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The ²³⁸U level scheme used by reaction codes is incomplete:

- Transition with probability = 0.00000
- Even-split branching ratios (TALYS)
- No off bands levels above 5 \hbar

2.5

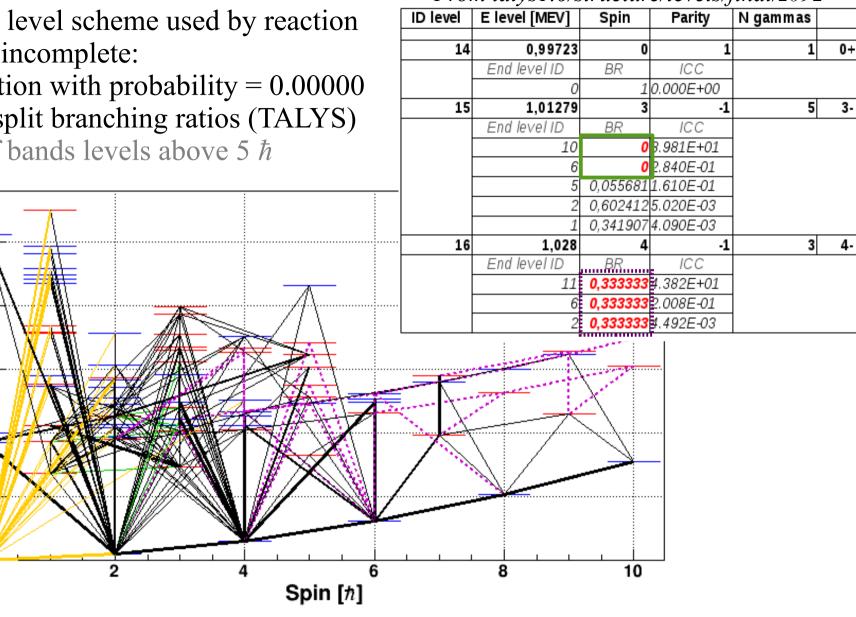
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Excitation Energy [MeV]

From talys1.6/structure/levels/final/z092



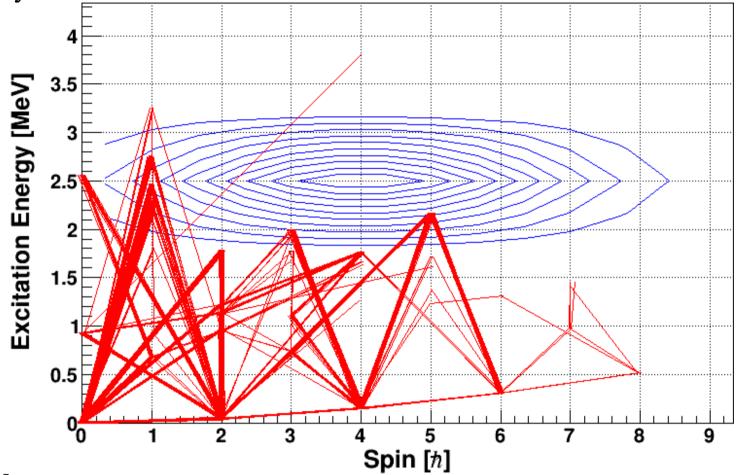
 \rightarrow What is the impact of those BR on decay path and calculated transition cross-sections?

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Test with Monte Carlo decays

- Arbitrary entry distribution (2D binomial distribution)
- Decay only from discrete levels



Tracking three *outcomes*

- Bypass of gsb
- Connect to the gsb at the FES
- Connect to the gb above the FES

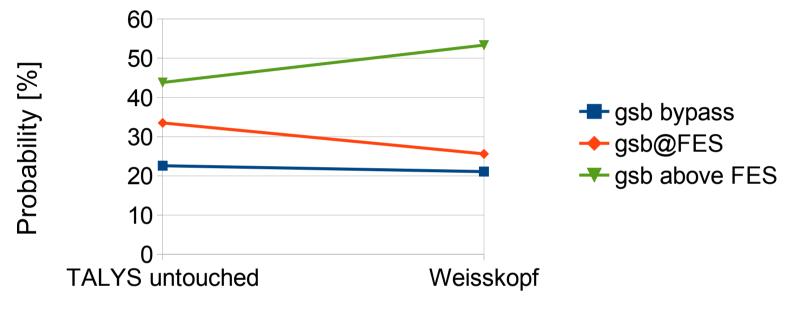
Two branching ratio schemes

- Untouched (even splits)
- Weisskopf estimates replace even splits

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Results

- No significant impact on gsb bypass
- ~ 10 % change on the connection point to the gsb



Qualitative result. Show the importance of those transitions BR.

Follow up:

- Bibliographical work : experimental information on those transitions
- Experimental measurement
- Track the portion of *flux* going through those transitions in codes + starting point
- Run codes with Weisskopf estimates