

In-beam γ -ray spectroscopy of ^{94}Ag

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Isospin

Observation of similar behaviour of p and n under the nuclear force

- Charge independence $V_{np} = \frac{V_{pp} + V_{nn}}{2}$
- Charge symmetry $V_{pp} = V_{nn}$

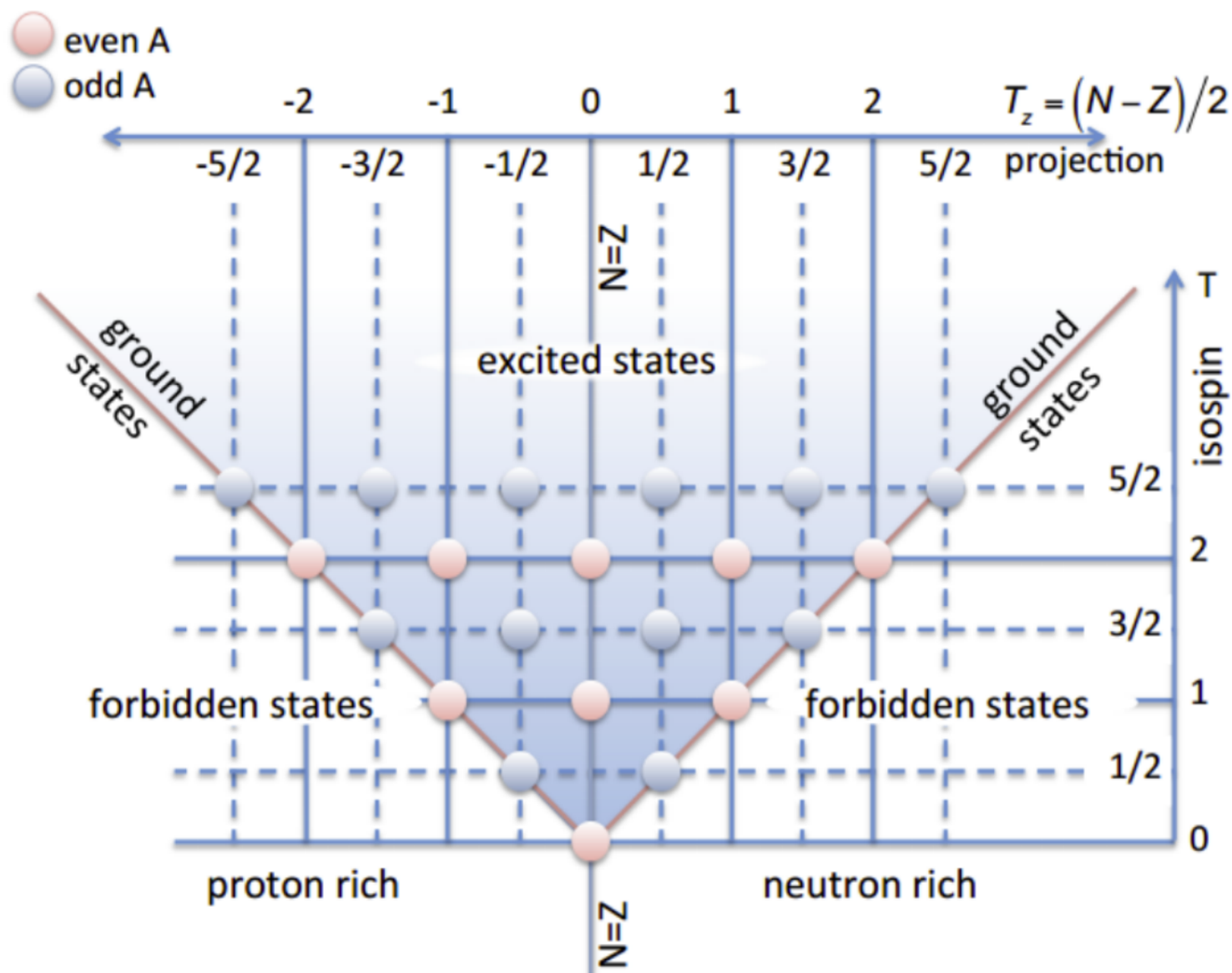
Isospin: p and n considered states of the same particle (*nucleon*) with different projections of the isospin quantum number t_z . The total isospin projection T_z of a nucleus will be:

$$T_z = \sum^A t_z = \frac{N - Z}{2}$$

Hence, a nucleus can occupy states with a total isospin T values given by:

$$\frac{|N - Z|}{2} \leq T \leq \frac{N + Z}{2}$$

Isospin



Bentley Isospin triangle displaying possible T states for a nucleus with a given T_z

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ABSTRACT

A sequence of excited states has been established for the first time in the proton-rich ($Z=26$, $N=22$). The technique of mirrored (i.e. analogue) one-nucleon knockout reactions in which the $T_z = \pm 2$ mirror pair, $^{48}\text{Fe}/^{48}\text{Ti}$ were populated via one-neutron/one-proton secondary beams $^{49}\text{Fe}/^{49}\text{V}$, respectively. The analogue properties of the reactions were used to establish the new level scheme of ^{48}Fe . The inclusive and exclusive cross sections were determined for the populated states. Large differences between the cross sections for the two mirror nuclei were observed and have been interpreted in terms of different degrees of binding of the states and in the context of the recent observations of suppression of spectroscopic strength for nuclear binding, for knockout reactions on light solid targets. Mirror energy differences (MED) were determined between the analogue $T = 2$ states and compared with the shell model predictions. This mirror pair, due to their location in the shell, are especially sensitive to excitations of the shell, and present a stringent test of the shell-model prescription.

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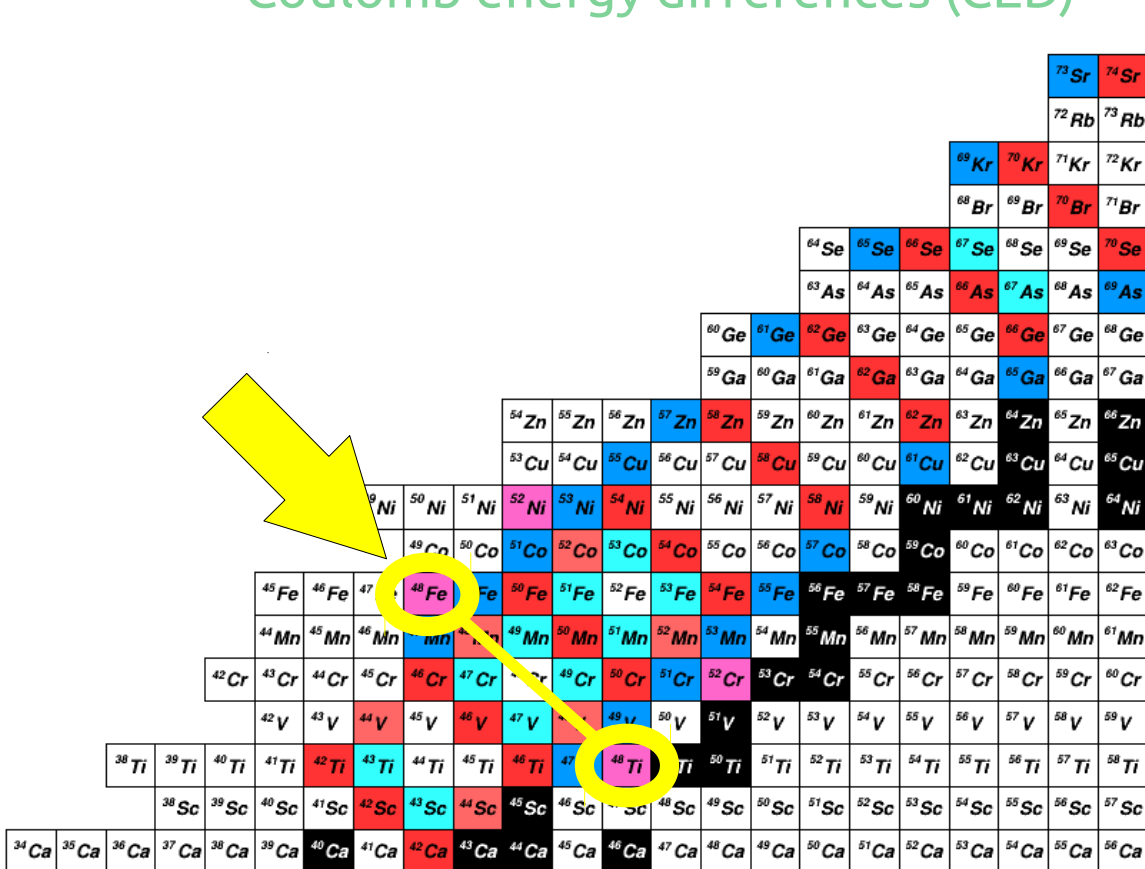
1. Introduction

The attractive strong nuclear force that acts between protons and neutrons is virtually invariant to the charge of the individual nucleons. This yields one of the fundamental concepts in nuclear physics - the concept of isospin and the resulting influence of isospin symmetry upon nuclear structure [1,2]. Isospin enables us

to describe two types of fermion, the proton and neutron, in different states of the nucleon and, in this formalism, to have isospin quantum number $t = \frac{1}{2}$ with different projections for a proton ($t_z = -\frac{1}{2}$) and for a neutron ($t_z = +\frac{1}{2}$). More generally, a nucleus has a total isospin projection on the z-axis T_z which is the isospin of the individual nucleons, denoted by quantum number t_z , is given by:

$$T_z = \sum t_z = \frac{N - Z}{2}$$

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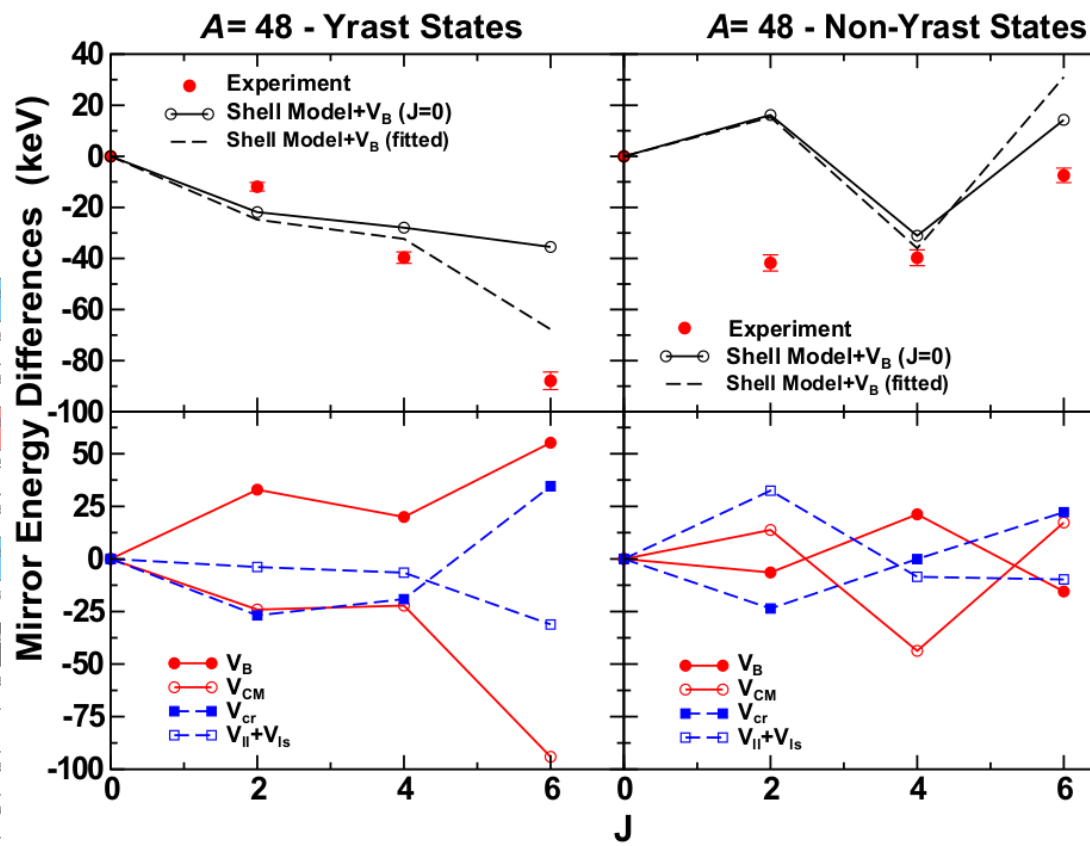
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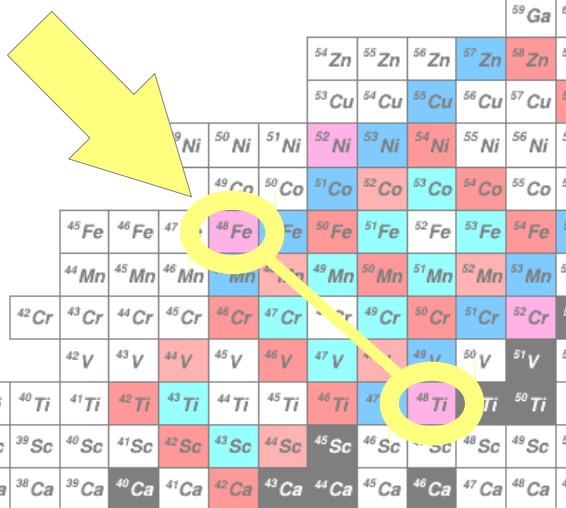
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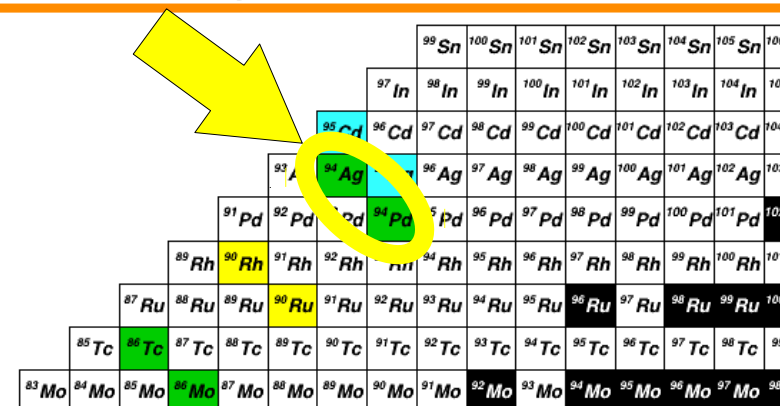
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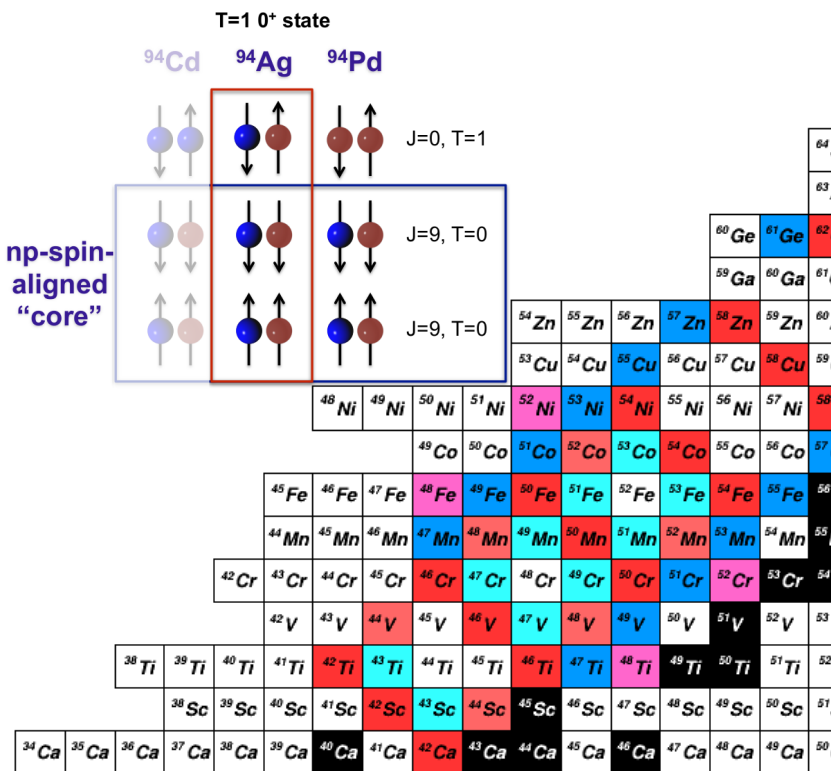
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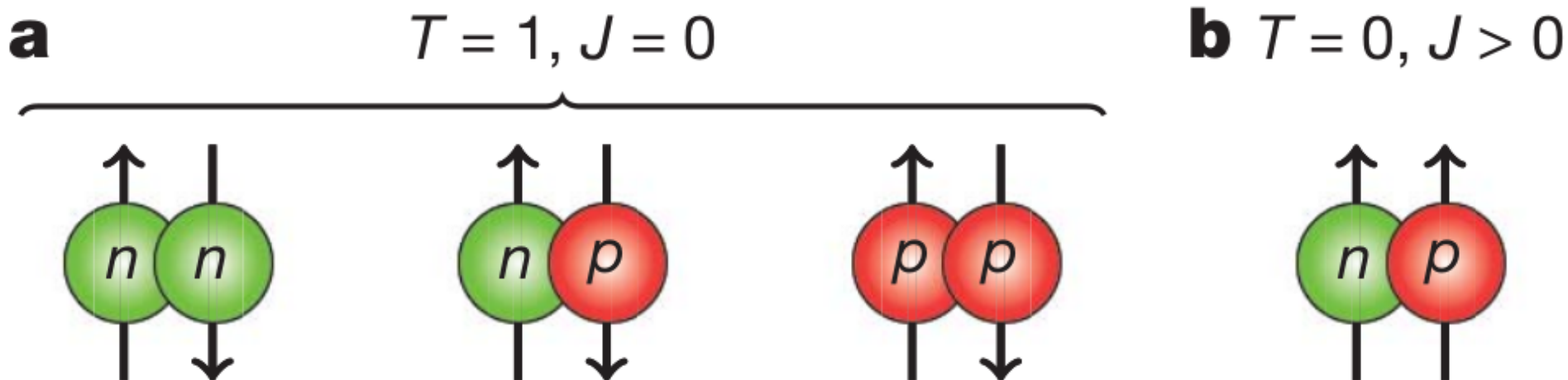
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A recoil-beta-tagging experiment has been performed to study the excited $T = 0$ and $T = 1$ states in odd-odd $N = Z$ ^{94}Ag , using the $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{58}\text{Ni}, p3n)^{94}\text{Ag}$ reaction. The experiment was conducted using MARA recoil separator and JUROGAM3 array at the Accelerator Laboratory of the University of Jyväskylä. Through correlating fast, high-energy beta decays at the MARA focal plane with prompt γ -rays emitted at the reaction target, a number of transitions between excited states in ^{94}Ag have been identified. The timing characteristics of these transitions confirm that they fall within decay sequences that feed the short-lived $T = 1$ ground state of ^{94}Ag . The transitions are



Nucleon pairing

- Like-nucleon pairing (nn and pp) is the dominant pairing correlation.
- In $N \sim Z$ systems, np pairings are possible.



- Evidence of spin-aligned $T=0$ np pairing is elusive.
 - Rotational alignment in ^{88}Ru
 - Yrast sequence in ^{92}Pd

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- Theory studies suggested similar effect in $N=Z$ $A > 90$ ^{94}Ag and ^{96}Cd

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Current knowledge on ^{94}Ag

- Several experimental studies have been focused on ^{94}Ag :

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- However, current knowledge is limited to:

- 0^+ ground state, half life of 27(2) ms [1,2]
- Two isomeric states:
 - (7^+) [3] half life of 0.50(1) ms [1,4] located at 6.7 MeV [5]. β , β -delayed p and p
 - (21^+) [3] half life of 0.39(4) ms [4]



Experimental setup



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Fusion-evaporation reaction $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{58}\text{Ni}, p3n)^{94}\text{Ag}$

Mass spectrometer
MARA

Fragments & decays
GREAT focal plane

Protons
JYtube

prompt γ -rays
Jurogam3



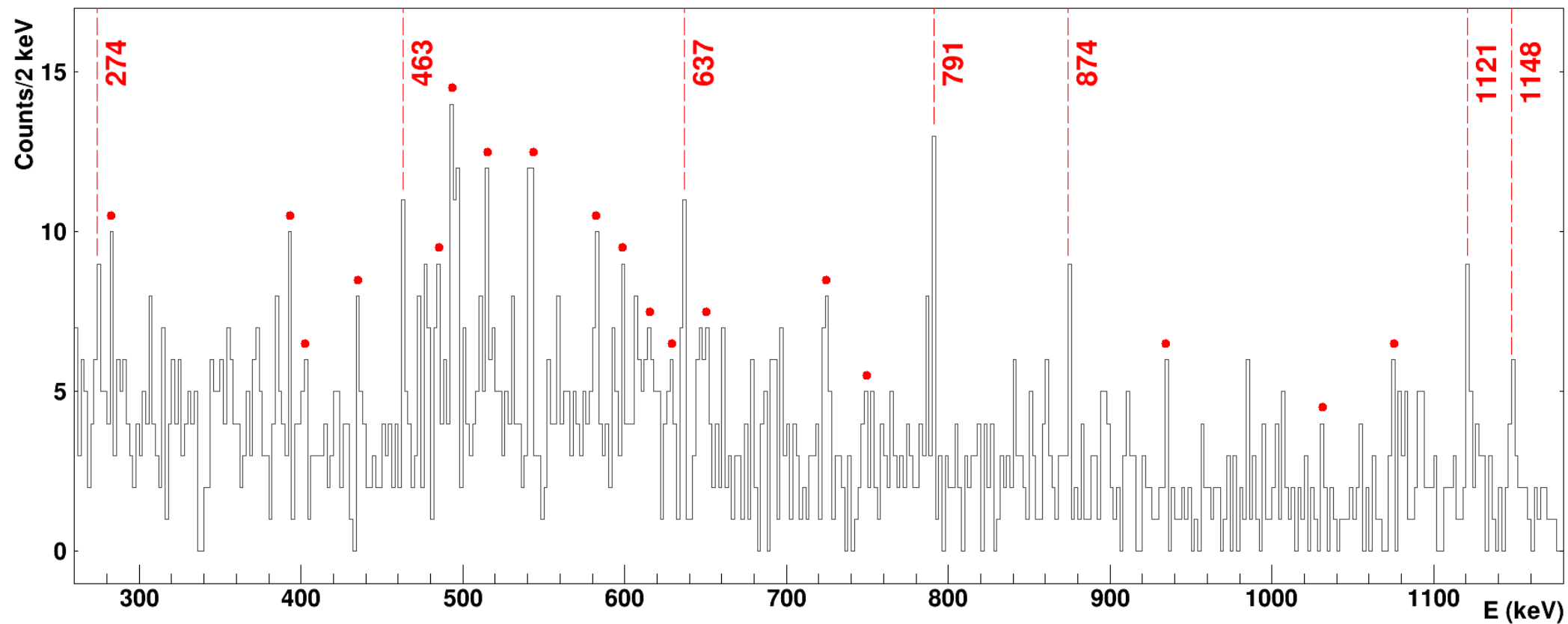
- All detector signals are time stamped to allow temporal correlations.





^{94}Ag transitions

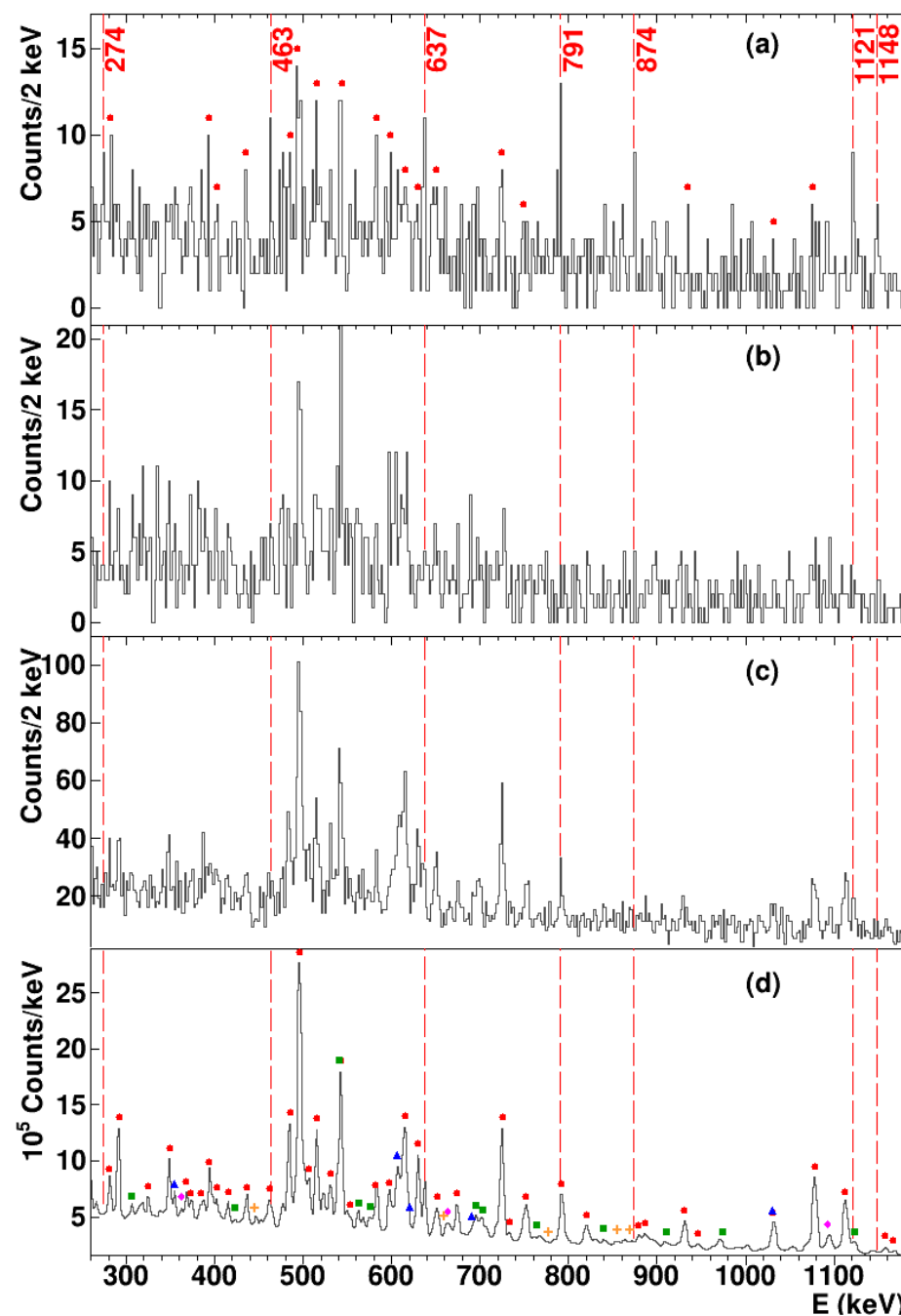
- ^{94}Ag transitions were identified in the Doppler corrected γ -ray spectra for:
 - Prompt emission
 - short-lived $A=94$ fragments (decay within 60ms)
 - One or less charged particles
 - High energy β ($E > 3 \text{ MeV}$)





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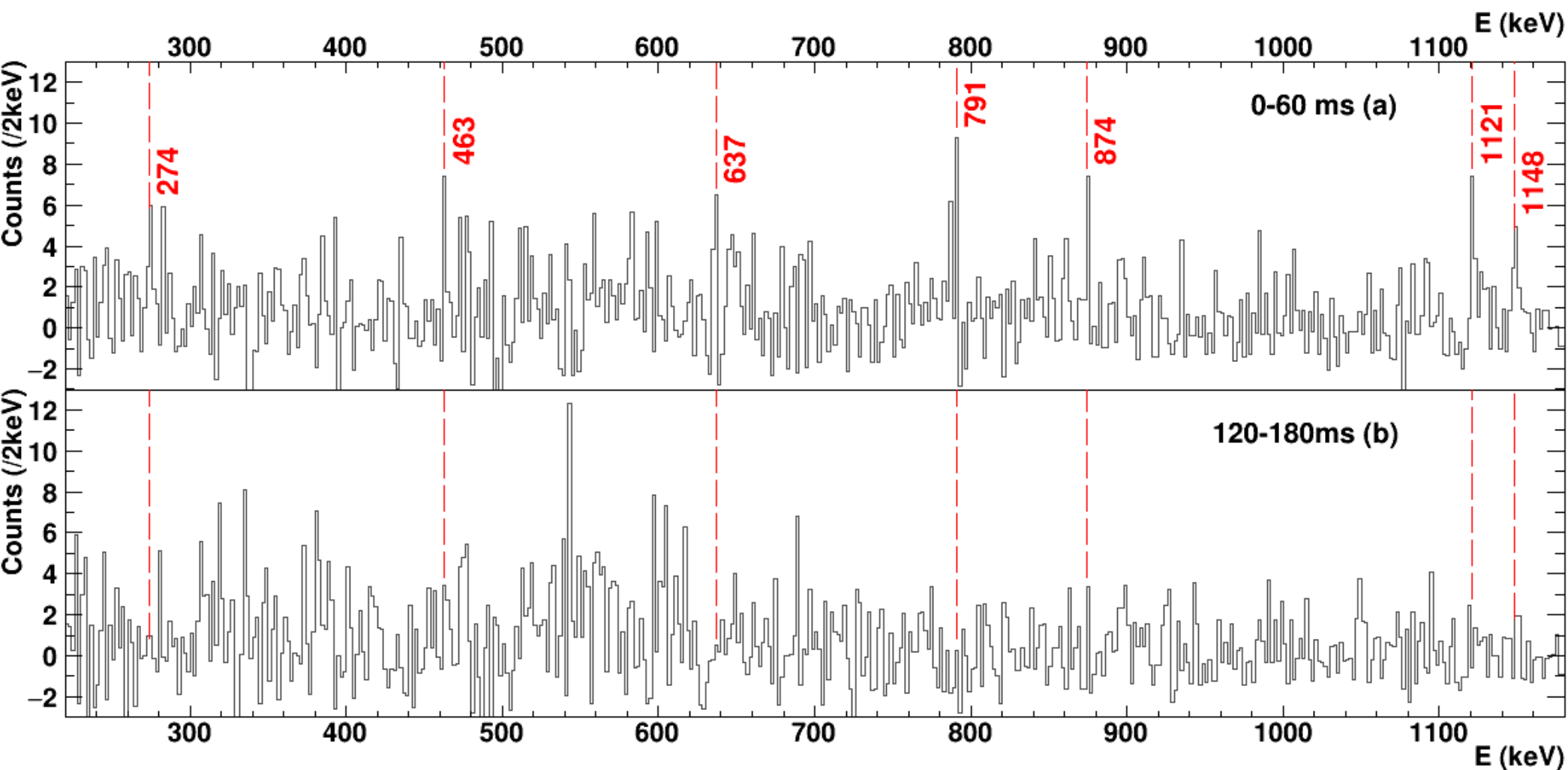
- Comparison with spectra recorded for
 - b) higher charged particle multiplicity
 - c) Longer lived A=94 recoils
 - decay between 120 and 180 ms
 - d) A=94 recoil
- γ -rays at 273, 463, 637, 791, 874, 1121 and 1148 keV seem to grow respect to other A=94 contaminants when gating on the reaction channel leading to ^{94}Ag .
 - Most contaminants are ^{94}Ru transitions.
 - evidence of ^{94}Rh , ^{94}Tc and ^{90}Mo
 - They come from either:
 - false correlations
 - misidentified p3n events





^{94}Ag transitions

Background subtracted Doppler corrected spectra for prompt γ -rays for $A=94$ recoils decaying within 60ms (a) or 120-180ms (b), in coincidence with a high energy β and rejecting events with 2 or more charged particles in JYtube.



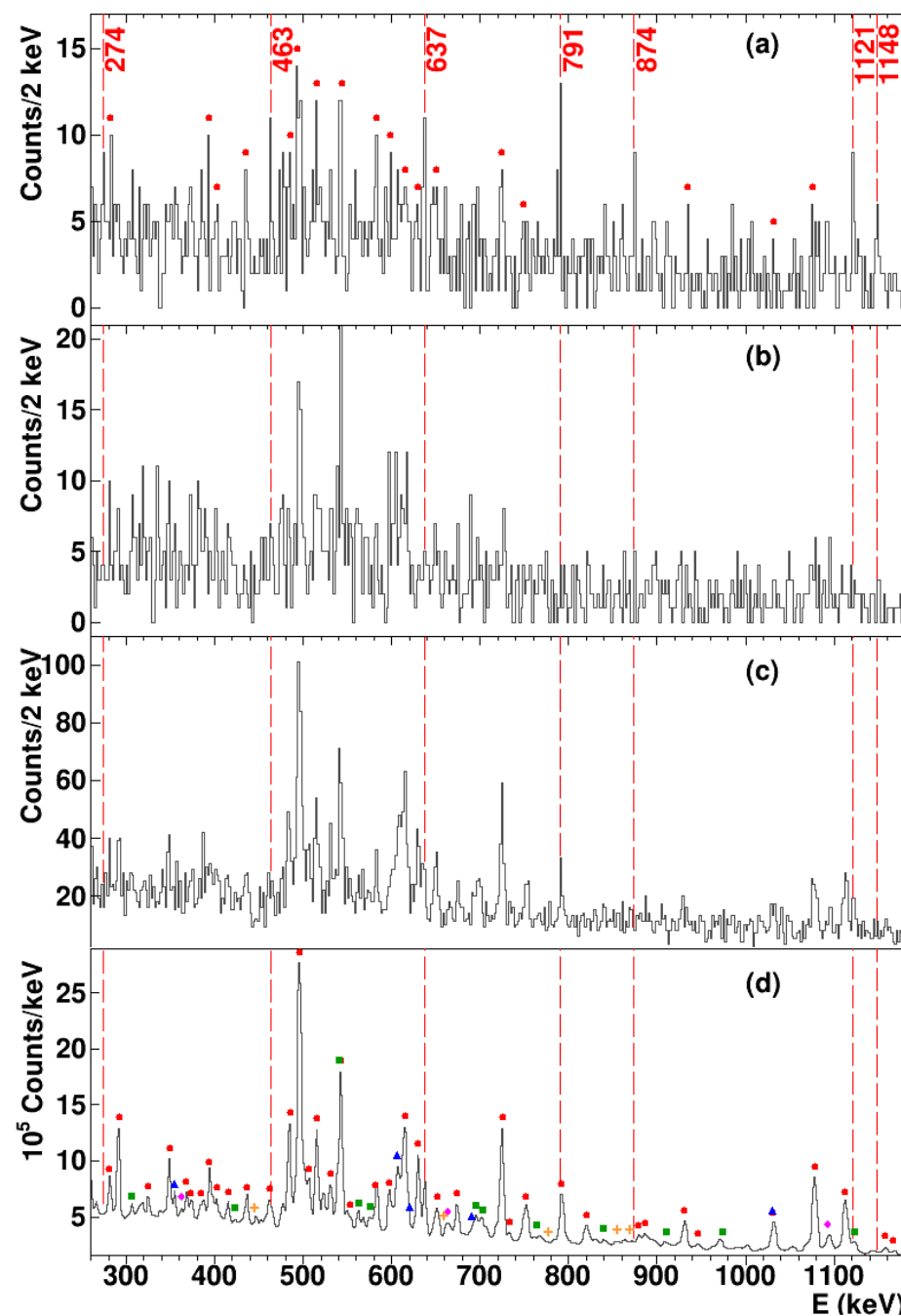


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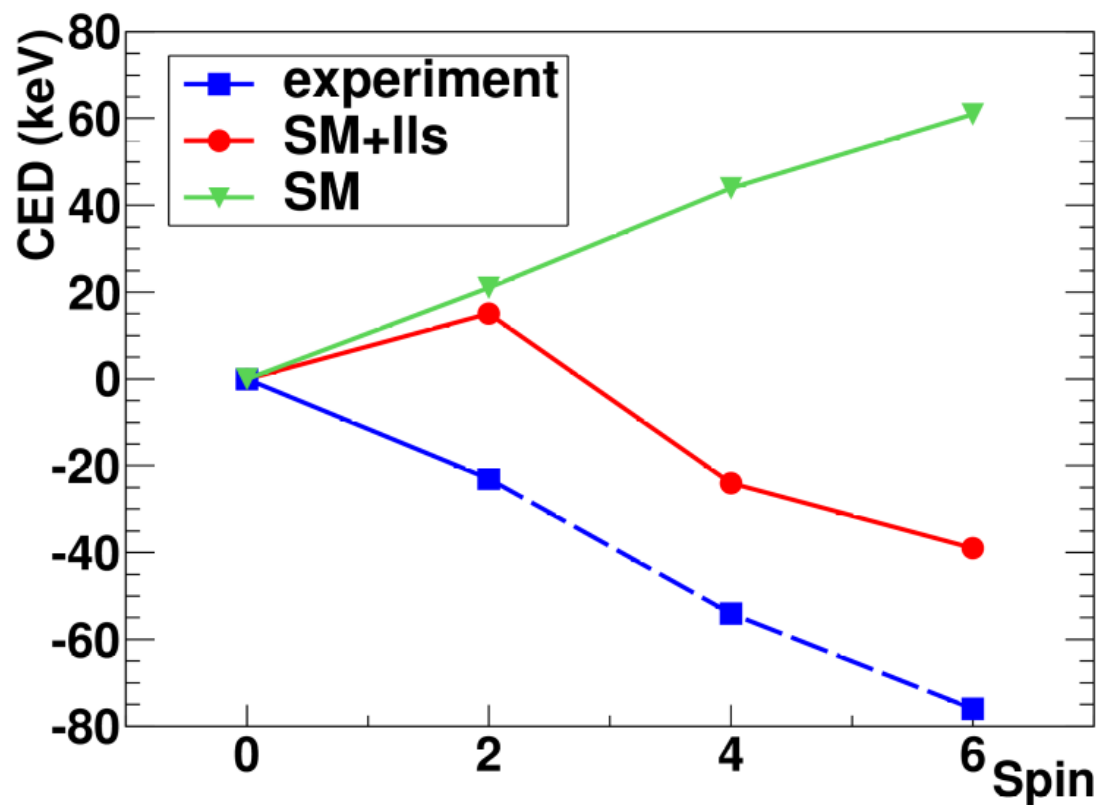
γ -rays observed in this work are associated with a short lived $A=94$ nucleus, produced via one charged particle evaporation channel and whose half-life is consistent with currently accepted value for ^{94}Ag ground state β -decay.

- Not enough statistics for γ - γ analysis.



CEDs

- Based on comparison with ^{94}Pd
 - 791, 874 and 637 keV in ^{94}Ag analog states of
 - 814, 905 and 659 keV in ^{94}Pd
- Negative CEDs
 - Observed only for ^{70}Br - ^{70}Se
- Compared to SM calculations
 - JUN45, fpg model space
 - decreasing trend
 - ~35 keV shift

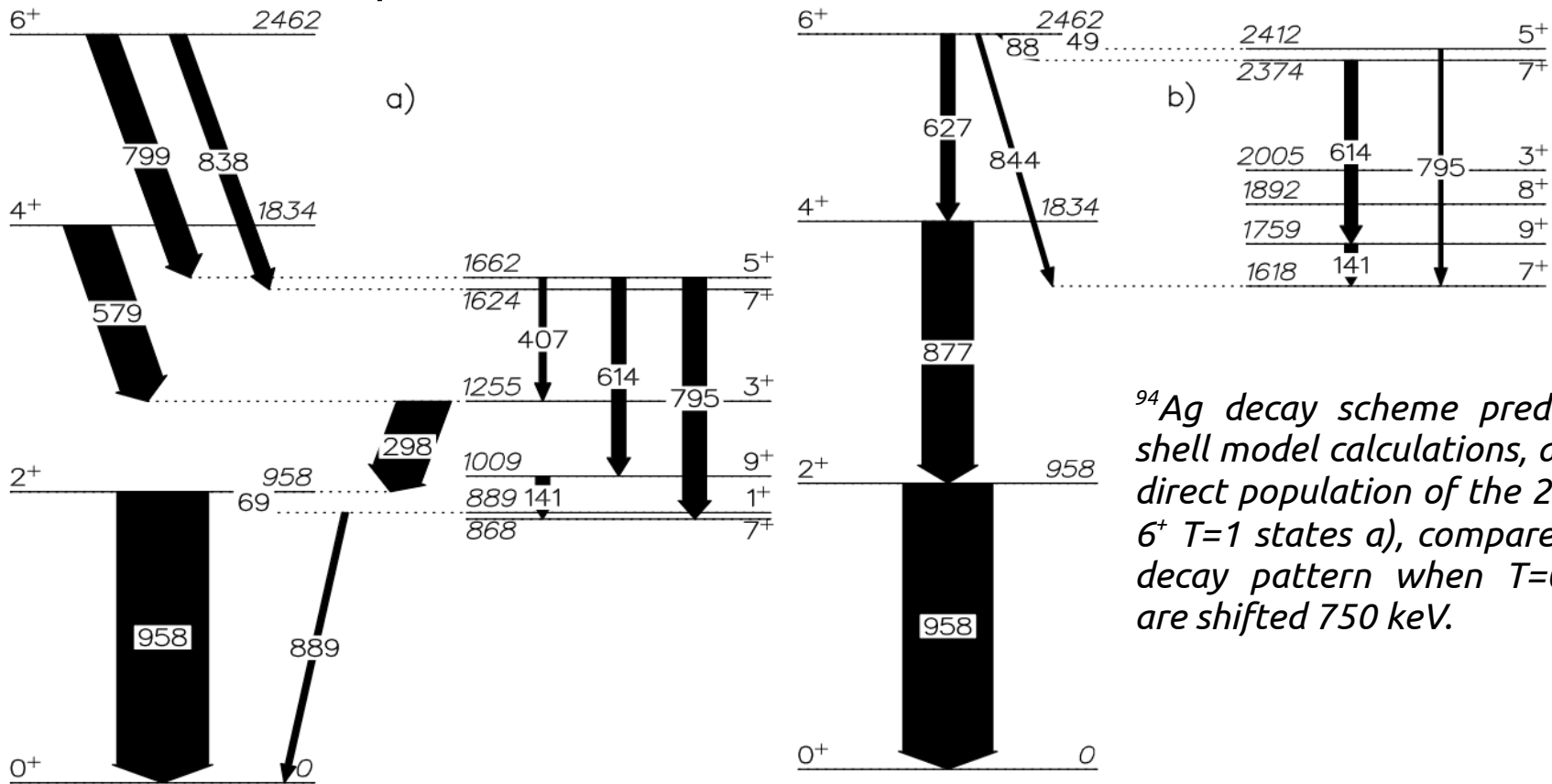


CEDs as function of J between tentatively assigned $T=1$ levels in ^{94}Ag and analog states in ^{94}Pd . **Experimental values** in blue squares, **SM model prediction** in red circles.

Shell model predictions

- SM suggest that we should only see $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ T=1 decay.
 - However, if T=0 lie 750 keV higher, E2 sequence from 6^+ becomes dominant.
 - Location of T=0 strongly influenced by np aligned $g_{9/2}$ matrix element.
 - Further work is required
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⁹⁴Ag decay scheme predicted by shell model calculations, assuming direct population of the 2⁺, 4⁺ and 6⁺ T=1 states a), compared to the decay pattern when T=0 states are shifted 750 keV.



Conclusions

- Seven γ -ray transitions observed in this work are associated with a short lived $A=94$ nucleus, produced via one charged particle evaporation channel and whose half-life is consistent with currently accepted value for ^{94}Ag ground state β -decay.
 - They represent the first observation of γ -ray transitions from ^{94}Ag excited states.
- Results compared with neighbouring $T=1$ isobar nucleus ^{94}Pd .
- CEDs are extracted and discussed with shell model calculations.
 - Level scheme remains unclear.
- Future experiments to locate the 7^+ $T=0$ isomer may provide important information regarding the influence of the spin-aligned np pairing scheme in ^{94}Ag .

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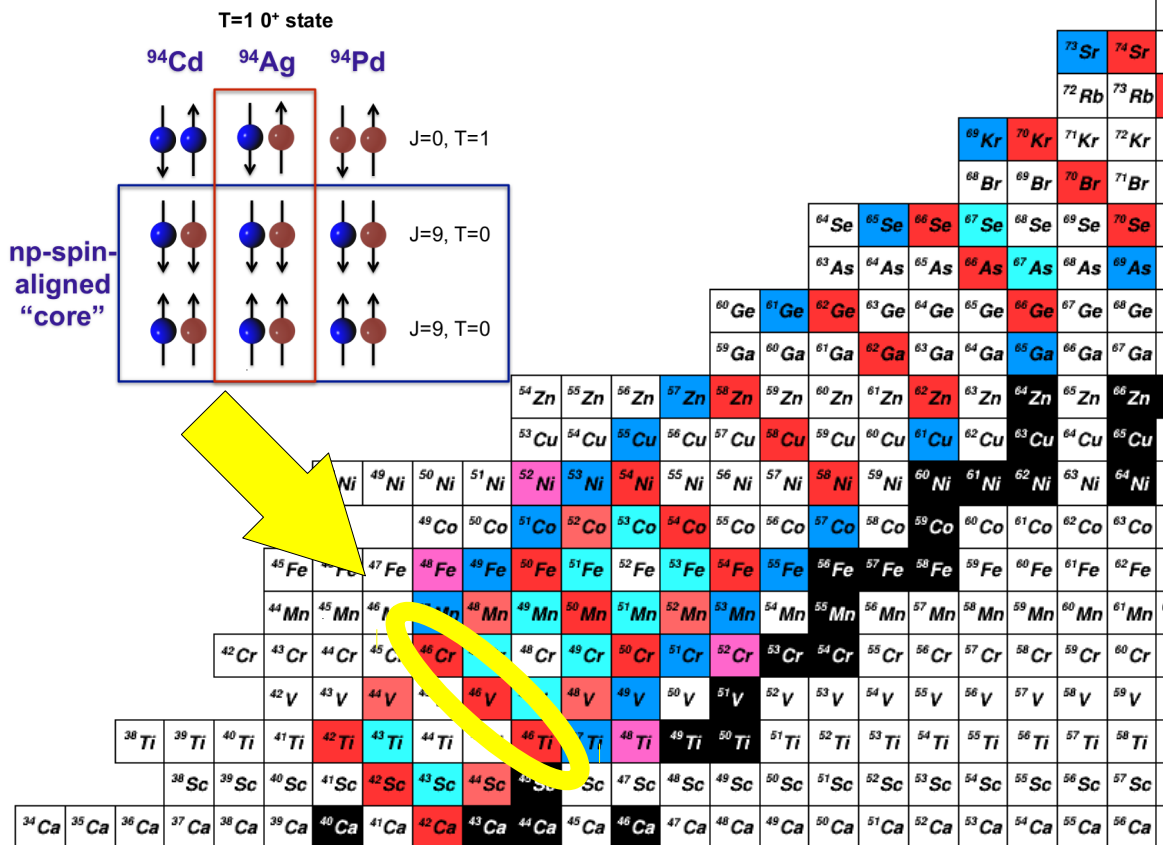
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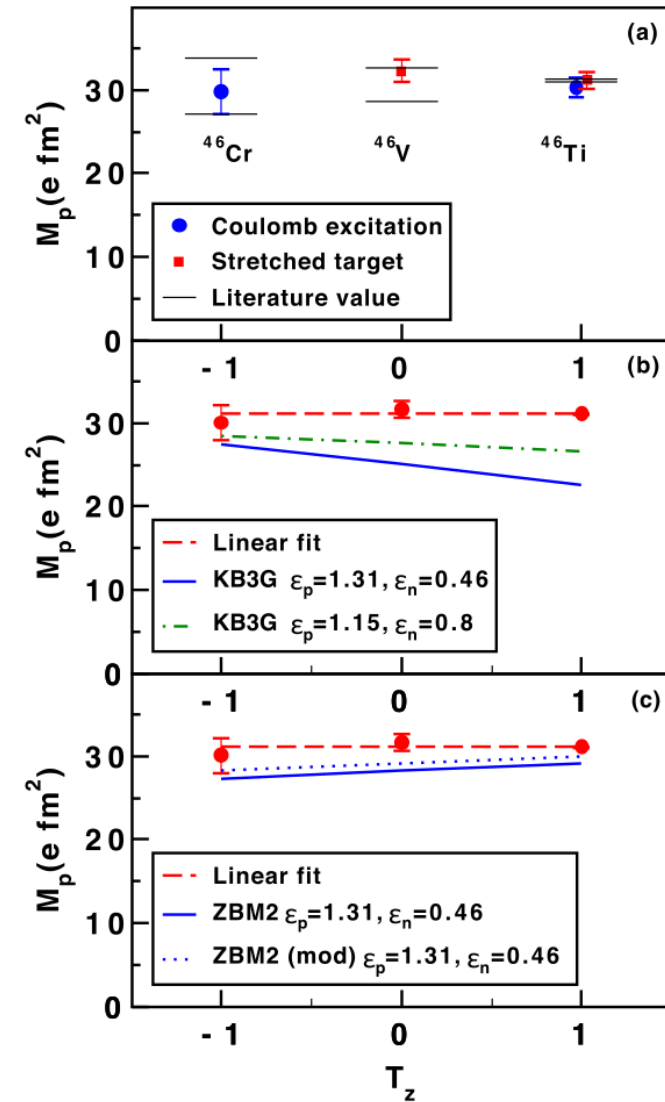
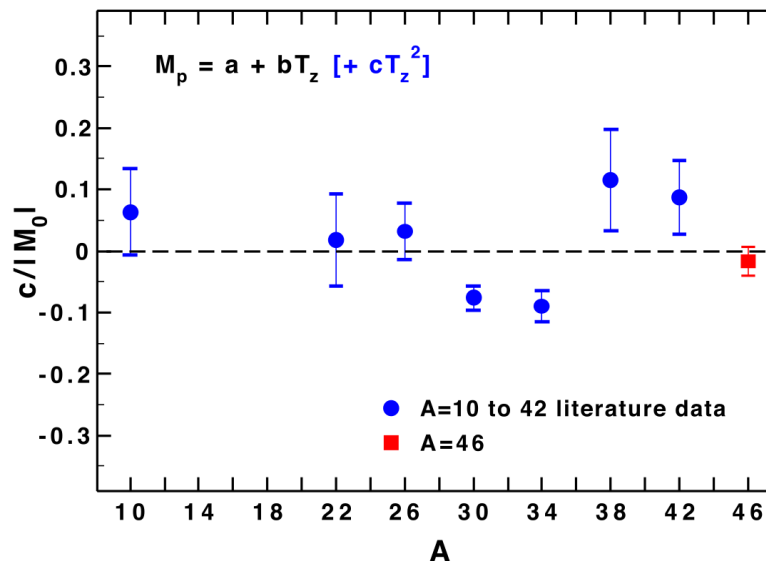
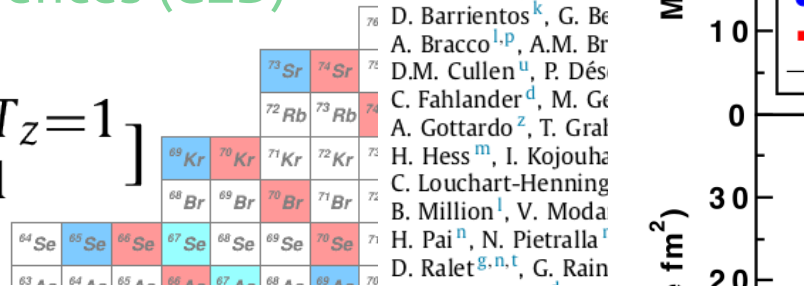
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Isospin symmetry

Isospin-symmetry-breaking probes include:

- Mirror energy differences (MED)
- Triplet energy differences (TED)
- Coulomb energy differences (CED)

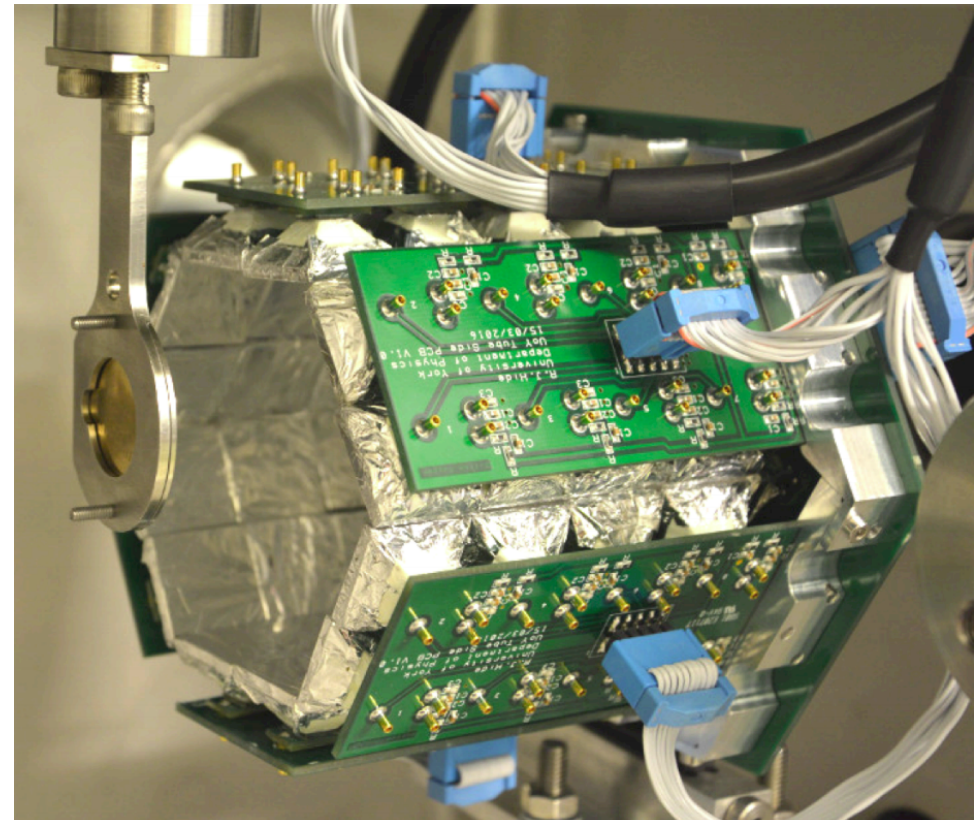
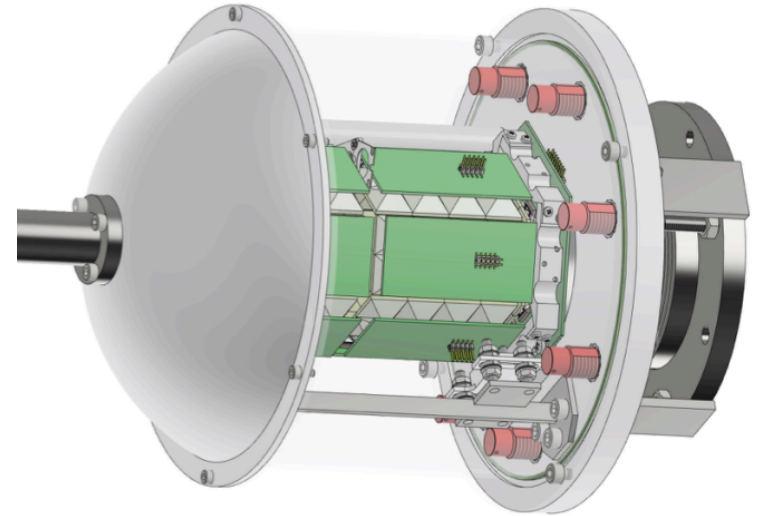
$$M_p(T_z) = \frac{1}{2} [M_0 - T_z M_1^{T_z=1}]$$



Experimental setup

JYtube

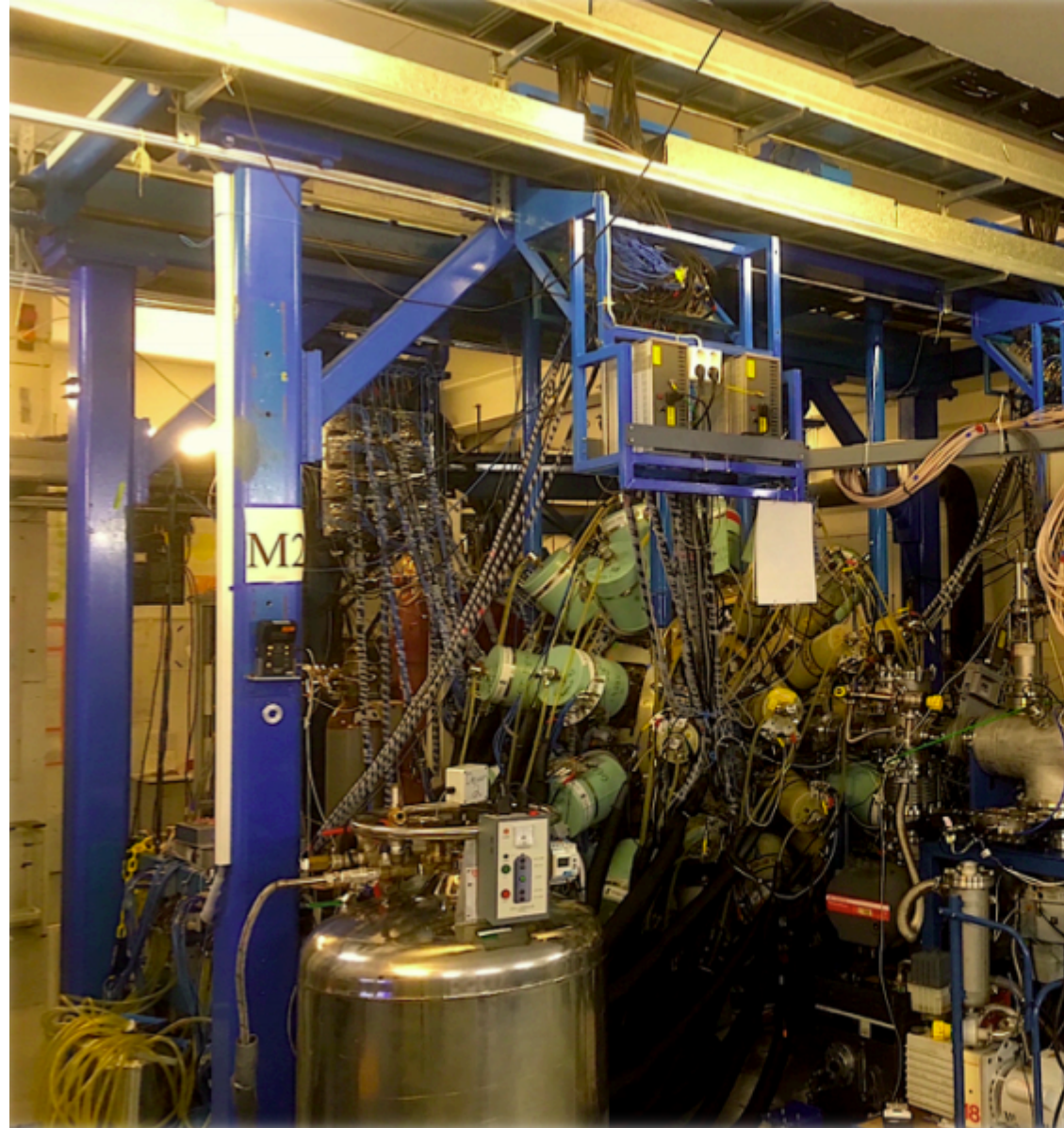
- 96 plastic scintillator crystals.
- Hexagonal shape
- Placed around the target
- Detect evaporated charged particles
 - 65 % efficiency
- Used as a veto detector



Experimental setup

Jurogam3

- HP Ge detector array
 - 15 single-crystals
 - 24 clover detectors
- BGO Compton suppression shields
- Placed around the target
 - compact configuration
 - 6% efficiency @ 1.3 MeV
- Prompt γ -rays



Experimental setup

Fragments & decays
focal plane

Mass spectrometer
MARA

Protons
JYtube

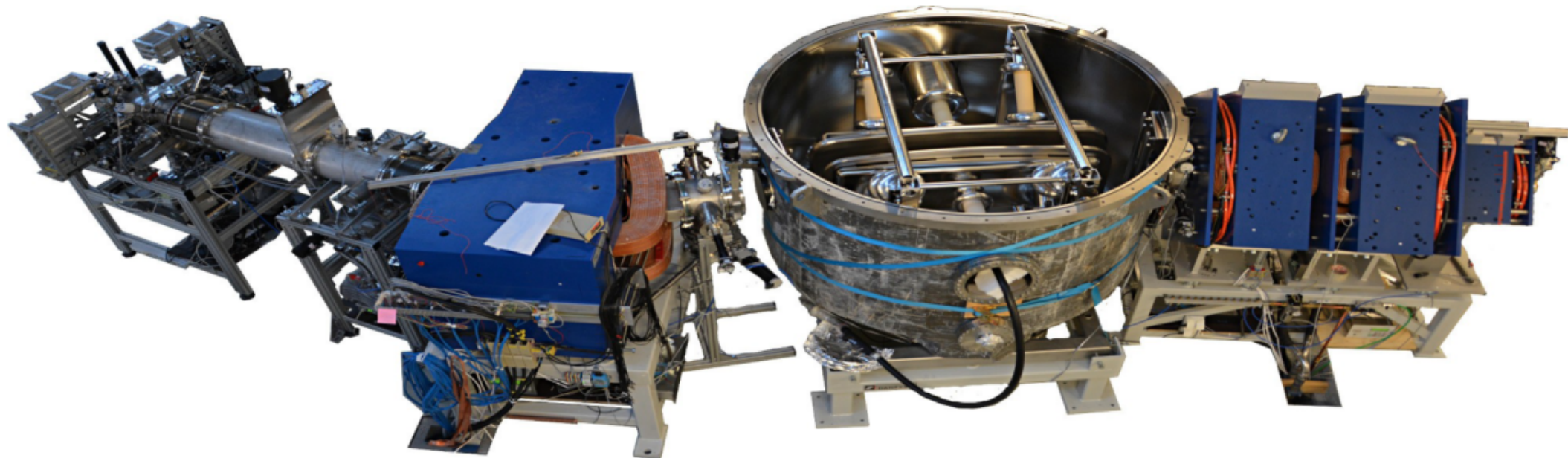
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Experimental setup

MARA

- Perform A/q identification
- Maximise transmission of $A=94$ fragments to the focal plane detection system.
 - Electric & magnetic field settings
 - Mass slits



Quadrupole triplet, electrostatic deflector and magnetic dipole (from right to left)



Experimental setup

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Mass spectrometer
MARA

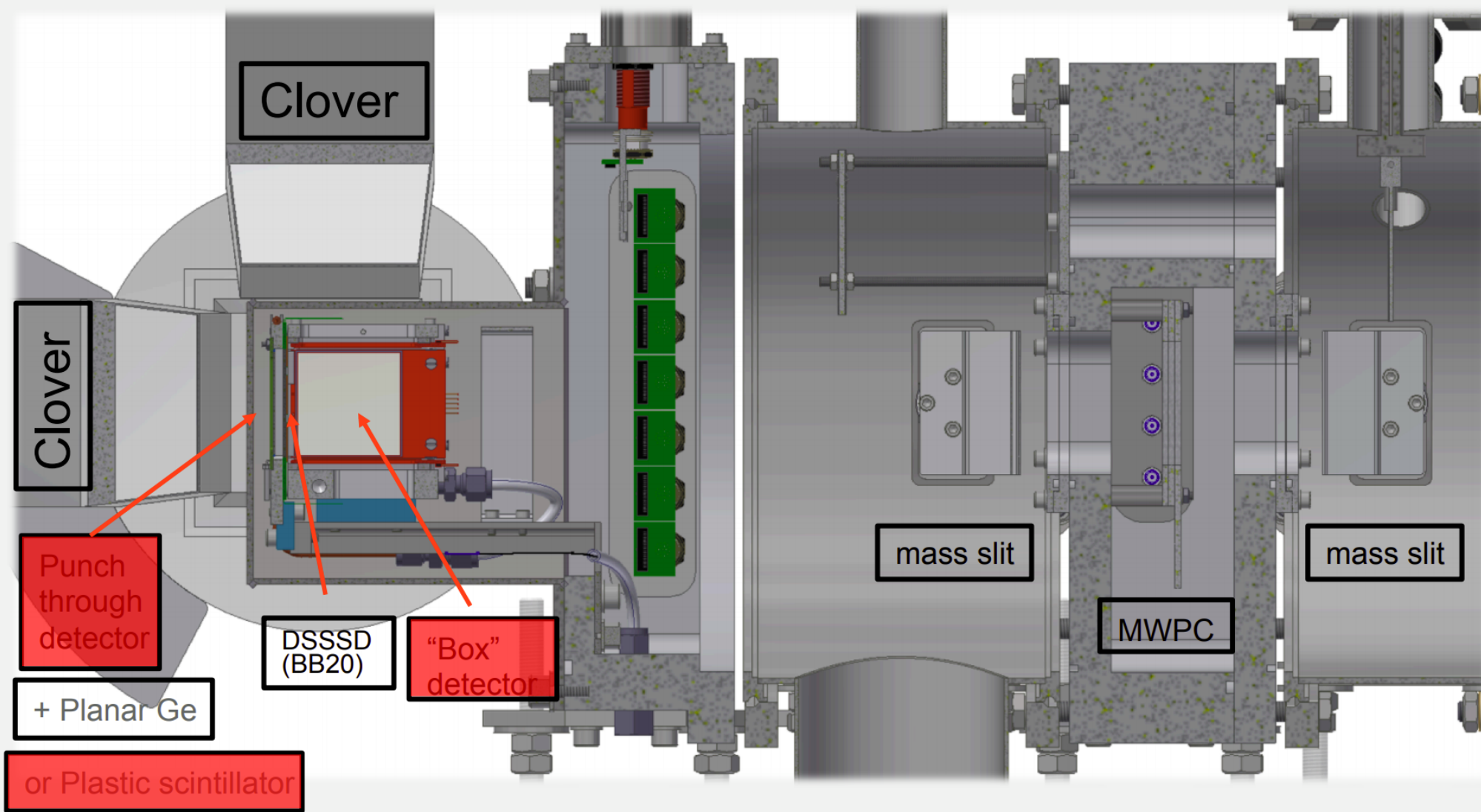
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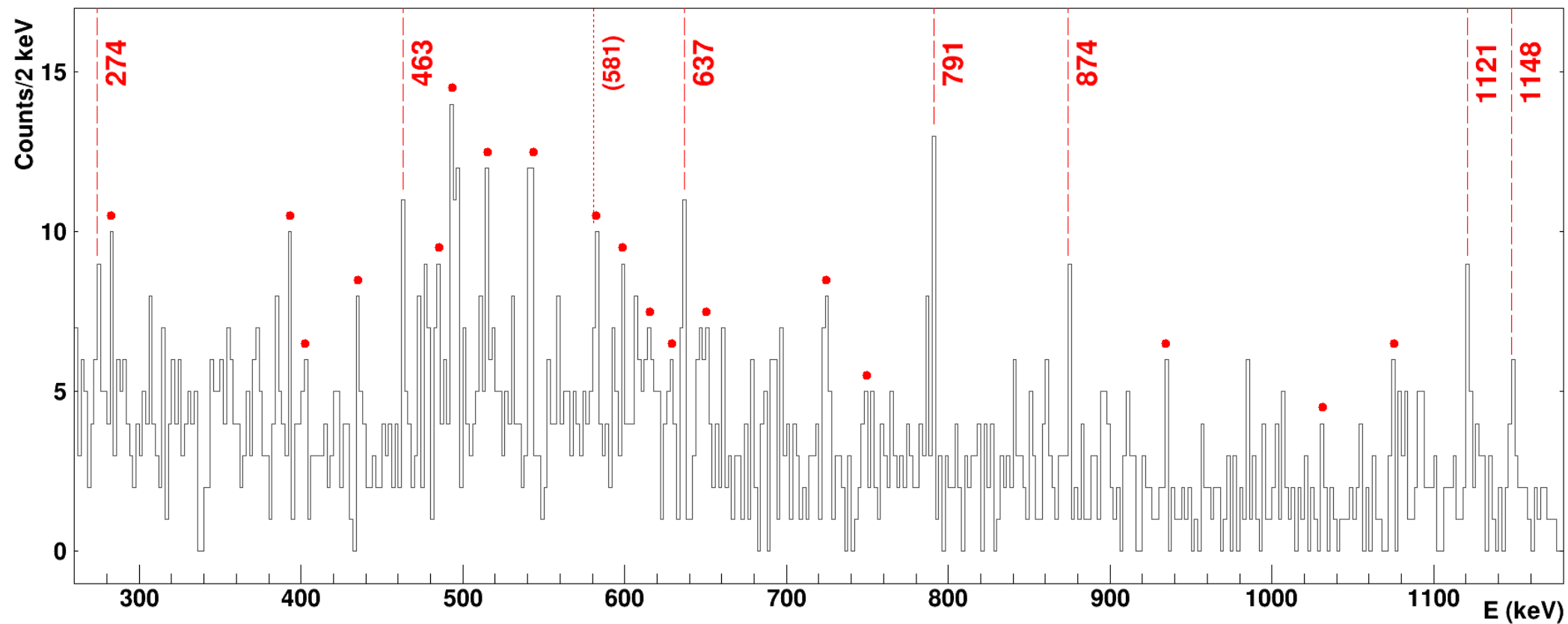
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^{94}Ag transitions

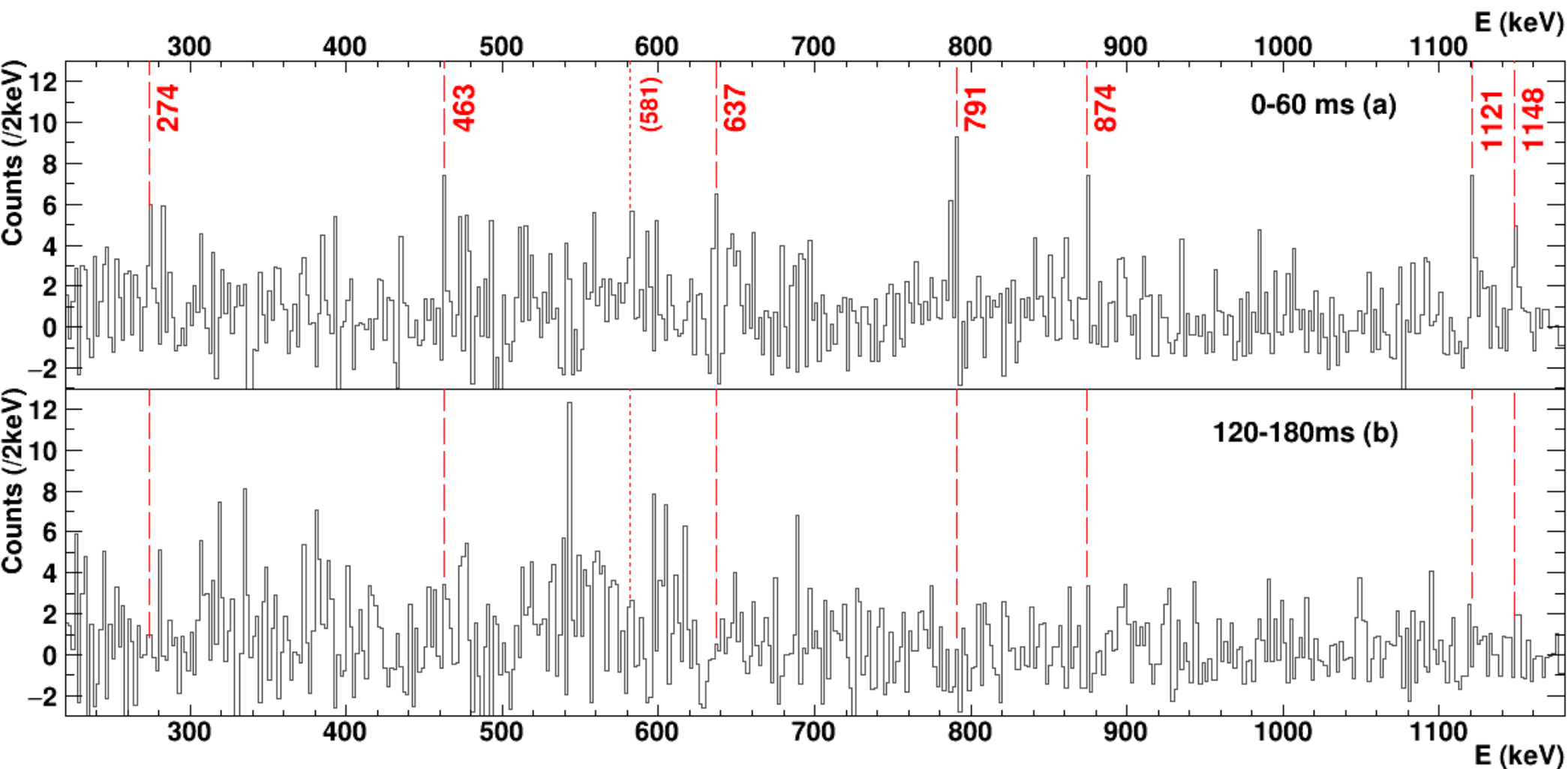
- ^{94}Ag transitions were identified in the Doppler corrected γ -ray spectra for:
 - Prompt emission
 - short-lived $A=94$ fragments (decay within 60ms)
 - One or less charged particles
 - High energy β ($E > 3 \text{ MeV}$)





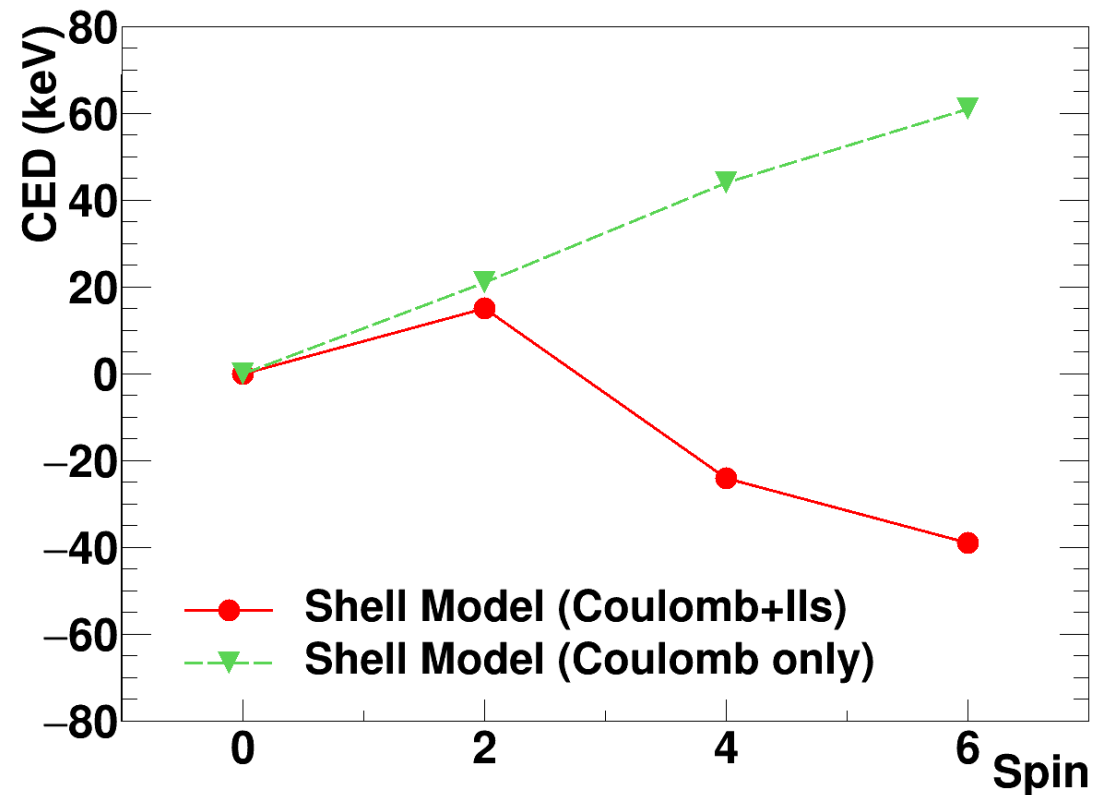
^{94}Ag transitions

Background subtracted Doppler corrected spectra for prompt γ -rays for $A=94$ recoils decaying withing 60ms (a) or 120-180ms (b), in coincidence with a high energy β and rejecting events with 2 or more charged particles in JYtube.



CEDs

- Based on comparison with ^{94}Pd
 - 791, 874 and 637 keV in ^{94}Ag
analog states of
 - 814, 905 and 659 keV in ^{94}Pd
- Negative CEDs
 - Observed only for ^{70}Br - ^{70}Se
- Compared to SM calculations
 - JUN45, fpg model space
 - decreasing trend
 - ~35 keV shift



CEDs as function of J between tentatively assigned $T=1$ levels in ^{94}Ag and analog states in ^{94}Pd .