

The Inverse Problem: would it be possible?

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Then defining GLOBAL compound emission probability for each process occurring in this energy range :

$$1 = P_{n,n} + P_{n,\gamma} + P_{n,f}$$

Now, for a surrogate reaction defined by an entrance channel EC , we have :

$$1 = P_{EC,n} + P_{EC,\gamma} + P_{EC,f}$$



Use of Shannon theorem towards surrogate reactions

From another point of view, we can also define the lack of information on the compound emission processes for an emitting system (CN). When using the same notations as previously defined, according to the Shannon theorem [1], the lack of information (also called entropy) on the compound emission processes for an emitting CN is defined as :

$$H_{EC}(CN, E) = \begin{aligned} & -P_{EC,\gamma}(E) \log_2 P_{EC,\gamma}(E) \\ & -P_{EC,n}(E) \log_2 P_{EC,n}(E) \\ & -P_{EC,f}(E) \log_2 P_{EC,f}(E). \end{aligned}$$

Instead of plotting each probability of all exit channels for each studied entrance channel versus energy, this representation is more compact, and so, more clearly to read.

In addition, using these functions, Bohr independence hypothesis implies that for two different entrance channels EC_1 and EC_2 leading to the same CN at the same excitation energies in the same spin-parity states, the lack of information on these compound nuclei emission processes or the uncertainties on their emission processes should be identical :

$$H_{EC_1}(CN, E) = H_{EC_2}(CN, E).$$

[1] C.E Shannon, Bell System Technical Journal, 27 , 379 and 623, (1948).



Shannon theorem - non fissile nuclei : 2 exit channels

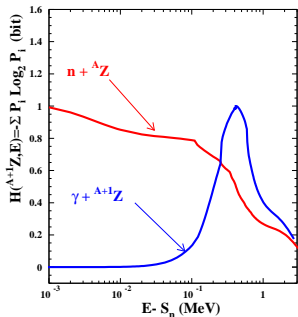


Figure : Lack of information on the compound emission processes, $H_{\gamma}(^{A+1}Z, E)$ and $H_n(^{A+1}Z, E)$ related to a given entrance channel $EC = \gamma$ or $EC = n$, plotted versus $E - S_n$.

$$\begin{aligned} H_{EC}(CN, E) &= -P_{EC,\gamma}(E) \log_2 P_{EC,\gamma}(E) \\ &\quad -P_{EC,n}(E) \log_2 P_{EC,n}(E) \\ &= -P_{EC,\gamma}(E) \log_2 P_{EC,\gamma}(E) \\ &\quad - (1 - P_{EC,\gamma}(E)) \times \\ &\quad \log_2(1 - P_{EC,\gamma}(E)). \end{aligned}$$

When, (for the $EC_1 = \gamma$), γ emission is the most important emission process then :

$$P_{EC_1,\gamma}(E) \approx 1, \quad P_{EC_1,n}(E) = 1 - P_{EC_1,\gamma}(E) \approx 0$$

and

$$H_{EC_1}(CN, E) = 0$$

For the $EC_1 = \gamma$ and $EC_2 = n$ entrance channels, the lack of information on the compound emission processes is maximum when :

$$P_{EC,\gamma}(E) = P_{EC,n}(E) = \frac{1}{2}$$

[since $h = -p \log_2 p - (1 - p) \log_2(1 - p)$ is maximum for $p = \frac{1}{2}$].



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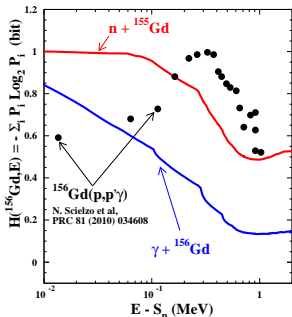


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Interest of Shannon information for the 2 exit channels case

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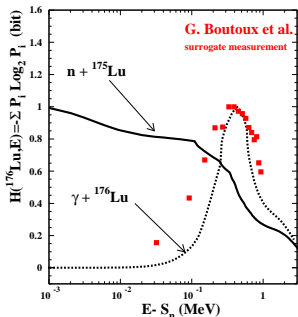


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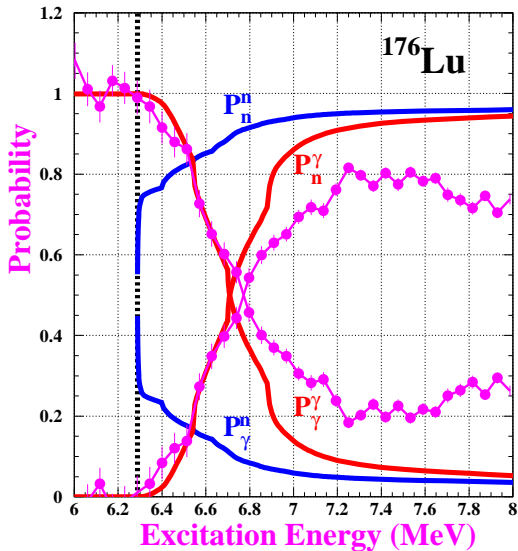


$$P_{EC,\gamma} + P_{EC,n} = 1$$



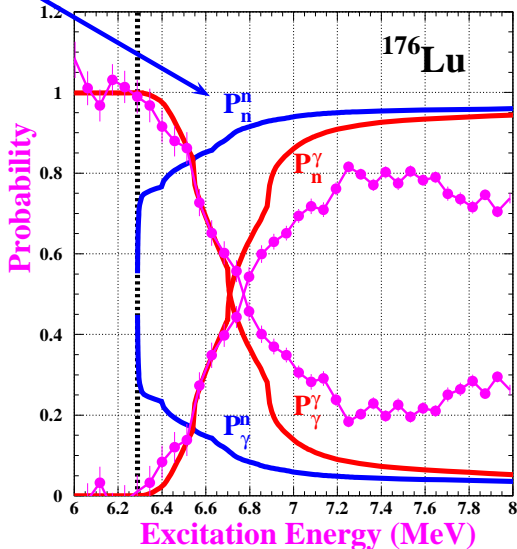
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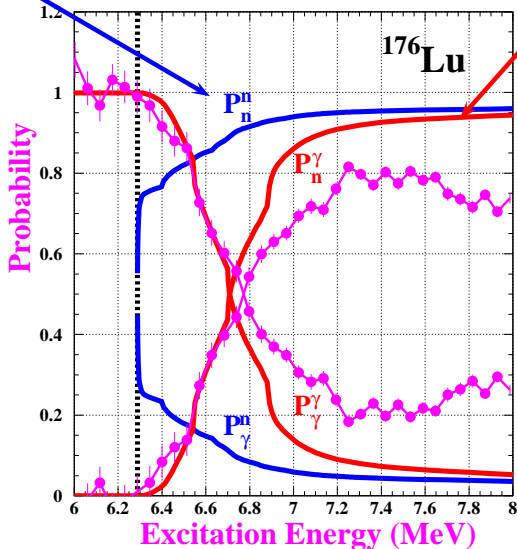
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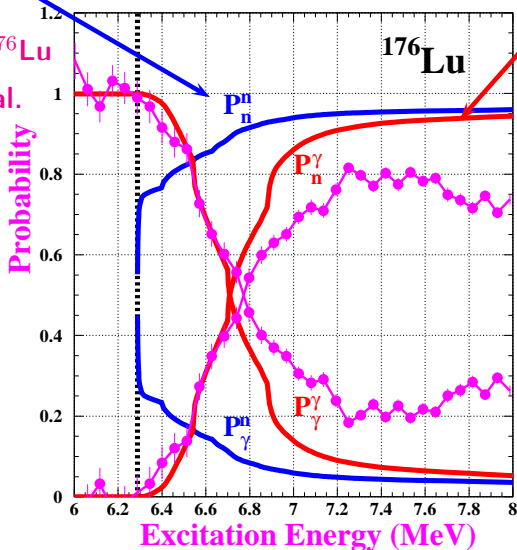
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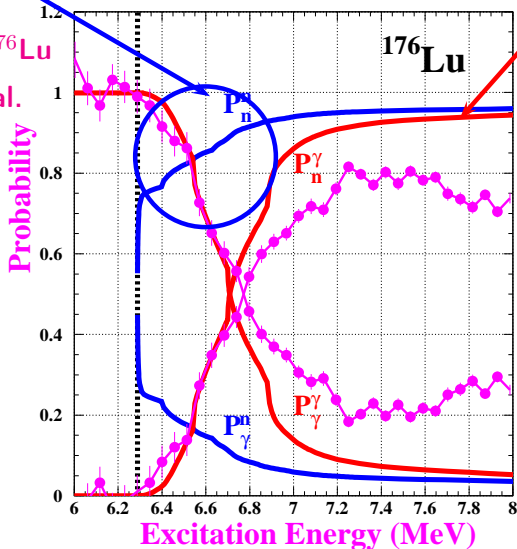
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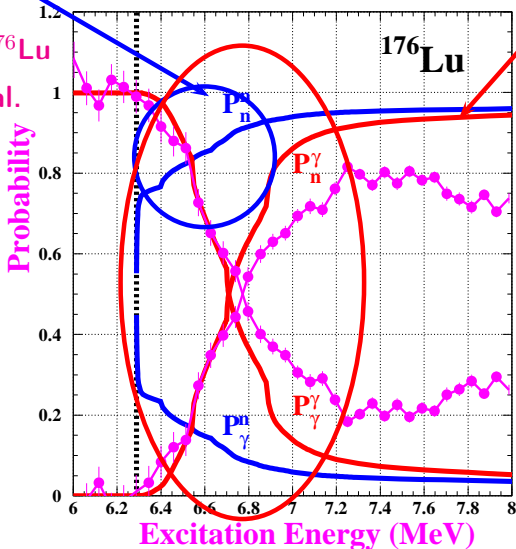
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But neutron emissions on discrete states = threshold reactions

⇒ interest of energy derivative study :

$$\frac{dP_{EC,n}}{dE} = -\frac{dP_{EC,\gamma}}{dE}$$



Inelastic neutron emission probability

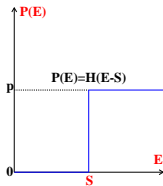


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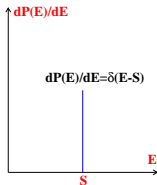


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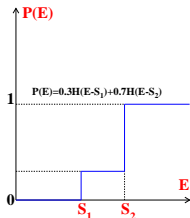


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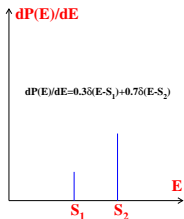
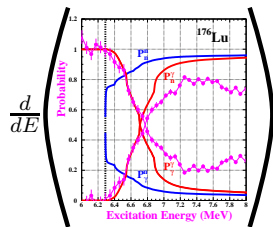


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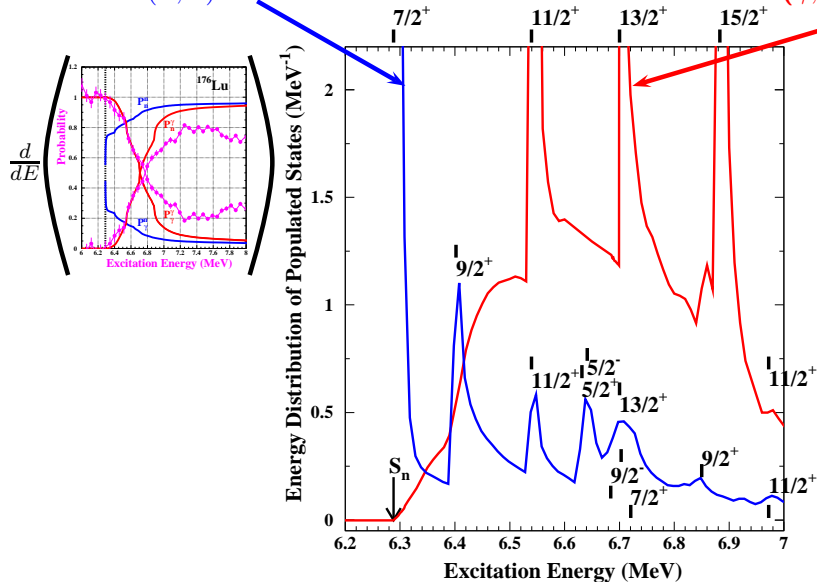
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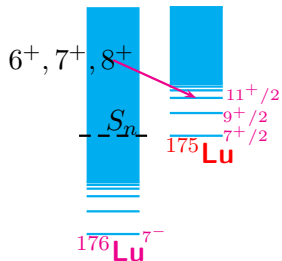
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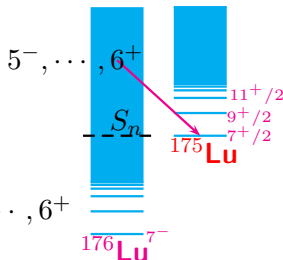
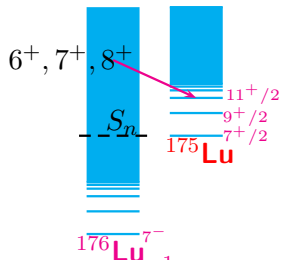
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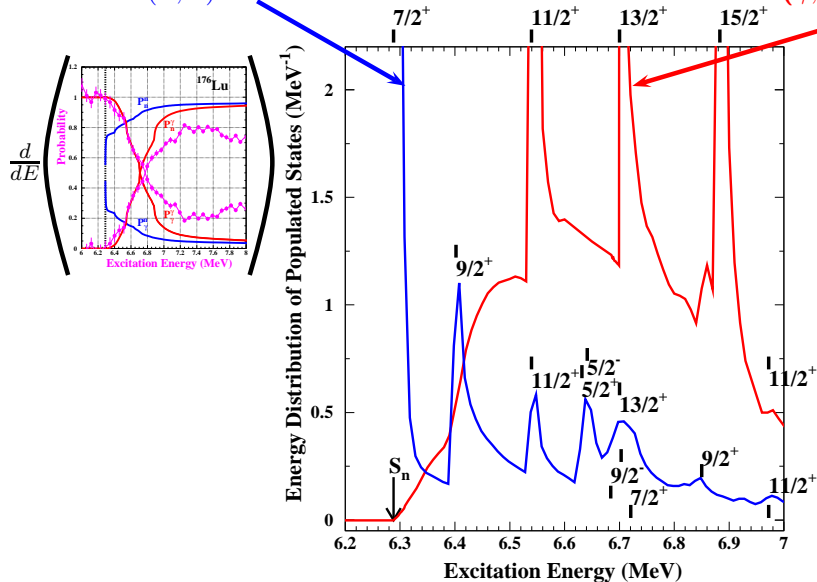
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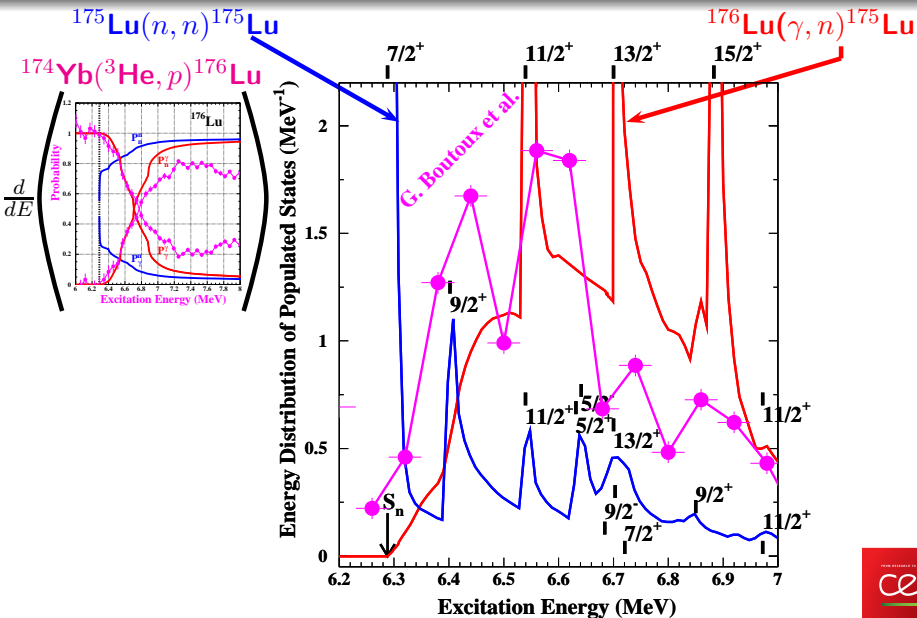
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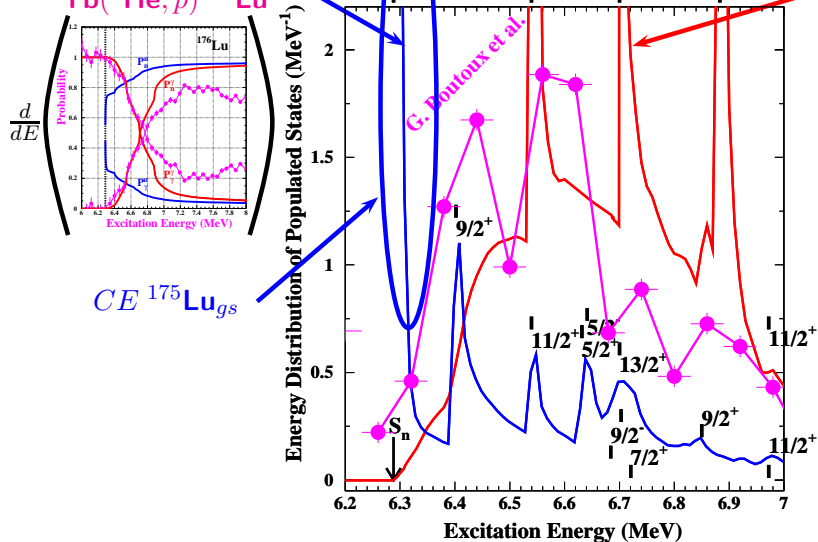


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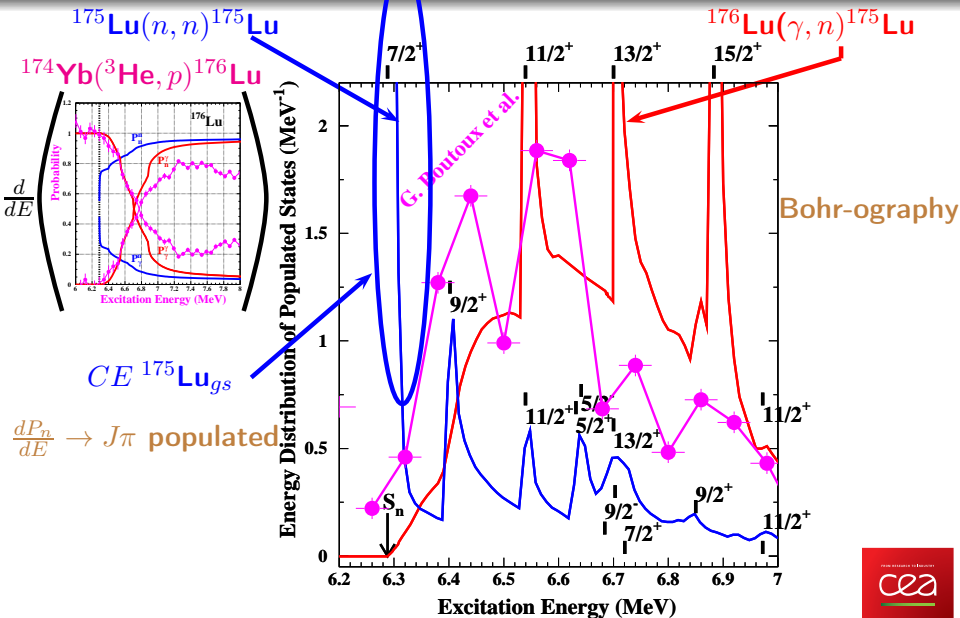
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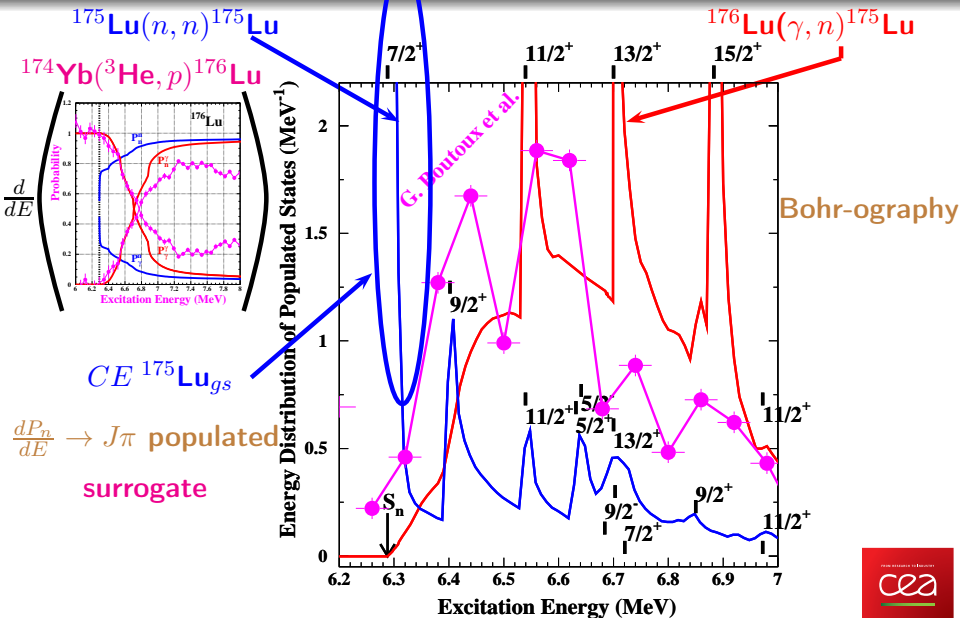
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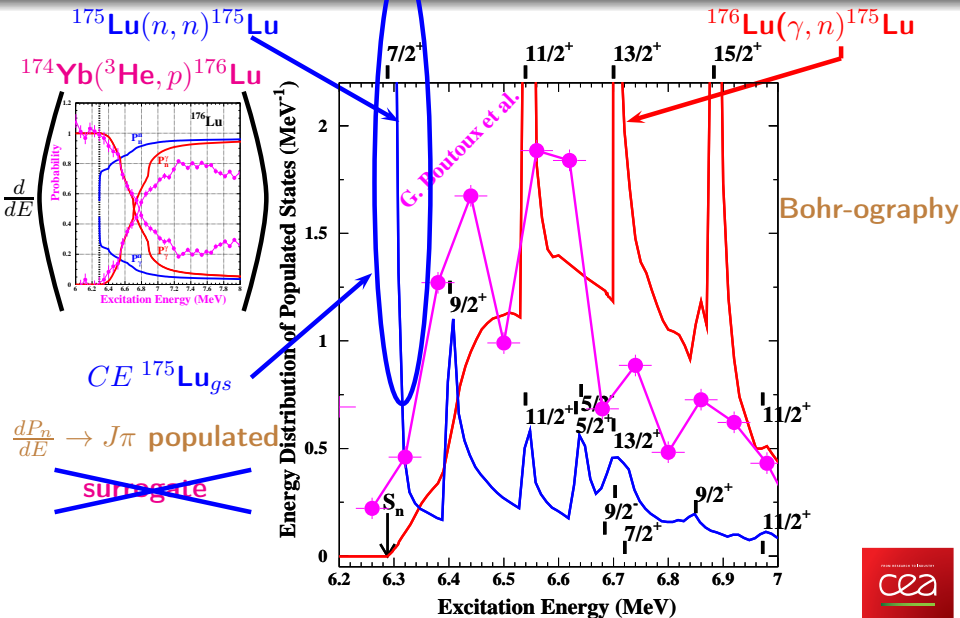
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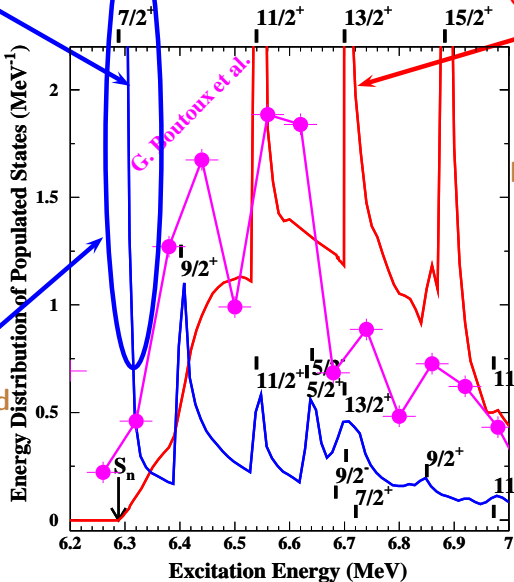
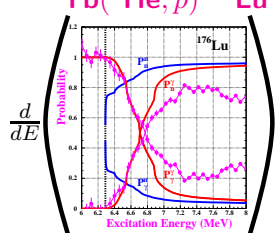


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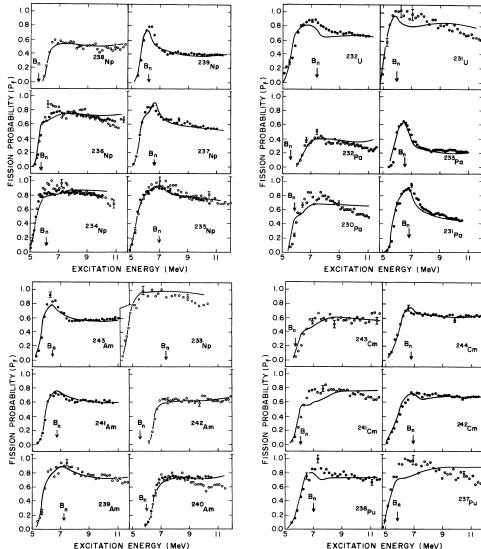


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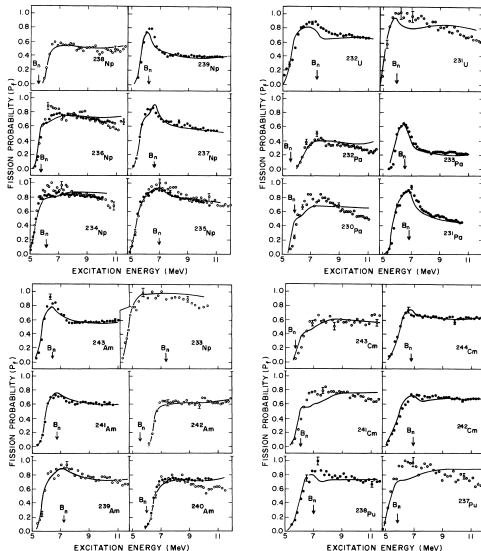


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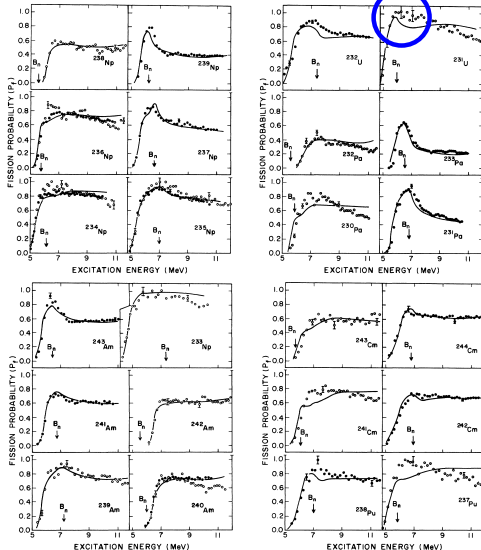


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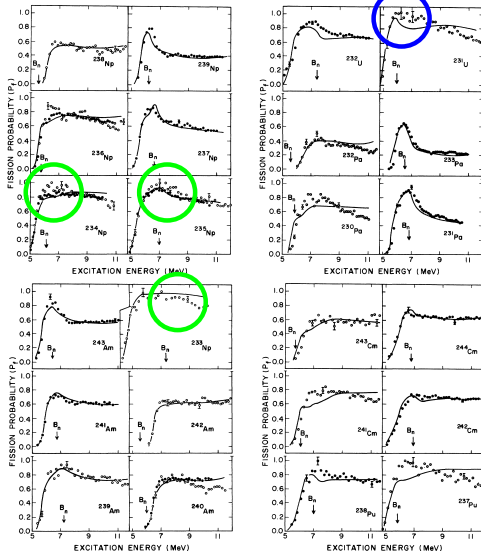


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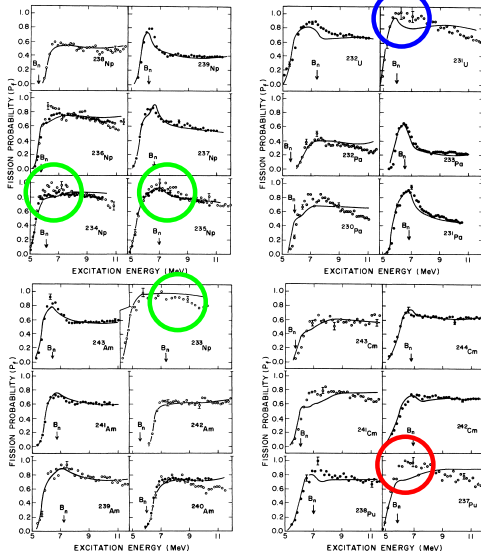


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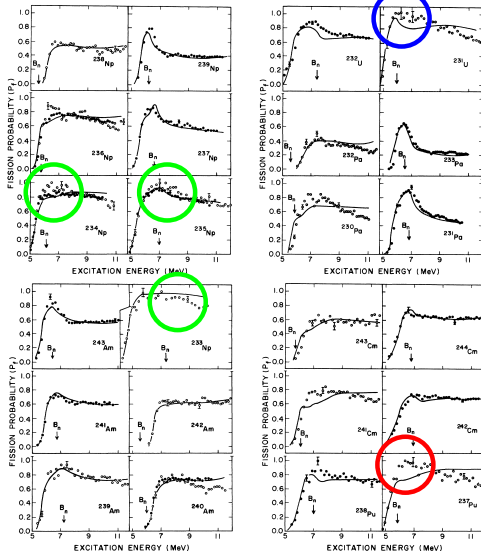


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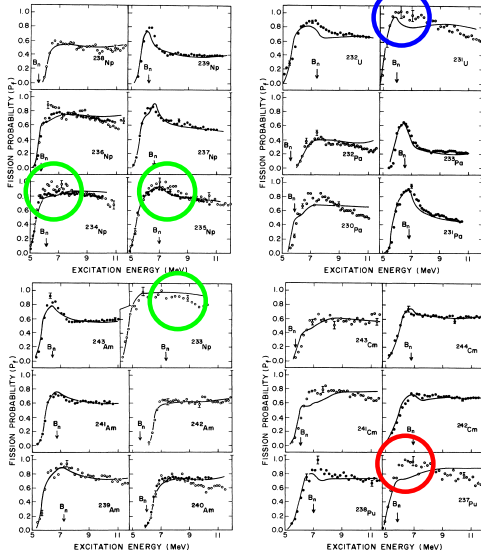


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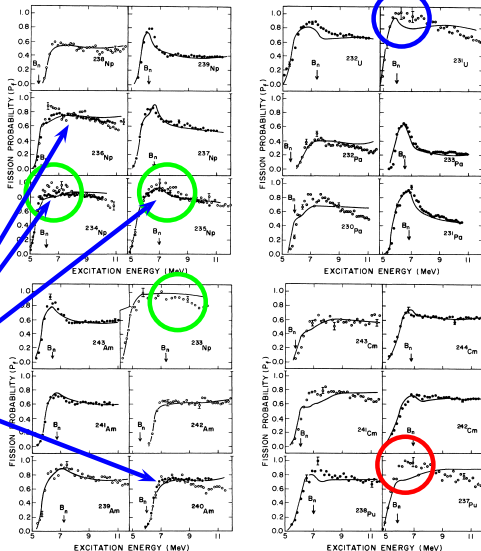


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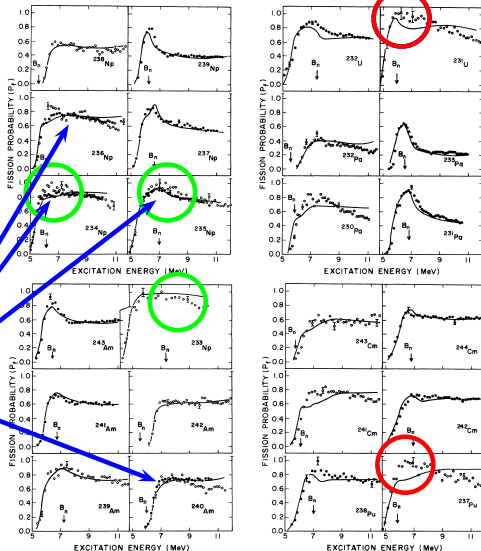


FIG. 2. Measured fission probabilities: open circles, from $(^3\text{He}, t)$ reactions; closed circles, from $(^3\text{He}, d)$ reactions; full lines, model fits as discussed in the text.



Fission barriers distributions = interest of surrogate reactions

Like in heavy ions fusion reactions

it is very interesting to study the energy derivative :

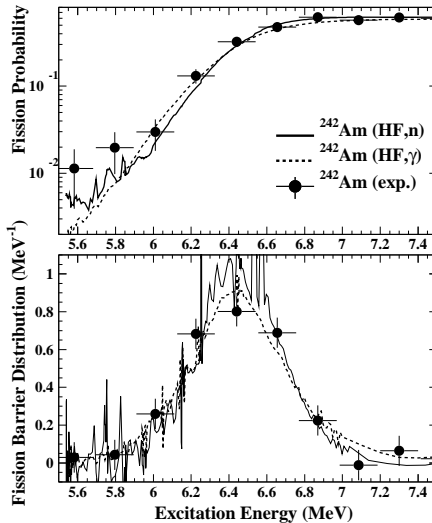
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$D_f(E)$ defines fission barriers distributions



Fission barriers distributions

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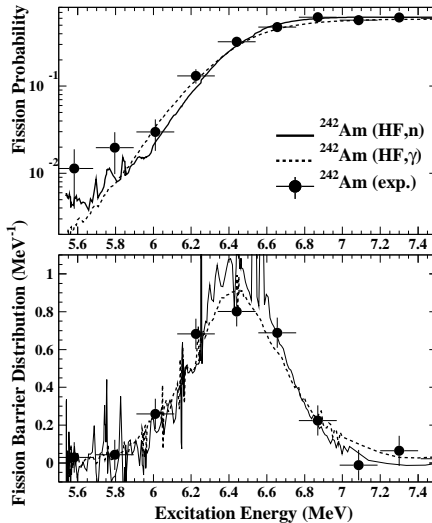
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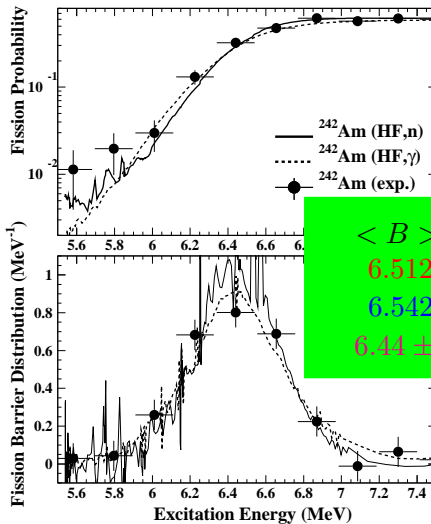
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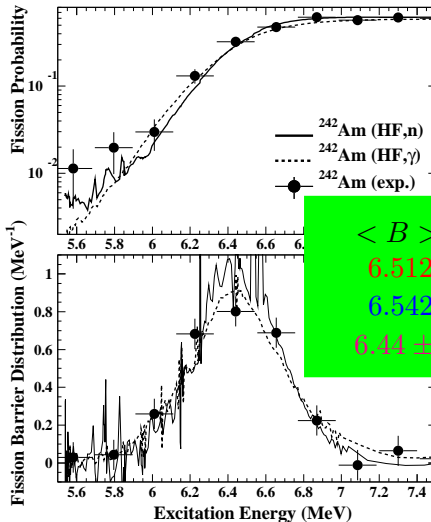
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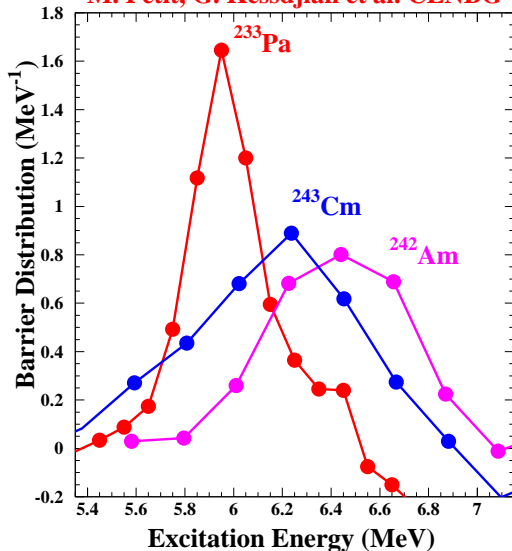
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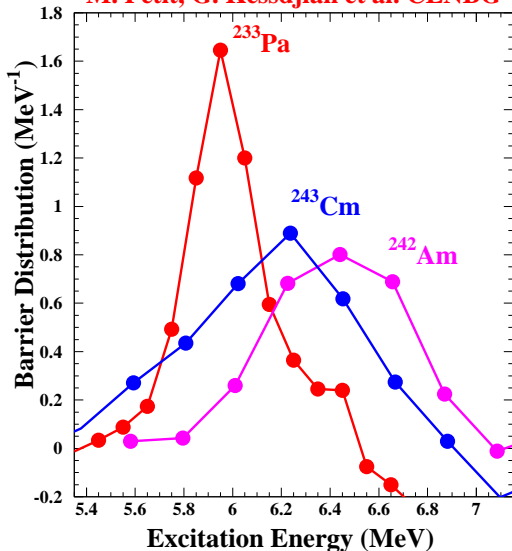
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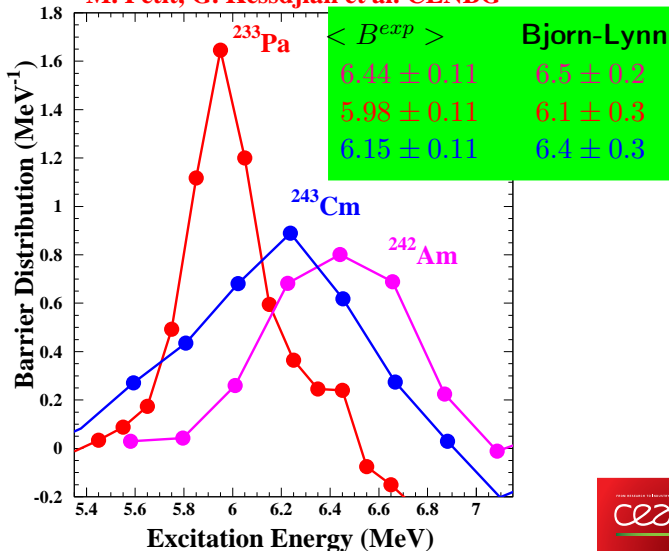
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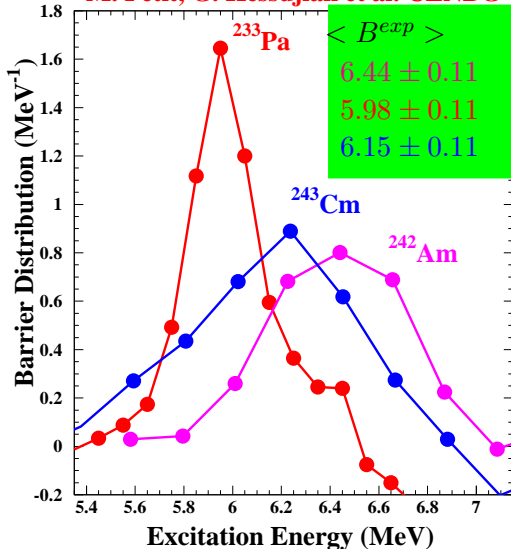
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Bjorn-Lynn

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6.5 ± 0.2

5.98 ± 0.11

6.1 ± 0.3

6.15 ± 0.11

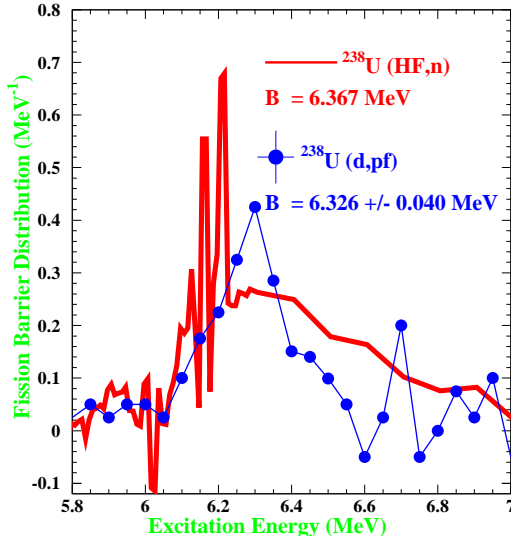
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Fission barriers distributions

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$P_f(E) = Q$. Ducasse et al. CENBG ND2013



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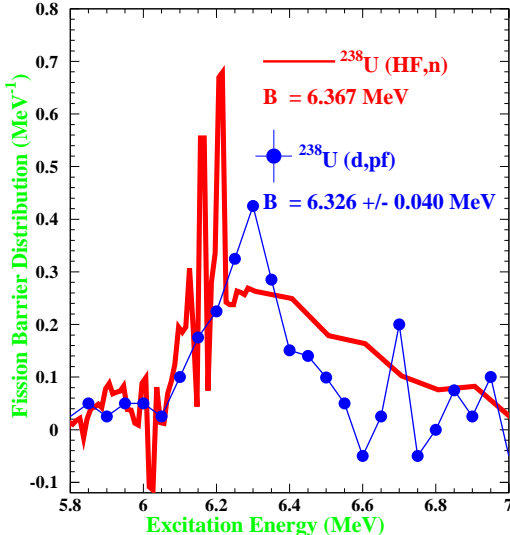
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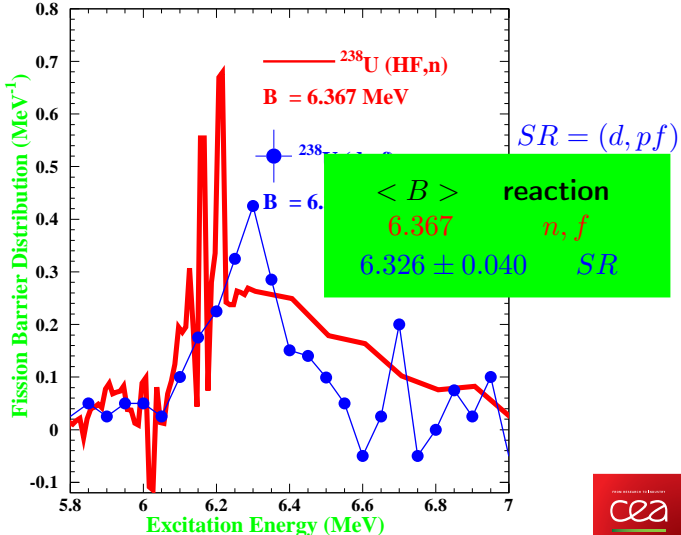
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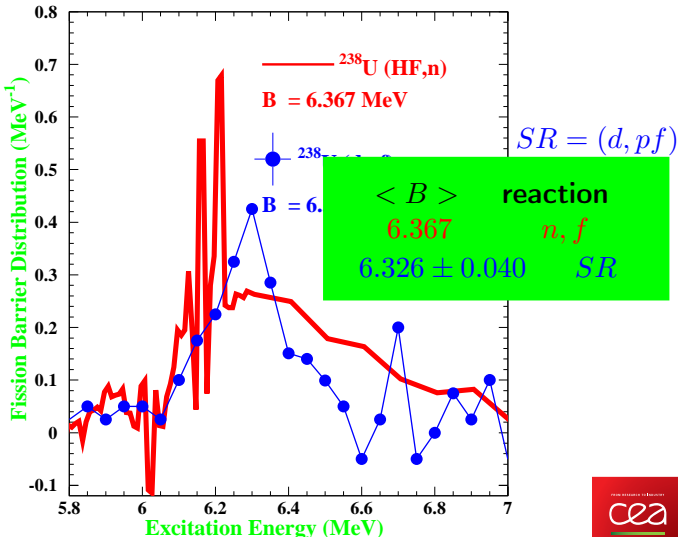
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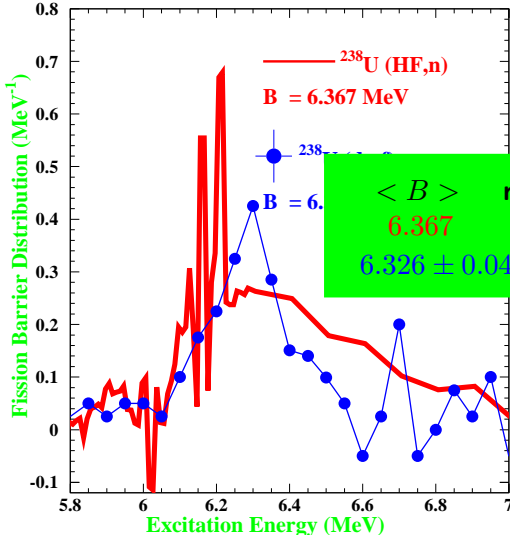
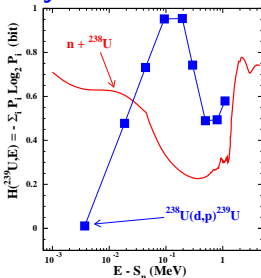
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Since P_f and P_γ
simul. measured
by Ducasse et al.

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this means solving the Inverse Problem



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Another solution : Inverse Problem ?

Let's start by discussing the problem of classical mechanics posed and solved in 1826 by **Niels Henrik Abel (1802-1829)**, namely :

How to reconstruct the shape of a toboggan, knowing the total time of descent (frictionless) for a given starting height (without initial velocity) ?



Energy conservation (assuming $m = 2$)

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + V(x) = E.$$

From this equation, the time of descent can be deduced :

$$\tau(E) = \int_{x(0)}^0 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{E - V(x)}}.$$

Setting $u = V(x)$ and defining the inverse function of V as $x = W(u)$, we obtain then with the change of variables :

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In this equation appears what is named now the **Abel Transform** :
Let \mathcal{A} the linear operator defined for every continuous real function f on $[0,b]$, by :

$$\forall y \in]0, b] : \mathcal{A}f(y) = \int_0^y \frac{f(x)dx}{\sqrt{y-x}} \quad \text{et} \quad \mathcal{A}f(0) = 0.$$

(This can be generalized to the fractional integration cases more precisely here : semi-integration $\mathcal{A} \equiv I_E^{\frac{1}{2}}$).

$$I_E^\alpha f(E) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{E_0}^E (E - E')^{\alpha-1} f(E') dE'$$



One of the Abel Transform property is the following :

$$\forall y \in]0, b] \quad : \quad \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{A}f)(y) = \pi \int_0^y f(x) dx$$

Indeed :

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{A}f)(y) = \int_0^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{y-z}} \left(\int_0^z \frac{f(x) dx}{\sqrt{z-x}} \right) dz$$

which gives using Fubini Theorem :

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{A}f)(y) = \int_0^y \left(\int_x^y \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(y-z)(z-x)}} \right) f(x) dx$$

and using the identity : $\int_x^y \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(y-z)(z-x)}} = \pi$

we obtain then : $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{A}f)(y) = \pi \int_0^y f(x) dx$

Now coming back to the Classical Mechanics problem posed by Abel we get :

$$\tau(E) = - \int_0^E \frac{W'(u)du}{\sqrt{E-u}} = -\mathcal{A}W'(E).$$

Applying a second Abel transform we get :

$$\mathcal{A}\tau(E) = -\mathcal{A}^2W'(E) = -\pi \int_0^E W'(u)du = -\pi W(E).$$

from which :

$$W(E) = -\frac{1}{\pi}\mathcal{A}\tau(E)$$

We are now able to calculate W , in fact the potential V from the τ function.



Initially O. Klein and R. Rydberg (1931,1932)
defined a method for the construction of potential energy curves
for diatomic molecules

Later J.A. Wheeler (1976)



If we consider the action integral :

$$S(E) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [V(x) - E]} dx$$

used in the WKB approximation for the calculation of the potential barrier penetration coefficient :

$$T(E) = \frac{1}{1+e^{2S(E)}} \iff S(E) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Log} \left(\frac{1}{T(E)} - 1 \right).$$

Applying the Abel transform to $-\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \frac{dS(E)}{dE}$:

$$\mathcal{A} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \frac{dS(E)}{dE} \right) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \int_E^B \frac{dS(E')}{dE'} \frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E' - E}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}\left(-\frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}}\frac{dS(E)}{dE}\right) &= -\frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}}\int_E^B\frac{dS(E')}{dE'}\frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E'-E}} \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi}\int_E^B\int_{x_1}^{x_2}-\frac{1}{2}\frac{dx}{\sqrt{V(x)-E'}}\frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E'-E}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi}\int_{x_1}^{x_2}\left(\int_E^B\frac{1}{\sqrt{V(x)-E'}}\frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E'-E}}\right)dx \\
&= \int_{x_1}^{x_2}dx \\
&= x_2(E) - x_1(E) = \Phi(E)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}\left(-\frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}}\frac{dS(E)}{dE}\right) = x_2(E) - x_1(E) = \Phi(E) \quad ???$$



$$T(E) = \frac{1}{1+e^{2S(E)}} \iff S(E) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Log} \left(\frac{1}{T(E)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{dS}{dE} = \frac{d}{dE} \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Log} \left(\frac{1}{T(E)} - 1 \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{- \left(\frac{dT(E)/dE}{T^2(E)} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{T(E)} - 1 \right)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{D(E)}{T(E)[1-T(E)]}$$

where we used : $\frac{dT(E)}{dE} = D(E)$ and defined

$B = \langle B \rangle = \frac{\int ED(E)dE}{\int D(E)dE}$, which finally gives :

$$x_2(E) - x_1(E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \int_E^B \frac{D(E')}{T(E')[1-T(E')]} \frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E'-E}}$$

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There the advantage is that we know the barrier height

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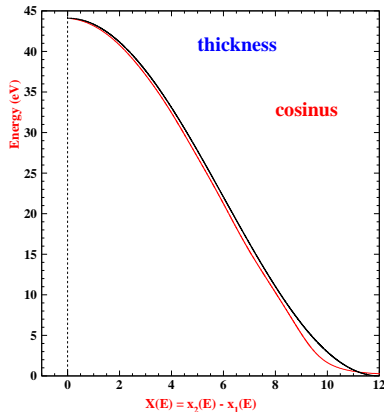


Figure : Black curve from analytical potential expression, red curve according to Inverse Problem treatment.

Thickness :

$$\Phi(E) = x_2(E) - x_1(E)$$

OK, but not sufficient to define completely a potential barrier shape, how to go further ?

Need to use a second equation :

$$\Psi(E) = \psi(x_1(E), x_2(E))$$



Applying the same methodology, if $V(x) = V_0(x) - \lambda\phi(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} S(E, \lambda) &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [V(x) - E]} dx \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [V_0(x) - \lambda\phi(x) - E]} dx \end{aligned}$$

firstly with :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S(E, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} &= \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} [\sqrt{V_0(x) - \lambda\phi(x) - E}] dx \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-\phi(x) dx}{\sqrt{V_0(x) - \lambda\phi(x) - E}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{-\phi(x) dx}{\sqrt{V(x) - E}} \end{aligned}$$

When considering Abel Transform $\mathcal{A}\left(-\frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}}\frac{\partial S}{\partial\lambda}\right)$ of $\frac{\partial S}{\partial\lambda}$, and using always the same trick $\int_E^B \frac{dE'}{\sqrt{(V(x)-E')(E'-E)}} = \pi$, it gives :

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Inverse Problem : towards a potential barrier shape

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and secondly, as we know $\frac{\partial S(E)}{\partial \lambda}$:

$$T(E, \lambda) = \frac{1}{1+e^{2S(E, \lambda)}} \iff S(E, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Log}\left(\frac{1}{T(E, \lambda)} - 1\right) :$$

$$\frac{\partial S(E, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Log}\left(\frac{1}{T(E, \lambda)} - 1\right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{-\left(\frac{\partial T(E, \lambda)/\partial \lambda}{T^2(E, \lambda)}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{T(E, \lambda)} - 1\right)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\partial T(E, \lambda)/\partial \lambda}{T(E, \lambda)[1-T(E, \lambda)]}$$

and finally :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}\left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \frac{\partial S(E)}{\partial \lambda}\right) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \int_E^B \frac{\partial T(E', \lambda)/\partial \lambda}{T(E', \lambda)[1-T(E', \lambda)]} \frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E'-E}} \\ &= \Psi(E) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \phi(x) dx = \mathcal{A} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial S(E)}{\partial \lambda}} \right) = \Psi(E)$$

But this is interesting just if we know $\phi(x)$, since it gives a new relation between x_1 and x_2 , as exemple :

if $\lambda\phi(x) = \frac{\lambda}{x^2}$ (centrifugal term) then :

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \phi(x) dx = \frac{1}{x_1} - \frac{1}{x_2} = \Psi(E)$$

In the same way, if $\lambda\phi(x) = V_0 \frac{(x-x_0)}{s-x_0} = \lambda(x-x_0)$ (field emission from a metal) then :

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \phi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[(x-x_0)^2 \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(x_2-x_0)^2 - (x_1-x_0)^2 \right] = \Psi(E)$$

if in addition we always define $x_2(E) - x_1(E) = \Phi(E)$ it gives :



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$$\begin{aligned}(x_2 - x_0)^2 - (x_1 - x_0)^2 &= (x_2 - x_0 + x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0 - [x_1 - x_0]) \\ &= (x_2 + x_1 - 2x_0) \times \Phi(E) = 2\Psi(E)\end{aligned}$$

and finally :

$$x_2 + x_1 = \frac{2\Psi(E)}{\Phi(E)} + 2x_0$$

and

$$x_2 - x_1 = \Phi(E)$$

which leads to :

$$x_1(E) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2\Psi(E)}{\Phi(E)} + 2x_0 - \Phi(E) \right]$$

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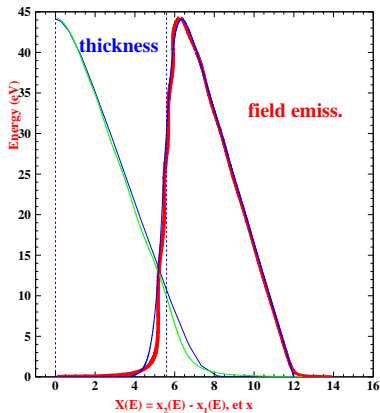
The potential is **known close to a $2x_0$ translation.**



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Field emission from a metal, for which λ is proportional to the electric field at the surface



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with :

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$$D(E) = \frac{d}{dE} T(E)$$

$$x_1(E) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2\Psi(E)}{\Phi(E)} + 2x_0 - \Phi(E) \right]$$

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Figure : Blue curves from analytical potential



In the same way, using the same tricks, potential well can be reconstruct with :

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(E) &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(x)]} dx = \int p dx \\
 &= \text{Bohr - Sommerfeld} = \text{Weyl} = \text{WKB} \\
 &= (n(E) + 1/2)\pi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2(E) - x_1(E) &= \mathcal{A} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \frac{dN(E)}{dE} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}} \int_{V_{min}}^E \frac{dN(E')}{dE'} (E - E')^{-1/2} dE'
 \end{aligned}$$



Multihumped Potential Barrier Reconstruction :

$$\mathcal{A}\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}}\frac{dN(E)}{dE}\right) = \frac{2}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}}\int_{V_{min}}^E \frac{dN(E')}{dE'}\frac{dE'}{\sqrt{E'-E}} = x_2(E) - x_1(E) = \Phi(E)$$

concrete

Now If we set $E \approx (n(E) + 1/2)\hbar\omega$ then we get :

$$n(E) + 1/2 \approx \frac{E}{\hbar\omega} \approx \frac{N(E)}{\pi} \text{ from which :}$$

$$\frac{dN(E)}{dE} \approx \frac{\pi}{\hbar\omega}$$

here V_{min} and $\hbar\omega$ were obtained using $D(E) = \frac{dT(E)}{dE}$ which allows to access at the peaks energy position and to get part of the spectrum (E_n energies) inside the potential well and finally :

$$\hbar\omega = E_1 - E_0 \text{ and } V_{min} = E_0 - \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}.$$



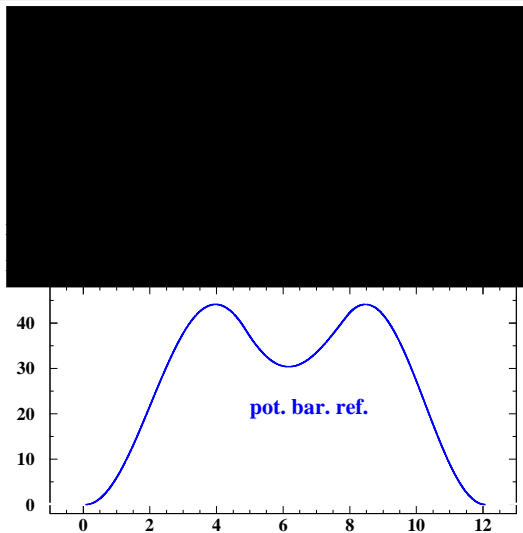
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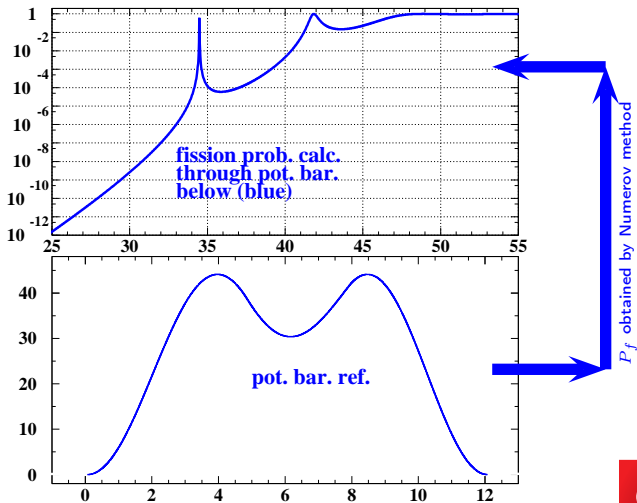
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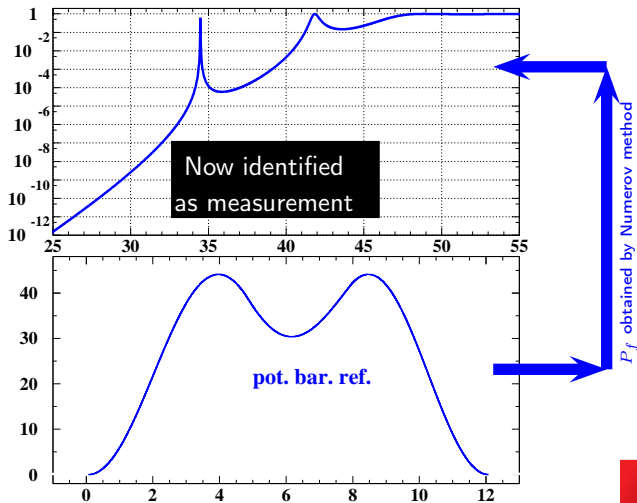
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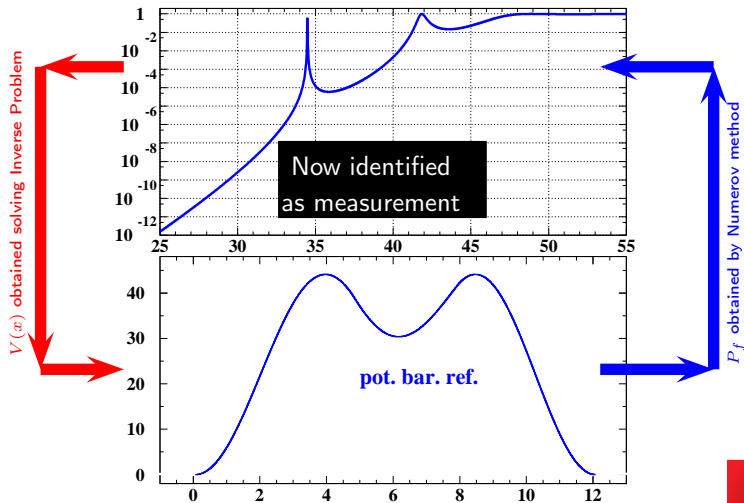
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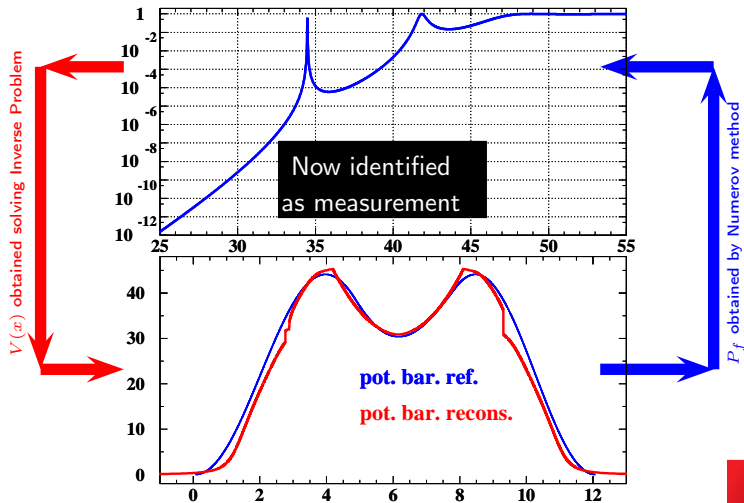
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