

# Status of S505 Experiment:

Investigation of the beta strength crossing N=126 and the formation of the third r-process abundance peak

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**Goal:** Measurement of the  $\beta$ -strength in the full  $Q_\beta$  window of  $^{203,204}\text{Pt}$ ,  $^{204,205,206}\text{Au}$ ,  $^{207}\text{Hg}$  decay for comparison with state-of-the-art theoretical models

80	$^{203}\text{Hg}$ 5/2- 46.6d 0.492MeV	$^{204}\text{Hg}$ 0+ STABLE	$^{205}\text{Hg}$ (1/2-) 5.14(9)m 1.533MeV	$^{206}\text{Hg}$ 0+ 8.32(7)m 1.308MeV	$^{207}\text{Hg}$ (9/2+) 2.9(2)m 4.55MeV
79		$^{203}\text{Au}$ 3/2+ 60(6)s 2.126MeV	$^{204}\text{Au}$ (2-) 39.8(9)s 4.04MeV	$^{205}\text{Au}$ (3/2+), (11/2-) 32.0(14)s, 6(2)s 3.52MeV, +0.9	$^{206}\text{Au}$ (5, 6+) 40(15)s 6.7MeV
78		$^{202}\text{Pt}$ 0+ 44(15)h 1.66MeV	$^{203}\text{Pt}$ (1/2-), (13/2+) 22(4)s, 12(5)s 3.52MeV, +X	$^{204}\text{Pt}$ 0+ 10.3(13)s 2.73MeV	
	123	124	125	126	127

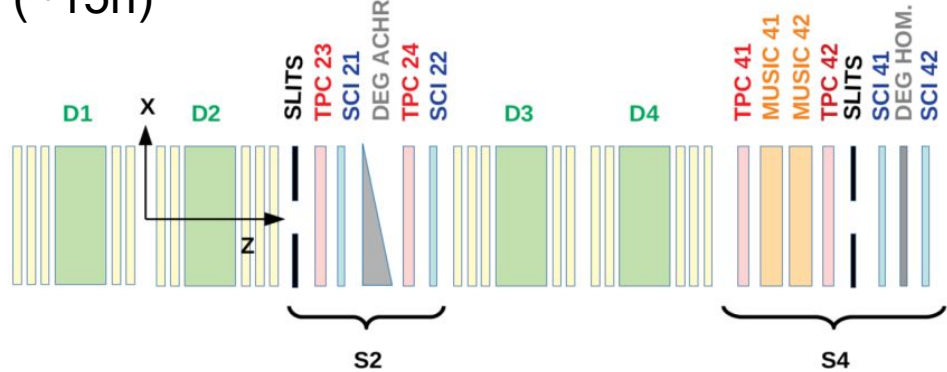


Performed: June 21-28, 2022

Beam/Target:  $\leq 4.5 \times 10^8$  ppb (1.6s/2.2s), 1GeV/u  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  on 1.6 g/cm<sup>2</sup> Be

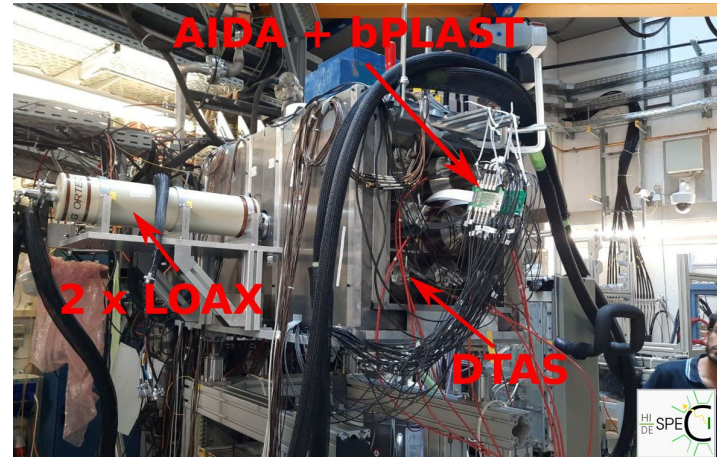
FRS Settings:  $^{204}\text{Pt}$  (~125h),  $^{207}\text{Hg}$  (~15h)

FRS setup:  
(TPC23-24 only for  
calibration)

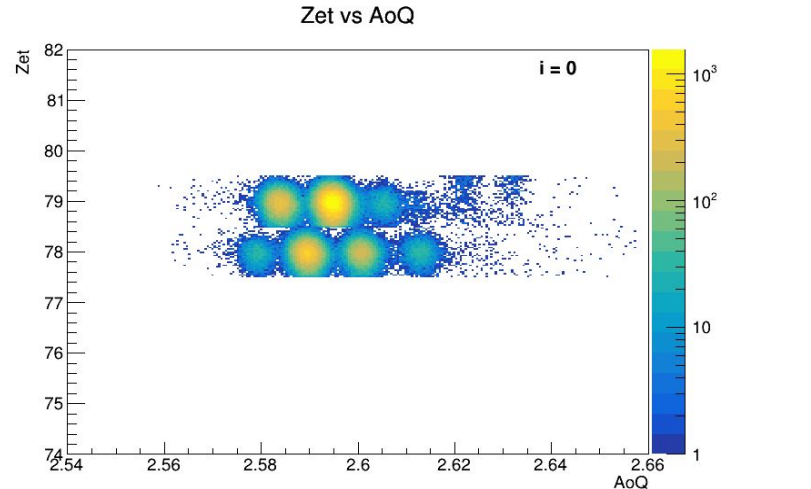
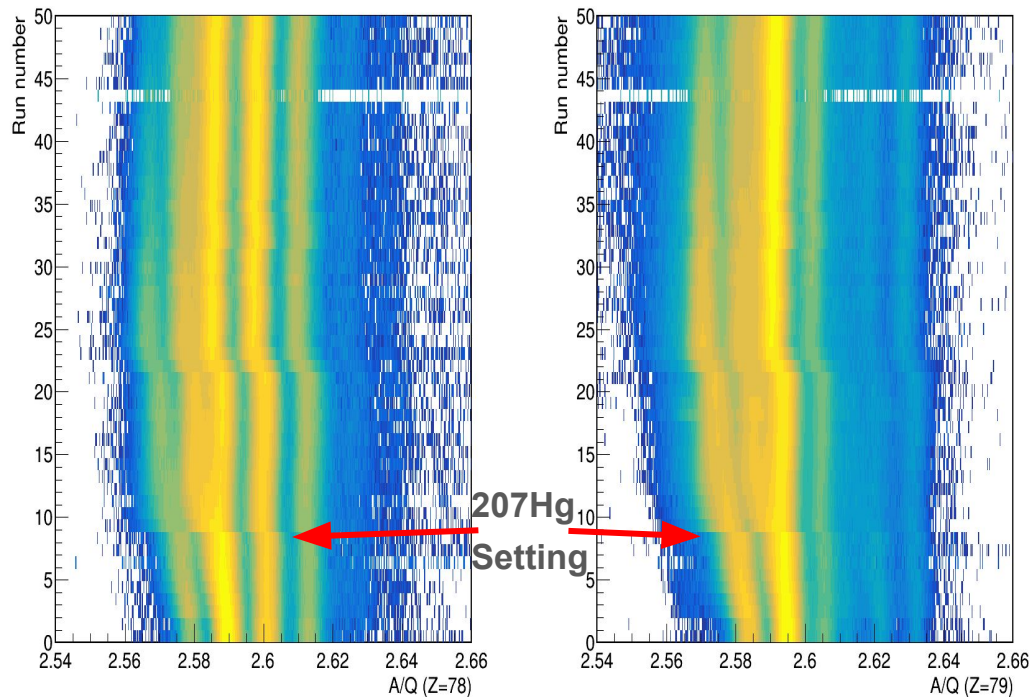


### S4 setup:

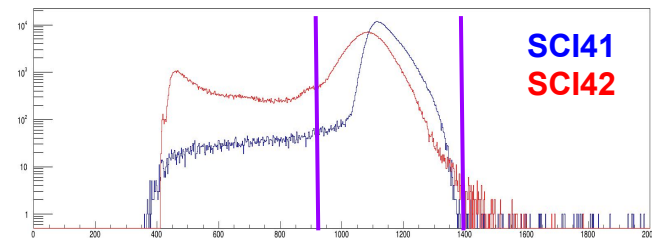
- **DTAS** (16xNaI(Tl) det.)
- **AIDA** (2xDSSSDs-80mmx80mm)
- 2xb**Past** detectors (not used)
- 2x**LOAX** HPGe (1 not operational)



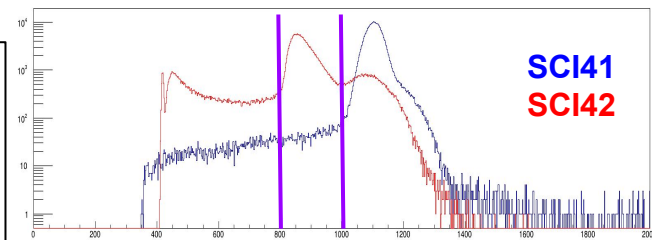
# FRS: A/Q drift along experiment



Energy Signal gated in Au

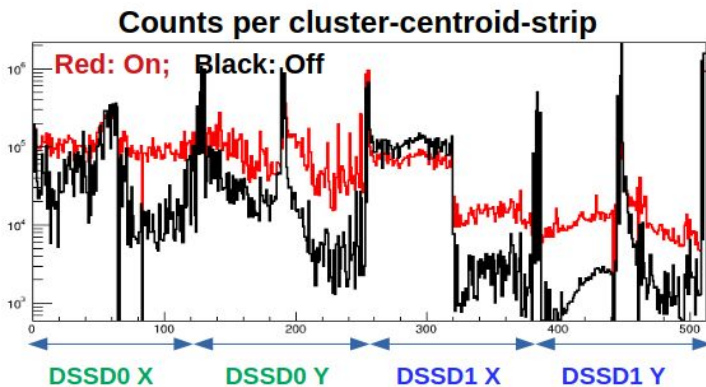
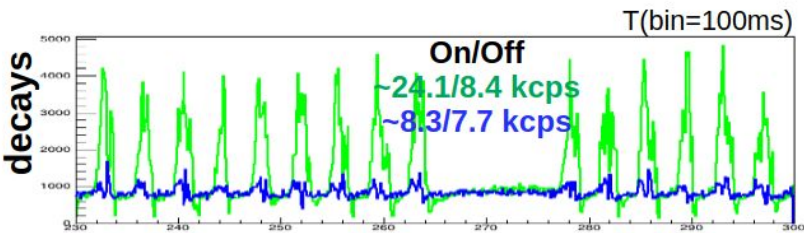
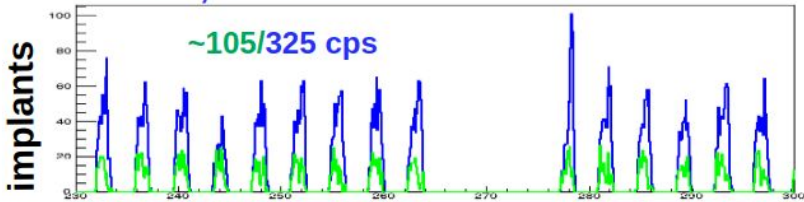


Energy Signal gated in Pt



- Drift along the experiment due to damage in SCI21 and SCI22
- We added a energy condition in SCI42 to minimize the effect of secondary reactions in last degrader

# DSSD0, DSSD1 (FRS Run 16)

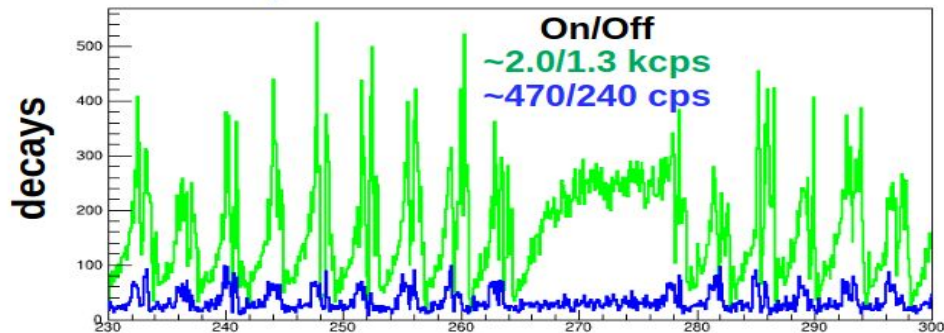


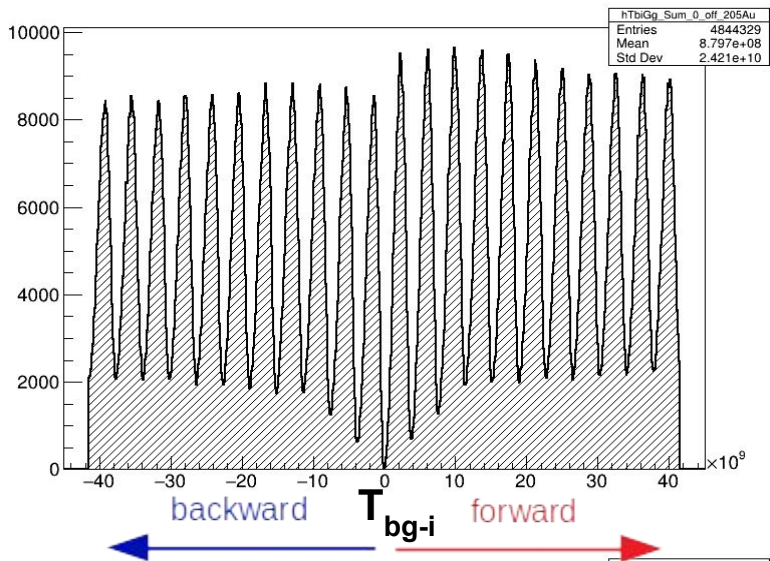
Strange effect on the rate during spill and first few seconds after spill for DSSD0

- Huge rate in decay branch, in particular for DSSD0 during spill
- Large noise on most FEE64s
- Noisy strips can be identified
- Large number of strips firing in one decay event

1. Increase threshold (currently 150keV)
2. Limit event strip multiplicity ( $n_x, n_y < 6$ )
3. Only analyze off-spill data
4.  $\gamma$ -gating

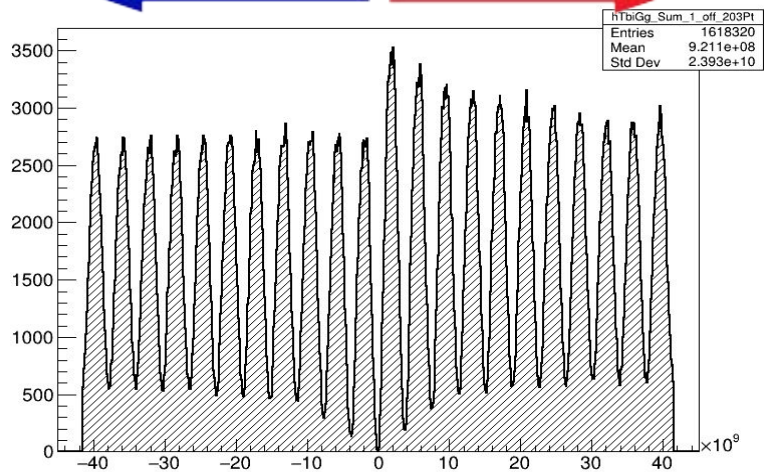
## DSSD0, DSSD1





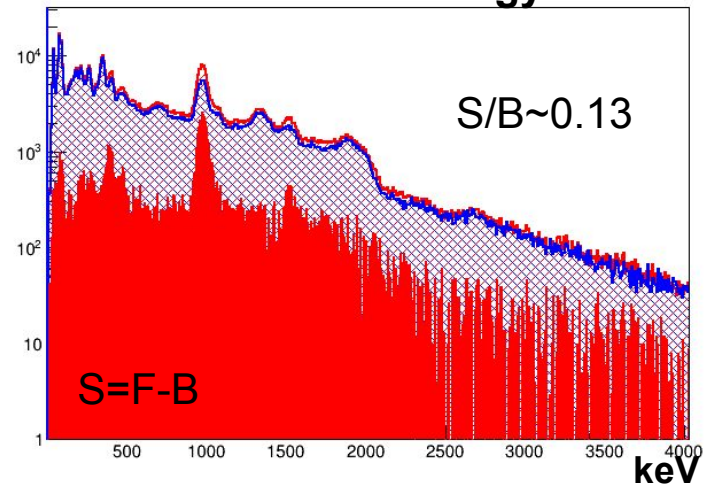
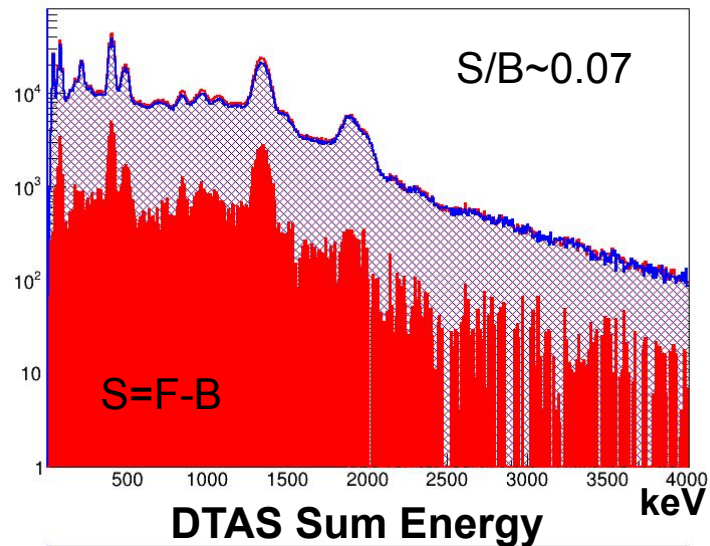
Off-Spill

205Au  
DSSD0



Full statistics

203Pt  
DSSD1

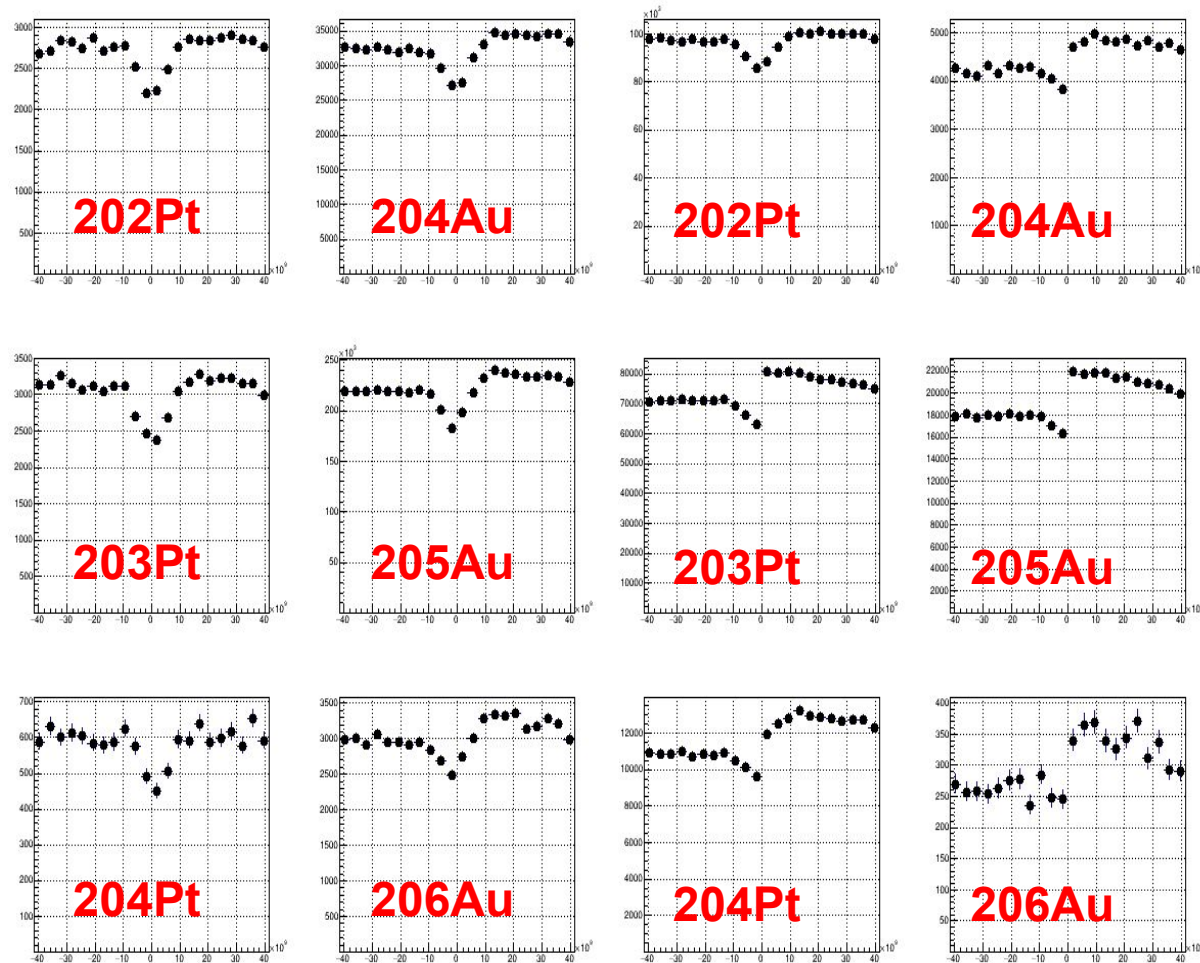


## DSSD0 (S/B~0.06)

## DSSD1 (S/B~0.15-0.20)

Implant-beta(gamma) time correlation window:  $\pm 41.5$ s

Large difference between DSSD0 and DSSD1, in signal-to-background and shape.



Reminder: We implanted Pt in DSSD1 and Au in both detectors  
80% Au implants in DSSD0

## DSSD0 (S/B~0.06)

## DSSD1 (S/B~0.15-0.20)

Difference forward - backward in  
the time correlation  
implant-beta(gamma).

Strange behaviour in DSSD0  
DSSD1 has a better shape

We made a realistic MC  
simulation of implant-beta  
correlation trying to understand  
this behaviour.

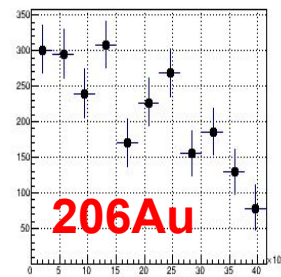
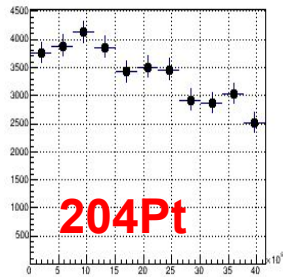
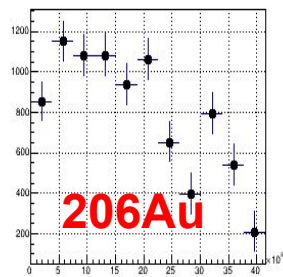
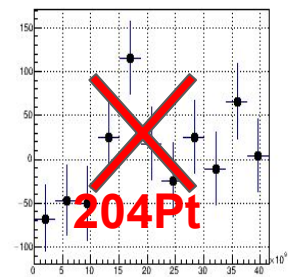
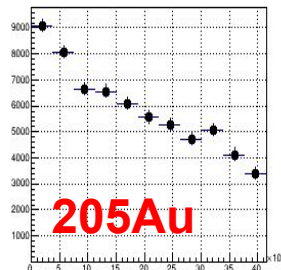
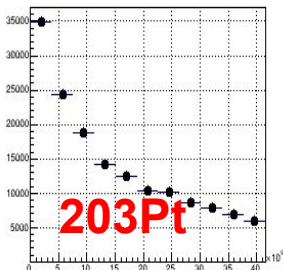
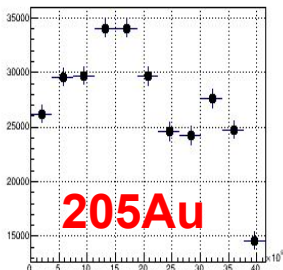
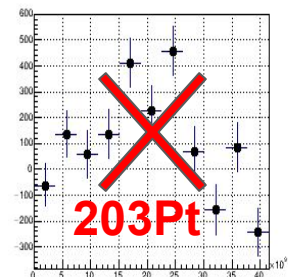
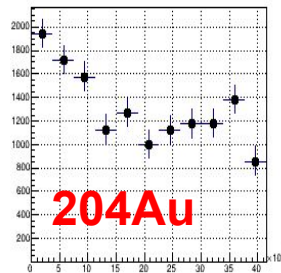
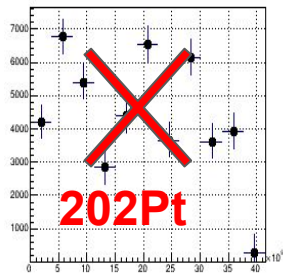
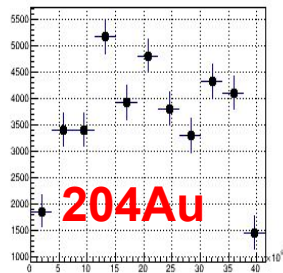
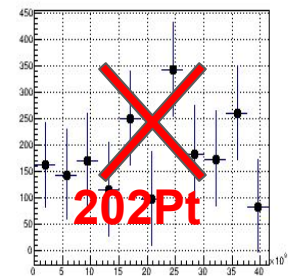
Experimental information used in the simulation:  
Spill sequence (1.6s/2.2s), 18 delivered, 3 not delivered.  
Implants: time distribution, experimental efficiency and rate  
XY distribution.  
Decay: sequence to stability, experimental beta-gamma  
efficiency, dead-time and XY distribution.  
Noise: rate variation over time and XY distribution.

Reminder:

We implanted Pt in DSSD1 and Au in both detectors.

$T_{1/2}$   $^{202}\text{Pt}$  = 45(15)h

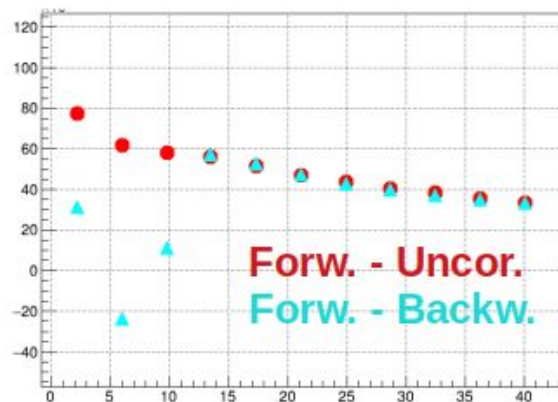
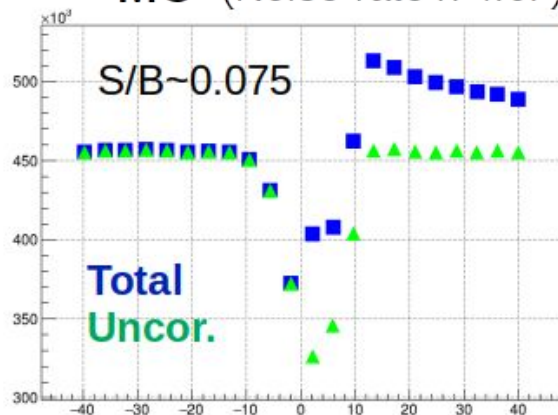
80% Au implants in DSSD0



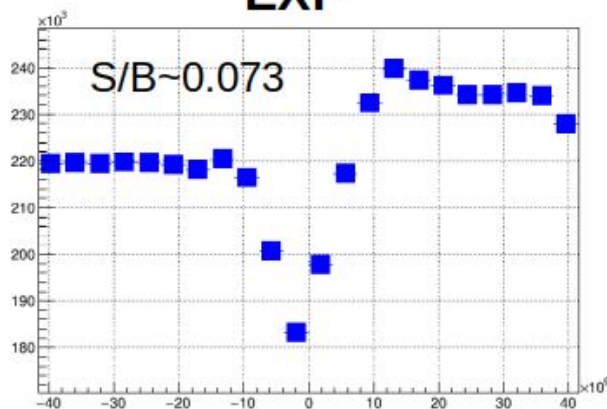
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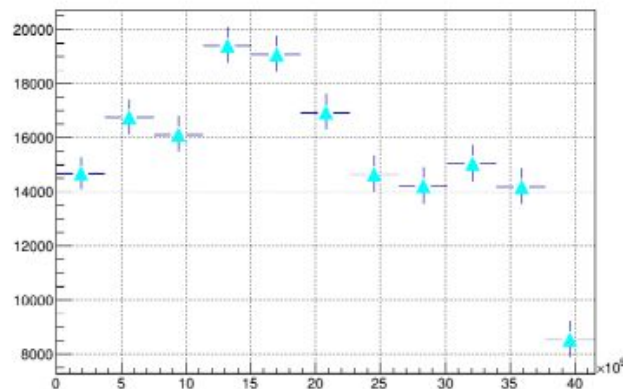
**MC** (Noise-rate x 4.6!)



**EXP**



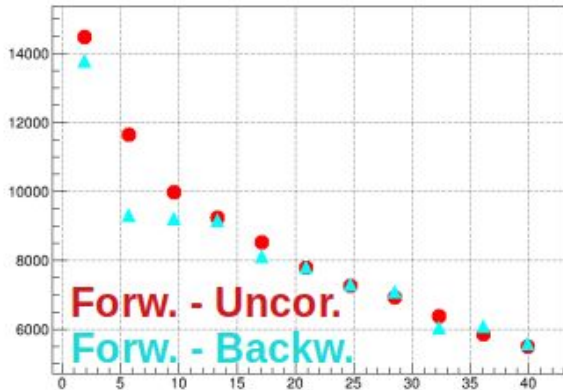
Need to increase the noise-rate value for a factor 4.6 to reproduce the experimental S/B



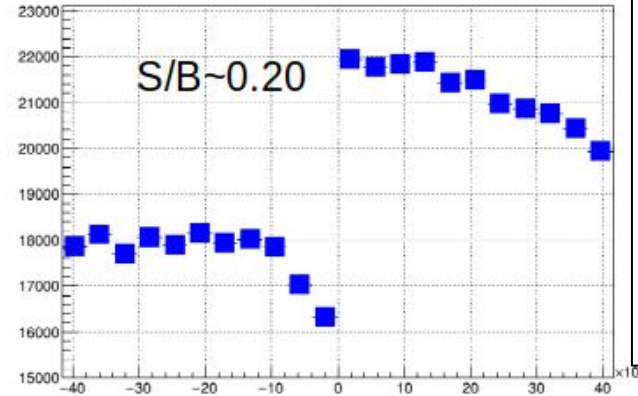
# 205Au case (10% 205mAu)

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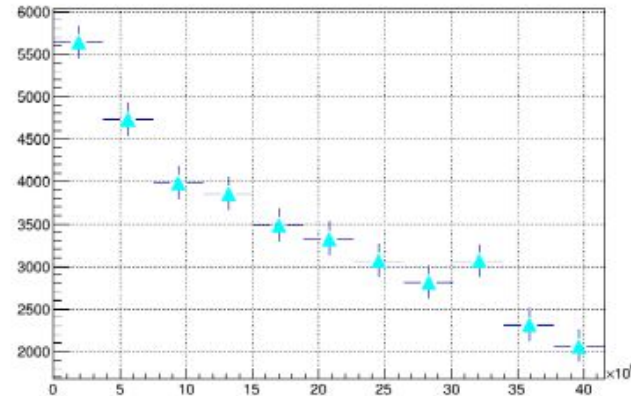
MC (Noise-rate x 2.9!)



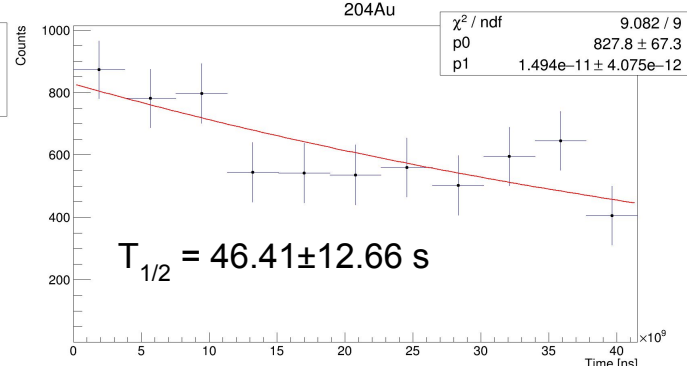
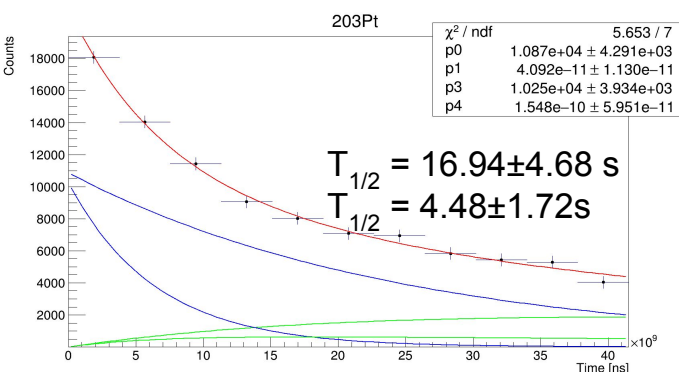
EXP



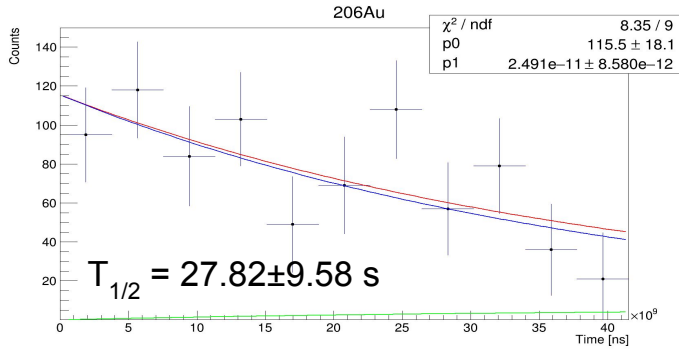
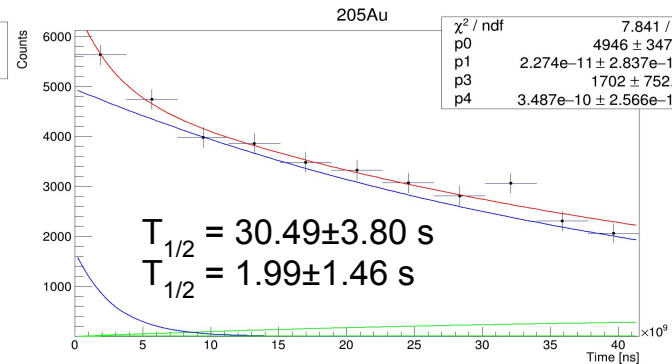
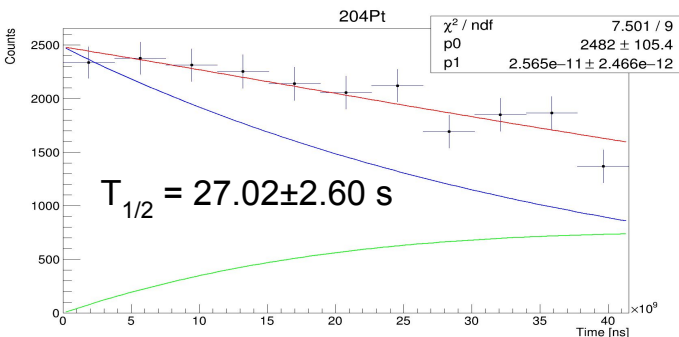
Need to increase the noise-rate value for a factor 2.9 to reproduce the experimental S/B



Next we show the fits of half-lives with DSDD1



**PRELIMINARY**

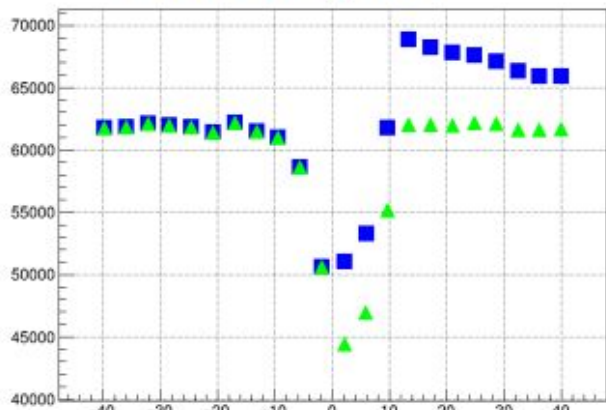


Short (isomer) half-lives affected by background subtraction (!?)

Isotope	Previous (ENSDF)	This work
<b>203Pt</b> <b>203mPt</b>	22(4); 12(5)	17(5); 4.5(17)
<b>204Pt</b>	10.3(13)	27(3)
<b>204Au</b>	39.8(9)	46(13)
<b>205Au</b> <b>205mAu</b>	32.0(14); 6(2)	30.5(38); 2.0(15)
<b>206Au</b>	40(15)	28(10)

MC simulation: 205Au (no isom.)

## 18-of-21 spills

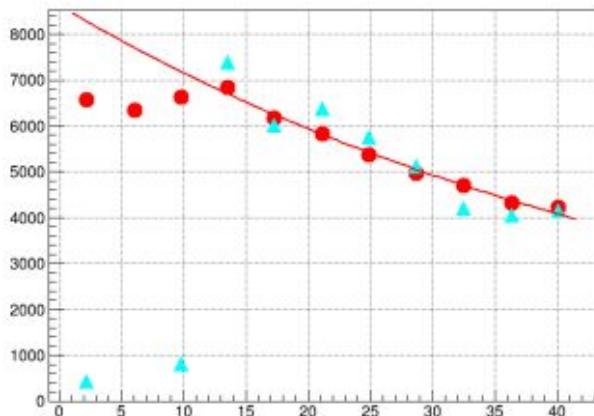


**Important  
remark**

Deformation of  
uncorrelated  
background  
due to 3 missing  
spills



DSSD0

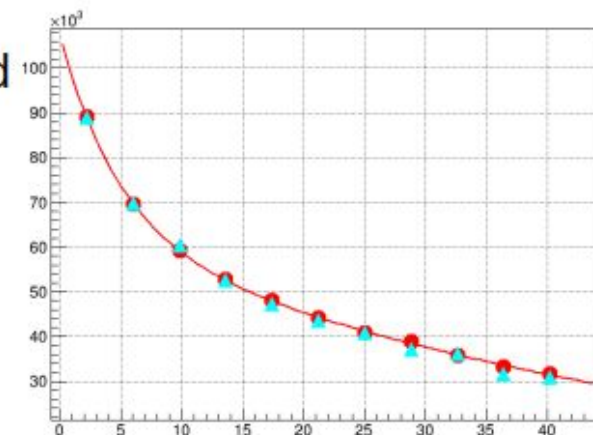
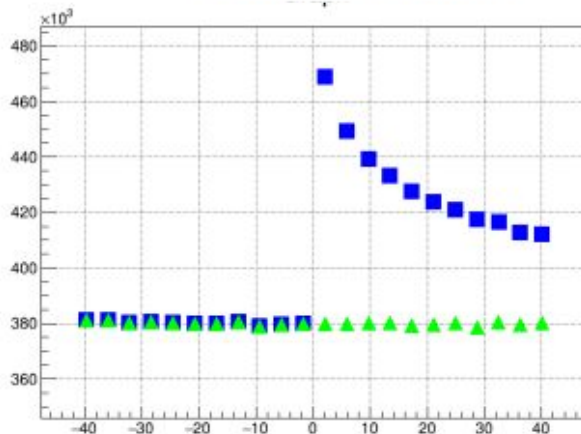


The true correlated  
distribution is  
deformed due to 3  
missing spills



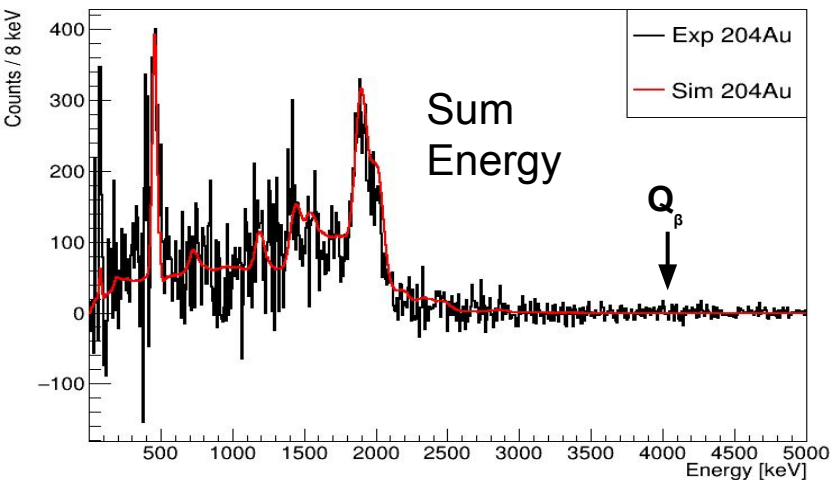
MC simulation: 205Au (10% isom.)

## 21-of-21 spills

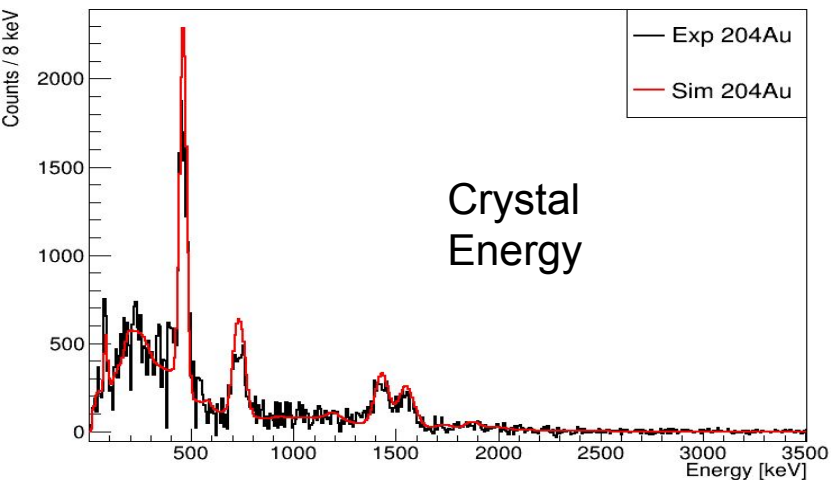


# Preliminary analysis of beta intensity distribution of $^{204}\text{Au}$ and $^{205}\text{Au}$

204Au Sum Energy



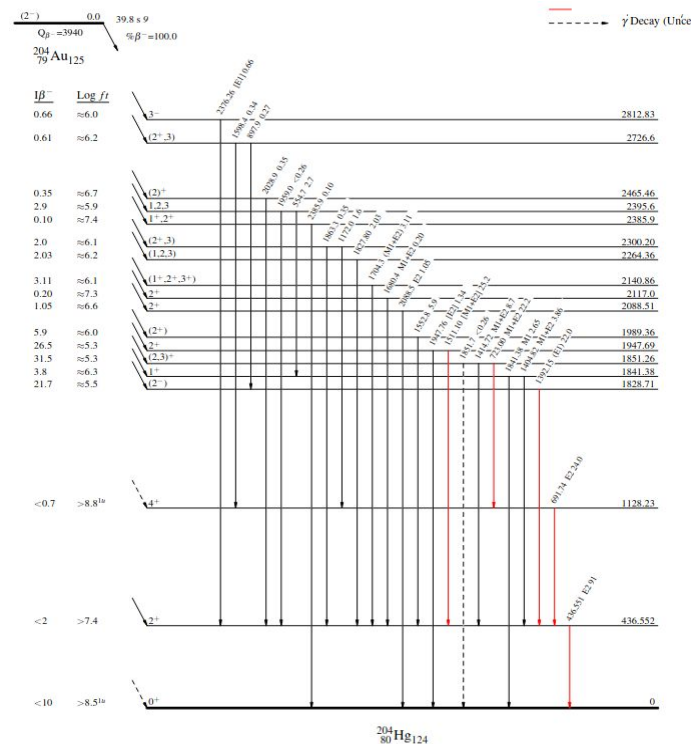
204Au Cry Energy



204Au

Full statistics:  
26.8k counts

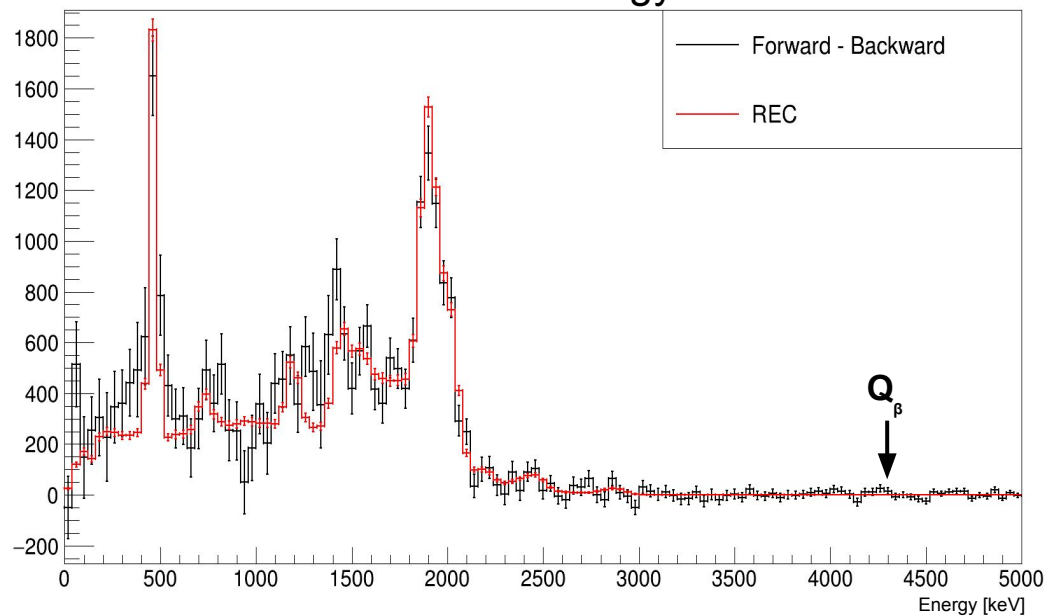
Comparison with previous knowledge



D.A. Craig and H.W. Taylor 1984 *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Phys.* **10** 1133

Within our sensitivity, no additional beta intensity

## 204Au Sum Energy

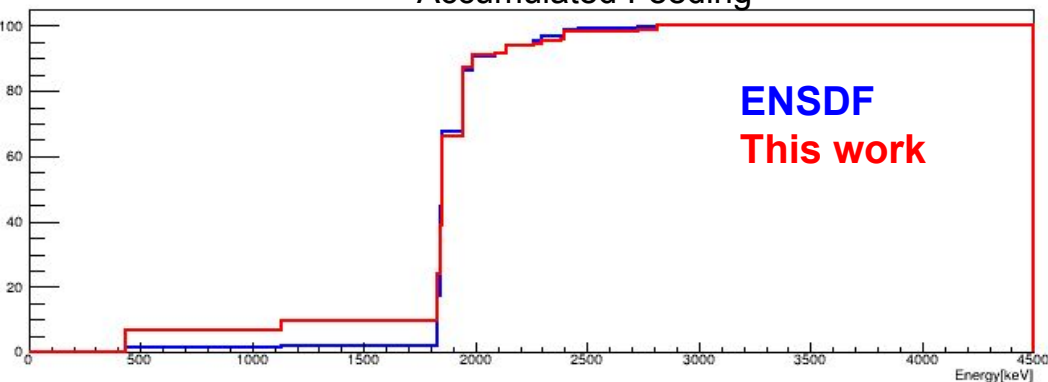


Preliminary beta intensity distribution results for 204Au.

The feeding to g.s. fixed to 0 (Craig et al.)

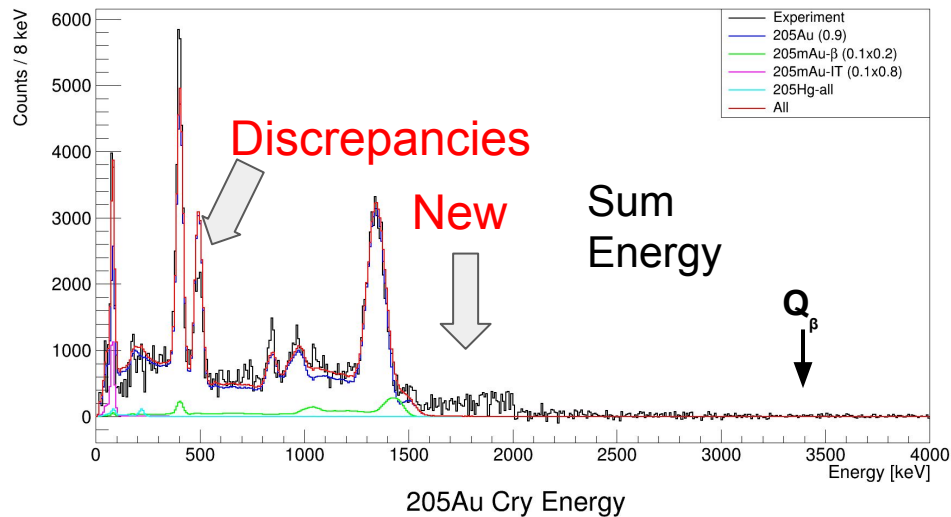
In good agreement with Craig et al., but some feeding to first and second excited states

## Accumulated Feeding

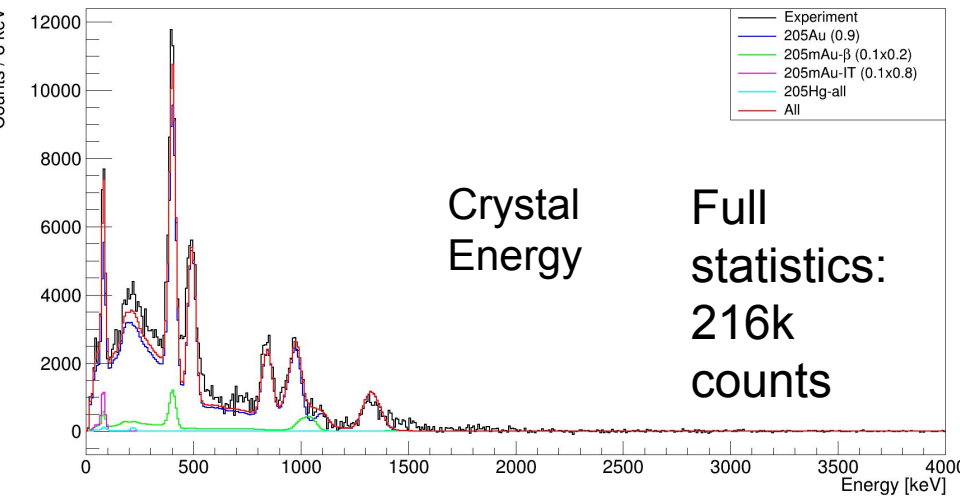


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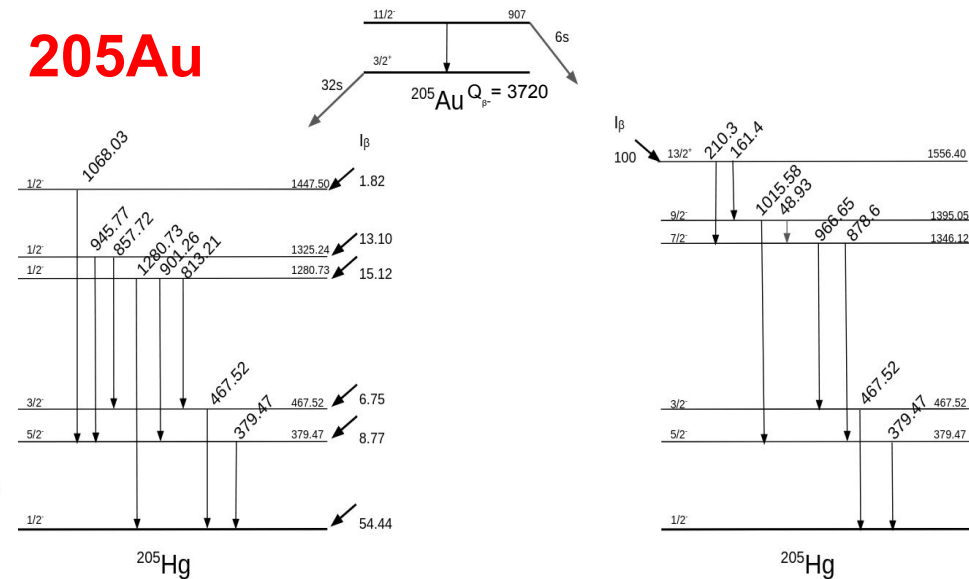
205Au Sum Energy



205Au Cry Energy



## 205Au

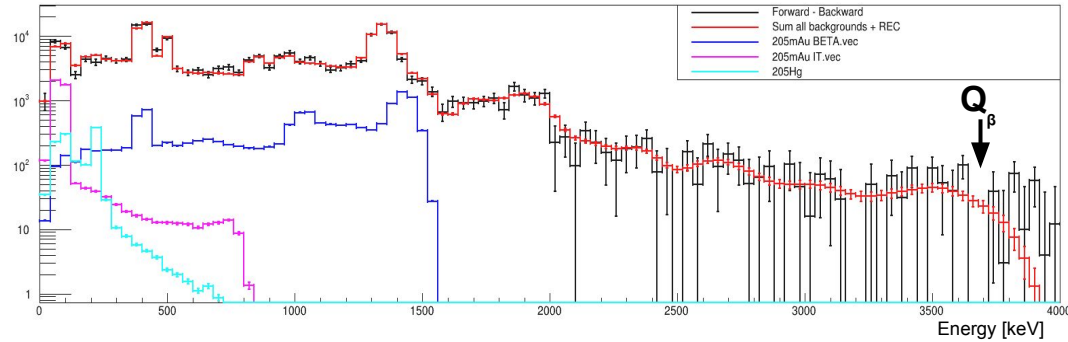


Comparison  
with previous  
knowledge

C. Wennemann et al. Z.Phys. A 347, 185-189 (1994)

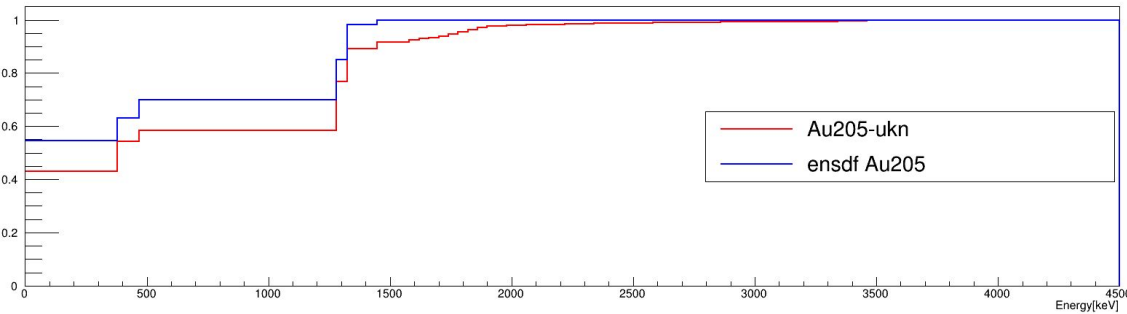
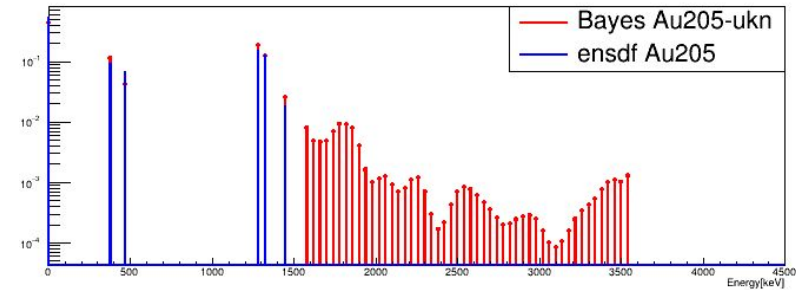
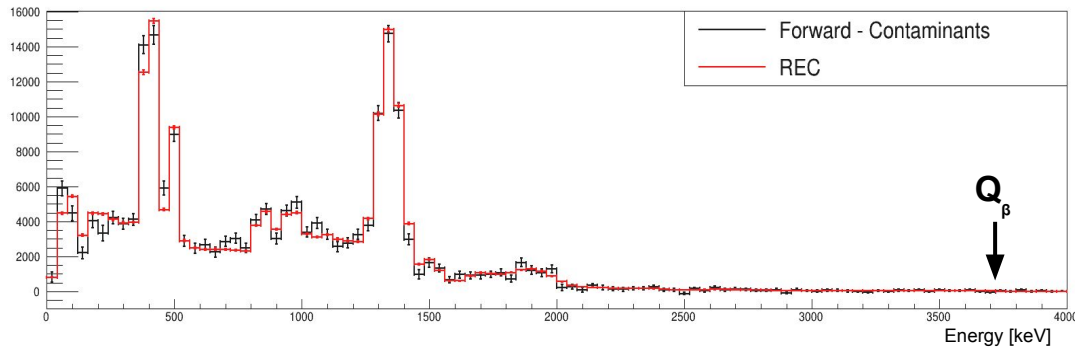
Z. Podolyák et al. PLB. 672 (2009) 116-119

We see additional beta  
intensity



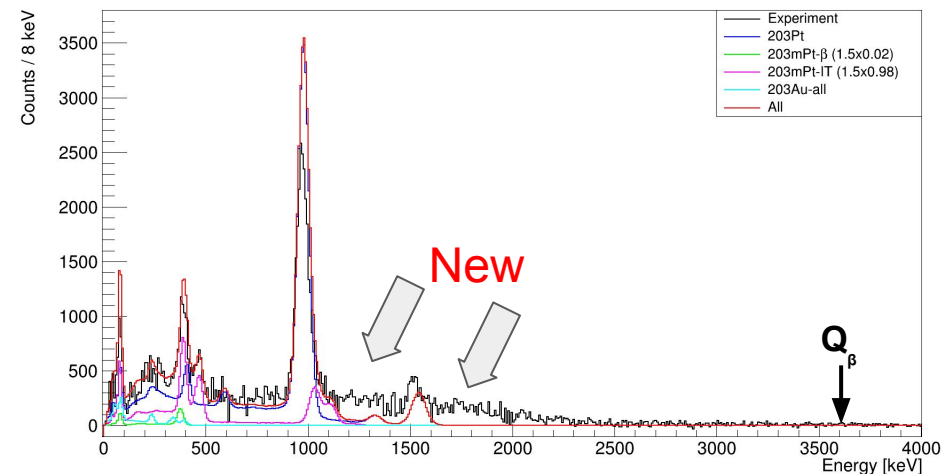
Preliminary beta intensity distribution results for 205Au.

Additional beta intensity above 1.55 MeV, lower g.s. feeding intensity



**PRELIMINARY**

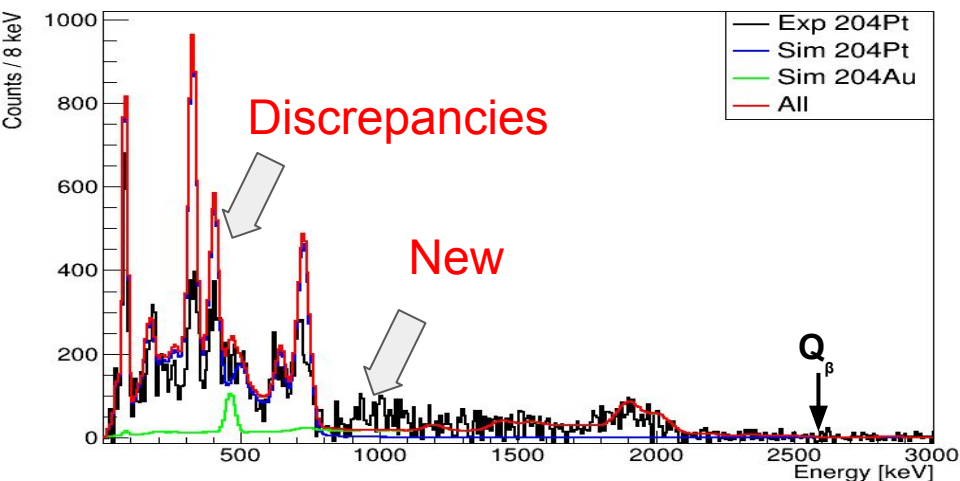
203Pt Sum Energy



Next steps:

- Analysis to obtain beta intensity distribution of 203-204Pt
- Analysis of 206Au: complicated because of 2us isomer in 206Hg

204Pt Sum Energy



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