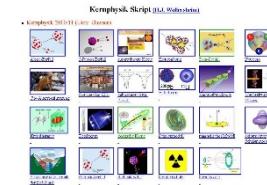


# Outline: K-isomers in $^{178}\text{Hf}$

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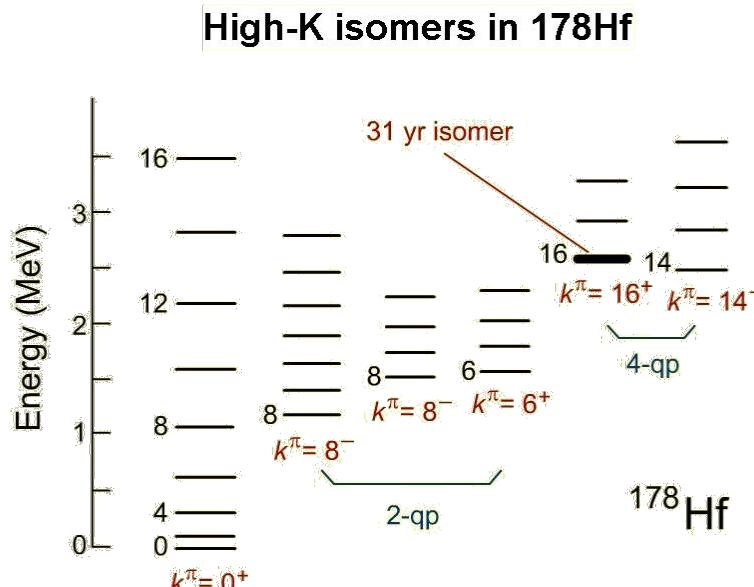
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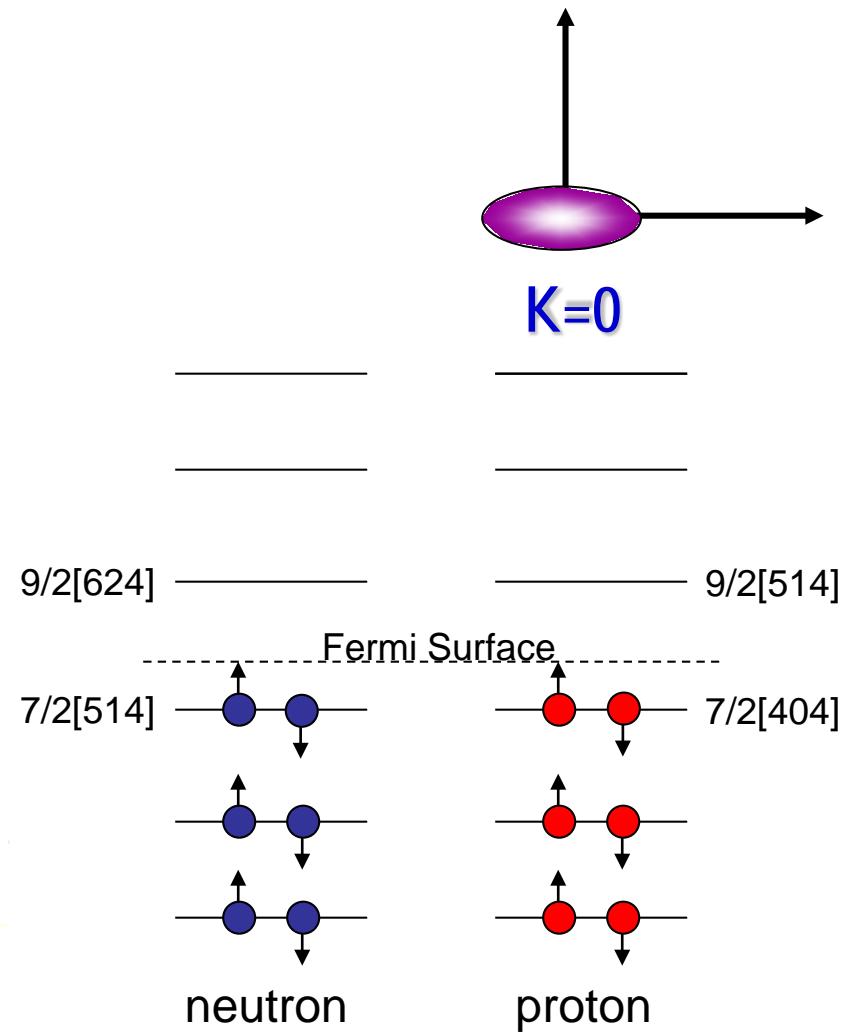
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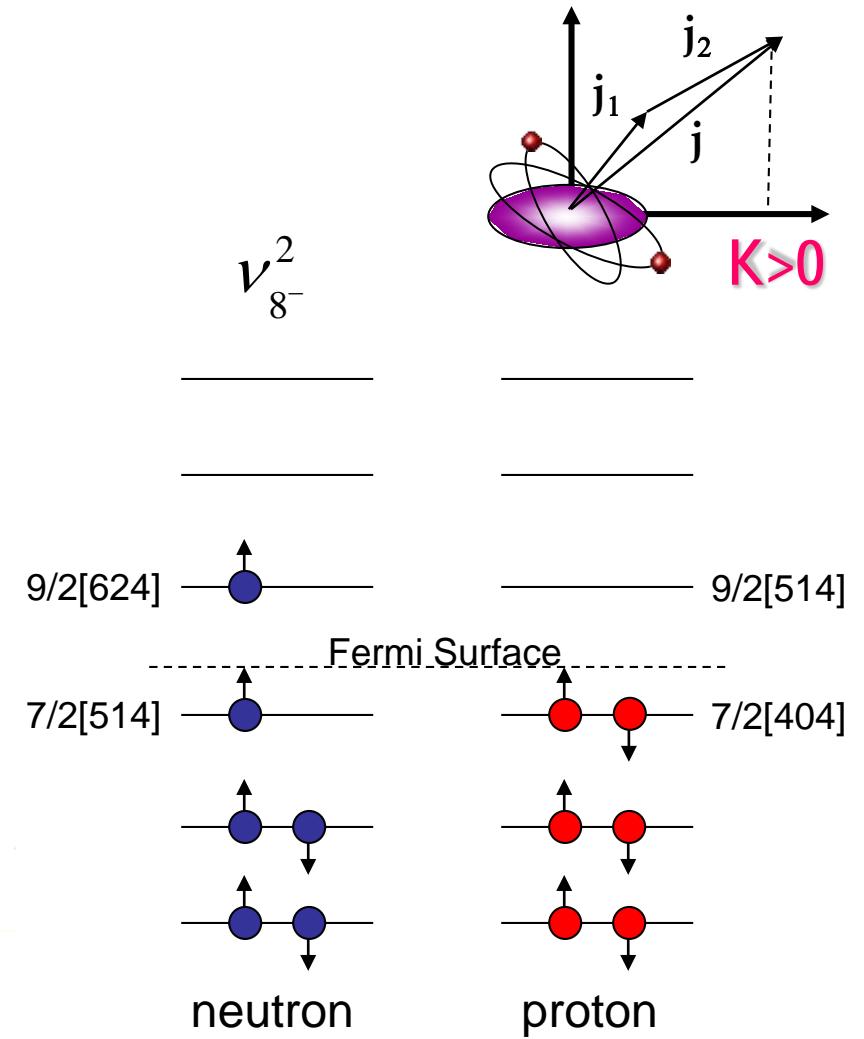
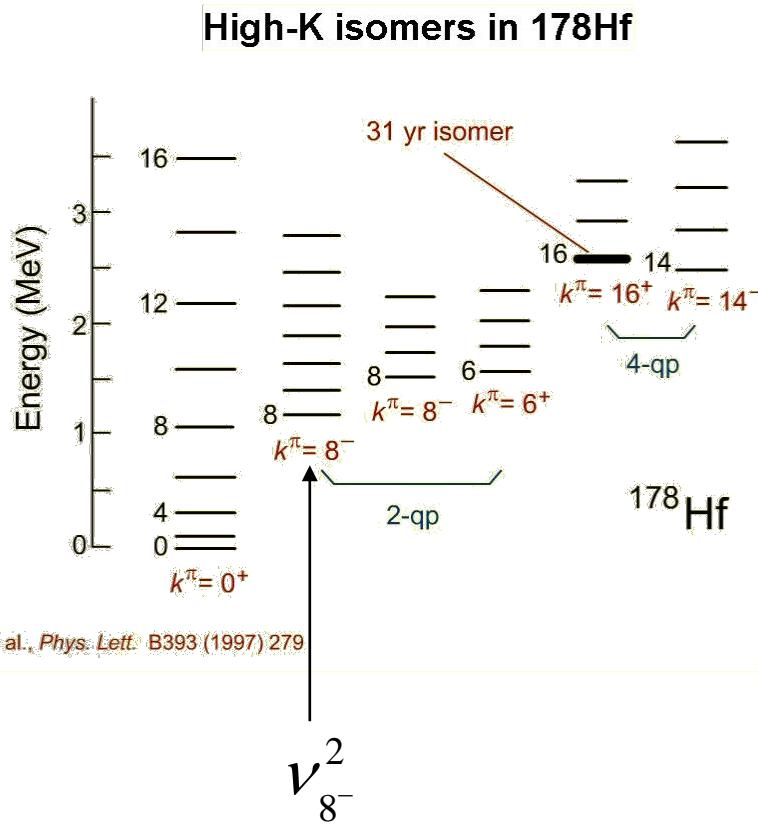


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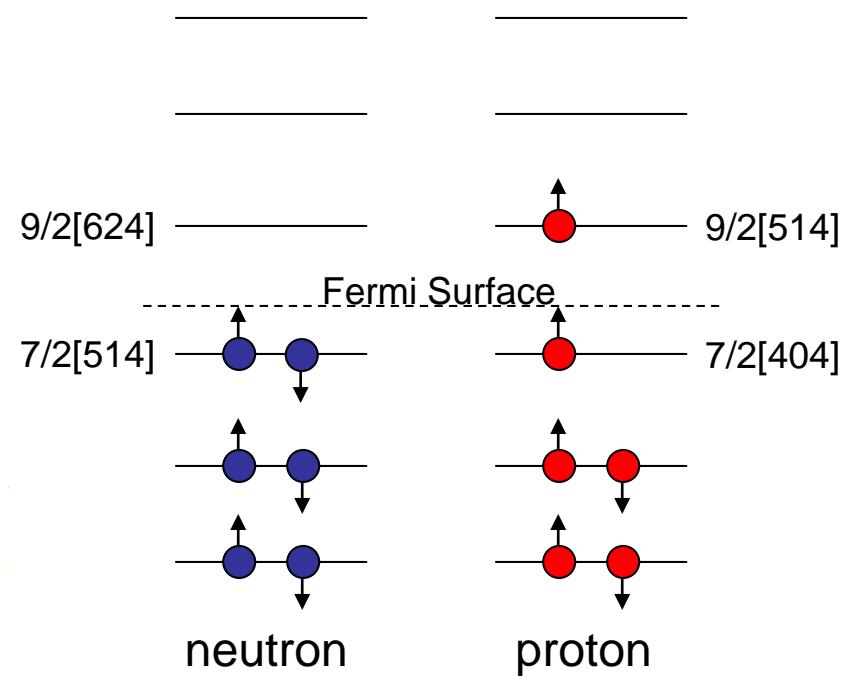
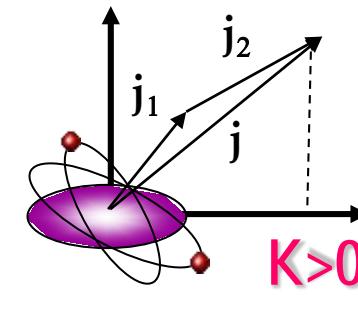
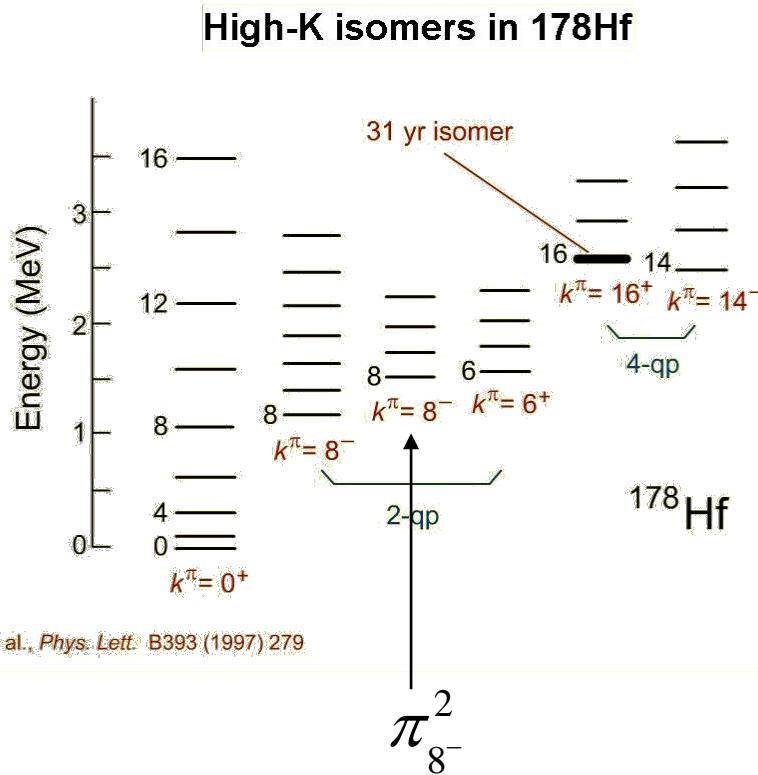
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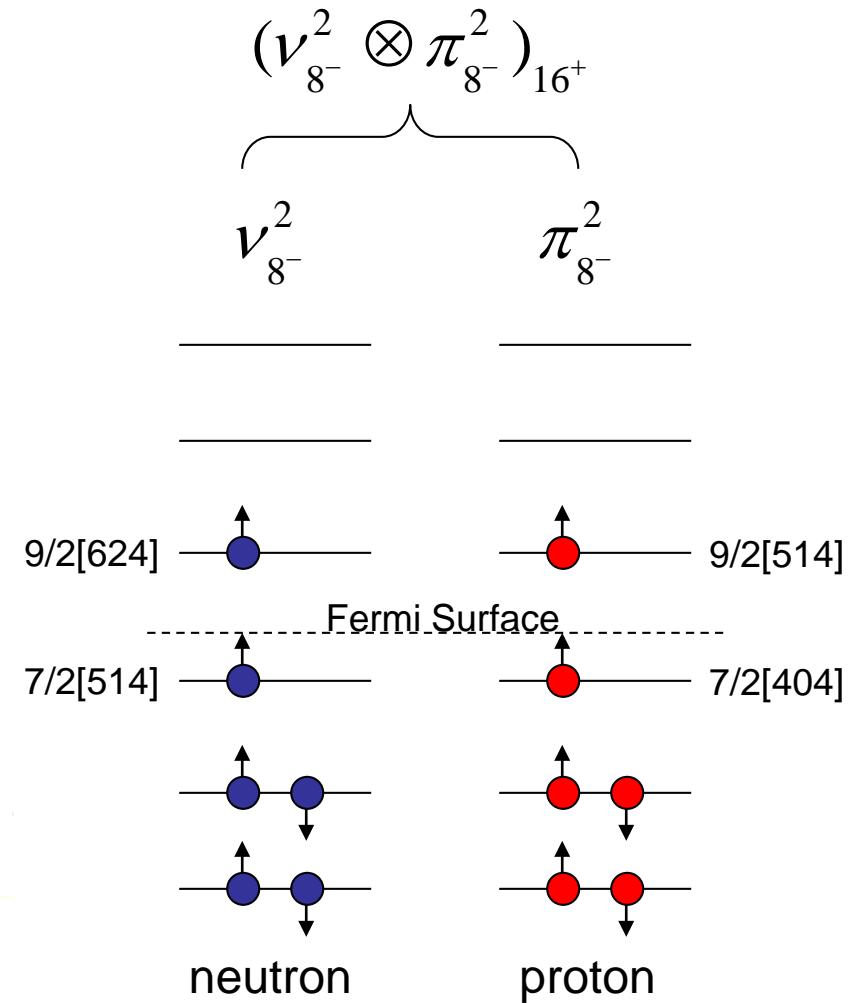
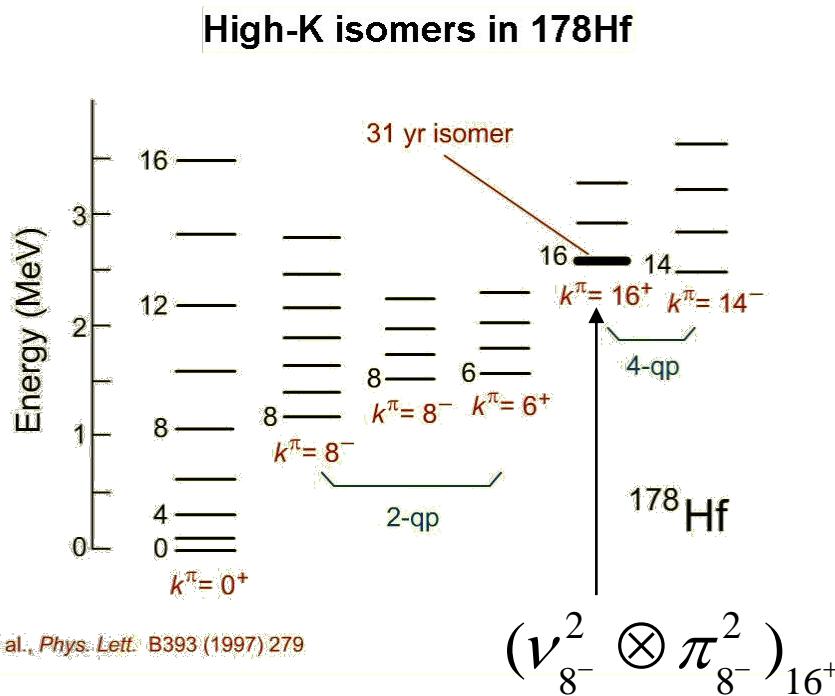
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# Magnetic moments in $^{178}\text{Hf}$

$$g(j) = \begin{cases} \frac{2 \cdot \ell \cdot g_\ell + g_s}{2 \cdot \ell + 1} & \text{for } j = \ell + 1/2 \\ \frac{2 \cdot (\ell + 1) \cdot g_\ell - g_s}{2 \cdot \ell + 1} & \text{for } j = \ell - 1/2 \end{cases}$$

**proton**  $g_\ell = 1$   $g_s = 5.59$   
**neutron**  $g_\ell = 0$   $g_s = -3.83$

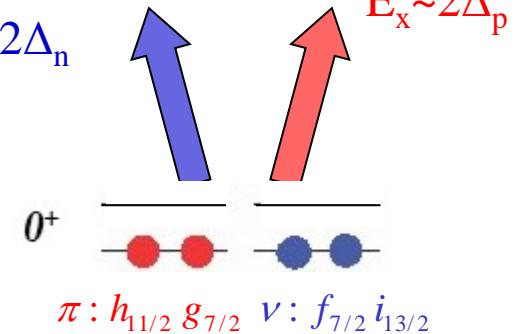
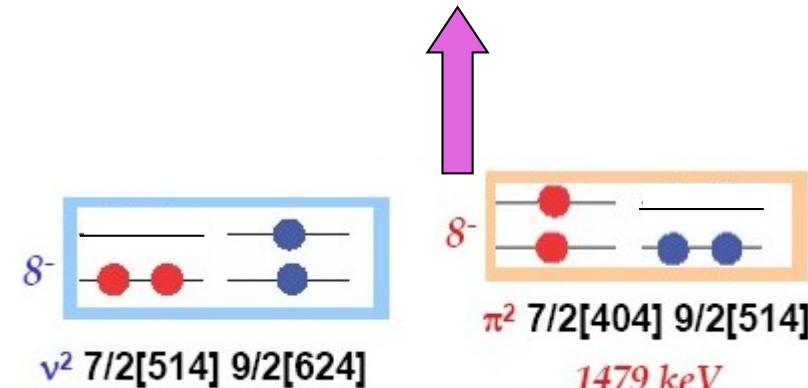
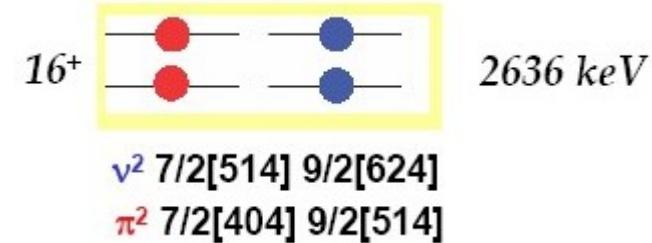
$$g(\mathbf{h}_{11/2}) = 1.42 \quad g(\mathbf{g}_{7/2}) = 0.49 \quad g(\mathbf{f}_{7/2}) = -0.55 \quad g(\mathbf{i}_{13/2}) = -0.29$$

$$g(j_1 \times j_2; J) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (g_1 + g_2) + \frac{j_1 \cdot (j_1 + 1) - j_2 \cdot (j_2 + 1)}{2 \cdot J \cdot (J + 1)} \cdot (g_1 - g_2)$$

$$g(\mathbf{h}_{11/2} \times \mathbf{g}_{7/2}; 8^-) = 1.08 \quad g(\mathbf{f}_{7/2} \times \mathbf{i}_{13/2}) = -0.36$$

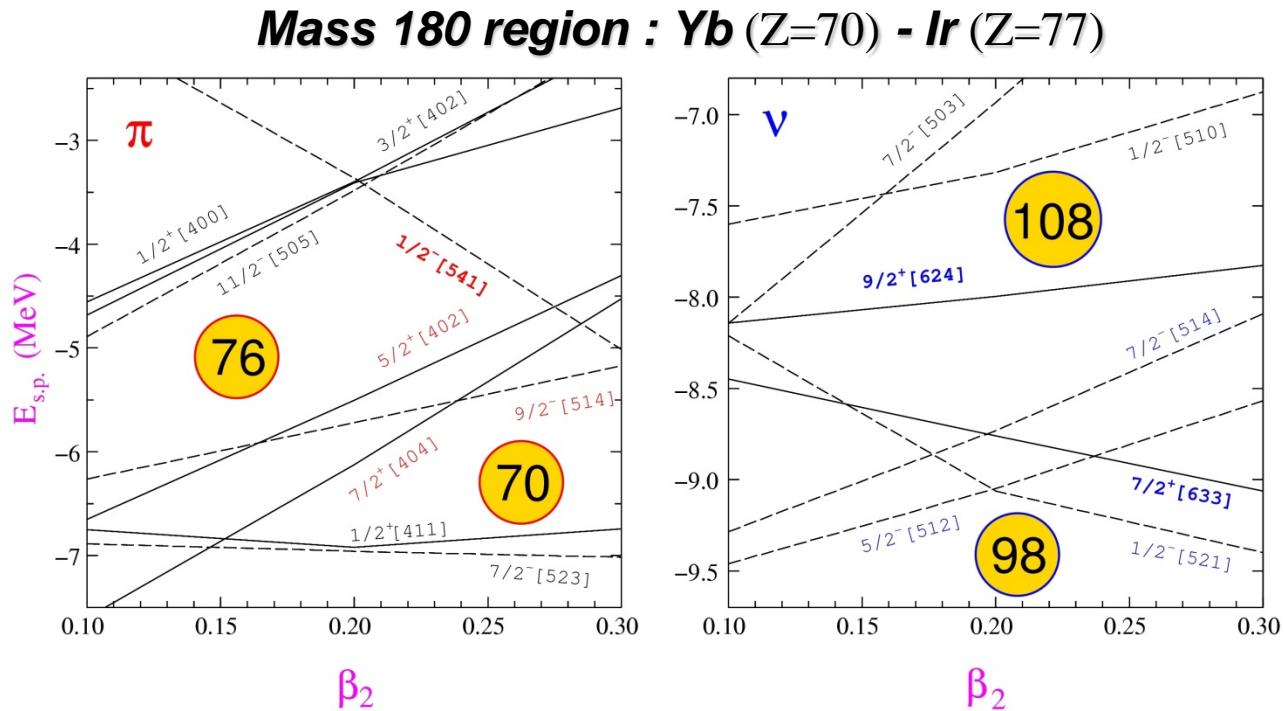
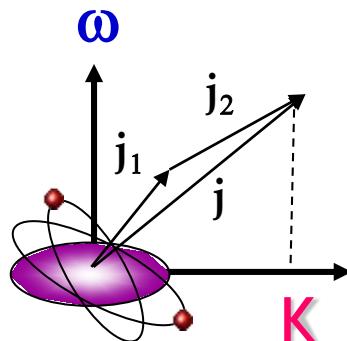
$$g(8^- \times 8^-; 16^+) = 0.36 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mu = g \cdot I = 5.76 \text{ nm}$$

$$7.26 \pm 0.16 \text{ nm}$$



# K-isomers: Where to find them?

## □ Deformed nuclei with axially-symmetric shape

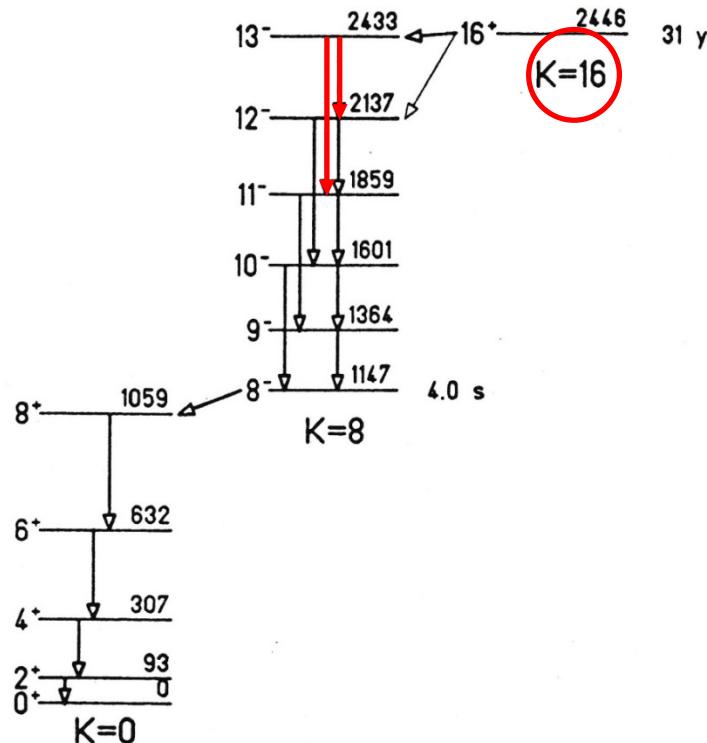


## □ High-K orbitals near the Fermi surface

$\pi$ :  $7/2[404]$ ,  $9/2[514]$ ,  $5/2[402]$

$\nu$ :  $7/2[514]$ ,  $9/2[624]$ ,  $5/2[512]$ ,  $7/2[633]$

# Decay study of the $K = 16$ isomeric state



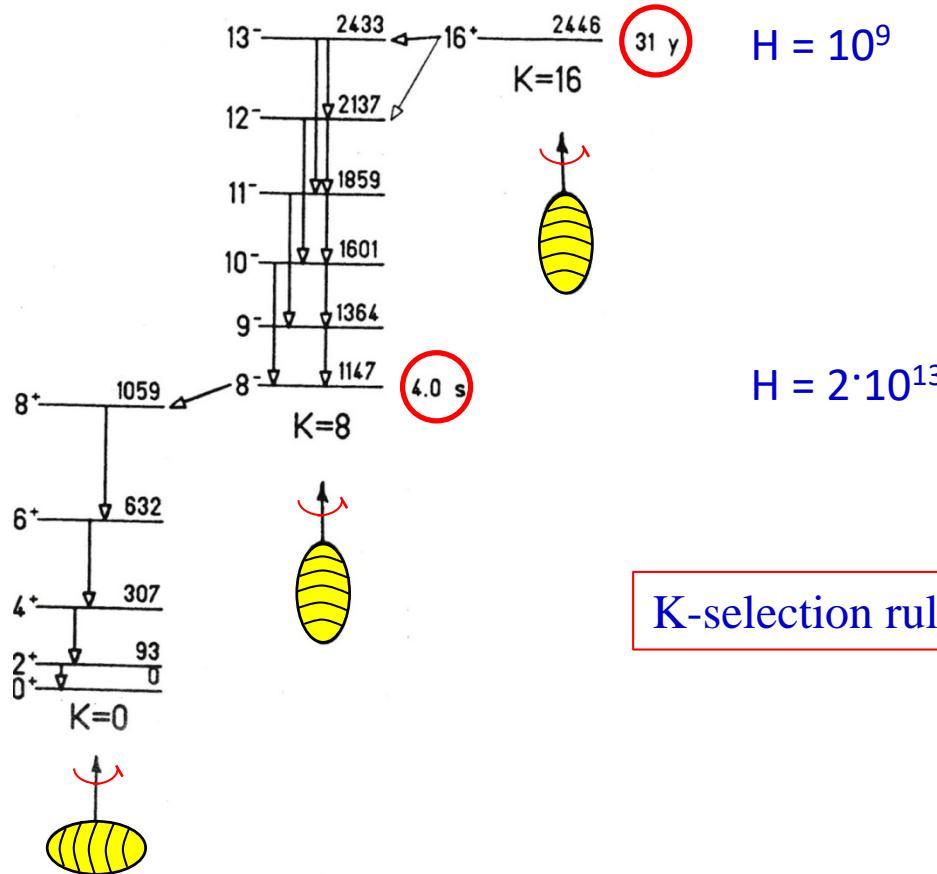
	$\frac{B(E2, I \rightarrow I - 2)}{B(E2, I \rightarrow I - 1)}$	rigid rotor $K=8$
10 <sup>-</sup>	$0.104 \pm 0.012$	0.0769
11 <sup>-</sup>	$0.171 \pm 0.009$	0.1607
12 <sup>-</sup>	$0.230 \pm 0.017$	0.2517
13 <sup>-</sup>	$0.313 \pm 0.016$	0.3500

E2/M1 mixing ratios are related to  $\frac{g_K - g_R}{Q_{20}}$

mixed 2-quasiparticle configuration:  $g_K = 0.36(2) > 0$

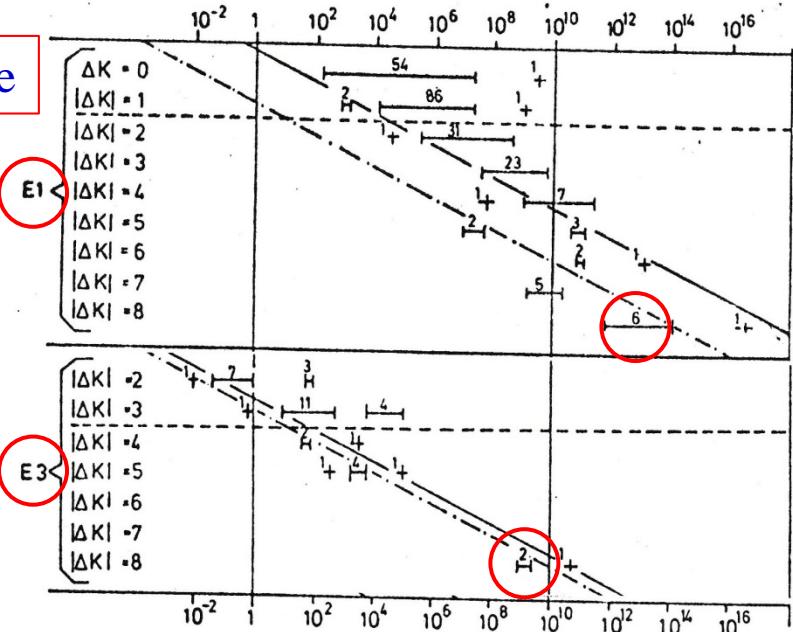
$\{\pi[514]9/2 + \pi[404]7/2\}8^-$  and  $\{\nu[514]7/2 + \nu[624]9/2\}8^-$

# K - isomerism



K-selection rule

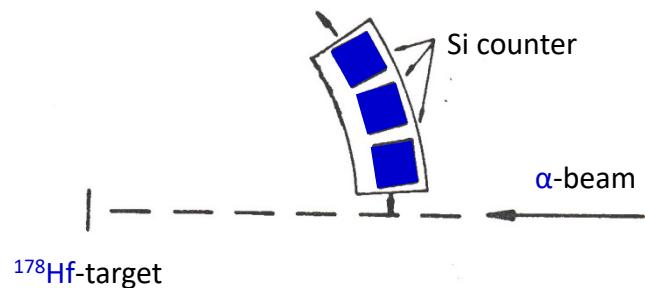
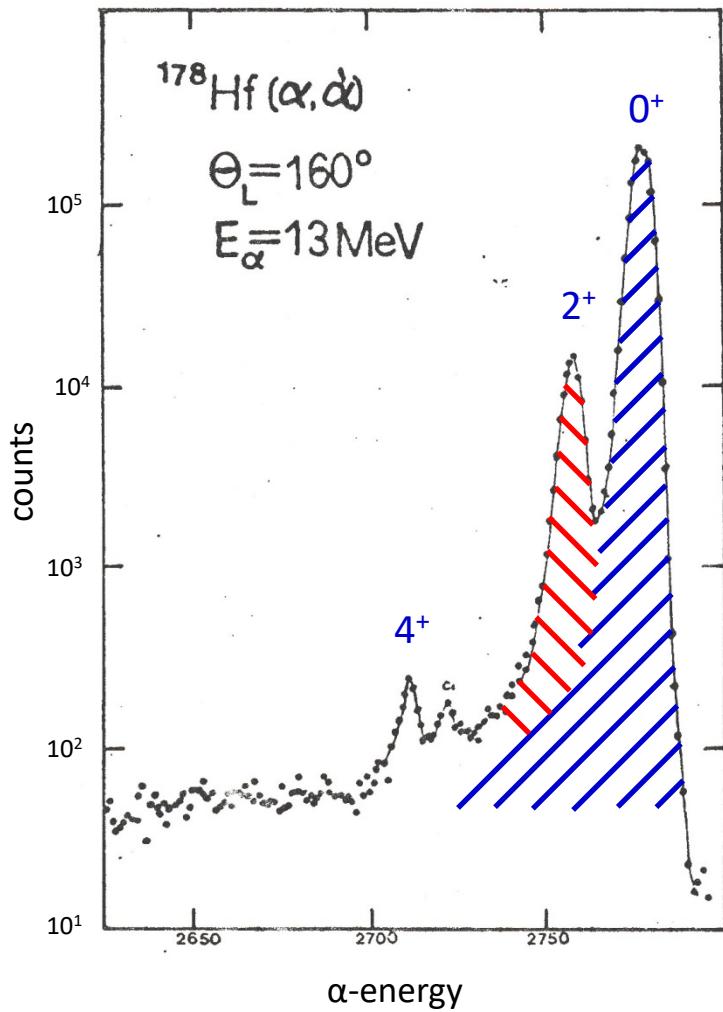
$$H = \frac{t_{1/2}(\text{experiment})}{t_{1/2}(\text{Weisskopf estimate})}$$



Helmer & Reich; Nucl. Phys. A114 (1968), 649

K.E.G. Löbner; Phys. Lett 26B (1968), 369

# $^{178}\text{Hf}$ : particle spectroscopy



$$d\sigma_{C.E.}(E, \theta_{cm}) = P_I(E, \theta_{cm}) \cdot d\sigma_{Ruth}(E, \theta_{cm})$$

$$= 4.82 \left(1 + \frac{A_p}{A_t}\right)^{-2} \frac{A_p}{Z_t^2} (E_{lab} - \Delta E') \cdot B(E2, 0^+ \rightarrow 2^+) \cdot df_{E2}(\xi, \theta_{cm})$$

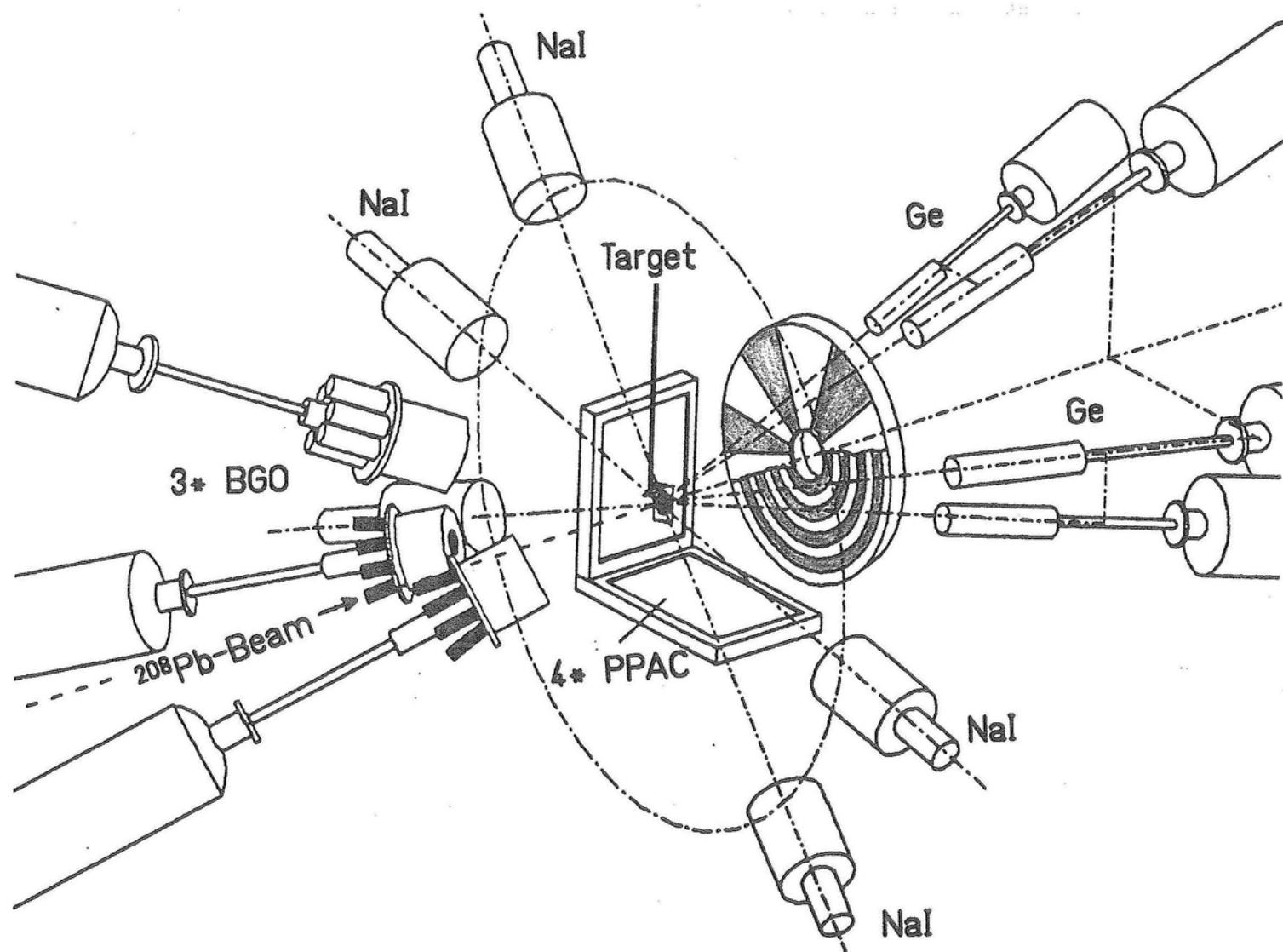
I	$P_I/P_{0^+}(160^\circ)$
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2	$6.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$
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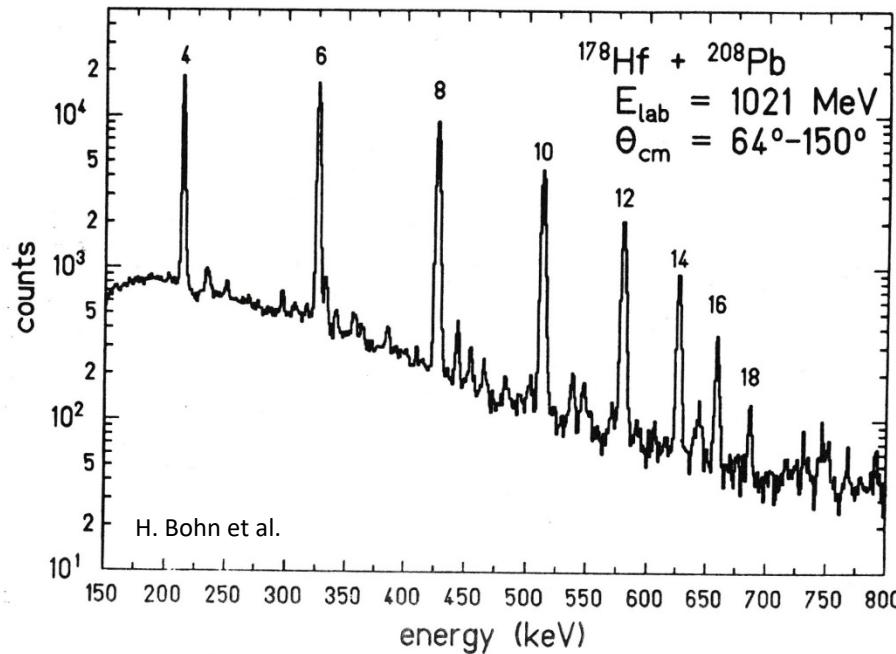
4	$7.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
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17	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sigma_{m2}/\sigma_{gs} = 0.05$
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E2, E3 excitation of collective states:

ground state band  $K = 0$

$\gamma$ -vibrational band  $K = 2$

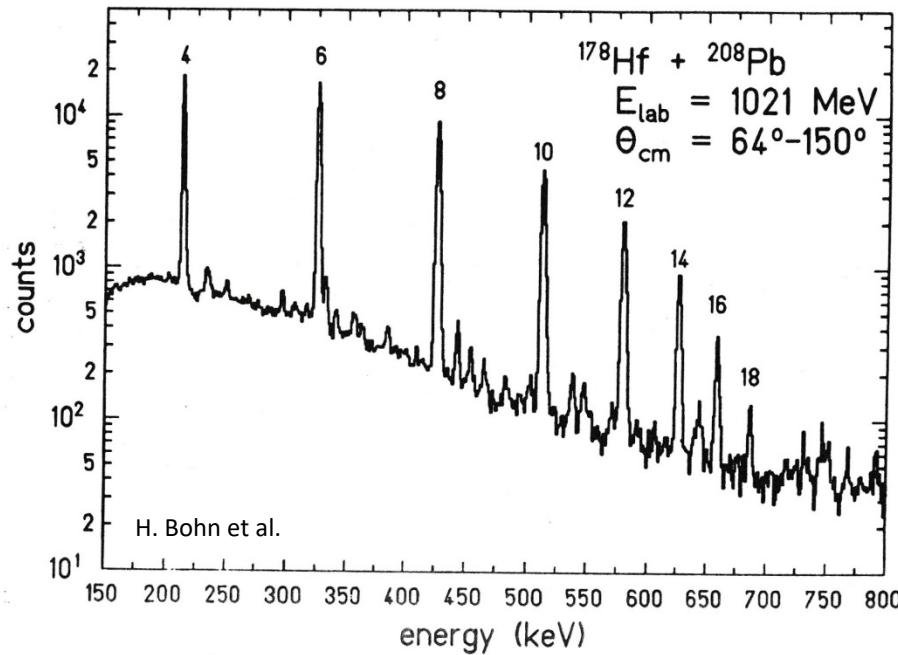
determination of K-quantum number:

$$B(E2; I \rightarrow I-2) = \frac{[(I-1)^2 - K^2][I^2 - K^2]}{(4I^2 - 1)I(I-1)} \frac{15}{32\pi} \cdot Q_{20}^2$$

$$Q_{20} = 6.99(4) \text{ b} \quad Q_{40} = 0.54 \left(\begin{matrix} 26 \\ 47 \end{matrix}\right) \text{ b}^2 \text{ or } -1.58(48) \text{ b}^2$$

$$\beta_2 = 0.29(1) \quad \beta_4 = -0.20(4)$$

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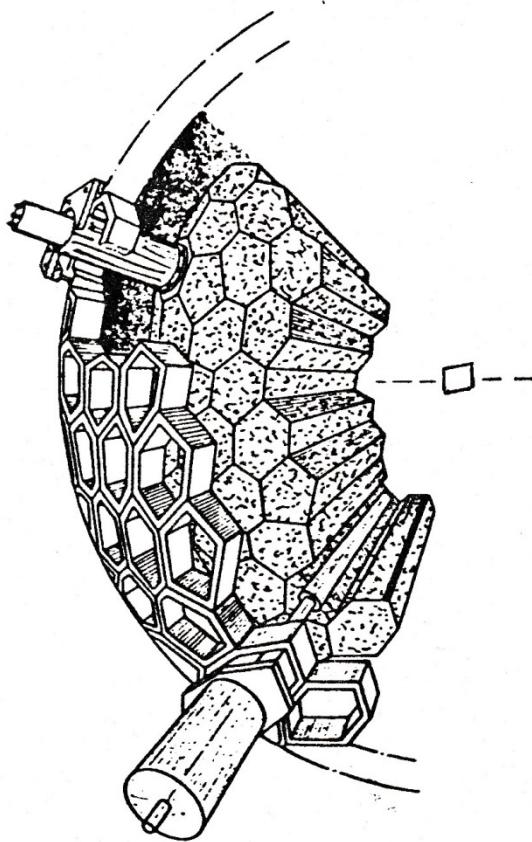
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- excitation of the  $K = 8$  isomeric state !  
observation of delayed  $\gamma$ -rays in the  $K = 0$  ground state band

- $^{178}\text{Hf} + ^{86}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{178}\text{Hf} + ^{136}\text{Xe}$

# Coulomb excitation of the K = 8 isomer in $^{178}\text{Hf}$



162 **NaI** detectors  
6 **Ge** detector

## parameters and resolutions FWHM

$E_i$  5.5% at 1332 keV

$t_i$  2.8 ns

$W(\theta)$   $14^0$

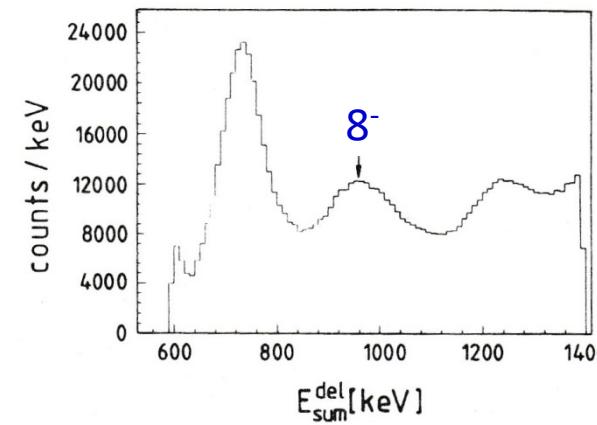
$E_{\text{total}}$  18-22% for  $M_\gamma=20$

$M_\gamma$  25-30% for  $M_\gamma=20$

The two basic observables which can be measured for the resulting  $\gamma$ -ray shower are the total energy emitted as  $\gamma$ -radiation and the number of  $\gamma$ -rays.

➤  $^{178}\text{Hf} + ^{130}\text{Te}$  at 560, 590, 620 MeV

particle detection at  $\sim 180^0$ , Pb catcher (0.5 mm thickness) was positioned 1cm downstream to stop the recoiling  $^{178}\text{Hf}$  ions.

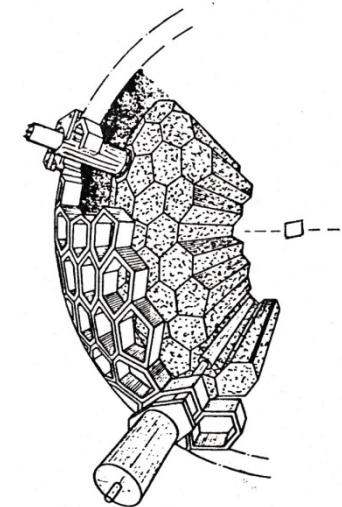
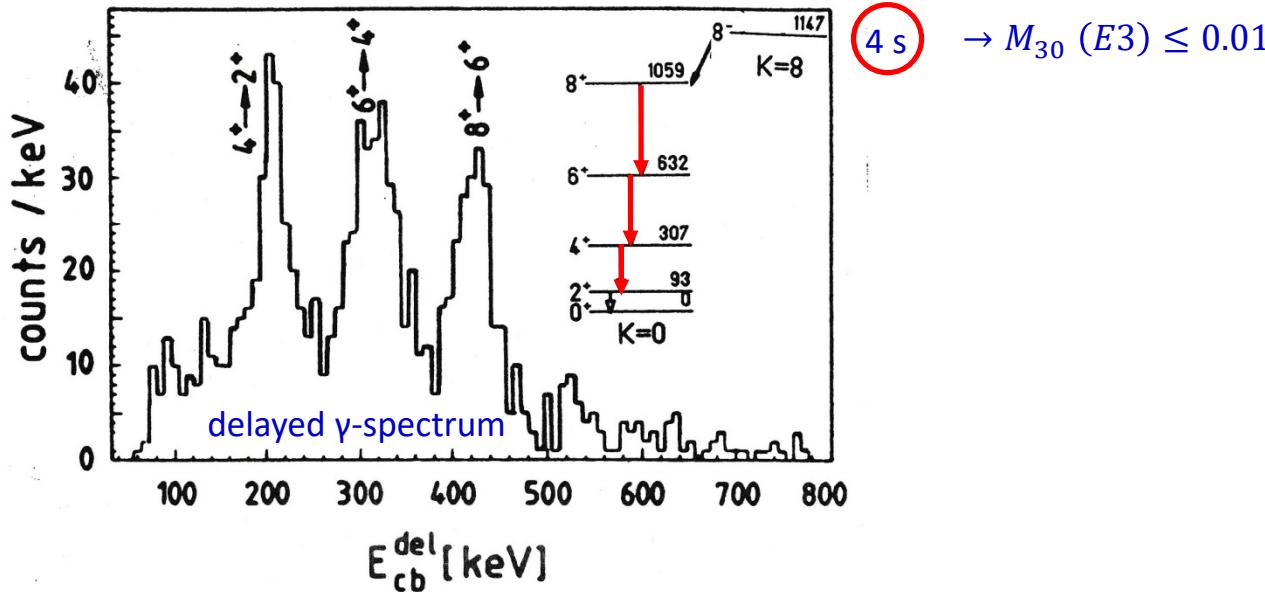


Delayed sum-energy spectrum taken at 590 MeV. (delayed time window 20-65ns with respect to beam pulse) A peak associated to the  $K^\pi=8^-$  shows up.

The other peaks correspond to isomers of fusion products from target contaminants and  $\beta$ -decay.

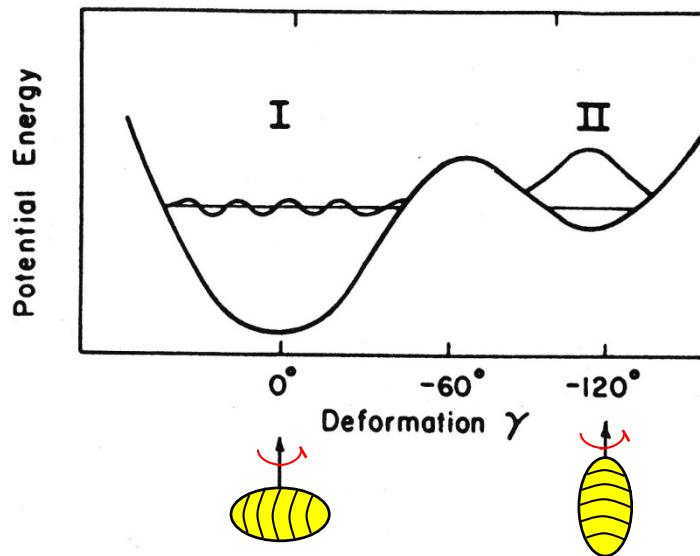
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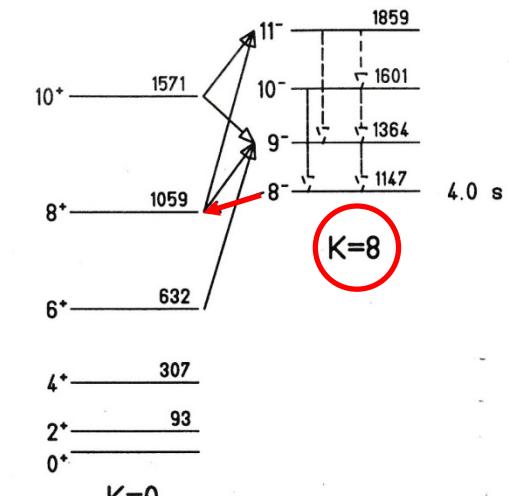
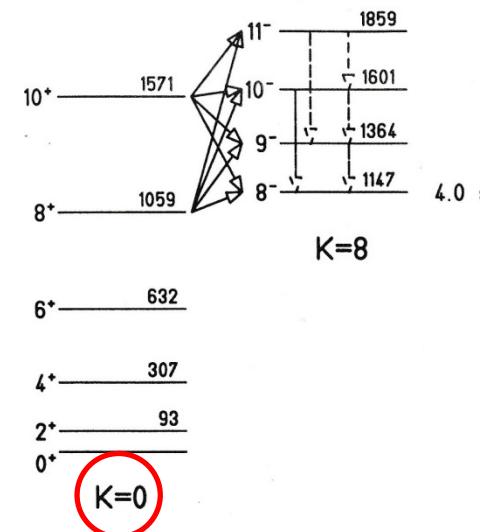
Delayed  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum of the Crystal Ball with  $850\text{keV} \leq E_{sum}^{del} \leq 1100\text{keV}$  and  $3 \leq N_{det} \leq 6$ . In addition at least one of the delayed  $\gamma$ -rays must have been detected in one of the Ge-detectors.

# Decay of the isomer by barrier penetration



+ small K=8 admixture

+ small K=0 admixture



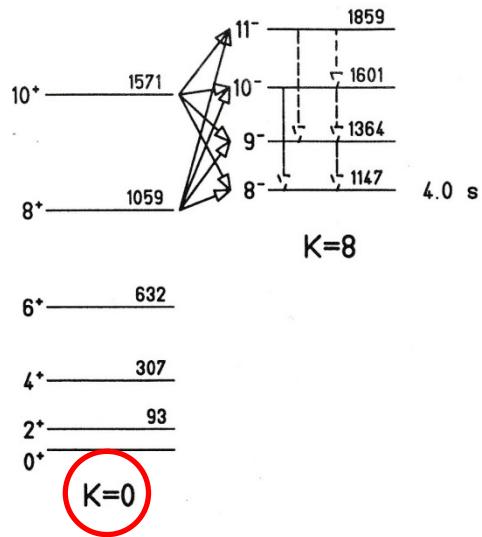
rigid rotor model:

$$\langle I_f | M(E2) | I_i \rangle = \sqrt{2I_i + 1} \cdot (I_i 3K0 | I_f K) \cdot M_{30}$$

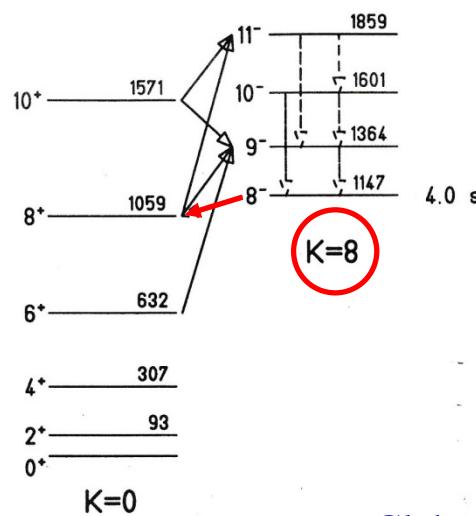
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# 2-band K-mixing model

+ small K=8 admixture



+ small K=0 admixture



8<sup>-</sup> lifetime is independent from excitation

rigid rotor model:

$$\langle I_f | M(E3) | I_i \rangle = \sqrt{2I_i + 1} \cdot (I_i 3K0 | I_f K) \cdot M_{30}$$

Clebsch Gordan coefficient:

$$\langle I3K0 | (I-3)K \rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{5(I+K-2)(I+K-1)(I+K)(I-K-2)(I-K-1)(I-K)}{2(I-2)(I-1)I(2I-3)(2I-1)(2I+1)}} * K$$

$$\langle I3K0 | (I-2)K \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{15(I+K-1)(I+K)(I-K-1)(I-K)}{(I-2)(I-1)I(2I-1)(2I+1)(2I+2)}} * K$$

$$\langle I3K0 | (I-1)K \rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{3(I+K)(I-K)}{(I-1)I(2I-3)(2I+1)(2I+2)(2I+3)}} * (5K^2 - I^2 + 1)$$

$$\langle I3K0 | IK \rangle = \frac{5K^2 - 3I^2 - 3I + 1}{\sqrt{(I-1)I(I+1)(I+2)(2I-1)(2I+3)}} * K$$

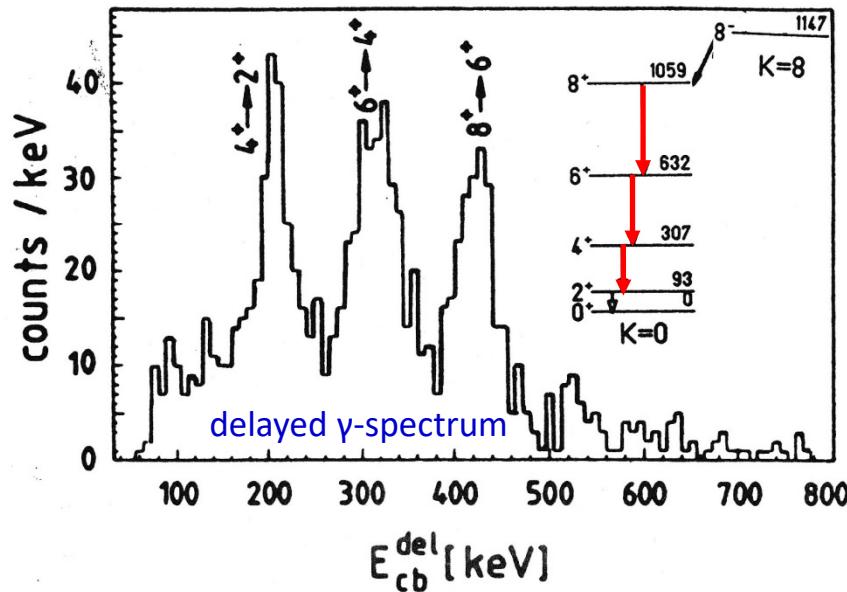
$$\langle I3K0 | (I+1)K \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3(I+K+1)(I-K+1)}{I(I+1)(2I-1)(2I+1)(2I+4)(2I+5)}} * (5K^2 - I^2 - 2I)$$

$$\langle I3K0 | (I+2)K \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{15(I+K+1)(I+K+2)(I-K+1)(I-K+2)}{I(I+1)(I+2)(2I+1)(2I+3)(2I+6)}} * K$$

$$\langle I3K0 | (I+3)K \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{5(I+K+1)(I+K+2)(I+K+3)(I-K+1)(I-K+2)(I-K+3)}{2(I+1)(I+2)(I+3)(2I+1)(2I+3)(2I+5)}} * K$$

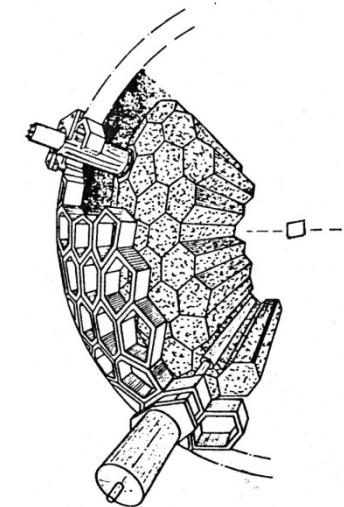
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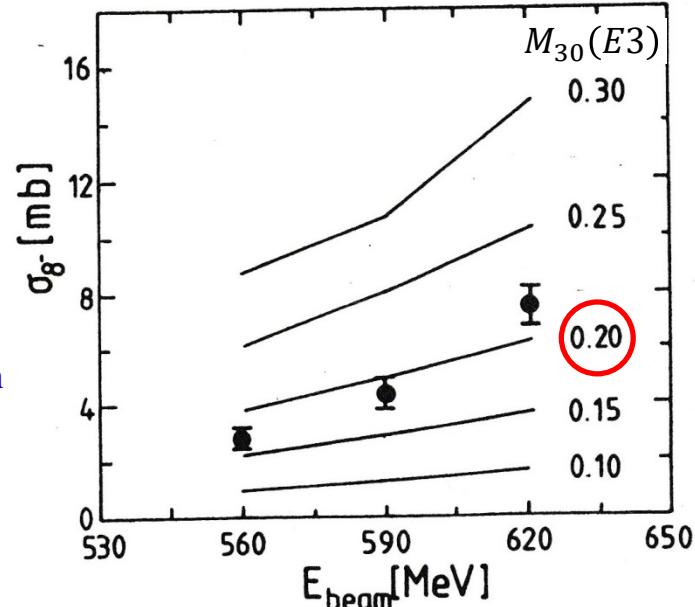
4 s

$\rightarrow M_{30}(E3) \leq 0.01$



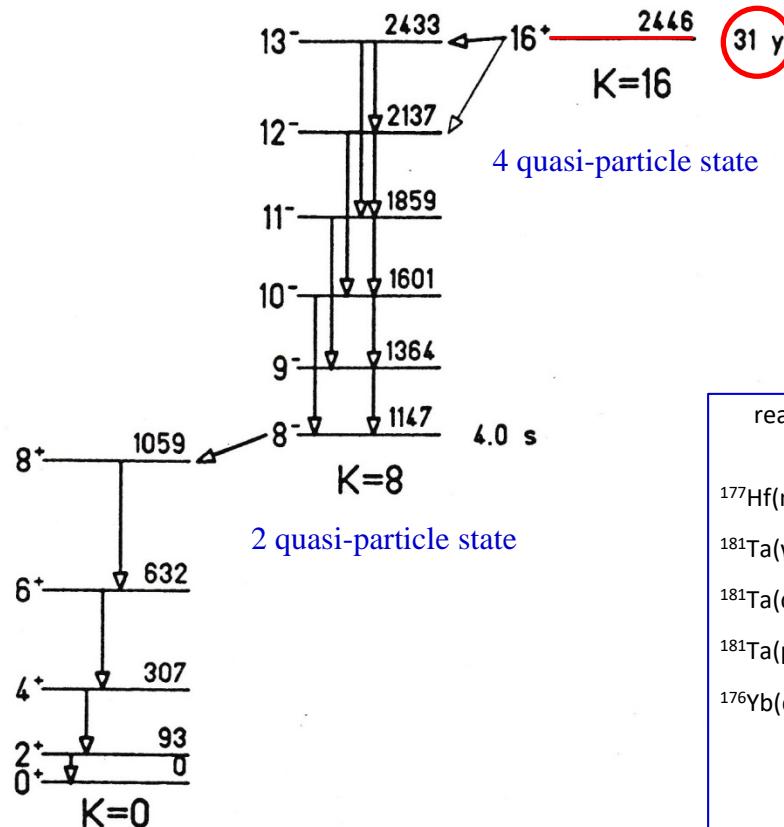
coupling between rotational motion  
and single particle excitation

$$\psi(8^-) \cong |K=8\rangle + \alpha|K=0\rangle$$



# Investigation of the K=16 isomer in $^{178}\text{Hf}$

decay scheme of  $^{178\text{m}2}\text{Hf}$

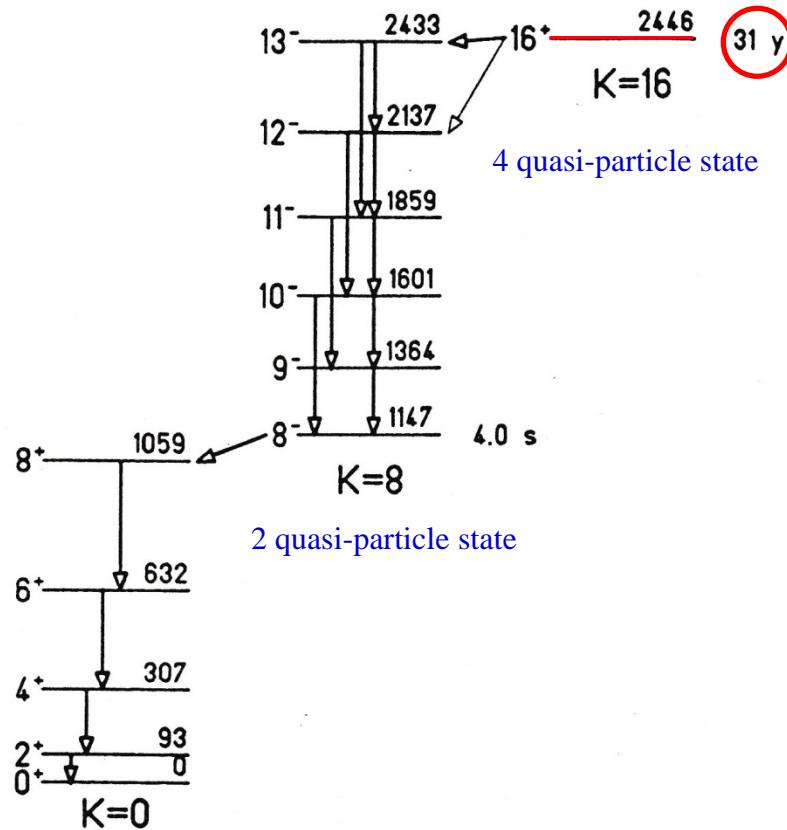


Production of  $^{178\text{m}2}\text{Hf}$  in the past

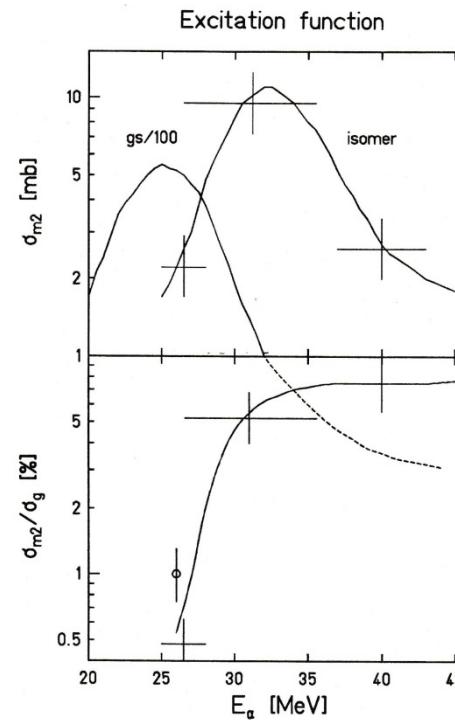
reaction	projectile energy (MeV)	$\sigma_m/\sigma_g$ s	reference
$^{177}\text{Hf}(n,\gamma)$	thermal	$10^{-9}$	R.G. Helmer et al.; Nucl. Phys. A211, 1 (1973)
$^{181}\text{Ta}(\gamma,p2n)$	$\leq 85$	low	F.W.N. de Boer et al.; Nucl. Phys. A263,1 (1976)
$^{181}\text{Ta}(\alpha,\alpha p2n)$	120	-	J. Van Klinken et al.; Nucl. Phys. A339, 189 (1980)
$^{181}\text{Ta}(p,\alpha)$	92.5	$10^{-3}$	W. Kutschera et al.; Radio. Beam Conf., 345 (1989)
$^{176}\text{Yb}(\alpha,2n)$	26	0.01	T. Khoo et al.; Phys. Lett. 67B, 271 (1977)
	27	0.005	A. Kugler et al.; priv. communication
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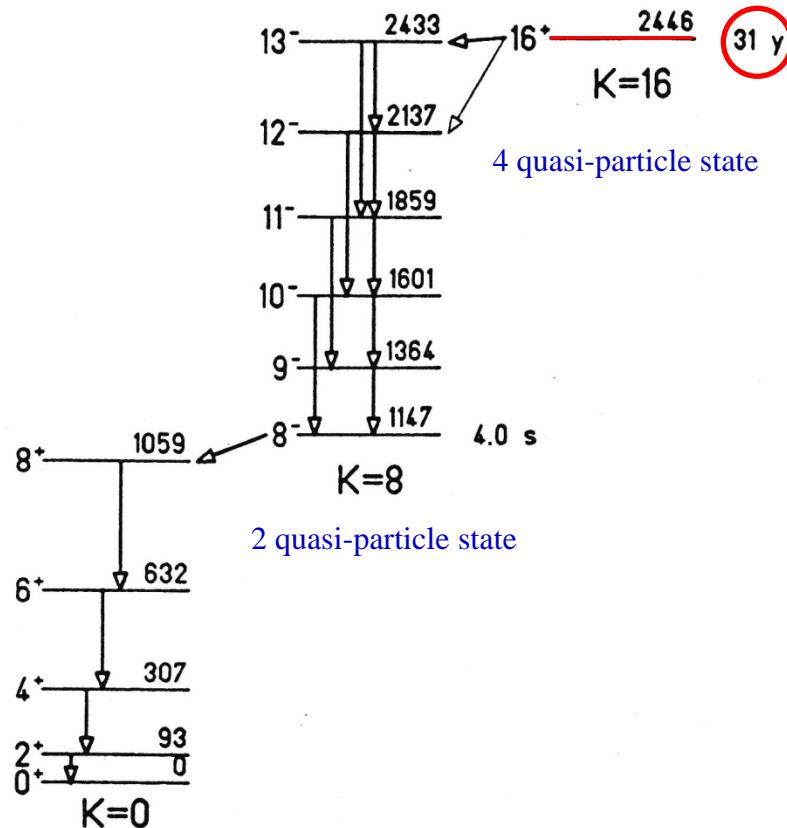


Production of  $^{178\text{m}2}\text{Hf}$  using  $^{176}\text{Yb}(\alpha, 2n)$



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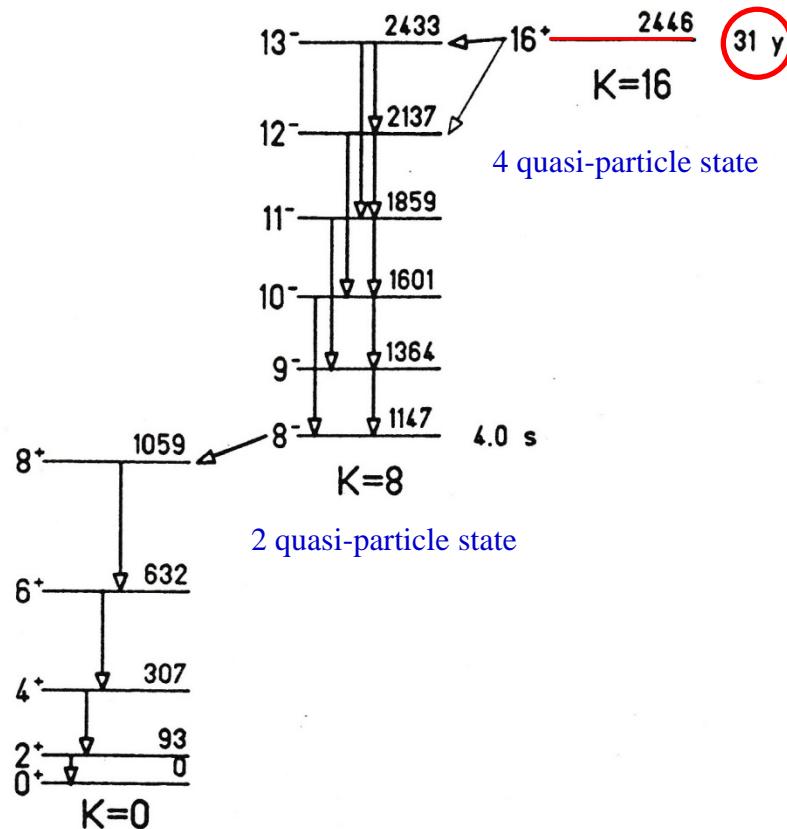


The isotopic distribution of radioactive Hf nuclei produced in the irradiation  $^4\text{He} + ^{176}\text{Yb}$

Mass	170	171	172	173	175	$178\text{m}$	$178\text{g}$	$179\text{m}$
$T_{1/2}$	15.9h	12.2h	1.9y	24h	70d	31y	stable	24.8d
Experiment	$510^{10}$	$1.510^{11}$	$4.510^{12}$	$1.310^{13}$	$2.210^{13}$	$1.610^{13}$	--	$7.610^{11}$
Calculation	$810^{10}$	$1.510^{12}$	$4.410^{12}$	$0.810^{13}$	$2.210^{13}$	--	$2.910^{14}$	--

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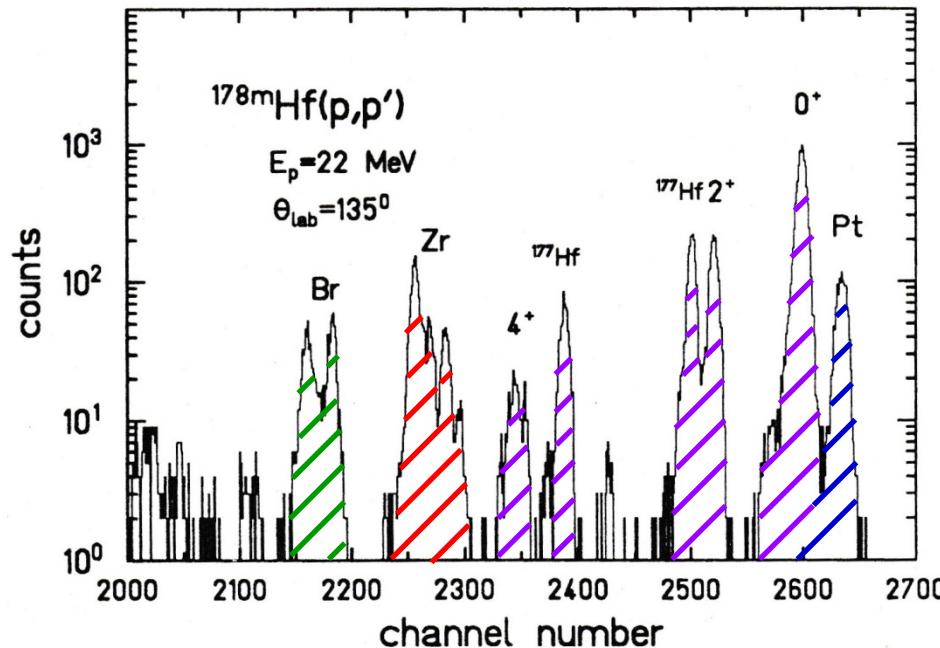
- magnet moment  $\mu(16^+) = 7.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ nm}$
- 4-qp state:  $\pi[514]9/2 + \pi[404]7/2 + \nu[514]7/2 + \nu[624]9/2$
- production:  $^{176}\text{Yb}(\alpha, 2n)^{178}\text{Hf}$  Dubna
- chemical separation Orsay, Dubna
- mass separation Orsay
- target preparation Orsay

chemistry by M. Hussonnois (IN2P3-CNRS Orsay, France)

Yu. Ts. Oganessian; J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 18 (1992), 393

# Target analysis

- inelastic p-scattering experiment

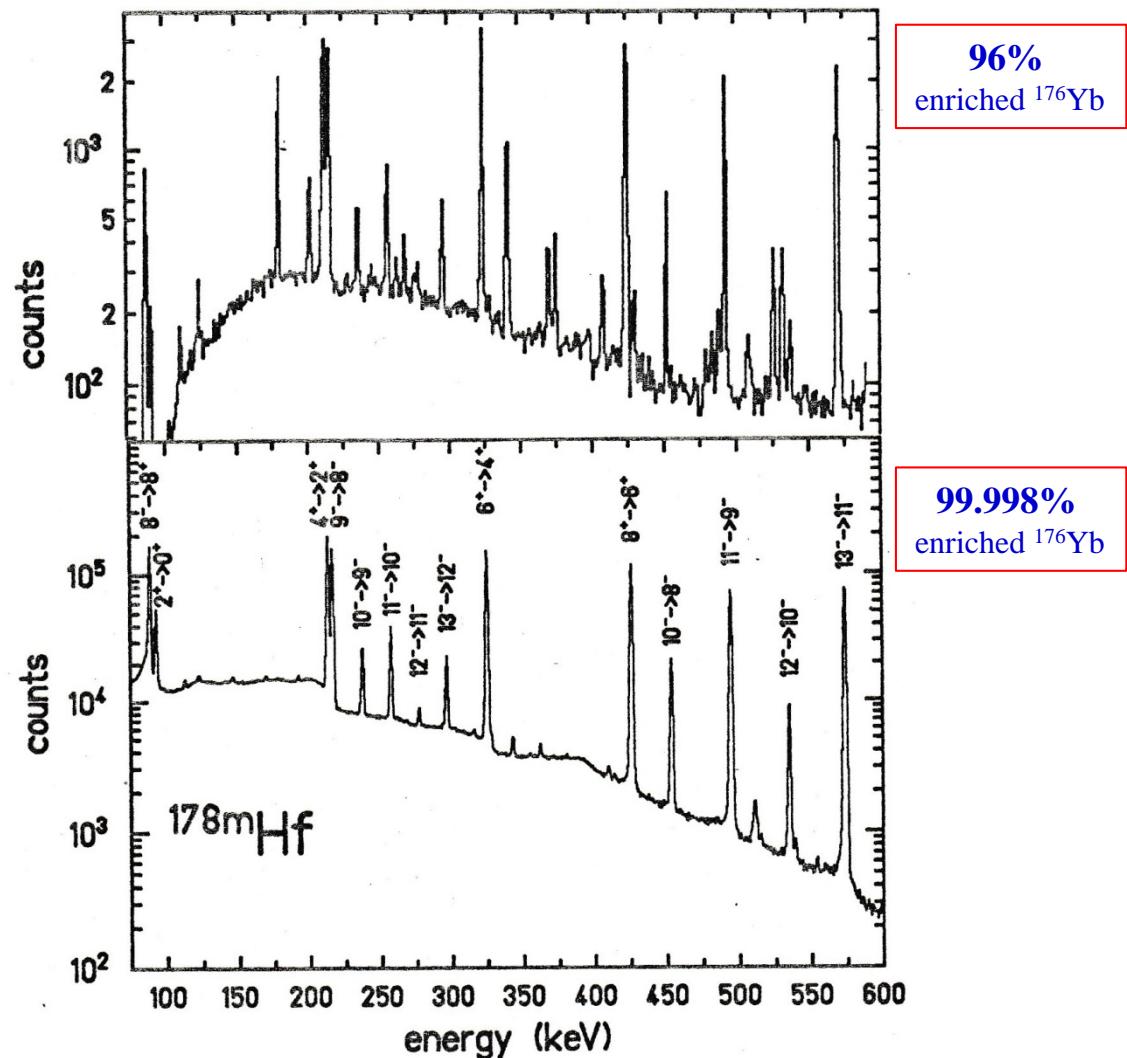
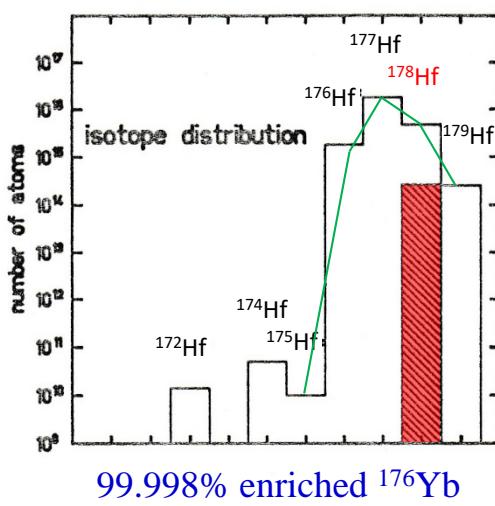
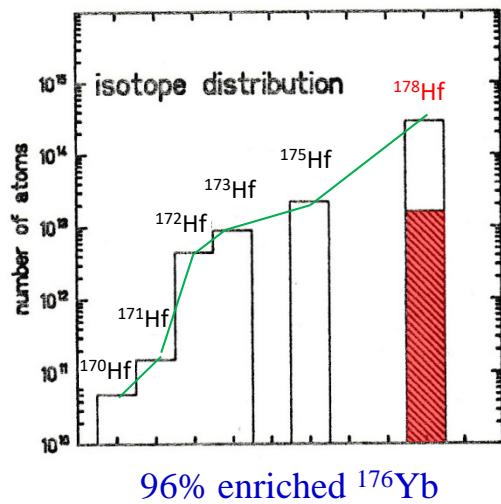


- X-ray analysis

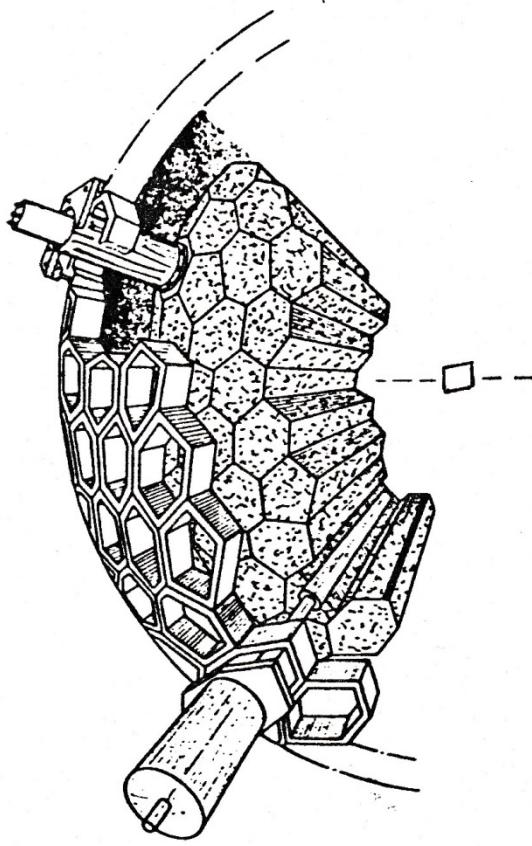
		Br	Zr	Hf	Pt	
$^{178m^2}\text{Hf}$	15 µg	107	320	1278	33	counts/s
$^{nat}\text{Hf}$	40 µg	-	223	3645	-	counts/s

- isomer-to ground state ratio:  $\sigma_{m^2}/\sigma_{gs} = 2\%$

# The $^{176}\text{Yb}(\alpha,2\text{n})$ reaction



# Decay study with the GSI-MPI Crystal Ball



162 **NaI** detectors  
1 **Ge** detector

## parameters and resolutions FWHM

$E_i$  5.5% at 1332 keV

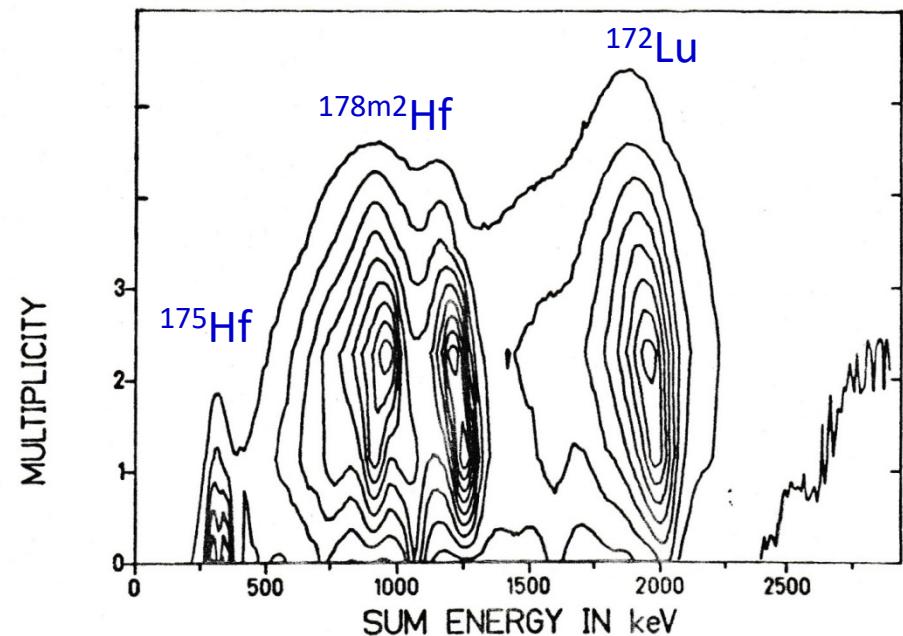
$t_i$  2.8 ns

$W(\theta)$   $14^0$

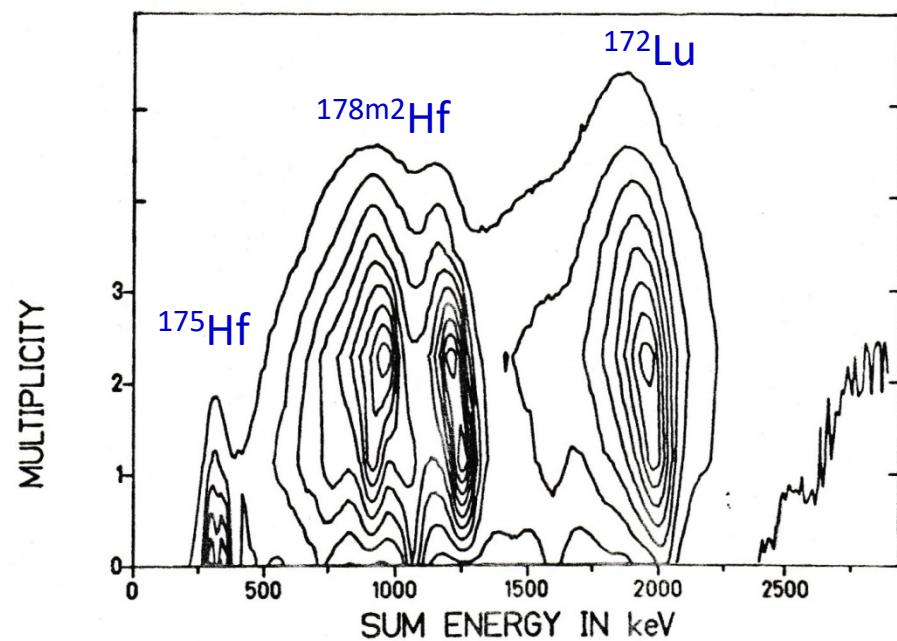
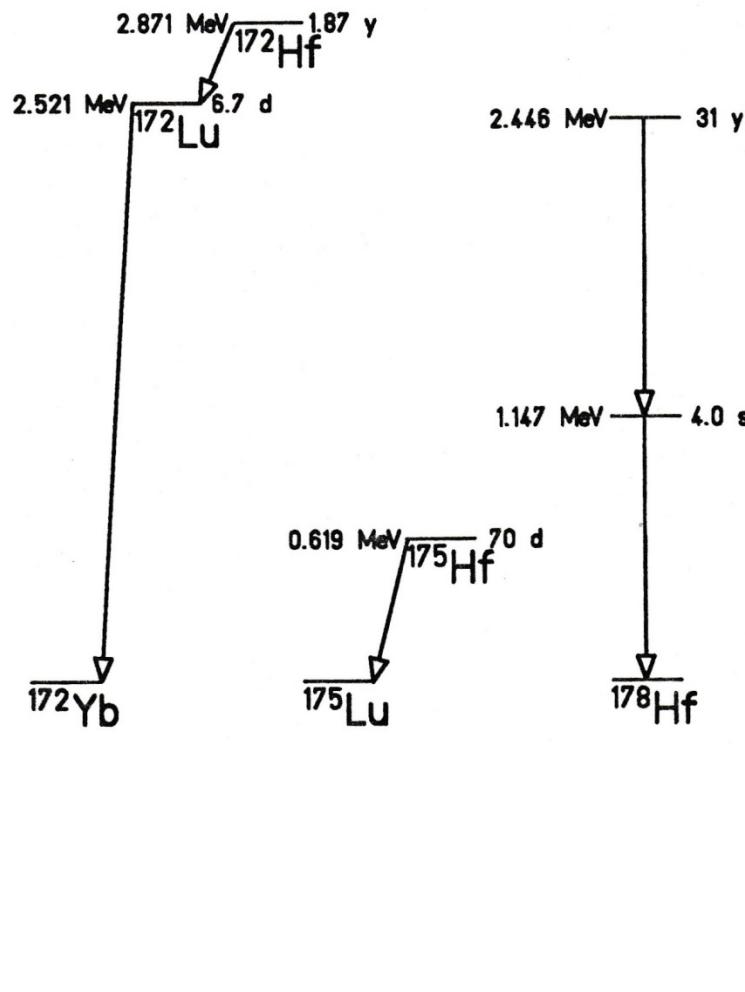
$E_{\text{total}}$  18-22% for  $M_\gamma=20$

$M_\gamma$  25-30% for  $M_\gamma=20$

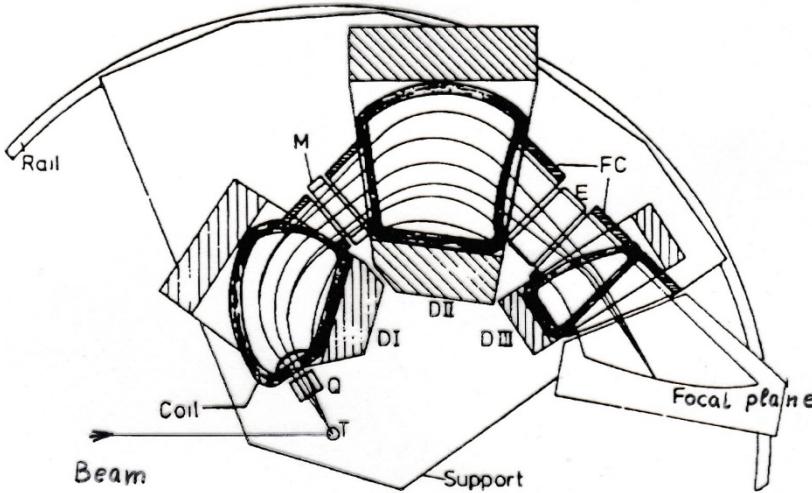
The two basic observables which can be measured for the resulting  $\gamma$ -ray shower are the total energy emitted as  $\gamma$ -radiation and the number of  $\gamma$ -rays.



# Decay scheme of $^{175,178m^2}\text{Hf}$ , $^{172}\text{Lu}$

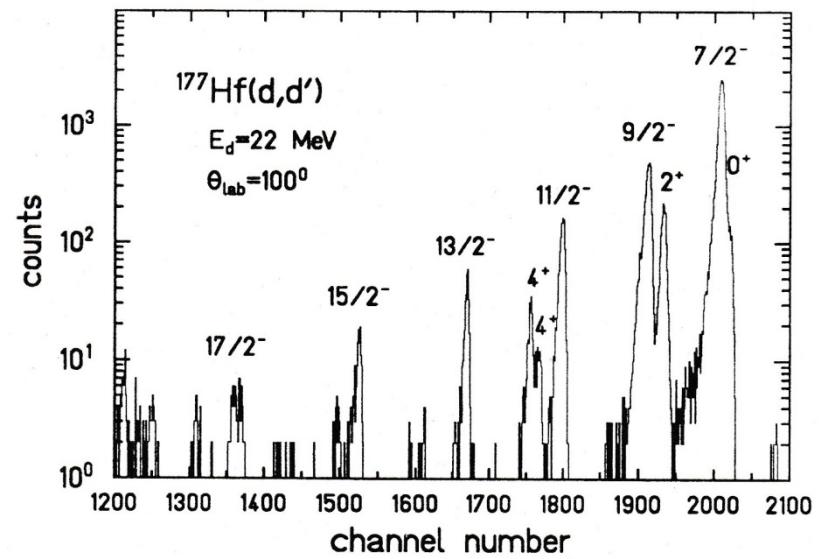


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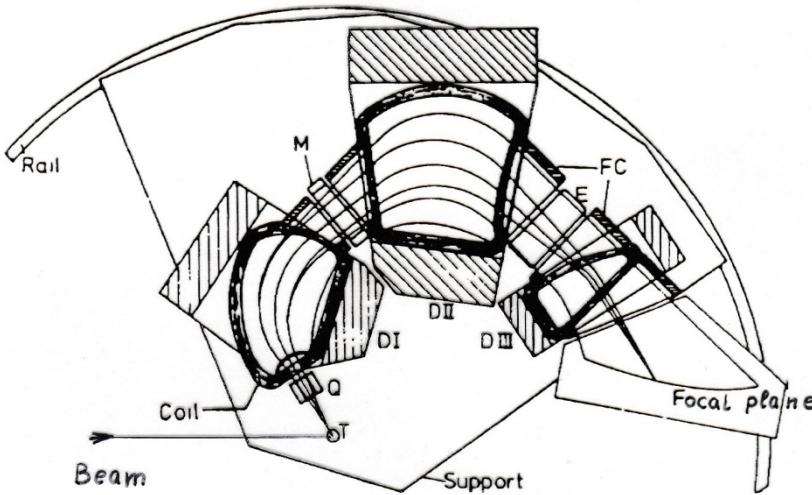


Q3D measurement at the Munich tandem

energy resolution: 12 keV

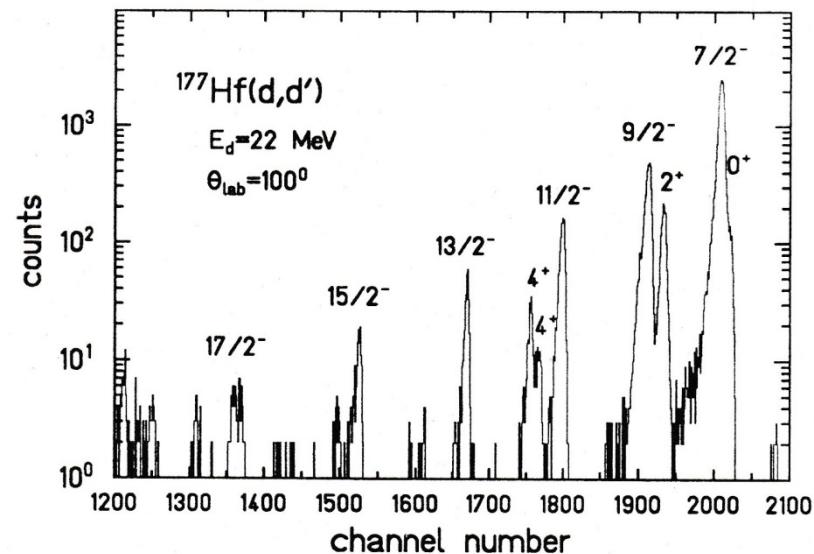
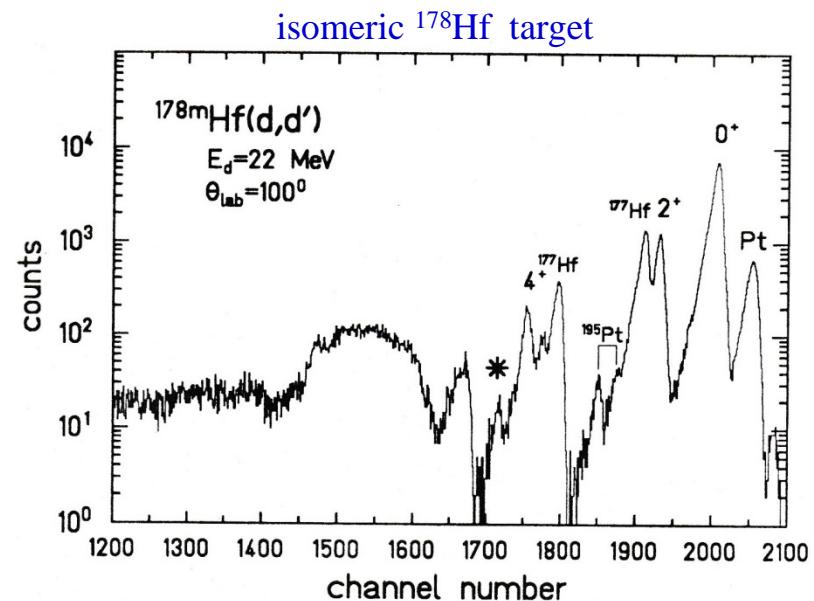


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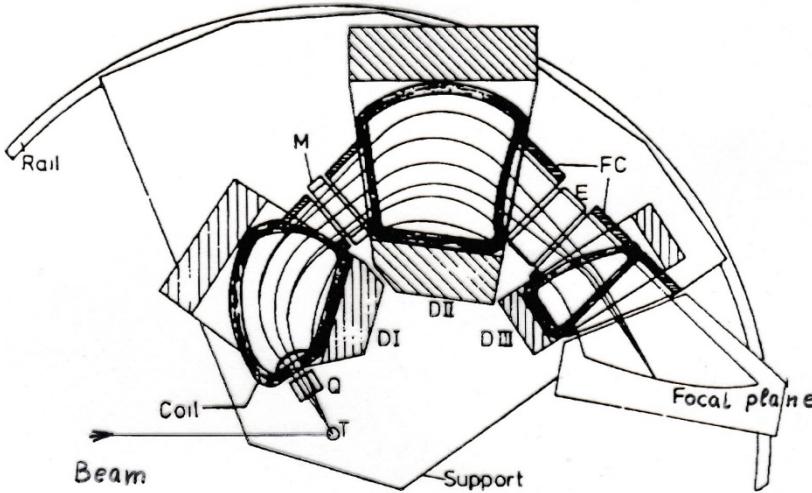


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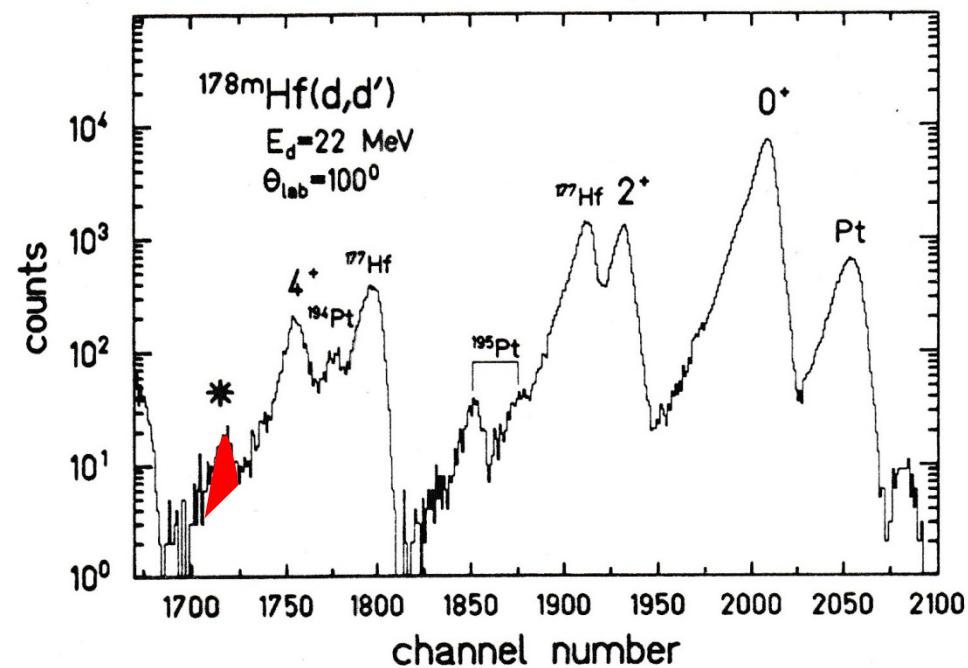


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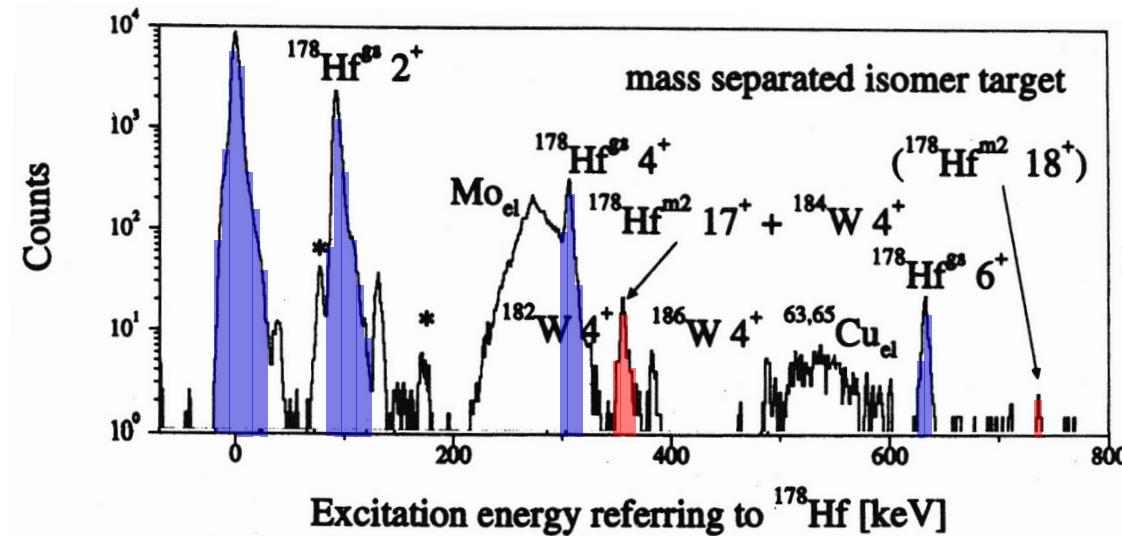


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# Inelastic Deuteron scattering from K=16 isomer



$$\frac{^{178m2}\text{Hf}}{^{178}\text{Hf}} \cong 3\%$$

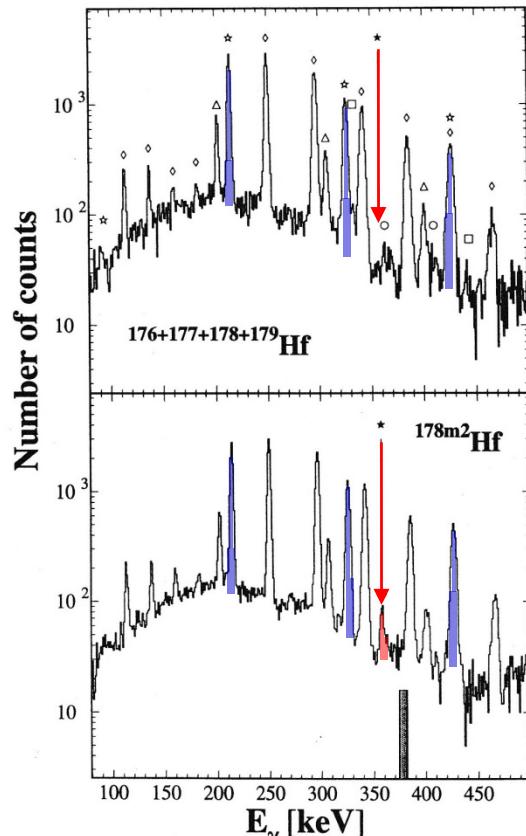
experiment performed at Munich tandem accelerator with Q3D spectrograph ( $45^0 - 100^0$ )

W, Ta, Mo, Cu result from sputtering and migration process in the mass-separator facility

❖  $E_x = 356.5 \pm 0.4$  keV    17<sup>+</sup> member of rotational band

$$\frac{\Im(^{178m2}\text{Hf})}{\Im(^{178}\text{Hf})} = 1.48$$

# Coulomb excitation of the K=16 isomer



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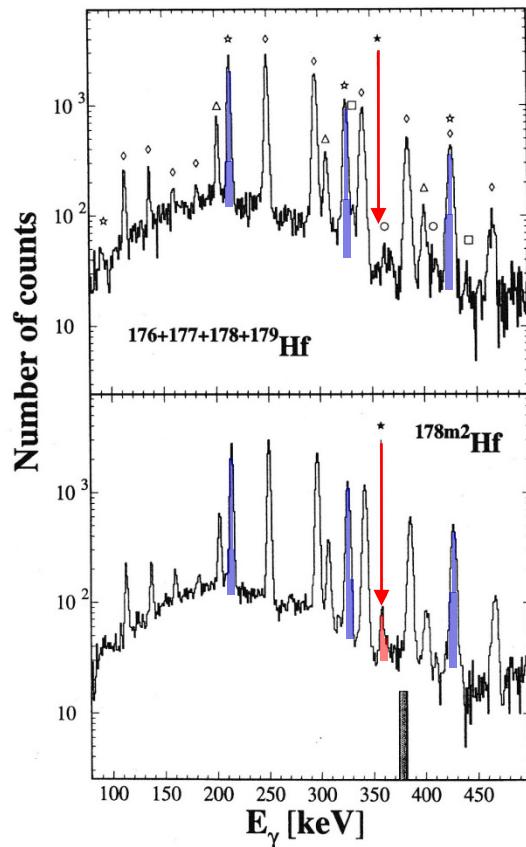
$\gamma$ -spectrum with isomeric target

$$\frac{^{178m2}\text{Hf}}{\text{Hf}} = 0.6\% \quad \mathbf{10^{14} \, ^{178m2}\text{Hf atoms}}$$

experiment performed at UNILAC accelerator

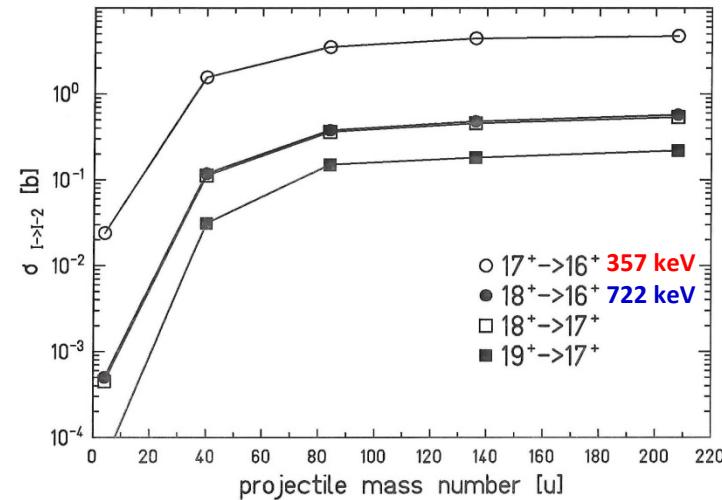
- ❖  $E_\gamma = 357.4 \pm 0.3 \text{ keV}$        $17^+ \rightarrow 16^+$  transition
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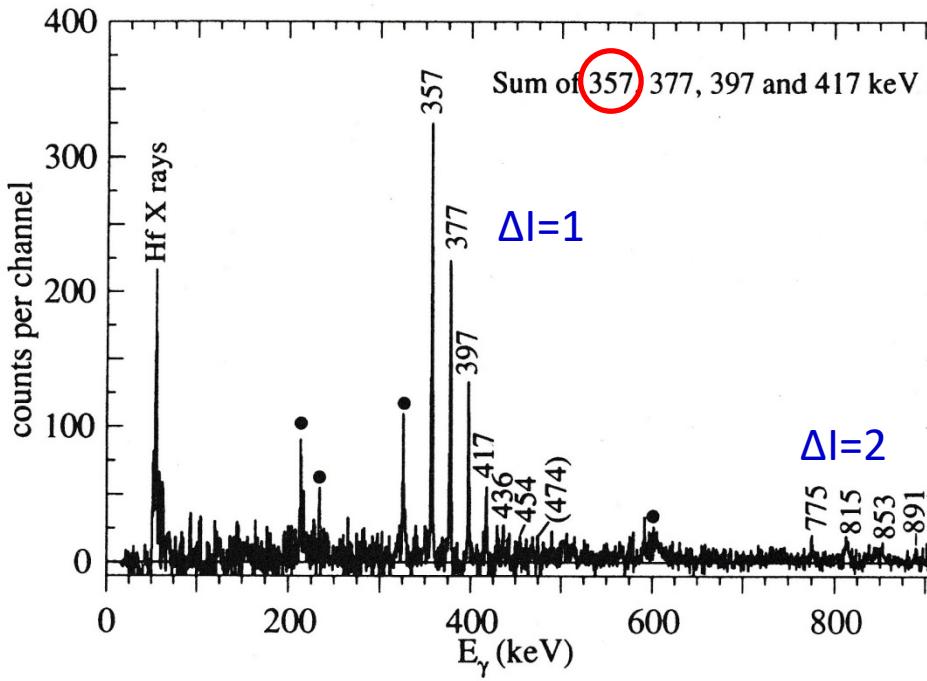
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# Rotational band on the K=16 isomer in $^{178}\text{Hf}$



Summed coincidence spectrum from projections made on transitions in the rotational band assigned to  $^{178\text{m}2}\text{Hf}$ .

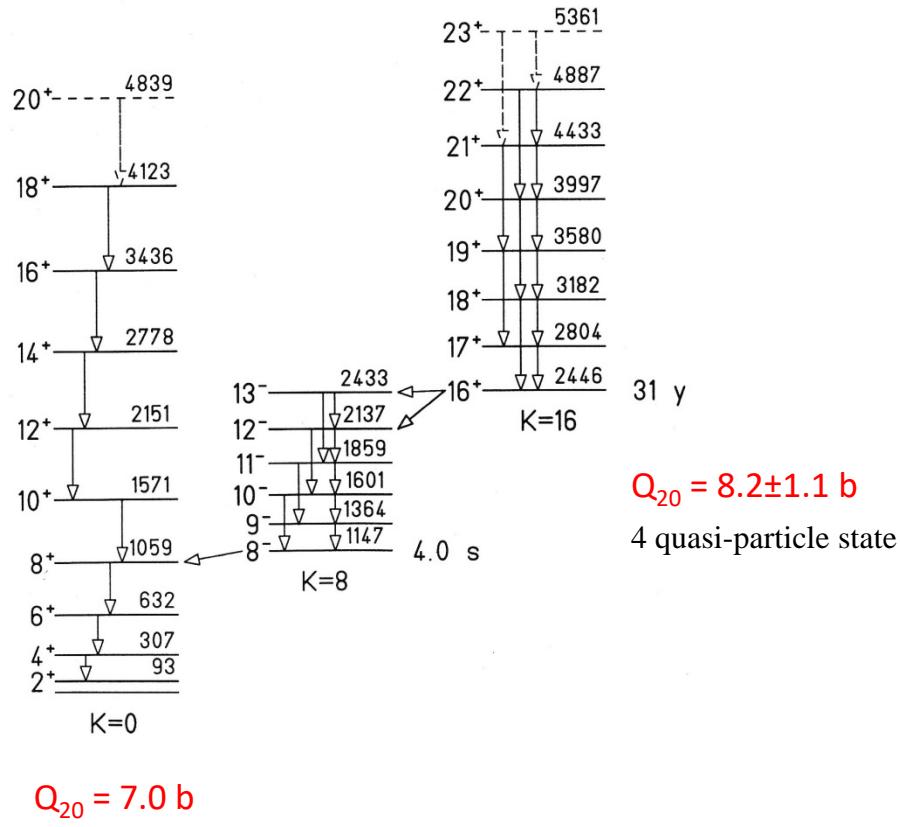
$^{176}\text{Yb}(^{9}\text{Be},\alpha 3n)$   $^{178}\text{Hf}$  55, 60 MeV

incomplete fusion reaction

14 charged-particle detectors cover 85% of  $4\pi$

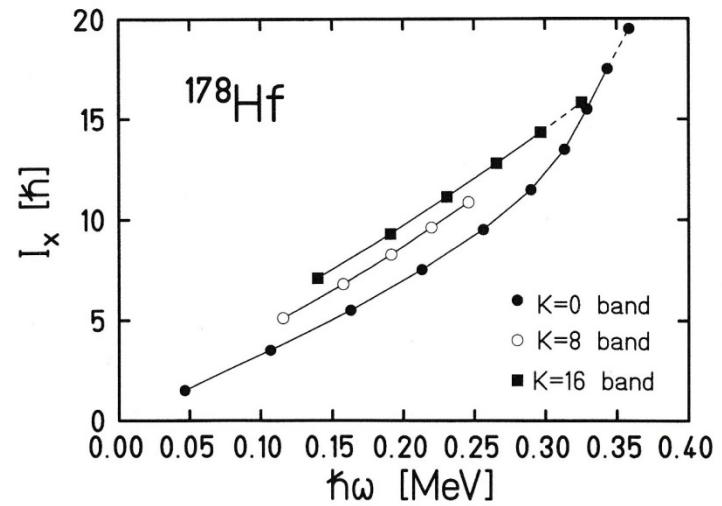
E2/M1 mixing ratios  $g_K=0.52(6)$   $\nu^2\pi^2 - \text{qp band}$

# Partial level scheme of $^{178}\text{Hf}$

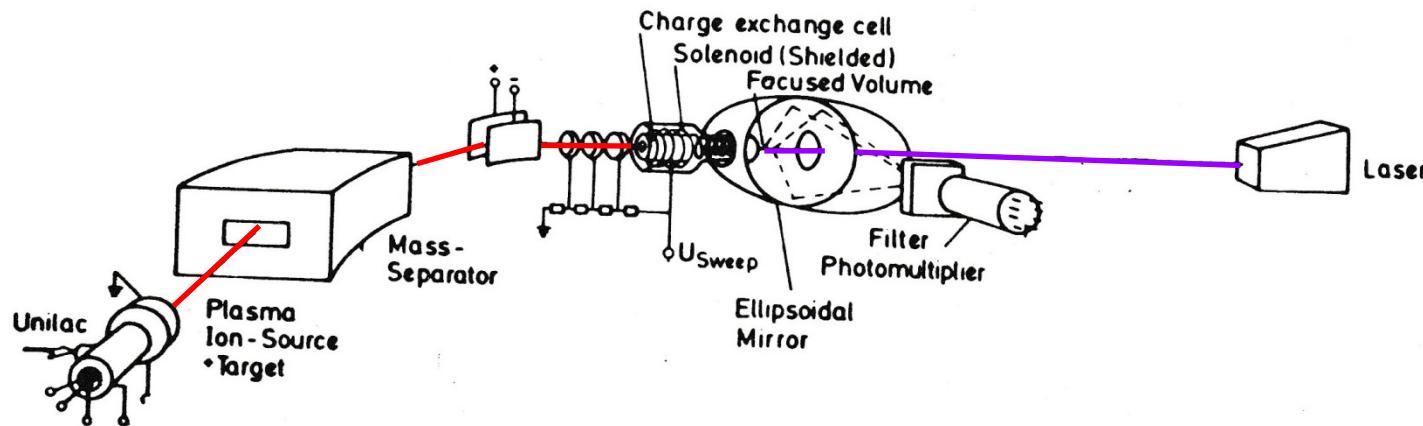


$$I_x = \{(I + 1/2)^2 - K^2\}^{1/2}$$

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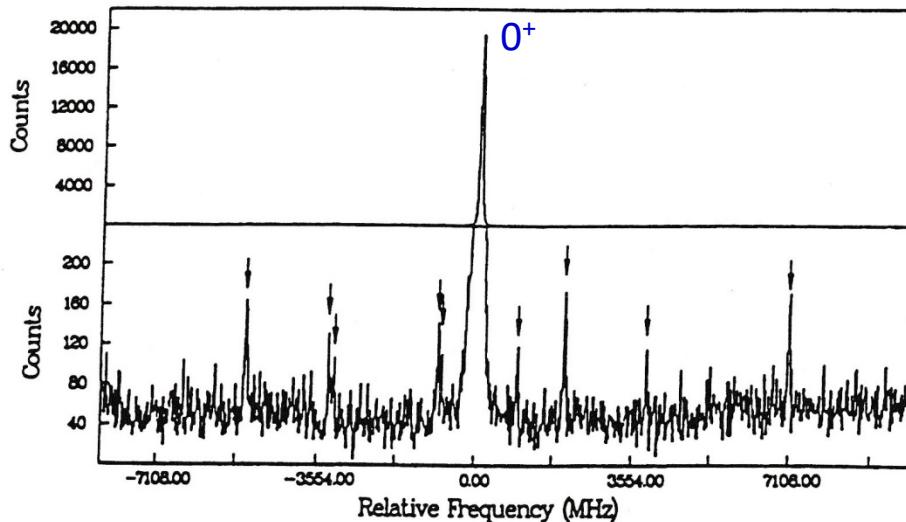


# Collinear laser spectroscopy



kinetic energy spread in ion source:  $\Delta E = mv \cdot \Delta v = \text{few eV}$

residual Doppler width after acceleration:  $\Delta v = \frac{v_0 \Delta E}{\sqrt{2eU \cdot mc^2}}$   $\Delta v=60 \text{ MHz for } 60 \text{ kV}$



$$\Delta W_{HFS} = \frac{A}{2}K + B \frac{\frac{3}{4}K(K+1) - I(I+1)J(J+1)}{2I(2I-1) \cdot J(2J-1)}$$

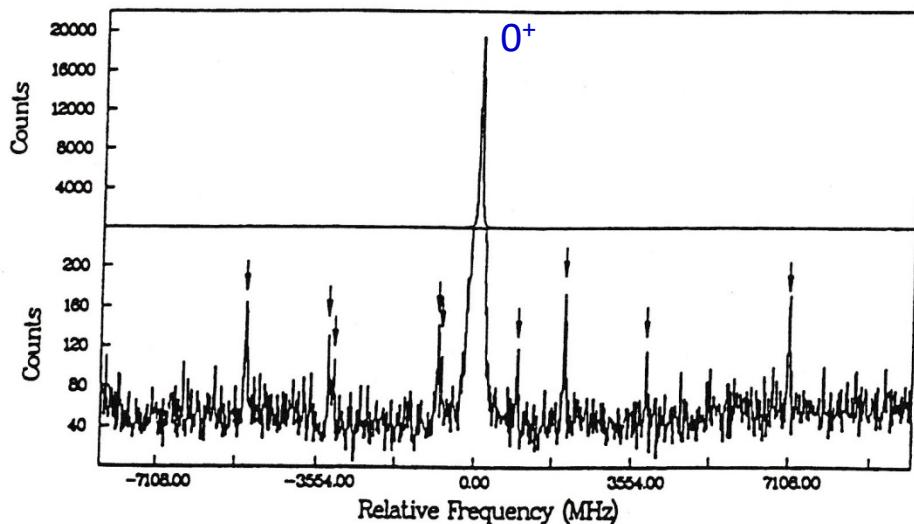
$$K = F(F+1) - I(I+1) - J(J+1)$$

$$A = \frac{\mu_I \cdot \langle H(0) \rangle}{I \cdot J}$$

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$$Q_s^{178m2} = +6.00(7) \text{ b} \quad \rightarrow \quad Q_0 = 7.2(1) \text{ b}$$

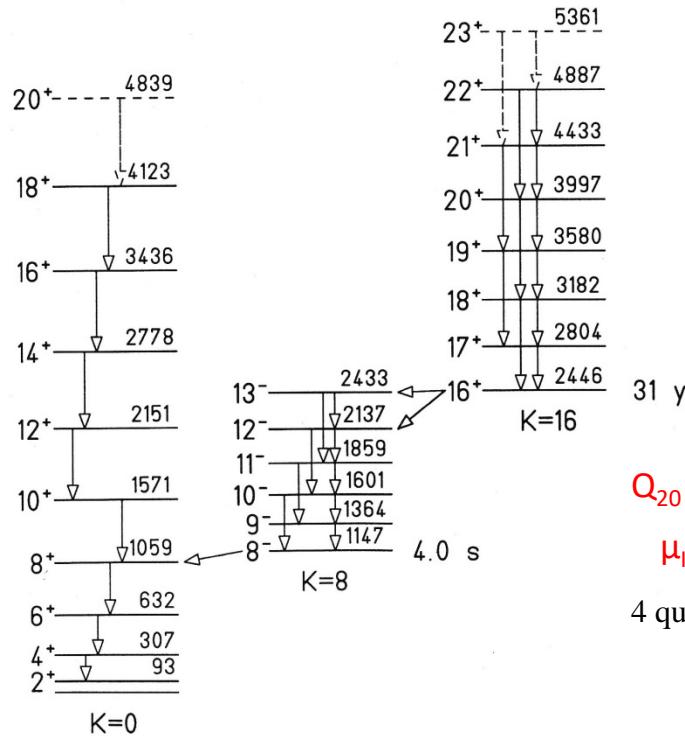
$$\delta\langle r^2 \rangle^{178,178m2} = -0.059(9) \text{ fm}^2$$

strong coupling scheme:

$$Q_s = \frac{3K^2 - I(I+1)}{(I+1)(2I+3)} \cdot Q_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad Q_s \ (K=I) = \frac{I \cdot (2I-1)}{(I+1)(2I+3)} \cdot Q_0$$

$$\delta\langle r^2 \rangle = \delta\langle r^2 \rangle_0 + \frac{5}{4\pi} \langle r^2 \rangle_0 \sum_{\lambda} \delta\langle \beta_{\lambda}^2 \rangle$$

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4 quasi-particle state

$$Q_{20} = 8.2 \pm 1.1 \text{ b} \text{ (Coulomb excitation)}$$

