





# Support for GERDA

## The Shell Model Occupancies in $^{76}\text{Ge}$ and $^{76}\text{Se}$ and background reactions

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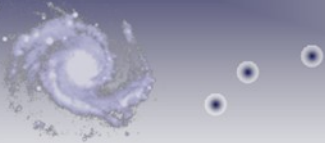
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# the mass of the neutrino



Neutrino oscillations:

**mass is finite**

(Suzuki, INPC07)

$$\Delta m^2_{\text{solar}} = 8,2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}} = 2,7 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

still need:

- ♦ absolute mass scale
- ♦ hierachy

Tritium  $\beta$  decay

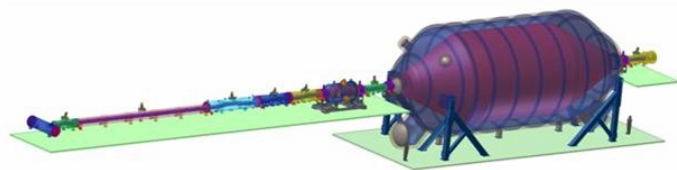
Mainz & Troitsk

$$m_e \sim 2,2 \text{ eV}$$

KATRIN/Mare



$$0,2 \text{ eV}$$

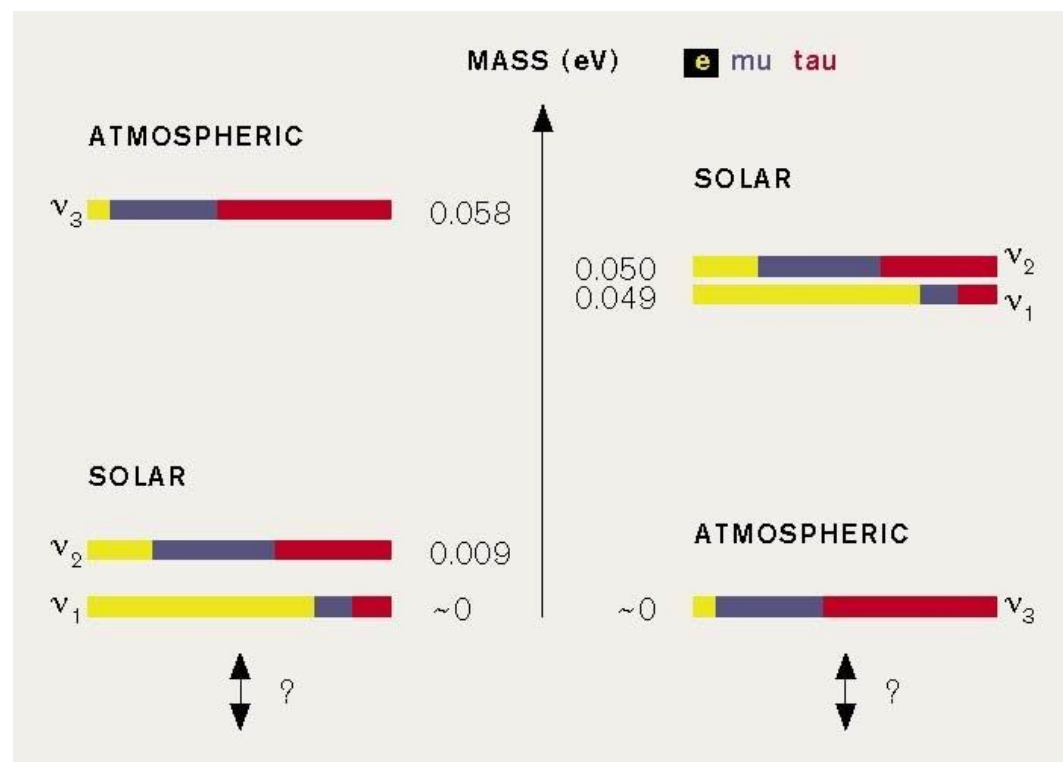


$$\Delta m^2_{23} > 0$$

normal

$$\Delta m^2_{23} < 0$$

inverted



# neutrinoless double beta decay



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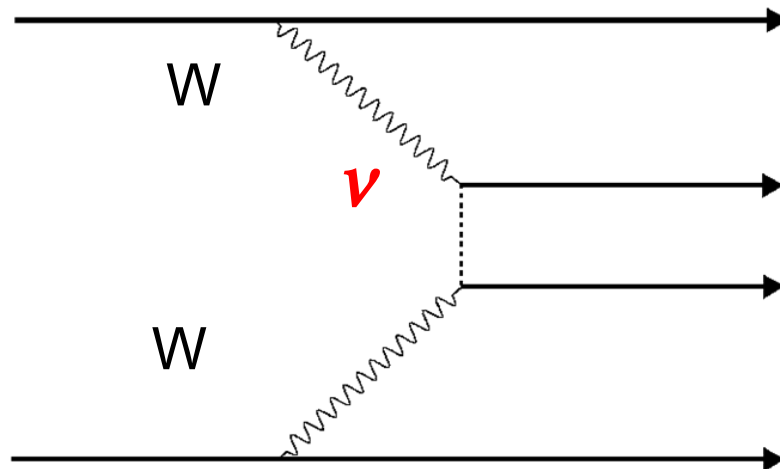
GERDA  
experim.

$$1/\tau = G(Q) \|M_{nucl}\|^2 \langle m_{ee} \rangle^2$$

Phase space  
factor  
( $\sim Q^5$ ; choose (A,Z))

Nuclear matrix  
element  
(theory input)

Effective Majorana  
mass  
(hierarchy)



# Content



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neutron elastic scattering ( TÛ+DD)

● transfer reactions nuclear structure for matrix elements

# back of the envelope



assume background free;  $T_{1/2} \gg t$ ;

For half-lives of  $T_{1/2} = 10^{25}$  yrs

$$N_{\beta\beta} / t = 1 \text{ event/yr}$$

$$T_{1/2} = \ln 2 \cdot (N_A / A) \cdot M \cdot (N_{\beta\beta} / t)^{-1}$$

This is about 10 moles of isotope, implying ~kg

for  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  : 2,1 kg @ 86% enriched

Now you only can loose:

nat. abundance  $a$ , efficiency  $\varepsilon$ , background  $B$ , ...

# neutron capture



2 photon lines: 2041(prompt) & 2037 (delayed) keV close to  $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2039\text{keV}$   
 2 experiments: thermal (< meV, FRM-II) & astro (25 keV, FZK)

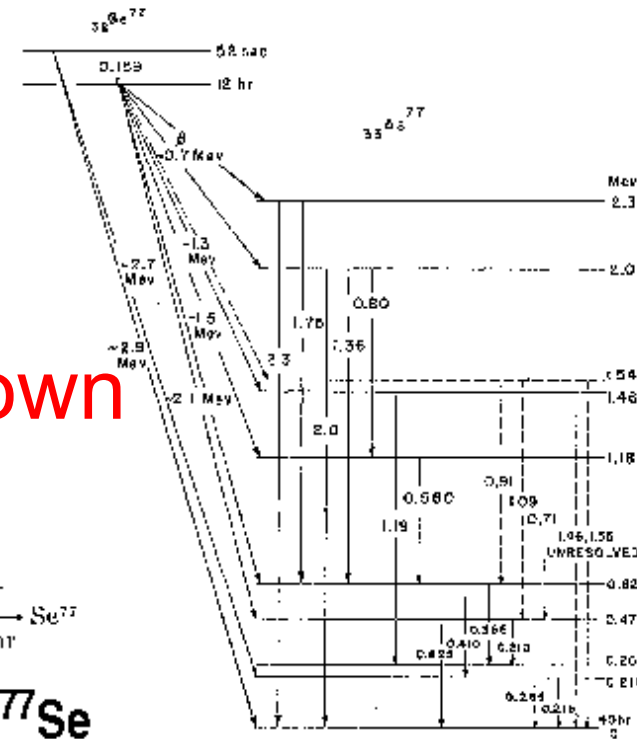
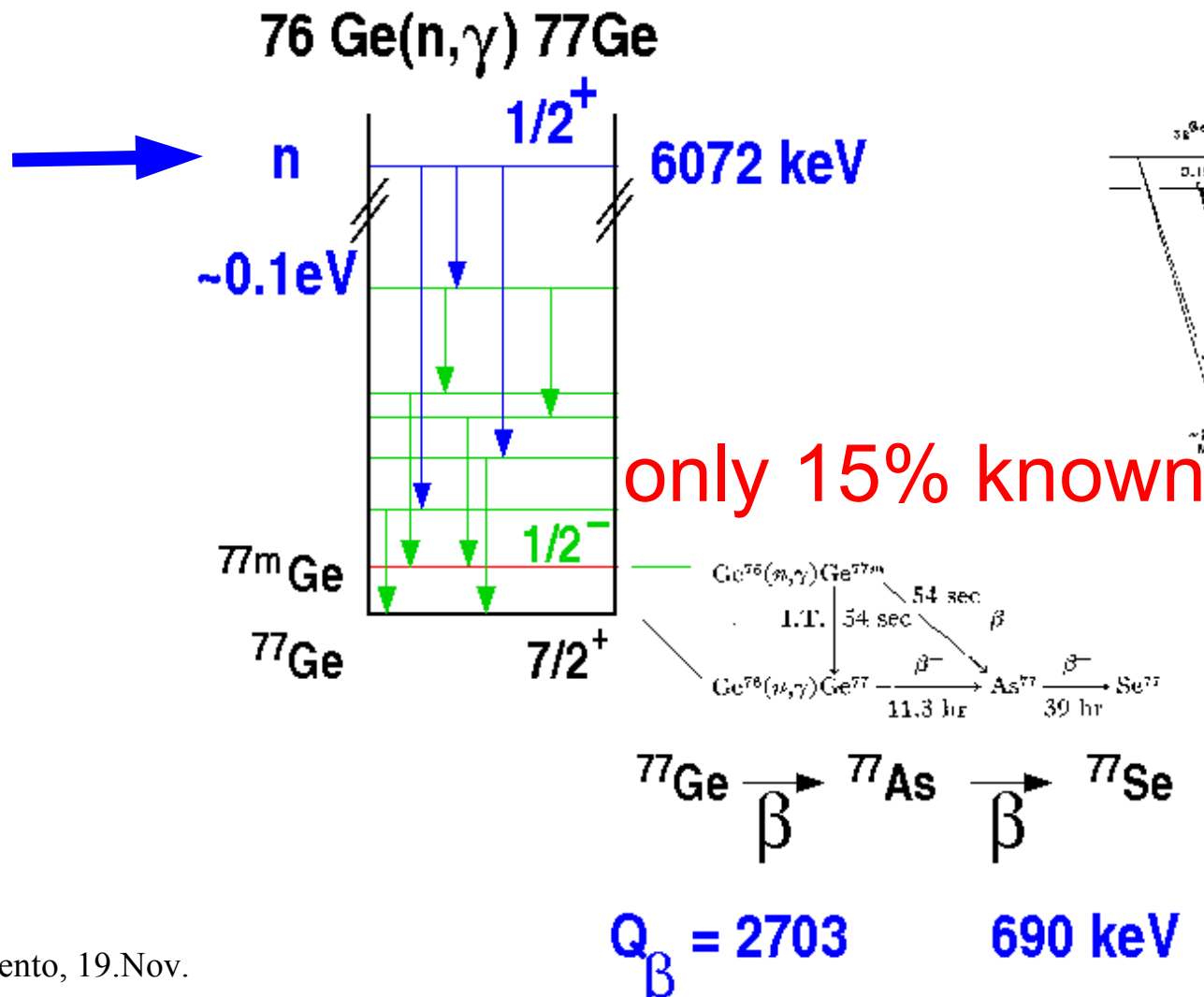


FIG. 6. Decay scheme of  $^{76}\text{Ge}^{77}$ .

# neutron capture in GERDA



~1 n-capture/(kg y) (MC simulation)

⇒ Possible background in the region of interest (2039 keV)

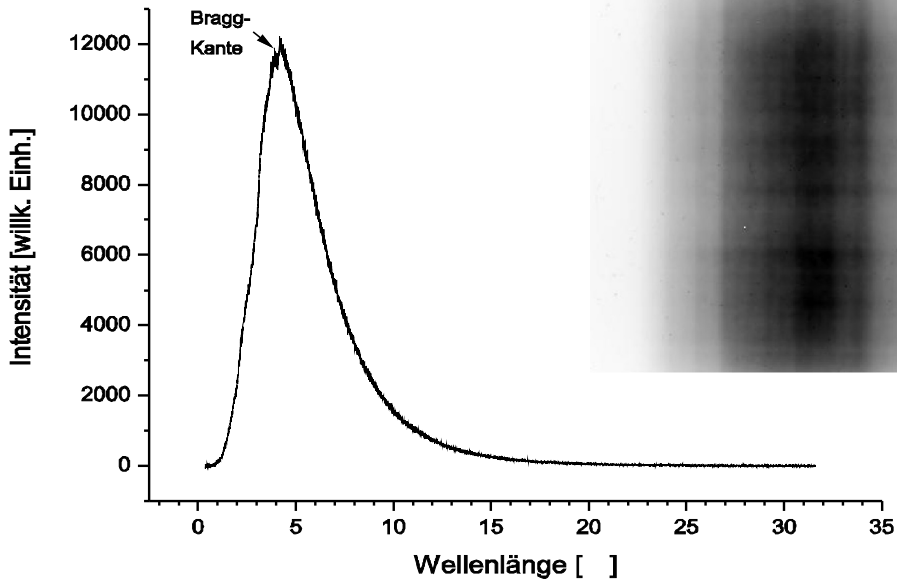
Source	γ-ray Background in ROI	Rejection method	β- Background in ROI	Rejection method
Prompt Gamma Rays	Peak? Compton scattering	multisite events	X	X
β-Decay of $^{77}\text{Ge}$	Peak (2037.76 keV) Compton scattering ( $E_{\text{max}}=2353.4$ keV)	multisite events	Continuous ( $E_{\text{max}}=2486.5$ keV)	detection of prompt gamma rays
β-Decay of $^{77\text{m}}\text{Ge}$	X ( $E_{\text{max}}=1676.5$ keV)	X	Continuous ( $E_{\text{max}}=2861.7$ keV)	detection of prompt gamma rays
β-Decay of $^{77}\text{As}$	X ( $E_{\text{max}}=682.9$ keV)	X	X ( $E_{\text{max}}=682.9$ keV)	X



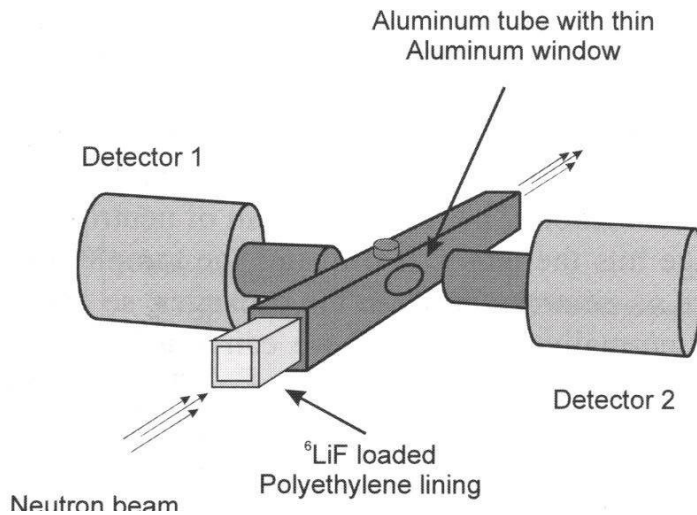
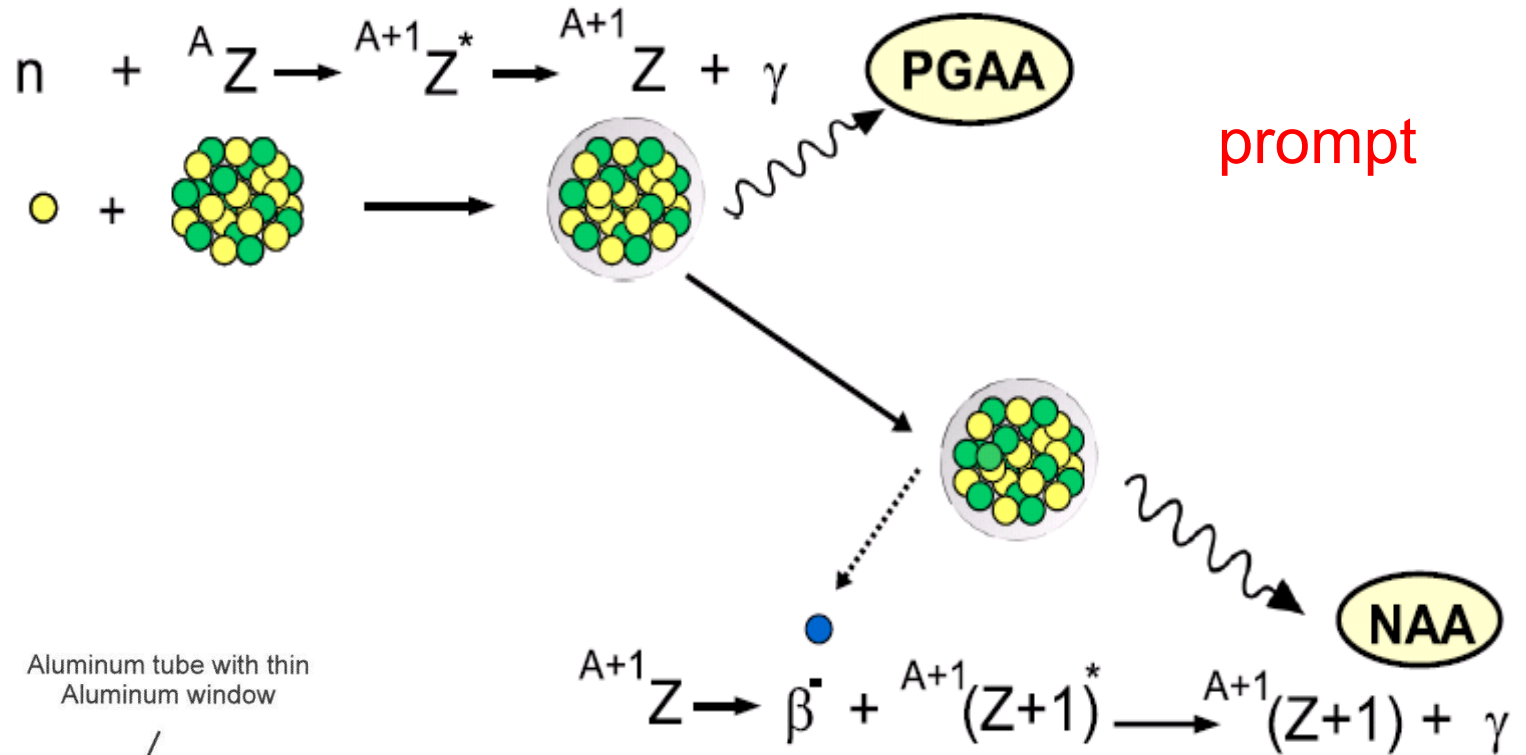
# the neutron source FRM II



- $7.83 \times 10^9 \text{ n}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^1)$
- $\langle \lambda_n \rangle = 6.7 \text{ \AA}$
- $\langle E \rangle = 1.83 \text{ meV}$



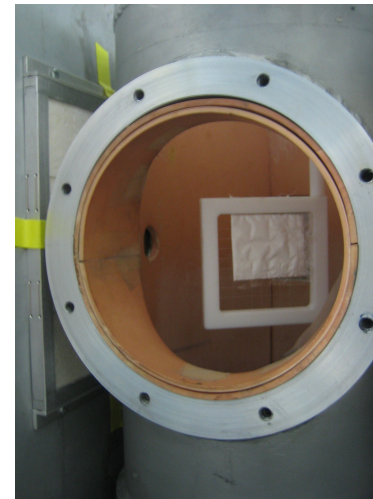
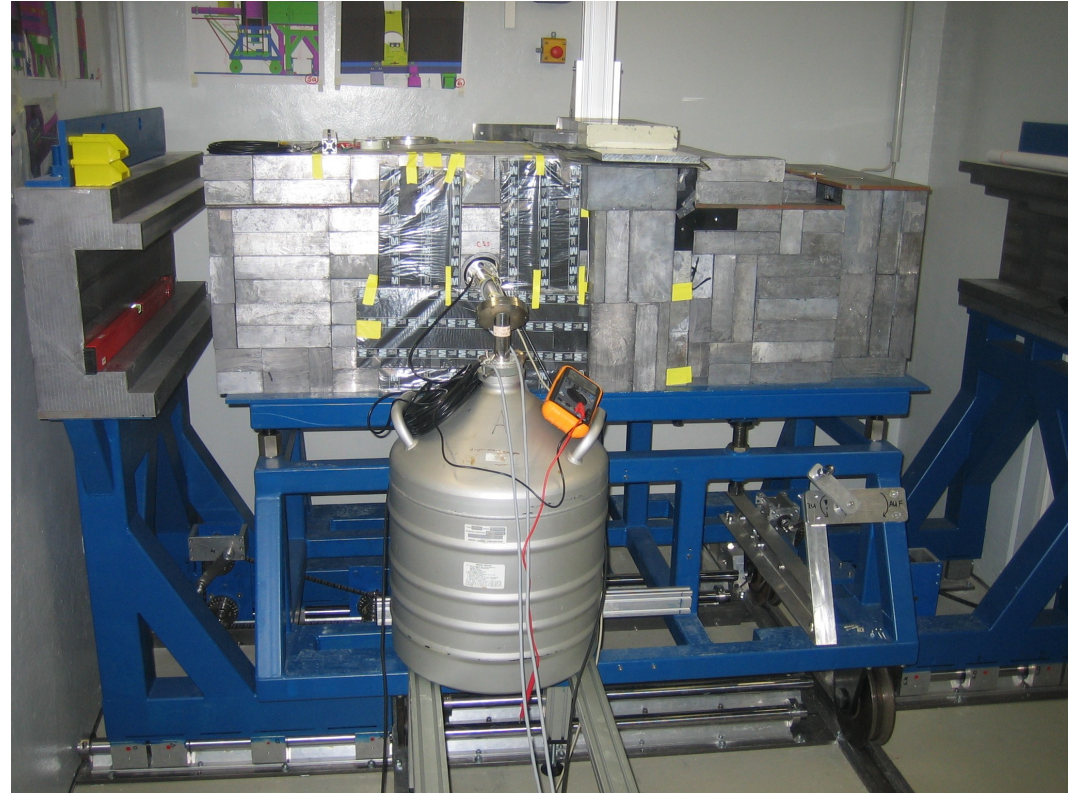
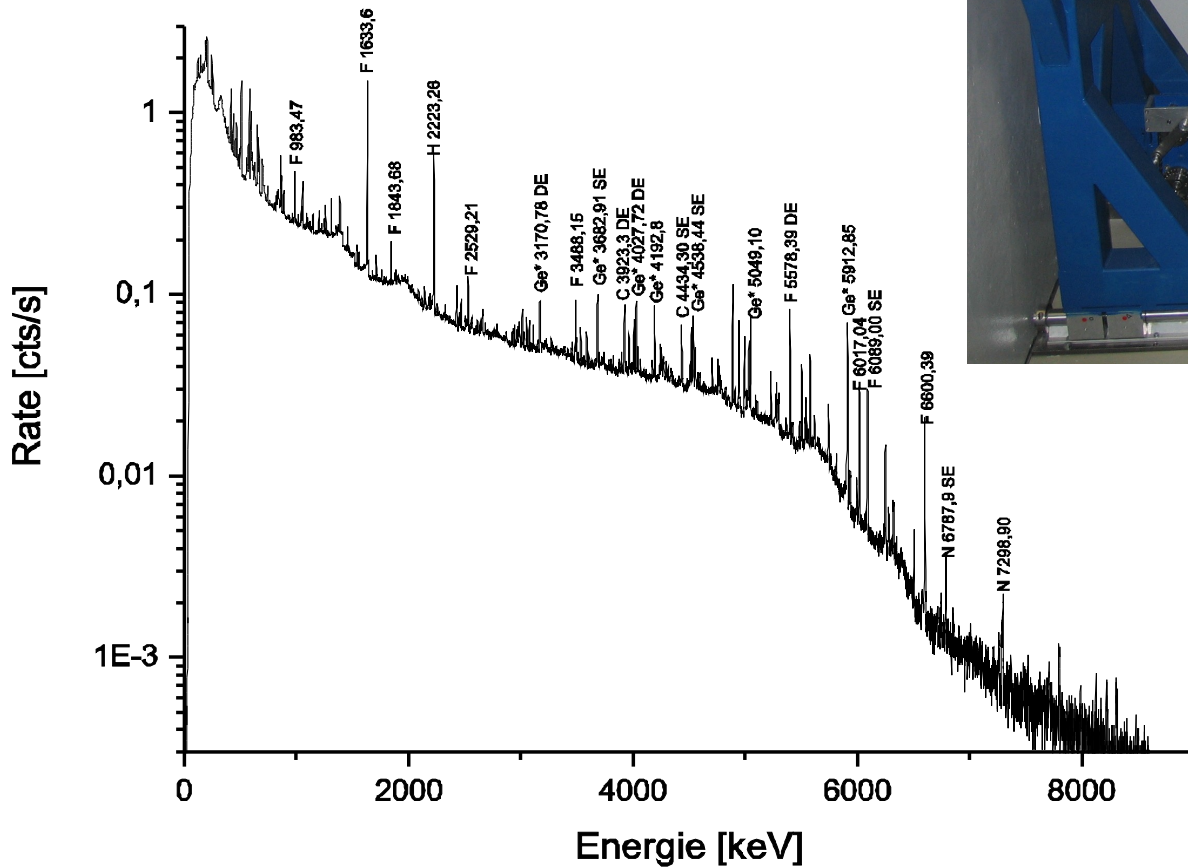
# the reaction



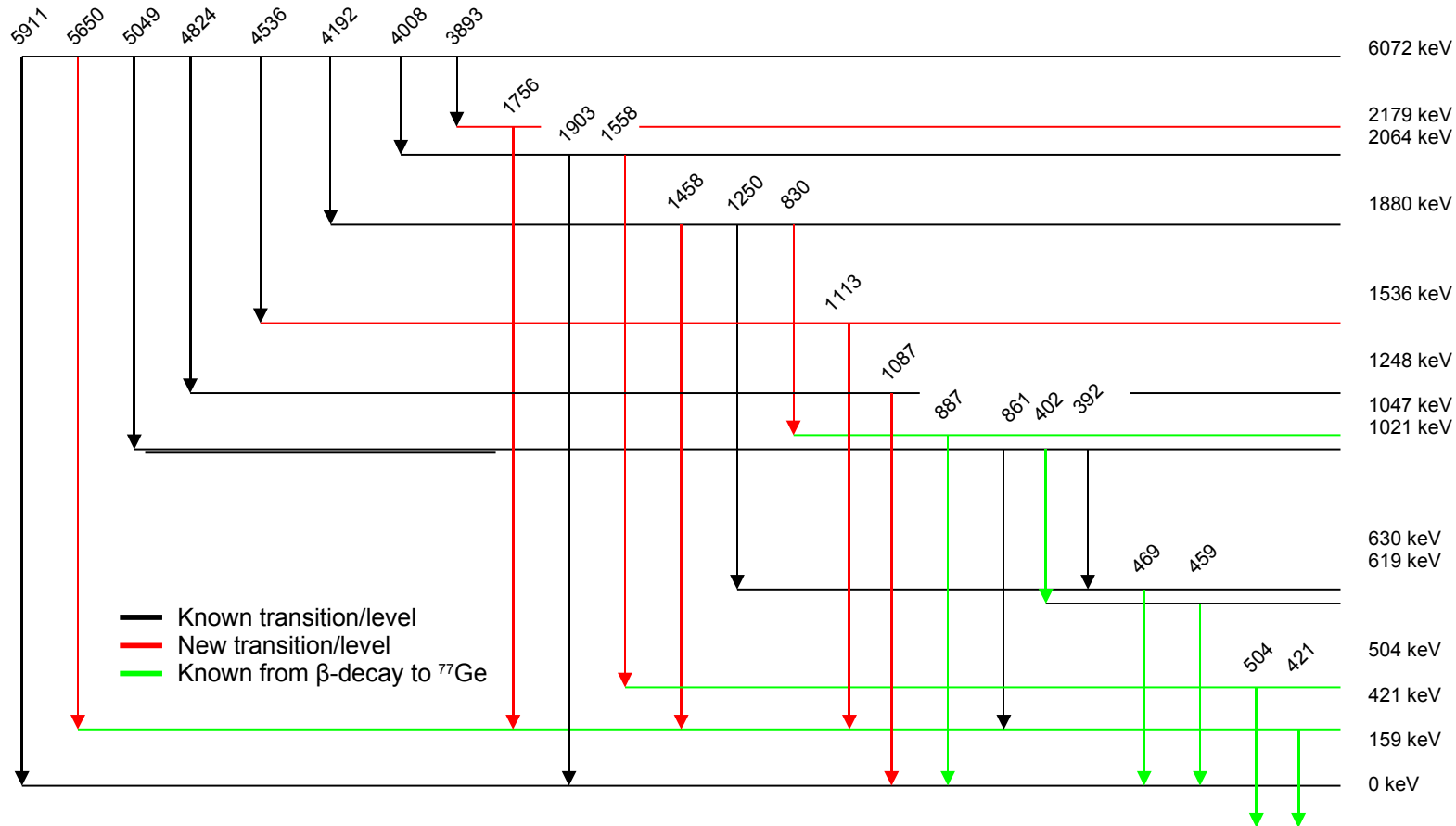
coincidence technique for study of decay schema

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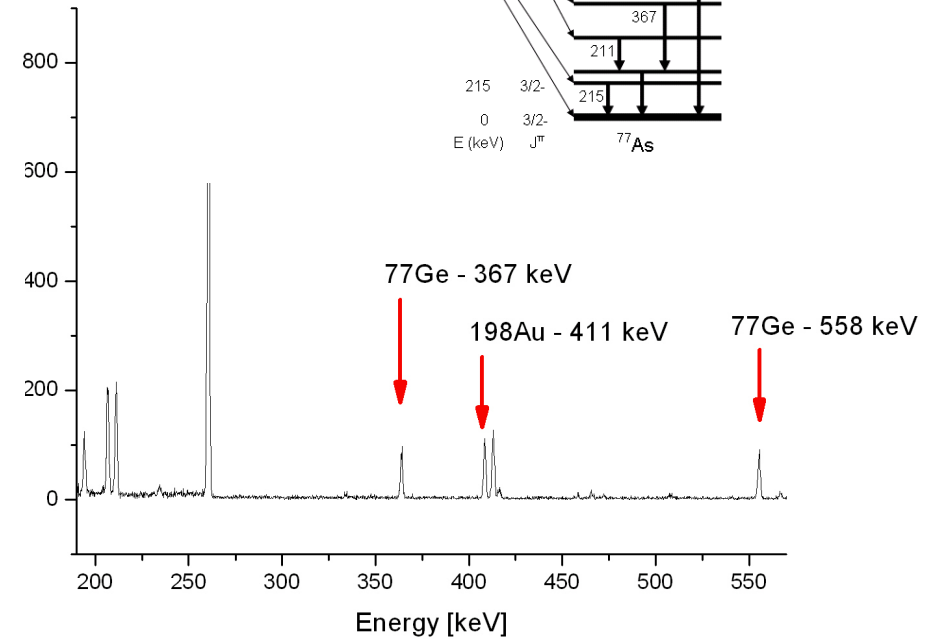
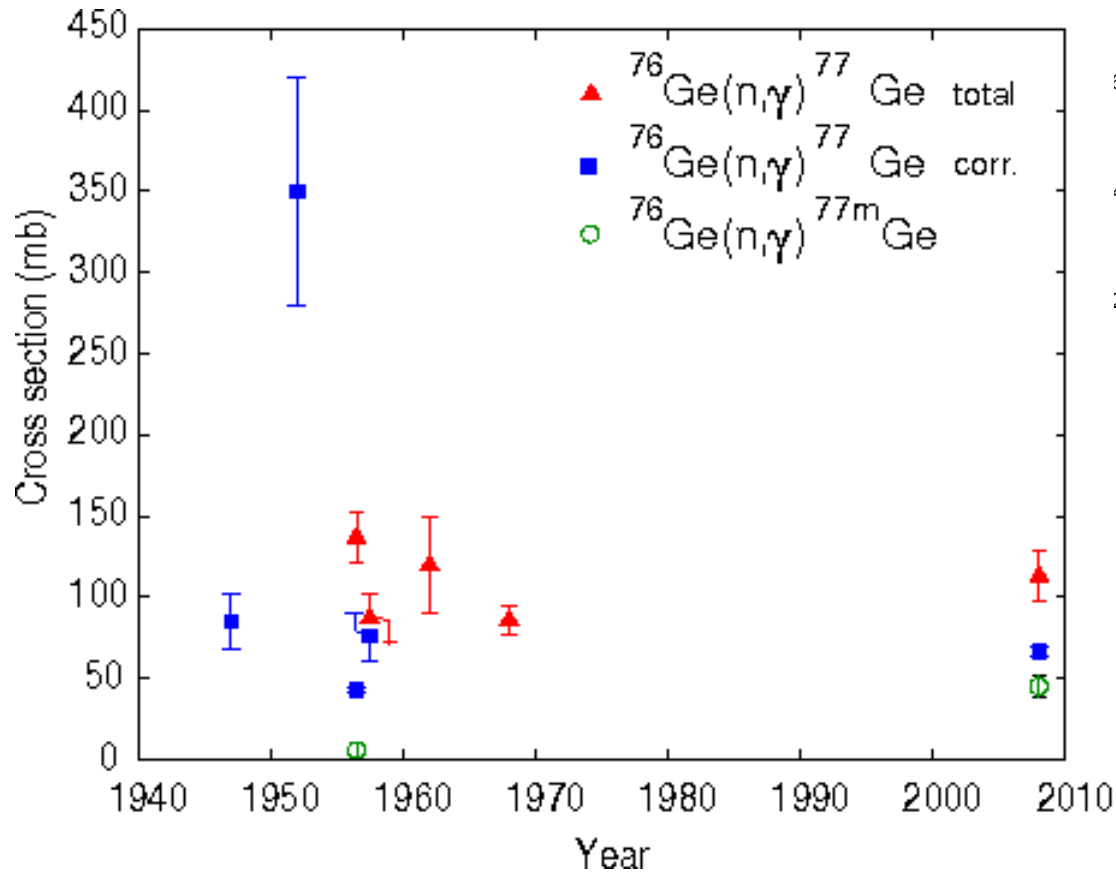
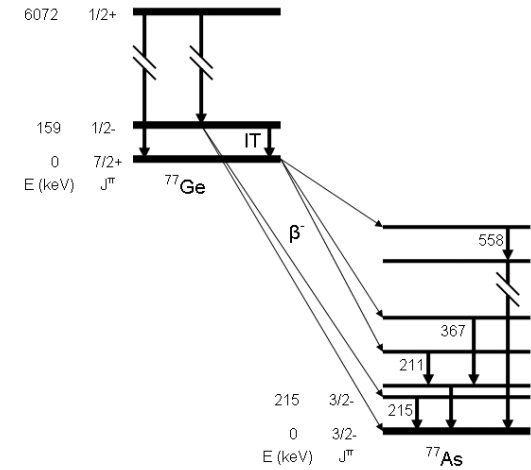
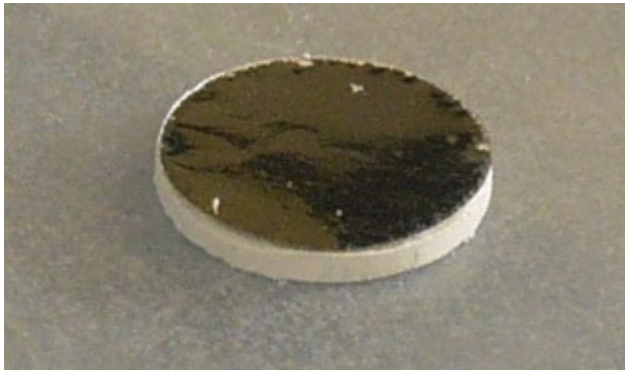
m ~ 300 mg of enriched  $\text{GeO}_2$   
Irradiation time > 50 000 s



# first look at coincidence data



# total capture cross section



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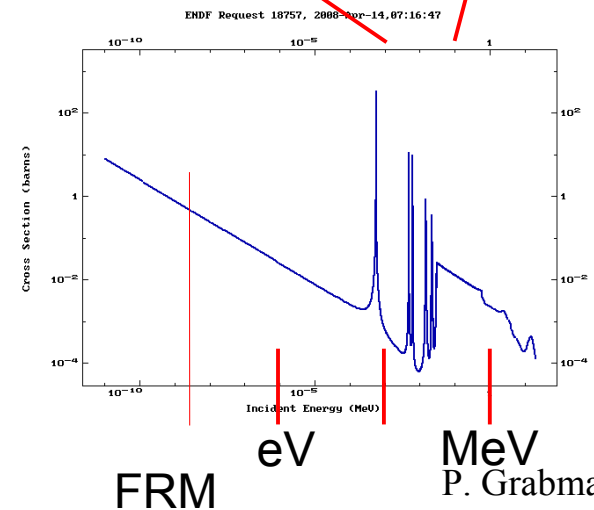
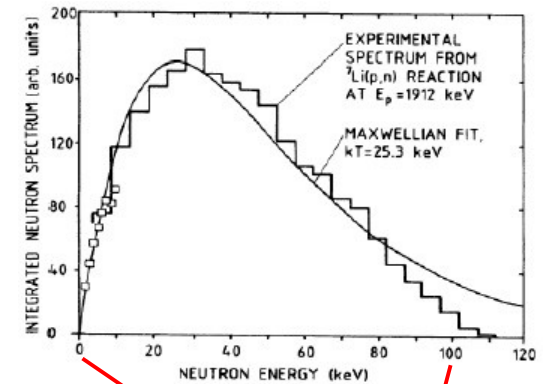
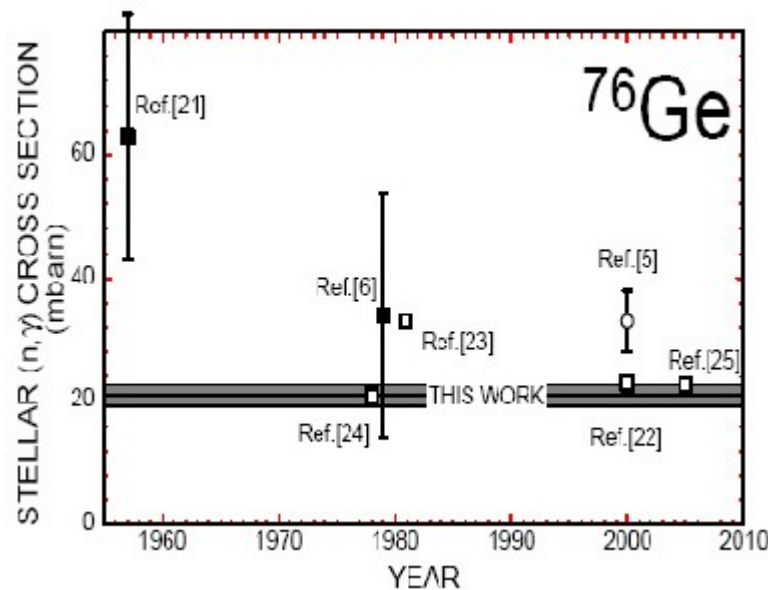
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## Neutron capture cross section of $^{76}\text{Ge}$

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new publication

$$\sigma^{\text{gs}} + \sigma^{\text{m}}$$



# Content



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experim.

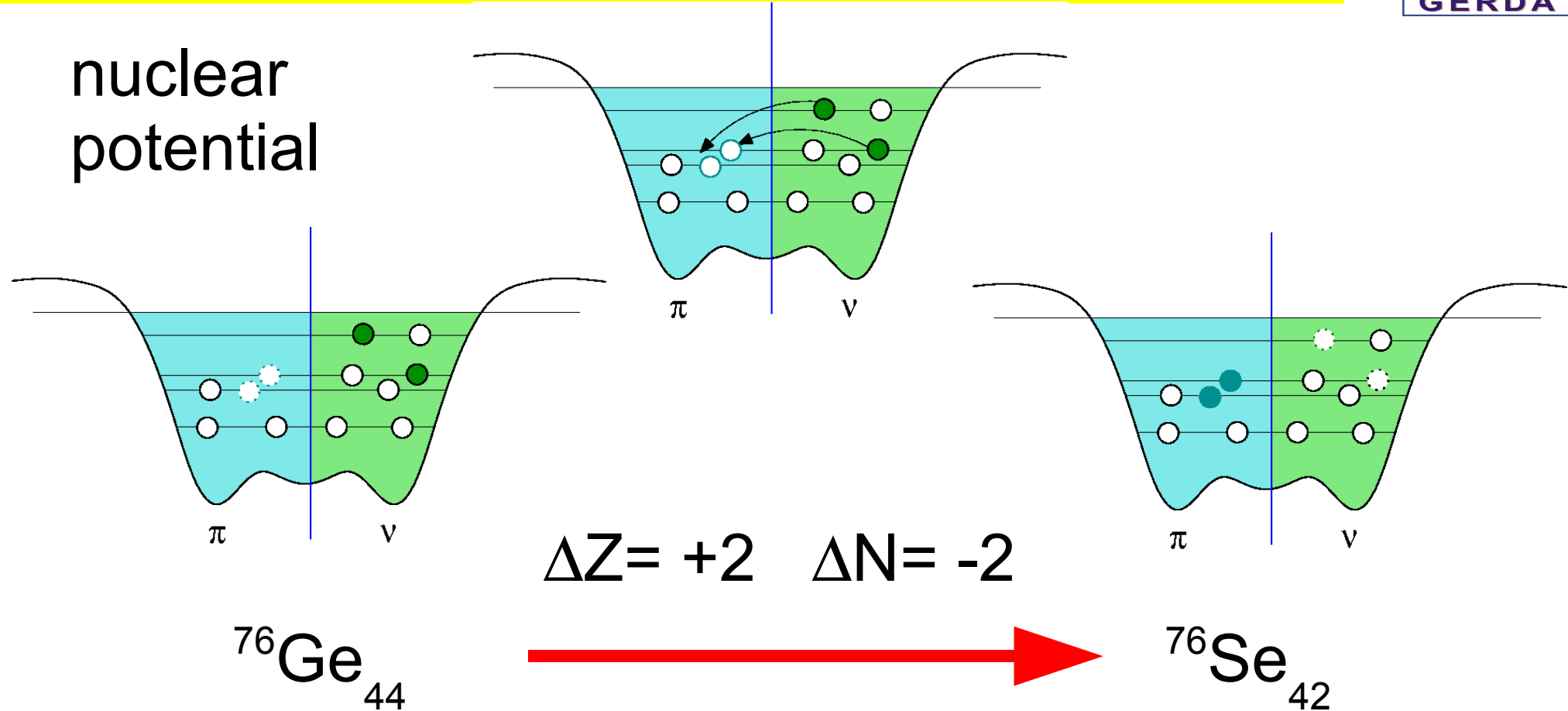
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# $\beta\beta$ -decay in the Shell Model



V. Rodin: calculations of ME

no reaction for direct comparison

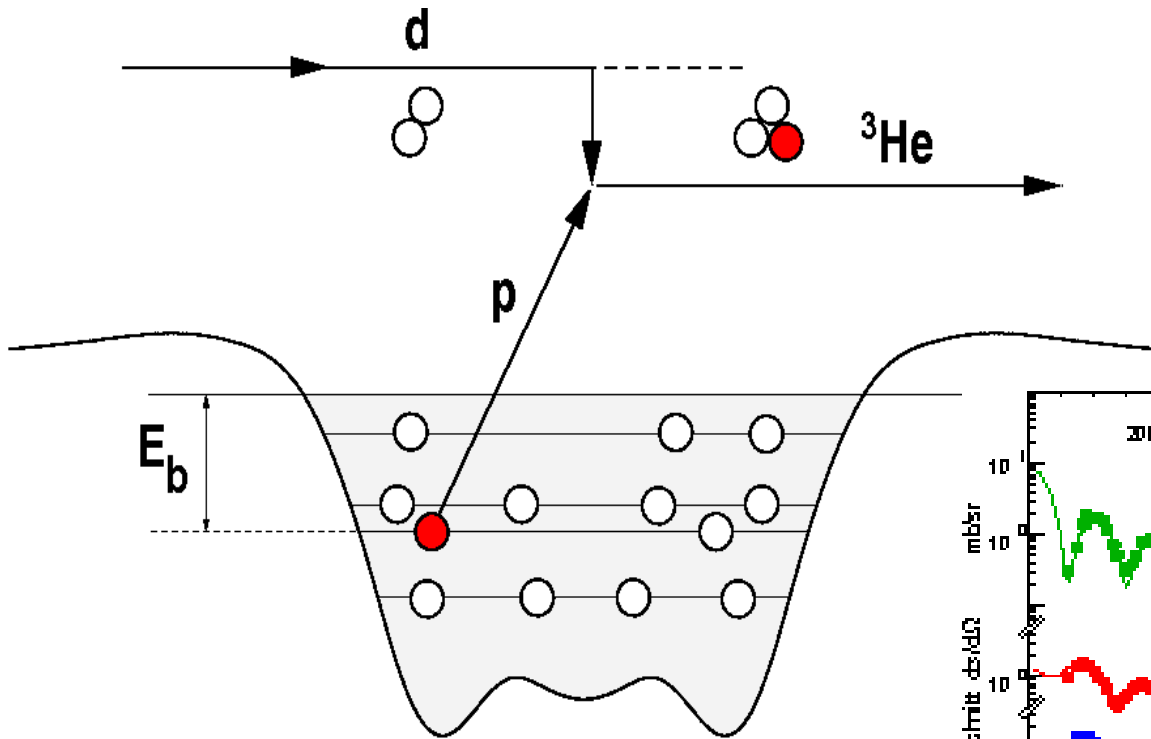
clarify structure of initial and final nucleus



# transfer reactions

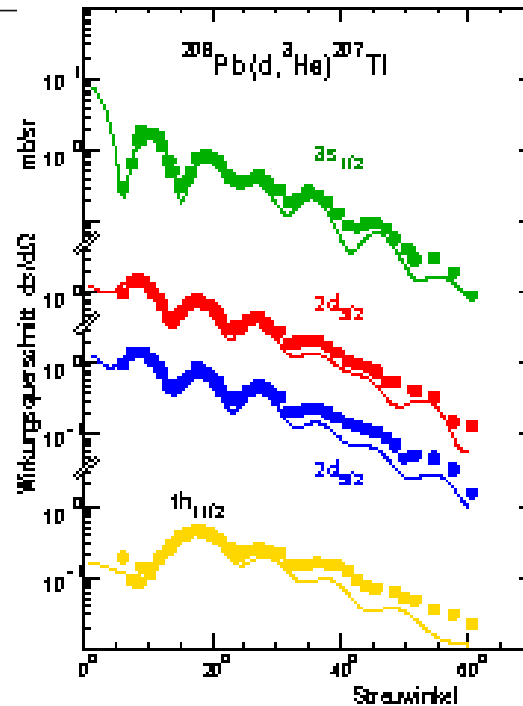


remove or add a single nucleon  
sudden approximation

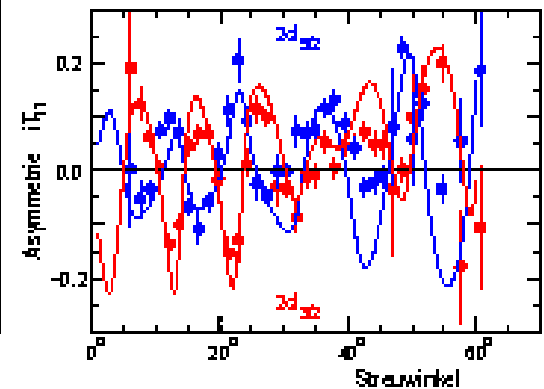


energy of  $^3\text{He}$  :  $E_b$

strength: **number** of  $\pi$  in orbital



polarised deuterons  
 $j = l \pm s$

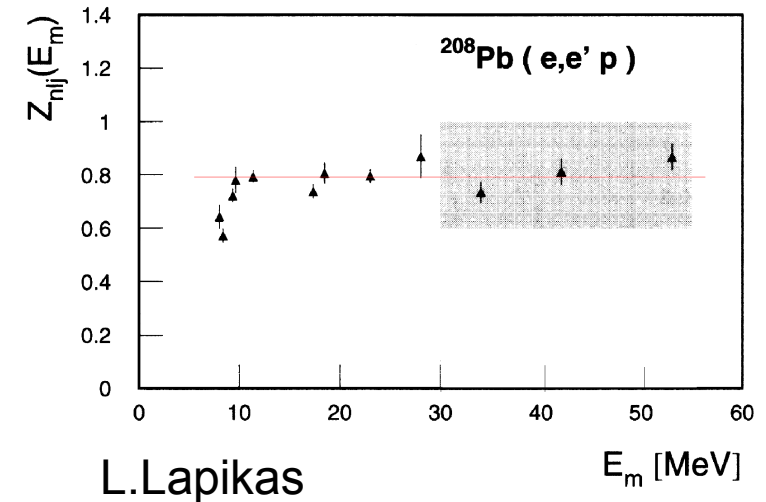
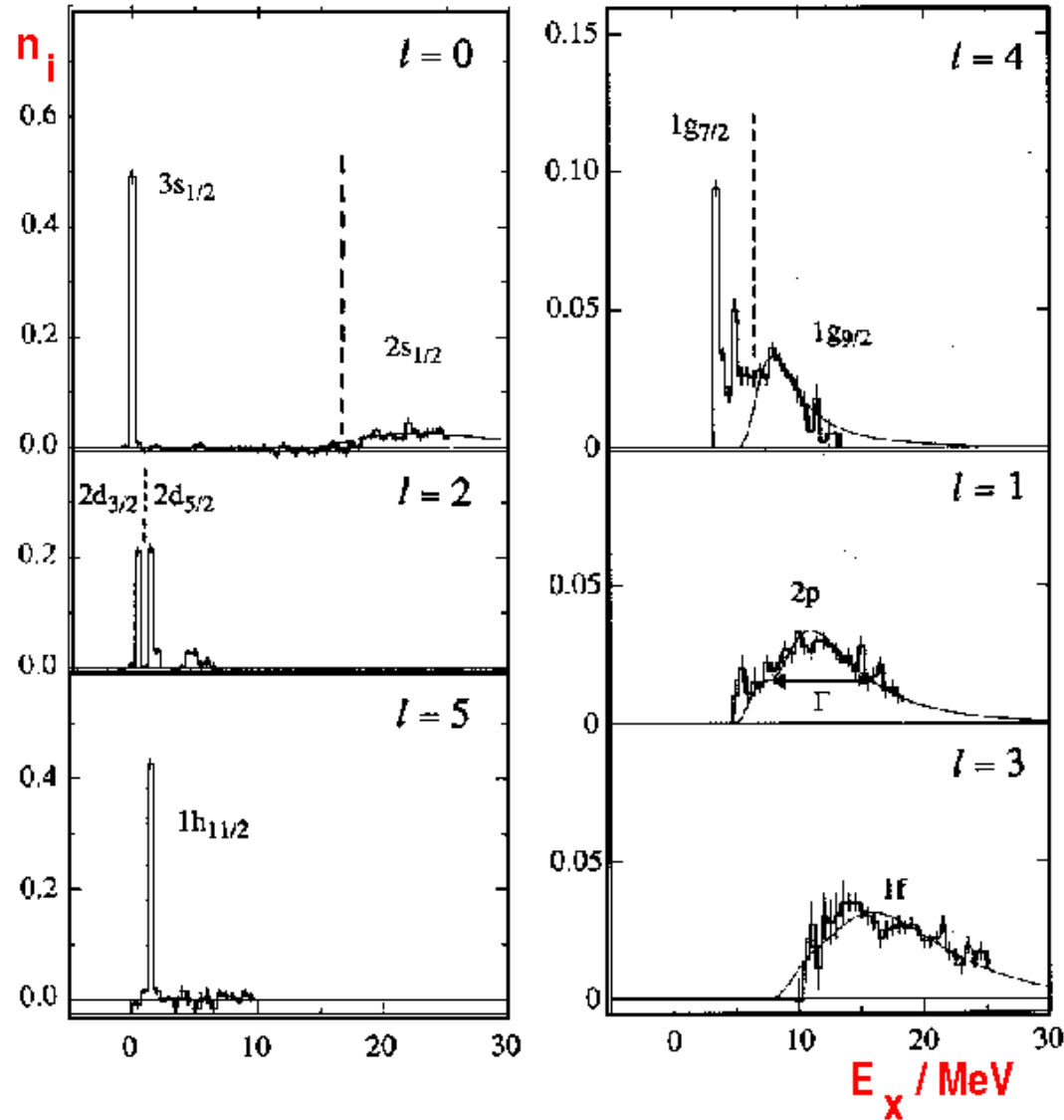


# (e,e'p) knockout reaction

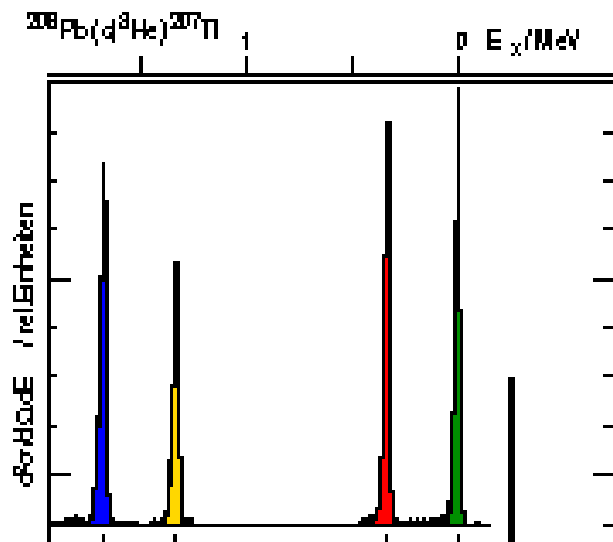


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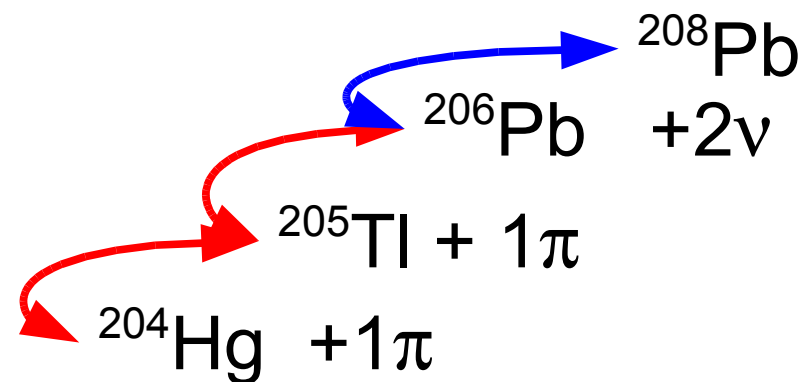
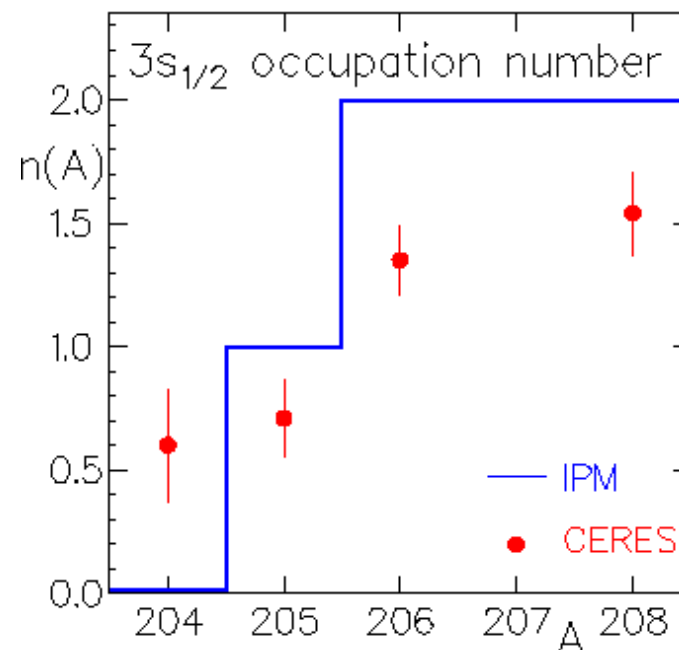


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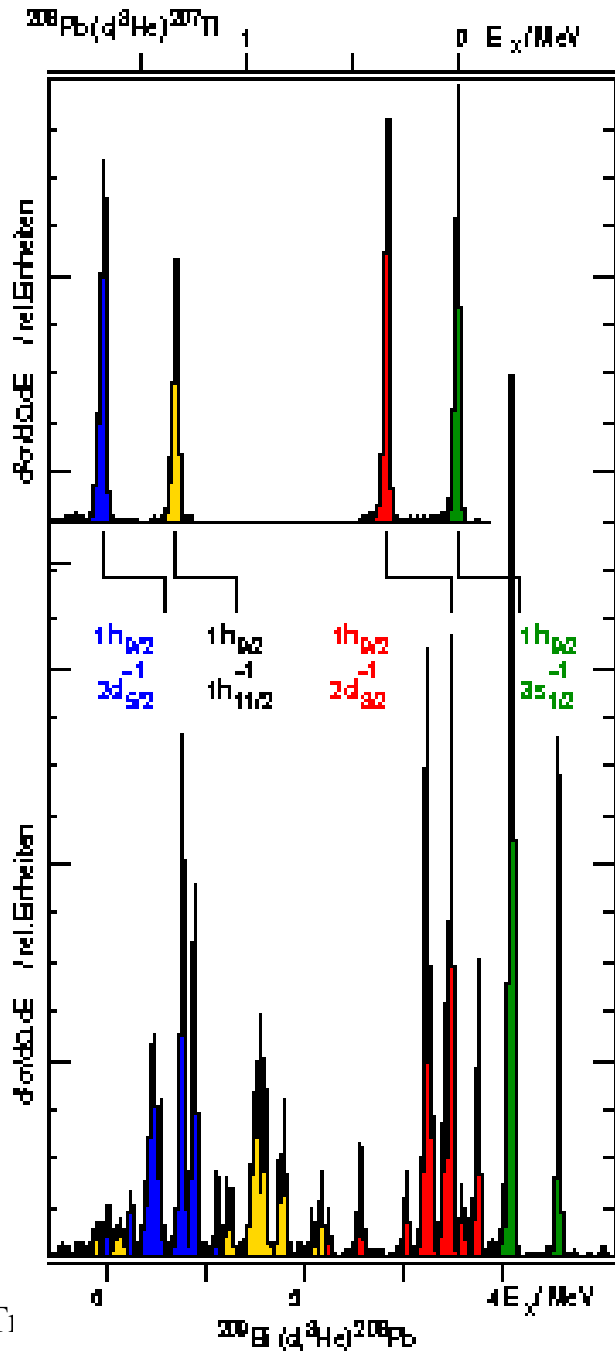


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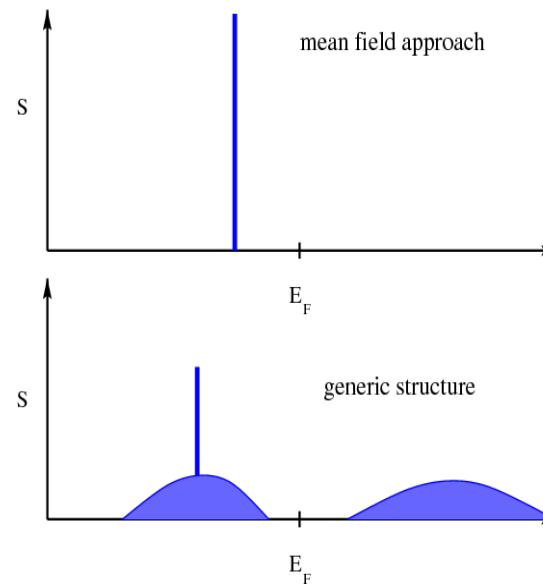
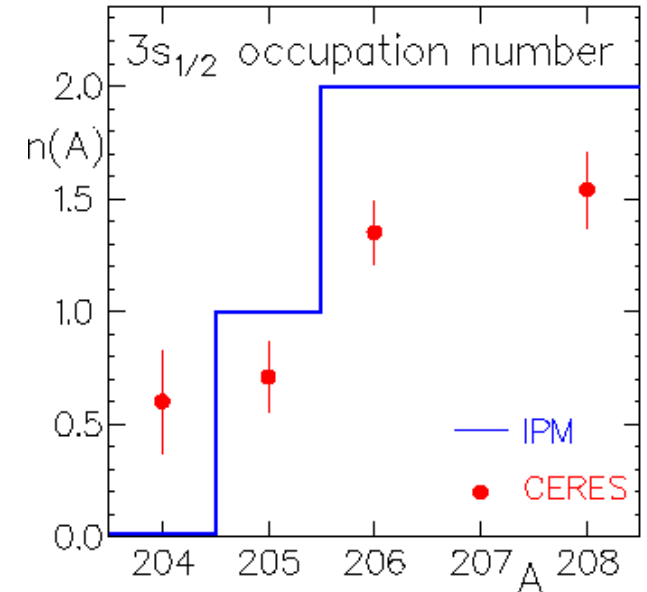
# Independent Shell Model



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$^{209}\text{Bi}$

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# some sum rules



strength determined in comparison to DWBA

$$G^- = C^2 S / (2j+1) = N \sigma_{\text{epx}} / \sigma_{\text{DWBA}}$$

parameter dependent

full orbital has  $2j+1$  particles

pickup strength  $G^- = 1$  if orbital is full

stripping strength  $G^+ = 1$  if orbital is empty

$$G^+ + G^- = 1$$

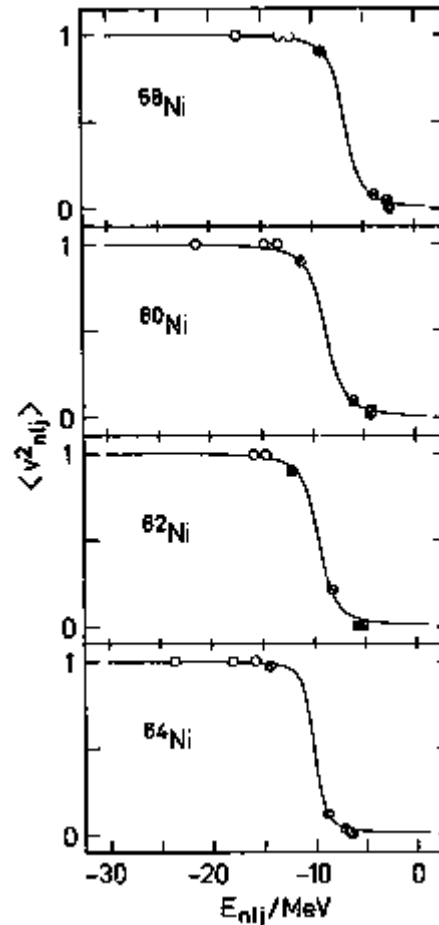
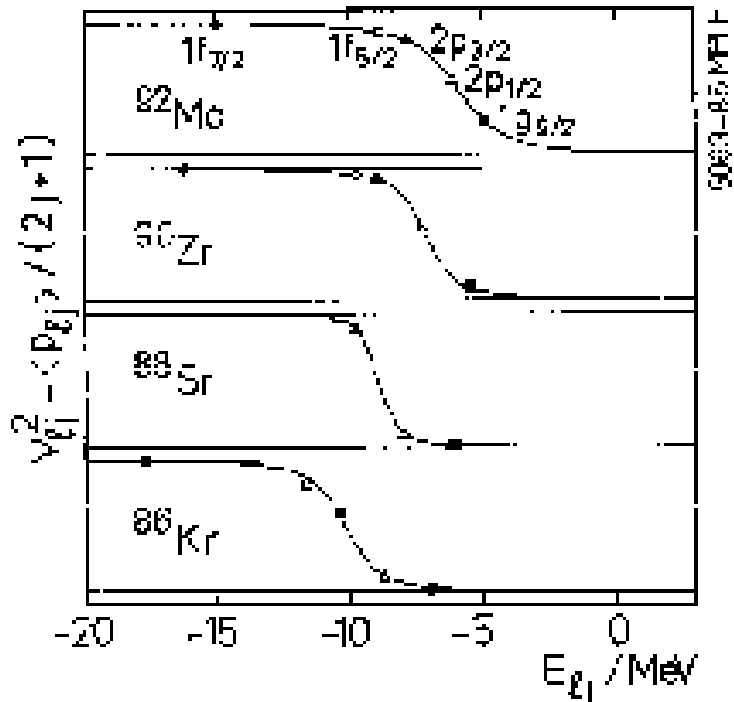
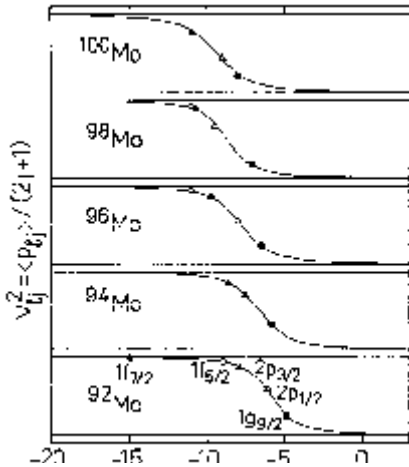
## French & McFarlane Sum Rule

independent of DWBA,  
however all strength must be detected

# occupancies



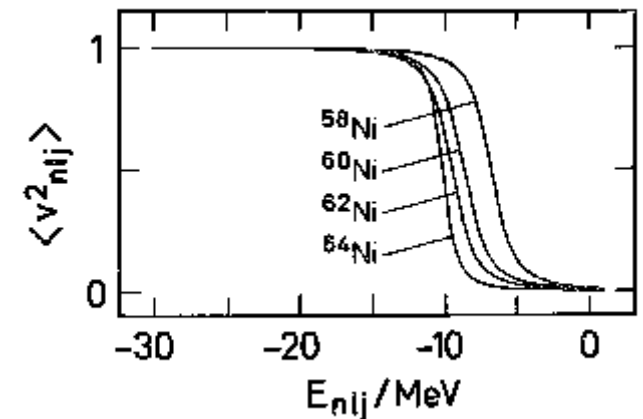
G.Mairle et al, NPA543,NPA455



$$v_{nl}^2 = \frac{1}{2(2j+1)} [G^- + (2j+1 - G^+)]$$

BCS

$$v_{nl}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1 - (E_{nlj} - E_F)}{\sqrt{(E_{nlj} - E_F)^2 + \Delta^2}} \right]$$



# previous measurement



## INVESTIGATION OF THE LEVEL SCHEMES OF $^{73, 75, 77}\text{As}$ VIA THE ( $^3\text{He}, d$ ) REACTION

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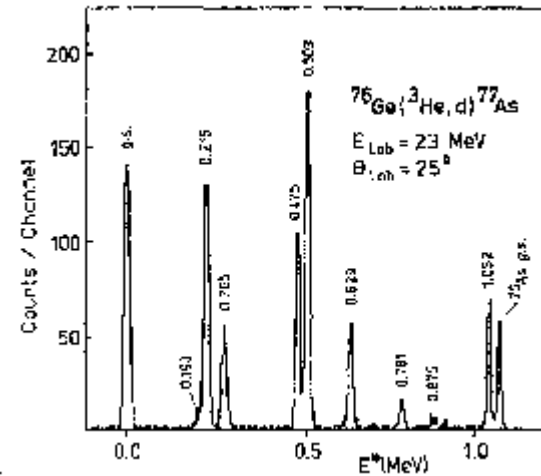
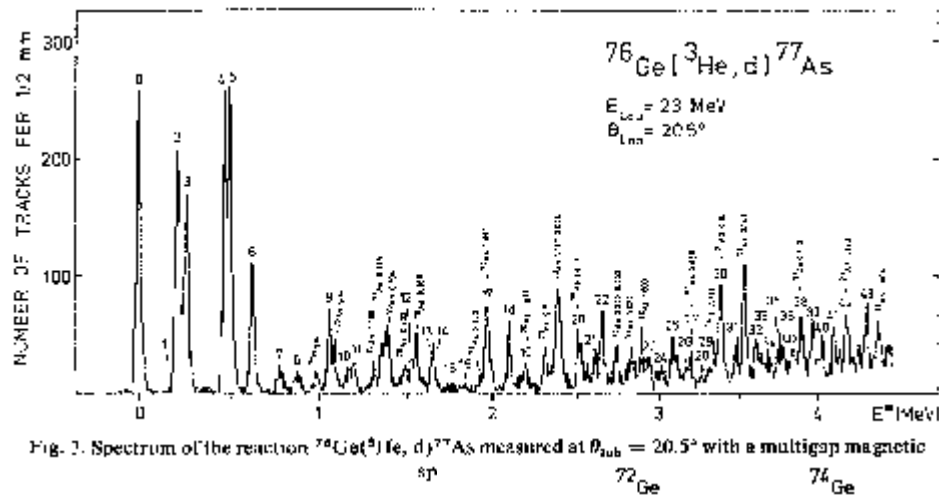
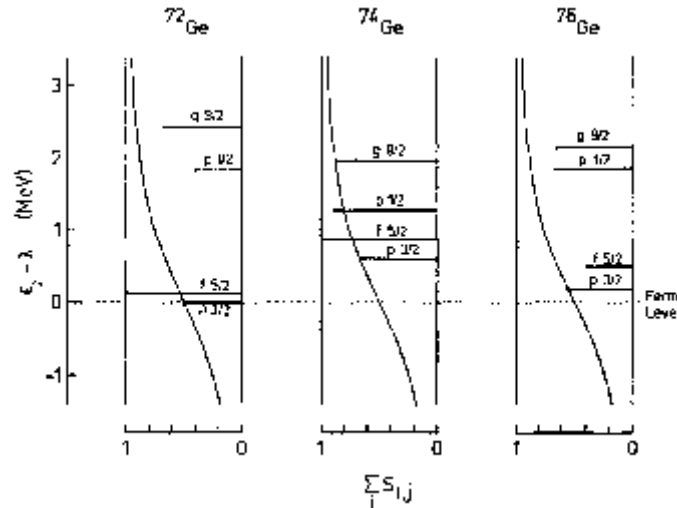


Fig. 1. Spectrum of the reaction  $^{76}\text{Ge}(^3\text{He}, d)^{77}\text{As}$  measured at  $\theta_{\text{sub}} = 20.5^\circ$  with a multigap magnetic



no absolute strength  
no comparison to inverse

# proton orbitals

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## precise relative measurements

targets:  $^{74}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{78}\text{Se}$

thickness: Rutherford scattering @ 10 MeV  $\alpha$

reactions: (d,  $^3\text{He}$ ) and ( $^3\text{He}$ , d)

beam of 80 MeV deuterons &  $^3\text{He}$

cyclotron @ RCNP, Osaka

Gran Raiden

solid angle:  $\alpha$ -source with solid state detector

wire chamber efficiencies

luminosity monitoring with 2<sup>nd</sup> spectr. LAS

polarised deuterons (beam polarimeter)

**DWBA:** use a single parameter set





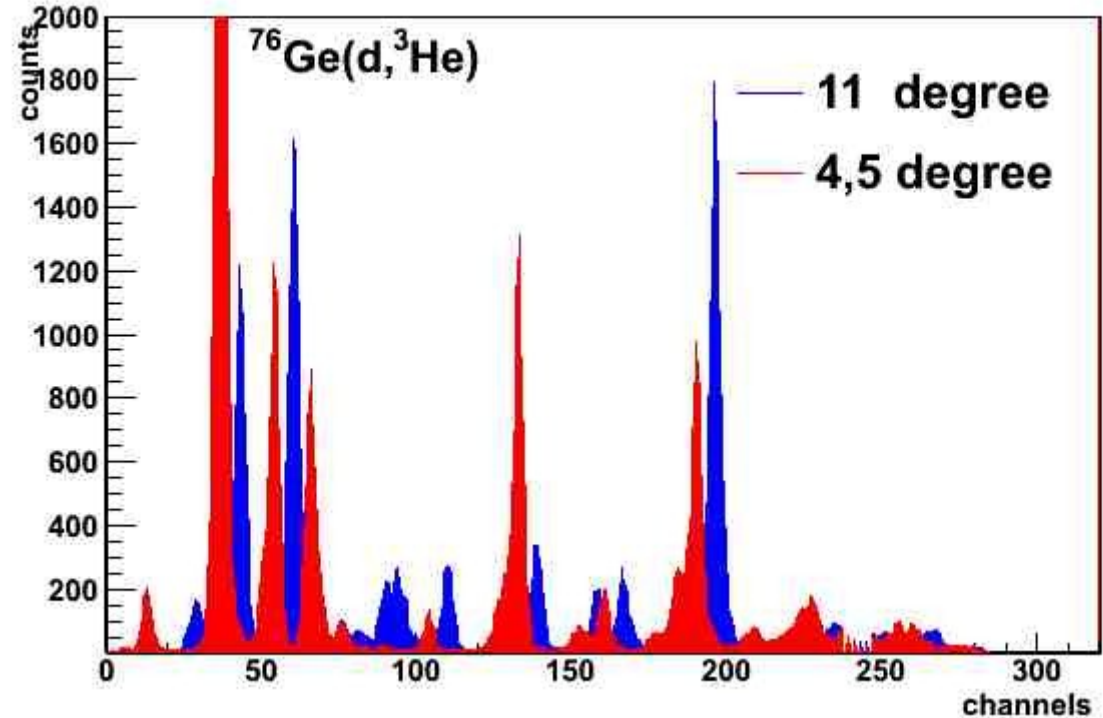
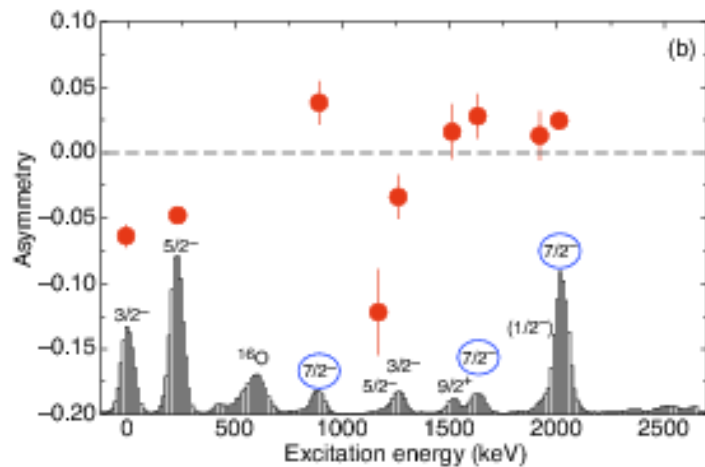
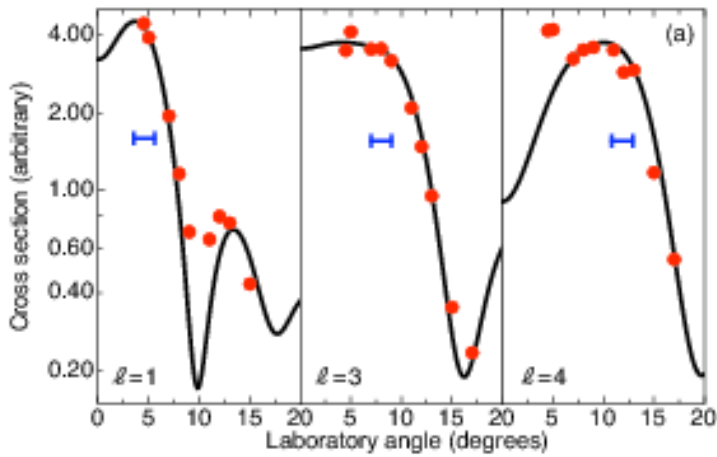
Trento, 19.Nov. 2008

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# proton transfer



B.Kay, J. Schiffer, S. Freeman et al



in ( $^3\text{He},d$ ) not the full strength found

# neutron vacancies (1-occ.)



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## Nuclear Structure Relevant to Neutrinoless Double $\beta$ Decay: $^{76}\text{Ge}$ and $^{76}\text{Se}$

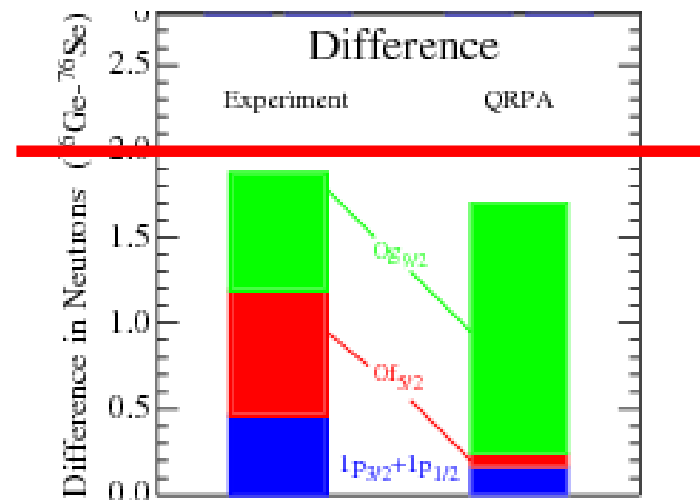
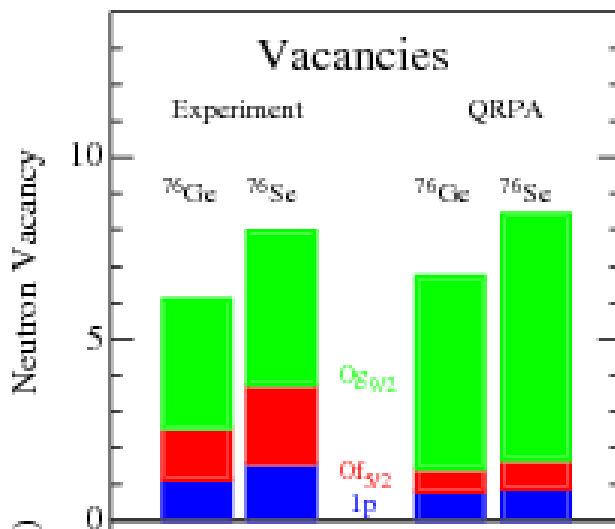
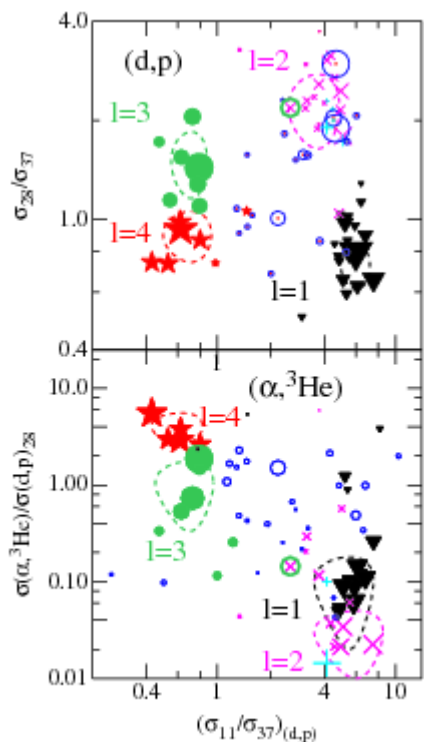
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shell closure @ N=50

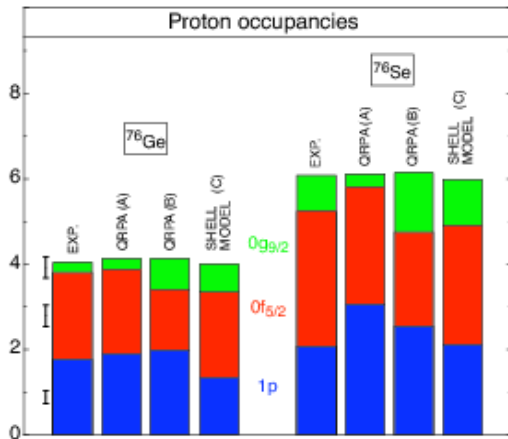
$$v(^{76}\text{Se}) = 6$$

$$v(^{76}\text{Ge}) = 8$$

(d,p) (p,d)  
( $\alpha, ^3\text{He}$ ) ( $^3\text{He}, \alpha$ )



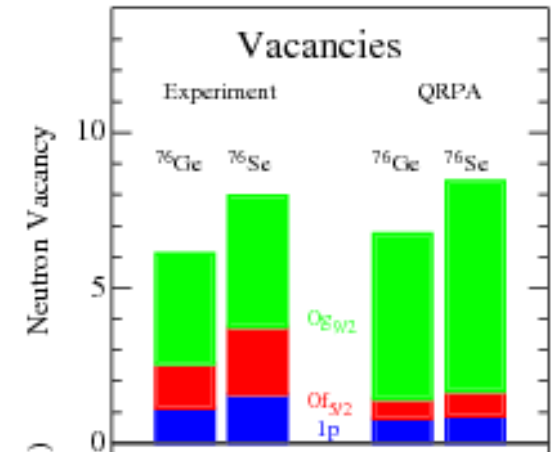
# differences in occupancy



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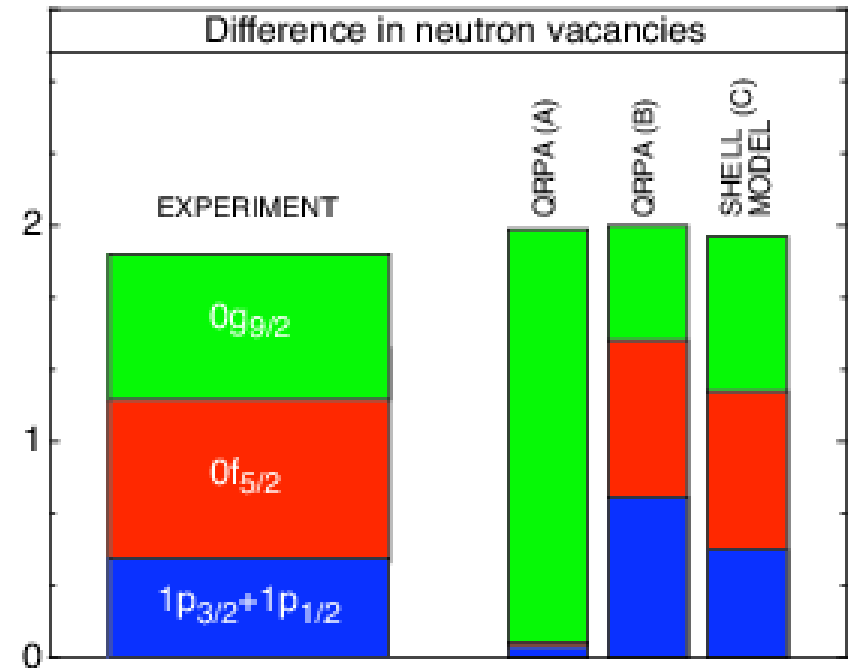
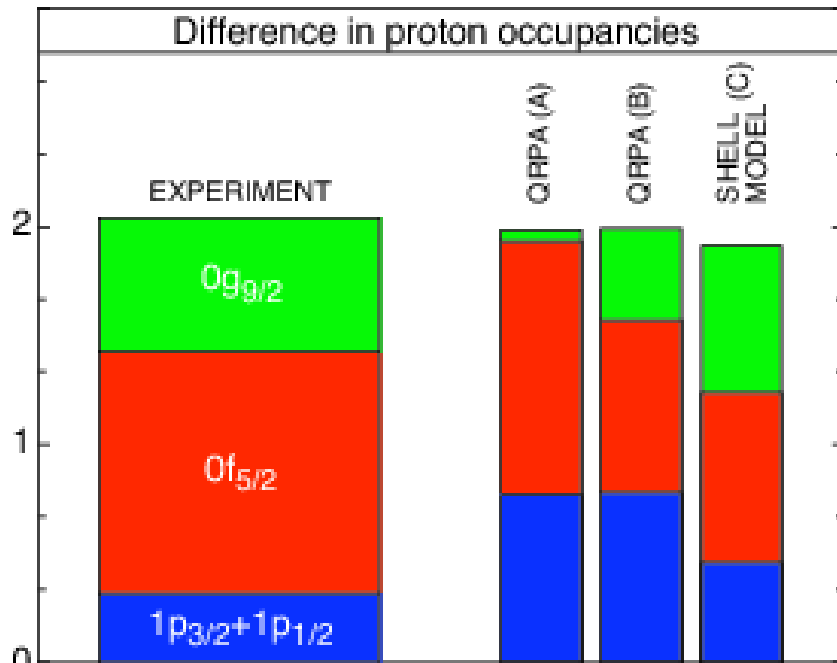
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protons

neutrons



# summary

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rare event search

question of understanding the background

neutron capture

control reactions for interpretation

proton transfer