

Isomers and intermediate-spin states of $^{93,95,96}\text{Rb}$

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- Experimental techniques

- Delayed γ -ray spectroscopy at neutron guides

- Prompt-fission studies with large arrays

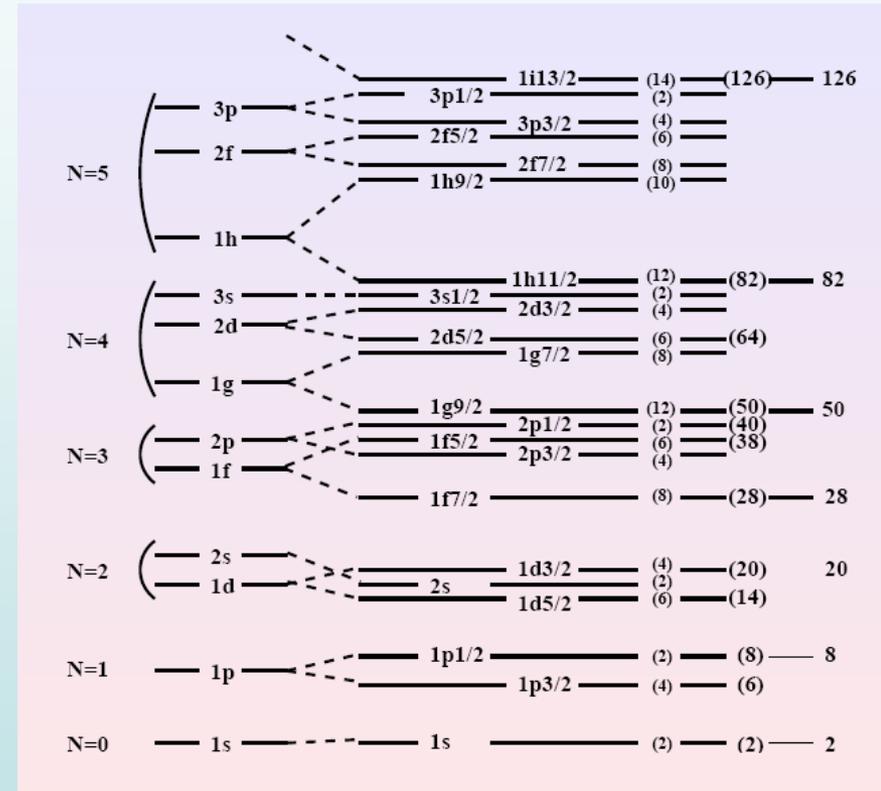
- Summary of Recent Results

- Excited states in $^{93,95,96}\text{Rb}$

- Future projects at JYFL

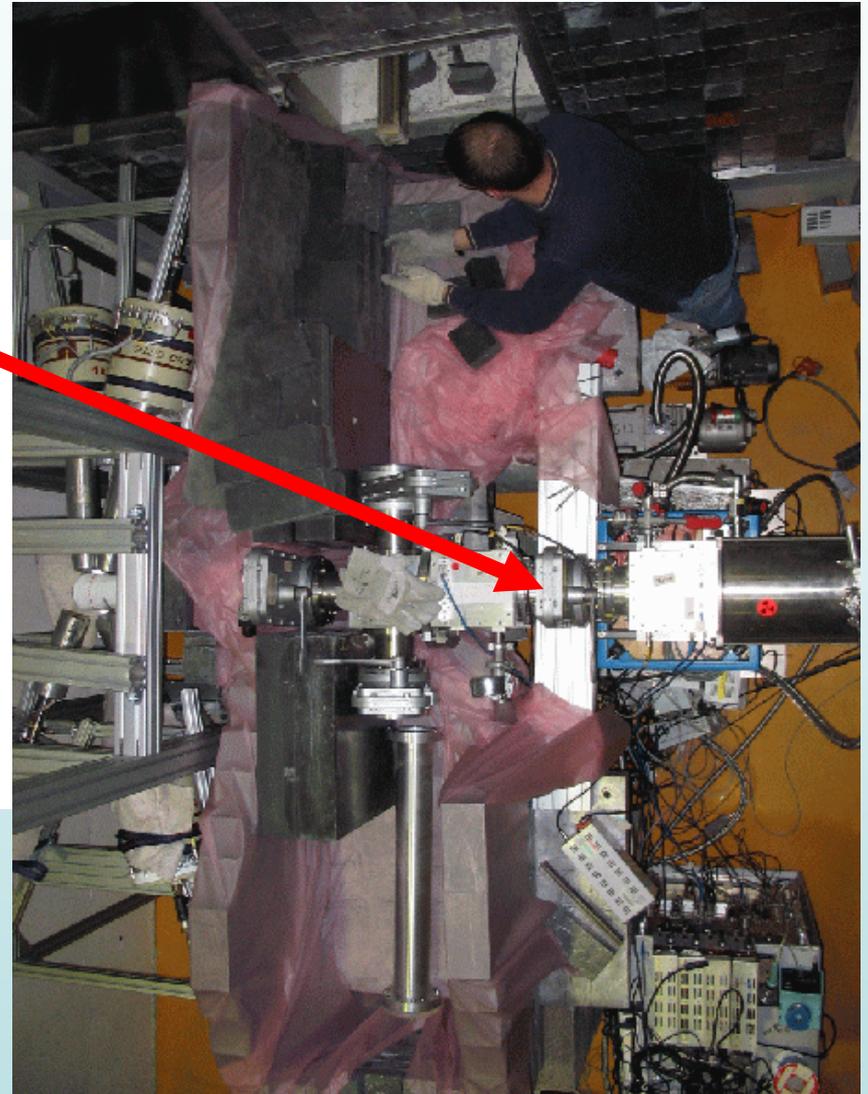
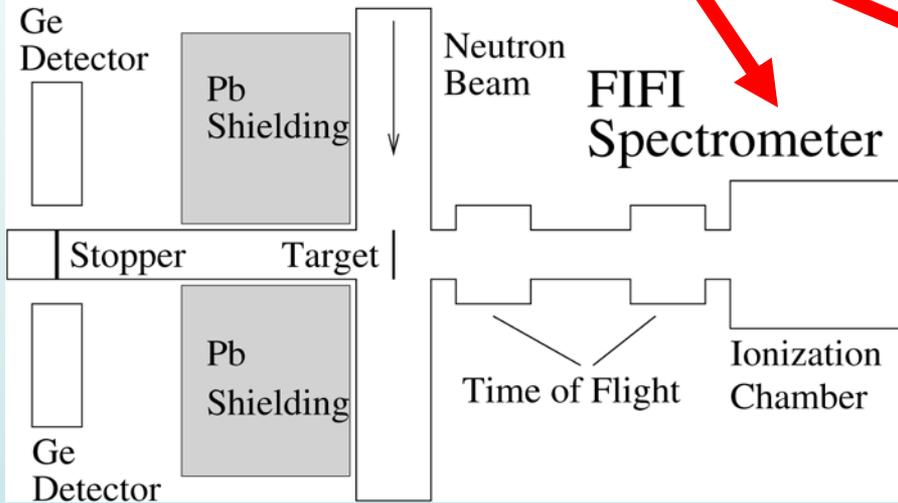


- Lack of data on single-particle orbits outside ^{78}Ni
 - $\nu h_{11/2}$
- Can extract this information from multi-quasiparticle isomers but expected $T_{1/2} < 500$ ns
- Rb nuclei good candidates to search for such isomers
- Can ^{78}Ni be used as a closed core?
- Can the shell-model reproduce the onset of deformation?



Use different instruments

FIFI (Fission Fragment Identifier)
Spectrometer (Manchester) at PF1B
neutron guide



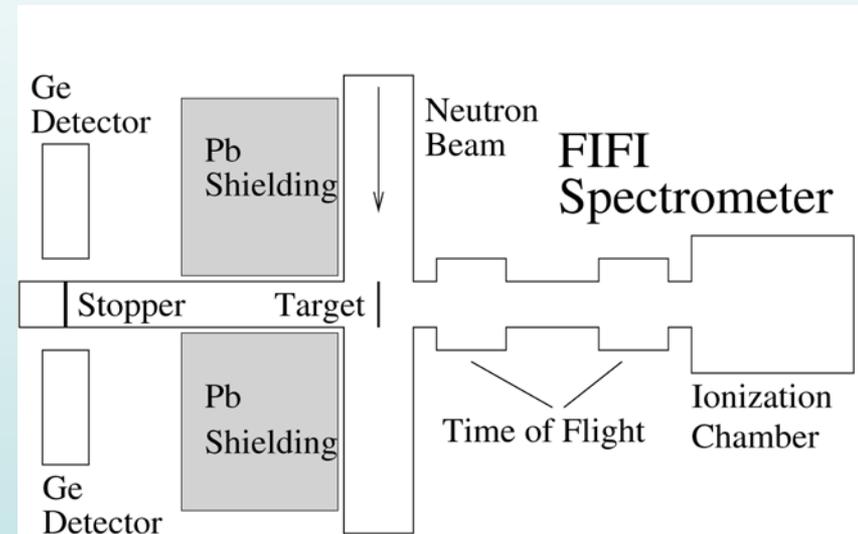
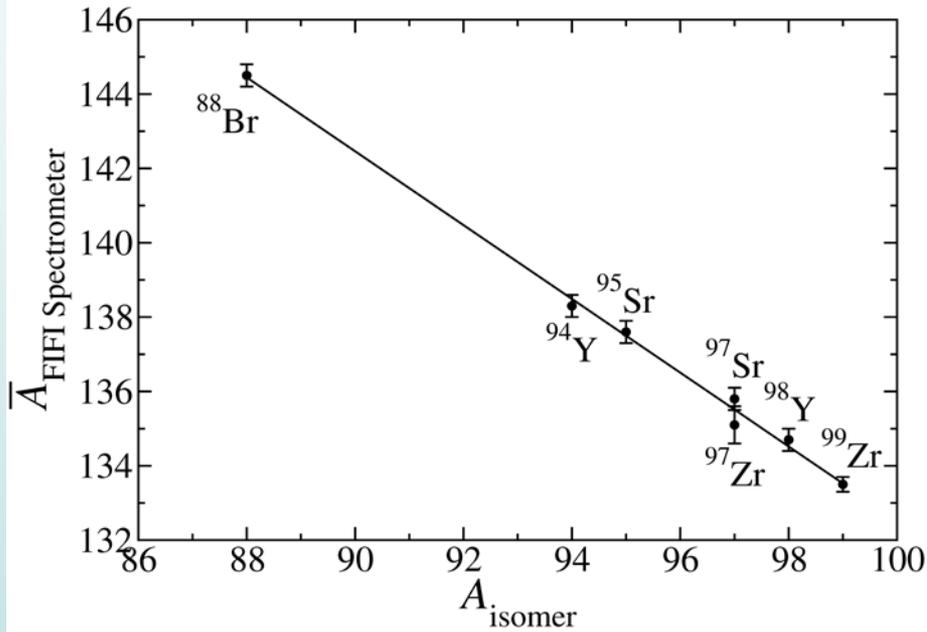
- ToF gives v
- Chamber gives $K.E.$
 - can get m
 - Observe isomer decays from the mass-identified complementary fragment



Compact array of
15 Ge crystals,
each ~60 % rel. eff.
(UK-France loan
pool + Cologne
Cluster)

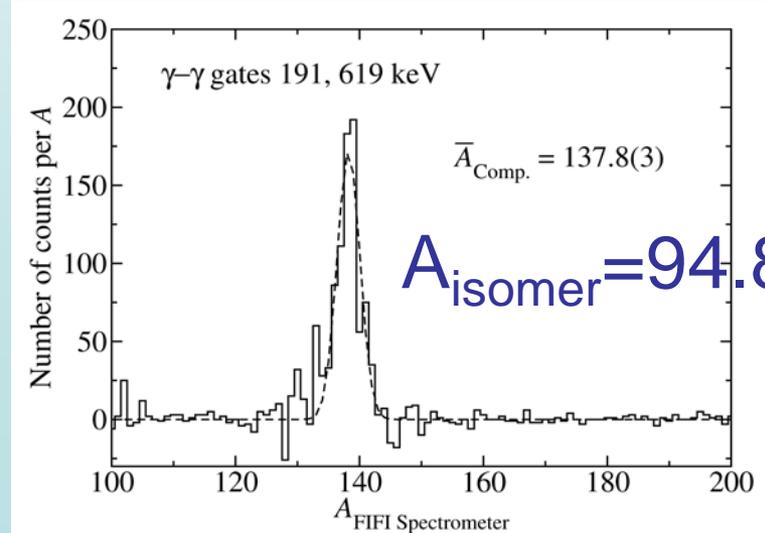
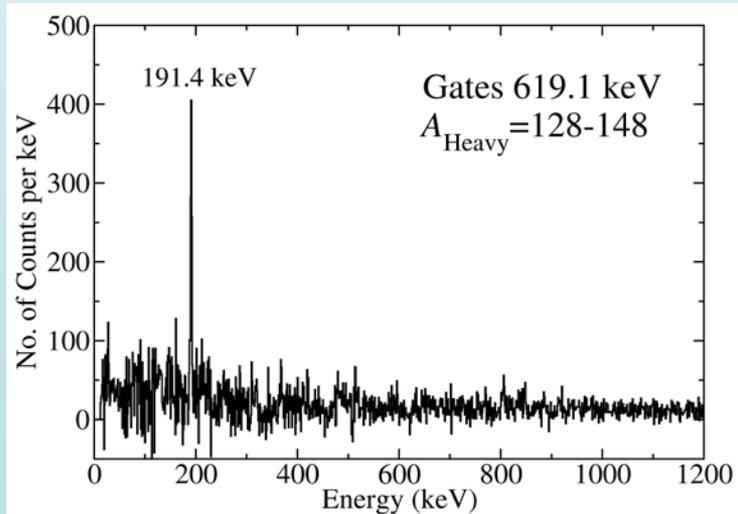
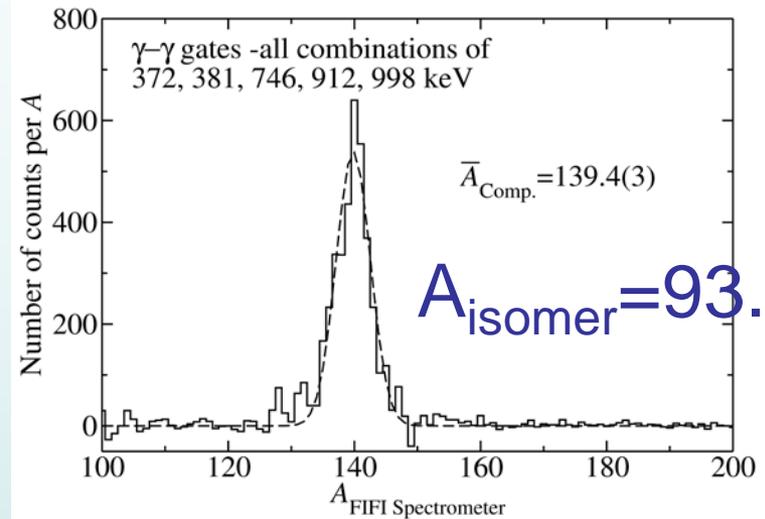
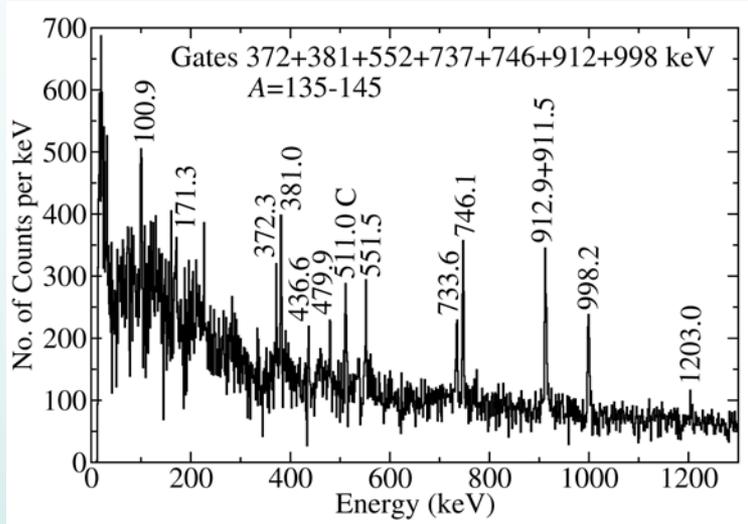
Lots of shielding

Use known isomers to calibrate mass of complementary fragment measured by FIFI

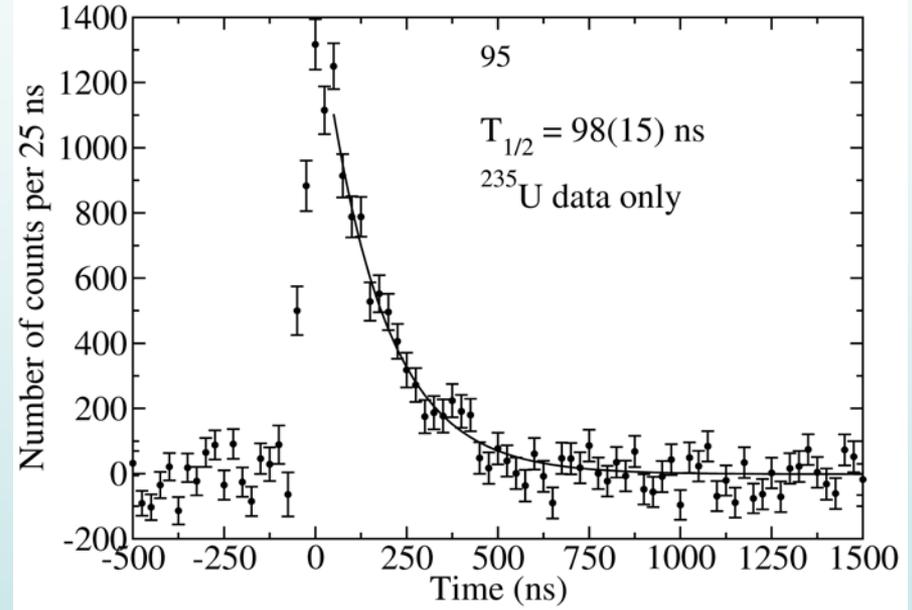
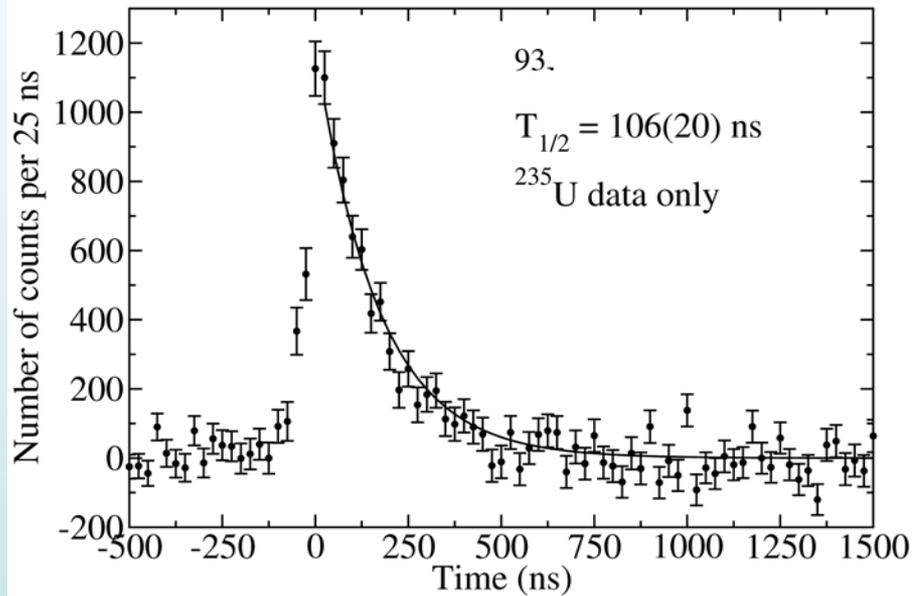


Mean neutron evaporation 2.4 n/fission

Can see and mass-identify several new isomers

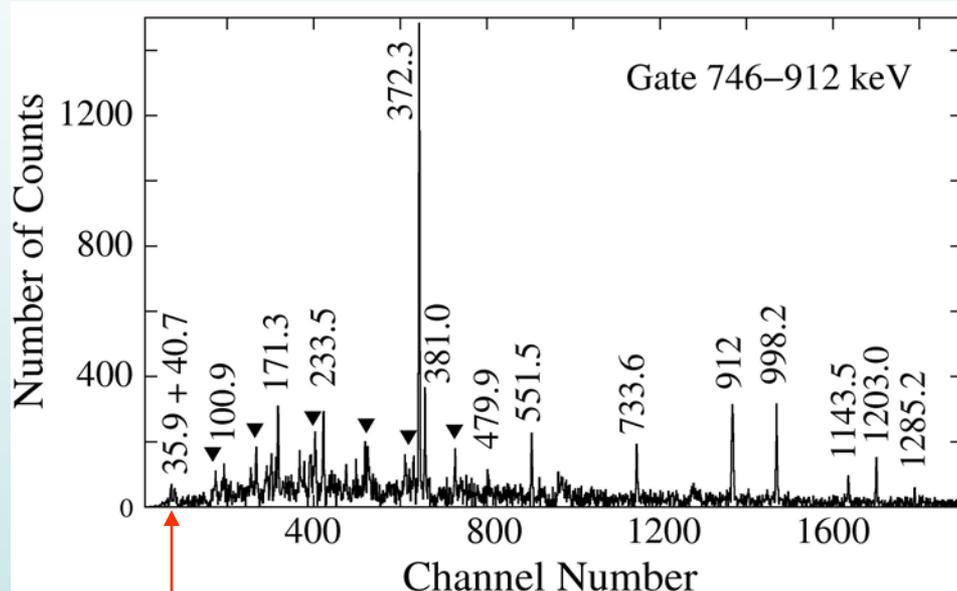


Isomeric half lives obtained

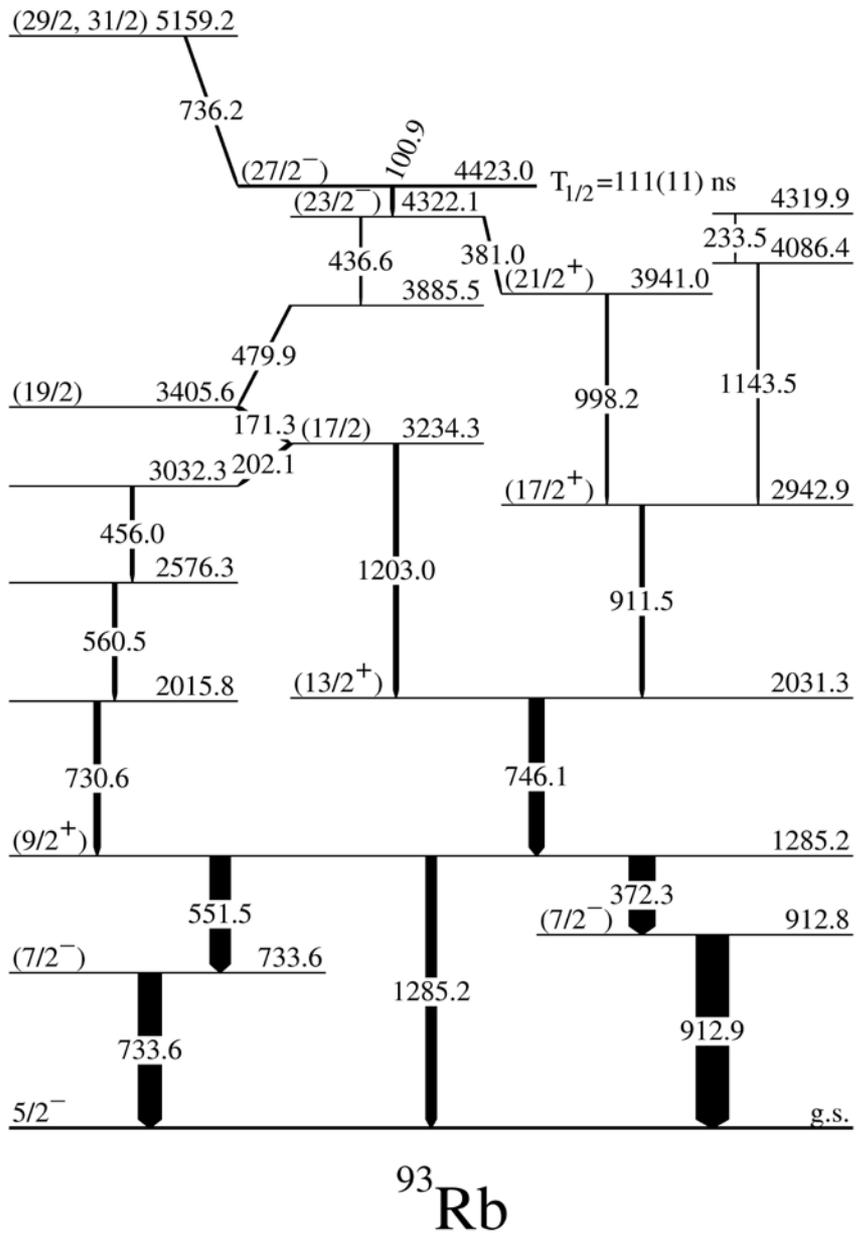


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Gate on strong, delayed lines in ^{248}Cm data
-see same lines as in FIFI data set + new ones

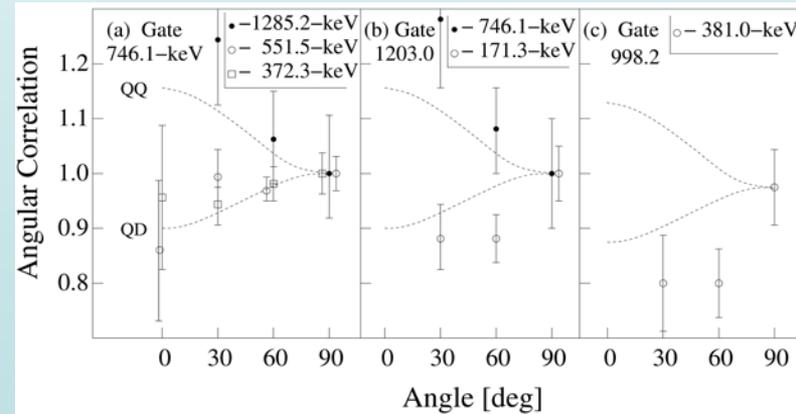


X rays give Z of complementary (Pr) and
hence Z of isomeric fragment (Rb)
So isomer belongs to ^{93}Rb



Further gating gives the following level scheme

Can get spins using ang. corr.

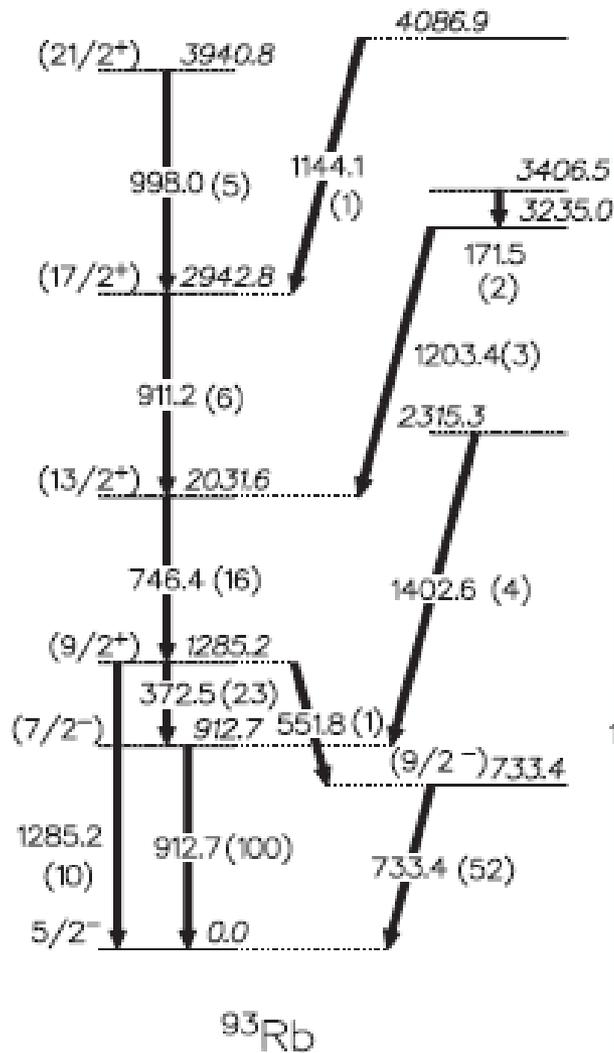


Results in agreement with

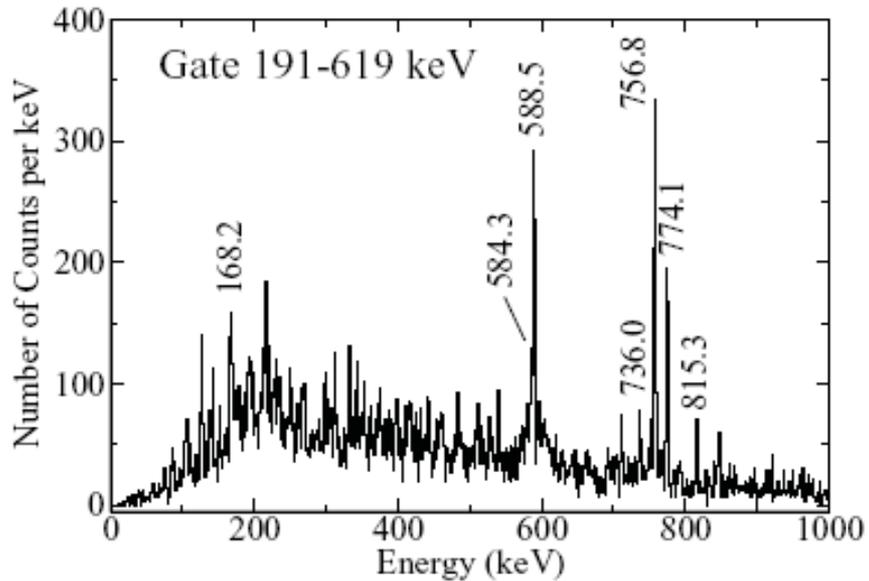
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High-spin states in $^{91,92,93}\text{Rb}$ and $^{155,156}\text{Pm}$

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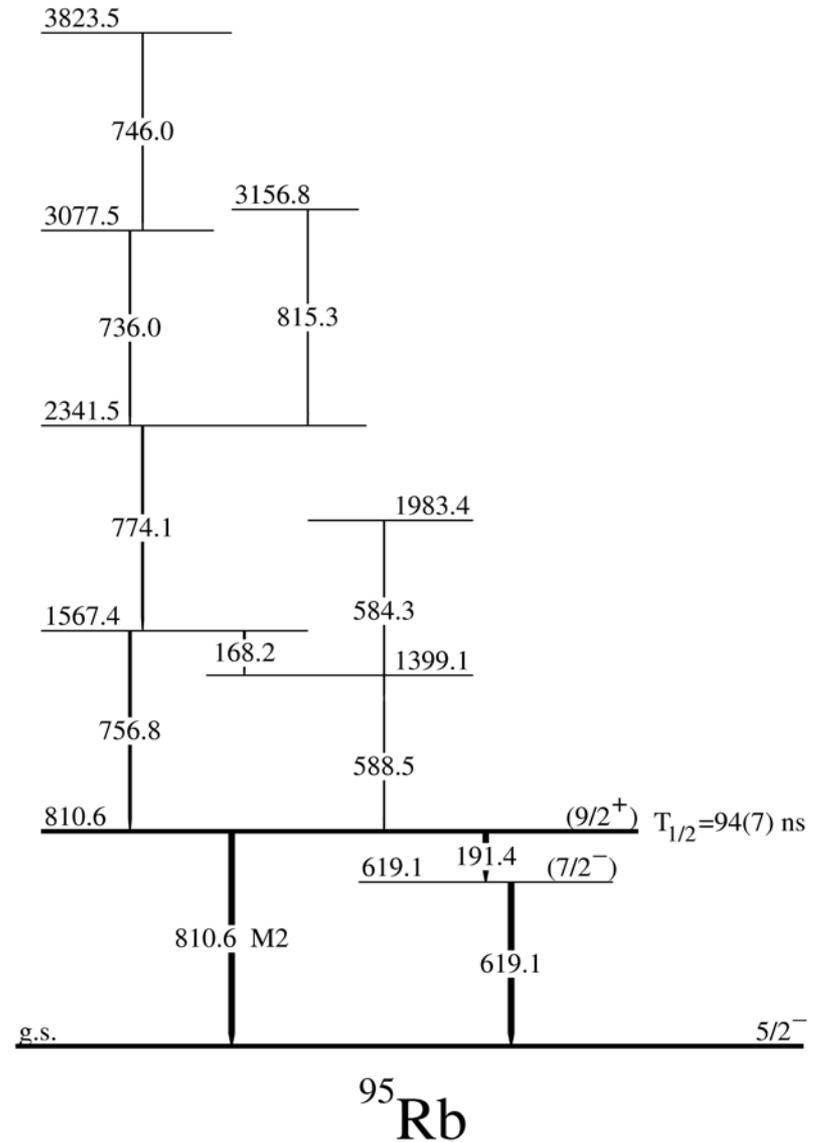


A=95 isomer



Gate on 191 and 619-keV lines in ^{252}Cf data set

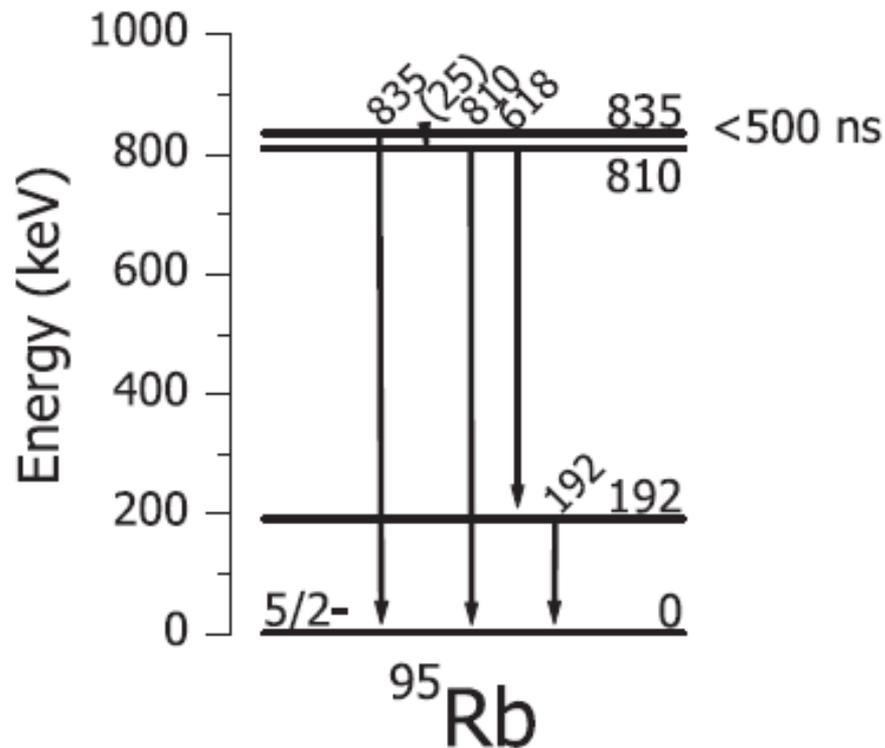
New decay scheme



Isomer originates from $\pi g_{9/2}$ orbit

New neutron-rich microsecond isomers observed among fission products of ^{238}U at 80 MeV/nucleon

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Shell-Model Interpretation by K. Sieja (GSI/Strasbourg)

CD-Bonn potential, G-matrix renormalization
Antoine code (m-scheme)

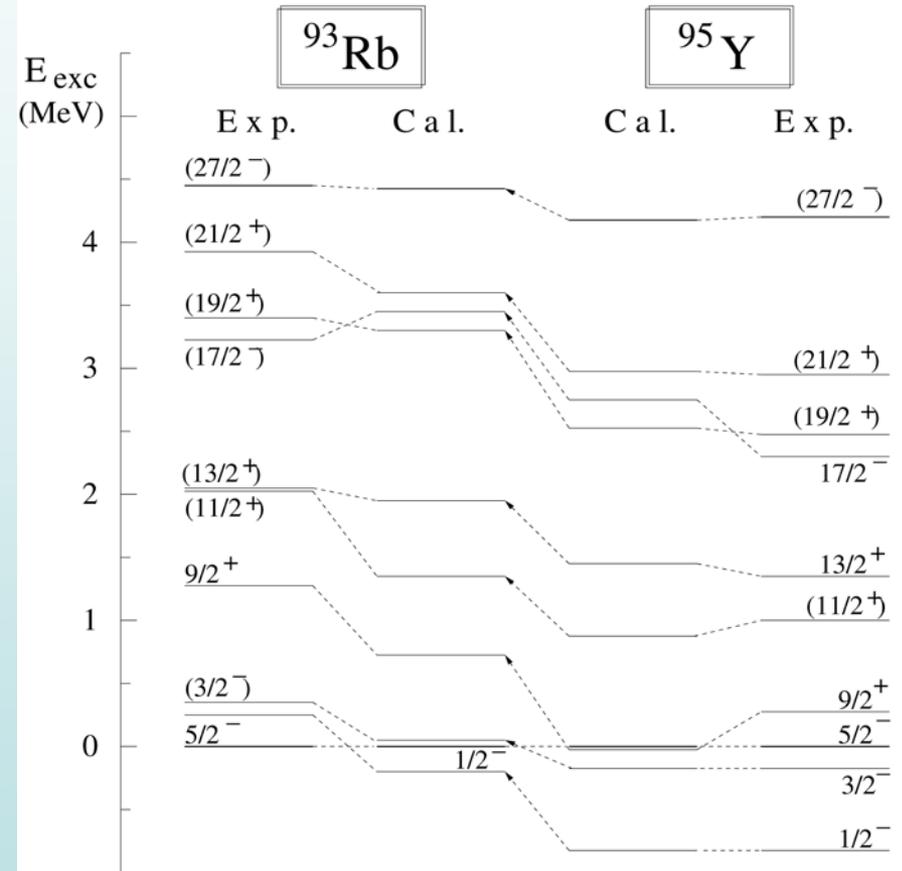
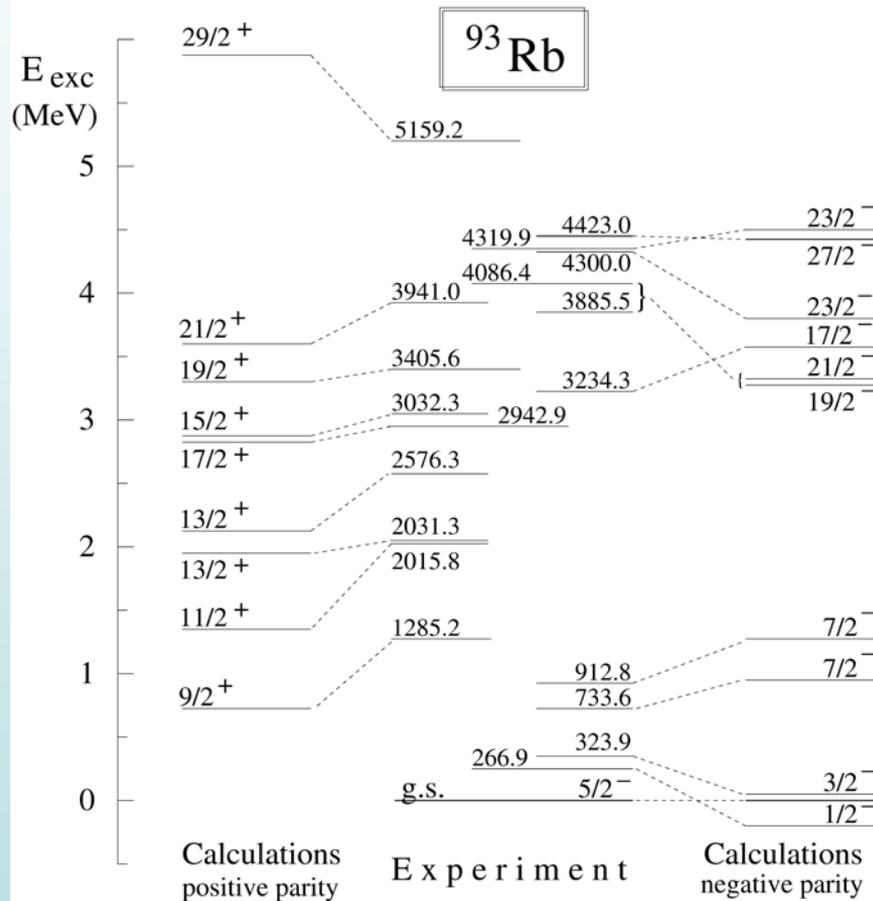
^{78}Ni core

π $1f_{5/2}$, $2p_{1/2}$, $1p_{3/2}$, $1g_{9/2}$

ν $2d_{5/2}$, $3s_{1/2}$, $2d_{3/2}$, $1g_{7/2}$, $1h_{11/2}$

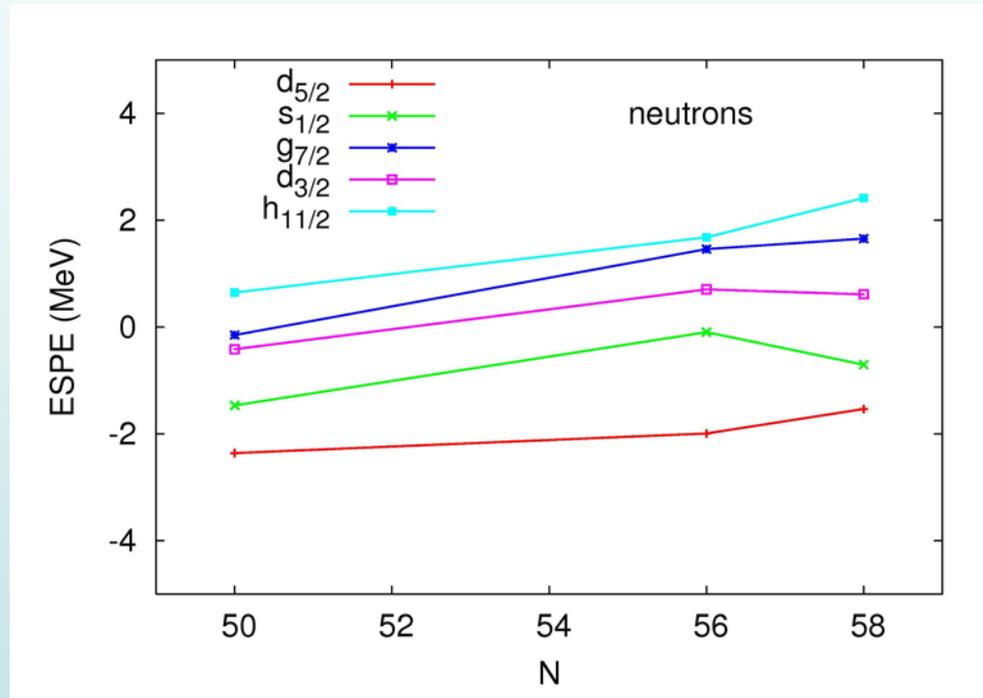
Up to 7 p-h excitations from $Z=38$, $N=56$

Shell-model Interpretation



$27/2^-$ isomer has $\pi g_{9/2} \nu(g_{7/2} h_{11/2})$ configuration

Why does the isomeric lifetime go from 100 ns to 100 ms when going from ^{95}Y to ^{97}Y ?



$d_{5/2}$ is full, now filling $s_{1/2} \rightarrow 27/2^-$ isomer ~ 1 MeV lower in energy and cannot decay to $23/2^-$

Is there an equivalent $27/2^-$ ms isomer in ^{95}Rb ?

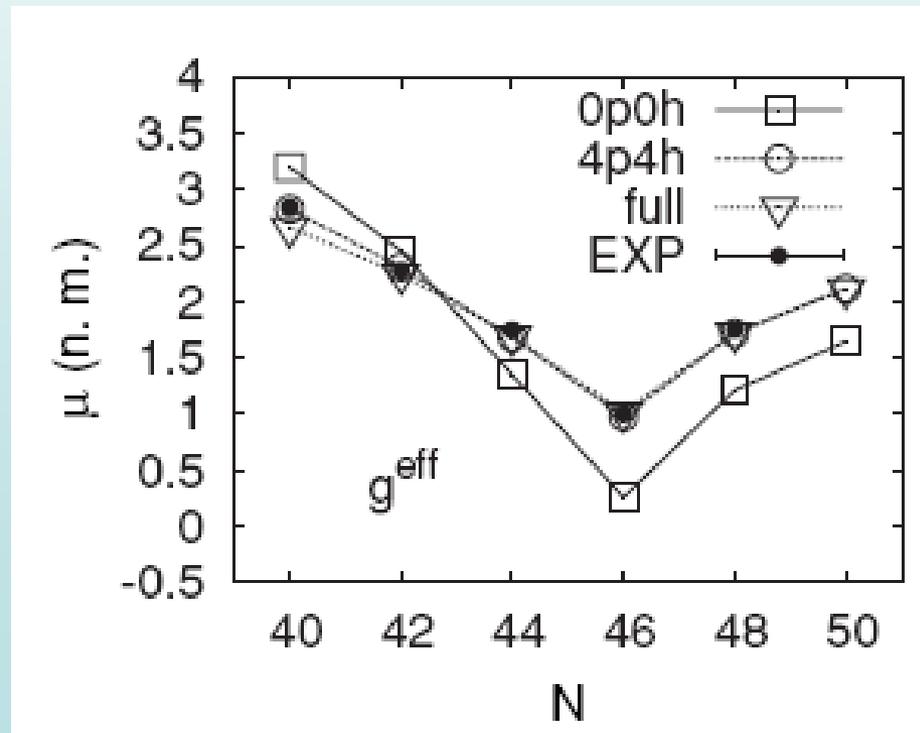
Problems with the interaction

-recently shown that ^{78}Ni is not a good inert core for Cu isotopes

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Shell quenching in ^{78}Ni : A hint from the structure of neutron-rich copper isotopes

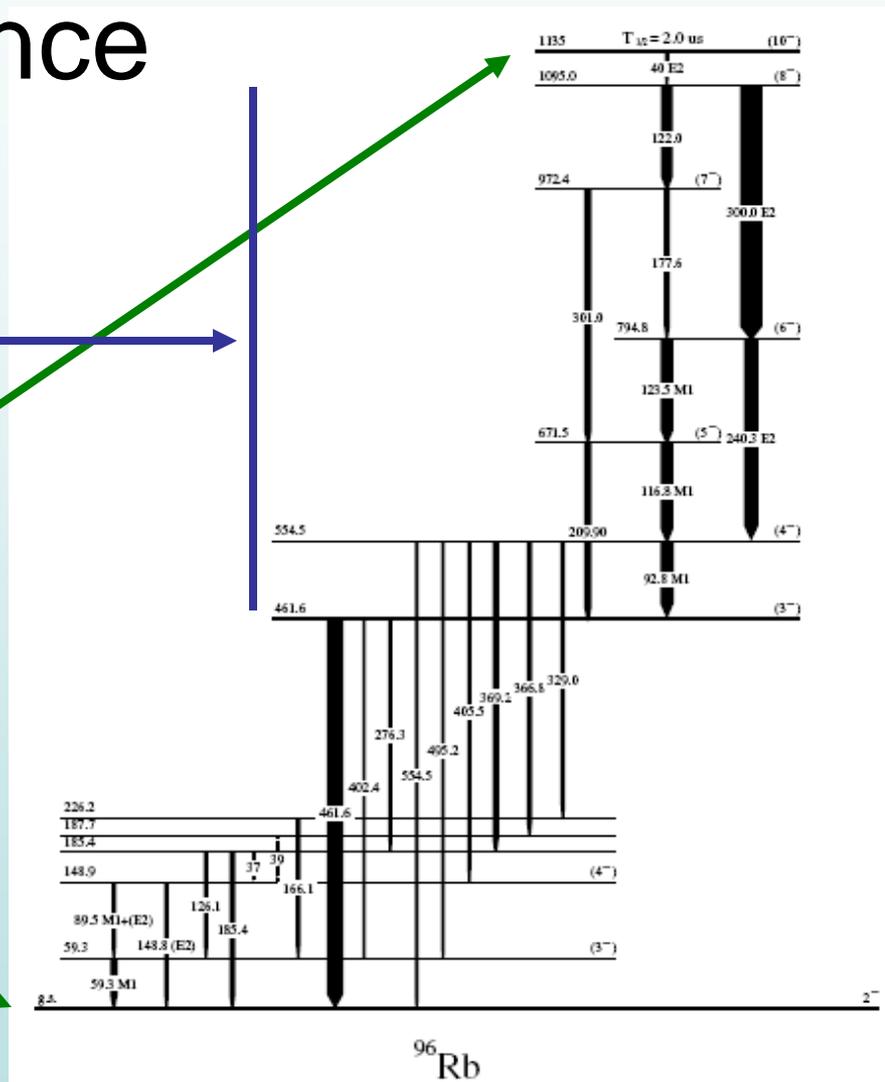
K. Sieja and F. Nowacki



Challenge for the shell model -shape coexistence

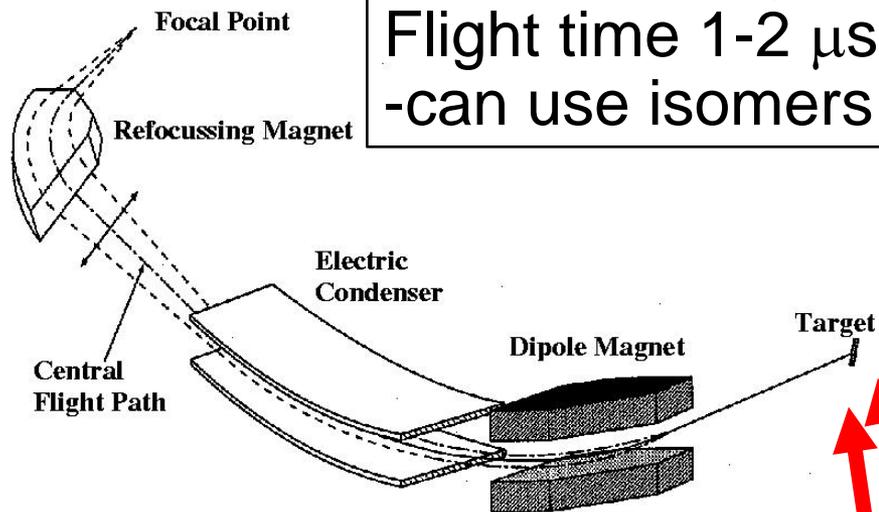
Deformed

Spherical



J. A. Pinston *et al.* Phys. Rev. C 71 (2005) 064327

The Lohengrin Fission-Product Spectrometer



Flight time 1-2 μs
-can use isomers



Separates according to A/q
and E/q

No ion source - no chemical
selectivity

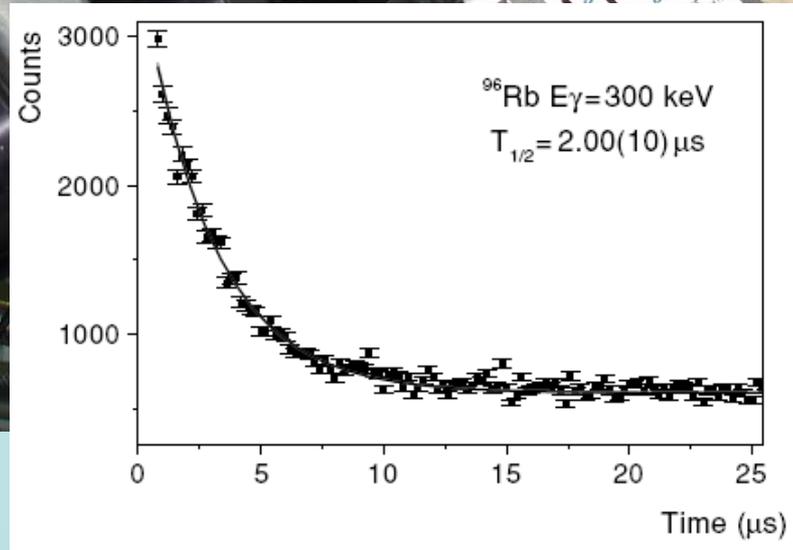
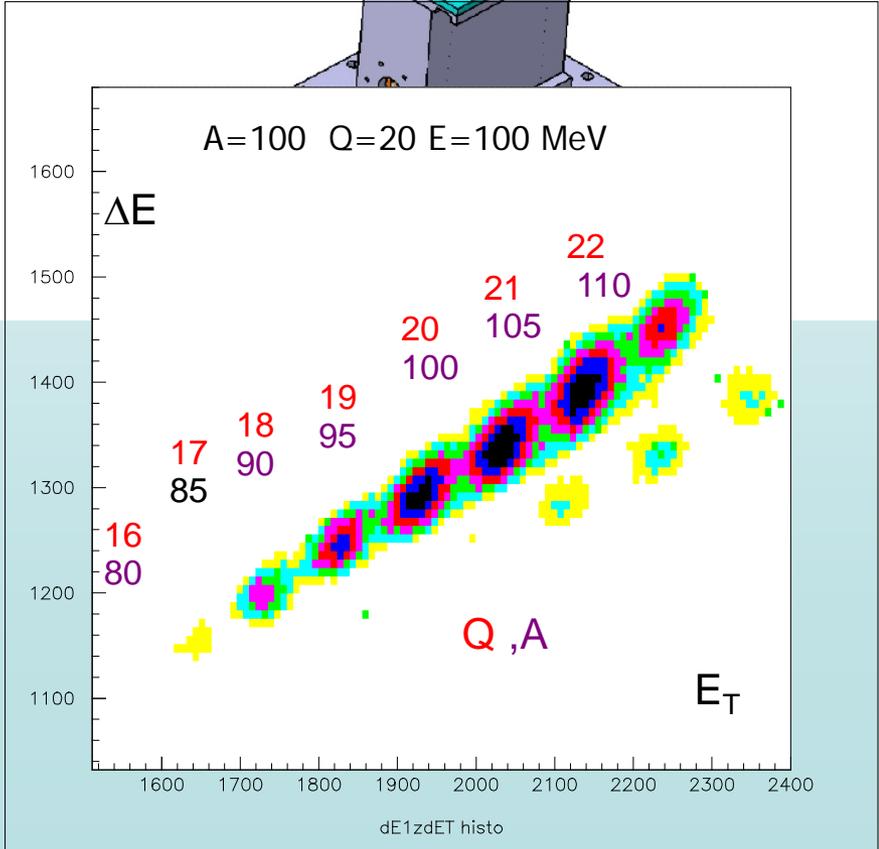
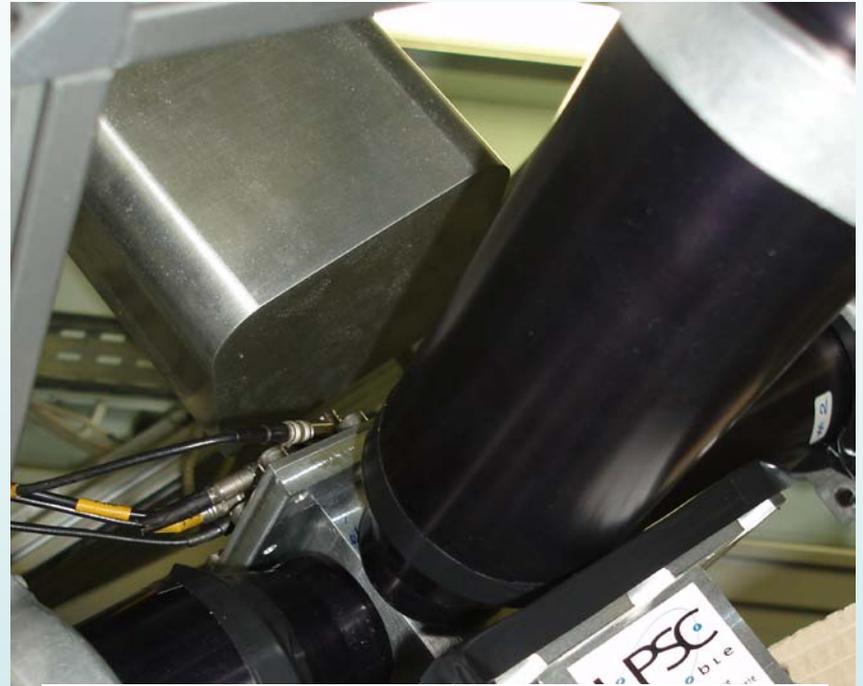
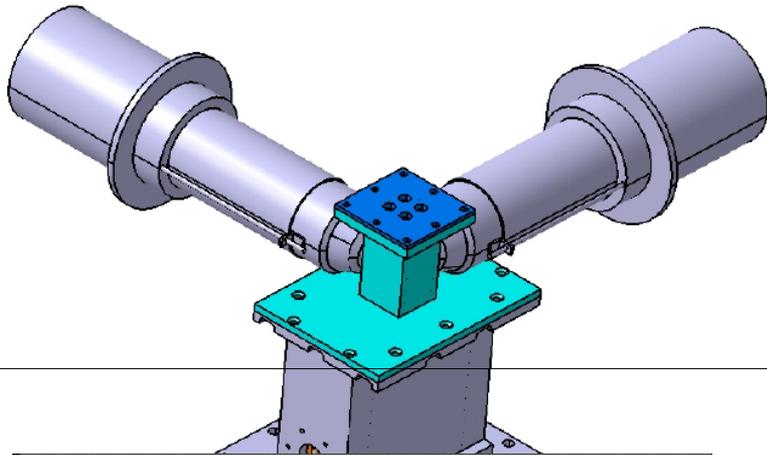
Neutron flux 5×10^{14} n/s/cm²

$\sim 2 \times 10^{12}$ fissions/s
(3.5 mg of ²³⁹Pu 742 b)

$A/\delta A \sim 250$

Solid angle $< 2 \times 10^{-5}$

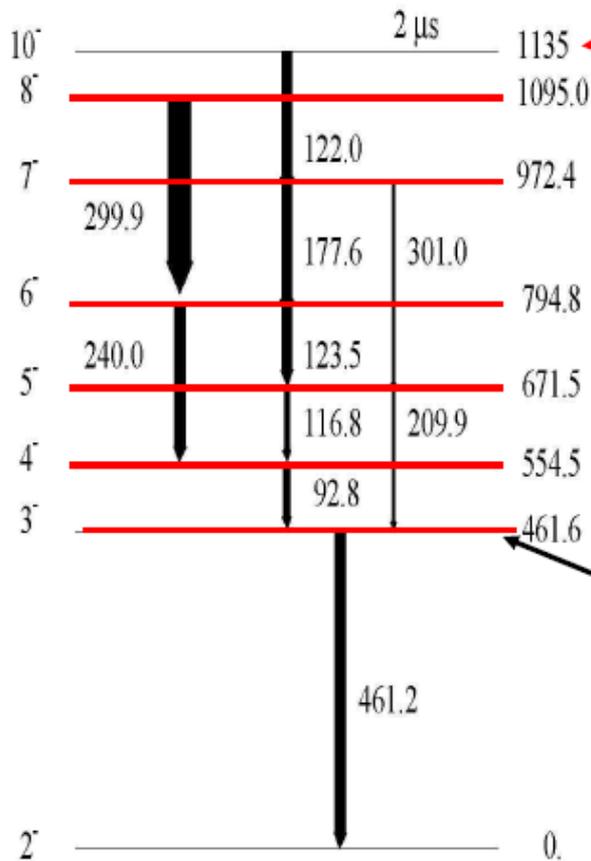
Rates at focal point
 ~ 3000 ions of ¹³²Sn /s



^{96}Rb ion of interest

Preliminary Results

$\pi(g_{9/2}) \nu(h_{11/2})$



Experiment

Theory (*)

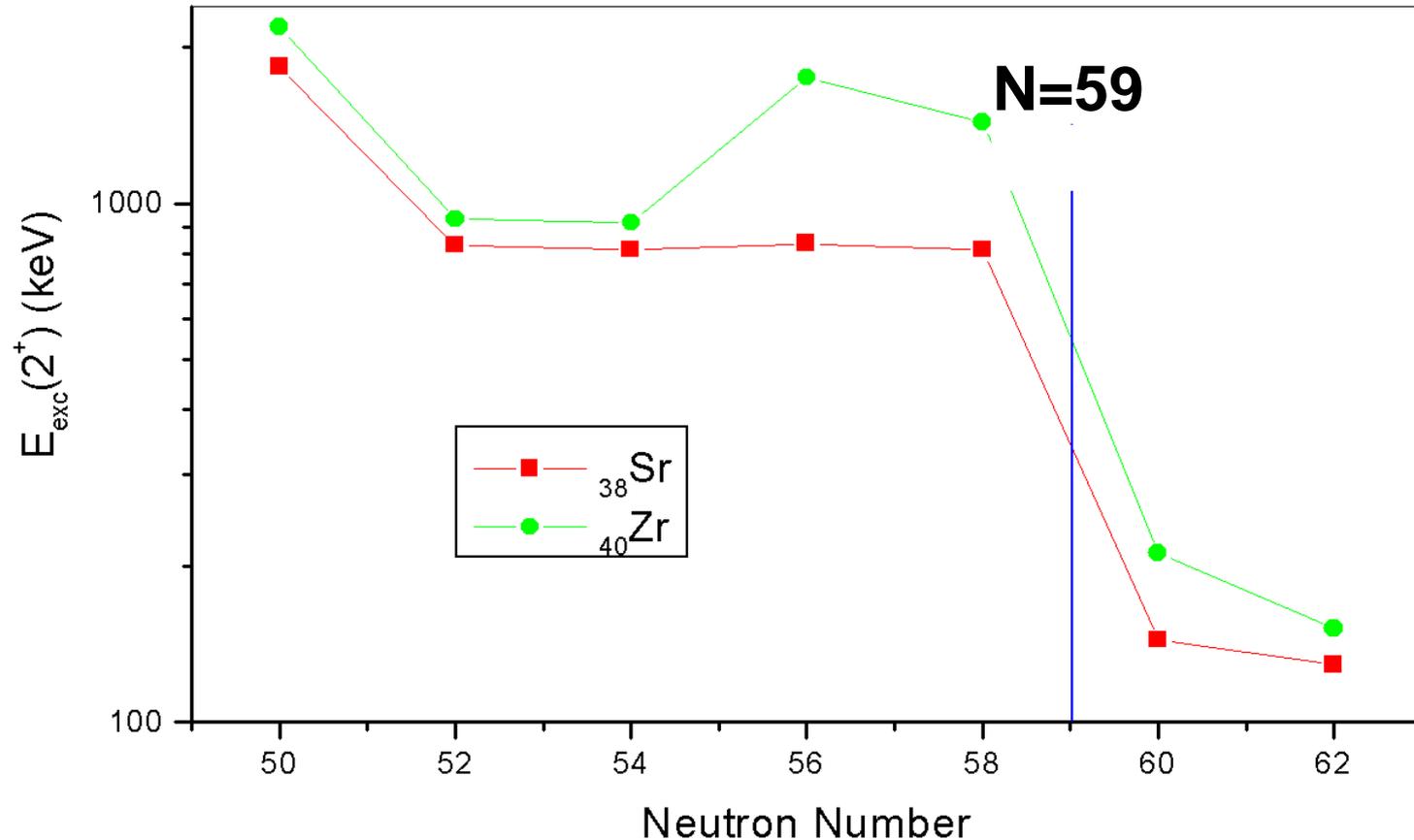
1100 \pm 200 ps
2200 \pm 300 ps

180 ps
418 ps
700 ps

$\pi[431]_{3/2} \nu[541]_{3/2}$

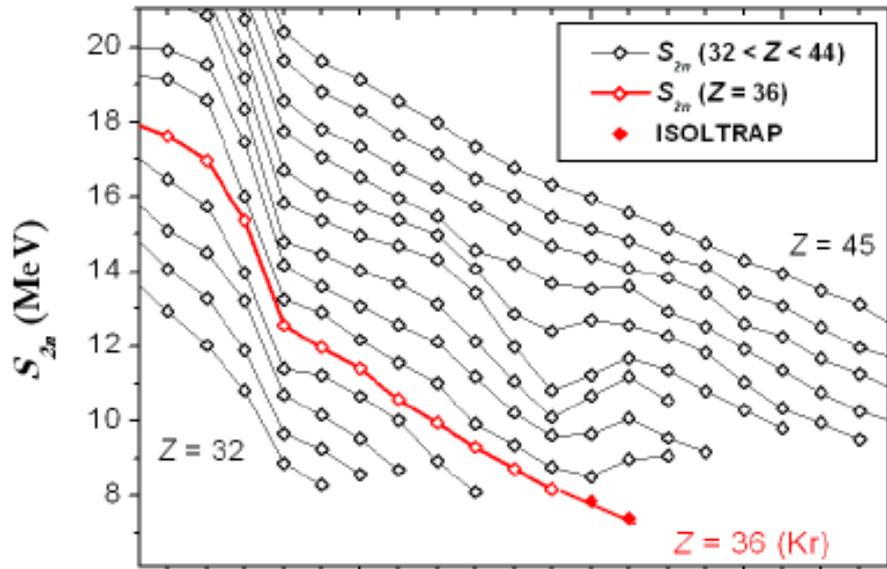
(*) Quasiparticle-rotor-model

A = 100 region

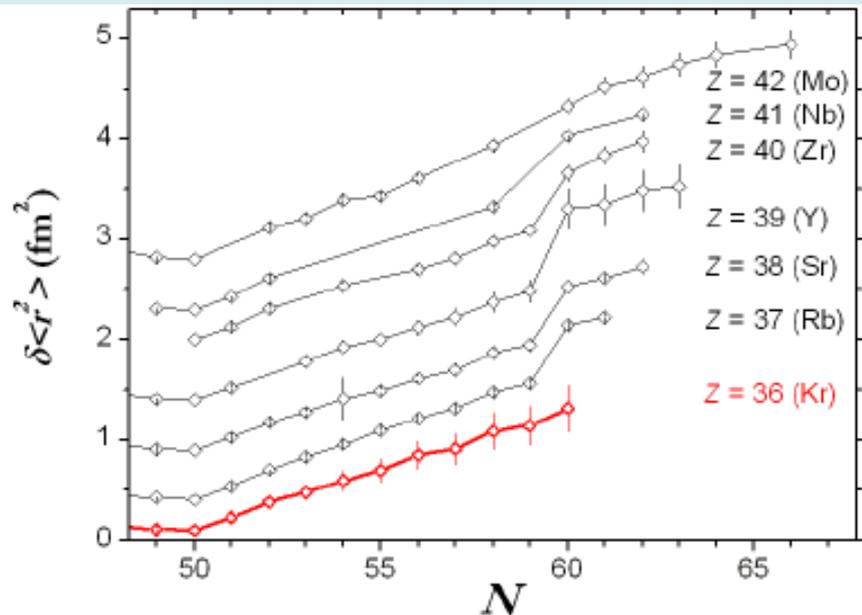


Previous studies in this area used beta-decay which could only populate spherical $s_{1/2}$, $d_{3/2}$ and $g_{7/2}$

Kr nuclei



S. Naimi *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 105 (2010) 032502



M. Keim *et al.* Nucl. Phys. A586 (1995) 219

$\nu 9/2[404]$ was assigned to these states from

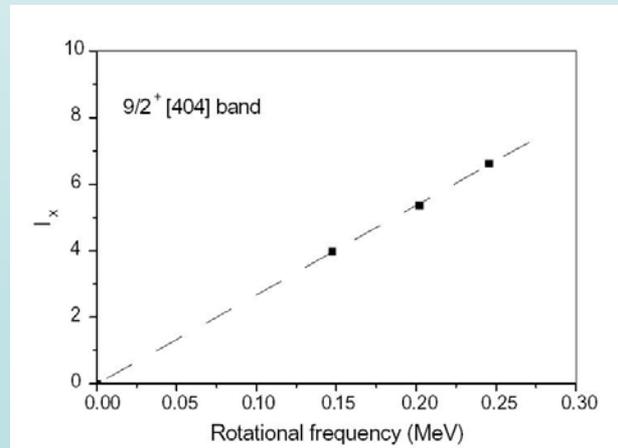
Partial half-lives of decays to known states -gives spin 9/2

Angular correlations between states of known spin.

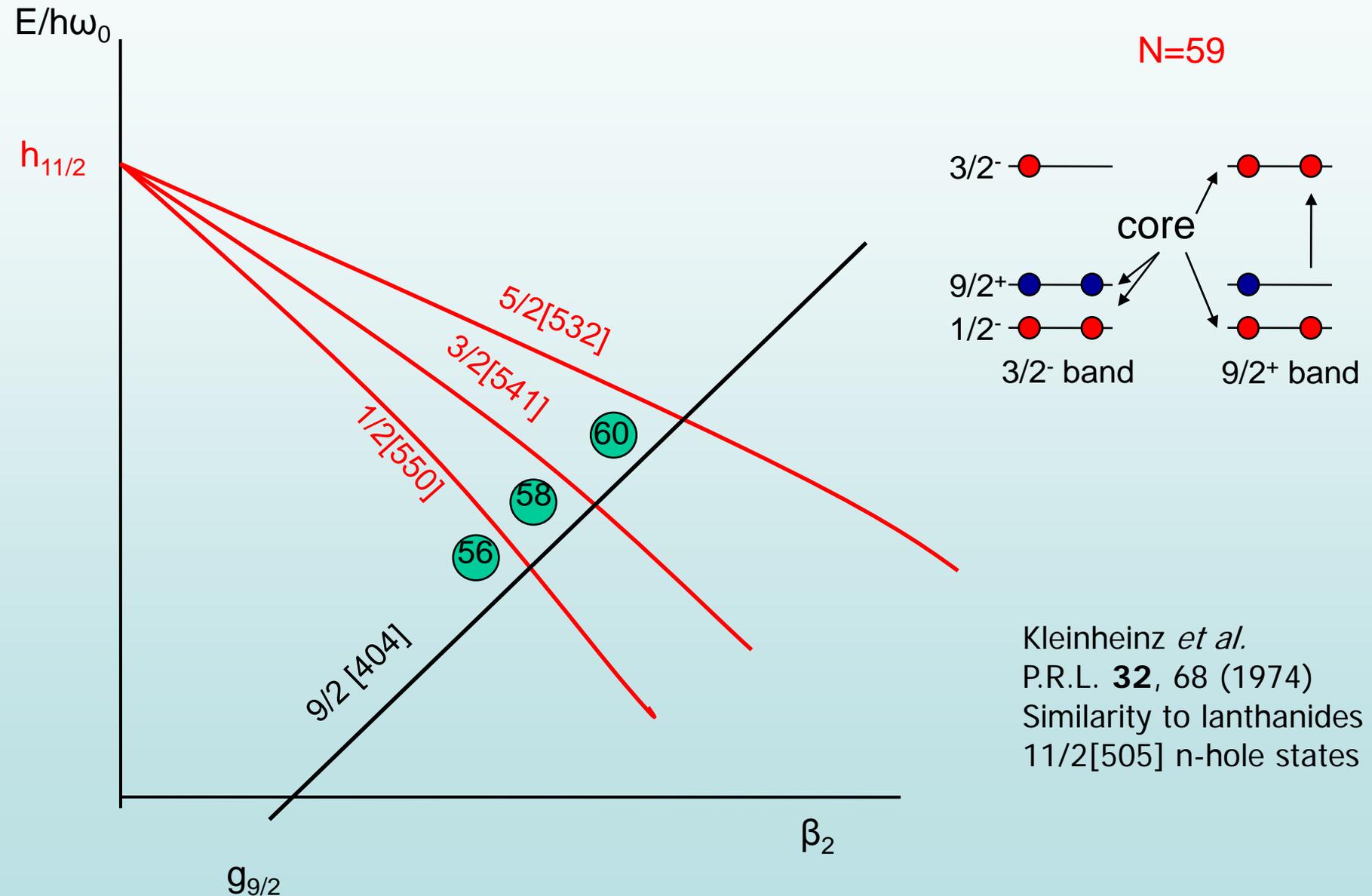
An assignment of 7/2 was rejected from branching ratios of transitions decaying out of isomeric states (Alaga rules)

$\nu 9/2[404]$ orbital should show little alignment (spin is along symmetry axis)

$I_x = \sqrt{(I+1/2)^2 - K^2}$ where I_x is spin proj. on symmetry axis



Schematic representations of deformed configurations of odd-mass Sr and Zr isotones



Conclusions

- First delayed spectroscopy of fission products at a neutron-guide
- New isomers found and identified with $T_{1/2} \sim 100$ ns in Rb isotopes
- Shell-model interpretation works reasonably well – but can be improved
- $27/2^-$ isomer of ^{93}Rb has $\pi g_{9/2} \nu(g_{7/2} h_{11/2})$ configuration
- $9/2^+$ isomer of ^{95}Rb has a $\pi g_{9/2}$ configuration
- If ^{96}Kr is not strongly deformed, a new or improved explanation must be found for shape changes in the $A=100$ region