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# Latest SEASTAR Results with MINOS+DALI2 in the $^{110}\text{Zr}$ region

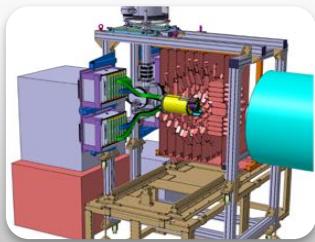
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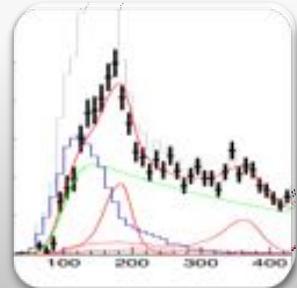


# Overview



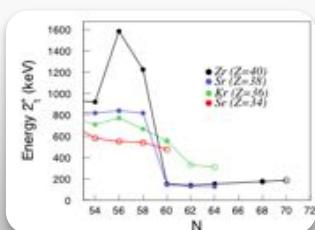
## Motivation and Setup

- $E_2^+$  as a probe of structure evolution
- The SEASTAR Campaign
- MINOS+DALI2 @ RIKEN



## Physics Cases—What happens beyond N=60?

- $^{88-94}\text{Se}$ —shape coexistence?
- $^{98-100}\text{Kr}$ —quantum phase transition?
- $^{110}\text{Zr}$ —tetrahedral? harmonic oscillator?



## Summary

- The emerging picture of  $60 < N < 70$  structure evolution

# cea Motivation: Understanding Structure Evolution

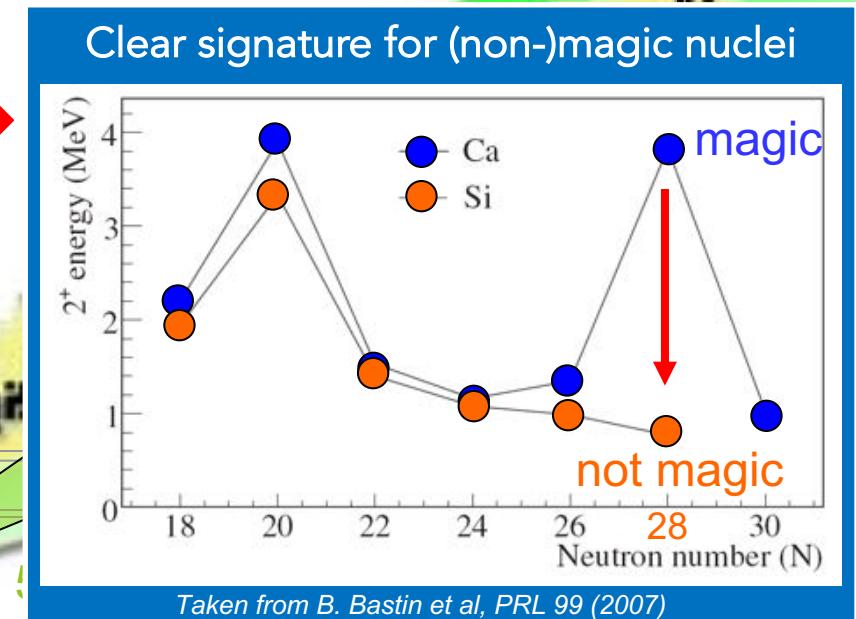
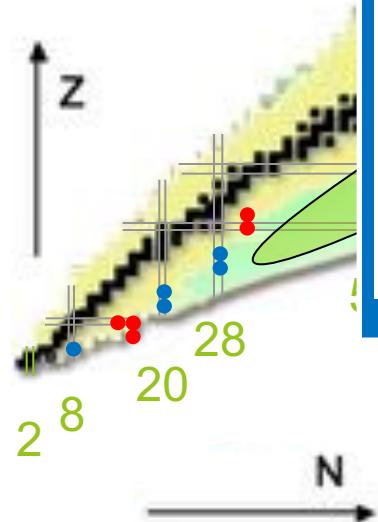
## Evolution of nuclear structure with N/Z not fully understood

- Disappearance of known magic numbers
- Appearance of new magic numbers

## Probes of structure evolution

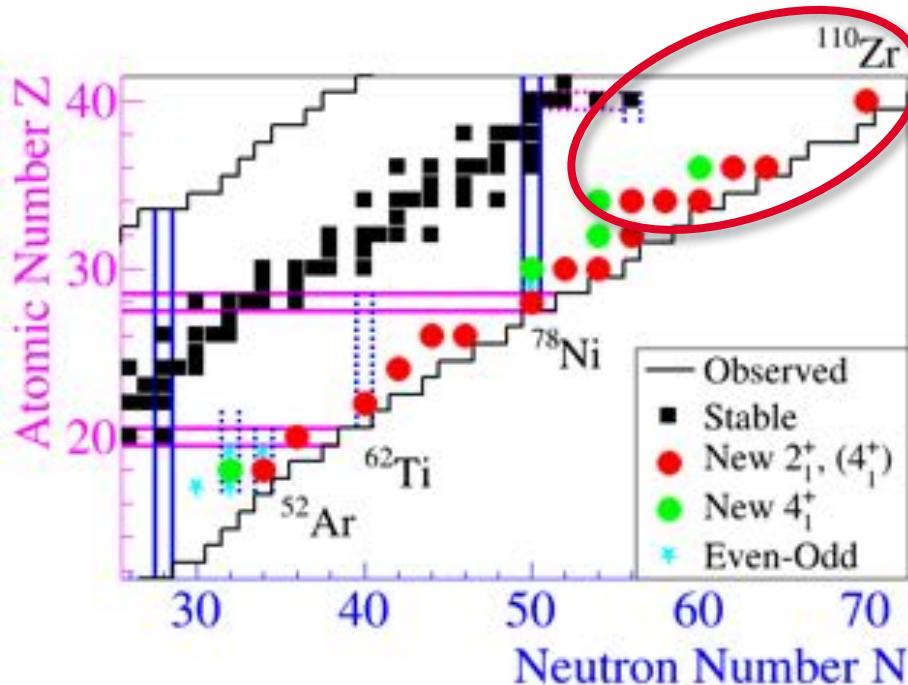
- First 2+ excited states  
(this work)
- Masses, radii, transition probabilities,.....

- new magic
- not magic



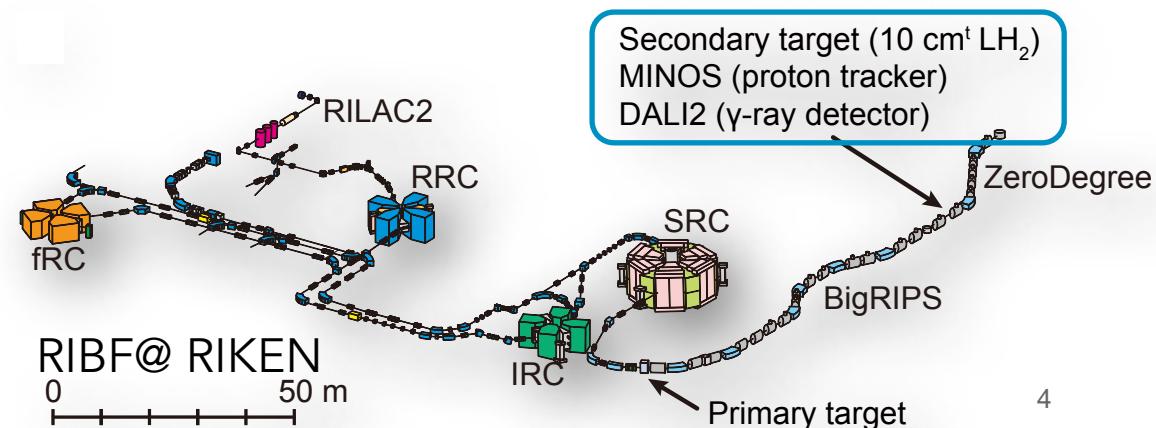
- stable nuclei
- known nuclei
- unknown nuclei (prediction)

# Experiment: The SEASTAR Campaign

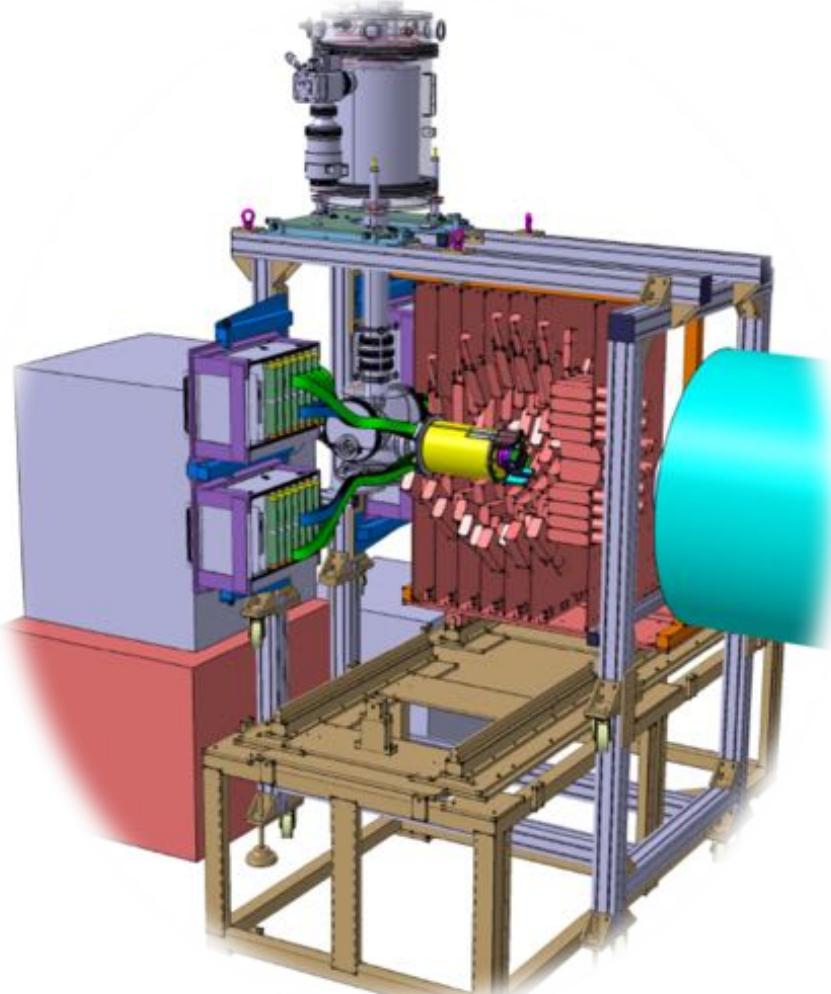


- Goal: First  $E_2^+$ ,  $E_4^+$  measurements of selected most exotic nuclei through ( $p, 2p$ ) reaction
- Innovation: MINOS+DALI2 detectors
- Spokespersons: P. Doornenbal and A. Obertelli
- Multiyear campaign:
  - 2014  $\sim^{78}\text{Ni}$
  - 2015  $\sim^{110}\text{Zr}$  and south
  - 2017  $\sim^{52}\text{Ar}, ^{62}\text{Ti}$

Primary beam:  $^{238}\text{U}$   
 Energy: 345 MeV/U,  
 Intensity: 30 p nA  
 $\beta$  @ MINOS: 0.6c



# DALI2+MINOS detectors



## DALI2

- 182 NaI(Tl) scintillators
- 35% efficiency @ 500kev
- 9% resolution (FWHM) @ 662 kev
- ~15-160° angular coverage

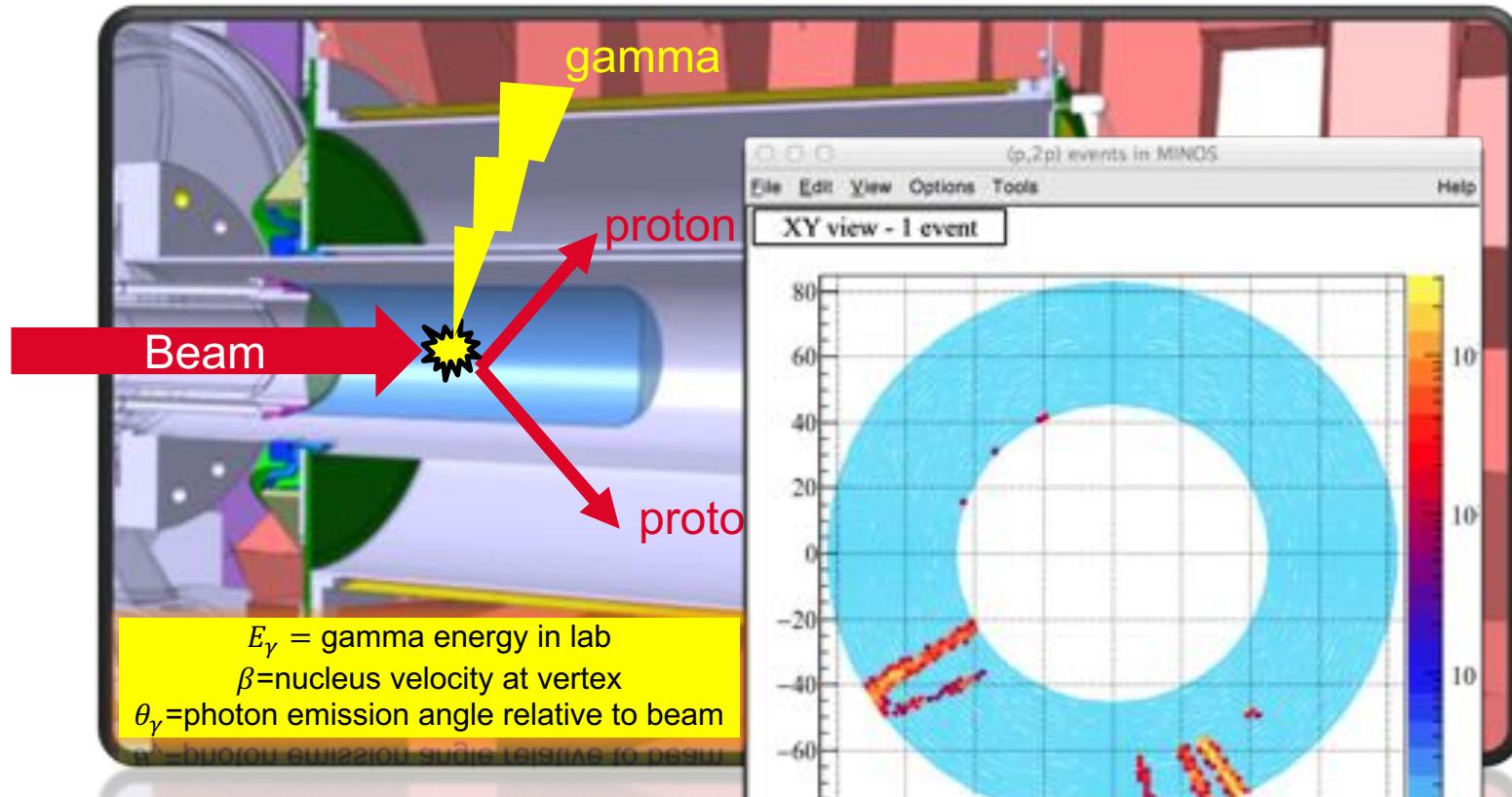
Takeuchi et al, NIM A 763 (2014)

## MINOS

- LH<sub>2</sub> target +TPC
- Thick target → high luminosity
- Reaction vertex → Doppler correction
- >95% 1p detection efficiency

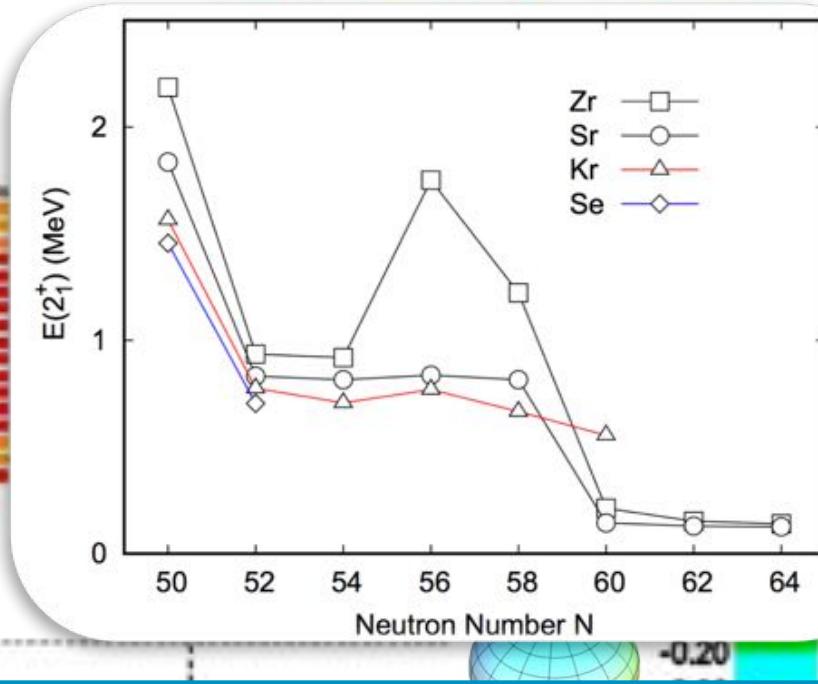
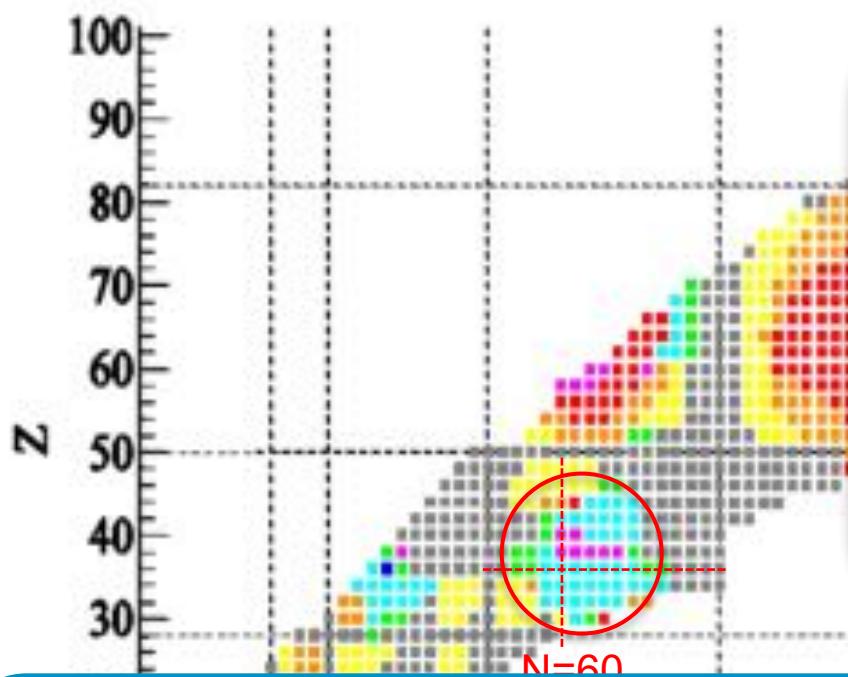
Obertelli et al, EPJA 50 (2014)

→ (p,2p) knockout reactions



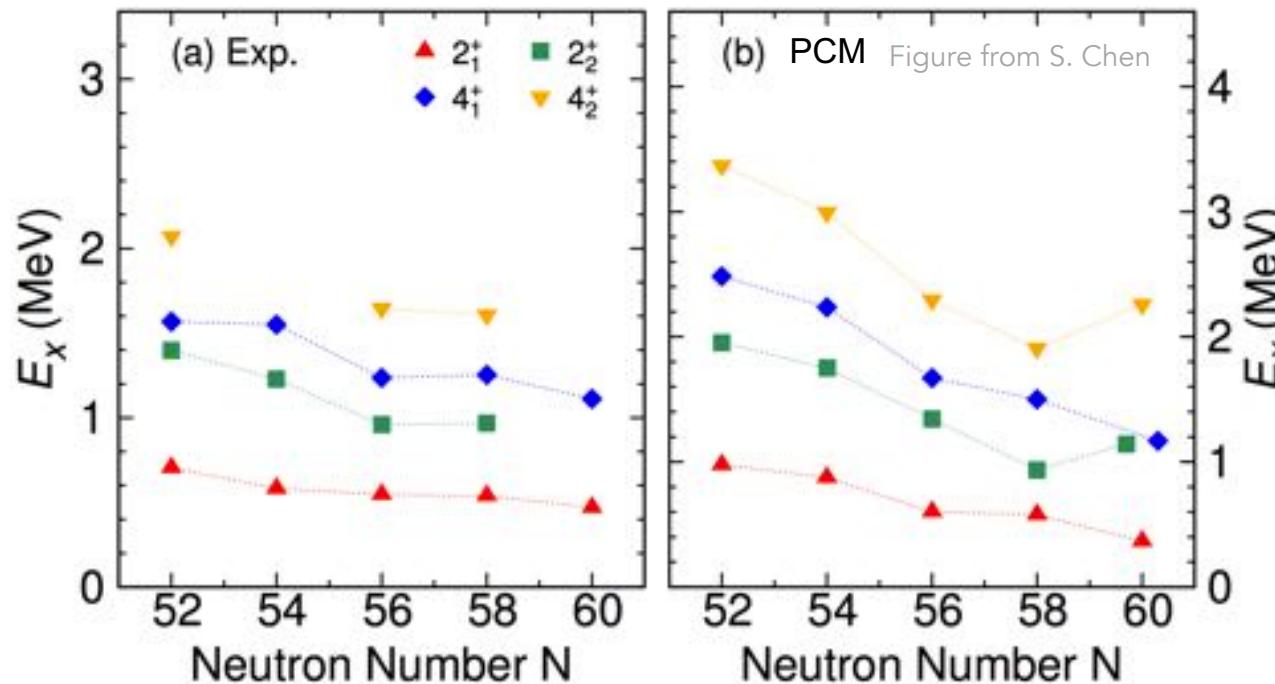
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# Motivation: What Happens Beyond N=60?

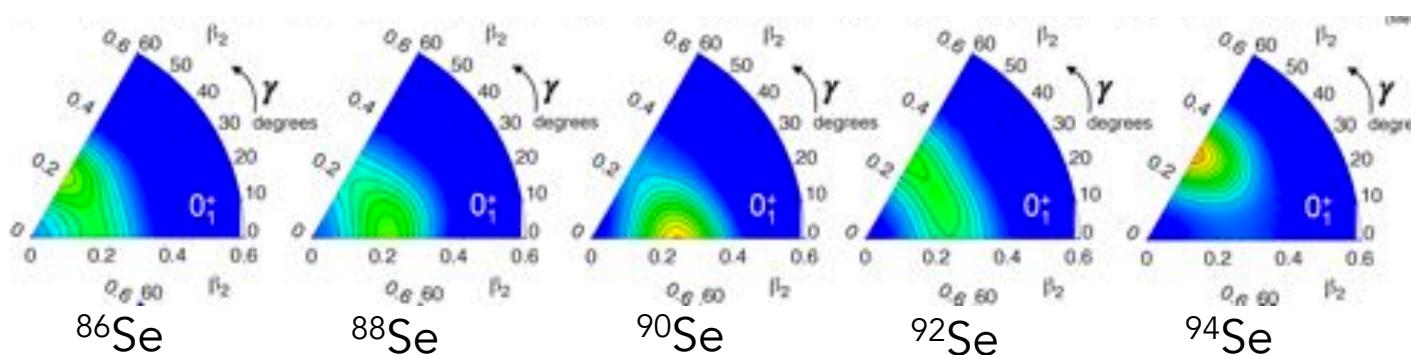


- Rapid onset of deformation @  $N=60$  in Zr chain—competing prolate configuration, interacting p-n orbitals (Federman-Pittel mechanism, type II shell evolution of Otsuka)
- Same effect when removing protons?
- Complicated shape coexistence—rich testing ground for structure models
- **New effects at N=70?**

# Results: Se Isotopes And SCCM Calculations

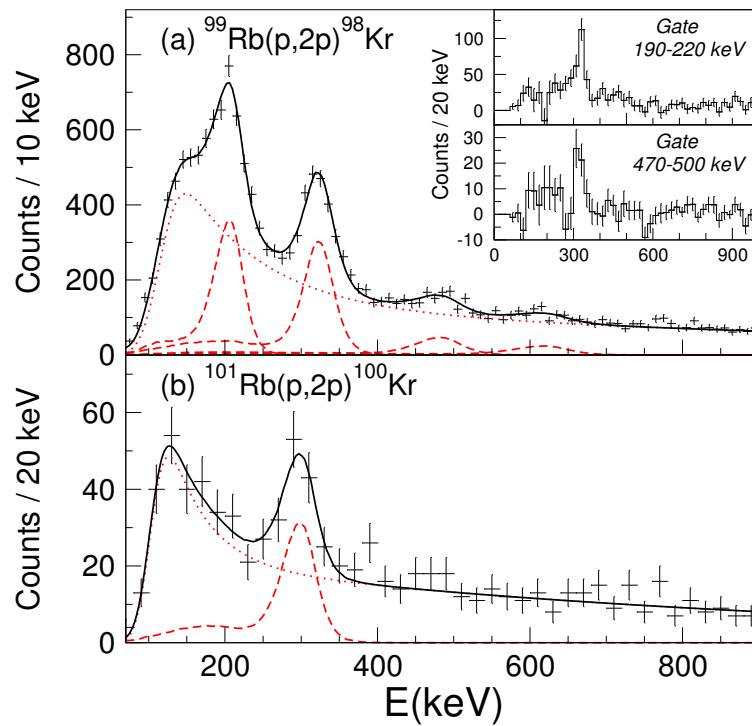


- Measurement consistent with D1S+PCM calculations from Tomas Rodriguez
- Calculations show **oblate-prolate** transition at **N=56**, then sharp **prolate-oblate** transition at **N=58**.
- No indication of N=56 subshell closure ( ${}^{90}\text{Se}$ )



Figures from S. Chen and T.R. Rodriguez

# Results: $^{98,100}\text{Kr}$ (courtesy of F. Flavigny)

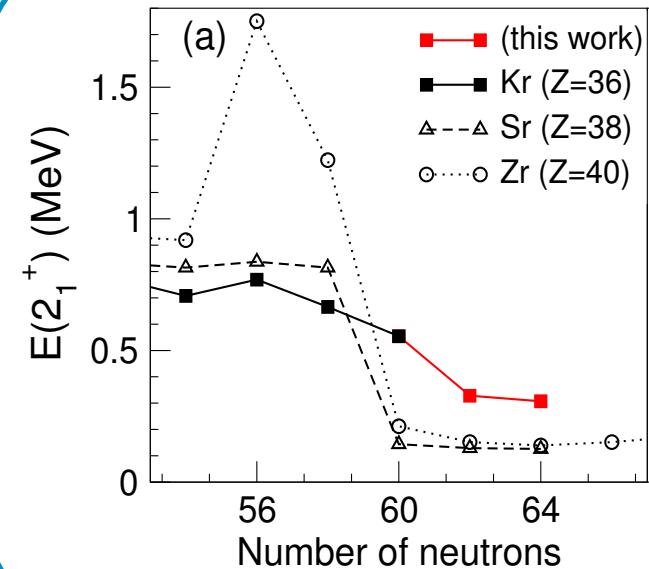


## $E(2_1^+)$ evolution:

- Overall **progressive decrease** for Kr
- Not as brutal as Zr and Sr, but present
- Stabilization at N=64

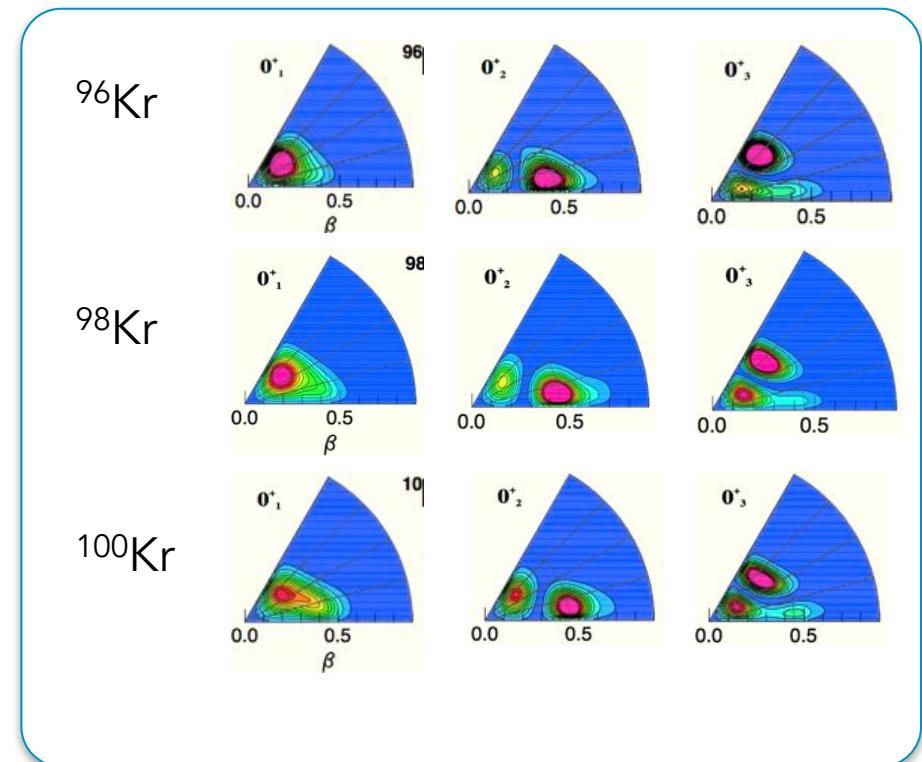
## Intruder configuration:

- First evidence in neutron rich Kr isotopes



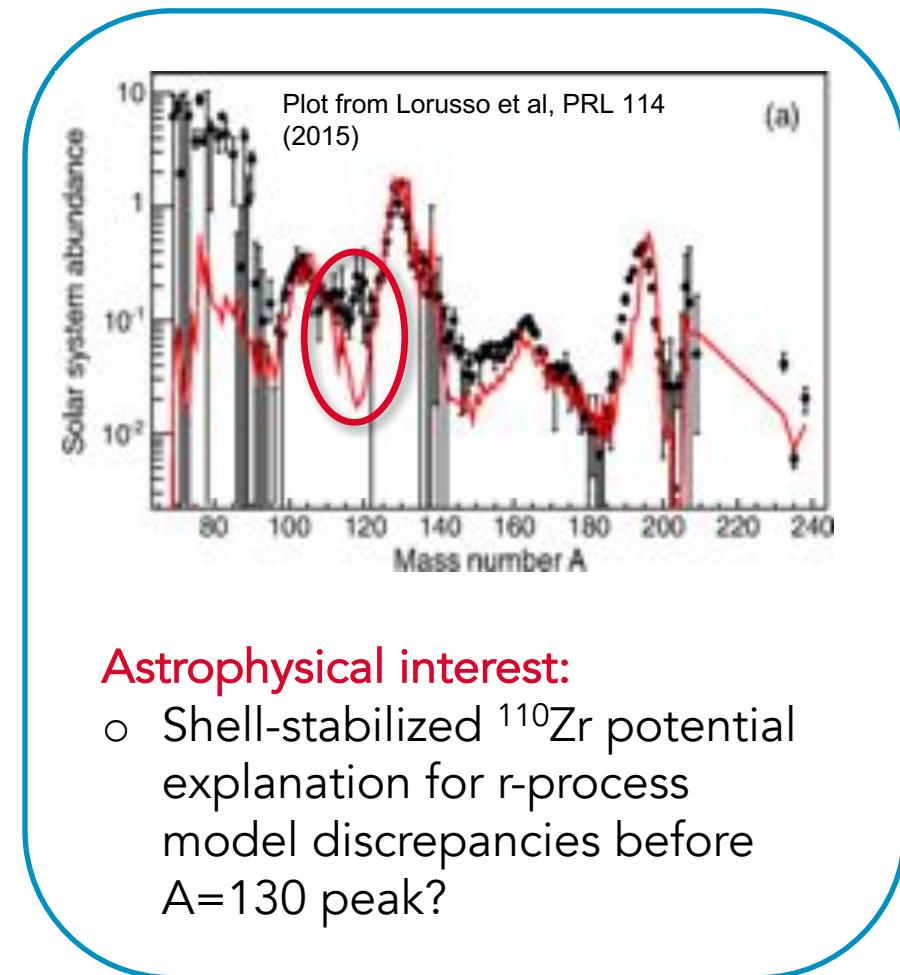
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- Coexistence of prolate and oblate shapes
- Prolate intruder state competing at low energy
- Origin of drop at N=62?  
Unclear from theory



# Motivation: $^{110}\text{Zr}$ ( $Z=40$ , $N=70$ )

- Conflicting theoretical predictions
  - Weakening of spin-orbit splitting, shell gap at  $N=70$ ?
  - Tetrahedral symmetry?
    - 40,70, both tetrahedral magic numbers
    - Dudek et al, PRL 88 (2002); Dudek et al, PRC 69 (2004);
  - Deformed, shape coexistent?
    - Delaroche et al, PRC 81 (2010); Geng et al, PTP 110 (2003); Kortelainen et al, PRC 82 (2010); Skalski et al, NPA 808 (2008); Xu et al, PRC 65 (2002); Petrovici et al, J. Phys. Conf. Ser., Sorgunlu and Van Isacker; Bender et al. PRC 2009.
- Important benchmark for theory

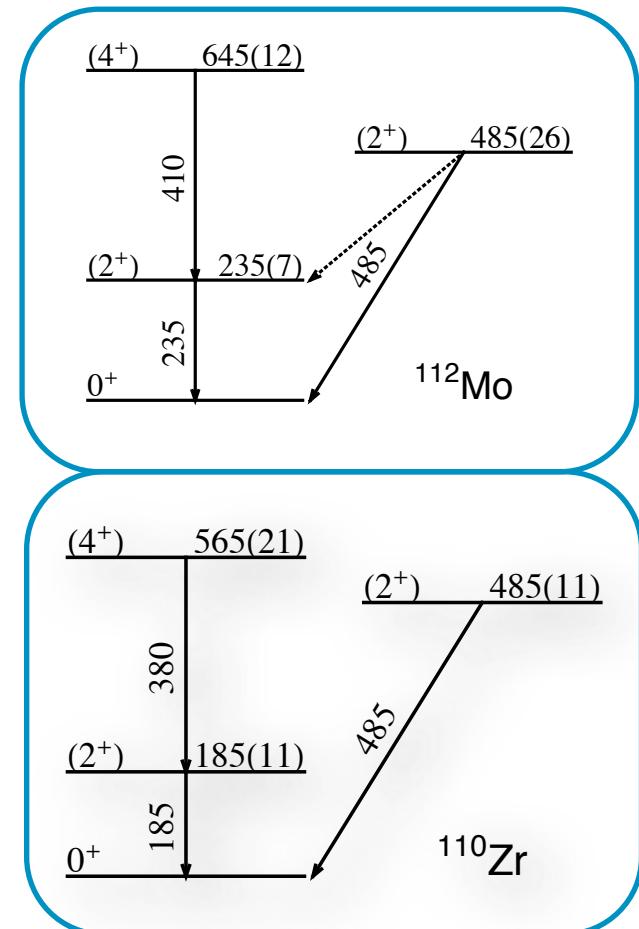
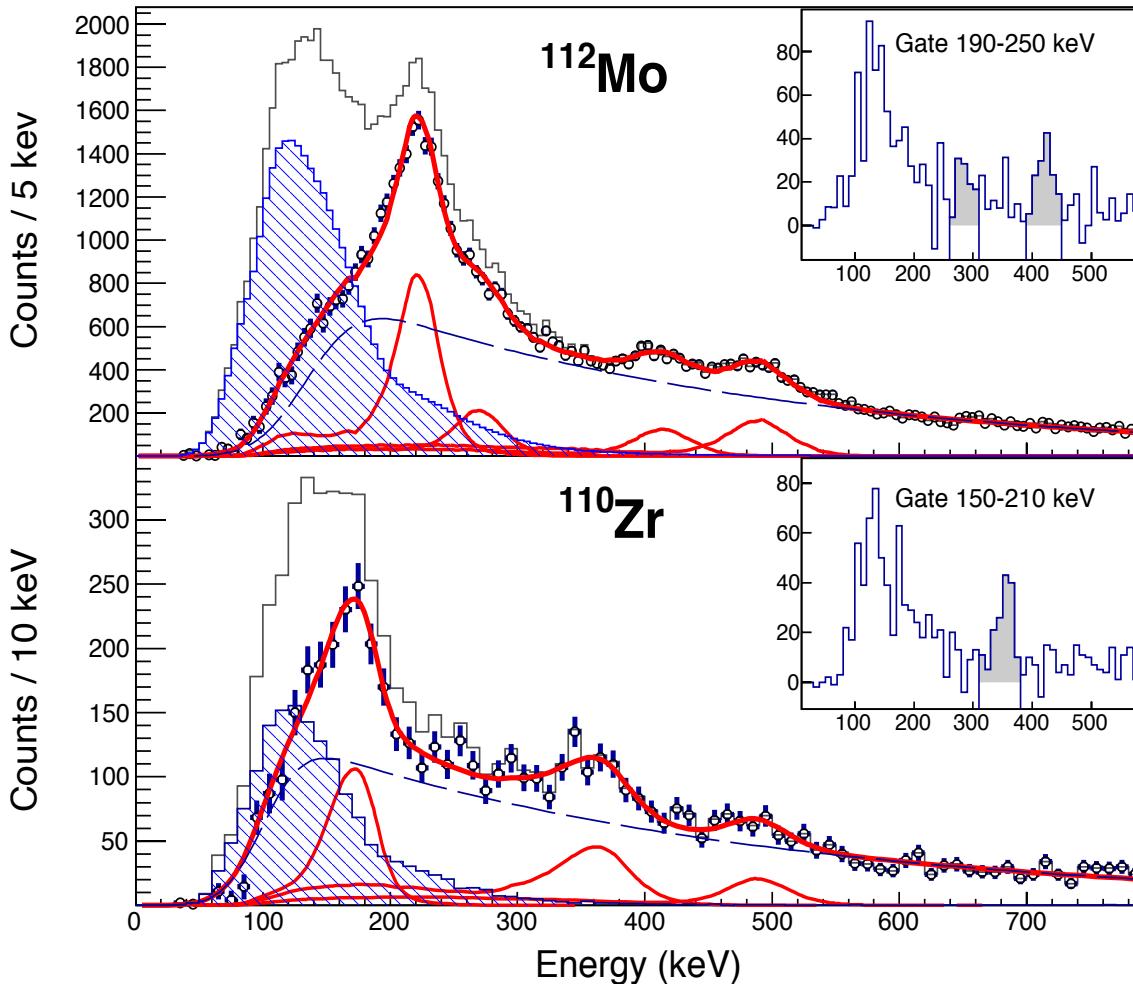


## Astrophysical interest:

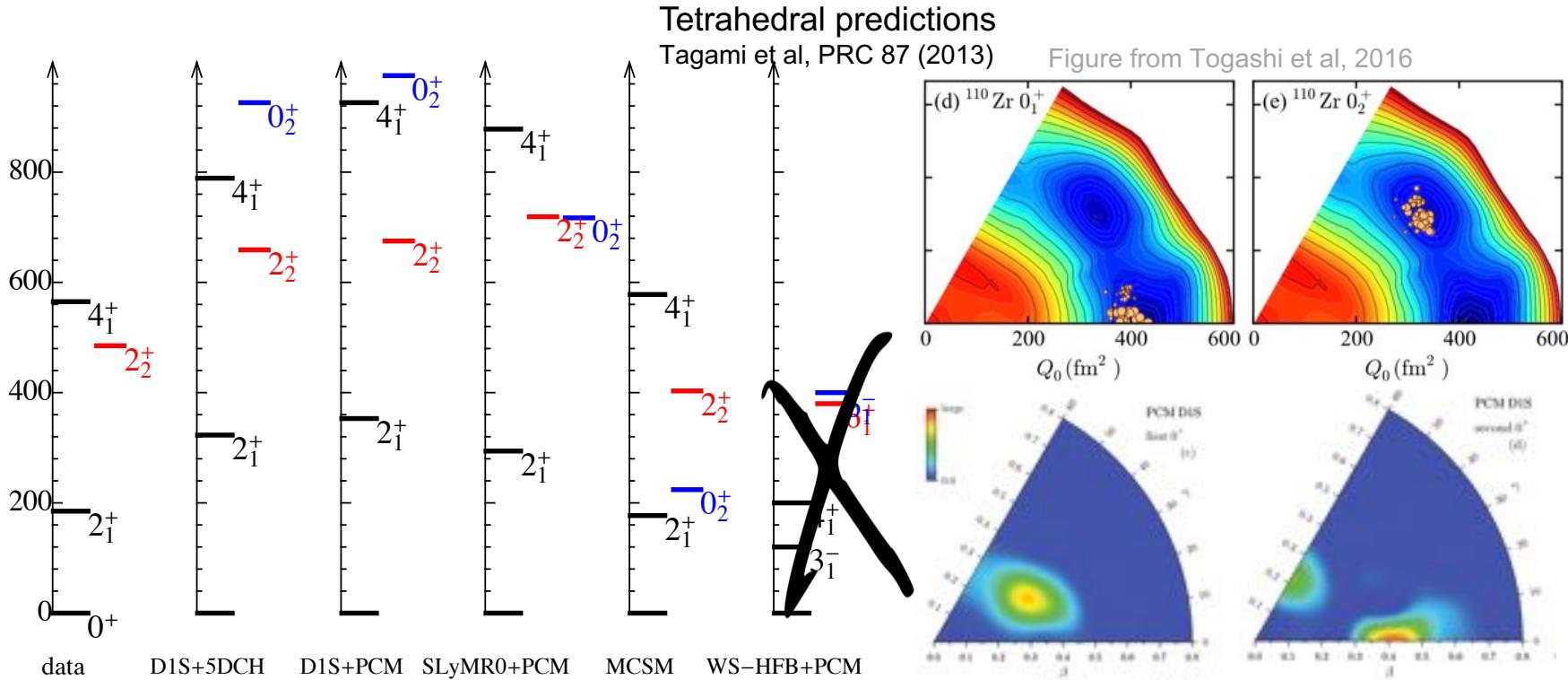
- Shell-stabilized  $^{110}\text{Zr}$  potential explanation for r-process model discrepancies before  $A=130$  peak?

**No existing evidence of stabilized  $^{110}\text{Zr}$   
(published spectroscopy of  $^{108}\text{Zr}$ , beta decay lifetime of  $^{110-112}\text{Zr}$ )  
Still missing direct structure measurement!**

# Results: $^{112}\text{Mo}$ and $^{110}\text{Zr}$

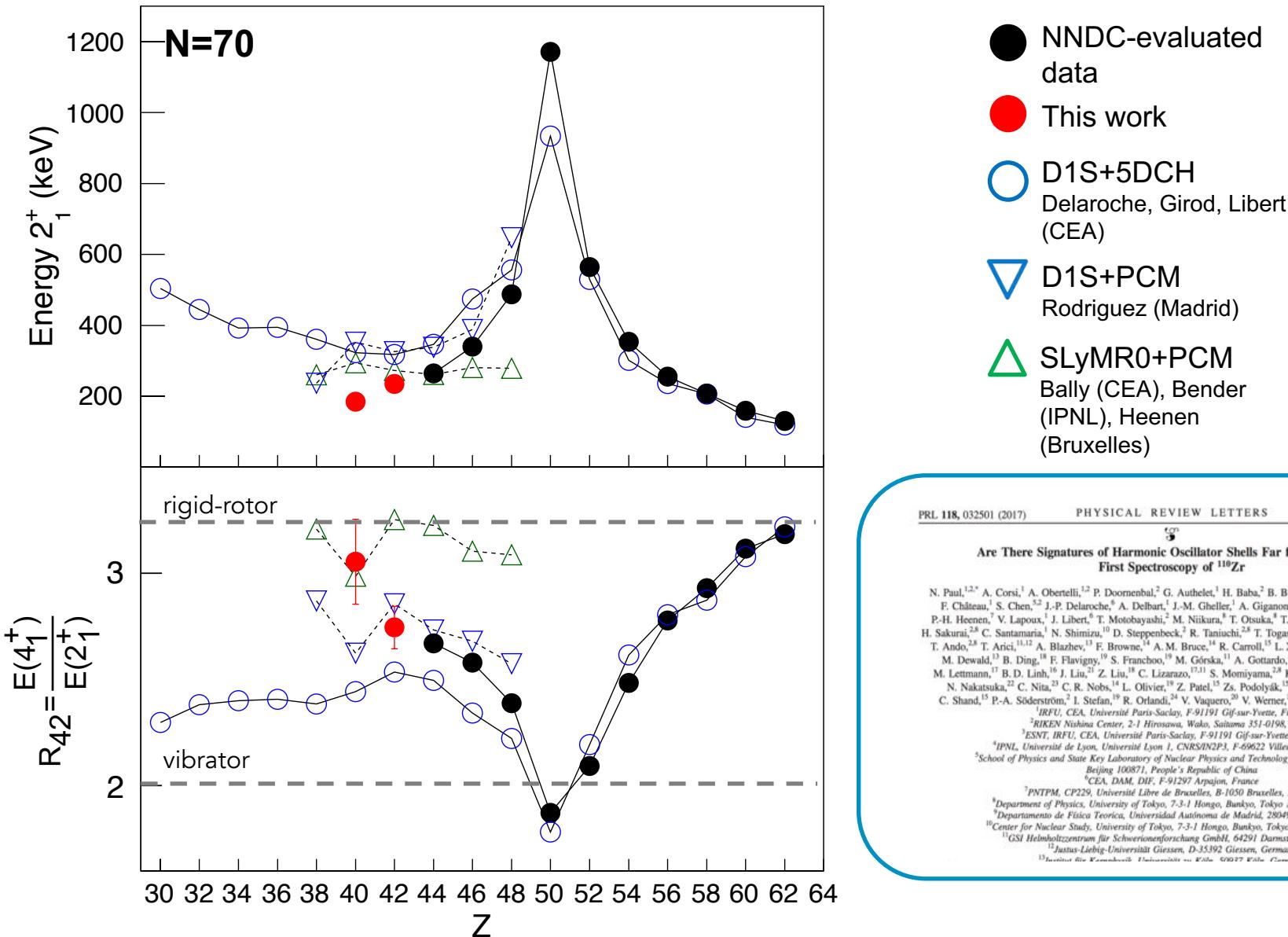


# Results: $^{110}\text{Zr}$ Theory Comparison



- Best agreement with MCSM calculations → prolate deformation in ground state  
Togashi et al, PRL 117 (2016)
- Qualitative agreement with Gogny and Skyrme calculations
- Exclude tetrahedral symmetry in ground state of  $^{110}\text{Zr}$
- $^{110}\text{Zr} \rightarrow$  Well deformed, rotational nucleus

# Results: N=70 Theory Comparison



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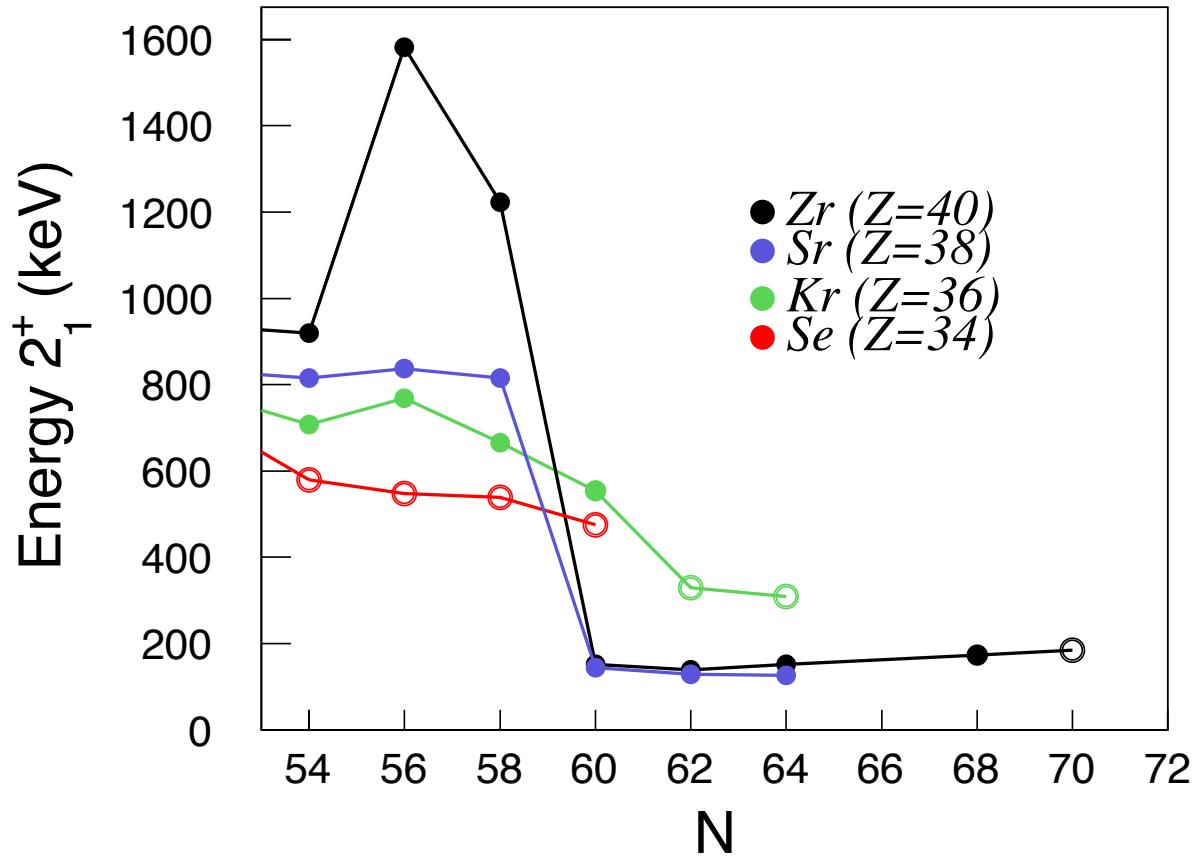
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# The New Picture Beyond N=60



- ✓ Smooth behavior in Se consistent with **shape coexistence**
- ✓ Evidence for **shape coexistence** and rise in deformation at @ N=62
- ✓  $^{110}\text{Zr}$ —well deformed, **no magicity** nor tetrahedral symmetry, **shape coexistence**



*Thank you!*

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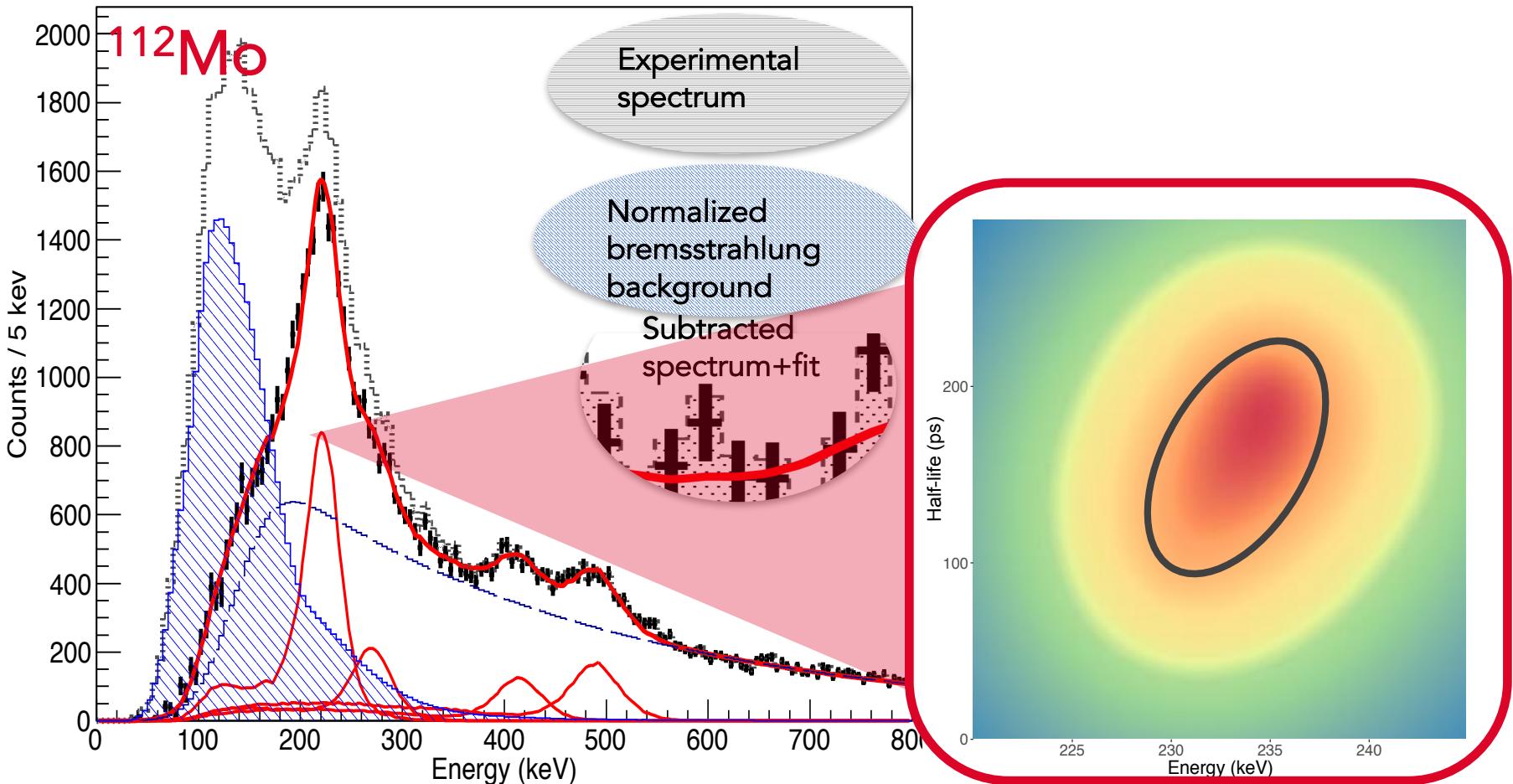
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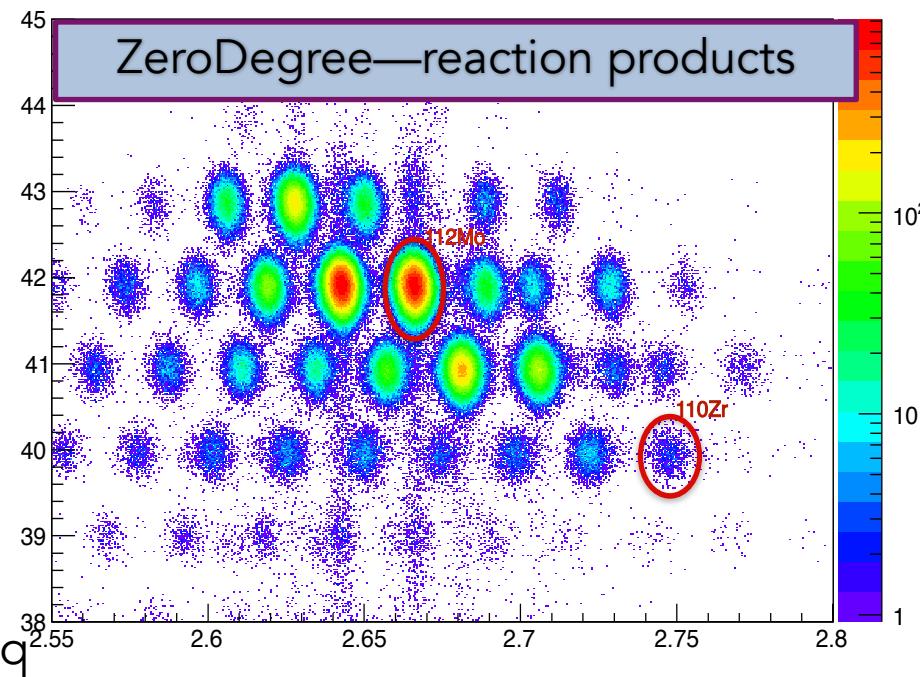
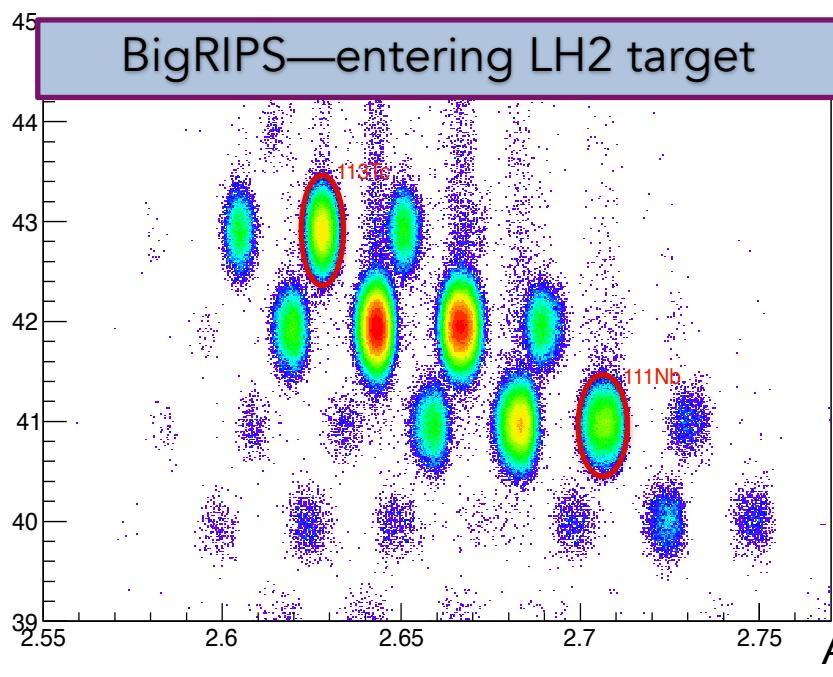
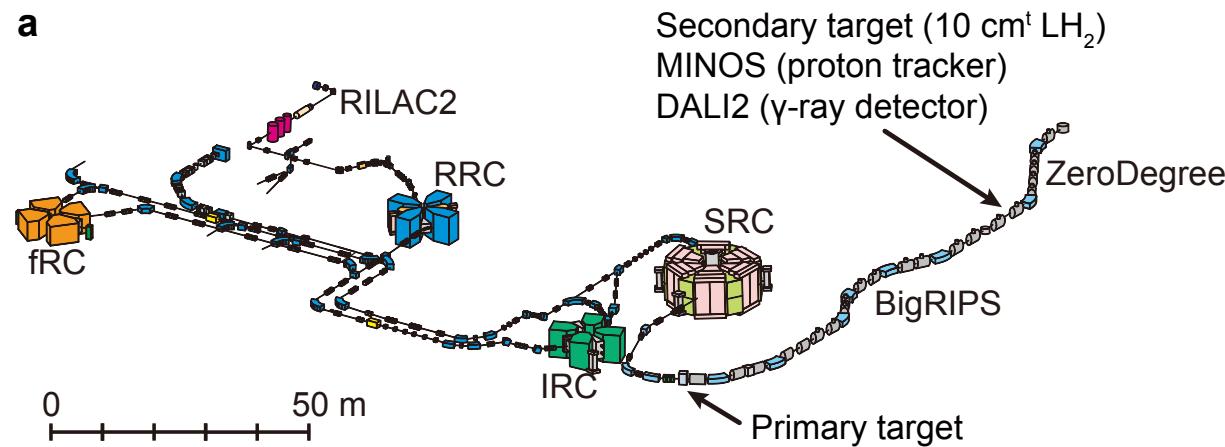


# Backup Slides

Backup:  $^{112}\text{Mo}$ —high stats case

# Backup: Experimental setup @ RIKEN

Primary beam:  $^{238}\text{U}$   
 Energy: 345 MeV/U,  
 Intensity: 30 pA  
 $\beta$  @ MINOS: 0.6c



# Proof of principle: $^{108}\text{Zr}$ —two peak fit

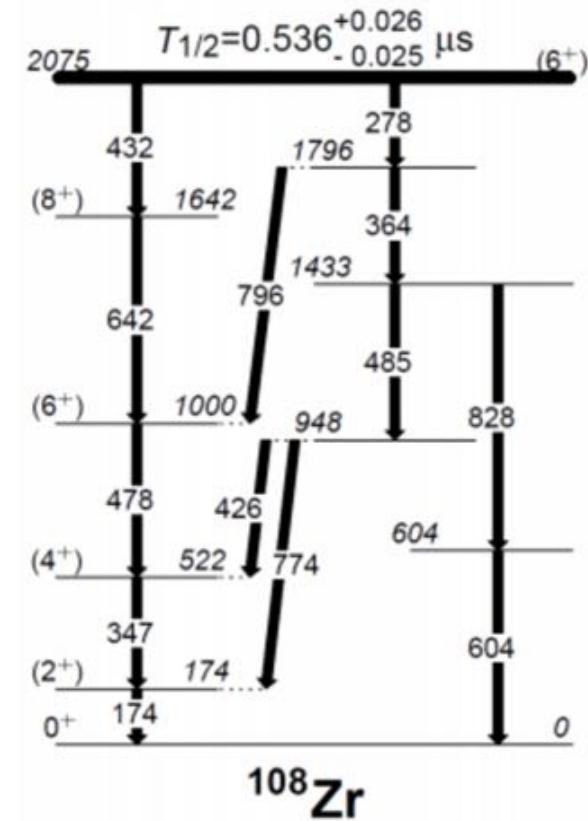
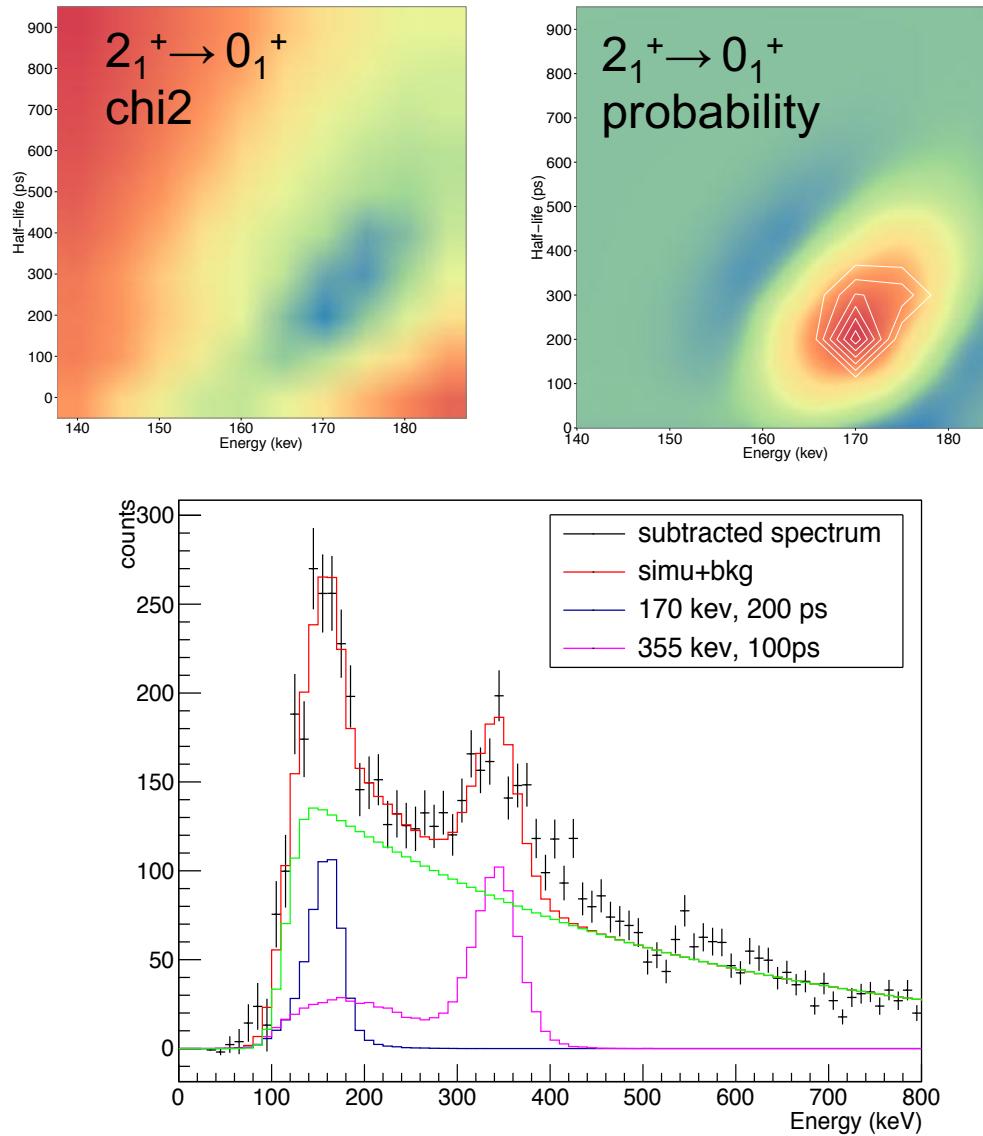
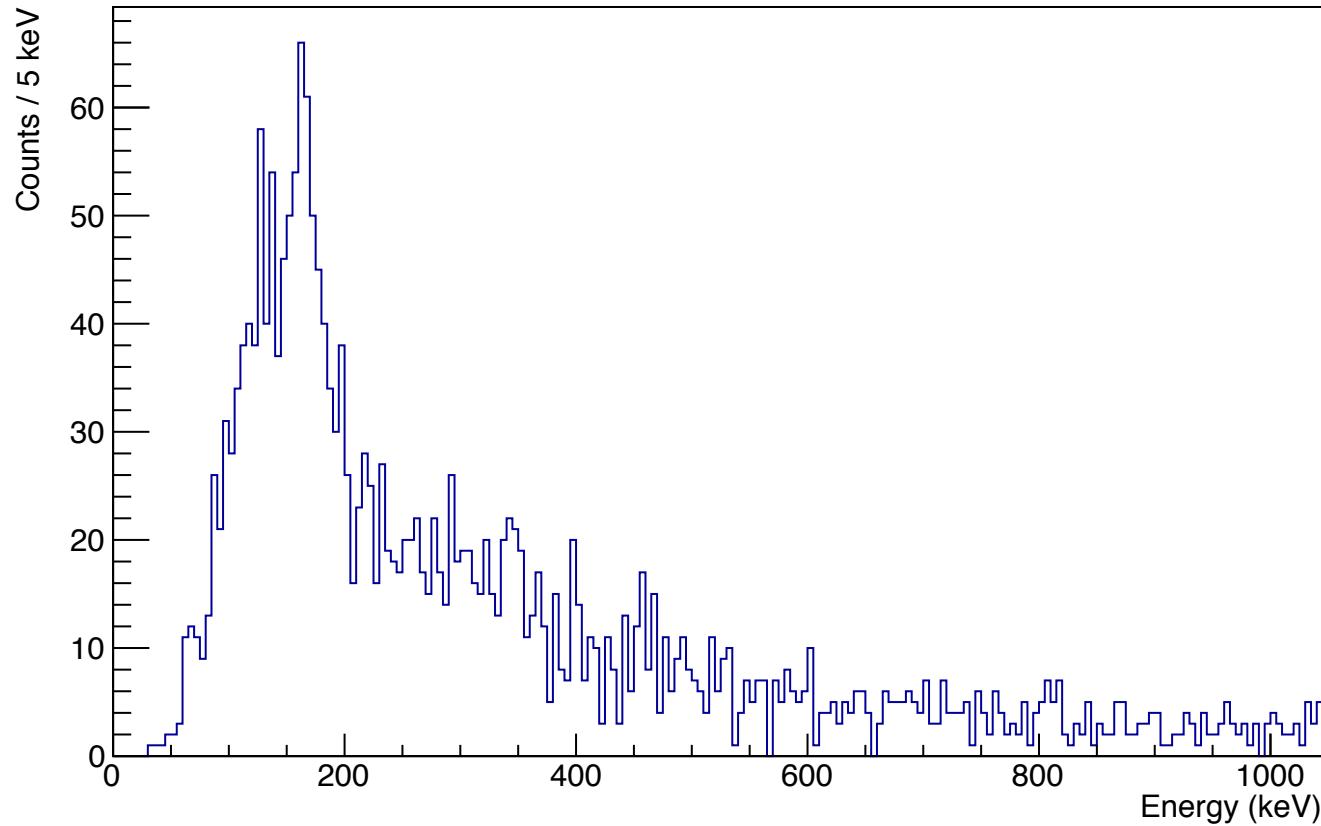


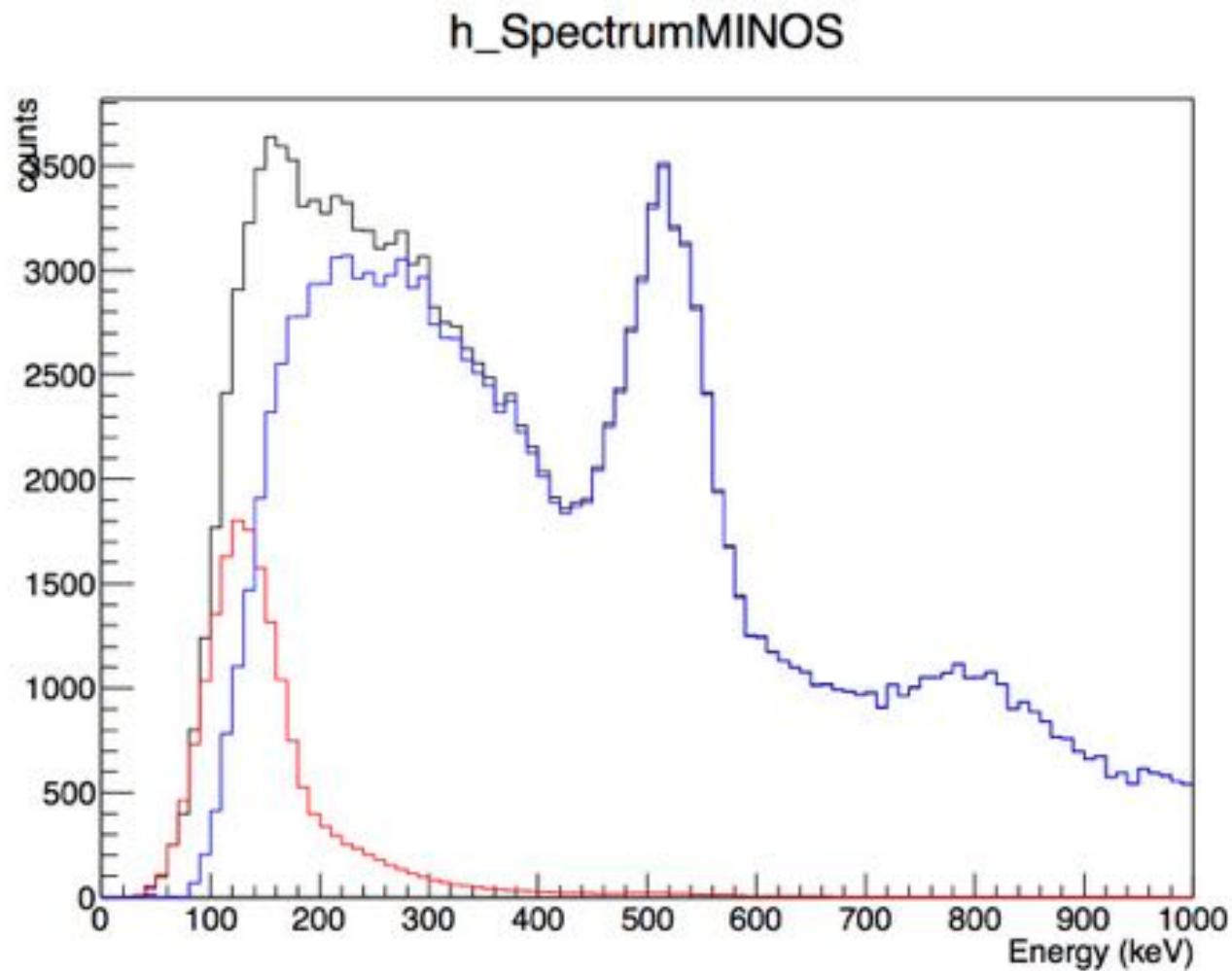
FIG. 14. Proposed level scheme of  $^{108}\text{Zr}^m$ .

From Kameda et al 2012

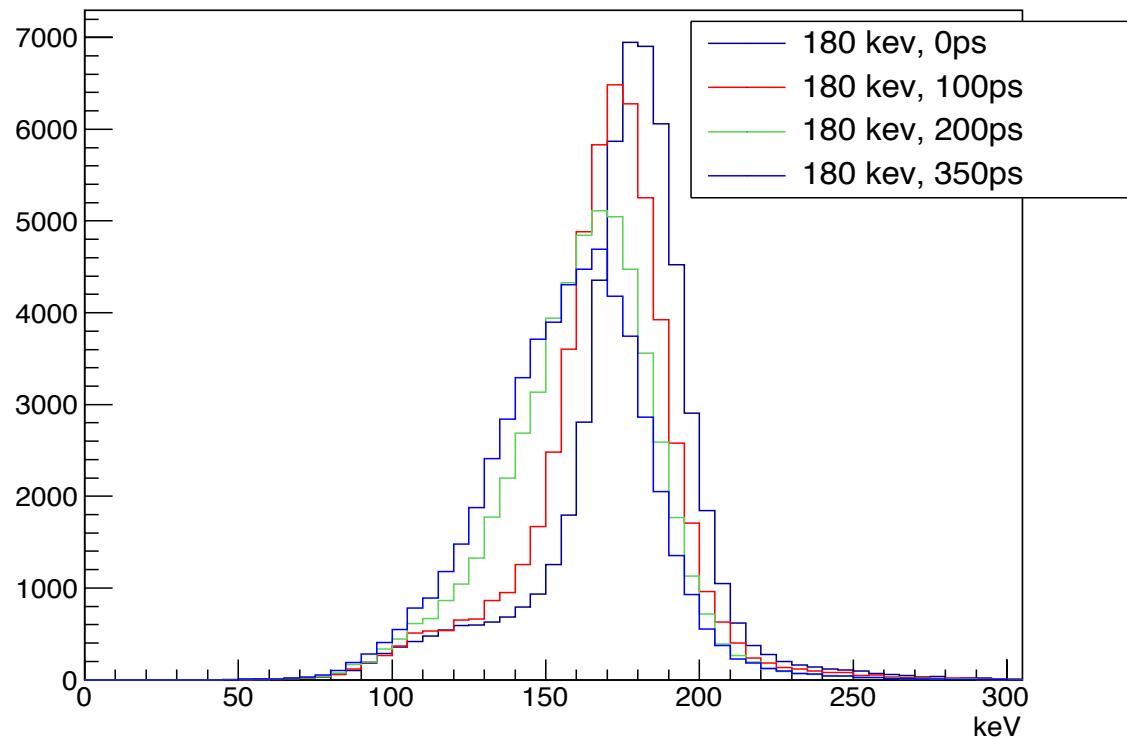
# $^{110}\text{Zr}$ —Forward Angles

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Proof of principle: Background subtraction- $^{86}\text{Ge}$ 

# Lifetime effects



Half-life (ps)	Centroid (keV)
0	180
100	173
200	167
350	159