

Structure of $^{73,75}\text{Zn}$ nuclei

Introduction

Structure evolution in the Zn neighborhood

Island of inversion in the Fe and Cr isotopes - intruder states as g.s.

Spherical semi magic Ni isotope g.s. however

- shape coexistence was exhibited in ^{68}Ni
three 0^+ states below 3 MeV

R. Broda et al., Phys. Rev. C 86, 064312 (2012)

F. Recchia et al., Phys. Rev. C 88, 041312(R) (2013)

S. Suchyta et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 021301(R) (2014)

- confirmed in $^{68,70,74}\text{Ni}$ by Monte-Carlo
Shell-Model MCSM calculations

Y. Tsunoda et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 031301(R) (2014)

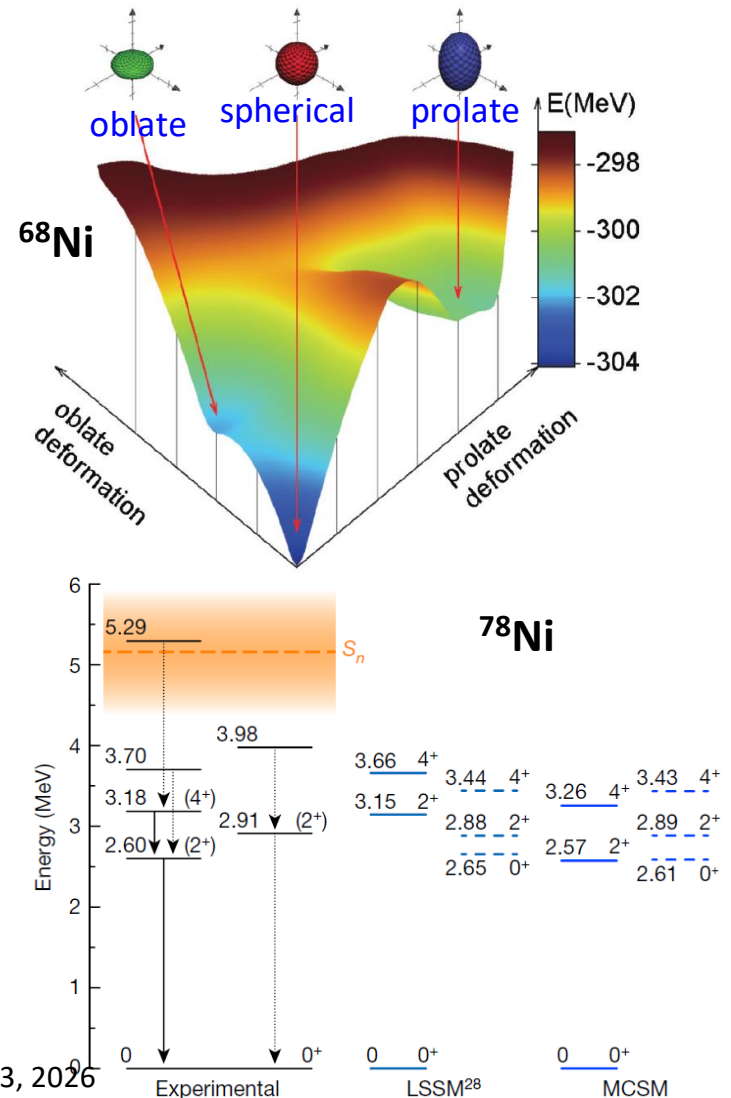
- recently evidenced at low excitation energy in ^{78}Ni

R. Taniuchi et al., Nature (London) 569, 53 (2019)

Ge isotopes are known to present shape evolution

M. Lebois et al., Phys. Rev. C 80, 044308 (2009)

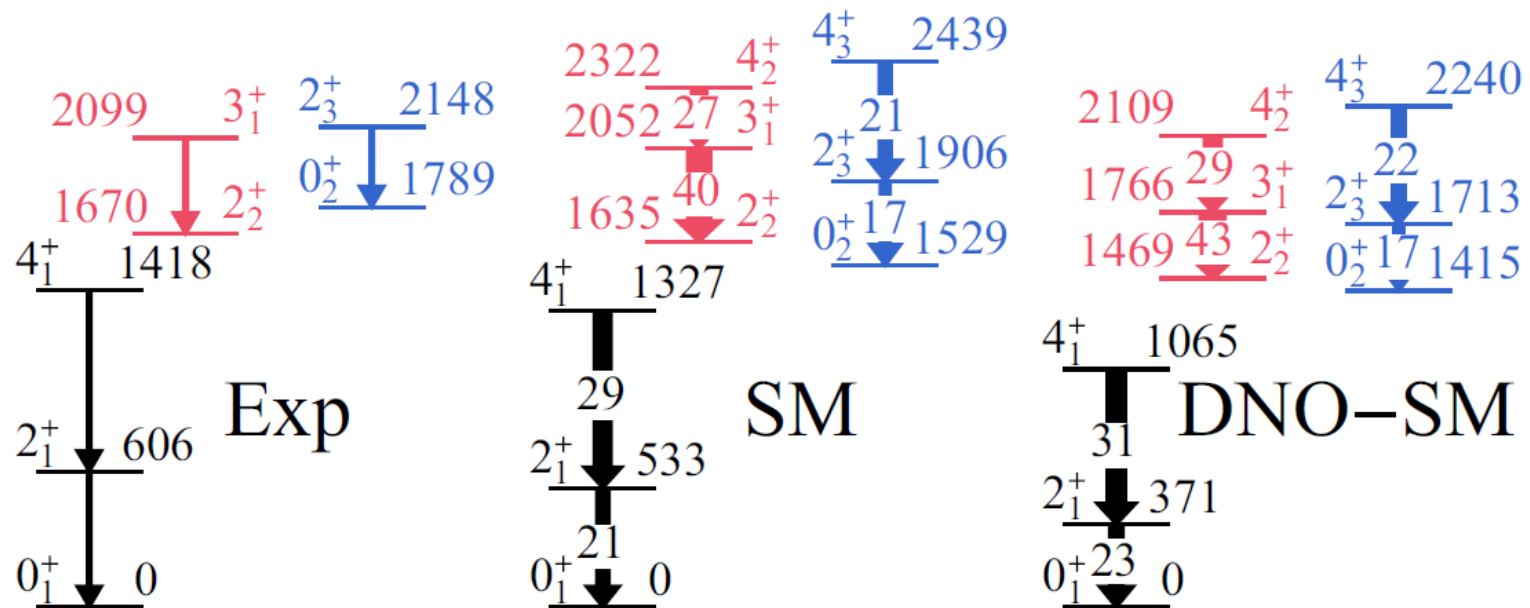
A.D. Ayangeakaa et al., Phys. Rev. C 107, 044314 (2023)



Structure evolution in the Zn neighborhood

Very recently, ^{74}Zn was investigated and two new excited bands $K=0$ and $K=2$ were observed (*M. Rocchini et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 122502 (2023)*)

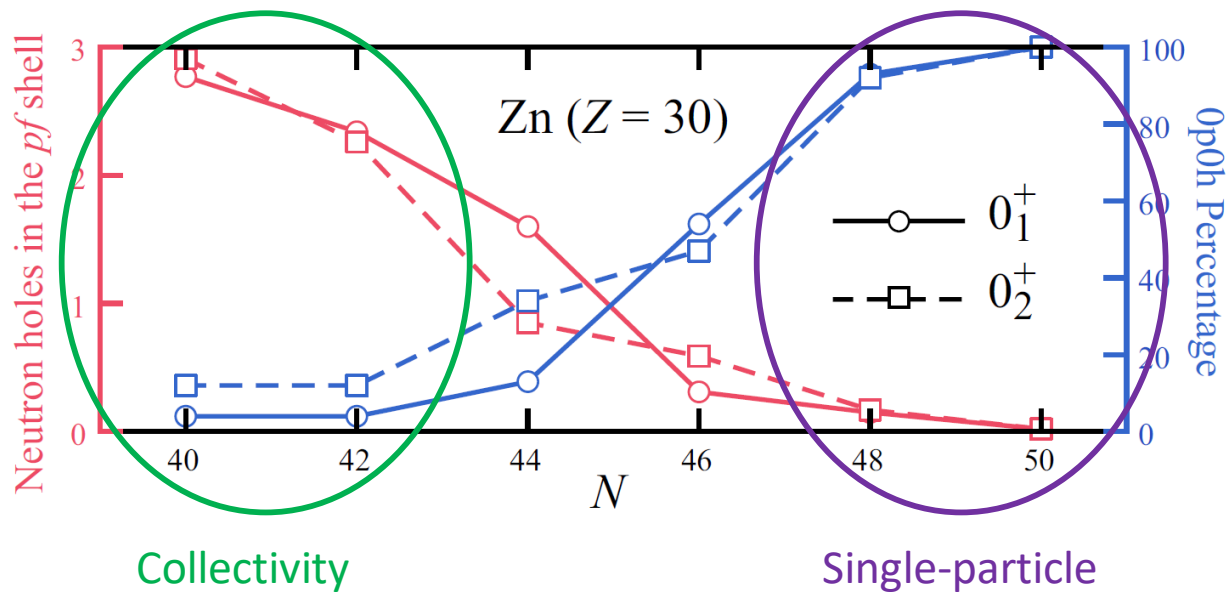
Large-scale shell-model (SM) calculations were performed with an excellent agreement with experimental data



Structure evolution in the Zn neighborhood

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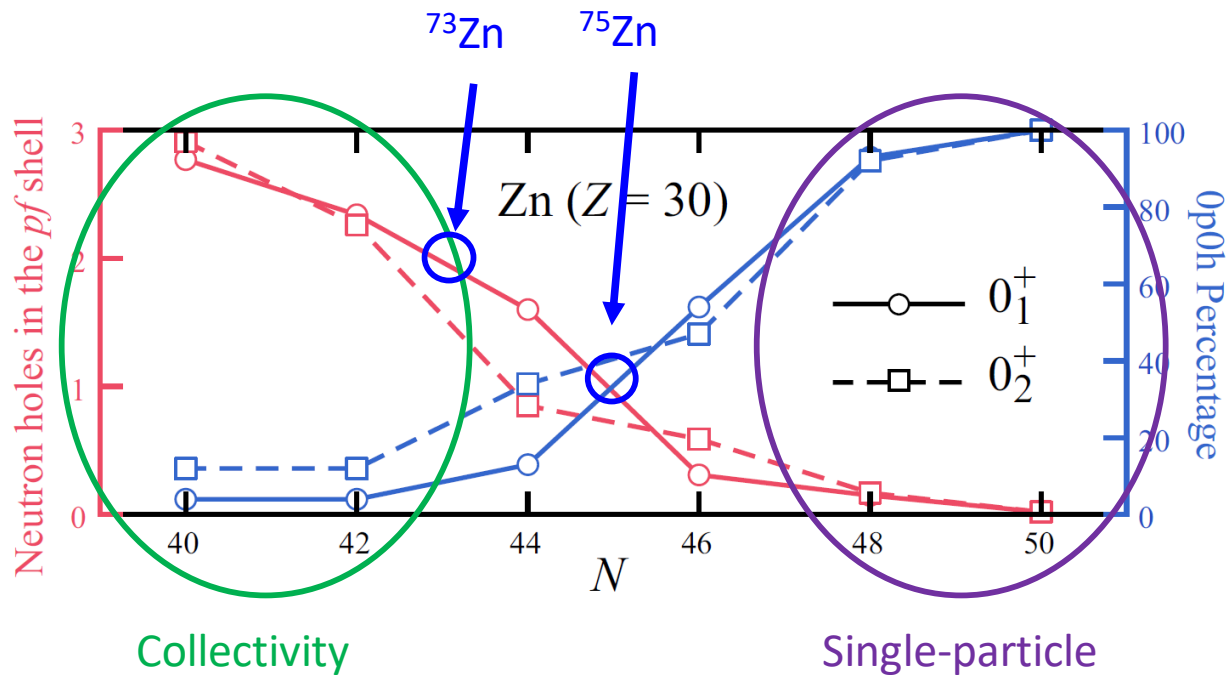


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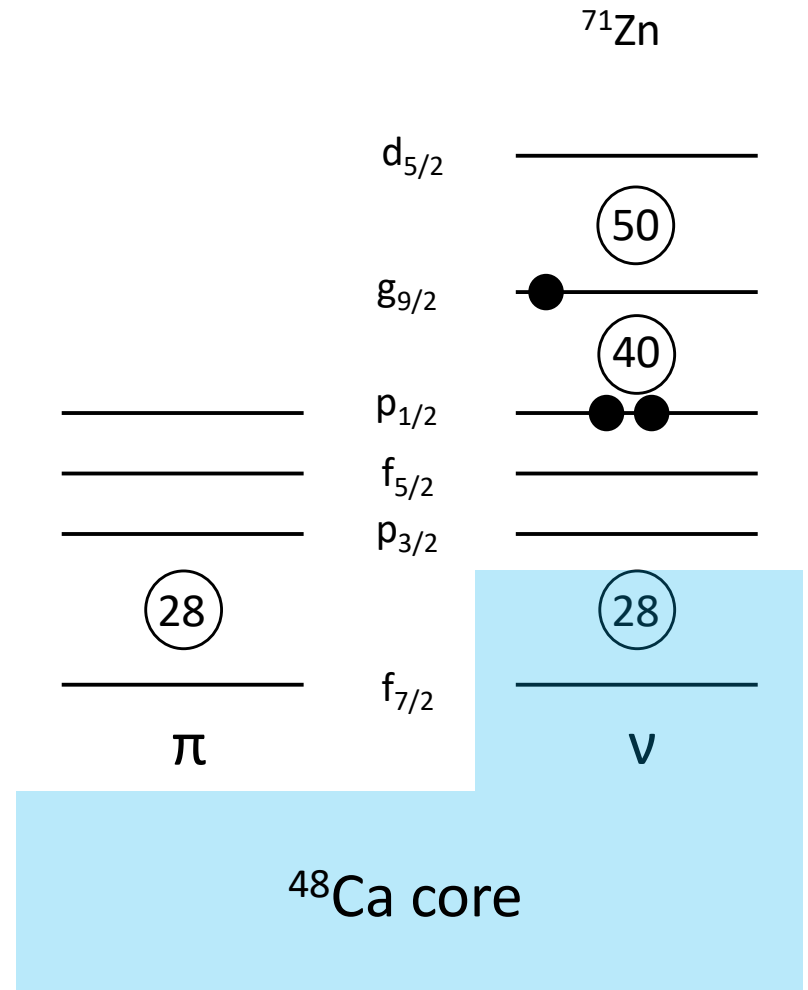
^{48}Ca core

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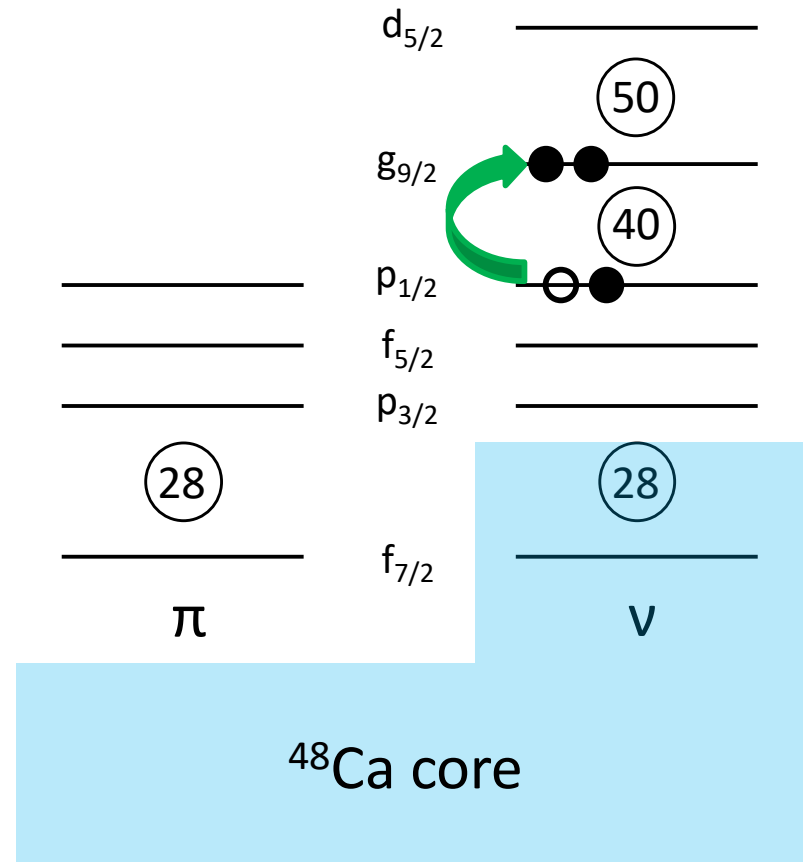
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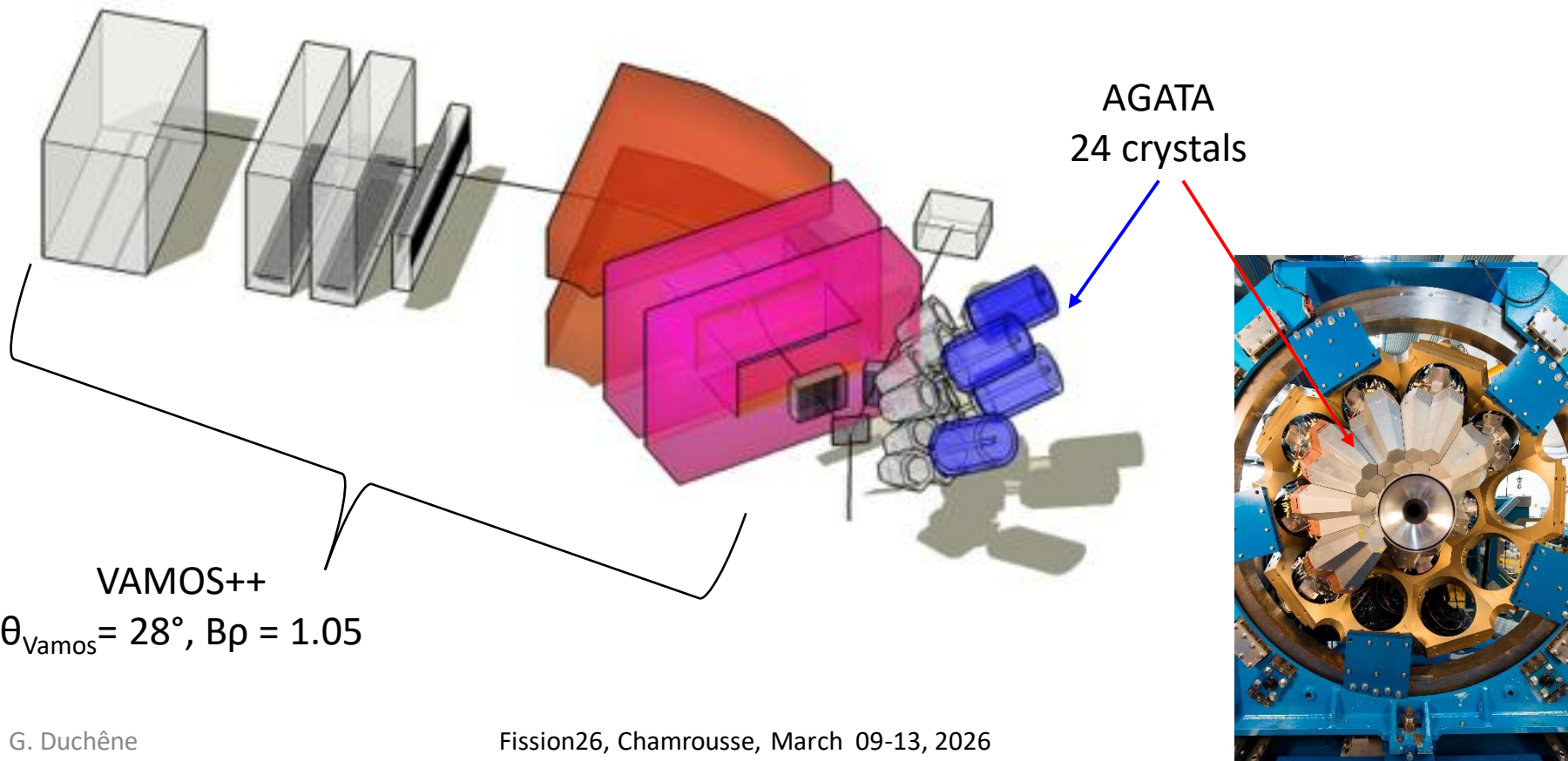
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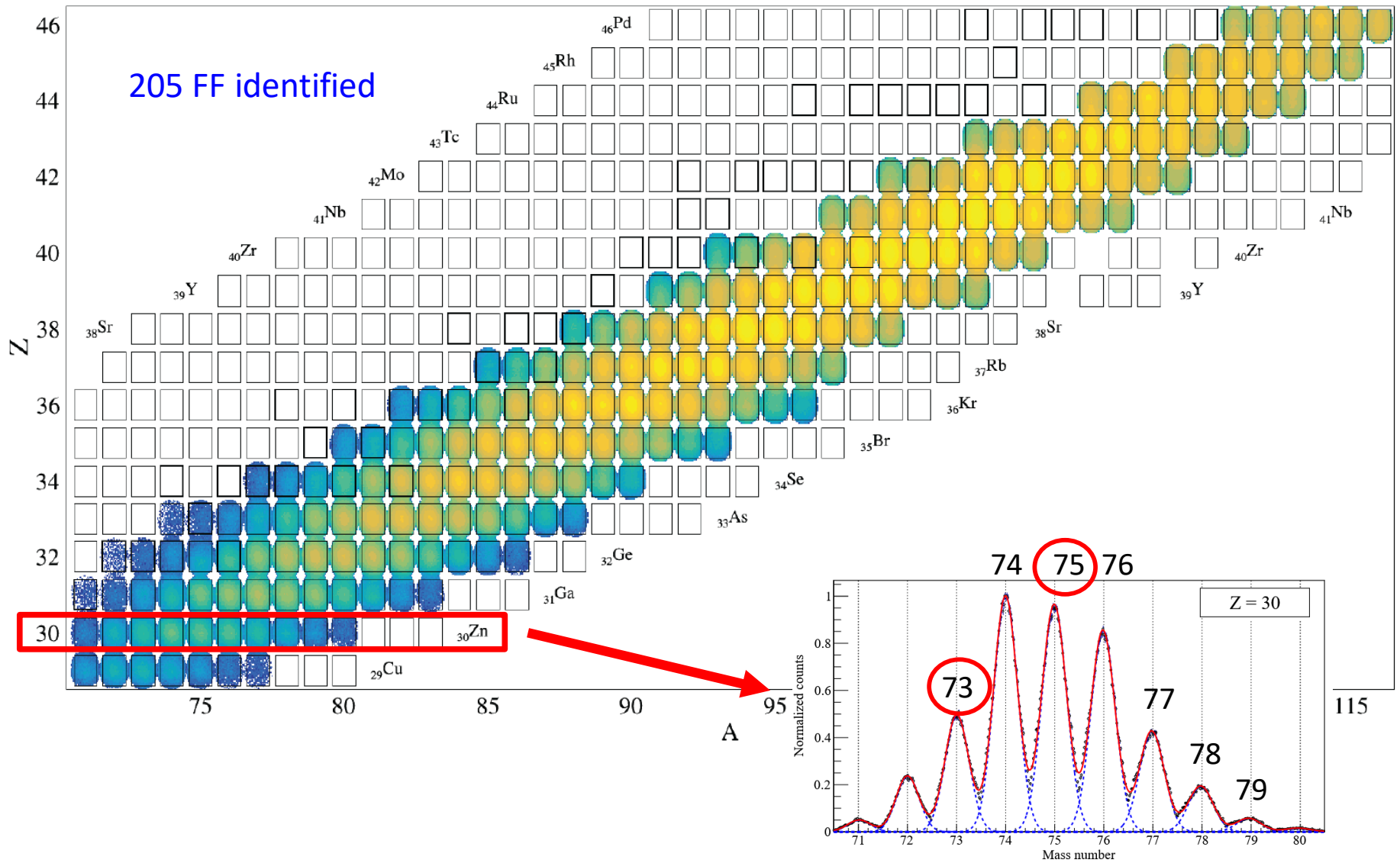
Experimental setup and data analysis method

Experimental setup

Fusion-fission reaction in inverse kinematics – $^{238}\text{U}(6.2 \text{ MeV/n}) + ^9\text{Be}$ – at GANIL (e680)
AGATA (8 ATC) was coupled to the recoil spectrometer VAMOS++
Threshold around 60 keV and limited to decays from states with $T_{1/2} < \text{few ns}$

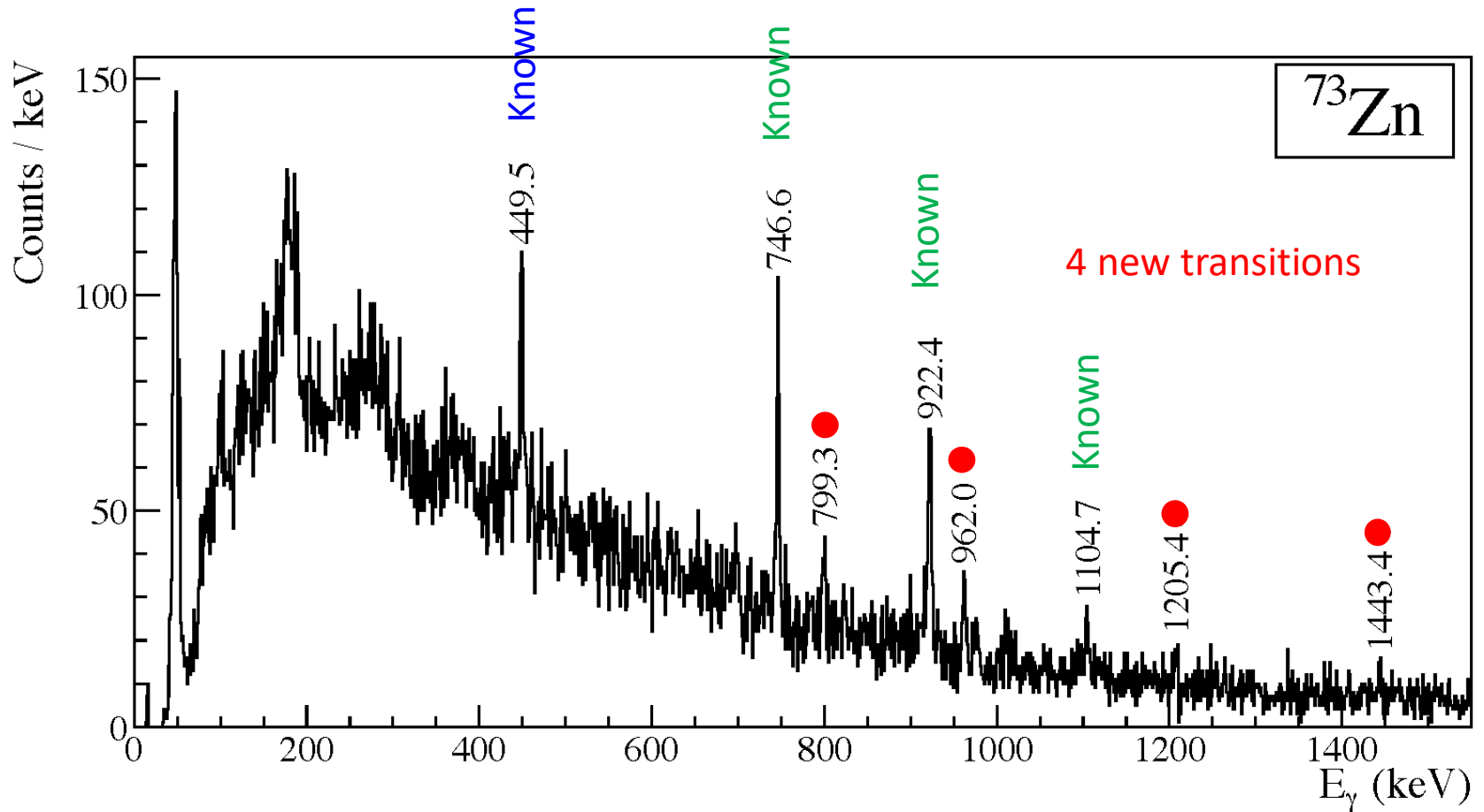


Fission-fragments selection



Study of ^{73}Zn isotope experimental data

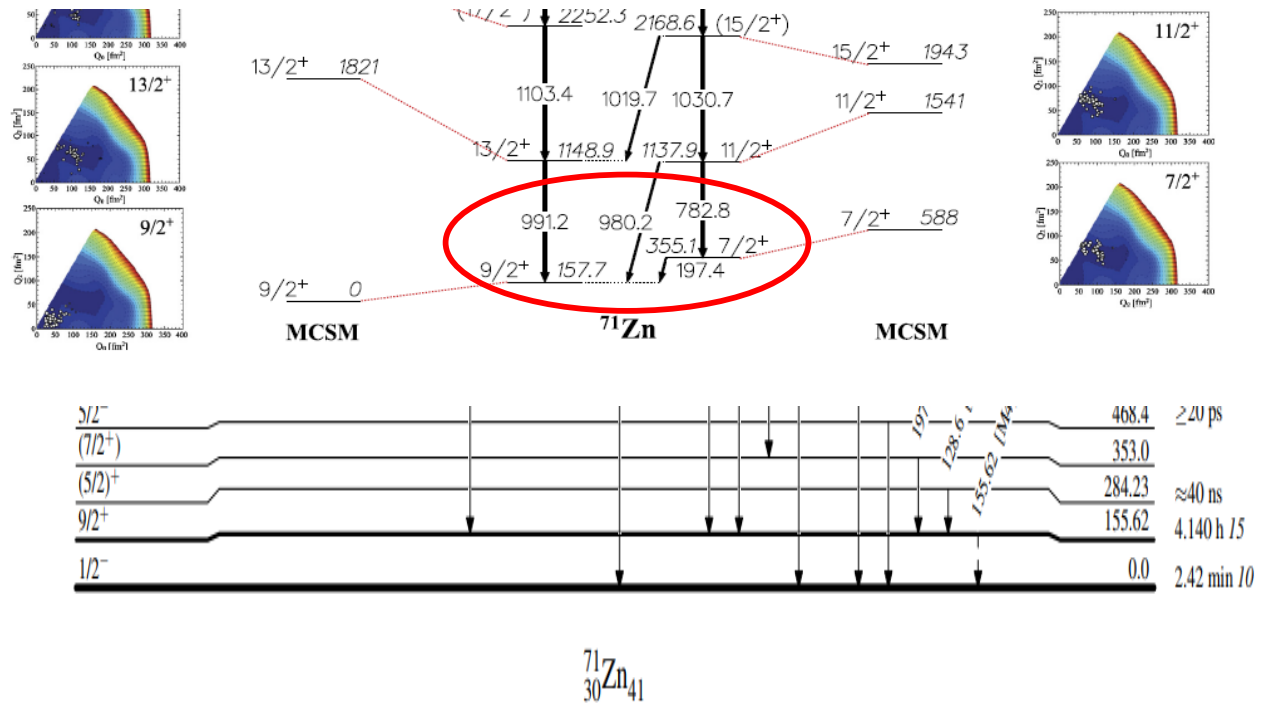
^{73}Zn structure



Structure of ^{71}Zn

Observation of two parallel cascades based on an isomeric $9/2^+$ state and a $7/2^+$ state

MCSM calculations indicate that the dominant component of the wave function is concentrated in the oblate-deformed region for all the states except for the $9/2^+$ which is spherical

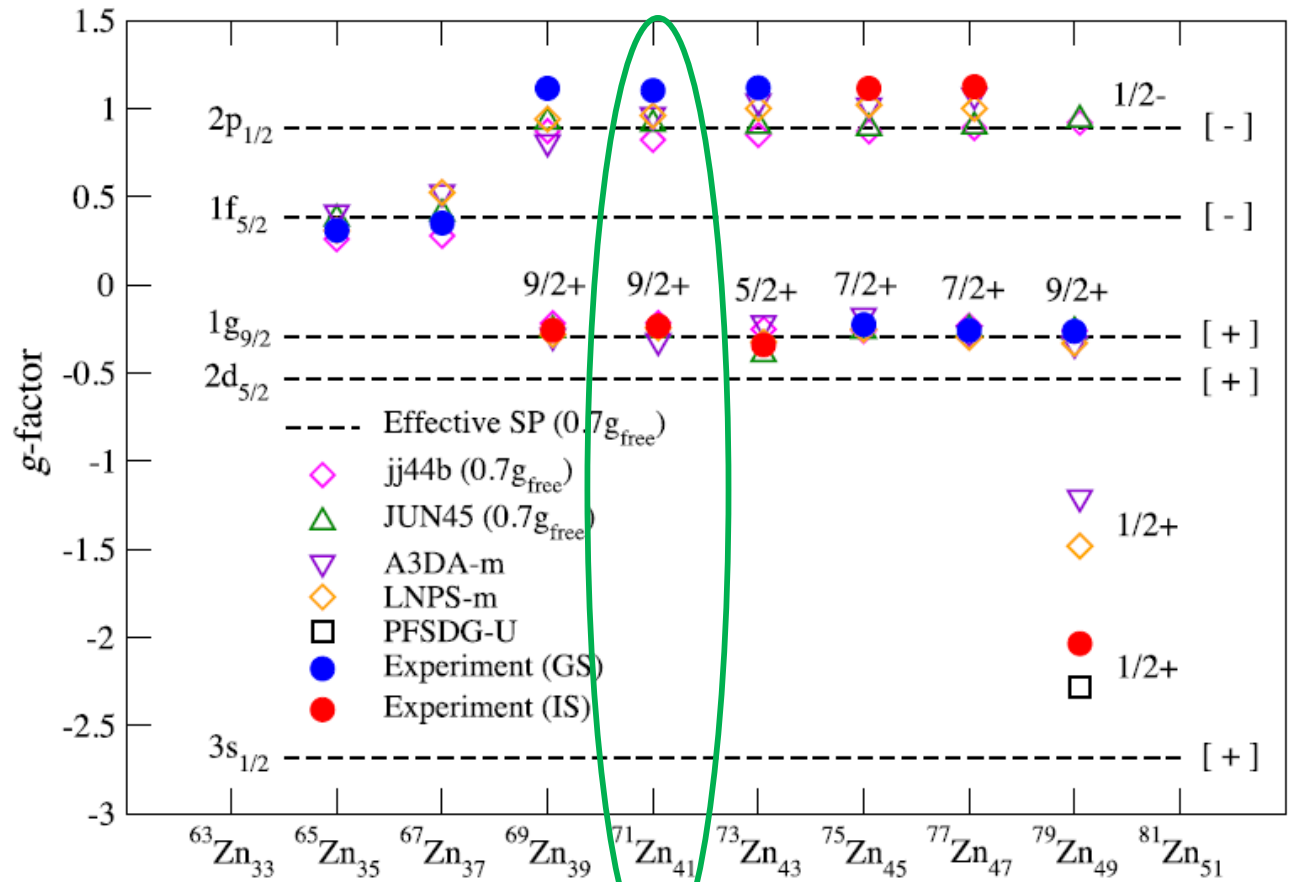


S. Bottoni et al., Phys Lett. B 775 (2017) 271

^{73}Zn structure

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- g.s. $1/2^-$
- Isomeric state $9/2^+$



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^{73}Zn structure

From laser spectroscopy studies:

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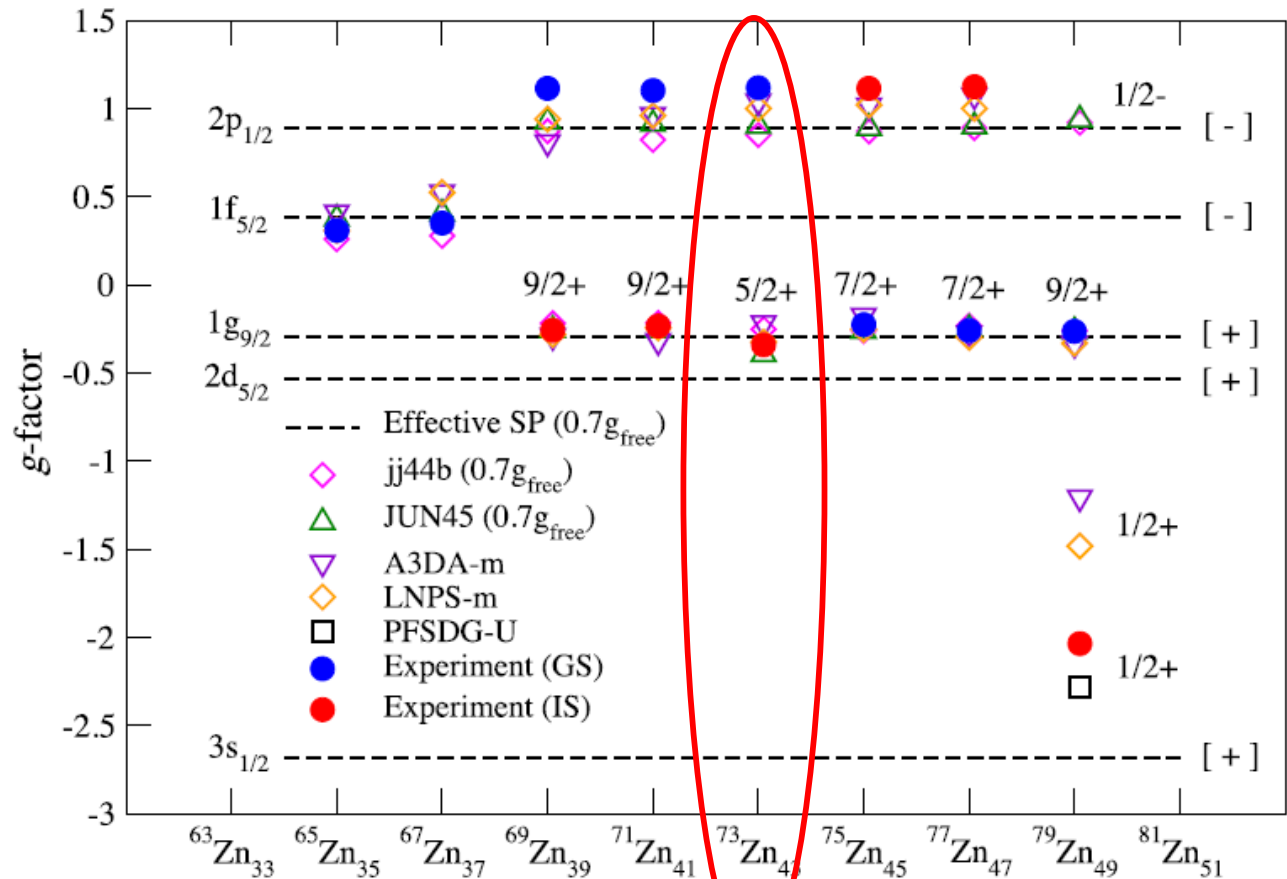
No evidence of $9/2^+$ isomeric state in ^{73}Zn

$T_{1/2} < 1$ ms

In e680 experiment, isomeric states with $T_{1/2} > \text{few ns}$ cannot be observed

We suggest the existence of the existence of a $9/2^+$ isomeric state in ^{73}Zn with

$\text{few ns} < T_{1/2} < 1$ ms

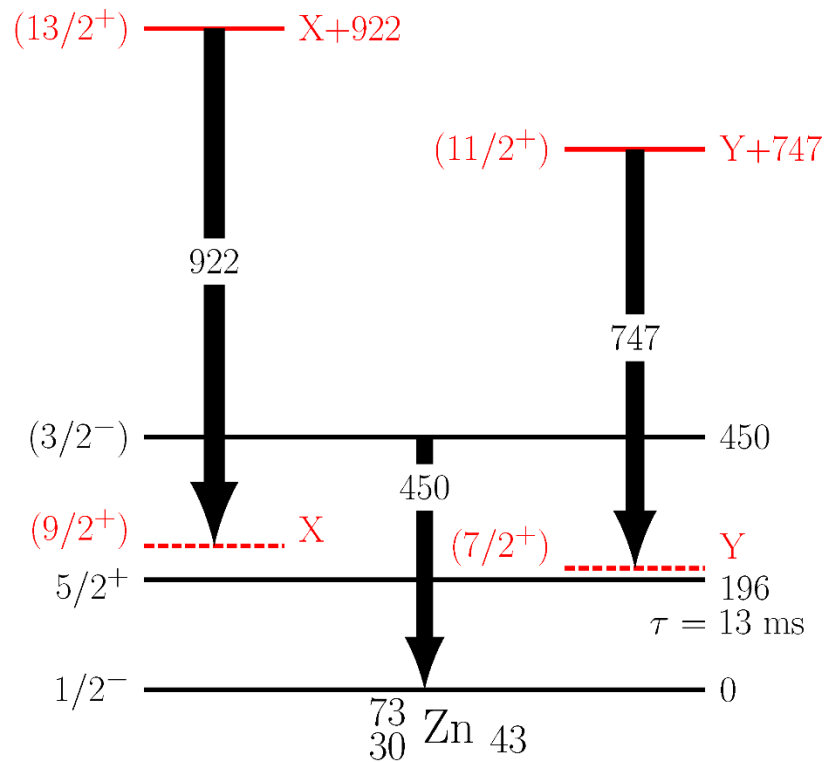


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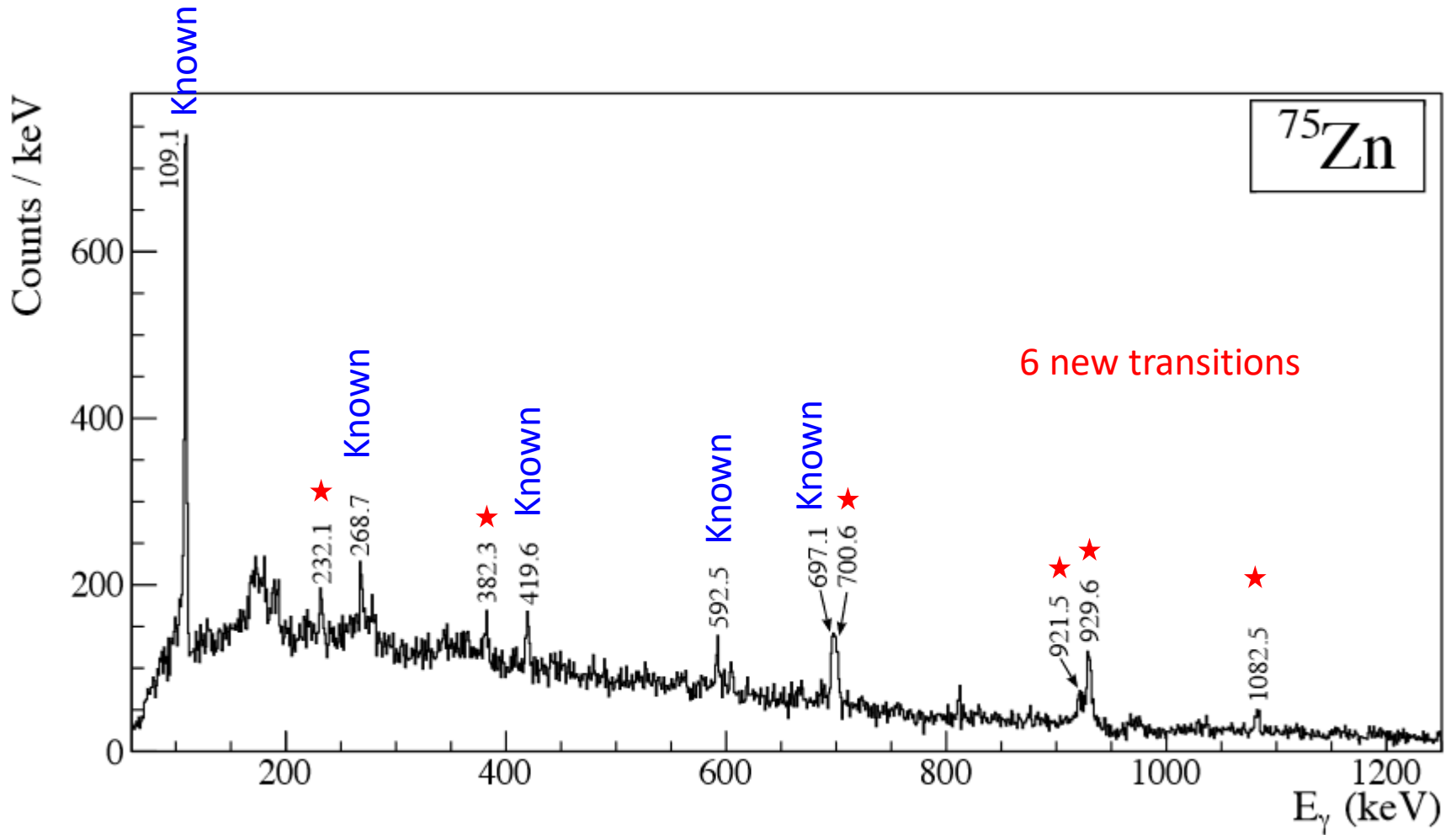
^{73}Zn structure – level scheme

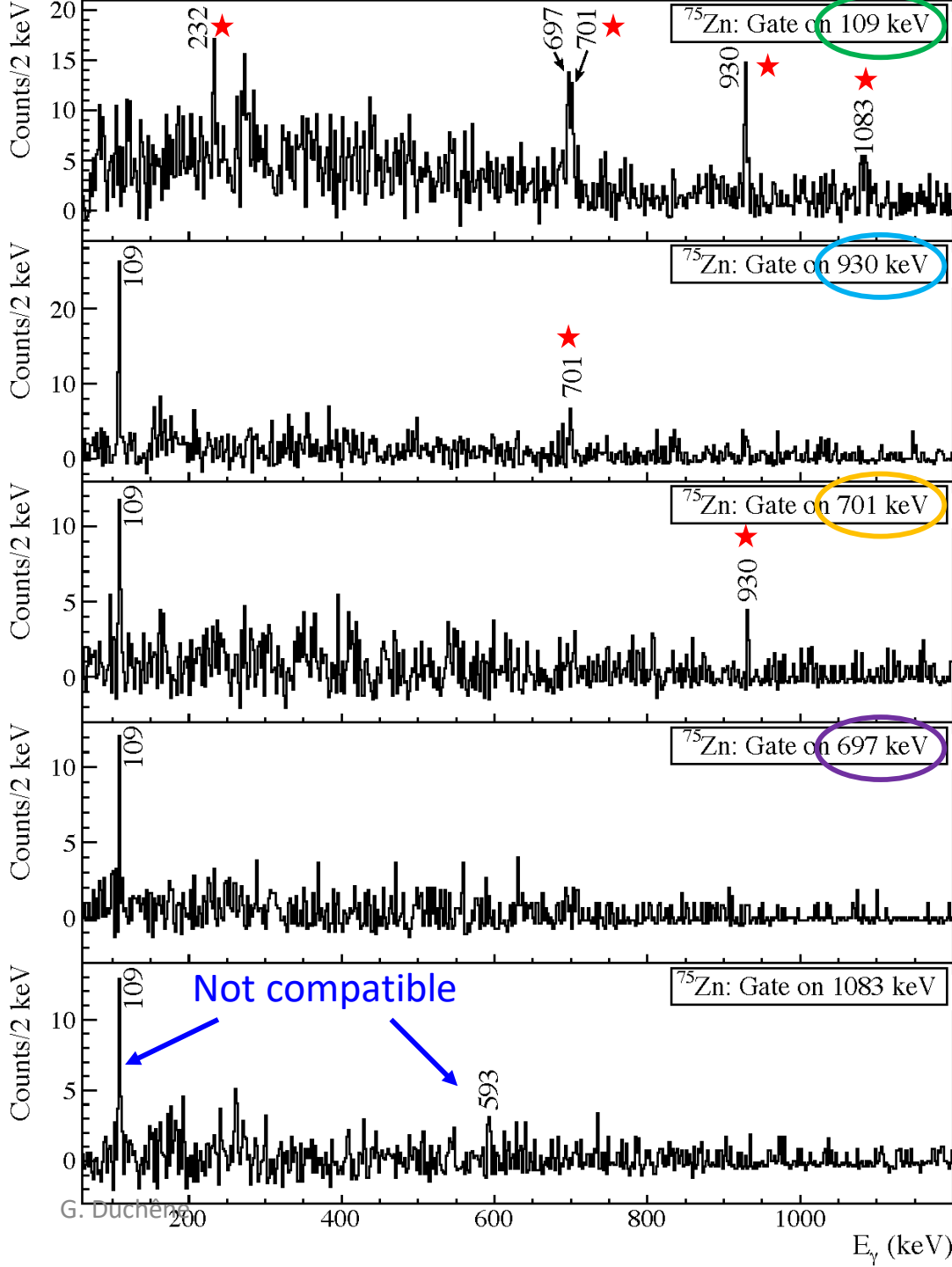
The proposed level scheme for ^{73}Zn
with isomeric $9/2^+$ and $7/2^+$ states
($2\text{ ns} < T_{1/2} < 1\text{ ms}$)



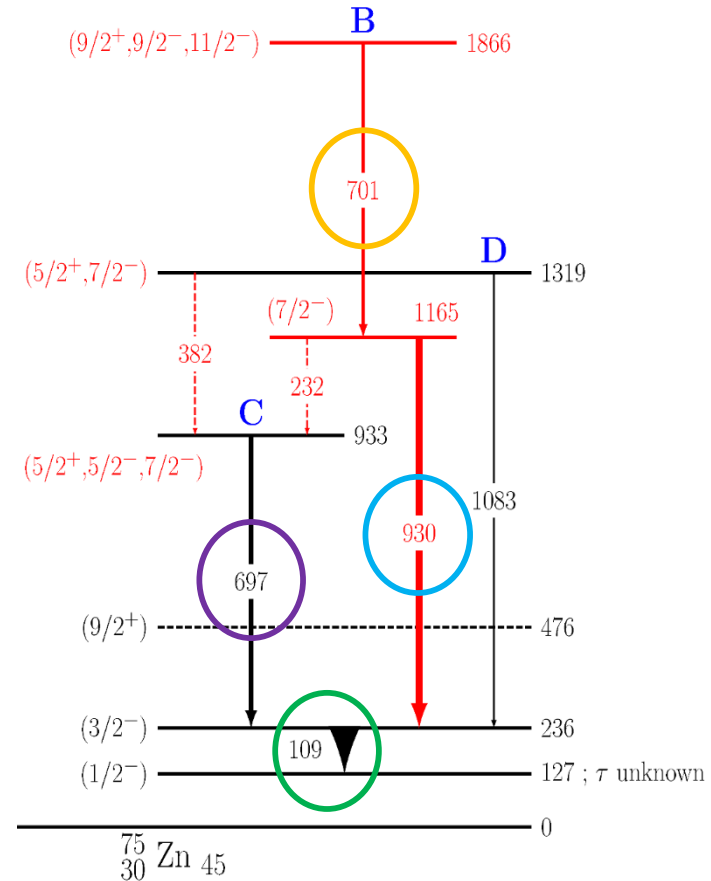
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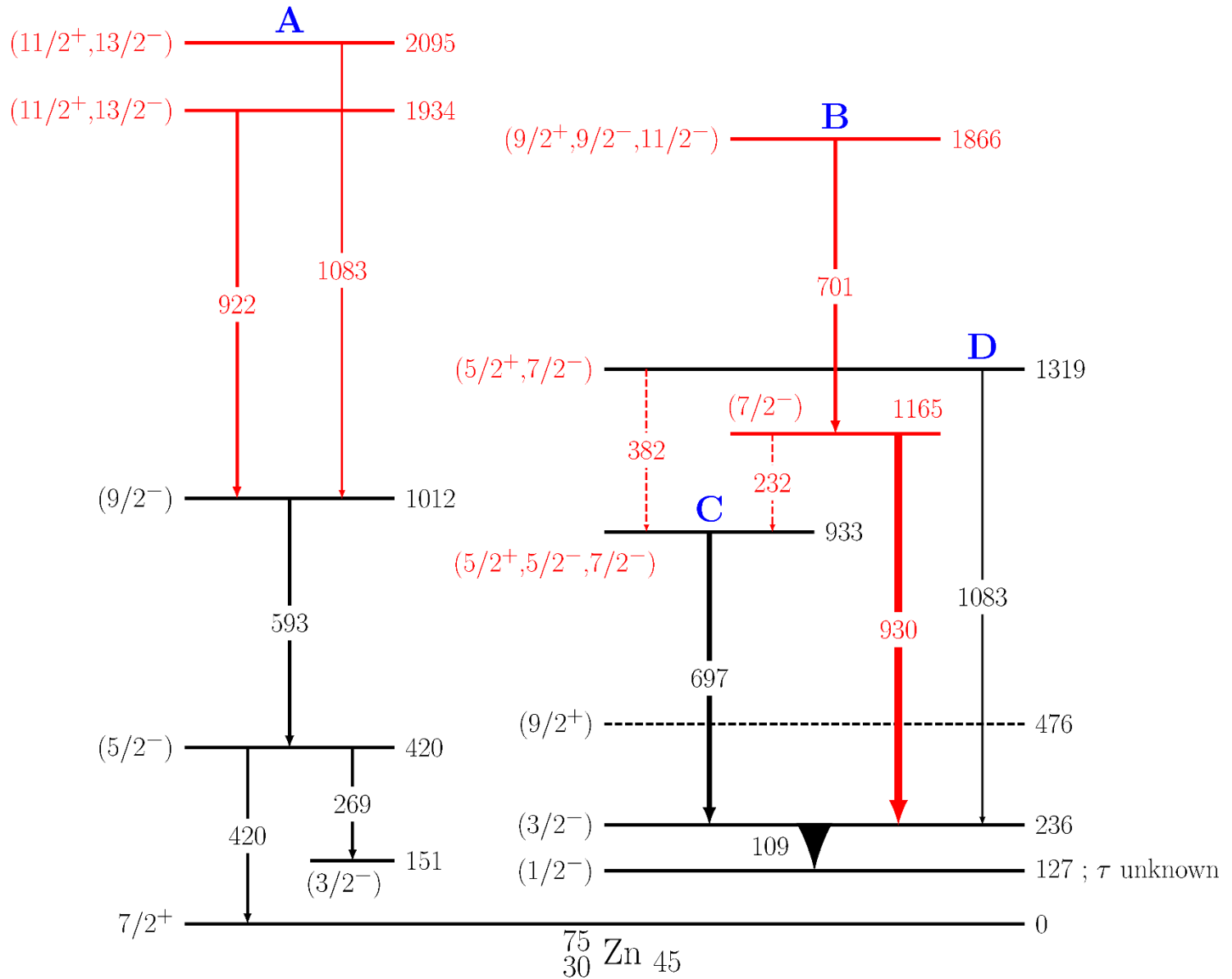




^{75}Zn structure right structure

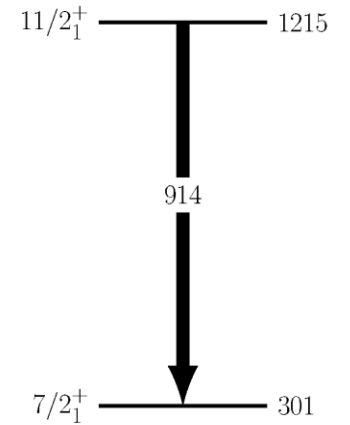
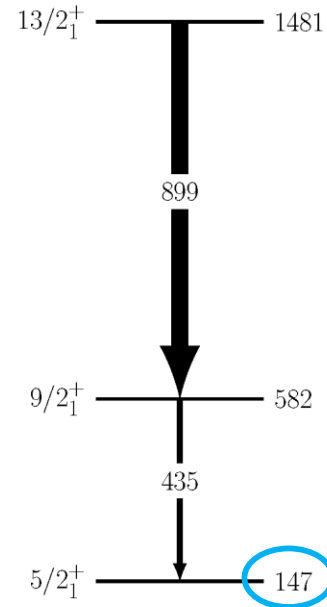
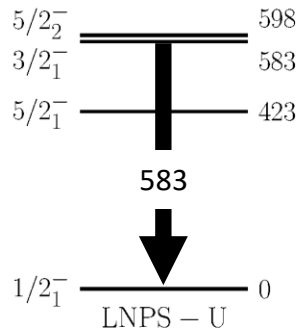
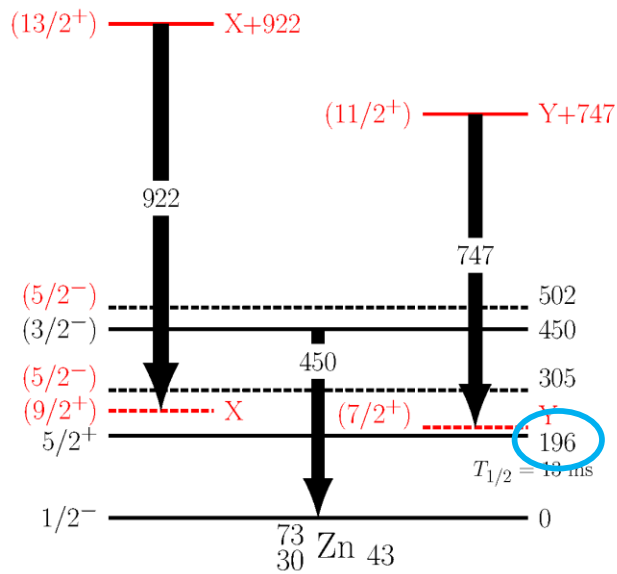


⁷⁵Zn structure – level scheme

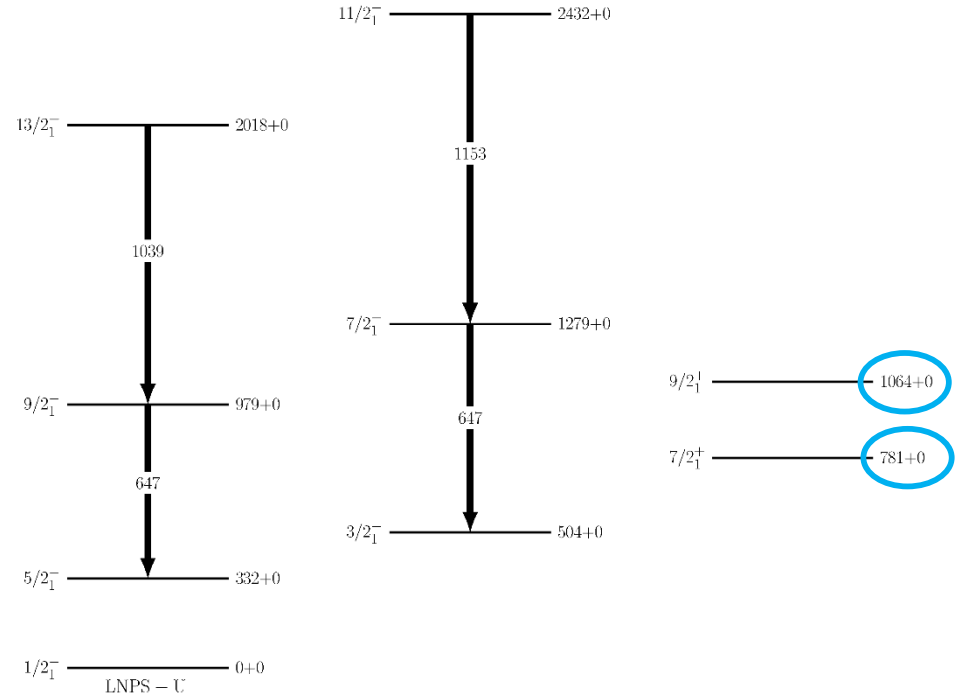
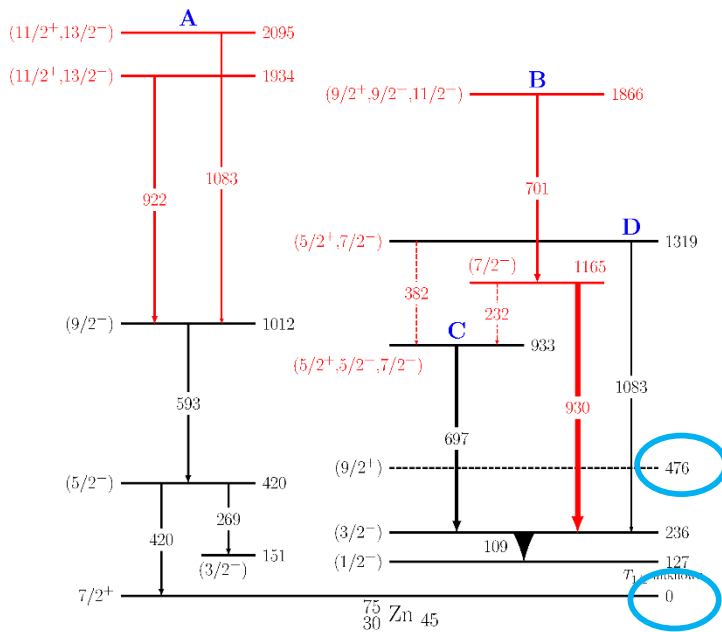


Theoretical approach and interpretation

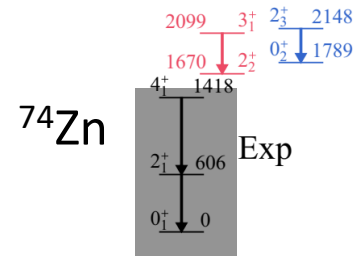
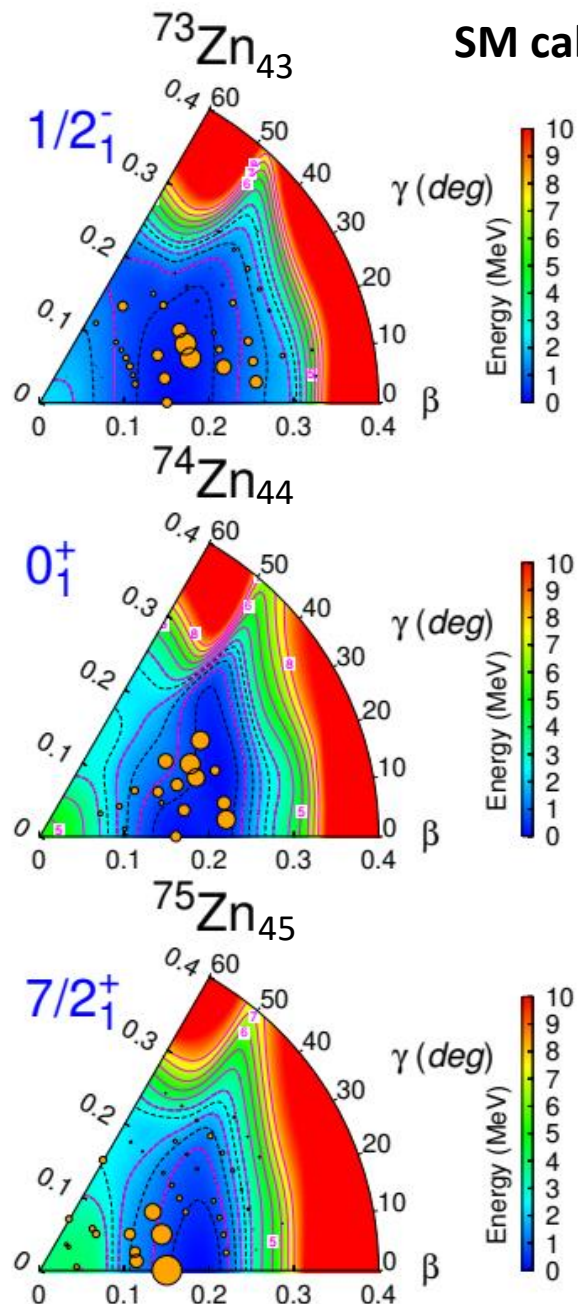
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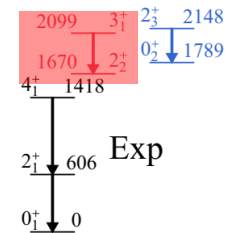


SM calculations - ground states

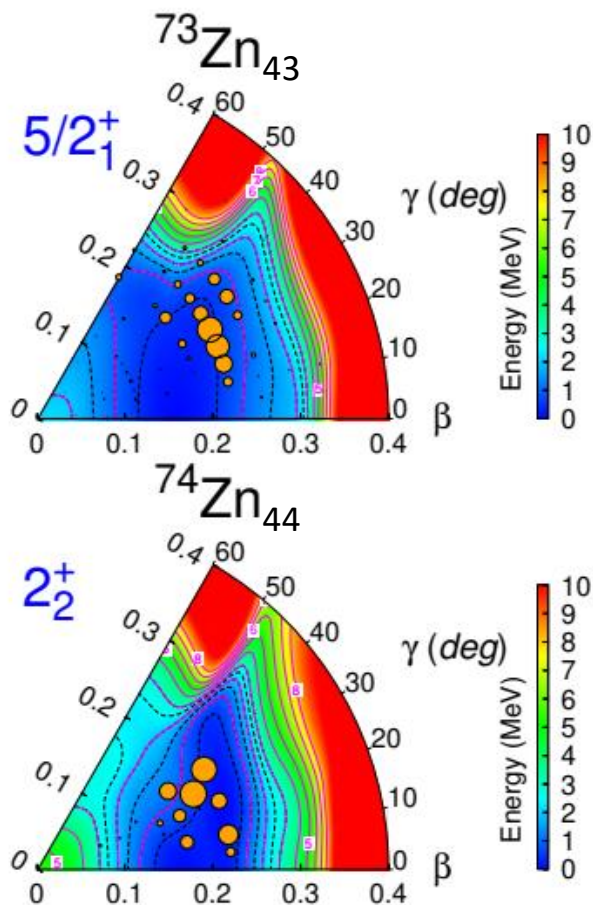


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| ^{75}Zn | $7/2^+$ g.s. | 7.48 | 0.71 | 1.47 | 0.34 | 8.00 | 3.96 | 5.85 | 1.79 | 4.90 | 0.49 | not intruder | 0.39 |
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SM calculations – excited states



triaxial

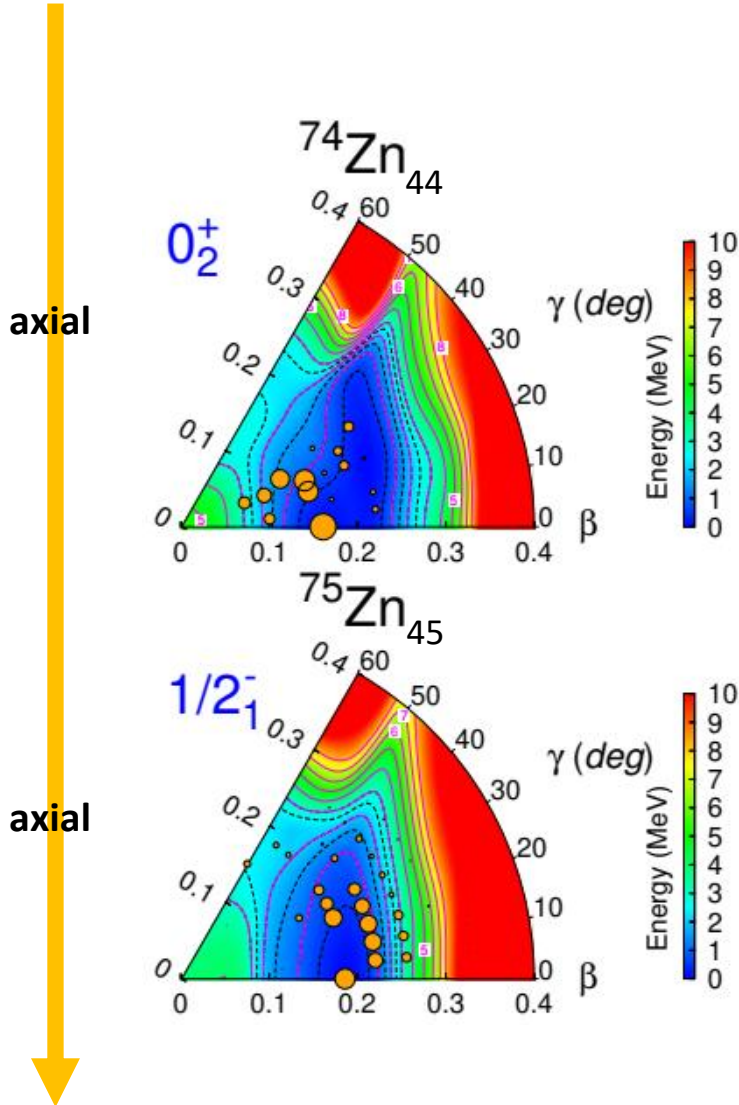
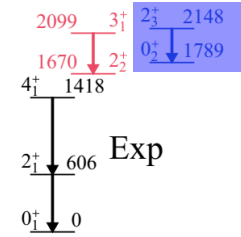


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Conclusion

- There is a clear shape evolution from triaxial to axial in Zn isotopes from N=40 to N=46 (*M. Rocchini et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 122502 (2023)*, *A. Illana et al., Phys. Rev. C 108, 044305 (2023)*)
- The ground-state bands in ^{73}Zn and ^{74}Zn are based on intruder configurations which is not the case for ^{75}Zn
- The $5/2^+$ band in ^{73}Zn is related to the 2^+_2 band in ^{74}Zn both based on an intruder configuration associated to triaxiality.
- The $1/2^-$ band in ^{75}Zn is related to the 0^+_2 band in ^{74}Zn both based on a mixed configuration $0p-0h/2p-2h$ associated to axial deformation
- ^{73}Zn may possess a low-lying $9/2^+$ isomer built on top of the $5/2^+$ isomeric state with $T_{1/2}$ between several ns to several μs

For both ^{73}Zn and ^{75}Zn , a large statistics dataset with spin alignment for firm spin assignments is need.

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