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## Fission-fragment yields for nuclei with $A > 170$

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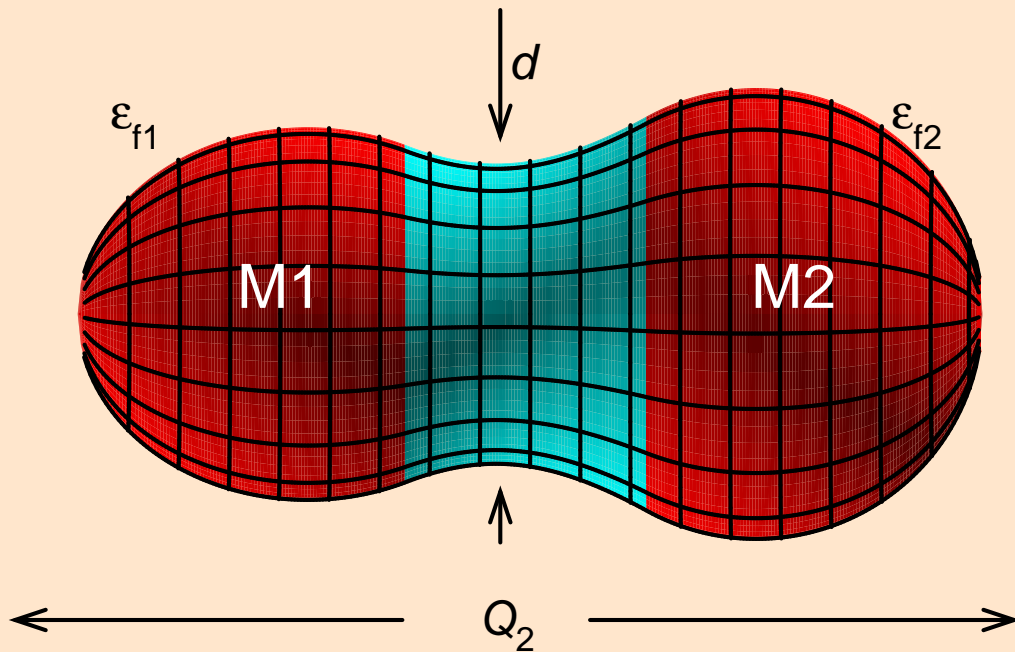
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More details about masses, other projects (beta-decay, fission), associated ASCII data files, interactive access to data (type in Z, A and get specific data, contour maps) and figures are at

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## Five Essential Fission Shape Coordinates

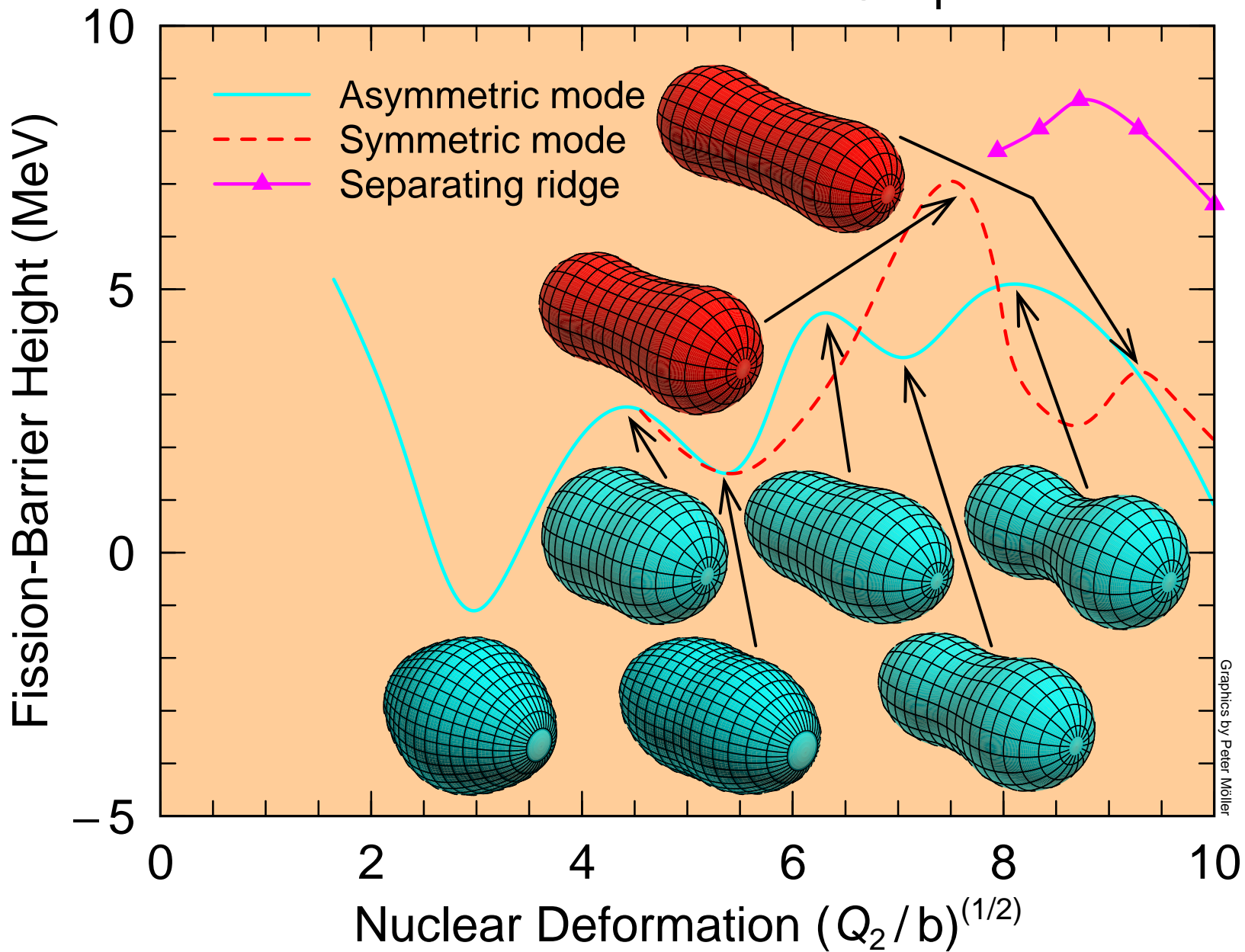


45	$Q_2 \sim$ Elongation (fission direction)
⊗	
35	$\alpha_g \sim (M1-M2)/(M1+M2)$ Mass asymmetry
⊗	
15	$\epsilon_{f1} \sim$ Left fragment deformation
⊗	
15	$\epsilon_{f2} \sim$ Right fragment deformation
⊗	
15	$d \sim$ Neck

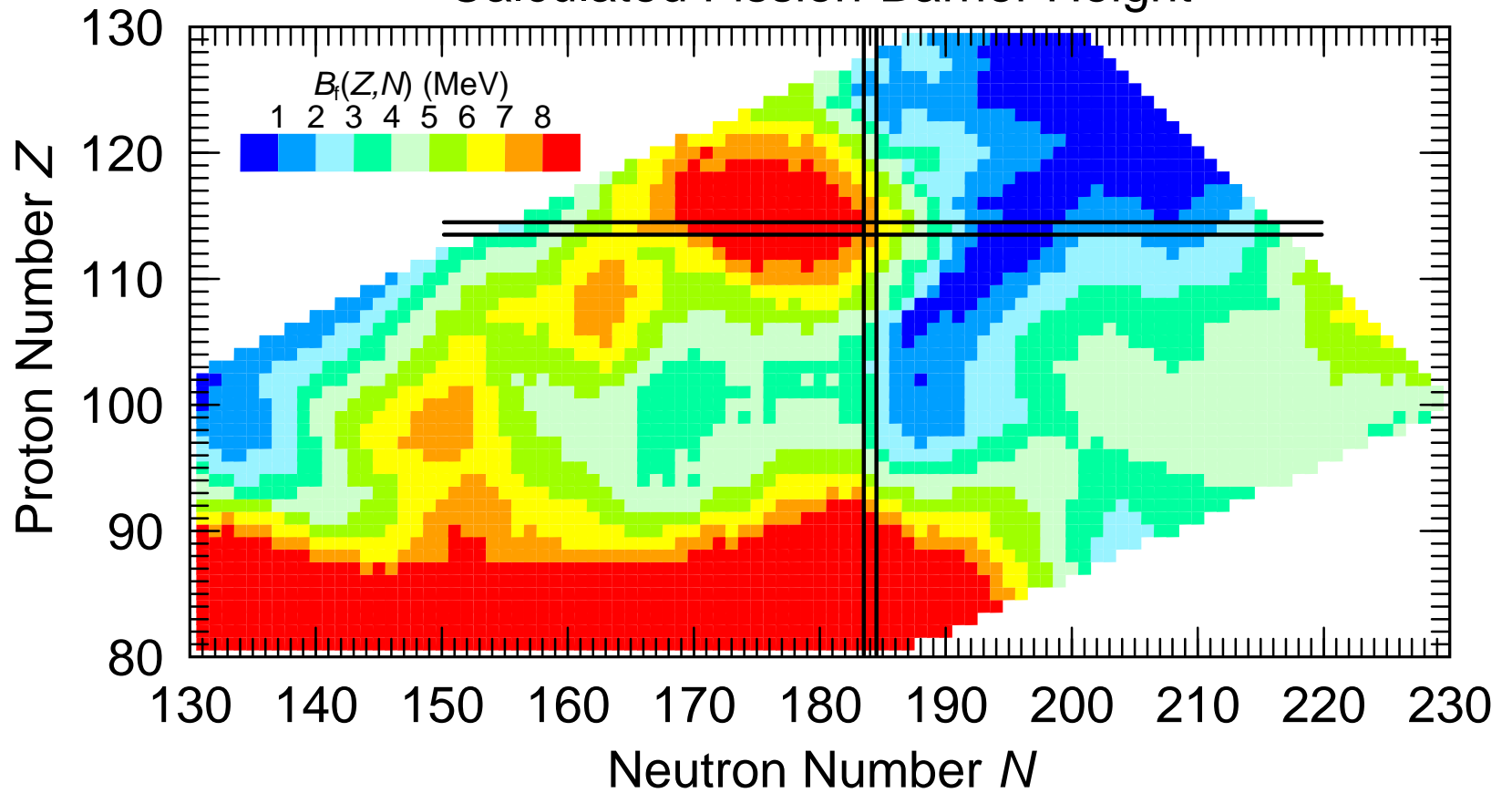
⇒ 5 315 625 grid points – 306 300 unphysical points

⇒ **5 009 325 physical grid points**

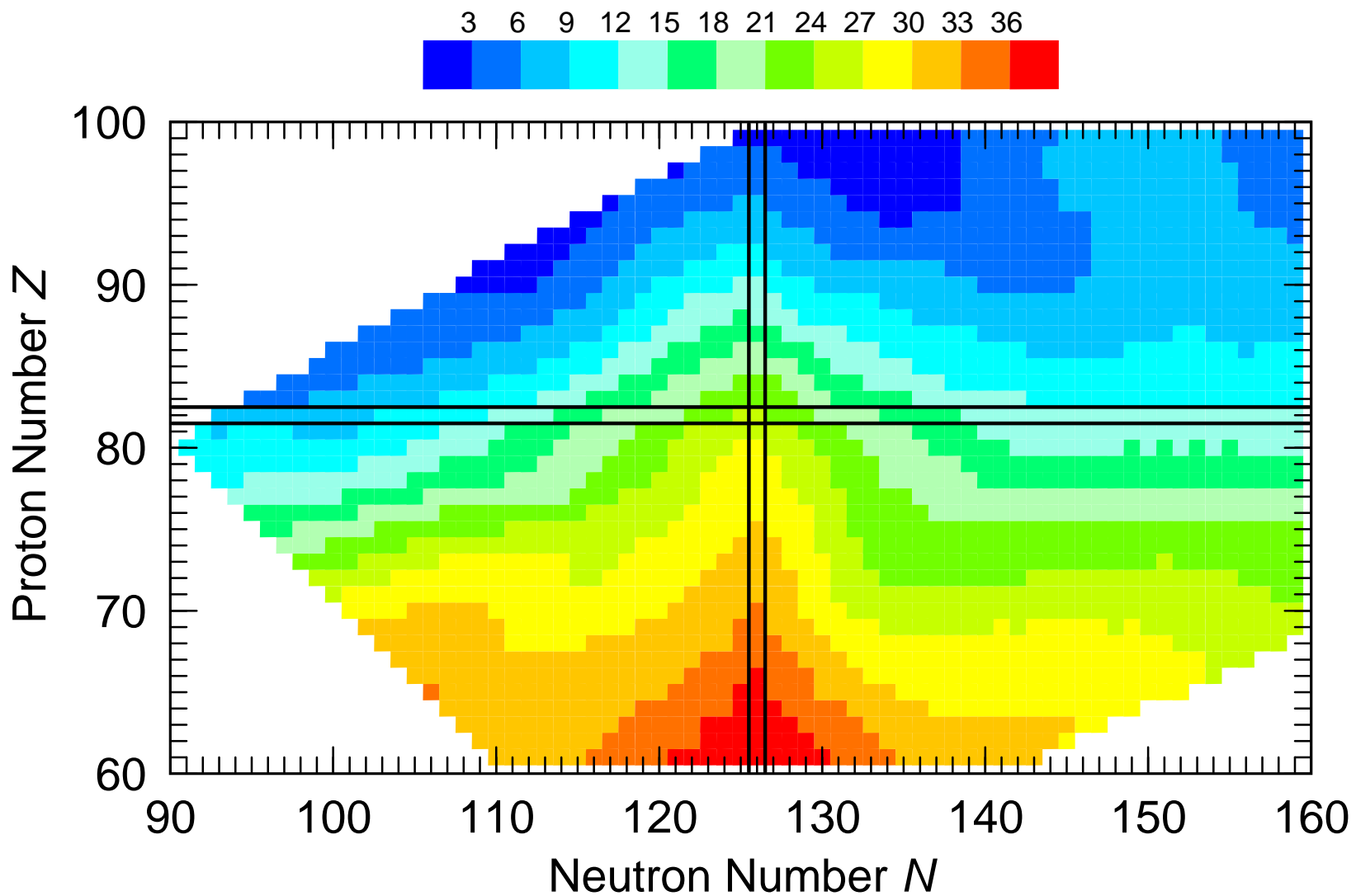
# Fission Barrier and Associated Shapes for $^{232}\text{Th}$



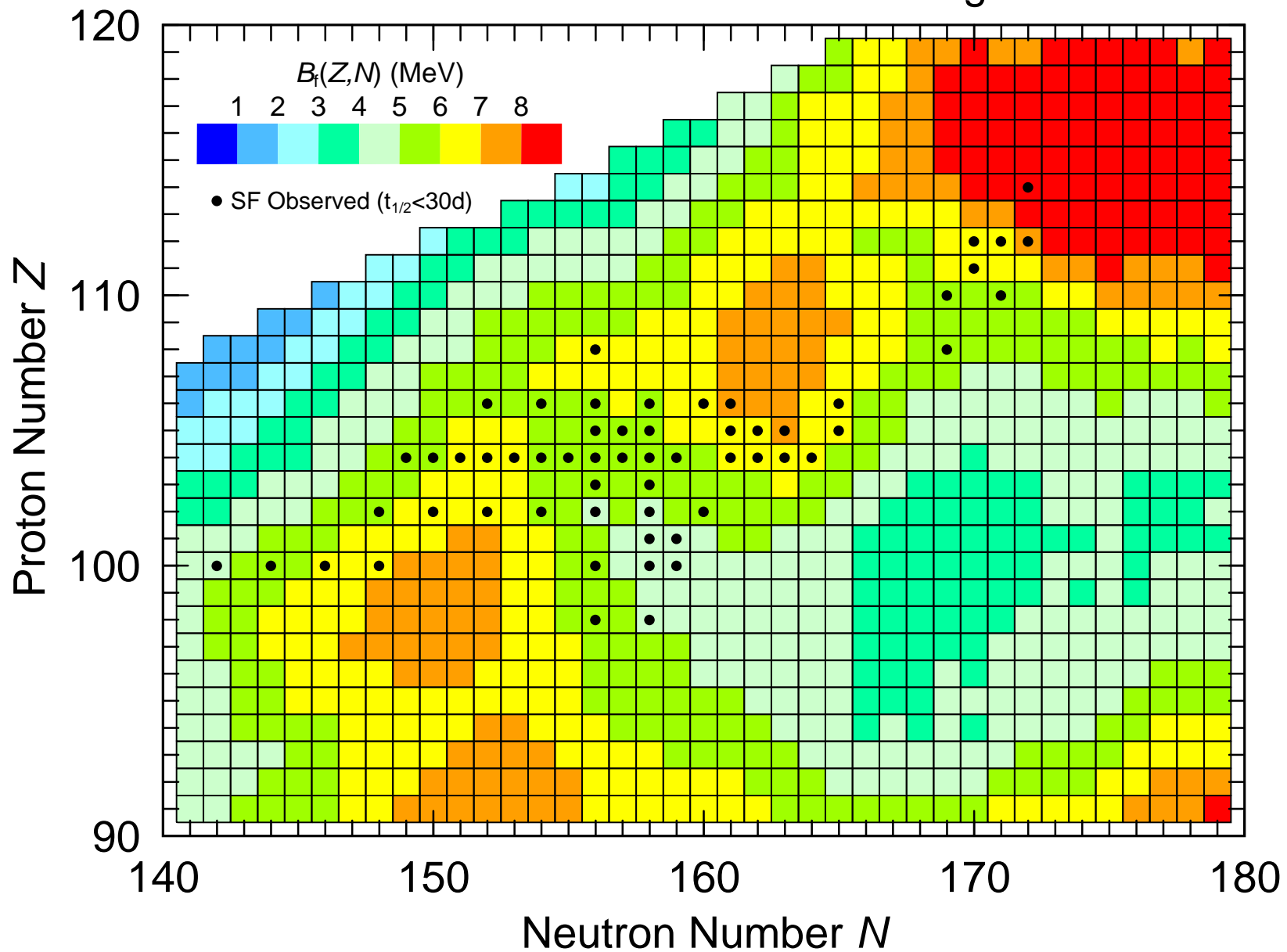
# Calculated Fission-Barrier Height



# Calculated Fission-Barrier Height (MeV)



# Calculated Fission-Barrier Height



## Exploring the stability of super heavy elements: First Measurement of the Fission Barrier of $^{254}\text{No}$

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**Abstract.** The gamma-ray multiplicity and total energy emitted by the heavy nucleus  $^{254}\text{No}$  have been measured at 2 different beam energies. From these measurements, the initial distributions of spin  $I$  and excitation energy  $E^*$  of  $^{254}\text{No}$  were constructed. The distributions display a saturation in excitation energy, which allows a direct determination of the fission barrier.  $^{254}\text{No}$  is the heaviest shell-stabilized nucleus with a measured fission barrier.

### 1 Introduction

The nucleus of interest  $^{254}\text{No}$  is situated at the very top of the chart of nuclides, in the region of the very heavy and super heavy elements. These nuclei are very special in that they are characterized by a decreasing and, for the heavier ones, a vanishing liquid drop fission barrier.

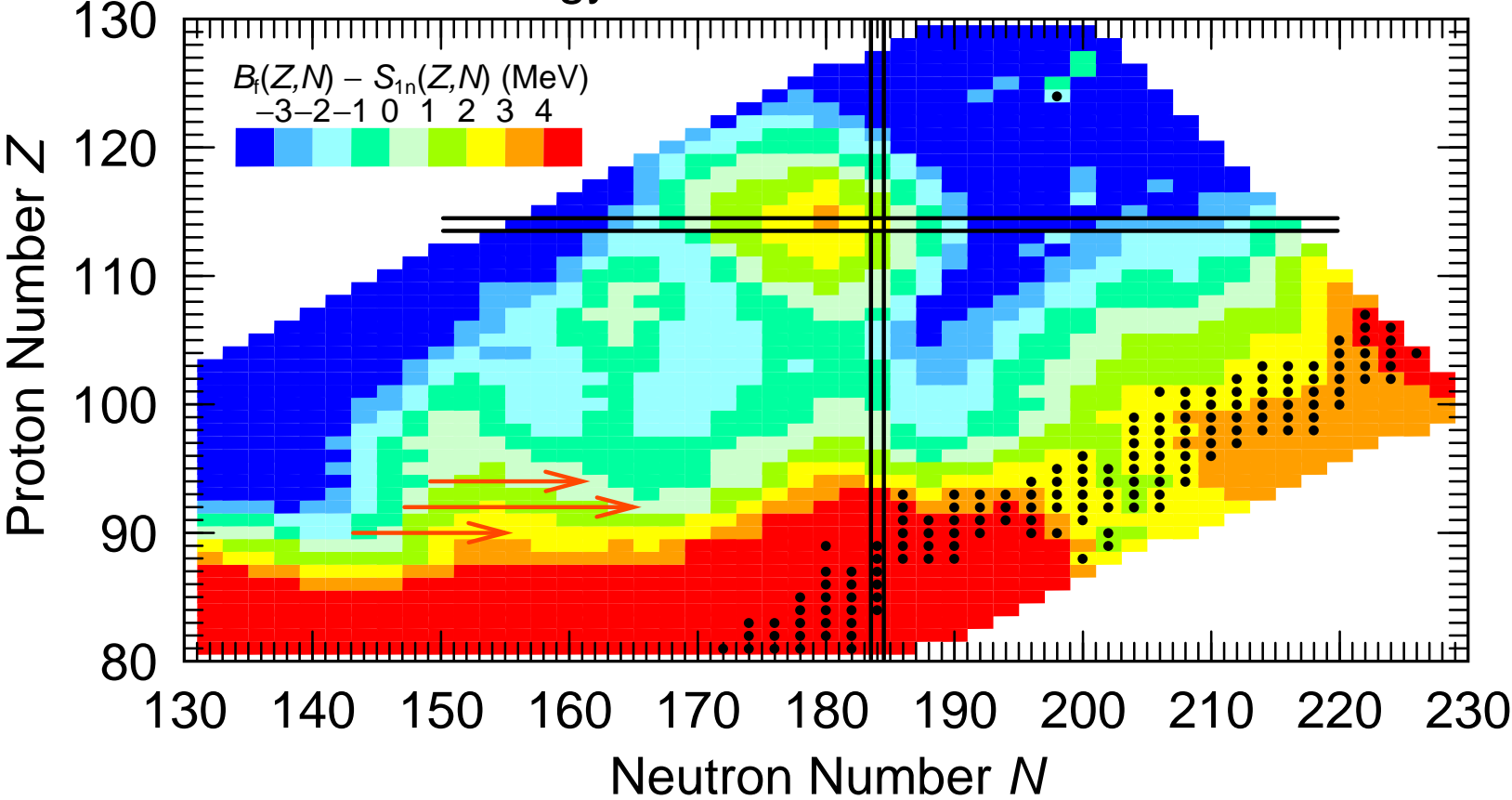
The reason why  $^{254}\text{No}$  does not fission with a very short lifetime [1] or why one has recently been able to synthesize and observe element 118 [2] is because of quantum-mechanical shell effects. Indeed, it is the gaps in the single-particle spectrum, which give additional binding to the nucleus and lower the ground state with respect to the liquid drop energy, thereby creating a barrier against fission.

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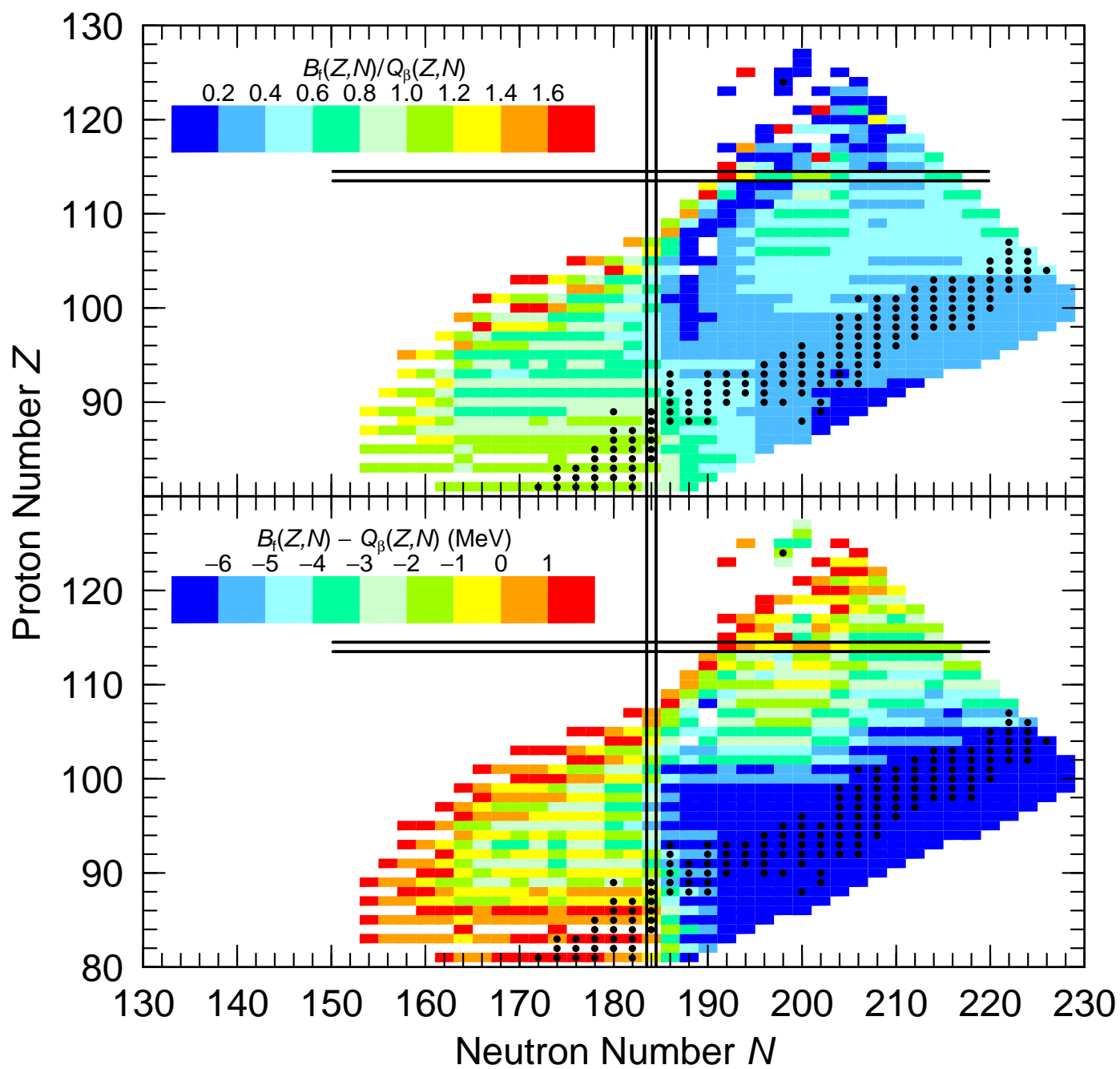
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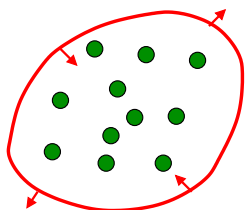
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Calculated Energy Window for Neutron-Induced Fission









## Brownian shape motion

Nuclear deformation energy:  $E_{\text{def}}(i,j,k,l,m)$

Bias potential:  $V_{\text{bias}}(i) = V_0 (Q_0/Q_2)^2$

Level density parameter:  $a_A = A/(8 \text{ MeV})$

Temperature  $T$ :  $E^* - E_{\text{def}} = a_A T^2$

$$\Rightarrow V(\chi) = E_{\text{def}} + V_{\text{bias}}$$

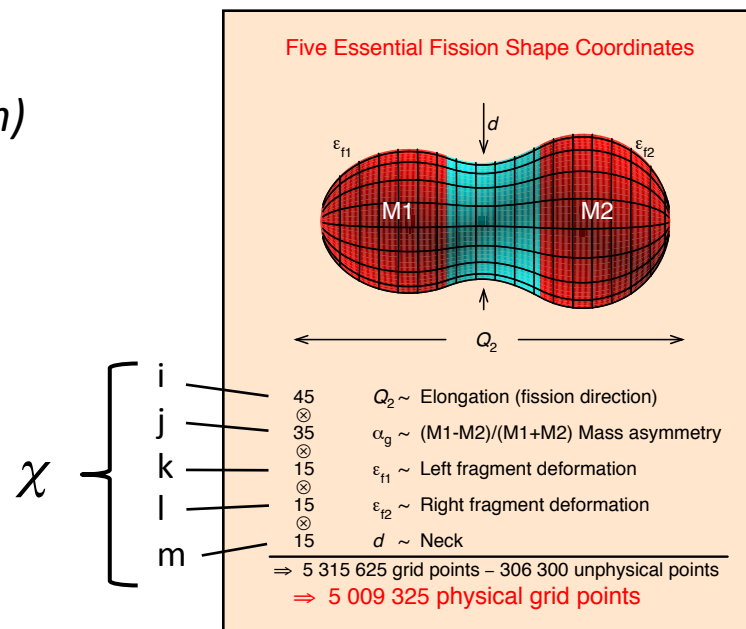
Metropolis walk:

Change shape:  $\chi \rightarrow \chi' ?$

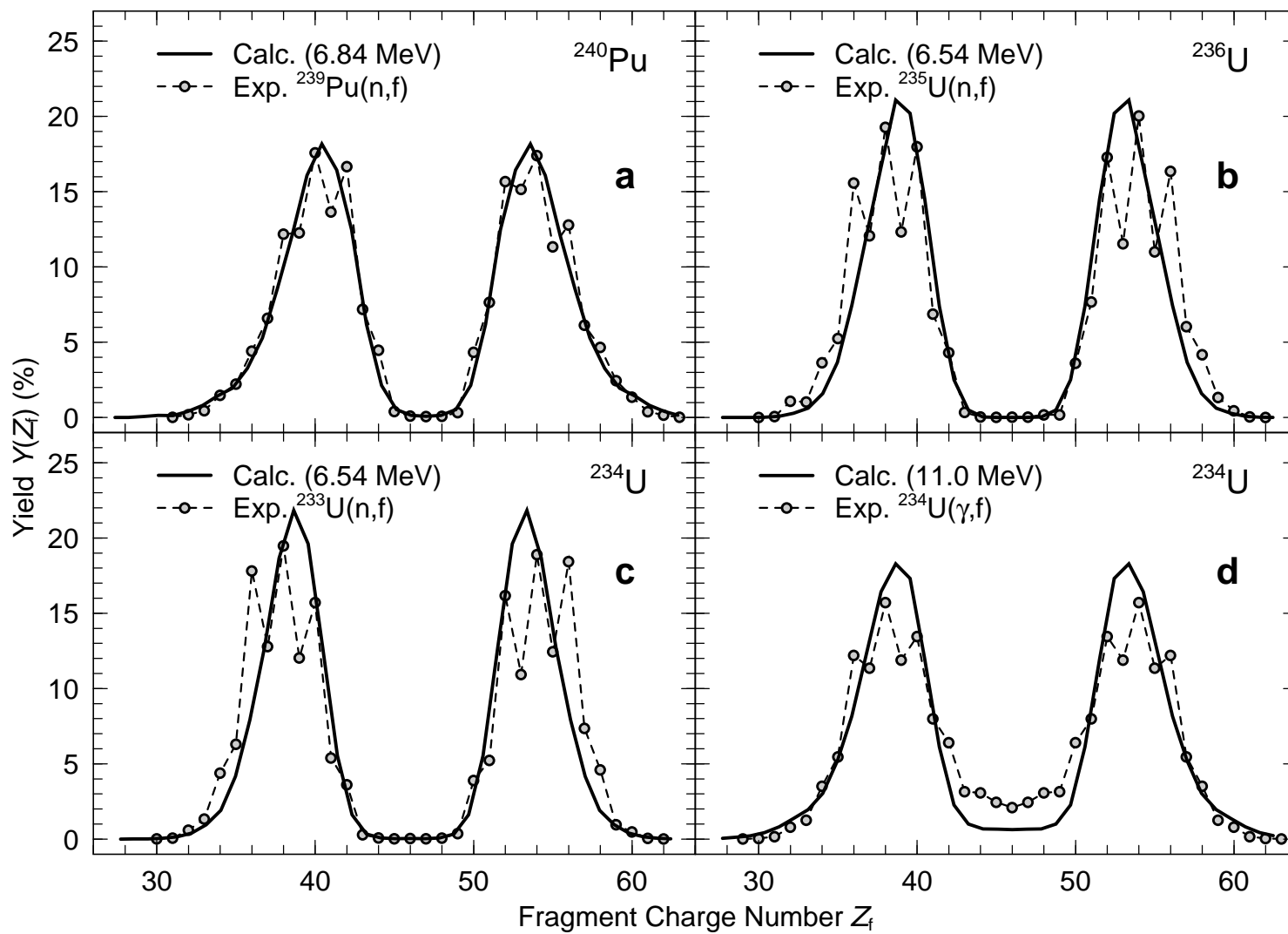
N. Metropolis *et al*, J Chem Phys 26 (1953) 1087

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V(\chi') < V(\chi): \text{ move with } P = 1 \\ V(\chi') > V(\chi): \text{ move with } P = \exp(-\Delta V/T) \end{array} \right.$$

Scission: Critical neck radius  $c_0 \approx 2.5 \text{ fm}$



P. Möller *et al*, Nature 409 (2001) 785



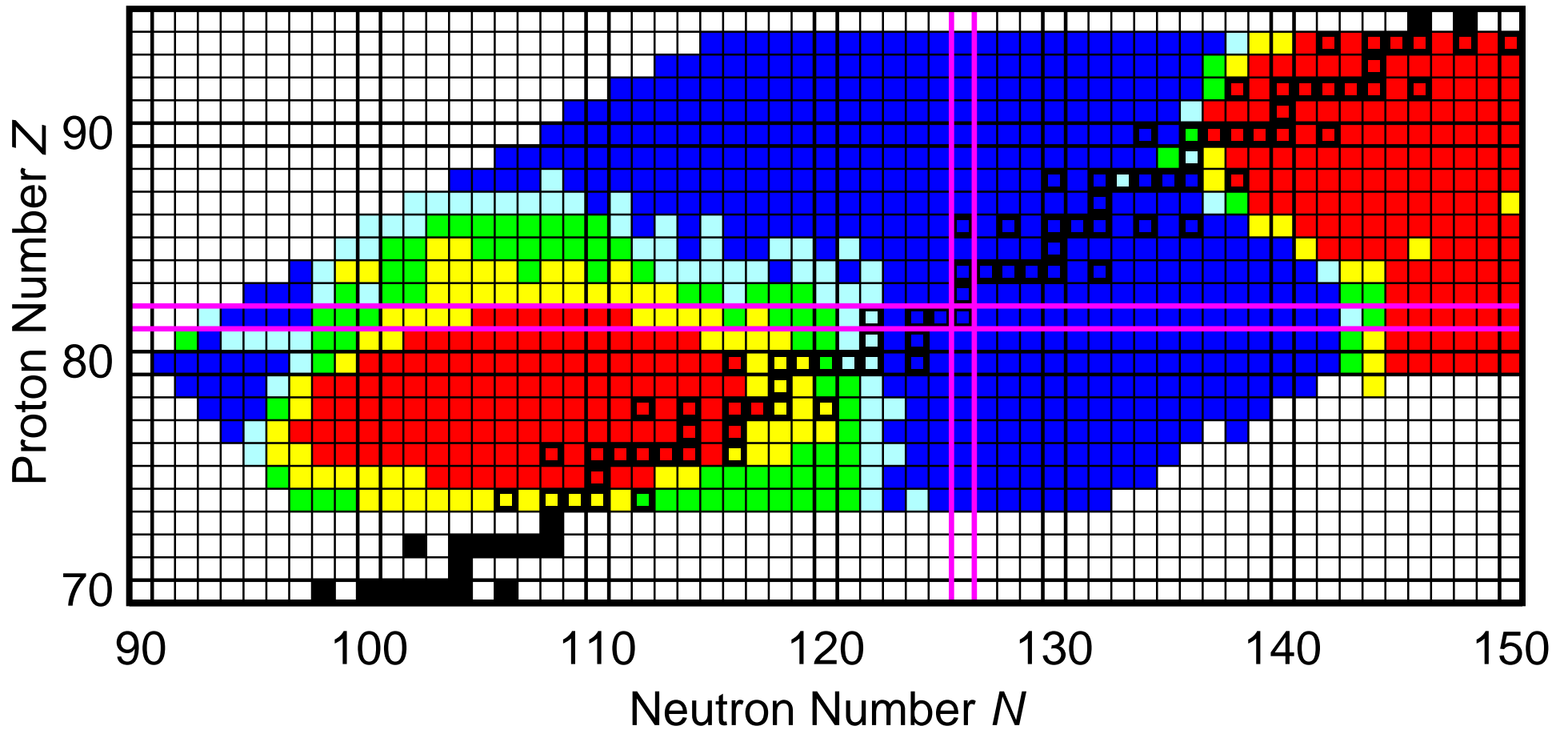
# Fission-Yield Valley-to-Peak Ratio

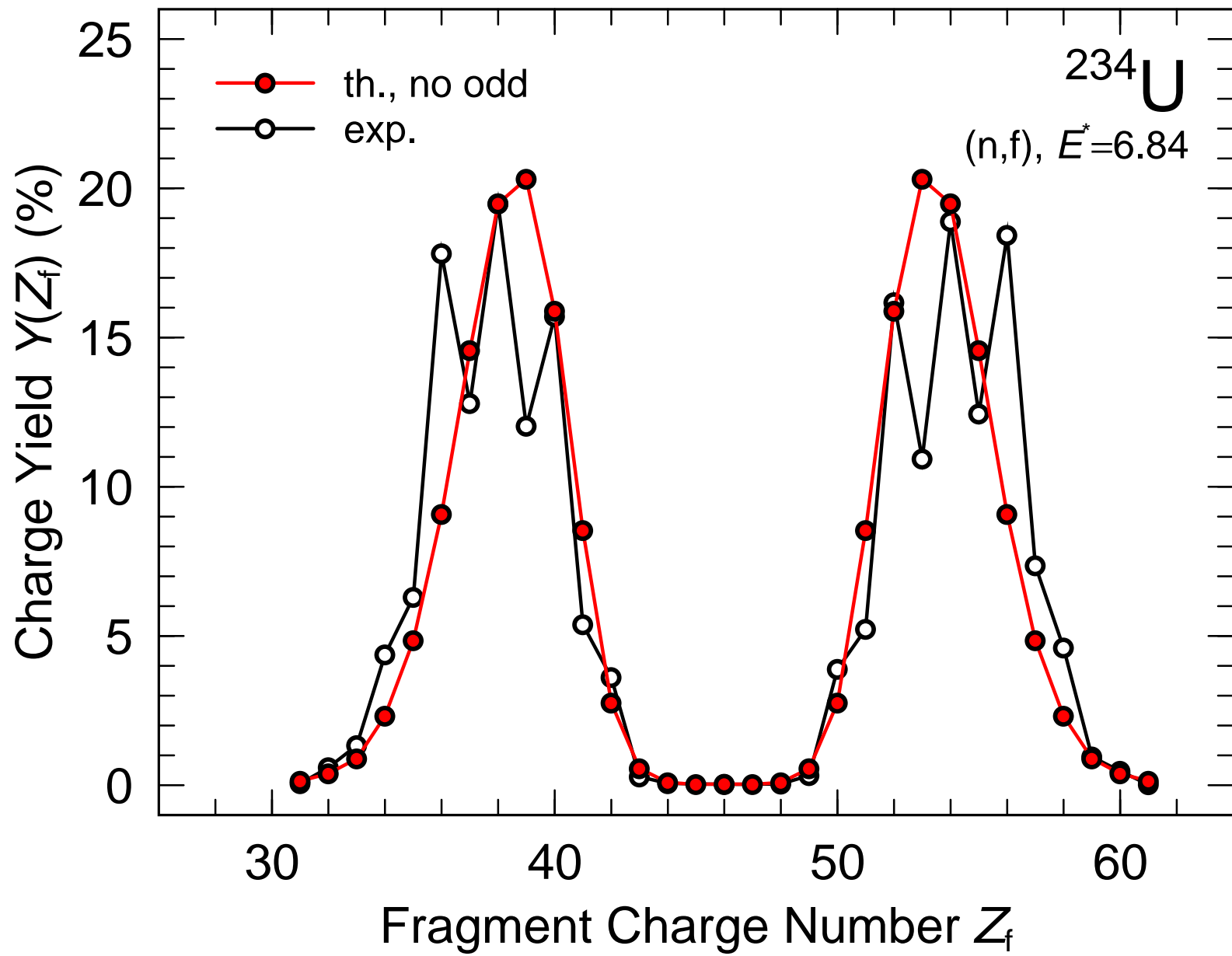
0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8

Asymmetric



Symmetric



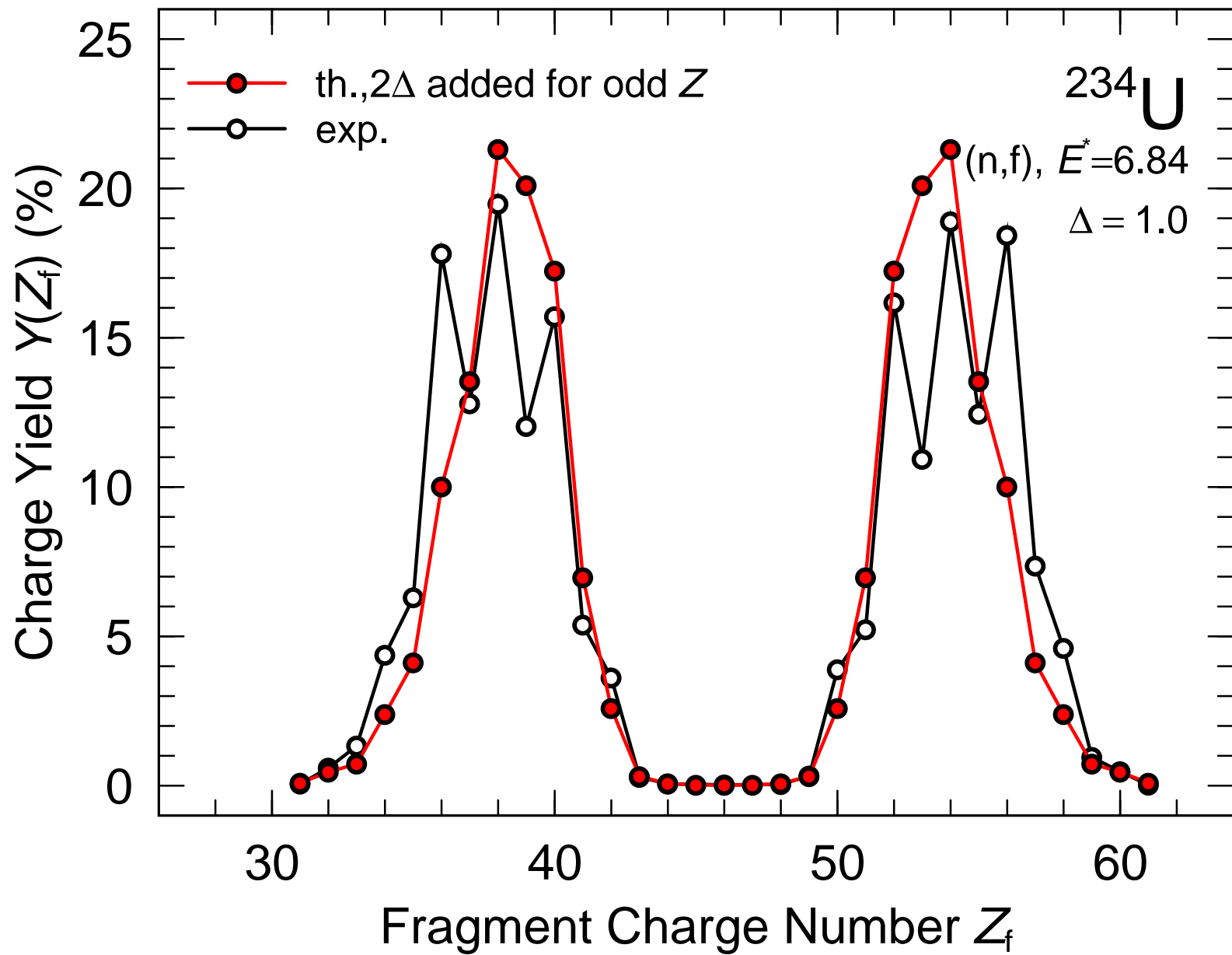


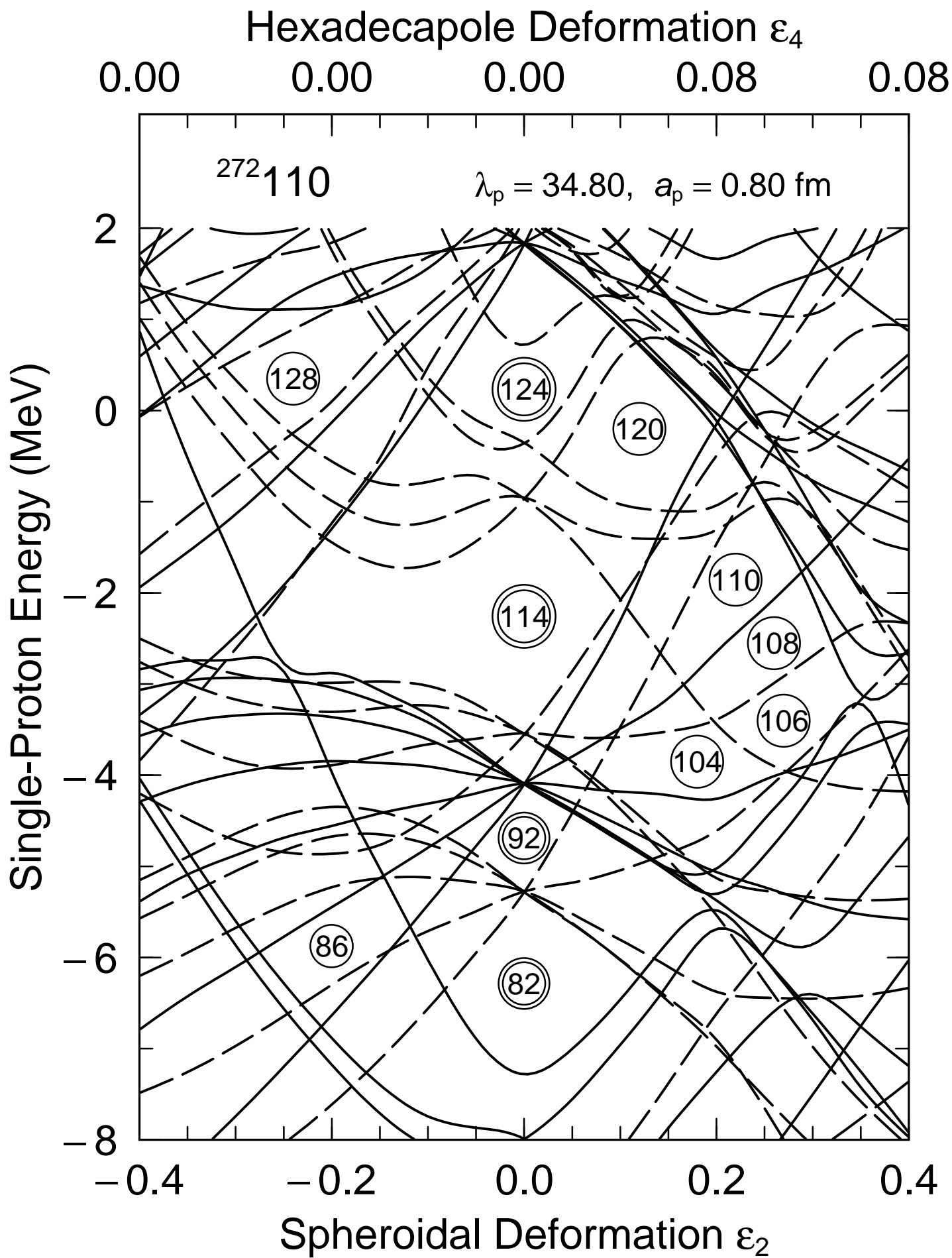
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READ(LU,'(2f10.3)') r,rw
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idiv =(N+1)/2
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if(N+1 .eq. 2*idiv) r = r + (rw-1 +0.01)*2*1.0
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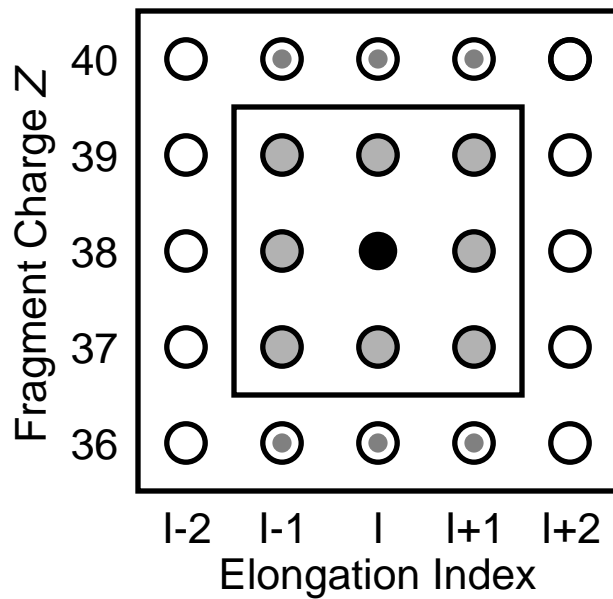
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E(I,J,K,L,N) = r
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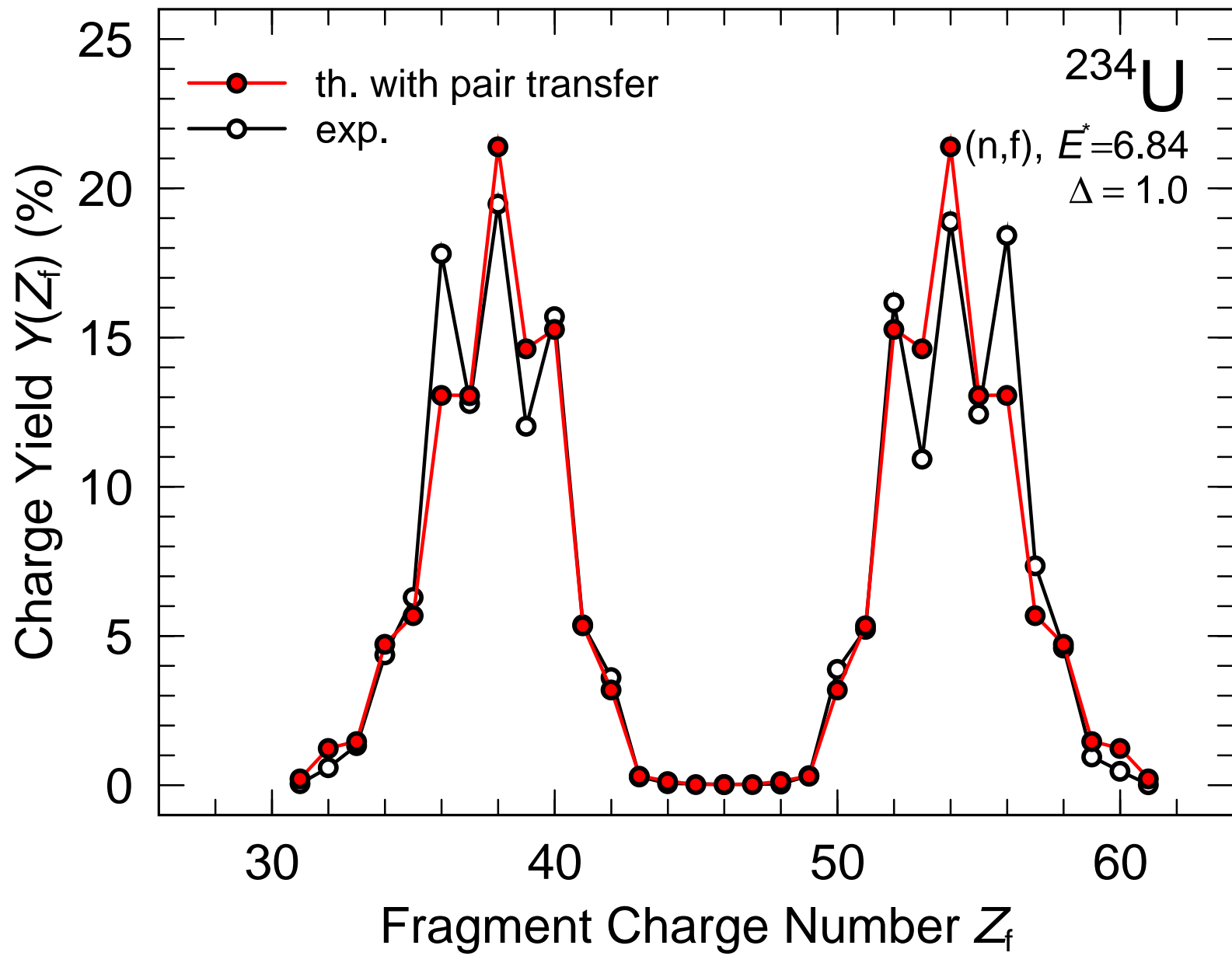


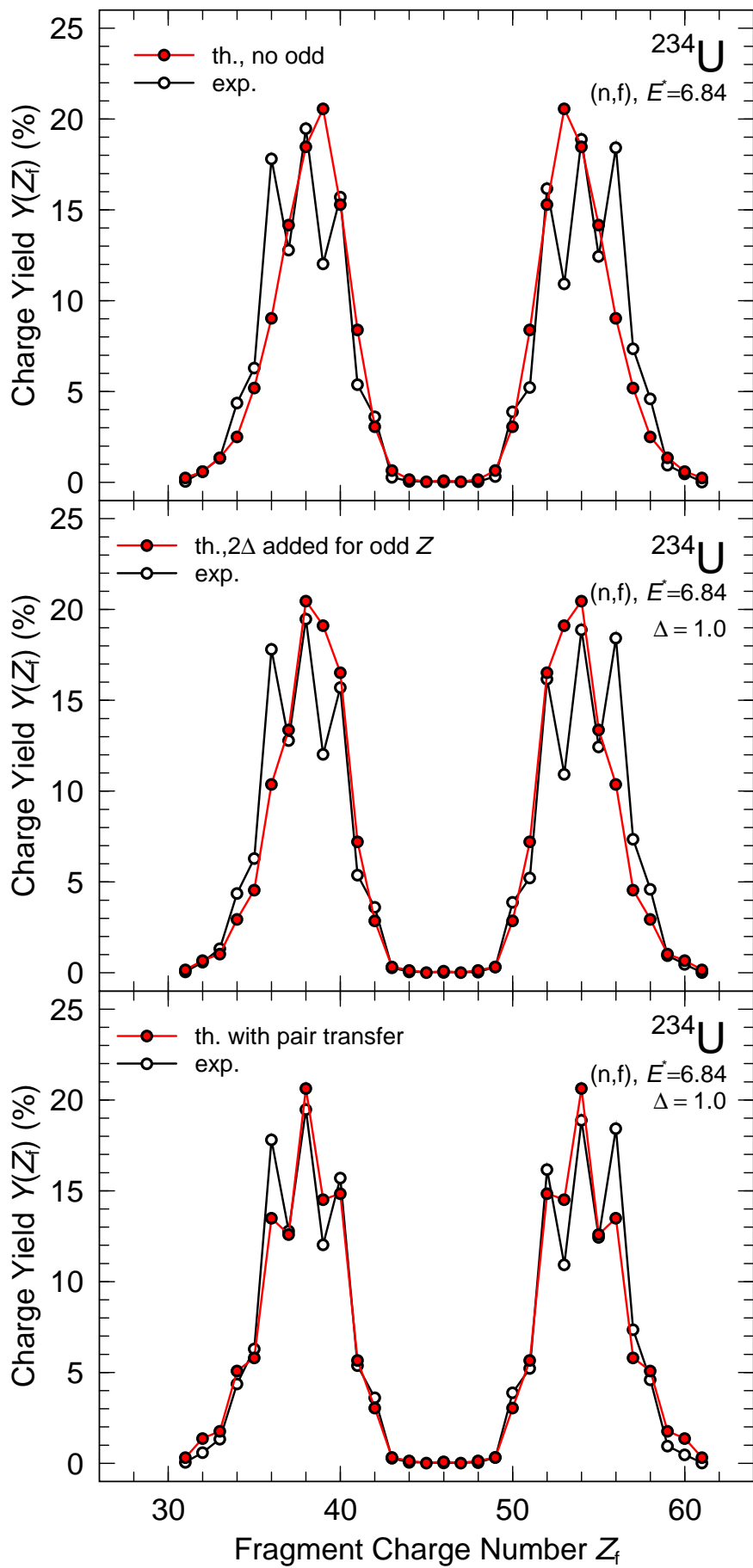


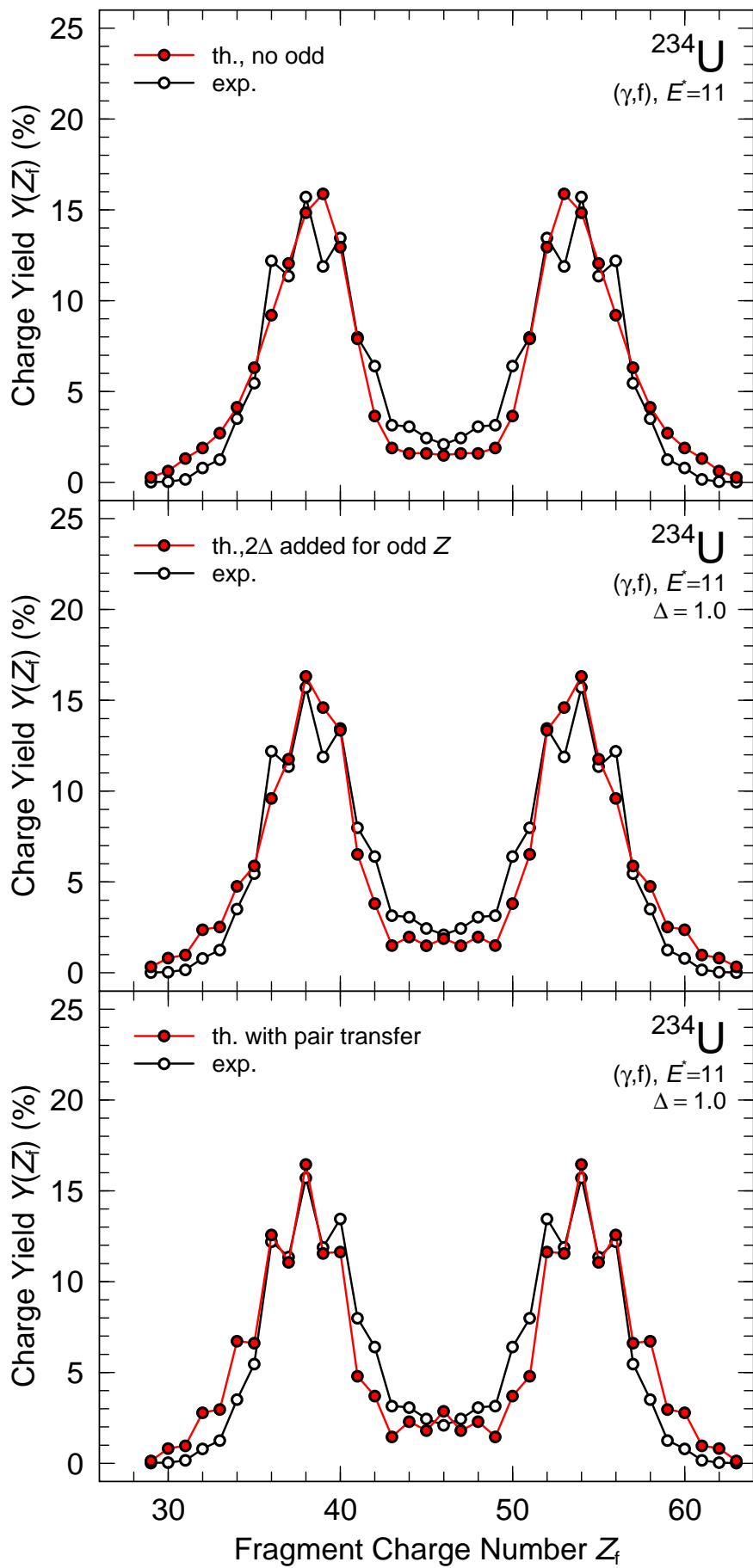


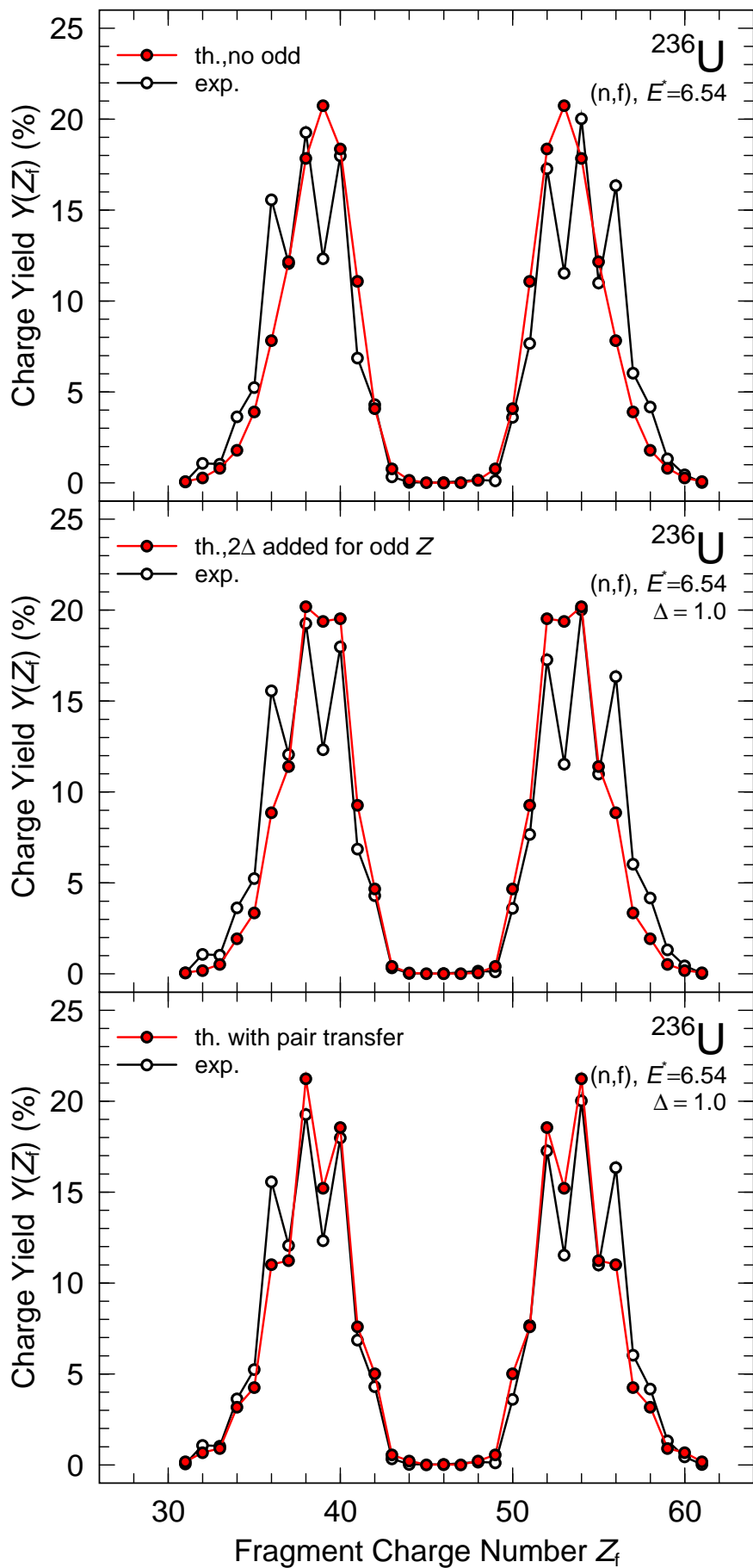
### Next Track-Point Candidates

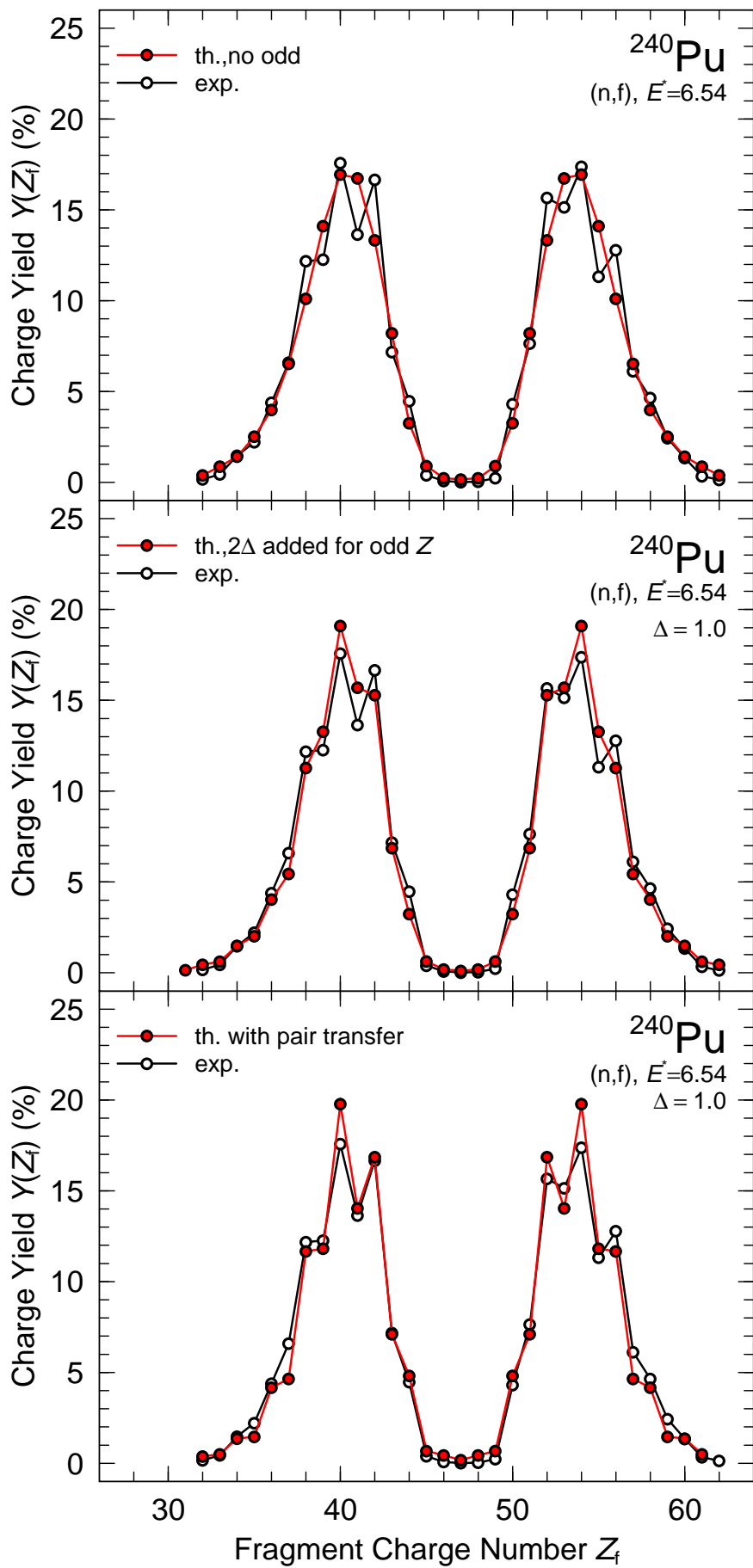


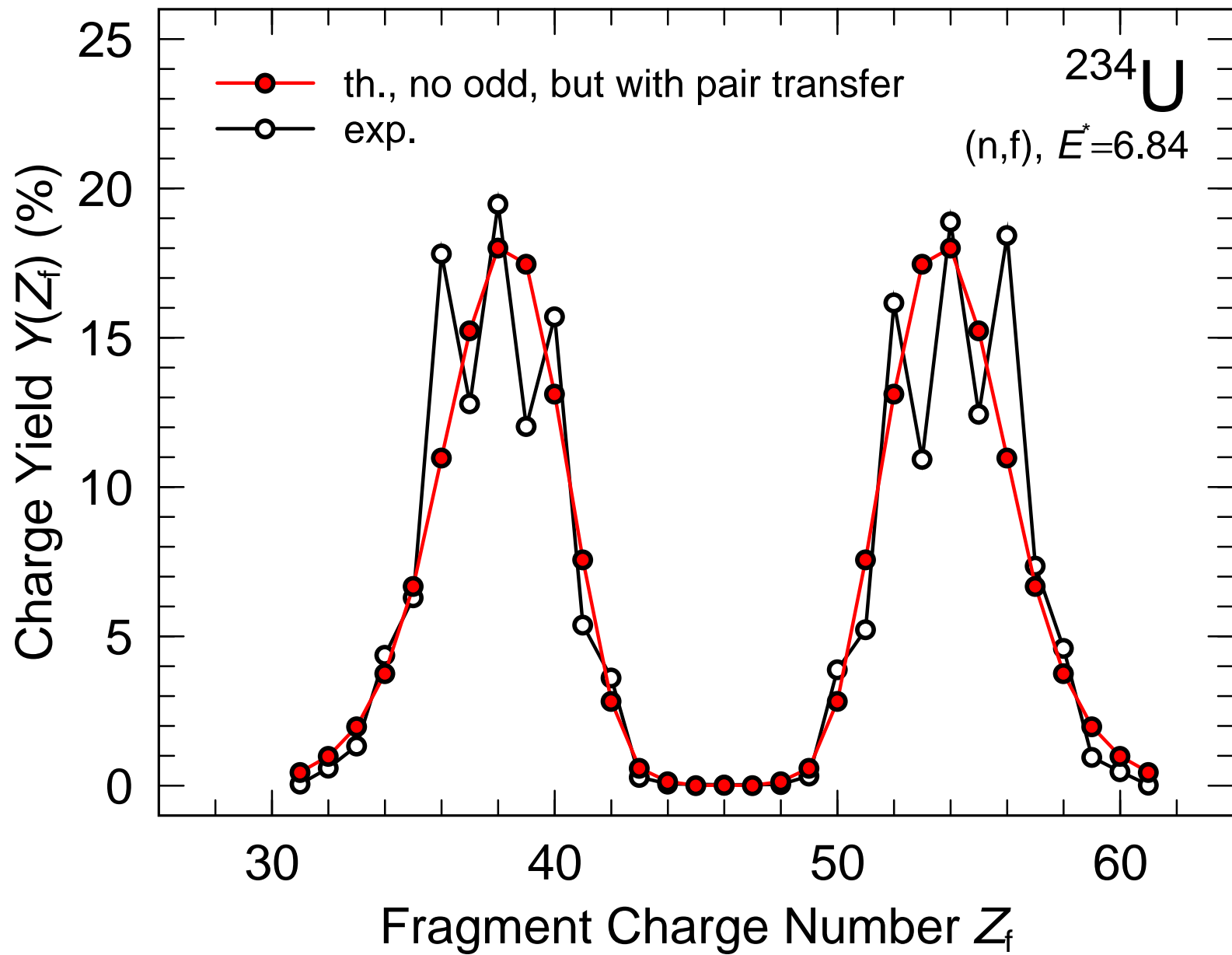


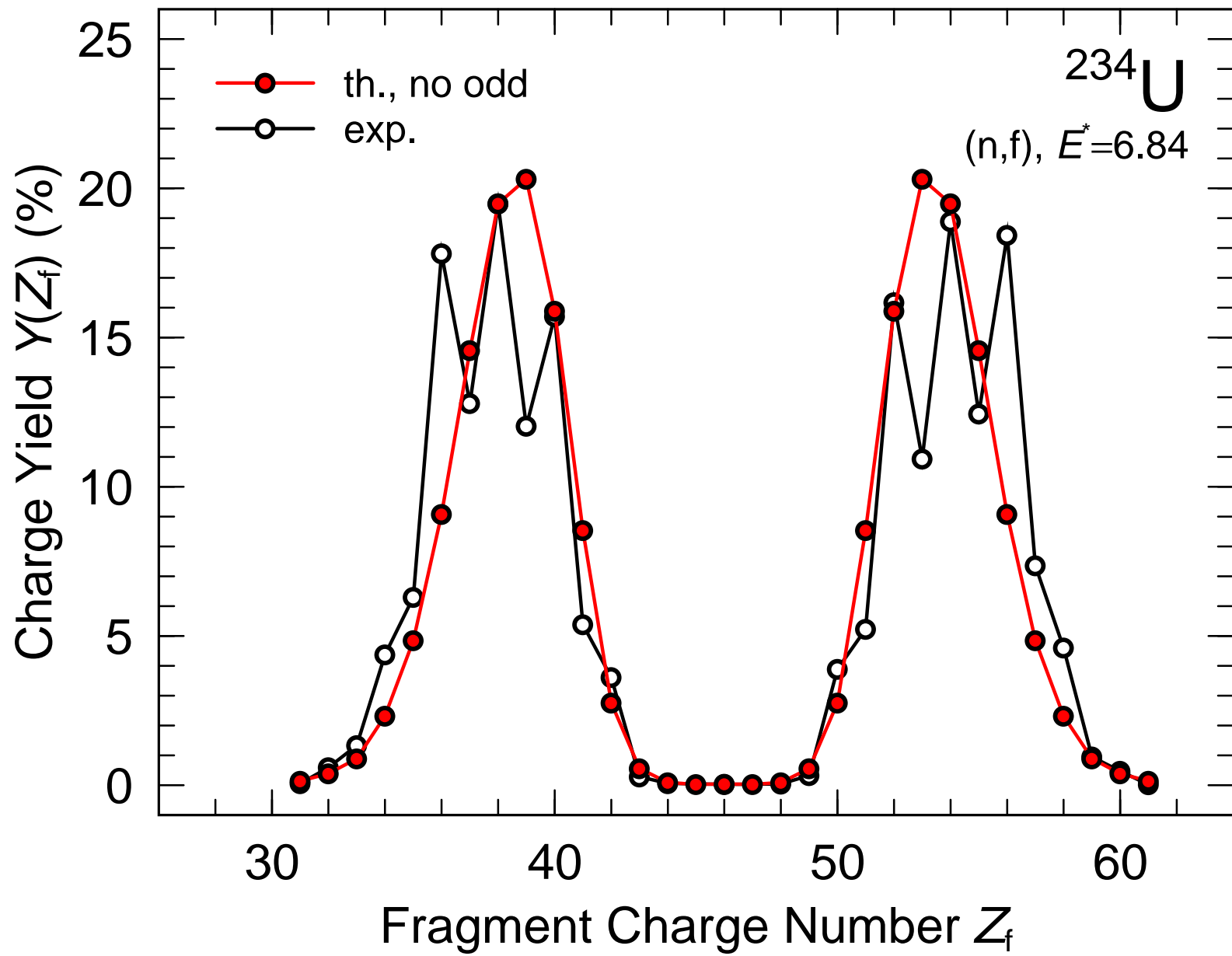














## Modeling in BSM of

$$Y(Z_1, N_1, Z - Z_1, N - N_1)$$

We need total potential energy versus fragment proton and neutron numbers. Shell correction is actually straightforward.

**Total shell correction:**

$$ESH_{Z+N}(Z_1, N_1, Z - Z_1, N - N_1)$$

“Field” asymmetry  $\alpha_g \rightarrow$  Asymmetry in  $N$  and  $Z$ ! This means 2 asymmetry coordinates rather than a single “field” asymmetry. How?

Calculate neutron shell correction for grid of  $\alpha_g$  corresponding to integer  $N$  values. Save the *neutron* shell corrections  $ESH_N(N_1, N - N_1)$ .

Calculate proton shell correction for grid of  $\alpha_g$  corresponding to integer  $Z$  values. Save the *proton* shell corrections  $ESH_Z(Z_1, Z - Z_1)$ .

$$ESH_{Z+N}(Z_1, N_1, Z - Z_1, N - N_1) = \\ ESH_Z(Z_1, Z - Z_1) + ESH_N(N_1, N - N_1)$$

## Modeling in BSM of

$$Y(Z_1, N_1, Z - Z_1, N - N_1)$$

We need total potential energy versus fragment proton and neutron numbers. Now what about the

### Macroscopic energy:

$$EMAC_{Z+N}(Z_1, N_1, Z - Z_1, N - N_1)$$

Start by calculating  $EMAC_{\text{comp}}$  for the compound nucleus for a grid in  $\alpha_g$  corresponding to integer  $Z_1$  and  $Z - Z_1$ .

The neutron numbers in the fragments corresponding to the  $\alpha_g$  yielding these integer  $Z_1$  are not integers.

Now fix  $Z_1$  and calculate the macroscopic energy for this (fixed)  $Z_1$  but for different integer  $N_\nu$  as the sum

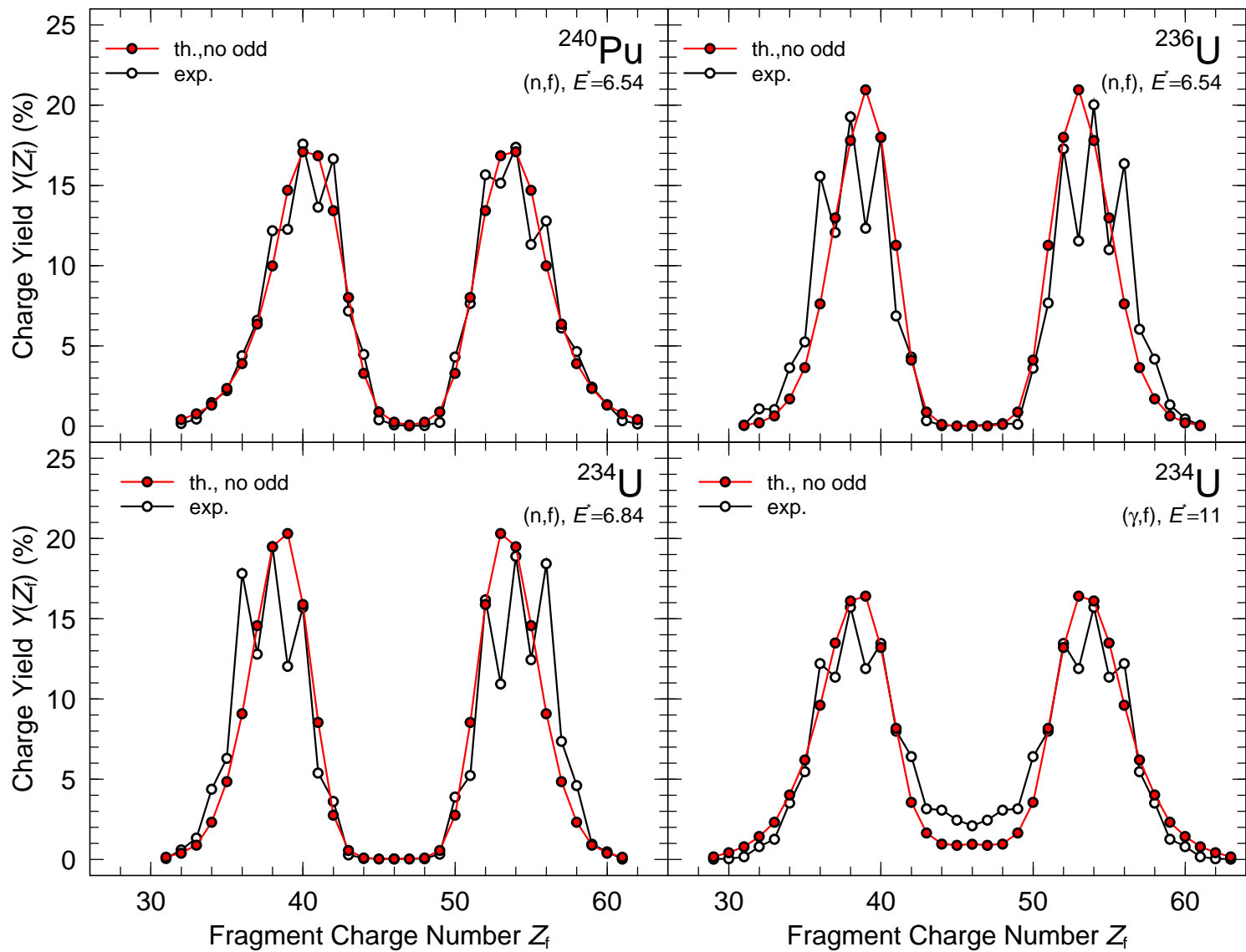
$$EMAC_{Z+N}(Z_1, N_\nu, Z - Z_1, N - N_\nu) =$$

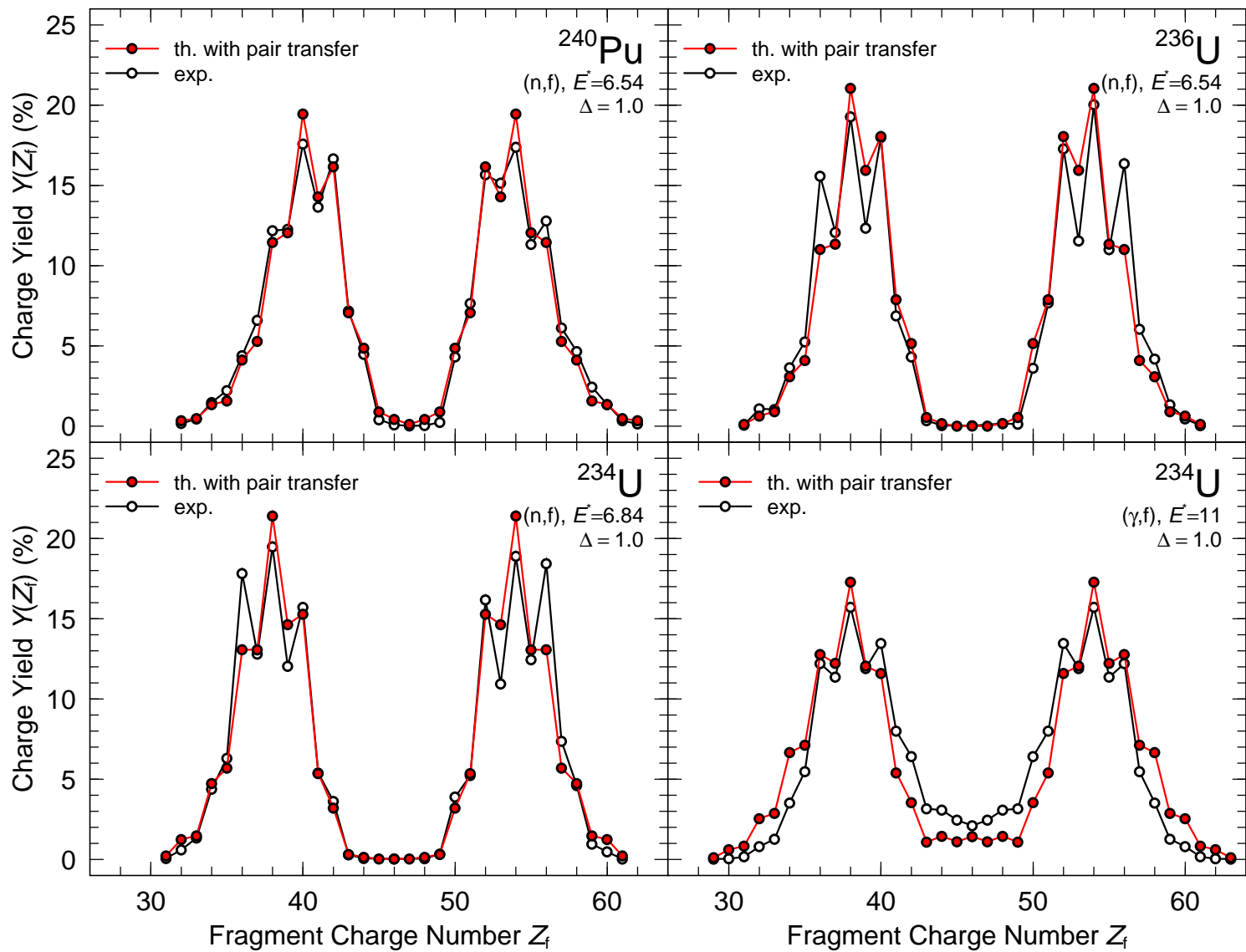
$$EMAC_{\text{comp}} + \Delta EMAC$$

To obtain the second term calculate the sum of the macroscopic energies for the separated fragments:

$$EMAC(Z_1, N_\nu) + EMAC(Z - Z_1, N - N_\nu)$$

where  $Z_1$  is fixed,  $N_\nu$  varies.  $\Delta EMAC$  for various  $N_\nu$  ( $Z_1$  is still fixed) is the difference between this function at  $N_\nu$  and at the noninteger  $N$  corresponding to the chosen  $Z_1$ .

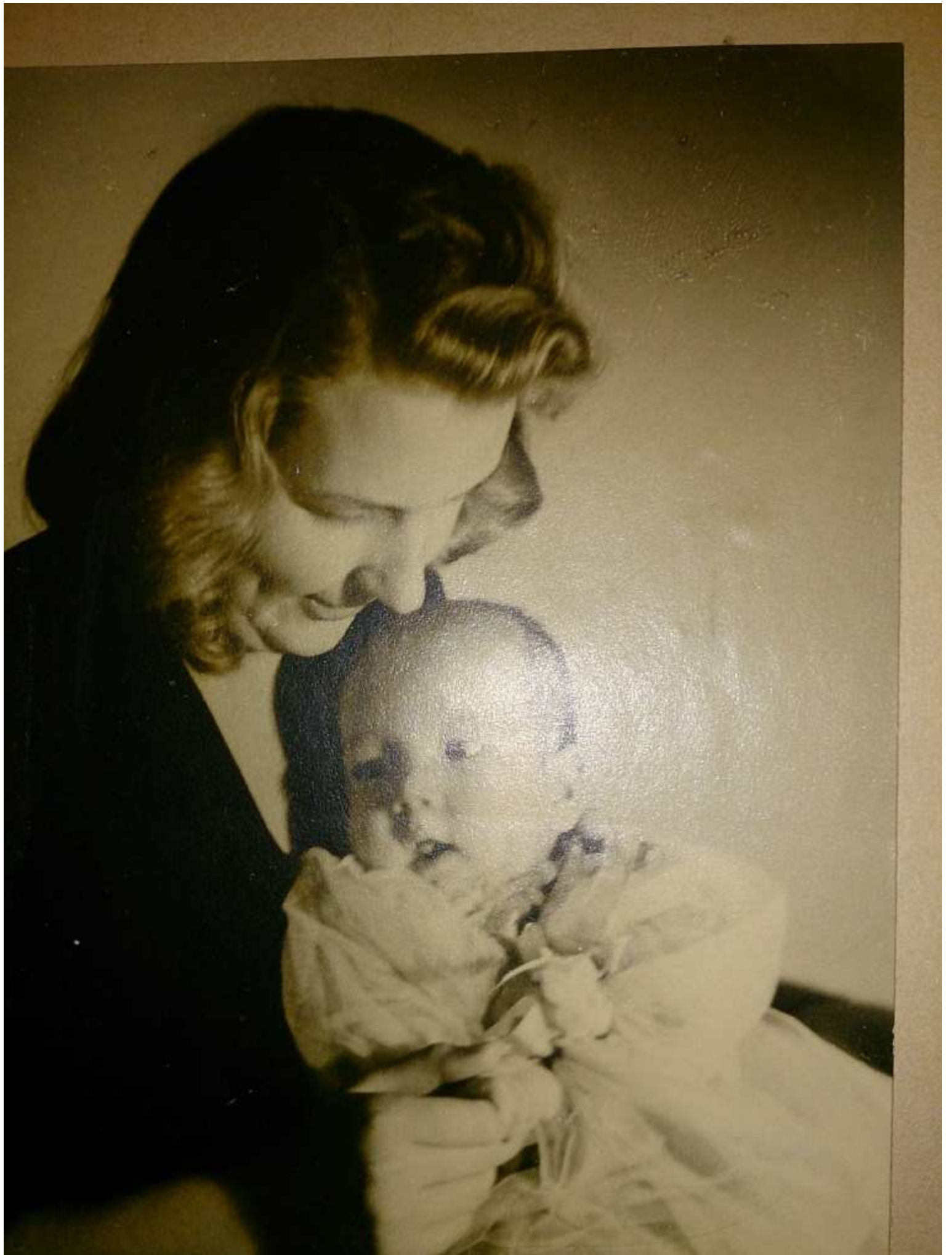




## **Peter Moller, Early timeline**

- Born 1944, Elem. school 1951–1955, High School 1955–1963
- Abroad: Jordan June 1957–January 1958  
Jordan June 1958–September 1958  
Kuwait November 1960–October 1961
- University: Undergraduate Oct 1963– June 1967  
Graduate 1967 – May 10 1974  
Military Service: June 68 – Aug 68 (boot camp)  
Special Military: Aug 71 – June 72  
US Visit: LBL fall 1972, LANL 12 months 1973





...ten Söndagen den 18 juli 1954

# ...ma ger ...lig resa ...rd av teak

...fru Inez Möller, satt  
... hon fått det ifrån är inte  
...ligen just det, som präglar  
...llan på Sånecullavägen.

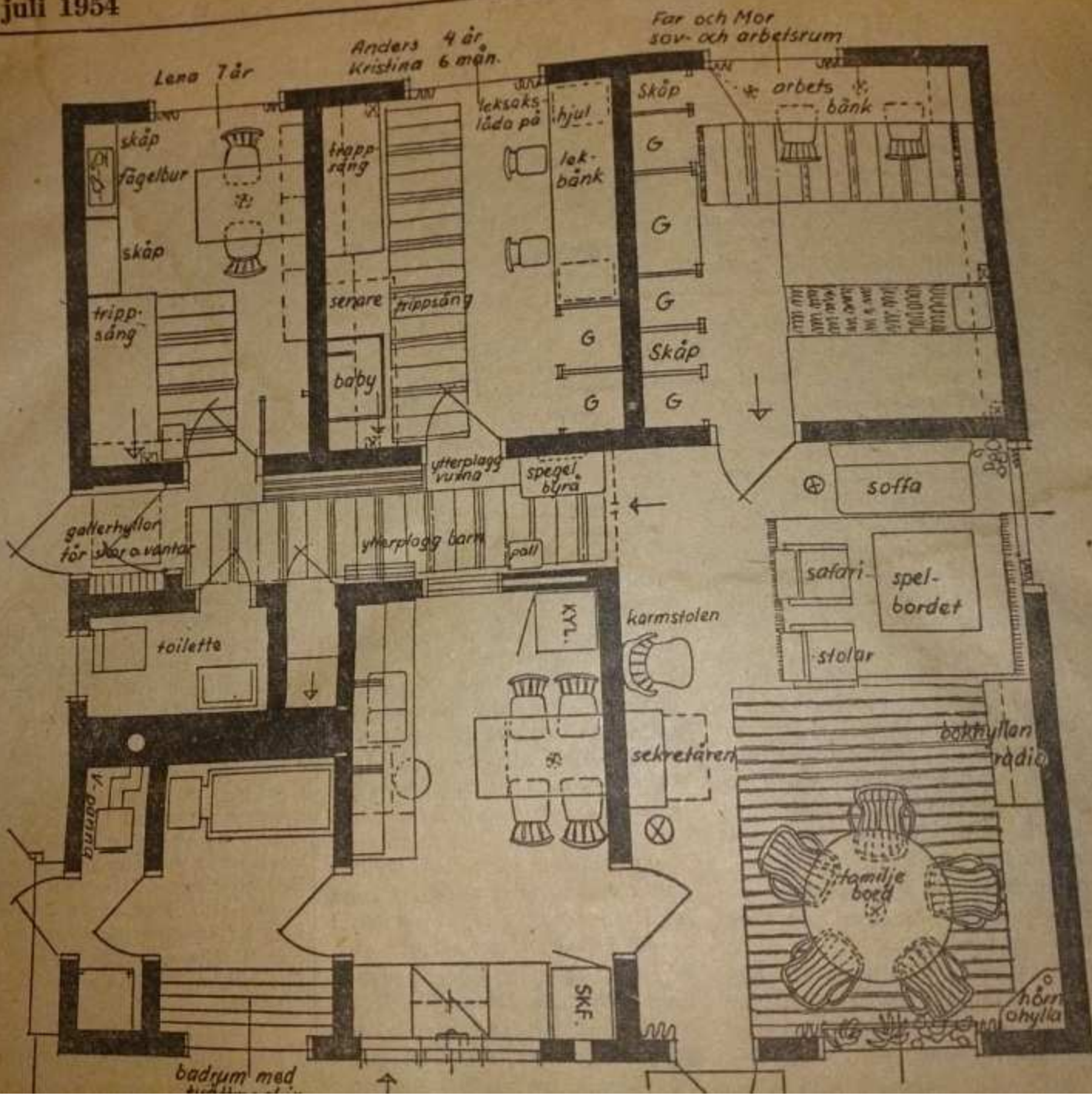
...llt så brinnande effektiv är nu  
...fru Möller — tack och lov.  
... hennes duglighet och mång-  
...ghet är ändå nog så impone-  
...nt. Villan, som familjen behör,  
...han tillsammans med maken  
... målrat och tapetserat, alla 7  
...nna har in i den minsta de-  
...getts en personlig touche, och  
...han sedan sköter allt hemjobb  
... här naturligtvis till bilden.

... hobbyn på fritid är, ja, vad  
... den vara om inte heminred-

... ja, jag är verkligen mycket road  
... att som har med inredning av  
... om att göra, säger fru Möller.  
... när man som vi gjort i ordning  
... här pass stort hem har man  
... lära sig att lägga ekonomiska  
... anktar på inredningen. Och även  
... långt man kan komma med halv-  
... kat vilket kanske inte alla vet.  
... vad det första gången fru Möller  
... i en heminredningstävling?

... Nej, det var det inte, jag har  
... med i en liknande tävling förut  
... fick jag faktiskt också pris.  
... Och vad skall prissumman an-  
... se till?

... det jag mycket bestämt



























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