

Probing the evolution of transitional structure in ¹⁵⁸Er via β-decay of Tm isotope

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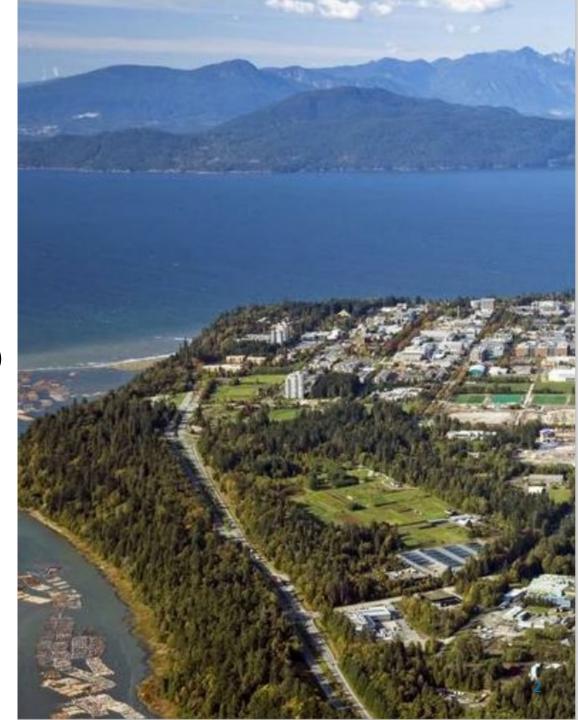




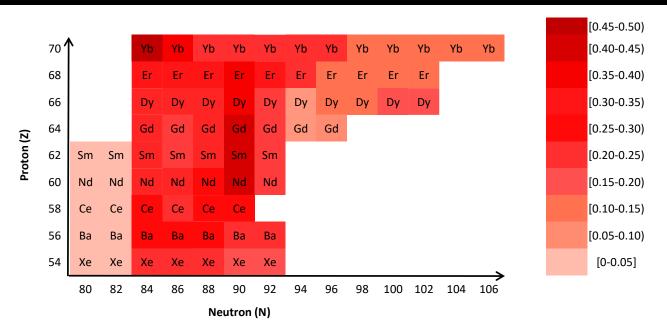
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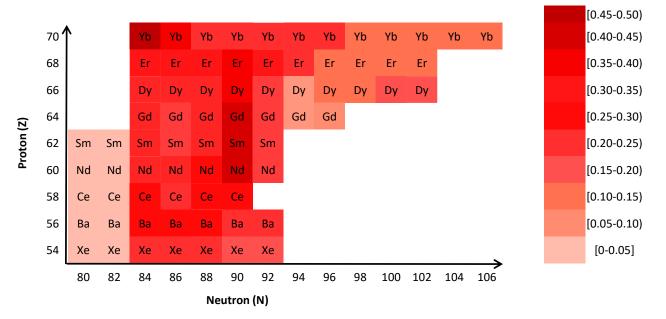


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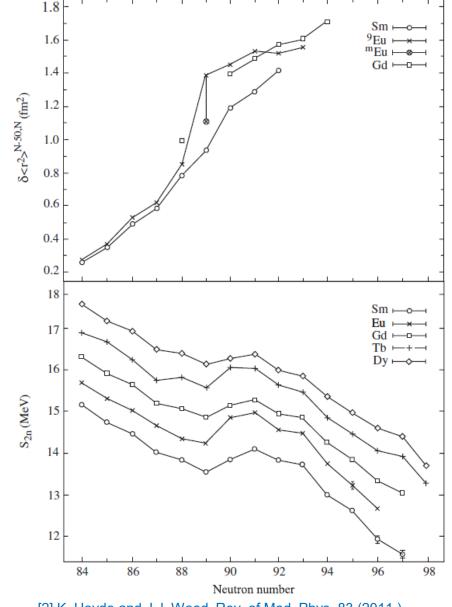


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- Sudden changes in isotopic shift values are a key indicator of mass regions where large E0 transition strengths can be expected to occur.
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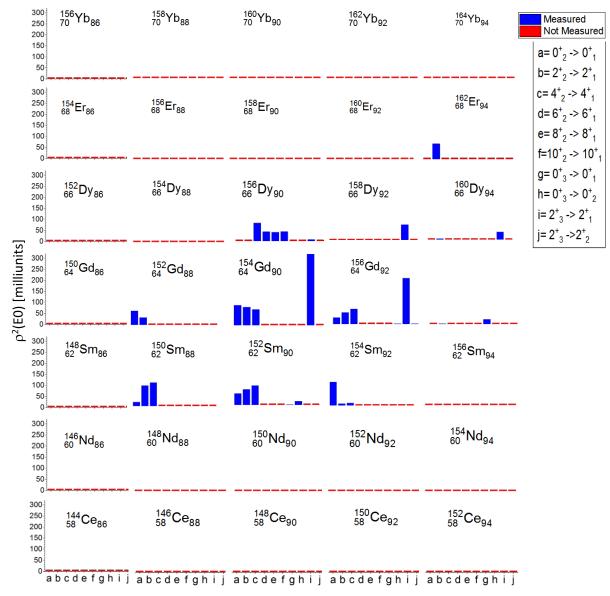
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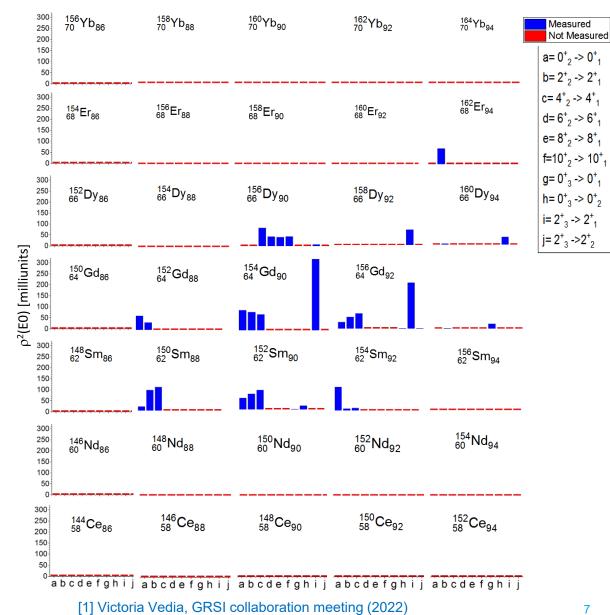
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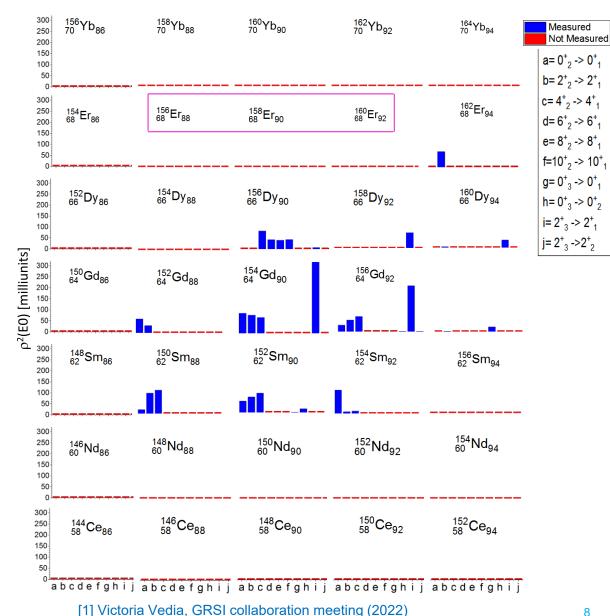
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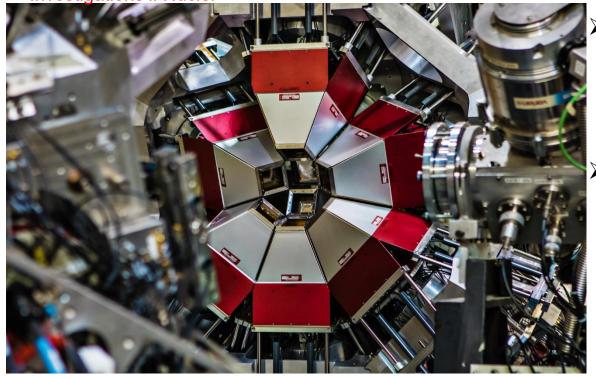


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Experimental technique

GRIFFIN — Gamma-Ray Infrastructure For Fundamental

Investigations if Nuclei



- > 15 Compton-suppressed HPGe Clovers
- ightharpoonup HPGe γ ray branching ratio and M1/E2, mixing ratios via γ γ angular correlations.
- > Si(Li) Expt. ICC, E0/E2 mixing ratio using $e^{-\gamma}$ angular correlations

Main goal was to determine absolute E2 and E0 transition strength between low-lying bands through a complementary β -decay and Coulomb-excitation studies using GRIFFIN and TIGRESS in 56,158,160 Er isotopes.

Run time for ¹⁵⁸Er isotope was ~ 6 hours

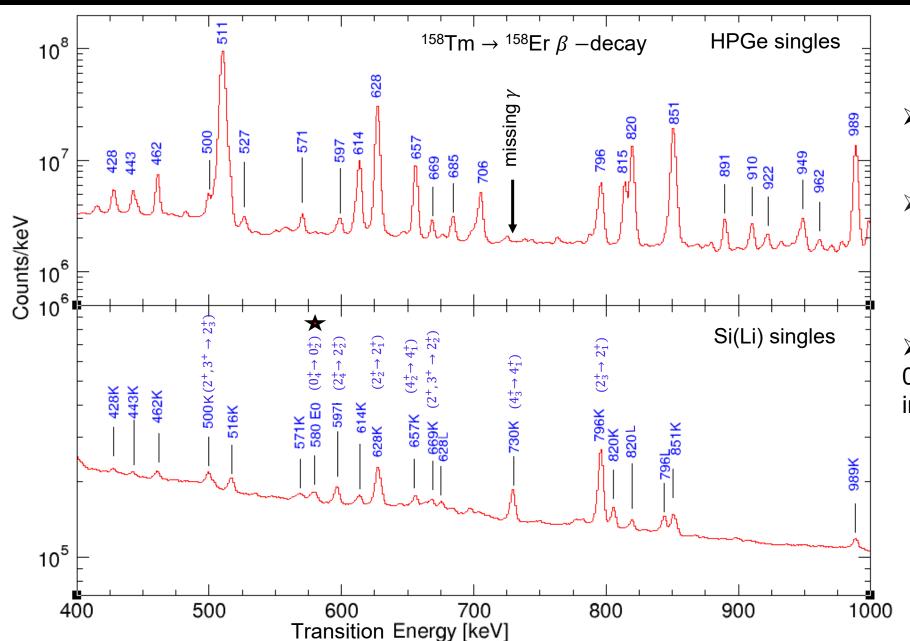






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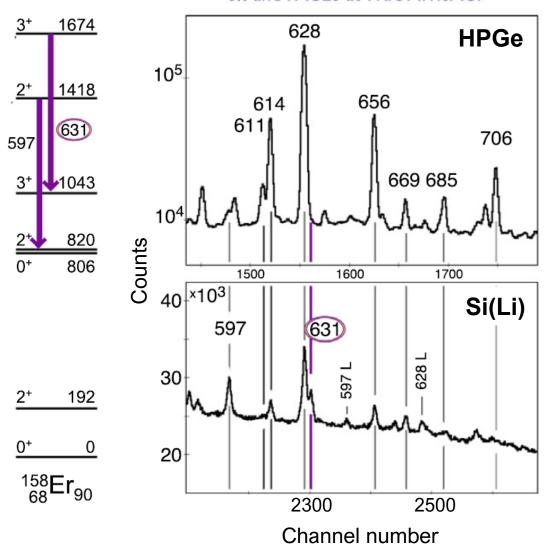
Preliminary results – Peak identification



- Singles spectra of measured transitions
- The electron spectrum has been offset by the binding energy of the K shell in erbium
- ➤ The black star is the 3rd excited 0⁺ state that was tentatively placed in ENSDF

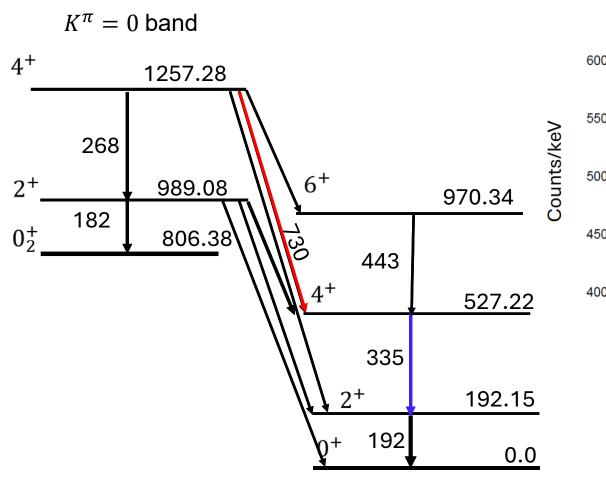
Previous studies

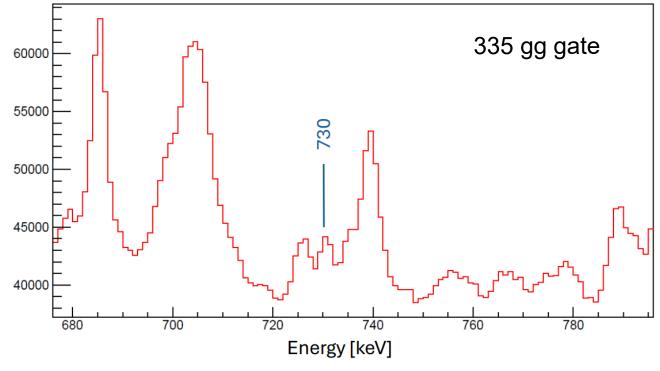
8π and PACES at TRIUMF/ISAC.



- ➤ A similar scenario where a CE is observed in $J^{\pi} \to J^{\pi}$ ($J \neq 0$) transition with no visible γ ray.
- ➤ This was ascribed to an accidental cancellation of the E2 matrix element which, following the Wigner–Eckart theorem depends on a Clebsch–Gordan coefficient as 3K² I(I + 1)

Preliminary results - missing gamma



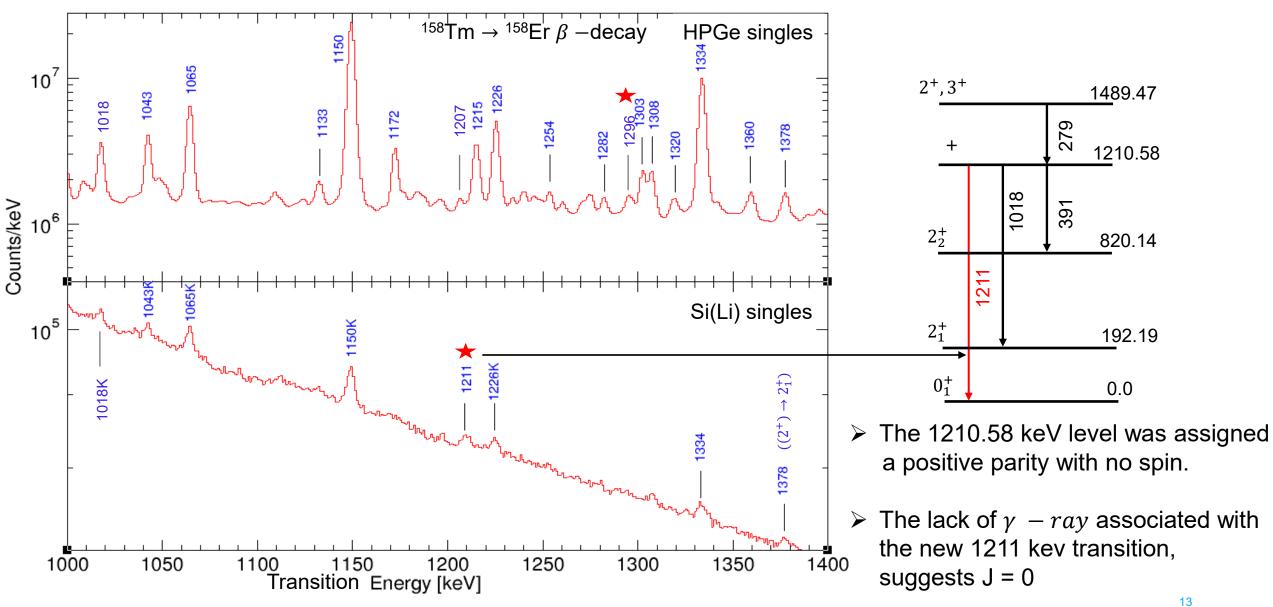


> By zooming on the 335 gate, the 730 keV can be seen.

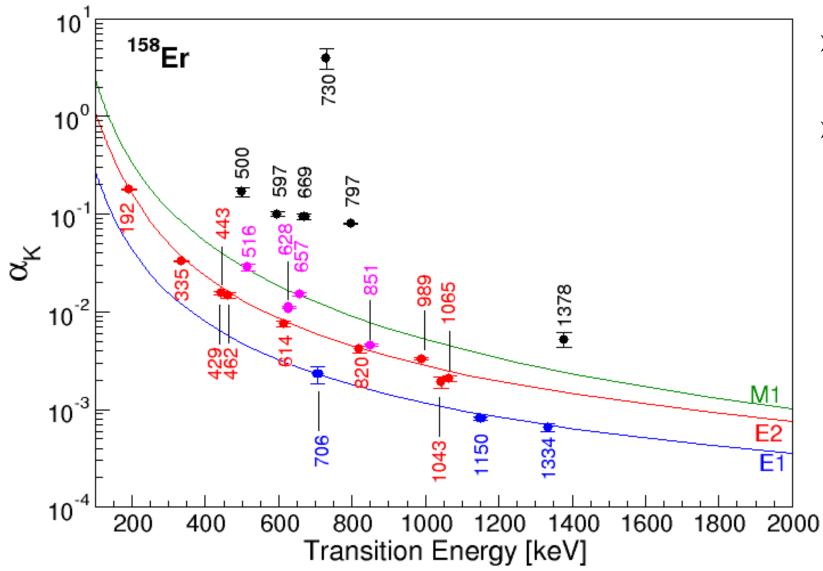
¹⁵⁸Er partial decays scheme

$$K^{\pi} = 0^+$$
 G.S band

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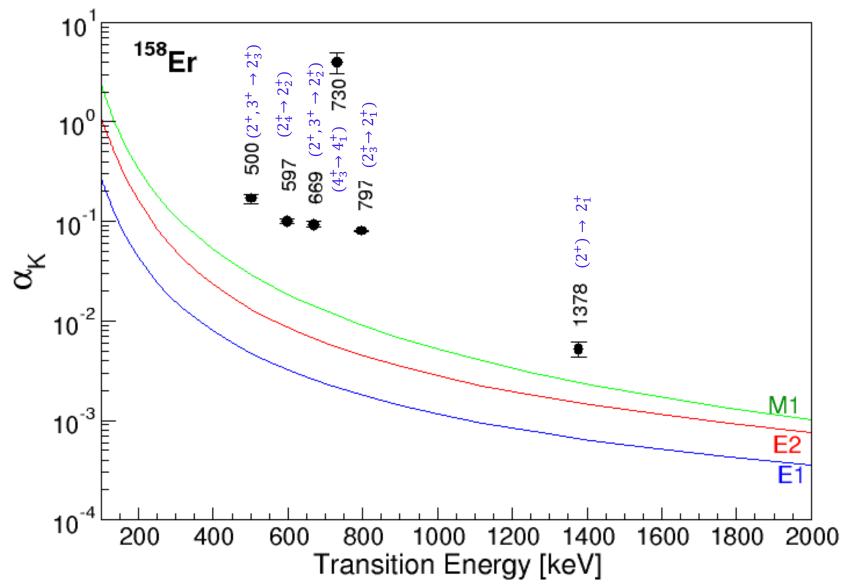
Preliminary results – Internal conversion coefficients (ICC)



- Experimental K conversion coefficients compared with Brlcc values [4]
- ICC values are a useful tool in spin assignment and transition multipolarity

$$\alpha_{K \ exp} = \frac{I_e}{I_{\gamma}}$$

Preliminary results – E0 candidates



- \blacktriangleright According to angular momentum selection rules E0 admixture is allowed in $J^{\pi} \rightarrow J^{\pi}$ transition
- ➤ The ICC results favors J = 2 for the 500 keV and 669 keV transitions

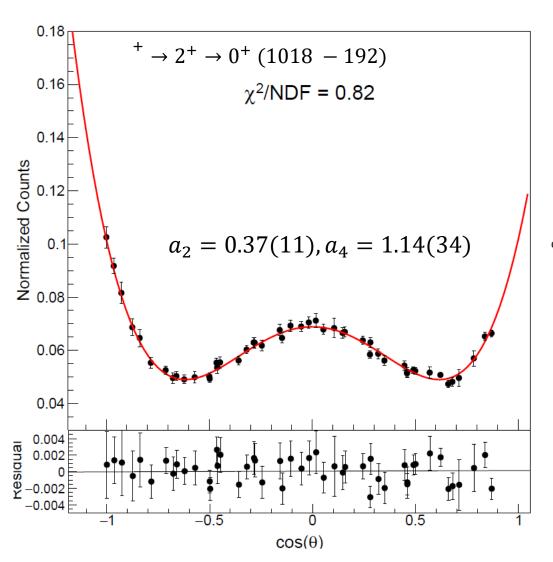
$\gamma - \gamma$ angular correlation

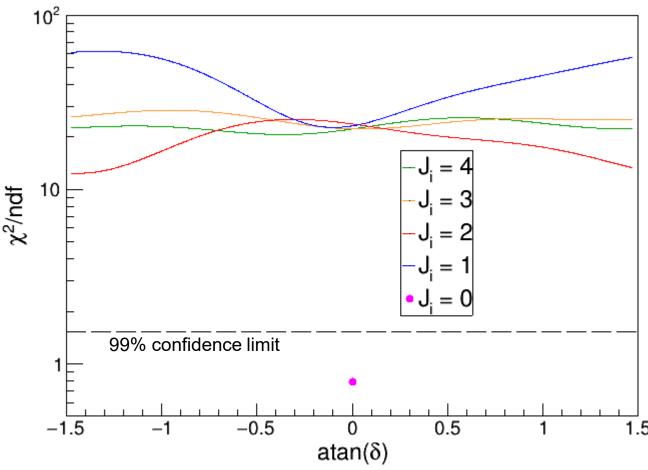
- ➤ The correlation between the directions of emission of two gamma-rays provide crucial information about the fundamental properties of the nucleus such as:
 - spin and parity of excited nuclear states,
 - multipole orders, and
 - mixing ratios.
- ➤ These angular correlations have the form:

$$W(\theta) = \sum_{i=0,even}^{\infty} B_{ii}G_{ii}(t)A_{ii}P_{i}(\cos\theta)$$

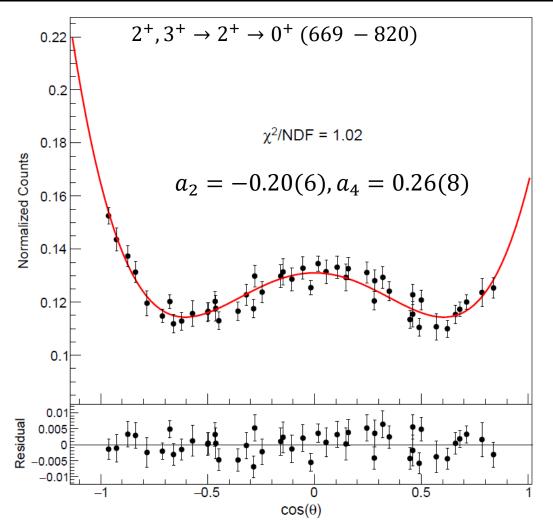
For Griffin, we take the situation of an isotropic initial nuclear orientation from a short lived state populated via β – decay. Therefore, rendering $B_{ii}G_{ii}(t) = 1$

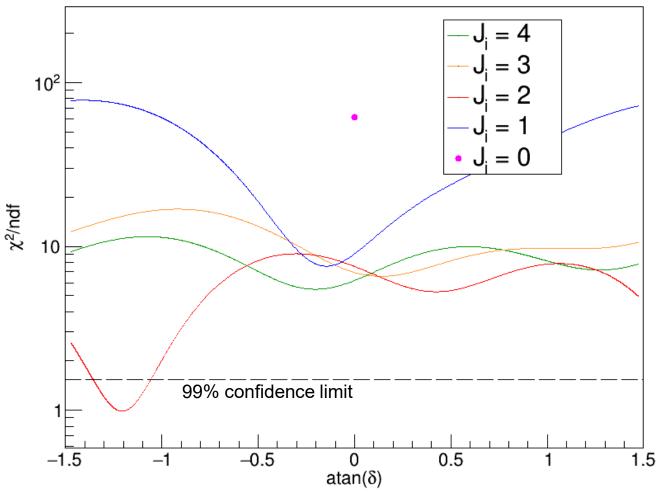
$$W(\theta) = A_{00}[1 + a_2p_2(\cos\theta) + a_4p_4(\cos\theta)]$$



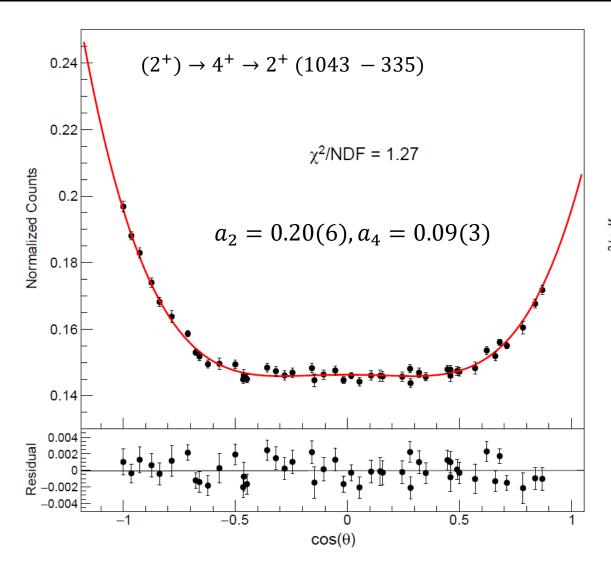


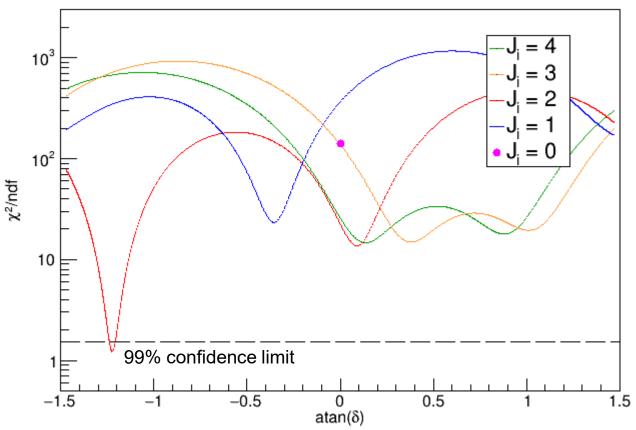
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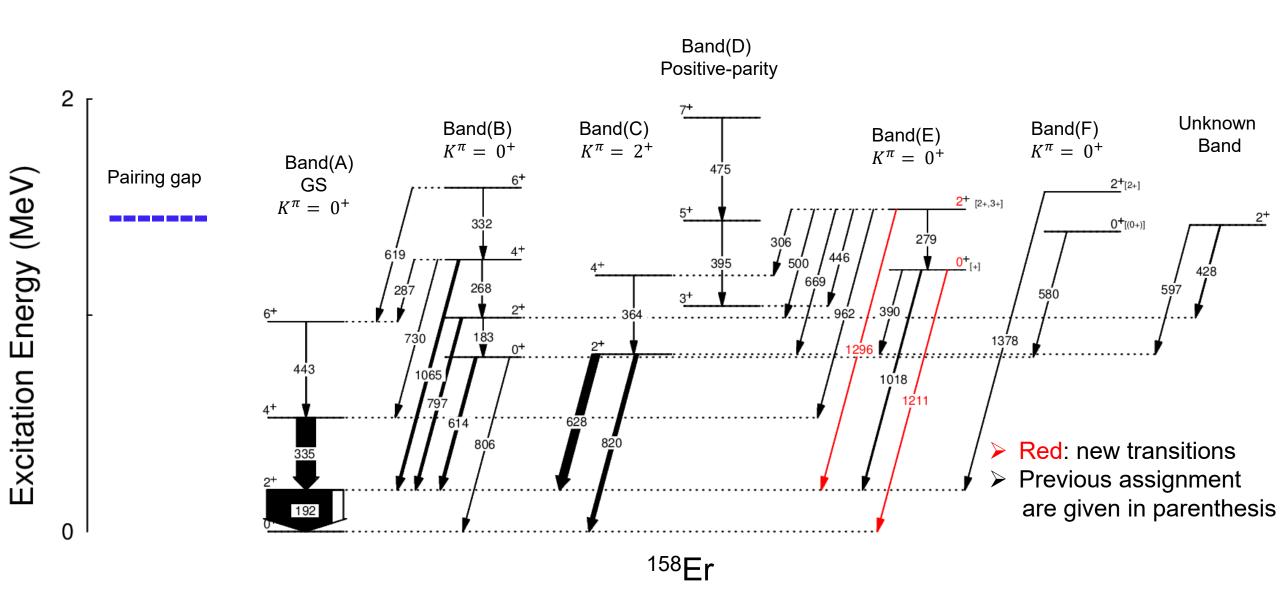




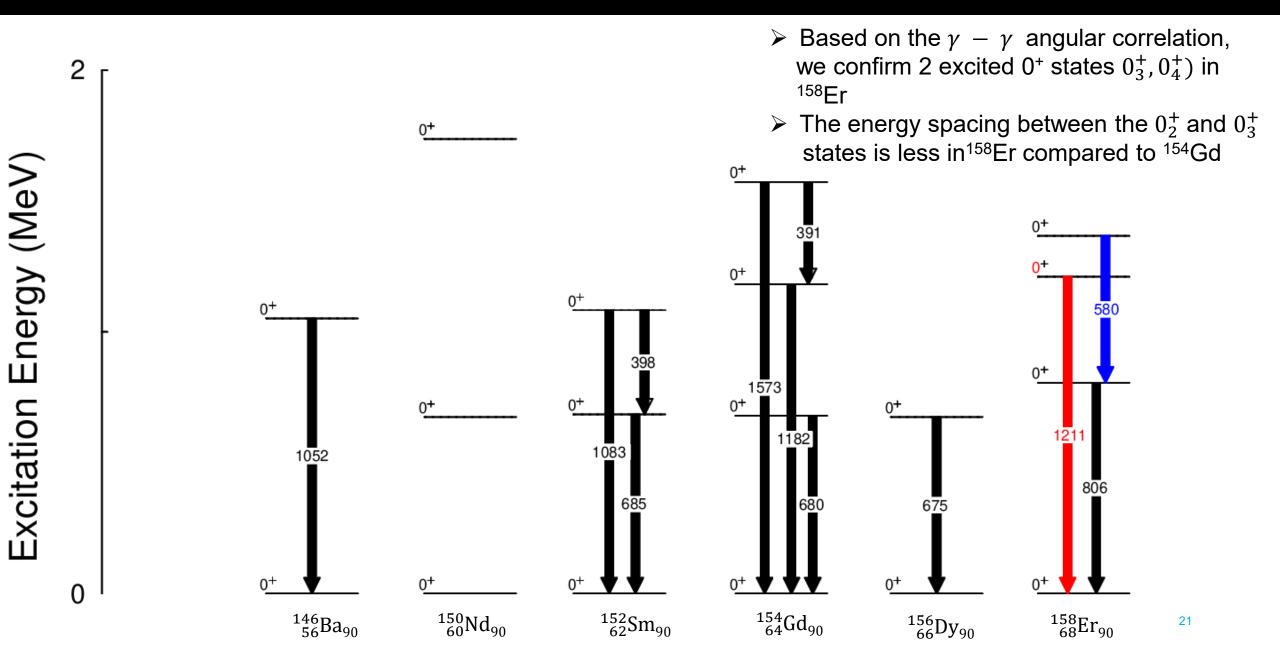
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$$\delta (E2/M3) = -2.8(24)$$

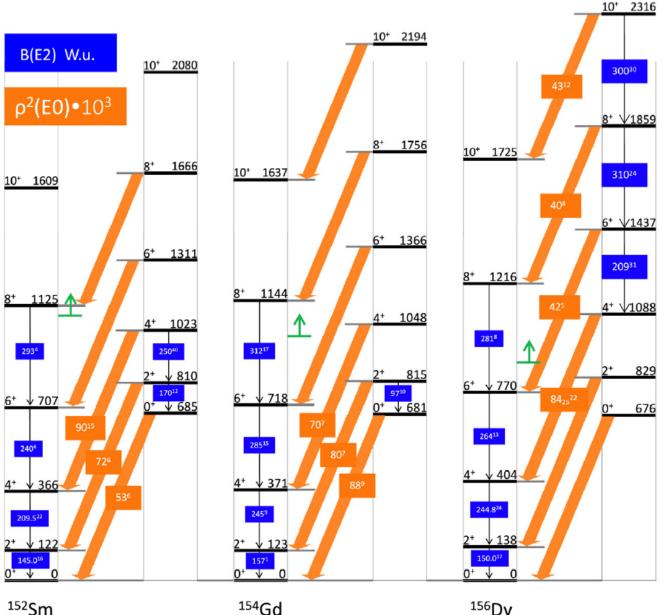
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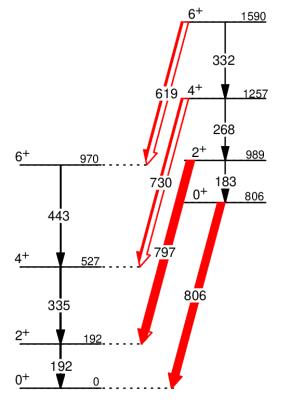
Systematics of 0^+ states in N = 90



E0 strength Systematics in N = 90

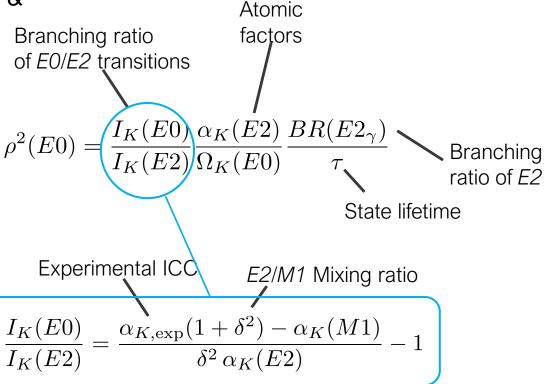


➤ This study will provide information on ¹⁵⁸Er that will shed light on the systematics of the 4^+ & 2^+ states built on the $K^{\pi} = 0$ band



Summary and outlook

- > Identified 6 candidates with large ICC that will be probed for $\rho^2(E0)$ strength
- Identified two new transitions
- \succ We have constrained spin-parity of few transitions using $\gamma \gamma$ angular correlation
- > Firmly assigned multipolarity to one transition &
- \triangleright Confirmed two $K^{\pi} = 0$ bands.

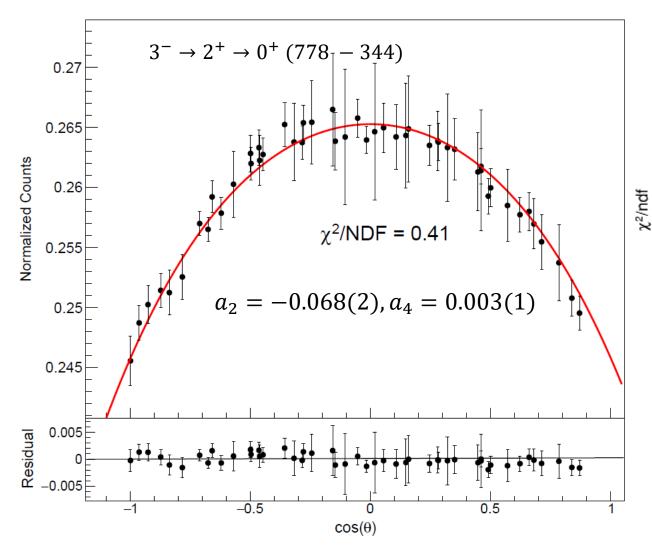


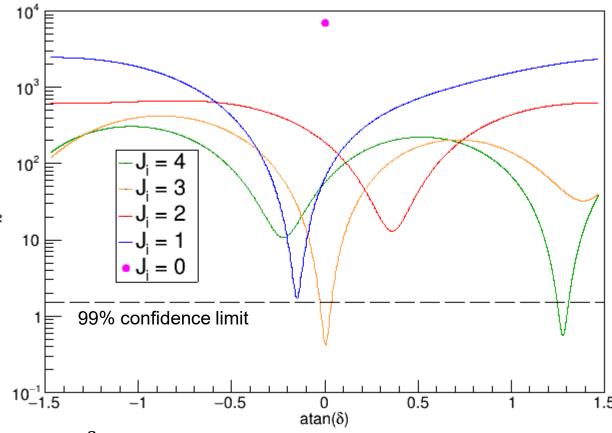
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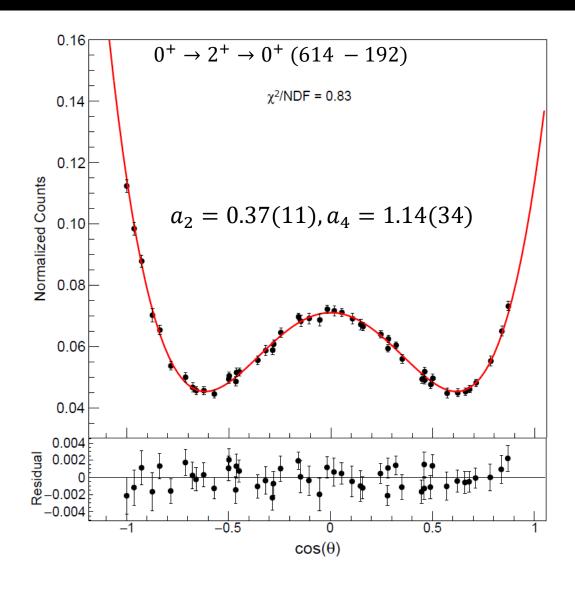
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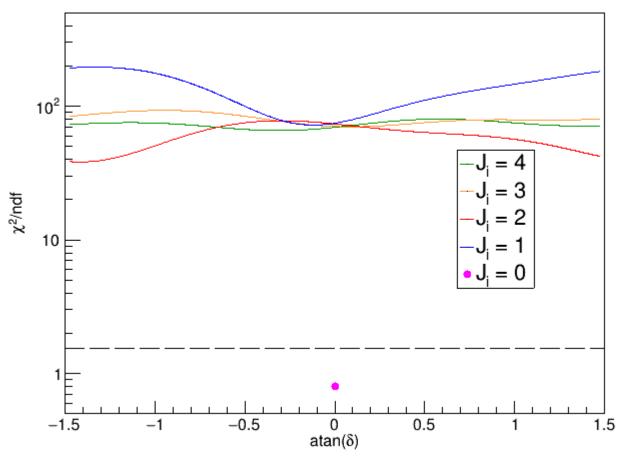
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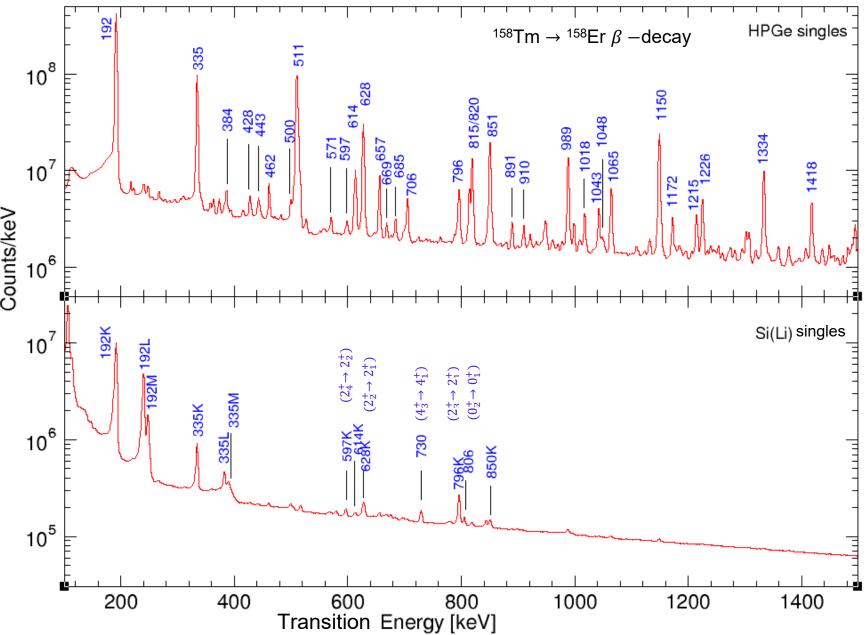
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