

# High-precision spectroscopy of $^{20}\text{O}$ benchmarking ab-initio calculations in light nuclei

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# Outlook

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Physical motivations

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The  $^{20}\text{O}$  experiment

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$\gamma$ -particle spectroscopy

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Optimization of the simulation

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Lifetime measurements

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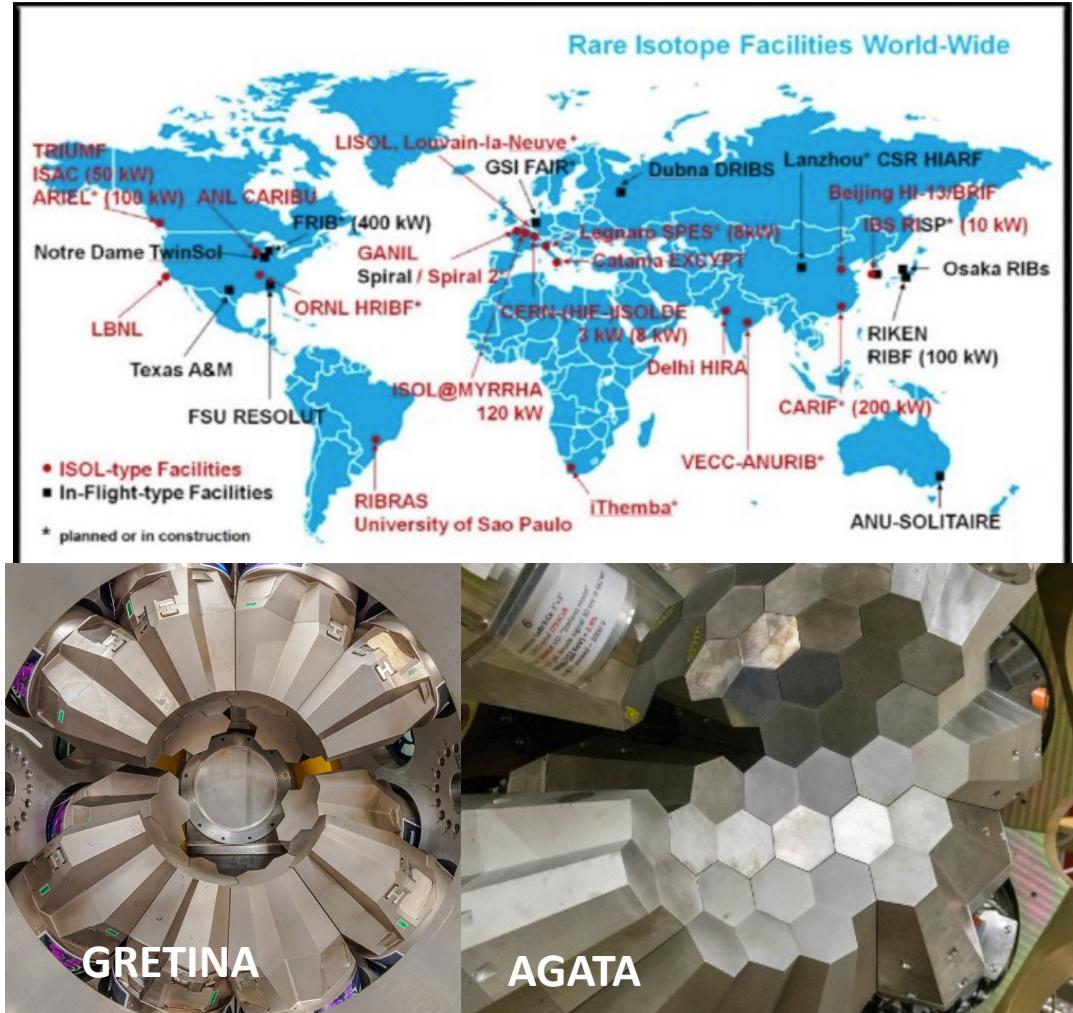
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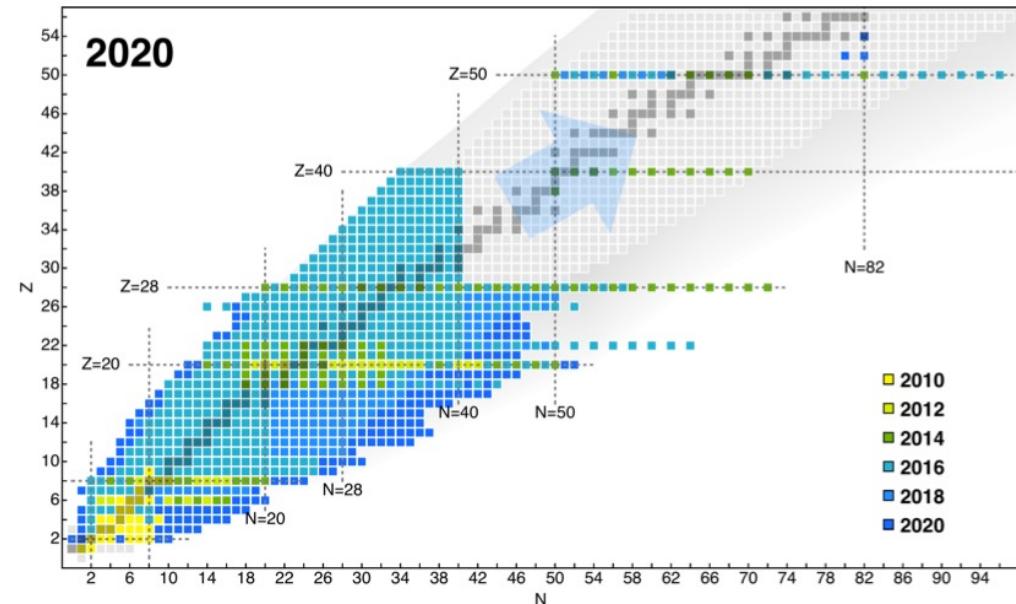
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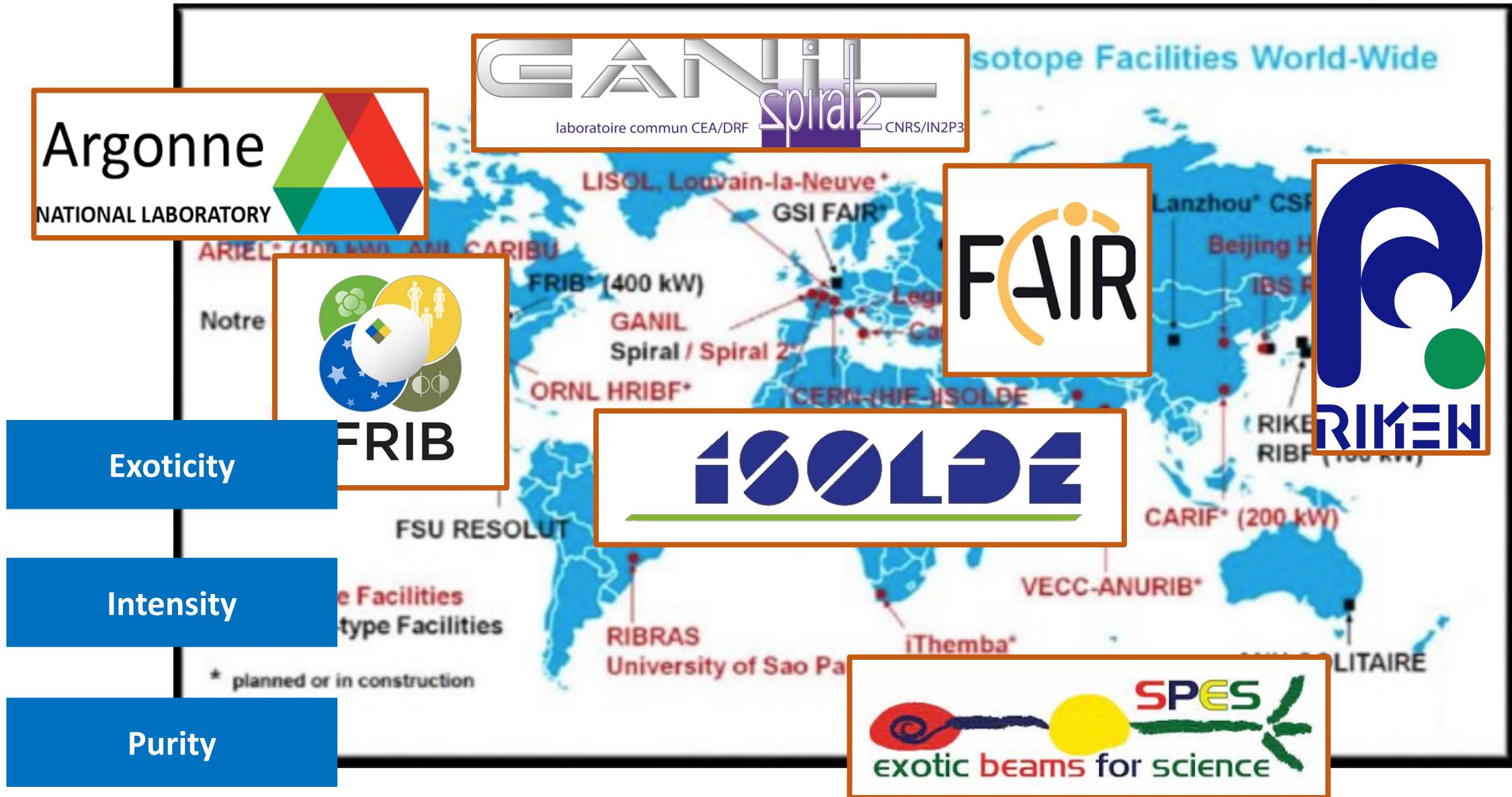
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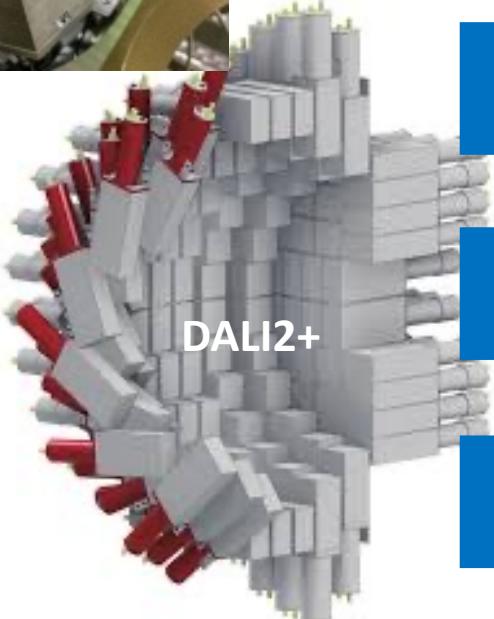
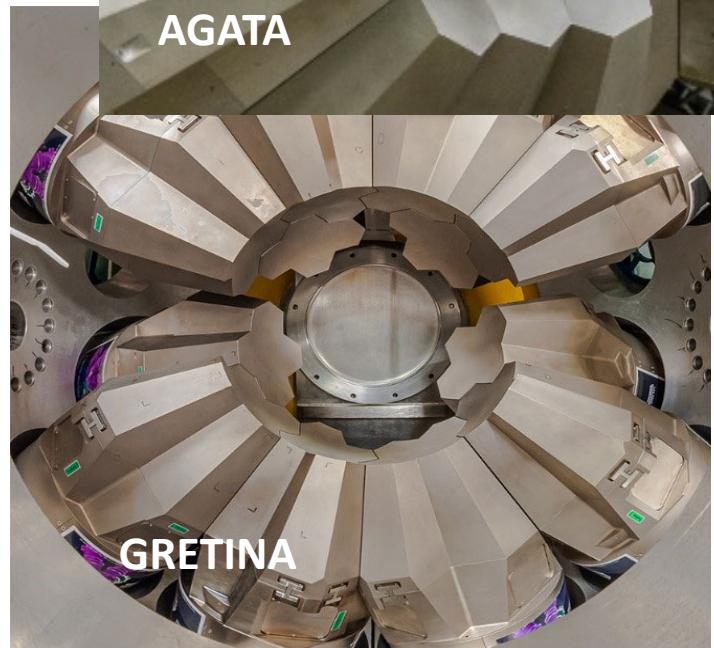
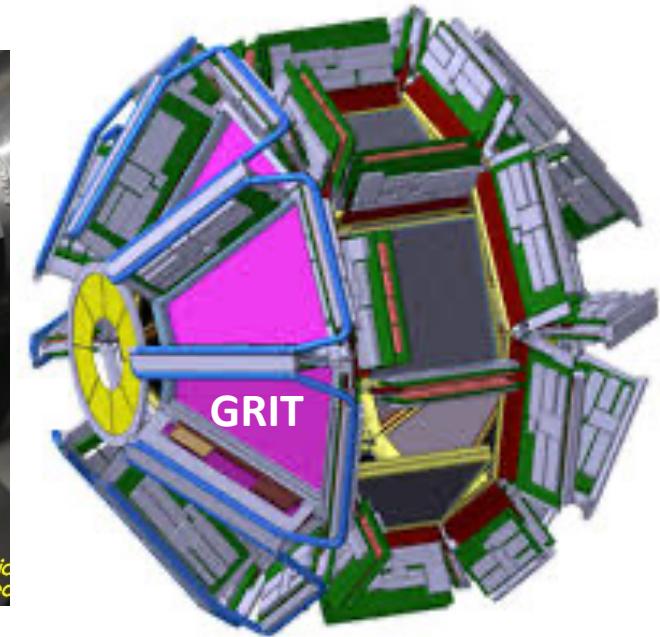
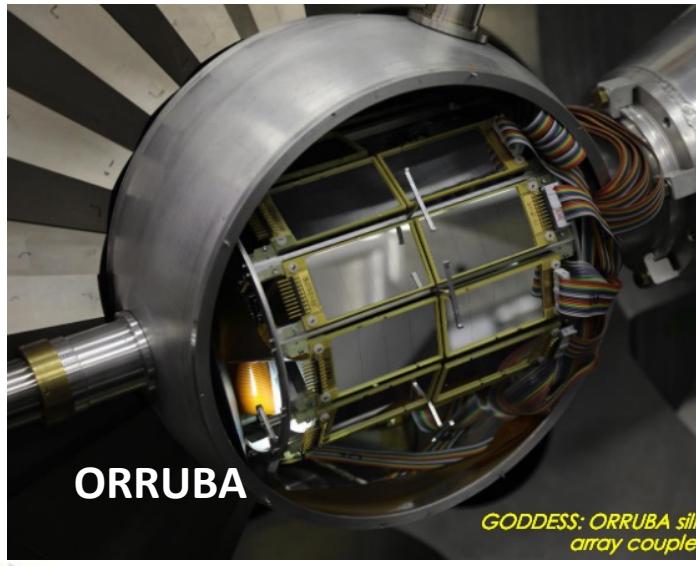
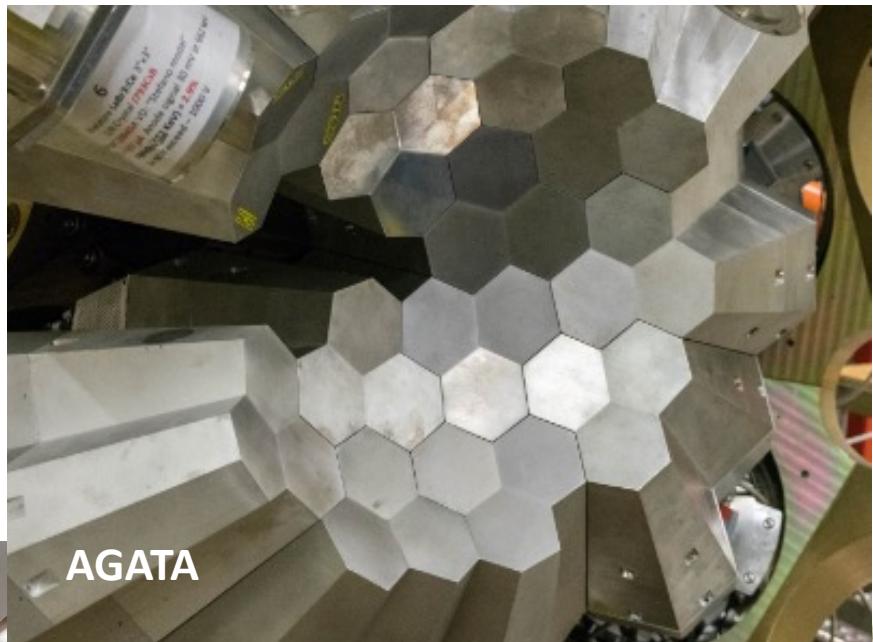


Improvements of experimental setups

Improvements of theoretical models



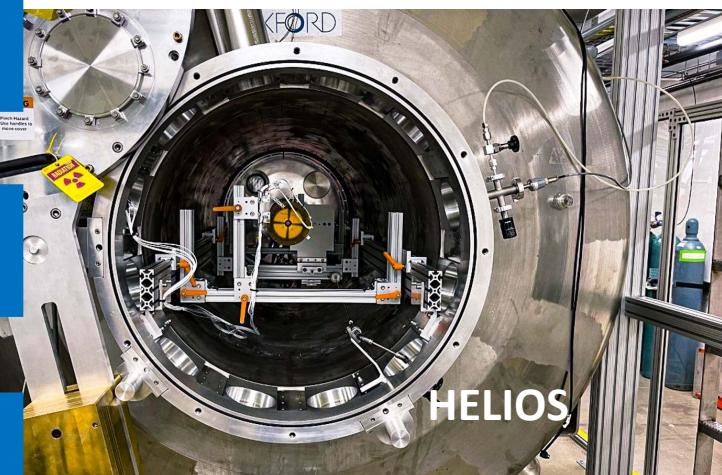




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Resolution

Selectivity



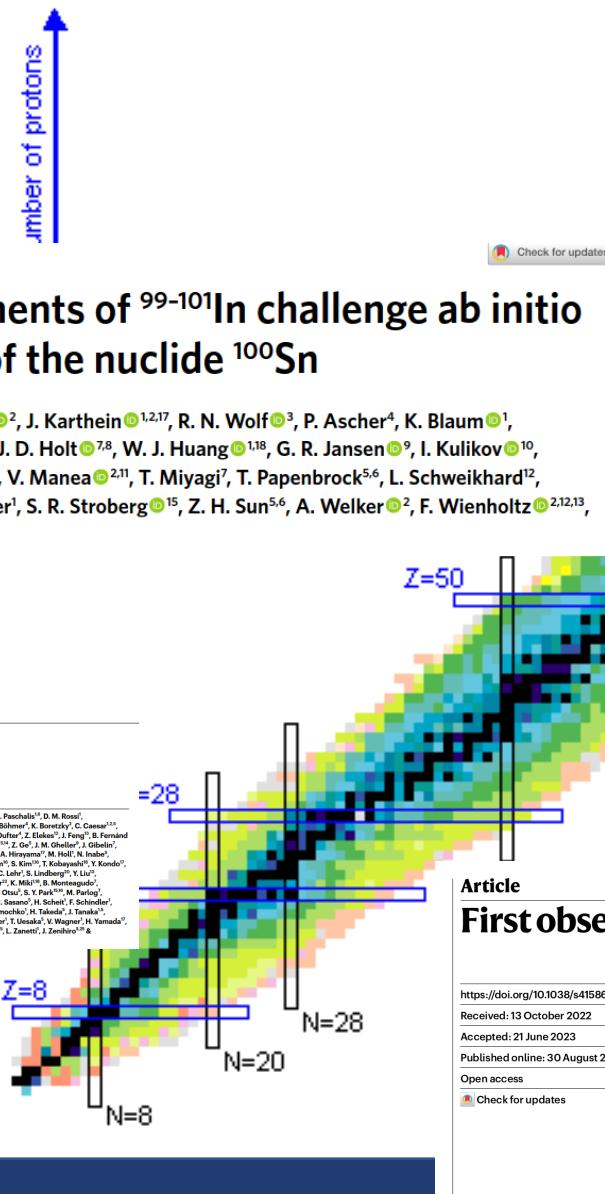
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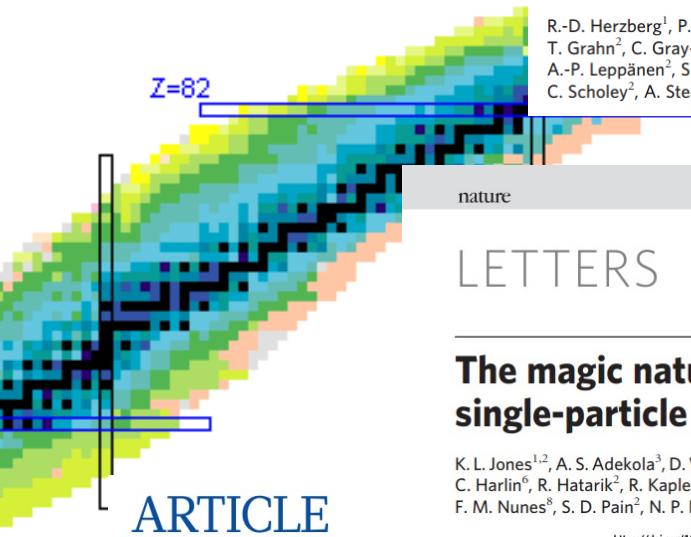
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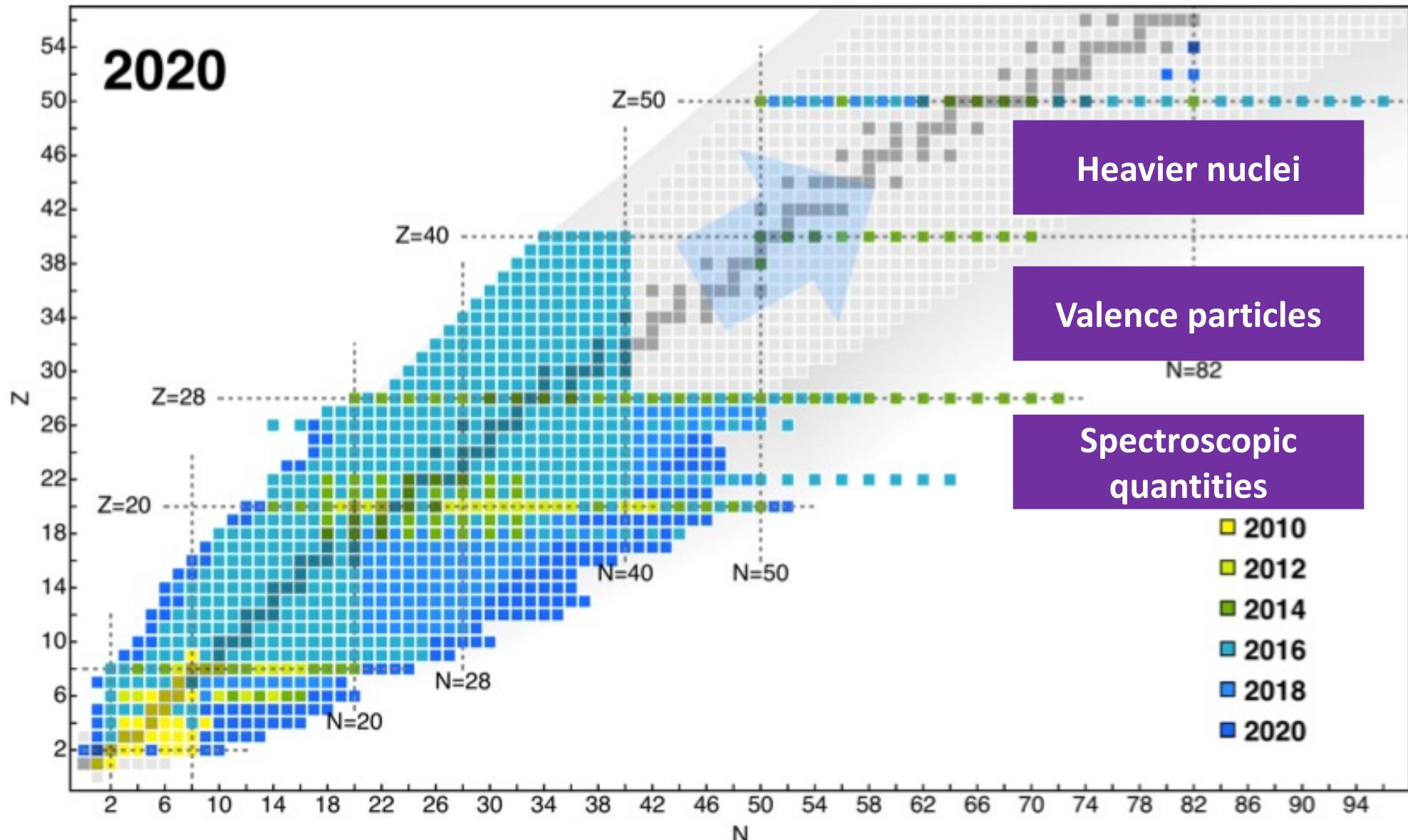
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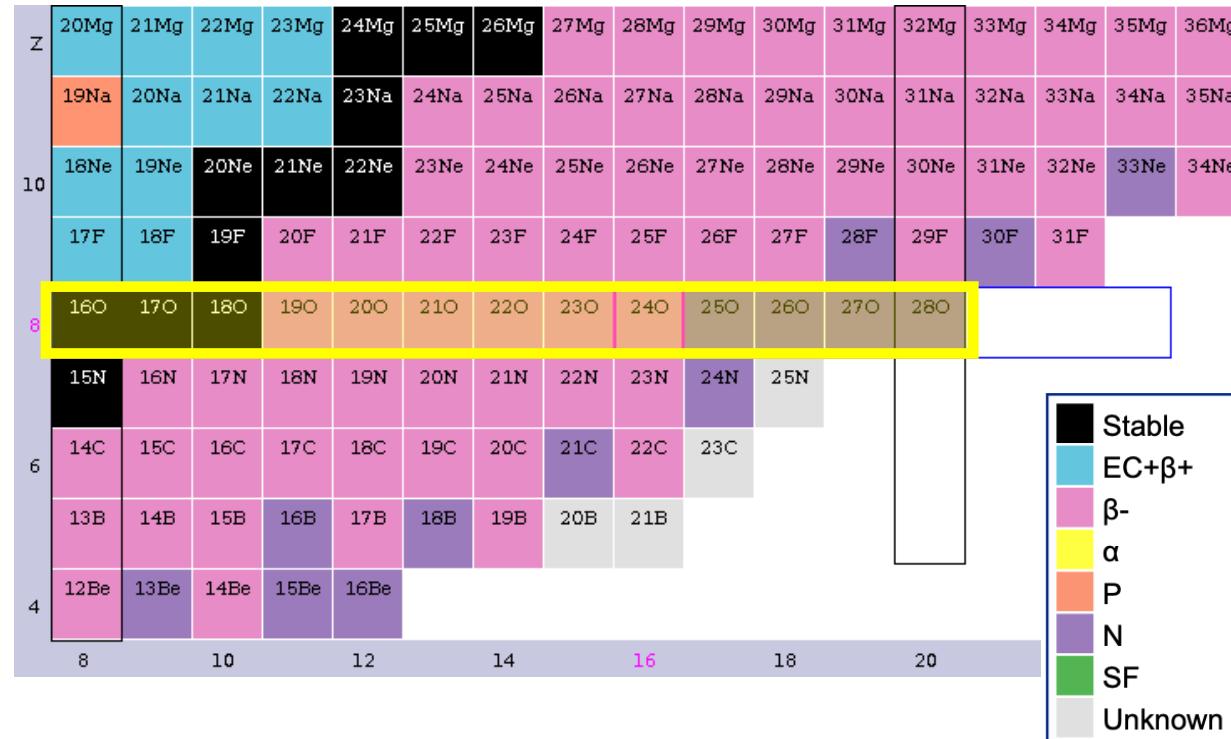
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N, number of neutrons



# The «oxygen anomaly»



- Nuclei close to the drip-lines are fundamental to understand the nuclear interaction.
- Regular evolution of the drip line in the p-sd region **but** the oxygen represents an exception.
- According to the shell model,  $^{28}\text{O}$  is expected to be the heaviest isotope.  **$^{24}\text{O}$  is observed to be the last bound isotope.**

- Disappearance of the N=20 magic number;
- Anomaly in the drip line;

# The oxygen isotopic chain

- The position of the drip line of the oxygen isotopic chain is reproduced by introducing the **3N forces**.
- The location of the drip line changes from the  $0d_{3/2}$  orbital ( $N=20$ ,  $^{28}\text{O}$ ) to the  $1s_{1/2}$  ( $N=16$ ,  $^{24}\text{O}$ ).
- Additional information on the relative position of  **$1s_{1/2}$  and  $0d_{3/2}$  orbitals** is need.

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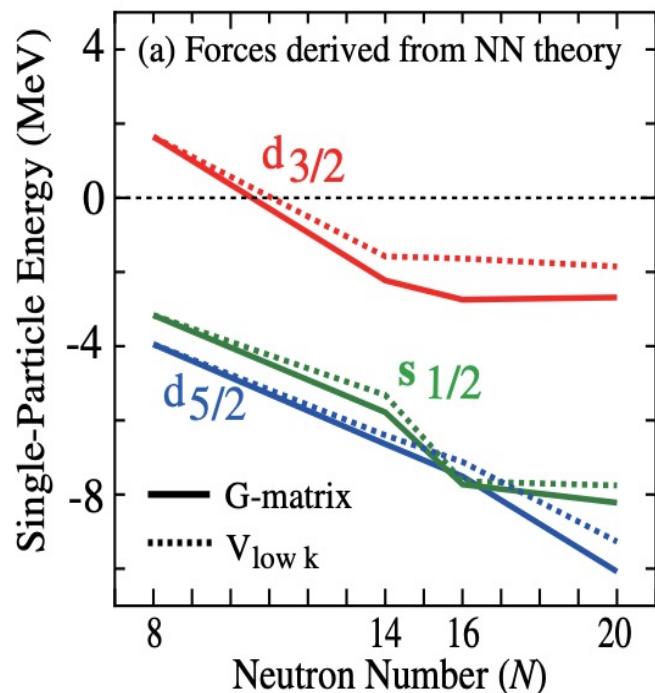
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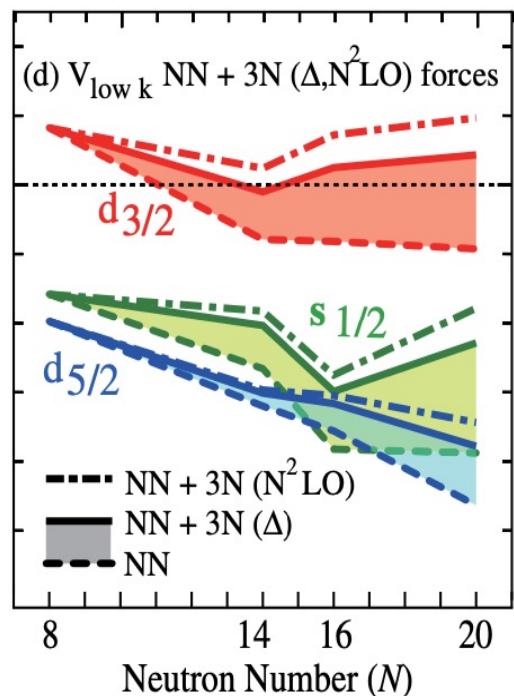
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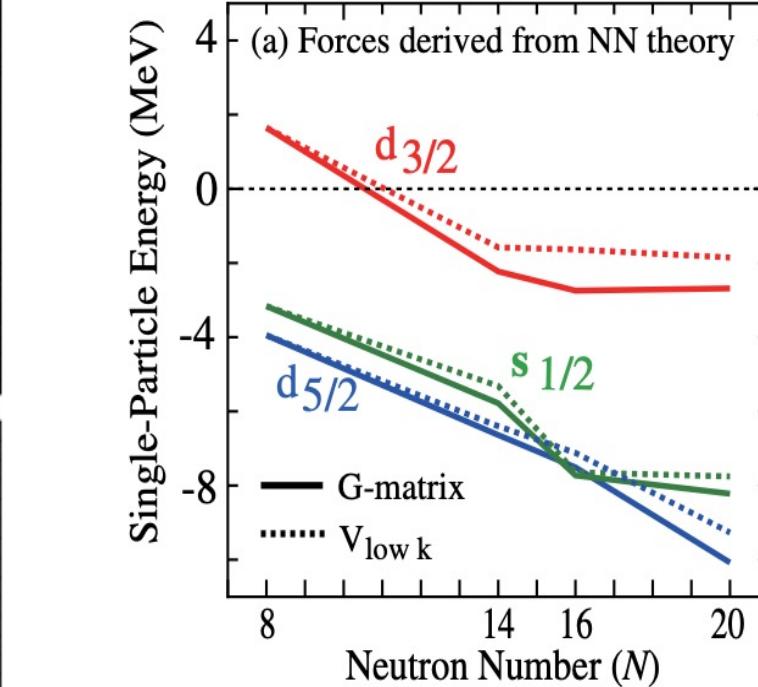
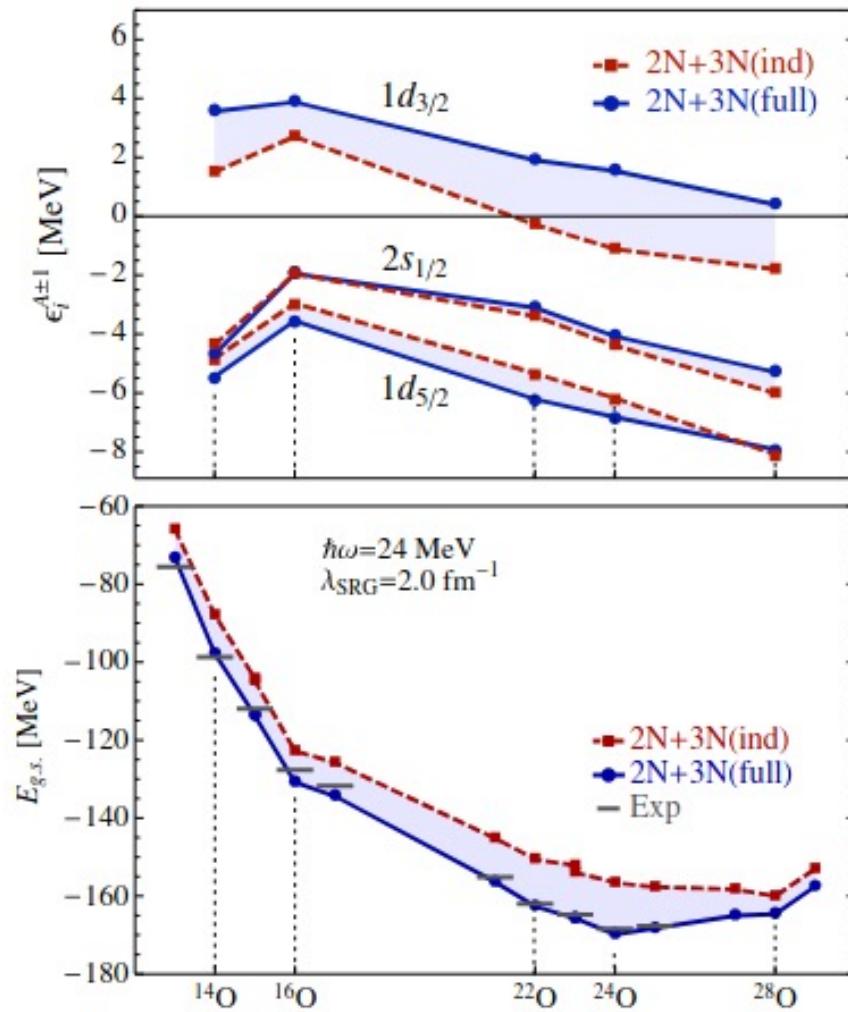
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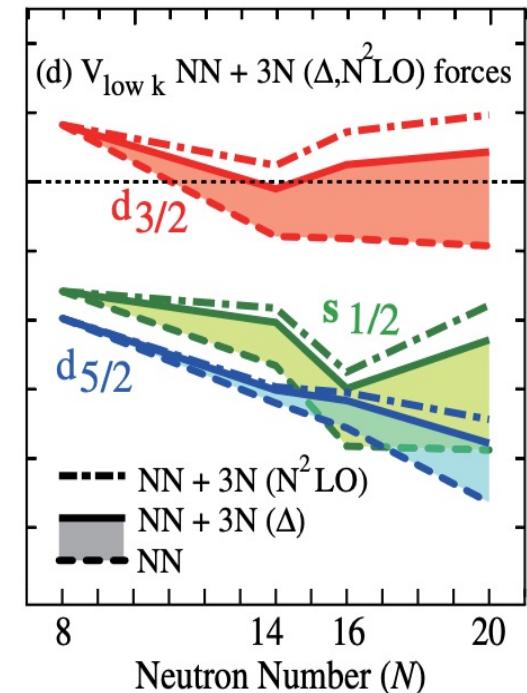
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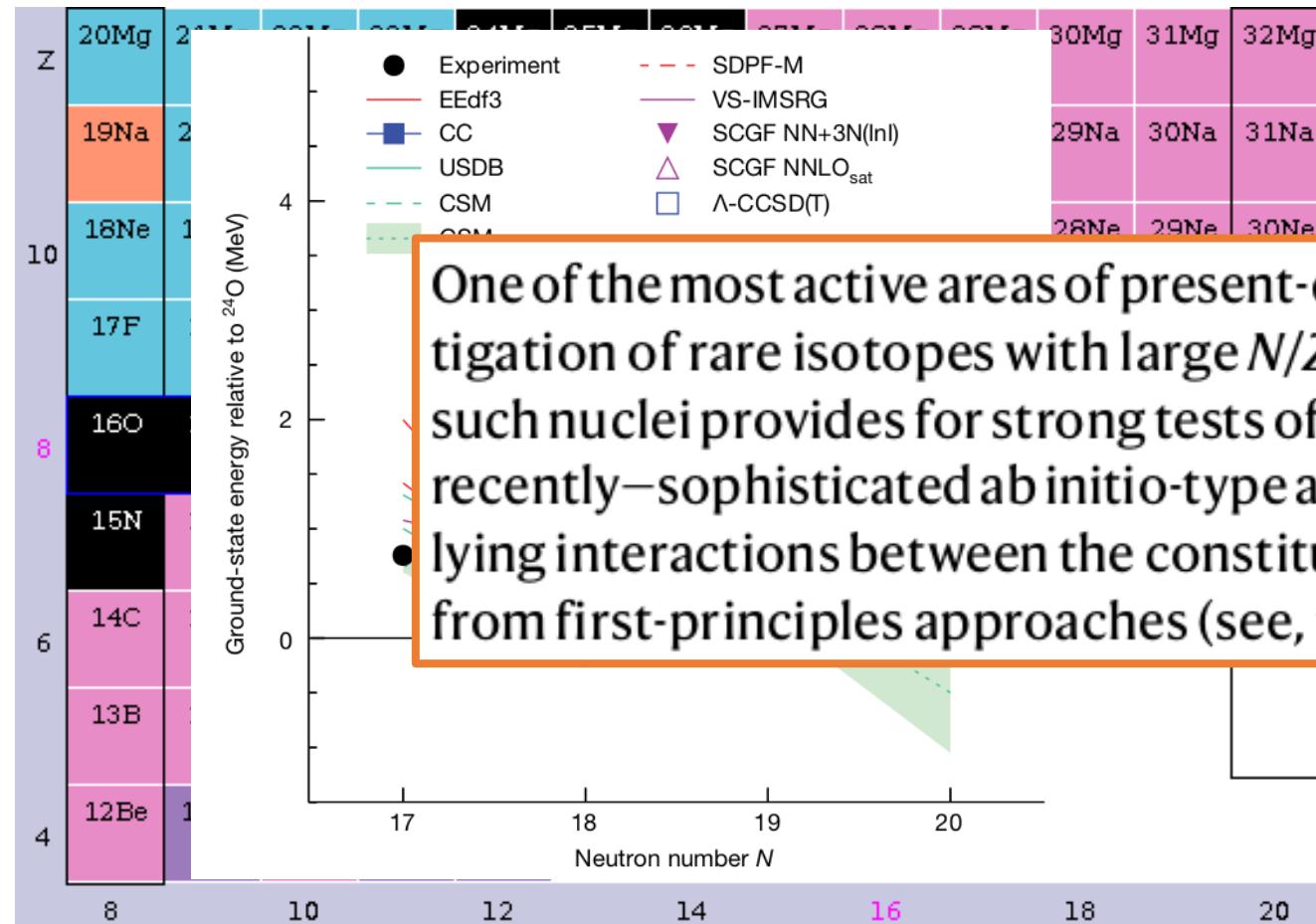


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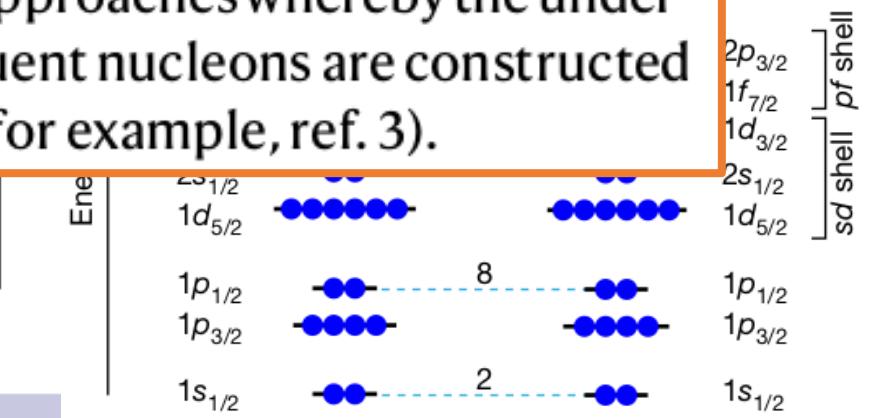
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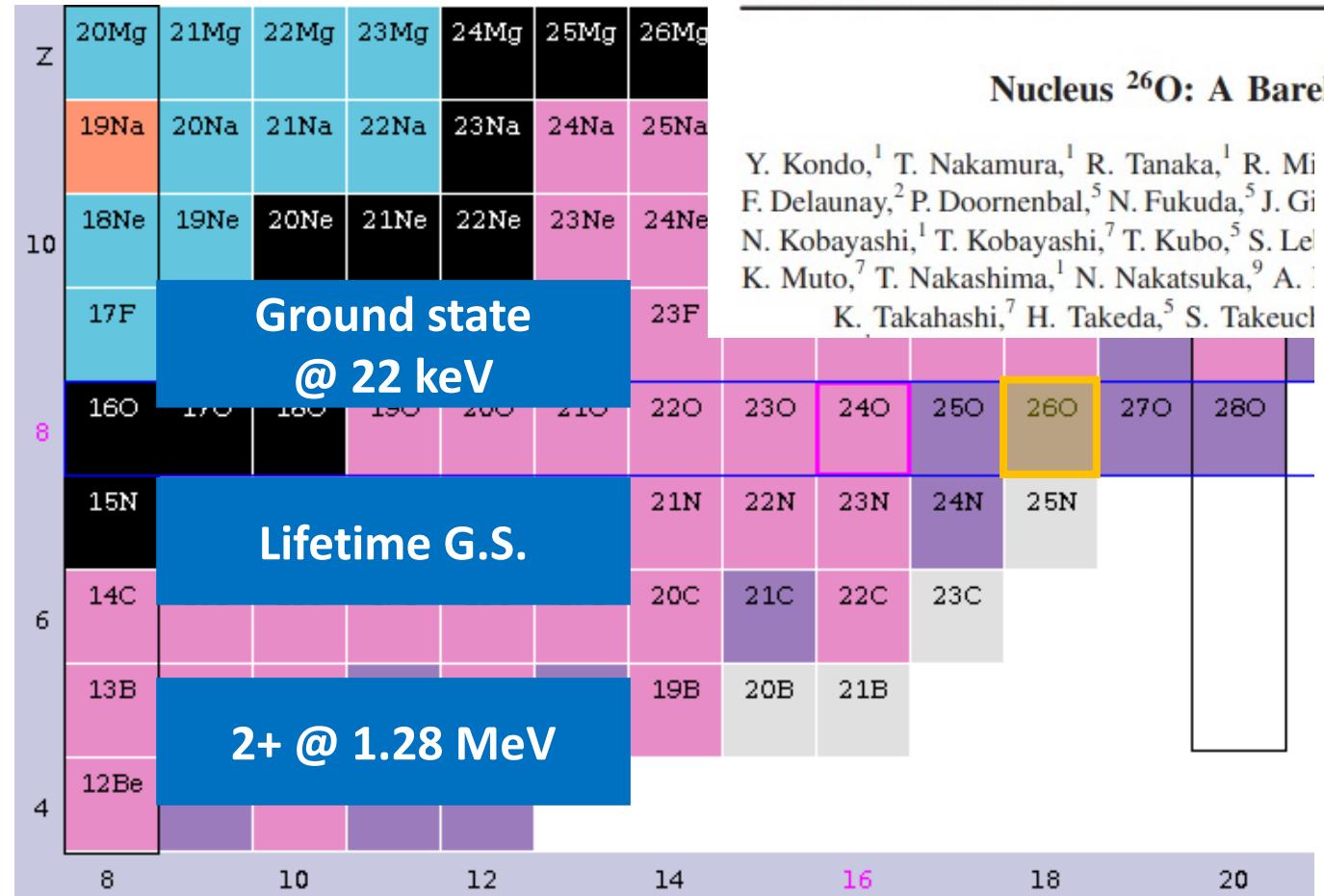


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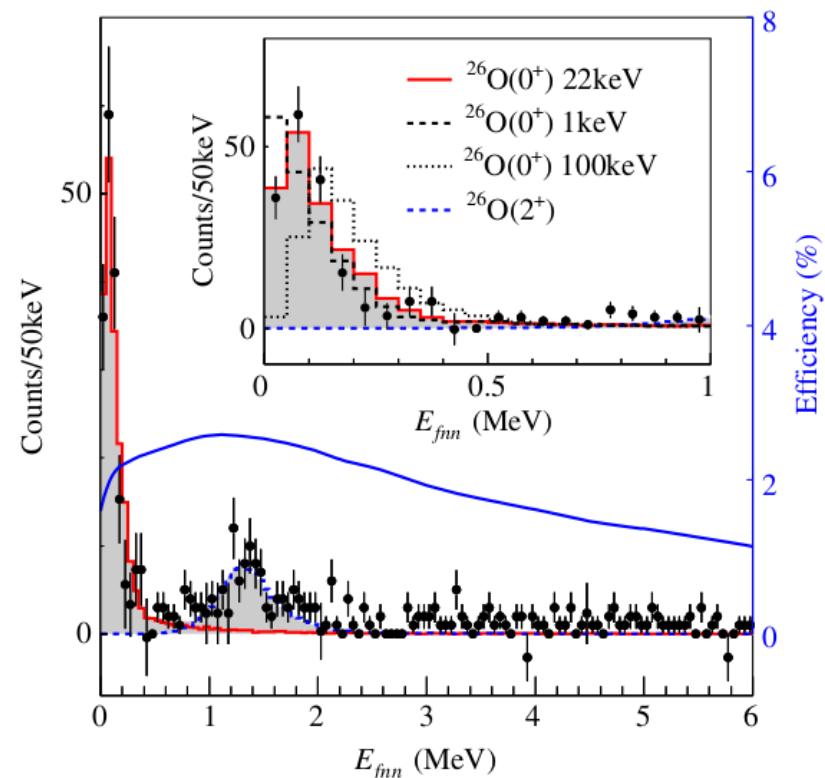
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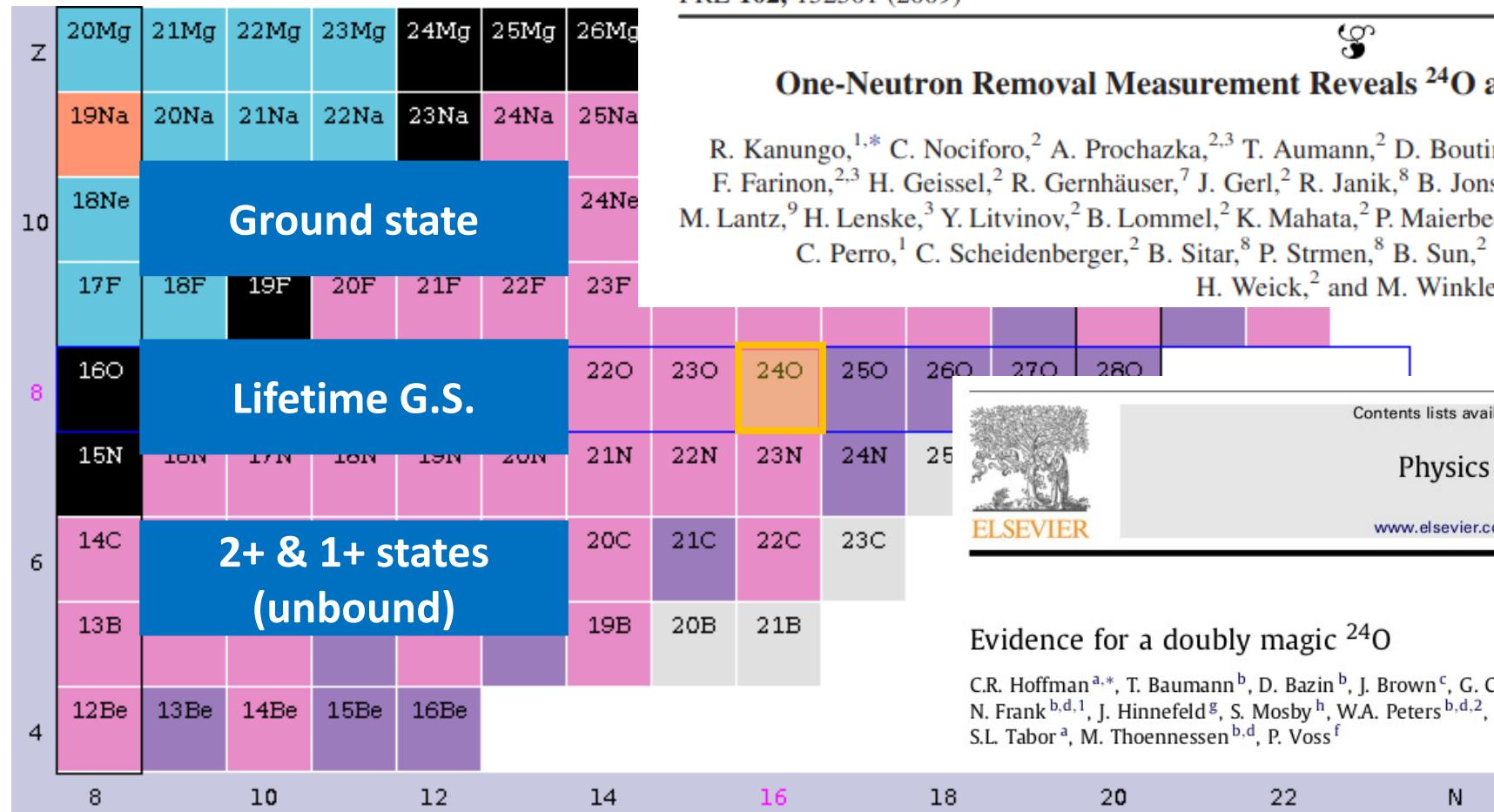
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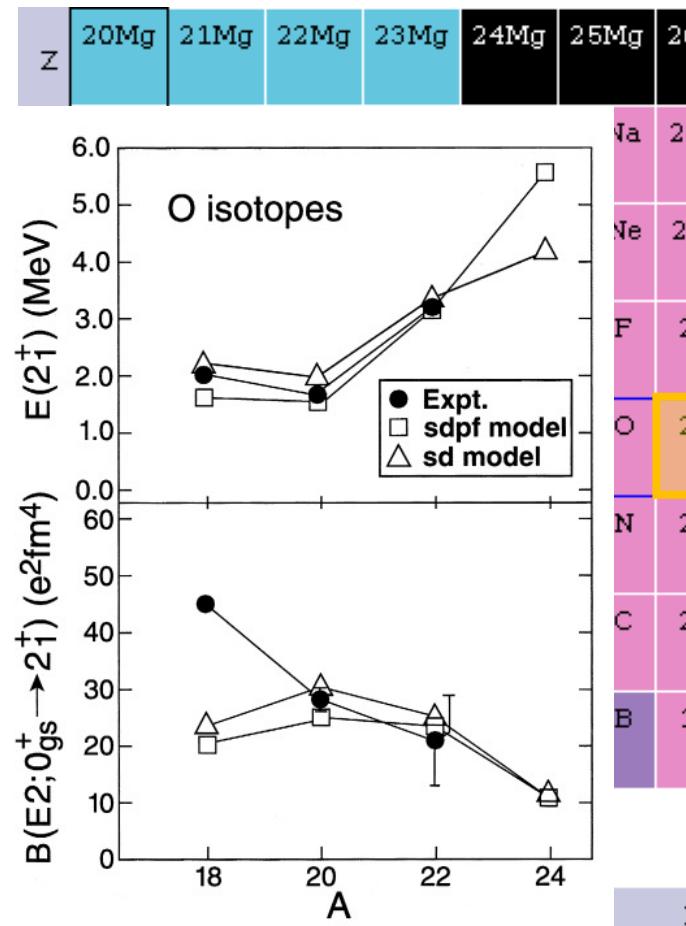


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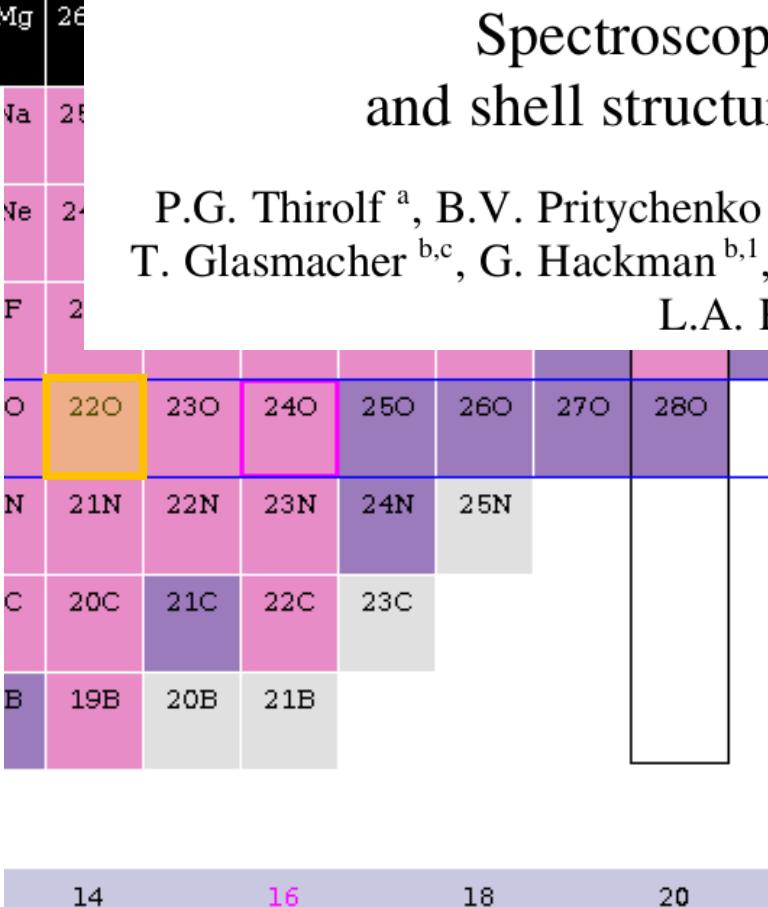
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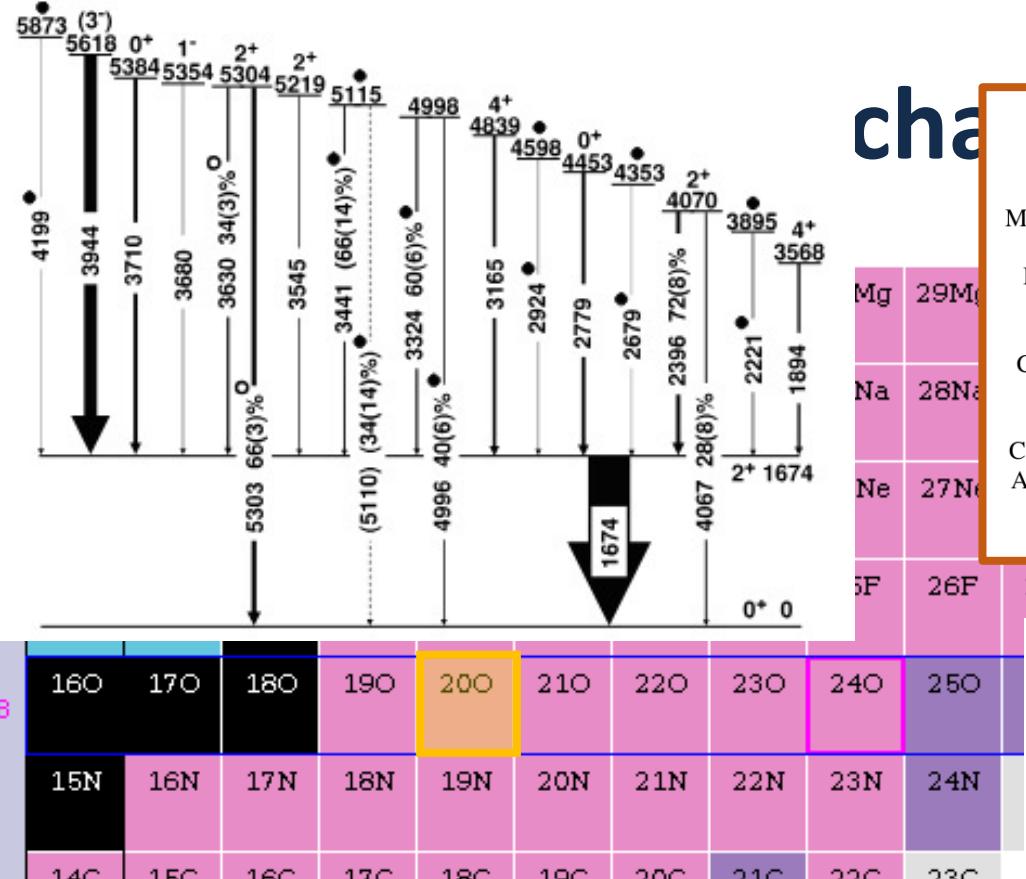
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## Testing *ab initio* nuclear structure in neutron-rich nuclei: Lifetime measurements of second $2^+$ state in $^{16}\text{C}$ and $^{20}\text{O}$

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## Experimental study of the $^{19}\text{O}(d,p)^{20}\text{O}$ reaction in inverse kinematics

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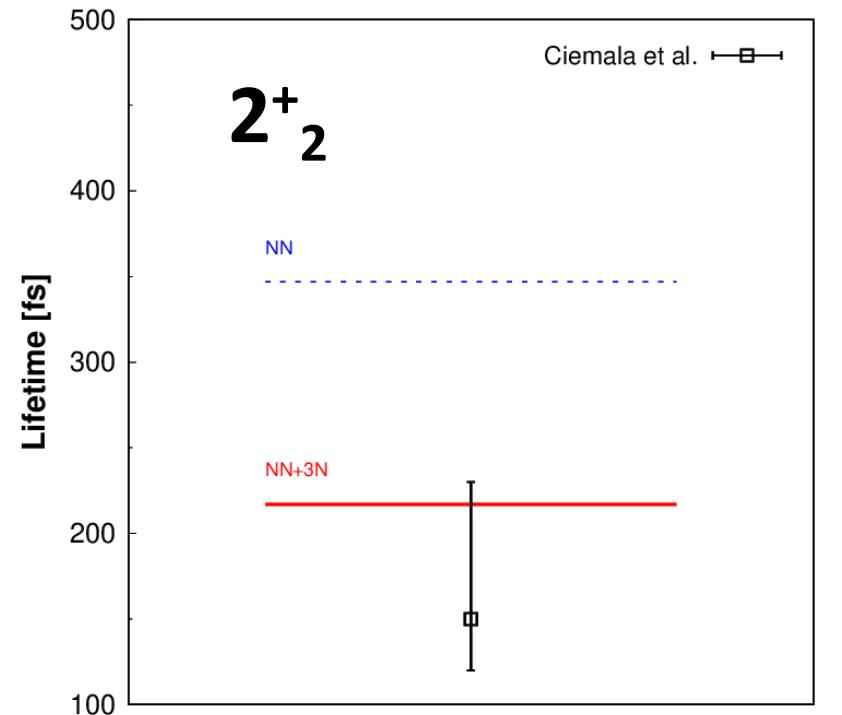
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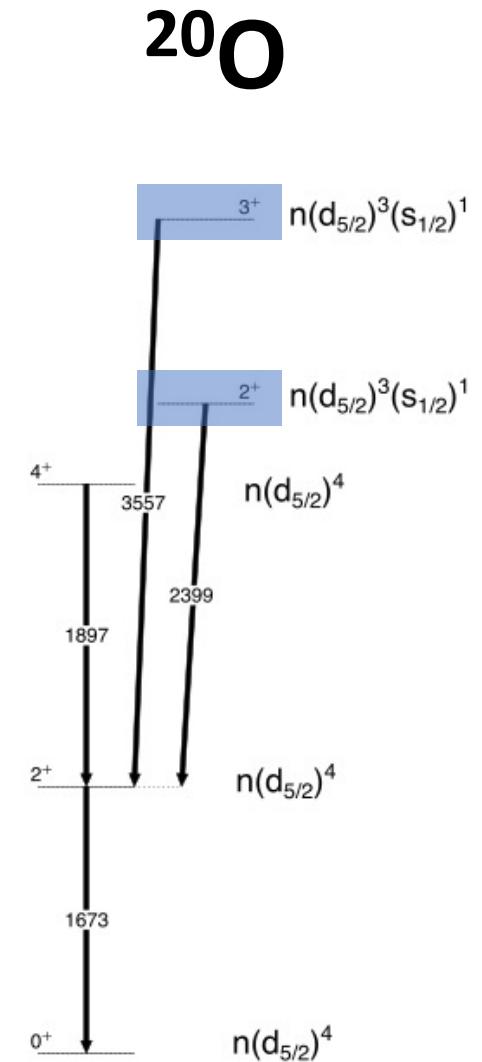
# The $^{20}\text{O}$ study case

- In  $^{20}\text{O}$ , the  $2^+_2$  and  $3^+_1$  states are based on a mixed configuration of  $d_{5/2}$  and  $s_{1/2}$ ;
- The positions of the the orbitals influences the lifetime of the  $2^+_2$  and  $3^+_1$  states of  $^{20}\text{O}$ .

- Precise particle-gamma spectroscopy;
- Measure  $2^+_2$  and  $3^+_1$  states;
- Comparison with theory

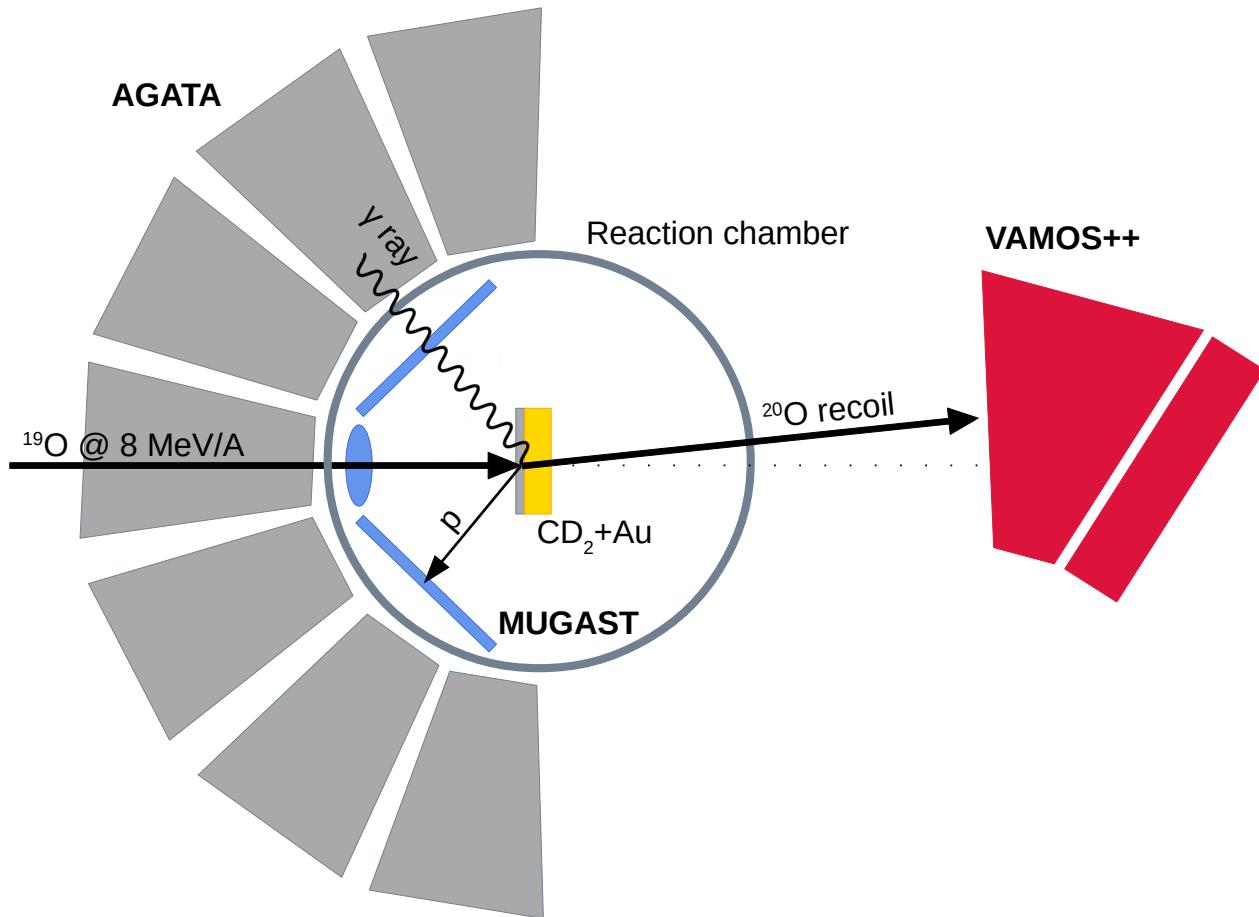


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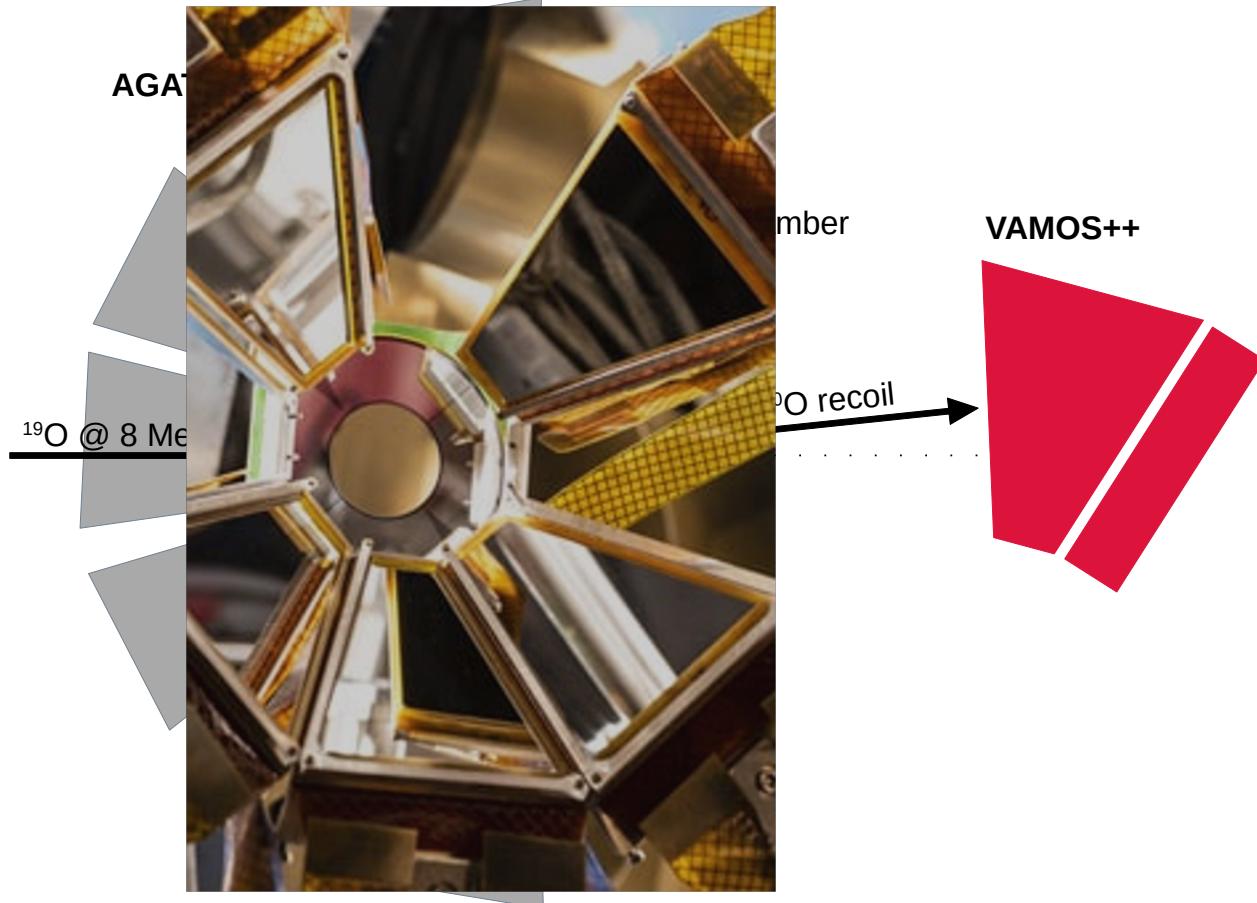
# Part II: The experiment

# The experiment



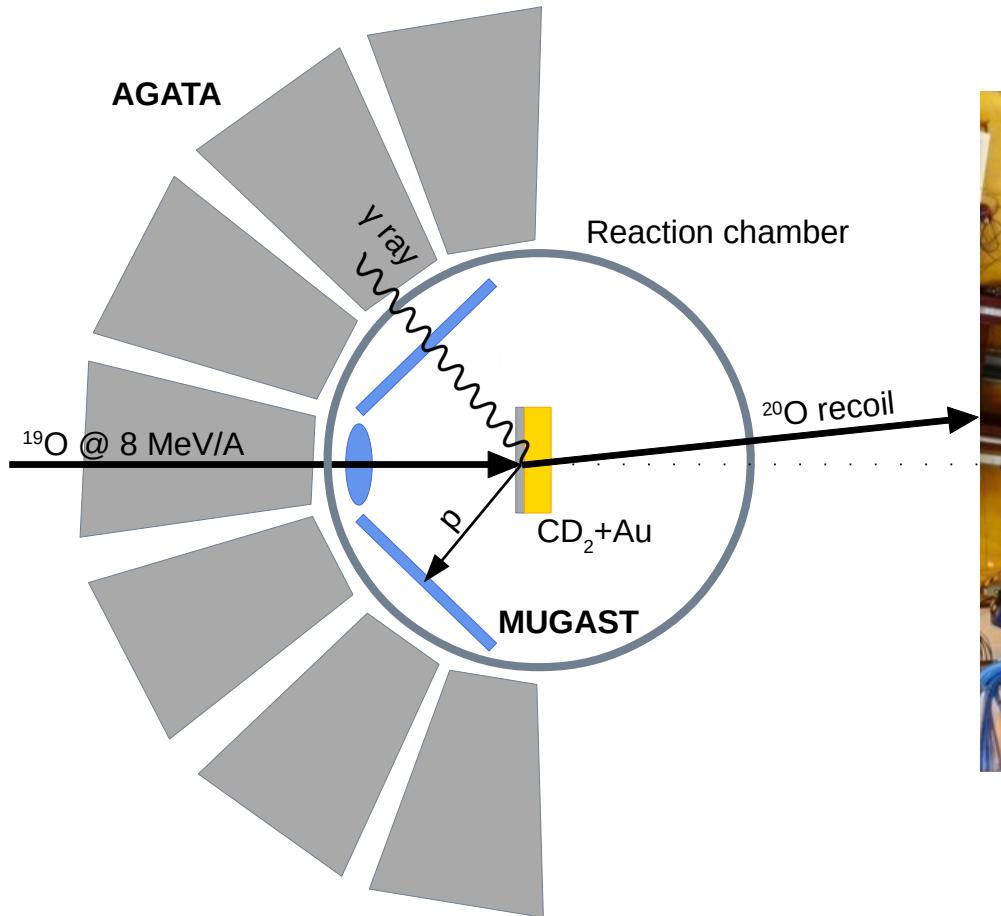
- Performed in GANIL (France) in 2020
- $^{19}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{p})^{20}\text{O}$  reaction;
- RIB of  $^{19}\text{O}$  @8 MeV/A  
i:  $4 \times 10^5$  pps, purity > 99%;
- Target  $\text{CD}_2$  0.3 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>  
+  $^{\text{nat}}\text{Au}$  20 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>;
- AGATA array + MUGAST + VAMOS.

# The experiment: MUGAST



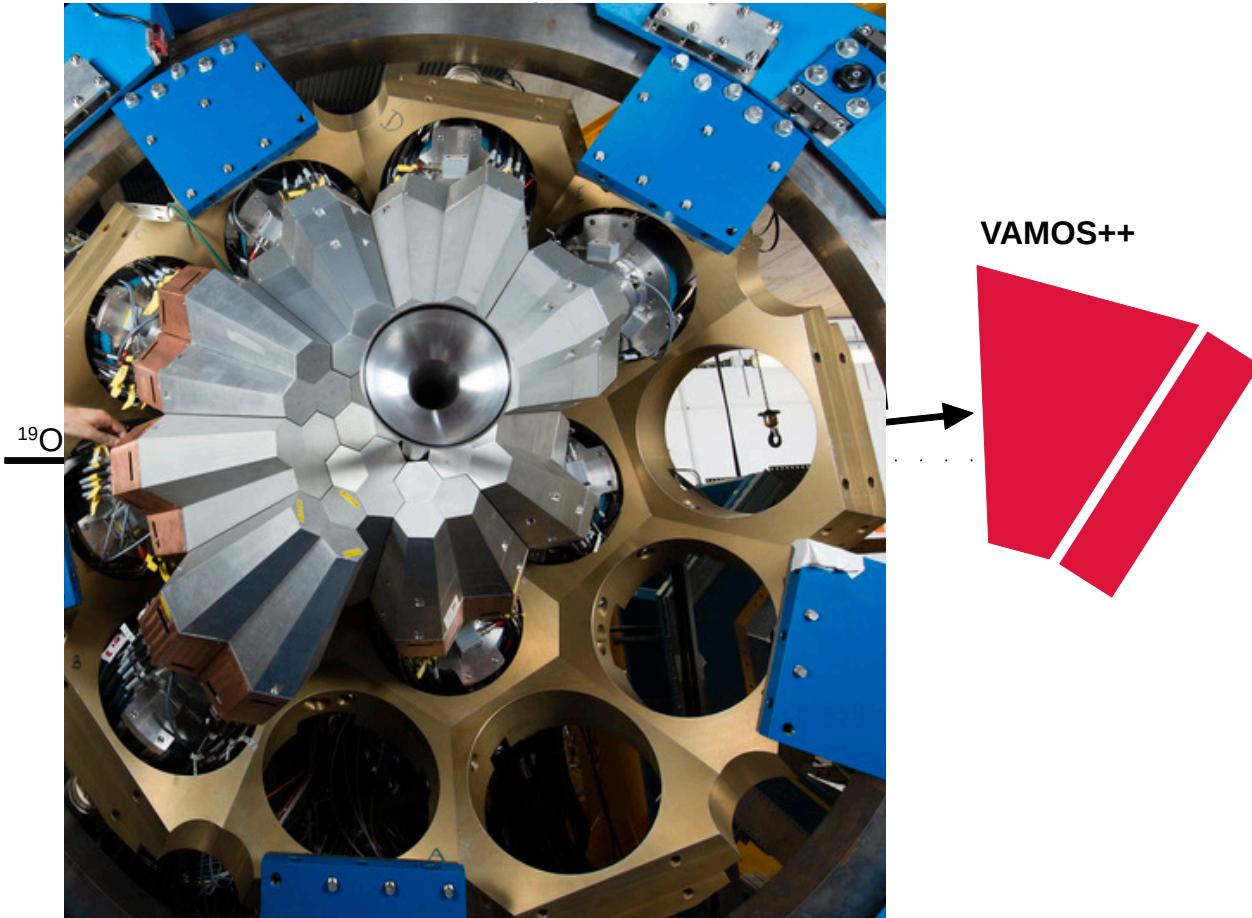
- Array of silicon detectors;
- Detection of light charged particles;
- 7 trapezoids + 1 annular;
- Designed to be coupled to AGATA;
- Segmentation of the silicons;
- Good energy and angular resolution.

# The experiment: VAMOS++



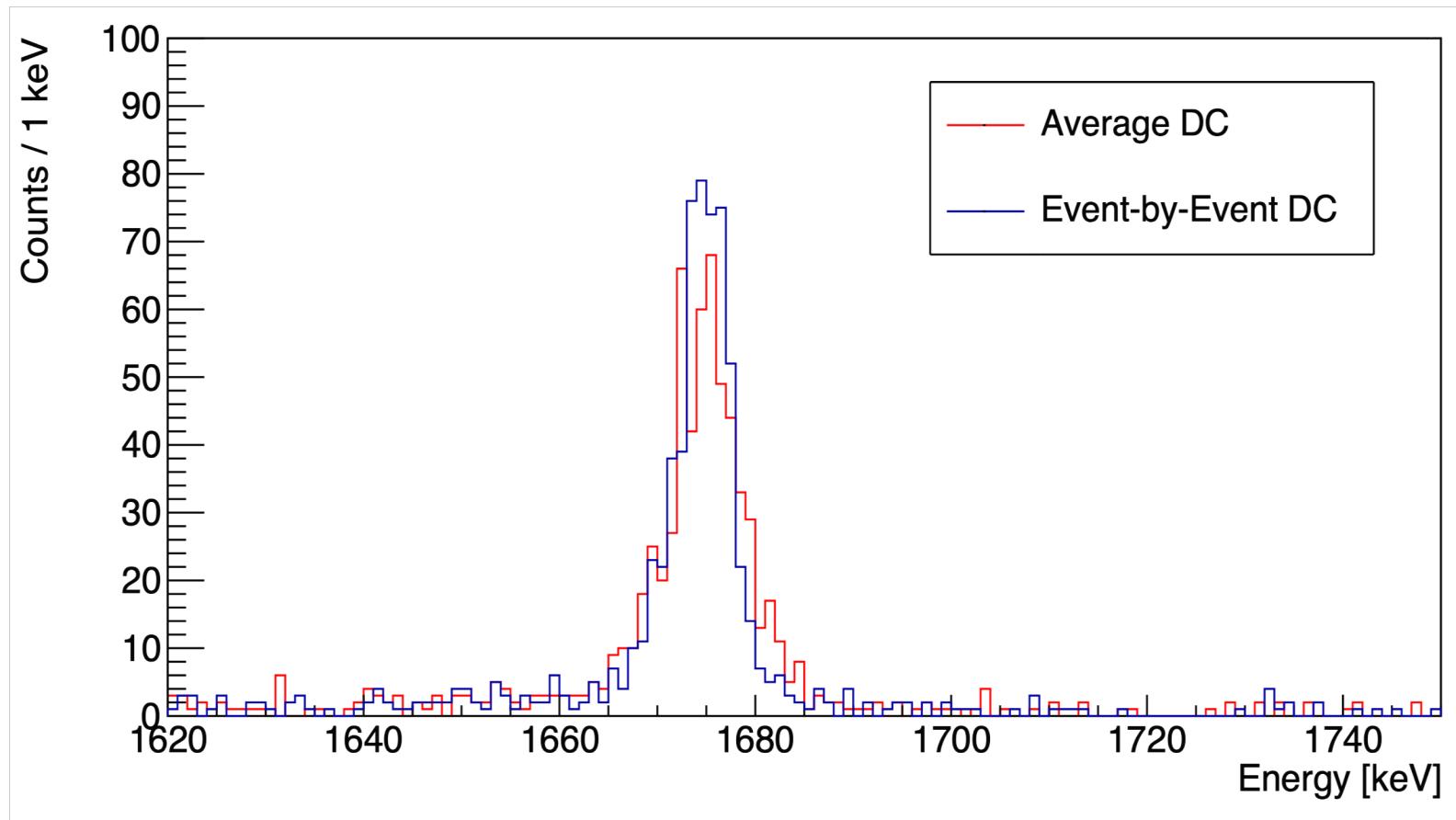
- Magnetic spectrometer;
- Identification of the channel of interest.

# The experiment: AGATA



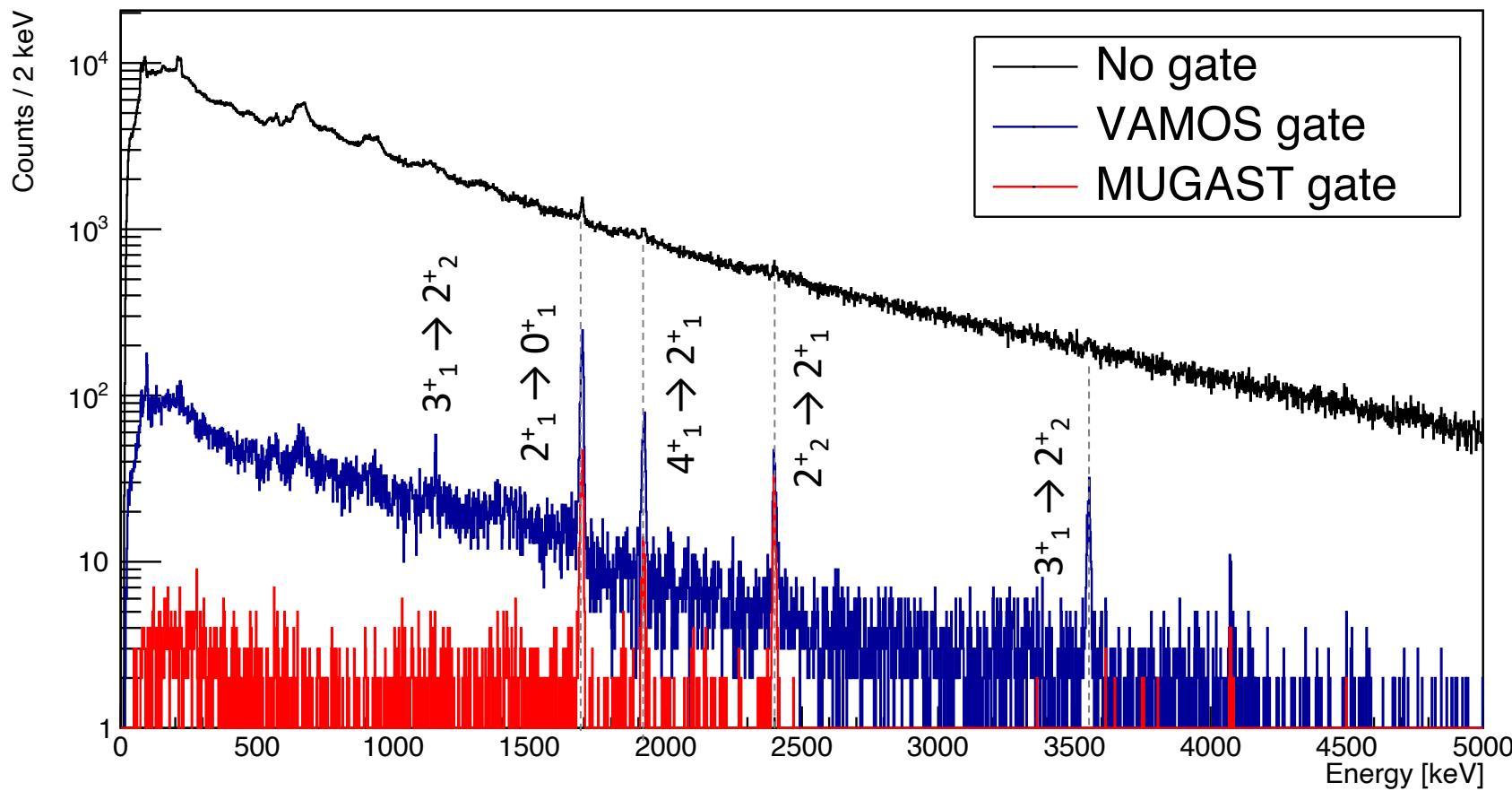
- State-of-the-art of gamma-ray array.
- 36 HPGe crystals;
- 36 segments per crystal + 1 core;
- Combination of PSA and tracking;

# Event-by-event Doppler Correction



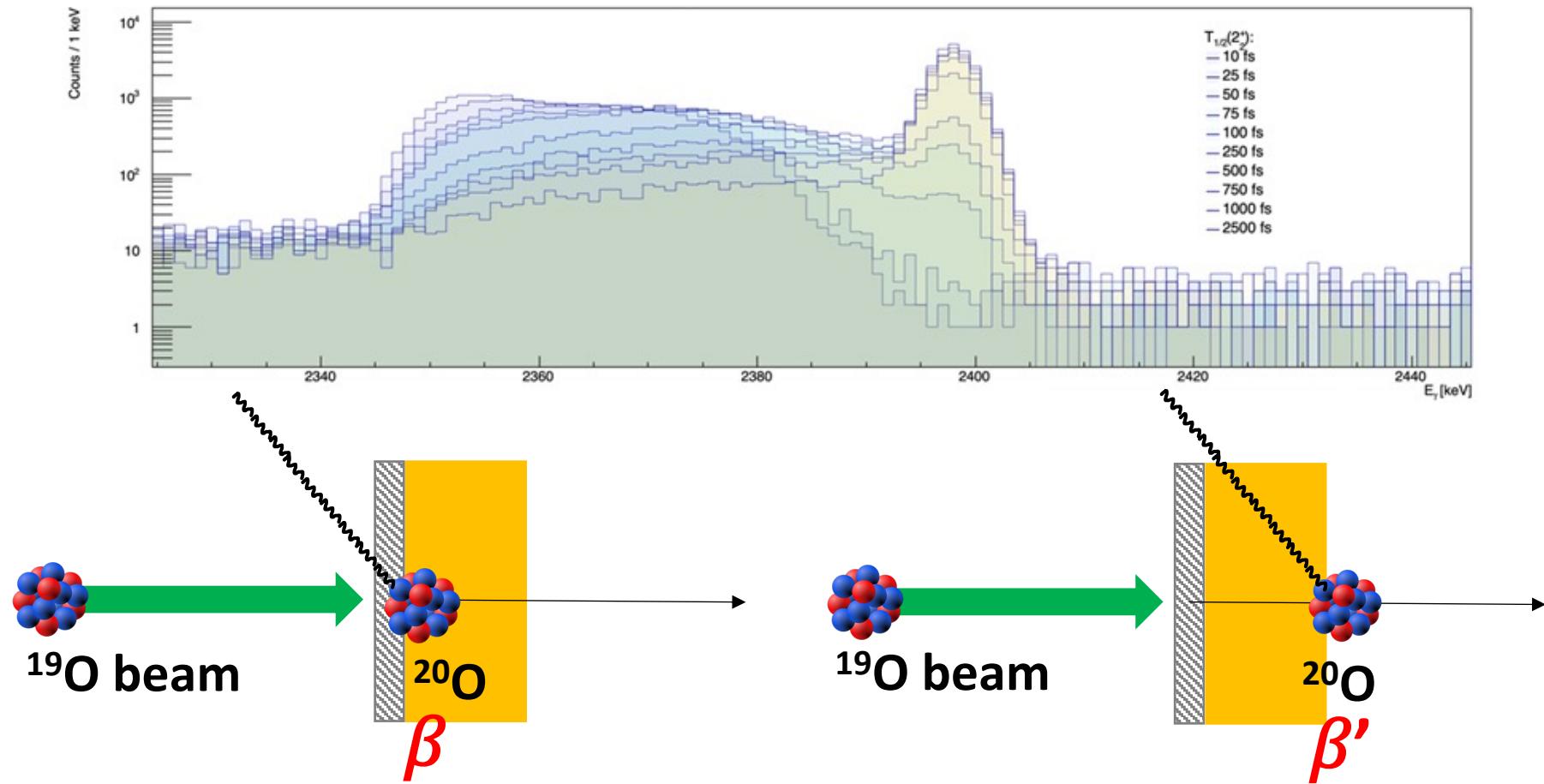
- Detection of the proton;
- Kinematic reconstruction;
- Improved the resolution of 25% with respect to the one using the average  $\beta=12.6\%$

# Selectivity of the set-up



- Low beam intensity;
- AGATA triggerless;
- Different gates to reduce the background.

# The Doppler-Shift Attenuation Method



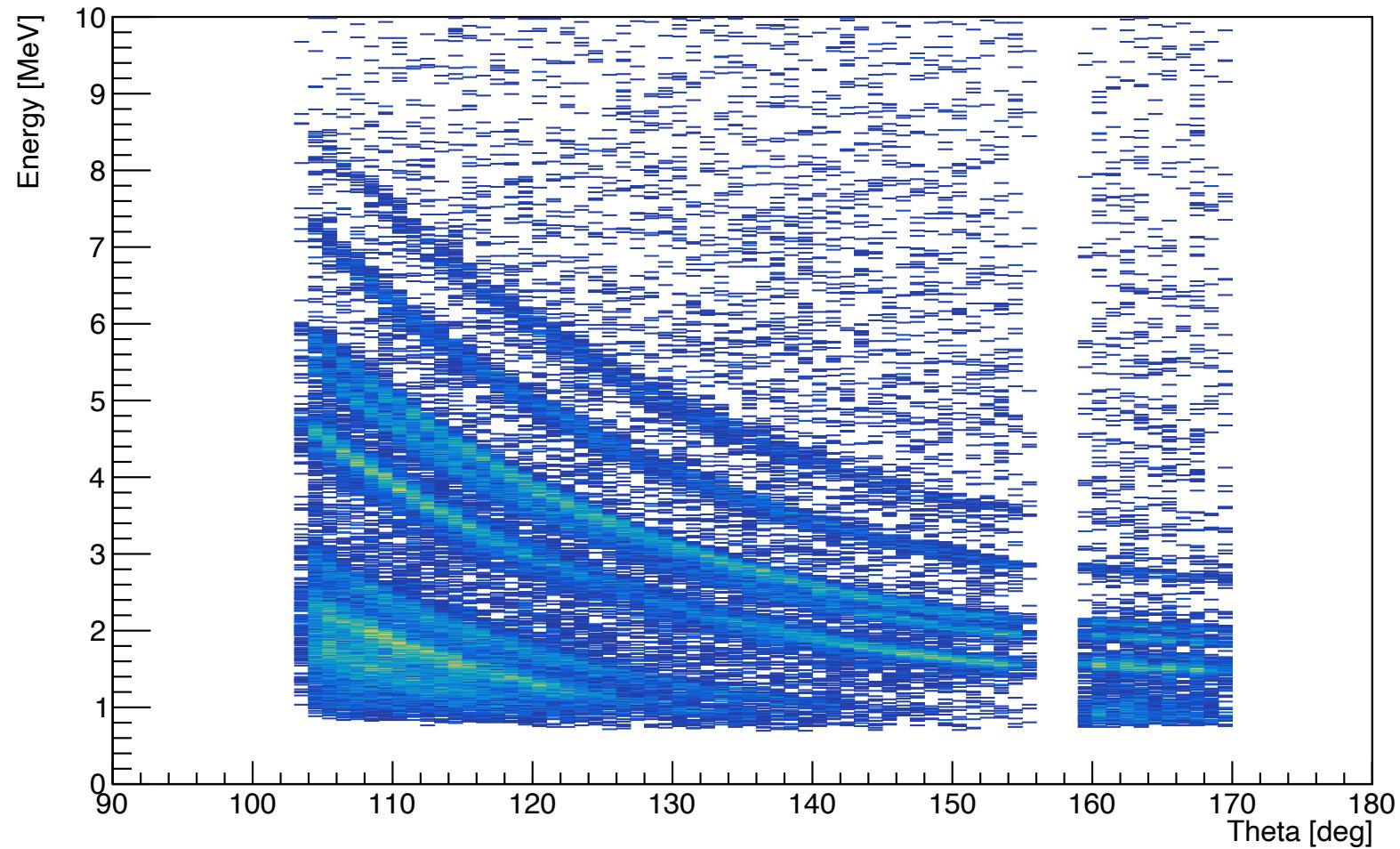
- Optimization of the degrader;
- Resolution of AGATA and MUGAST;



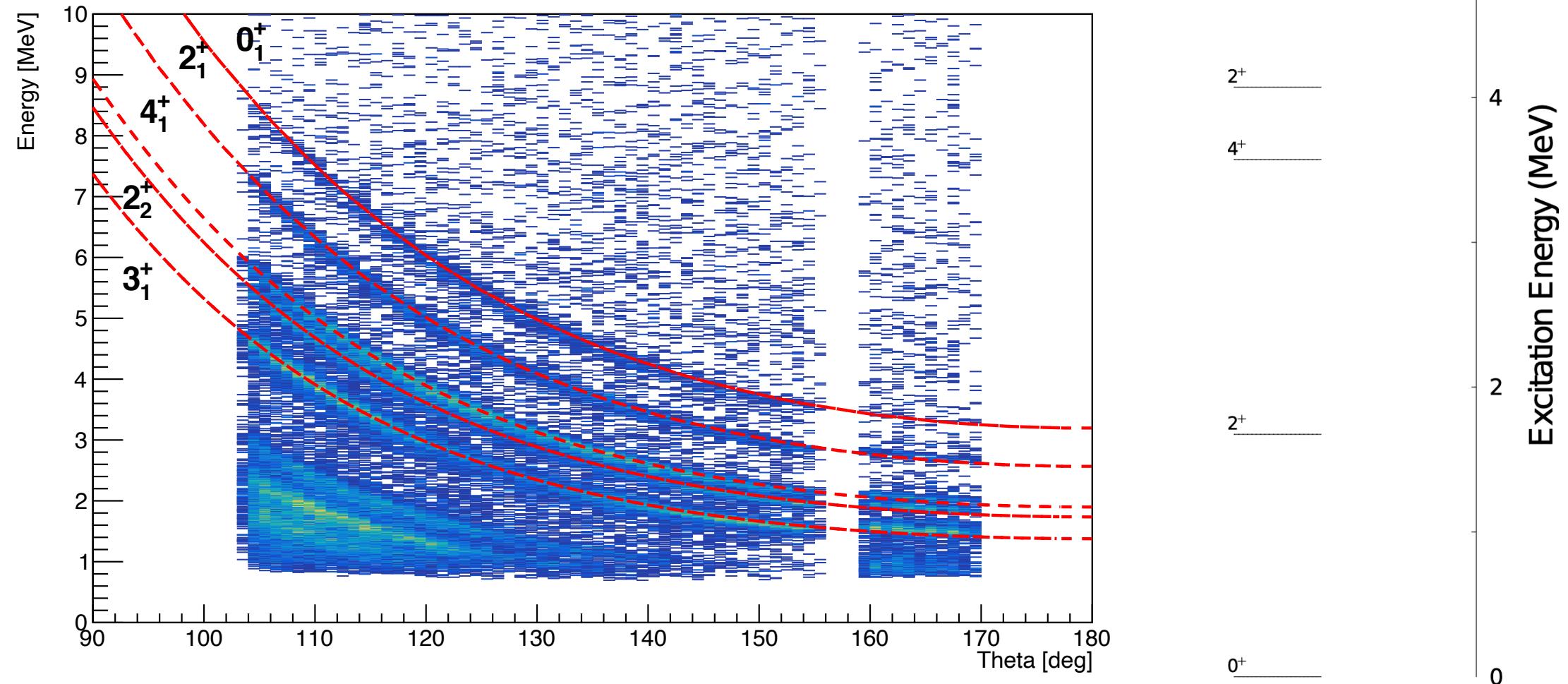
Range of  
femtoseconds

# Part III: $\gamma$ -particle spectroscopy

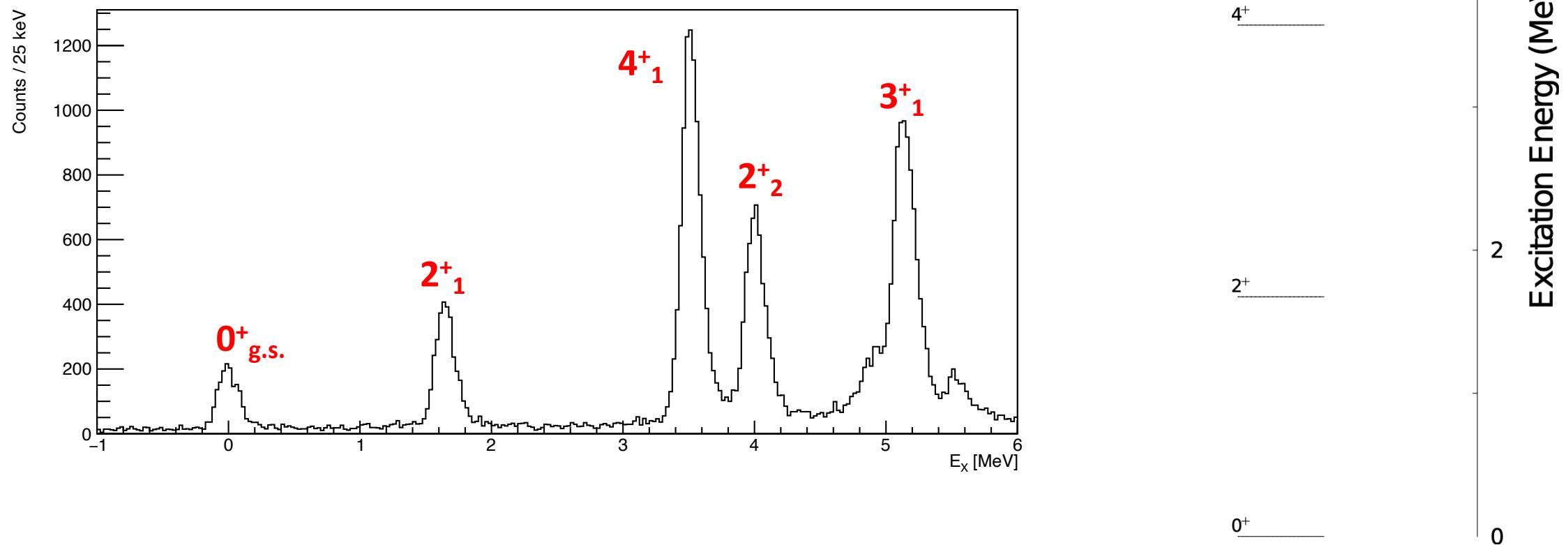
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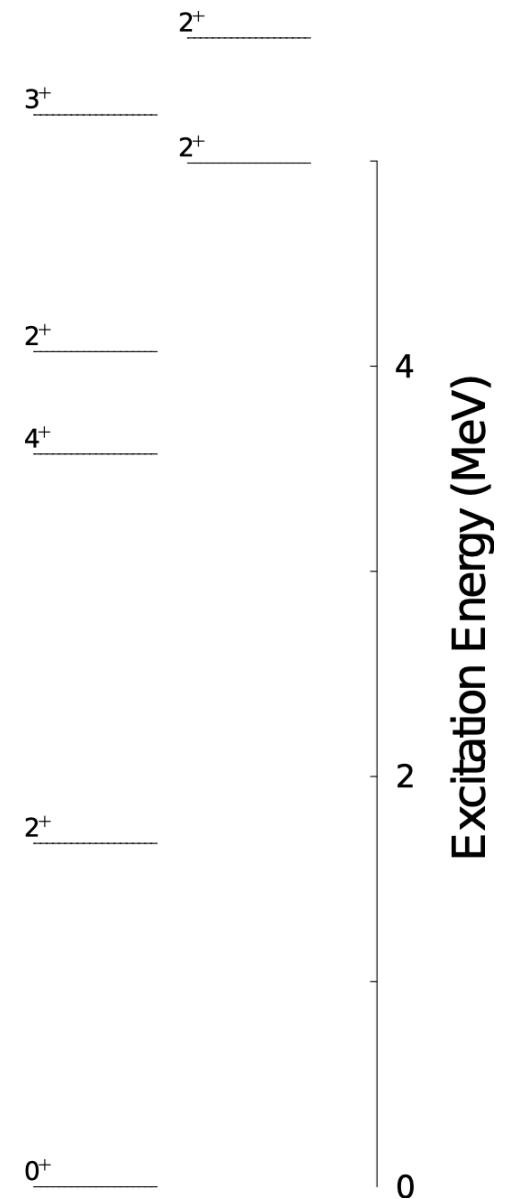
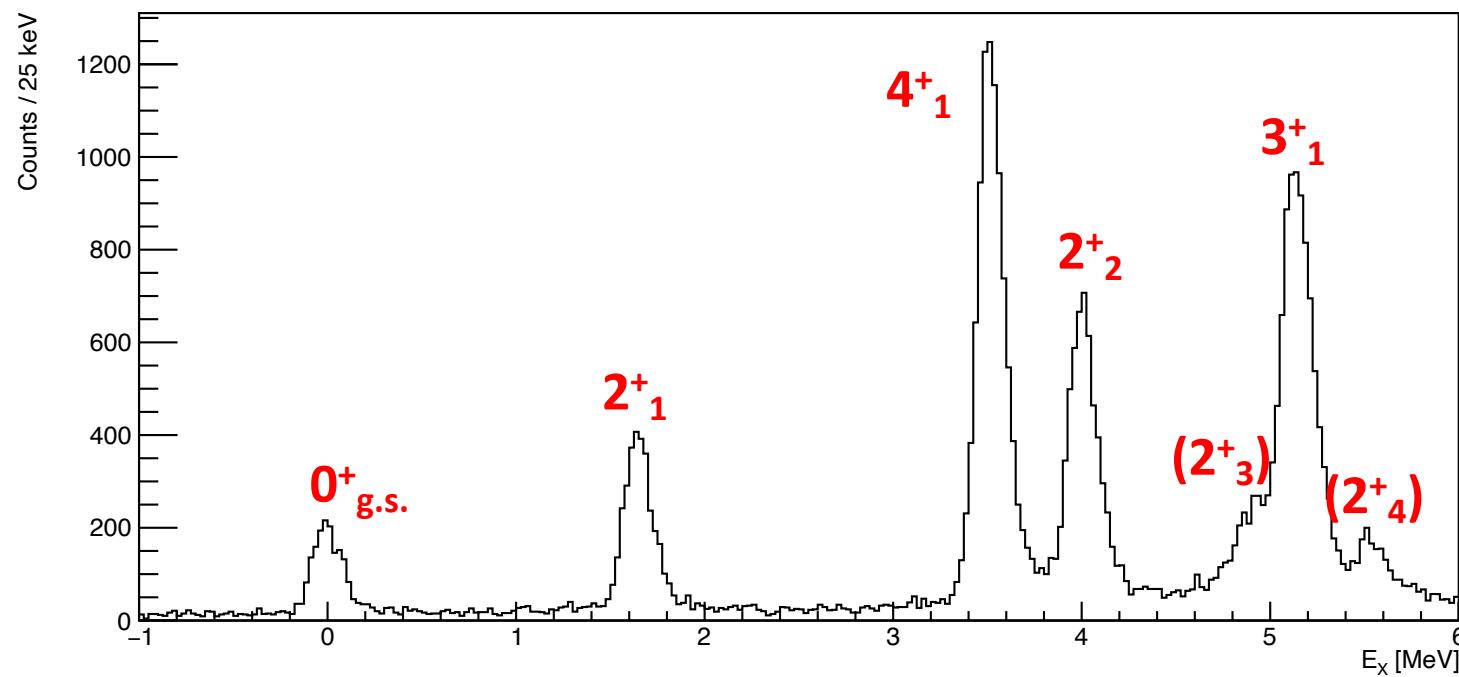
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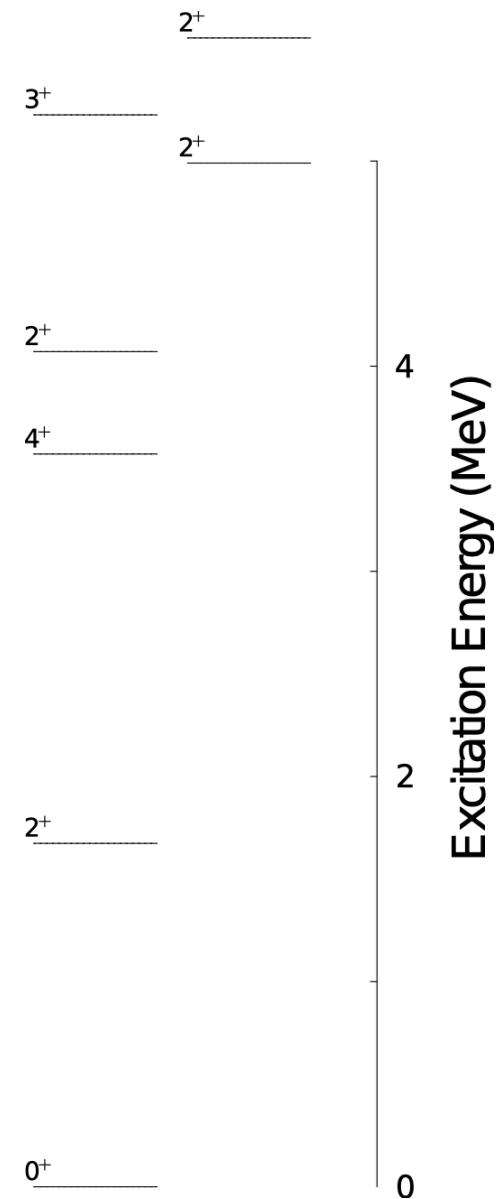
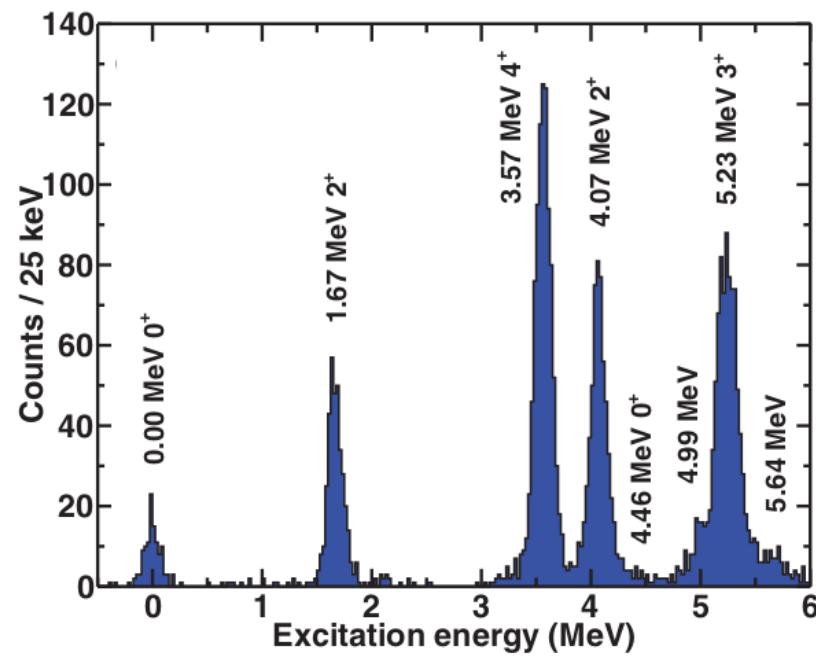
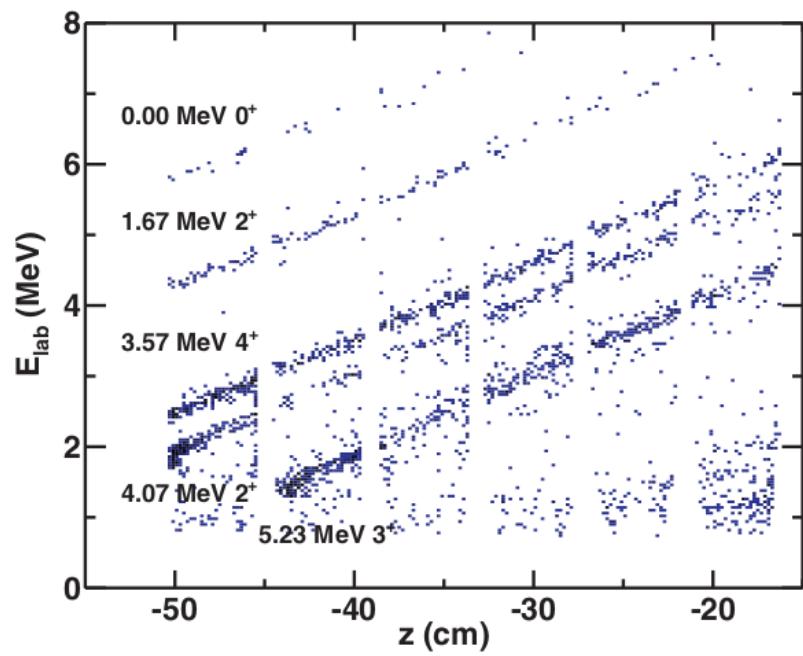
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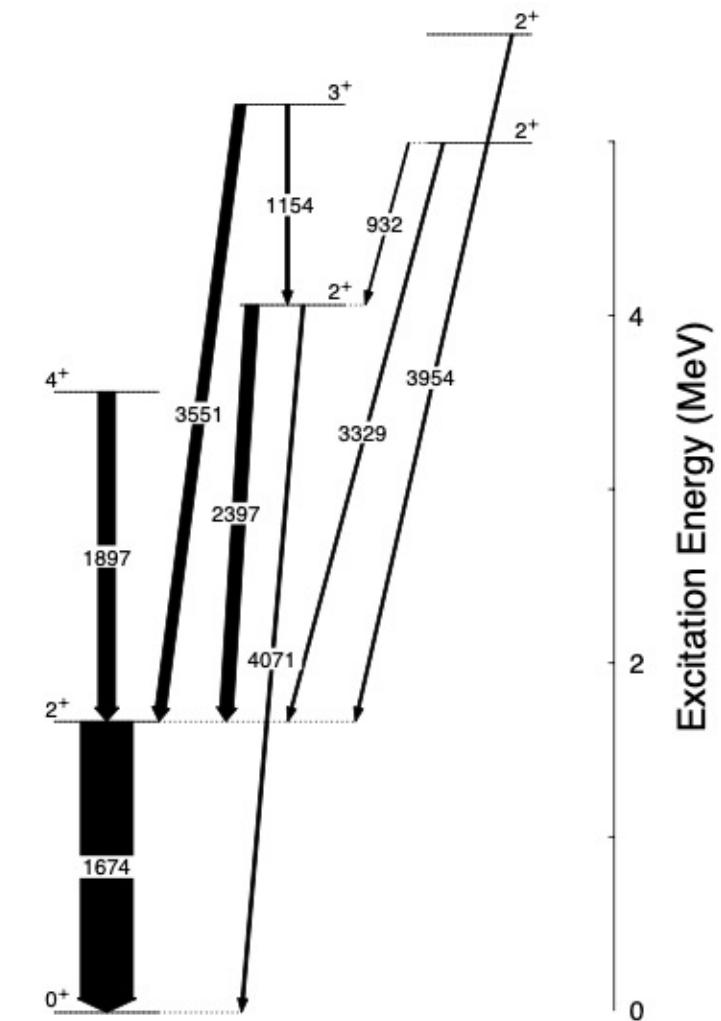
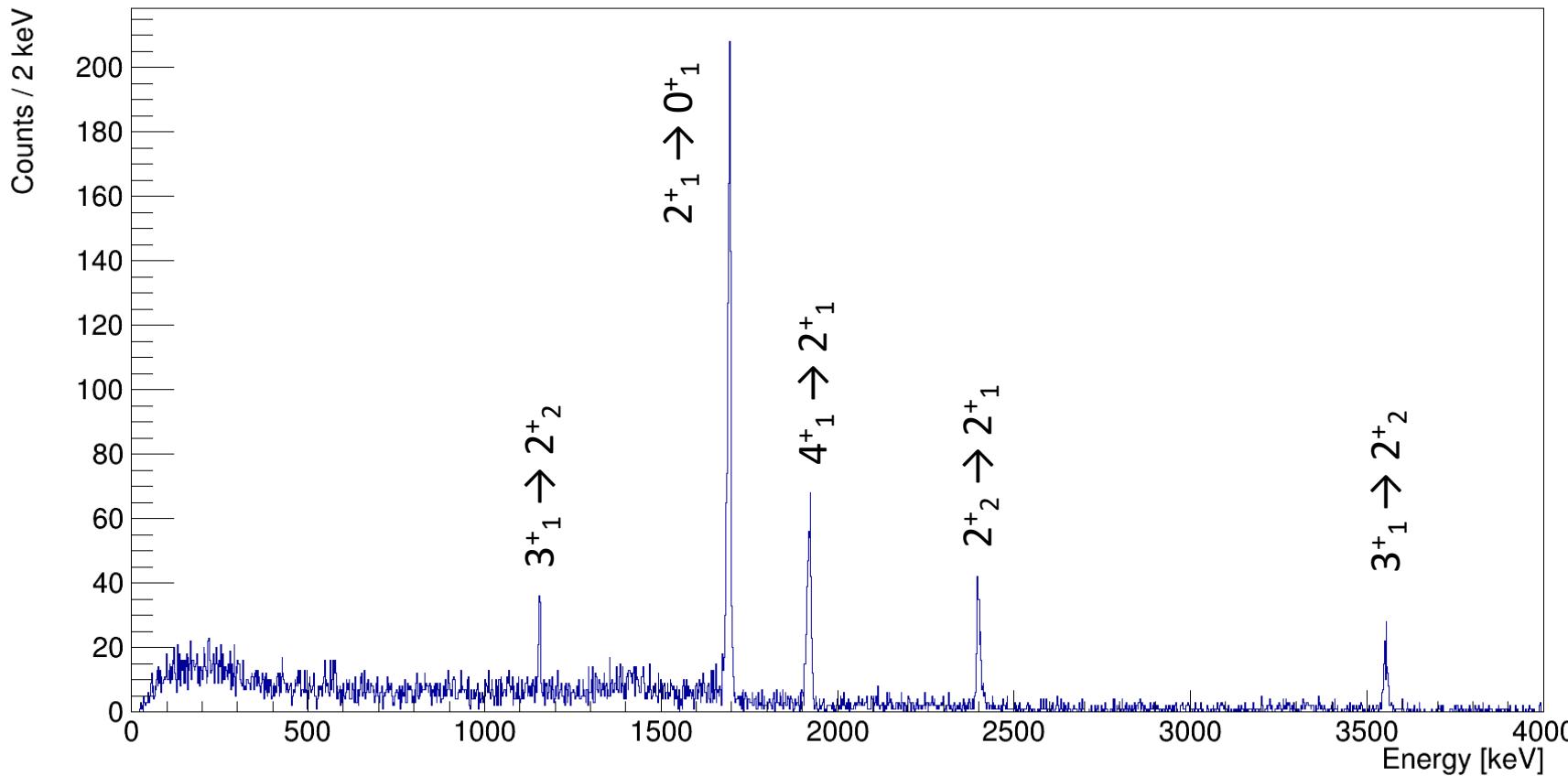


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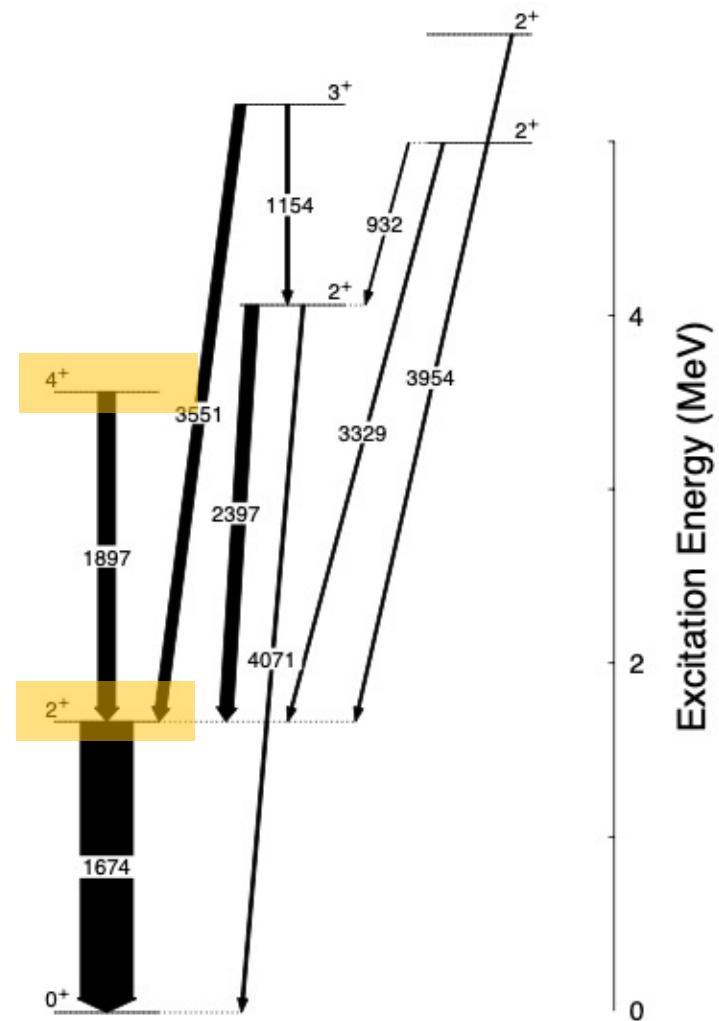
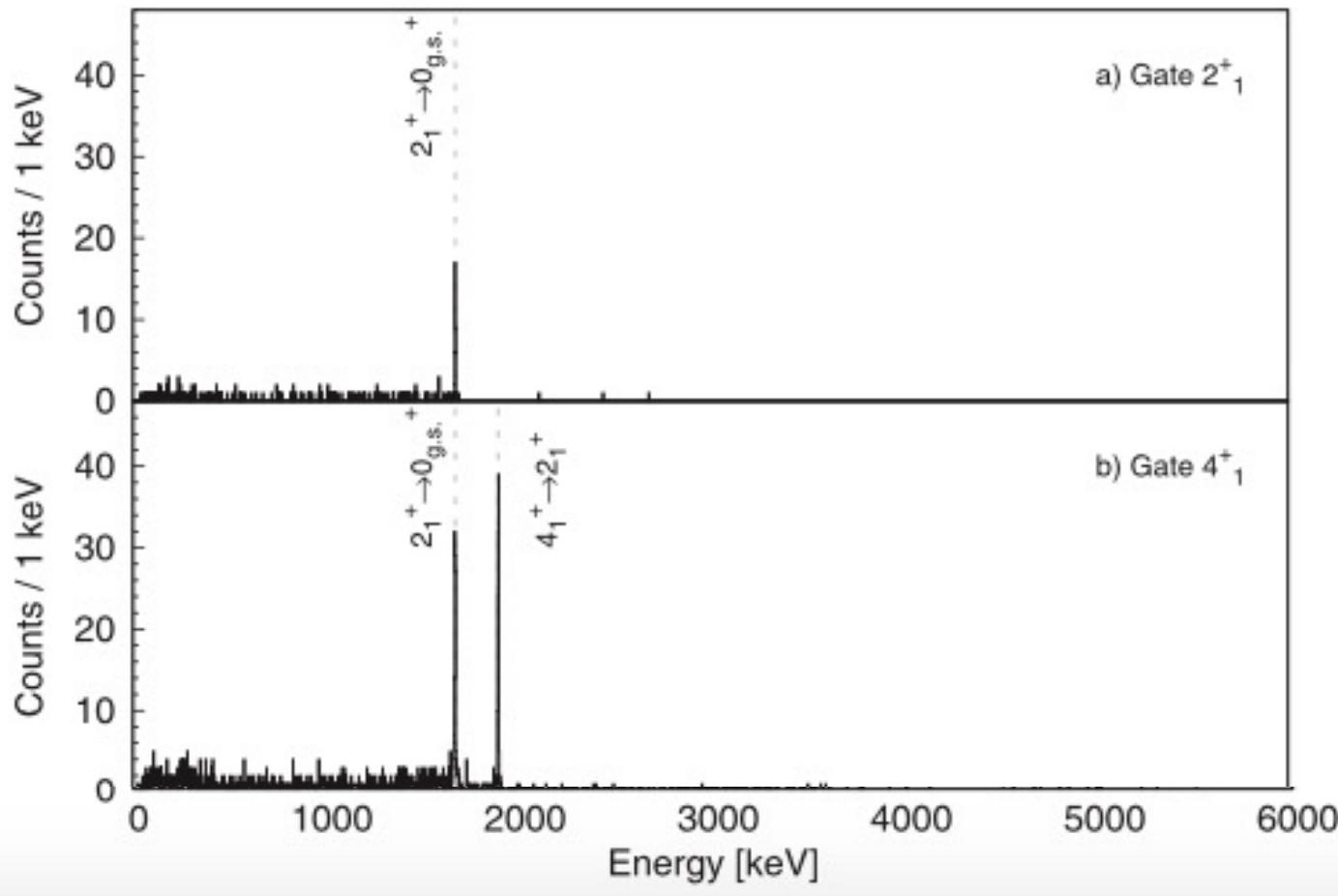


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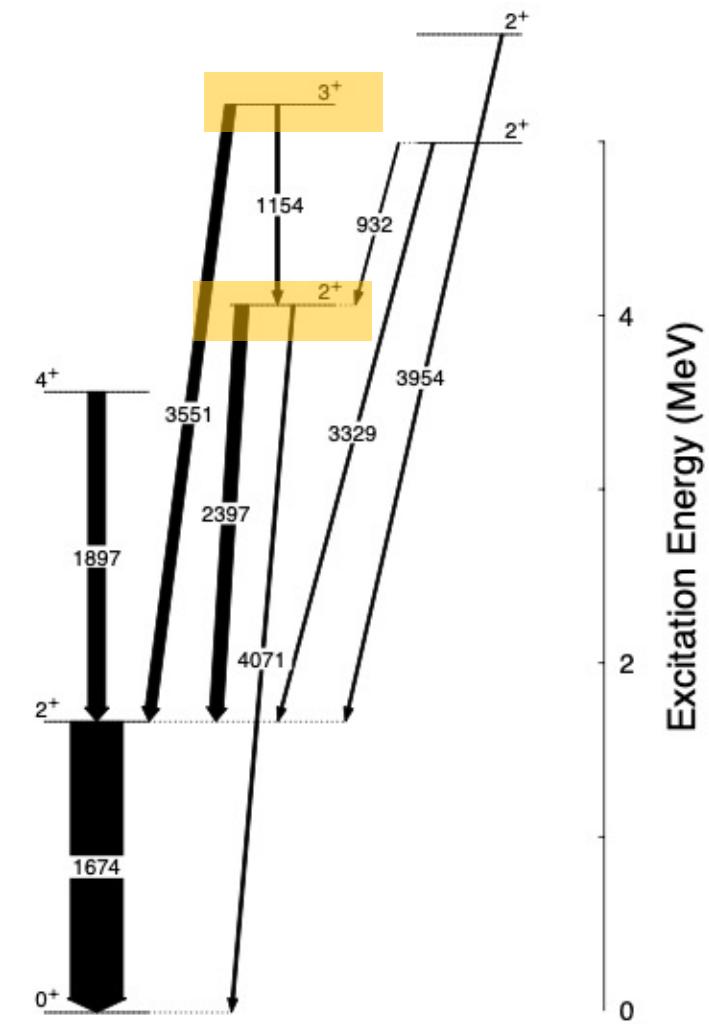
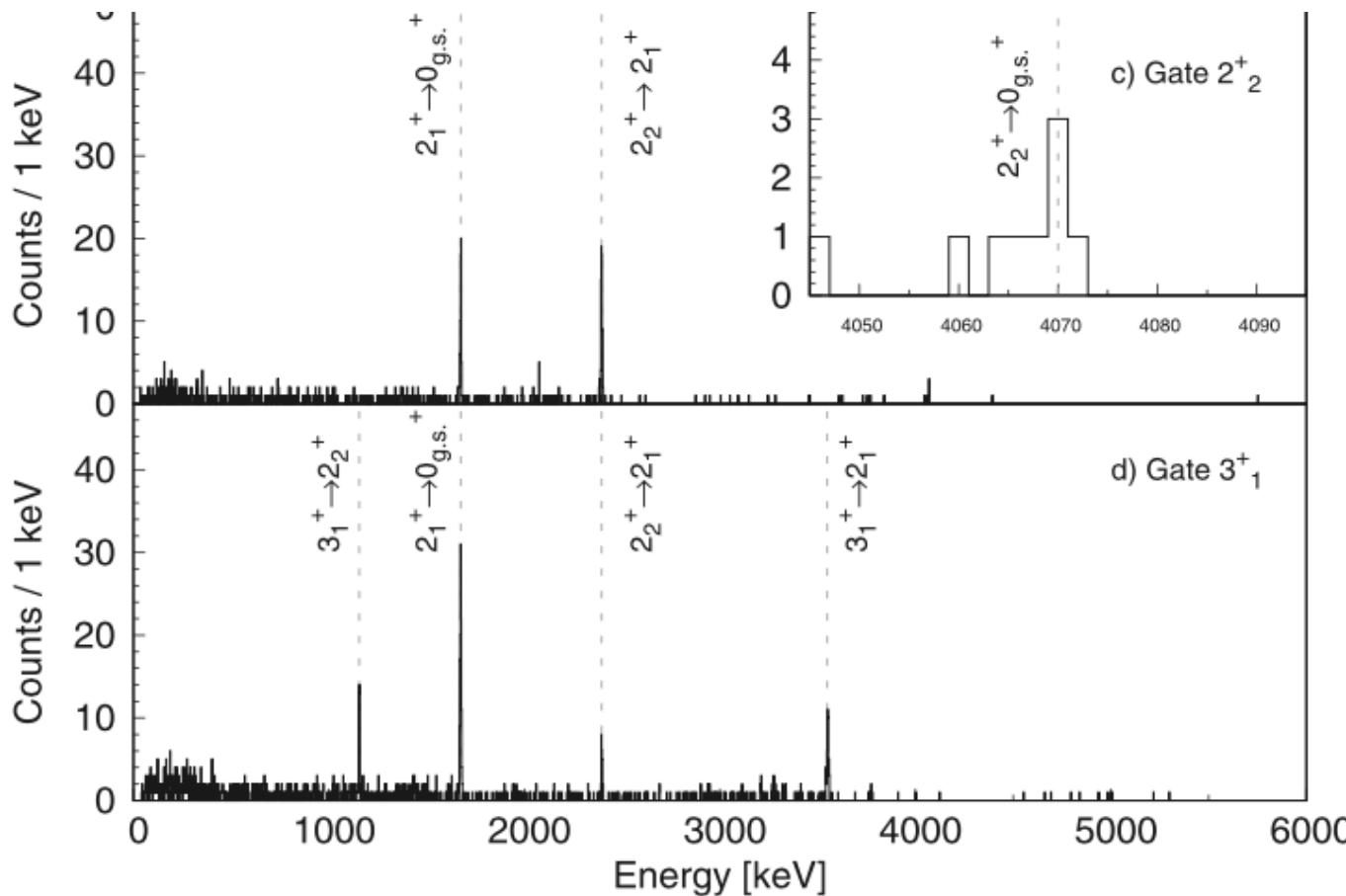
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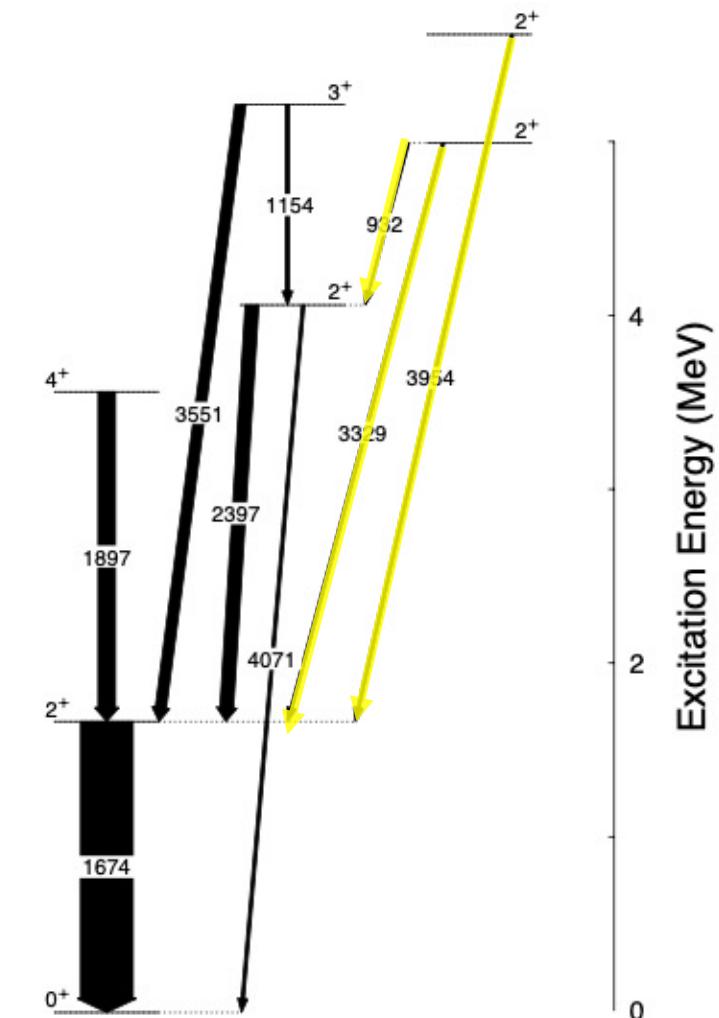
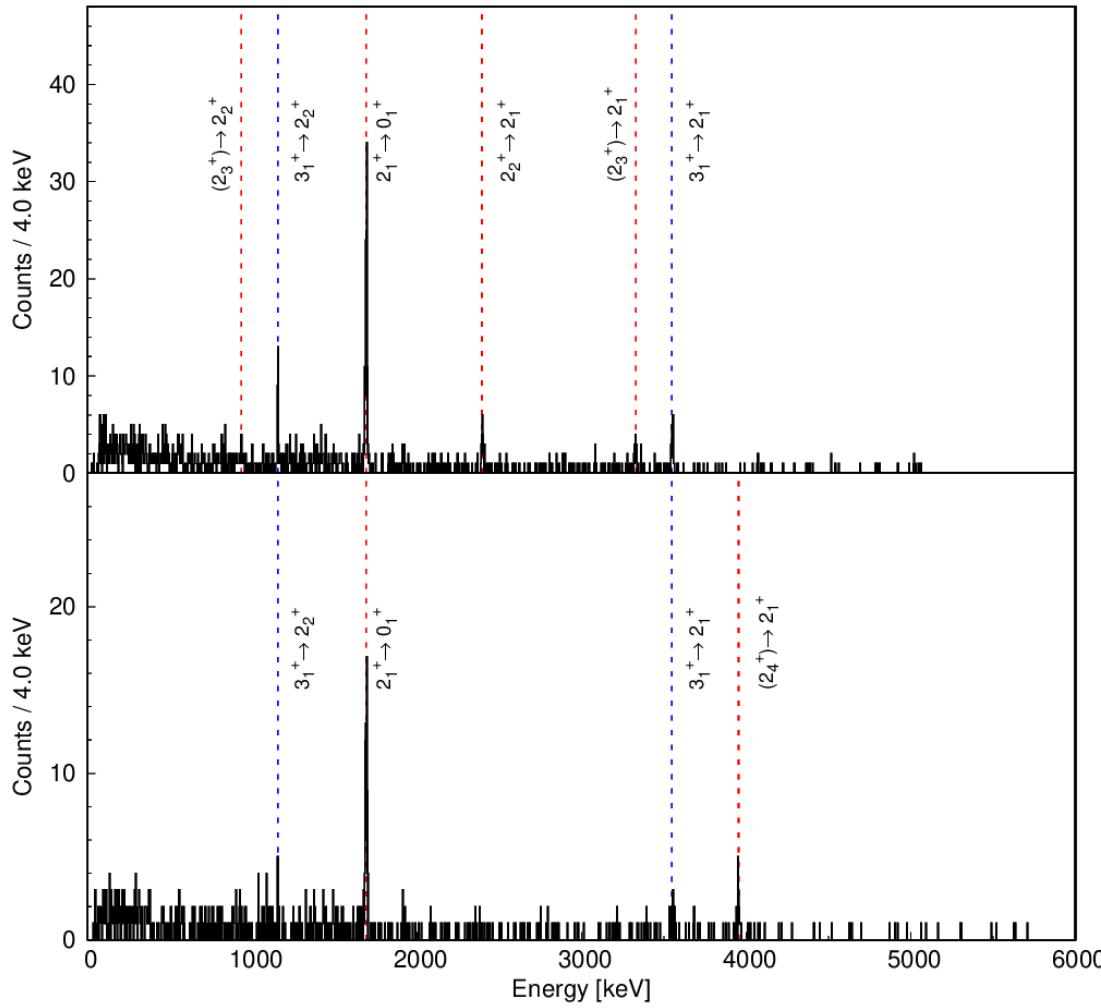


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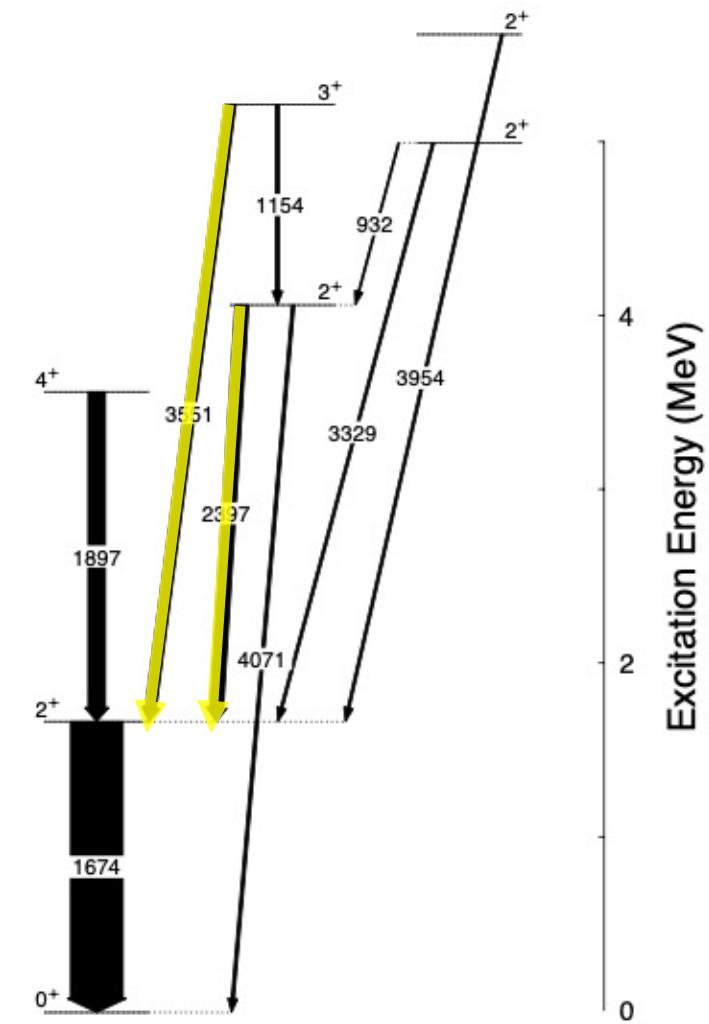
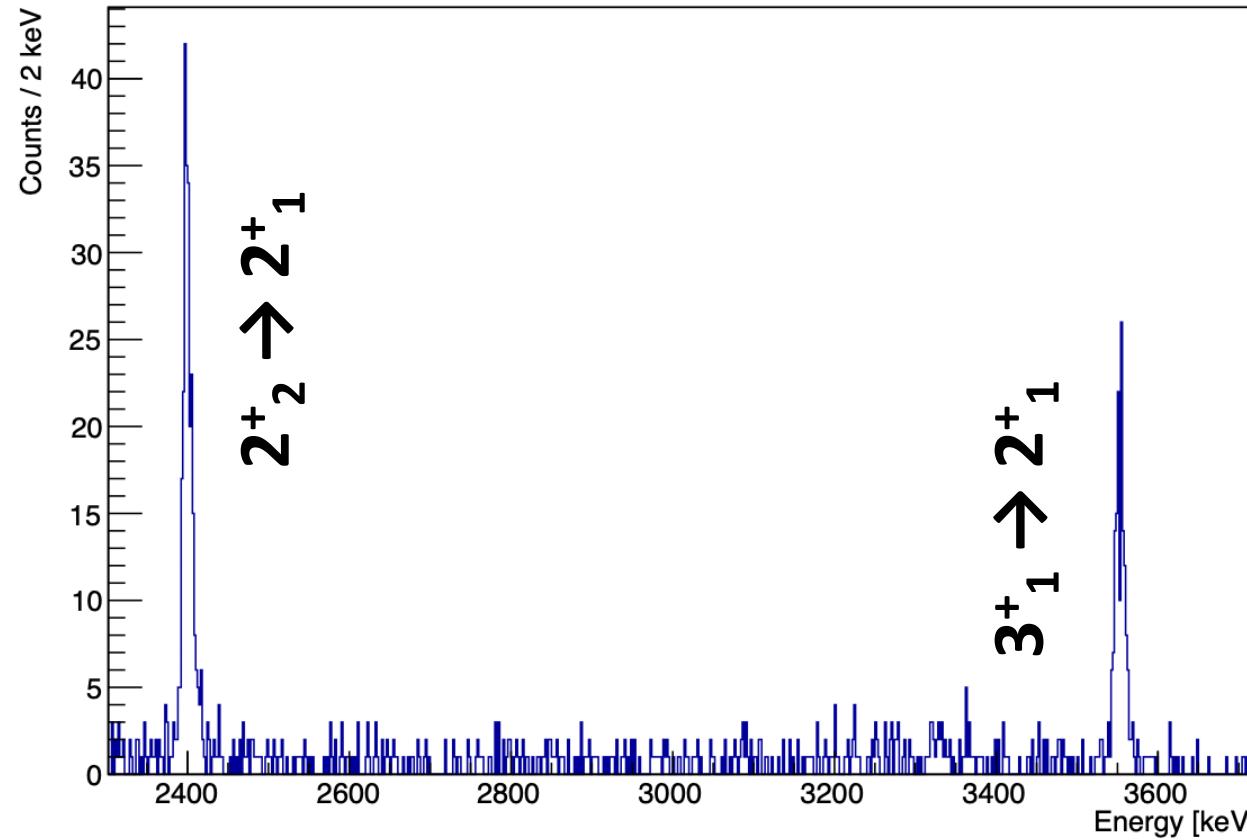


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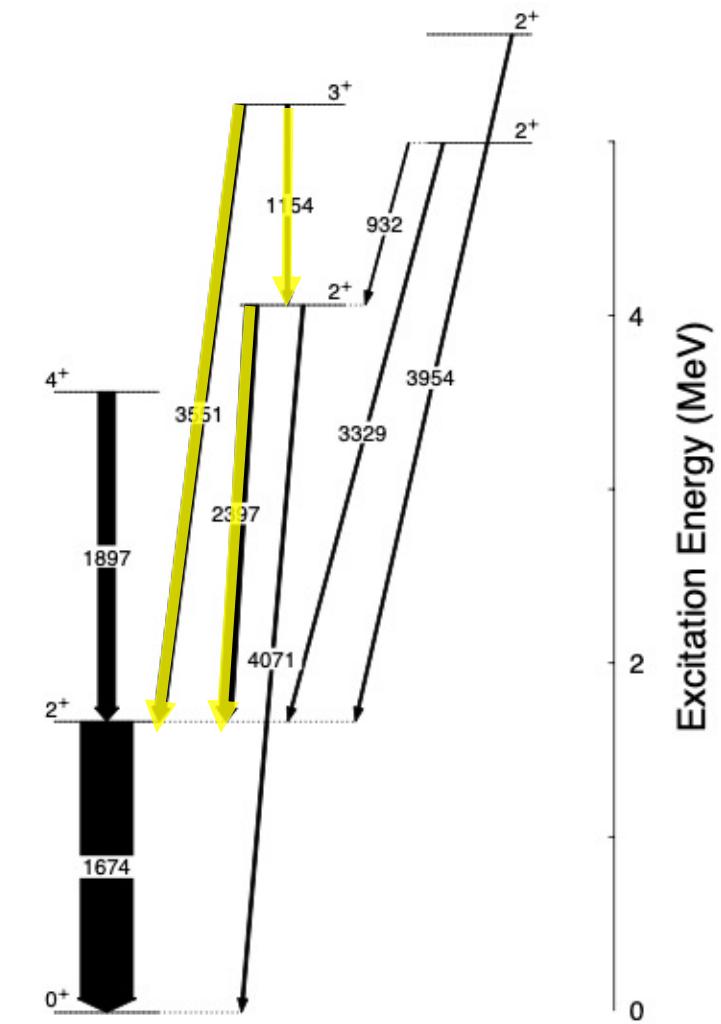
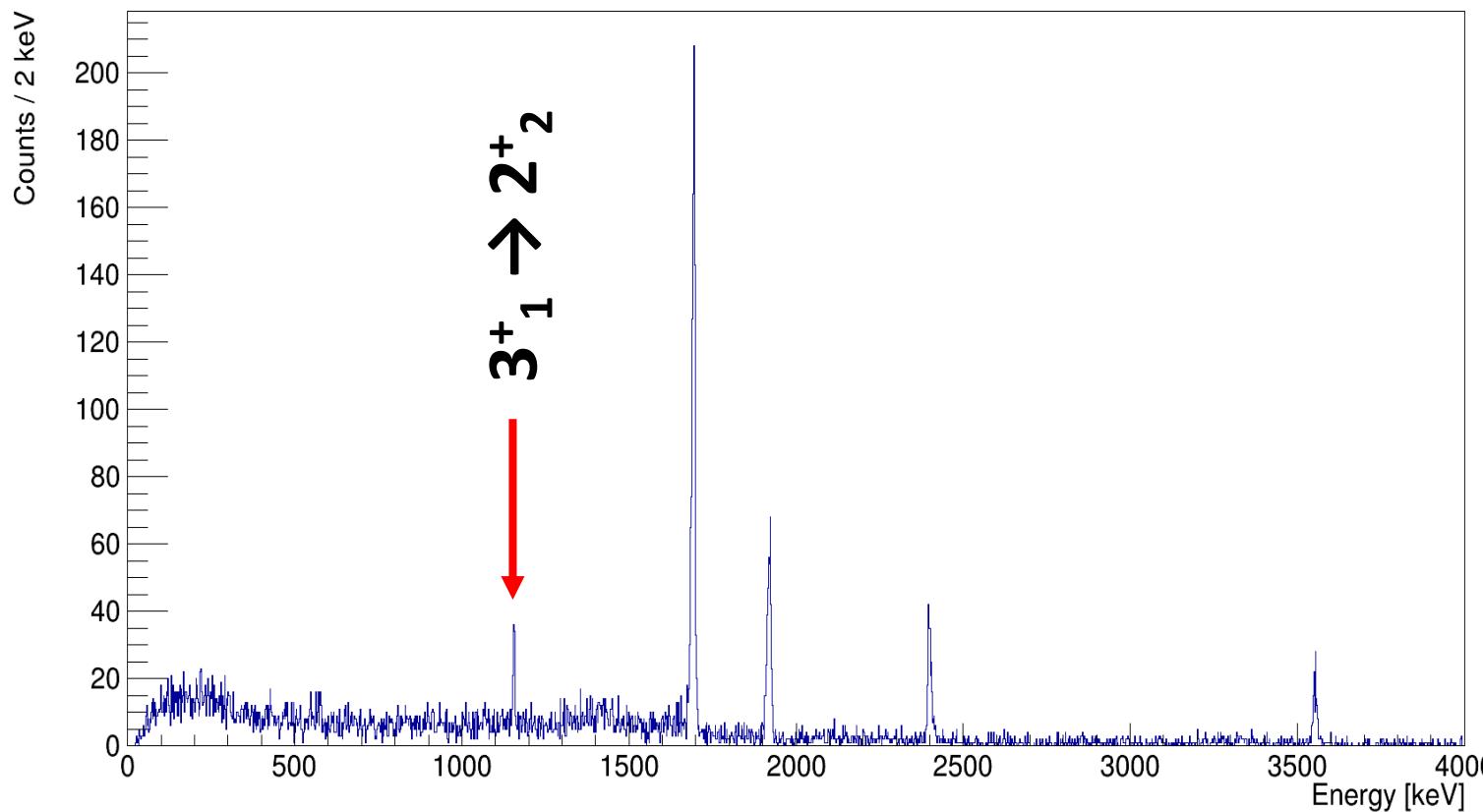
Gate 4.9 MeV  
Gate 5.6 MeV



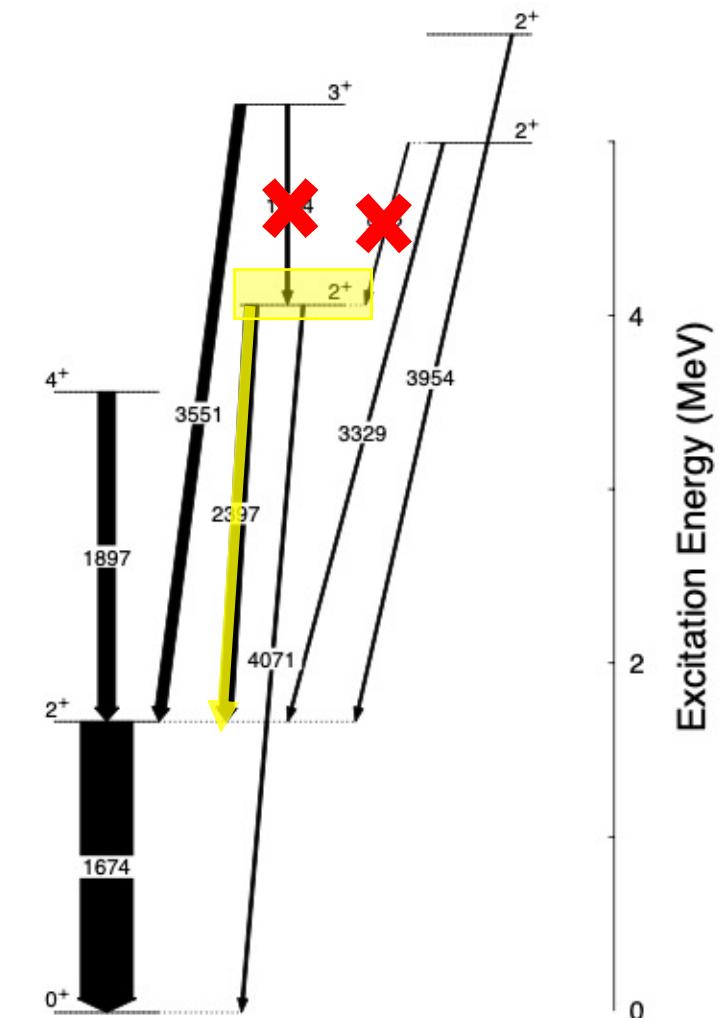
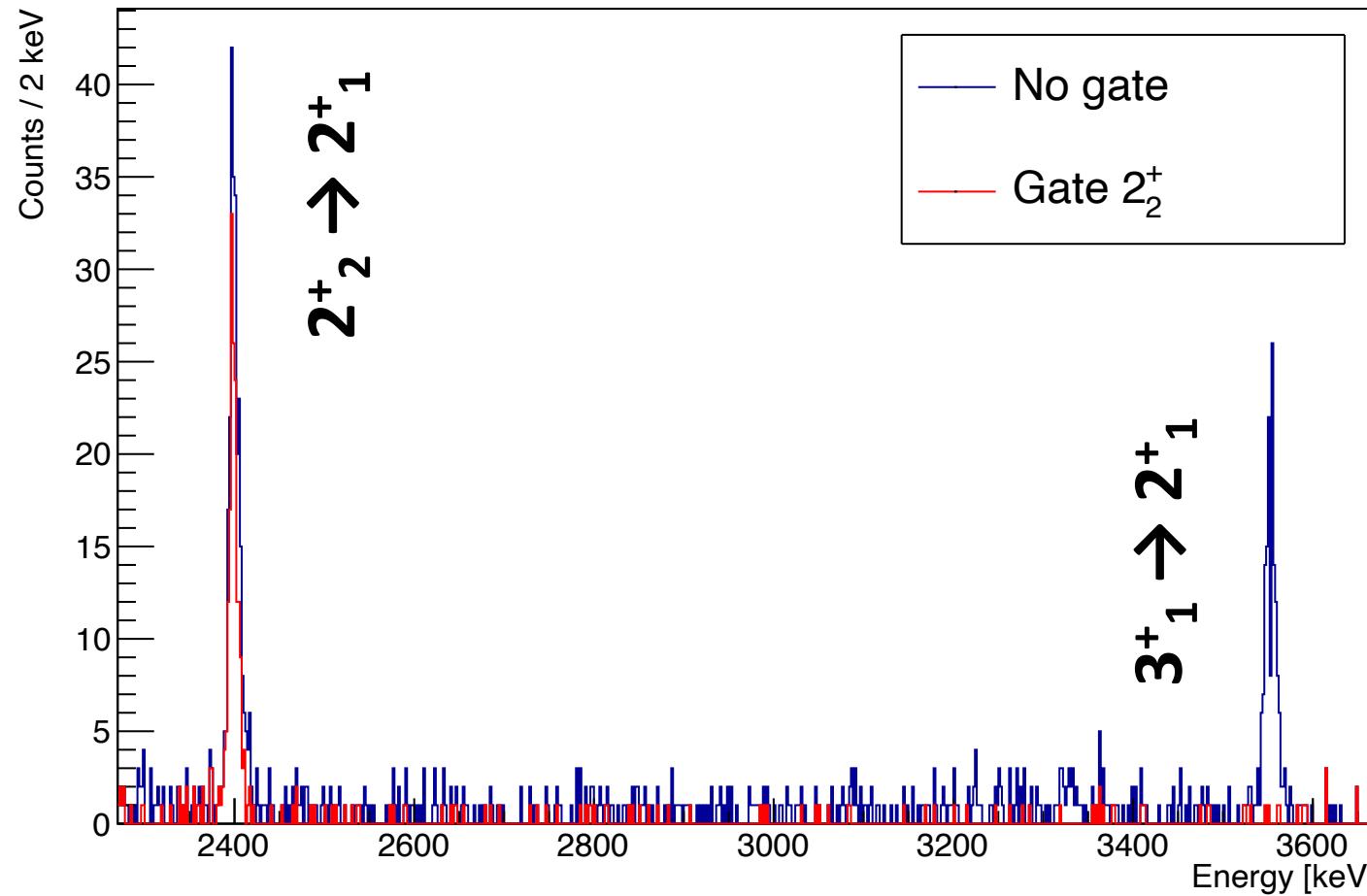
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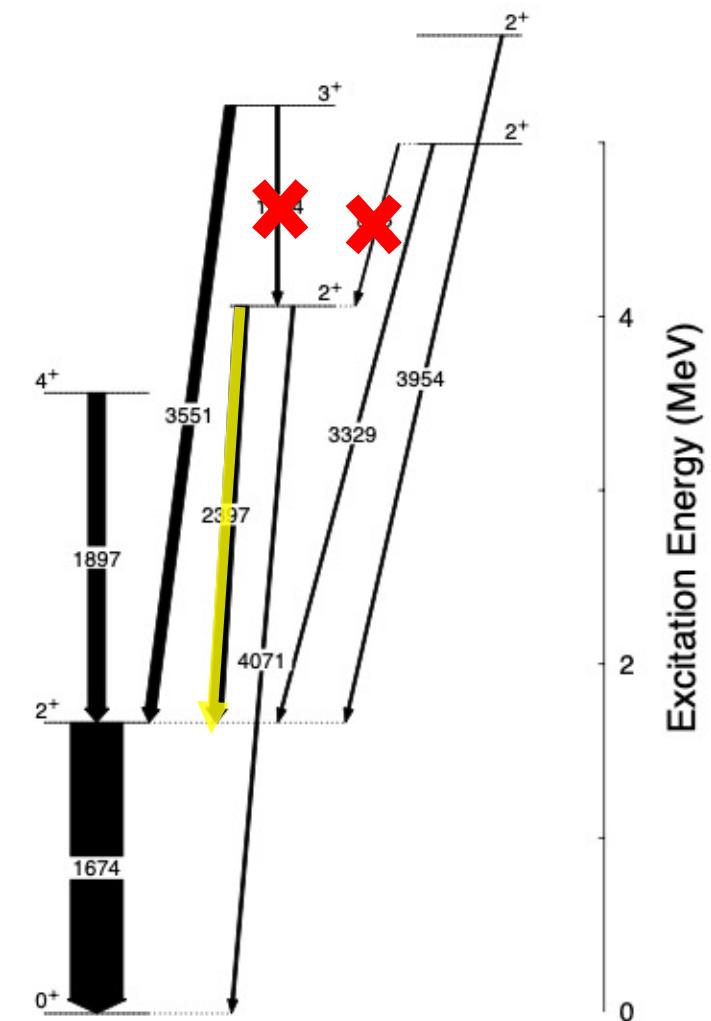
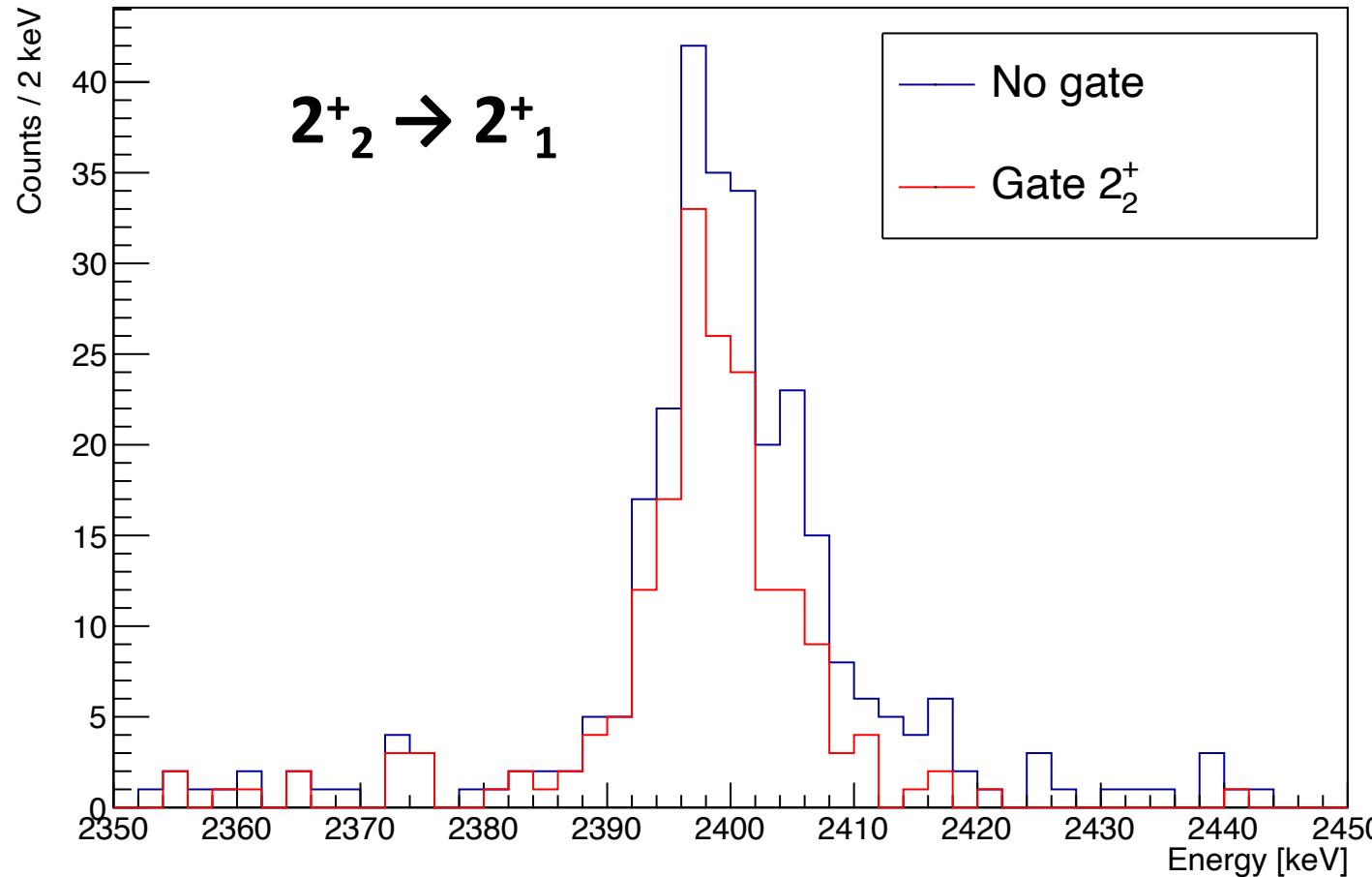
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# Part IV: Optimization of the simulation

# Monte Carlo simulation

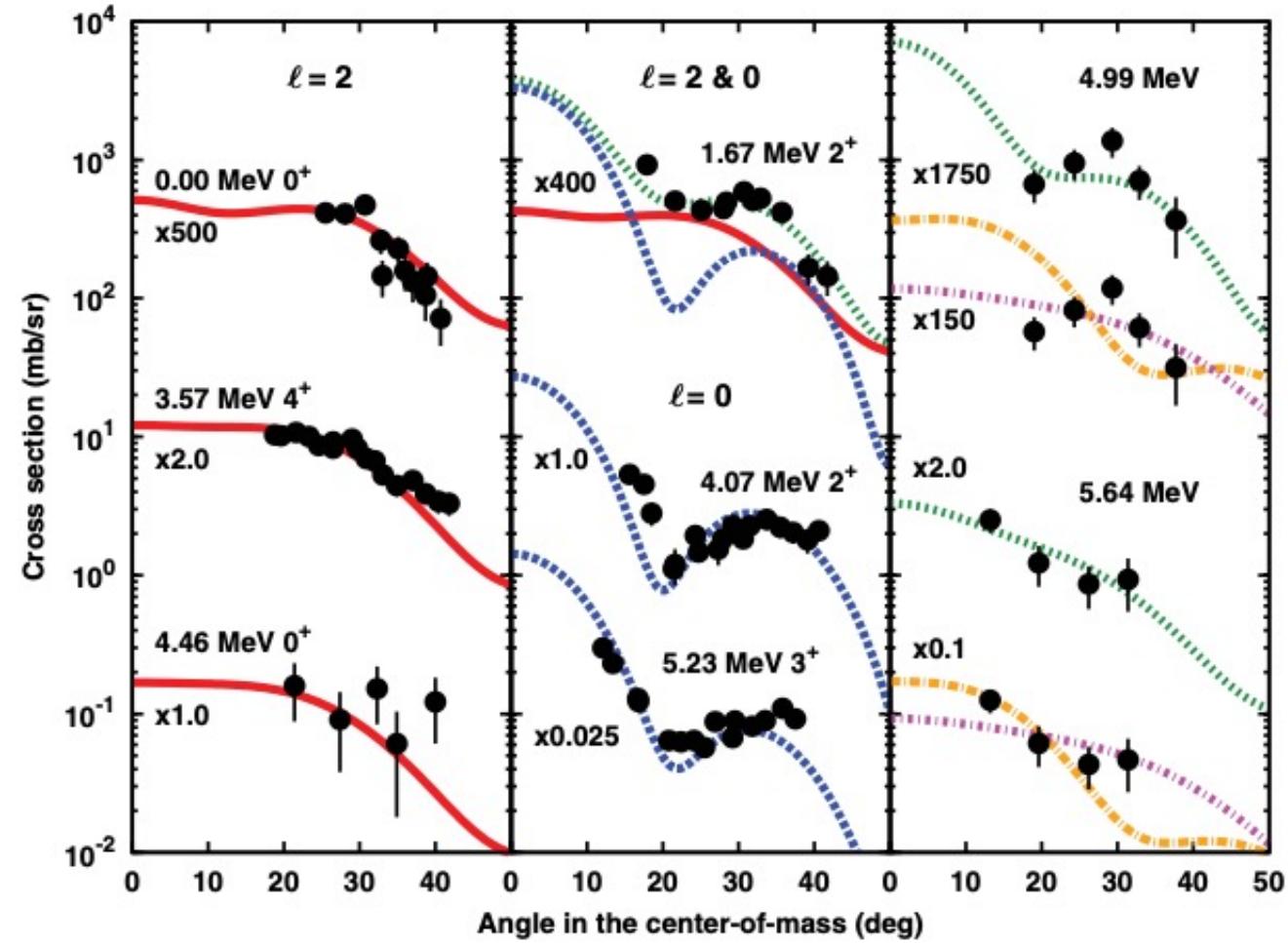
Complete geometry and performance of the setup reproduced in the AGATA Geant4 code.

Realistic parameters included:

- Measured energy and position resolution of the detectors;
- Disabilitation of missing strips of MUGAST;
- Particle angular distribution;
- Energy Loss;
- Energy tuning...

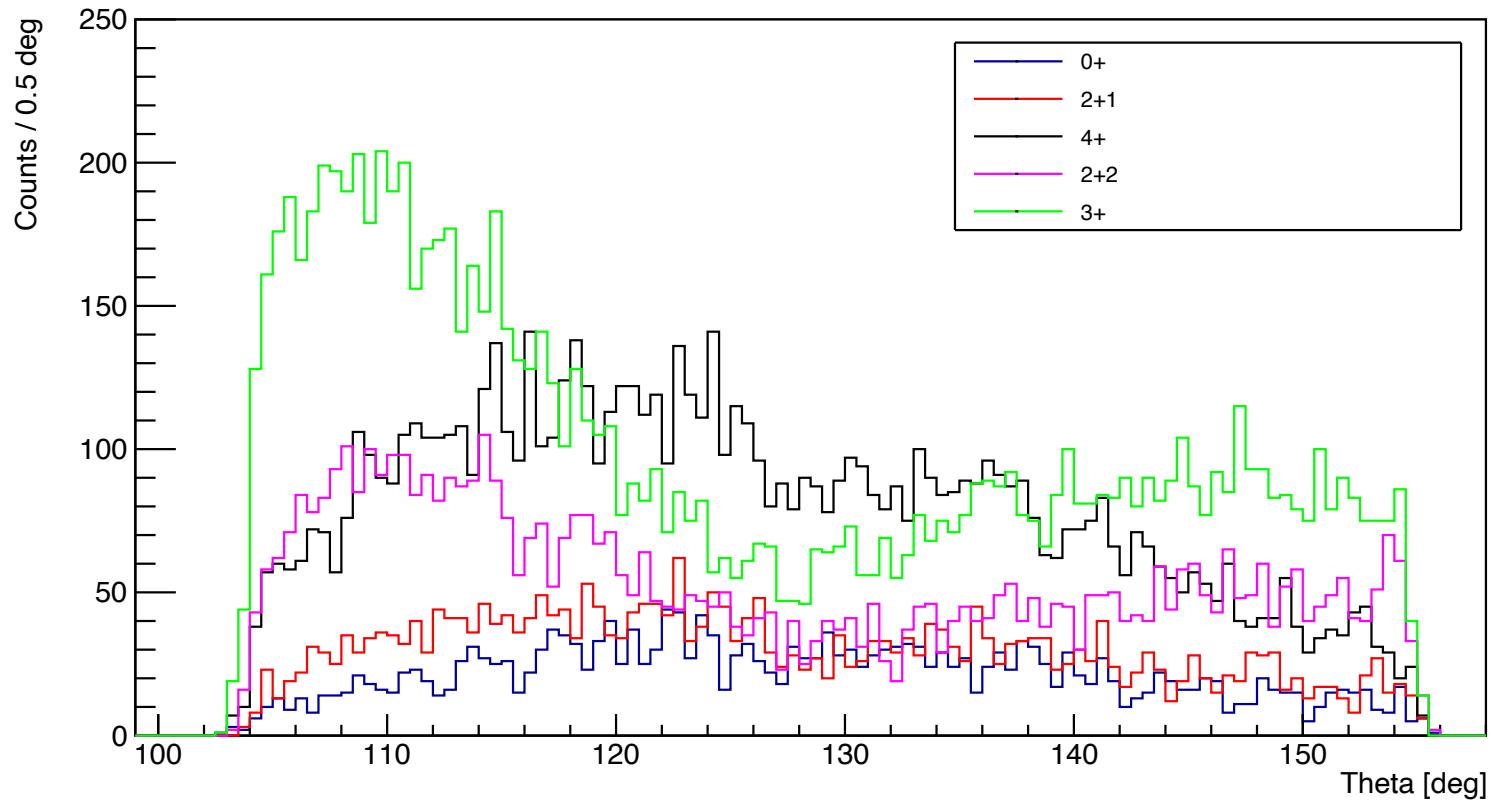
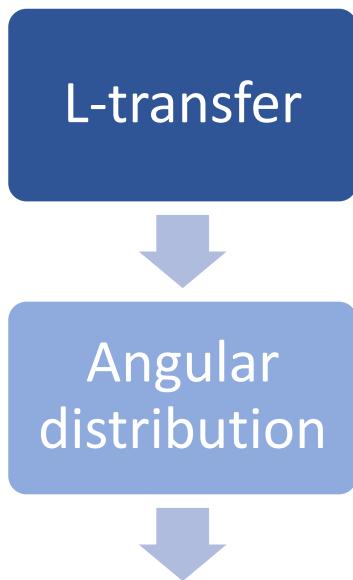
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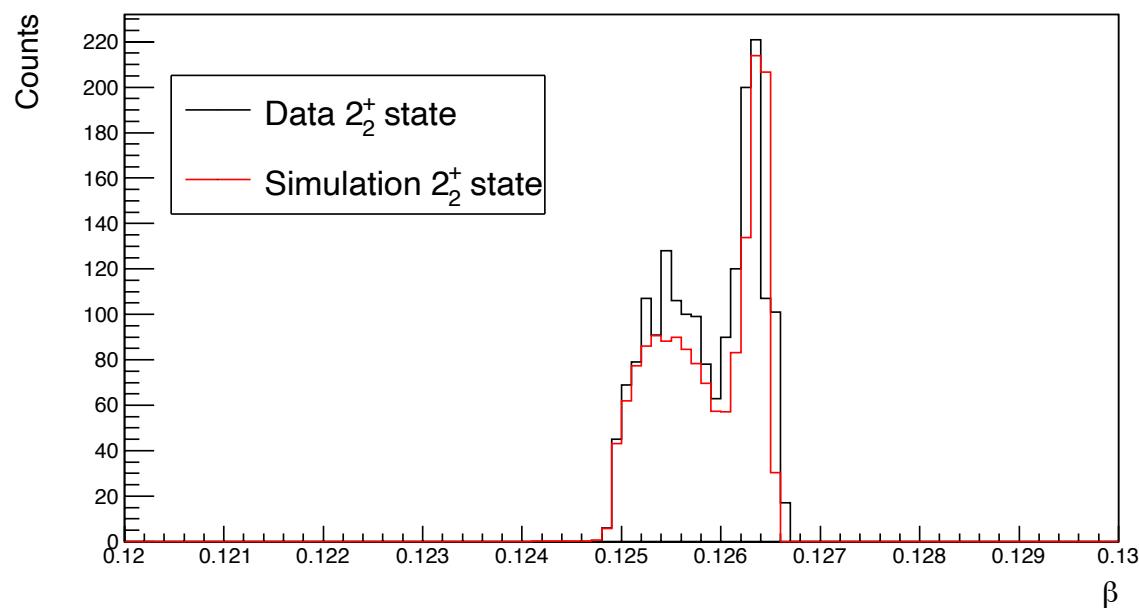
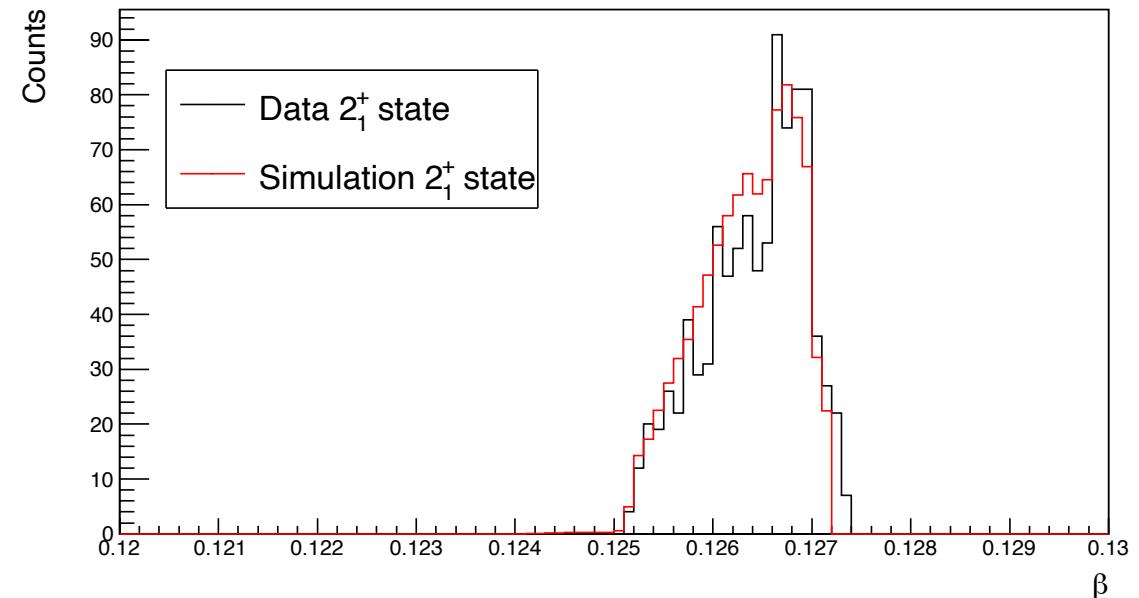
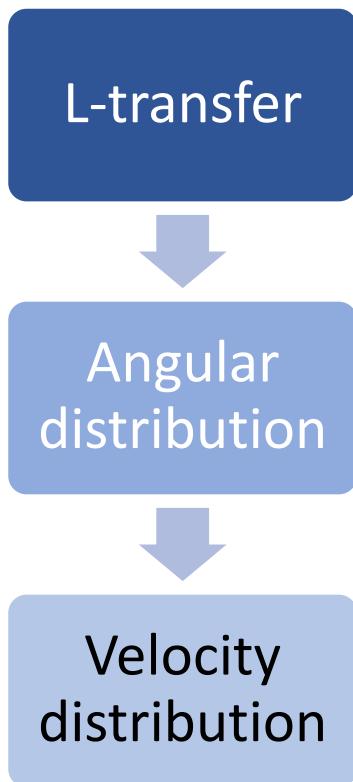


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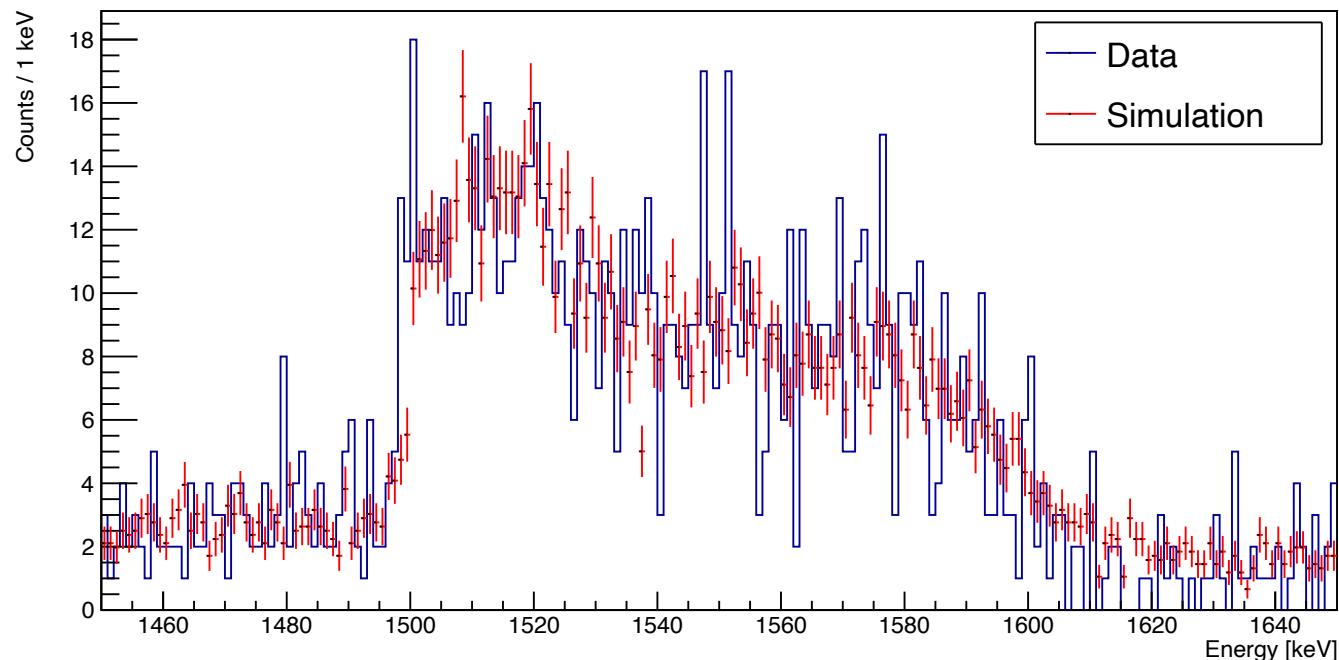
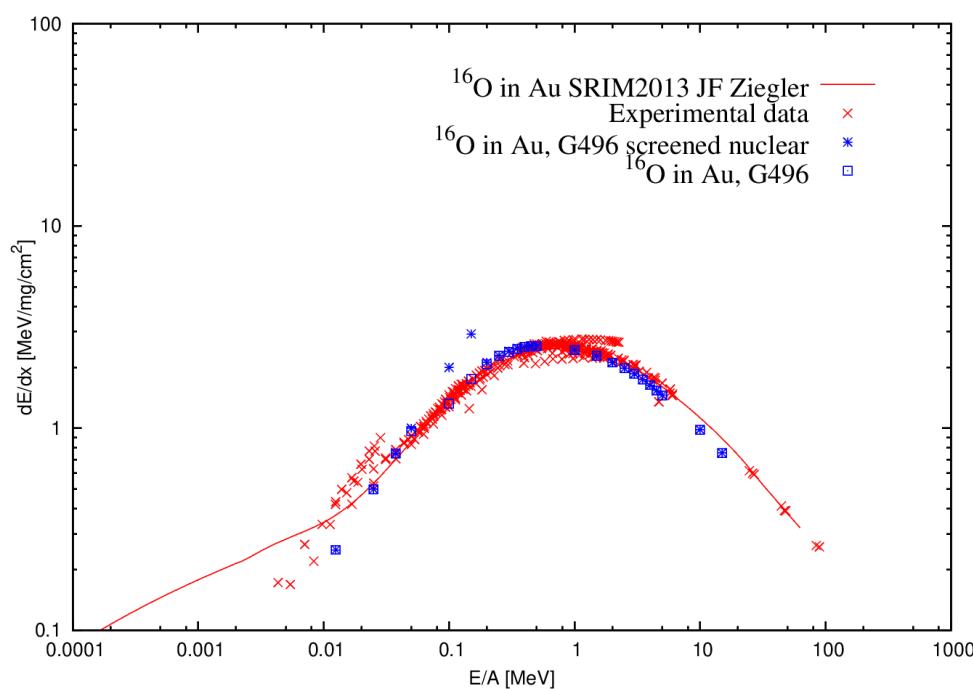


# Angular distribution



# Energy Loss

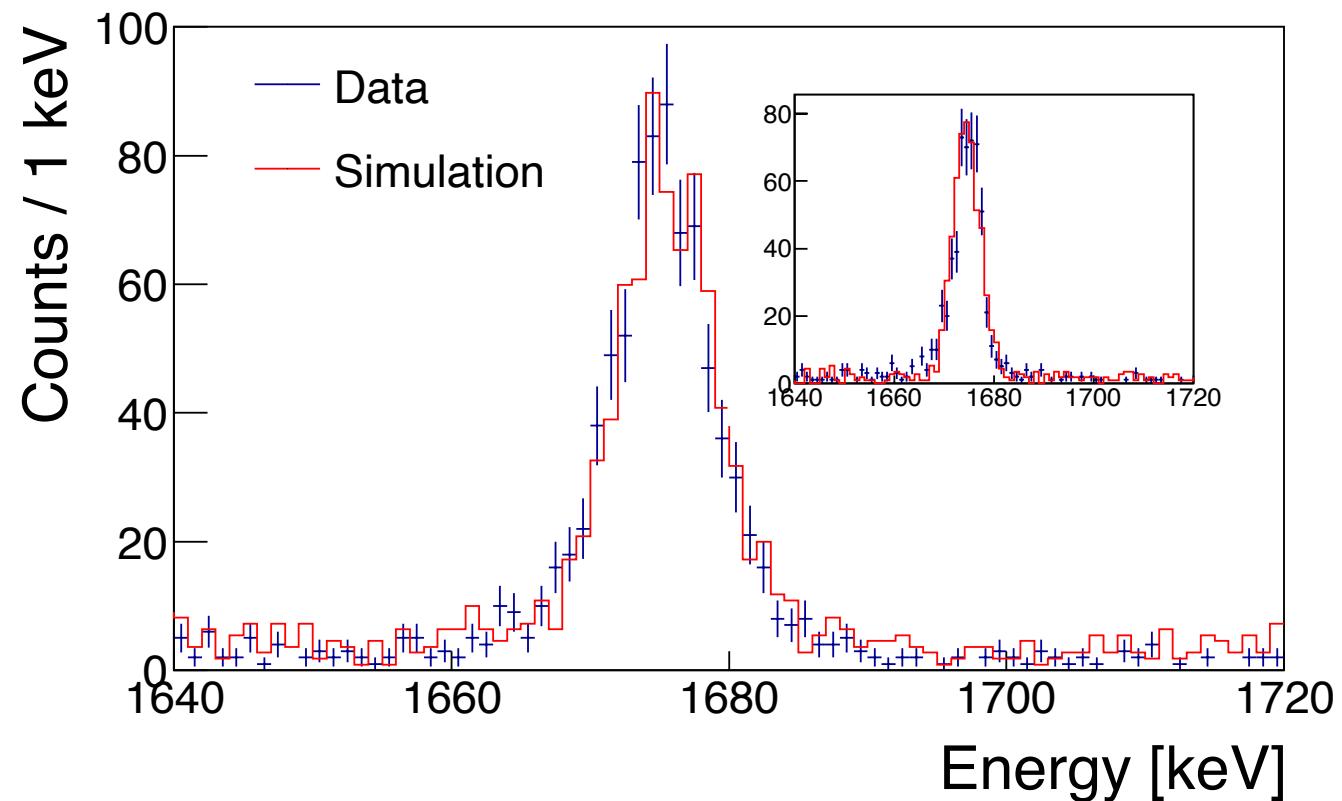
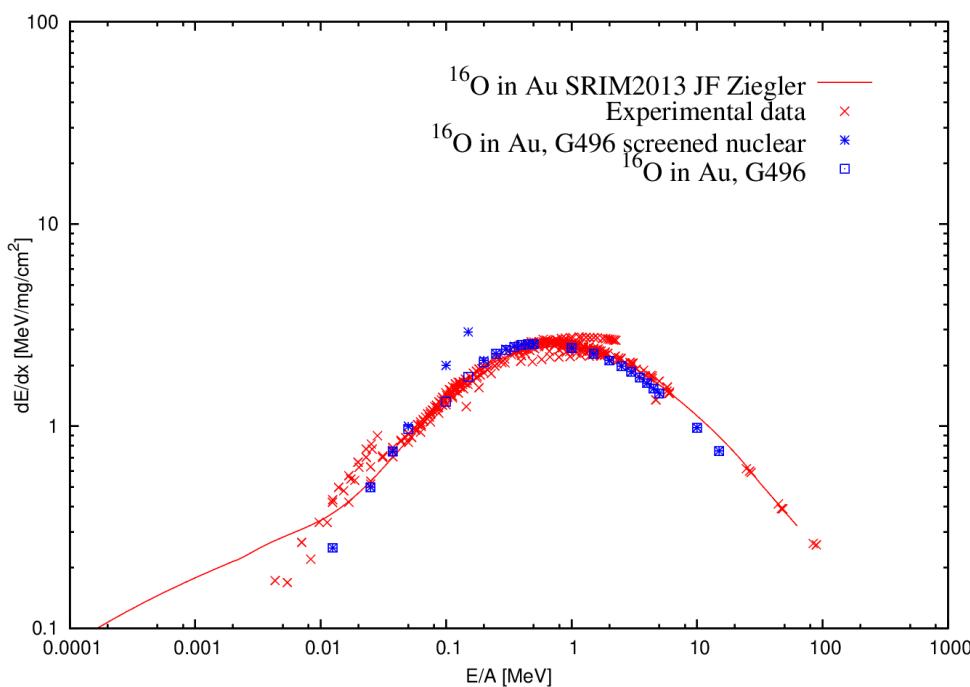
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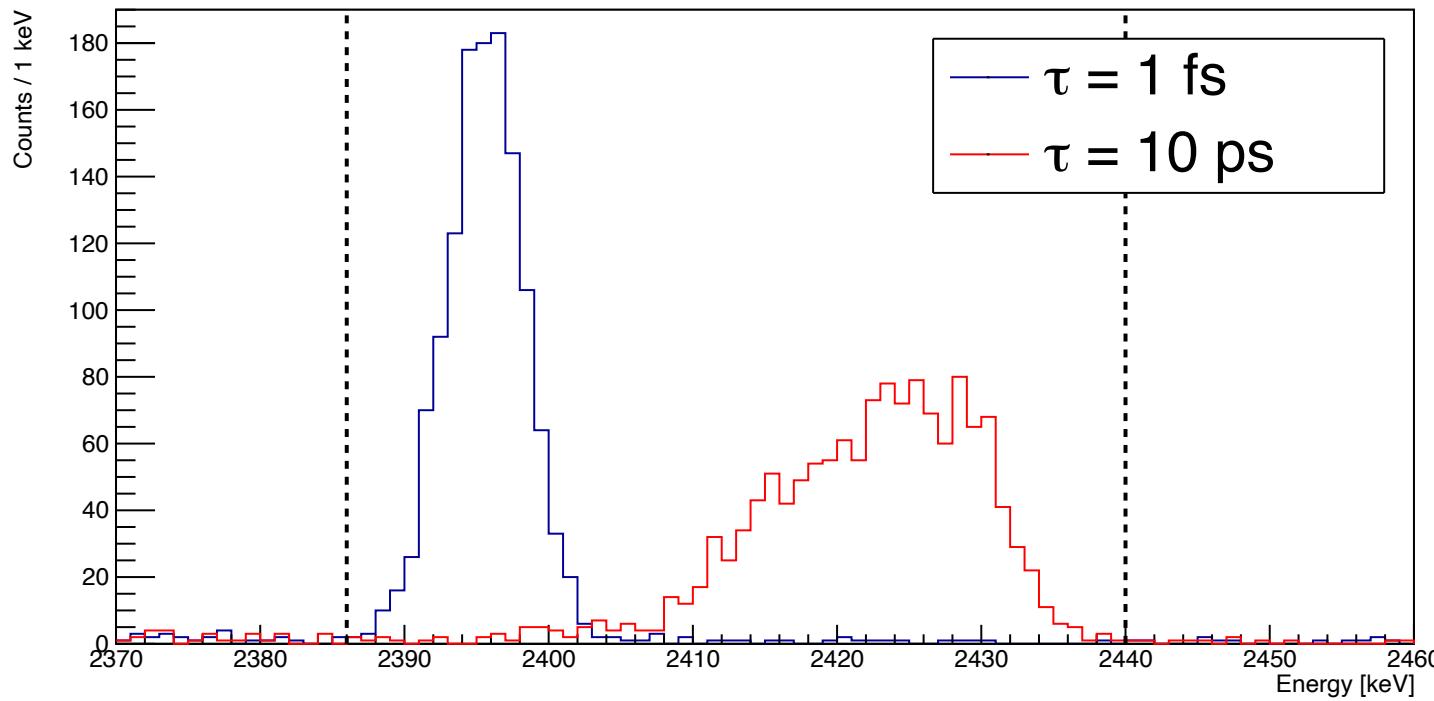
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# Part V: Lifetime measurements

# Lifetime measurements



Two degrees of freedom:

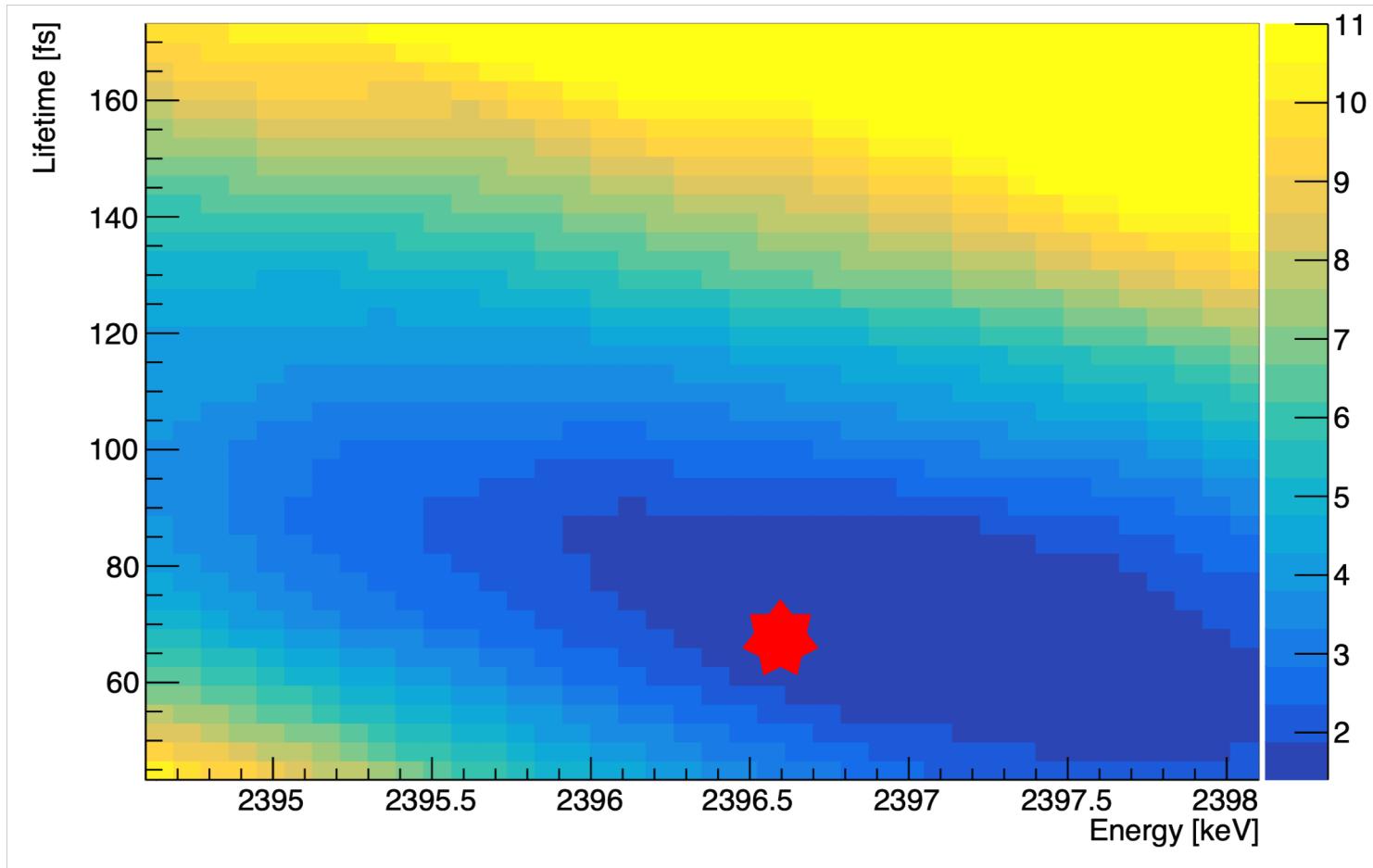
- The lifetime of the state;
- The energy of the transition.

Two series of simulations:

- Coarse scan;
- Fine scan.

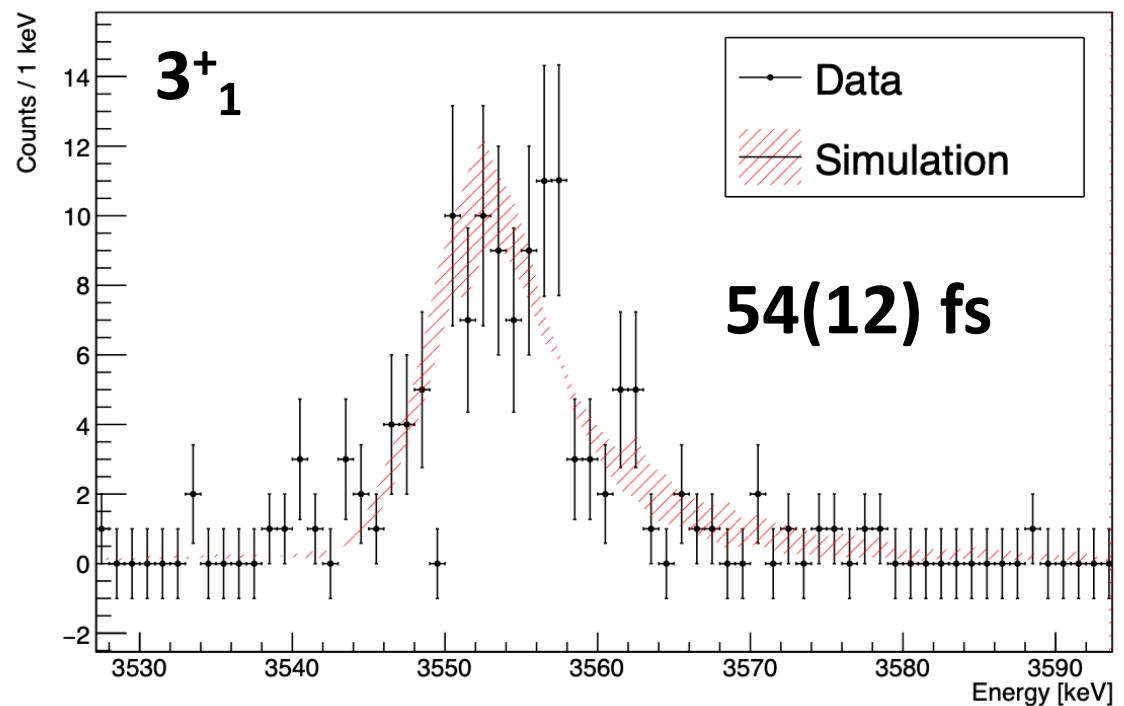
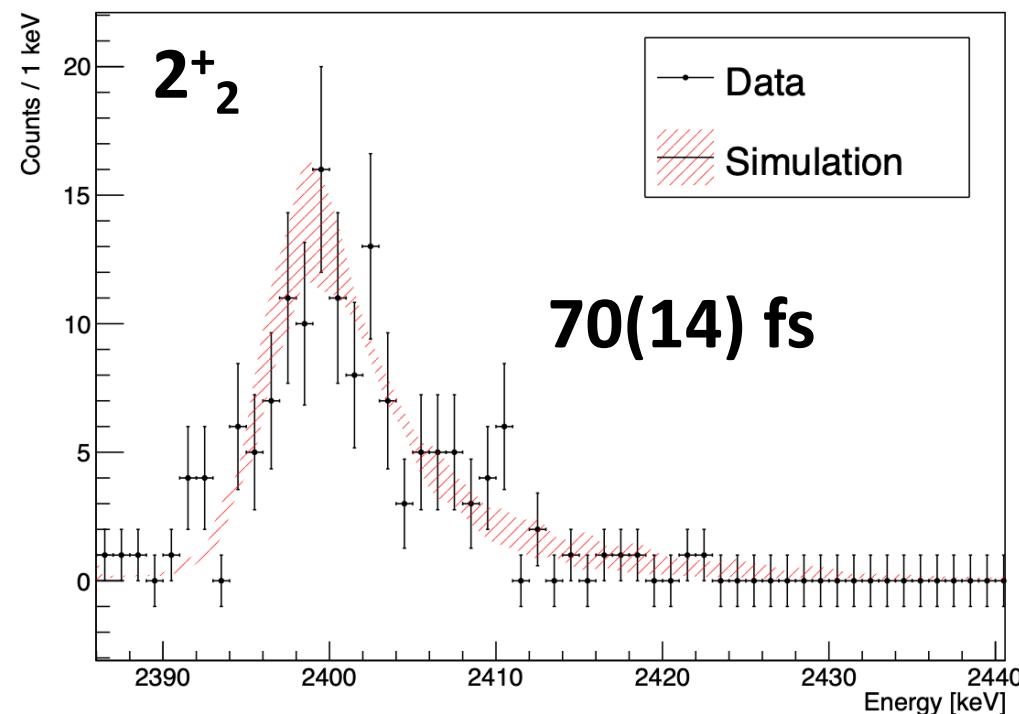
Range of energy for the comparison based on the Doppler shift.

# Lifetime measurements



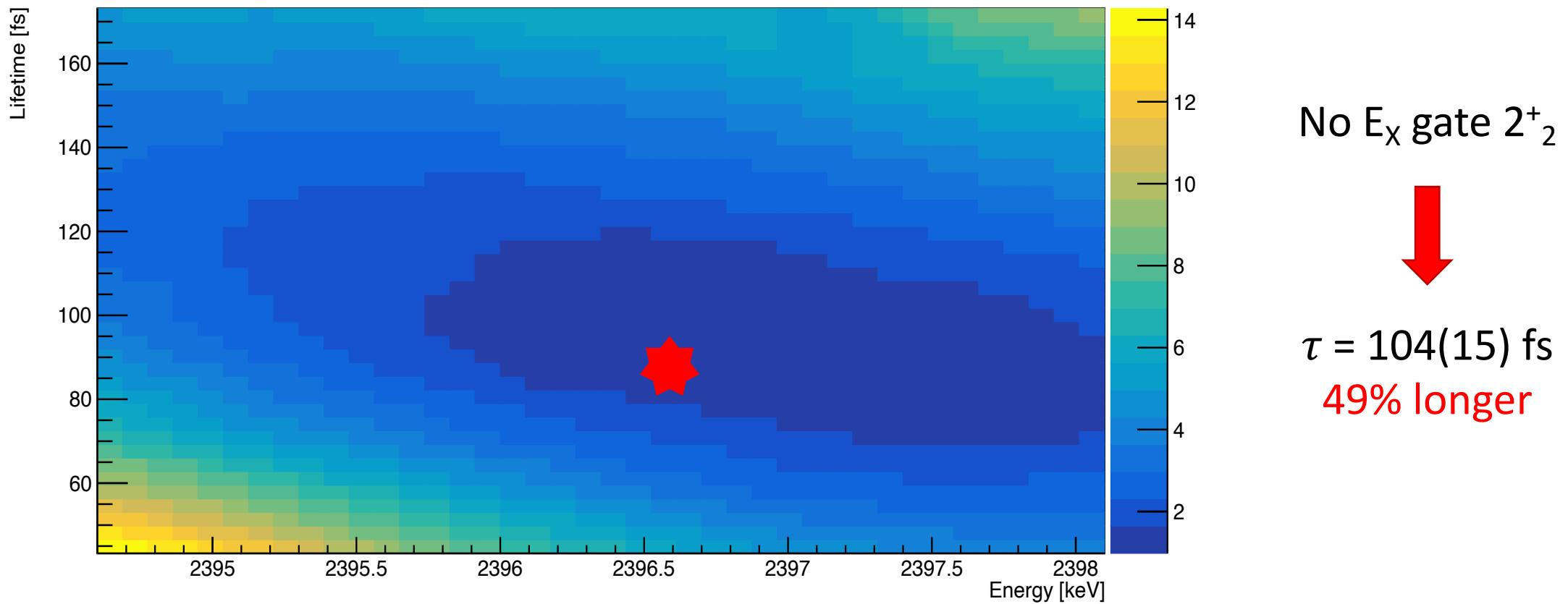
- Gate on the  $E_x$  of  $2^+_2$
- Best energy for 2396.6 keV;
- Best lifetime value 70 fs;
- Least- $\chi^2$  value below 2;
- Statistical errors evaluated using the  $\Delta\chi^2$  method.

# Lifetime measurements



Systematic errors around 5%

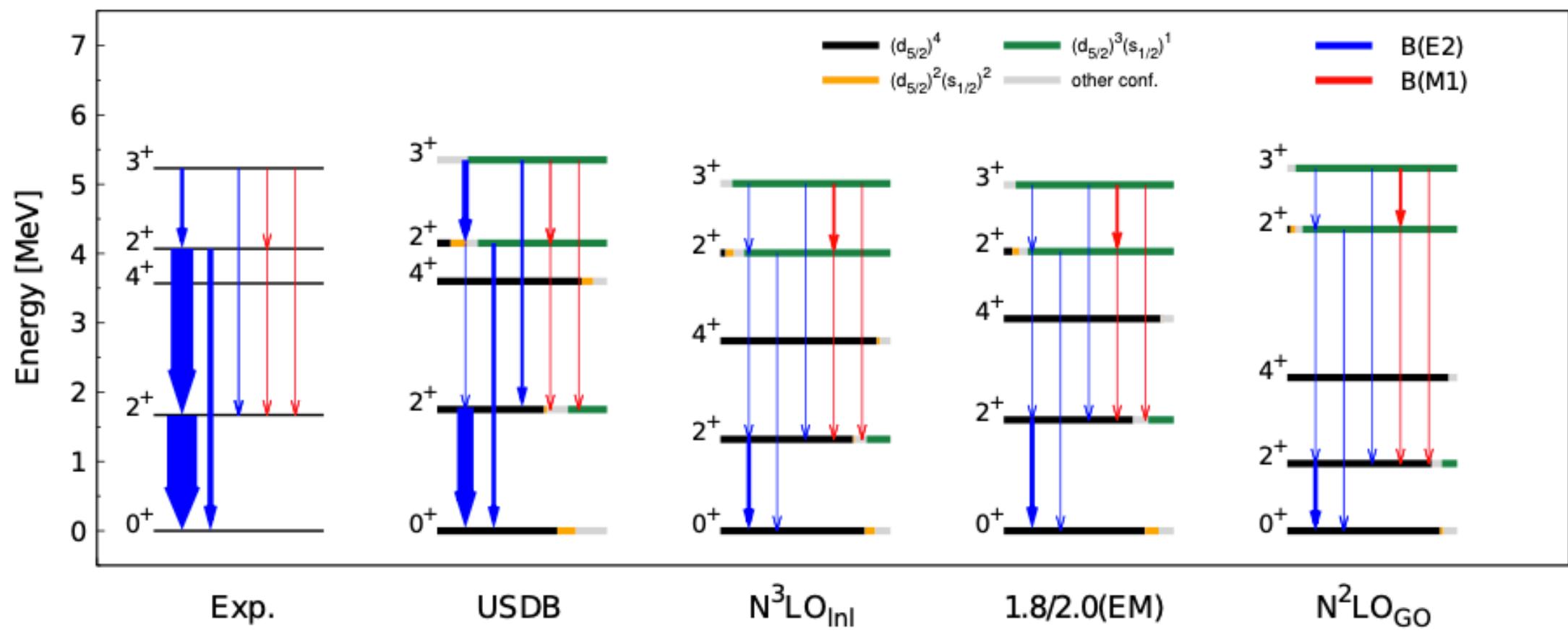
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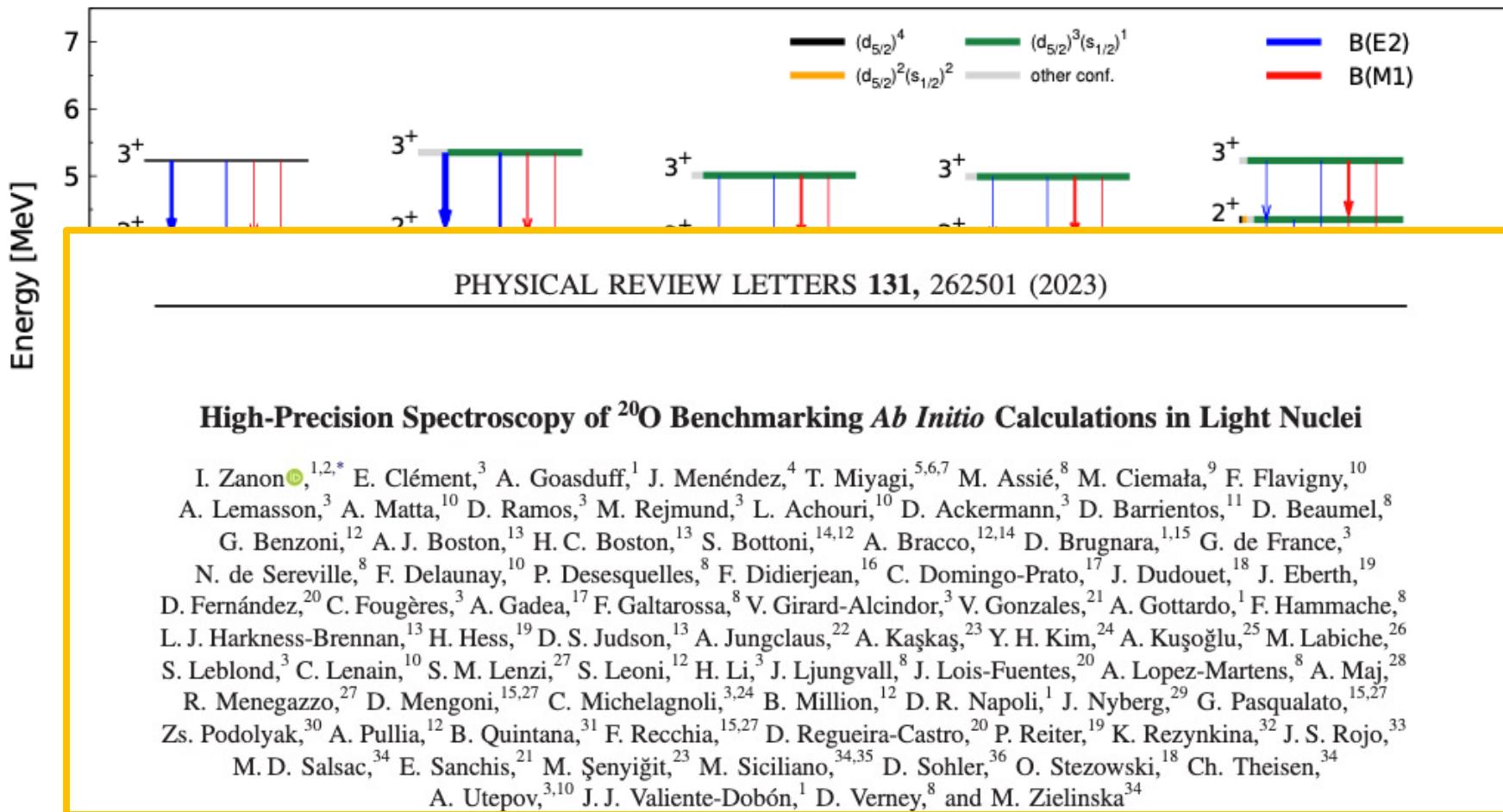
# Part VI: Theoretical interpretation

# Comparison with theory

Comparison between experimental reduced transition probabilities and theoretical models: ab-initio VS-IMSRG and USDB



# Comparison with theory

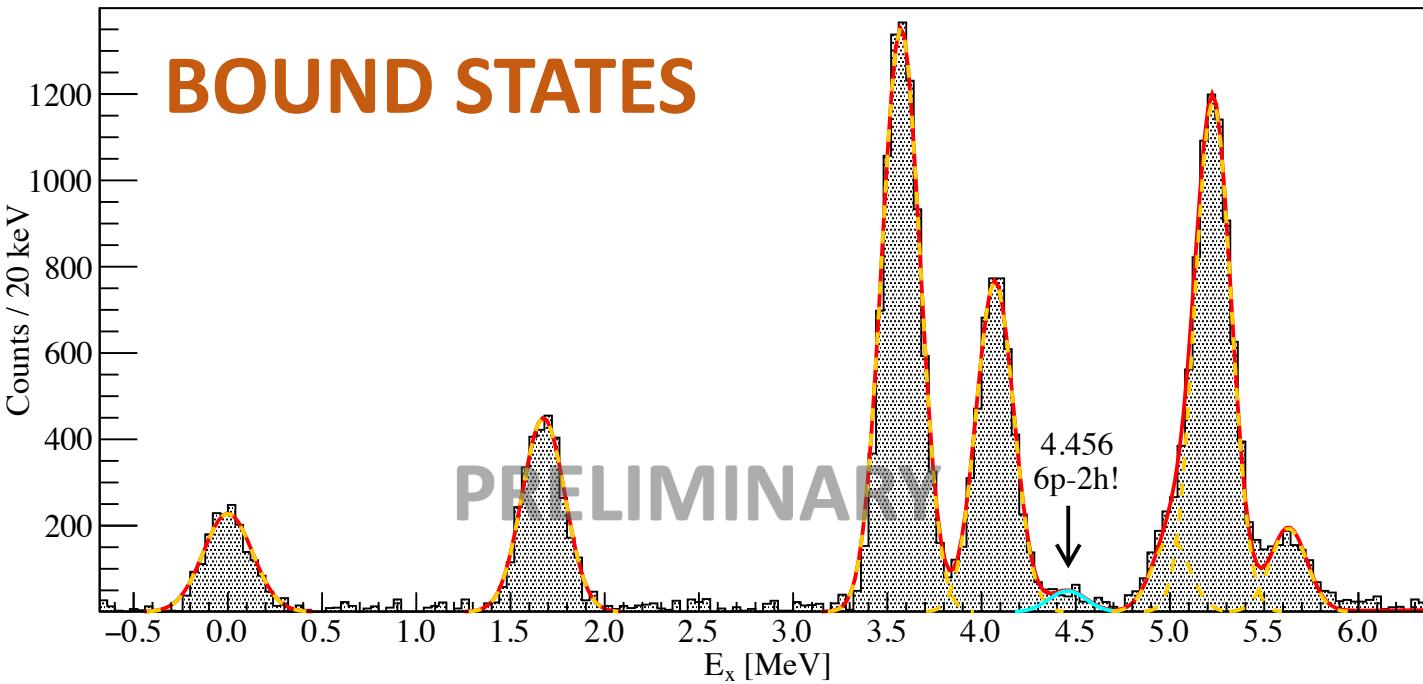


Underestimation of  
B(E2)

Role of the B(M1) in  
the comparison

Nature of the  $2^+_1$  state  
more complex

# Part VII: Future perspective



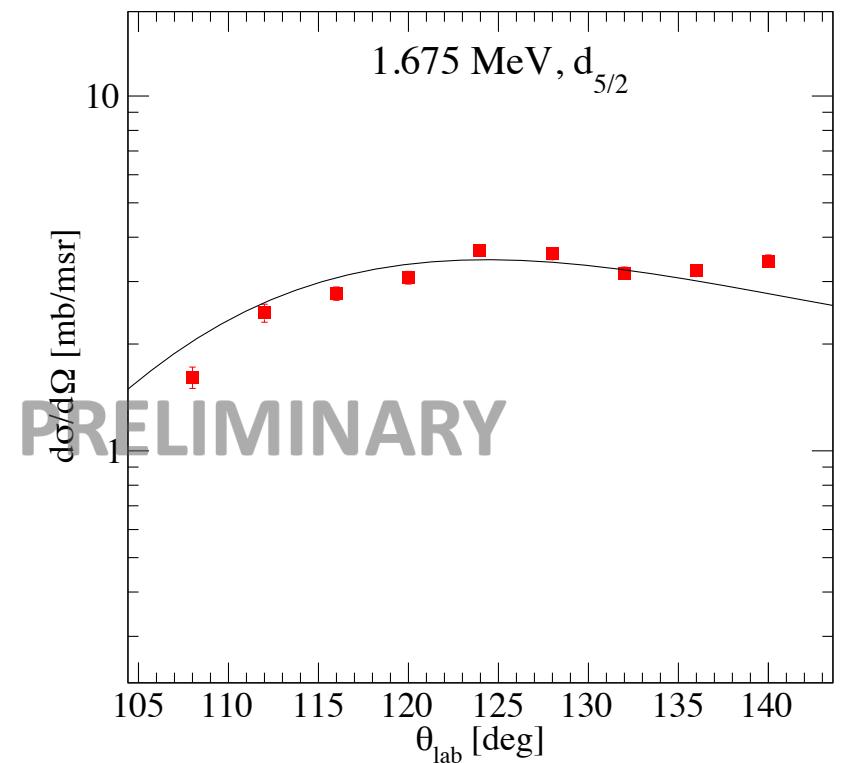
Next steps:

- Normalisation of angular distrib.
- Extract **spectroscopic factors**
- **High-E  $\gamma$ -rays**, from unbound?
- Limit on the lifetime of high-energy states

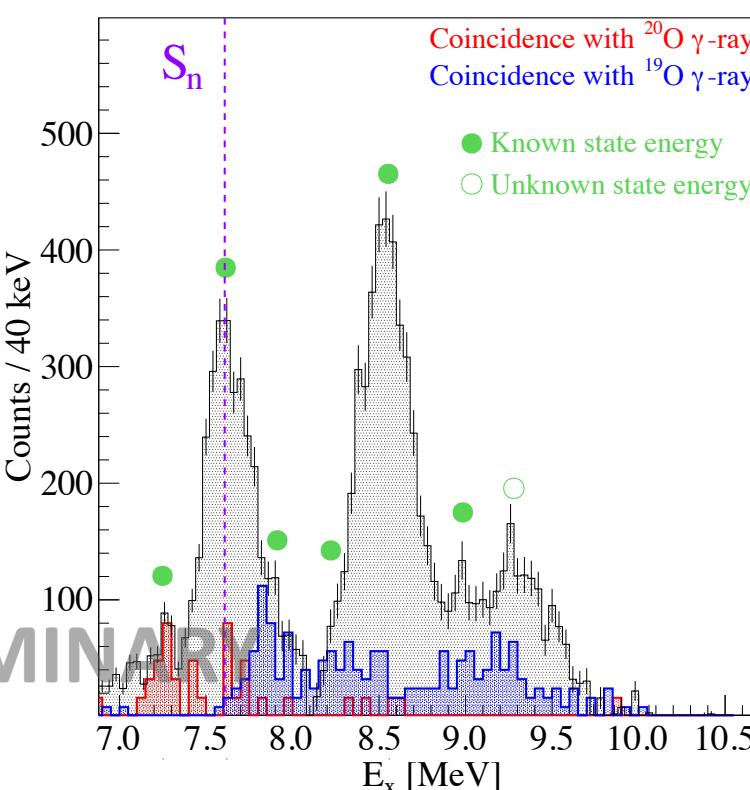
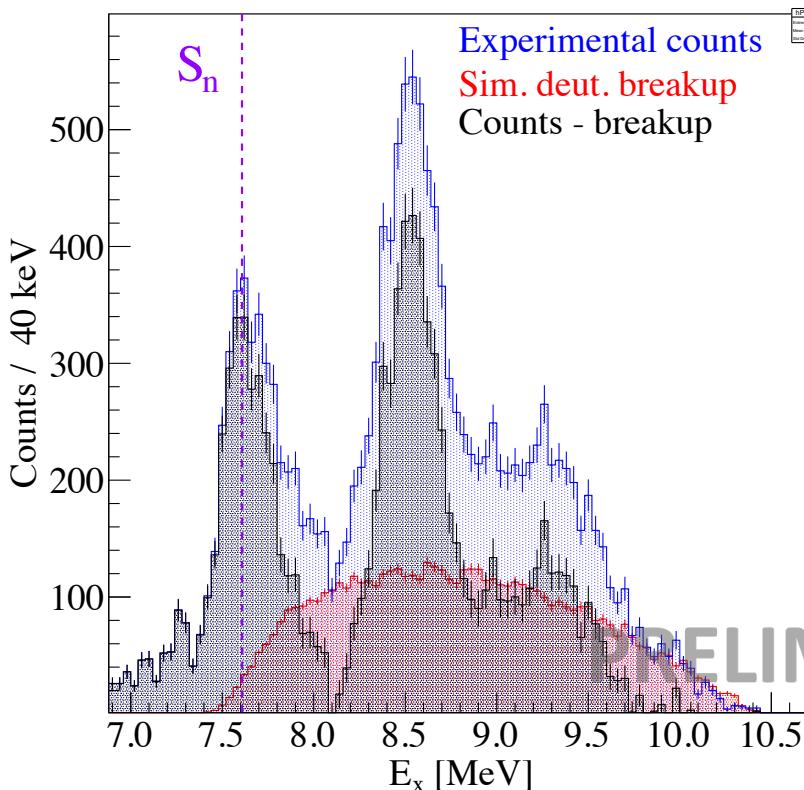
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So far:

- ◊ Tweaks:  $\sigma = 98$  keV @ 5.3 MeV
- ◊ **Angular distributions** extracted
- ◊ Compared to **optical models**

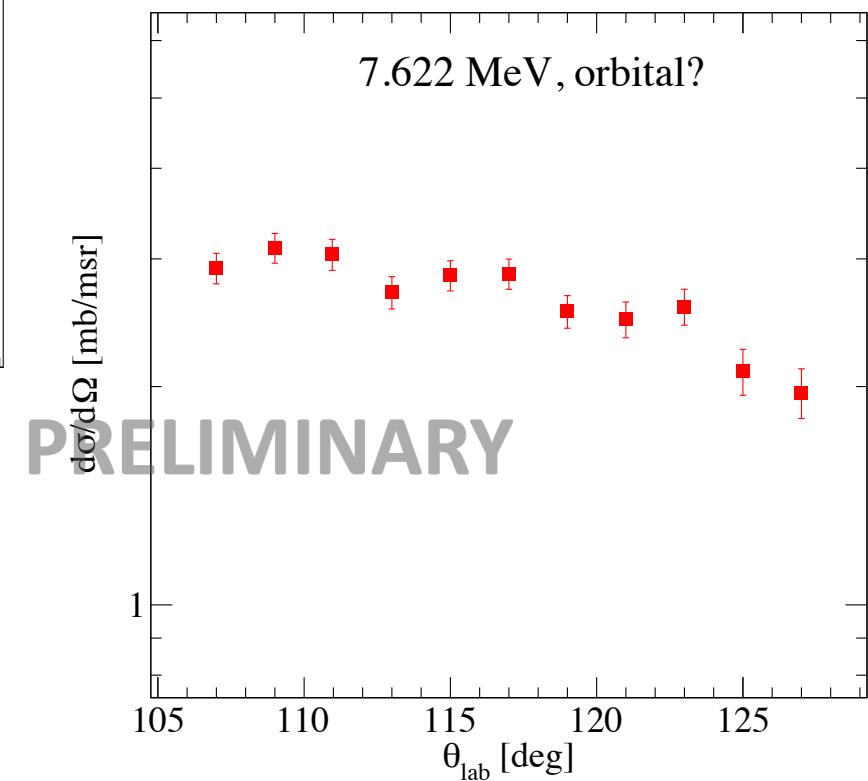


# UNBOUND STATES



So far:

- Simul. deuteron breakup subtracted
- $\gamma$ -ray coinc., several unbound states
- $\blacklozenge$  Energies from  $^{18}\text{O}(\text{t},\text{p})$  &  $^{20}\text{N}(\beta^-)$
- **Angular distributions extracted**



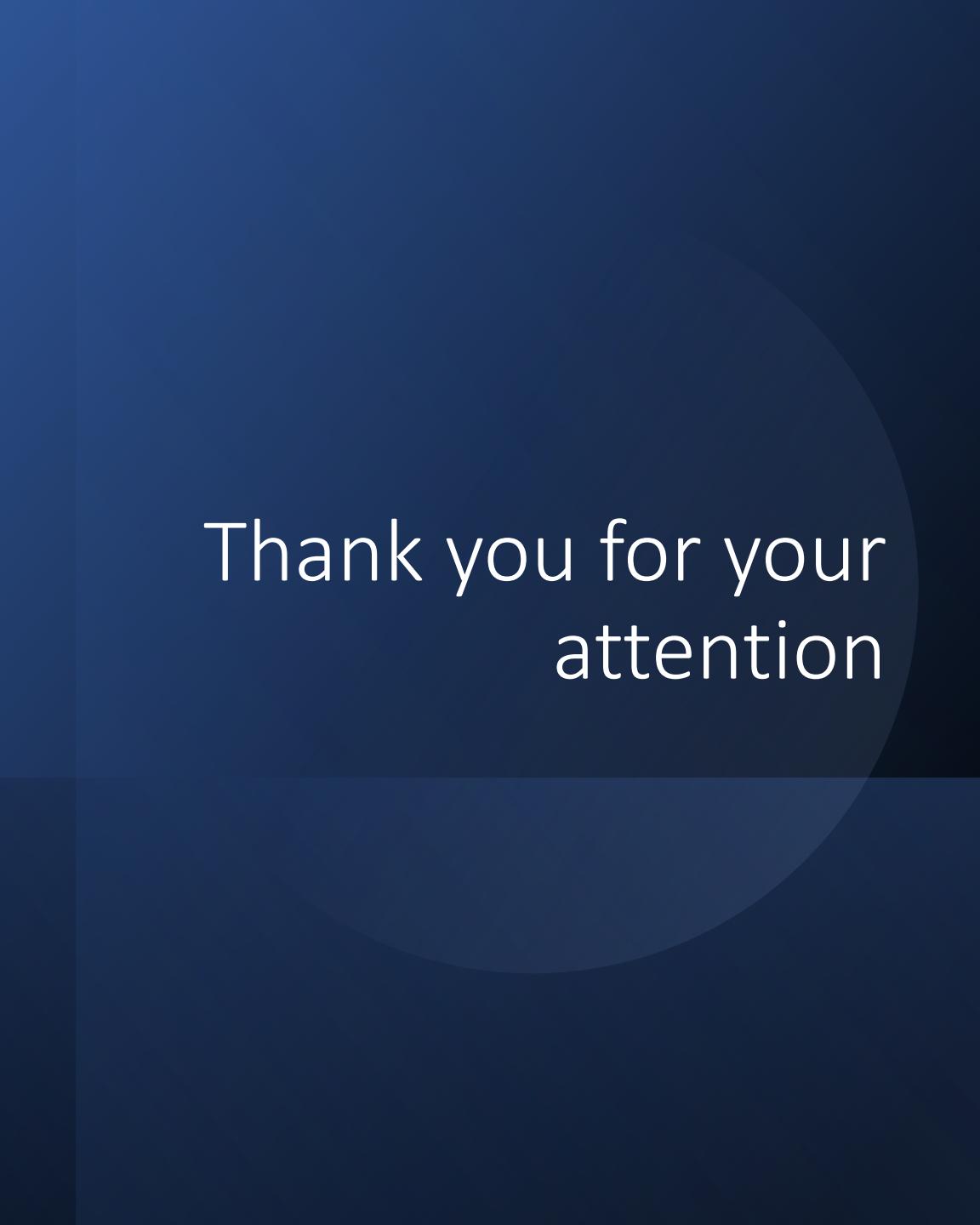
Challenges:

- ◊ Optical model reliability over Sn?

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# Conclusions

- Challenging experiment with state-of-the art particle detection and  $\gamma$ -ray tracking;
- Precise control on the population of the states using of (d,p) reaction to populate  $^{20}\text{O}$ ;
- Lifetime measurement of the  $2^+_2$  and  $3^+_1$  states;
- Importance of mp-mh excitation and B(M1);



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