

# Measurements of competing structures of neutron-deficient Pb isotopes by employing Coulomb excitation

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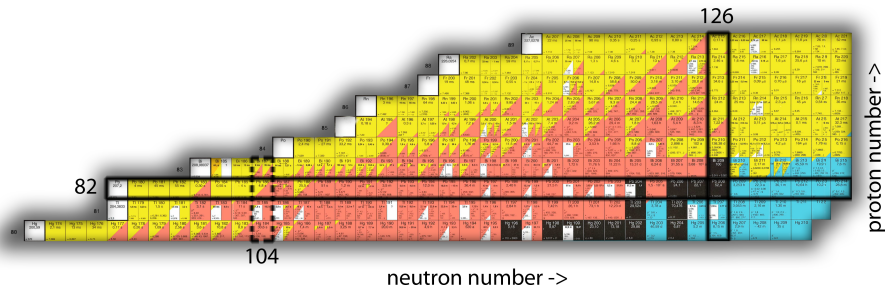
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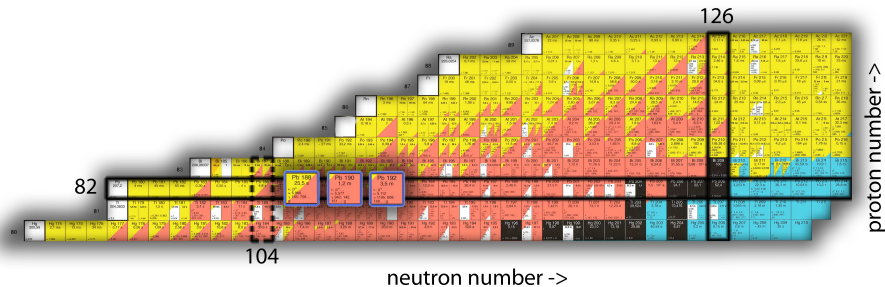
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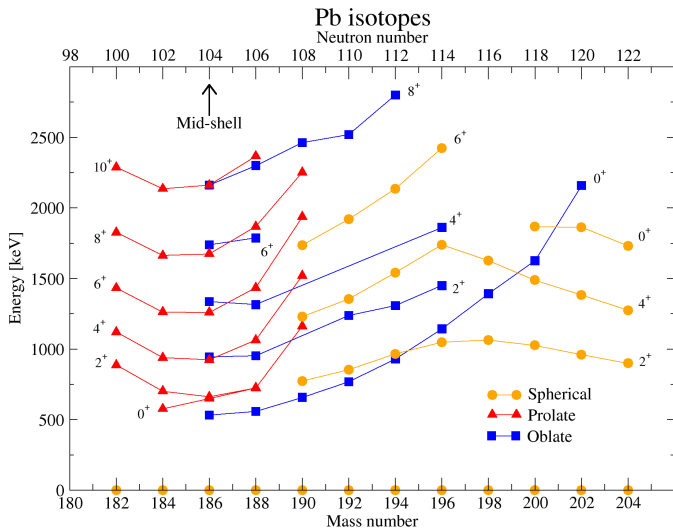
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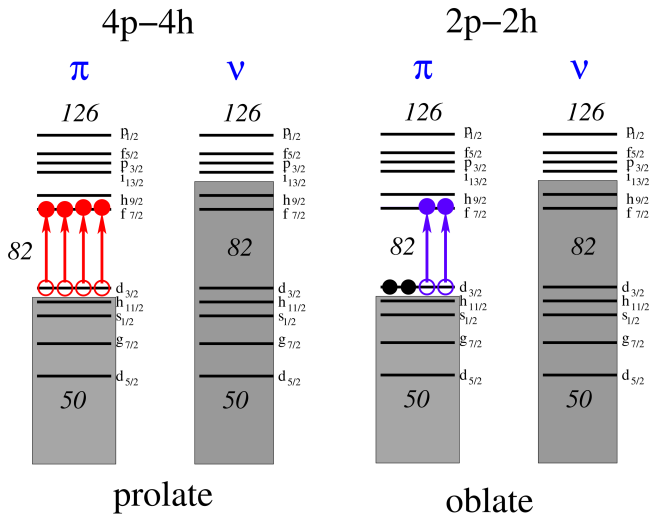




# Level energy systematics for Pb isotopes



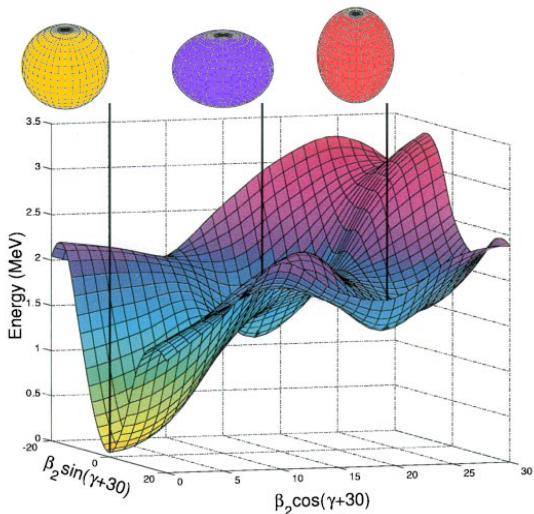
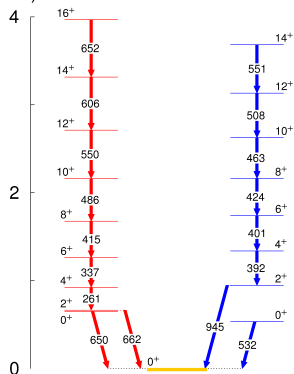
# Shape coexistence in neutron-deficient Pb isotopes



Courtesy of P. Greenlees, see e.g. J.L. Wood *et al.*, Phys. Rep. **215**, 101 (1992).

# Triple-shape coexistence in $^{186}\text{Pb}$

(MeV)



A.N. Andreyev *et al.*, Nature **405**, 430 (2000).

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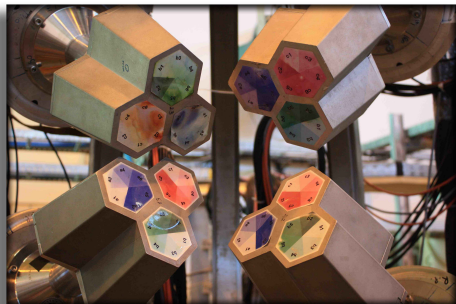
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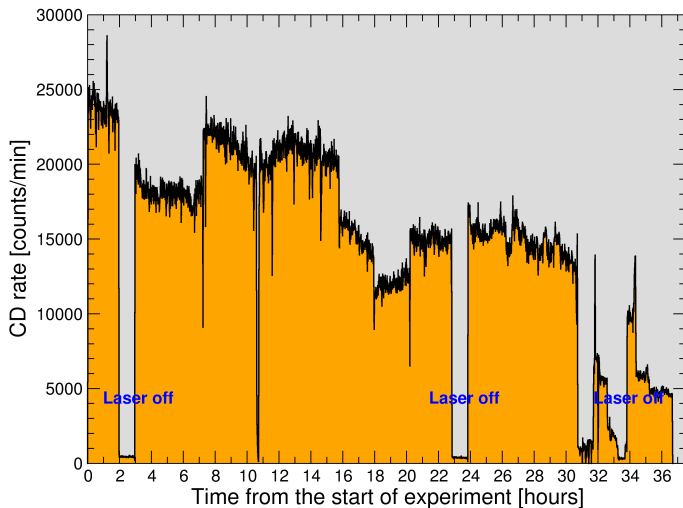


# Experimental details

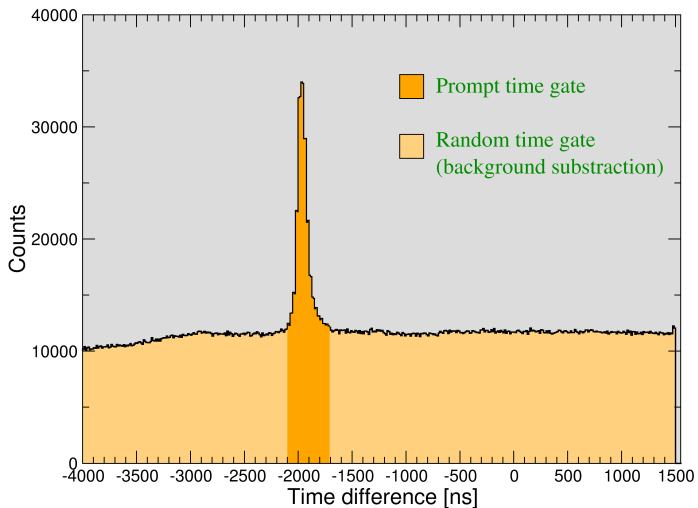
- $^{192}\text{Pb}$  beam on  $^{112}\text{Cd}$  target
- Beam energy: 2.84 MeV/u
- Beam intensity:  $5 \times 10^5$  pps
- Target thickness  $2 \text{ mg/cm}^2$
- Beam on target: 37 hours
- $T_{1/2}(^{192}\text{Pb})$ : 3.5 min



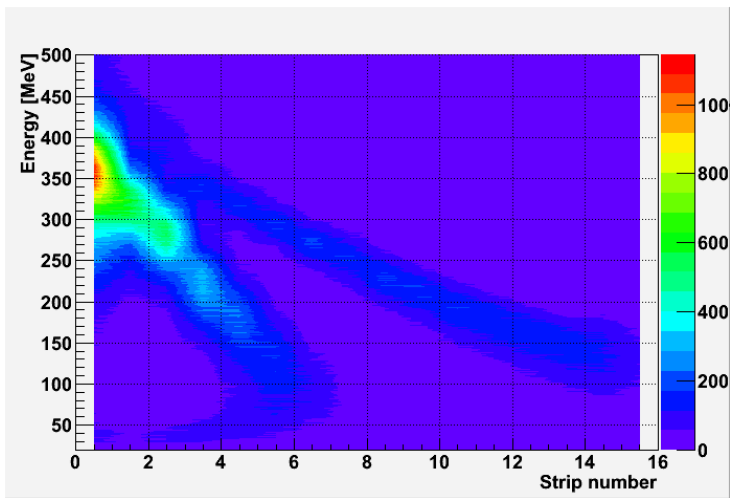
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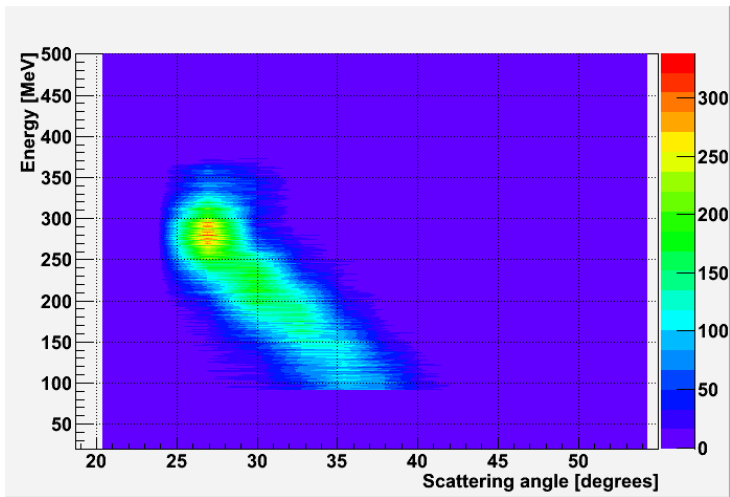
# Gate on time difference between particles and $\gamma$ -rays



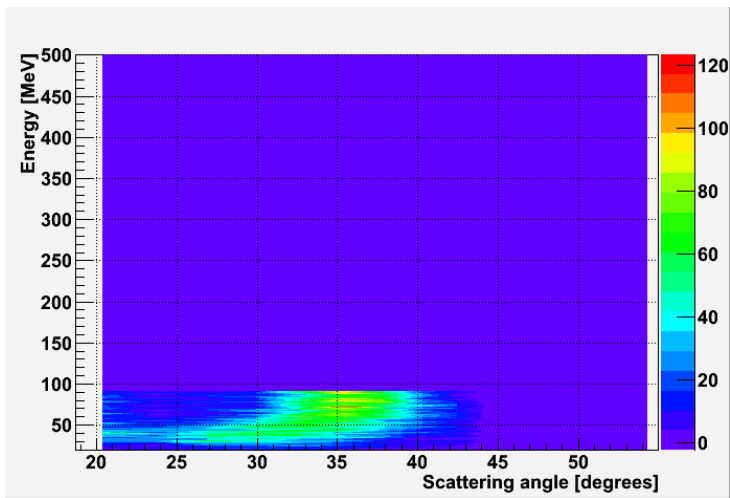
# 1-particle hits in the CD detector



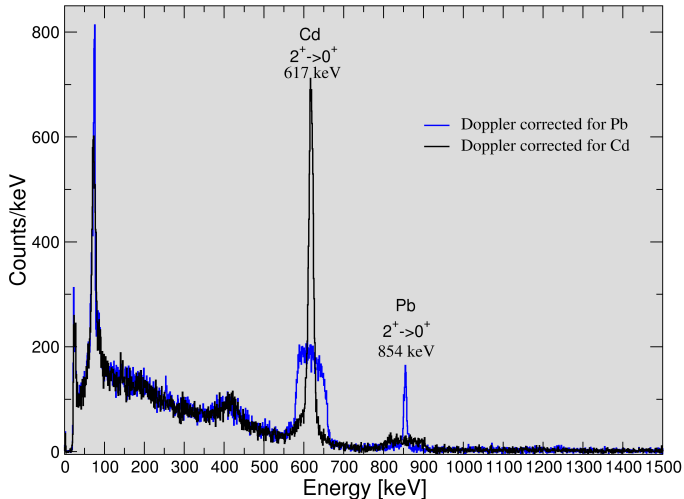
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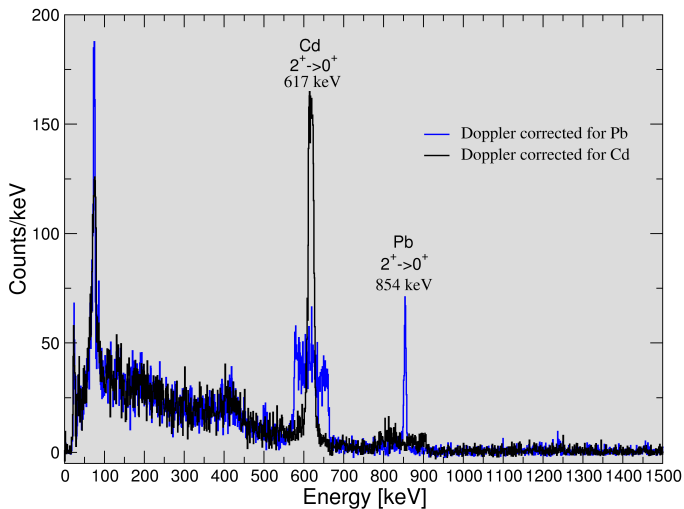
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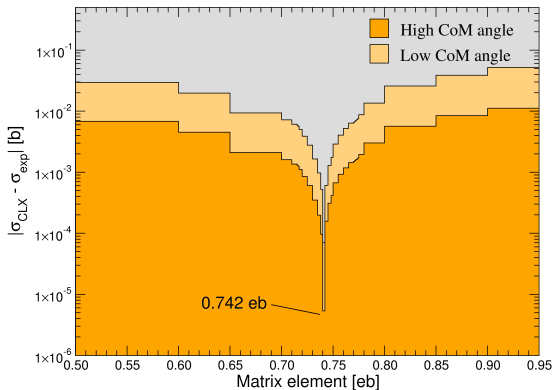
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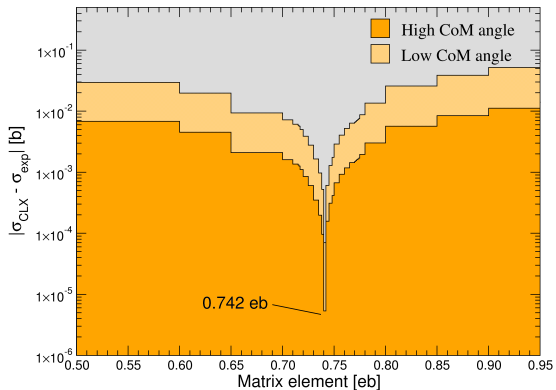
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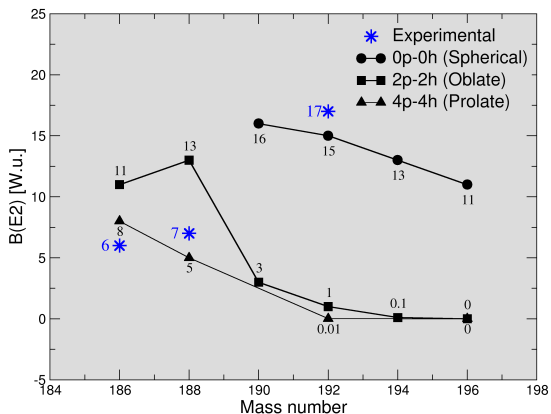


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# Systematics of the $B(E2)$ values in Pb isotopes



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