

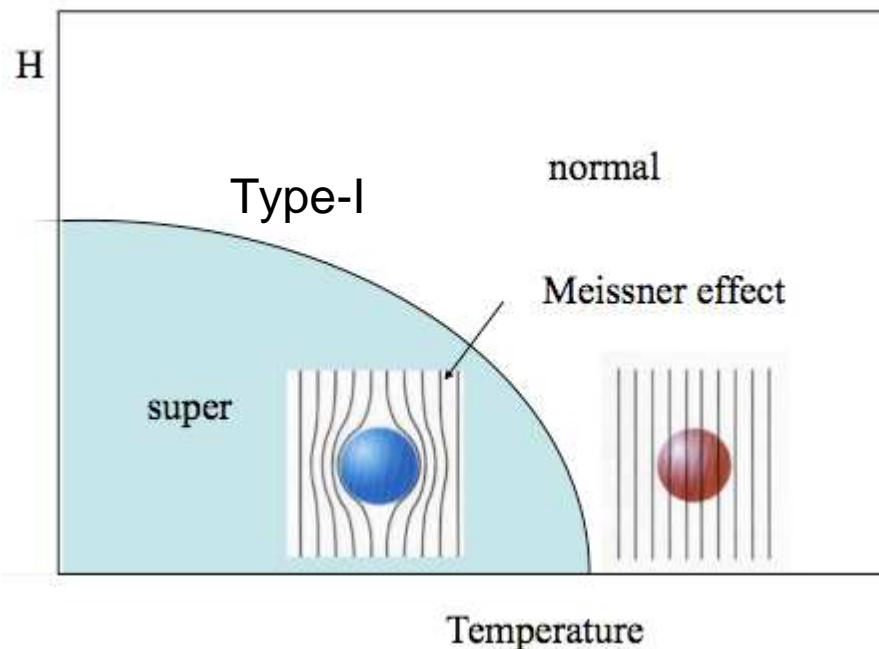


Teoretyczny opis wzbudzonych jąder atomowych:  
Powracające nadprzewodnictwo w stanach wysokospinowych  
Izentropowe ścieżki do rozszczepienia jąder złożonych

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When a metal is cooled below its superconducting transition temperature  $T_c$  in the presence of an external magnetic field, the magnetic flux inside vanishes. For type I superconductors, magnetic flux is expelled below a critical field  $H_c$ , while at  $H=H_c$ , a sharp transition to a normal conductor takes place. In type II superconductors, this transition is gradual, and it is characterized by two critical temperatures,  $T_{c1}$  and  $T_{c2}$ . For  $T_{c1} < T < T_{c2}$  the system exists in the vortex (mixed) state in which the normal and superconducting phases *coexist*.



Recently, there has been increased interest in properties of polarized (asymmetric) Fermi systems with unusual pairing configurations. This includes the existence of superconductivity in a ferromagnetically ordered phase and an interplay between pairing, spin polarization, and temperature in condensates having an unequal number of spin-up and spin-down fermions.

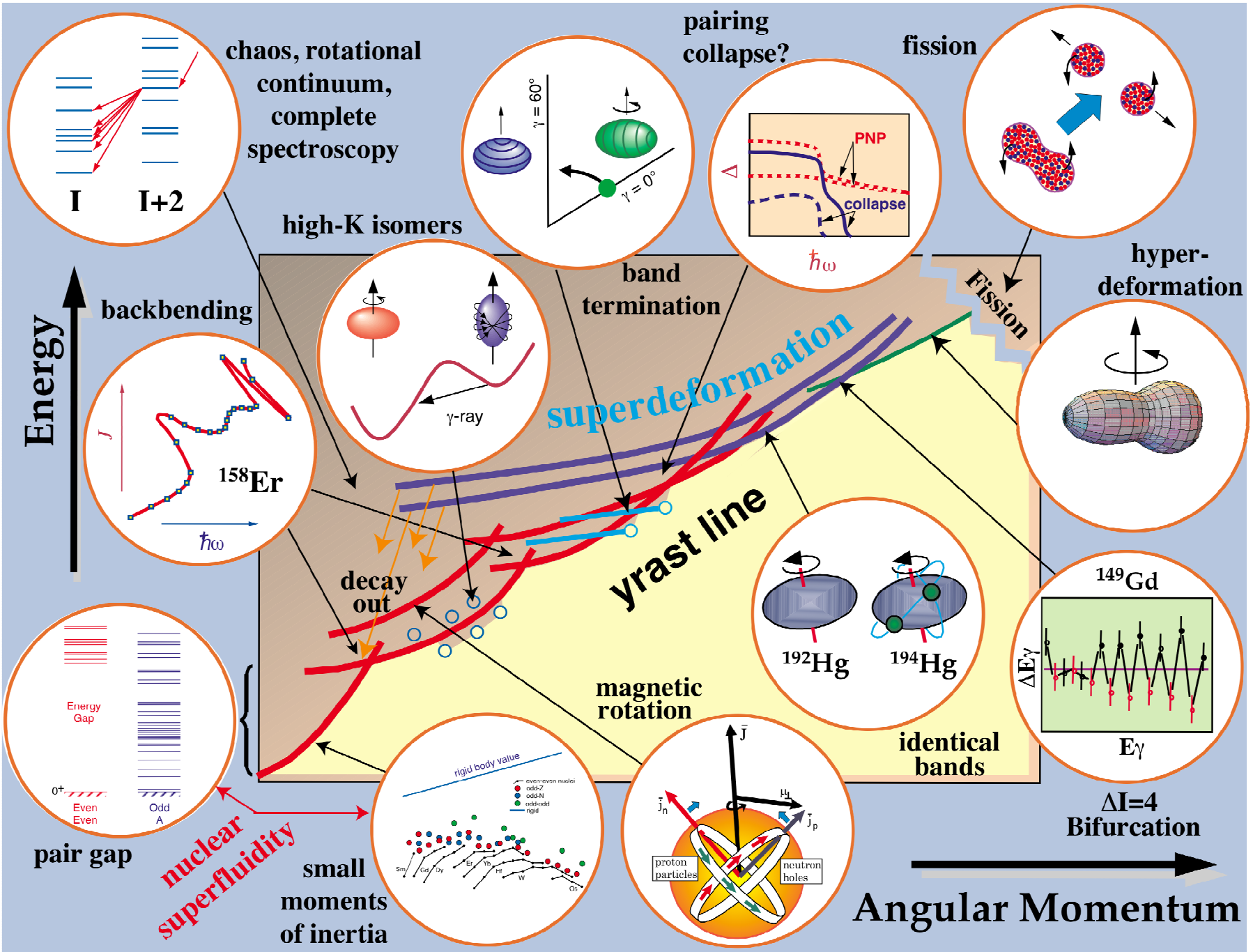
**What about nuclei?**

Polarization  $\rightarrow$  Angular momentum  
Vortices  $\rightarrow$  Broken pairs

- Mottelson-Valatin effect (1960)
- Backbending and pair decoupling (1972)
- Nuclei are Type-II superconductors (Birbrair 1971)

$$H \longrightarrow \omega$$

$$M \longrightarrow J$$



The majority of investigations have been restricted to rotating cold nuclei or to non-rotating heated nuclei, thus exploring only limits of the  $(\omega, T)$  phase diagram

## Meissner effect and reentrance phenomenon in heated rotating nuclei

D.J. Dean, K. Langanke, H.A. Nam, and WN

**submitted, arXiv:0901.0560**

## Previous work:

Thermal properties of N=40 isotopes K. Langanke, D.J. Dean, WN  
Nucl. Phys. A 757 (2005) 360

Temperature-induced superconductor-to-normal and deformed-to-spherical phase transition in N=40 medium-mass isotones:

- $^{68}\text{Ni}$  - spherical, weakly-paired
- $^{70}\text{Zn}$  - spherical, superfluid
- $^{72}\text{Ge}$  - deformed, superfluid
- $^{80}\text{Zr}$  - deformed, weakly-paired



The deformed-to-spherical transition is fairly gradual, and it does not produce a peak in the specific heat.

The calculations nicely differentiate between two limits of pairing correlations. For superfluid systems (static pairing), **the superfluid-to-normal transition manifests itself as a pronounced peak in the specific heat around  $T=0.6-0.7$  MeV.** For nuclei with weak (dynamic) pairing,  $C_V$  increases in a smooth way. Here, the notion of a phase transition cannot be applied.

# The Model

Complete *fp-gds* shell-model space (the Shottky peak moved to  $T > 2$  MeV)  
 Shell Model Monte Carlo Method (SMMC)

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{N}}(Ae^{-\beta H})}{\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{N}}e^{-\beta H}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Nuclear observables described as thermal averages}$$

$$Z(\beta) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{N}}e^{-\beta(\sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha}^2)}$$

Single-Particle Hamiltonian ( $^{56}\text{Ni}$ ) + pairing+quadrupole term

$$H = \sum_{jmt_z} \epsilon(j) a_{jmt_z}^{\dagger} a_{jmt_z} - \frac{G}{4} \sum_{\alpha, \alpha', t_z} P_{JT=01, t_z}^{\dagger}(\alpha) P_{JT=01, t_z}(\alpha') - \chi \sum_{\mu} (-1)^{\mu} Q_{2\mu} Q_{2-\mu}$$

4096 statistical samples

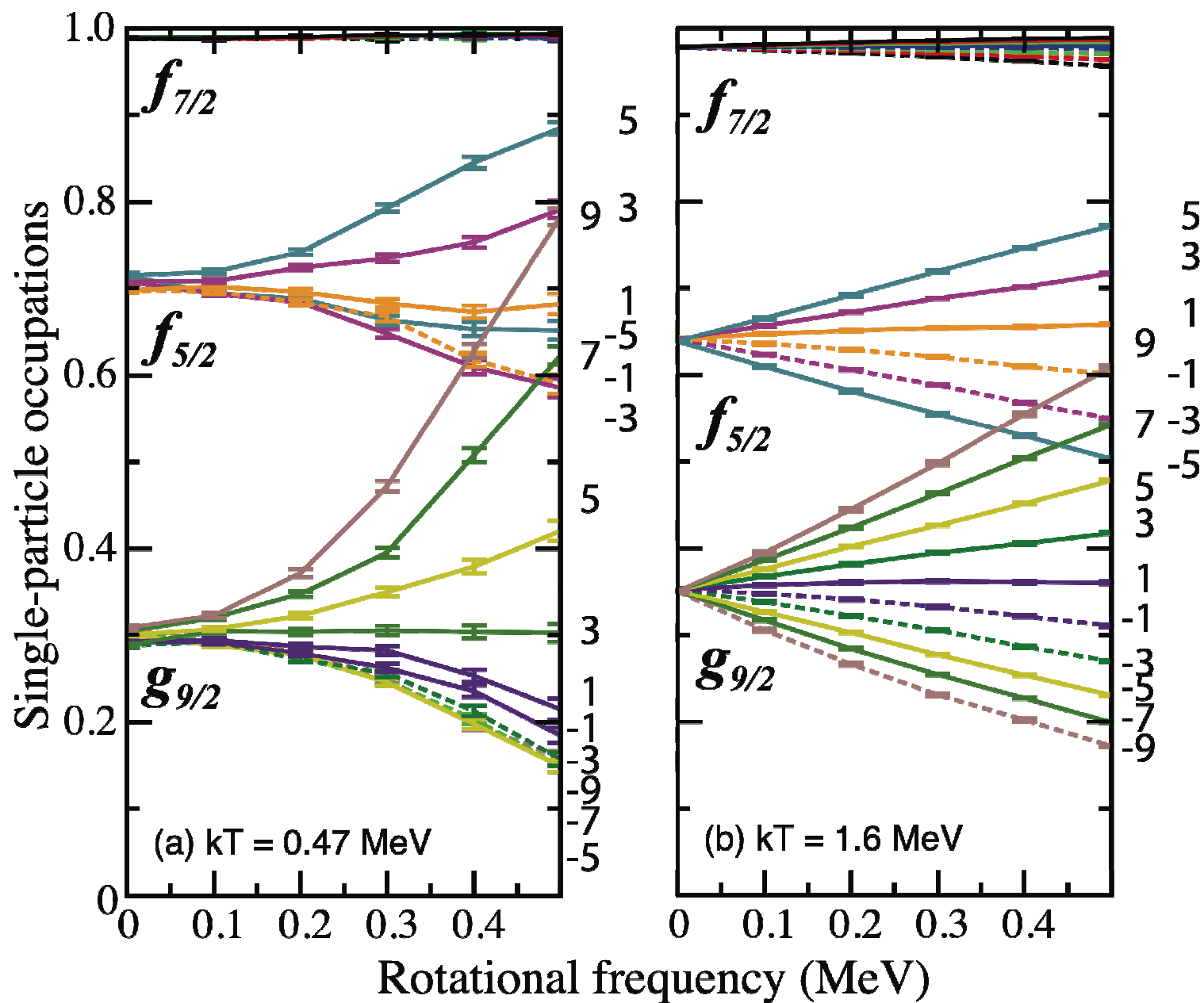
Fock space: (0f1p – 0g1d2s)

$^{72}\text{Ge}$ : 12 valence protons, 20 valence neutrons

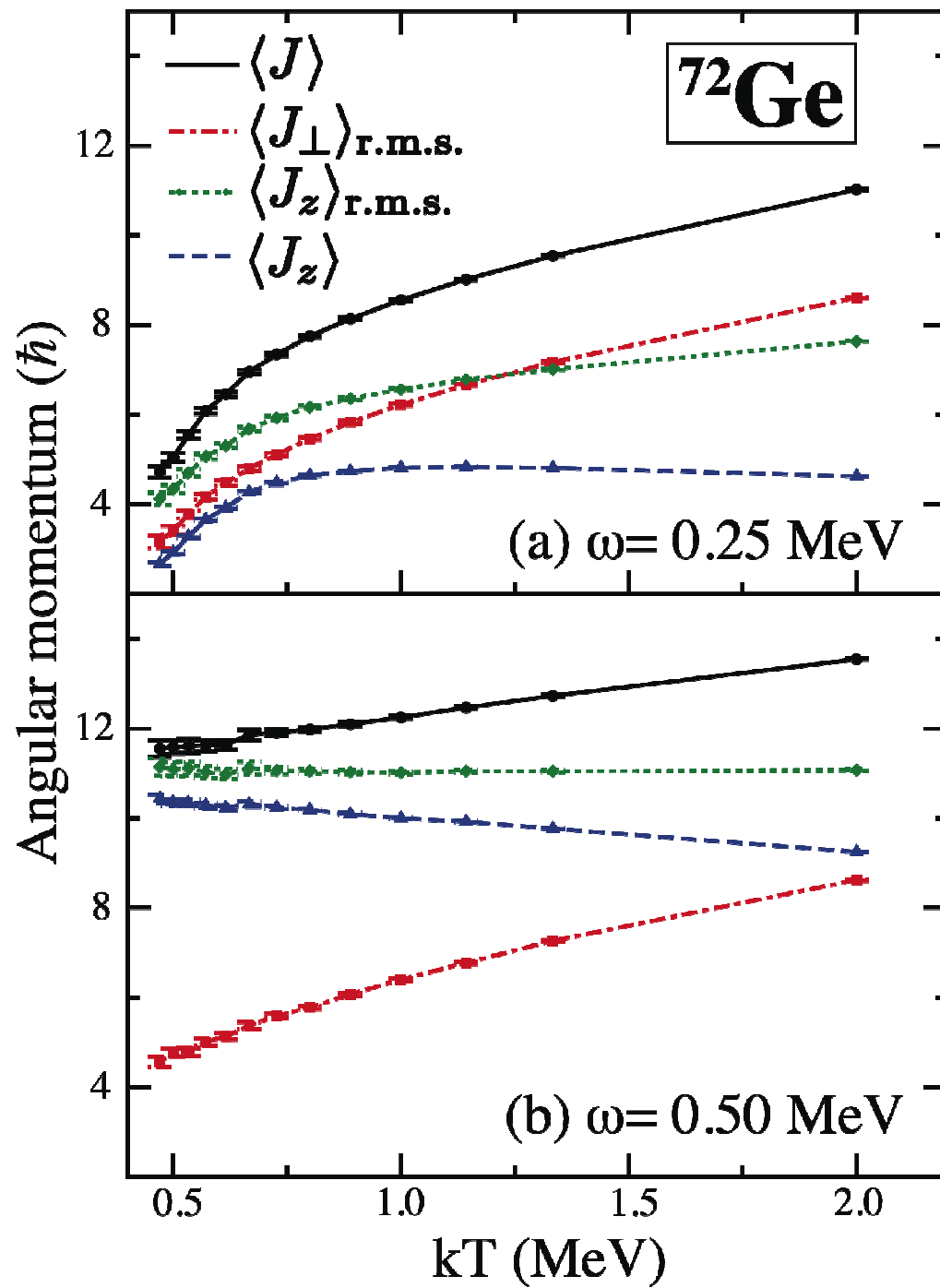
$$\hat{H}^{\omega} = \hat{H} - \omega \hat{J}_z \quad \leftarrow \text{Includes time-odd physics}$$

Highly-asymmetric pattern:  
interplay between alignment and pairing

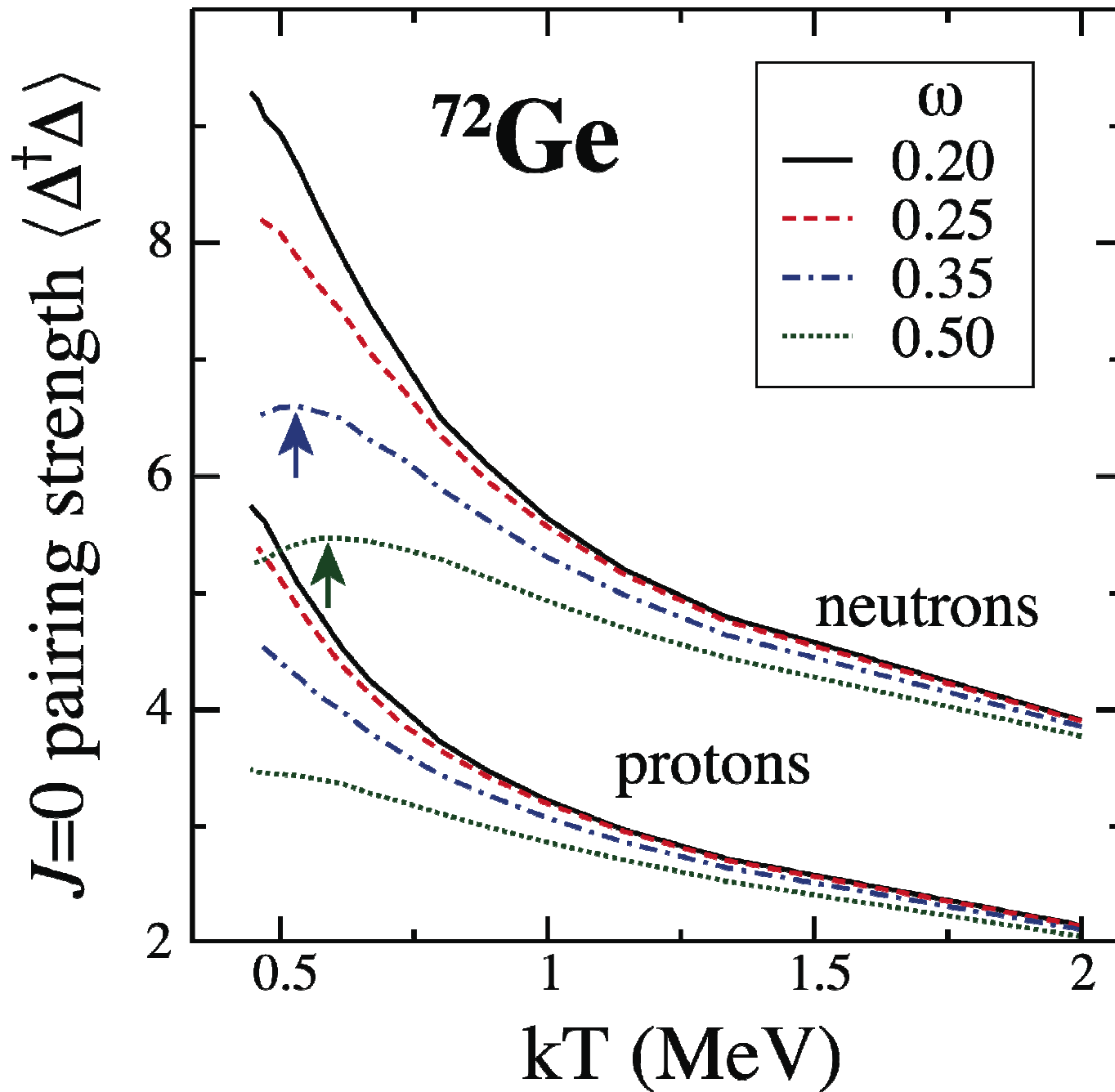
12 valence protons, 20 valence neutrons  
in practice: 4 valence protons, 12 valence neutrons



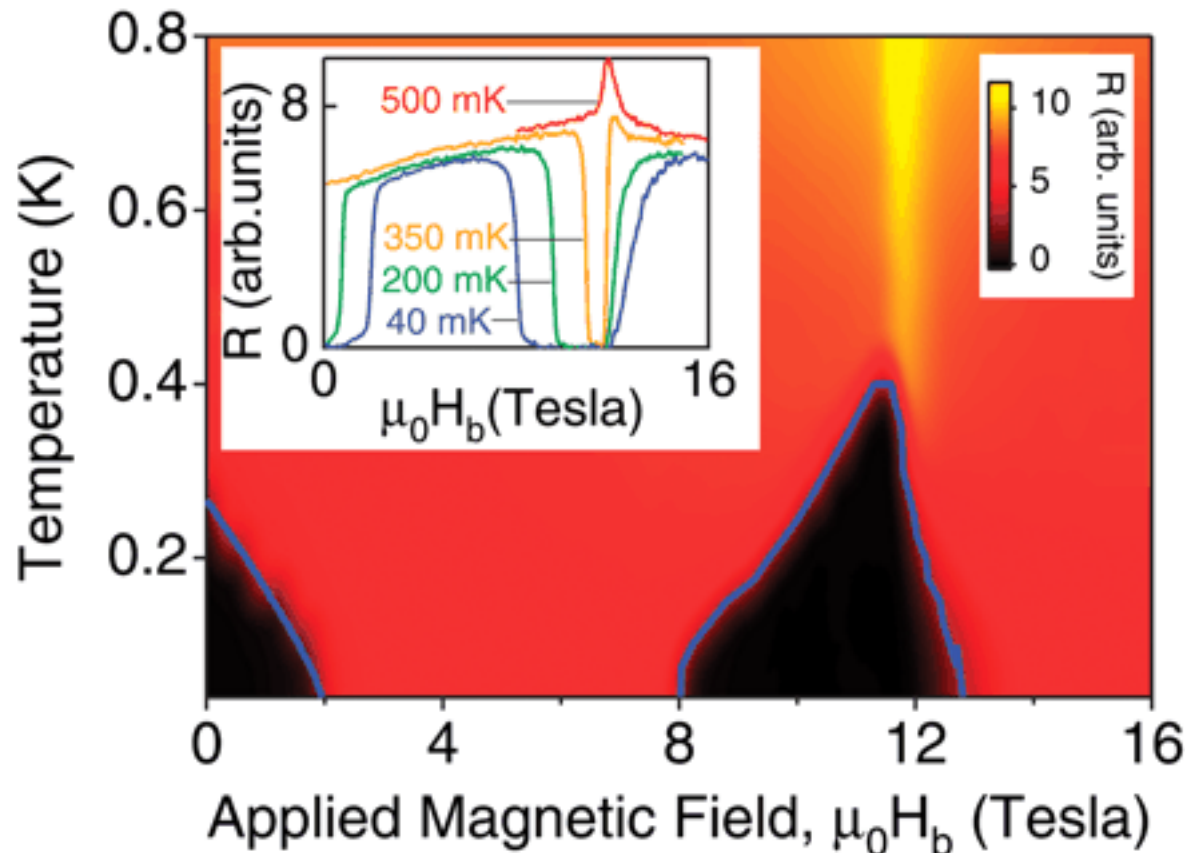




One broken  $g_{9/2}$   
neutron pair



# Reentrant superconductivity



Magnetic Field-Induced  
Superconductivity in the  
Ferromagnet URhGe  
F. Lévy, *et al.*  
*Science* 309, 1343  
(2005)

“We report that a second pocket of super- conductivity occurs at low temperature for a range of fields enveloping this magnetic transition, well above the field of 2T at which superconductivity is first destroyed.”

The reentrance (or partial order) phenomenon manifests itself in successive phase transitions

# Reentrant superconductivity

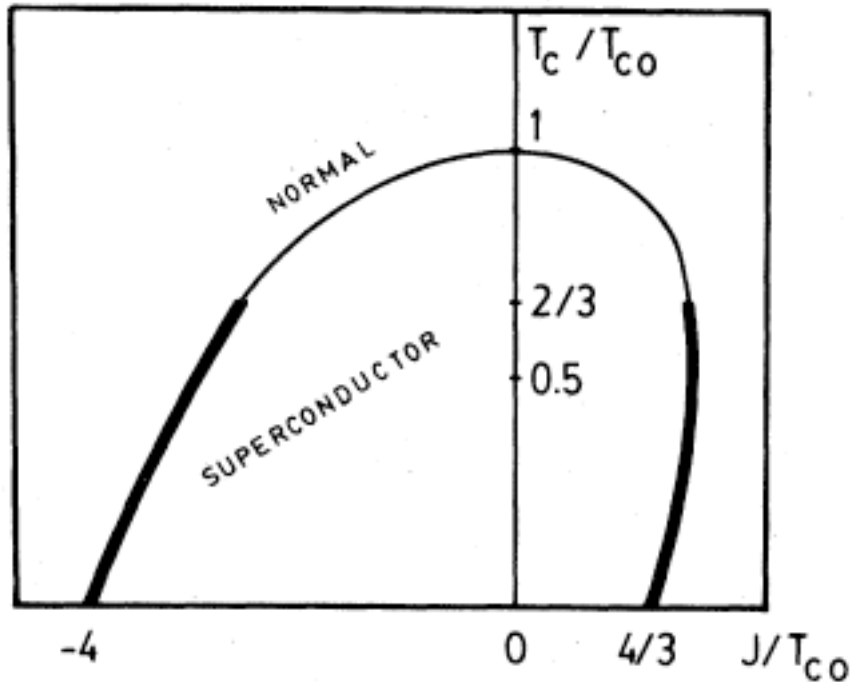


FIG. 2. Phase diagram obtained with the zero-bandwidth limit of the MHZ (Ref. 14) model [including both ferromagnetic ( $J < 0$ ) and antiferromagnetic ( $J > 0$ ) values of the exchange constant]. In the last case the phenomenon of reentrance is observed. — second-order phase transition, — first-order phase transition.

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The reentrance (or partial order) phenomenon manifests itself in successive phase transitions

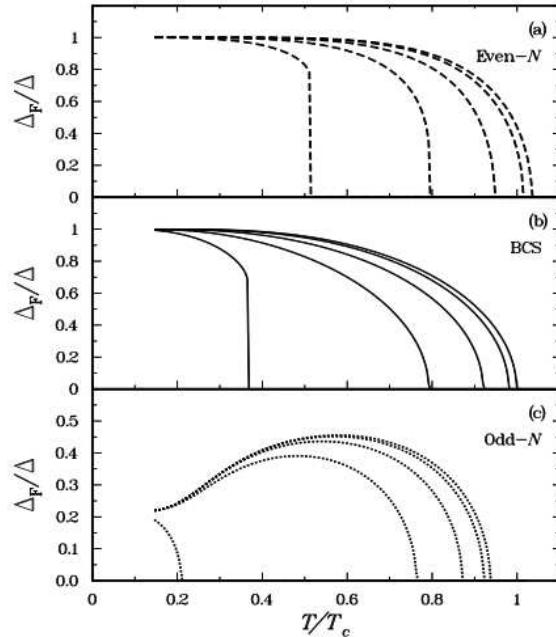


FIG. 2. Dependence upon  $T$  of the gap  $\Delta_F$  for  $w_F\Delta = 1.19$  ( $w_F\tilde{G} = 0.233$ ) and for magnetic-field values such that  $w_FB=0; 0.2; 0.4; 0.6; 0.8$ . The three plots correspond to (a) the even- $N$  projection ( $\langle\hat{N}\rangle = 100$ ), (b) the BCS theory ( $\langle\hat{N}\rangle = 100$ ), and (c) the odd- $N$  projection ( $\langle\hat{N}\rangle = 101$ ). Note the scale difference between (c) and (a).

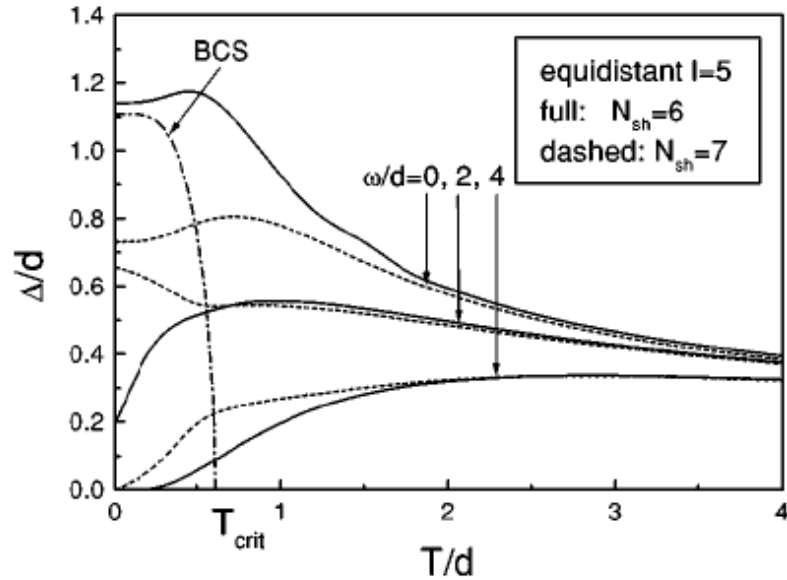


FIG. 5. Canonical gap  $\Delta_{can}(T, \omega)$  for an equidistantly spaced  $l = 5$  shell in a cluster with even (full line) and odd (dotted line) particle number. The mean-field gap  $\Delta_{mf}(T, \omega = 0)$  is shown by the dash-dotted line (BCS).

- BCS: R. Balian, H. Flocard, and M. Veneroni, Phys. Rep. 317, 251 (1999)
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With increasing temperature, less-aligned excited configurations with lower seniorities enter the canonical ensemble, and this reintroduces the pair correlations. At still higher temperatures, the Meissner transition takes place and pairing correlations decrease.

## Fission barriers of compound superheavy nuclei

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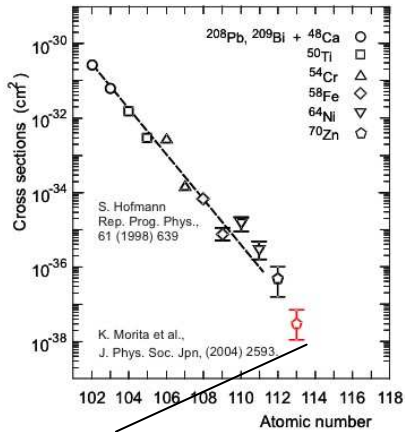
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Unique HFB solvers made this work possible:

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**HFODD**: J. Dobaczewski and P. Olbratowski, Comput. Phys. Commun. 158, 158 (2004); *ibid.* 167, 214 (2005)

# Jądra Superciężkie



2 zdarzenia/rok

2008

Proton number

118  
116  
114

$^{226}\text{Ra}$   
 $^{238}\text{U}$   
 $^{237}\text{Np}$   
 $^{242}\text{Pu}$   
 $^{245}\text{Cm}$   
 $^{249}\text{Cf}$

2004  
 $^{244}\text{Pu}$   
 $^{243}\text{Am}$   
 $^{248}\text{Cm}$

+  $^{48}\text{Ca}$

Act. +  $^{48}\text{Ca}$   
hot fusion

cold fusion

112  
110  
108  
106  
104

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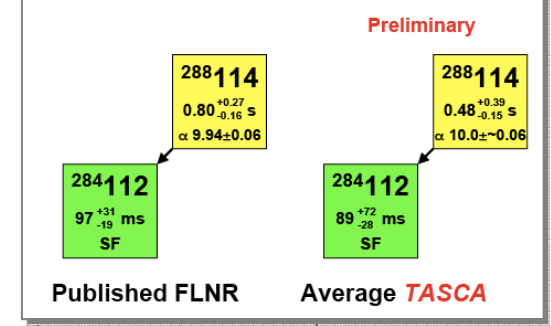
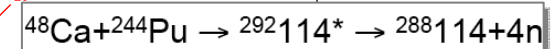
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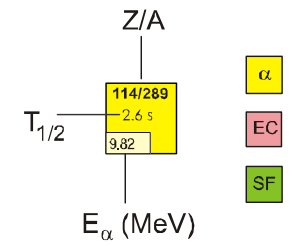
...also:  $^{286,287}\text{114}$   
 $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{242}\text{Pu}$  from LBNL



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From Y. Oganessian

Neutron number

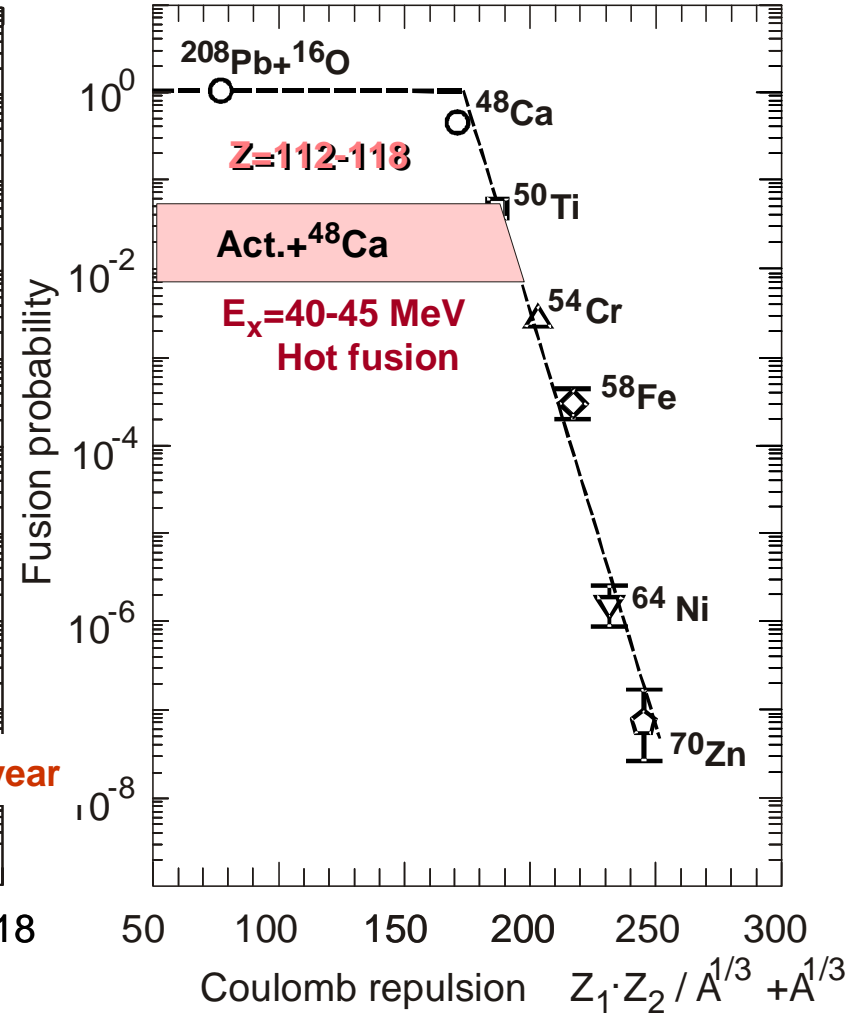
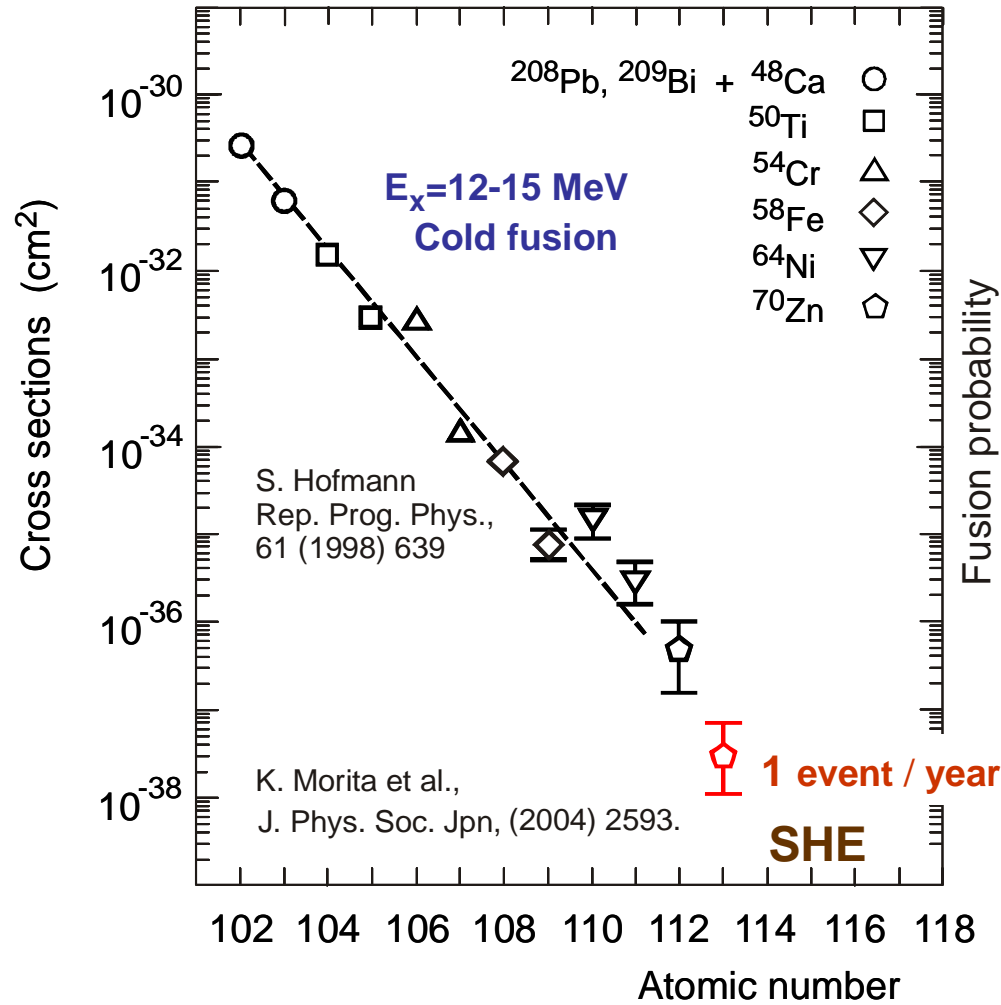
# Experiments

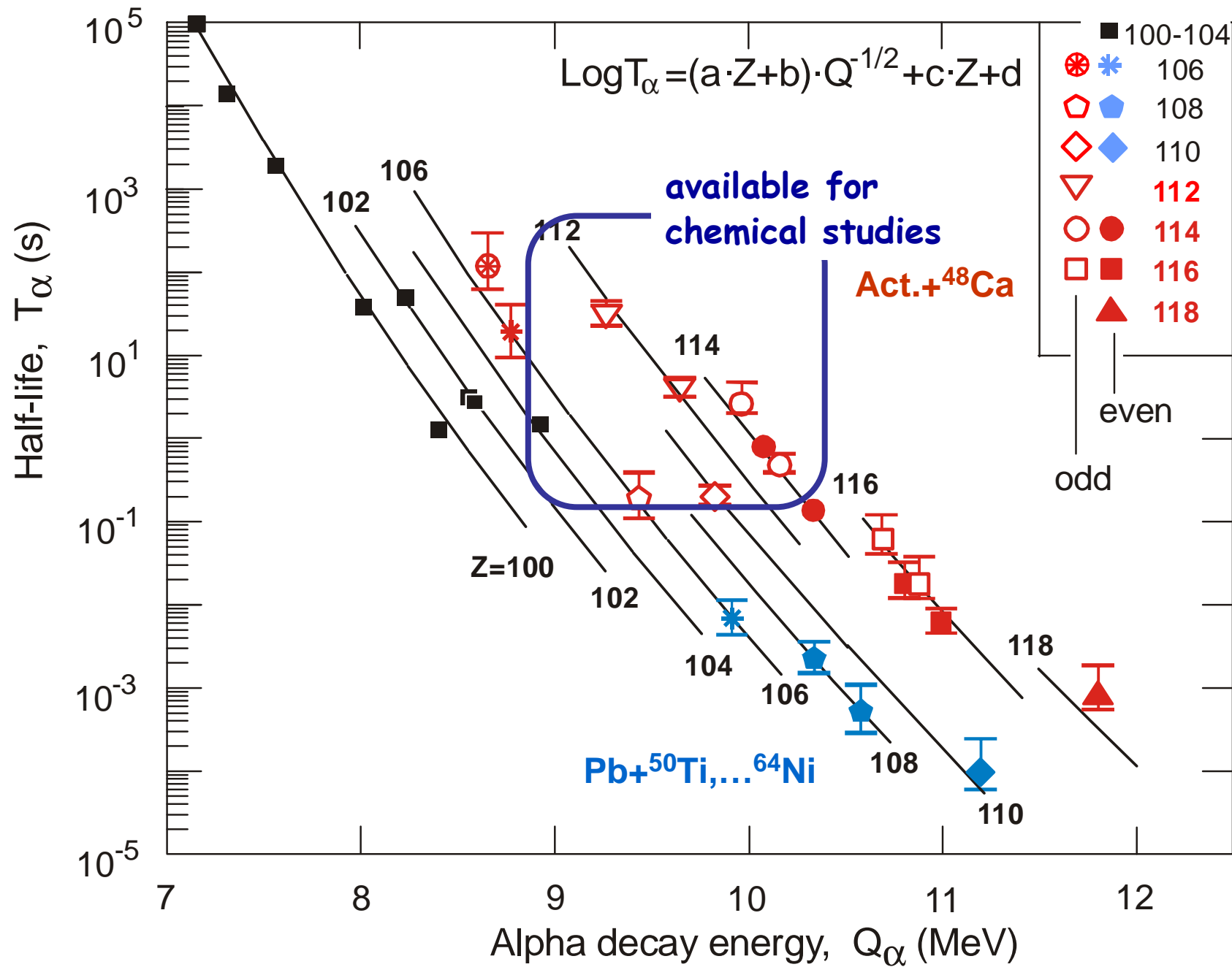
- Cold-fusion experiment at GSI **E\*=10~12 MeV**  
 $(^{70}\text{Zn} + ^{208}\text{Pb}) \rightarrow ^{277}\text{112} + n$   
*S. Hofmann and G. Munzenberg, Rev. Mod. Phys. 72, 733(2000)*
- Hot-fusion experiment at Dubna **E\*=35~40 MeV**  
 $(^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{244}\text{Pu}) \rightarrow ^{288}\text{114} + 4n$   
*Y. Oganessian, Pure Appl. Chem. 78, 889(2006)*
- Highly excited experiment at GANIL **E\*~80 MeV**  
 $^{208}\text{Pb} + \text{Ge}, ^{238}\text{U} + \text{Ni}, ^{238}\text{U} + \text{Ge}$   
with lifetimes  $> 10^{-18}\text{s}$  for  $Z=120, 124$  and much shorter lifetimes for neutron-deficient nuclei with  $Z=114$   
*M. Morjean, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 072701(2008)*

Survival probability of CN is one of the Key issues!



# Cold fusion cross sections and fusion probability





# Mean-field Theory at Finite Temperature

- Equilibrium state of a physical system at constant temperature,  $T$  and chemical potential,  $\mu$  is obtained from the minimization of the grand canonical potential

$$\Omega = E - TS - \mu N$$

$$E = \text{Tr}(\hat{D}\hat{H}) \quad , \quad S = -k\text{Tr}(\hat{D}\ln\hat{D}) \quad , \quad N = \text{Tr}(\hat{D}\hat{N})$$

- Density operator and the grand partition function are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D} &= e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})} / Z \\ Z &= \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})}) \end{aligned}$$

- Variation of the grand canonical potential using one-body density operator leads to the following HFB equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} \begin{pmatrix} U_i \\ V_i \end{pmatrix} &= E_i \begin{pmatrix} U_i \\ V_i \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{H} &= \begin{pmatrix} h - \lambda & \Delta \\ -\Delta^* & -h^* + \lambda \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Finite temperature generalizations of the particle and pairing density matrices are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= UfU^\dagger + V^*(1-f)\tilde{V} \\ \kappa &= UfV^\dagger + V^*(1-f)\tilde{U} \end{aligned}$$

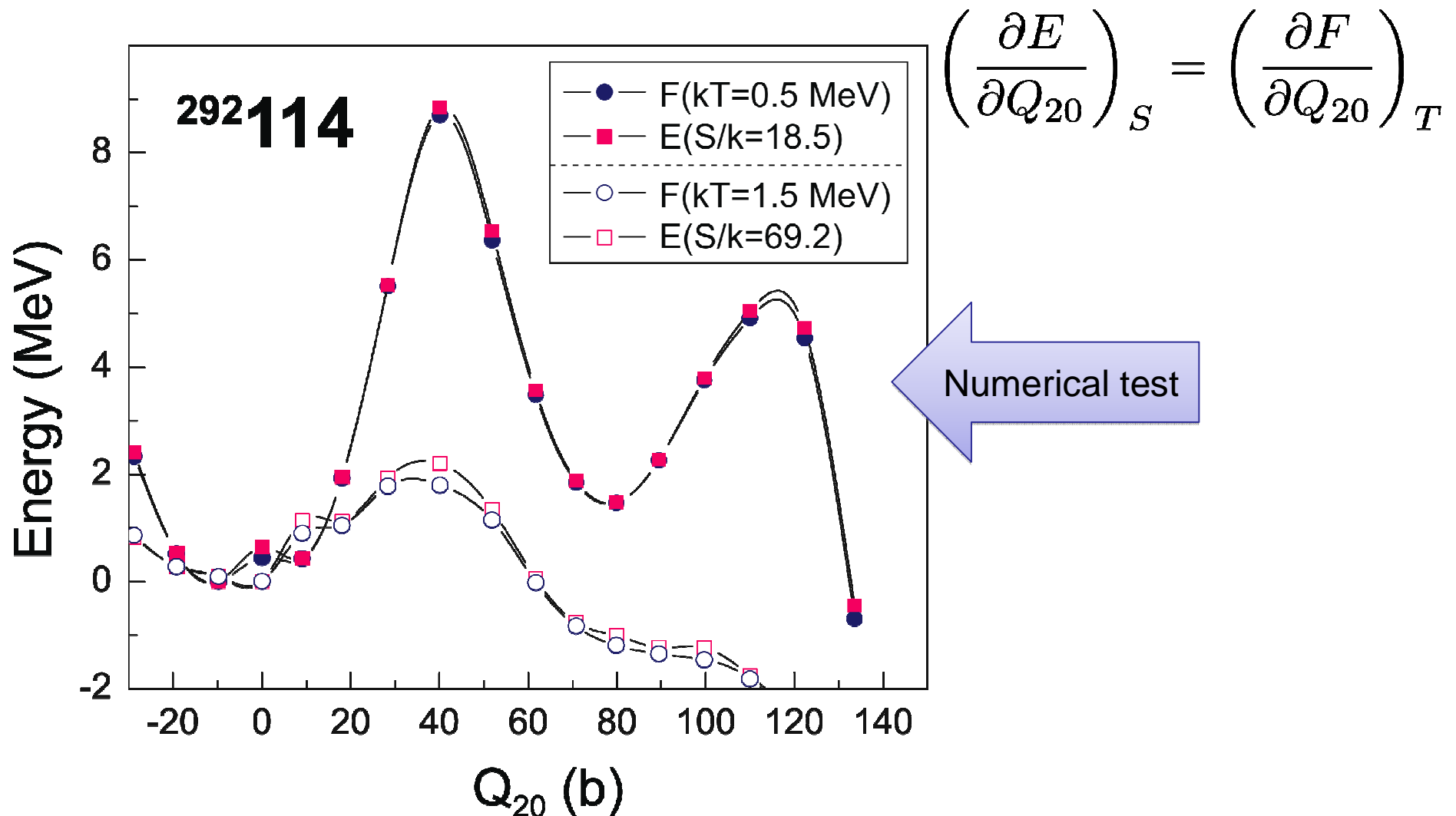
where the quantity “ $f$ ” stands for the Fermi function, defined as,

$$f_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta E_i}}$$

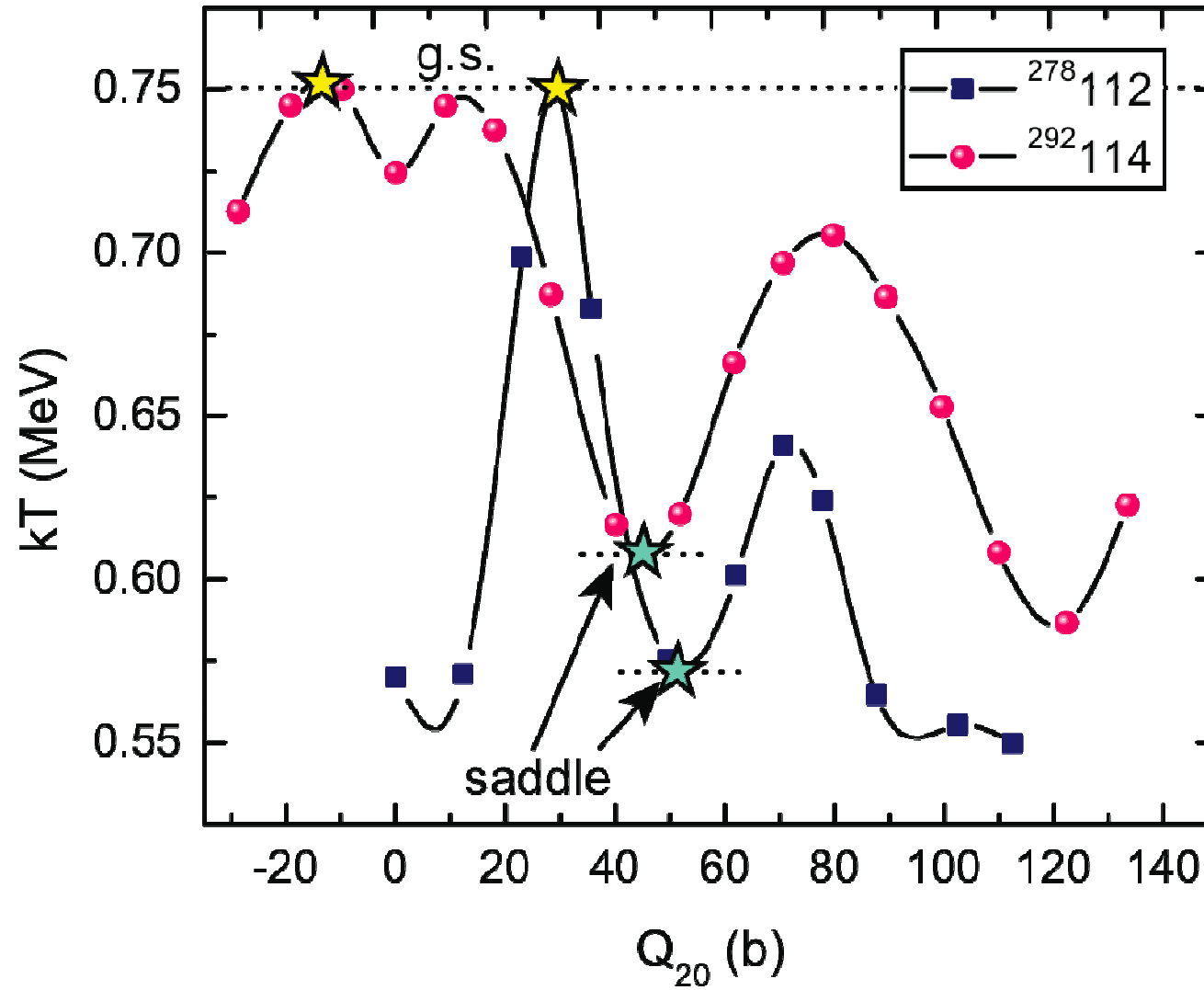
## Fission: isothermal or isentropic, or ...?

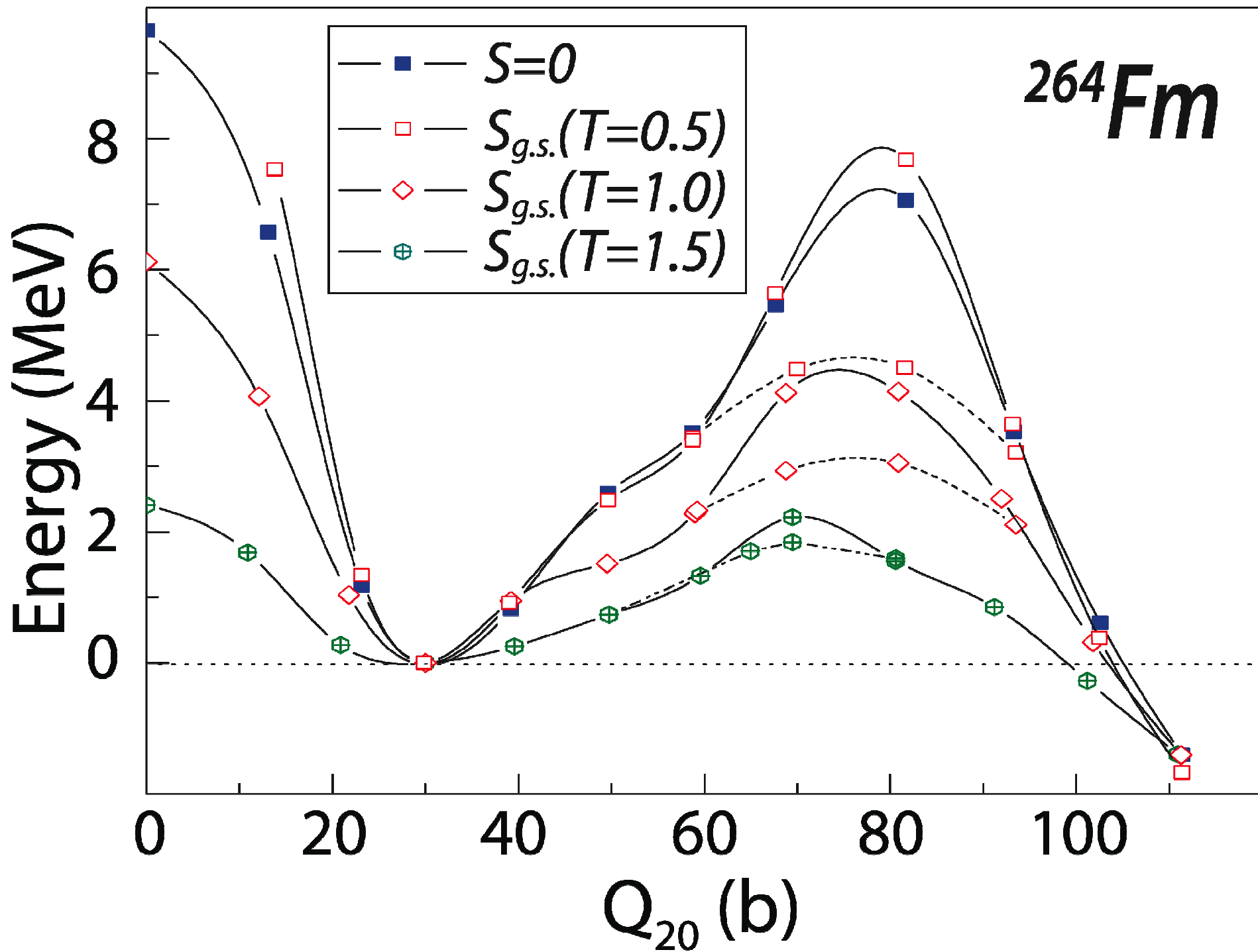
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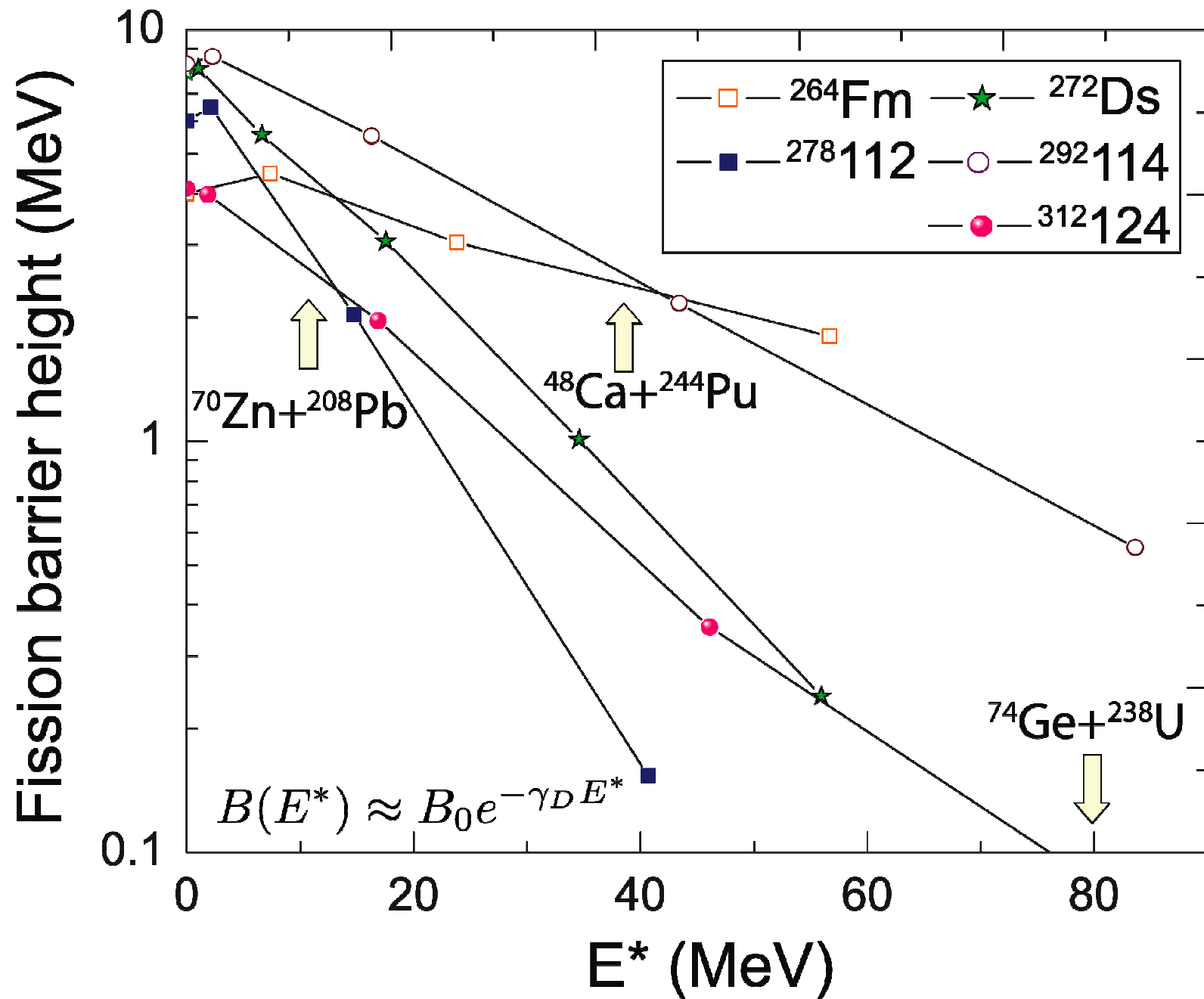
M.E. Faber, M. Ploszajczak, and K. Junker, Acta Phys. Pol. B 15, 94 (1984)



The lowest minimum warmer than the saddle point!







$$\Delta T = T_{g.s.} - T_B > 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} \right)_{Q_{20}} = kT$$

$$\Delta T(^{278}112) > \Delta T(^{292}114)$$



**Shell effects crucial!**

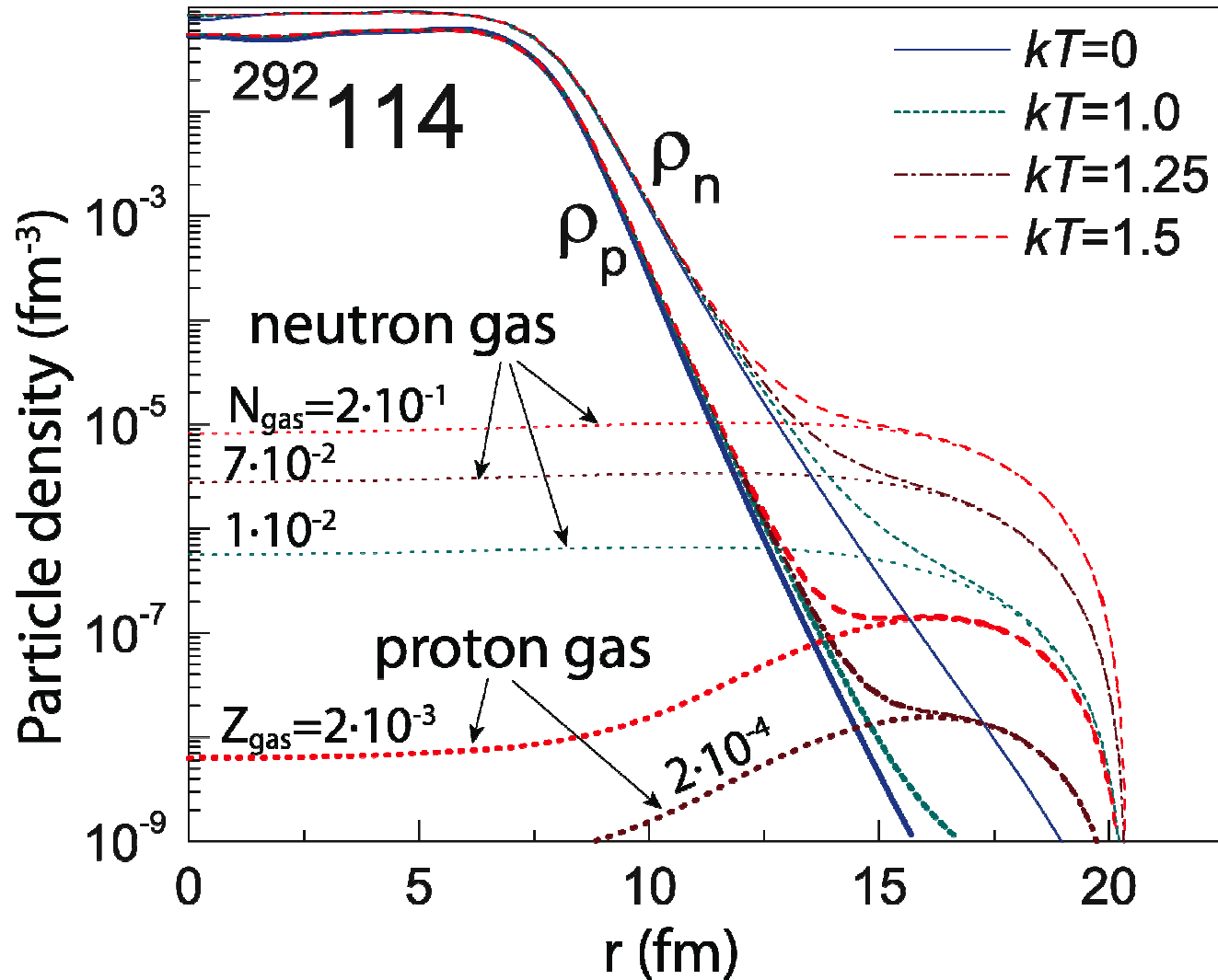


# Particle gas component

Can be removed

Its magnitude is related to particle width

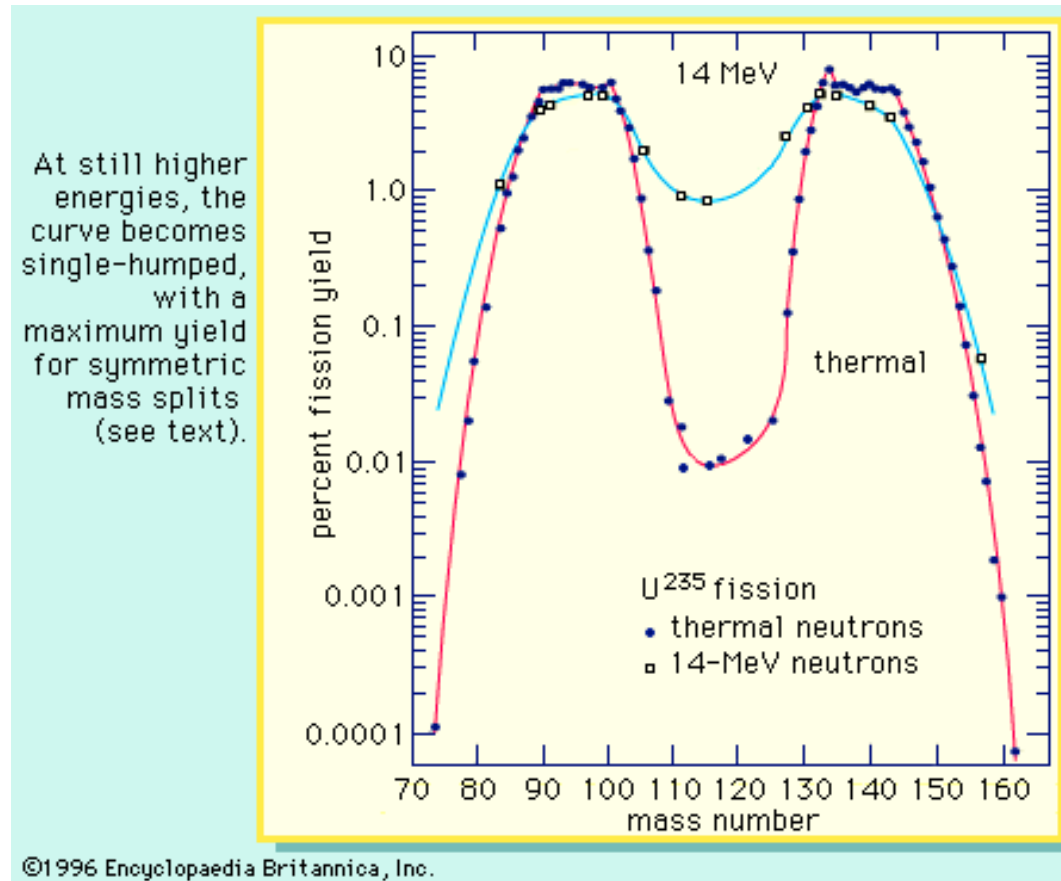
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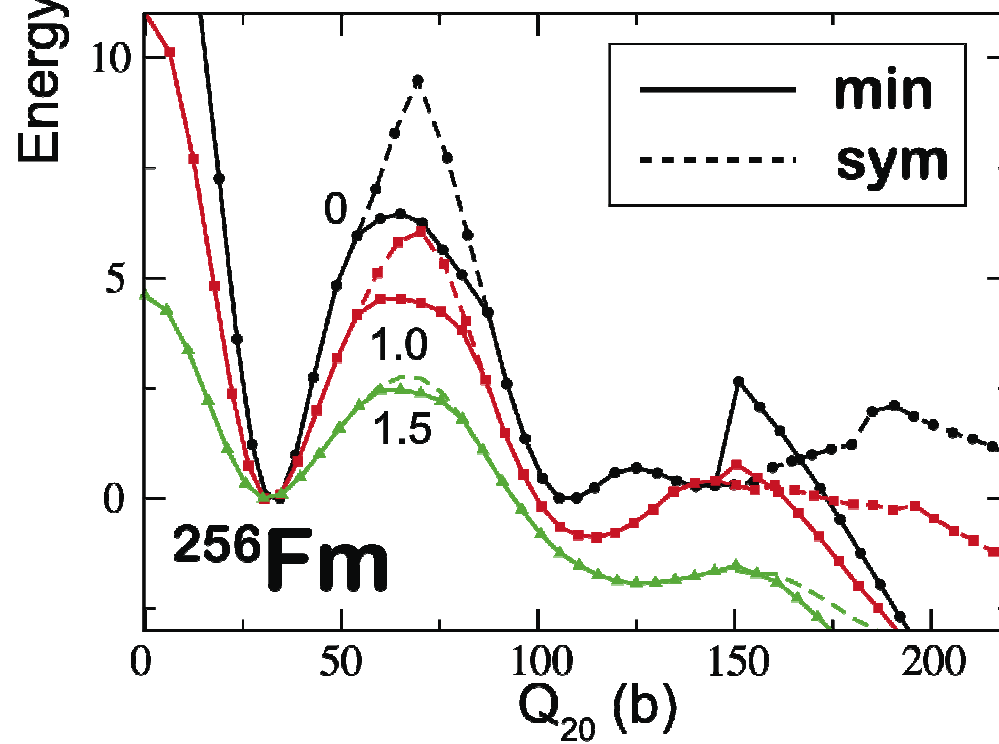
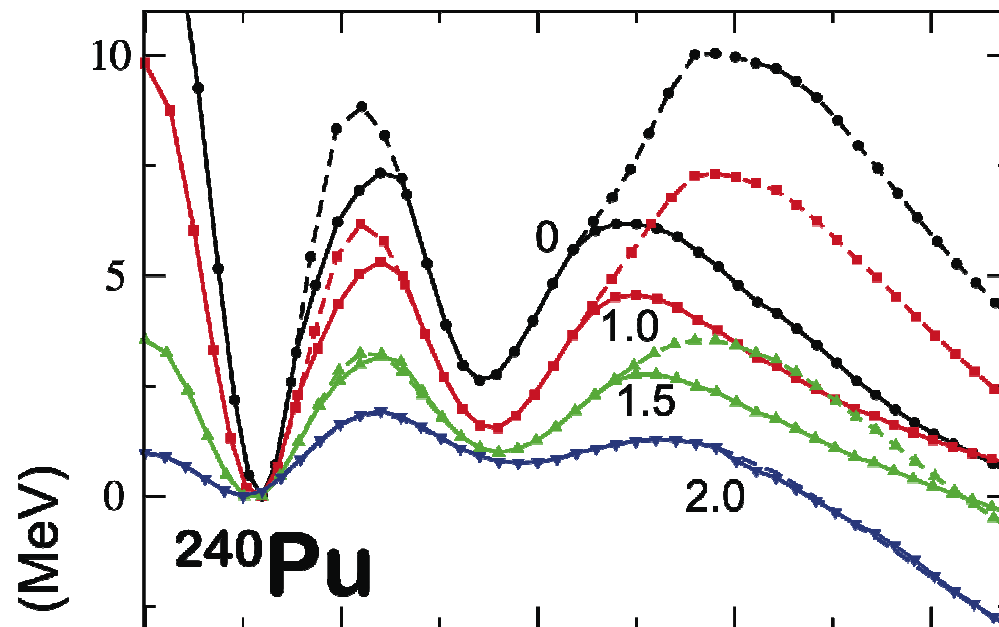


Systematic Study of Fission Barriers of Excited Superheavy Nuclei  
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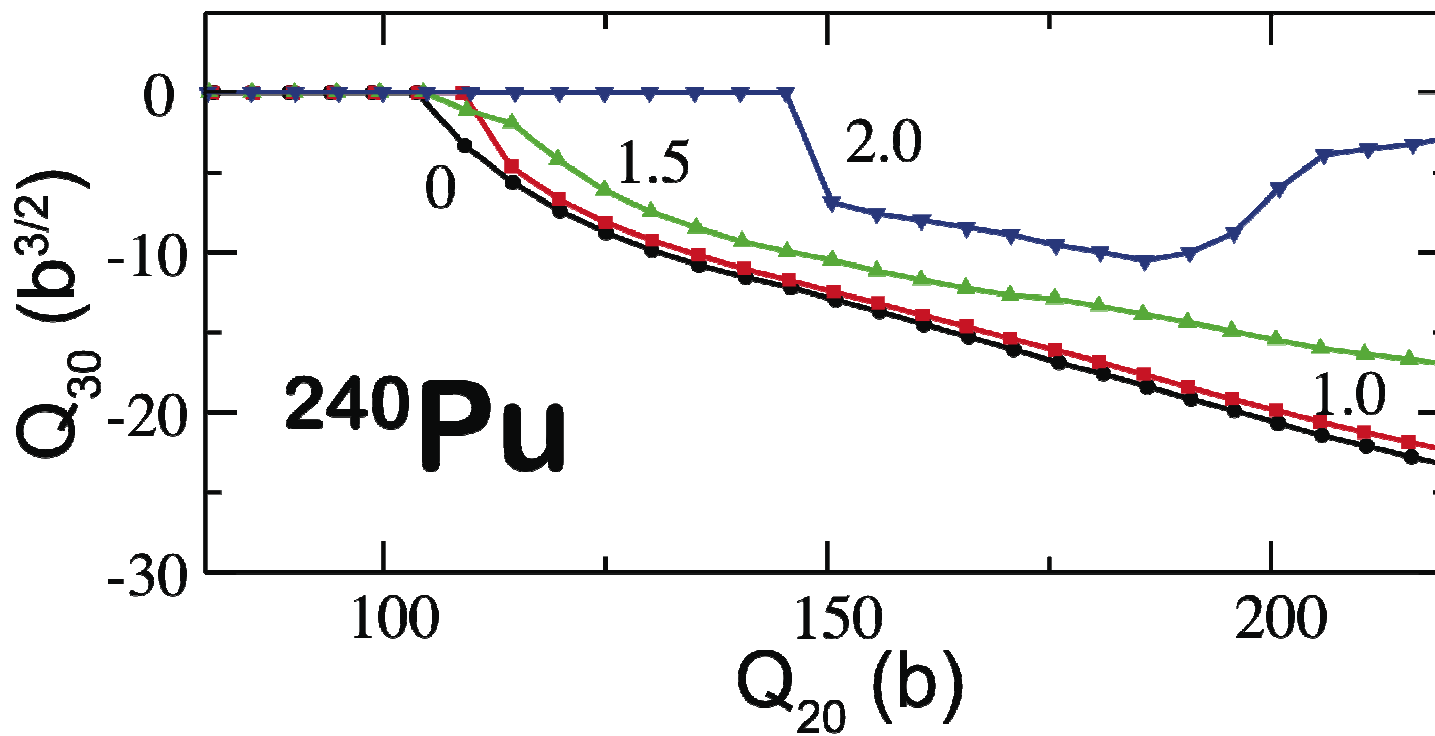
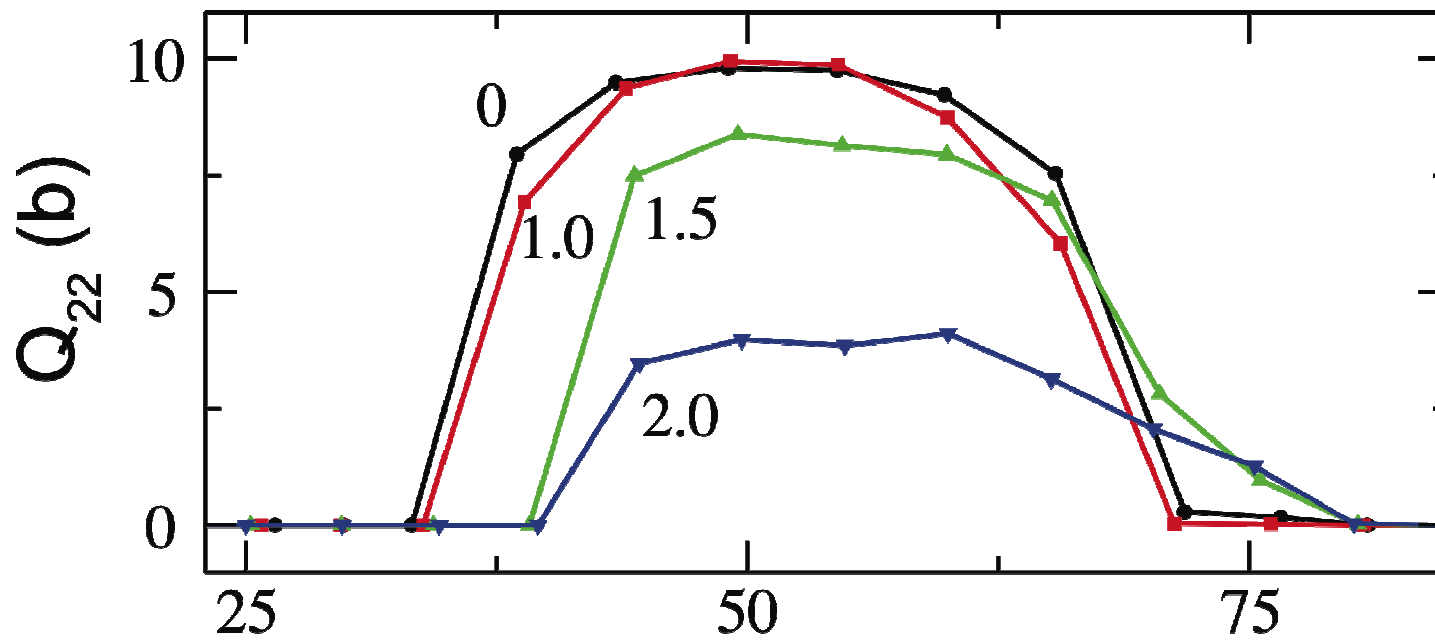
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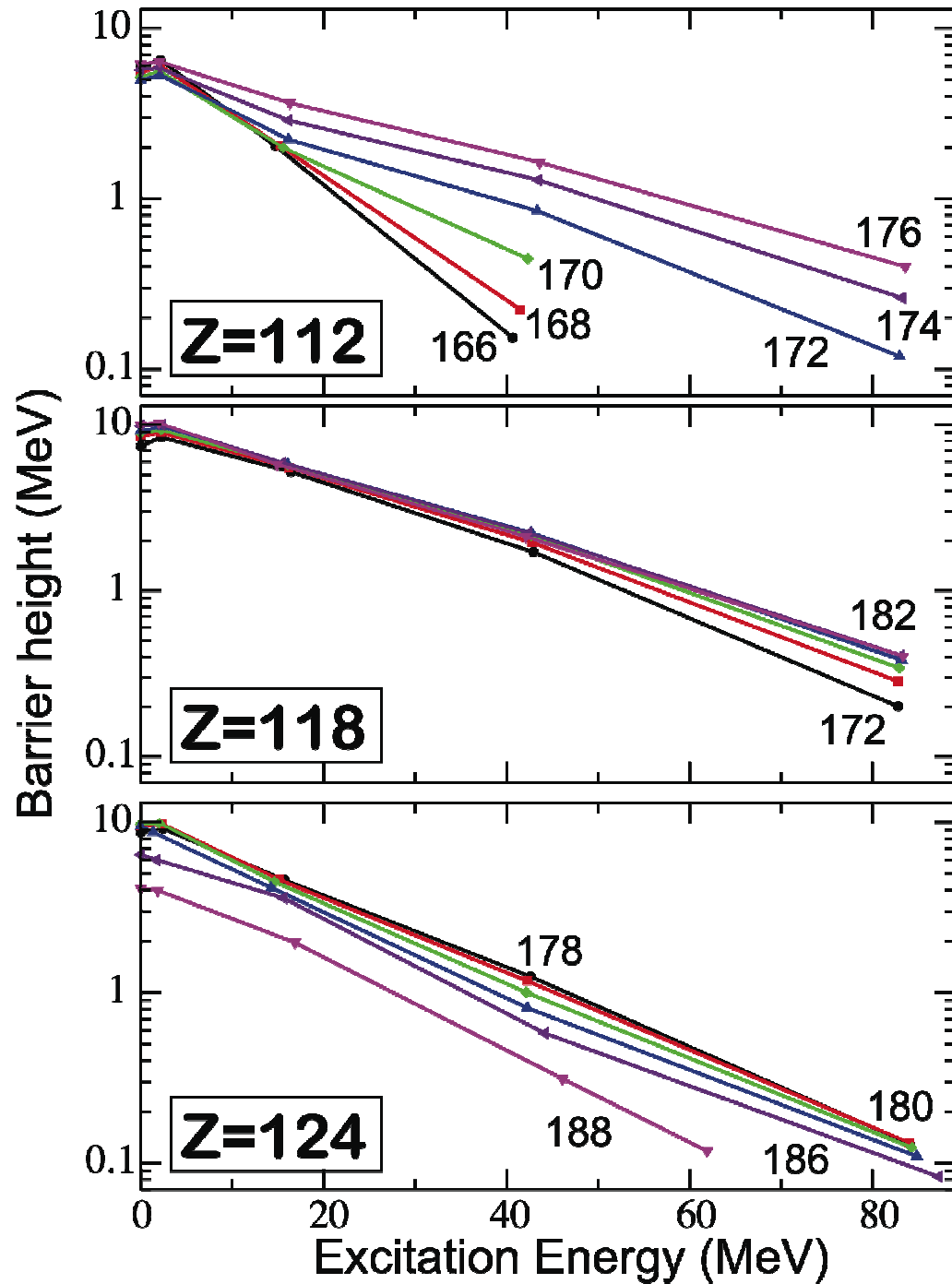
- Mirror asymmetry and triaxiality at high temperatures
- Systematic analysis of barrier damping





Transition to symmetric split at high-T



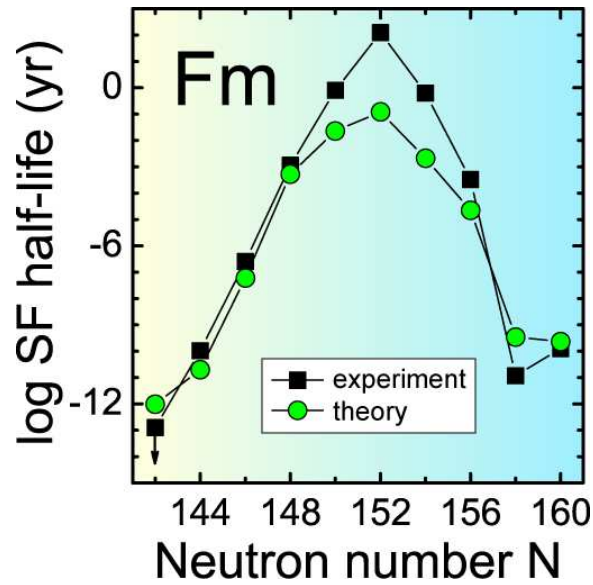
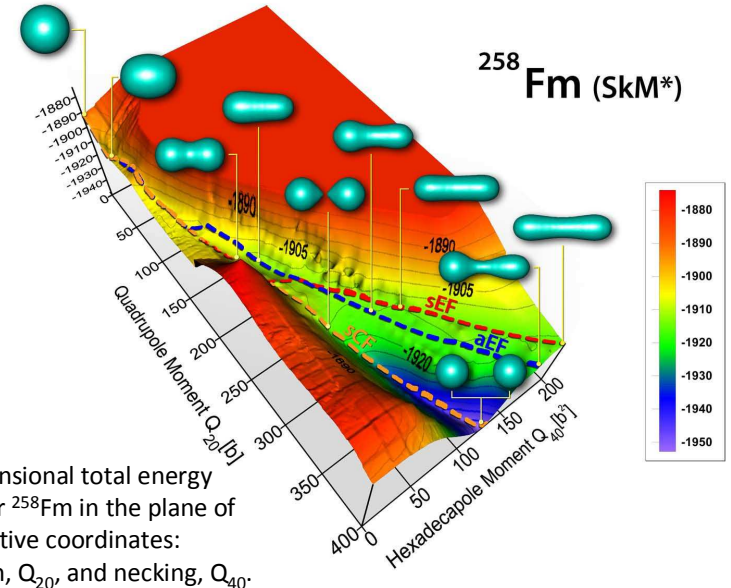
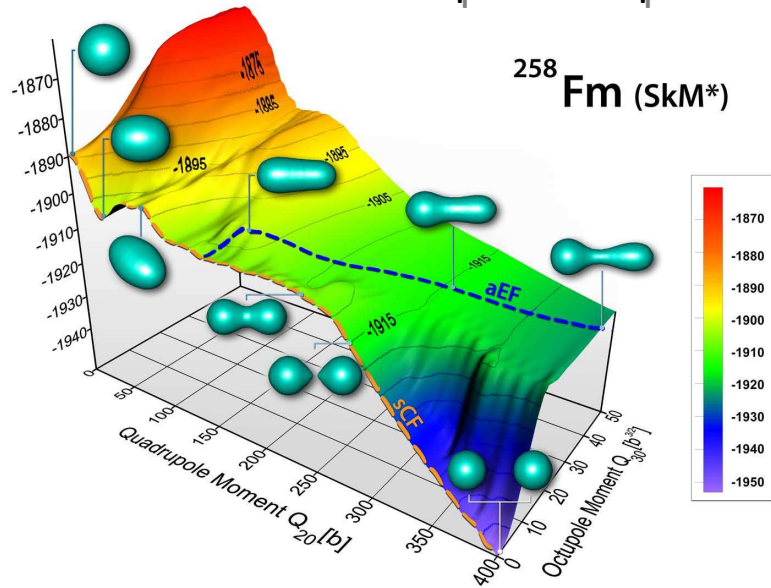


$$B(E^*) = B_0 e^{-\gamma_D E^*}$$

The damping factor can be meaningfully extracted

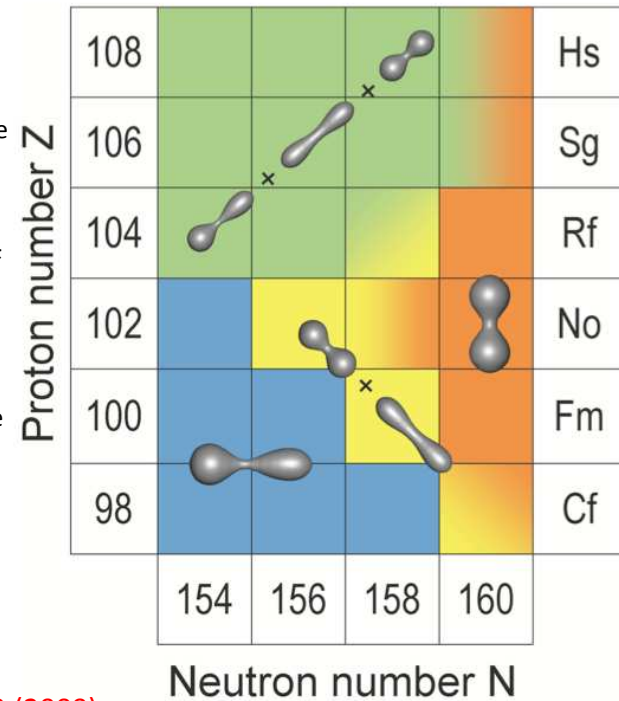


# Microscopic description of spontaneous fission



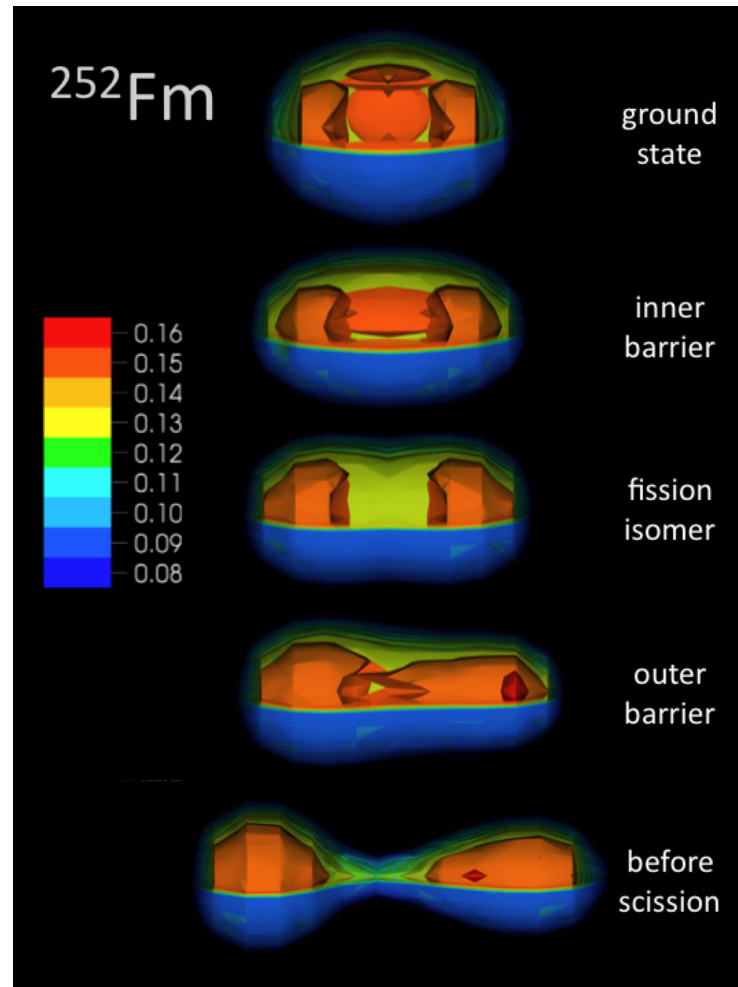
Calculated fission half lives of even-even fermium isotopes, with  $242 \leq A \leq 260$ , compared with experimental data.

Summary of fission pathway results obtained in this study. Nuclei around <sup>252</sup>Cf are predicted to fission along the asymmetric path aEF; those around <sup>262</sup>No along the symmetric pathway sCF. These two regions are separated by the bimodal symmetric fission (sCF + sEF) around <sup>258</sup>Fm. In a number of the Rf, Sg, and Hs nuclei, all three fission modes are likely (aEF + sCF + sEF; trimodal fission). In some cases, labeled by two-tone shading with one tone dominant, calculations predict coexistence of two decay scenarios with a preference for one. Typical nuclear shapes corresponding to the calculated nucleon densities are marked.



## Microscopic description of spontaneous fission: leadership-class computers help cracking the nuclear puzzle

Advanced theoretical methods and high-performance computers may finally unlock the secrets of nuclear fission, a fundamental nuclear decay that is of great relevance to society.





# SUMMARY

Two aspects of nuclear behavior at  $T > 0$

- Reentrant superconductivity at high spins
- Isentropic fission barriers and shell structure

The role of finite-size effects on pairing in spin-polarized nuclei

Impact of shell effects on survival probability of superheavy compound nuclei

Thank You