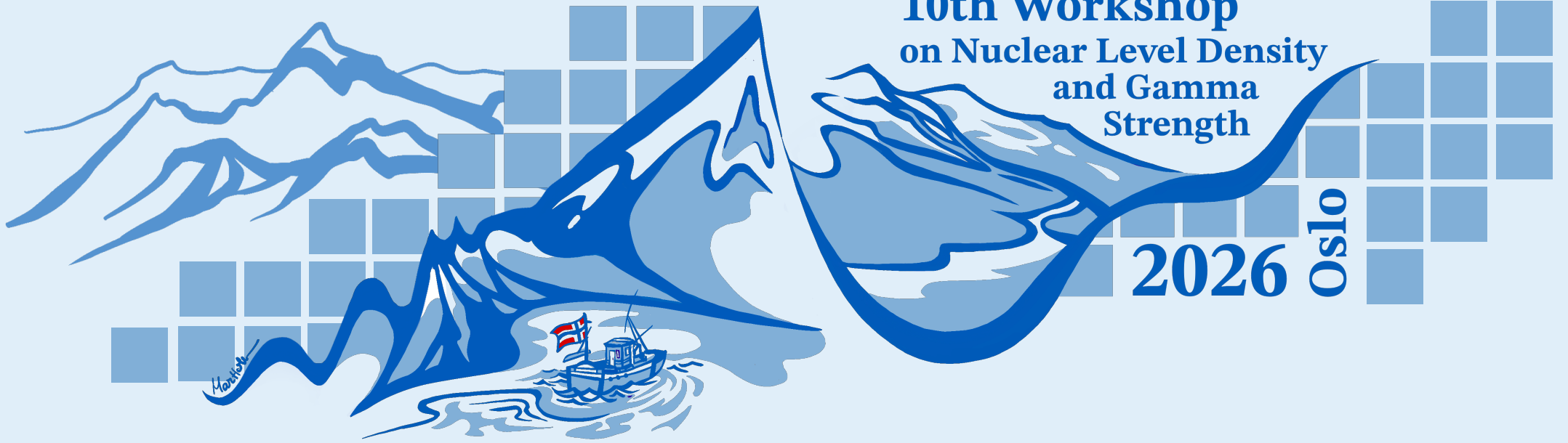


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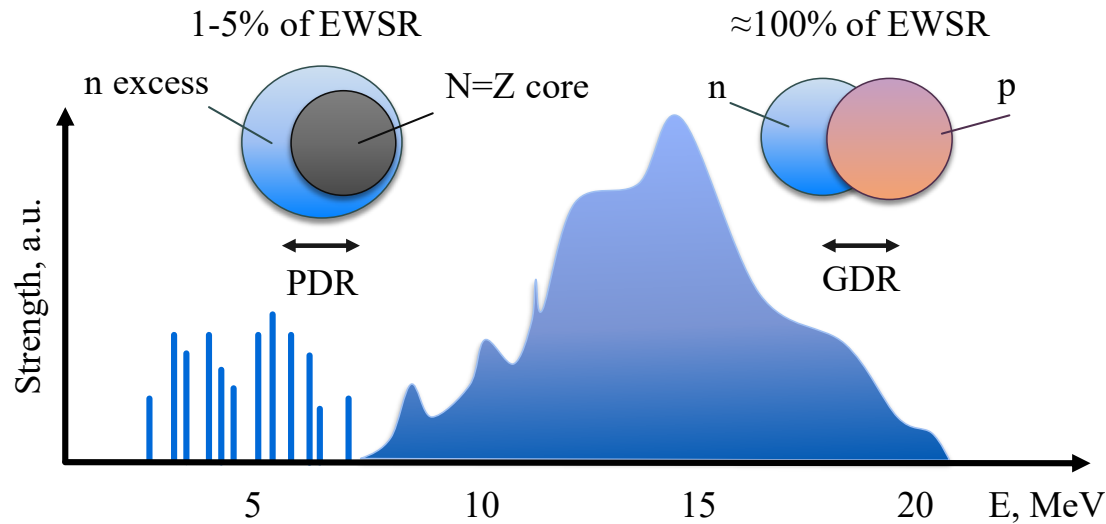
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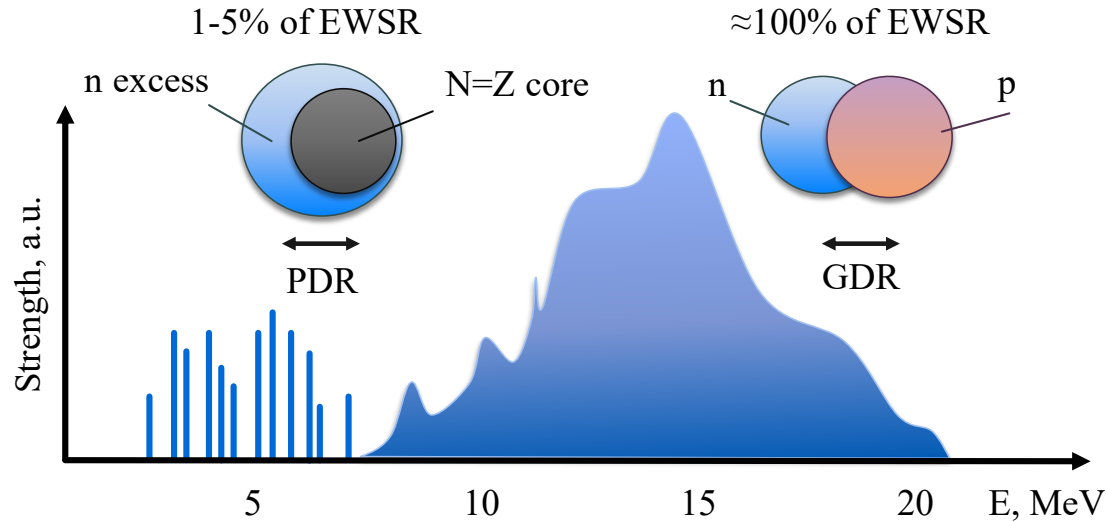


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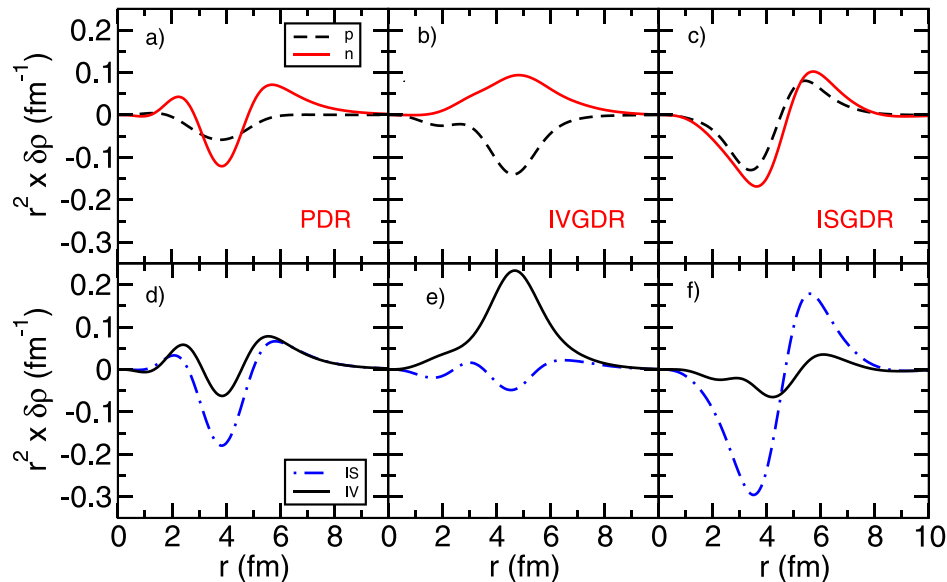
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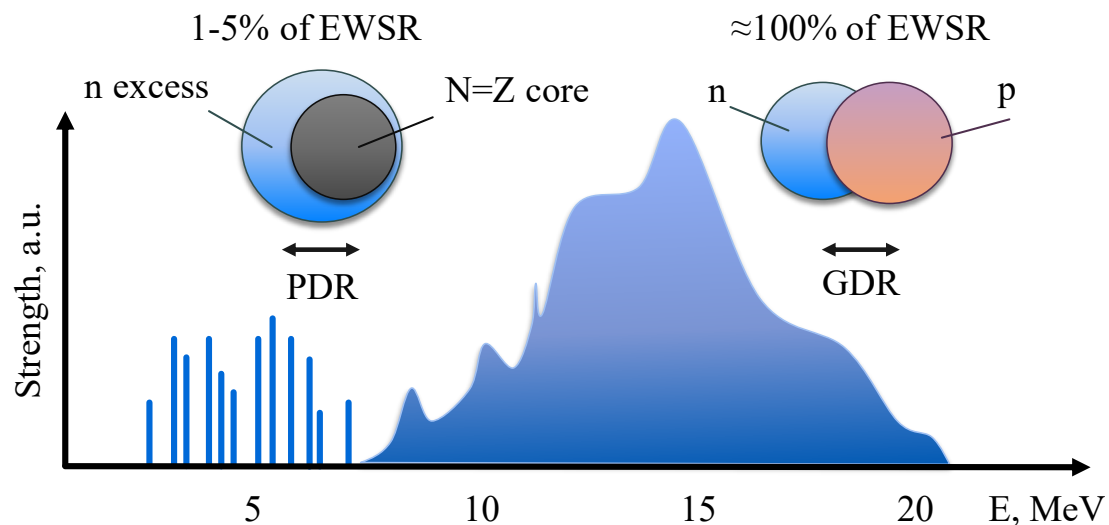
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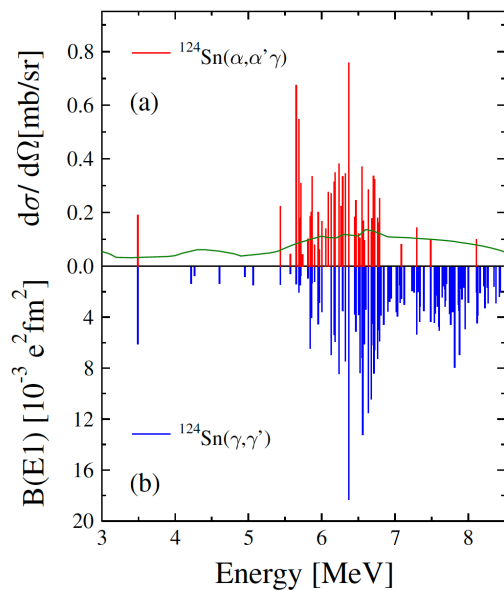
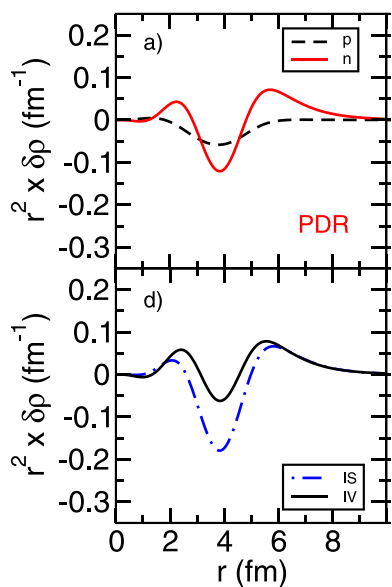
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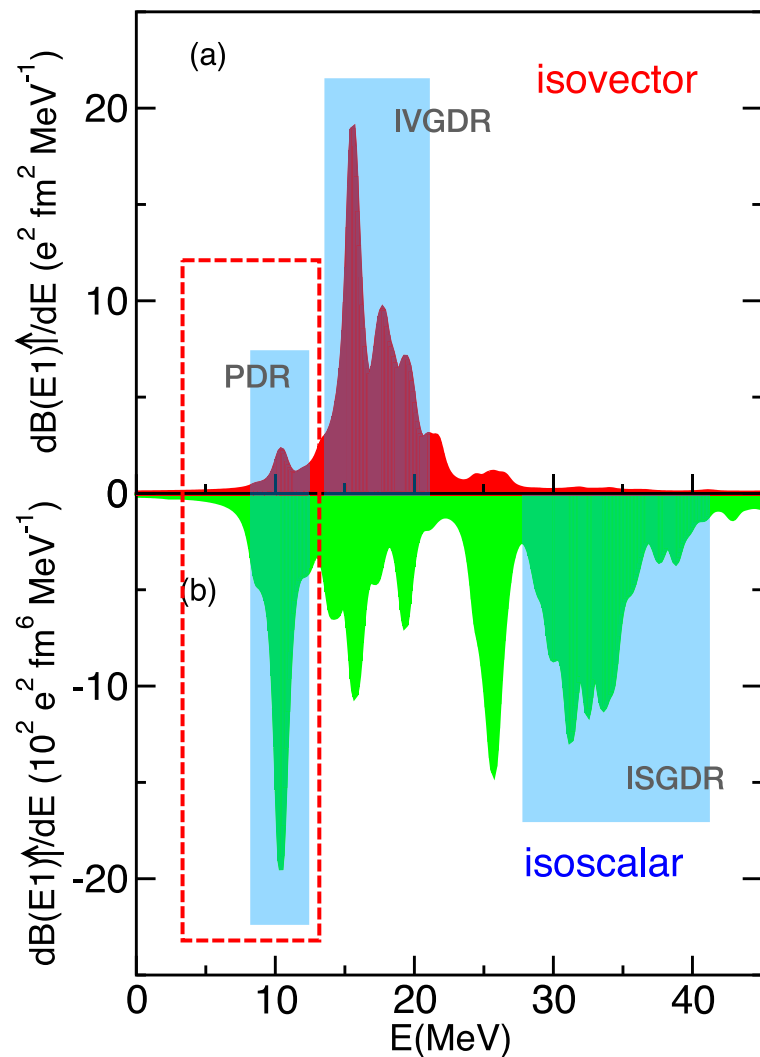


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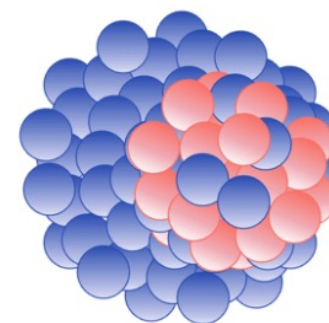
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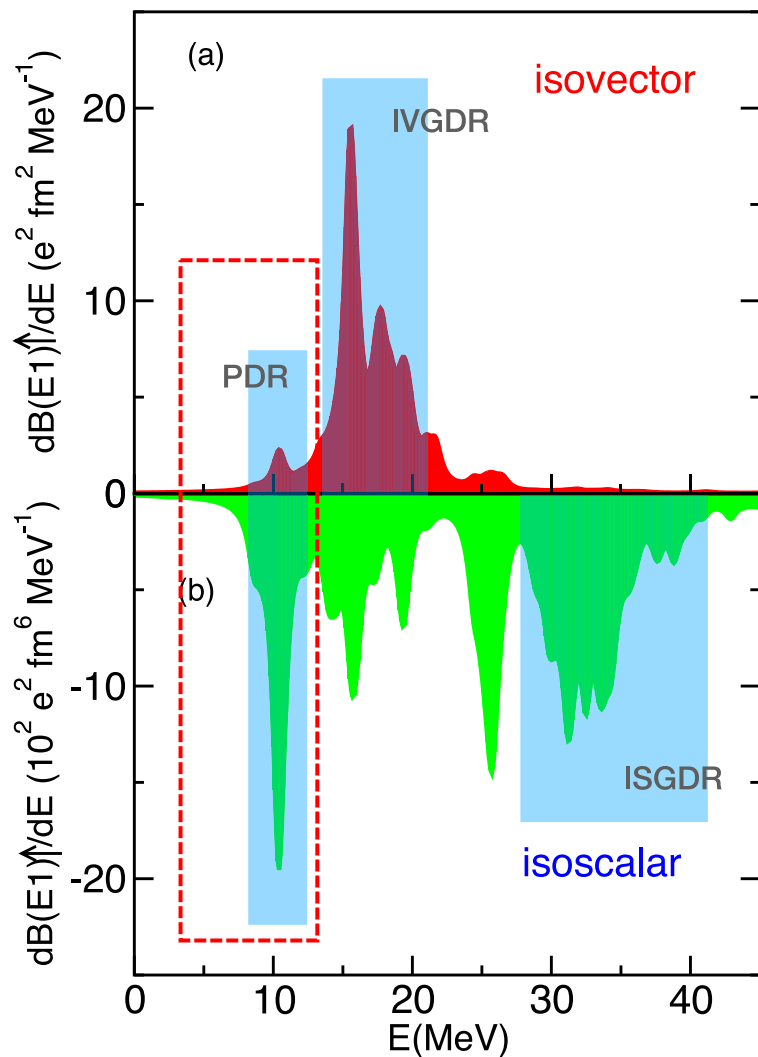


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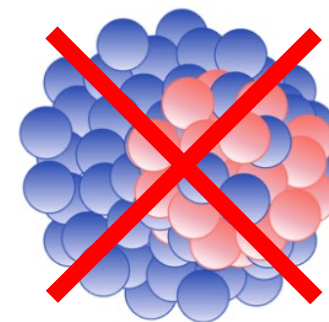
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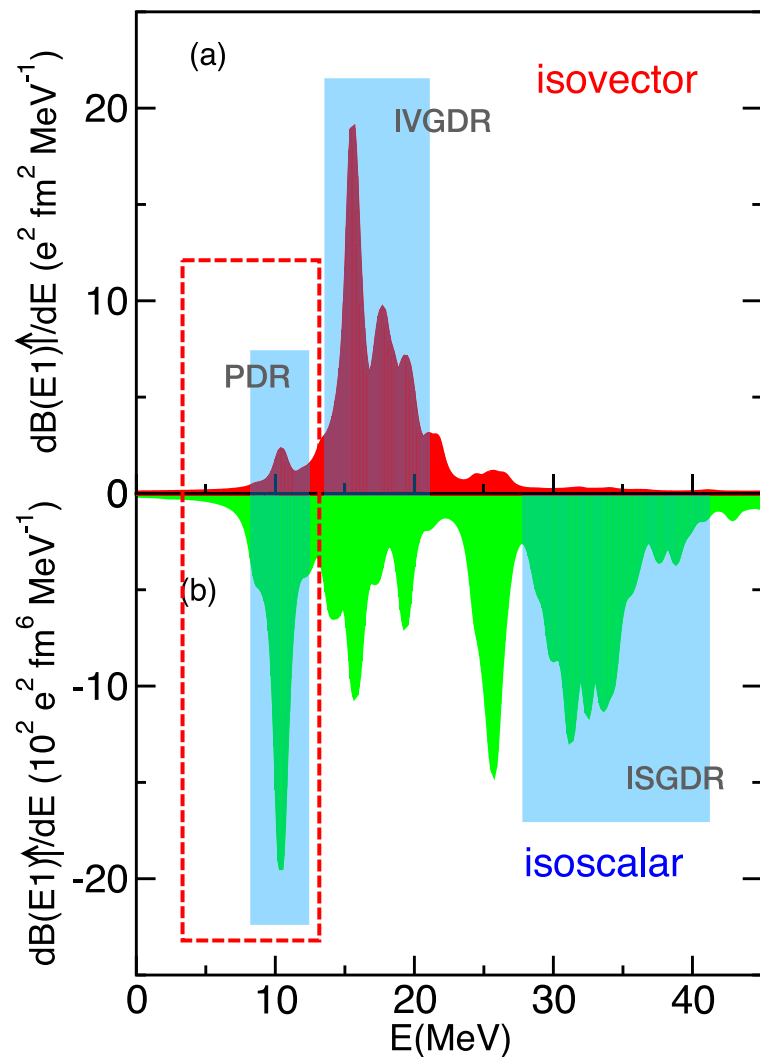
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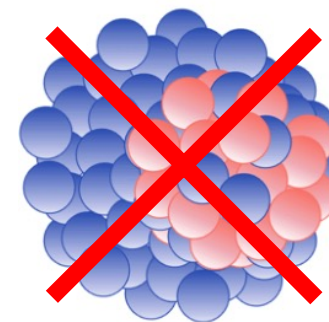
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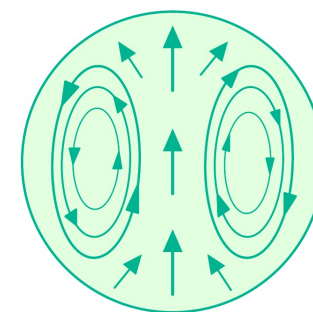
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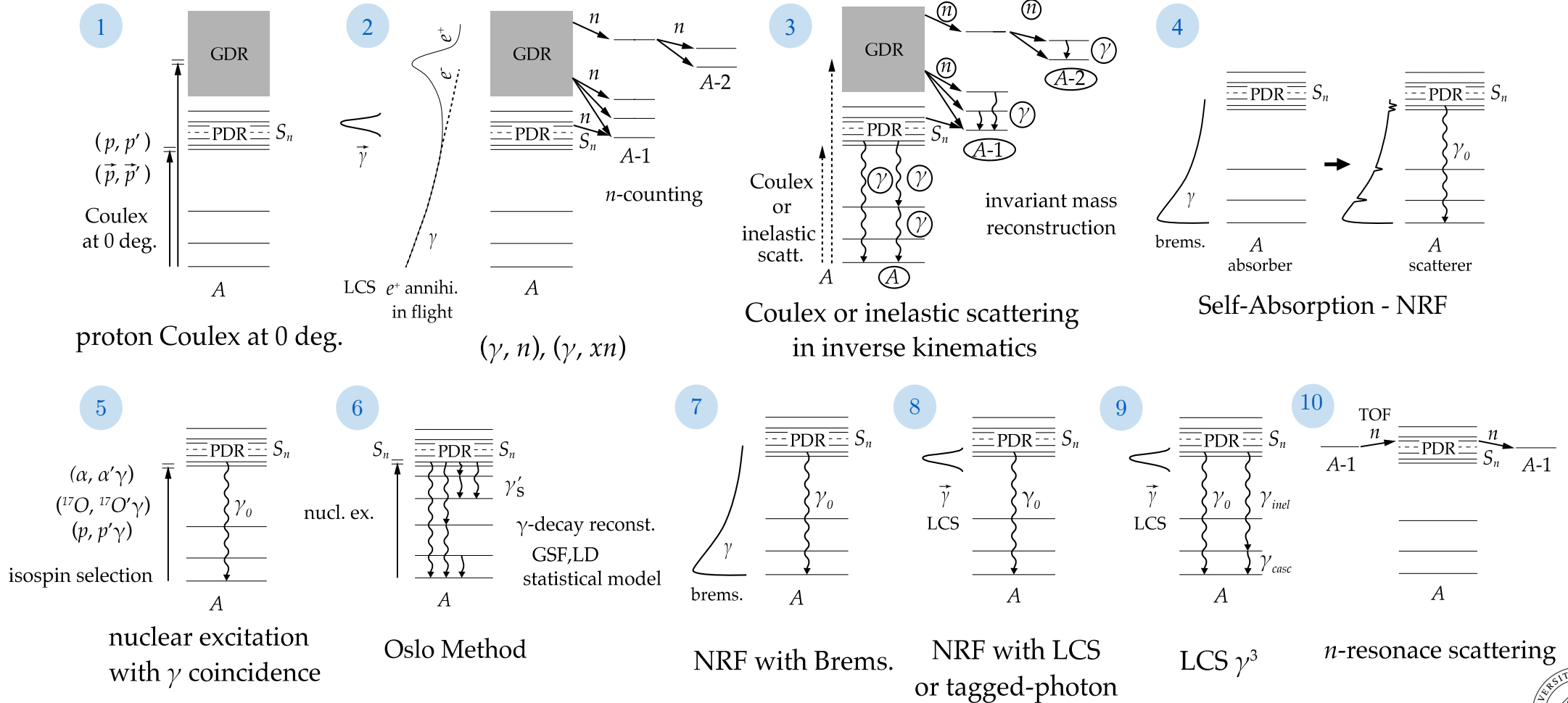
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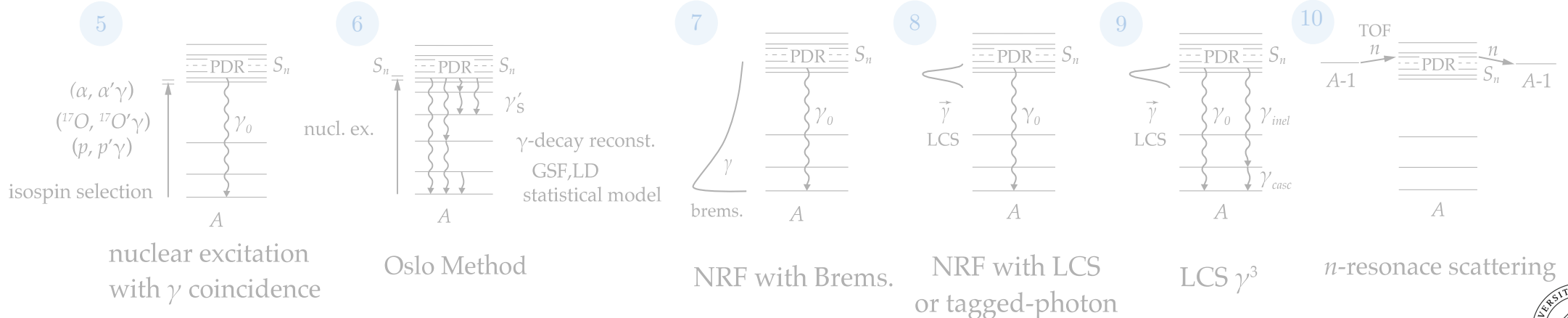
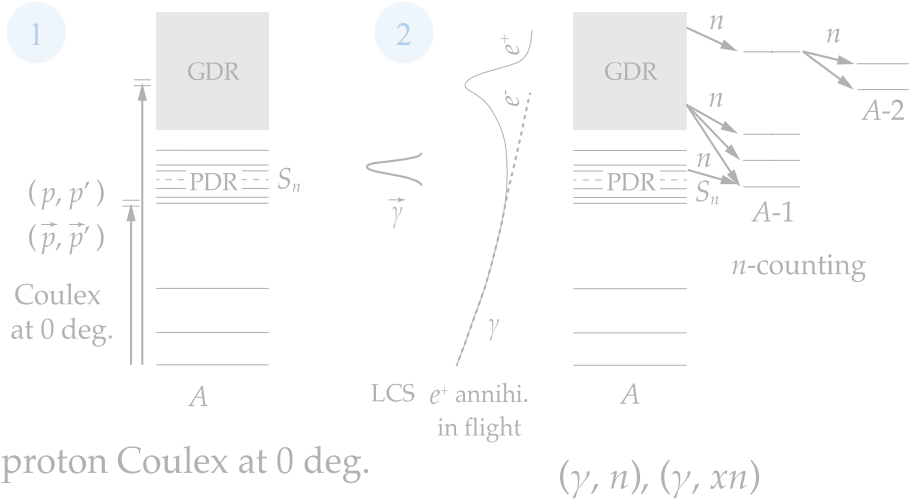
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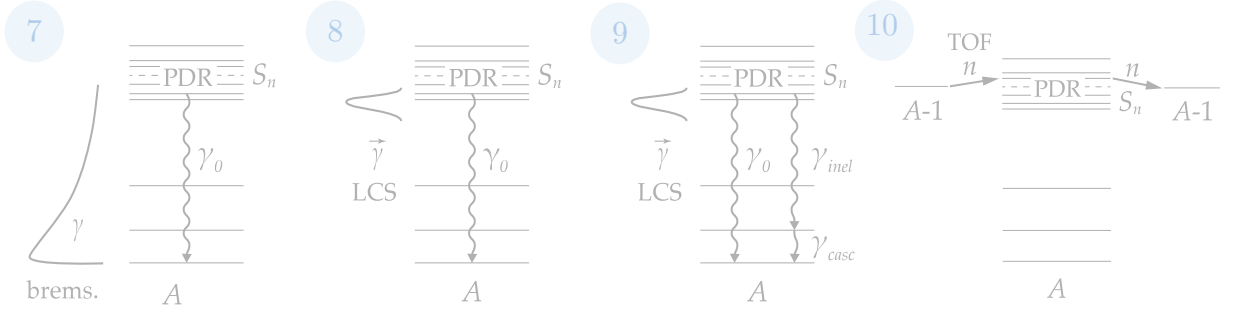
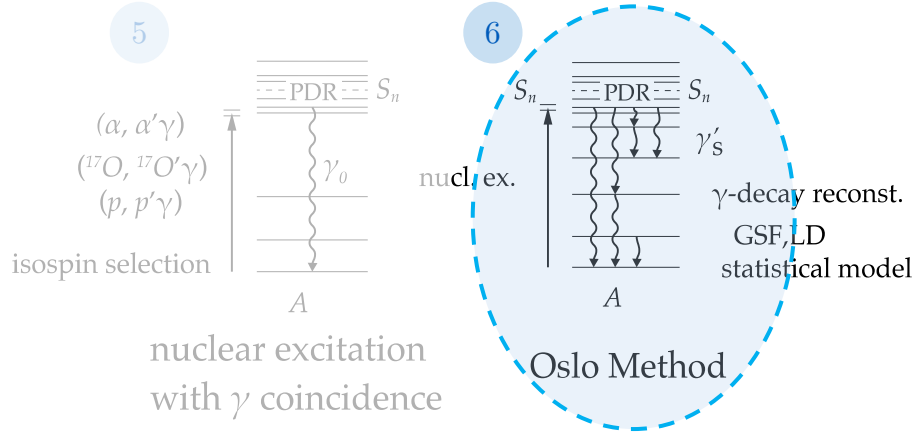
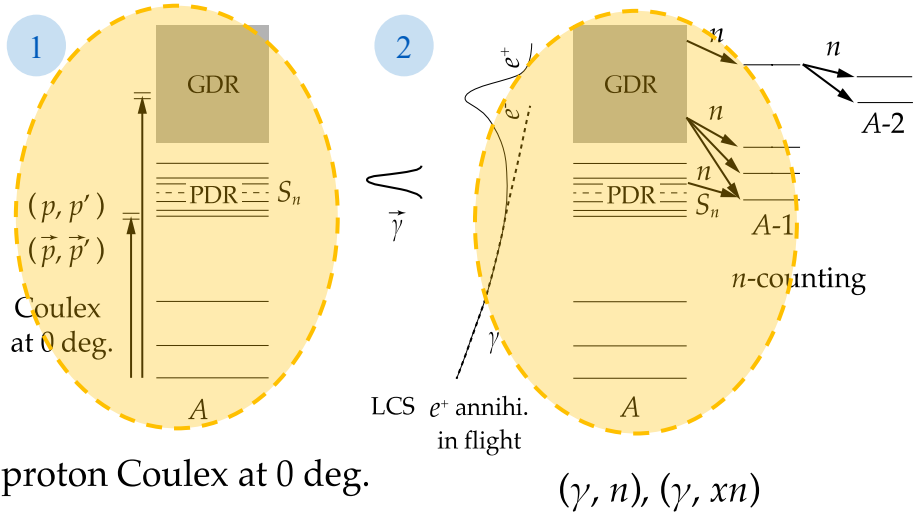
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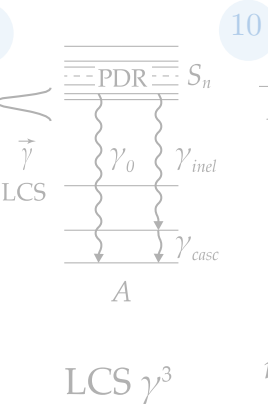
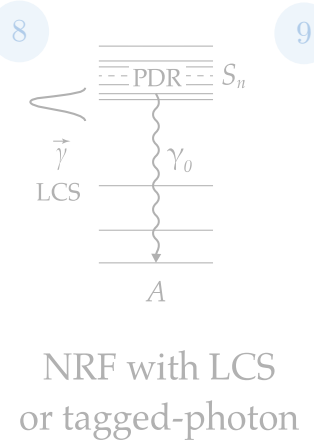
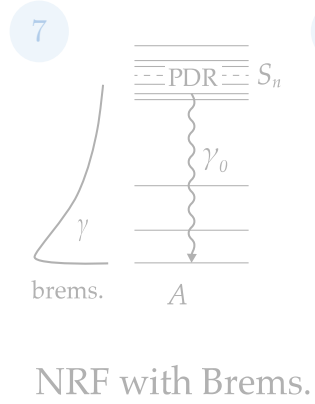
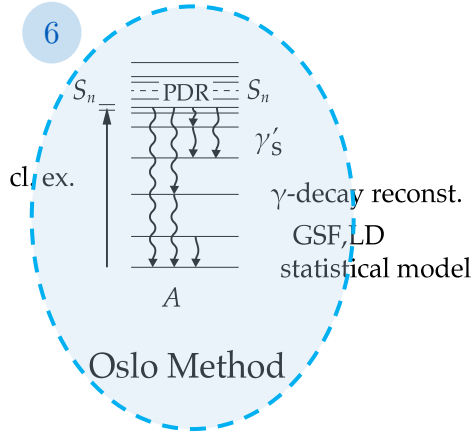
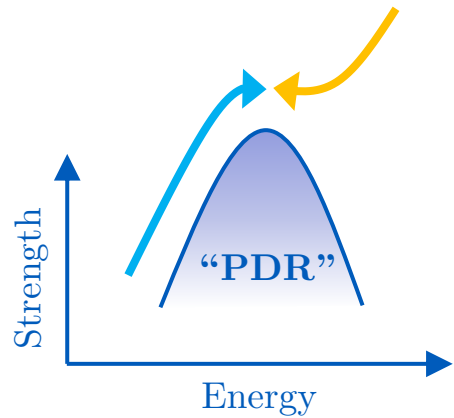
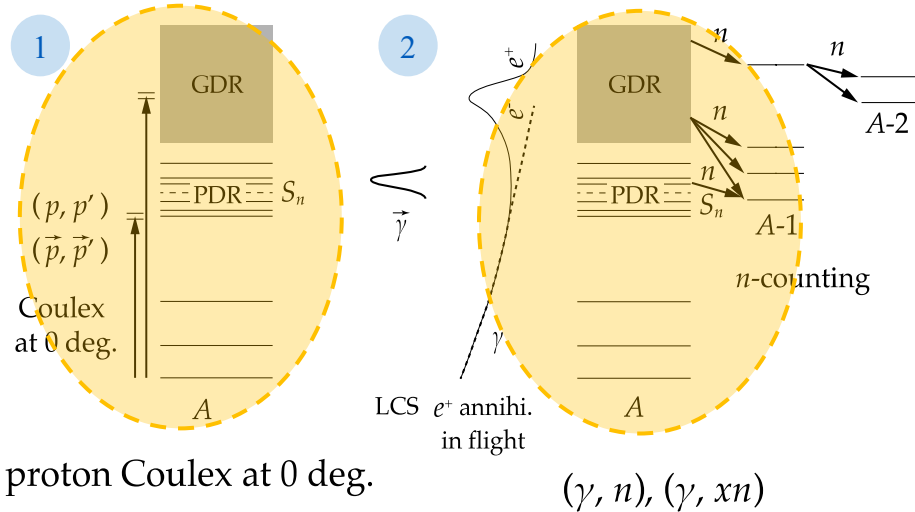
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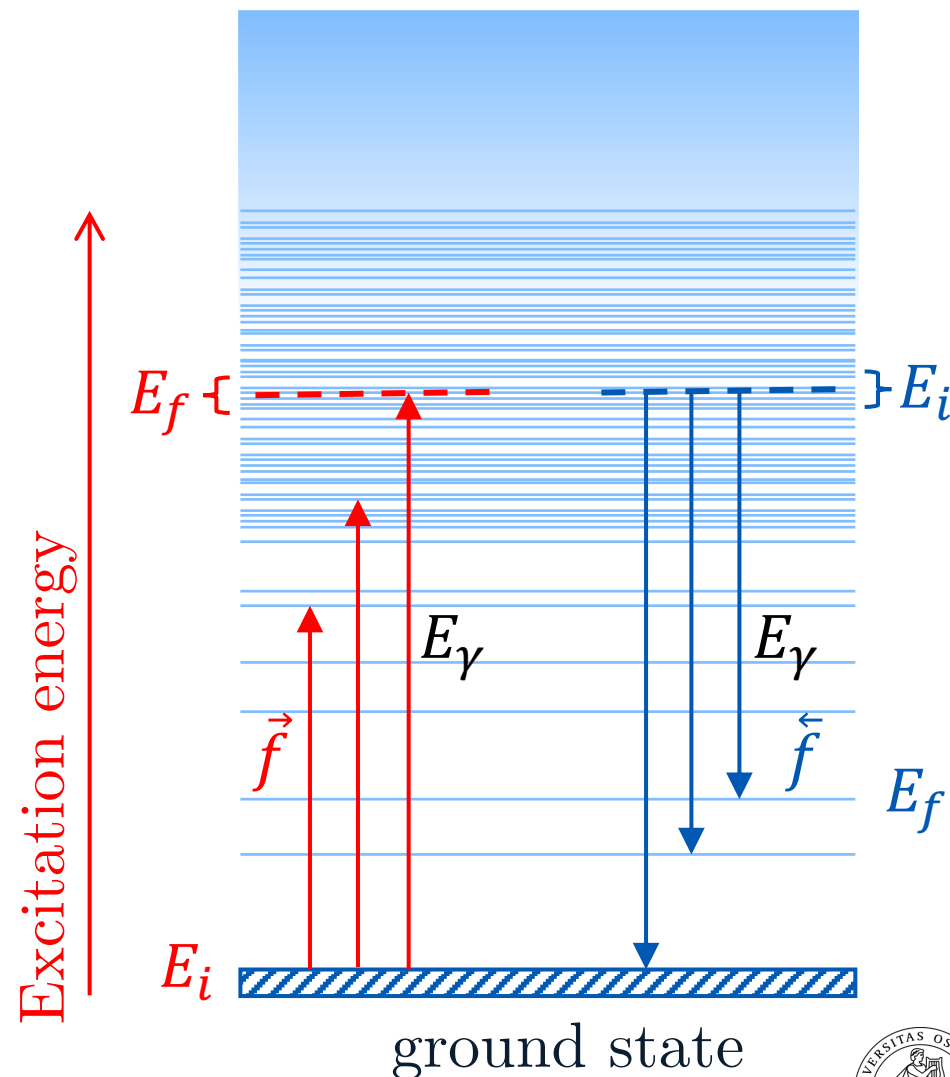
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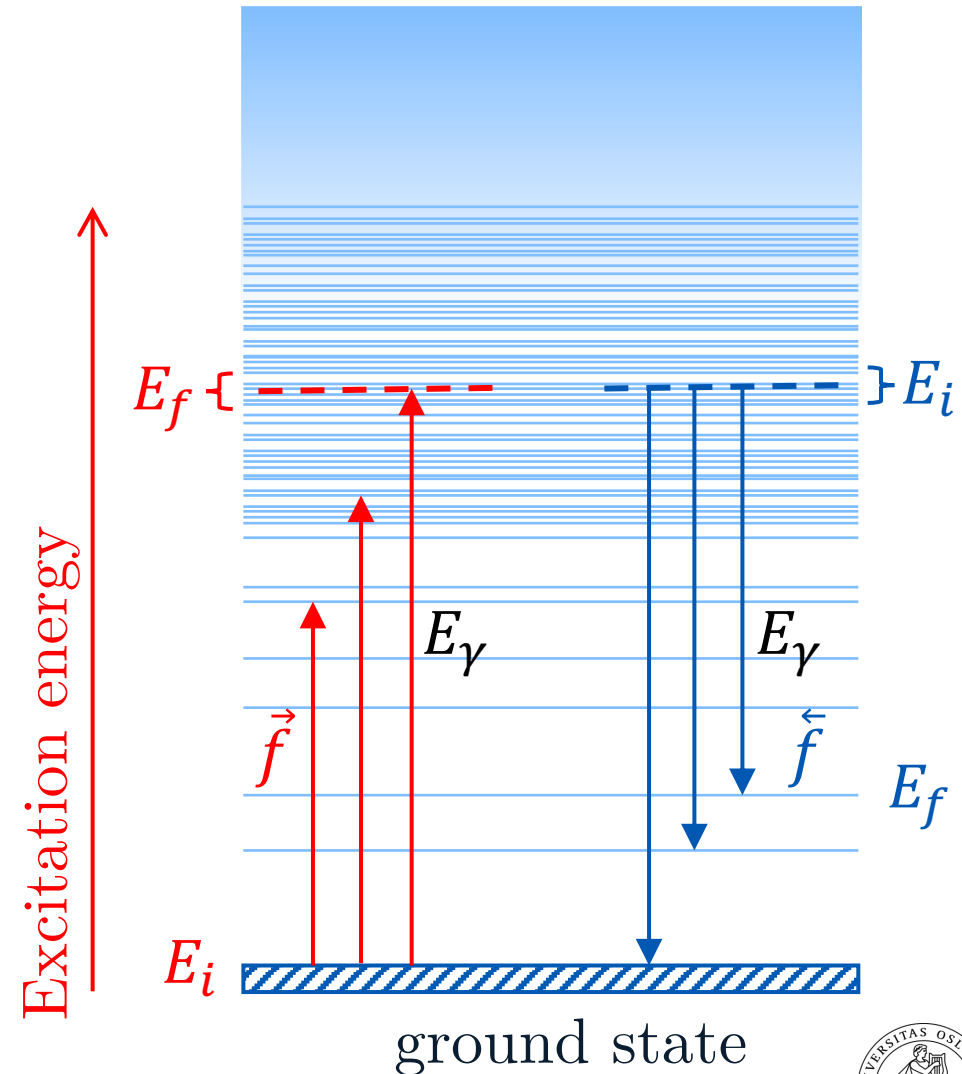
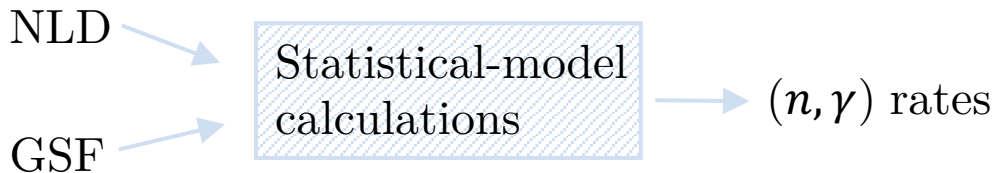
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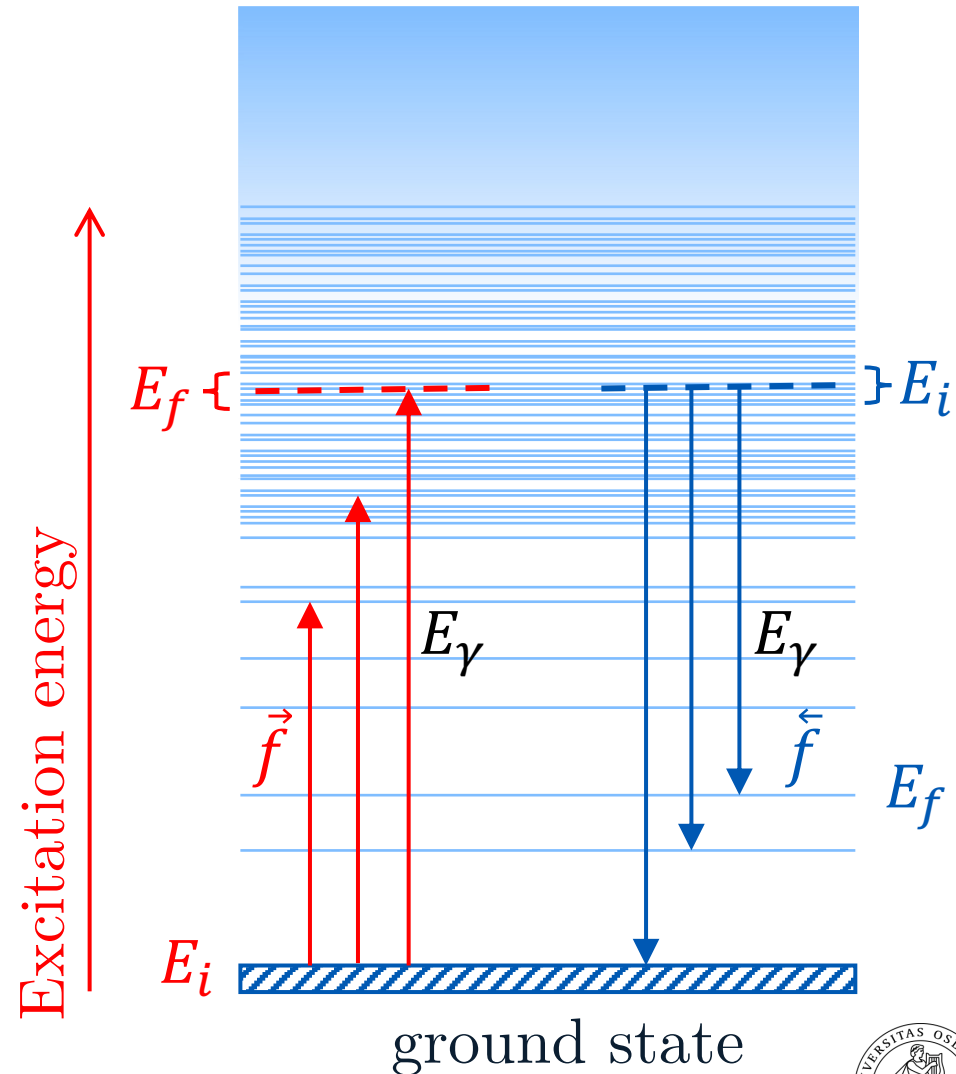
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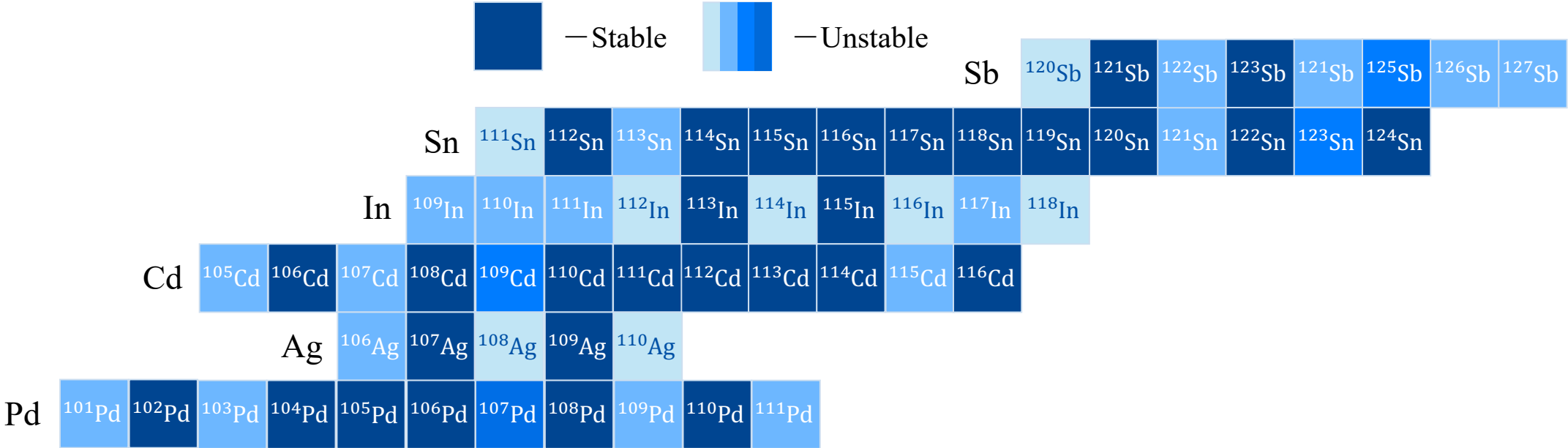
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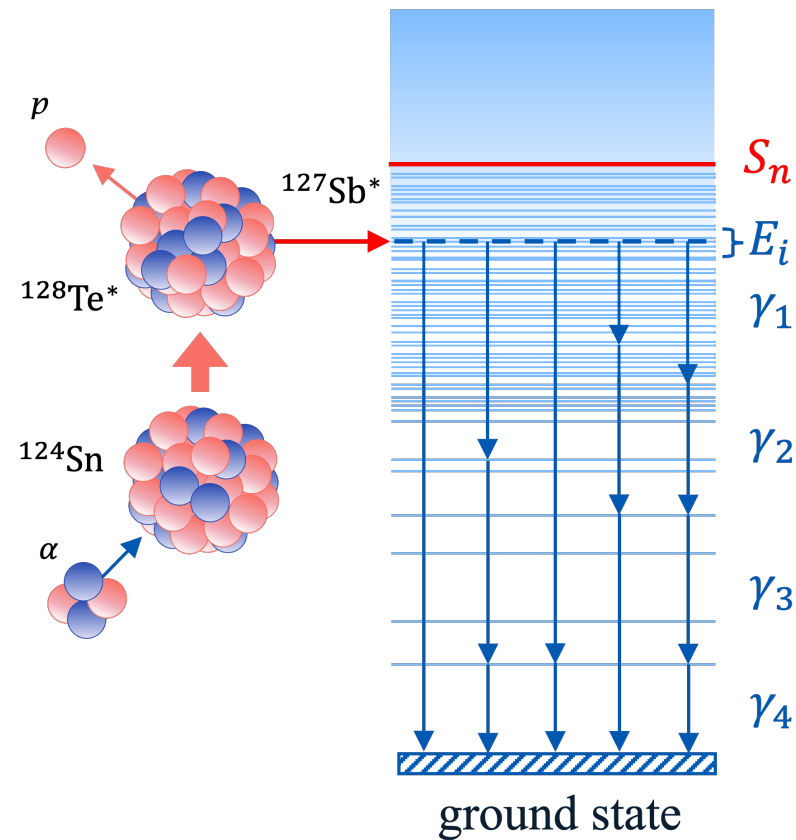
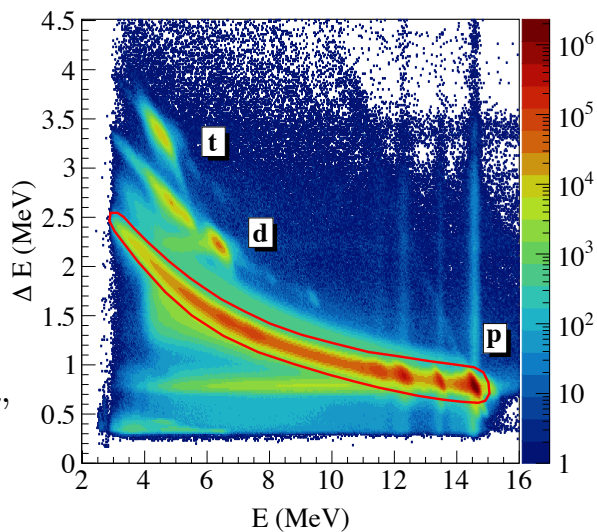
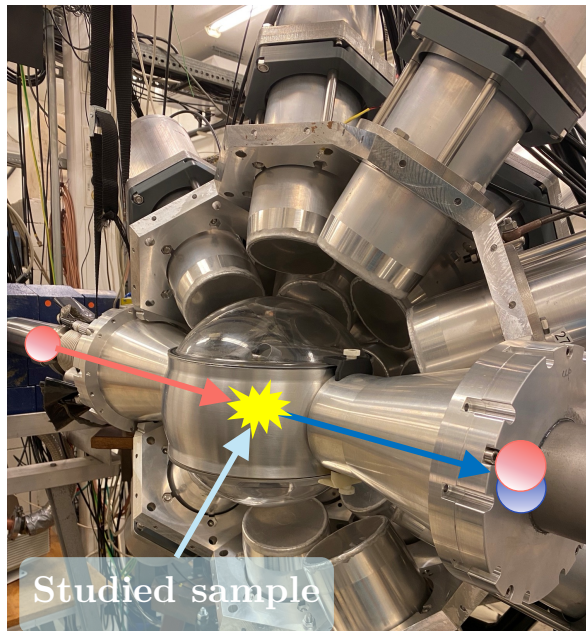
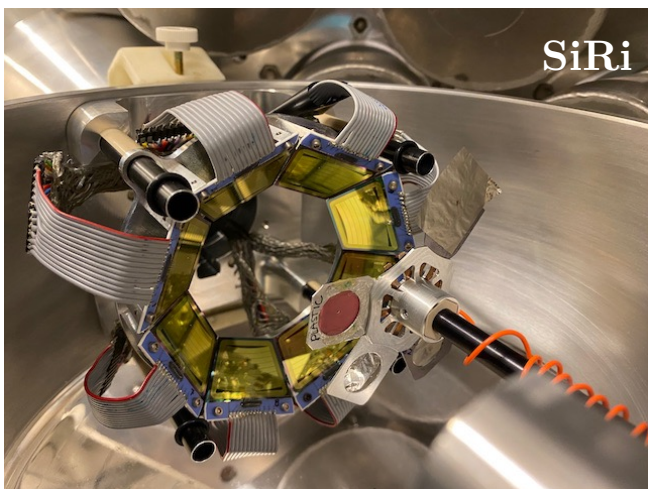
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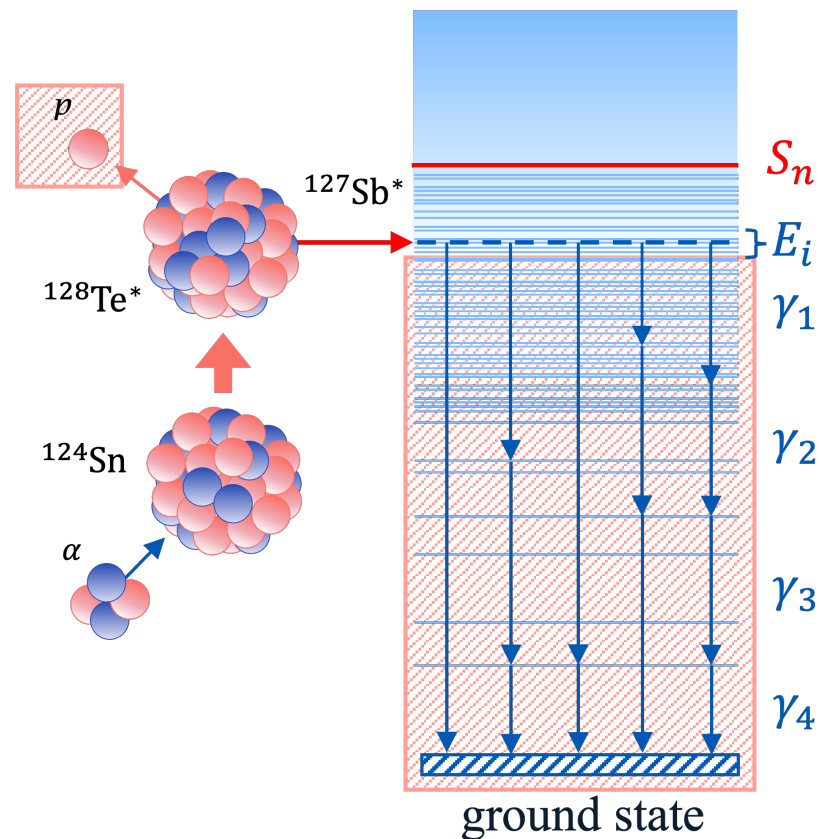
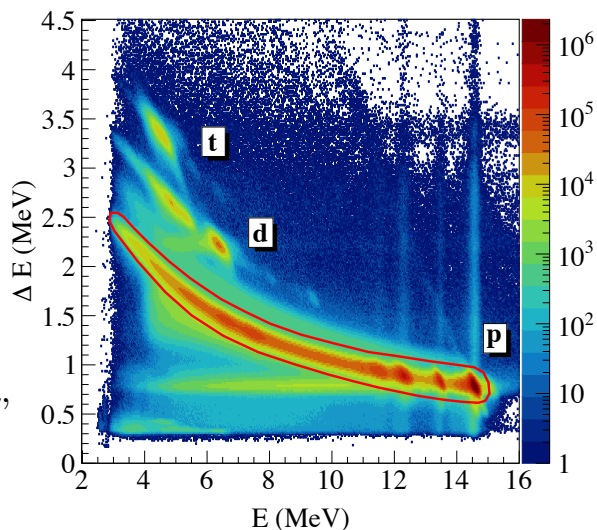
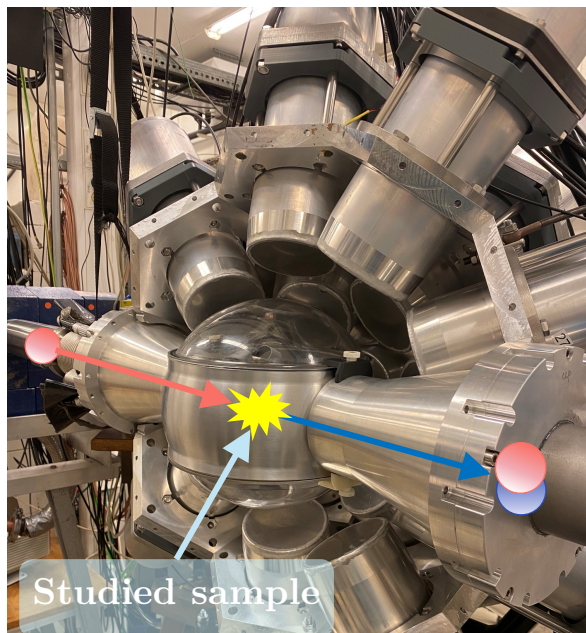
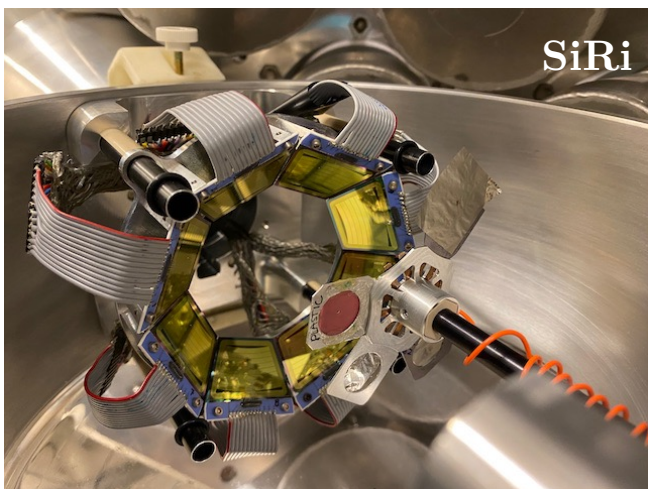
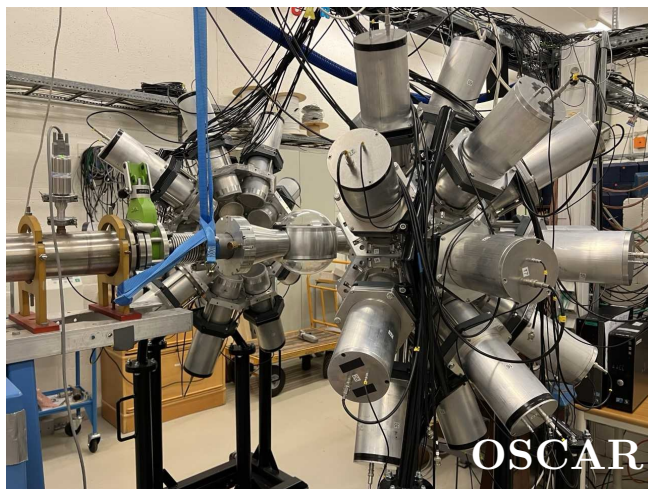
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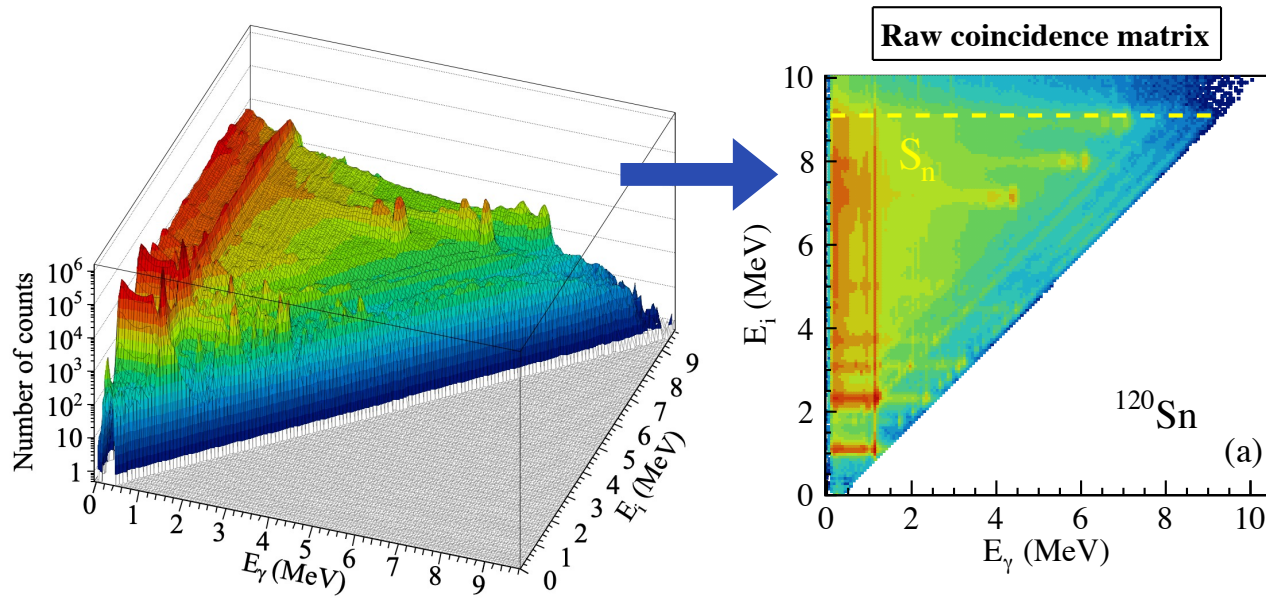
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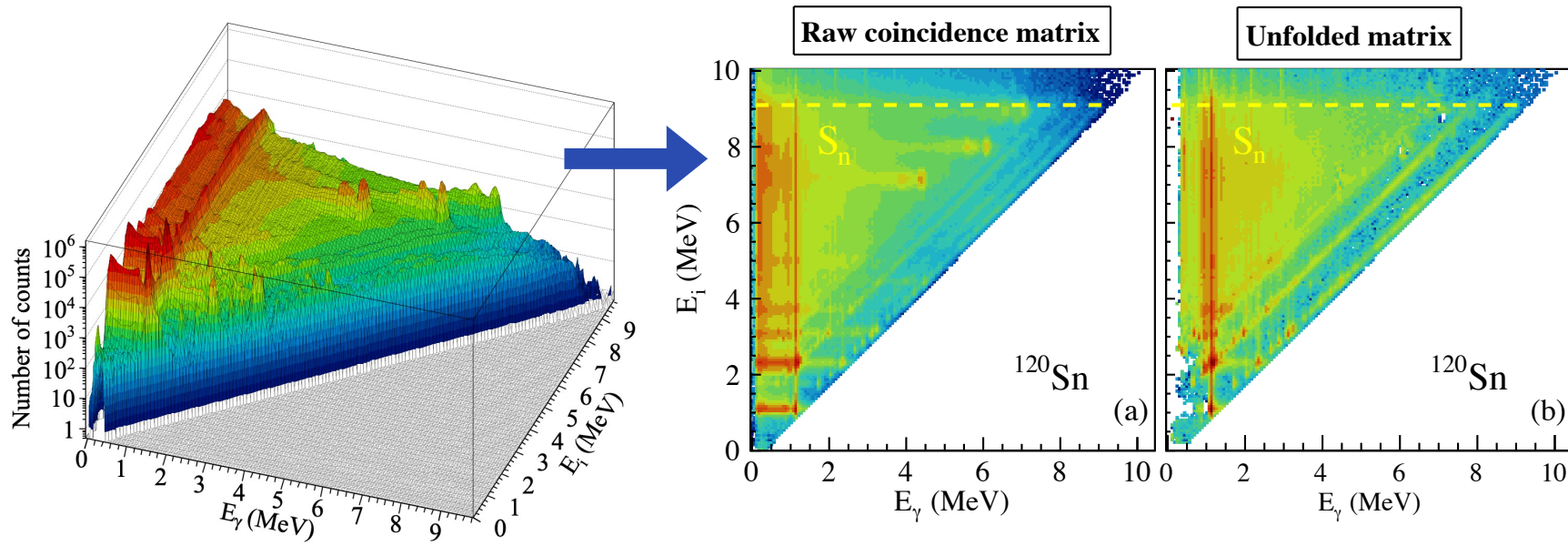
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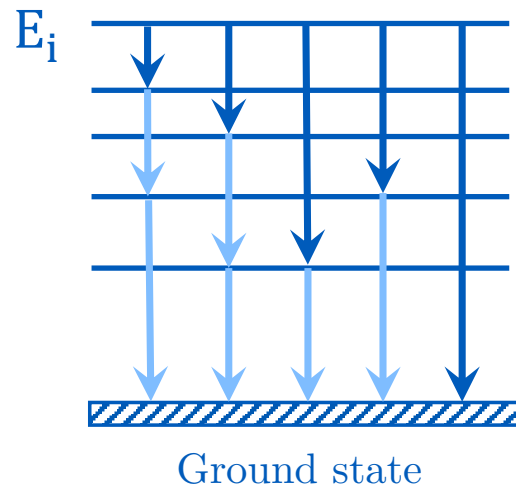
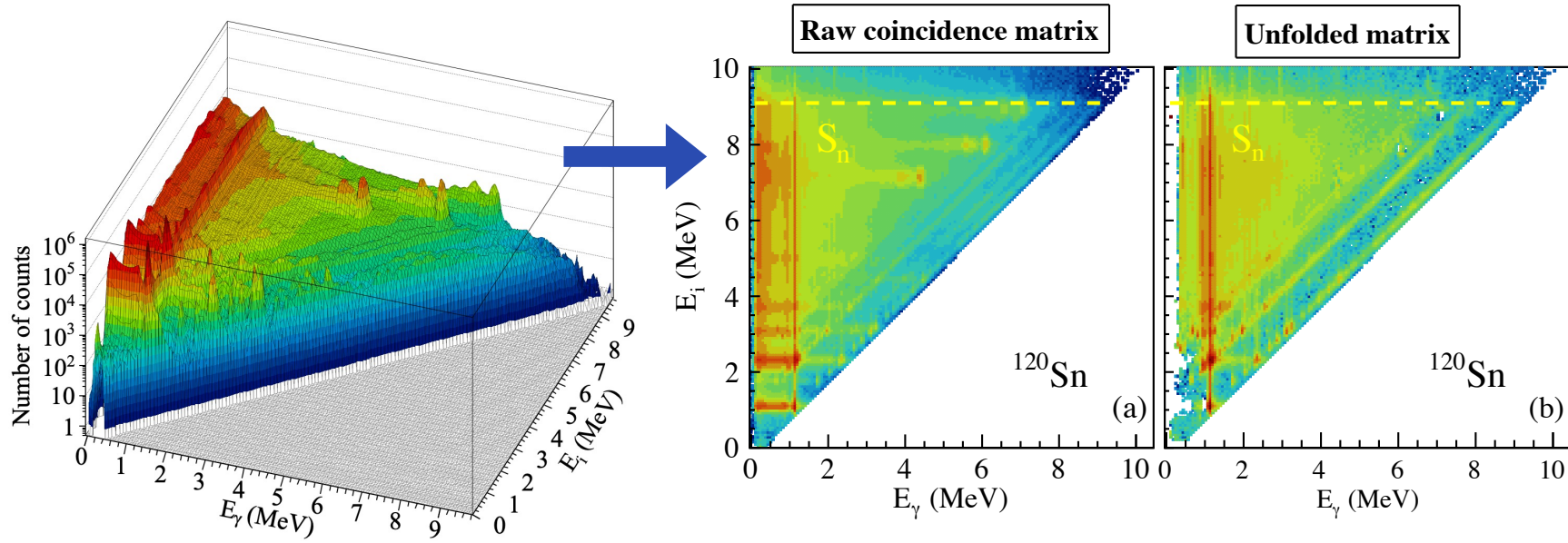
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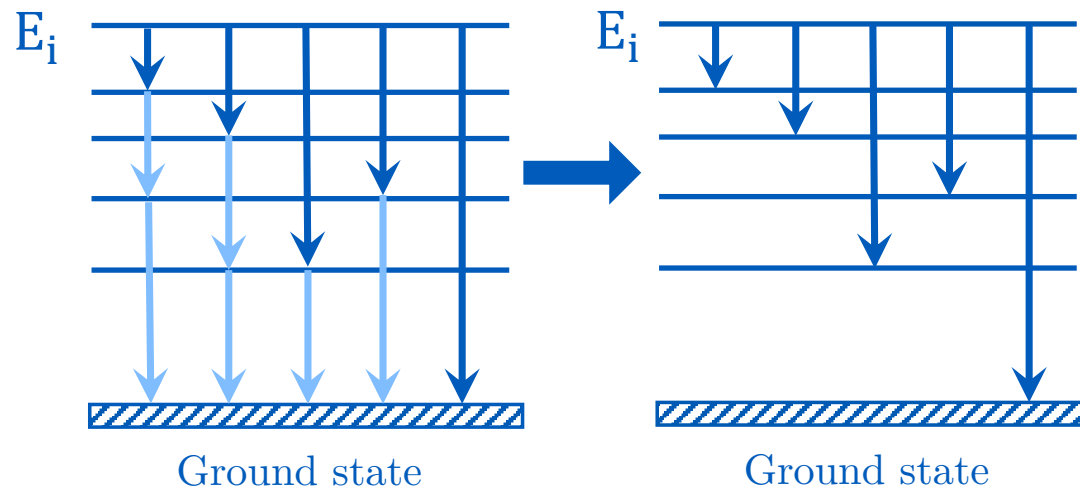
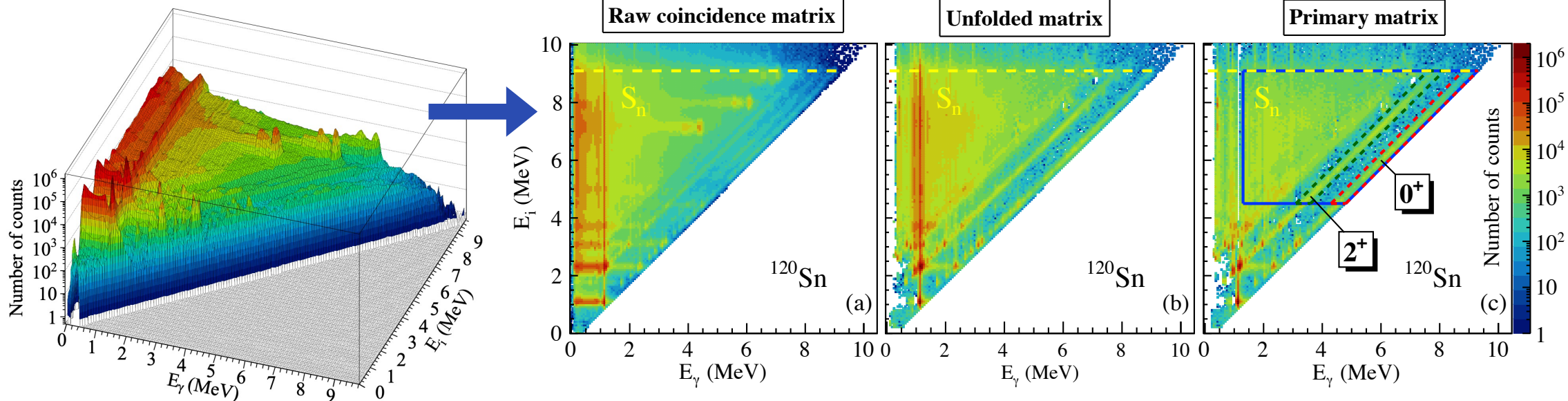
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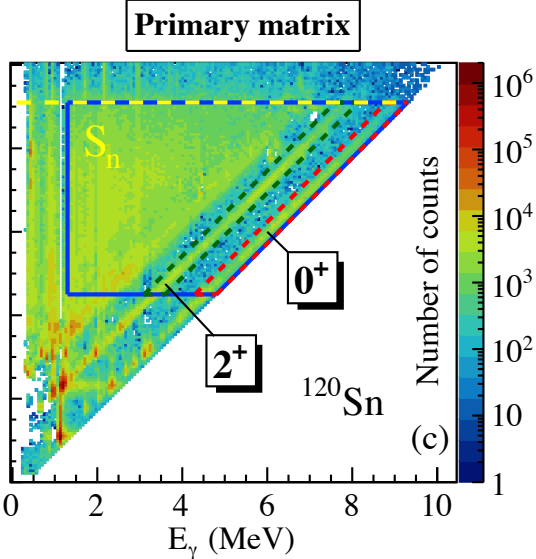
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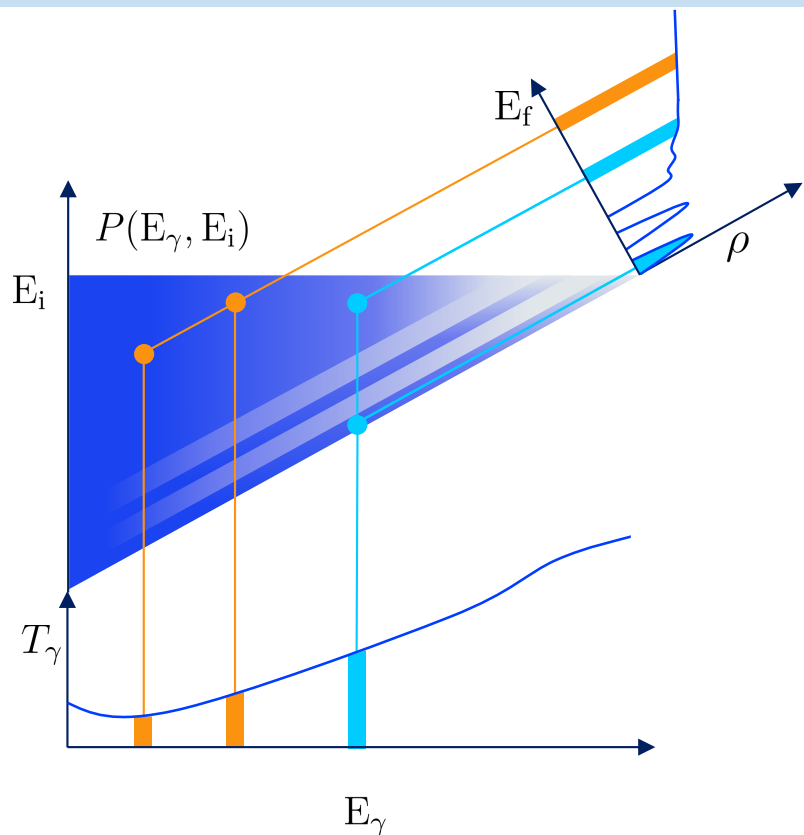
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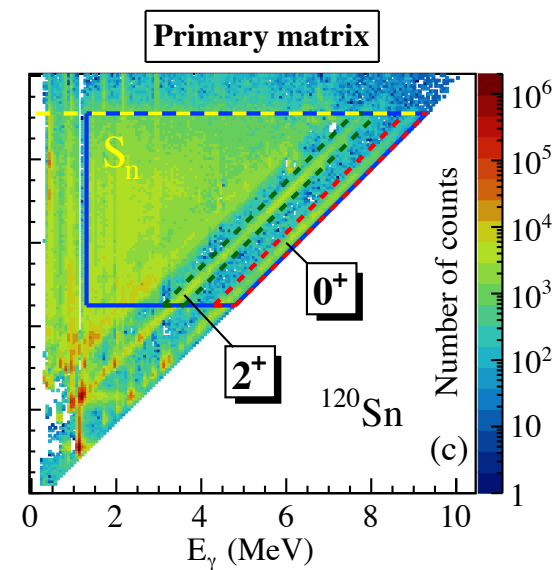


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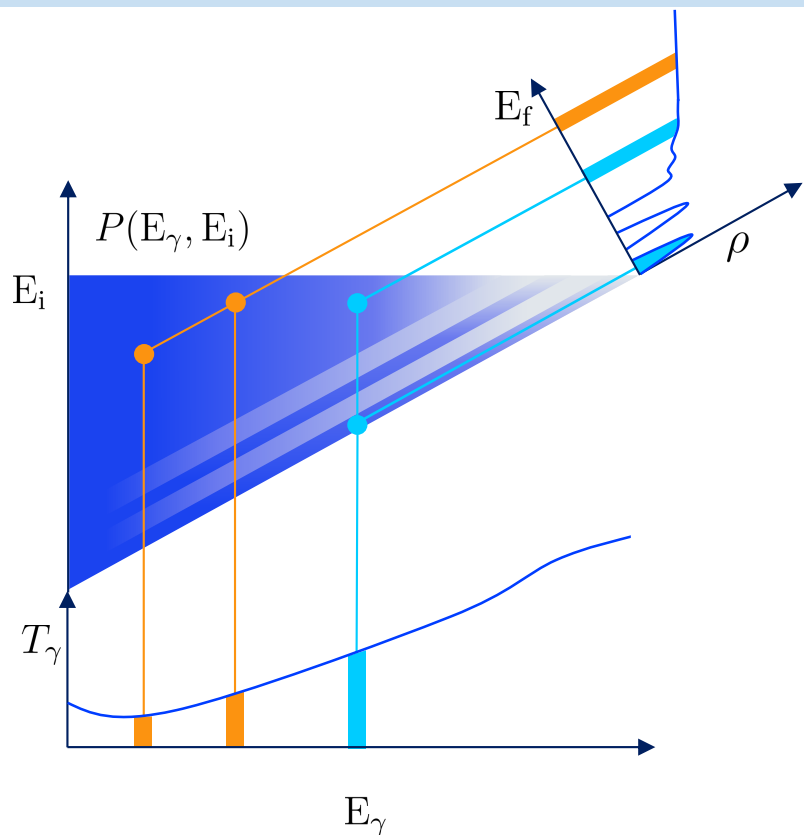
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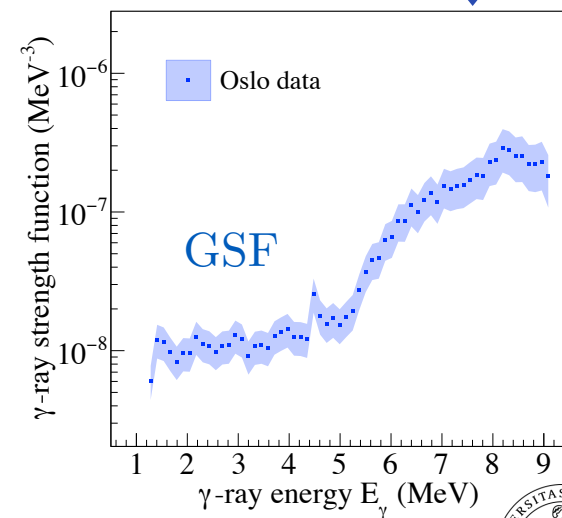
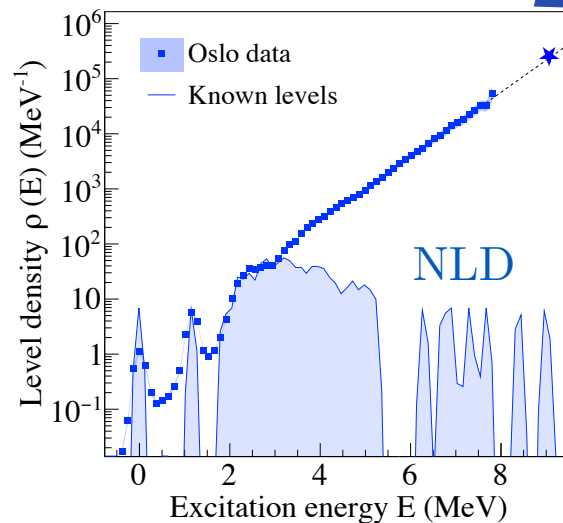
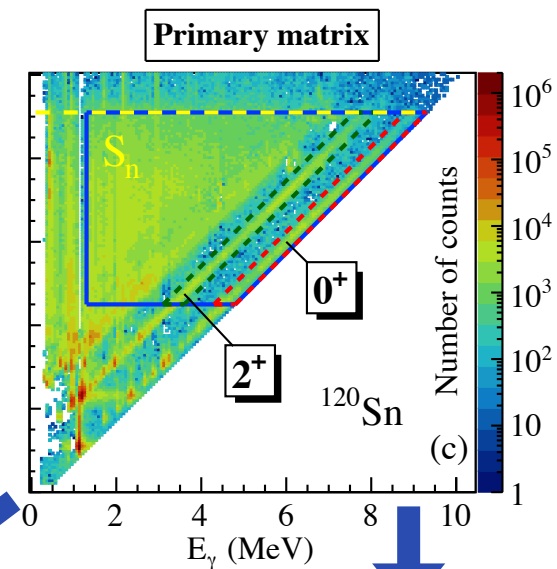


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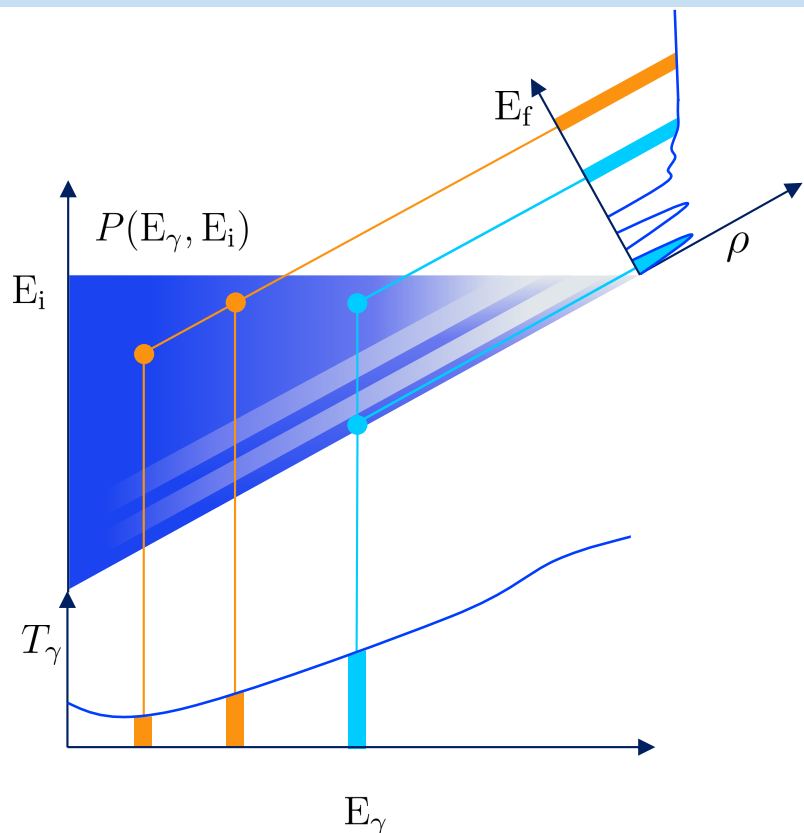
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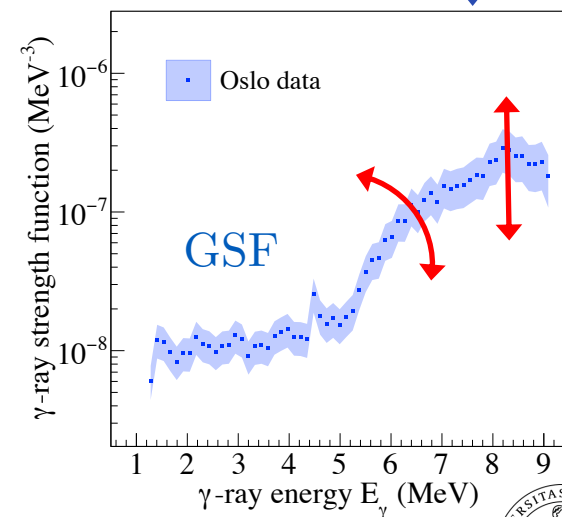
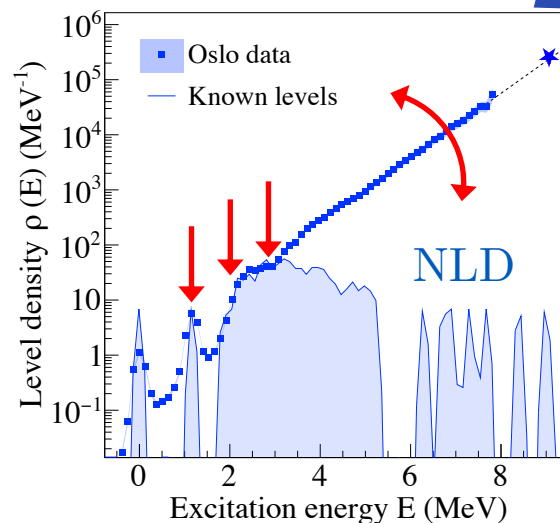
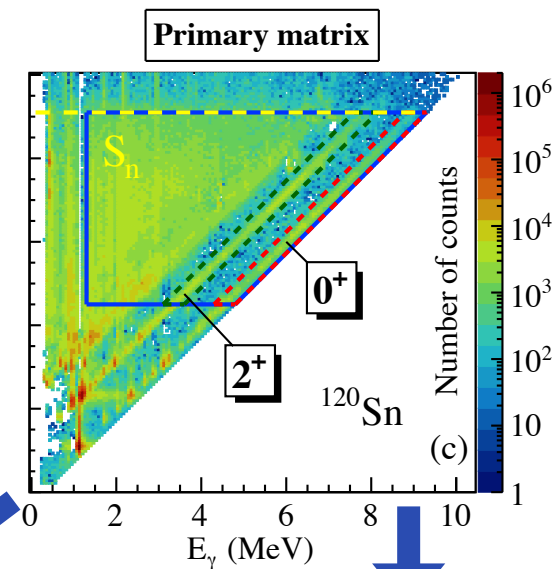


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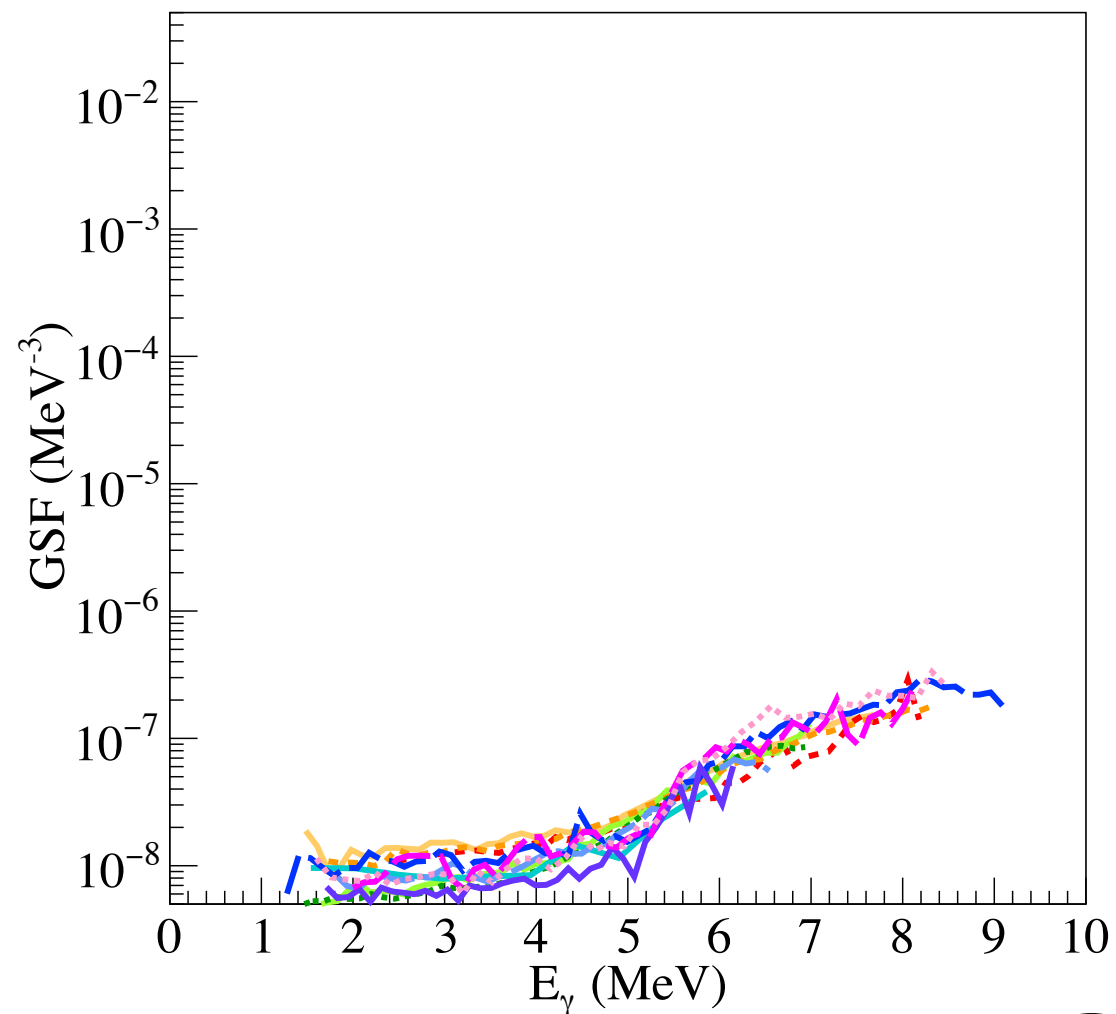
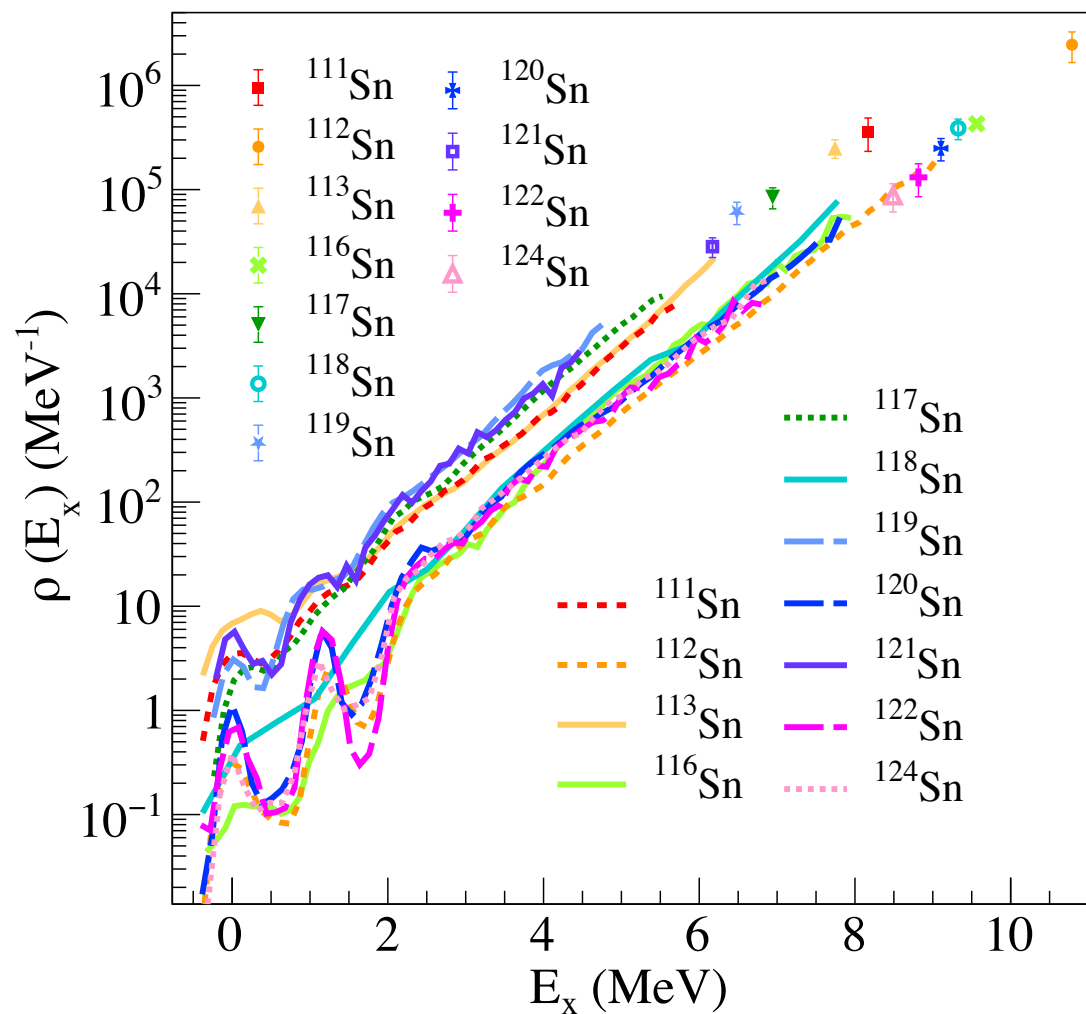
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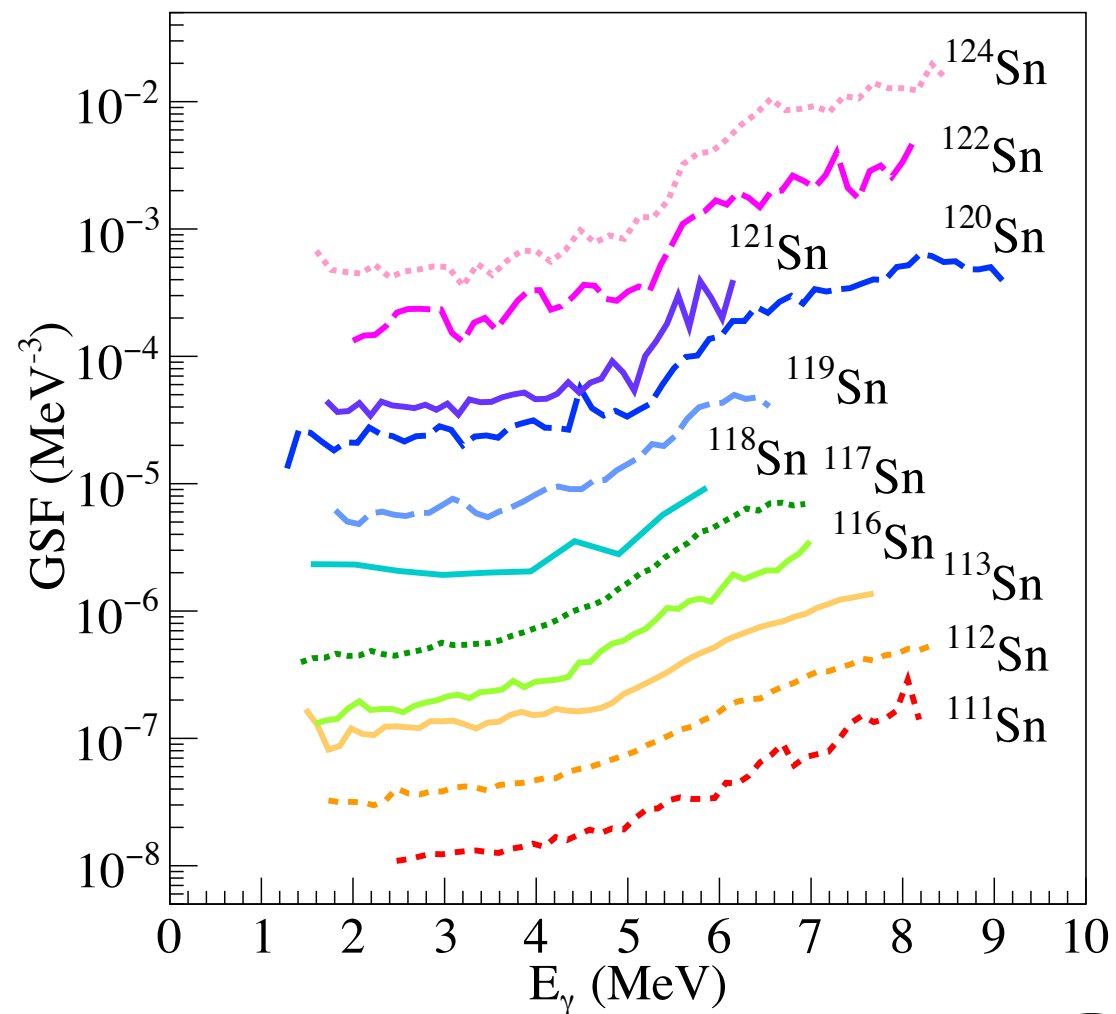
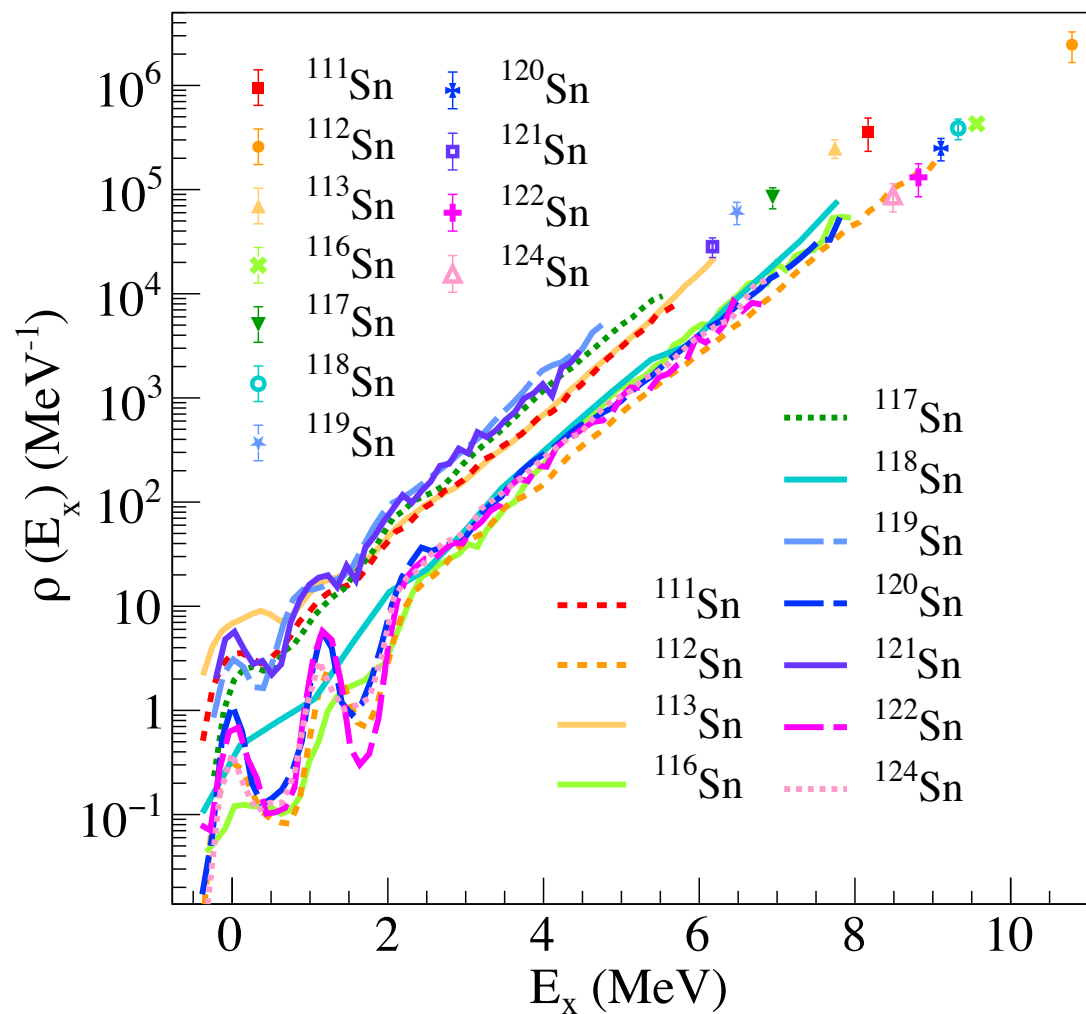
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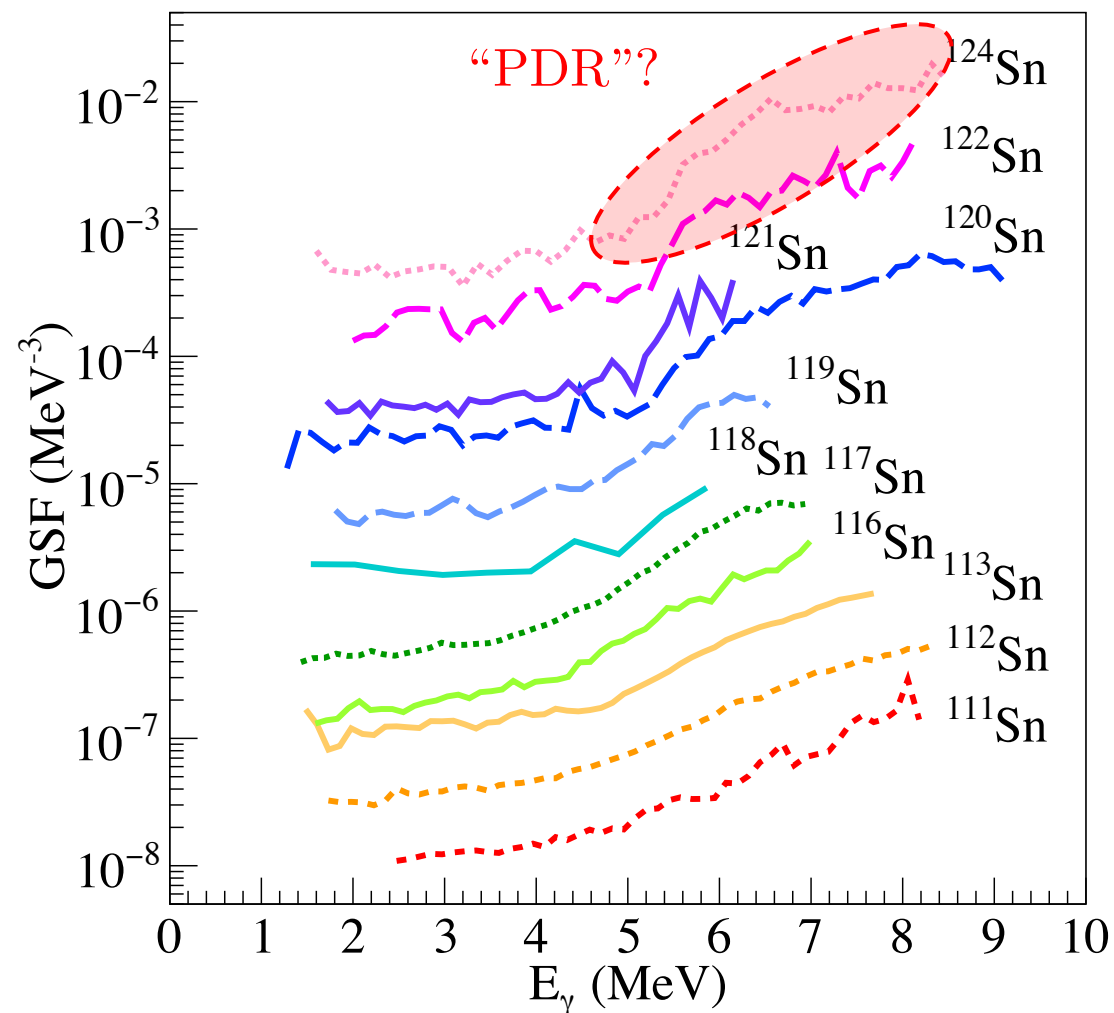
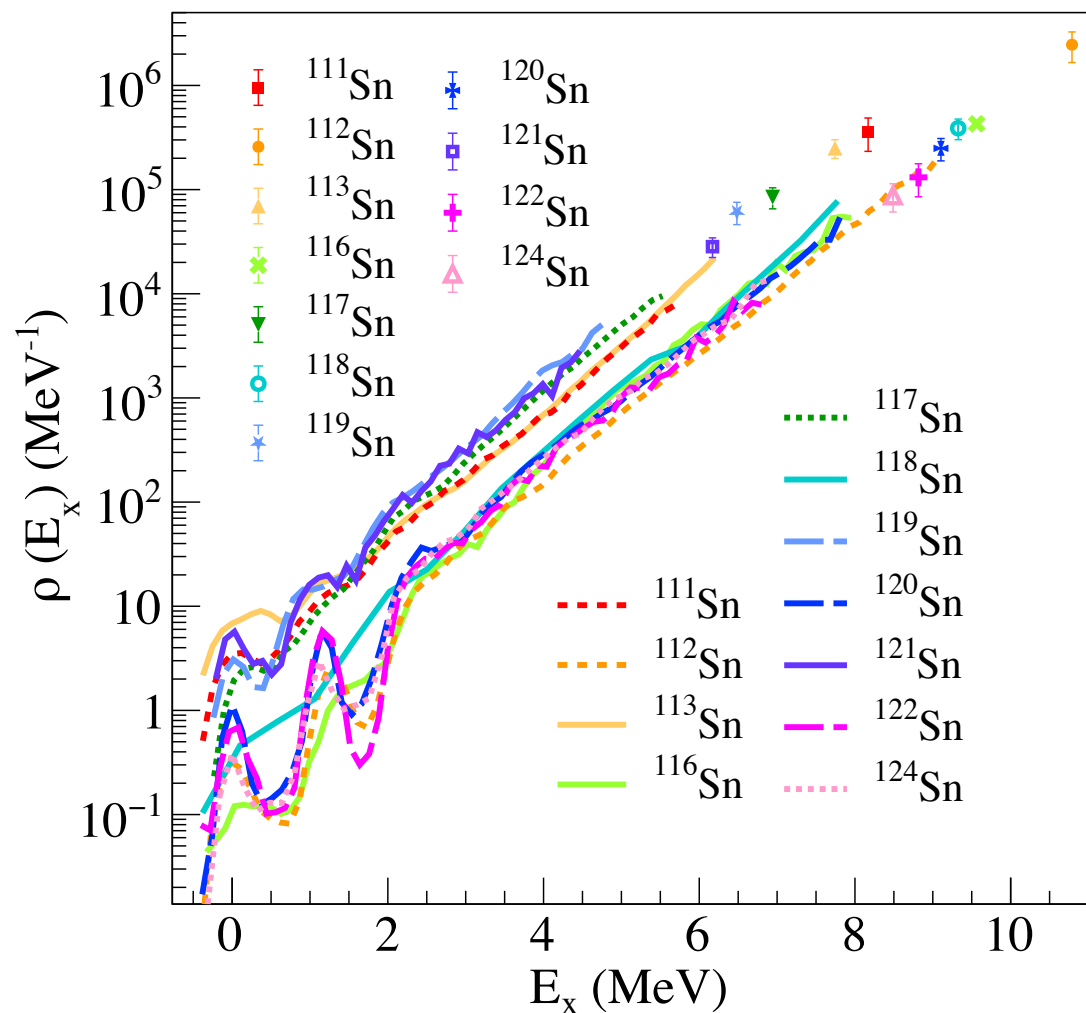
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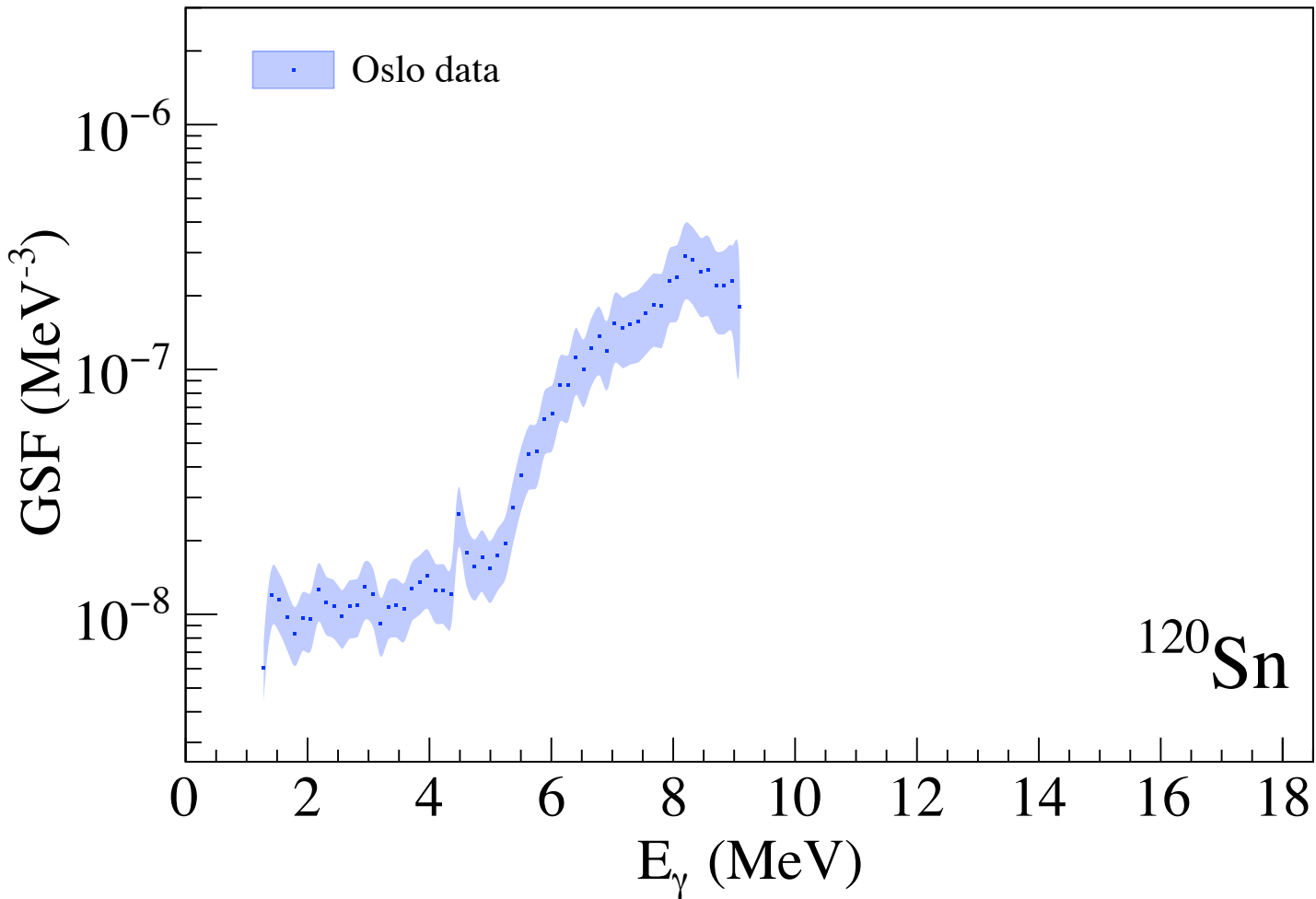
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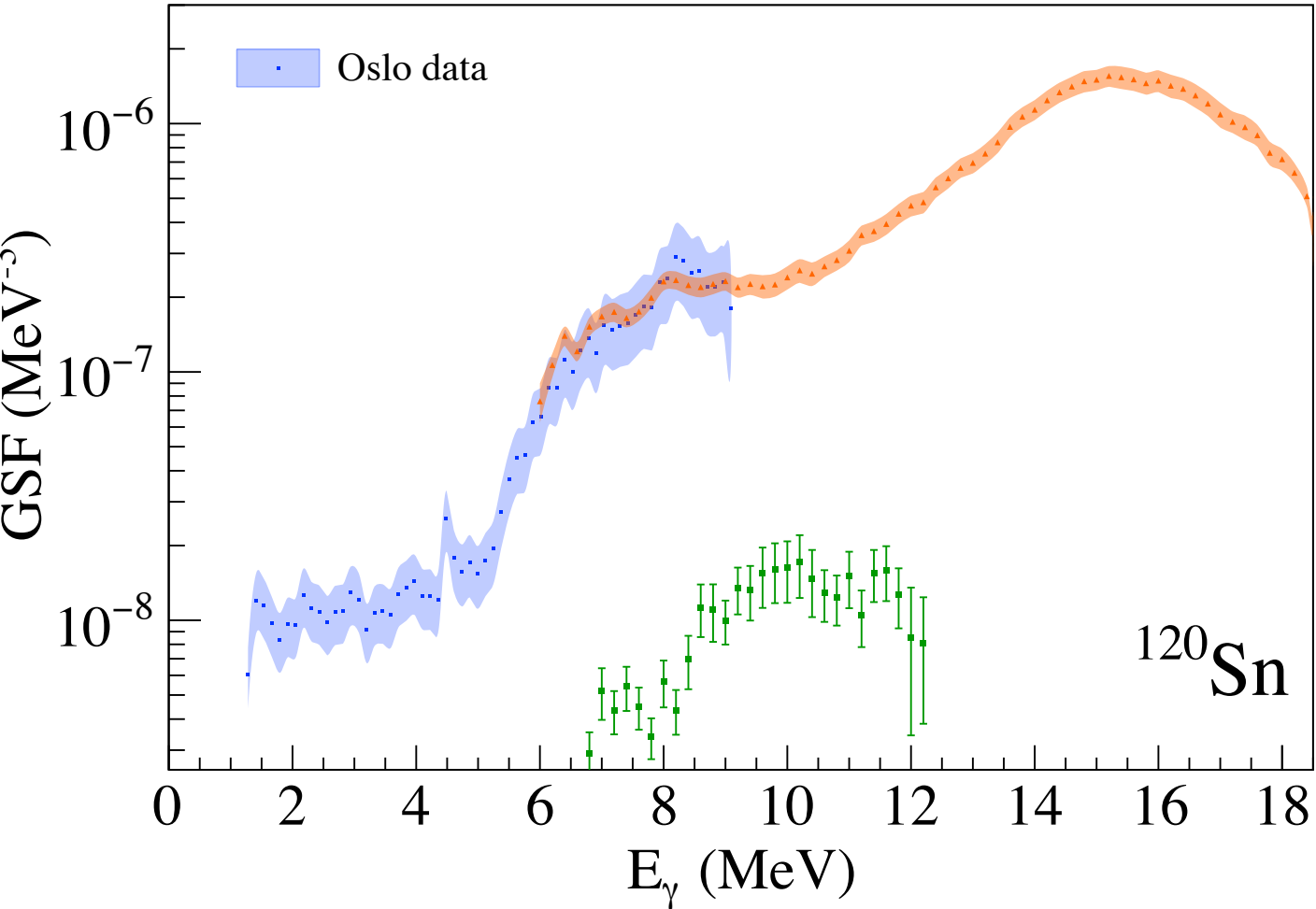
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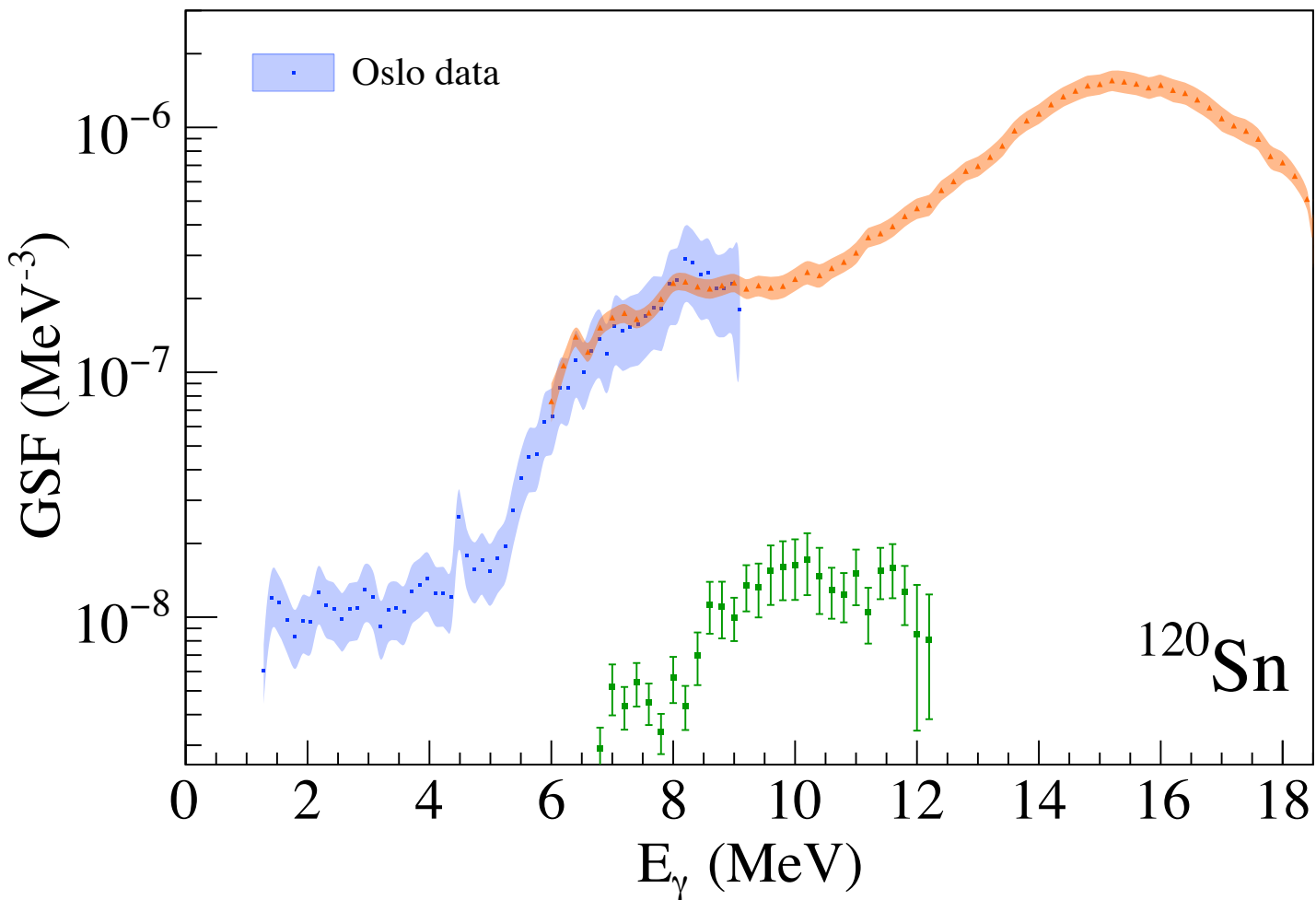
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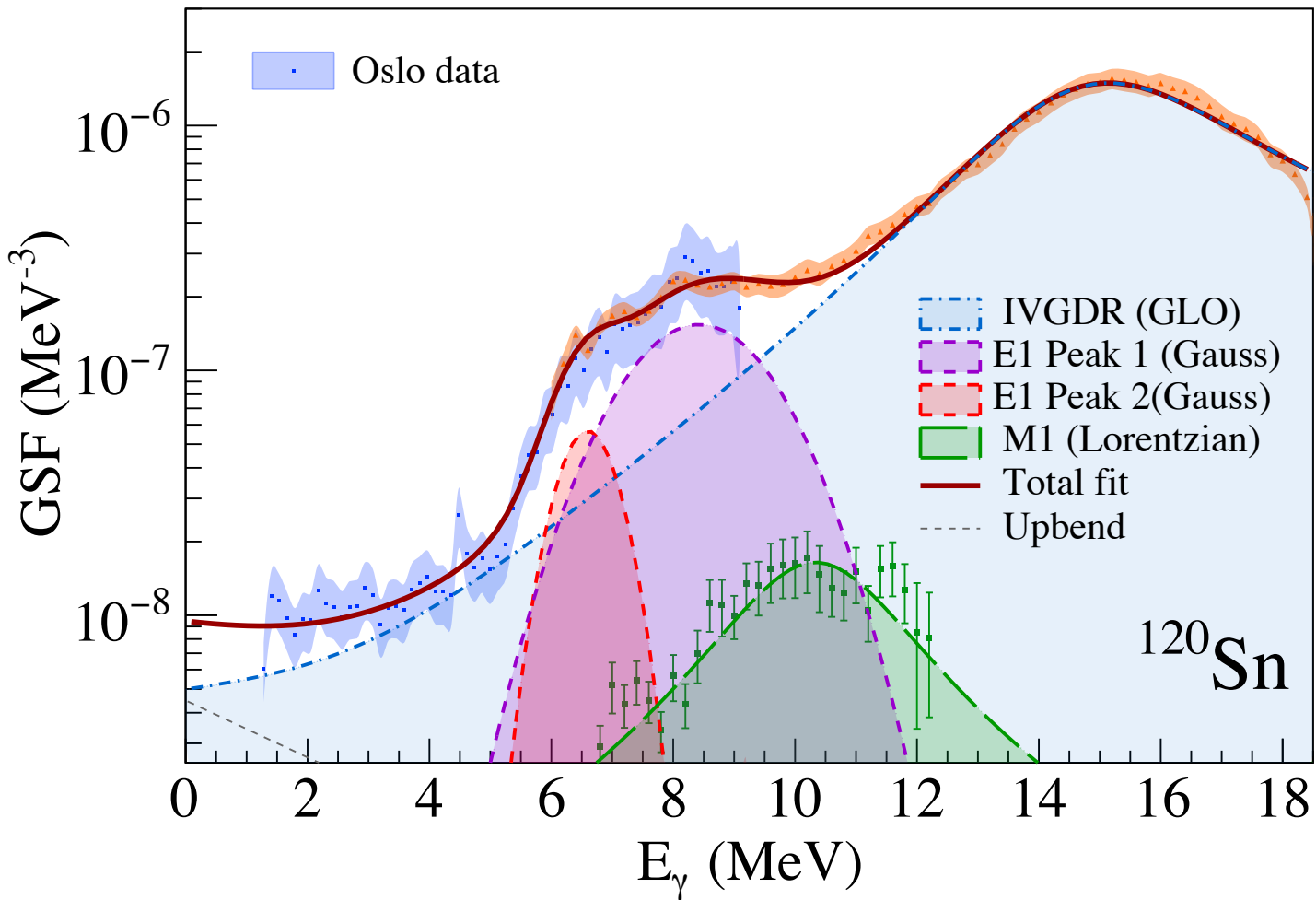


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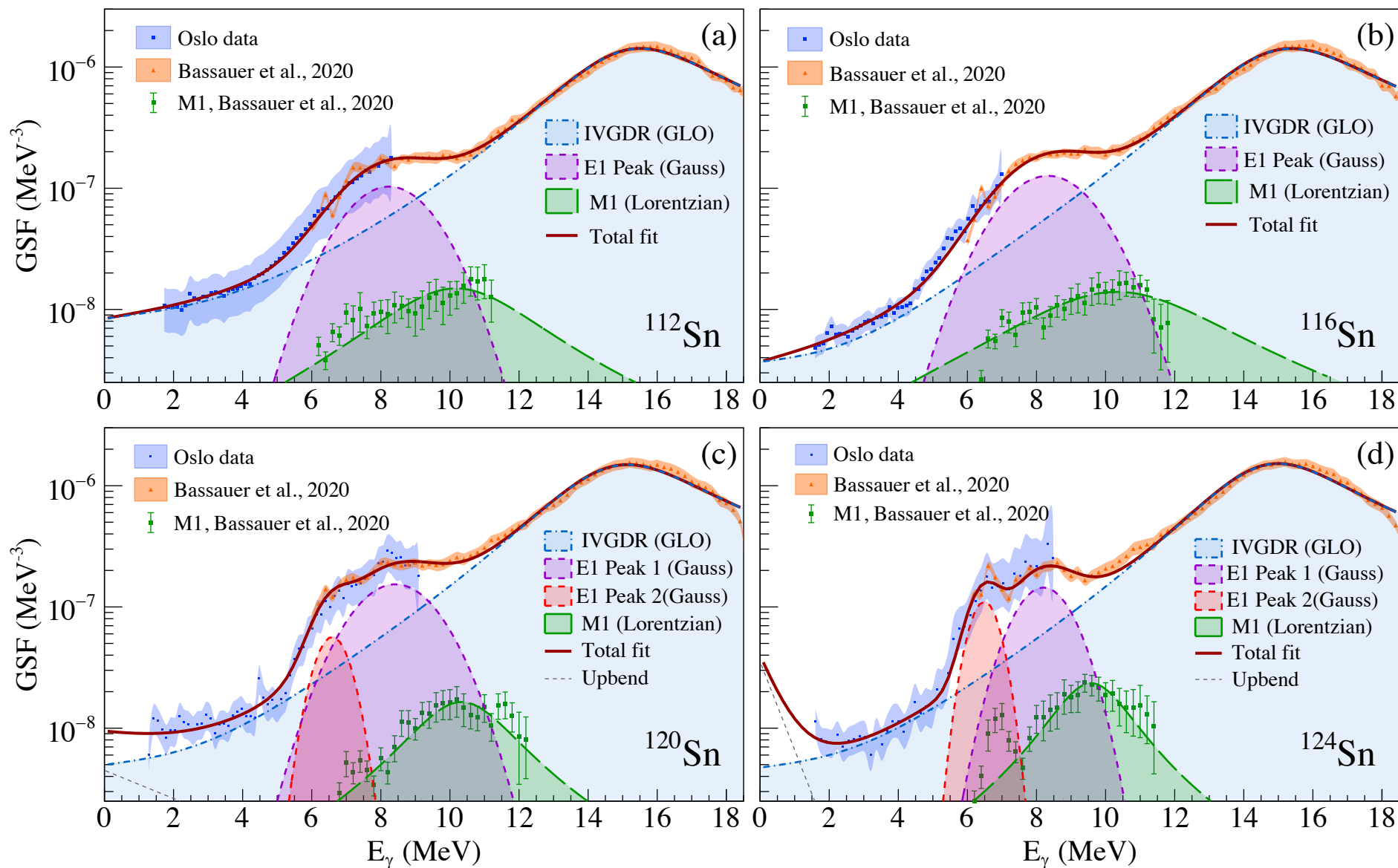


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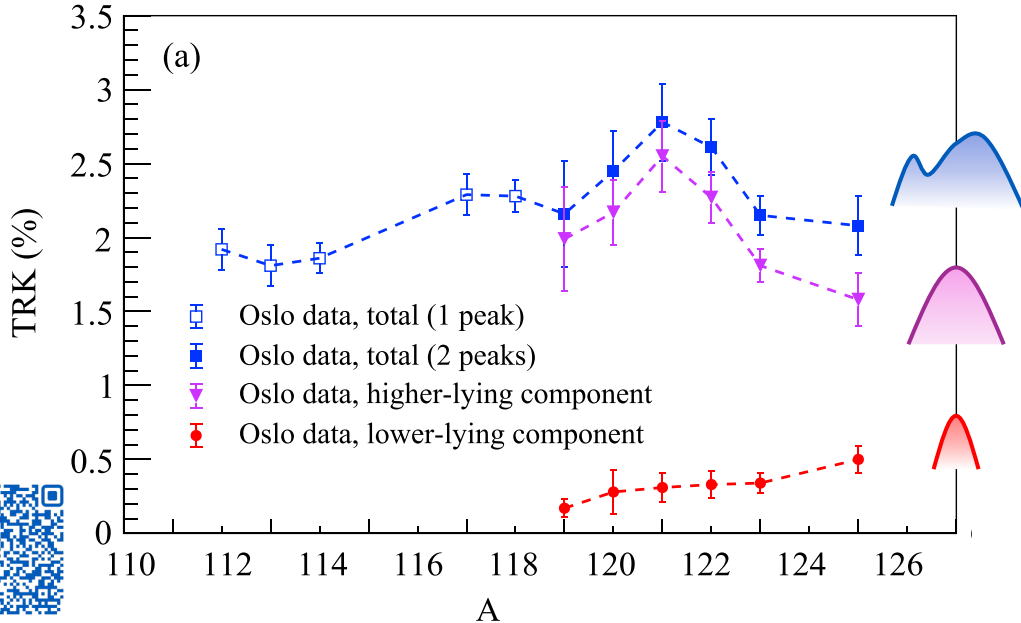
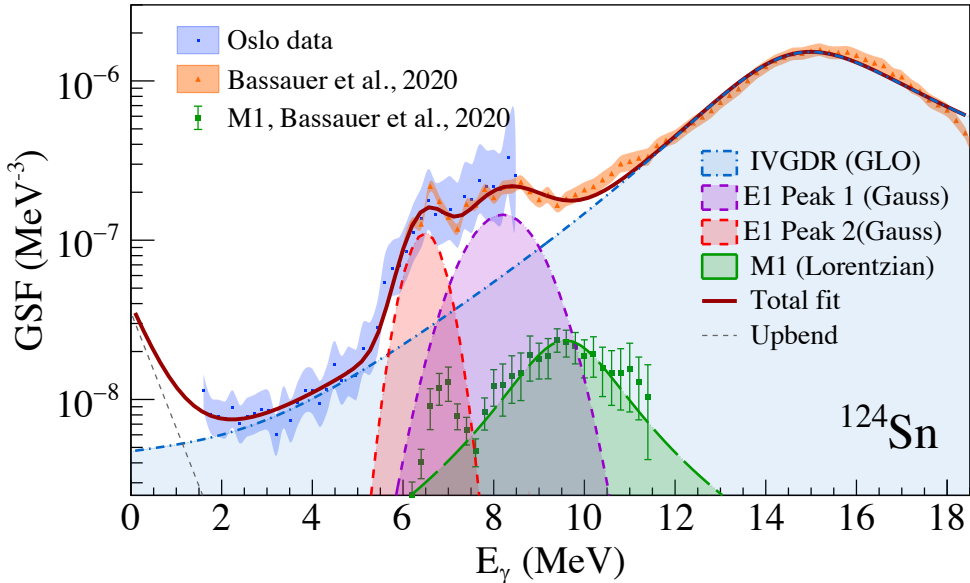
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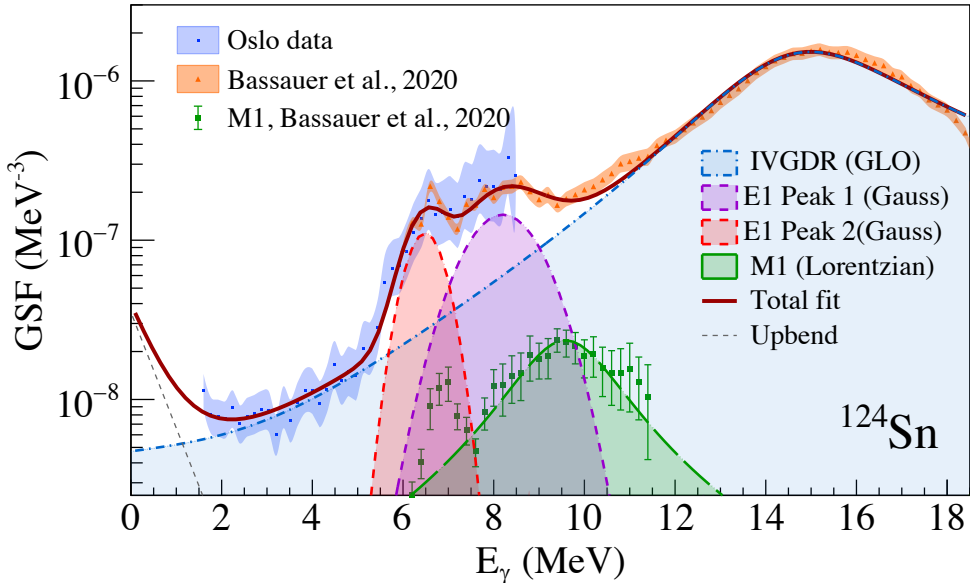
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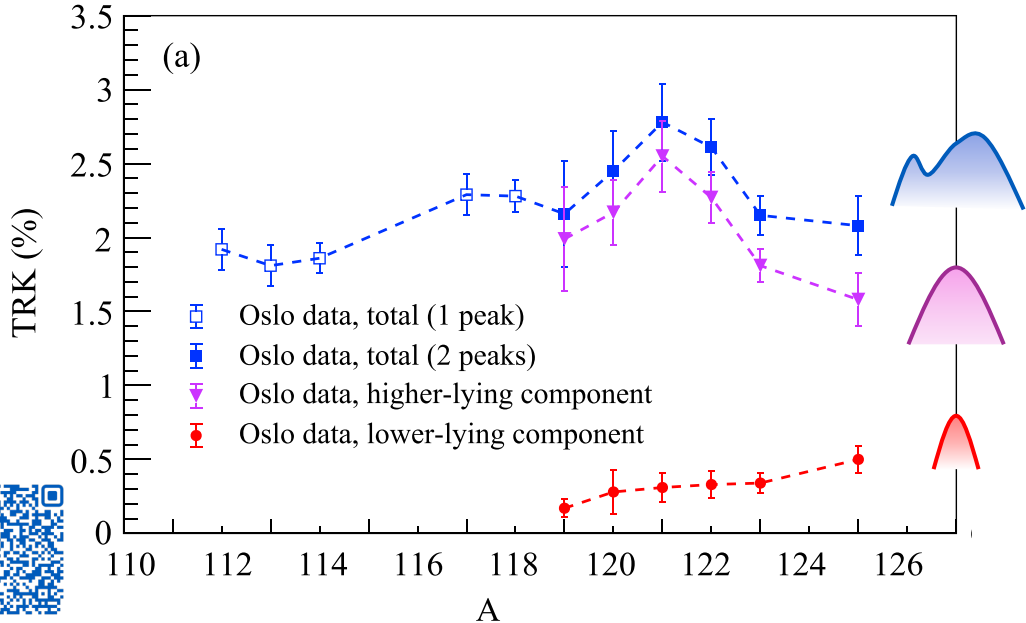
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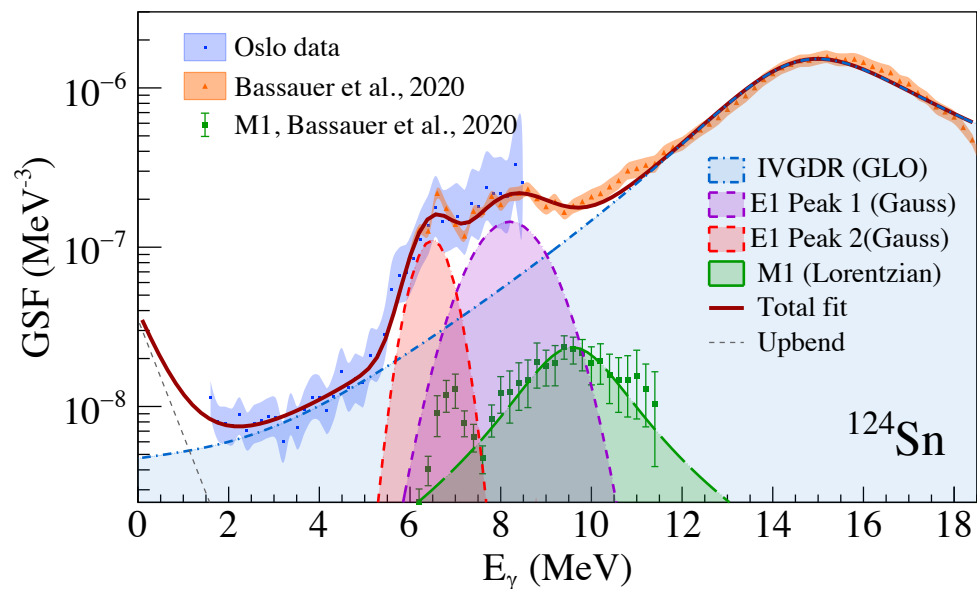
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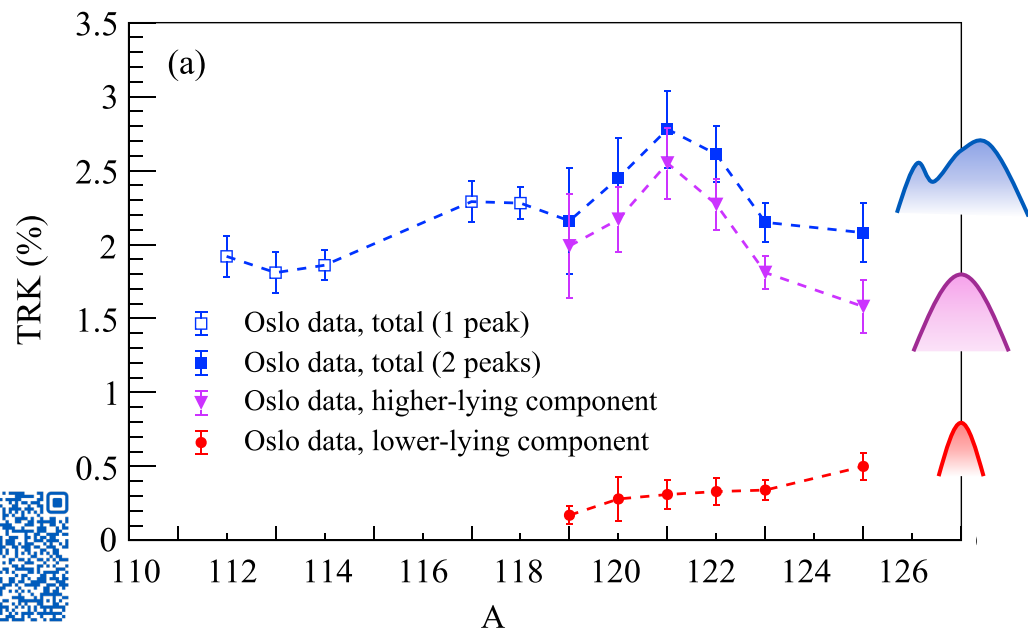
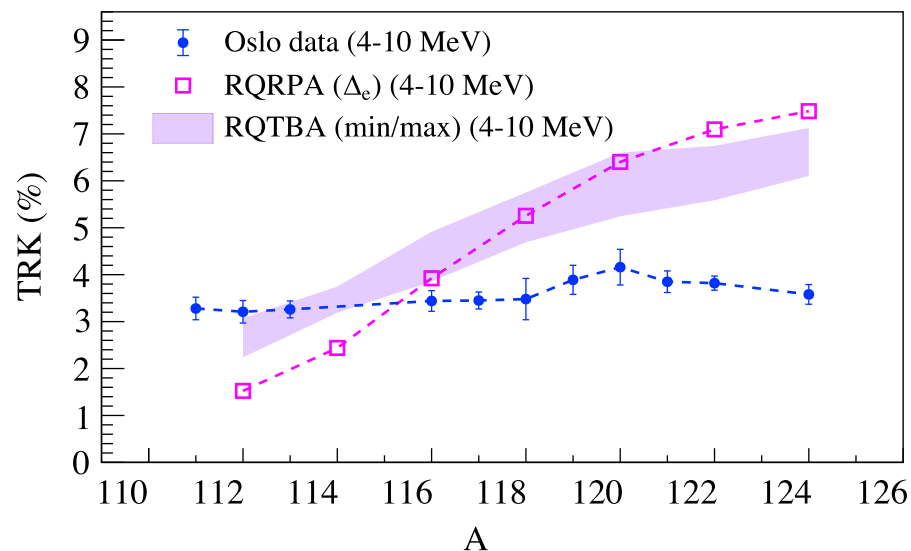
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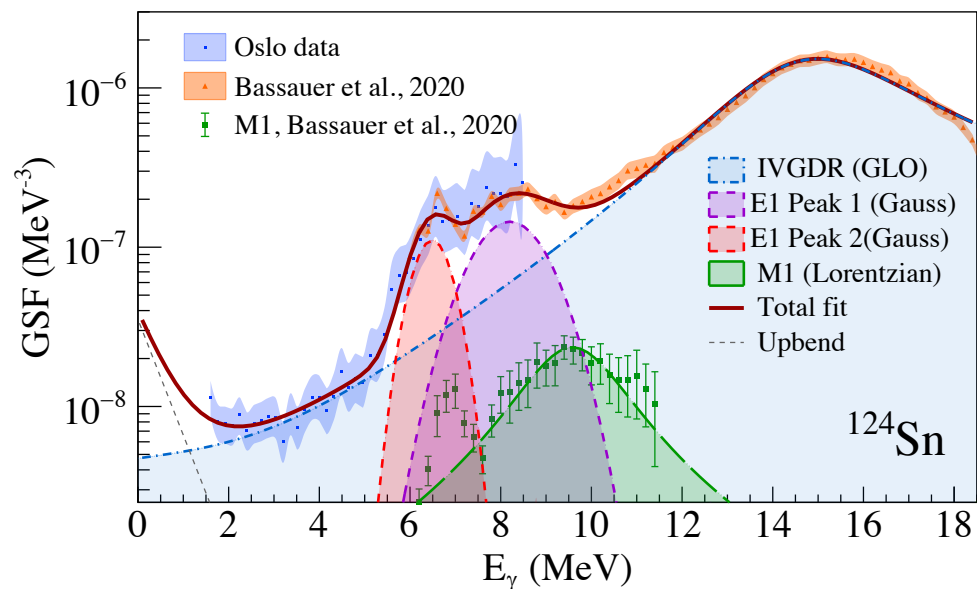
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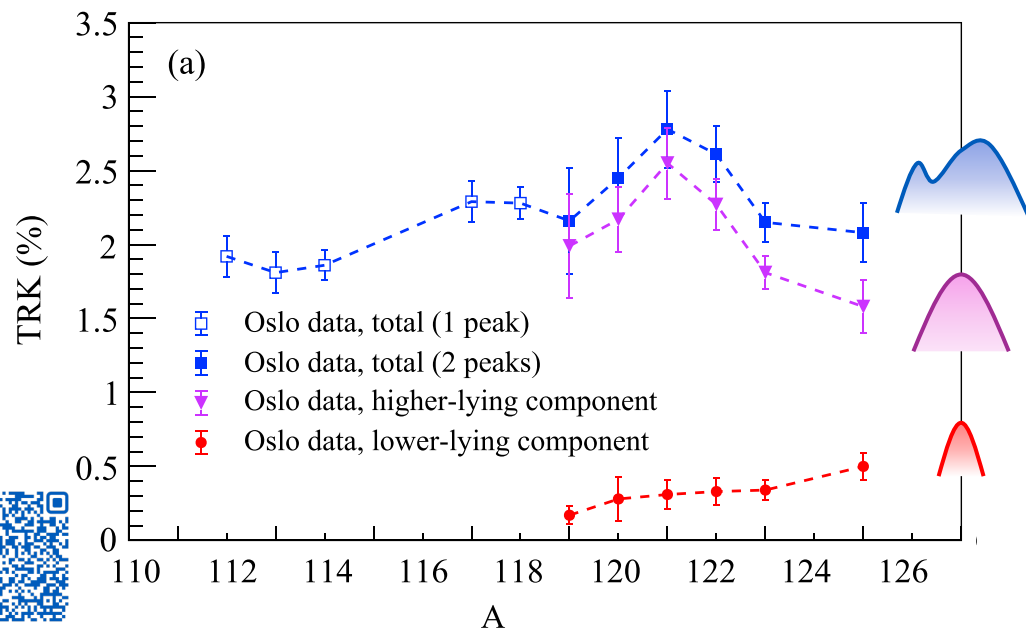
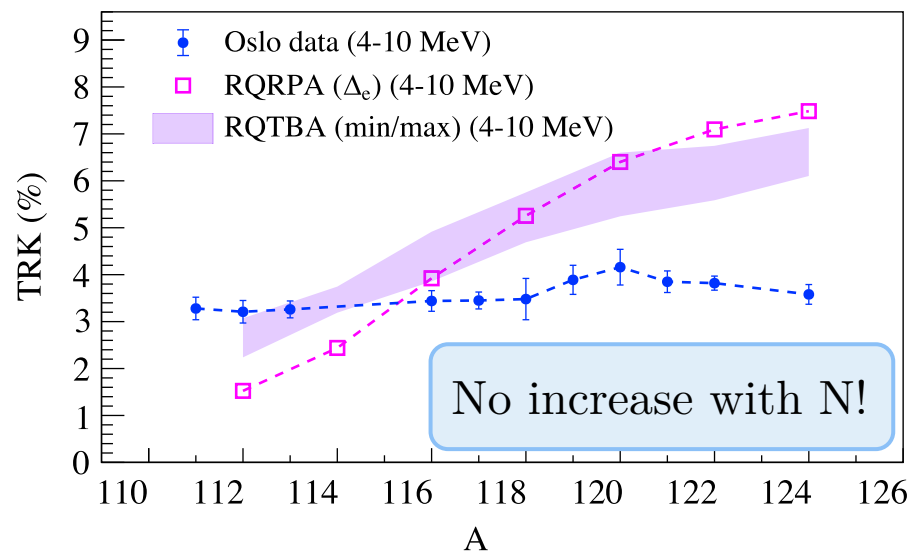
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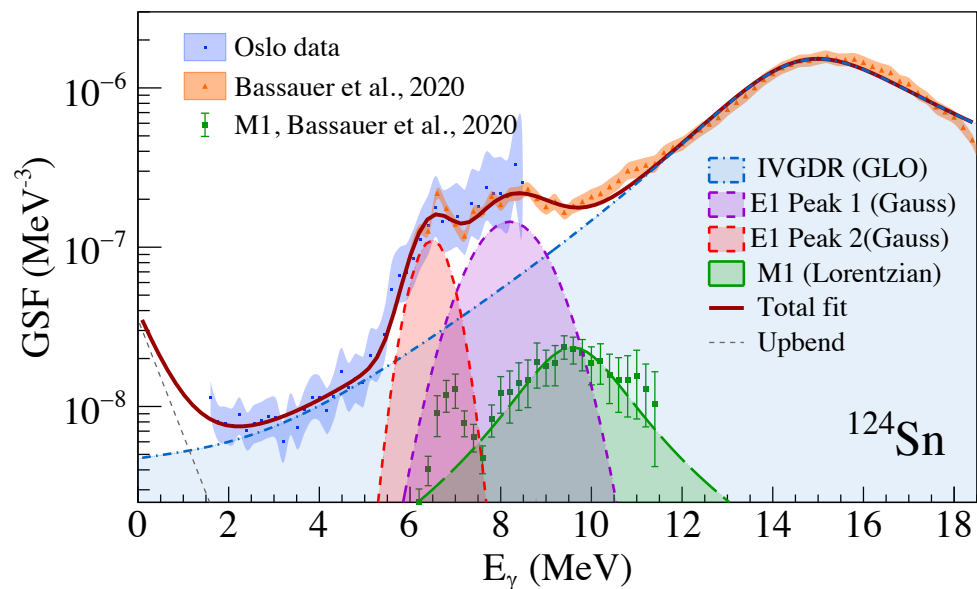
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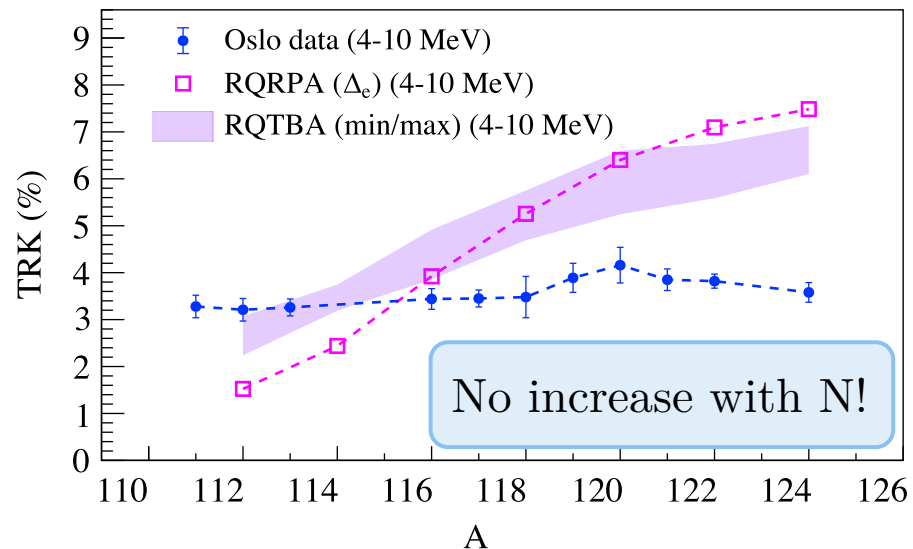
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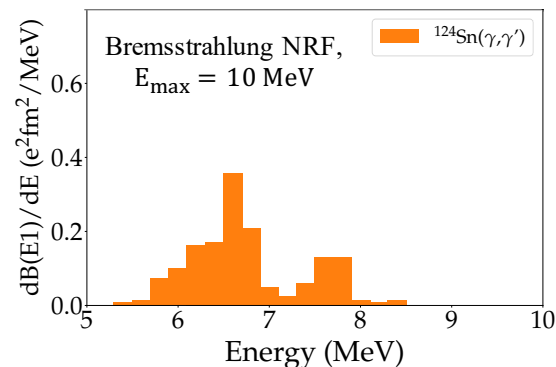
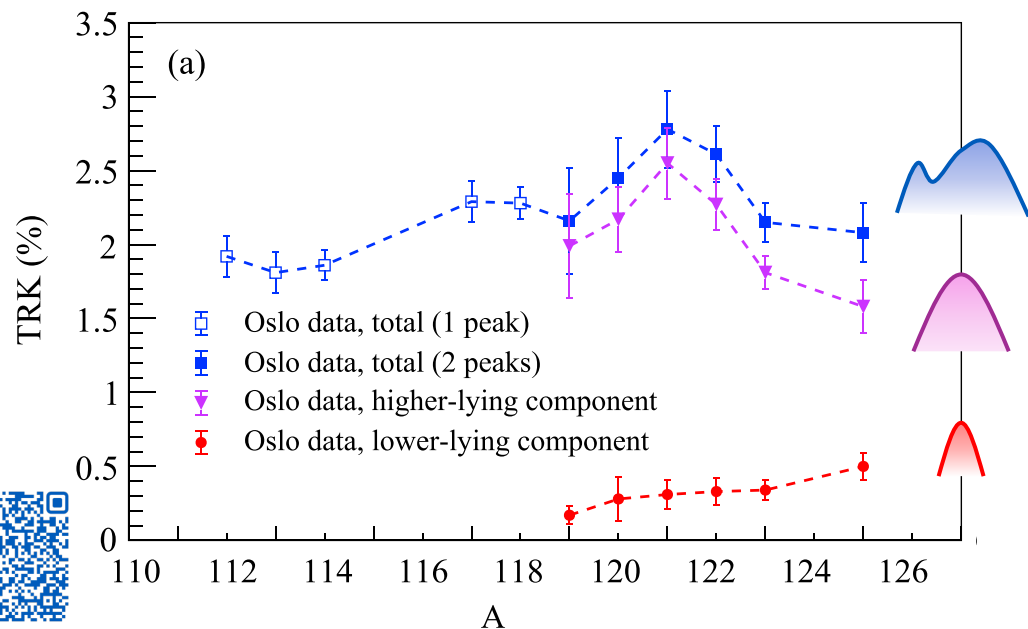
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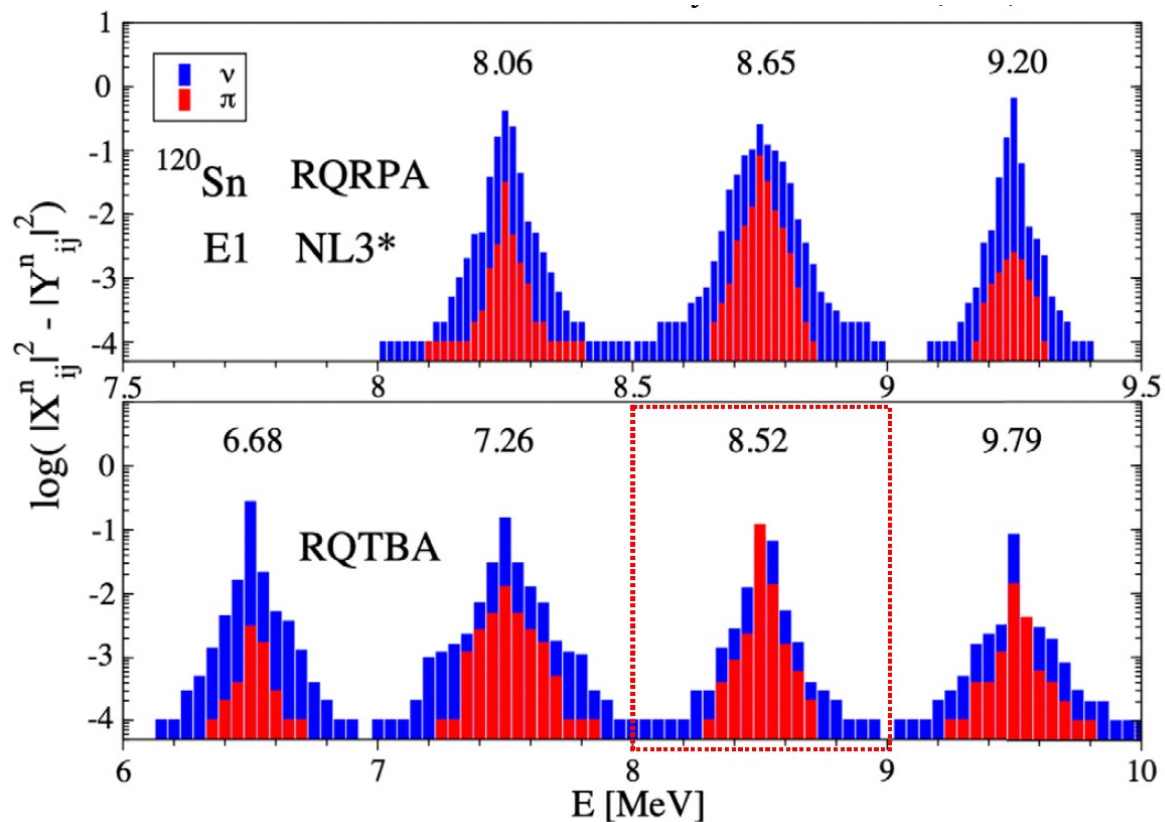
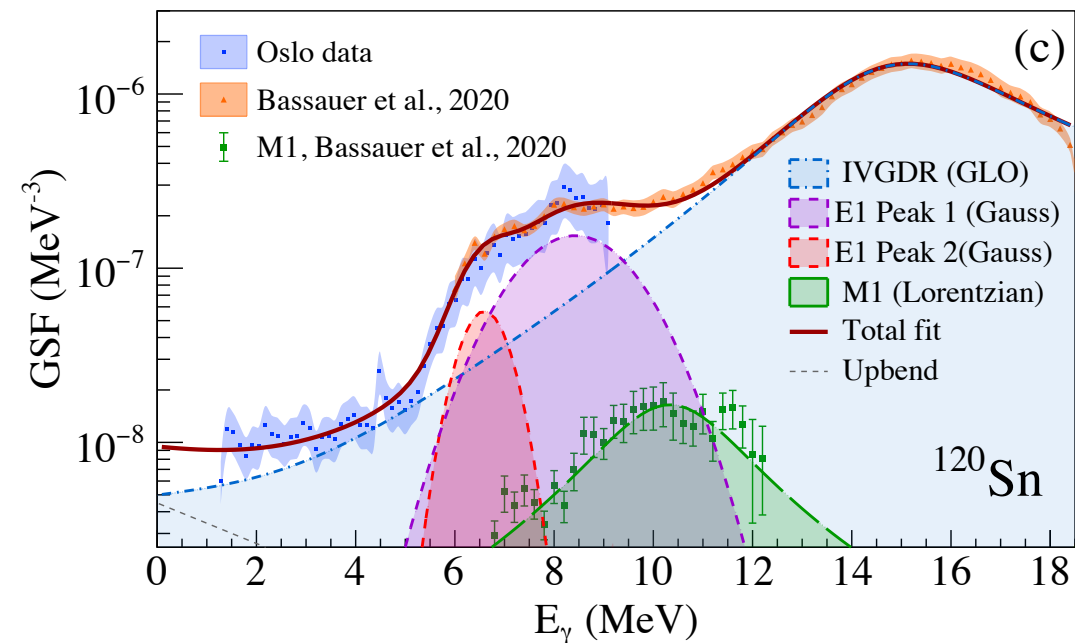
No increase with N!



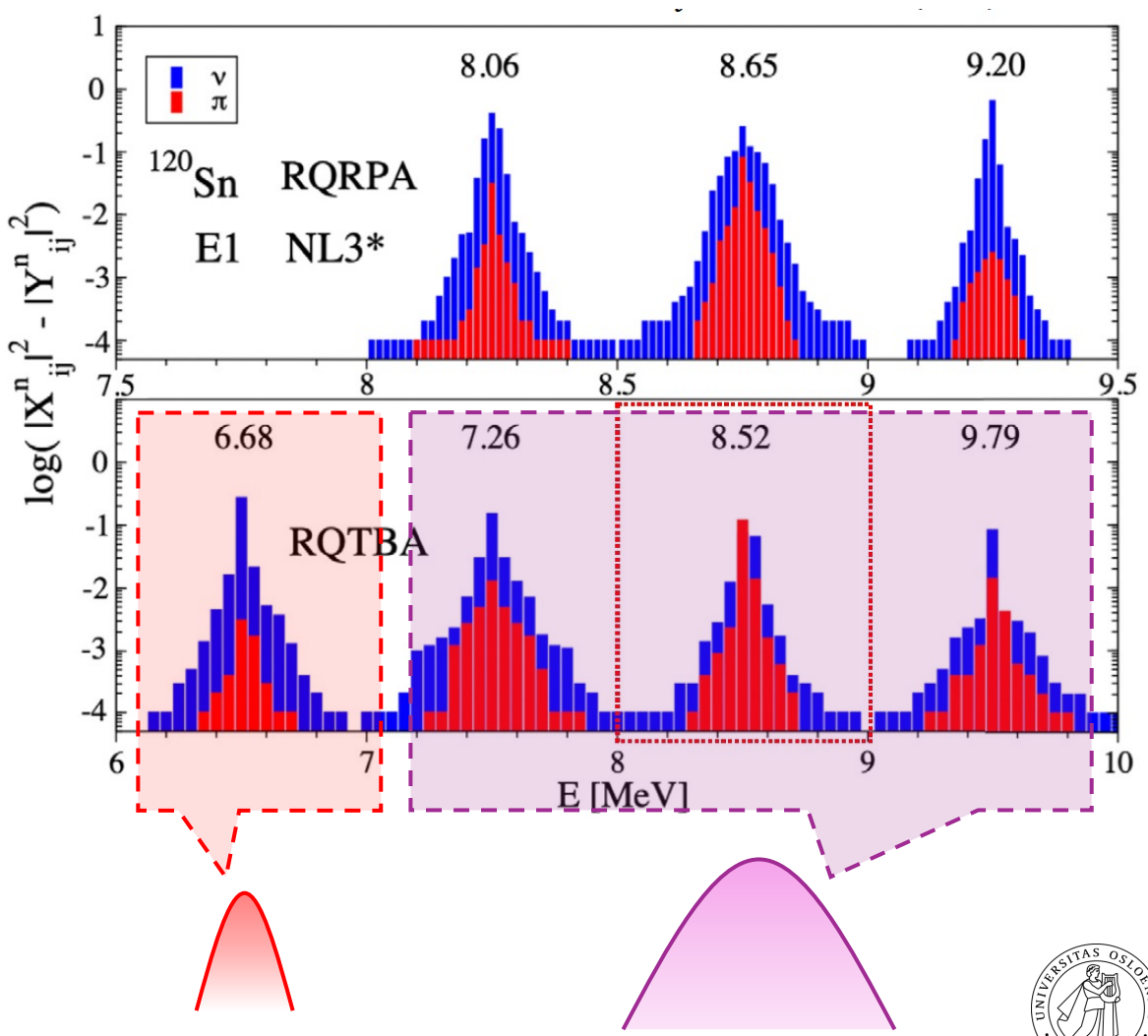
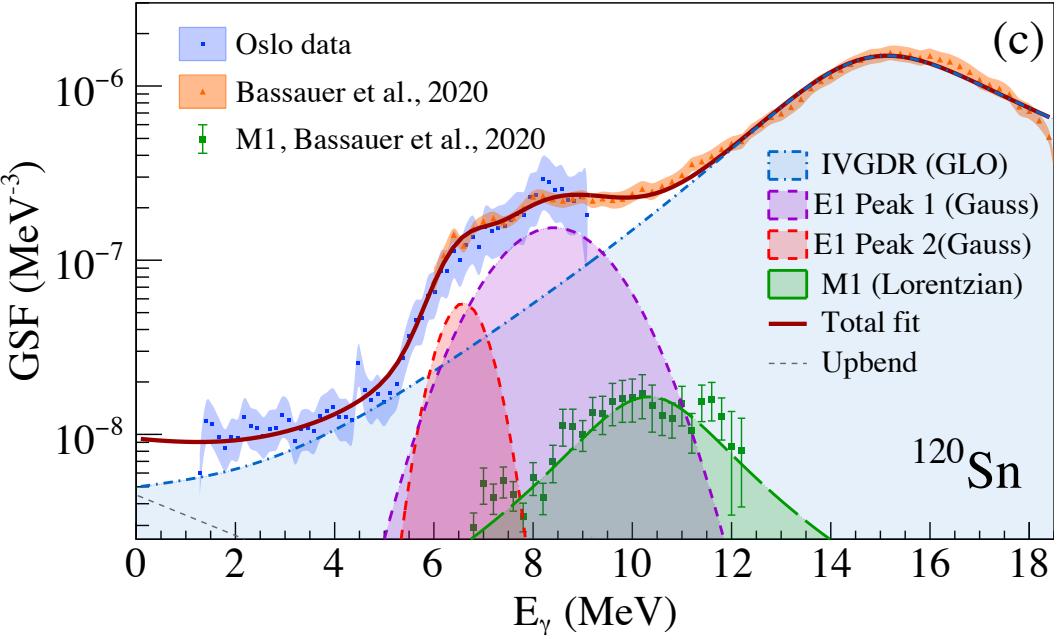
The low-lying component increases in strength with N, the “real” PDR (IV component)?



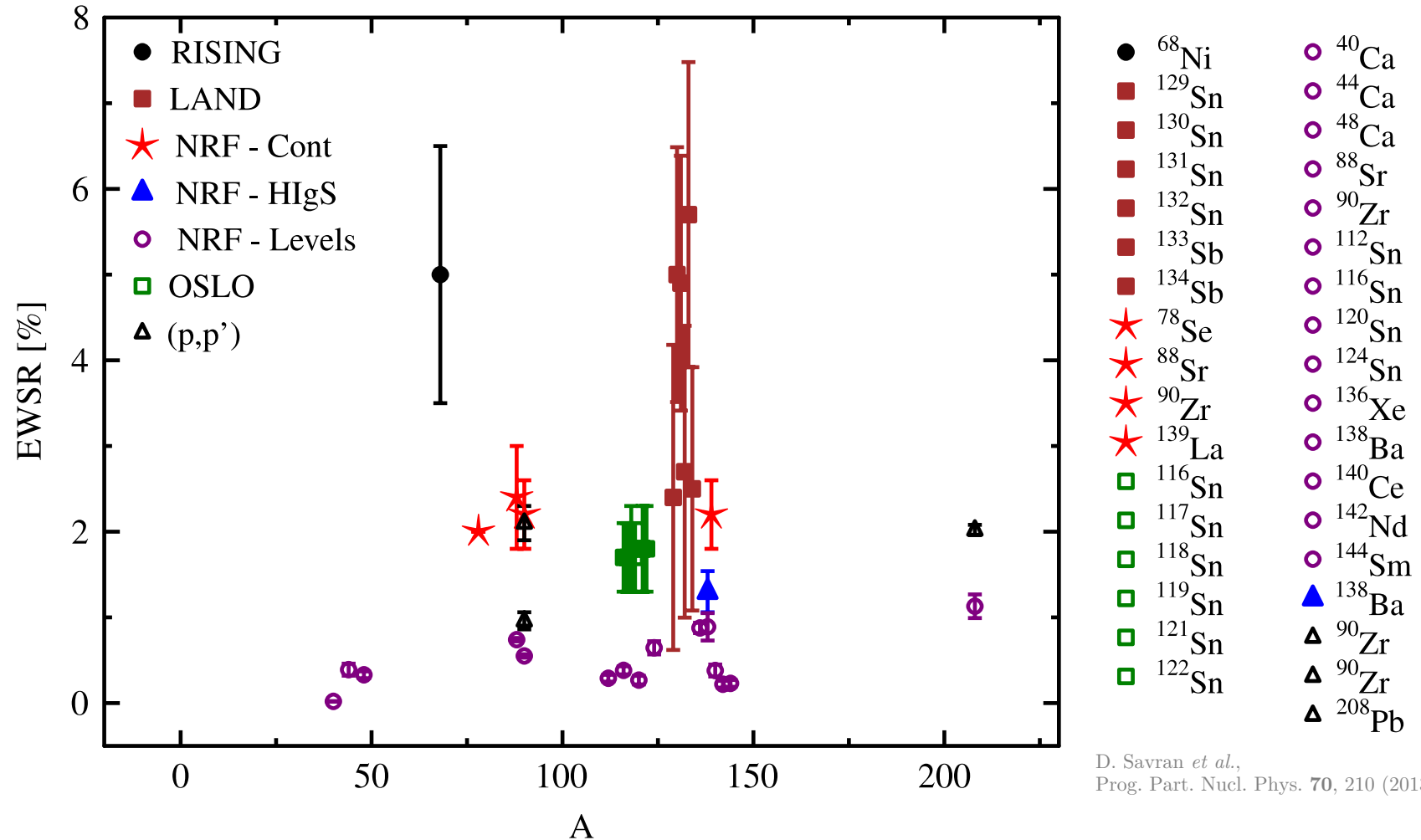
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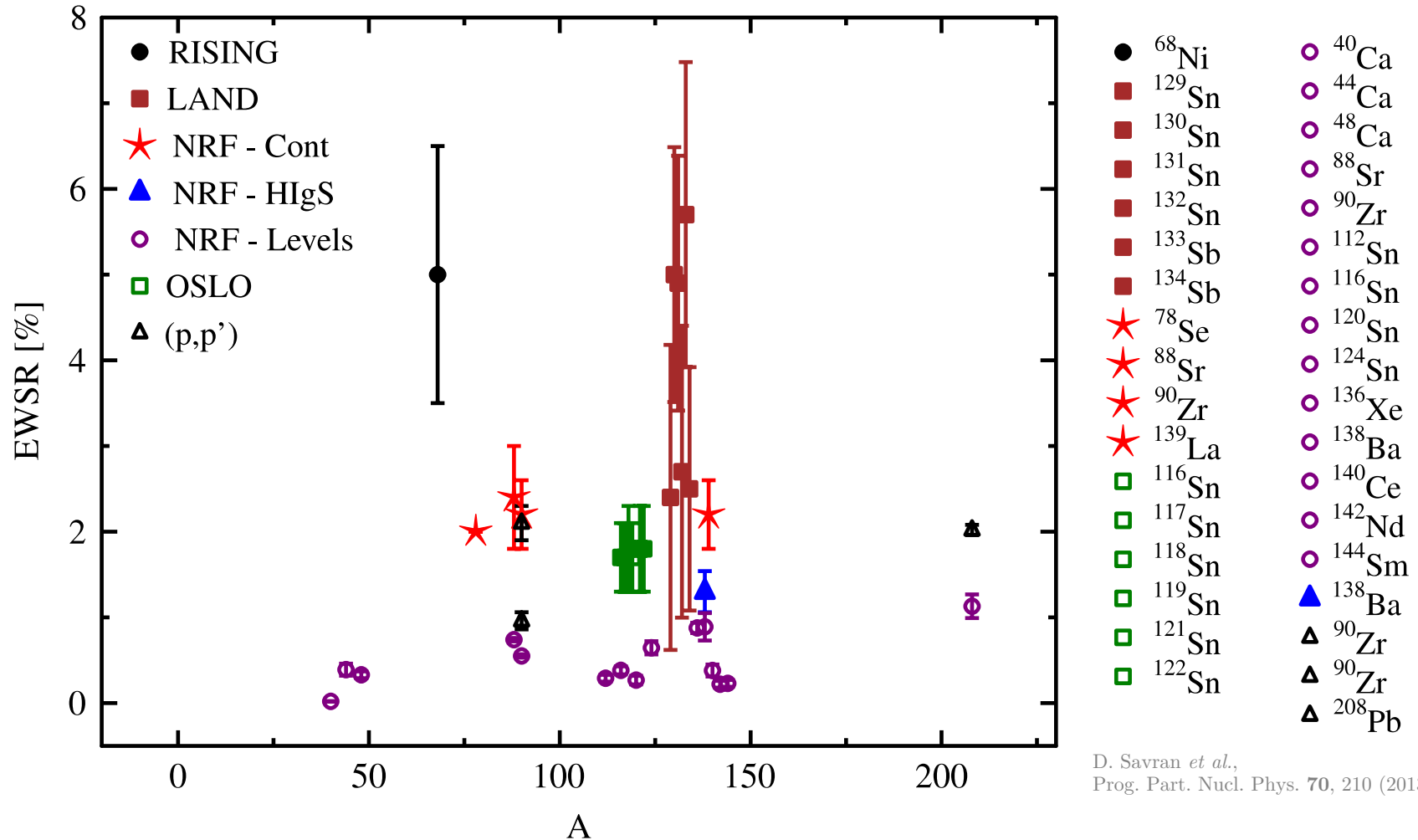
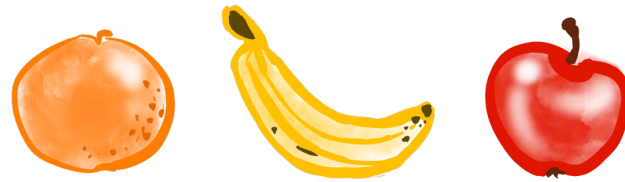
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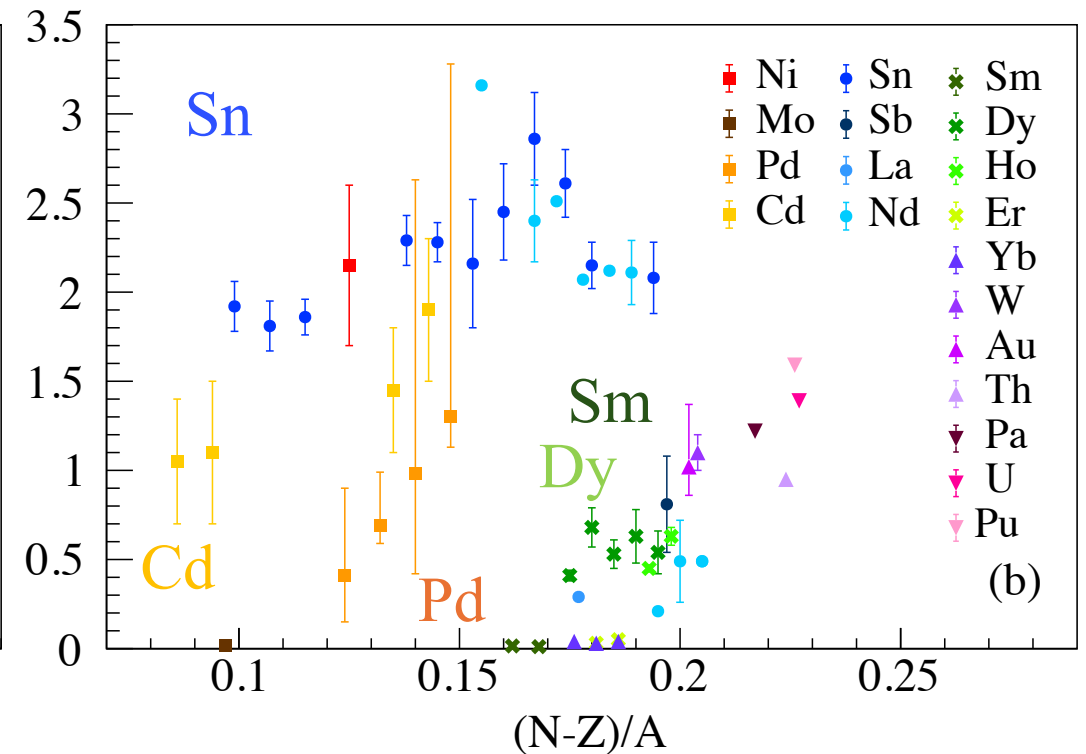
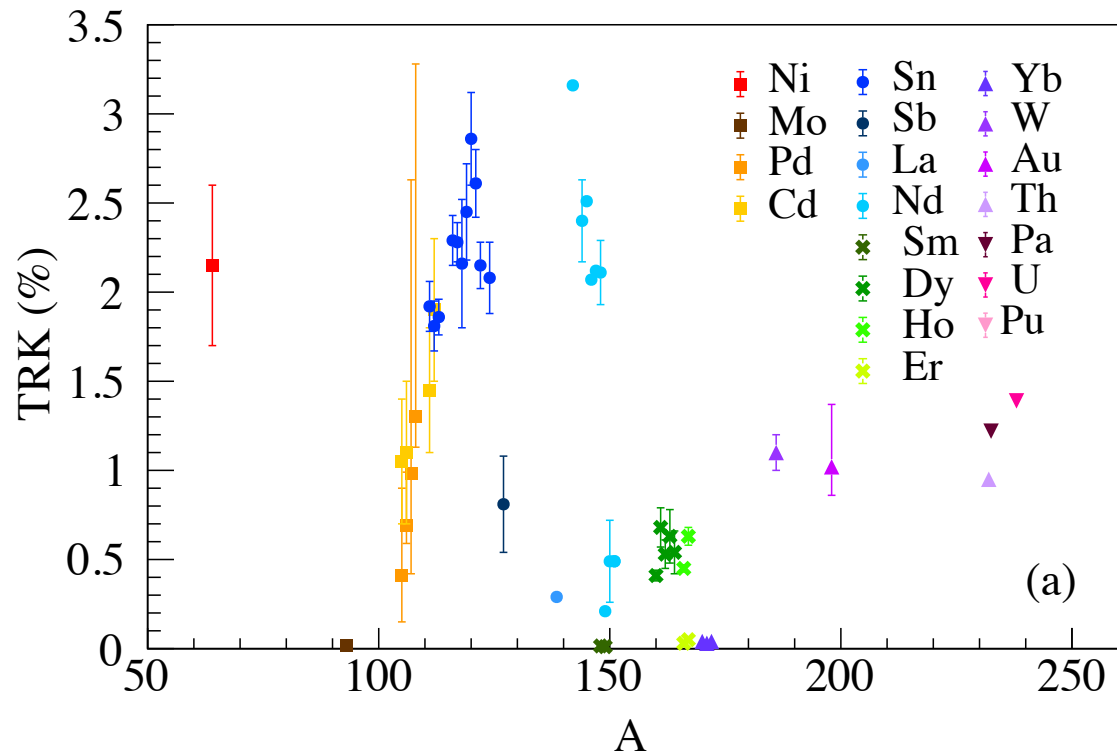
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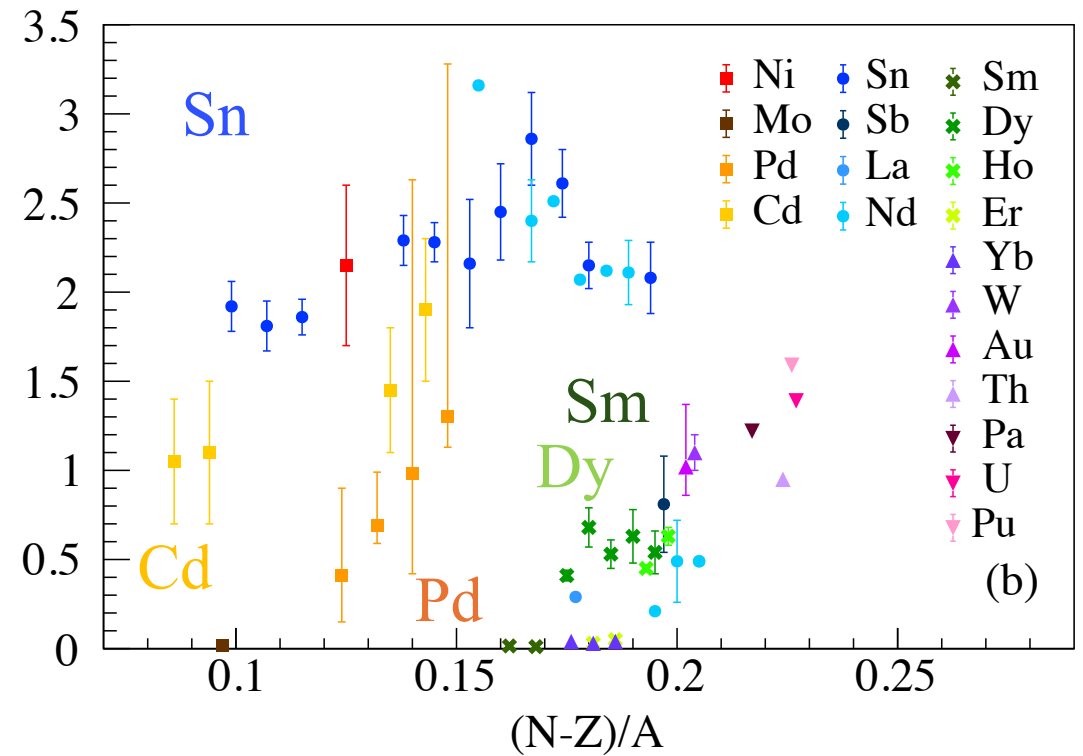
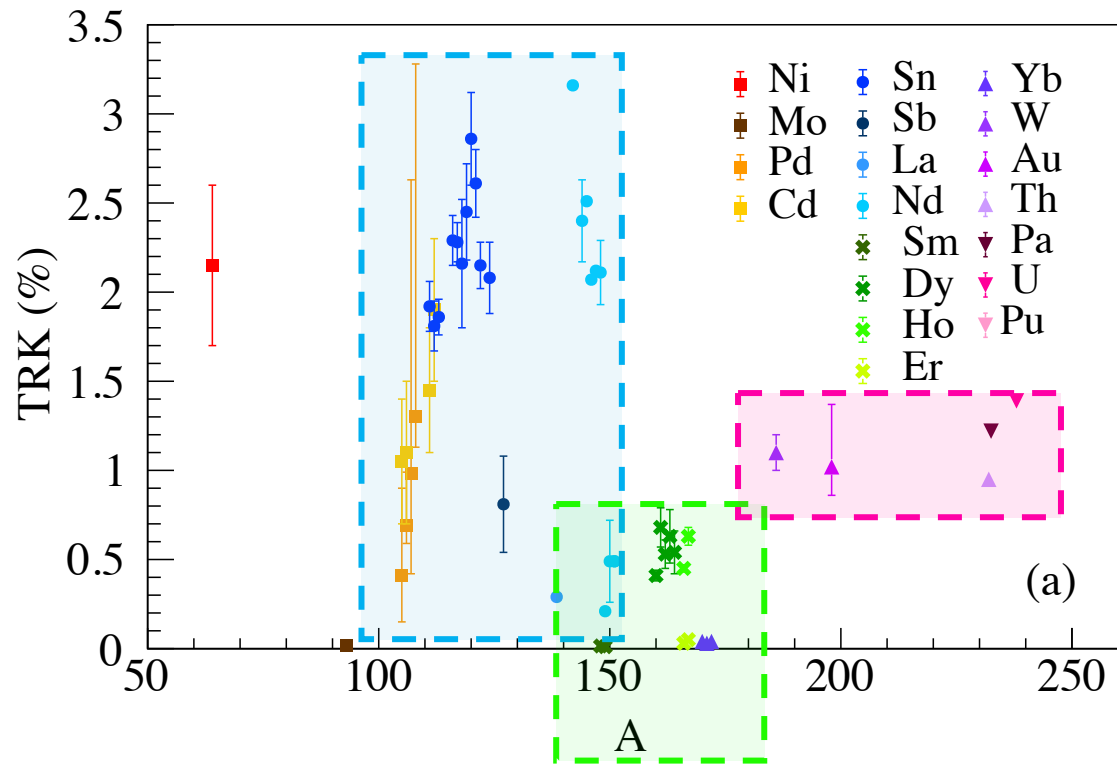
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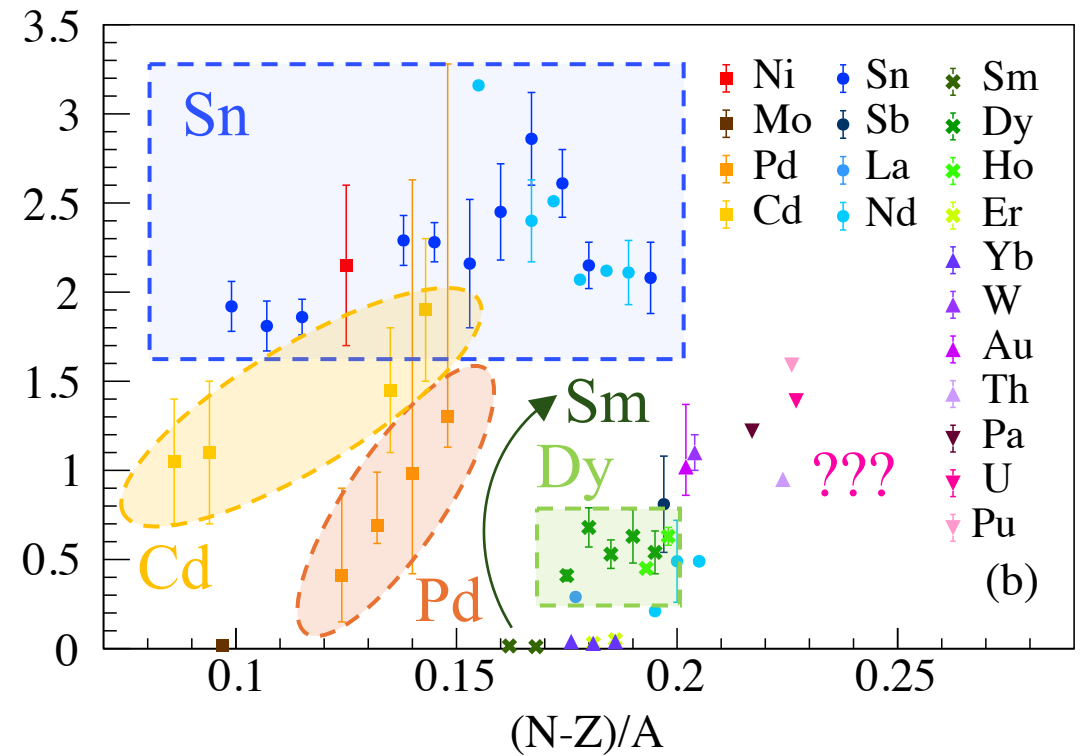
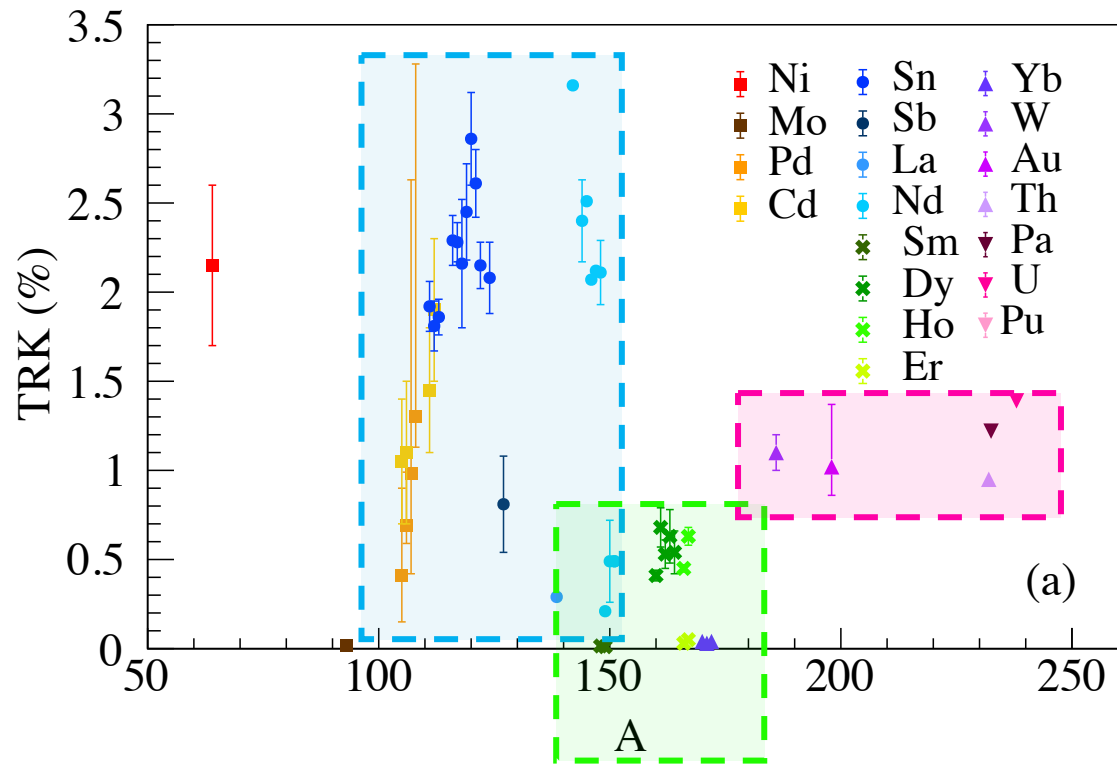
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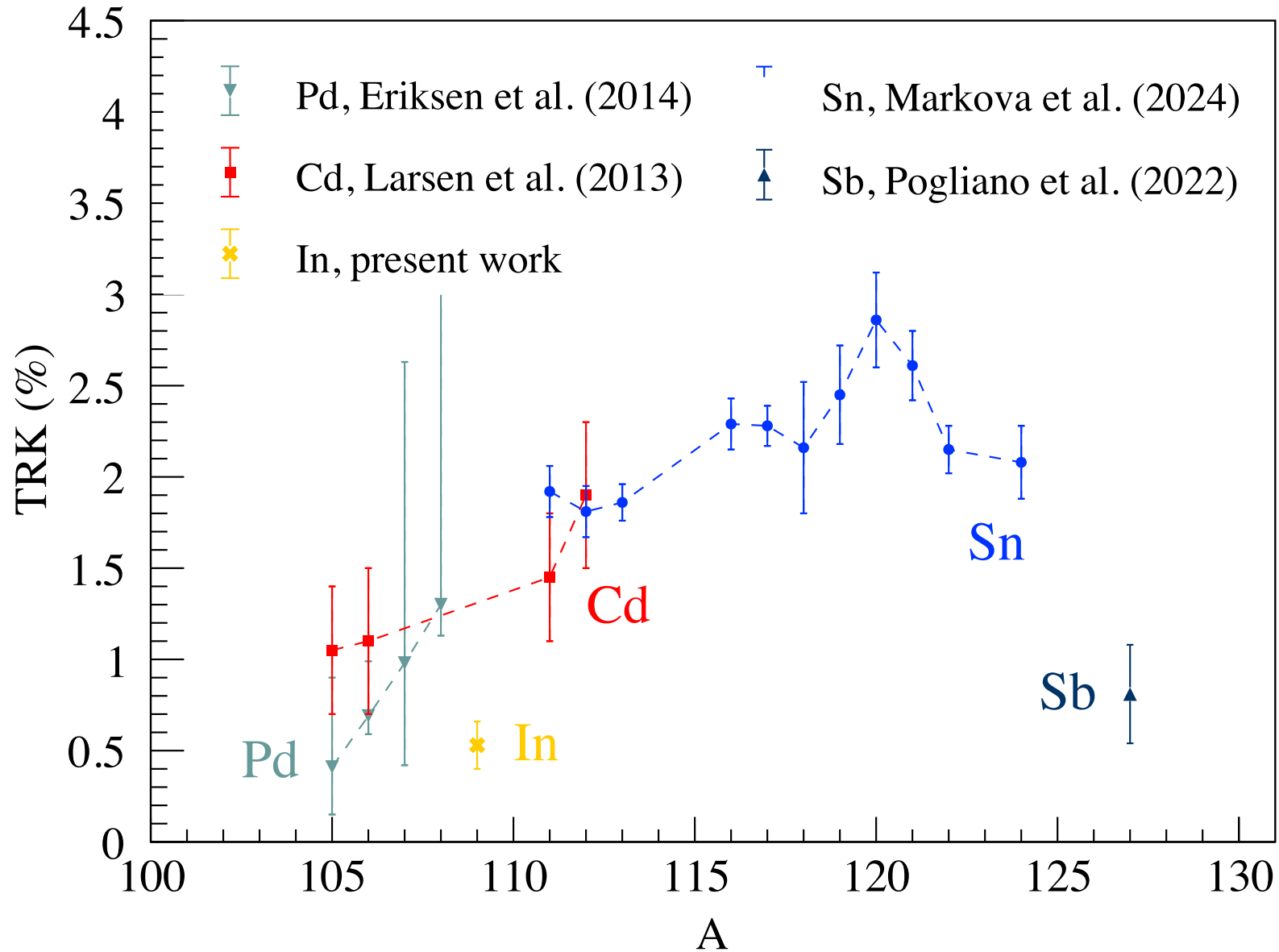
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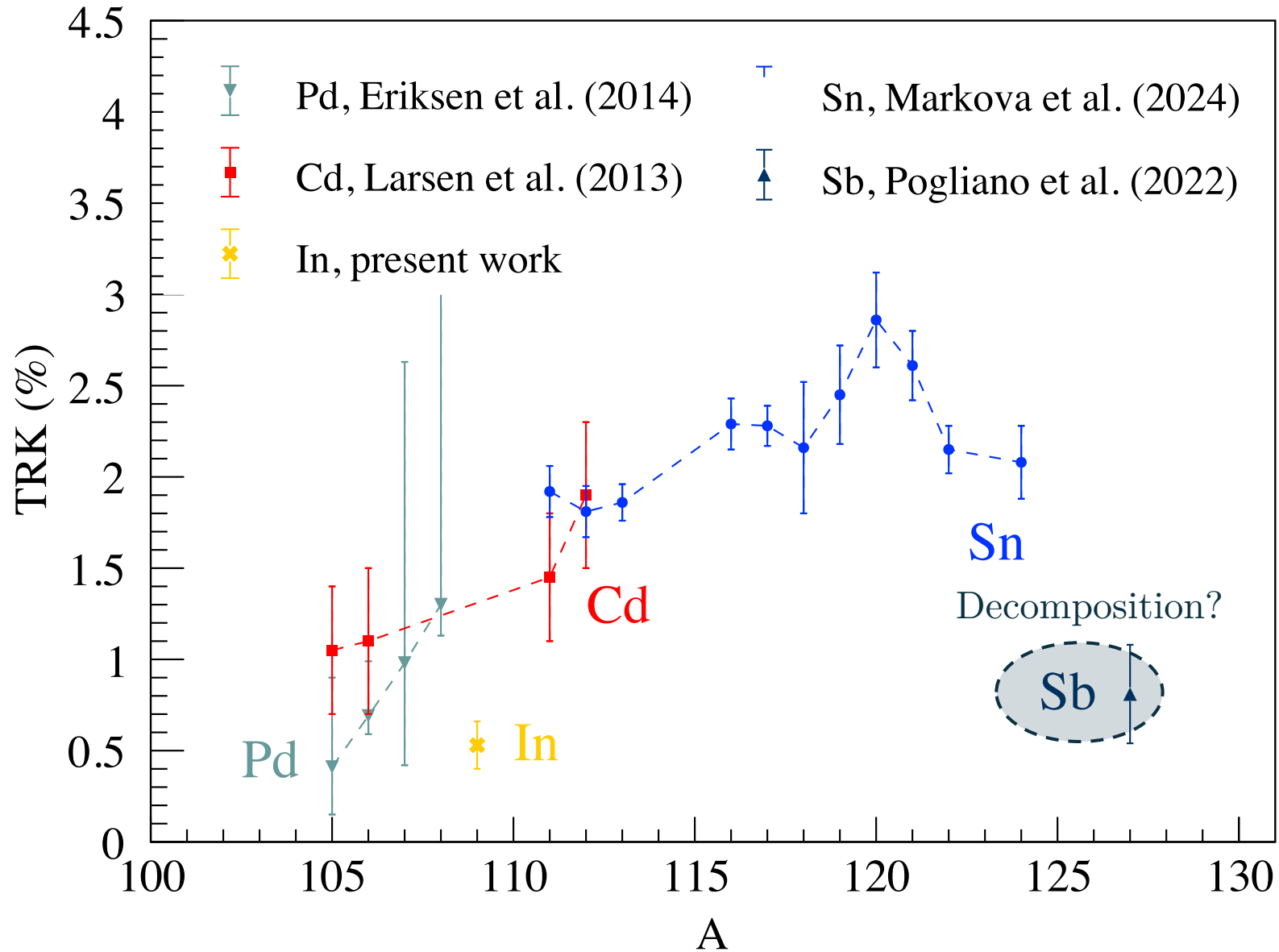
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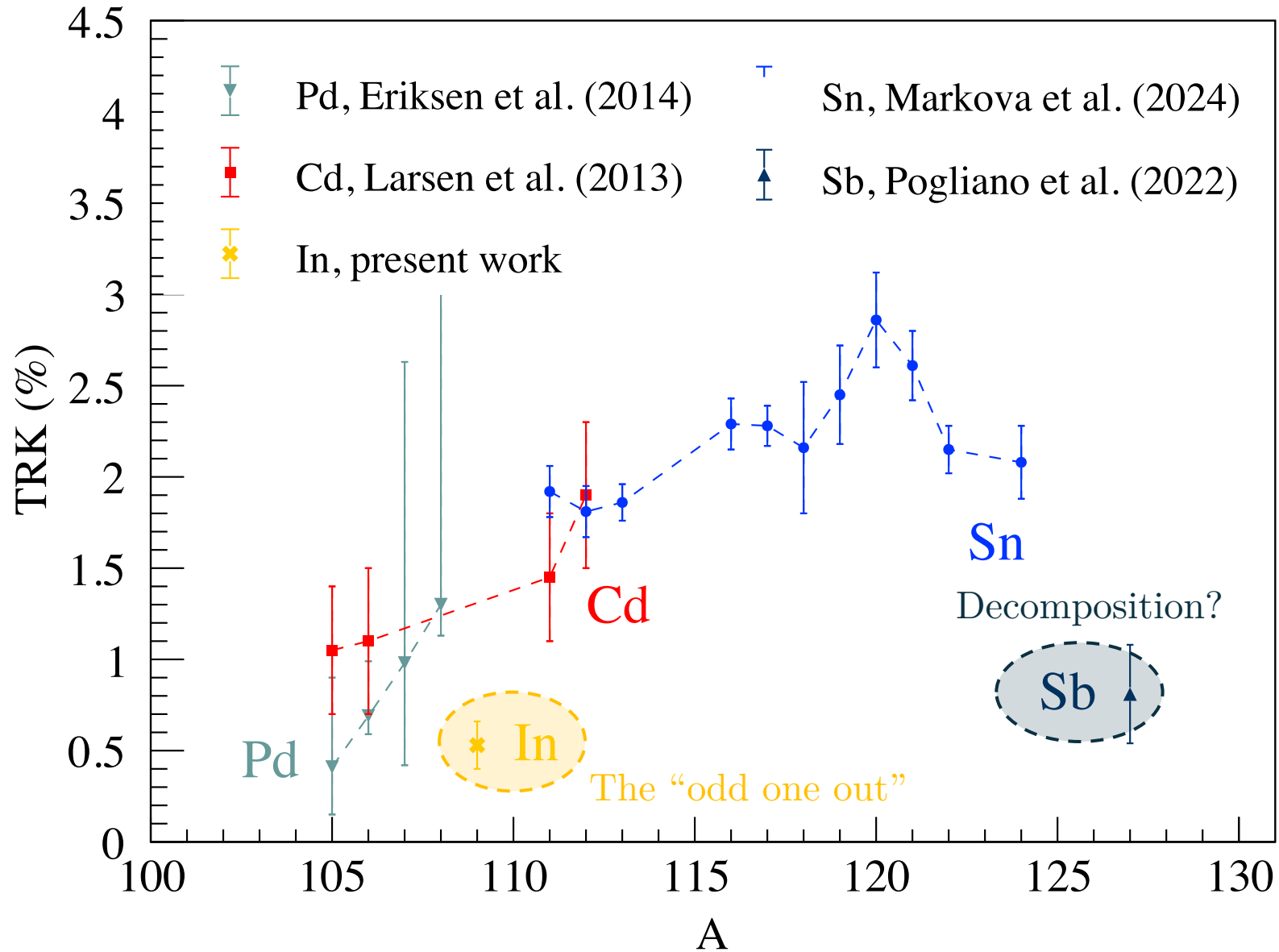
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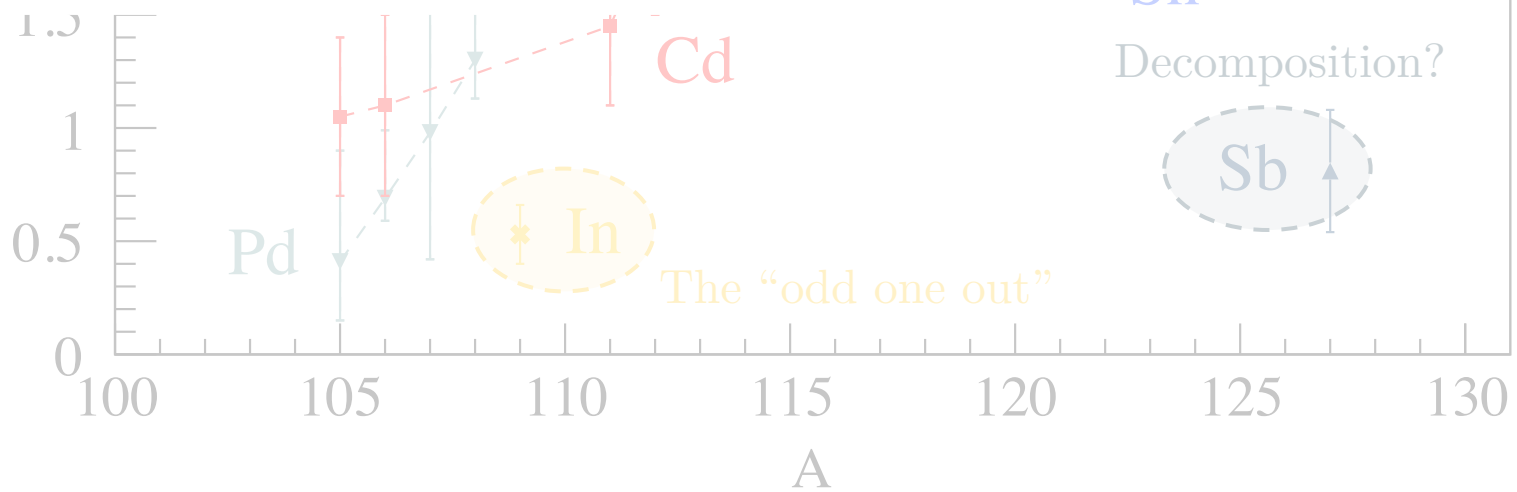
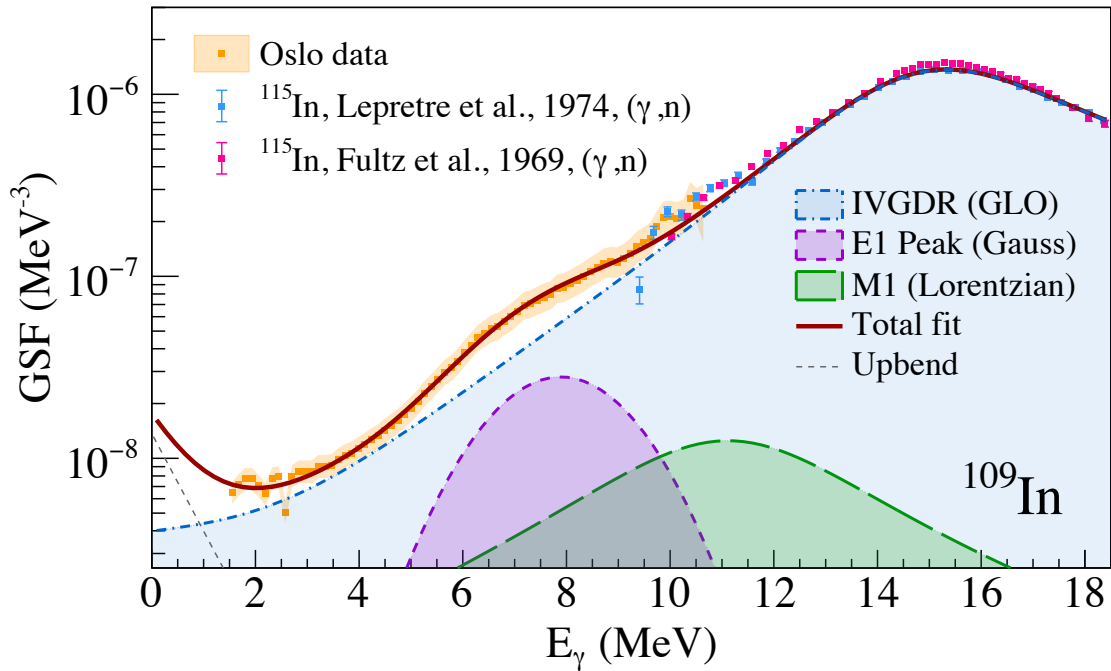
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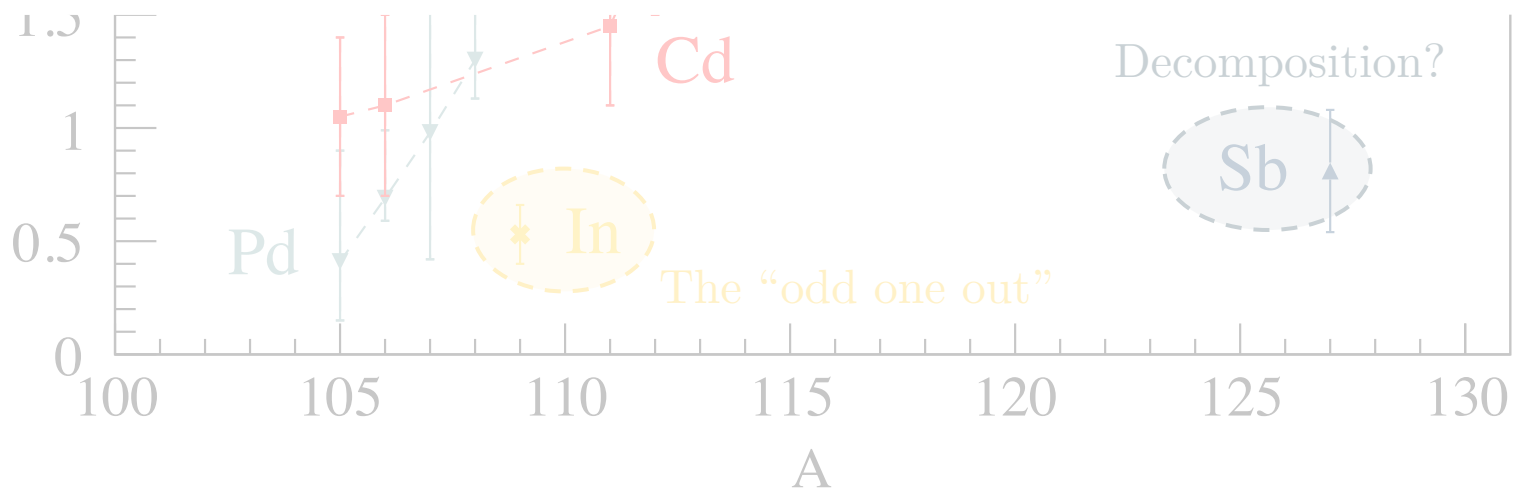
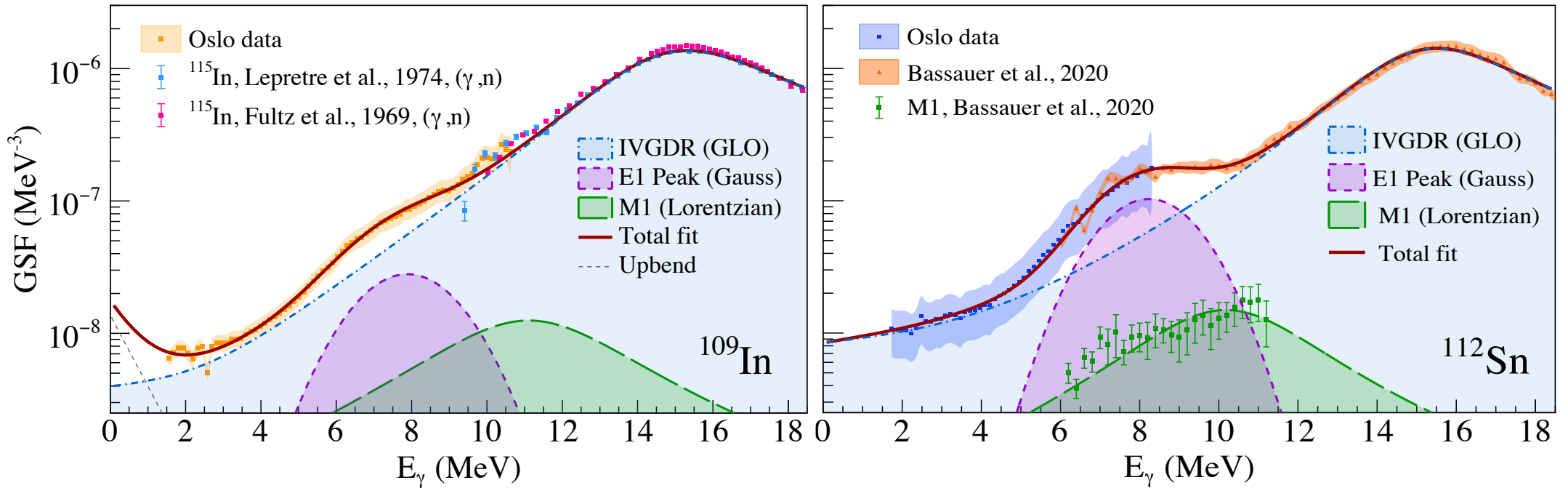
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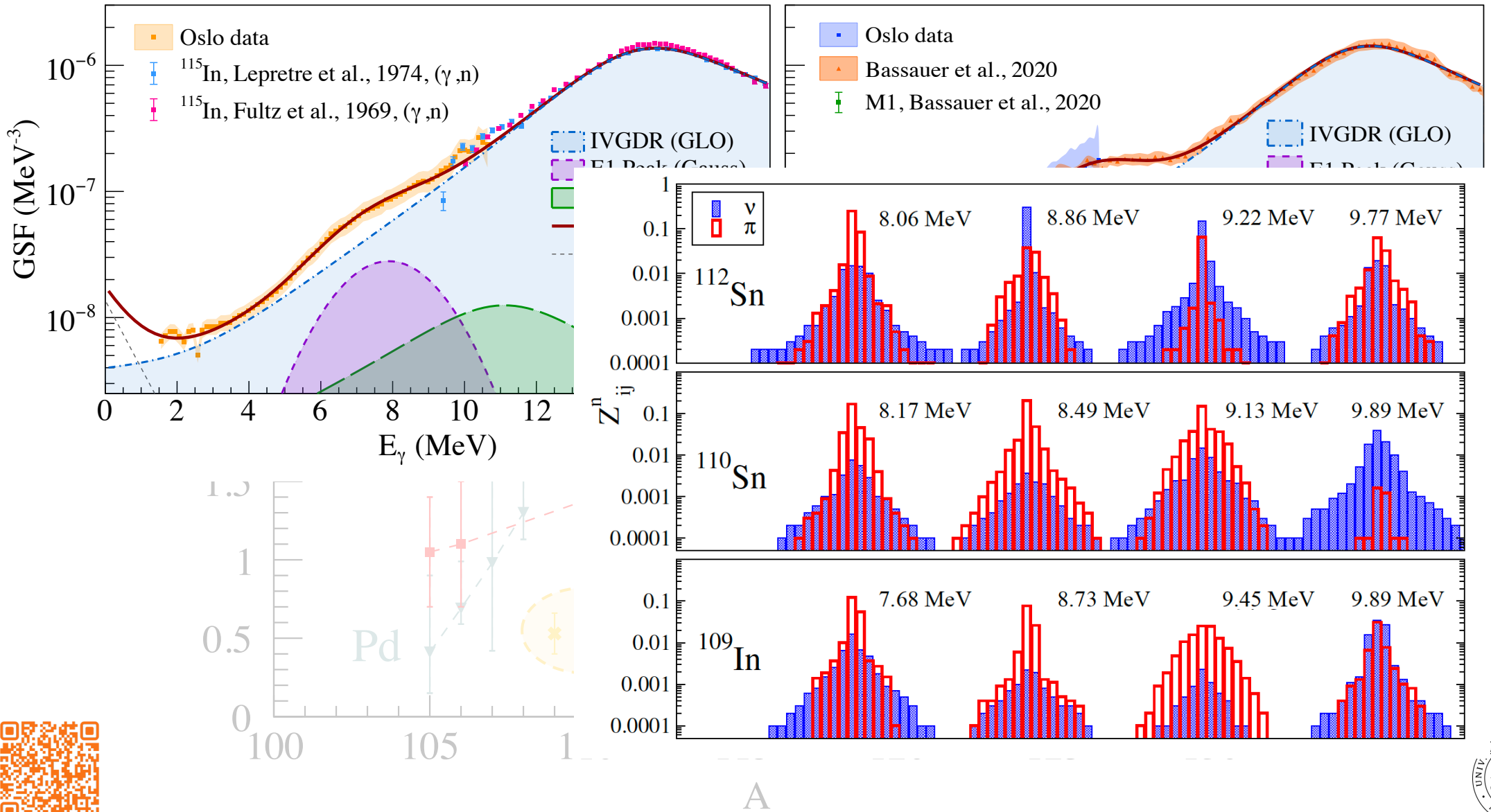
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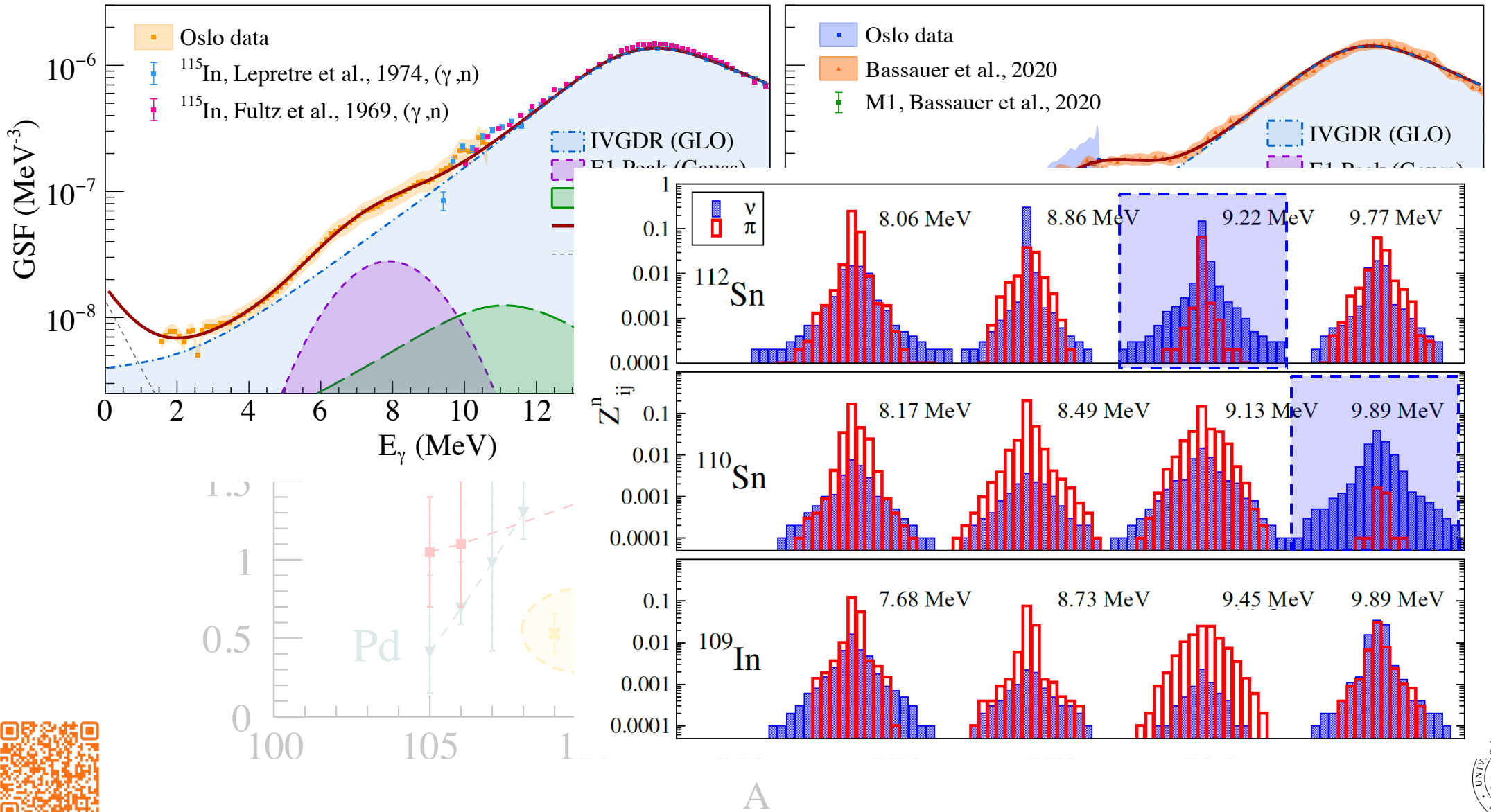
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Summary and Outlook

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- ▶ The GSFs and NLDs from the Oslo experiments provide new insights into the evolution of the “PDR”.
- ▶ No systematic increase of the low-lying E1 strength with N was observed in Sn isotopes and other nuclei in the Sn mass region.
- ▶ The presumed IV component of the PDR at 6 MeV was extracted.
- ▶ Suppression of the low-lying E1 strength in the neutron-deficient ^{109}In was observed.



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