

# TAGS SPECTRA ANALYSIS AND BETA DECAY STRENGTH FUNCTION STRUCTURE

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The probability of the  $\beta$  transition is proportional to the product of the lepton part described by the Fermi function  $f(Q_\beta - E)$  and the nucleon part described by the  $\beta$  transition strength function  $S_\beta(E)$ . There are two methods of the TAGS spectra analysis and  $S_\beta(E)$  extraction from TAGS spectra. **In the first** one it is necessary to identify the total absorption peaks in TAGS spectra and have  $4\pi$ -spectrometer with **exponential** energy dependence of the photoefficiency. This method gives good results, but can be applied for nuclei with total  $\beta$ -decay energy  $Q_\beta$  less than 5-6 MeV. Quantitative characteristics may be obtained as a rule only for one ( $\beta^-$ -decay) peak and for two peaks ( $\beta^+$ /EC-decay) in  $S_\beta(E)$ . **The second** method is based on so called response function application, but a lot of assumption must be done for extraction the  $S_\beta(E)$  shape from the TAGS spectrum shape. Analysis depends on the assumptions about the decay scheme which as a rule is not known. It is very difficult to estimate the associated systematic errors of such analysis and only qualitative information about  $S_\beta(E)$  may be obtained. **TAGS can't distinguish the GT and FF transitions and don't take into account the conversion electron emission, which give the systematic uncertainties, especially for high Z**

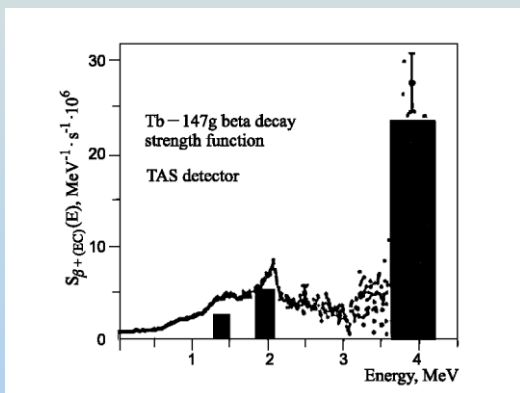


Fig1.  $S_\beta(E)$  TAGS measurements. Peak 1 obtained by first method, Peak 2 by second method. Errors for peak 1 were estimated from comparison with Fig.2A. **Only peak 1 corresponds to GT strength**

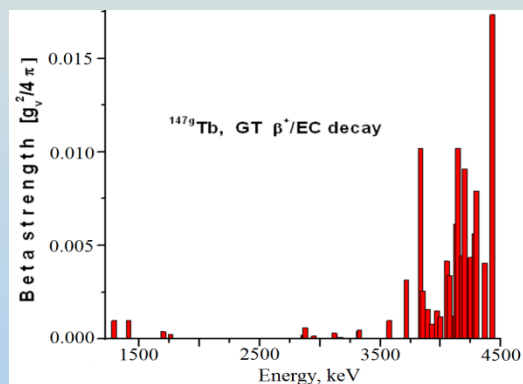
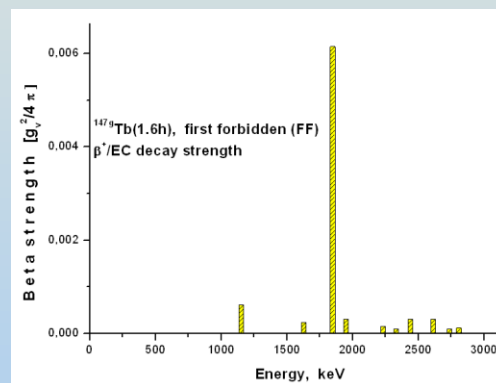


Fig.2.  $S_\beta(E)$  measurements with high energy resolution spectroscopy. A) the **GT** strength, B) the **FF** strength. Results of the  $S_\beta(E)$  fine structure study were summarized in I.N. Izosimov, et al, *Phys.Part. Nucl.*, **42**, 963 (2011).



Successful applications of the total absorption  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy (TAGS) for the  $\beta$ -decay strength function  $S_\beta(E)$  resonance structure study, methods of TAGS spectra interpretation, and results of analysis of  $S_\beta(E)$  structure for the Gamow-Teller (GT)  $\beta^+$ /EC and  $\beta^-$ -decays were summarized in Yu.V. Naumov, A.A. Bykov, I.N. Izosimov, *Sov. J. Part. Nucl.*, **14**, 175(1983)

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1. Only combination of TAGS with high resolution nuclear spectroscopy methods may give the **quantitative** information about  $S_\beta(E)$ .
2. When one analyze the TAGS spectra it is necessary to indicate **systematic** errors for  $S_\beta(E)$  and for decay heat evaluation **especially** by using the second method of TAGS spectra analysis.