

Searching for shape coexistence in Ca isotopes

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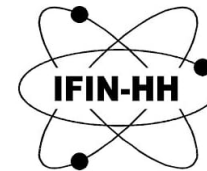
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- The cases of ^{42}Ca and ^{44}Ca

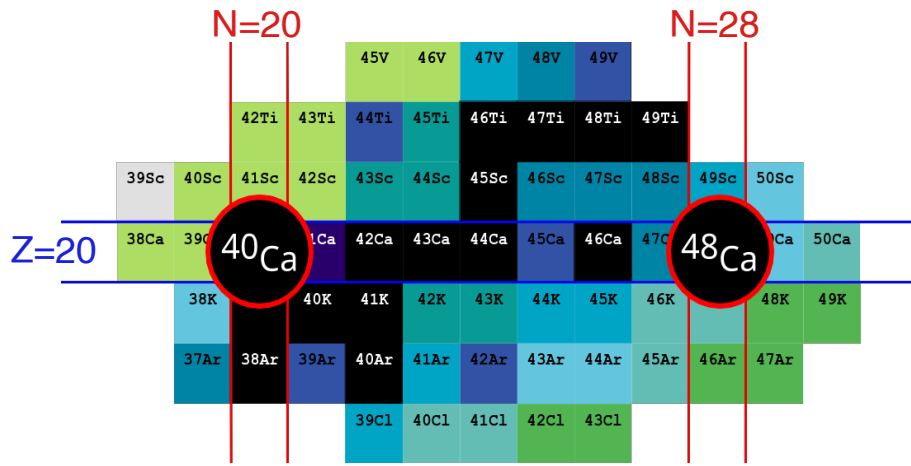
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- The ILL nuclear reactor
- FIPPS
- n-capture reaction

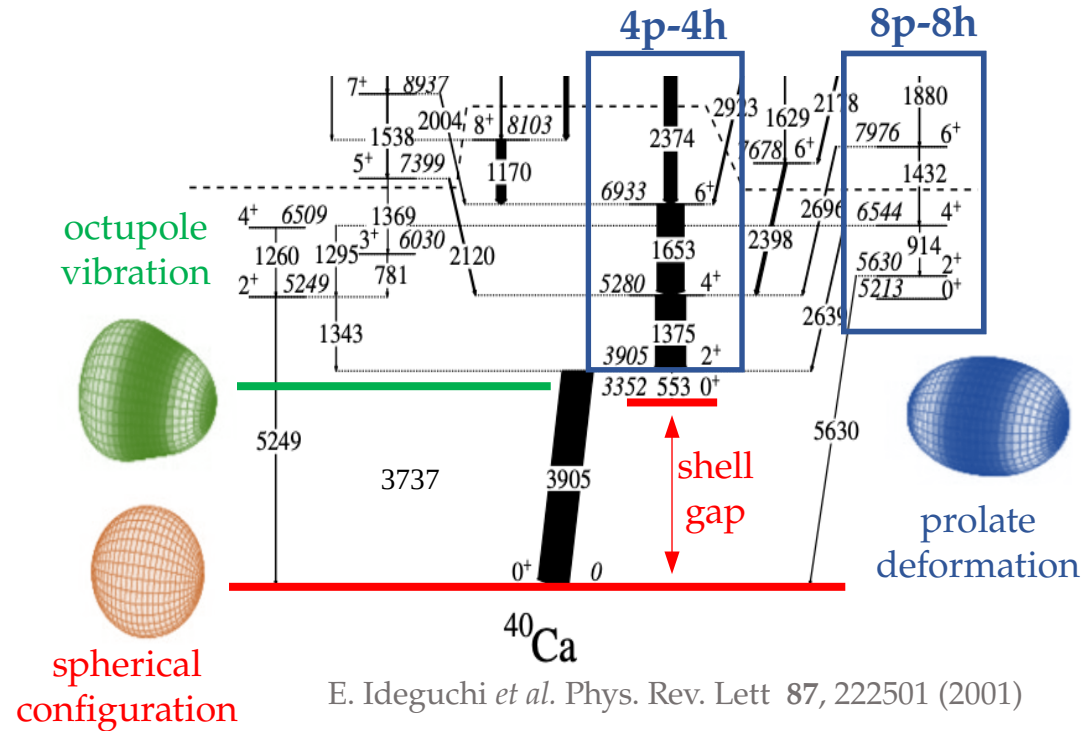
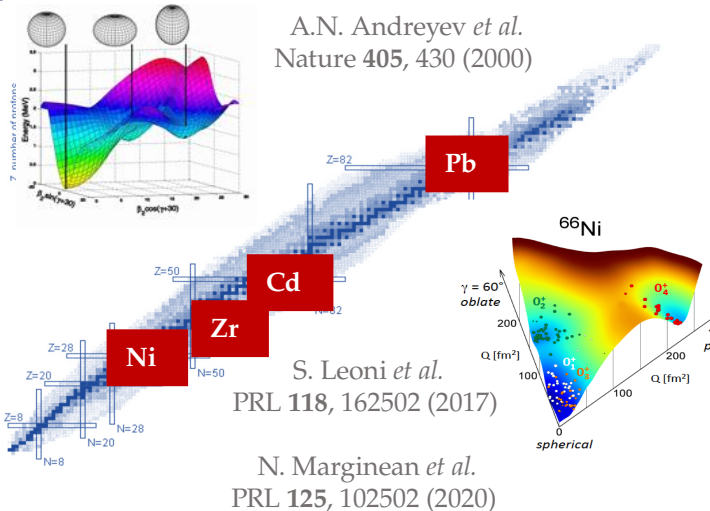
- Experimental Results and Future Perspectives

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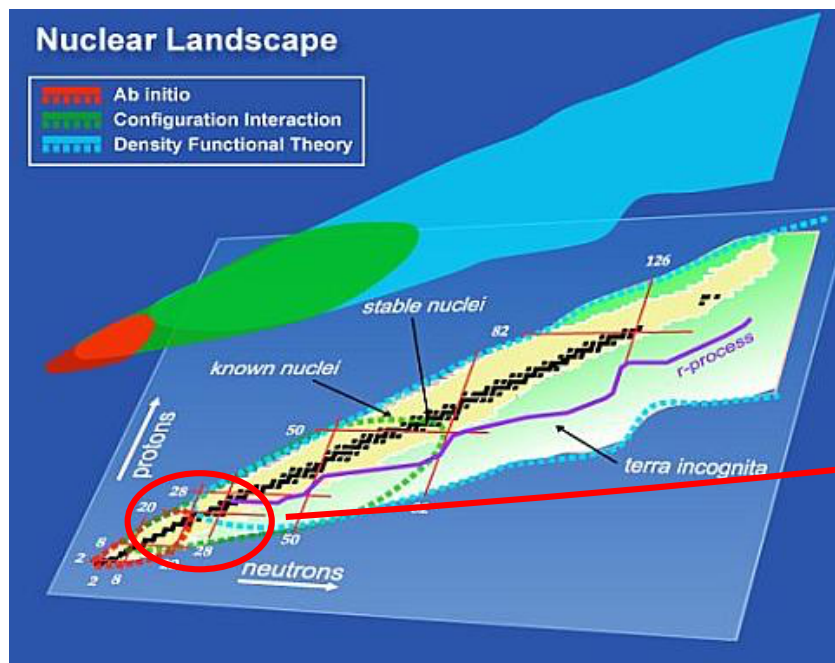
Physics case – Shape coexistence in Z=20 isotopes



Shape coexistence across the nuclide chart

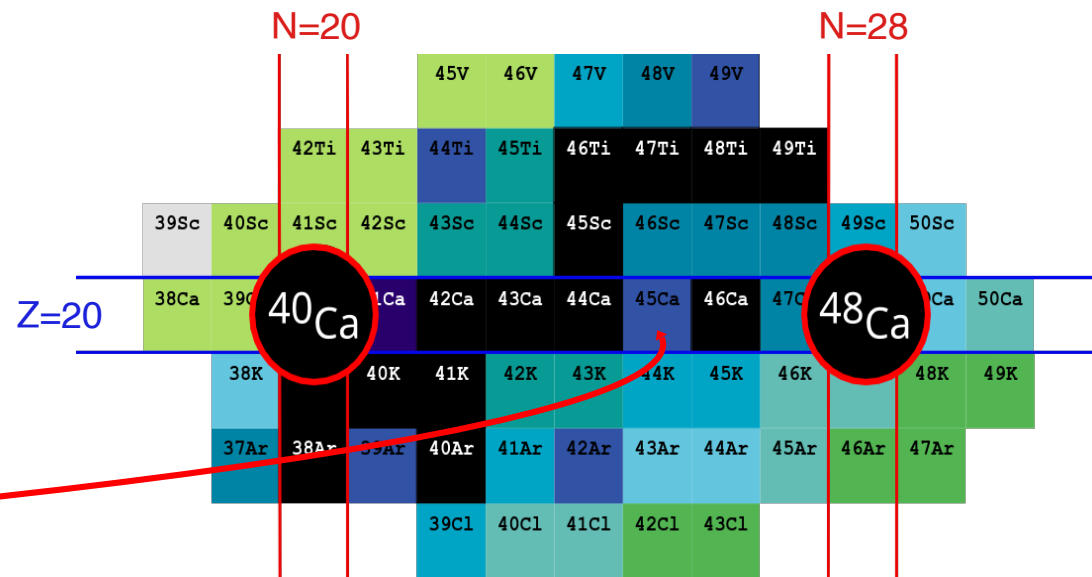


The $A \sim 40$ region of the nuclear chart is the meeting point of **several** theoretical approaches



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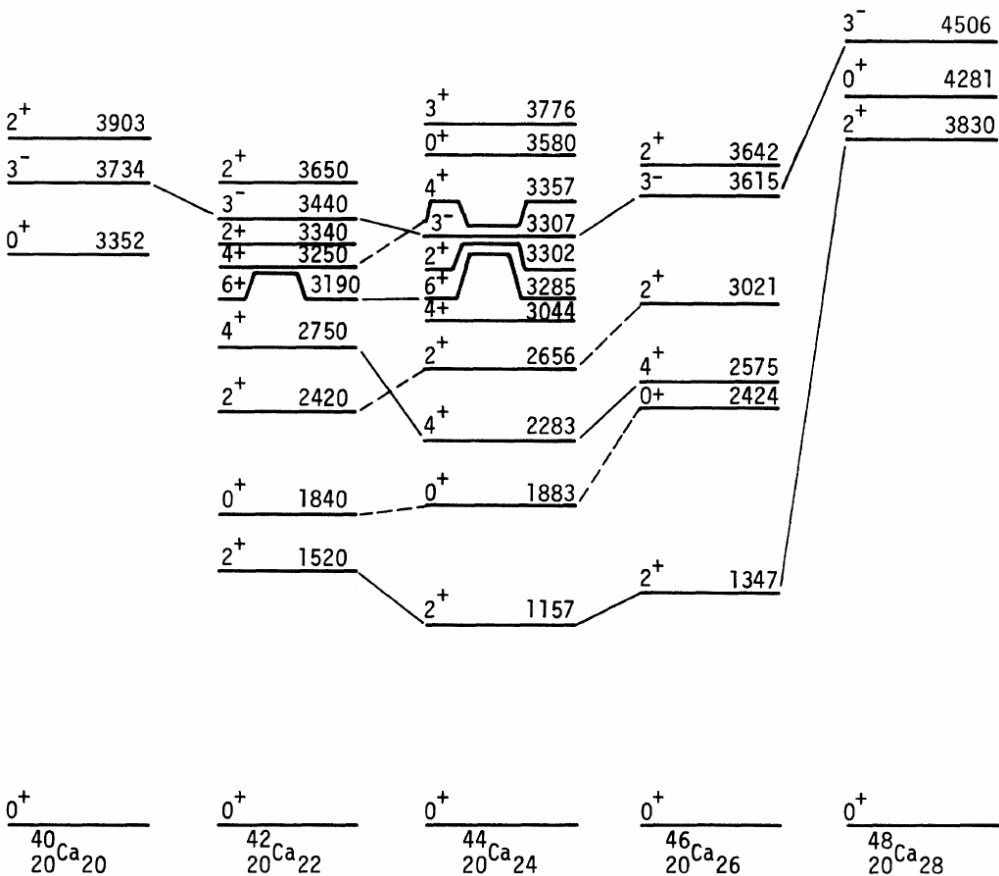
Study of the full Calcium chain



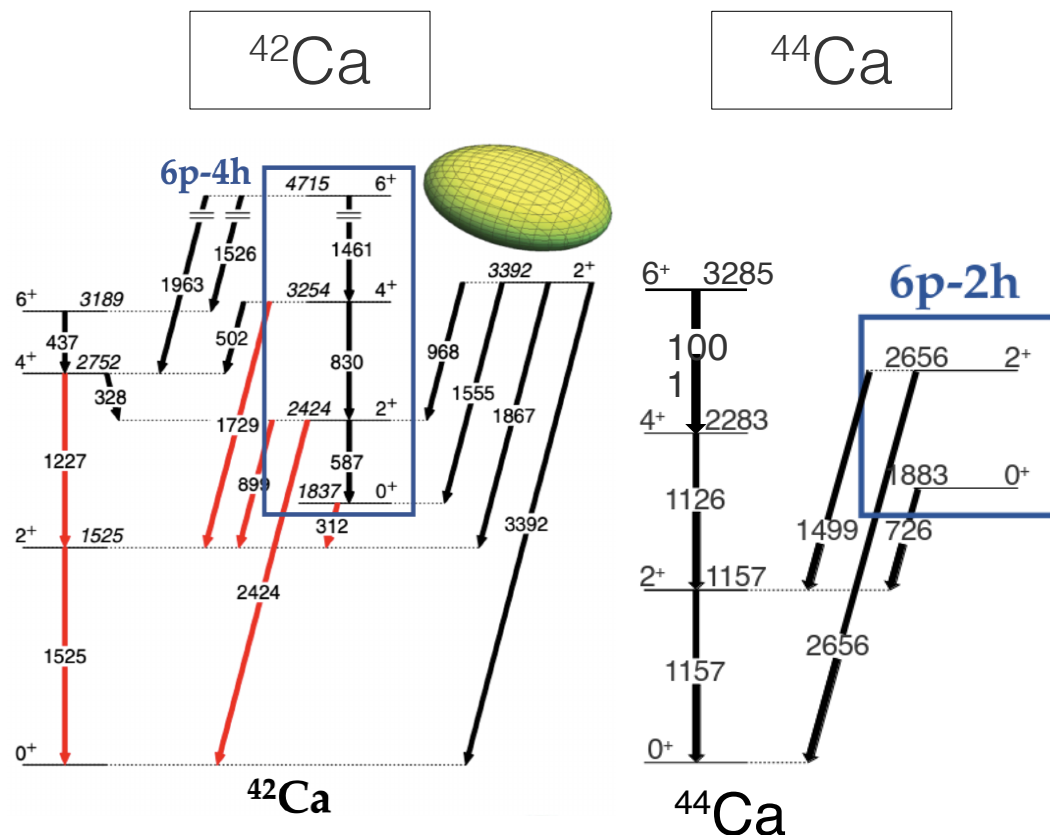
With $^{41,47,49}\text{Ca}$ already published

- S. Bottoni et al. Phys. Rev. C **103** (2021) - Low-spin particle-core and hole-core excitations in $^{41,47,49}\text{Ca}$ isotopes studied by cold-neutron-capture reactions

Physics case – The cases of ^{42}Ca and ^{44}Ca



- Coupled quadrupole-octupole excitations in ^{44}Ca and the decay of ^{44}K , $^{44}\text{Sc}^m$ and $^{44}\text{Sc}^g$ – Phys. Rev. C 13 (1976)



- ^{42}Ca deformed band reported by K. Hadyriska et al. – Phys. Rev. C 97 (2018)

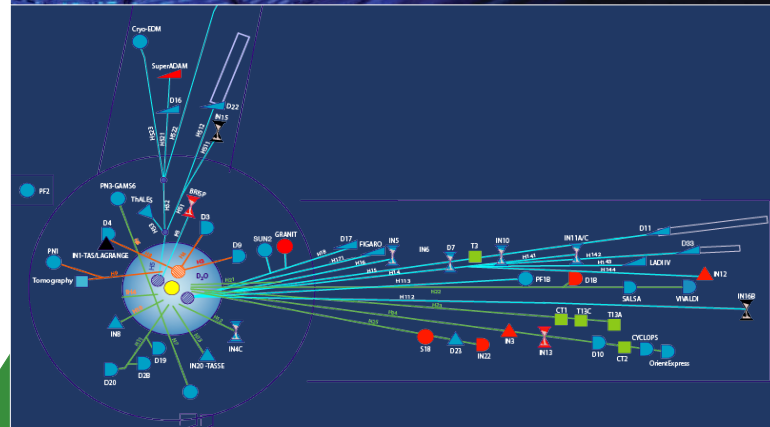
- The even parity spectrum of ^{44}Ca by L. D. Skouras et al. – Nuc. Phys. A220 (1974)
- Alpha pickup to low-lying levels of $^{42,44}\text{Ca}$ – Phys. Rev. C 11 (1975)
- Configuration of 3.59 MeV 0^+ state in ^{44}Ca – Phys. Lett. 79B (1978)

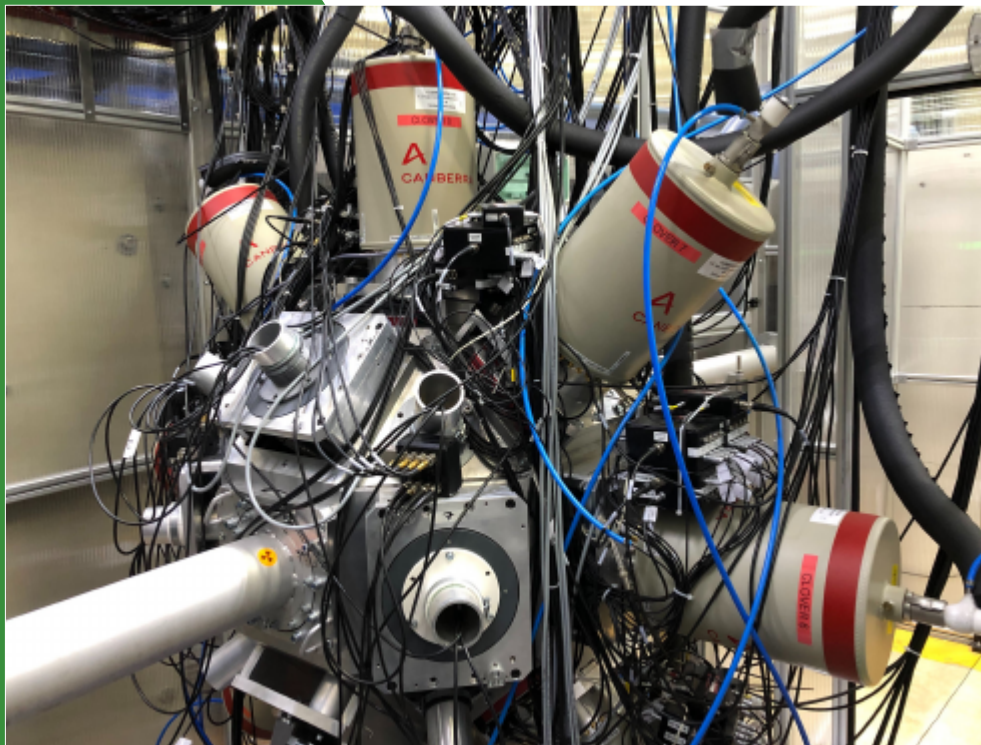
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- Thermal Power: ~ 58 MW
- Neutron Flux: 1.5×10^{15} n cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$
- Neutron Flux at FIPPS: 10^8 n cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$
- Beamlines: 40

Fundamental Science:

- Condensed Matter Physics
- Material Science
- Chemistry and Biology
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics**





Reactions:

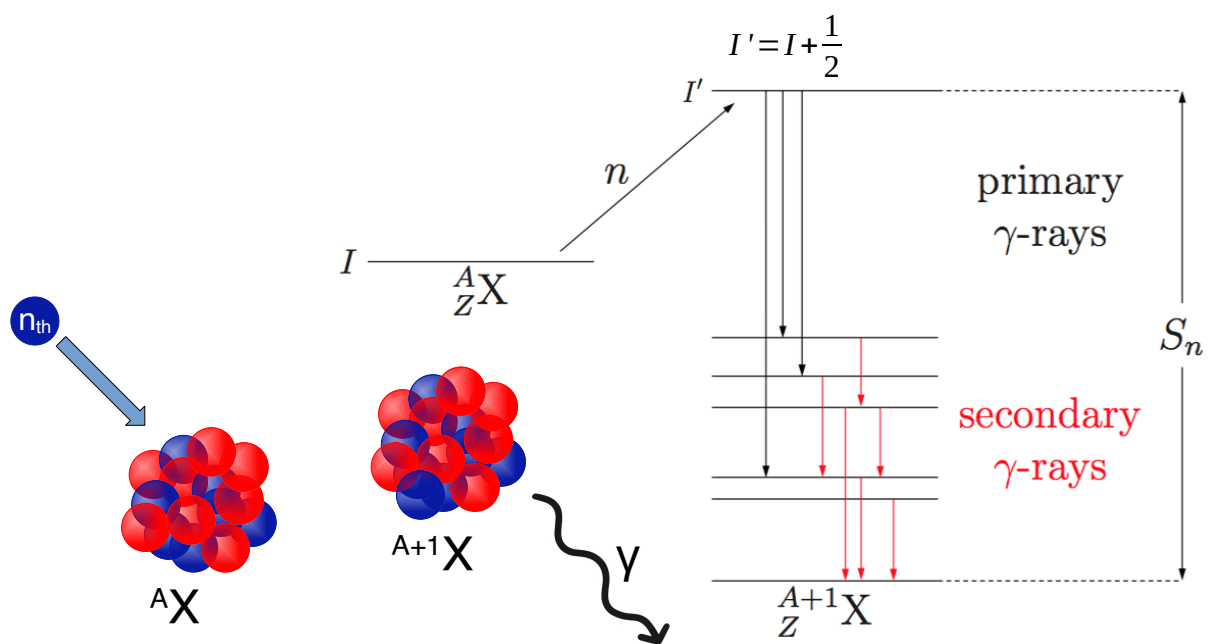
- $^{41}\text{Ca}(n,\gamma)^{42}\text{Ca}$
- $^{43}\text{Ca}(n,\gamma)^{44}\text{Ca}$

FIPPS:

- 32 HPGe (8 Clovers) + BGOs
- 8 LaBr₃:Ce

Targets:

- ^{41}Ca (Radioactive)
 - 2 Mbq / 600 μg / $\tau_{1/2} = 10^5$ years
 - Powder
- ^{43}Ca
 - 20 mg
 - Powder



From neutron binding energy to ground state

$$n + X = (X + 1)$$

$$\underbrace{T_n}_{meV} + \underbrace{m_n c^2}_{GeV} + \underbrace{m_X c^2}_{GeV} = \underbrace{m_{X+1} c^2}_{GeV} + \underbrace{T_{X+1}}_{\ll meV} + \underbrace{E_{X+1}^*}_{MeV}$$

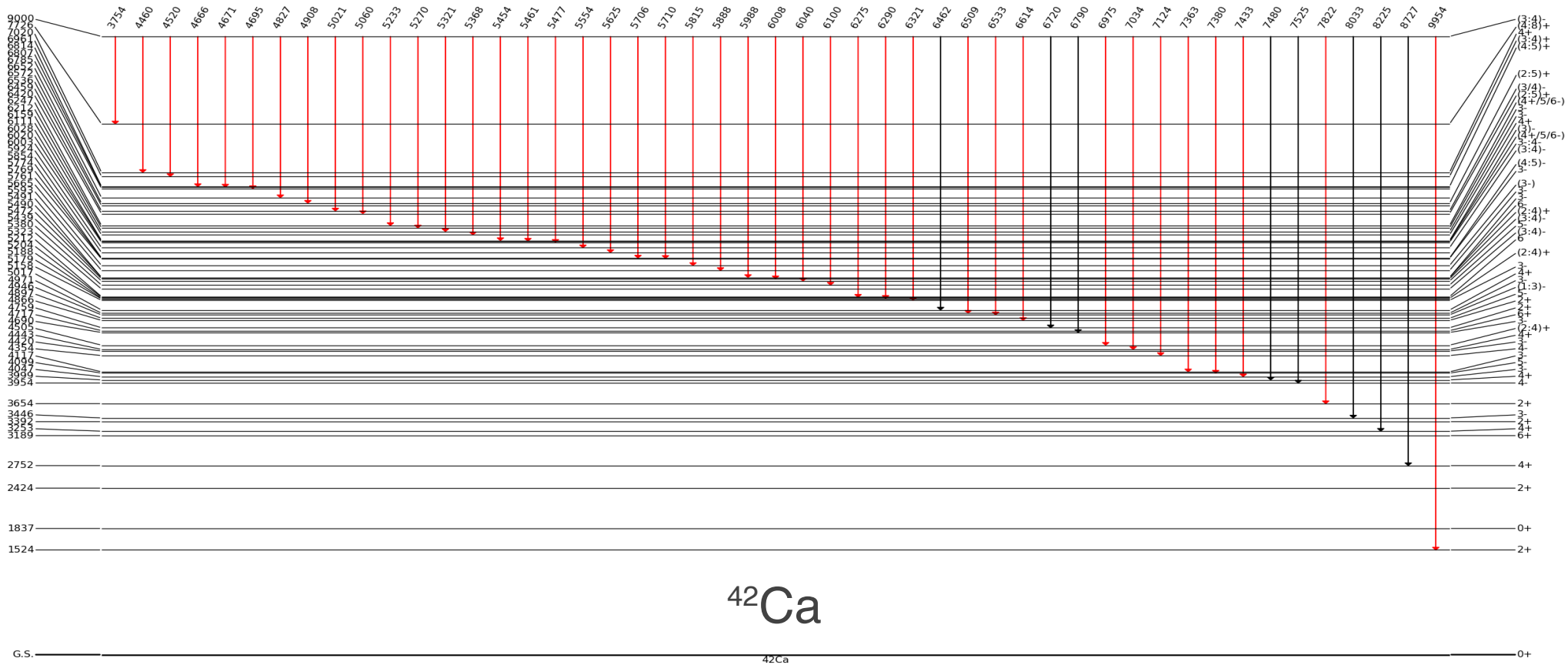
$$E_{X+1}^* = (m_n c^2 + m_X c^2) - m_{X+1} c^2 \equiv S_n$$

Complete low-spin spectroscopy

Possible techniques:

- γ - γ and γ - γ - γ coincidences
- Angular correlations
- Lifetimes measurements

Experimental Results and Future Perspectives – Level Scheme

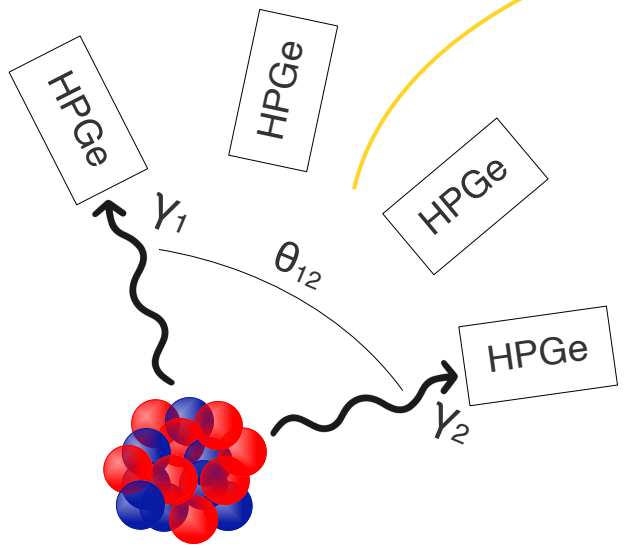


- More than 200 gamma ray transitions (**~100 never observed before**)
- More than 60 excited levels (**~10 never observed before**)

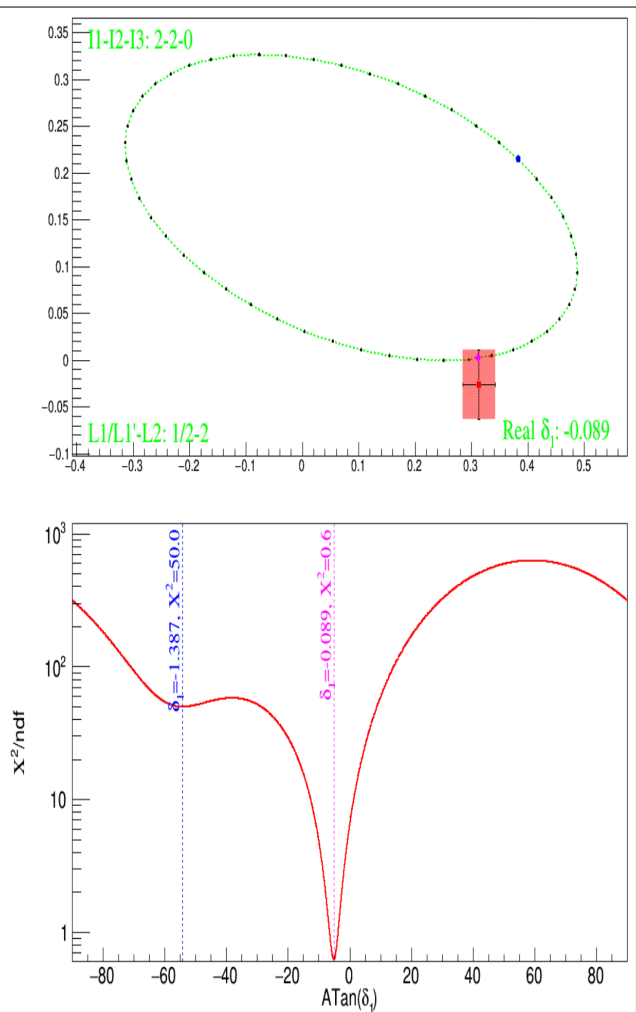
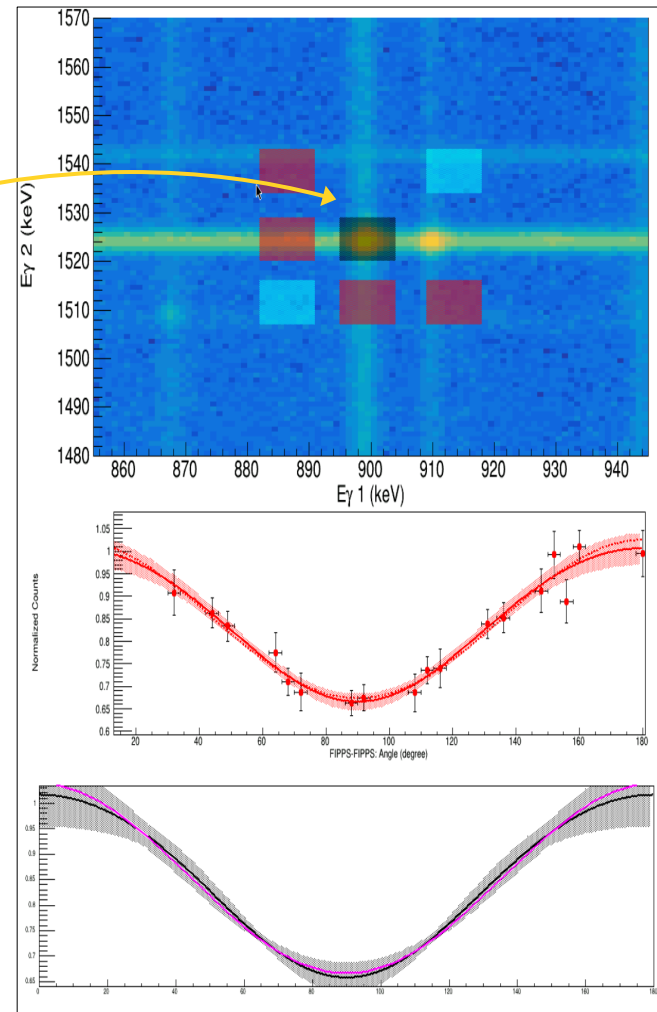
Experimental Results and Future Perspectives – Angular Correlation

$$\delta_Y^2 = I_Y(\lambda+1) / I_Y(\lambda)$$

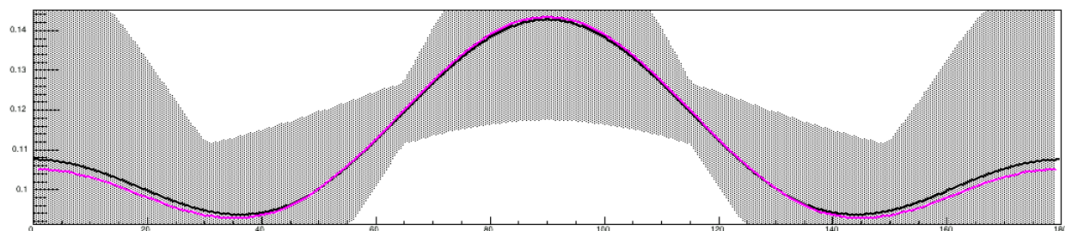
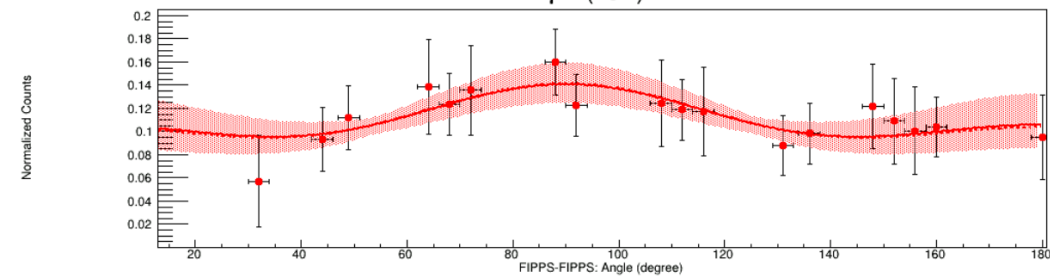
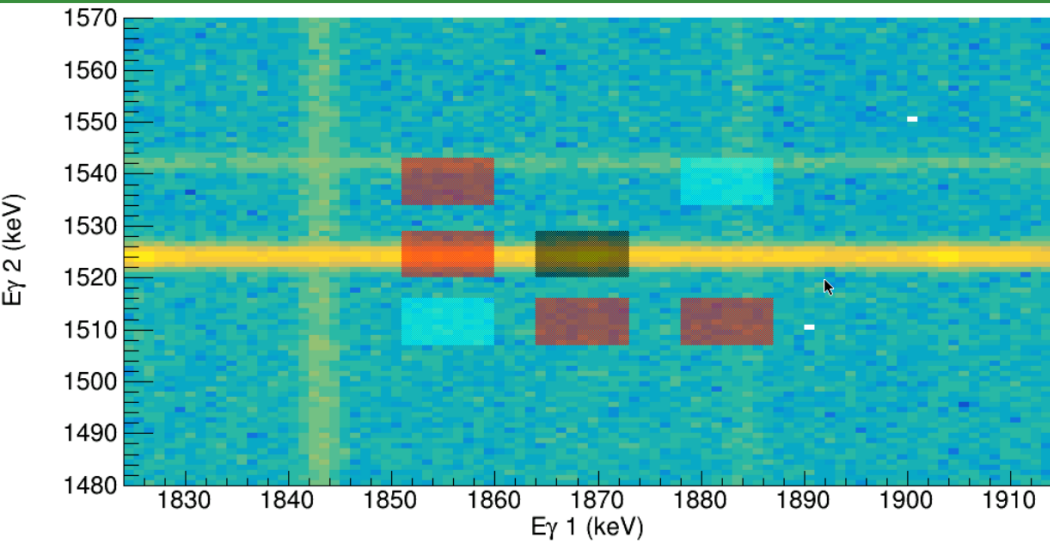
$$W(\theta) = \sum_k A_k Q_k P_k(\cos \theta)$$



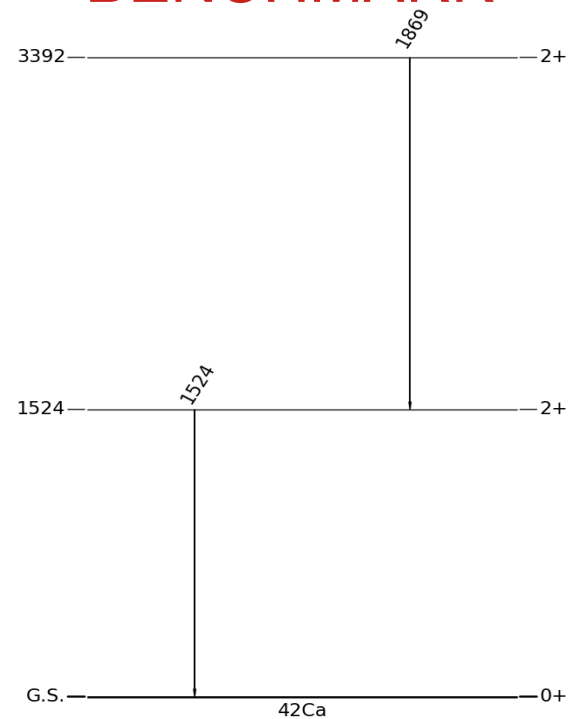
Spin assignment from transitions multipolarity



Experimental Results and Future Perspectives – Angular Correlation

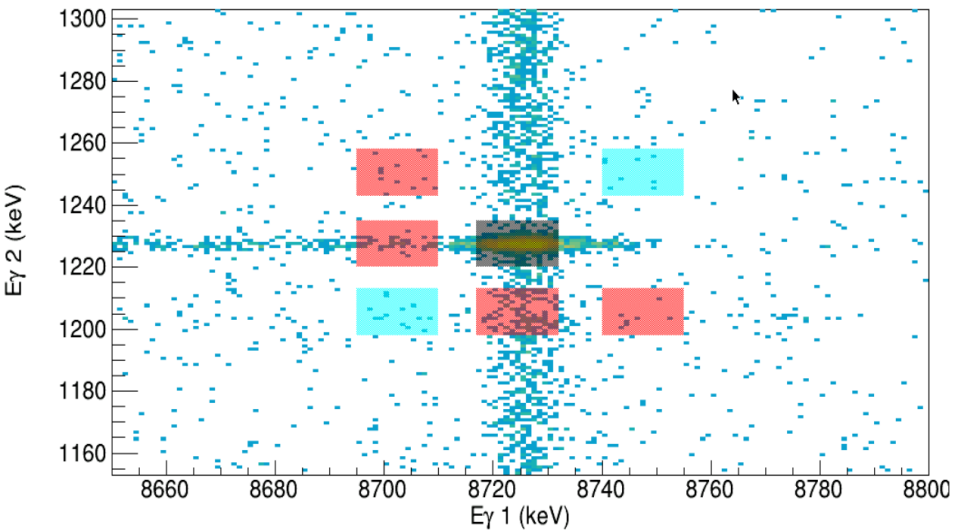


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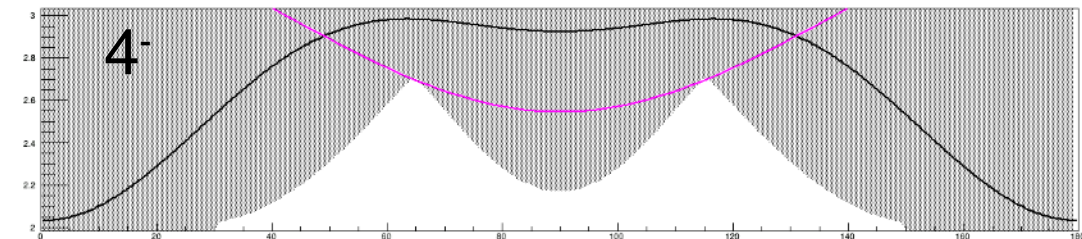
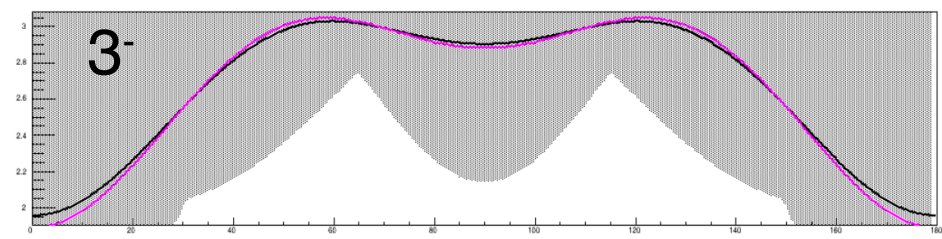
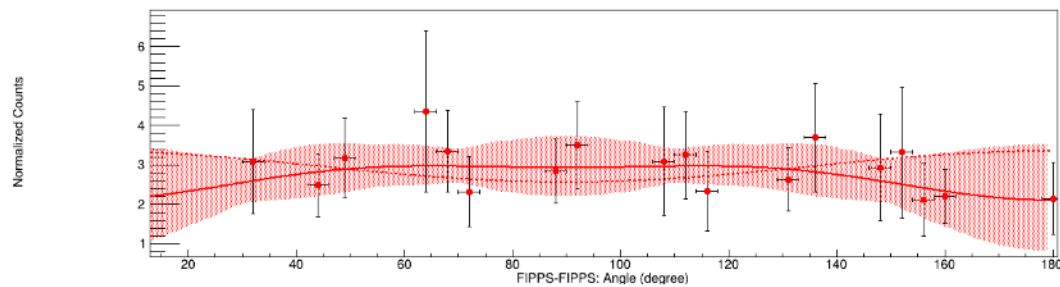
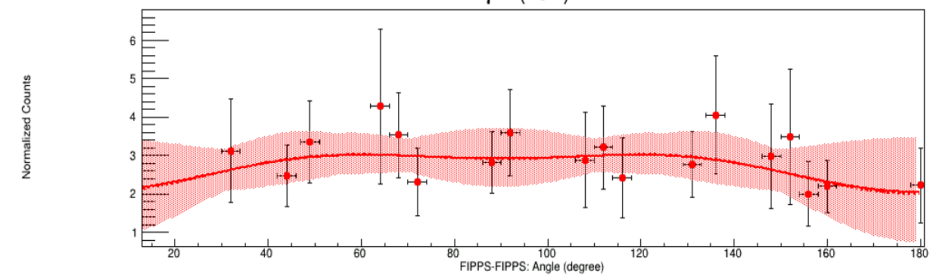
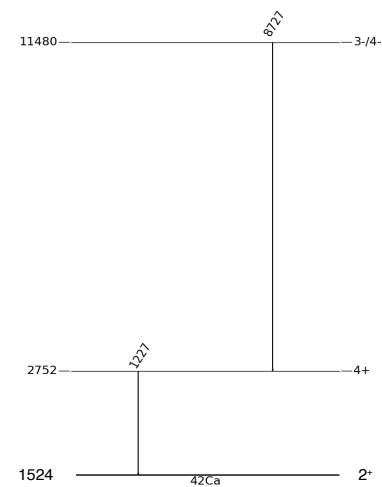


Litterature: $M1+E2 \setminus \delta = +1.7 (4)$
 Exp. Result: $M1+E2 \setminus \delta = +1.4 (6)$

Experimental Results and Future Perspectives – Angular Correlation



Exp. Result: $\delta = E1 + M2 \setminus +4.7 (4)$

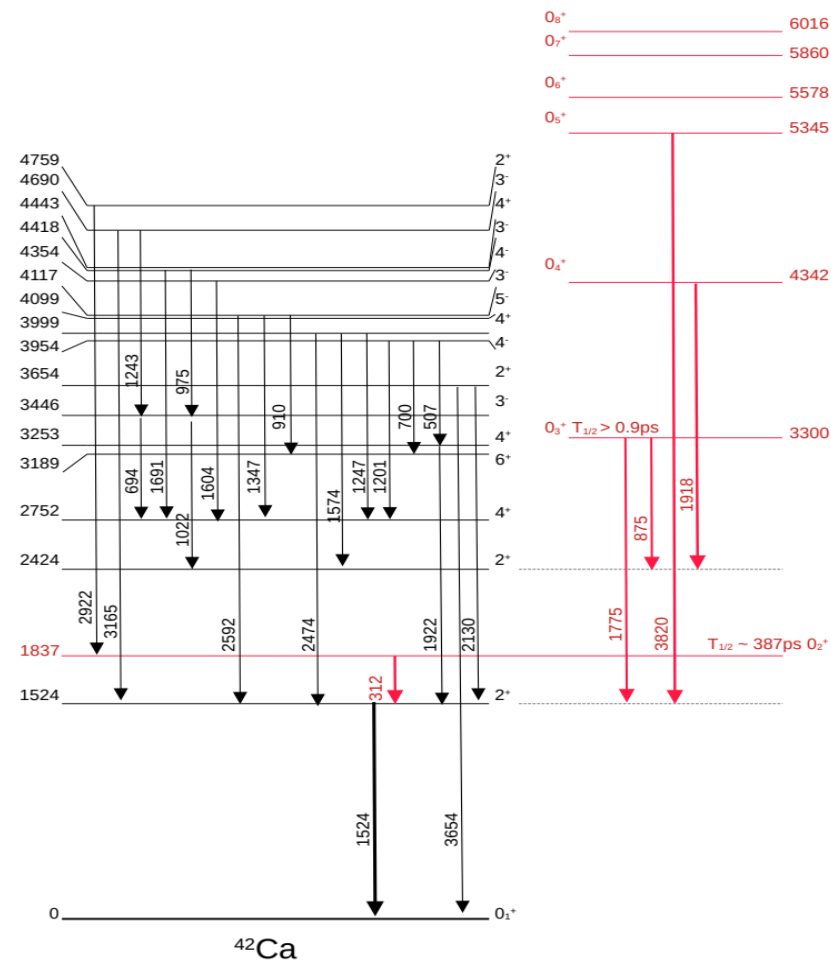


Experimental Results and Future Perspectives – IFIN-HH Experiment

Level No.	Energy [keV]	J^π	Level No.	Energy [keV]	J^π
0	G.S.	0+	14	5201 ± 5	
1	1523	2+	15	5366 ± 9	
2	1837	0+	16	5471 ± 9	4+
3	2423	2+	17	5779 ± 11	
4	2751 ± 4	4+	18	5863 ± 10	0+
5	3186 ± 6	6+	19	6015 ± 9	0+
6	3253 ± 5		20	6106 ± 7	(4+)
7	3437 ± 9	(3-)	21	6273 ± 7	
8	3651 ± 6	2+	22	6518 ± 8	(0+)
9	4090 ± 8		23	6723 ± 8	
10	4448 ± 11	2+	24	6920 ± 4	2+
11	4757 ± 9	2+	25	7134 ± 8	
12	4869 ± 7	2+	26	7259 ± 7	
13	5011 ± 7	4+	27	7358 ± 5	2+

A future experiment has already been planned for October 2024 to further investigate 0^+ states of ^{42}Ca :

- **Reaction:** $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})^{42}\text{Ca}$ - 2n transfer
- **Targets:** 1 mg/cm² and 10 mg/cm² for DSAM technique

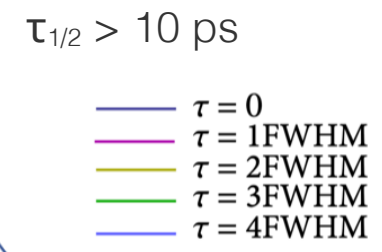
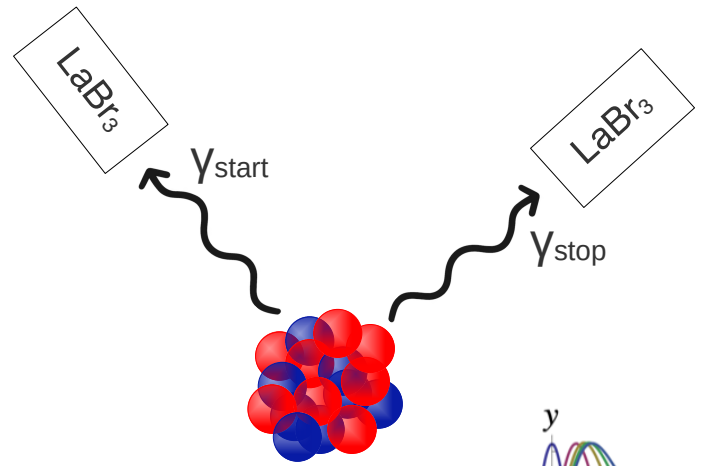
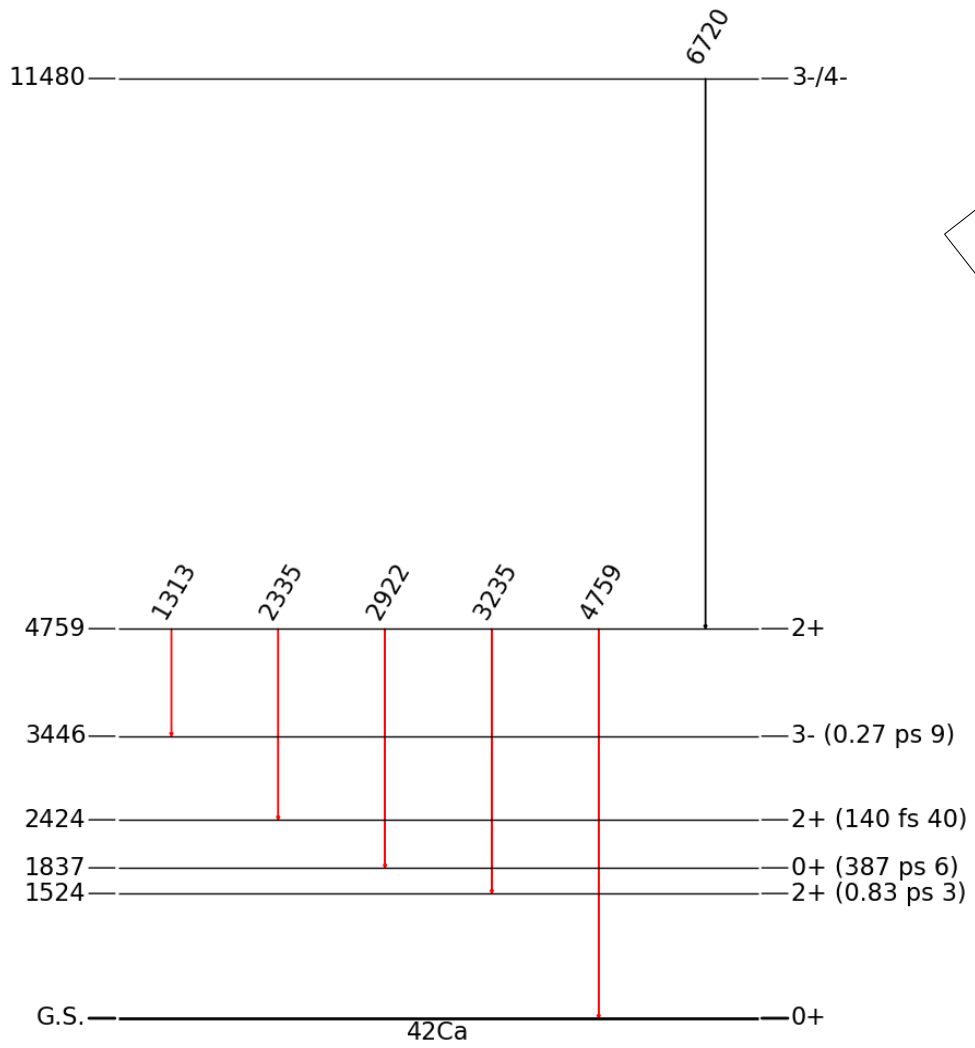


Study of shape coexistence in $^{42,44}\text{Ca}$ by means of n-gamma reactions

- (Complete) **low-spin spectroscopy** and **lifetimes measurements**,
- Gamma multipolarity assignment
- **Level scheme reconstruction** of ^{44}Ca ,
- **Future experiment** at IFIN-HH, October 2024 $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})^{42}\text{Ca}$

Thank you for your attention!

FAST-TIMING TECHNIQUE



$$W(\theta) = \sum_k A_k Q_k P_k(\cos \theta)$$

$$\delta_y^2 = I_y(\lambda+1) / I_y(\lambda)$$

$$A_k(j_i \lambda \lambda' j_f) = \rho_k(j_i) \frac{1}{1+\delta^2} [F_k(j_f \lambda \lambda' j_i) + 2\delta F_k(j_f \lambda \lambda' j_i) + \delta^2 F_k(j_f \lambda \lambda' j_i)]$$

