

# Total Absorption Gamma-ray Spectroscopy (TAS) Applications

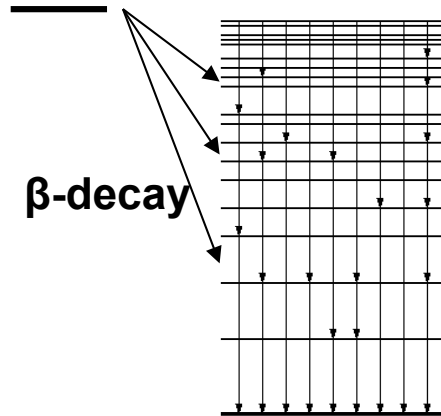
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# Some basic relations of beta decay



$${}_Z A_N \rightarrow {}_{Z+1} A_{N-1} + e^- + \bar{\nu} \quad \beta^-$$

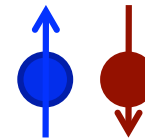
$${}_Z A_N \rightarrow {}_{Z-1} A_{N+1} + e^+ + \nu \quad \beta^+$$

$${}_Z A_N \rightarrow {}_{Z-1} A_{N+1} + \nu + X_{ray} \quad \text{EC}$$

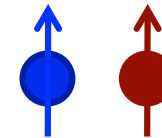
**Selection rules of beta decay**

**The emitted leptons have  $s=1/2$**

**S=0 (Fermi)**



**S=1 (Gamow-Teller)**



**Allowed Transitions ( $L=0$ )**

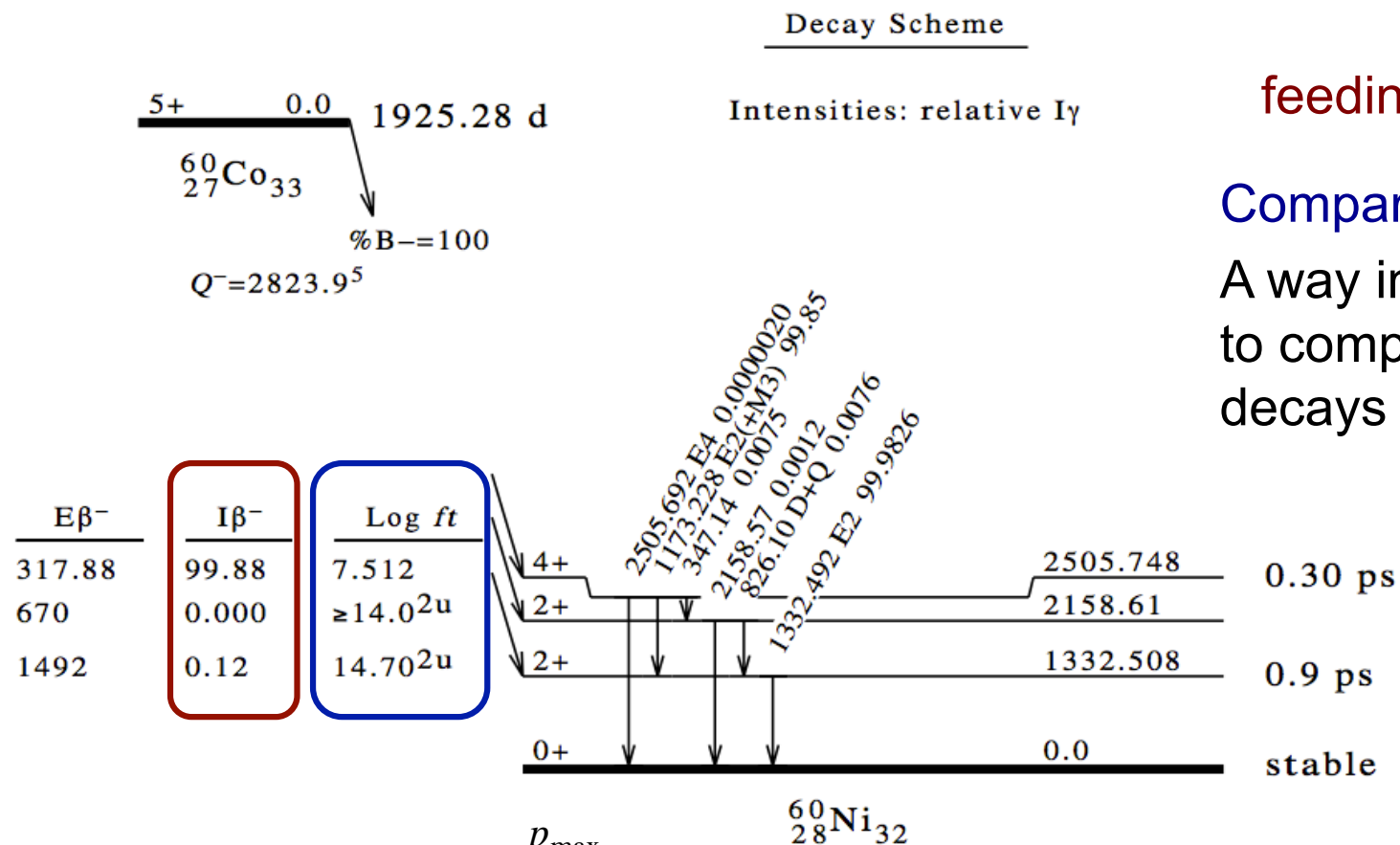
$$\Delta I = |I_i - I_f| = 0 \quad \text{Fermi}$$

$$I_i = I_f + 1, \Delta I = 0, 1 \quad \text{Gamow - Teller}$$

$$\Delta\pi = (-1)^{L=0} = 1, \text{ no change}$$



Example:  $^{60}\text{Co}$  decay from <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/>


$$\text{feeding} := I_{\beta} = P_f * 100$$

## Comparative half-life: ft

A way introduced by Fermi to compare the different decays ( $Q$ ,  $Z'$ )

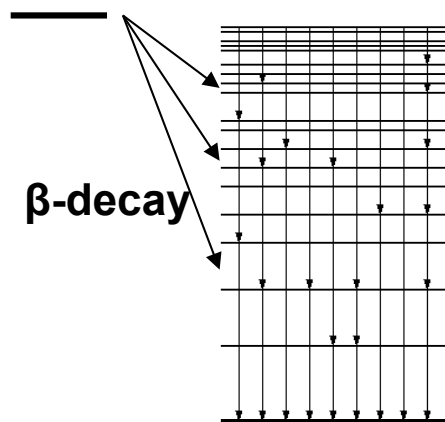
$$f(Z', Q) = const \cdot \int_0^{p_{\max}} F(Z', p) p^2 (Q - E_e)^2 dp$$

$$ft_f = const' \frac{1}{|M_{if}|^2}$$

$$t_f = \frac{T_{1/2}}{P_f}$$

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\lambda} = \tau \ln(2)$$

# Beta decay: feeding /strength distribution



$$ft_f = \text{const}' \frac{1}{|M_{if}|^2} = \text{const}' \frac{1}{B_{if}}$$

Fermi / Gamow-Teller:

$$B_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \left| \langle \Psi_f | \tau^\pm \text{ or } \sigma \tau^\pm | \Psi_i \rangle \right|^2$$

Strength function

$$S_\beta(E) = \frac{P_\beta(E)}{f(Z', Q_\beta - E) T_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{ft(E)}$$

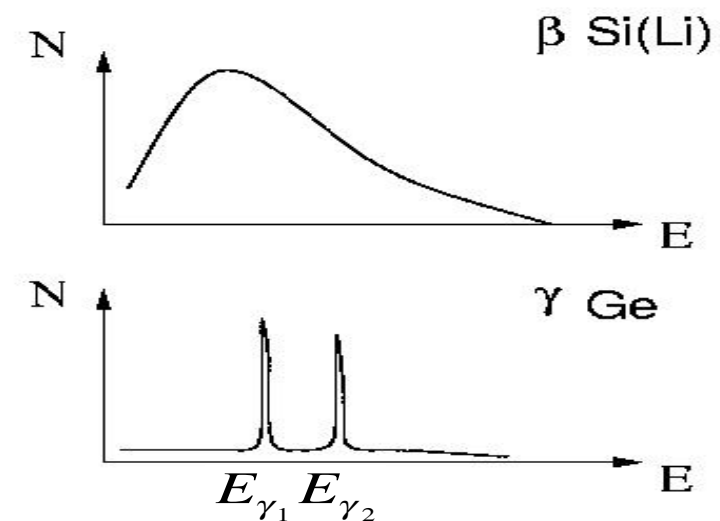
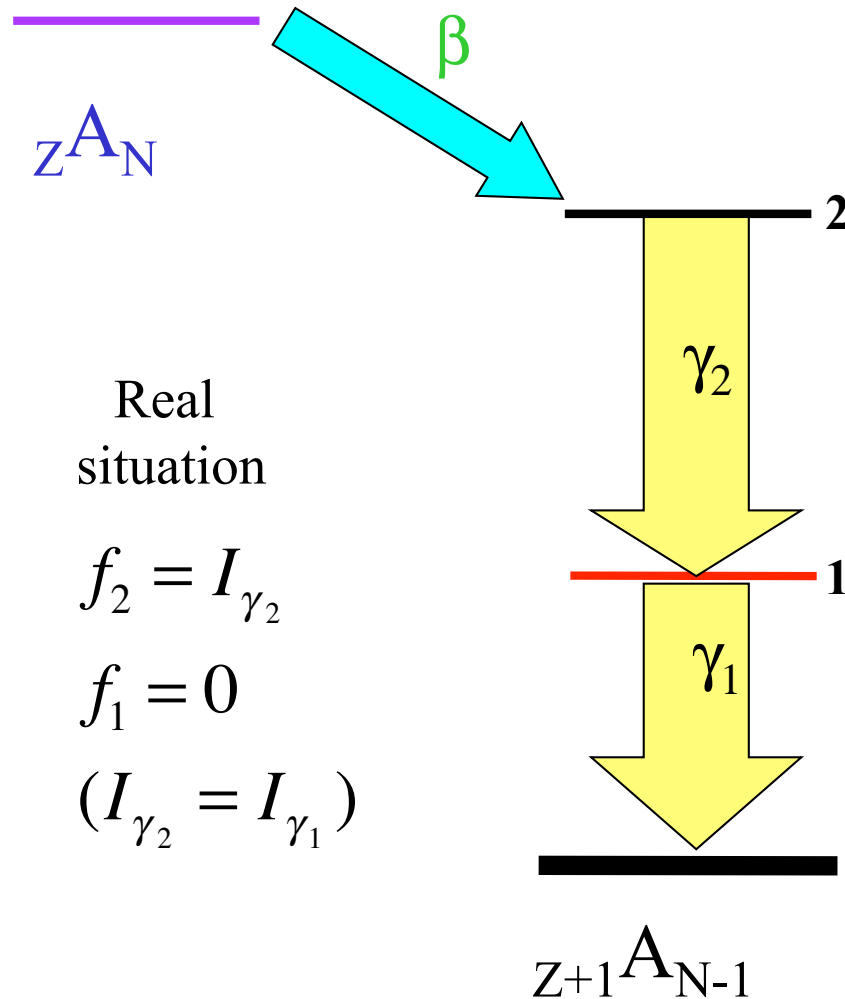
Beta feeding probability

Relationship

$$S_\beta = \frac{1}{6147 \pm 7} \left( \frac{g_A}{g_V} \right)^2 \sum_{E_f \in \Delta E} \frac{1}{\Delta E} B_{i \rightarrow f}$$

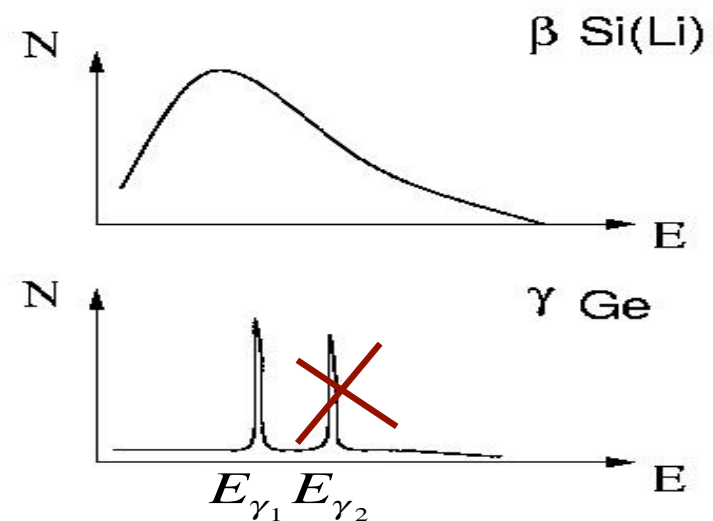
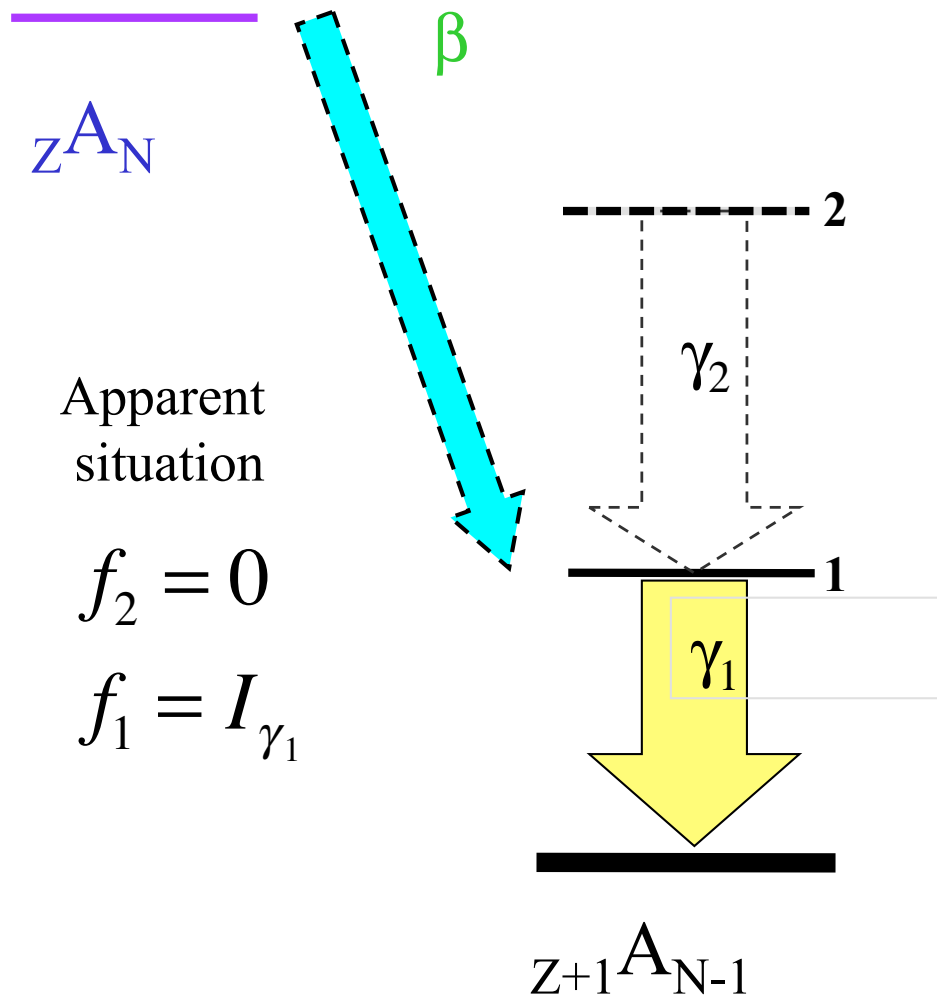


# The problem of measuring the $\beta$ -feeding



- Ge detectors are conventionally used to construct the level scheme populated in the decay
- From the  $\gamma$  intensity balance we deduce the  $\beta$ -feeding

# Experimental perspective: the problem of measuring the $\beta$ - feeding



- What happens if we miss some intensity

$$\text{Single } \gamma \sim \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Coinc } \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \sim \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2$$



# Pandemonium (The Capital of Hell)

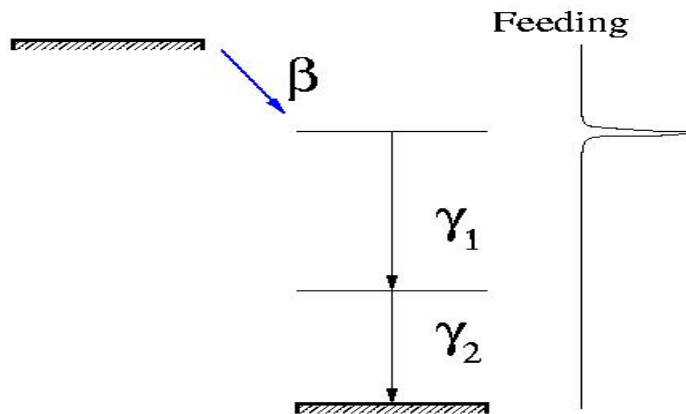
introduced by John Milton (XVII) in his epic poem *Paradise Lost*



John Martin (~ 1825)

Hardy et al., *Phys. Lett.* 71B (1977) 307

# TAGS measurements



Since the gamma detection is the only reasonable way to solve the problem, we need a highly efficient device:

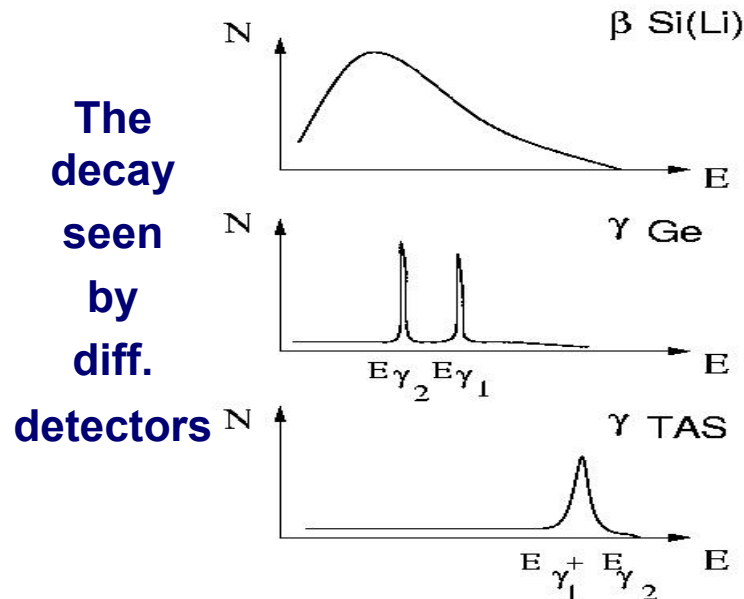
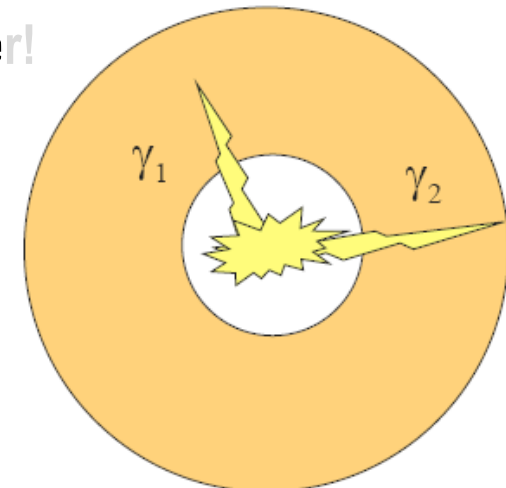
## A TOTAL ABSORPTION SPECTROMETER

But we need a change in philosophy. Instead of detecting the individual gamma rays we sum the energy deposited by the gamma cascades in the detector.

A TAS is like a calorimeter!

Big crystal,  $4\pi$

$$d = R(B) \cdot f$$





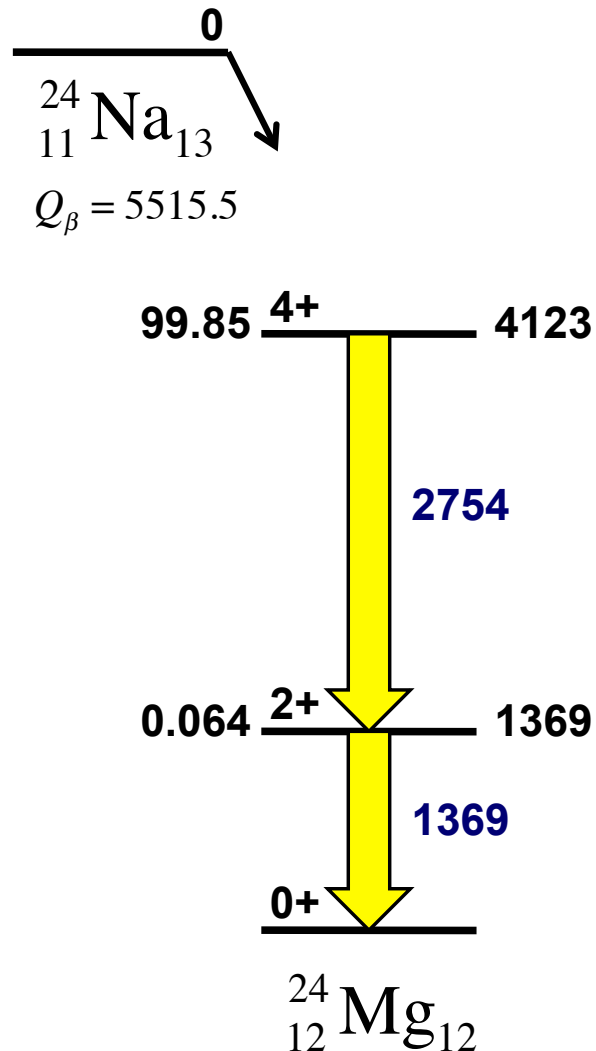
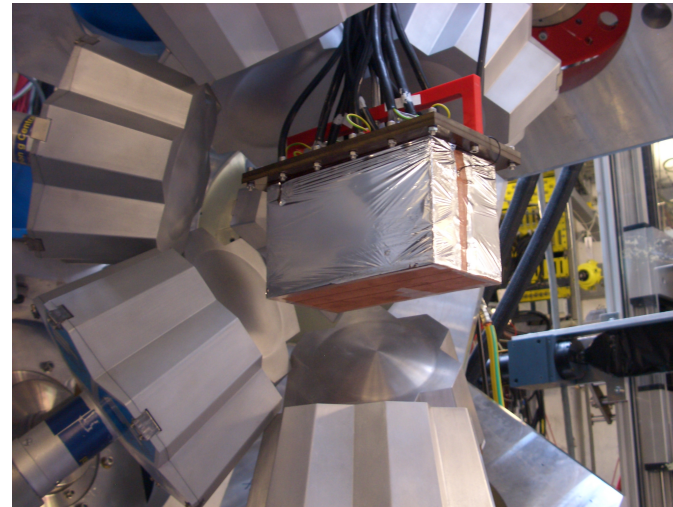
# Ge detector case: $^{24}\text{Na}$ decay



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Stopped Beam  
Configuration:  
15 clusters, 105  
Ge capsules



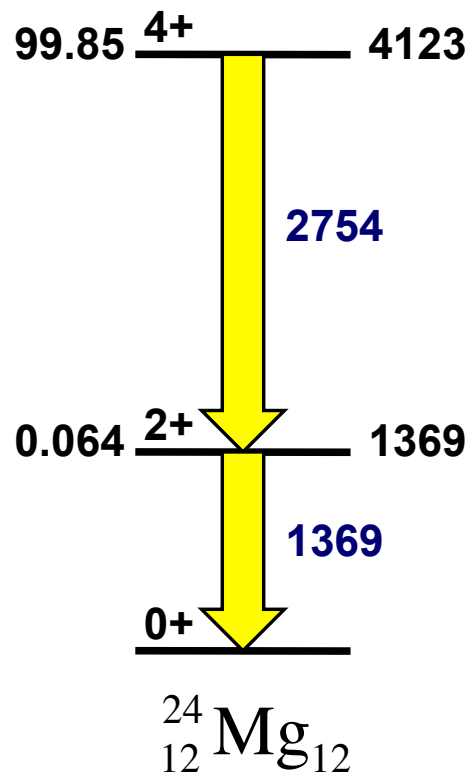
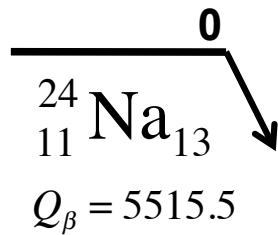
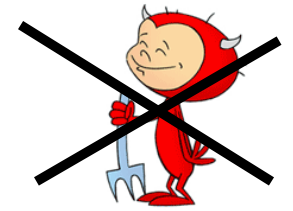
$$\epsilon_{p1} = 0.10 \quad \gamma_1 = 1369 \text{ keV}$$

$$\epsilon_{p2} = 0.06 \quad \gamma_2 = 2754 \text{ keV}$$

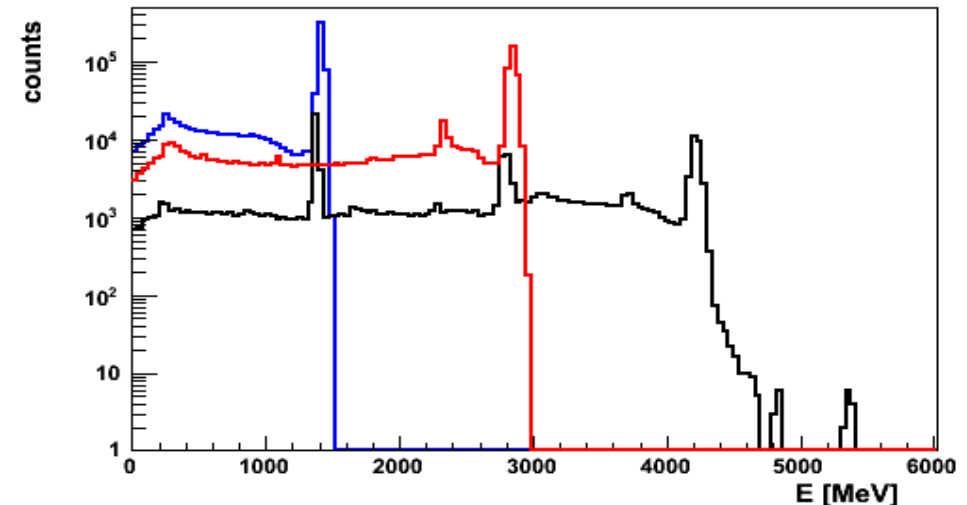
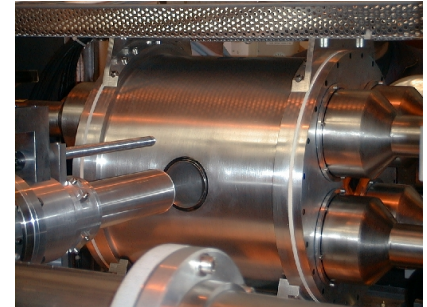
$$\epsilon_{coinc} = \epsilon_{p1} \cdot \epsilon_{p2}$$

$$\epsilon_{coinc} = 0.006$$

# TAS case: $^{24}\text{Na}$ decay



$$d = R(B) \cdot f$$



$$\varepsilon_{Total}(1369 \text{ keV}) = 0.81$$

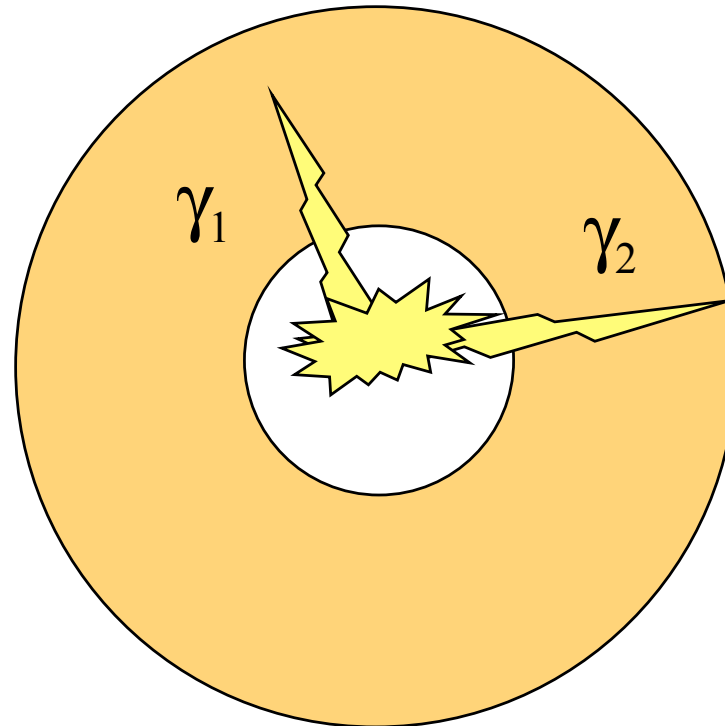
$$\varepsilon_{Total}(2754 \text{ keV}) = 0.72$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon_{Total}(cascade) &= \varepsilon_{Total}^{\gamma_1}(1 - \varepsilon_{Total}^{\gamma_2}) \\
 &+ \varepsilon_{Total}^{\gamma_2}(1 - \varepsilon_{Total}^{\gamma_1}) + \varepsilon_{Total}^{\gamma_1}\varepsilon_{Total}^{\gamma_2} = 0.95
 \end{aligned}$$



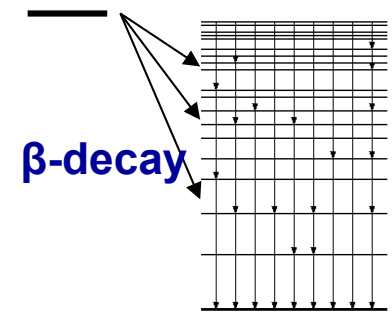
# Problems associated with TAS (TAZ)

- The analysis is difficult and lengthy since it requires a careful calculation of the response function of the detector to the decay (but nowadays we have the tools to attack the problem)
- Special care have to be taken with the contaminants



# Analysis

$$d_i = \sum_j R_{ij} f_j \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{f}$$



$\mathbf{R}$  is the response function of the spectrometer,  $R_{ij}$  means the probability that feeding at a level  $j$  gives counts in data channel  $i$  of the spectrum

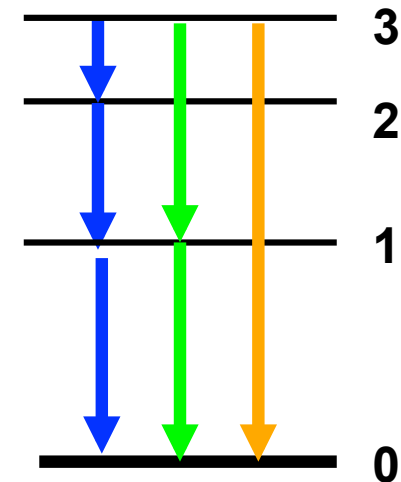
The response matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  can be constructed by recursive convolution:

$$\mathbf{R}_j = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} b_{jk} \mathbf{g}_{jk} \otimes \mathbf{R}_k$$

$\mathbf{g}_{jk}$ :  $\gamma$ -response for  $j \rightarrow k$  transition

$\mathbf{R}_k$ : response for level  $k$

$b_{jk}$ : branching ratio for  $j \rightarrow k$  transition

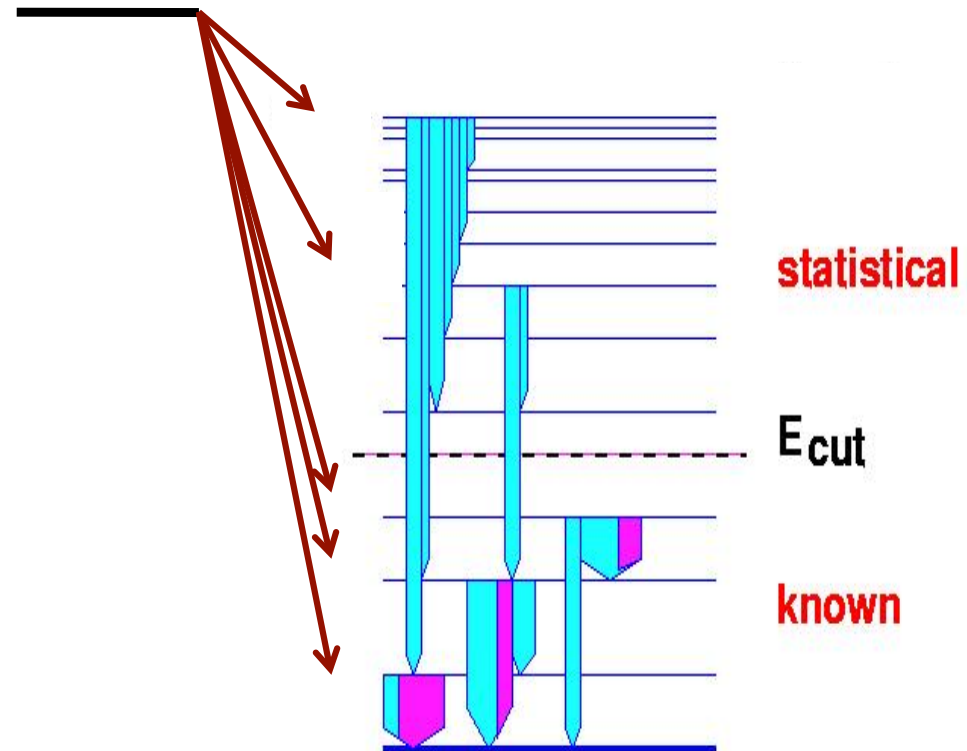


Mathematical formalization by Tain, Cano, et al.



# The complexity of the TAGS analysis: an ill posed problem

$$d = R(B) \cdot f$$



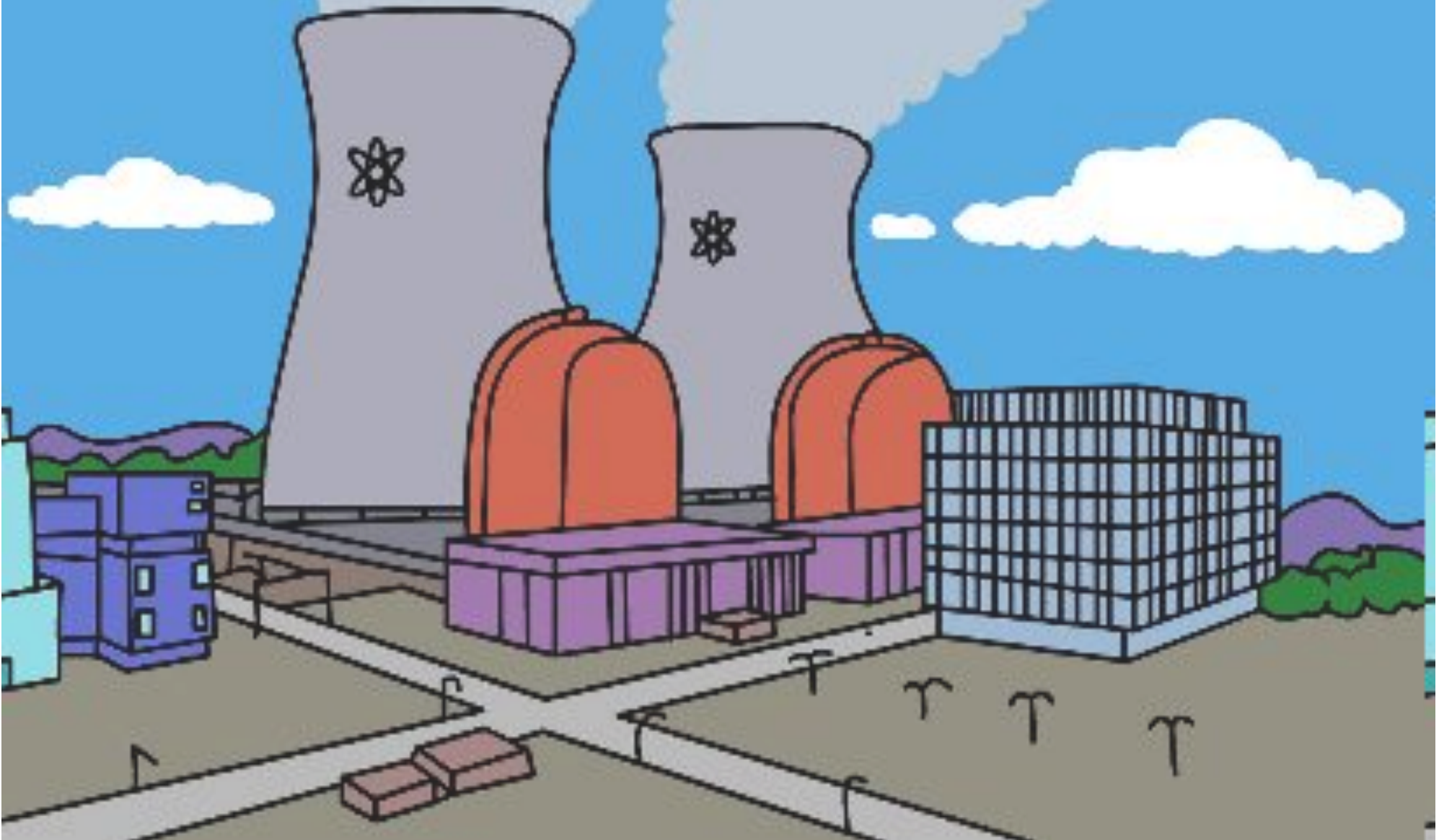
**Expectation Maximization (EM) method:**  
modify knowledge on causes from effects

**Algorithm:**

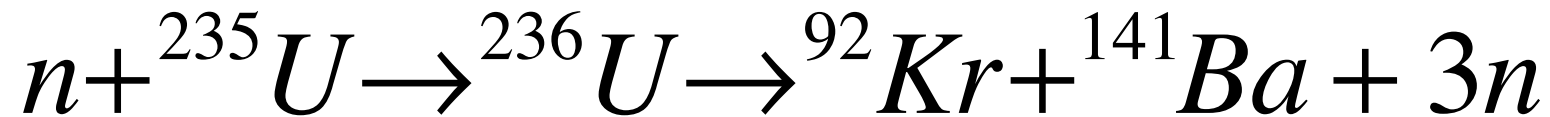
$$f_j^{(s+1)} = \frac{1}{\sum_i R_{ij}} \sum_i \frac{R_{ij} f_j^{(s)} d_i}{\sum_k R_{ik} f_k^{(s)}}$$

$$P(f_j | d_i) = \frac{P(d_i | f_j) P(f_j)}{\sum_j P(d_i | f_j) P(f_j)}$$

# Application to the reactor decay heat problem



# Elementary fission



Zr92 z: 40 n: 52	93ZR	94ZR	95ZR	96ZR
91Y	Y92 z: 39 n: 53	93Y	94Y	95Y
90SR	91SR	Sr92 z: 38 n: 54	93SR	94SR
89RB	90RB	91RB	Rb92 z: 37 n: 55	93RB
88KR	89KR	90KR	91KR	Kr92 z: 36 n: 56

Pr141 z: 59 n: 82	142PR	143PR	144PR
140CE	Ce141 z: 58 n: 83	142CE	143CE
139LA	140LA	La141 z: 57 n: 84	142LA
138BA	139BA	140BA	Ba141 z: 56 n: 85

$${}^{236}\text{U} \quad Z/N = 92/144 = 0.64$$

$$SN(Z = 40) \quad Z/N = 40/52 = 0.77$$

$${}^{92}\text{Kr} \quad Z/N = 36/56 = 0.64$$

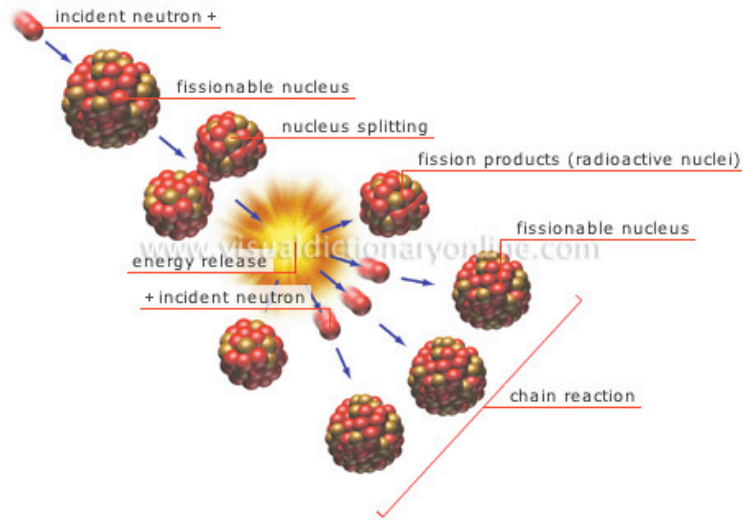
$$SN(Z = 59) \quad Z/N = 59/82 = 0.72$$

$${}^{141}\text{Ba} \quad Z/N = 56/85 = 0.66$$

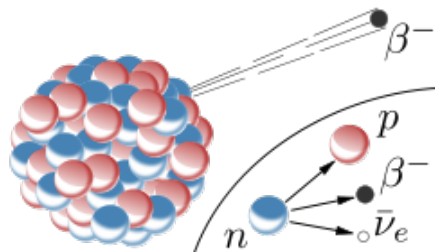
Fission products will have a neutron excess compared with stable nuclei around  $Z=50$ . So they will decay beta minus



# Fission process energy balance and beta decay



**Each fission is approximately followed by 6 beta decays (sizable amount of energy released by the fission products)**



## Energy released in the fission of $^{235}\text{U}$

Energy distribution	MeV
Kinetic energy light fission fragment	100.0
Kinetic energy heavy fission fragment	66.2
Prompt neutrons	4.8
Prompt gamma rays	8.0
Beta energy of fission fragments	7.0
Gamma energy of fission fragments	7.2
Subtotal	192.9
Energy taken by the neutrinos	9.6
Total	202.7

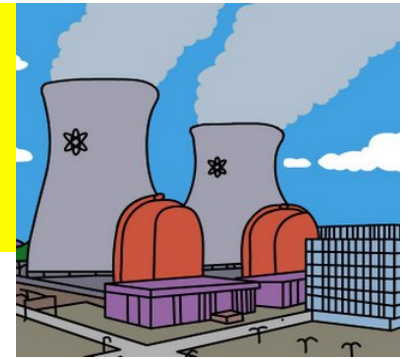
**James, J. Nucl. Energy 23 (1969) 517**







# Decay heat: how to determine it ?



- Measure it (lacks flexibility and it is costly)
- Try to predict or calculate in the best way
  - Statistical method (the first solution)

Way and Wigner, Phys. Rev. 73 (1948) 1318

$$B(t) = 1.26t^{-1.2} MeV / s$$

$$\Gamma(t) = 1.40t^{-1.2} MeV / s$$

later, Griffin, Phys. Rev. 134 (1964) B817

- Summation calculations (next slide)

# Decay heat: summation calculations



$$f(t) = \sum_i E_i \lambda_i N_i(t)$$

$E_i$  Decay energy of the nucleus i (gamma, beta or both)

$\lambda_i$  Decay constant of the nucleus i  $\lambda = \frac{\ln(2)}{T_{1/2}}$

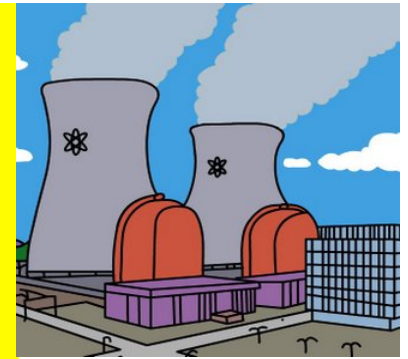
$N_i$  Number of nuclei i at the cooling time t

Requirements for the calculations: large databases that contain all the required information (**half-lives, mean  $\gamma$ - and  $\beta$ -energies** released in the decay, n-capture cross sections, fission yields, this last information is needed to calculate the inventory of nuclides)



# The inventory of nuclides:

$$f(t) = \sum_i E_i \lambda_i N_i(t)$$

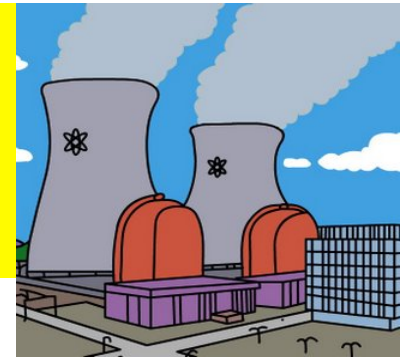


**Solve a linear system of coupled first order differential equations**

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = -(\lambda_i + \sigma_i \phi) N_i + \sum_j f_{j \rightarrow i} \lambda_j N_j + \sum_k \mu_{k \rightarrow i} \sigma_k \phi N_k + y_i F$$

$N_i$	Number of nuclides i	$f_{i \rightarrow j}$	branching ratio of j to i decay
$\lambda_i$	decay constant i	$\mu_{k \rightarrow i}$	{ production rate of i per one neutron capture of k
$\sigma_i$	capture cross section i	$y_i$	
$\phi$	neutron flux	F	fission rate

# Decay heat: summation calculations



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**The topic of this talk is related basically to the determination of the mean energies released in the decay and their impact.**

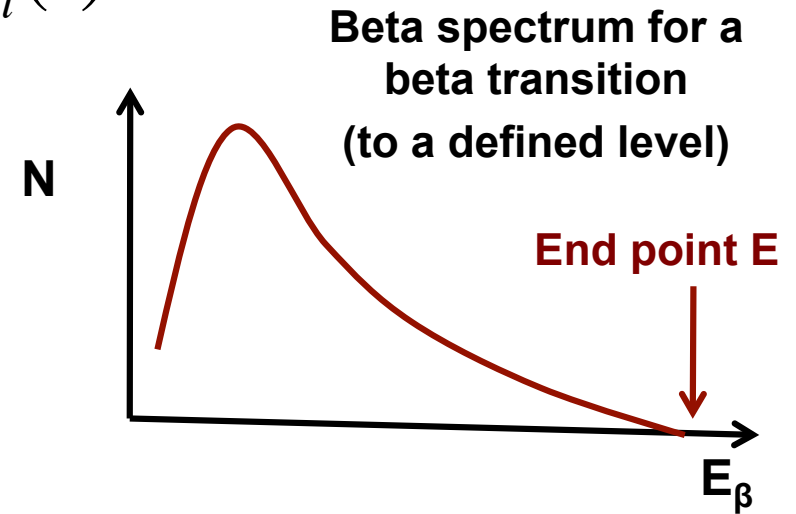
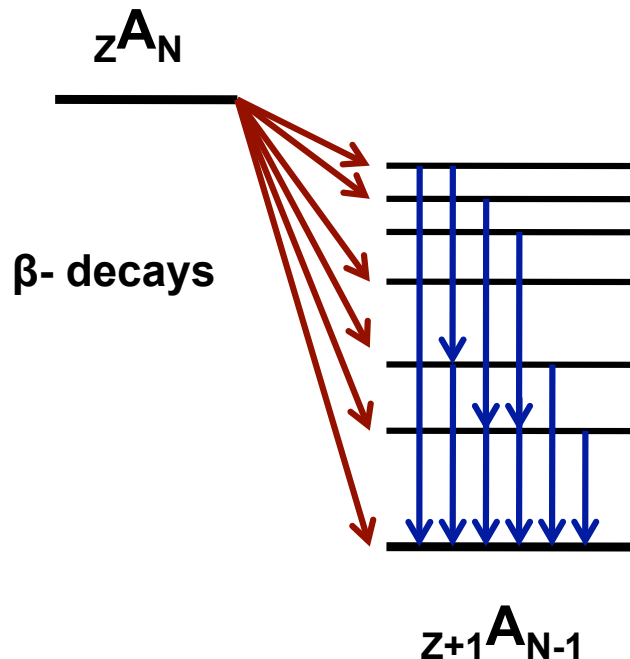
**Question, how that is determined?**

**They are based in the data available from conventional nuclear structure databases (formulas later).**

# How the mean energies are determined ?

$$f(t) = \sum_i E_i \lambda_i N_i(t)$$

DATABASES:  
feeding or beta  
decay prob.  
distributions



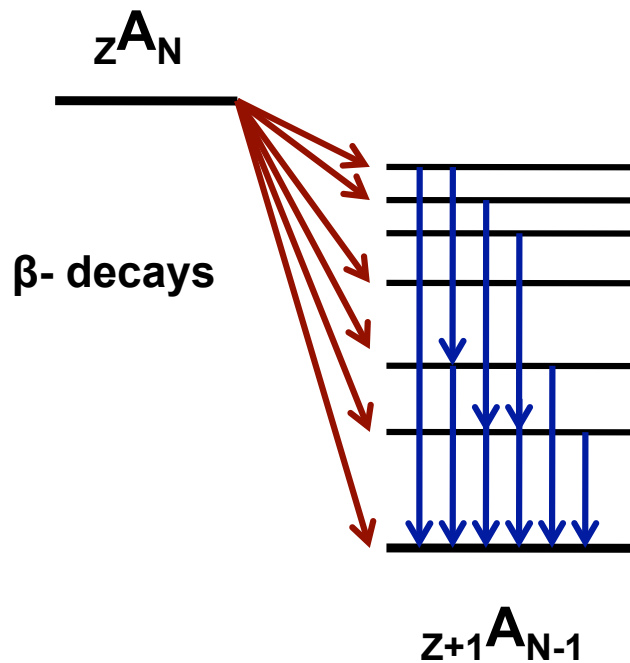
$$\bar{E}_\beta = \sum_i I_\beta(E_i) \langle E_{\beta,i} \rangle$$

$$\bar{E}_\gamma = \sum_i I_\beta(E_i) E_i$$

# Mean energies and Pandemonium

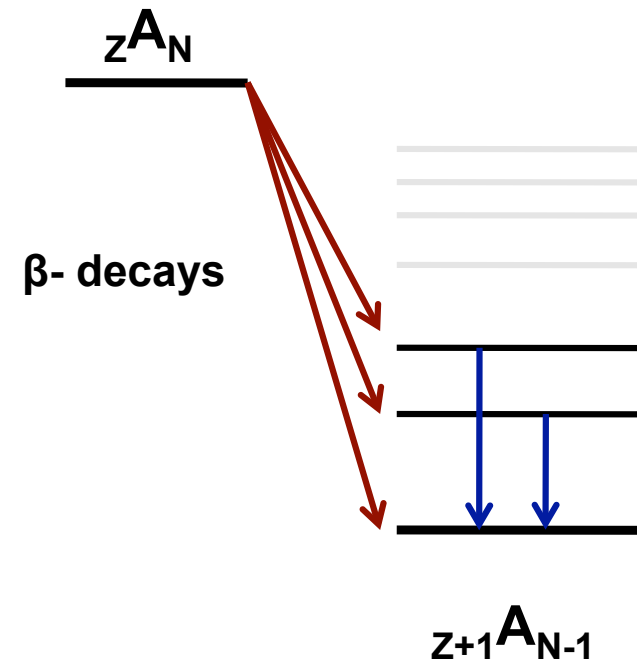


$$f(t) = \sum_i \textcircled{E_i} \lambda_i N_i(t)$$



$$\overline{E}_\beta = \sum_i I_\beta(E_i) \langle E_{\beta,i} \rangle$$

$$\overline{E}_\gamma = \sum_i I_\beta(E_i) E_i$$



$\overline{E}_\beta$  overestimation

$\overline{E}_\gamma$  underestimation



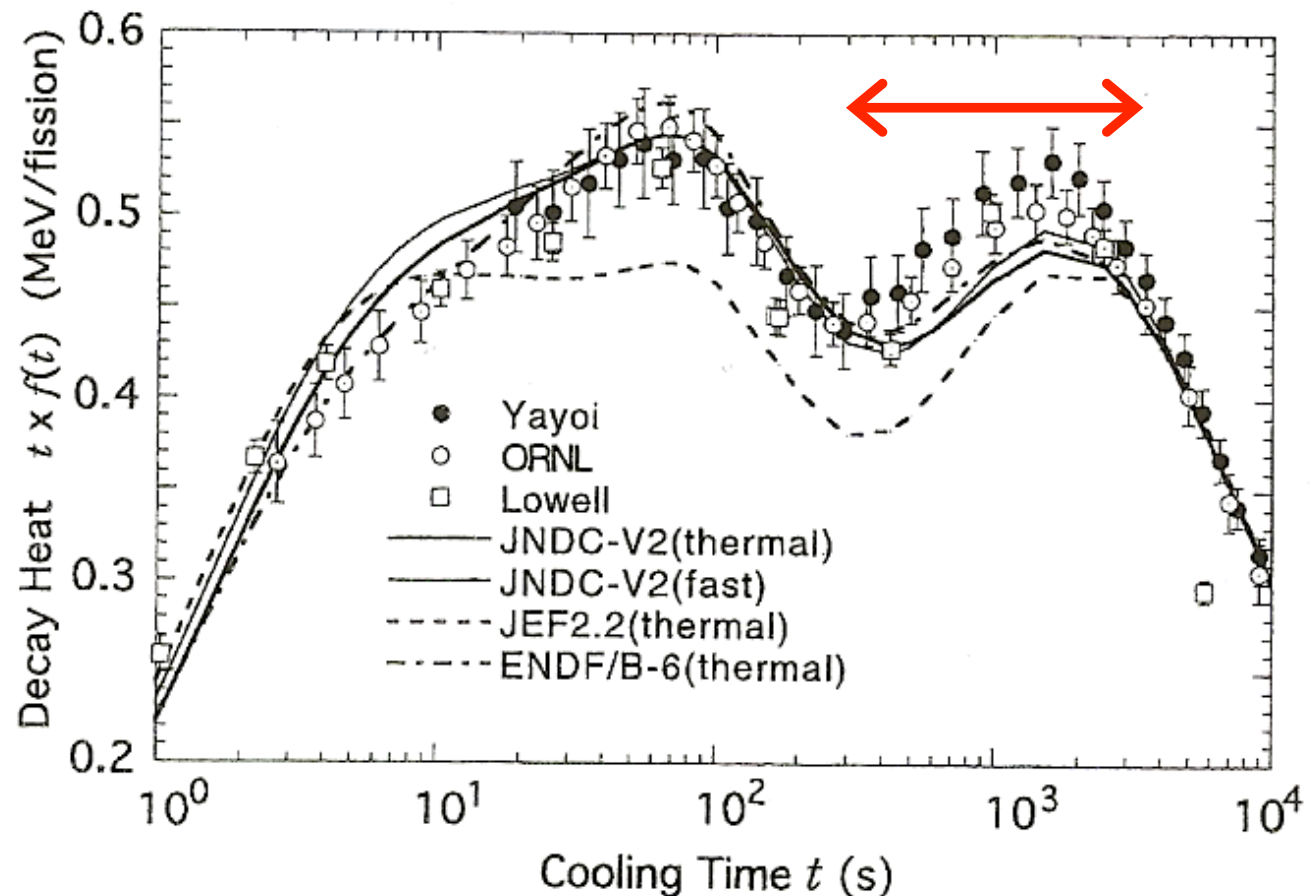
# The beginning ...

We got interested in the topic after the work of Yoshida and co-workers (Journ. of Nucl. Sc. and Tech. 36 (1999) 135)

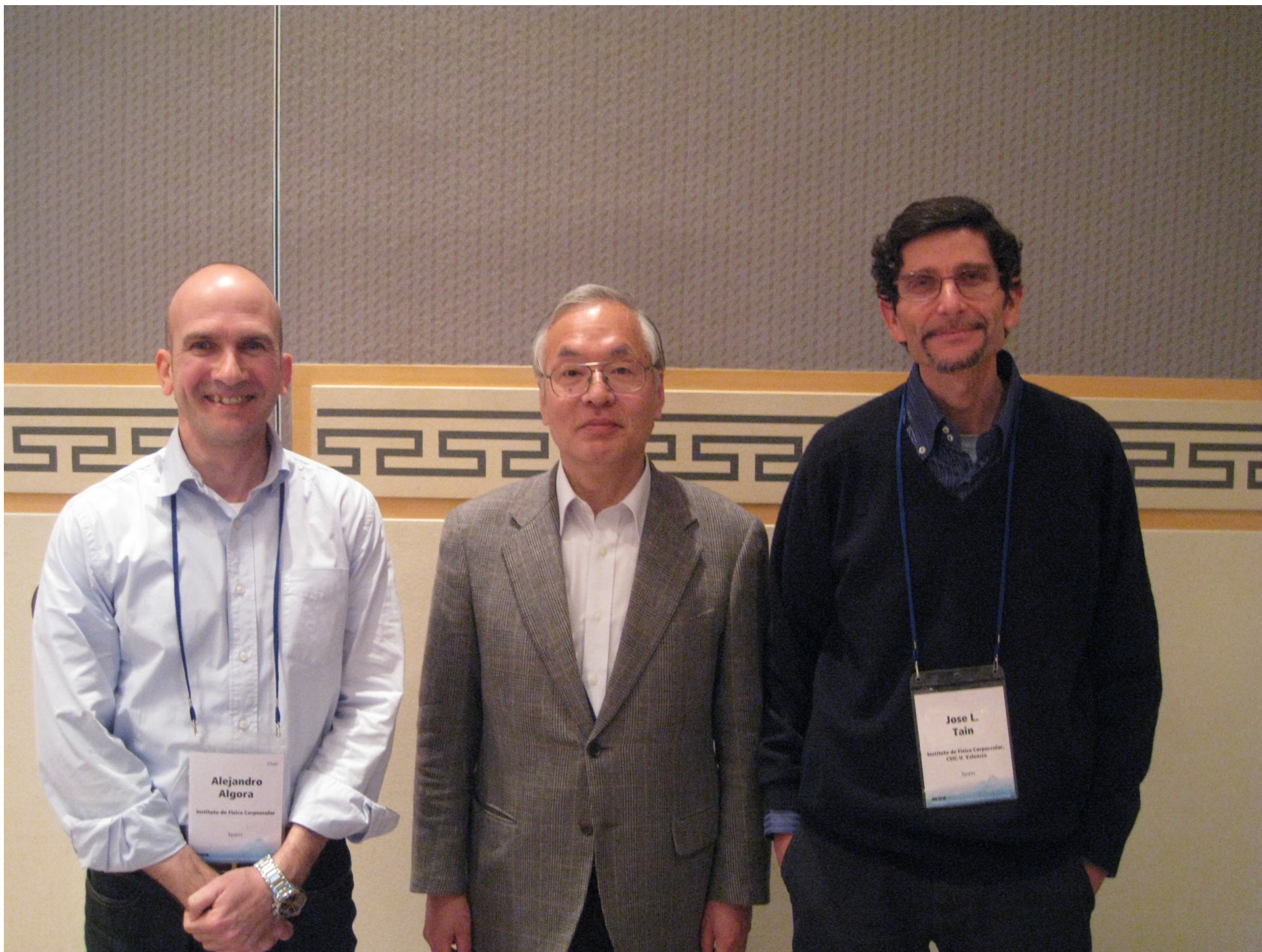
$^{239}\text{Pu}$  example  
(similar situation for  $^{235,238}\text{U}$ )

Detective work:  
identification of some nuclei that could be blamed for the anomaly  $^{102,104,105}\text{Tc}$

$^{239}\text{Pu}$  example ( $\gamma$  component)







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# The famous list

## WPEC-25 (IAEA working group)

Radionuclide	Priority	Radionuclide	Priority	Radionuclide	Priority
35-Br-86	1	41-Nb-99	1	52-Te-135	2
35-Br-87	1	41-Nb-100	1	53-I-136	1
35-Br-88	1	41-Nb-101	1	53-I-136m	1
36-Kr-89	1	41-Nb-102	2	53-I-137	1
36-Kr-90	1	42-Mo-103	1	54-Xe-137	1
37-Rb-90m	2	42-Mo-105	1	54-Xe-139	1
37-Rb-92	2	43-Tc-102	1	54-Xe-140	1
38-Sr-89	2	43-Tc-103	1	55-Cs-142	3
38-Sr-97	2	43-Tc-104	1	56-Ba-145	2
39-Y-96	2	43-Tc-105	1	57-La-143	2
40-Zr-99	3	43-Tc-106	1	57-La-145	2
40-Zr-100	2	43-Tc-107	2		
41-Nb-98	1	51-Sb-132	1		

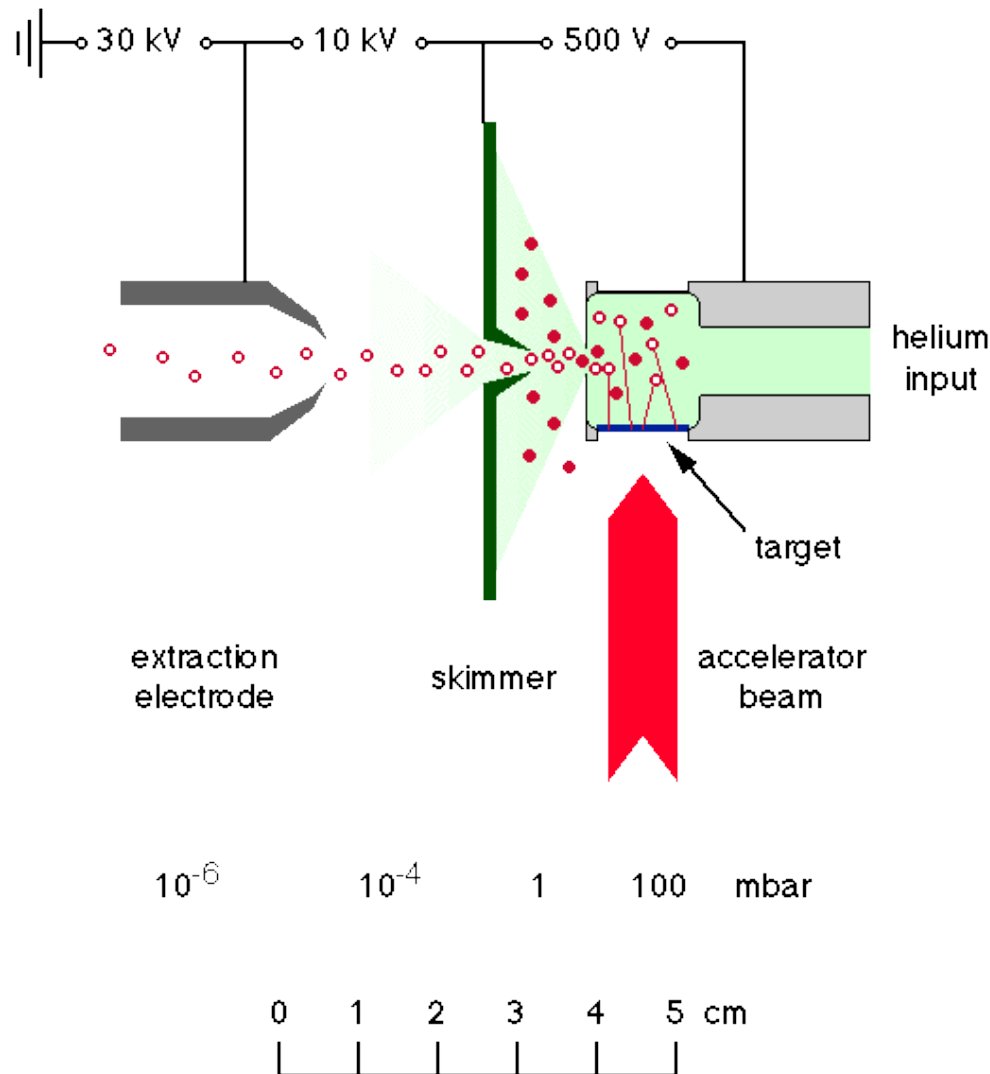
37 nuclides, of which 23 were given first priority.

Our favorite place for “polar” experiences  
Published cases until know:  
Yoshida’s work ( $^{102,104,105}\text{Tc}$ )  
WPEC-25 ( $^{102,104,105,106,107}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{105}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{101}\text{Nb}$ )





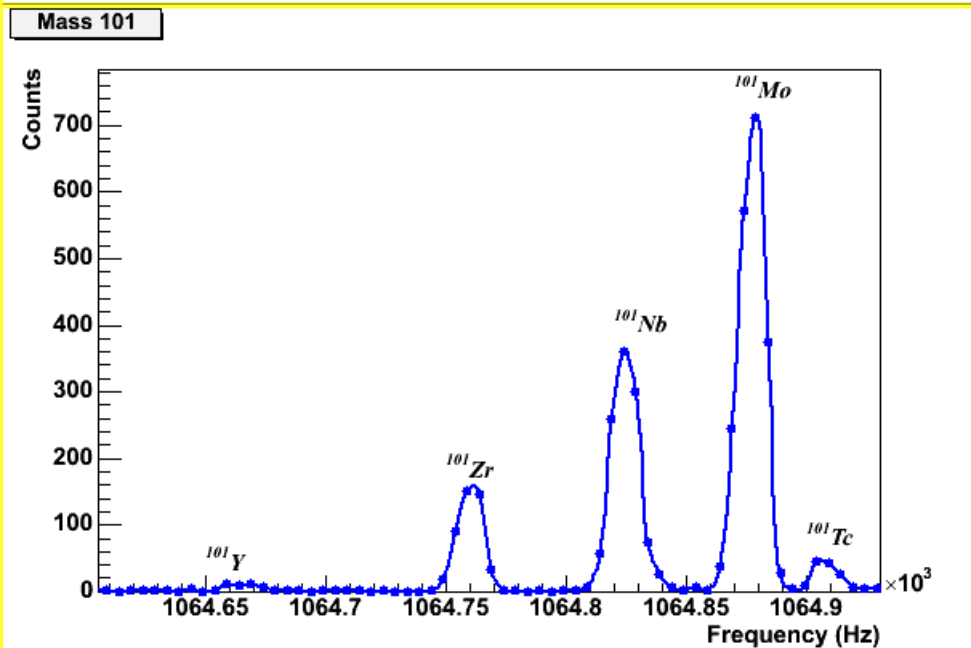
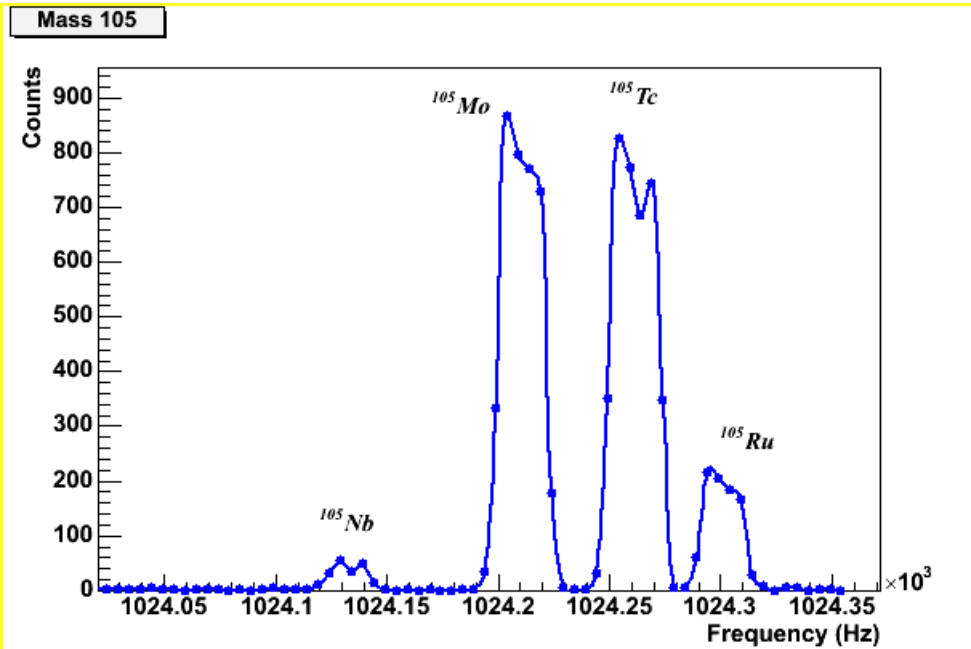
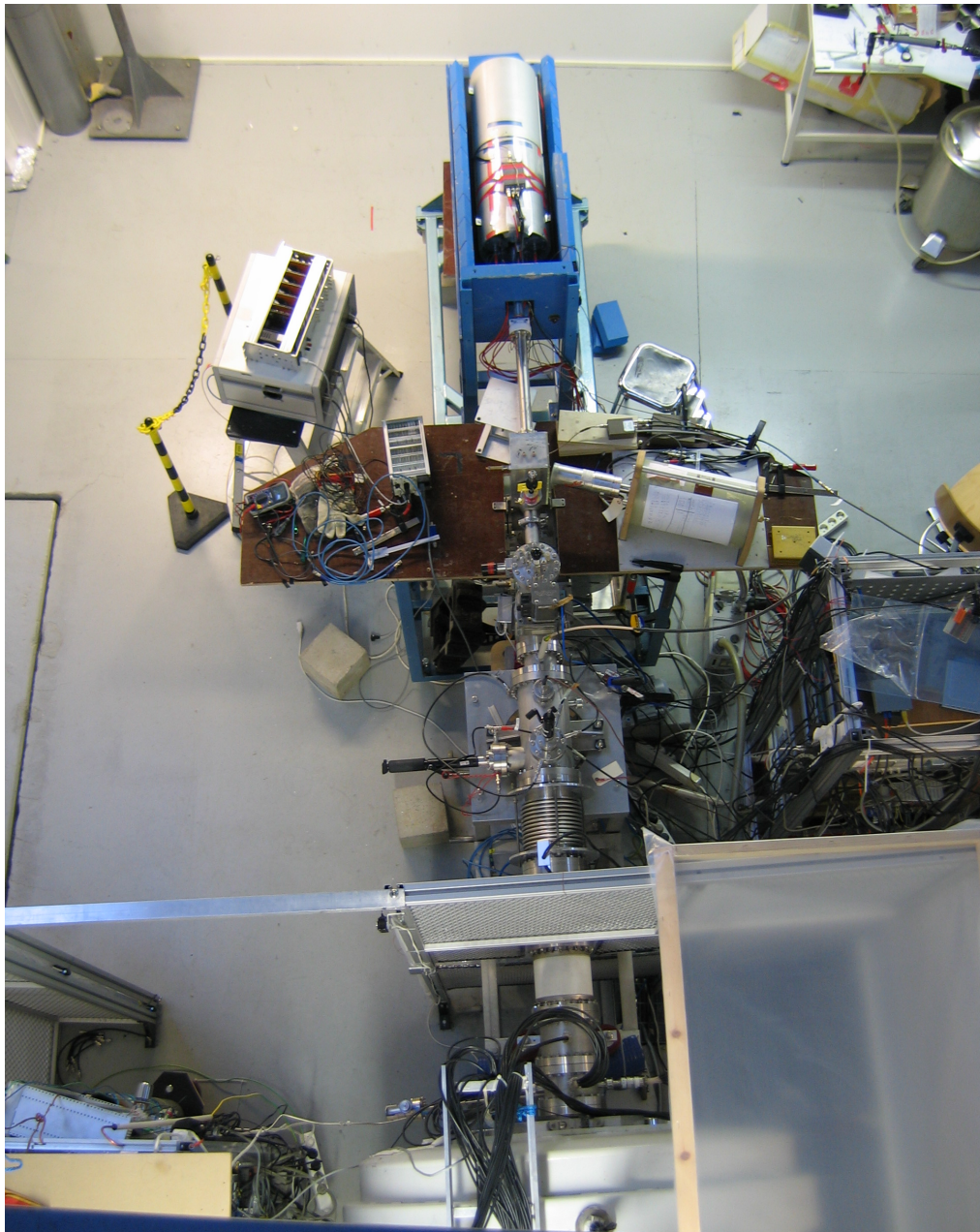
# The ion guide technique



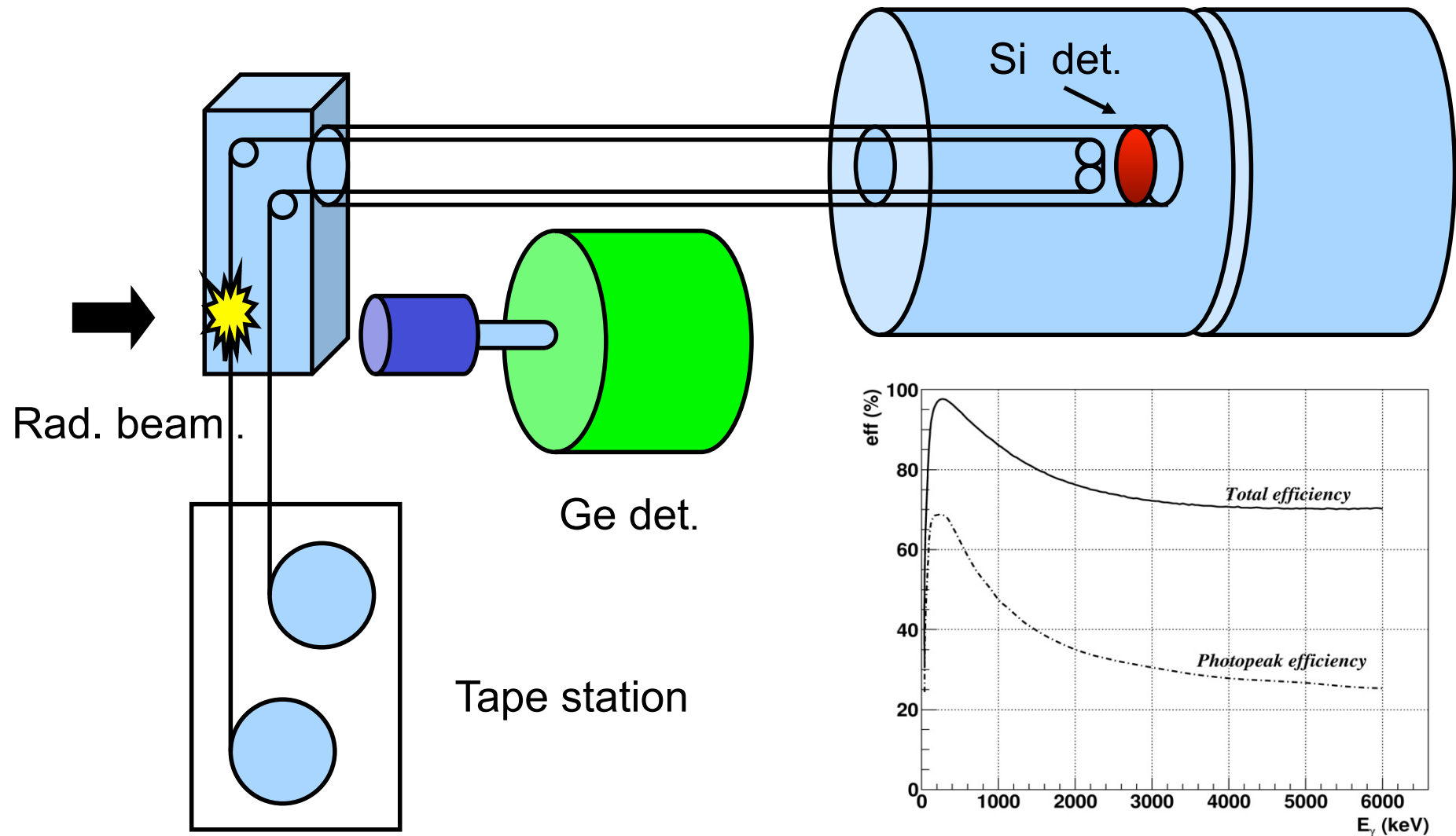
Generic ion guide: the nuclear reaction products are stopped in a gas and are transported through a differential pumping system into the accelerator stage of the mass separator.

The process is fast enough for the ions to survive as single charged ions. The system is chemically insensitive and very fast (sub-ms).

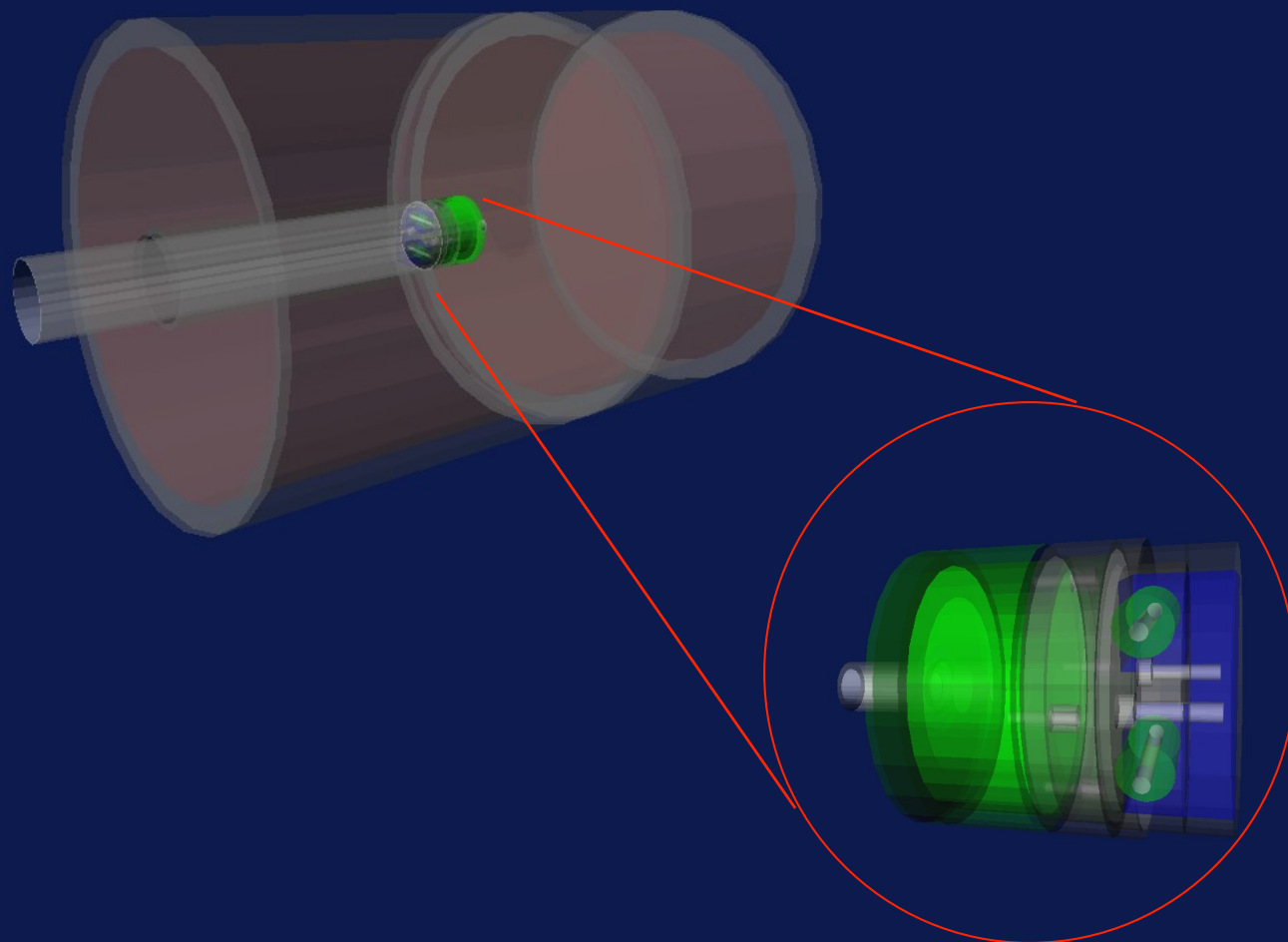
# New feature: trap-assisted spectroscopy



# Experimental setup at Jyväskylä



# Monte Carlo simulations of the setup: geometry (Geant 4)





# Analysis of $^{104}\text{Tc}$

$$d = R(B) \cdot f$$

**Expectation Maximization (EM) method:**  
modify knowledge on causes from effects

**Algorithm:** 
$$f_j^{(s+1)} = \frac{1}{\sum_i R_{ij}} \sum_i \frac{R_{ij} f_j^{(s)} d_i}{\sum_k R_{ik} f_k^{(s)}}$$

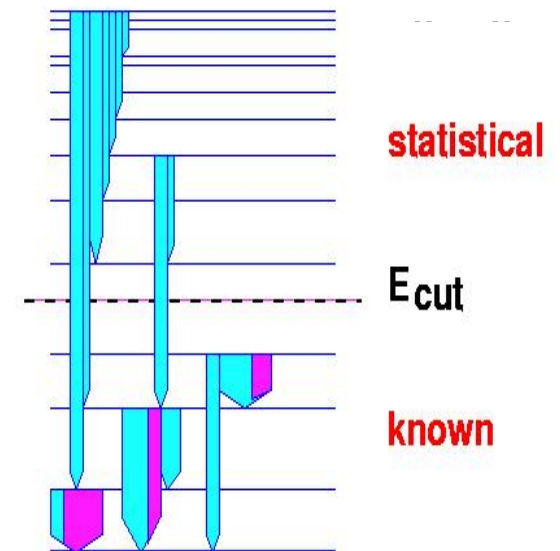
$$P(f_j | d_i) = \frac{P(d_i | f_j) P(f_j)}{\sum_j P(d_i | f_j) P(f_j)}$$

Tain et al. NIM A571 (2007) 719,728

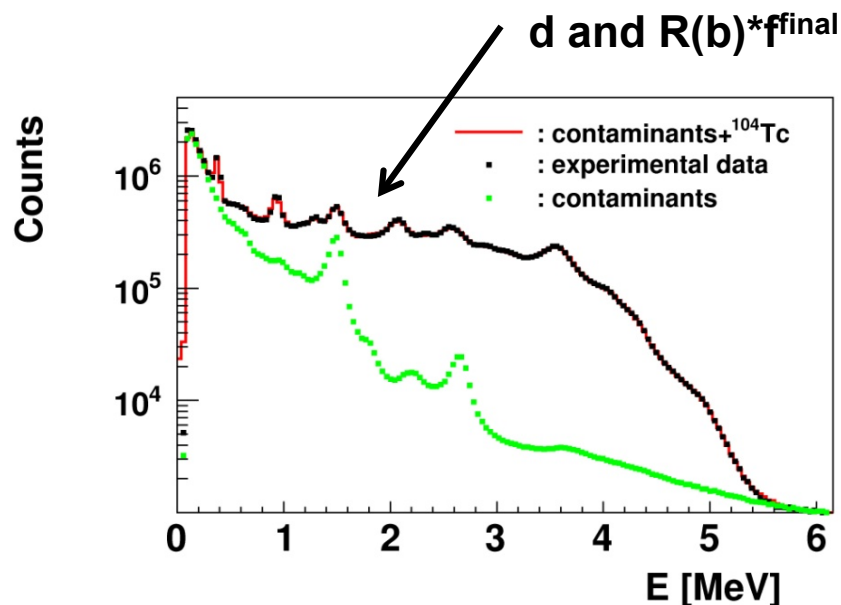
Some details (  $d=R(B)f$  )

Known levels up to: 1515 keV excitation

From 1720 keV excitation up to the  $Q_\beta = 5516(6)$  value we use an statistical nuclear model to create the branching ratio matrix (Back Shifted Fermi formula for the level density &  $\gamma$ -ray strength functions)



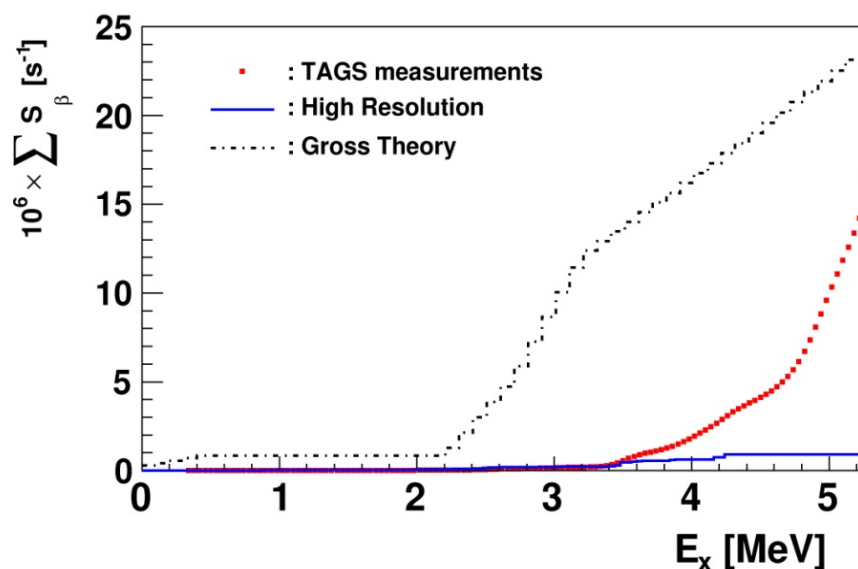
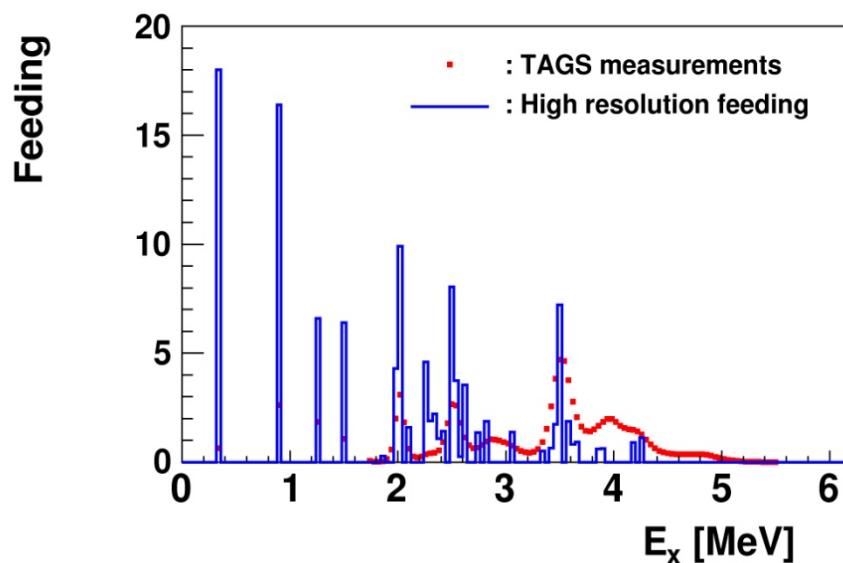
# Results of the analysis for $^{104}\text{Tc}$



$$T_{1/2} = 1098(18) \text{ s}; Q_{\beta} = 5516(6) \text{ keV}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E_{\beta}(\text{TAGS}) = 931(10) \text{ keV} \\ E_{\beta}(\text{JEFF-3.1}) = 1595(75) \text{ keV} \end{array} \right\} \Delta E_{\beta} = -664 \text{ keV}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E_{\gamma}(\text{TAGS}) = 3229(24) \text{ keV} \\ E_{\gamma}(\text{JEFF-3.1}) = 1890(31) \text{ keV} \end{array} \right\} \Delta E_{\gamma} = 1339 \text{ keV}$$



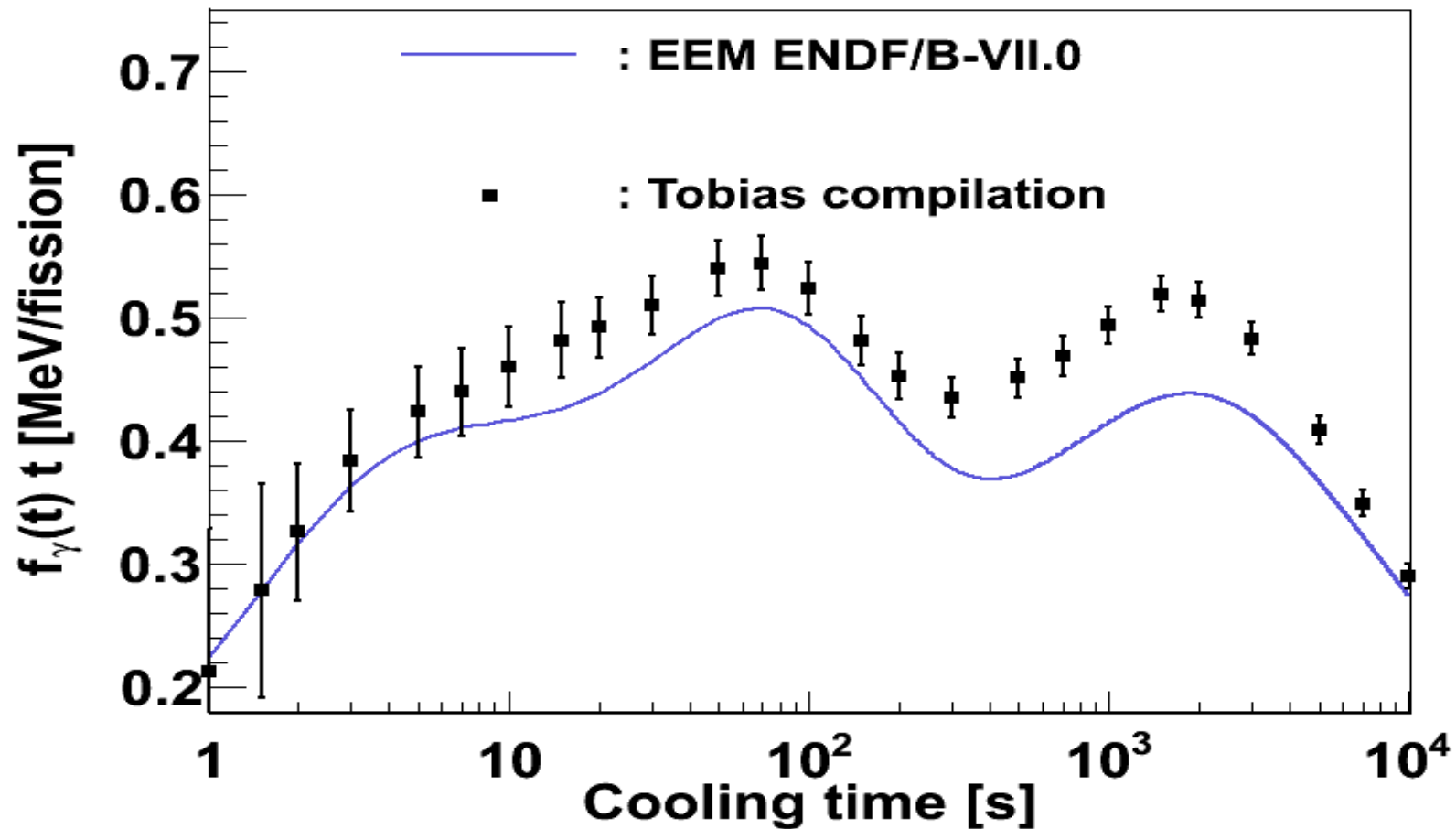
# Results published up to now

Isotope	Energy type	TAGS [keV]	JEFF-3.1 [keV]	ENDF/B-VII [keV]	Difference [keV]
<sup>101</sup> Nb (7.1 s)	beta	1797 (133)	1863 (307)	1966 (307)	-67/-169
	gamma	445 (279)	245 (22)	270 (22)	200/175
<sup>102</sup> Tc (5.28 s)	beta	1935 (11)	1945 (16)	1945 (16)	-10
	gamma	106 (23)	81 (5)	81 (5)	25
<sup>104</sup> Tc (1098 s)	beta	931 (10)	1595 (75)	1595 (75)	-664
	gamma	3229 (24)	1890 (31)	1890 (31)	1339
<sup>105</sup> Tc (456 s)	beta	764 (81)	1310 (173)	1310 (205)	-546
	gamma	1825 (174)	668 (19)	665 (19)	1157/1160
<sup>105</sup> Mo (35.6 s)	beta	1049 (44)	1922 (122)	1922 (122)	-873
	gamma	2407 (93)	551 (24)	552 (24)	1856/1855
<sup>106</sup> Tc (35.6 s)	beta	1457 (30)	1943 (69)	1906 (67)	-486/-449
	gamma	3132 (70)	2191 (51)	2191 (51)	941
<sup>107</sup> Tc (21.2 s)	beta	1263 (212)	2056 (254)	2054 (254)	-793/-791
	gamma	1822 (450)	515 (11)	515 (11)	1307

$$Q_{\beta}({}^{102}\text{Tc} \rightarrow {}^{102}\text{Ru}) = 4532 \text{ keV} \quad Q_{\beta}({}^{101}\text{Nb} \rightarrow {}^{101}\text{Mo}) = 4569 \text{ keV}$$

# Impact of the results for $^{239}\text{Pu}$ : electromagnetic component

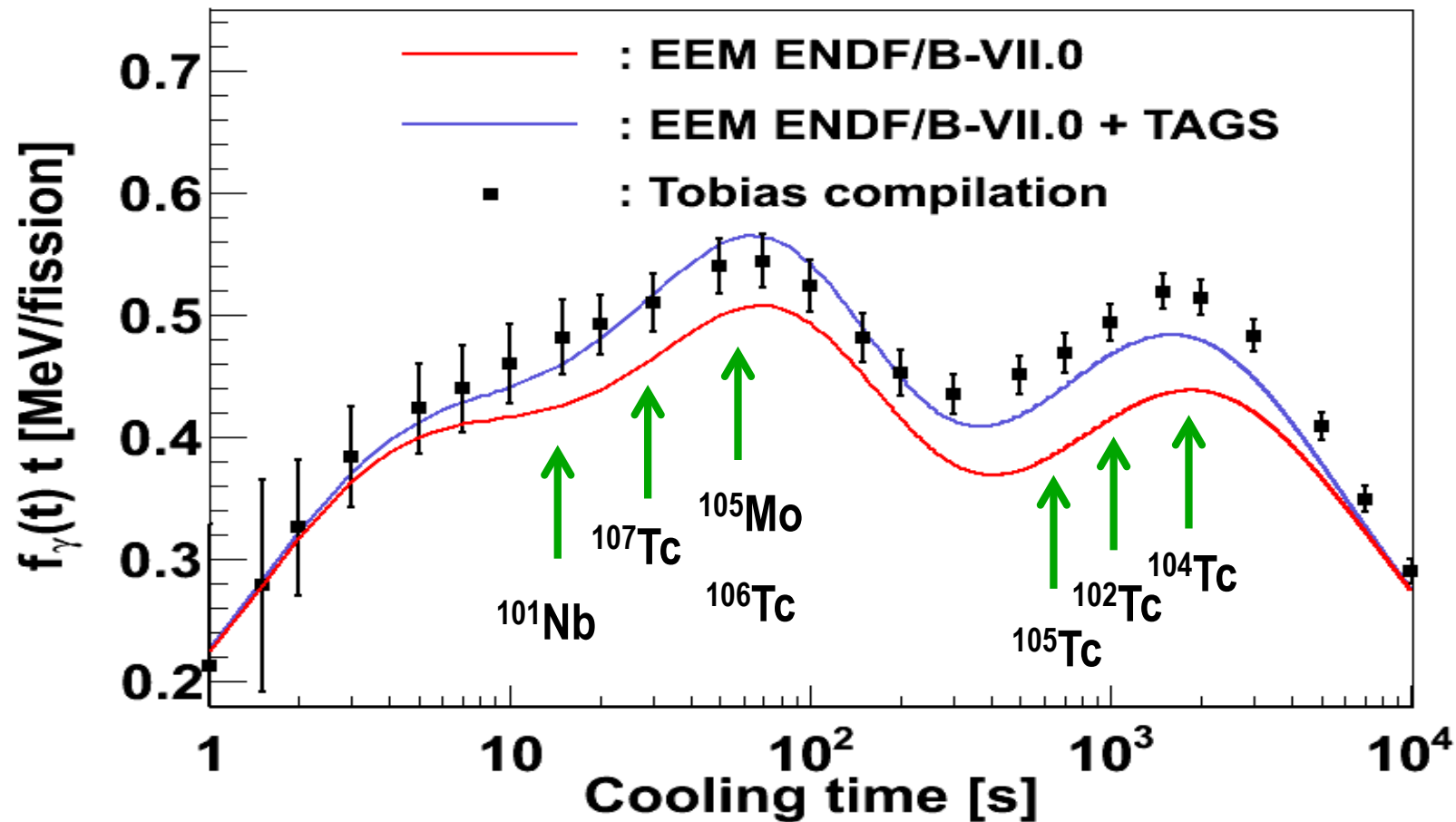
Motivated by Yoshida *et al.* (Journ. of Nucl. Sc. and Tech. 36 (1999) 135) and WPEC-25





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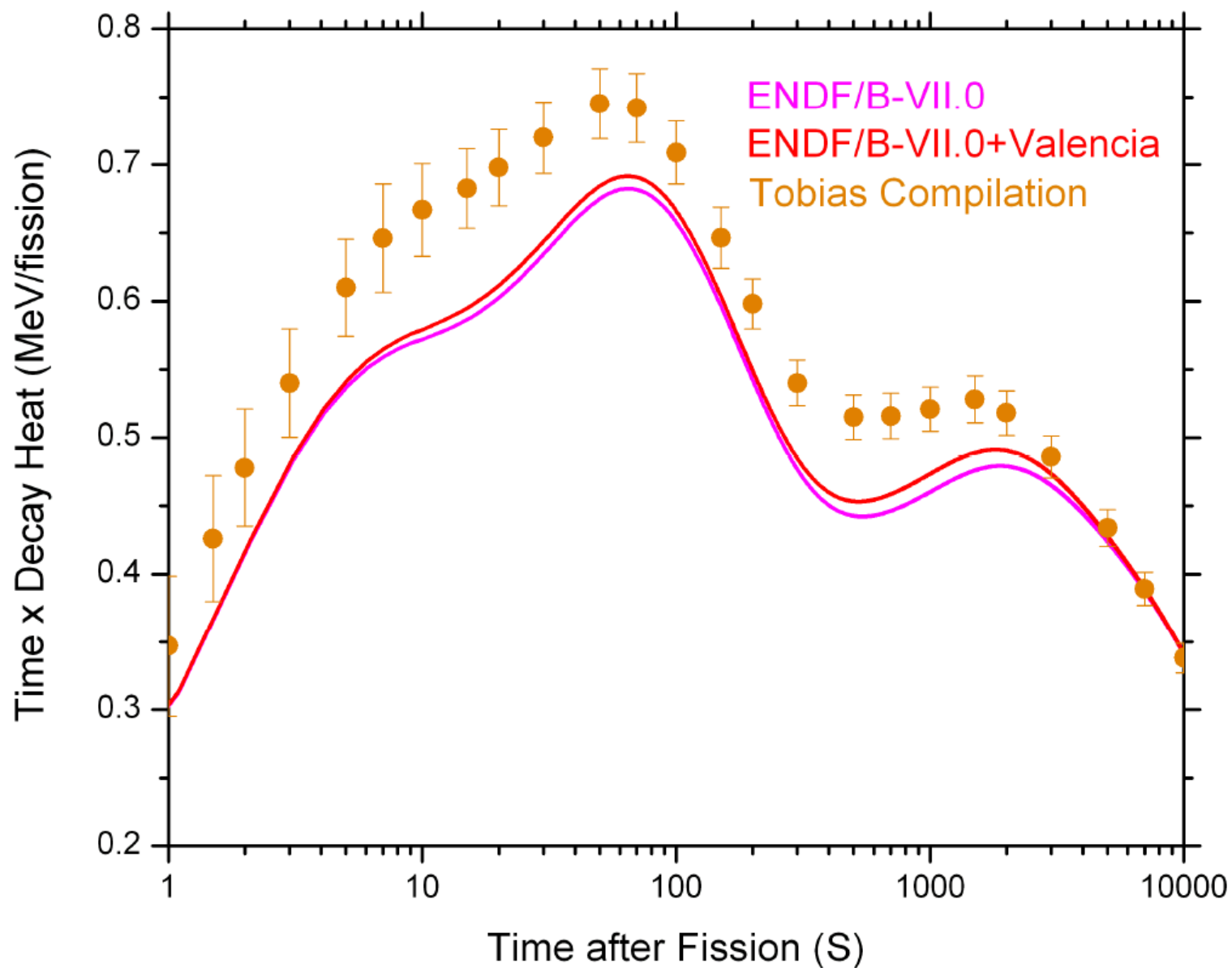
DH Courtesy A. Sonzogni

PhD Thesis D. Jordan , A. Algora, Phys. Rev. Letts. 105, 202505,

K. P. Rykaczewsky, Physics 3, 94 (2011)

Results also confirmed by R. W. Mills  
using JEFF 3.1

# Impact of the results for $^{235}\text{U}$

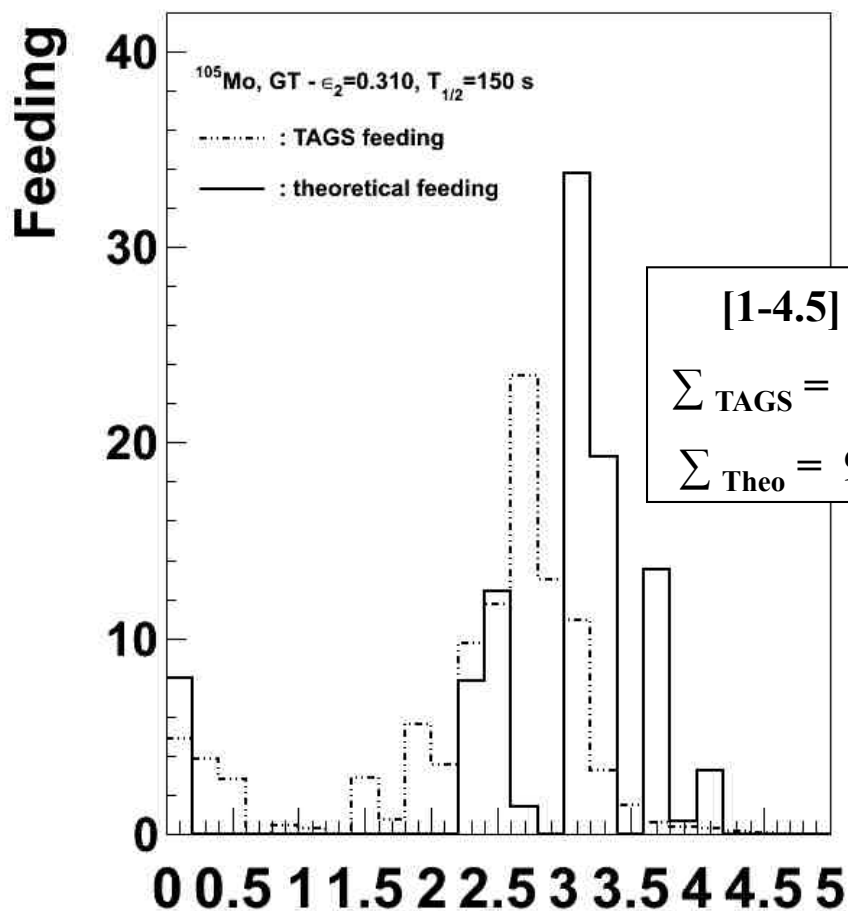


# Side product: nuclear structure aspects

- **Test of nuclear models (for the moment difficult)**
- **Region where shape effects may be important**
- **Triaxiality has been showed present in the Ru isotopes**
- **Role of FF component**
- **Etc.**

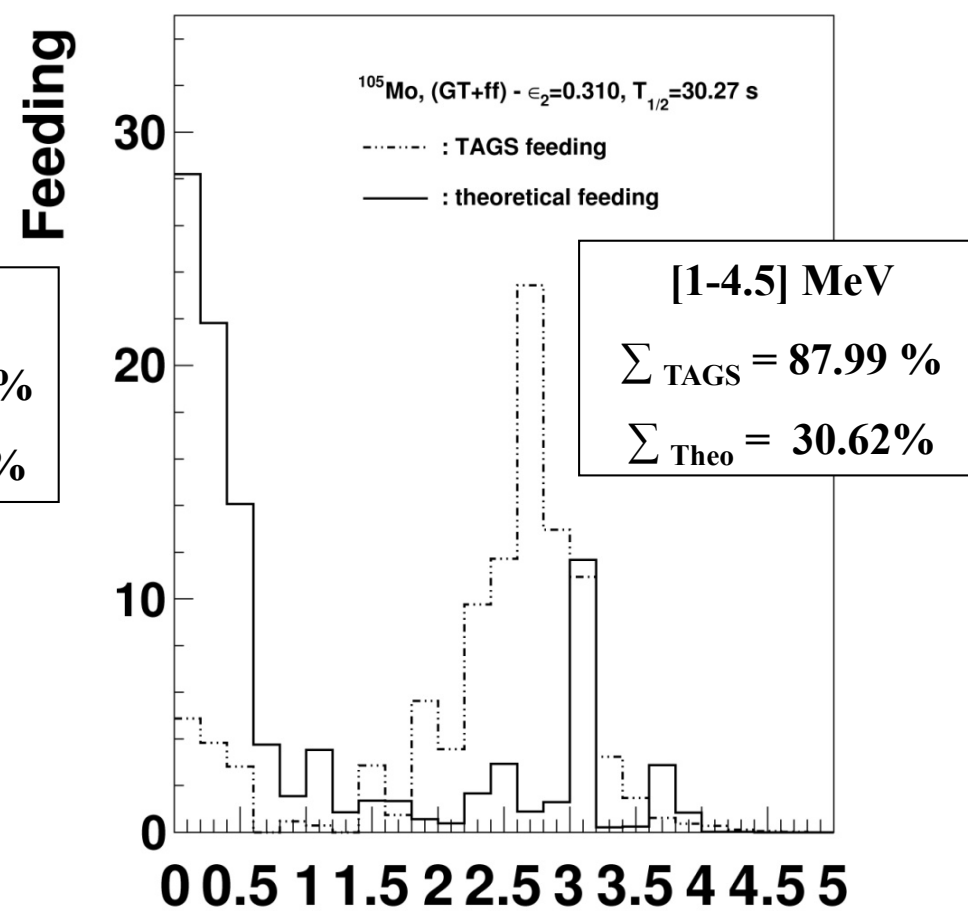
# Results of QRPA calculations(I)

$$T_{1/2}(\text{exp}) = 35.6 \text{ s}$$



**[0-0.5] MeV**

$\sum_{\text{TAGS}} = 11.51\%$   
 $\sum_{\text{Theo}} = 7.94\%$



**[0-0.5] MeV S**

$\sum_{\text{TAGS}} = 11.51\%$   
 $\sum_{\text{Theo}} = 67.84 \%$

**Kratz et al.**



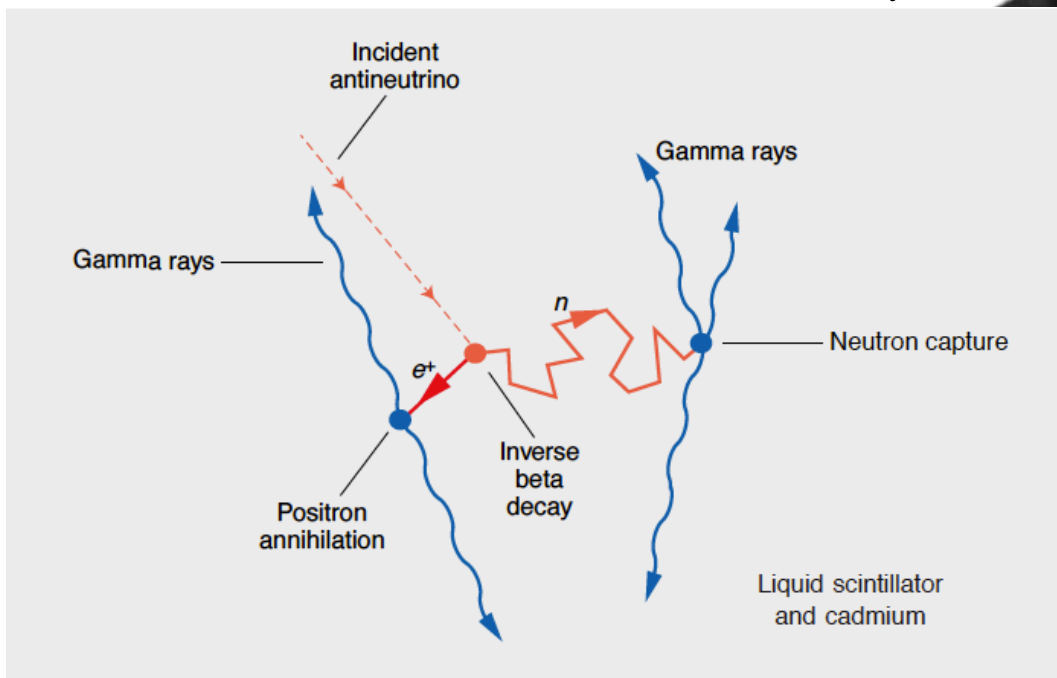
# Nuclear reactors and neutrino physics I

Neutrino postulated by Pauli, 1930

Nuclear reactors are the strongest human source of neutrinos.

Reines, Cowan, 1956

$$\bar{\nu} + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$$



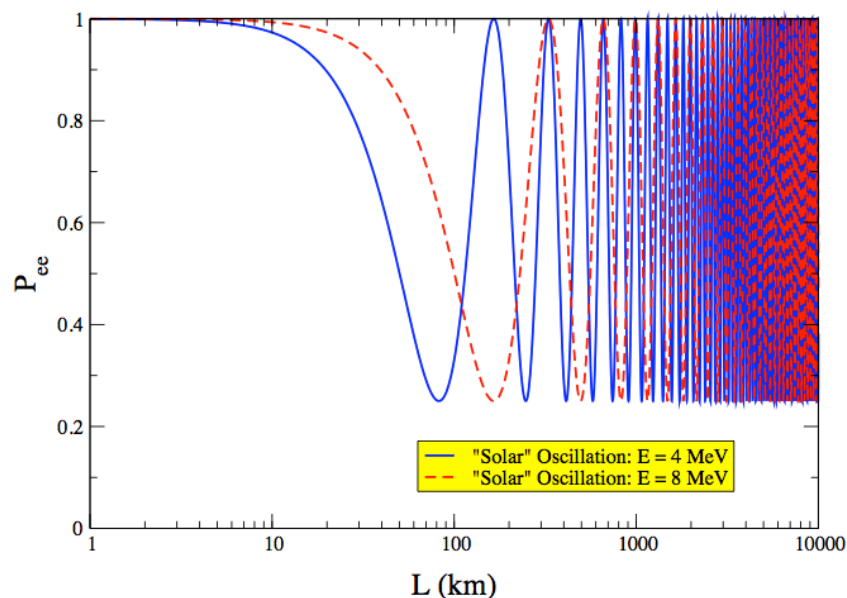
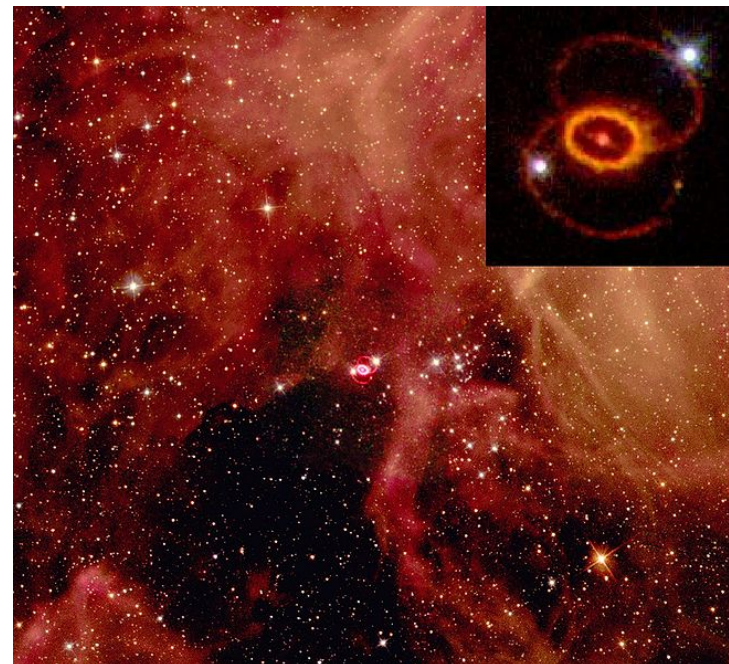
Neutrino flux at the *Savannah River* reactor:  $5 \times 10^{13}$  neutrino/s.cm<sup>2</sup>

They detected 3 neutrinos/h

*Science* 20, vol 124 no. 3212 pp. 103-104

# Why worth studying: neutrinos as messengers

- We hear about many types of neutrinos: solar neutrinos, geo-neutrinos, atmospheric neutrinos, supernova neutrinos, Big Bang neutrinos, reactor neutrinos, etc., etc.
- They can provide information about the processes that happen inside those objects, because they can travel very long distances without interaction.
- Quantum effects at macroscopic scales

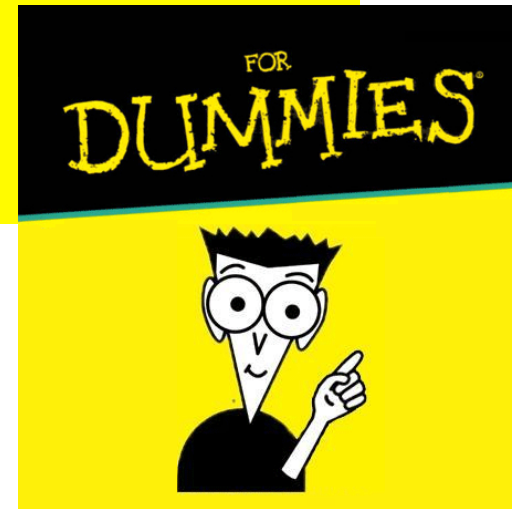


Osscillations !!!

(solar neutrino deficit, atm. neutrino deficit,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{40}\text{K}$  content, etc.)

# Neutrino oscillations

- In the weak interaction neutrinos are produced and detected in flavours (electron, muon, tau)
- The Hamiltonian (of the propagation) depends on mass (free moving particle)



(including myself !)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L / E)$$

$$\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$$

[ L in m, E in MeV,  $\Delta m^2$  in  $\text{eV}^2$  ]

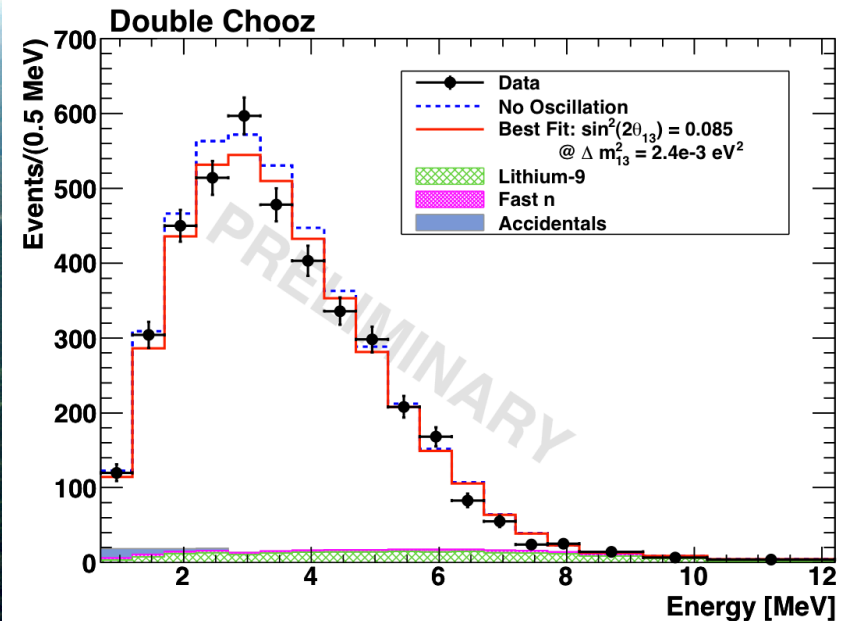


# Example of reactor neutrino oscillation experiment: Double Chooz, $\Theta_{13}$





# Reactor neutrino experiments: summation calculations



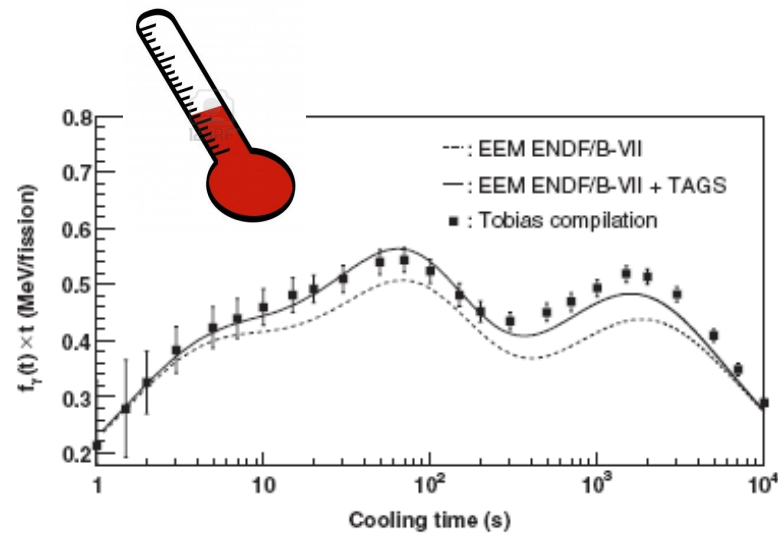
$$N(E_\nu) = \sum_n Y_n(Z, A, t) \cdot \sum_i b_{n,i}(E_0^i) P_\nu(E_\nu, E_0^i, Z)$$

$Y_n$  Number of beta decays per unit time of fragment with  $Z, A$  (cumm. Yield)

$b_{n,i}$  branching ratio of the  $i$  branch with maximum electron energy  $E_0^i$

$P_\nu$  neutrino spectrum of the  $i$  branch with maximum electron energy  $E_0^i$

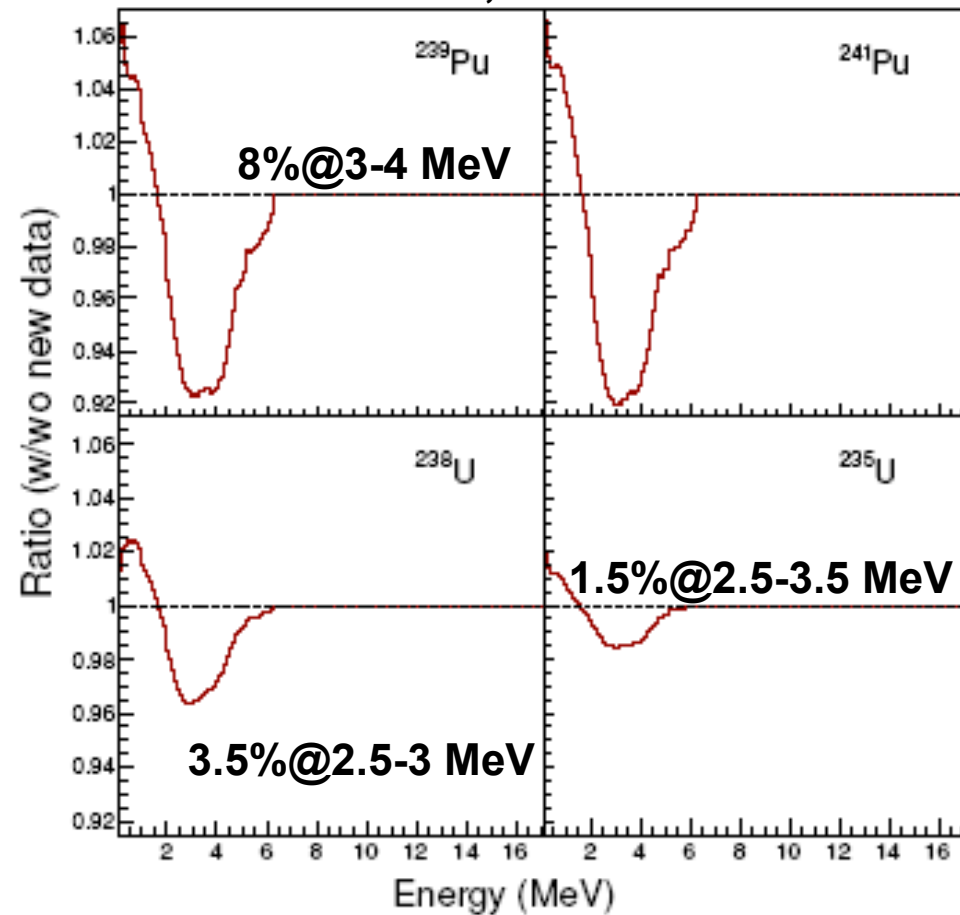
# Impact of our data (up to now)



Dolores Jordan, PhD thesis

Algora et al., PRL 105, 202501, 2010

M. Fallot et al., PRL 109.202504



Ratio between 2 antineutrino spectra built with and without the  $^{102,104,105,106,107}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{105}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{101}\text{Nb}$  TAS data



# New questions: reactor anomaly ?

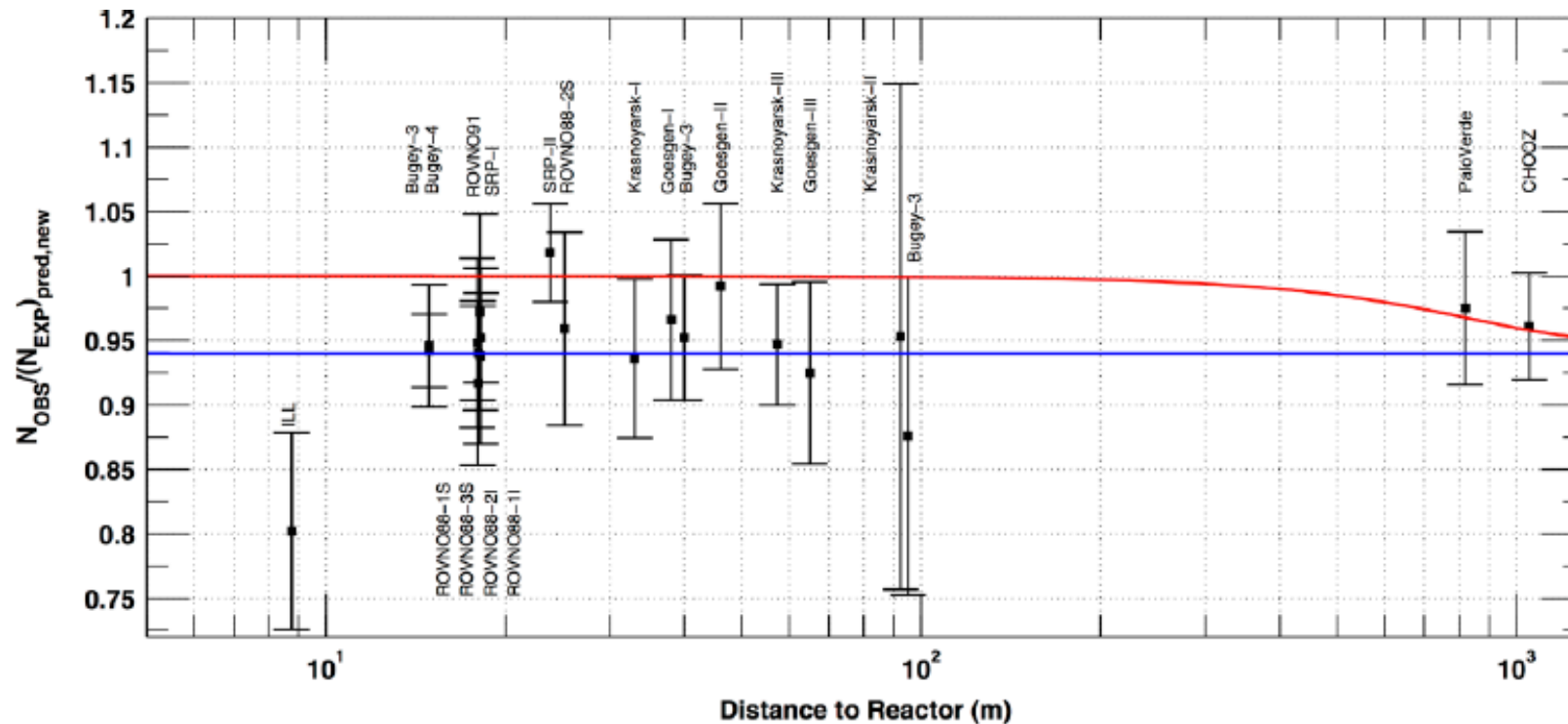


Illustration of the reactor anomaly. Rates in various experiments are compared with the expectations based on the Mueller et al. (2011) spectrum. The mean is  $0.943 \pm 0.023$ .

Possible explanation:

- 1) Wrong reactor flux or its error
- 2) Bias in all experiments
- 3) New physics at short baseline involving a sterile 4<sup>th</sup> neutrino  
 $\nu_{\text{new}}$  with  $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$  and mixing with  $\nu_e$  with  $\theta_{\text{new}} \sim 10^0$

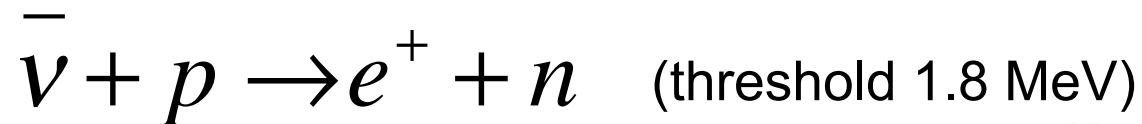
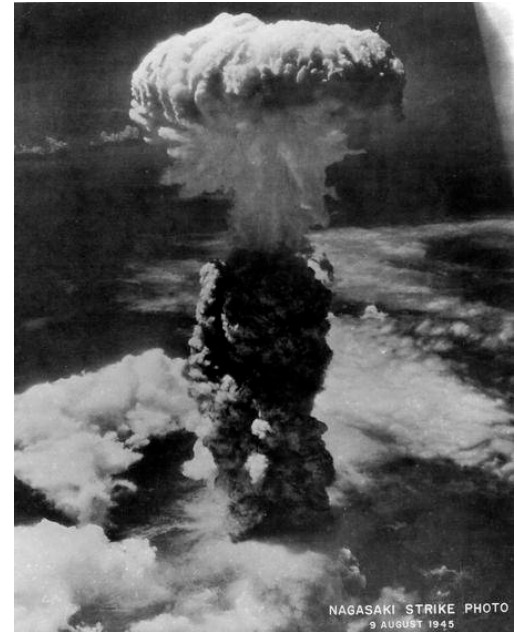
From P. Vogel

The explanation 3) could be supported by several other, so far unconfirmed anomalies. It would involve unexpected but significant "New Physics"



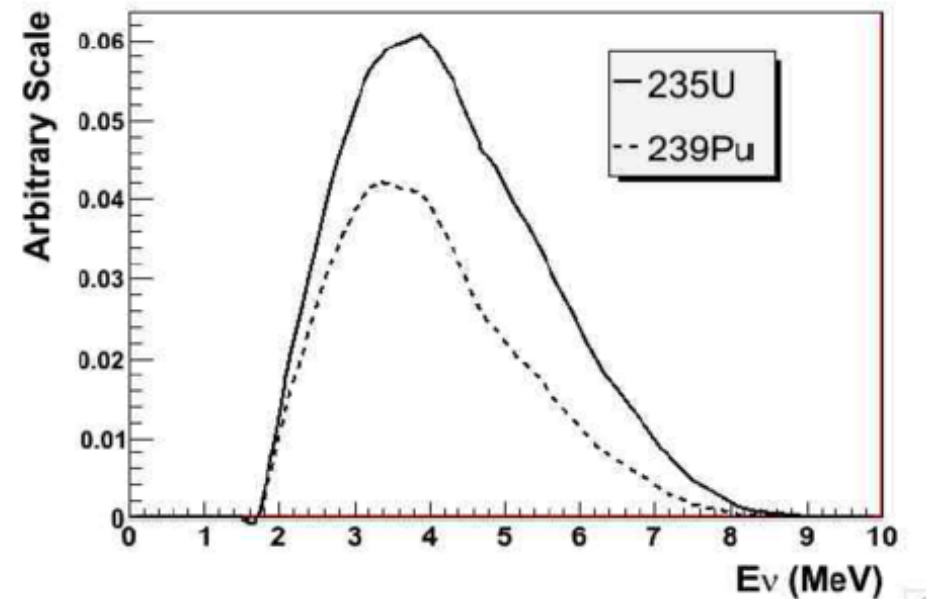
# Another application: prediction of the neutrino spectrum from reactors for non-proliferation

	<b><sup>235</sup>U</b>	<b><sup>239</sup>Pu</b>
Released E per fission	201.7 MeV	210.0 MeV
Mean neutrino E	2.94 MeV	2.84 MeV
Neutrinos/fission >1.8 MeV	1.92	1.45
Aver. Int. cross section	$3.2 \times 10^{-43} \text{cm}^2$	$2.8 \times 10^{-43} \text{cm}^2$



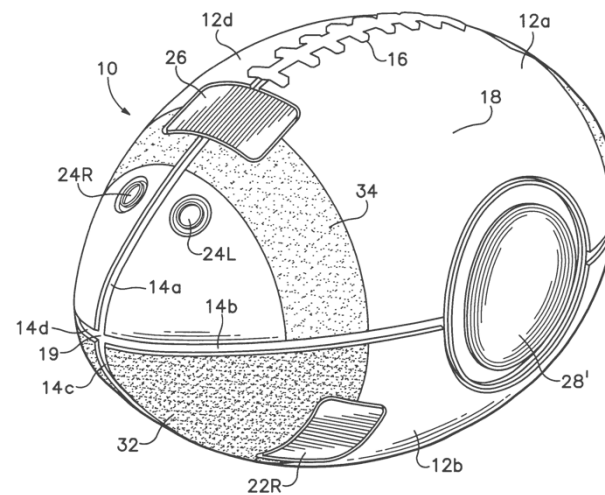
•Relevance for non-proliferation studies (working group of the IAEA). Neutrino flux can not be shielded. Study to determine fuel composition and power monitoring. Non-intrusive and remote method.

•Approved proposal to study some Rb, Sr, Y, Nb, I and Cs (IGISOL, trap assisted TAS) (Fallot, Tain, Algora)





# Nuclear Shapes



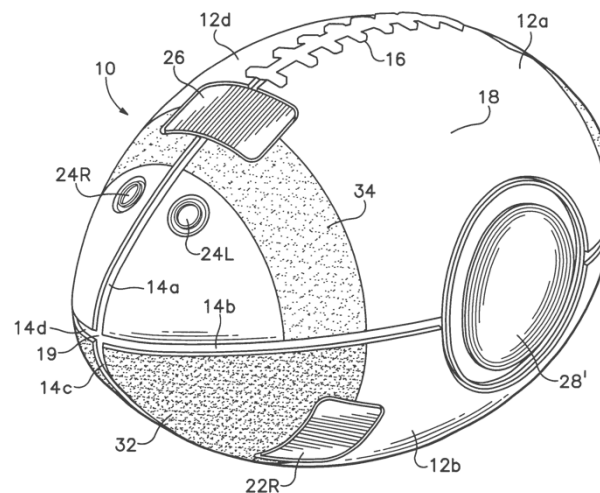
# The nuclear shape concept evolution ...

- Rutherford model: point like shape (approx. 100 years ago)
- To interpret the binding energies the liquid drop model is created (spherical shapes), later it evolves into the droplet model with diffuse surface
- Revolution in the 50's: collectivity and static deformed shapes are born. Shape becomes a concept and a tool for testing nuclear models. It is a necessity to interpret data on nuclear multipoles, Coulomb excitation data, etc.
- The interpretation of fission requires the assumption of elongated shapes, or a very drastic shape change.
- Strutinsky shell correction in combination with the liquid drop model predicts deformed minima
- Direct measurements by means of scattering experiments ...
- Nilsson model, and shell model relation (Elliot Model), mean field
- Shape coexistence
- SD bands, HD states, etc, etc, etc.  
(more than 1144 publications in APS journals 1940-2010)

But experimentally how do we deduce nuclear shapes ?

Are nuclei really deformed?  
What can beta decay offer ?

The answer is always model dependent



# Nuclear electric quadrupole moment measurements

$$Q_z = \sum_{i=1}^A Q_z(i) = \sum_{i=1}^A e_i (3z_i^2 - r_i^2)$$

Classical definition (measure of departure from spherical shape)

$$Q_2^0 = Q_z = \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \sum_{i=1}^A e_i r_i^2 Y_2^0(\theta_i, \phi_i)$$

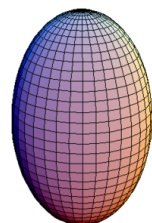
z- component of the quadrupole moment

$$Q_s(I) = \langle I, m = I | Q_2^0 | I, m = I \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{I(2I-1)}{(2I+1)(2I+3)(I+1)}} (I || Q || I)$$

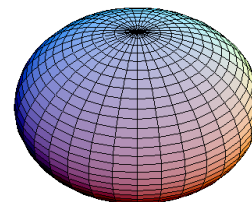
Spect. quadrupole moment of a nucl. state with spin I (expectation value)

Under certain assumptions (axially symmetric nuclei, strong coupling)

$$Q_s = \frac{3K^2 - I(I+1)}{(I+1)(2I+3)} Q_0 \quad Q_0 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5\pi}} Z R^2 \beta (1 + 0.36\beta)$$



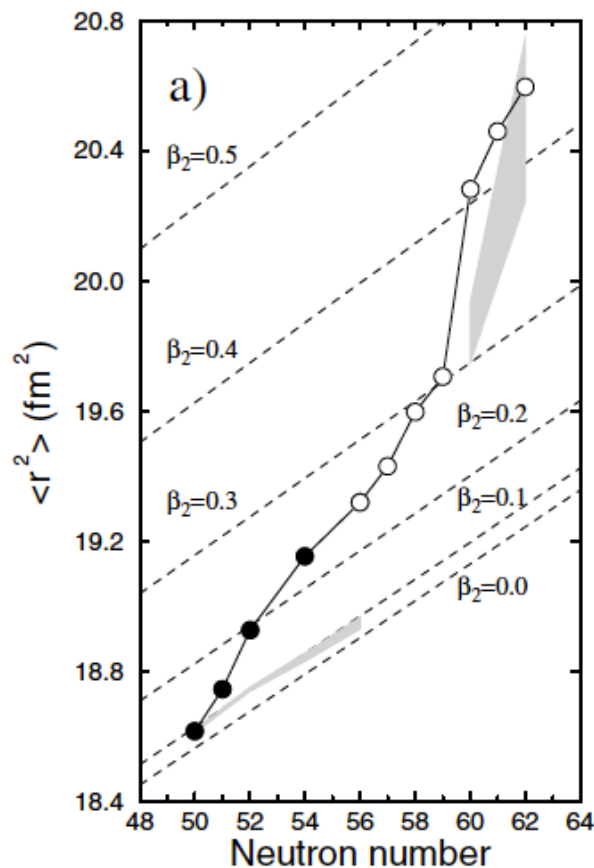
$Q > 0$



$Q < 0$

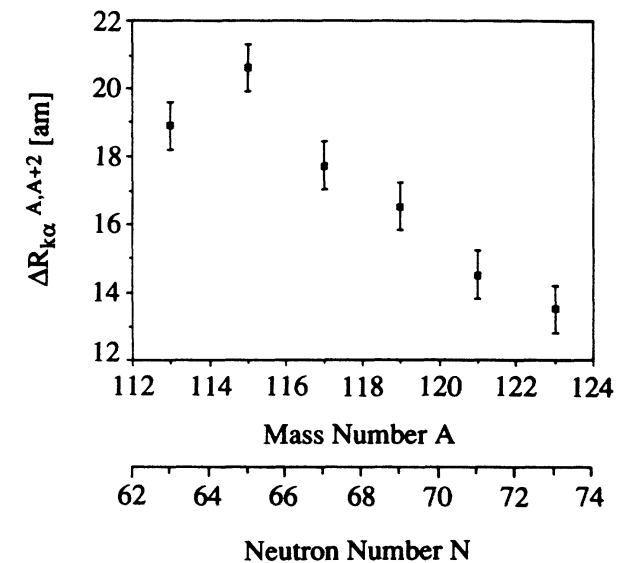


# Nuclear radii determination by means of isotope shifts (muonic atoms, laser spectroscopy, etc. )



Laser spectroscopy of cooled Zr fission products ( Campbell PRL 89, 2002)

Mean square charge radii deduced from the measurements compared with droplet model predictions.

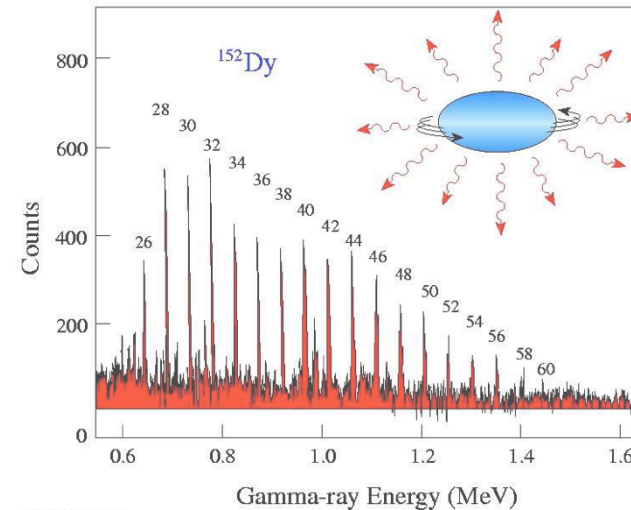
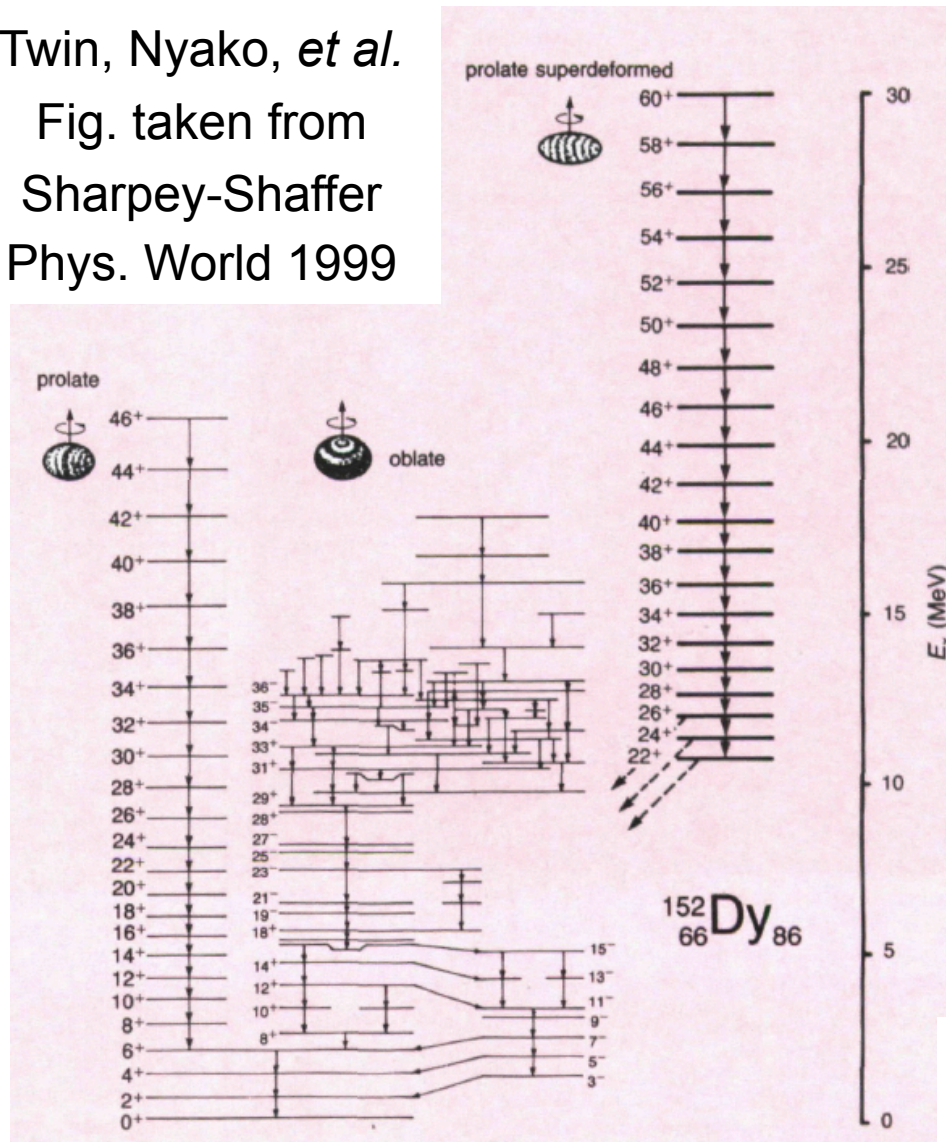


Nuclear charge radii differences in Sn isotopes from muonic atoms (C. Piller *et al.* PRC 42 , 1990)

# Shapes from nuclear spectroscopic information (mainly gamma spectroscopy)

Twin, Nyako, *et al.*

Fig. taken from  
Sharpey-Shaffer  
Phys. World 1999

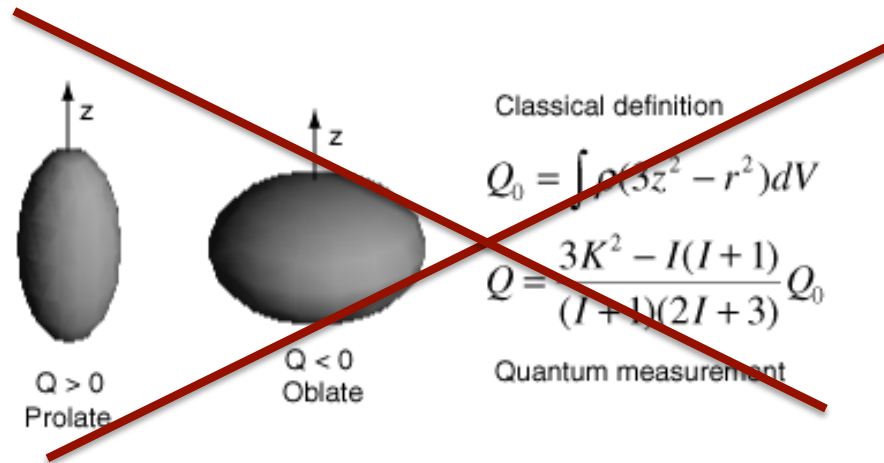


P. Twin et. al  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 57 (1986)

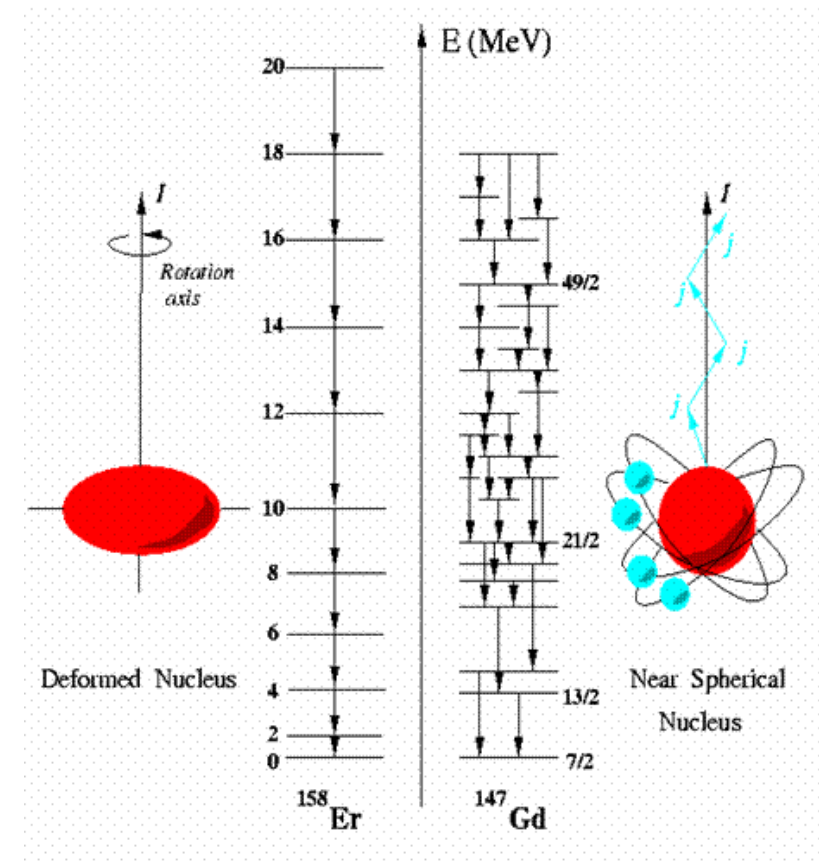
- From level lifetimes,  $B(E2)$ -s, deformation can be deduced
- From in-band multipole mixing ratios (angular distributions) the sign of the  $Q$  can be deduced
- $E0$  (electric monopole transitions) are associated with shape changes

$$|Q| = \sqrt{16\pi B(E2:2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)} = \frac{3Ze}{\sqrt{5\pi}} R_0^2 (\beta + 0.16\beta^2),$$

# How do we deduce the nuclear shape of the ground state when it is a $0^+$ state ...



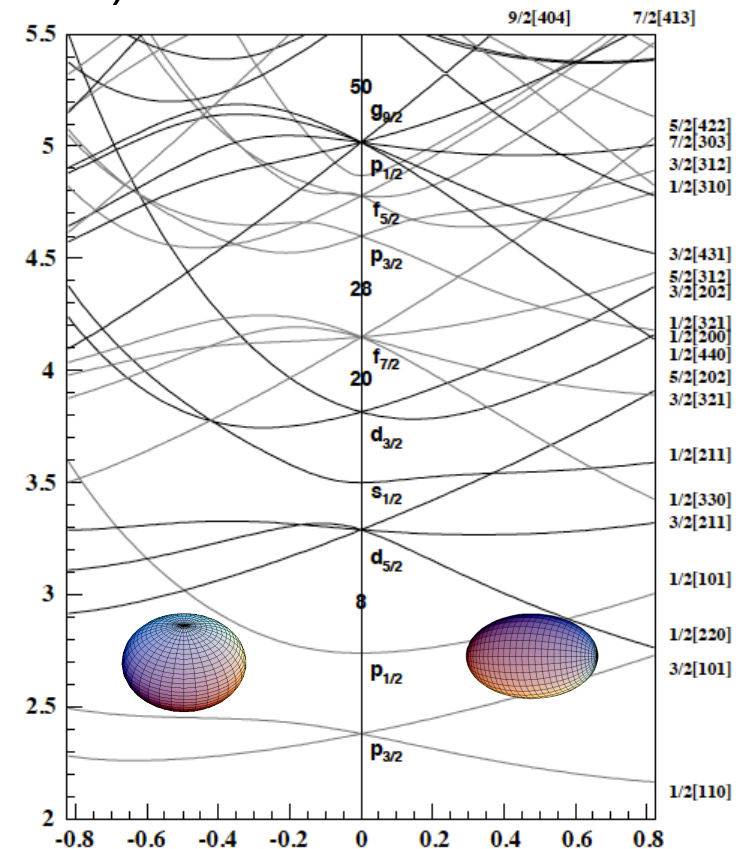
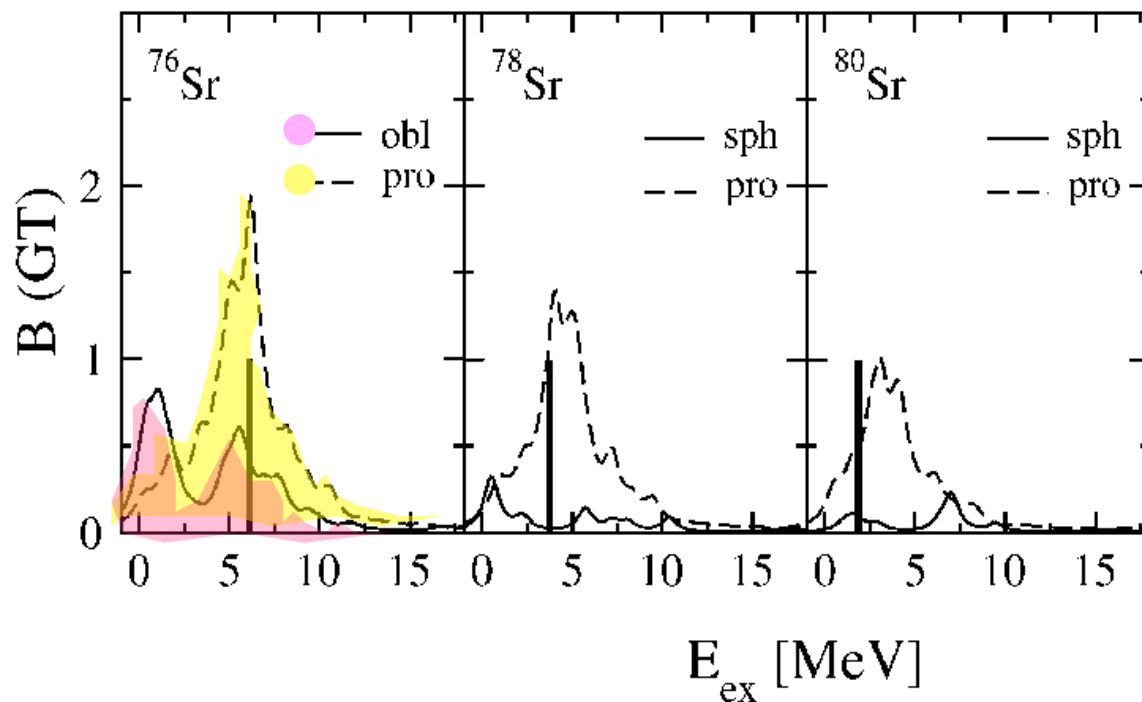
- Nuclear radii determination (isotope shifts)
- Analysis of spectroscopic information ( $B(E2)$ -s,  $T_{1/2}$  and assuming that we have a band with the same deformation
- ???



# What can beta decay offer apart from spectroscopy ...

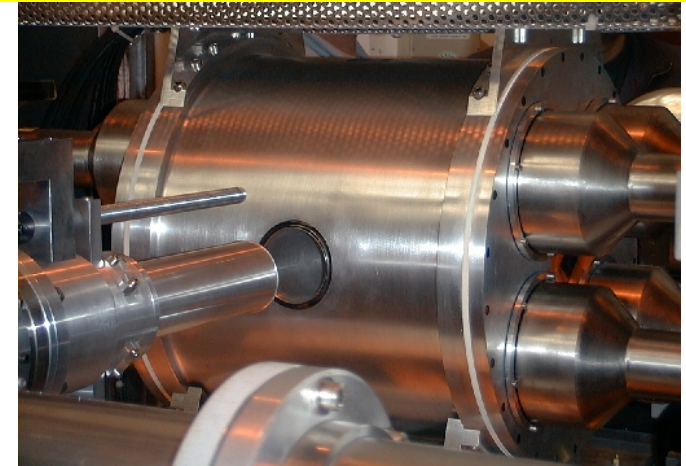
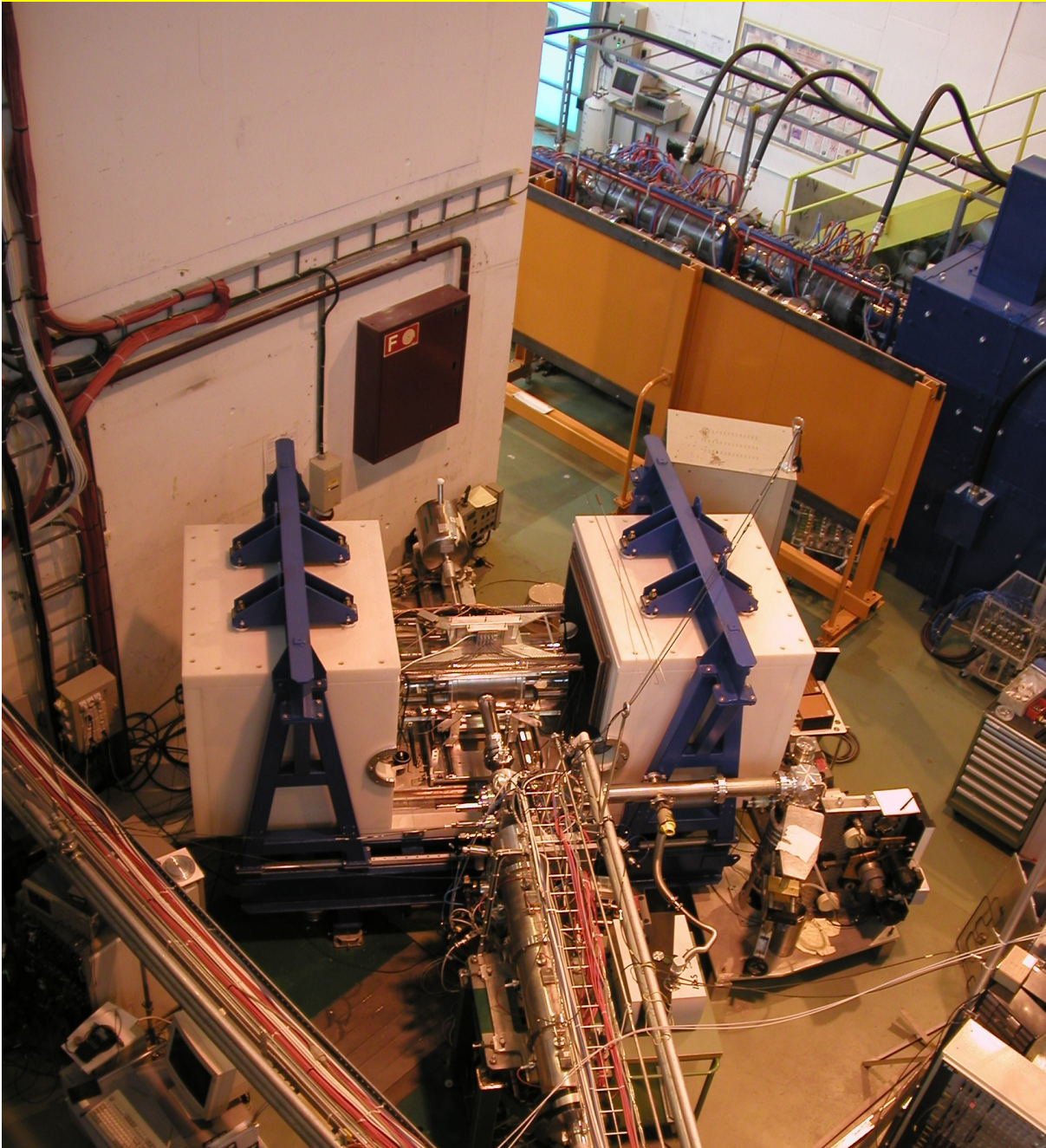
Another alternative, based in the pioneering work of I. Hamamoto, (Z. Phys. A353 (1995) 145) later followed by studies of P. Sarriguren *et al.*, Petrovici *et al.* is related to the dependency of the strength distribution in the daughter nucleus depending on the shape of the parent. It can be used when theoretical calculations predict different B(GT) distributions for the possible shapes of the ground state (prolate, spherical, oblate).

P. Sarriguren *et al.*, Nuc. Phys. A635 (1999) 13



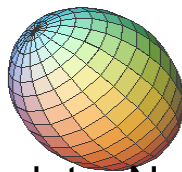


# *Lucrecia*: the TAS at ISOLDE (CERN) (Madrid-Strasbourg-Surrey-Valencia)

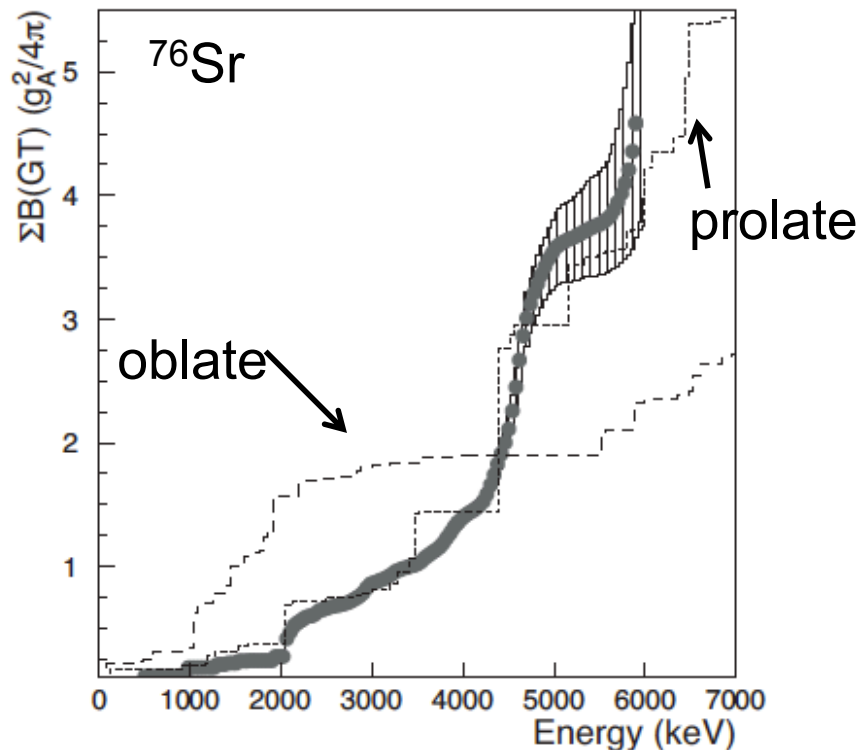


- A large NaI cylindrical crystal 38 cm Ø, 38cm length
- An X-ray detector (Ge)
- A  $\beta$  detector
- Possibility of collection point inside the crystal

# Some earlier examples (proposals of Rubio and Dessagne)

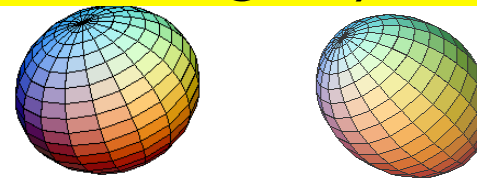


Very prolate N=Z nucleus

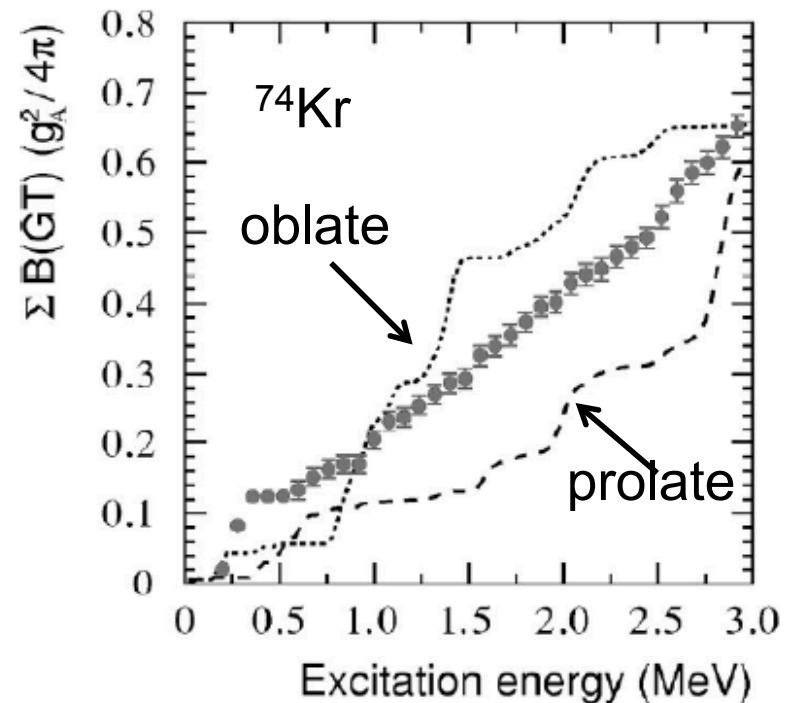


E. Náchter *et al.* *PRL* 92 (2004) 232501 and  
PhD thesis Valencia

Ground state of  $^{76}\text{Sr}$  prolate ( $\beta_2 \sim 0.4$ ) as  
indicated in Lister *et al.*, *PRC* 42 (1990)  
R1191



Mixture of prolate and oblate



E. Poirier *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. C* 69, 034307  
(2004) and PhD thesis Strasbourg

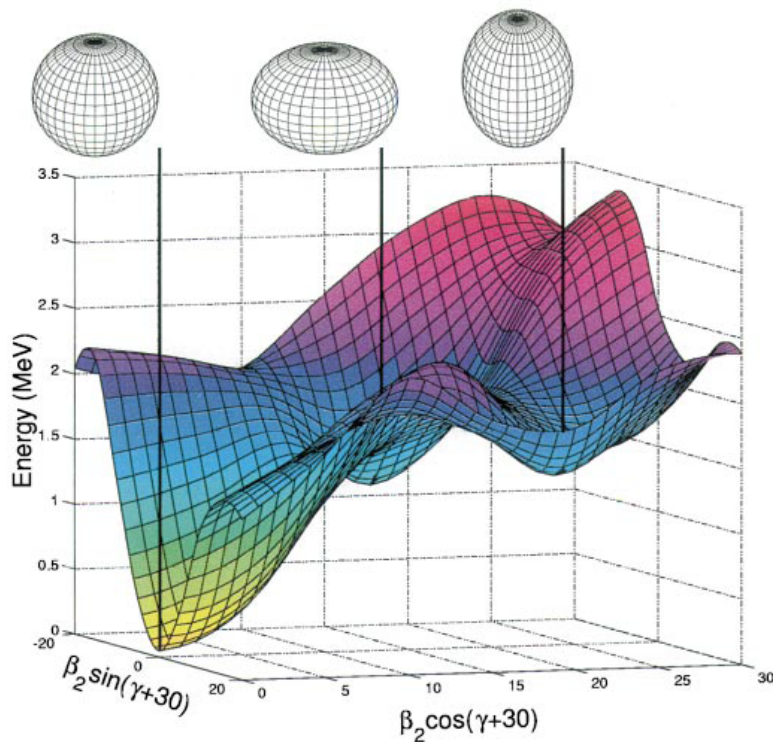
Ground state of  $^{74}\text{Kr}$ :  $(60 \pm 8)\%$  oblate, in  
agreement with other exp results and with  
theoretical calculations (A. Petrovici *et al.*)

# Possible questions

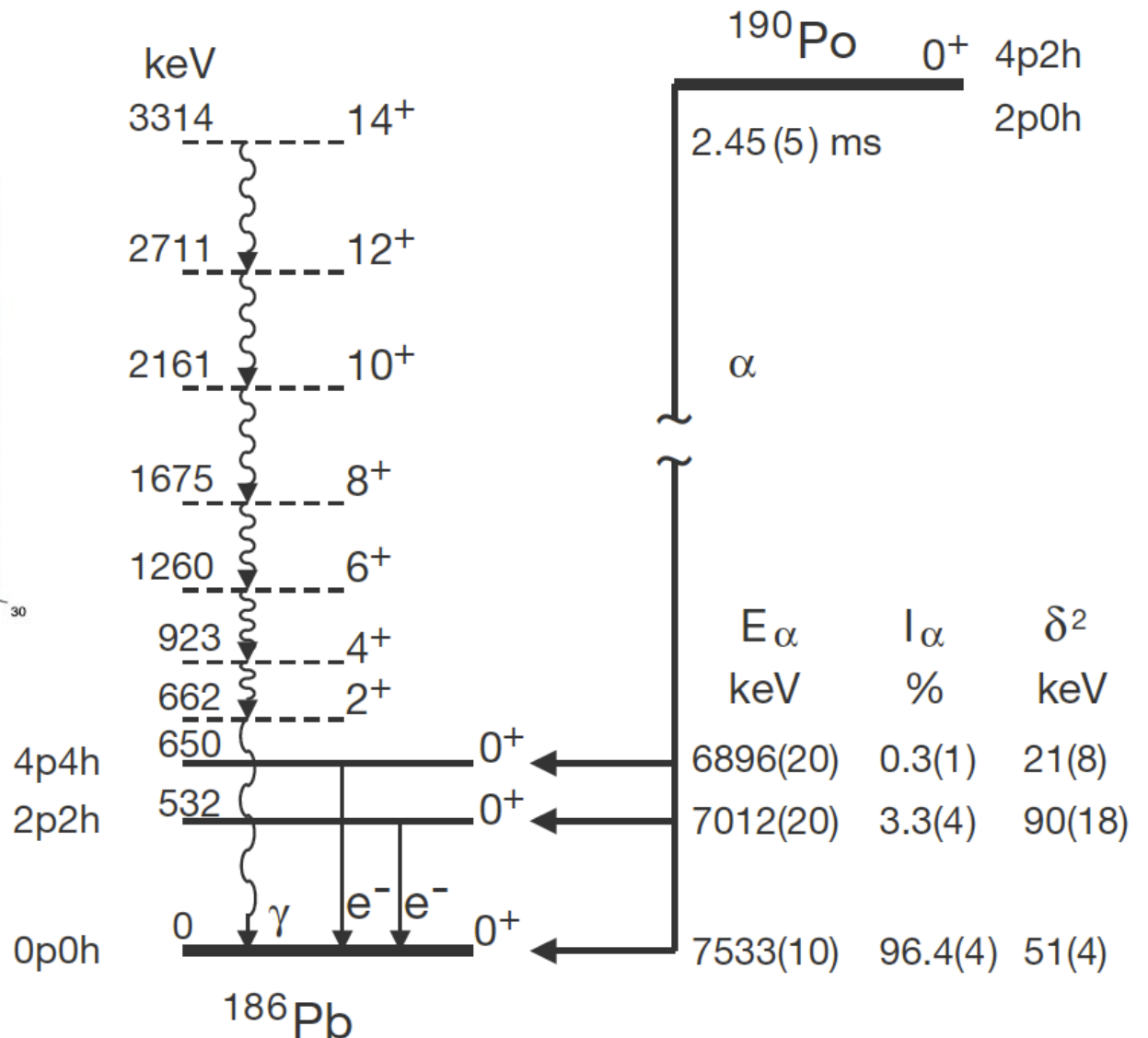
- is the method only valid for  $A \sim 80$  ?
- was the good agreement accidental ?
- because the method can be useful for exotic nuclei
- So it is worth explore heavier domains ...



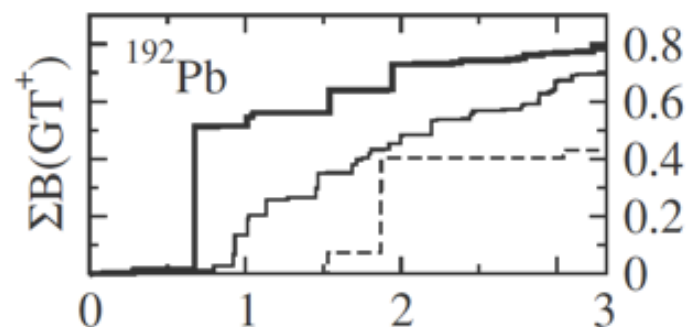
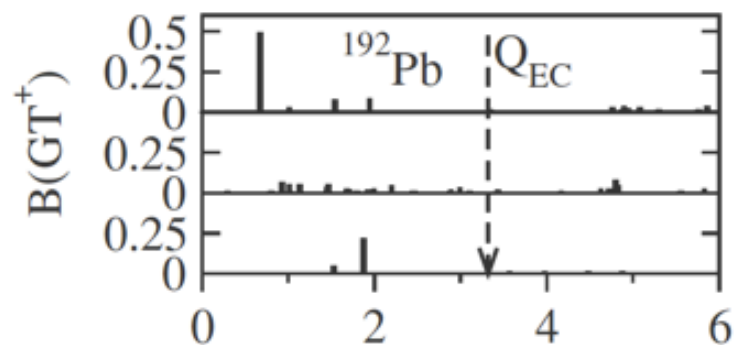
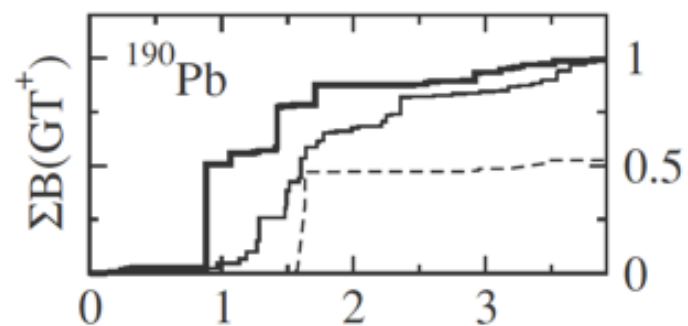
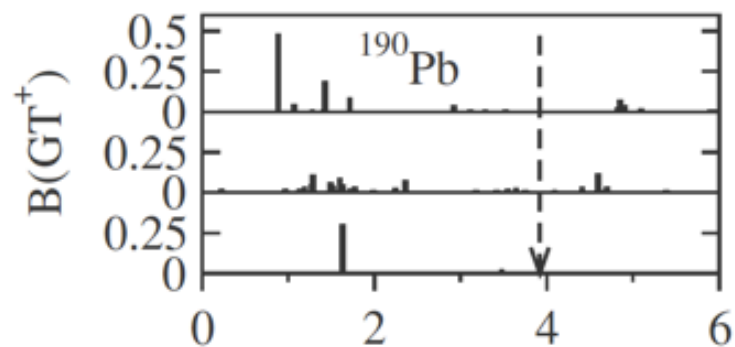
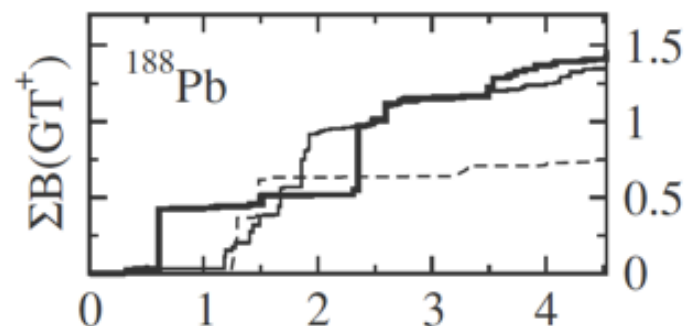
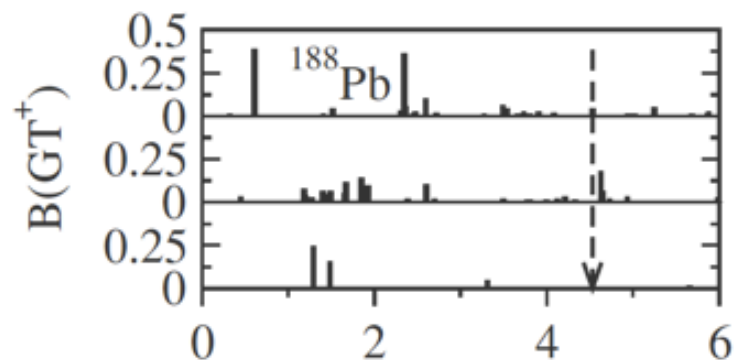
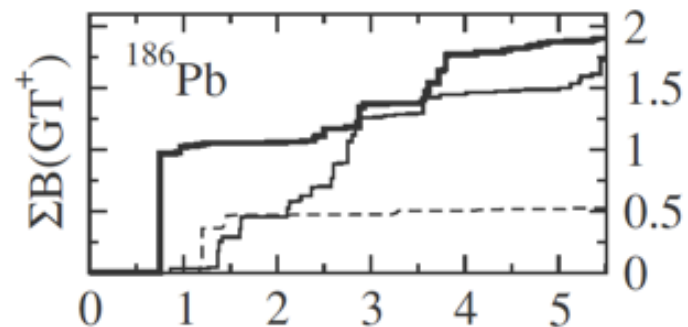
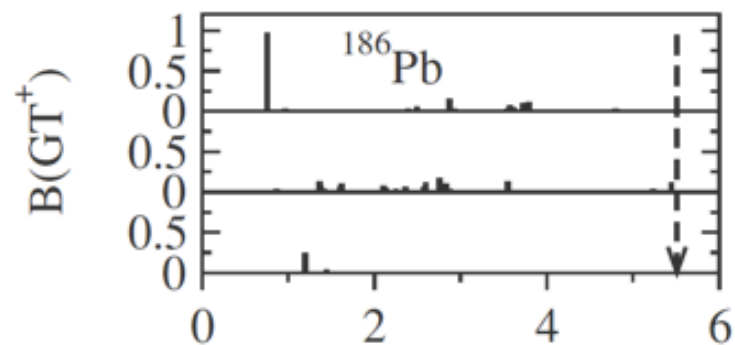
# Intruder 0+ states in $^{186}\text{Pb}$



A. N. Andreyev *et al.*  
Nature 405 (2000) 430



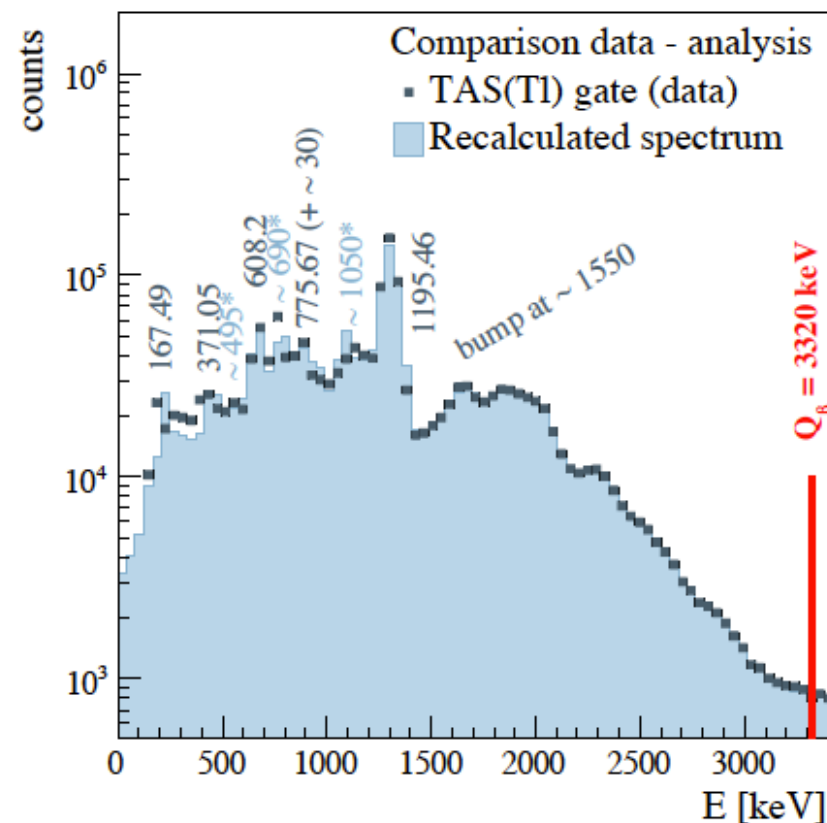
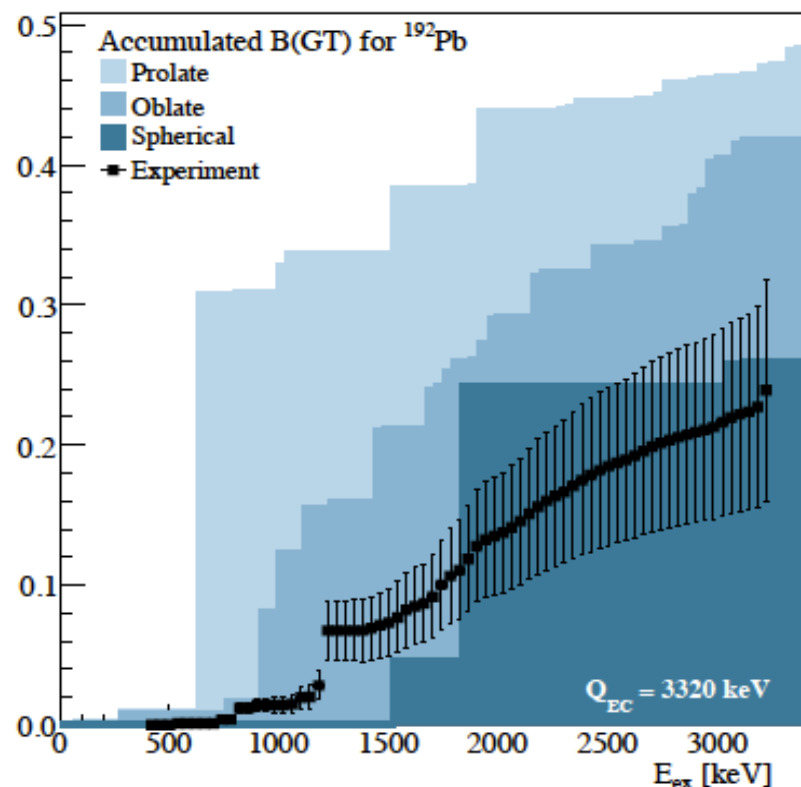
# The B(GT) profiles



--- spherical  
— oblate  
— prolate



# IS440 results: $^{192}\text{Pb}$ example

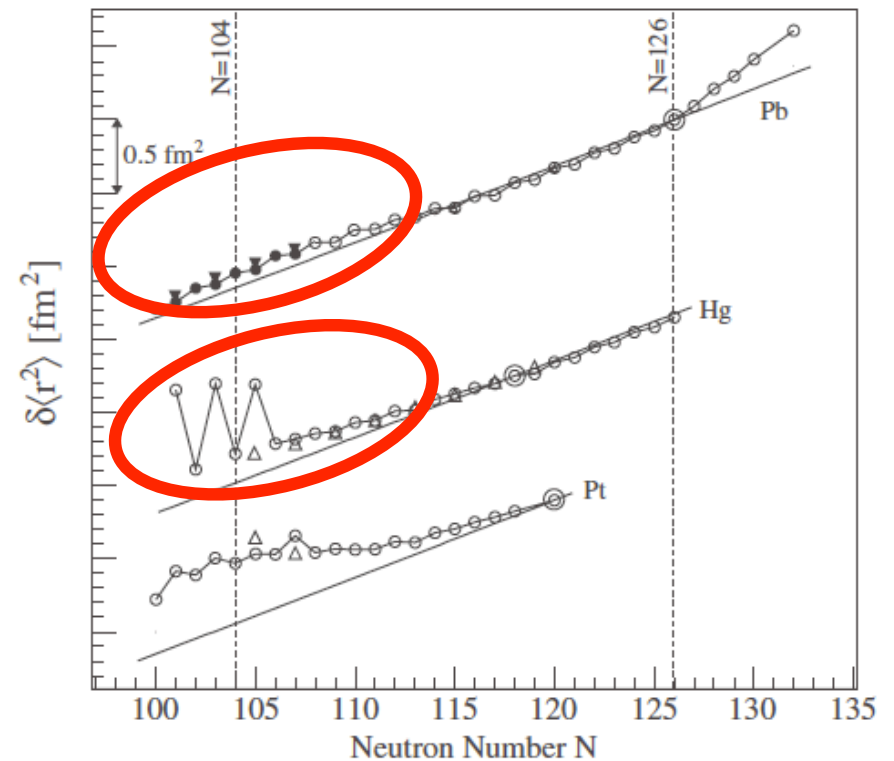


Thesis work of M. E. Estevez 2011, and M. E. Estevez *et al.* in preparation. Theory from PRC 73 (2006) 054317)

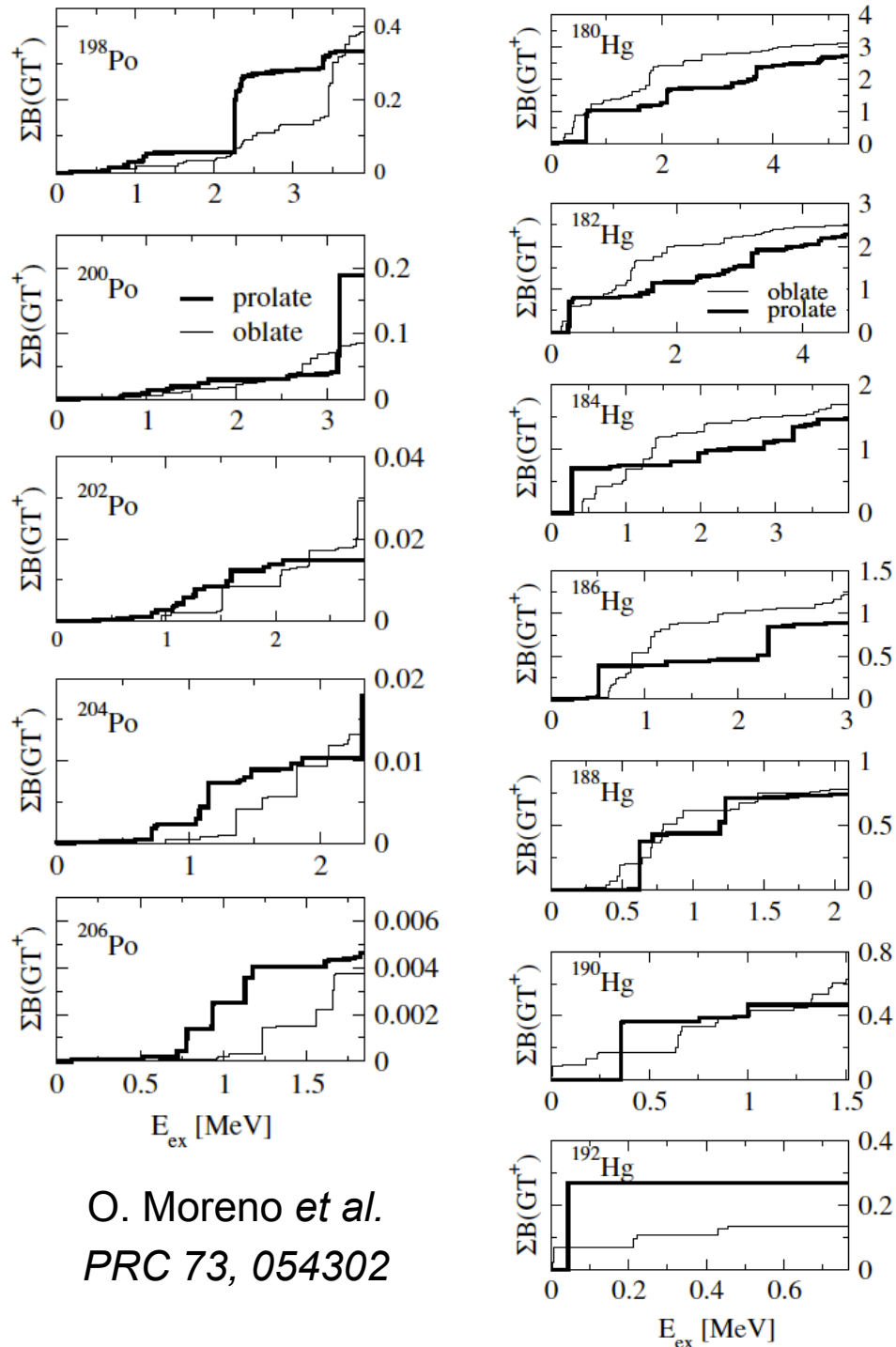
Results consistent with spherical picture, but less impressive than in the  $A \approx 80$  region. Similar situation for  $^{190}\text{Pb}$ . *Possible explanation, the spherical character of the Pb nuclei, but requires further testing.*

# Future studies (exp. recently finished)

H. De Witte *et al.*  
*PRL* 98, 0112502



Also T. Cocolios *et al.* *PRL* 106, 052503

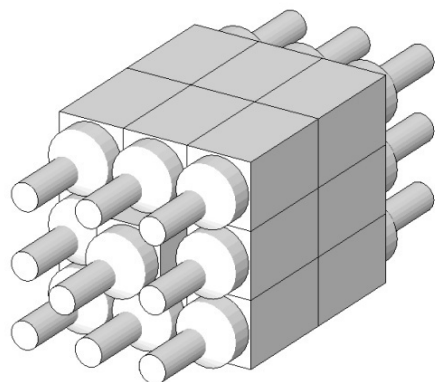


O. Moreno *et al.*  
*PRC* 73, 054302

# Building a Total Absorption Spectrometer for FAIR

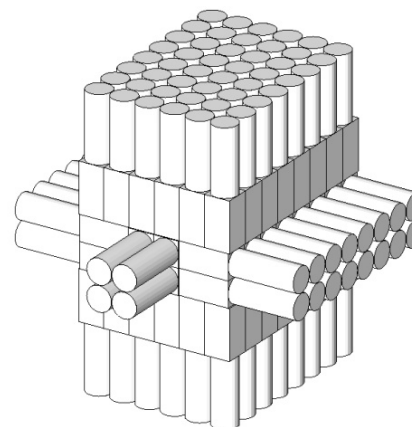
## DESIGN CHOICES

16 + 1 modules:  
15 x 15 x 25 cm<sup>3</sup> NaI(Tl)  
+ 5" PMT (50% light col.)  
V= 95 L, M= 351 kg

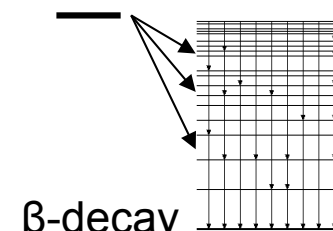


$\Delta E/E$  5%  
(@1.3MeV)  
 $\Delta t \sim 2$  ns

128 + 4 modules:  
5.5 x 5.5 x 11 cm<sup>3</sup> LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce  
+ 2" PMT (60% light col.)  
V= 44 L, M= 223 kg



$\Delta E/E$  2%?  
(@1.3MeV)  
 $\Delta t \leq 1$  ns



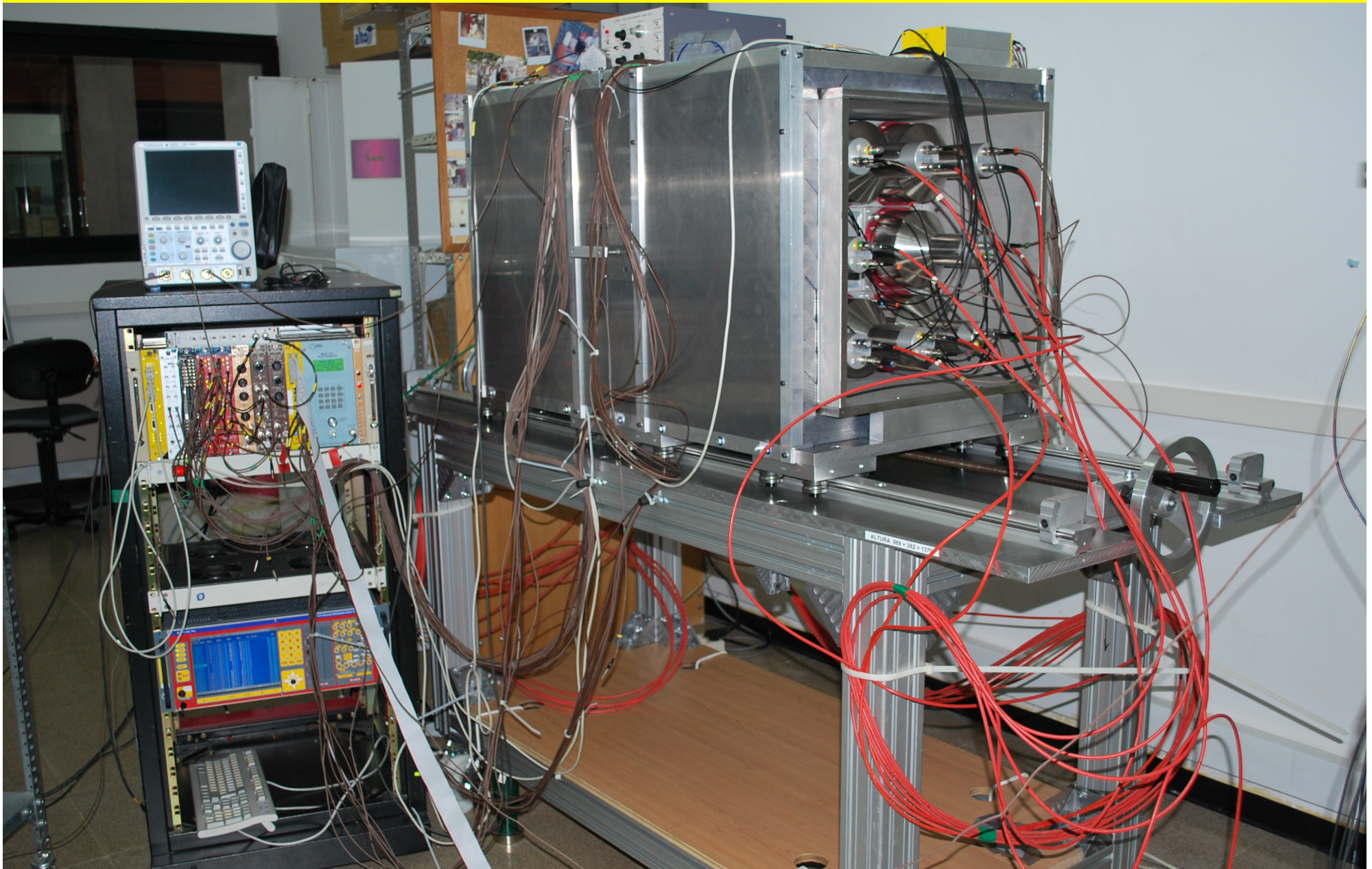
- x 2 better energy resolution
- much increased cost

Challenging future experiments in a fragmentation facility !

Figures and numbers from Taín



# Present status of the DTAS





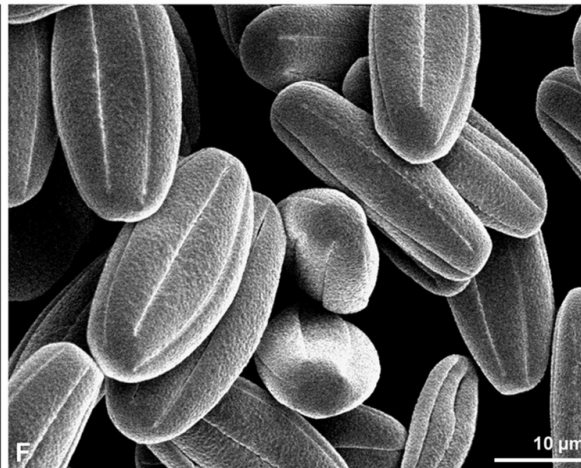
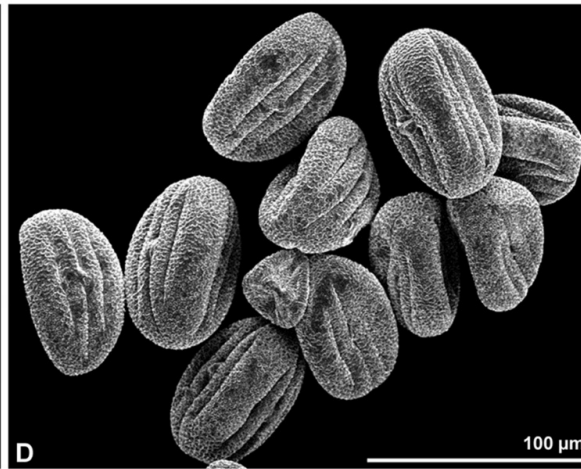
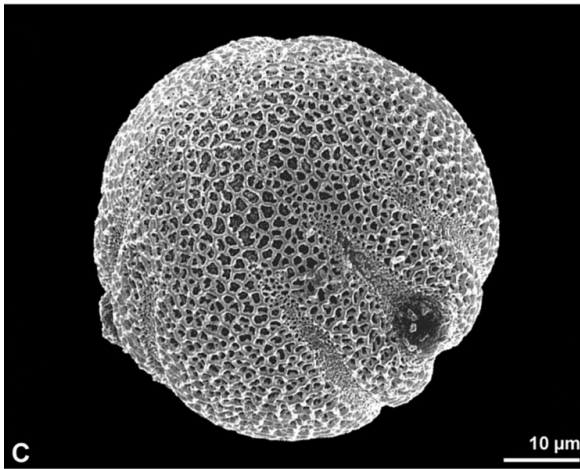
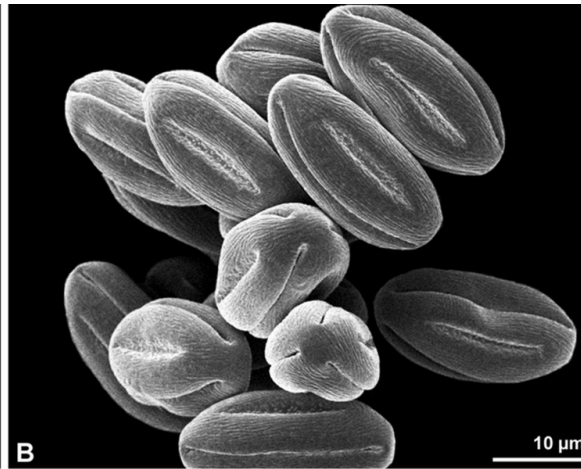
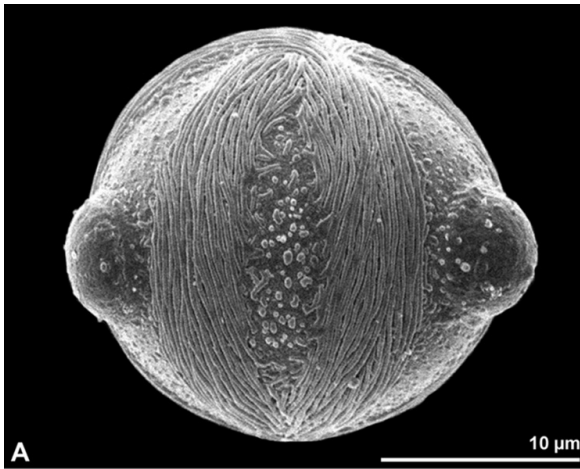
# Conclusions/last comments

- I hope I have shown you the utility of the TAS technique, not only for fundamental research in nuclear structure, but also for practical applications
- Even the results for practical applications can have an impact for nuclear structure.
- We have a long term program for Jyväskylä (decay heat, neutrino spectrum, nuclear structure). Similar research programs at Oak Ridge (USA) and Argonne (USA)
- There is still a lot of work ahead of us, if you consider the challenges for experiments in a facility like FAIR



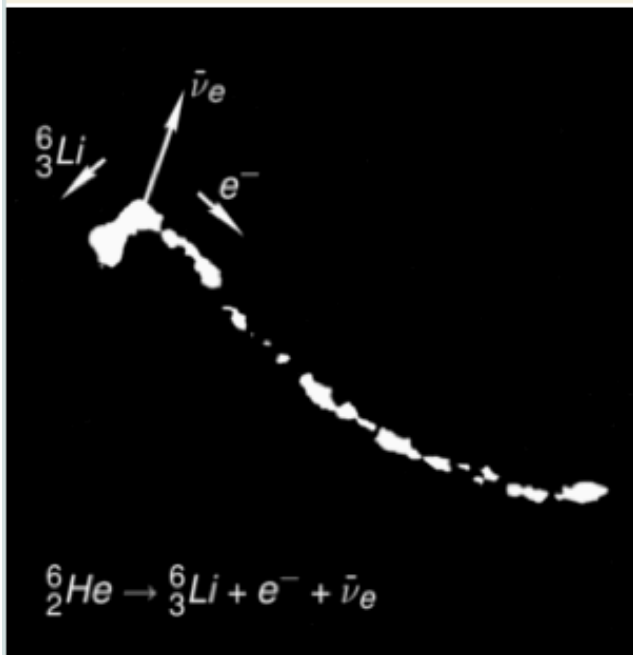
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