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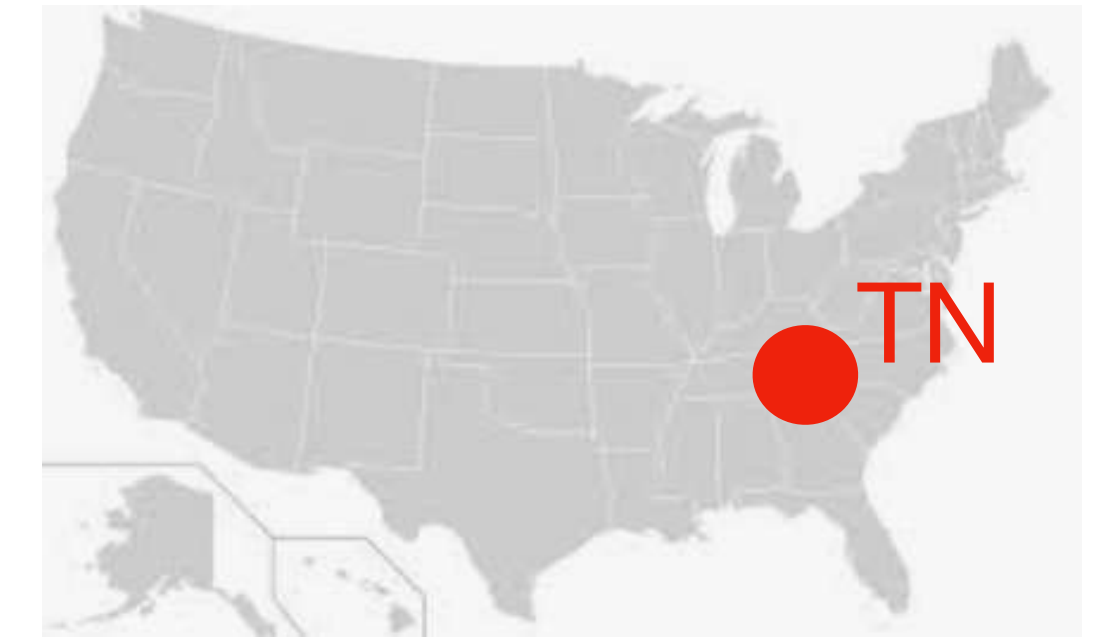
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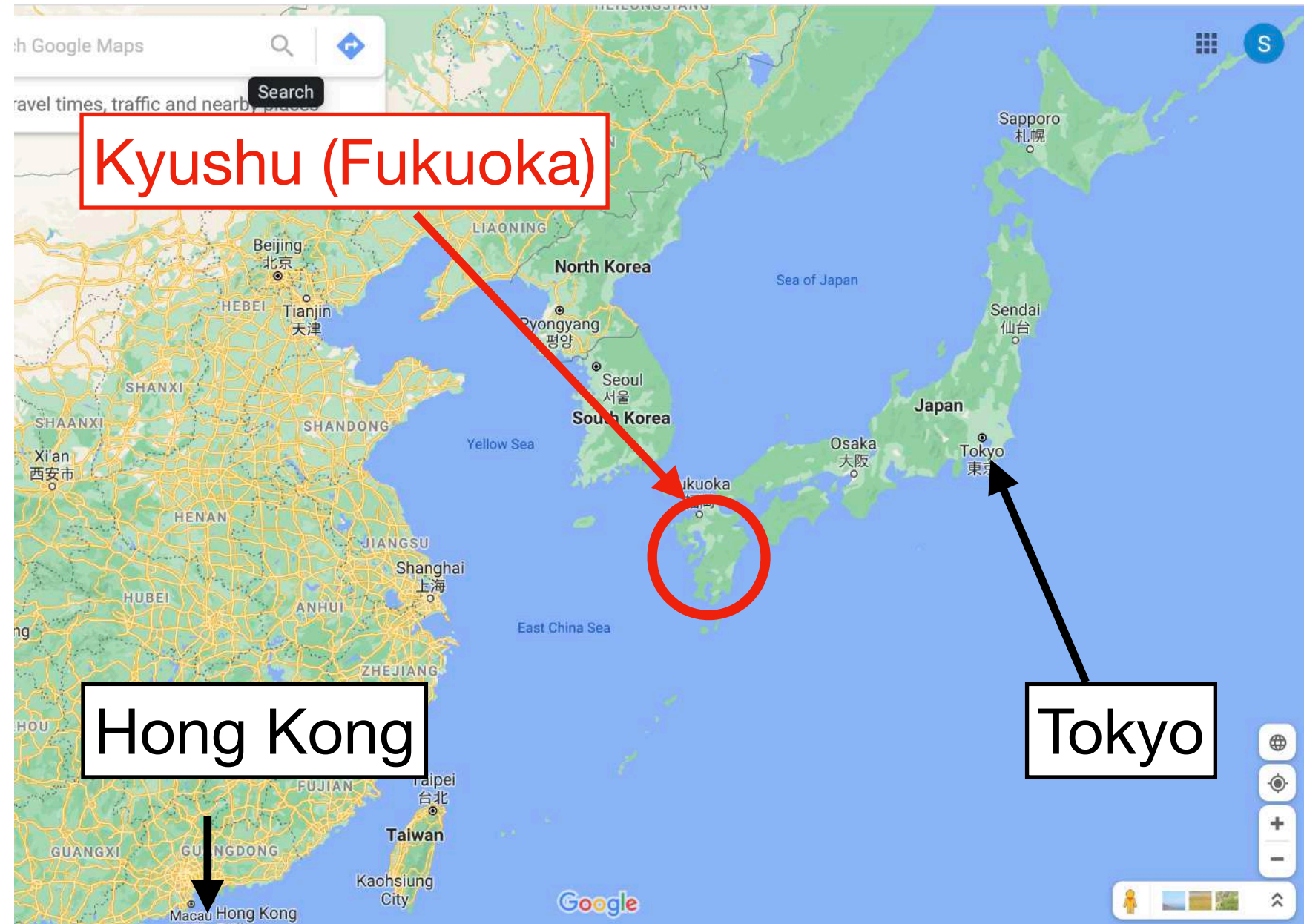
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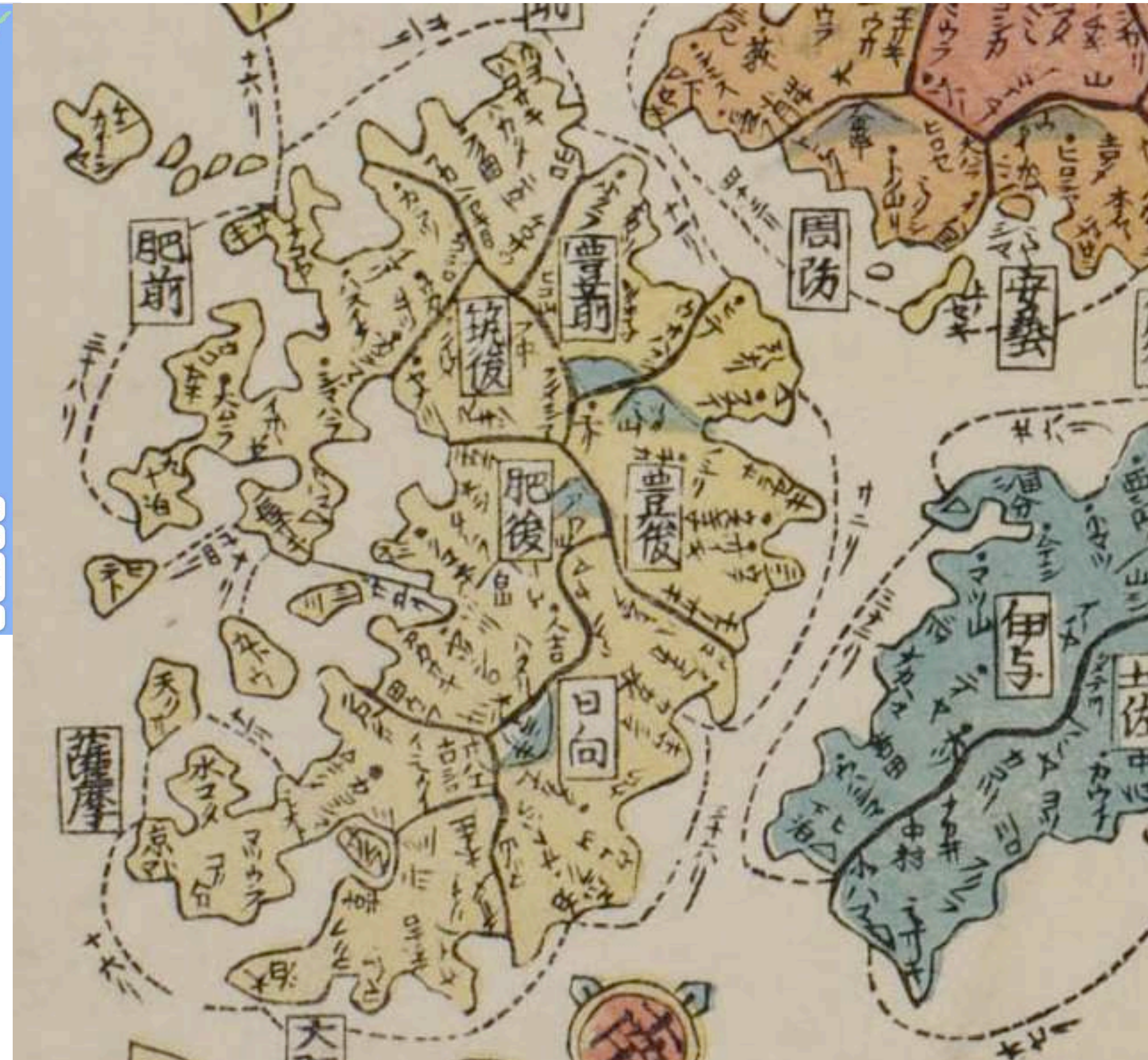
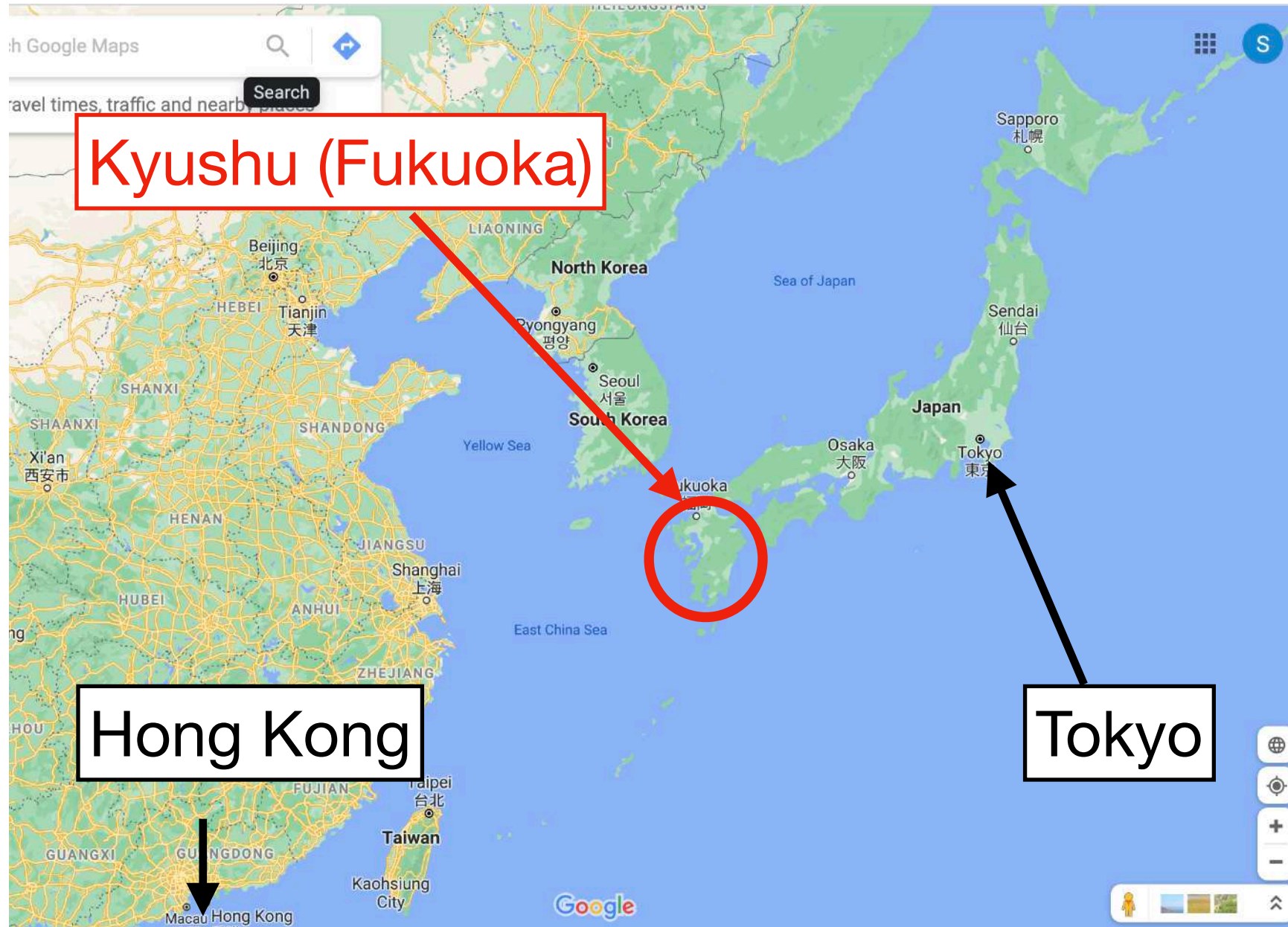
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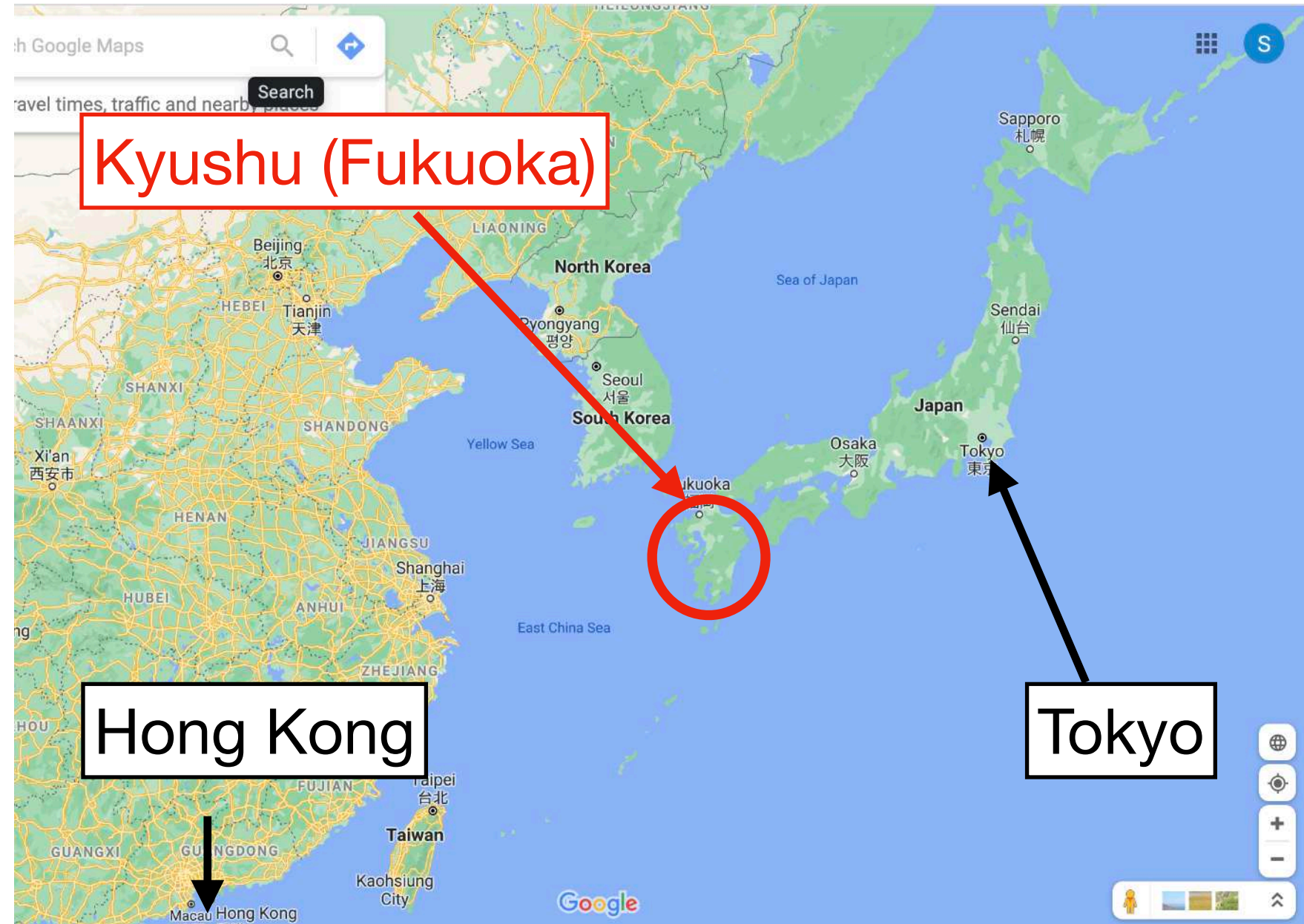
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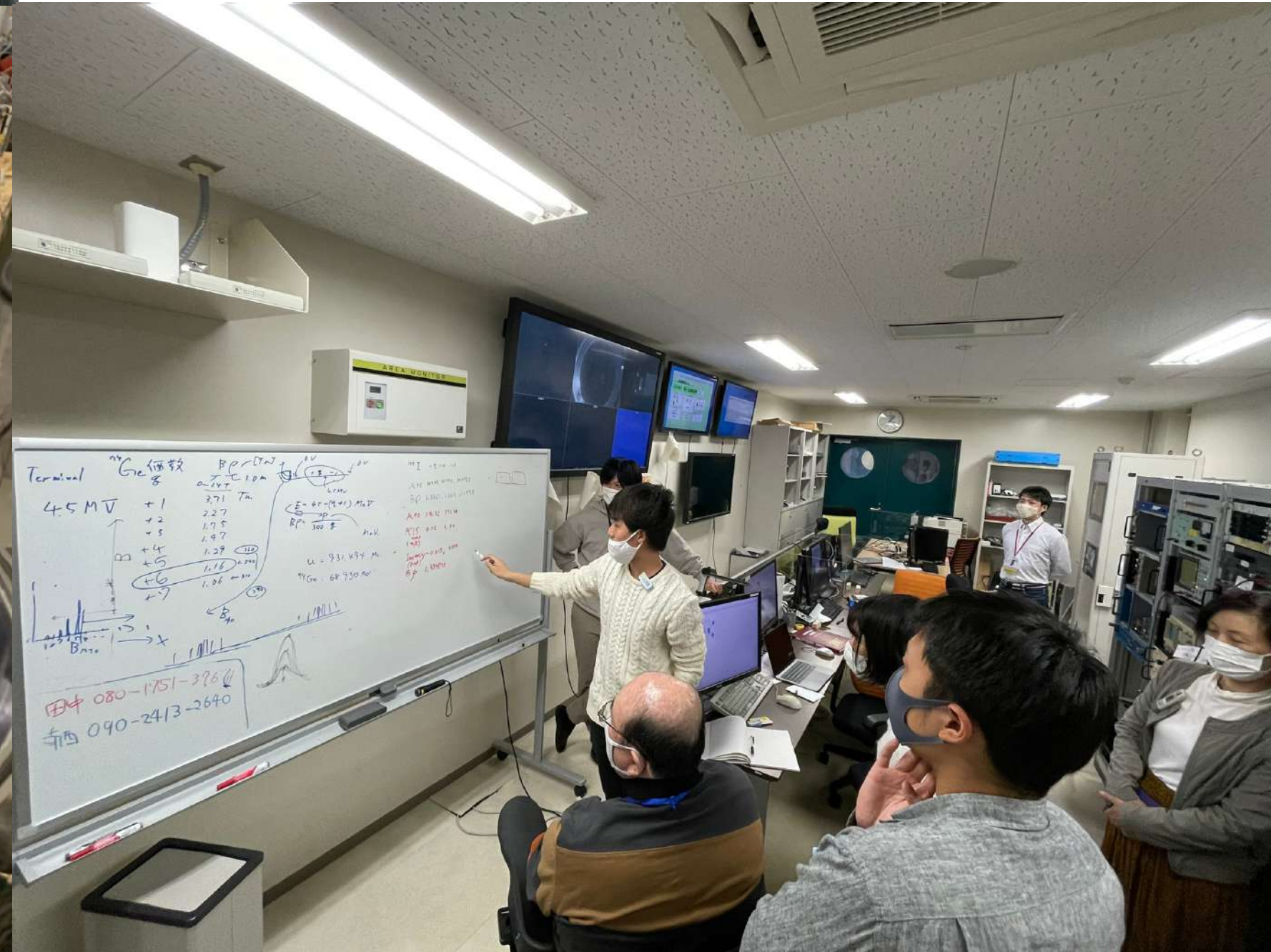
Cultural Slides: Tandem accelerator at Kyushu University



Tandem accelerator

- Electrostatic accelerator
- Terminal Voltage : 7 MV
- Ions: p, d, He, Li...~ I


- Nuclear astrophysics
- Detector development
- AMS, Accelerator Mass Spectroscopy
- Experiments for undergraduate students



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- What can we learn from neutron-rich Co decays?
- Why is the “Mapping” important?

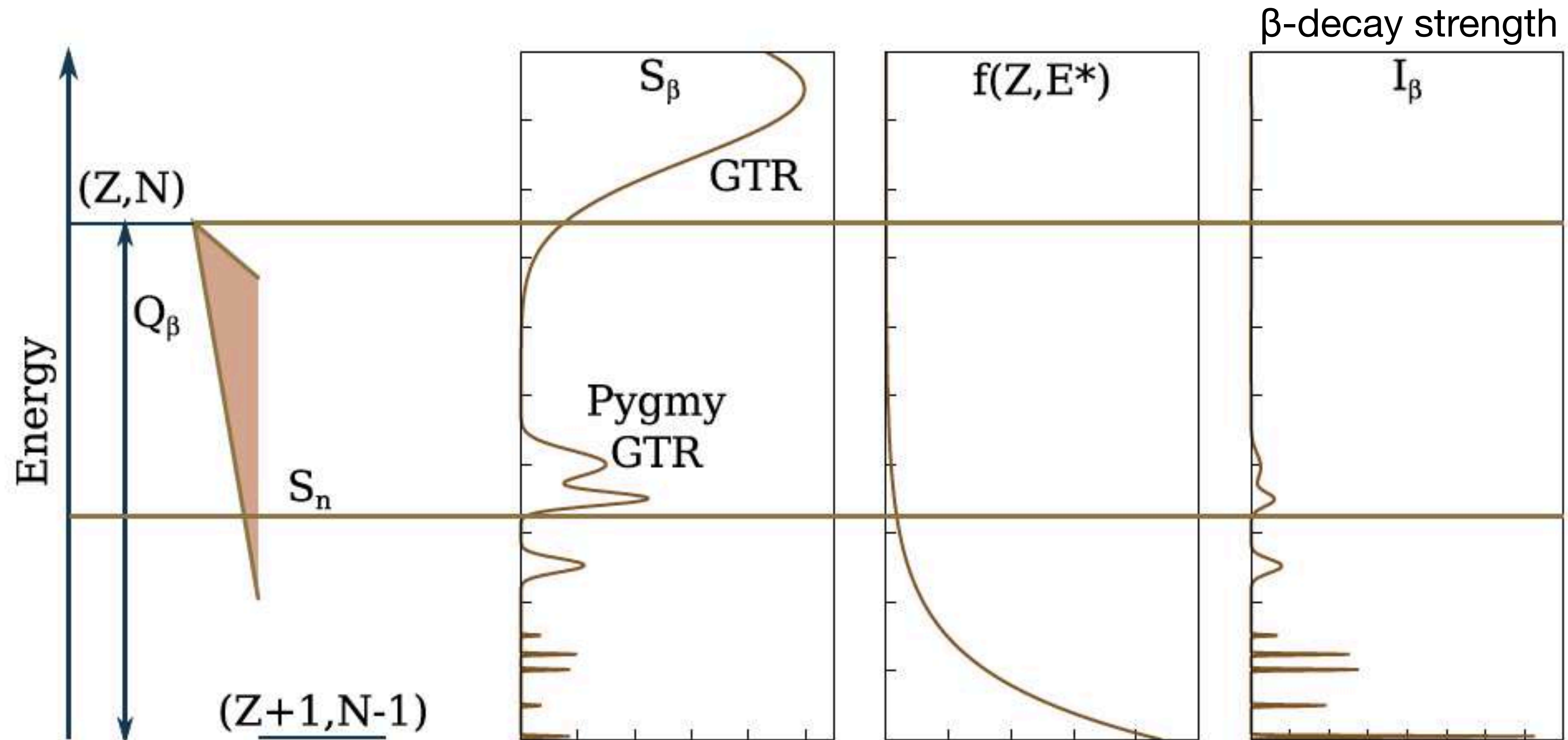
If you have questions during my talk, feel free to ask!

Schematic view of Beta-decay

β^- decay

$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ (example: ${}^{60}\text{Co} \rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Ni}^* + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$)

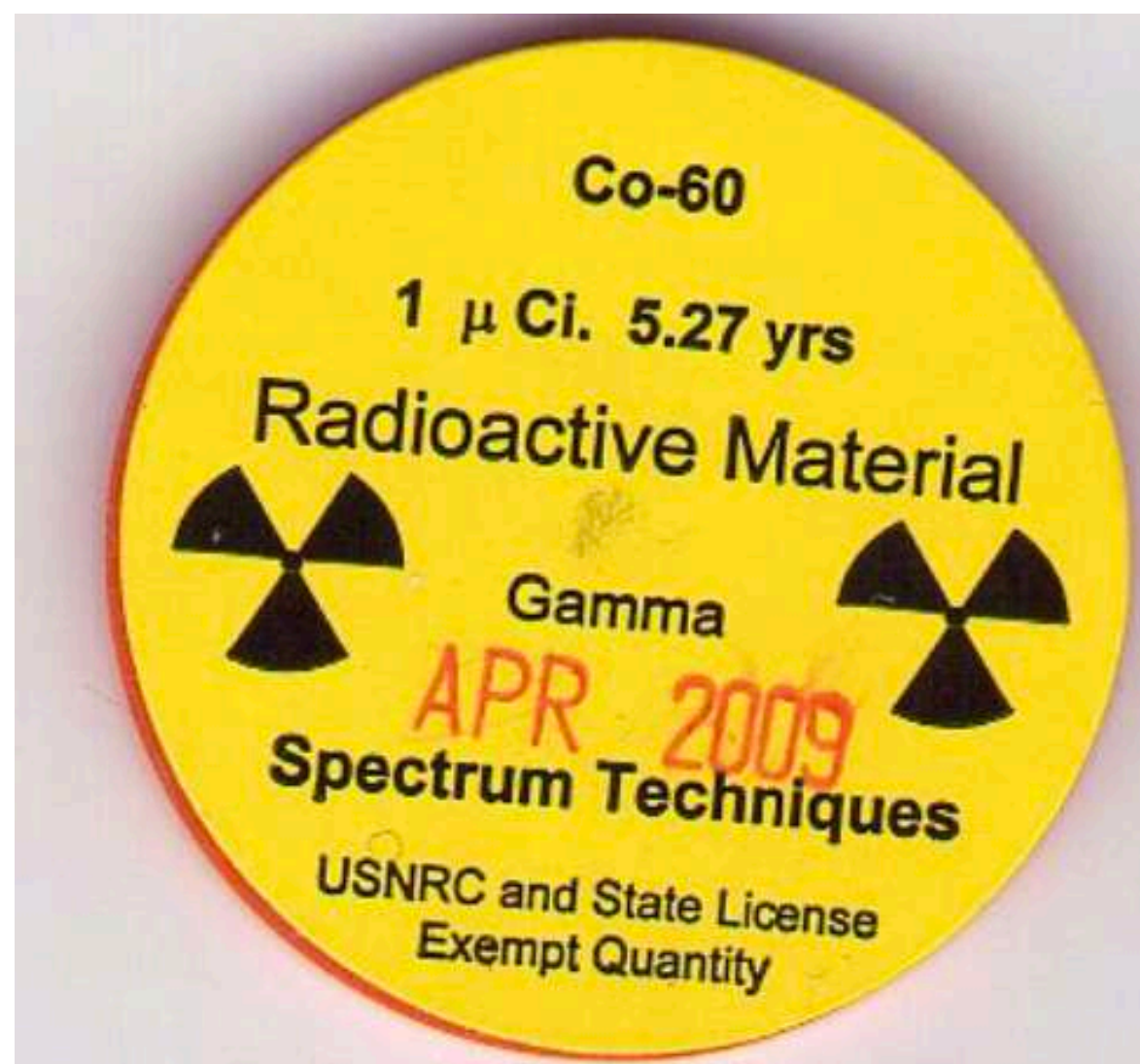
$$T_{1/2}^{-1} = \sum_{E_i \geq 0}^{E_i \leq Q_\beta} S_\beta(E_i) \times f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i).$$



β - γ spectroscopy can characterize low-excited states in nuclei

What can we learn from decay spectroscopy?

^{60}Co standard Gamma-source



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cobalt-60>

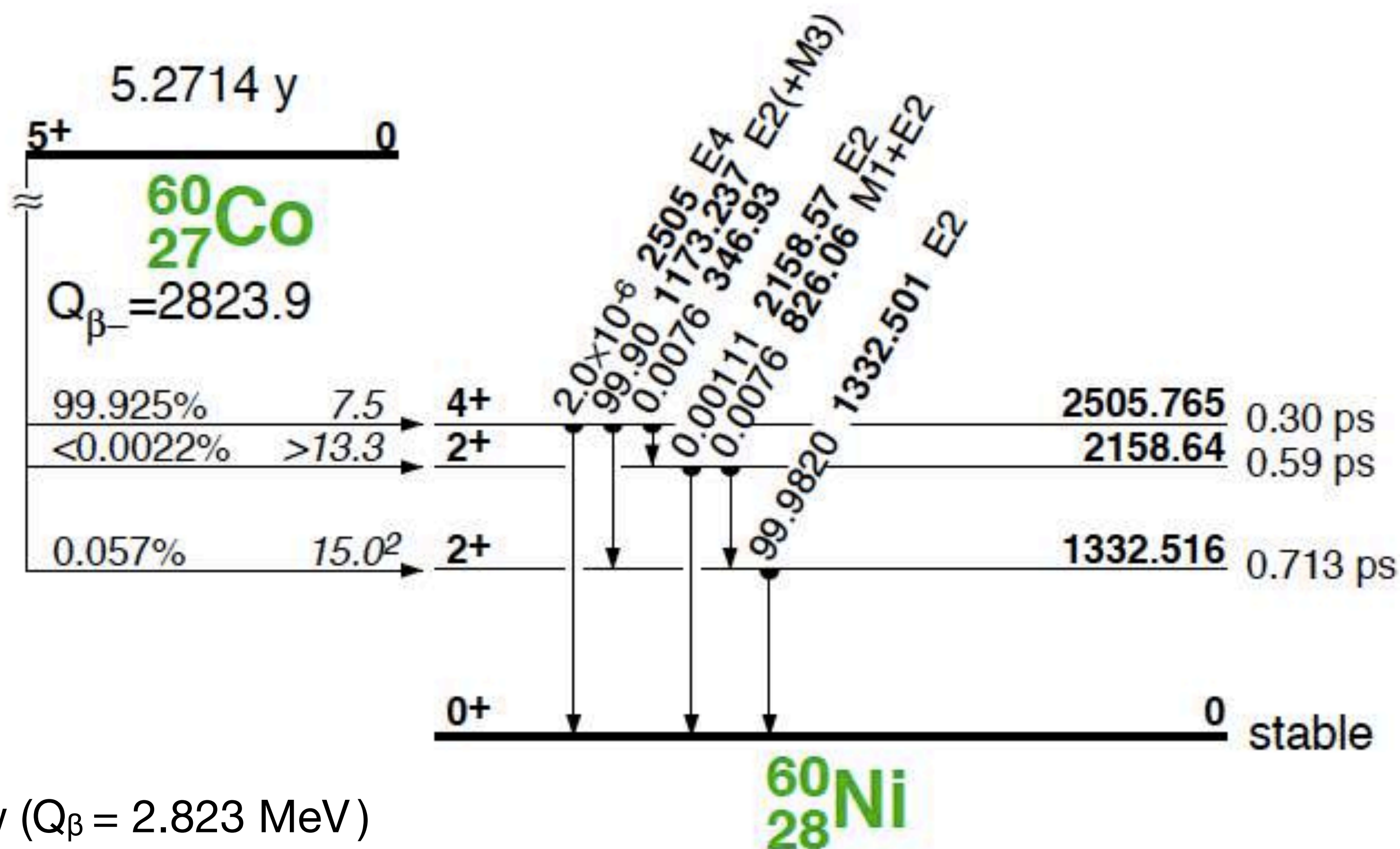


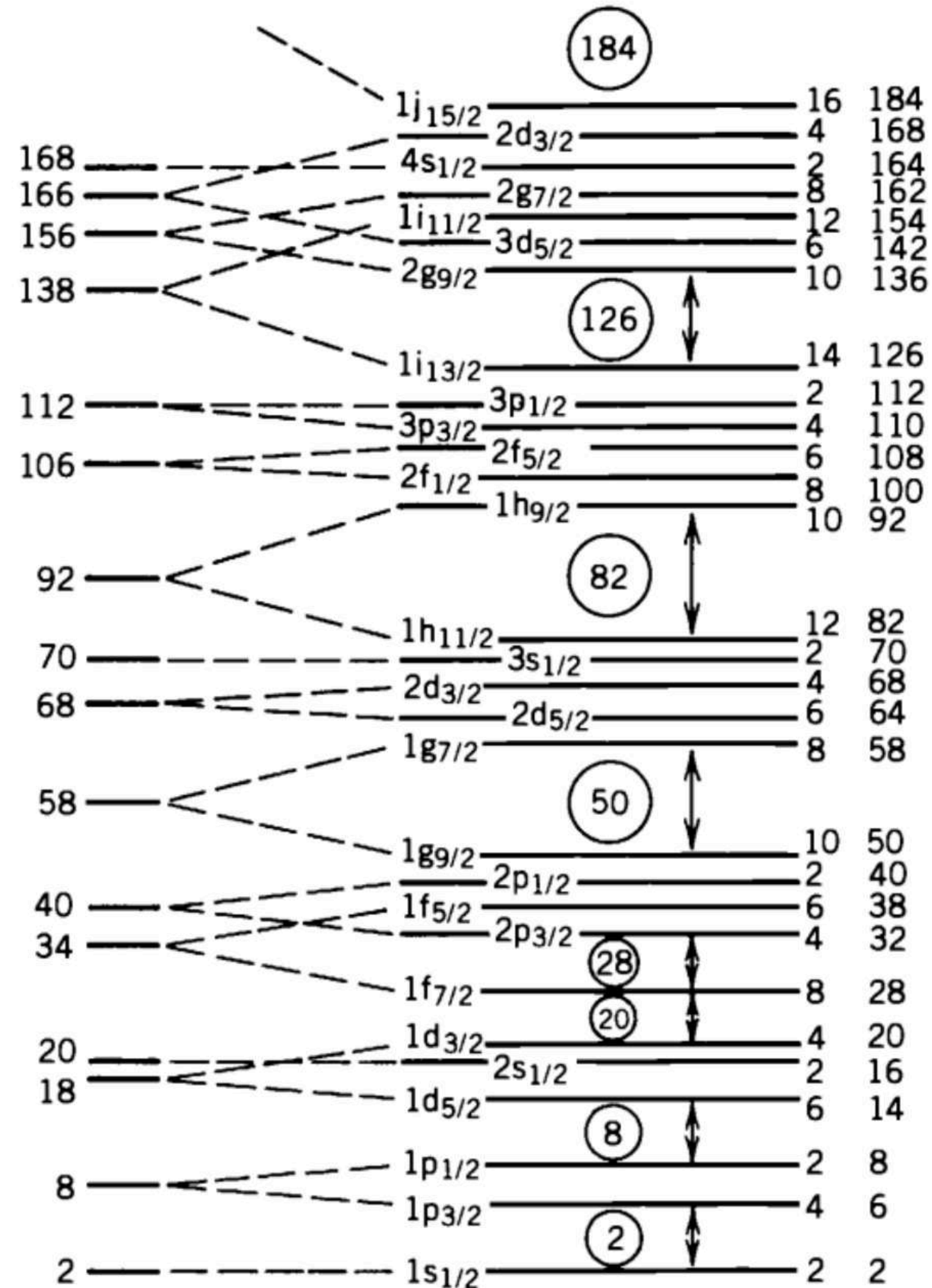
Table of isotopes

- Half-life $T_{1/2} = 5.27$ year
- Excited states of ^{60}Ni ($2^+, 4^+ \dots$)
- Decay within β -decay energy window ($Q_\beta = 2.823$ MeV)
- **Strong branching ratios for allowed transitions** ($5^+ \rightarrow 4^+$)

How do the excited states and decay properties change in extremely neutron-rich nuclei?

→ Accelerator facilities can provide neutron-rich Co nuclei

Introduction : Nuclear Shell Structure



Krane, Introductory Nuclear Physics

Magic numbers were explained by introducing LS-interaction (1963 Nobel Prize)

2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126...

↓ New accelerator facilities started providing nuclei far from stability

Recent experimental works revealed

- Disappearance of the magic number
- Occurrence in the new stability

How do the magic number and stability change in extremely neutron-rich nuclei?



Mayer and Jensen

“New” magic number in neutron-rich Ca isotopes

Occurrence of new stability (magic number) at N=34

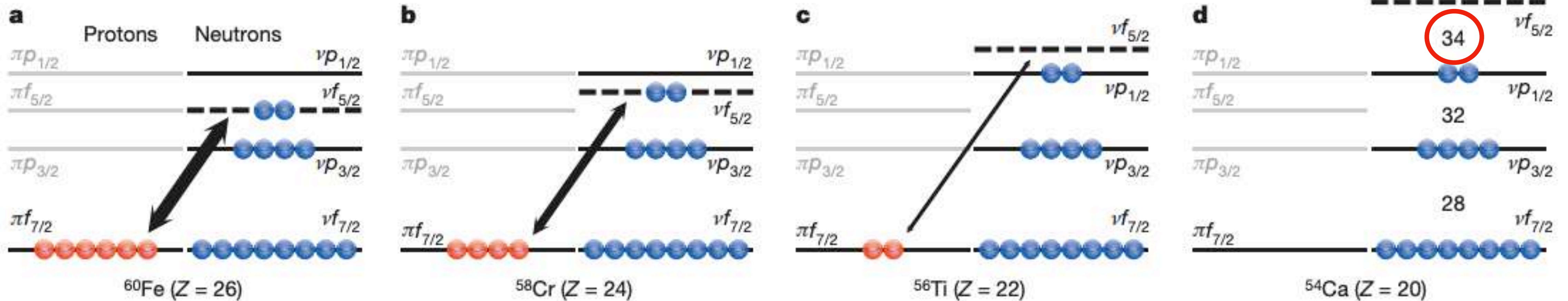
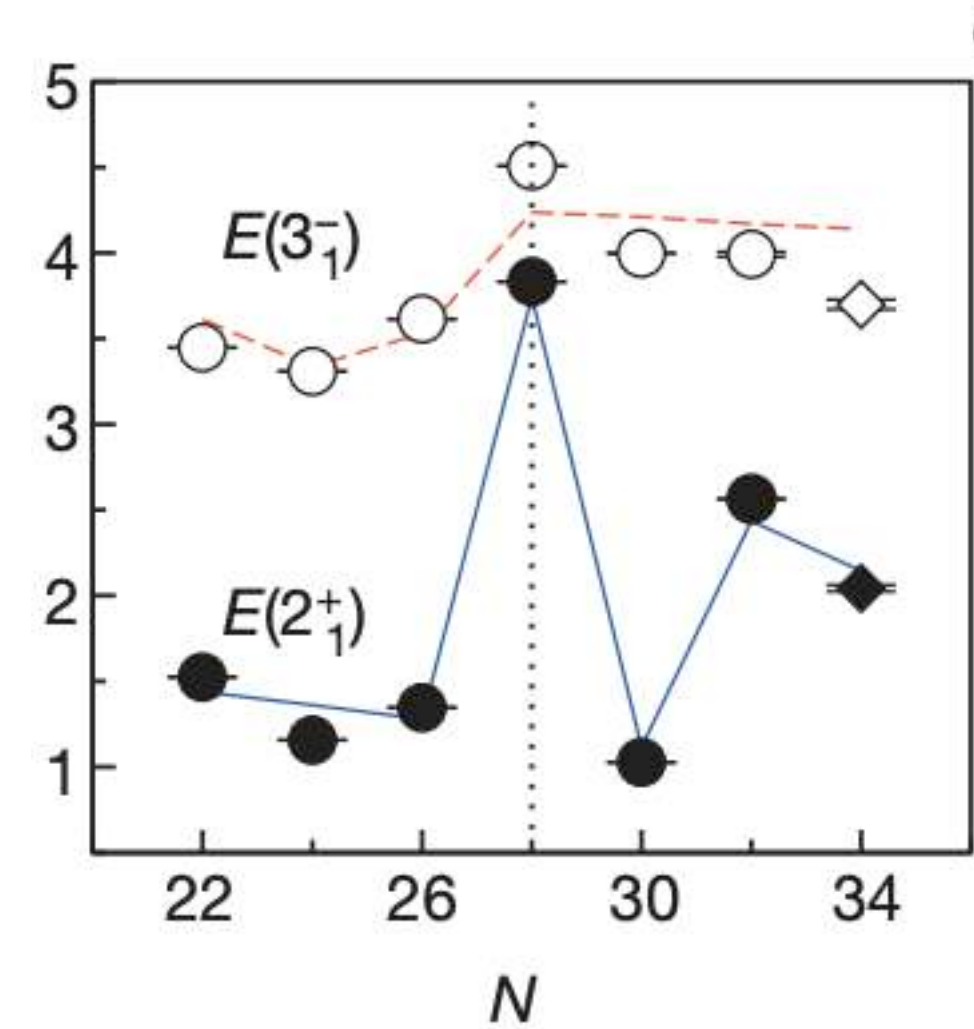
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Evidence for a new nuclear ‘magic number’ from the level structure of ^{54}Ca

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D. Steppenbeck et al., Nature 502, 209 (2013).



Attractive interaction between $\nu f_{7/2}$ - $\pi f_{5/2}$ orbital reduced by removing $f_{7/2}$ protons

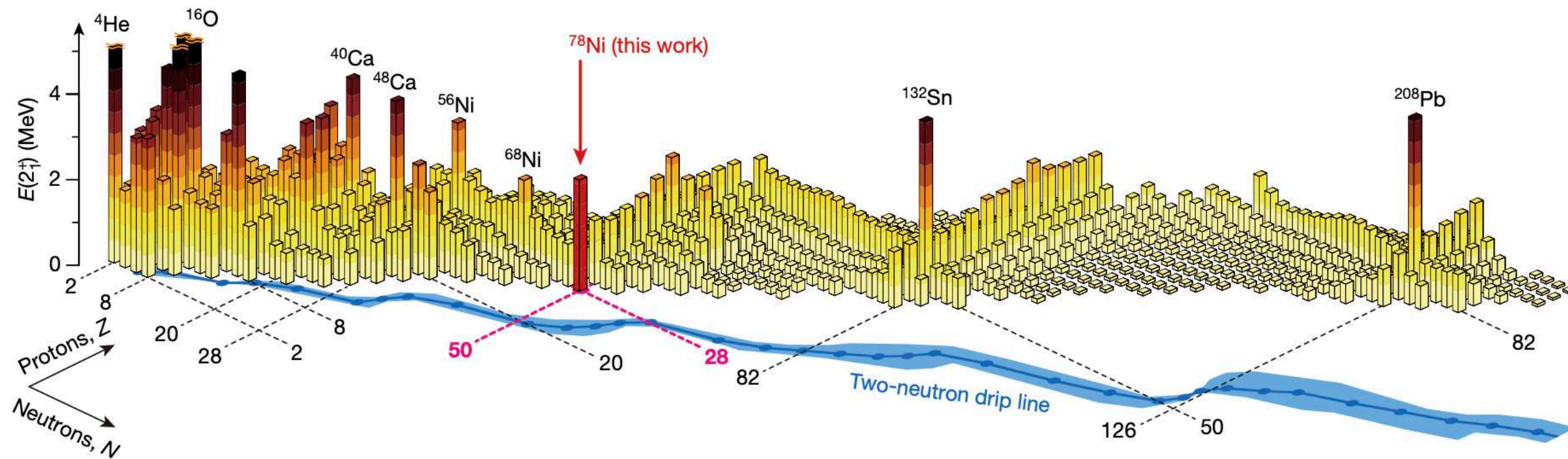
However, there is stronghold magic numbers in ^{78}Ni ($Z=28$, $N=50$)

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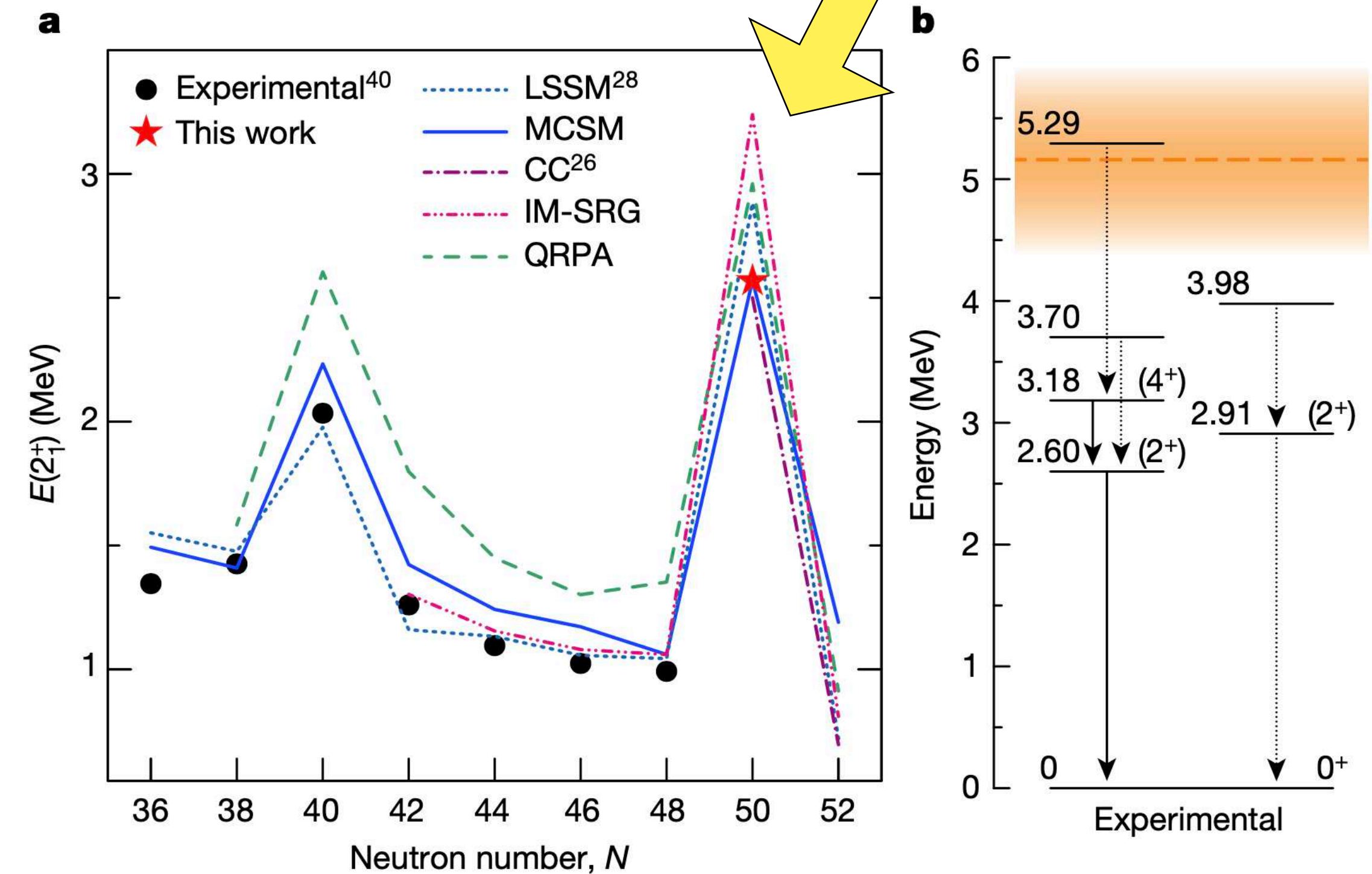
^{78}Ni revealed as a doubly magic stronghold against nuclear deformation

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R. Taniuchi et al., Nature (2019)

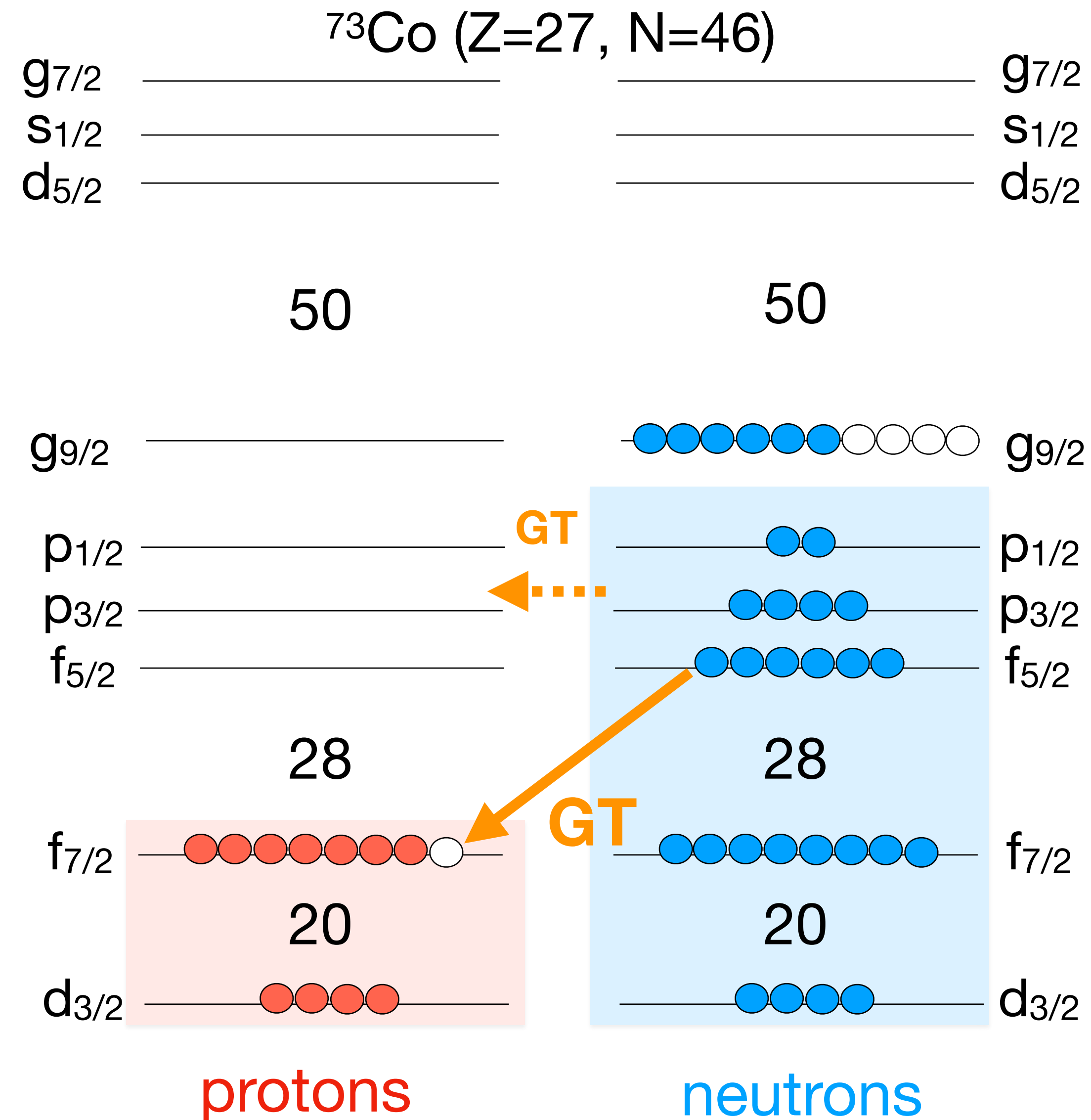
Highly excited 2^+ state in ^{78}Ni



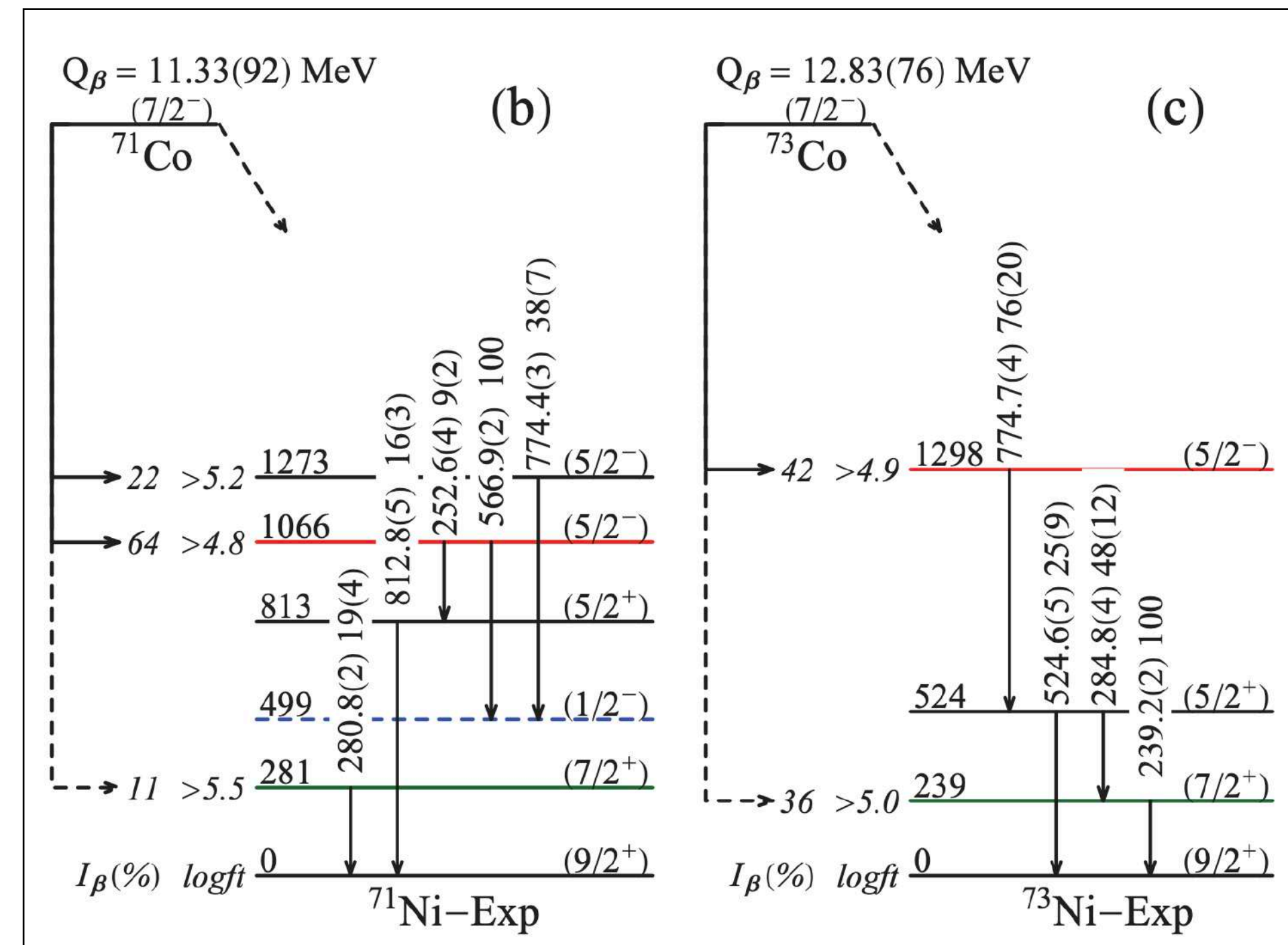
Spectroscopic data could provide information on the nuclear shell-structure

What have we learned from the decay of Co isotopes?

“Very simplified” shell-structure still explains qualitative decay properties



- **Ground State of ^{73}Co : $J^\pi = (7/2^-)$**
 - Proton hole state $(f_{7/2})^{-1}$
- **Gamow-Teller (allowed) transitions observed in low-E states**
 - $\nu f_{5/2} \rightarrow \pi f_{7/2}$ to form $Z=28$ core
 - significant β decay intensities : ^{73}Co ($7/2^-$) to ^{73}Ni ($5/2^-$)

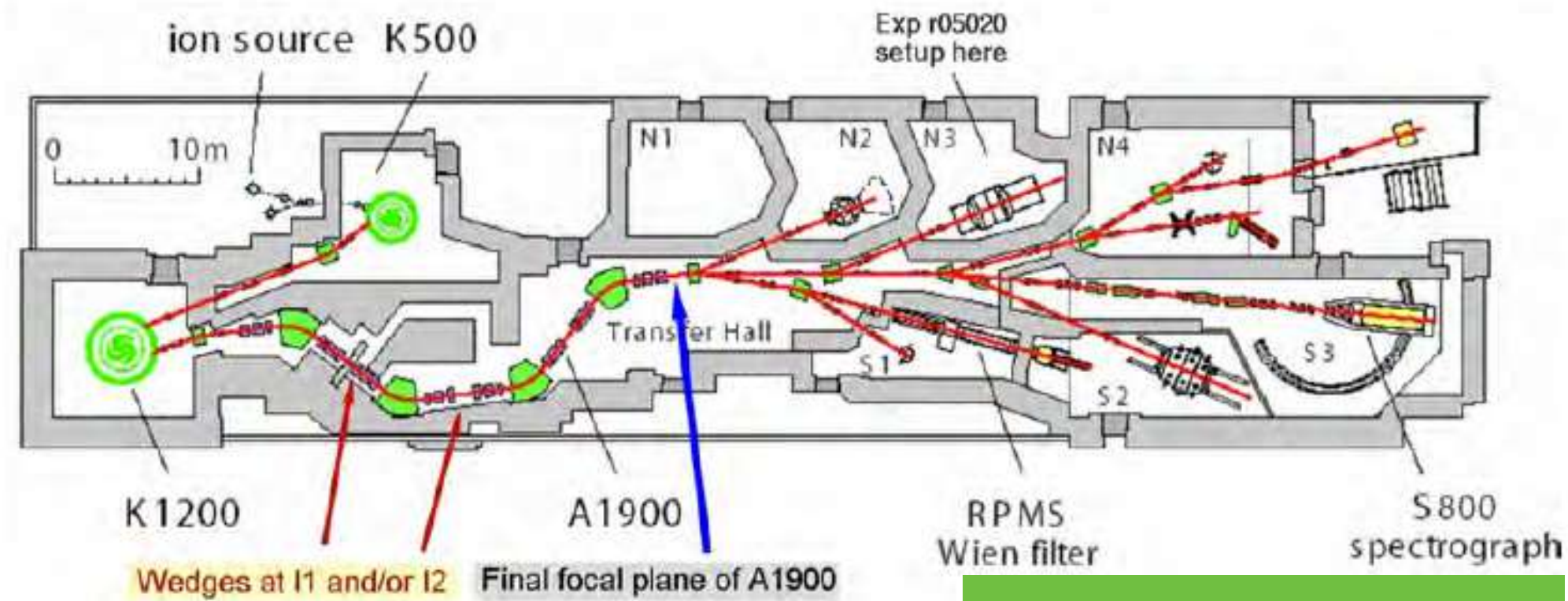


MSU/NSCL : Michigan State University, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory

Investigation on beta-decay of ^{73}Co and ^{75}Co was conducted at MSU/NSCL

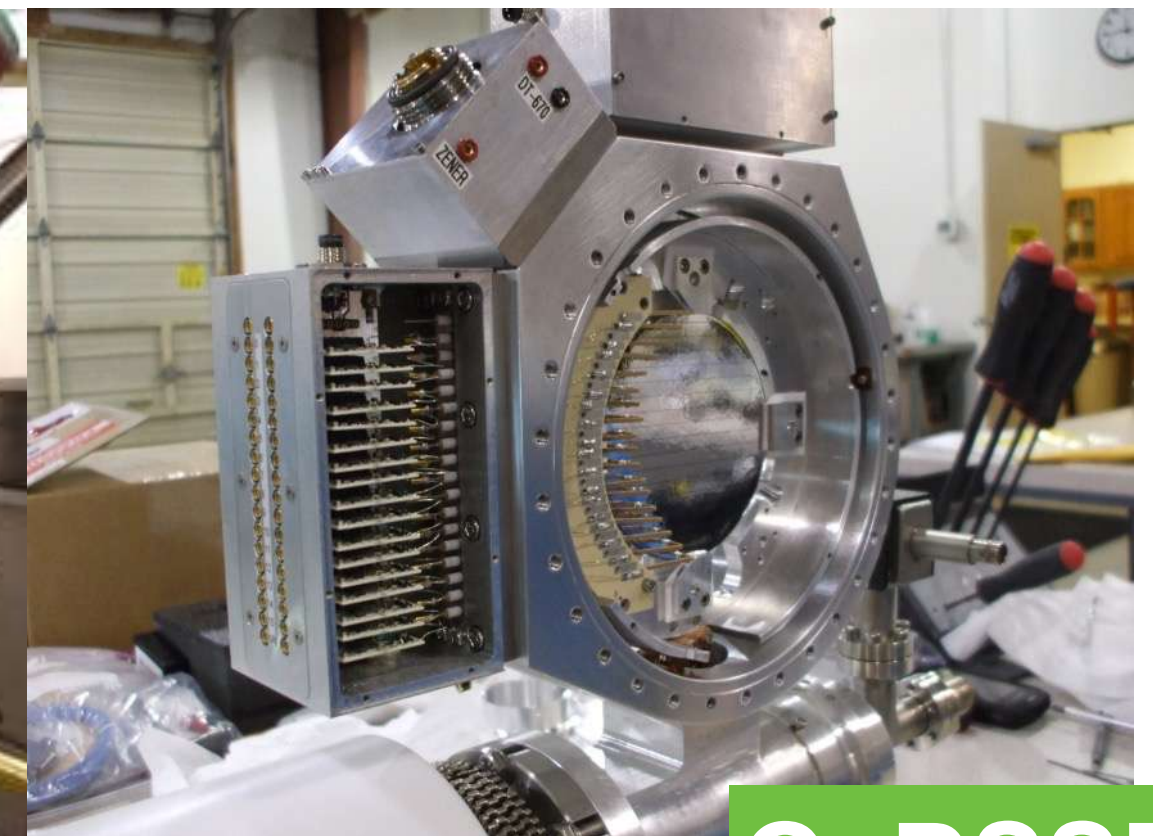
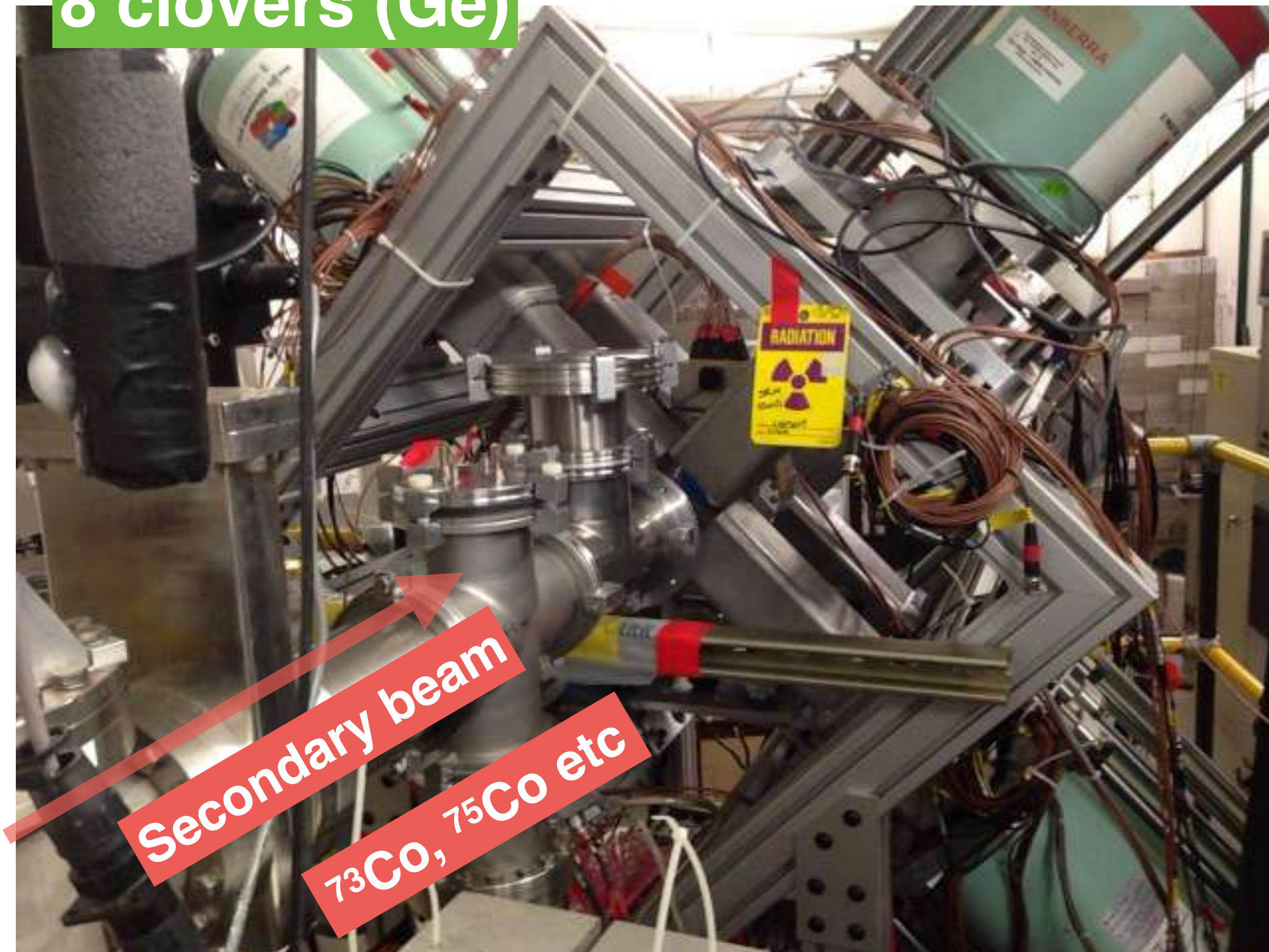


Experimental details at MSU/NSCL



Primary beam: ^{84}Se (140 MeV/u)
Particle Identification : ΔE -TOF method
Space-Time correlation for implant and beta : **GeDSSD**
 γ -detection : **Clover Ge detectors** $\times 8$

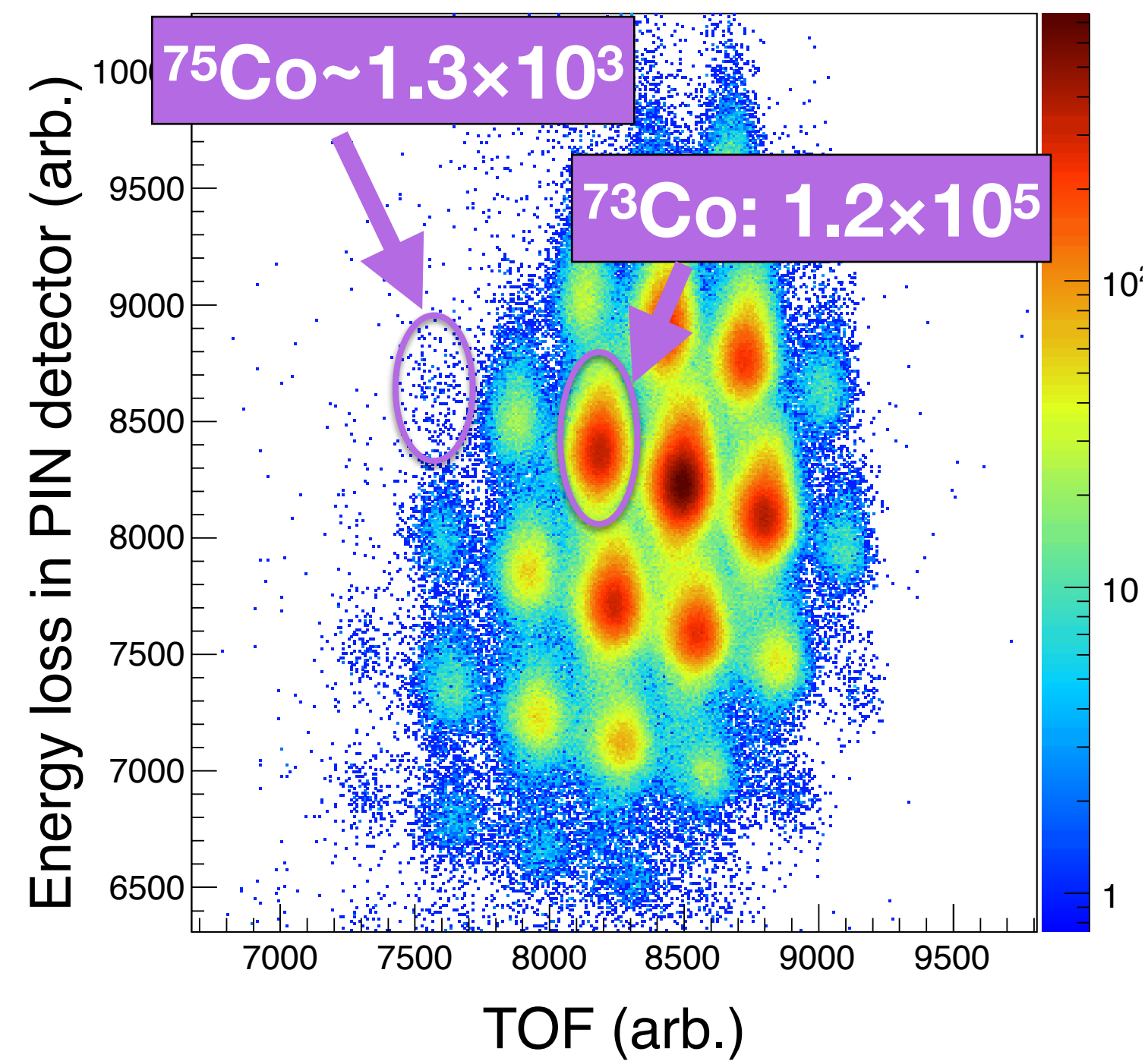
8 clovers (Ge)



GeDSSD

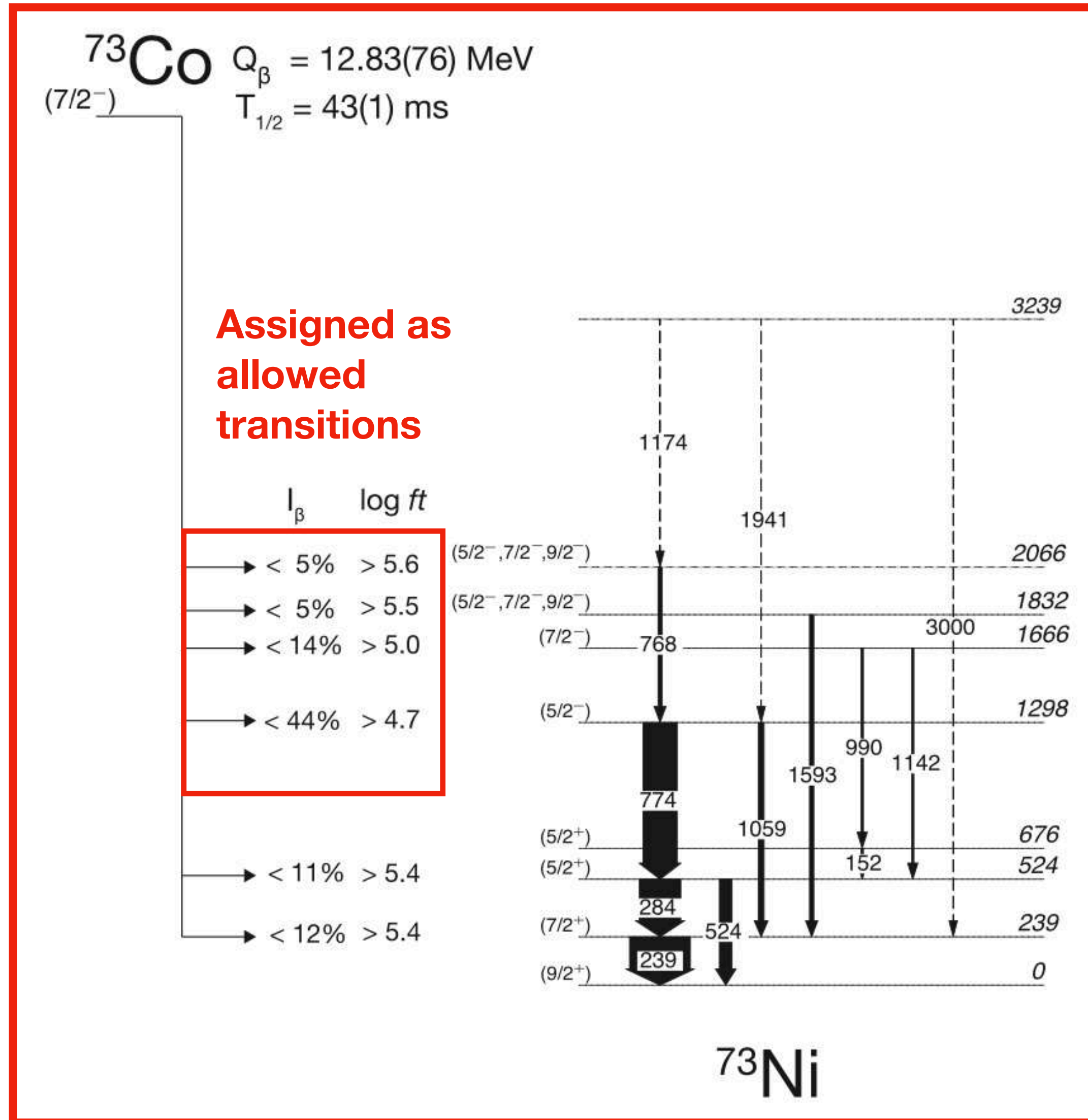
N. Larson et al., NIM A (2013).

- GeDSSD
- 9 cm circular disk
 - 1 cm thick
 - 16 strips both in front and back



New level scheme for ^{73}Ni in this work

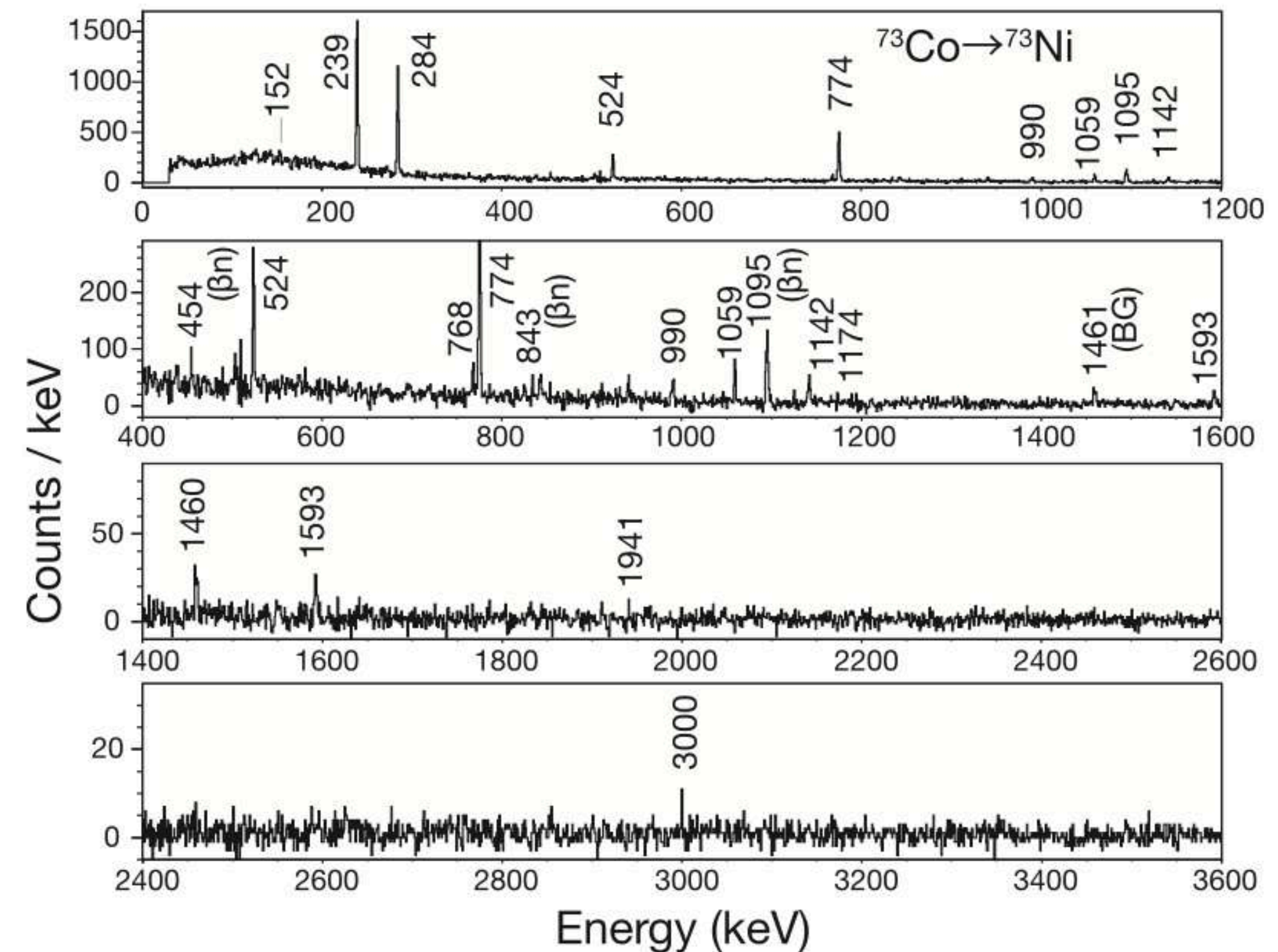
Level scheme was updated up to 3.2 MeV



To construct the level scheme...

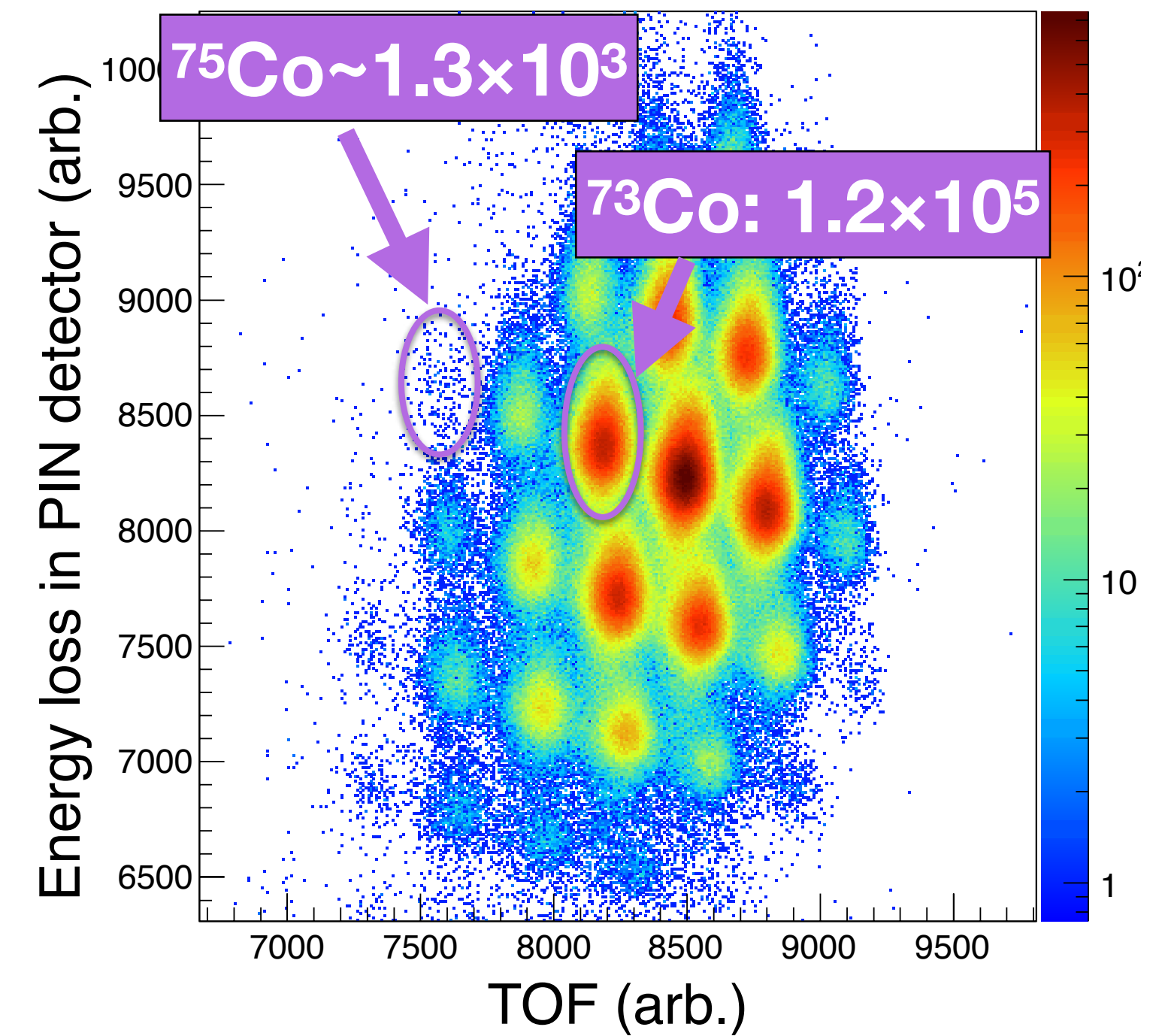
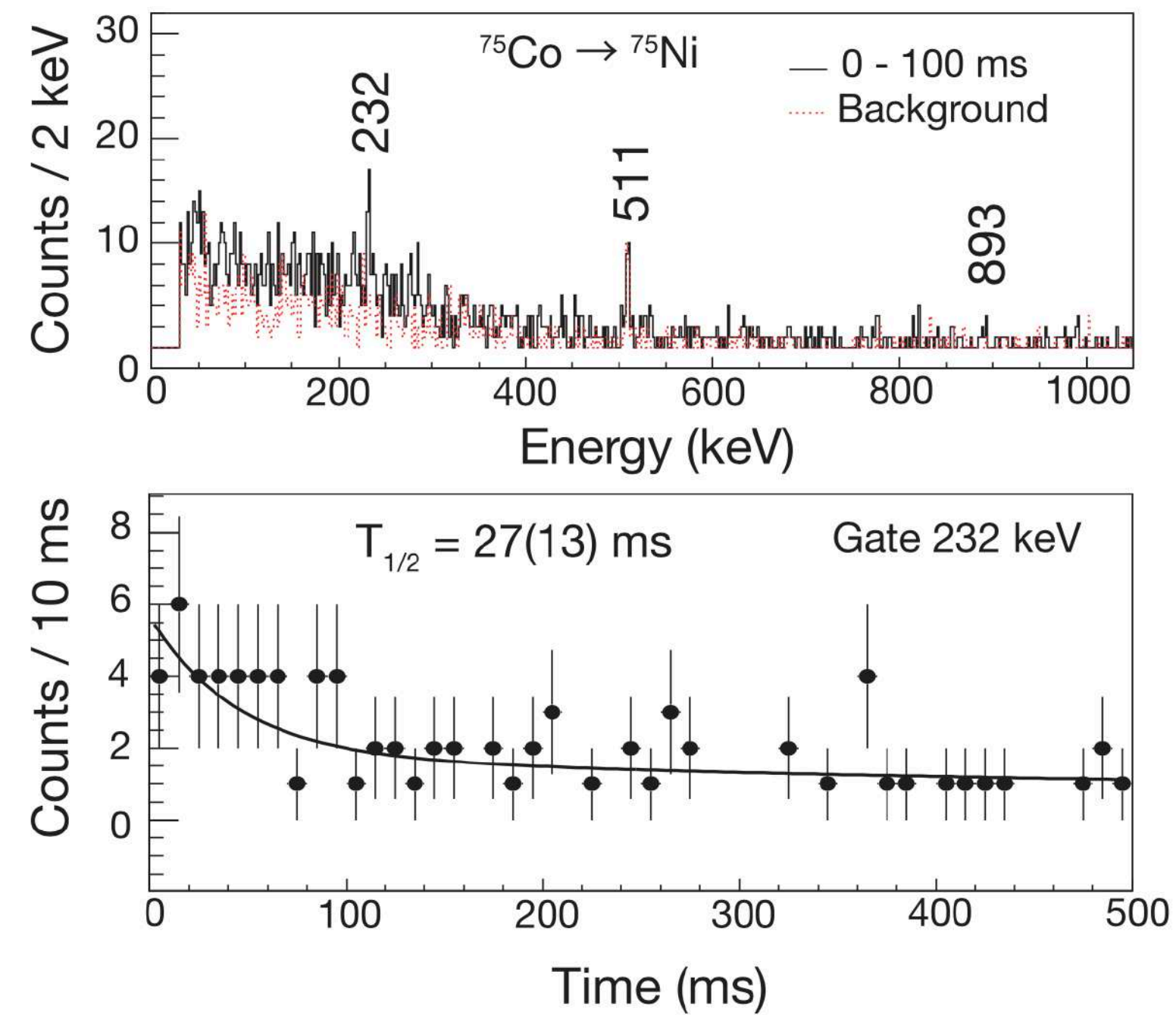
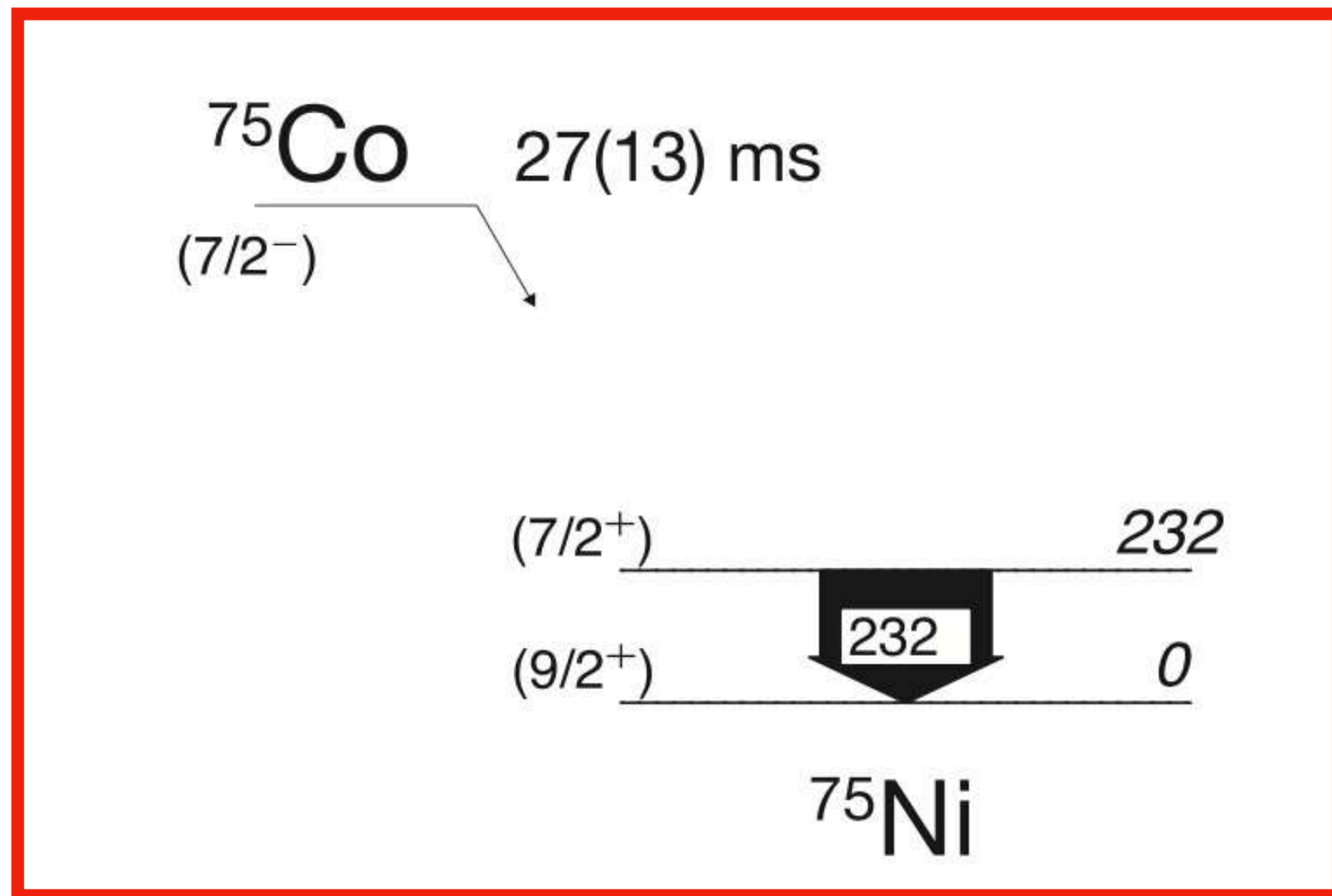
- Transition energy
- γ - γ coincidence analysis
- Half-life analysis

gamma-ray spectra by Clover Ge detectors



New level scheme for ^{75}Ni in this work

First Report on the first excited state of ^{75}Ni



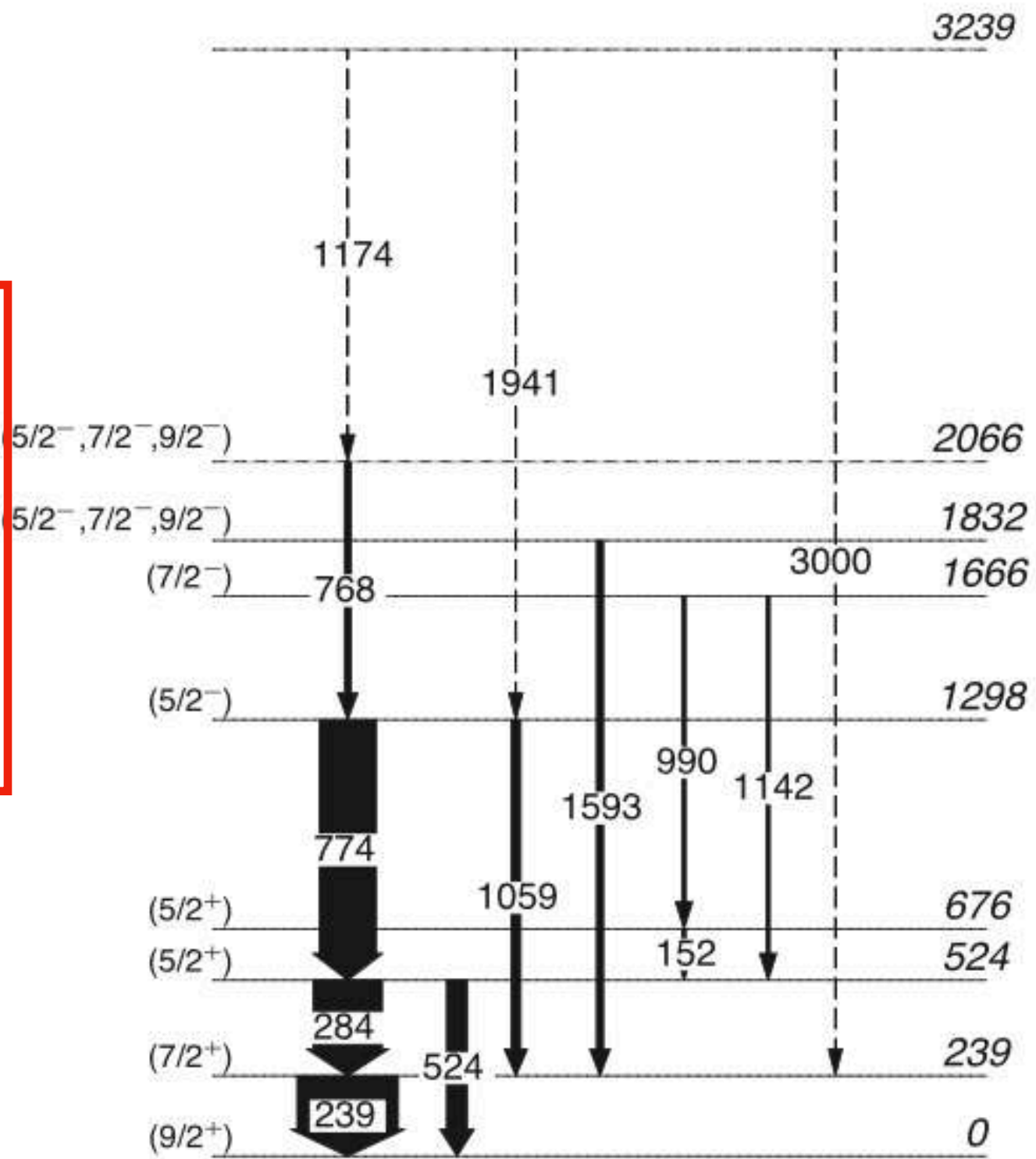
very tough analysis was needed to extract this spectrum...

Shell-model calculations to interpret the obtain levels

^{73}Co $Q_\beta = 12.83(76)$ MeV
 $T_{1/2} = 43(1)$ ms
 $(7/2^-)$

Allowed transitions

I_β	$\log ft$
$< 5\%$	> 5.6
$< 5\%$	> 5.5
$< 14\%$	> 5.0
$< 44\%$	> 4.7

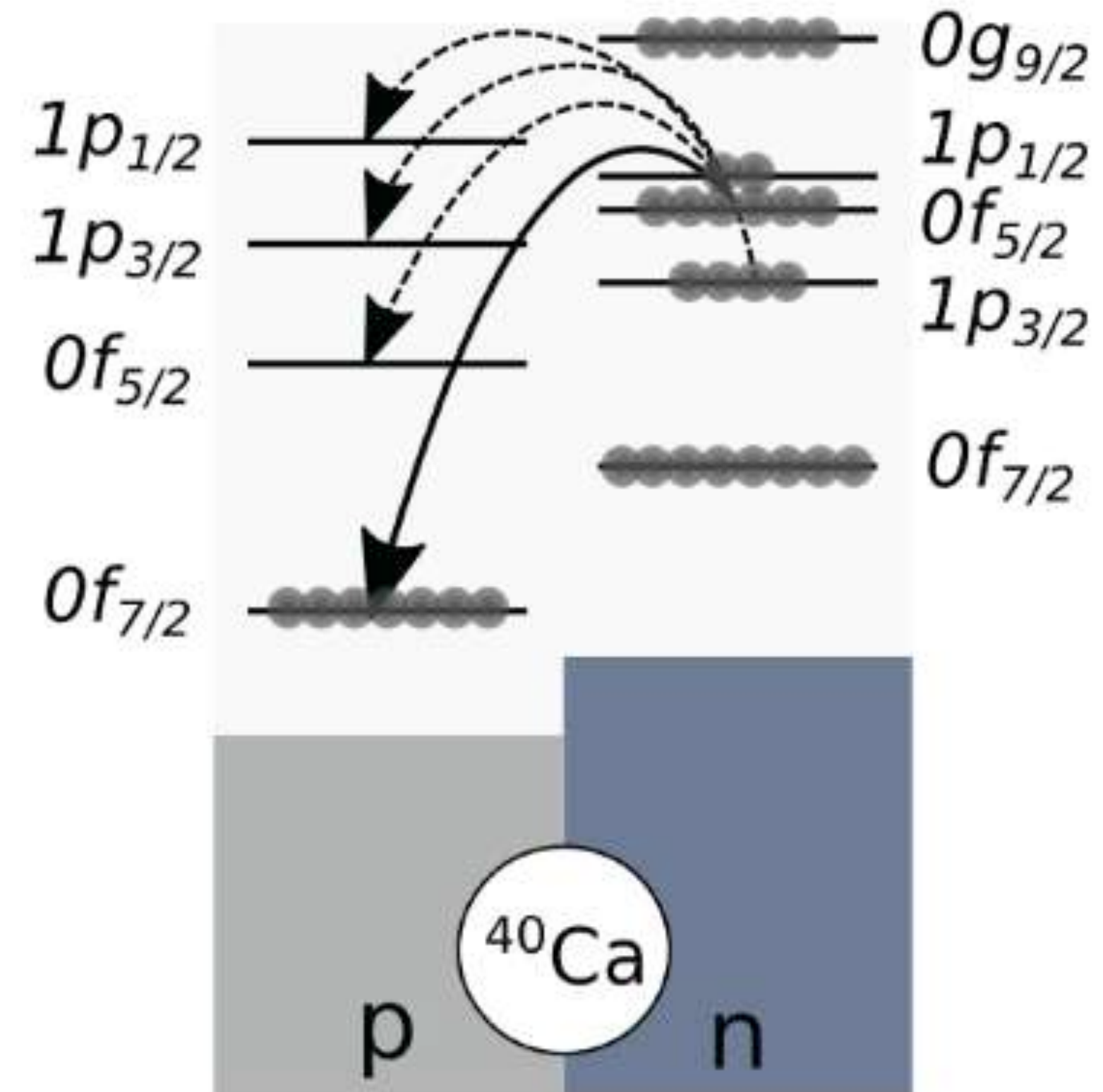


^{73}Ni

Shell model calculations

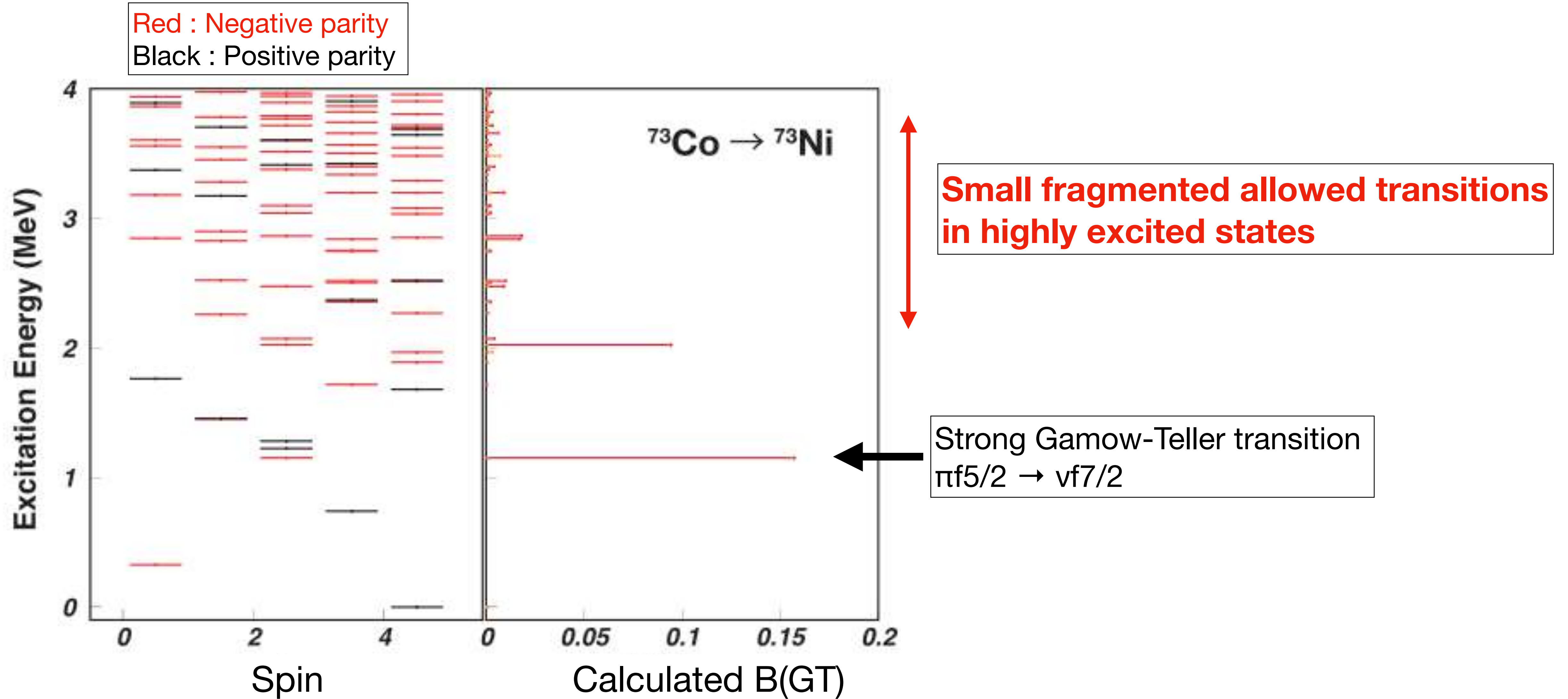
- ^{40}Ca core
- fp interaction

Same as ref. A. Spyrou et al., PRL (2016)



Excited levels and B(GT) strength distribution

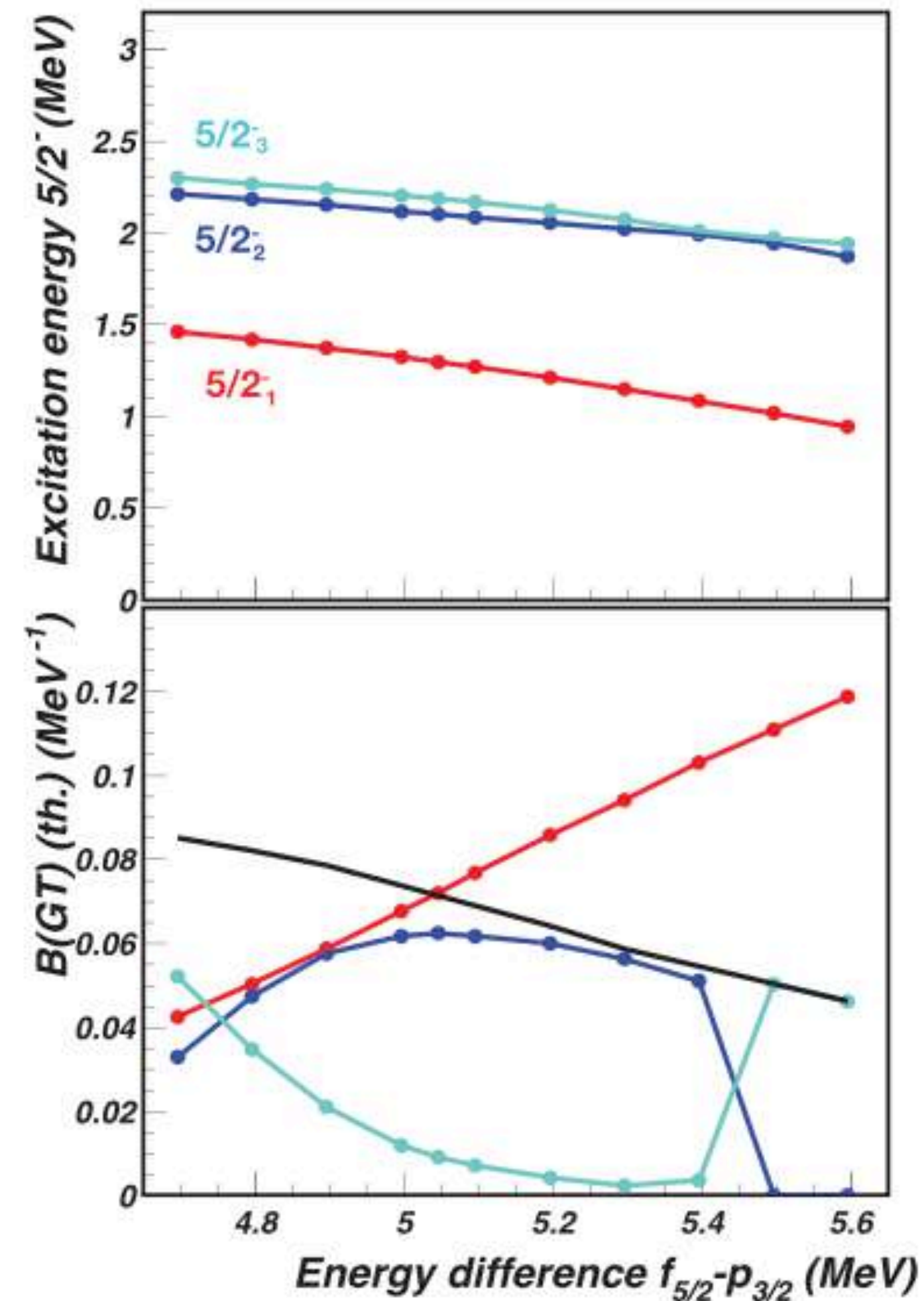
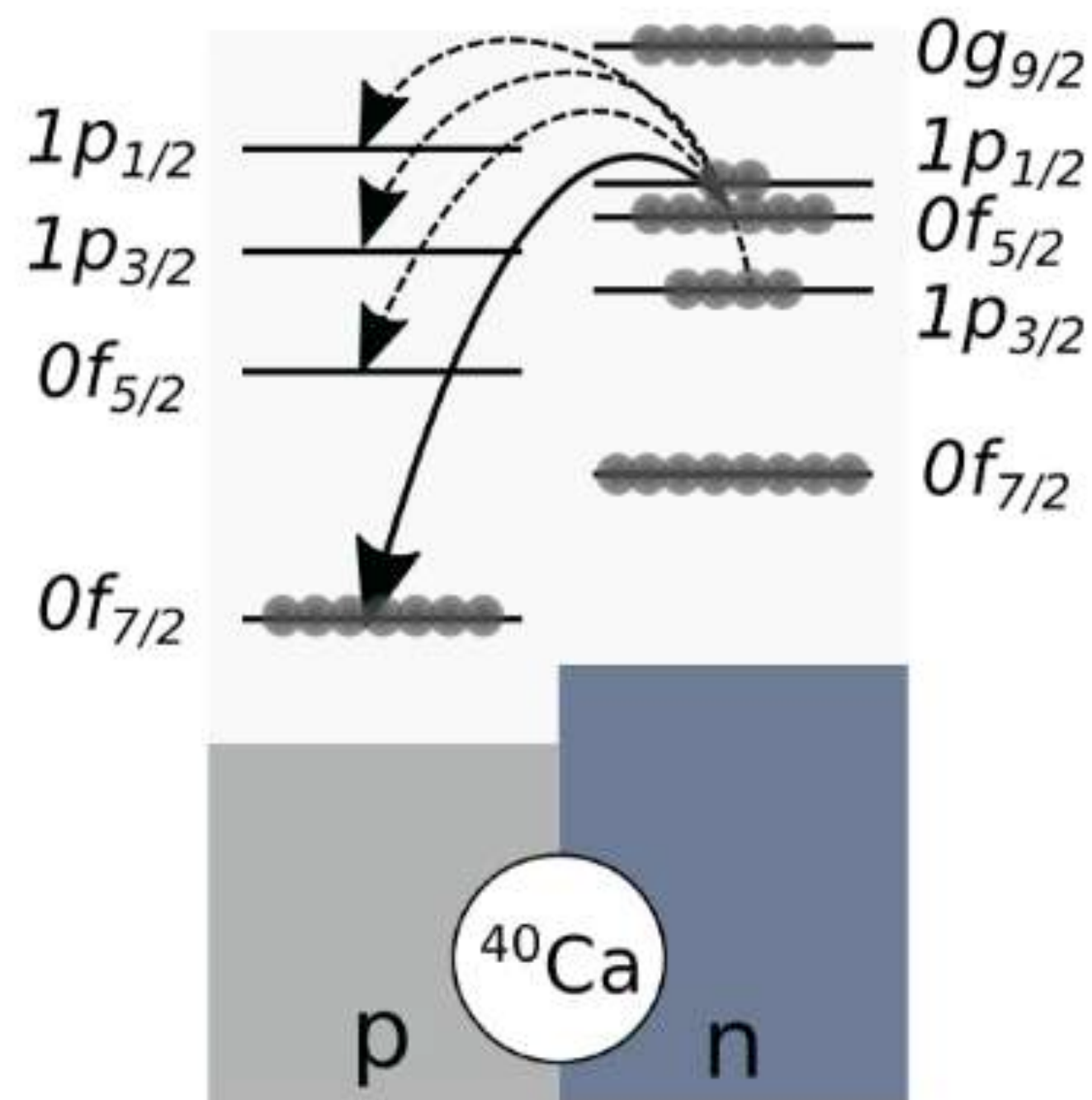
Low-excited states and the B(GT) values were reproduced relatively well in the calculations



→ What is the detail of the fragmented transition strength?

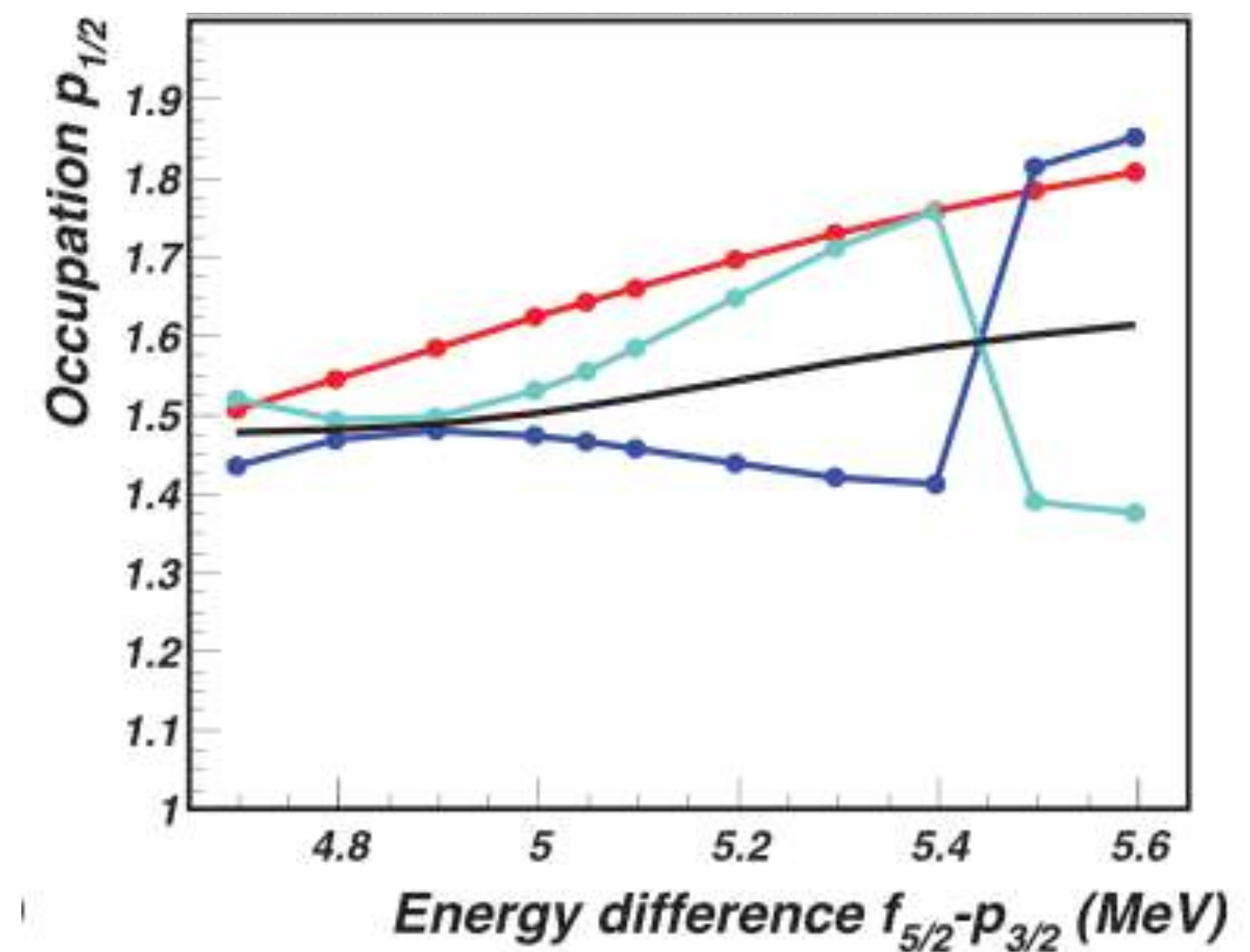
Investigation on the relatively high-excited states

Excitation energies and B(GT) were investigated by changing energy difference of $f_{5/2}$ - $p_{3/2}$ orbital



- Reproduced multiple $5/2^-$ states well
- [Weak energy sensitivity for relative splitting](#)
- [Level crossing](#) between second and third $5/2^-$
- [Strong variation of B\(GT\) distributions](#)

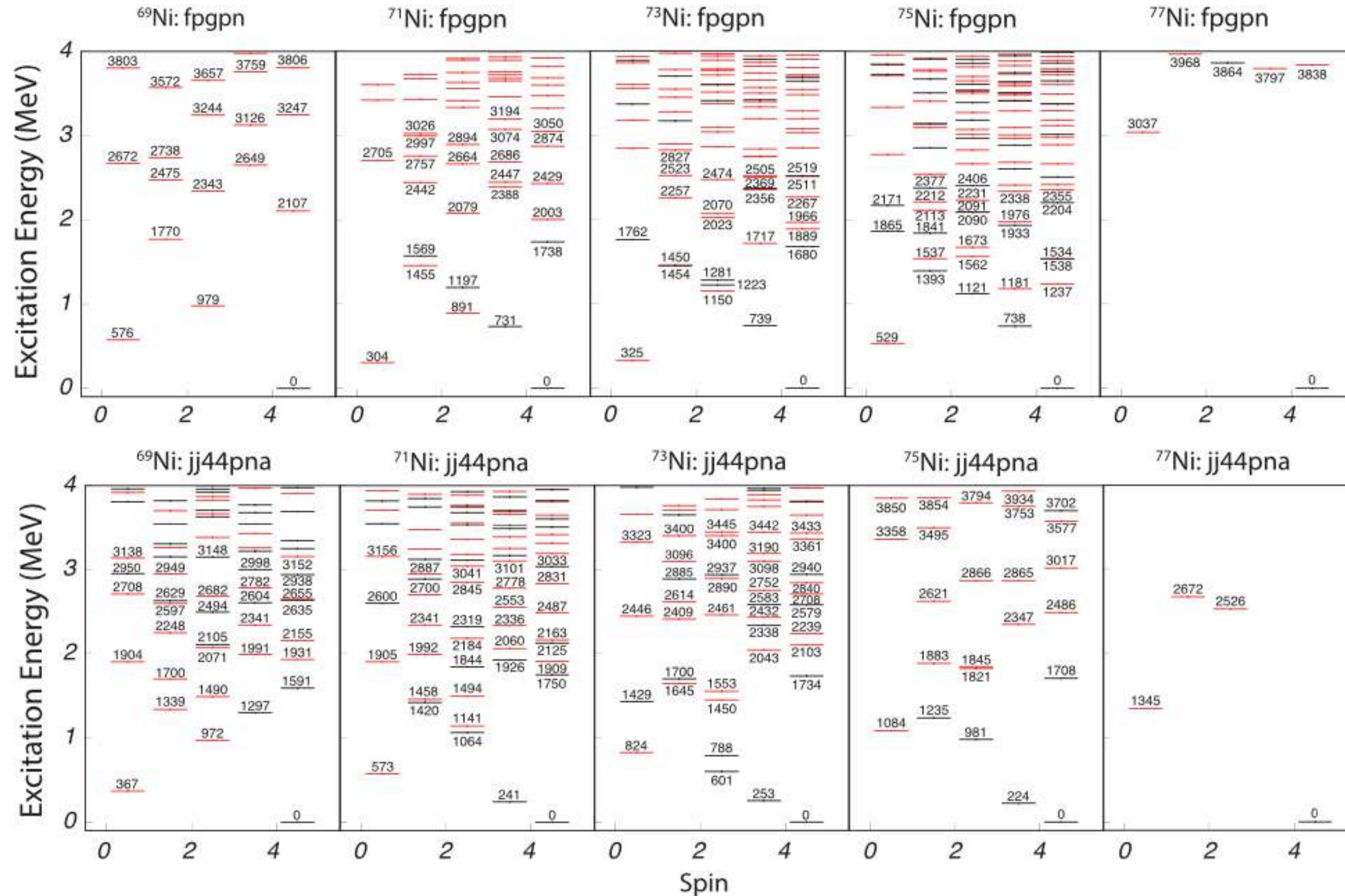
Rapid change of configuration was observed in the calculations



Selectivity of β -decay experiments could state the structural sensitivity with theoretical calculations!

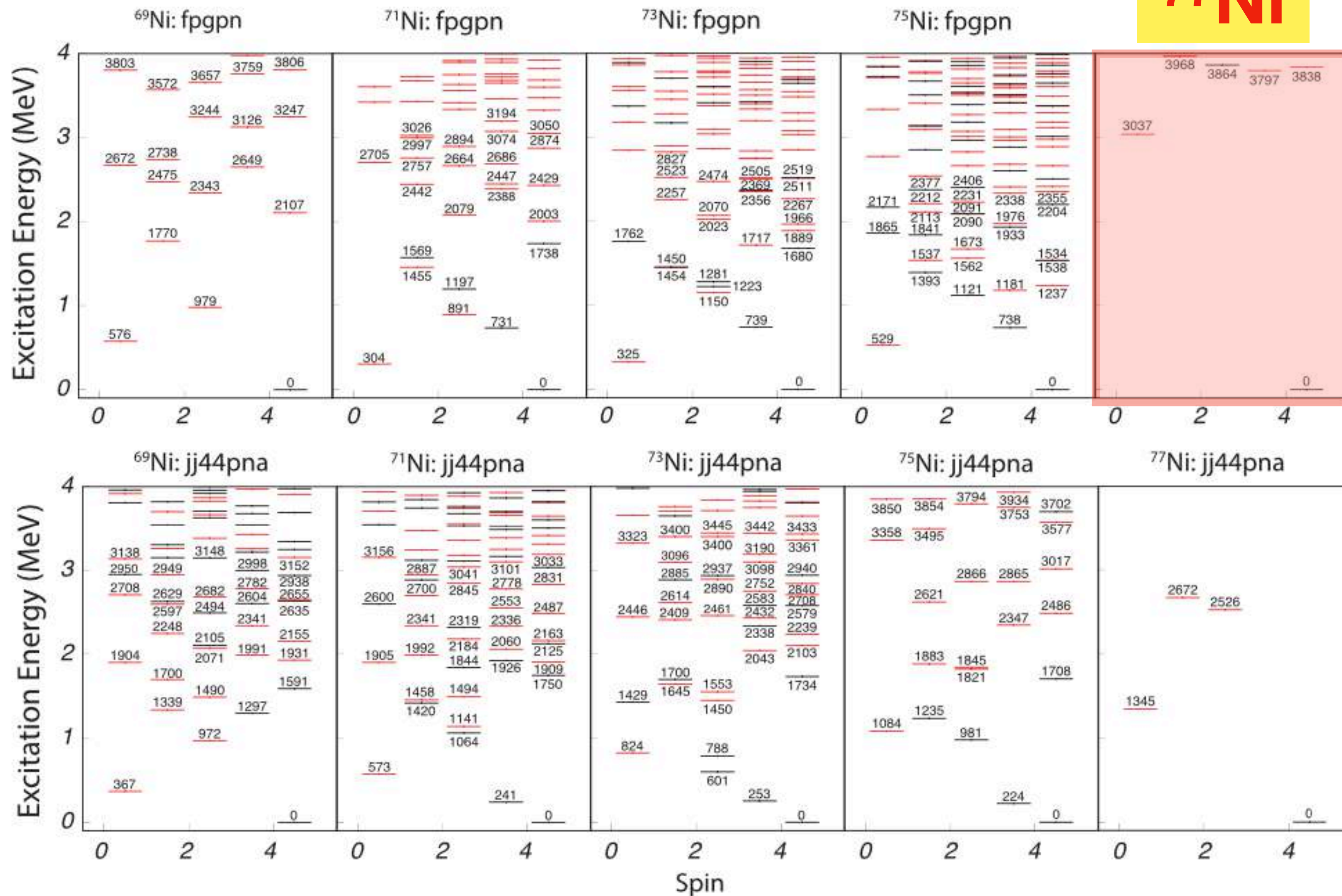
Systematics of level structure in neutron-rich Ni isotopes in calculations

More detailed predicted levels were studied by different interactions

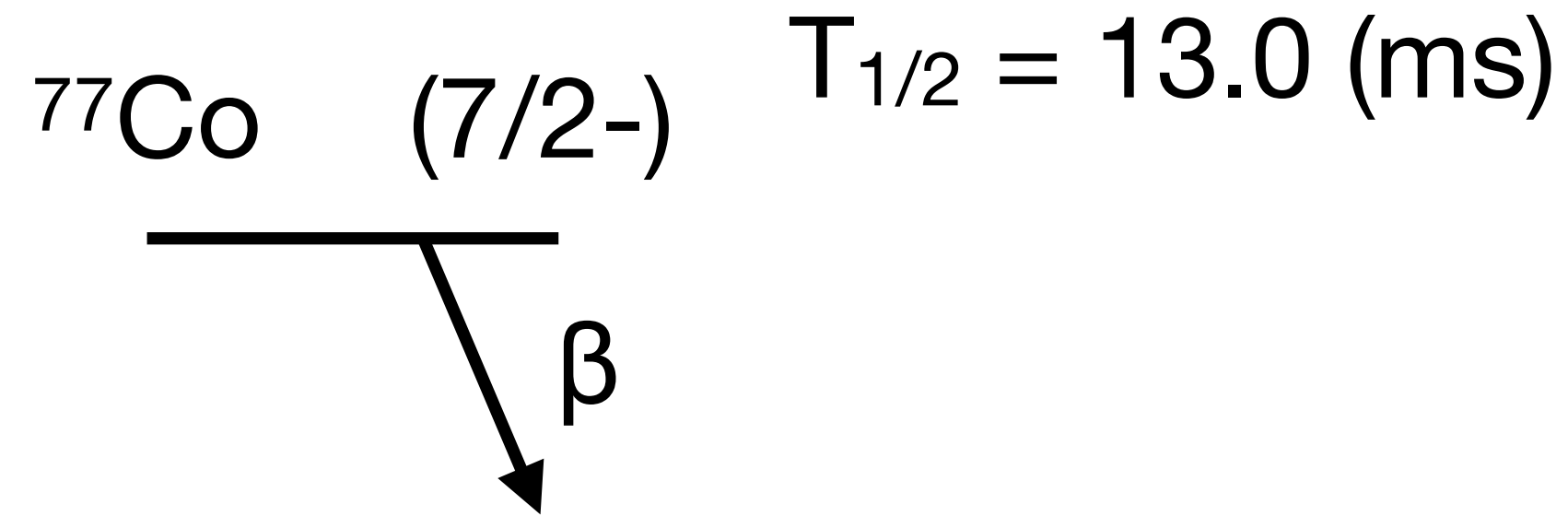


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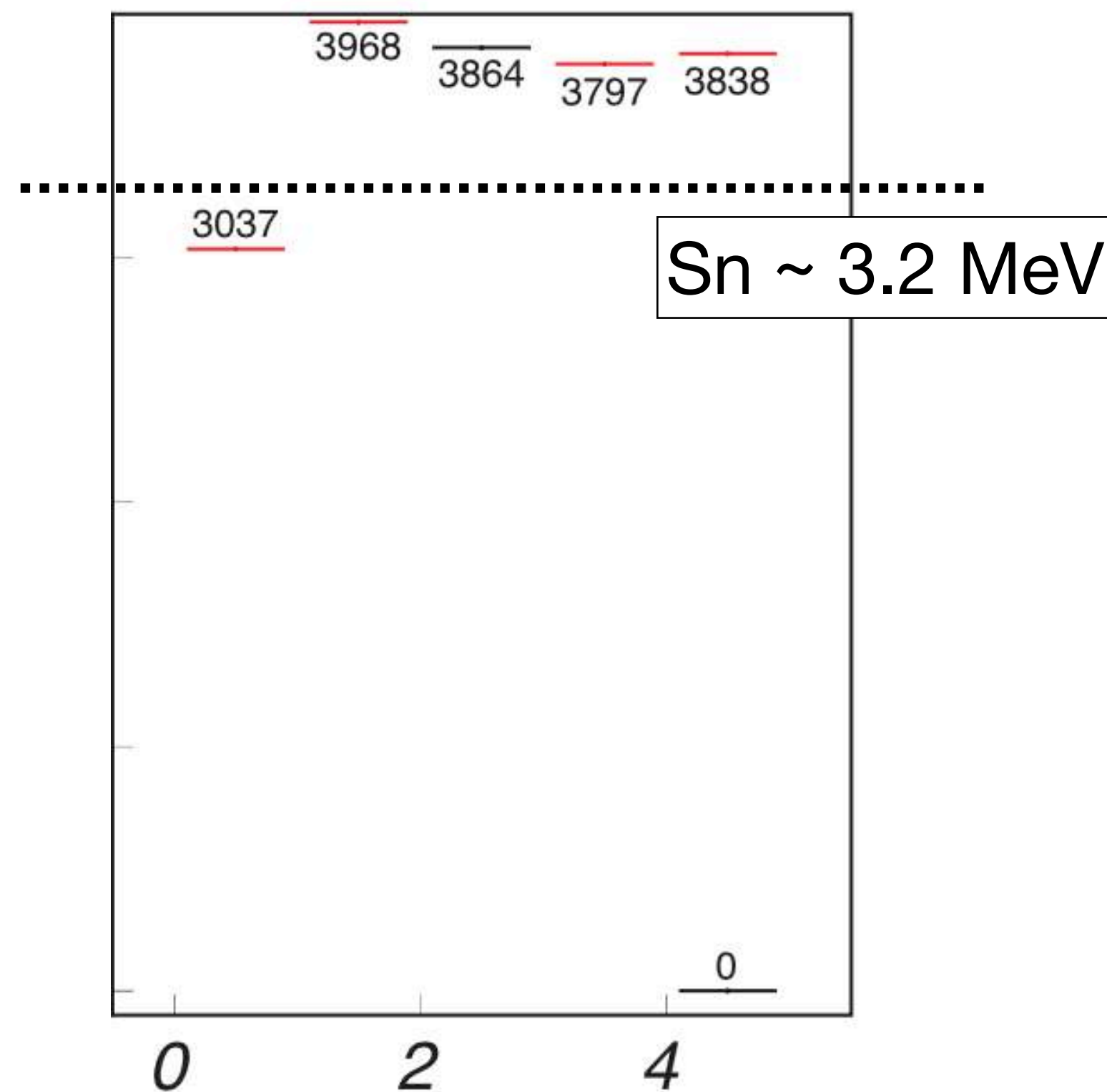
77Ni



What would we expect in the decay of very-neutron-rich ^{77}Co ?



^{77}Ni : fp-gpn interactions



- The g.s. of ^{77}Co : (7/2-)
- The g.s. of ^{77}Ni : (9/2+)

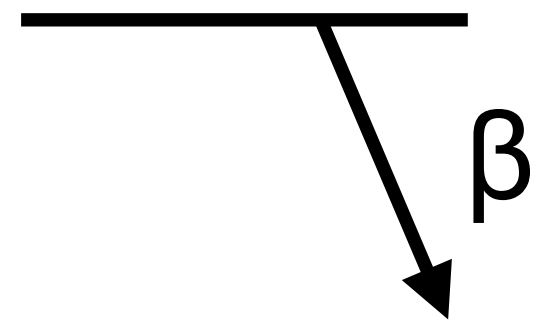
The allowed transition does not occur between the ground states

- Neutron-separation energy $S_n = 3240(640)$ keV
- 5/2- state is not predicted below 4 MeV

The transition strength is above neutron-threshold energy, may result in the **strong neutron emission in the β -decay**

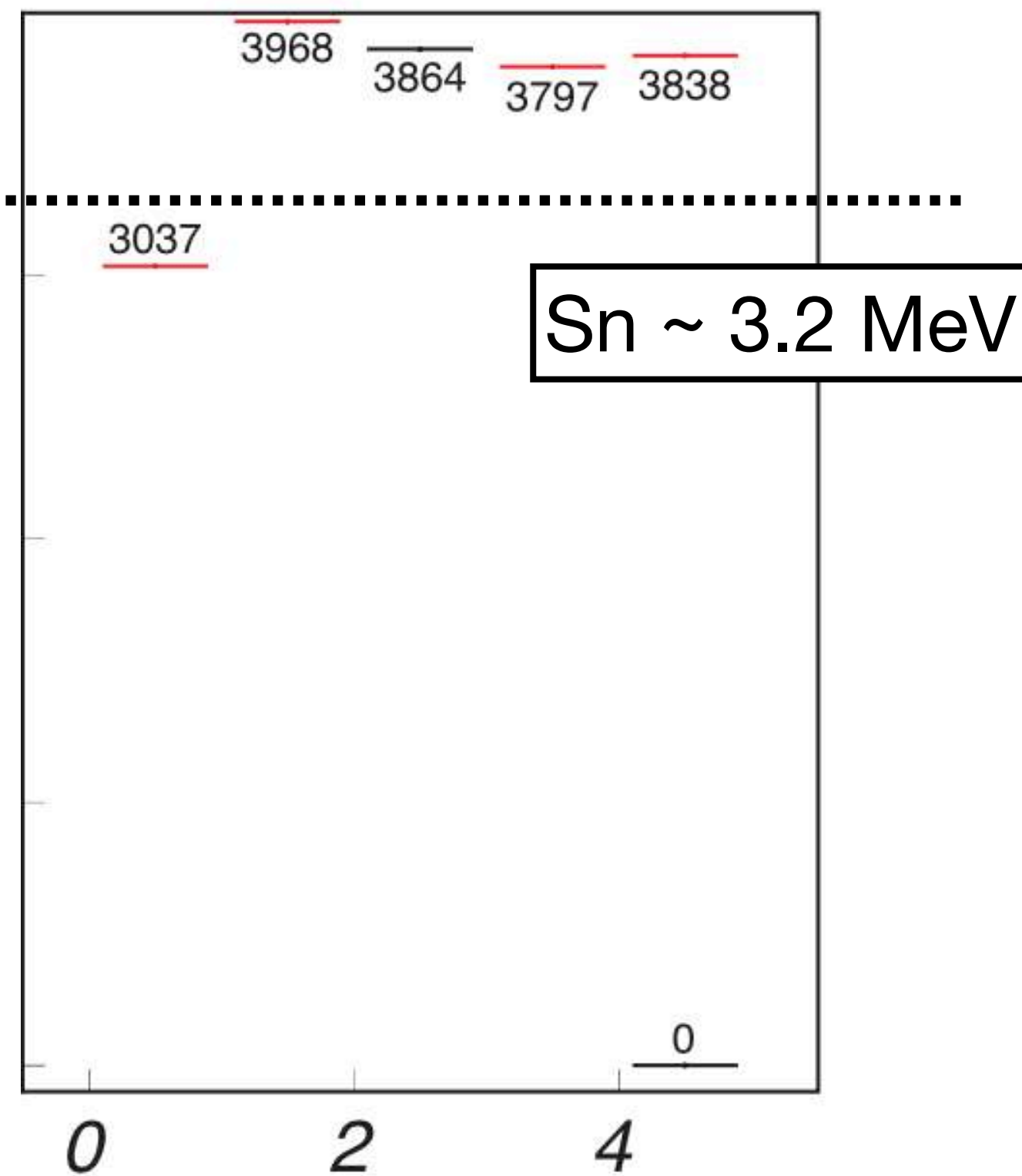
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^{77}Co (7/2-) $T_{1/2} = 13.0$ (ms)

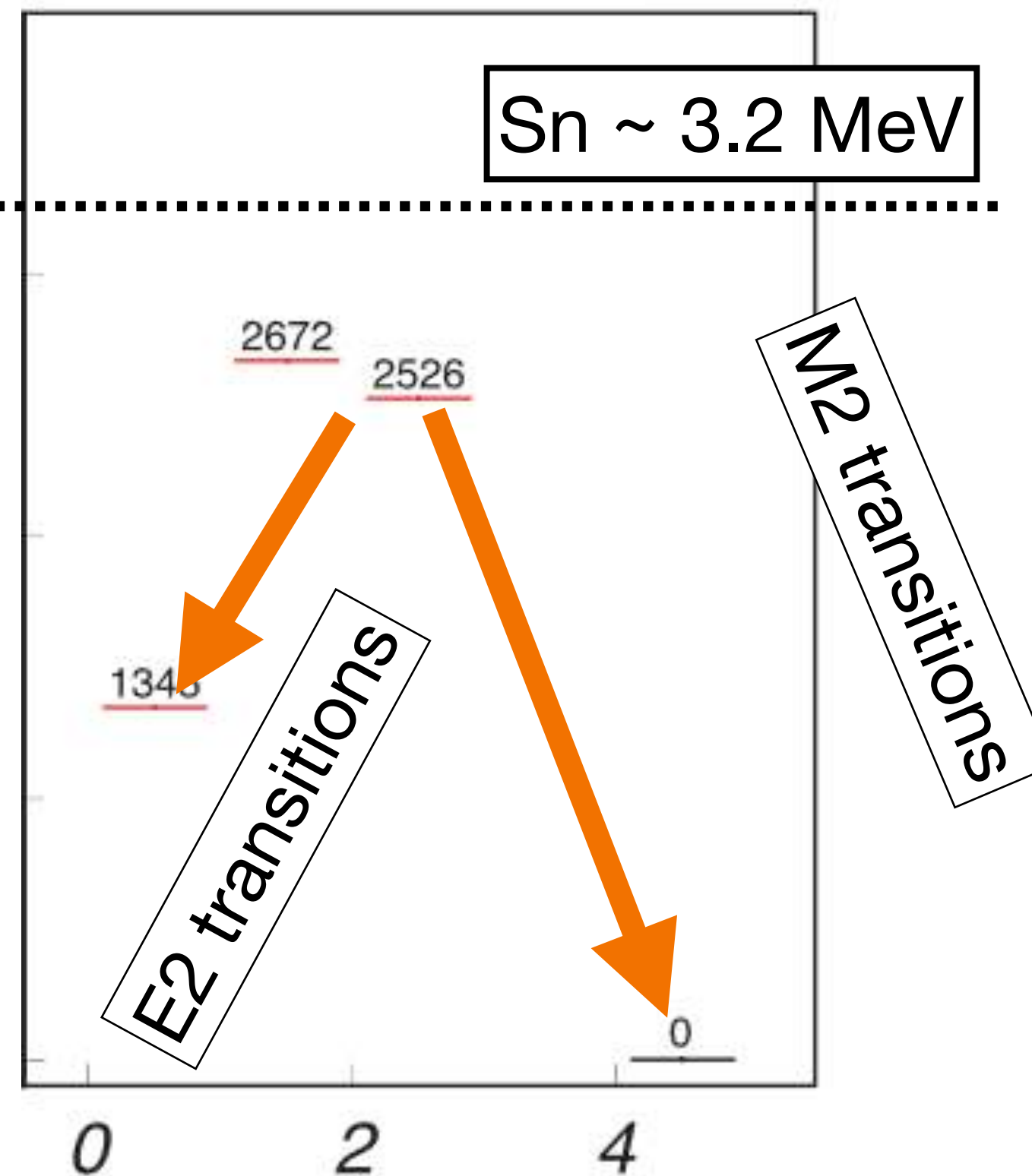


The measurement of beta-delayed neutron-emission is important

^{77}Ni : fpgpn



^{77}Ni : jj44pna



fpgpn predictions

- strong neutron emission

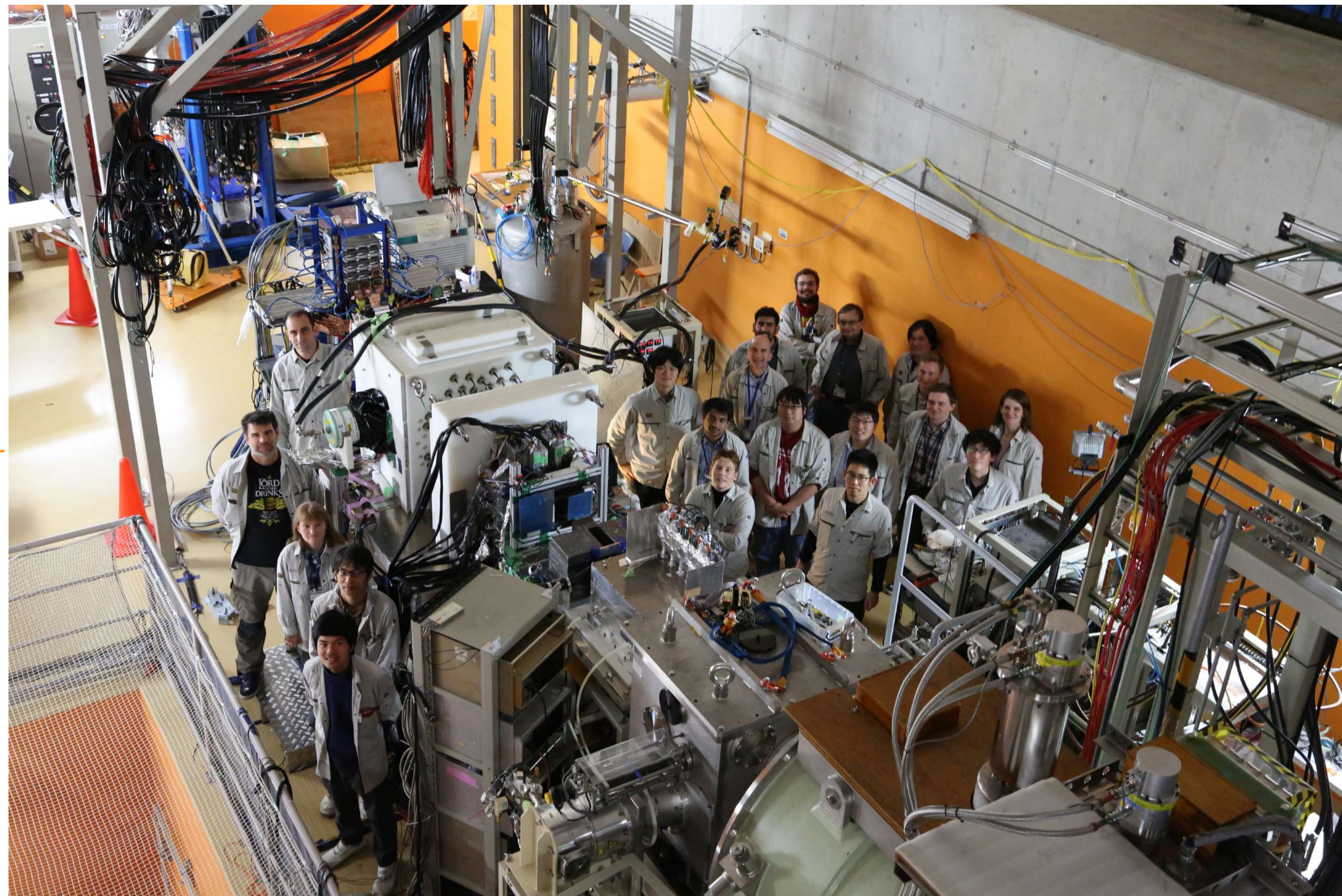
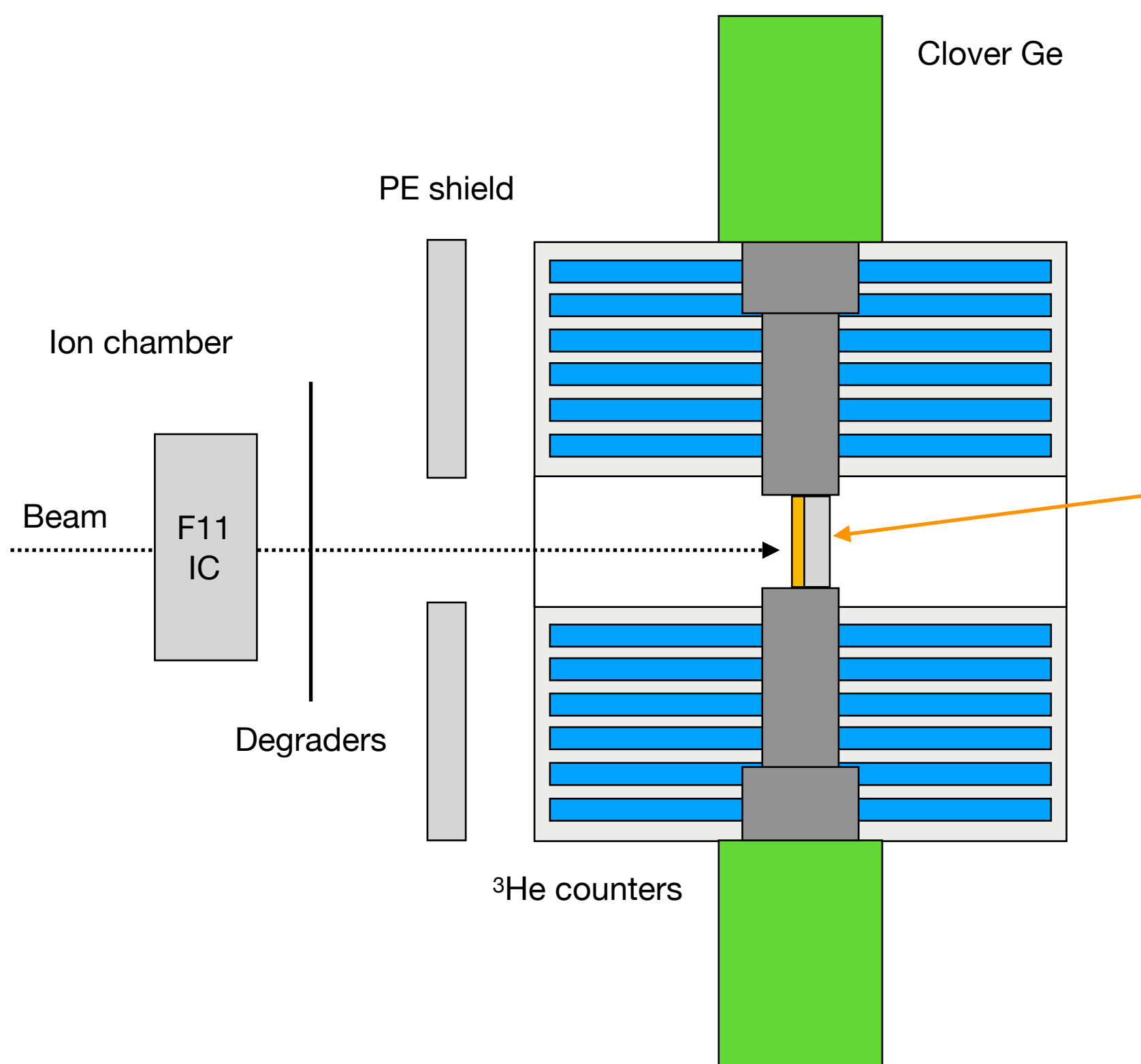
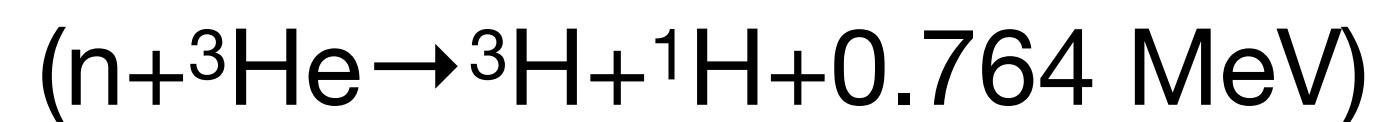
jj44pna predictions

- High-energy M2 transition
- E2 transition to isomeric states (1/2-)

What kind of measurement is important?

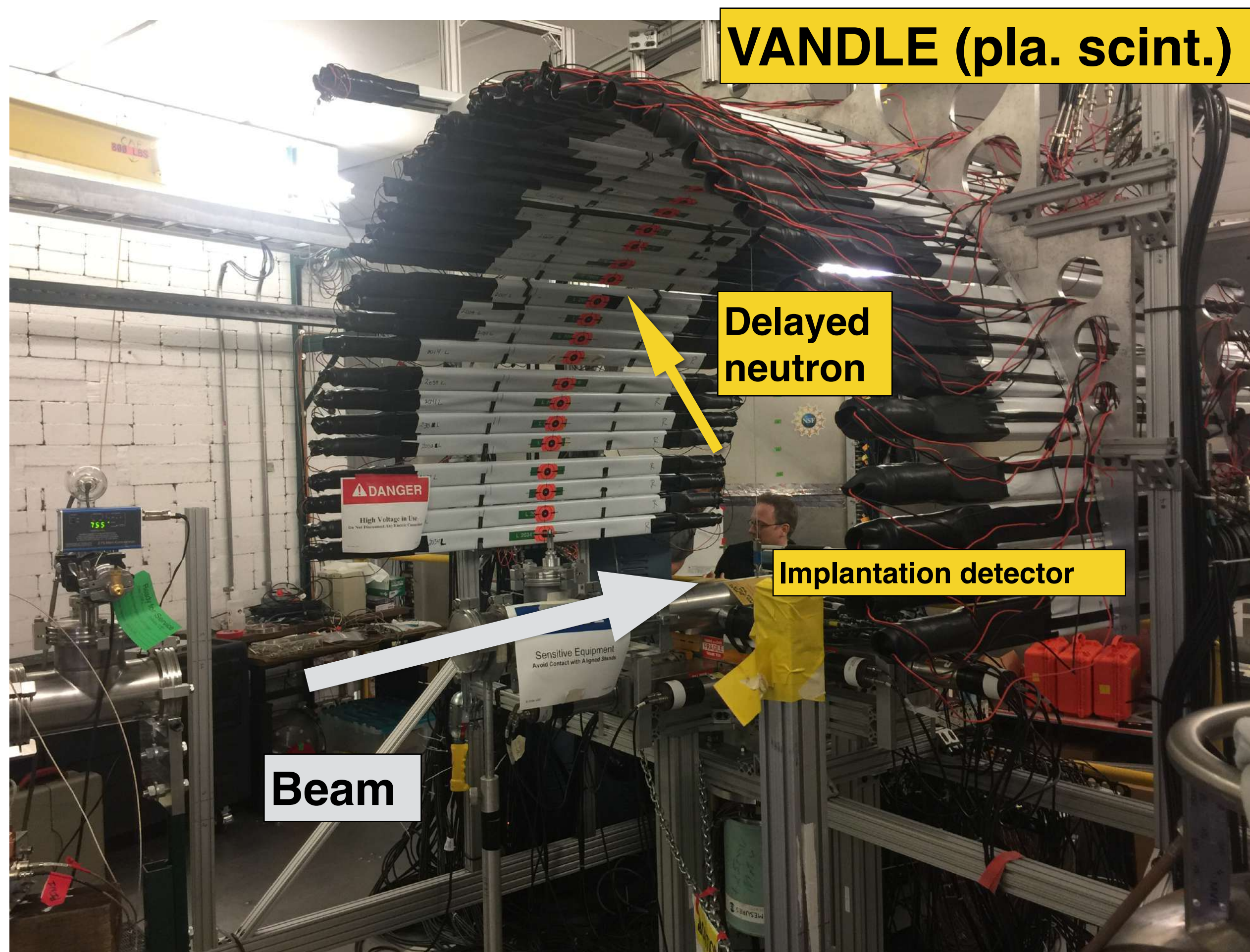
Beta-delayed neutron measurement project (BRIKEN at RIKEN RIBF)

^3He counter



Neutron-time-of flight measurement with β - γ spectroscopy

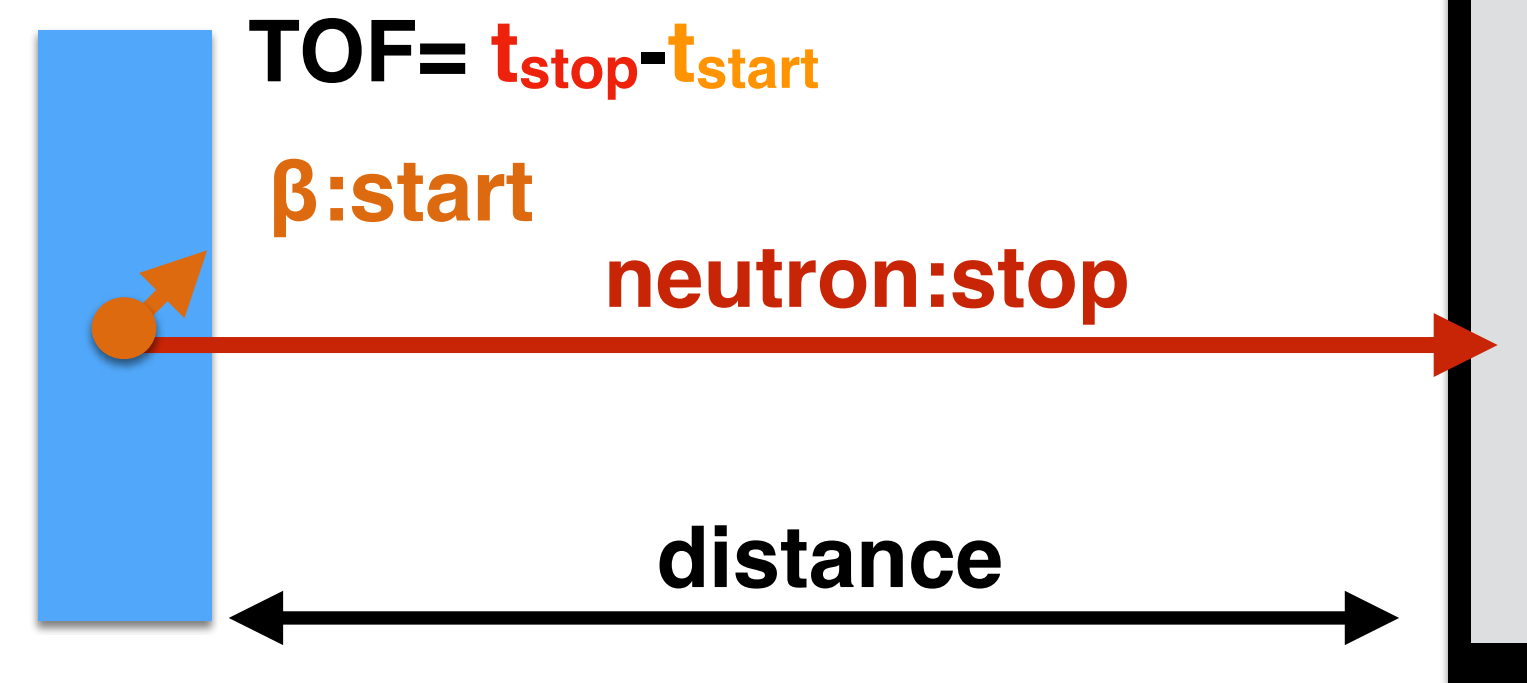
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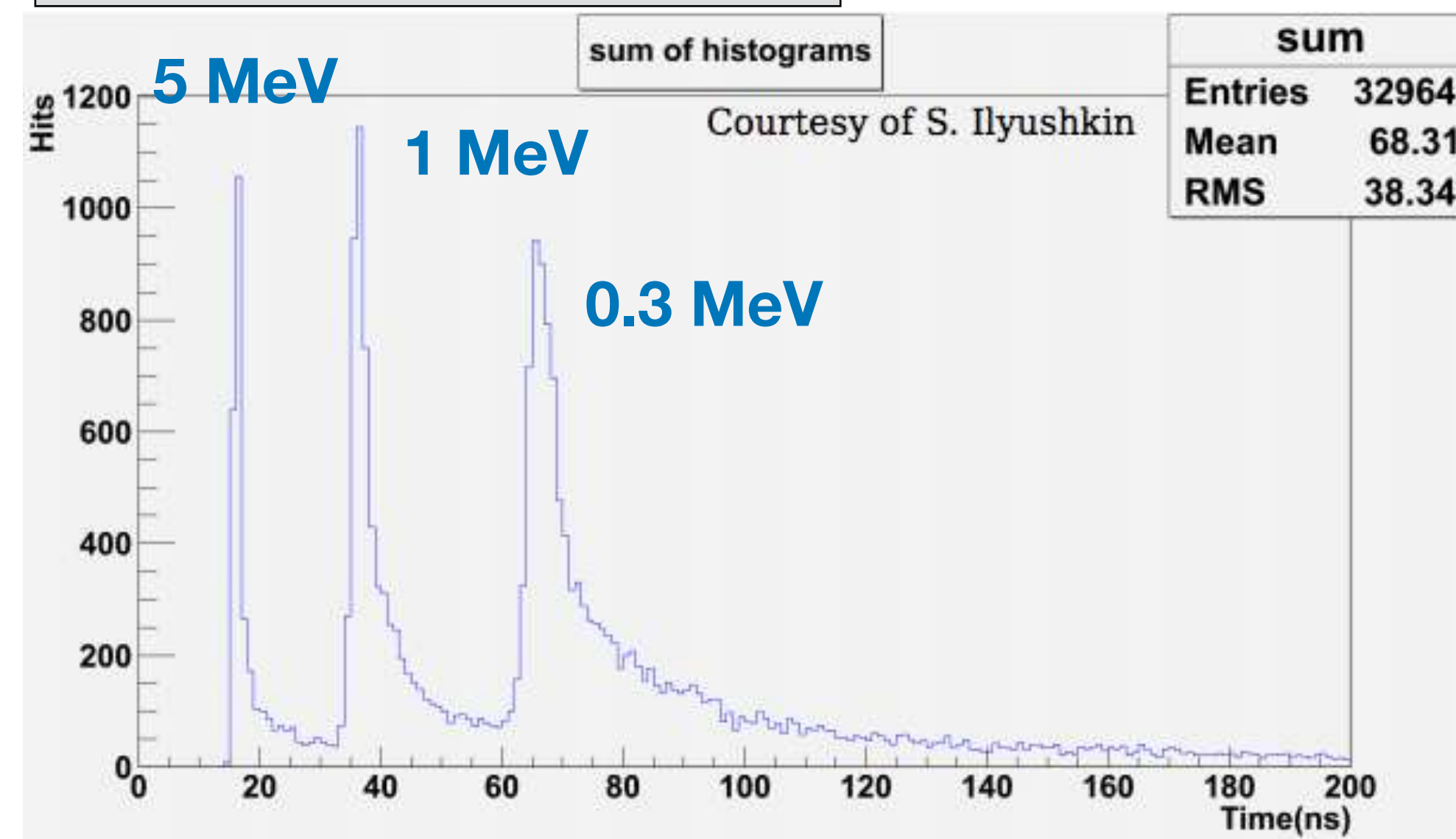
**Ge detector
(Gamma-ray detection)**

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Implantation detector



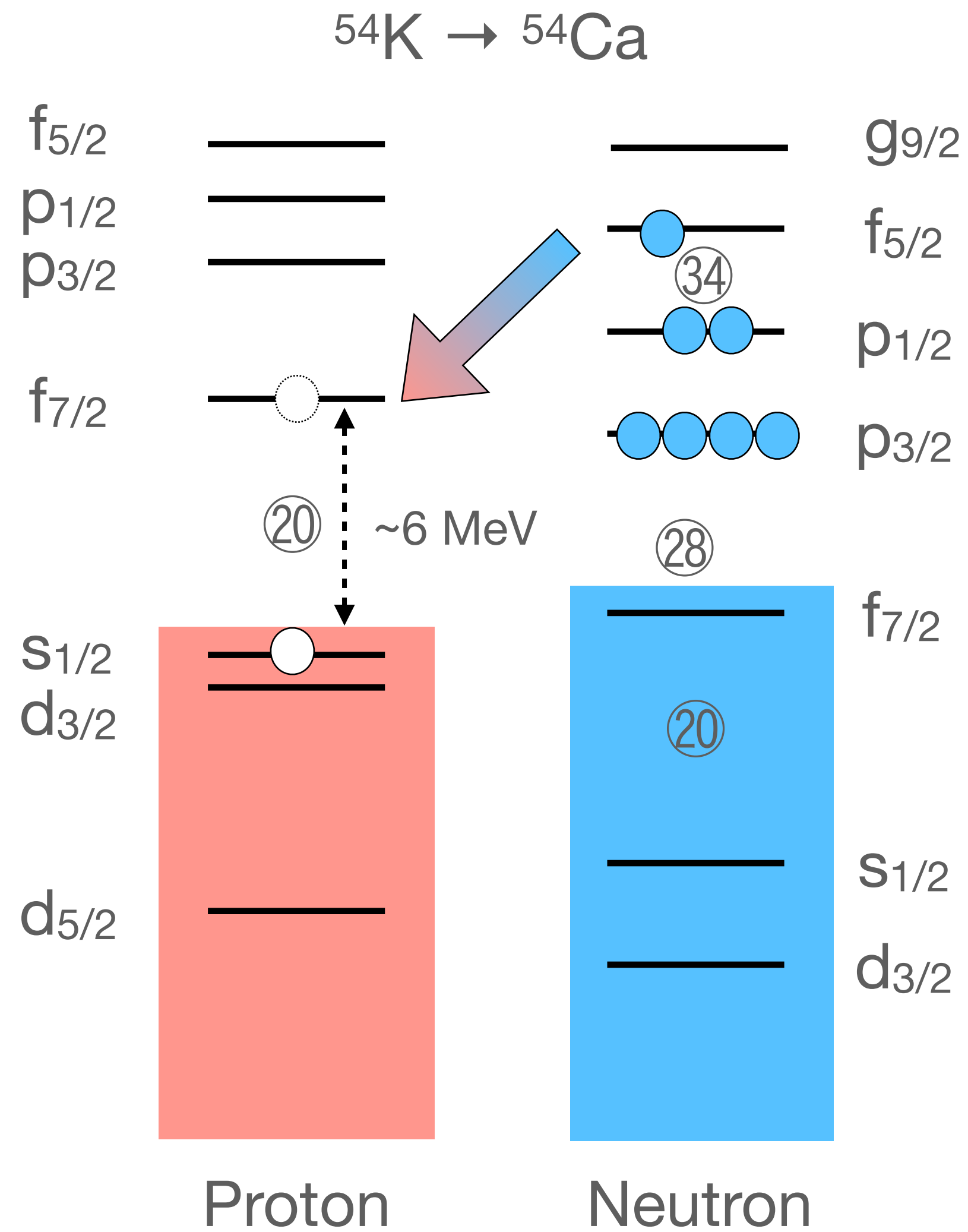
neutron-TOF simulation



Developed by University of Tennessee Group

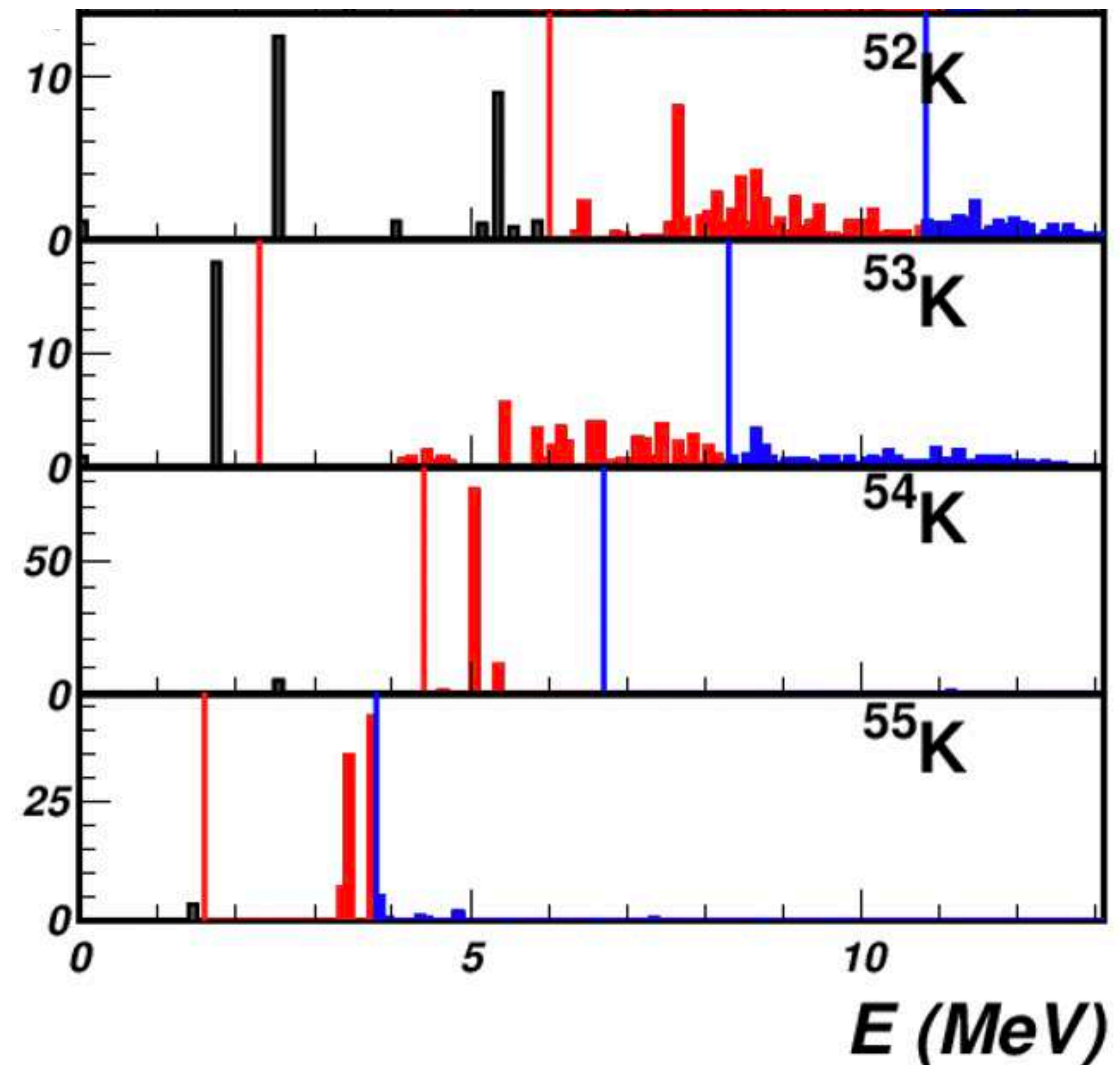
Gamow-Teller transitions could be expected in several nuclei

Ex. Strong neutron emission is expected in ^{54}K decay



Shell-model calculations

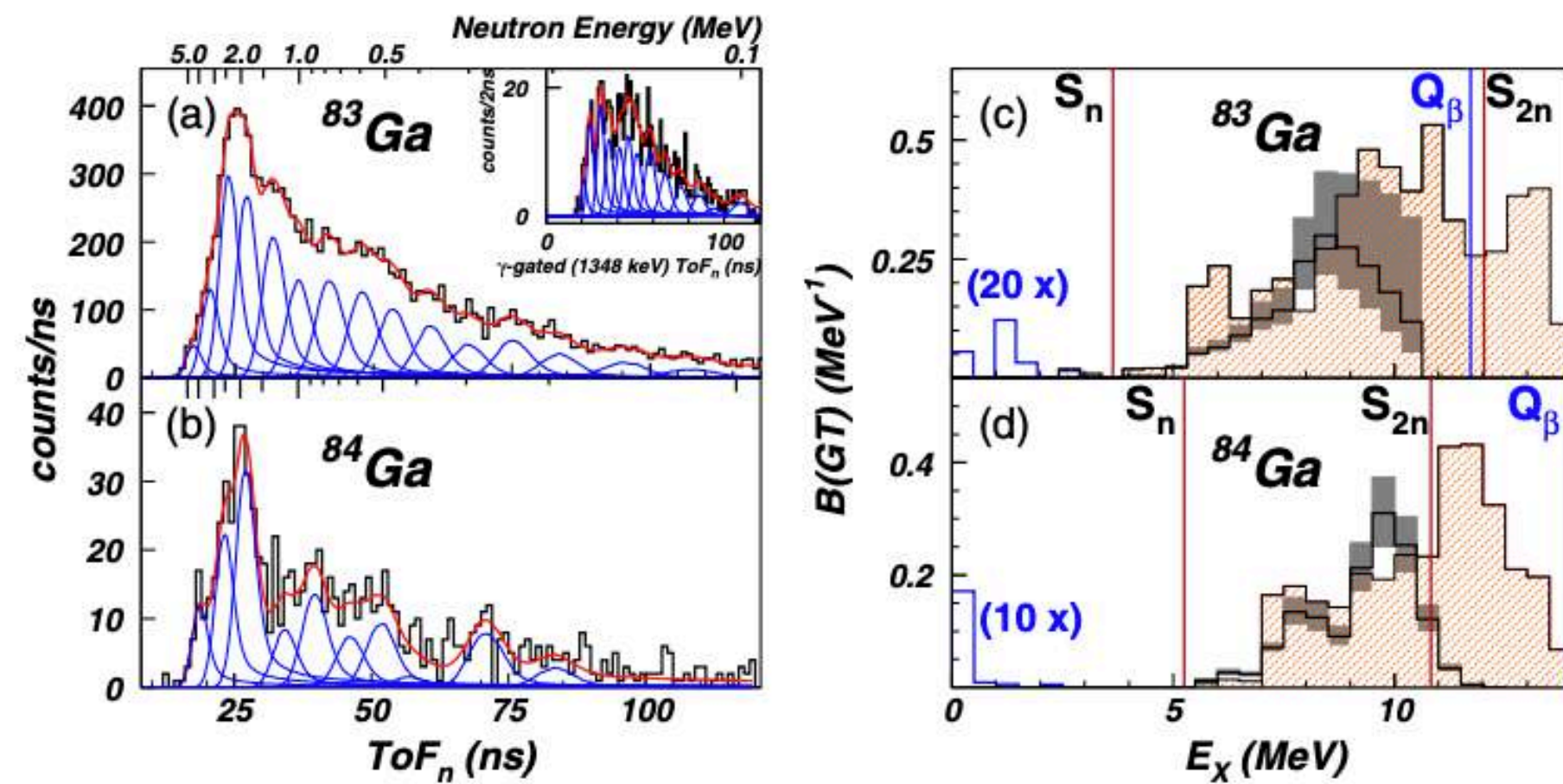
Courtesy R. Grzywacz



Interesting works above neutron-separation energies

Intense neutron emission ($^{83,84}\text{Ga}$)

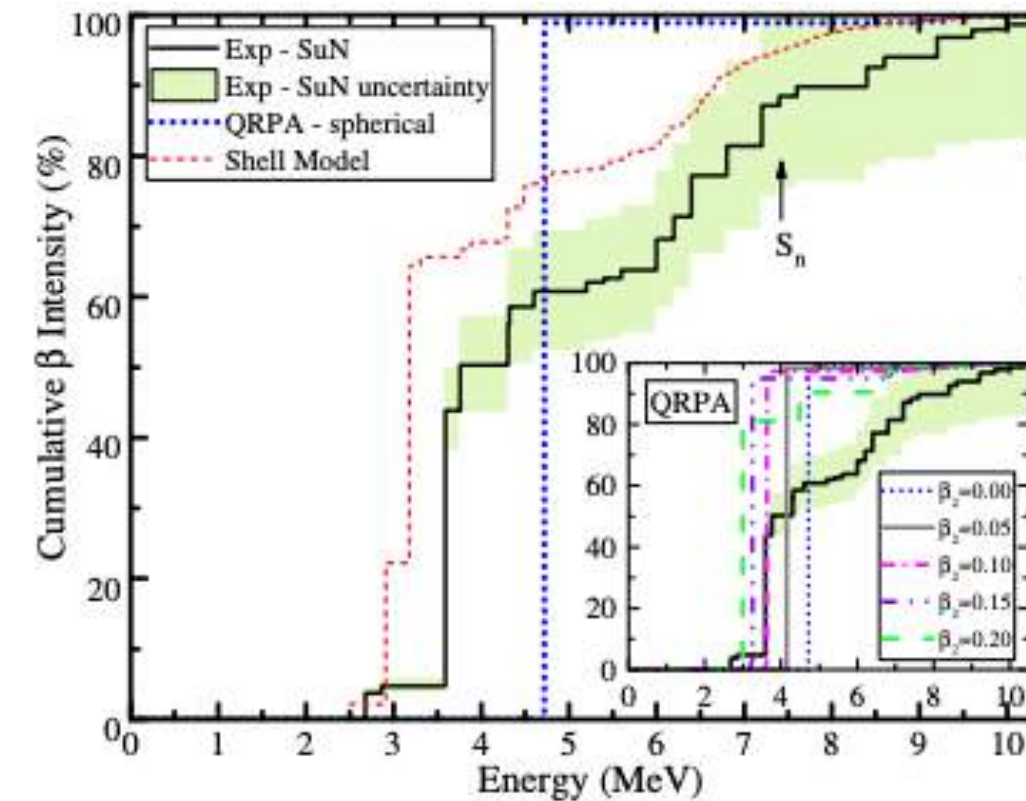
neutron ToF (VANDLE) at ORNL



M. Madurga et al., PRL (2016)

Strong n- γ competition above S_n energy (^{70}Co)

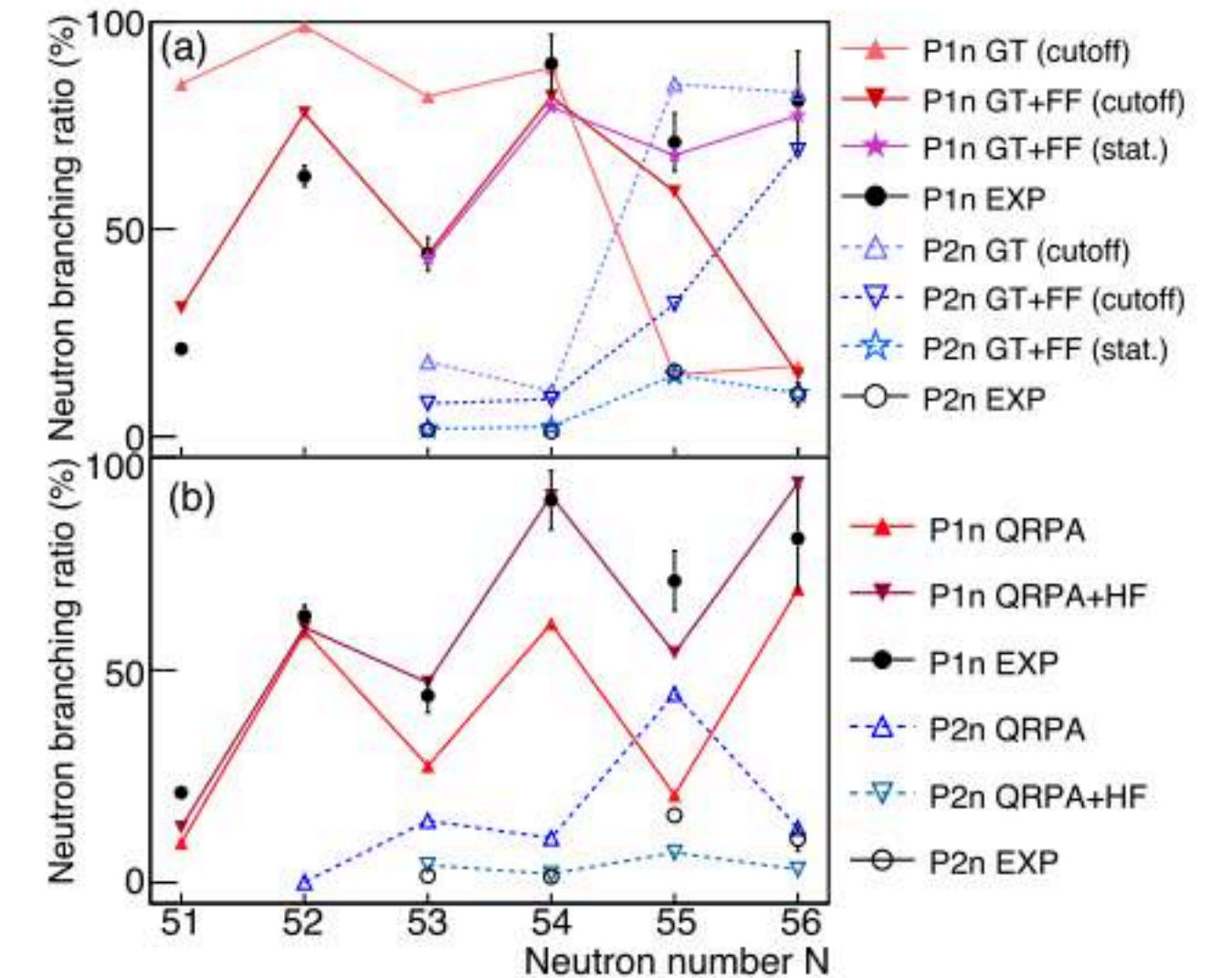
Total Absorption γ Spectroscopy (SuN) at MSU/NSCL



A. Spyrou et al., PRL (2016)

Strong 1n emission from 2n unbound states ($^{86,87}\text{Ga}$)

^3He counter array (BRIKEN) at RIKEN



R. Yokoyama et al., PRC(R) (2019)

Several interesting phenomena have been observed above neutron threshold energies

Summary

- β - γ spectroscopy on neutron-rich $^{73,75}\text{Co}$ at MSU/NSCL
- New excited levels for $^{73,75}\text{Ni}$ were obtained
- Fragmented strength distribution was observed in the decay of $^{73}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{73}\text{Ni}$
- The multiple $5/2^-$ states were investigated via shell-model calculations
- Possibility of strong-neutron emission in some nuclei (^{77}Co , $^{54}\text{K}\dots$)
 - More accurate mapping of GT transitions in less neutron-rich nuclei is important
- Decay above neutron threshold is now extensively studied

Dziękuję za zaproszenie i Waszą uwagę!