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From Fusion and Quasifission to Fission within TDDFT

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- Time-dependent Hartree-Fock
- Microscopic Dynamics
 - Fusion
 - Quasifission
 - induced Fission
- Summary and Perspectives

Topical Review:

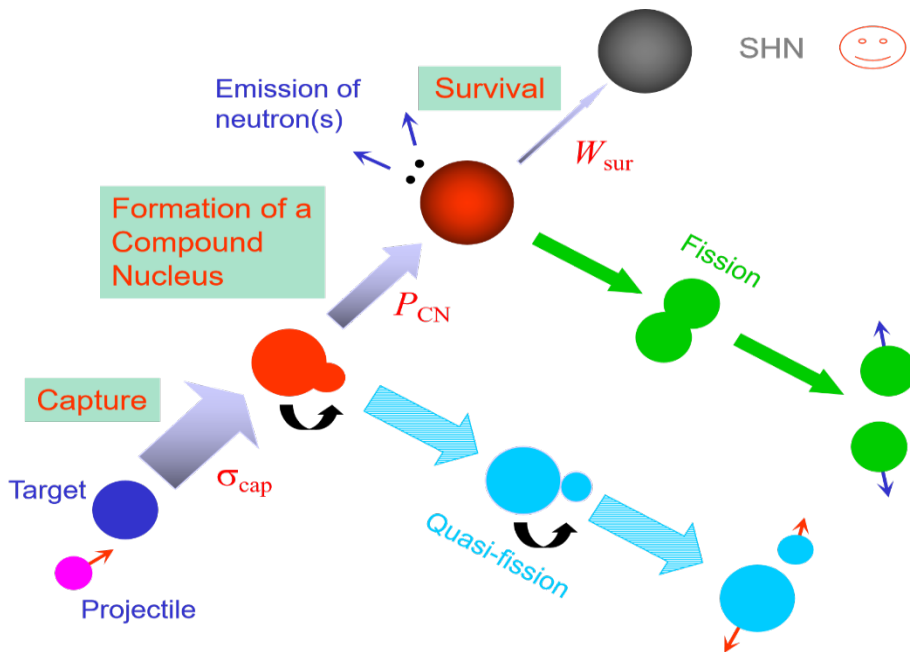
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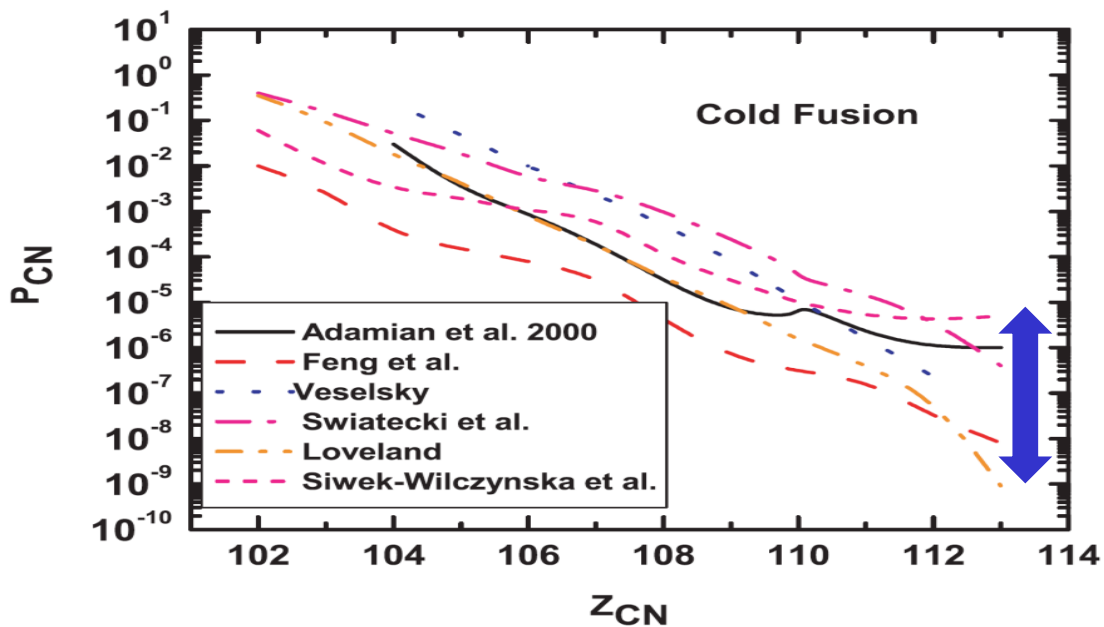
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Background

- Heavy-ion collisions: three steps of SHE and competing reaction mechanisms
 - cold fusion: using ^{208}Pb (^{209}Bi) as target, the heaviest SHE is up to $Z=113$ so far
 - hot fusion: using ^{48}Ca as projectile, the heaviest is up to $Z=118$ so far
- Quasifission and fusion-fission are the primary mechanism in preventing SHE formation
- Fusion probability is several orders of magnitude difference among the different phenomenological models



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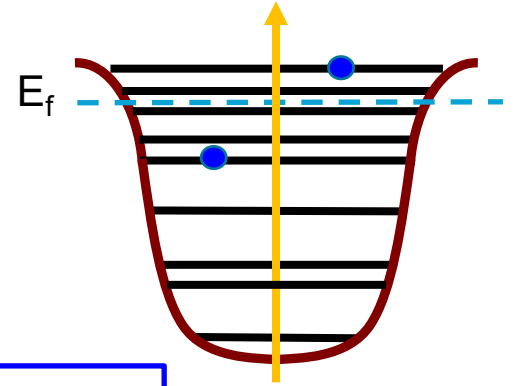
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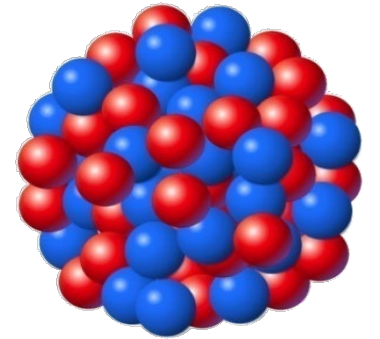
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \varphi_\lambda}{\partial t} = h\varphi_\lambda$$



3D Lattice: no spatial symmetry restrictions

Advantages:

- Nuclear structure and reactions in a unified framework (same EDF);
- Dynamical and quantum effects are automatically incorporated;
- No adjustable parameters for the dynamics



Limitations:

- Quantum tunneling is missing;

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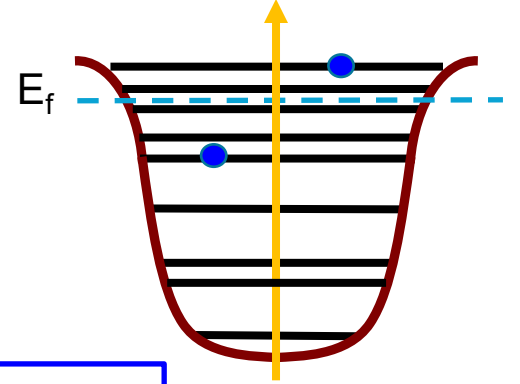
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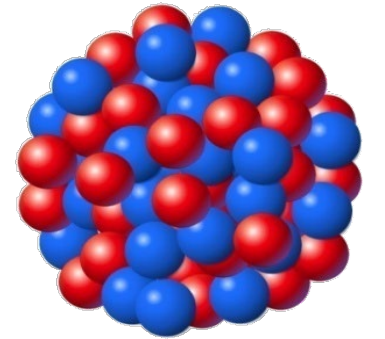


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TDHF is based on mean-field approximation

TDHF gives the **average number** of nucleons for **all reaction channels**

How to obtain the nucleon number for **each reaction channel**?



particle number projection method (PNP)

particle number projection operator:

$$\hat{P}_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta e^{i(n - \hat{N}_{VP})\theta}$$

probability for each channel:

$$P_n = \langle \Psi | \hat{P}_n | \Psi \rangle$$



➤➤ Theoretical framework for fusion evaporation reactions

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- Survival Process: statistical model for survival probability

$$W_{\text{sur}}(E_{\text{CN}}^*, x, J) = P(E_{\text{CN}}^*, x) \prod_i^x \left(\frac{\Gamma_n(E_i^*, J)}{\Gamma_n(E_i^*, J) + \Gamma_f(E_i^*, J)} \right),$$



Fusion dynamics involving halo nuclei

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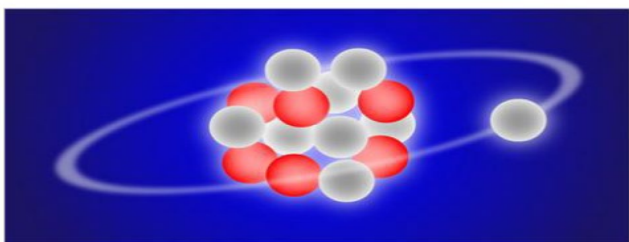
Microscopic study of fusion reactions with a weakly bound nucleus: Effects of deformed halo

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How the structure of deformed halo affects the reaction dynamics?



^{15}C
one-neutron halo

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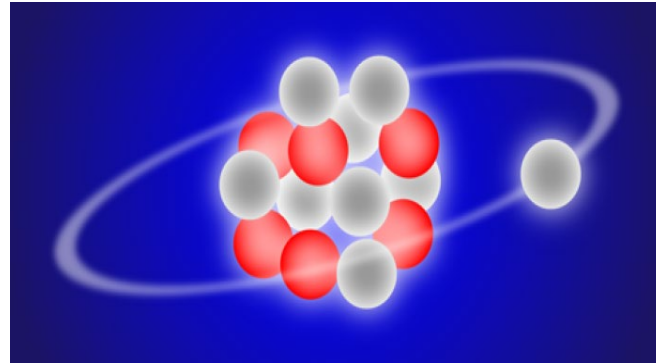
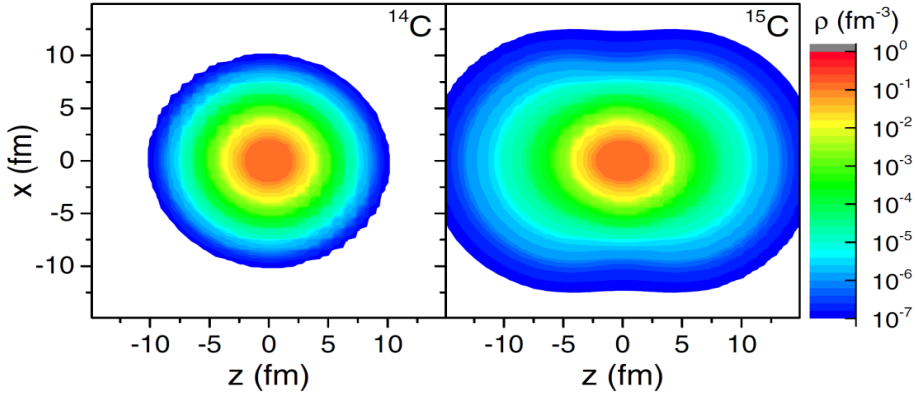
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β_2 deformation



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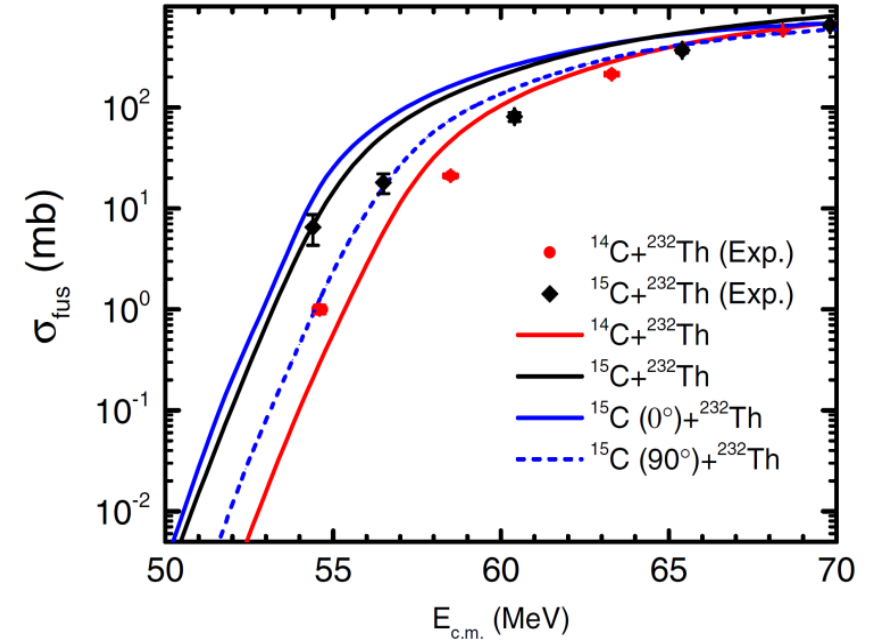
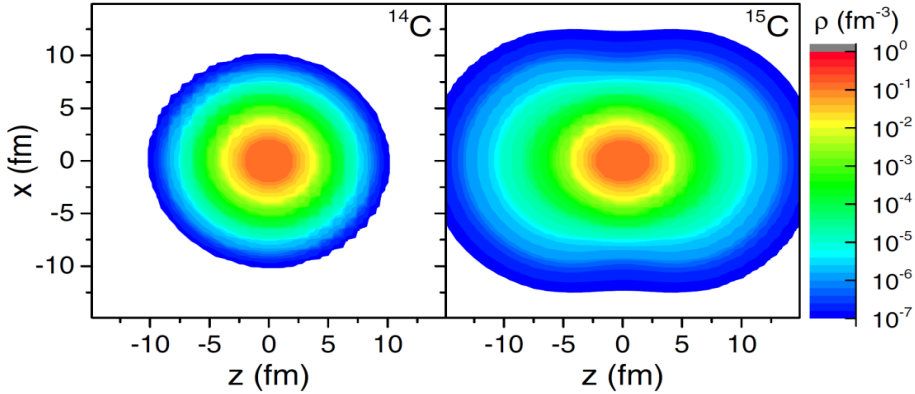
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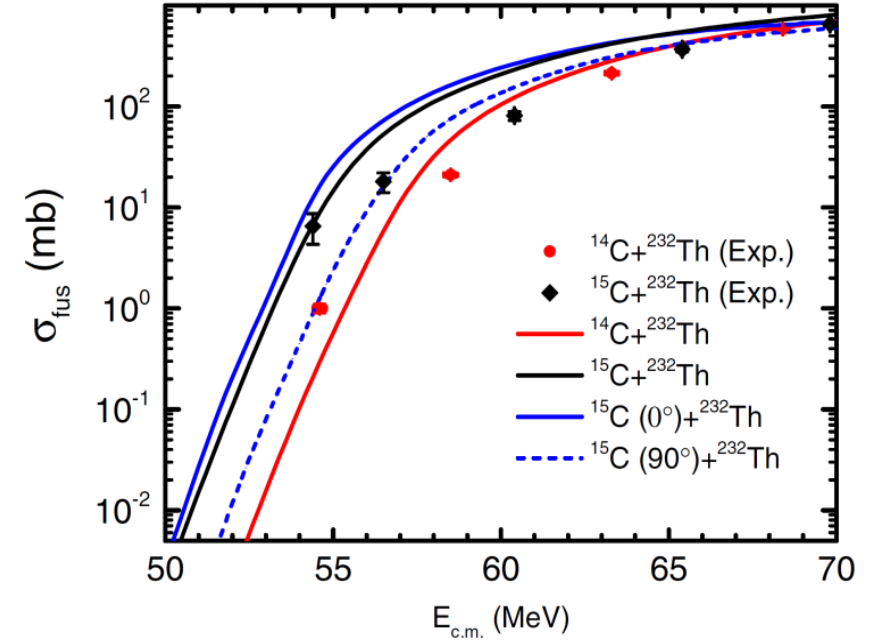
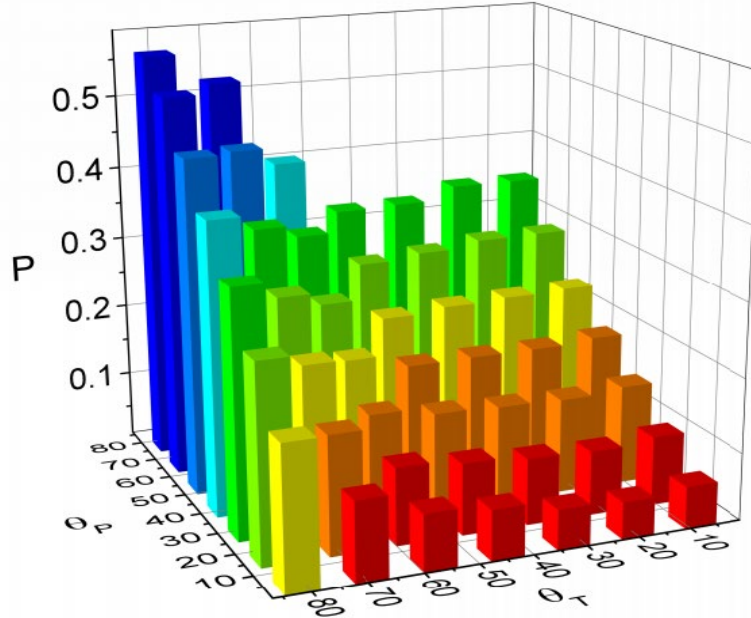
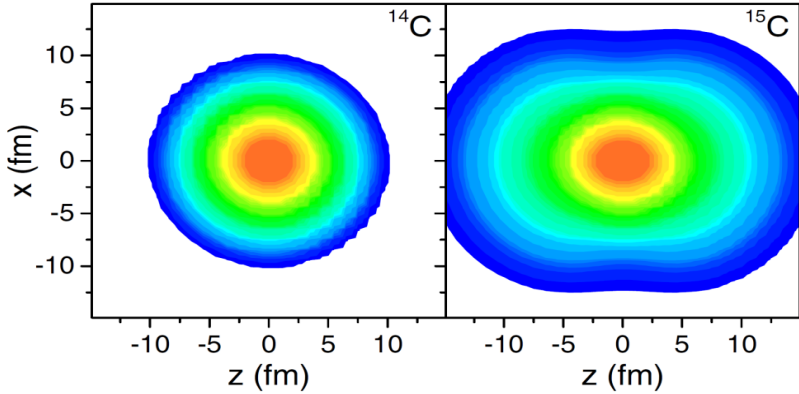
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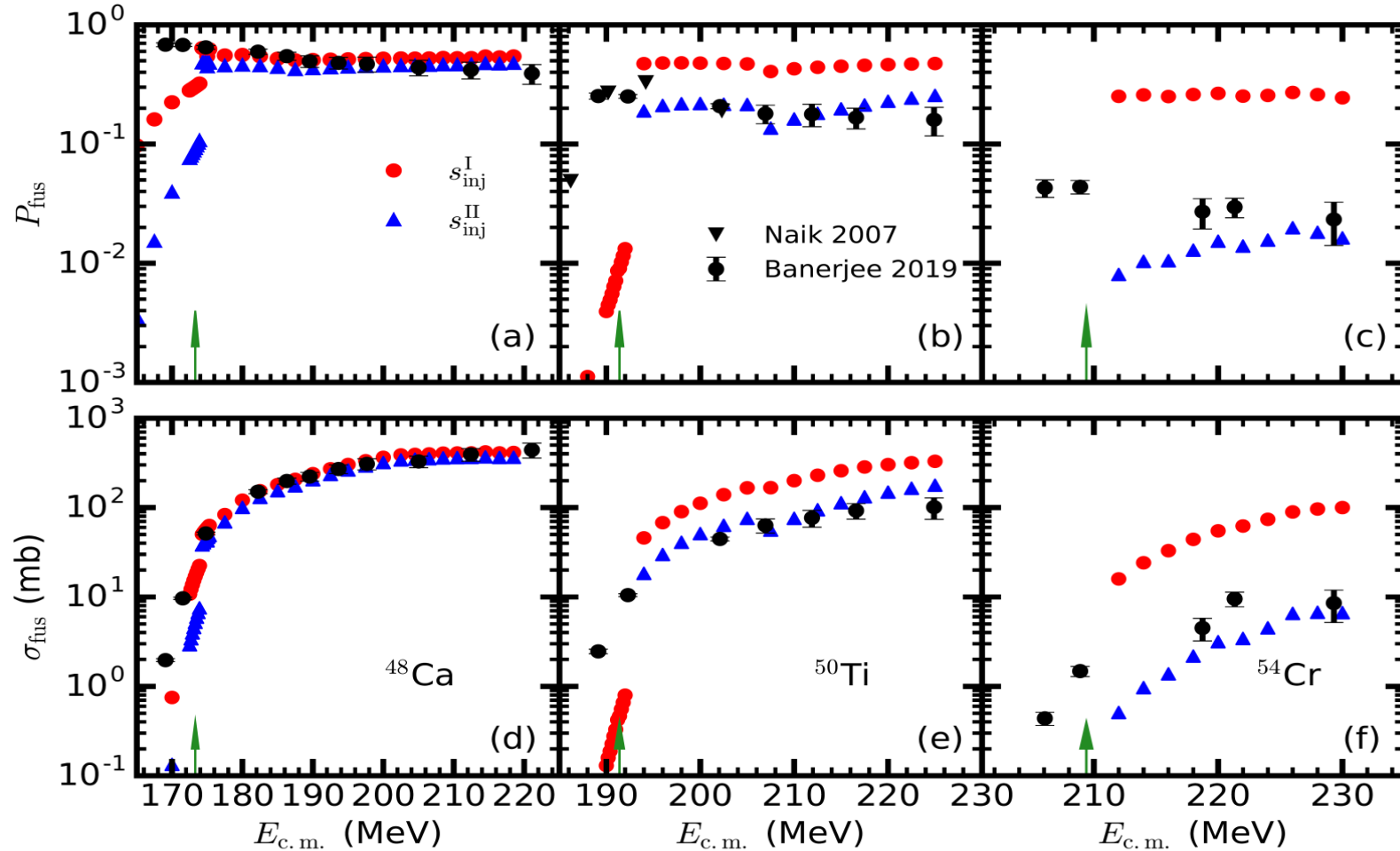


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- One-neutron transfer channel is dominant which are more sensitive to the orientations of ^{15}C than ^{232}Th ;
- Notable effect of halo structure on reaction dynamics.



Cold fusion dynamics

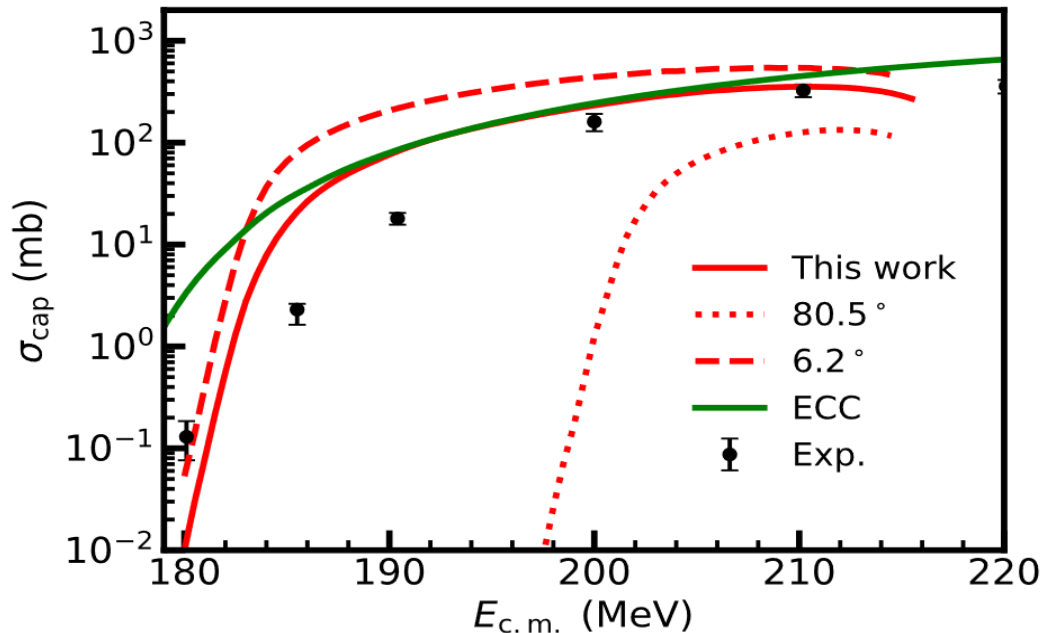
Compound-nucleus formation in cold-fusion reactions ^{48}Ca , ^{50}Ti , $^{54}\text{Cr}+^{208}\text{Pb}$



- Above the capture barrier, our calculations reproduce the measured fusion probability reasonably well.
- The restrictions from TDHF improve the predictive power of coupled-channels and diffusion calculations



Hot fusion dynamics





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Editors' Suggestion

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Microscopic study of the hot-fusion reaction $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{238}\text{U}$ with the constraints from time-dependent Hartree-Fock theory

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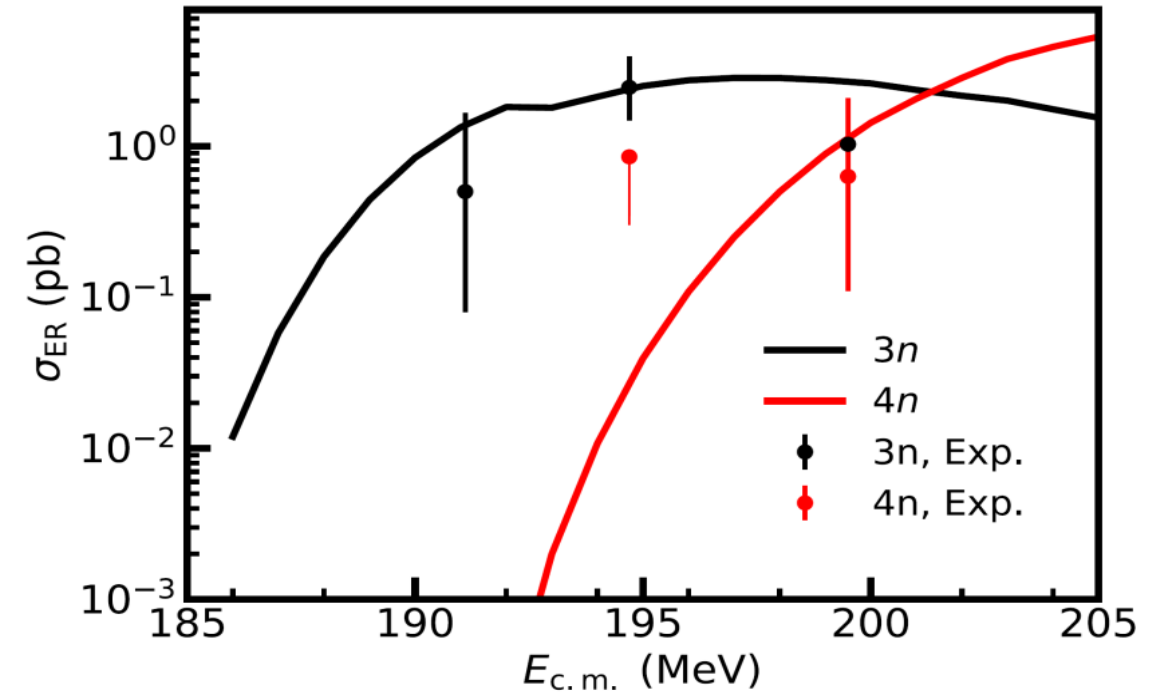
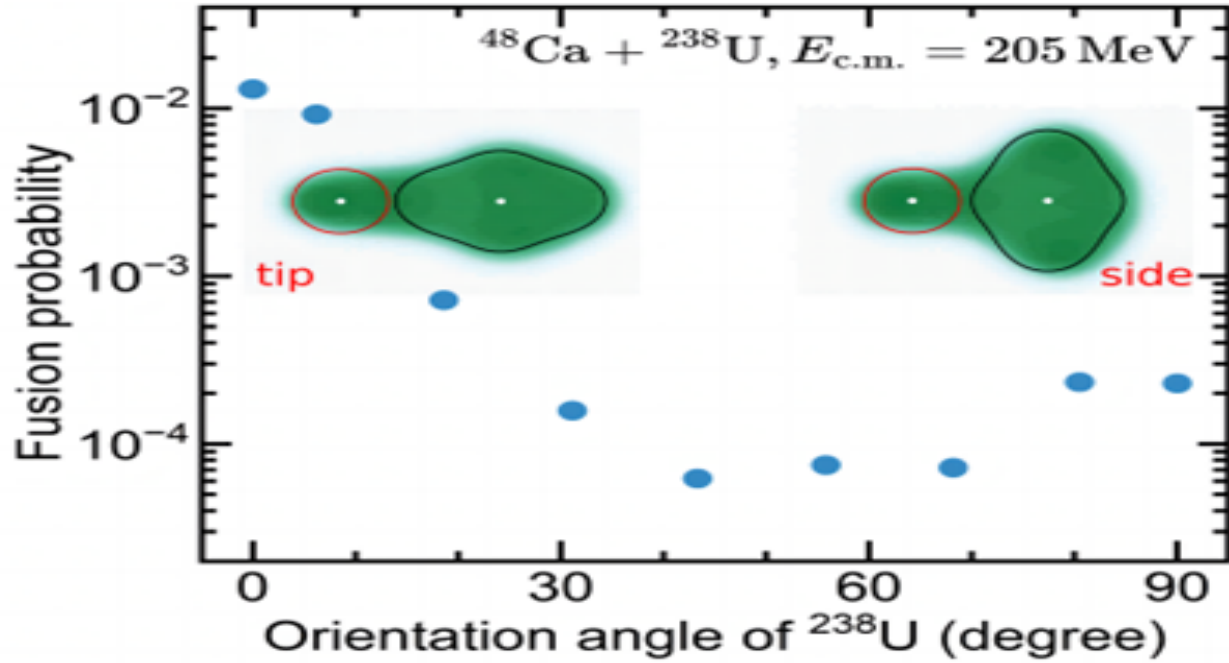
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- The orientation effects of U are self-consistently included in the capture and fusion processes;
- The calculated capture cross sections agree well with the experimental data;
- The tip-orientation collision is favorable for capture;
- The capture cross sections are strongly dependent on the orientations with several orders of magnitude.

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- ❑ The fusion probabilities are strongly dependent on the orientations;
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- ❑ The microscopic reproduce the experimental evaporation-residue cross sections.

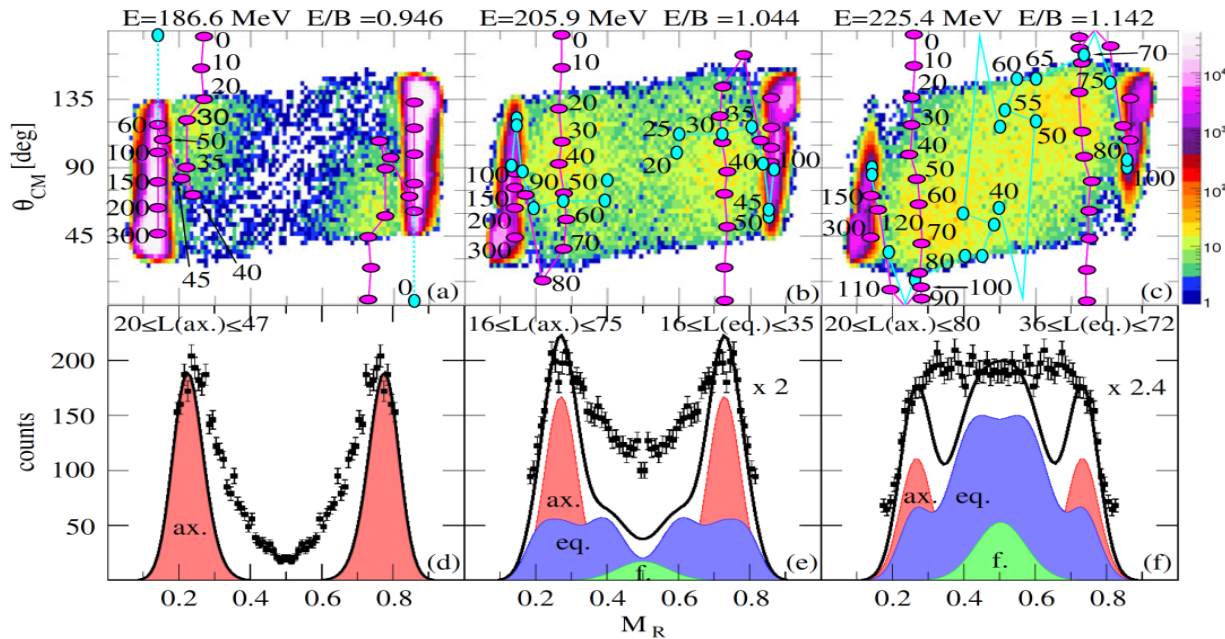
Part II: quasifission

Quasifission dynamics

Quasifission is the main reaction channel hindering the compound nucleus formation

Key question: what is the most dominant driving mechanism in determining mass and charge of QF fragments?

$^{40,48}\text{Ca} + ^{238}\text{U}$ PRL113,182502 (2014)



$^{48}\text{Ti} + ^{238}\text{U}$ PRL119,222502 (2017)

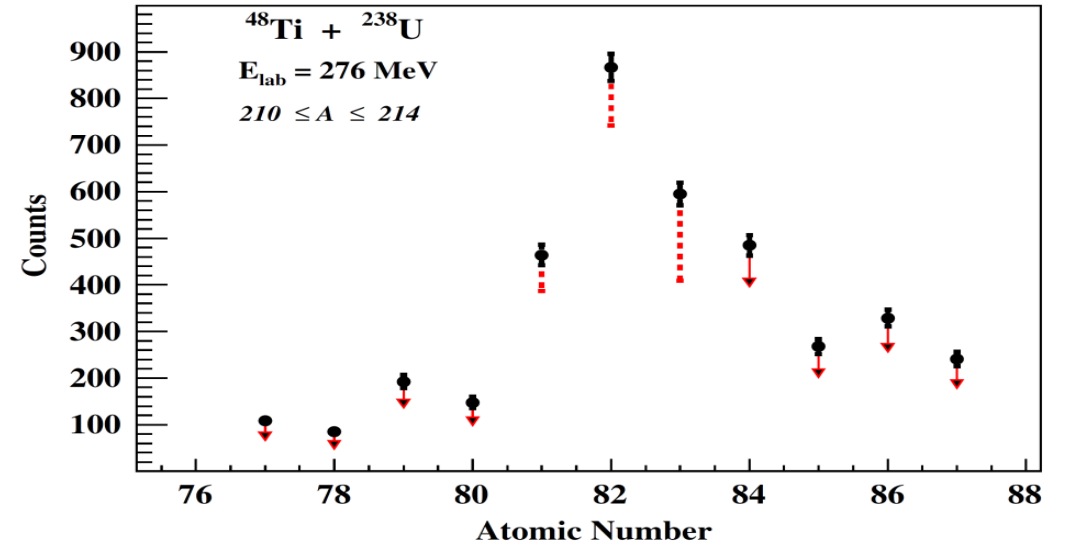


FIG. 5. Atomic number distribution for the quasifission fragments with $210 \leq A \leq 214$ (see the text for details).

- Initially the experimental mass-yield measurements indicate driving factor of shell effects;
- To unambiguously confirm shell effects, proton and neutron numbers distributions have to be measured;
- Atomic number distribution in the fragments have been measured, confirming the role of Z=82 magic shell;

Quasifission dynamics

First evidence for the impact of tensor force on the dynamical shell effects

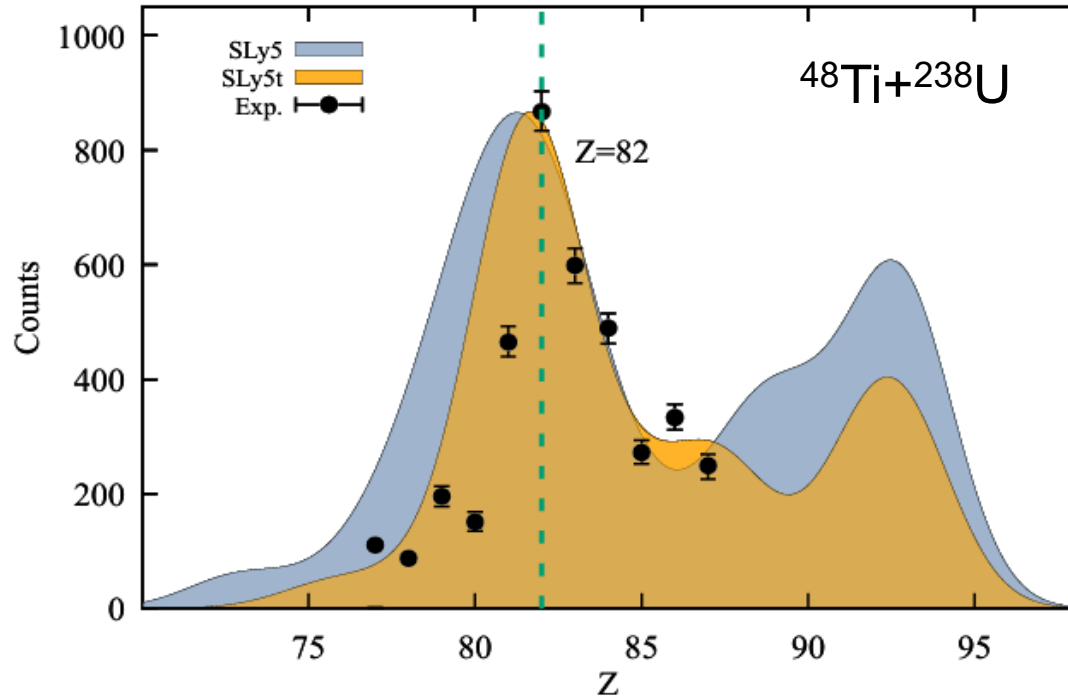


FIG. 9. Charge distribution for the quasifission reactions of $^{48}\text{Ti} + ^{238}\text{U}$ using the SLy5 and SLy5t forces. The experimental data is from [26].

$$\sigma_{\lambda} \propto \int_{b_{\min}}^{b_{\max}} b db \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\beta \sin(\beta) P_b^{(\lambda)}(\beta),$$

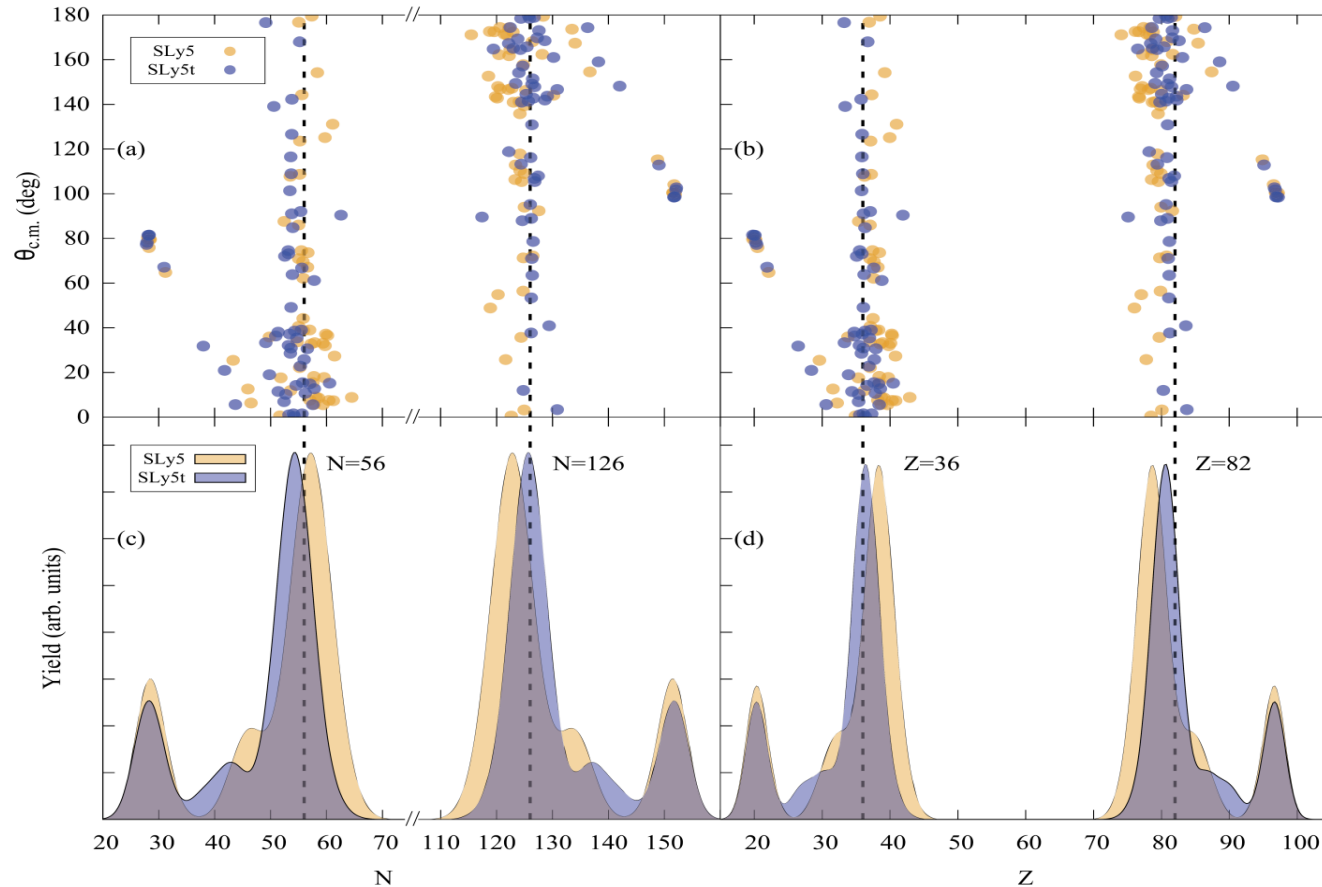
- parameter-free microscopic TDHF study;
- charge distribution shows much better agreement with experiments for SLy5t (tensor force included)
- peak position shifts and the width becomes narrower;
- prominent effects of tensor force on QF dynamics

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$^{48}\text{Ca}+^{249}\text{Bk}$

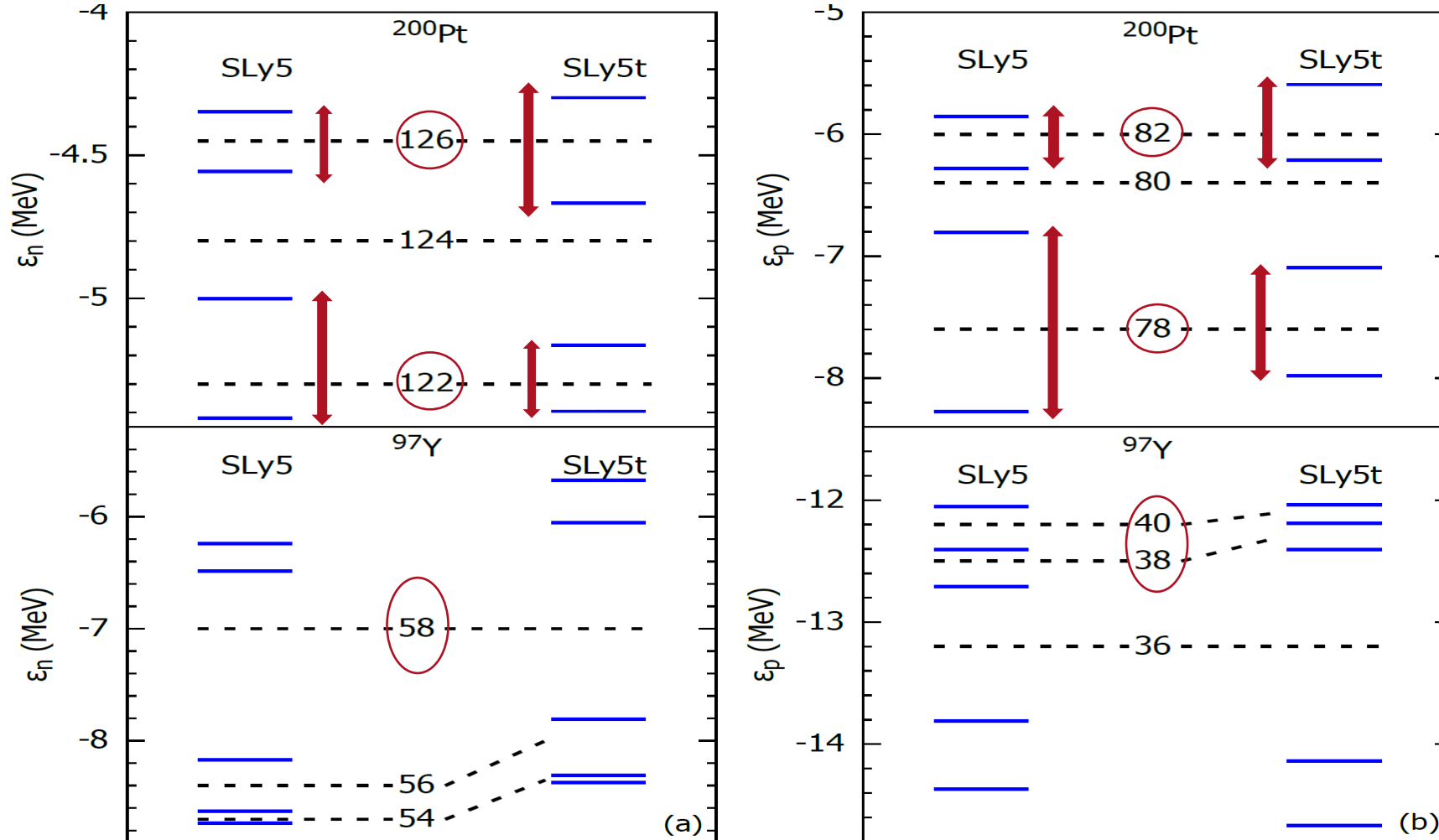
- The inclusion of tensor force causes the shift from deformed to spherical shells in ^{208}Pb (122---126, 78---82);
- What is the driving mechanisms and what is the role of tensor force in the delicate balance between spherical and deformed shells?

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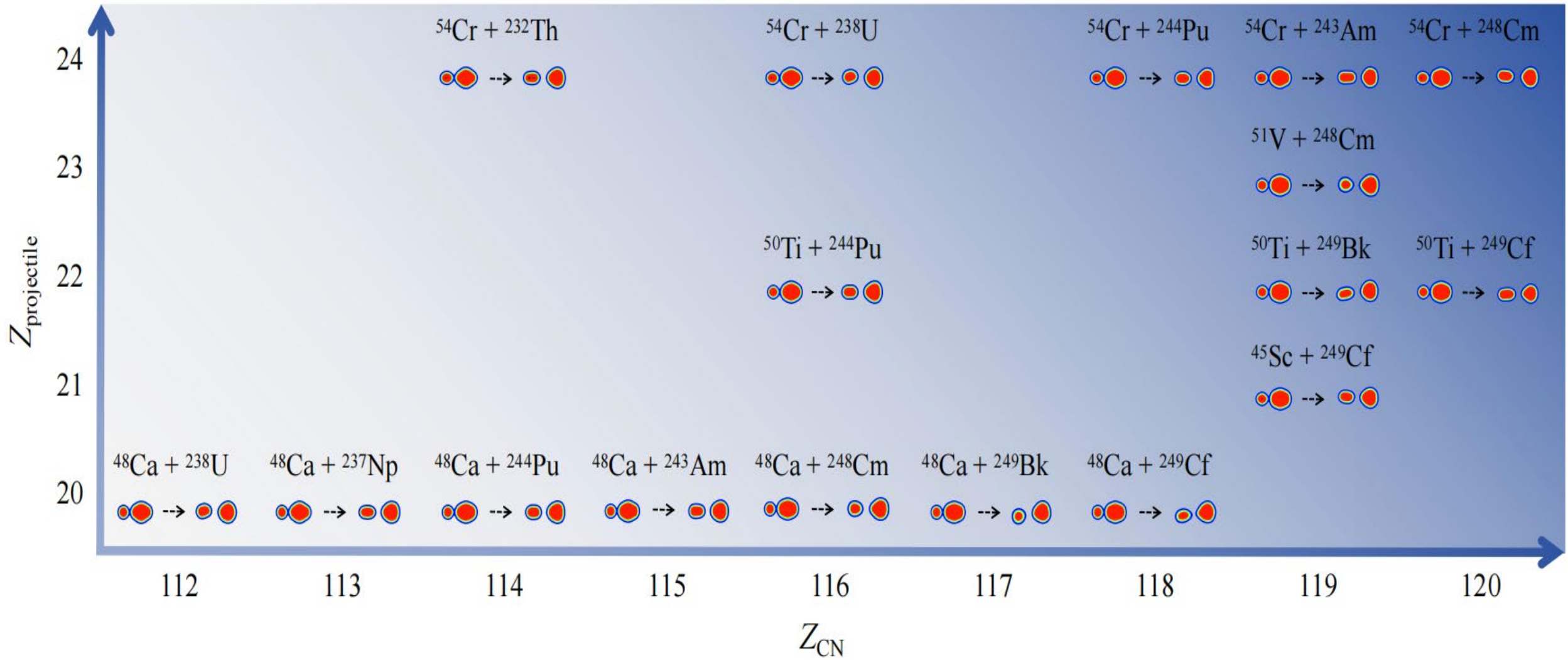
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Quasifission dynamics

Systematic studies of quasifission in hot fusion systems for synthesizing SHE with $Z=112-120$;

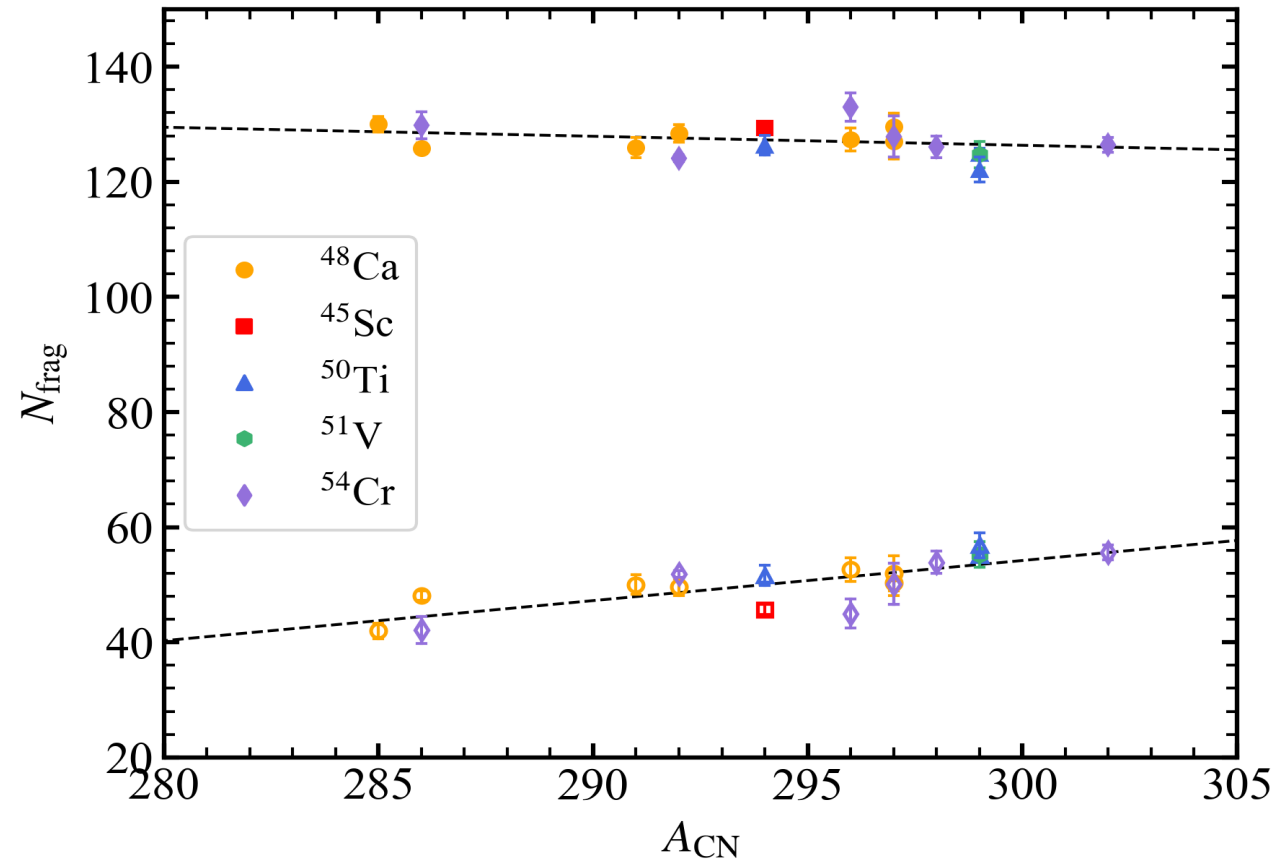
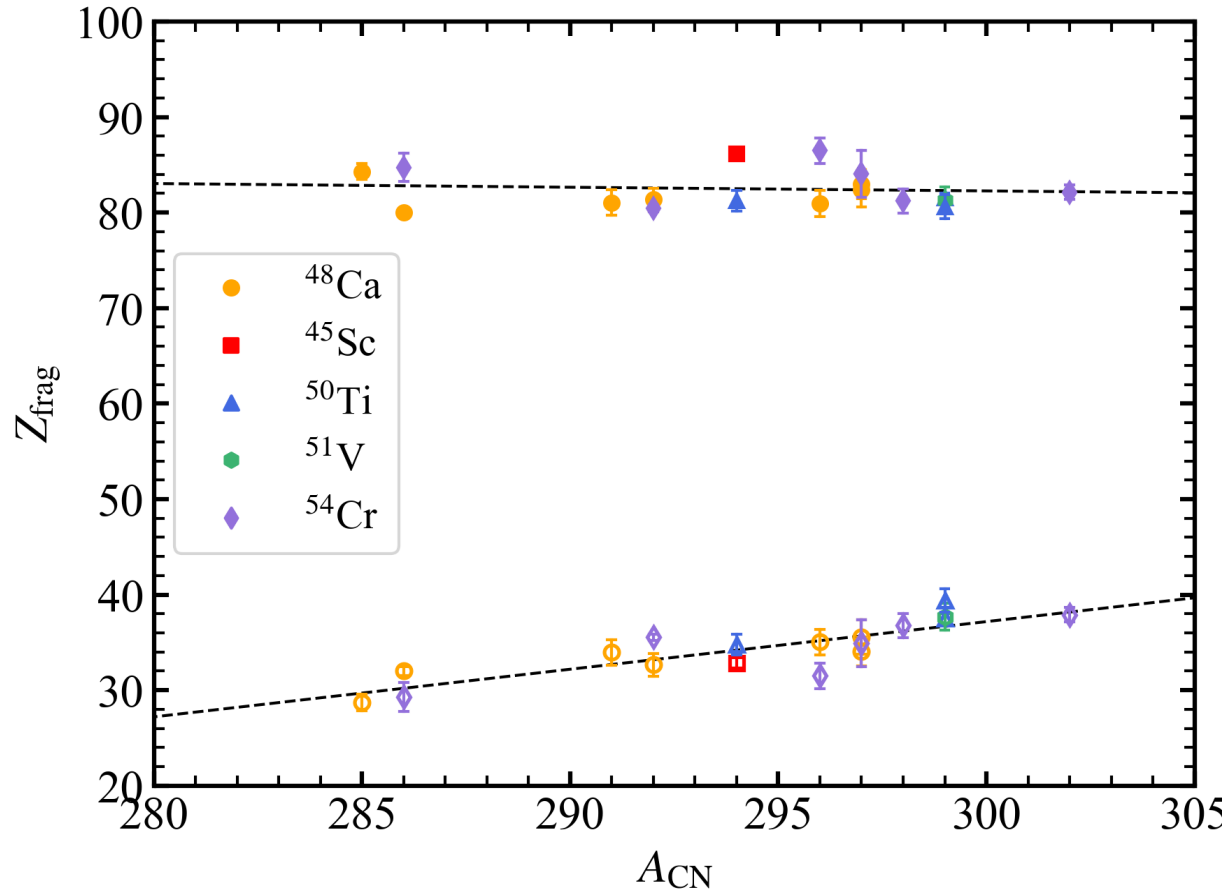
All the reactions producing 119 and 120 in the world; the reactions using ^{48}Ca , ^{50}Ti , ^{54}Cr projectiles;





Quasifission dynamics

- Charge and neutron number of QF fragments;
- Importance of spherical quantum shells in ^{208}Pb ($Z=82$, $N=126$);



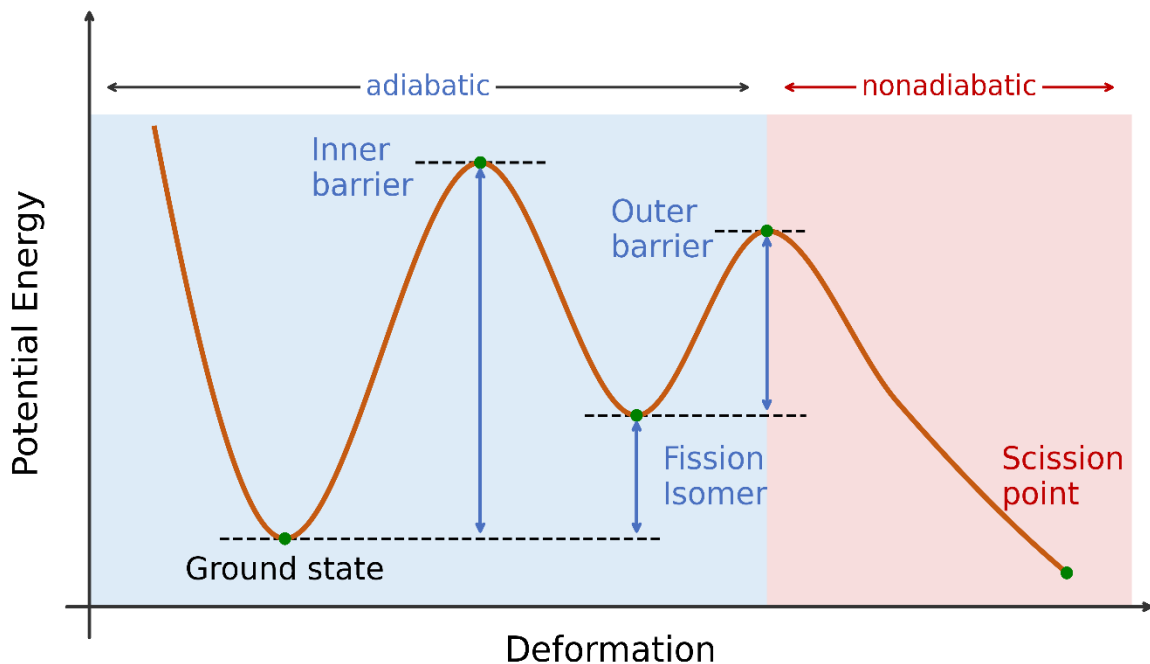


Part III: fission



Theoretical model for fission

- ❑ Nuclear fission is a complex nonequilibrium process due to the transitions between the motion of mother nucleus...
- ❑ The theoretical description of induced fission is divided into two phases:
 - The ground state transits to a configuration beyond the fission barrier: **adiabatic process**, e.g. HFB, HF+BCS
 - Fast evolution of neck rupture: **nonadiabatic process**, e.g. TDDFT



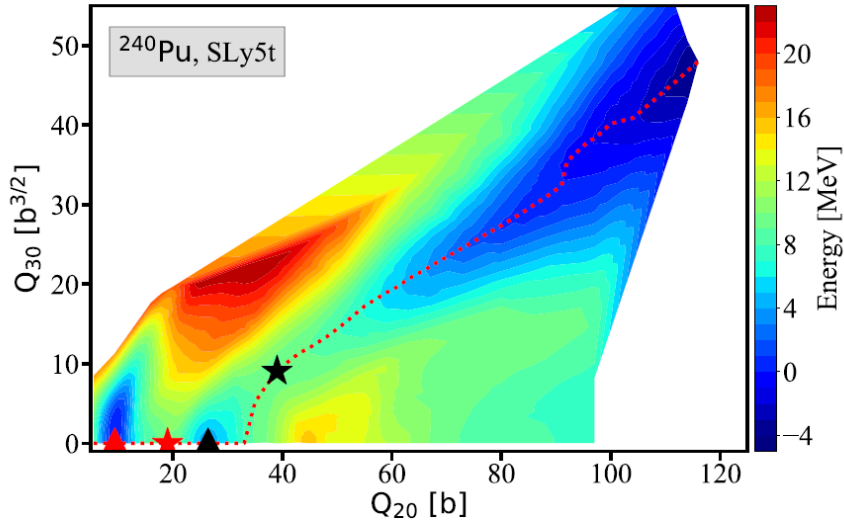
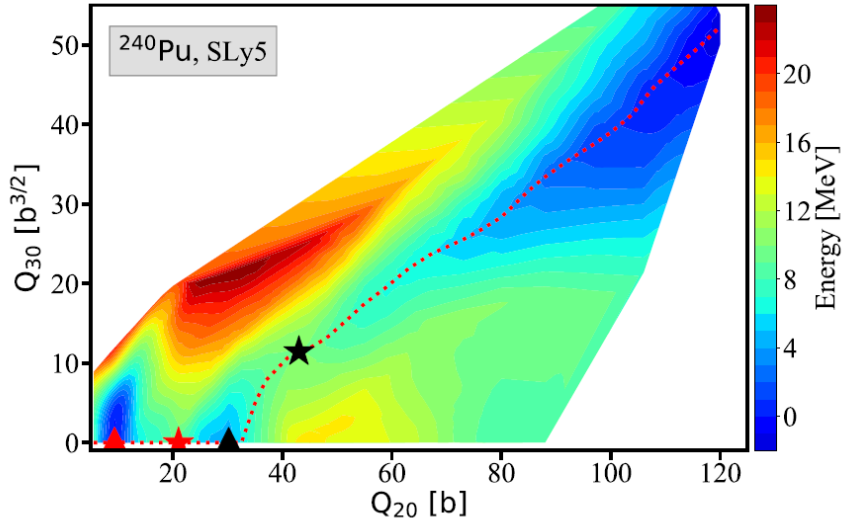
Fission dynamics with TDDFT:

- ❑ Quantum shell effect for the formation of fission fragments
- ❑ Odd-even effect in the charge distribution of fission fragments
- ❑ A way to give the proper mass and charge distributions
- ❑ Effect of tensor force in dynamics



Fission dynamics

HF+BCS in 3D lattice on Q20, Q30, Q22

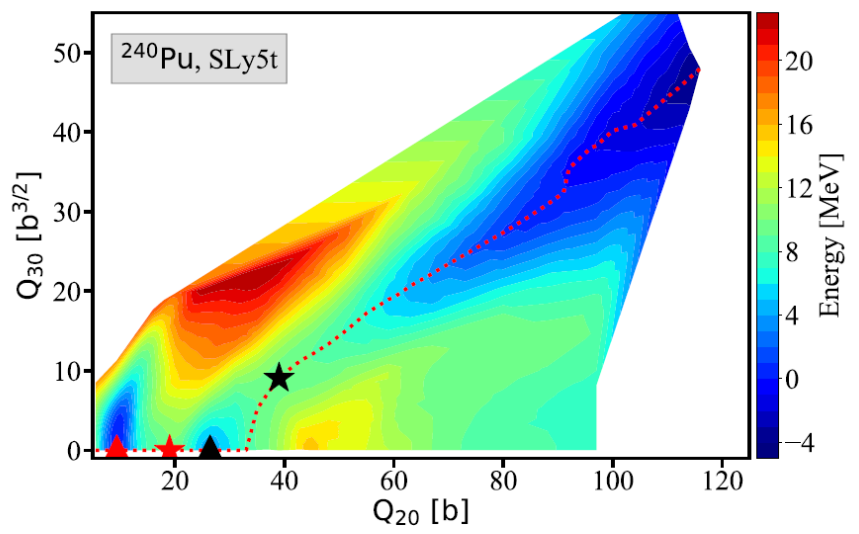
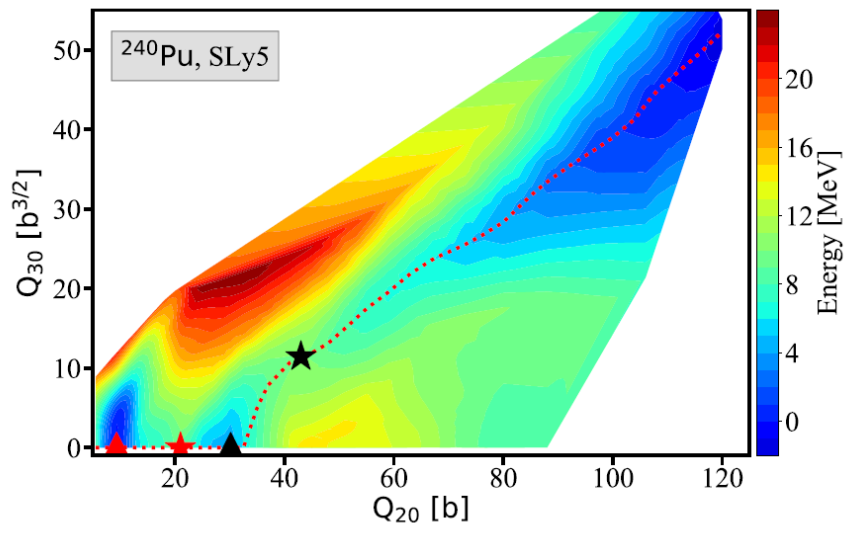


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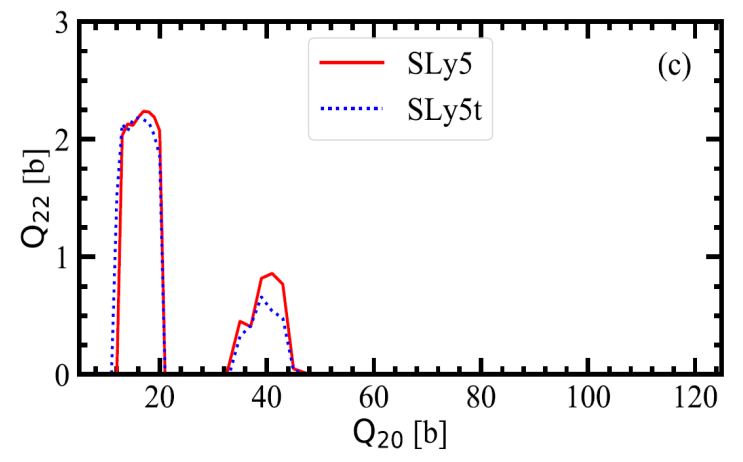
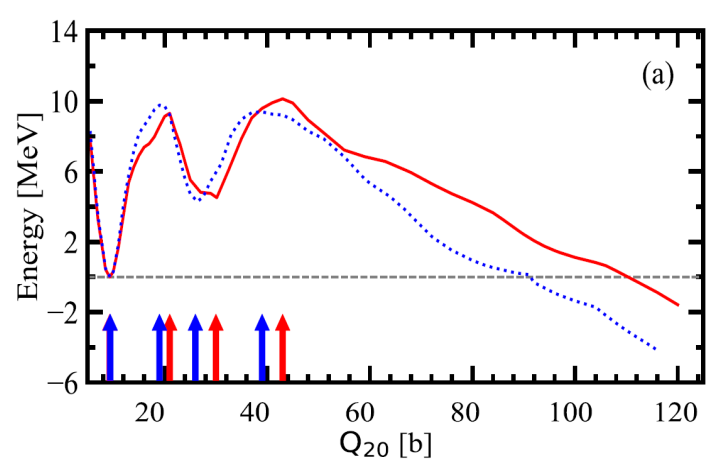


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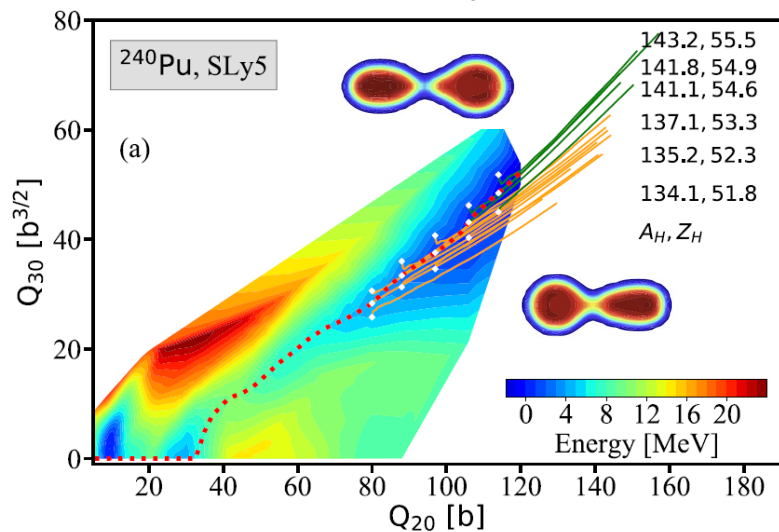


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- ❑ Static fission path, ground state, inner barrier, isomeric state, and outer barrier for deformation, GS unchanged, the three B_i , B_{is} , B_o becomes smaller with tensor
- ❑ For barrier height, higher inner barrier and lower outer barrier with tensor force
- ❑ Triaxial def. occurs at B_i , B_o ; this observation that... is consistent with...

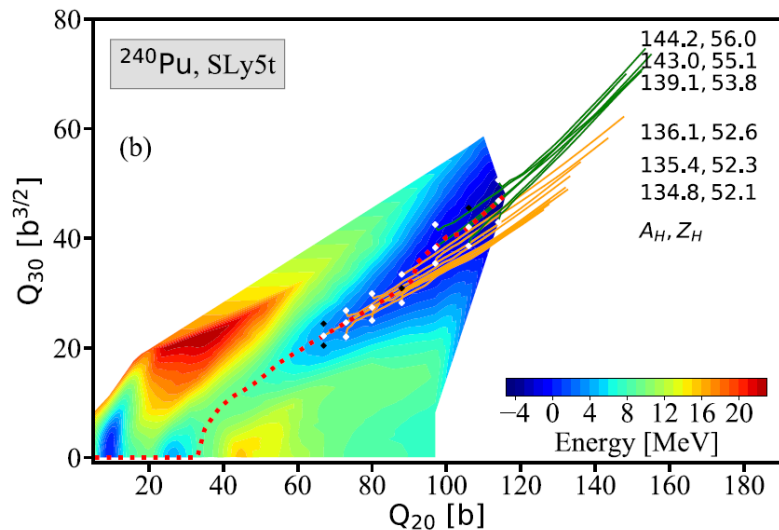


Fission dynamics

TDDFT nonadiabatic dynamics of fission

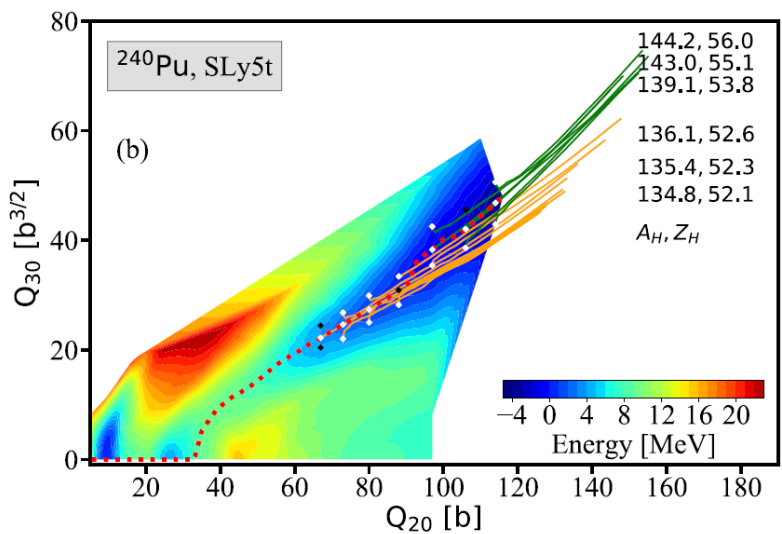
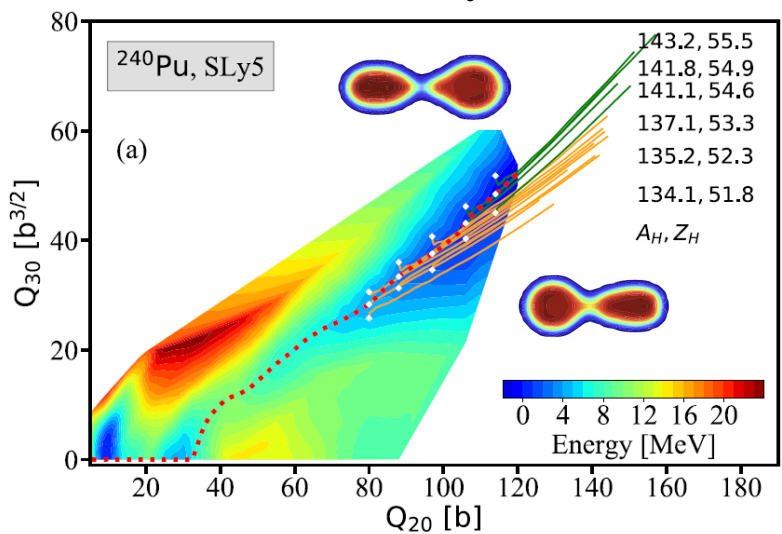


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Fission dynamics

TDDFT nonadiabatic dynamics of fission

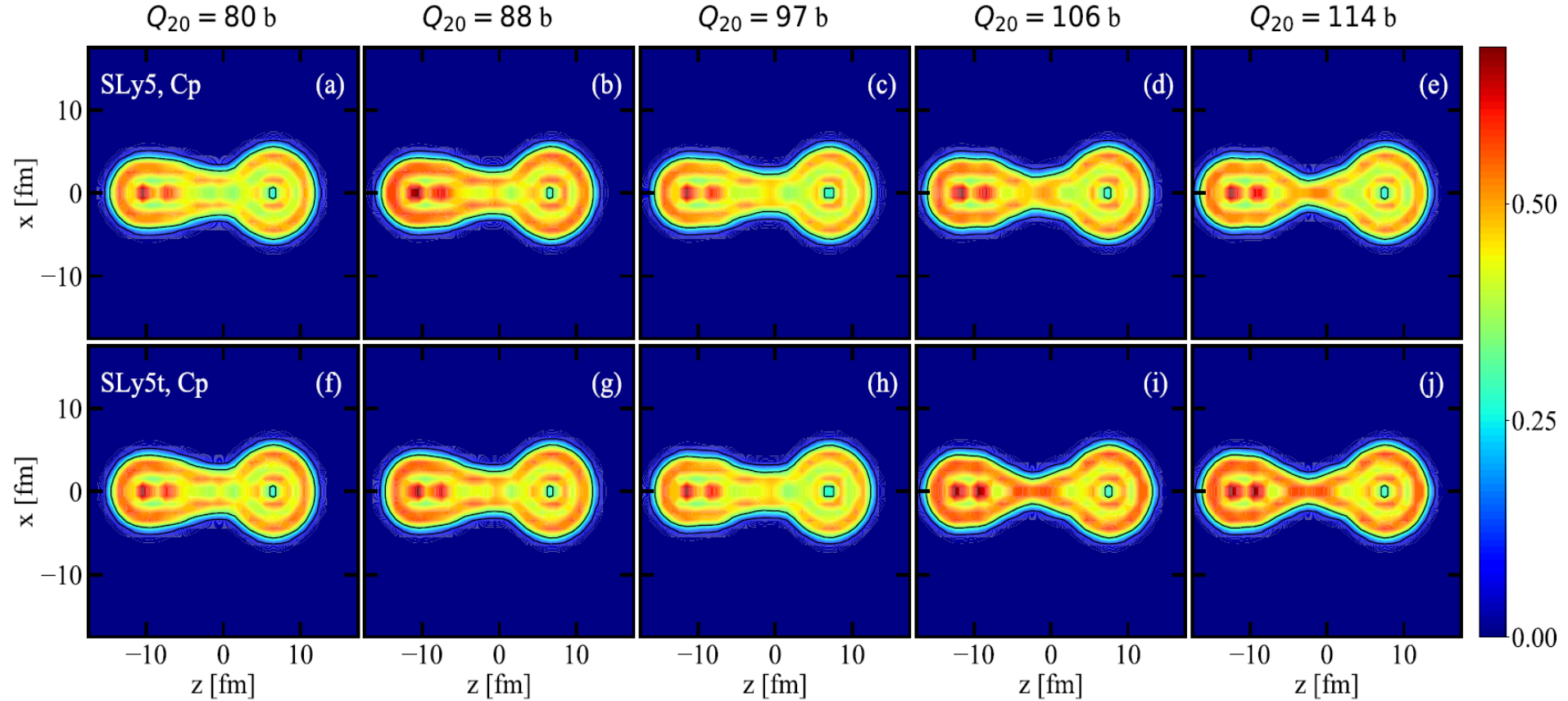


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- For SI channel in SLy5t smaller Δ , in SII channel larger, indicating heavy fragments near 135 become concentrated and around 142 are more dispersed with tensor

Force	SI channel				SII channel			
	\bar{A}_H	ΔA_H	\bar{Z}_H	ΔZ_H	\bar{A}_H	ΔA_H	\bar{Z}_H	ΔZ_H
SLy5	135.2	0.90	52.3	0.45	142.4	0.94	55.1	0.36
SLy5t	135.5	0.43	52.4	0.19	142.3	2.40	55.1	0.93

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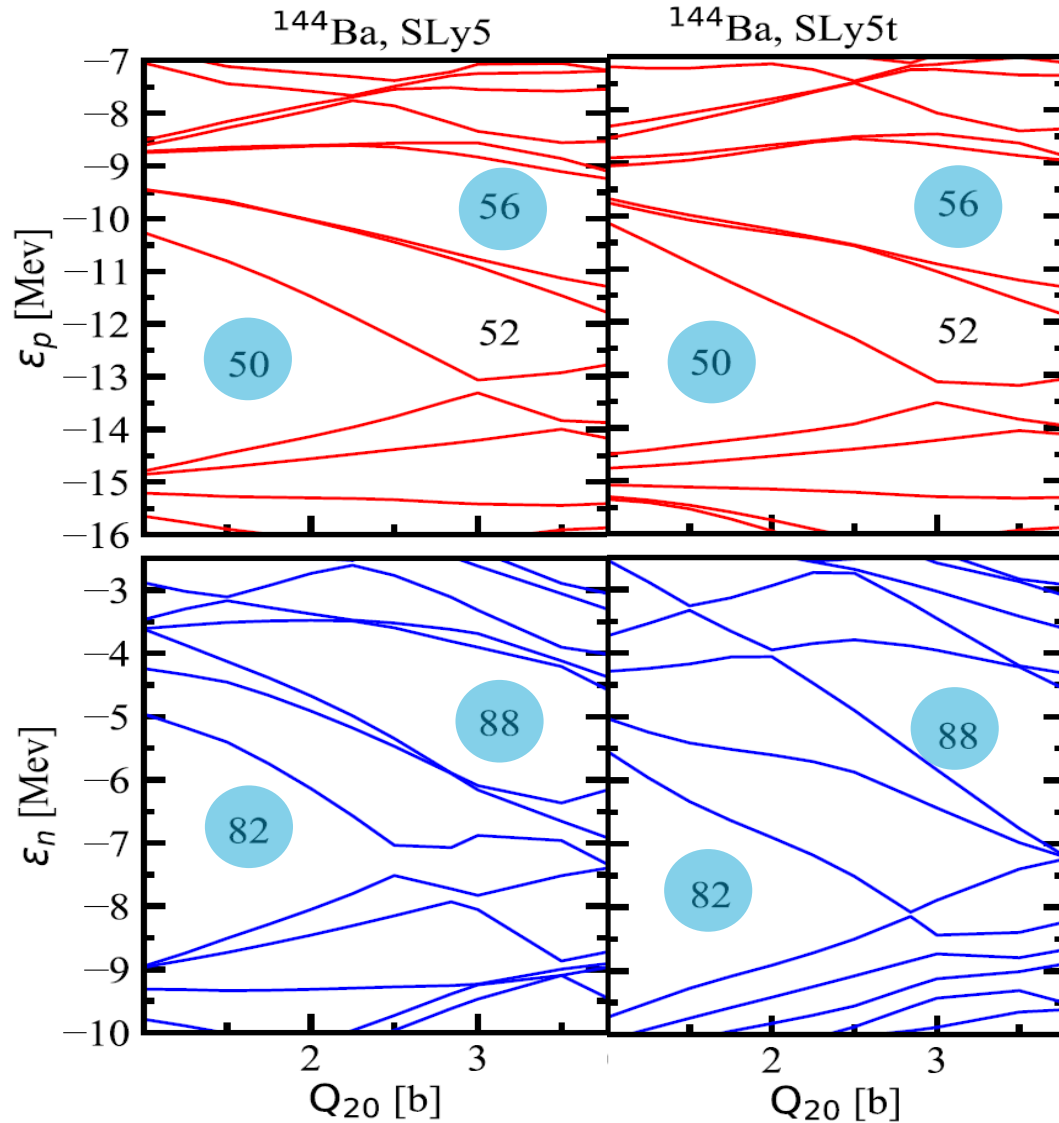
Localization Function along static fission path



- Tensor effect on the internal structure of initial states, NLF is shown
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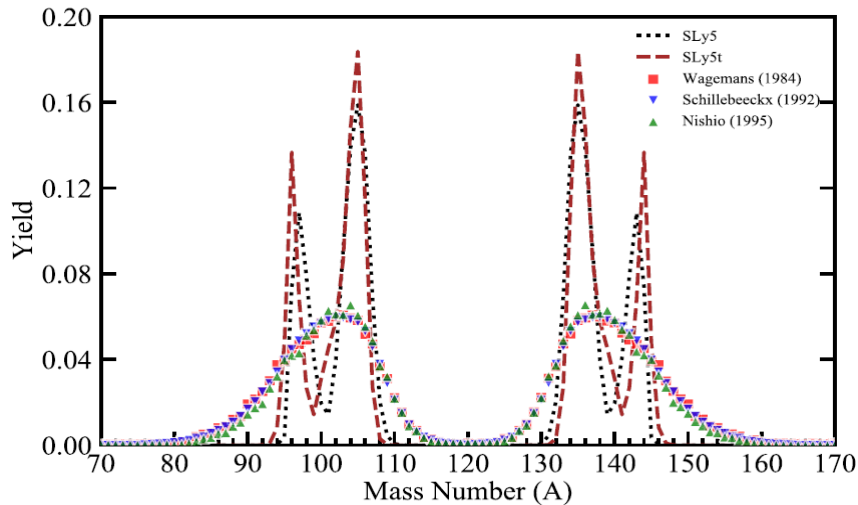
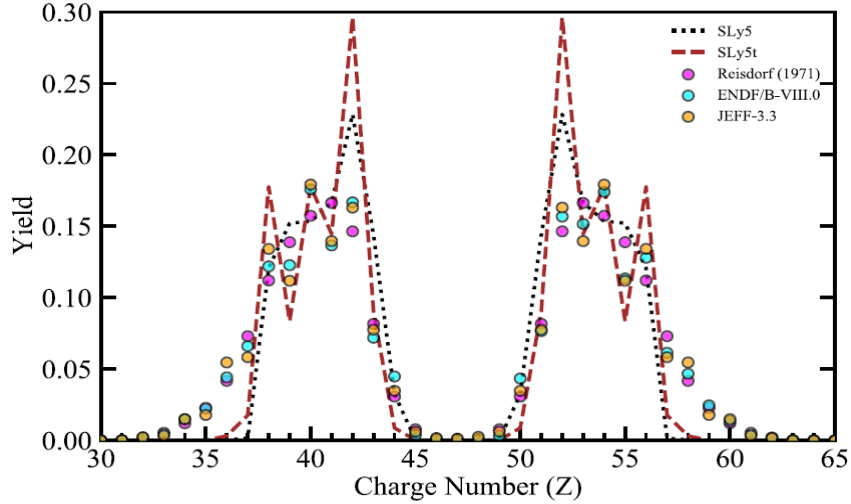
Key question: what is the most dominant driving mechanism in determining mass and charge of fission fragments?

- the evolution of SPLs as an increase of Q_{20} up to scission point.
- for SPLs of protons (neutron), as Q_{20} increases, the sph. shell $Z=50$ ($N=82$) is quenched and the def. shell gaps at $Z = 52, 56$ ($N=88$) gradually play a role.
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Fission dynamics

TDHF with FOA + double PNP



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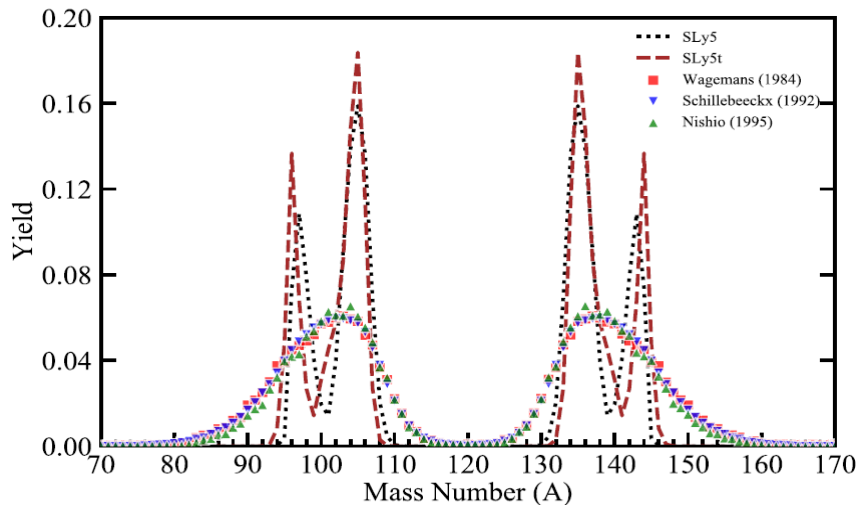
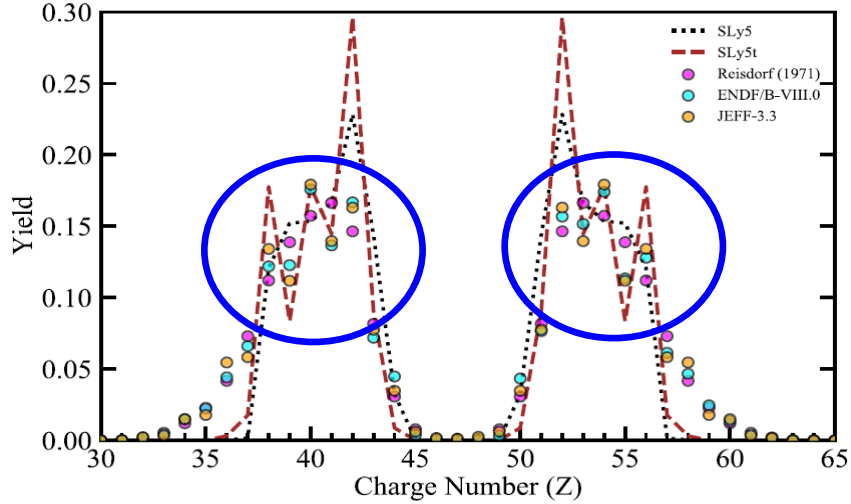
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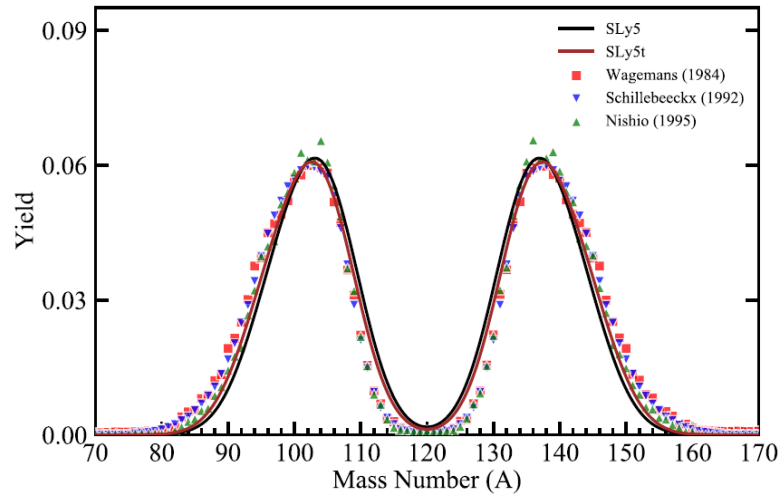
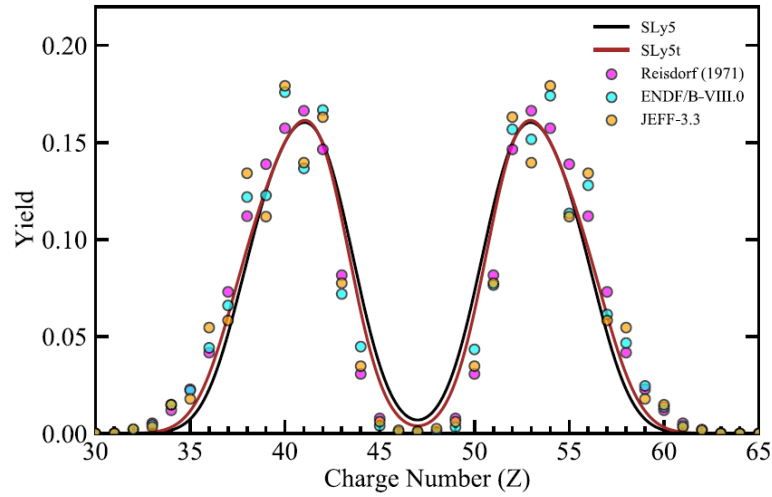
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- clear odd-even effect in charge dis.by including tensor, peaks at even-Z;
Referee: "This is the first microscopic model which shows the experimentally observed odd-even effect"
- Although the mass distribution is not well reproduced, a maximum yield at $A_H=135$ is consistent with the peak given by the experiments.

Fission dynamics

TDHF with FOA + double PNP +GKE



- Gaussian kernel estimation (GKE) partially make up the effects
 - The number of initial states is not enough
 - a proper weight to compensate the **underestimated** quantum fluctuation
- the corresponding yield well reproduces both the positions of asymmetric peaks and the widths of experiments.



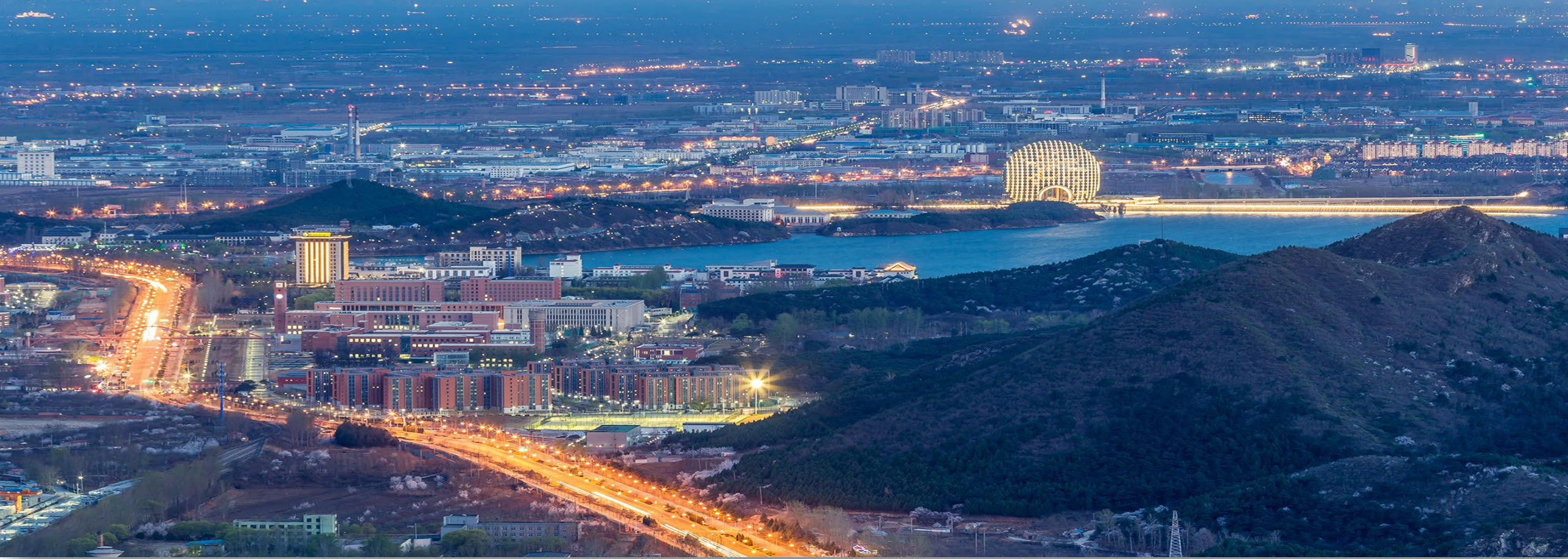
Summary and Perspectives

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- Develop the microscopic theoretical methods to study SHE production
- The fusion mechanism involving the exotic nuclei
- Cold fusion reactions and hot fusion reactions for the production of superheavy
- Quasifission mechanism and shell effects
- Multinucleon transfer reactions producing the neutron-rich nuclei
- Fission dynamics

Perspectives

- basis space, especially with pairing (TDHFB, TDHF+BCS)
- beyond the independent-particle approximation (TDRPA)
- the role of two-body collisions and fluctuation effects



Thanks for your attention!



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