

Lifetime measurements in exotic nuclei at Lohengrin



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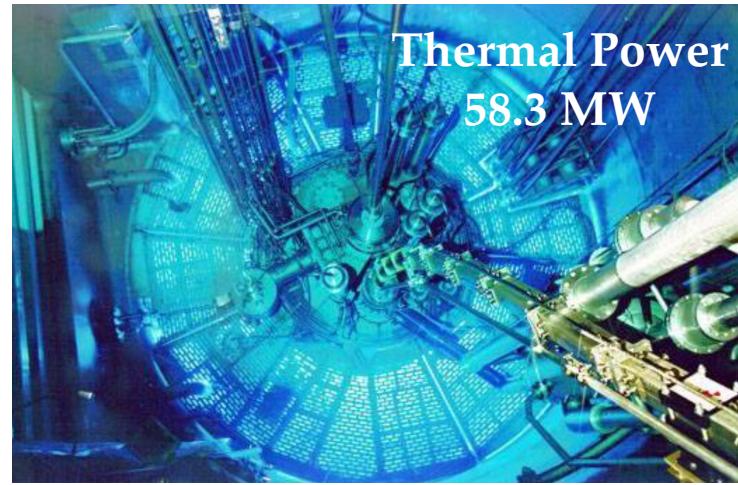
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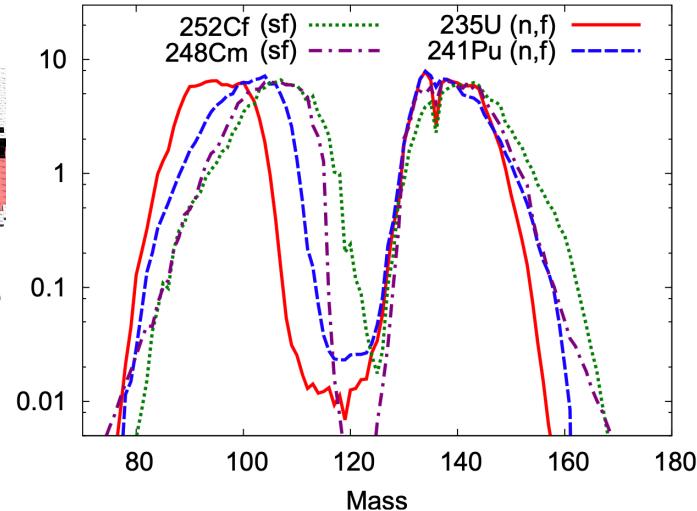
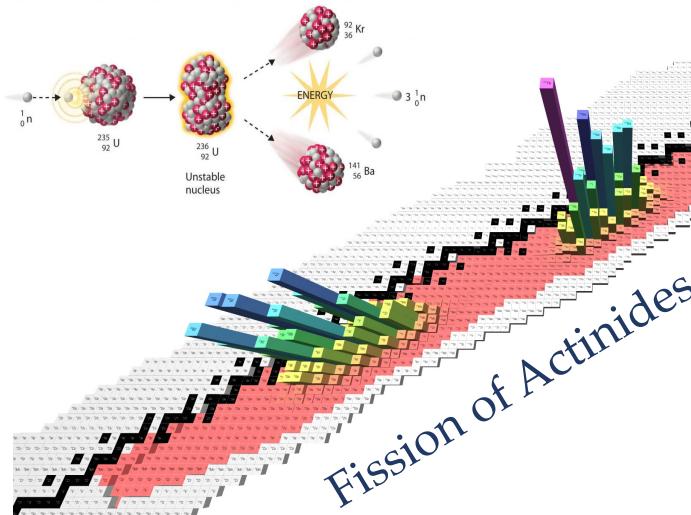
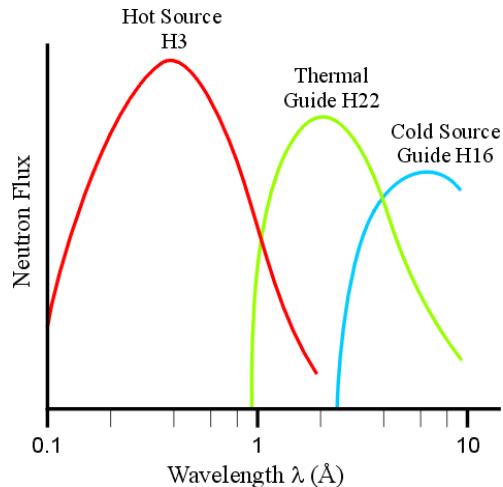
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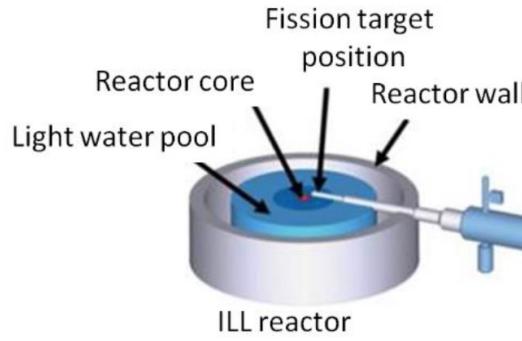
$\sim 10^{15}$ neutrons/s/cm²

NEUTRON-INDUCED FISSIONS



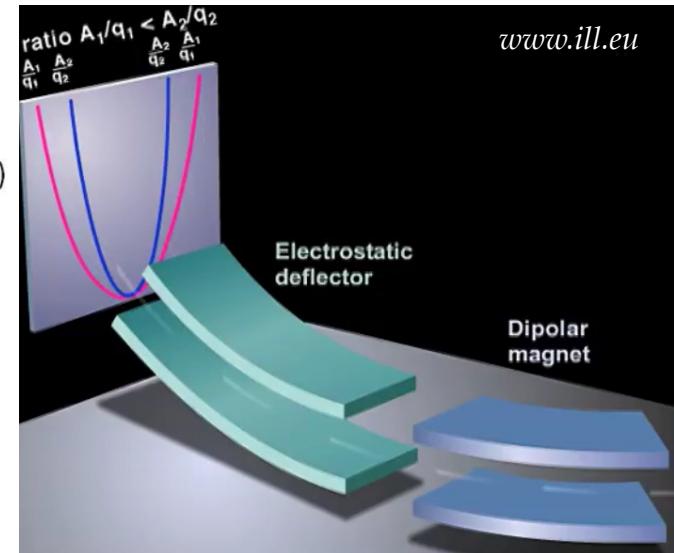
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THE LOHENGRIN SPECTROMETER



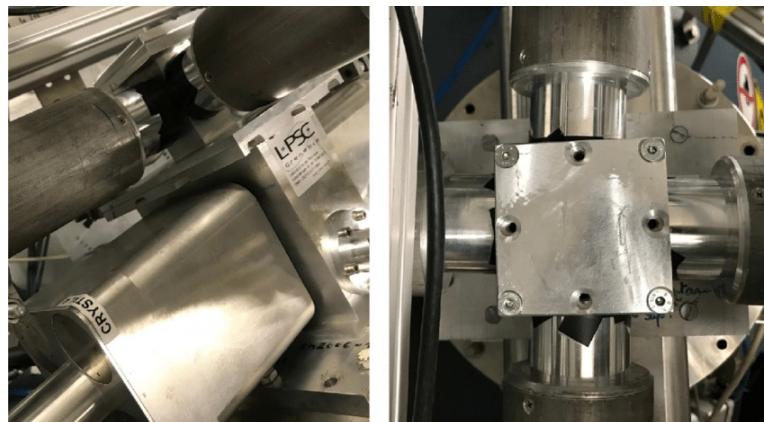
ILL reactor
Thermal neutron flux
at target $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ n/s/cm}^2$

P. Armbruster *et al.*, NIM A 139, 213 (1976)



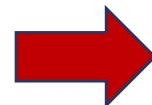
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THE FOCAL PLANE DETECTORS



J.-M. Régis *et al.*, NIM A 955, 163258 (2020)

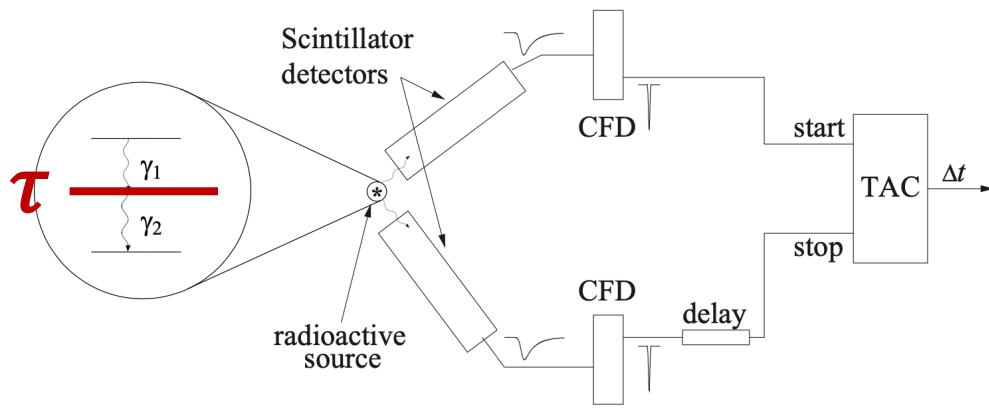
- 1 Ionization chamber (2 sections)
- Clover HPGe (high energy resolution)
- 4 LaBr₃ (fast timing)



γ decay from isomeric states

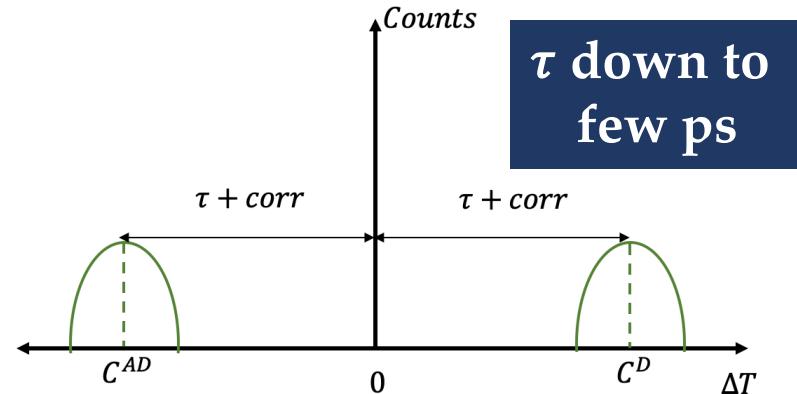
Subnanosecond lifetimes with fast-timing techniques

FAST TIMING



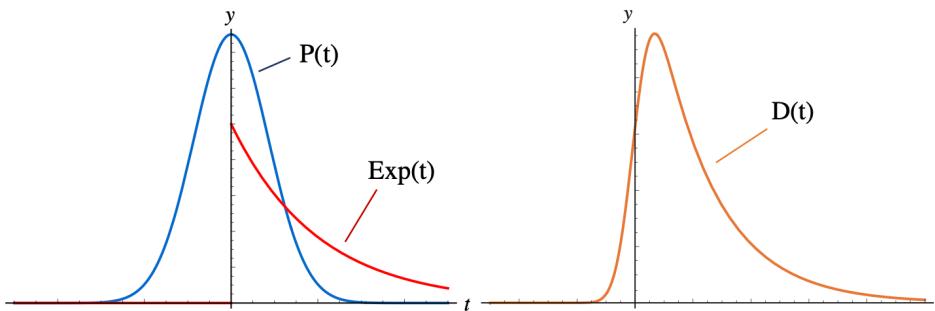
GENERALIZED CENTROID DIFFERENCE

J.-M. Régis et al., NIM A 955, 163258 (2020)

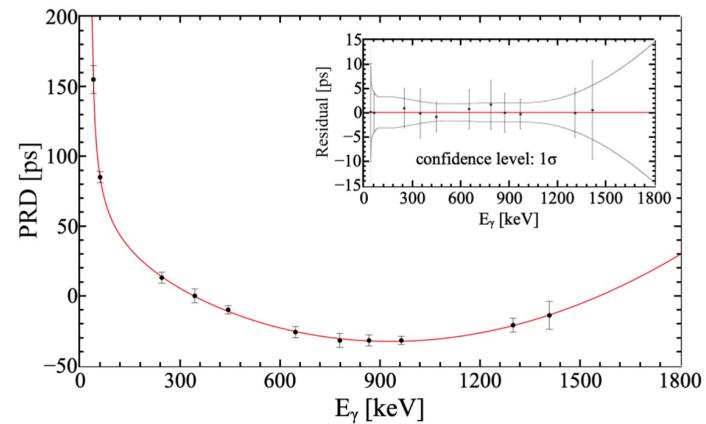


SLOPE METHOD

$$\Delta C = PRD(E_{start}, E_{stop}) + 2\tau$$



$\tau \sim$ hundreds ps or more



Lifetime measurements in exotic nuclei

Emergence of collectivity
around ^{132}Sn

S. Bottoni *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. C 107, 014322 (2023)

^{131}Sb

^{96}Rb

Shape coexistence
at $A \sim 100$

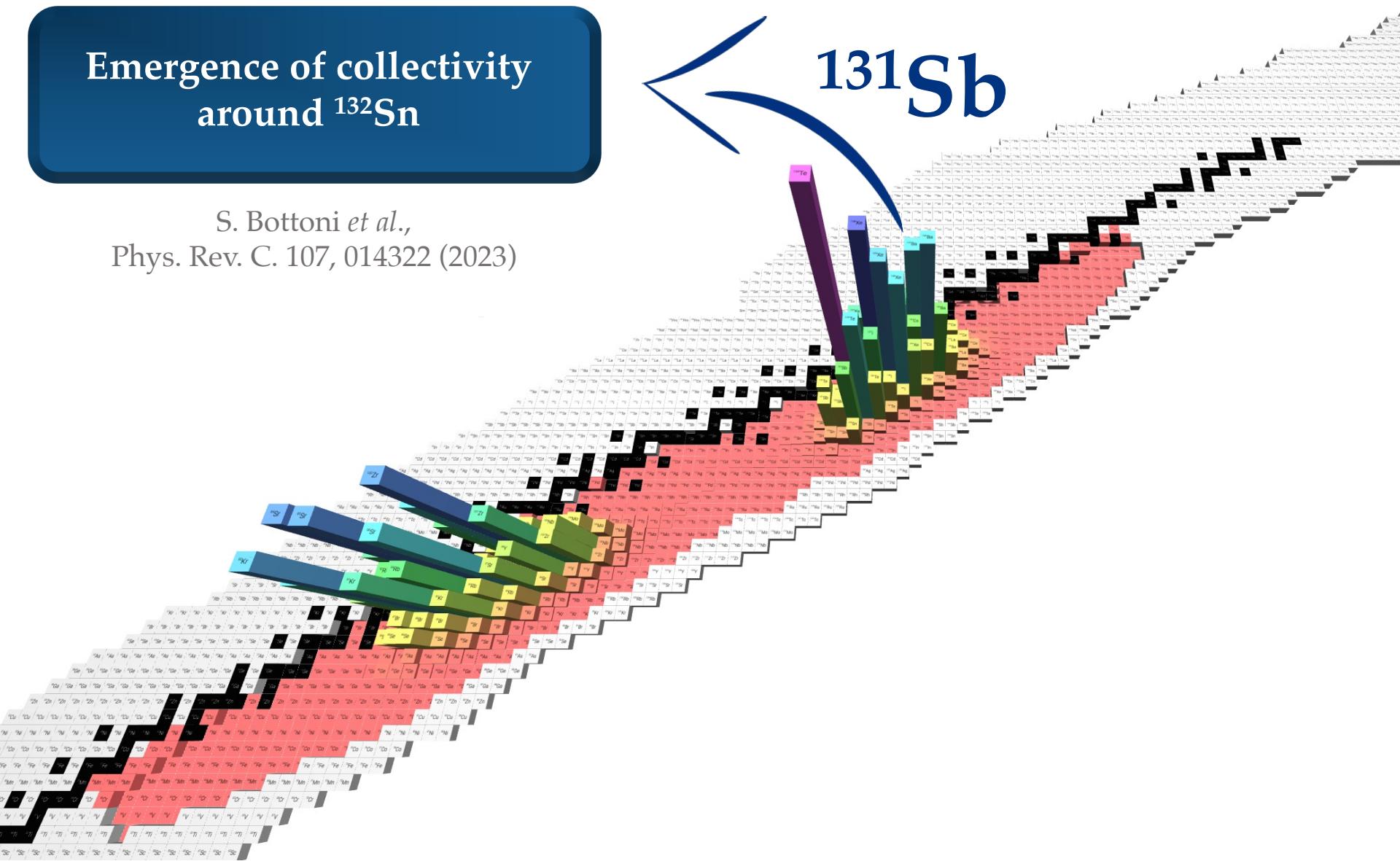
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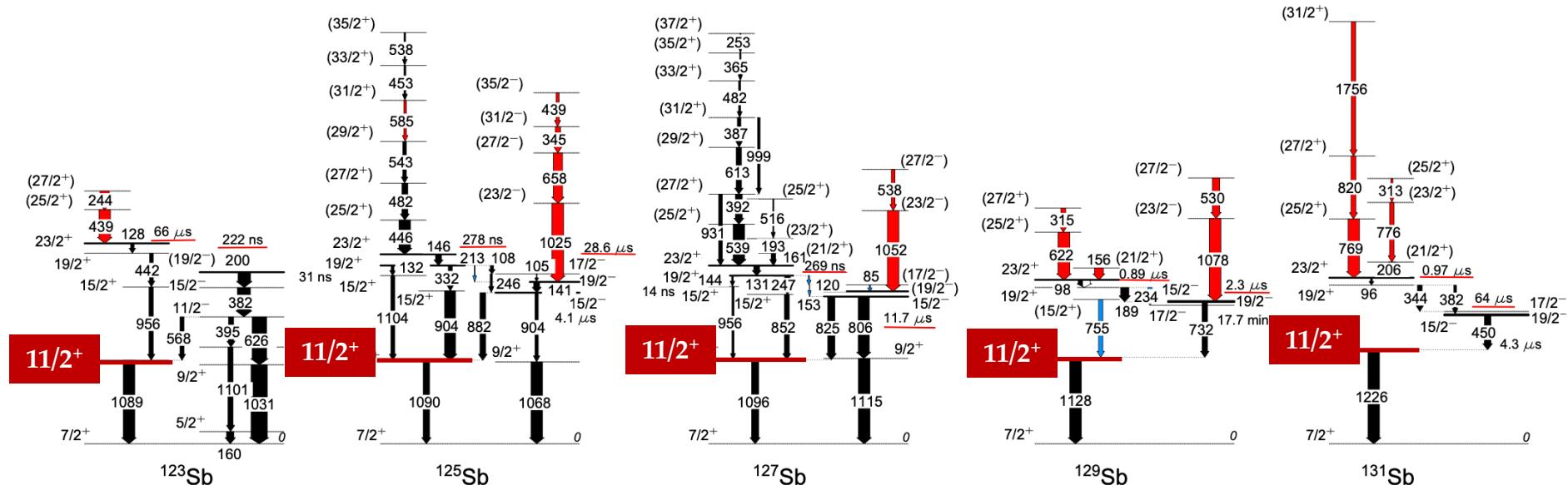
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^{131}Sb



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S. Biswas *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C. 99, 064302 (2019)



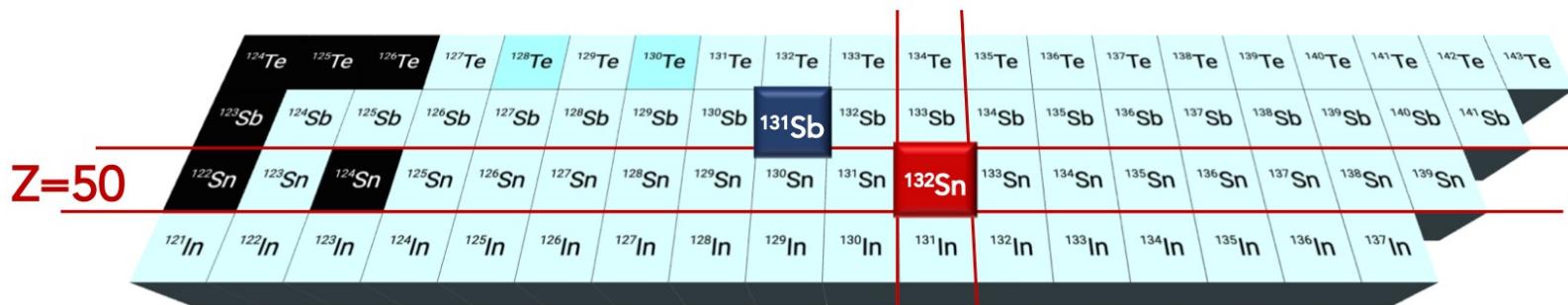
1p-10h

1p-8h

1p-6h

1p-4h

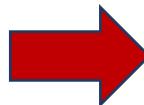
1p-2h



Similar structure along the isotopic chain

Little information available on low-lying E2 strength

Emergence of collectivity around ^{132}Sn



Adding and removing nucleons around doubly magic nuclei

AROUND ^{132}Sn

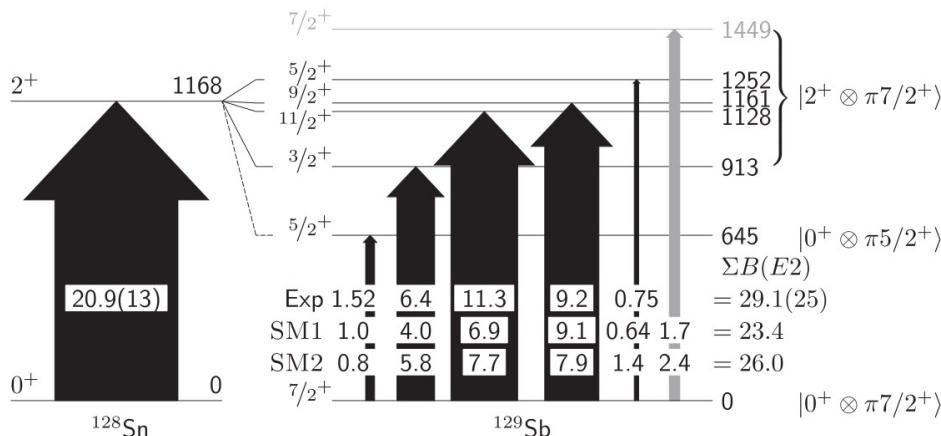
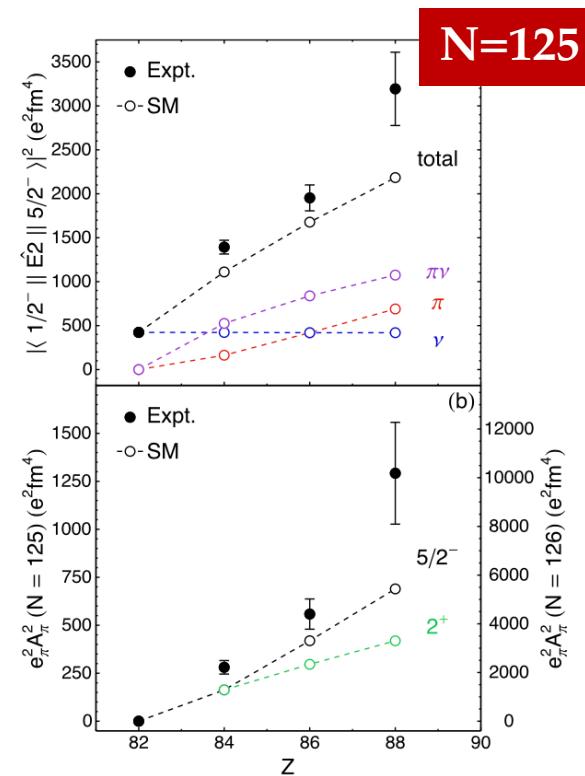


TABLE I. $B(E2)$ results of ^{129}Sb and comparison to shell-model calculations.

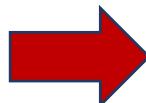
I^π_i	Experiment			SM1		SM2			
	E_x (keV)	$B(E2\uparrow)$ (W.u.)	$B(E2\downarrow)$ (W.u.)	E_x (keV)	$B(E2\uparrow)$ (W.u.)	$B(E2\downarrow)$ (W.u.)	E_x (keV)	$B(E2\uparrow)$ (W.u.)	$B(E2\downarrow)$ (W.u.)
$5/2^+_1$	645	1.52(25)	2.0(3)	937	1.0	1.4	781	0.80	1.1
$3/2^+_1$	913	6.4(7)	12.7(14)	1090	4.0	8.0	1204	5.8	11.6
$11/2^+_1$	1128	11.3(7)	7.5(5)	1172	6.9	4.6	1419	7.7	5.1
$9/2^+_1$	1161	9.2(8)	7.3(6)	1078	9.1	7.3	1417	7.9	6.3
$5/2^+_2$	1252	0.75(9)	1.00(12)	1245	0.64	0.85	1440	1.4	1.9
$7/2^+_2$				1449	1.7	1.7	1695	2.4	2.4
$\sum B(E2\uparrow)$		29.1(25)			23.4			26.0	

AROUND ^{208}Pb



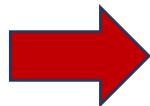
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M. S. M. Gerathy *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B **823**, 136738 (2021)

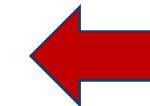


Increase of collectivity typically underestimated by SM calculations

Emergence of collectivity around ^{132}Sn

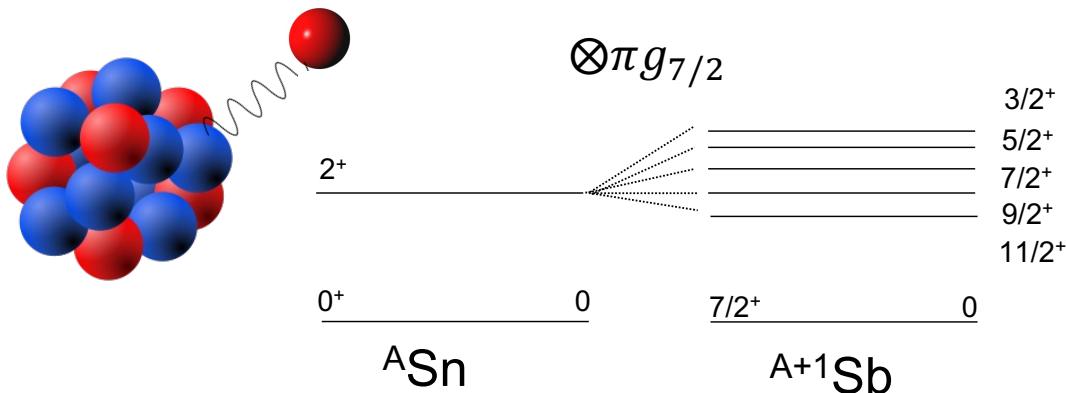


Do single nucleons act as spectators?



WEAK-COUPLING LIMIT

A. De-Shalit., Phys. Rev. **122**, 1530 (1961)



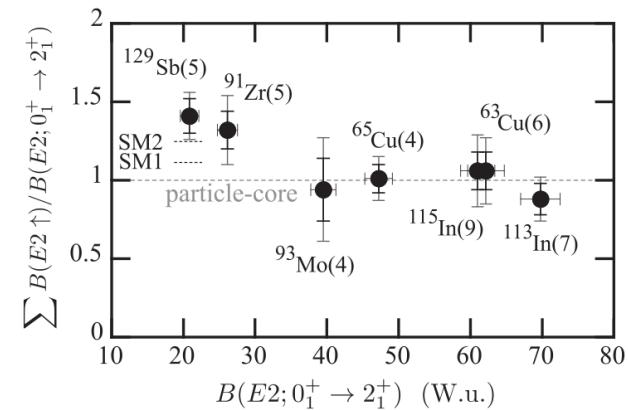
$$B\left(E2; J \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}\right) = B(E2; 2+ \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\sum_J B\left(E2; \frac{7}{2} \rightarrow J\right) = B(E2; 0 \rightarrow 2)$$

ELECTRIC QUADRUPOLE STRENGTH

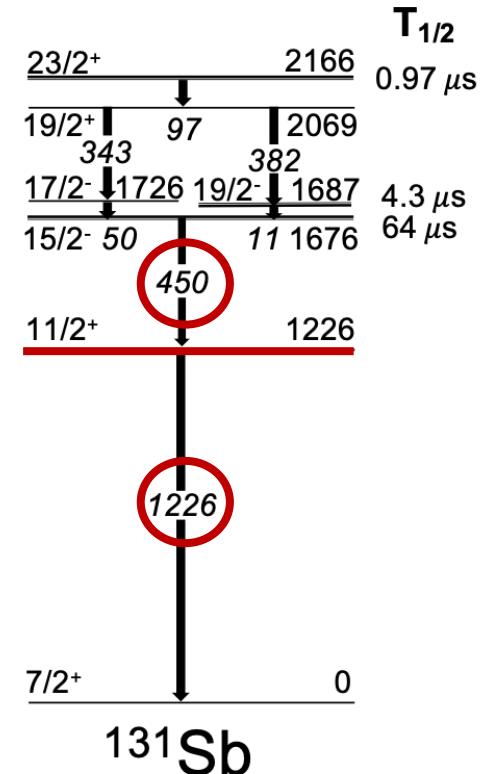
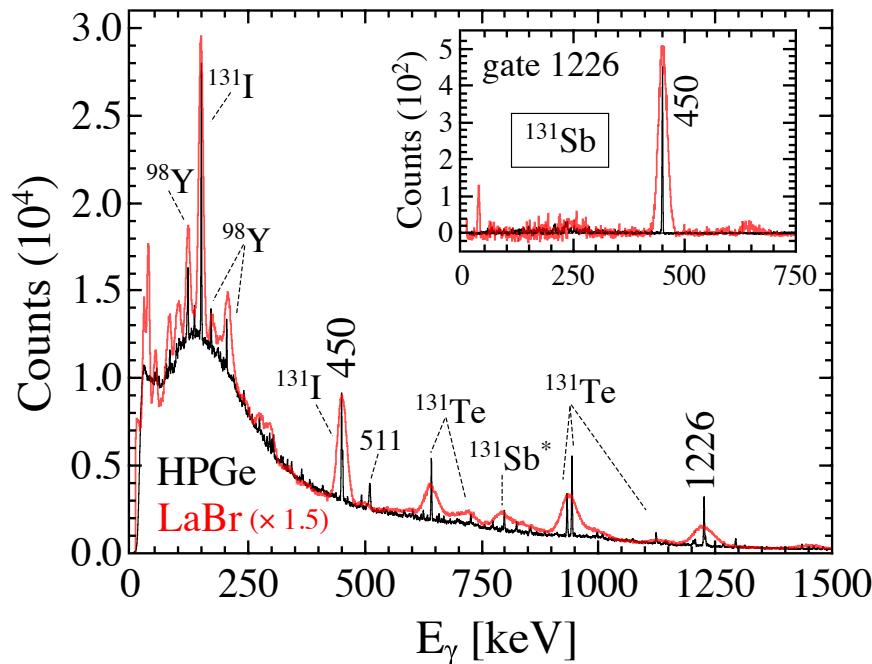
$$B\left(E2; J \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}\right) = \left(e_p \frac{A_p}{\sqrt{2J+1}}\right)^2 + \left(e_n \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{2J+1}}\right)^2 + 2e_p e_n \frac{A_p A_n}{(2J+1)}$$

proton-neutron interference term

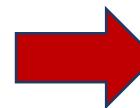
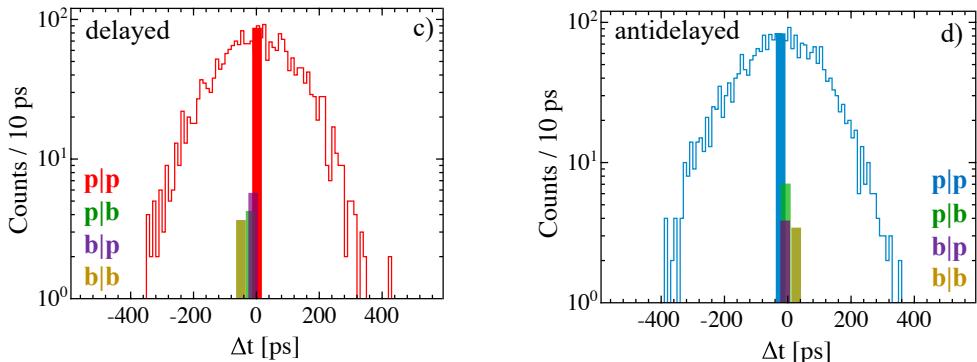


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LIFETIME MEASUREMENT

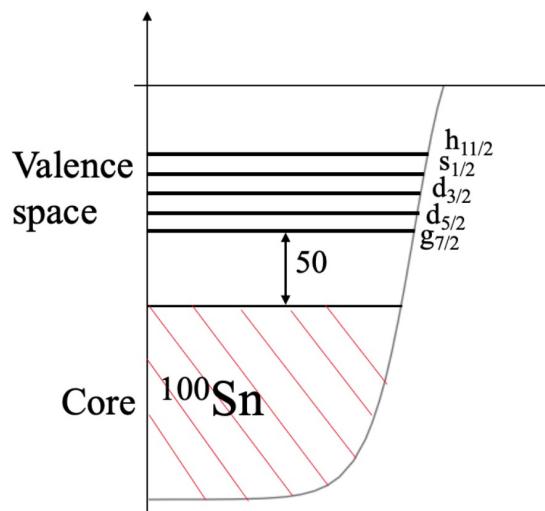


$$T_{1/2} = 3(2) \text{ ps}$$

At the limit of the experimental method

$$B(E2) = 1.5(9) \text{ W.u.}$$

Emergence of collectivity around ^{132}Sn



CALCULATIONS

A. Gargano, G. De Gregorio

- KSHELL
- CD-Bonn NN potential
- TBME from $V_{\text{low-}k}$
- Q-box at third order

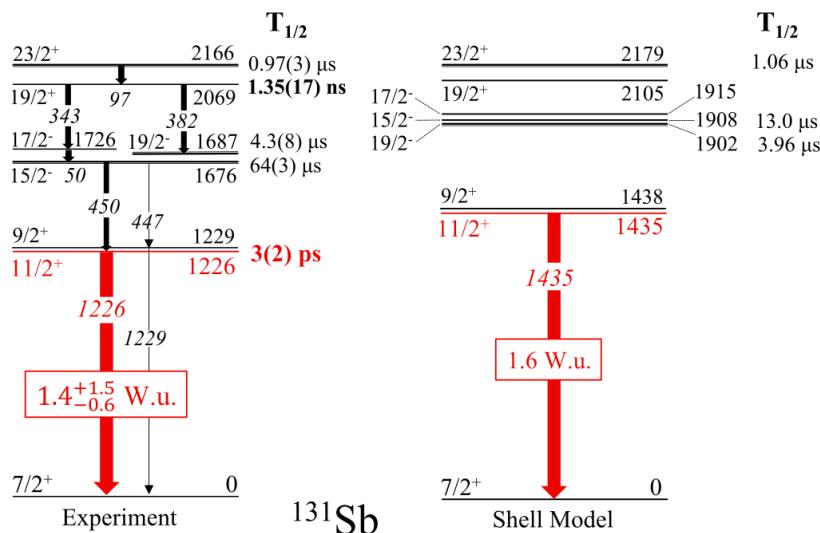
R. Machleidt, Phys. Rev. C 63, 024001 (2001)
L. Coraggio et al., Ann. Phys. 327, 2125 (2012)

^{130}Sn

$B(E2; 2^+ \rightarrow 0^+) [\text{W.u.}]$

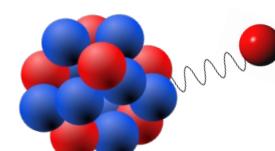
Exp	$e_n = 0.9$	$e_n = 0.67$
1.2(3)	2.2	1.2

RESULTS



Almost pure
wave function

$\pi g_{7/2} \otimes 2^+ (0.88)$

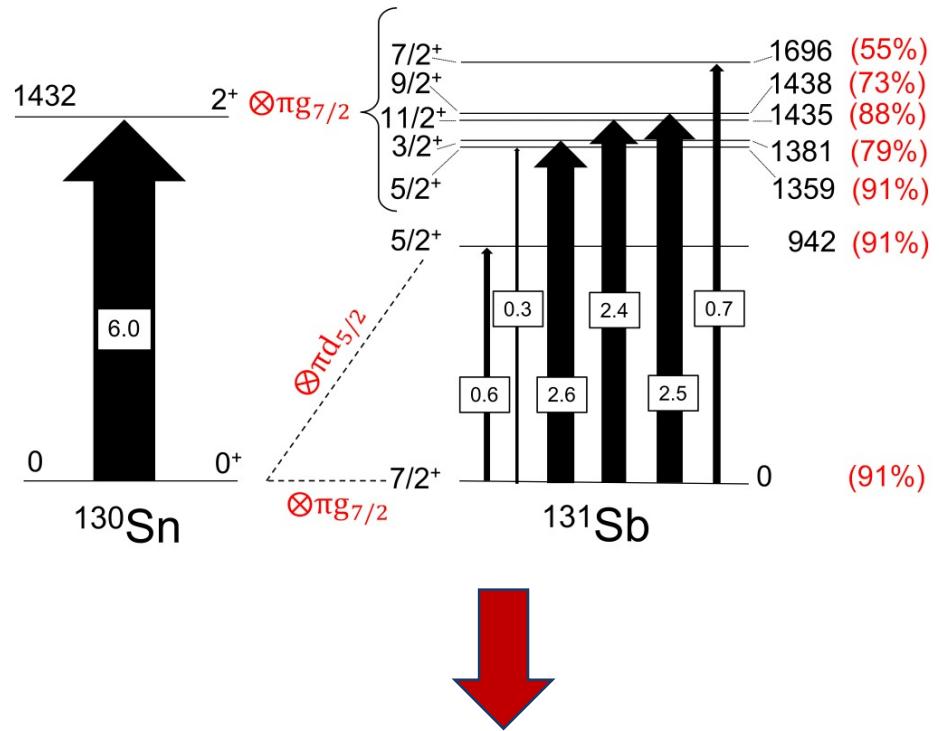
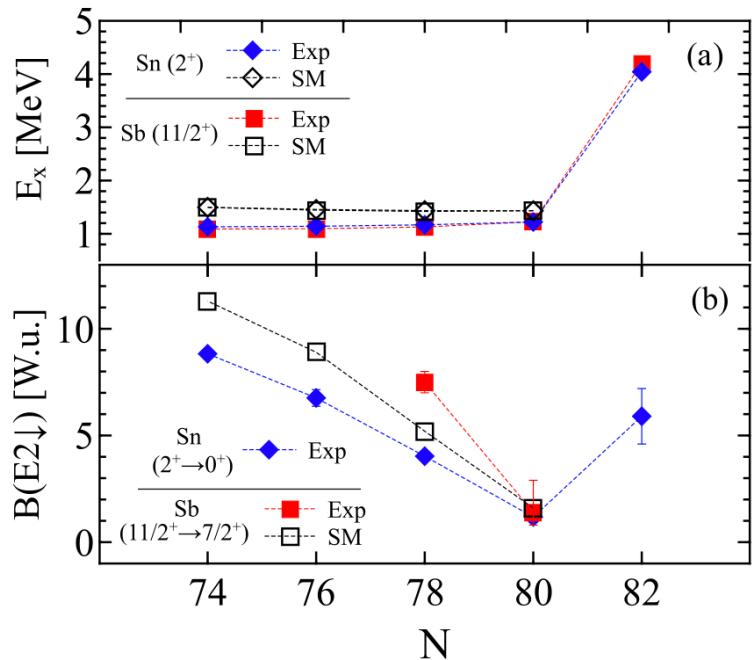


This supports the
weak coupling
approximation

$B(E2) - {}^{130}\text{Sn} = 1.2(3) \text{ W.u.}$

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ORIGIN OF COLLECTIVITY

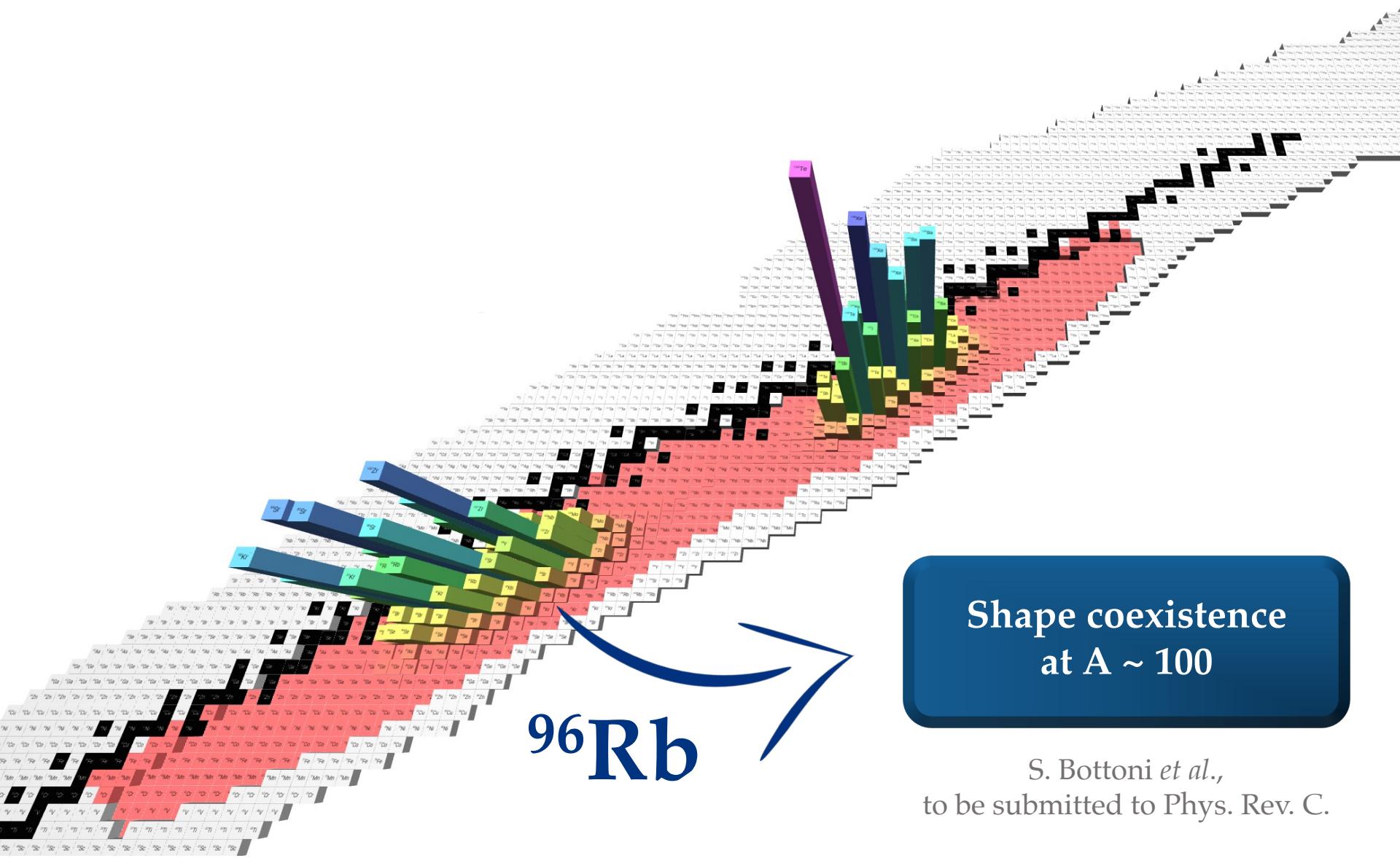


→ less fragmented wave function

→ equal proton and proton-neutron contribution

the SM prediction of the sum of the fragmented B($E2$) strength is larger than the one of the core
already in ^{131}Sb

Shape coexistence at A ~ 100

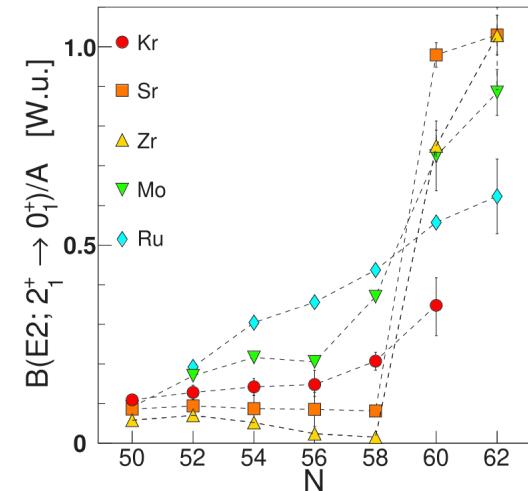
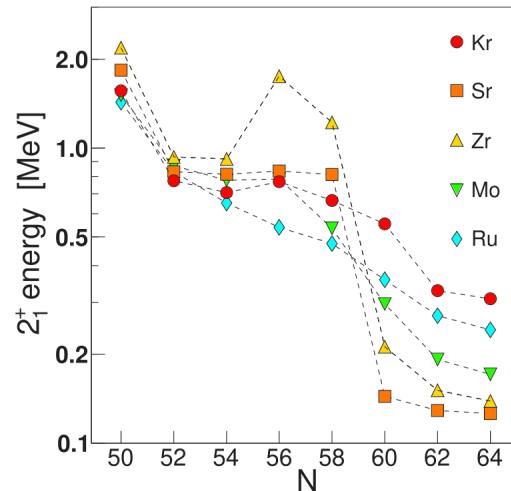
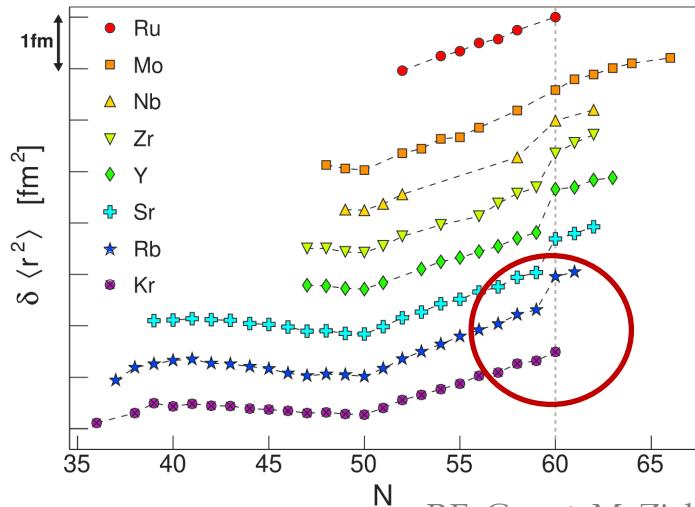


Shape coexistence
at $A \sim 100$

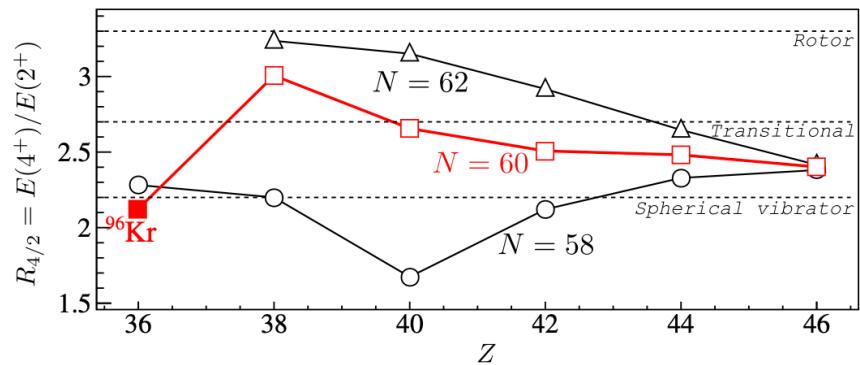
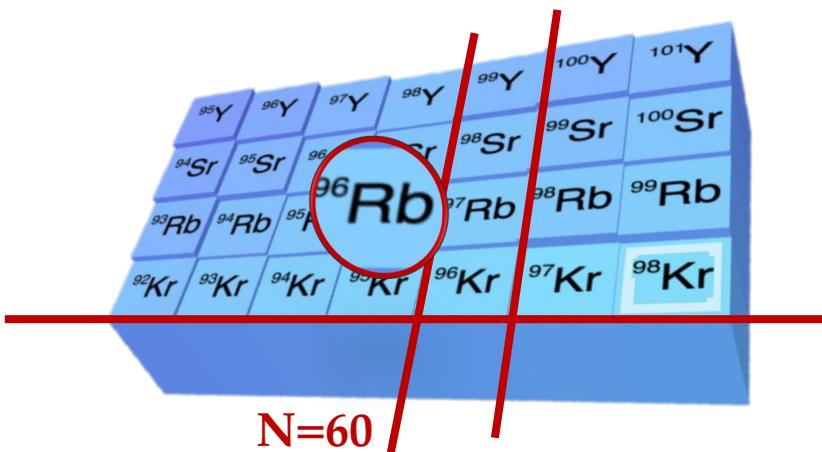
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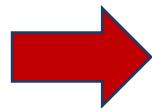
ISLAND OF DEFORMATION AT N=60



P.E. Garret, M. Zielińska, E. Clément, Progr. Nucl. Part. Phys. 124, 103931 (2022)



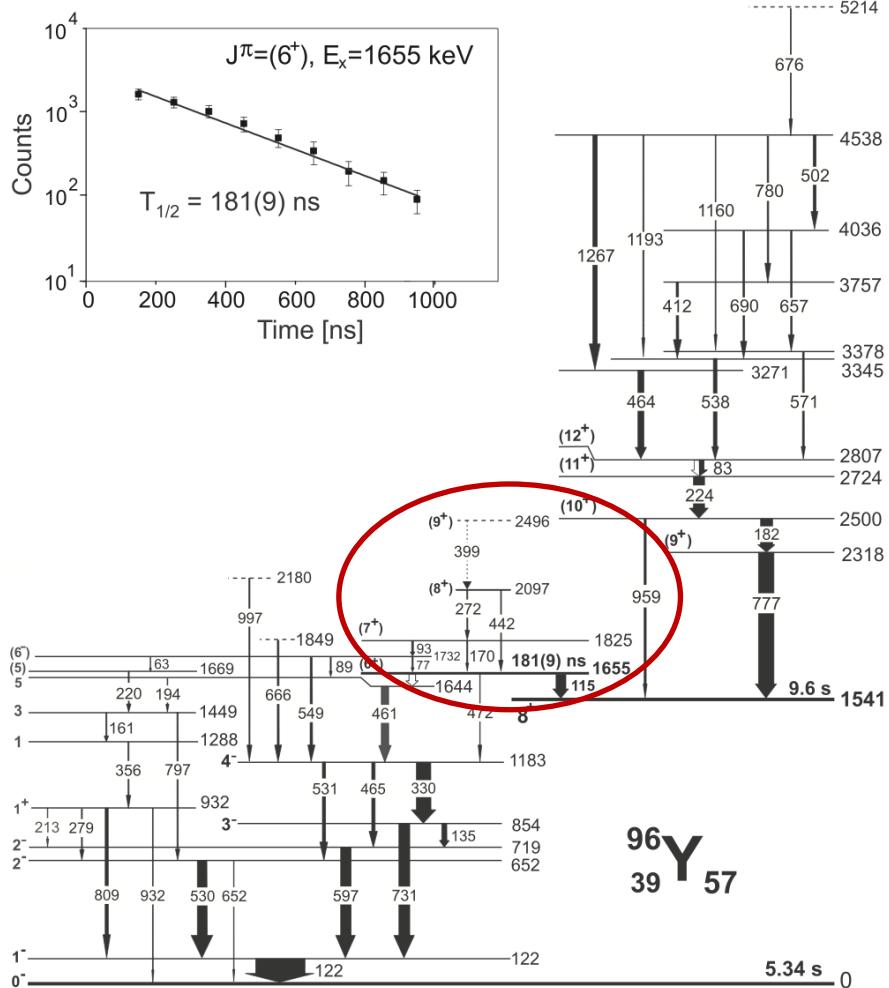
J. Dudouet *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 162501 (2017)



Approaching N=60 at the low-Z border of the island of deformation

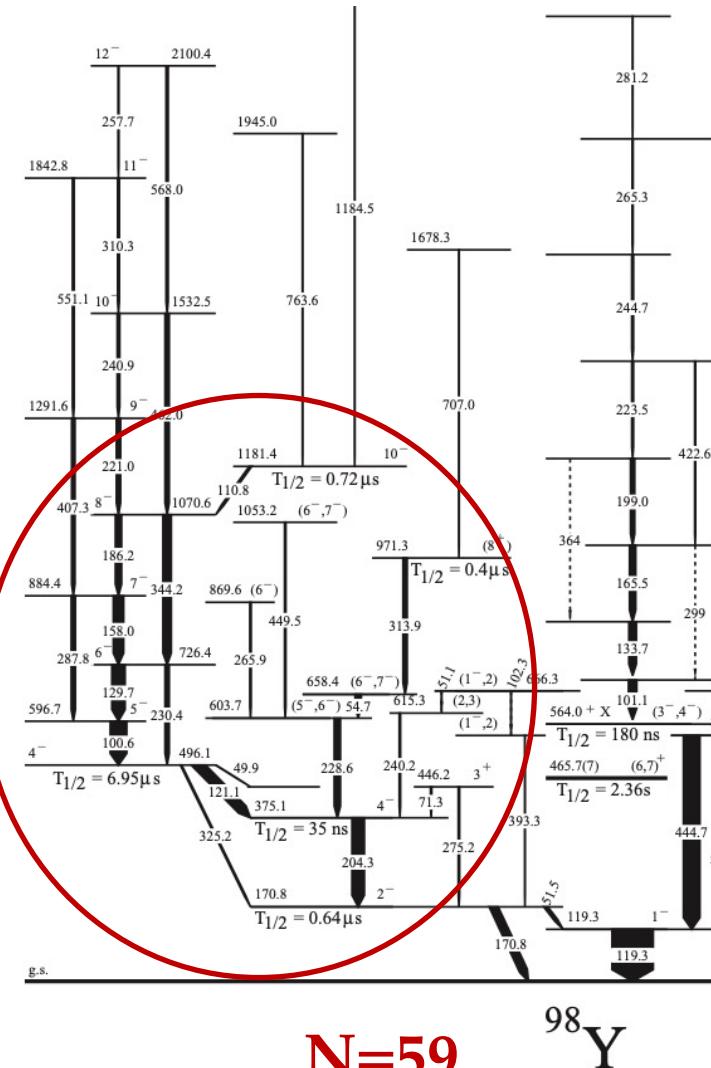
Shape coexistence at A ~ 100

THE Z=39 ISOTOPIC CHAIN



N=57

L. W. Iskra et al., Phys. Rev. C 102, 054324 (2020)

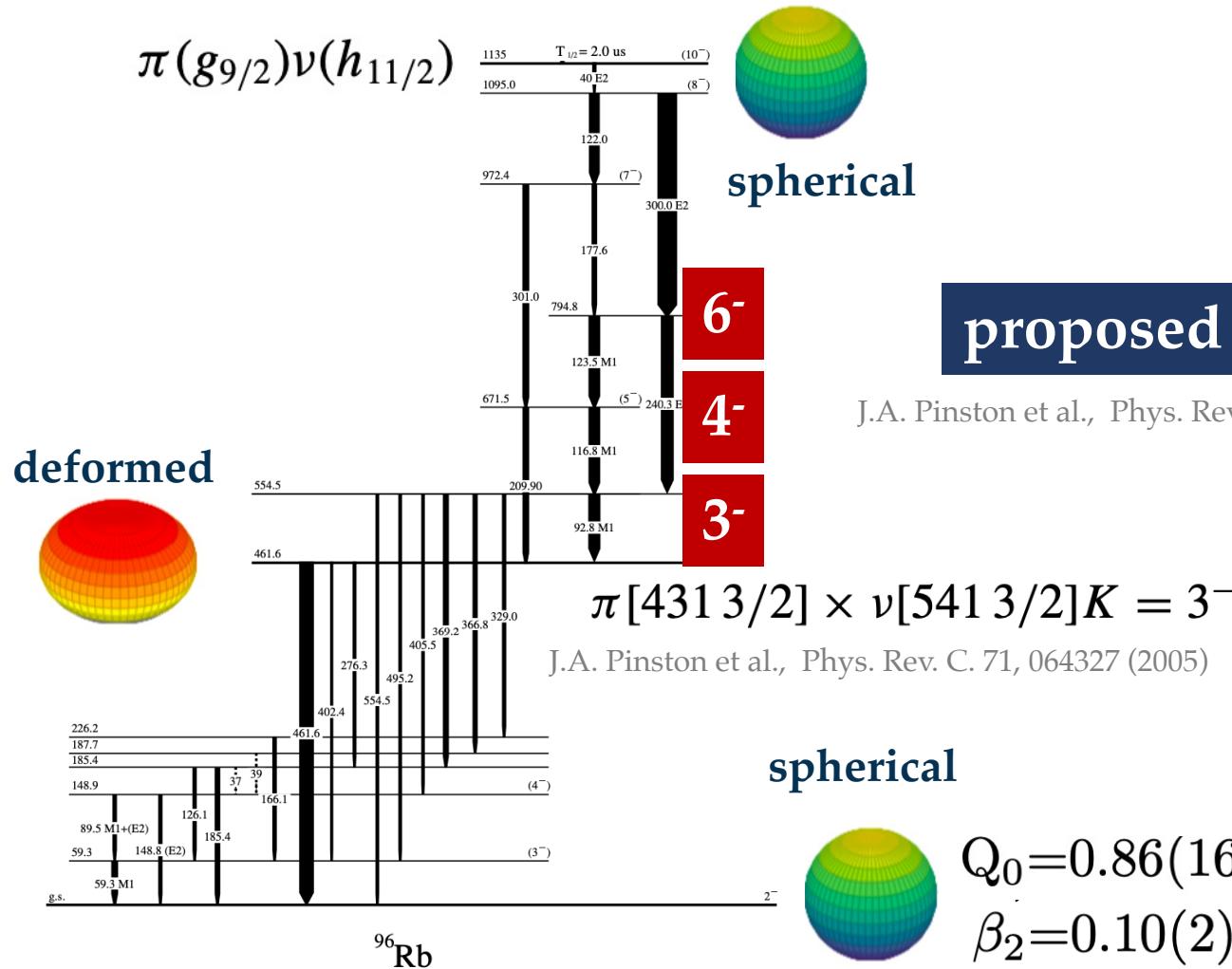


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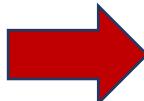
W. Urban et al., Phys. Rev. C 96, 044333 (2017)

Shape coexistence at A ~ 100

WHAT HAPPENS IN ^{96}Rb ?



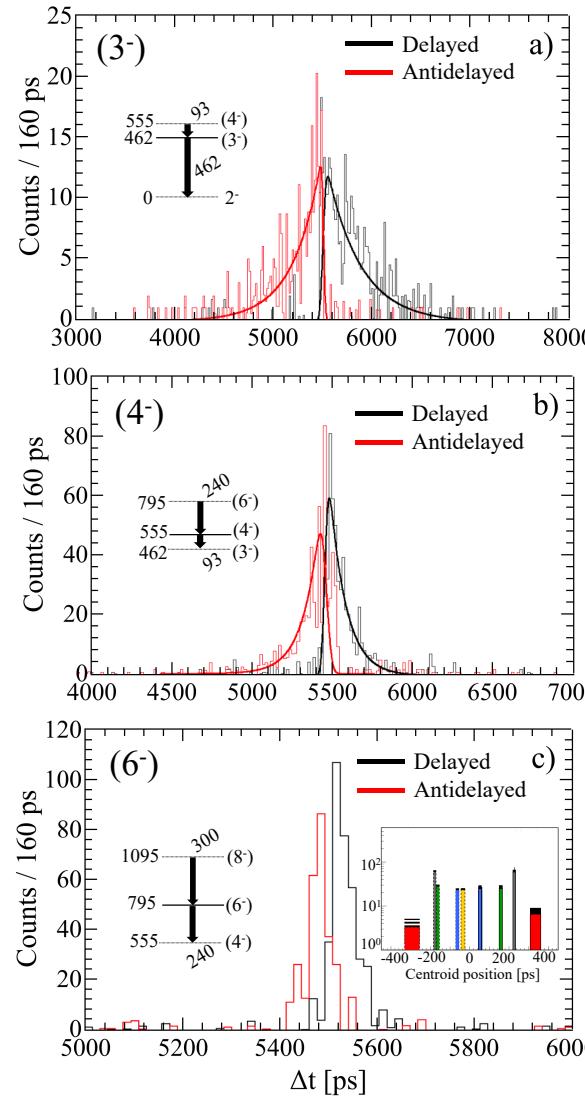
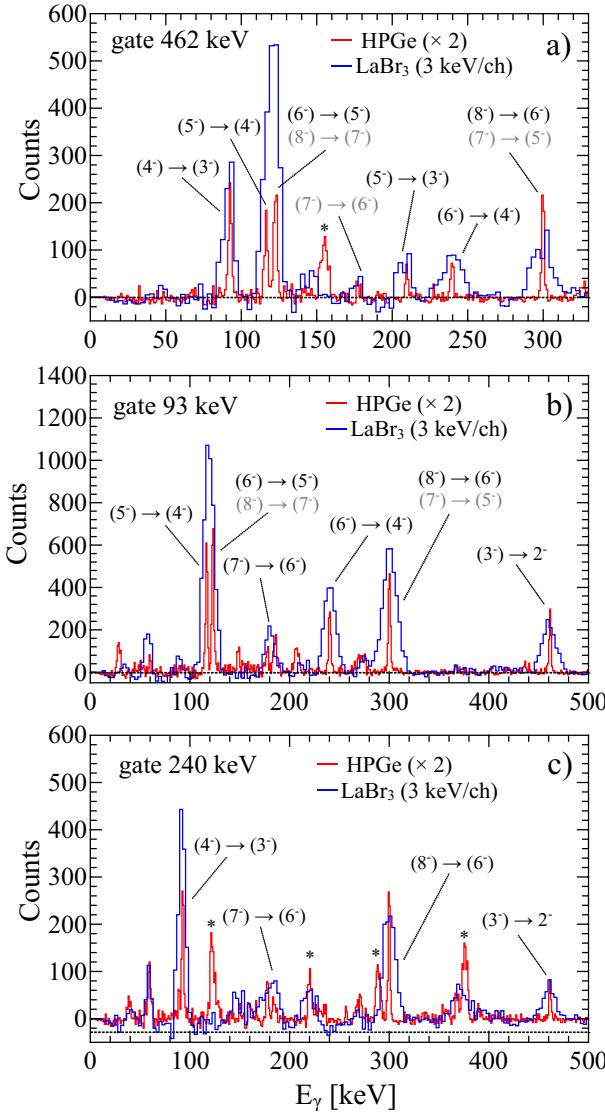
J. Genevey et al., Phys. Rev. C. 59, 82 (1999)



Can we probe and “quantify” shape coexistence and deformation ?

Shape coexistence at A ~ 100

LIFETIMES RESULTS



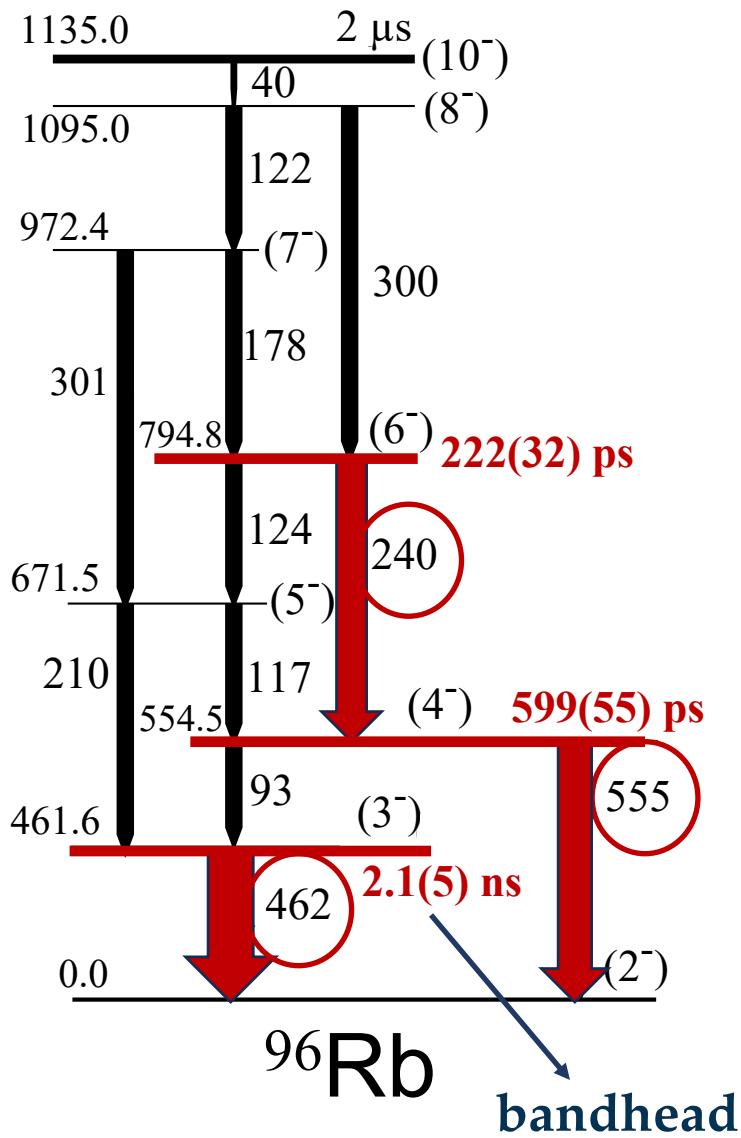
$$T_{1/2} = 2.1(5) \text{ ns}$$

$$T_{1/2} = 599(55) \text{ ps}$$

$$T_{1/2} = 222(32) \text{ ps}$$

Shape coexistence at A ~ 100

TRANSITION PROBABILITIES



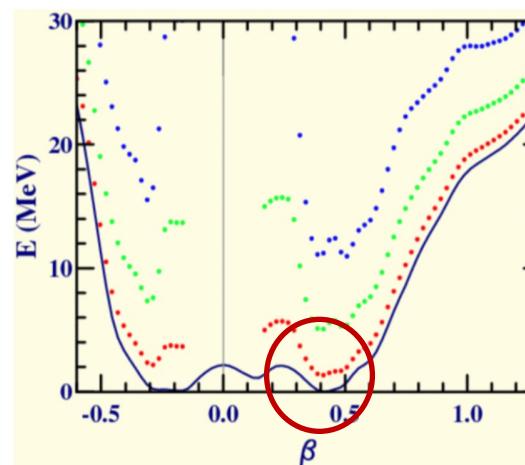
$$B(E2; 6^- \rightarrow 4^-) = 64.3(96) \text{ W.u.}$$

$$B(E2; J_i \rightarrow J_f) = \frac{5}{16\pi} e^2 Q_0^2 \langle J_i K 20 | J_f K \rangle^2,$$

$$Q_0 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5\pi}} R_{av}^2 Z \beta_2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{7} \sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} \beta_2 + \frac{1}{14\pi} \beta_2^2 + \dots \right)$$

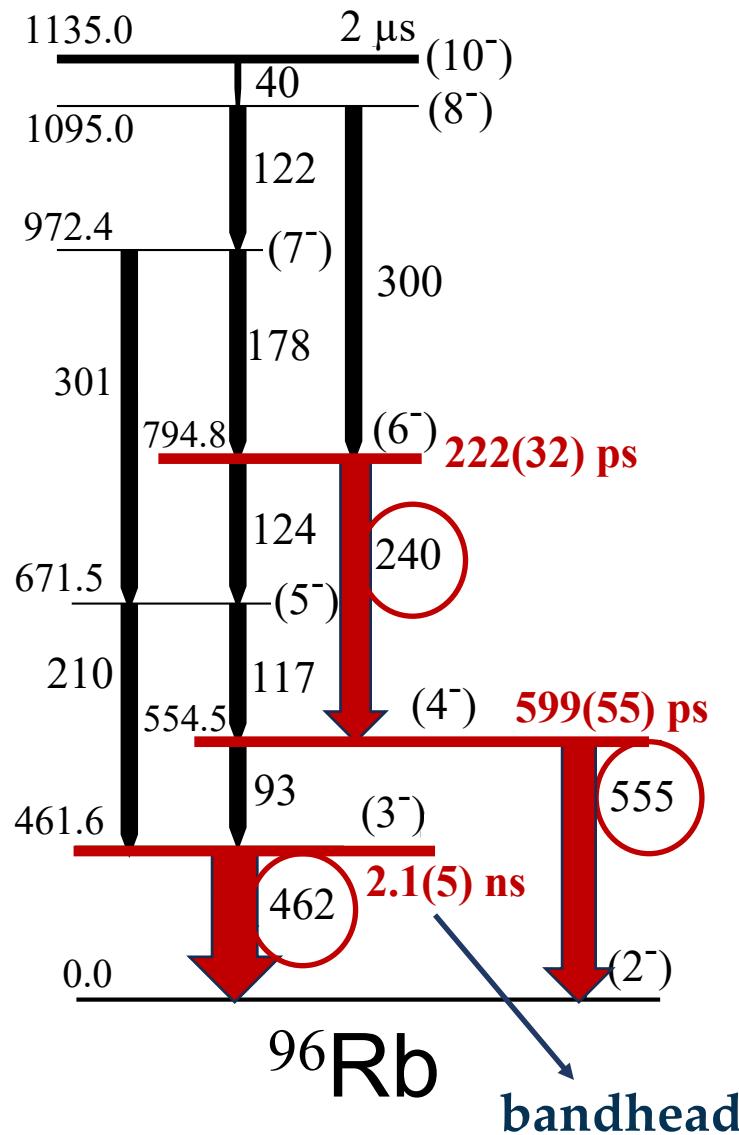
$$\beta_2 = 0.40(3)$$

HFB with DS1 Gogny



J. Berger, M. Girod, D. Gogny,
Comp. Phys. Comm.
63, 365 (1991)

Shape coexistence at A ~ 100



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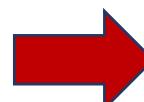
Extraband transitions

$$B(E2; 4^- \rightarrow 2^-) = 4.2(9) \times 10^{-2} \text{ W.u.}$$

Limits on the 462 keV

$$B(M1; 3^- \rightarrow 2^-) = 9.0(20) \times 10^{-5} \text{ W.u.}$$

$$B(E2; 3^- \rightarrow 2^-) = 4.0(10) \times 10^{-1} \text{ W.u.}$$



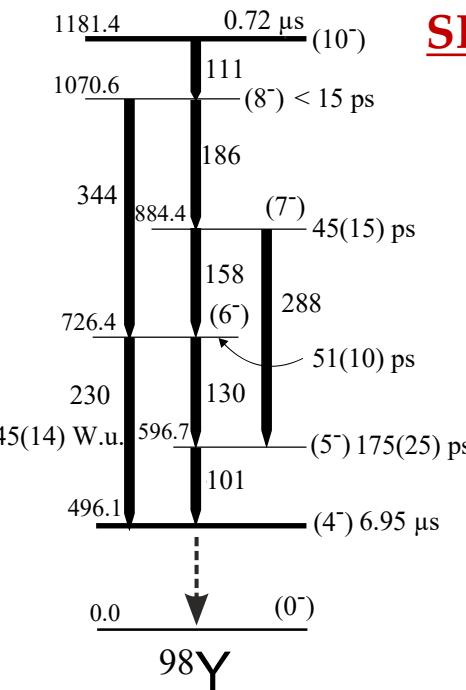
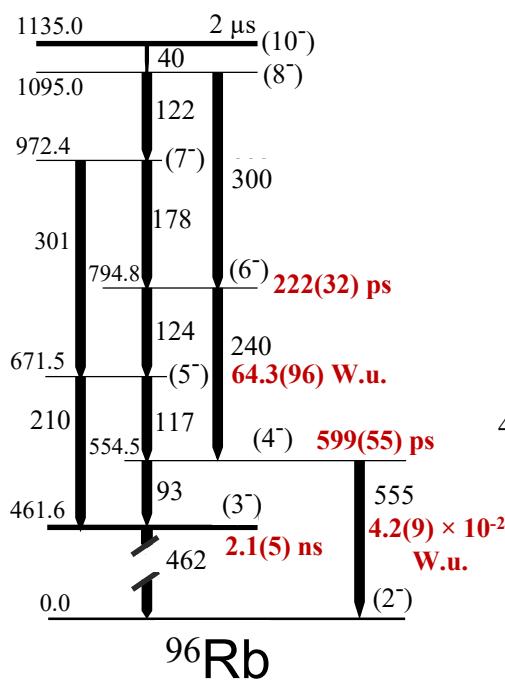
Hindrance possibly due to shape change

S. Leoni's talk
(Ni, Se, Sn...)

S. Leoni et al.,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 162502 (2017)

N. Marginean et al.,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 102502 (2020)

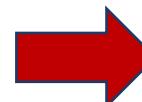
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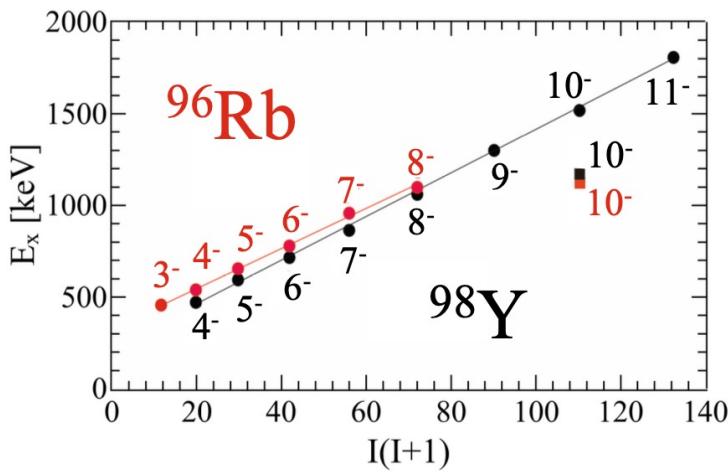
SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ^{96}Rb AND ^{98}Y

- Spherical 10^- isomer
- Same band deformation
- Same moment of inertia
- Similar decay retardation

Same orbitals involved in spherical and deformed structures



Unique feature
in the nuclide chart



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

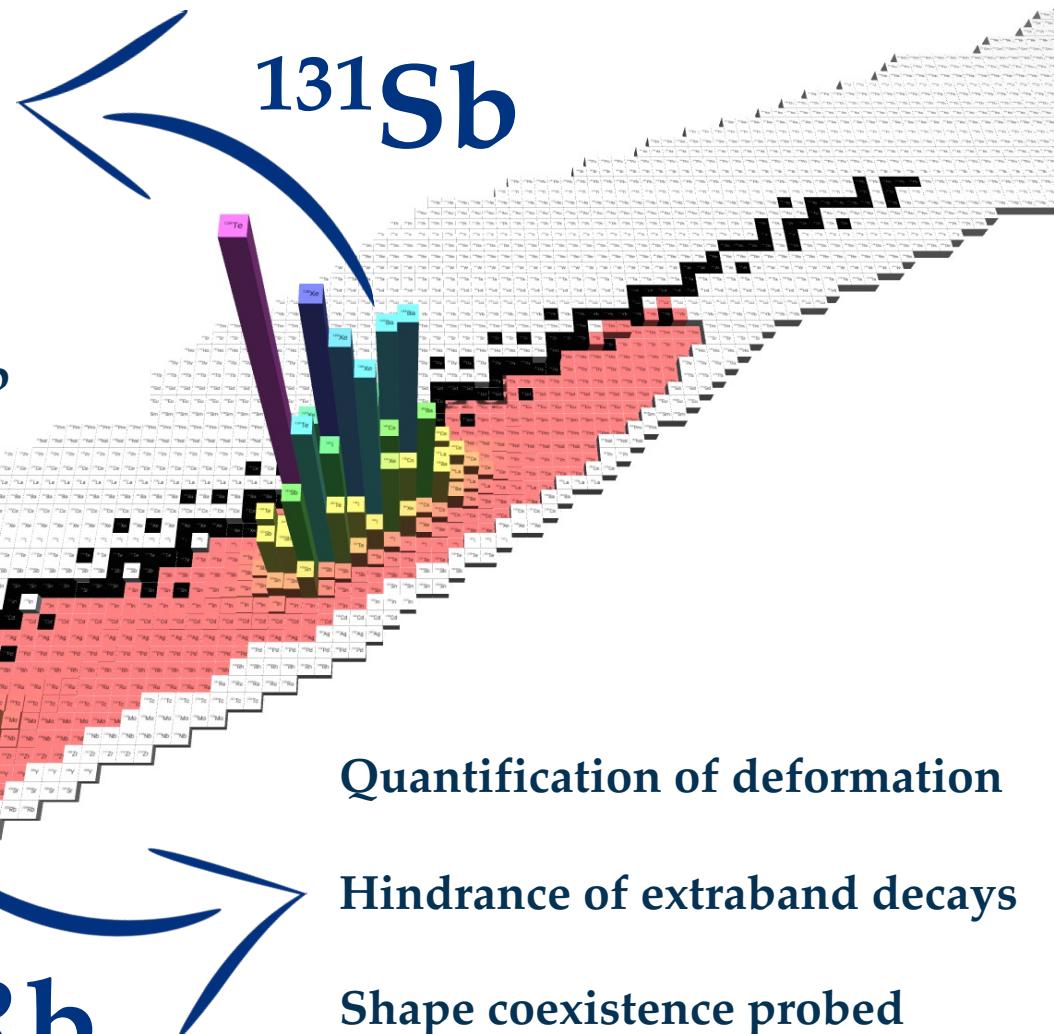
Conclusions

Non collective nature of the $11/2^+$

Coupling with the 2^+ in ^{130}Sn

Shell model calculations

E2 strength enhanced already in ^{131}Sb



^{131}Sb

^{96}Rb

Thank you!



Quantification of deformation

Hindrance of extraband decays

Shape coexistence probed

Similarities with ^{98}Y