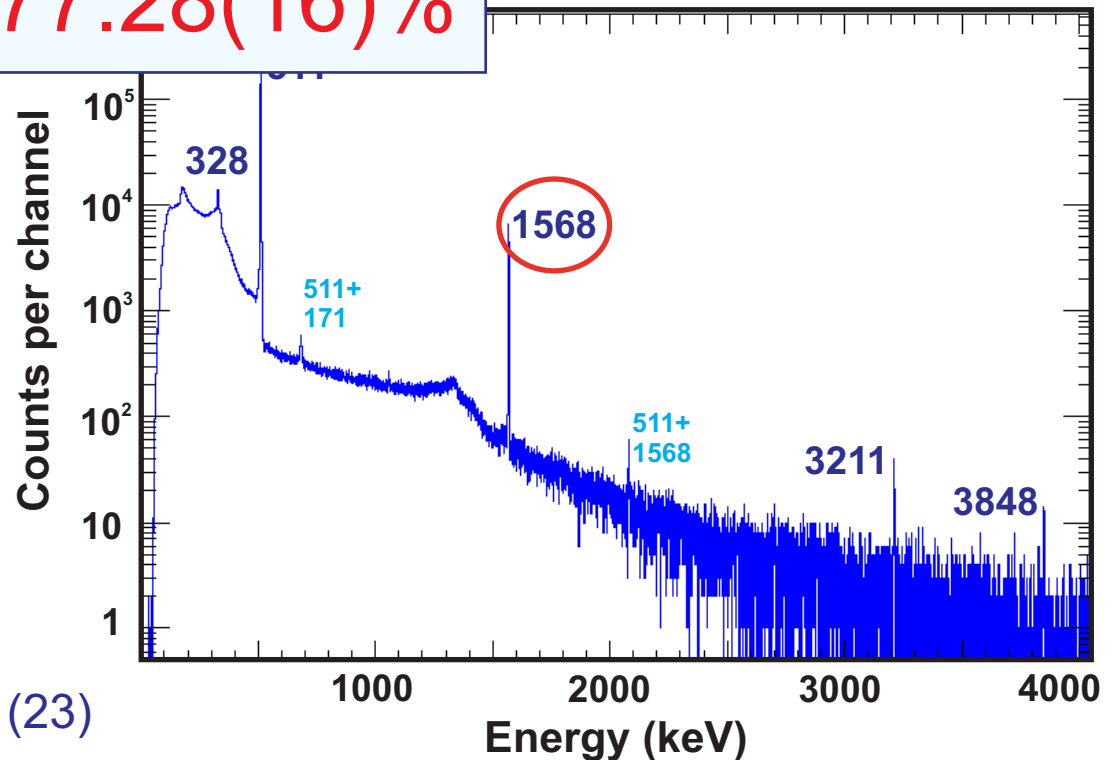
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$$R_{0^+} = 77.28(16)\%$$



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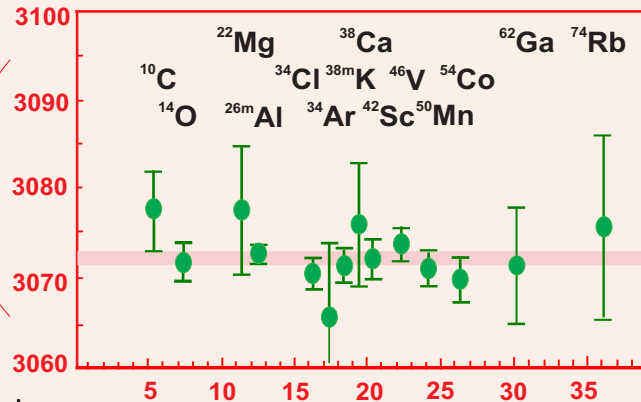
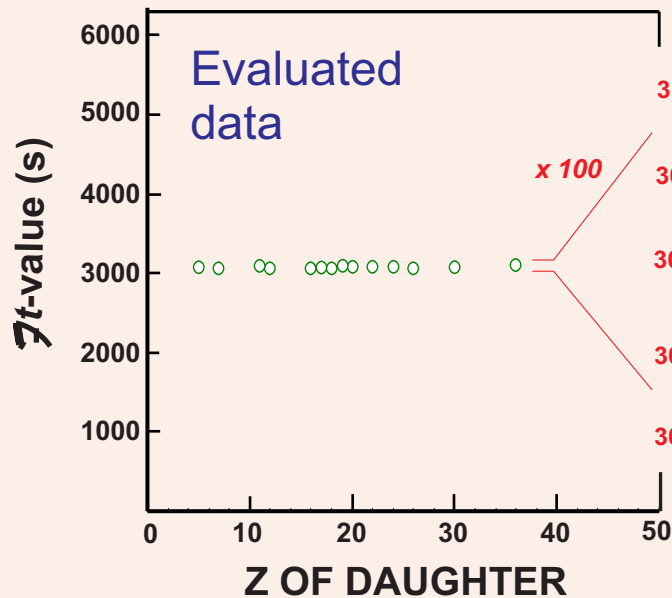
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$$\overline{ft} = 3072.1(7)$$

$$G_V(1 + \Delta_R)^{1/2} / (hc)^3 = 1.14962(13) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$\chi^2/\nu = 0.6$$

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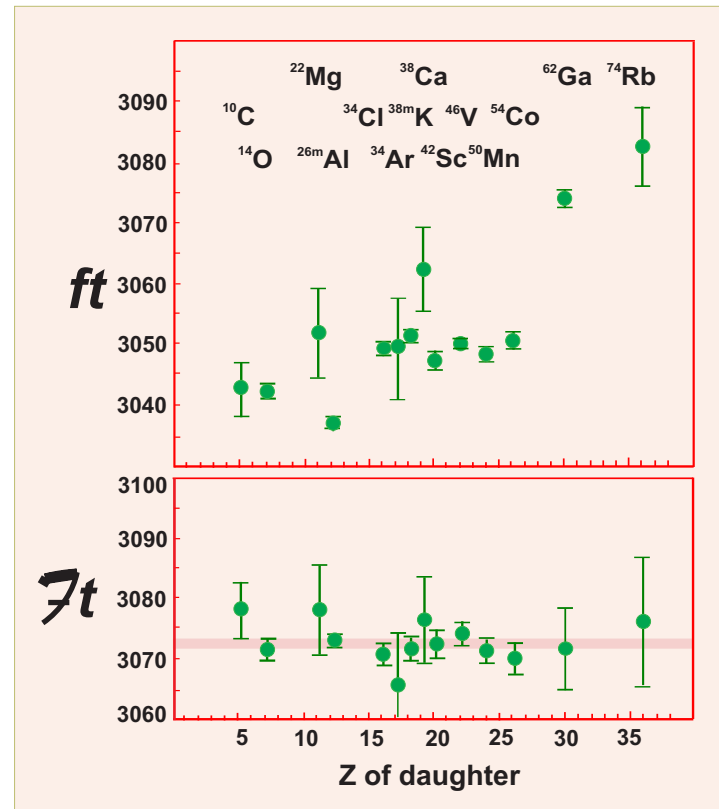
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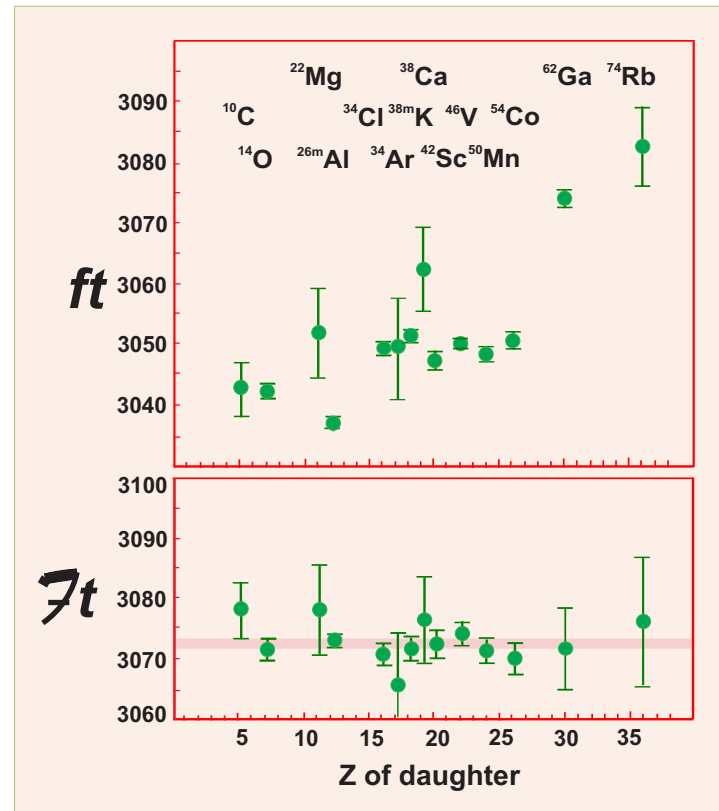
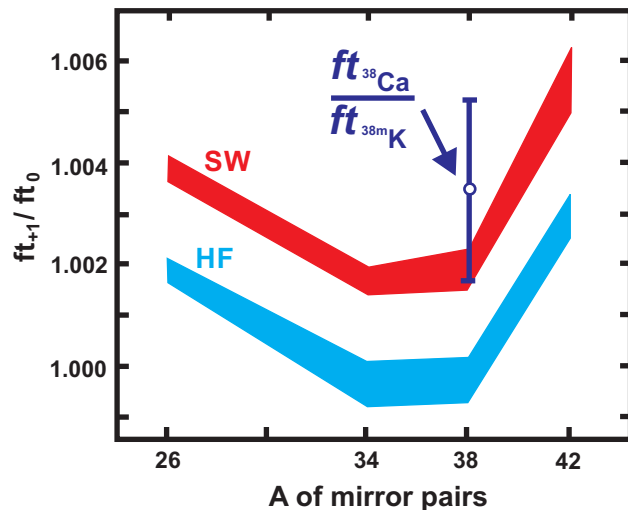
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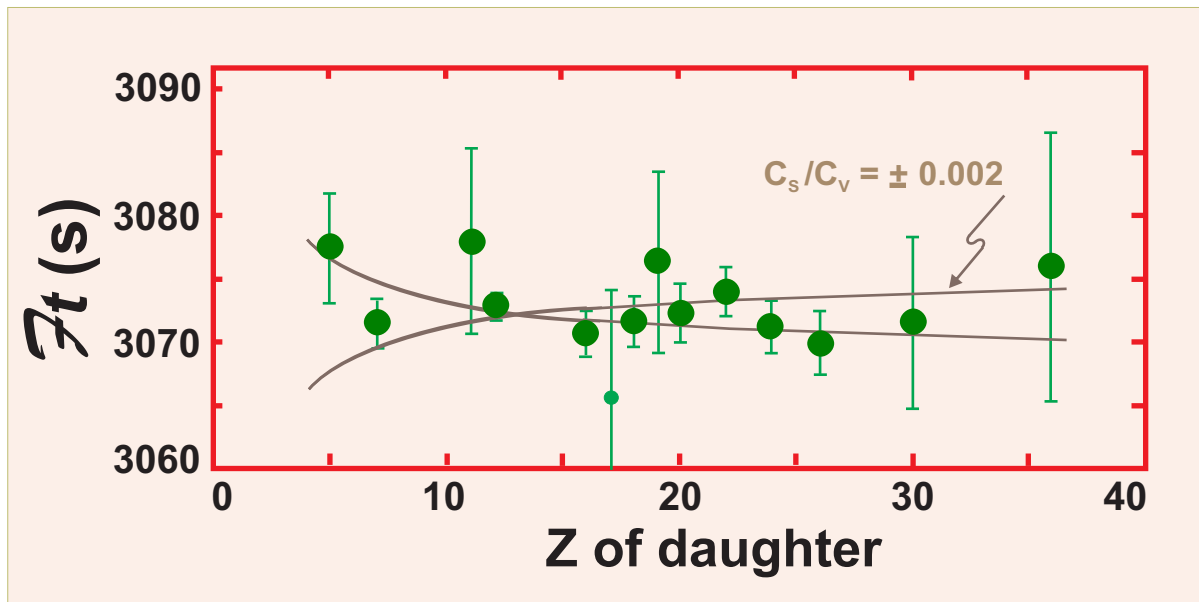
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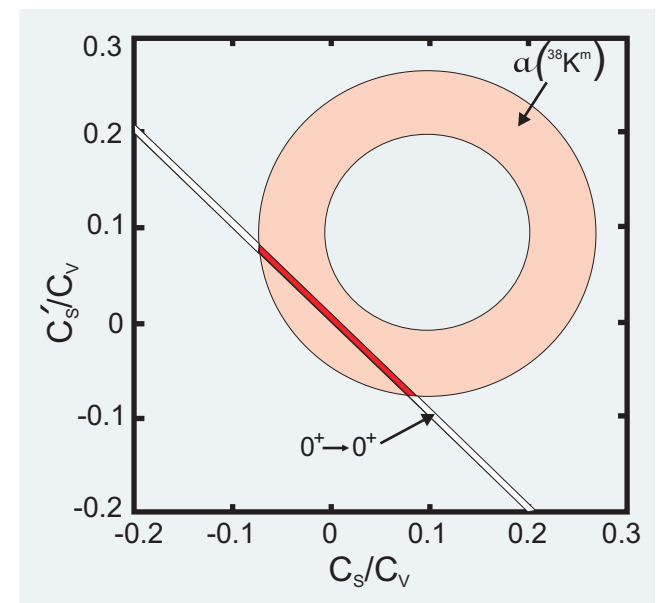
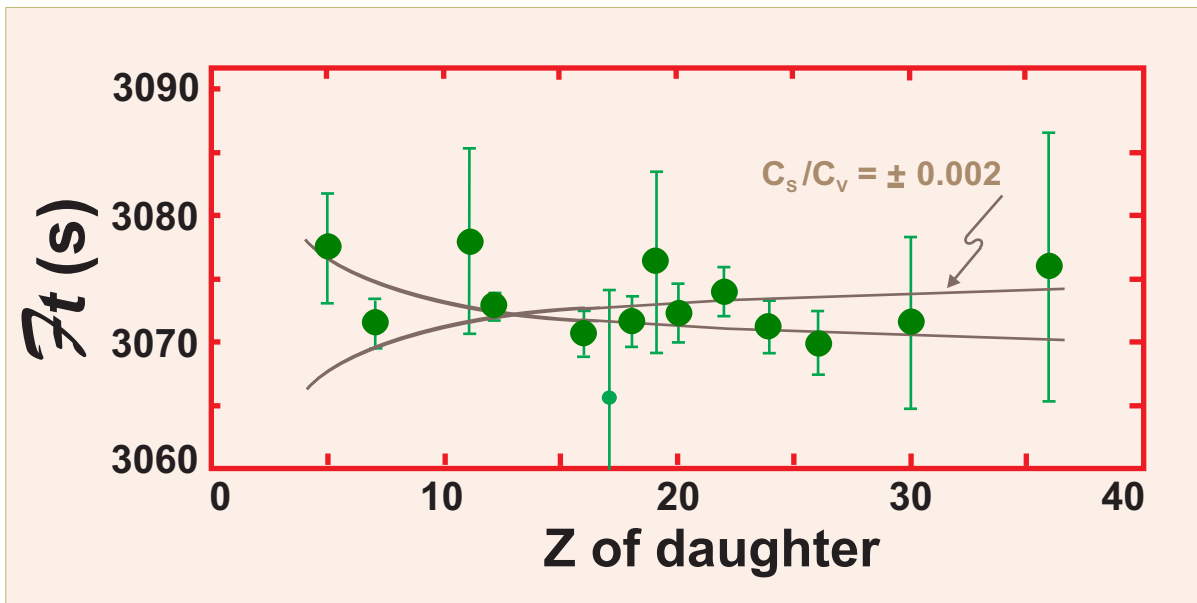
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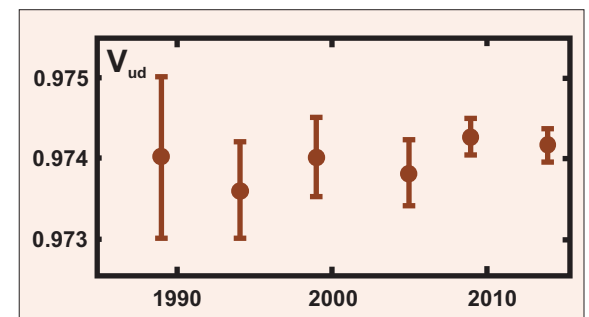
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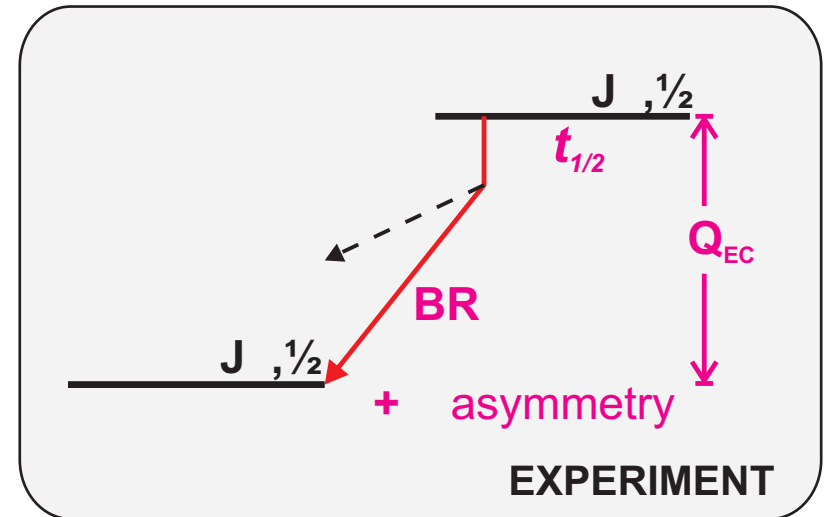
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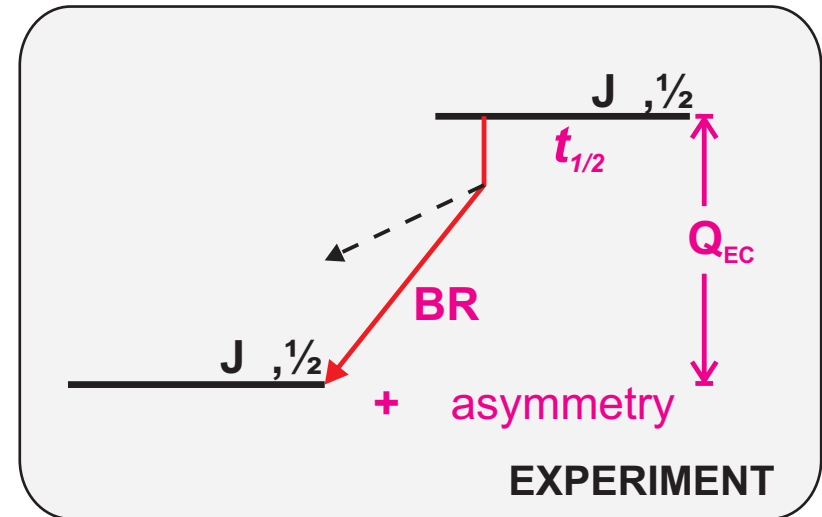
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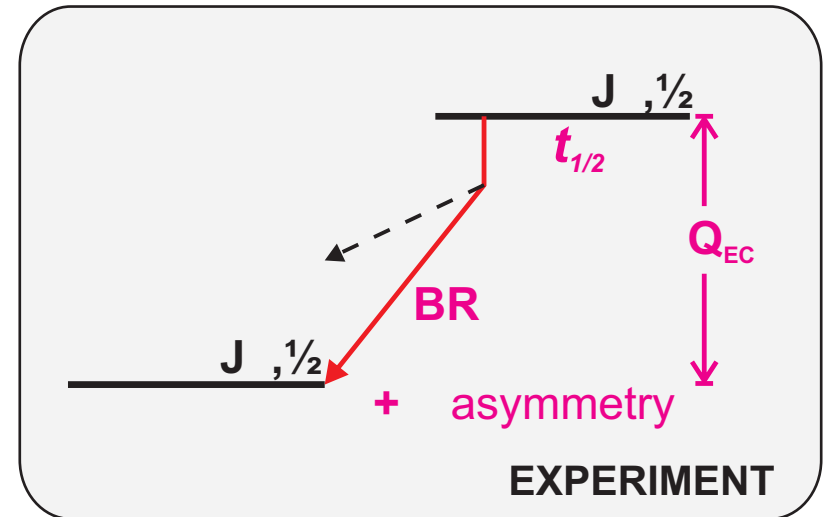
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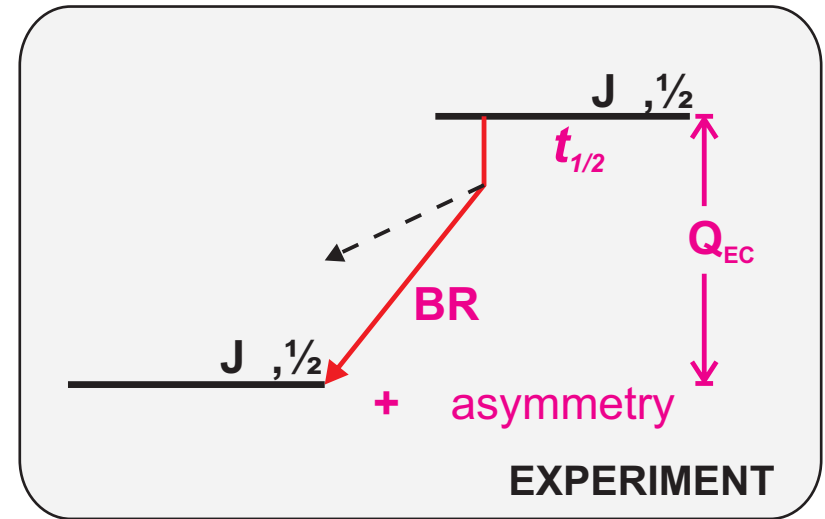
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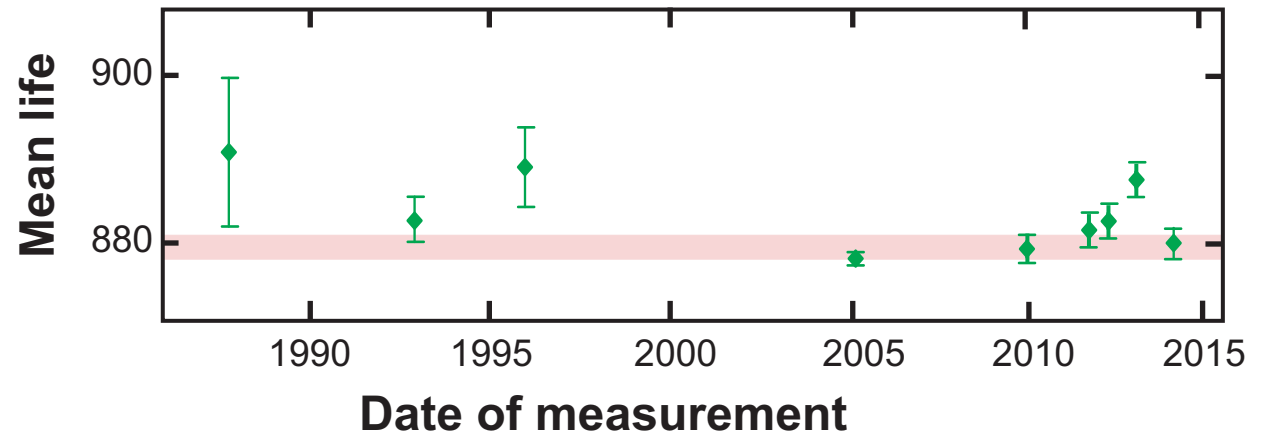
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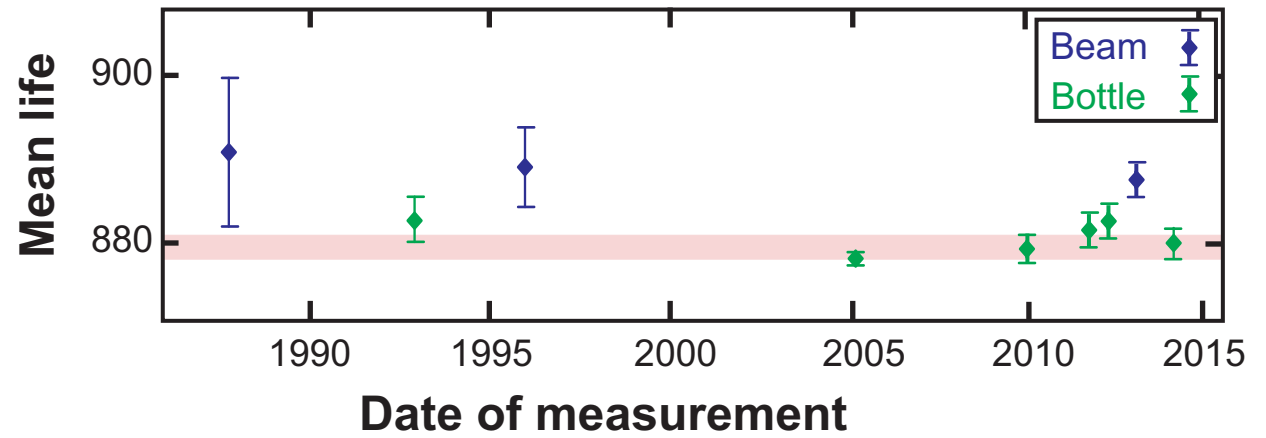


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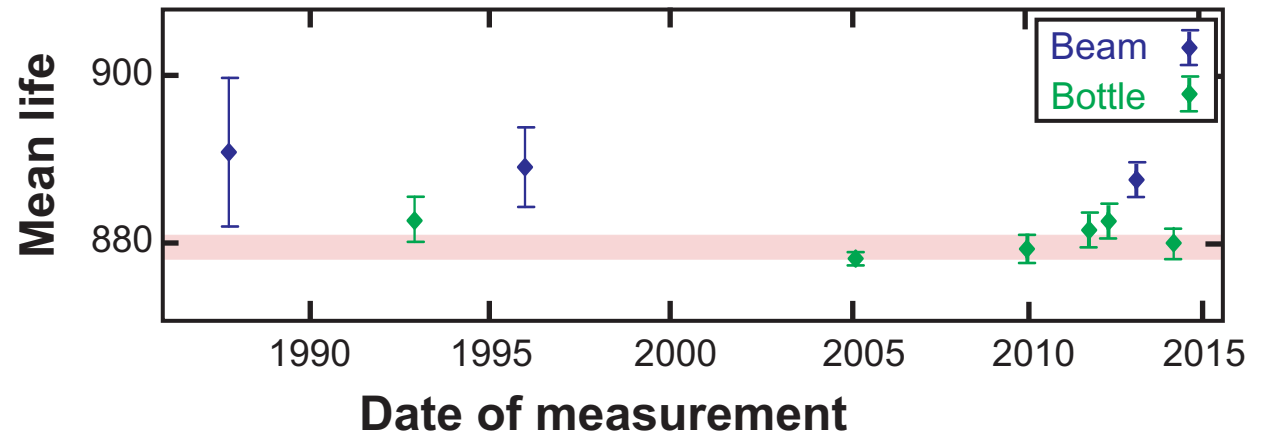
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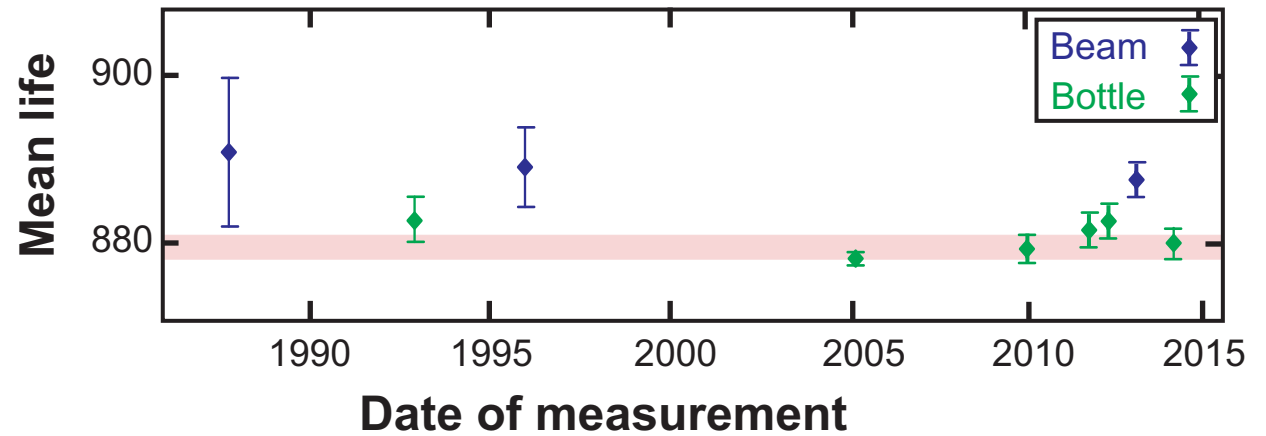
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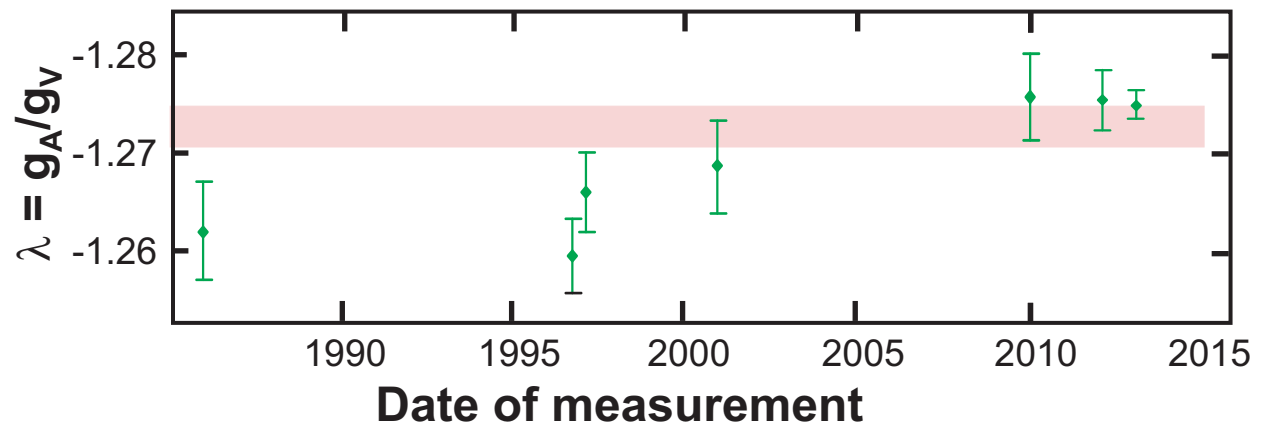
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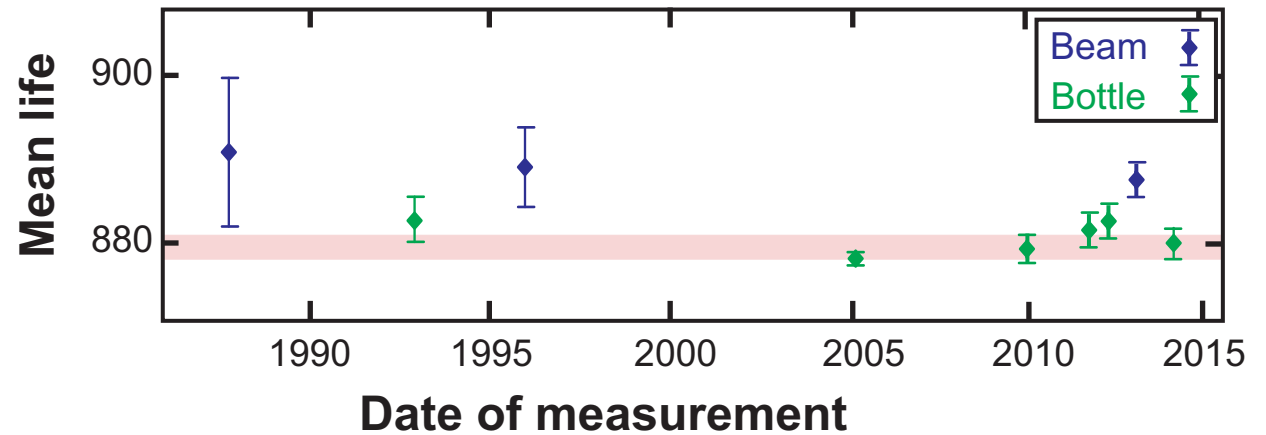
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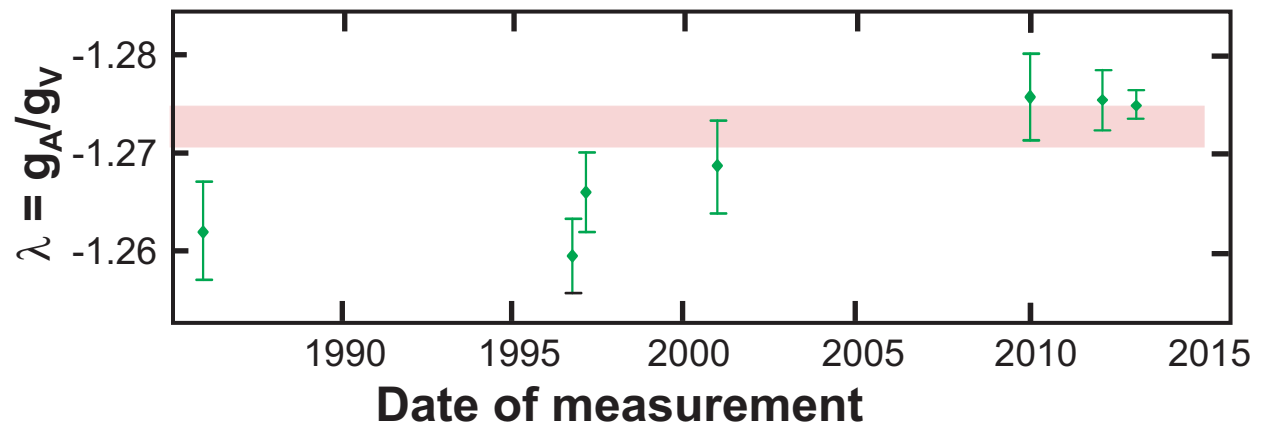
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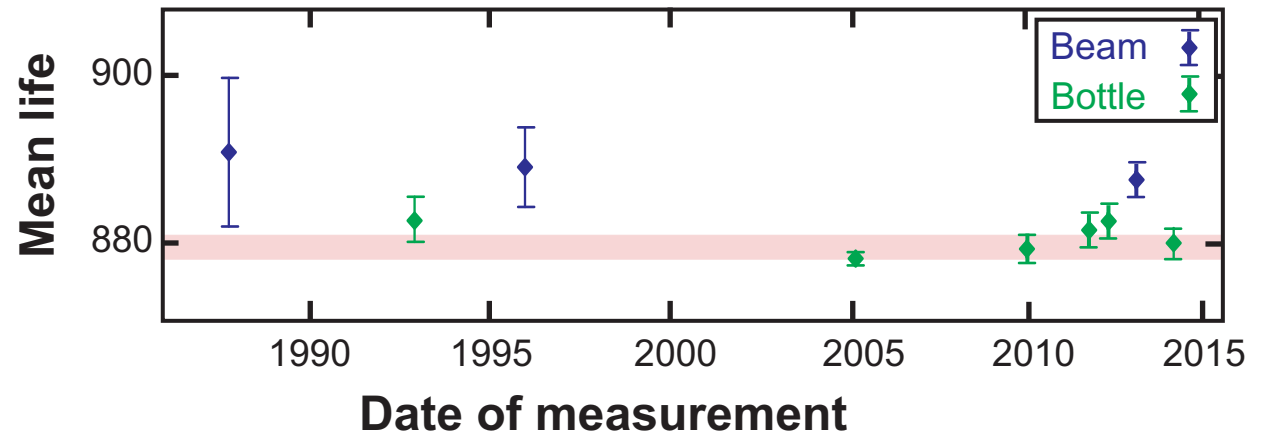
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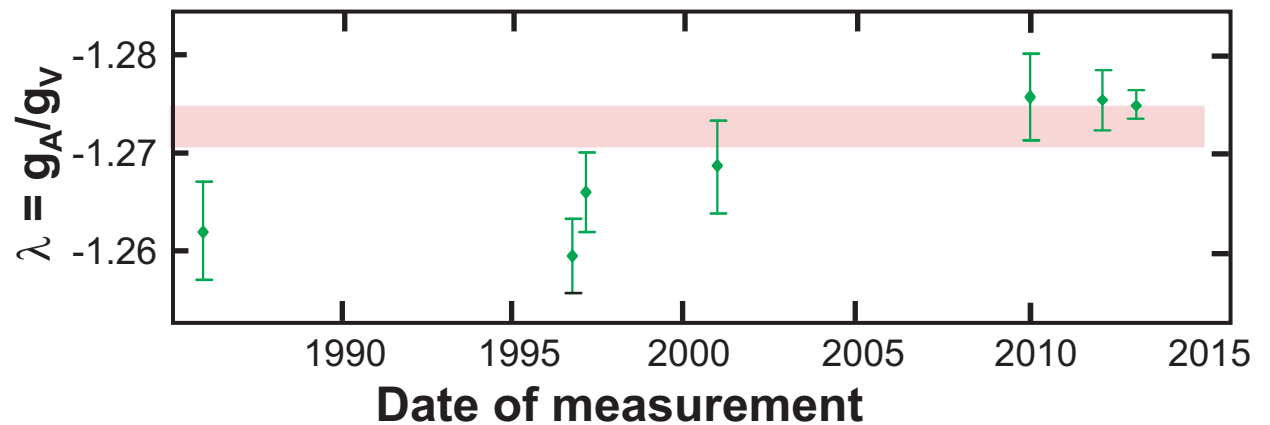
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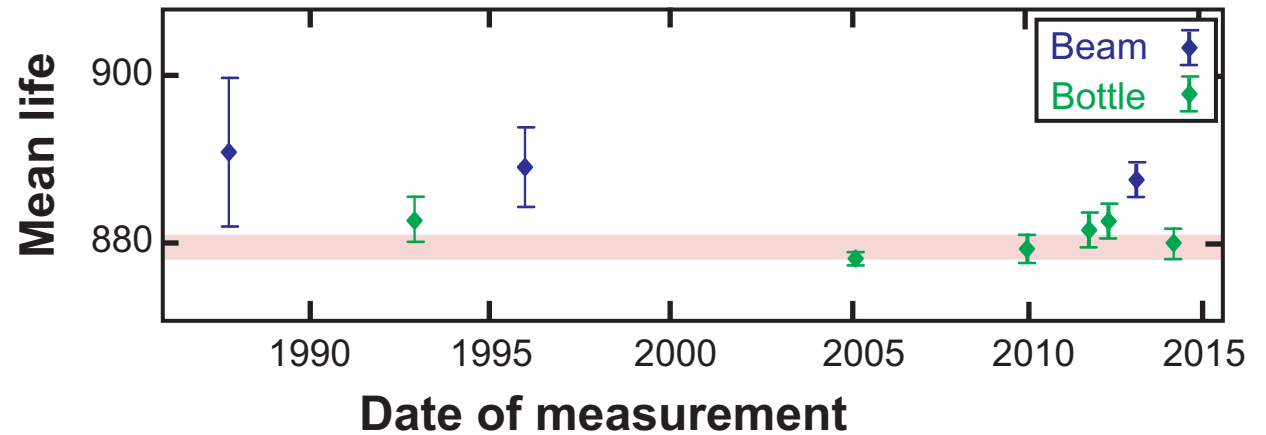
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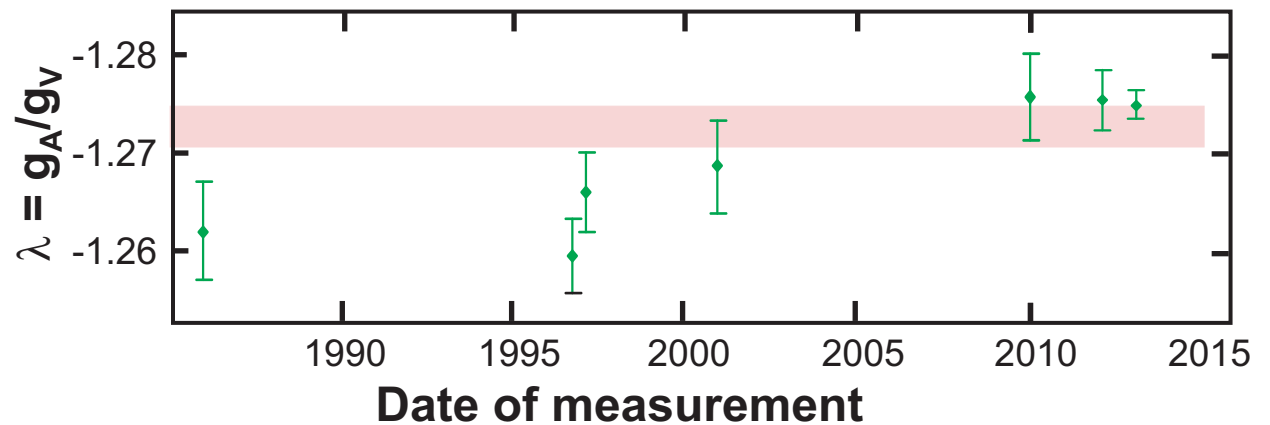
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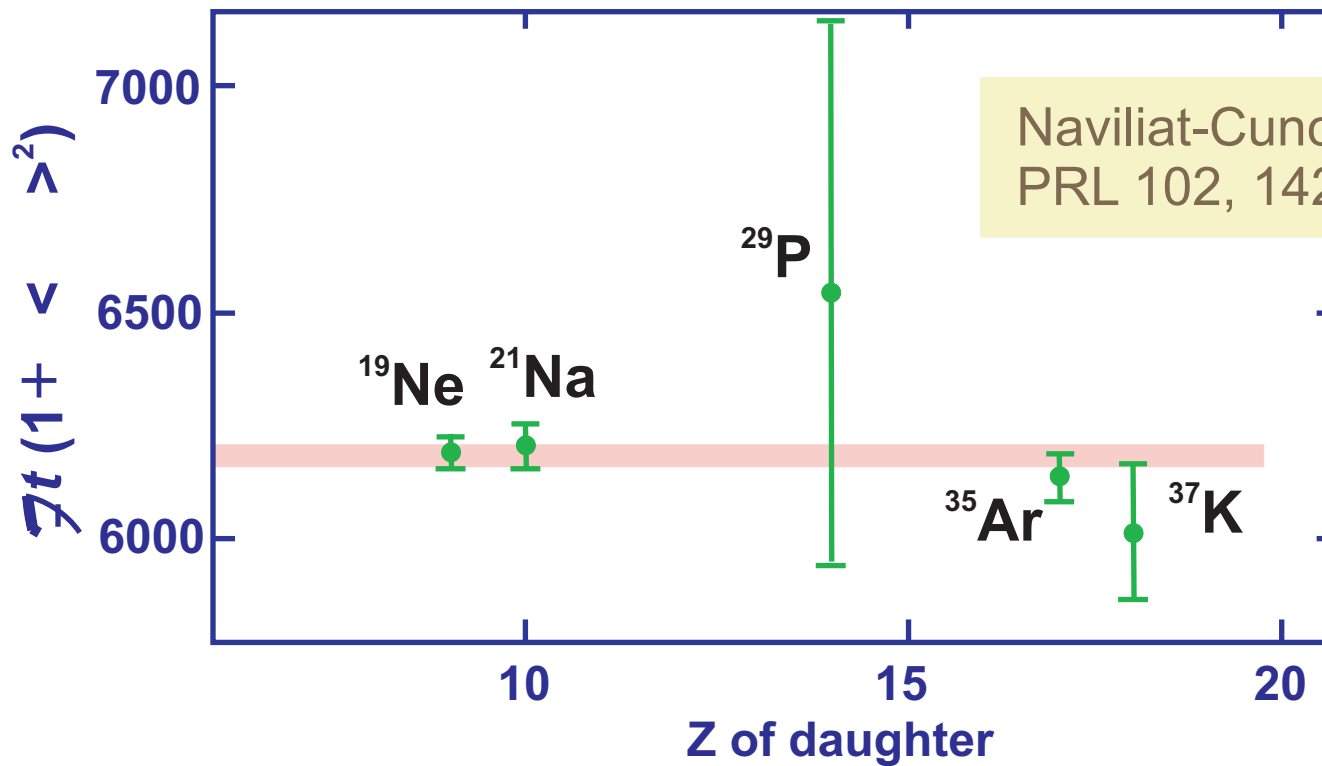
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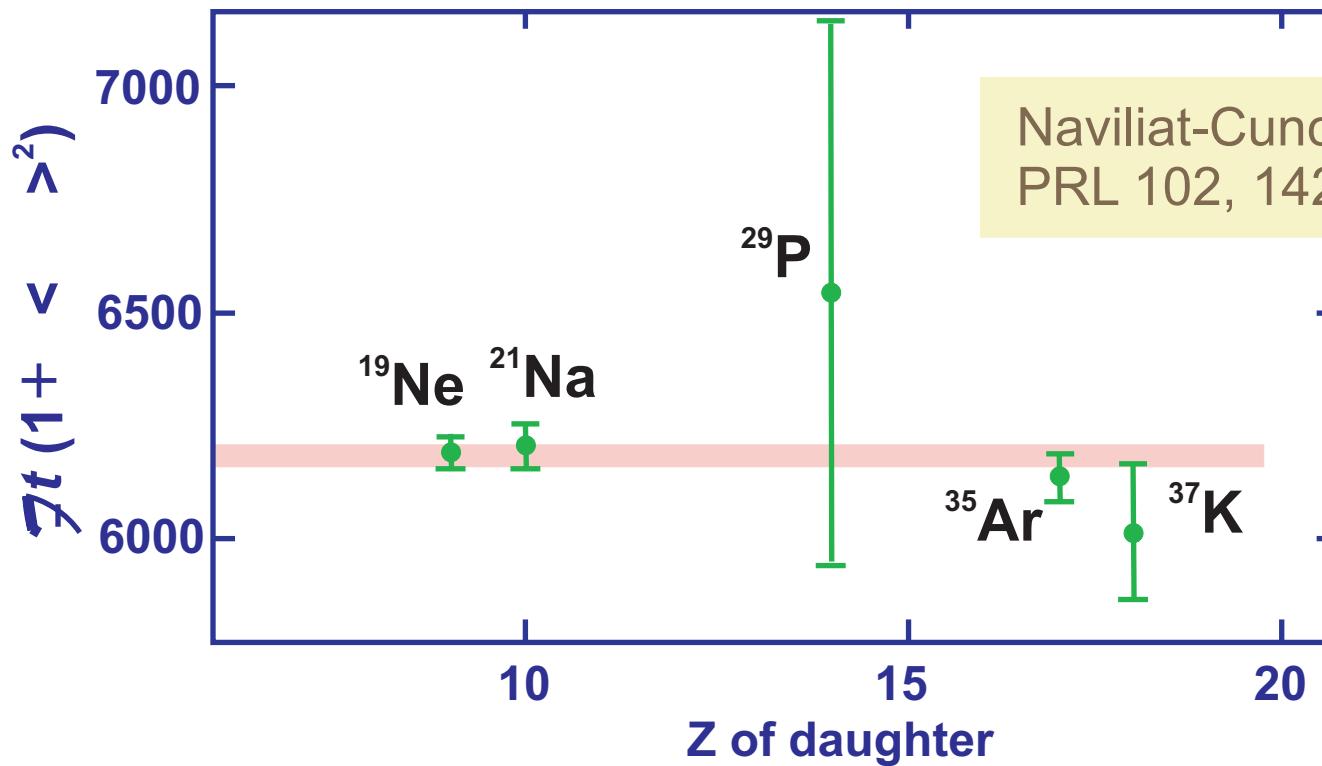
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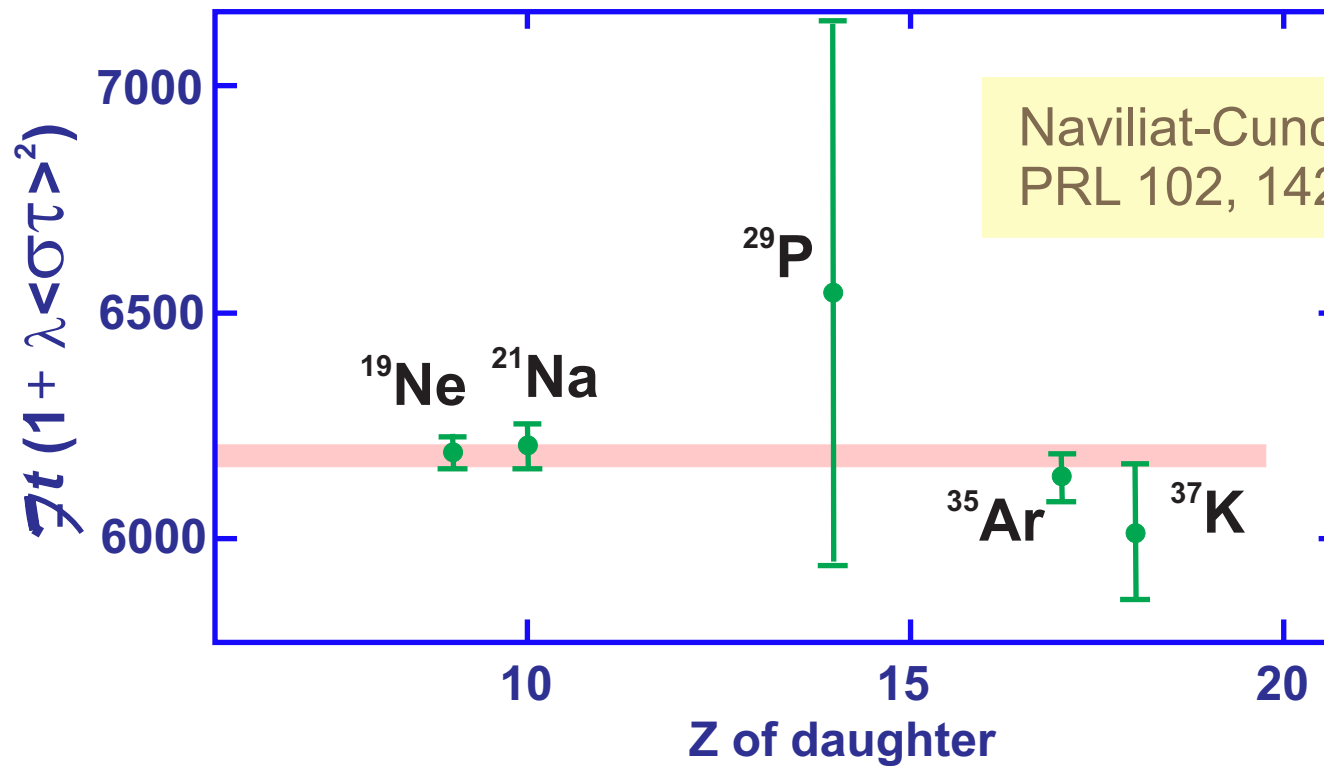


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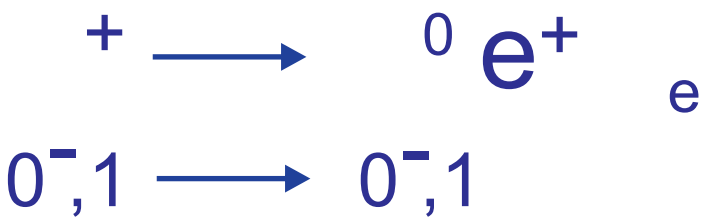
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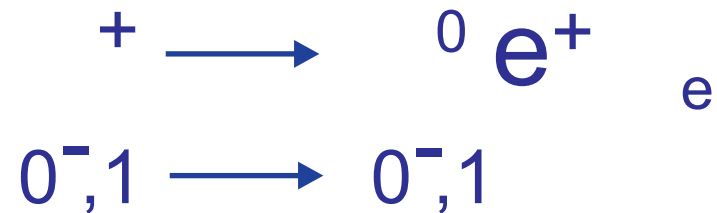
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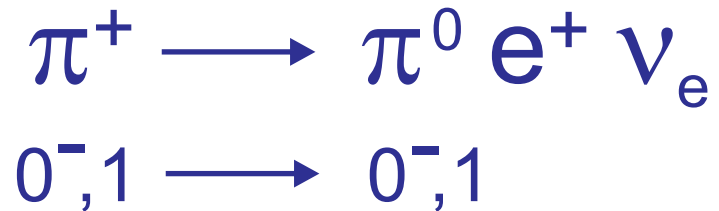
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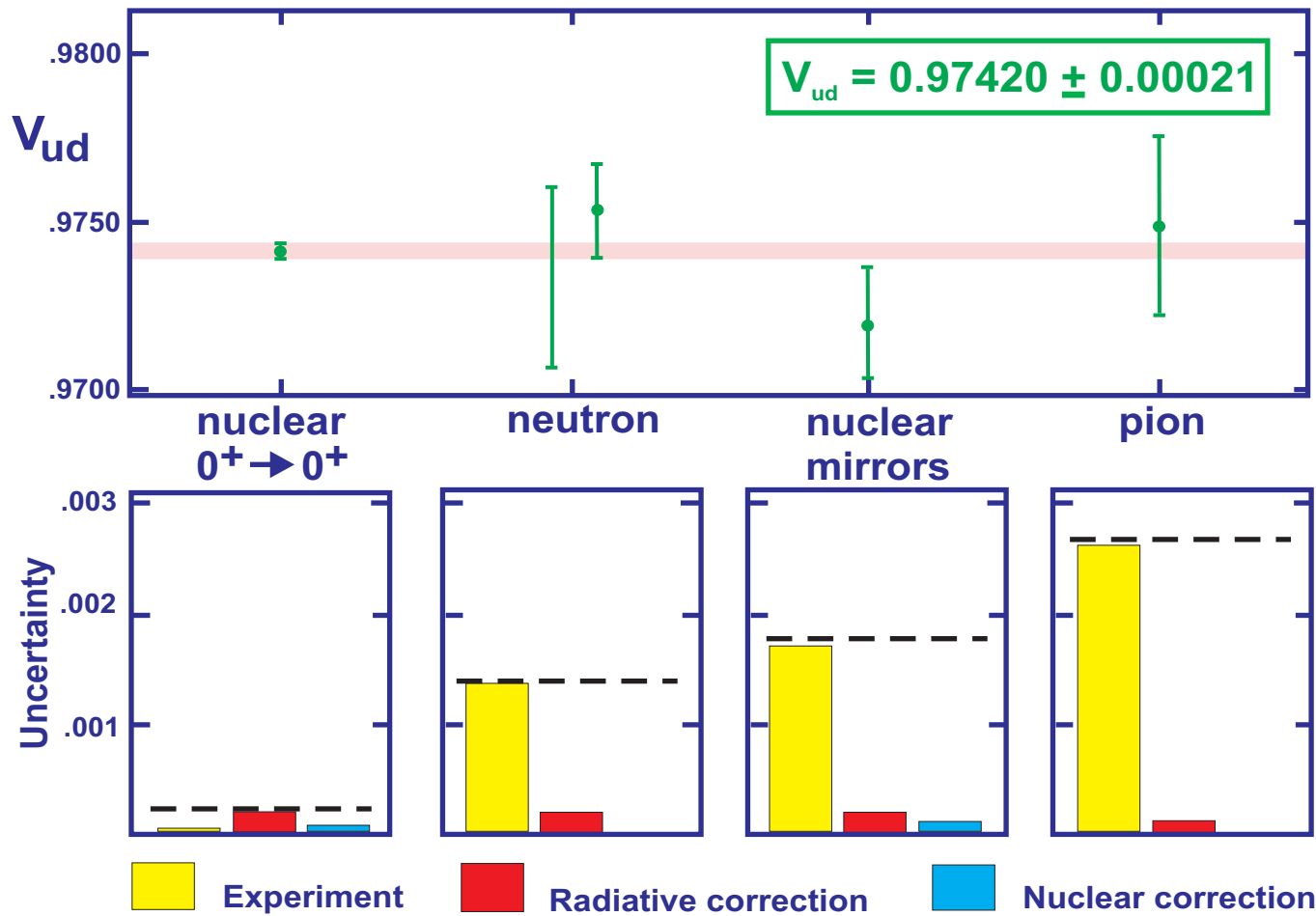
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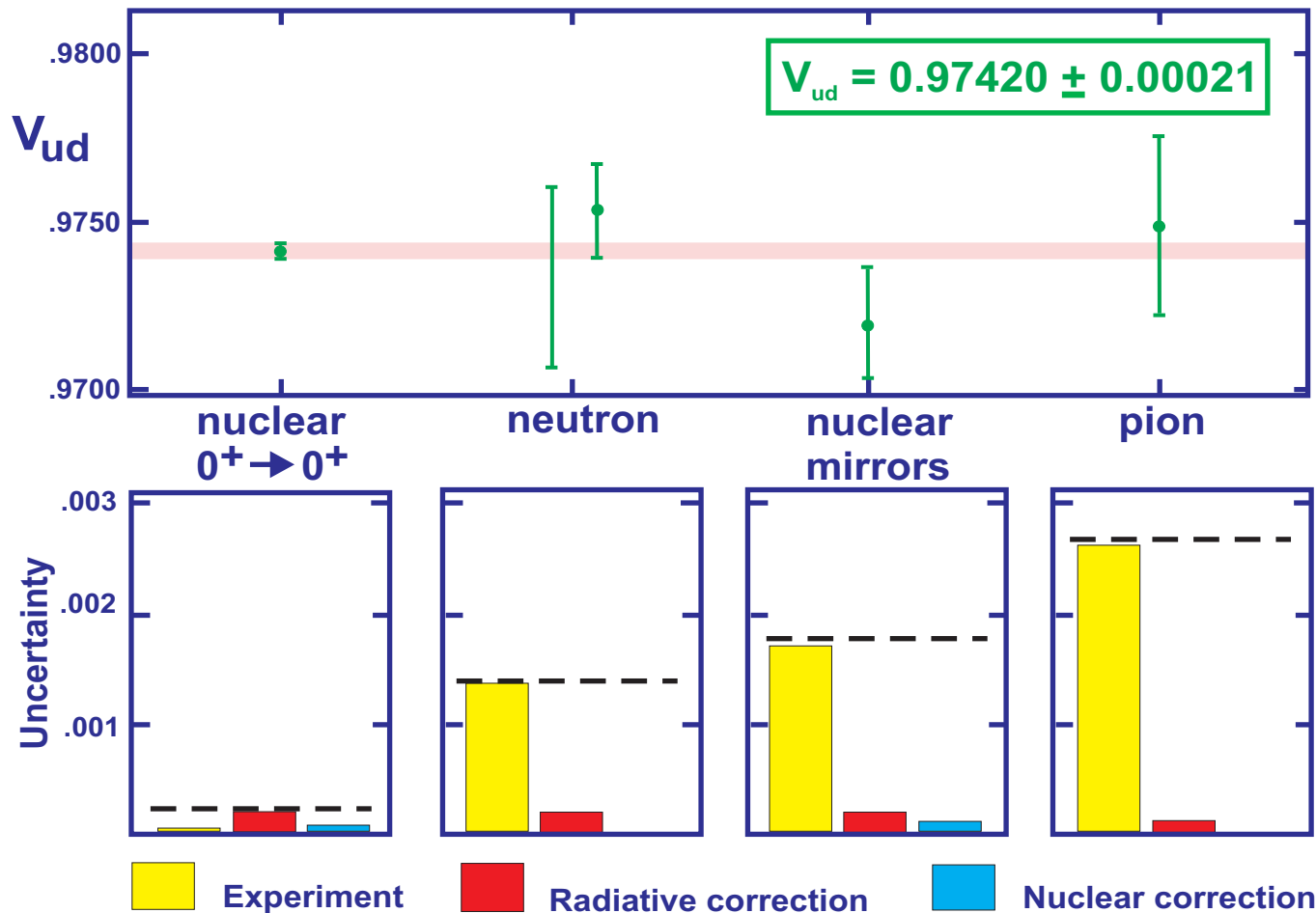
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V_{us}^2 PDG
 V_{us}^2 kaon decays
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V_{ub}^2 B decays
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Stay tuned ...

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