

# Neutron Knockout to Probe Single Particle Occupancies in the Ca Isotopes

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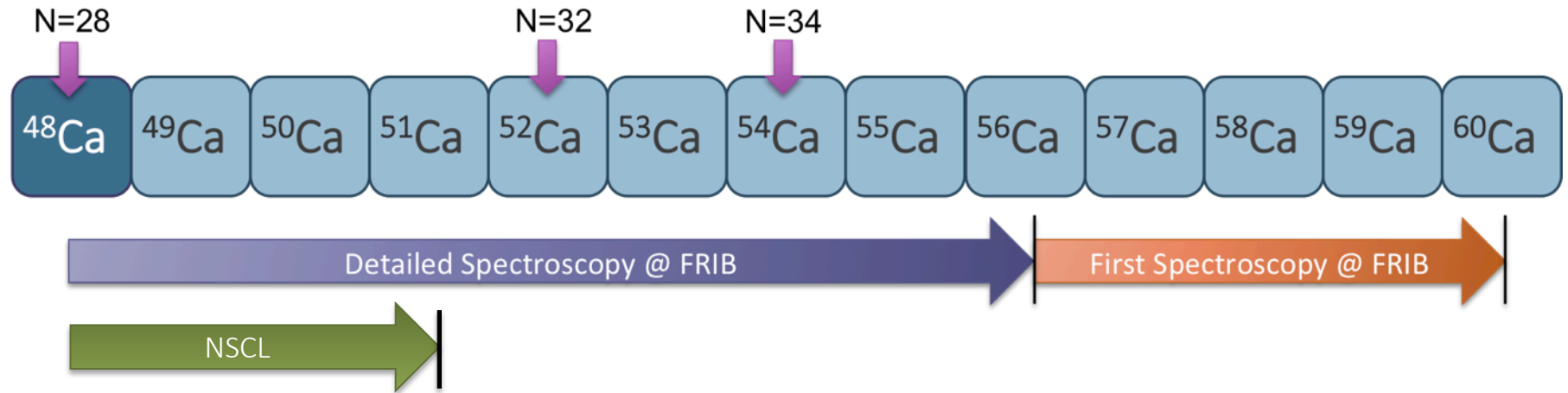
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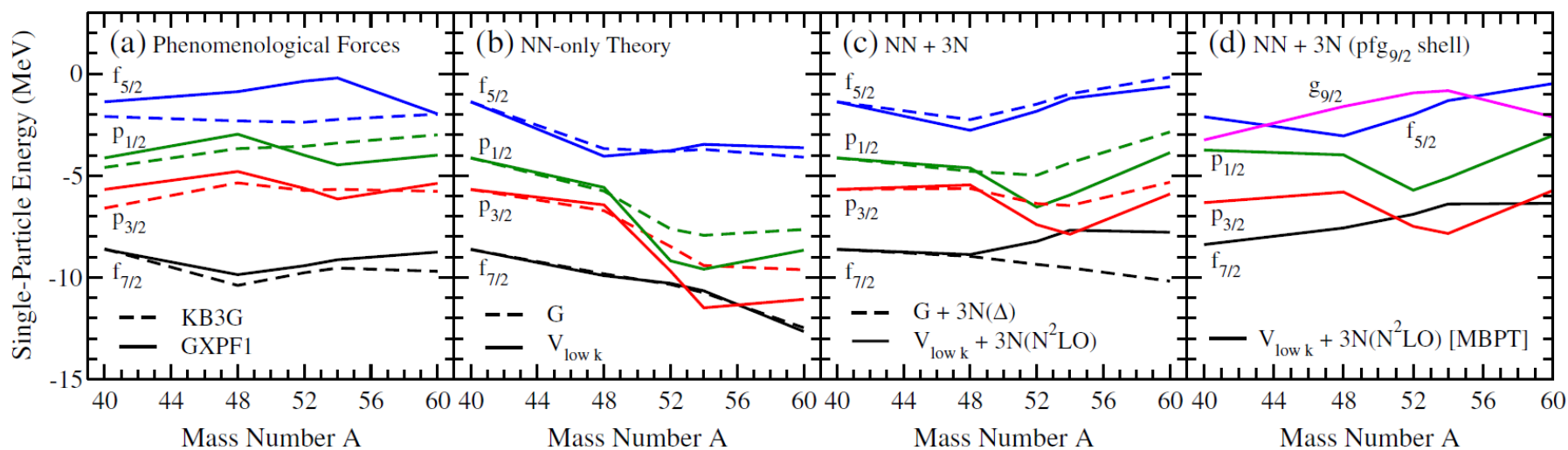
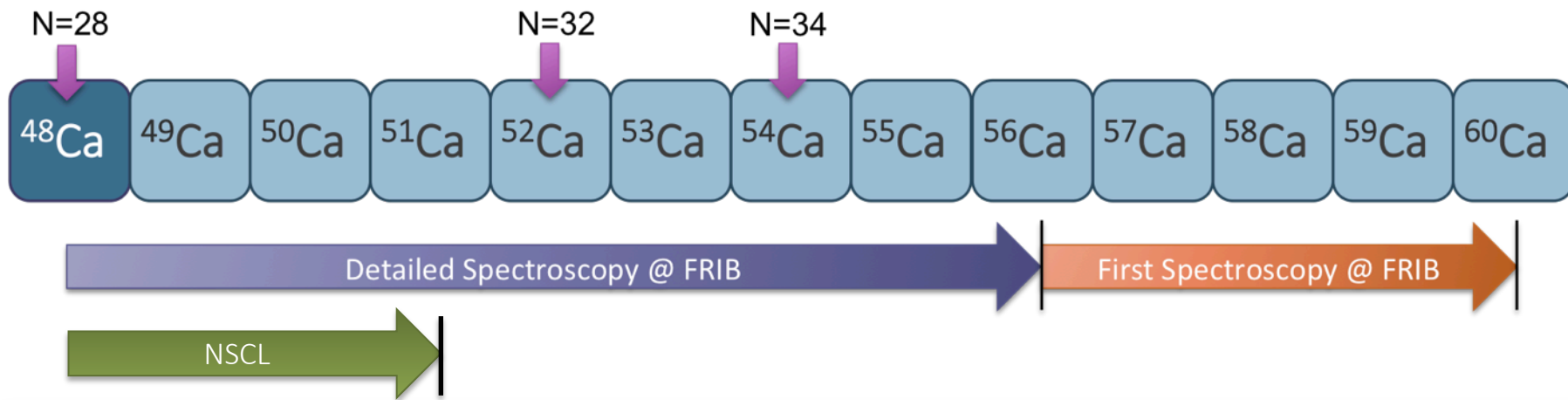
- Current status in the Ca isotopes
- Motivation for a neutron-knockout measurement
- Experimental details (just a few)
- Results
  - Neutron spectroscopic factors for  $-1n$  removal in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{50}\text{Ca}$
  - Other data to inform the problem (or complicate it)
- Next steps (experimental)
- Summary

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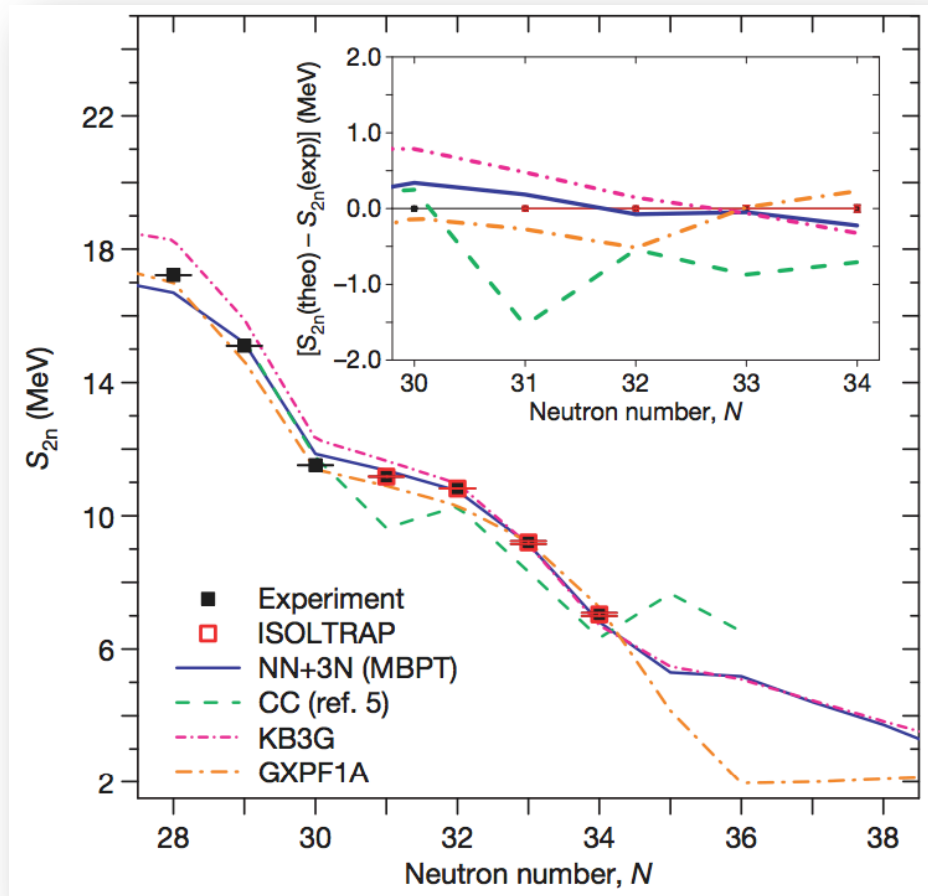
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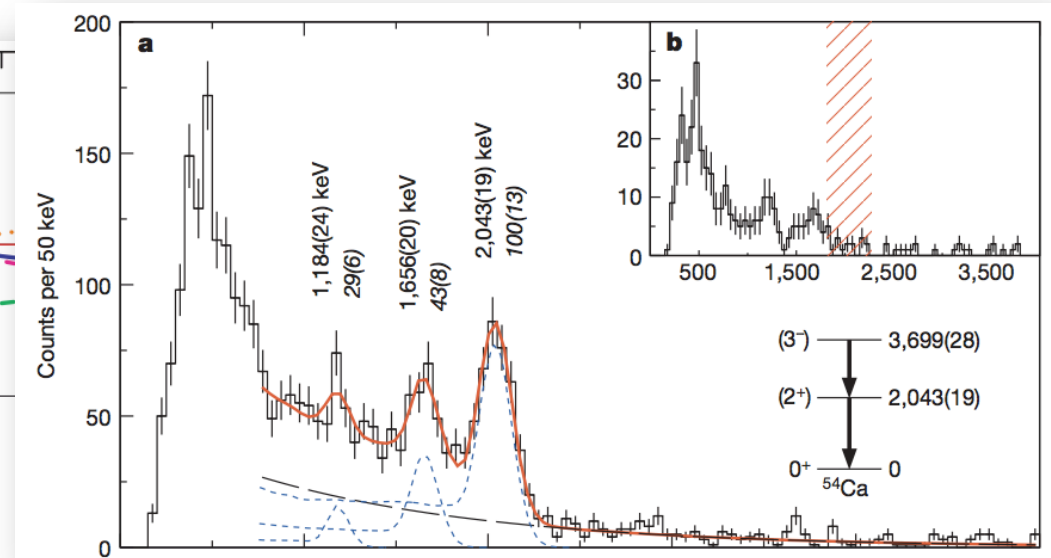
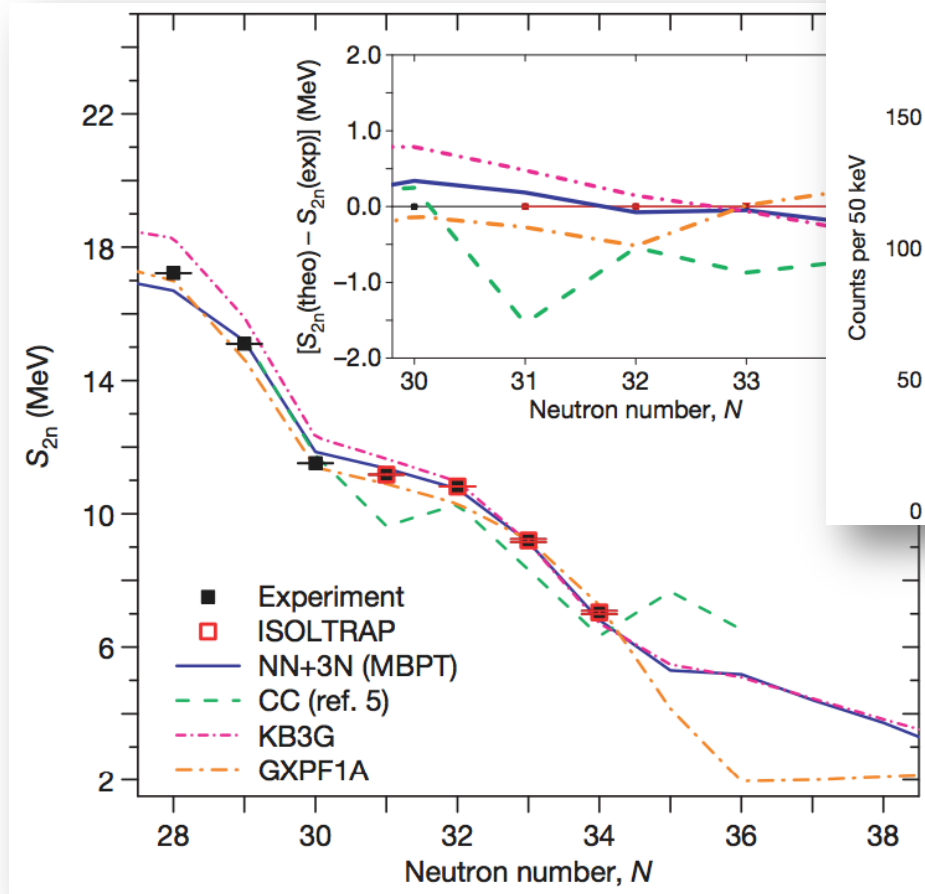
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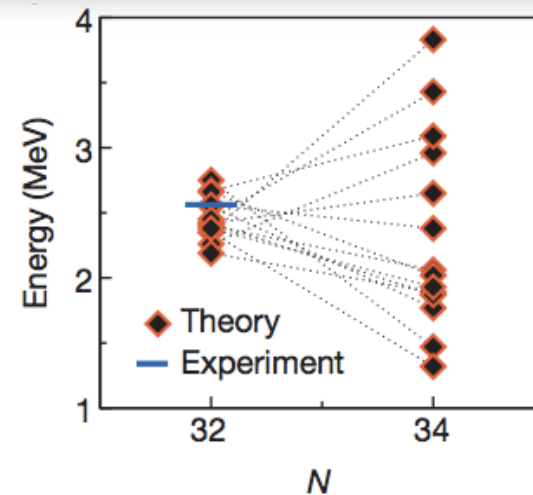
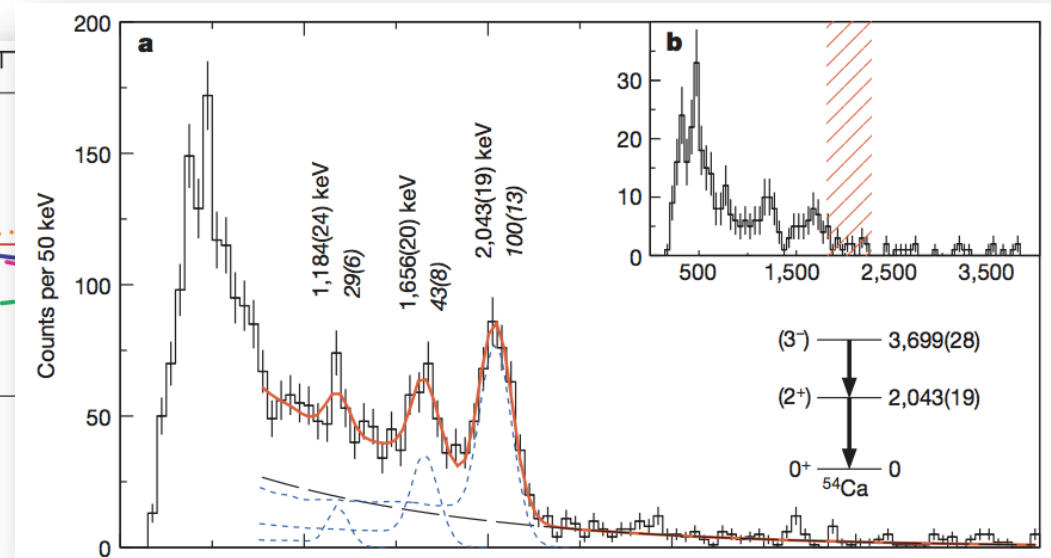
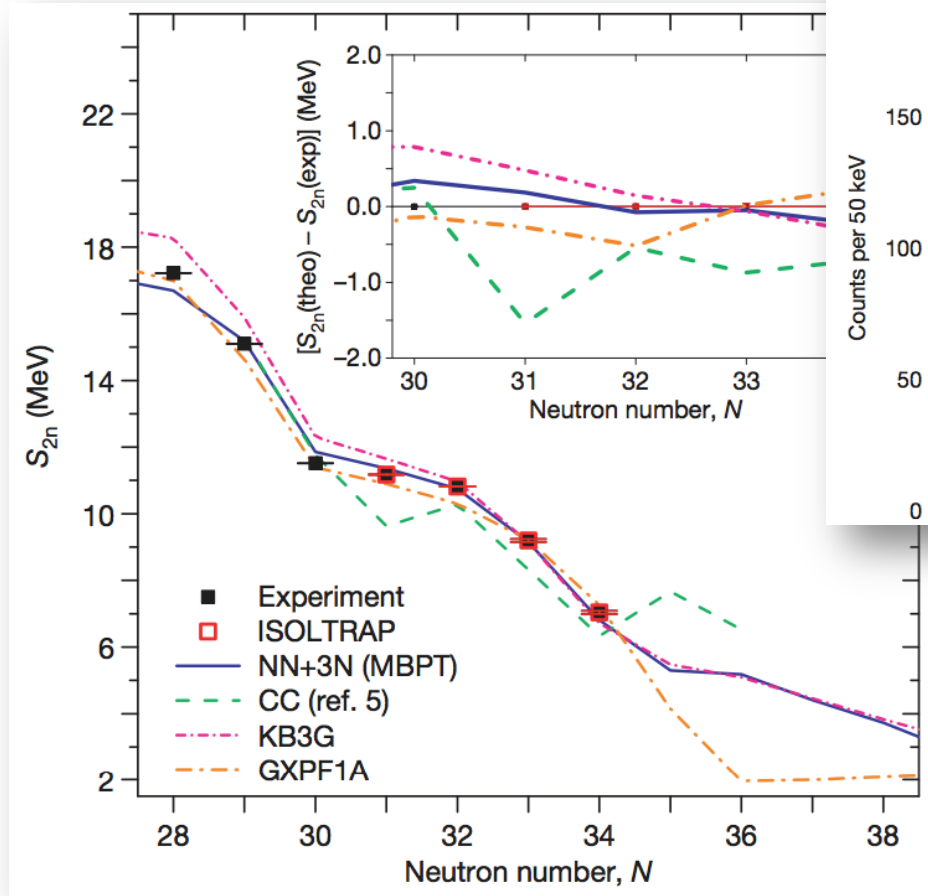
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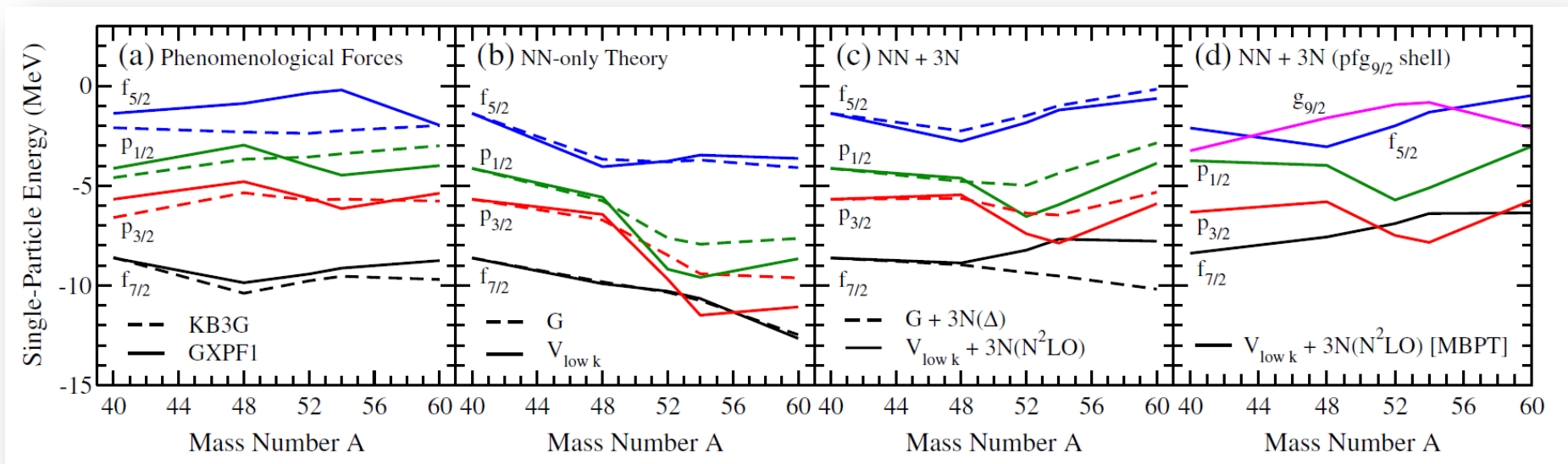
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# Knockout to Probe 3N Forces in Ca Isotopes

- Single-particle energies as a function of  $A$  are different between phenomenological forces and the more microscopic interaction --> 'closure' of the  $N=28$  gap between  $f_{7/2}$  and  $p_{3/2}$  orbits
- A difference in the distribution of  $1f_{7/2}$  strength is expected between phenomenological forces (GXPF1) and calculations including 3N forces

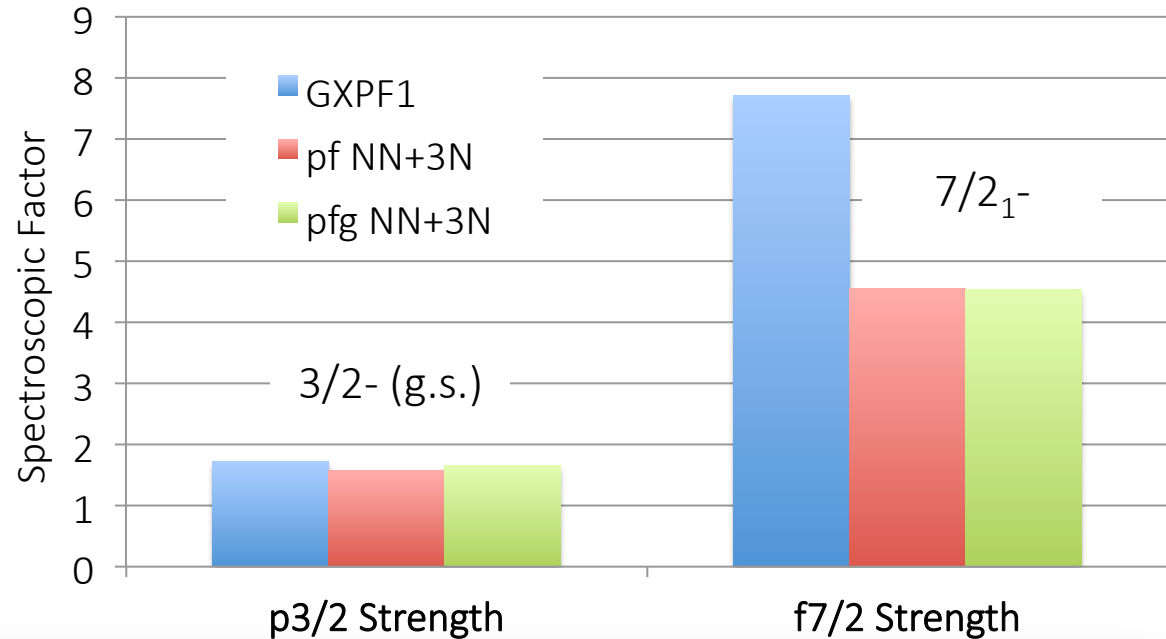


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# Knockout To Probe 3N Forces in Ca

- Realistic NN + 3N forces substantially fragment the  $1f_{7/2}$  strength to higher-lying  $7/2^-$  states in knockout from  $^{50}\text{Ca}$  to  $^{49}\text{Ca}$

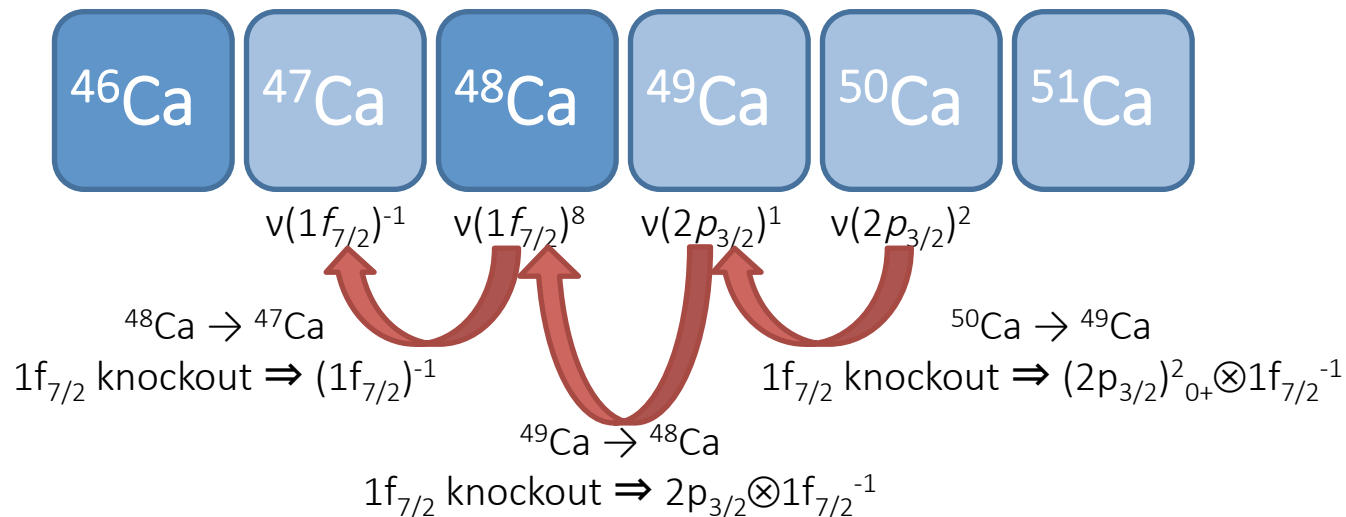
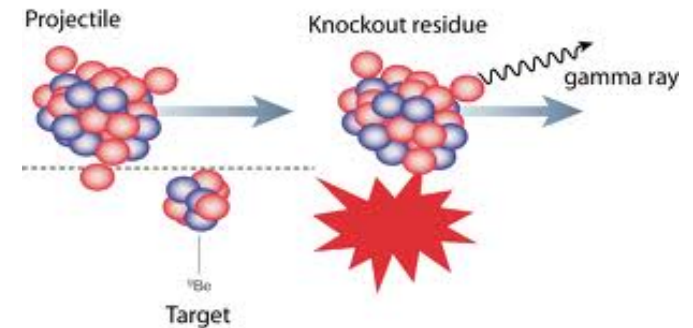


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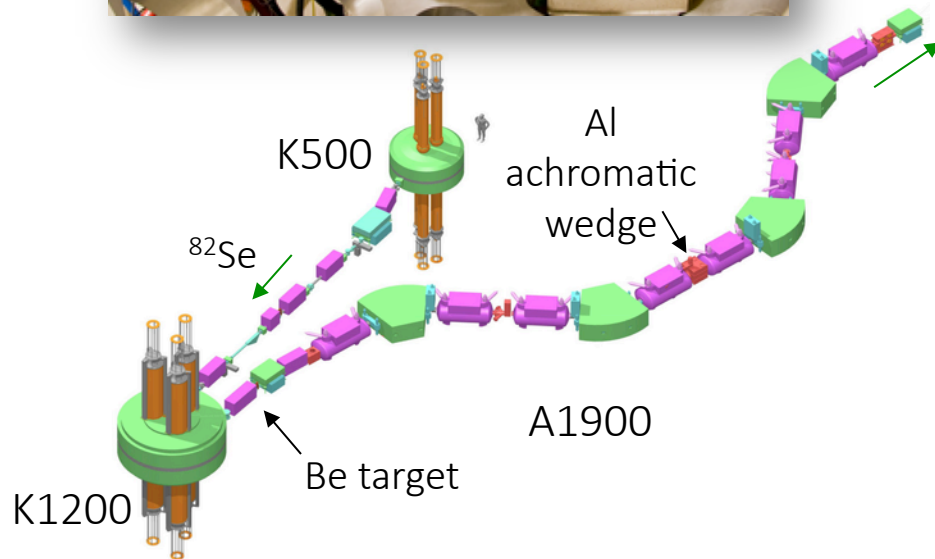
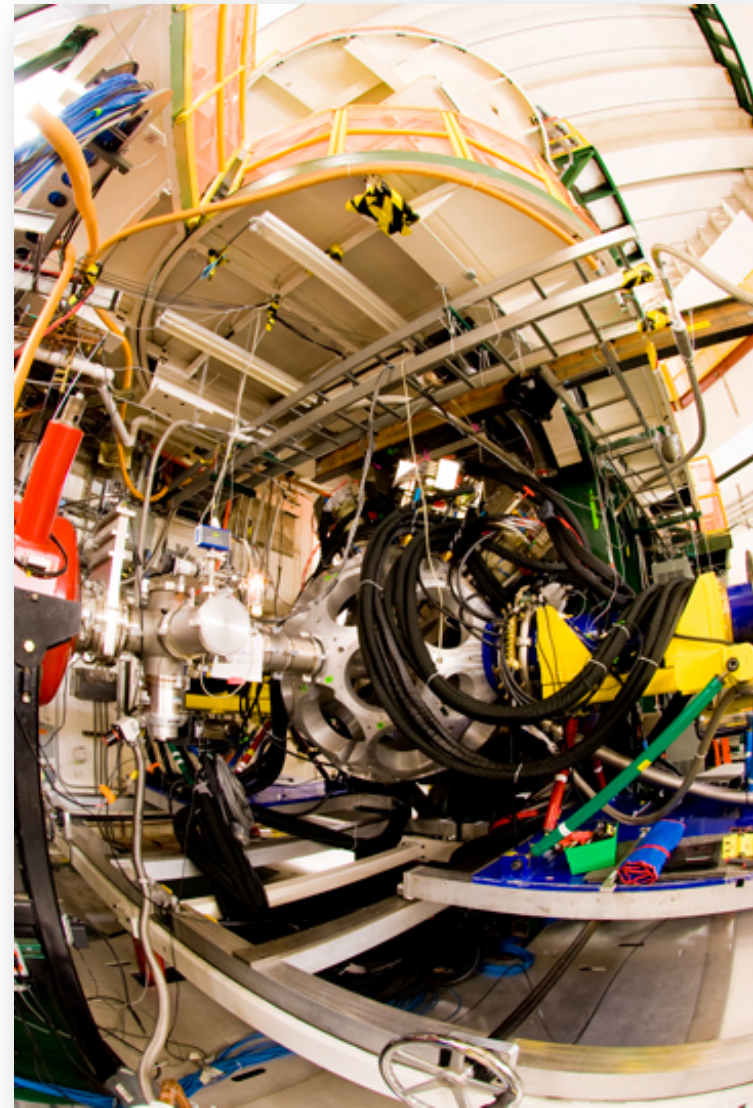
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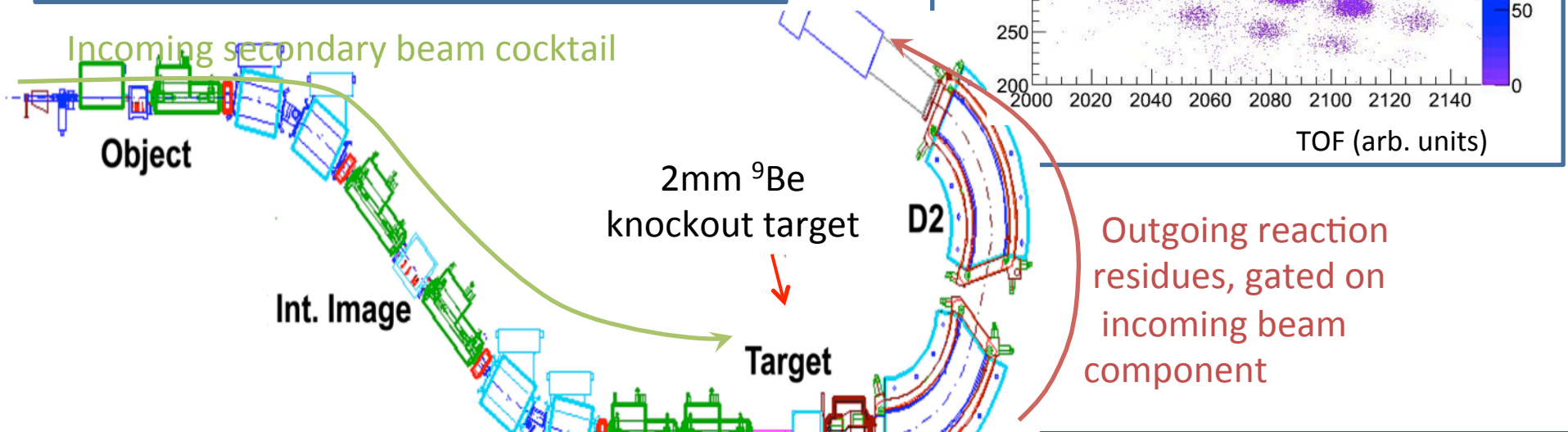
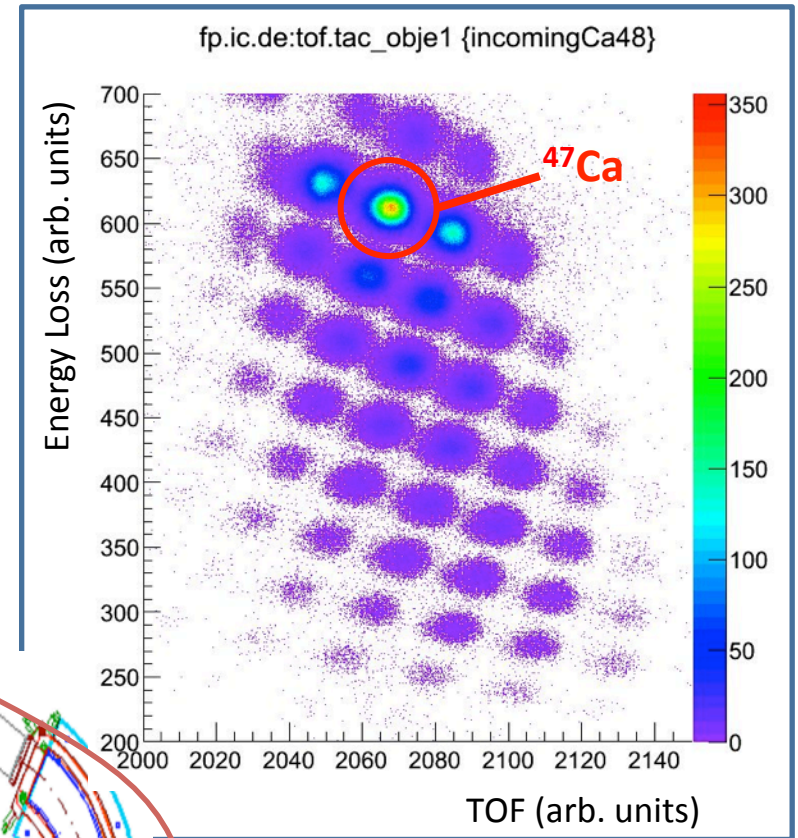
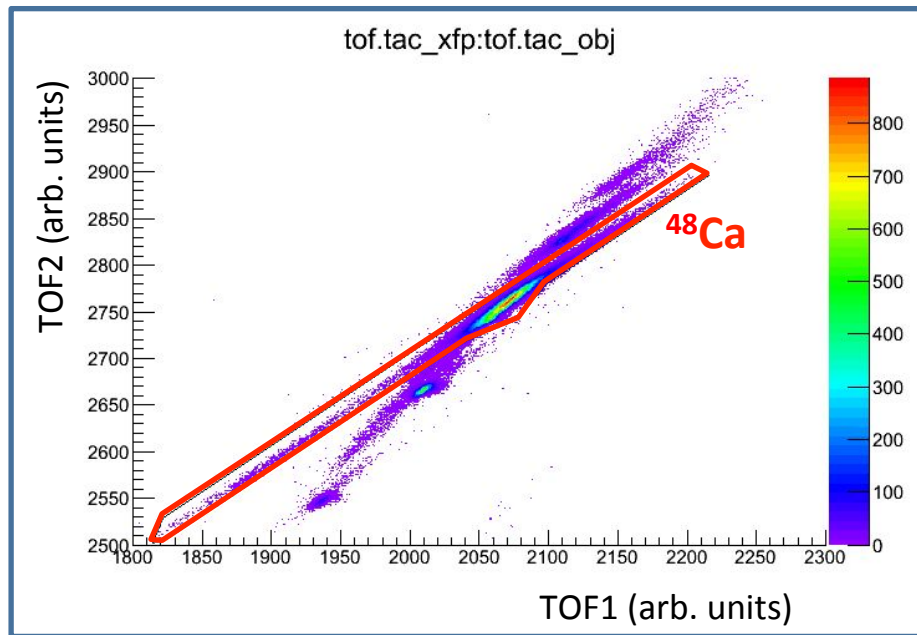
- With GREINA + S800, a unique opportunity exists to make a high quality measurement, with **resolution** sufficient to separate closely-spaced transitions, and **singles and gamma-gamma efficiency** to observe the weakest high-energy transitions, and determine feedings in the level schemes
- S800 allows momentum distributions to determine L of knocked-out neutron, GREINA will allow exclusive momentum distributions



# GRETINA + S800: Neutron Knockout in Ca



# Particle Identification: 1n Knockout from $^{48}\text{Ca}$

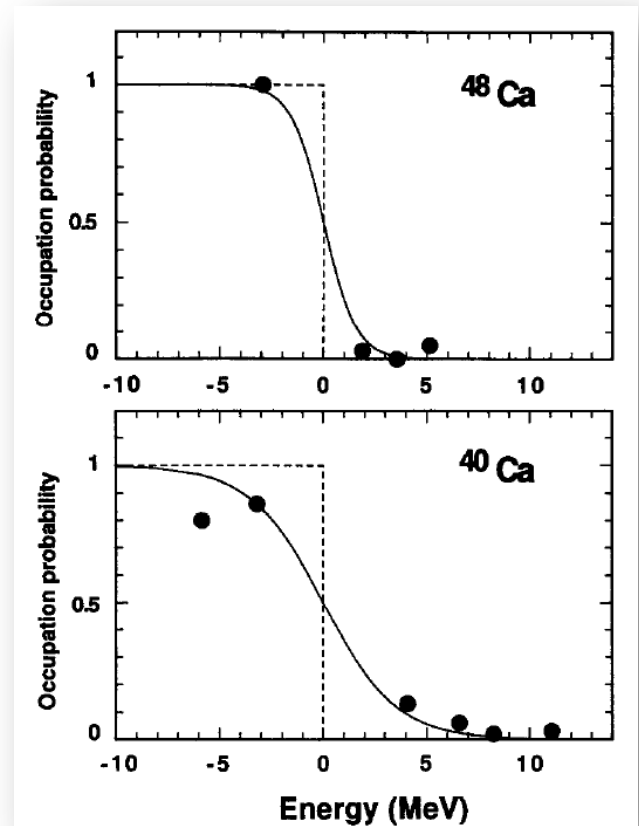


# Benchmark against $^{48}\text{Ca}(p,d)^{47}\text{Ca}$

Expectation is  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  is good doubly-magic core, and  $1f_{7/2}$  occupancy = 8.

Transfer reactions, (p,d) and (d,t) confirm this with large spectroscopic factors for  $f_{7/2}$  transfer.

Energy (keV)	$J^\pi$	Configuration	$C^2S^a$	$C^2S^b$
0 (g.s)	$7/2^-$	$(1f_{7/2})^{-1}$	6.7	6.22
2020	$3/2^-$	$[(1f_{7/2})^{-2}(2p_{3/2})^1]_{3/2^-}$	0.02	0.10
2580	$3/2^+$	$(1d_{3/2})^{-1}$	3.6	1.18
2600	$1/2^+$	$(2s_{1/2})^{-1}$	1.8	1.28

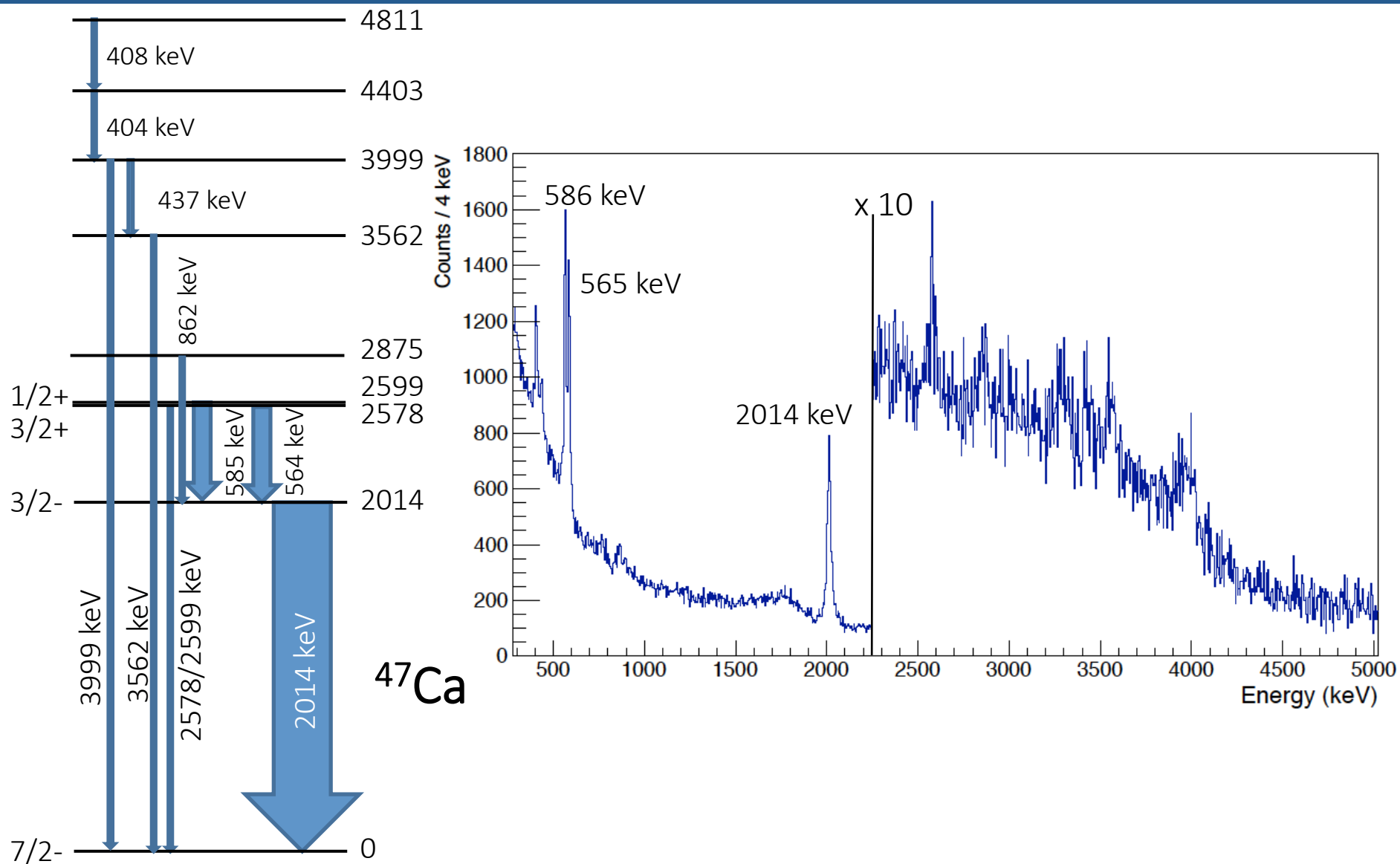


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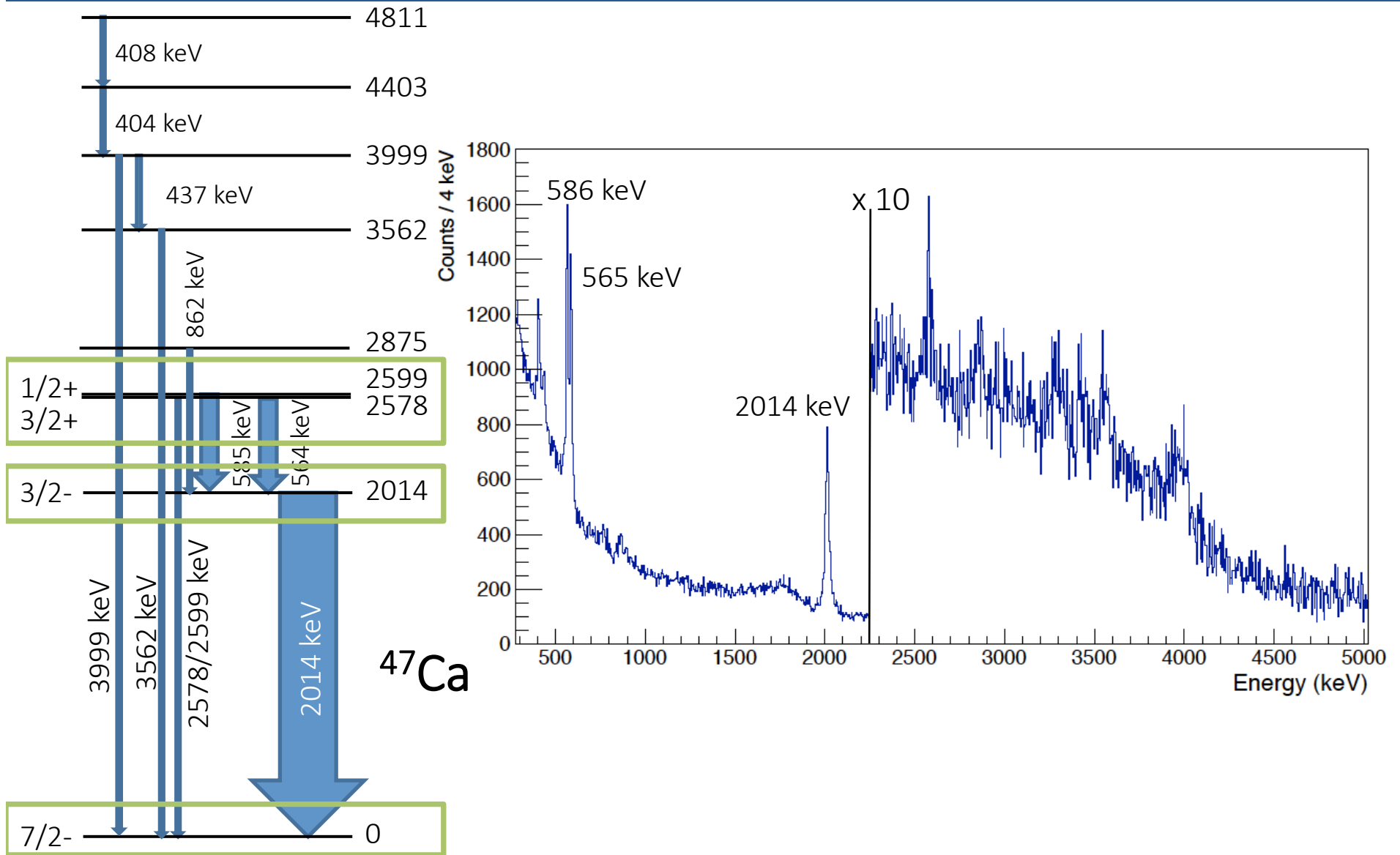
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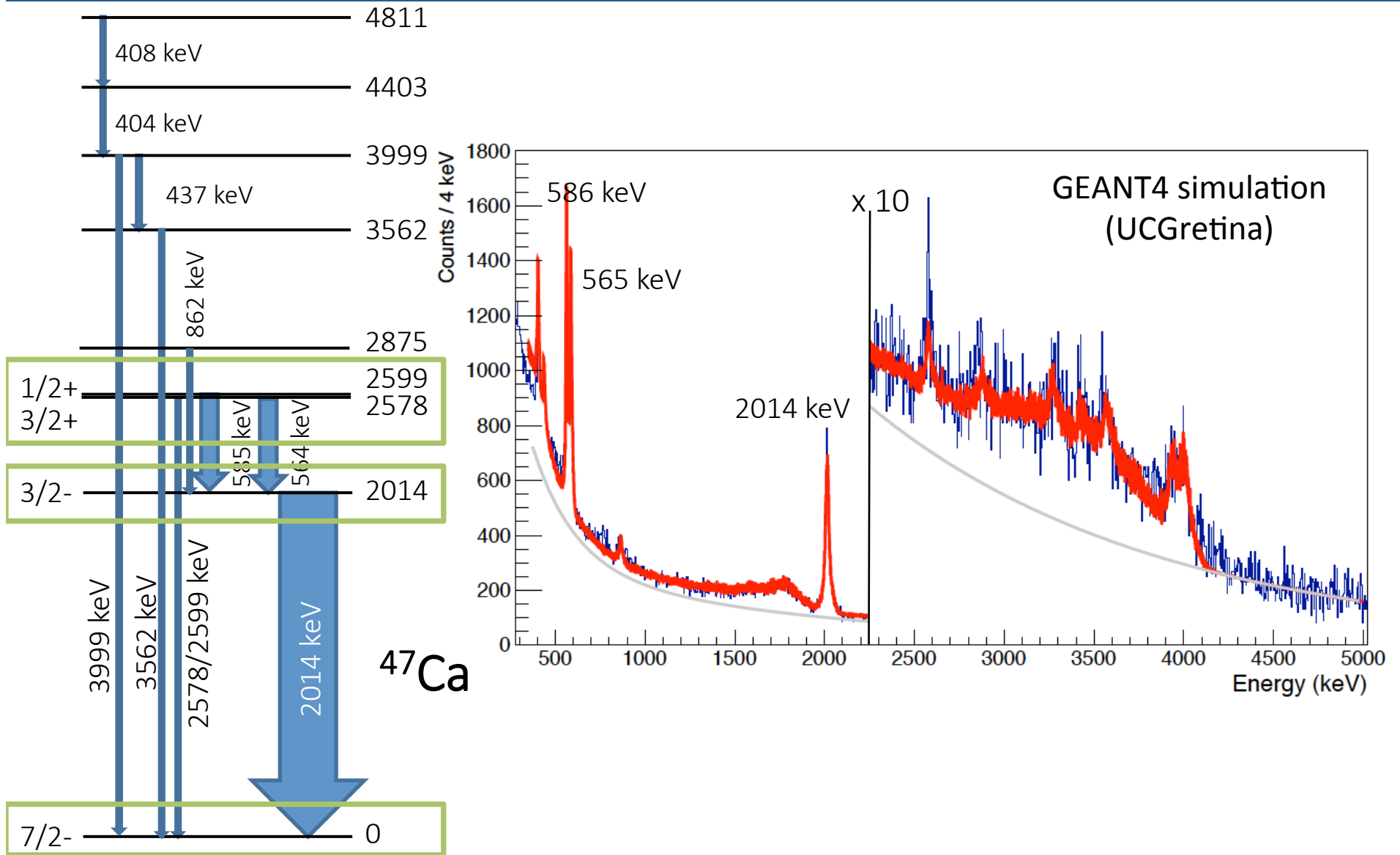
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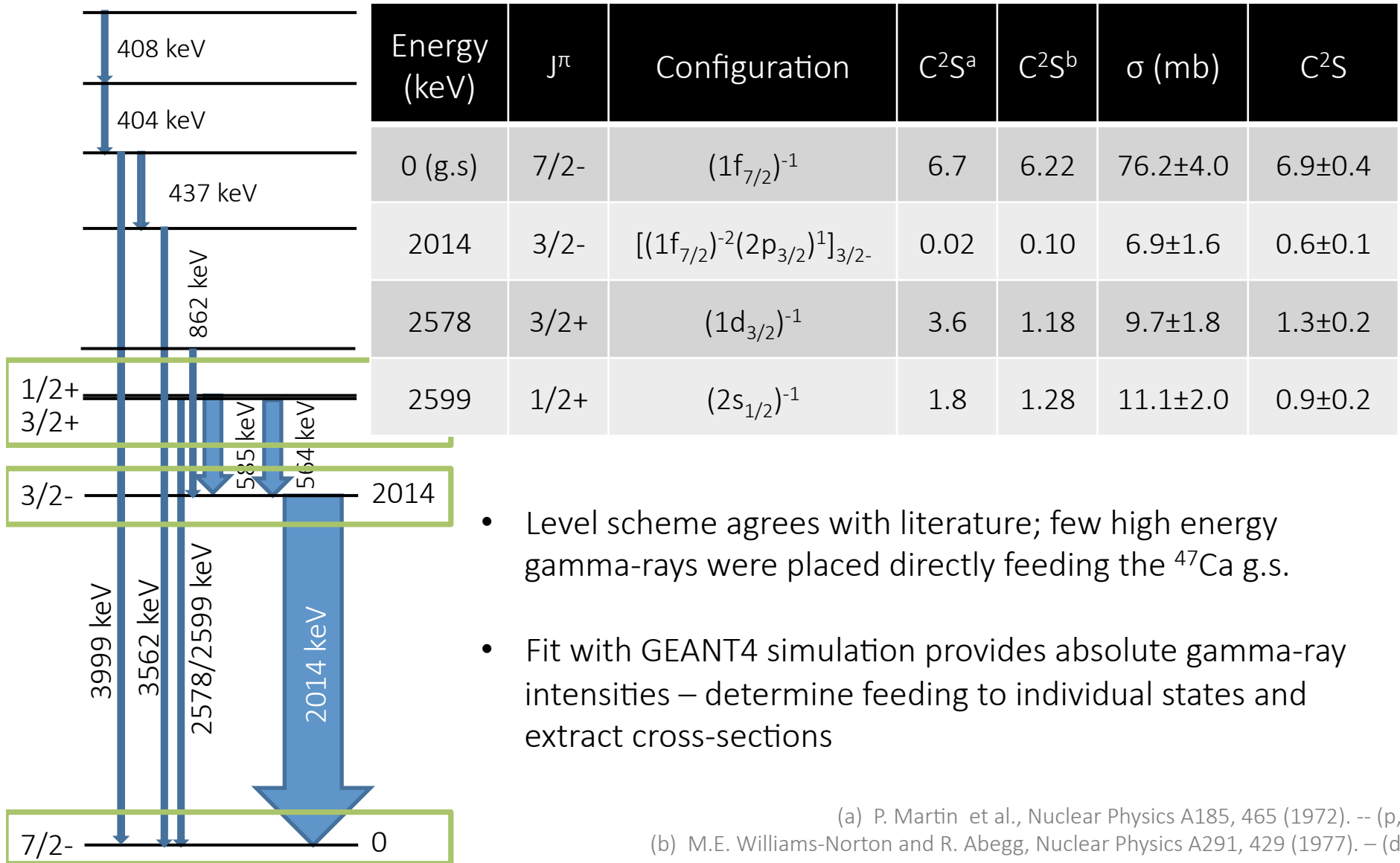


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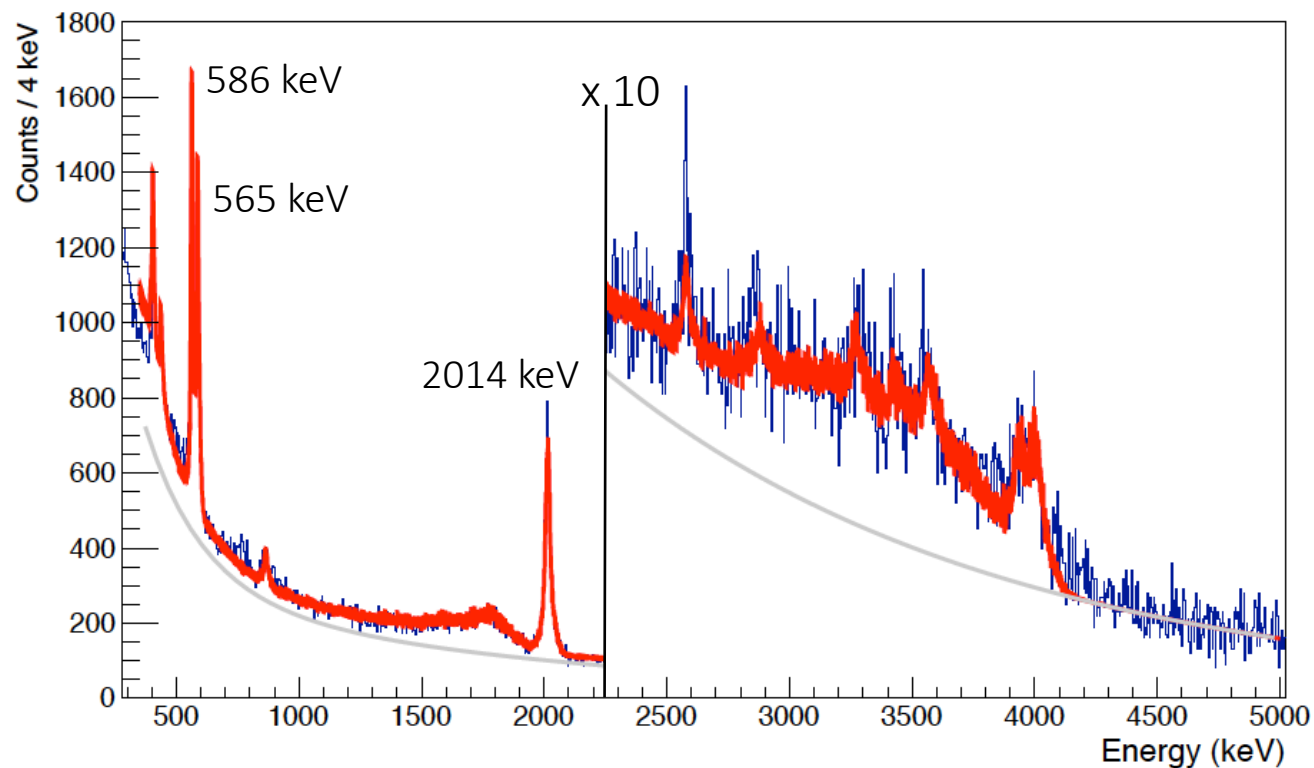
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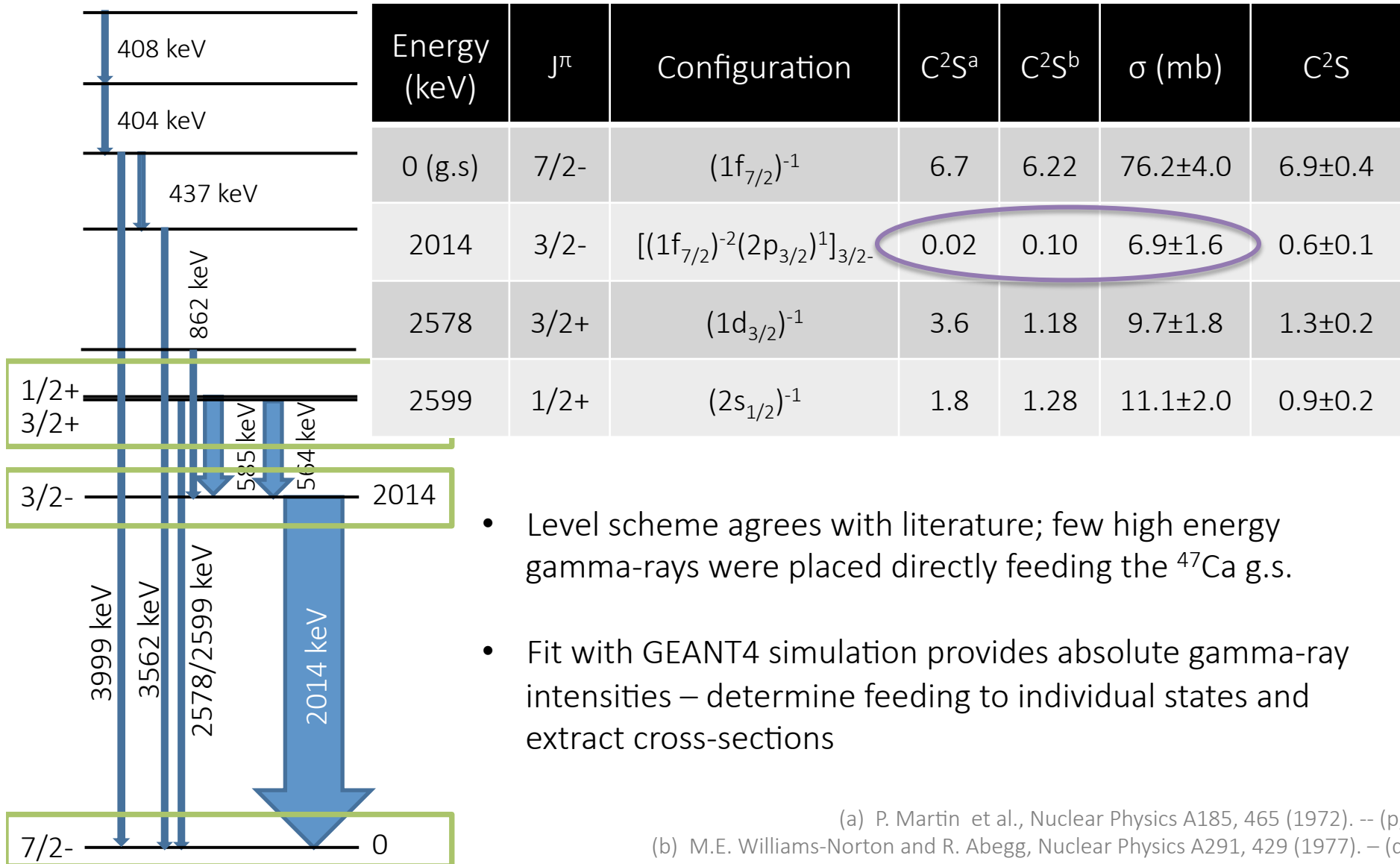
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# Unresolved Feeding

- Experimentally, there will be unresolved feeding from highly fragmented states ( $d_{5/2}$ )
- Work is ongoing to finalize errors in cross-section resulting from unresolved strength, but the physics is unchanged
- We can estimate a systematic uncertainty for the measurement



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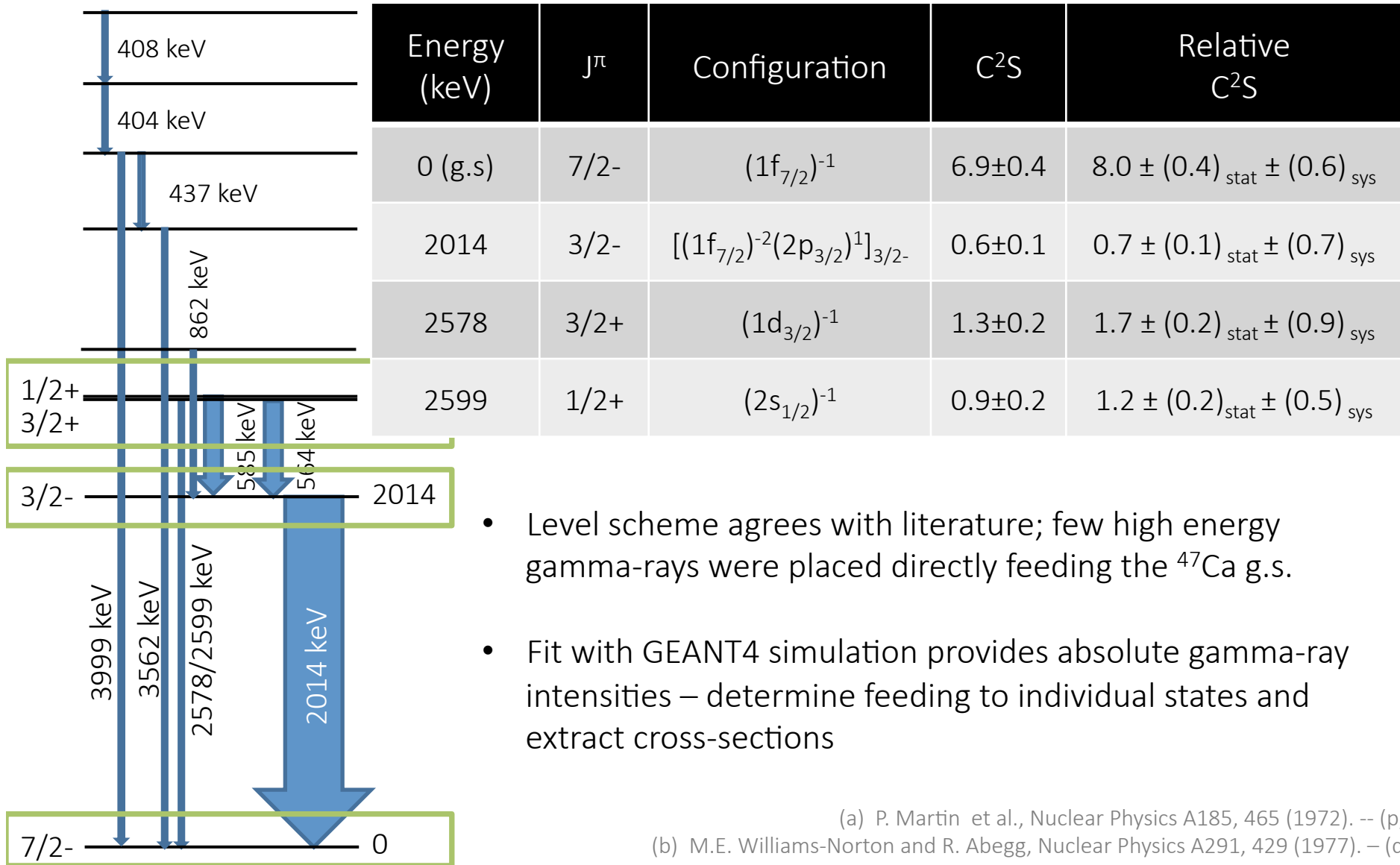


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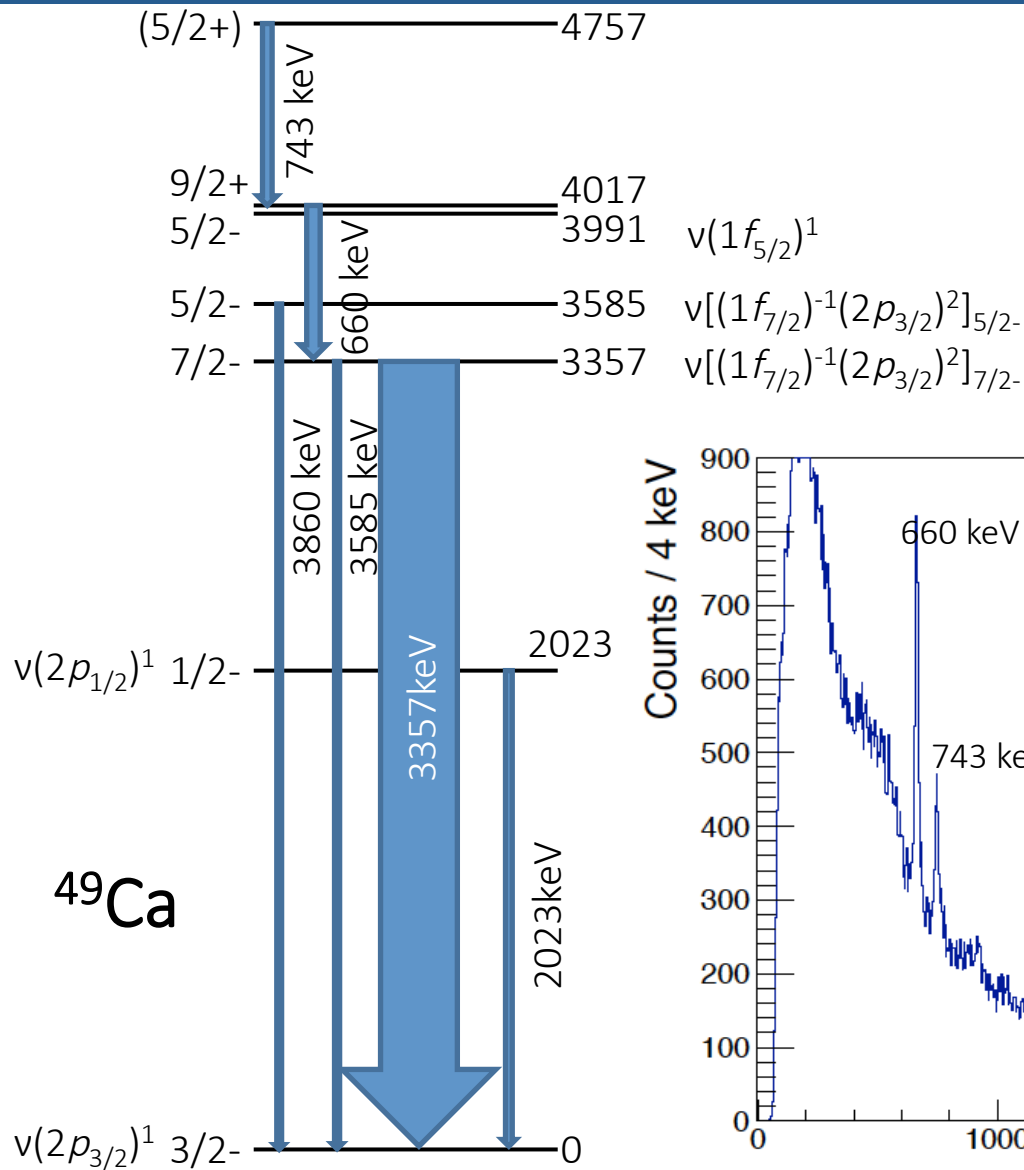


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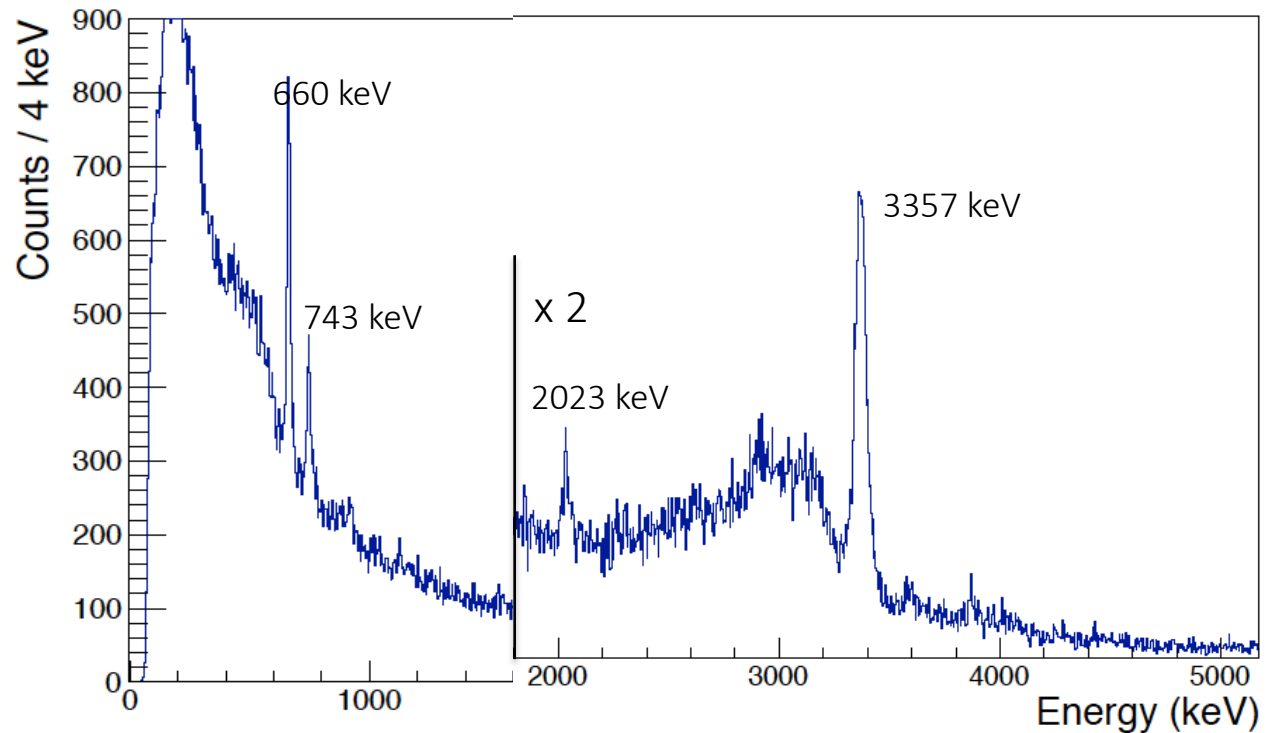
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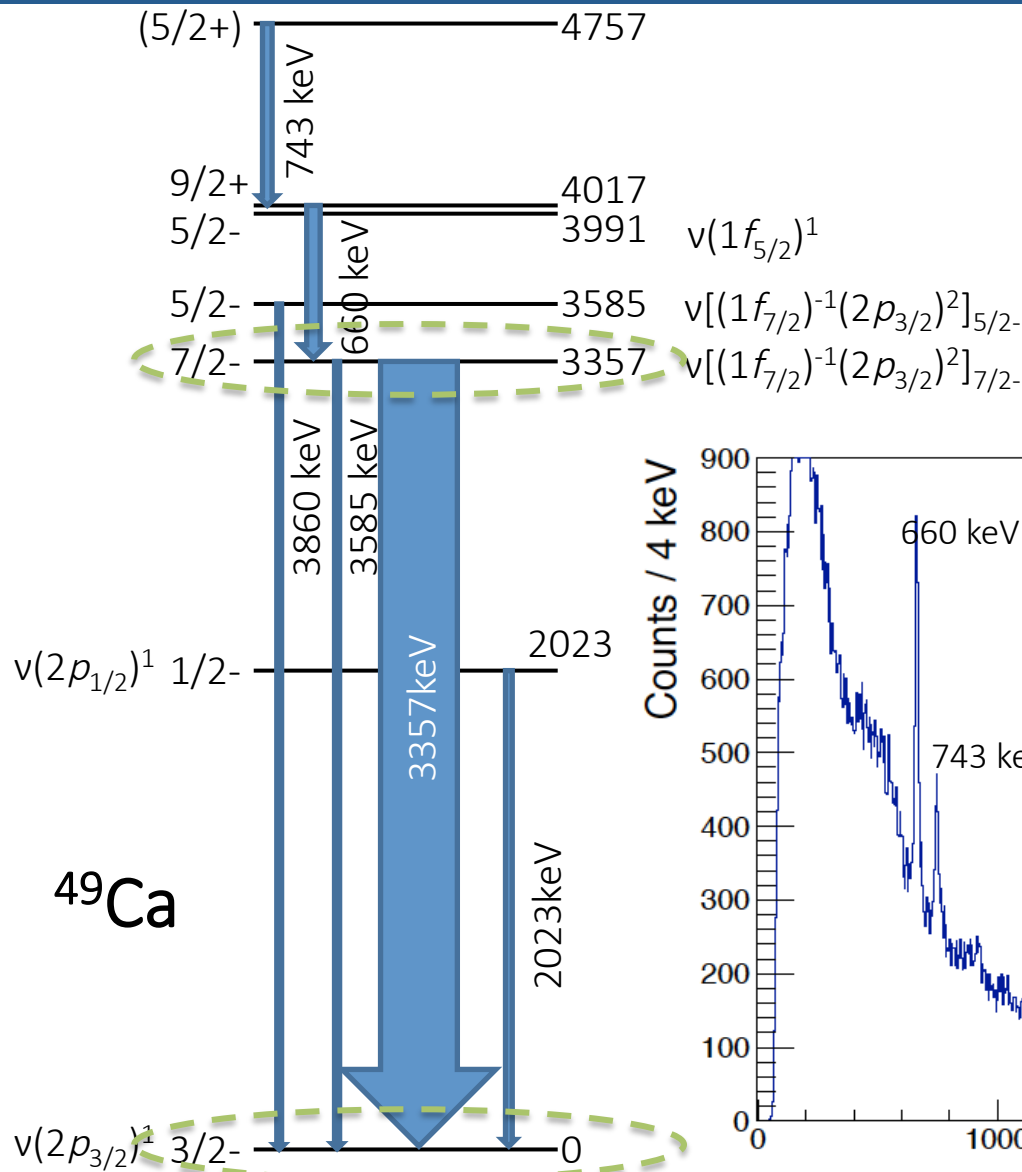


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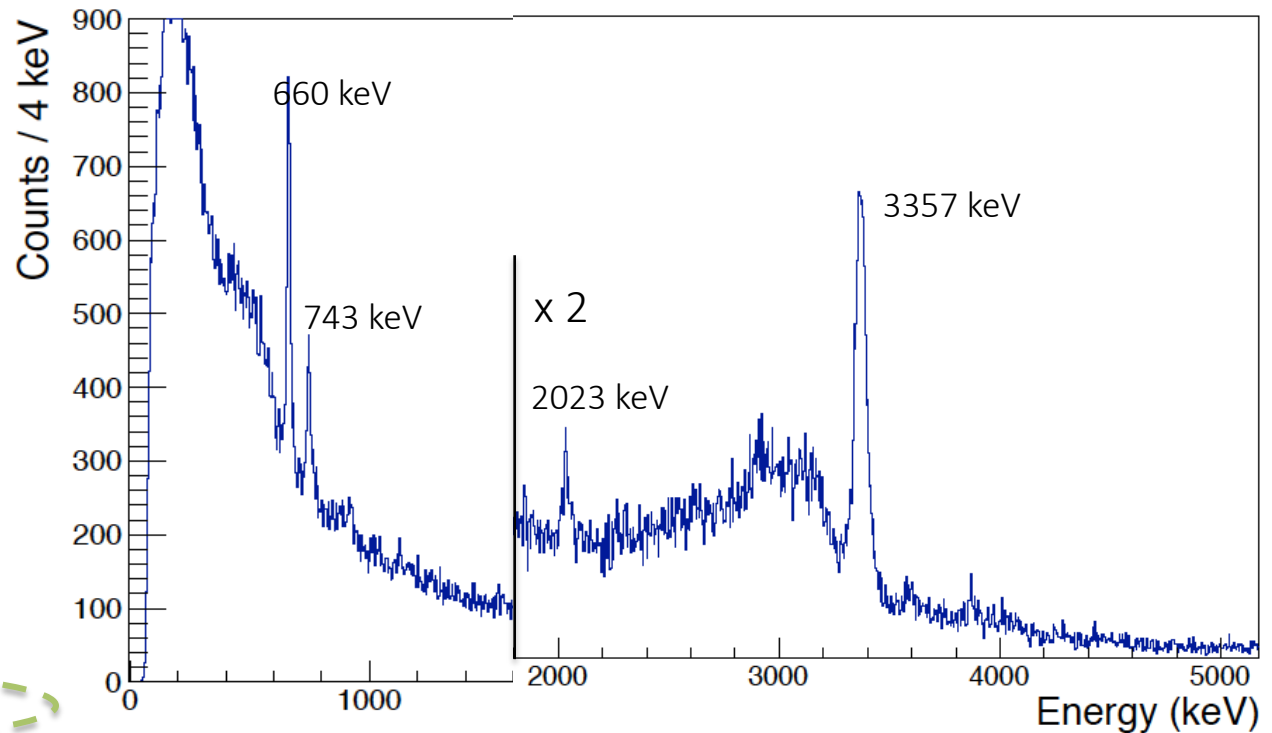


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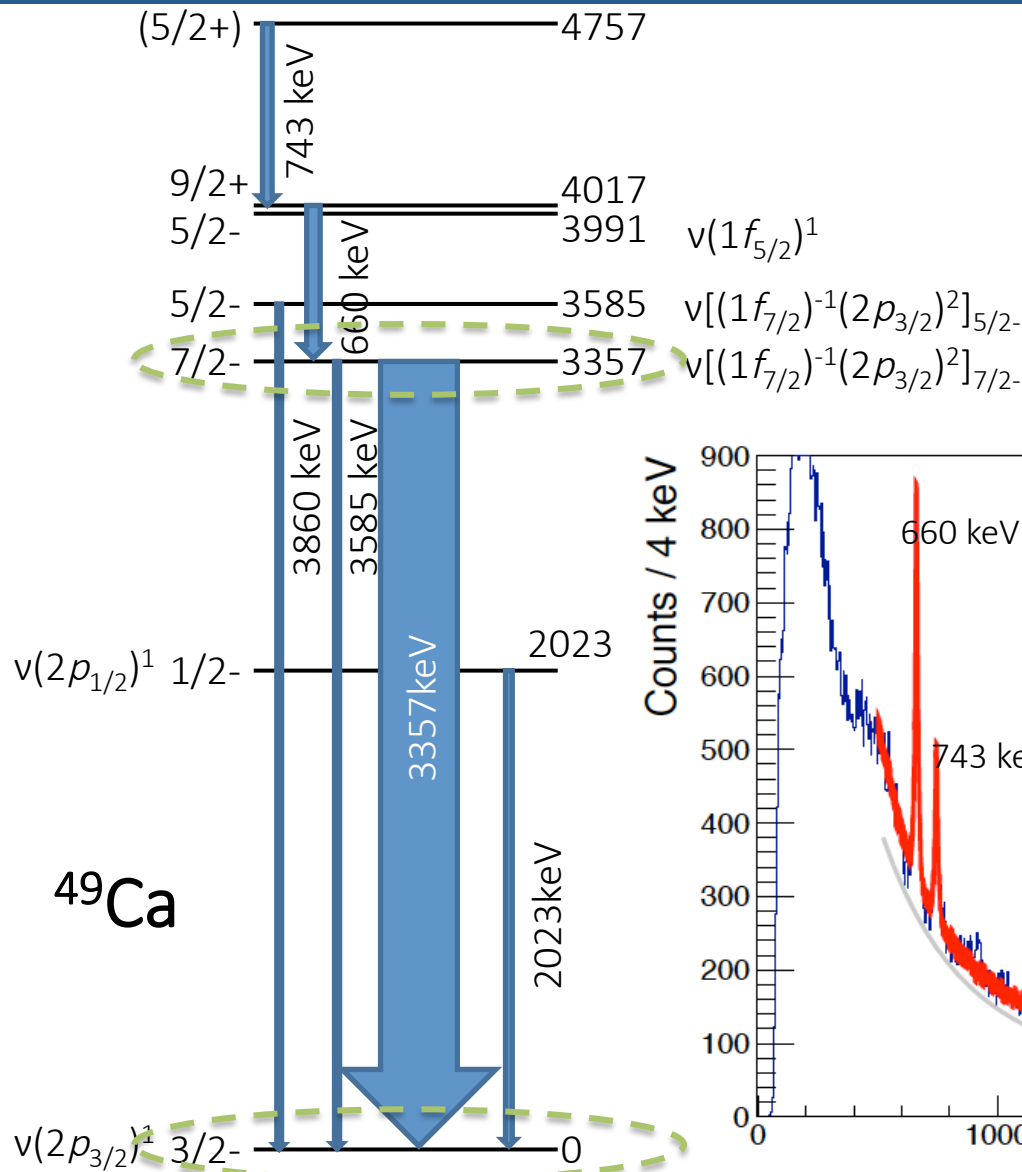


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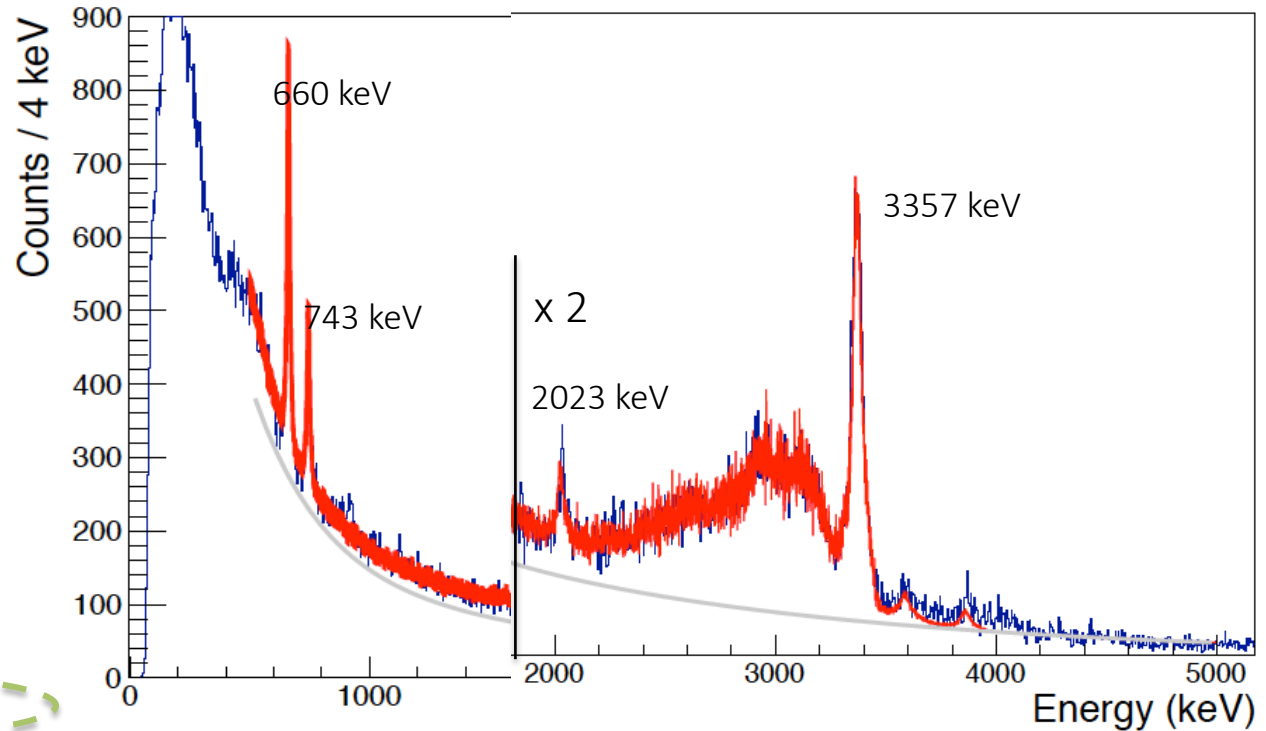


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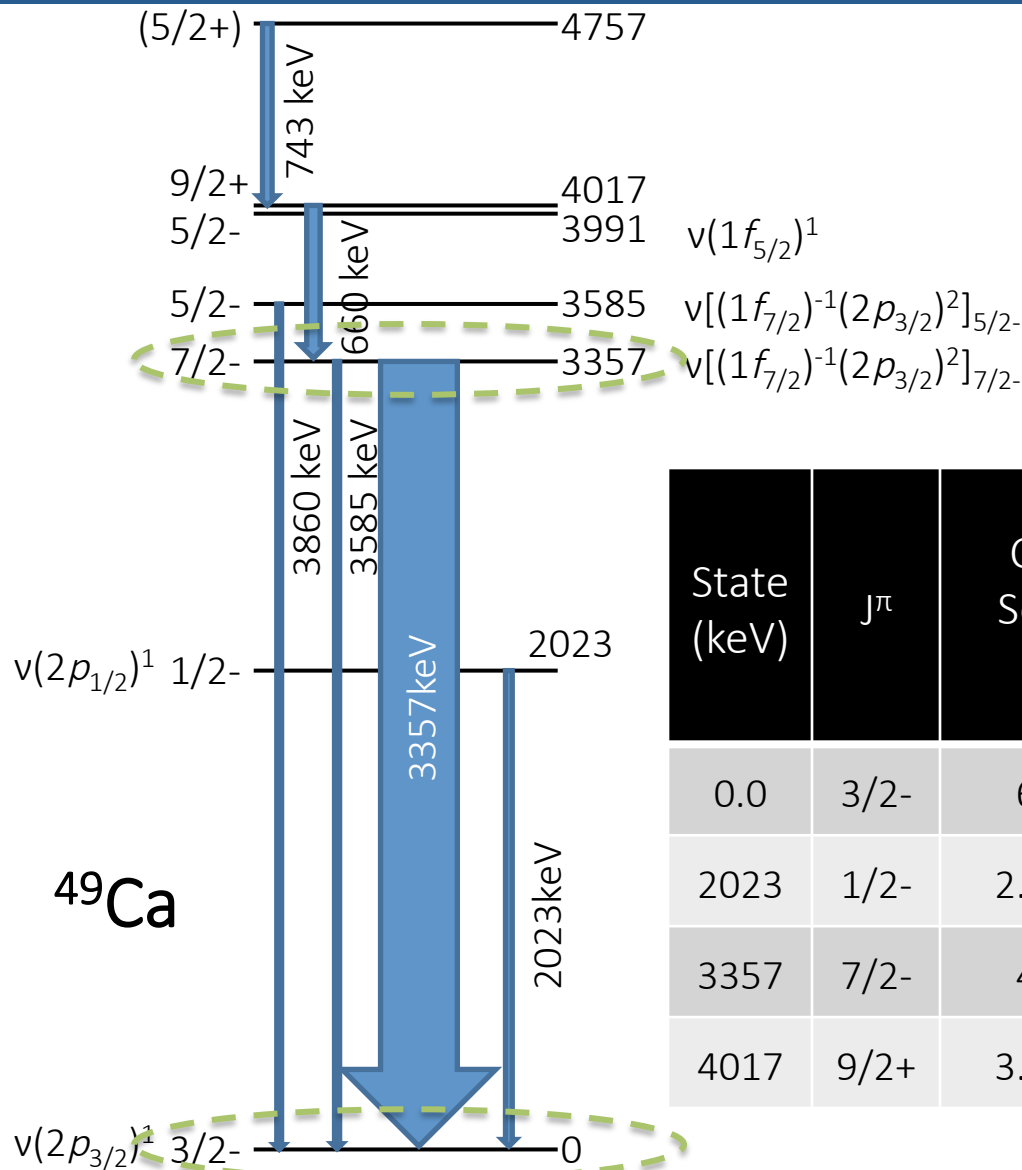


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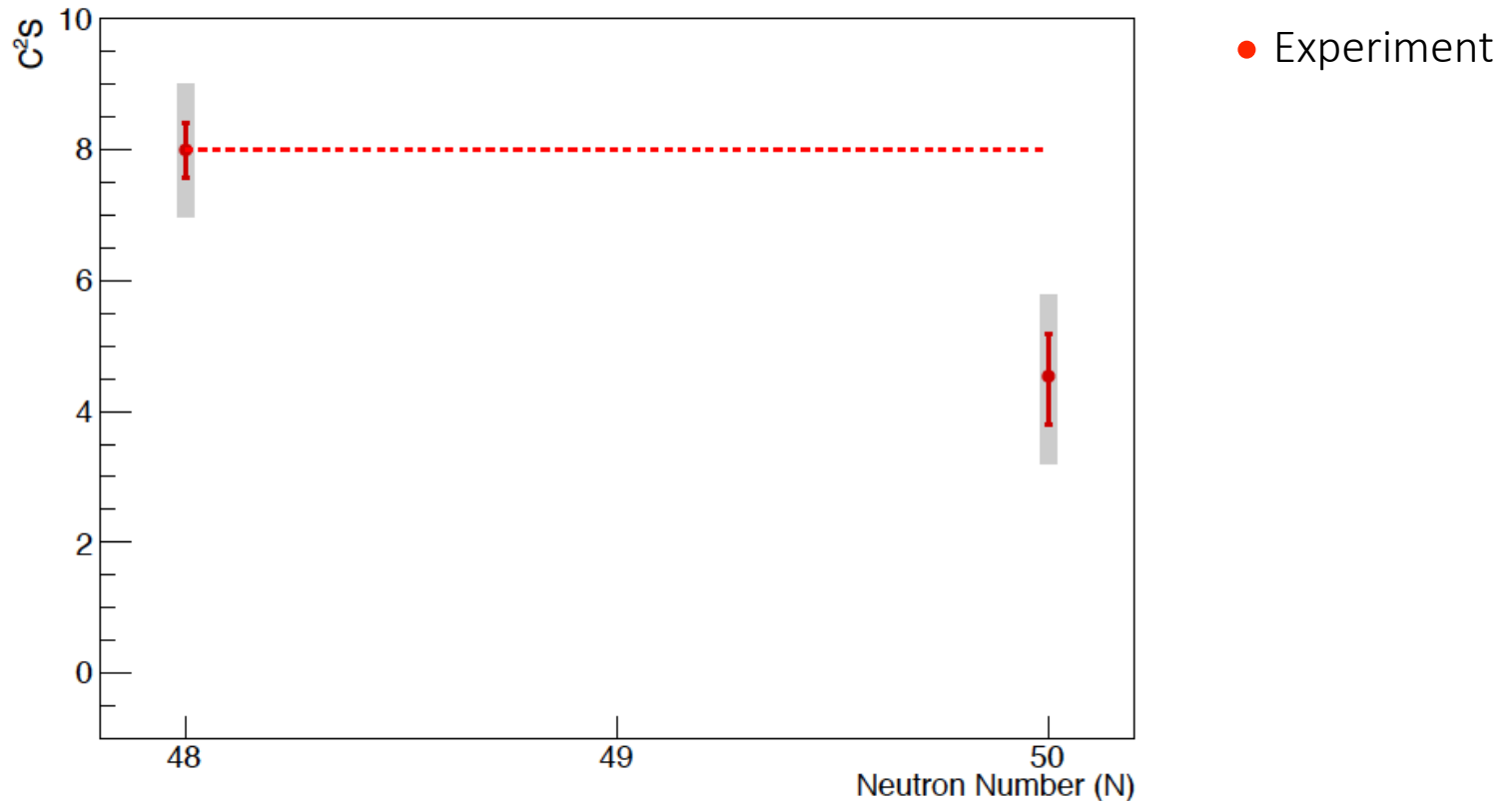
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0.0	$3/2^-$	$60 \pm 5$	$3.2 \pm 0.3$	$3.7 \pm (0.4)_{\text{stat}} \pm (0.4)_{\text{sys}}$
2023	$1/2^-$	$2.7 \pm 0.6$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.2 \pm (0.1)_{\text{stat}} \pm (0.4)_{\text{sys}}$
3357	$7/2^-$	$42 \pm 5$	$3.8 \pm 0.5$	$4.6 \pm (0.7)_{\text{stat}} \pm (0.6)_{\text{sys}}$
4017	$9/2^+$	$3.2 \pm 0.8$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.3 \pm (0.1)_{\text{stat}} \pm (0.6)_{\text{sys}}$

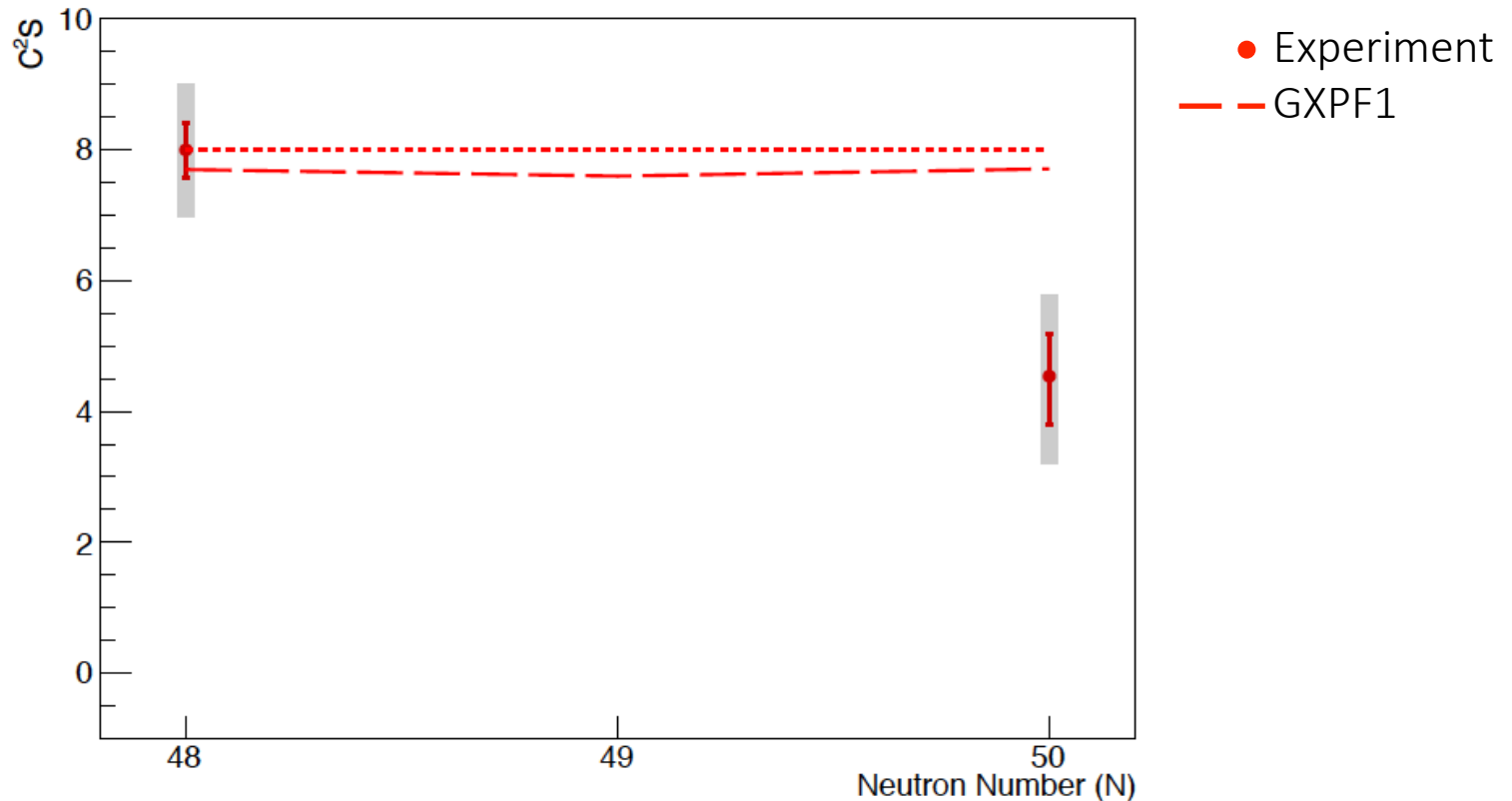


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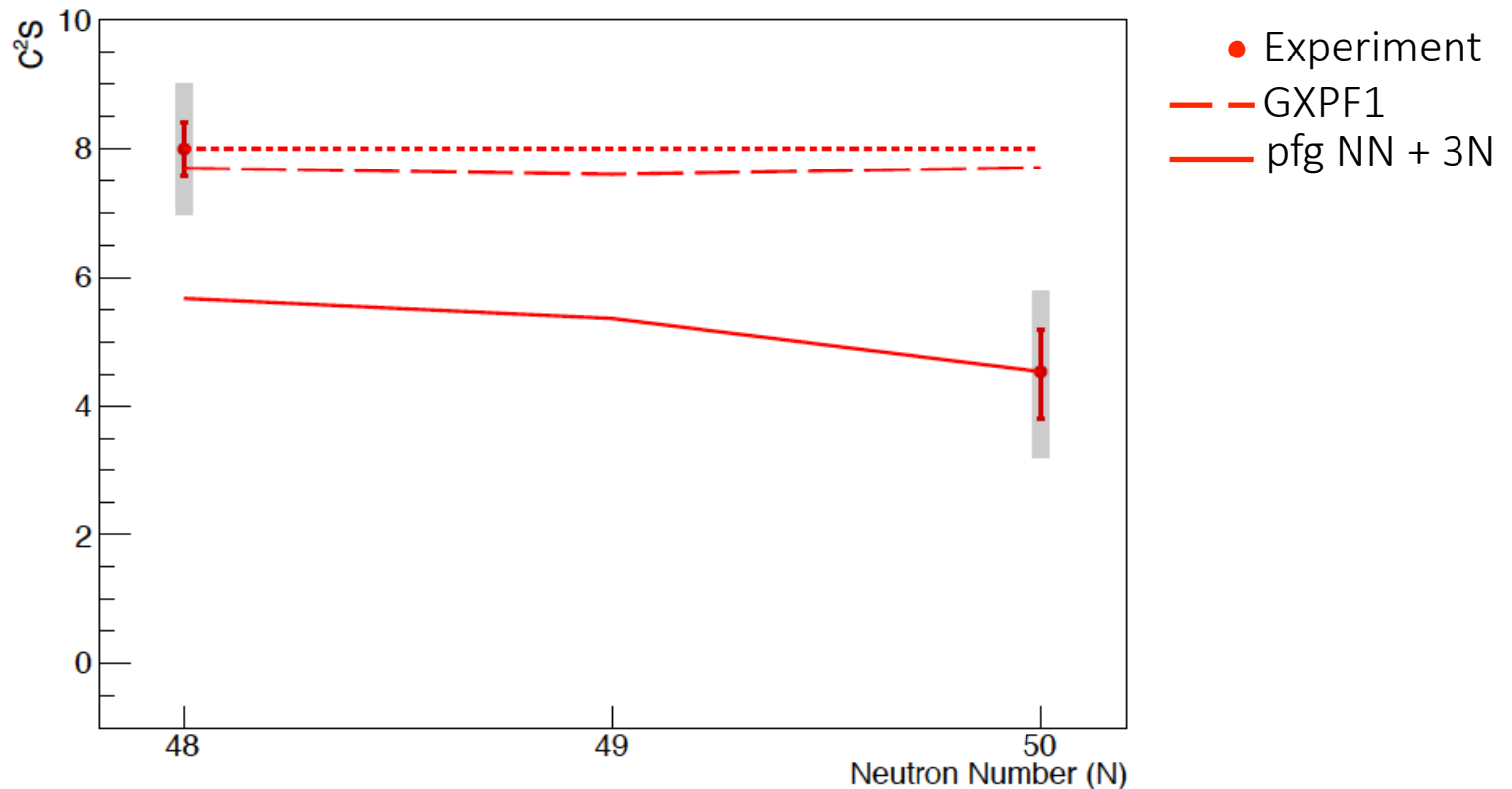
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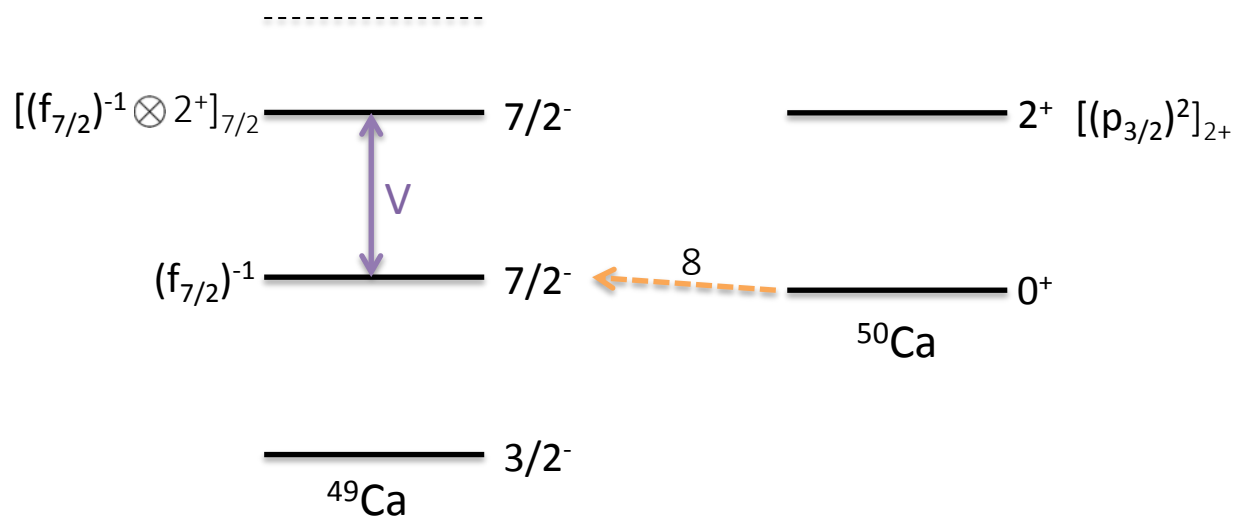
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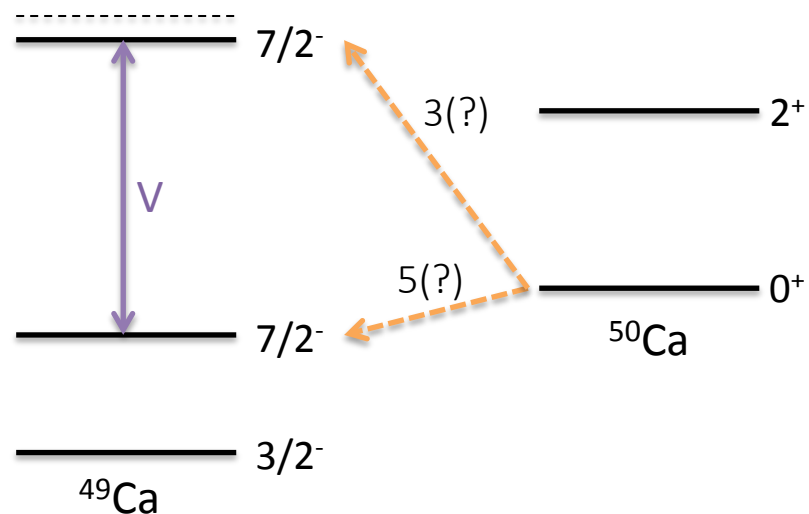
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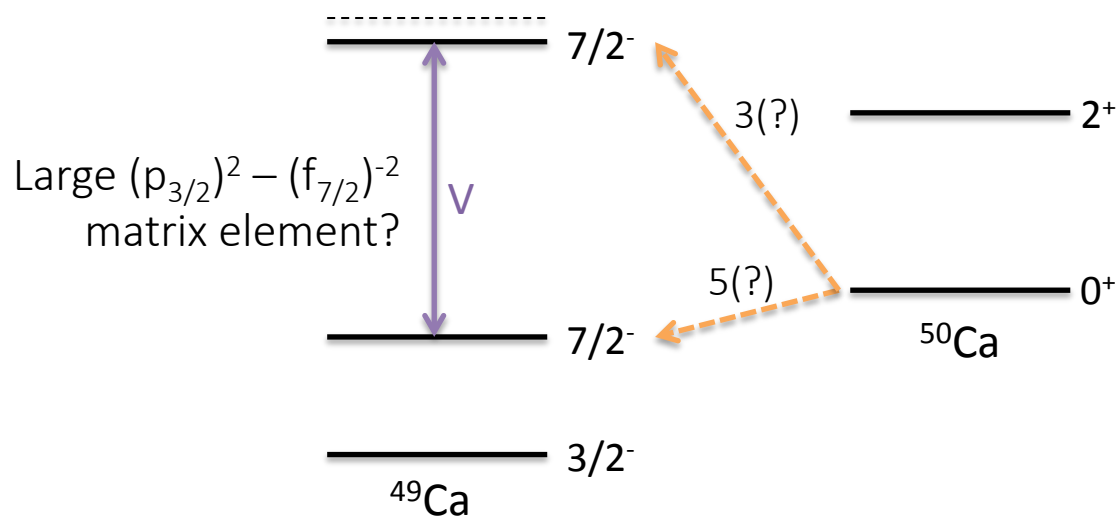
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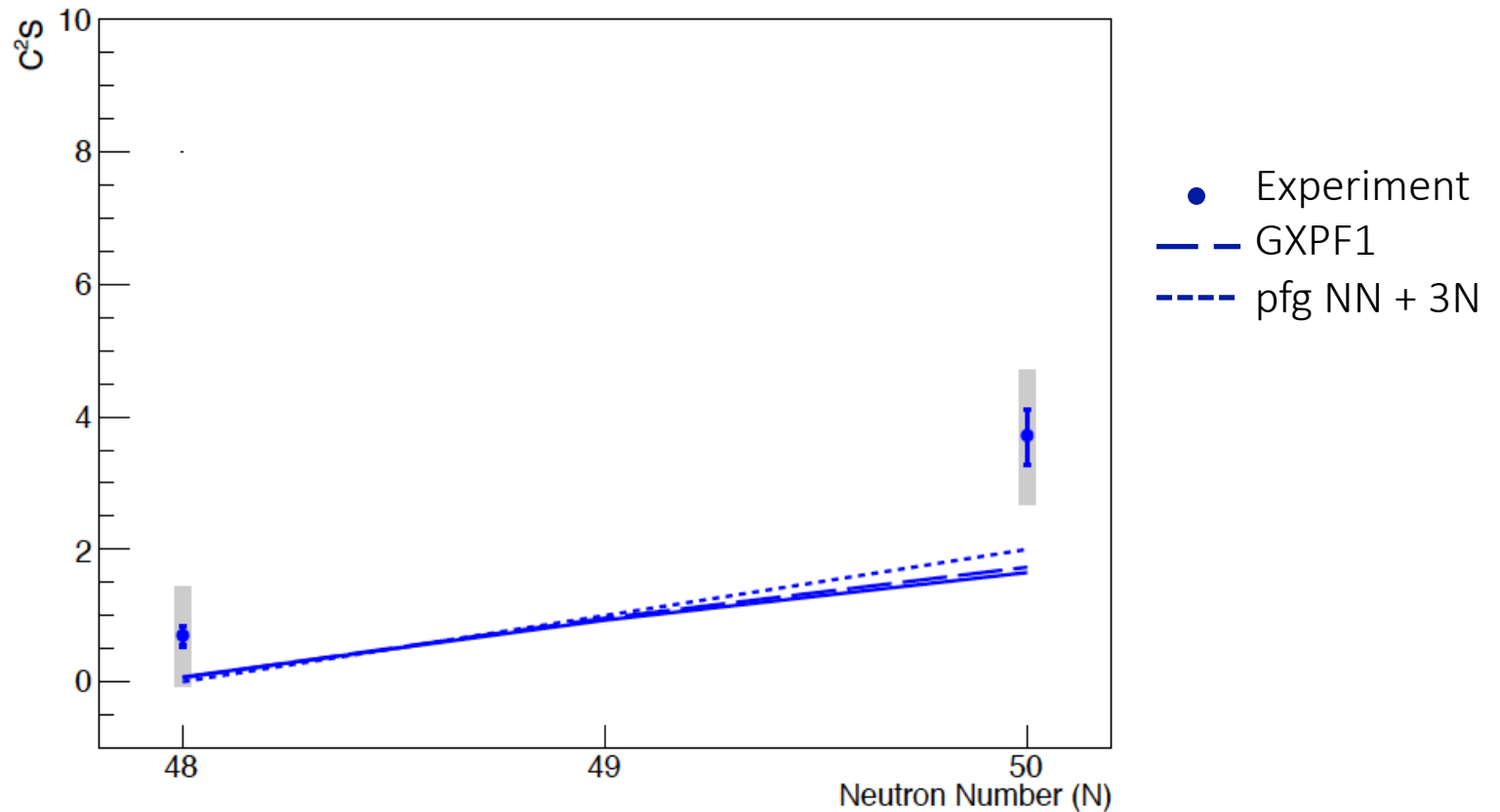
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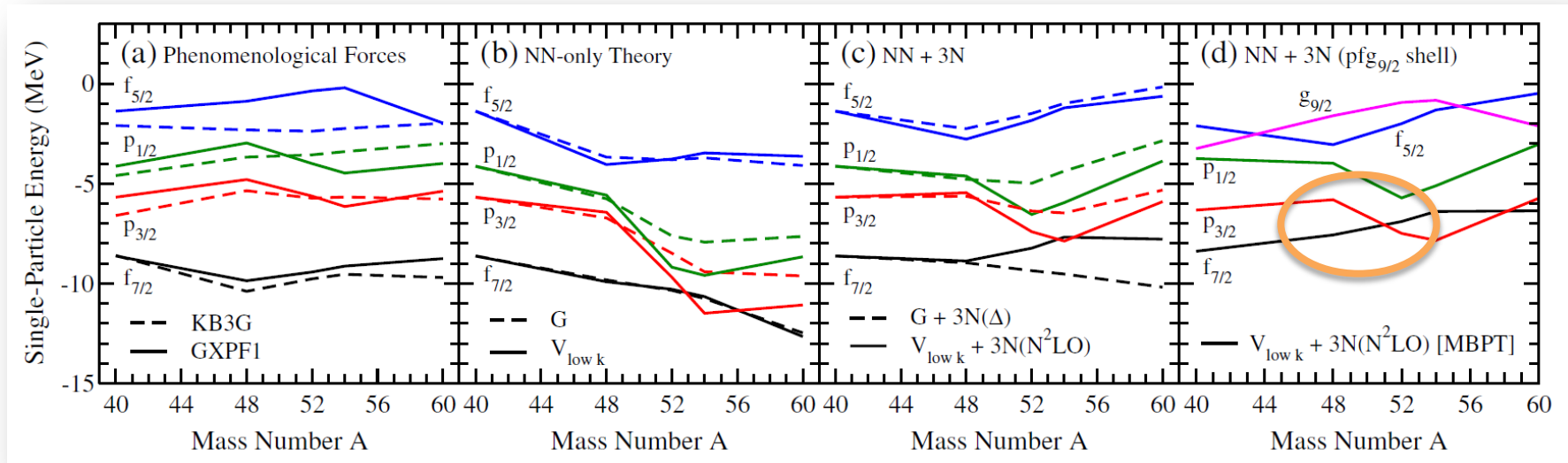


# And the $p_{3/2}$ ?

All theoretical predictions for  $p_{3/2}$  occupancy in  $^{50}\text{Ca}$  are approx. 2  
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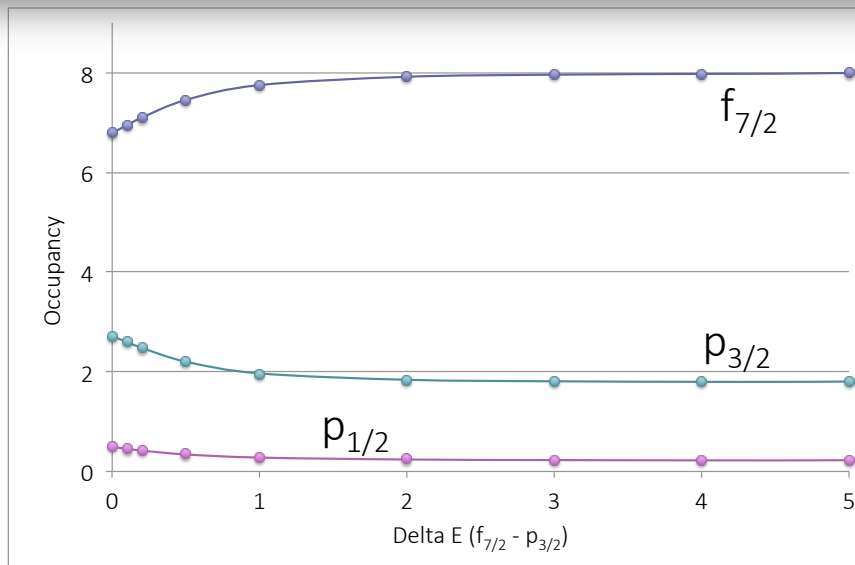
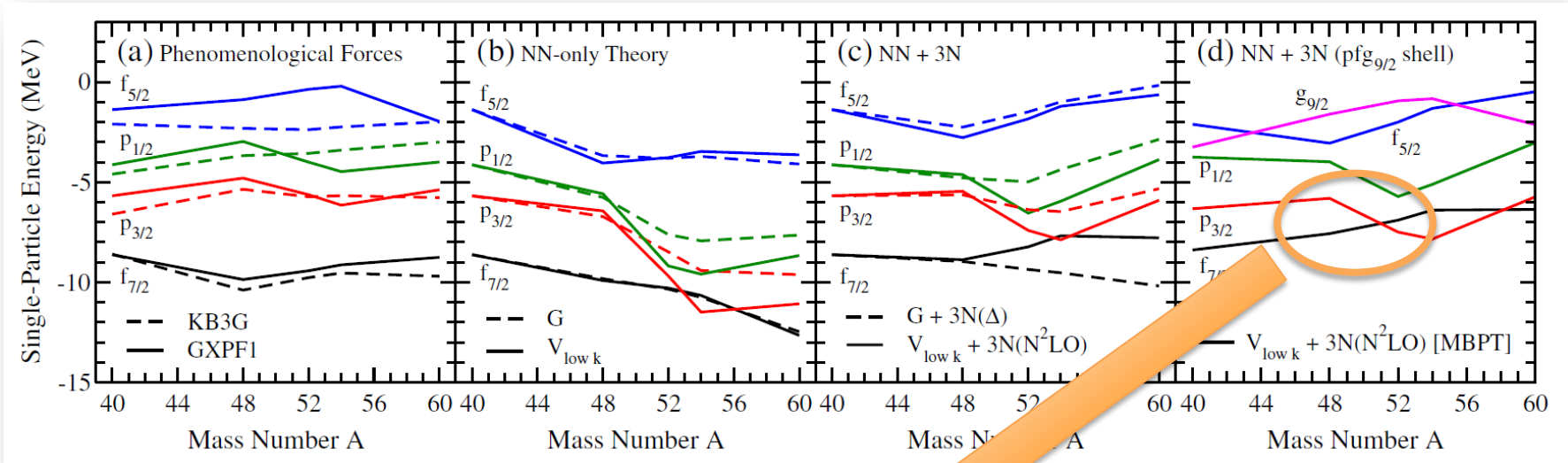


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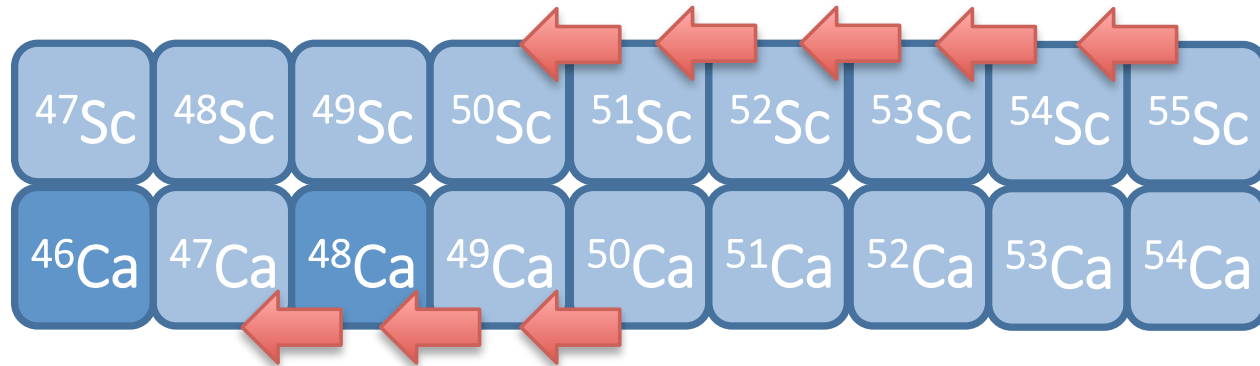


Mixing may provide at least a partial explanation for depletion of the  $f_{7/2}$  strength and enhancement of the  $p_{3/2}$  occupancy

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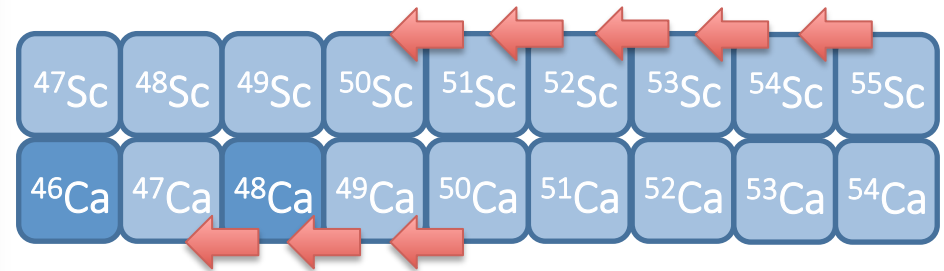
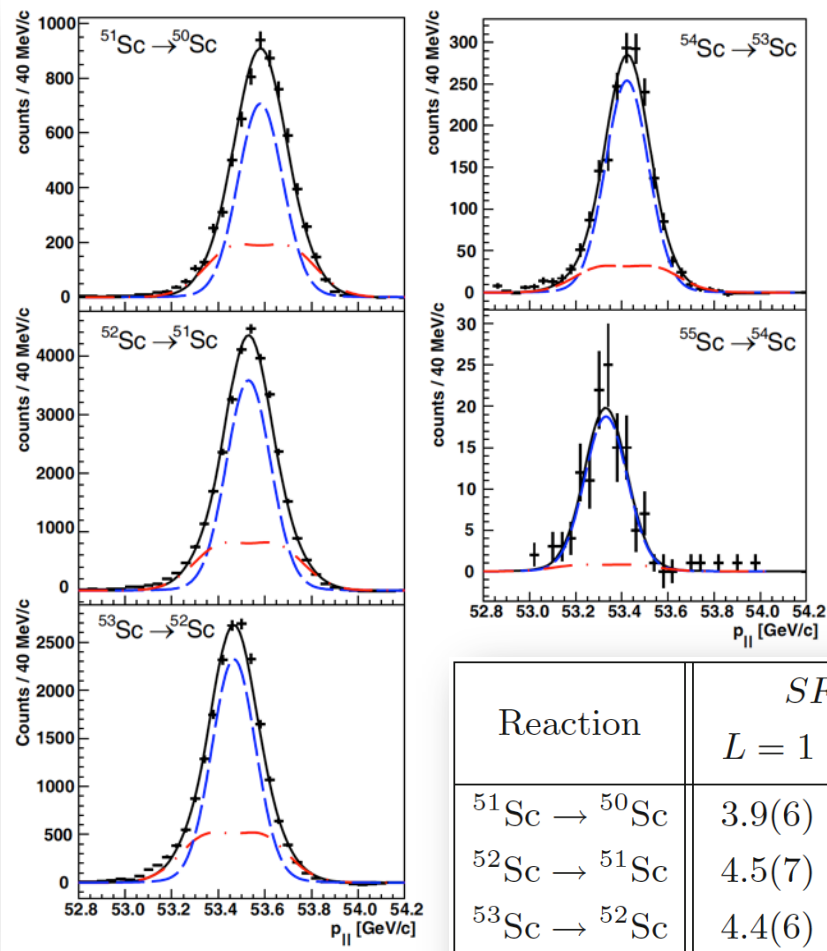
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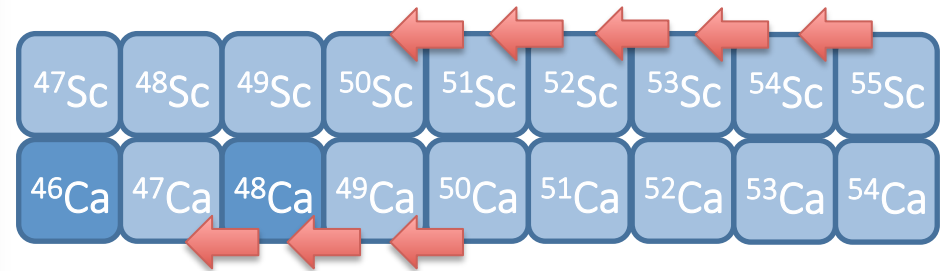
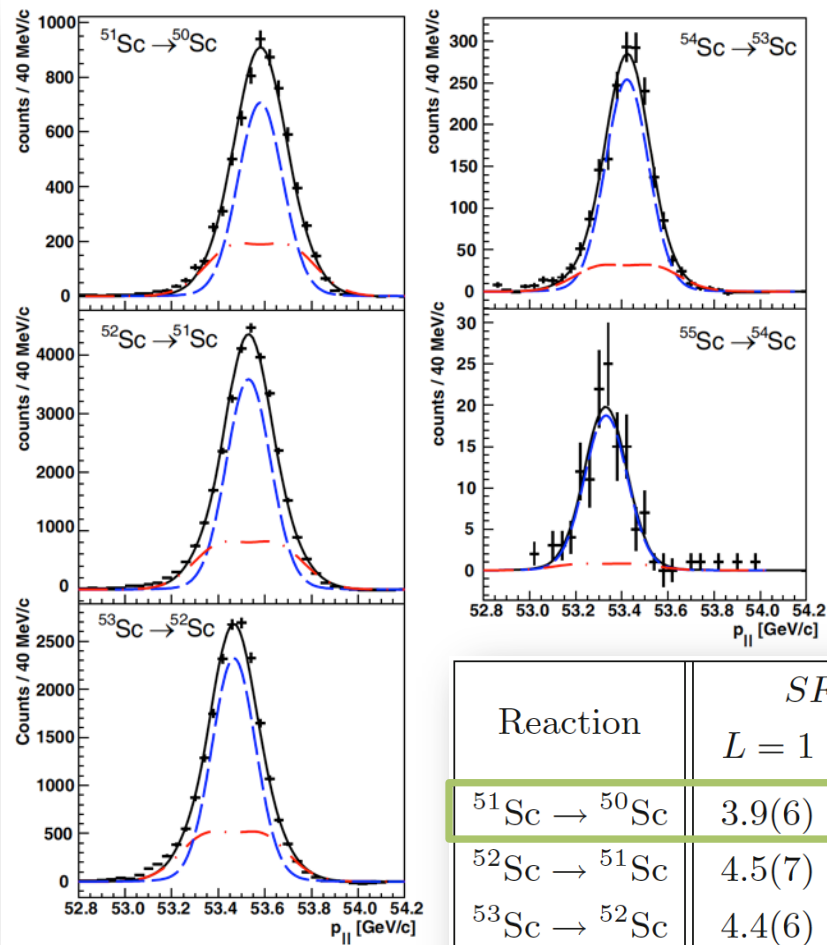
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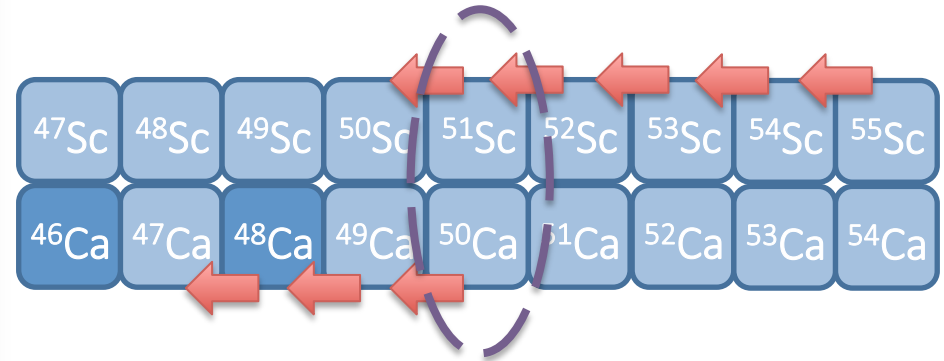
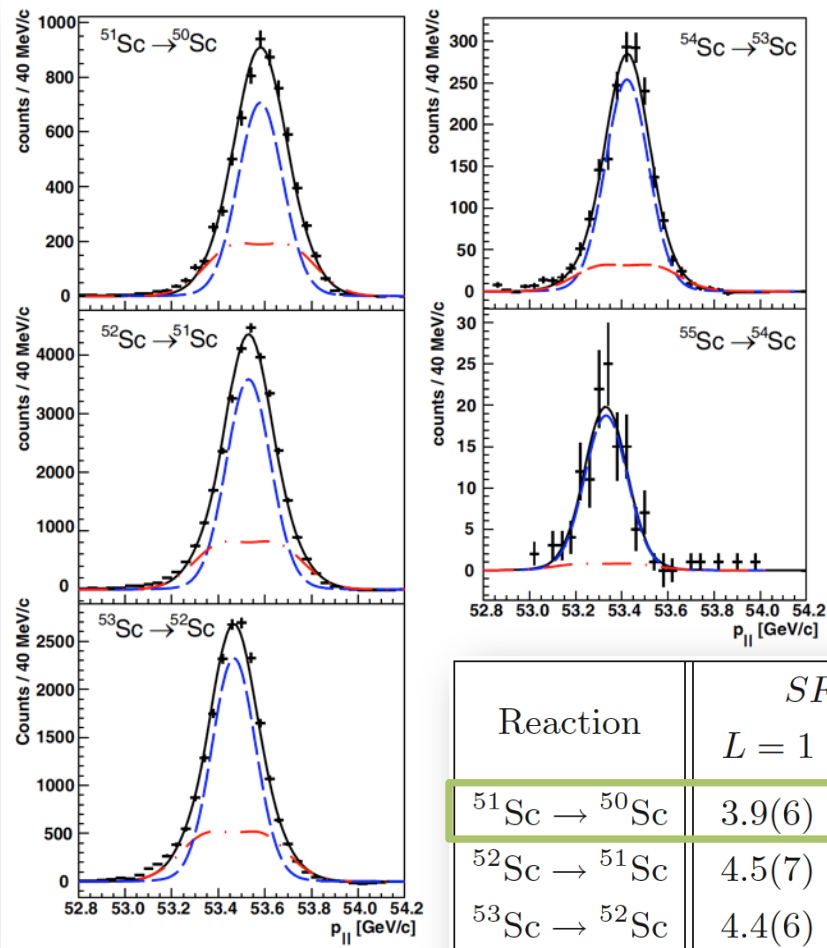
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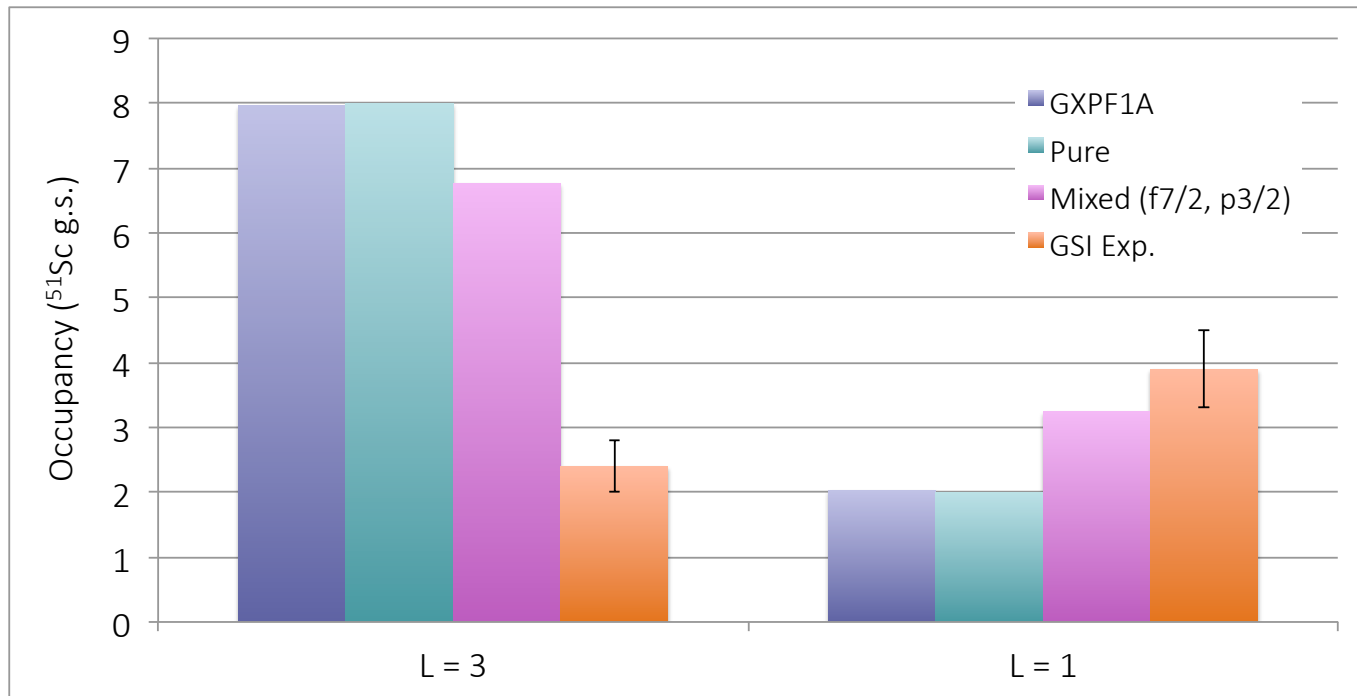
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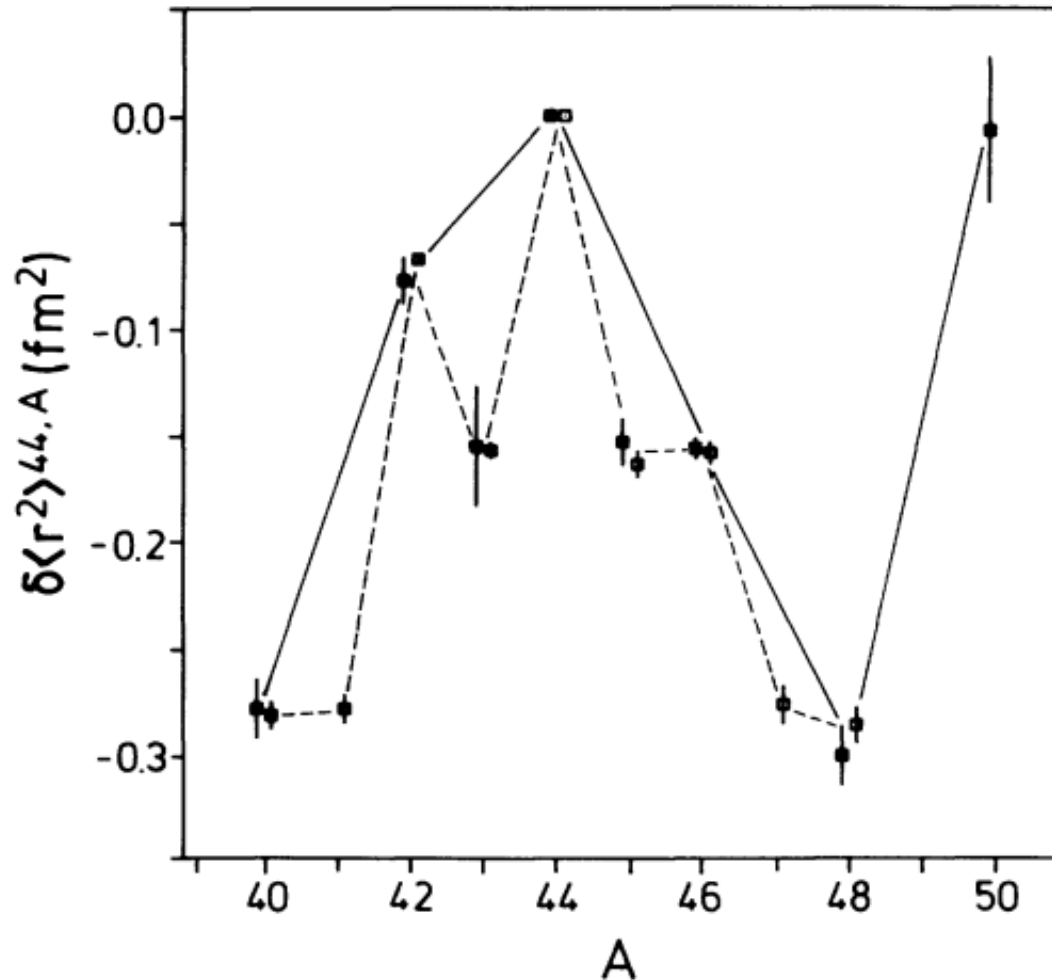
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# Understand the GSI Data – $^{51}\text{Sc}$ ?



- Narrowing of  $N=28$  gets you part way toward agreement with the data in terms of enhancing the  $p_{3/2}$  strength
- To understand the net depletion (total in  $L=(1 + 3)$  is  $6.3(0.7)$ ), require fragmentation of strength to high energies (unbound) – as captured in  $NN + 3N$ ?

# Radii?



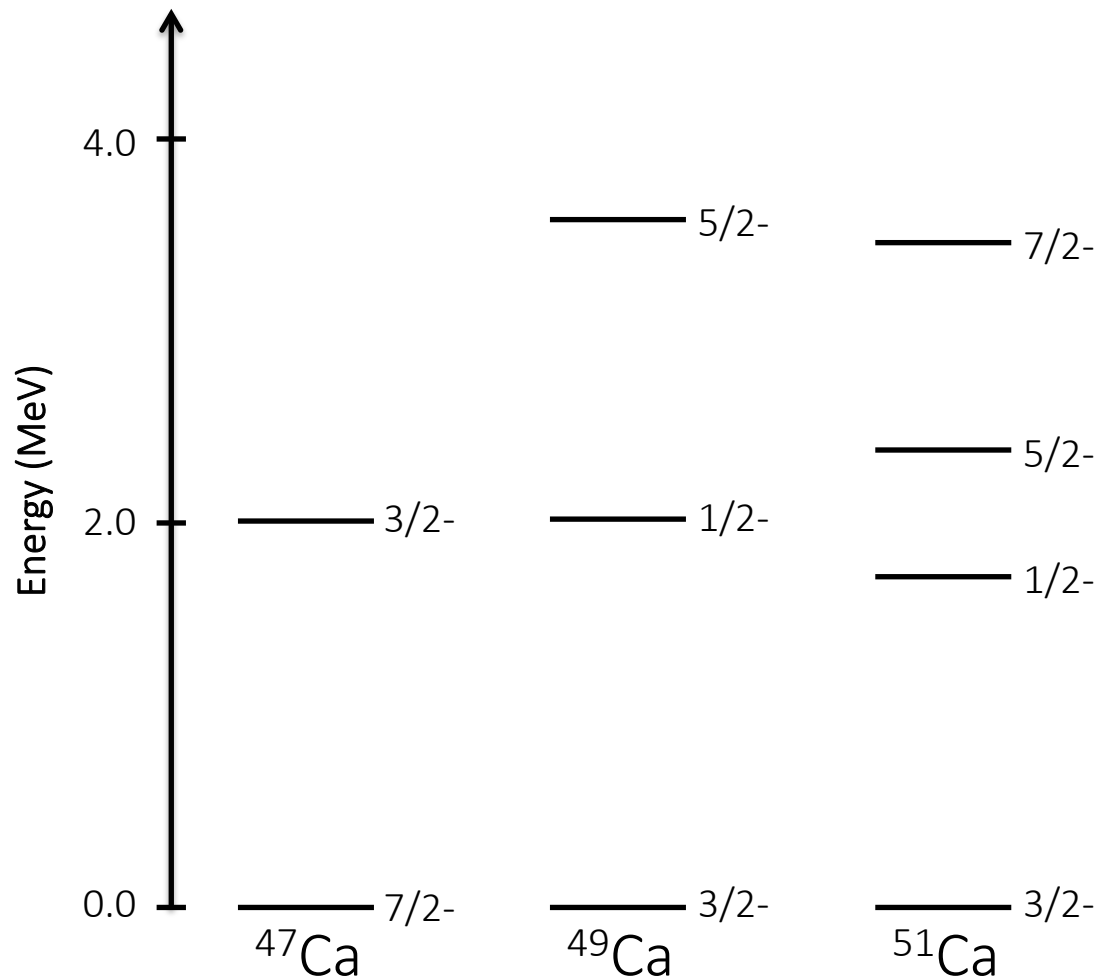
“strong coupling between the  $p_{3/2}$  neutrons and the core protons” – PRL **68**, 1679 (1992)

In very simple calculation, with occupancies consistent with reduced  $f_{7/2} - p_{3/2}$  gap, would expect radius approximately 0.1fm larger... enough?

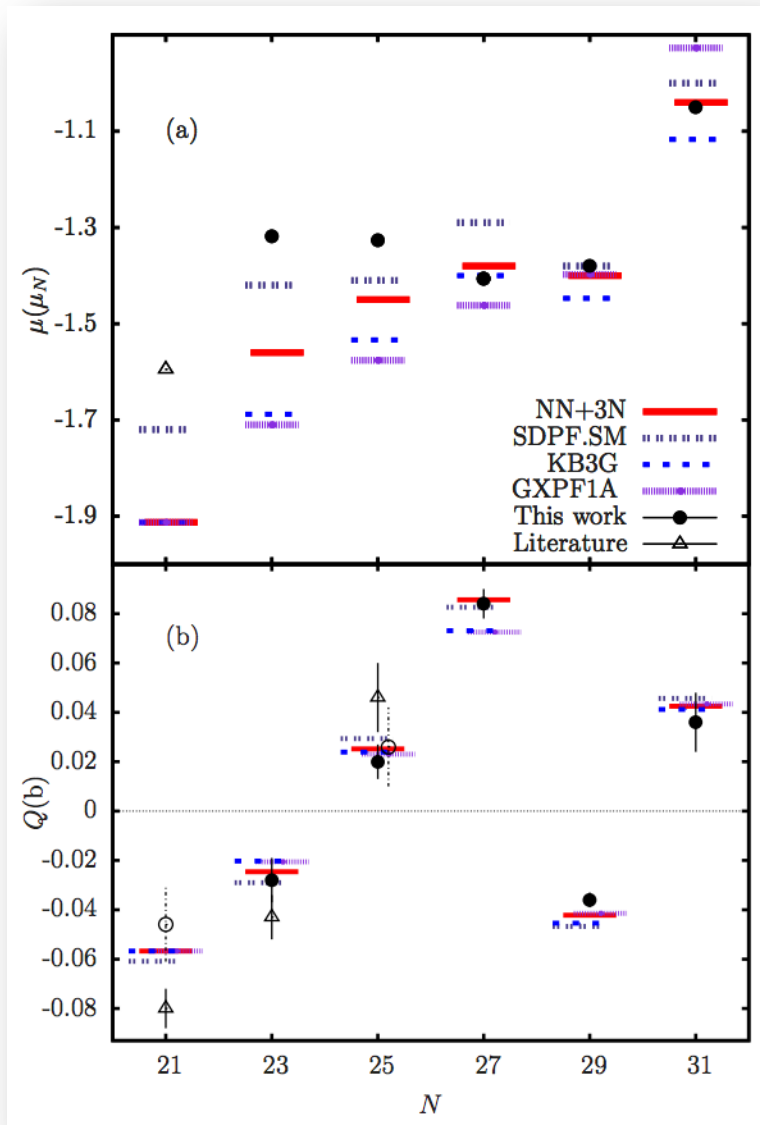
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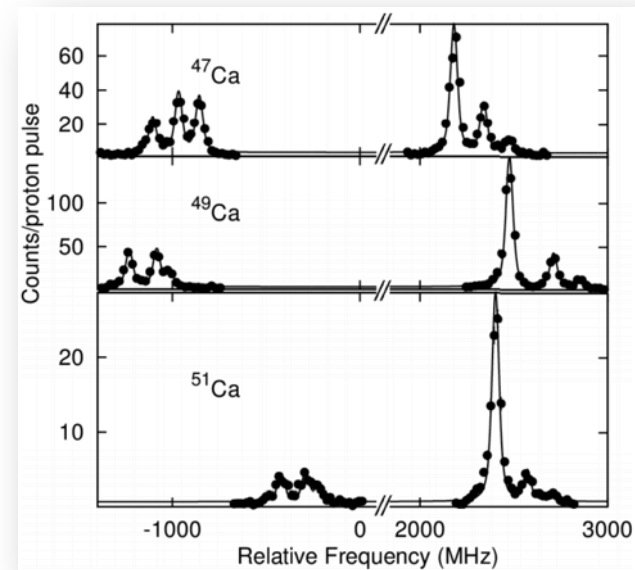
# However... level schemes do not agree



# And Wait! Magnetic Moment in $^{51}\text{Ca}$



- Collinear laser spectroscopy measuring the optical hyperfine spectra confirms an  $I = 3/2$  ( $\nu p_{3/2}$ )<sup>3</sup> ground state in  $^{51}\text{Ca}$



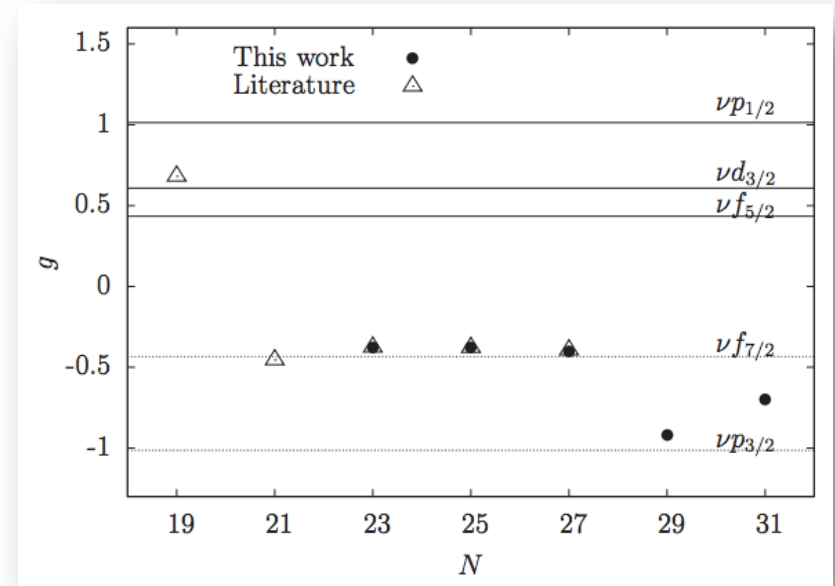
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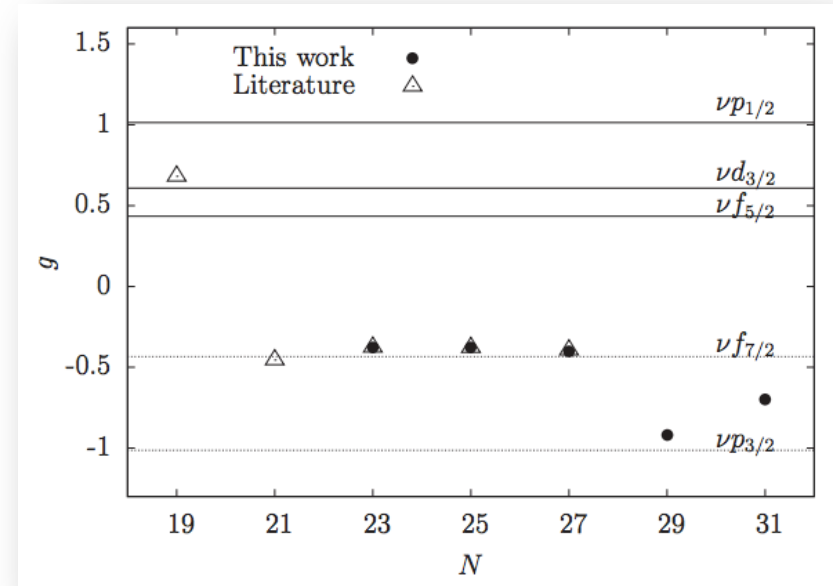
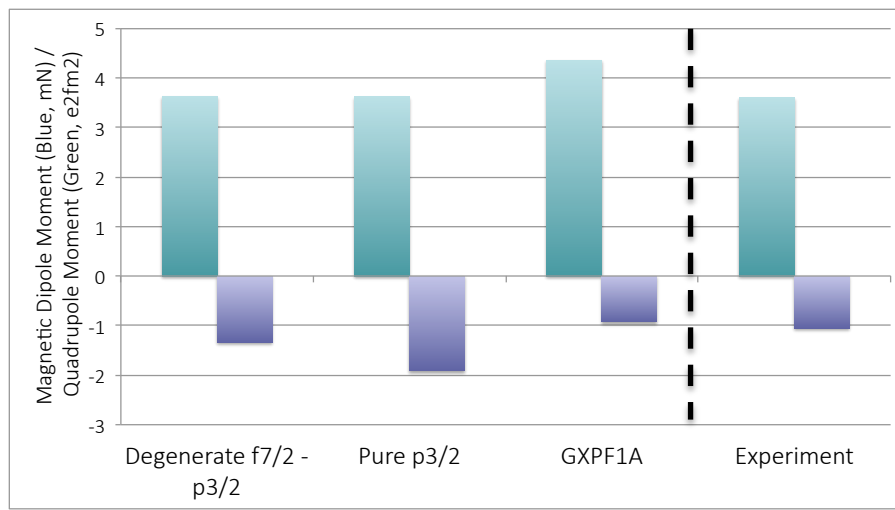


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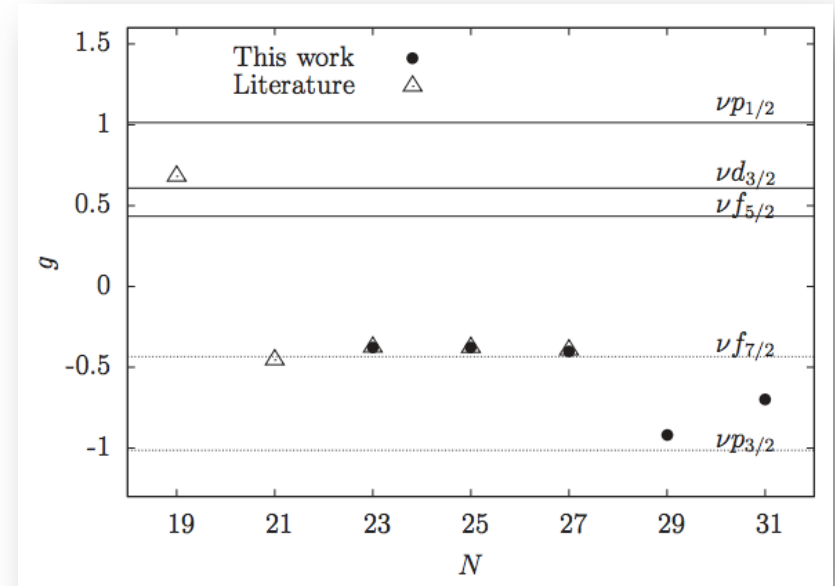


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## (b) $J = 3/2$

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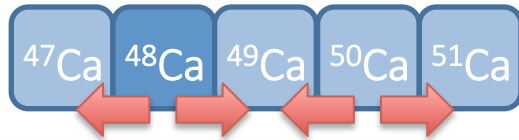
# What's Next? (for experimentalists...)

# Transfer in the Ca Isotopes

## Proposal I:

(p,d) and (d,p) on  $^{48,50}\text{Ca}$

- Degraded beam energies of 30MeV/A
- Complete data set: CD, CH and C targets



Energy [keV]	$J^\pi$	Configuration	Expected C <sup>2</sup> S	$\sigma_{sp}$ [mb]	Particle Rate [1/hour]	$E_\gamma$ [keV]	$\epsilon_\gamma$	$\gamma$ Rate [1/hour]
$^{48}\text{Ca}(p,d)^{47}\text{Ca}$								
0	7/2-	$1f_{7/2}^{-1}$	8	4.2	2580k	-	-	-
2014	3/2-	$[1f_{7/2}^{-2}2p_{3/2}^1]$	0	14.3	(C <sup>2</sup> S = 1) 1111k	2014	0.062	- 69k
2578	3/2+	$1d_{3/2}^{-1}$	4	2.6	671k	564	0.117	77k
2599	1/2+	$2s_{1/2}^{-1}$	2	4.3	808k	585	0.115	95k
$^{48}\text{Ca}(d,p)^{49}\text{Ca}$								
0	3/2-	$2p_{3/2}^1$	1	7.4	498k	-	-	-
2023.2	1/2-	$2p_{1/2}^1$	1	3.5	238k	2023.2	0.062	15k
3357	7/2-	$[1f_{7/2}^{-1}2p_{3/2}^2]$	0	8.1	(C <sup>2</sup> S = 0.125) 69k	3357	0.044	- 3k
3991	5/2-	$1f_{5/2}^1$	1	9.5	647k	3991	0.038	25k

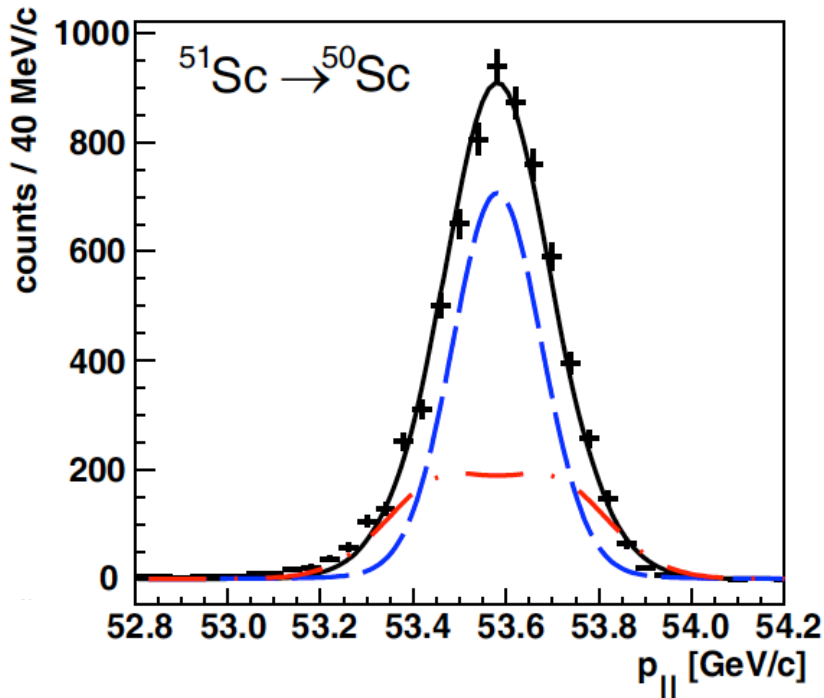
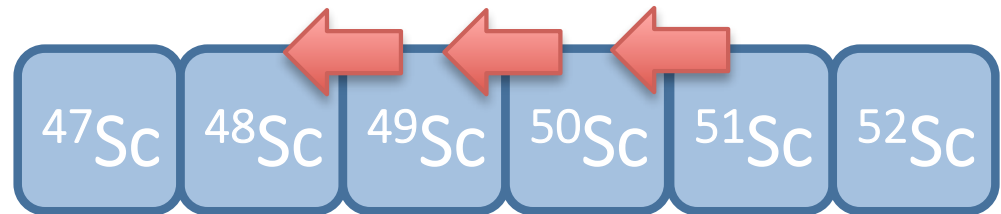
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$^{50}\text{Ca}(d,p)^{51}\text{Ca}$								
0	3/2-	$2p_{3/2}^3$	0.5	3.5	2730	-	-	-
2378	1/2-	$[2p_{3/2}^22p_{1/2}^1]$	1	1.4	2238	2378	0.053	125
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4320	5/2-	$[2p_{3/2}^21f_{5/2}^1]$	1	5.6	8837	1942	0.060	562

# Neutron Knockout in the Sc Isotopes

## Proposal II:

Neutron knockout in  ${}_{21}\text{Sc}$

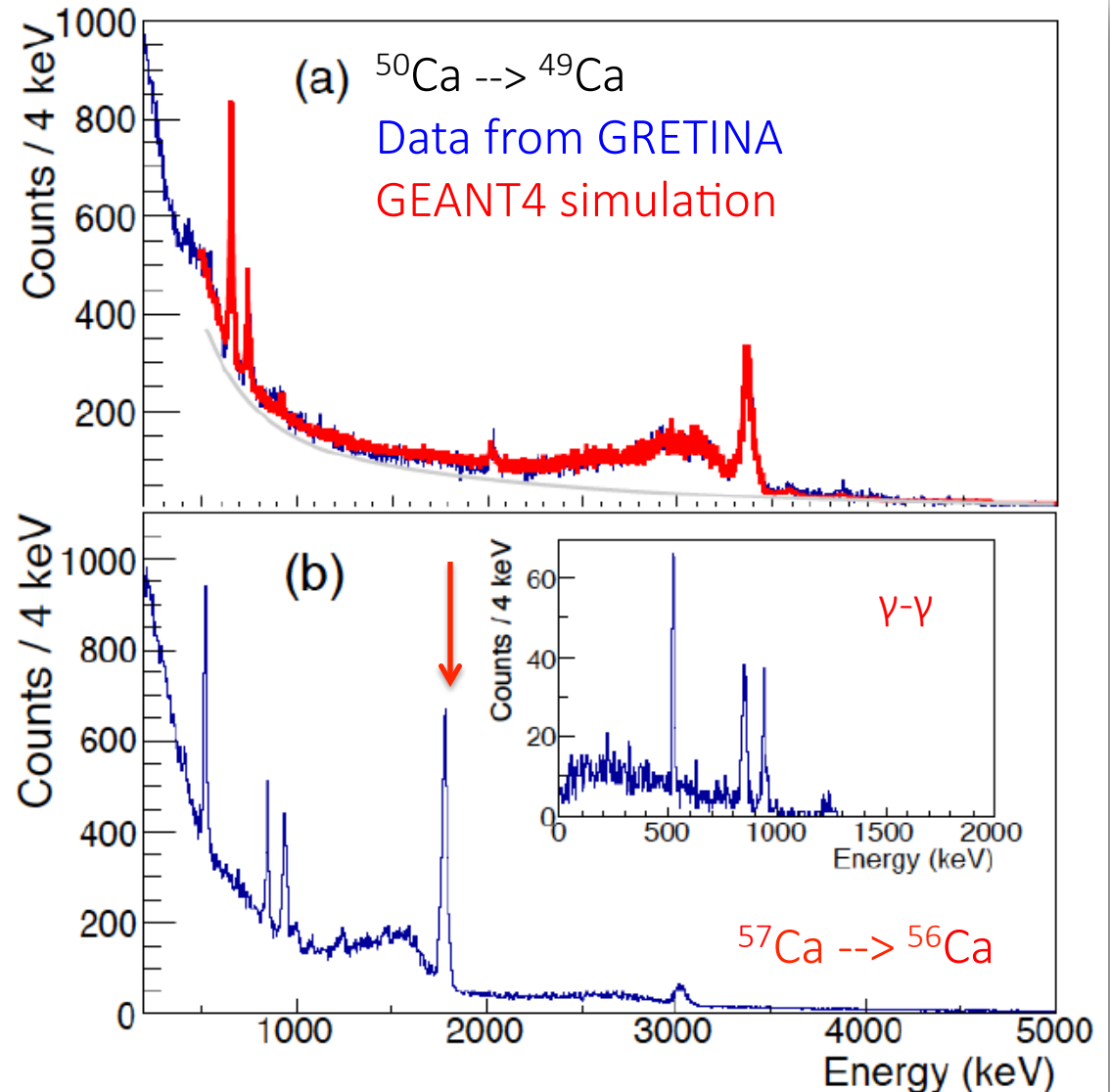
- Identical to last GRETINA campaign Ca measurement
- 1n removal from  ${}^{51}\text{Sc}$  to  ${}^{49}\text{Sc}$



# What's Next: Can We Shed More Light?

Ultimately:

GRETA @ FRIB will allow  
detailed spectroscopy at least  
to  $^{57}\text{Ca}$



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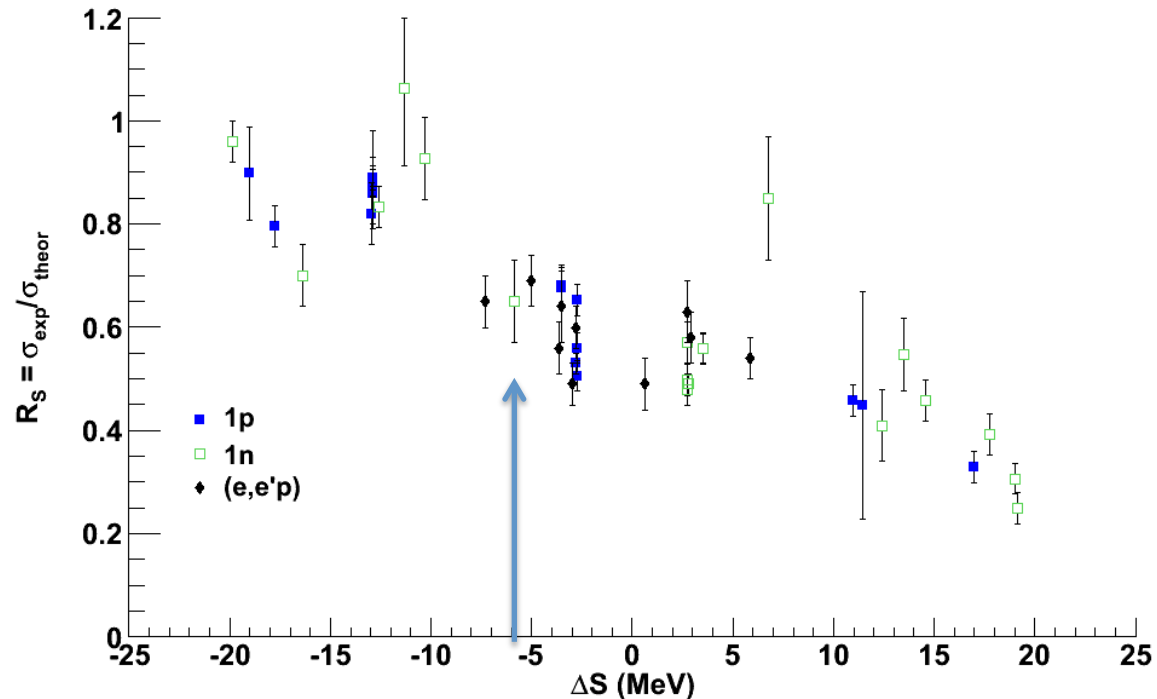
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# Back-Up



# Neutron SFs and 'Quenching'



- Based on separation-energy differences, we empirically expect a suppression factor of order 0.6 in  $^{48}\text{Ca}(-1n)$ , so for a full  $1f_{7/2}$  orbital we would expect to measure a spectroscopic factor of approx. 5
- Experimentally, this amount to population of states for which de-excitation is unresolved of order 14mb, which corresponds to 85000 events
  - If all of these events populate high-energy states which decay direct to the ground state, we need **7000-9000 MORE counts in the region above 2.5 MeV**

# Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy with GREINA



- Covers approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  $4\pi$  solid angle
- 28 x 36 fold segmented crystals housed in 7 (quad) modules
- Pulse shape analysis provides information to achieve sub-segment interaction point position resolution on the order of 2mm
- Gamma-ray tracking provides means to eliminate Compton scattered events and reduce background

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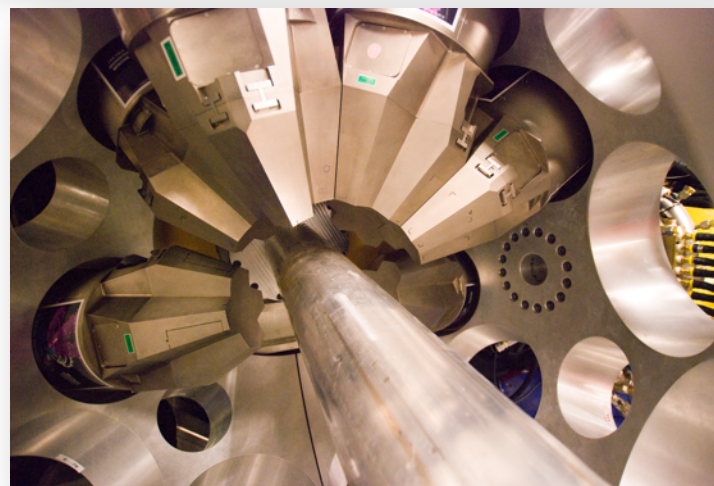
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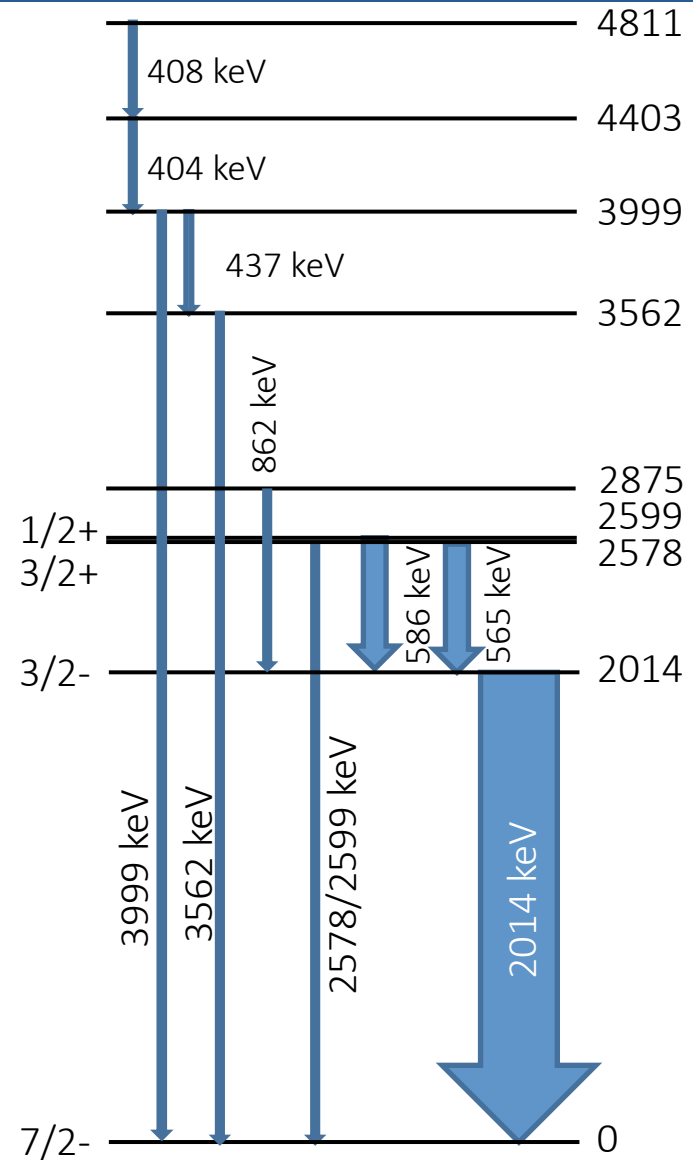
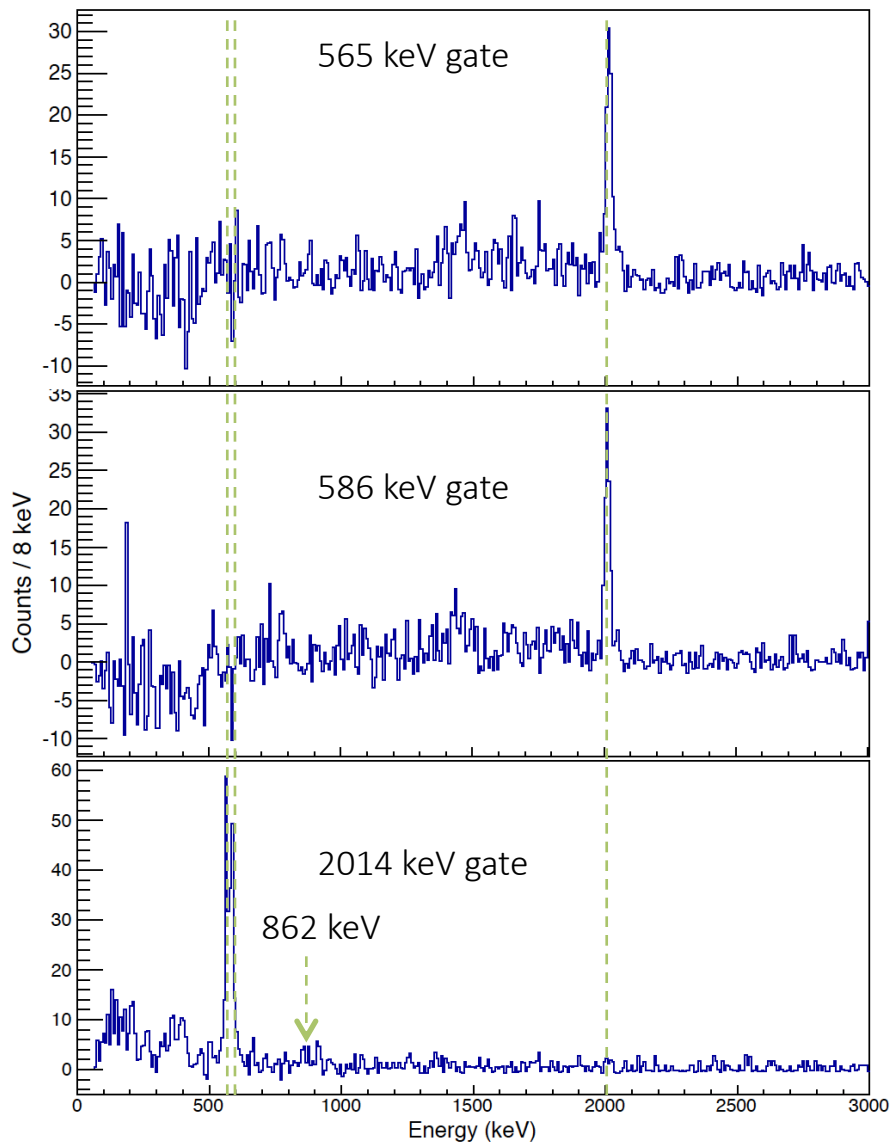


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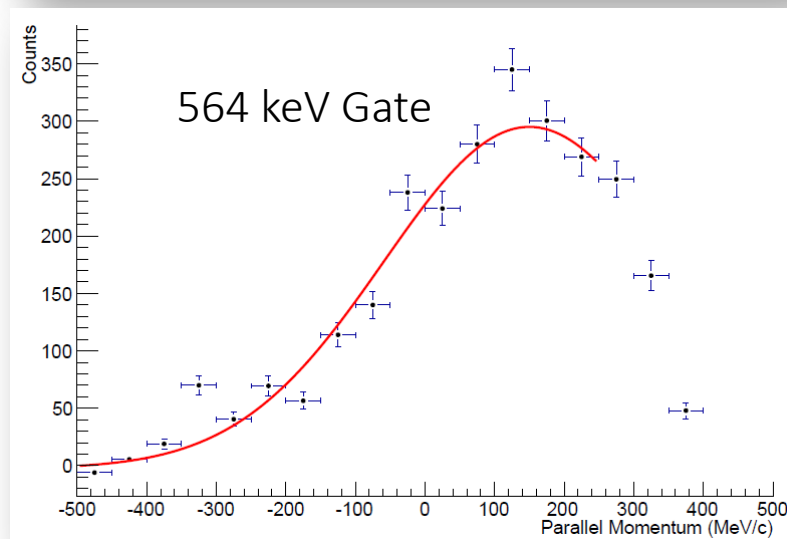
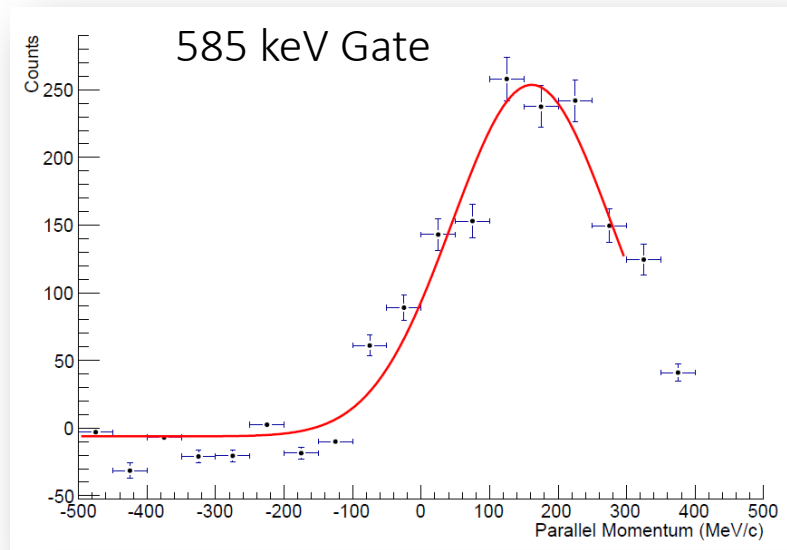
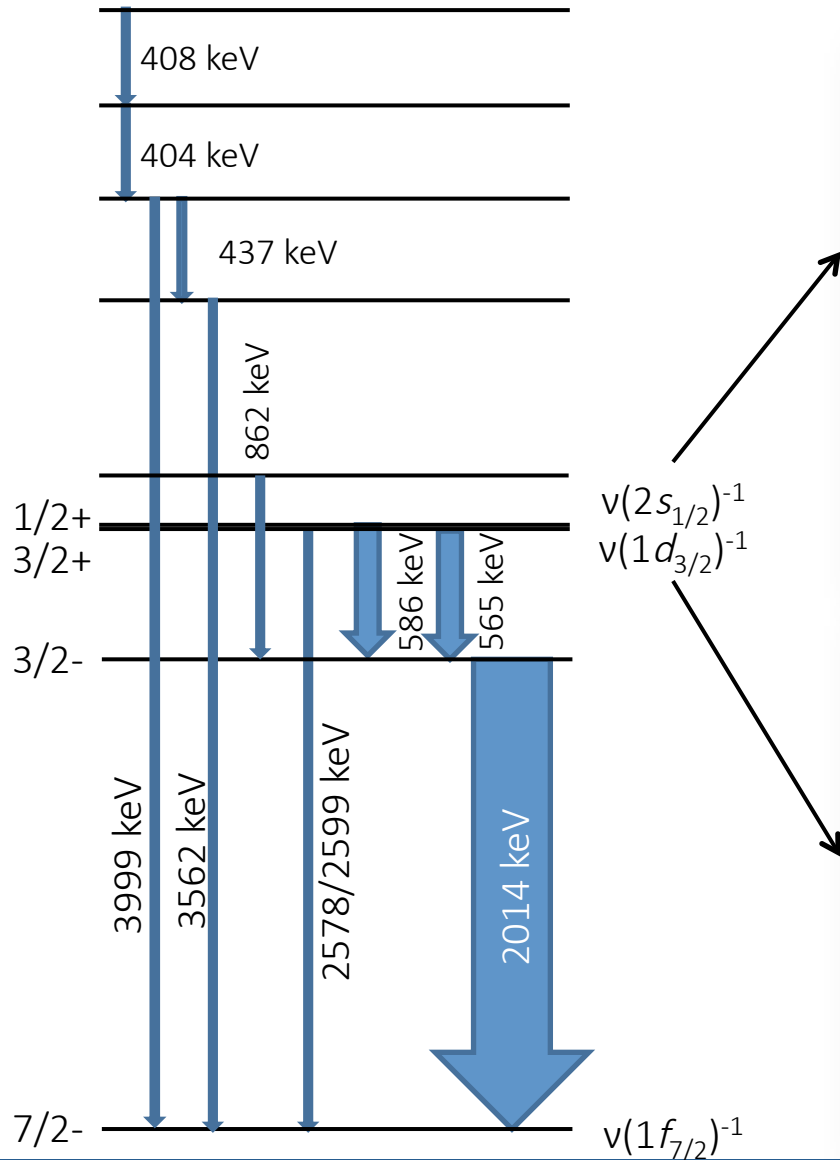
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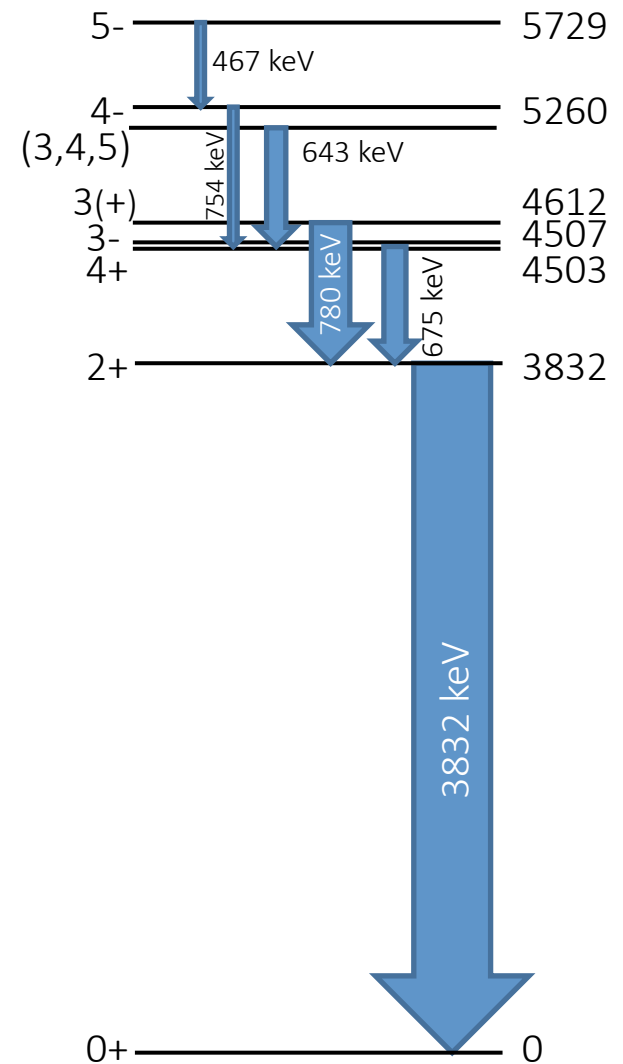
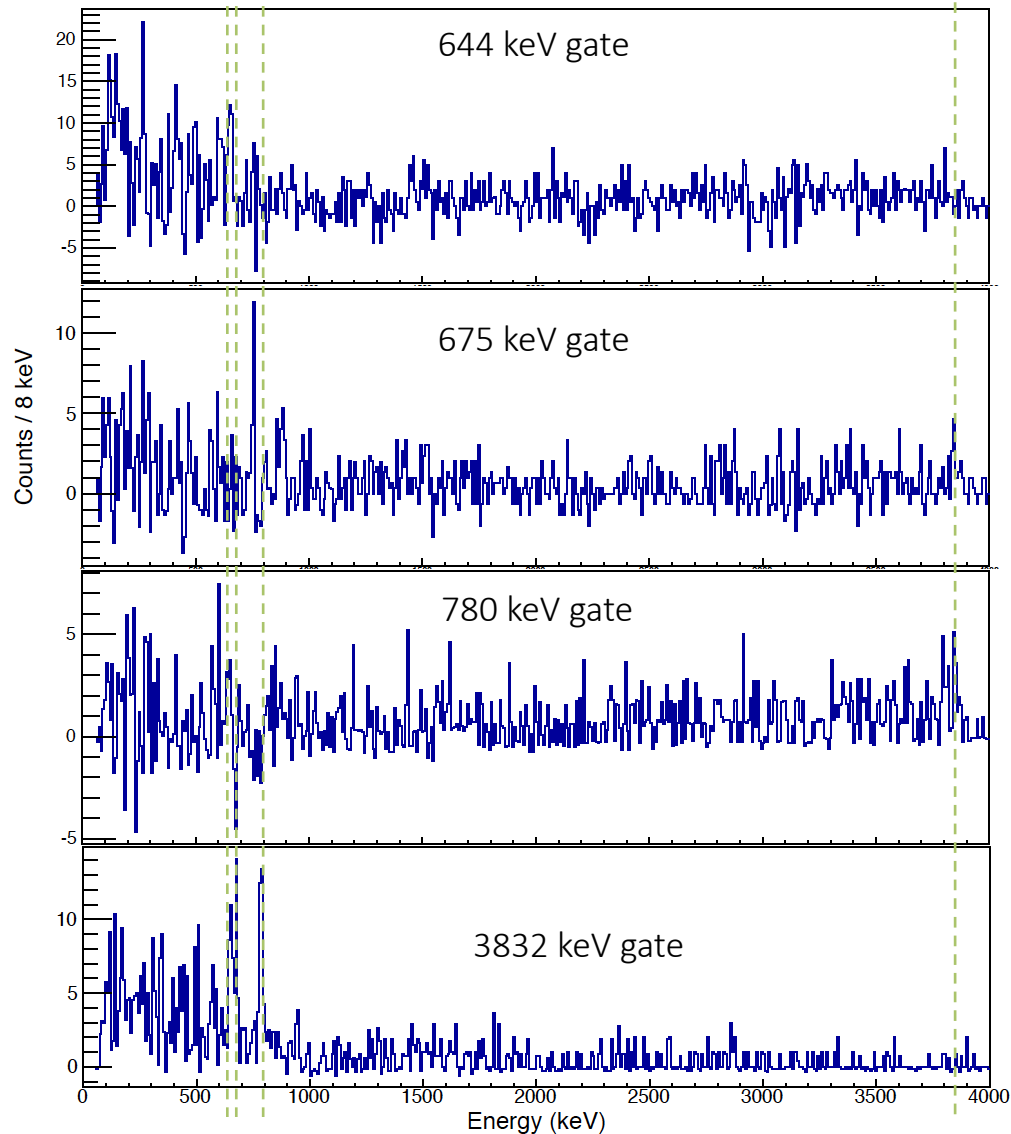
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# Exclusive Momentum Distributions in $^{47}\text{Ca}$



# $^{48}\text{Ca}$ : Gamma-Gamma and Level Scheme



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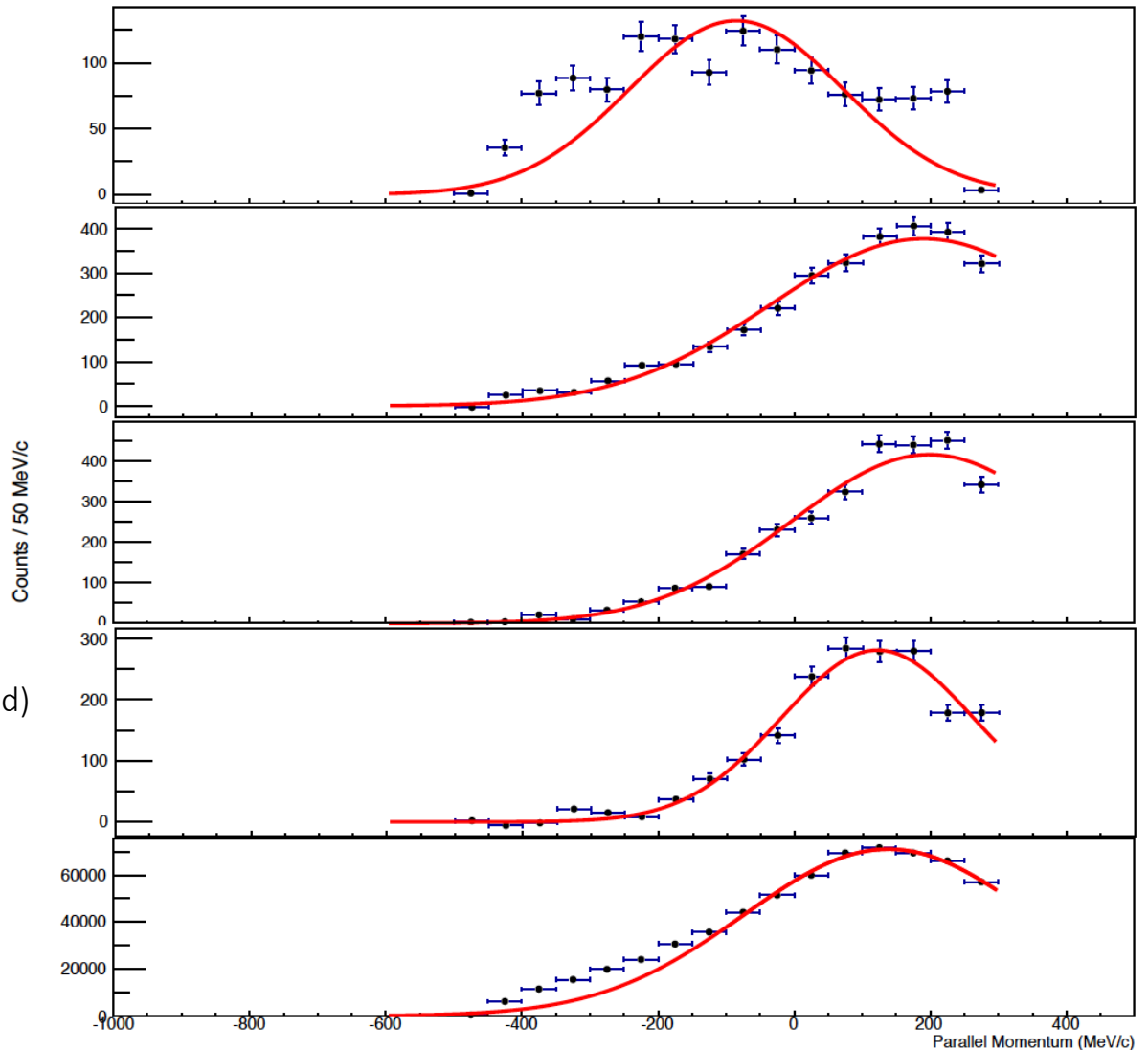
403 keV  
Mean: -85,  $\sigma$ : 157  
Correction:  $1.01 \pm 0.19$

565 keV  
Mean: 189,  $\sigma$ : 225  
Correction:  $1.45 \pm 0.16$

586 keV  
Mean: 198,  $\sigma$ : 202  
Correction:  $1.44 \pm 0.16$

2013 keV (565, 586 subtracted)  
Mean: 121,  $\sigma$ : 141  
Correction:  $1.11 \pm 0.15$

All  $^{47}\text{Ca}$   
Mean: 138,  $\sigma$ : 212  
Correction:  $1.27 \pm 0.02$



# $^{49}\text{Ca}$ Acceptance & Momentum Distributions

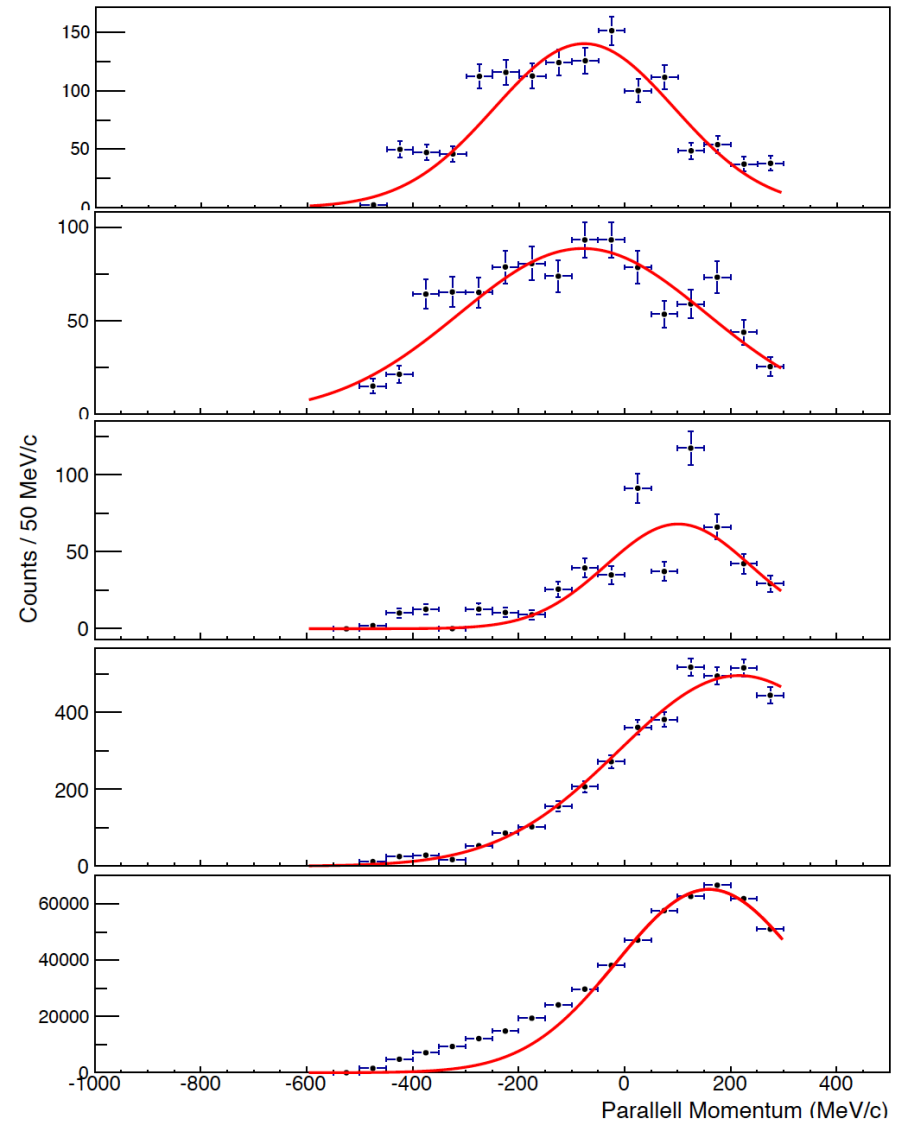
660 keV (743 subtracted)  
Mean: -72,  $\sigma$ : 156  
Correction:  $1.01 \pm 0.23$

743 keV  
Mean: -78,  $\sigma$ : 233  
Correction:  $1.06 \pm 0.21$

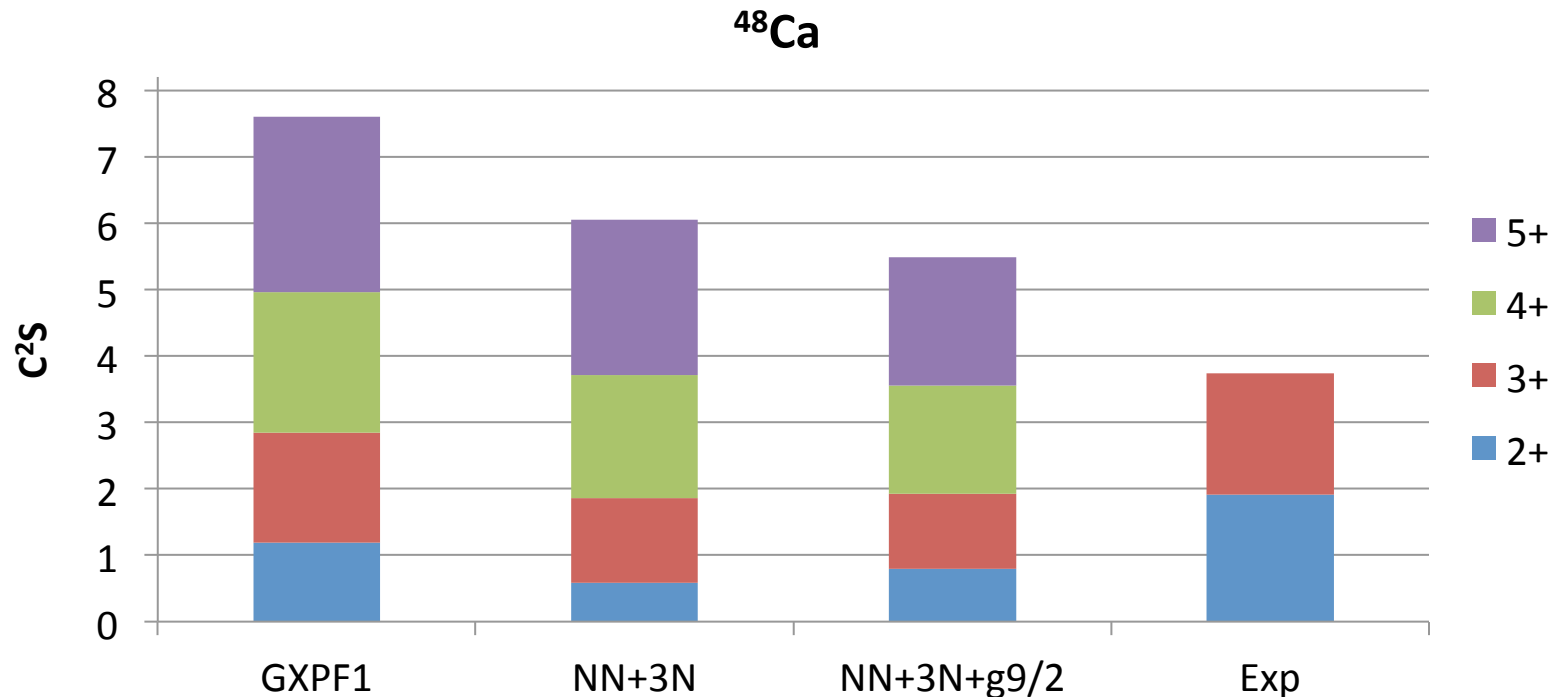
2023 keV  
Mean: 82,  $\sigma$ : 134  
Correction:  $1.06 \pm 0.24$

3357 keV (660 subtracted)  
Mean: 180,  $\sigma$ : 206  
Correction:  $1.39 \pm 0.13$

All  $^{49}\text{Ca}$   
Mean: 155,  $\sigma$ : 167  
Correction:  $1.21 \pm 0.02$



# $^{48}\text{Ca}$ – Reduced $f_{7/2}$ ?



- Only confirmed feedings to +ve parity states feed 2+ and 3+ in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$
- There are a few **unplaced transitions** remaining in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  which may come from population of the 4+ and 5+ states – *work to try and place those is continuing*
- However, even if **all** gamma-rays were coming through  $f_{7/2}$  states, the total  $1f_{7/2}$  strength will not reach much more than  $C^2S \approx 5$