

In-beam spectroscopy at HIE-ISOLDE - detector for conversion electron -

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- 3 Δe^- background
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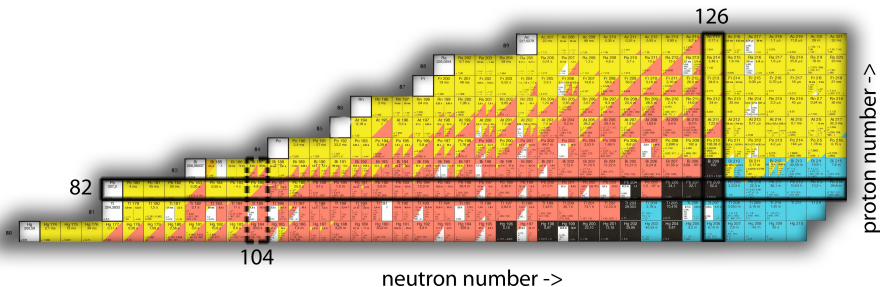
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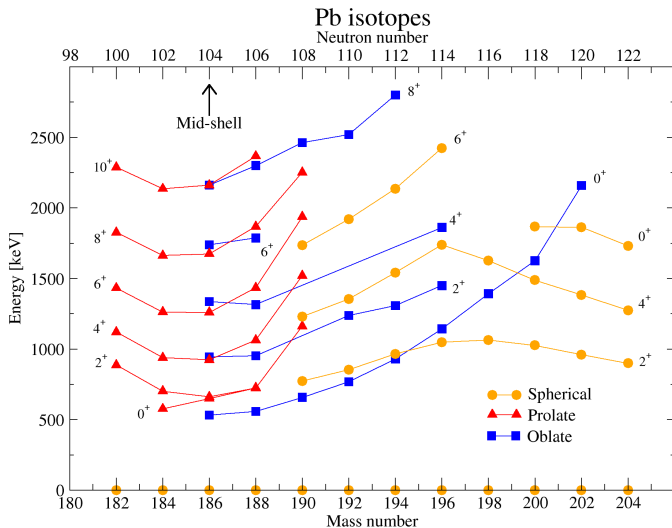
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Chart of nuclides in the vicinity of light Pb nuclei

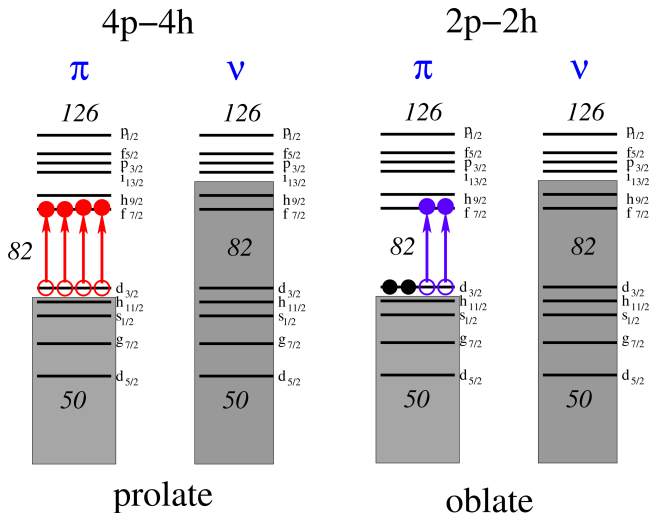
- Unique laboratory to study shape-coexistence phenomena



Level energy systematics for Pb isotopes



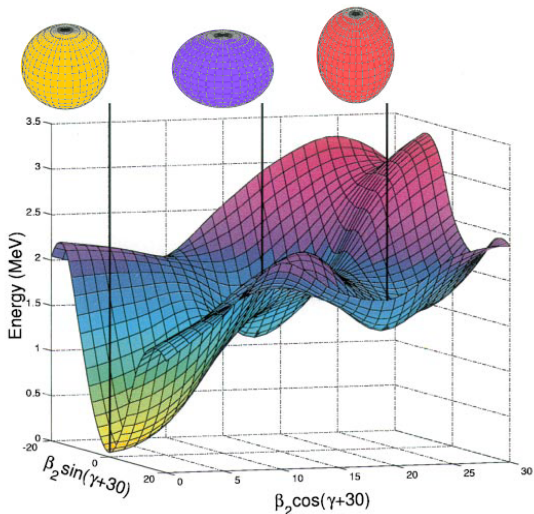
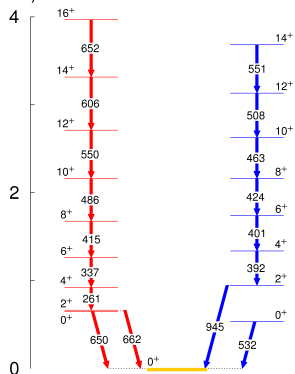
Shape coexistence in neutron-deficient Pb isotopes



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

Triple-shape coexistence in ^{186}Pb

(MeV)



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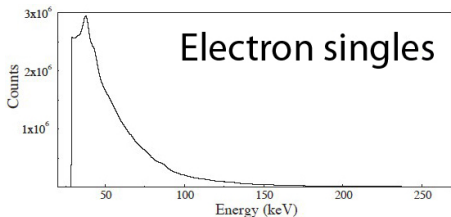
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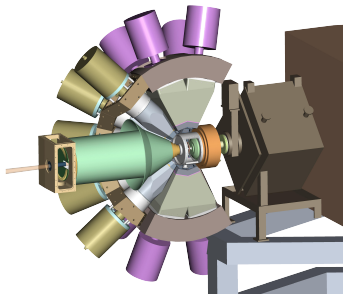
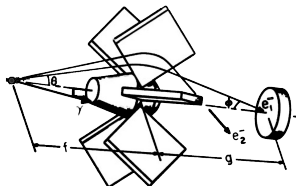
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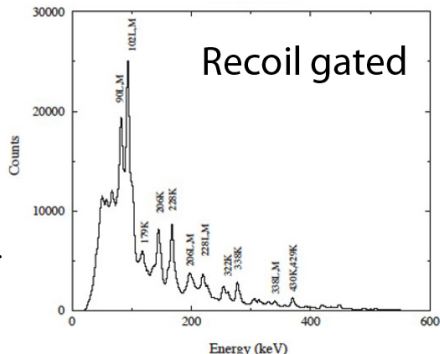
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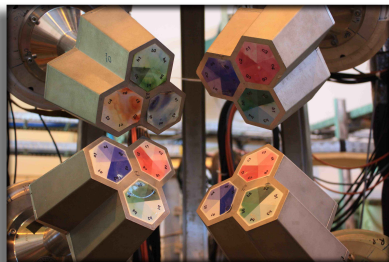
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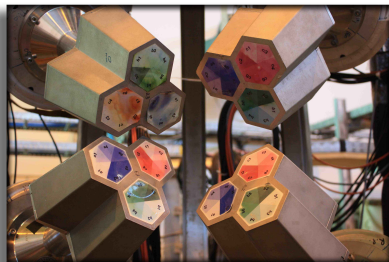
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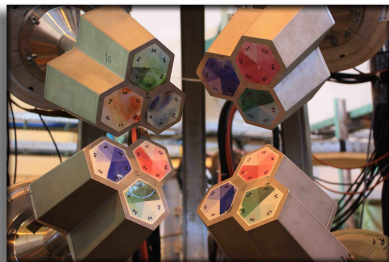
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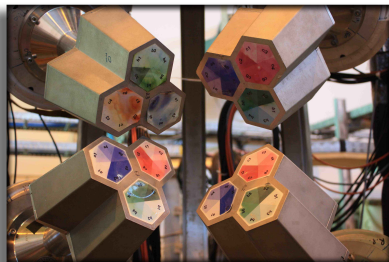
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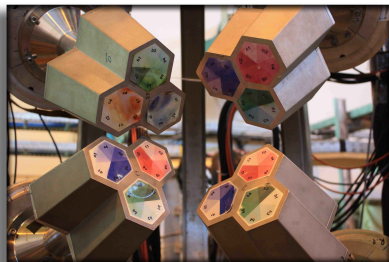
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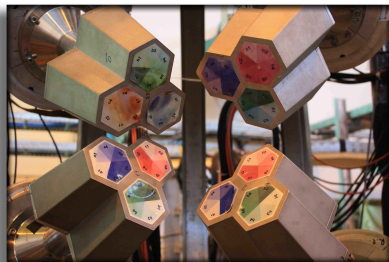
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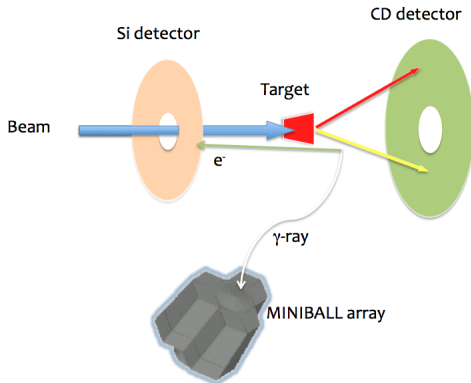
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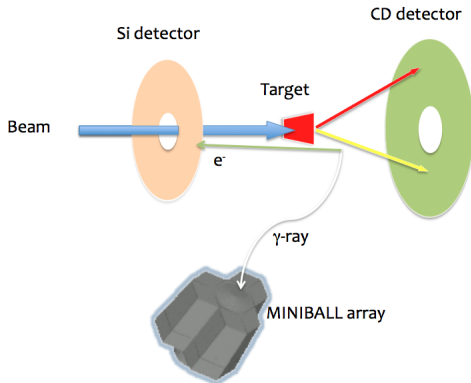
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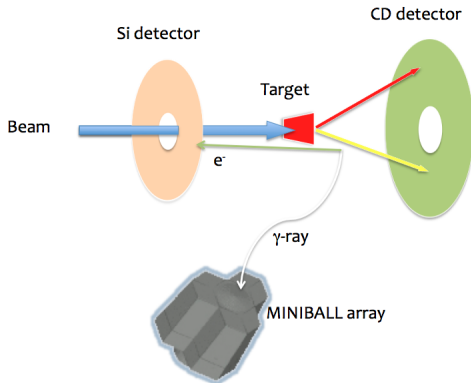
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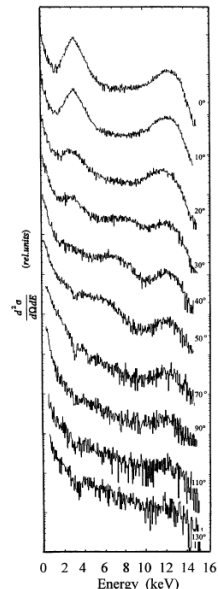
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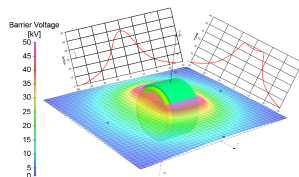
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P. Papadakis, Phd. thesis

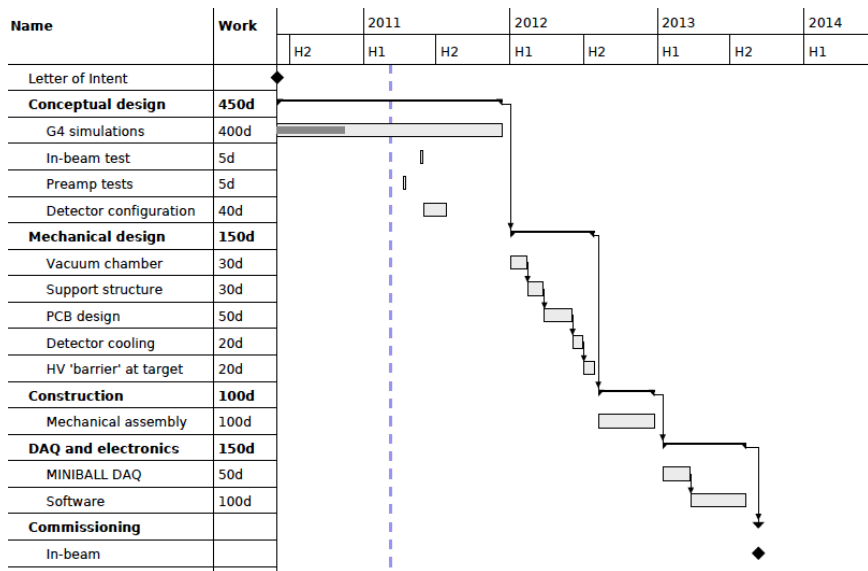
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