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Neutron-proton pairing in the $N=Z$ nuclei Mo-84

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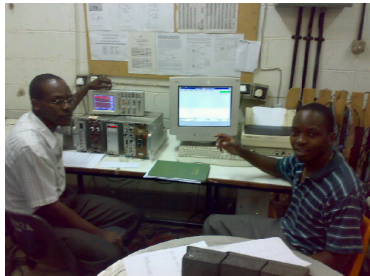
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The strong nuclear force is observed (and assumed) to be roughly equally strong between a proton-proton(pp) pair and a neutron-neutron(nn) pair (charge symmetry) and on average equally strong between a proton-neutron(pn) pair as between pp and nn pairs (charge independence).

- ▶ Charge symmetry;

$$V_{nn} = V_{pp}$$

- ▶ Charge independent;

$$V_{np} = (V_{nn} + V_{pp})/2$$

Charge symmetry and charge independence characteristics of the strong force gives rise to the concept of isospin symmetry.



Protons and neutrons are distinguished by the z-component of isospin quantum number T :

- ▶ $T_{z,\pi} = -1/2$ for protons (π)
- ▶ $T_{z,\nu} = +1/2$ for neutrons (ν)



For multi-nucleon systems, the isospin projection (z-component) is defined as;

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

Total isospin T for a nucleus with mass A , ranges from:

$$\frac{|N - Z|}{2} \quad \text{to} \quad \frac{A}{2}$$

And can not be less than its projection. Given T can have T_z numbers:

$$T_z = T, T - 1, \dots, 0, \dots, -T$$

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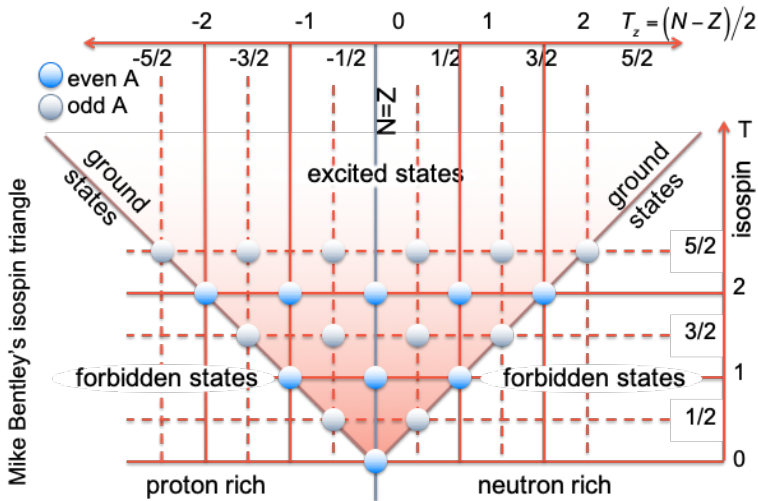
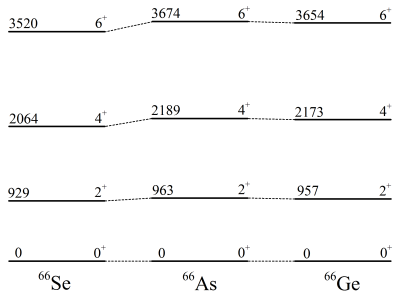
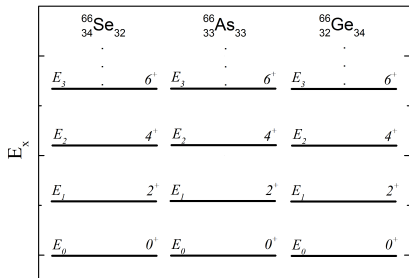


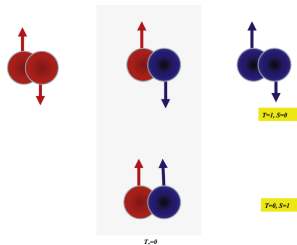
Figure 1: This figure shows the formation of isospin multiplets - different nuclei with different T_z have a set of states with the same isospin T (analog states). Without any isospin symmetry breaking forces the states would be degenerate in terms of excitation energy as indicated in this figure.

Introduction





- ▶ For almost all known nuclei, i.e. those with $N > Z$, the pair correlated state consists of neutron and/or proton pairs coupled to angular momentum $J=0$ and isospin $T=1$.
- ▶ Charge independence of the nuclear force implies that for $N=Z$ nuclei, $J=0$, $T=1$ np pairing should exist on an equal footing with $J=0$, $T=1$ nn and pp pairing.
- ▶ However, it is still an open question whether strongly correlated $J=1$, $T=0$ np pairs also exist (deuteron-like pair condensate)



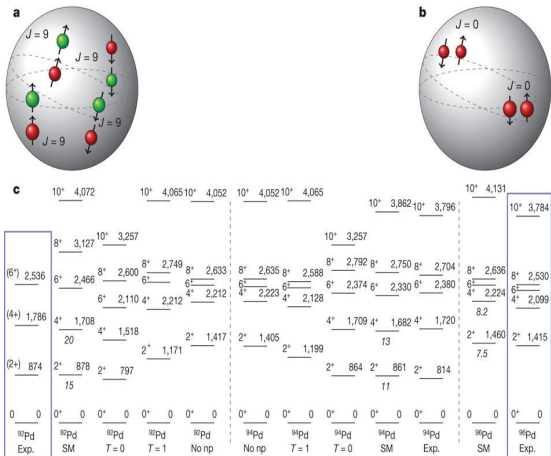
What would be the “fingerprint” of $T=0$, np pairing?



Theoretical and experimental efforts to find “fingerprints” of np pairing:

- ▶ Binding energies
- ▶ Low-lying states of odd-odd self-conjugate nuclei
- ▶ **Rotational response**
- ▶ Gamow-Teller β -decay
- ▶ Pairing vibrations
- ▶

Theoretical Calculations



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Figure 2: Schematic illustration of the structure of the ground-state wavefunction of ^{92}Pd in the spin-aligned np paired phase (green, neutron hole; red, proton hole). The experimental and calculated spectra for $^{92,94}\text{Pd}$ include, in addition to full Shell Model, also results for pure $T=0$ and pure $T=1$ np interactions [1]

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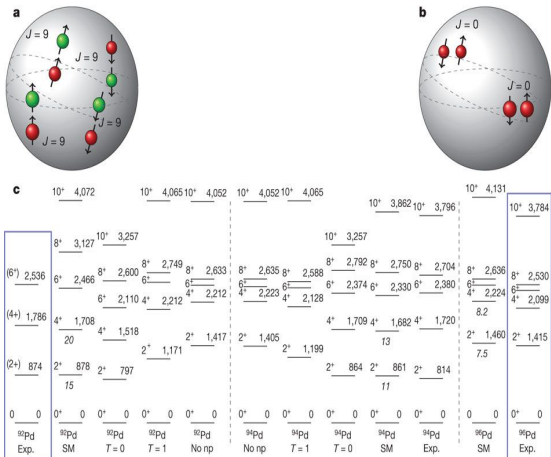
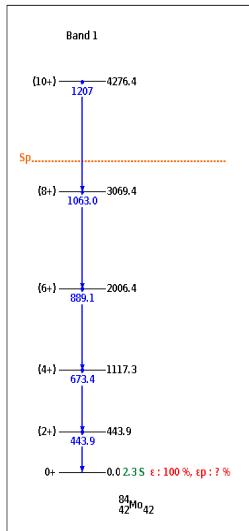


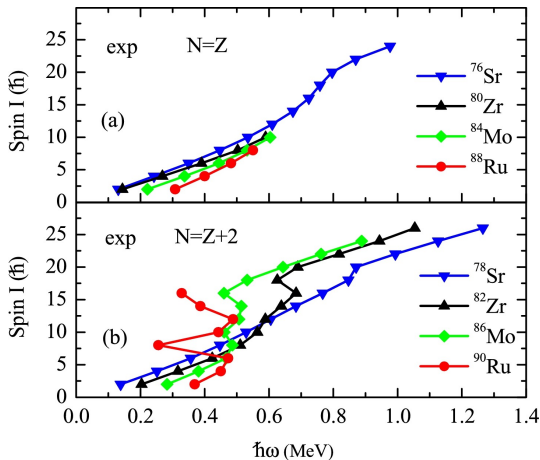
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- ▶ Evidence that the T=0 mode of the np interactions plays a role in $^{92}\text{Pd}_{46}$?
- ▶ This work provides some evidence for the presence of spin-aligned np pairing (T=0) phase. However further experimental information is needed to confirm this interpretation.

Theoretical Calculations



(a) Level scheme of ^{84}Mo [2]



(b) Experimental $I - \omega$ plots for ground state bands of (a) $N = Z$ ^{76}Sr , ^{80}Zr , ^{84}Mo , and ^{88}Ru , (b) $N=Z+2$ nuclei ^{78}Sr , ^{82}Zr , ^{86}Mo , and ^{90}Ru [3] and reference herein

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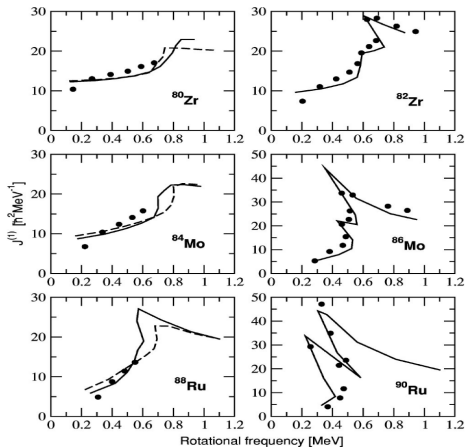


Figure 4: Comparison of experimental data(dots) and projected shell model calculations(PSM). The full lines are the PSM calculations with standard interaction, the dashed lines are PSM calculations with enhanced np residual interaction [2]

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_\nu + \hat{H}_\pi + \hat{H}_{\nu\pi}$$

Where $\hat{H}_{\pi\nu}$ is the np quadrupole-quadrupole residual interaction.

$$\hat{H} = -\chi_{\pi\nu} \sum_{\mu} \hat{Q}_{\nu}^{\dagger\mu} \hat{Q}_{\pi}^{\mu}$$

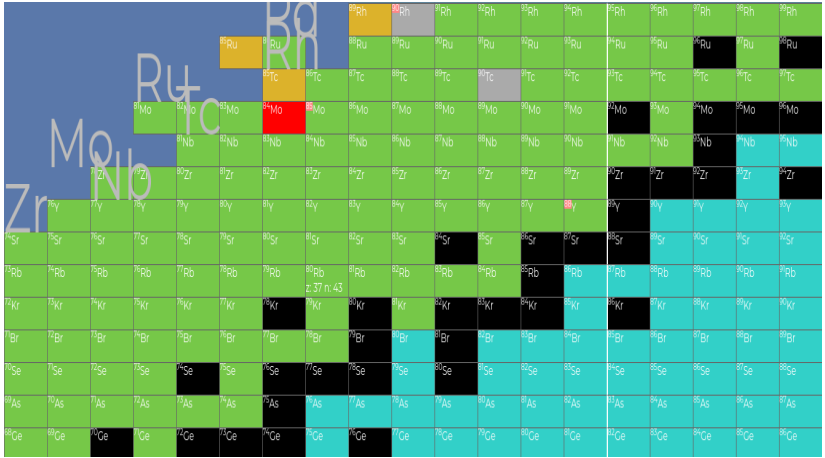
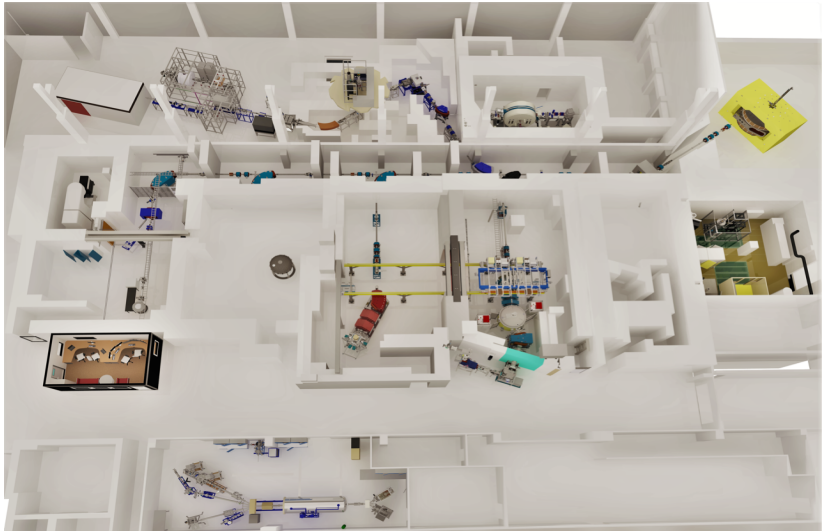


Figure 5: Table of nuclides [4]





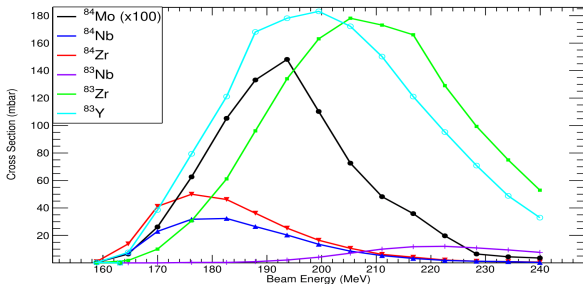
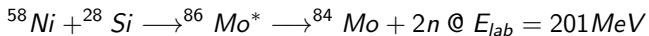
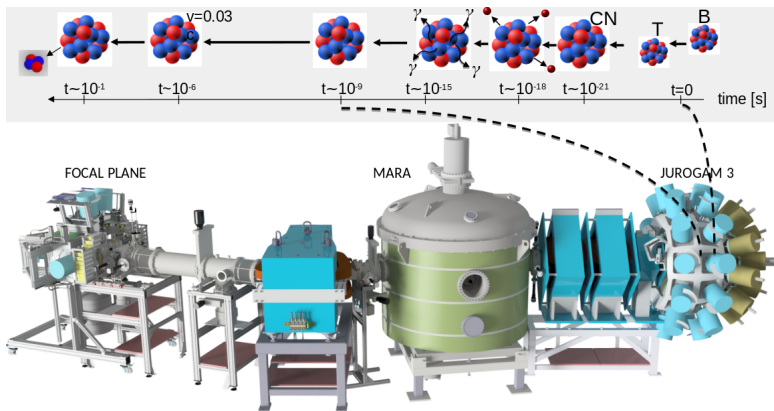


Figure 6: Theoretical cross section various evaporation channels for a ${}^{58}\text{Ni}$ beam and ${}^{28}\text{Si}$ target made using PACE4 code

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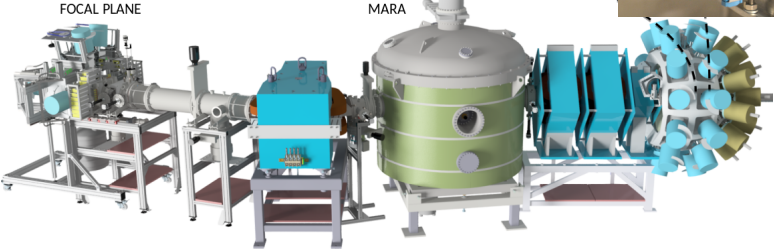
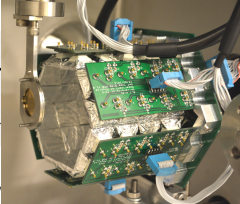
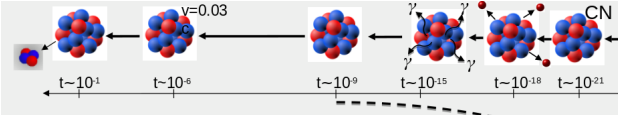
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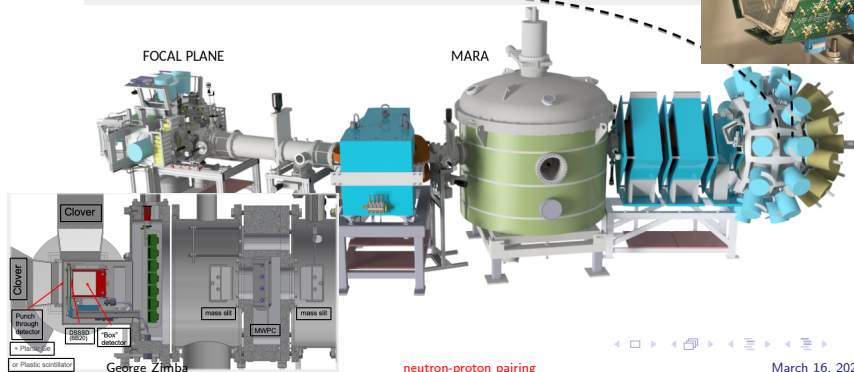
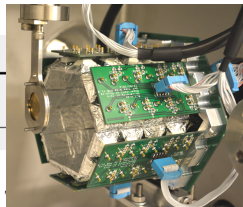
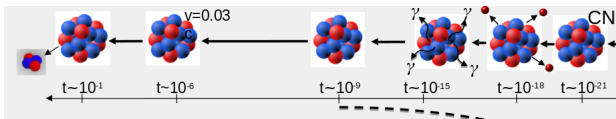
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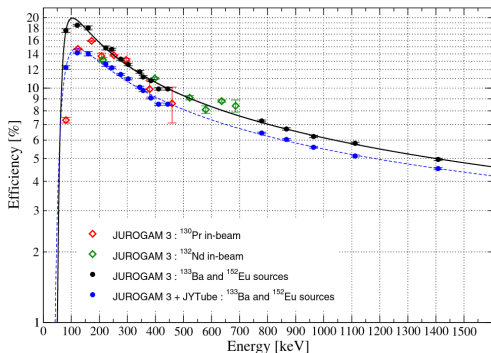


Figure 7: γ -ray detection efficiency of JUROGAM 3. Filled circles represent efficiencies determined with ^{133}Ba and ^{152}Eu calibration sources for the JUROGAM 3 array (black) and the JUROGAM 3 array combined with the JYTube detector (blue). Continuous and dashed lines are fit to the source data (corresponding colours). Open diamonds represent detection efficiency extracted from in-beam data obtained for ^{130}Pr (red) and ^{132}Nd (green) nuclei[6]

Table 1: Measured veto efficiency for Jyvaskyla charged particle veto tube detector(JYtube).

channel	Veto efficiency(%)
pn	83
2p	93
3p	96
4p	94

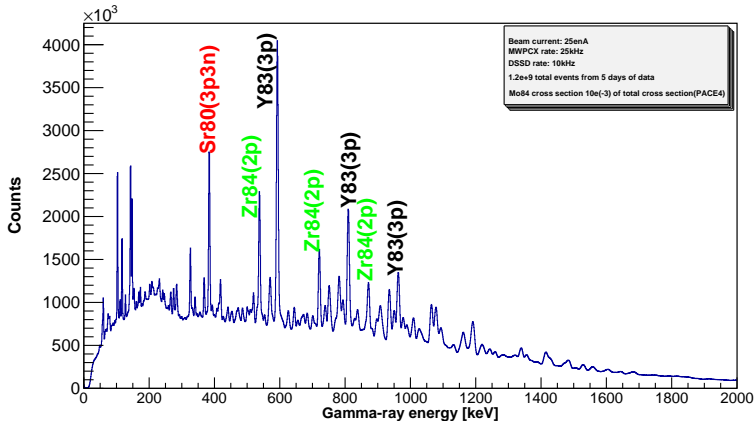
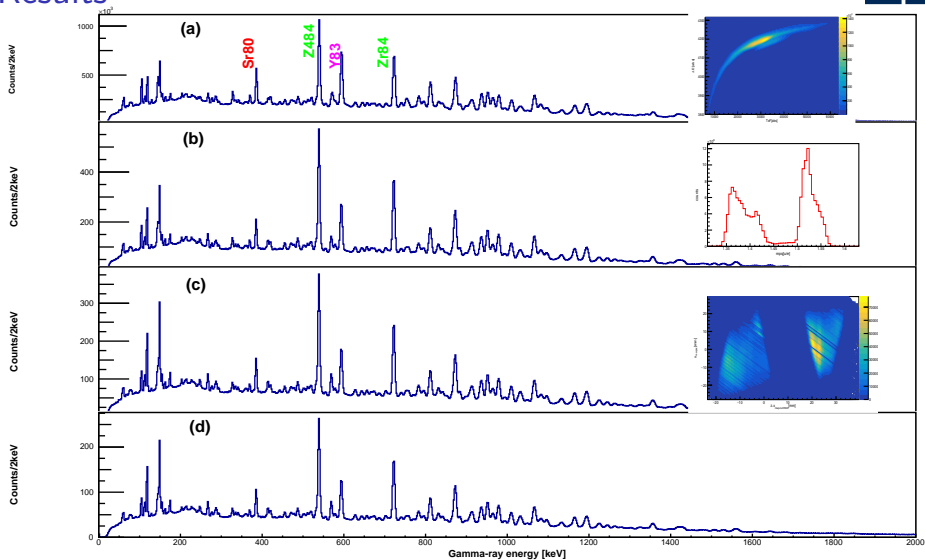


Figure 8: Raw juroGeE juroGeE X-projection. The ratio of the $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ in ^{84}Zr to the total counts in the three nuclei(Zr, Sr and Y) are (a) 19%

Results



(a) Recoil juroGeE juroGeE projection X, (b) Recoil juroGeE juroGeE mpq projection X, (c) Recoil juroGeE juroGeE mwpcx projection X and (d) Recoil juroGeE juroGeE mpq mwpcx projection X. The ratio of the $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ in ^{84}Zr to the total counts in the three nuclei (Zr, Sr and Y) are (a) 47%, 60%, 64% and 60% respectively
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Previous Results of ^{84}Mo

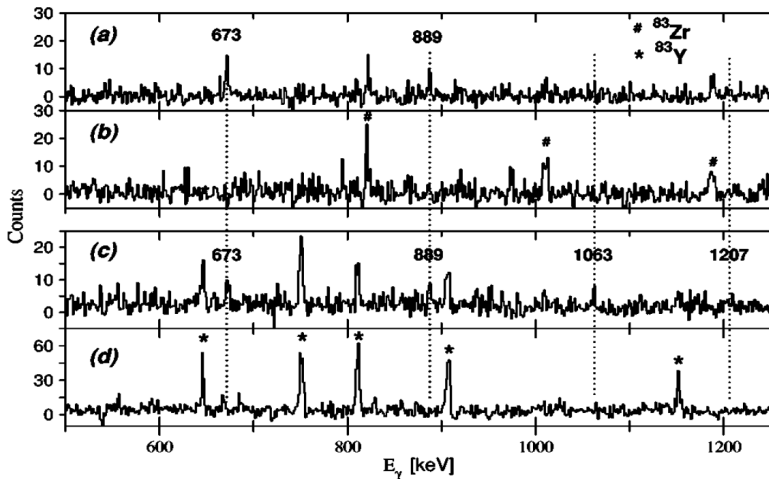


Figure 9: Gated γ -ray spectra showing the assignment of the yrast line in ^{84}Mo . The upper two spectra are gated by the 444keV transition, (a) $\gamma - \gamma$ matrix with veto on the charged particles and coincident with neutrons; (b) on $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix coincident with both neutrons and one proton. The lower two spectra are doubly gated spectra, with a gate 444keV/(673+889+1063 keV), (c) on $\gamma - \gamma - \gamma$ cube with veto on charged particles, and (d) on a $\gamma - \gamma - \gamma$ cube coincident with protons. The lines labeled with their energy have been assigned to the yrast band of ^{84}Mo . [2]

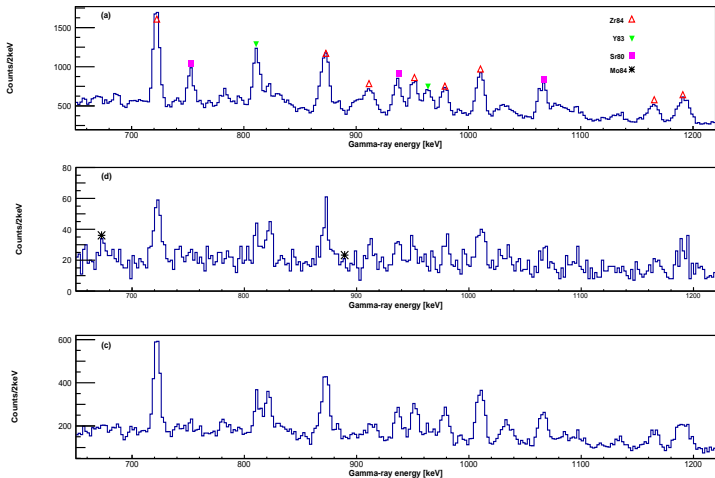


Figure 10: The spectra are gated by the 444keV transition, (a) recoil juroGeE $\gamma - \gamma$ matrix without any charged particle conditions; (b) on $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix coincident with veto on charged particle (c) $n \gamma - \gamma$ -matrix coincident with one charged particle

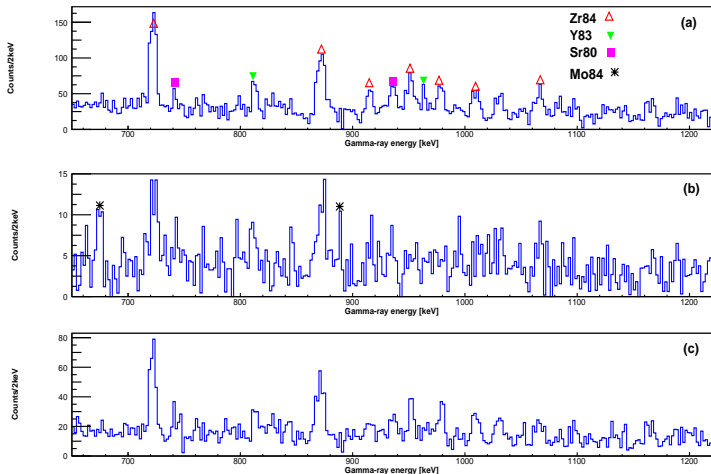


Figure 11: The spectra are gated by the 444keV transition, (a) on background subtracted recoil juroGeE $\gamma - \gamma$ matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx without any charged particle conditions; (b) on background subtracted $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with veto on charged particle (c) on background subtracted $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with one charged particle. The background is $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix outside juroGam time gate".

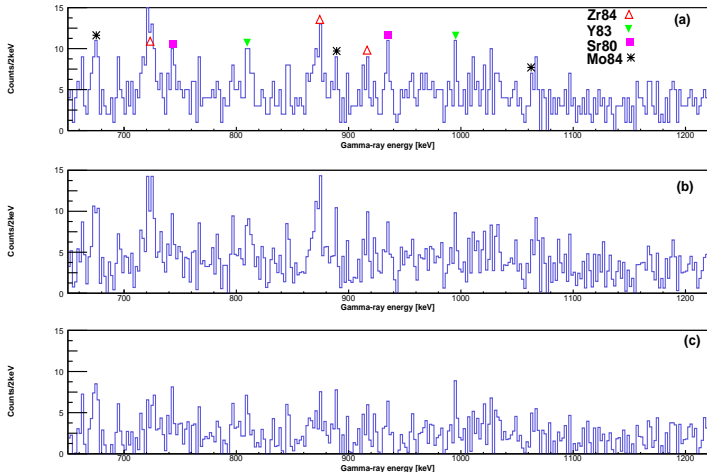


Figure 12: The spectra are gated by the 444keV transition, (a) recoil juroGeE $\gamma - \gamma$ matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with veto on charged particle; (b) on background subtracted $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with veto on charged particle; (c) on background subtracted $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with veto charged particle and charged particles subtracted. "The background is $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix outside juroGam time gate"

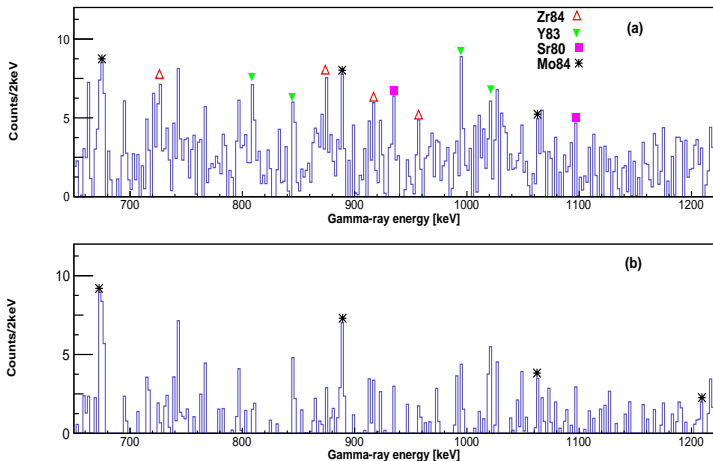
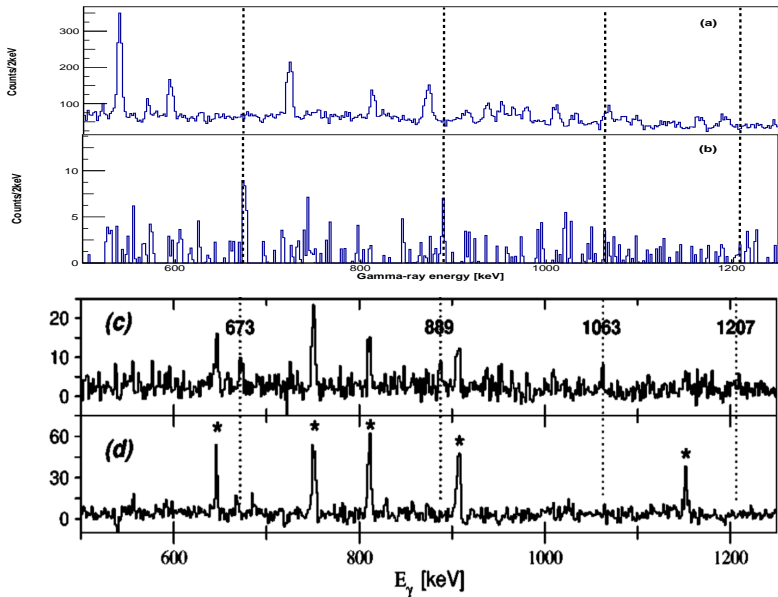


Figure 13: The spectra are gated by the 444keV transition, (a) on $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with veto charged particle and charged particles subtracted and (b) on $\gamma - \gamma$ -matrix mass gated using mpq+mwpcx coincident with veto charged particle and charged particles subtracted without background

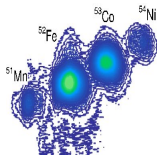
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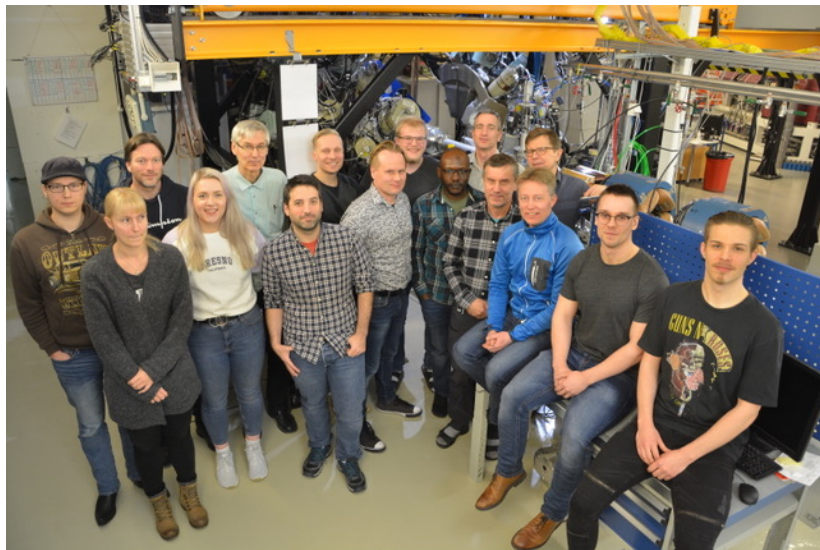


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- ▶ In order to identify states above 10^+ , we will require additional equipment such as ionization chamber.



Typical particle identification after of a cocktail beam. Shown is the energy loss measured with the ionization chamber of the S800 focal plane vs. time of flight taken between two scintillators[7]



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