

Shape coexistence around  $^{78}\text{Ni}$ :  
*the dawn is breaking*

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"... il y a des auteurs originaux dont la moindre hardiesse révolte parce qu'ils n'ont pas d'abord flatté les goûts du public et ne lui ont pas servi les lieux communs auxquels il est habitué."

**Marcel Proust**

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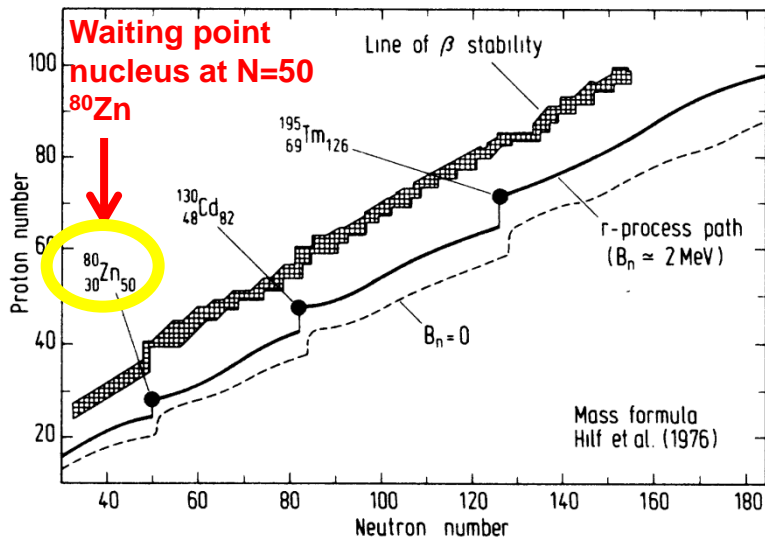
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r-process + structure consequences

decade  
very busy

formed above 0.6 MeV. Considering  $^{80}\text{Zn}$  as a doubly magic  $^{78}\text{Ni}_{50}$  core plus a proton pair, the observation of shape coexistence seems to imply a rather rapid weakening of the shell strength above  $^{78}\text{Ni}$ . With regard to  $r$ -



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RIBF/RIKEN

direct study of  $^{78}\text{Ni}$

towards an even busier decade

Third golden age : >2016

A new dawn for shape coexistence studies near  $N=50$  towards  $^{78}\text{Ni}$

Gamow-Teller decay of  $^{80}\text{Zn}$ : Shell structure and astrophysical implications

By Kratz et al. PRC 38 (1988)

# Age of the pioneers: late 70's-early 80's

Omnipresence of positive parity (intruder) states

- First hinted at from transfer reaction data [e.g. Detorie et al PRC18 (1978)]
- First systematics proposed by Hoff & Fogelberg NPA **368** (1981) from  $\beta$ -decay
- emphasized in Meyer et al. PRC **25** (1982)

thereafter the subject somewhat fell into oblivion

**N = 49**  
**LEVEL SYSTEMATICS**

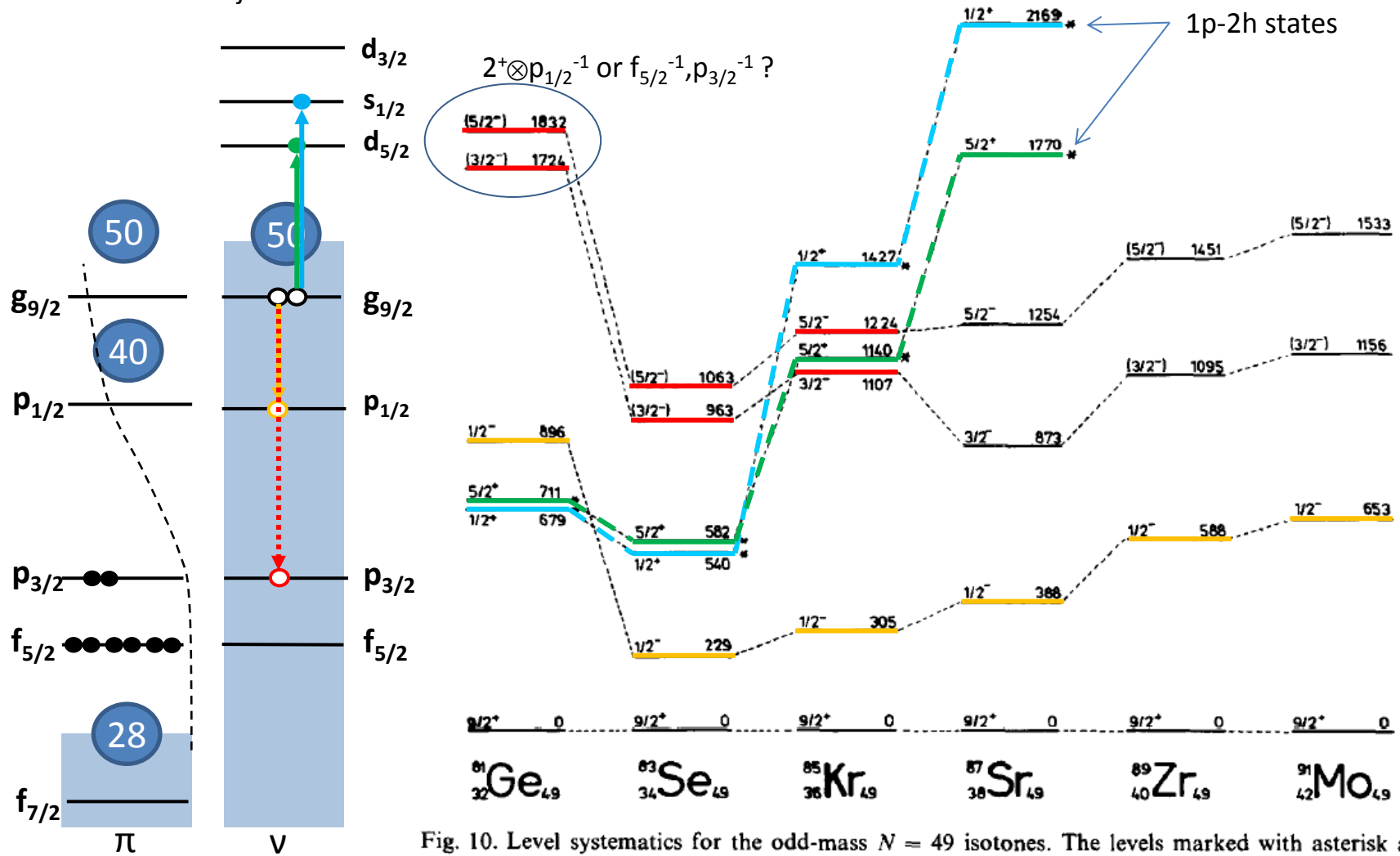
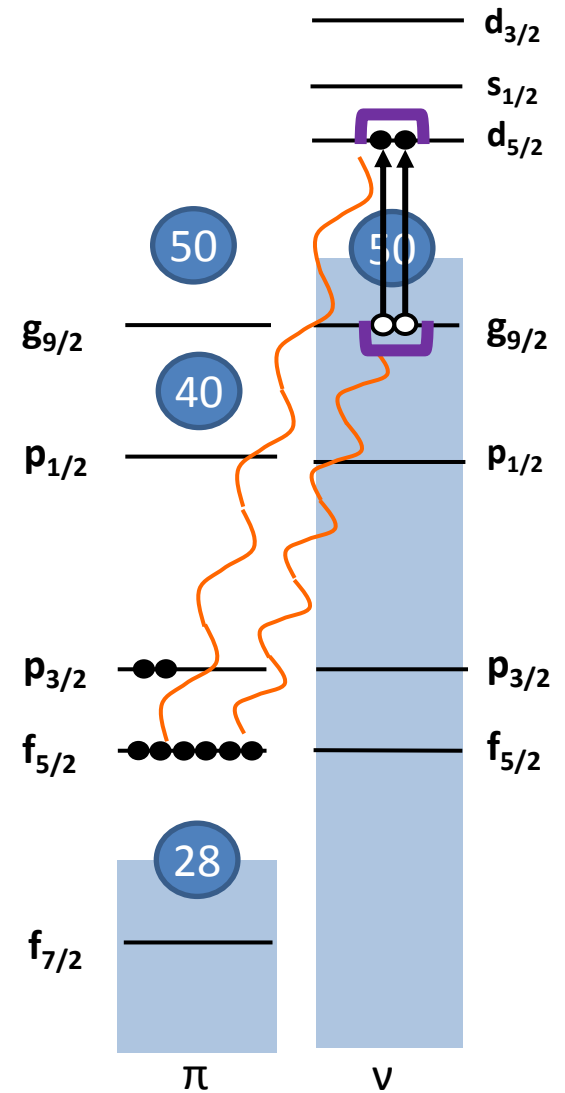
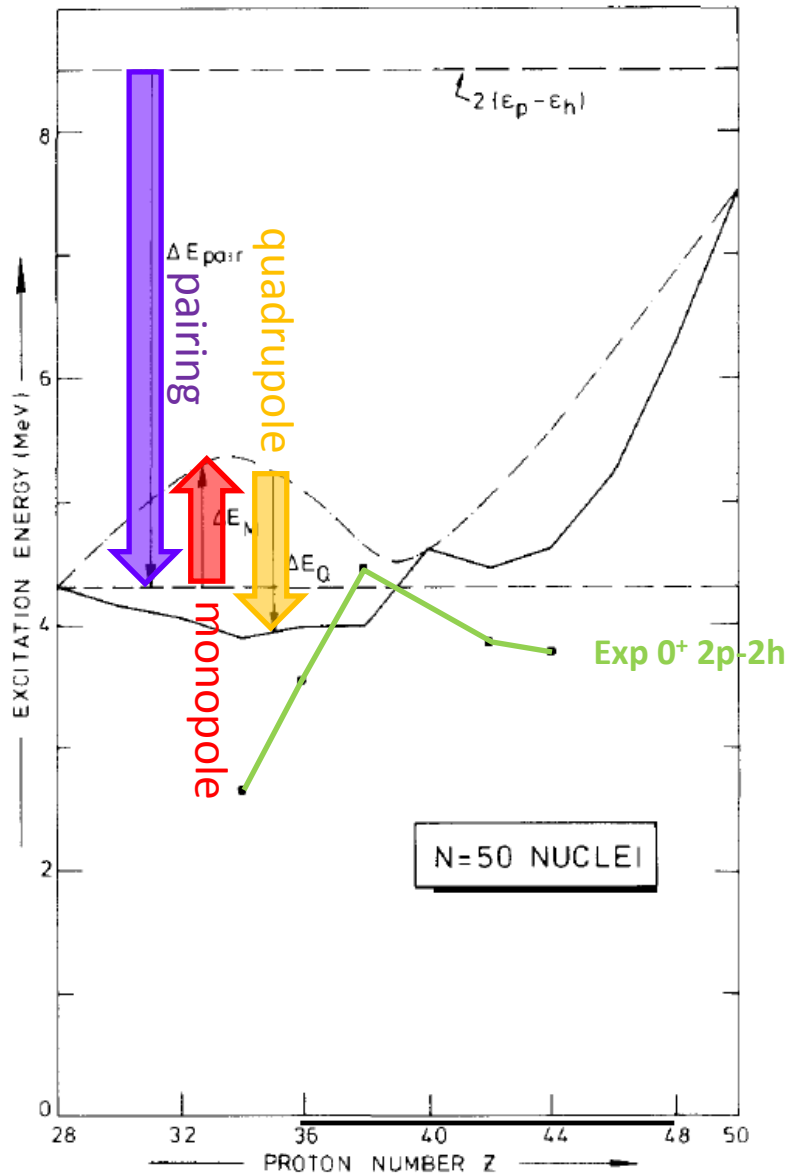


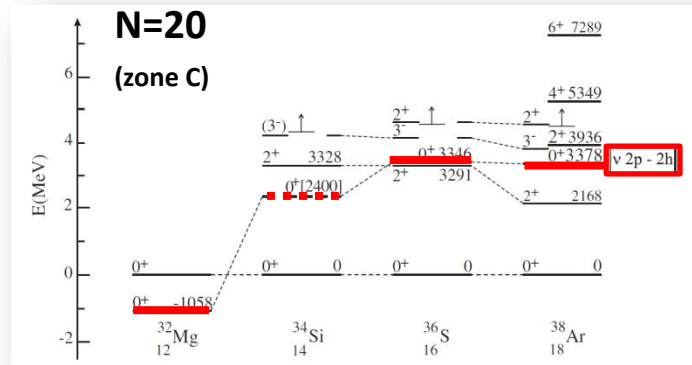
Fig. 10. Level systematics for the odd-mass  $N = 49$  isotones. The levels marked with asterisk are the  $\frac{1}{2}^+$ ,  $\frac{5}{2}^+$  intruder states.

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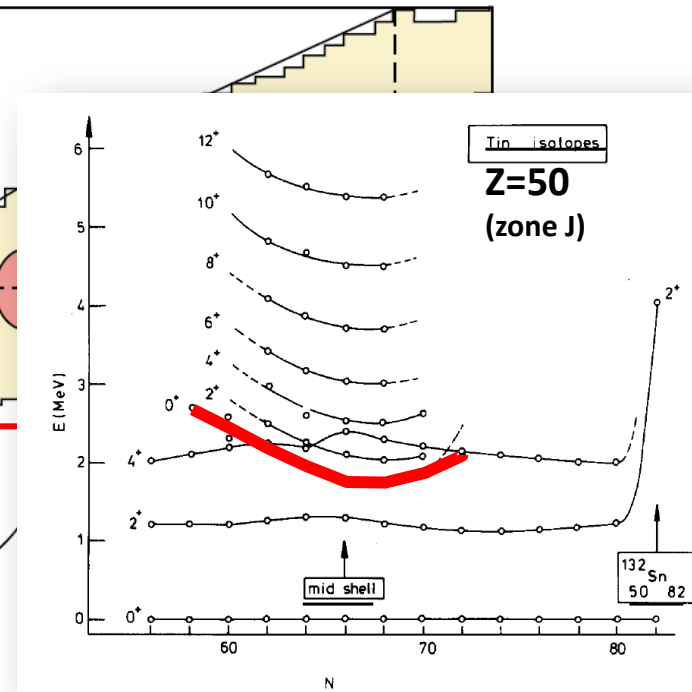
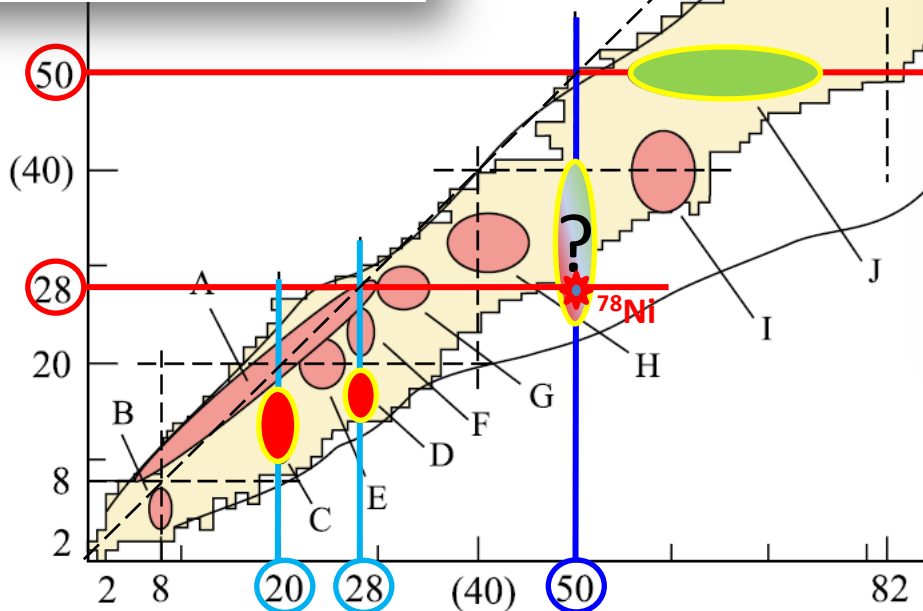
Wood et al. Phys. Rep. 215 (1992)



# Magic numbers from a shape-coexistence point of view



Proton number



phys. 83 (2011) 1467

Neutron number N

- historical case  $N=20$  ( $^{32}\text{Mg}$  region)
  - Klapisch PRL 31 118 (1973)
  - Thibault PRC 12 644 (1975)
  - Détraz PRC 19 164 (1979)
- $N=28$  ( $^{42}\text{Si}$  region)
  - Bastin PRL 99 022503 (2007)
  - GANIL

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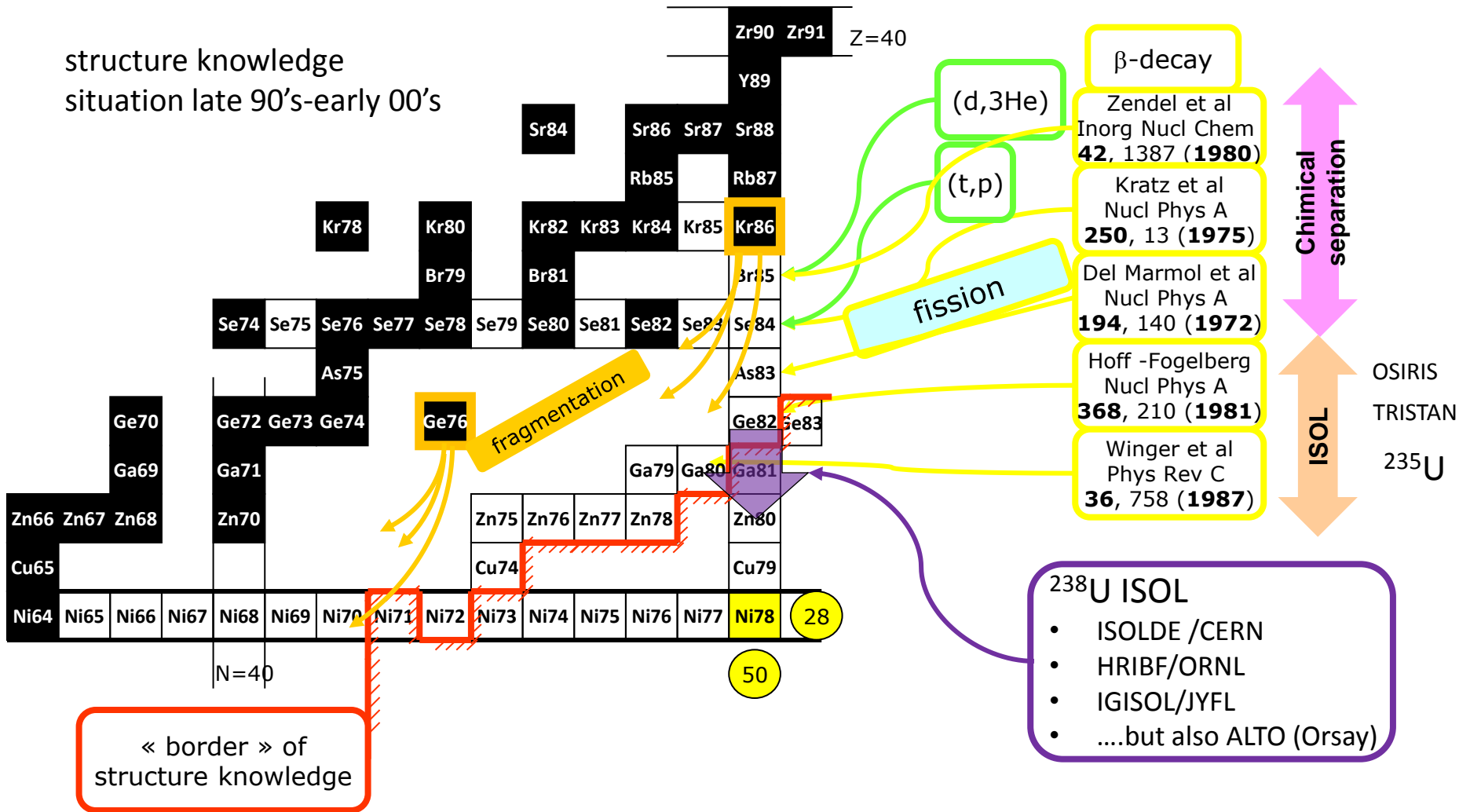
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**are the necessary ingredients**  
for the occurrence of shape  
coexistence in the N=50 region  
towards  $^{78}\text{Ni}$   
**there?**

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structure knowledge  
situation late 90's-early 00's



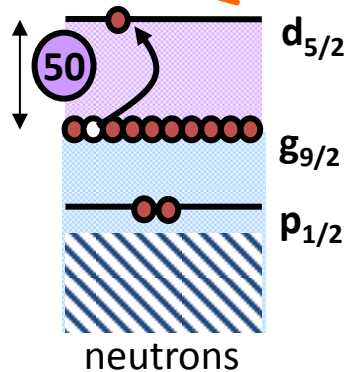
# The persistence of N=50: first evidence for core-breaking states

At the beginning, no (serious) evidence was found for shell quenching down to Z=30 in the low-energy/low-spin data :

- from  $\beta$ -decay studies down to  $^{81}\text{Ga}$  (Orsay)  
O. Perru et al. Eur. Phys. J. A 28, 307 (2006)  
D. Verney et al. PRC 76, 054312 (2007)

- from B(E2) measurement in  $^{80}\text{Zn}$  (REX-ISOLDE)  
J. Van de Walle et al. PRC 79, 014309 (2009)

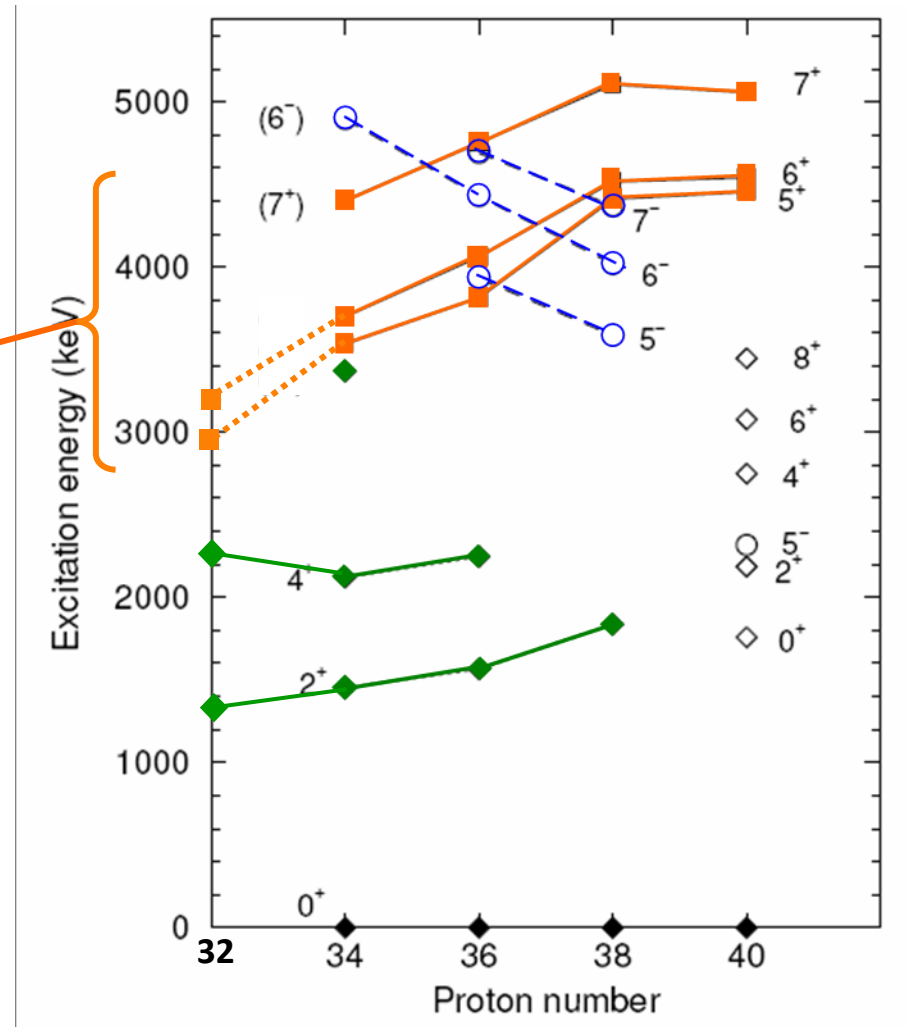
«No direct evidence is found for an enhanced Z = 28 core polarization, but the larger proton effective charge needed in the SMI calculations to describe N = 50 isotones with Z < 40 indicate a larger proton core polarization for these isotopes. No evidence is found for breaking of the N = 50 shell gap. »



But : 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)



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

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



# The question of the size of the gap at N=50: what masses say

High-precision mass spectrometry (IGISOL Jyvaskyla) Hakala et al PRL101 052502 (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)

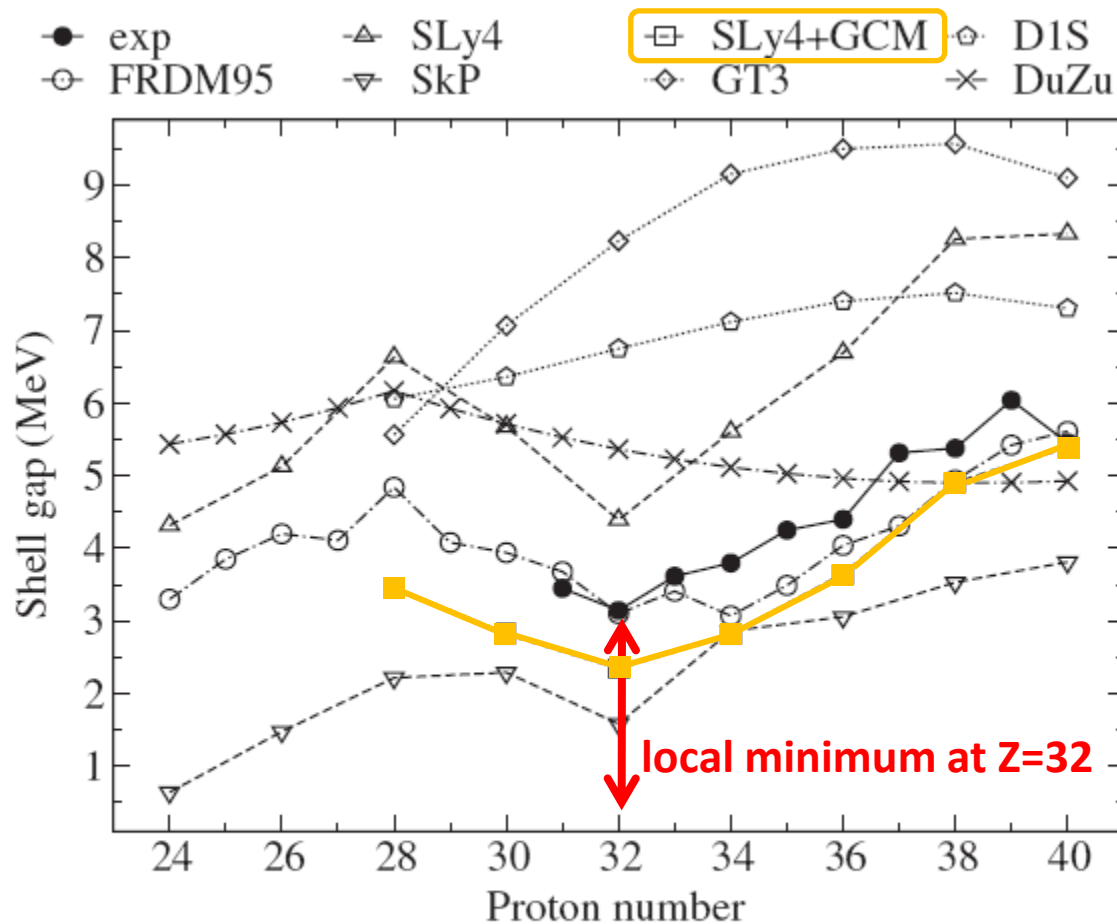


FIG. 4. Evolution of the  $N = 50$  shell gap and comparison to theoretical models.

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using data taken from AME

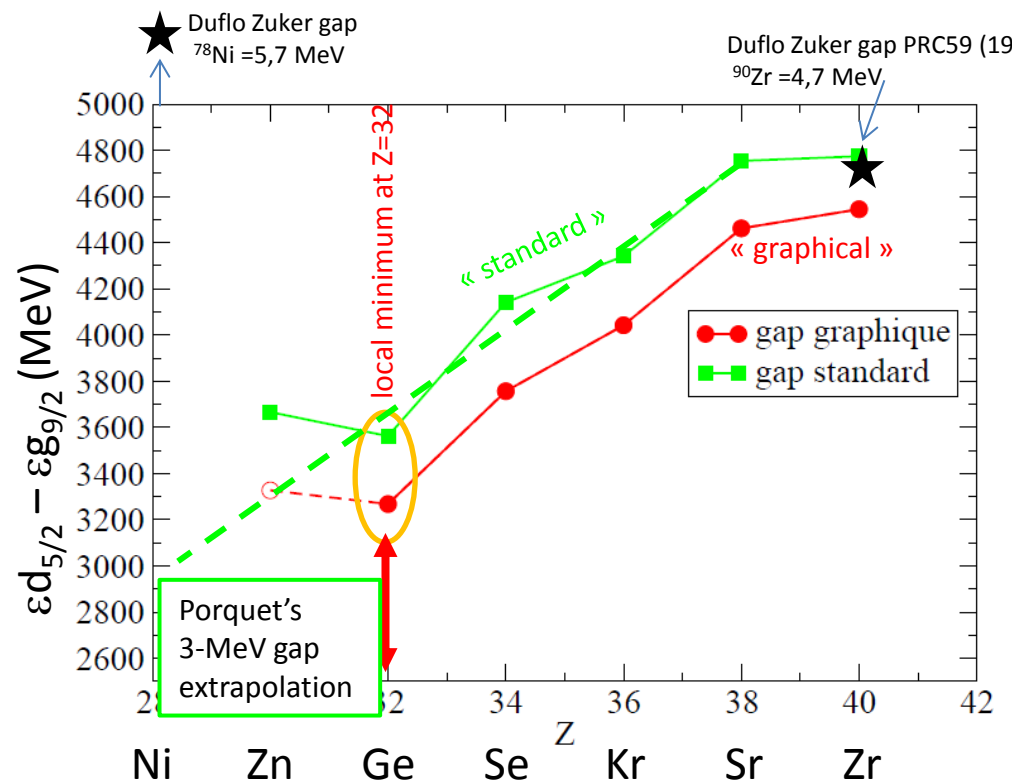
[including ISOLTRAP and IGISOLTRAP data]

« standard »

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gap neutron : } \Delta_n &= 2BE(Z, N) - BE(Z, N + 1) - BE(Z, N - 1) \\ &= S_n(Z, N) - S_n(Z, N + 1) \end{aligned}$$

« graphical » K. Heyde et al. Phys. Lett. B176 (1986) NPA466 189(1987)

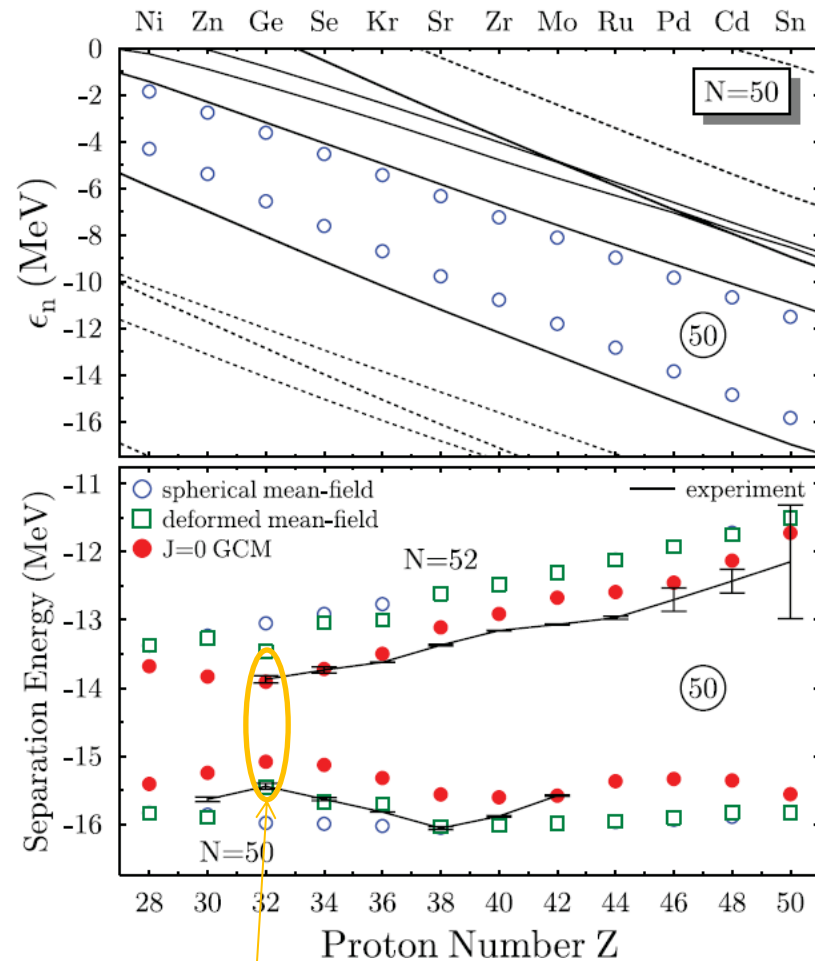
$$\epsilon_{j\nu} - \epsilon_{j\nu'} = S_n(Z, N) - S_n(Z, N^{\text{extr.}})$$



## collective origin

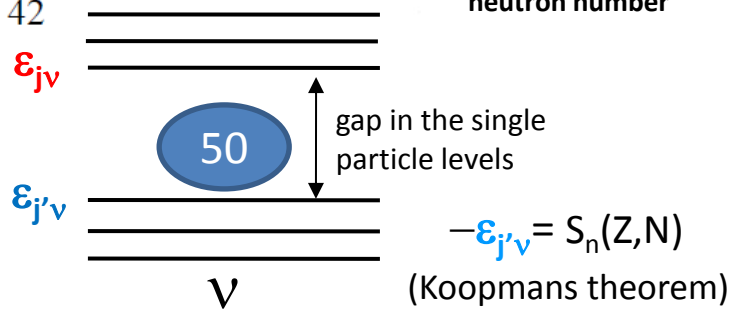
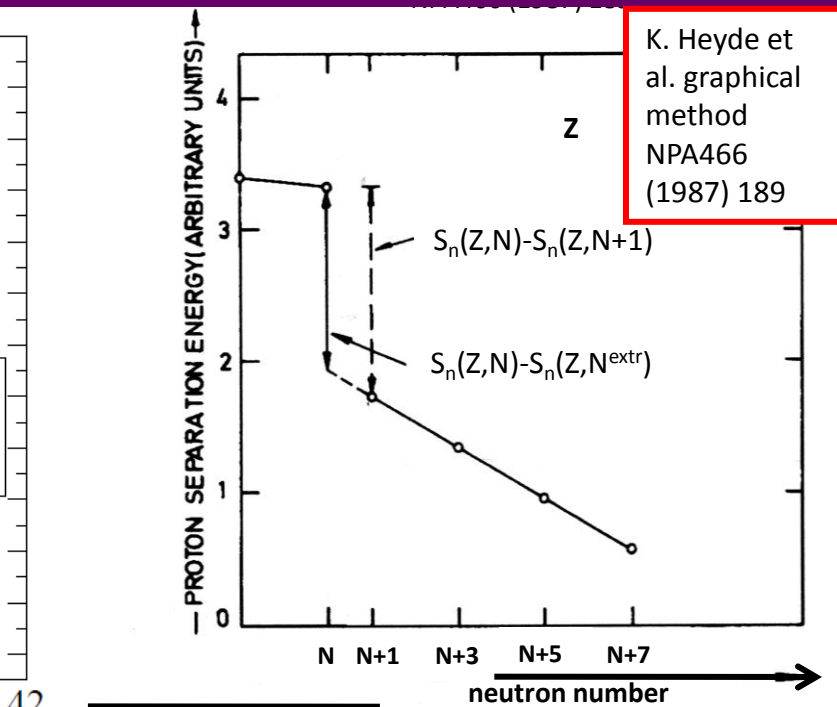
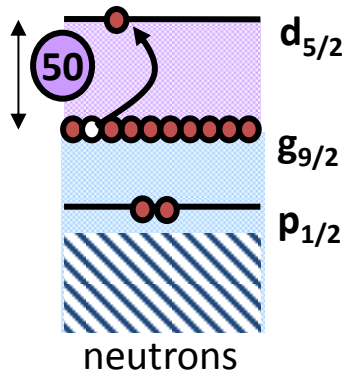
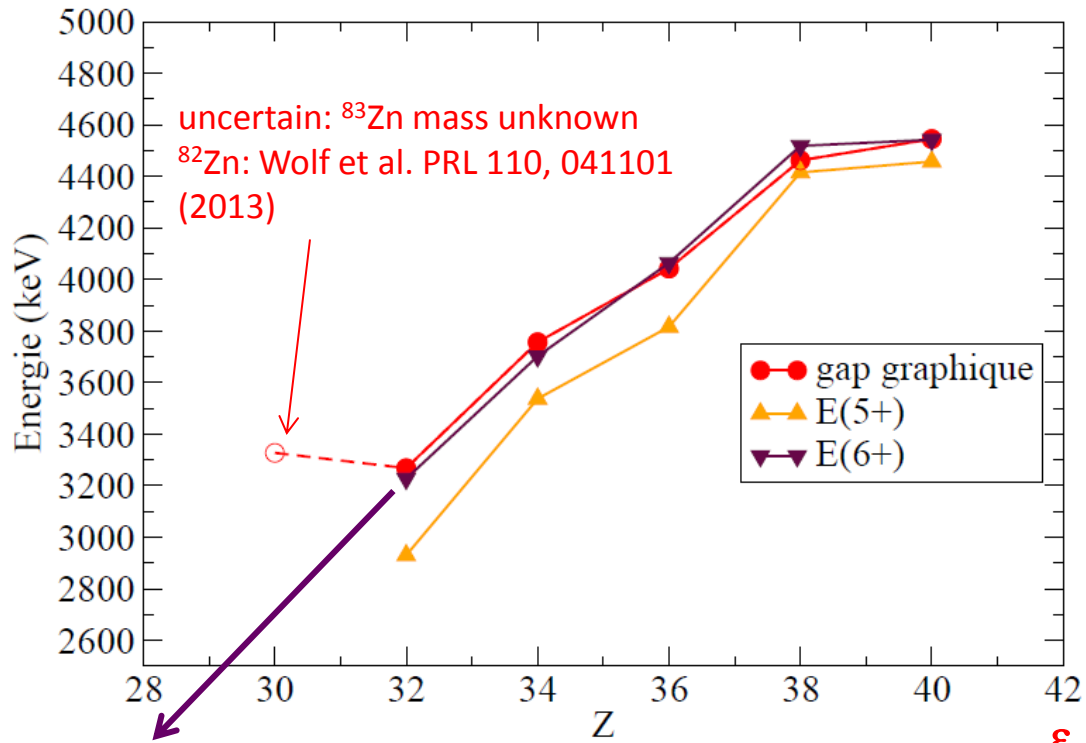
First theoretical treatment : beyond mean field

Bender et al. Phys. Rev. C **78**, 054312 (2008)



maximum influence of beyond mean-field correlations

# The question of the size of the gap at N=50: back to core-breaking states



but  $S_n(Z,N+1)$  is not a good prescription for the evaluation of  $\epsilon_{jv}$   
 one has to estimate  $\epsilon_{j'v}$  and  $\epsilon_{jv}$  in the **same** nucleus

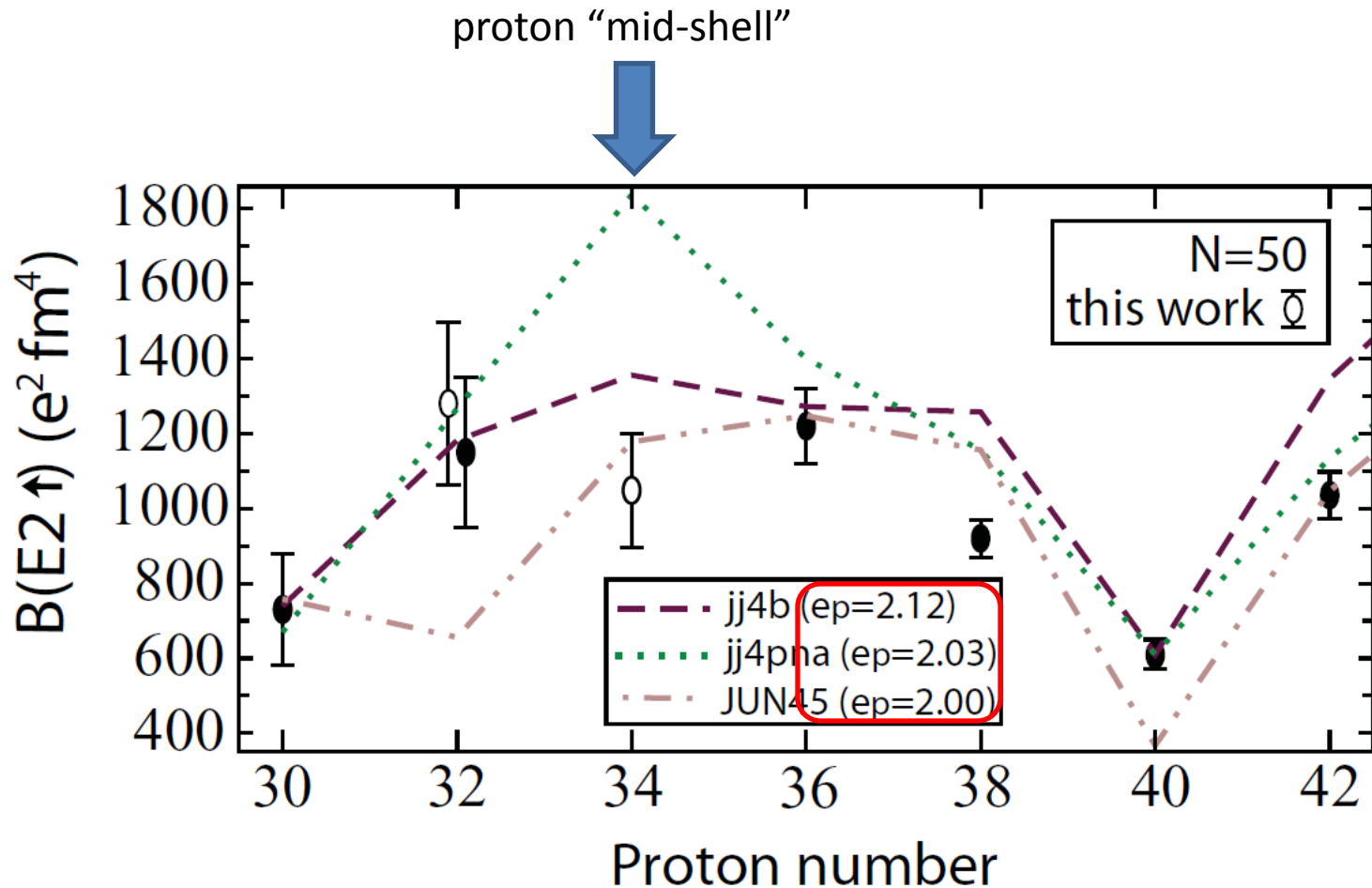
then the good prescription becomes :  $\epsilon_{jv} - \epsilon_{j'v} = S_n(Z,N) - S_n(Z,N^{extr})$

# Enhanced quadrupole collectivity at Z=32 ?

What coulex says ?

J. Van de Walle et al. PRL **99**, 142501 (2007) REX-ISOLDE

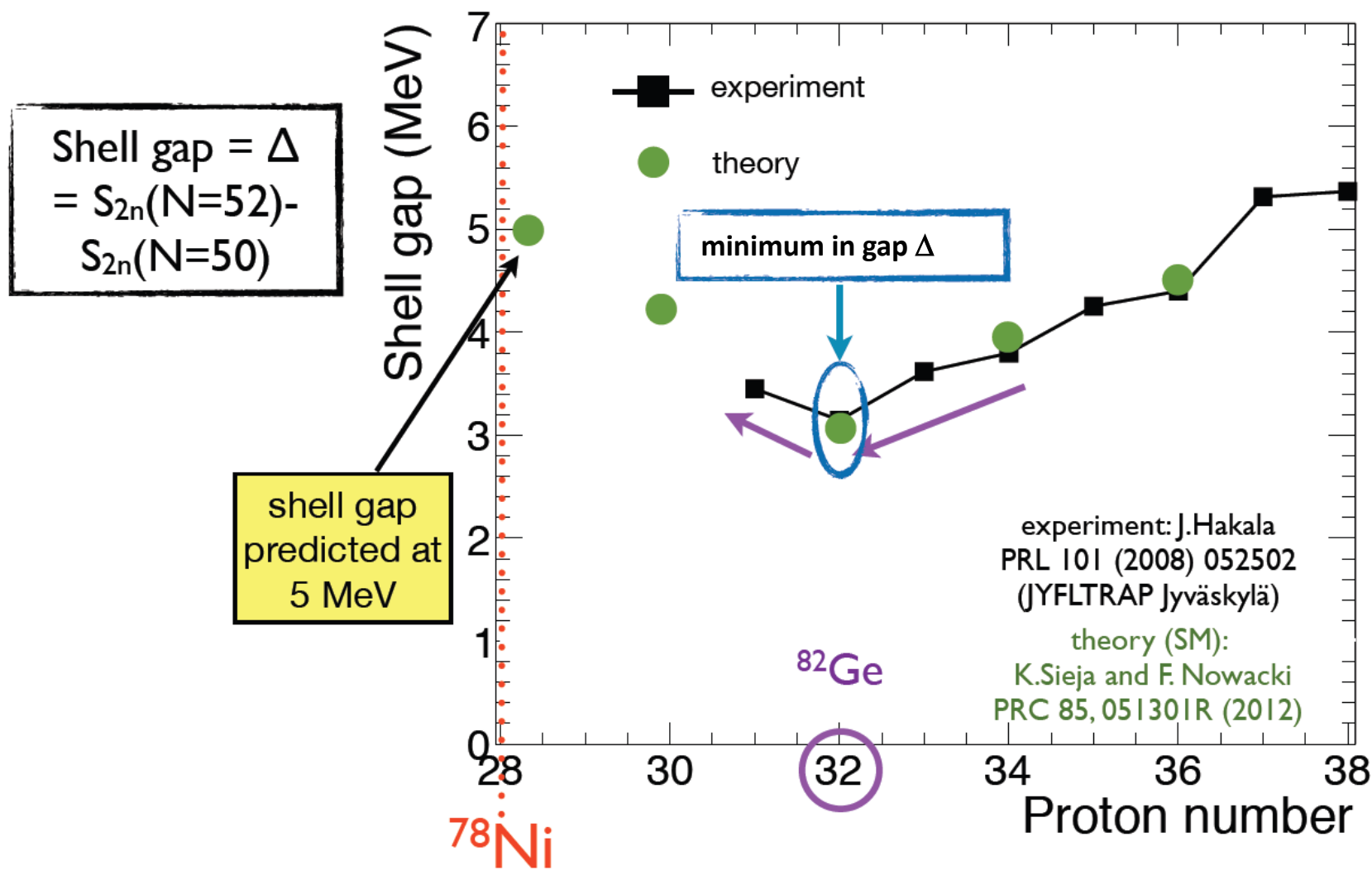
A. Gade et al. Phys. Rev. C **81**, 064326 (2010) MSU



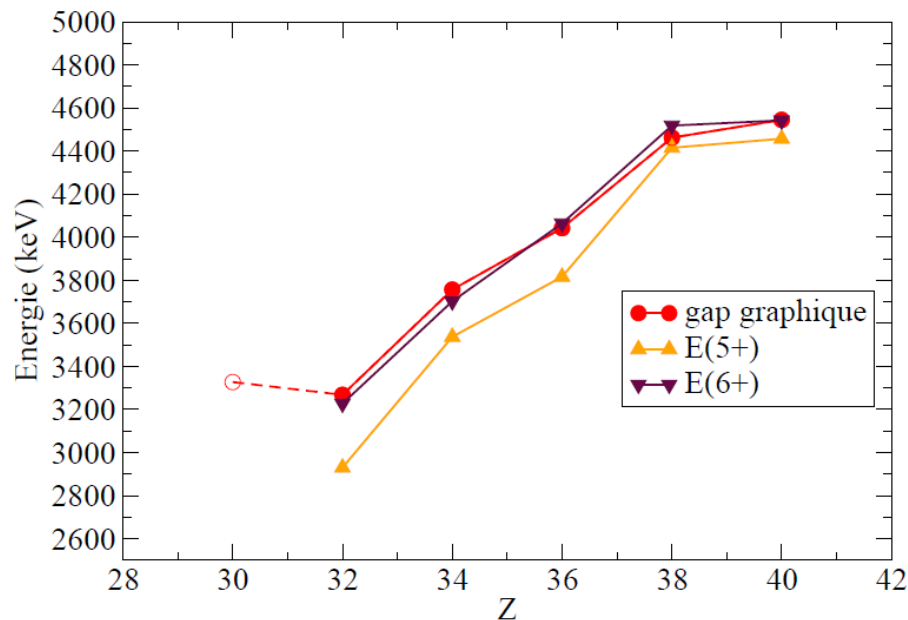
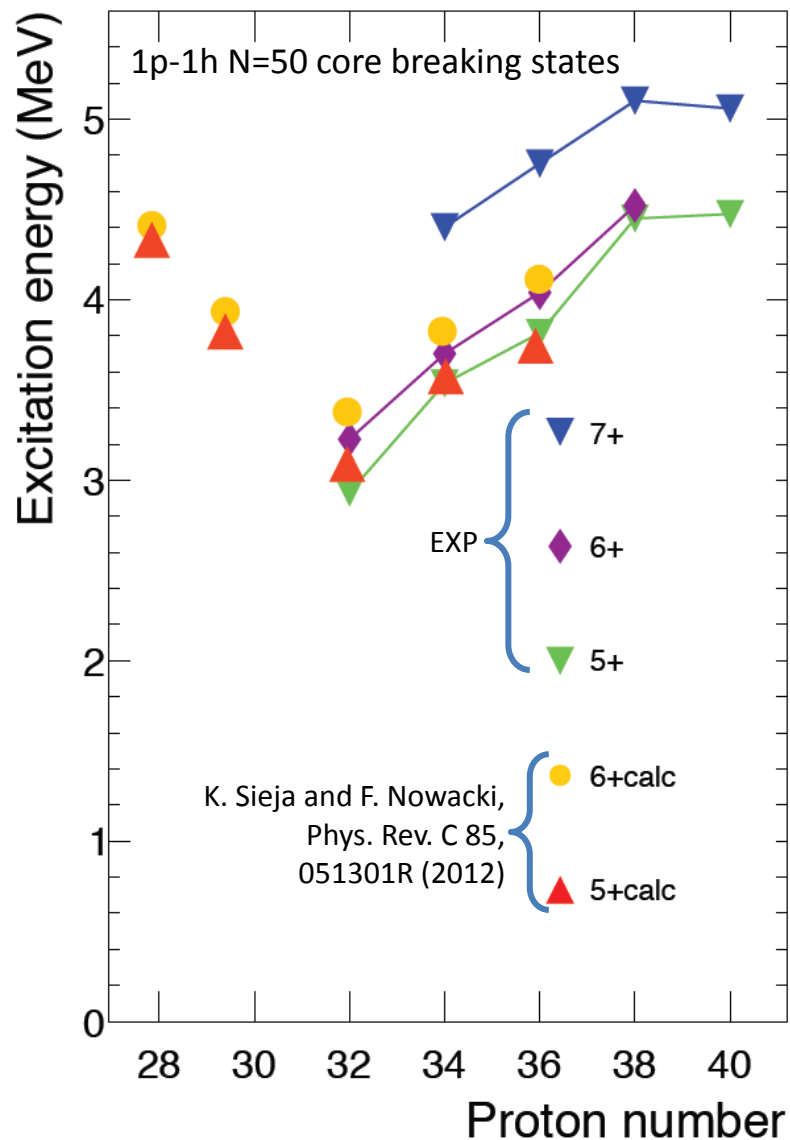
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K. Sieja and F. Nowacki, Phys. Rev. C 85, 051301R (2012)

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

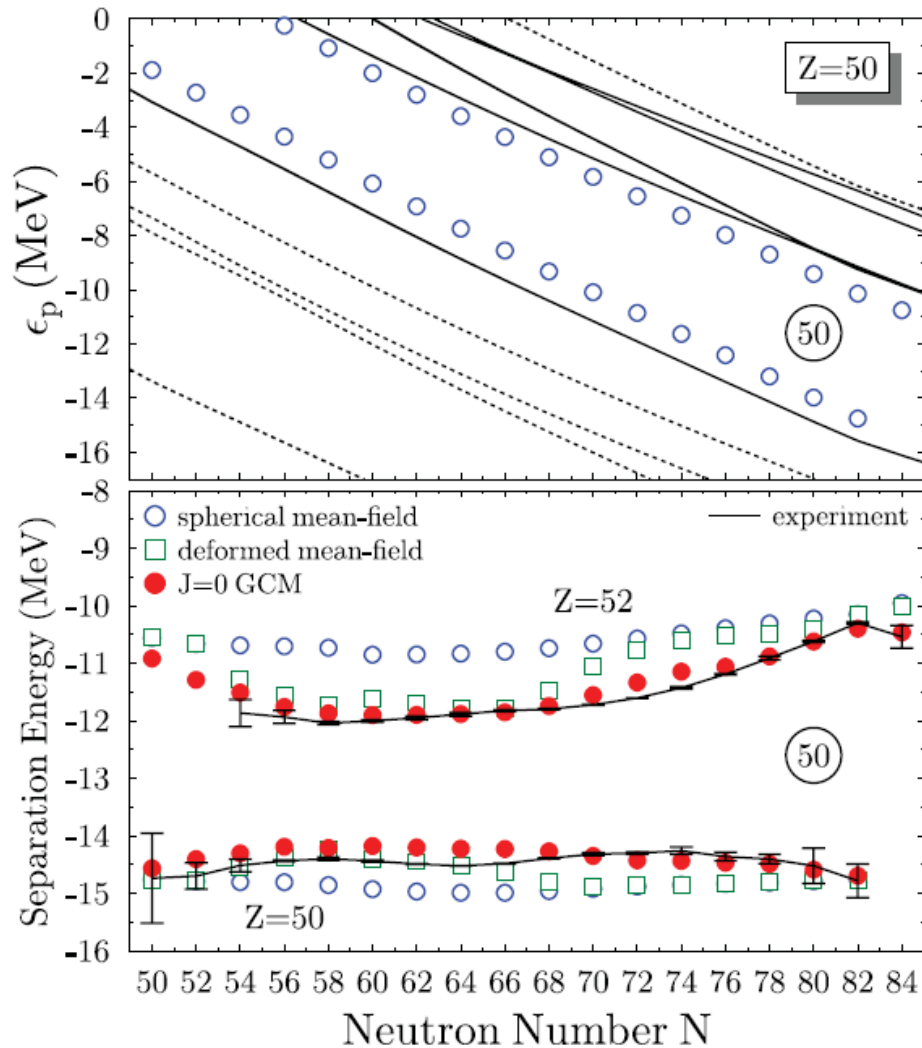
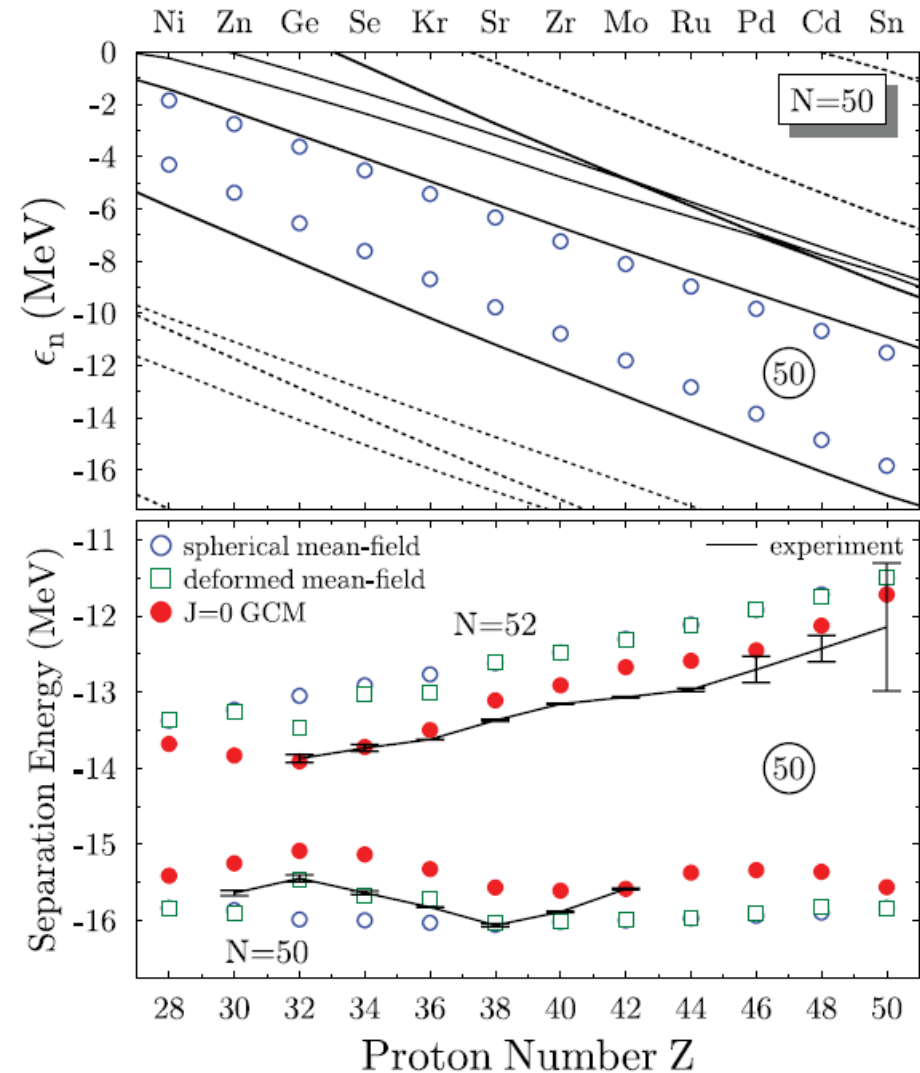


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Fusion-fission experiment within AGATA@GANIL campaign (spokespersons G. Duchêne and G. De Angelis) run in 2015 search for core-breaking Yrast states in  $^{80}\text{Zn}$  → insufficient statistics

# N=50 vs Z=50 situations



figures taken from  
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What we have learned from the "second golden age"

- experimental data: spectroscopy and masses
  - the  $N=50$  spherical gap decreases from  $Z=40$  to  $Z=32$
  - increases again (or is stabilized) at  $Z=30$
- maximum beyond mean field correlations at  $Z=32$  (not proton mid shell)
- SM description of  $N=50$  isotones
  - cross neutron shell excitations are mandatory, max influence :  $Z=32$



# first hints

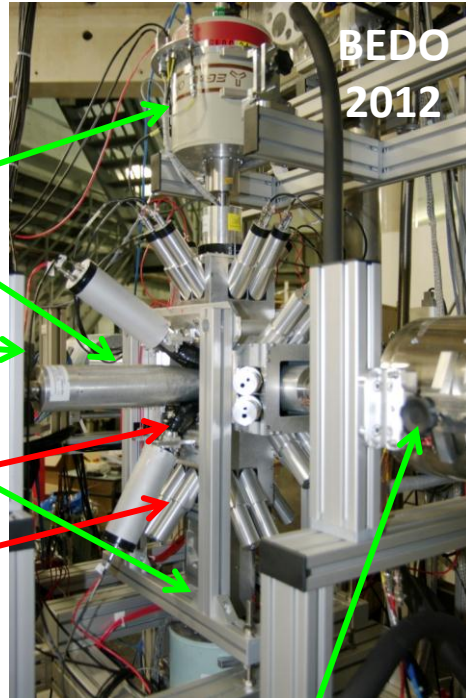
5 HPGe detectors  
 Source-cap distance = 5 cm  
 $\epsilon_{\gamma}(1 \text{ MeV}) \approx 4-5 \%$

2 tapered EUROGAM1  
 (French-UK  
 gamma Loan Pool)

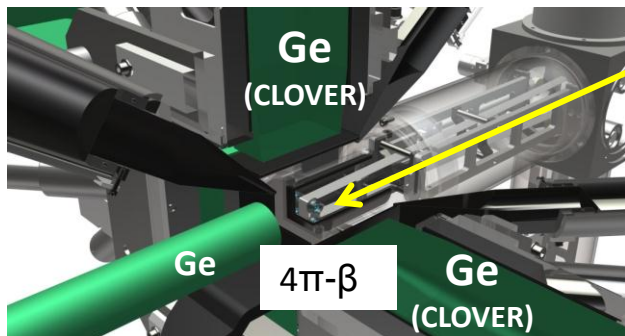
2 CLOVERS

$4\pi \beta$  (plastic) detector  
 $\epsilon_{\beta} = 55 \%$

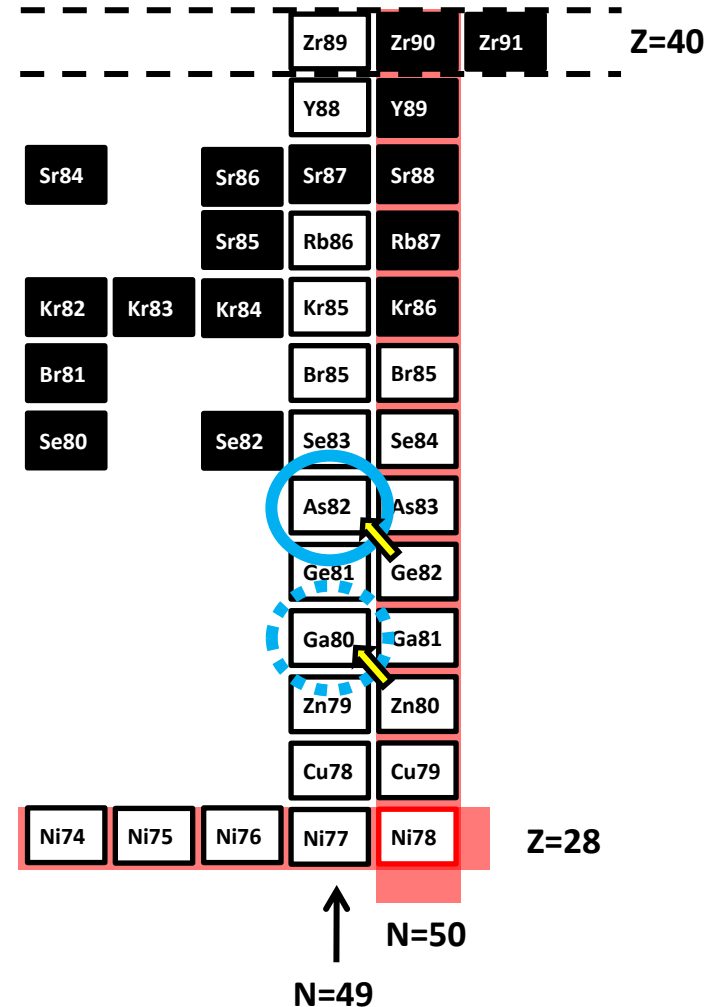
BGO guard  
 detectors belt



1 coaxial (large volume)



BEDO (BEta Decay studies at Orsay)  
 commissioning experiment (2012)  
 Etilé et al. PRC **91** 064317 (2015)

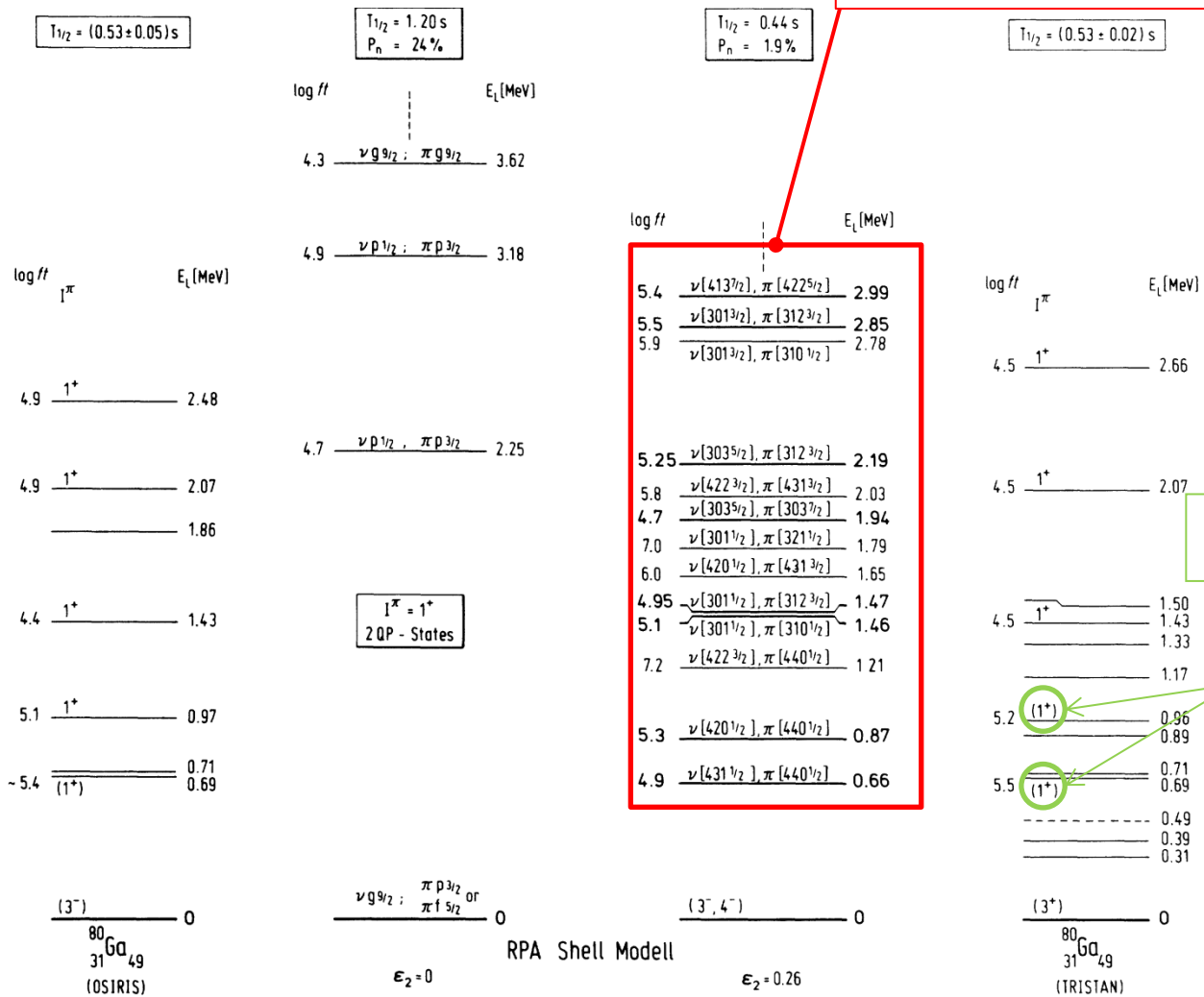


## Gamow-Teller decay of $^{80}\text{Zn}$ : Shell structure and astrophysical implications By Kratz et al. PRC 38 (1988)

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RPA calculations, with significant quadrupole deformation ( $\epsilon_2=0.26$ ) produce naturally an enormous amount of 1+ states (2QP states, Nilsson labeled), which was found satisfying (!)

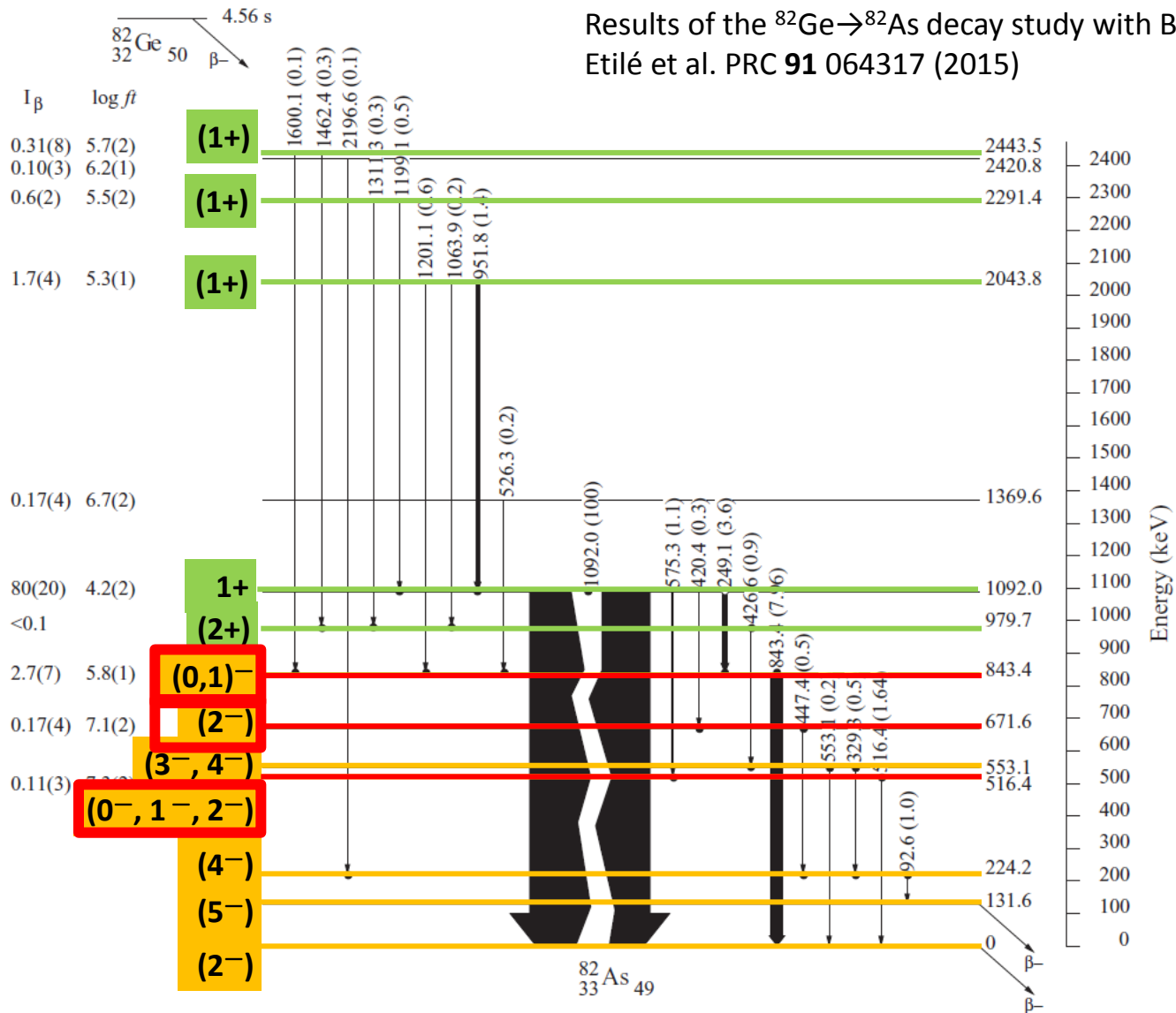


Winger et al. PRC 36 (1987) [TRISTAN]

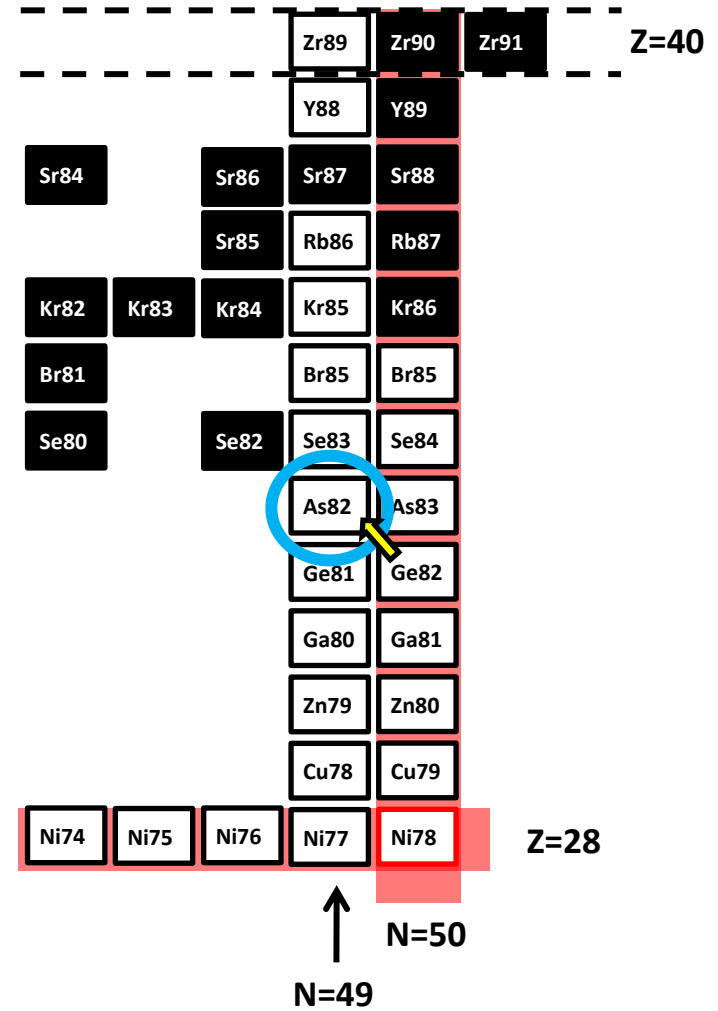
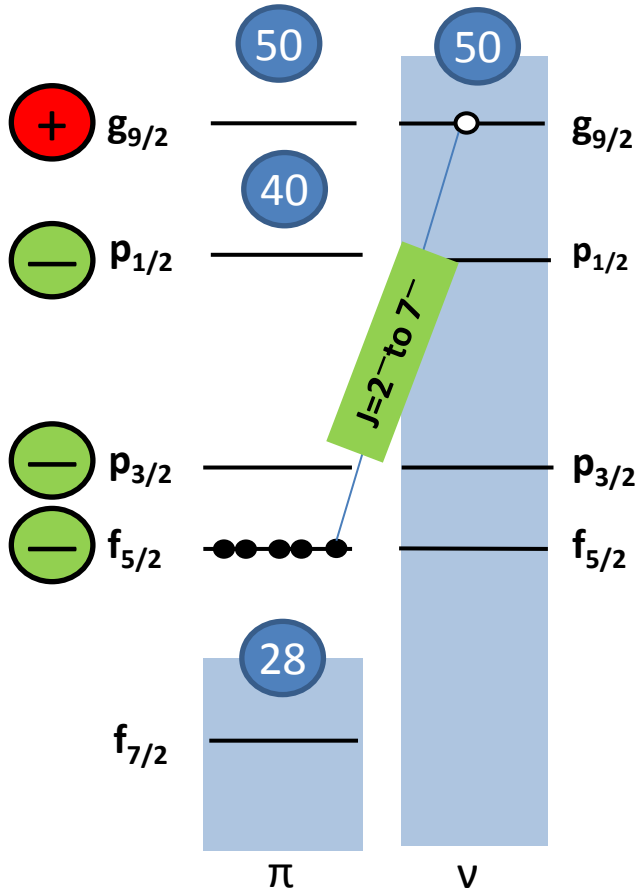
in a similar study Winger et al removed the parenthesis only at higher energies

# first hints

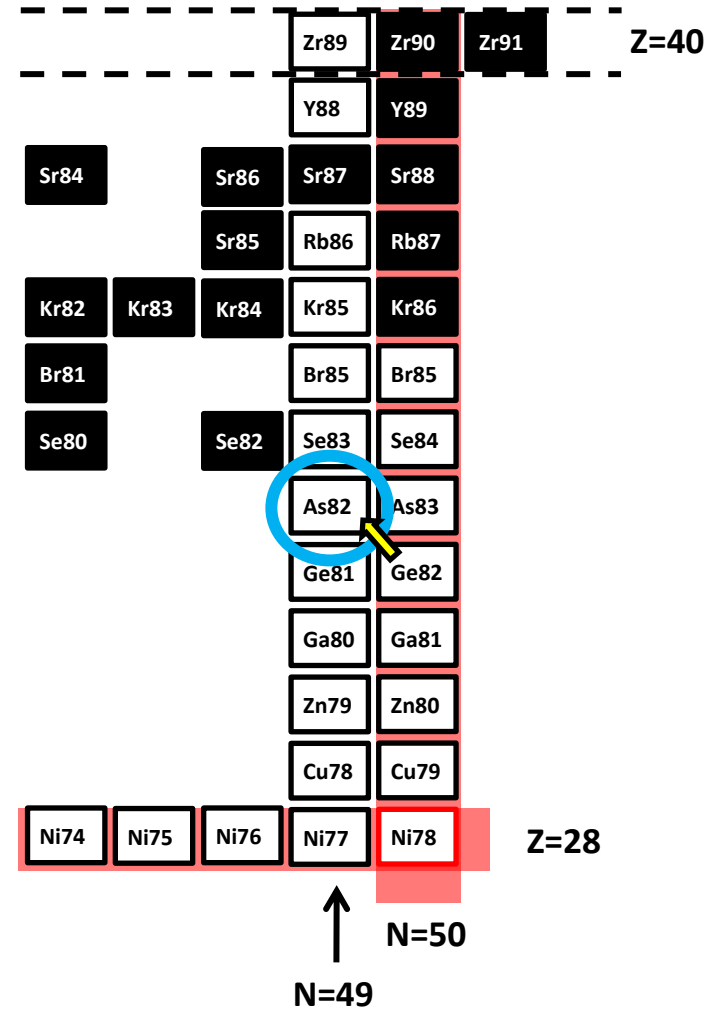
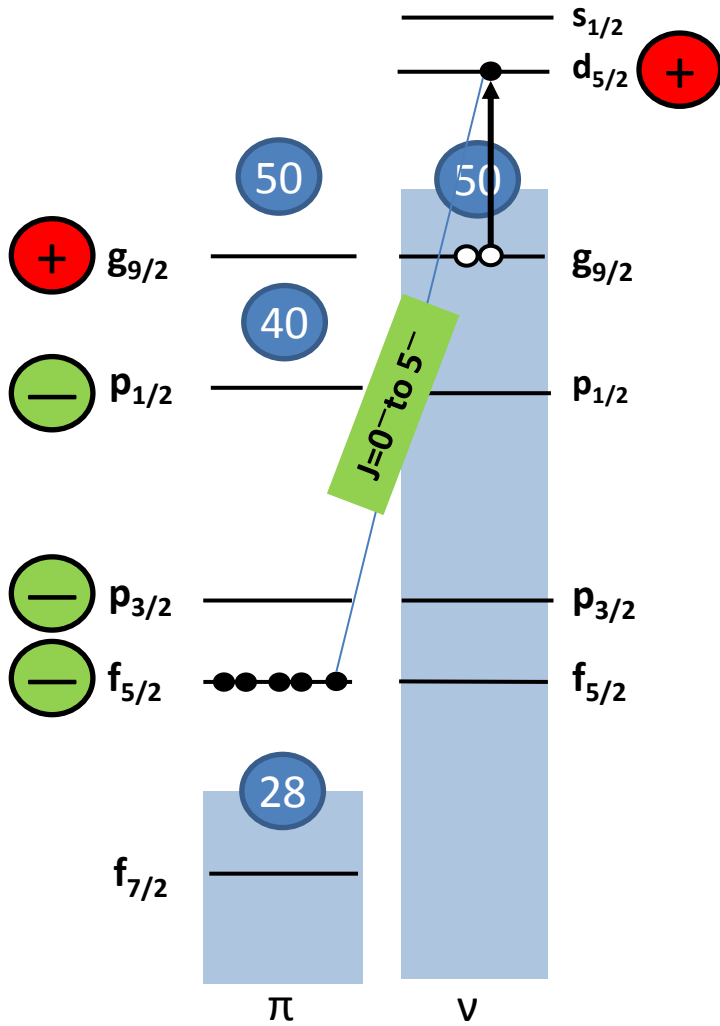
Results of the  $^{82}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{As}$  decay study with BEDO  
 Etilé et al. PRC **91** 064317 (2015)



the question of the low-energy low-spin ( $J < 2$ ) states in  $^{82}\text{As}$



# first hints



zeroth order couplings from neighboring N=49 odd-nuclei spectroscopy

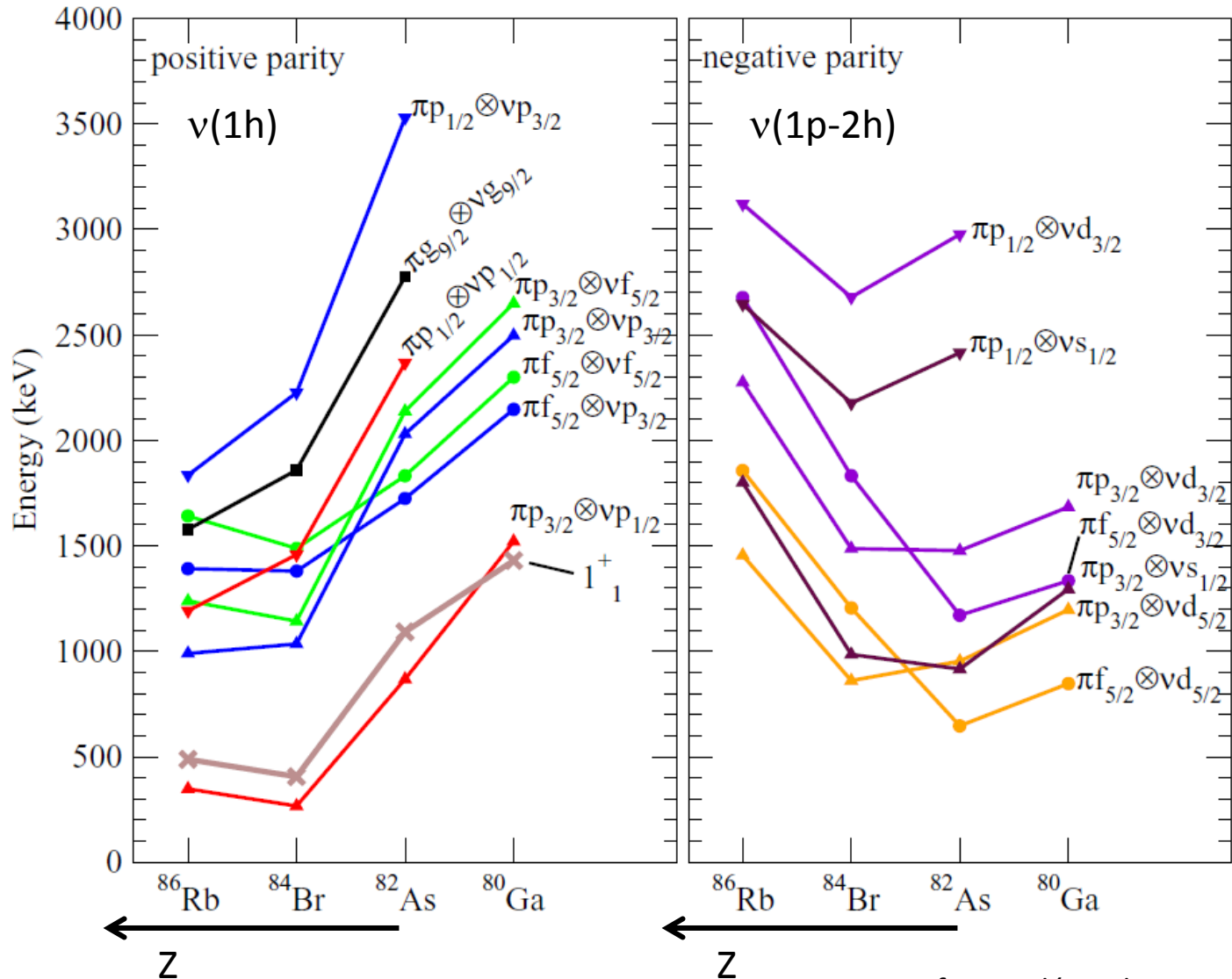
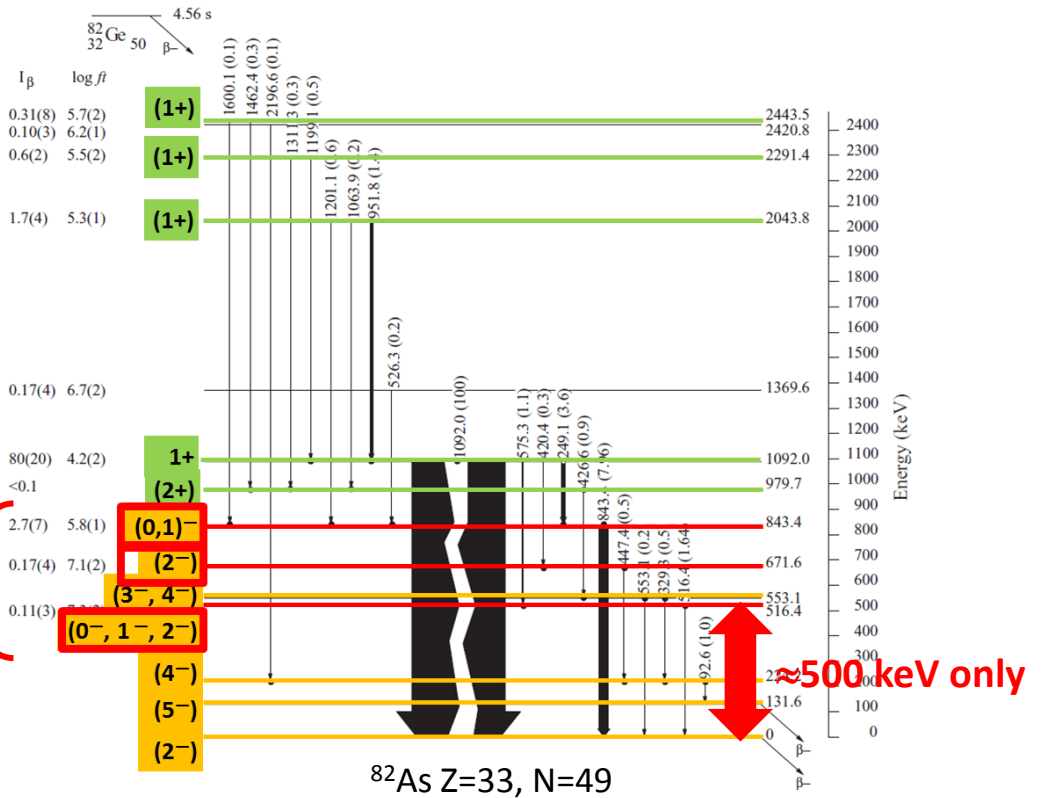
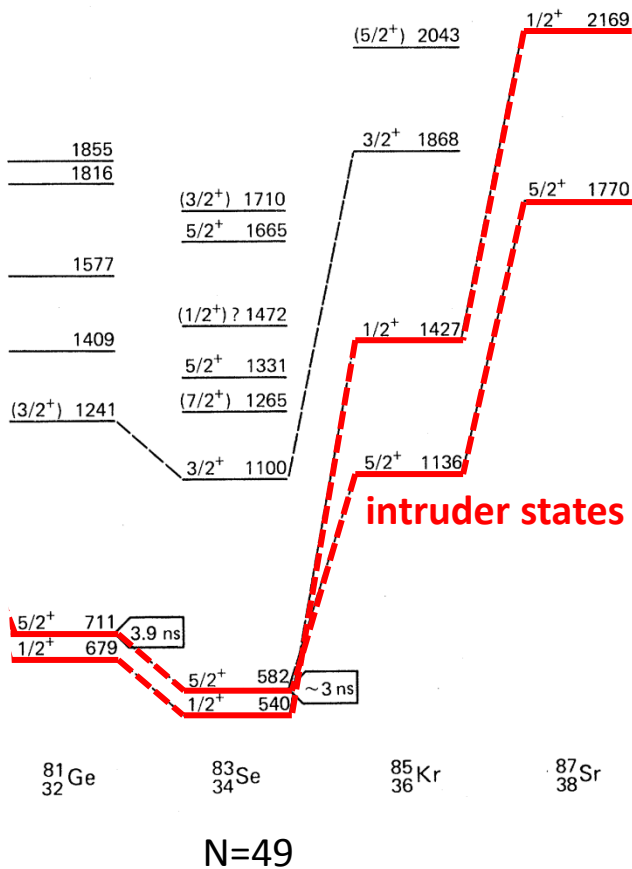


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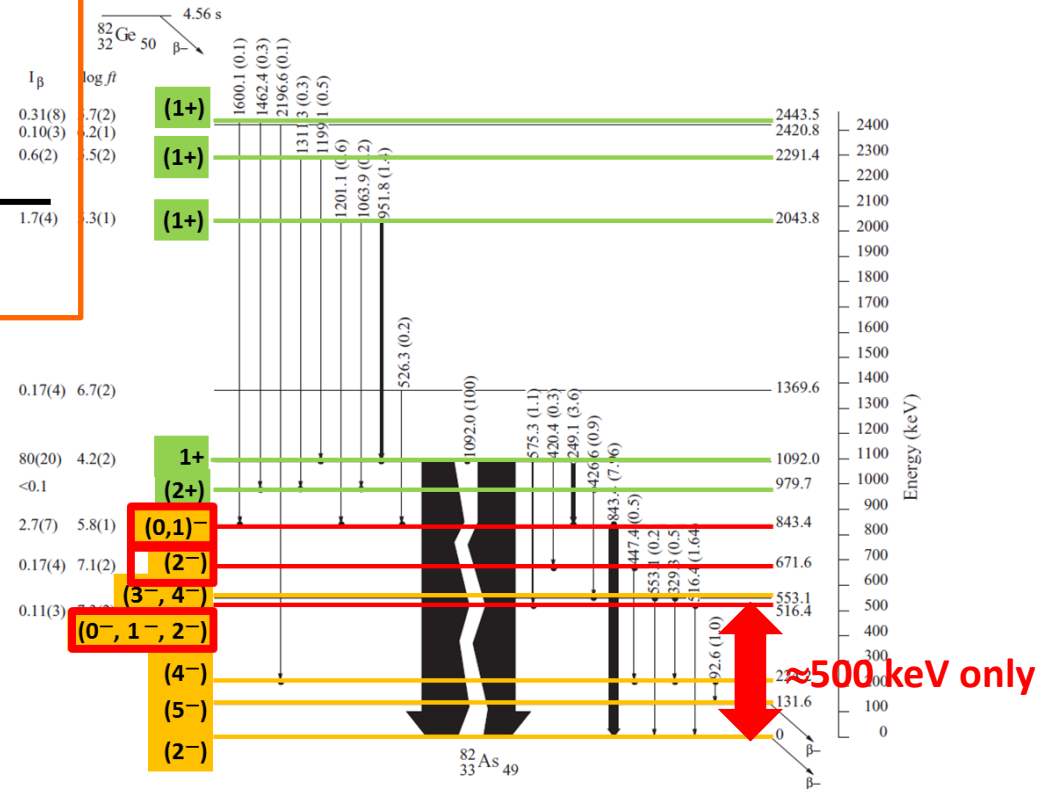
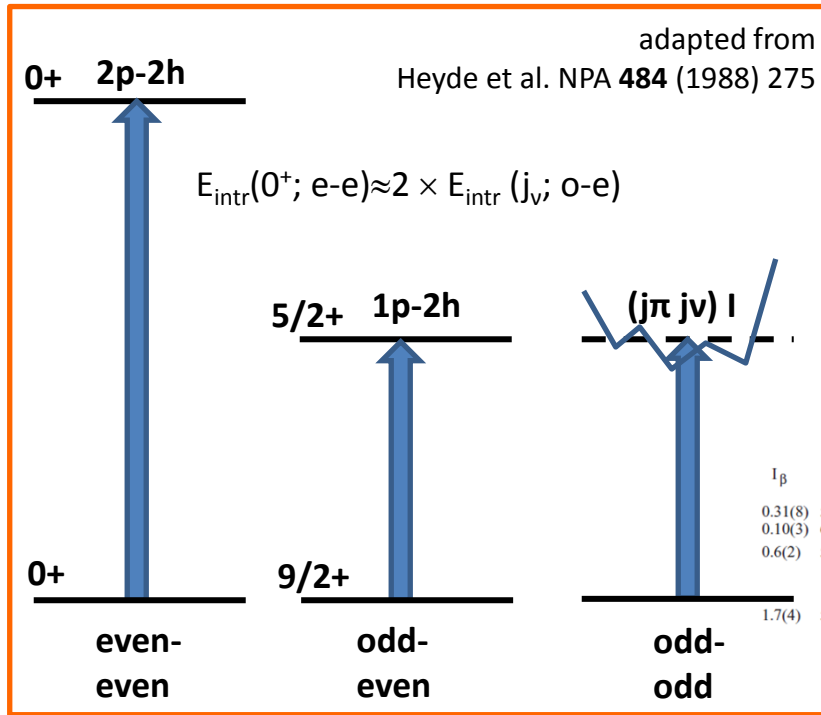
# Intruder states at N≈50

Meyer et al. PRC **25** 682 (1982)  
pioneering interpretation of the positive parity states in the odd N=49 isotones

the “Kratz conjecture” was indeed correct  
(not from the good arguments though)



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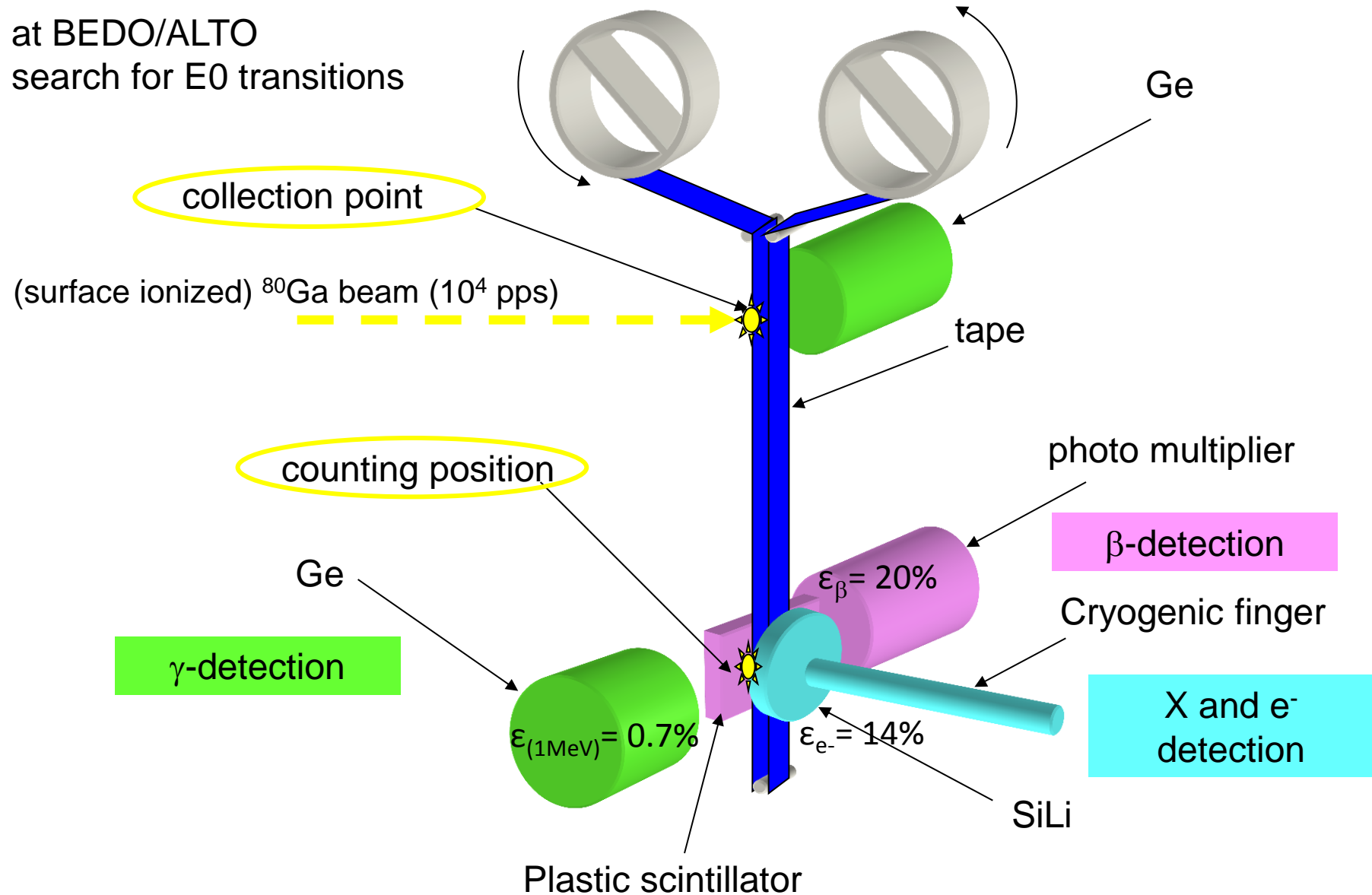




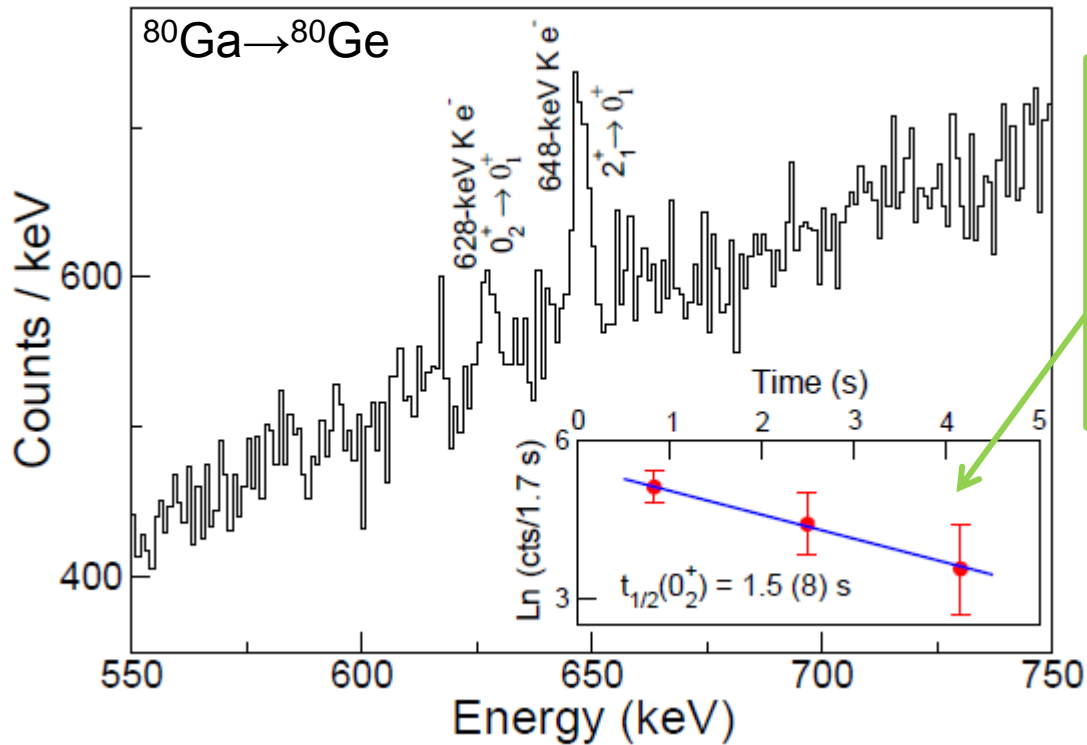


# Study of the $^{80}\text{Ga}$ ( $Z=31$ , $N=49$ ) $\rightarrow$ $^{80}\text{Ge}$ ( $Z=32$ , $N=48$ ) decay

at BEDO/ALTO  
search for E0 transitions



# Results

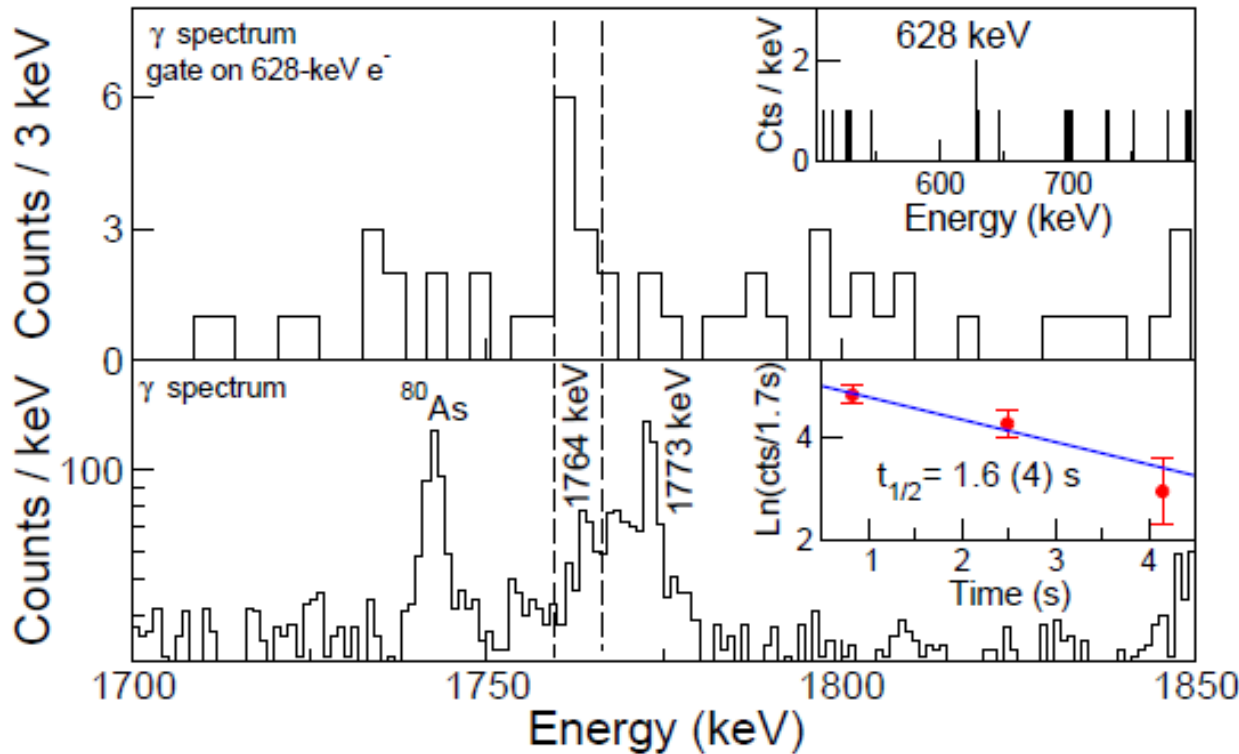
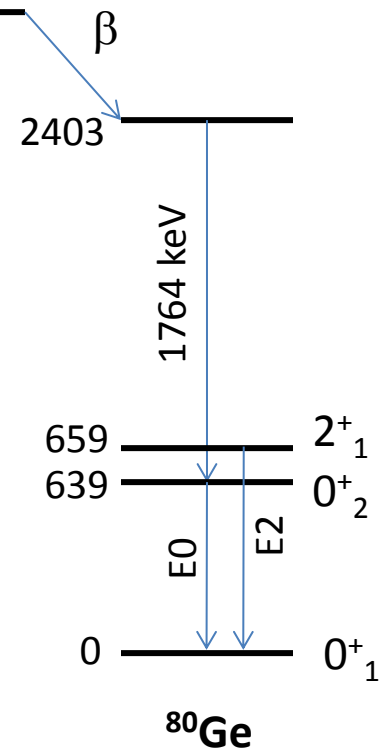


Compatible with the  $T_{1/2}$  for the  $3^-$  isomer in  $^{80}\text{Ga}$   
[ $T_{1/2}(3^-) = 1.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ s}$ ; PRC 87 (2013)]  
A situation very similar:  $0_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+$  populated in the  $3^-$   $^{72}\text{Ga}$  decay  
[Rester et al NPA 162 (1971)]

Analysis performed by  
Andrea Gottardo (IPN Orsay)

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 PRC 87 (2013)]

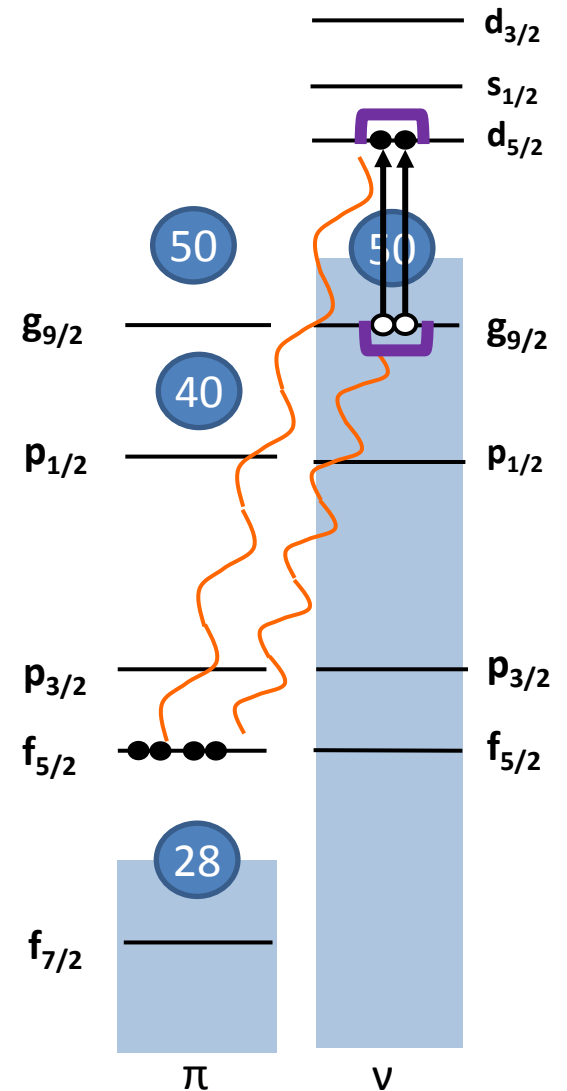
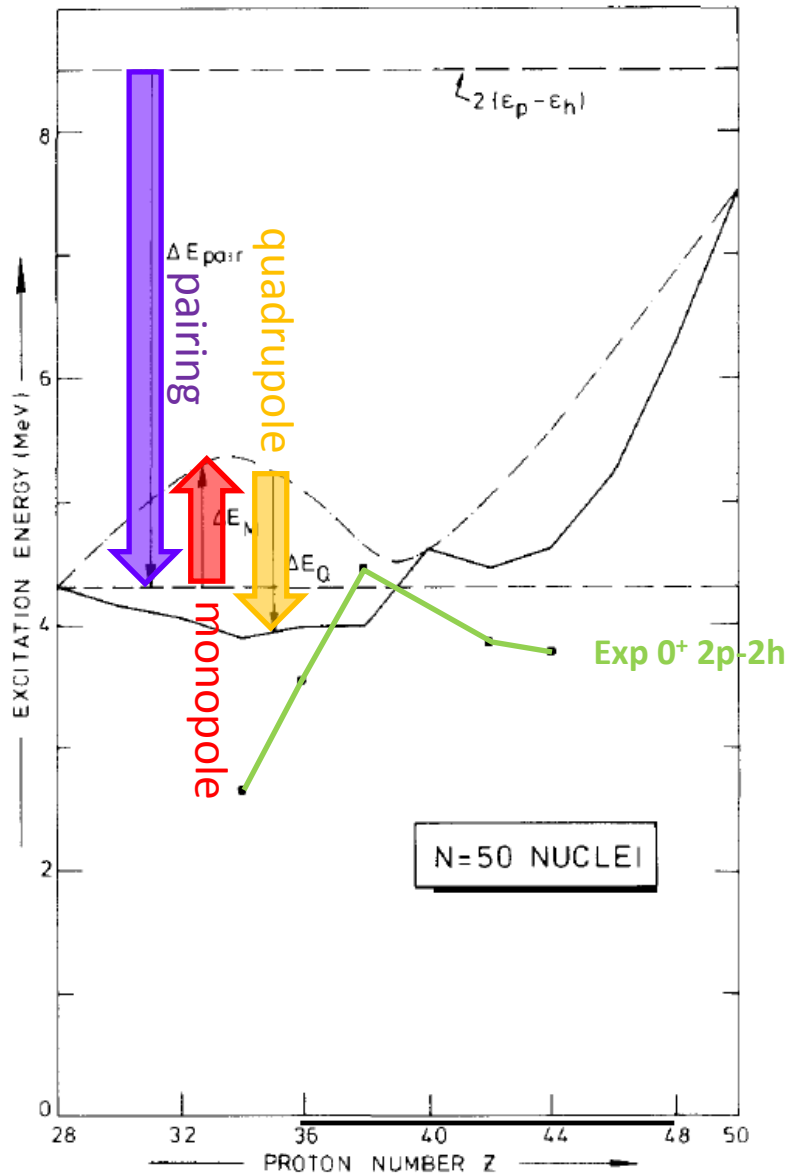


Gottardo et al. PRL 116 (2016)

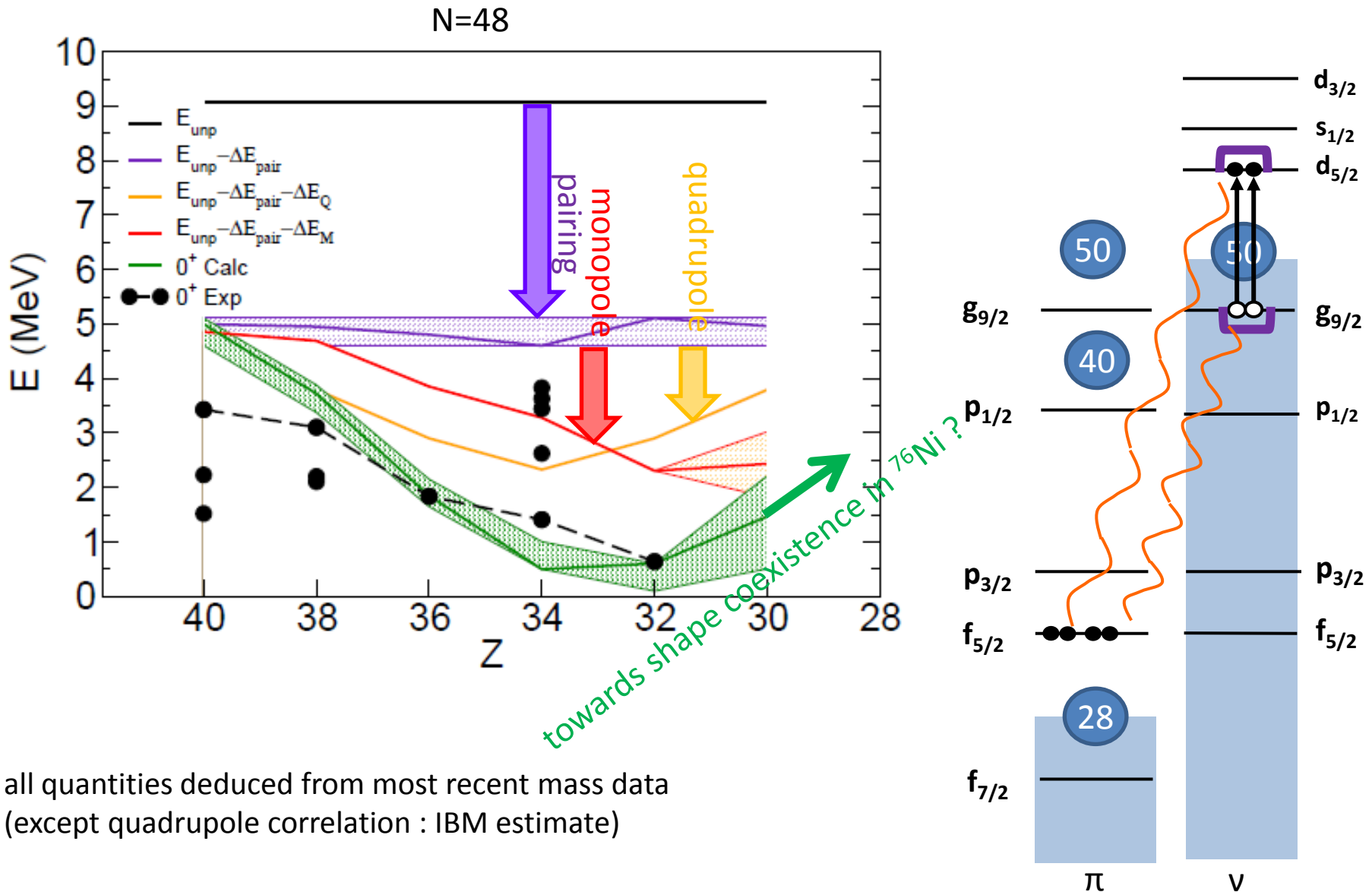
A real surprise: no microscopic theory reproduces (yet) a  $0^+_2$  more bound than the  $2^+_1$ .  
 What to do ?

# Towards a possible interpretation

Wood et al. Phys. Rep. 215 (1992)



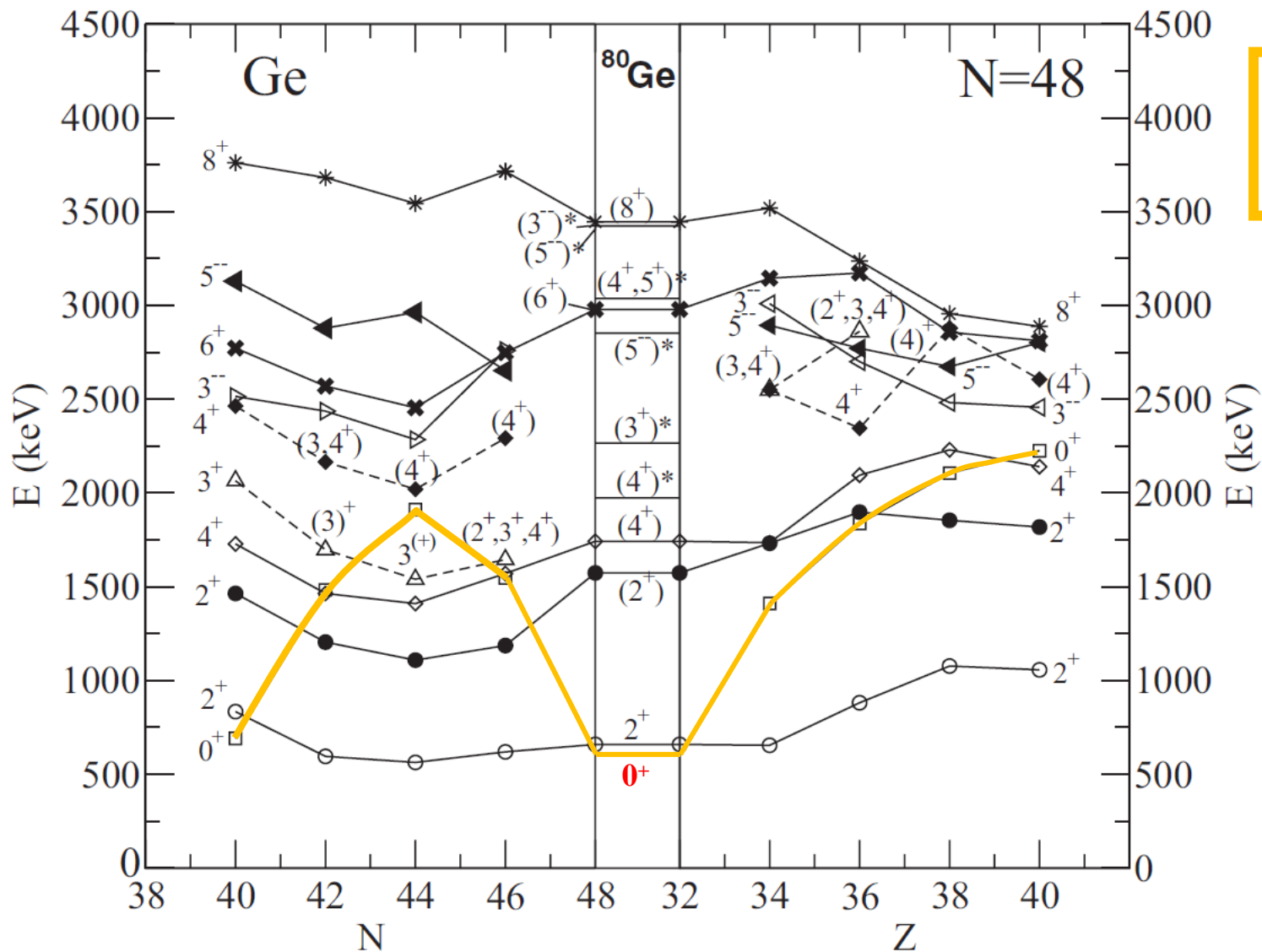
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all quantities deduced from most recent mass data  
(except quadrupole correlation : IBM estimate)

# Intruder states at $N \approx 50$ : is there a low-lying $0^+_2$ state in $^{80}\text{Ge}$ ? $\rightarrow$ yes

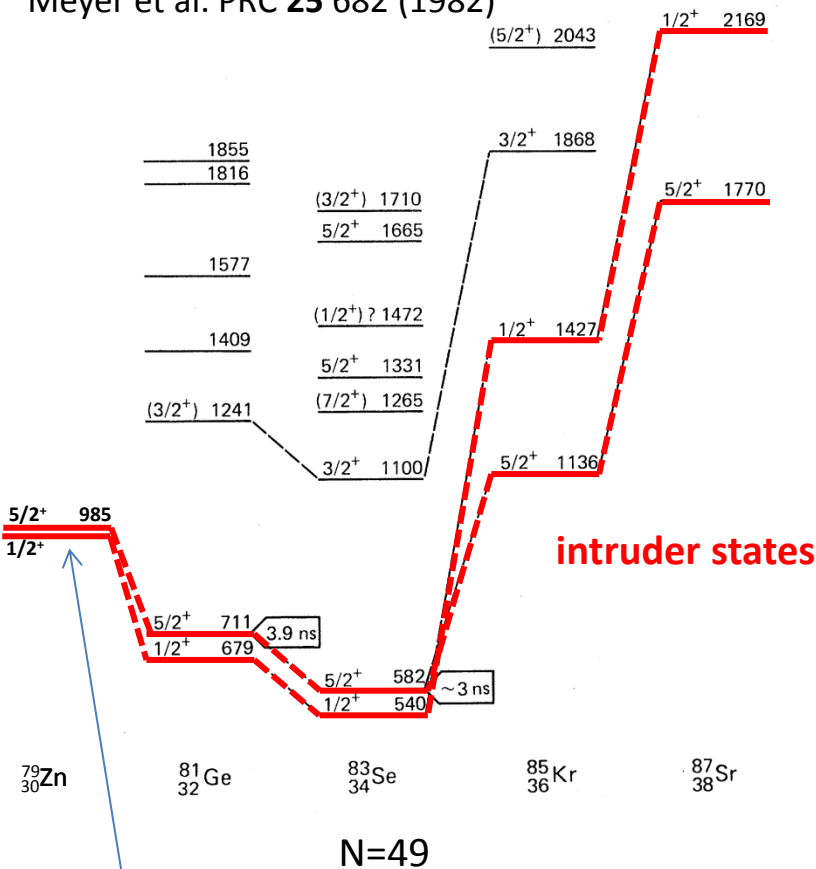
Z=32 : definitely a "special" proton number



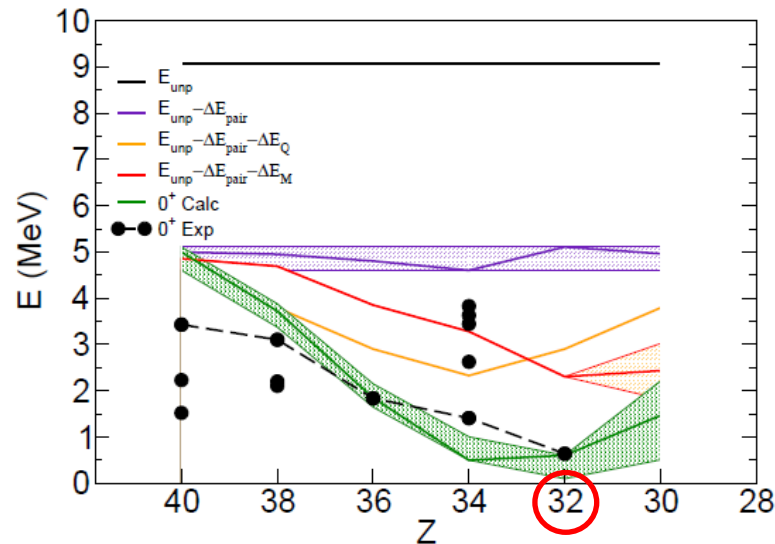
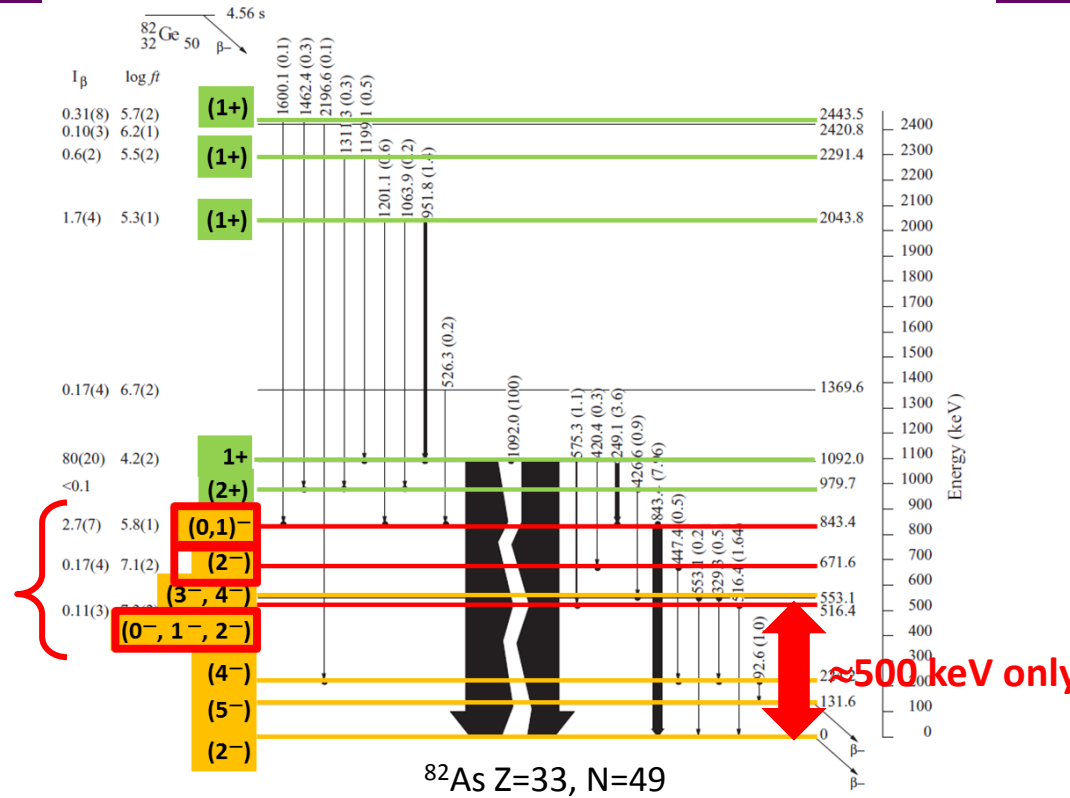
$\rightarrow$  next steps  
 Z=32 (N=50) :  $^{82}\text{Ge}$   
 N=48 (Z=30) :  $^{78}\text{Zn}$

# Intruder states at $N \approx 50$ : closer to $Z=28$

Meyer et al. PRC 25 682 (1982)



- low energy  $\ell = 0$  and 2 strength observed in  $^{78}\text{Zn}(d,p)^{79}\text{Zn}$  [PLB 740, 298 (2015)] **ISOLDE**
- laser spectroscopy [PRL 116, 182502 (2016)] **ISOLDE**
- detailed  $\gamma$  spectroscopy  $^{79}\text{Cu}$   $\beta^-$  decay EURICA/**RIKEN** - unpublished

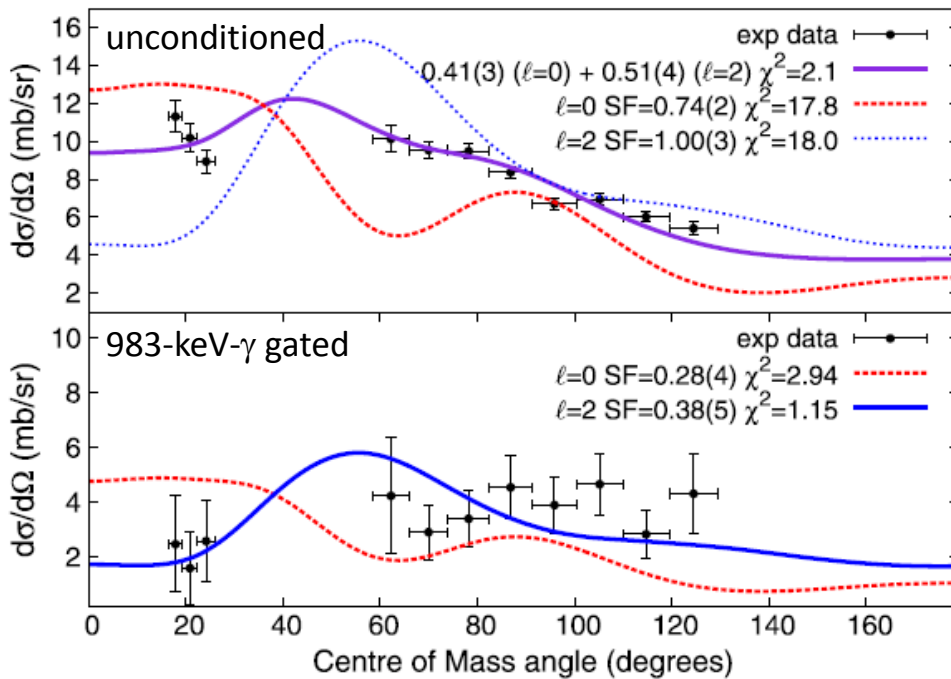
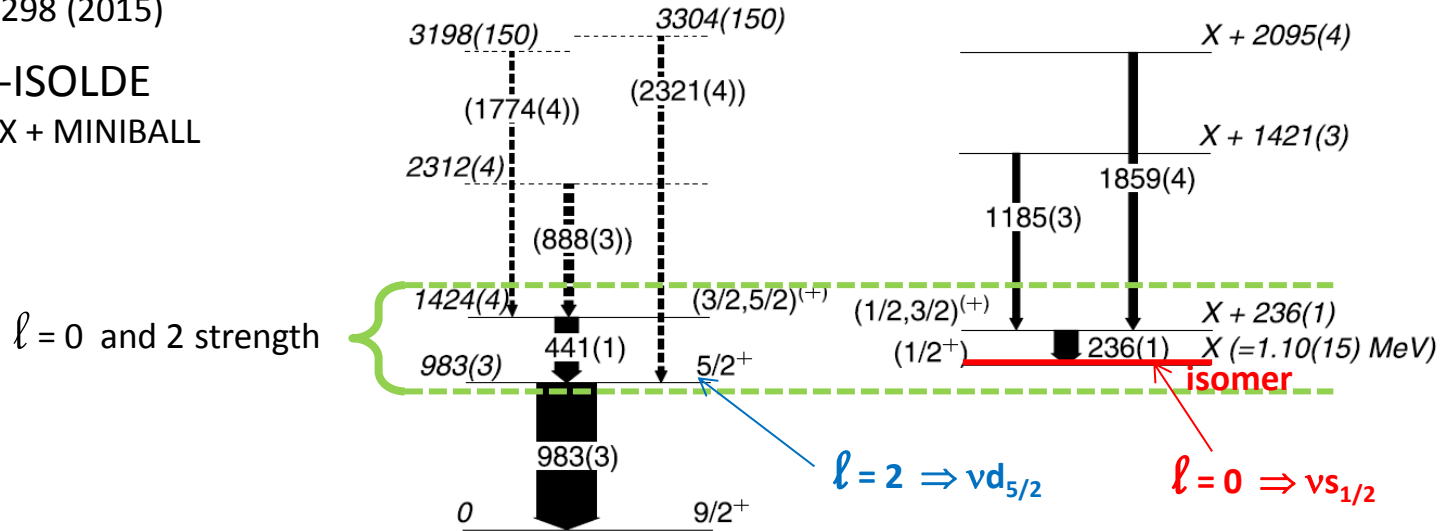




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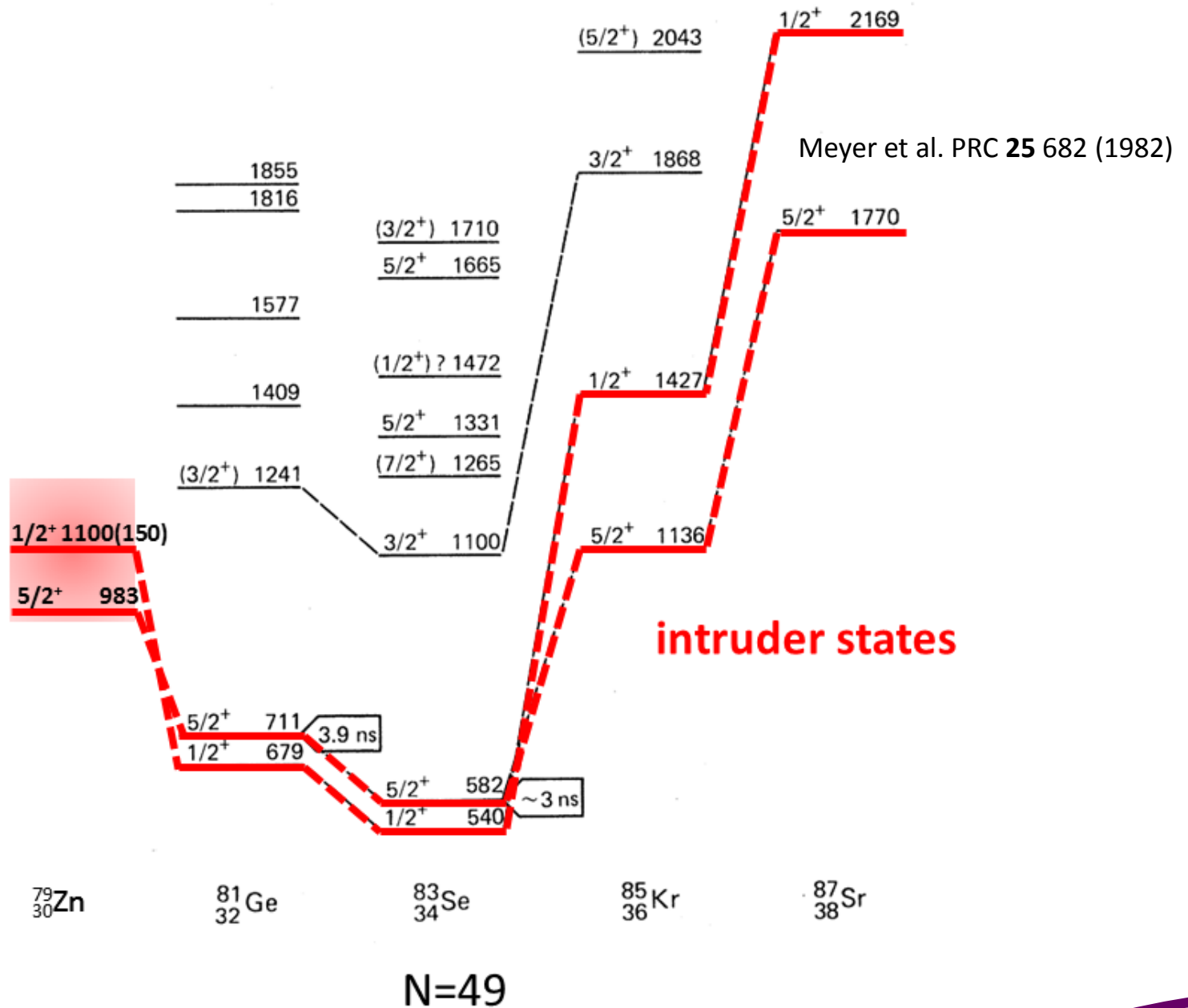
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$^{78}\text{Zn}(d,p\gamma)^{79}\text{Zn}$  REX-ISOLDE  
T-REX + MINIBALL



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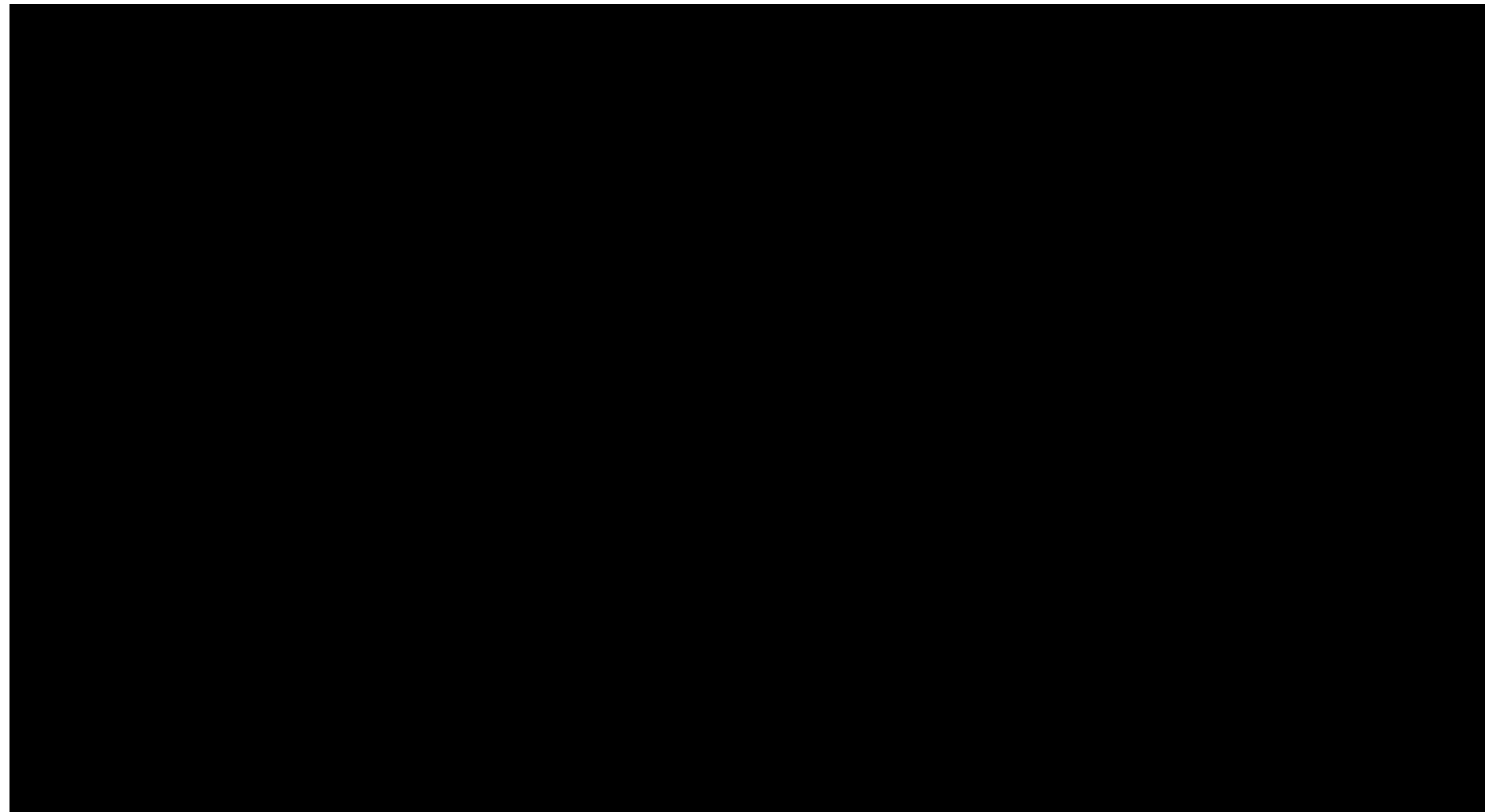
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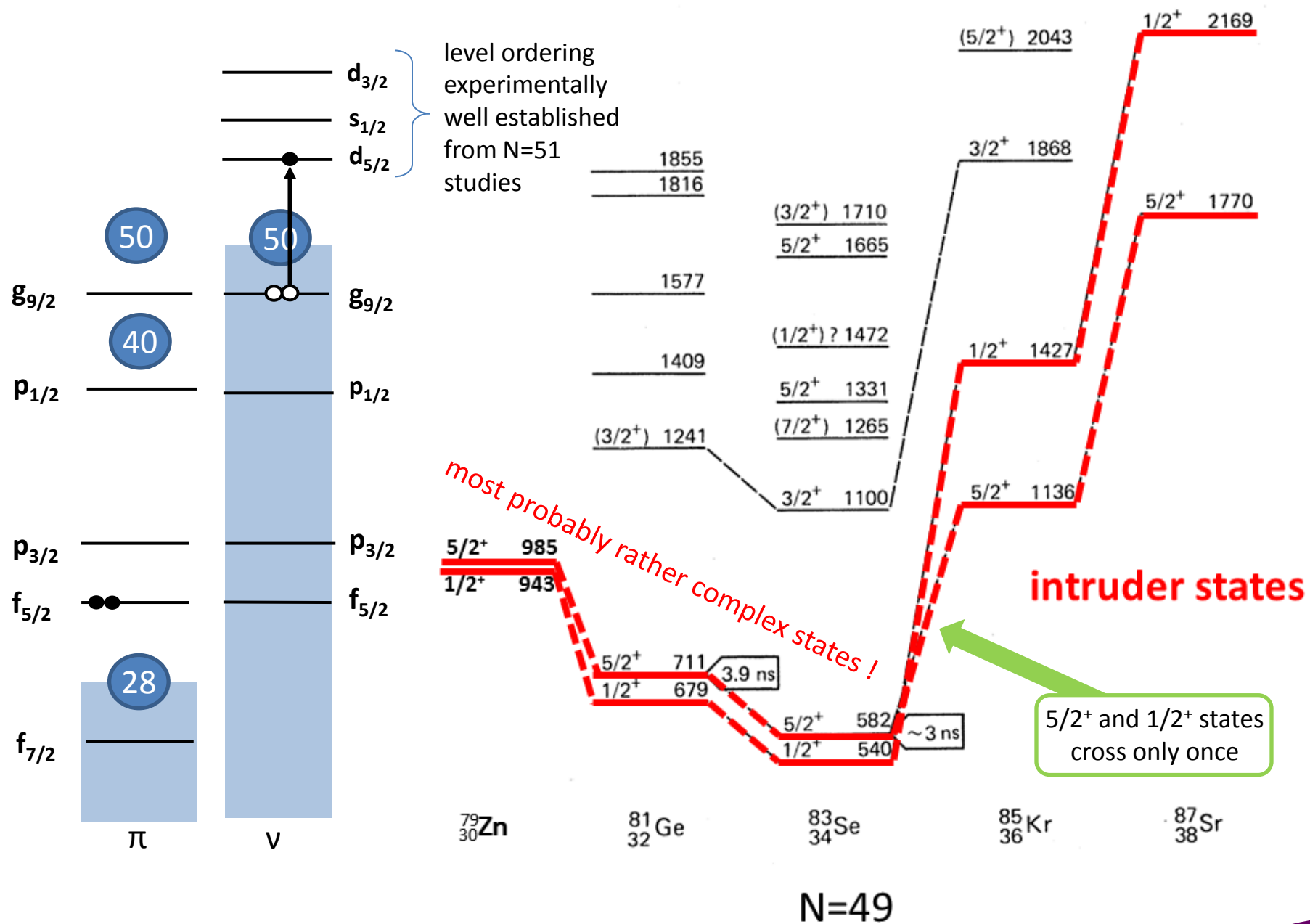
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WAS3aBi + EUROBALL clusters (EURICA)

$^{79}\text{Cu}$   $\beta$ -decay  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy



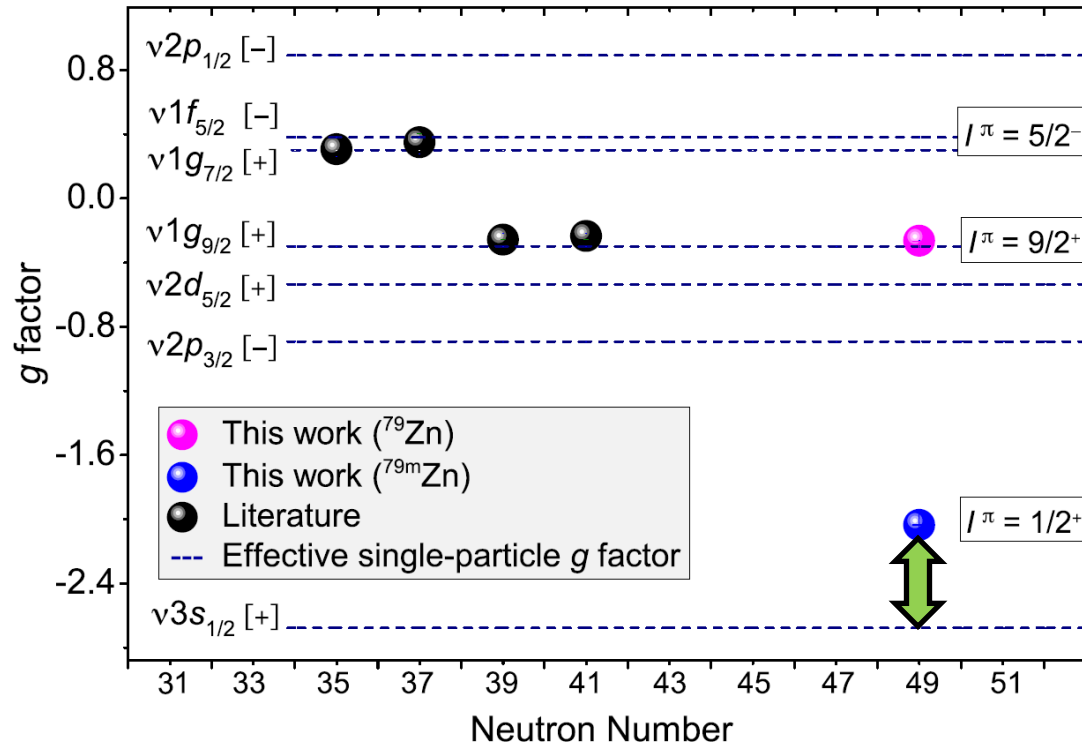
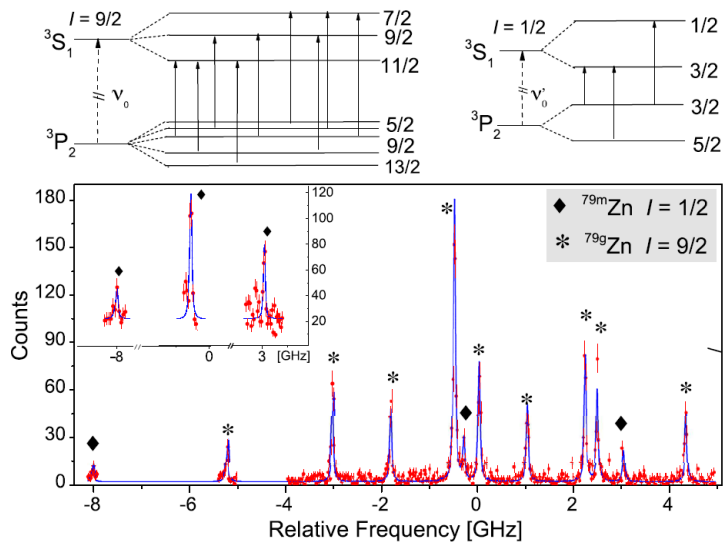
# Intruder states at $N \approx 50$ : closer to $Z=28$



X. Yang et al. PRL 116 182502 (2016)

$^{79}\text{Zn}$  laser spectroscopy investigation at ISOLDE

COLLAPS collaboration



- confirms the  $\nu s_{1/2}$  nature of the isomeric state already proposed from  $^{78}\text{Zn}(d,p)^{79}\text{Zn}$

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

## What shell model says ?

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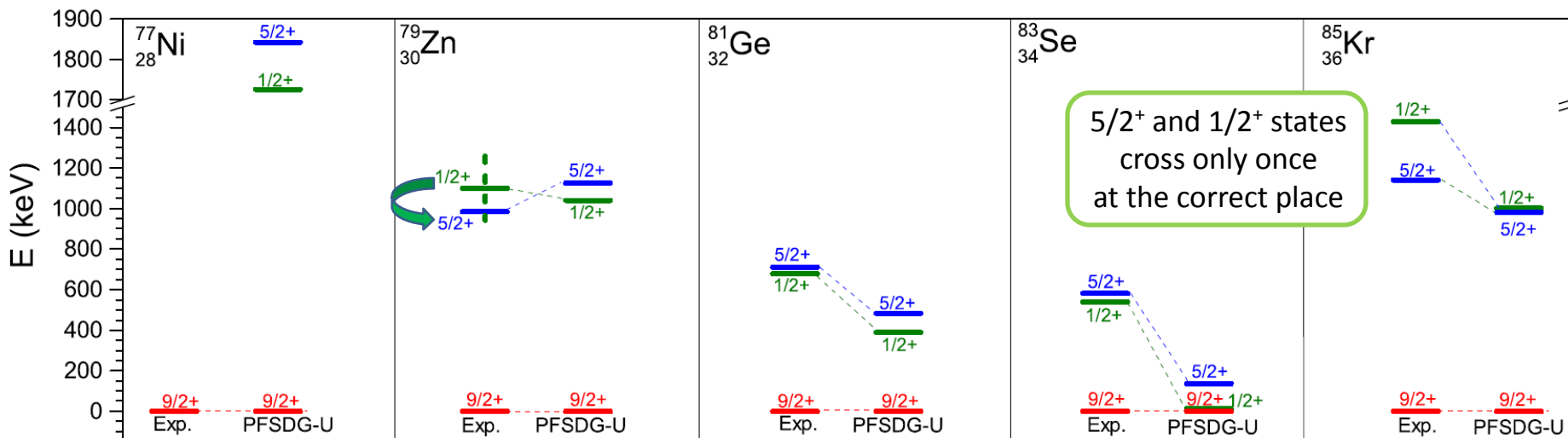
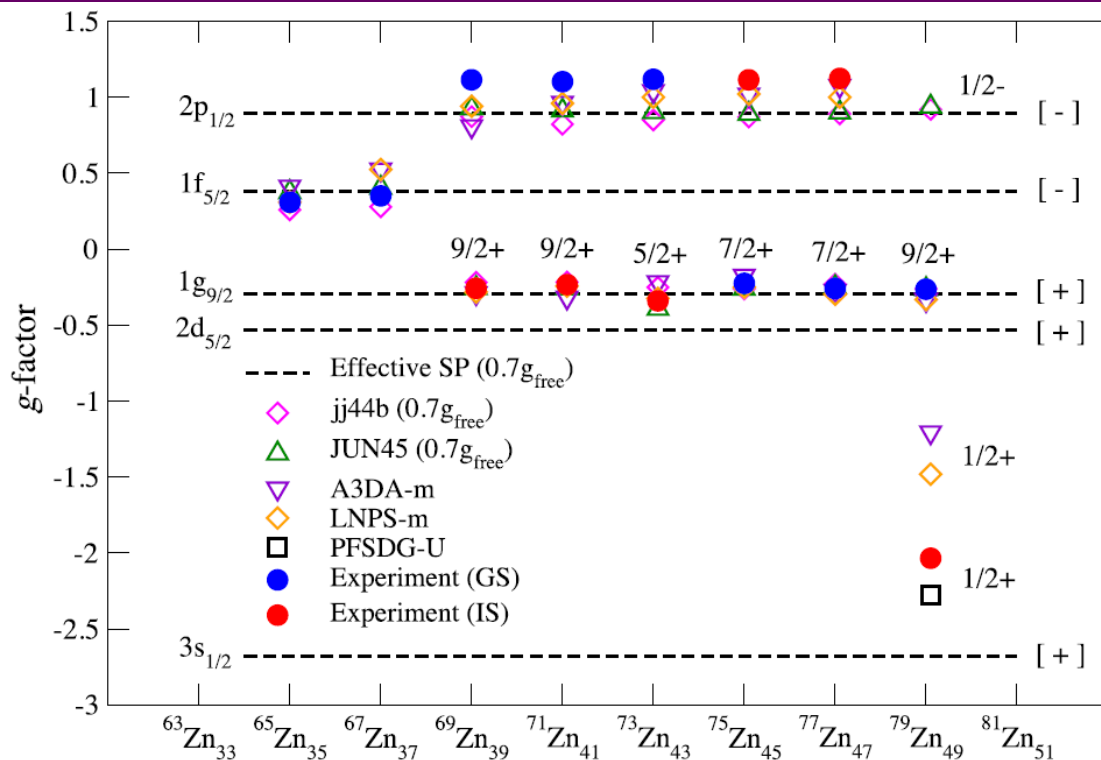
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[Nowacki et al PRL 117, 272501 (2016)]

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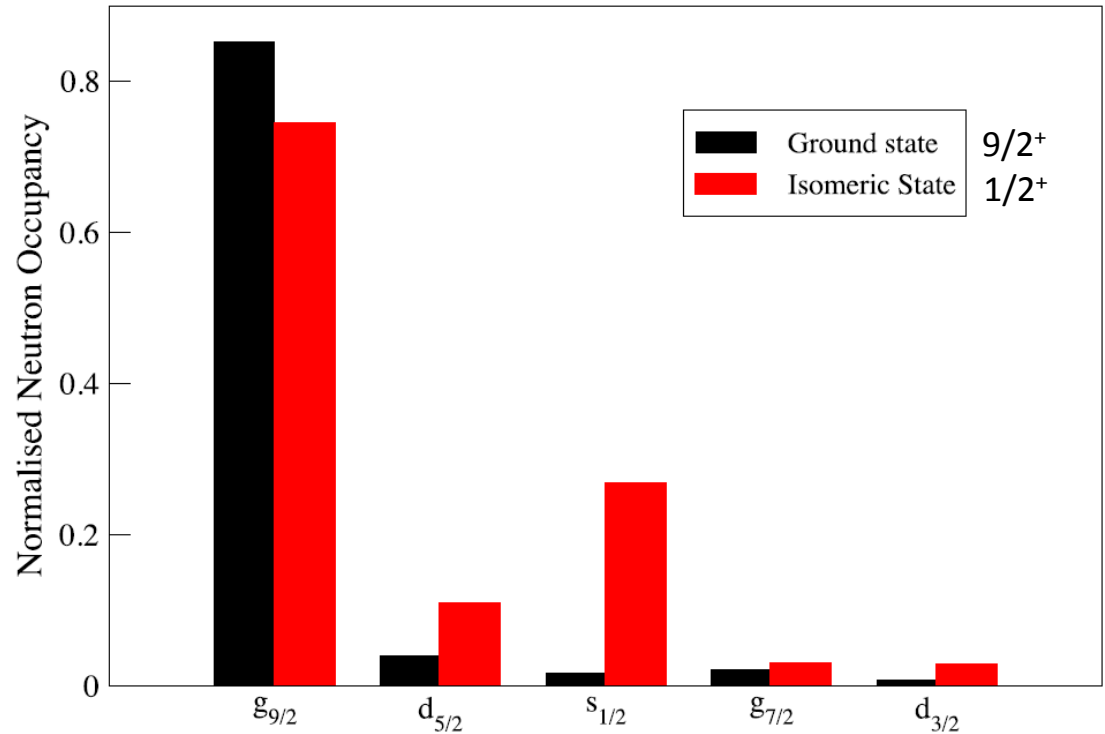
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**Fig. 6.** Neutron occupancy normalised to the maximum orbital nucleon number for the ground and isomeric states in  $^{79}\text{Zn}$  from the PFSDG-U interaction.

# Shape coexistence ? What shapes ?

X. Yang et al. PRL 116 (2016)

A. Gottardo et al. PRL 116 (2016)

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

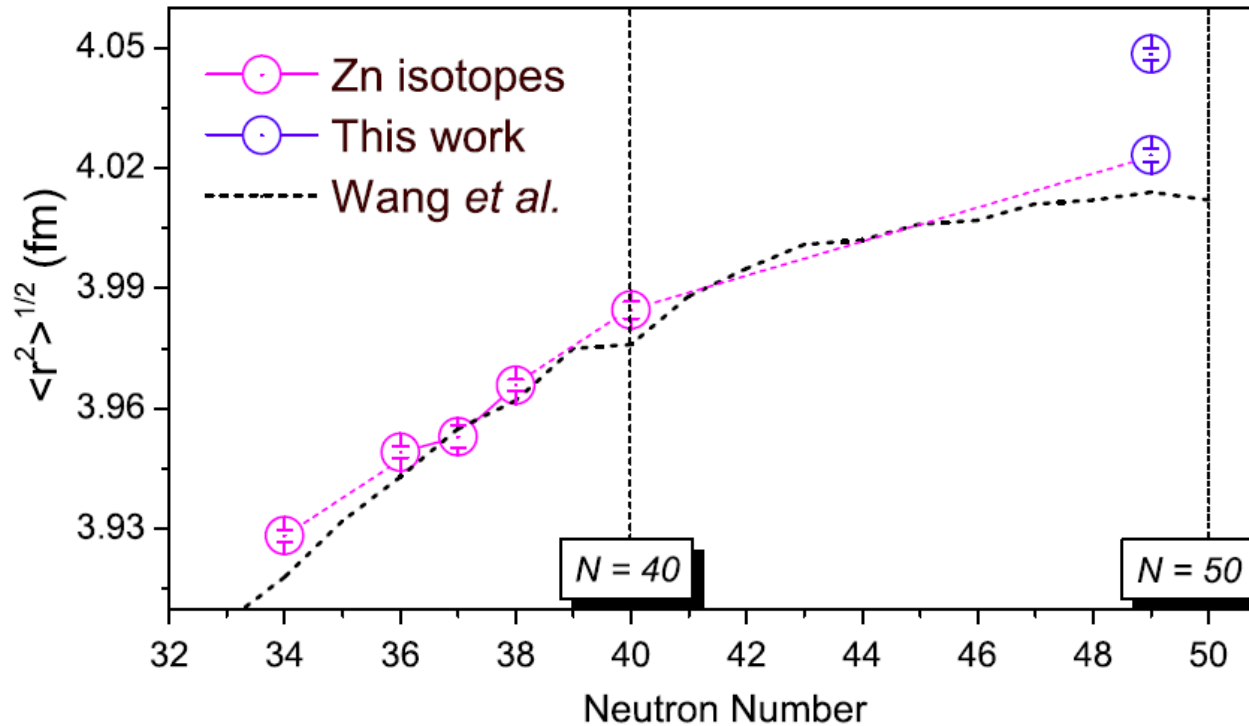
$^{80}\text{Ge}$  : no  $\rho(E0)$  extracted

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ALTO collaboration

Shape coexistence ? The clearest direct experimental evidence :

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



$^{80}\text{Ge}$  : “normal” configuration : soft or triax [Verney et al. PRC 87 054307 (2013)]

→ lots of similarities with Tl case



## Shape Coexistence in $^{78}\text{Ni}$ as the Portal to the Fifth Island of Inversion

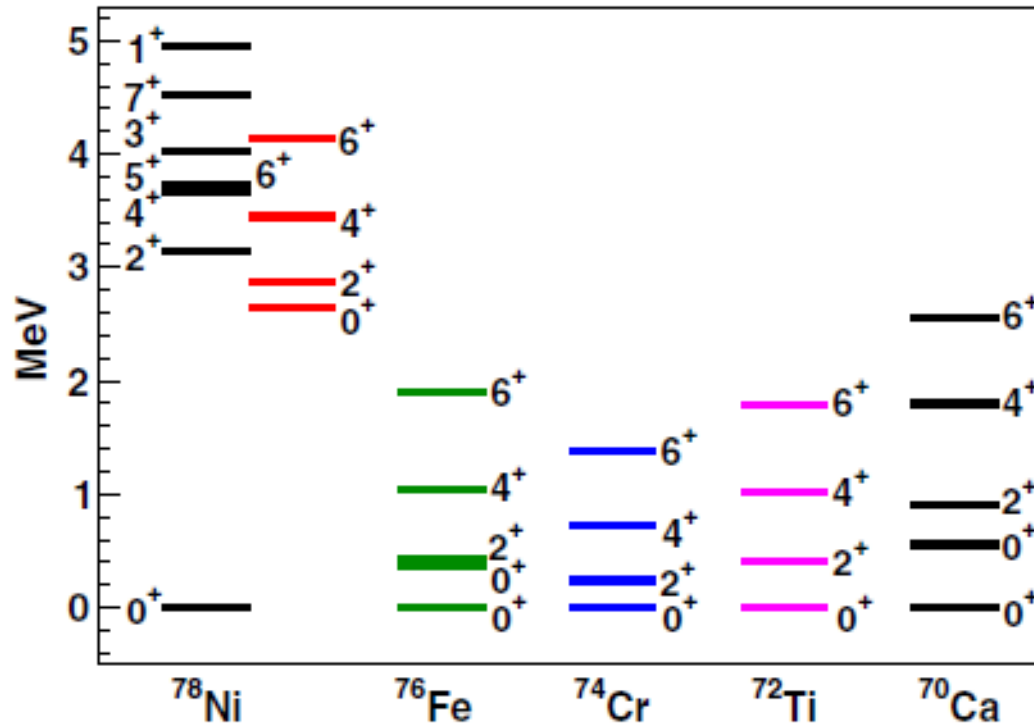
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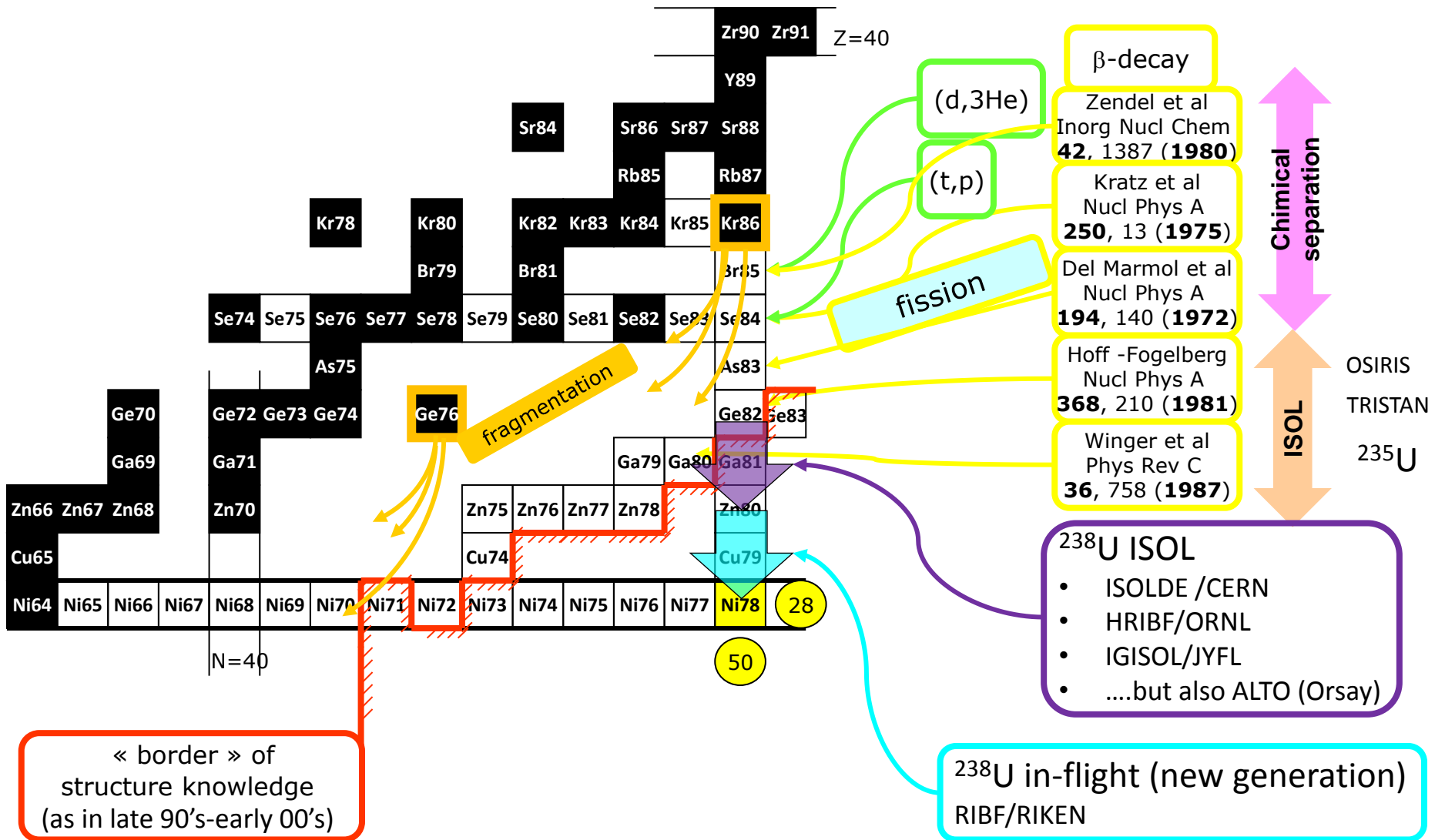
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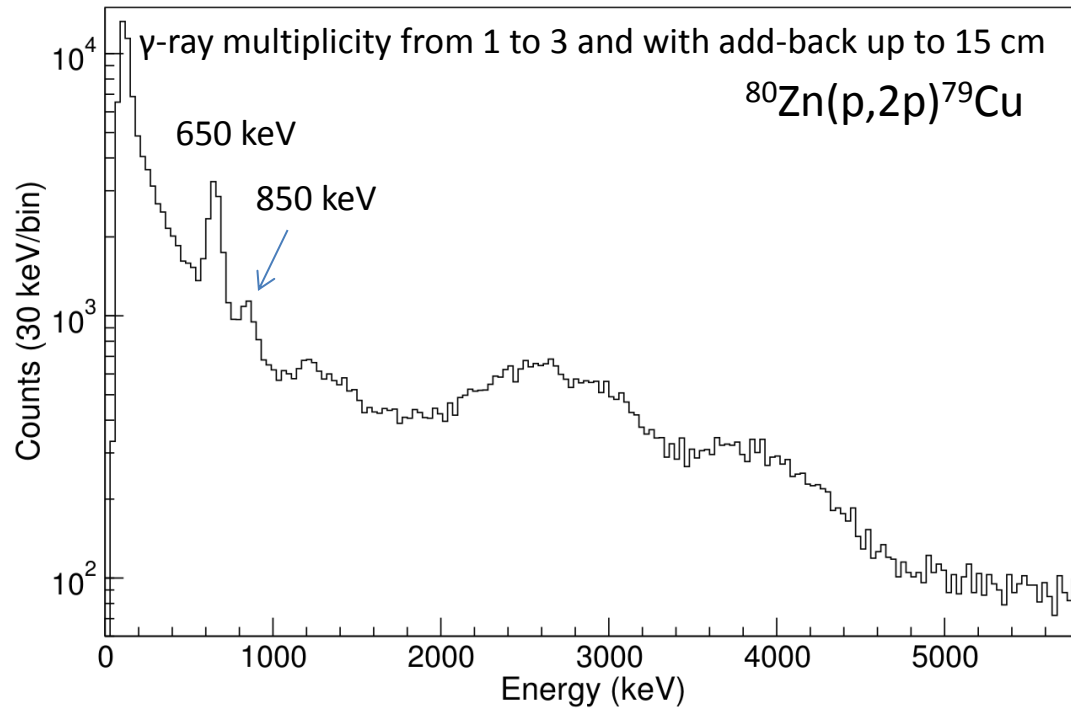
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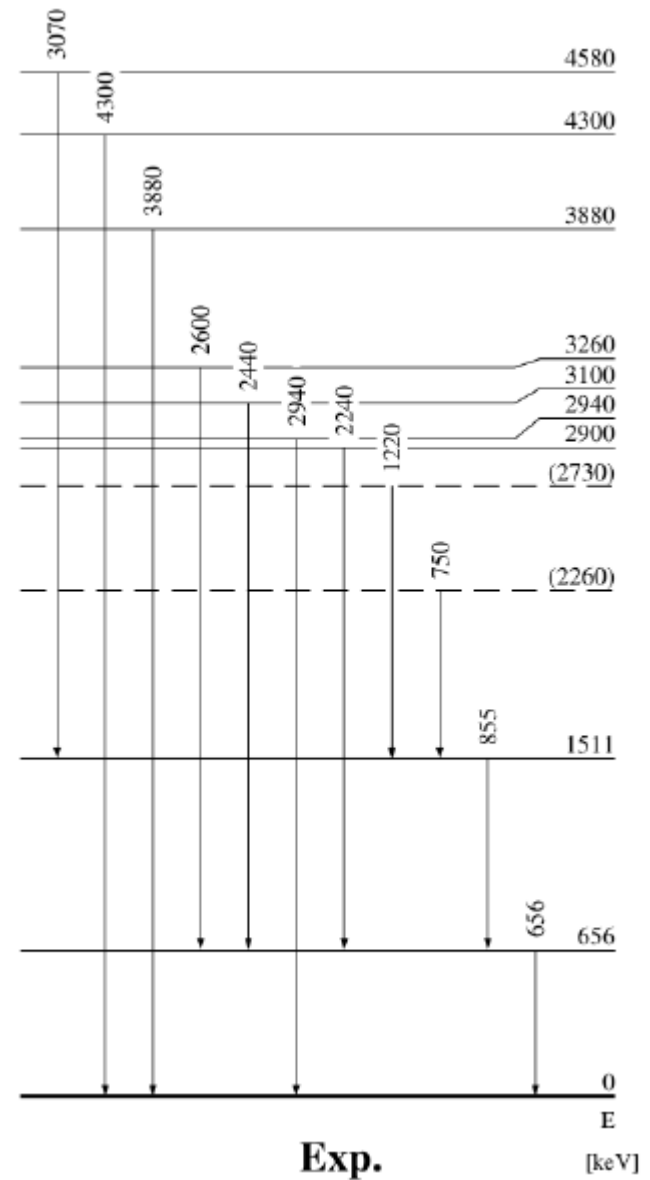
# Proton intruder states in $^{79}\text{Cu}$ ?

L. Olivier PhD U. Paris Sud  
 L. Olivier, S. Franchoo et al. PRL in press

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 BigRIPS+MINOS+DALI2



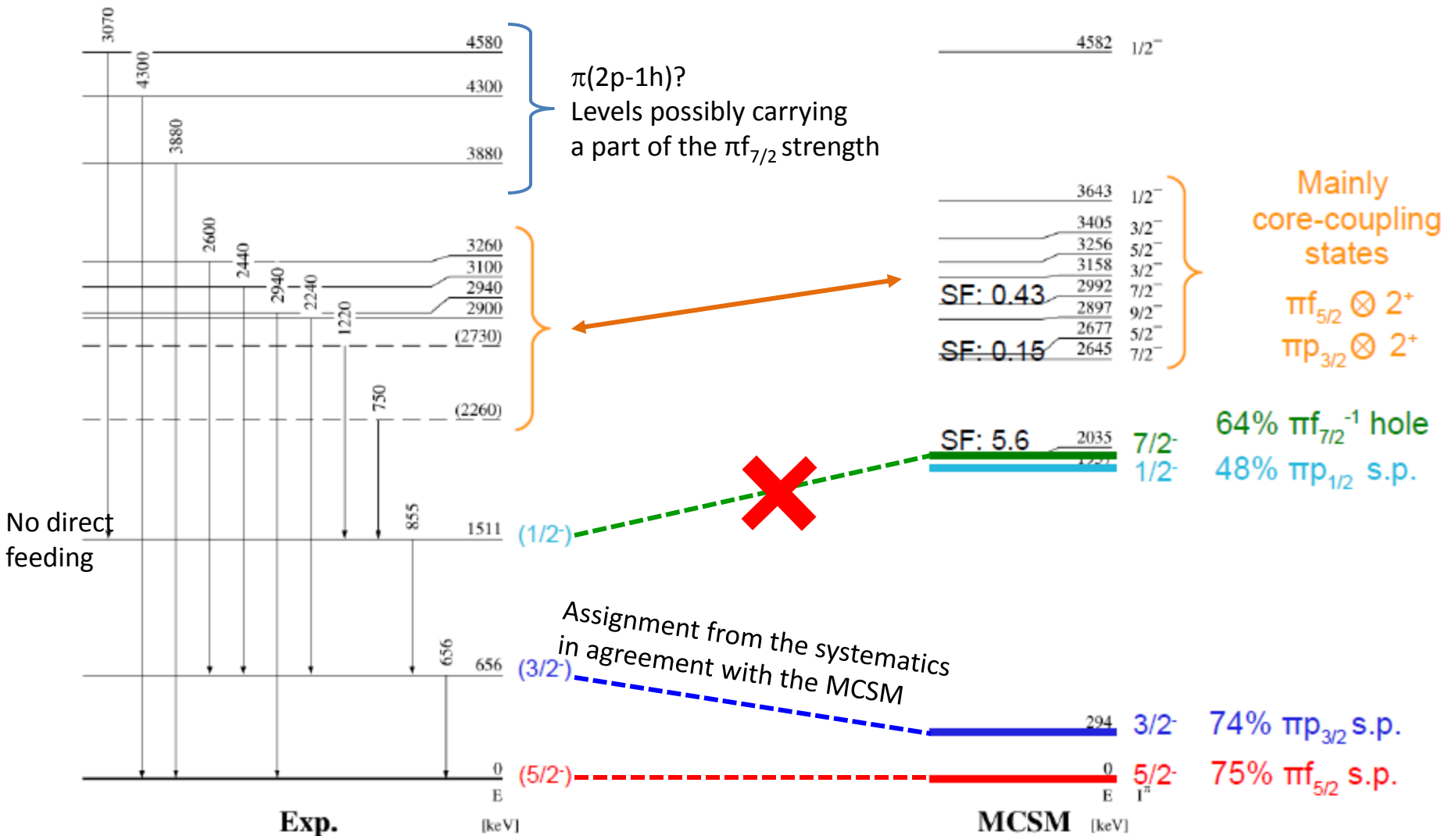
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# Proton intruder states in $^{79}\text{Cu}$ ?

$^{79}\text{Cu}$

$\pi(2p-1h)$  high in energy  
 $\pi f_{7/2}$  strength looks unexpectedly fragmented



Y. Tsunoda, T. Otsuka *et al.*,  
 PRC 89, 031301(R) (2014)

We have just scratched the surface of the question of shape coexistence near  $^{78}\text{Ni}$

## Second $0^+$

- confirm Orsay finding
  - find other cases :  $^{82}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{78}\text{Zn}$
  - measure  $\rho(E0)$
- recent attempt to study isomerically separated  $3^-$   $^{80}\text{Ga}$  decay at CRIS/ISOLDE with TATRA (exp IS571 T. Cocolios et al.)
- approved proposal at ISAC/TRIUMF:  $^{80,82}\text{Ga}$  decay investigated with GRIFFIN and PACES (exp S1749 C. Andreoiu et al.)
- follow-up program at ALTO, Orsay

## Intruder states

- **N=49** :  $1/2^+$  magnetic properties in  $^{81}\text{Ge}$  to better understand the 2h-1p structures
  - **N=51** : no intruder 1h-2p experimentally identified : the question is completely open
  - **N=50** : energy location of Yrast 1p-1h in  $^{80}\text{Zn}$
- AGATA@VAMOS proposal by J. Dudouet, A. Lemasson, E. Clément et al.

## What shapes ?

- better understand the  $Z=32$  “singularity”
- Plunger+AGATA lifetime data being analyzed (C. Delafosse PhD U. Paris Sud)

towards an even busier decade

Third golden age : >2016

A new dawn for shape coexistence studies near  $N=50$  towards  $^{78}\text{Ni}$