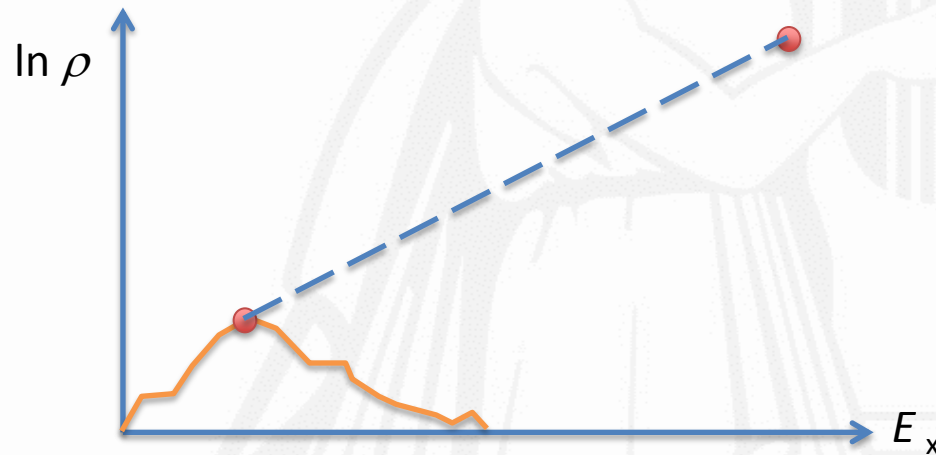


# Nuclear Level Densities from an Experimental Point of View

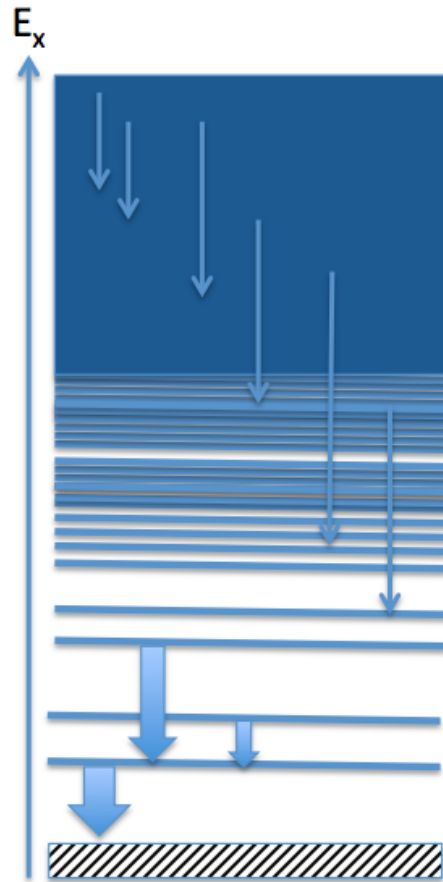


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Level spacing  $D$  and width  $\Gamma$

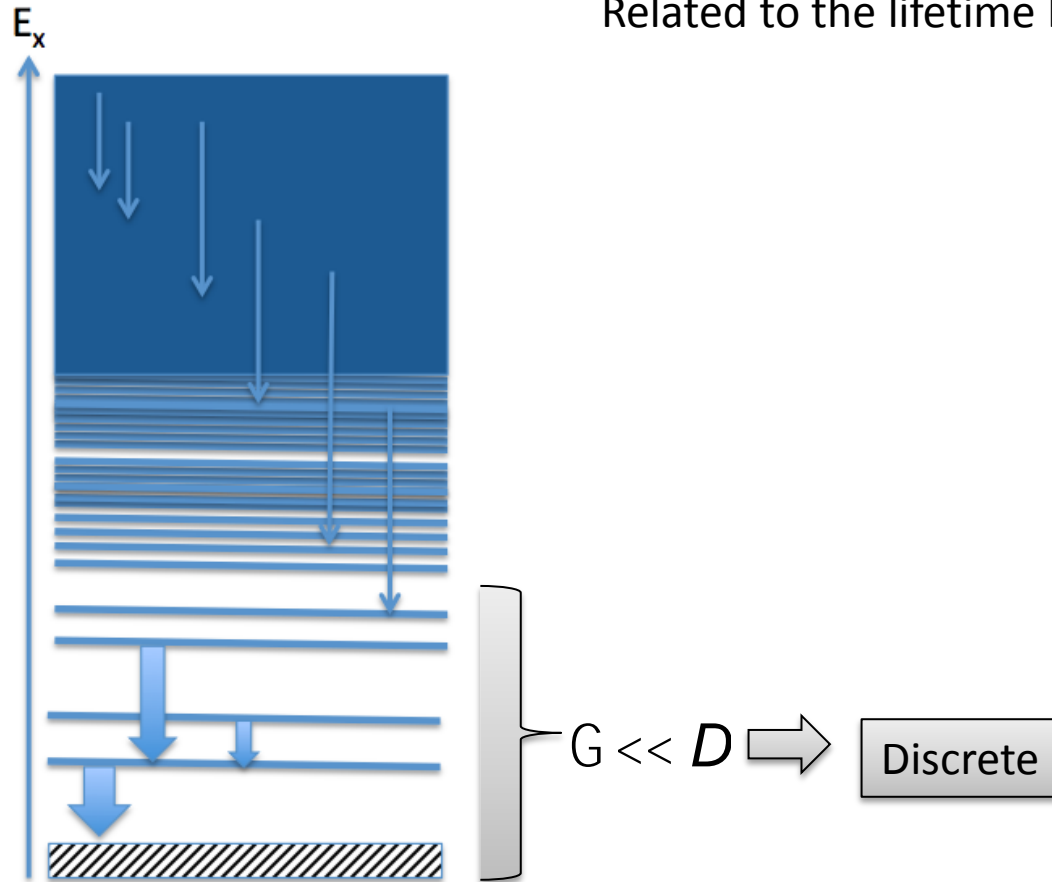
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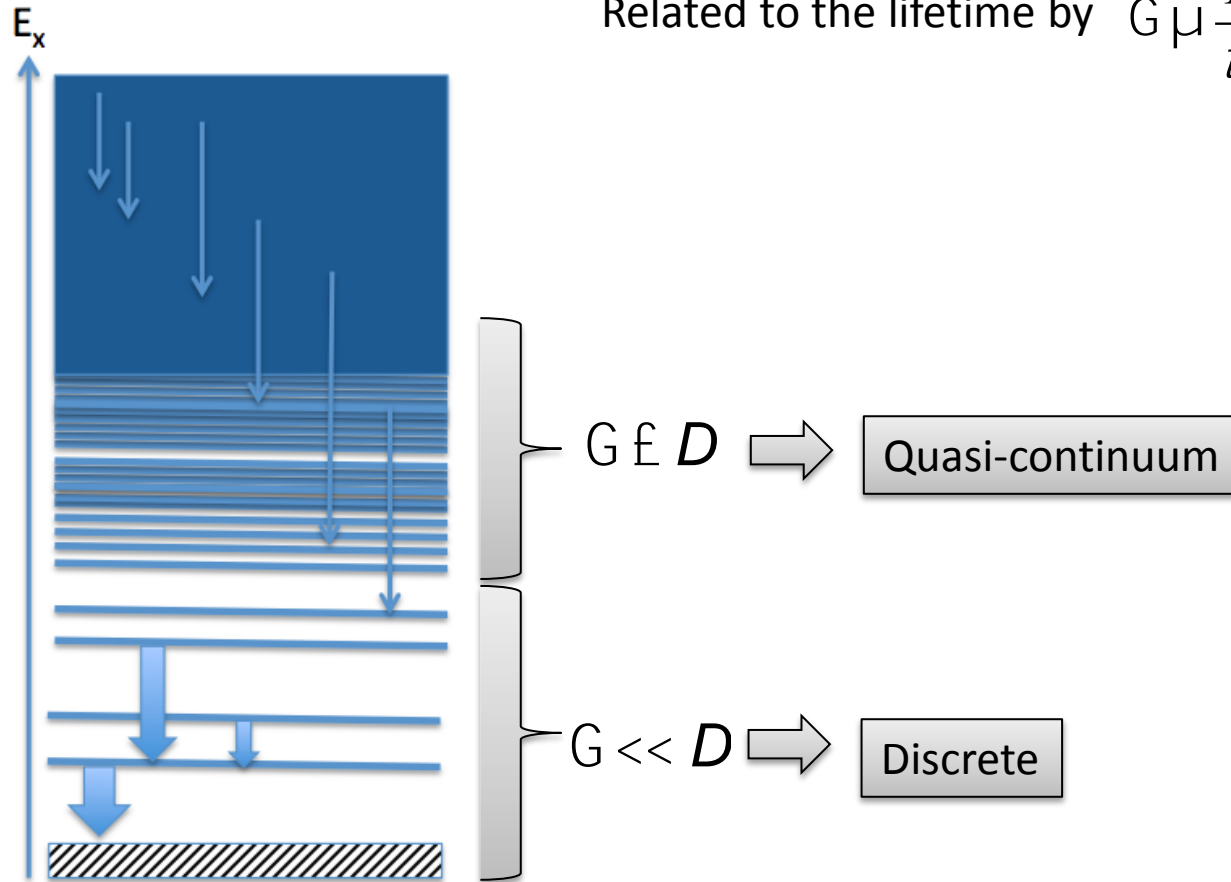
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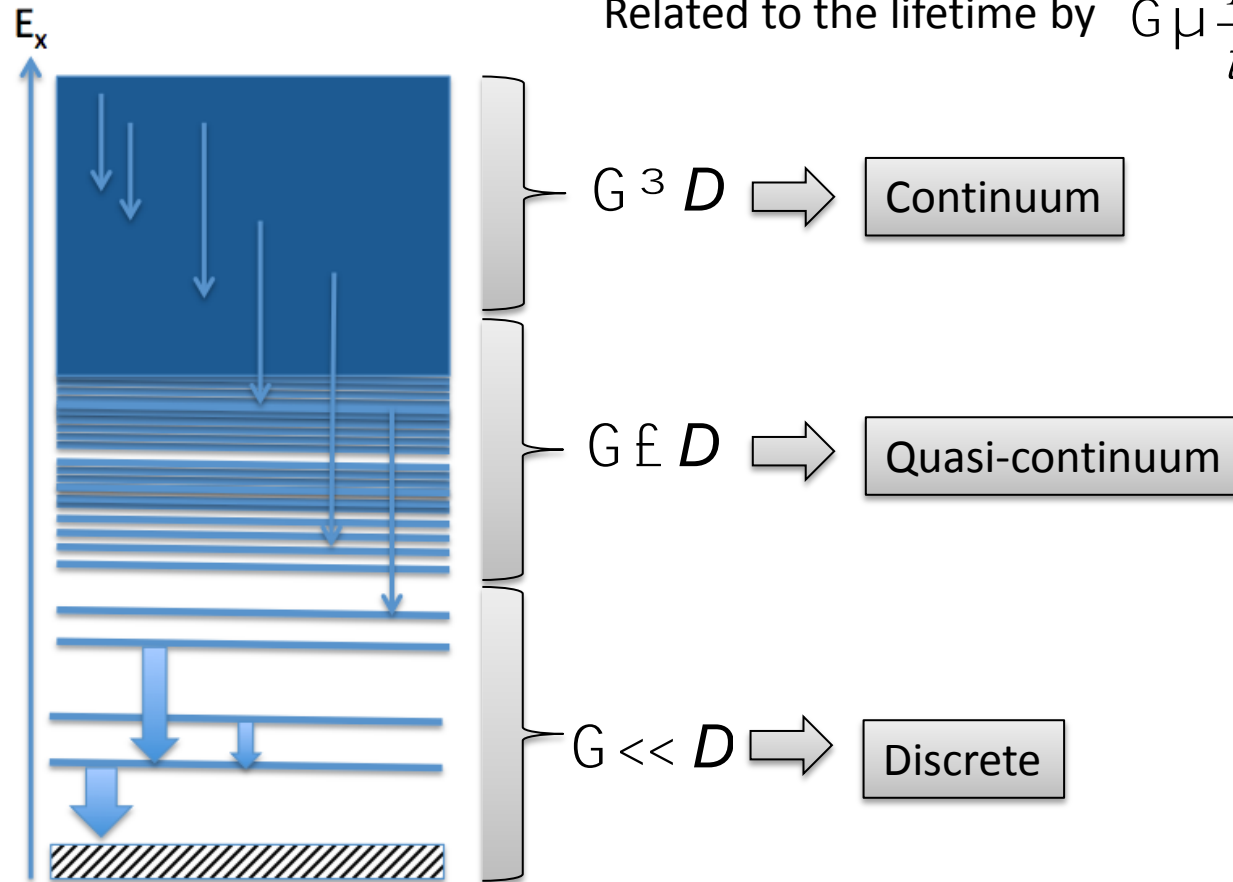
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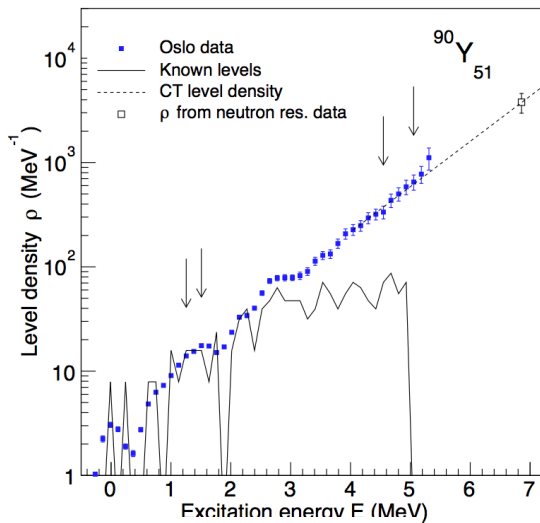
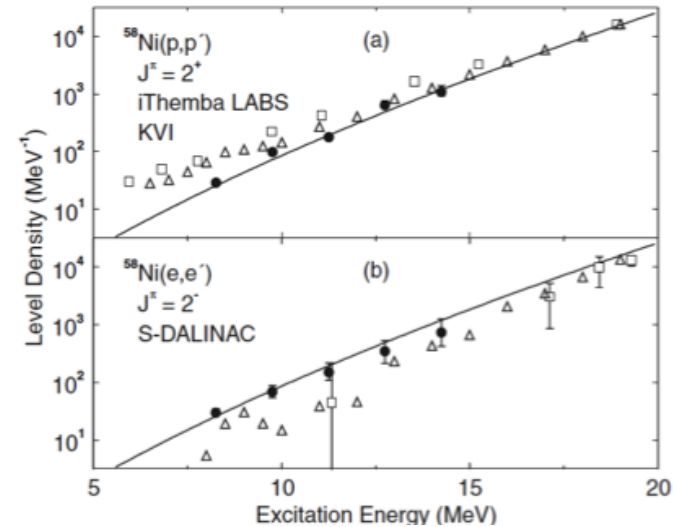
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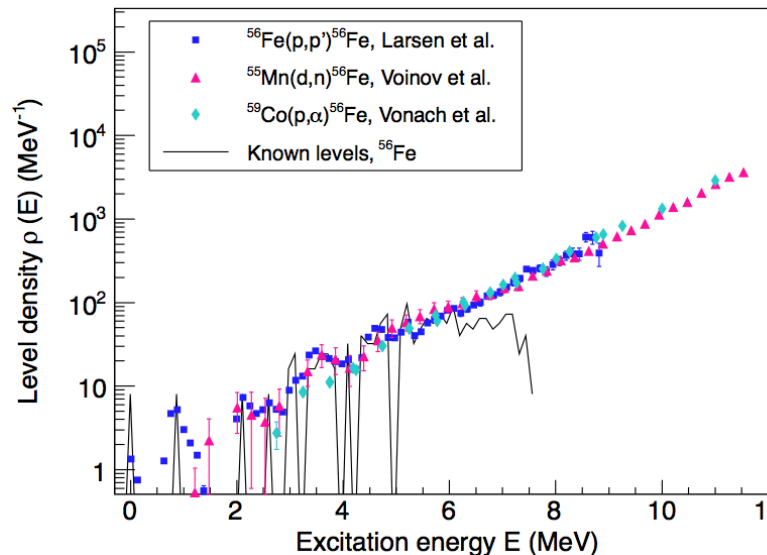


# Techniques to measure level density

- Discrete levels ( $E_x < 2 - 3$  MeV or  $< 50 - 100$  levels/MeV)
- Neutron/proton resonances ( $E_x = S_n$  or  $S_p$ )
- Particle evaporation spectra ( $E_x = 4 - 15$  MeV)
- Spin/parity resolved level densities from  $(p,p')$  or  $(e,e')$
- Ericsson fluctuations ( $E_x \sim 15$  MeV)
- Primary  $\gamma$  spectra with the Oslo method ( $E_x < S_n$ )



M. Guttormsen et al.,  
PRC, (2014), in press

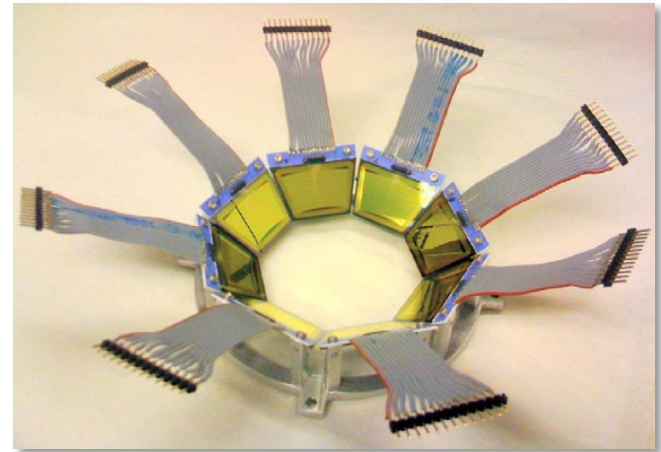
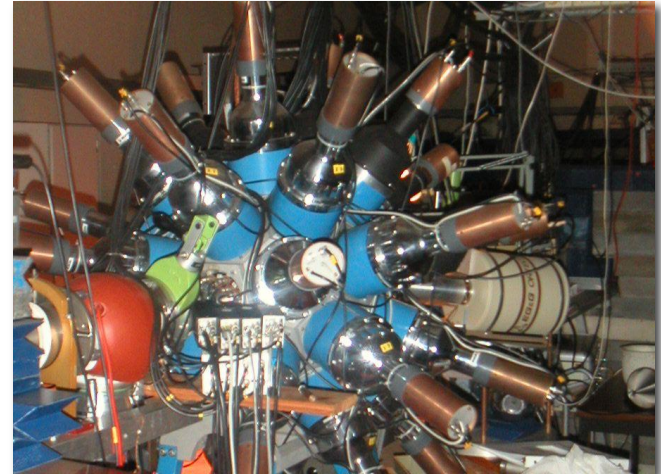
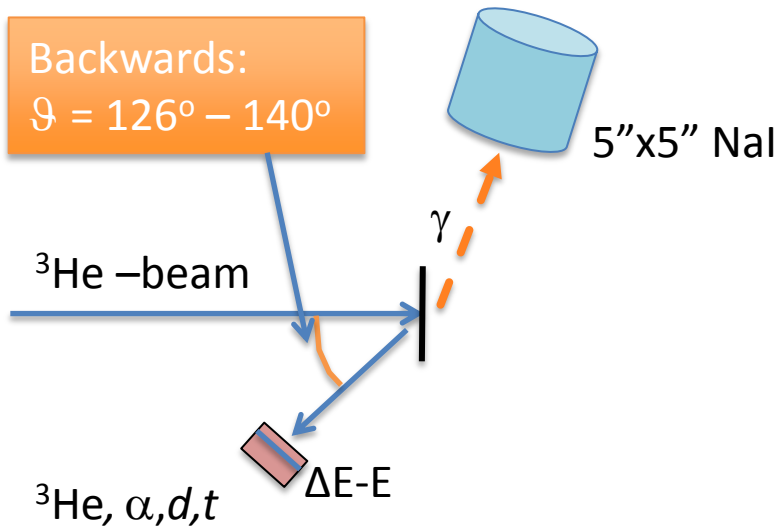


Kalmykov et al.,  
PRL **99**,  
202502 (2007)

A.C. Larsen et al.,  
PRL **111**,  
242504 (2013)

# Th and U experiments at OCL

12 MeV d on  $^{232}\text{Th}$   
24 MeV  $^3\text{He}$  on  $^{232}\text{Th}$   
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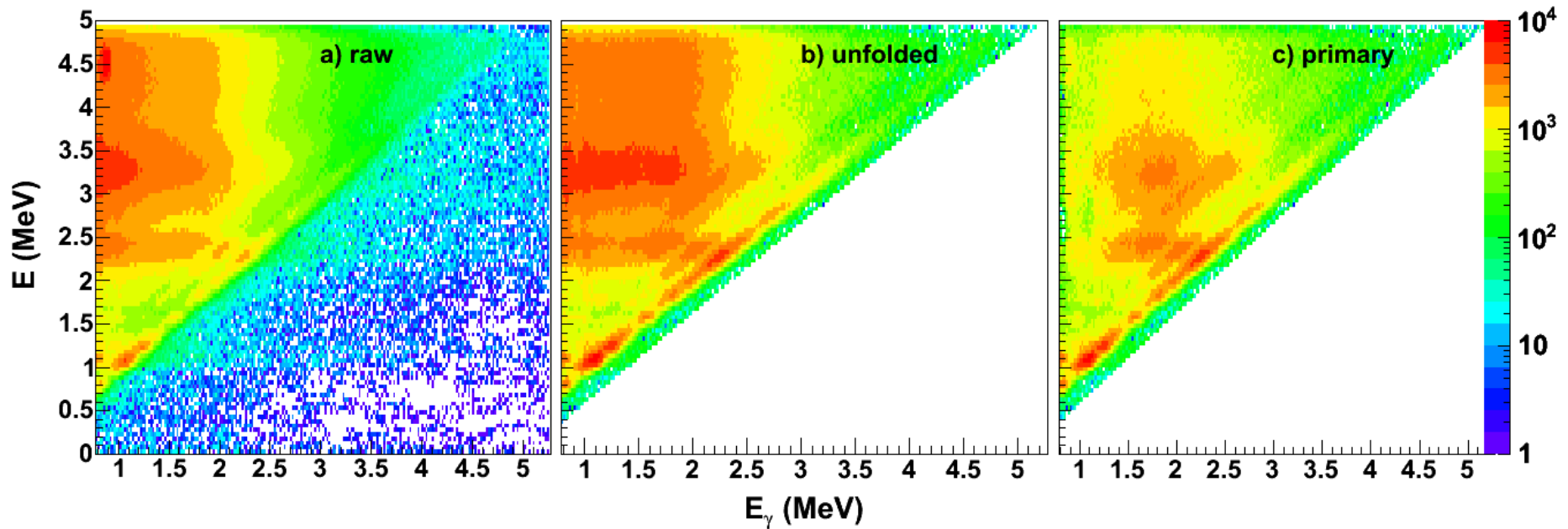


M.Guttormsen, A.Bürger, T.E.Hansen, N.Lietaer,

NIM A648(2011)168

# The Oslo method

## Simultaneous extraction of NLD and $\gamma$ SF



T.G. Tornyi et al., PRC **89**, 044323, (2014)

Oslo method:

M. Guttormsen et al., NIM A374 (1996) 371

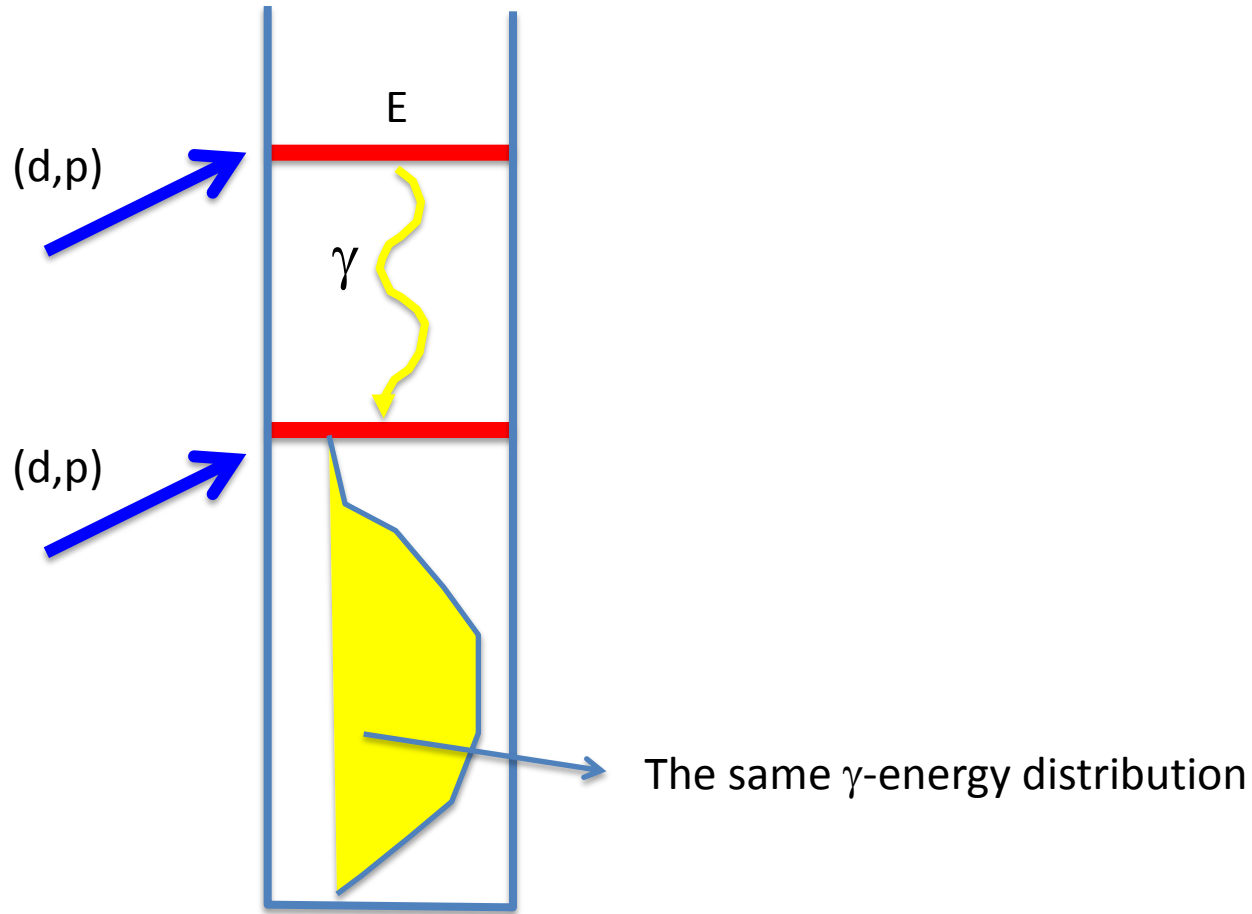
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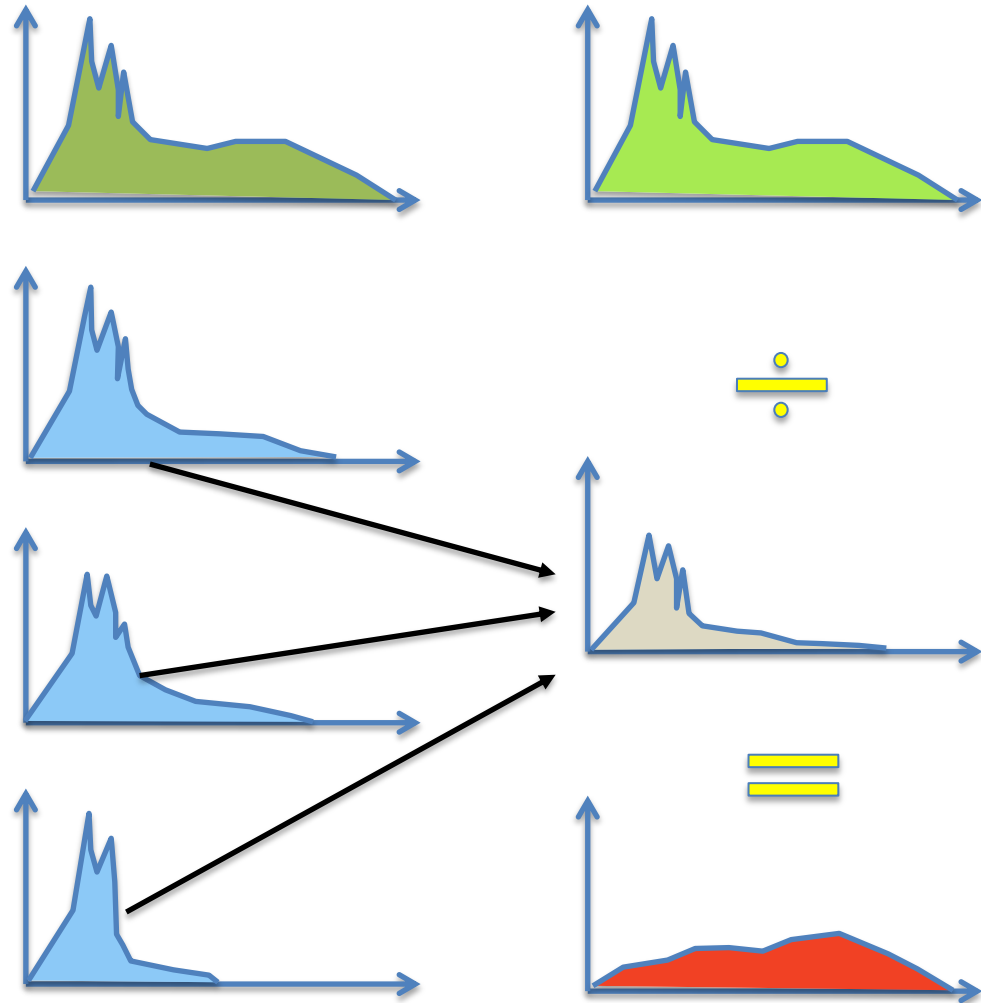
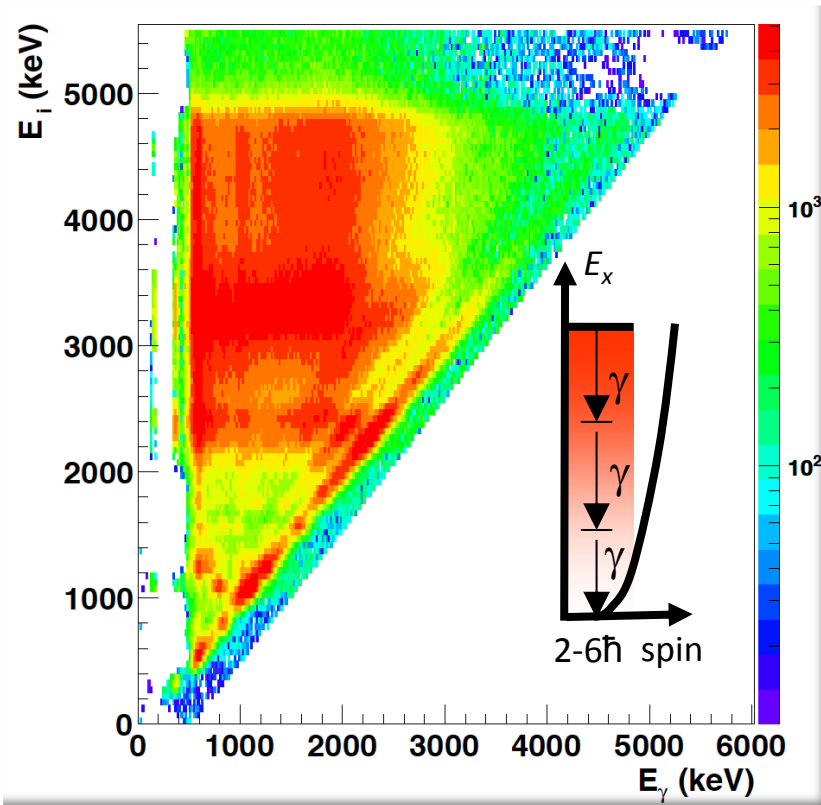


# Assumption for the extraction of primary $\gamma$ -spectra



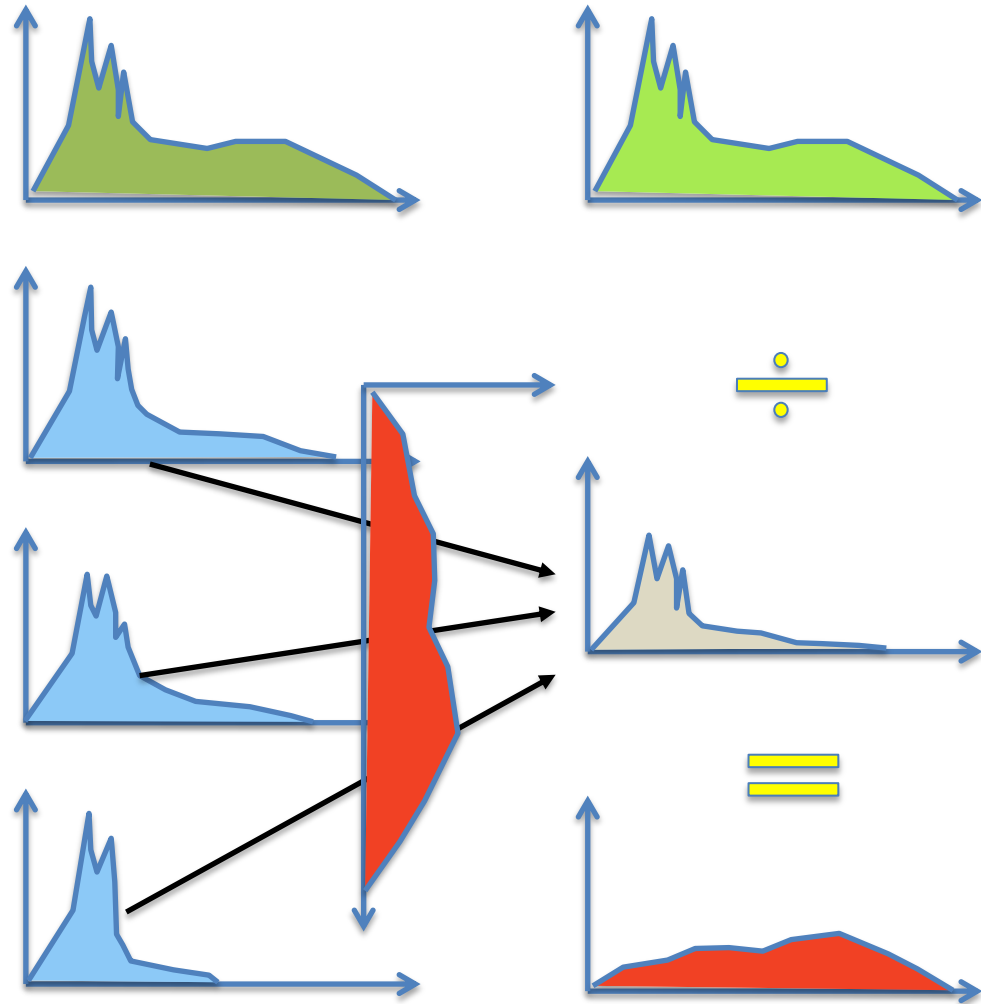
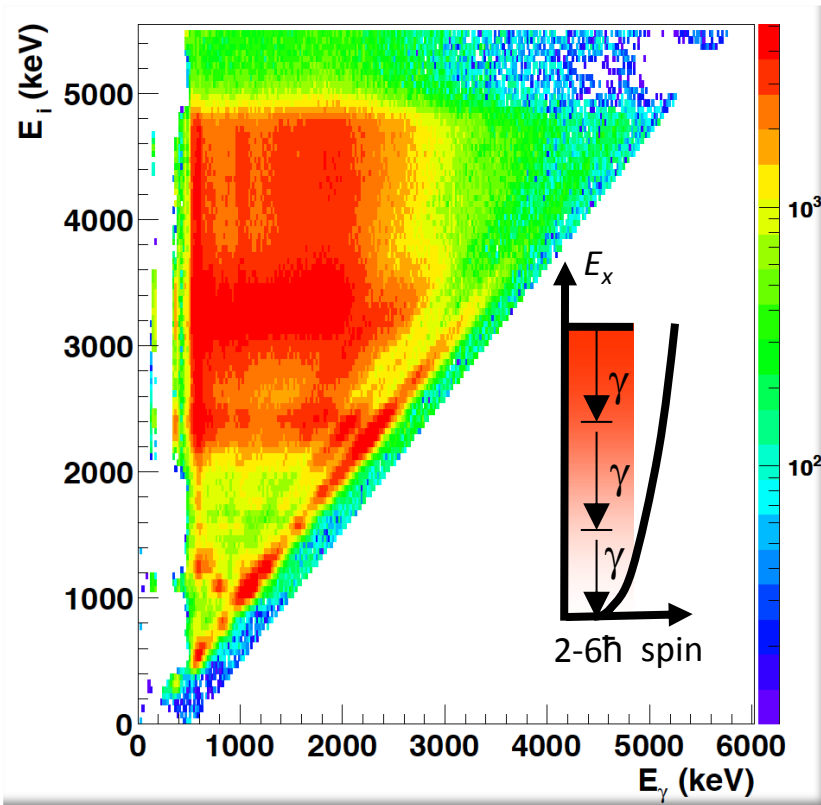
# From total to primary $\gamma$ -ray matrix

$^{232}\text{Th}(d,p)^{233}\text{Th}$

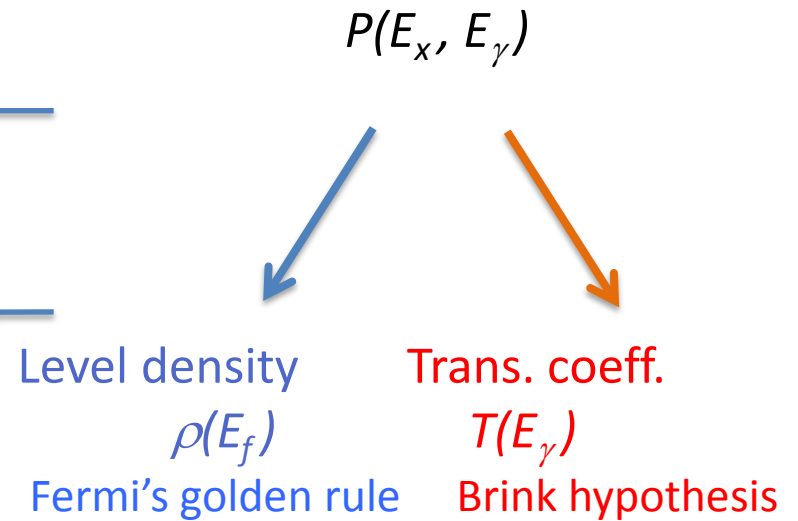
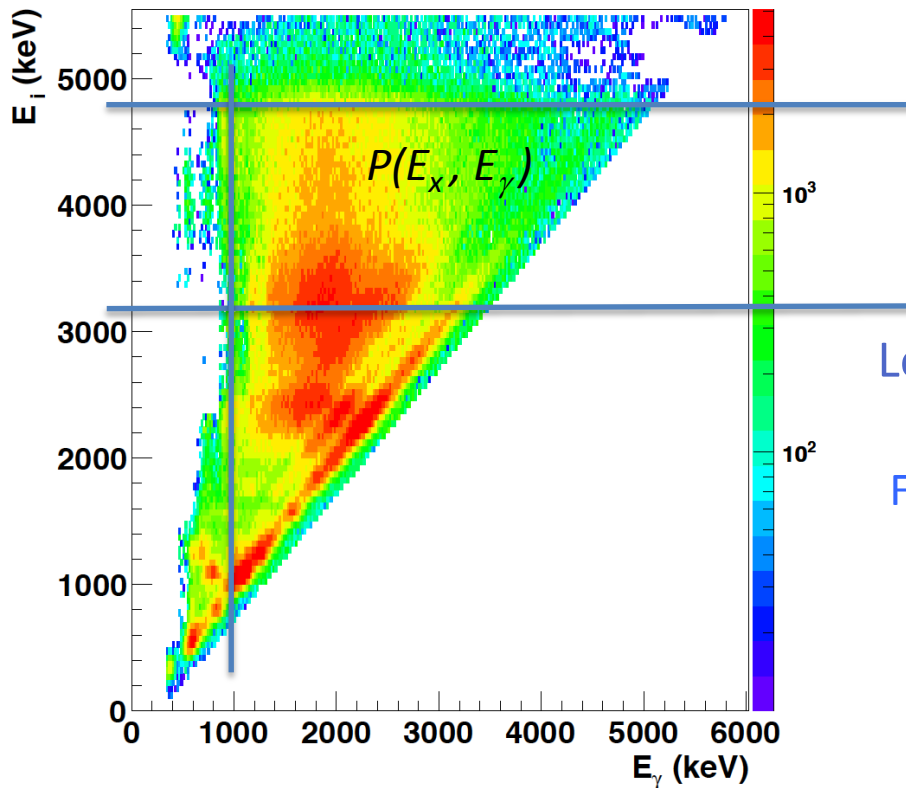


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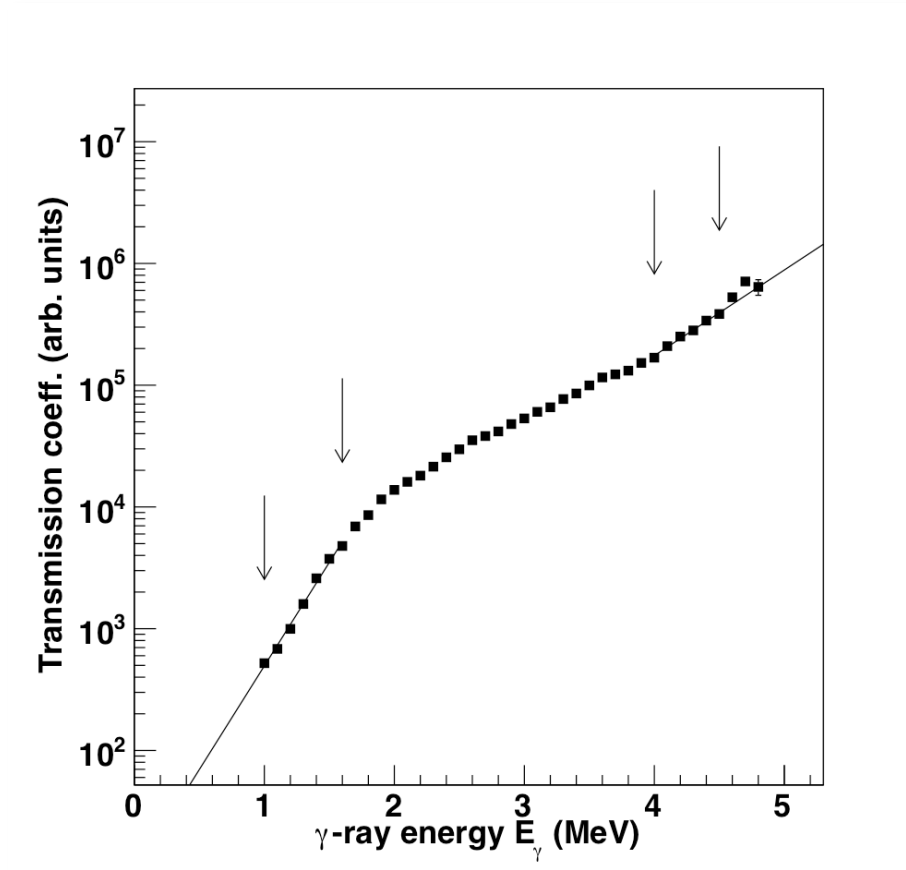
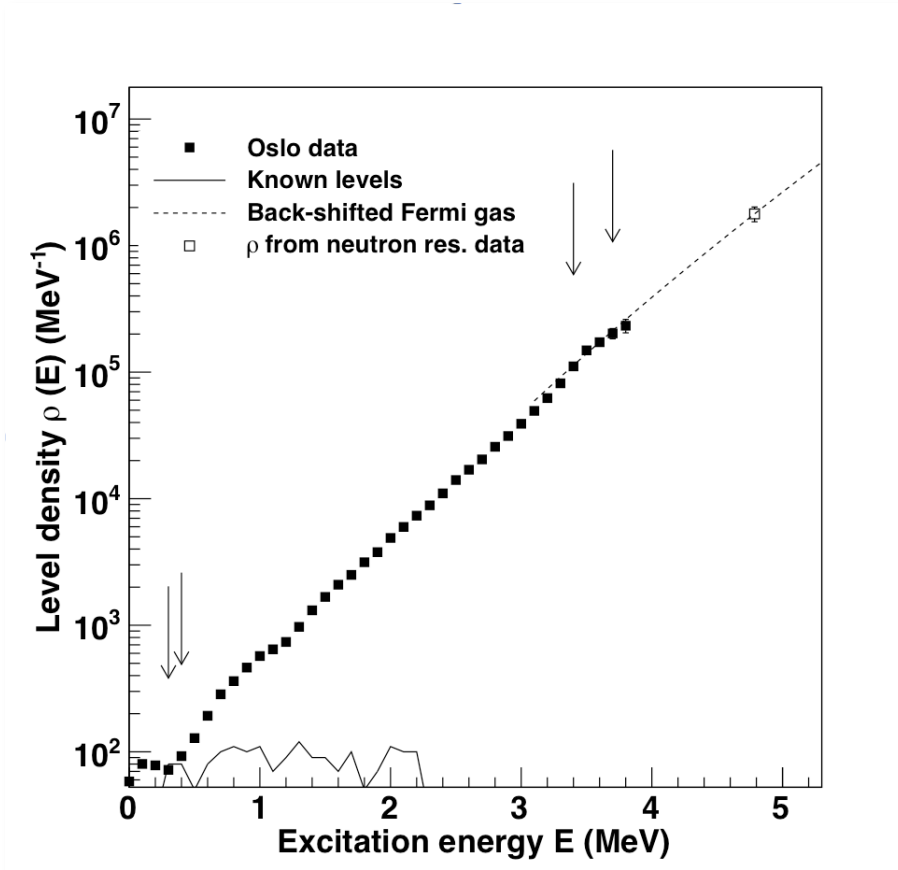
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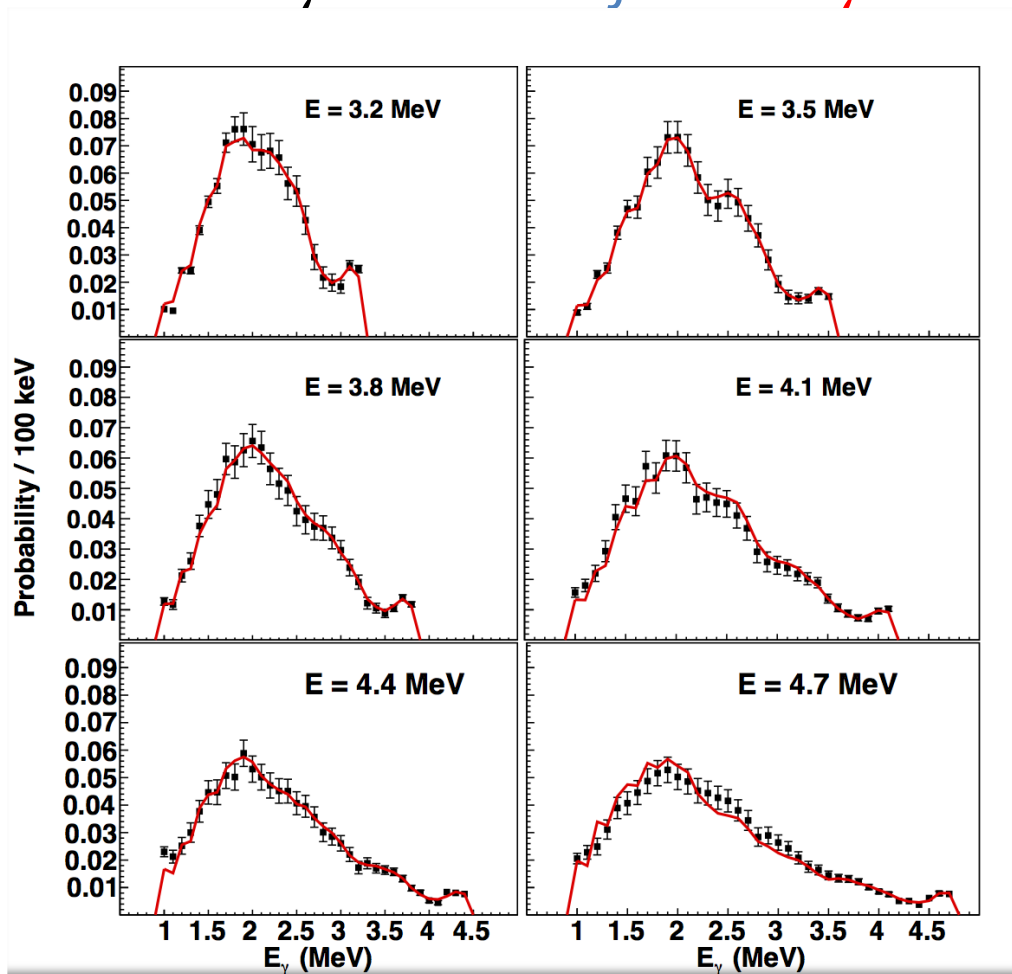
# Primary $\gamma$ -ray matrix



# $\rho(E_f)$ and $T(E_\gamma)$

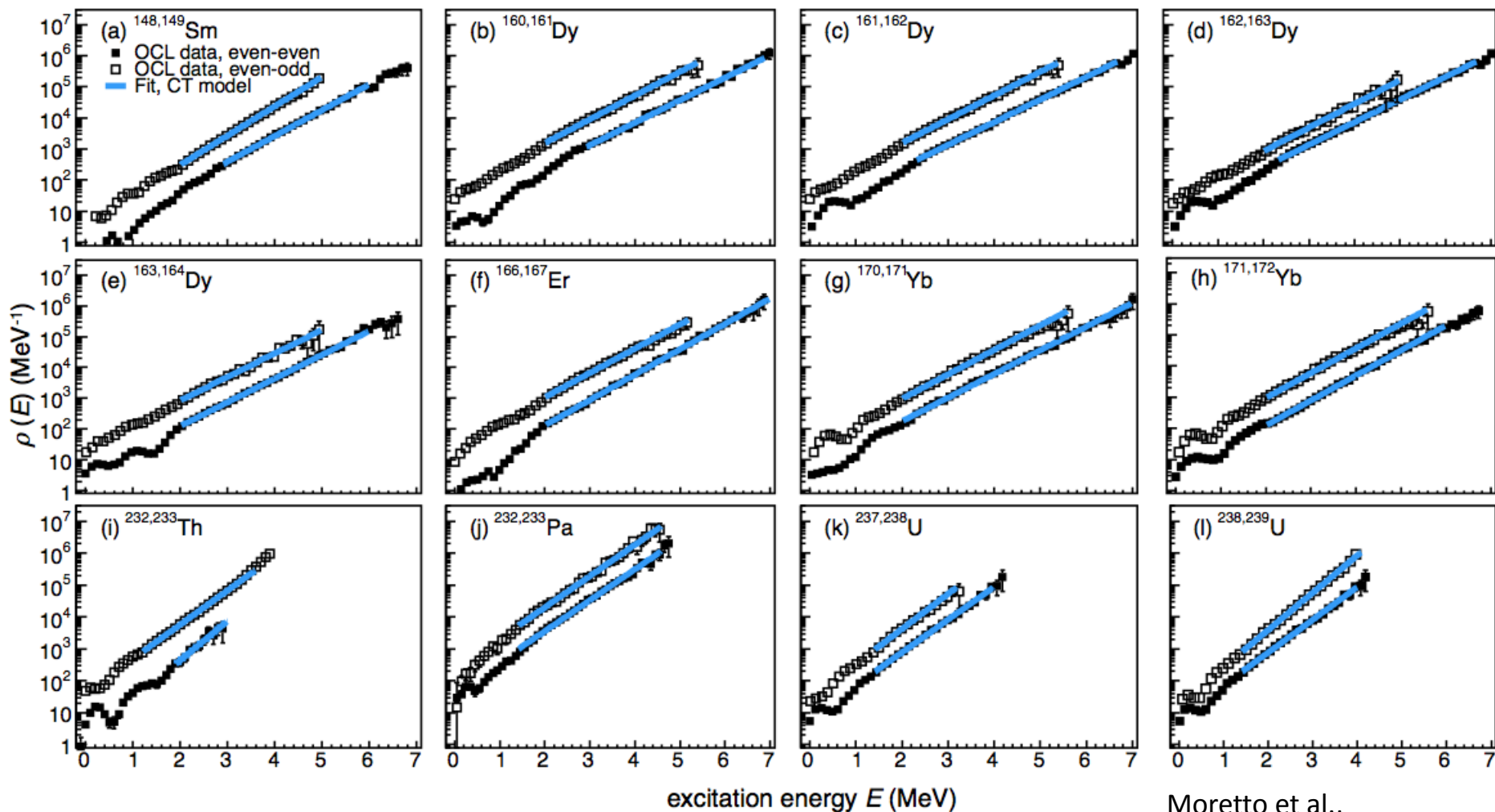


$$P(E, E_\gamma) = \rho(E_f) \cdot T(E_\gamma) ?$$



M. Guttormsen et al.,  
PRL **109**, 162503, (2012)

# Constant-temperature level densities

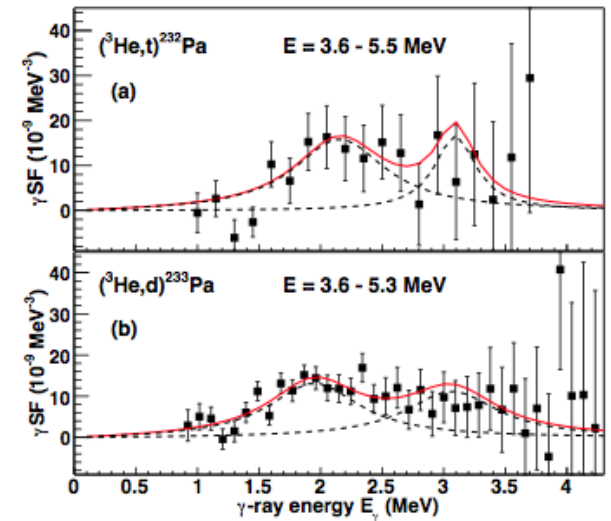
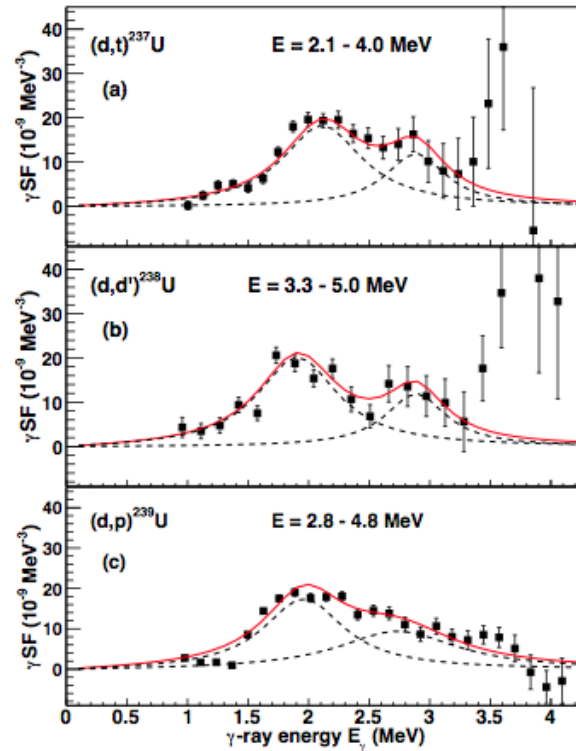
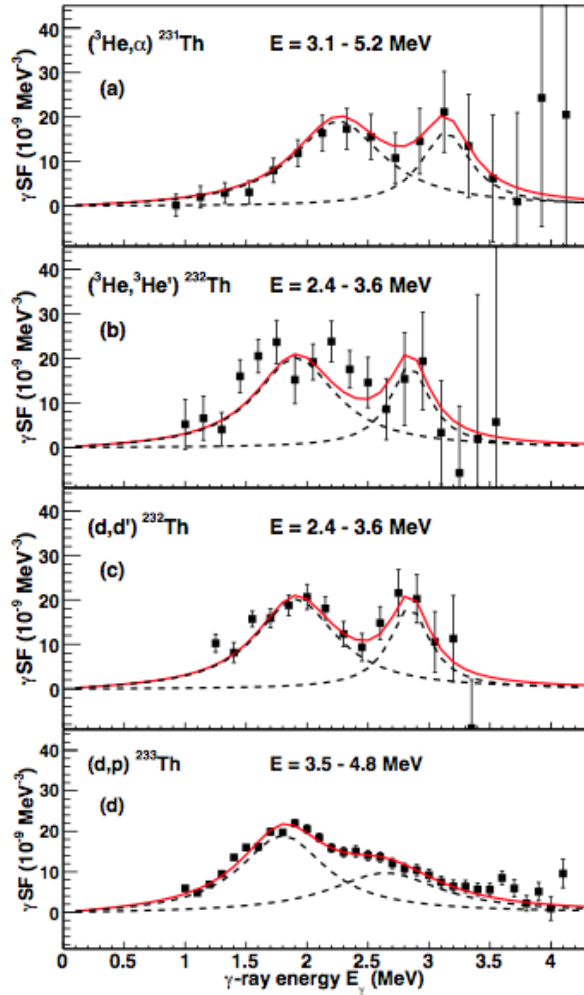


Moretto et al.,  
arXiv:1406.2642 (2014)  
 $T = \Delta / 1.77 = 12A^{-1/2} / 1.77$

# Scissors mode

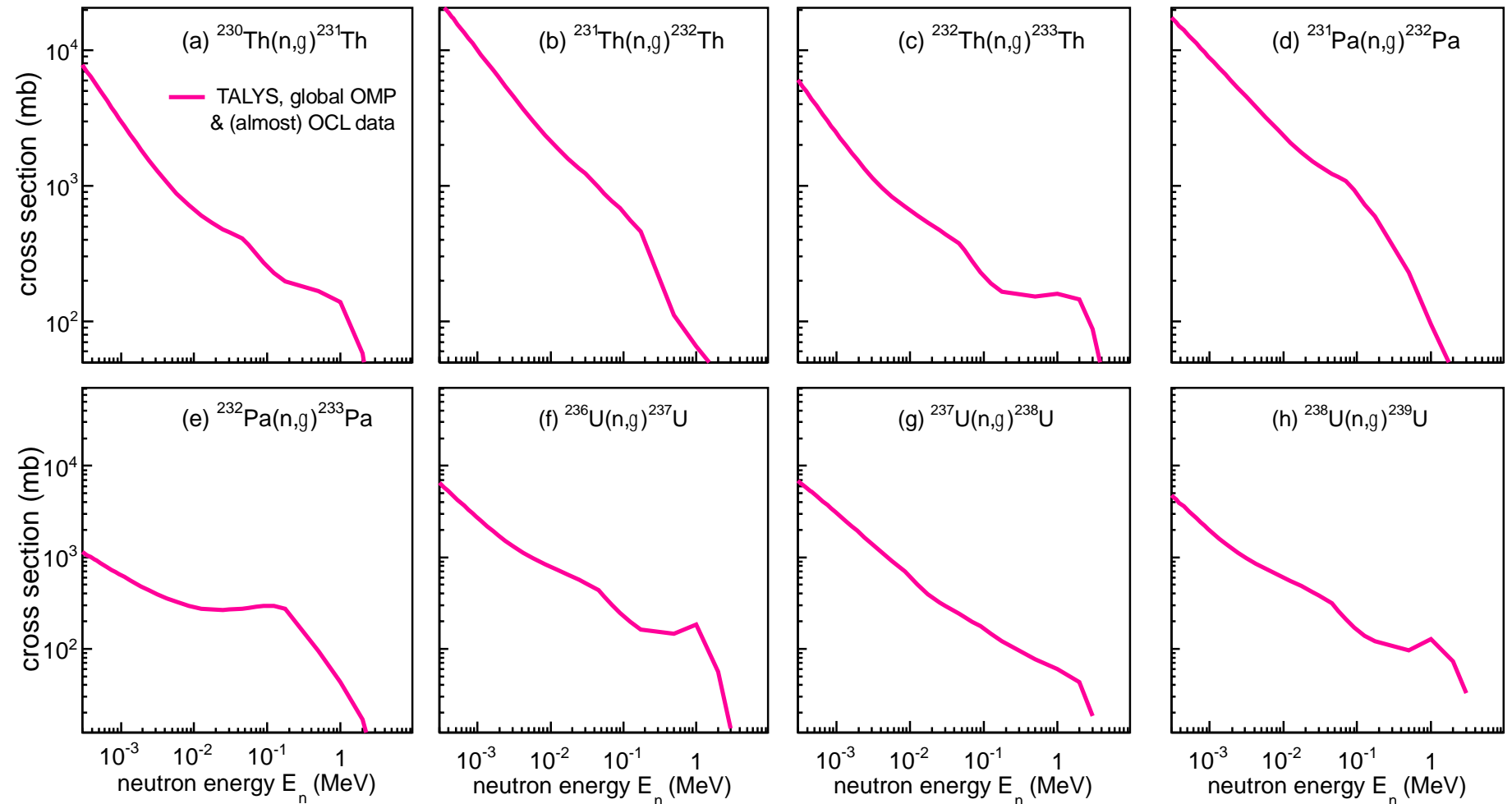
$$E_\gamma \approx 2.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B(M1) \approx 9 - 11 \mu_N^2$$

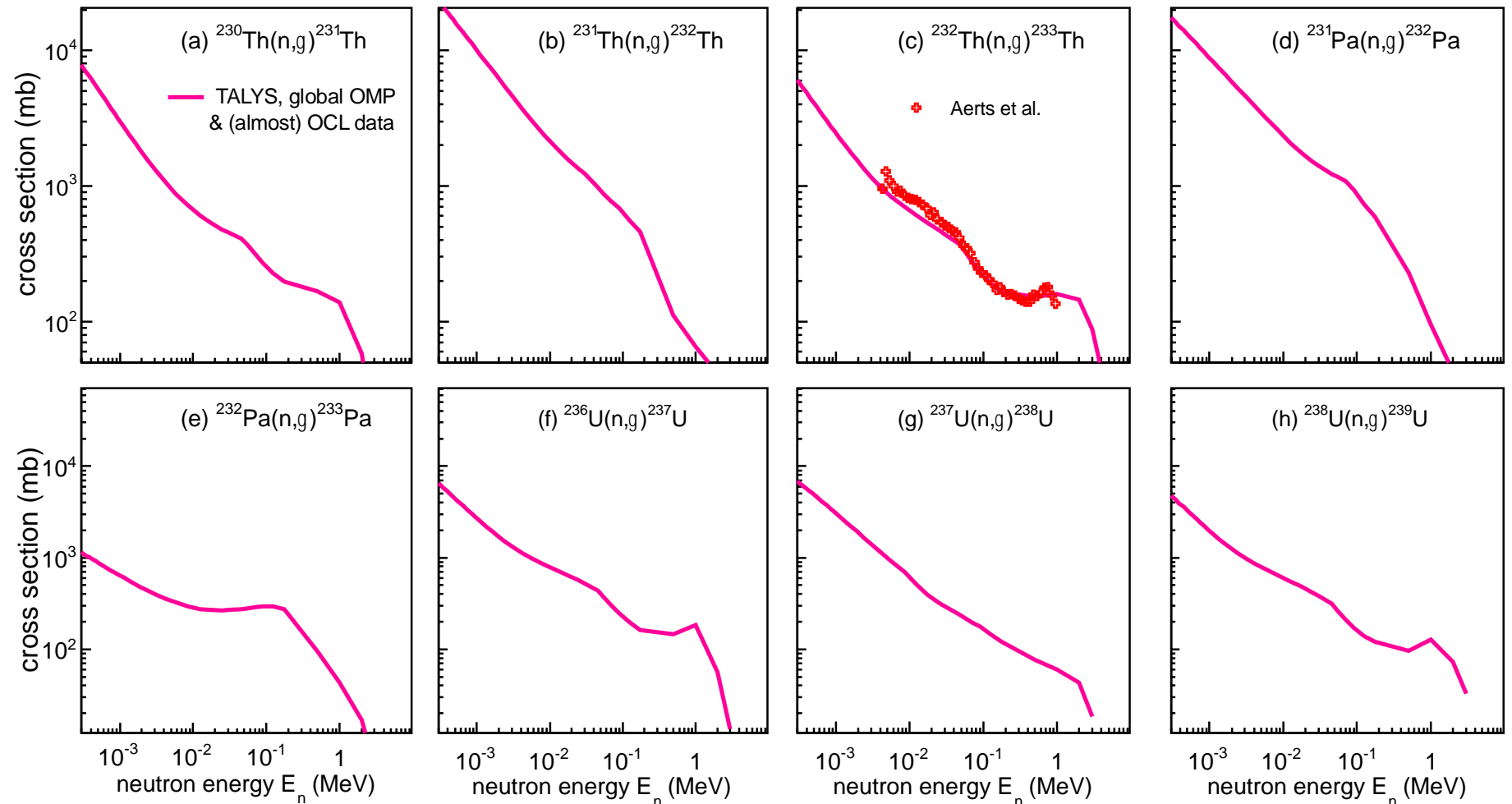




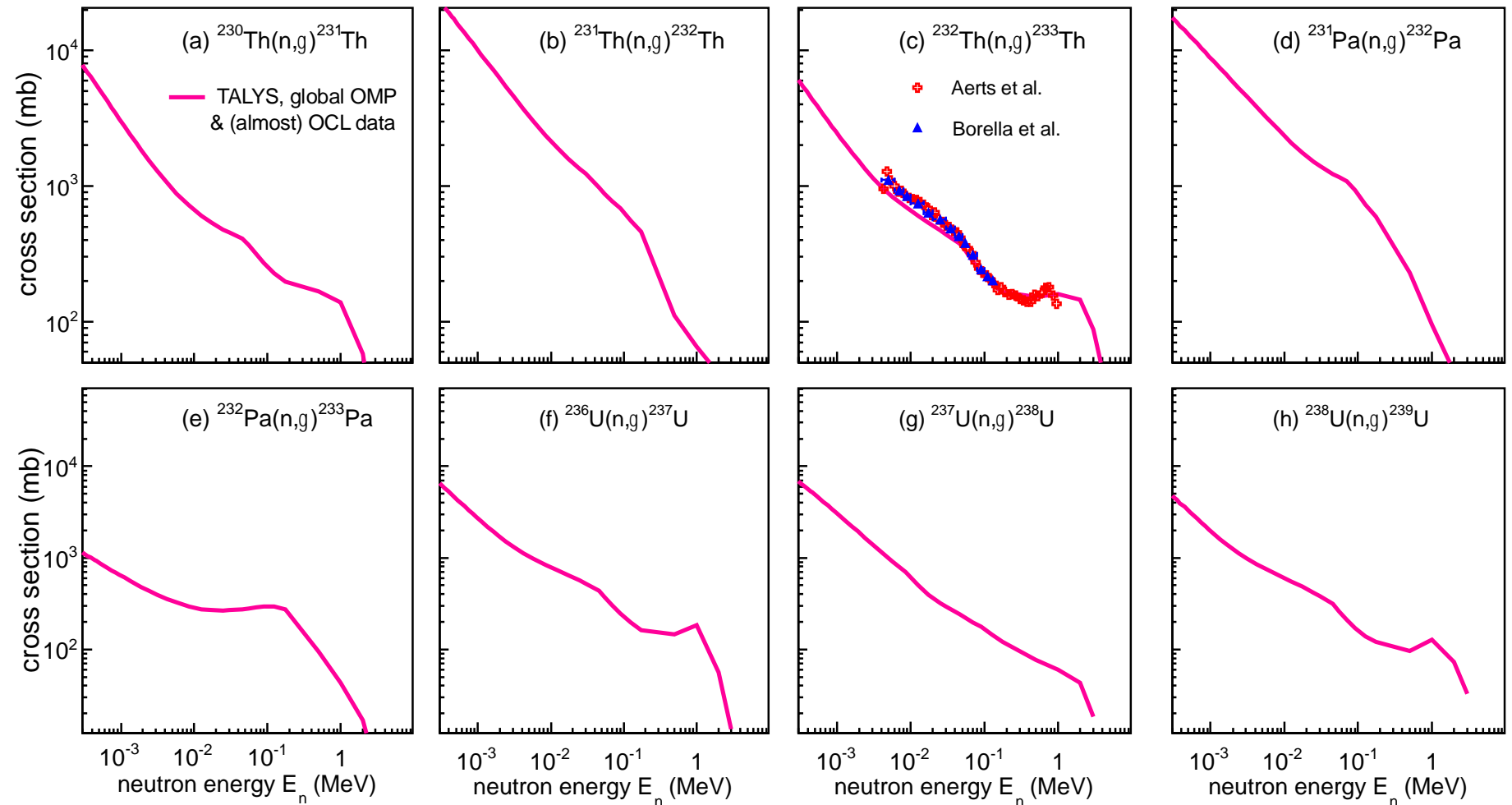
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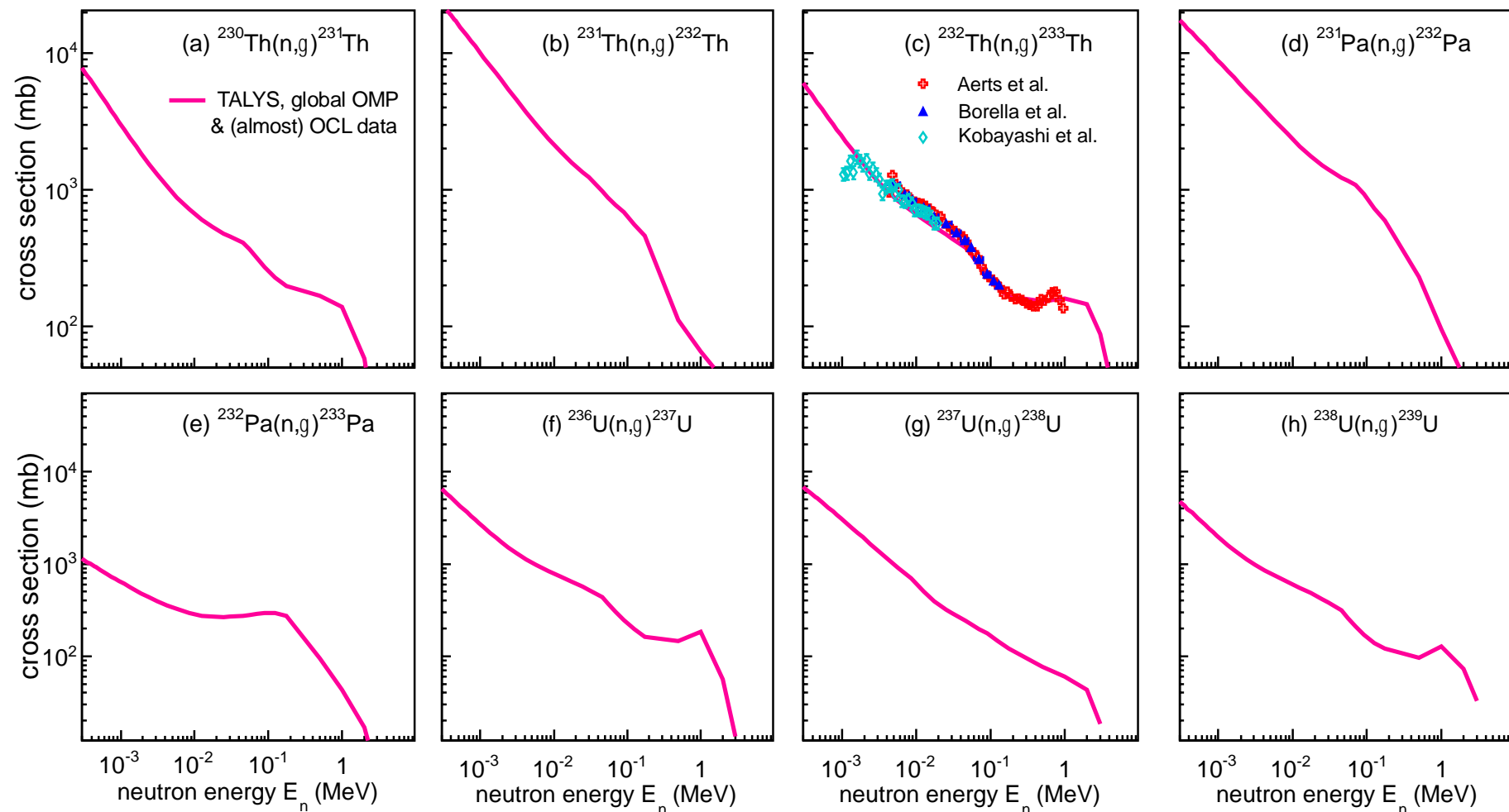
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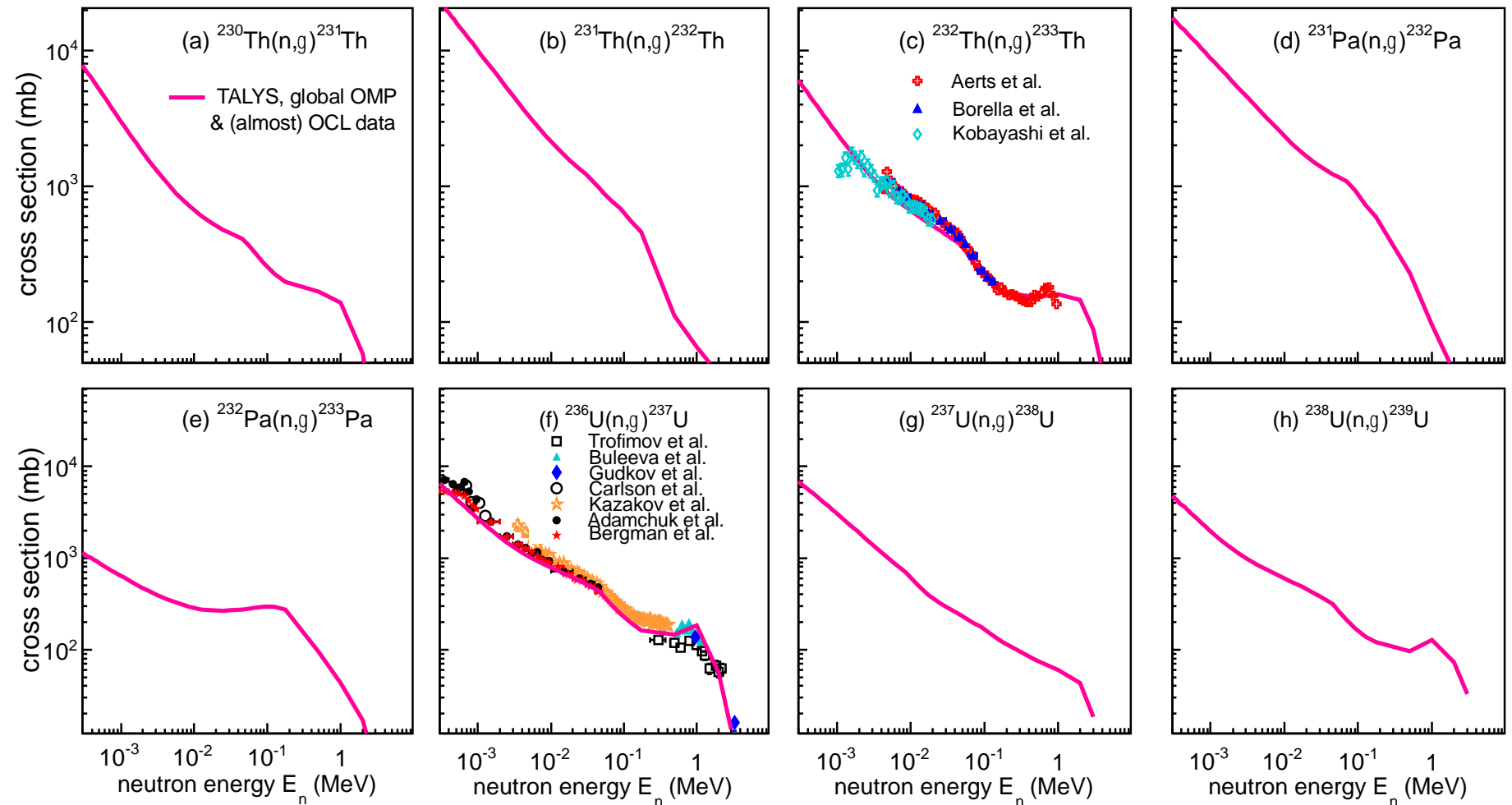
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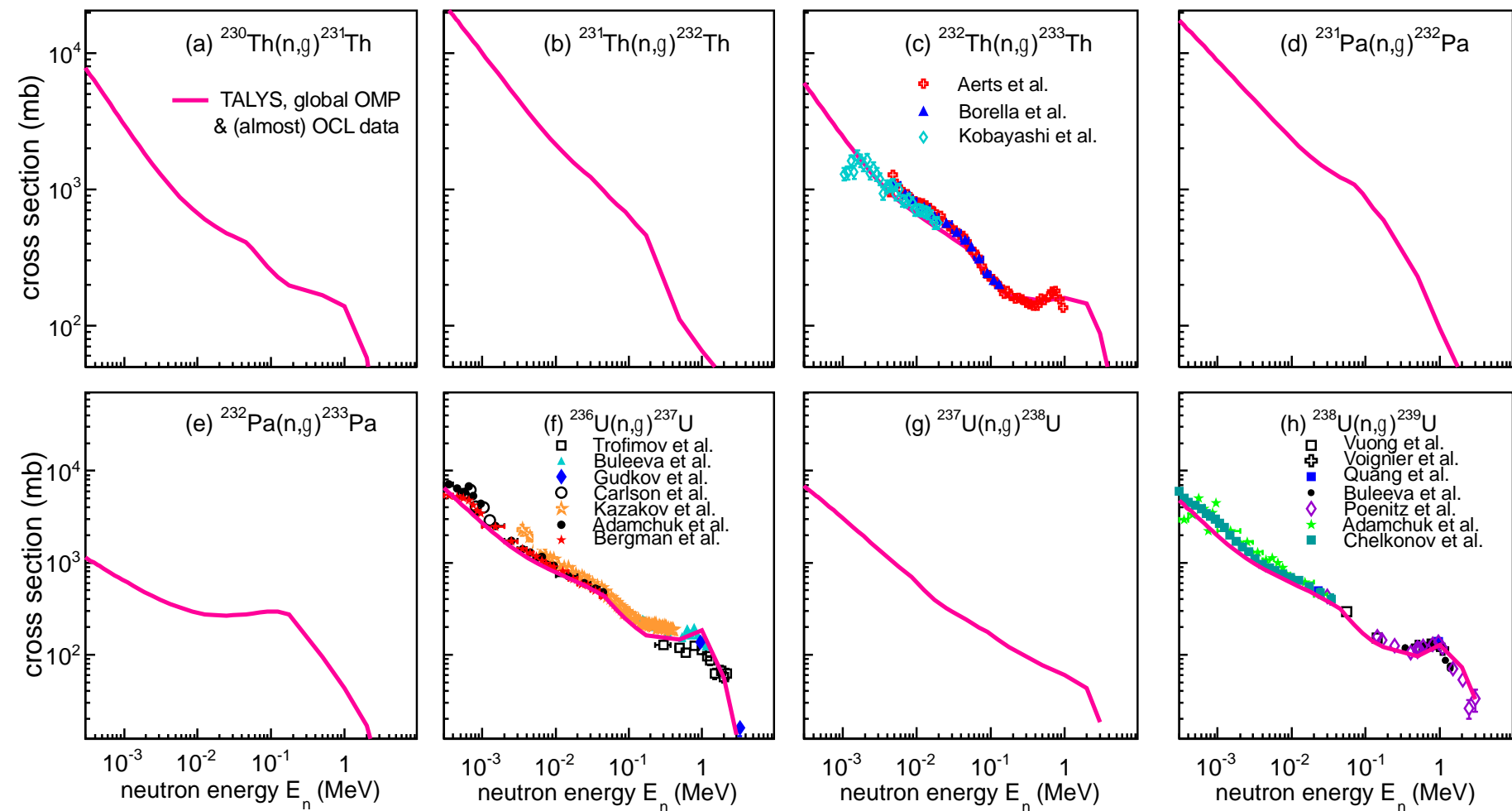
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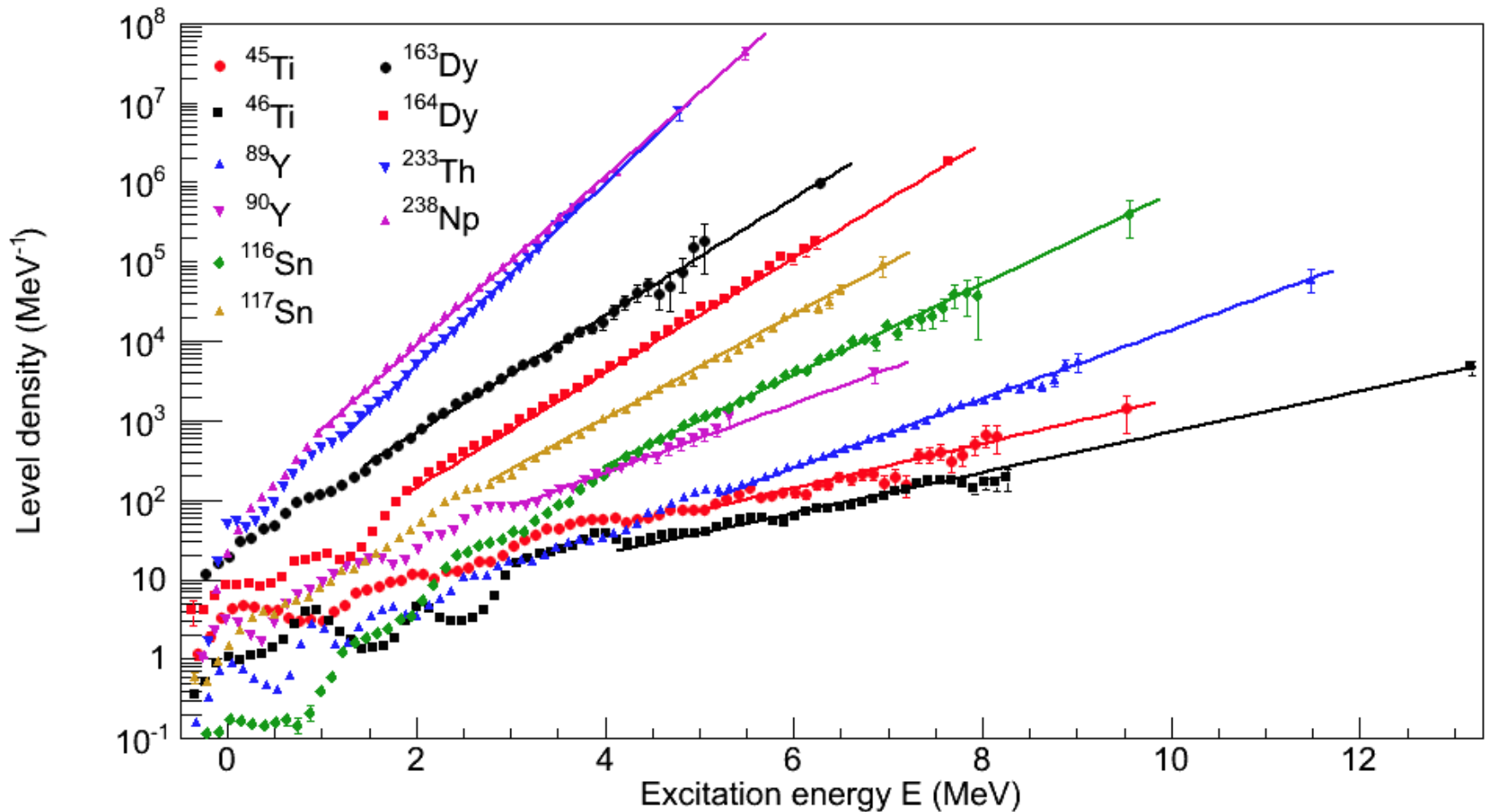
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# Experimental level densities with the Oslo method

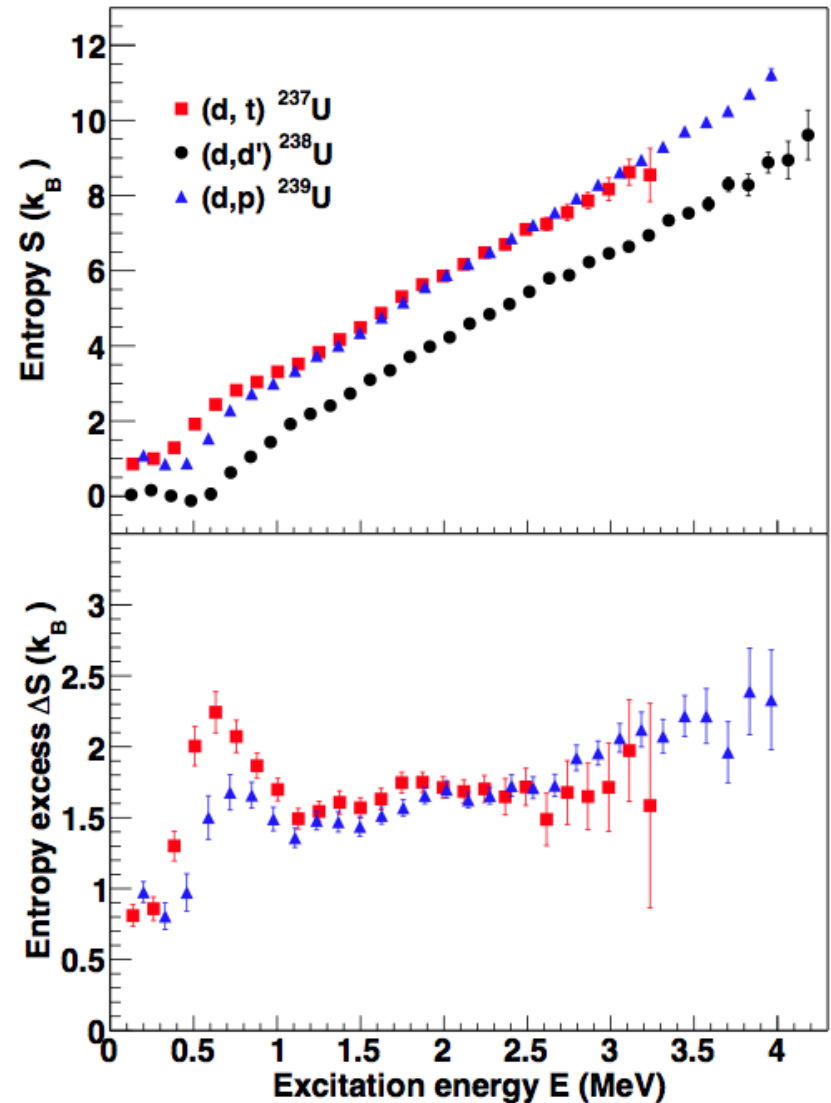
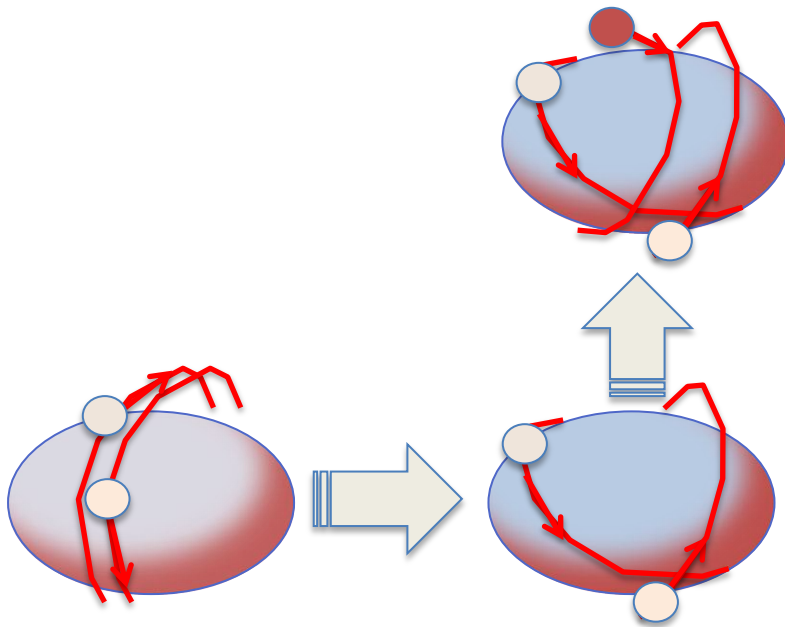


# Level densities and entropy

M. Guttormsen et al., PRC **88**, 024307 (2014)

$$S(E) = k_B \ln W(E) \propto k_B \ln r(E)$$

$$S(E) \xrightarrow{E \rightarrow 0} 0$$

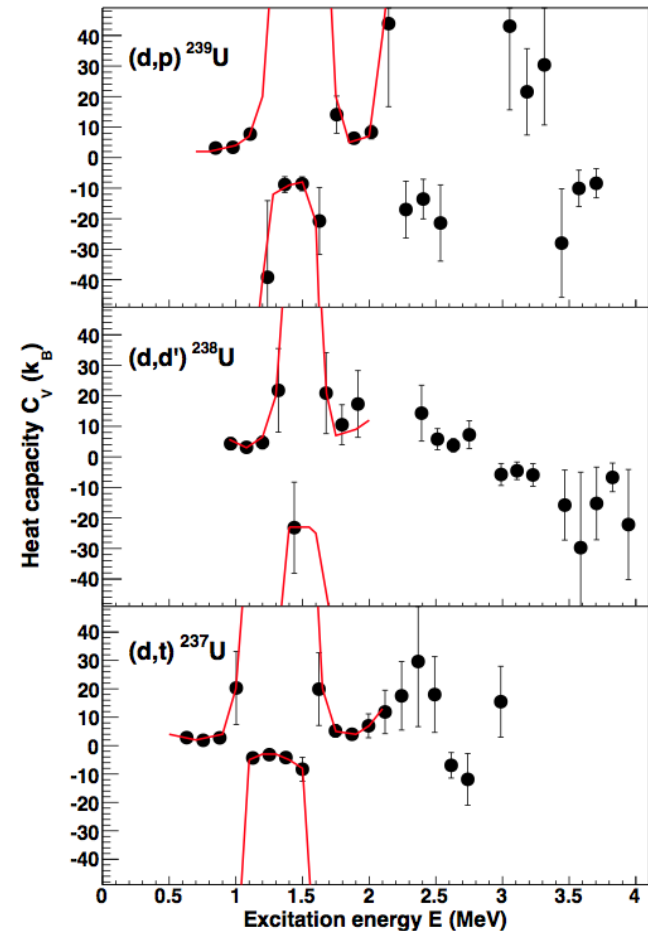
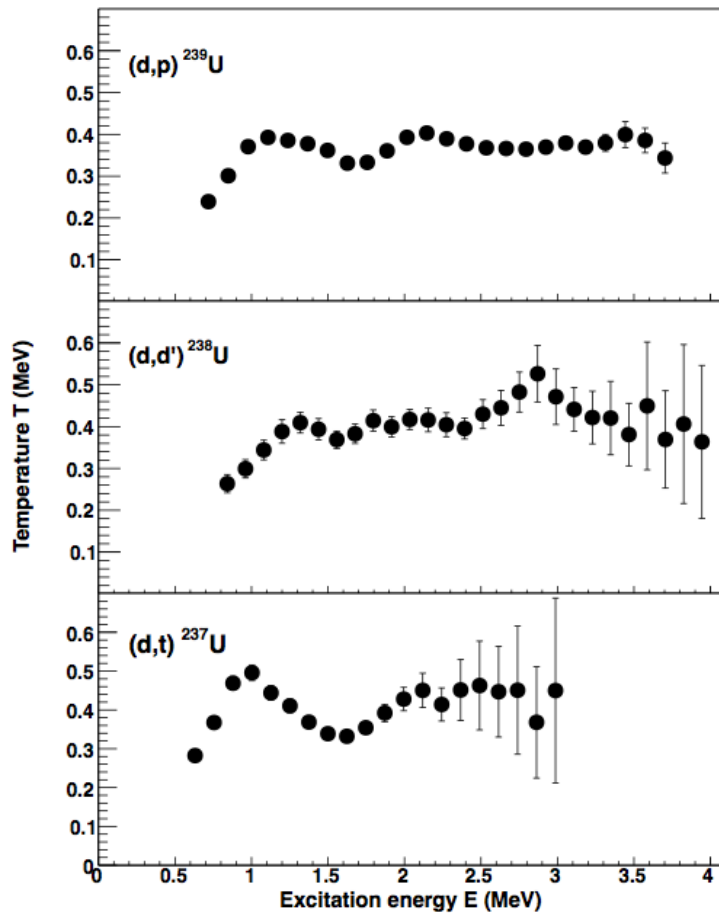




# Temperature and heat capacity

$$T(E) = (\partial S / \partial E)^{-1}$$

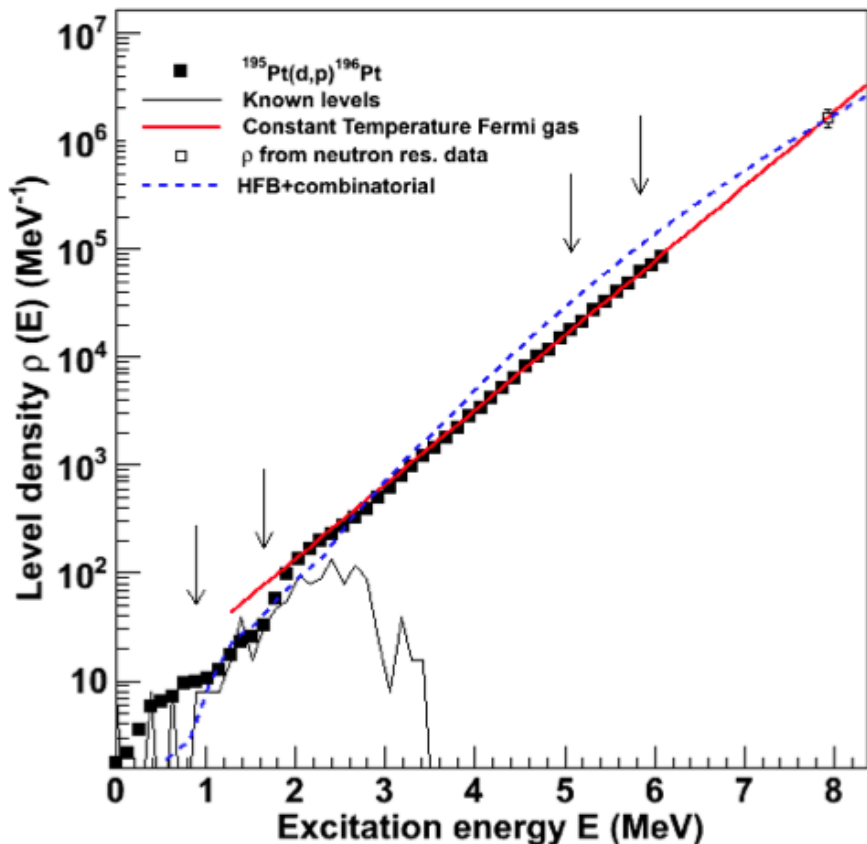
$$C_V(E) = (\partial T / \partial E)^{-1}$$



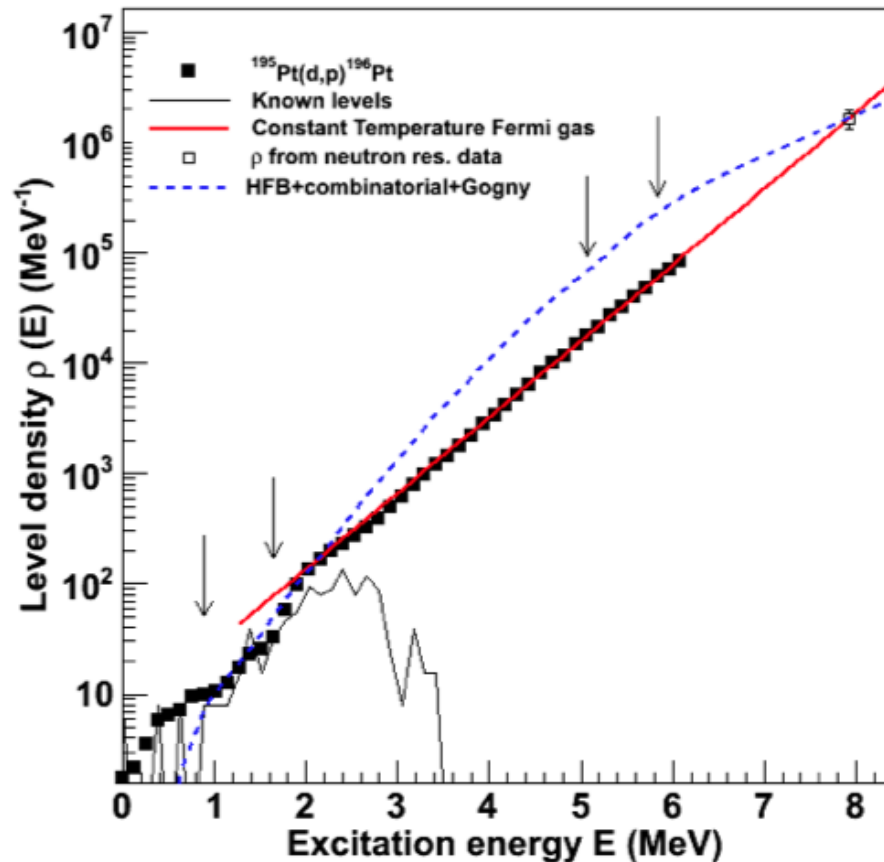
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# Modeling level density in $^{196}\text{Pt}$

F. Giacoppo et al., arXiv:1408.6173 (2014) and private communication

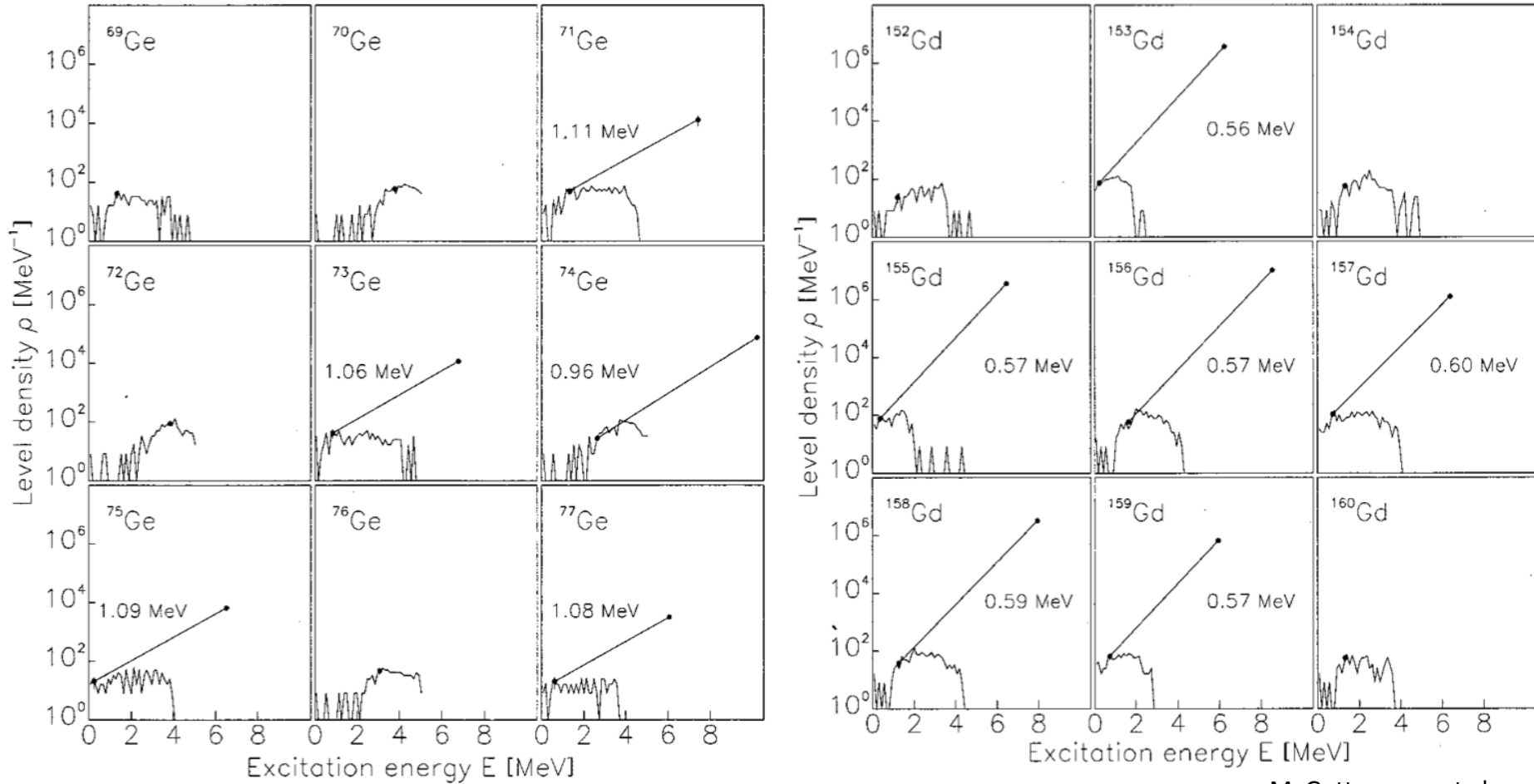


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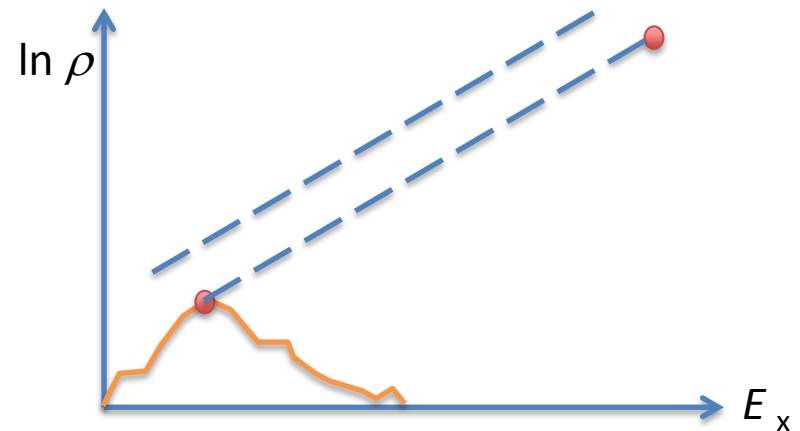
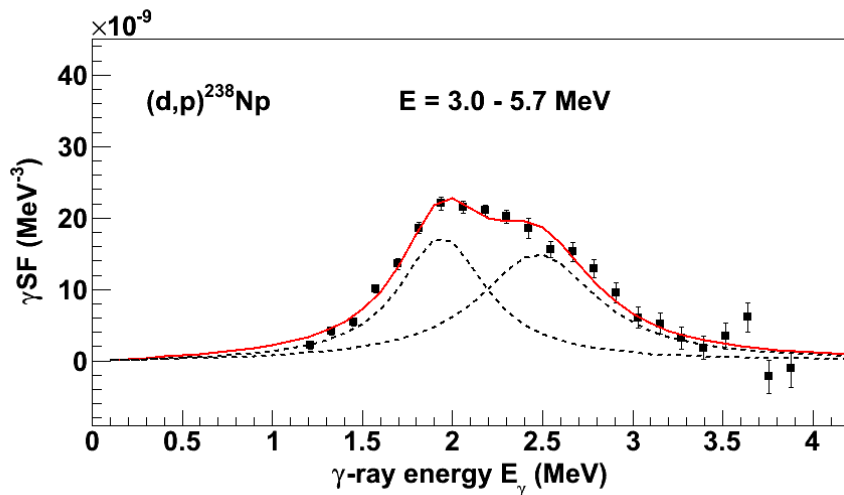
# Predictions



M. Guttormsen et al.,  
 PRC **63**, 044301 (2001)

# Summary

- Scissors mode in rare earth and actinide region
- Experimental data support the CT level density model
- Neighboring nuclei have the same temperature
- Single quasiparticle entropy of  $S_1 = 1.5 - 2.0 k_B$
- Two anchor points for predictions:
  - discrete levels at low excitation energy
  - neutron/proton resonance spacings at Sn/Sp



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