# Nuclear and laser spectroscopy study of the neutron-rich <sup>212,213</sup>Bi isotopes with LIST

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<sup>214</sup> **PO** 

163.72 us 0<sup>+</sup> M <sup>-</sup>4470.0 (1.4)

<sup>213</sup> 83

>168 s 25/2-# Eex 1300# (200# 130

• Experimental method (LIST, IDS, MR-ToF)

<sup>213</sup> PO

- Rate estimations
- Beam-time request (10 shifts)

<sup>212</sup> PO

<sup>211</sup> Bi

128

128

294.7 ns 0 M ~10369.5 (1

α=1009

M <sup>−</sup>11859 (

INTC, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<sup>215</sup> **PO** 

<sup>214</sup> B

>93 s 8<sup>-</sup># Eex 200# (100#)

ms 9/2

131

131

<sup>216</sup> **PO** 

145 ms 0

M 1782.4 (1.8)

α=100%

Ri

215 83 132

132

<sup>217</sup> **PO** 

1.514 s (9/2<sup>+</sup> M 5884 (7)

<sup>216</sup> 83 133

133

<sup>218</sup> **PO** 134

3.098 m 0<sup>+</sup>

M 8356.9 (2.0)

a≈100%

β<sup>-</sup>=0.02#9

134

217 83 B <sup>219</sup> PO

218 83

33 s (6-,7-,8-

135

135

<sup>220</sup> PO

<sup>219</sup> B

8.7 s 9/2-#

40# s 0<sup>4</sup>

M 15263 (18)

<sup>221</sup> PO

220 83

2.2 m 9/2\*# M 19774 (20)

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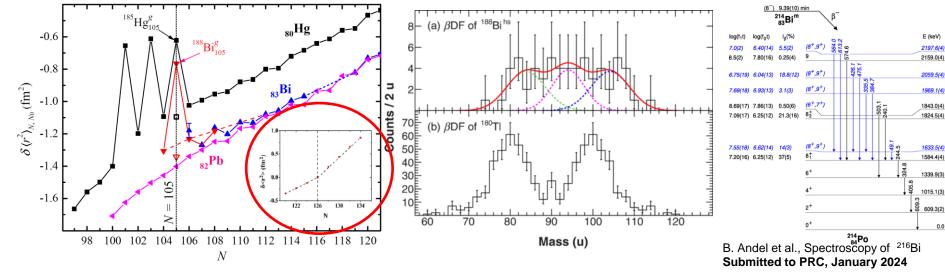
The CRIS team will provide and set-up the "injection-seeded" laser to obtain the "narrow-band" mode.

### Selected latest results on Bi isotopes (IS608+IS650)

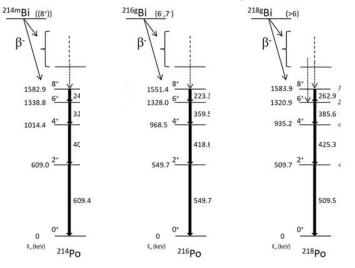
**IS608** A.E. Barzakh et al., Shape staggering in gs of  $^{187\text{-}189}\text{Bi}$  Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 192501 (2021)

**IS608** B. Andel et al., <sup>188</sup>Bi beta-delayed fission Phys. Rev. C 102, 014319 (2020)

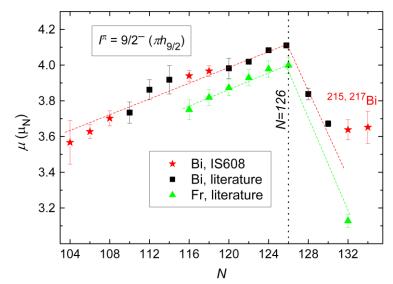
**IS65**0 B. Andel et al., New isomer in <sup>214</sup>Bi Phys. Rev. C 104, 054301 (2021)



**IS650**, fast timing, 8<sup>+</sup> isomers; R.Lica in preparation Provided rate measurements up to <sup>218</sup>Bi

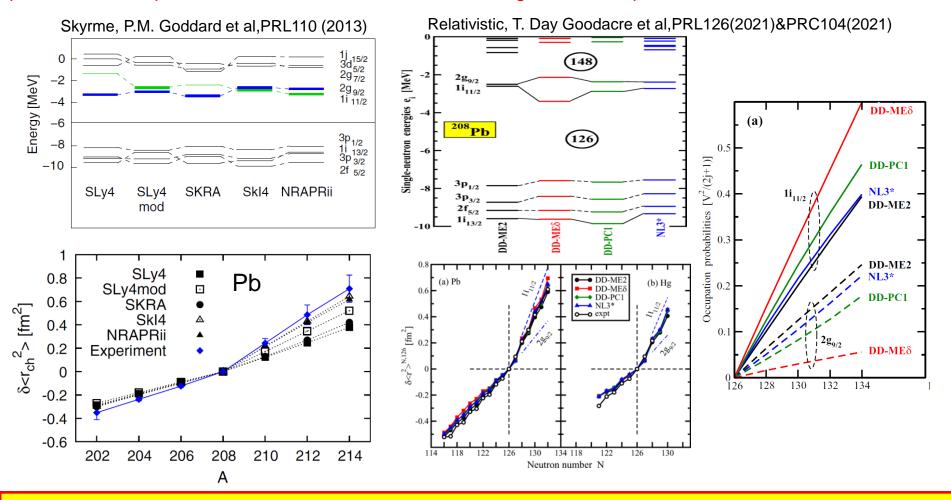


**IS608**, Anomaly of the gs 9/2<sup>-</sup> magnetic moments in <sup>215,217</sup>Bi In preparation



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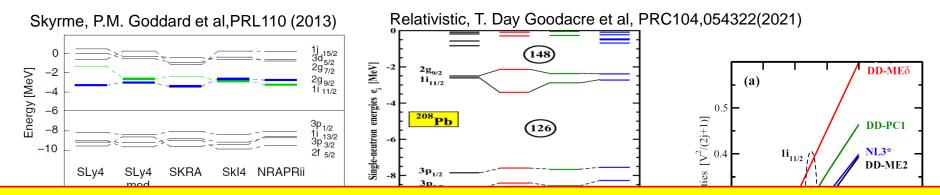
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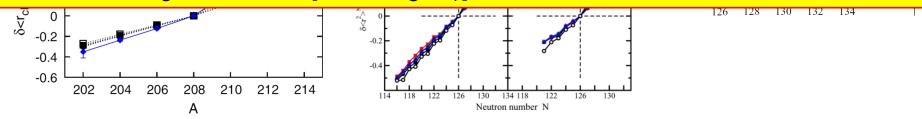
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This effect can be probed by charge radii of high-spin isomers in <sup>212m2,213m</sup>Bi, whose configuration **presumably includes an i11/2 neutron**:

<sup>212m2</sup>Bi [πh9/2×((vg9/2)<sup>2</sup>×vi11/2)]18<sup>-</sup>, <sup>213m</sup>Bi [πh9/2× (vg9/2×vi11/2)]25/2<sup>-</sup>,

relative to their gs's or <sup>212m1</sup>Bi [πh9/2×vg9/2)]8<sup>-</sup>,9<sup>-</sup>, which have no i11/2 neutrons.



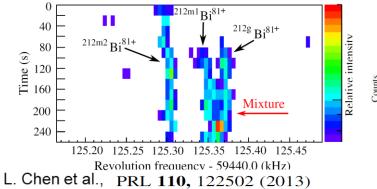
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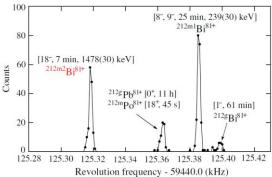
### <sup>212g,m1,m2</sup>Bi (N=129)

<sup>213g,m</sup>Bi (N=130)

$E(level)^{\dagger}$ $J^{\pi}$ $T_{1/2}$ $\lambda$	REF Comments	$E(\text{level})^{\dagger}$ J <sup><math>\pi</math></sup> T <sub>1/2</sub> XREF Comments
0.0 1 <sup>(-)</sup> 60.55 min 6 A	B %β <sup>-</sup> =64.06 6; %α=35.94 6 Q=+0.1 4; µ=+0.32 4 µ: from laser resonance fluorescence spectroscopy (1997Ki15). Other: 0.41 5 from static low-temperature nuclear orientation (1997Ki15). Q: from laser resonance fluorescence spectroscopy (1997Ki15,2000Pe30,2001Bi23.2016St14). Isotope shifts: 1997Ki15, 2000Pe30. J <sup>5</sup> : log <i>f</i> from 0 <sup>+</sup> suggests J=0 or 1; αγ/θ) rules out J=0 (1986Ma17); π=- from shell model. T <sub>1/2</sub> : weighted average of 60.480 min 52 (1914Le01) and 60.600 min 43 (1961Ap03). Other: 60.5 min (1949Me54.1948Gh01). %c: weighted average of 36.00 3 (1965Wa09), 35.81 4 (1962Be09), and 35.96 6 (1960Sc07). configuration=(π1h <sub>9/2</sub> )(v2g <sub>9/2</sub> ).	0.0 9/2 <sup>-</sup> 45.59 min 6 ABC % $a=2.140$ 10; % $\beta^{-}=97.860$ 10 $\mu=+3.699$ 7 Q=-0.83 5 Isotope shift: $\delta < r^{2} > (^{213}\text{Bi}, ^{209}\text{Bi})=0.422 \text{ fm}^{2}$ 29 (2018Ba03). Other: 0.416 fm <sup>2</sup> 1 (2013An02). J <sup>#</sup> ; Based on favored $\alpha$ decay of $^{217}\text{At}(J^{\pi})=9/2^{-} \rightarrow \text{to} ^{213}\text{Bi g.s.}$ . $J^{\pi}(^{217}\text{At})=9/2^{-}$ based on $^{221}\text{Fr}(J^{\pi})=5/2^{-} \alpha$ decay $\rightarrow 218$ level (J <sup>#</sup> )=5/2 <sup>-</sup> and $\rightarrow E2 \gamma$ to g.s. of $^{217}\text{At}$ (1972Dz14, 1977Vy02). Also supported by the HFS and $\mu$ measurements (2019Ba22). <b>Configuration:</b> $\pi$ (h <sup>+1</sup> ).
con	figuration= $(\pi 1h_{9/2})(\nu 2g_{9/2})$ .	
239.30 (8 <sup>-</sup> ,9 <sup>-</sup> ) 25.0 min 2 212m1Bj	<ul> <li>C %β<sup>2</sup>=33 <i>I</i>; %β<sup>2</sup>α=30 <i>I</i>; %α=67 <i>I</i></li> <li>E(level): from Schottky mass spectrometry (2013Ch12). Other: 250 from Eα=6.34 MeV to <sup>208</sup>TI g.s. (1978Ba44).</li> <li>J<sup>π</sup>: J<sup>π</sup>=(9<sup>-</sup>) suggested by analogy with <sup>210</sup>Bi. Possible configuration=((<sup>210</sup>Bi 9<sup>-</sup>)(v2g<sub>9</sub>2)<sup>v2</sup>0<sup>+</sup>) (1978Ba44). J<sup>π</sup>=(8<sup>-</sup>) suggested by log ft value for β<sup>-</sup> decay to J<sup>π</sup>=8<sup>+</sup> state in <sup>212</sup>Po (1991Wa18).</li> <li>T<sub>1/2</sub>: from 1984Es01. Others: 28 min <i>I</i> (1980Le27), 25 min <i>I</i> (1978Ba44).</li> <li>%α,%β<sup>2</sup>: from Iα(25 min <sup>212</sup>Bi)/Iα(<sup>212</sup>Po) (1984Es01), see <sup>212</sup>Bi β<sup>-</sup> decay (25.0 min) data set.</li> <li>%β<sup>2</sup> α: from Iα(<sup>212</sup>Po excited states) (see <sup>212</sup>Bi β<sup>-</sup> decay (25.0 min) data set).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1353 21 C E(level): Isomer (<sup>238</sup>U,X) was identified from Schottky frequency spectrum (figure 2 in 2012Ch19).</li> <li><b>213mBi</b></li> <li>L. Chen et al., Nuclear Physics A 882 (2012) 71–89</li> </ul>
((( 1478.38 (18 <sup>-</sup> ) 7.0 min 3 <b>212m2Bi</b>	210 B 9 <sup>-</sup> ) $(\nu 2g_{9/2})^{+2}0^+)$ (1978Ba44). % $\beta^- < 25$ ; %IT>75 E(level): from Schottky mass spectrometry (2013Ch12). J <sup>#</sup> : from $\beta^-$ decay to (18 <sup>+</sup> ) level in <sup>212</sup> Po, comparison to shell model calculations (2013Ch12, 1991Wa18). T <sub>1/2</sub> : neutron atom half-life from 1984Es01. Others: 7 min <i>I</i> (1980Le27), 9 min <i>I</i> (1978Ba44). For highly-charged atoms (charge states of 80 <sup>+</sup> , 81 <sup>+</sup> , and 82 <sup>+</sup> ), T <sub>1/2</sub> > 30 min (2013Ch12). %IT,% $\beta^-$ : only a $\beta^-$ delayed 11.65 MeV $\alpha$ (from 45.1 s <sup>212</sup> Po) with T <sub>1/2</sub> =7.0 m has been observed. Taking log <i>fi</i> for this transition as 5.1 (lower limit for allowed $\beta^-$ transition) and E <sub>level</sub> =1478 keV, the %IT branch must be >75%, as deduced by the evaluators.	$ \begin{array}{c} & 40 \\ & 80 \\ & 120 \\ & 120 \\ & 200 \\ & 240 \\ & 205.45 \\ & 205.5 \\ & 205.5 \\ & 205.5 \\ & 205.6 \\ &$
<sup>212m2</sup> Bi [πh	9/2×((vg9/2) <sup>2</sup> ×vi11/2)]18 <sup>-</sup> ???	
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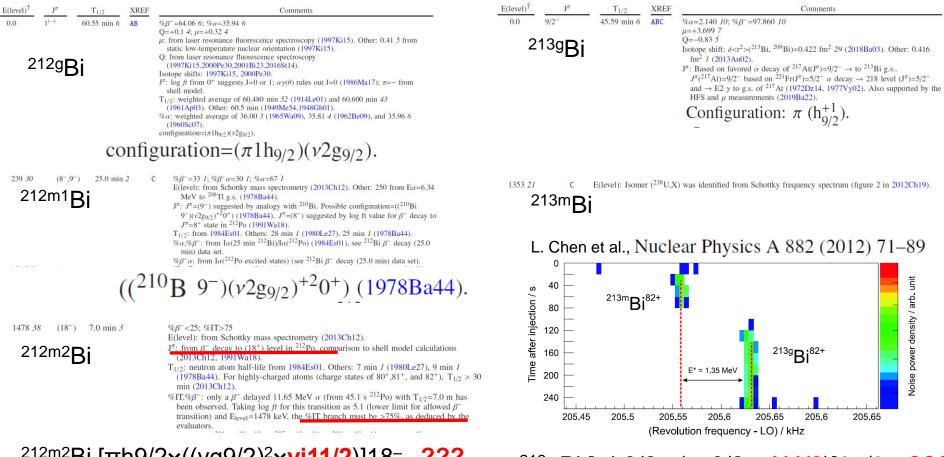
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#### <sup>212g,m1,m2</sup>Bi (N=129)

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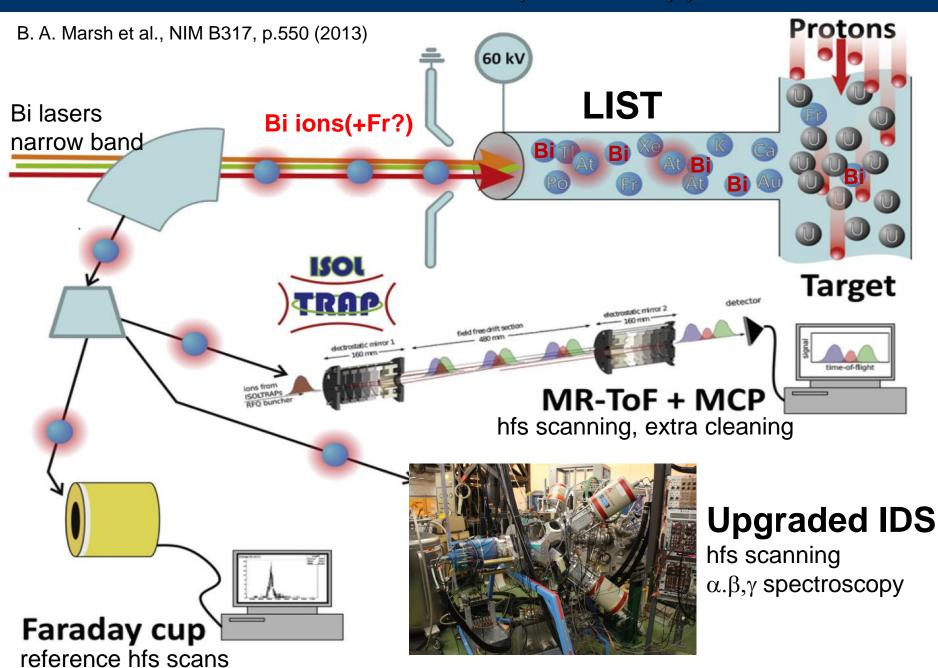
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Task 1: We will perform hfs scanning for <sup>212m2,213m</sup>Bi with LIST in narrowband mode (procedure confirmed for Po/Ac's in our 2022 campaigns). Some scanning can be done with MR-ToF (for longest-lived cases, if IDS is not enough). Deduced magnetic moments will help to confirm/establish the configurations. Also radii will be determined.

Task 2: Decay properties of high-spin isomers are poorly known, some studied 40-50 years ago. We can now do it much better with the versatile IDS system, e.g. to search for the IT decay from 18<sup>-</sup> to 8/9<sup>-</sup> (or even to the gs) in <sup>212m2</sup>Bi, and/or to measure for the 1<sup>st</sup> time the half-life and decay path of <sup>213m</sup>Bi.

### The Method: In-source laser spectroscopy+IDS+MR-ToF



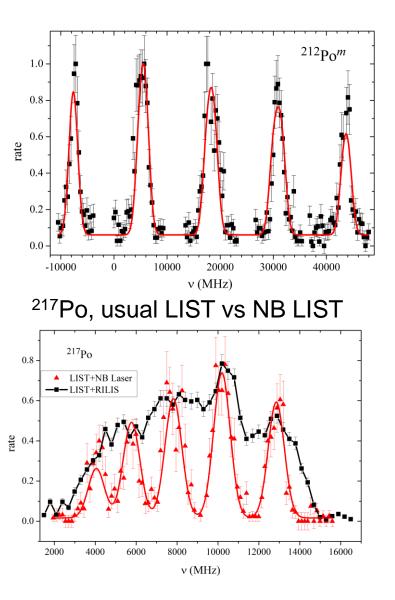
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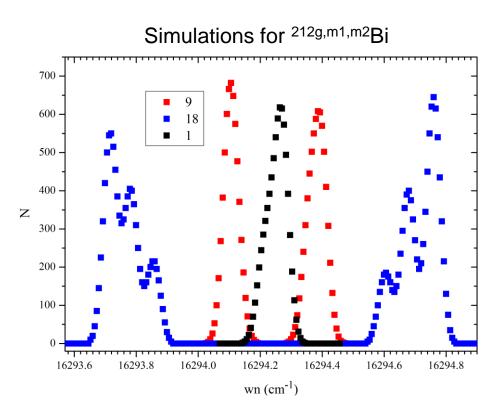
- Long-lived, strongly-produced Fr contaminants only at A=212,213
- The LIST operation in this region is now confirmed by several experiments, e.g. our recent <sup>207-209</sup>TI study (Z. Yue et al., PLB 849,138452, February 2024)

		N=126													
<sup>213</sup> Ac	<sup>214</sup> Ac	<sup>215</sup> Ac 170 ms	<sup>216</sup> Ac 330 μs	<sup>217</sup> AC 69 ns	<sup>218</sup> Ac 1.1 μs	<sup>219</sup> Ac	<sup>220</sup> Ac	<sup>221</sup> Ac	<sup>222</sup> Ac	<sup>223</sup> Ac	<sup>224</sup> Ac	<sup>225</sup> Ac	<sup>226</sup> Ac	<sup>227</sup> Ac	
<sup>212</sup> Ra	<sup>213</sup> Ra	<sup>214</sup> Ra	<sup>215</sup> Ra 1.6 ms	<sup>216</sup> Ra 180 ns	<sup>217</sup> Ra 1.6 μs	<sup>218</sup> Ra 26 μs	<sup>219</sup> Ra	<sup>220</sup> Ra	<sup>221</sup> Ra	<sup>222</sup> Ra	<sup>223</sup> Ra	<sup>224</sup> Ra	<sup>225</sup> Ra	<sup>226</sup> Ra	
<sup>211</sup> Fr	212 <b>Fr</b> 20 m	<sup>213</sup> Fr <sup>24 s</sup>	<sup>214</sup> Fr <sup>5 ms</sup>	<sup>215</sup> Fr 86 ns	<sup>216</sup> Fr 700 ns		<sup>218</sup> Fr 1 ms	<sup>219</sup> Fr <sup>20 ms</sup>	<sup>220</sup> Fr <sup>27 s</sup>	<sup>221</sup> Fr	<sup>222</sup> Fr	<sup>223</sup> Fr	<sup>224</sup> Fr	<sup>225</sup> Fr	
<sup>210</sup> Rn	<sup>211</sup> Rn	<sup>212</sup> Rn		<sup>214</sup> Rn	<sup>215</sup> Rn 2.3 μs	<sup>216</sup> Rn 45 μs	<sup>217</sup> Rn <sup>0.54 ms</sup>	<sup>218</sup> Rn 35 ms	<sup>219</sup> Rn	<sup>220</sup> Rn	<sup>221</sup> Rn	<sup>222</sup> Rn	<sup>223</sup> Rn	<sup>224</sup> Rn	
<sup>209</sup> At	<sup>210</sup> At	<sup>211</sup> At	<sup>212</sup> At	213At	<sup>214</sup> At	<sup>215</sup> At 0.1 ms	<sup>216</sup> At 300 μs		<sup>218</sup> At 1.6 s	<sup>219</sup> At	<sup>220</sup> At	<sup>221</sup> At	<sup>222</sup> At	<sup>223</sup> At	
<sup>208</sup> Po	<sup>209</sup> Po	<sup>210</sup> Po	<sup>211</sup> Po	212R0	213P.0	<sup>214</sup> Po	<sup>215</sup> Po 1.7 ms	<sup>216</sup> Po 150 ms	<sup>217</sup> Po 1.5 s	<sup>218</sup> Po 3.1 m	<sup>219</sup> Ρο α, 10 m	220 α, mih			
<sup>207</sup> Bi	<sup>208</sup> Bi	<sup>209</sup> Bi	<sup>210</sup> Bi	<sup>211</sup> Bi	212 <mark>Bi</mark> 7,22, <mark>6</mark> 5 m	<sup>213</sup> Bi 45 m	<sup>214</sup> Bi <sup>19.9 m</sup>	<sup>215</sup> Bi 7.7 m	<sup>216</sup> Bi 2.2 m	<sup>217</sup> Bi 1.6 m	<sup>218</sup> Bi 33 s	<sup>219</sup> Bi ~10 s	<sup>220</sup> Bi ~10 s	Bi, 2	Z=83
<sup>206</sup> Pb	<sup>207</sup> Pb	<sup>208</sup> Pb	<sup>209</sup> Pb	<sup>210</sup> Pb	<sup>211</sup> Pb	<sup>212</sup> Pb	<sup>213</sup> Pb	<sup>214</sup> Pb	<sup>215</sup> Pb					_	
<sup>205</sup> TI	<sup>206</sup> TI	<sup>207</sup> TI	<sup>208</sup> TI	<sup>209</sup> TI	<sup>210</sup> TI	<sup>211</sup> TI	<sup>212</sup> TI			-					

#### Examples of narrow-band scanning for <sup>212m,217</sup>Po (April 2022) and simulations for <sup>212g,m1,m2</sup>Bi

CRIS "injection-seeded" narrowband laser (April 2022)





Long scans, ~200 laser steps are needed

### Beam request

**Table 1.** Measured (red, IS608/IS650) and calculated (black) yields and the shifts request for Bi nuclei based on the 2  $\mu$ A proton beam intensity, see text for details. The number of shifts account for half-lives, measurement procedure and respective yields.

			LIST yield,	Shifts
Nuclide	$T_{1/2}, s$	RILIS yield, ions/µC	ions/µC	
$212m2, I^{\pi} = (18^{-})$	420	6.1E+03	3.1E+02	4 <sup>a b</sup>
$212m1, I^{\pi} = (8^{-}, 9^{-})$	1500	5.5E+03	2.8 E+02	
213m, $I^{\pi} = (25/2^{-})$	>168	8.2E+02	4.1E+01	3 <sup>a b</sup>
216	135	1.0E+03 (IS650)	5.0E+01	
216m	396	1.5E+03 (IS608) <sup>c</sup>	7.5E+01	
209		Multiple 0.5 h scans		1
Reference Faraday Cup scans		over the whole run		1
LIST optimization with the proton beam				1
on target				1
Stable beam tuning to IDS/MR-ToF				1

<sup>a</sup>Scans of both isomers will be done simultaneously and require in total approximately 3 shifts; this also includes time needed for the search of unknown gamma lines and determination of the scanning range. Very broad hfs scanning with many steps will be required, by analogy with <sup>212</sup>Po, measured in 2022 (see simulated hfs in Fig. 3).

<sup>b</sup>1 shift will be used for decay spectroscopy.

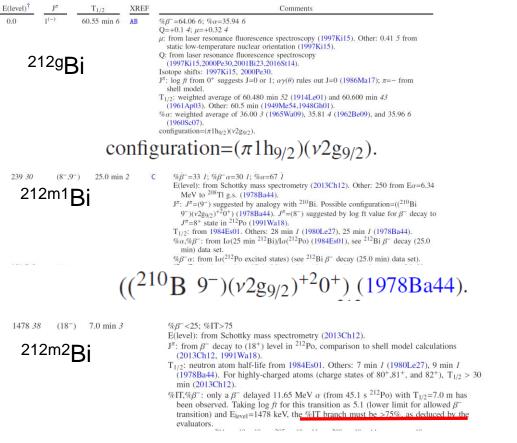
<sup>c</sup>Isomer ratio was determined during IS608 campaign from the ratio of the MR-ToF hfs maxima

## In total, 10 shifts requested for hfs/IS, nuclear spectroscopy and reference measurements for <sup>212,213</sup>Bi

If the proposal is accepted, it will also "save" 2 shifts for G.Georgiev's Lol239 requesting the same Bi isotopes for the g-factor measurements in daughter Po



#### <sup>212g,m1,m2</sup>Bi (N=129)



 $^{212m2}$ Bi [ $\pi$ h9/2×((vg9/2)<sup>2</sup>×vi11/2)]18<sup>-</sup> ???

TABLE I. <sup>212</sup> Bi isomers studied in the ES
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	$I_{ m calc}^{\pi}$	$E_{\text{calc}}^{a}$ (keV)	$E_{\rm calc}^{\rm new}$ (keV)	$E_{\exp}^{\mathrm{ESR}}$ (keV)	$E_{\exp}^{b}$ (keV)
m1	8-, 9-	303, 281	263, 241	239(30)	250(30)
m2	$18^{-}$	1496	1456	1478(30)	>1910

<sup>a</sup>Calculated by Warburton [5].

<sup>b</sup>Literature excitation energies [4,9].

#### L. Chen et al., PRL 110, 122502 (2013)

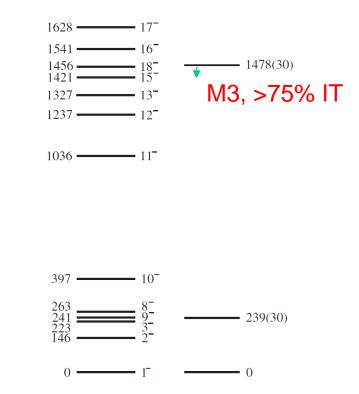
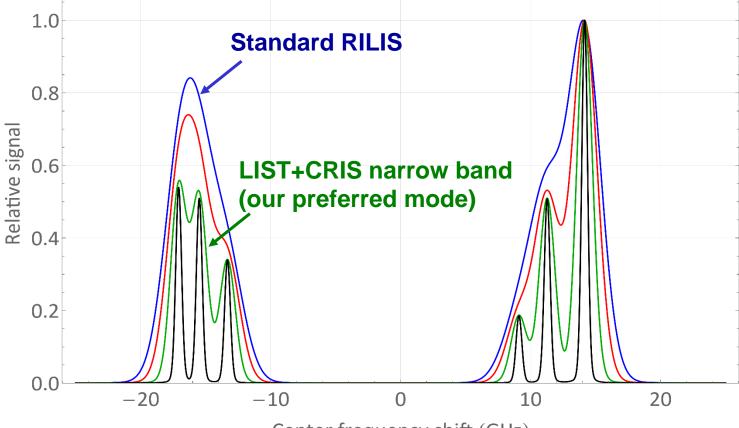


FIG. 3. Partial level scheme for  $^{212}$ Bi, showing the calculated energies of the yrast states on the left, together with a few non-yrast states (8<sup>-</sup>, 16<sup>-</sup>, and 17<sup>-</sup>) that are discussed in the text. On the right are the observed isomers with their energies measured in the present work.

energies is given in Table I. The maximally aligned  $\pi h_{9/2}$ ,  $\nu i_{11/2}(g_{9/2})^2$  configuration for the 18<sup>-</sup> state is calculated to have 98% purity.

Do we really need PI-LIST mode?

Simulations for <sup>209</sup>Bi (R. Heinke)



Center frequency shift (GHz)

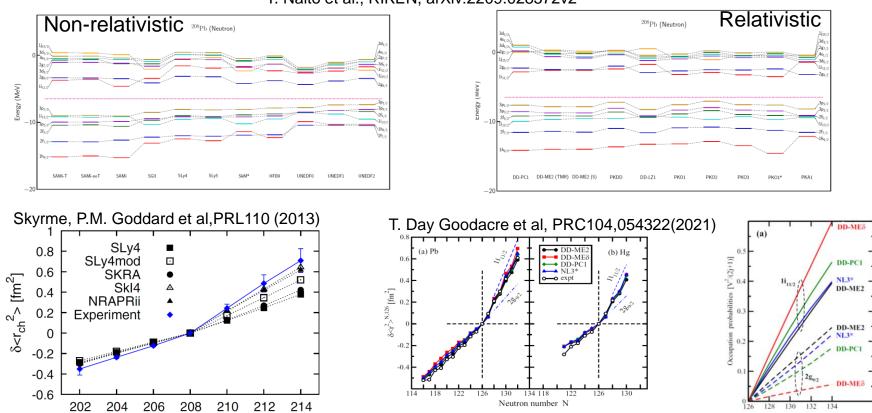
•Blue: Standard in-source spectroscopy + dual etalon laser (~2.9GHz)

•Red: LIST collinear mode + dual etalon laser (~2.2GHz) – The better resolution comes from the fact that the LIST only probes atoms flying towards the laser into the LIST. There will be a shift against the other modes.
 •Green: LIST collinear mode + CRIS narrowband laser (~1.4GHz) – our preferred mode of operation here
 •Black: PI-LIST mode + CRIS narrowband laser (~0.5GHz)

Conclusion: no significant improvement with PI-LIST, thus we might not use it at all (TAC asked on PI-LIST intensity reduction)

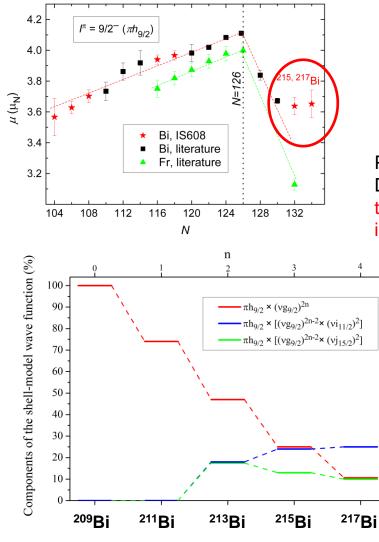
### Physics Motivation and goals of the proposal Goal 1: The N=126 kink problem

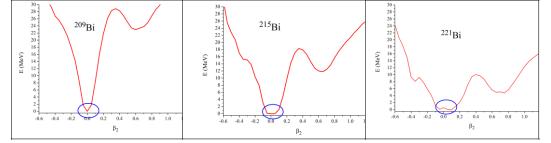
Goal 1. Properties of the high-spin isomers <sup>212m1,m2,213m</sup>Bi and their possible link to the kink in Bi ground state charge radii at N=126: is the population of the i11/2 neutron orbital a real culprit for the N=126 kink? T. Naito et al., RIKEN, arXiv:2209.028572v2



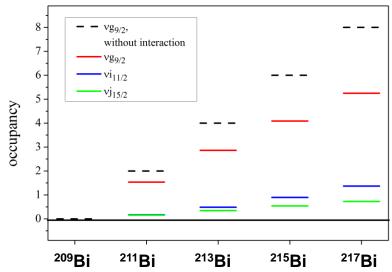
It seems the models in which the i11/2 neutron orbital is below g9/2 (or very close to it) reproduce the kink better, due to enhanced population of the former orbital. If so, this effect can be probed by charge radii of high-spin isomers in  $^{212,213}$ Bi, whose configuration does include an i11/2 neutron:  $^{212m2}$ Bi [ $\pi$ h9/2×((vg9/2)<sup>2</sup>×vi11/2)]18–,  $^{213m}$ Bi [ $\pi$ h9/2× (vg9/2×vi11/2)]25/2–, relative to their gs's or  $^{212m1}$ Bi, with less or no i11/2 neutrons (e.g.  $^{212m1}$ Bi [ $\pi$ h9/2×vg9/2)]8–,9–).

#### Anomalous 9/2- gs magnetic moment systematics in <sup>215,217</sup>Bi: evidence for deformation/configuration mixing?





PES for <sup>209,215,221</sup>Bi calculated in HFB approach with Gogny forces D1S. A clear change of the PES minimum can be noticed by moving to heavier isotopes – deformation effects due to configuration mixing in the gs, via occupation of the high-j neutron orbitals?



The neutron shells occupancies for the 9/2<sup>-</sup> gs of the even-N Bi isotopes. Black dashed lines correspond to artificial situation with sequential g9/2 shell filling, while red/blue/green lines correspond to the inclusion of the effective interaction. (H. Naïdja)

The shell-model wave function components for the 9/2<sup>-</sup> gs of the even-N Bi isotopes. Only components with the weight larger than 10% are shown (H. Naïdja)