

# Spontaniczne rozszczepienie jąder superciężkich jako emisja klastrów

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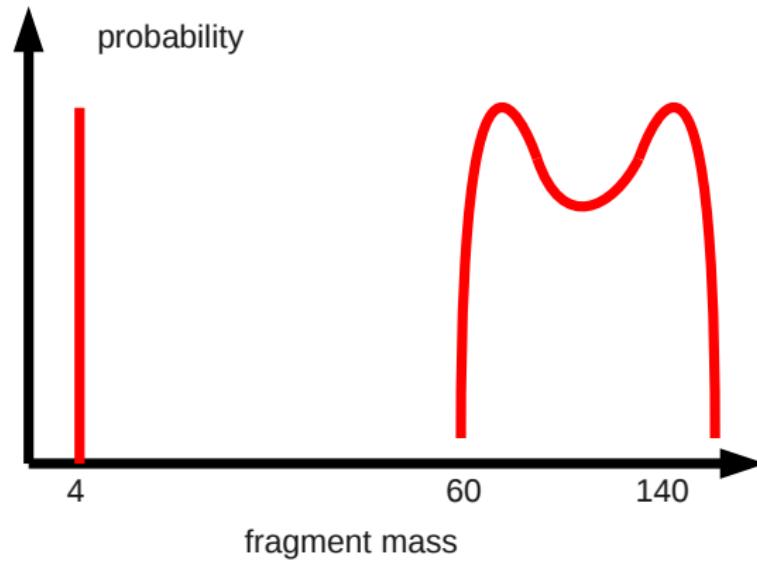
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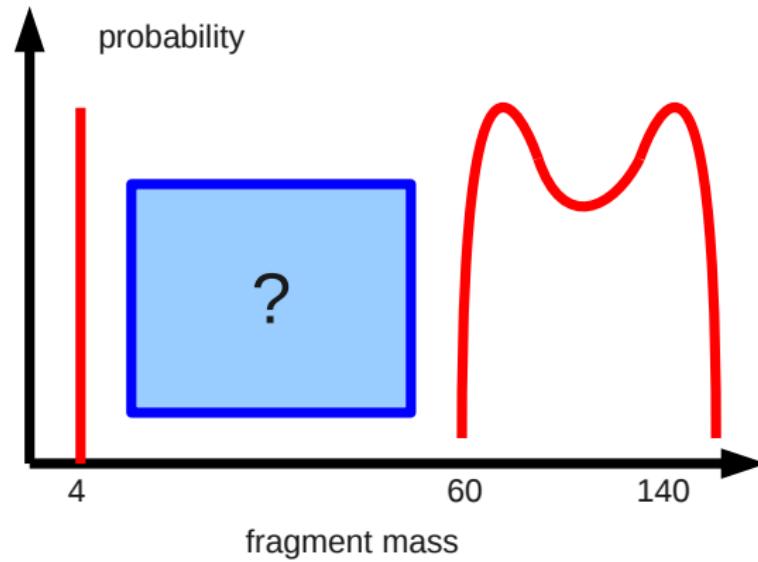


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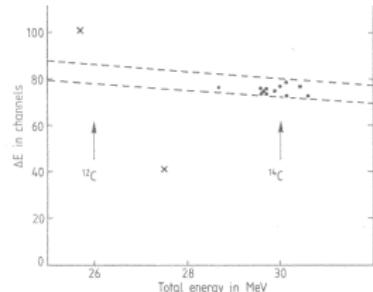
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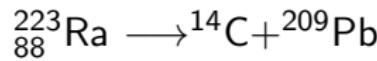




# Discovery of cluster radioactivity



**Fig. 1** Contents of the two-dimensional array  $\Delta E$  versus  $E_{\text{total}}$  after a run of 189 days. The dotted line indicates the allowed region for carbon ions and the arrows indicate the total energies expected for  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{14}\text{C}$  emissions in the decay of  $^{223}\text{Ra}$ . The lower of the two crosses represents a quadruple pile-up. Below the total energy displayed, large numbers of triple and double  $\alpha$ -pile-ups were recorded. Single  $\alpha$ -events (and, in part, even double  $\alpha$ -pile-ups) were biased out on the analogue side to avoid downtime problems on the digital side. The upper cross is an event which was recorded during a thunderstorm which affected the mains badly. A run of 194 days was made before this one, yielding 8 events and, in addition, a run of approximately half a year was performed to investigate possible cosmic ray-induced events. Channel 77 in  $\Delta E = 0.7$  MeV, which is exactly as expected for 30 MeV  $^{14}\text{C}$ . Detector characteristics: The dead layer of the  $\Delta E$  detector ( $200 \text{ mm}^2$  active area,  $8.2 \mu\text{m}$  sensitive thickness) was determined to lie between 0.3 and  $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ . In addition a protective layer of gold of thickness  $20 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$  was evaporated on the source and  $15 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$  carbon film inserted between the source and the  $\Delta E$  detector. An extra  $30\text{--}40 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$  of gold is present on the  $E$ -detector ( $300 \text{ mm}^2$  active area). This gives a total of  $150\text{--}250 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$  of effective dead layer (Si equivalent) and an energy loss of  $^{14}\text{C}$  ions of  $0.5\text{--}0.8 \text{ MeV}$ . The source of strength  $3.3 \mu\text{Ci}$  gave a counting rate of  $\approx 4,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , corresponding to an effective solid angle of detection of  $\approx 1/3 \text{ sr}$ .



H.J. Rose and G.A. Jones, *Nature* **307**, 245 (1984)  
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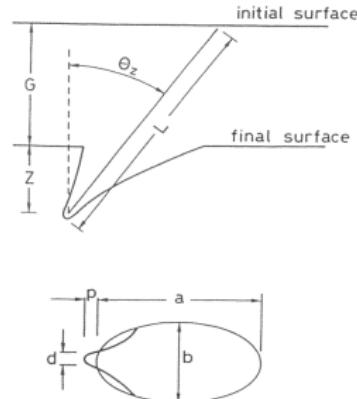


Fig. 1. Geometry of a track etched until the end of the particle range, L. G is the thickness of the material etched away, d the tip diameter, a and b the major and minor axes, p the overhang,  $\Theta_z$  the zenith angle, z the track depth.

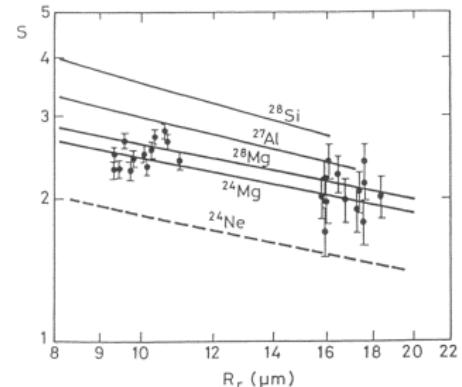


Fig. 6. Comparison of the sensitivity S measured at two stages of the etching process for the 15 events from the decay of  $^{236}\text{Pu}$  with accelerator calibrations. Reprinted with permission from M. Hussonnois et al., "Cluster decay of  $^{236}\text{Pu}$  and correlations of the probabilities of  $\alpha$  decay, cluster decay and spontaneous fission of heavy nuclei" JETP Letters 62 (1995) p 701. Copyright 1995 American Institute of Physics.

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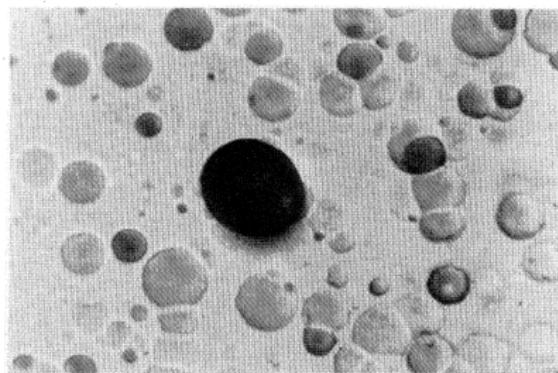


FIG. 1. Photomicrograph showing one etch pit due to a 56 MeV  $^{24}\text{Ne}$  ion striking a Cronar detector nearly head on. About  $3 \times 10^6$  alpha particles passed through this field of view.

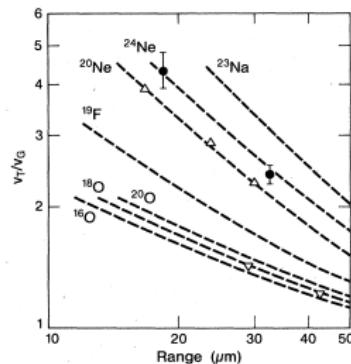


FIG. 2. Comparison of average signal of  $^{24}\text{Ne}$  nuclei (●) emitted from  $^{232}\text{U}$  with calibrations (dashed lines) obtained with  $^{18}\text{O}$  ( $\nabla$ ) and  $^{20}\text{Ne}$  ( $\Delta$ ) ions at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory accelerators. Ratio of etching rate along track to general etching rate  $v_T/v_G$ , is plotted as a function of residual range.

Barwick et al., PRC 31, 1984 (1985)



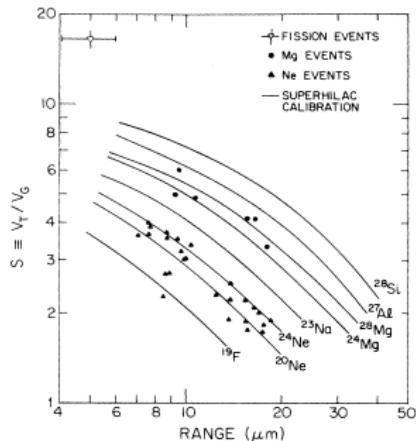


FIG. 1. Identification of ions emitted from  $^{234}\text{U}$  as Ne and Mg. The curves are based on calibrations obtained with  $^{28}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ , and  $^{20}\text{Ne}$  ions at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory SuperHilac source.

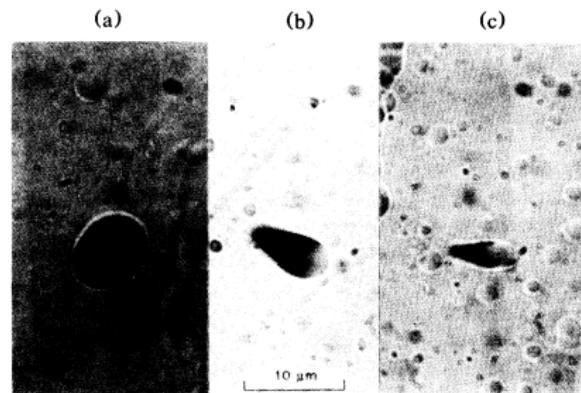


FIG. 2. Photomicrographs showing etch pits due to (a) spontaneous fission, (b) Mg emission, and (c) Ne emission from  $^{234}\text{U}$  source.

Wang et al., PRC 36, 2717 (1987)



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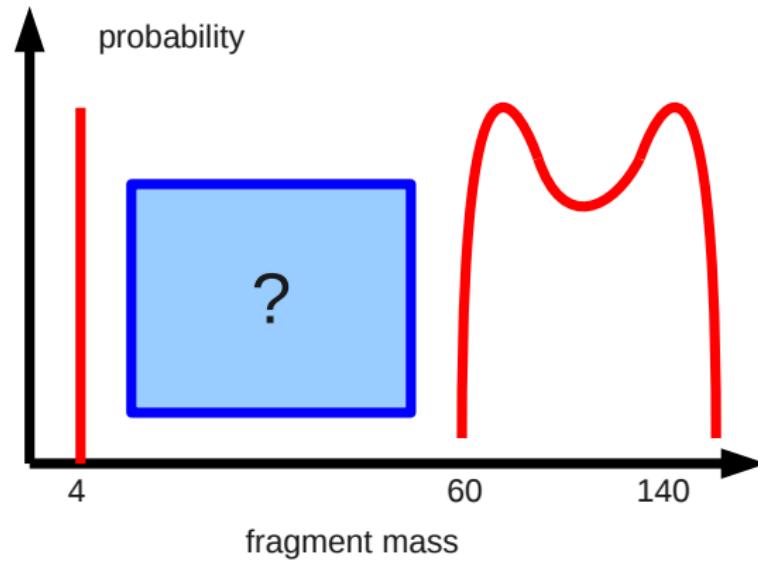
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$$\log_{10} T_{1/2}^{AZ} = \frac{aA_2\eta + bZ_2\eta_z}{\sqrt{Q}} + c.$$

$a=10.603$ ,  $b=78.027$ , and  $c=-80.66$

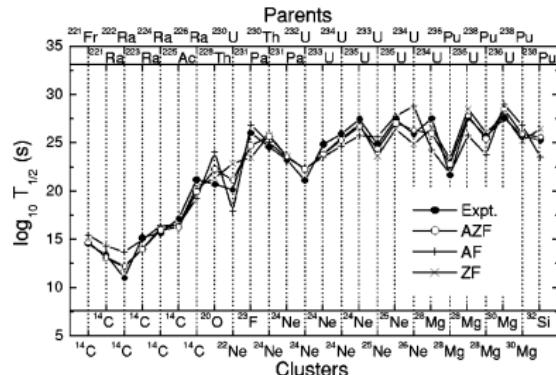


FIG. 1.  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}$  (s) for different clusters emitted from various radioactive parents, calculated by using the AZ formula (AZF) and compared with experimental data. Also, the results of calculations for AF ( $b=0$ ) and ZF ( $a=0$ ) truncations of AZF are shown for comparisons.

Balasubramaniam et al., PRC **70**, 017301 (2004)



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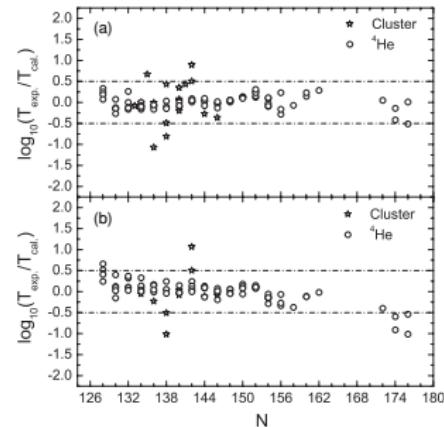


FIG. 4. Deviations between the logarithms of the experimental data and of the calculated values for even-even nuclei (a) when we use two sets of parameters to describe  $\alpha$  decay and cluster radioactivity respectively and (b) when we use one set of parameters to describe both  $\alpha$  decay and cluster radioactivity at the same time.

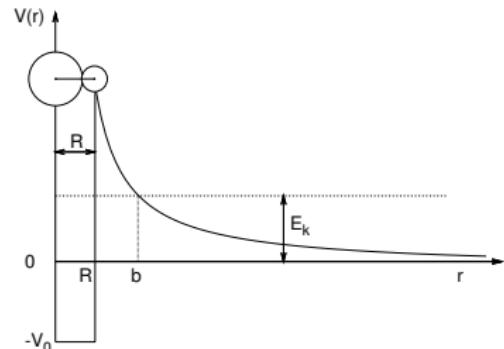
Ni et al., PRC **78**, 044310 (2008)



$$V(r) = \begin{cases} -V_0 & 0 \leq r \leq R \\ \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{r} & r > R \end{cases}$$

$$R = r_0(A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3})$$

$$b = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{E_k}$$

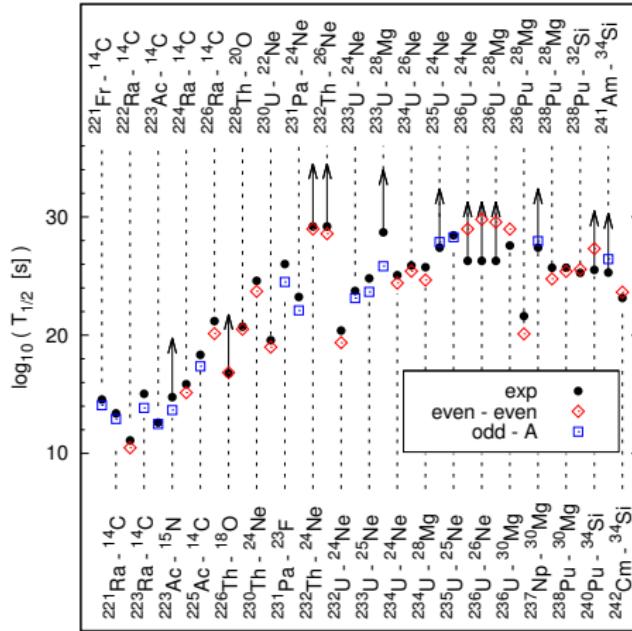


$$P = \exp \left[ -\frac{2}{\hbar} \int_R^b \sqrt{2\mu(V(x) - E_k)} dx \right]$$

$$P = \exp \left\{ -\frac{2}{\hbar} \sqrt{2\mu Z_1 Z_2 e^2 b} \left[ \arccos \sqrt{\frac{R}{b}} - \sqrt{\frac{R}{b} - \left(\frac{R}{b}\right)^2} \right] \right\}$$

A. Zdeb, M. Warda, K. Pomorski, Phys. Rev. C87 024308 (2013)





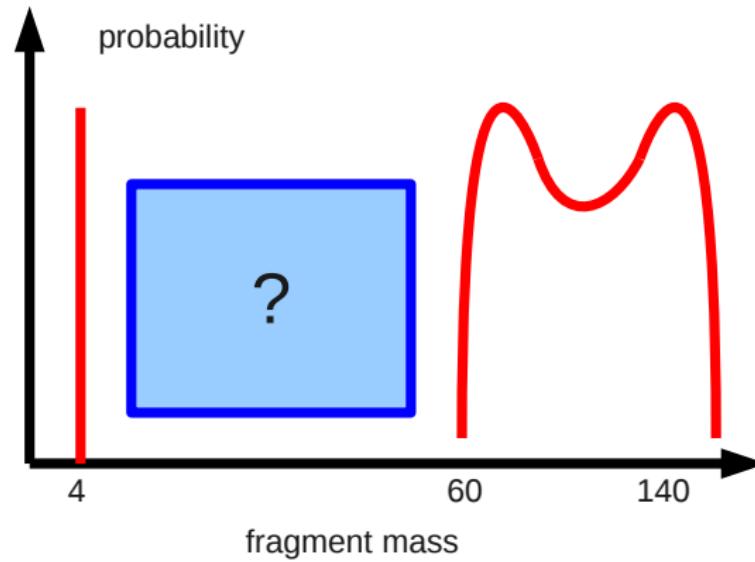
$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{P_\nu} \cdot 10^h$$

$$\nu = \frac{\pi \hbar}{2\mu R^2}$$

$$r_0 = 1.21 \text{ fm}$$

$$h = 1.973$$





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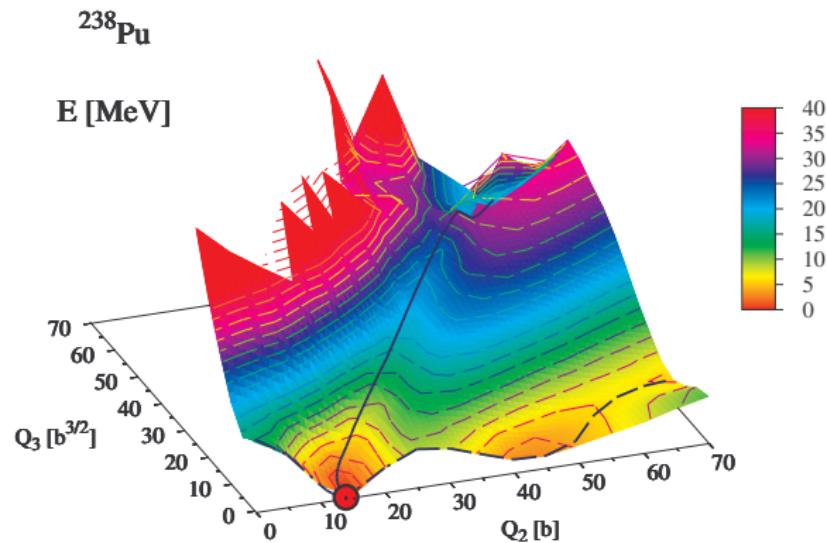
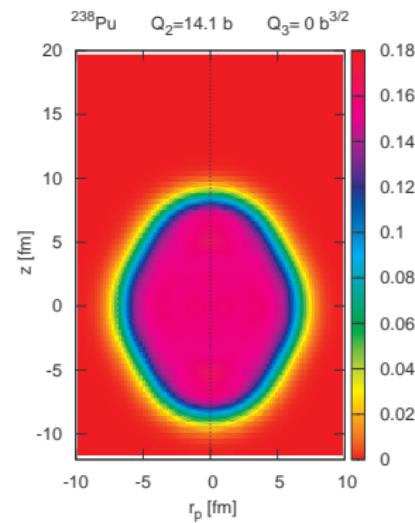


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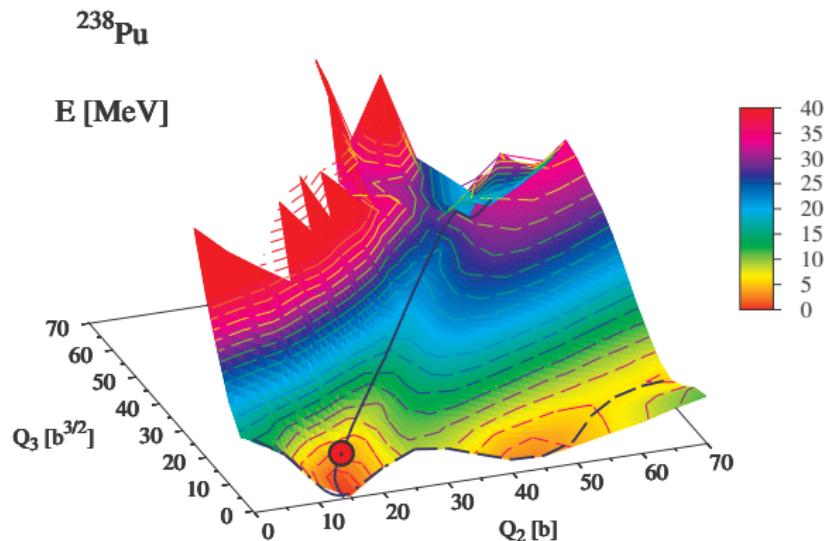
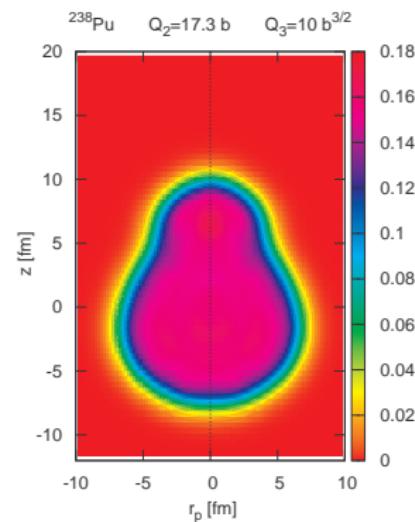
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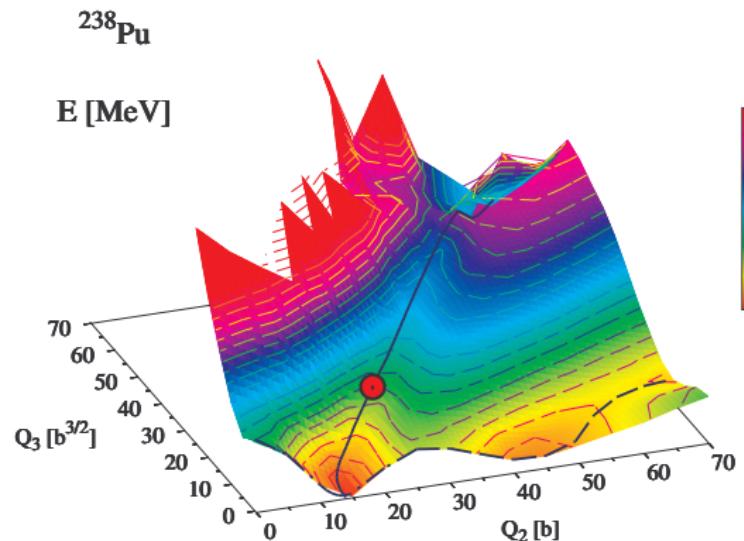
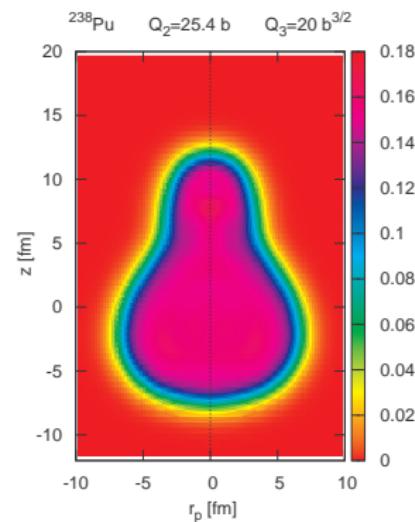
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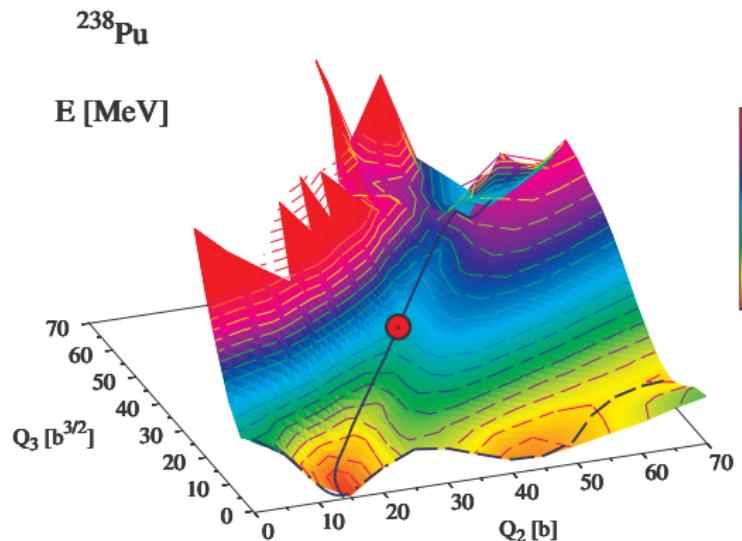
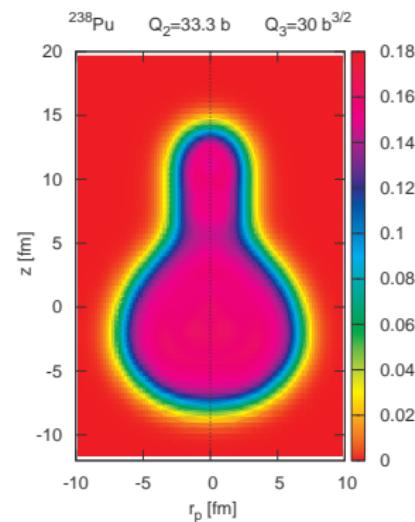
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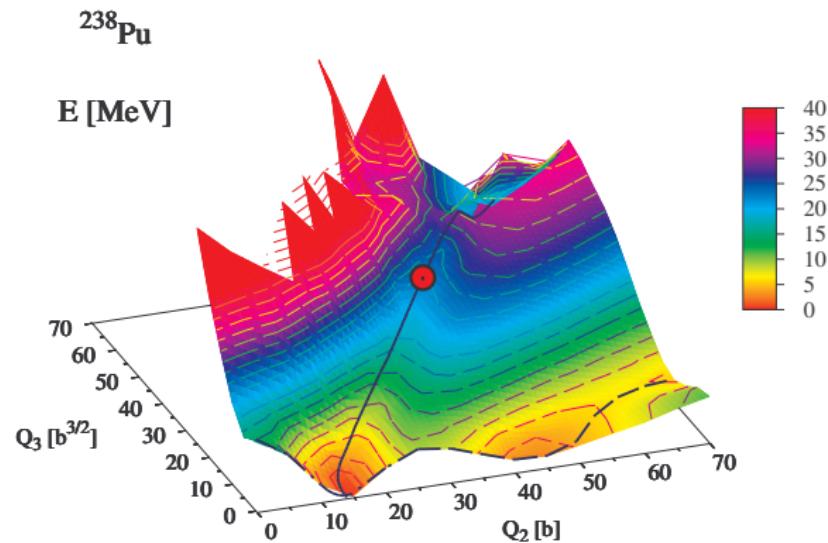
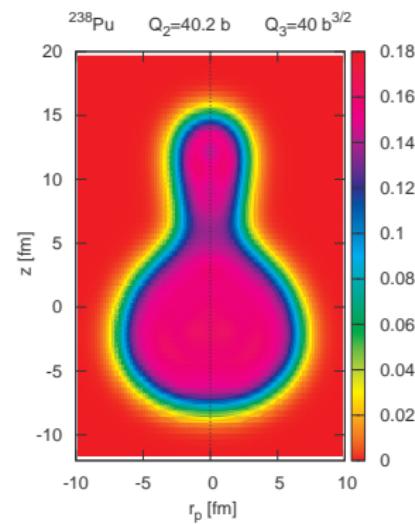
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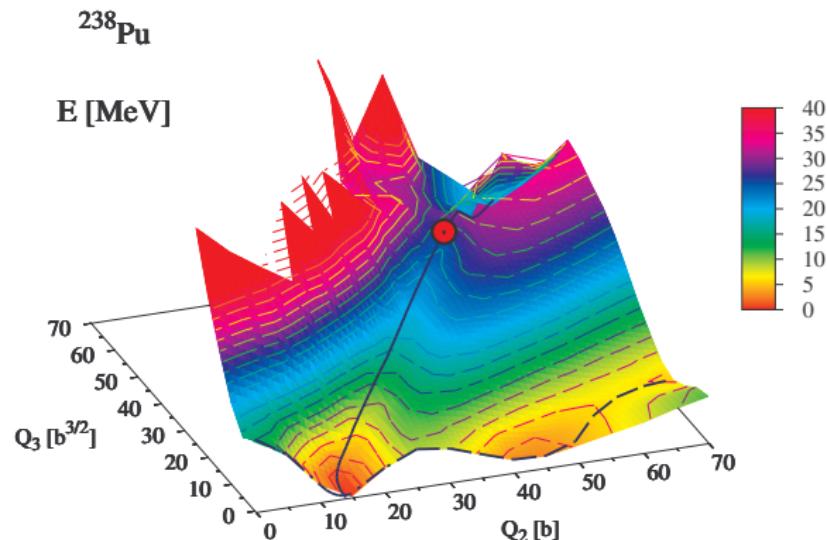
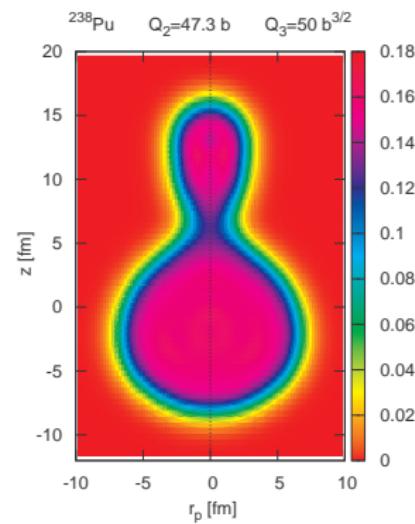
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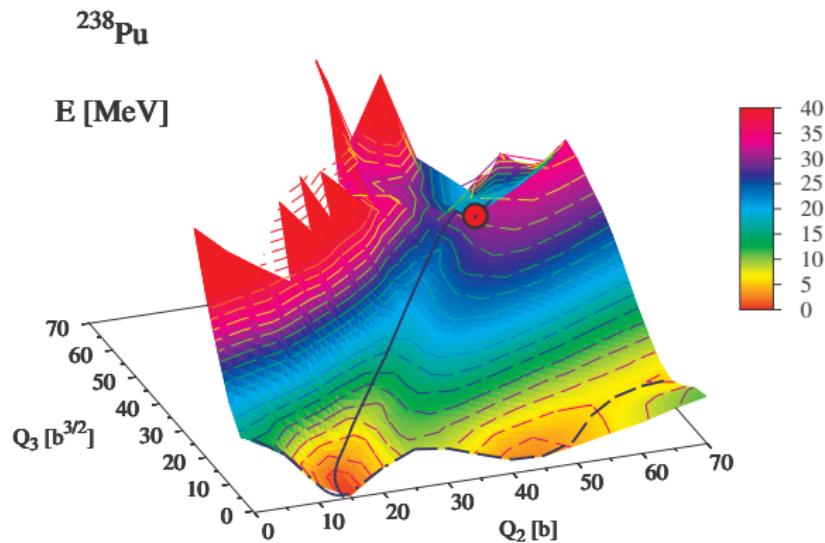
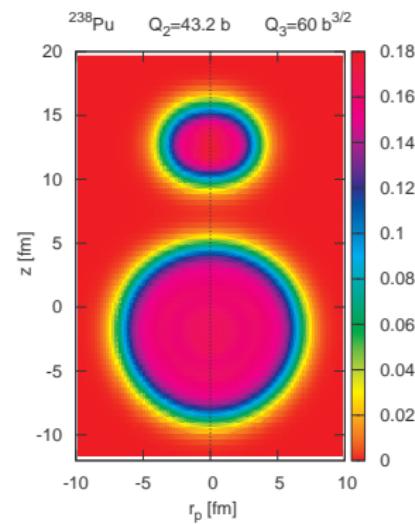
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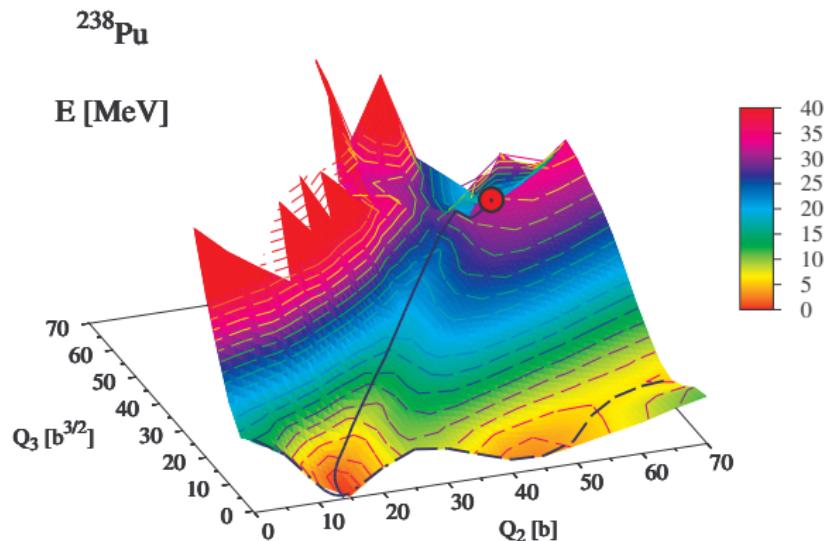
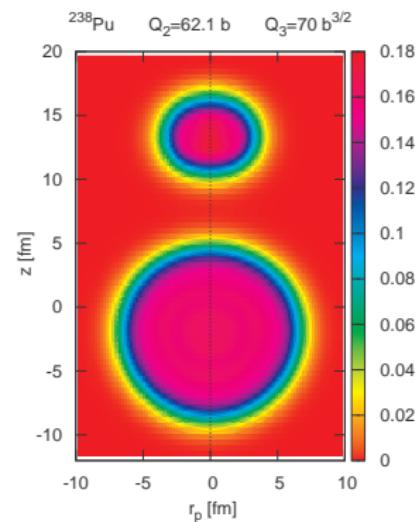
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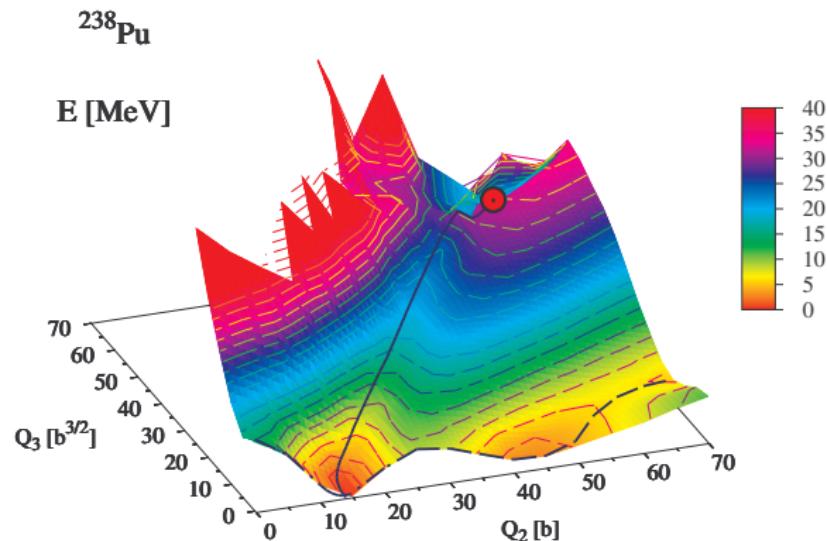
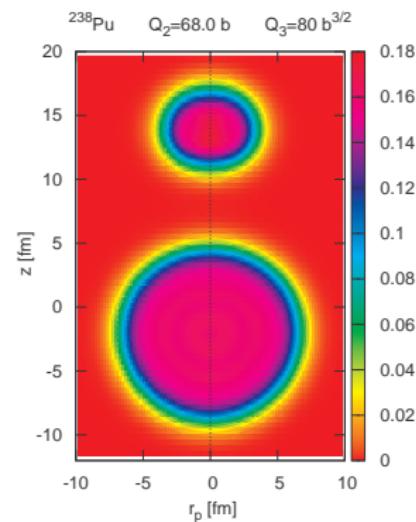
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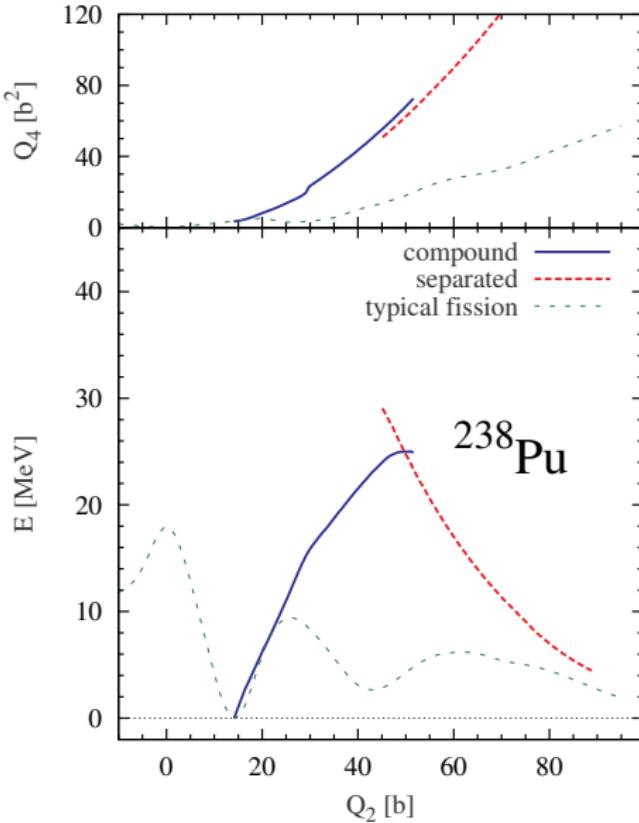
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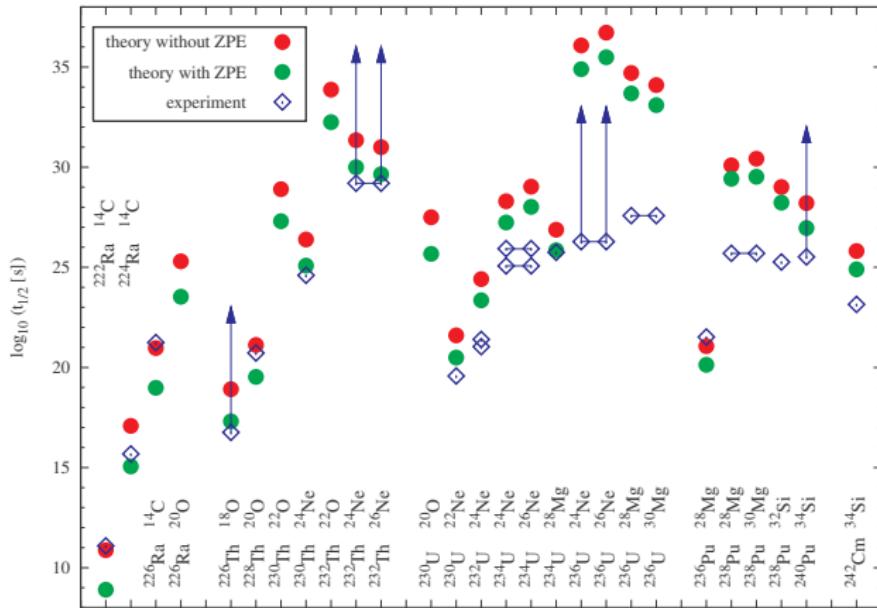
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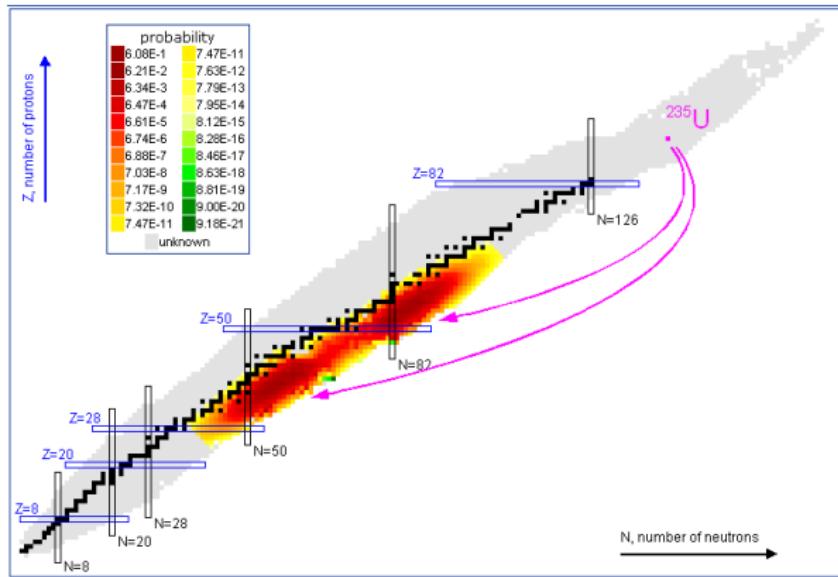
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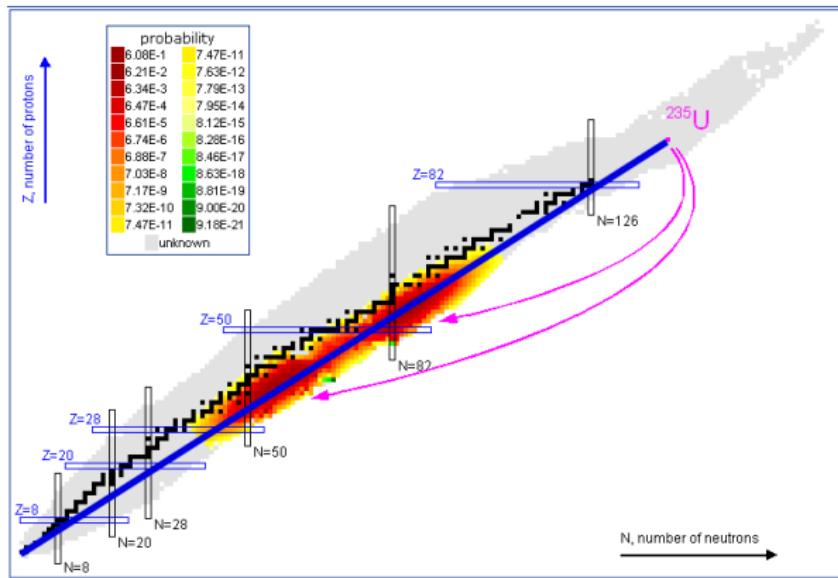


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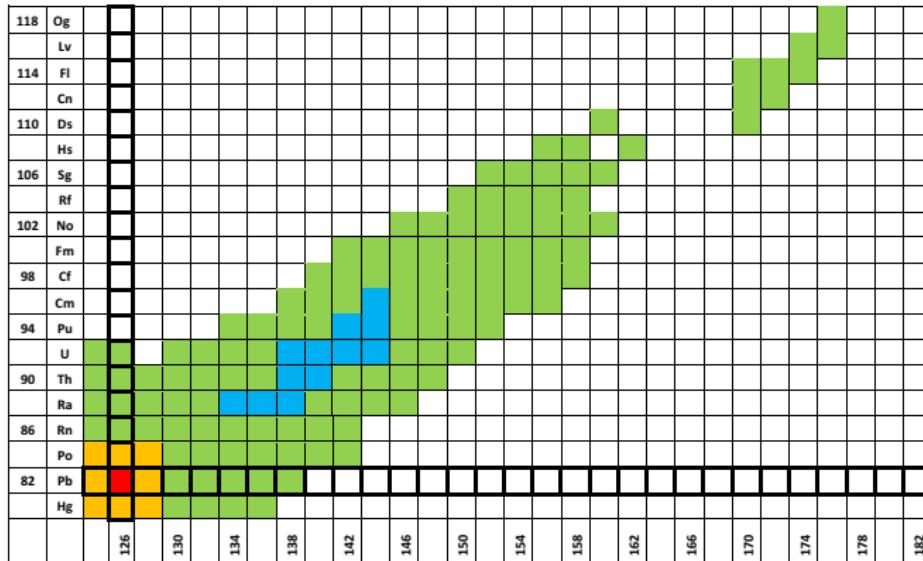
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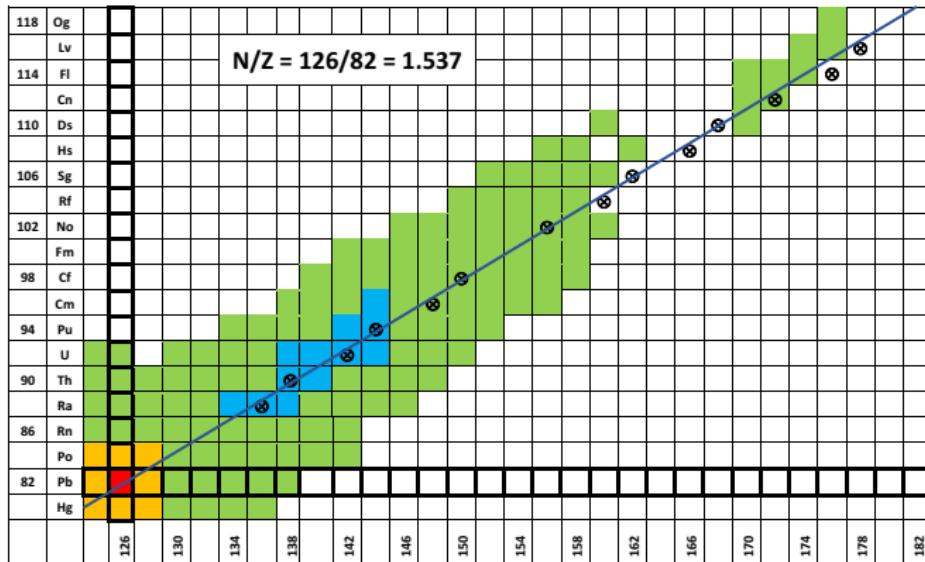
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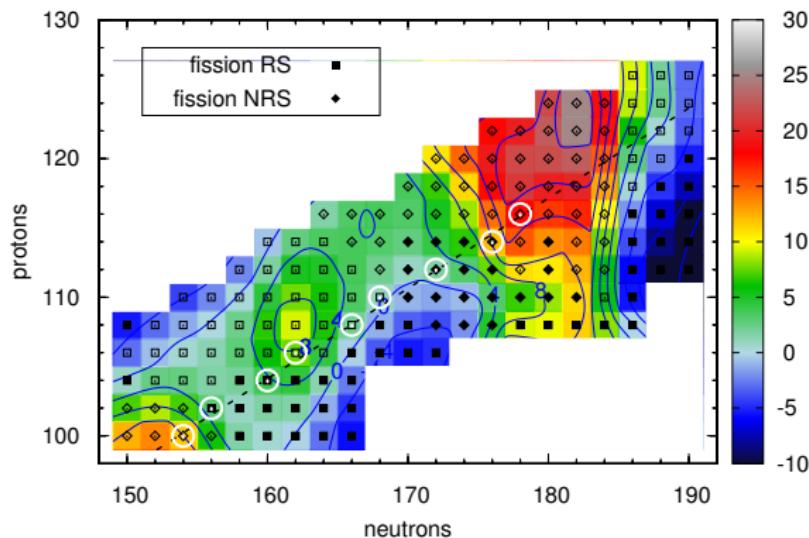




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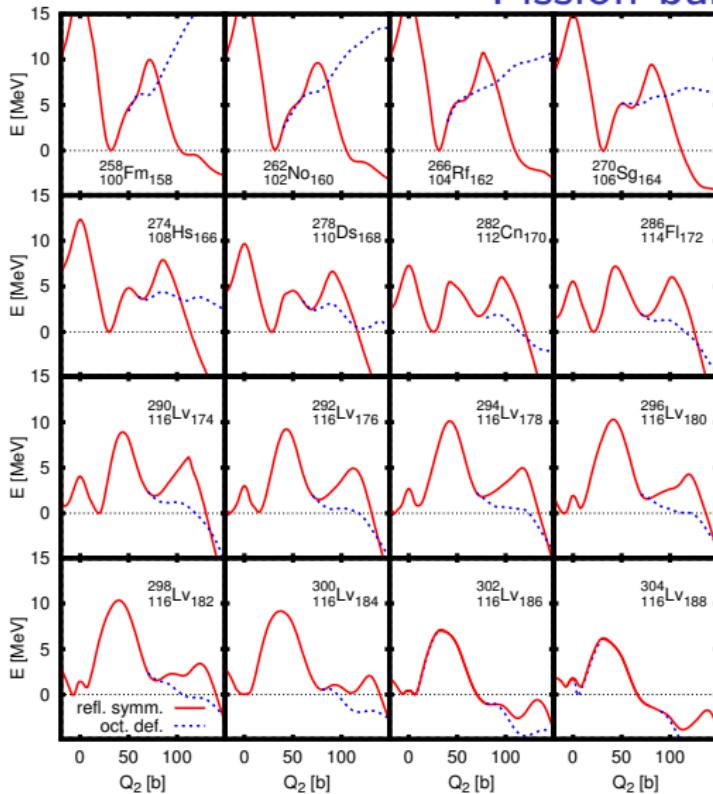


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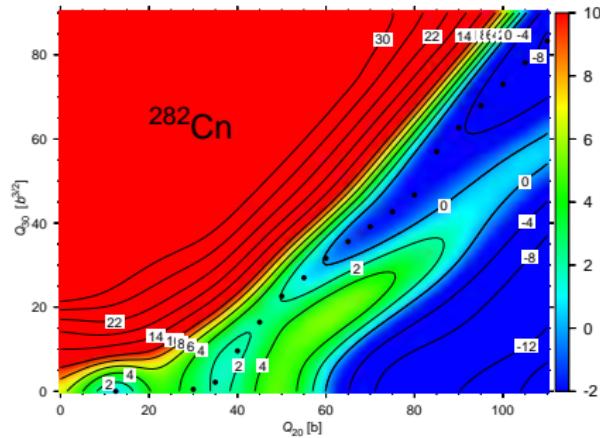
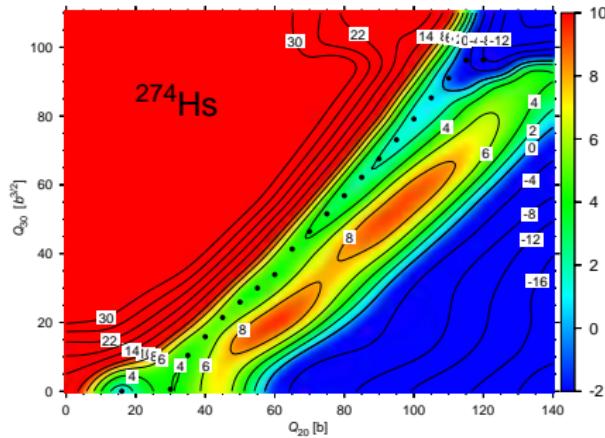
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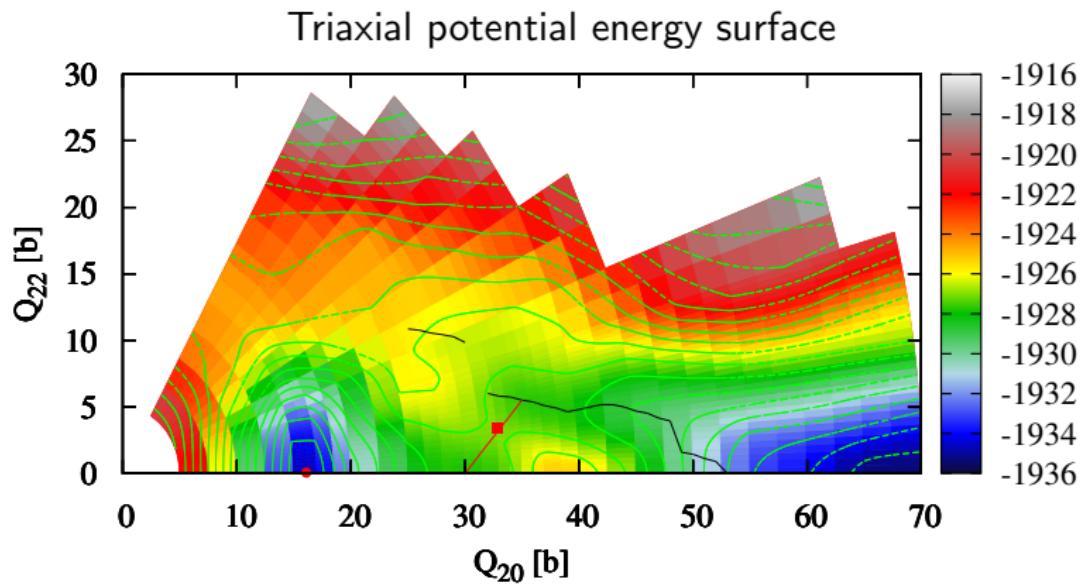


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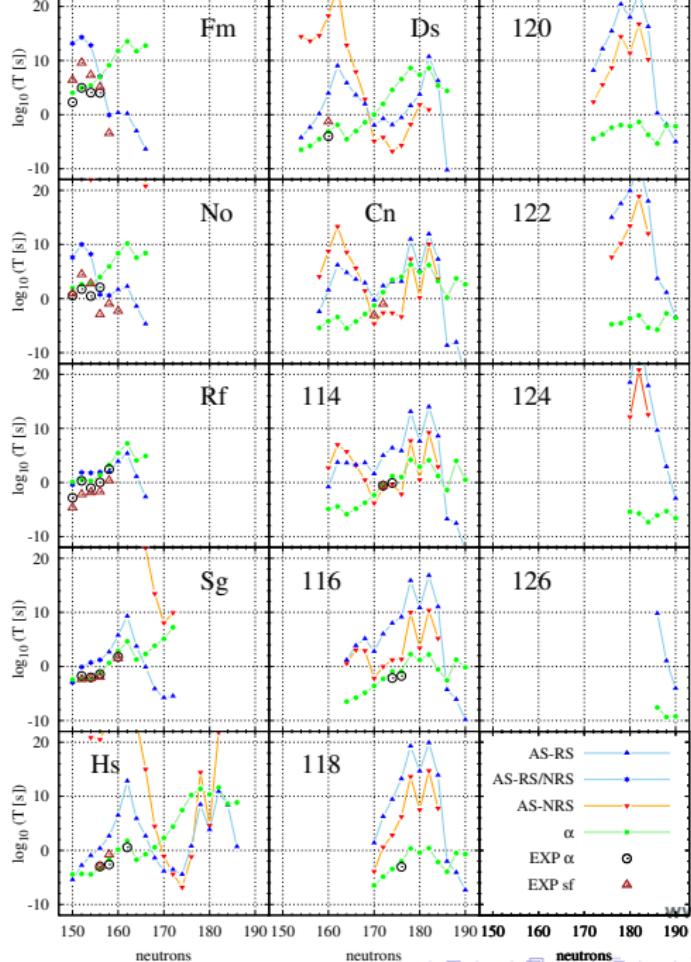


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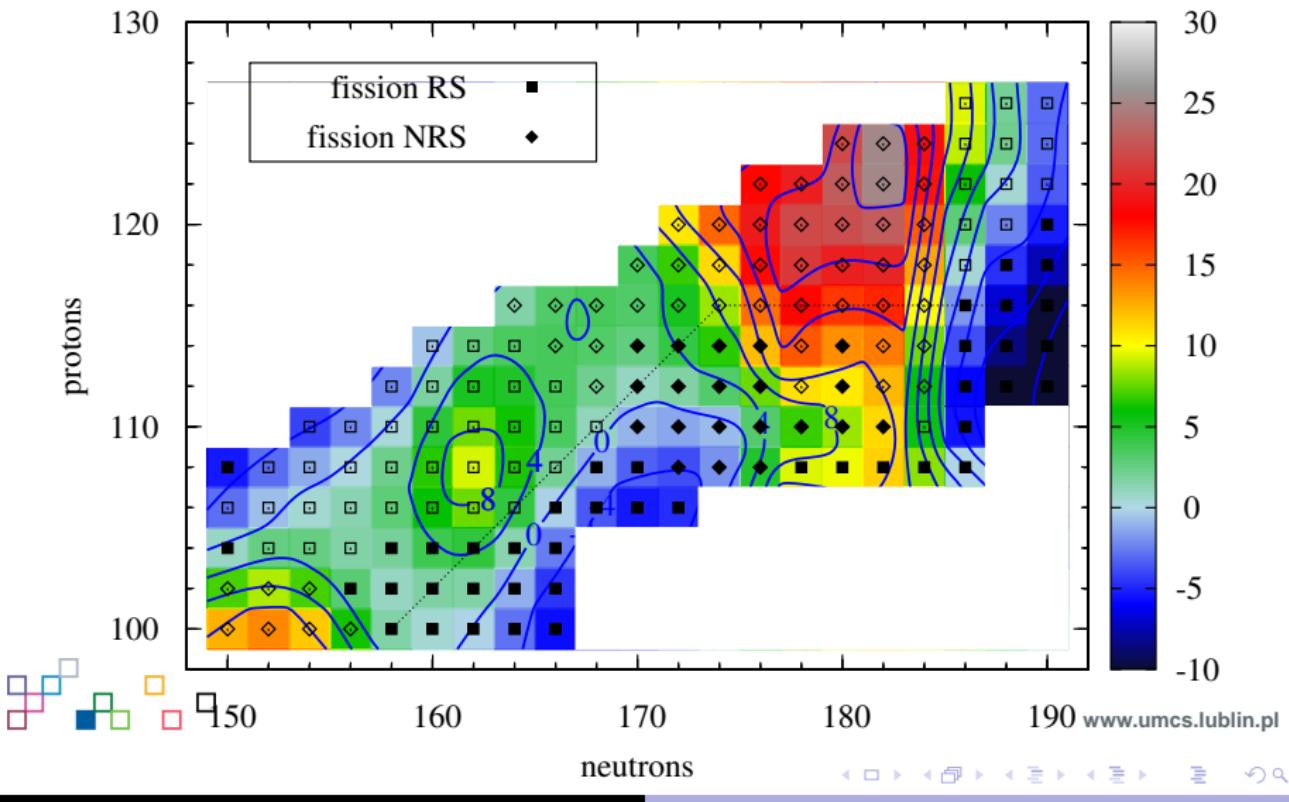




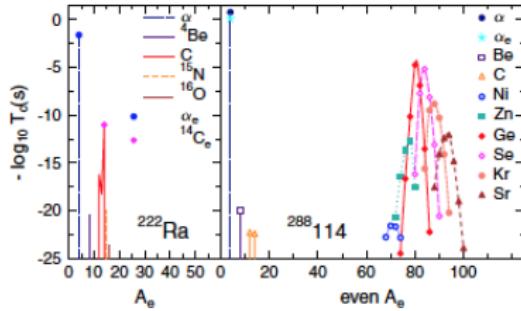
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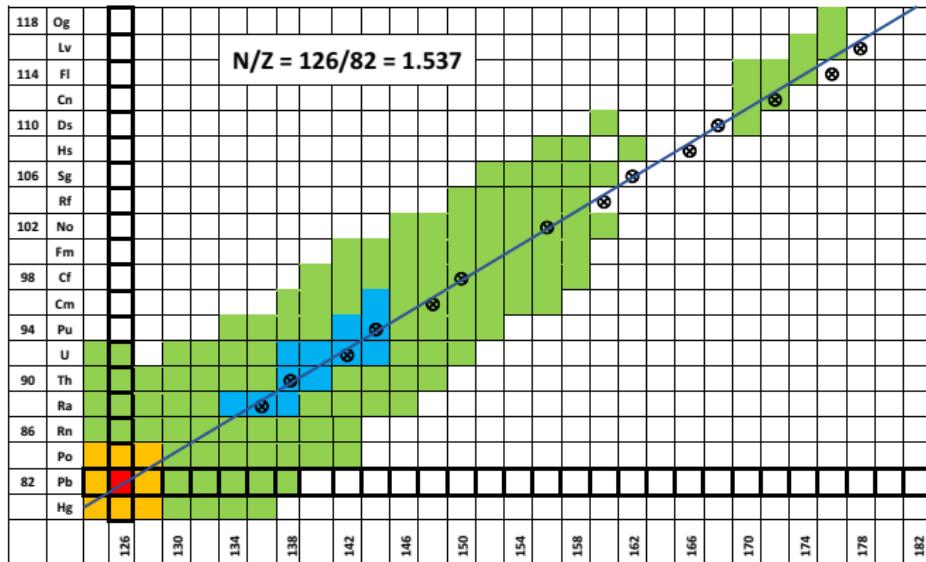
**FIG. 1 (color online).** Time spectra of different cluster emissions from  $^{222}\text{Ra}$  (left panel) and from the superheavy nucleus  $^{288}\text{114}$  (right panel). The most probable emitted clusters from  $^{222}\text{Ra}$  and  $^{288}\text{114}$  are  $^{14}\text{C}$  and  $^{80}\text{Ge}$ , respectively, both leading to  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  daughter nucleus.

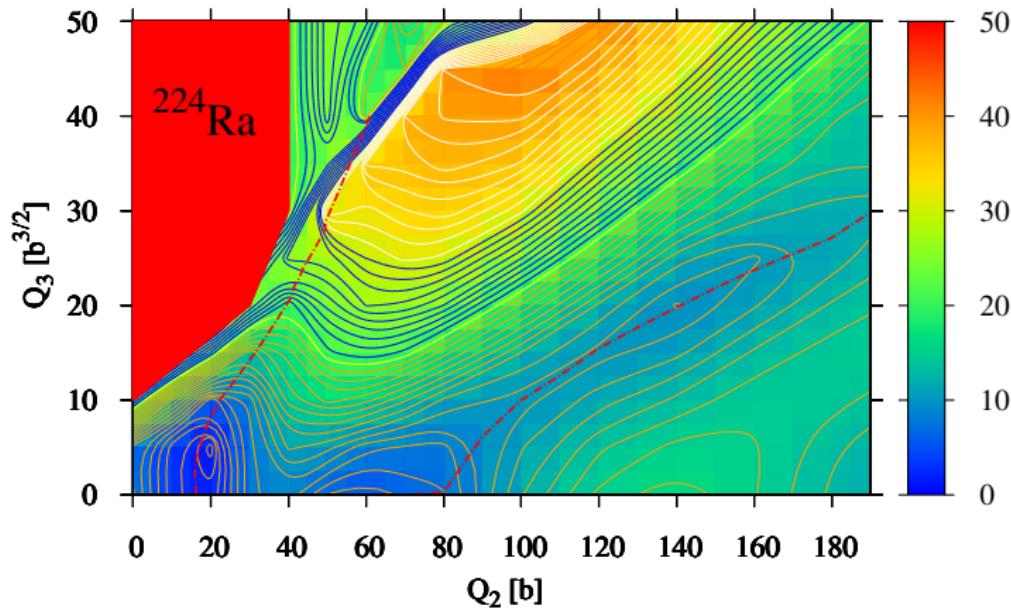
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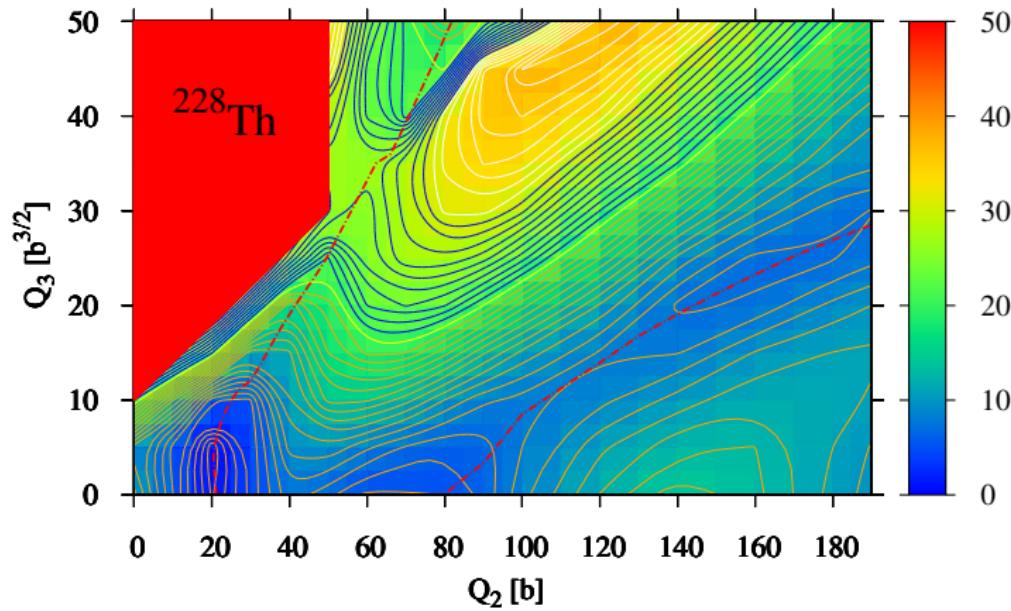


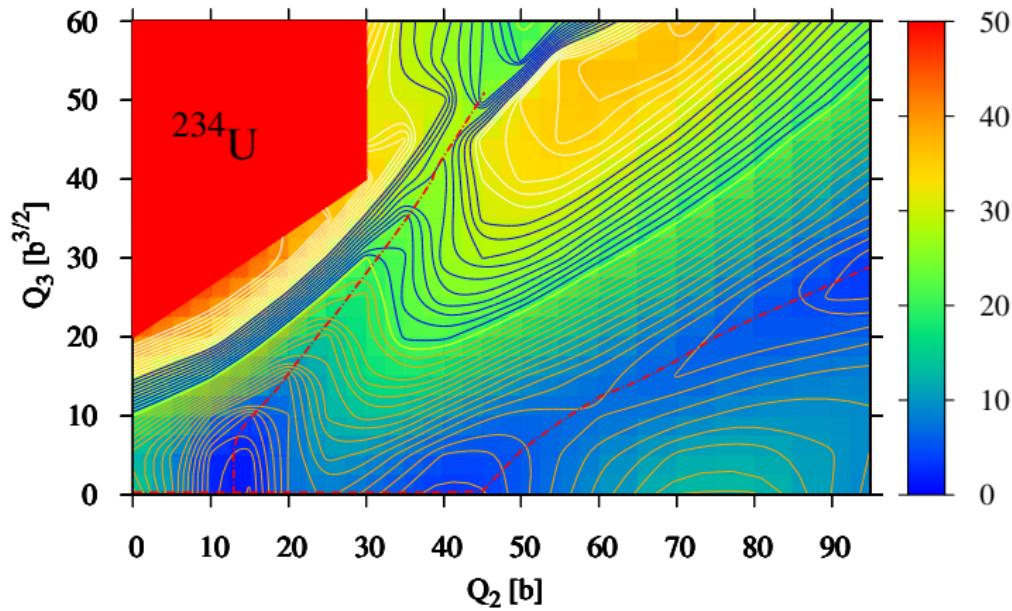


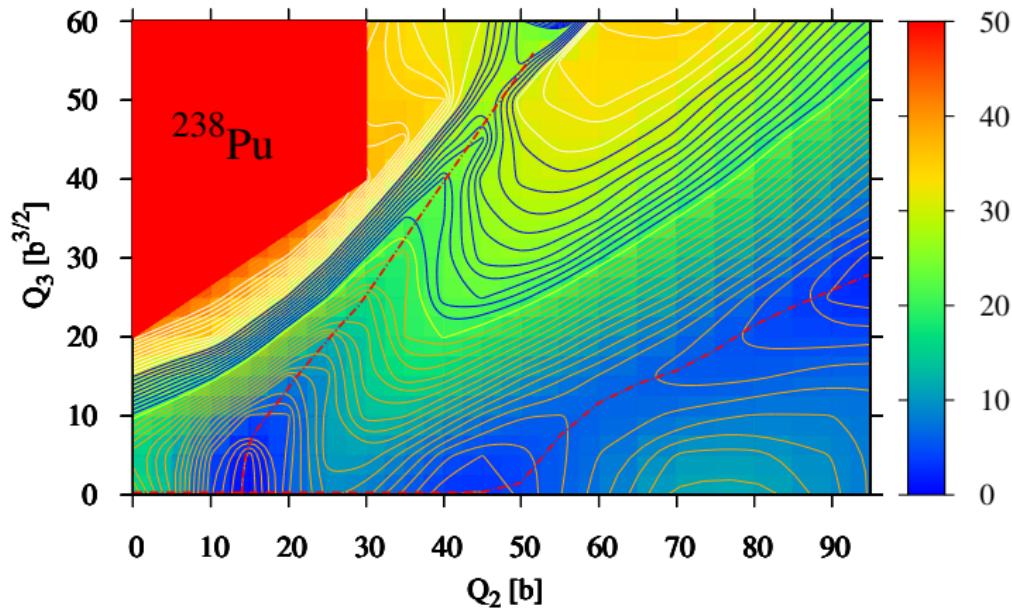
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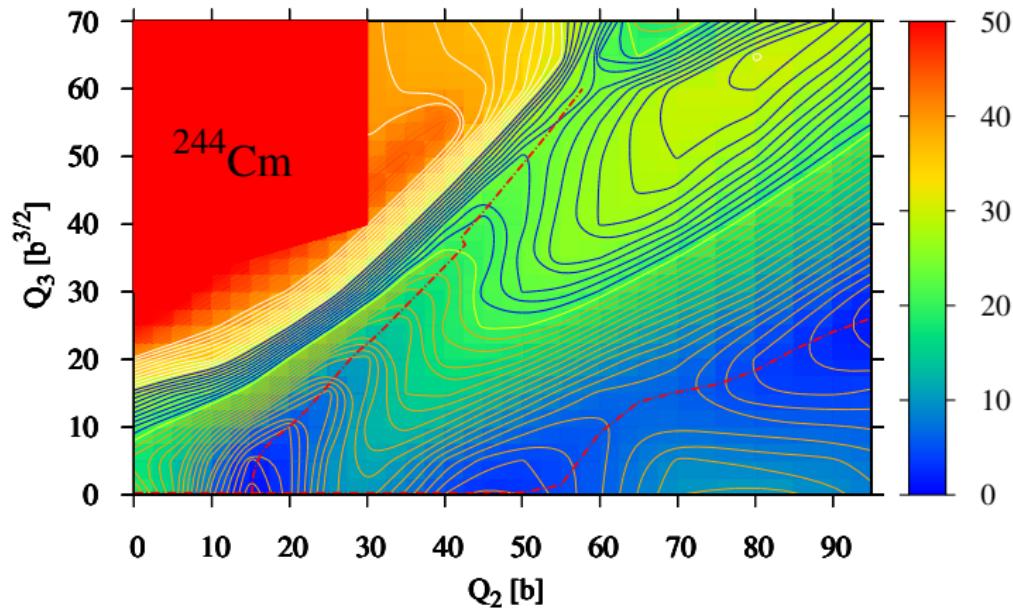


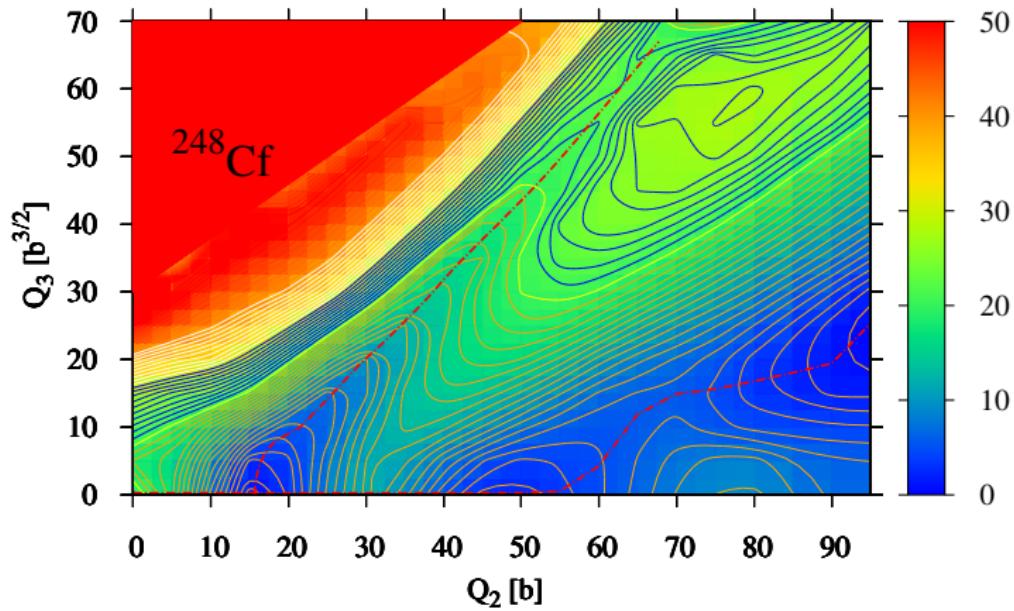


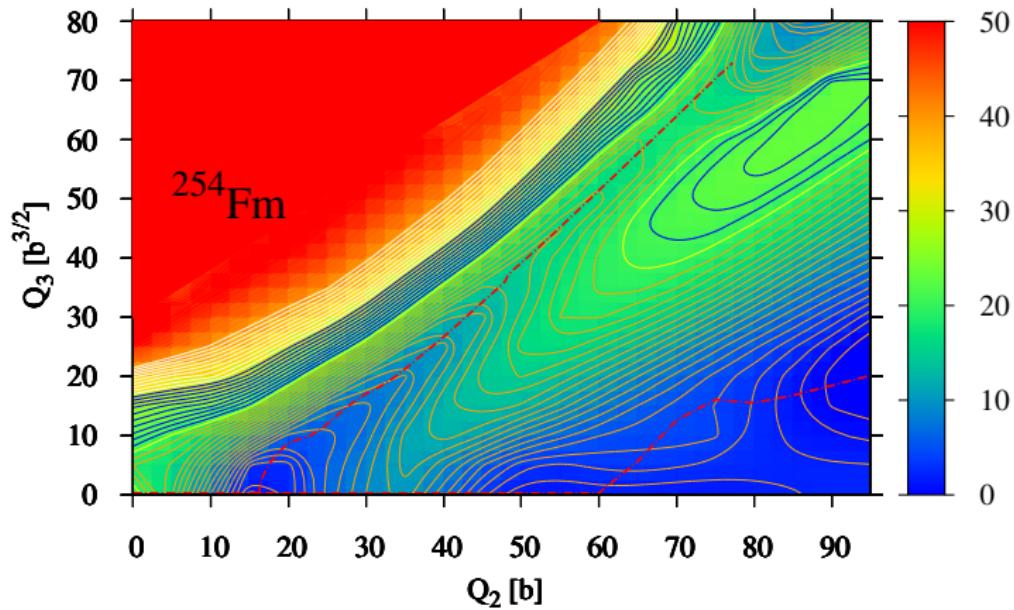


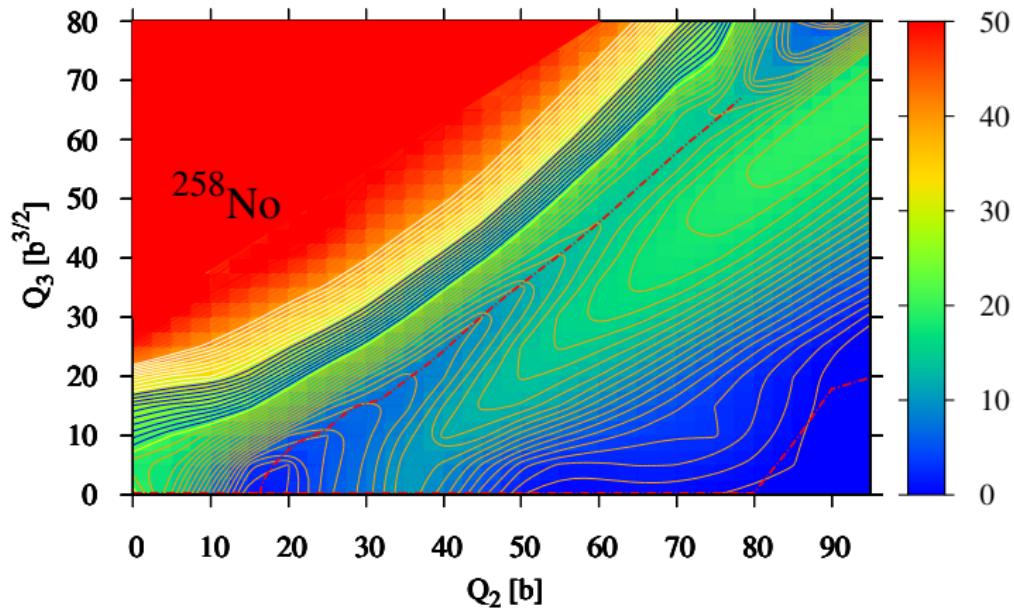


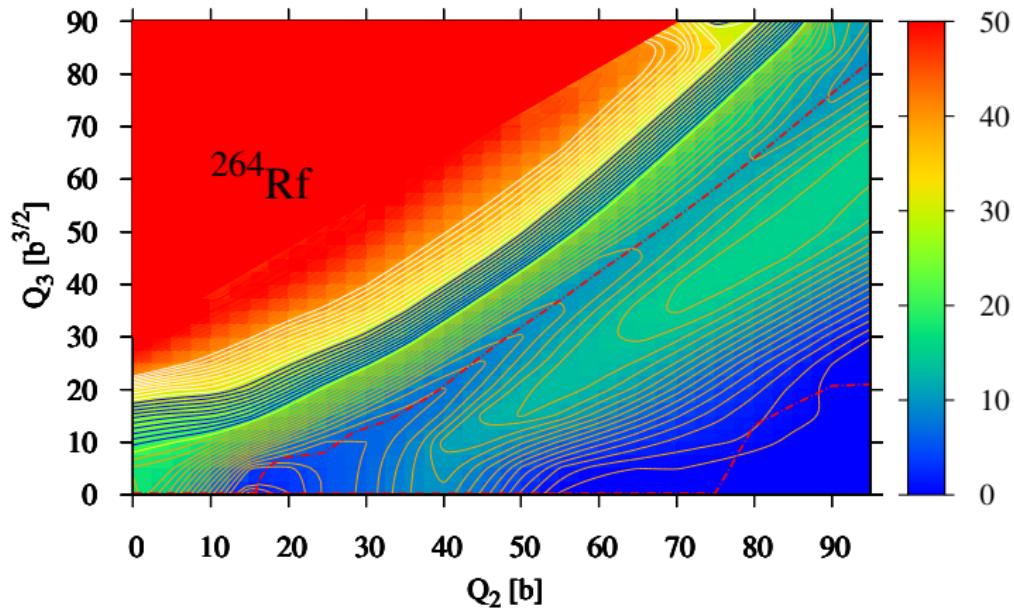


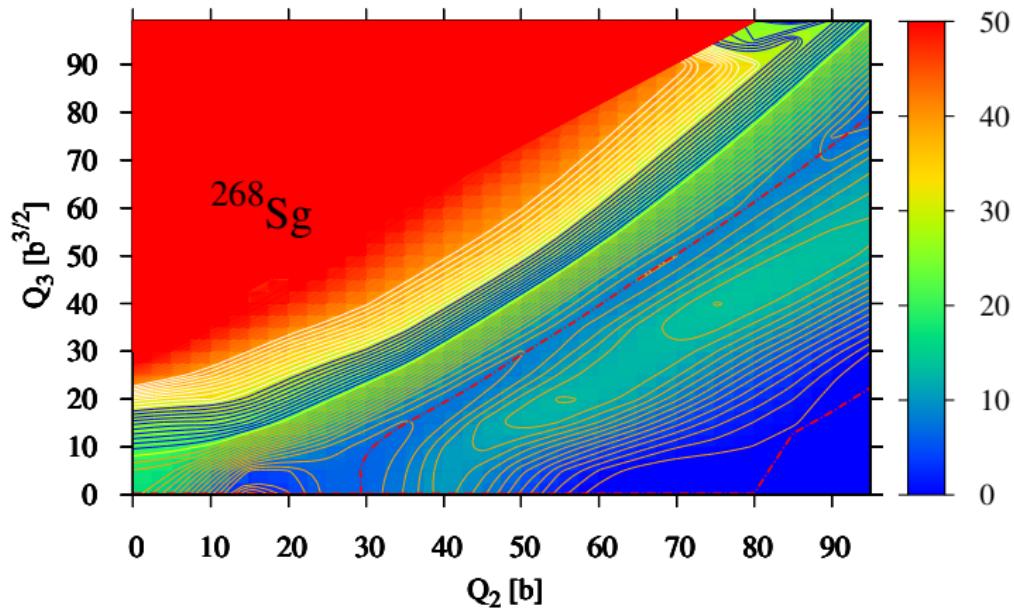


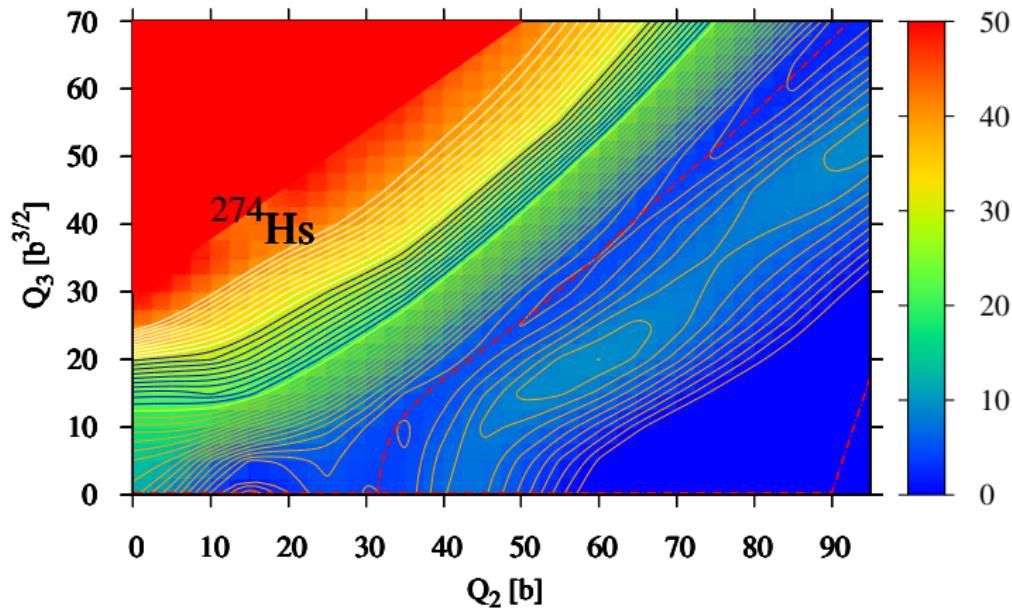


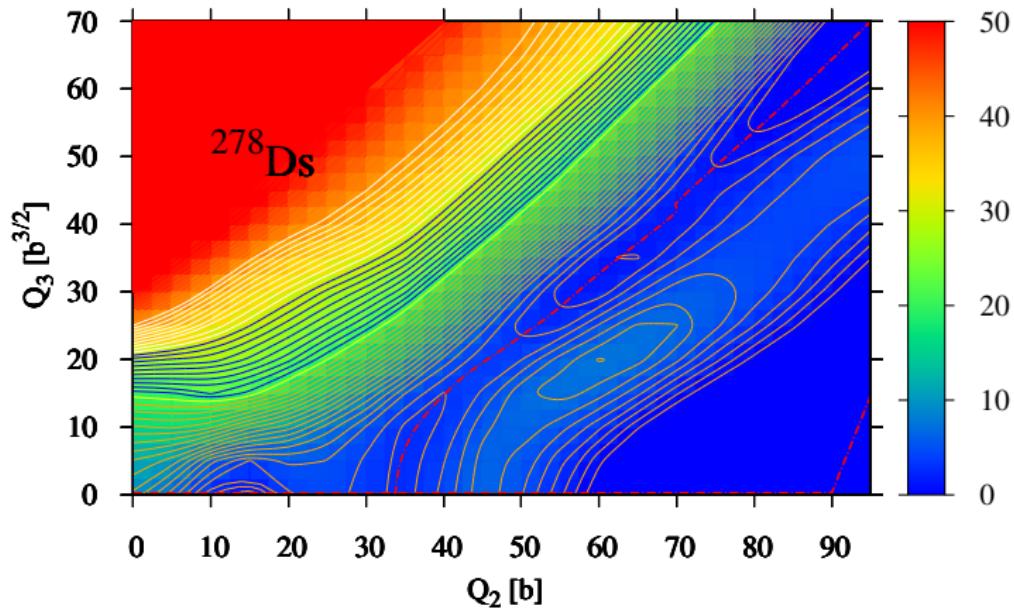


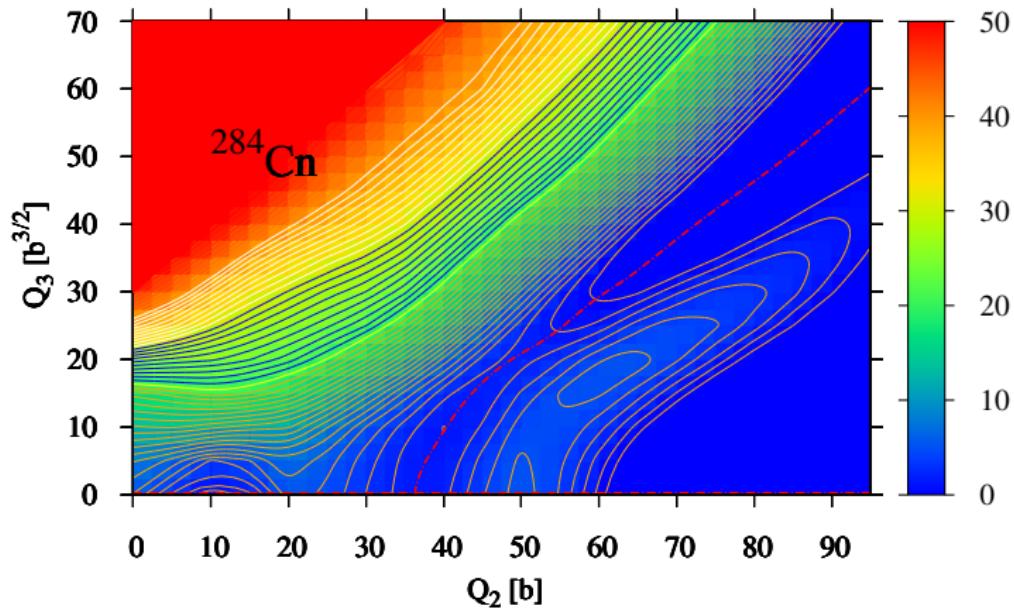


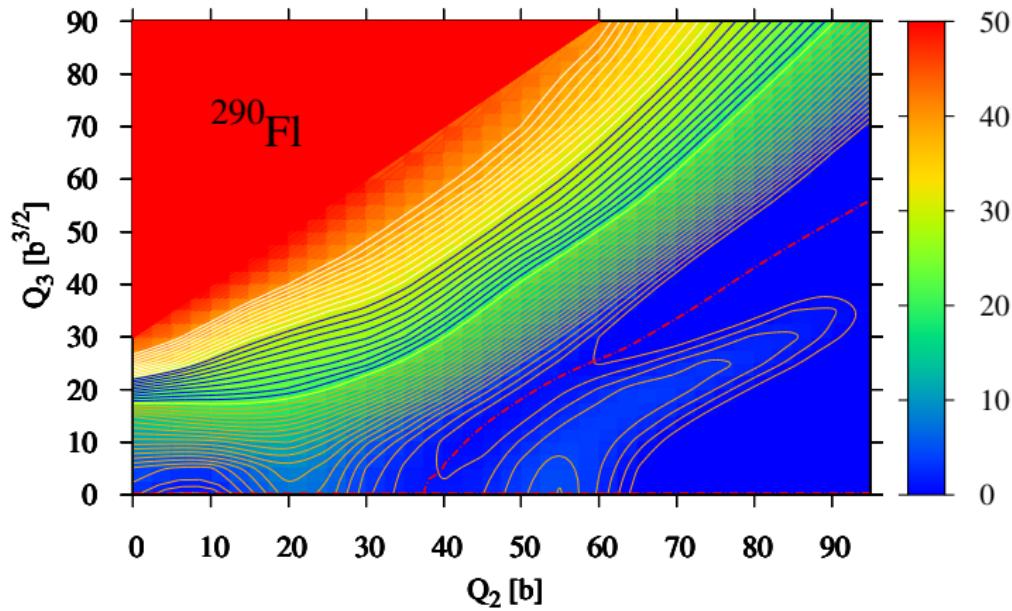


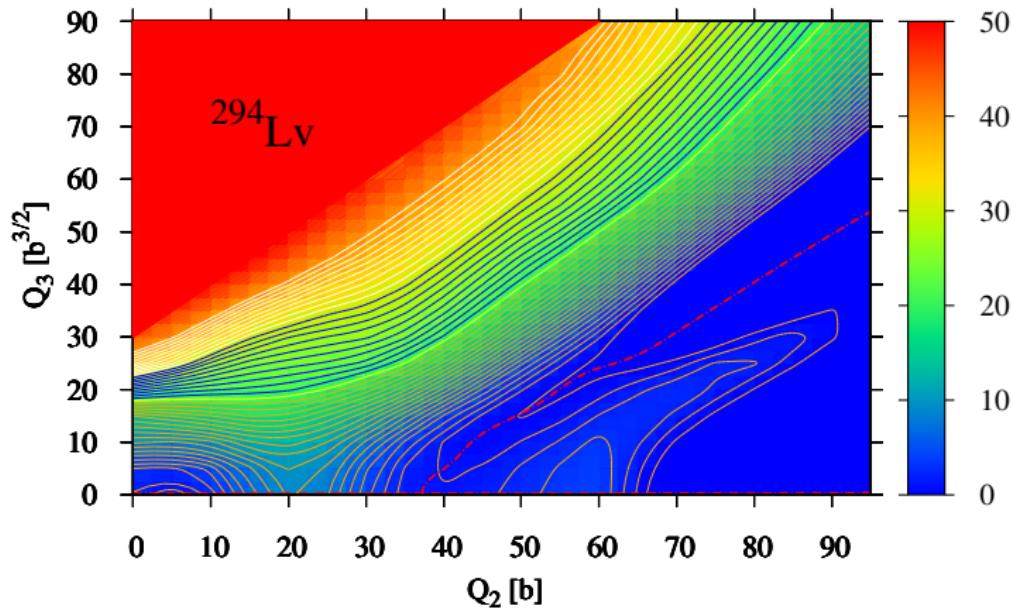




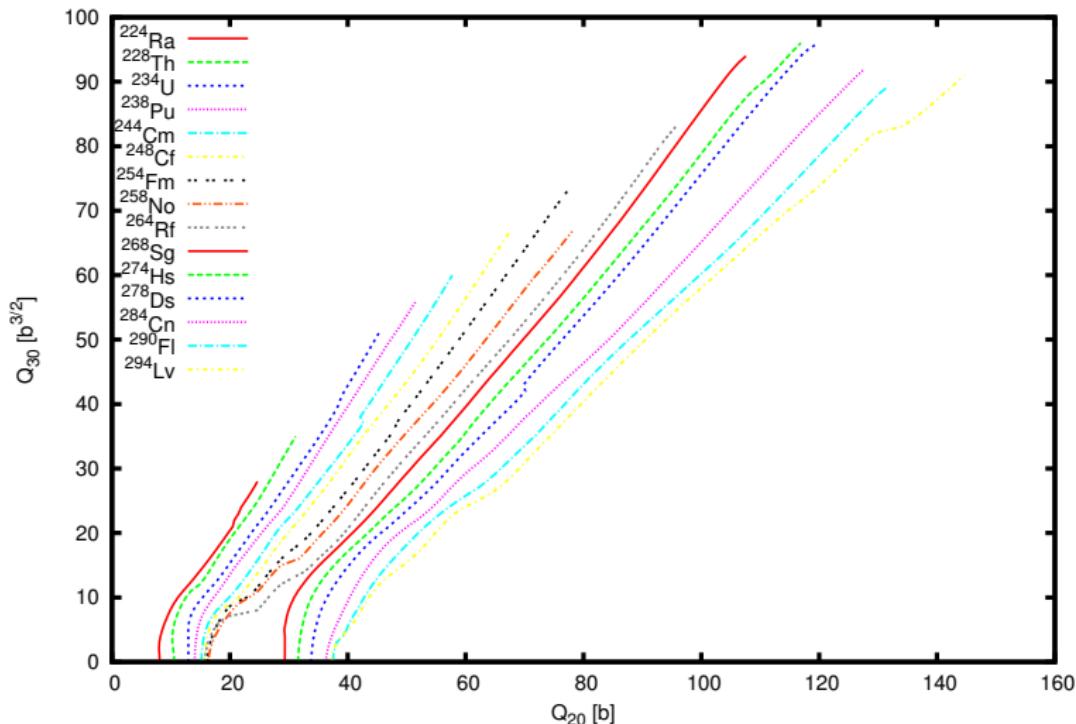




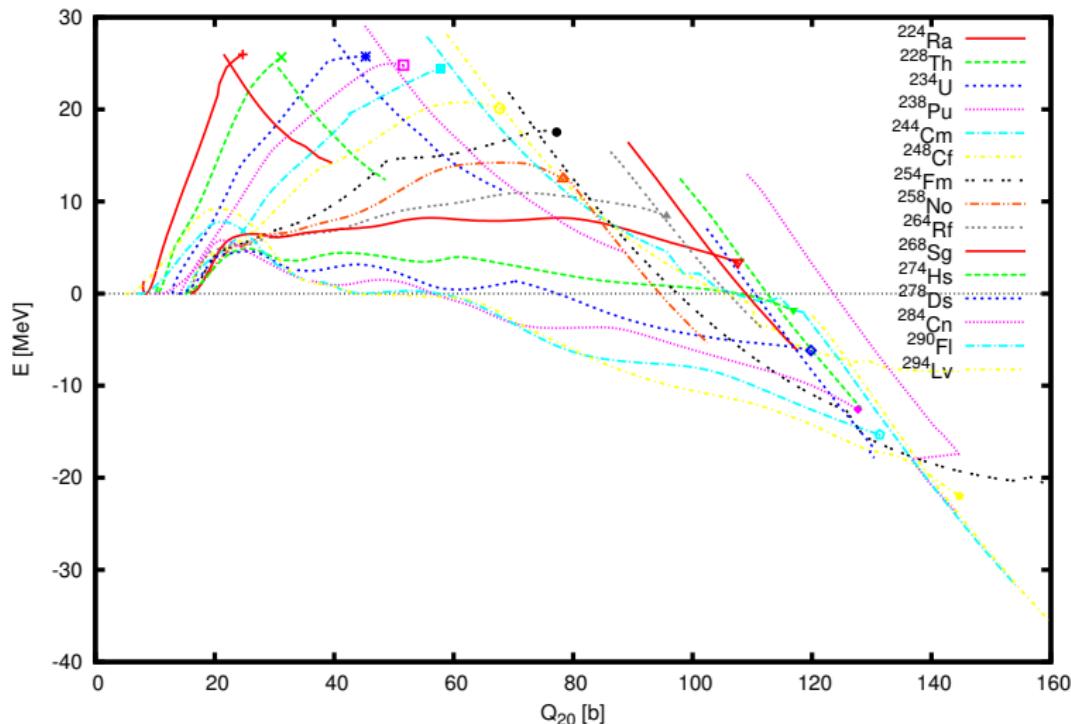




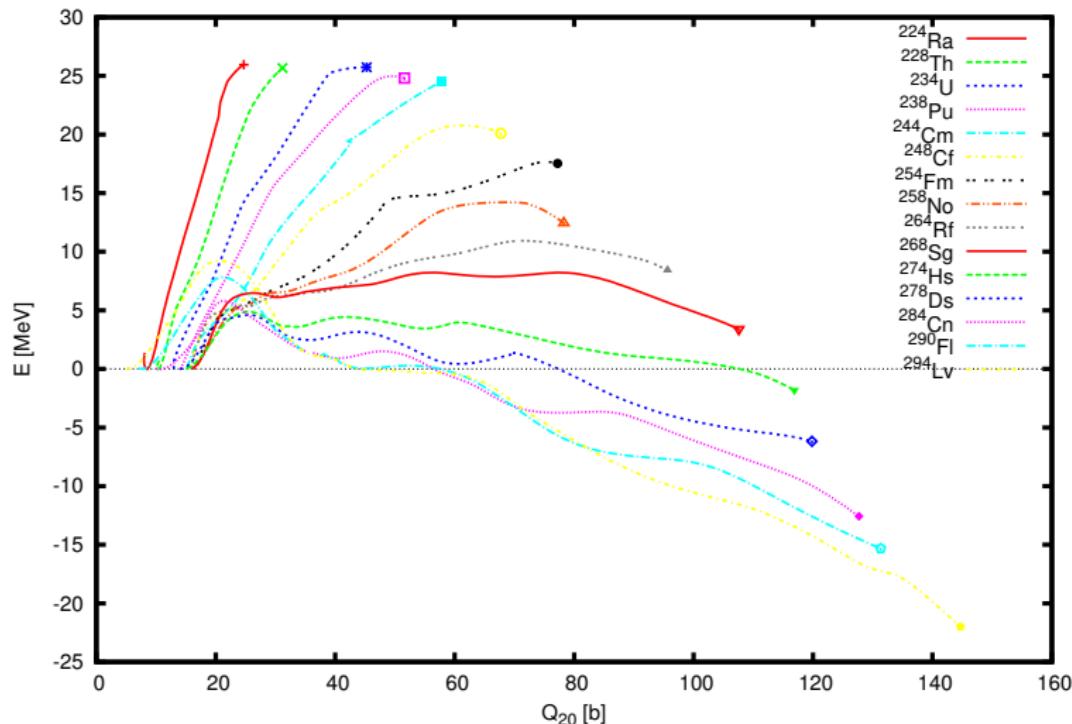
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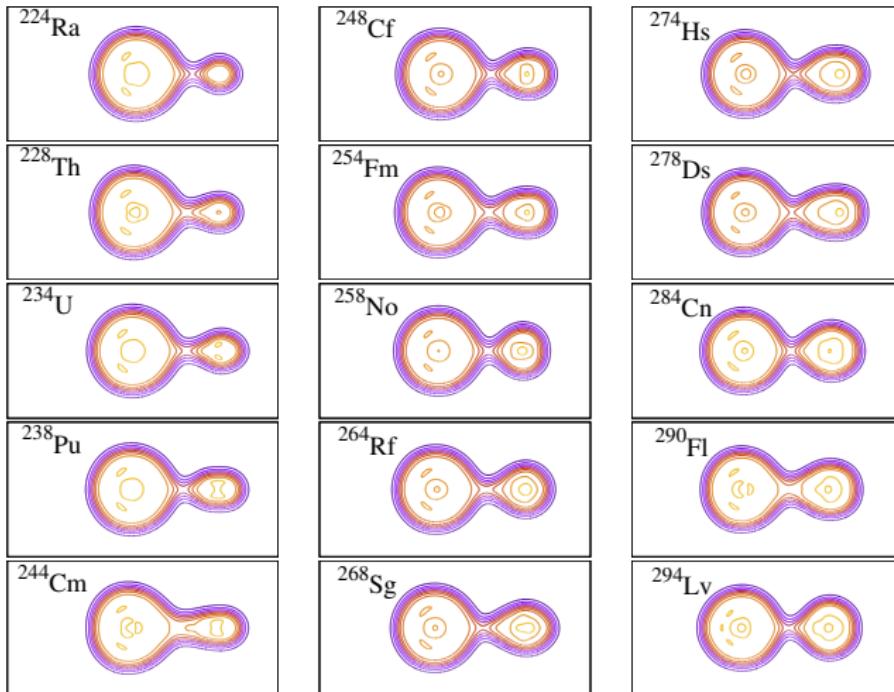
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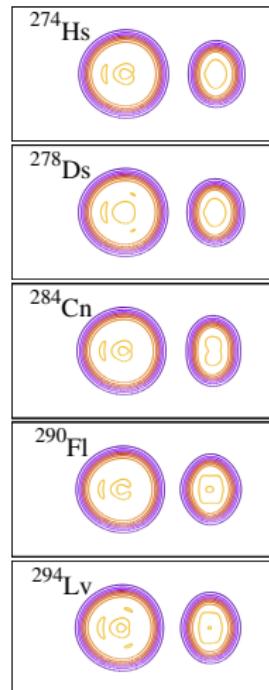
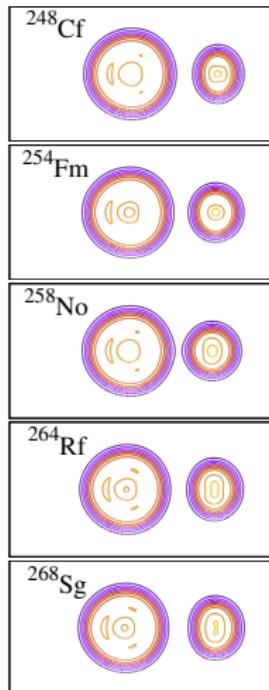
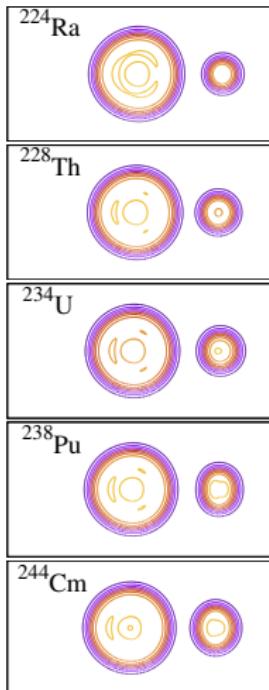
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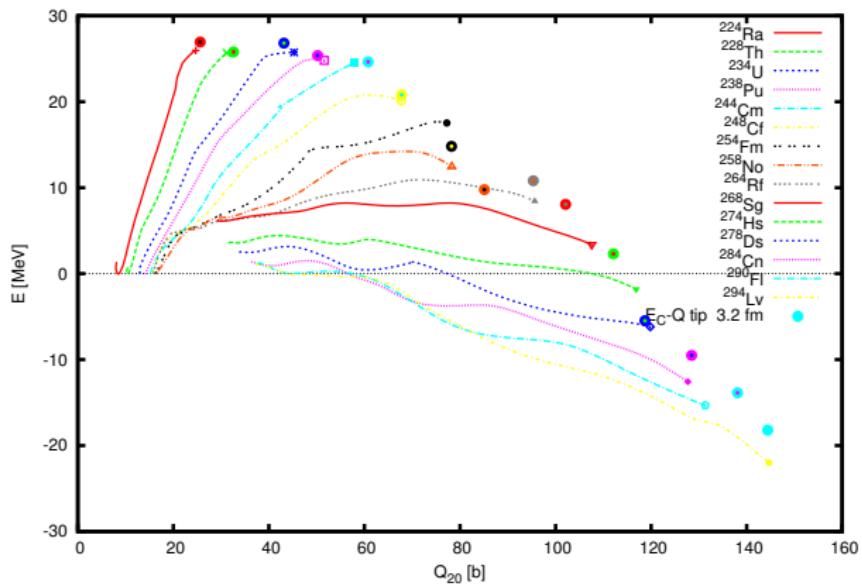
## Pre-scission shapes



## Post-scission shapes



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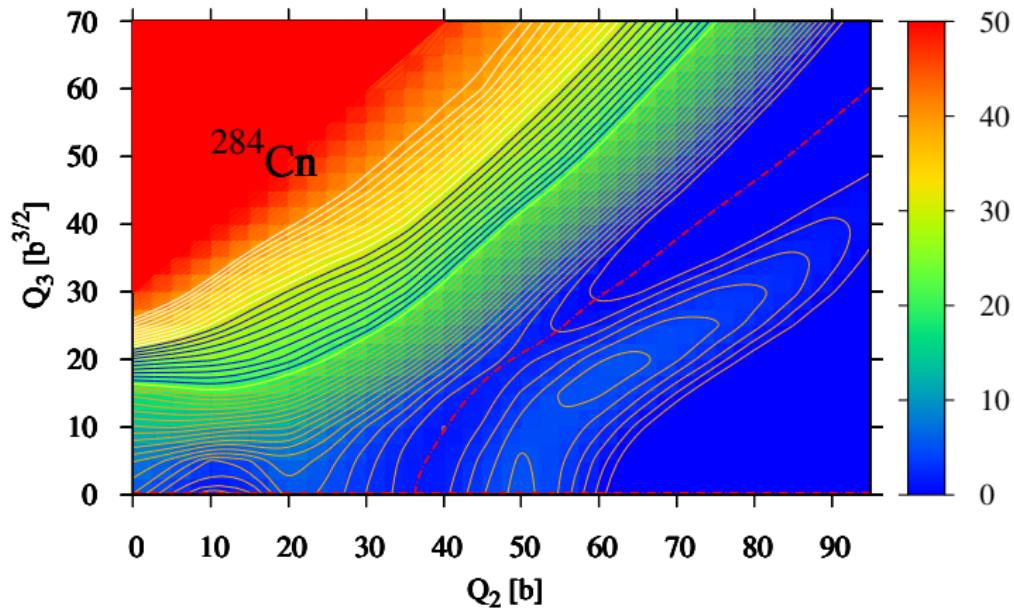


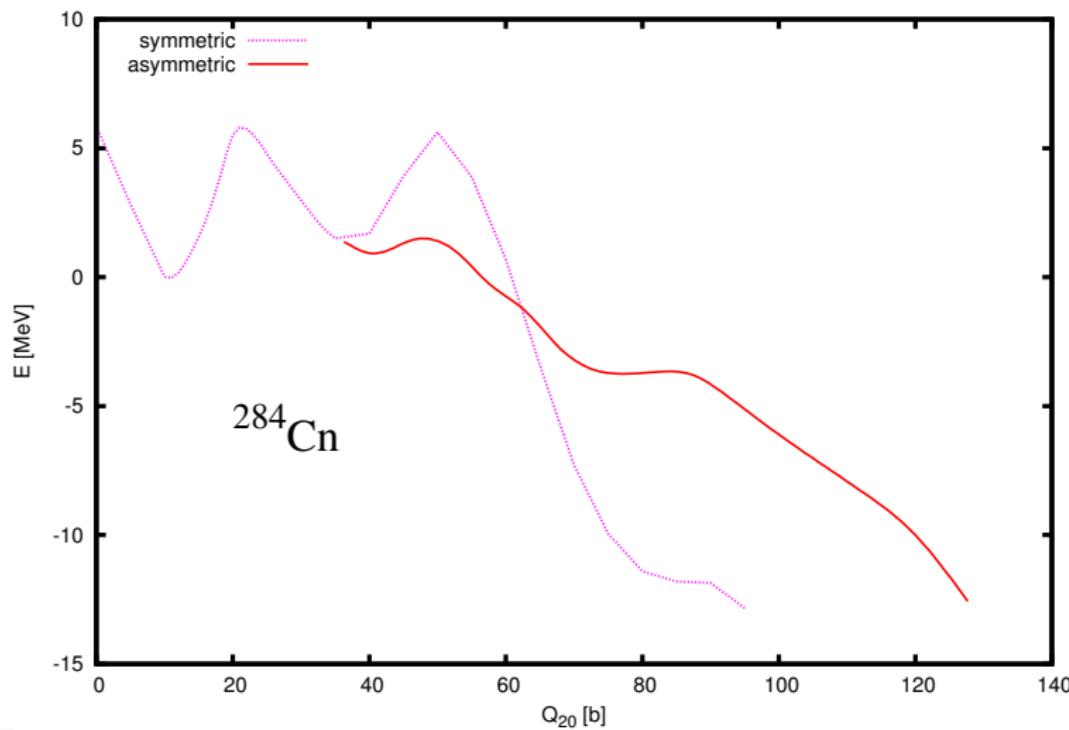
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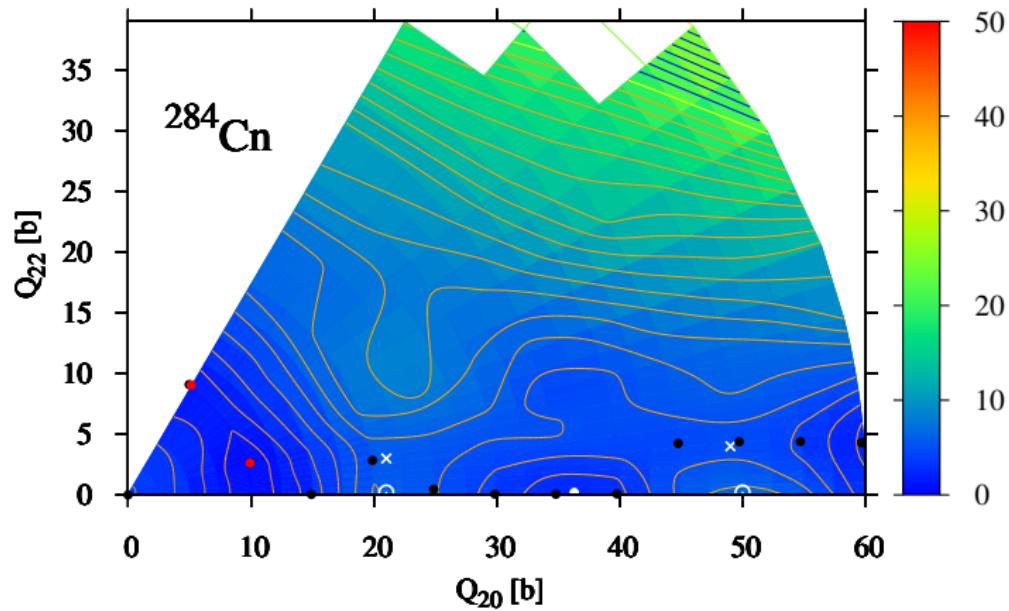
Experimental evidence in  $^{284}\text{Cn}$ :

- GSI: 9 events  
Ch. Düllmann, et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 104, 252701 (2010)
- Dubna: 19 events  
Yu. Oganessian, Radiochim.Acta 99, 429 (2011)
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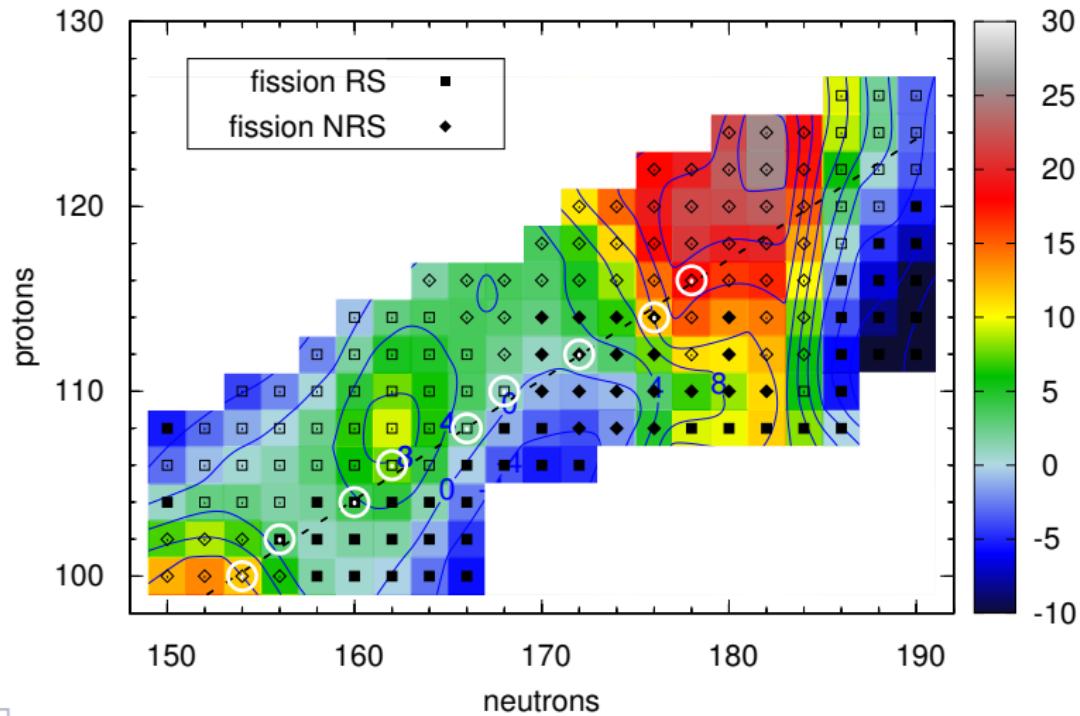




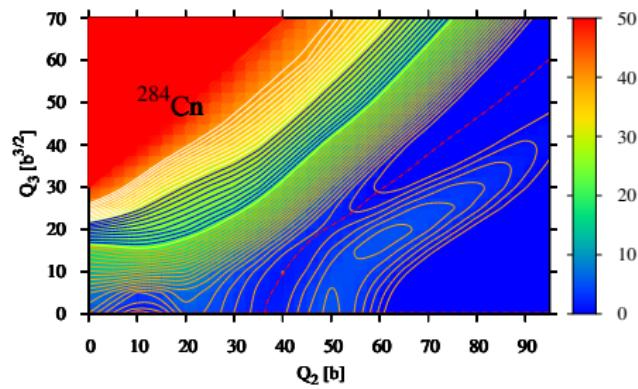
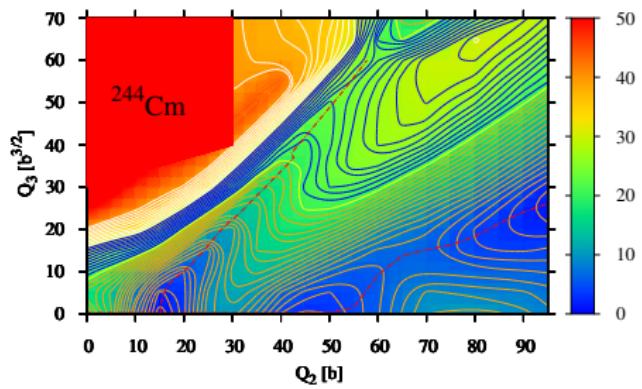




# Chart of SH nuclides



## Actinides and superheavies



## Conclusions

- Asymmetric fission in super heavy nuclei region has the same nature as cluster radioactivity in actinides
- This decay may be dominant in some super heavy nuclei
- Sharp fragment mass distribution with  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  fragment is predicted





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