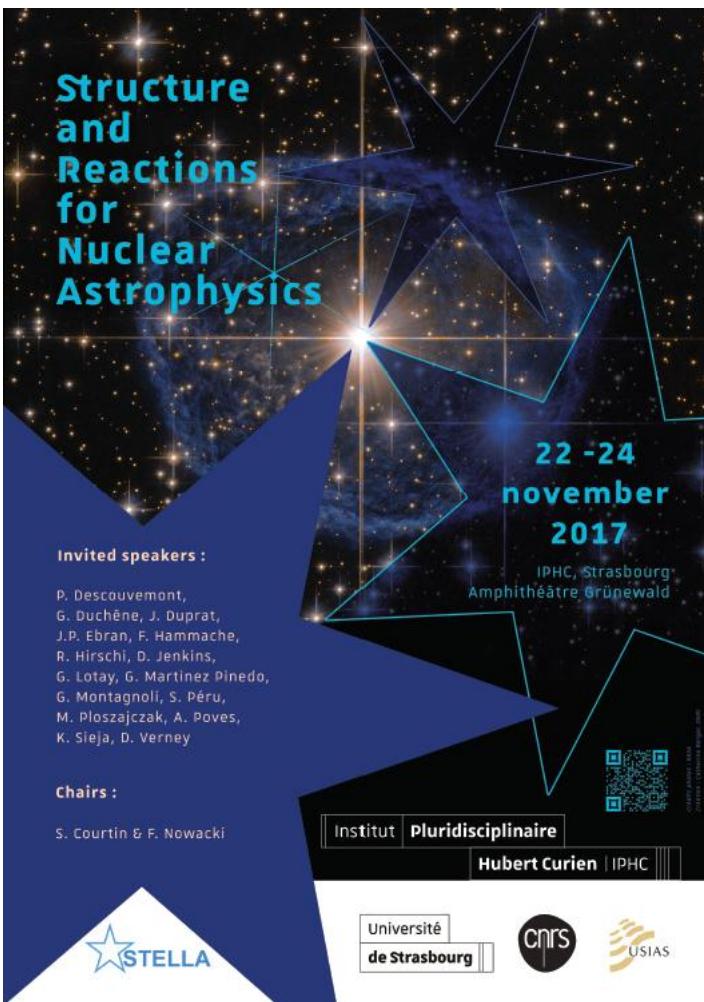


# Spectroscopy investigation of the $^{78}\text{Ni}$ region: recent progress and future perspectives

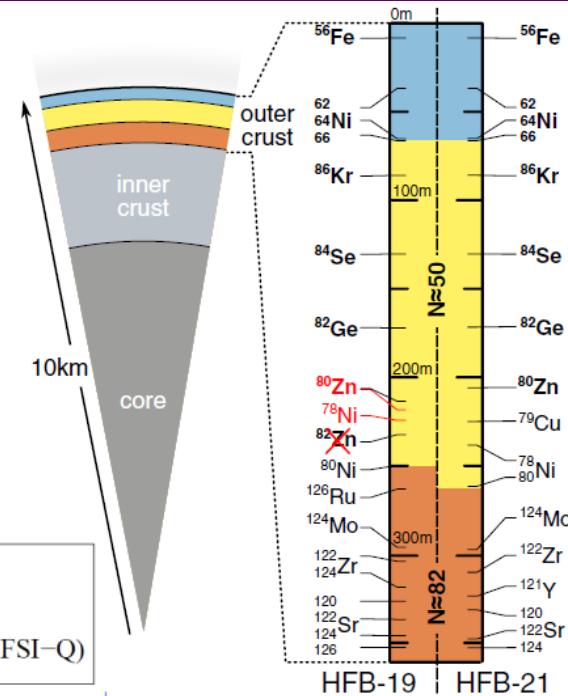
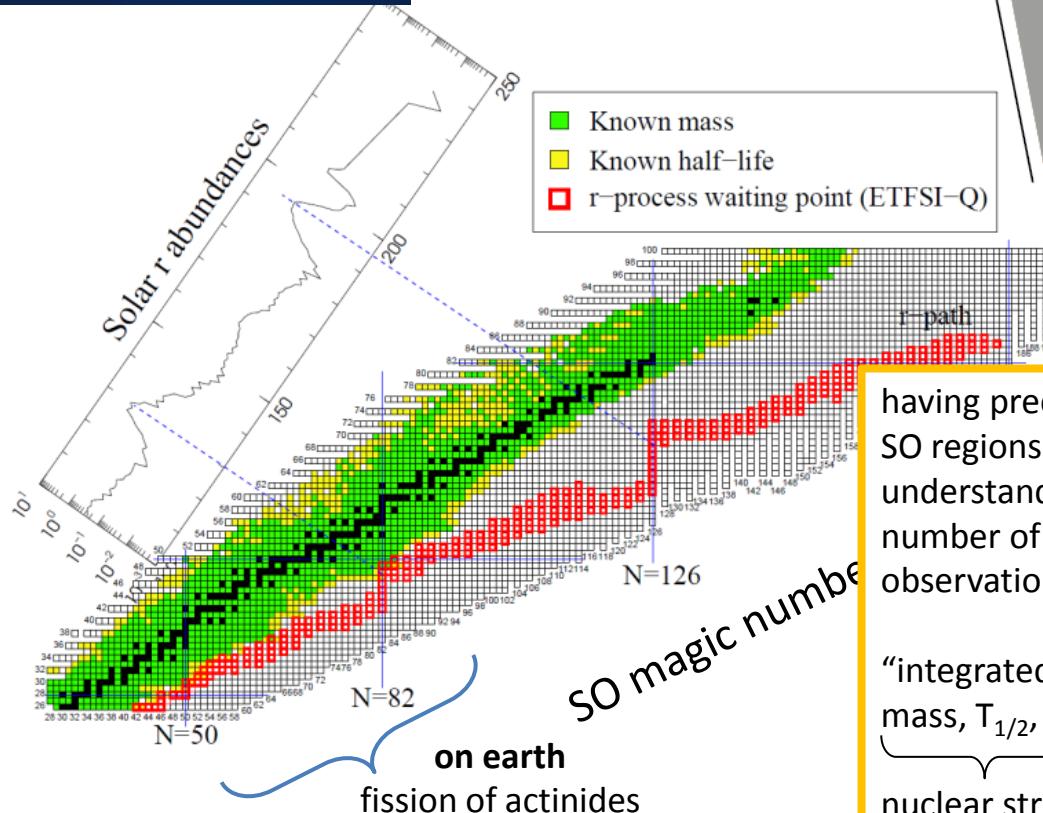
David Verney, IPN Orsay



- N=50 in the sequence of the Spin-Orbit (Intruder-Extruder) magic numbers
- gap size → Z=32 “singularity”
- shape coexistence
- neutron threshold effects and the question of first-forbidden transitions in the  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  region

# SO magic numbers in nature

Neutron stars merging event detected by LIGO-Virgo  
followed quickly by EM emission at all frequencies  
August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

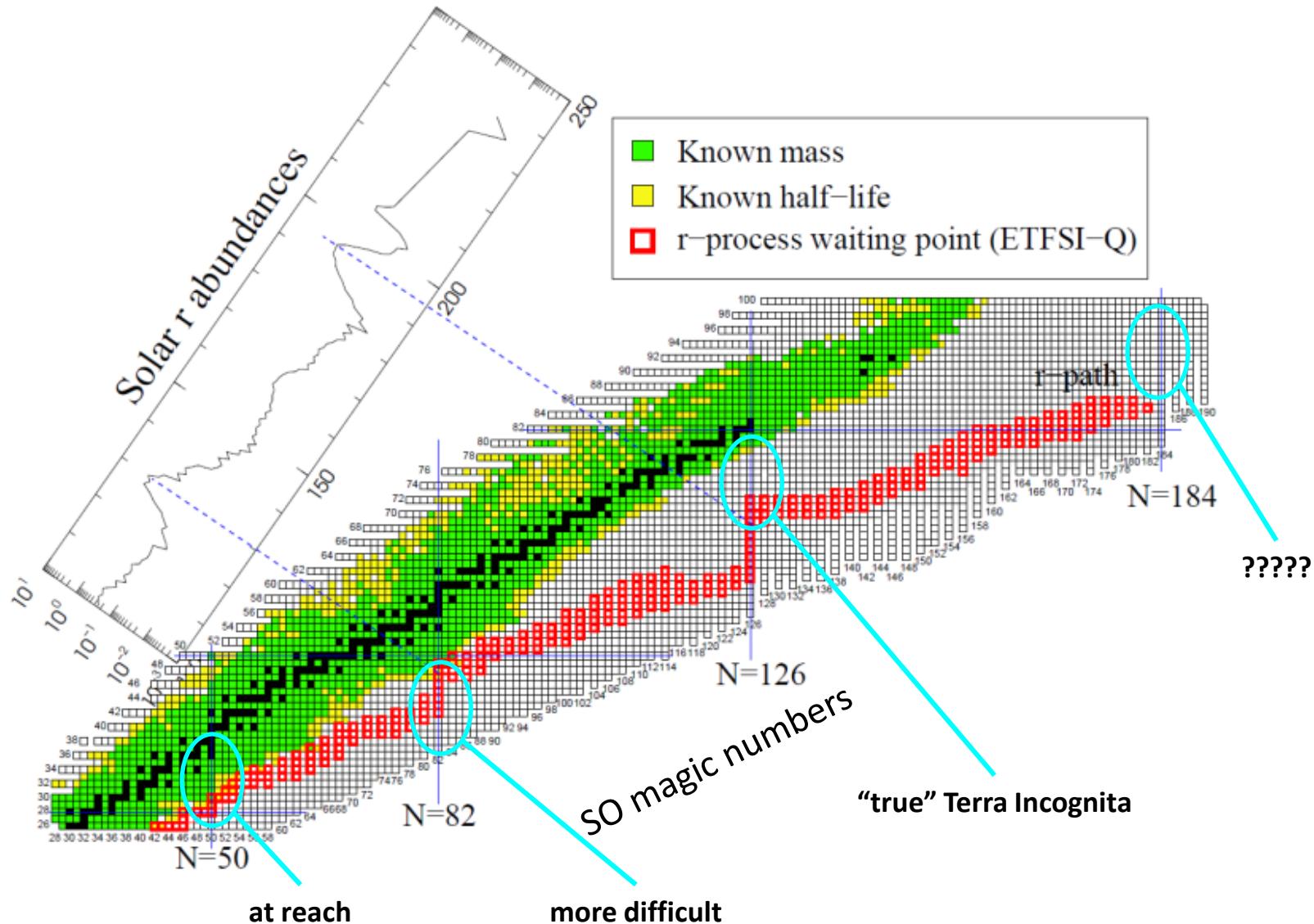


Wolf et al. PRL 110 (2013)

having precise nuclear data (in SO regions) will help in understanding an increasing number of astro-physical observations

“integrated” quantities needed:  
 mass,  $T_{1/2}$ ,  $P_n$ ...  
 nuclear structure

# SO magic numbers : a long-term roadmap (on earth)



# SO magic numbers in historical nuclear physics



Eugene Paul  
Wigner (1/2)

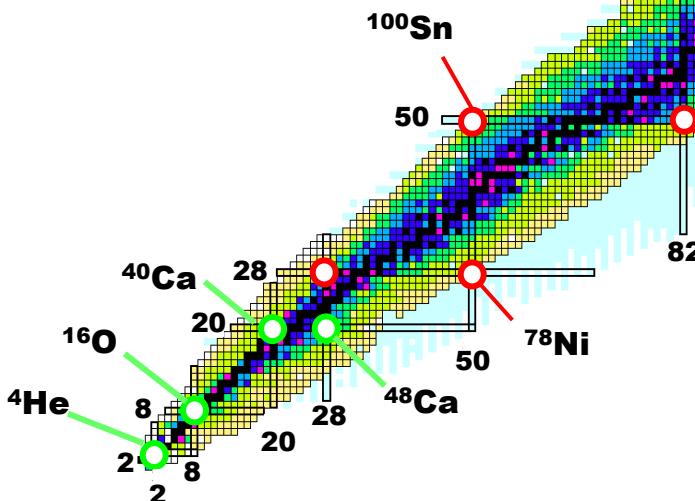


Maria  
Goeppert-  
Mayer  
(1/4)



J. Hans D.  
Jensen (1/4)

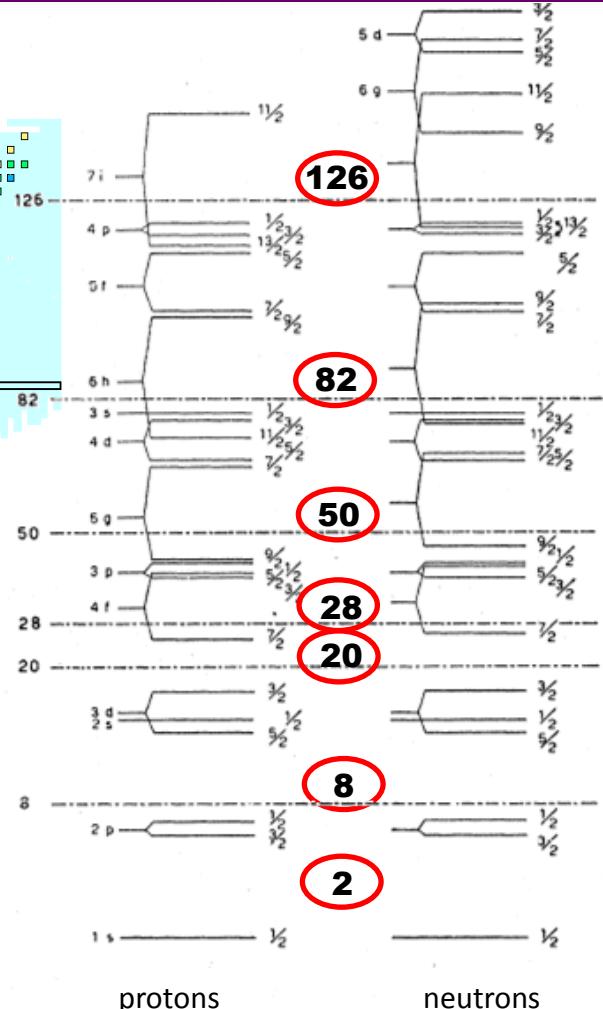
1963



$$\mathcal{H}_{CM} = HO + \underbrace{U(r)(\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s})}_{V^{LS}}$$

the great surprise:

$$x \equiv \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{|\Delta\langle V^{SL} \rangle|} \approx 1$$

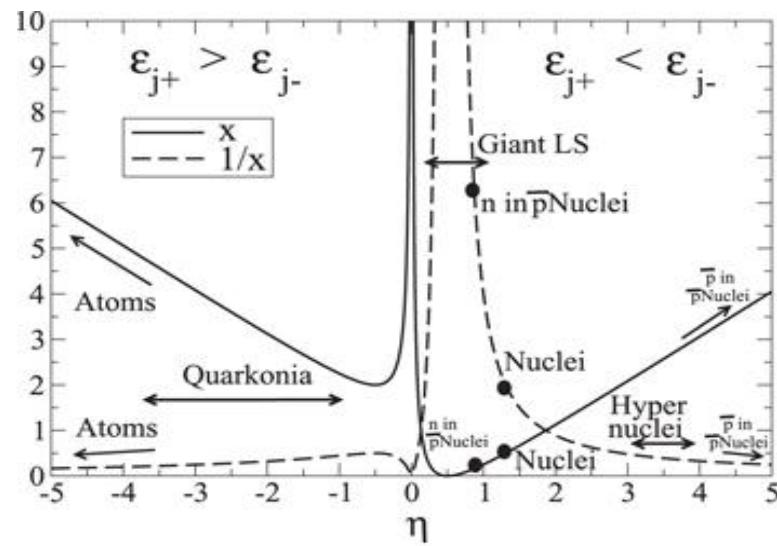


# SO magic numbers in modern RMF

spin-orbit : universal effect for quantum systems made of particles having spin

spin : atoms, nuclei, hyper-nuclei, quarkonia...

important role in condensed matter : cold atoms, spintronics, topological insulators...



$$\eta \equiv \frac{m}{V - S}$$

$$x \equiv \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{|\Delta\langle V^{SL} \rangle|}$$

Dirac equation governing the single particle motion

dynamics →

$$V^{LS} = \frac{1}{2M^2(r)} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} (V(r) - S(r)) \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$$

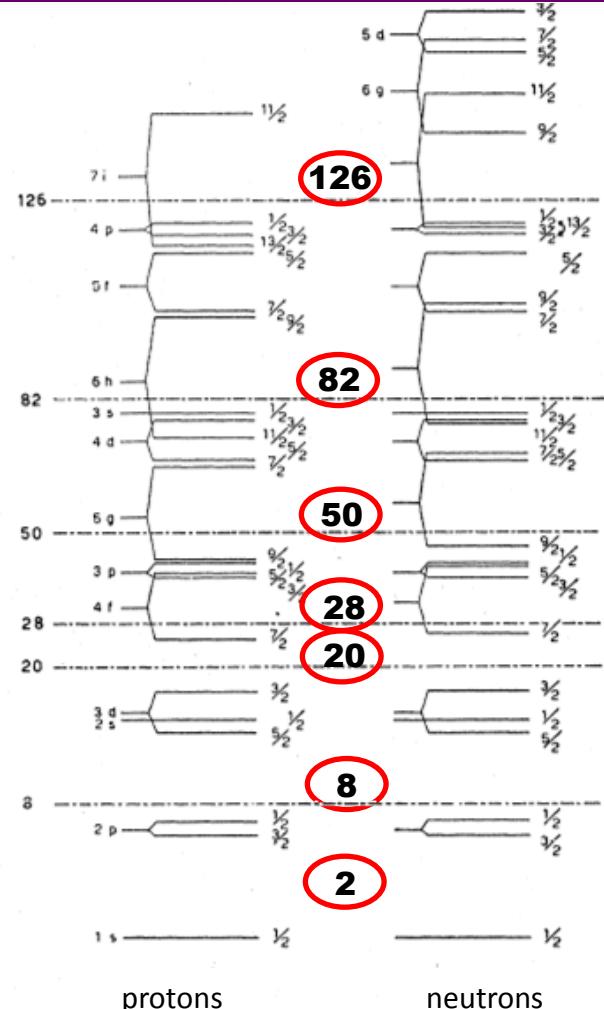
vector potential (short range repulsion)  $\approx +350$  MeV

scalar potential (medium range attraction)  $\approx -400$  MeV

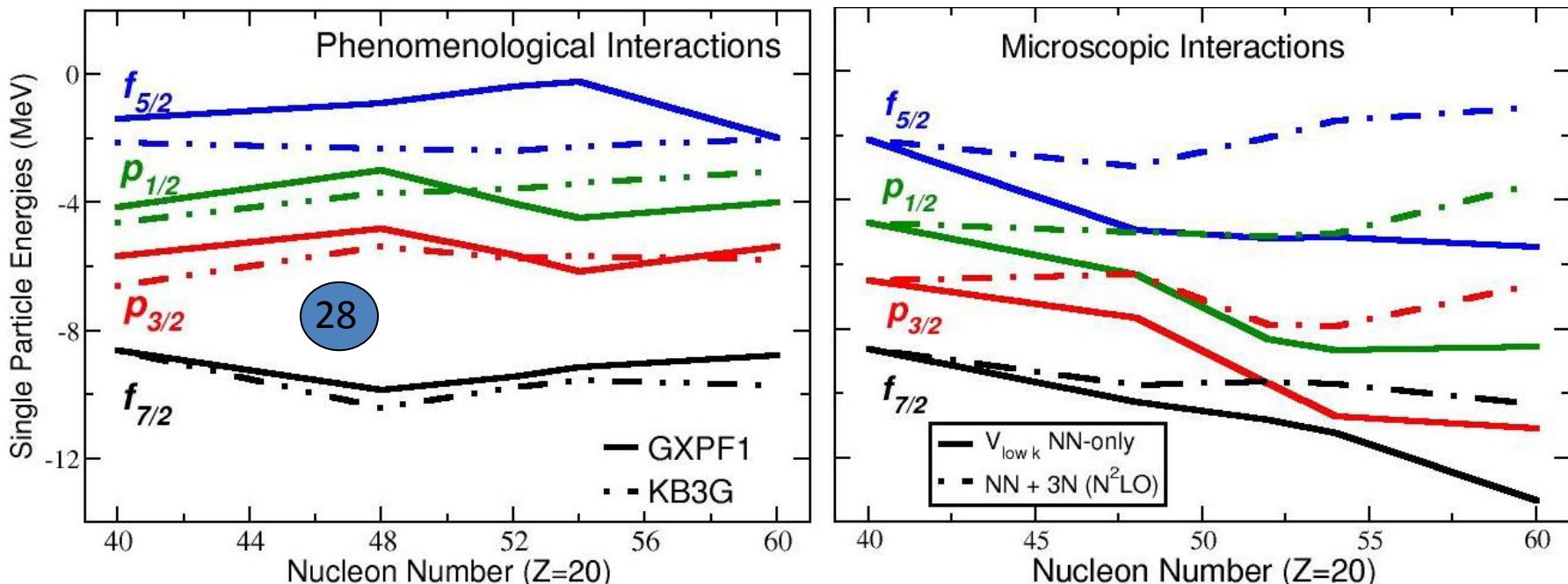
nucleon mass  $\approx 940$  MeV

in atomic system:

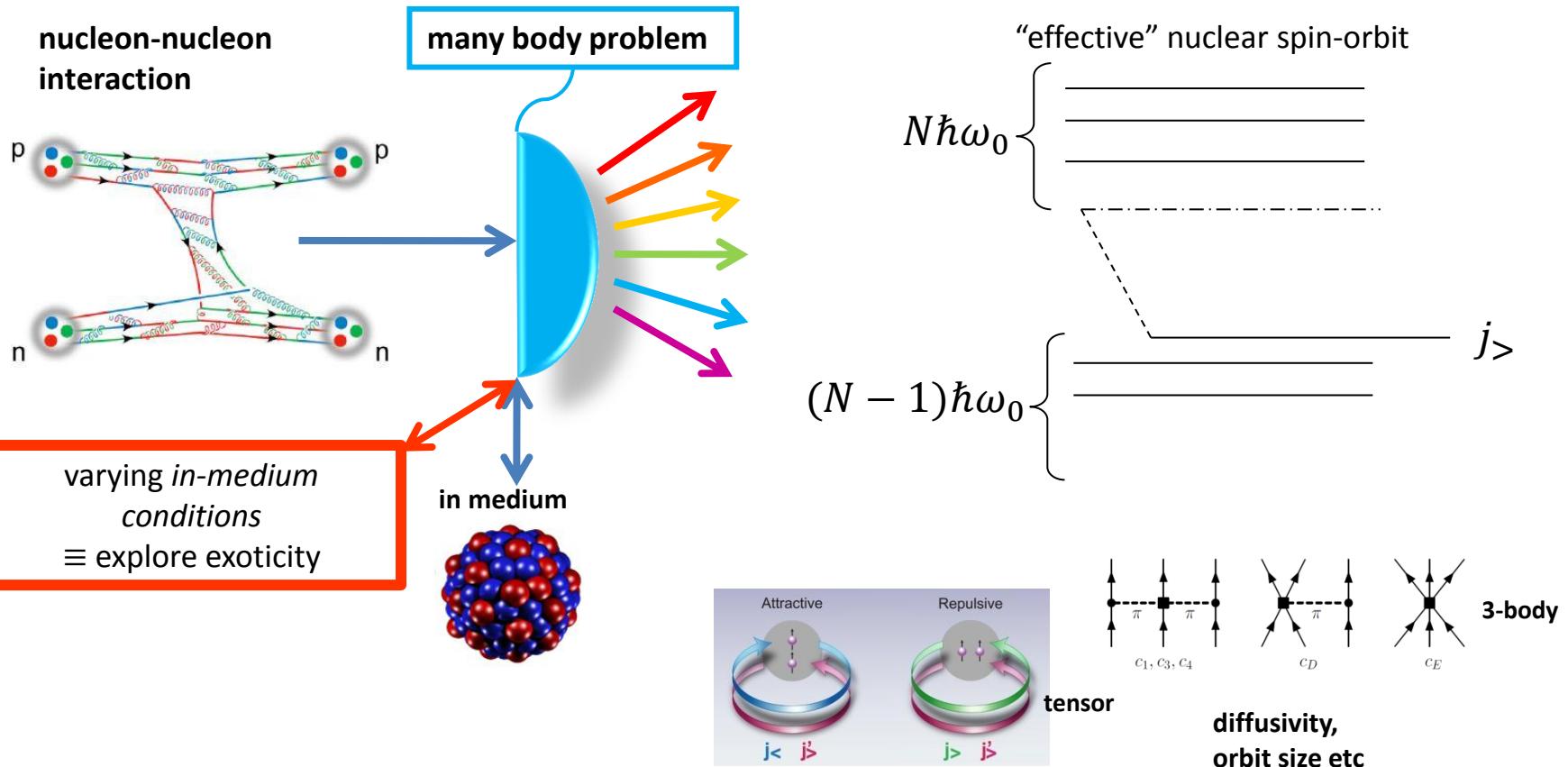
$$x \sim \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \approx 10^4$$



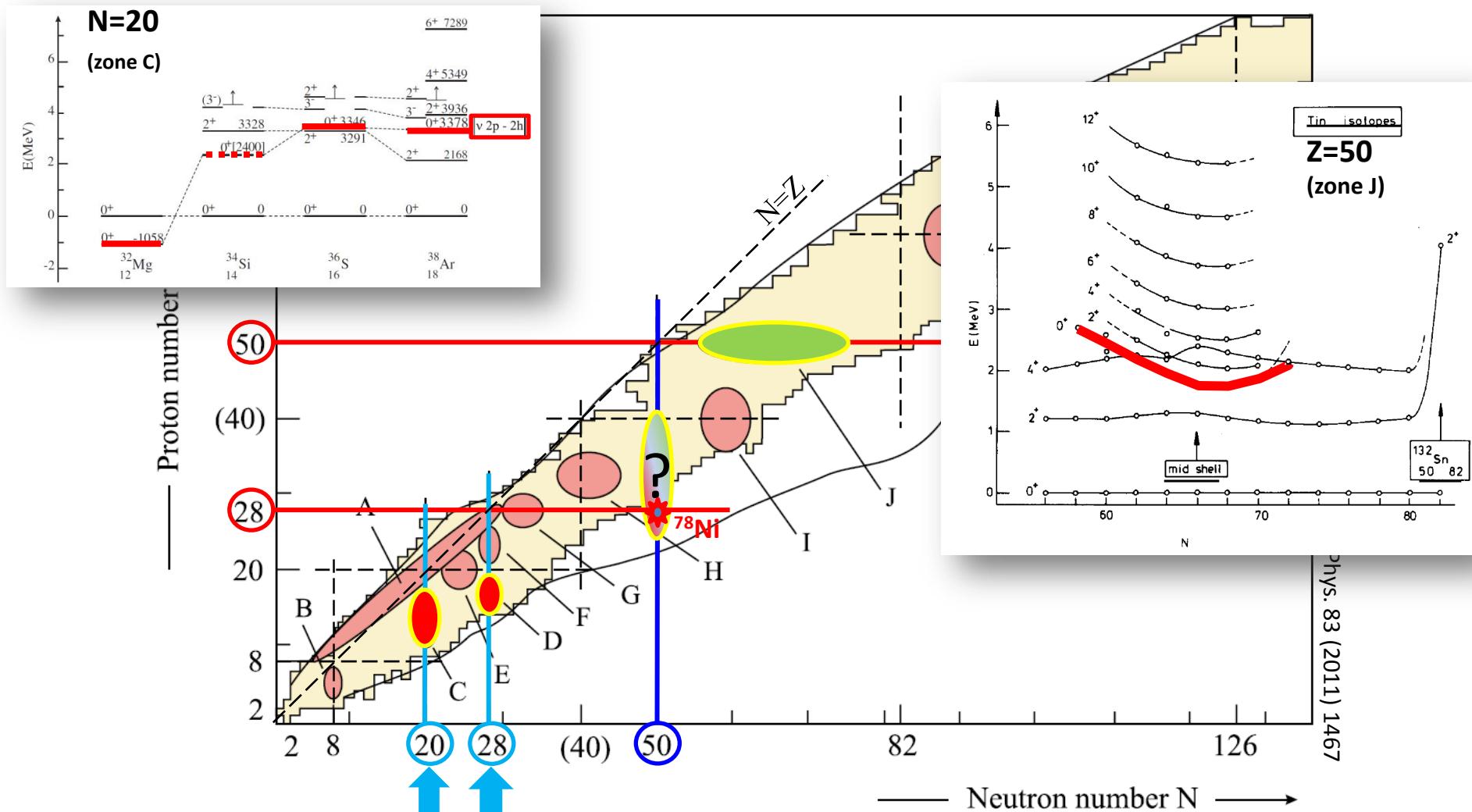
# SO magic numbers : an “emerging” phenomenon



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# SO magic numbers from a shape-coexistence point of view

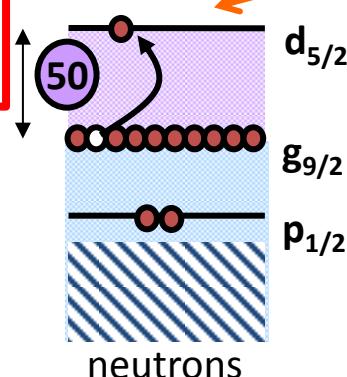


# The Z=32 “singularity”

## Yrast spectroscopy

Zr: H.Fann et. al  
Phys. Lett. B 44, 19 (1973)  
Sr: P.C.Li et. al.  
Nucl. Phys. A 462, 26 (1987)  
Kr: G.Winter et. al.  
Phys. Rev. C48, 1010 (1993)

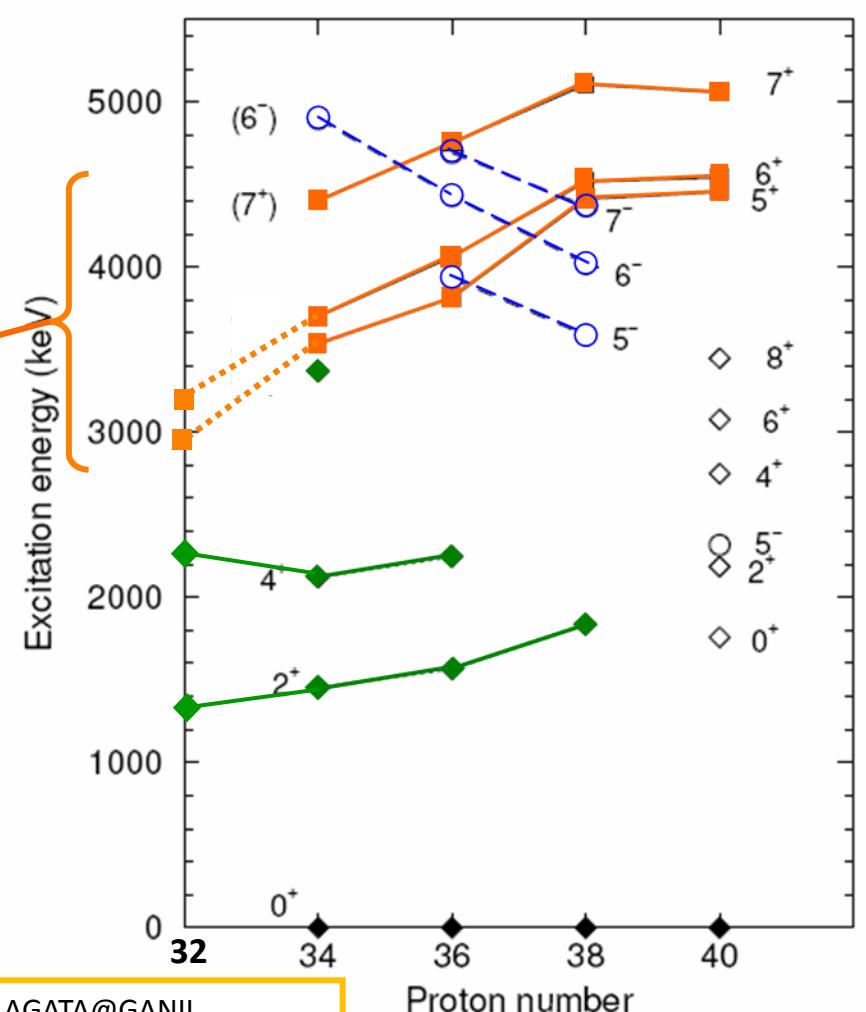
Se: Prevost et. al.  
Eur. Phys. J. A 22,391-395 (2004)  
Ge: T.Rzaca-Urban et. al.  
PRC 76, 027302 (2007)



some “shell quenching”

O. Sorlin, M.G. Porquet  
Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 61 (2008) 602

N=50 gap extrapolation  
 $\rightarrow {}^{78}\text{Ni} = 3.0(5) \text{ MeV}$

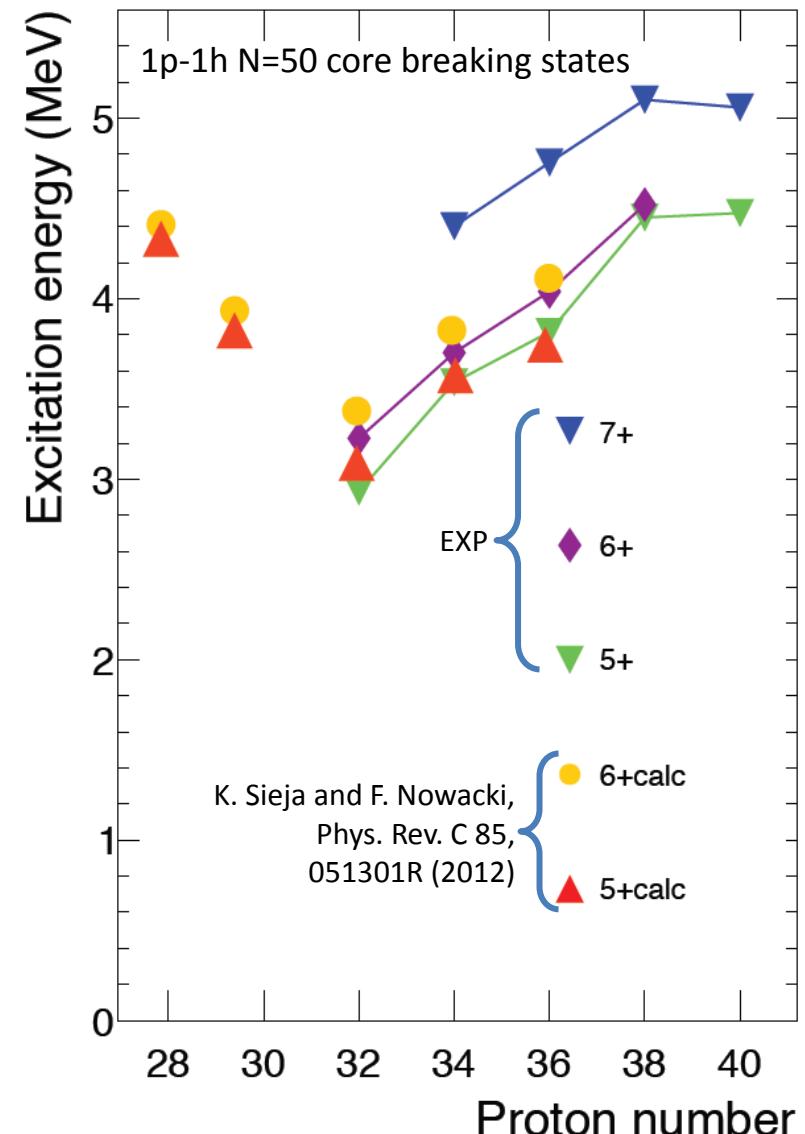
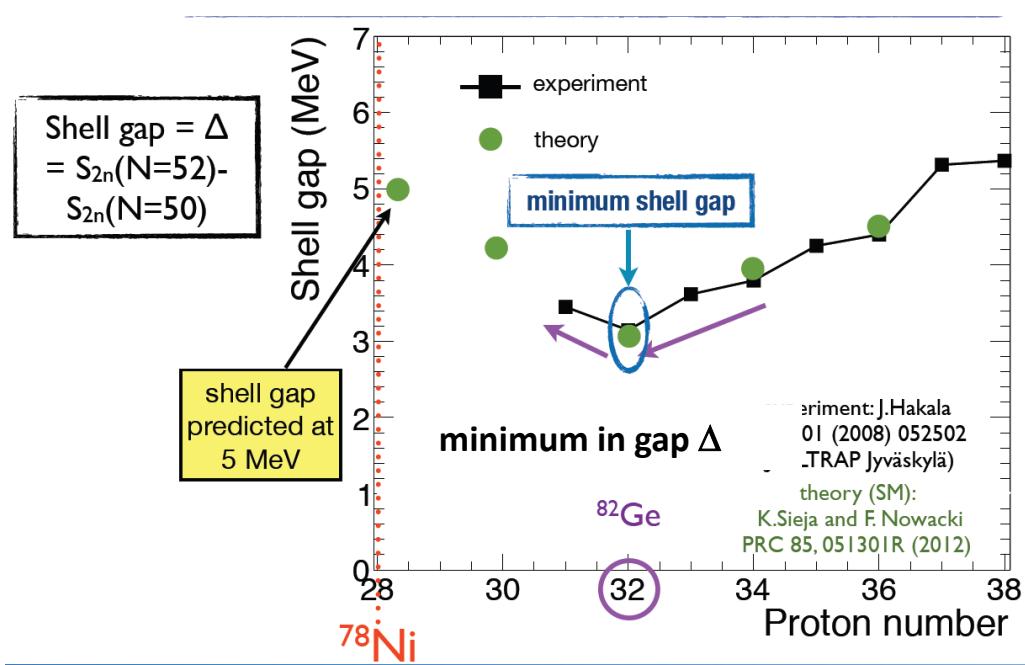


Fusion-fission experiment within AGATA@GANIL campaign (spokespersons G. Duchêne and G. De Angelis) run in 2015 search for core-breaking Yrast states in  ${}^{80}\text{Zn}$  → unsufficient statistics

# The Z=32 “singularity”

K. Sieja and F. Nowacki, Phys. Rev. C 85, 051301R (2012)

pf-shell orbitals for protons  
f5/2, p, g9/2, d5/2 orbitals for neutrons



5+ 6+ lifetime measurement soon available:  
plunger AGATA + VAMOS – Exp. E669 GANIL

# The Z=32 “singularity”

## High-precision mass spectrometry (JYFLTRAP and ISOLTRAP)

Hakala et al PRL 101, 052502 (2008); S. Baruah et al PRL 101, 262501 (2008)

later on : up to  $^{82}\text{Zn}$  ISOLTRAP [Wolf et al. PRL 110, 041101 (2013)]

$$\Delta = S_{2n}(52) - S_{2n}(50)$$

(Quantity usually used to extract shell gaps from mass data)

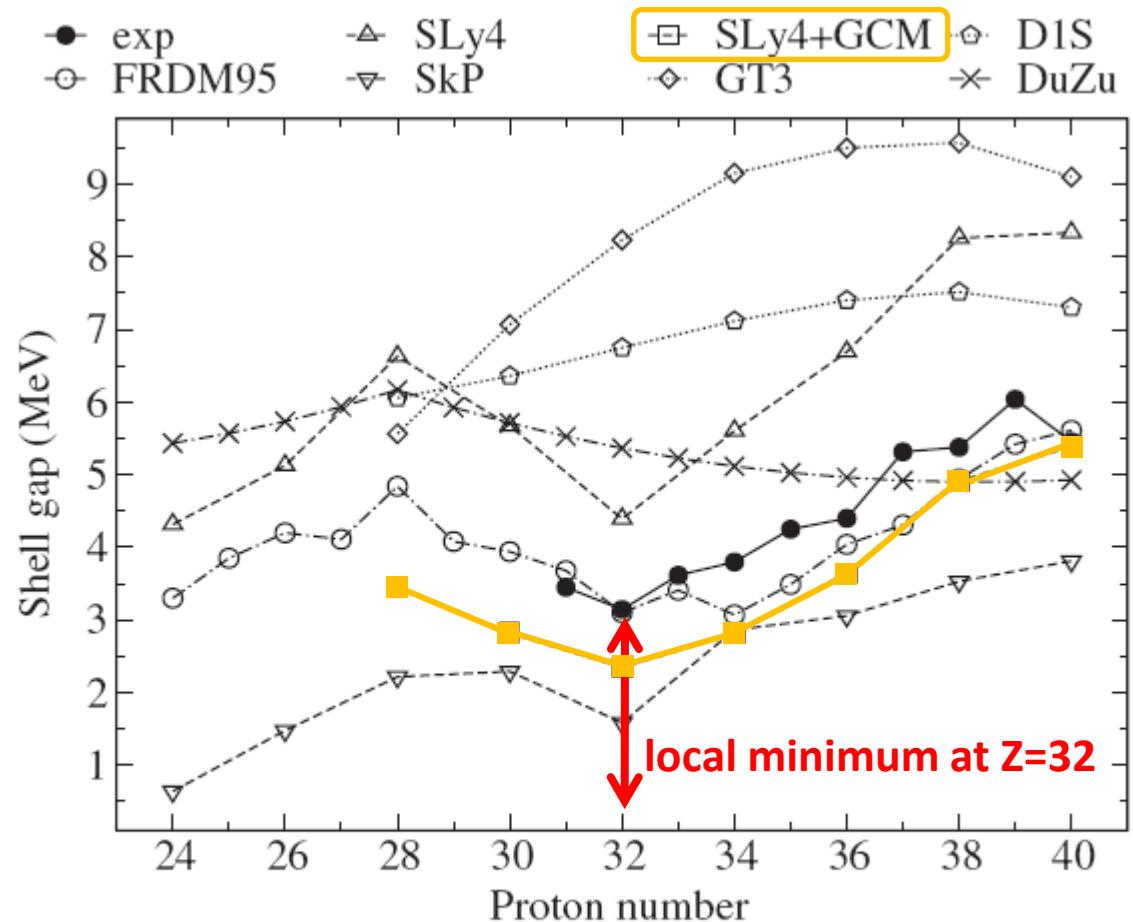
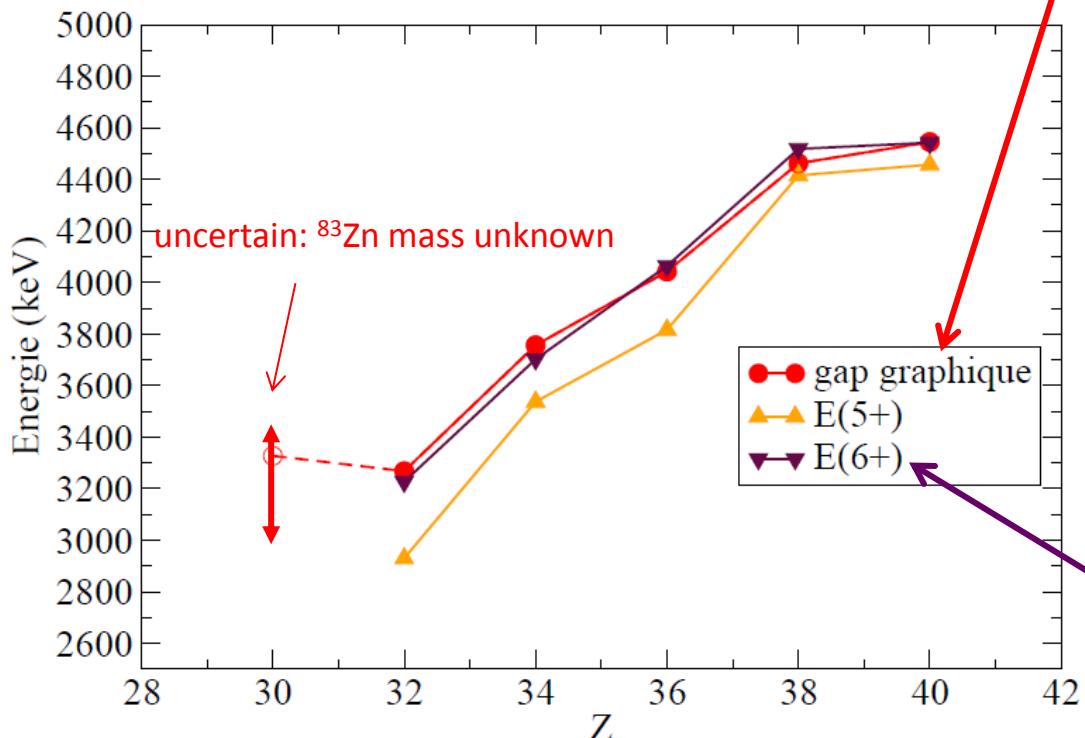


FIG. 4. Evolution of the  $N = 50$  shell gap and comparison to theoretical models.

# The Z=32 “singularity”

Striking similitude

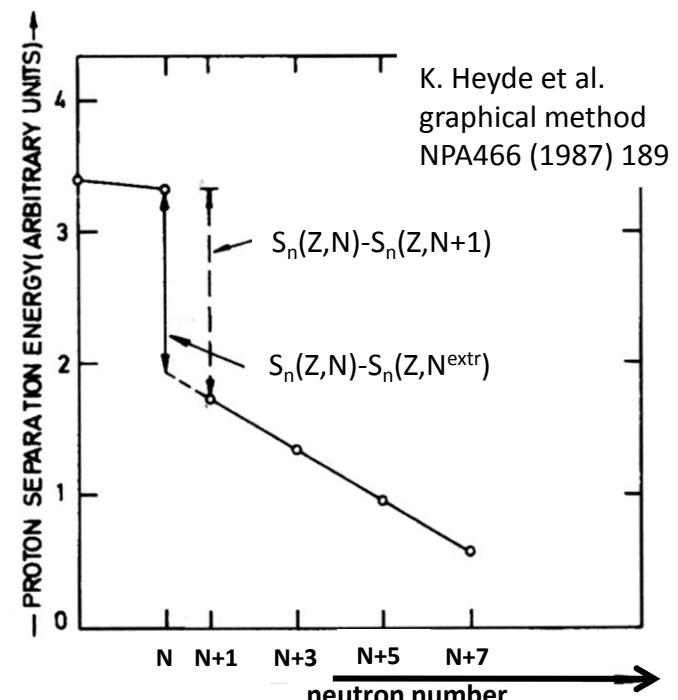
from mass measurements  
(after correction of upper  
shell effects)



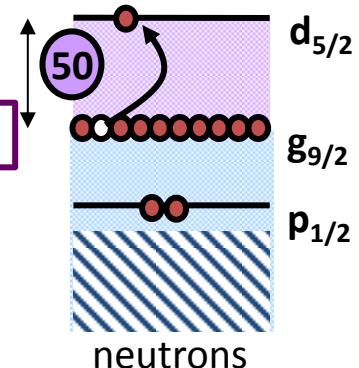
→ pure monopole effect ?

→ how to disentangle spherical mean field from correlation effects ?

→ what correlations ?

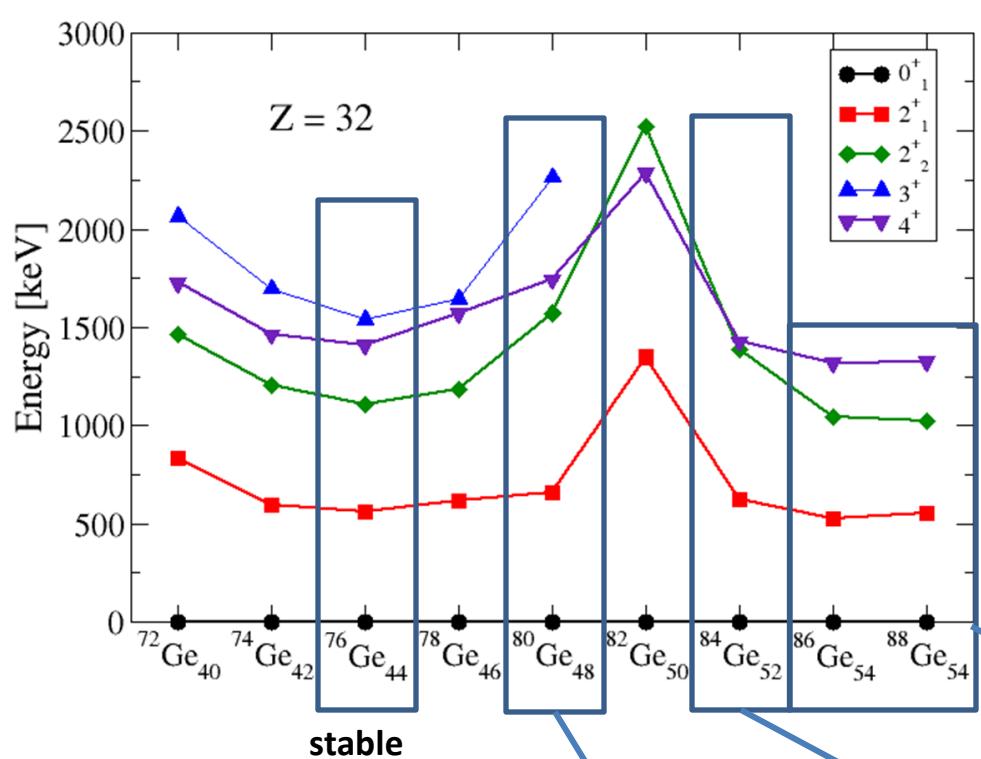


from  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy



# The Z=32 “singularity”

Z=32 : a triaxiality “corridor” ?



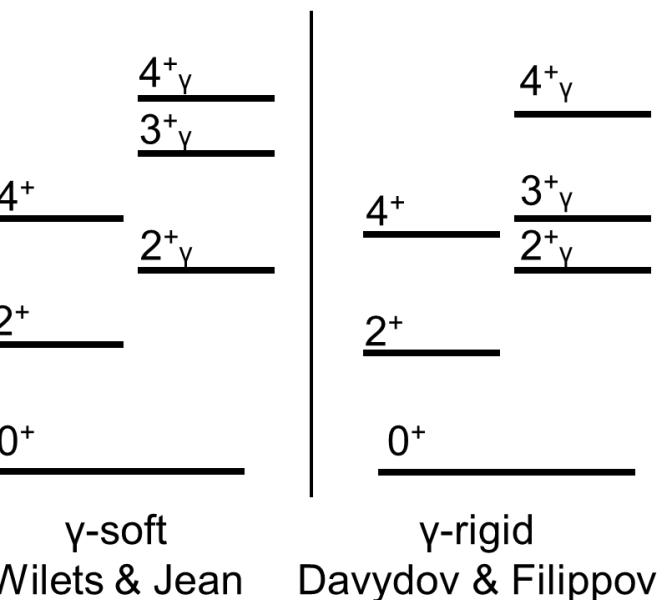
Y. Toh et al. PRC 87, 041304(R) (2013)  
(multistep-coulex)

S. Mukhopadhyay et al. PRC 95, 014327 (2017)  
(n,n'γ)

→ clearly triaxial

D. Verney et al. PRC 87, 054307 (2013)

Level scheme and spin assignment (2<sup>+</sup>,(3<sup>+</sup>),4<sup>+</sup> states)  
+ shell model



M. Lettman et al. PRC 96, 011301(R) (2017)  
E(4<sup>+)/E(2<sup>+</sup>) ratio + shell model</sup>

M. Lebois et al. PRC 80, 044308 (2009)

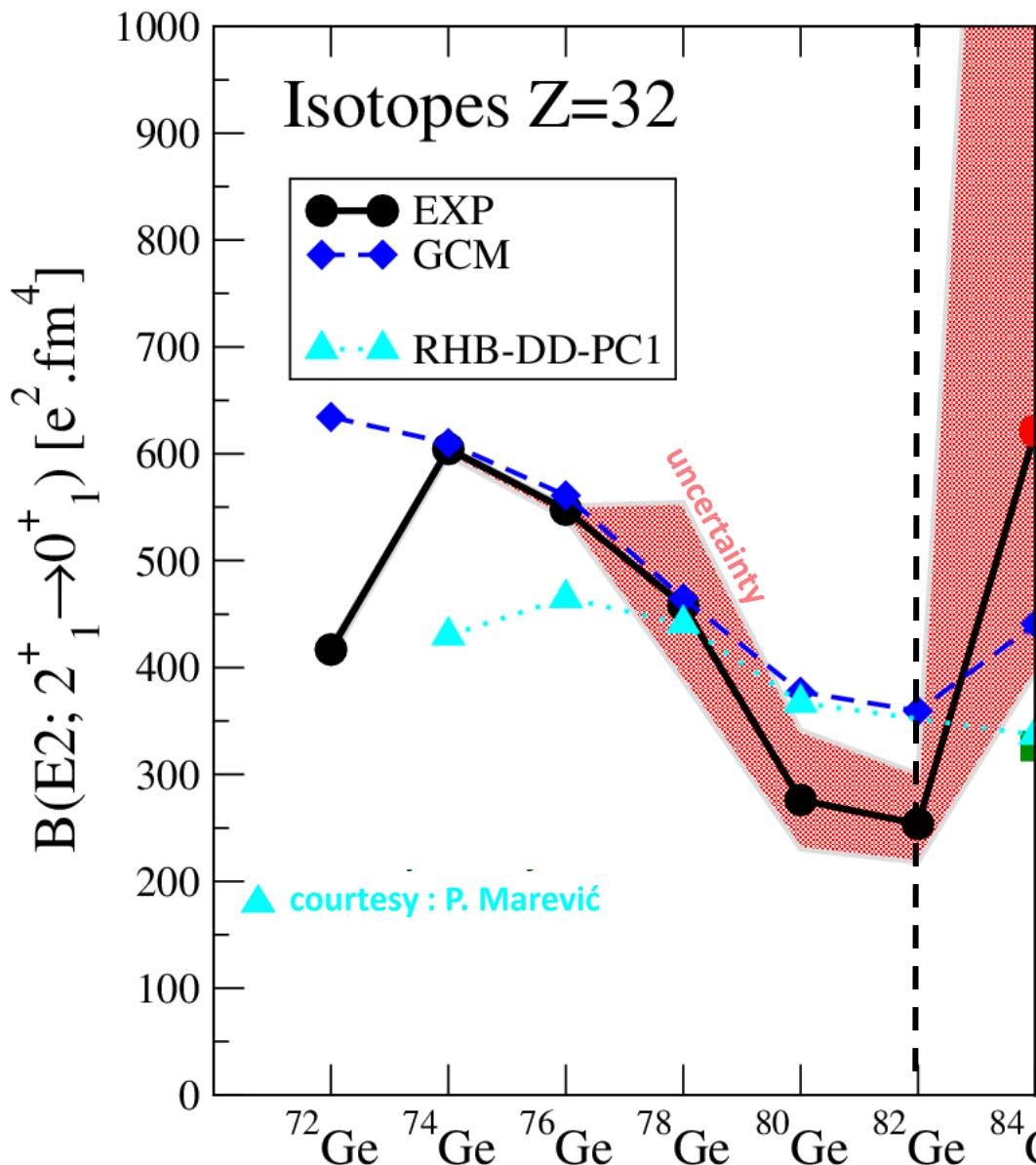
E(4<sup>+)/E(2<sup>+</sup>) ratio + beyond mean field</sup>

# The Z=32 “singularity”

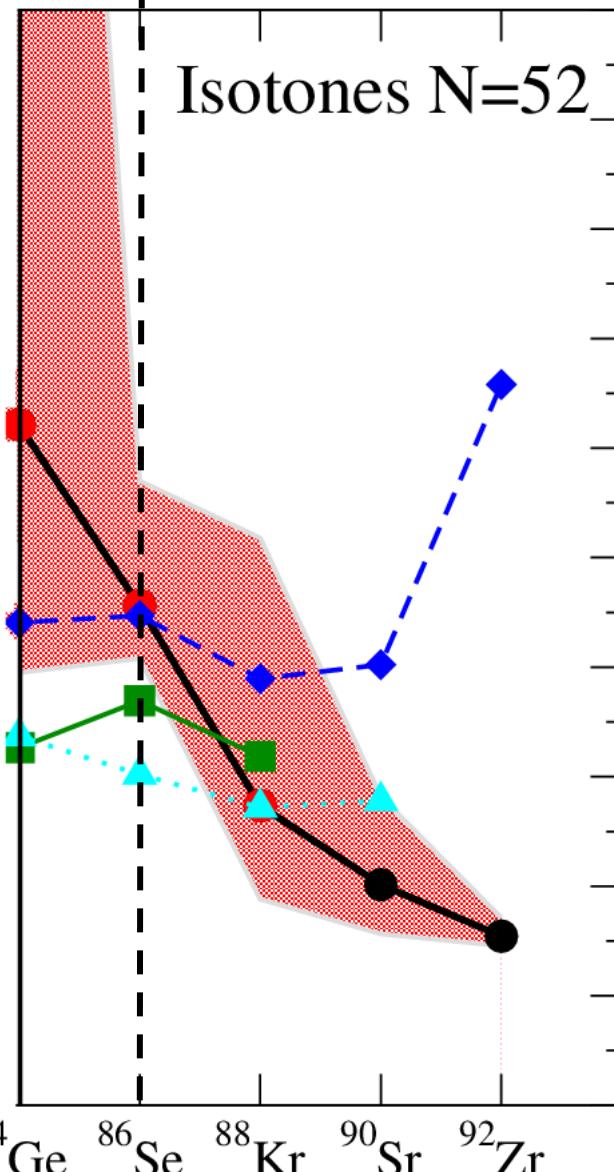
$^{84}\text{Ge}$  2<sup>+</sup> lifetime measurement : plunger AGATA + VAMOS

– Exp. E669 GANIL (C. Delafosse et al. to be published)

N=50



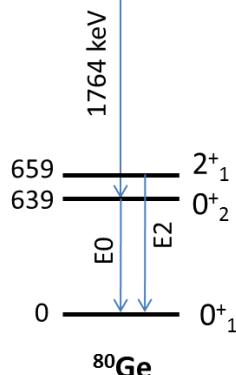
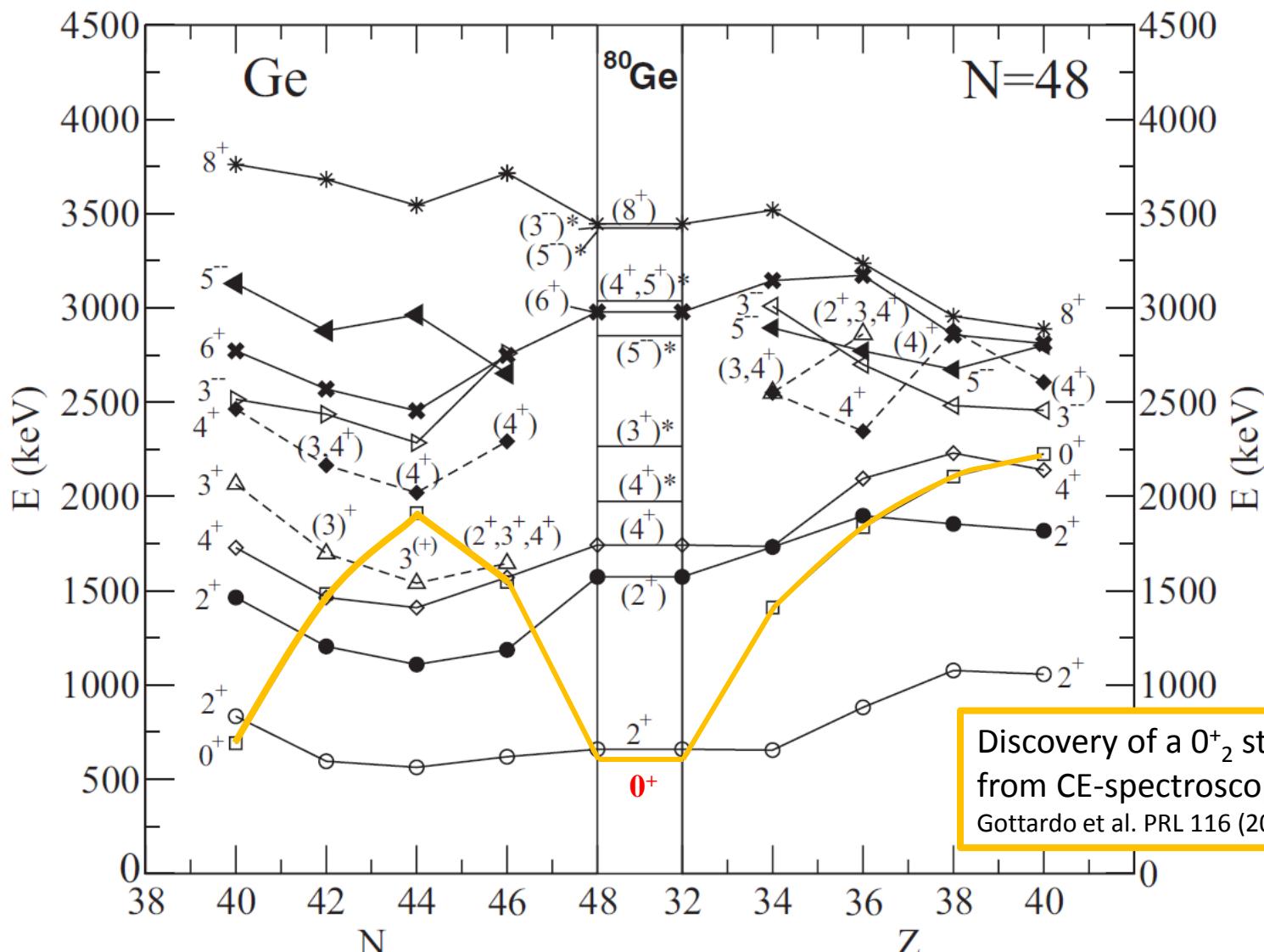
proton  
mid-shell



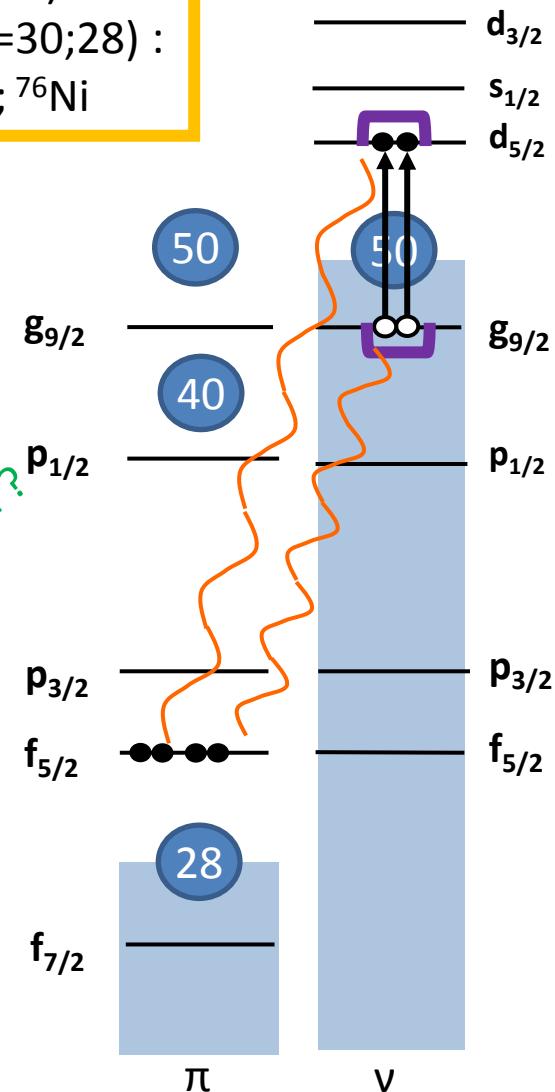
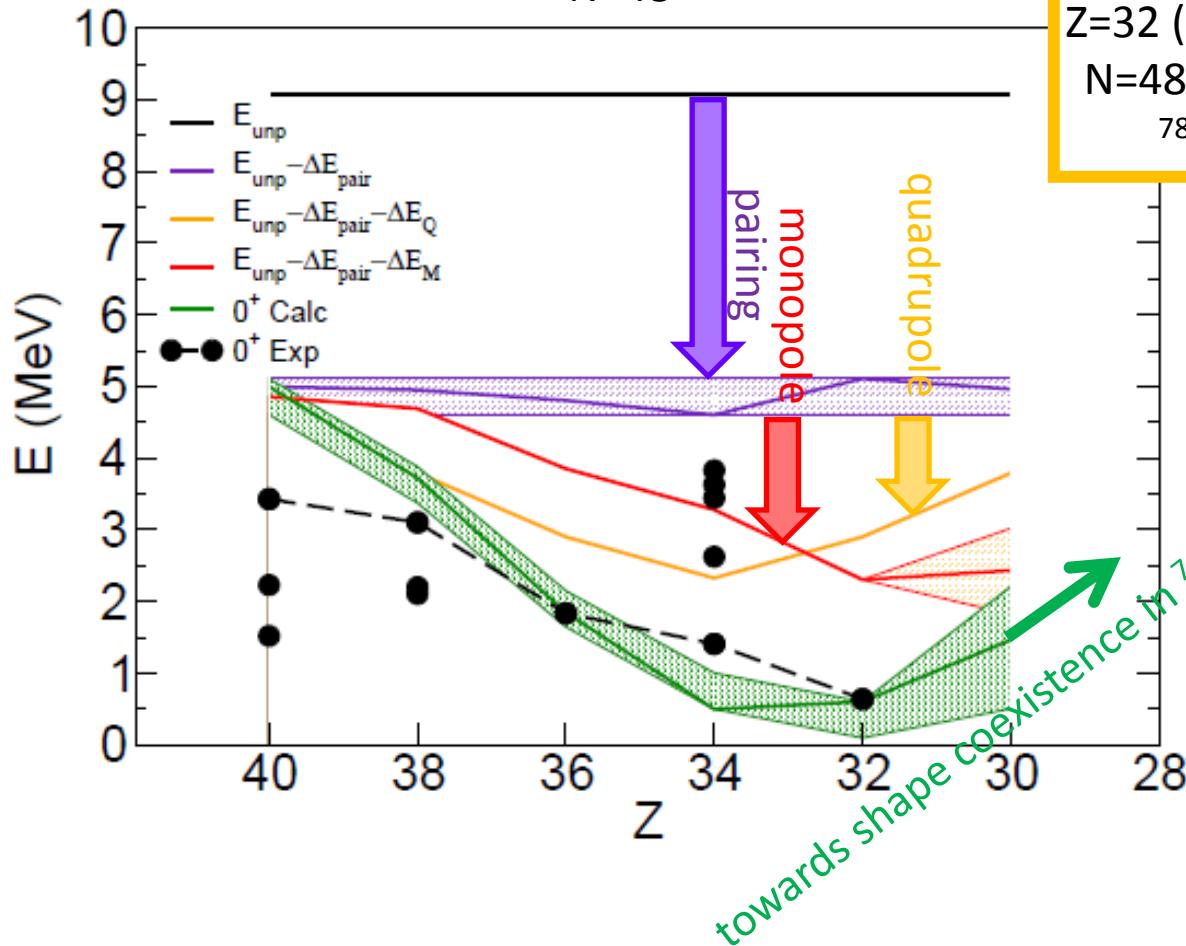
# The Z=32 “singularity”

Z=32 : definitely a “special” proton number

**3<sup>-</sup>** isomer in  $^{80}\text{Ga}$  —————  $\beta$   
 $[\text{T}_{1/2}(3^-) = 1.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ s};$   
 PRC 87 (2013)]



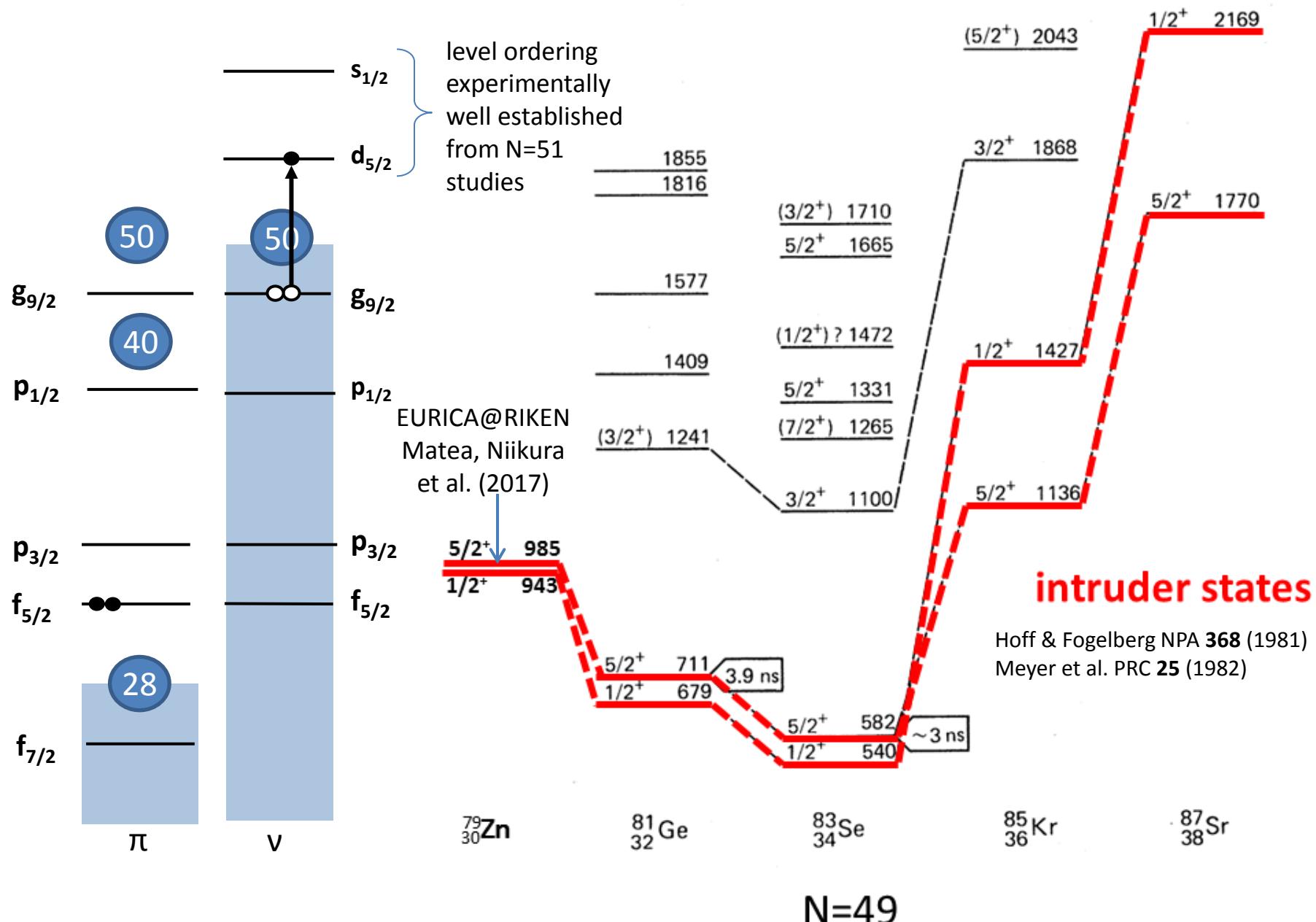
# Shape coexistence (N=48)



all quantities deduced from most recent **mass data**  
(except quadrupole correlation : IBM estimate)

Gottardo et al. PRL 116 (2016)

# Shape coexistence (N=49)

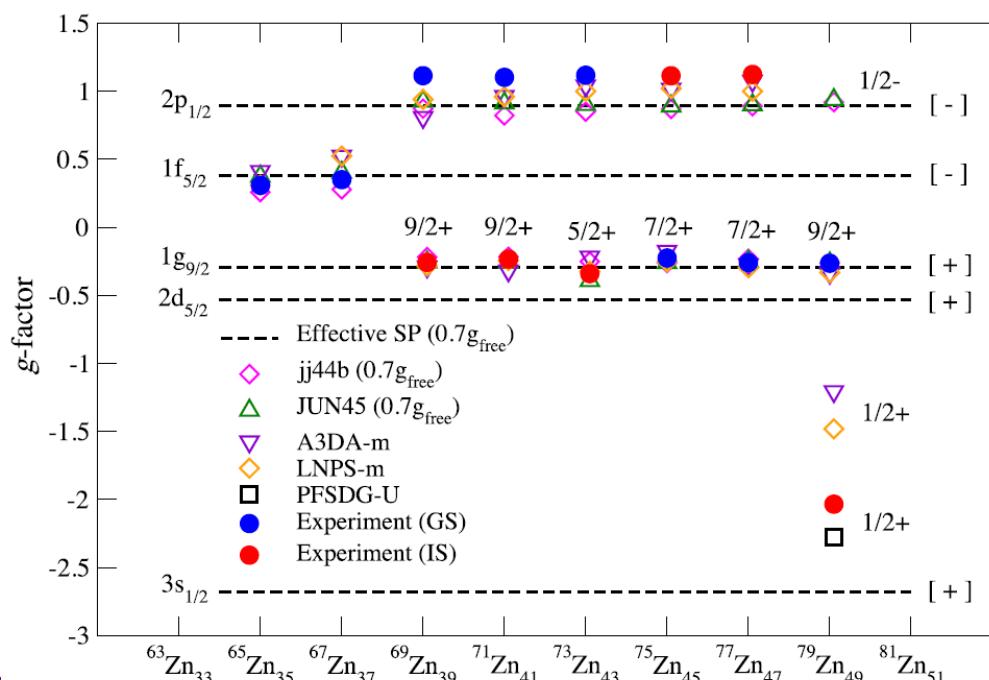
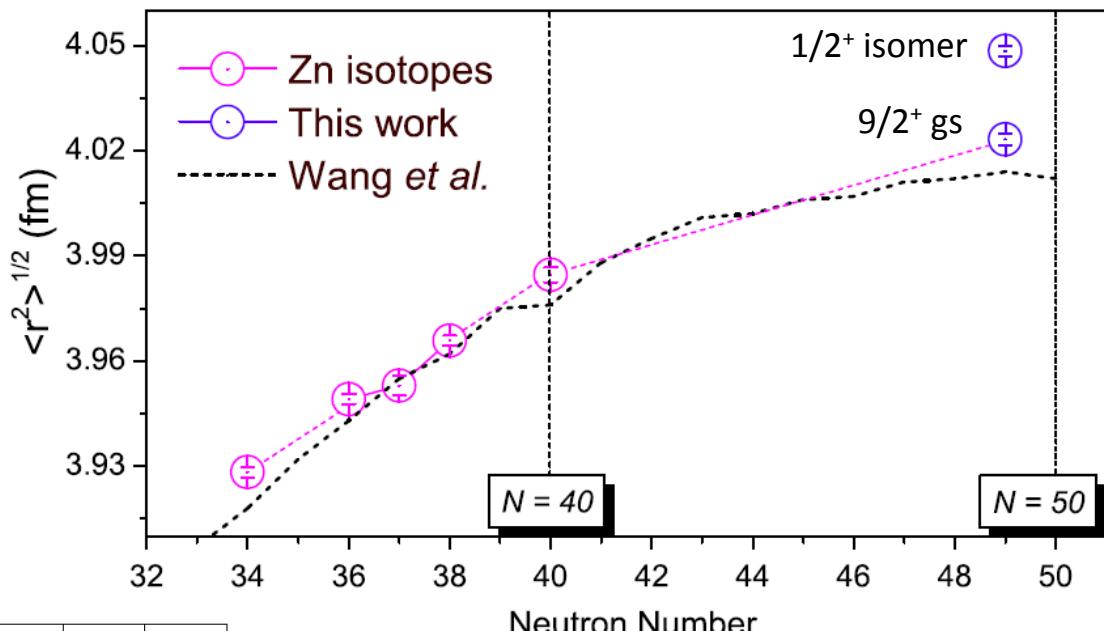


# Shape coexistence (N=49)

X. Yang et al. PRL 116 (2016)

$^{79}\text{Zn}$  : isomer shift measured  
COLLAPS collaboration

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle ({}^{79m}\text{Zn}) - \langle r_c^2 \rangle ({}^{79g}\text{Zn}) = 0.204(6)[36] \text{ fm}^2$$

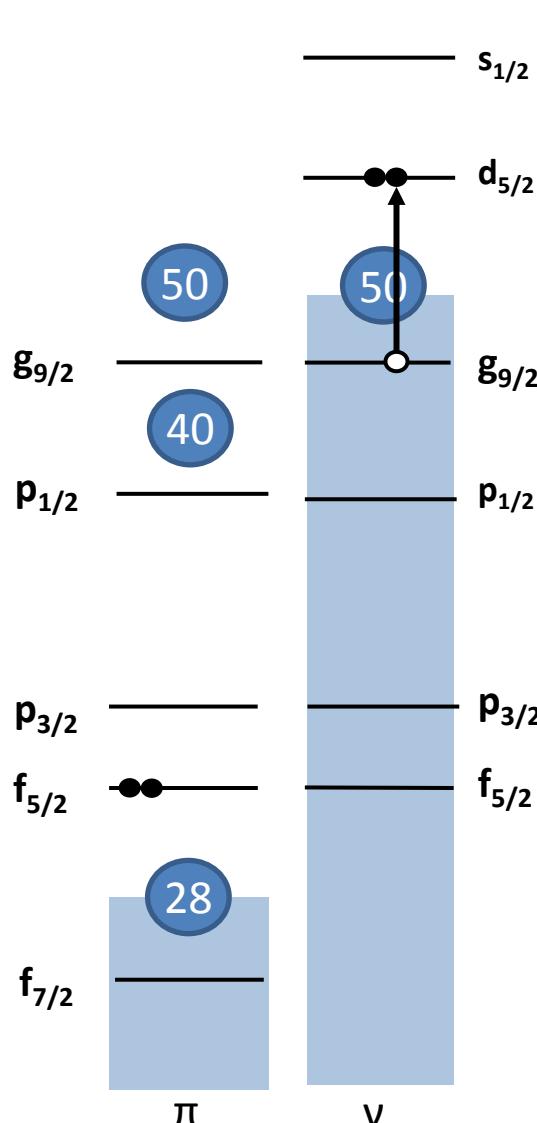


C. Wraith et al. PLB 771 385 (2017)

PFSDG-U based shell model calculations  
→  $s_{1/2} d_{5/2} (d_{3/2} g_{7/2})$  composition  
of the  $1/2^+$  intruder state seems under control

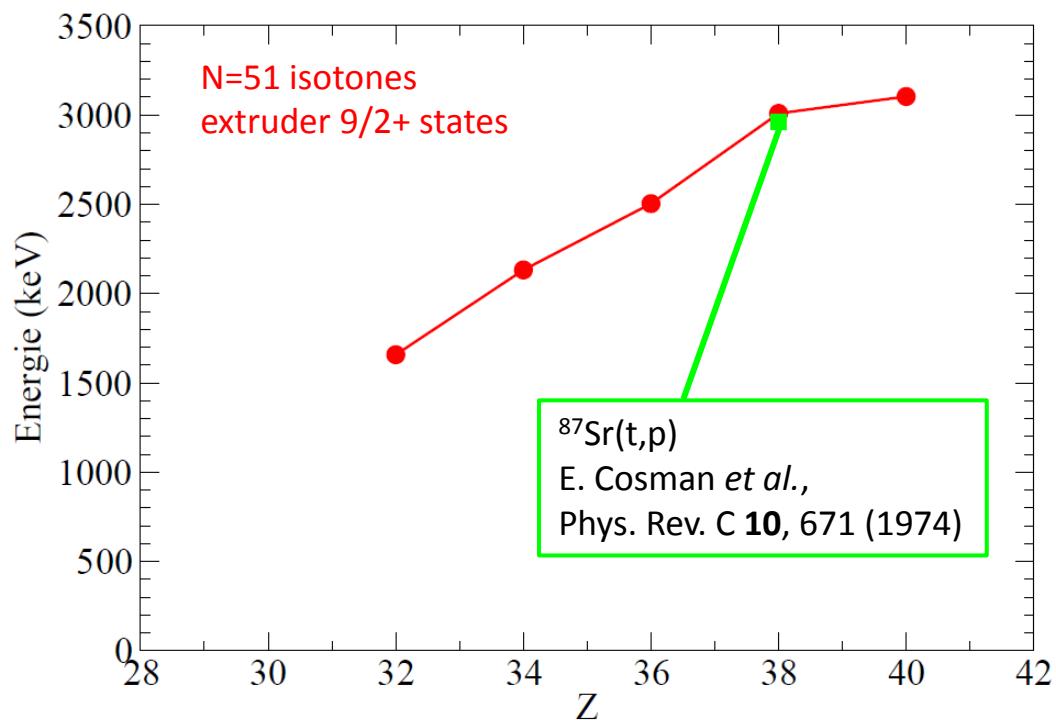
# Shape coexistence (N=51)

Extruder counterparts at N=51 : none identified so far

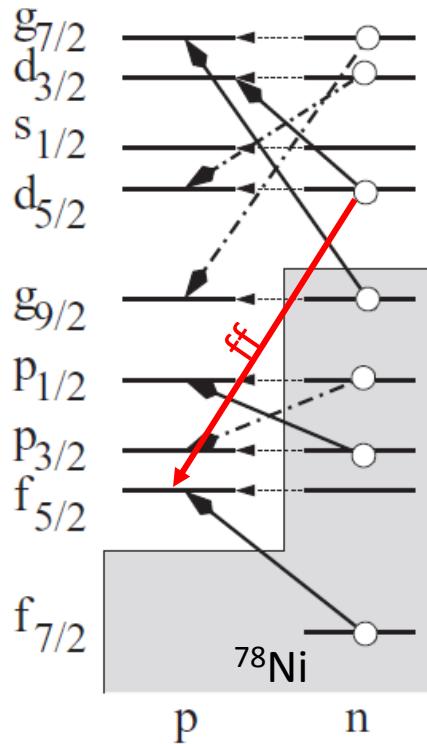


using the same mass ingredients as for the evaluation of the  $0^+_2$  intruder energy in  $^{80}\text{Ge} \rightarrow$

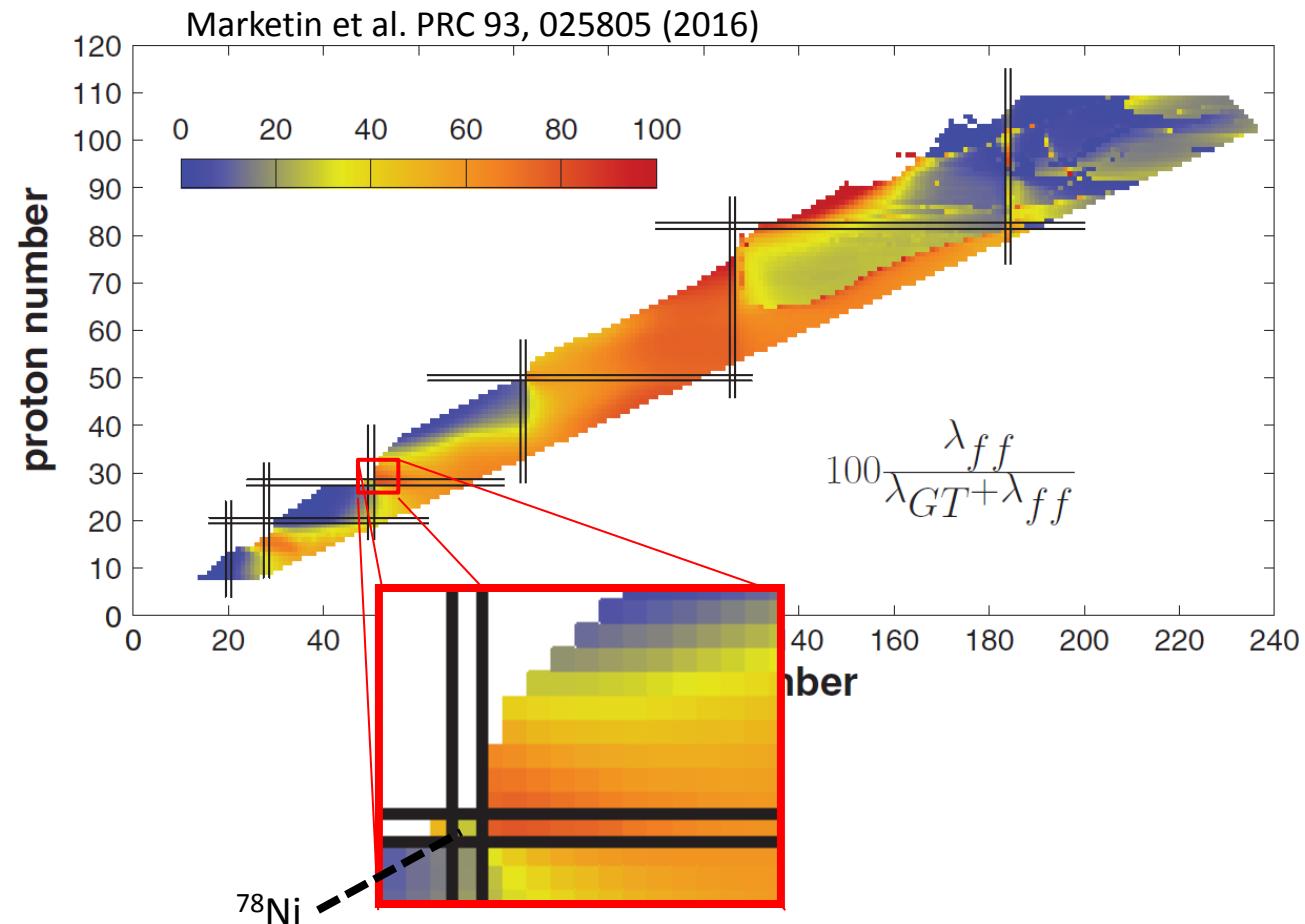
$$E_{d_{5/2}^2 g_{9/2}^{-1}}^{\text{unp}} = \tilde{\epsilon}_{d_{5/2}} - \tilde{\epsilon}_{g_{9/2}} + \Delta E_{\text{pairing}}(p)$$



# Beyond-threshold effects and the question of ff-transitions in the $^{78}\text{Ni}$ region

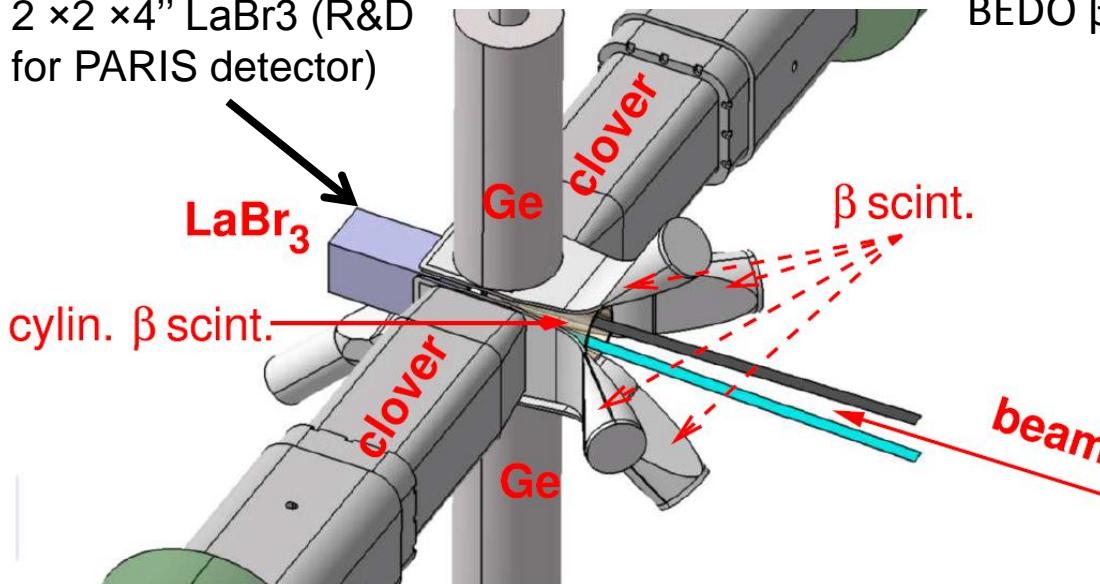


Because of the structure of the valence space in very N/Z asymmetric nuclei first-forbidden transition are believed to play a major role just after closed neutron shell  
→ consequences for r-process modeling



## Beyond-threshold effects and the question of ff-transitions in the $^{78}\text{Ni}$ region

## 2 × 2 × 4" LaBr<sub>3</sub> (R&D for PARIS detector)



5/2-	3+*	1/2-	(0-)*	3/2+
EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Se 70 41.1 m 0+	Se 71 4.74 m 3/2-, 5/2-	Se 72 8.40 d 0+	Se 73 7.15 h 9/2+ *	Se
EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
As 69 15.2 m 5/2-	As 70 52.6 m 4(+)	As 71 65.28 h 5/2-	As 72 26.0 h 2-	As
EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Ge 68 270.8 d 0+	Ge 69 39.05 h 5/2-	Ge 70 0+	Ge 71 11.43 d 1/2- *	Ge
EC	EC	21.23	EC	27.4
Ga 67 3.2612 d 3/2-	Ga 68 67.629 m 1+	Ga 69 3/2-	Ga 70 21.14 m 1+	Ga
EC	EC	60.108	EC, β <sup>-</sup>	39.8
Zn 66 0+	Zn 67 5/2-	Zn 68 0+	Zn 69 56.4 m 1/2- *	Zn
27.9	4.1	18.8	β <sup>-</sup>	0.
Cu 65 3/2-	Cu 66 5.088 m 1+	Cu 67 61.83 h 3/2-	Cu 68 31.1 s 1+ *	Cu
30.83	β <sup>-</sup>	β <sup>-</sup>	β <sup>-</sup>	2.85
Ni 64 0+	Ni 65 2.5172 h 5/2-	Ni 66 54.6 h 0+	Ni 67 21 s (1/2-)	Ni
0.976	β <sup>-</sup>	β <sup>-</sup>	β <sup>-</sup>	19

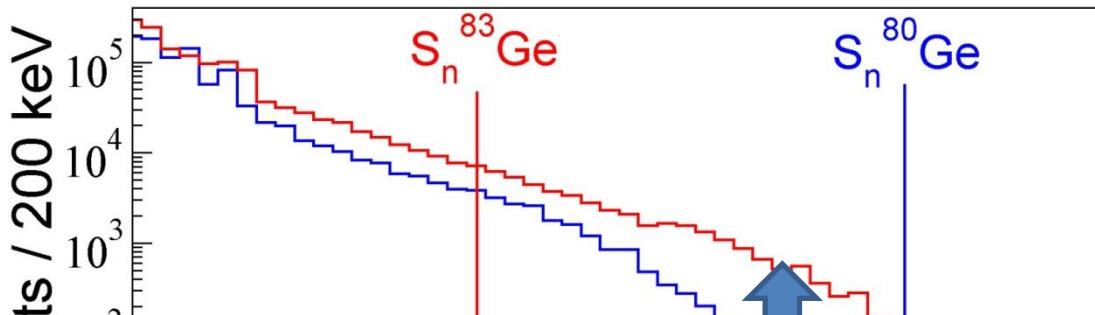
## BEDO $\beta$ -decay station at ALTO

Zr90	Zr91	Zr92	Zr93	Zr94	Zr95	Zr96
0+ * 51.45	5/2+ 11.22	0+ 17.15	1.53E+6 y 5/2+	0+ 17.38	64.02 d 5/2+ $\beta^-$	3.9E19 y 0+ $\beta^-$
Y89	Y90 64.10 h 2- $\beta^-$	Y91 58.51 d 1/2- *	Y92 3.54 h 2- $\beta^-$	Y93 10.18 h 1/2- $\beta^-$	Y94 18.7 m 2- $\beta^-$	Y95 10.3 m 1/2- $\beta^-$
1/2- 100						
Sr88	Sr89 50.53 d 5/2+	Sr90 28.78 y 0+ $\beta^-$	Sr91 9.63 h 5/2+ $\beta^-$	Sr92 2.71 h 0+ $\beta^-$	Sr93 7.423 m 5/2+ $\beta^-$	Sr94 75.3 s 0+ $\beta^-$
0+ 82.58						
Rb87 4.75E10 3/2- $\beta^-$	Rb88 17.78 m 2- $\beta^-$	Rb89 15.15 m 3/2- $\beta^-$	Rb90 158 s 0- $\beta^-$	Rb91 58.4 s 3/2(-) $\beta^-$	Rb92 4.492 s 0- $\beta^-$	Rb93 5.84 s 5/2- $\beta^-$
7.73s						
Kr86	Kr87 76.3 m 5/2+ $\beta^-$	Kr88 2.84 h 0+ $\beta^-$	Kr89 3.15 m (3/2+; 5/2+) $\beta^-$	Kr90 32.32 s 0+ $\beta^-$	Kr91 8.57 s (5/2+) $\beta^-$	Kr92 1.840 s 0+ $\beta^-$
0+ 17.3						
Br85 2.90 m 3/2- $\beta^-$	Br86 55.1 s (2-) $\beta^-$	Br87 55.60 s 3/2- $\beta^-$	Br88 16.34 s (1,2-) $\beta^-$	Br89 4.438 s (3/2-, 5/2-) $\beta^-$	Br90 1.910 s $\beta^-$	Br91 0.541 s $\beta^-$
1.1						
Se84 3.1 m 0+ $\beta^-$	Se85 31.7 s (5/2+) $\beta^-$	Se86 15.3 s 0+ $\beta^-$	Se87 5.29 s (5/2+) $\beta^-$	Se88 1.53 s 0+ $\beta^-$	Se89 0.41 s (5/2+) $\beta^-$	Se90
*						
As83 13.4 s (5/2-, 3/2-) $\beta^-$	As84 4.02 s $\beta^-$	As85 2.021 s (3/2-) $\beta^-$	As86 0.945 s $\beta^-$	As87 0.48 s (3/2-) $\beta^-$	As88	As89
*						
Ge82 4.60 s 0+ $\beta^-$	Ge83 1.85 s (5/2+) $\beta^-$	Ge84 966 ms 0+ $\beta^-$	Ge85 535 ms 0+ $\beta^-$	Ge86		
*						
Ga81 1.217 s (5/2-) $\beta^-$	Ga82 0.599 s (1,2-) $\beta^-$	Ga83 31 s $\beta^-$	Ga84 85 ms $\beta^-$	54		
Zn80 0.545 s 0+ $\beta^-$	Zn81 0.29 s $\beta^-$	Zn82 0+ $\beta^-$				
Cu79 188 ms $\beta^-$	Cu80					
Ni78 0+						

Gottardo et al. Phys. Lett. B 772 359 (2017)

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comparison of  $^{80}\text{Ge}$  vs  $^{83}\text{Ge}$  spectra (below vs above N=50) up to  $\approx Q_\beta$



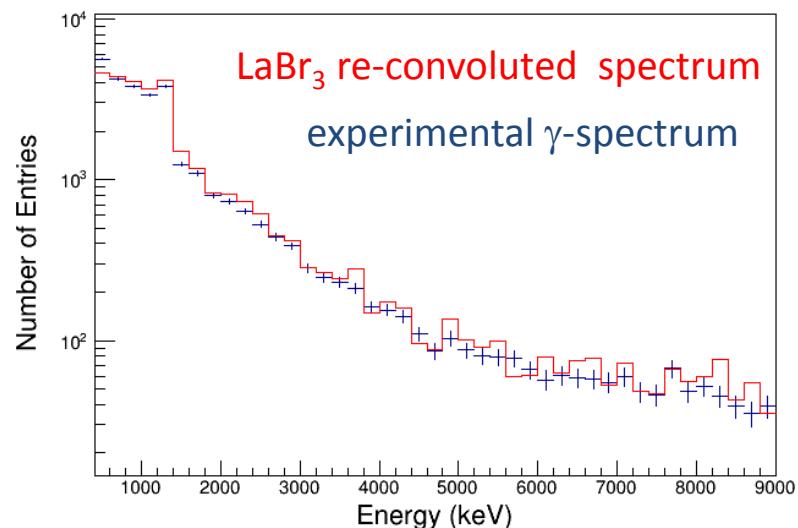
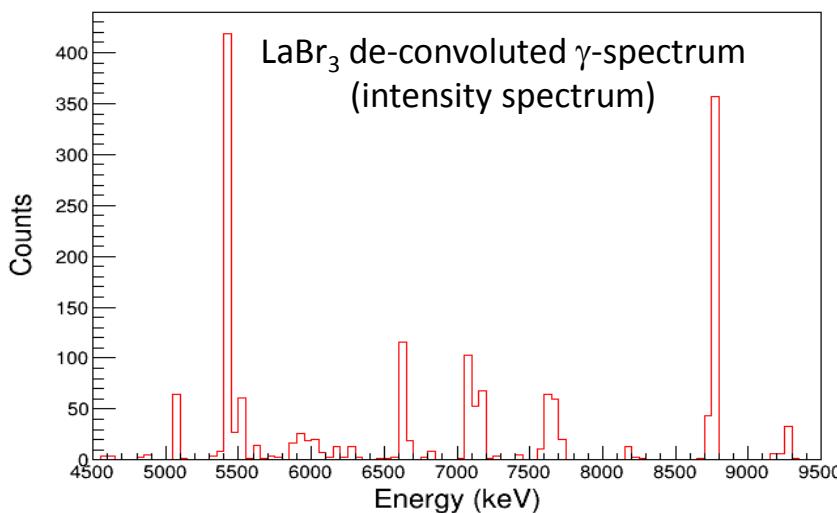
Response function + energy linearity  
of LaBr<sub>3</sub> detector fully characterized  
up to 11 MeV using  $^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p},\gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$   
reaction at the ARAMIS accelerator  
(CSNSM in Orsay)

$\approx 10^1$

one order of magnitude !

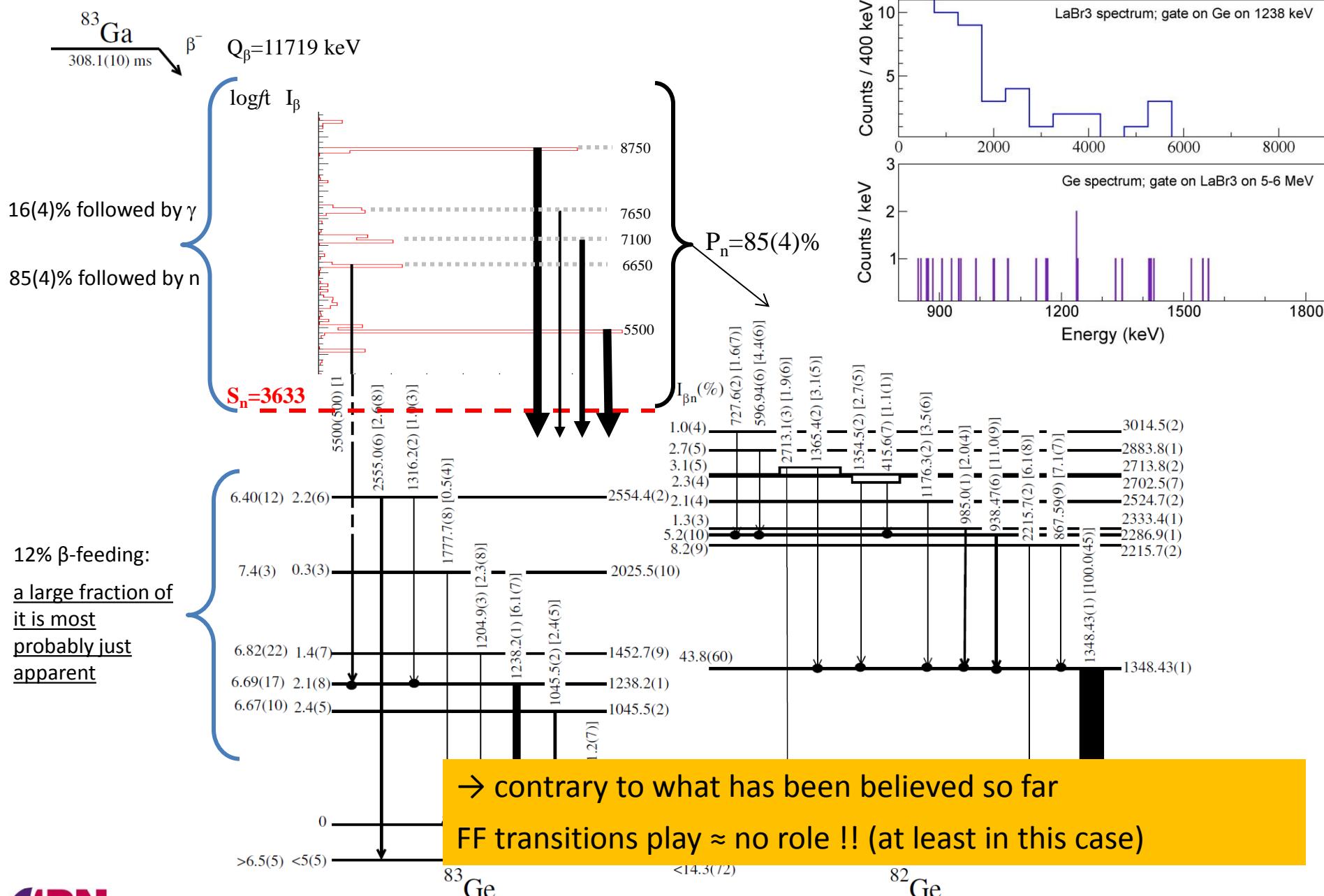
16(4) % of the  $\beta$  decay strength above n-threshold and followed by  $\gamma$ -emission

$\beta$ -n branching measured with TETRA= 85(4)% [Verney et al. PRC 054320 95 (2017)]



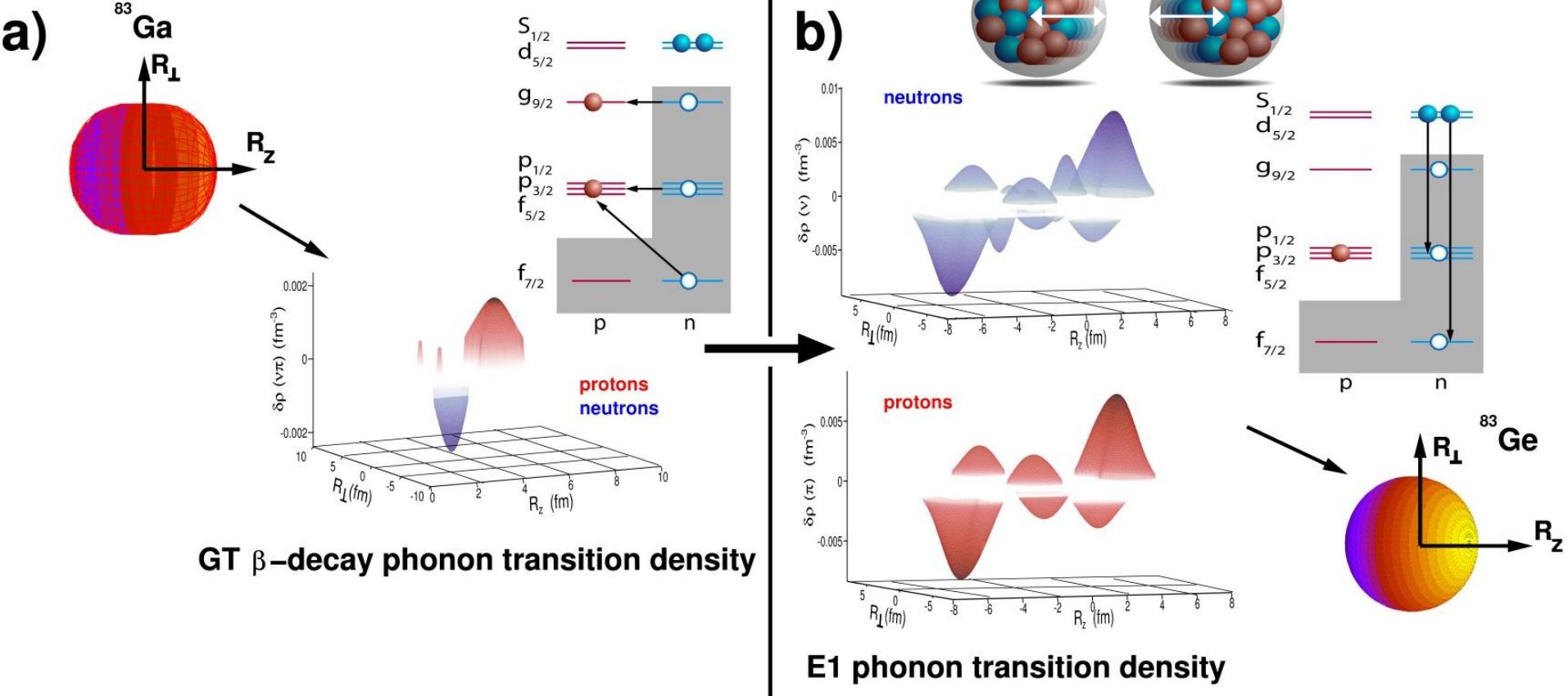
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## Transition densities from Gogny D1M – QRPA (Bruyères-le-Châtel)

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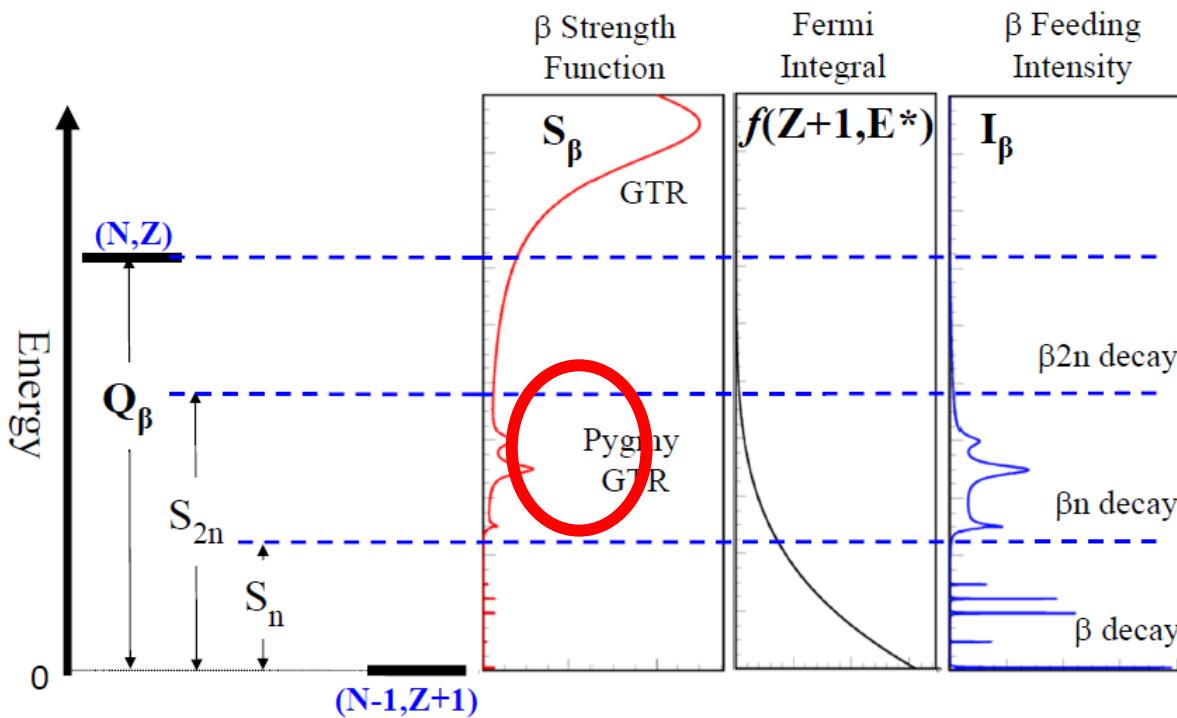
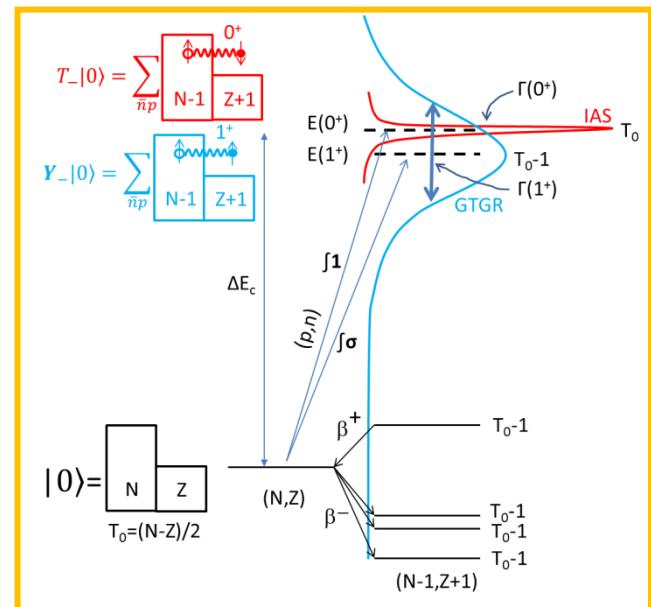


- a) GT decay creates a depletion of neutron density in the core; adds a proton on the surface
- b) The excited  $^{83}\text{Ge}$  states can then decay via E1  $\gamma$  emission with a «PDR-like» transition density

neutron-skin related effect ?

# More about beyond-threshold effects

$\beta$ -delayed neutron emission probability :  $P_n$ ,  
like other global quantities  $T_{1/2}$ , mass,  $\delta\langle r_c \rangle$  etc.  
are not straightforwardly interpretable in terms of structure



$P_n$  value gives information on the integral  $\beta$ -feeding of states above  $S_n$  (a first step before  $n$ -spectroscopy)  
 ⇒ provides an experimental test of the consistency of  $\beta$ -strength theories

# More about beyond-threshold effects

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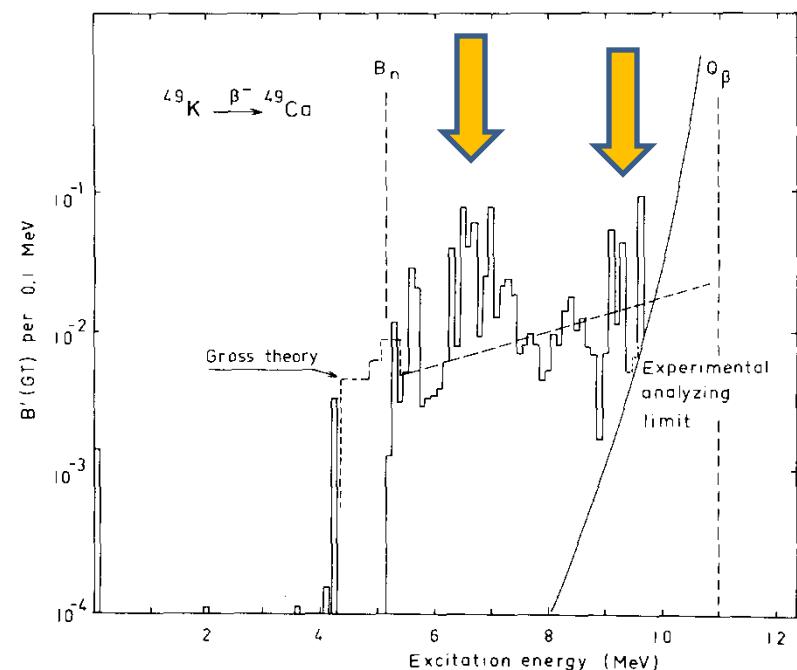


Fig. 2. The beta strength function of  $^{49}\text{K}$  decay in terms of reduced GT transition probabilities.

# More about beyond-threshold effects

Table 2  
 $T = 9/2$  particle-hole states in  $^{49}\text{Ca}$ .

Configurations	$E_X^a)$ (MeV)
a $\{[(\text{sd})^{-1}\text{f}^8(T=4)]_{9/2}\text{r}^2(T=1)\}_{9/2}$	9.4
b $\{[(\text{sd})^{-1}\text{f}^8(T=4)]_{9/2}\text{r}^2(T=0)\}_{9/2}$	9.7
c $\{[(\text{sd})^{-1}\text{f}^8(T=4)]_{7/2}\text{r}^2(T=1)\}_{9/2}$	5.0
d $\{[(\text{sd})^{-1}\text{f}^8(T=3)]_{7/2}\text{r}^2(T=1)\}_{9/2}$	12.0
e $\{[(\text{sd})^{-1}\text{f}^9(T=7/2)]_4\text{r}^1(T=1/2)\}_{9/2}$	6.2

a) For  $\text{r} = \text{p}_{3/2}$ .

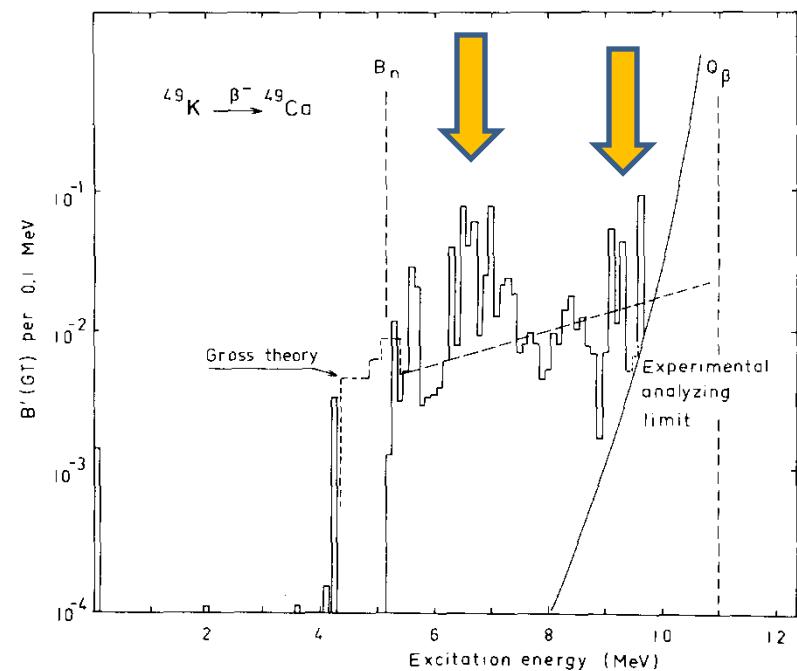
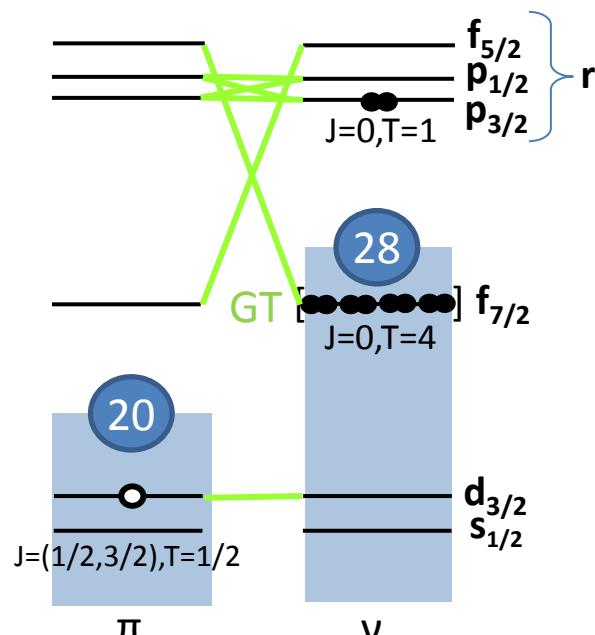
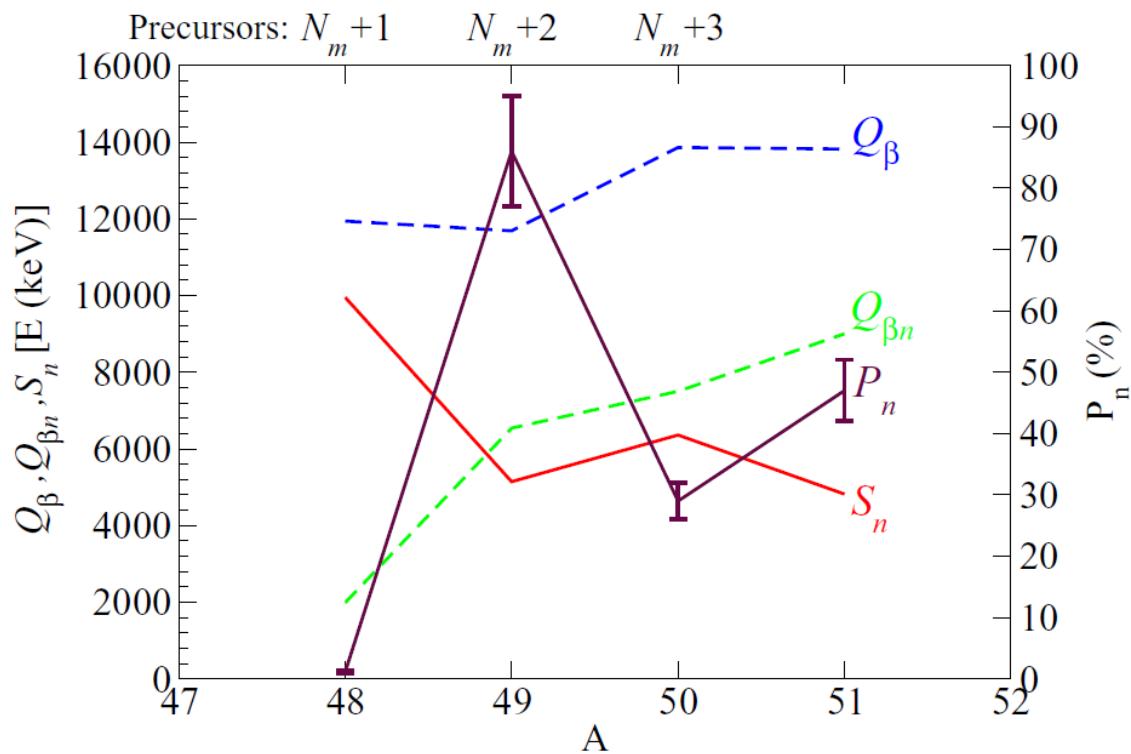


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$P_n$  “oscillation” at closed-shell + 1, 2, 3 neutrons

	$N_m=28$	$N_m+1$	$N_m+2$	$N_m+3$	
emitter	48Ca	49Ca	50Ca	51Ca	
$S_n =$	9952	5146	6360	4821	
precursor		48K	49K	50K	51K
$Q_\beta =$		11940	11688	13861	13820#
$Q_{\beta n} =$		1988	6542	7501	9002
$P_n =$		1.14%	86%	29%	47%



is it just a local curiosity  
or a more general effect ?

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Maybe general indeed...

from Miernik level density parameterization

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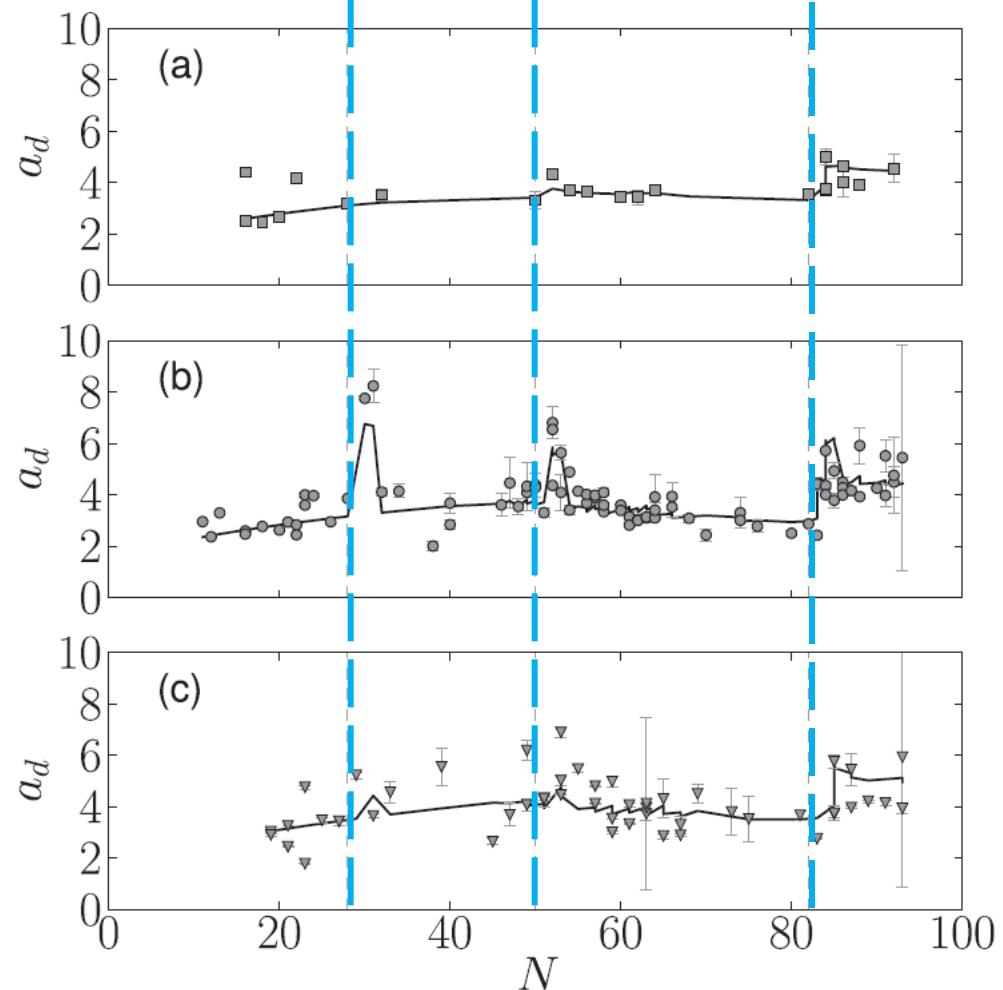
$$S_\beta(E) \sim \rho(E) = \frac{\exp(a_d \sqrt{E})}{E^{3/2}}$$

even-even

odd-mass

odd-odd

N=28      N=50      N=82

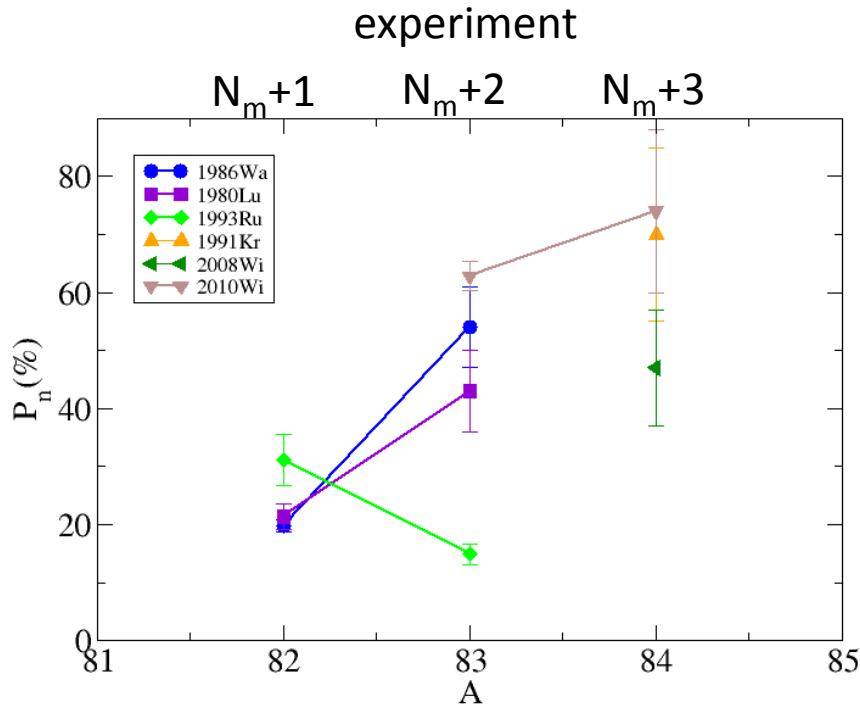


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What is the situation near  $N_m=50$  ?

The case of Ga ( $Z=31$ ) precursors:  $^{82}\text{Ga}$  ( $N_m+1$ );  $^{83}\text{Ga}$  ( $N_m+2$ ) ;  $^{84}\text{Ga}$  ( $N_m+3$ )

The situation before our experiment:



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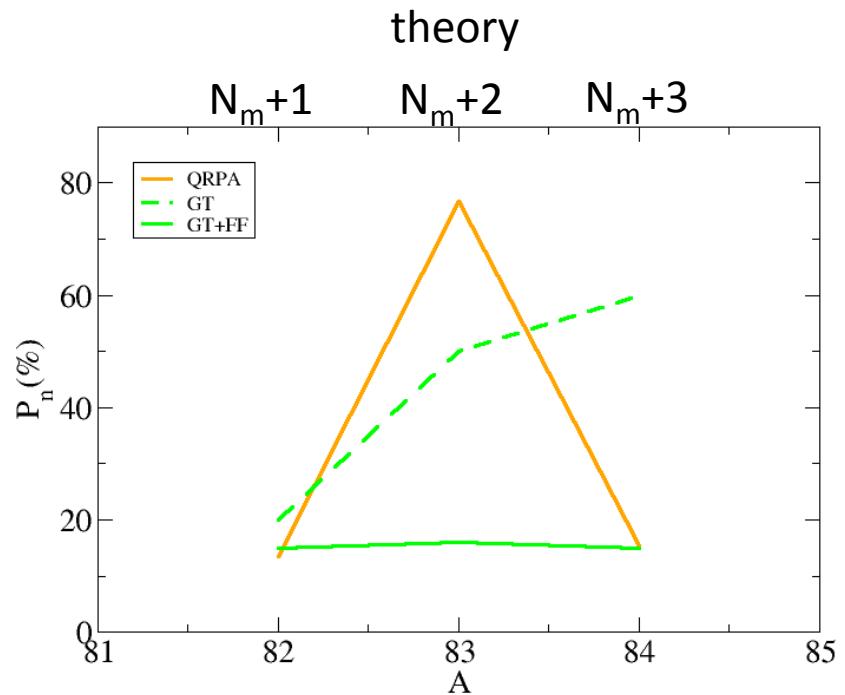
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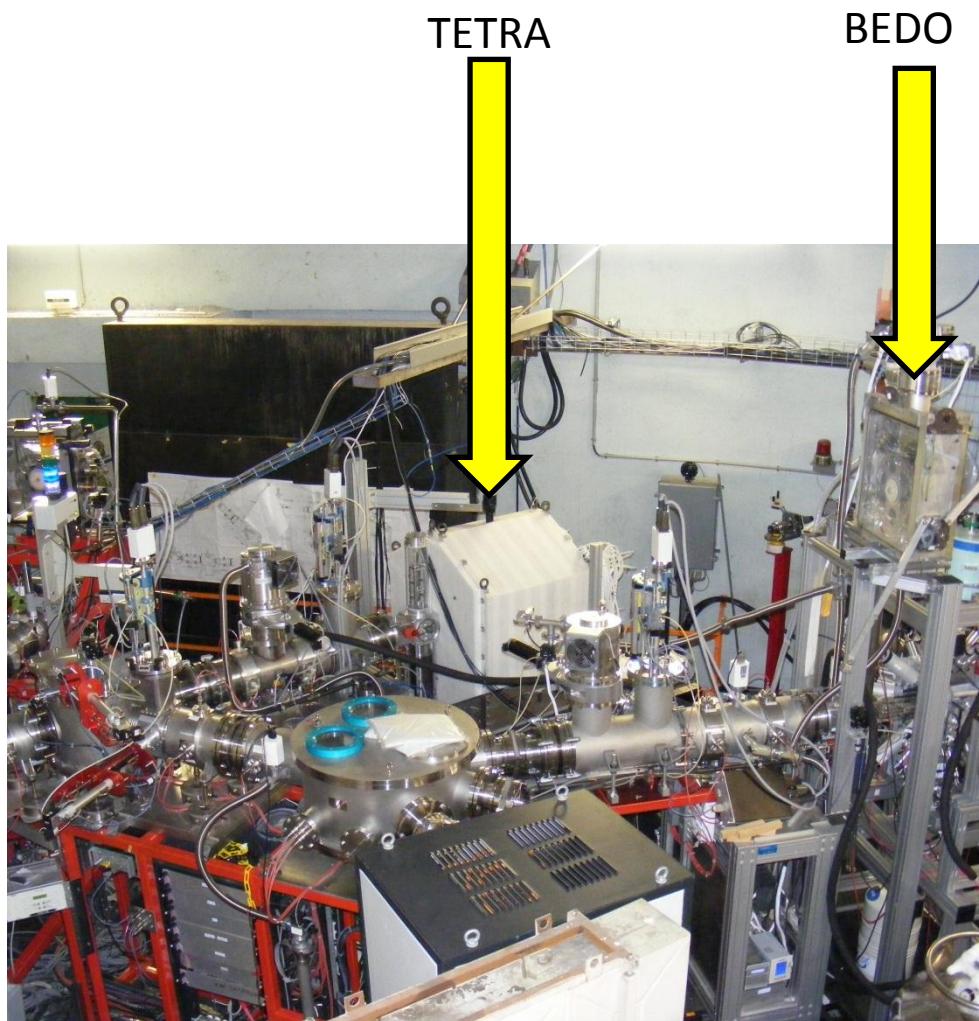
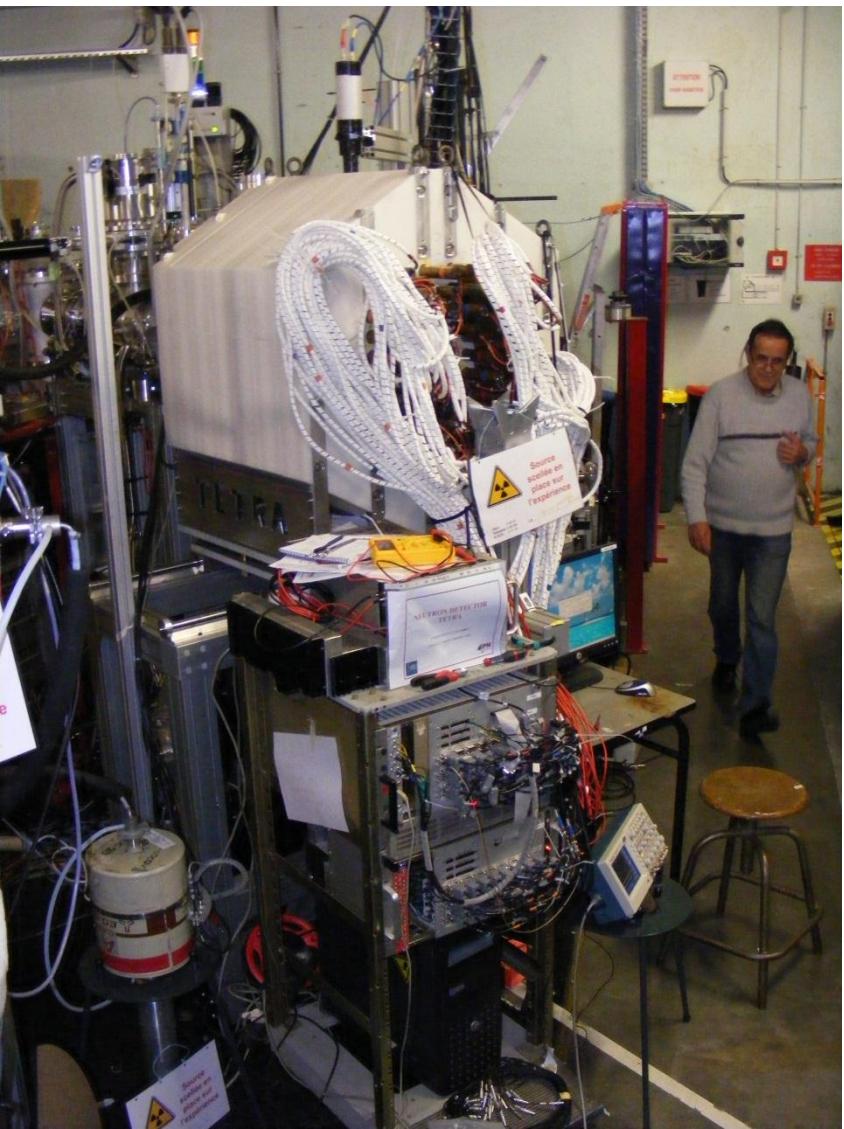


QRPA: Pfeiffer et al Prog Nucl Energy 41 (2002)

GT/GT+FF: Borzov PRC 71 (2005)

# More about beyond-threshold effects

The  $^3\text{He}$  long counter TETRA at ALTO  
(collaboration with JINR Dubna)



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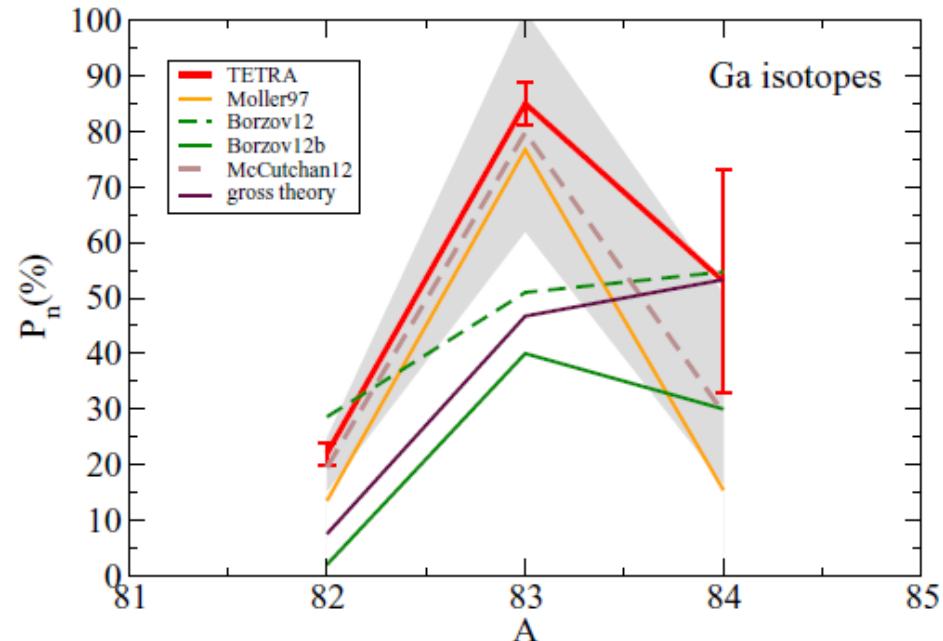
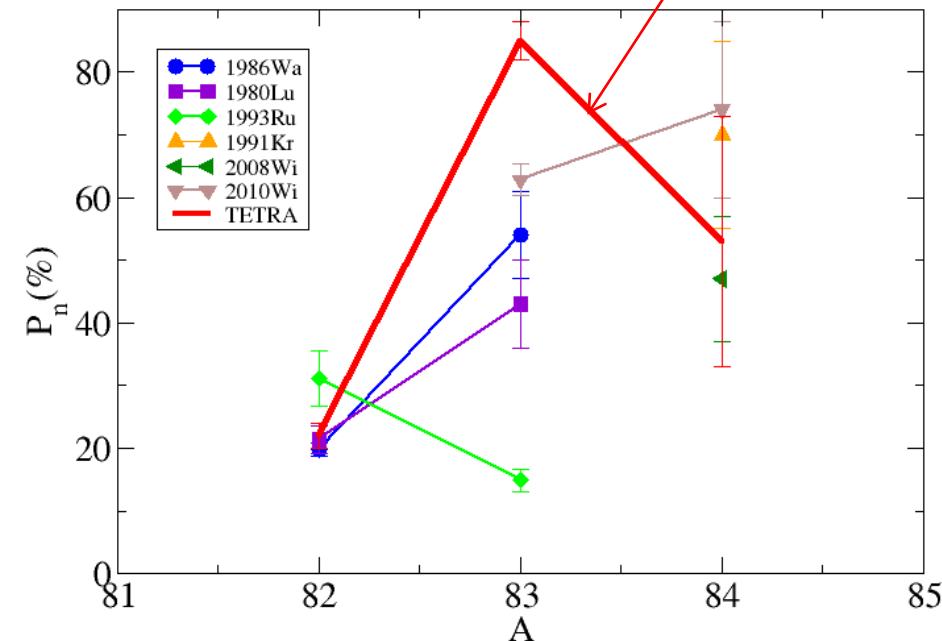
The case of Ga ( $Z=31$ ) precursors:

$^{82}\text{Ga}$  ( $N_m+1$ )  $\rightarrow P_n = 22(2)\%$  (test case- Testov et al. NIM A 815 (2016) 96)

$^{83}\text{Ga}$  ( $N_m+2$ )  $\rightarrow P_n = 85(4)\%$

$^{84}\text{Ge}$  ( $N_m+3$ )  $\rightarrow P_n = 53(20)\%$

TETRA



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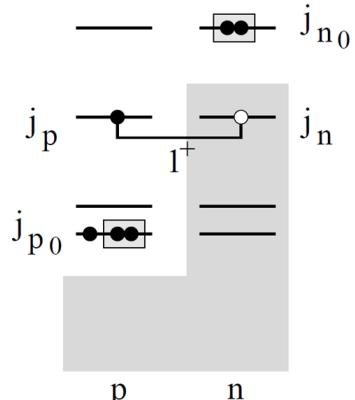
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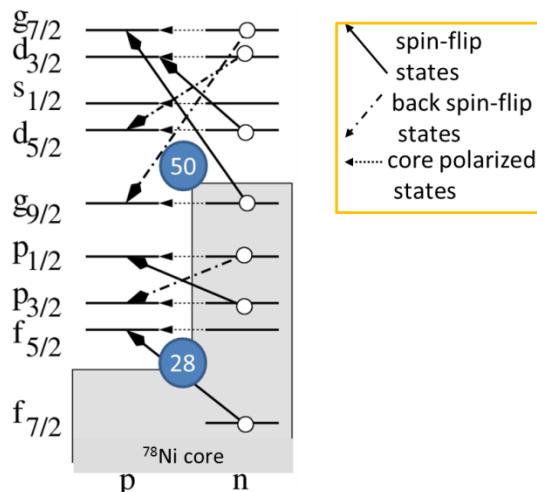
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Calculated  $\beta$ -strength function for the case  $^{83}\text{Ga} \rightarrow ^{83}\text{Ge}$

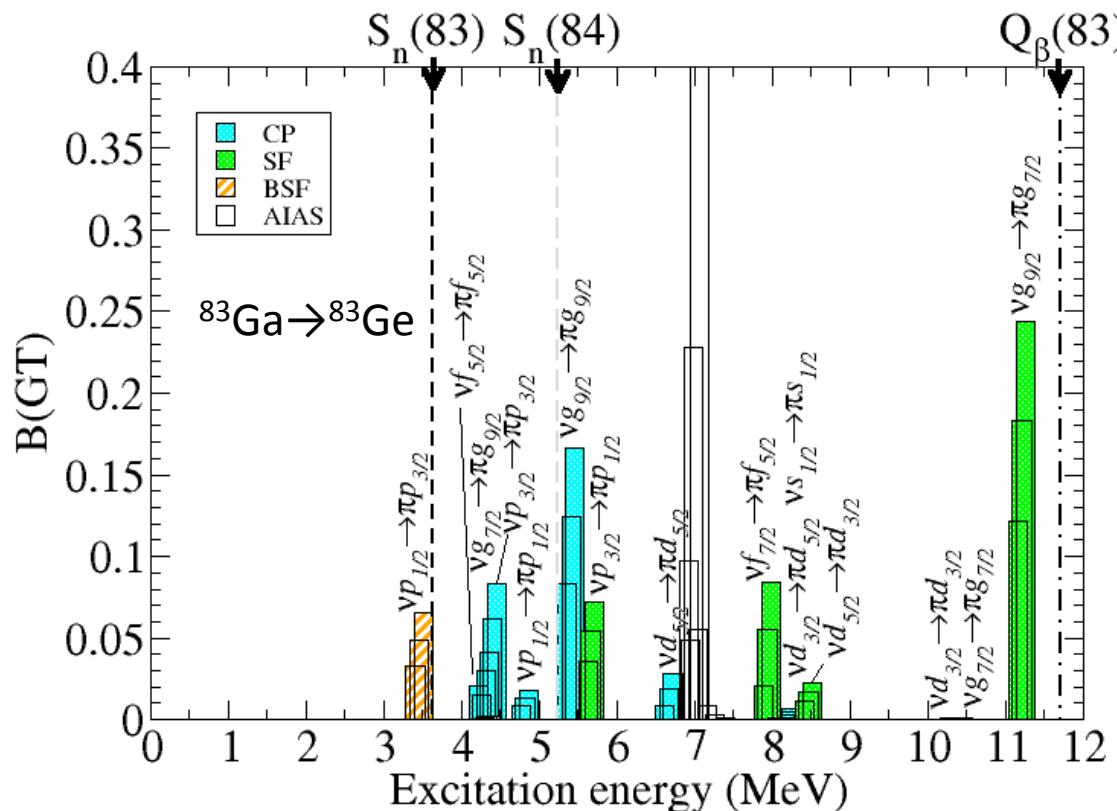
typical “doorway” configuration



$$V_{0i} = V_\tau(r_{0i}) \vec{\tau}_0 \cdot \vec{\tau}_i + V_{\sigma\tau}(r_{0i})(\vec{\sigma}_0 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_i)(\vec{\tau}_0 \cdot \vec{\tau}_i)$$



single(quasi)-particle GT  
transitions

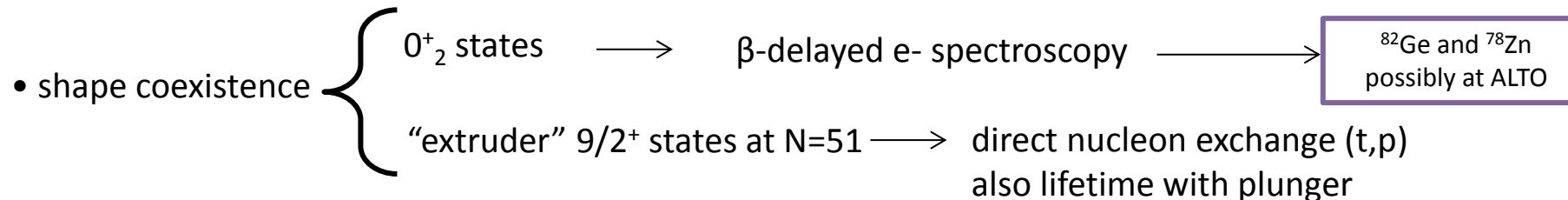
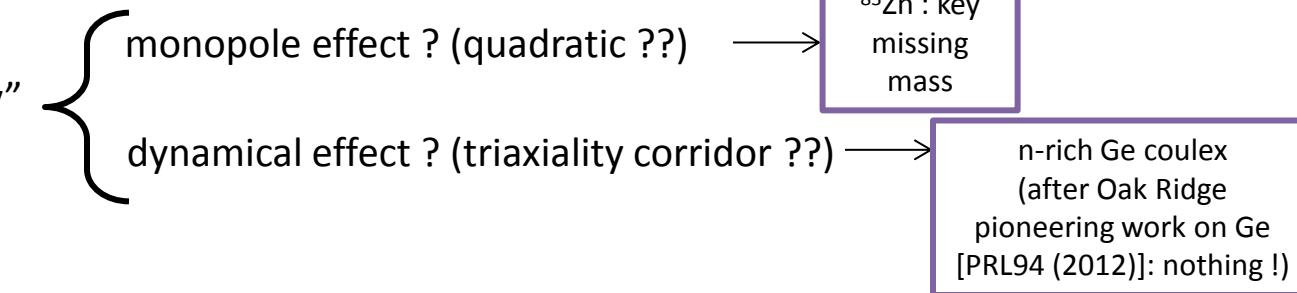


$$P_n(^{83}\text{Ga})_{\text{calc}} = 85\% \quad [P_n(^{83}\text{Ga})_{\text{TETRA}} = 85(3)\%]$$

$$P_n(^{84}\text{Ga})_{\text{calc}} = 50\% \quad [P_n(^{83}\text{Ga})_{\text{TETRA}} = 53(20)\%]$$

# conclusions and outlook

- gap size  $\rightarrow Z=32$  “singularity”



- neutron valence space above  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  : high  $\ell$   $\longrightarrow$  direct nucleon exchange (d,p) and  $(\alpha, {}^3\text{He})$

ACTAR ?

- neutron threshold effects and the question of first-forbidden transitions in the  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  region  $\longrightarrow$   $\beta\text{-delayed neutron and high-energy } \gamma$  spectroscopy

forthcoming (2018) campaign at BEDO/ALTO

- a TOF neutron detector (MONSTER) for neutron energy spectroscopy
- a high efficiency high-energy  $\gamma$ -array : PARIS ??



thank you !