

# Deformation and shape coexistence studied with the Coulomb excitation in neutron-deficient Po and Hg isotopes

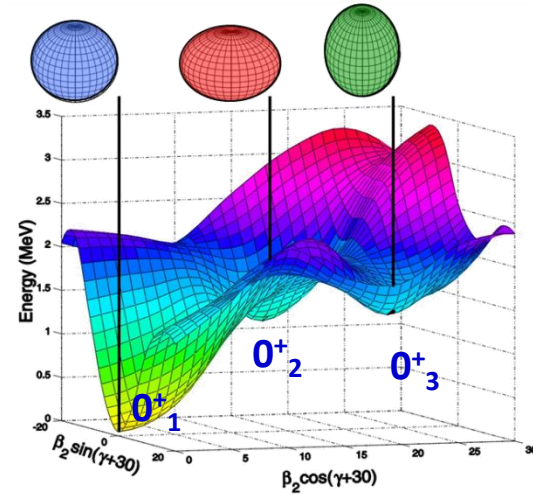
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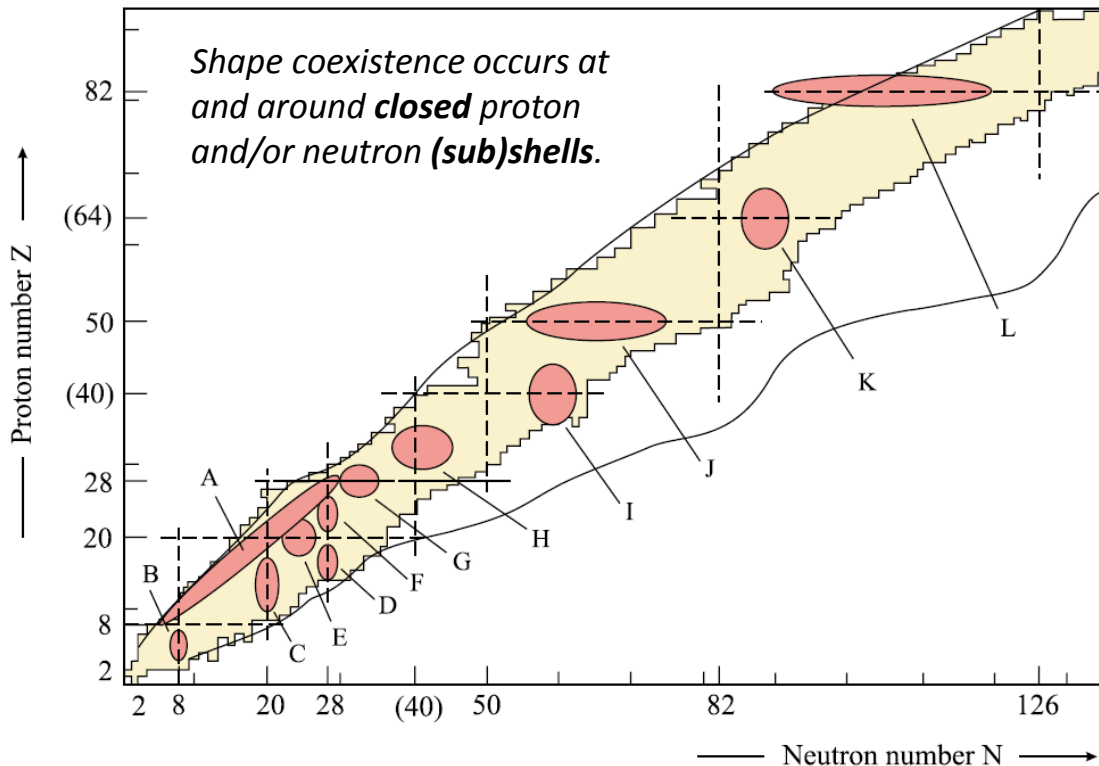
# Shape coexistence in atomic nuclei

$^{186}\text{Pb}_{104}$

- Presence at low energy near-degenerate states in atomic nucleus characterized by different shape.
- Interplay between two opposing tendencies:
  - Stabilizing effect of closed shells (subshells)
    - causes the nuclei to retain a spherical shape.
  - Residual proton-neutron interactions → deformation.

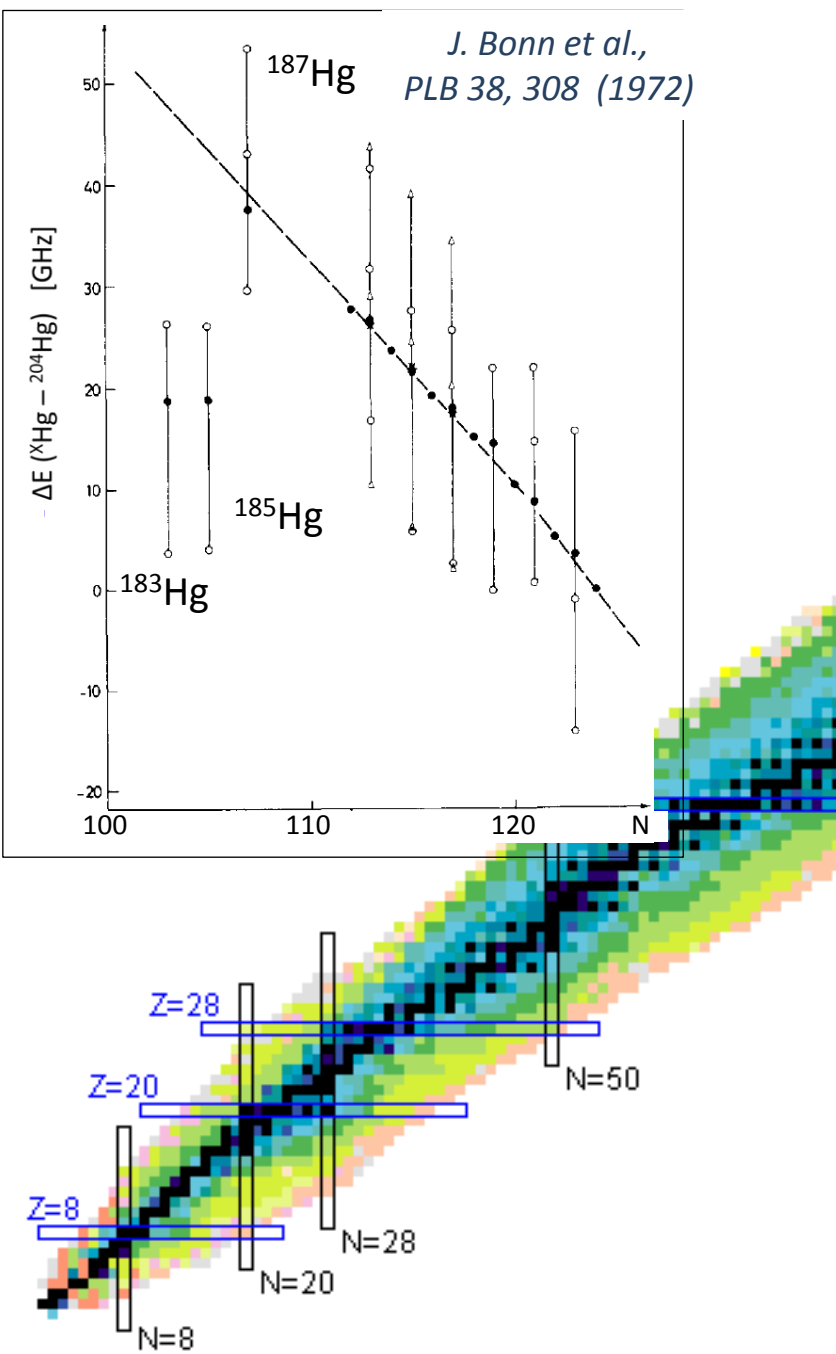


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Nature 405:430 (2000)

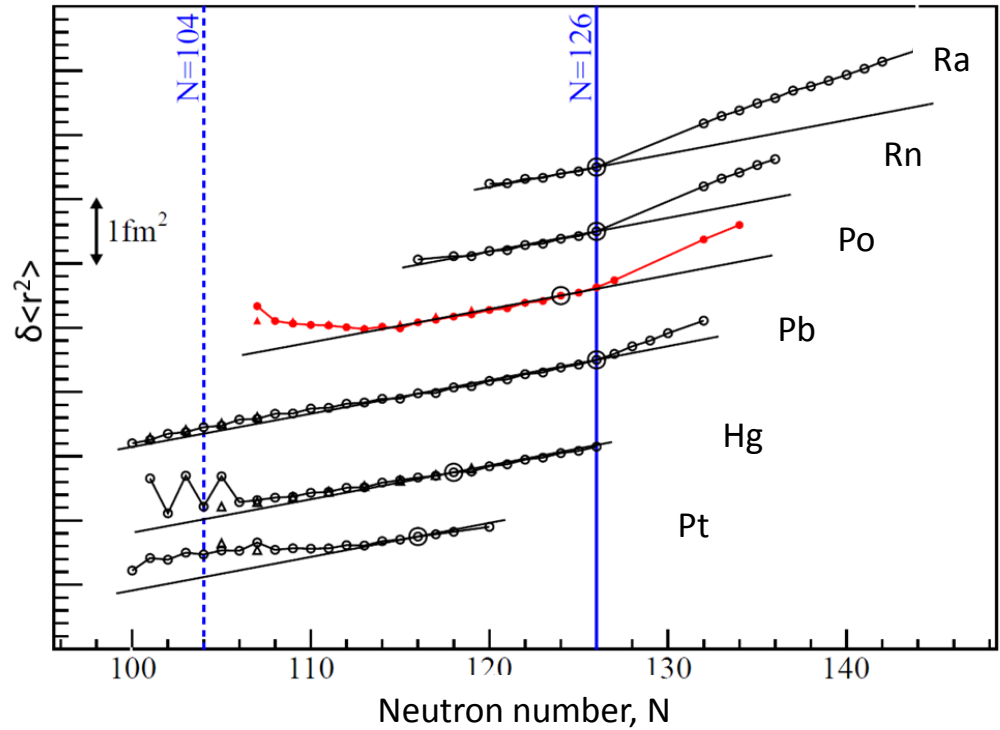


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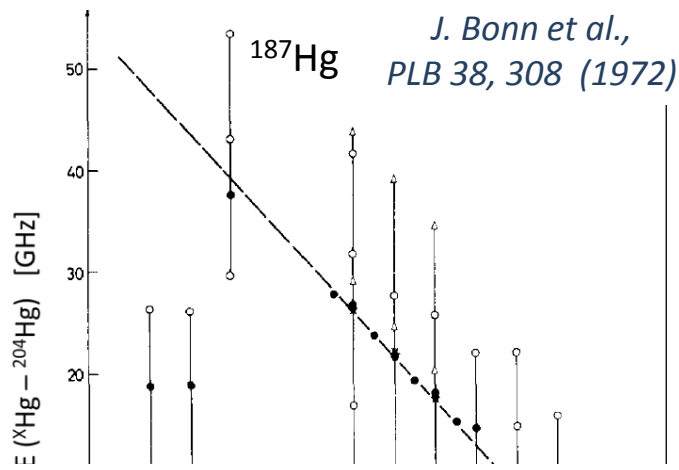
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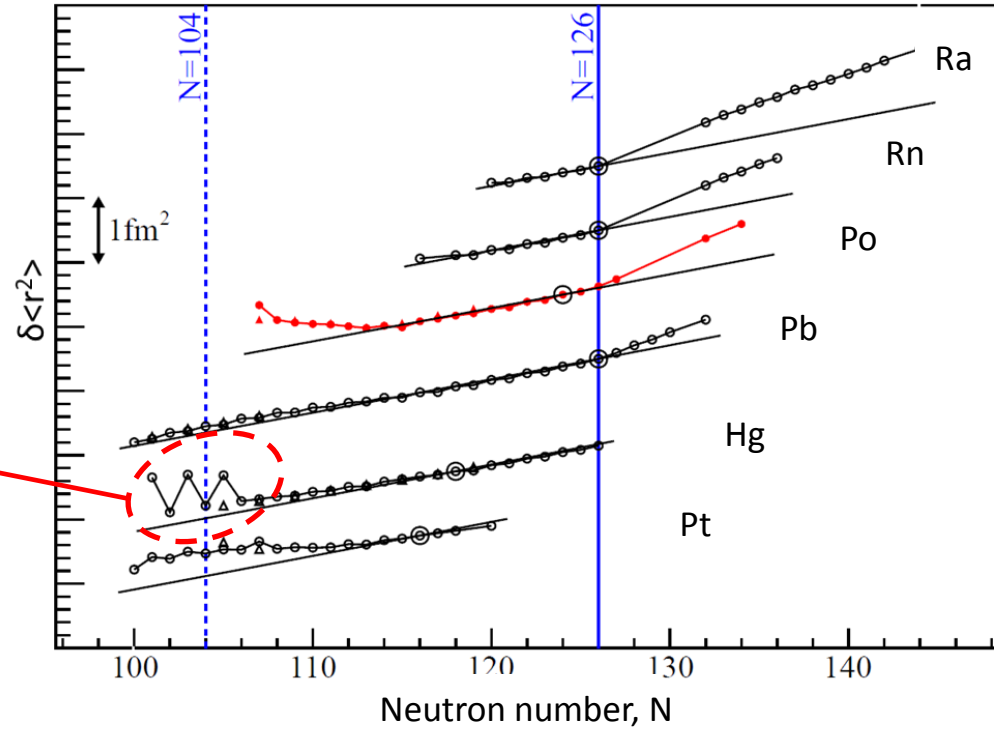
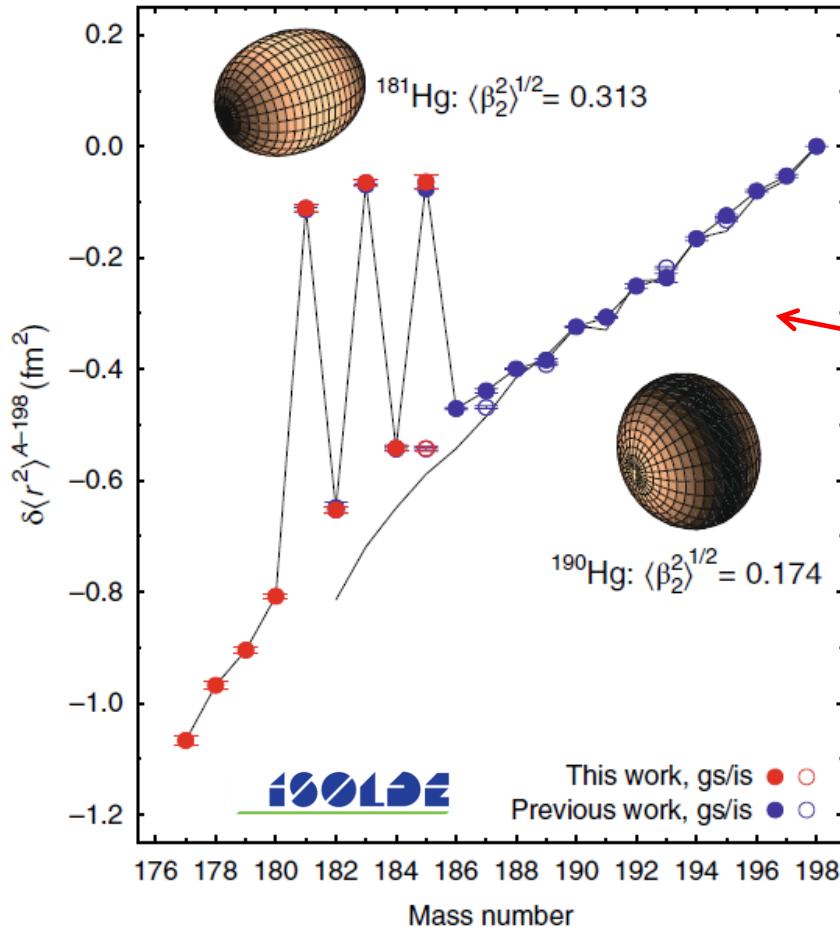


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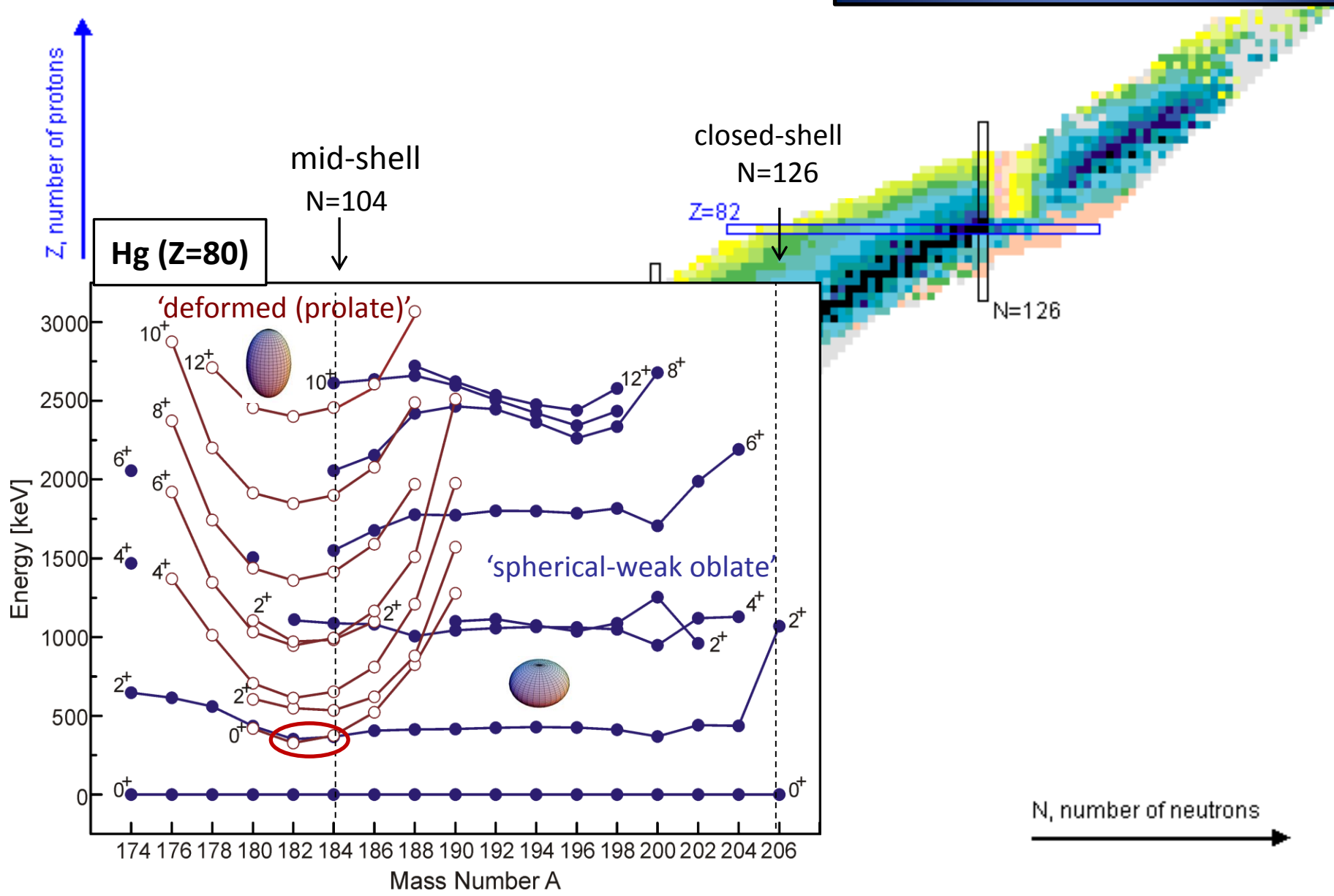
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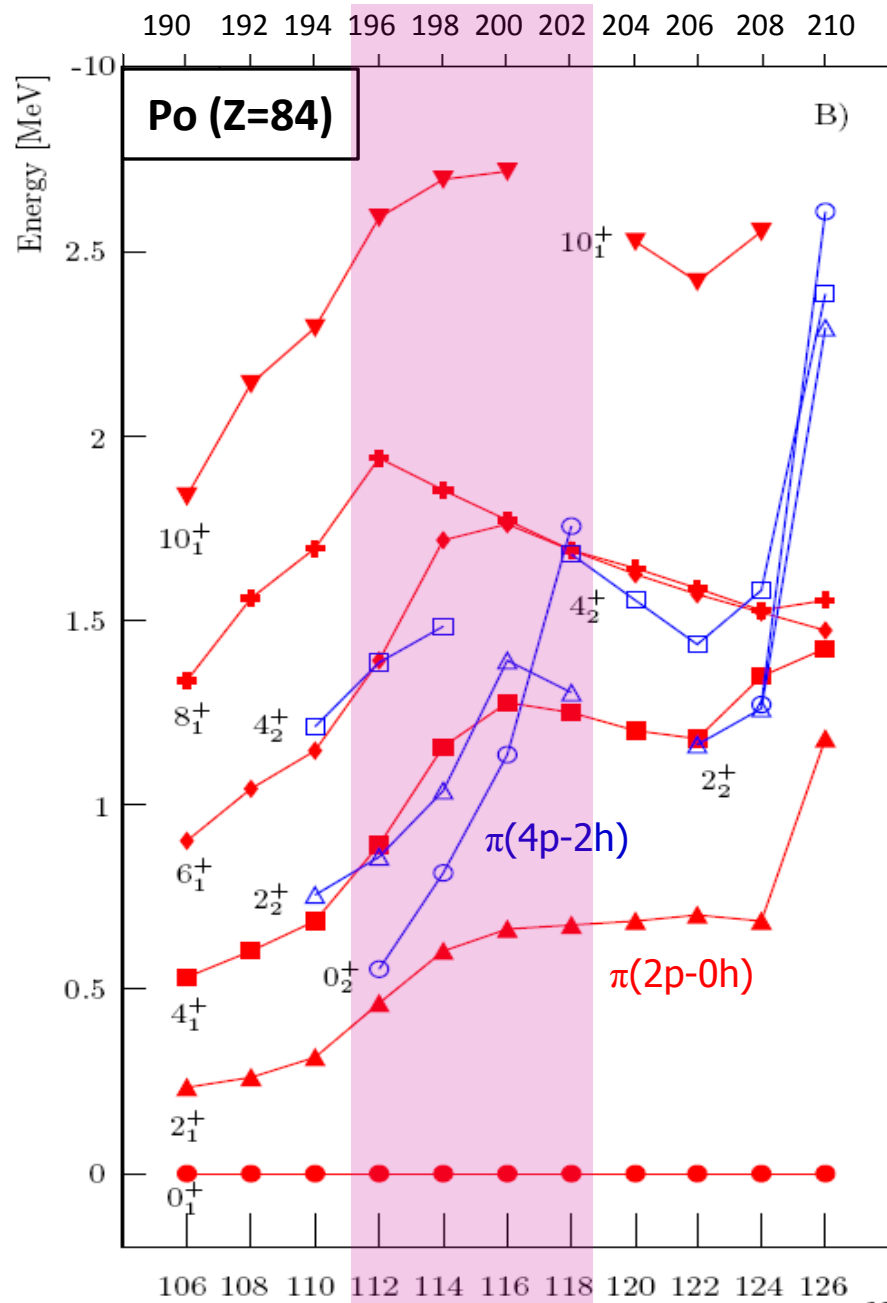
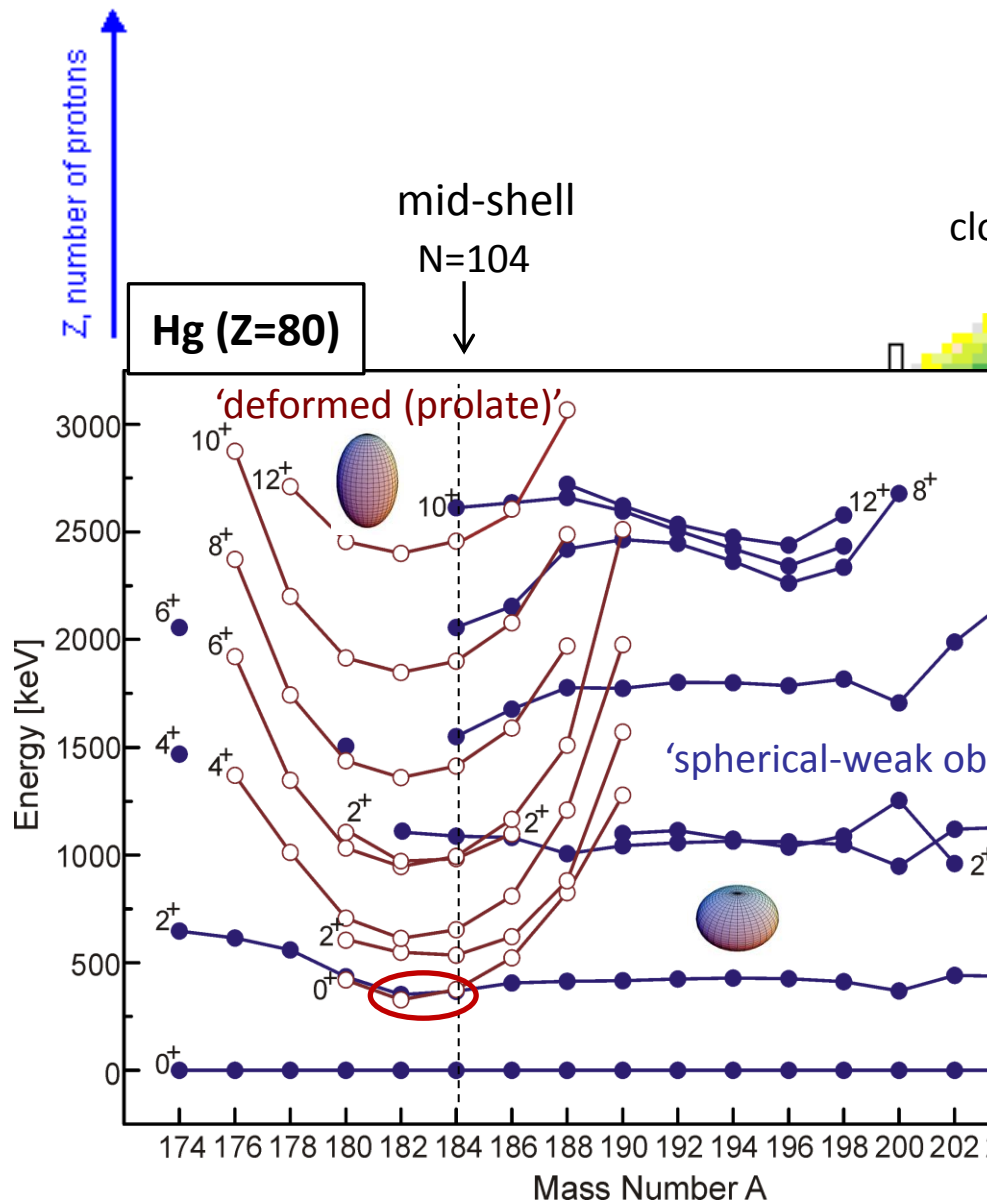


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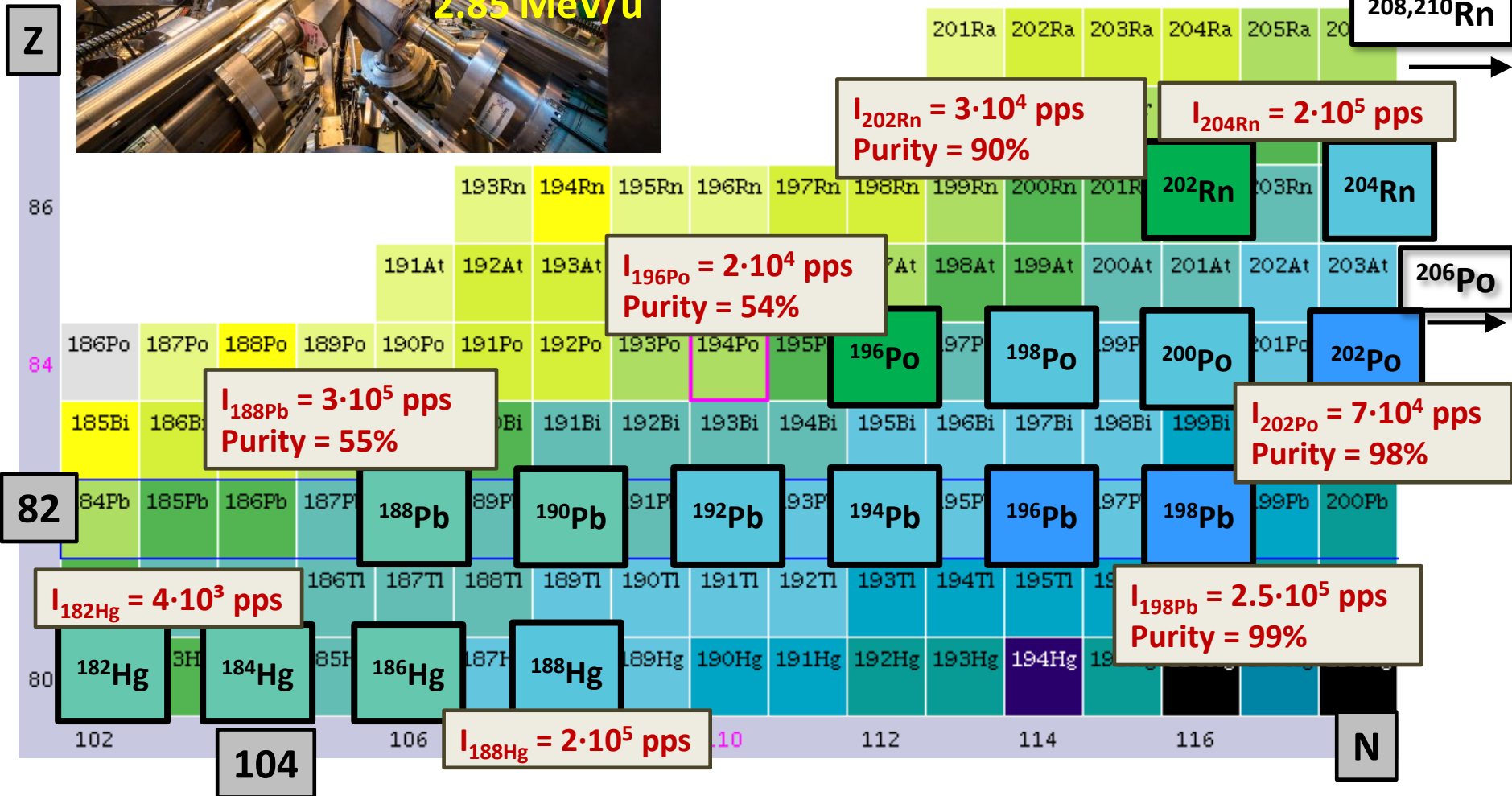
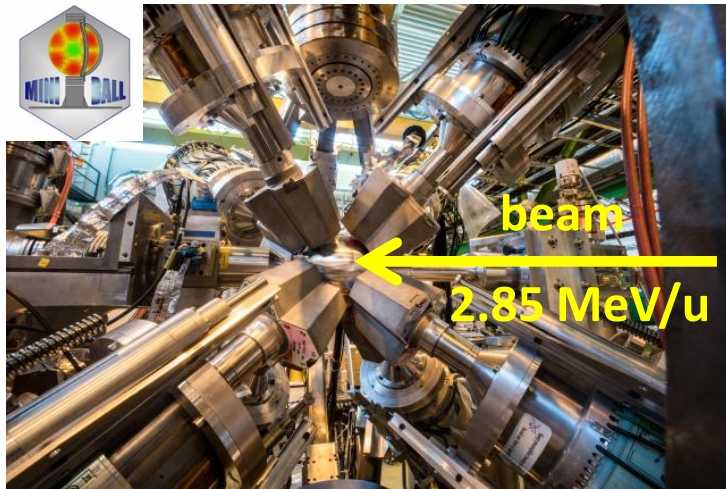
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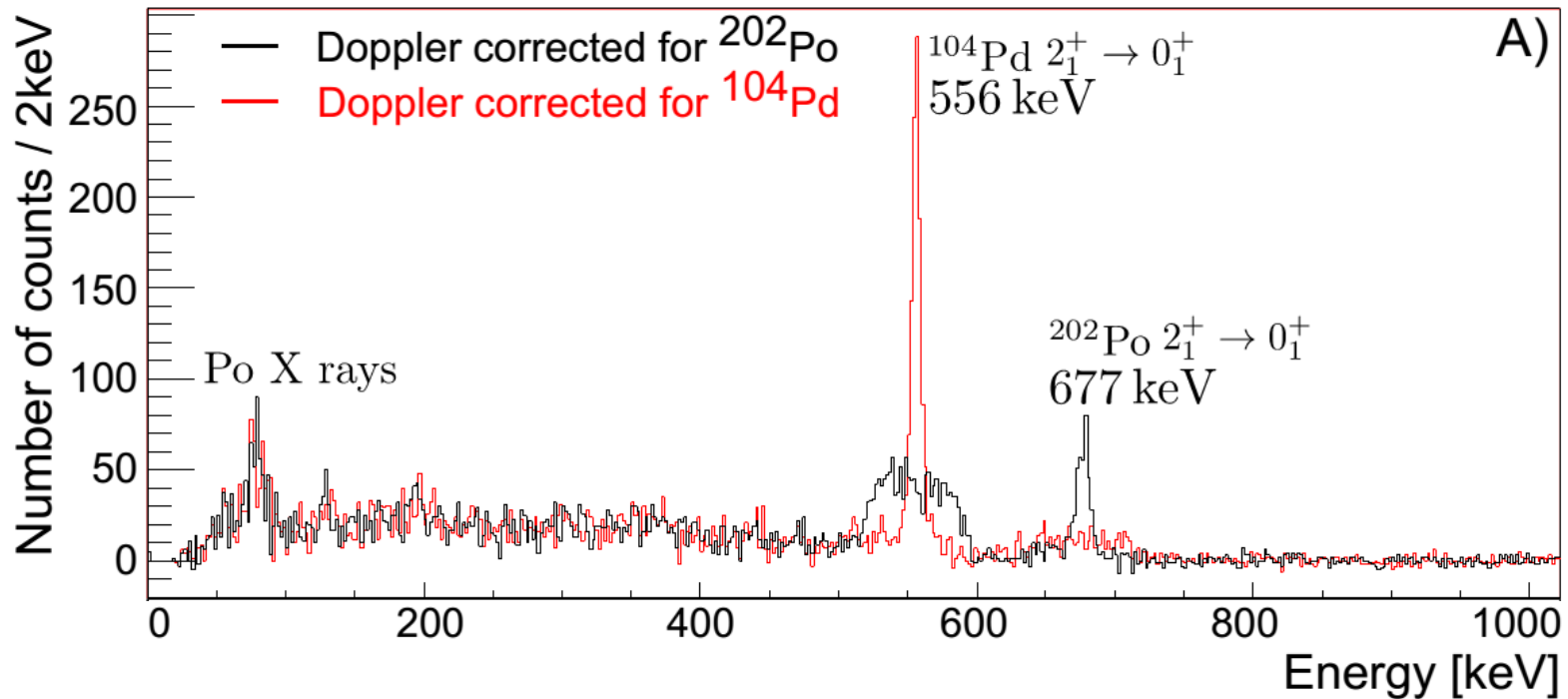
# Shape coexistence



# Coulex of Hg, Pb, Po, Rn exotic beams



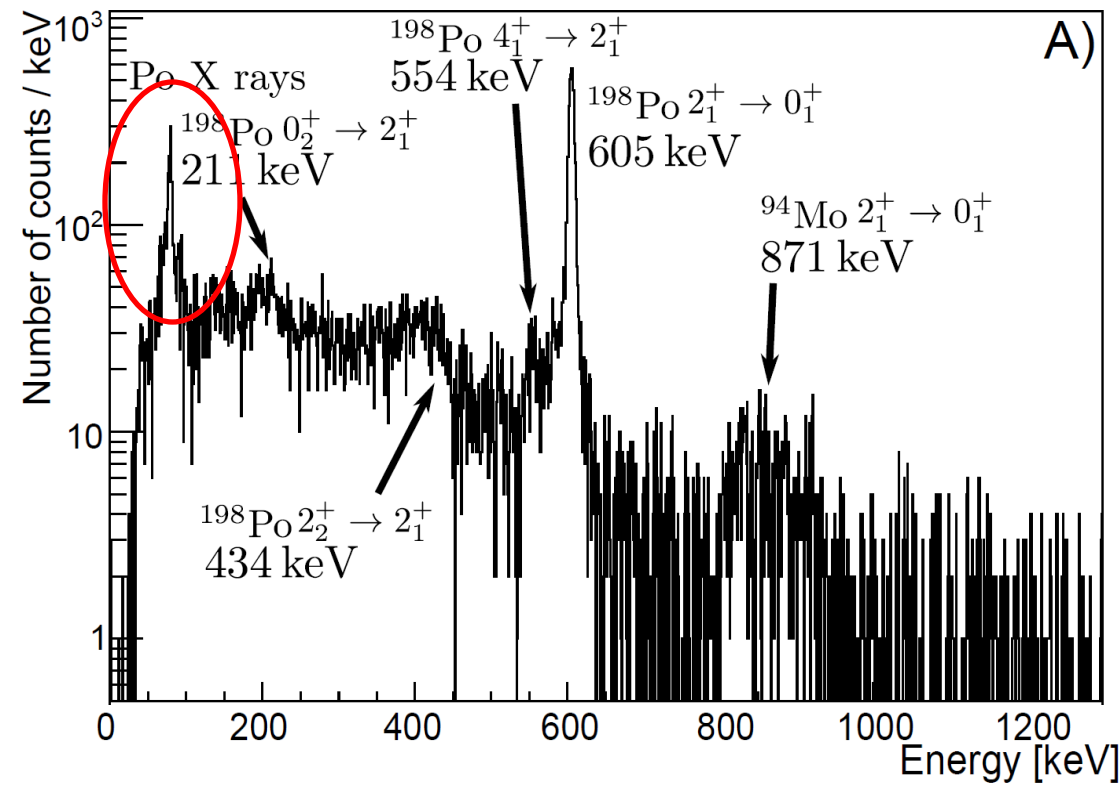
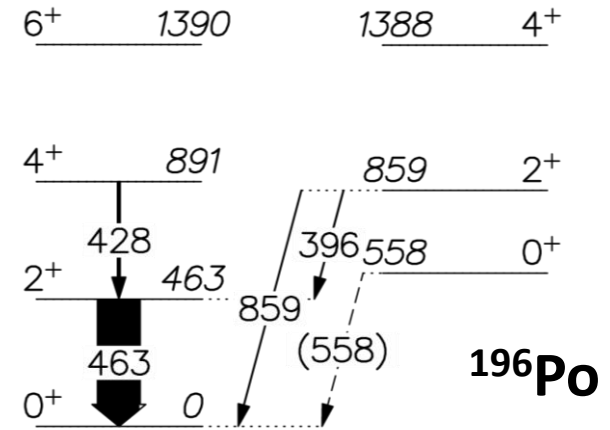
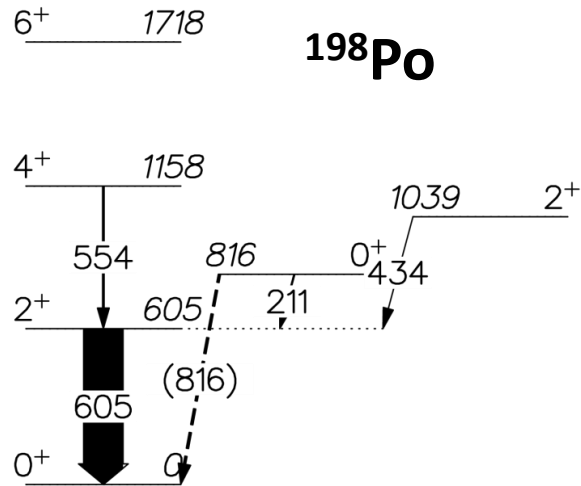
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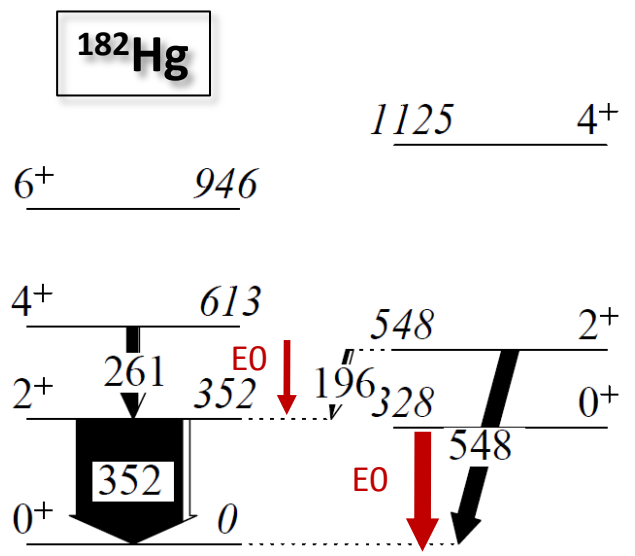
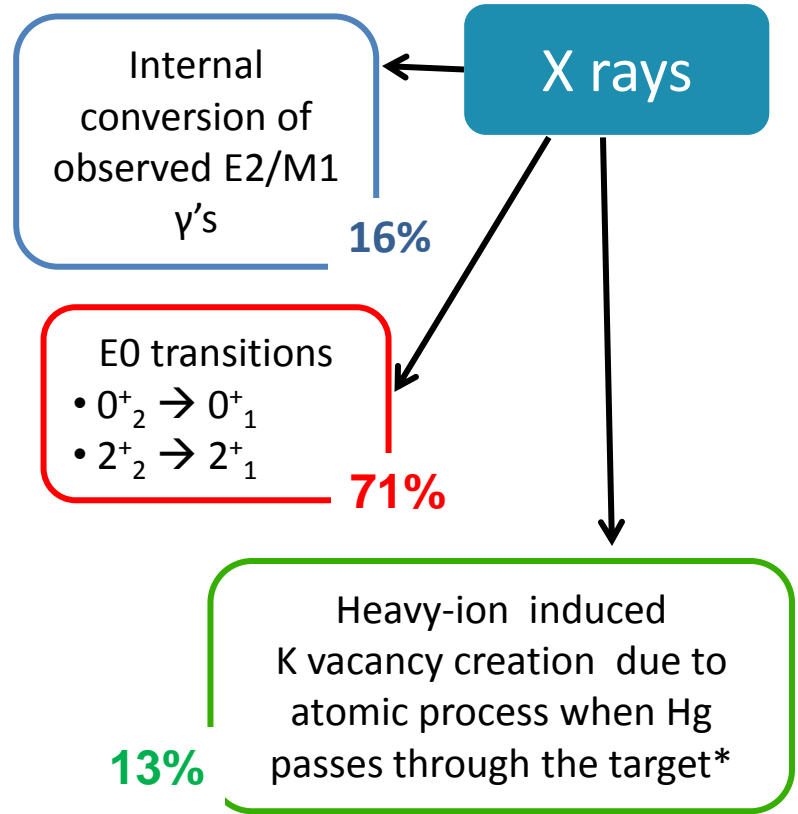
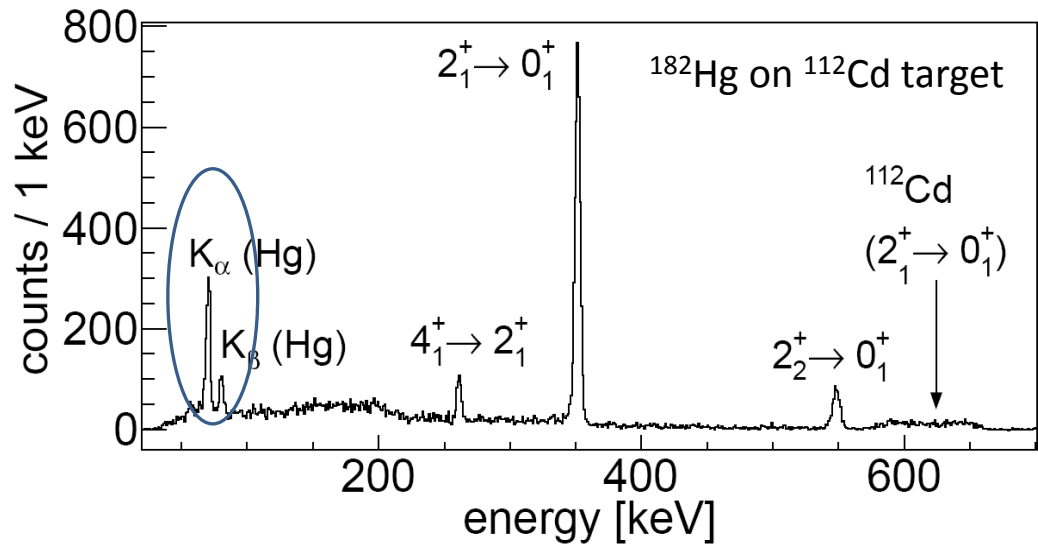


- Exclusive population of the  $2^+_{11}$  state in  $^{200,202}\text{Po}$
- Multi-step Coulex in  $^{196,198}\text{Po}$
- X rays  $\rightarrow$  information on  $E0$  transitions

N. Kesteloot, PhD thesis KU Leuven 2015,  
N. Kesteloot et al., PRC 92, 054301 (2015)

# The E0 transitions in $^{182,184}\text{Hg}$ :

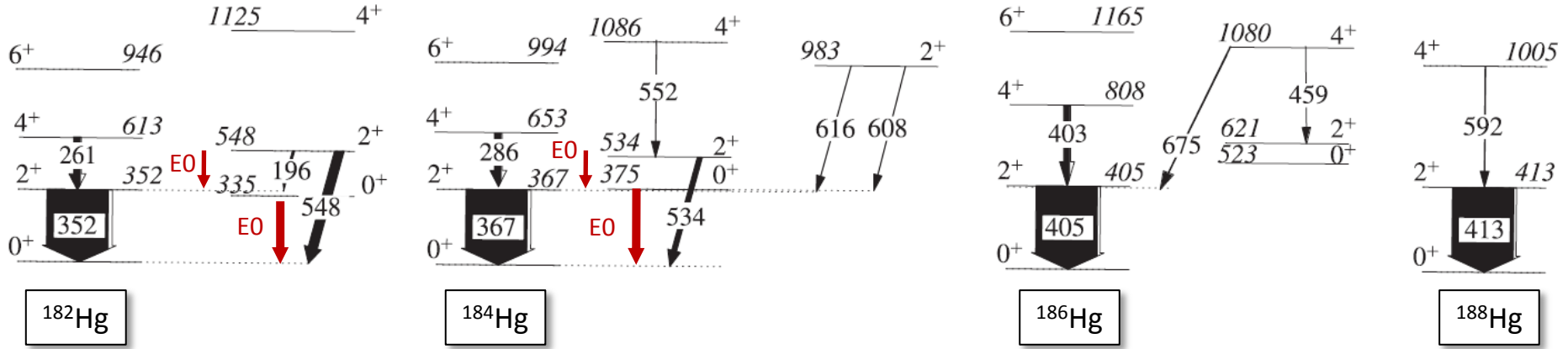
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The  $\alpha_{\text{tot}}(2_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)$  from  $\beta/\text{EC}$  decay of  $^{182,184}\text{Tl}$ :  
**7.2 +/- 1.3** in  $^{182}\text{Hg}$  and **14.2 +/- 3.36** in  $^{184}\text{Hg}$

\*N. Bree, KWL, et al., NIM B 360 (2015) 97

# Coulomb excitation of even-even $^{182-188}\text{Hg}$ ( $Z=80$ ) @ 2.85 MeV/A:



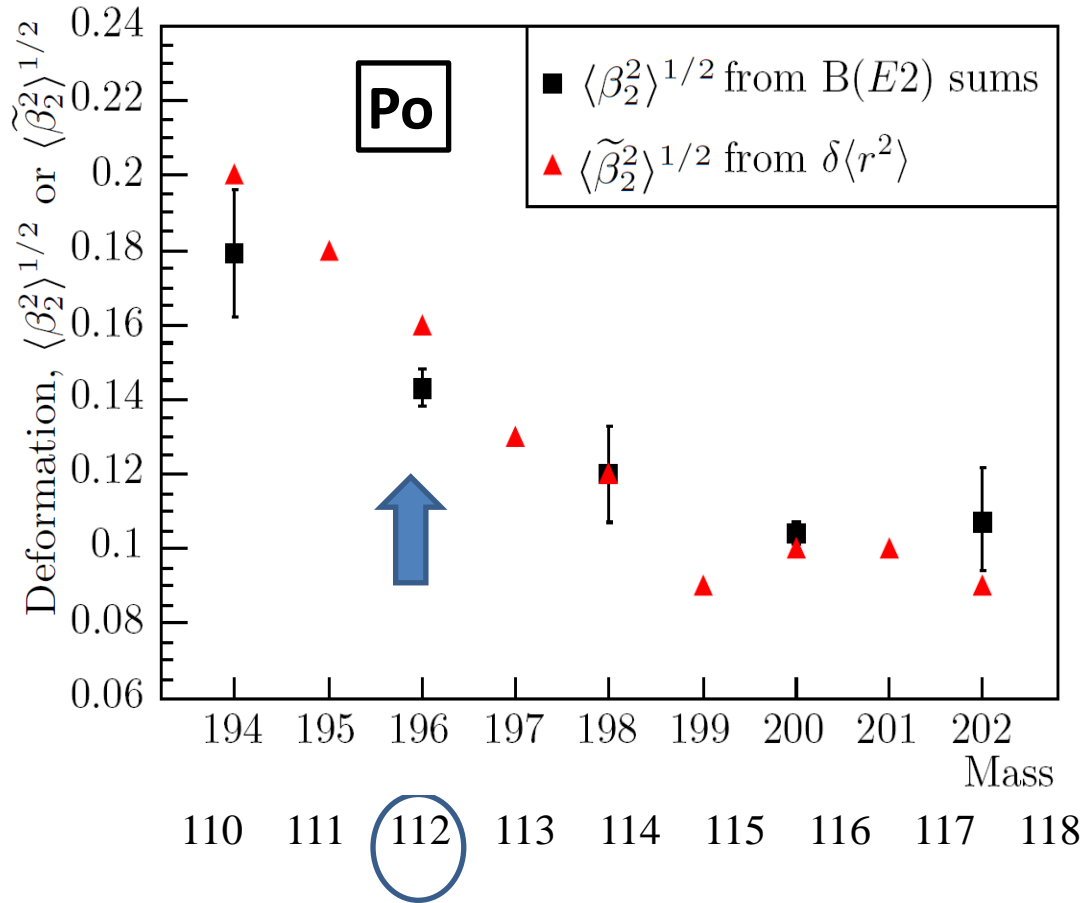
**$\gamma$  ray intensities**  
 + complementary data  
 e. g. **BR**,  $\tau$ ,  
 $\alpha_{\text{tot}}(2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$



matrix elements

# Deformation of the ground state in Po isotopes:

$$\sum_i B(E2; 0_1^+ \rightarrow 2_i^+) = \left( \frac{3}{4\pi} ZeR_0^2 \right)^2 \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle \quad \langle r^2 \rangle_A \approx \langle r^2 \rangle_A^{\text{sph}} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{4\pi} \langle \tilde{\beta}_2^2 \rangle_A \right)$$



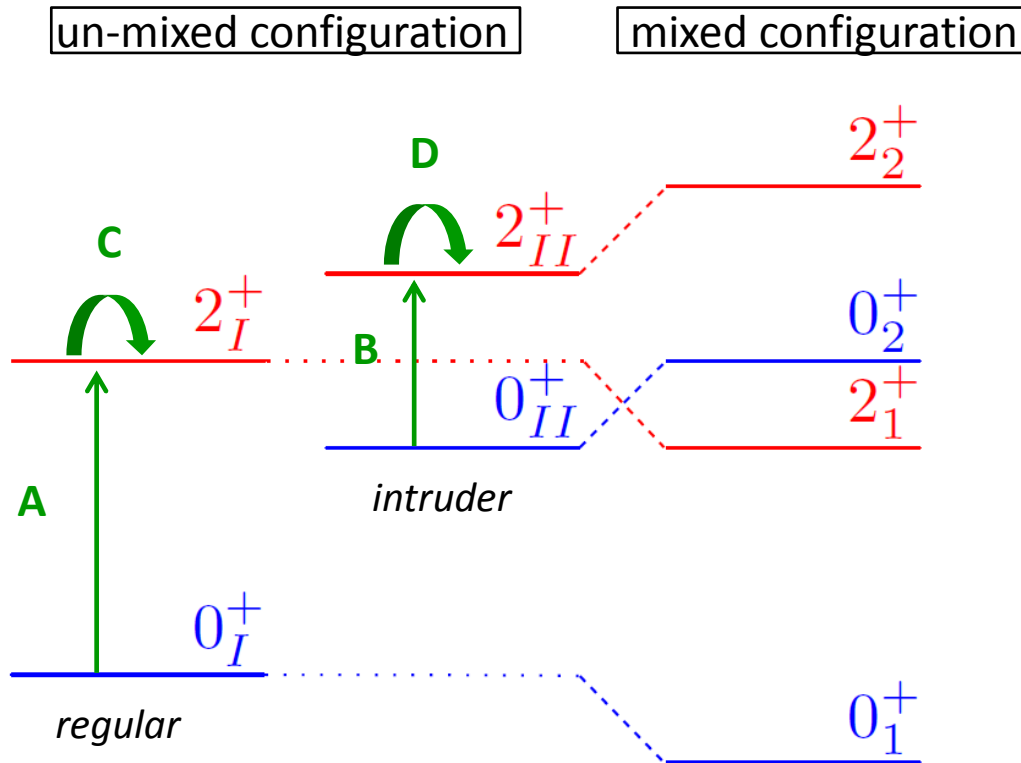
## Laser spectroscopy measurements:

*T. E. Cocolios et al.,  
PRL 106, 052503 (2011)*

*M.D. Seliverstov et al.,  
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## Coulomb excitation:

*N. Kesteloot et al.,  
PRC 92, 054301 (2015)*



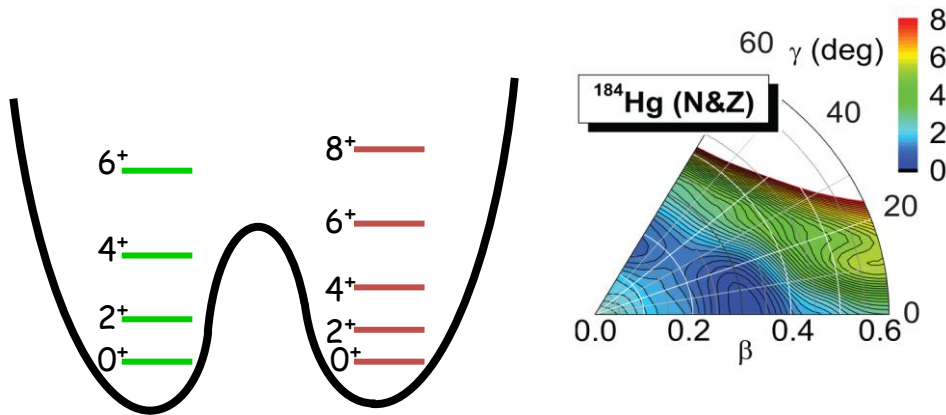
$$\begin{cases} |0_1^+\rangle = \alpha_0 |0_I^+\rangle + \beta_0 |0_{II}^+\rangle \\ |0_2^+\rangle = \beta_0 |0_I^+\rangle - \alpha_0 |0_{II}^+\rangle \\ |2_1^+\rangle = \alpha_2 |2_I^+\rangle + \beta_2 |2_{II}^+\rangle \\ |2_2^+\rangle = \beta_2 |2_I^+\rangle - \alpha_2 |2_{II}^+\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_j^2 + \beta_j^2 = 1$$

$$\langle J_1^\pi || E2 || J_2^\pi \rangle = 0$$

E2 matrix elements can be expressed by:

- un-mixed E2 matrix elements  $\rightarrow$  **A, B, C, D**
- mixing amplitudes  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \beta_0, \beta_2)$



$$\begin{cases} \langle 0_1^+ | E2 | 2_1^+ \rangle = \alpha_0 \alpha_2 \mathbf{A} + \beta_0 \beta_2 \mathbf{B} \\ \langle 0_1^+ | E2 | 2_2^+ \rangle = \alpha_0 \beta_2 \mathbf{A} - \beta_0 \alpha_2 \mathbf{B} \\ \langle 0_2^+ | E2 | 2_1^+ \rangle = \alpha_2 \beta_0 \mathbf{A} - \alpha_0 \beta_2 \mathbf{B} \\ \langle 0_2^+ | E2 | 2_2^+ \rangle = \beta_0 \beta_2 \mathbf{A} + \alpha_0 \alpha_2 \mathbf{B} \\ \langle 2_1^+ | E2 | 2_2^+ \rangle = \alpha_2 \beta_2 \mathbf{(C-D)} \end{cases}$$

# Mixing amplitudes

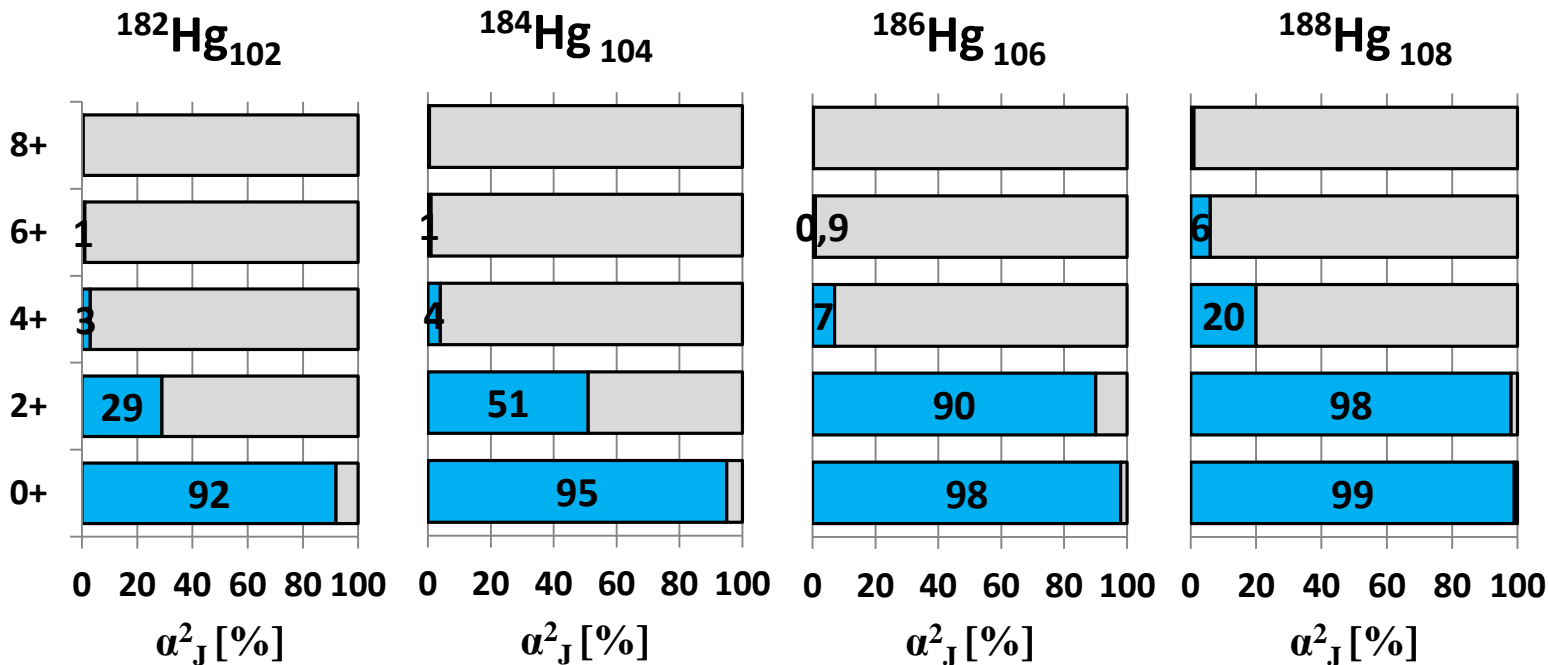
From the fit of the known higher-lying level energies in the rotational bands, built upon the  $0^+_{gs,2}$  states, using the variable moment of inertia (VMI) model:

L.P. Gaffney et al, PRC 89, 024307 (2014)

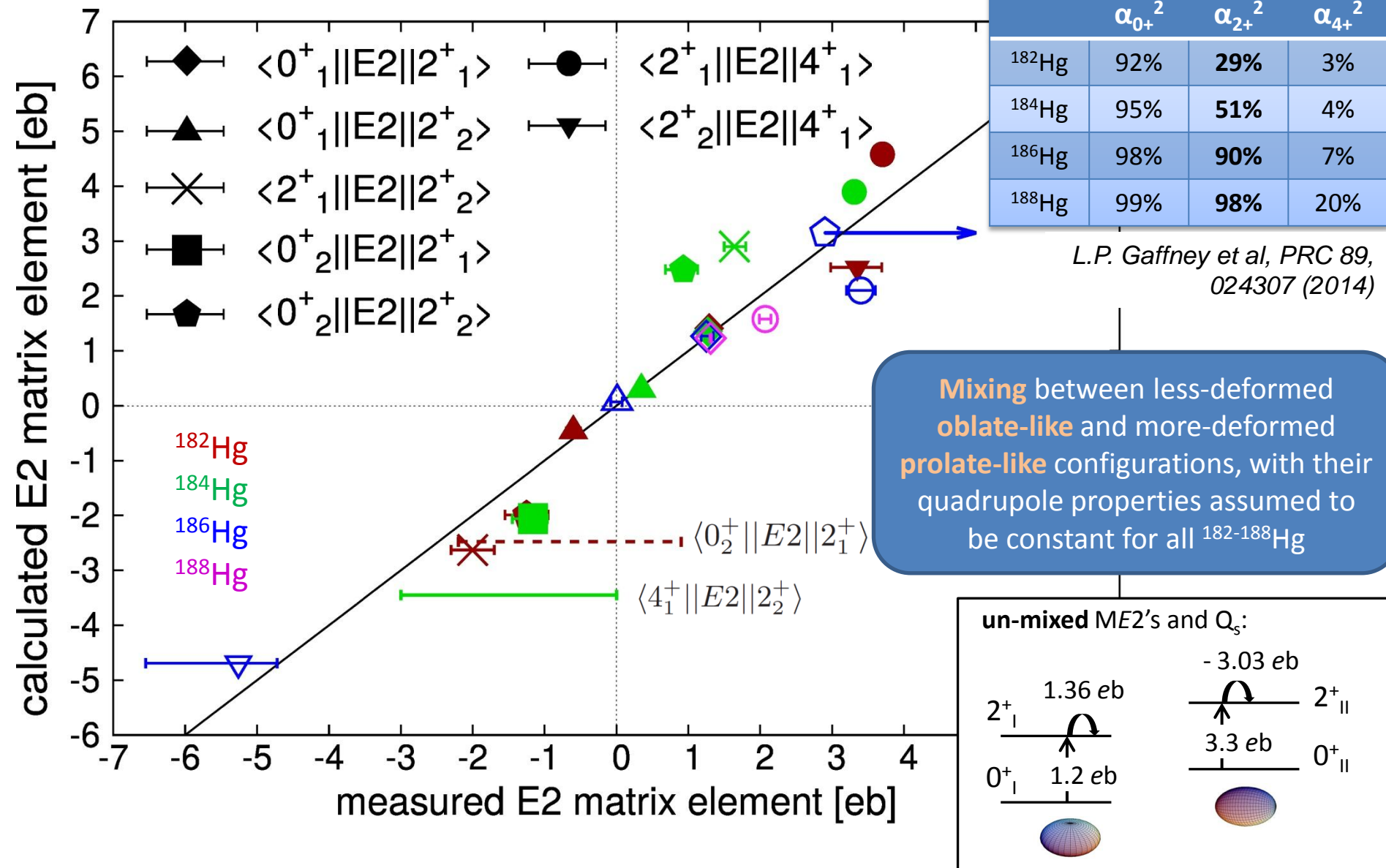
	$\alpha_{0^+}^2$	$\alpha_{2^+}^2$	$\alpha_{4^+}^2$
$^{182}\text{Hg}_{102}$	92%	<b>29%</b>	3%
$^{184}\text{Hg}_{104}$	95%	<b>51%</b>	4%
$^{186}\text{Hg}_{106}$	98%	<b>90%</b>	7%
$^{188}\text{Hg}_{108}$	99%	<b>98%</b>	20%

N. Kesteloot et al, PRC 92, 054301 (2015)

	$\alpha_{0^+}^2$	$\alpha_{2^+}^2$
$^{194}\text{Po}_{110}$	12%	<b>29%</b>
$^{196}\text{Po}_{112}$	85%	<b>50%</b>
$^{198}\text{Po}_{114}$	94%	<b>69%</b>
$^{200}\text{Po}_{116}$	97%	<b>92%</b>
$^{202}\text{Po}_{118}$	99%	<b>88%</b>



# Interpretation with two-level mixing model

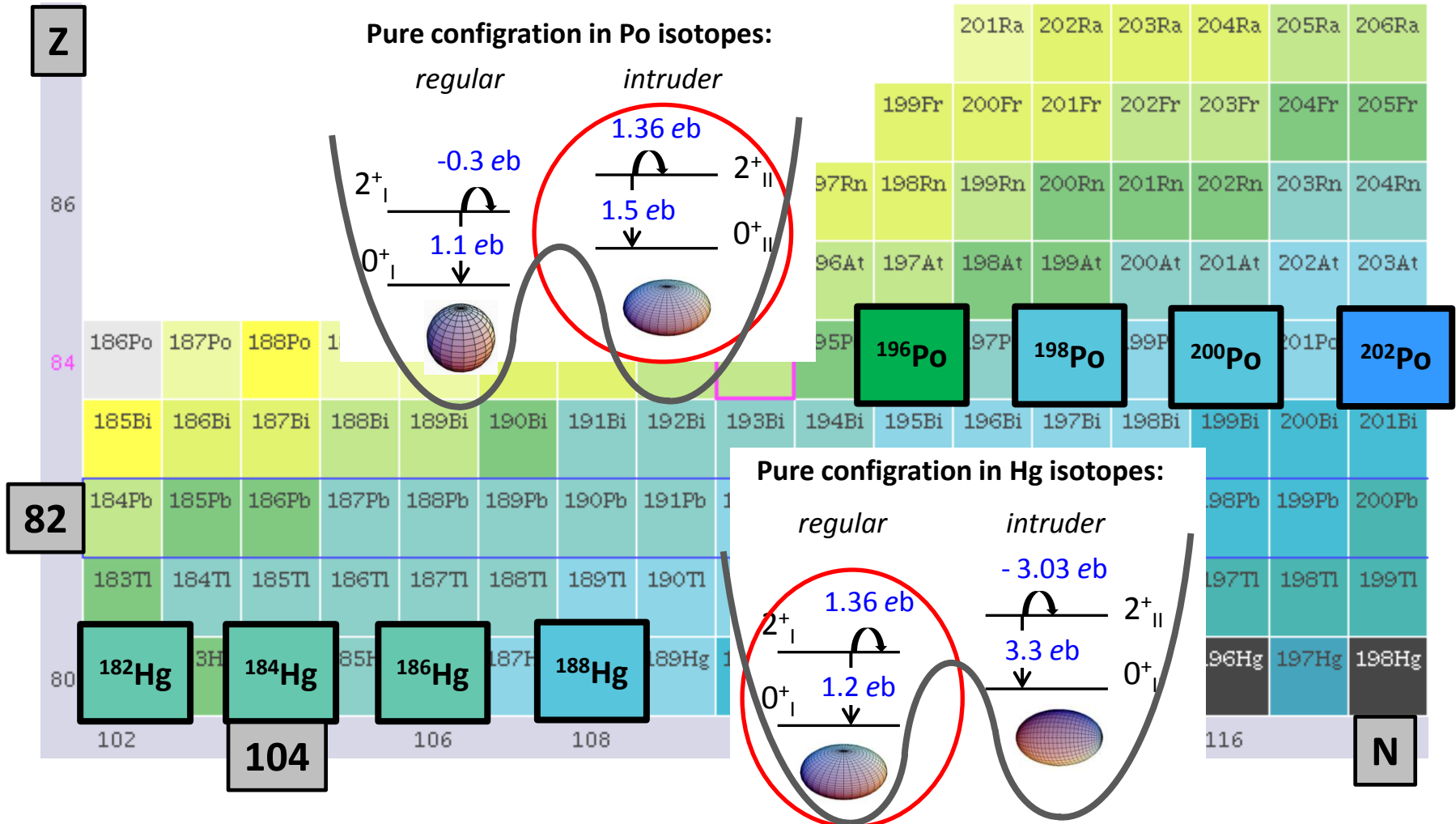


# Mixing of coexisting shapes in light Po and Hg isotopes

**Po:**

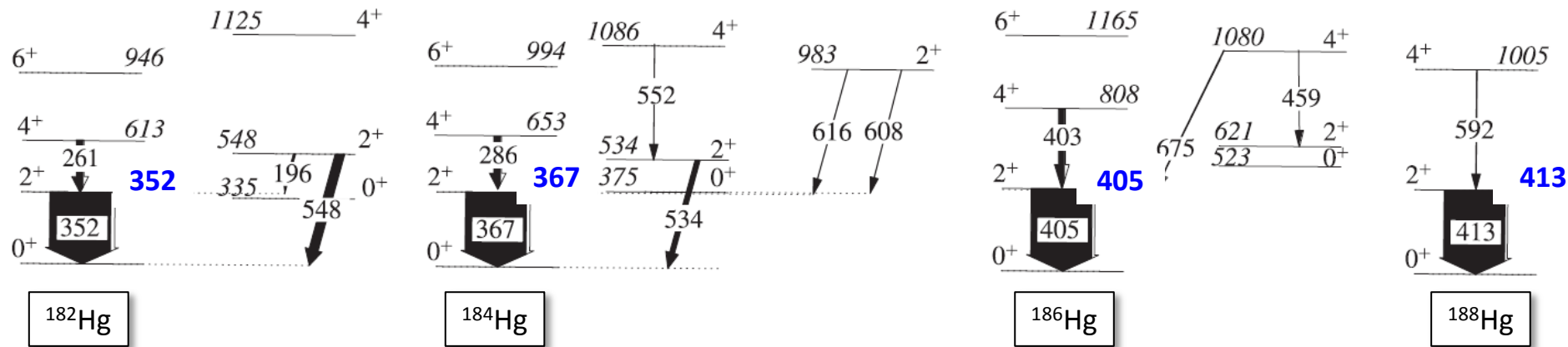
- mixing of a **spherical** structure with a **weakly deformed oblate** structure;
- experimental results support the interpretation that a weakly deformed, oblate structure is intruding in the low-lying energy levels.

N. Kesteloot et al., PRC **92**, 054301 (2015)





# Concealed configuration mixing in the light Hg isotopes



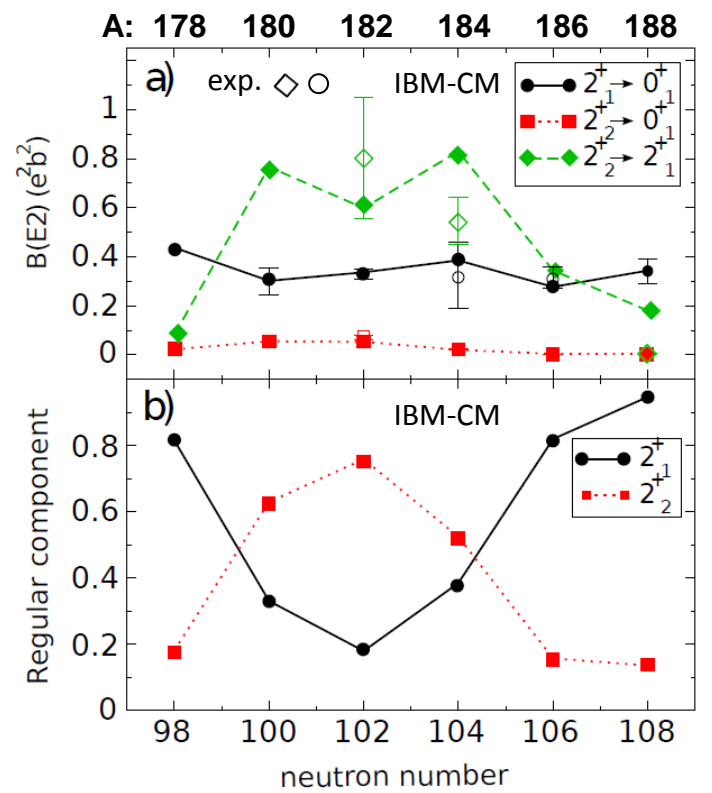
Similar  $E(2^+_{11})$ ,  $B(E2; 2^+_{11} \rightarrow 0^+_{11})$ , do not always reveal a similar structure !

→ a dramatic change of the underlying configuration of the  $2^+_{11}$ 's: from the pure regular ( $^{186,188}\text{Hg}$ ) to dominated by intruder character ( $^{182}\text{Hg}$ ).

The underlying mixing configuration is somehow *concealed*

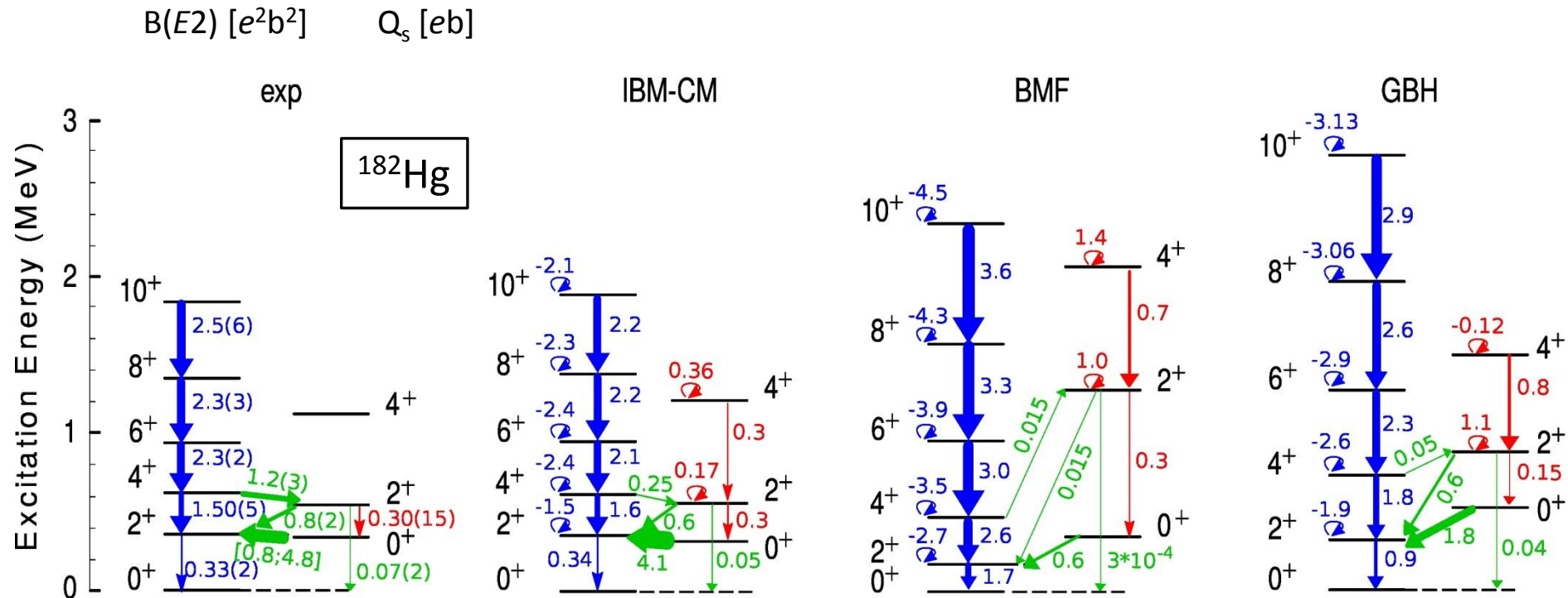
The same concluded for the Pt isotopes  
 → there mixing occurs at the level of the  $0^+$  state

J. E. García-Ramos, V. Hellemans, and K. Heyde PRC 84, 014331 (2011)



IBM-CM calculations: J. E. Garcia-Ramos, K. Heyde

# Comparison with theory



## Coulex, ISOLDE, CERN

K. Wrzosek-Lipska et al.,  
submitted to PRC

N. Bree, KWL et al,  
PRL 112, 162701 (2014)

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## RDDS measurement

L. P. Gaffney et al.,  
PRC 89, 024307 (2014).

## IBM + configuration mixing:

J.E. Garcia-Ramos, K. Heyde  
PRC 89, 014306 (2014)

## BMF: HFB+GCM+Sly6:

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## GBH: ATD HFB + Sly4:

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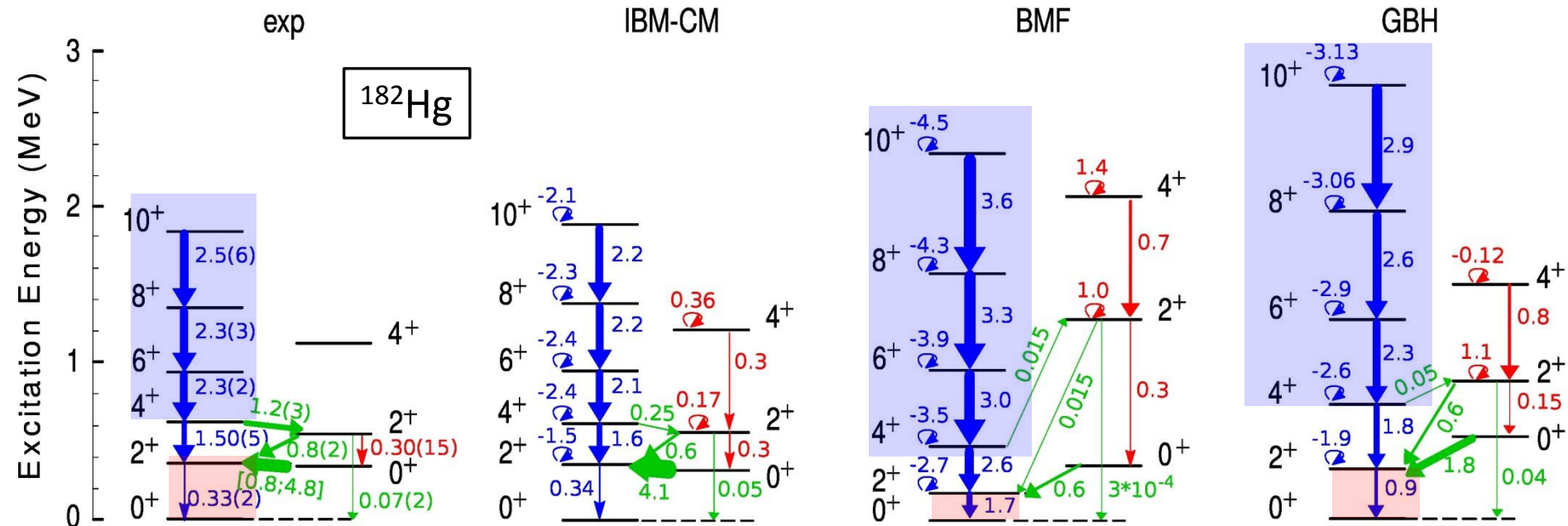
$B(E2)$  [ $e^2b^2$ ]

$Q_s$  [eb]

*J. E. Garcia-Ramos  
and K. Heyde,  
PRC 89, 014306 (2014)*

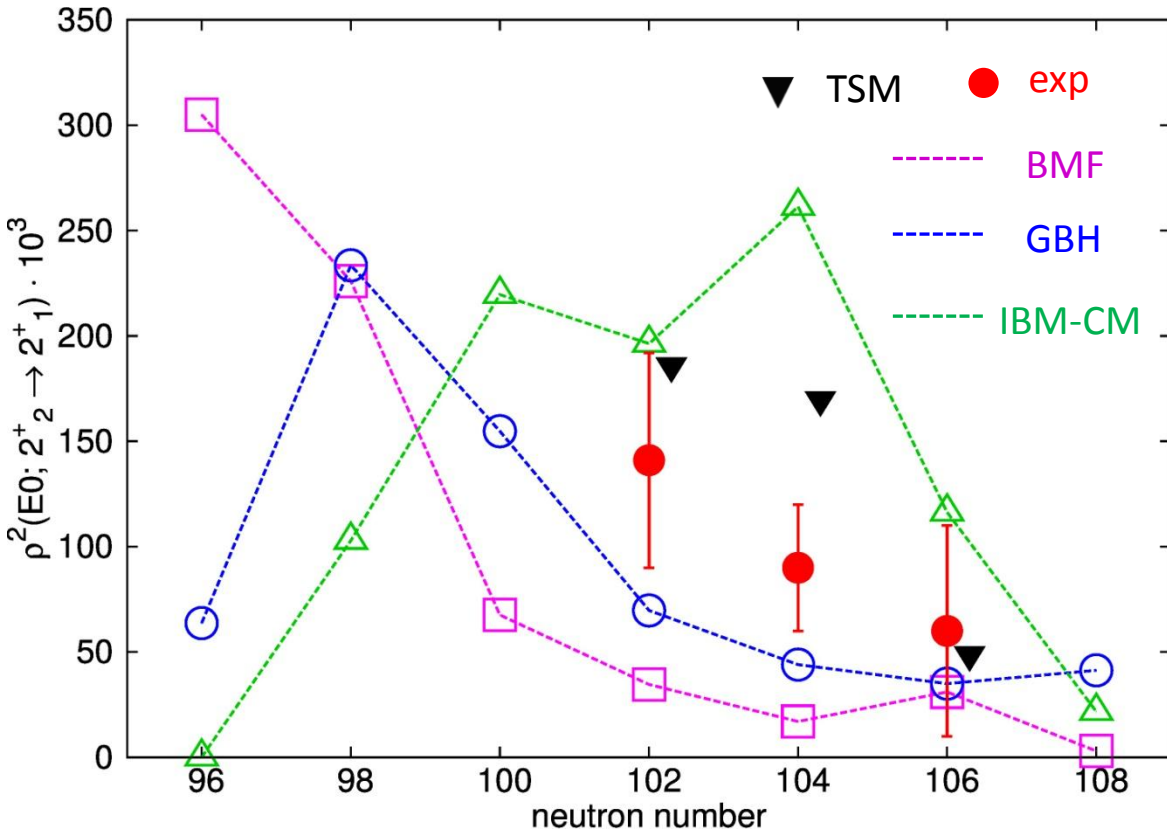
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1. GBH and BMF: **energy spectra are too spread out** compared to the experimental data.
2. The IBM-CM, GBH and BMF  $Q_{sp}$  values of yrast states are negative  $\rightarrow$  predominantly **prolate** configuration.
3. BMF: crossing between prolate and oblate configuration between  $N=106$  and  $N=108$  ; for the IBM-CM this transition happens at  $N=104$ .
3. Smooth behavior of the experimental  $B(E2)$  values for states with spin  $J \geq 4$ .
4. This trend, as well as the absolute  $B(E2)$  values, are fairly well reproduced by the GBH and BMF.
5. For the low-lying  $2^+$  and  $0^+$  states the comparison with theory is less successful.

# Monopole transition strength



## Experimental values:

$^{182,184}\text{Hg}$ :

from  $B(E2; 2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$  and  $\alpha_{\text{tot}}(2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$

$^{186}\text{Hg}$ :

M. Scheck et al., PRC 83, 037303 (2011)

**TSM**: two-state mixing model:

$$\rho^2(E0) = \frac{Z^2}{R_0^4} \cdot \alpha^2(1 - \alpha^2) [\Delta \langle r^2 \rangle]^2$$

**IBM-CM**: J. E. Garcia-Ramos and K. Heyde, PRC 89, 014306 (2014)

**BMF**: J. M. Yao, M. Bender, and P. H. Heenen, PRC 87, 034322 (2013)

**GBH**: L. Próchniak, priv. com.

- The **rising trend** of the experimental  $\rho^2(E0)$ 's **towards the lighter mercury isotopes**.
- The same trend is reproduced by the BMF and GBH calculations.
- Both **BMF** and **GBH** models indicate **similar magnitudes of the  $\rho^2(E0)$**  especially  $\sim N = 104$ .
- It is different from the **IBM-CM** predictions and TSM calculations  $\rightarrow$  **largest  $\rho^2(E0)$  around  $N=104$** .

# Future experiments:

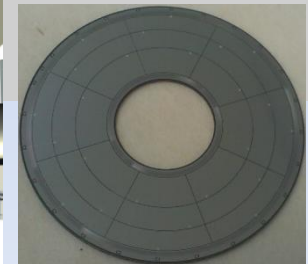
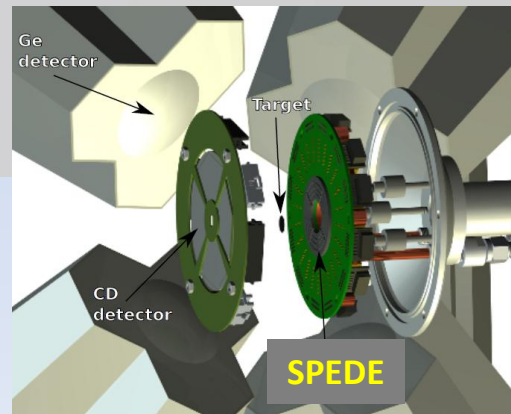
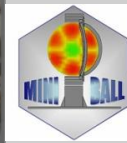
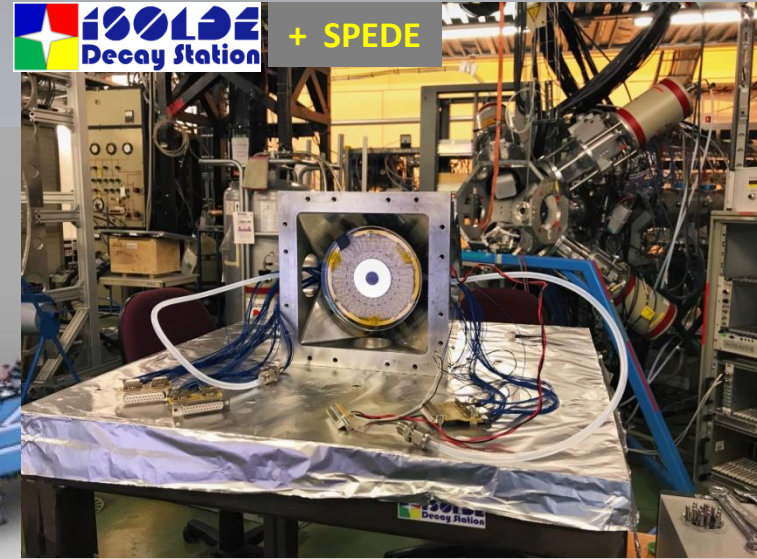
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Probing intruder configurations in  $^{186,188}\text{Pb}$   
using **Coulomb excitation**

**IS563:**  
**Coulomb excitation** of  $^{182}\text{Hg}$  and  $^{184}\text{Hg}$ : Shape  
coexistence in the neutron-deficient lead region  
with **HIE-ISOLDE**, **Miniball** and **SPEDE**

**IS641:**  
Decay spectroscopy of  $^{182,184,186}\text{Hg}$   
studied in  **$\beta$ -decay** of Tl with  
**IDS** (Isolde Decay Station)



+ SPEDE



## Summary:

1. The electromagnetic properties of even-even  $^{182-188}\text{Hg}$  were described in terms of **mixing** of two pure structures: less-deformed **oblate** (*regular*) and more-deformed **prolate** (*intruder*) which **coexist** at low-excitation energy.
  2. Even-even  $^{196-202}\text{Po}$  : **mixing** of coexisting **spherical** structure with a weakly deformed **oblate** structure .
  3. **Concealed** configuration mixing in Hg isotopes – similar level energies and transition probabilities in an isotopic chain do not always reveal a similar structure!
  4. Partial agreement between theoretical models and experimental results.
- ❑ Continuation of Coulex studies with higher energy beams **4 MeV/A** at **HIE-ISOLDE**:
    - increase sensitivity of subtle second order effects, i.e.  $Q_s$  moments of the excited states;
    - establish the deformation of the intruder  $0^+$  states;
    - probing higher-lying non-yrast states.
  - ❑ Crucial role of the complementary data:  $\gamma$ -ray **BR** ratios,  $\tau$ ,  $\delta(E2/M1)$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{tot}}(2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$ .
  - ❑ **SPEDE** (**S**pectrometer for **E**lectron **D**etection) will provide a direct way of detecting the  $E0$  transitions.

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