

# Beta-delayed neutron emission of $^{134}\text{In}$ and search for $i_{13/2}$ single particle neutron state in $^{133}\text{Sn}$

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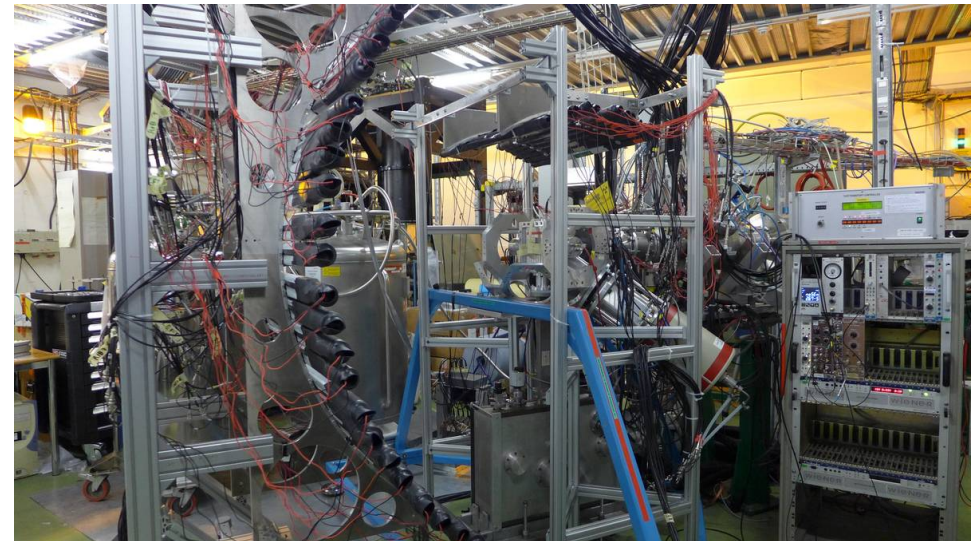
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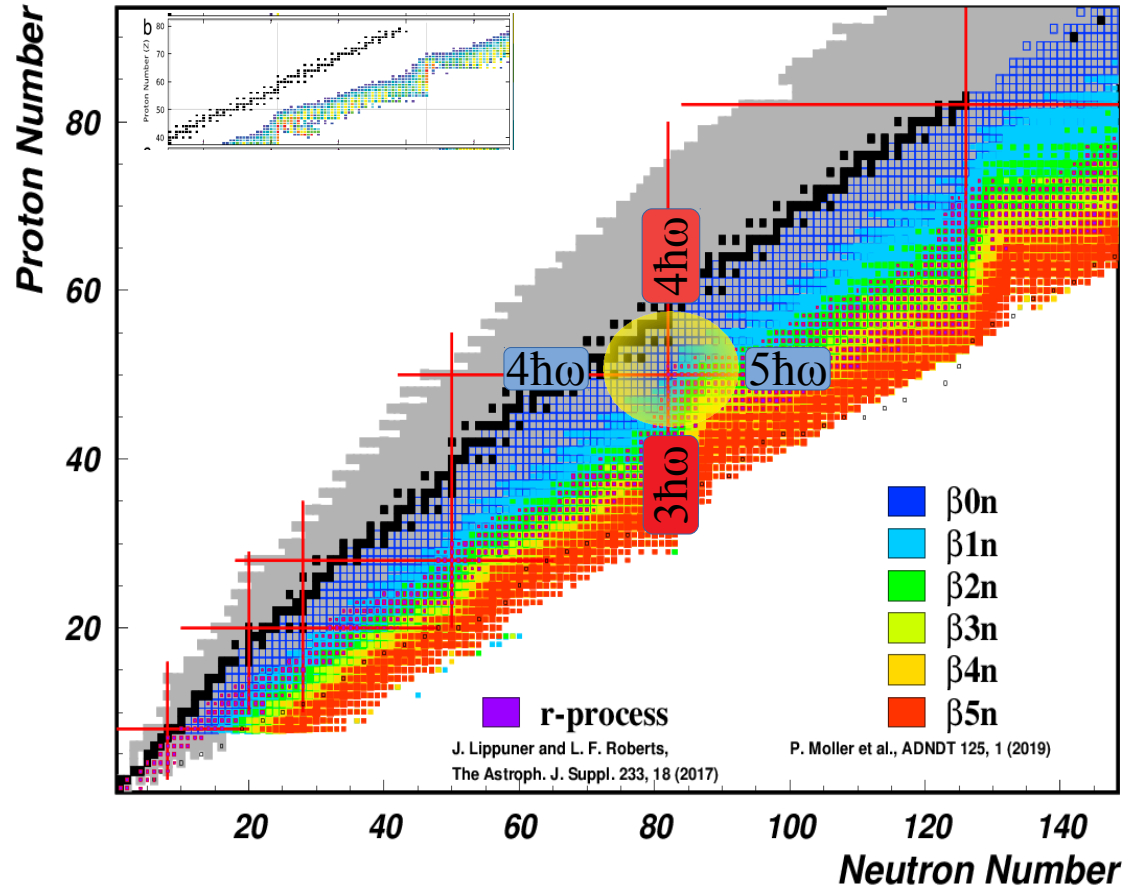
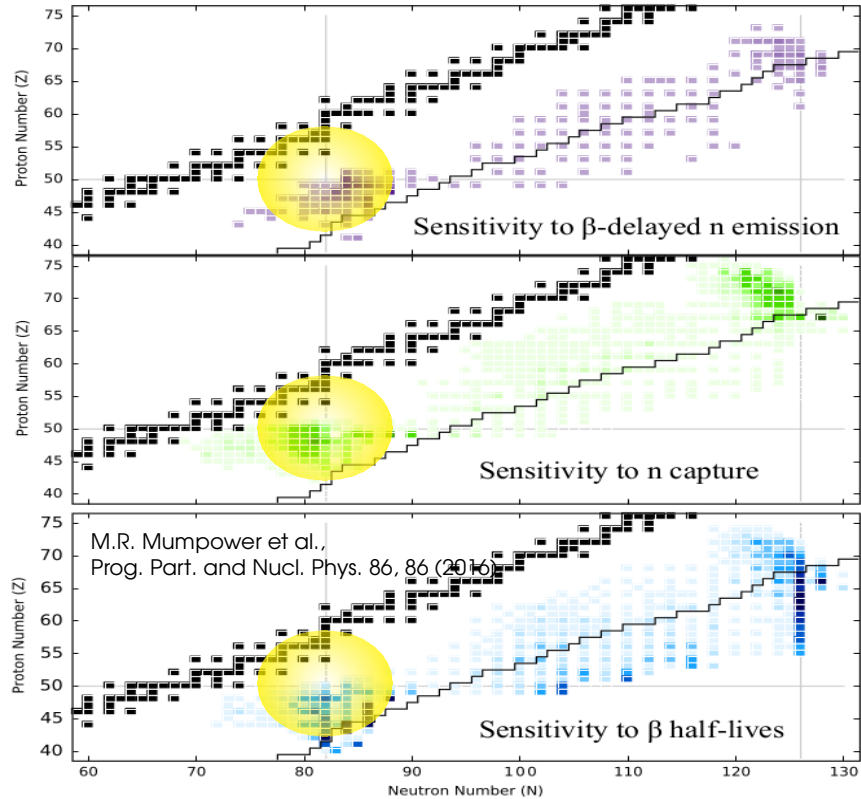
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# The $^{132}\text{Sn}$ region - nuclear structure meets astrophysics

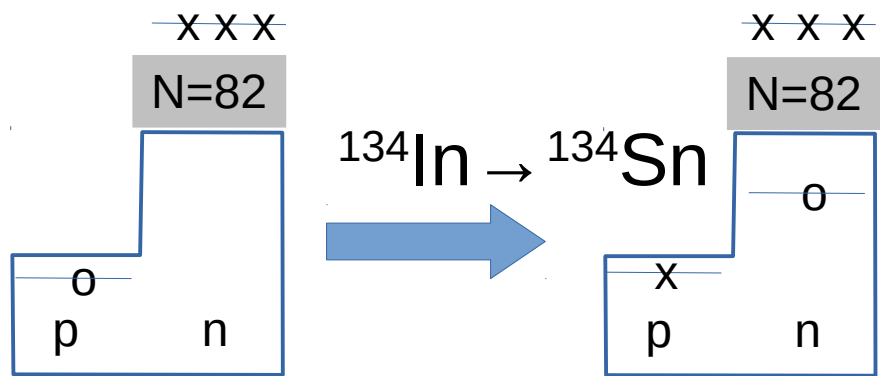
Validate nuclear structure models with large pn asymmetry.



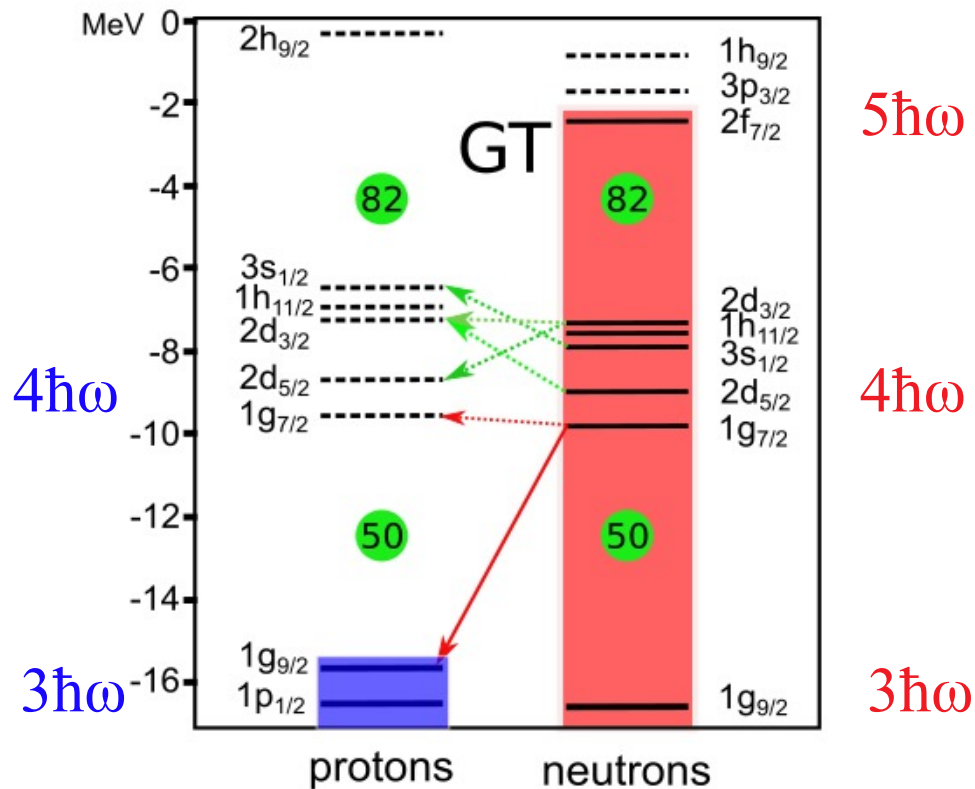
# Beta decay near $^{132}\text{Sn}$ ( $Z < 50$ )

Dominant transition

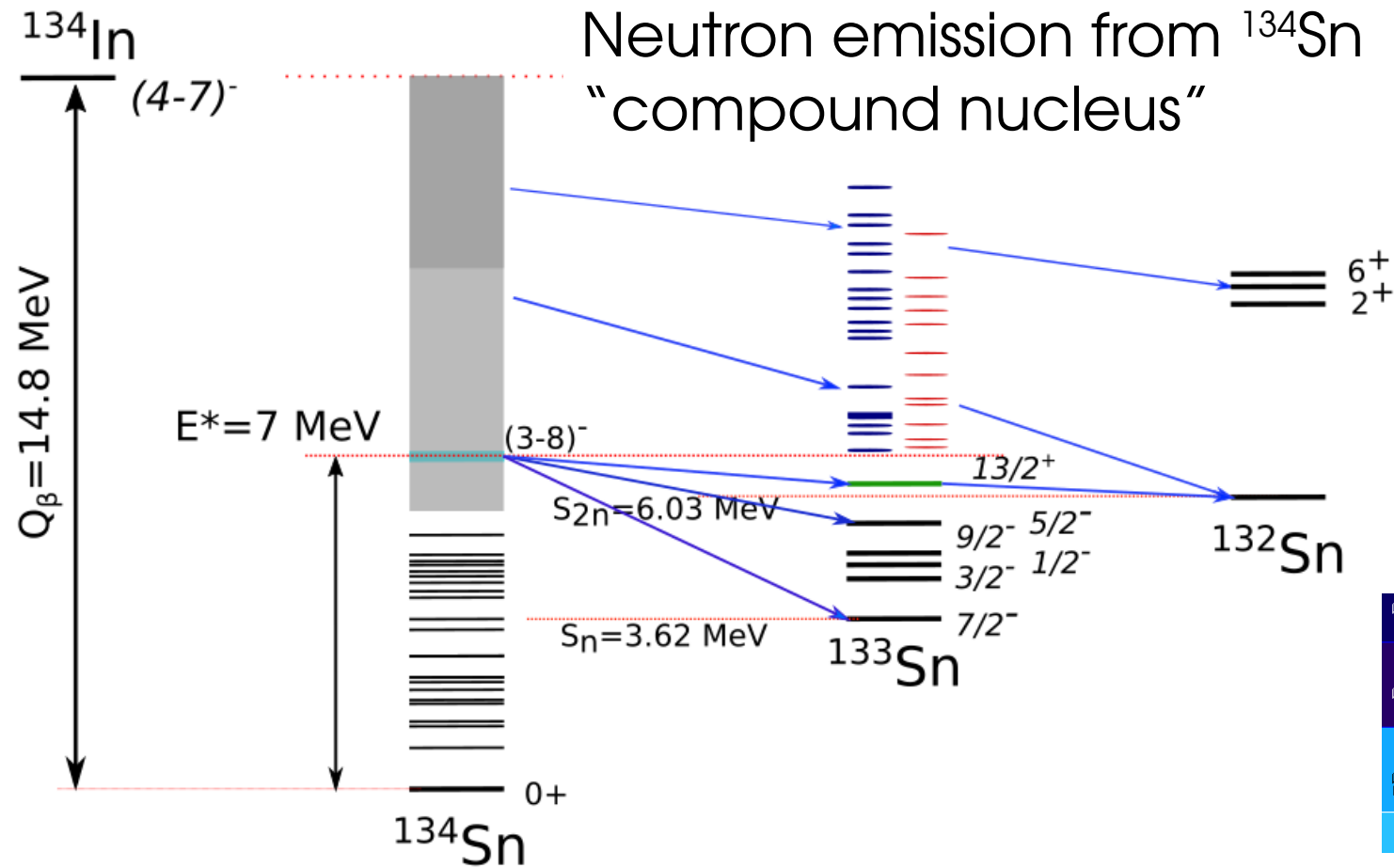
$$\nu g_{7/2} \rightarrow \pi g_{9/2}$$



Gamow-Teller decays of N=82 isotopes near  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  populates hole states in N=82 neutron core.



In the decay of  $^{134}\text{In}$  excited states in  $^{134}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Sn}$  and  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  are populated.



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 $P_{1n} \sim 0.8$ ,  $P_{2n} \sim 0.1$

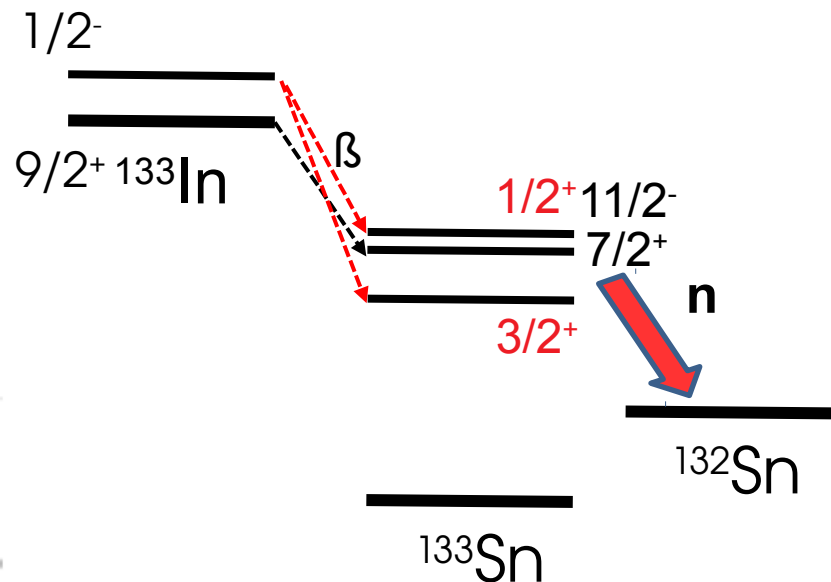
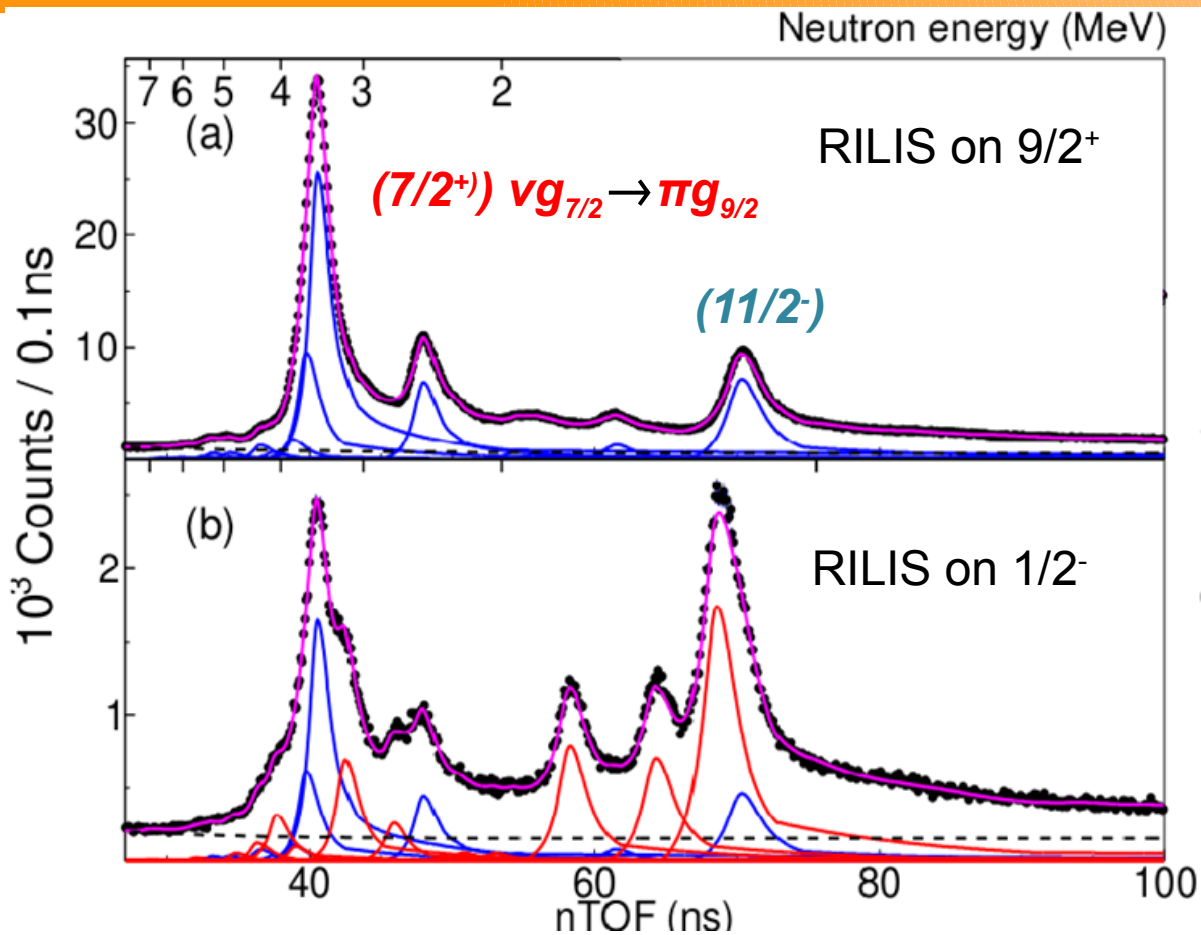
$\beta^-$ : 100.00% -8655	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% -4975	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 22.00% -2856	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 16.30% 1864	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 49.00% 1.53E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 72.00% 4.1E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 93.00% 3.4
$^{132}\text{Sn}$ 39.7 S	$^{133}\text{Sn}$ 1.46 S	$^{134}\text{Sn}$ 1.050 S	$^{135}\text{Sn}$ 530 MS	$^{136}\text{Sn}$ 0.290 S	$^{137}\text{Sn}$ 190 MS	$^{138}\text{Sn}$ 140 MS
$\beta^-$ : 100.00% -10404	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 0.03% -5035	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 17.00% -2941	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 21.00% 2149	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 28.00% 2.0E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 58.00% 3.8E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 83.00% 3.5
$^{131}\text{In}$ 0.28 S	$^{132}\text{In}$ 0.207 S	$^{133}\text{In}$ 165 MS	$^{134}\text{In}$ 140 MS	$^{135}\text{In}$ 92 MS	$^{136}\text{In}$ 85 MS	$^{137}\text{In}$ 65 MS
$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 2.00% -3577	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 6.30% 1.98E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 85.00% 3.66E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 65.00% 8.7E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 8.2E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 9.6E+3	$\beta^-$ : 100.00% $\beta$ -n: 9.4
$^{130}\text{Cd}$ 162 MS	$^{131}\text{Cd}$ 68 MS	$^{132}\text{Cd}$ 97 MS	$^{133}\text{Cd}$ 57 MS	$^{134}\text{Cd}$ 65 MS		

# The four goals of the $^{134}\text{In}$ measurement

1. Measure the dominant GT transition and complete decay pattern (nuclear structure models, r-process)
2. 1n/2n emission and nn energy correlations (neutron emission model)
3. Search for neutron  $i_{13/2}$  state in  $^{133}\text{Sn}$
4. Locate other (proton-core) excitation modes

# The $^{133}\text{In}$ experiment

(Xu, Madurga, RG et al. manuscript to be submitted)

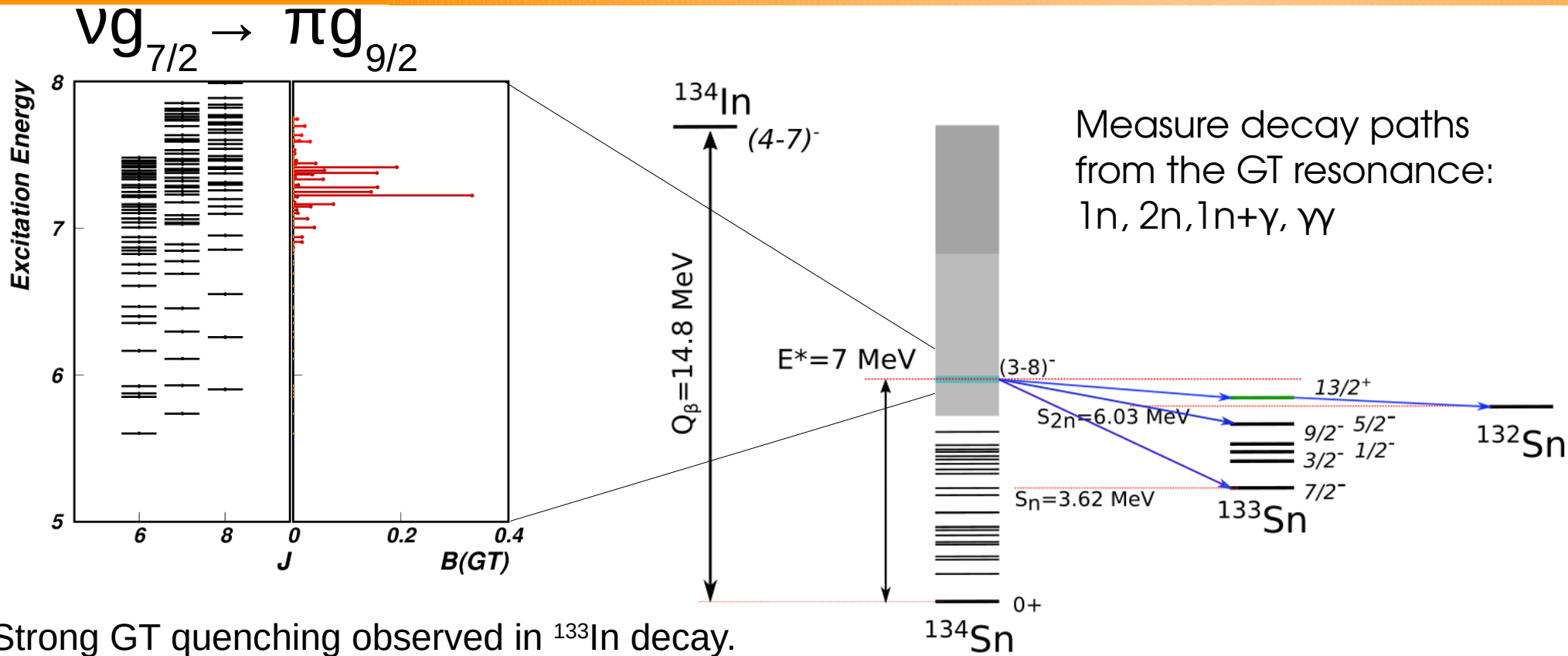


Key results:

- main GT transitions, large quenching
- neutron/gamma competition
- quantified role of FF
- large scale shell-model interpretation

( $\pi 3\hbar\omega, \nu 4\hbar\omega, \nu 5\hbar\omega$ )

# Predicted GT strength distribution for $^{134}\text{In}$ decay



C. Yuan et al. Physics Letters B 762, 237 (2016).

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# $\beta 2n$ spectroscopy of $^{134}\text{In}$ decay

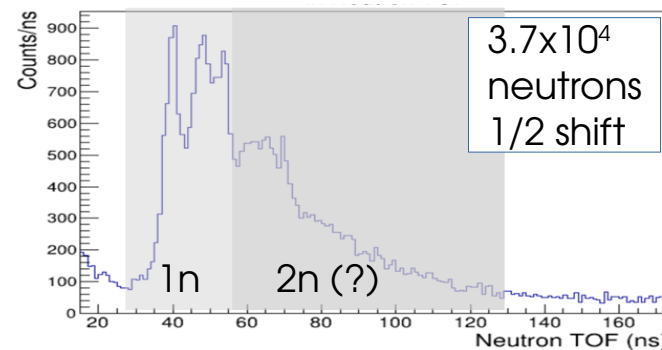
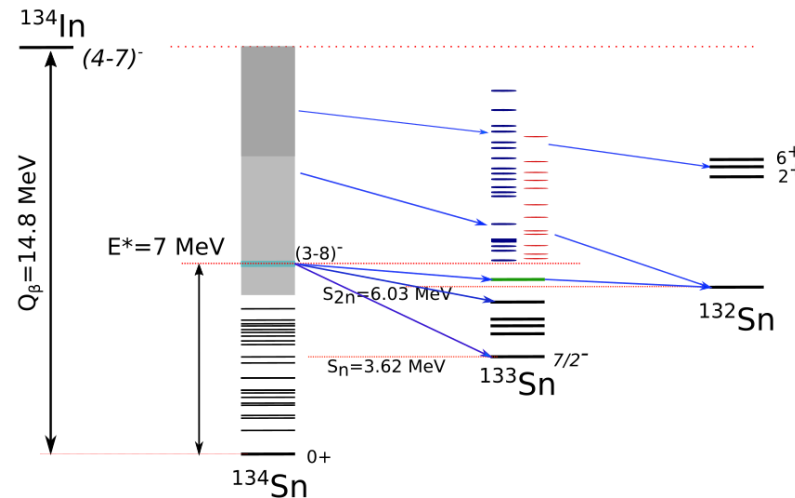
$\beta^-$ -100.00% -8425.0	$\beta^-$ -100.00% -8655	$\beta^-$ -100.00% -4975	$\beta^-$ -100.00% -2896	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 1984	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 1.53E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 4.1E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 3.4E+3
$^{131}\text{Sn}$ 56.0 S	$^{132}\text{Sn}$ 39.7 S	$^{133}\text{Sn}$ 1.46 S	$^{134}\text{Sn}$ 1.050 S	$^{135}\text{Sn}$ 530 MS	$^{136}\text{Sn}$ 0.290 S	$^{137}\text{Sn}$ 190 MS	$^{138}\text{Sn}$ 140 MS
$\beta^-$ -100.00% -8778	$\beta^-$ -100.00% -10404	$\beta^-$ -100.00% -2035	$\beta^-$ -100.00% -2941	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 2149	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 2.0E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 3.8E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% 3.5E+3
$^{130}\text{In}$ 0.29 S	$^{131}\text{In}$ 0.28 S	$^{132}\text{In}$ 0.207 S	$^{133}\text{In}$ 165 MS	$^{134}\text{In}$ 140 MS	$^{135}\text{In}$ 92 MS	$^{136}\text{In}$ 85 MS	$^{137}\text{In}$ 65 MS
$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 0.93% -2.86E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -ns: 2.00% -3577	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 6.30% 1.58E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 85.00% 3.66E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 65.00% 8.7E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 9.2E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 9.8E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 9.4E+3
$^{129}\text{Cd}$ 154 MS	$^{130}\text{Cd}$ 162 MS	$^{131}\text{Cd}$ 68 MS	$^{132}\text{Cd}$ 97 MS	$^{133}\text{Cd}$ 57 MS	$^{134}\text{Cd}$ 65 MS		
$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: > 0.00% -2.30E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 3.50% -3.11E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 3.50% 1.46E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n: 60.00% 3.48E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -2n 8.0E+3	$\beta^-$ -100.00% $\beta$ -n 7.3E+3		

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$$Q_\beta - S_{2n} = 8.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$P_{2n} \sim 0.1, P_{1n} \sim 0.8$$

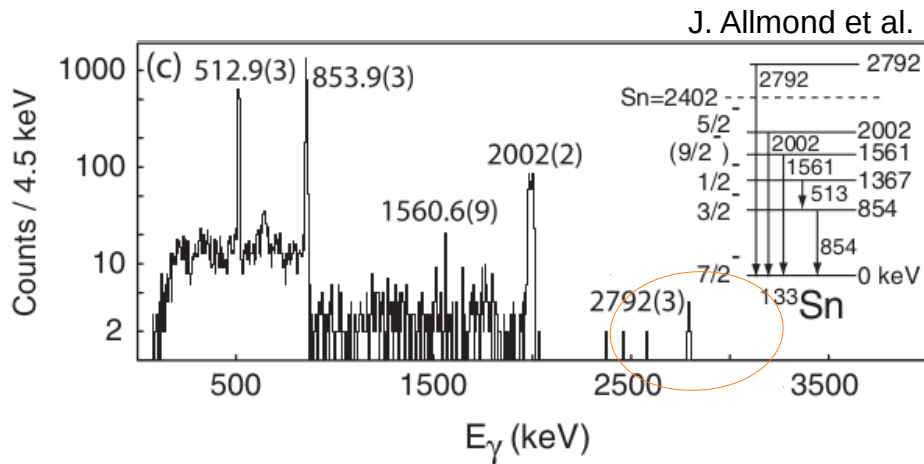
- 1n vs 2n competition
- excited states in  $^{133}\text{Sn}$  (n-n)
- unbound states in  $^{133}\text{Sn}$  previously studied
- decays to excited states in  $^{132}\text{Sn}$



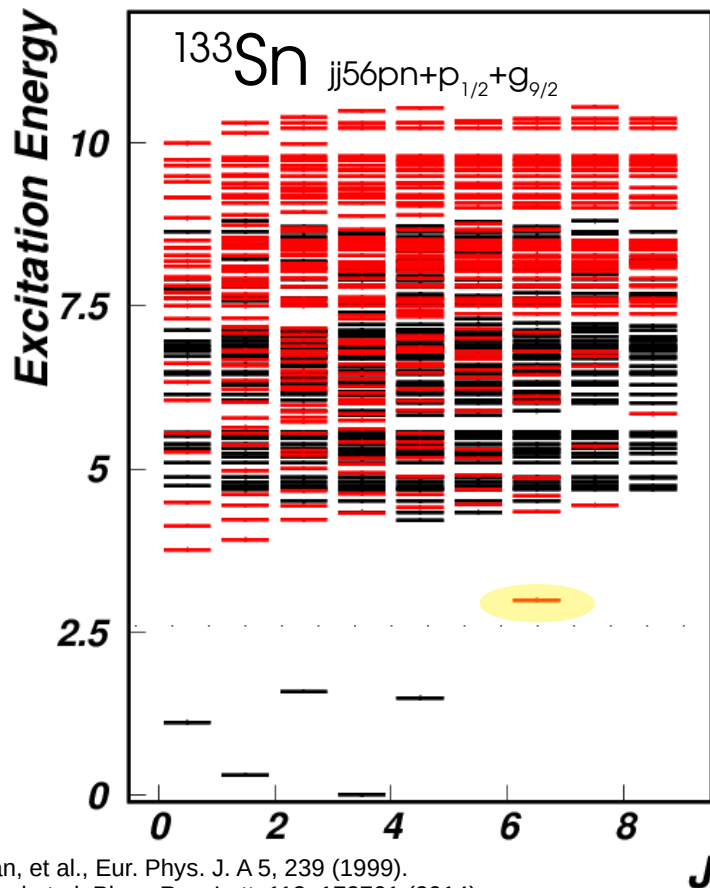


# The $\nu i_{13/2}$ state in $^{133}\text{Sn}$ from $\beta 2n$ decay

- 2792 keV line observed in the  $^{132}\text{Sn}(^9\text{Be}, ^8\text{Be})^{133}\text{Sn}$
- neutron unbound by about 400 keV
- expected to decay predominantly via neutron emission
- observed gamma ray (E3) not compatible with expected population of  $i_{13/2}$  in neutron transfer reaction.

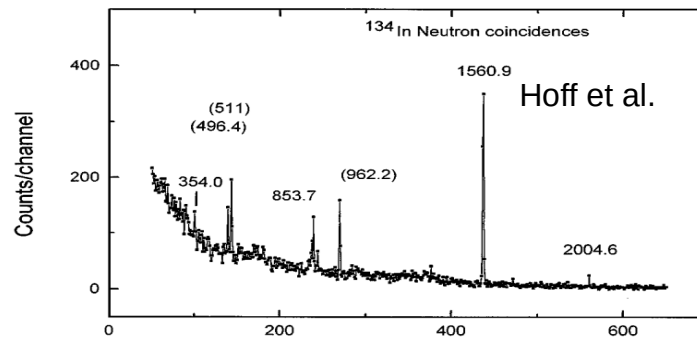
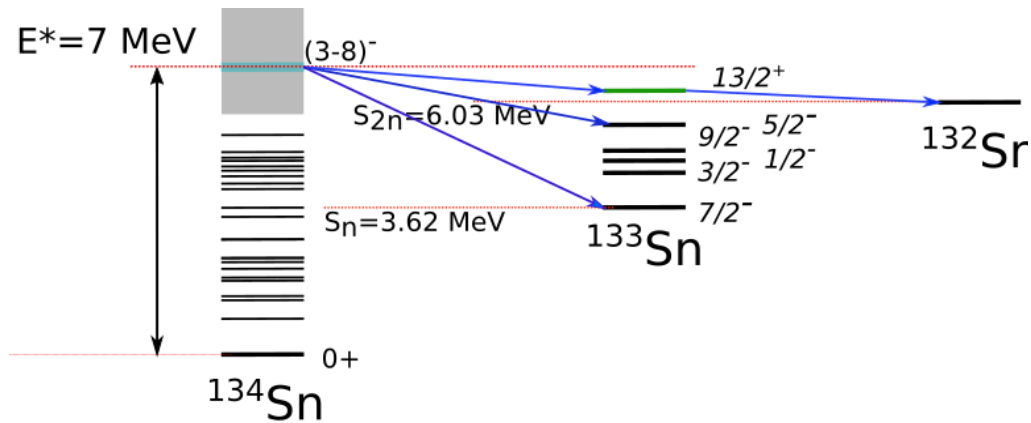
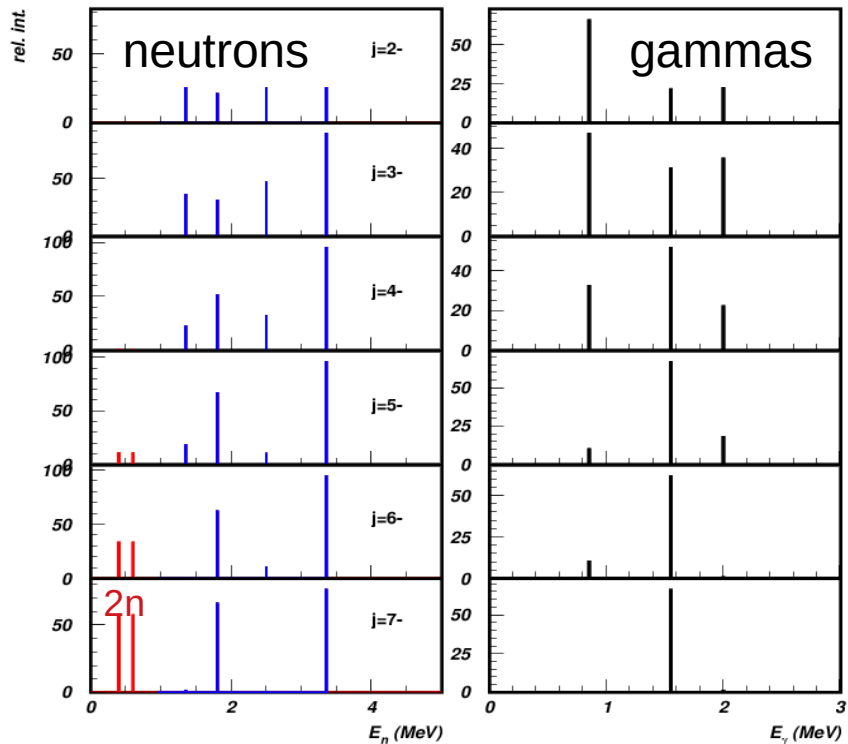


**The 2792 keV line was not identified yet in beta decay of  $^{134}\text{In}$ , either not real or weakly populated.**



W. Urban, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 5, 239 (1999).  
 J. Allmond et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 172701 (2014).  
 Y. Lei and H. Jiang, Phys. Rev. C 90, 047305 (2014)

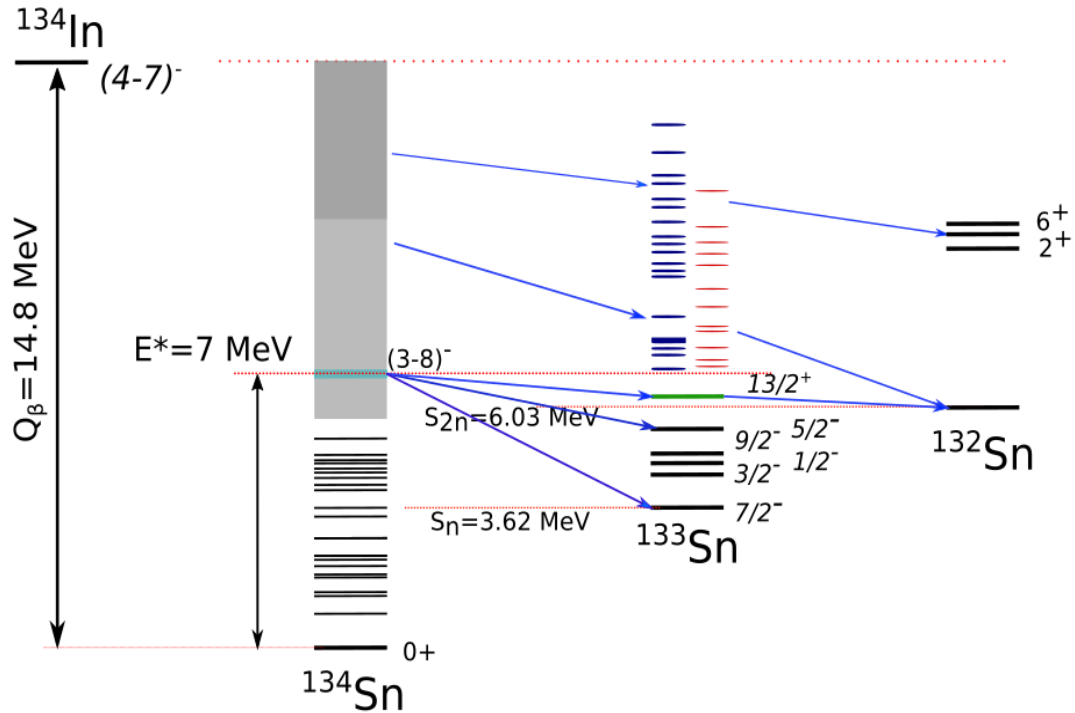
# Decay modes of $E^*=7$ MeV state in $^{134}\text{Sn}$ as a function of spin (coh3 code Kawano, Koning-Delaroche optical model)



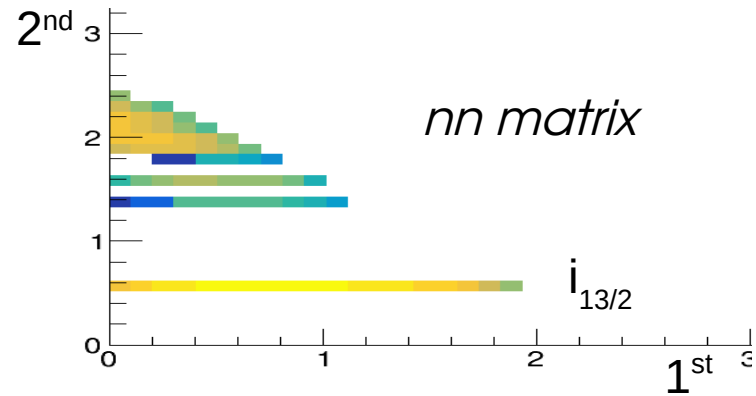
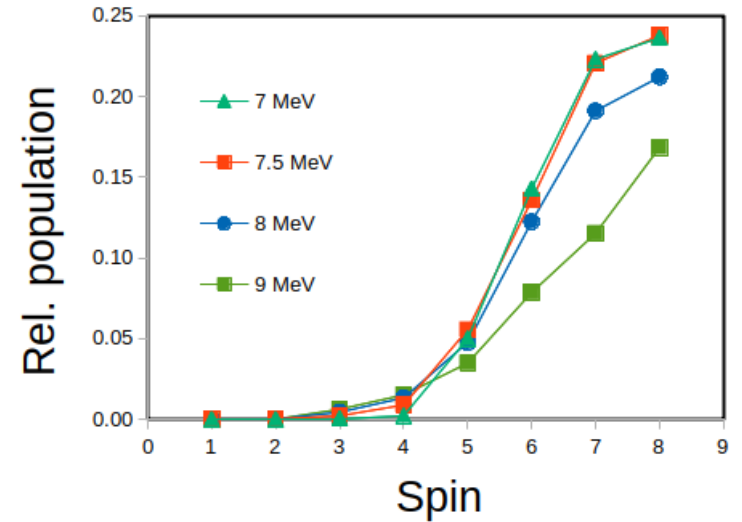
Large probability of single-neutron emission from  $2n$  unbound states in  $^{86,87}\text{Ga}$

R. Yokoyama et al., Phys. Rev C 100(3), 031302(R) (2019).

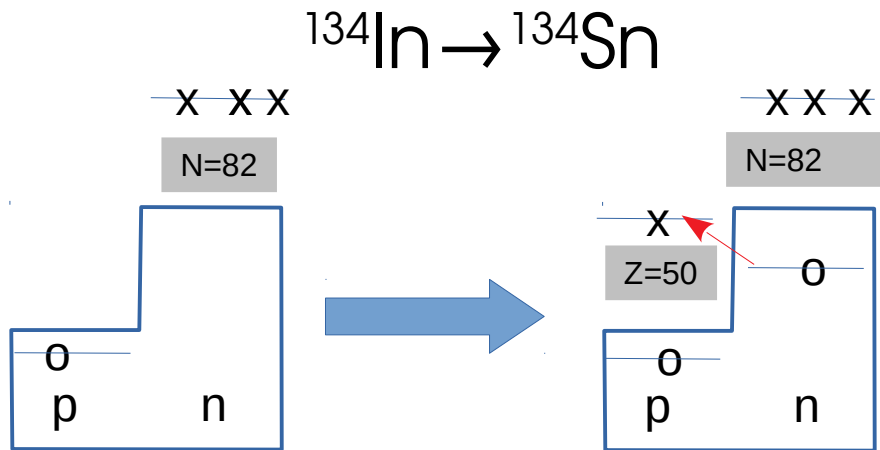
# Population of $i_{13/2}$ state in $^{133}\text{Sn}$ as a function of the spin of the neutron emitting state in $^{134}\text{Sn}$



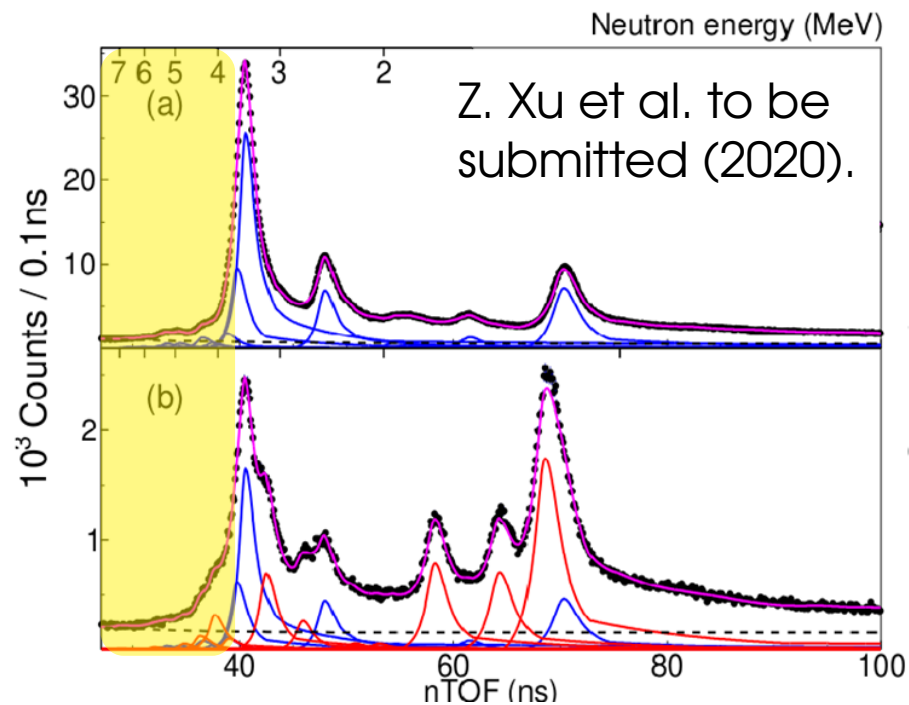
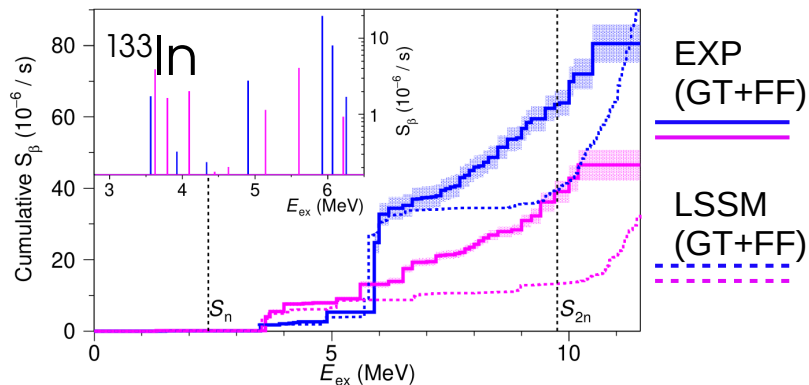
Prevalent population of  $9/2^-$  state in  $^{133}\text{Sn}$  and the population of  $6^+$  state in  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  suggests the high-spin of  $^{134}\text{In}$  (M. Piersa et al.)



# Population of highly excited states in $^{134}\text{Sn}$ proton-core or other modes of excitations ?

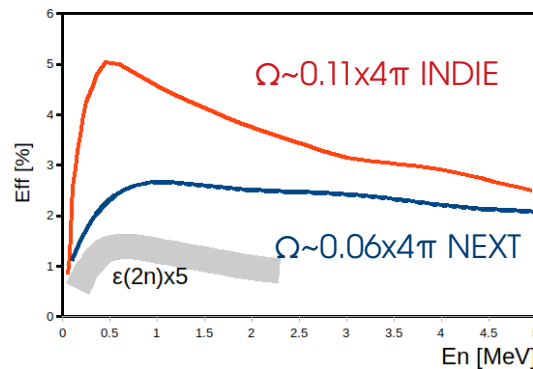
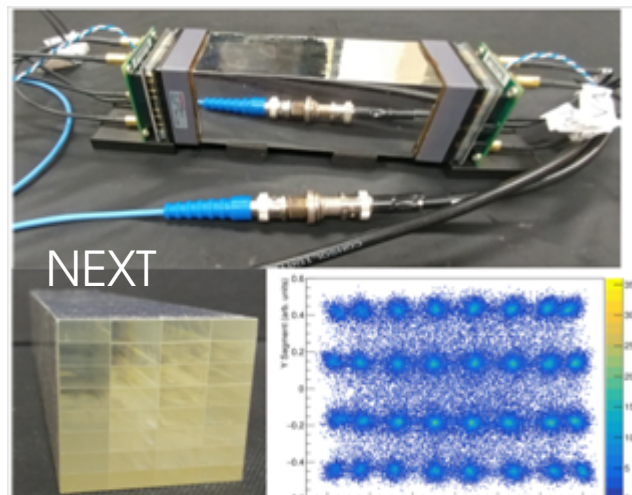
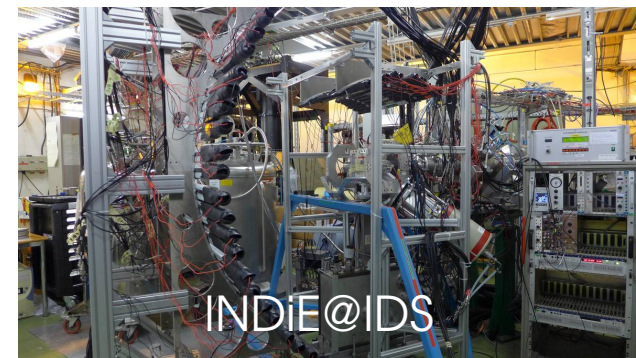
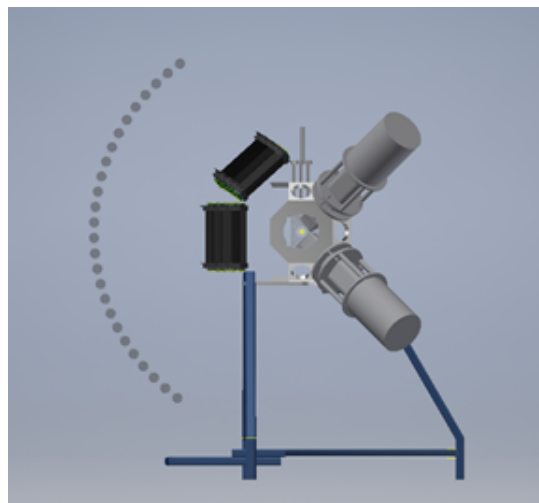
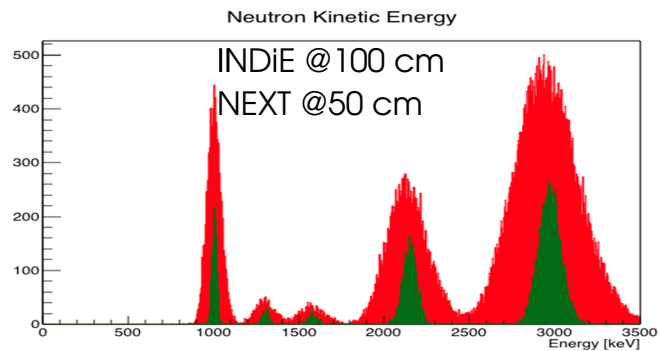


Large discrepancy !



also:  $^{132}\text{In} \rightarrow ^{132}\text{Sn}$

# INDiE and NEXt arrays at IDS



# Beam time request

Collect statistics sufficient to construct nn and n $\gamma$  cascades.

15 shifts to collect  $\sim 1 \times 10^6$  neutrons  $^{134}\text{In}$  (INDiE)

2 shifts to collect  $\sim 0.5 \times 10^6$  neutrons from  $^{132}\text{In}$

During the 15 shifts we expect to collect about  $15 \times 10^3$  of two-neutron events.

IDS with RILIS uniquely positioned to perform the pioneering (and high statistics)

2n spectroscopy of  $^{134}\text{In}$  decay

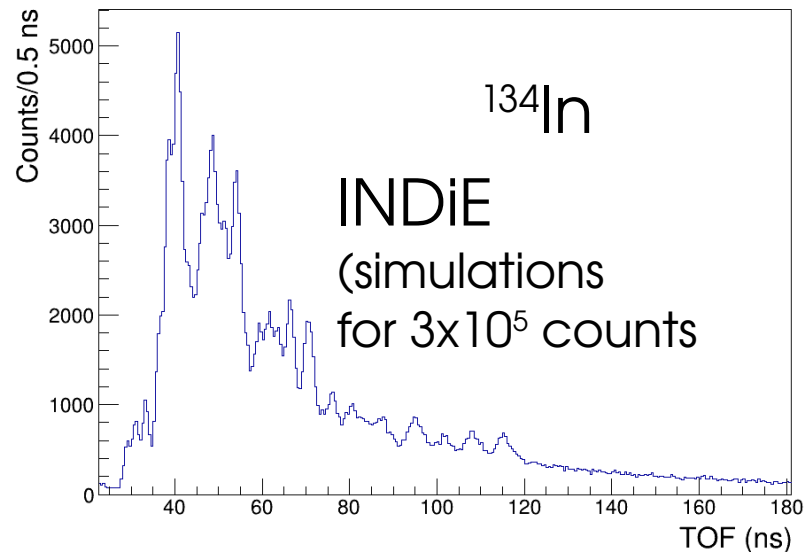


Table 1: Expected neutron rates. These calculations are done for 2  $\mu\text{C}$  PS Booster beam and 50% transmission efficiency to IDS (n.c. = neutron converter)

	$P_{1n}$ (%)	Yield (ion/ $\mu\text{C}$ )	IDSND Eff	Neutrons (1/h)	Shifts	Target	Source
$^{132}\text{In}$	6.3%	8000	0.04	$4.0 \cdot 10^4$	2	UC <sub>X</sub> +n.c.	Hot Ta line and cavity + RILIS
$^{134}\text{In}$	80%	100	0.04	$8.1 \cdot 10^3$	15	UC <sub>X</sub> +n.c.	Hot Ta line and cavity + RILIS
$^{17}\text{N}$	95.1%	100	0.04	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	1	CaO	Hot Ta line and cavity

# INTC 64 June 2020: Technical advisory committee recommendations:

## *Beam intensity/purity, targets-ion sources*

The isotopes have been delivered previously. Note that Iodine will not be ionised, the main contaminant will be Cs.  $^{17}\text{N}$  could potentially be also delivered from a UC target with VD7 ion source which may facilitate scheduling.

## *General Comments*

The beam request entails two different targets and ion sources, although this has been possible in the past it is difficult to schedule. Is there an alternative calibration isotope for VANDLE from a "standard" UC target/ion source?

## *TAC recommendation*

The TAC does not see any serious issues with this proposal. **The main difficulty would be in scheduling two targets to allow for the calibration run.** If a plan B could be found it would make ease the scheduling.

## Response:

$^{134\text{m}}\text{Cs}$  contamination is suppressed by the tape cycle and by the gate on the beta plastic scintillator but is generally not desired for the  $2\text{n}$  measurement.

The  $^{17}\text{N}$  calibration run can be substituted by the  $^{49}\text{K}$  calibration run.

The  $^{49}\text{K}$  spectrum is more complex but has been utilized in the past and large yields are expected from the standard UCx source used for this experiment.