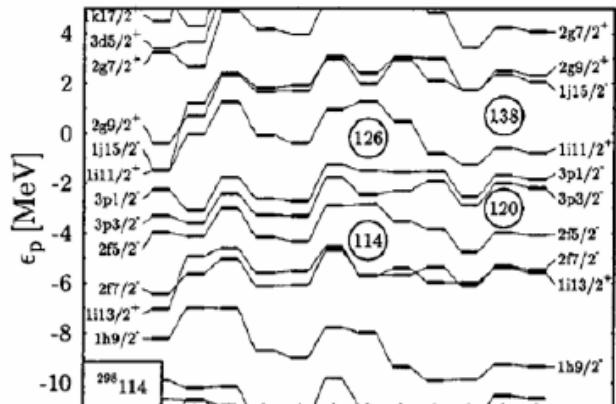


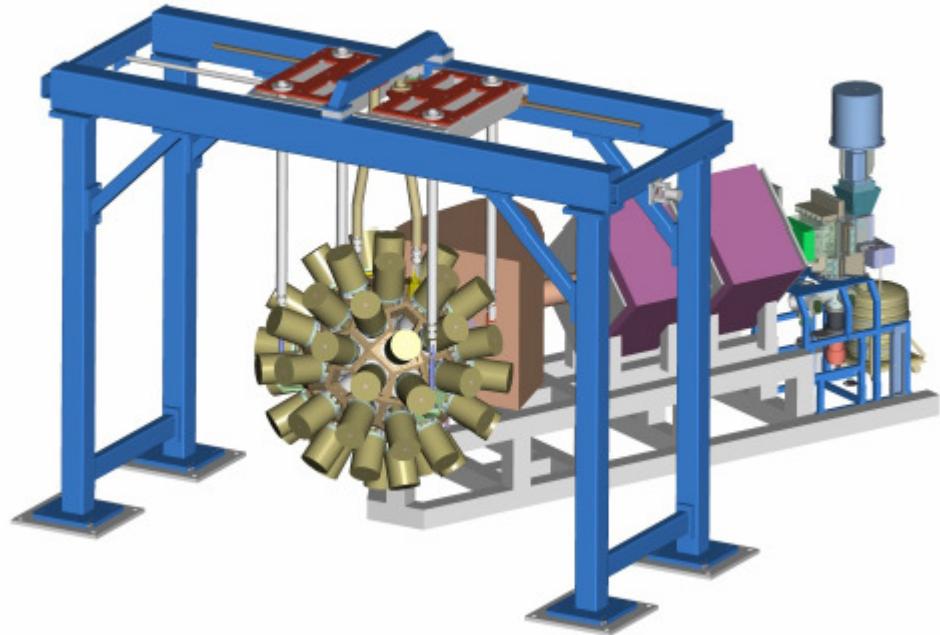
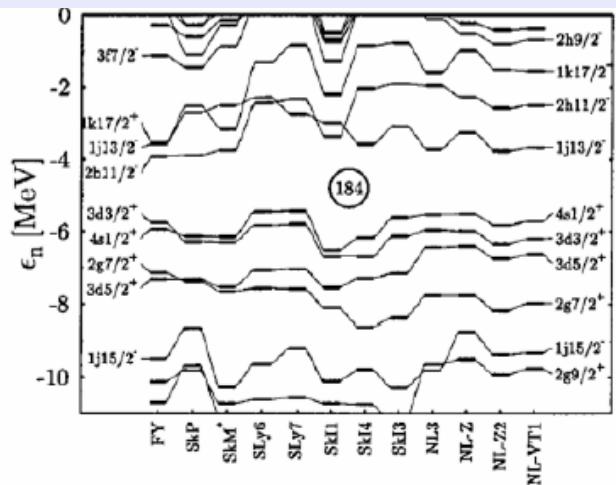
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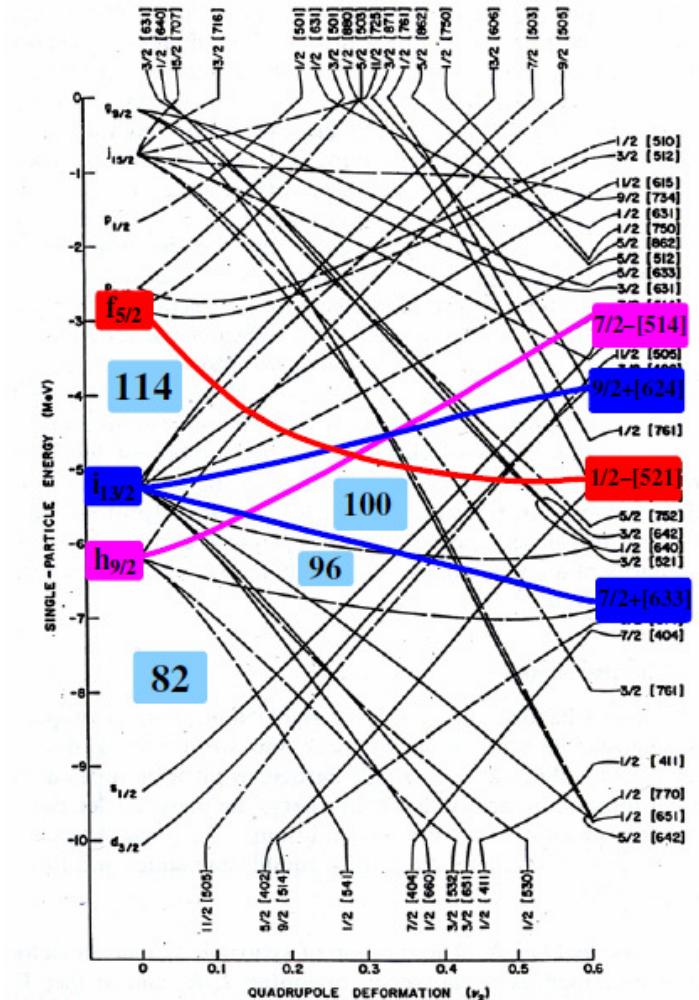
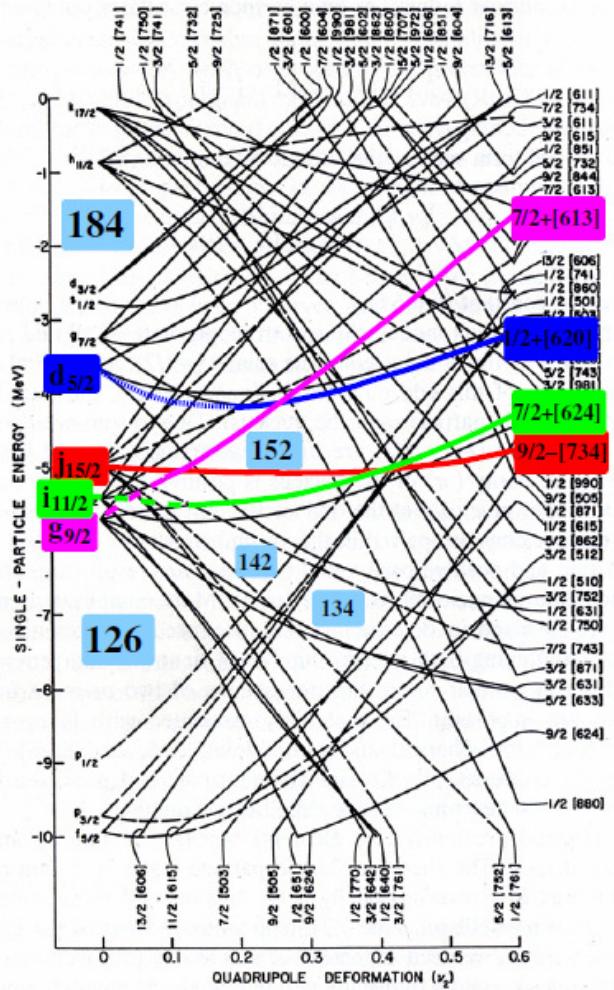
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## Isomeric States in $^{250}\text{Fm}$ and $^{254}\text{No}^\dagger$

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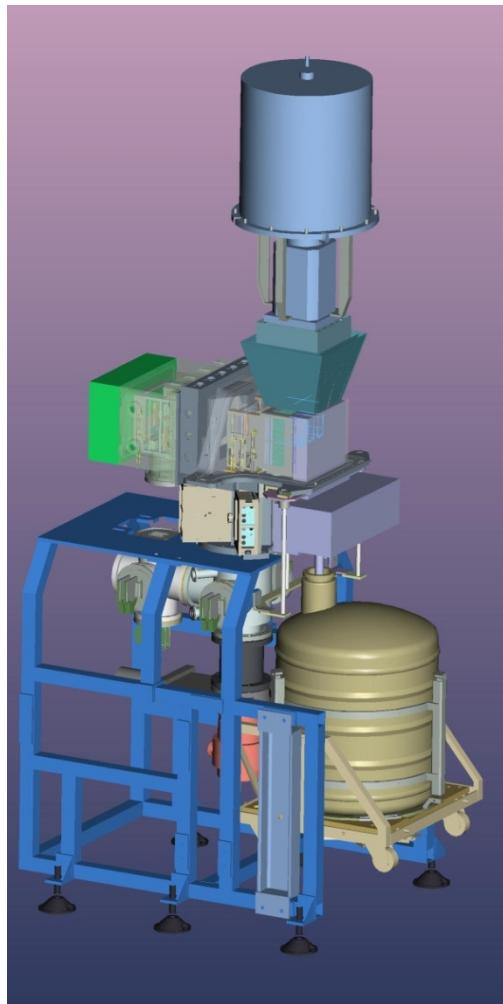
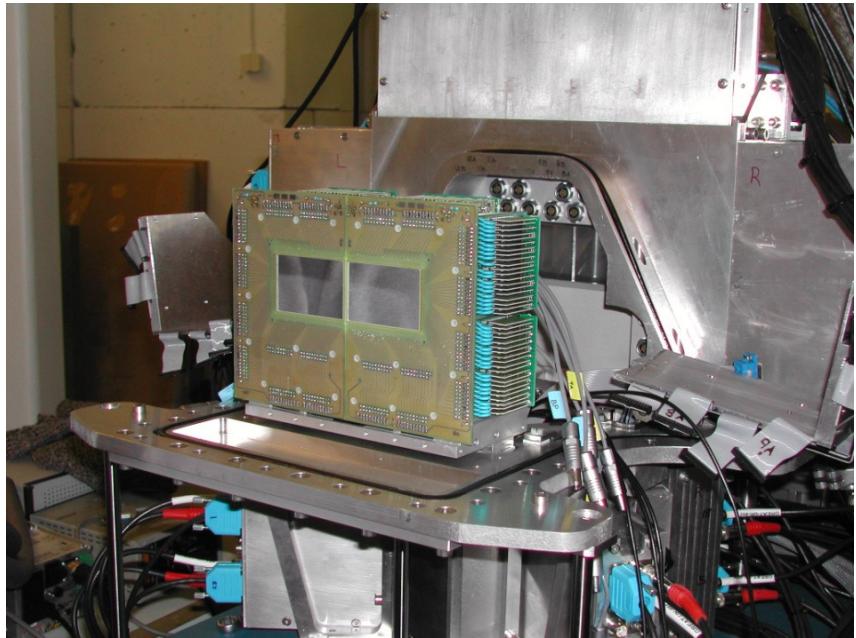
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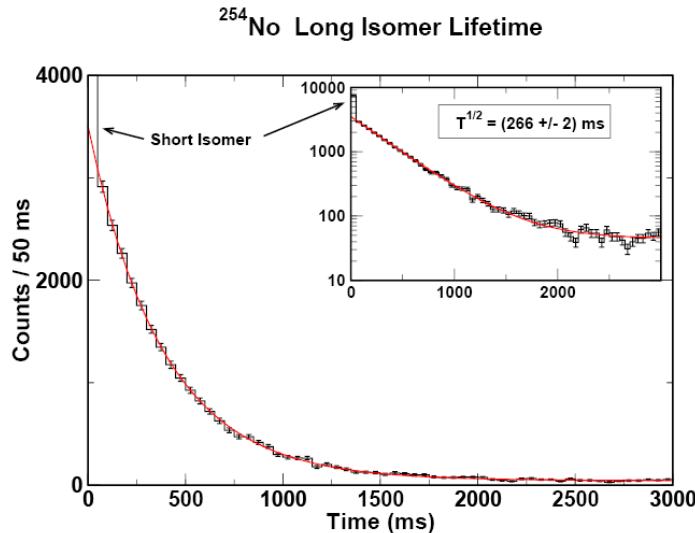
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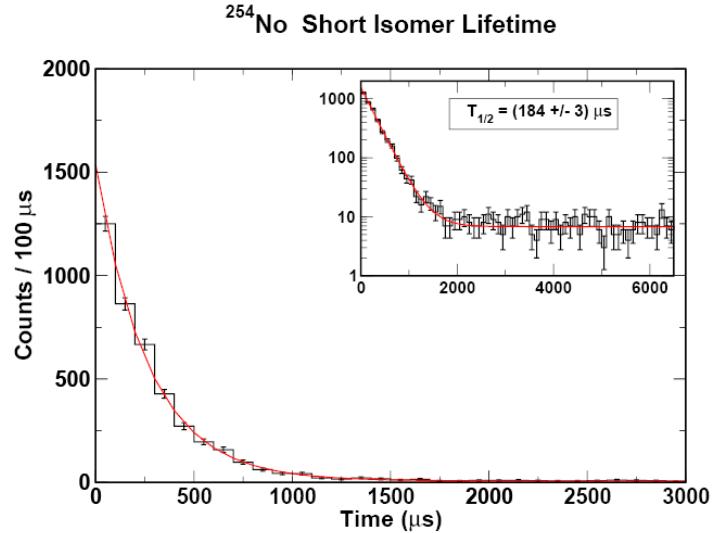
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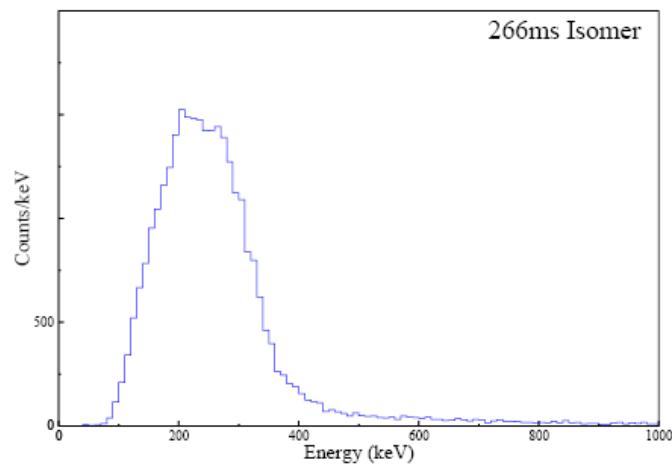


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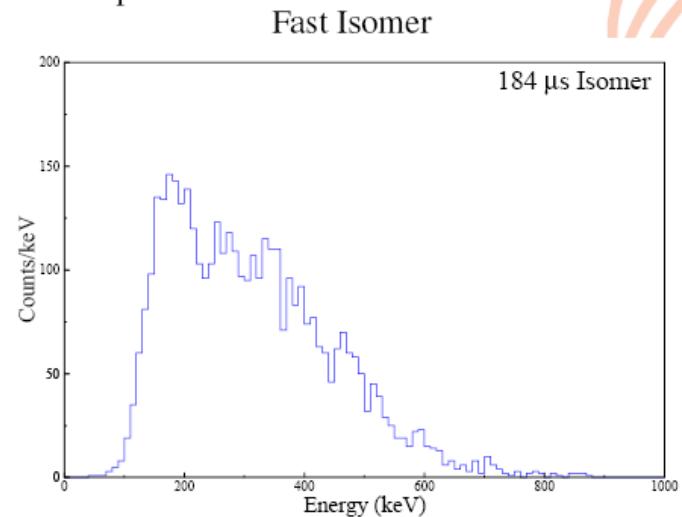


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Slow Isomer



Fast Isomer

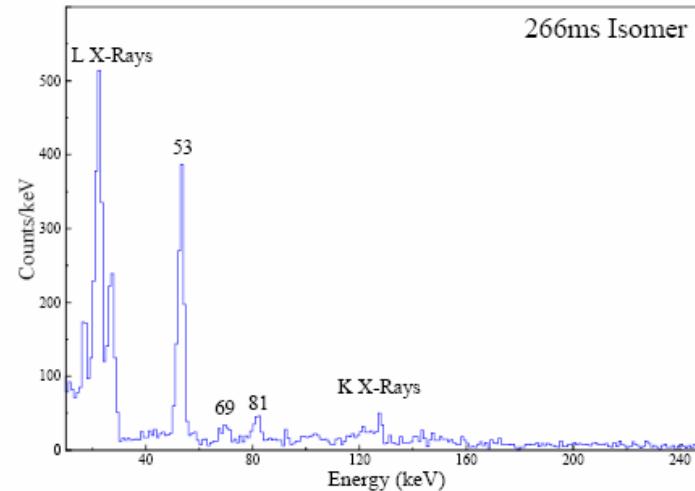
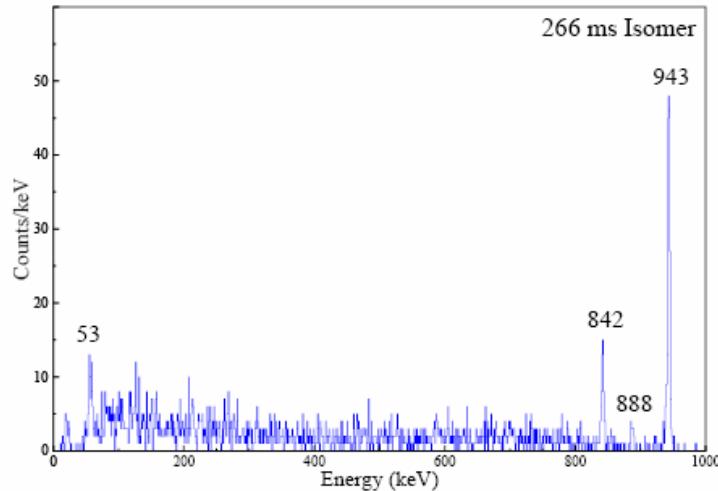




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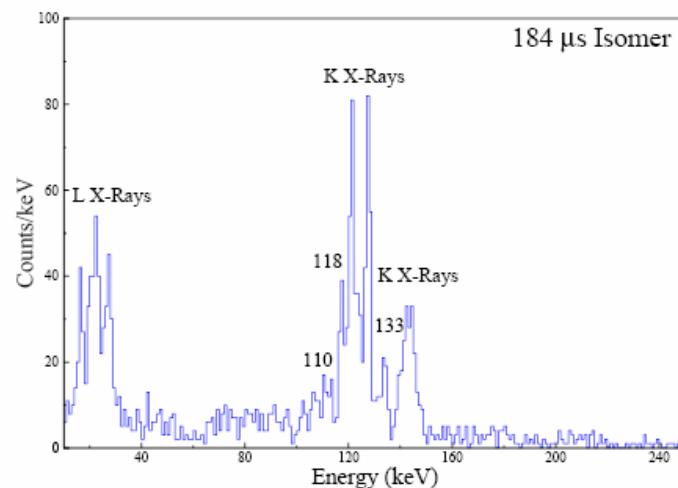
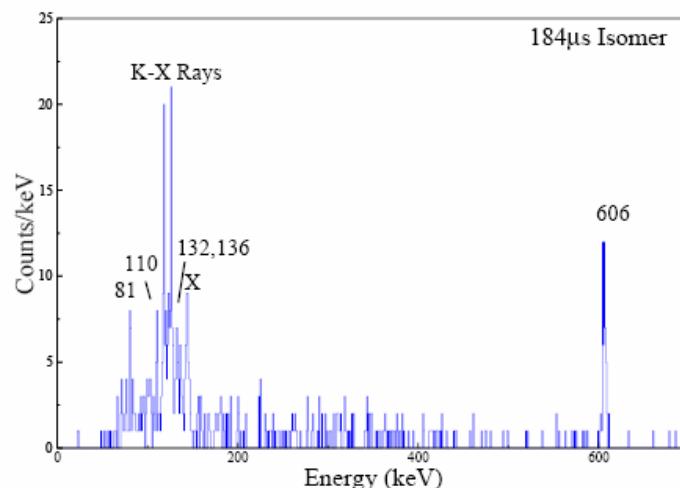
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Planar Ge Spectra



Correlated recoil-electron  $\gamma$  coincidences  
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## Possible Configurations:

- $3^+ - p[514]7/2^- \otimes p[521]1/2^-$
- $3^+ - n[624]7/2^+ \otimes n[631]1/2^+$
- $8^- - n[734]9/2^- \otimes n[613]7/2^+$
- $8^- - p[514]7/2^- \otimes p[624]9/2^+$
- $8^- - n[624]7/2^+ \otimes n[734]9/2^-$

Dominant M1 decay suggests proton configurations

570

22+

536

20+

498

18+

456

16+

412

14+

366

12+

318

10+

267

8+

214

6+

159

4+

102

2+

44

## $^{254}\text{No}$

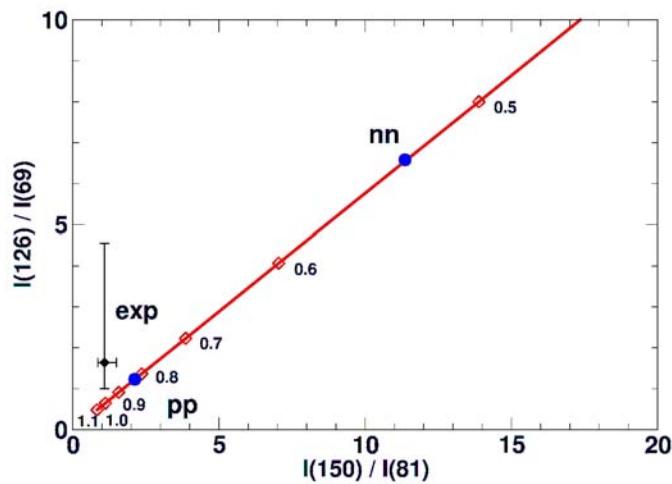
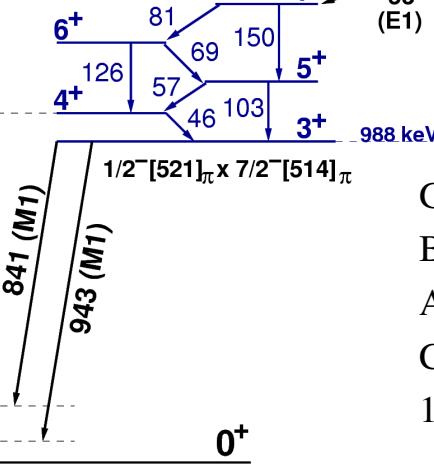
K=3

K=(16)

$\sim 2.5 \text{ MeV } (16^+)$   
 $184 \mu\text{s}$

K=8

$8^- 1293 \text{ keV}$   
266 ms



Get  $(g_K - g_R)/Q_0$  from two branching ratios

$B(M1)/B(E2)$  depends on  $(g_K - g_R)/Q_0$

Assume:  $Q_0 = Q_0(\text{gsb})$  and  $g_K = Z/A$

Compare:  $g_K = 0.87(15)$  to

$1/2^- [521]_p \times 7/2^- [514]_p : g_K = 0.824$  or  $7/2^+ [624]_n \times 1/2^+ [620]_n : g_K = 0.53$

# High- $K$ structure in $^{250}\text{Fm}$ and the deformed shell gaps at $N = 152$ and $Z = 100$

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$^{204}\text{Hg}(^{48}\text{Ca},2n)^{250}\text{Fm}$ ,  $510\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  target, 8 pnA beam  
13000 full-energy 7.43 MeV  $\alpha$ 's after 170 hour (7 days) collection time

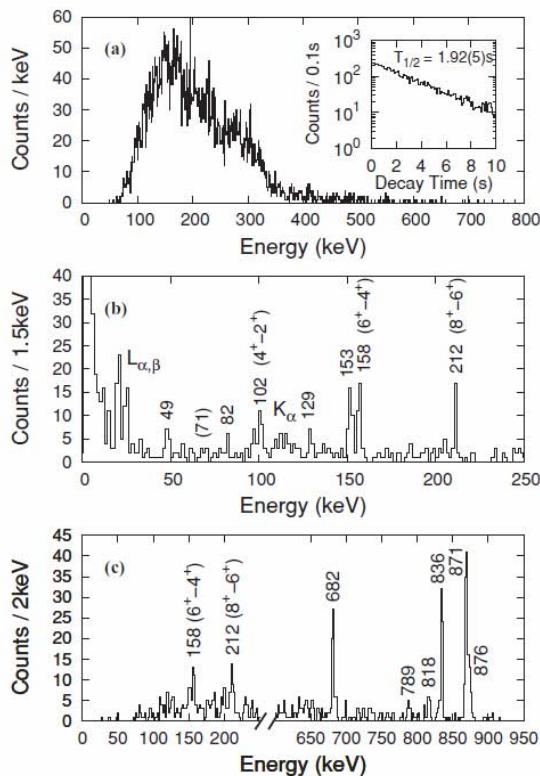


FIG. 1. (a) Spectrum of “sum energy” electrons observed within 10 s of a fusion-evaporation residue at the same position in the DSSD. (b) Gamma rays detected in prompt coincidence with the electrons of part (a) in the planar germanium detector. (c) As in (b), but in the array of clover detectors.

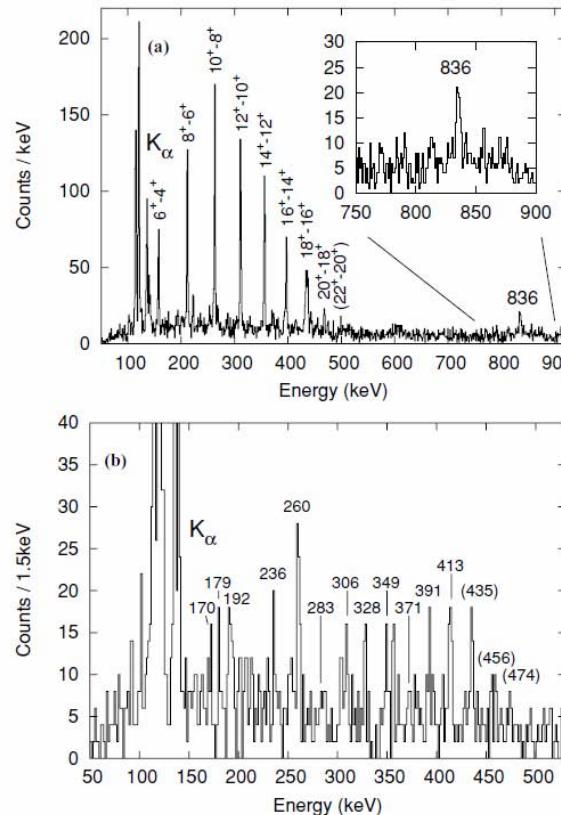
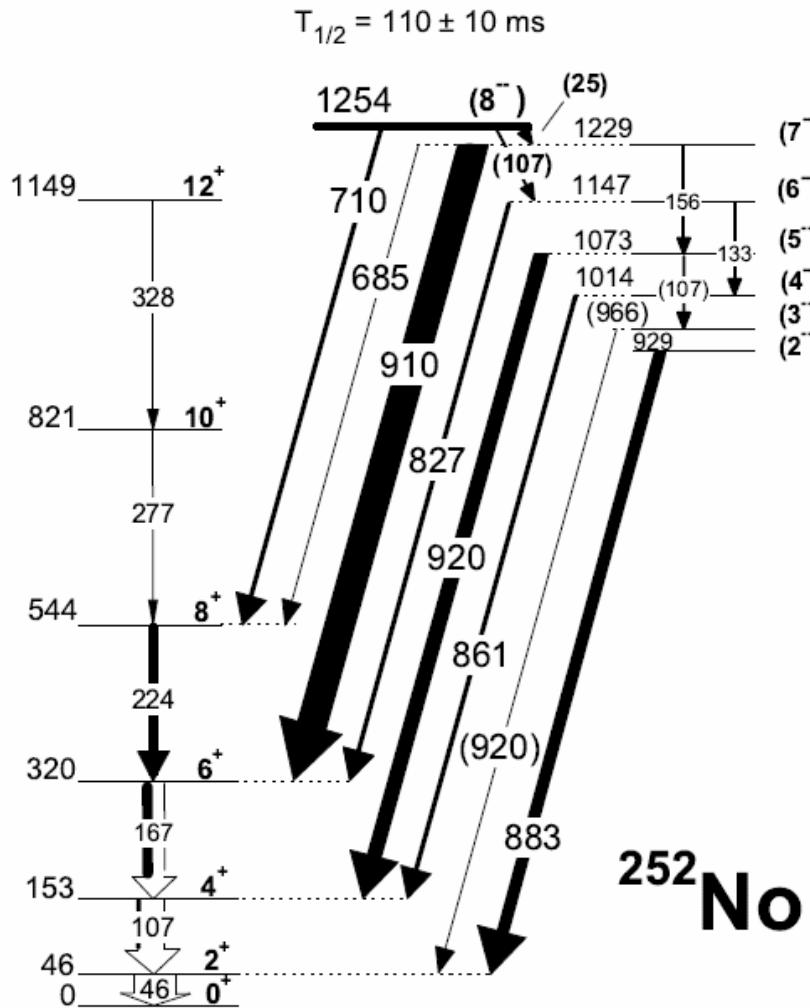


FIG. 2. (a) Spectrum of  $\gamma$  rays detected in the JUROGAM array when a fusion-evaporation residue is observed at the focal plane of RITU. (b) As in (a), with the additional requirement that an electron sum event is observed within 10 s of the recoil at the same position in the DSSD.

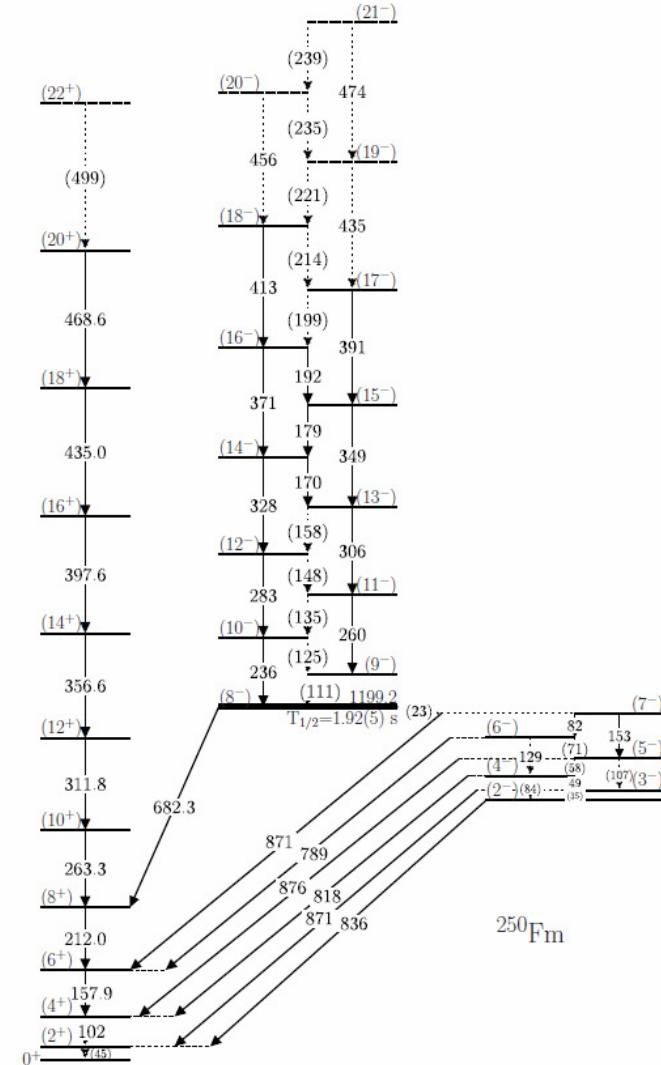
## Identification of a K isomer in $^{252}\text{No}$

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## Spectroscopy and single-particle structure of the odd-Z heavy elements $^{255}\text{Lr}$ , $^{251}\text{Md}$ and $^{247}\text{Es}$

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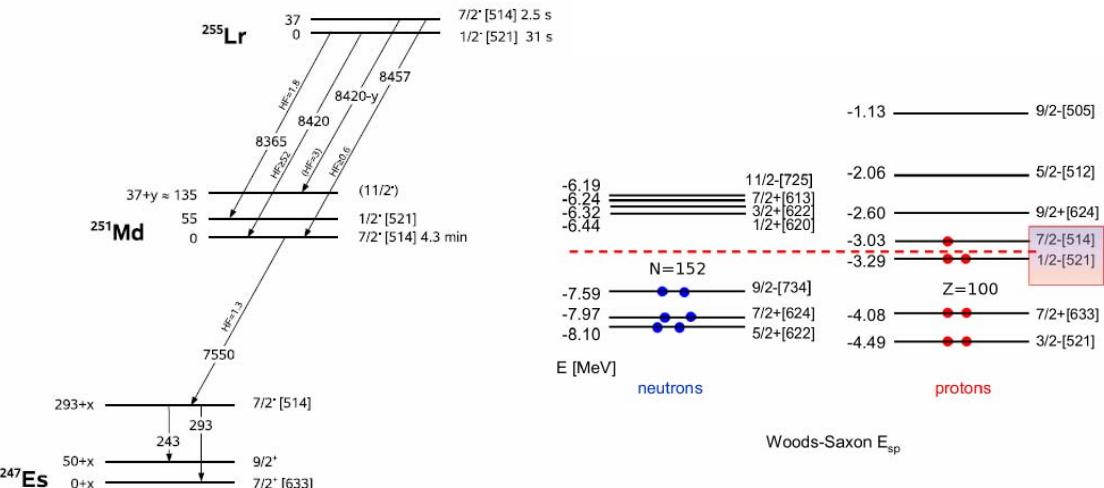


Fig. 13. Level scheme of  $^{247}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{251}\text{Md}$  and  $^{255}\text{Lr}$  deduced from experimental data. The tentative 8290 keV line from  $^{255}\text{Lr}$  is not shown.

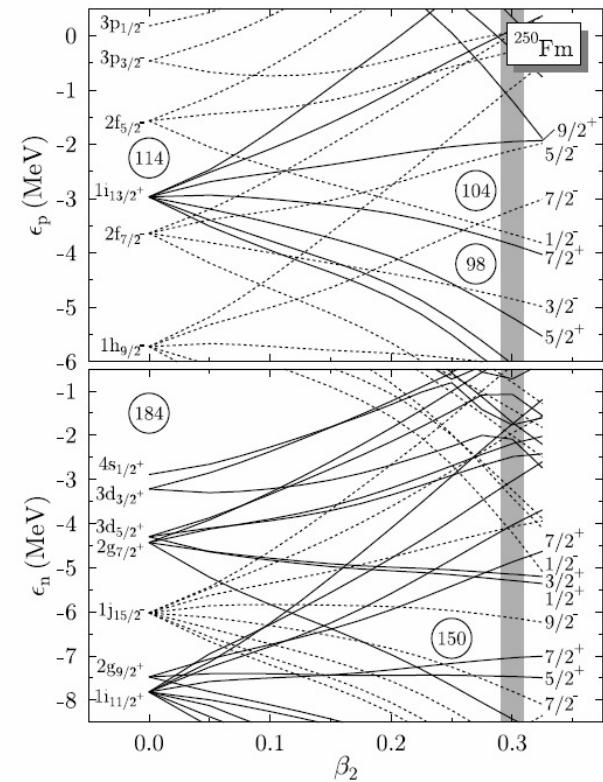
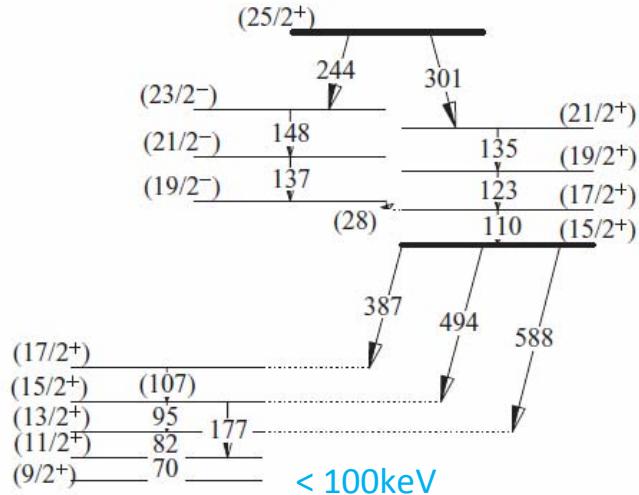
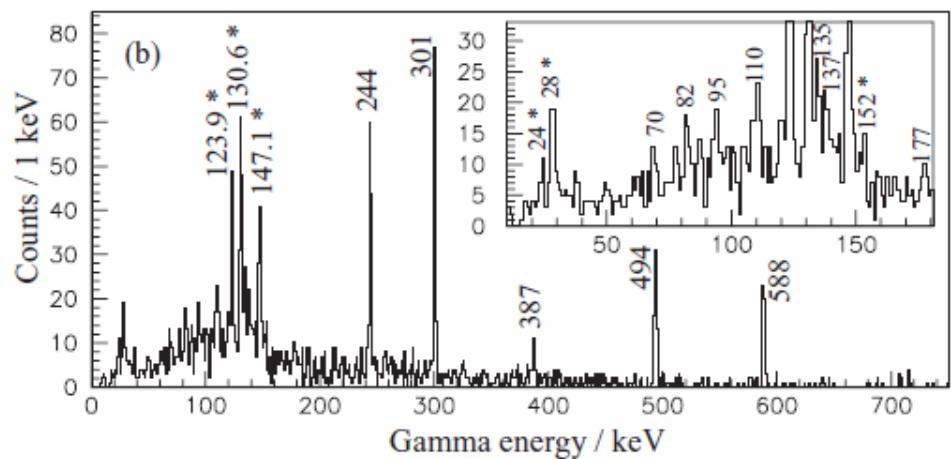
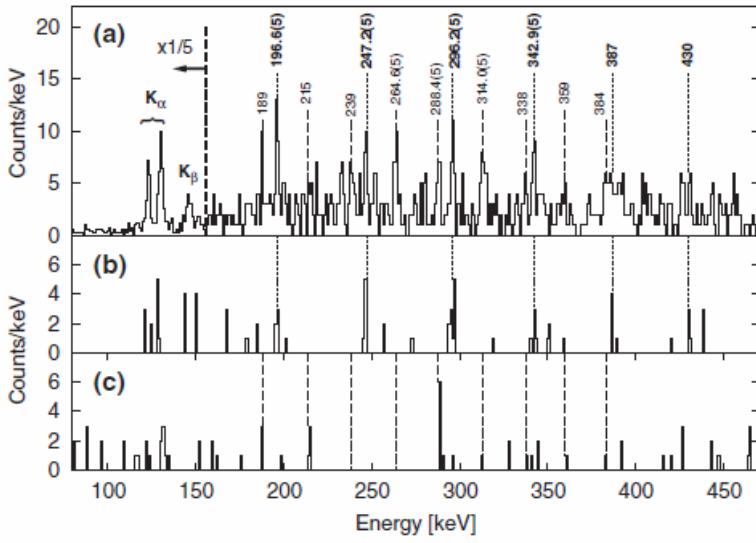


Fig. 14. Single-particle spectra of  $^{250}\text{Fm}$  for protons (top) and neutrons (bottom) obtained with the SLy4 interaction. The vertical grey bar indicates the range of ground-state deformations predicted for this and neighboring nuclei.

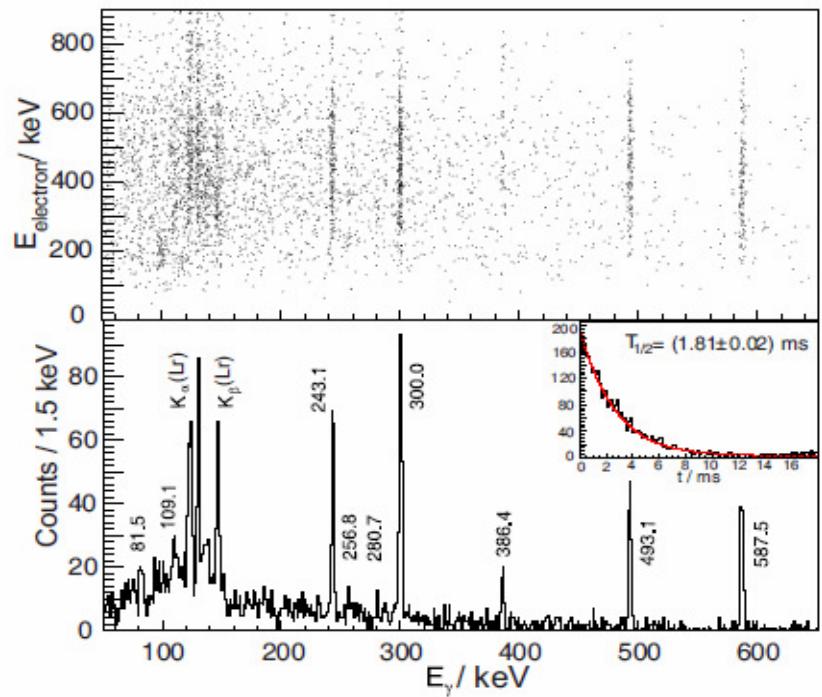
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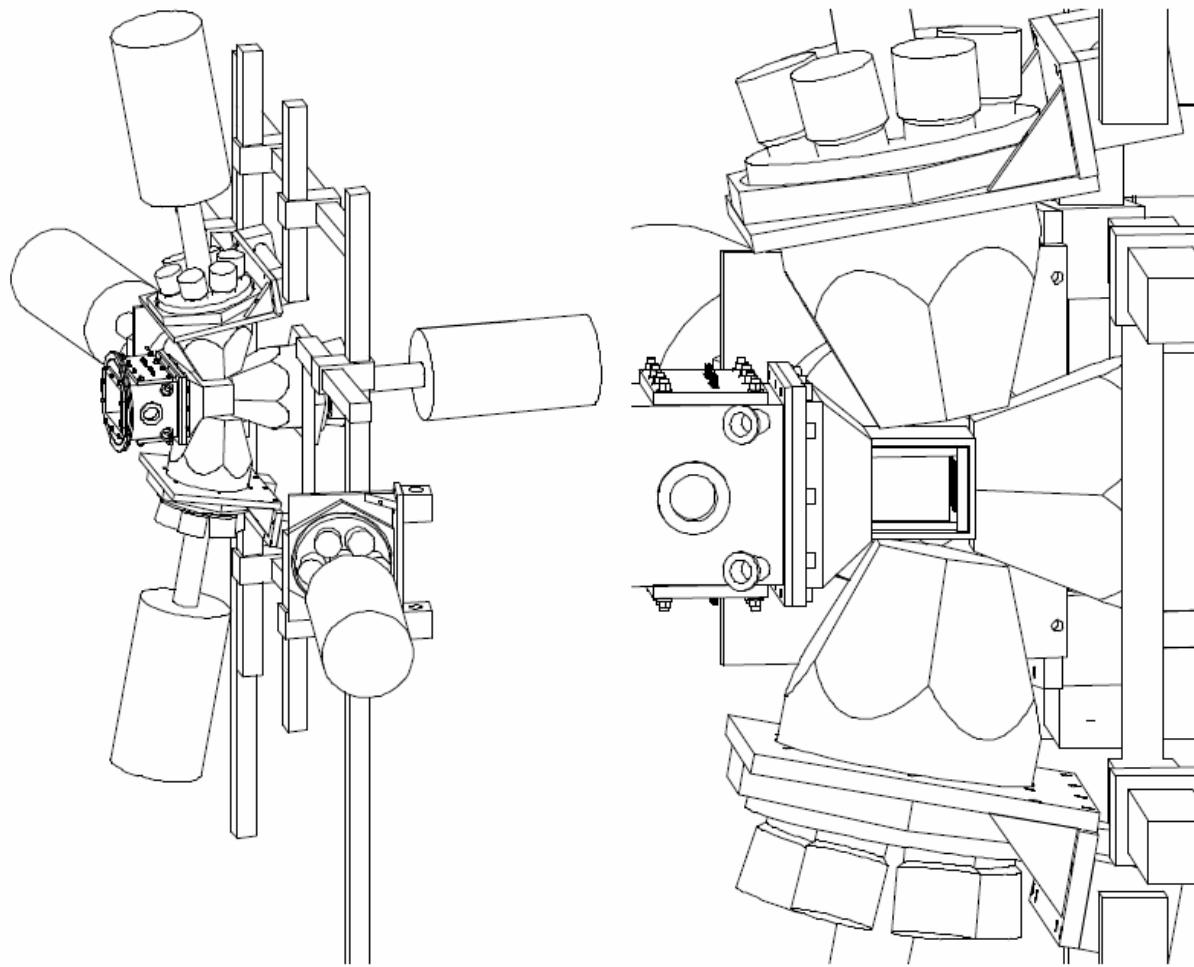
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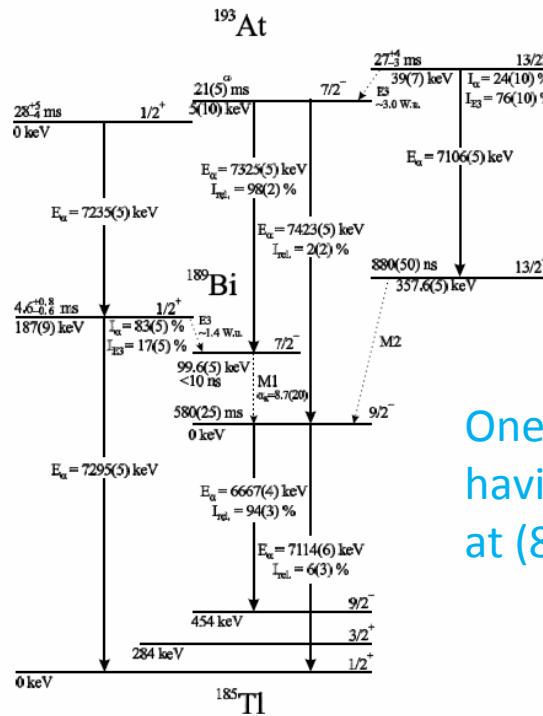
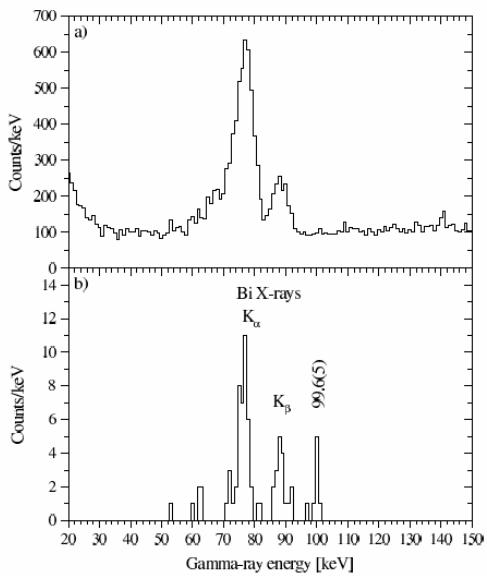
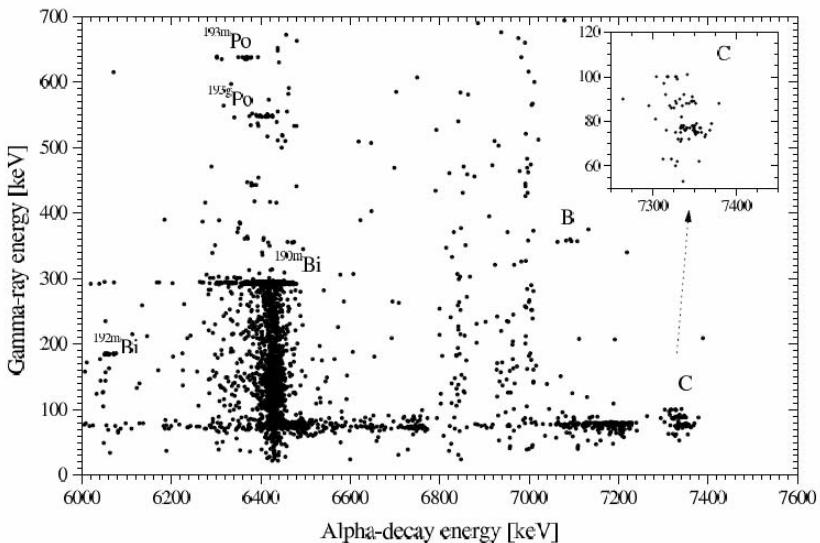


## Old RITU focal plane system

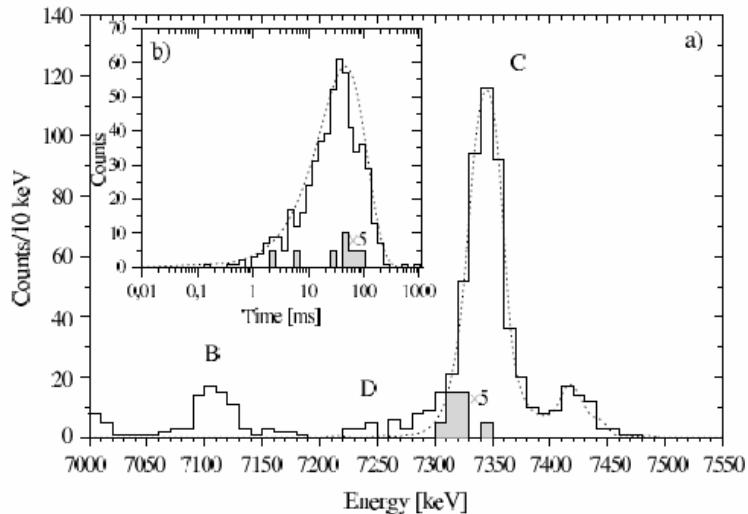


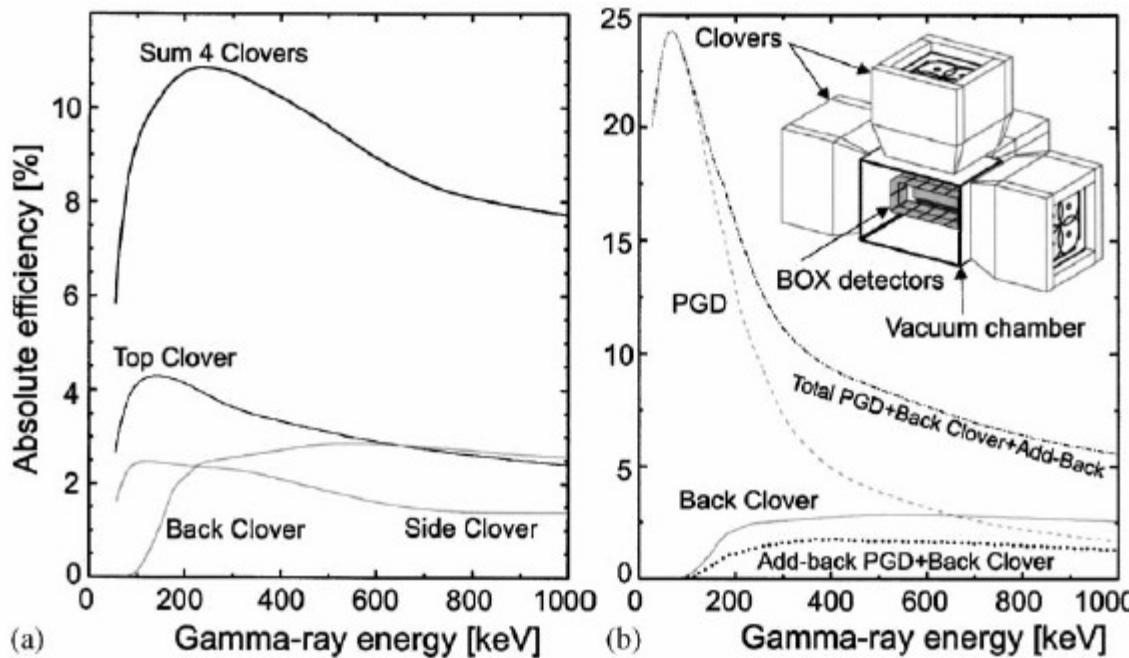
$^{56}\text{Fe}(\text{Pr}^{141},4\text{n})\text{At}^{193}$   
 750  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  target, 70 pA for 56 h  
 $\sigma = 40 \text{ nb}$

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One Nordball type Ge  
having about 5 % eff.  
at (80-200) keV range





100 pA

$^{48}\text{Ca}$

40 % transmission

400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$   $^{208}\text{Pb}$  target

1  $\mu\text{b}$

~ 25000 recoils collected/day

10 nb ~ 250 recoils/day

Future ?

200 pA

3 weeks experiments

In total

1  $\mu\text{b}$   $1 \times 10^6$  recoils

1 nb  $1 \times 10^3$  recoils

$^{254}\text{No}$  2  $\mu\text{b}$

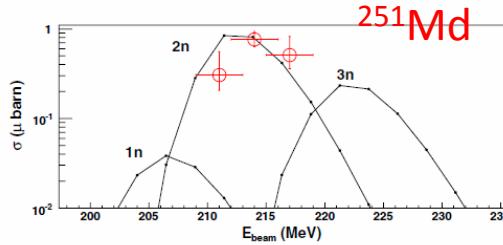
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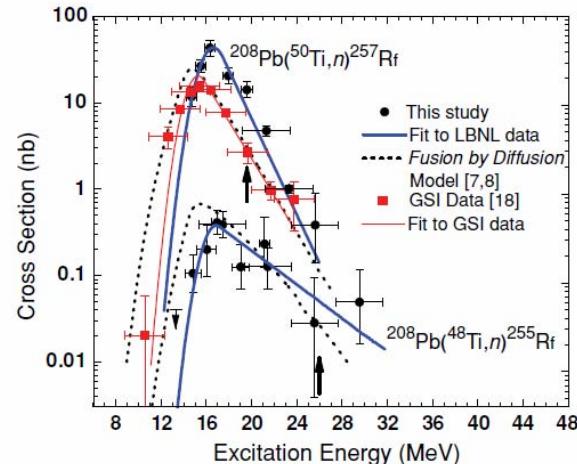
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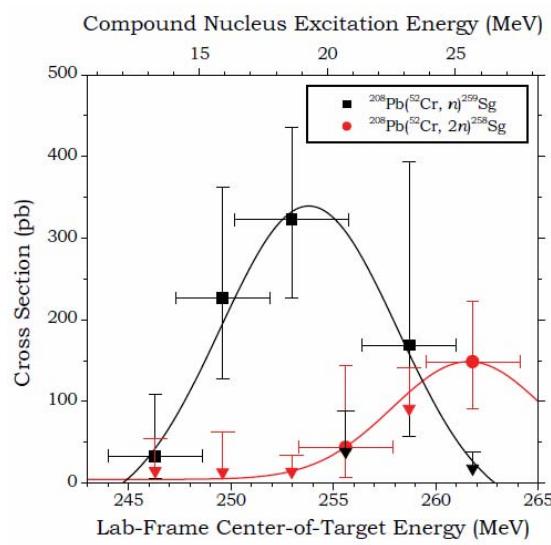
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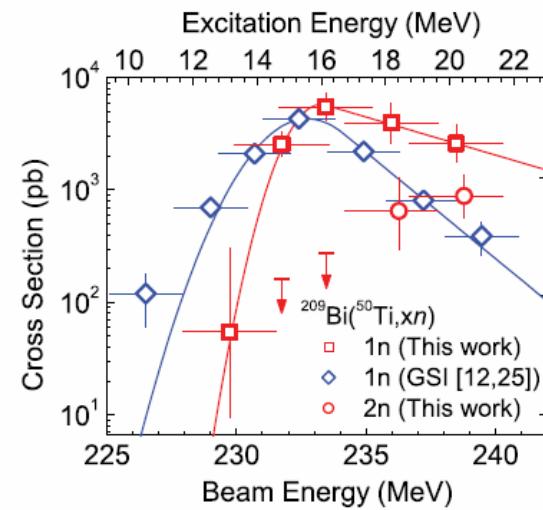
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# Recoil shadow method

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## In-Beam Spectroscopy of Low Energy Conversion Electrons with a Recoil Shadow Method – A New Possibility for Subnanosecond Lifetime Measurements

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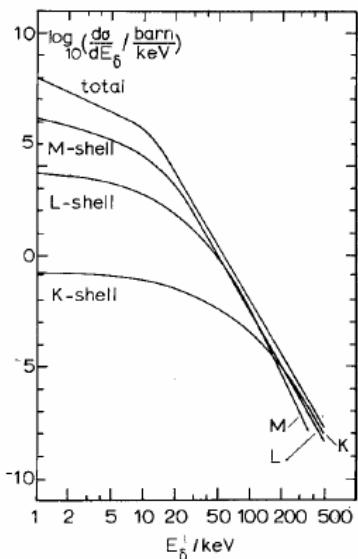
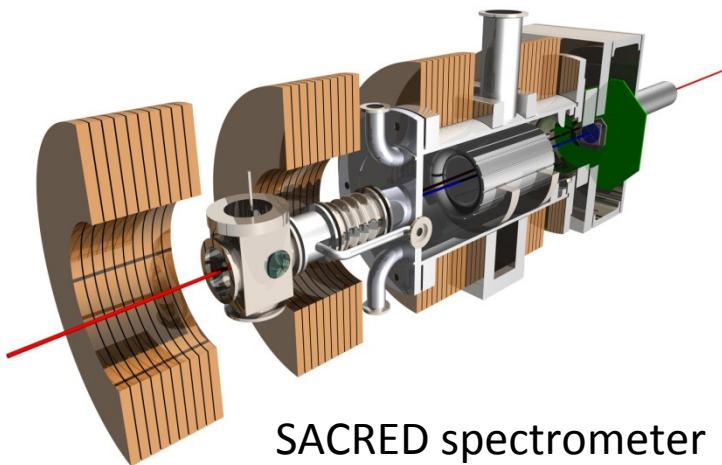


Fig. 1. The  $\delta$ -electron spectrum as calculated from the binary encounter theory for 90 MeV  $^{16}\text{O}$  on  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  [1]



SACRED spectrometer

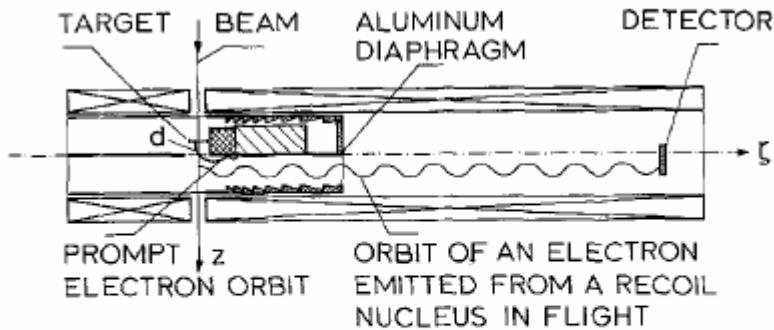
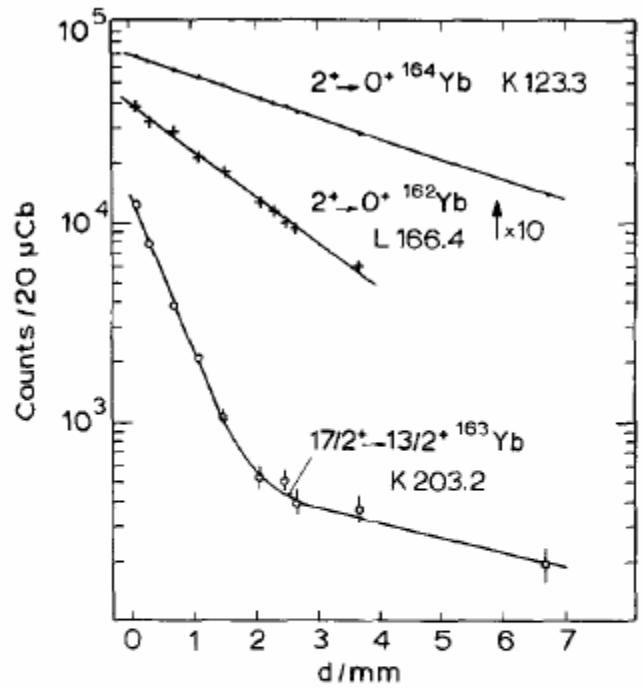


Fig. 8. The recoil shadow method. It is shown a cut through the electron transport system containing the beam and solenoid symmetry axis. The longitudinal baffle avoids detection of prompt electrons but allows very efficiently passage of delayed electrons emitted in flight



**Fig. 12.** Life time measurements on certain levels in  $^{162,163,164}\text{Yb}$  with the recoil shadow method by variation of the target position  $d$  relative to the edge of the semicylindrical baffle. The results are  $T_{1/2} = (971 \pm 31)\text{ ps}$  and  $T_{1/2} = (439 \pm 37)\text{ ps}$  for the  $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  transitions in  $^{164}\text{Yb}$  and  $^{162}\text{Yb}$ , respectively. For the 203.2 keV transition in  $^{163}\text{Yb}$  the two half life components are  $T_{1/2}^{(1)} = (108 \pm 7)\text{ ps}$  and  $T_{1/2}^{(2)} = (1.2 \pm 0.3)\text{ ns}$

$d > 0.3 \text{ mm}$

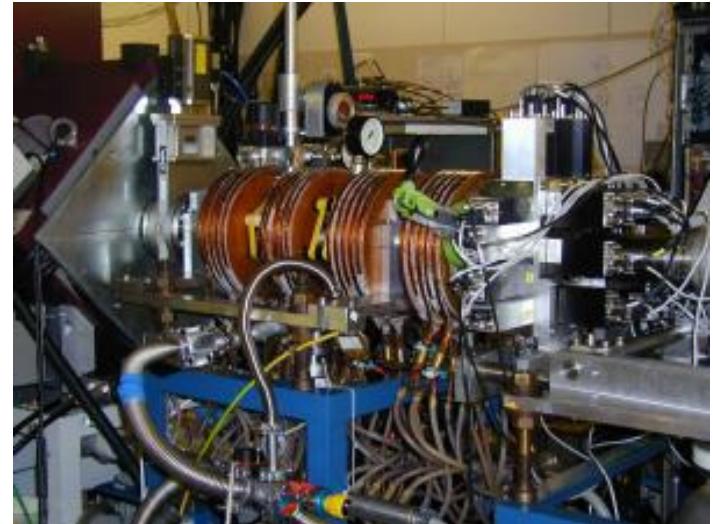
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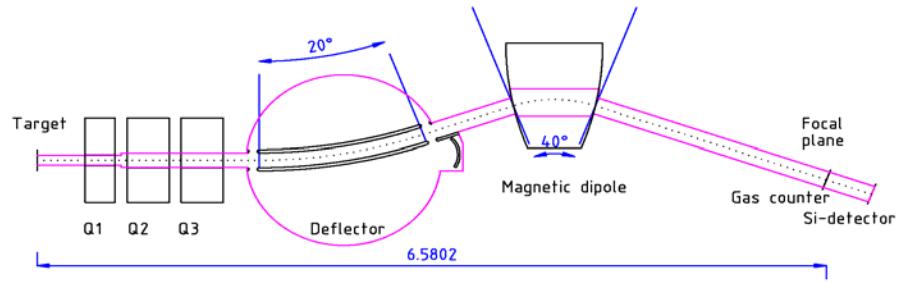
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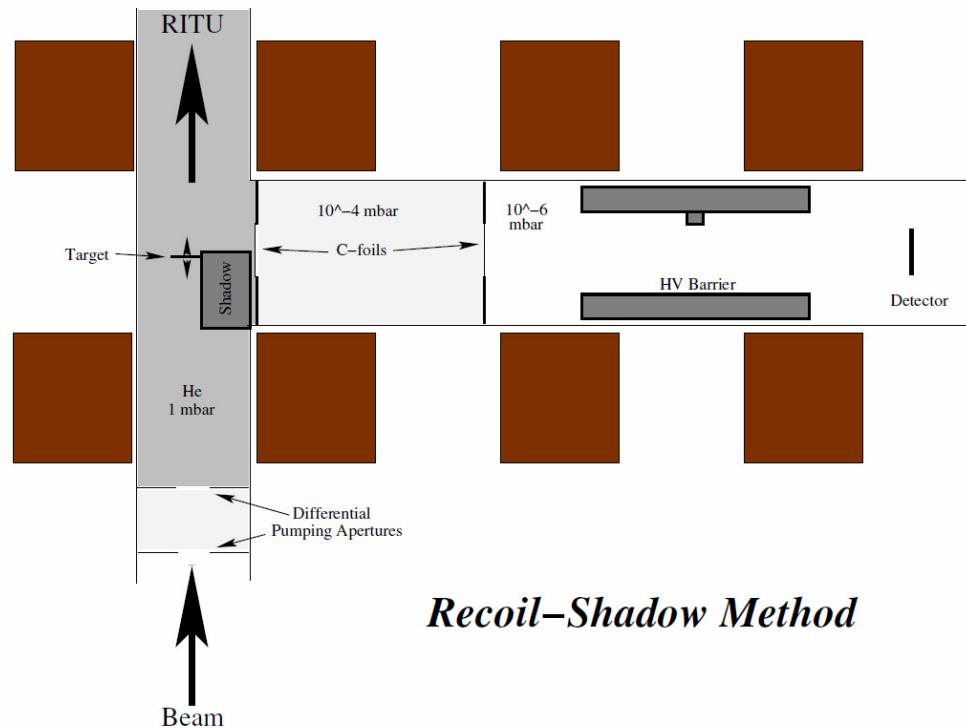
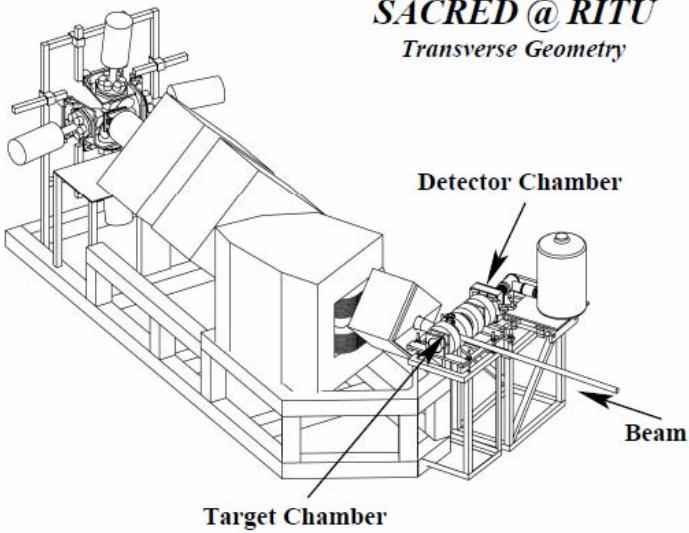
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## LIFETIME MEASUREMENTS OF NUCLEAR LEVELS WITH THE CHARGE PLUNGER TECHNIQUE

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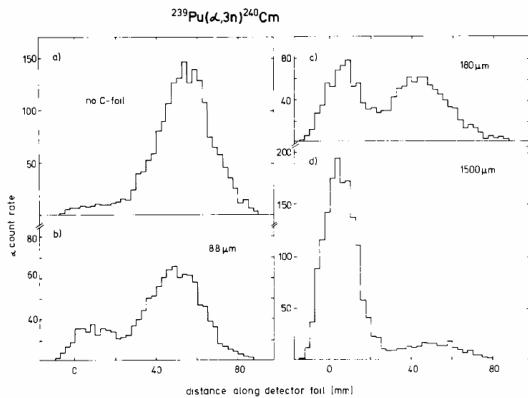


Fig. 6. Distribution of  $^{240}\text{Cm}$  ions from the  $^{239}\text{Pu}(x,3n)$  reaction at 33 MeV, measured along the recoil collector for various distances between target and carbon foil.

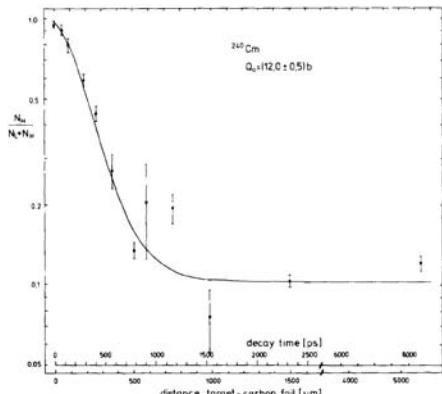
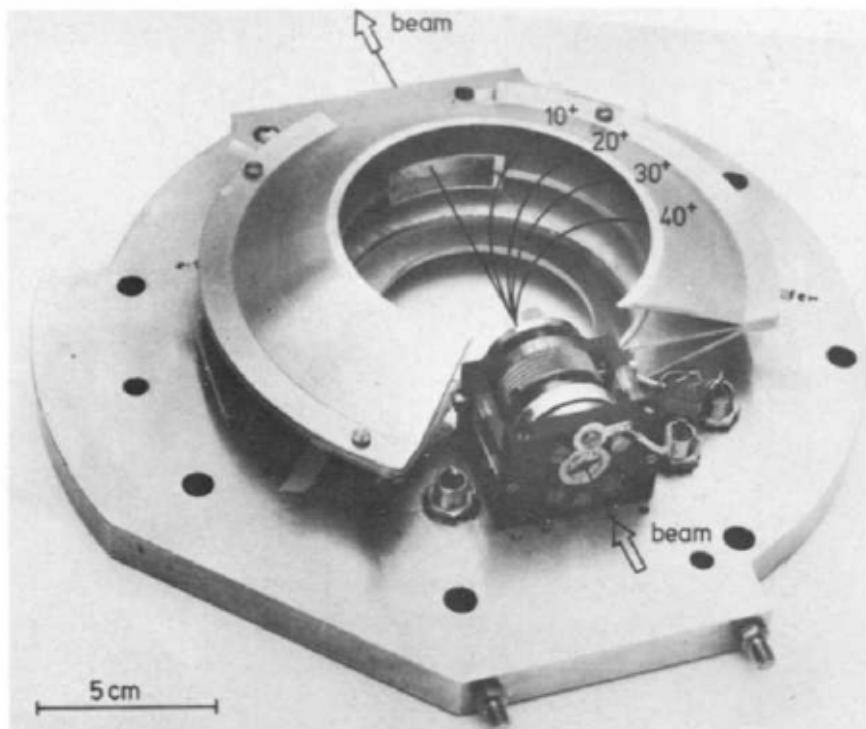


Fig. 9. Percentage of highly charged  $^{240}\text{Cm}$  recoil ions as a function of the distance between the target and the carbon foil. The curve is a least-squares fit of a cascade calculation to the data points yielding a quadrupole moment of  $(12.0 \pm 0.5)$  b and allowing in addition for a contribution from a long-lived isomeric state.

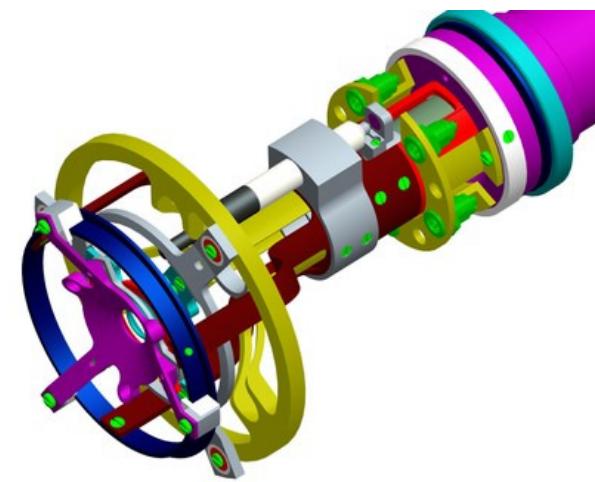
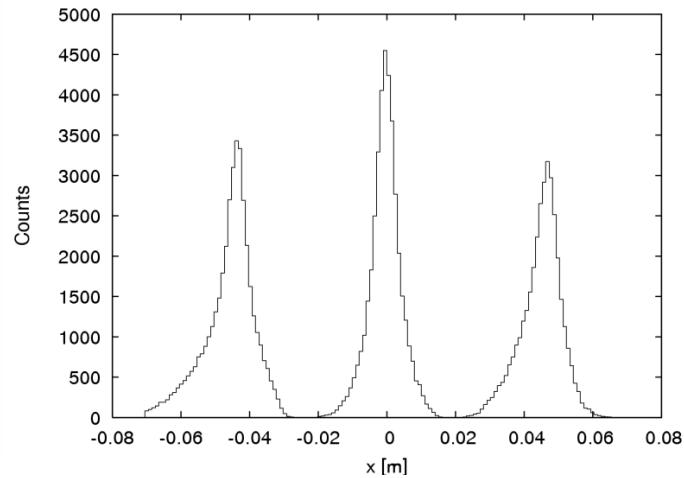
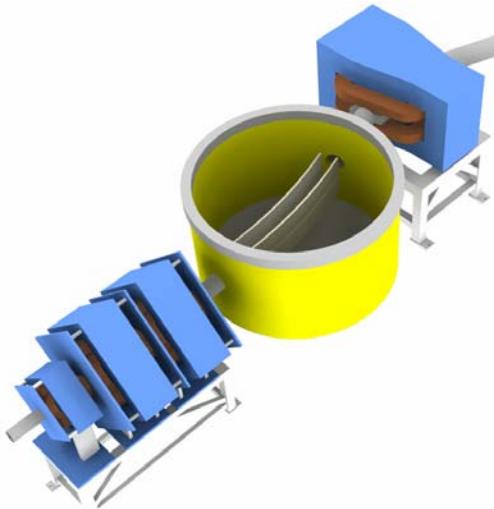




$E_{\text{lab}} = 215 \text{ MeV}$  (MOT)

Target  $400 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

$M = 254, Q = 17, 18, 19, E = 35(5) \text{ MeV}, \sigma_{x,y} = \pm 50 \text{ mrad}$



DPUNS plunger  
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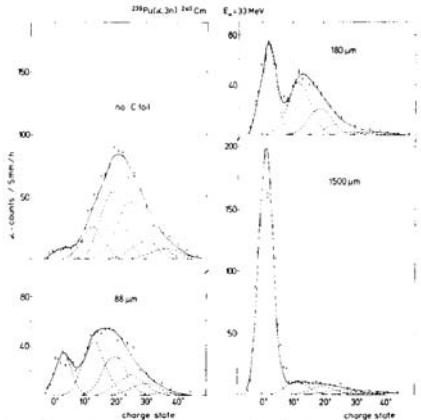


Fig. 10 Charge distributions of  $^{240}\text{Cm}$  recoil ions from fig. 6, decomposed into the contributions from several consecutive converted transitions.

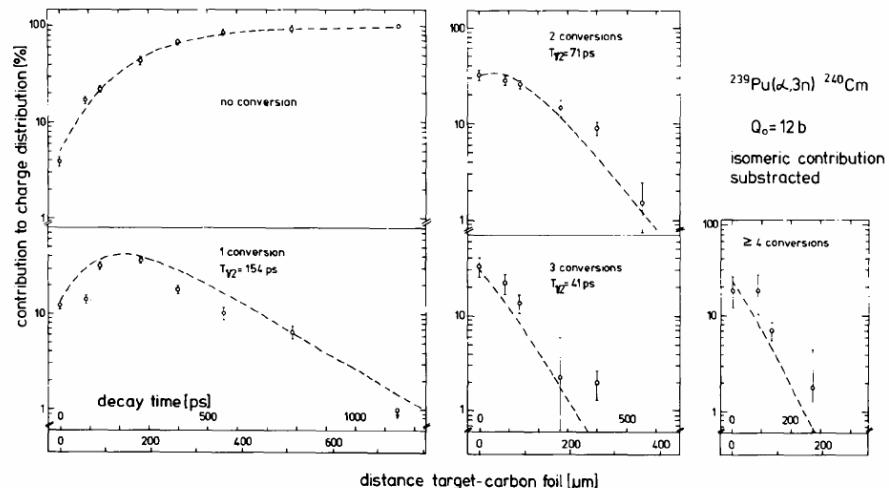


Fig. 11 Decay curves for the contributions of individual rotational levels to the charge distribution of  $^{240}\text{Cm}$  recoil ions.

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