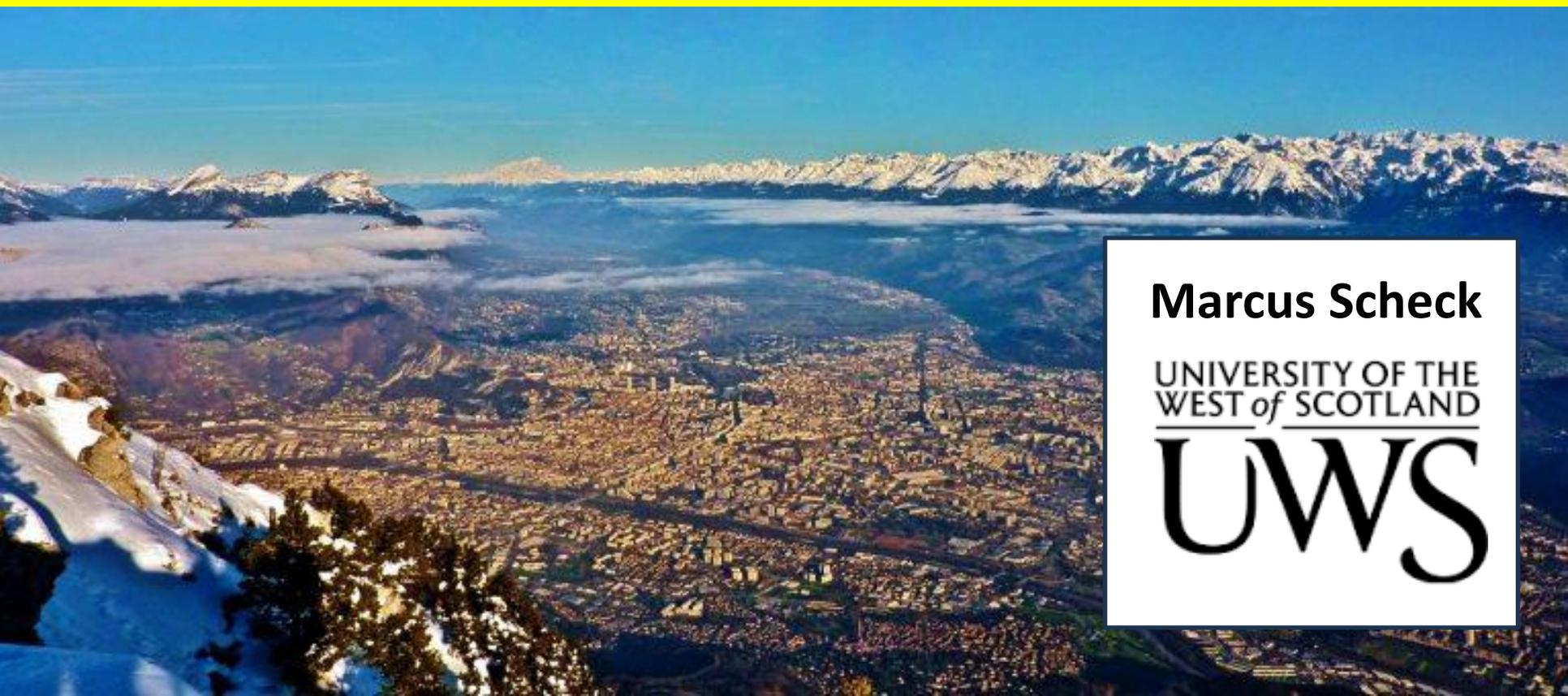


**Candidates for
low-lying octupole isovector
(mixed-symmetry) excitations
CGS 17 – Grenoble**



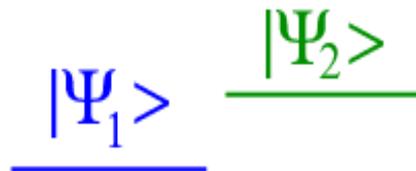
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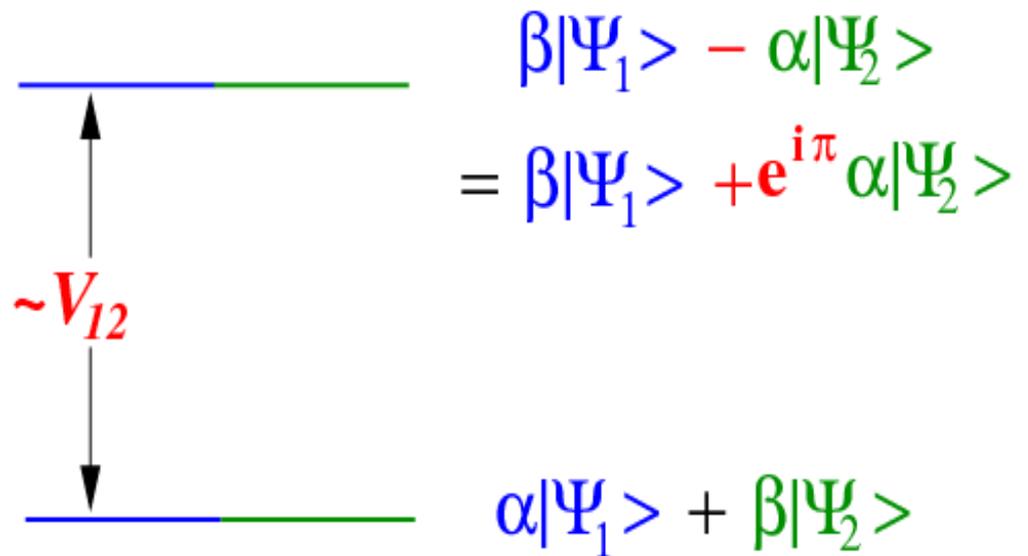
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Physics Motivation: Low-lying octupole isovector (mixed-symmetry) levels

No interaction



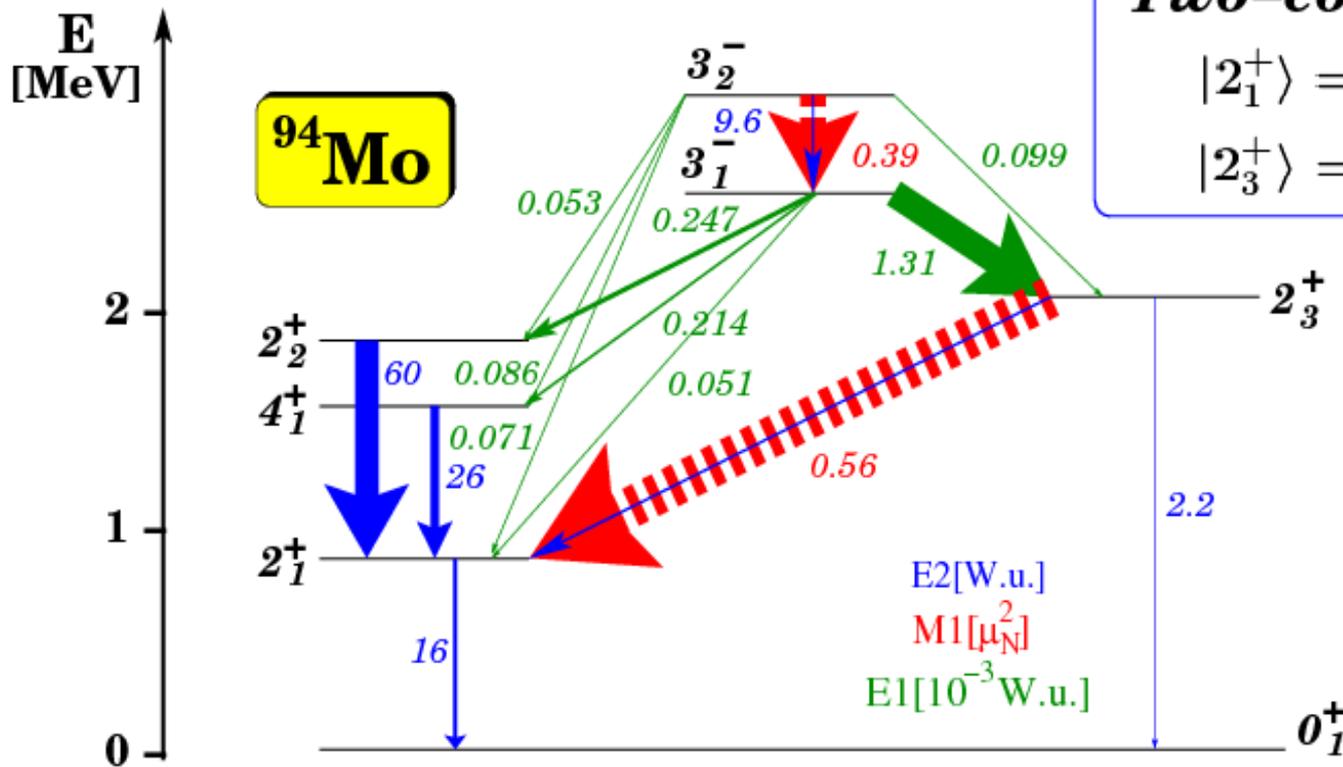
With interaction V_{12}



$$\begin{pmatrix} H_0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 \end{pmatrix} = E_i \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_0 & V_{12} \\ V_{12} & H_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 \end{pmatrix} = E'_i \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Physics Motivation: Low-lying octupole isovector (mixed-symmetry) levels



Two-component system:

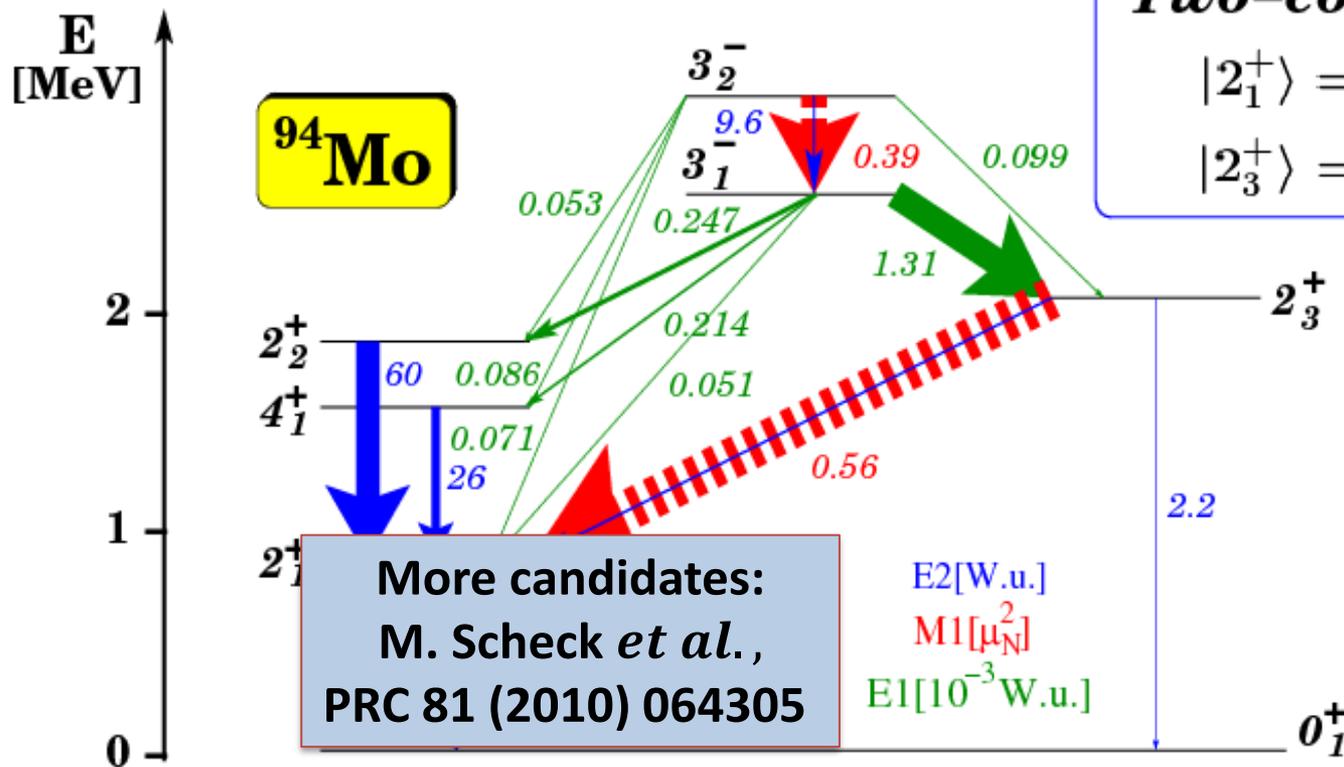
$$|2_1^+\rangle = \alpha|2_\pi^+\rangle + \beta|2_\nu^+\rangle$$

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Theory:

proton-neutron
octupole-octupole
interaction

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More candidates:
M. Scheck *et al.*,
PRC 81 (2010) 064305

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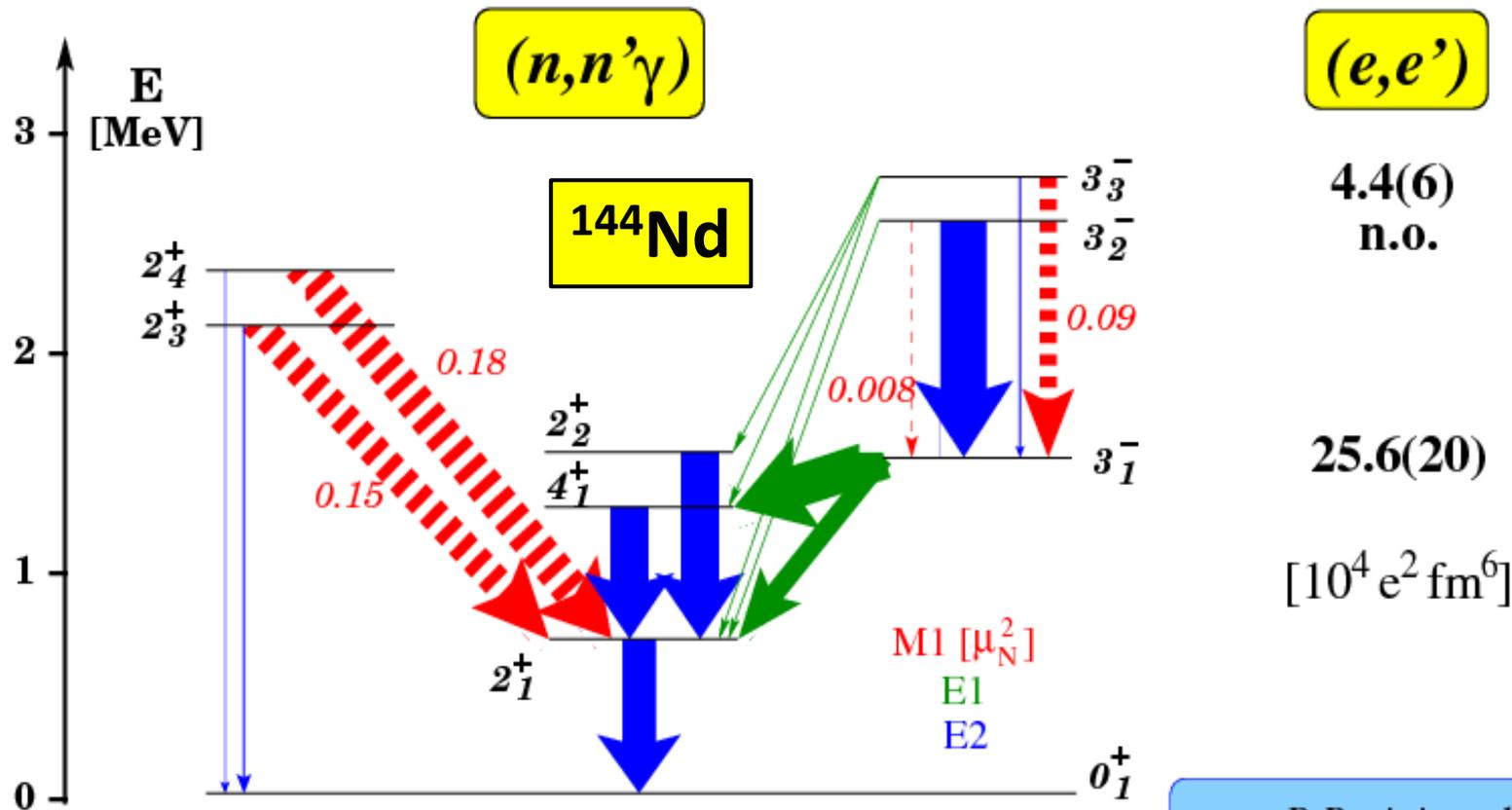
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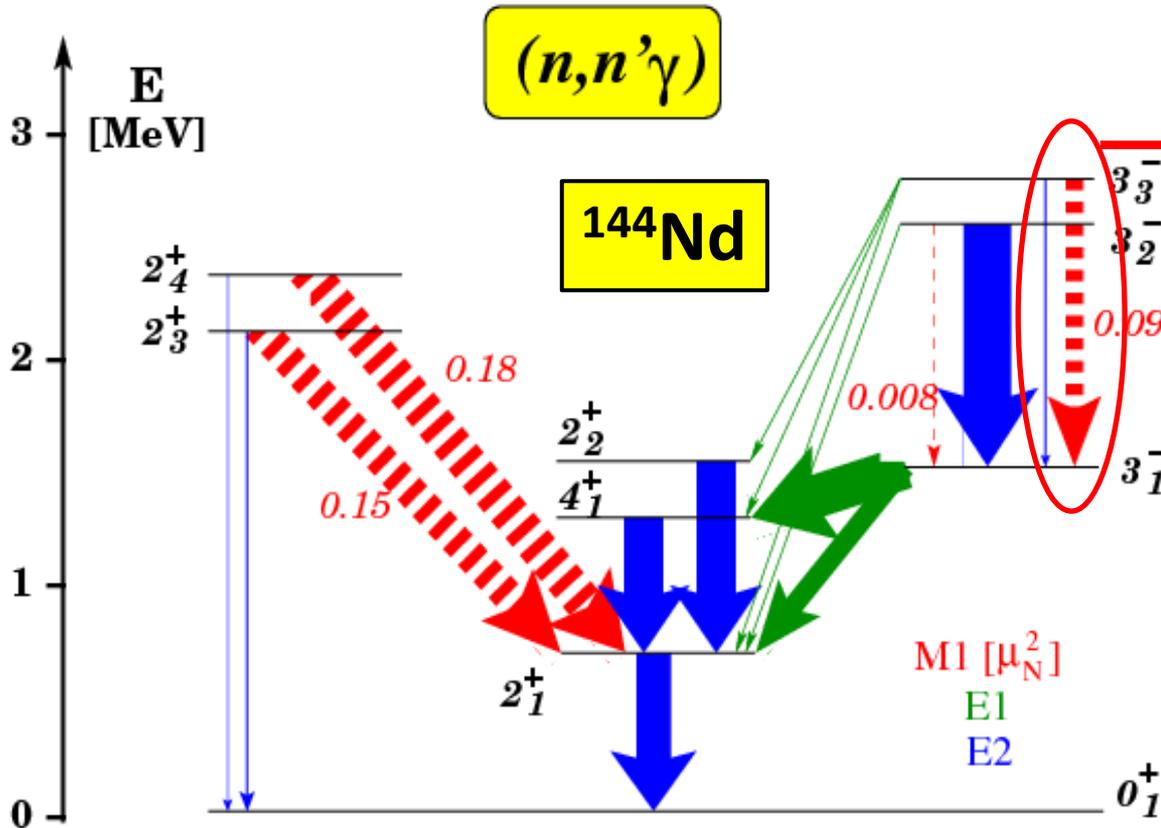
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Experimental motivation (uncertainties in data)



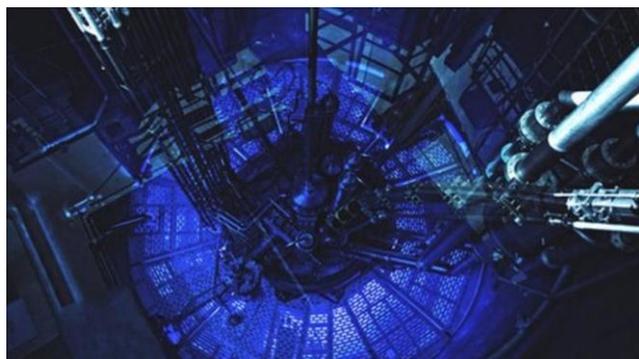
Doublet with
(2⁺) 2828 keV
⇒ (2₂⁺) 1560 keV transition

(n,n'γ) data only
'singles' ⇒
How reliable are
multipole-mixing
ratio δ and relative
intensity?

(n,n'γ) 'singles':
heavy open-shell nucleus
⇒ spectra:
high peak density
≈ 3 MeV
upper limit for (n,n'γ)

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EXILL (EXogam at ILL): high statistics ($n_{th}, \gamma\gamma$)

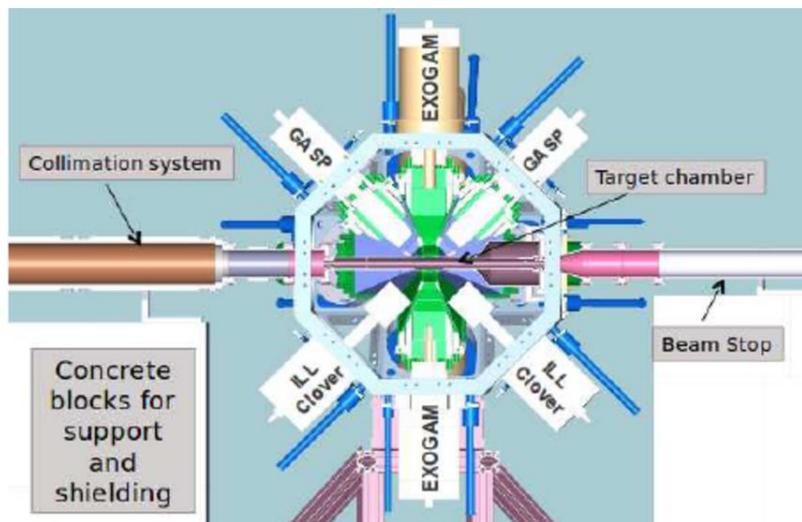
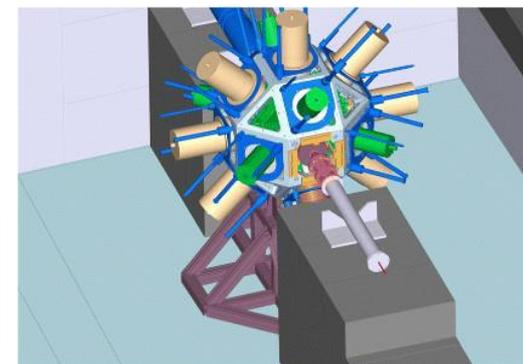


At target:

$$\phi_n \approx 5 \times 10^7 \frac{n}{s \cdot cm^2}$$

$$\sigma_{n_{th}} \cdot m_{target} \approx 250 \text{ mg} \cdot b$$

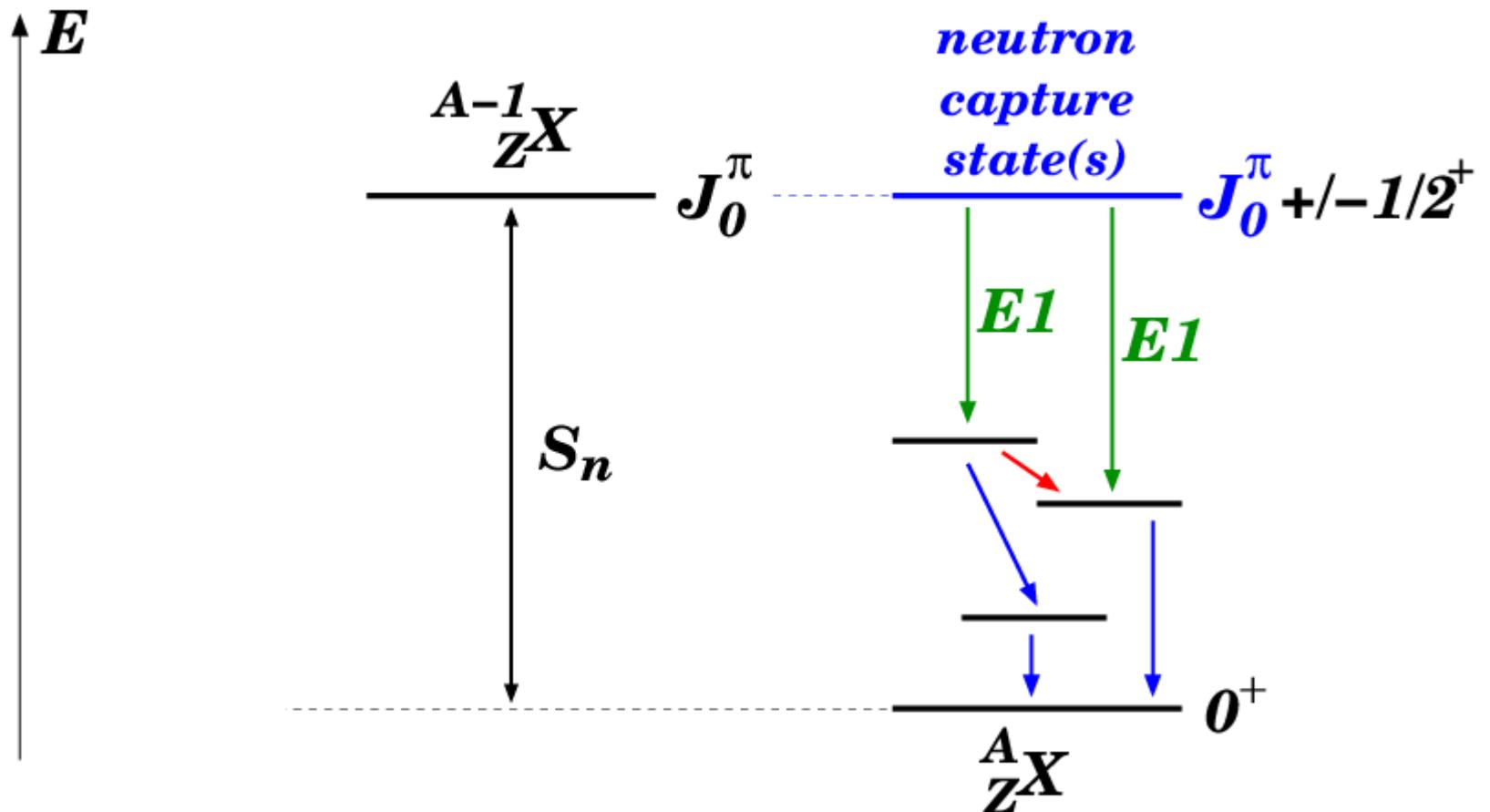
(good HPGe counts rates)



$^{143}\text{Nd}(n_{th}, \gamma\gamma)$ and $^{95}\text{Mo}(n_{th}, \gamma\gamma)$:
(only) 8 Clover detectors at $\theta = 90^\circ$
octagonal symmetry \Rightarrow 4 angular groups
($45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ$, and 180°)

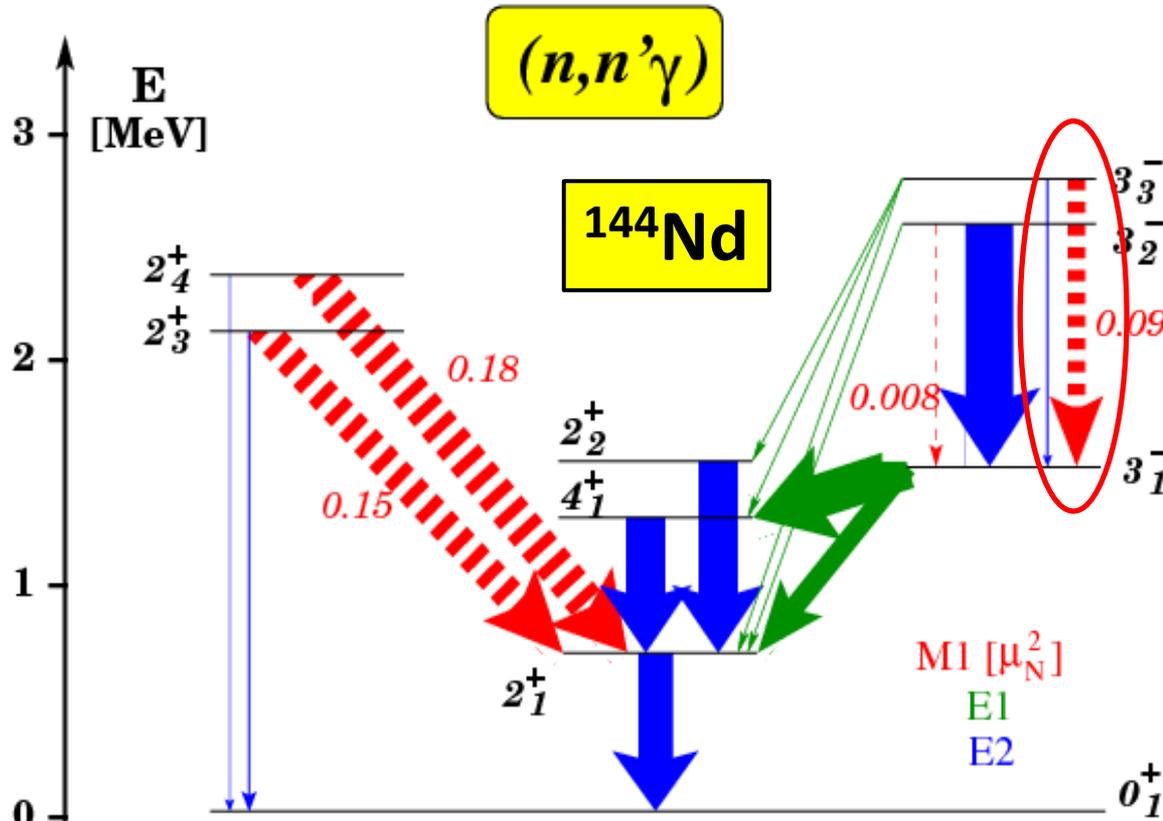
Nucleus	m_{target} [mg]	t_{mess} [hours]
^{95}Mo	17	22
^{143}Nd	0.8	20

$A-1$ Z $X(n_{th}, \gamma\gamma)$ reaction (in simple terms)



^{144}Nd

3_3^- octupole isovector candidate



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$^{143}\text{Nd}: J_0^\pi = 7/2^-$
 $\Rightarrow J_{NCS}^\pi = 3^- \text{ or } 4^-$

$S_n(^{144}\text{Nd}): 7817 \text{ keV}$

Literature:

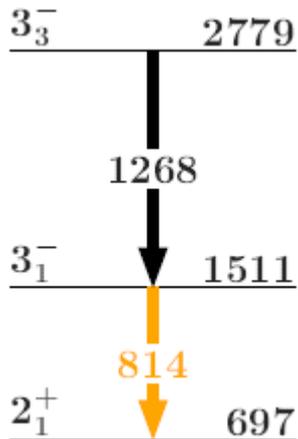
$$\delta(3_2^- \rightarrow 3_1^-) = 3_{-3}^{+13}$$

$$\delta(3_3^- \rightarrow 3_1^-) = 0.37_{-11}^{+17}$$

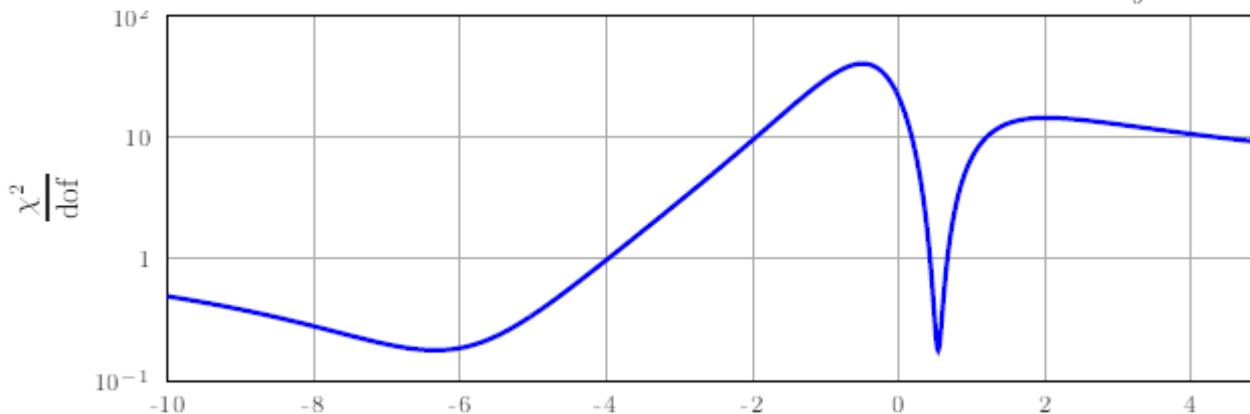
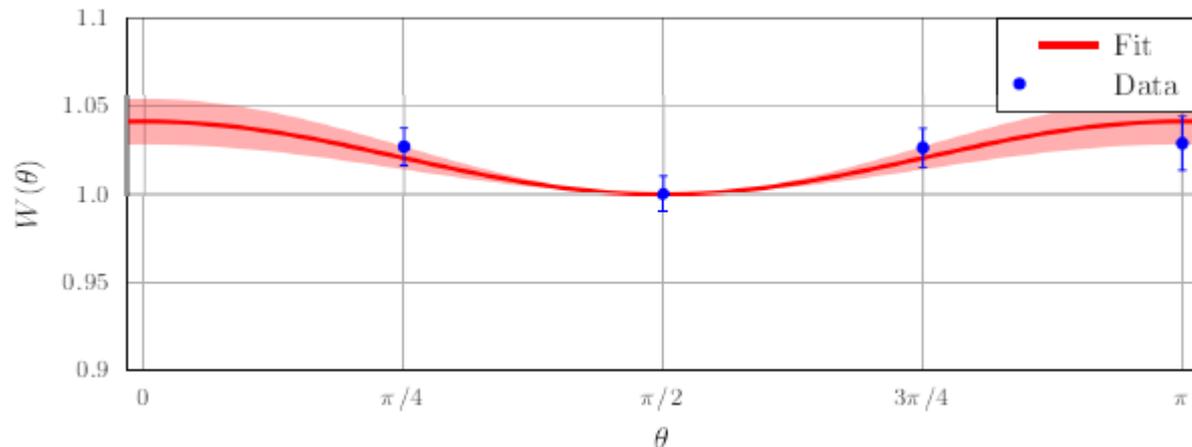
$$\tau(3_3^-) = 94_{-34}^{+75} \text{ fs}$$

^{144}Nd

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$$W(\theta) = 1 + A_2(\delta)q_2P_2(\cos\theta) + A_4(\delta)q_4P_4(\cos\theta)$$



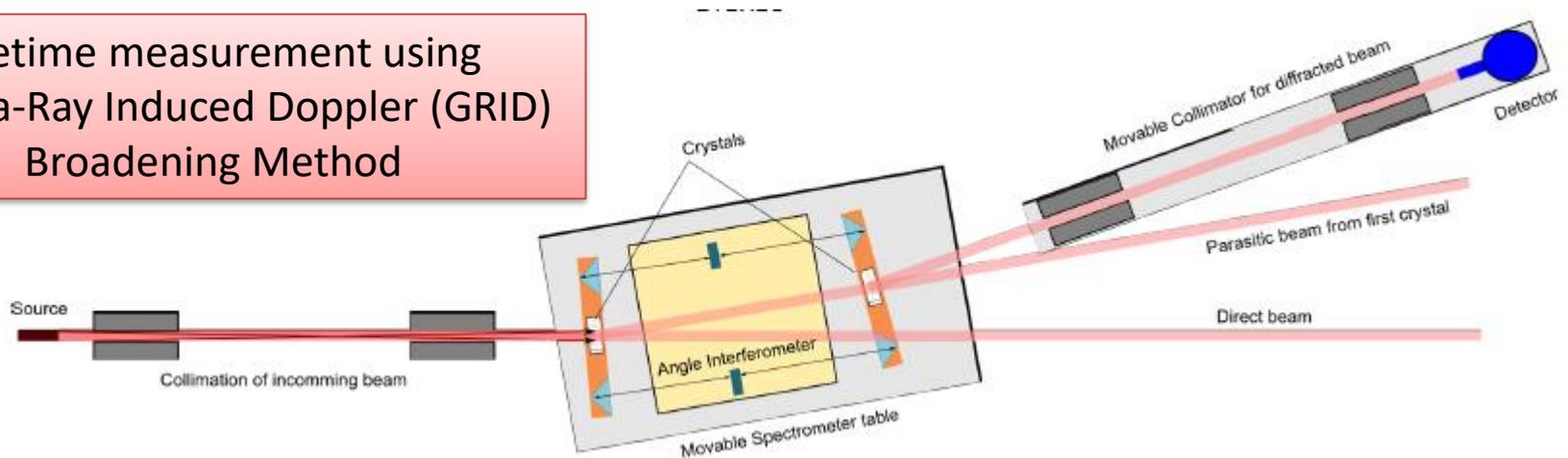
Fit
 $|\delta(3_3^- \rightarrow 3_1^-)| = 0.54(4)$

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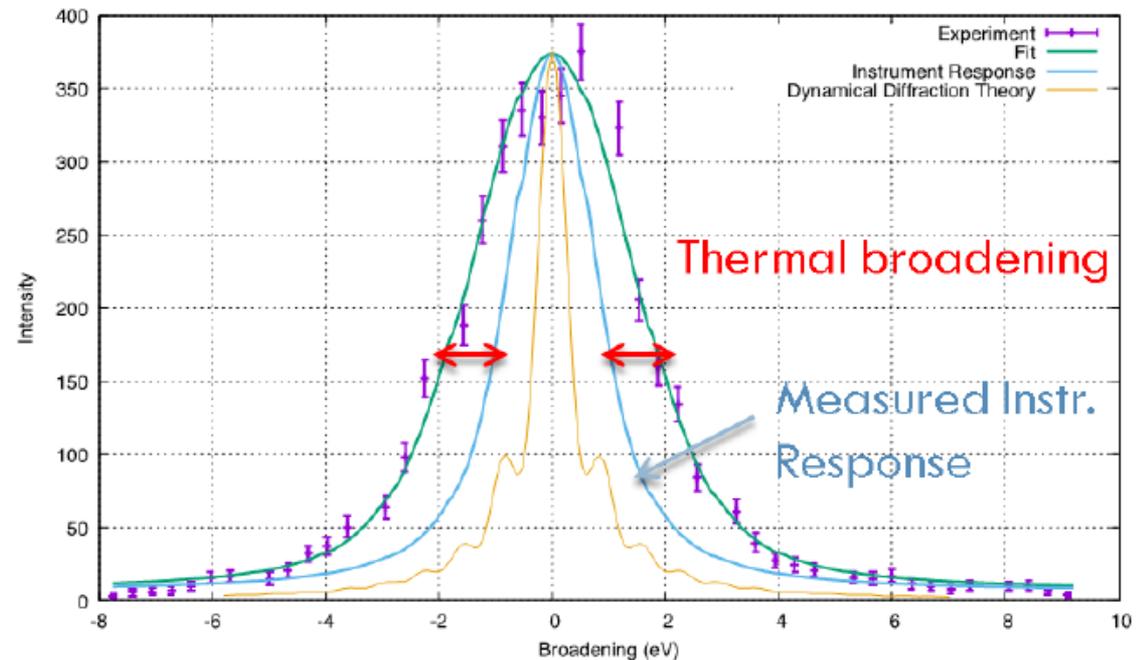
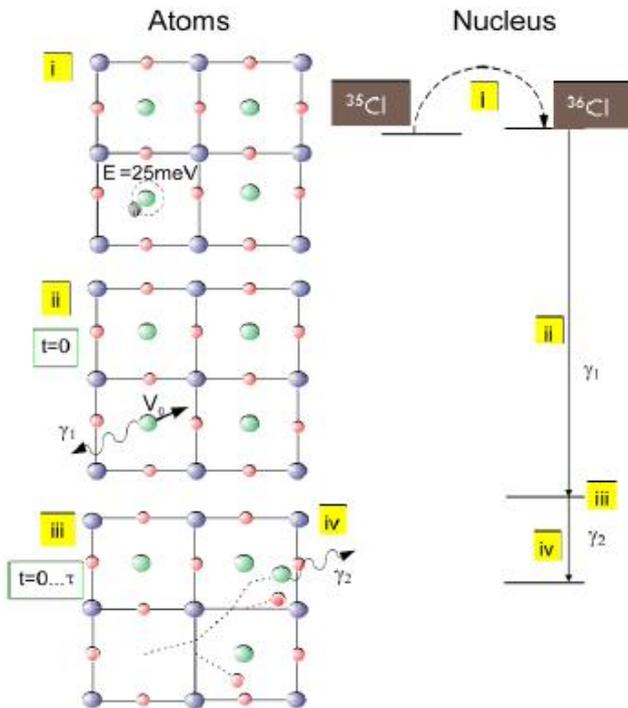
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Broadening Method



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J.Phys.G. **19** (1993) 217

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lifetime measurement: GRID – Gamma-Ray Induced Doppler-broadening method



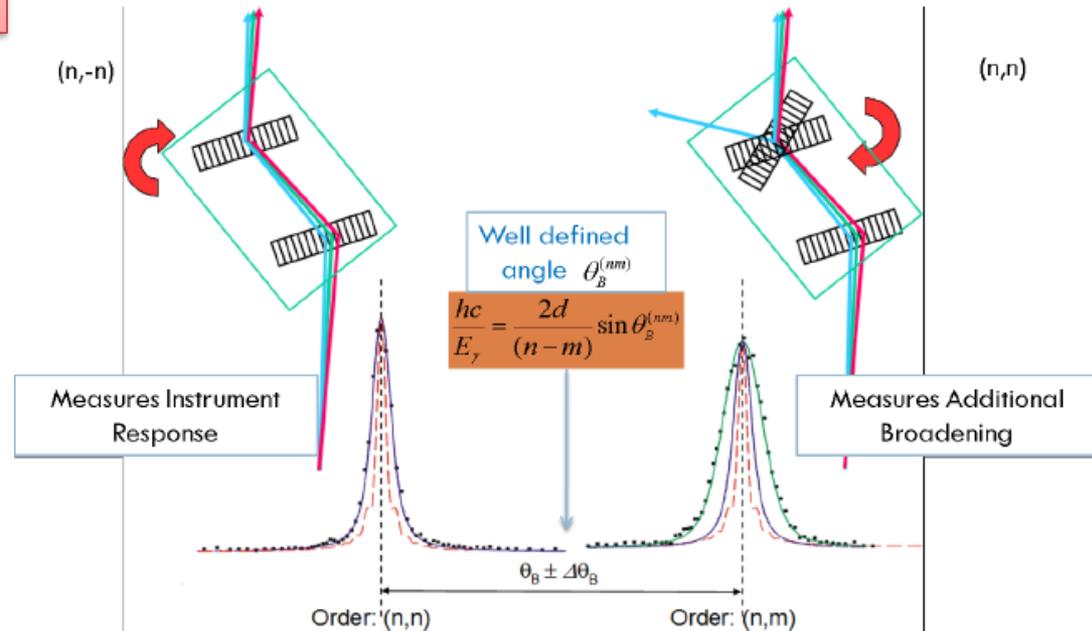
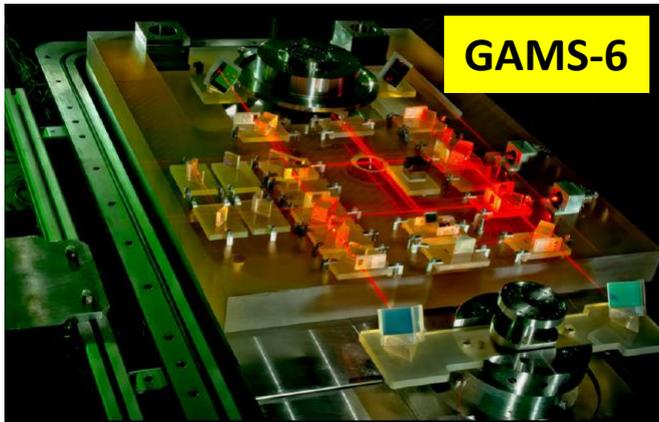
Courtesy: Michael Jentschel, ILL

Literature:
 $\tau(2_1^+) = 4.28(7) \text{ ps}$

^{144}Nd

3_3^- octupole isovector candidate

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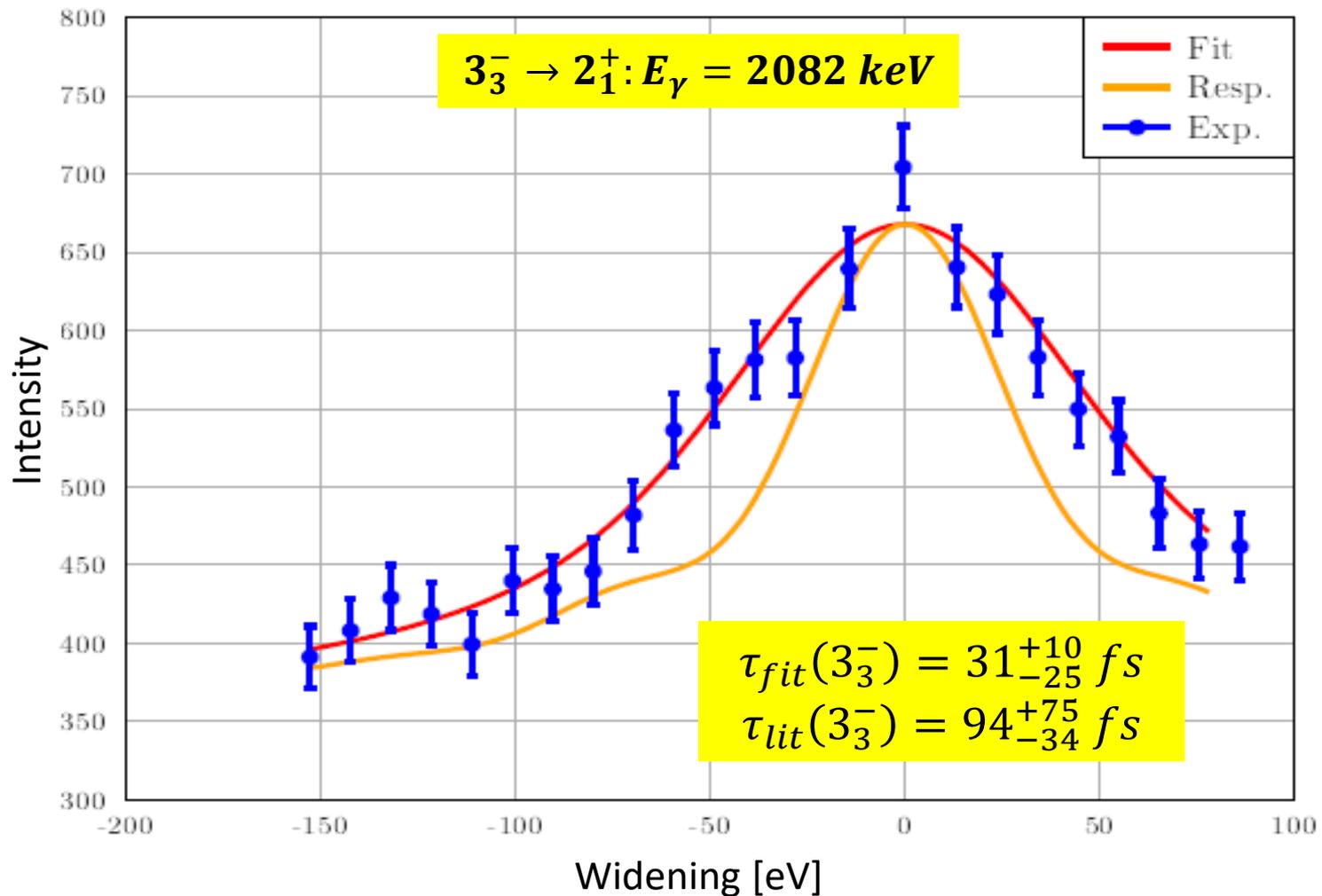


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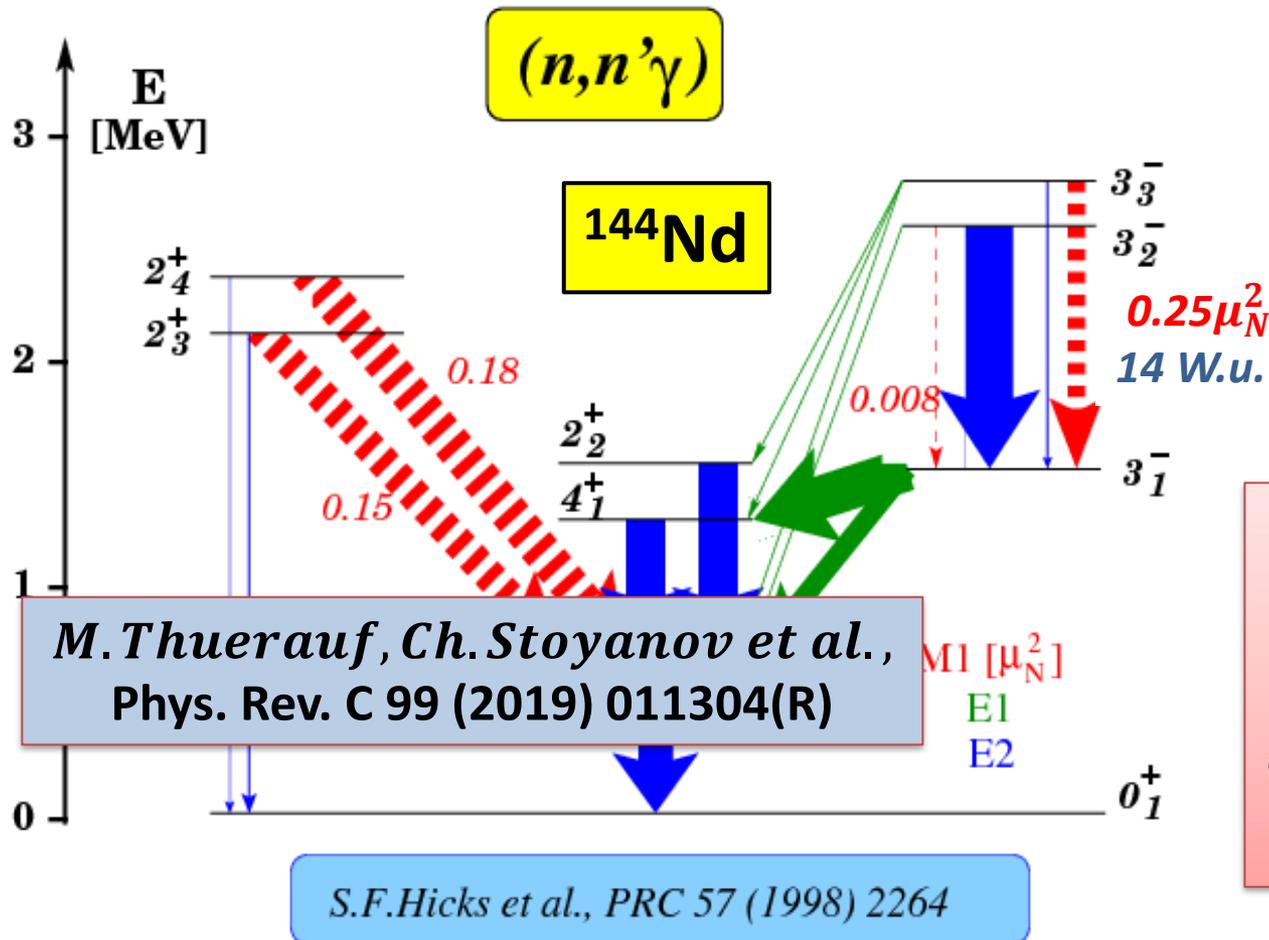
$J_i \rightarrow J_f$	E_i	E_γ	$\tau(J_i)$	σL	Expt. – this work			QPM	
					b	δ	$B(\sigma L)$	E_i^{calc}	$B(\sigma L)$
$3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+$	1511	1511	^a 810_{-90}^{+110}	$E3$			^b $33.9(17)$	1200	21.0
$3_2^- \rightarrow 0_1^+$	2606	2606	^c 153_{-16}^{+30}	$E3$			^d $1.1(1)$	2820	2.0
$3_2^- \rightarrow 3_1^-$		1095		$M1$	18.8(3)	2.0_{-8}^{+25}	0.013(11)		0.04
				$E2$					
$3_3^- \rightarrow 0_1^+$	2779	2779	31_{-25}^{+10}	$E3$			^b $7.3(7)$	2904	7.4
$3_3^- \rightarrow 3_1^-$		1268		$M1$	35.4(5)	0.54(4)	$0.25_{-0.08}^{+1.09}$		0.17
				$E2$					

M. Thuerauf,
Ch. Stoyanov et al.,
Phys. Rev. C 99 (2019) 011304(R)

QPM (Ch. Stoyanov):
 3_3^- state is isovector;
However, calculation indicates
 3_3^- state rather two (quasi-)particle

^{144}Nd

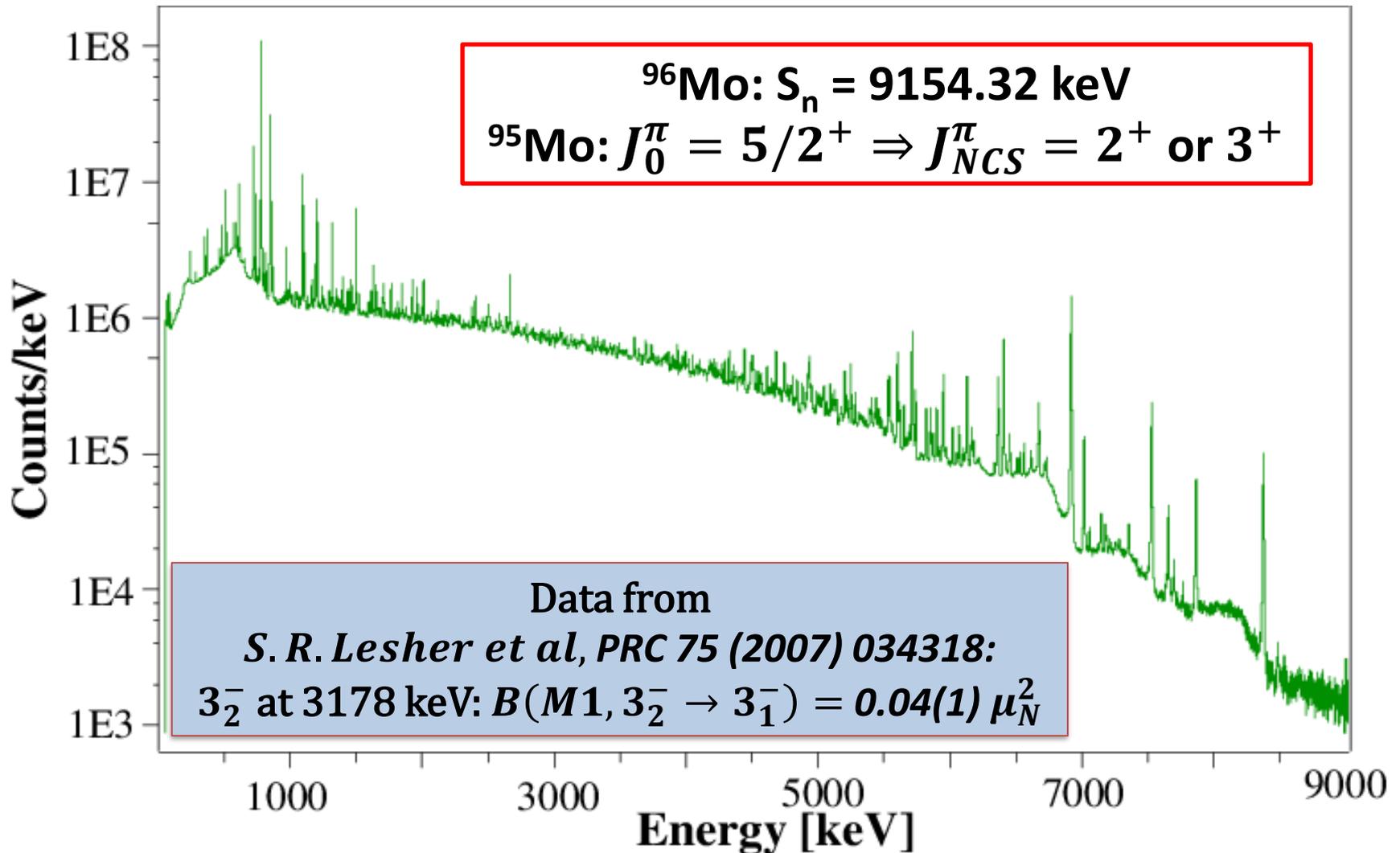
3_3^- octupole isovector candidate



$$\langle 3_1^- || \widehat{M1} || 3_3^- \rangle = 1.32 \mu_N$$

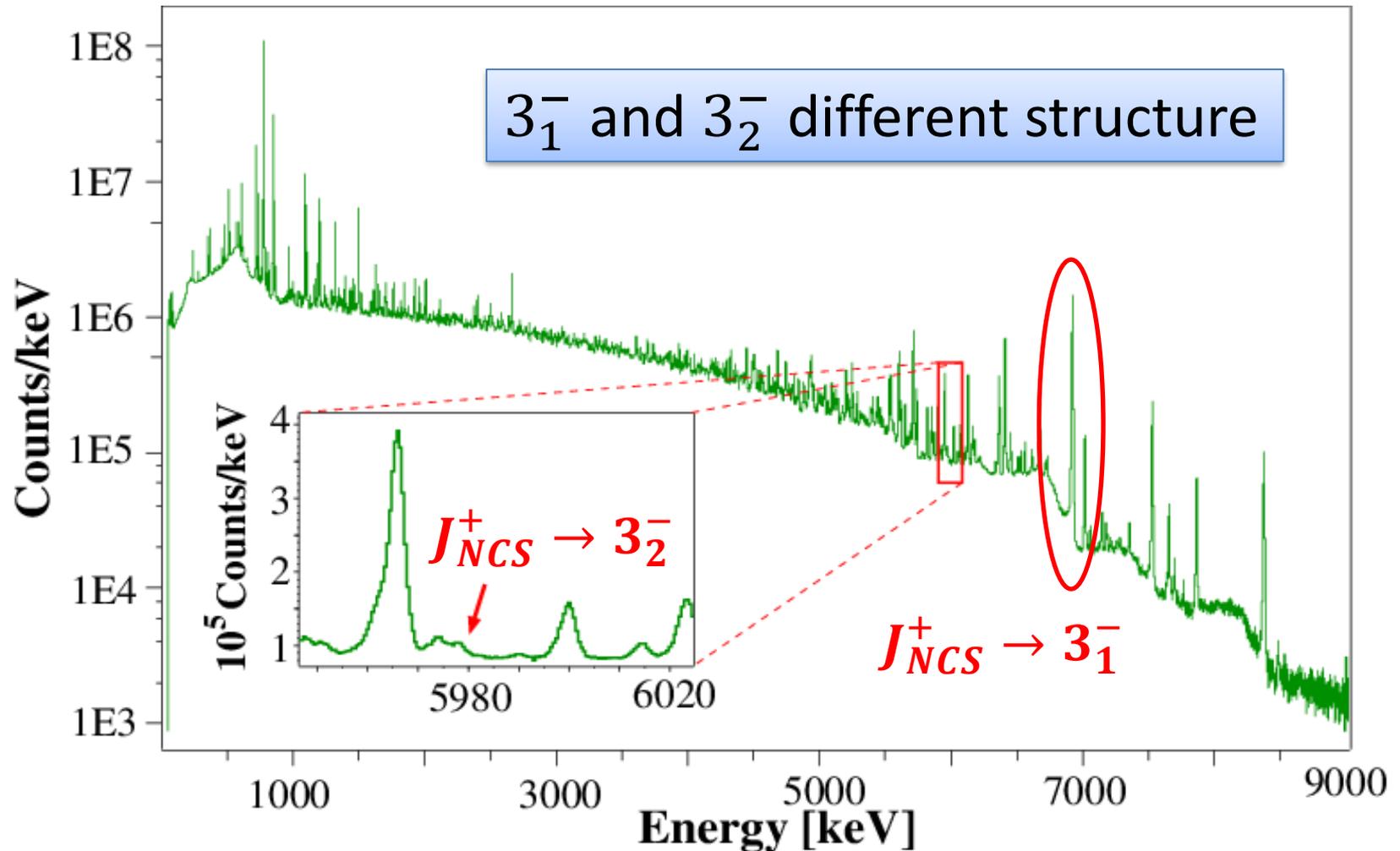
3_3^- remains a candidate for a low-lying octupole isovector state

$^{95}\text{Mo}(n_{\text{th}}, \gamma\gamma)^{96}\text{Mo}$ projection total $\gamma\gamma$ matrix



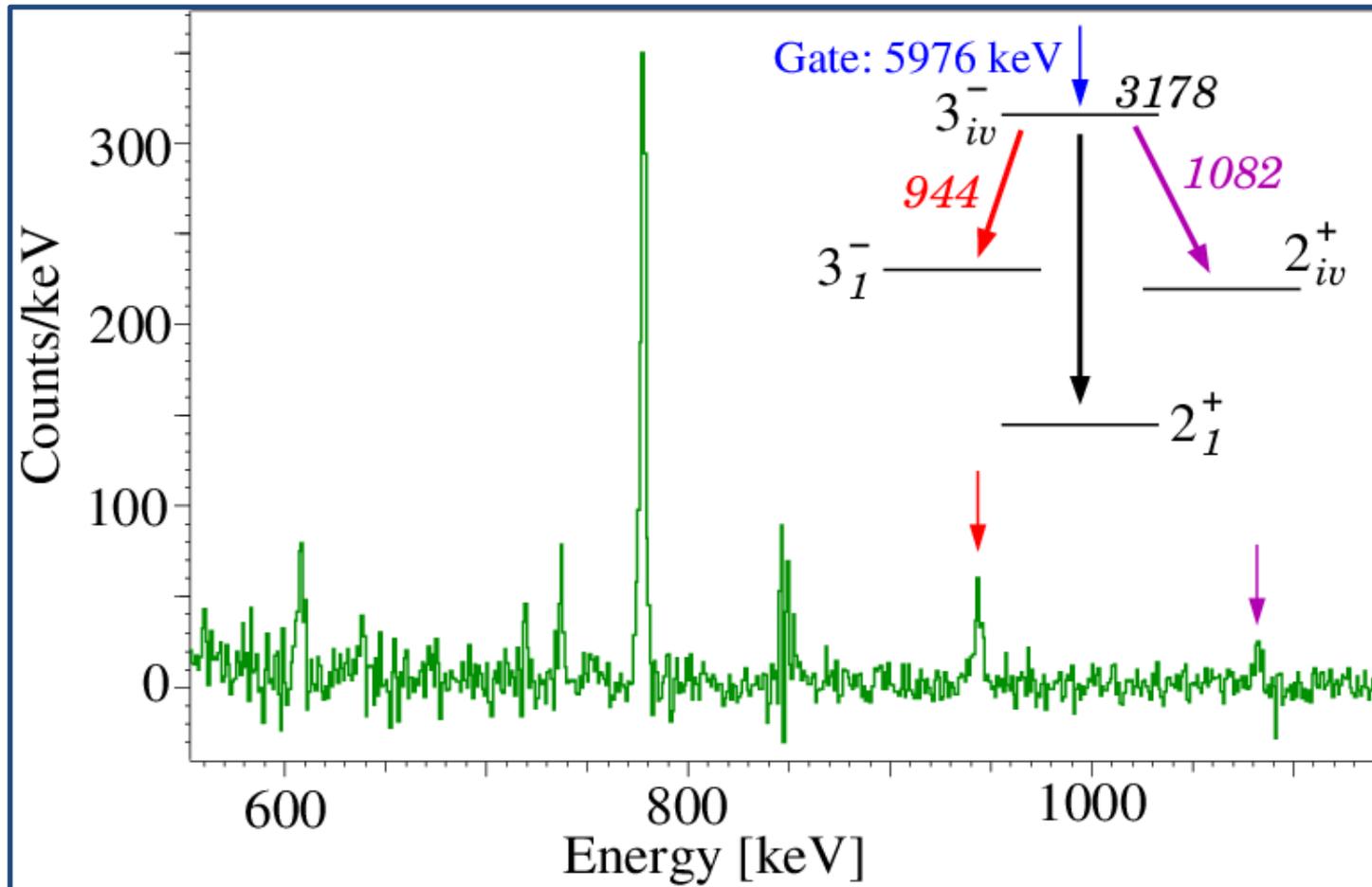
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3_2^- octupole isovector candidate



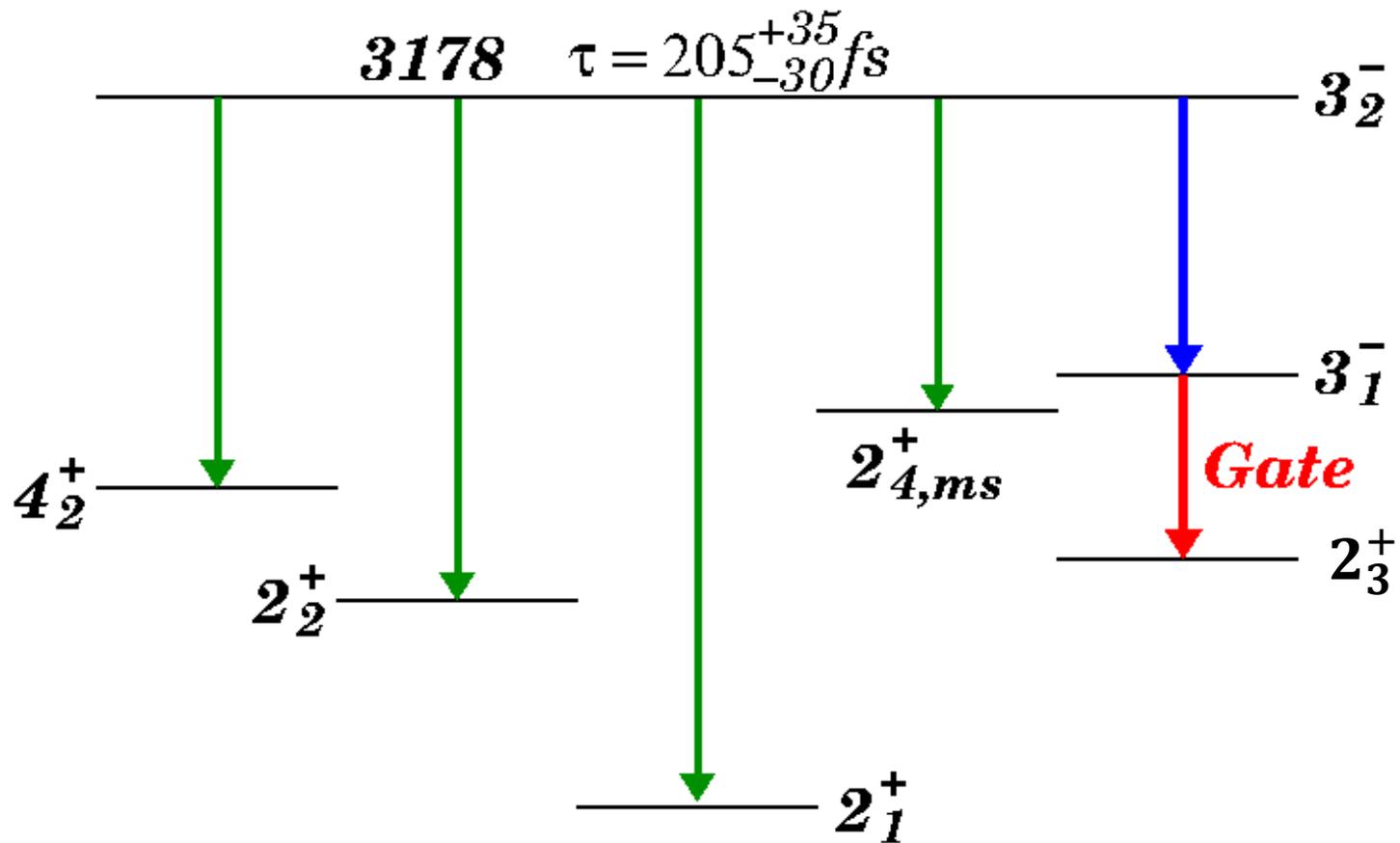
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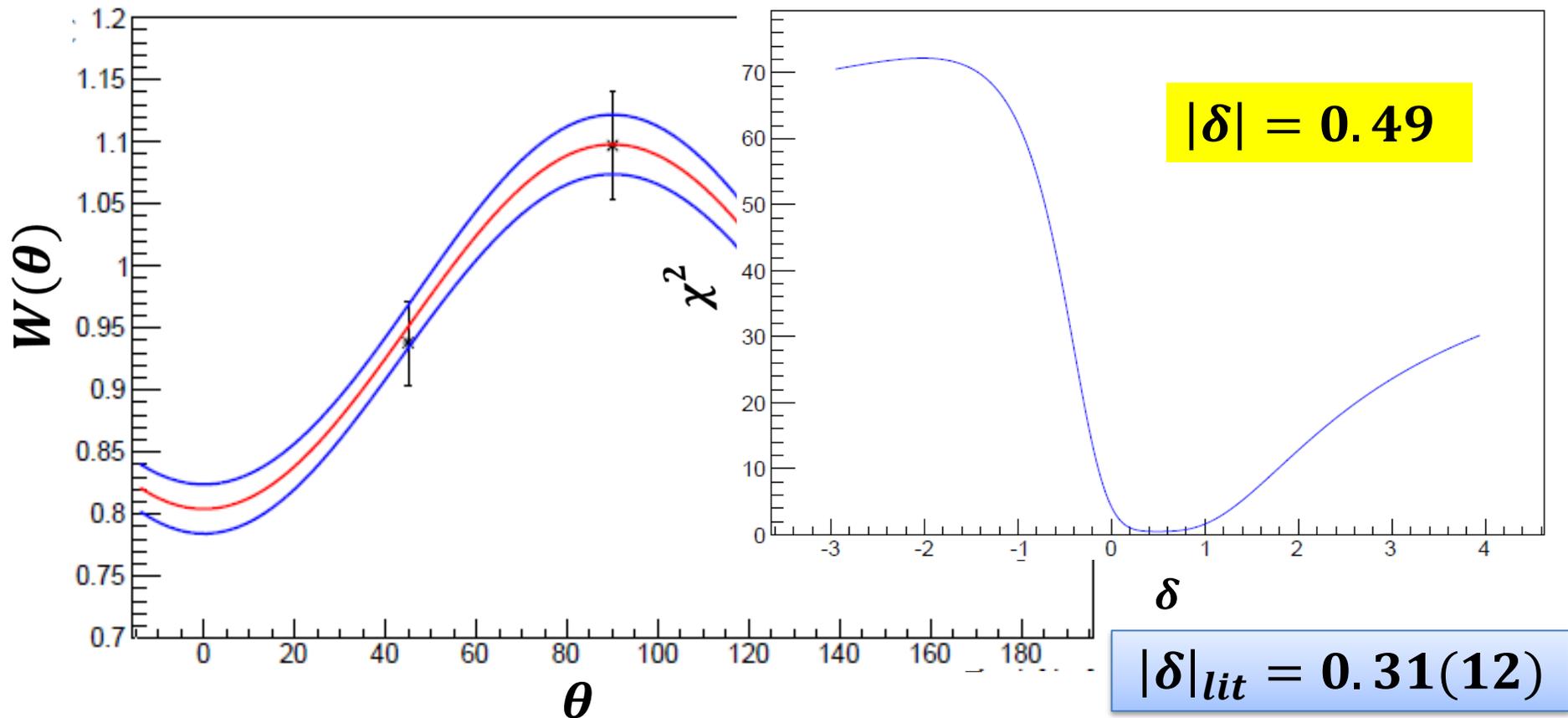
3_2^- octupole isovector candidate
angular distribution 944-keV transition



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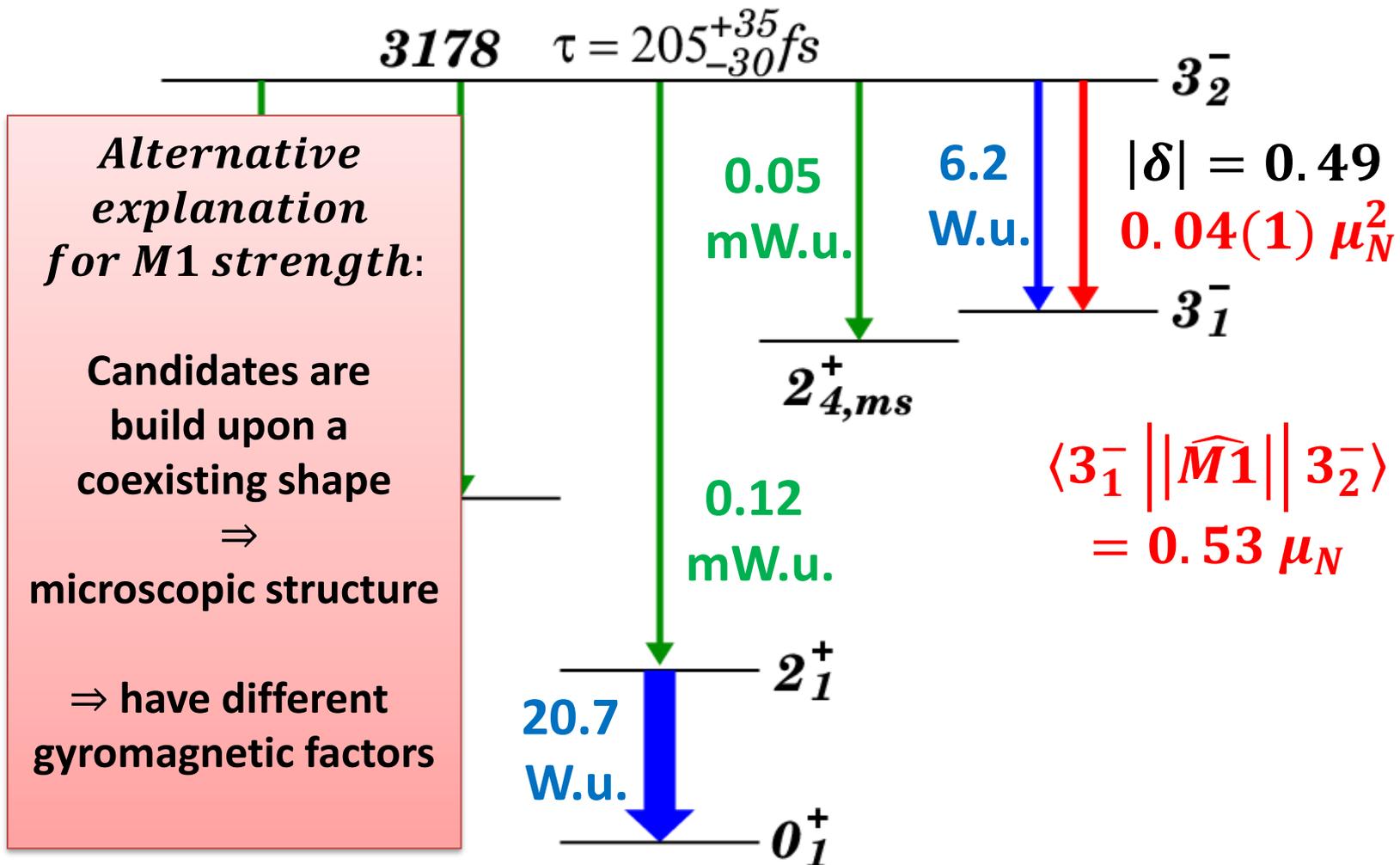
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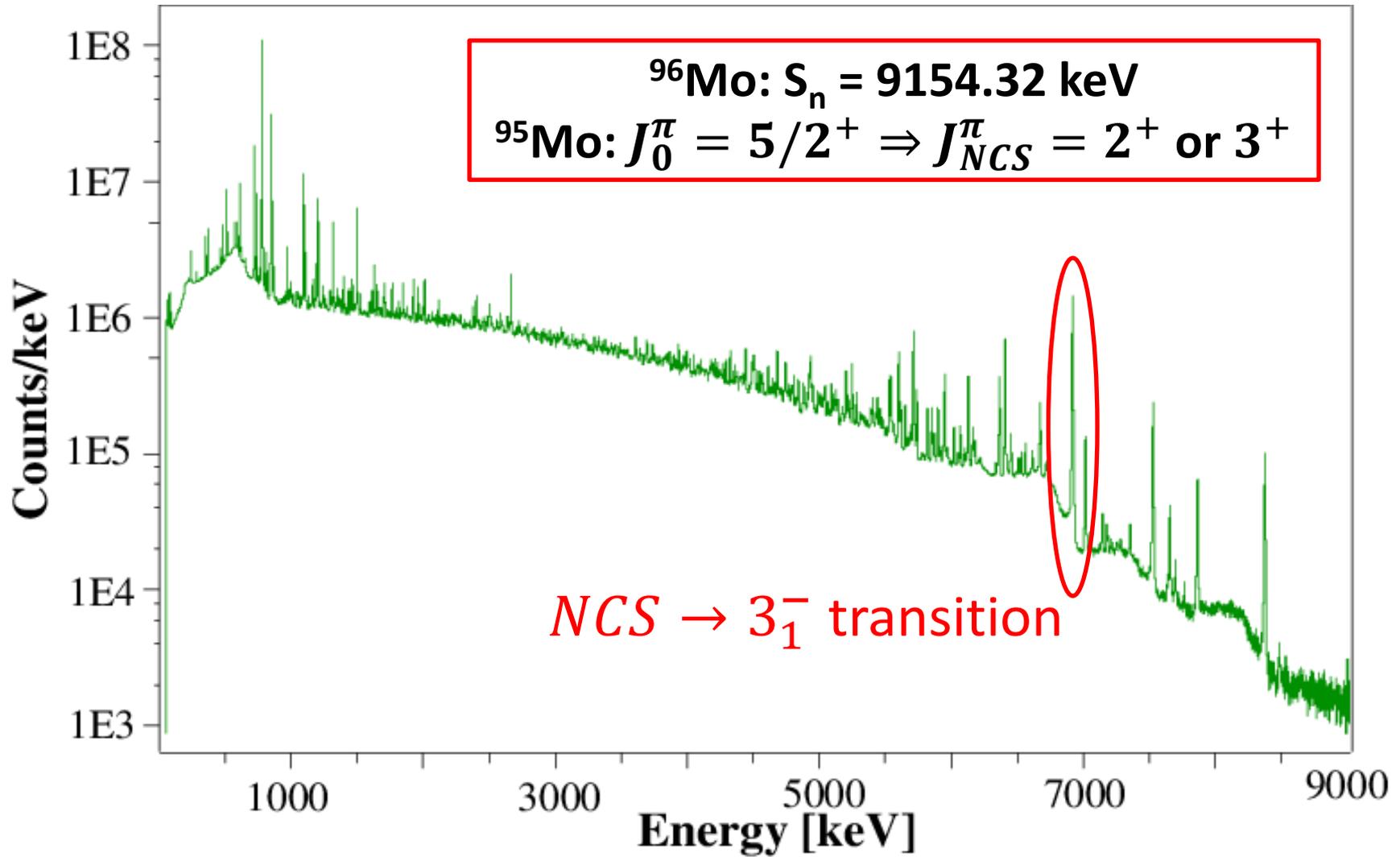


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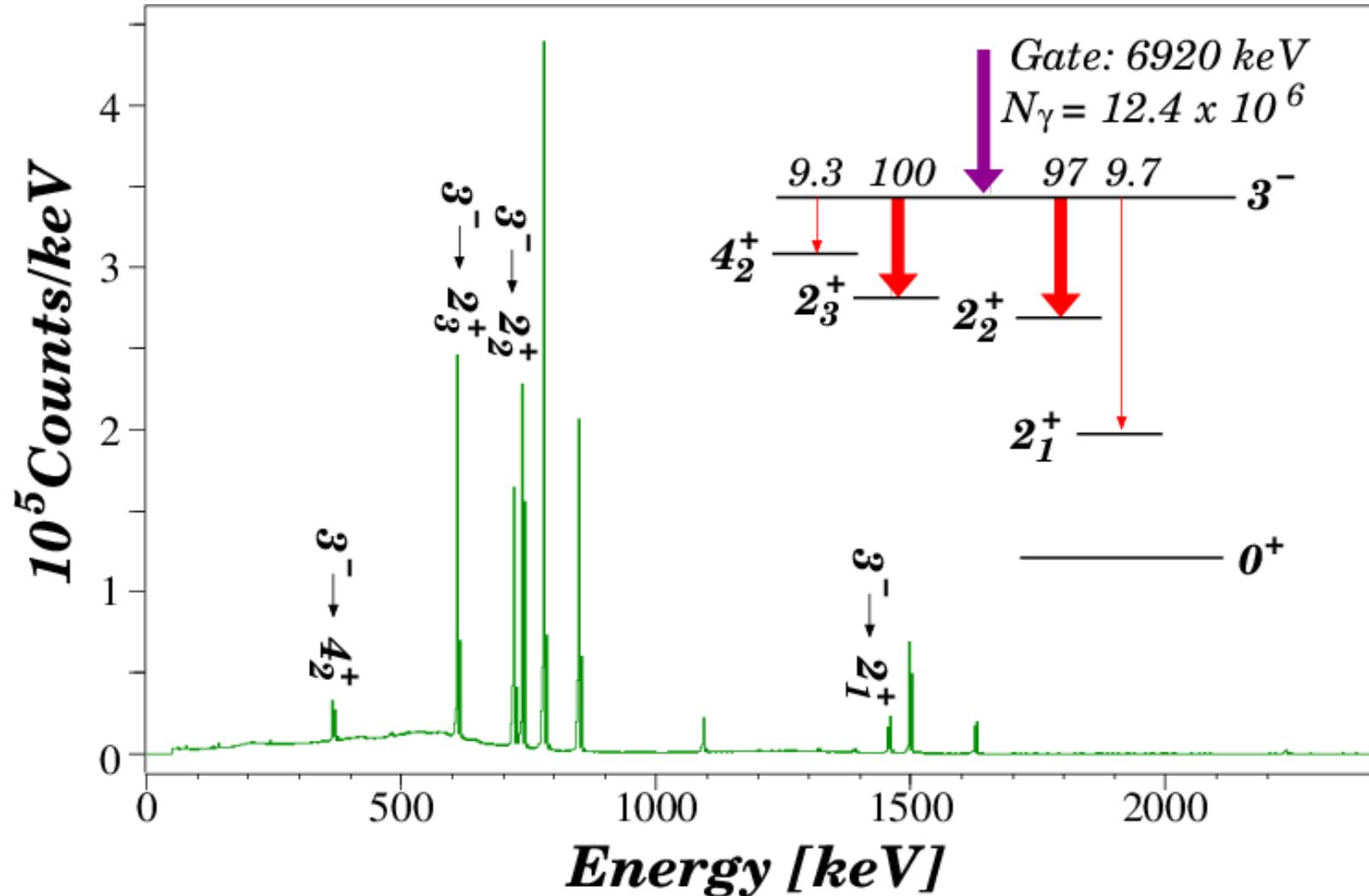


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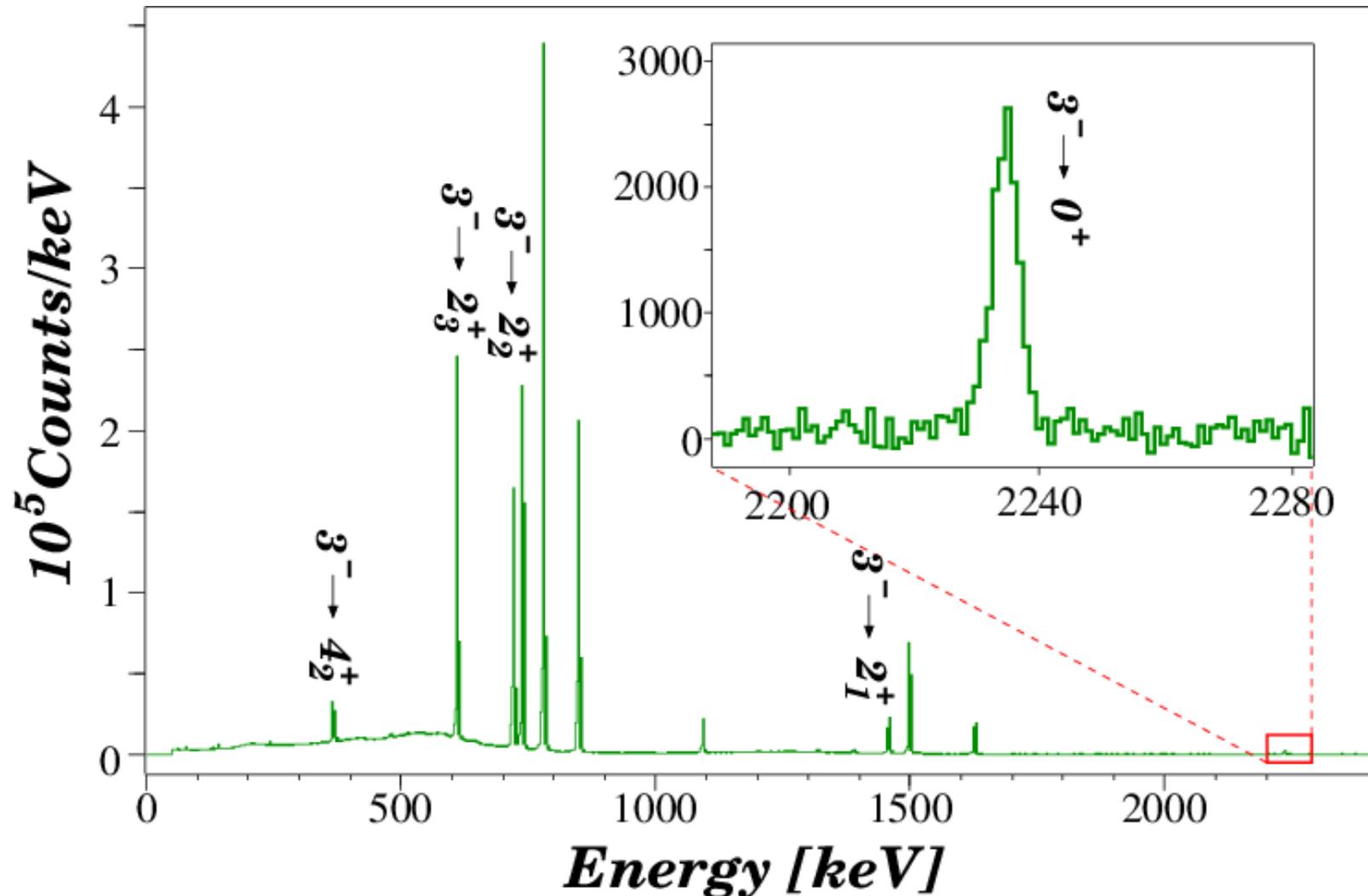
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3_1^- octupole phonon



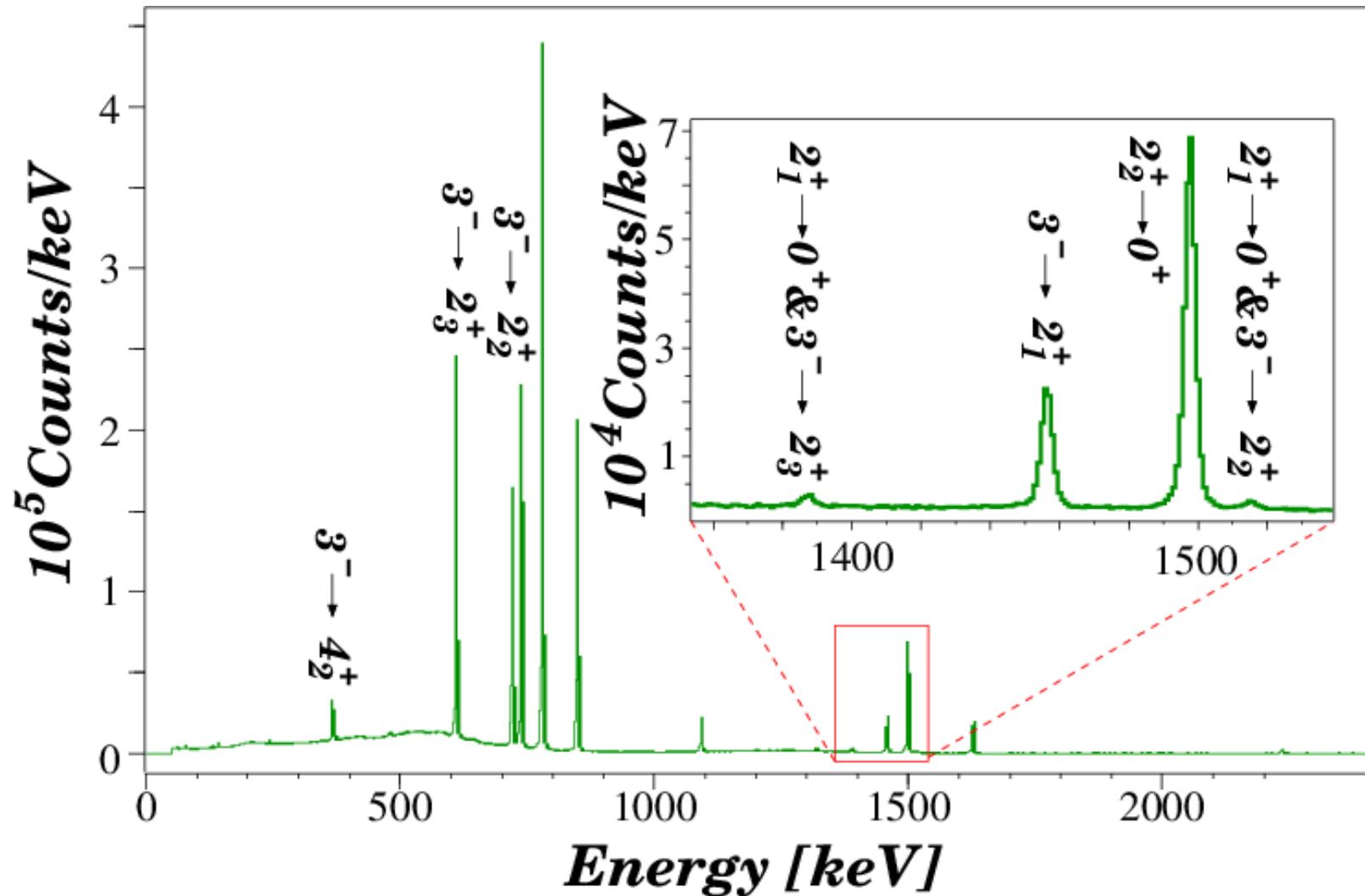
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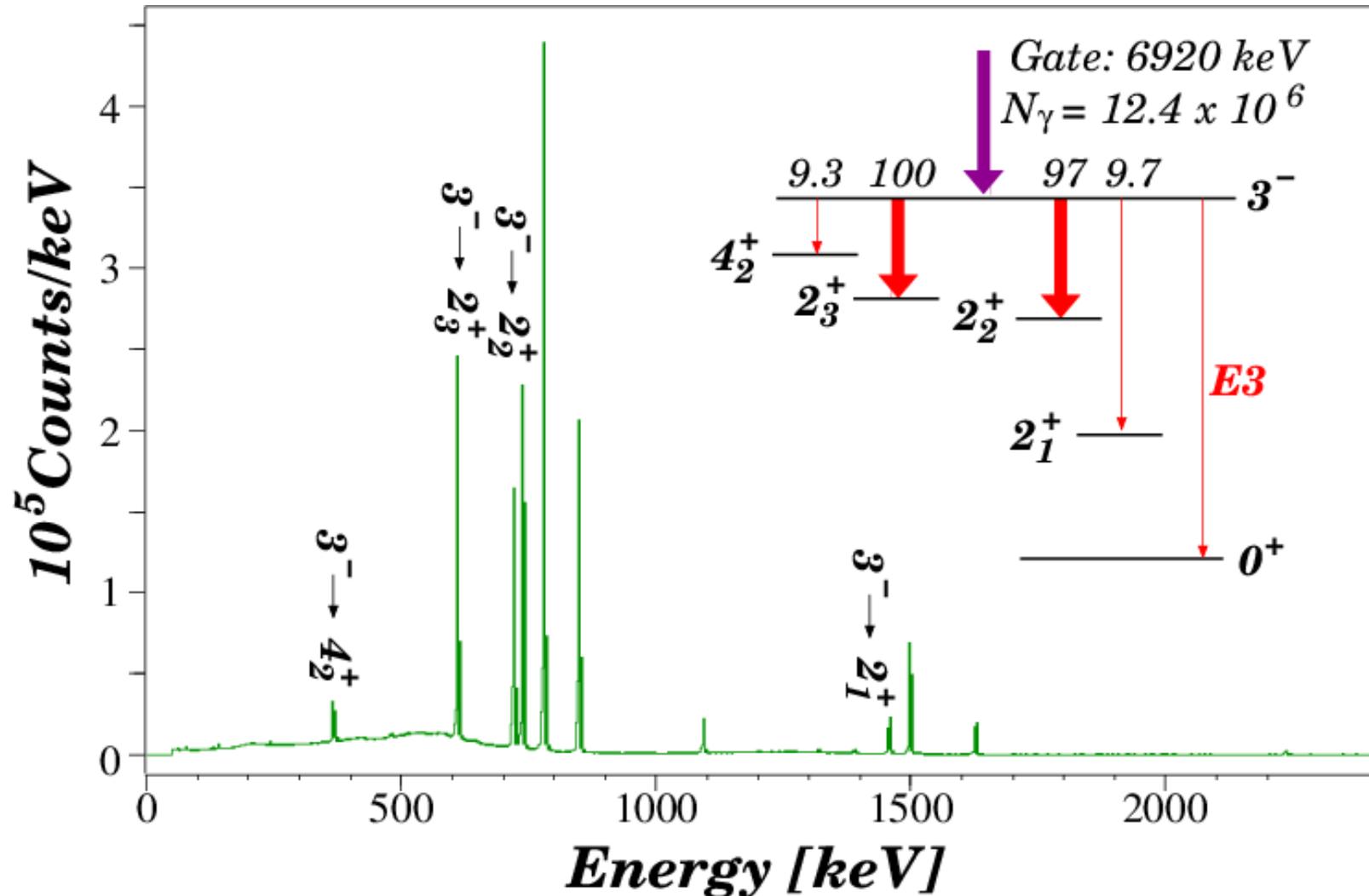
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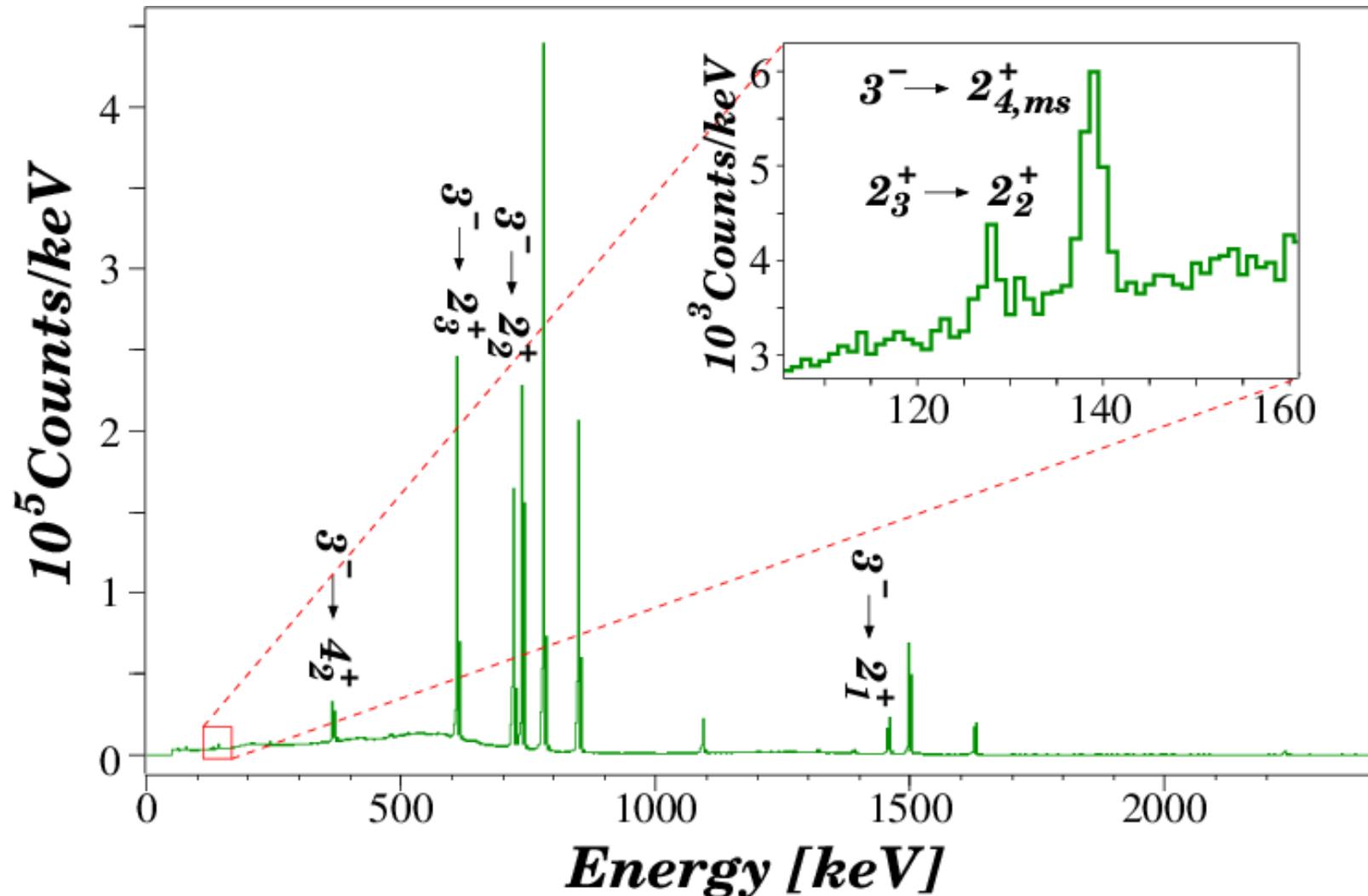
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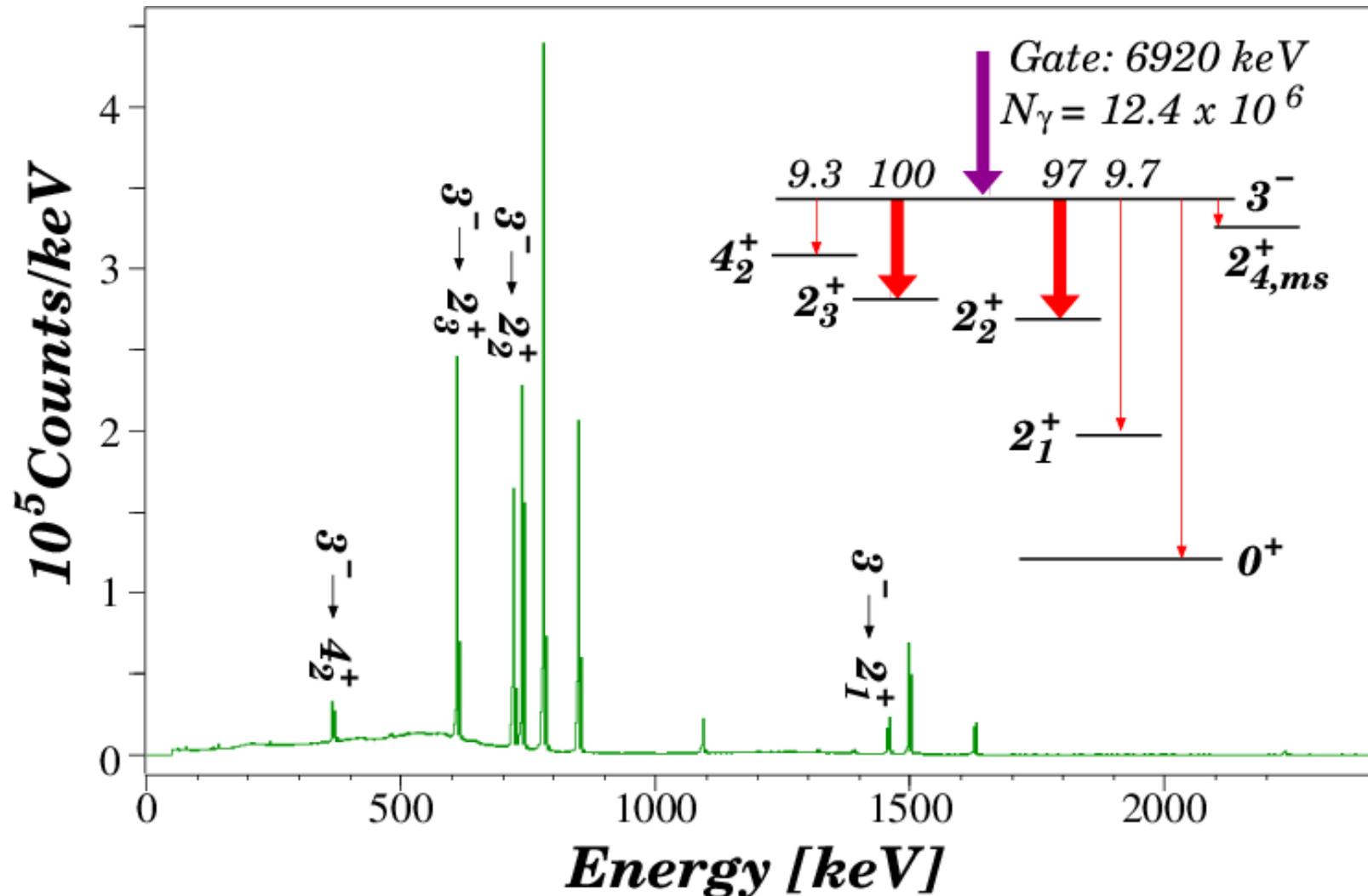
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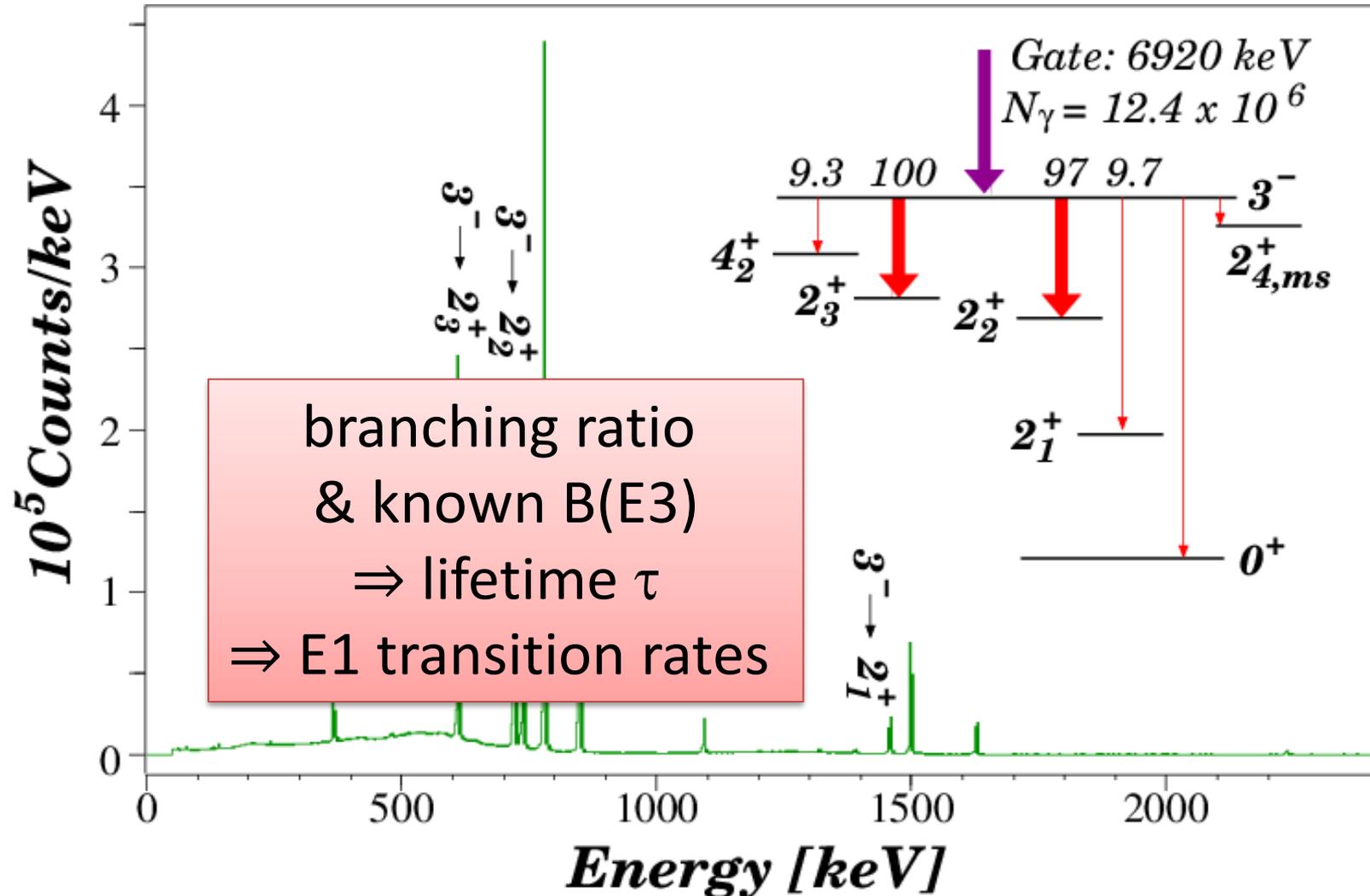
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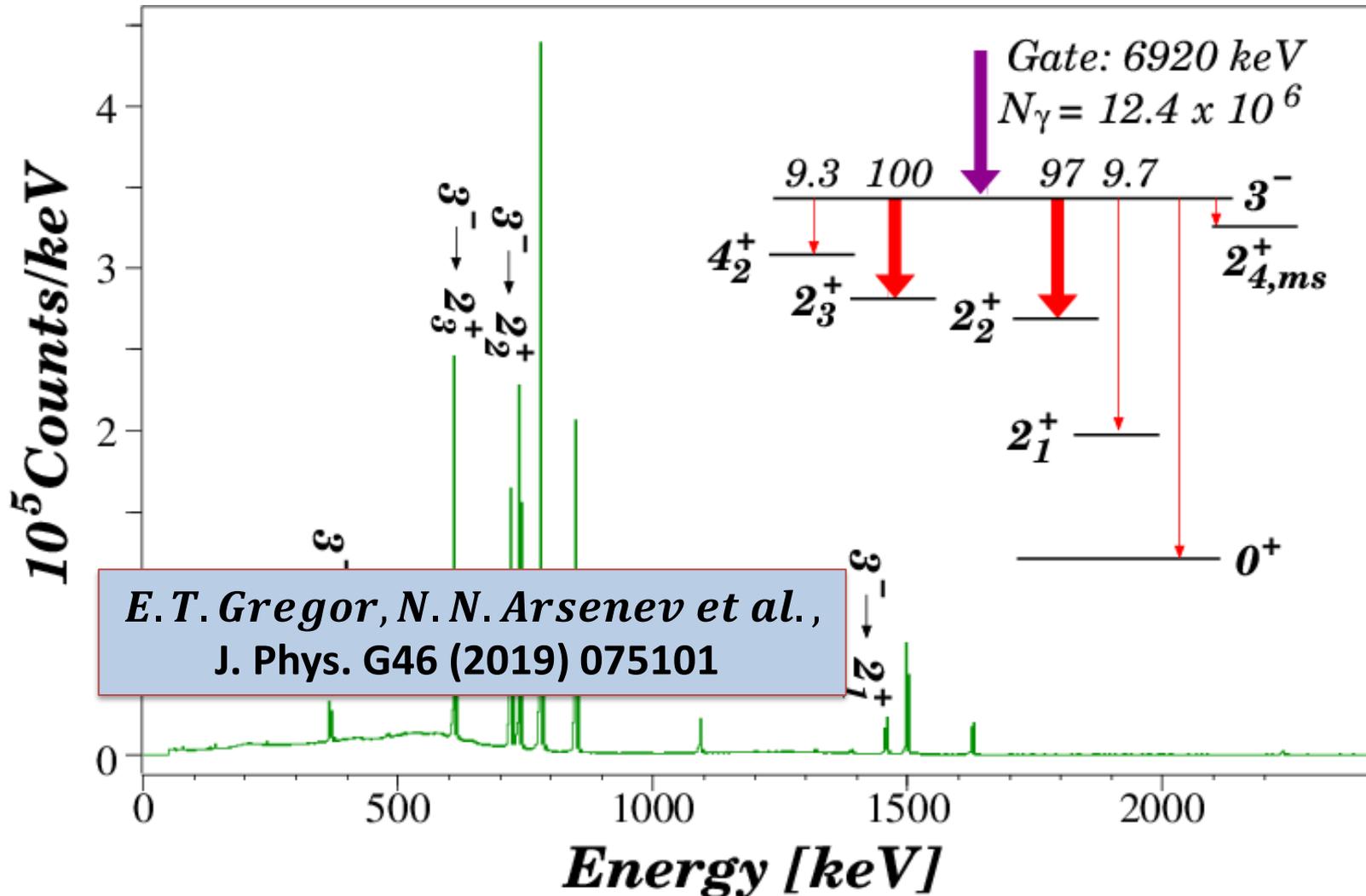
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