

# FIRST STEPS IN PHYSICAL TREATING OF THE COLLINEAR CLUSTER TRI-PARTITION MECHANISM

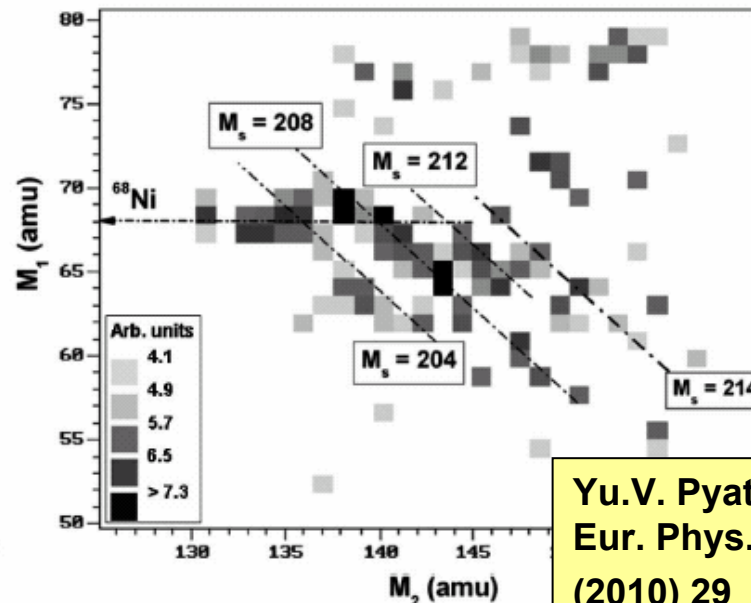
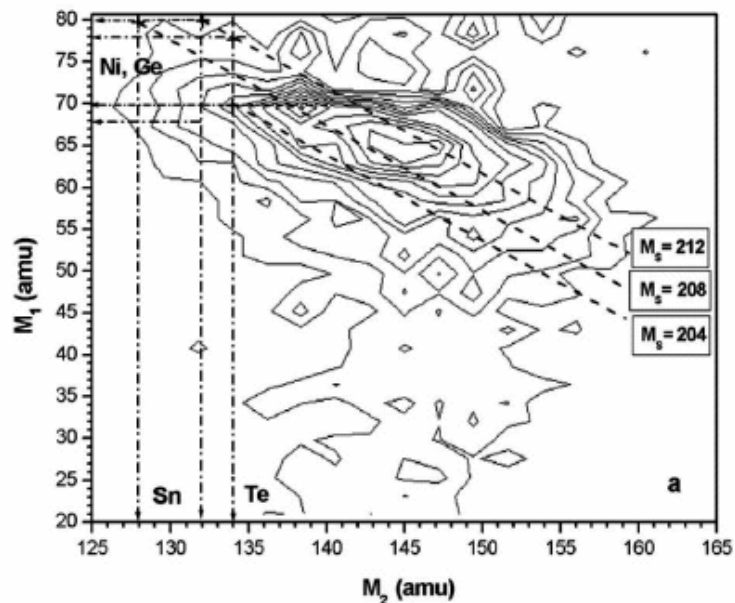
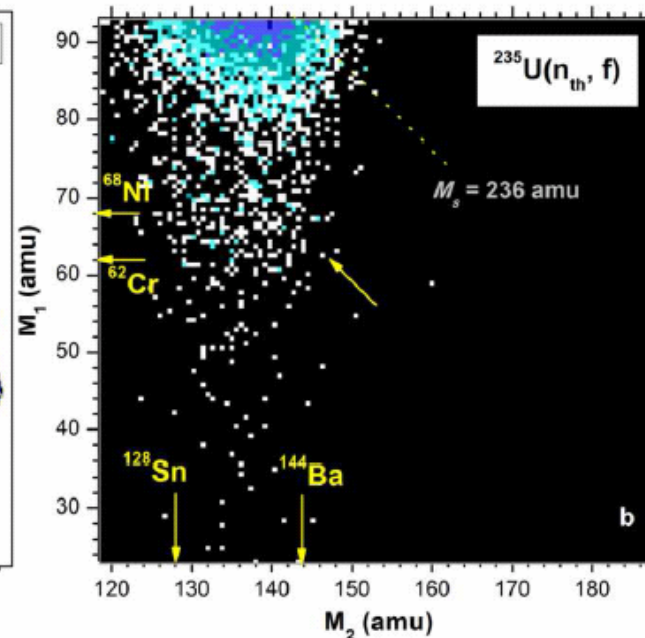
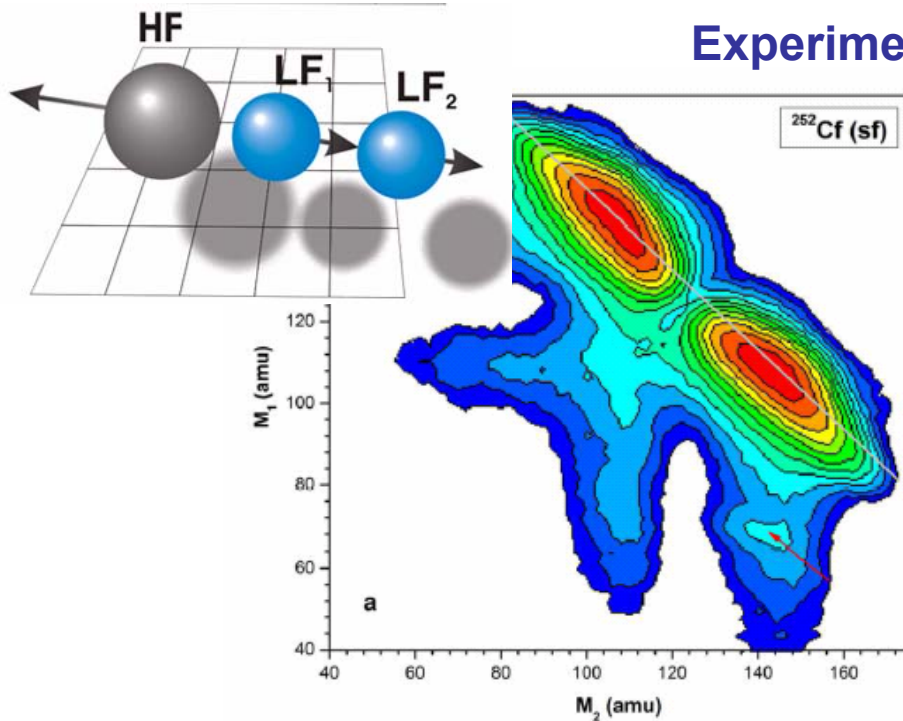
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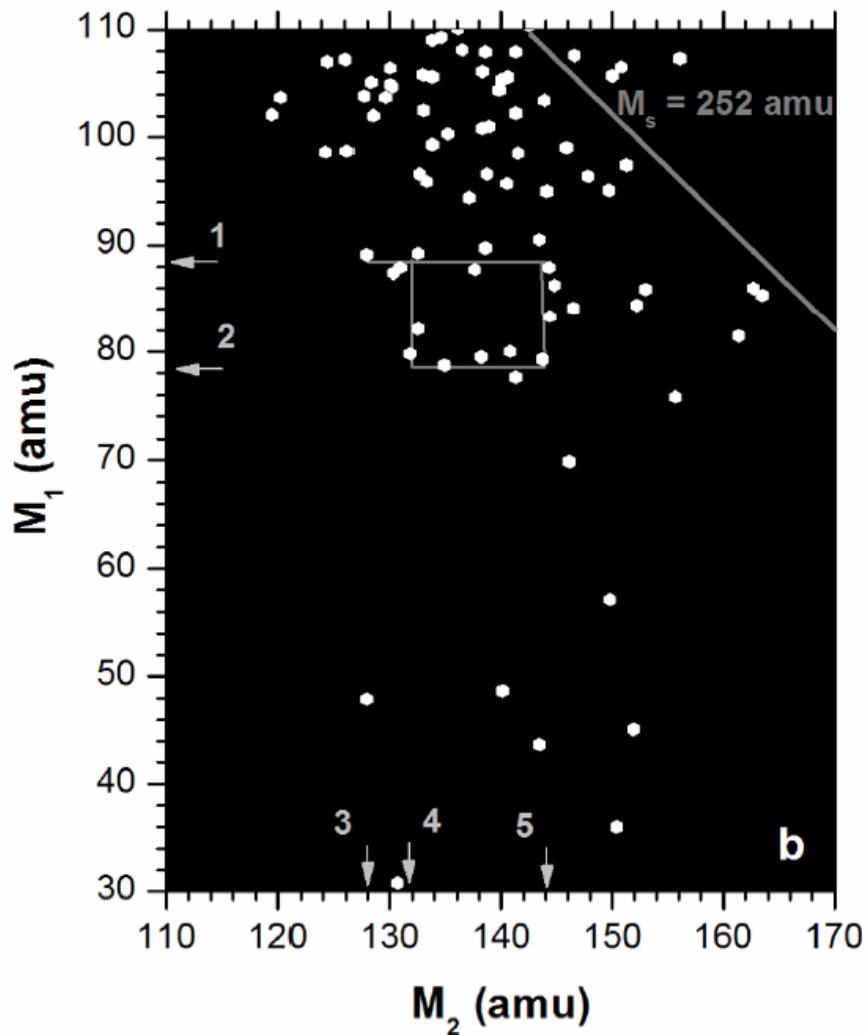
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# Experimental background

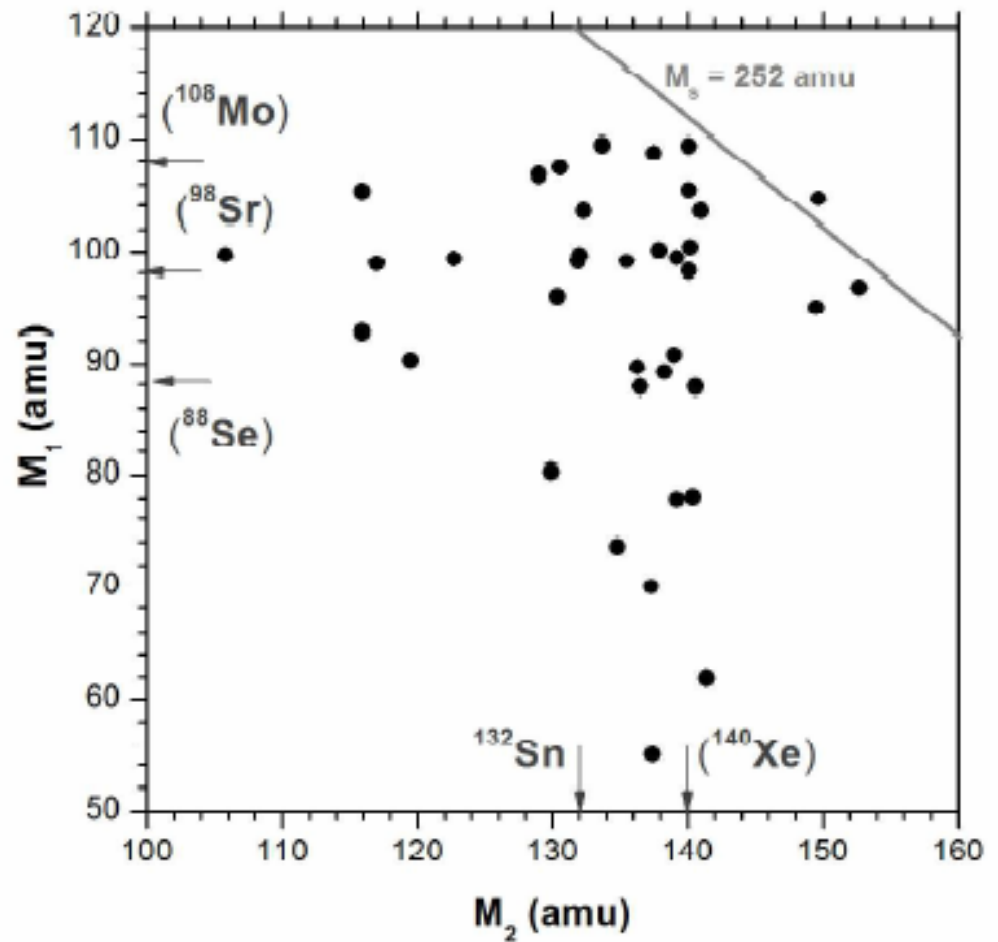


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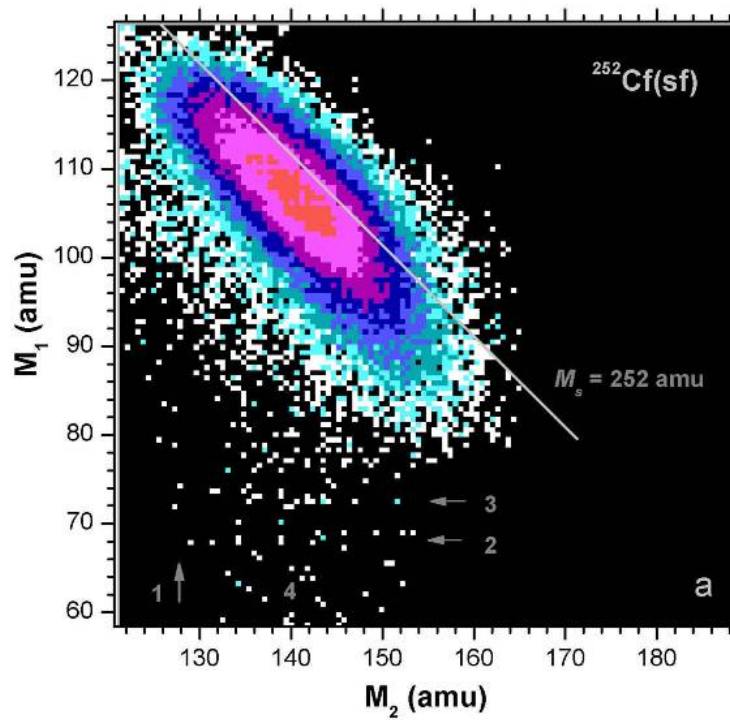


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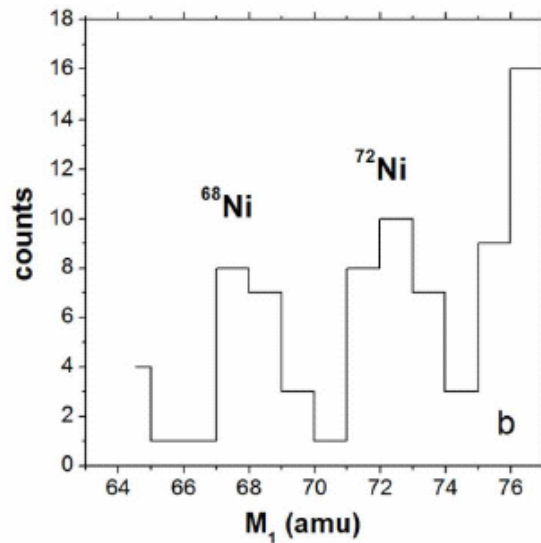
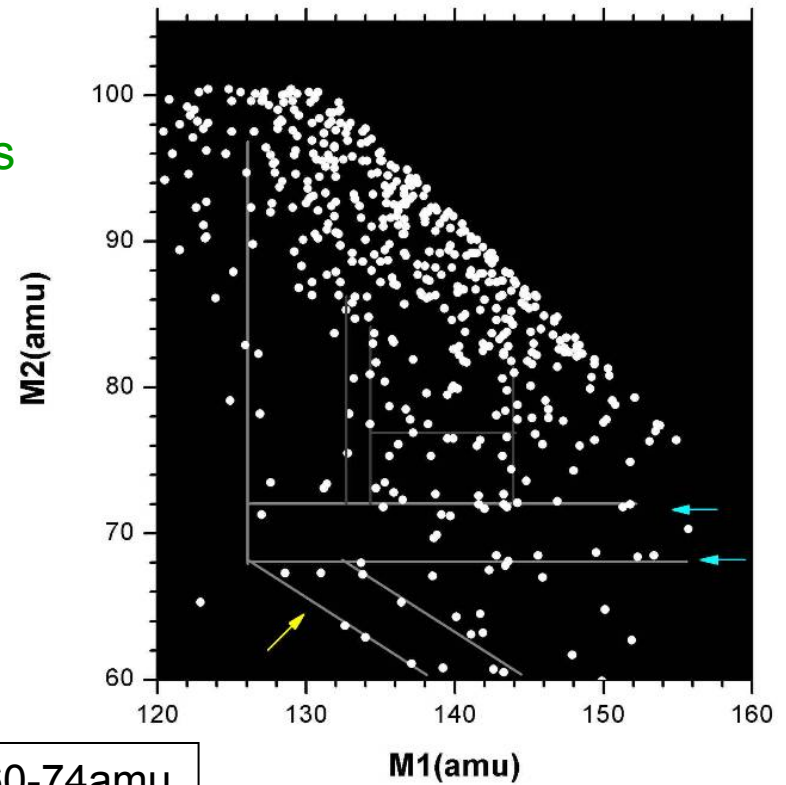


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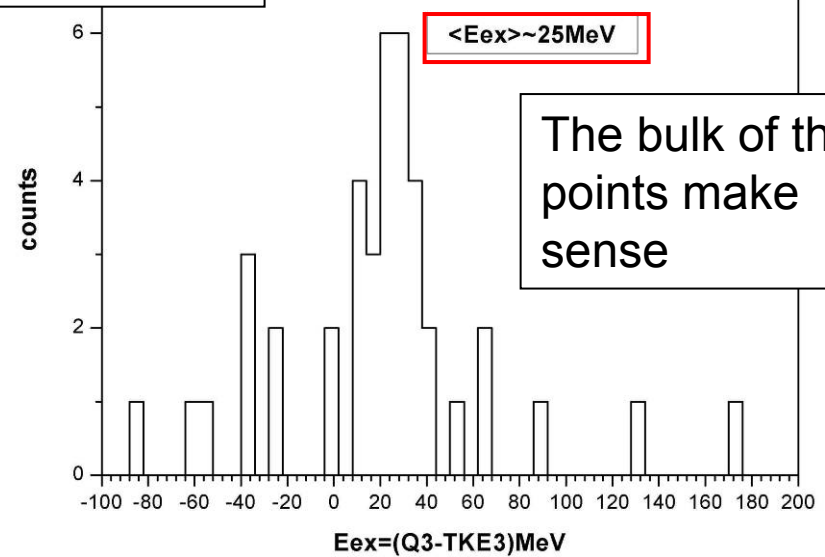
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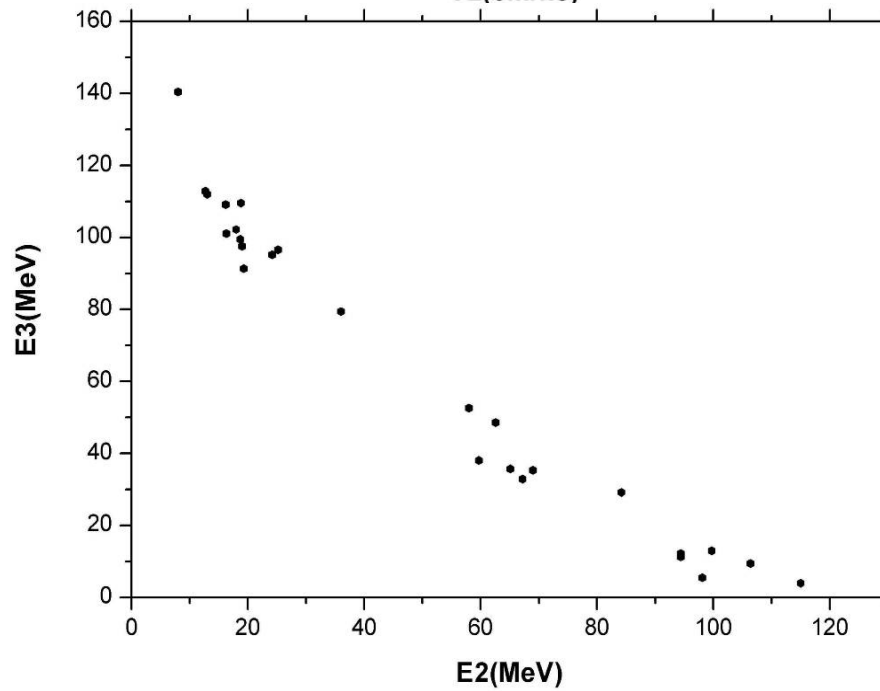
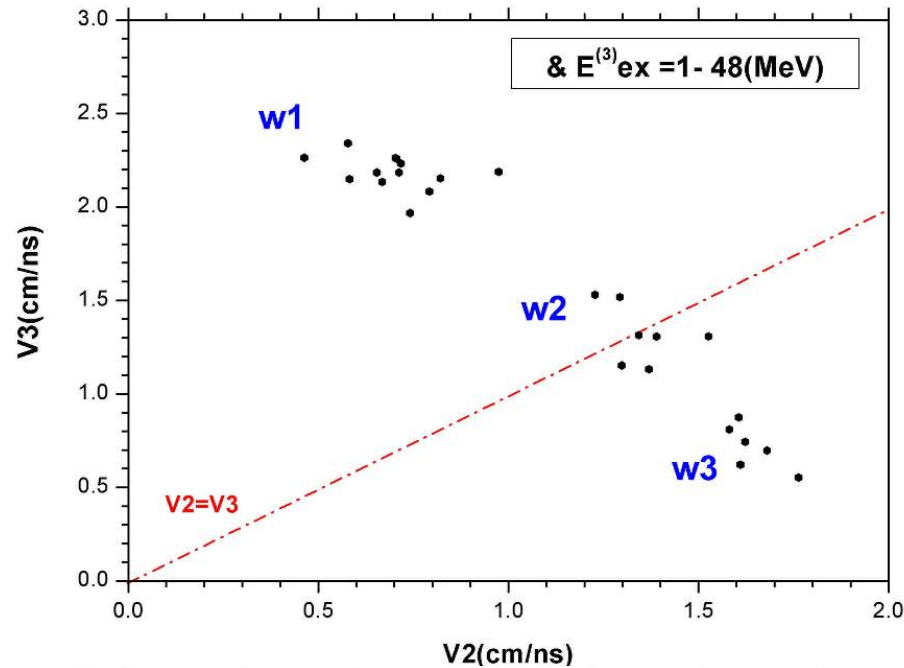
Any  
gates



$\&M_2=60-74\text{amu}$



# Velocities and energies of the light CCT partners



$^{252}\text{Cf}(\text{sf})$ ,  
binary fission:

$\langle \text{ML} \rangle = 106.16 \text{ amu}$

$\langle \text{EL} \rangle = 102.54 \text{ MeV}$

$\langle \text{VL} \rangle = 1.365 \text{ cm/ns}$

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$\langle \text{MH} \rangle = 142.17 \text{ amu}$

$\langle \text{EH} \rangle = 78.68 \text{ MeV}$

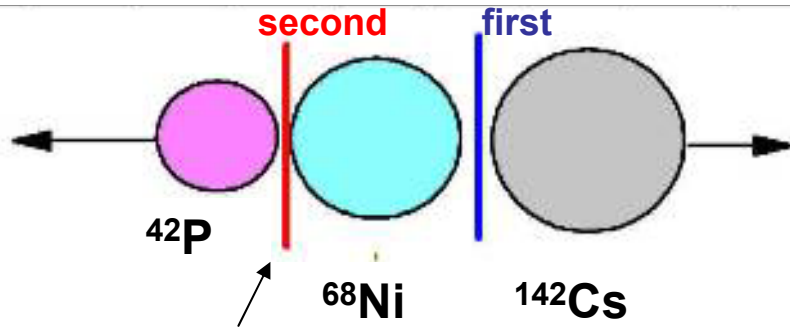
$\langle \text{VL} \rangle = 1.033 \text{ cm/ns}$

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$\langle v \rangle = 3.773$

First group (w1):  $V_3 > V_2$ ,  $V_1 \sim V_{H\_bin}$ ,  $V_2 \ll V_{L\_bin}$ ; TKE exp\_3 = 190 MeV

Prescission configuration expected

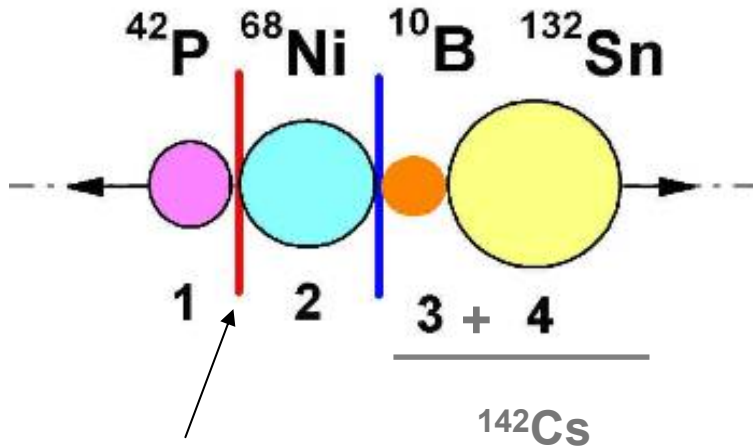


$Q_3 \sim 207 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} = 230 \text{ MeV}$ ;

$E_{int} > Q_3 \rightarrow$  cold fission is interdicted

After full acceleration

**Hypothesis:** conservation of both magic clusters Ni&Sn along the path  $M_2 = \text{const}$



$Q_4 \sim 201 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} \sim 223 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} > Q_4$ ;

$E_{int}(1, 2, 3+4) = 187 \text{ MeV} \sim \text{TKE exp}_3$

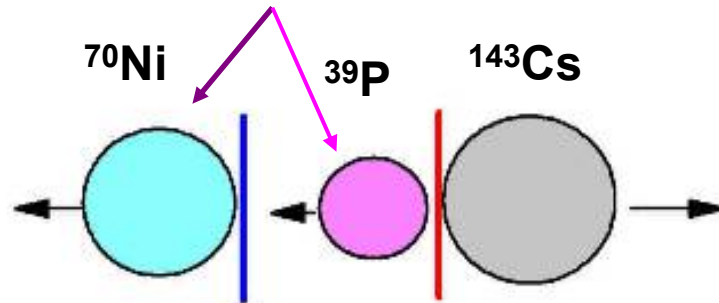
$V_{mod}(^{42}\text{P}) = 1.99 \text{ cm/ns} \sim V_{exp}(^{42}\text{P}) = 2.16 \text{ cm/ns}$

After full acceleration

Good  
agreement

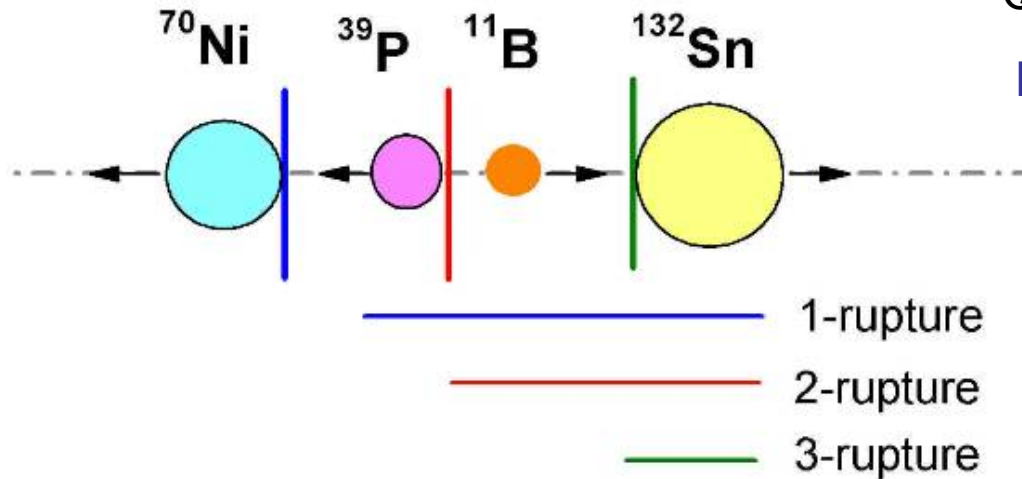
Second group (w2):  $V_3 \sim V_2$ ,  $V_1 \sim V_{H\_bin}$ ,  $TKE_{exp} = 178 \text{ MeV}$

Dynamical blocking



$Q_3 \sim 214 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} = 229 \text{ MeV}$ ;

$E_{int} > Q_3 \rightarrow \text{cold fission is interdicted}$

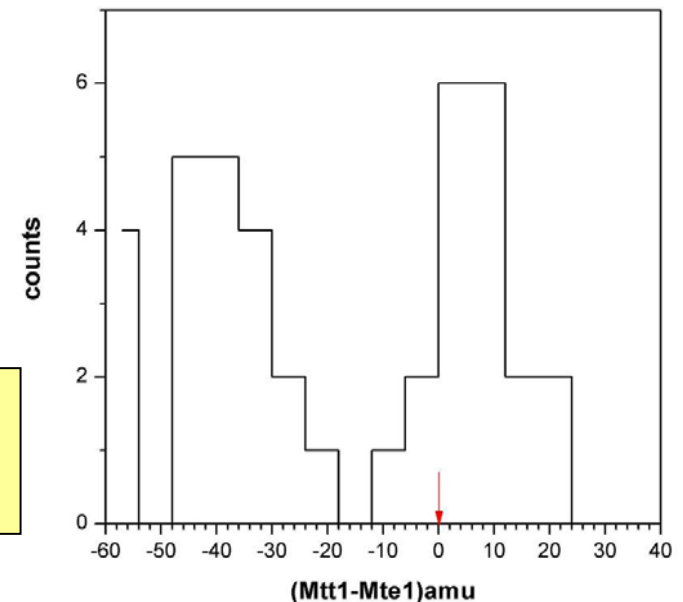


$Q_4 \sim 216 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} \sim 188 \text{ MeV}$ ;

$E_{int} \sim TKE_{exp}$  -- good agreement

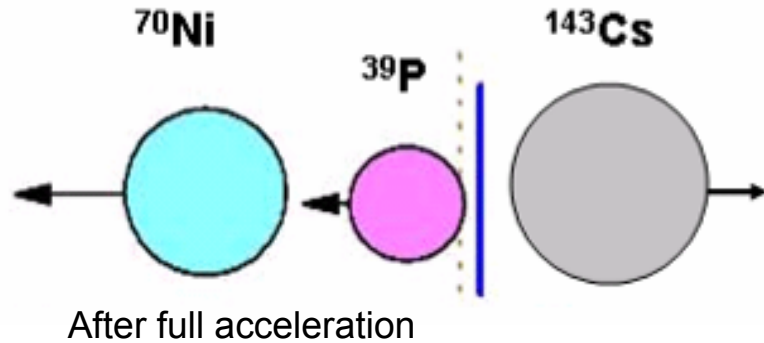
Higher as compared to w1 case

$E_{free}$  in scission lets quaternary decay





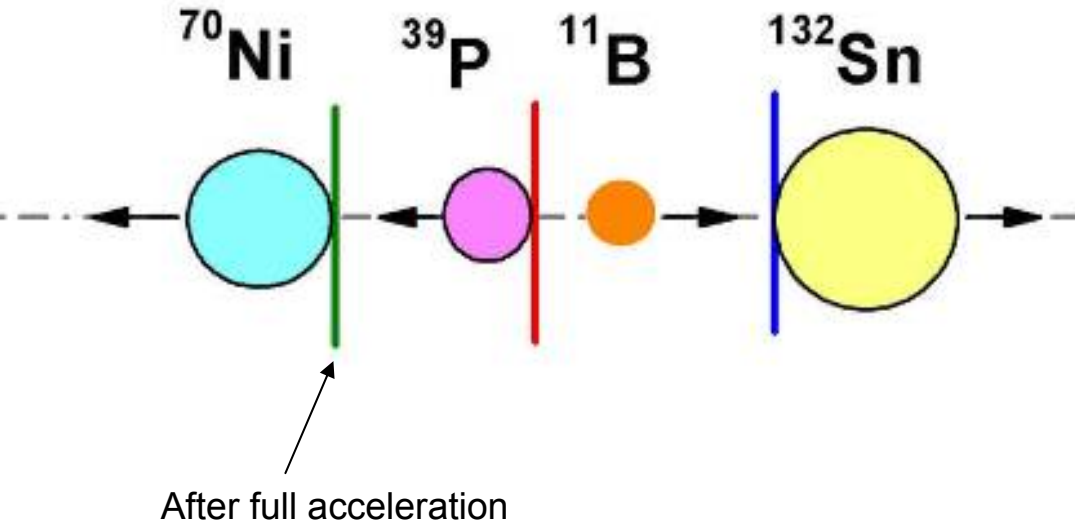
Third group (w3):  $V_3 < V_2$ ,  $V_1 \sim V_{H\_bin}$ ,  $TKE_{exp} = 178 \text{ MeV}$



$Q_3 \sim 214 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} = 229 \text{ MeV}$ ;

$E_{int} > Q_3$ ;

(the same partners as in w2)



$Q_4 \sim 216 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $E_{int} \sim 188 \text{ MeV}$ ;

$E_{int} \sim TKE_{exp}$

$V(\text{Ni}) = 1.73 \sim V_{exp}(\text{Ni}) = 1.62 \text{ cm/ns}$

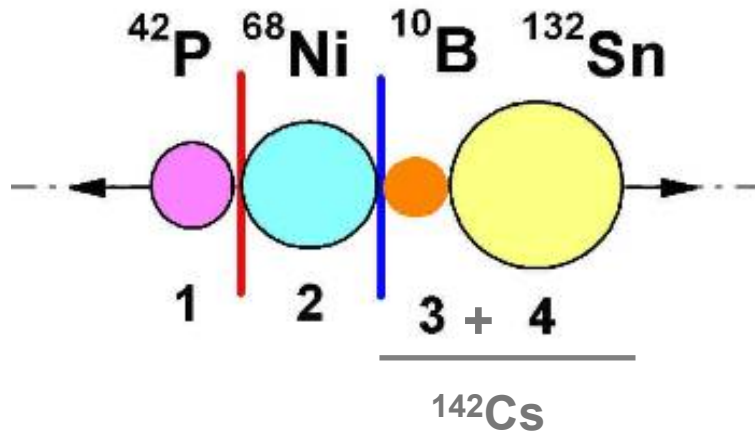
good agreement



After full acceleration

## Intermediate summary

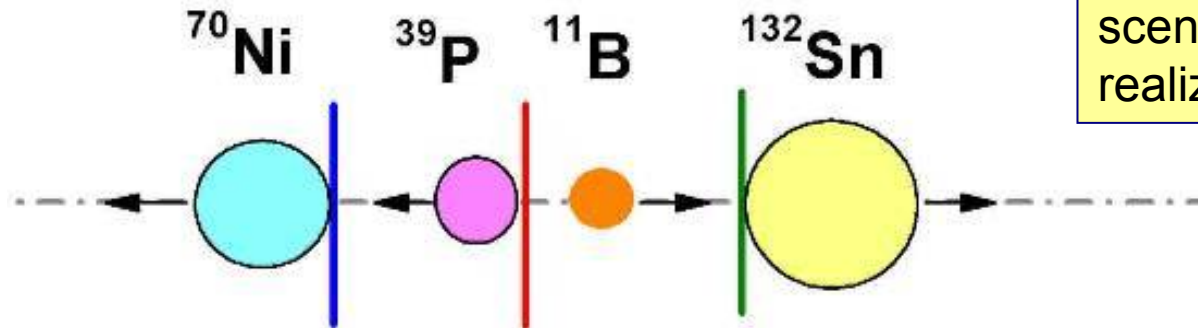
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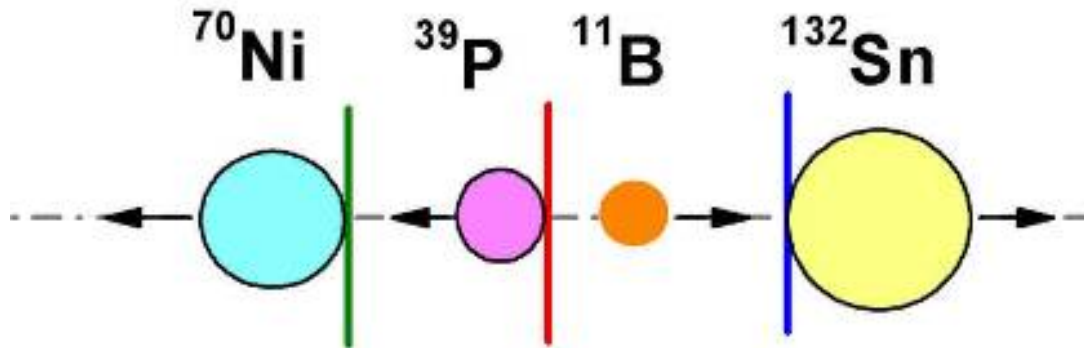
Similar nuclear composition, but different sequence of partners and rupture scenarios are actually realized.

### Dynamical blocking

2)



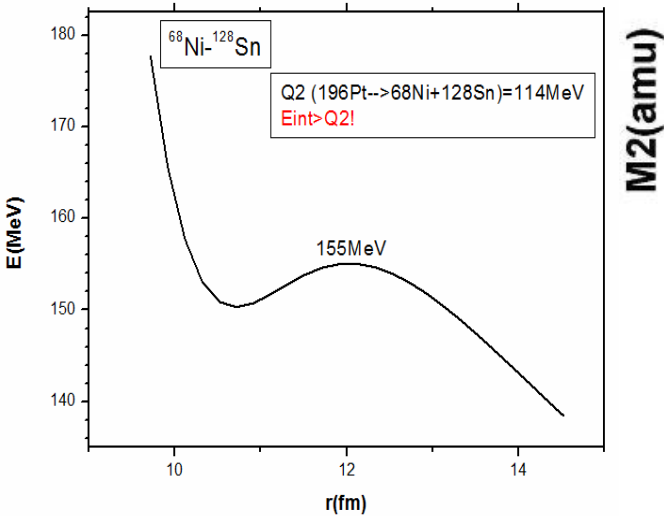
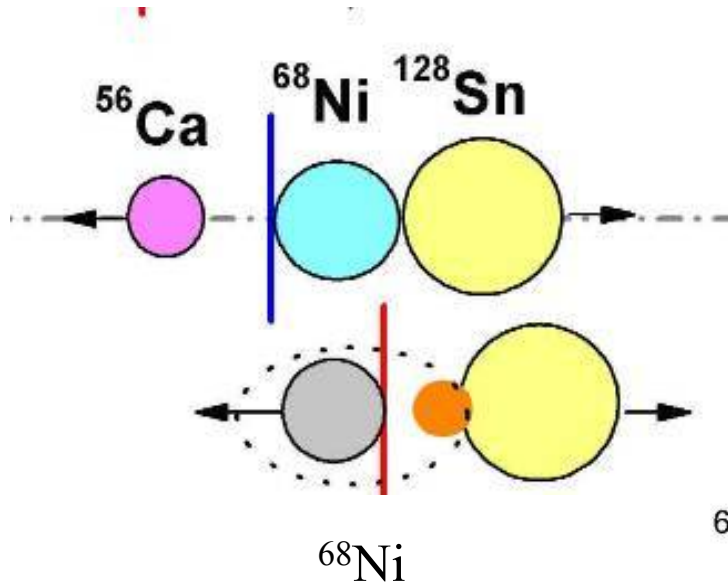
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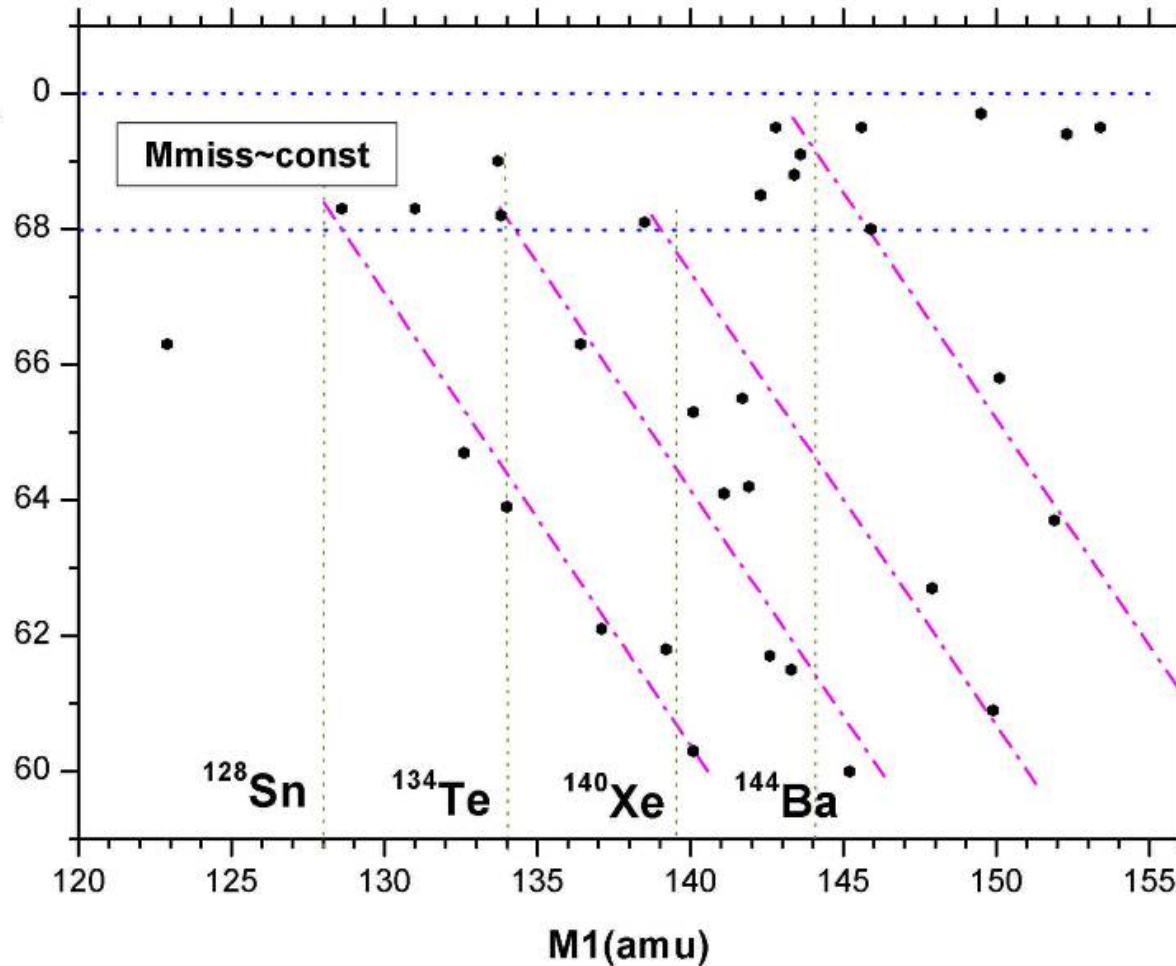
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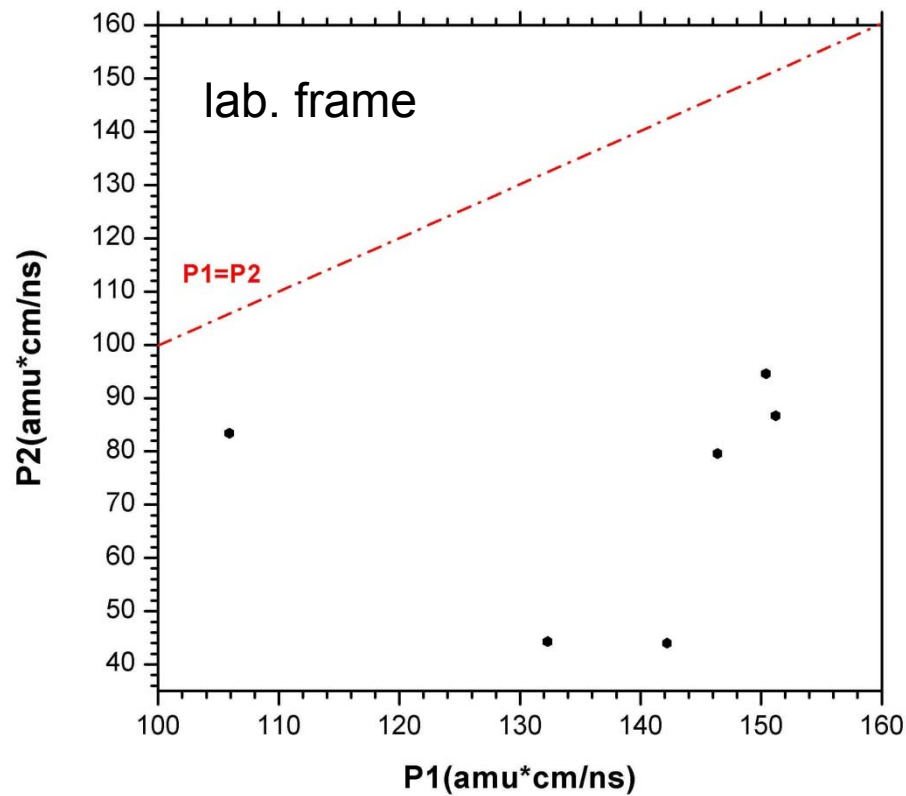
## Structure: tilted ridges

The mass of the missing fragment  $M3 = \text{const}$



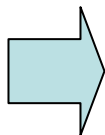
Clustering of  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  – likely extension of the Ikeda rule



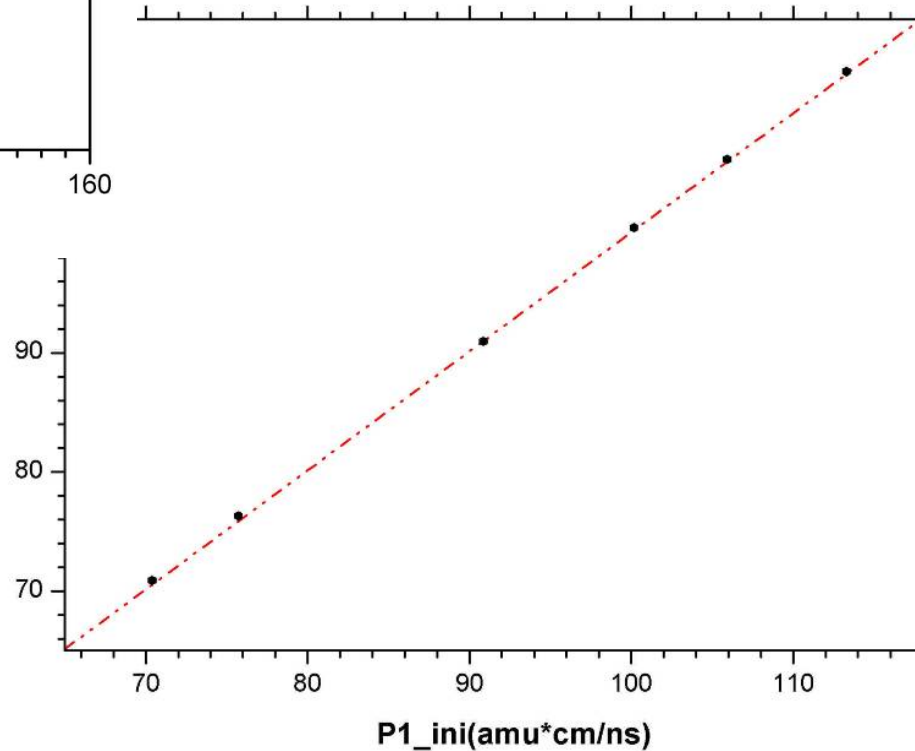


Really sequential  
two-step process

Linear momenta  
in the initial system  
“two magic clusters”

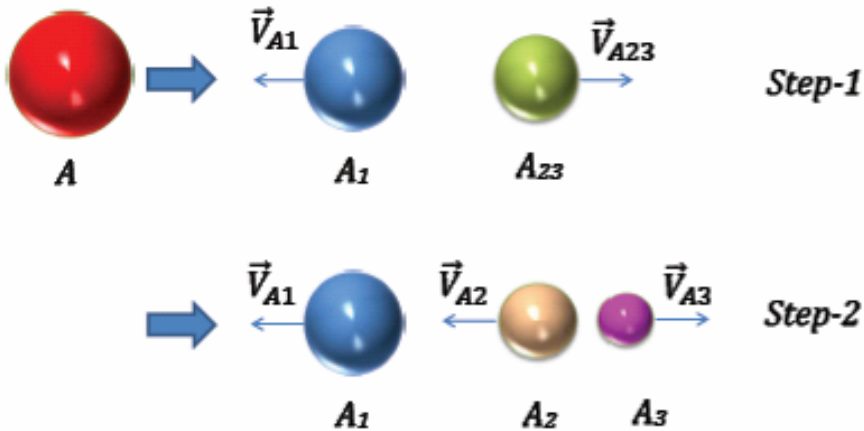


$P2\_ini(\text{amu}\cdot\text{cm})$

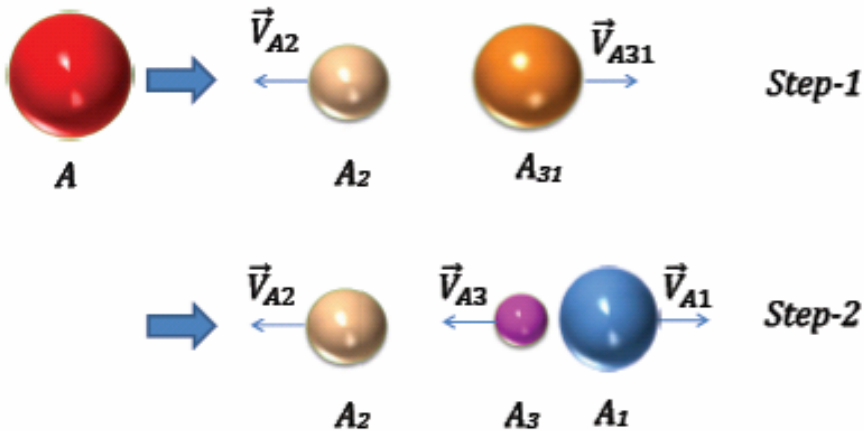


**CCT: theoretical models put forward so far.**

Case - I



Case - II



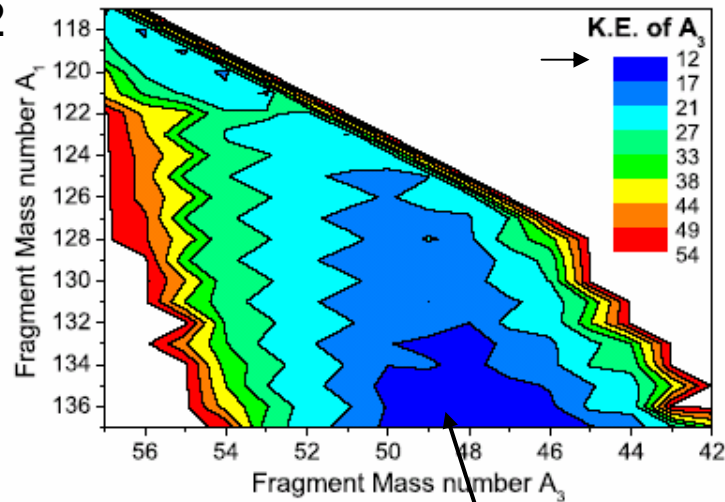
Only one CCT combination  
**Sn-Ca-Ni**

is analyzed in the frame of a rather artificial model.

Nevertheless, a principal peculiarity of the energy spectra of the light CCT partners is reproduced, namely their two-component composition (low energy and high energy peaks)

# Comparison with the model calculations

Case\_2



Case\_1

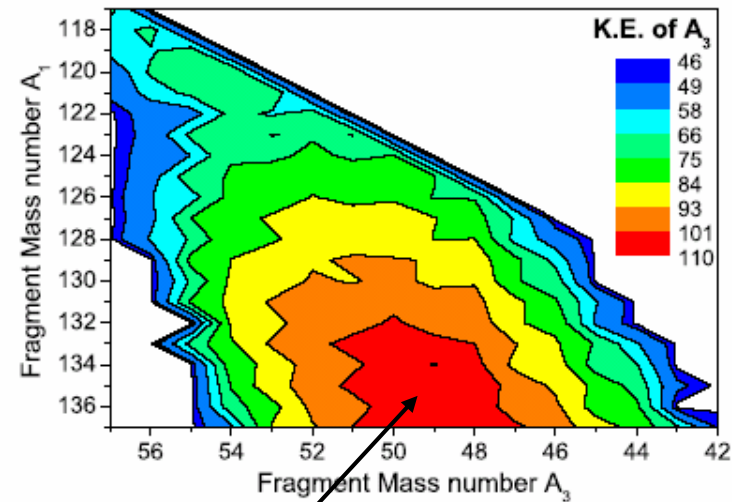
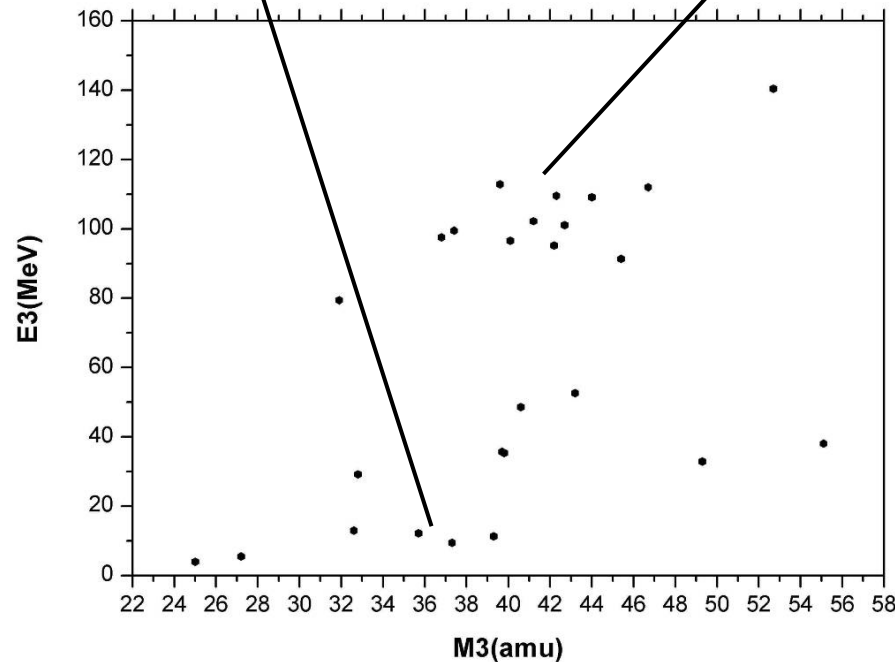


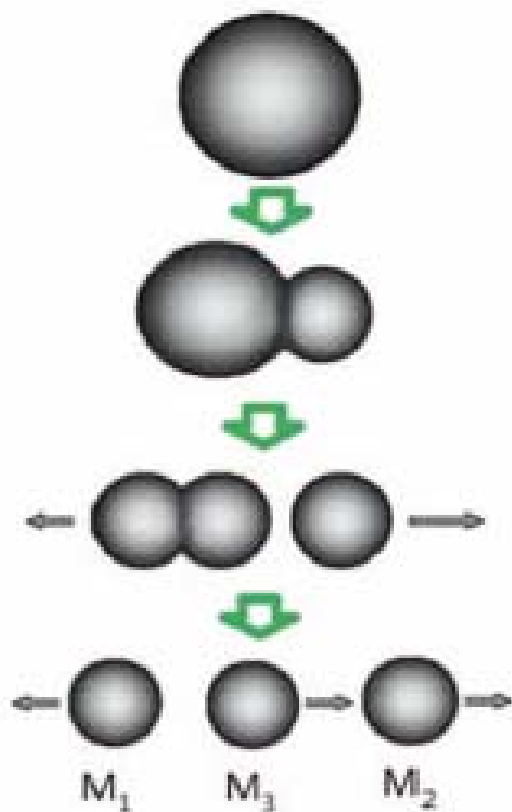
Fig. 5. (Color online) Kinetic energies of fragments  $^{A_3}\text{Ca}$  plotted as a function of the fragment mass numbers  $A_1$  and  $A_3$ . These results (in the left-side frame) correspond to the positive-sign solution of eq. (23), and (right side) the negative-sign solution, respectively.



Our  
experiment

## Collinear cluster tripartition as sequential binary fission in the $^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}}, f)$ reaction

(basing on the dinuclear system concept)



A principle conclusion of the paper that the CCT process can be presented as a sequential binary fission process is based on absolutely arbitrary treating of our experimental data.

**Our message to the theory:**  
specific linear structures (trajectories in the mass correlation space) should be understood at least qualitatively.



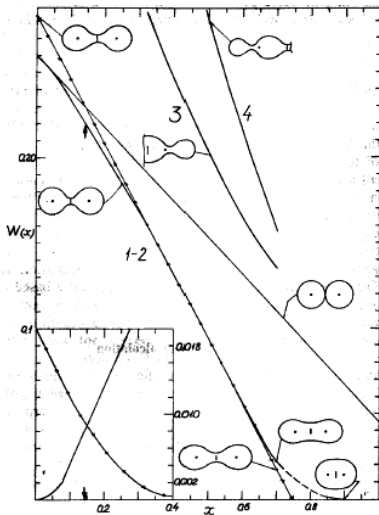


## Conclusions

1. Strict energy restrictions rule the CCT process what results in variety of exit kinematical parameters of the CCT partners in dependence of their pre-scission configuration and time scenario of the ruptures.
2. More consistent theoretical models are needed for description of the CCT process.



# Positive theory background

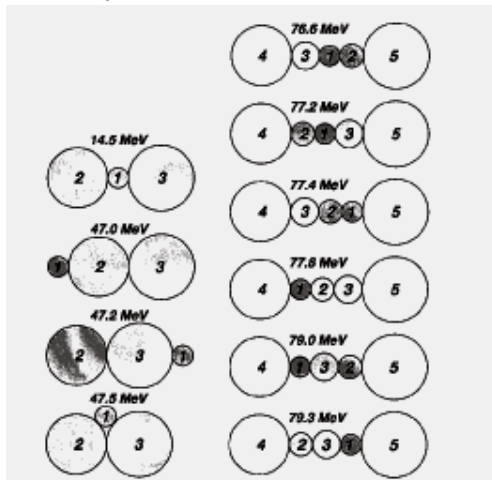


## SYMMETRICAL SHAPES OF EQUILIBRIUM FOR A LIQUID DROP MODEL

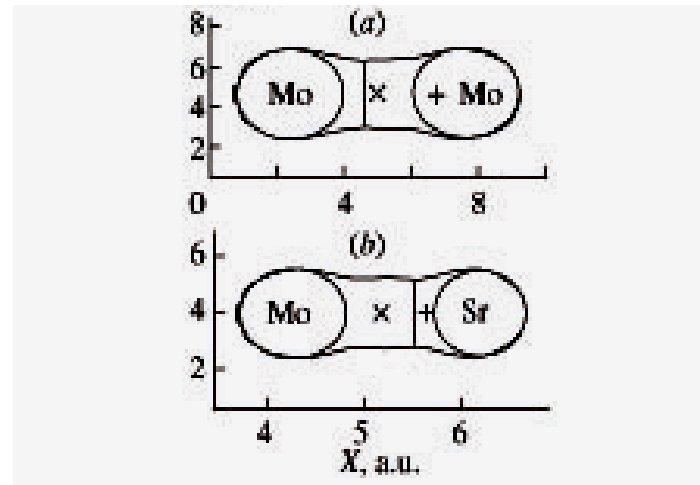
V.M. STRUTINSKY, N.Ya. LYASHCHENKO and N.A. POPOV

Nucl. Phys. **46** (1963) 639

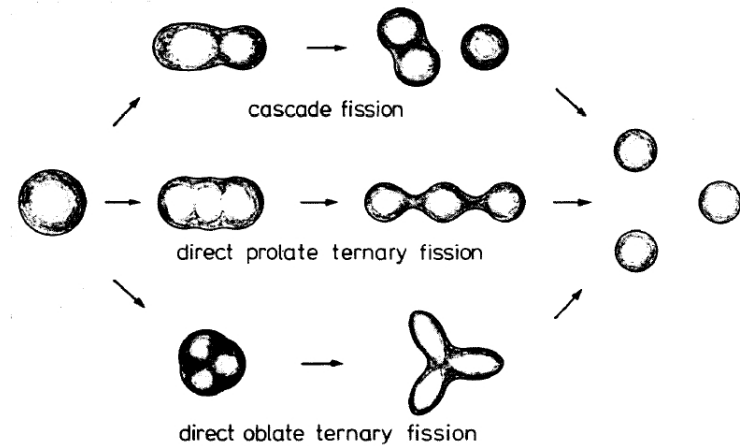
two-neck and three-neck shapes



Aligned and compact configurations  
for  $\alpha$ -accompanied and  $\alpha+{}^6\text{He}+{}^{10}\text{Be}$   
accompanied cold fission of  ${}^{252}\text{Cf}$   
D.N. Poenaru et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C **59** (1999) 3457

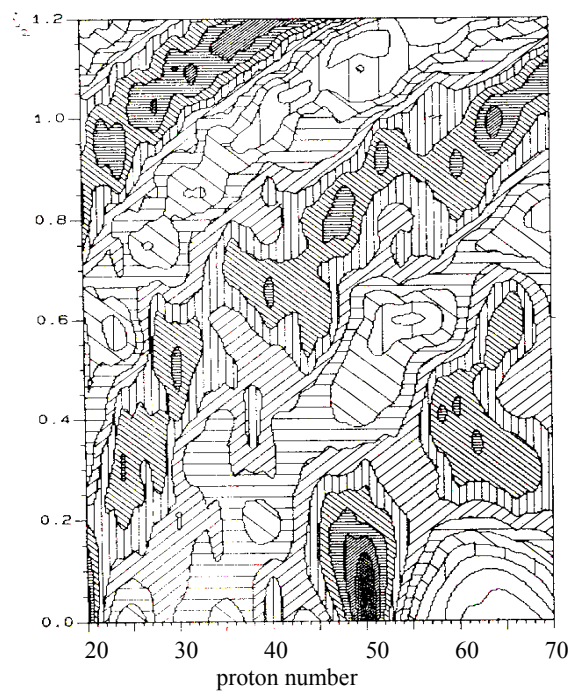
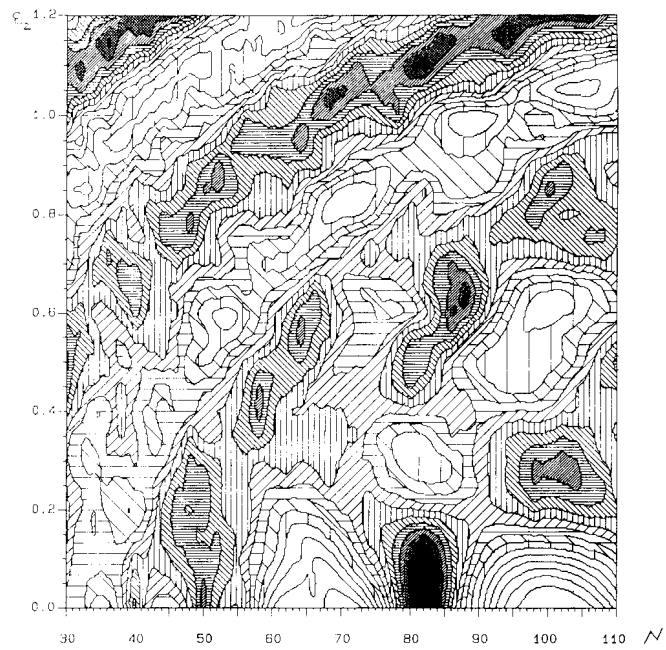


Yu.V. Pyatkov, V.V. Pashkevich, A.V.  
Unzhakova et al., Physics of Atomic  
Nuclei **66** (2003) 1631



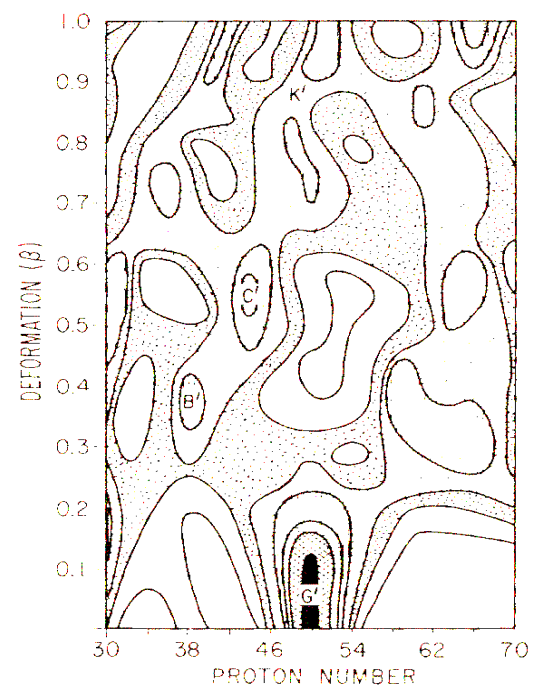
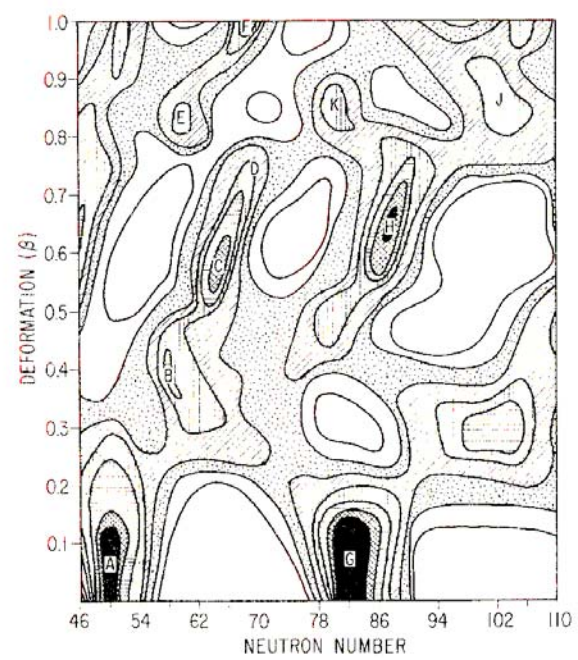
H. Diehl & W. Greiner,  
Nuclear Physics A **229** (1974)

Three-clustering  
In quasi-fission  
V. Zagrebaev,  
2007



(H.Márton, private communication)

$$\varepsilon_2 = 0.95\beta_2$$



### Sequential (cascade) ternary fission

(excitation energy of a heavy fragment is enough for the second scission appears to occur).



Karamian S.A., Kuznetsov I.V.,  
Oganessian Yu.Ts. and  
Penionzkevich Yu.E.,

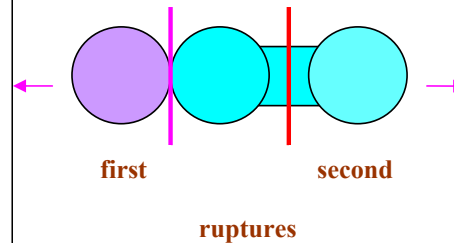
Jadernaja Fizika 5 (1963) 959

Two and three-body exit channels in the reactions



“A fast two-step mechanism where a sequential fission-like process follows a deep inelastic collision with very large energy losses. **An orientation of the fission axis is approximately collinear with the axis of the first fission.** All the properties observed present consistent evidence for a new phenomenon of non-equilibrium fission”

P.Glässel et al., Z. Phys. A310 (1983) 189

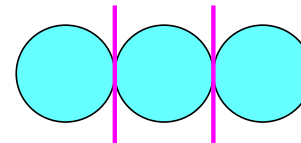


“Besides the already observed sequential binary process, **the presence of prompt ternary break-up of the composite system is revealed** in



reactions at 5.6 MeV/u. **The decay appears to occur in a collinear configuration.** In spite of the large energy dissipation some events shows structure effects, i.e. the possible **presence of slustering phenomena** in the reaction (at least one fragment is an  **$\alpha$ -like nucleus**) ”

L.Vannuci et al., Eur.Phys. J. A 7 (2000) 65





## Background

Cluster radioactivity		Binary decays
$^{222-226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{C}$ H.J. Rose and G.A. Jones, Nature 307 (1984) 245	$^{221}\text{Fr} \rightarrow ^{242}\text{Cm} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{C} \rightarrow$ $^{34}\text{Si}$ $(10^{-10} \div 10^{-17}) P_\alpha$ “Lead radioactivity”	
Cold fission		
“Tin radioactivity” ...		

Light $\alpha$ – cluster nuclei	
<b>“Ikeda et al. [Suppl. Prog. Phys. (Japan) Extra (1969) 464] speculated a rang of different cluster structures might occur in <math>^{24}\text{Mg}</math> nucleus: <math>\alpha + ^{20}\text{Ne}</math>, <math>^8\text{Be} + ^{16}\text{O}</math>, <math>^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}</math>, <math>^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}_{\text{chain}}</math> and a <math>6\alpha</math> chain state. There is now evidence for all these different structures [B.R. Fulton, Z. Phys A349 (1994) 227]”</b>	<b>Multicomponent nuclear molecules</b>

# Mass yields by F.Gönnenwein and M.Mutterer

