

# *Experimental Nuclear Structure Part II*

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# Outline

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## I) Lecture I: **Experimental nuclear structure techniques**

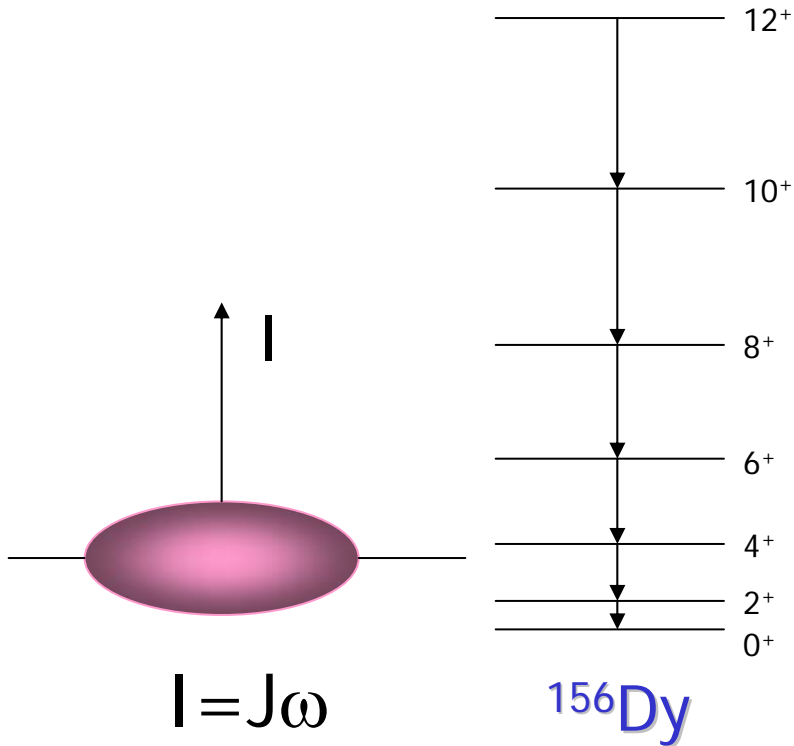
- Introduction
- Reactions used to populate excited nuclear states
- Techniques used to measure the lifetime of a nuclear state
  - *Coulomb excitation, electronic, activity, indirect*

## II) Lecture II: **Contemporary Nuclear Structure Physics at the Extreme**

- Spectroscopy of nuclear K-Isomers
- Physics with large  $\gamma$ -ray arrays
- Gamma-ray tracking – the future of the nuclear  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy



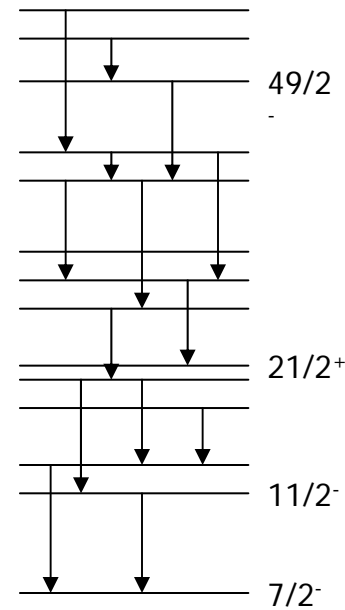
# Generation of Angular Momentum in Nuclei



$$E_I = \hbar^2/2J I(I+1)$$

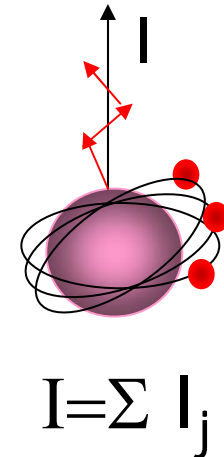
$$B(E2) \sim 200 \text{ W.U.}$$

deformed nucleus



$$E_I = \sum e_j + \sum \sum V_{jk}$$

spherical nucleus

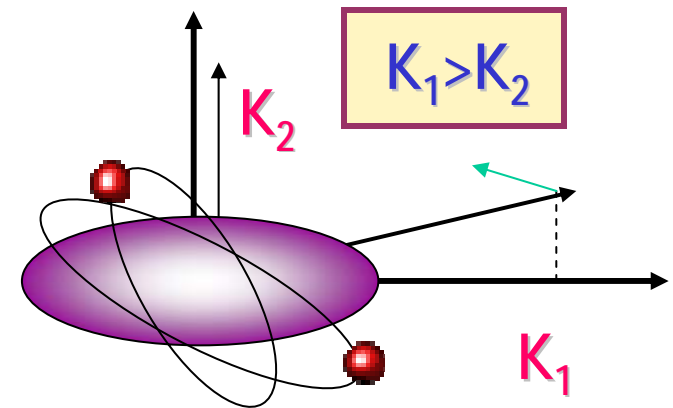
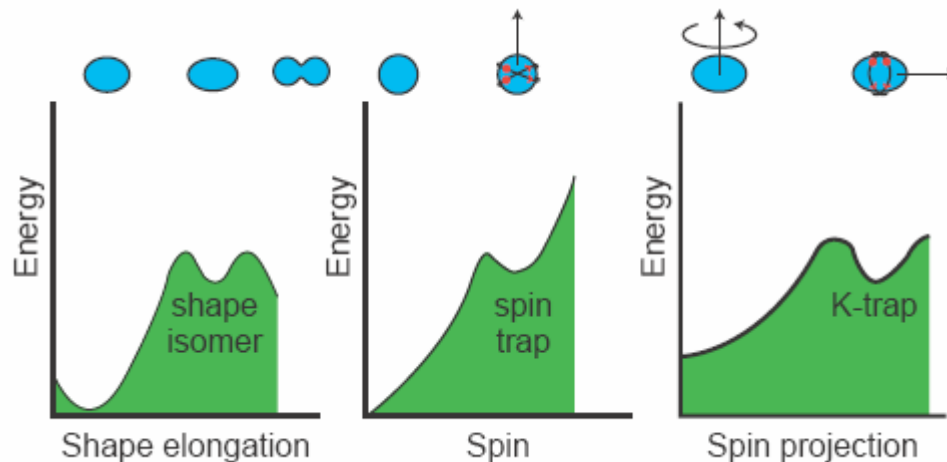


# What is a Nuclear Isomer?

**Nuclear Isomer** – a long-lived excited nuclear state ( $T_{1/2} > 1 \text{ ns}$ )  
 decays by emission of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $p$ , fission, cluster

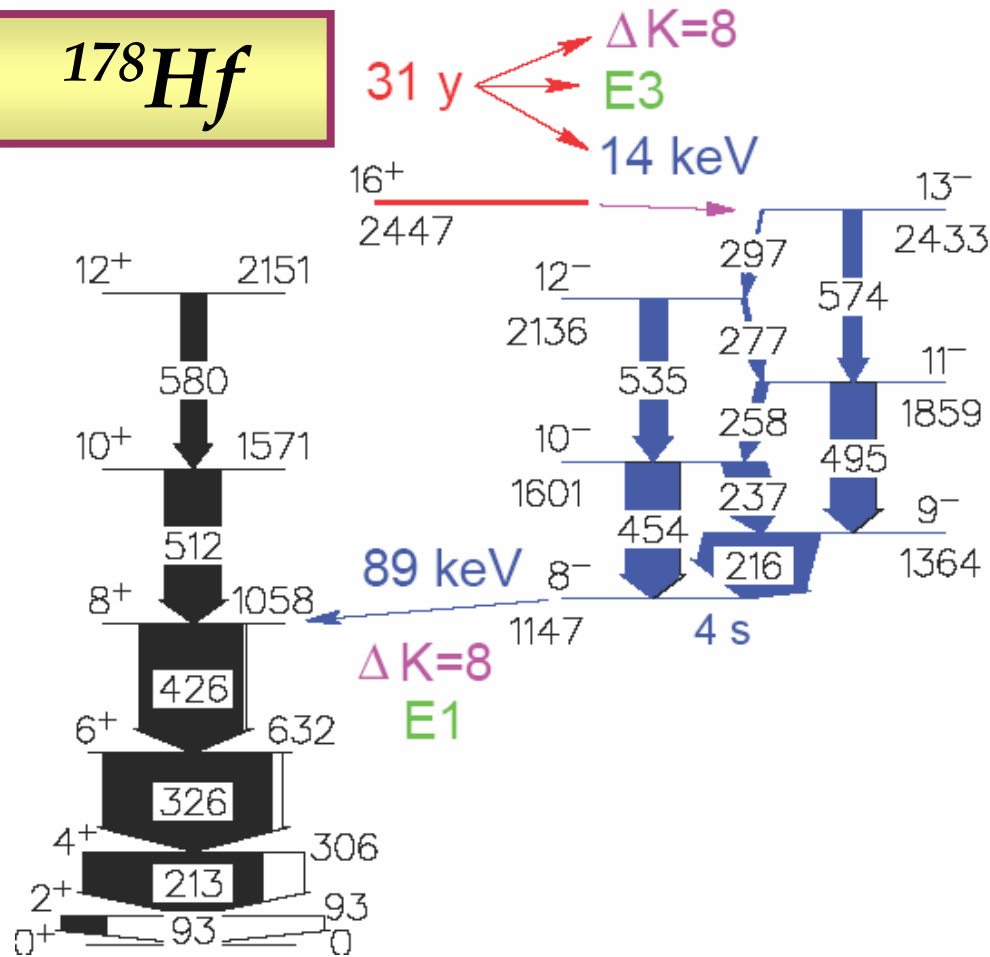
The first one discovered by O. Hahn in Berlin in 1921 – decay of  $^{234}\text{Pa}$  (70 s)  
 von Weizsacker, A. Bohr & B. Mottelson

$$1/\tau \sim E_\gamma^{2\lambda+1} |\langle \psi_f | \mathbf{T} | \psi_i \rangle|$$

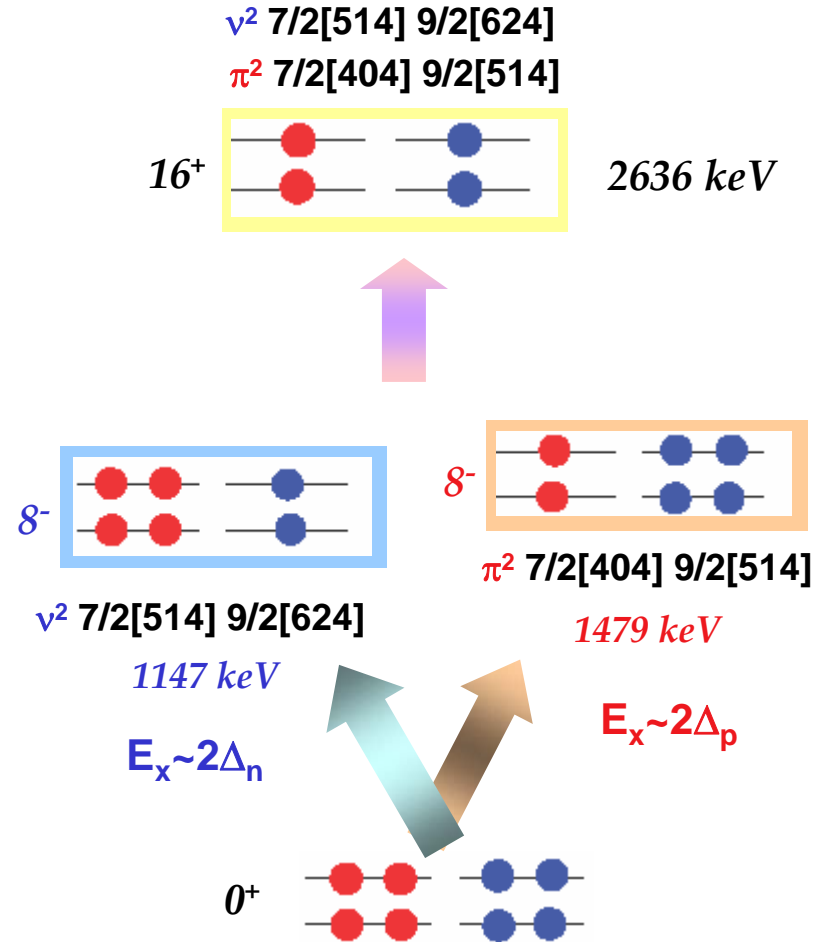


# K-Isomers – the building blocks

**$^{178}\text{Hf}$**



## Building Blocks

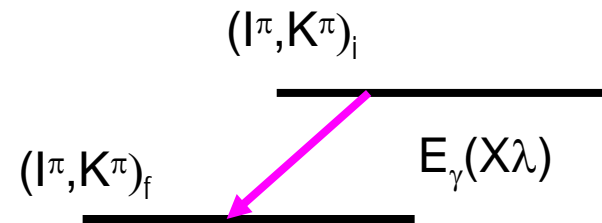
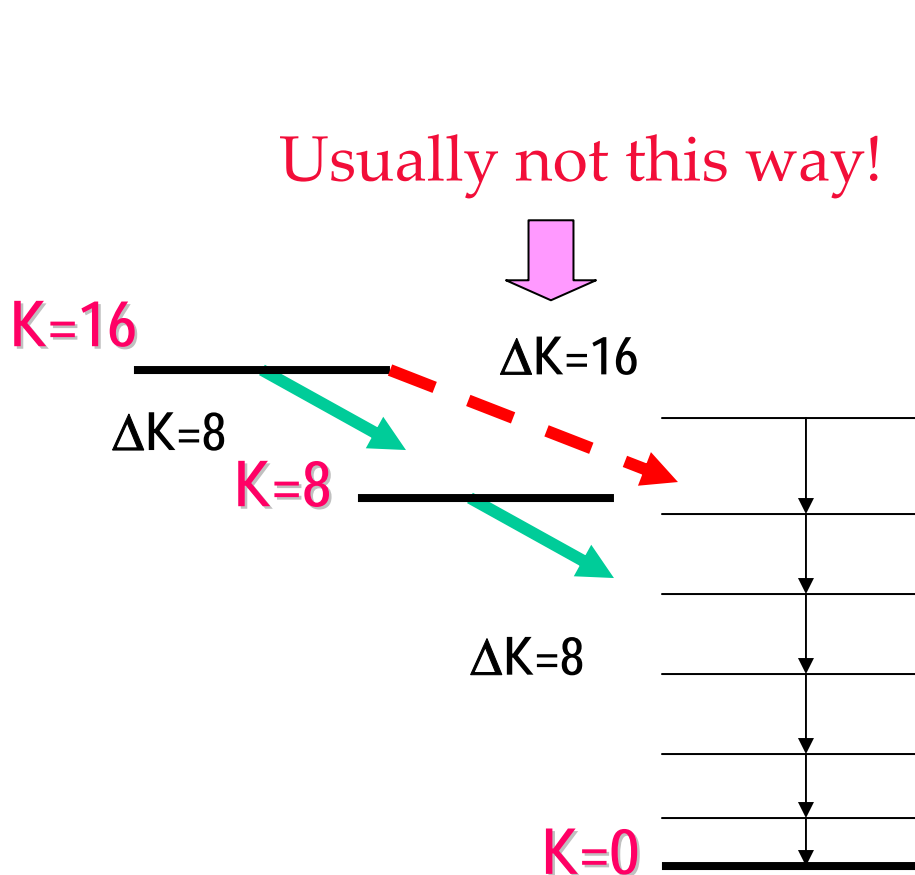


R. Helmer & C. Reich, NP A114 (1968)



# *K-Selection Rule and Reduced Hindrance*

K-Isomer decay usually proceeds by minimizing  $\Delta K$



$\nu = \Delta K - \lambda$  – degree of K-forbiddenness

$F = \tau^\gamma(X\lambda) / \tau^w(X\lambda)$  – hindrance factor

$f_\nu = (F)^{1/\nu}$  – reduced hindrance per degree of K-forbiddenness – gives yardstick for “goodness” of K-quantum number

$f_\nu > 20$  – K-hindered decay

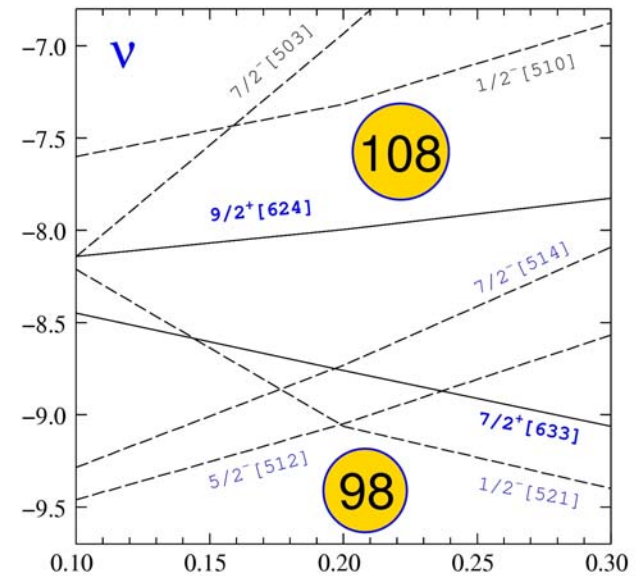
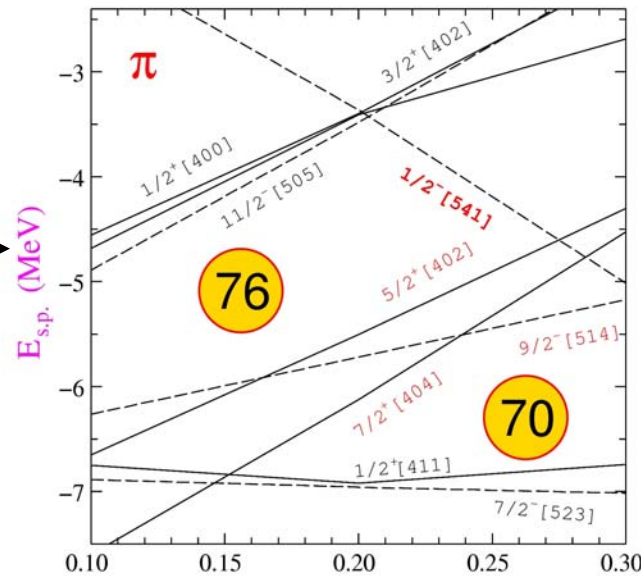
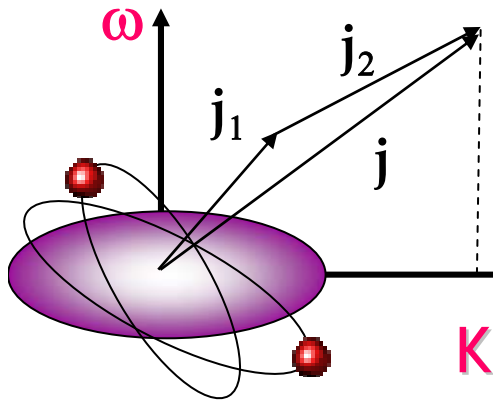
$f_\nu < 10$  – anomalous decay



# K Isomers: Where to find them?

- Deformed nuclei with axially-symmetric shape

Mass 180 region : Yb (Z=70)-Ir(Z=77)



- High-K orbitals near the Fermi surface

$\pi$  5/2[402], 7/2[404], 9/2[514]

$\nu$  5/2[512], 7/2[514], 7/2[633], 9/2[624]



7-qp  
K=49/2



# K-Isomers in the A~180 Region

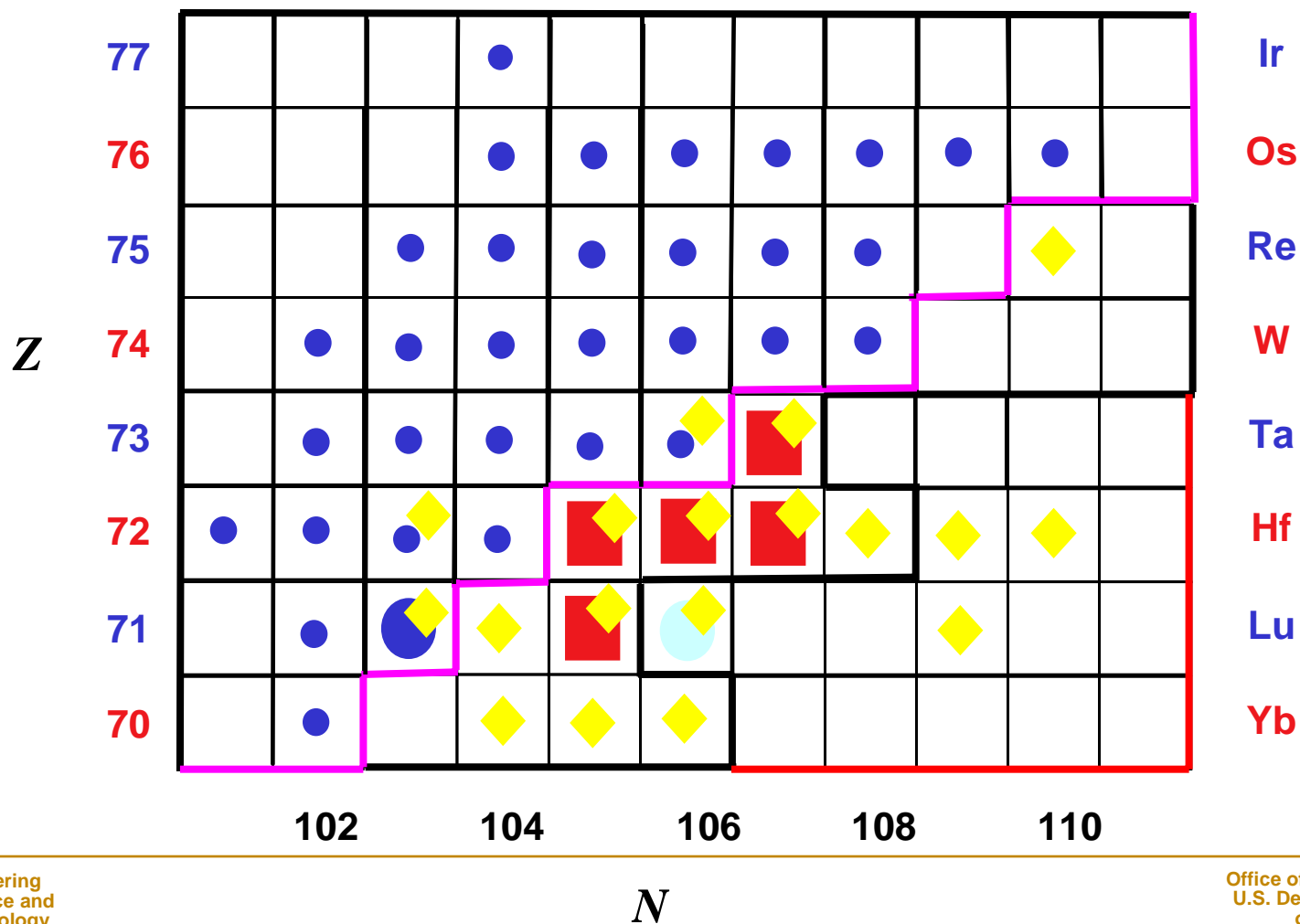
➤ Seniority **2 and higher**

➤  $T_{1/2} < 1$  s (small) /  $T_{1/2} > 1$  s (large)

● *HI,xn – fusion evaporation*

◆ *Deep-inelastic collisions*

■ *Incomplete fusion*

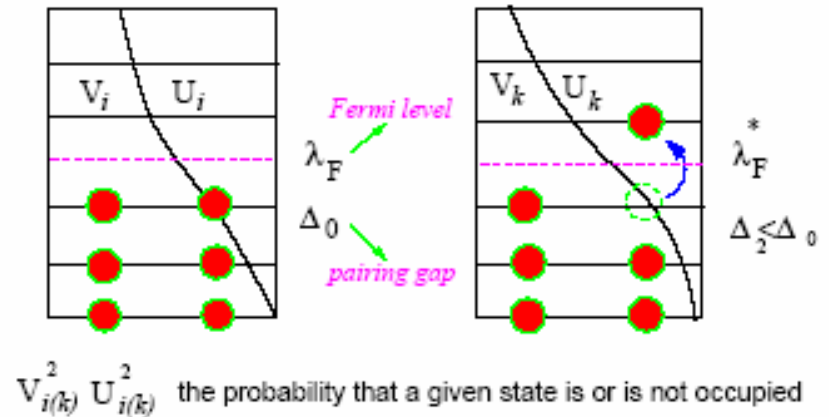
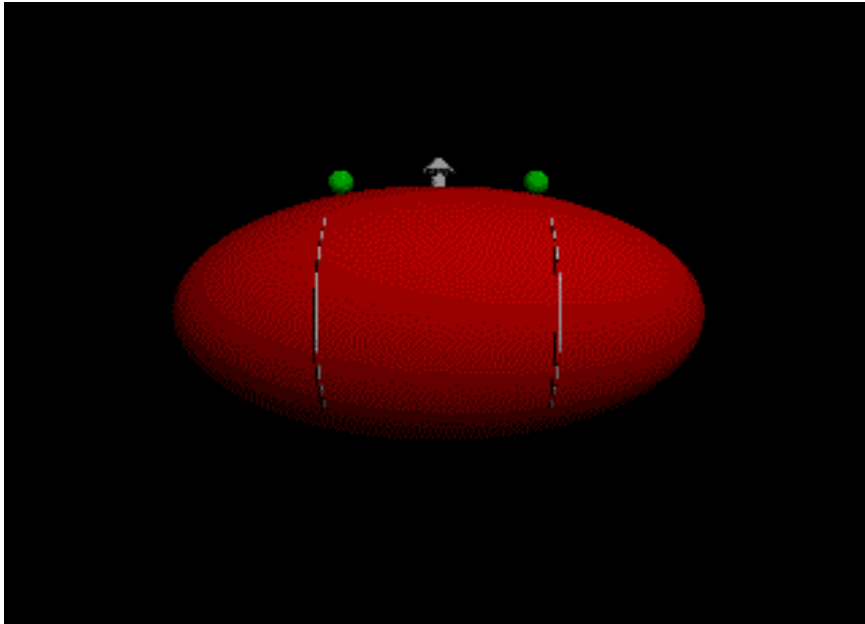




# Pairing Destruction in Nuclei

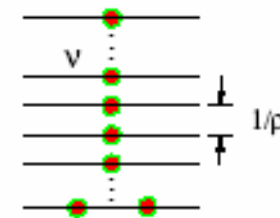
In general there are **two** anti-pairing mechanisms :

- (a) Coriolis anti-pairing – induced by the fast rotation
- (b) Blocking – occupation of level(s) by unpaired nucleon(s)



uniform levels distribution

$$\Delta_v = [\Delta_0 (\Delta_0 - v/\rho)]^{1/2}$$



$v$  – the number of blocked particles (**seniority**)

$\rho$  – level density near the Fermi surface

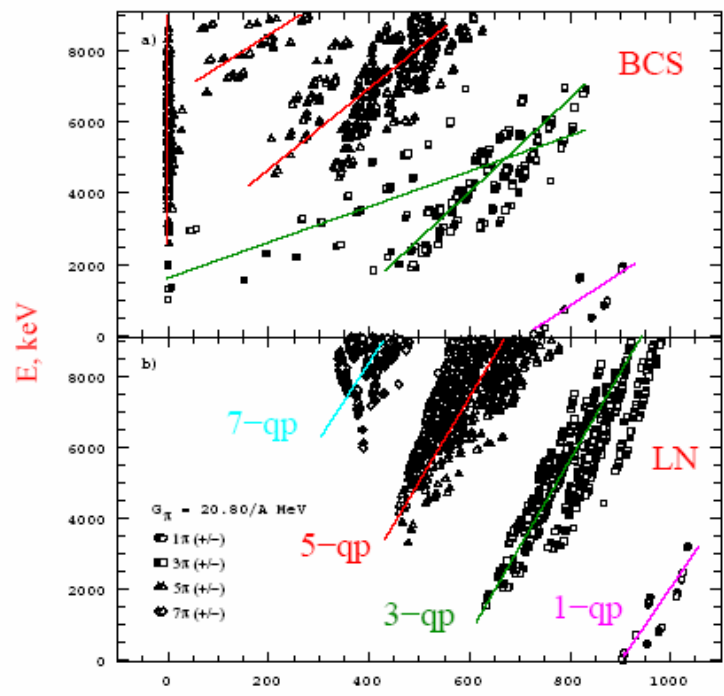
$1/\rho \sim 300$  keV and  $\Delta_0 \sim 900$  keV  
 $v \sim 3$   $\Delta = 0$  !



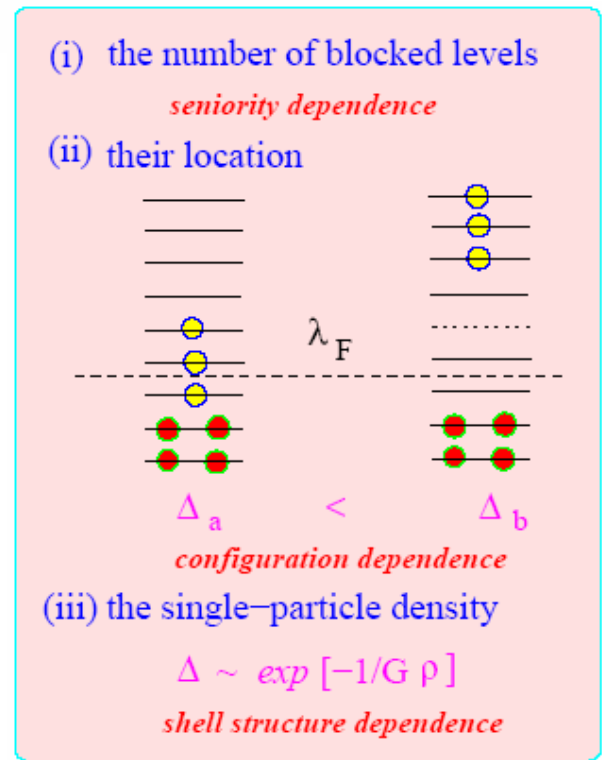
# Pairing Gap & Seniority

illustrative example: blocked multi-quasiparticle calculations – protons  ${}^{177}_{73}\text{Ta}_{104}$   
*mean field* – Nilsson potential  
*pairing* – BCS model  
 LN model

LN: W. Nazarewicz et al. NP A512 (1990)  
 W. Satula et al. NP A578 (1994)



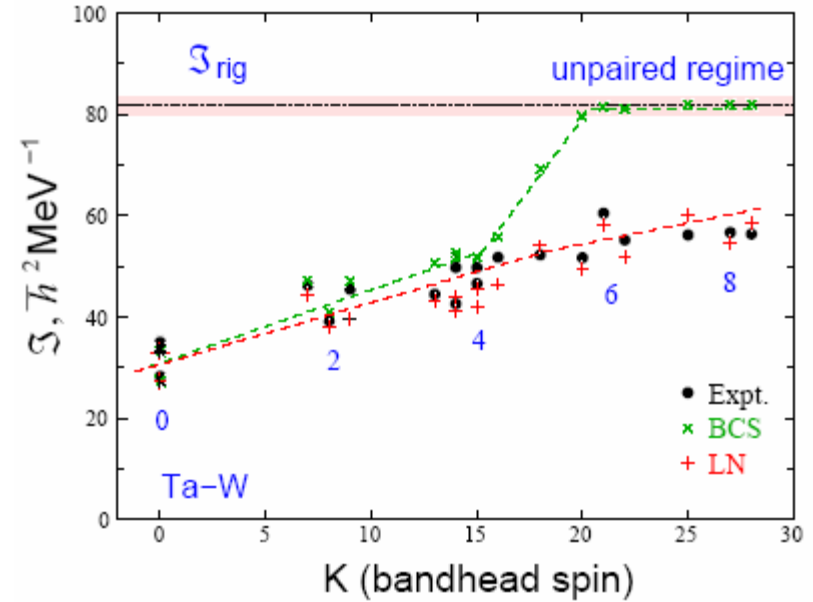
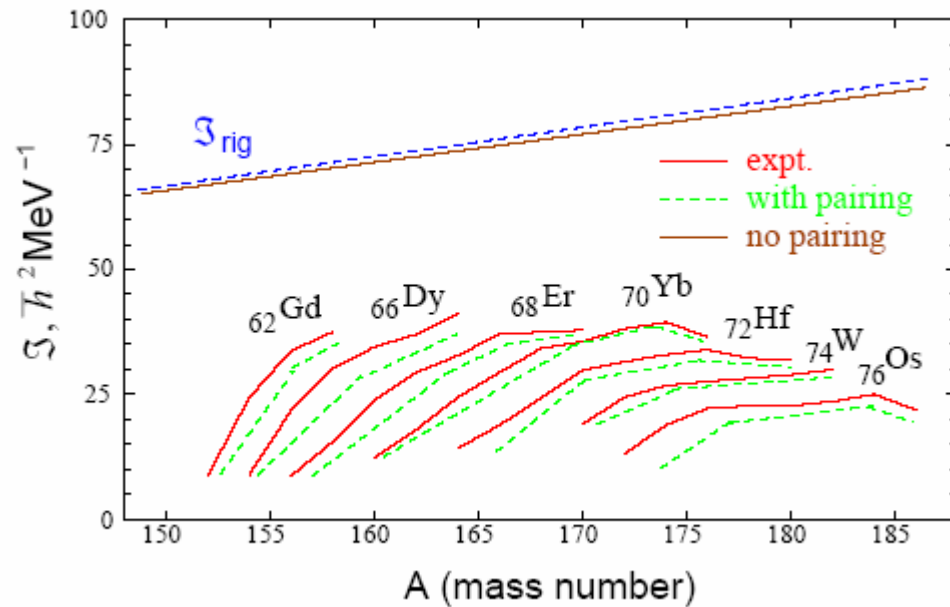
$\Delta_p$  keV  
 (a) Has the pairing really gone ?



(b) How to prove it?

*rotation of the MQP state comes to the rescue*

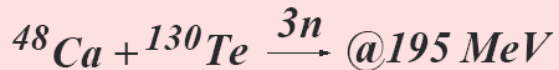
# Pairing & Moment of Inertia



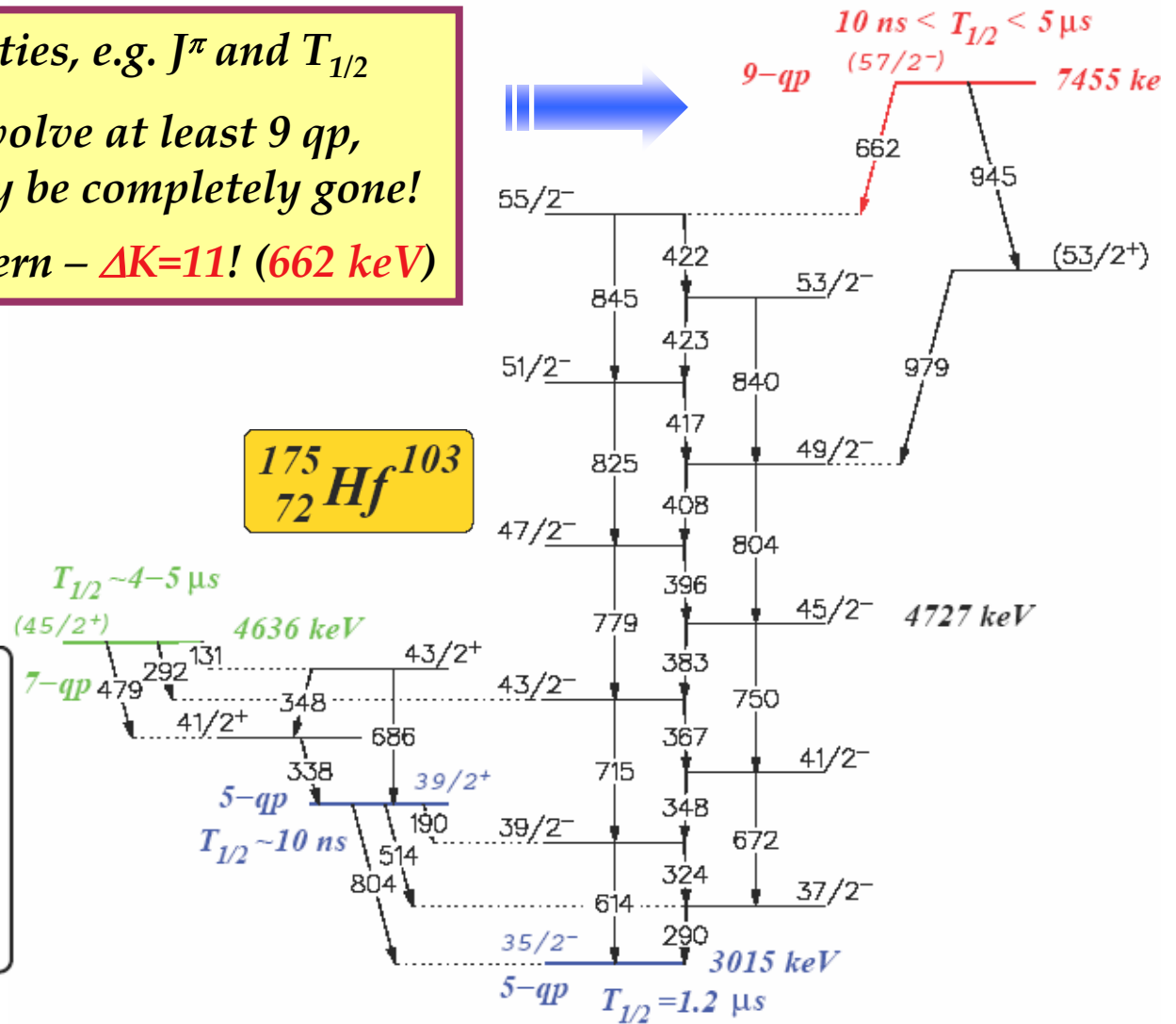
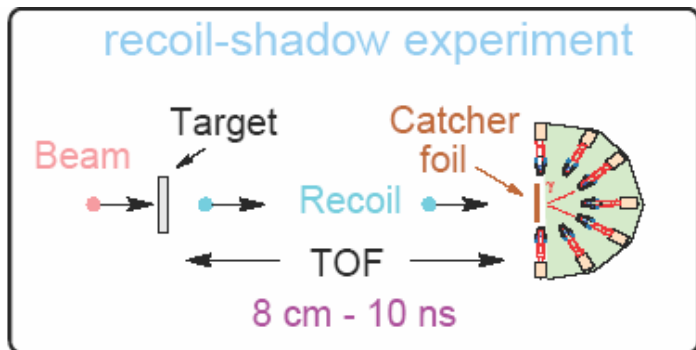
- **Implication:** yet higher seniority states would not show marked decrease in pairing  
*G.D. Dracoulis et al., Phys. Lett. B419 (1998)*
- **Is the rigid rotation a signature of quenched pairing?**  
 $S$  is smaller than  $S_{\text{rig}}$  due to shell effects  
*S. Frauendorf et al., Phys. Rev. C61 (2000)*
- **Needs an experimental confirmation !**

# ... at Extreme of Seniority – the case of $^{175}\text{Hf}$

- ❑ Tentative quantum properties, e.g.  $J^\pi$  and  $T_{1/2}$
- ❑ Exotic structure - must involve at least 9 qp, a case where the pairing may be completely gone!
- ❑ Unprecedented decay pattern –  $\Delta K=11!$  (662 keV)



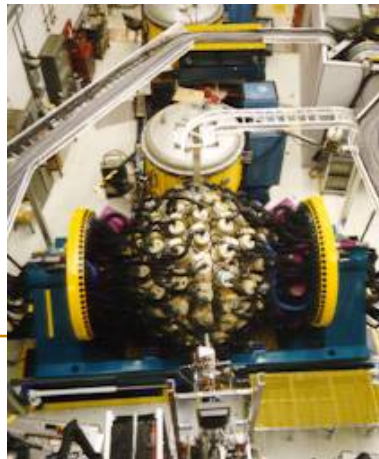
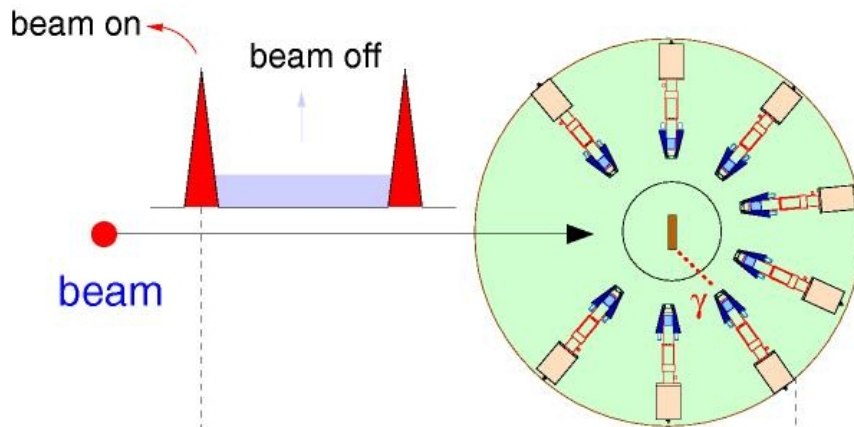
$^{175}_{72}\text{Hf}^{103}$



# $^{175}\text{Hf}$ Experiments at ANL and ANU/Canberra

## Pulsed Beam Technique

- ❑ Well defined “clock”
- ❑ Sensitive to in-beam and decay events



## ANL Experiment

$^{48}\text{Ca}(^{130}\text{Te},3n)@194\text{ MeV}$

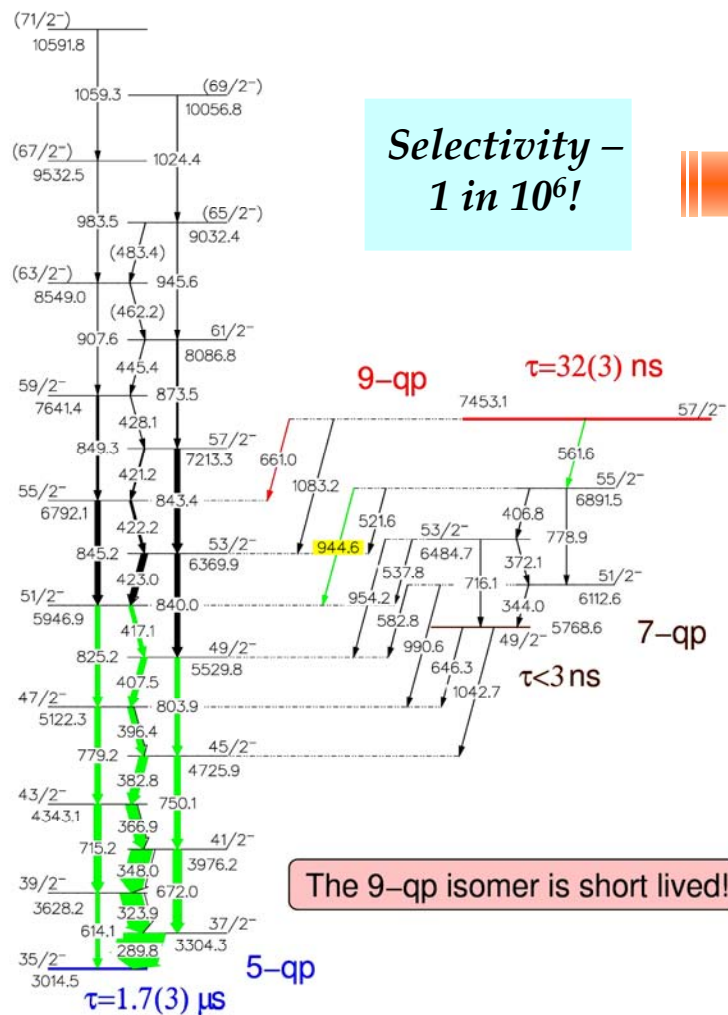
- ❑ Pulsed beam & Gammasphere  
1 ns on / 825 ns off
- ❑ Thin target  
1 ns on / 82.5 ns off

## Complementary Experiment at ANU

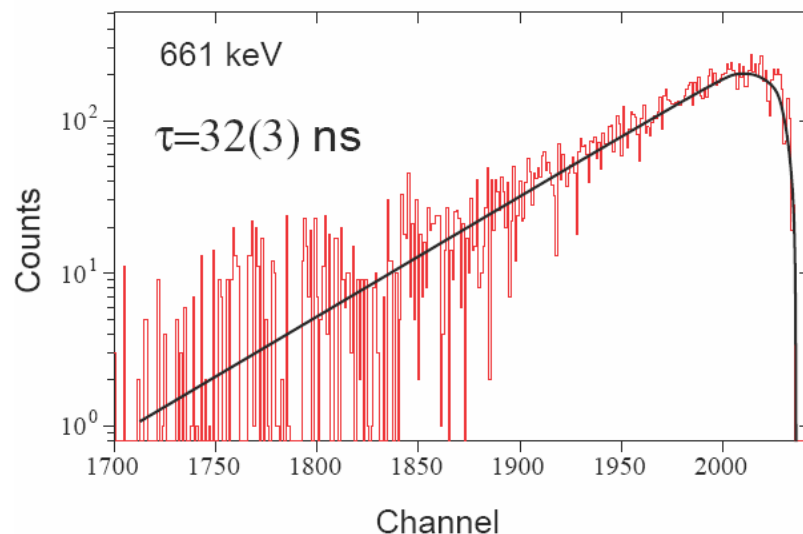
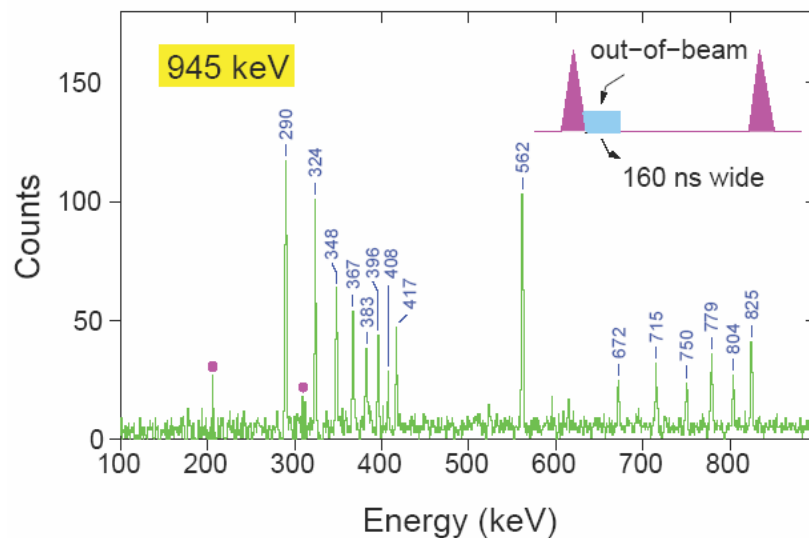
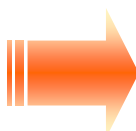
$^9\text{Be}(^{170}\text{Er},4n)@50\text{ MeV}$

- ❑ Pulsed beam & CAESAR array  
(8 CS Ge detectors)  
4  $\mu\text{s}$  on/60  $\mu\text{s}$  off

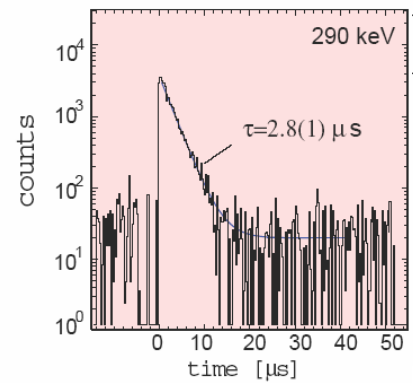
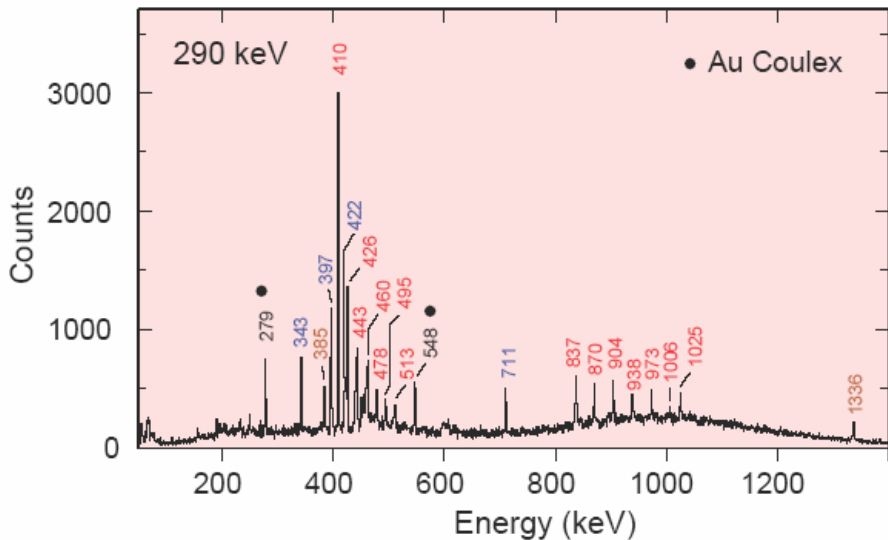
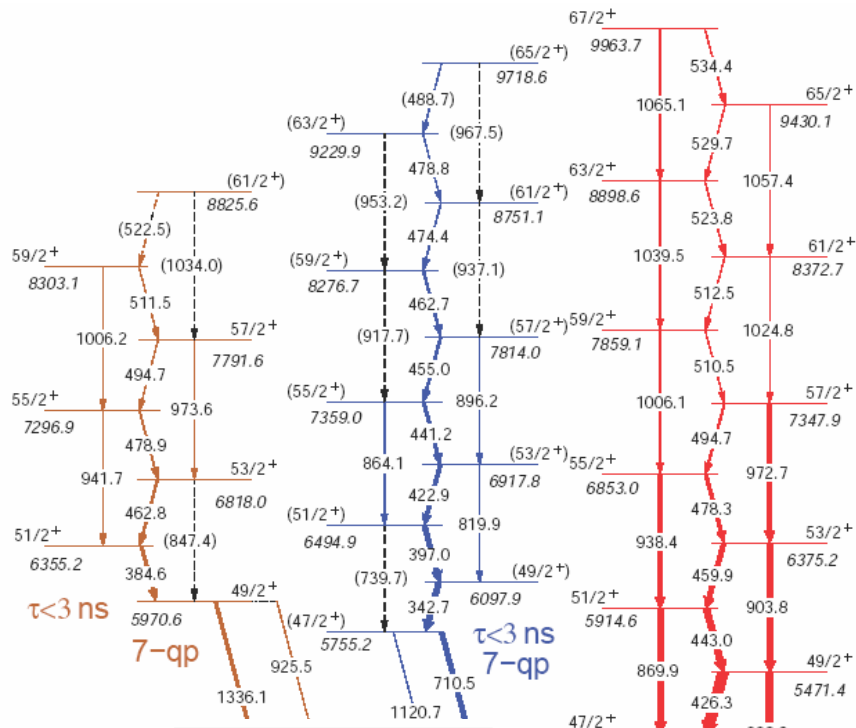
# Decay of the 57/2- Isomer



Selectivity –  
1 in  $10^6$ !



# Structures above the 45/2+ Isomer

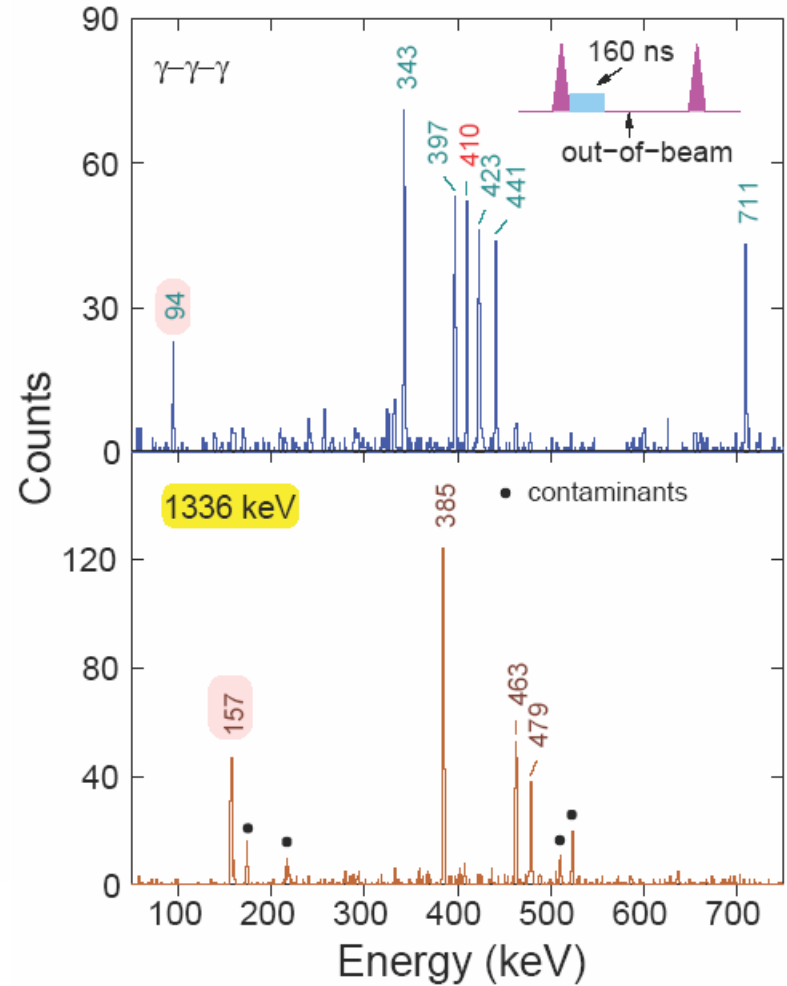
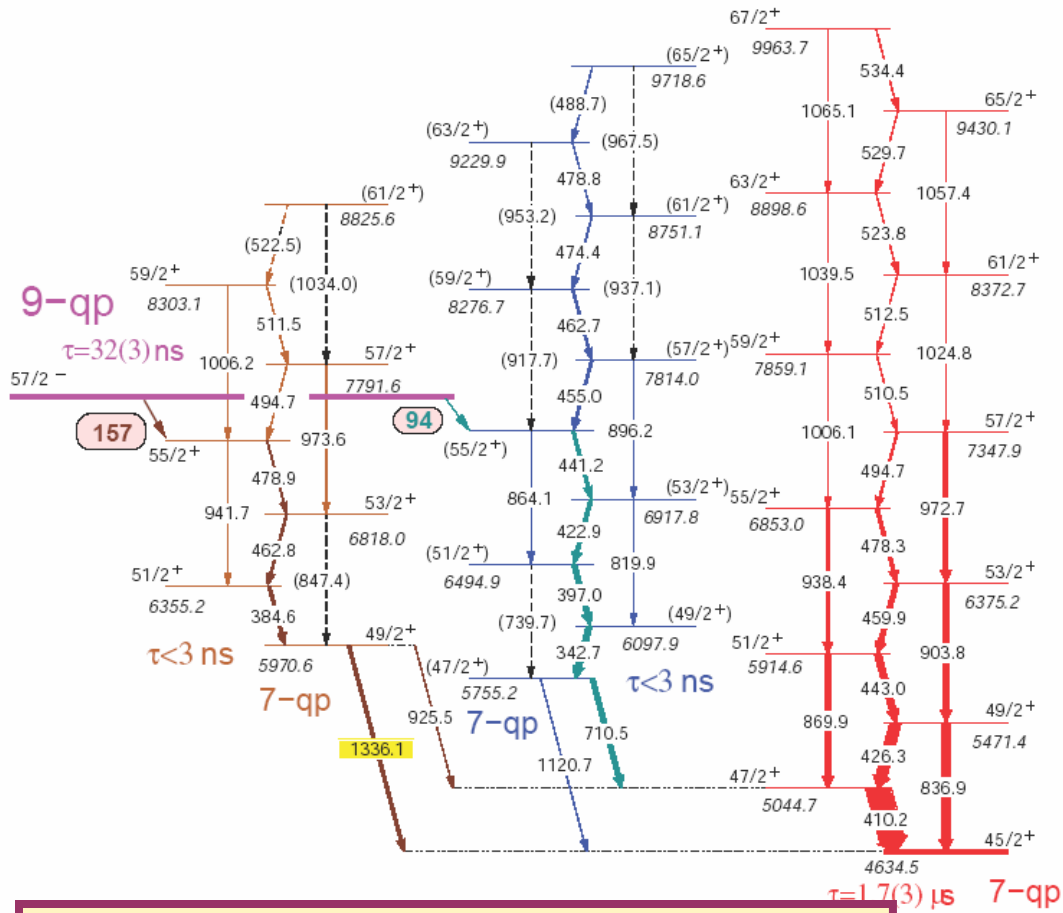


Above the 45/2+ Isomer



Gate

# "Normal" Decay Branches

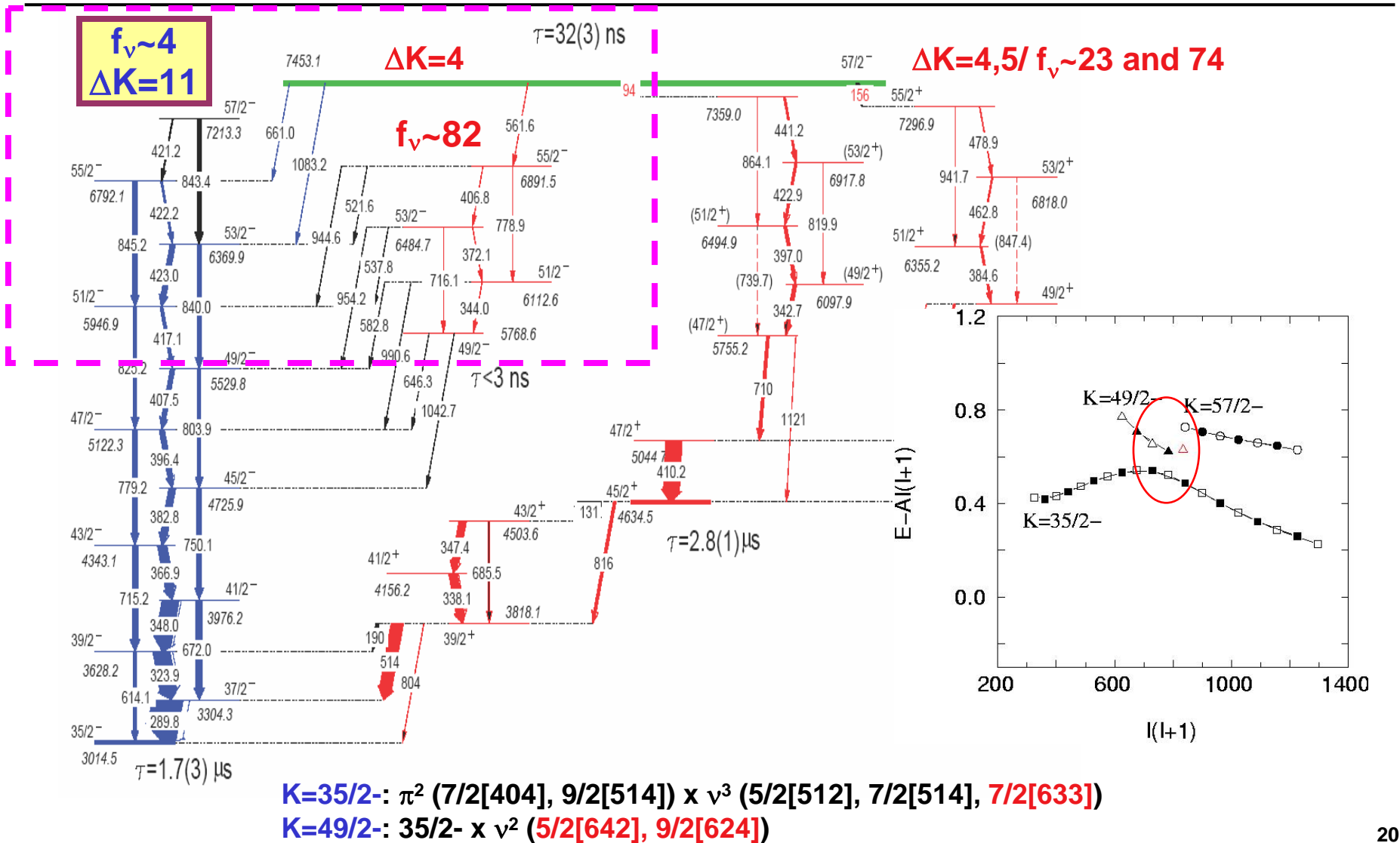


- 94 keV Mult: E1 - 18% branch**
- 157 keV Mult: E1 - 17% branch**

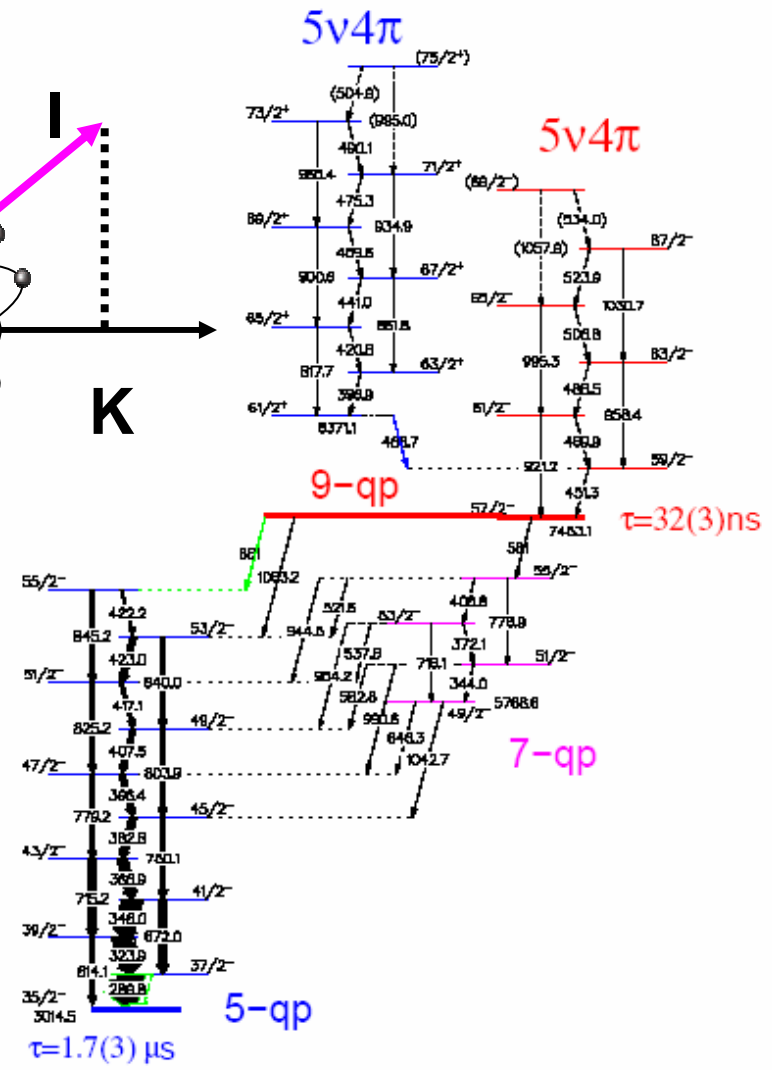
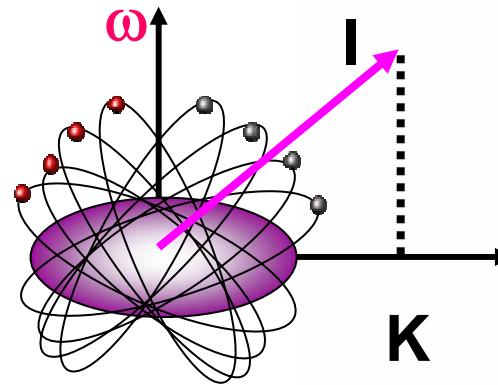
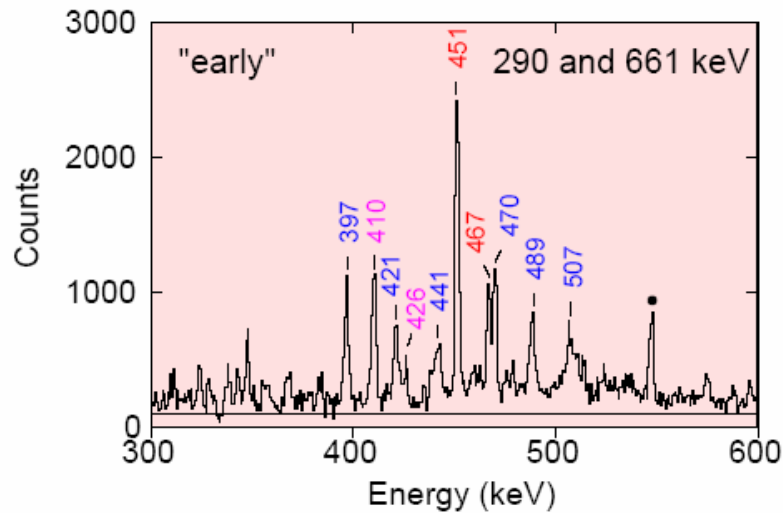




# K-hindrances in the decay of the 57/2- Isomer



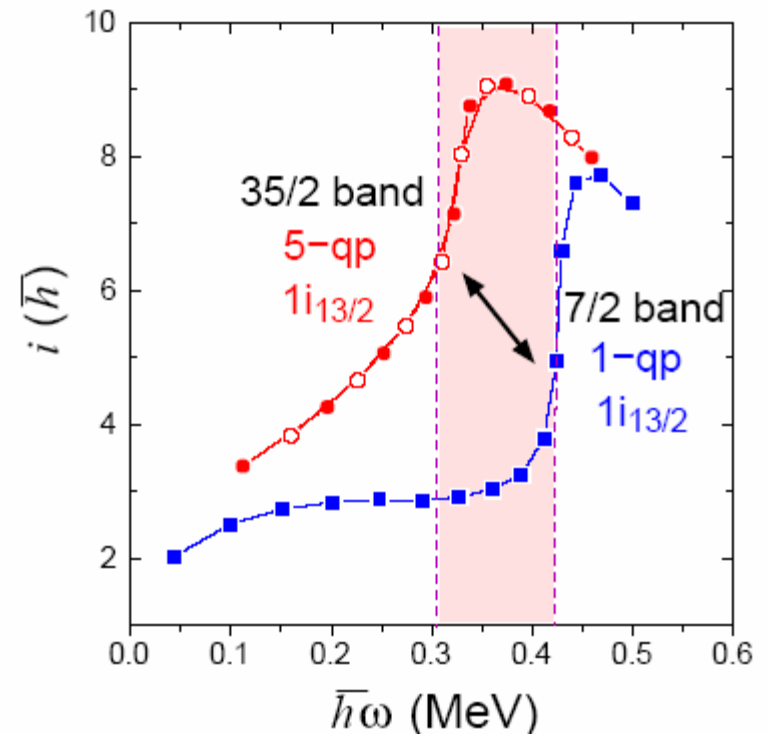
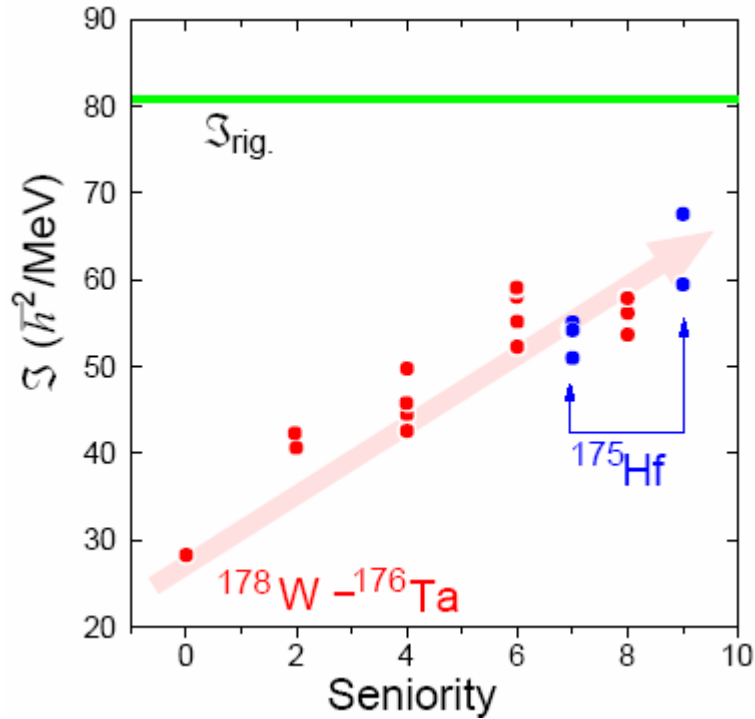
# Rotation of the $57/2^-$ Isomer



- two new 9-qp structures
- collectivity still persists
- $g_K - g_R$  - configurations

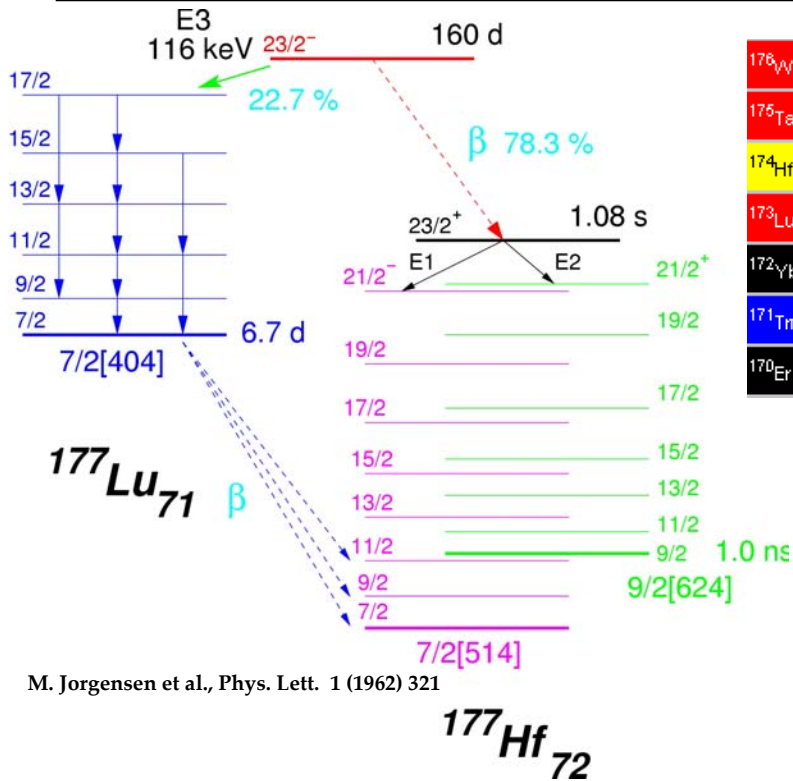


# Has the Pairing Really Gone?



- even at 9-qp  $S < S_{\text{rig}}$ .
- pairing is still important
- "dynamic" vs. "static"

# ... at Extreme of Neutron number – the case of $^{177}\text{Lu}$

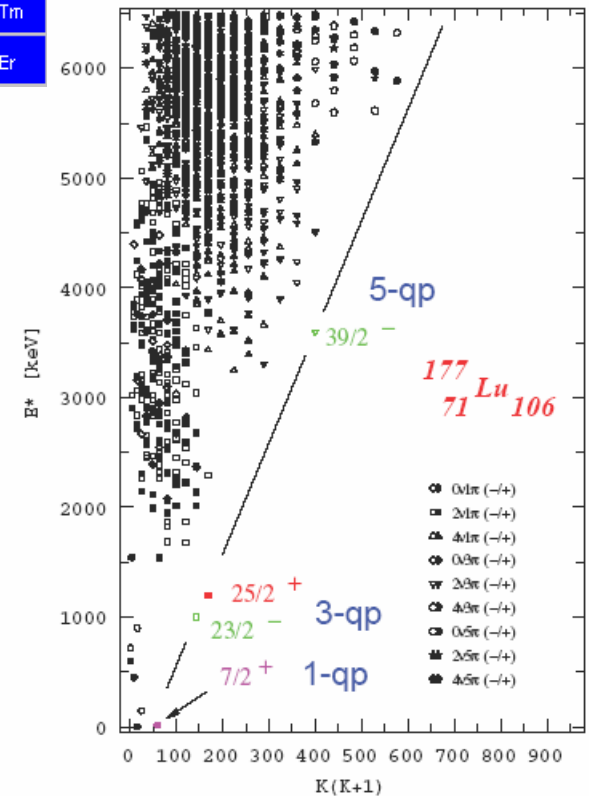


M. Jorgensen et al., Phys. Lett. 1 (1962) 321

$^{176}\text{W}$	$^{177}\text{W}$	$^{178}\text{W}$	$^{179}\text{W}$	$^{180}\text{W}$	$^{181}\text{W}$	$^{182}\text{W}$	$^{183}\text{W}$
$^{175}\text{Ta}$	$^{176}\text{Ta}$	$^{177}\text{Ta}$	$^{178}\text{Ta}$	$^{179}\text{Ta}$	$^{180}\text{Ta}$	$^{181}\text{Ta}$	$^{182}\text{Ta}$
$^{174}\text{Hf}$	$^{175}\text{Hf}$	$^{176}\text{Hf}$	$^{177}\text{Hf}$	$^{178}\text{Hf}$	$^{179}\text{Hf}$	$^{180}\text{Hf}$	$^{181}\text{Hf}$
$^{173}\text{Lu}$	$^{174}\text{Lu}$	$^{175}\text{Lu}$	$^{176}\text{Lu}$	$^{177}\text{Lu}$	$^{178}\text{Lu}$	$^{179}\text{Lu}$	$^{180}\text{Lu}$
$^{172}\text{Yb}$	$^{173}\text{Yb}$	$^{174}\text{Yb}$	$^{175}\text{Yb}$	$^{176}\text{Yb}$	$^{177}\text{Yb}$	$^{178}\text{Yb}$	$^{179}\text{Yb}$
$^{171}\text{Tm}$	$^{172}\text{Tm}$	$^{173}\text{Tm}$	$^{174}\text{Tm}$	$^{175}\text{Tm}$	$^{176}\text{Tm}$	$^{177}\text{Tm}$	$^{178}\text{Tm}$
$^{170}\text{Er}$	$^{171}\text{Er}$	$^{172}\text{Er}$	$^{173}\text{Er}$	$^{174}\text{Er}$	$^{175}\text{Er}$	$^{176}\text{Er}$	$^{177}\text{Er}$

**Deformed shell-model**

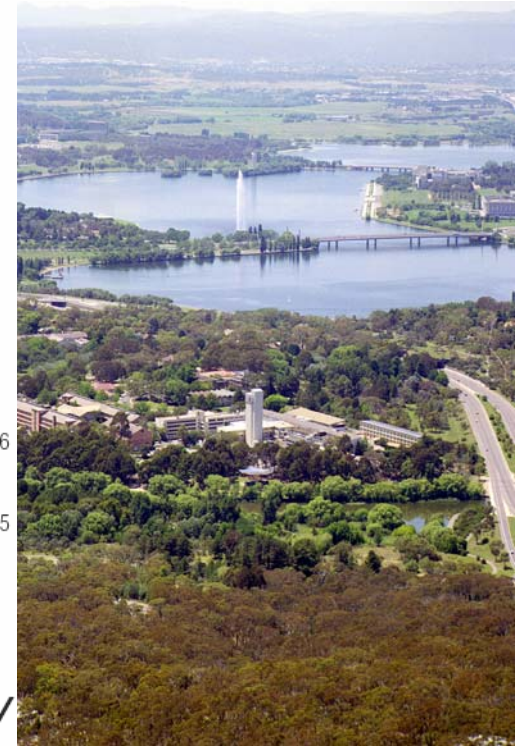
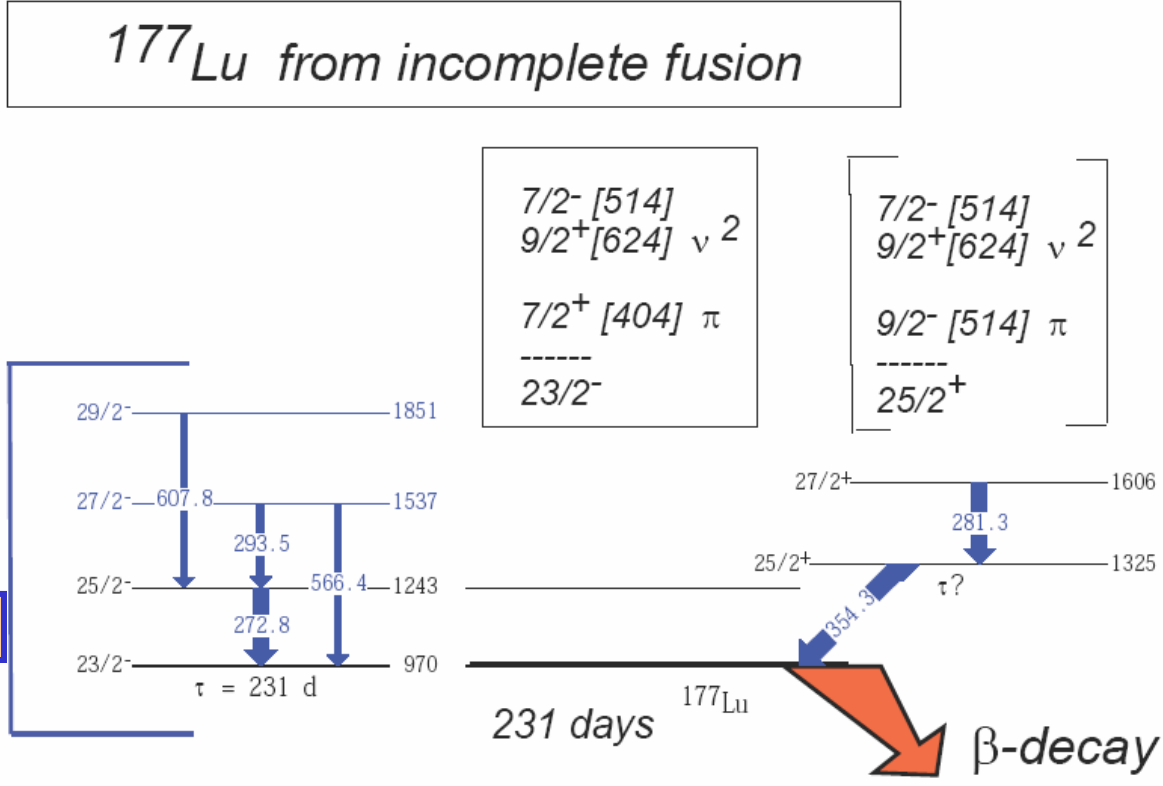
- Nilsson s.p. levels
- Pairing - LN prescription



J.J. Carroll et al., Hyp. Int. 135 (2001) 3

Isomer	Prod. factor	Storage factor		Triggering factor*			Output factor	Overall figure of merit	
		$E_s$ [keV]	$T_{1/2}$ [y]	$\text{ICS}_{\text{trig}}$ [eV b]	$E_{\text{trig}}$ [keV]	$\langle E_\gamma \rangle$ [keV]			
$^{177}\text{Lu}^m$	2.8	970	0.44	427	$\sim 10^4$	<100	100	230	0.056
$^{178}\text{Hf}^m2$	$\sim 10^{-6}$	2,446	31	75,826	$\leq 3 \times 10^4$	$\sim 10$	3,000	300	0.00014

# Structures Above the $K^\pi=23/2^-$ isomer



$\alpha$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ -time coincidences 4p particle-detector array;  
 37 MeV  $^7\text{Li}$ ; angular momentum in 6-13 h - breakup-compound

$^{176}\text{Yb}(^7\text{Li}, \alpha 2n)$  McGoram ANU PhD; to be published



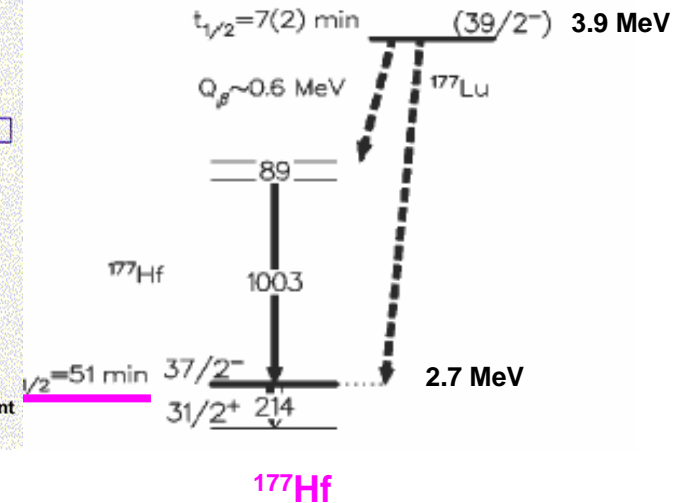
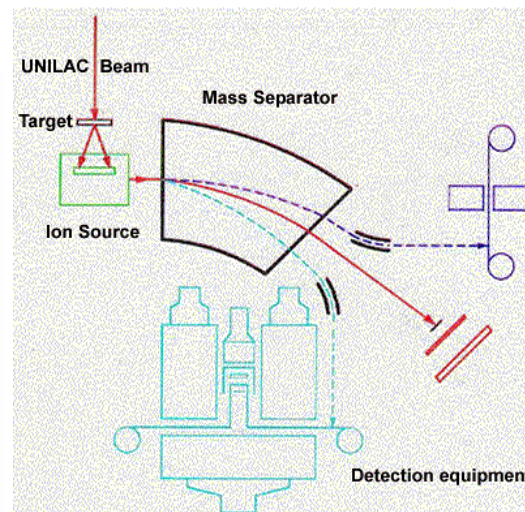
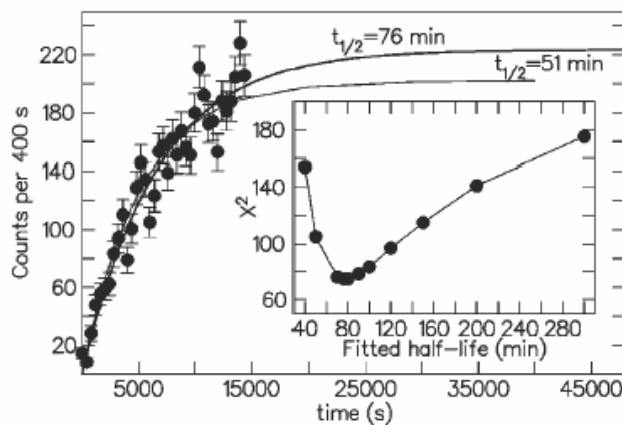
# An evidence for a $\beta$ -decaying isomer?

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 69, 024320 (2004)

## Evidence for a high-spin $\beta$ -decaying isomer in $^{177}\text{Lu}$

Sareh D. Al-Garni,<sup>1,\*</sup> P. H. Regan,<sup>1,†</sup> P. M. Walker,<sup>1</sup> E. Roeckl,<sup>2</sup> R. Kirchner,<sup>2</sup> F. R. Xu,<sup>3</sup> L. Batist,<sup>2,4</sup> A. Blazhev,<sup>2,5</sup> R. Borcea,<sup>2</sup> D. M. Cullen,<sup>6,7</sup> J. Döring,<sup>2</sup> H. M. El-Masri,<sup>1</sup> J. Garces Narro,<sup>1</sup> H. Grawe,<sup>2</sup> M. La Commara,<sup>2,8</sup> C. Mazzocchi,<sup>2,9</sup> I. Mukha,<sup>2,10</sup> C. J. Pearson,<sup>1</sup> C. Plettner,<sup>2</sup> K. Schmidt,<sup>2</sup> W.-D. Schmidt-Ott,<sup>11</sup> Y. Shimbara,<sup>12</sup> C. Wheldon,<sup>1,2,6</sup> R. Wood,<sup>1</sup> and S. C. Wooding<sup>1,2</sup>

**11.4 MeV/nucleon  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  beam on  $^{186}\text{W}$  target; thermal ion source; mass separation**

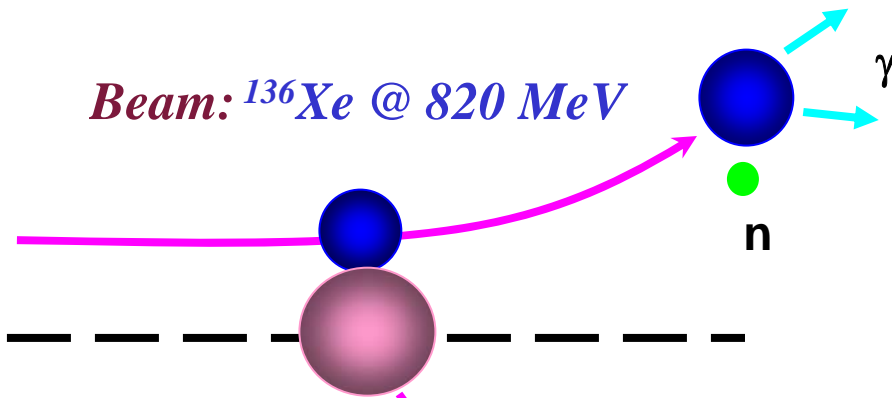


# Deep Inelastic Experiment at ANL

Pulsed beam & Gammasphere at ANL

$^{134}\text{Ce}$	$^{135}\text{Ce}$	$^{136}\text{Ce}$	$^{137}\text{Ce}$	$^{138}\text{Ce}$	$^{139}\text{Ce}$	$^{140}\text{Ce}$	$^{141}\text{Ce}$	$^{142}\text{Ce}$
$^{133}\text{La}$	$^{134}\text{La}$	$^{135}\text{La}$	$^{136}\text{La}$	$^{137}\text{La}$	$^{138}\text{La}$	$^{139}\text{La}$	$^{140}\text{La}$	$^{141}\text{La}$
$^{132}\text{Ba}$	$^{133}\text{Ba}$	$^{134}\text{Ba}$	$^{135}\text{Ba}$	$^{136}\text{Ba}$	$^{137}\text{Ba}$	$^{138}\text{Ba}$	$^{139}\text{Ba}$	$^{140}\text{Ba}$
$^{131}\text{Cs}$	$^{132}\text{Cs}$	$^{133}\text{Cs}$	$^{134}\text{Cs}$	$^{135}\text{Cs}$	$^{136}\text{Cs}$	$^{137}\text{Cs}$	$^{138}\text{Cs}$	$^{139}\text{Cs}$
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$^{127}\text{Sb}$	$^{128}\text{Sb}$	$^{129}\text{Sb}$	$^{130}\text{Sb}$	$^{131}\text{Sb}$	$^{132}\text{Sb}$	$^{133}\text{Sb}$	$^{134}\text{Sb}$	$^{135}\text{Sb}$
$^{126}\text{Sn}$	$^{127}\text{Sn}$	$^{128}\text{Sn}$	$^{129}\text{Sn}$	$^{130}\text{Sn}$	$^{131}\text{Sn}$	$^{132}\text{Sn}$	$^{133}\text{Sn}$	$^{134}\text{Sn}$

Beam:  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  @ 820 MeV



Target:  $^{176}\text{Lu}$

➤ enriched 50%  
(n. abd. 2.6%)

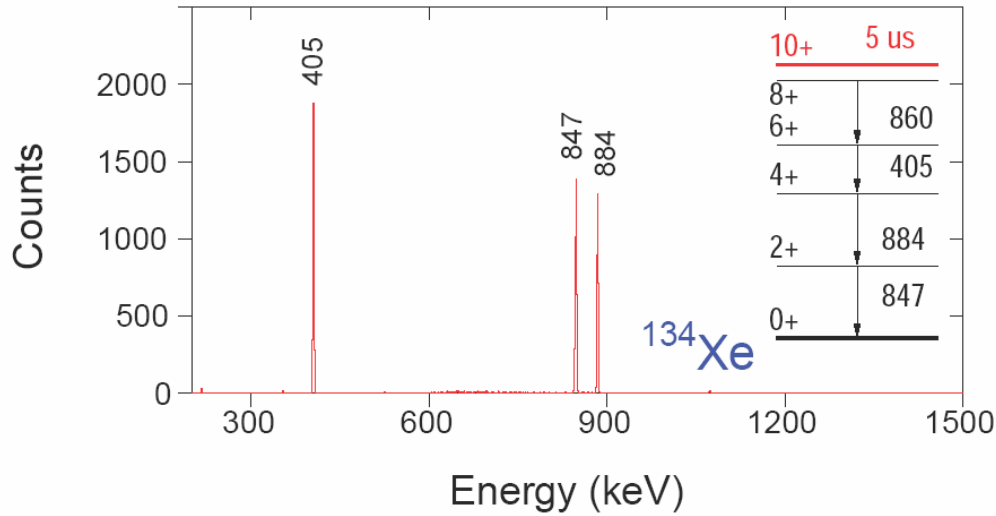
➤  $J^\pi = 7^-$

Target:  $^{175}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{174}\text{Yb}$

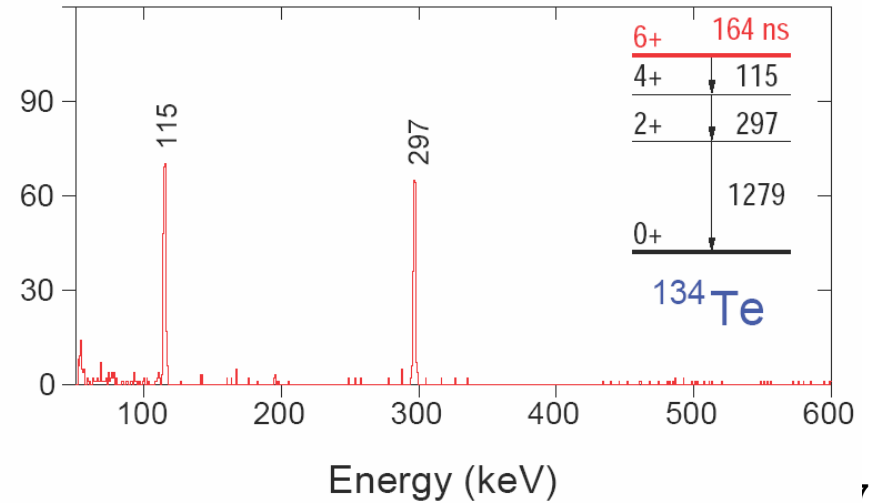
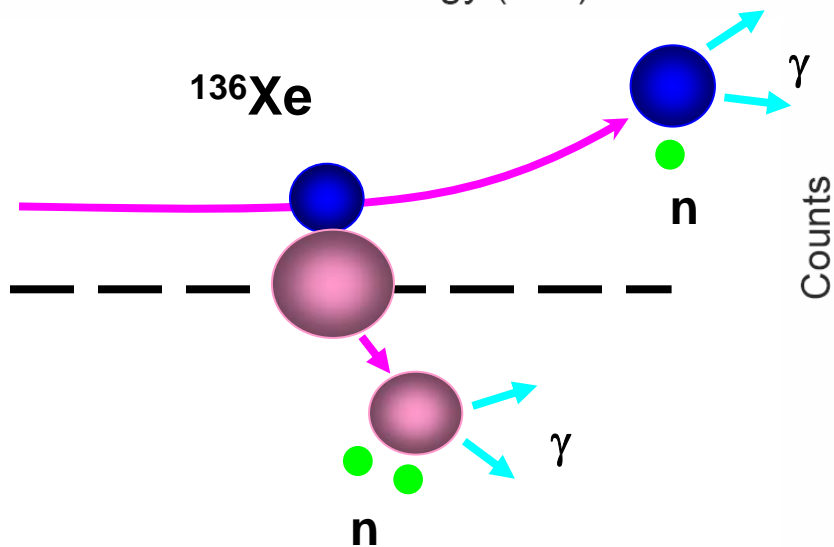
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# Projectile-like nuclei

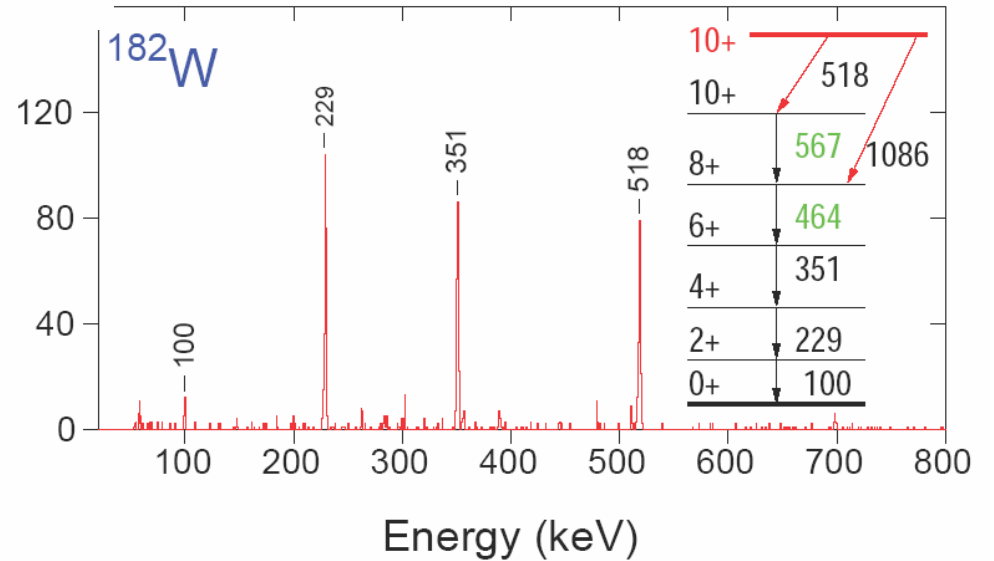
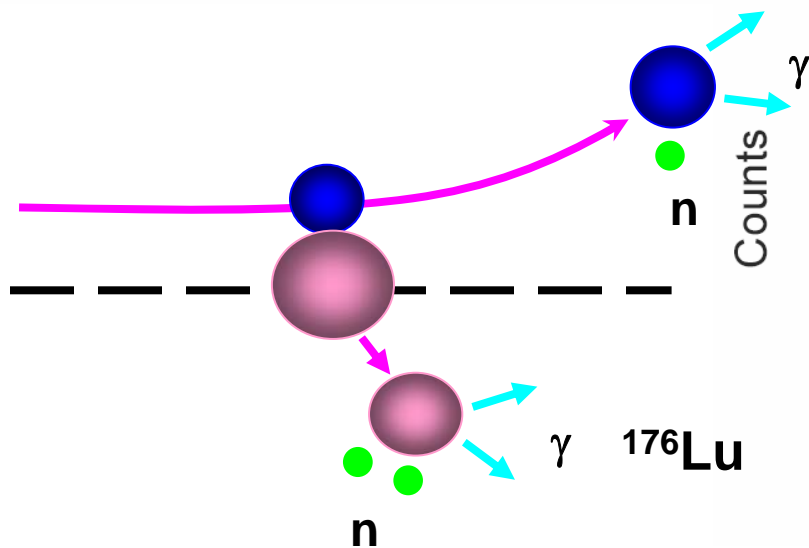
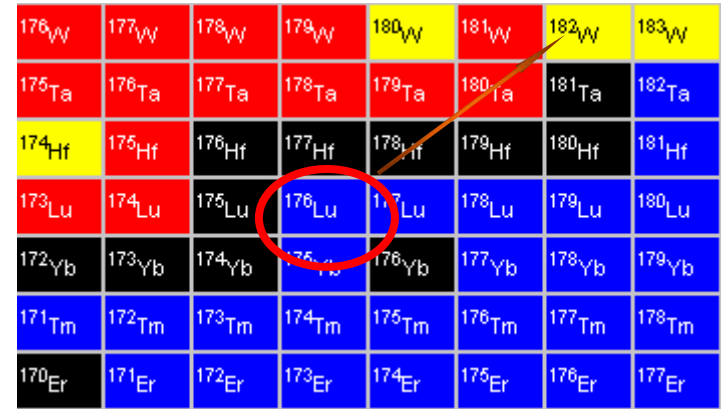
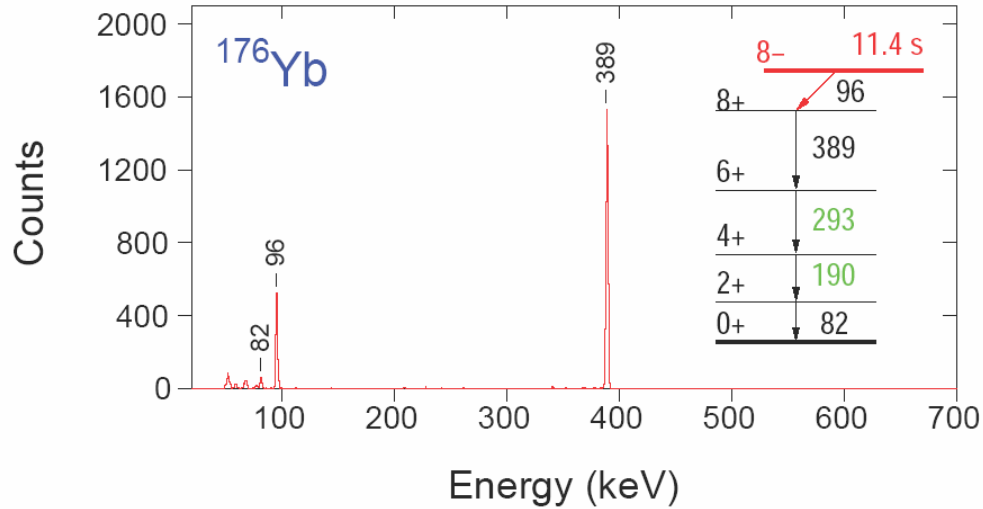


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# Target-like nuclei



# $K^\pi=39/2^-$ isomer in $^{177}\text{Lu}$

$^{177}\text{Lu}$

the  $K = 39/2^-$  yrast isomer

E3 is not K-forbidden

$7/2^- [514]$   
 $9/2^+ [624] \nu 2$

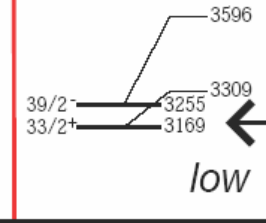
$7/2^- [523]$   
 $9/2^+ [514]$   
 $7/2^+ [404] \pi 3$

$39/2^-$

$>10 \mu\text{s}$

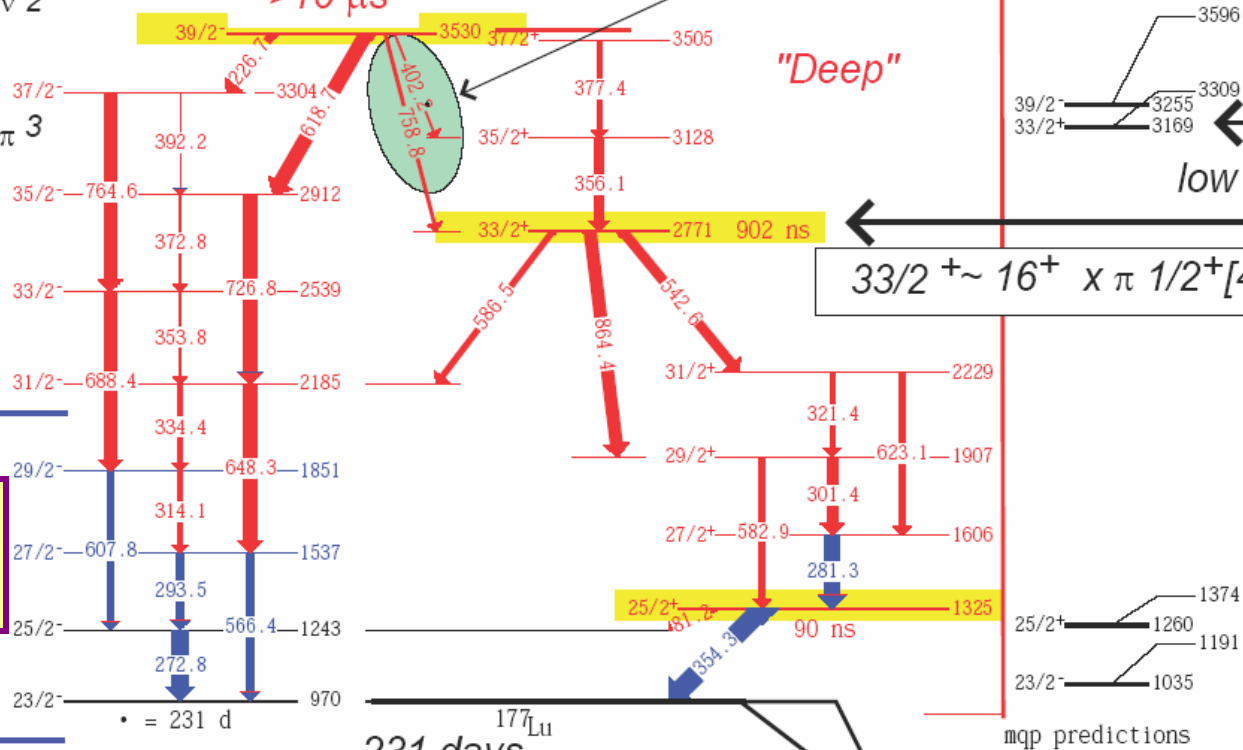
calculation

"Deep"



$33/2^+ \sim 16^+ \times \pi 1/2^+ [411]$

Incomplete Fusion  
T.McGoram, ANU



$^{177}\text{Lu}$   
231 days

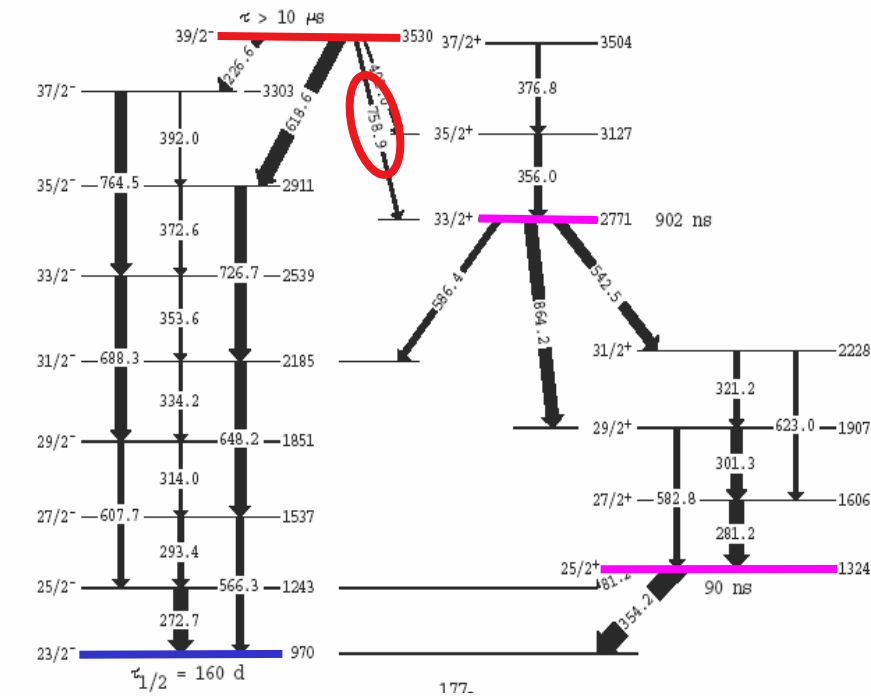
mqp predictions

$\beta$ -decays

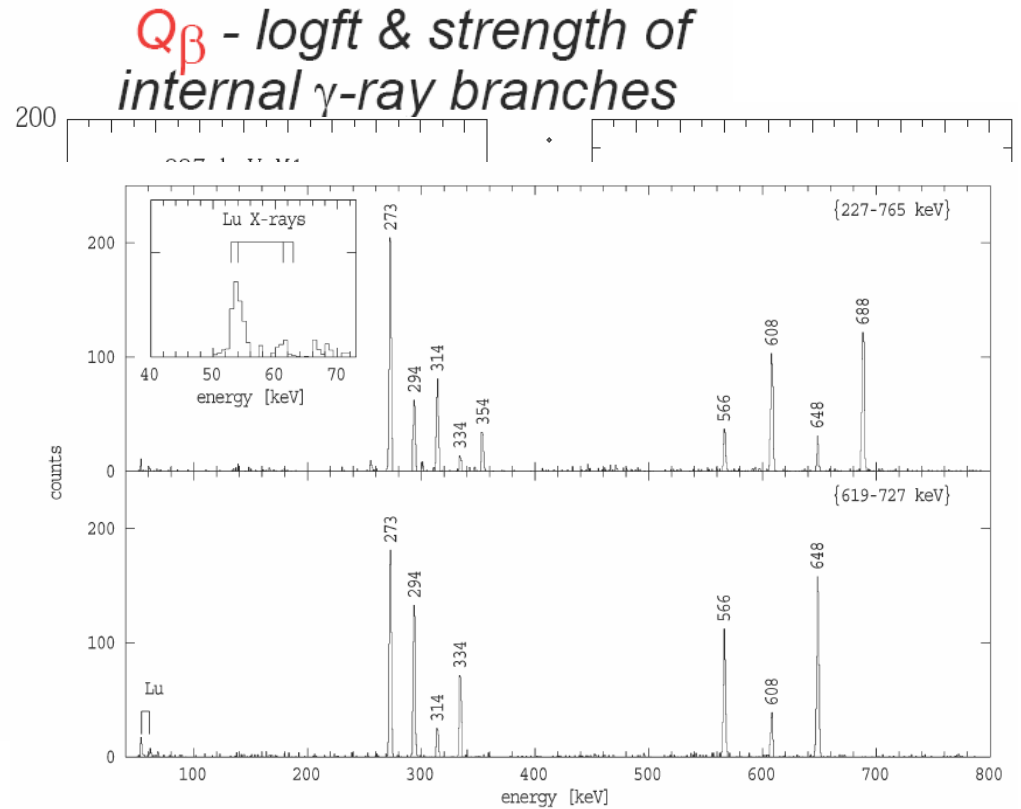
G.D. Dracoulis et al., Phys. Lett. B584 (2004)



# Is this the claimed $\beta$ -decaying isomer?

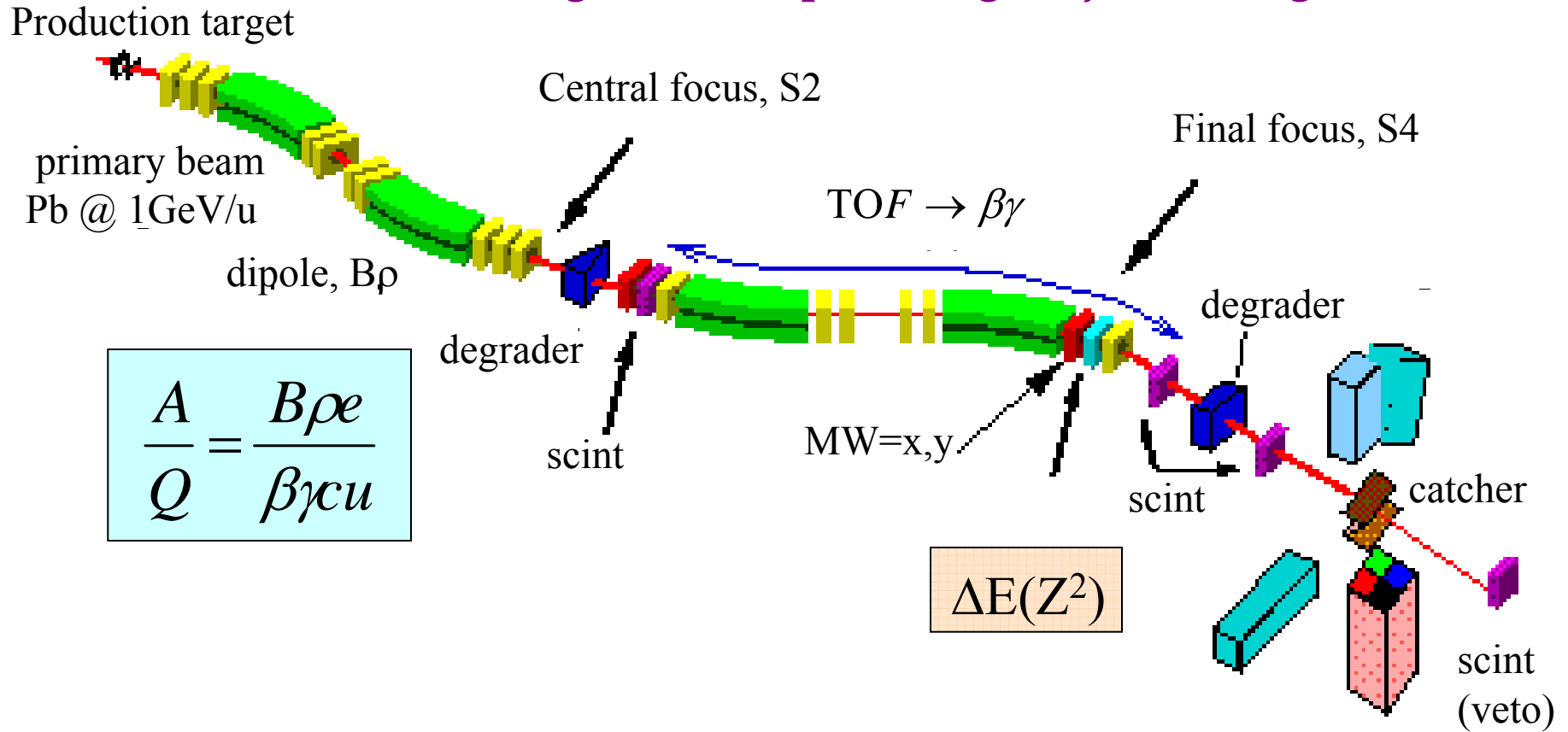


Dracoulis et al Phys Lett B 584(2004)22



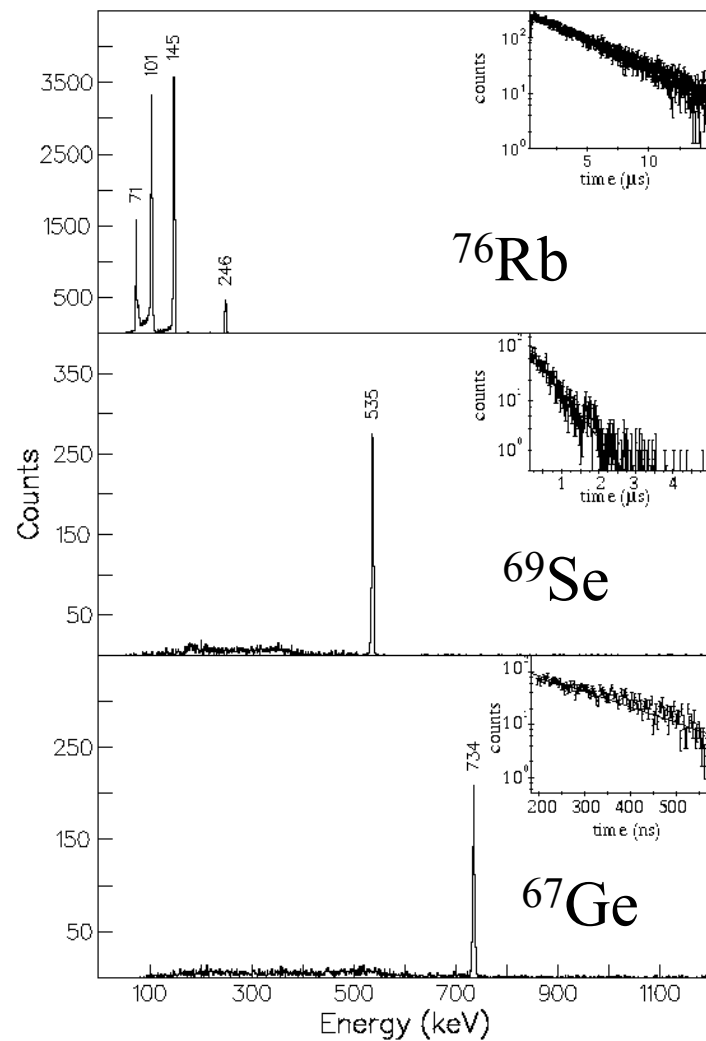
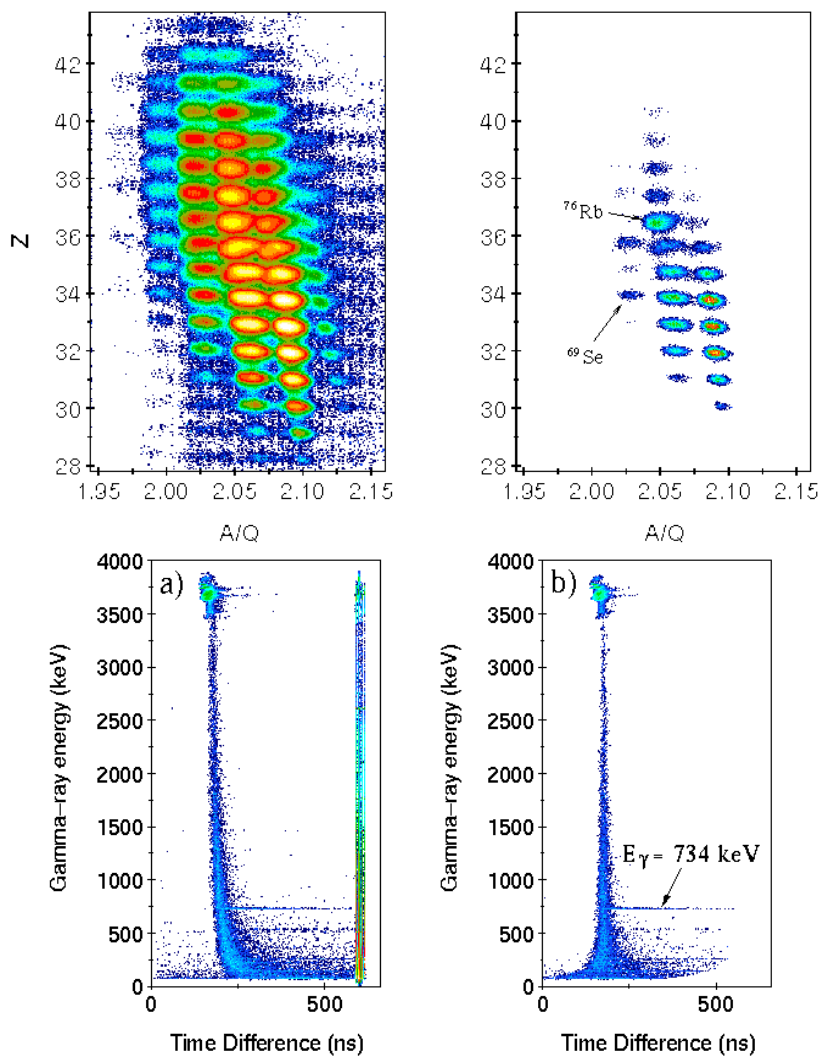
- $Ex=3.5$  MeV (3.9 MeV)
- unambiguous  $\gamma$ -ray decay signature (no such gammas in the spectrum)
- unprecedented transition strength for the 759 keV, non K-forbidden, E3 transition ( $10^9$ ! times retarded compared to W.u. if  $T_{1/2}=7$  min)

# In-Flight Technique Using Projectile Fragmentation



Use FRS@GSI or LISE3@GANIL to ID nuclei.  
 Transport some in isomeric states (TOF~ 300 ns).  
 Stop and correlate isomeric decays with nuclei id.

# $^{92}\text{Mo}$ fragmentation on $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ni}$ target



# *The future of $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy*

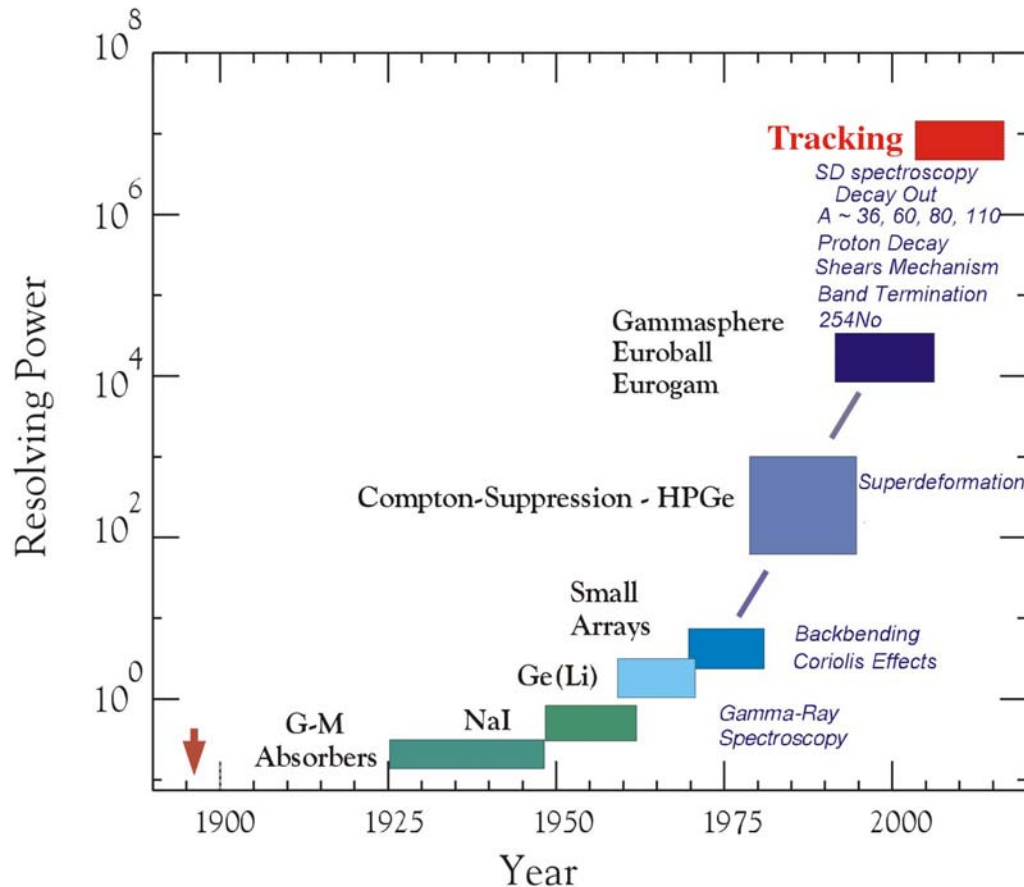
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- Historical perspective
- Principle of gamma ray tracking
- Physics opportunities
- Technical challenges
- Status of project



# Gamma-ray Detector Development

## Crucial to Nuclear Physics Research



- Advances in detector technology have resulted in new discoveries.
- Innovations have improved detector performance.
  - **Energy resolution**
  - **Efficiency**
  - **Peak-to-total ratio**
  - **Position resolution**
  - **Directional information**
  - **Polarization**
  - **Auxiliary detectors**
- Tracking is feasible, will provide new opportunities and meet the challenges of new facilities.

$$R \sim \left[ \frac{P}{T} \times \varepsilon \times \frac{E_{spacing}}{\Delta E} \right]^n$$



# Why gamma-ray arrays?

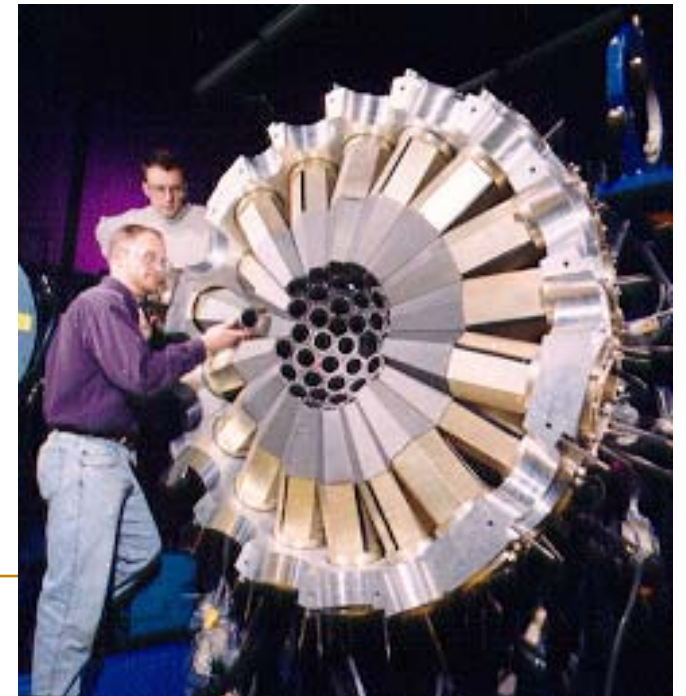
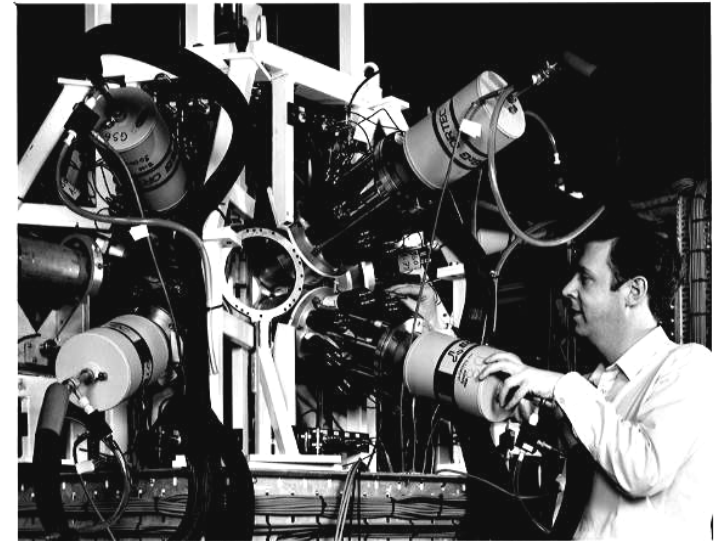
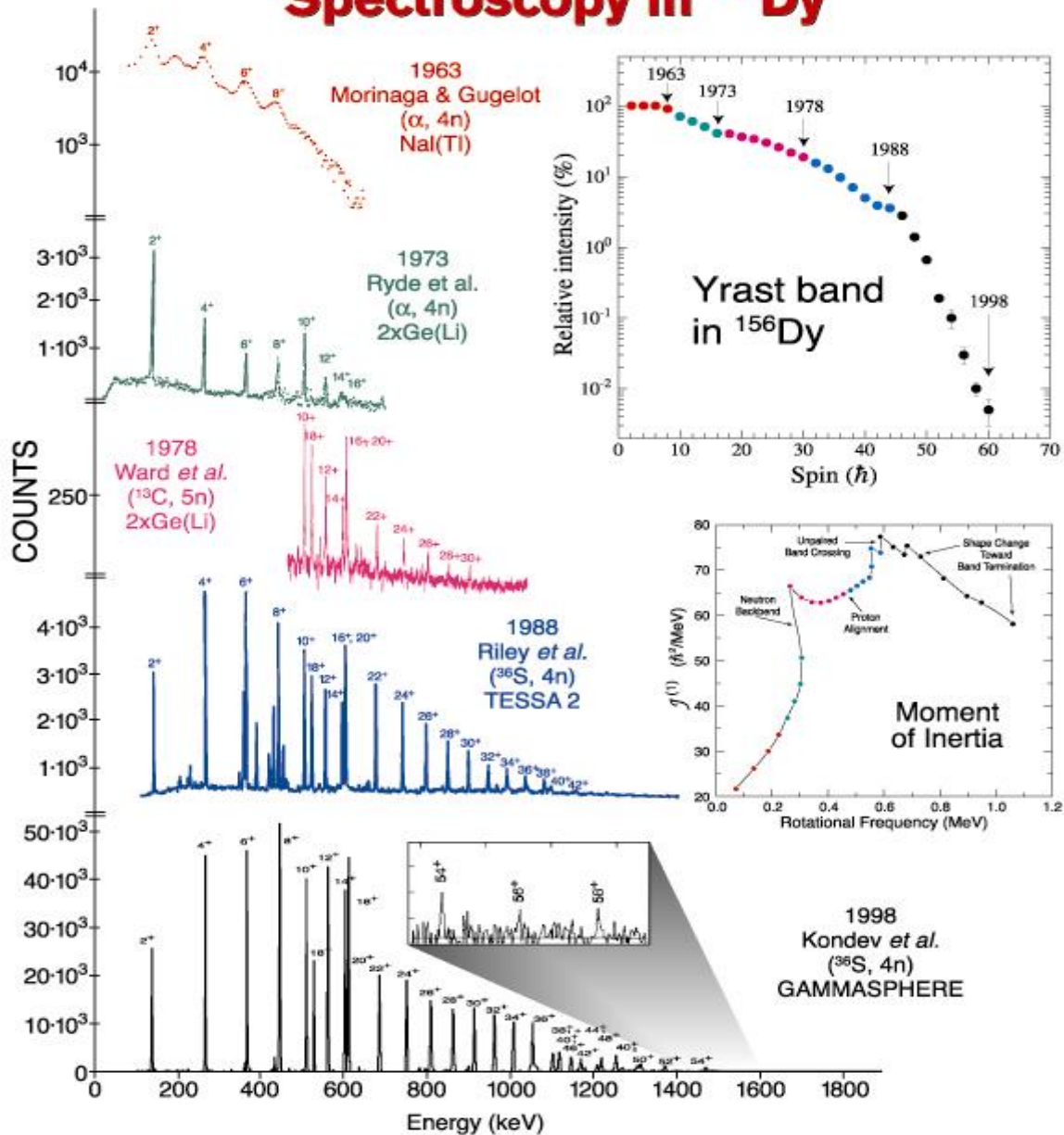
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<input type="checkbox"/> High energy resolution	$\Delta E_\gamma = 2.5 \text{ keV @ } 1.3 \text{ MeV}$
<input type="checkbox"/> Large P/T ratio	$\sim 60\%$
<input type="checkbox"/> Large photopeak efficiency	$10\% @ 1.3 \text{ MeV}$
<input type="checkbox"/> Good timing resolution	$< 10 \text{ ns}$
<input type="checkbox"/> Wide energy range	$\sim 30 \text{ keV} - 20 \text{ MeV}$
<input type="checkbox"/> Large solid angle	$\sim 4\pi$
<input type="checkbox"/> High granularity	high fold coincidences
<input type="checkbox"/> High resolving power	ability to isolate a given sequence of $\gamma$ rays





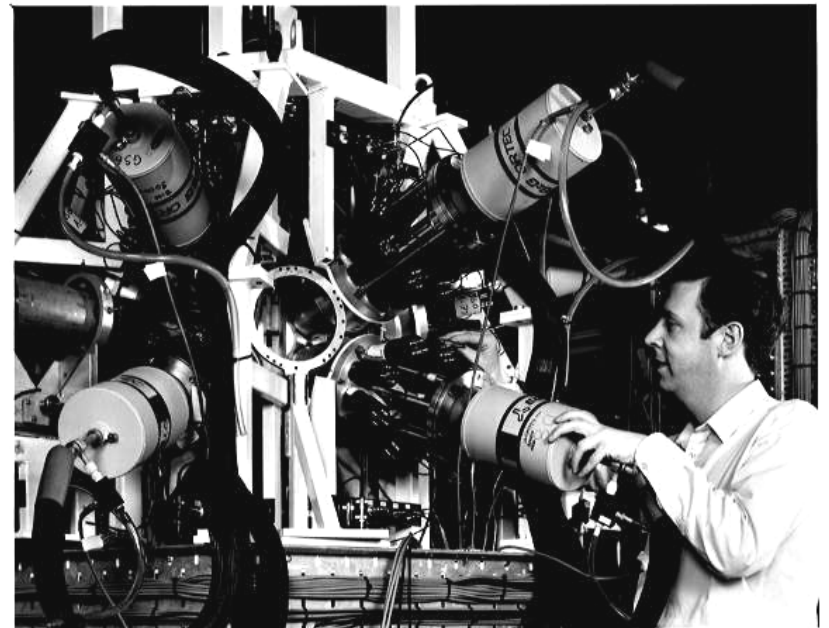
# Evolution of High-Spin $\gamma$ -ray Spectroscopy in $^{156}\text{Dy}$



# Historical Perspective



~1980 states to spin ~30  
**naked Ge arrays**

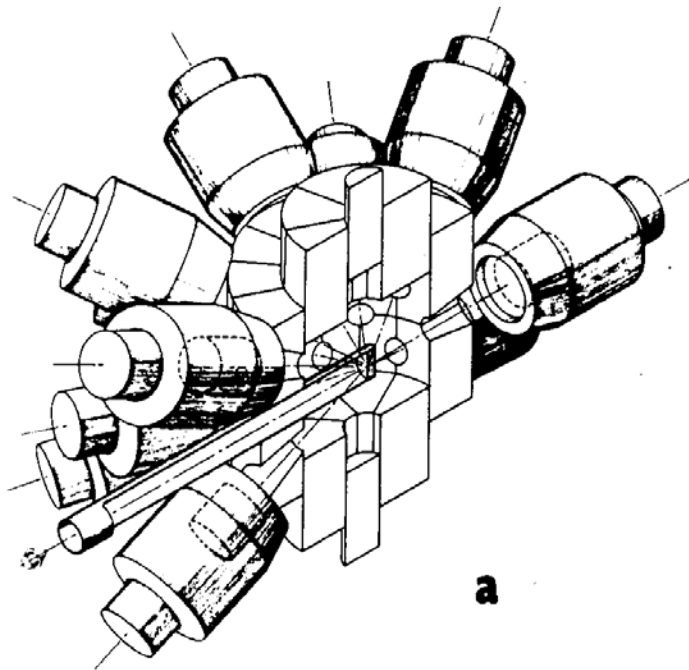


~1980-1982 TESSA  
**Escape suppressed array at NBI**

1983 TESSA to Daresbury  
**Heavier Ion beams**  
6 ESS using NaI(Tl)  
Channel selection included, 50 element  
inner BGO ball

**I ~ 1% sensitivity**

# Historical Perspective – era of large arrays

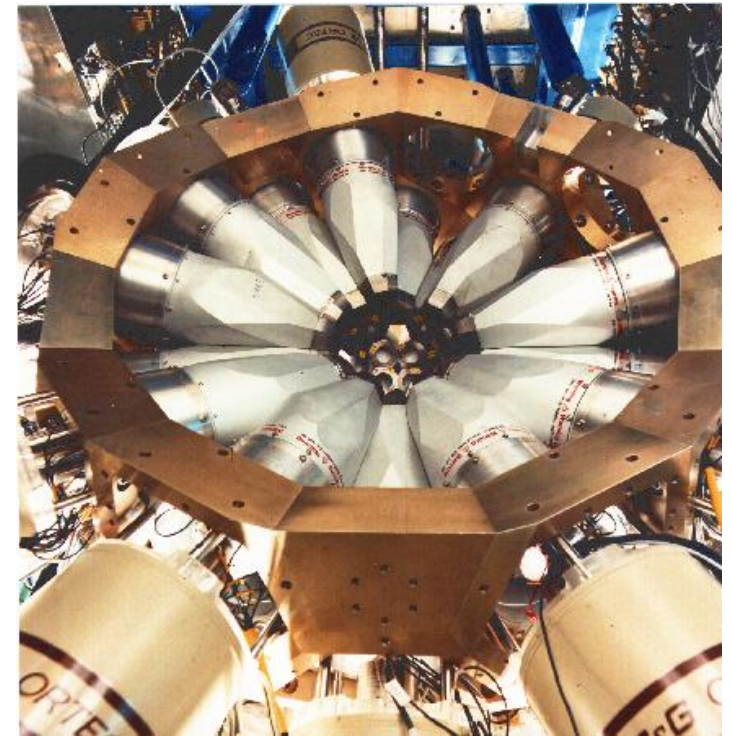


~1987

**BGO replaces NaI(Tl)**

HERA, TESSA3

**I ~ 0.1% sensitivity**



~1995

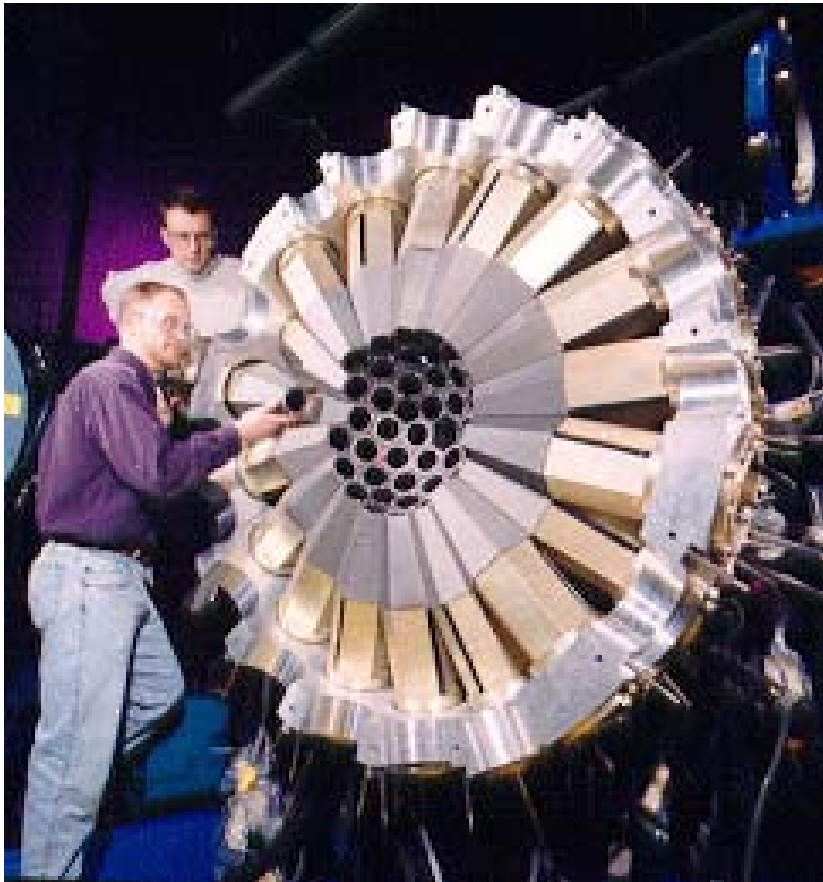
**Large  $\gamma$ -ray arrays**

Eurogam, Gammasphere,  
Euroball's, GASP

**I ~ 0.001% sensitivity**

# *GammaSphere spectrometer*

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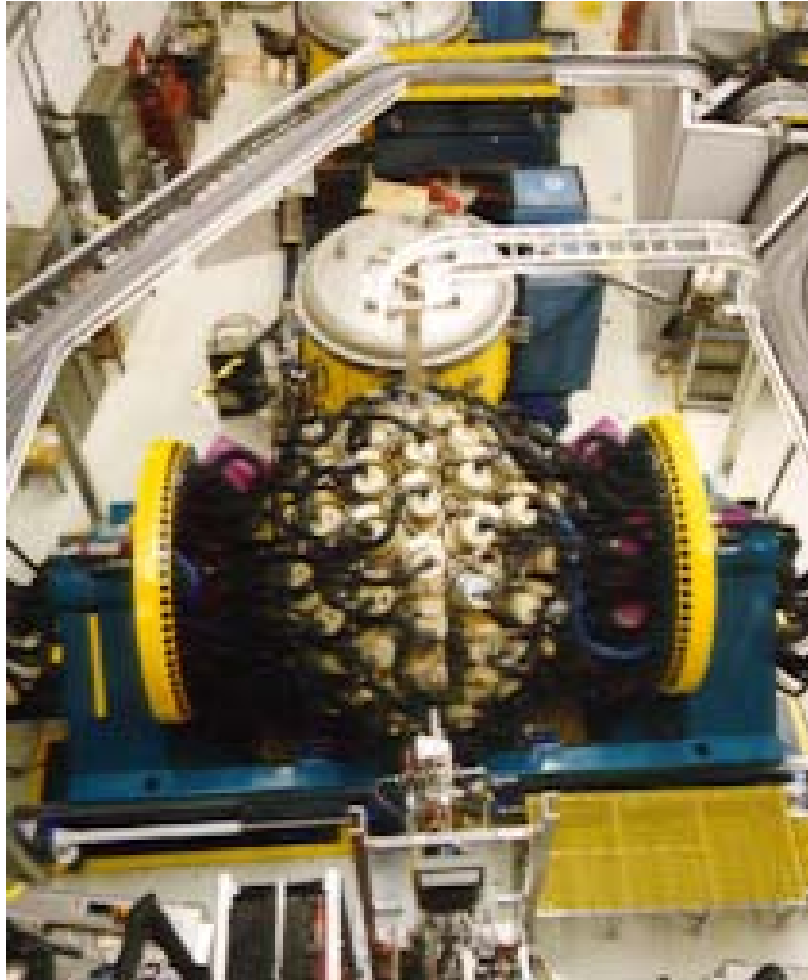


- ❑ A spectrometer with high detection sensitivity to nuclear electromagnetic radiation due to its high **resolution**, **granularity** and **efficiency**
- ❑ Consists of a spherical shell of **110 large volume HpGe detectors** each enclosed in a BGO shield
- ❑ Funded by DOE, US



# *GammaSphere operation*

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- ❑ From 1993 to 1997 GS was constructed and sited at the 88-Inch Cyclotron, LBNL
  - 130 experiments
  - super deformation
- ❑ From 1998 to 2000 GS operated at ATLAS, ANL
  - 101 experiments
  - nuclei far from stability
- ❑ From March 2000 till January 2002 at LBNL
- ❑ Since March 2002 till now GS is back at ANL



# *How we do research with Gammasphere ...*

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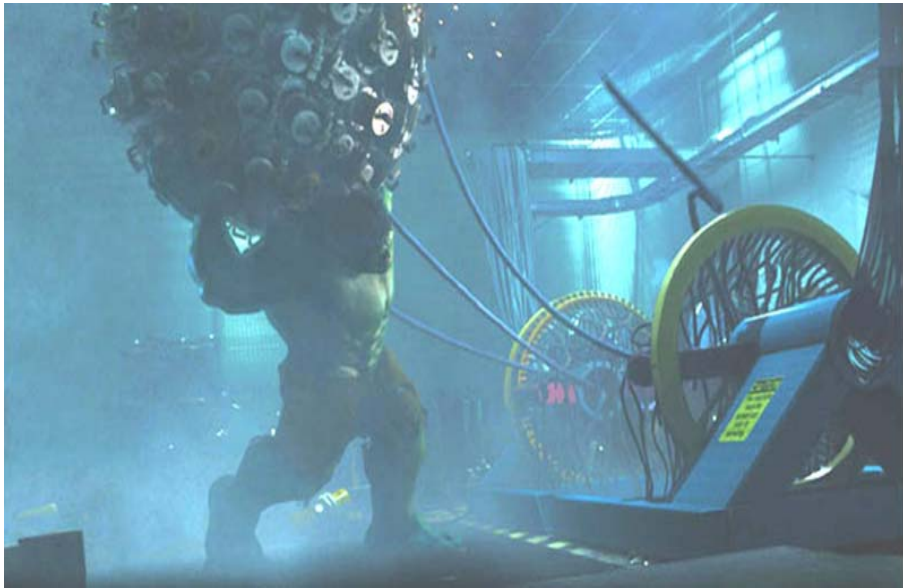


# *“GammaSphere in Action ...”*

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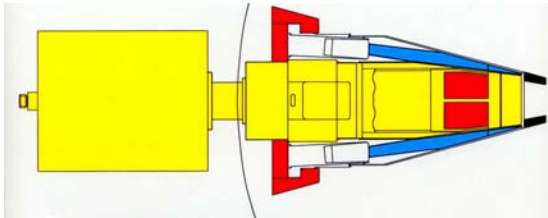
*Universal Studio Picture*



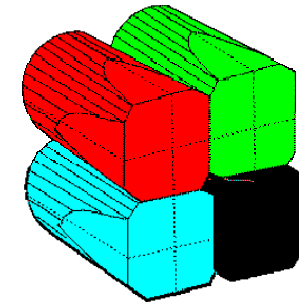
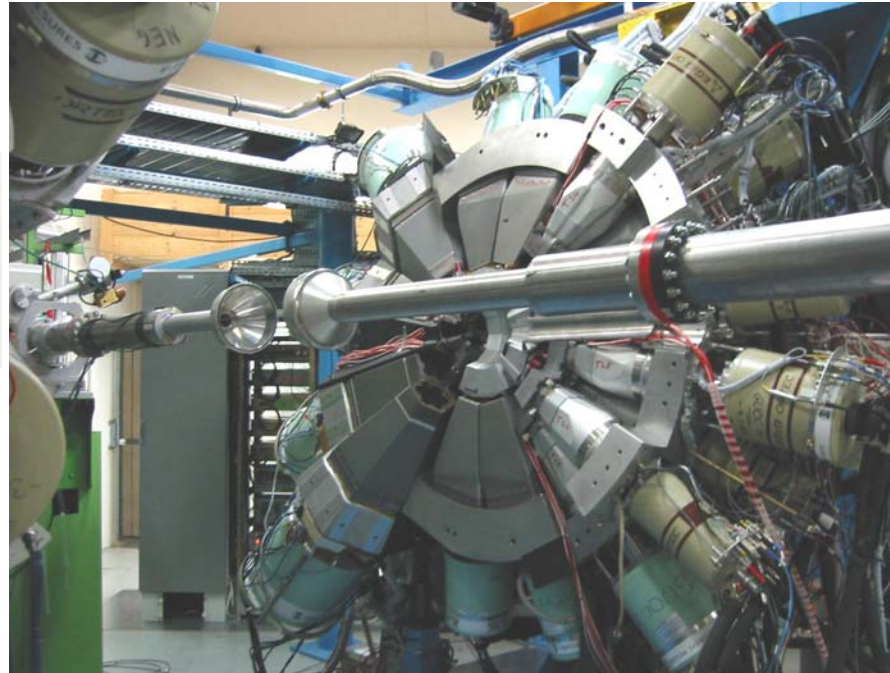
# Euroball

European collaboration

France, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the UK

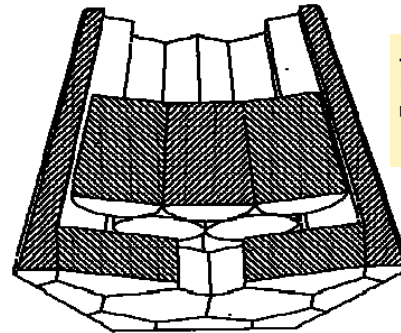


30 Large single crystal Ge detectors



26 Clover Ge detectors  
4 crystals per cryostat

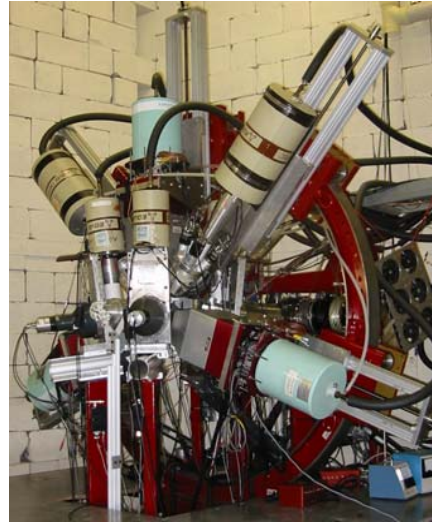
239 Ge crystals  
Suppression shields  
Total peak efficiency  $\sim 9.4\%$   
Intensity limit  $\sim 10^{-5}$



15 Cluster Ge detectors  
7 encapsulated Ge crystals per cluster

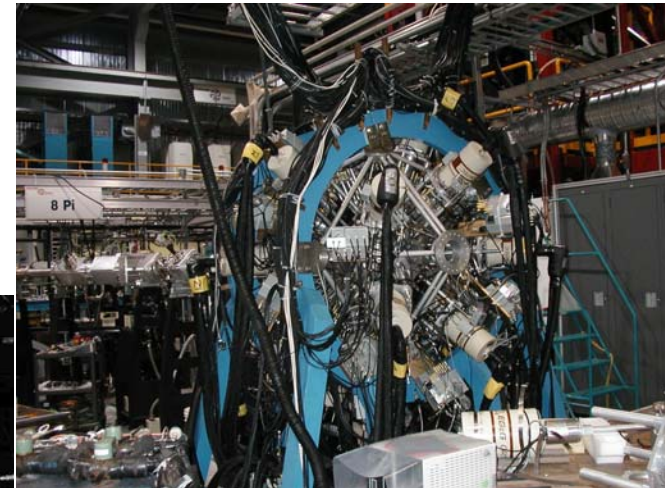


# Gamma-ray arrays in US & Canada



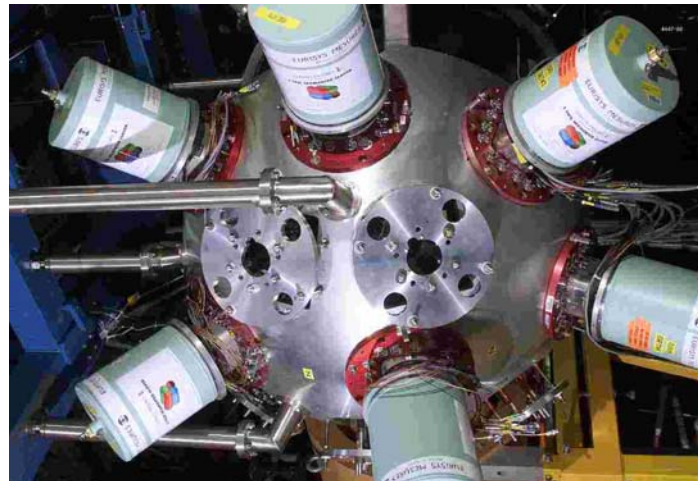
**FSU Array, USA**

**Yrast Ball, Yale University**  
**10 Clover**  
**17 Ge**

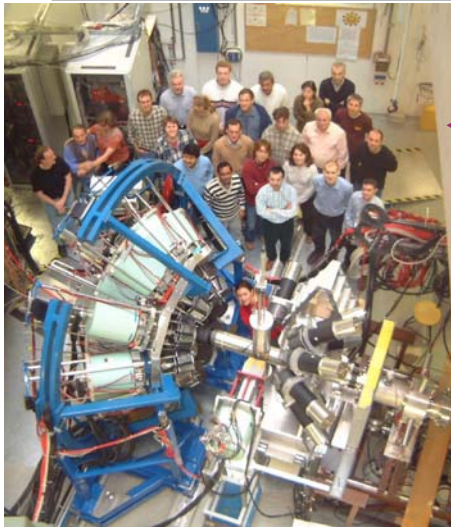


**8 $\pi$ , TRIUMF**  
**~100 Ge detectors**

**CLARION, ORNL**

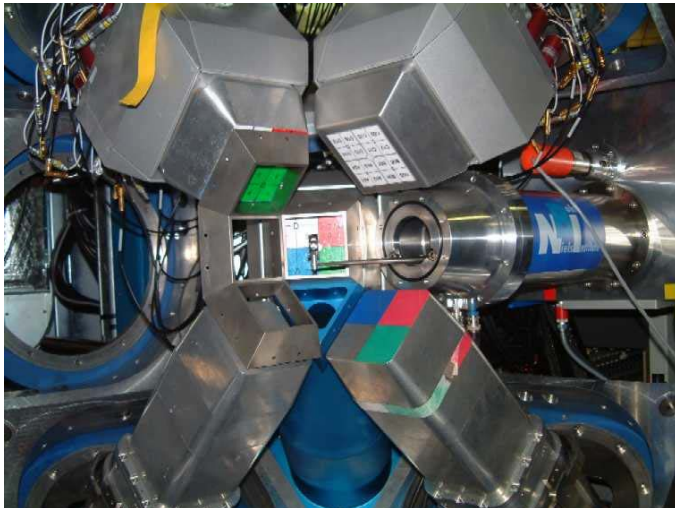


# Gamma-ray arrays in Europe

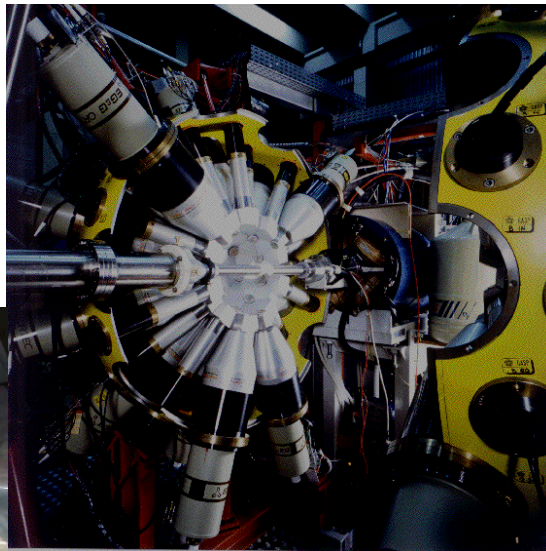


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GSI

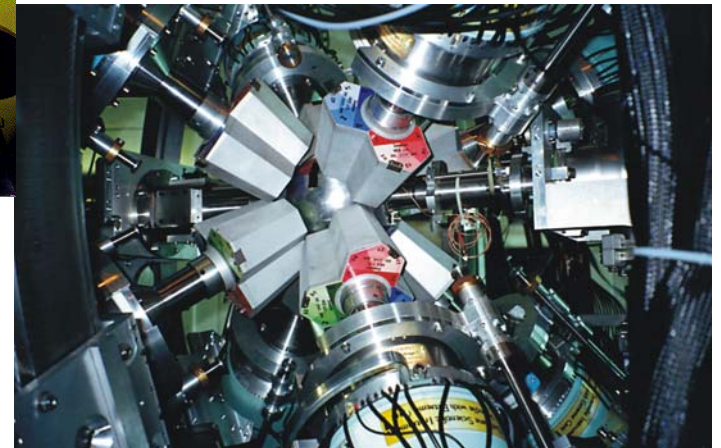
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JYFL



EXOGAM, Ganil



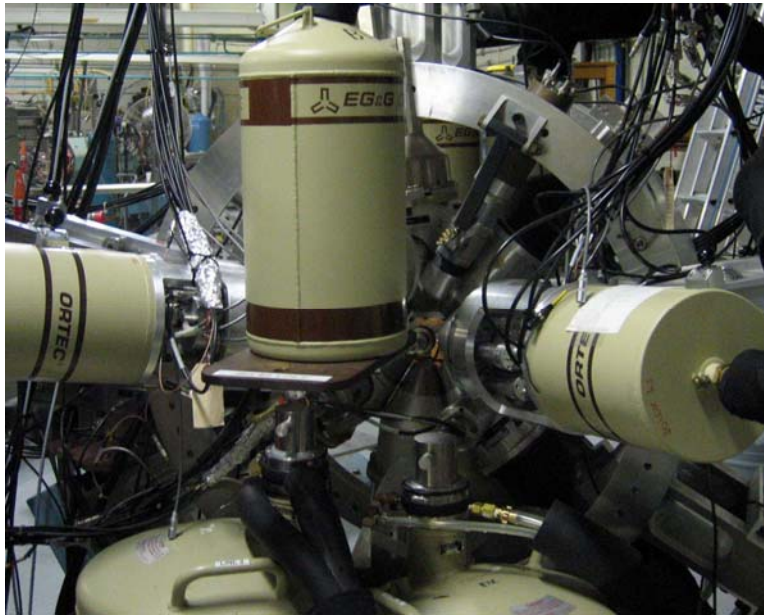
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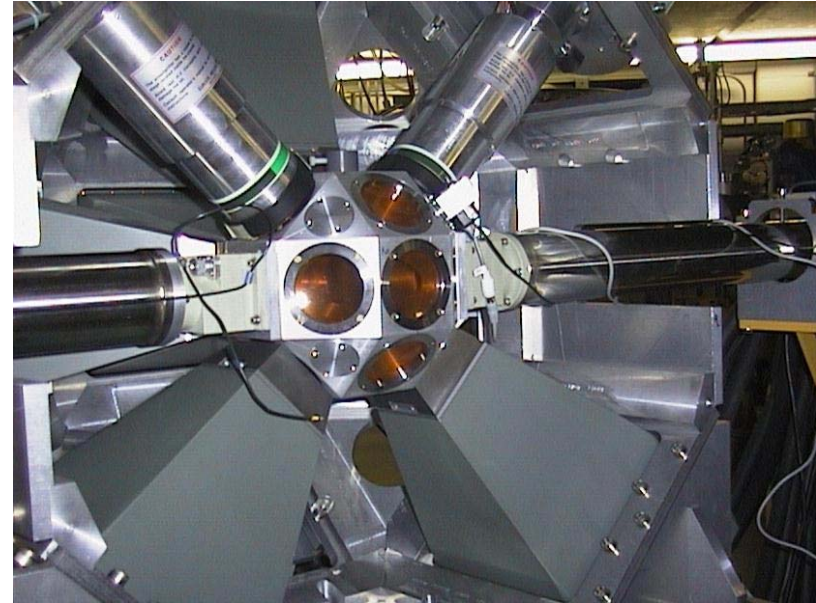
MINIBALL, RexIsolde



# *Australia, Asia & Africa*



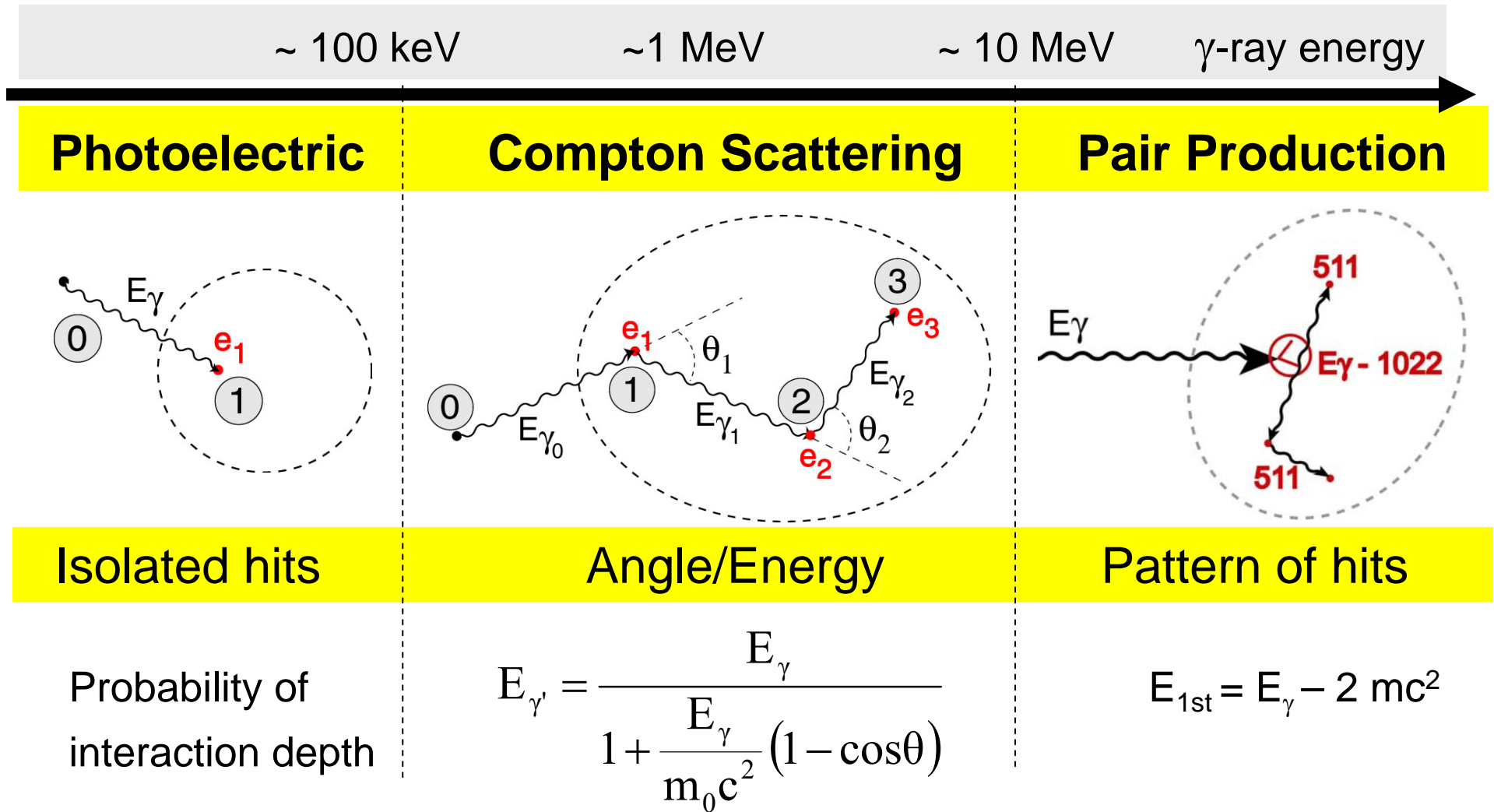
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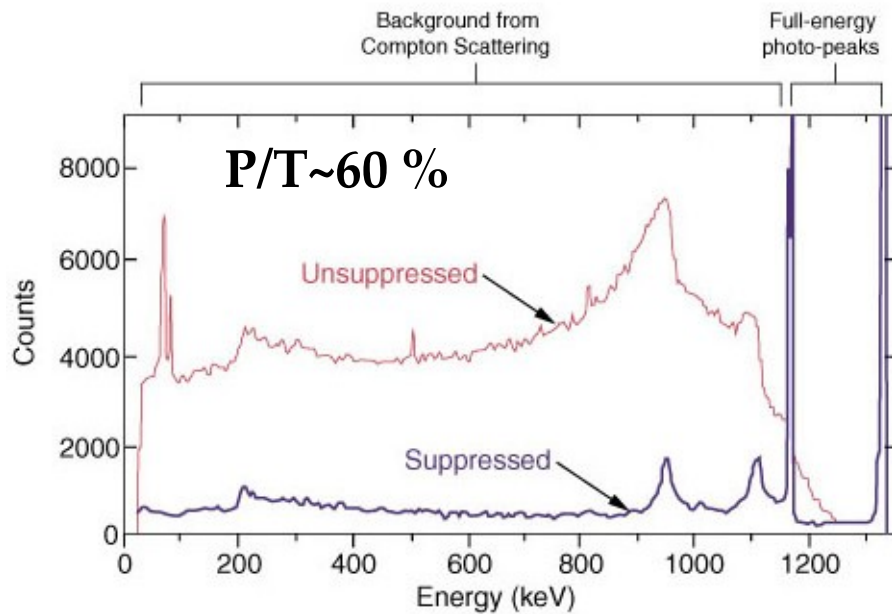
**Afrodite, South Africa**

**Smaller arrays operate  
in India, China and Japan**

# Interaction of gamma rays with matter



# Compton Suppression – improving the peak to background ratio

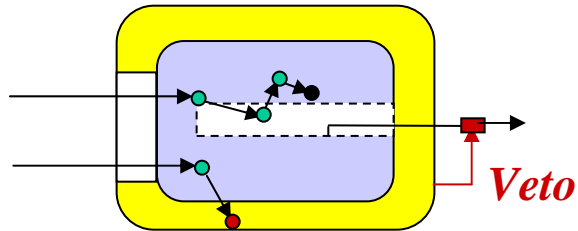


$$R \sim \left[ \frac{P}{T} \times \epsilon \times \frac{E_{spacing}}{\Delta E} \right]^n$$



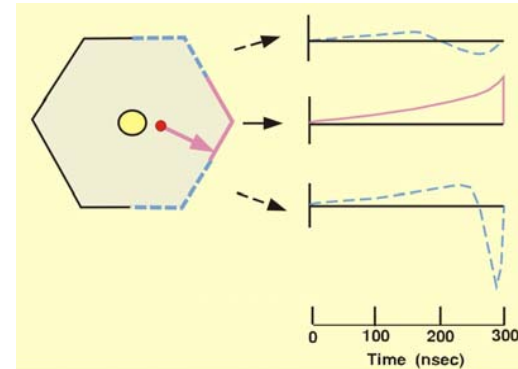
# Gamma-ray Tracking Concepts

- Compton Suppressed Ge

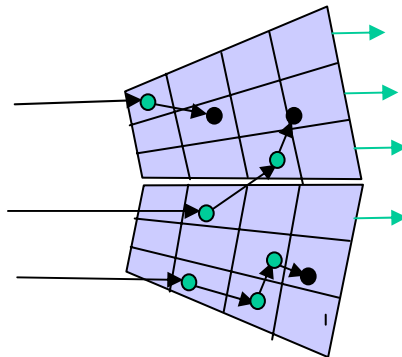


$N_{\text{det}} = 100$   
Peak efficiency = 8-10%  
Efficiency limited

## Pulse shape analysis in segments $\rightarrow$ 3D position

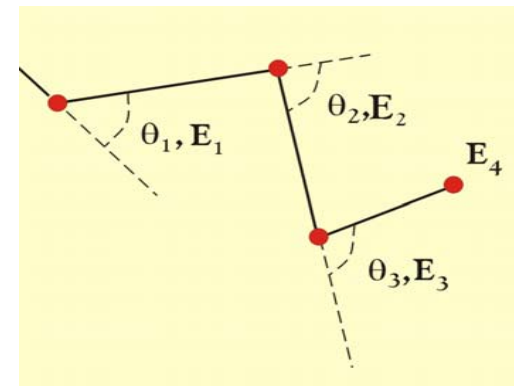


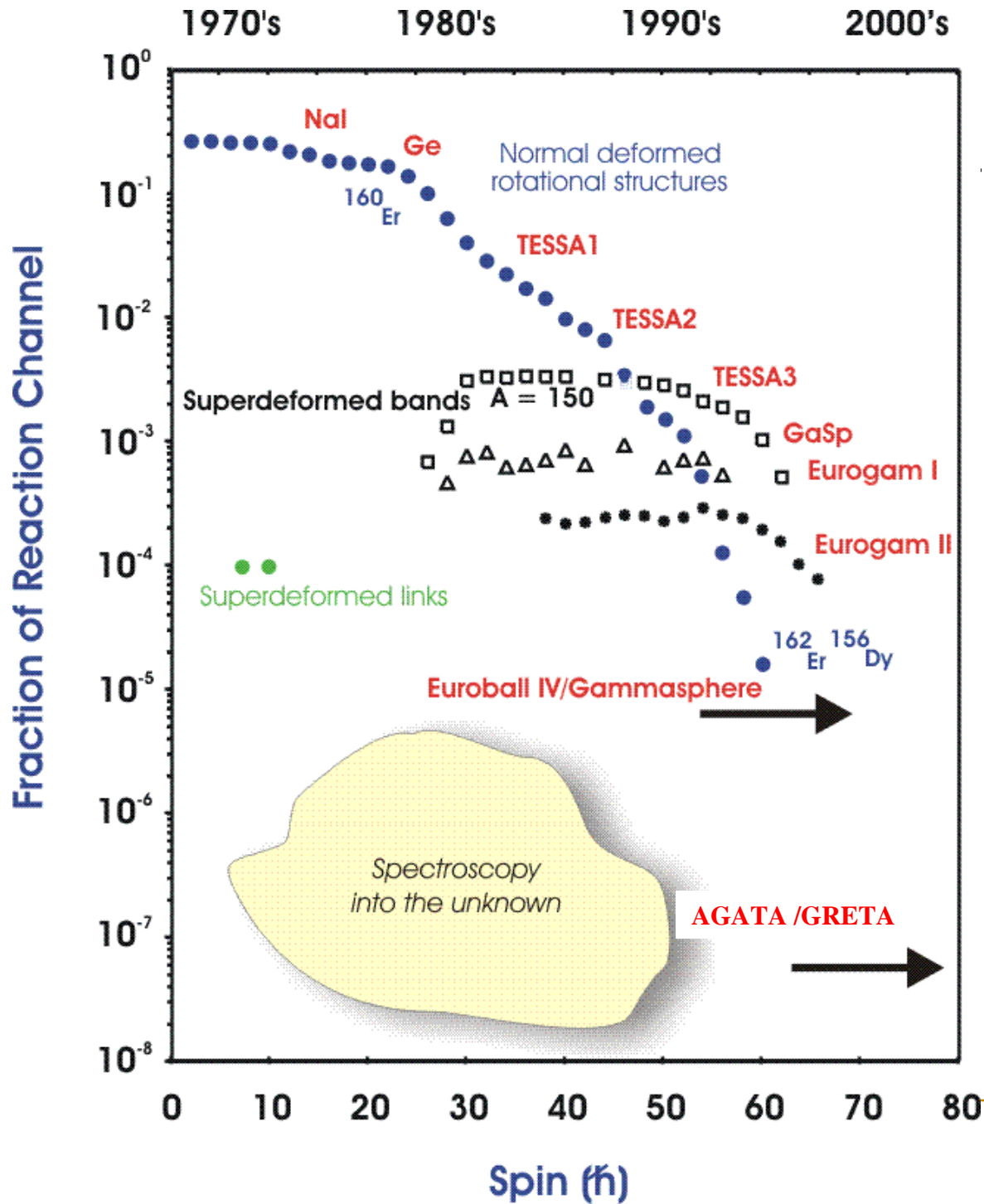
- Gamma Ray Tracking



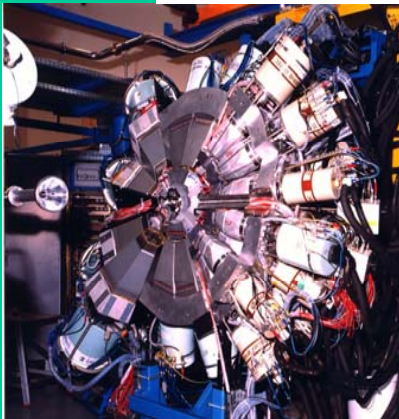
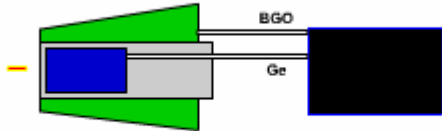
$N_{\text{det}} = 100$   
Peak efficiency = 60 %  
Segmentation

## Tracking of photon interaction points $\rightarrow$ energy, position





## Large Gamma Arrays based on Compton Suppressed Spectrometers



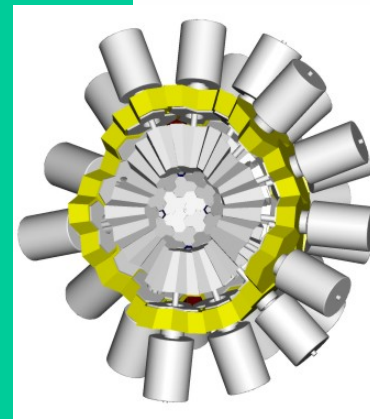
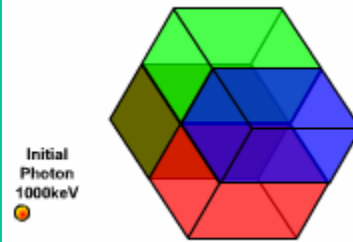
EUROBALL



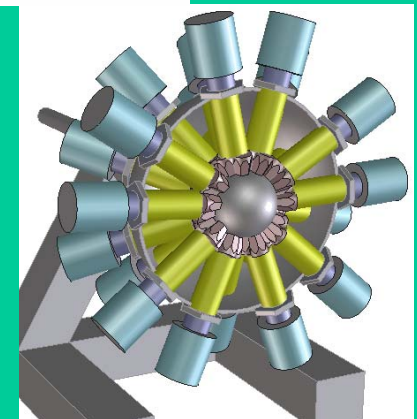
GAMMASPHERE

$\epsilon \sim 10 - 5\%$   
( $M_\gamma=1 - M_\gamma=30$ )

## Tracking Arrays based on Position Sensitive Ge Detectors



AGATA



GRETA

$\epsilon \sim 60 - 40\%$   
( $M_\gamma=1 - M_\gamma=30$ )

Exogam, Miniball, SeGa: optimized for Doppler correction at low  $\gamma$ -multiplicity  $\rightarrow \epsilon$  up to 20%



# GRETA/GRETINA

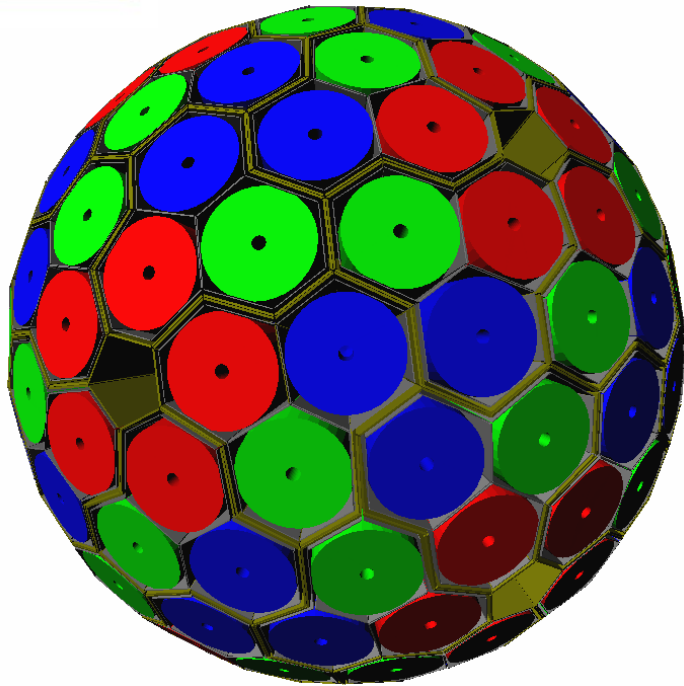


- **Resolving power:  $10^7$  vs.  $10^4$** 
  - Cross sections down to  $\sim 1$  nb
    - Most exotic nuclei
    - Heavy elements (e.g.  $^{253,254}\text{No}$ )
    - Drip-line physics
    - High level densities (e.g. chaos)
- **Efficiency (high energy)**  
(23% vs. 0.5% at  $E_\gamma = 15$  MeV)
  - Shape of GDR
  - Studies of hypernuclei
- **Efficiency (slow beams)**  
(50% vs. 8% at  $E_\gamma = 1.3$  MeV)
  - Fusion evaporation reactions
- **Efficiency (fast beams)**  
(50% vs. 0.5% at  $E_\gamma = 1.3$  MeV)
  - Fast-beam spectroscopy with low rates -> RIA
- **Angular resolution ( $0.2^\circ$  vs.  $8^\circ$ )**
  - N-rich exotic beams
    - Coulomb excitation
  - Fragmentation-beam spectroscopy
    - Halos
    - Evolution of shell structure
    - Transfer reactions
- **Count rate per crystal**  
(100 kHz vs. 10 kHz)
  - More efficient use of available beam intensity
- **Linear polarization**
- **Background rejection by direction**





# AGATA (Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array)



## Main features of AGATA

**Efficiency:** 40% ( $M_\gamma=1$ ) 25% ( $M_\gamma=30$ )  
today's arrays ~10% (gain ~4) 5% (gain ~1000)

**Peak/Total:** 55% ( $M_\gamma=1$ ) 45% ( $M_\gamma=30$ )  
today ~55% 40%

**Angular Resolution:**  $\sim 1^\circ \rightarrow$   
FWHM (1 MeV,  $v/c=50\%$ )  $\sim 6$  keV !!!  
today ~40 keV

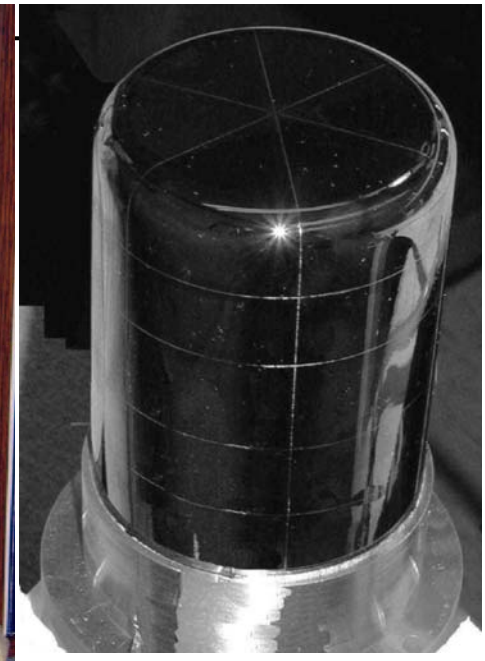
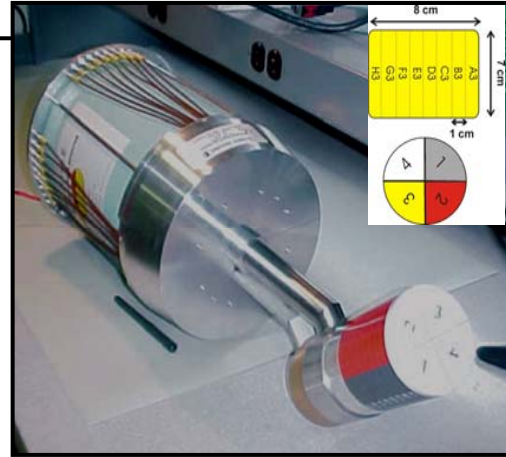
**Rates:** 3 MHz ( $M_\gamma=1$ ) 300 kHz ( $M_\gamma=30$ )  
today 1 MHz 20 kHz



- **180** large volume **36-fold segmented** Ge crystals in **60 triple-clusters**
- **Digital electronics** and sophisticated **Pulse Shape Analysis** algorithms allow
- Operation of Ge detectors in **position sensitive mode**  $\rightarrow$   $\gamma$ -ray tracking



# Highly segmented Ge Detectors



**GRETA : 36-fold Segmented Prototype Detector**

**LBNL Pre-amplifier**

**Energy Resolution [keV]**

# of segment	Energy Resolution [keV]
0	~1.0
1	~1.1
2	~1.2
3	~1.3
4	~1.4
5	~1.5
6	~1.6
7	~1.7
8	~1.8
9	~1.9
10	~2.0
11	~2.1
12	~2.2
13	~2.3
14	~2.4
15	~2.5
16	~2.6
17	~2.7
18	~2.8
19	~2.9
20	~3.0
21	~3.1
22	~3.2
23	~3.3
24	~3.4
25	~3.5
26	~3.6
27	~3.7
28	~3.8
29	~3.9
30	~4.0
31	~4.1
32	~4.2
33	~4.3
34	~4.4
35	~4.5
36	~4.6

Energy Resolution [keV] vs # of segment plot showing energy resolution for 36 segments. Labels: E = 60 keV, ΔE = 1.14 keV; E = 100 keV, ΔE = 1.04 keV. A 3D diagram of the detector is also shown.

## **Canisters AGATA and EUROBALL**

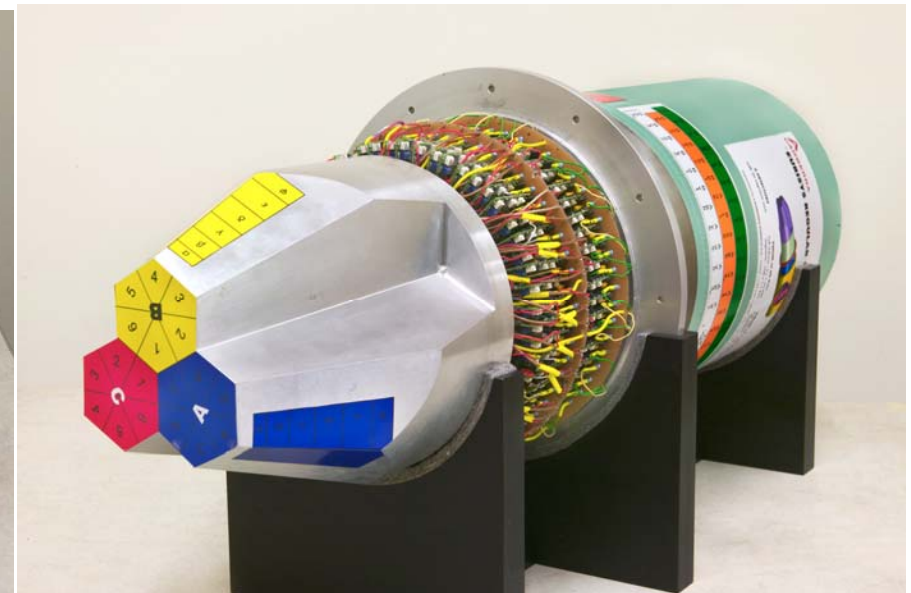
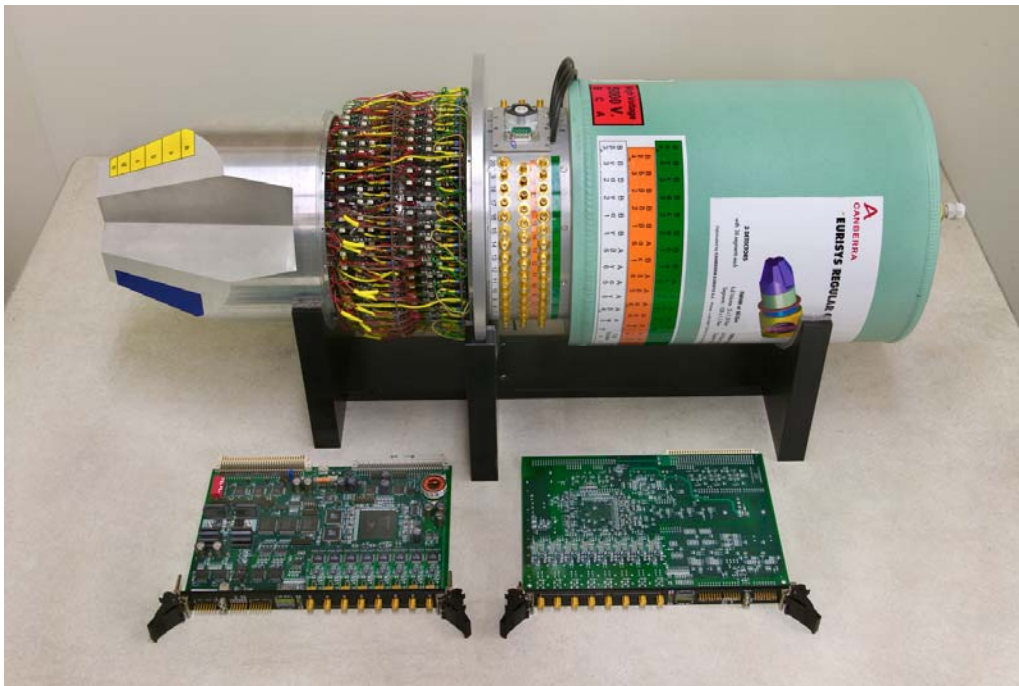
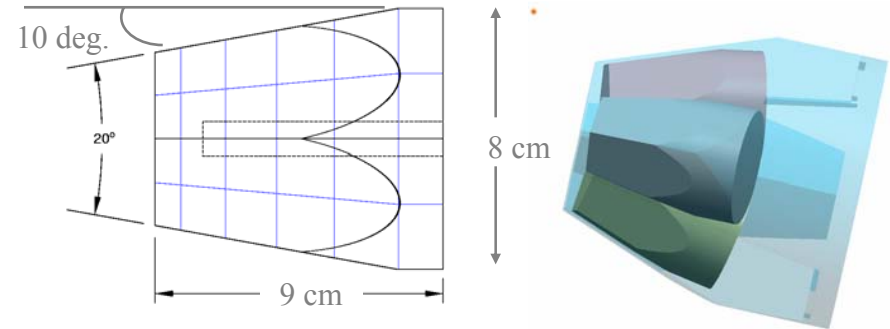


**AGATA**

**EUROBALL**

# GRETINA Detectors

- Tapered hexagon shape
- Highly segmented  $6 \times 6 = 36$
- Close packing of 3 crystals
- 111 channels of signal

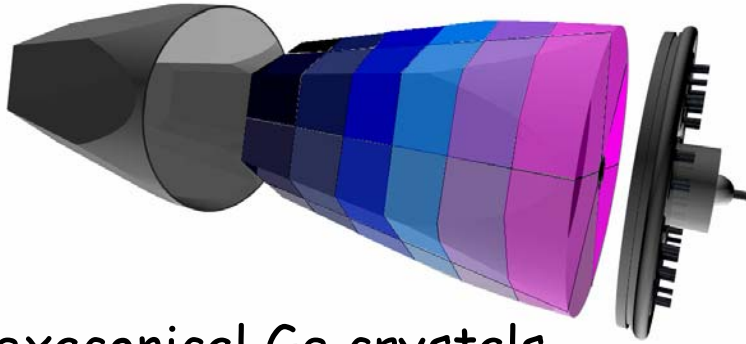


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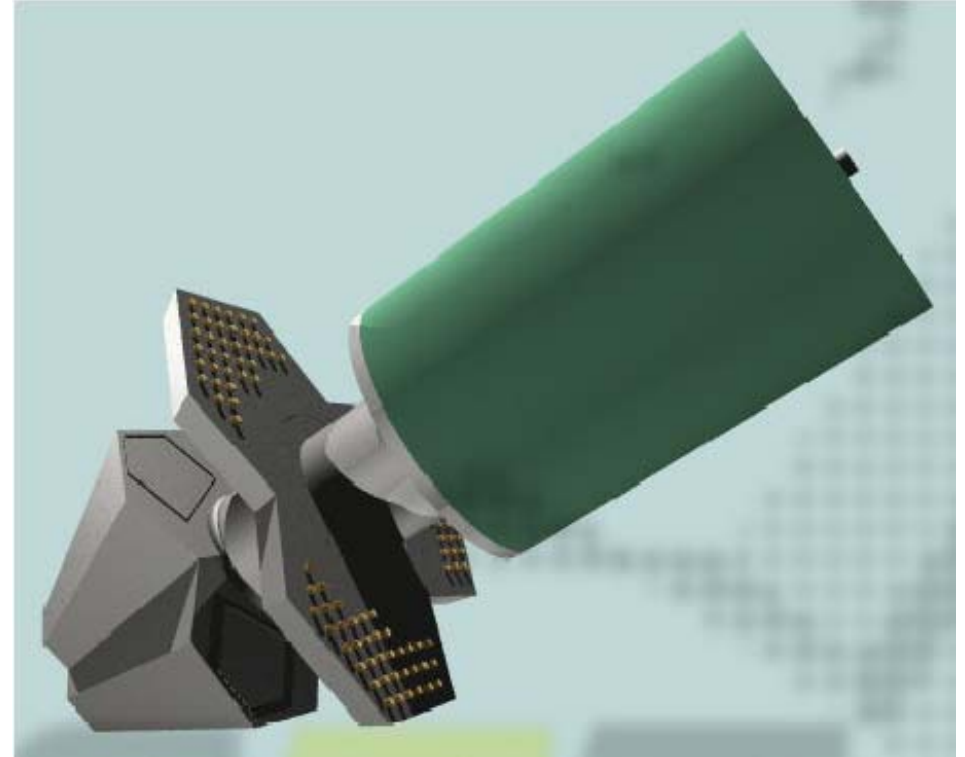
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# AGATA Detectors



Hexaconical Ge crystals  
90 mm long  
80 mm max diameter  
36 segments  
Al encapsulation  
0.6 mm spacing  
0.8 mm thickness  
37 vacuum feedthroughs

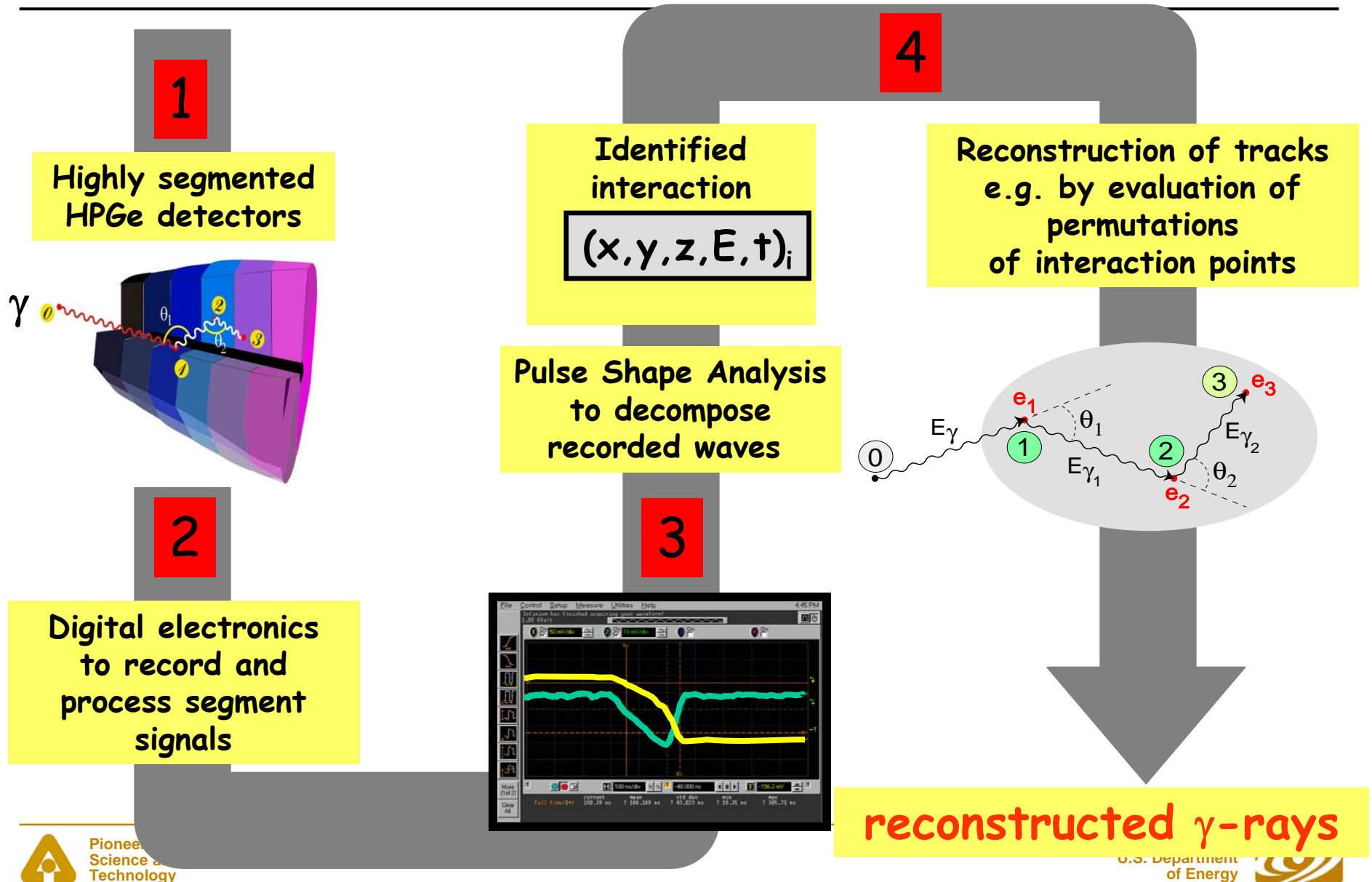


3 encapsulated crystals  
111 preamplifiers with cold FET  
~230 vacuum feedthroughs  
LN<sub>2</sub> dewar, 3 litre, cooling power ~8 watts

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# Ingredients of $\gamma$ -ray Tracking

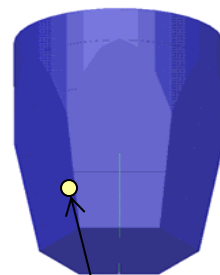


# In-beam test



## Experiment

- LBNL 88" Cyclotron
- Prototype II detector
- $^{82}\text{Se} + ^{12}\text{C}$  @ 385 MeV
- $^{90}\text{Zr}$  nuclei ( $\beta \sim 8.9\%$ )
- 2055 keV ( $10^+ \rightarrow 8^+$ ) in  $^{90}\text{Zr}$
- Detector at 4 cm and  $90^\circ$
- Three 8-channels LBNL signal Digitizer modules (24 ch.)



beam  
 $\theta$   
target

## Analysis

- Event building
- Calibration : cross talk
- Signal decomposition
- Doppler correction



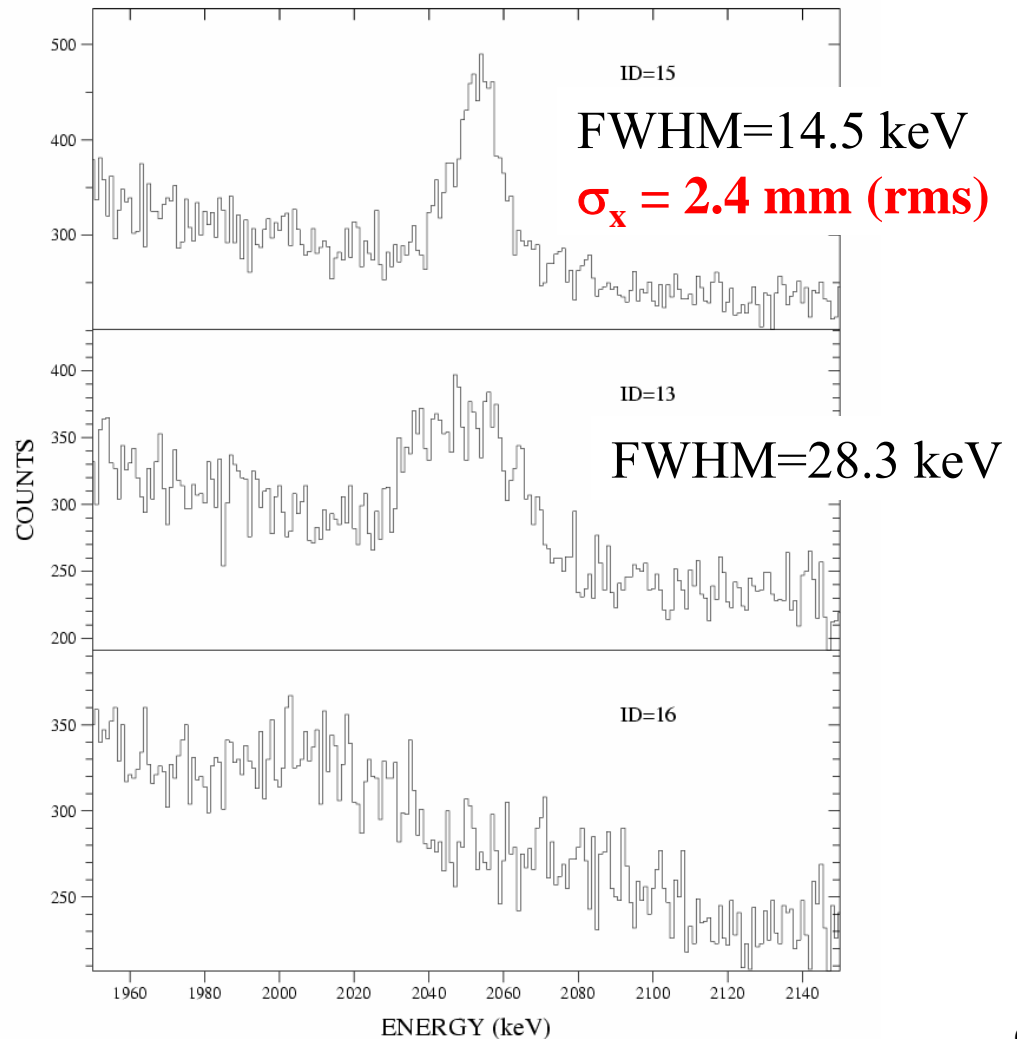


# In-beam test Results

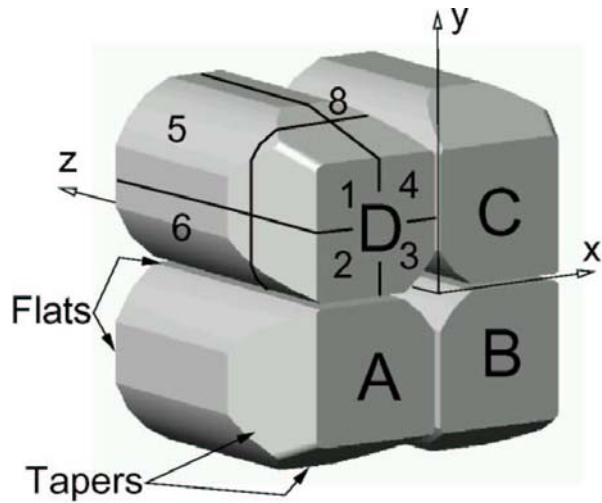
**Doppler Corrected using  
first hit position  
determined by signal  
decomposition**

**Corrected using center of  
segment only**

**No correction**



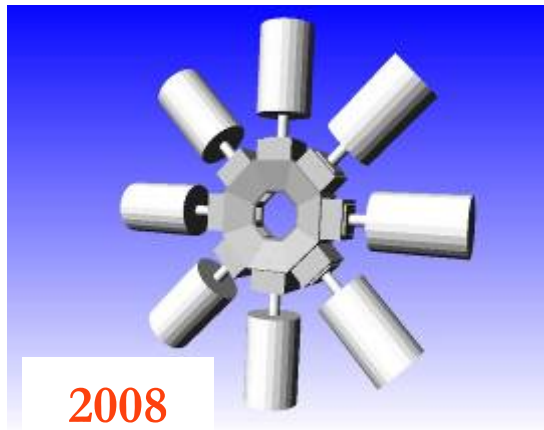
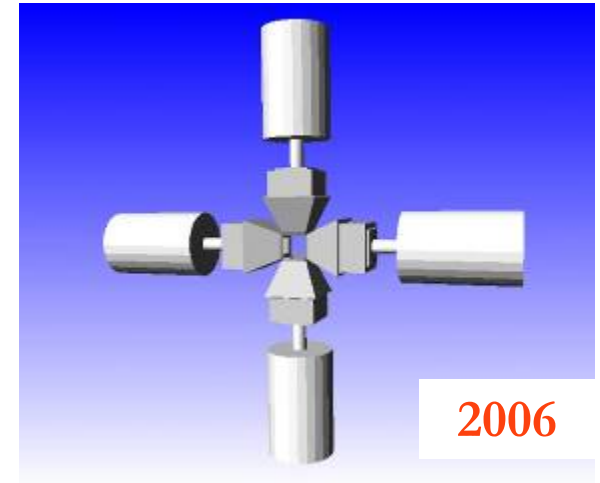
# TIGRESS TRIUMF, CANADA



## ISAC II

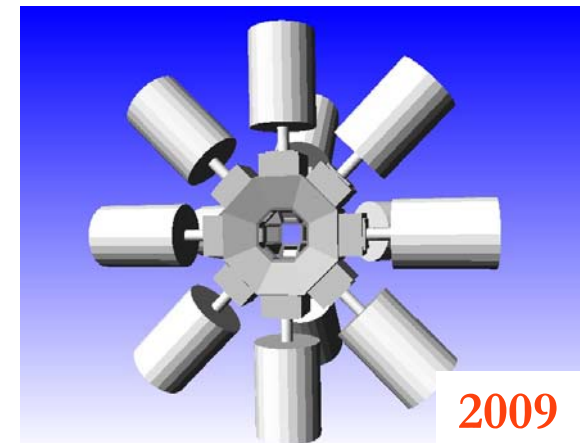
Nuclear Structure:

Evolution of Nuclear Shell Structure  
Pairing Correlation far from Stability  
Mirror Nuclei and Isospin Symmetry  
Coulomb Excitation with Bragg/PPAC  
Fusion Evaporation reactions with  
CsI(Tl) and neutron detector arrays

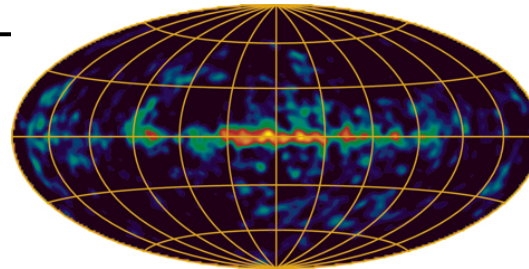


## Nuclear Astrophysics:

Structure studies of astrophysically  
important states  
Transfer reactions with EMMA/Si Array



# Gamma Ray Lines of the Cosmos



Science Objective	Isotopes and Lines (MeV)
Understand Type Ia SN explosion mechanism and dynamics	$^{56}\text{Ni}$ (0.158, <b>0.812</b> , ...) $^{56}\text{Co}$ ( <b>0.847</b> , <b>1.238</b> , ...) $^{57}\text{Co}$ (0.122)
Understand Core Collapse SN explosion mechanism and dynamics	$^{56}\text{Ni}$ (0.158, <b>0.812</b> , ...) $^{56}\text{Co}$ ( <b>0.847</b> , <b>1.238</b> , ...) $^{57}\text{Co}$ (0.122), $^{26}\text{Al}$ ( <b>1.809</b> , <b>0.511</b> )
Map the Galaxy in nucleosynthetic radioactivity	$^{26}\text{Al}$ ( <b>1.809</b> , <b>0.511</b> ) $^{60}\text{Fe}$ , $^{60}\text{Co}$ ( <b>1.173</b> , <b>1.332</b> ) $^{44}\text{Ti}$ (0.068, 0.078, <b>1.16</b> )
Map Galactic positron annihilation radiation	$e^+e^-$ annihilation ( <b>0.511</b> , 3 photon continuum) SN Ia $^{56}\text{Co}$ positrons ( <b>0.511</b> ) $^{26}\text{Al}$ and $^{44}\text{Ti}$ positrons ( <b>0.511</b> )
Understand the dynamics of Galactic Novae	$^{13}\text{N}$ , $^{14,15}\text{O}$ , $^{18}\text{F}$ positrons ( <b>0.511</b> ) $^7\text{Be}$ ( <b>0.478</b> ), $^{22}\text{Na}$ ( <b>1.275</b> , <b>0.511</b> )
Cosmic Ray Interactions with the ISM	$^{12}\text{C}$ (4.4), $^{16}\text{O}$ (6.1), $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ( <b>1.634</b> ), $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ( <b>1.369</b> , 2.754), $^{28}\text{Si}$ ( <b>1.779</b> ), $^{56}\text{Fe}$ ( <b>0.847</b> , <b>1.238</b> )
Neutron Star Mass-Radius	p-n ( <b>2.223</b> )



# The Concept

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Position sensitive gamma ray detectors have been under development for many years

❑ In Space Science

❑ In Medical Imaging

*Scintillator: NaI, CsI, LSO*

❑ In Basic Nuclear Research

*Semi-conductor: Si, CdZnTe, CdTe*

❑ In Homeland Security and Verification.

**High Purity Germanium:** offers the best energy resolution and timing for intermediate (40-2500 keV) radiation. Very large and efficient detectors can now be fabricated.

## Key Question:

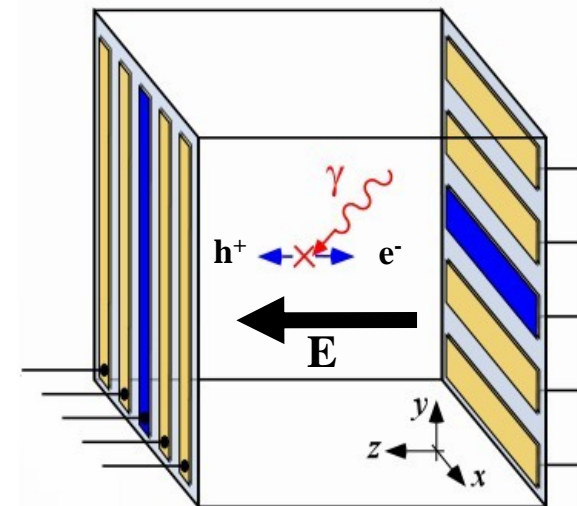
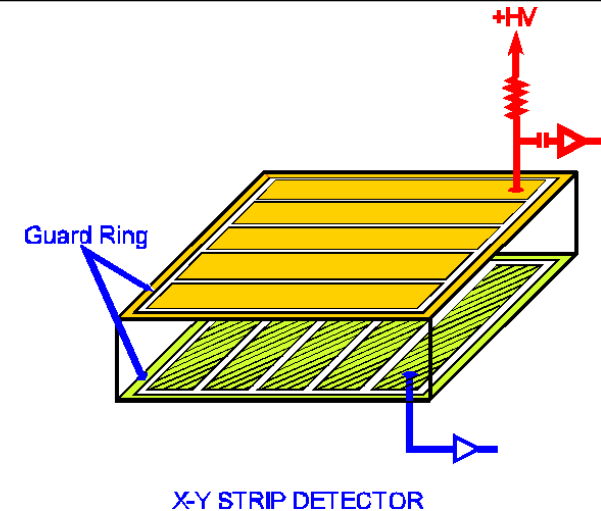
Can reliable, efficient, high resolution *position sensitive* germanium detectors be produced and incorporated into practical devices?

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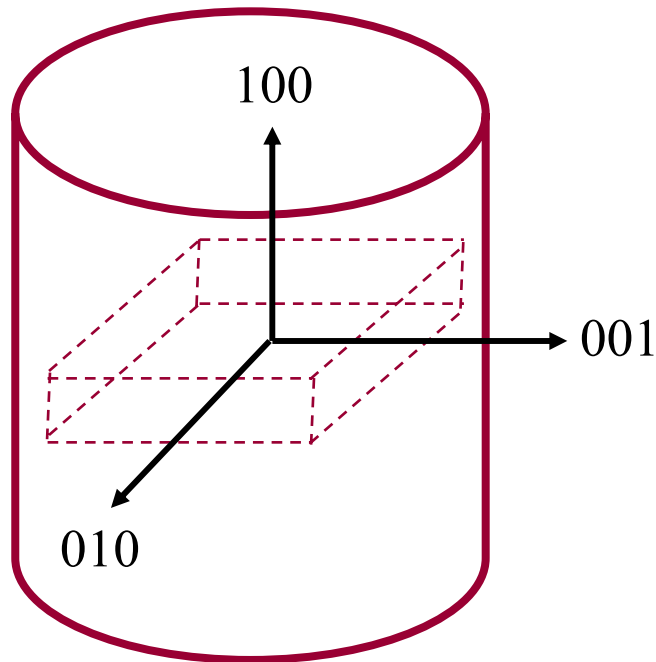
# Ge Strips Detectors – an excellent choice!

- ❑ based on the HpGe planar detector technology
- ❑ have orthogonal electrodes (strips) that provide position localization of the interactions
- ❑ operates like a conventional p-i-n diode
- ❑ pulse-shape analysis – the depth of the interactions



# Technology: Wafer Selection

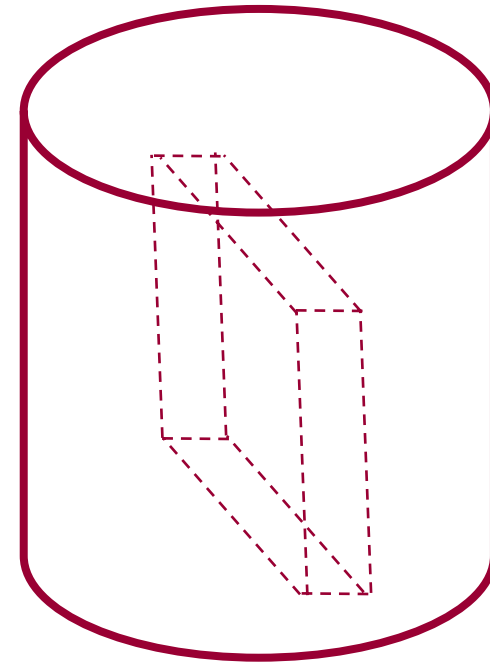
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Across Boule

Uniform Impurities

LIMITED SIZE



Along Boule

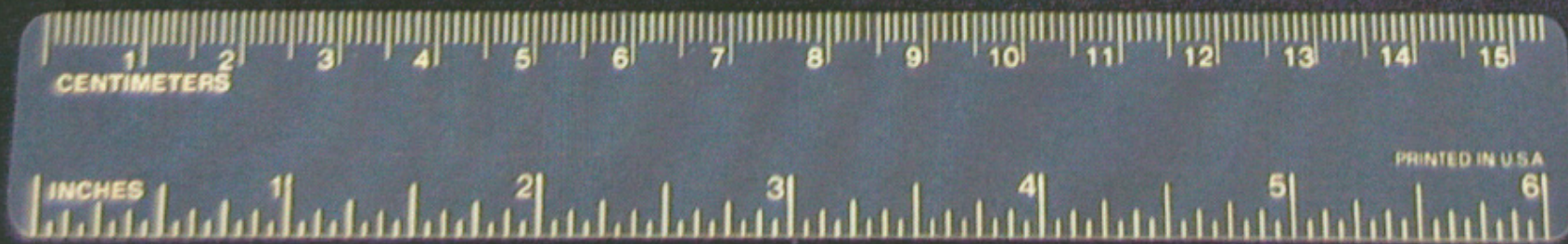
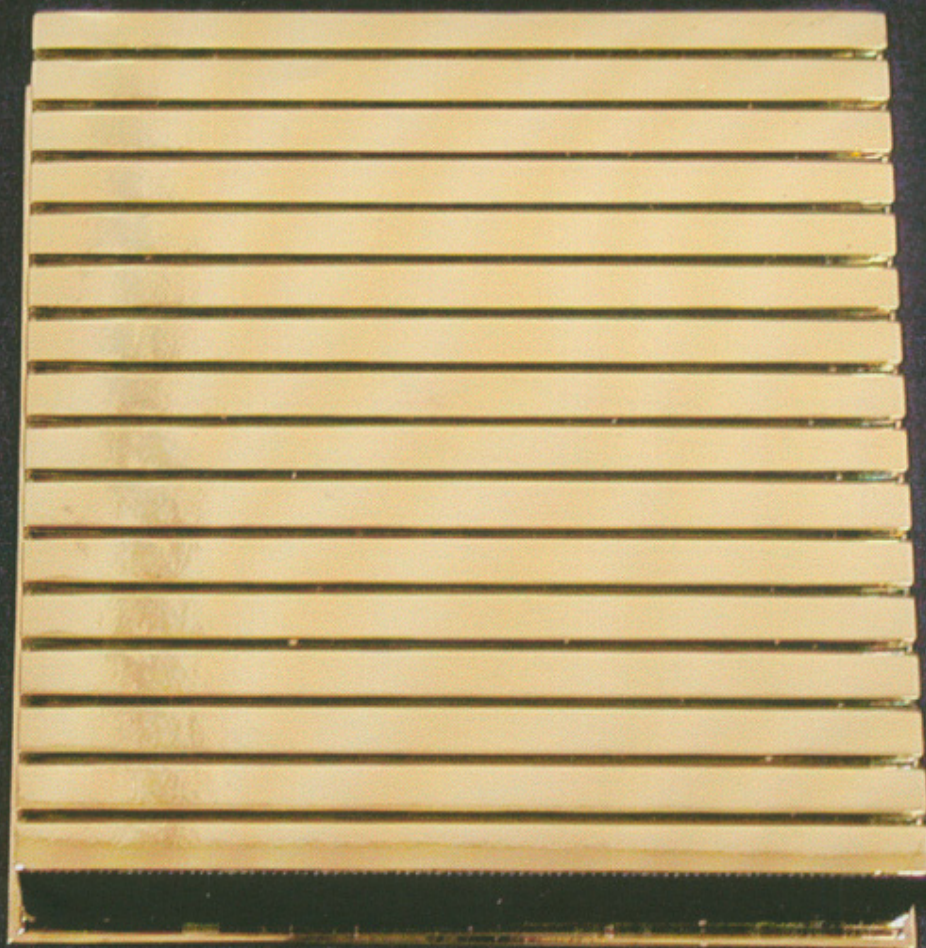
LARGEST SIZE

Impurity Gradients

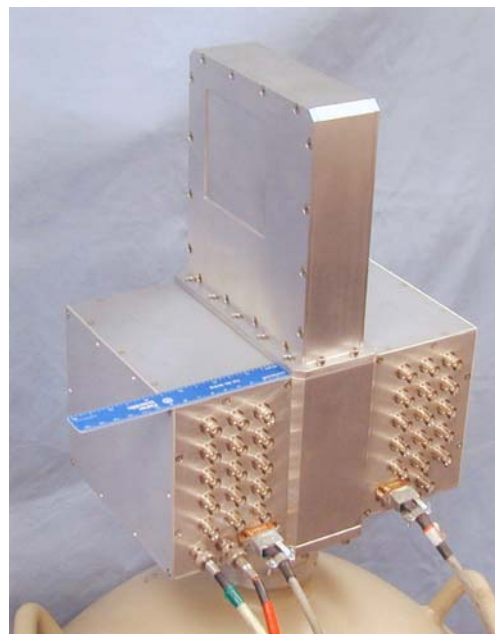
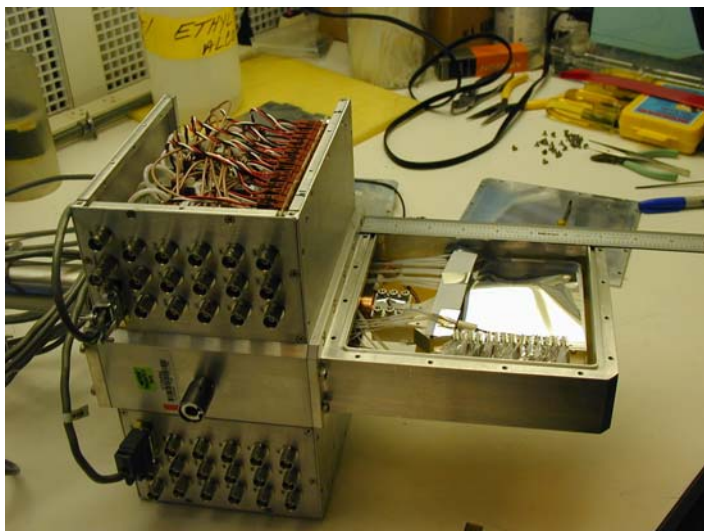
REAL NEED FOR FINANCING OF FACILITY TO GROW BIGGER BOULES.....(15cms)

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# ANL HpGe Strips Detector



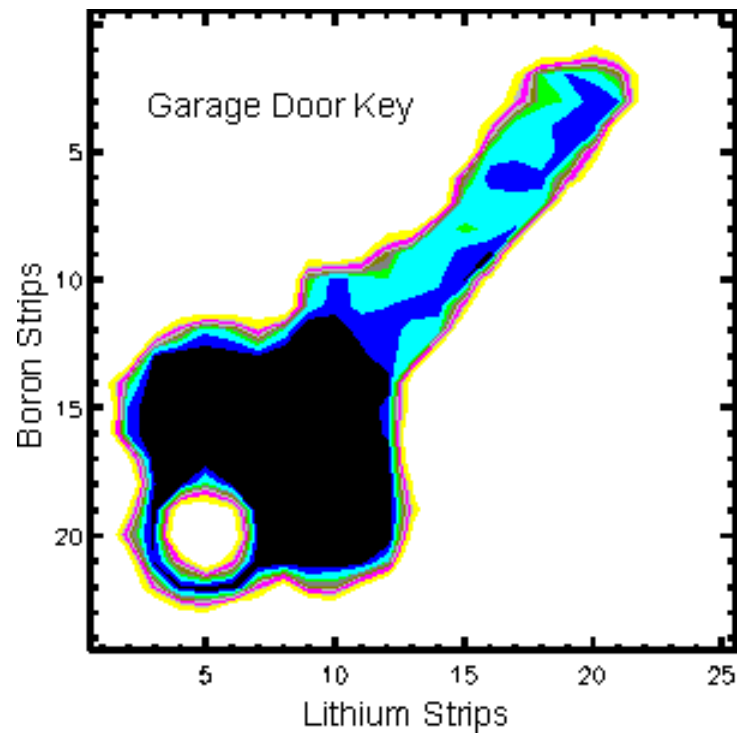
With the premier US germanium detector manufacturer, Ortec, we have built

- ❑ *the biggest* (~90 mm x 90 mm x 20 mm)
- ❑ *the best* (~1.0 keV at 122 keV, ~2.0 keV at 1.3 MeV)

Ge strips detector in the world!

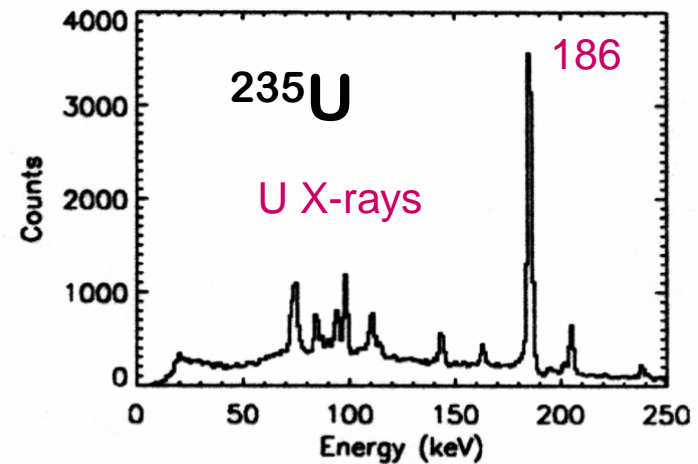
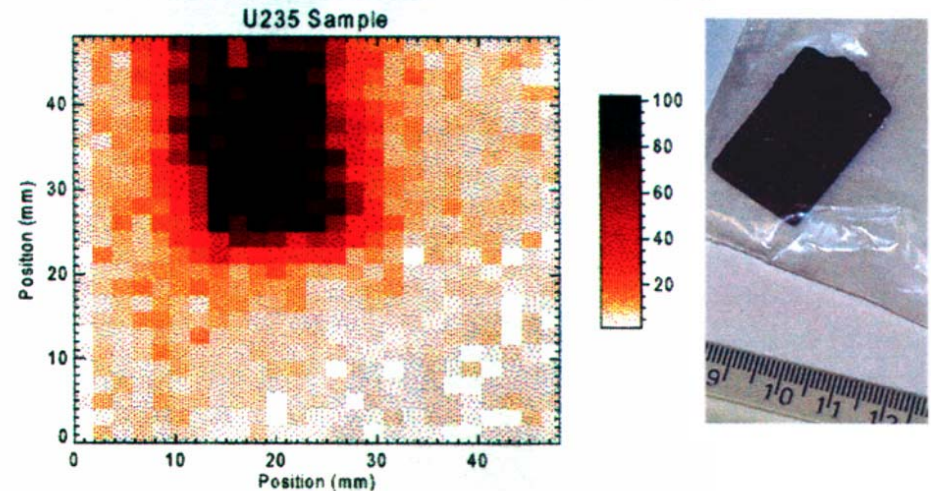


# 2D Imaging Capabilities



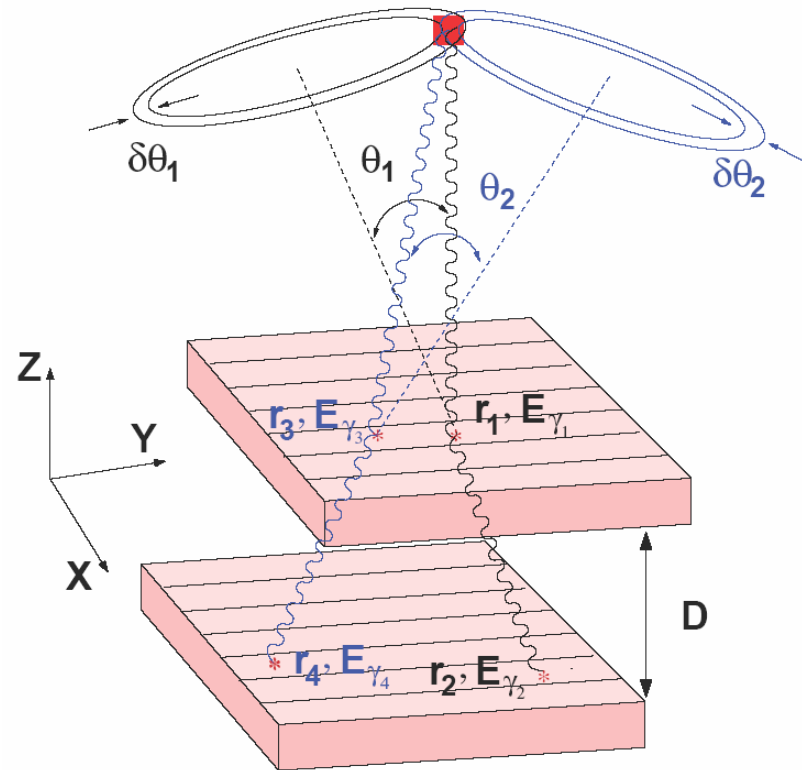
25 x 25 strip HpGeDSSD  
60 keV  $\gamma$ -rays from  $^{241}\text{Am}$  source

S.E. Inderhees et al., IEEE 43 (1996) 1467



Imaging and characterization

# Compton Camera



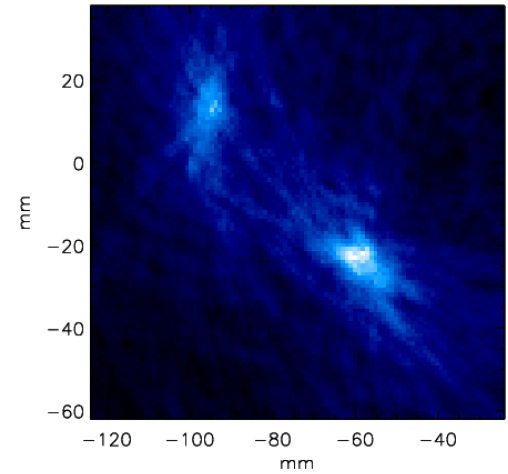
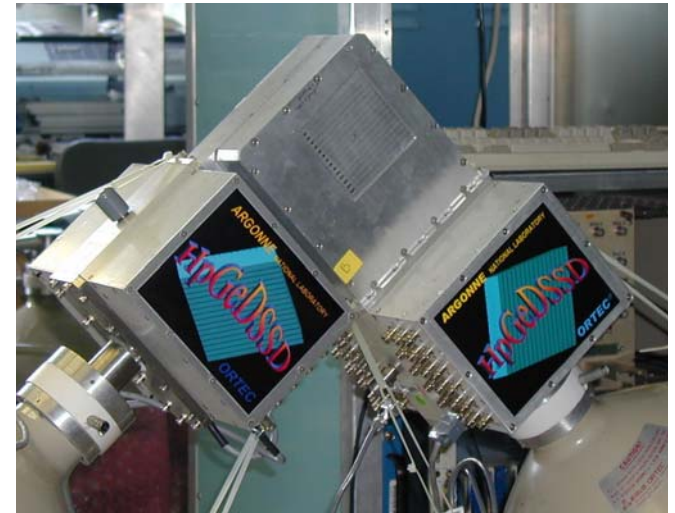
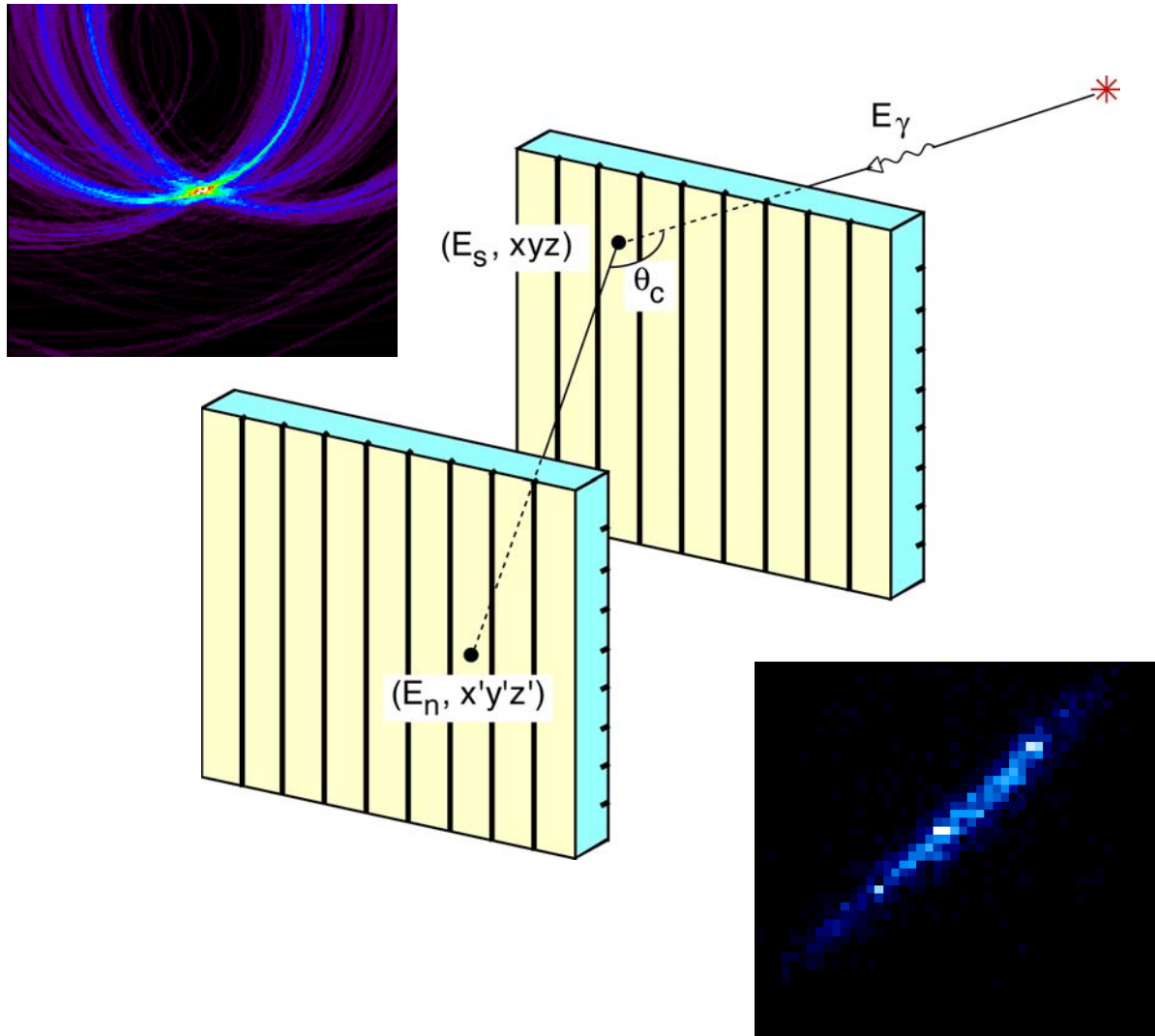
## Concept

- ❑ Gamma ray Compton scatters in the first detector
- ❑ Positions and energies of individual interactions enables to determine pathway of gamma ray in the detector – *gamma-ray tracking!*
- ❑ Energies and positions define cone of incident angles (electron path is not measured)
- ❑ Cones are projected on a plane or a sphere (one circle per event) for 2D or into a cube (one cone per event) for 3D imaging

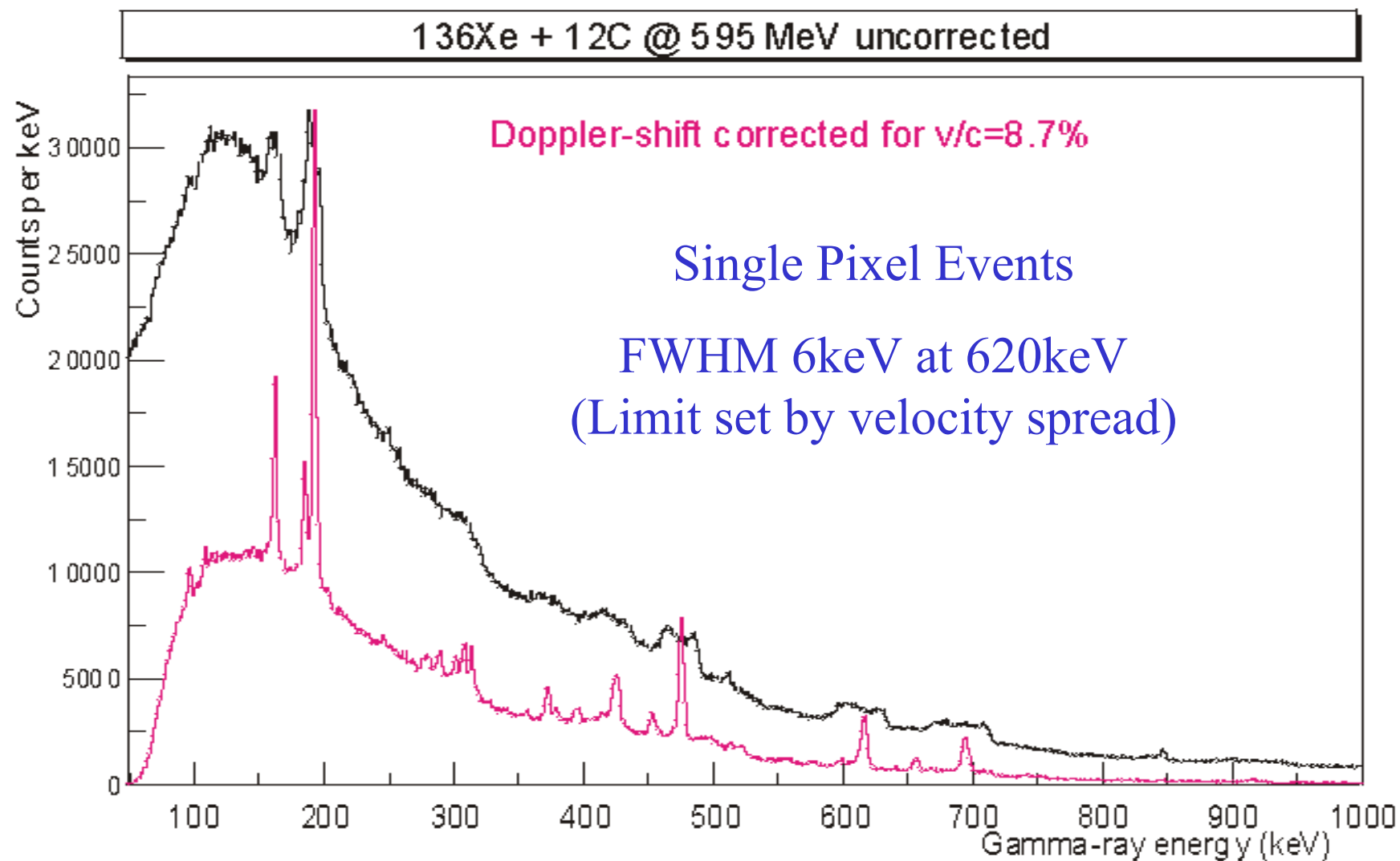
$$\cos \theta_1 = [1 - m_e c^2 ((E_{\gamma} - E_{\gamma 1}) / E_{\gamma} E_{\gamma 1})]$$

$$E_{\gamma} = E_{\gamma 1} + E_{\gamma 2}$$

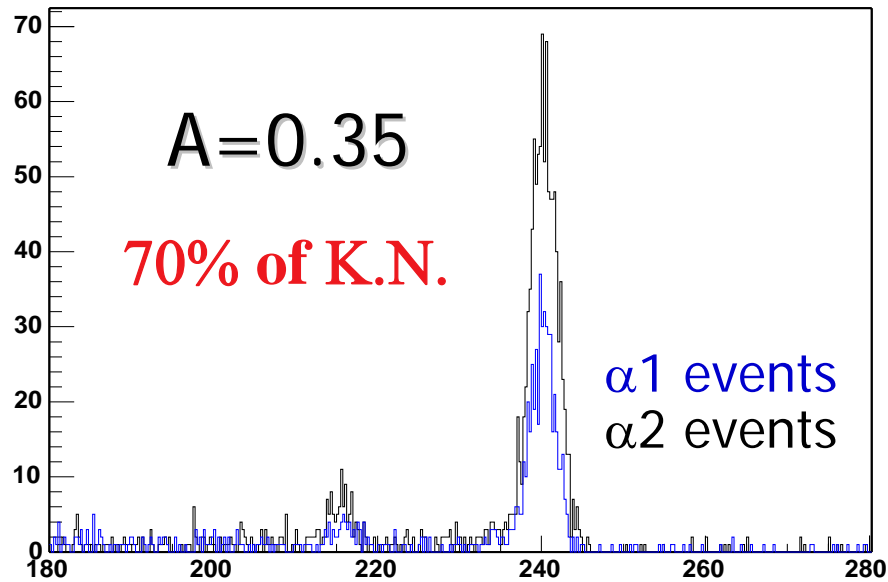
# Compton Camera



# Doppler Correction



# Polarization in $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ coincidences

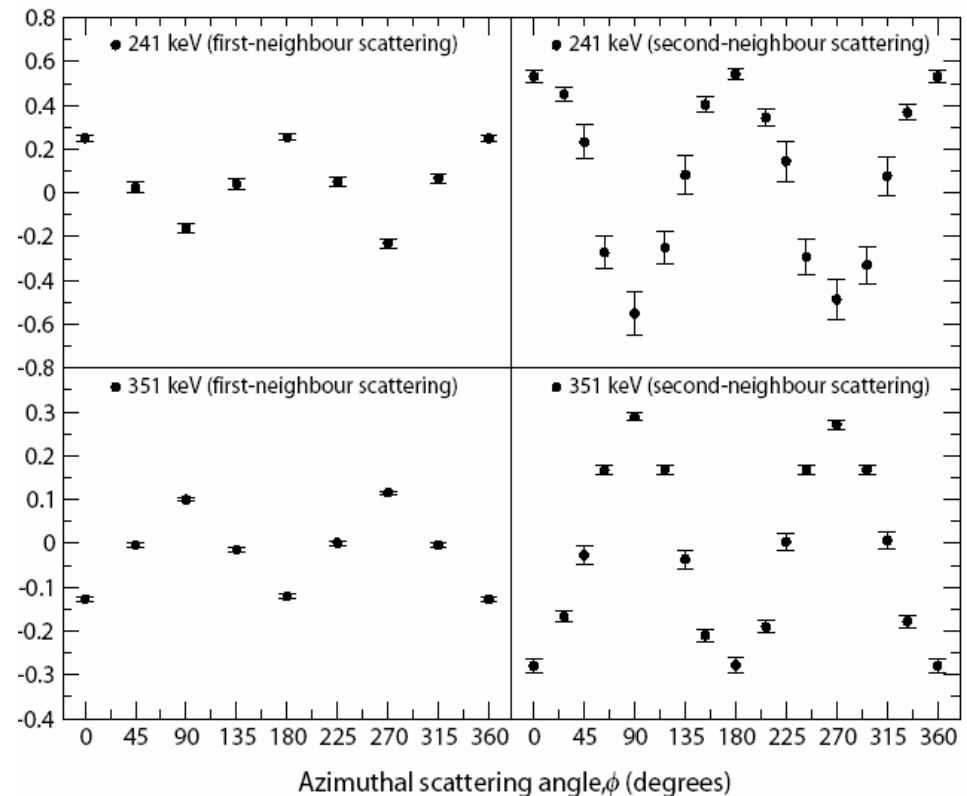


“Second Neighbor” analysis  
has even bigger asymmetry,  
and almost as much data.

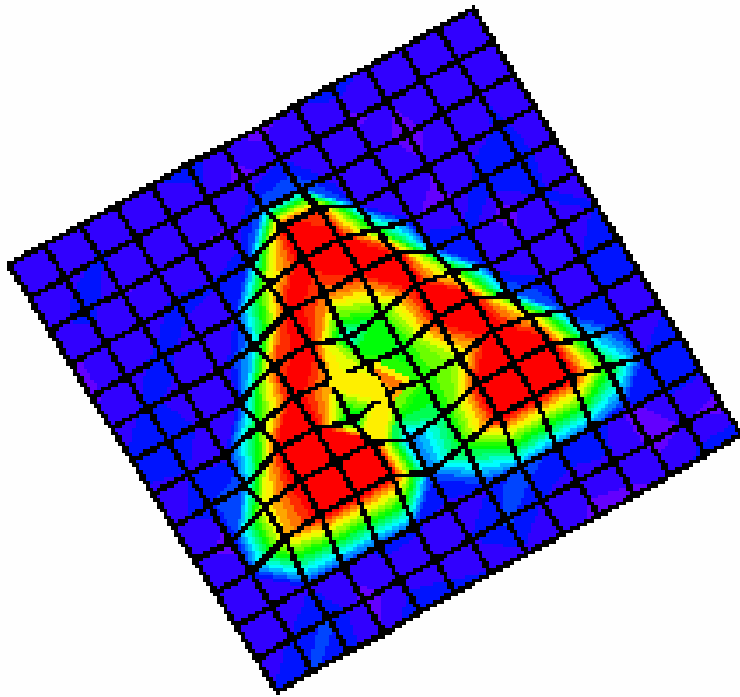
16 pixels vs. 4.

“Worlds Best” figure of merit

Vertical scatters in  
HpGeDSSD (Boron Side)  
 $^{228}\text{Th}$  240keV (0-2-0) correlation

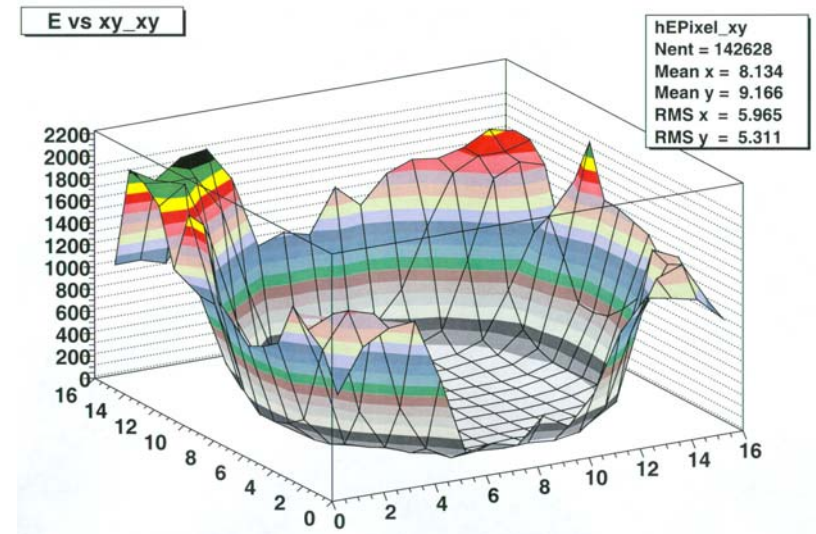


# Imaging



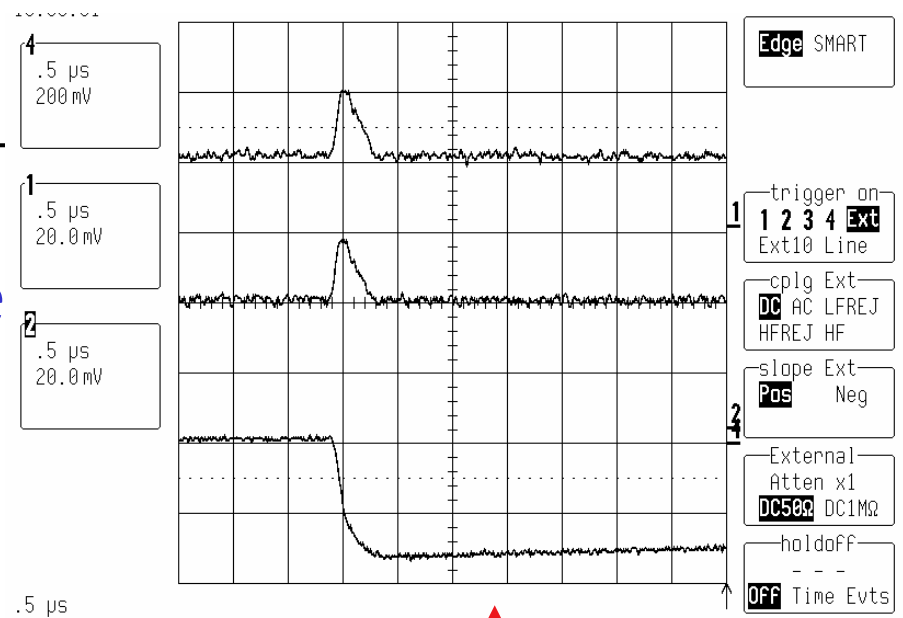
Varying source-object-detector  
baseline can give large magnification  
This image 5mm steel ball bearing

Direct Determination of materials by  
differential absorption

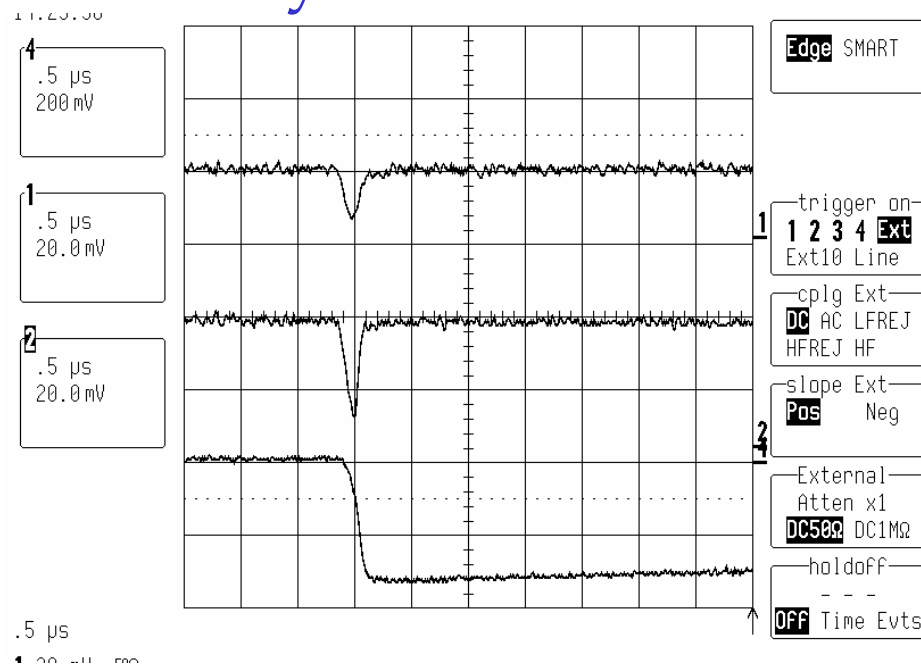


# Digital Signal Processing

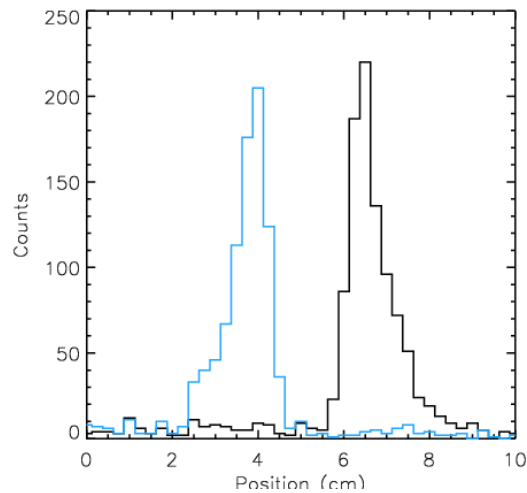
Here lies the most exciting prospect. The drifting charge created by the gamma rays induces images that allows the interaction points to be accurately located.



Shallow (Close to Electrode)  
Central  
Deep (Far from Electrode)  
Right Side

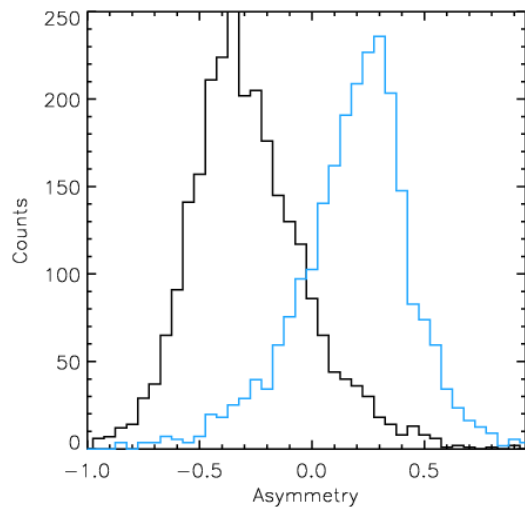


# Digital pulse processing



DEPTH  
From front-back time  
difference of charge  
pulse arrival

1-2 mm  
but depends on position



LATERAL  
From asymmetry of  
induced transient signals

