

**High Resolution Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy and the Fascinating World of the Atomic Nucleus**

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**Physics of Atomic Nuclei**

Vladimir Zelevinsky and Alexander Volya

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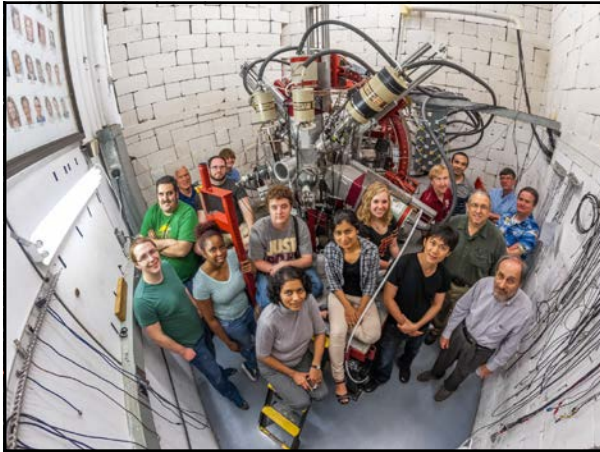
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- 9 MV Tandem Van De Graff
- 12 resonator LINAC
- RESOLUT Radioactive Beam Upgrade
- Super-Engel Split Pole Spectrograph
- 20 Element HPGe γ Ray Detector Array
- CLARION 2 – 16 Clover array (ORNL – FSU)



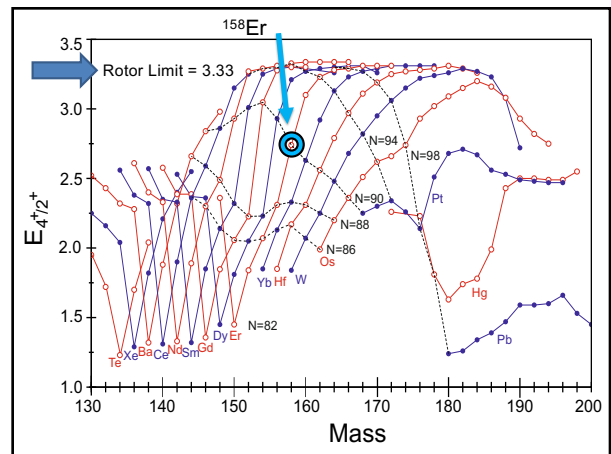
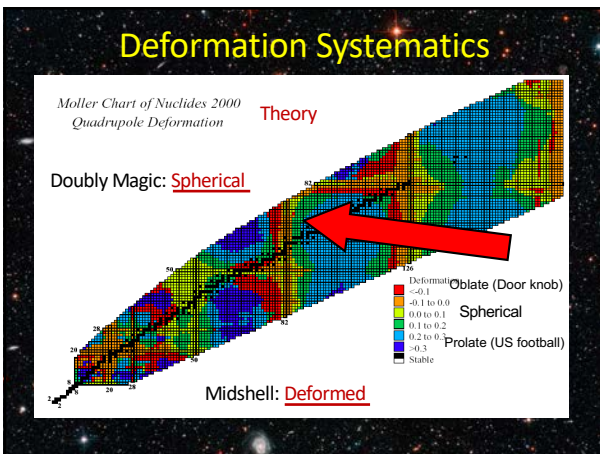
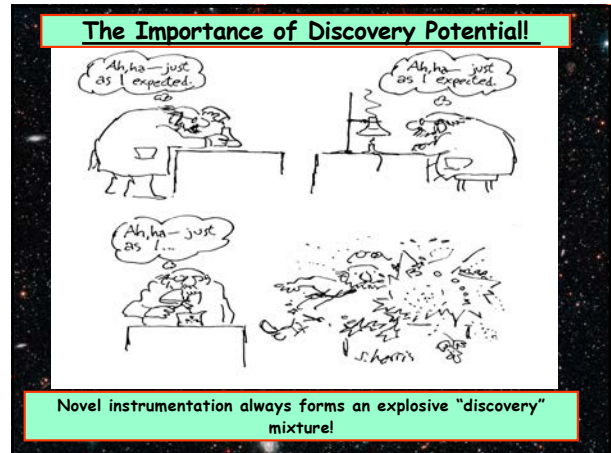
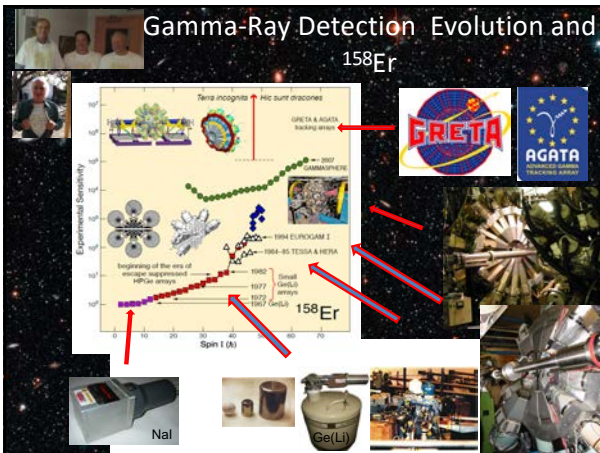
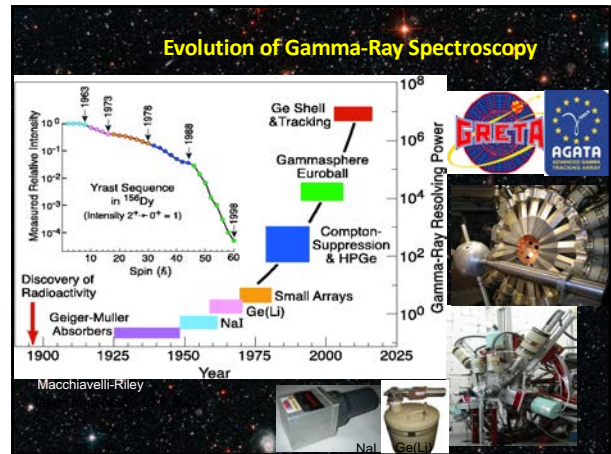
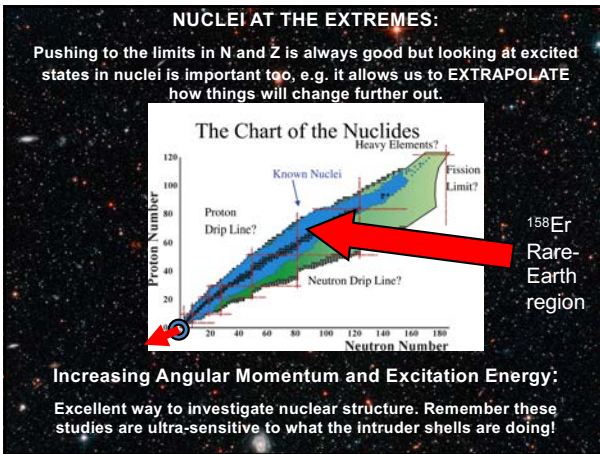


**Outline of Talk**




- Introduction to various aspects of nuclear structure and gamma-ray spectroscopy.
- The surprise of Backbending and what it can tell us about pairing and Pauli blocking etc.
- An example of a classic textbook nucleus,  $^{158}\text{Er}$ , through recent decades along with the many surprises in the adventure to trace its evolution as a function of spin and energy.
- The Future! Gamma-ray tracking and Radioactive Beams.






When you have deformation you can have rotation!  
 Rotation can reveal much information about the internal structure!



It is fun to look at rotating objects!



ON THE TRANSMUTATION OF ATOMIC NUCLEI BY IMPACT OF MATERIAL PARTICLES  
 I. GENERAL THEORETICAL REMARKS  
 N. BOHR AND F. KALCKAR

Mathematisk-fysiske Meddelelser XIV, 10 1937


We must in fact assume that any orbital momentum is shared by all the constituent particles of the nucleus in a way which resembles that of the rotation of a solid body. Denoting by  $J$  the moment of inertia, we obtain

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On the Rotation of the Atomic Nucleus  
 E. TELLER, *George Washington University, Washington, D. C.*  
 AND  
 J. A. WHEELER, *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.*  
 (Received March 23, 1938)

Physical Review 90 (1953) 717 - Letters to Editor

Rotational States in Even-Even Nuclei  
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$$E_I = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{I}} I(I+1), \quad I = 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots \text{even parity} \quad (1)$$


Bohr and Mottelson (with Rainwater) were awarded the 1975 Nobel Prize for connecting the single-particle and collective aspects of nuclear behavior into a consistent framework.

Celebrating the 40 year anniversary of the 1975 Nobel Prize to Bohr, Mottelson and Rainwater

PHYSICA SCRIPTA 2016:  
 Focus issue to celebrate the 40 year anniversary of the 1975 Nobel Prize to Aage Niels Bohr, Ben Roy Mottelson and Leo James Rainwater  
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High resolution gamma-ray spectroscopy and the fascinating angular momentum realm of the atomic nucleus

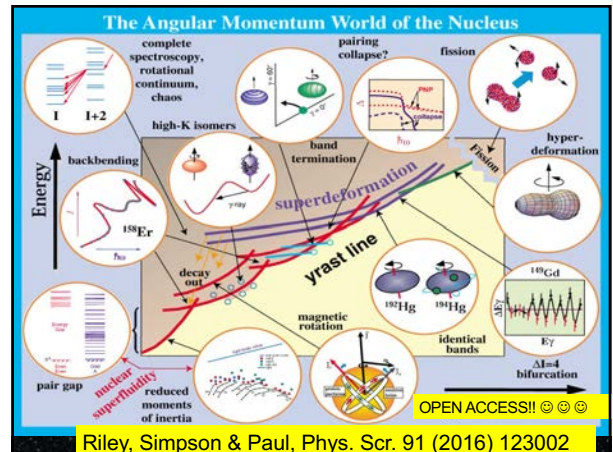
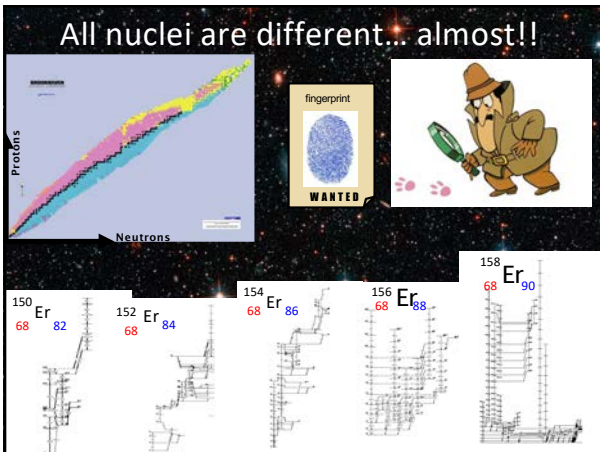
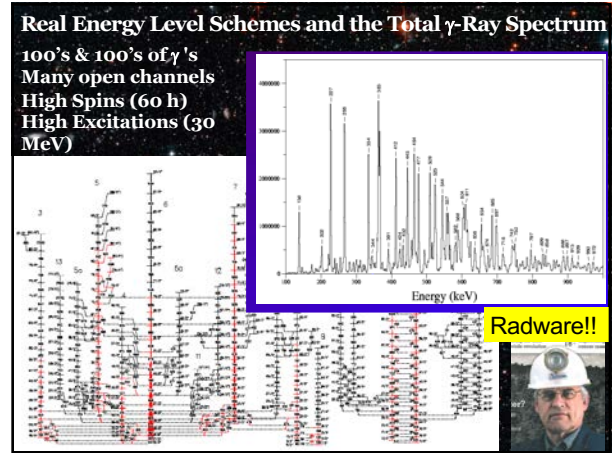
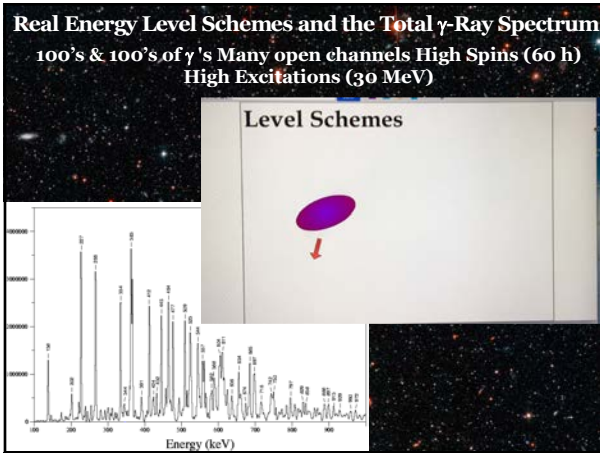
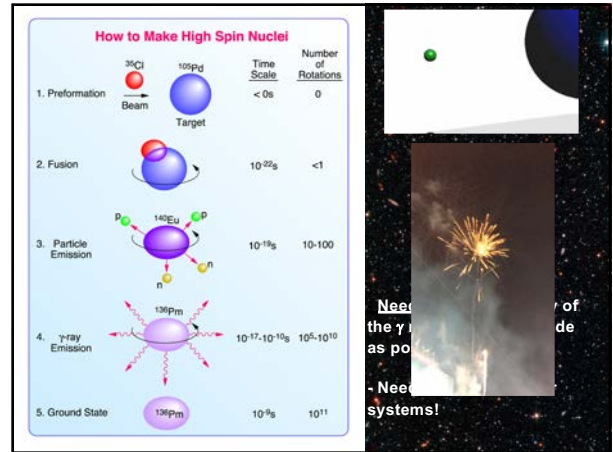
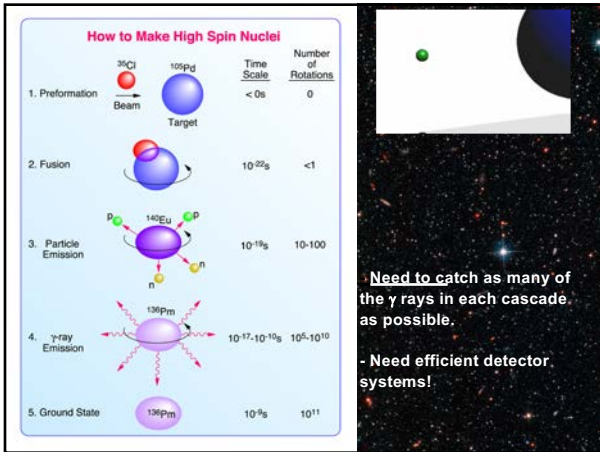
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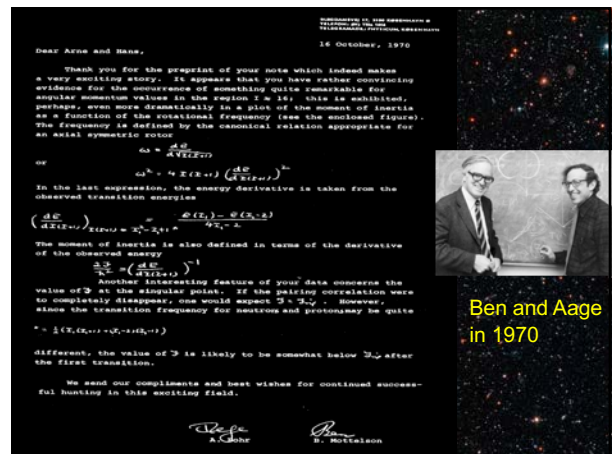
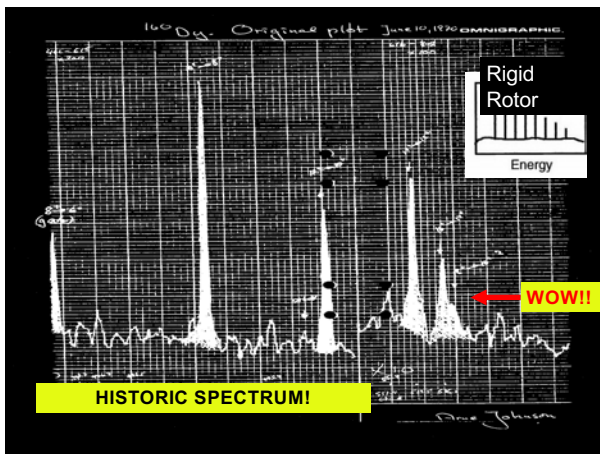
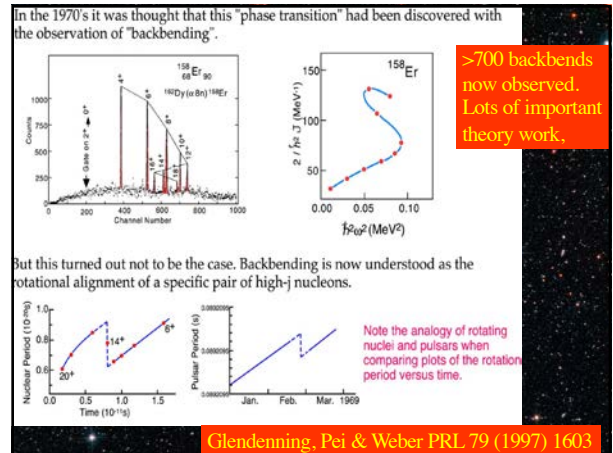
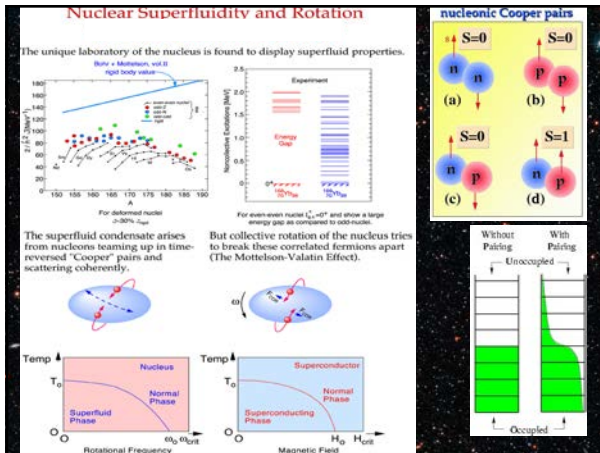
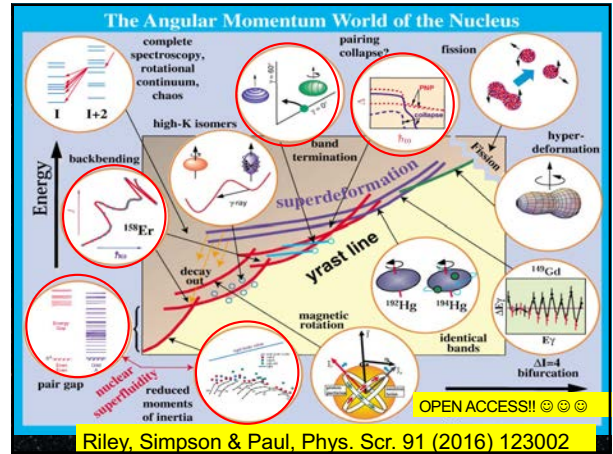
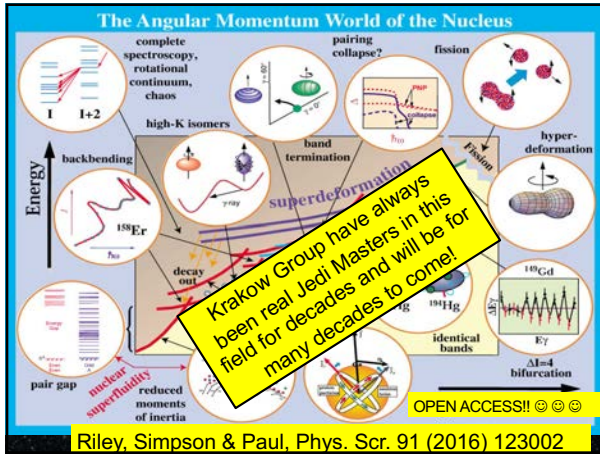
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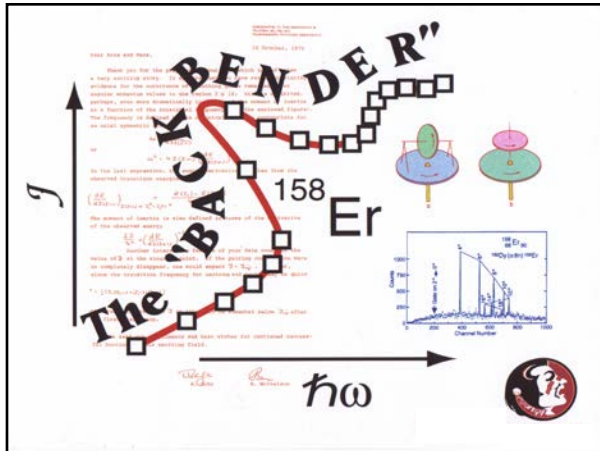
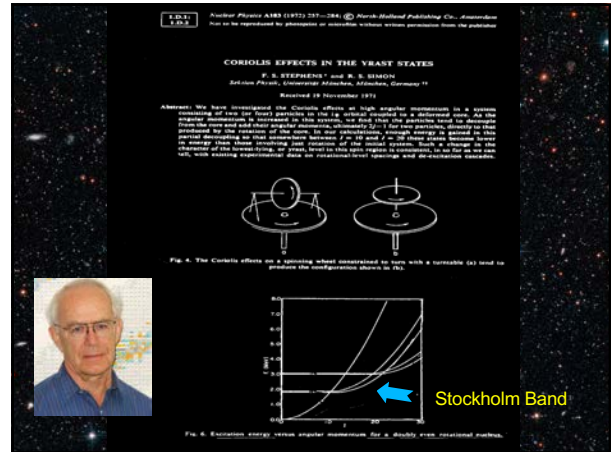
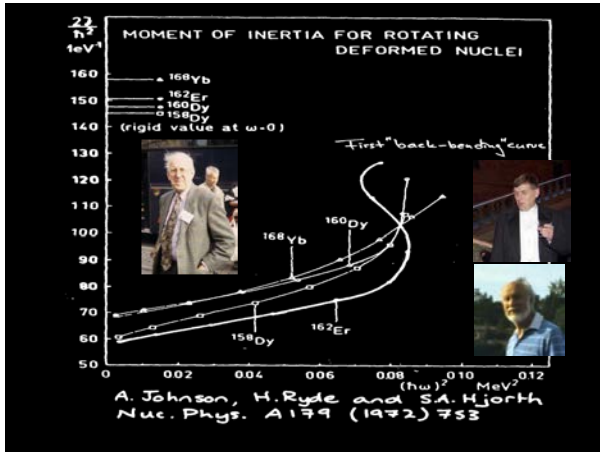
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So many epic gatherings at the NBI!







The Backbender at NBI in 1997 with Arne.

$T = R + \Sigma \vec{j}$

Total Spin = Collective Rotation + Aligned Spin

↑  $J$    ↑  $R$    ↓  $j$

Rotating Gyroscope   Pairing Force (new Earth Magnet)   Rotating Gyroscope

Rotating Platform (Nucleus)

To Variable Speed Motor

"Backbending" Demonstration Schematic

Backbender Movie


THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

the BACKBENDER MOVIE

- Available for download at [www.physics.fsu.edu/TheBackBender](http://www.physics.fsu.edu/TheBackBender)
- Or via Open Access journal:
- Riley, Simpson & Paul, *Phys. Scr.* 91 (2016) 123002

Fig. 14: A short movie about backbending or rotational alignment in nuclei [77] can be downloaded and viewed at <http://www.physics.fsu.edu/TheBackBender> [78]. It can

The Backbender in Stockholm in 2017 with Arne Johnson



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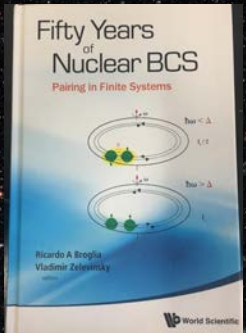
↑ +j      ↑ R      ↓ -j

Rotating Gyroscopes      Pairing Force (Pure Spin Magnetism)      Rotating Gyroscopes


To Variable Speed Motor

"Backbending" Demonstration Schematic

Backbending: Textbook Cover!



Bob Schrieffer and "The Backbender"!



Start of a Revolution: Late 70's - early 80's  
First Escape Suppressed Spectrometer at Liverpool




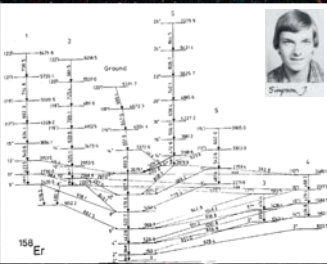
John Francis Sharpey-Schafer helped change everything!

Compton Suppression - improving the peak to background ratio




Liverpool+Manchester+Niels Bohr Inst put first array together ... TESSA at NBI ☺  
5 ESS's

~1980-1982 TESSA (5 ESS)  
Escape suppressed array at NBI  
(Liverpool - NBI - Manchester)

Side bands to spins in mid 20's

Band crossing systematics, blocking, pairing reduction

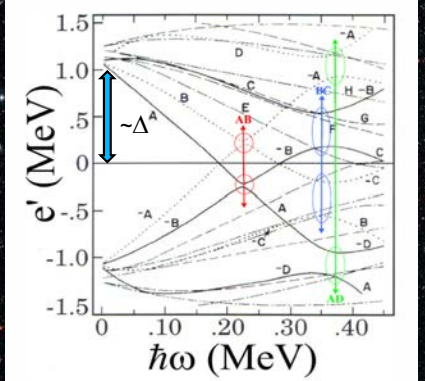

Quasi-particle configurations

Cranked shell model

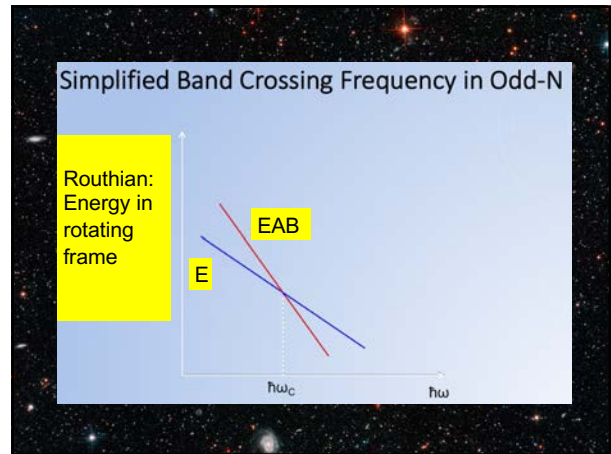
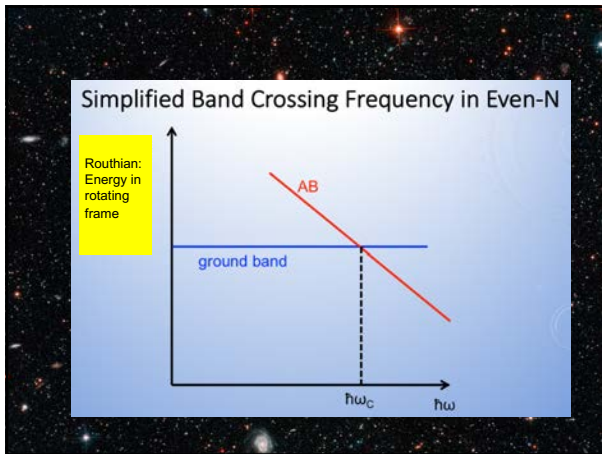
J. Simpson et al., J. Phys. 610 (1984) 383

Cranked Shell Model Quasi-particle diagram or Spagetti plot!

See Bengtsson, Frauendorf, May, At. Data and Nuc. Data Tables Vol 35, 15-122, 1986 And references therein





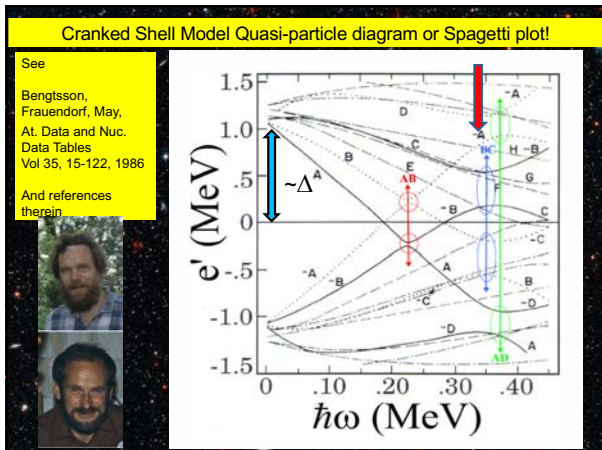
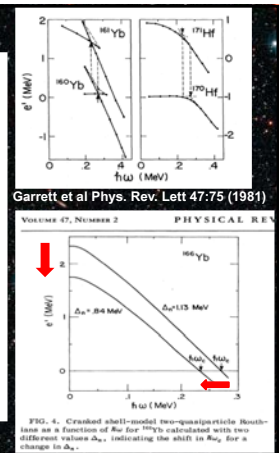
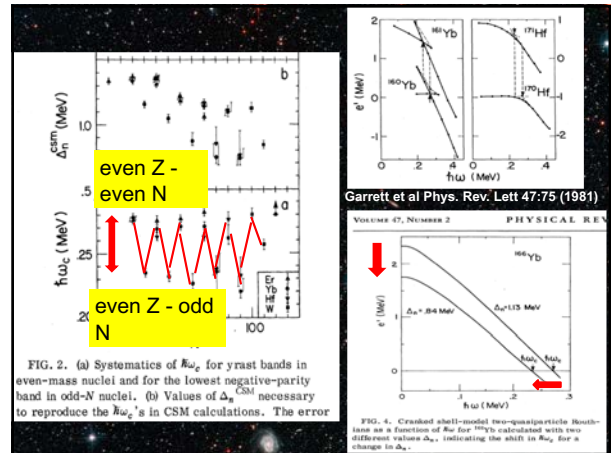
## Classic Paper!

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### Evidence for Decreased Pairing Energies in Odd-N Nuclei from Band-Crossing Frequencies

J. D. Garrett, O. Andersen, J. J. Gaardhøje, G. B. Hagemann, B. Herskind, J. Kownacki,<sup>1,2</sup> J. C. Lisle,<sup>3,4</sup> and L. L. Riedinger<sup>5,6</sup>  
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 (Received 23 March 1981)

An odd-even neutron-number dependence of the alignment frequency of the first pair of  $f_{7/2}$  quasineutrons in rare-earth nuclei is established. This effect is explained by a reduction of the neutron pairing-correlation parameter  $\Delta_n$  for odd-N systems as compared to seniority-zero configurations in even-N nuclei.

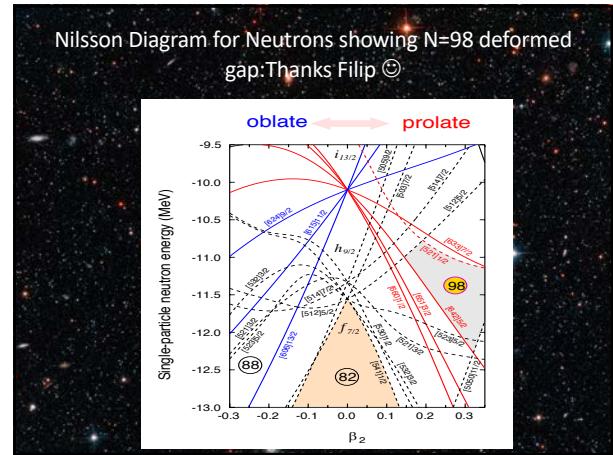
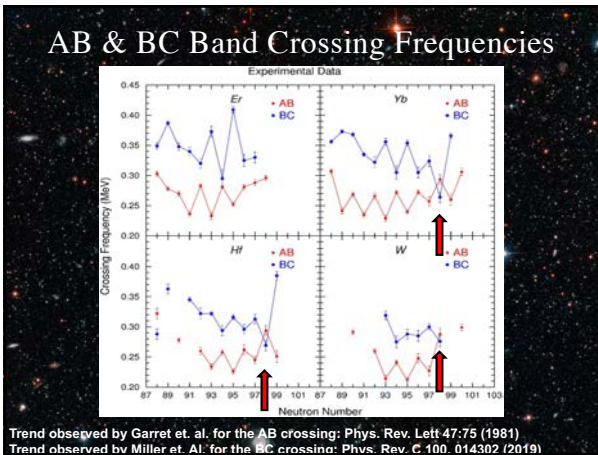
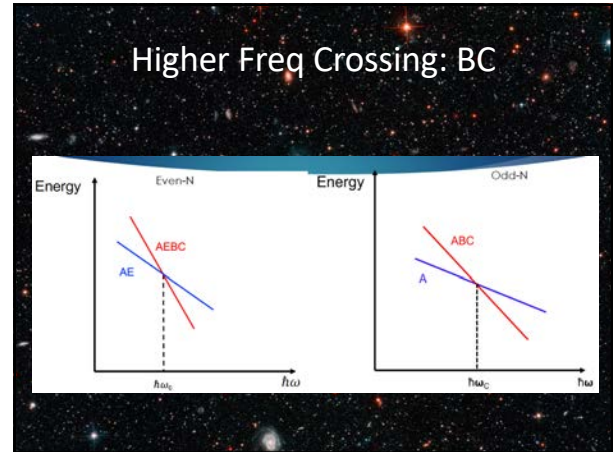
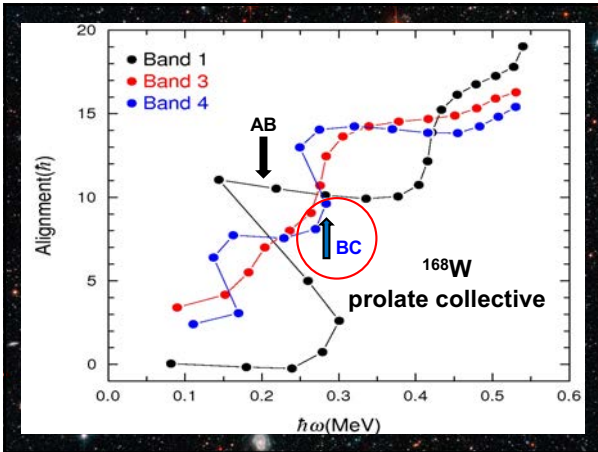


### Present: Looking at systematics of Higher seniority crossings

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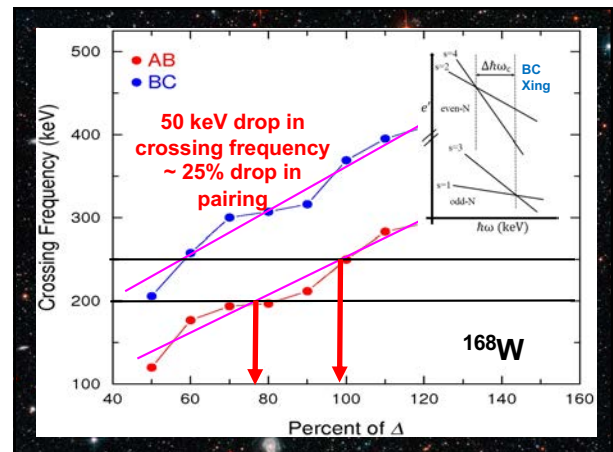
Have some fun looking at backbending properties ☺

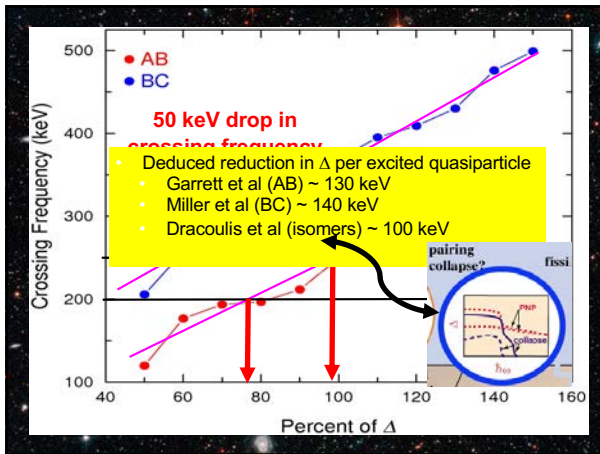
Kalisa Villafana  
FSU Grad Student



Seniority labels for band crossings

- 0>2 quasiparticles =  $S_{02}$
- 1>3 quasiparticles =  $S_{13}$
- 2>4 quasiparticles =  $S_{24}$
- Higher Seniority => Higher reduction in pairing due to Pauli Blocking
- Lower pairing => Lower crossing frequency





**Backbending, Seniority, and Pauli Blocking of Pairing Correlations at High Rotational Frequency in Rapidly Rotating Nuclei**

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**Possible quenching of static neutron pairing near the  $N = 98$  deformed shell gap: Rotational structures in  $^{160,161}\text{Gd}$**

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A  $^{160}\text{Gd}$  beam was accelerated to an energy of 1000 MeV and, separately, bombarded thick targets of  $^{154}\text{Sm}$  and  $^{159}\text{Dy}$  in order to observe neutron-rich, rare-earth nuclei via deep-inelastic collision processes. Gamma-spectra were used to observe  $\gamma$ -ray emissions. Many new states and transitions were observed in  $^{160}\text{Gd}$  as a result of so-called “unsafe” Coulomb excitation. The ground-state band in  $^{160}\text{Gd}$  has been extended to  $I^\pi = 20^+$  and a rotational band based on the  $K^\pi = 4^-$  state, previously associated with a hexadecapole vibration, was observed up to  $18^+$ . The quasiparticle configuration of the  $K^\pi = 4^-$  band has been determined, and its unusual alignment behavior may result from a possible quenching of static neutron pairing. In addition, the band based on the  $5/2^+$  quasinuclear orbital in  $^{161}\text{Gd}$  was extended from  $11/2^-$  to  $33/2^-$ , and also displays the same unusual alignment behavior.

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**Deep-inelastic reaction - a new tool for nuclear spectroscopy**  
 \*Fornal, B.; Broda, R.; Krolas, W.

**High-Spin State Studies with Deep-Inelastic Heavy Ion Reactions**

Rafal Broda  
 Nowodwizcanski Institute of Nuclear Physics PAN  
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R. Broda et al., Phys. Lett. B 251, 245 (1990)

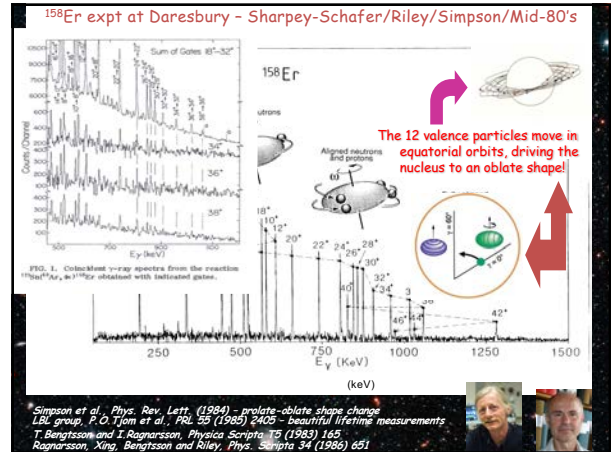
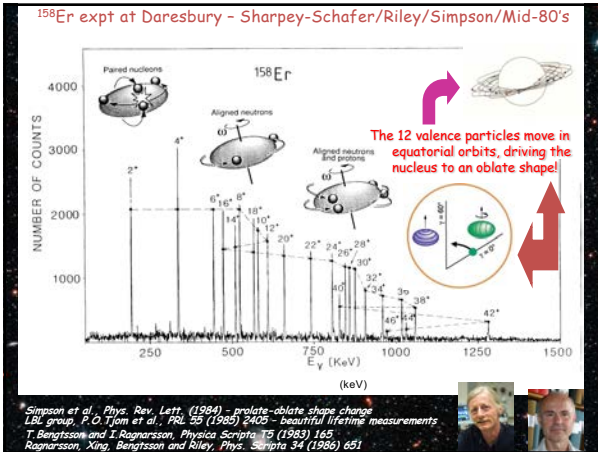
same unusual alignment behavior.

1 March 2021 issue of Physical Review C (Vol. 103, No. 3): <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevC.103.034322>



**Er-158 experiment at Daresbury Lab in the UK in mid-80's (Liverpool + NBI) TESSA2**

6 ESS + 50 element BGO ball  
 Plus a  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  beam!



### Band Termination in Heavy Nuclei

- Band termination occurs when the valence nucleons are fully aligned with the axis of rotation.
- In these erbium nuclei a prolate to oblate shape change occurs.
- This was the first time this effect had been seen in such a heavy nucleus.

Terminating Band  
Closed Core  
 $+(j_1, m_1) (j_2, m_2) (j_3, m_3) \dots$

prolate → triaxial → oblate

$I_{max} = 40 - 50h$   
 $I = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots$

T. Bengtsson and I. Ragnarsson Physica Scripta T5 (1983) 165  
Ragnarsson, Xing, Bengtsson and Riley, Phys. Scripta. 34 (1986) 651

### <sup>158</sup>Er: Filled orbitals relative to <sup>146</sup>Gd core.

Protons, Z=68		Neutrons, N=90	
$s_{1/2}$	—	$i_{13/2}$	—
$d_{3/2}$	—	$h_{9/2}$	—
$h_{11/2}$	—	$f_{7/2}$	—
$d_{5/2}$	—	$h_{11/2}$	—
$g_{7/2}$	—	$d_{3/2}$	—
$g_{9/2}$	—	$s_{1/2}$	—
$I_{max} = 24$	$16$	$30$	$32, 33$

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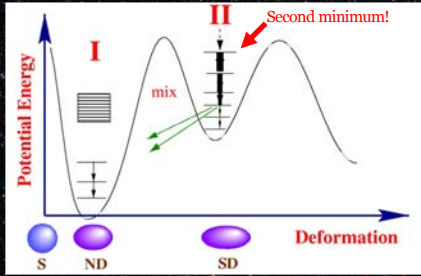
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# The Nucleus at Extreme Deformation



Second minimum in the nuclear potential energy!

Extremely deformed nucleus - 2:1 prolate (football shaped)

Can we create such states to investigate this new world?

Large array of escape-suppressed spectrometers led to a revolution in gamma-ray spectroscopy – A frenzy of activity and new physics!

~1990

Many array world wide  
10-20 ESS

TESSA, Nordball, Chateau de Cristal, HERA, ORIRIS, MIPAD, 8π, ANL, ...

Efficiency ~ 0.5% - 1.5%

Structure features ~1% of total nuclear intensity

- Superdeformation
- Shape Changes
- Alignments
- N=Z nuclei to Mo
- Damping
- Fission fragment spectroscopy
- Pairing collapse
- Octupole shapes

Physics programme required a much more efficiency array with high resolving power to lower the intensity limit by orders of magnitude

Increase the detection efficiency

Use more Ge detectors

Use large Ge detectors 70% - 80%

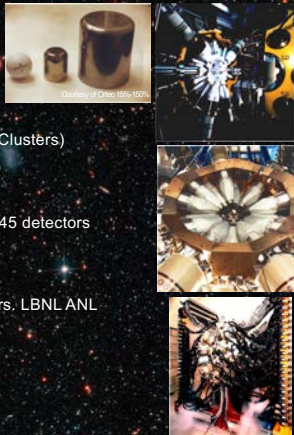
Composite Ge detectors (Clovers, Clusters)

GaSp, Legnaro, Italy 40 detectors

Eurogam 1 Daresbury UK/France 45 detectors

Euroball Strasbourg, Legnaro

Gammasphere F-1 30-100 detectors, LBNL ANL



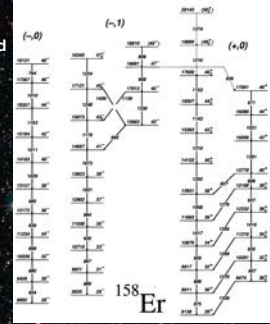
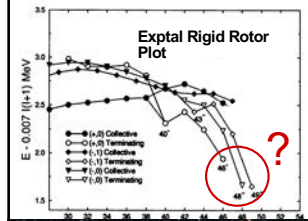
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- <sup>158</sup>Er again at Daresbury but now with EUROGAM (37 ESS)

Terminating states in the side bands too

Now see BT states at 46<sup>+</sup>, 48<sup>+</sup> and 49<sup>+</sup> and single particle states at 40<sup>+</sup> and 43<sup>+</sup>

Special BT states were used to help set theoretical parameters.

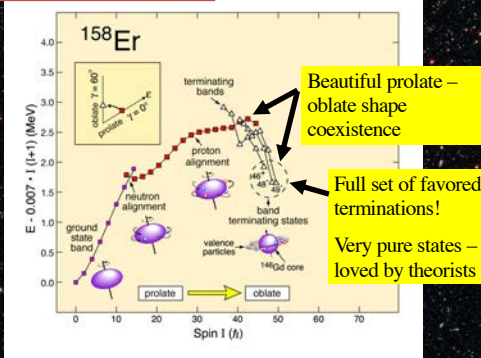


Simpson, Riley, JFSS et al., Phys. Lett. B327 (1994) 187

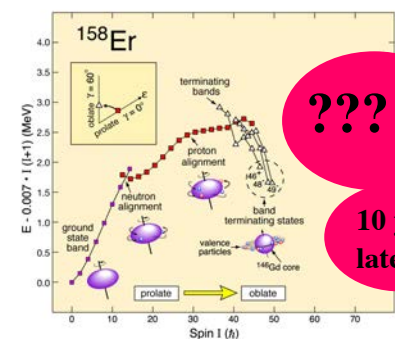
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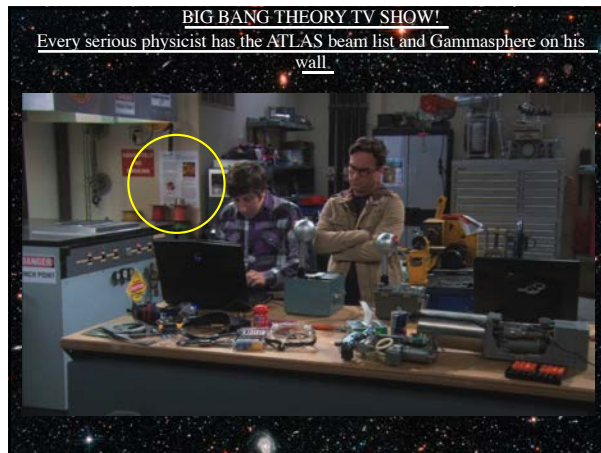
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## BUT WHAT LIES ABOVE BAND TERMINATION?





**Argonne ATLAS**  
Argonne Tandem Linear Accelerator System

The prime national facility for nuclear structure research

The ATLAS facility is a leading facility for nuclear structure research in the world. It provides a wide range of beams for nuclear structure and other research in a large variety of nuclei that are difficult to produce. The ATLAS facility is one of the world's best superconducting linear accelerators in the world, with a maximum energy of 100 MeV and a maximum current of 100 mA. It is also one of the world's best superconducting linear accelerators in the world, with a maximum energy of 100 MeV and a maximum current of 100 mA.

**User community**

ATLAS provides beams and experimental environments for a large community of nuclear scientists. In 2018, they were used by 100 researchers from 25 countries. The ATLAS facility is one of the world's best superconducting linear accelerators in the world, with a maximum energy of 100 MeV and a maximum current of 100 mA.

**ATLAS Beams for FY2006**

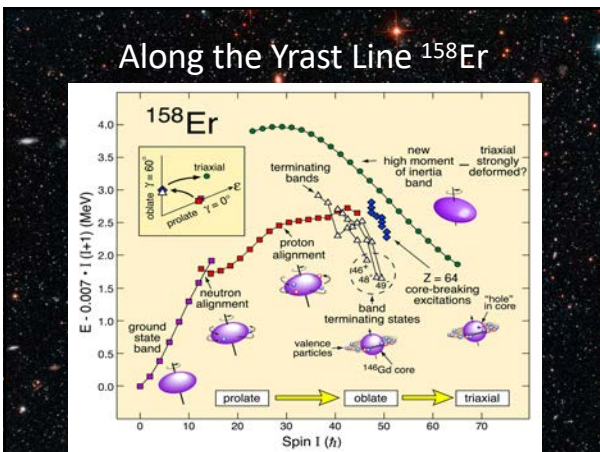
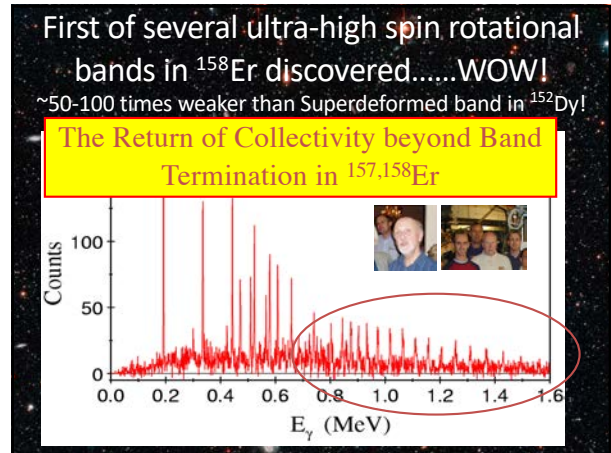
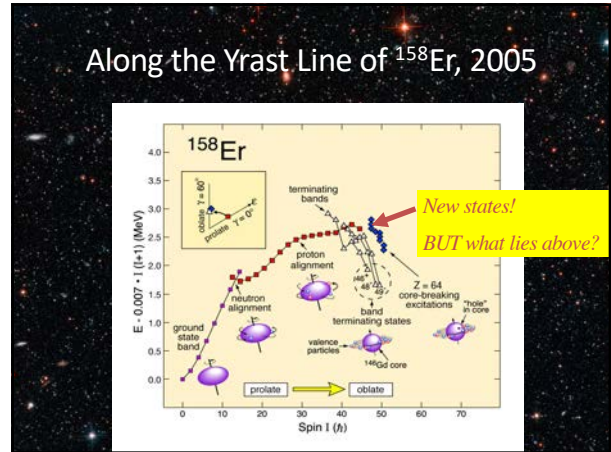
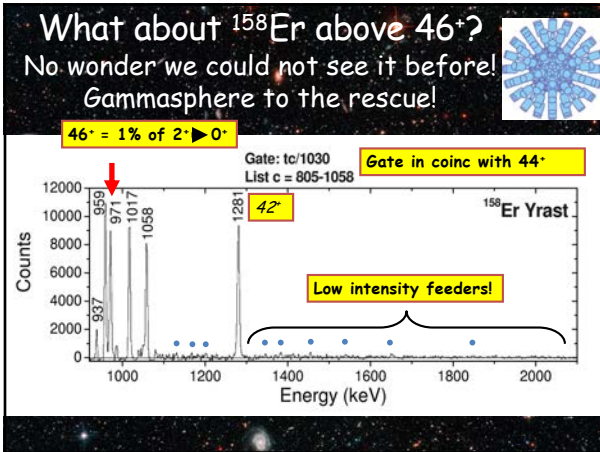
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## So 10 years later: GS = 97 ESS's! BEYOND BAND TERMINATION in $^{157,158}\text{Er}$ !

- $^{114}\text{Cd}(^{48}\text{Ca}, 4, 5n) @ 215\text{MeV}$   
GS Triggered on clean fold 7+
- FSU + Daresbury + Liverpool + LBNL + Lund
- $^{158}\text{Er}$  has taken time to crack!  
See below.
- But we had wonderful early success with  $^{157}\text{Er}$ :  
**A.O. Evans et al., PRL 92, 252502 (2004)**



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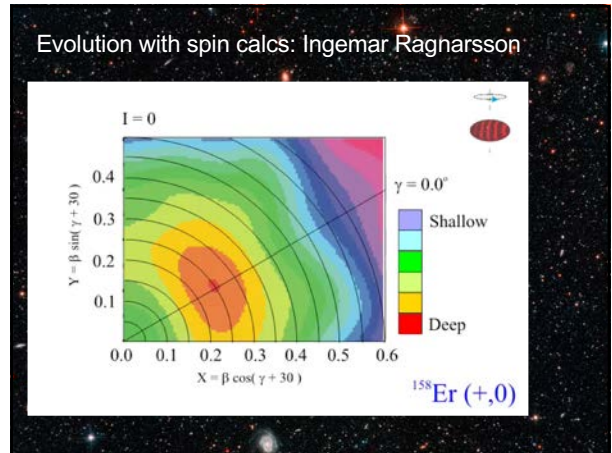
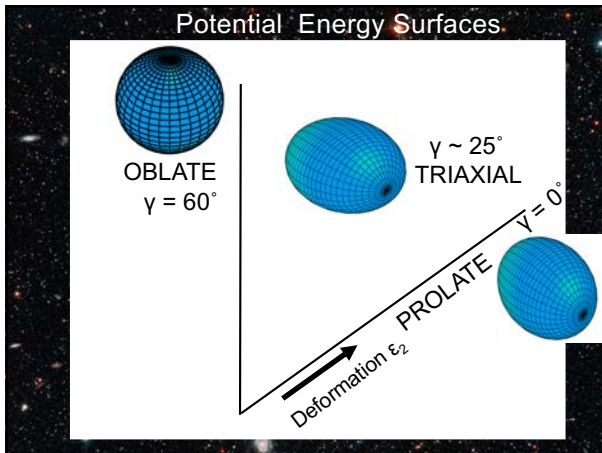
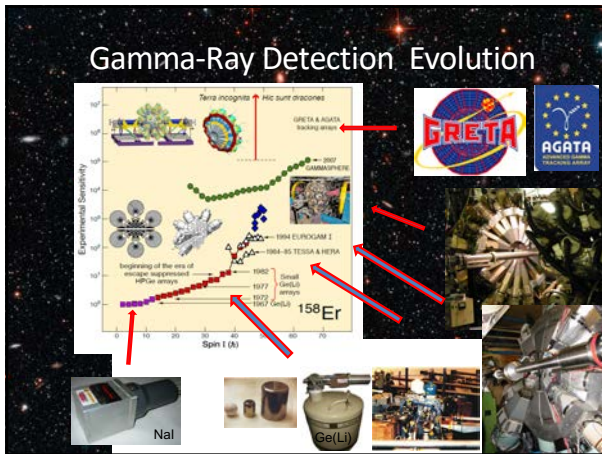
Return of Collective Rotation in  $^{157}\text{Er}$  and  $^{158}\text{Er}$  at Ultrahigh Spin

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A new frontier of discrete-line  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy at ultrahigh spin has been opened in the rare-earth nuclei  $^{157,158}\text{Er}$ . Four rotational structures, displaying high moments of inertia, have been identified, which extend up to spin  $\sim 65$  and beyond the band-terminating states in these nuclei which occur at  $\sim 45$ . Coupled Nilsson-Sterner calculations suggest that these structures arise from well-deformed triaxial configurations that lie in a valley of favored shell energy which also includes the triaxial strongly deformed bands in  $^{157,158}\text{Er}$ .

Selected as the first ever "Editors Suggestion" in nuclear physics.



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South Africa, iThemba: J. F. Sharpey-Schafer

**We measured the quadrupole moment of the band using Doppler Shift Attenuation Method..... Long story .. (Wang et al., Phys. Lett. B 702, 127, 2011) .. but result was NOT what was expected!!! ... motivated SOTA theoretical studies.**

**Self-Consistent Tilted-Axis-Cranking Study of Triaxial Strongly Deformed Bands in  $^{158}\text{Er}$  at Ultrahigh Spin**

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**The new tilted axis cranking (TAC) calculations reproduced measured  $Q_t$ , but, the relevant TSD minimum is not yrast until very high spin  $\sim 70\hbar$ .**



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Description of  $^{158}\text{Er}$  at ultrahigh spin in nuclear density functional theory

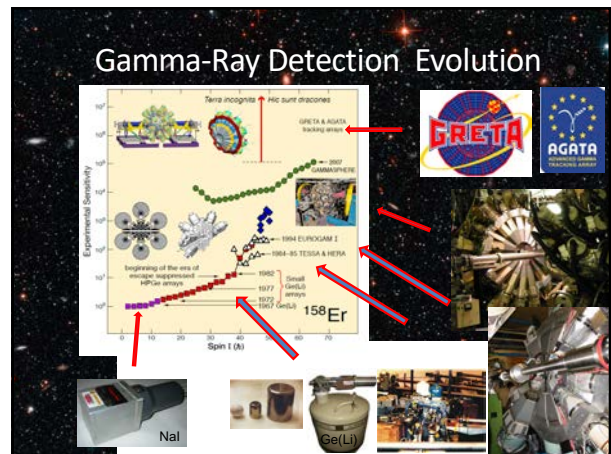
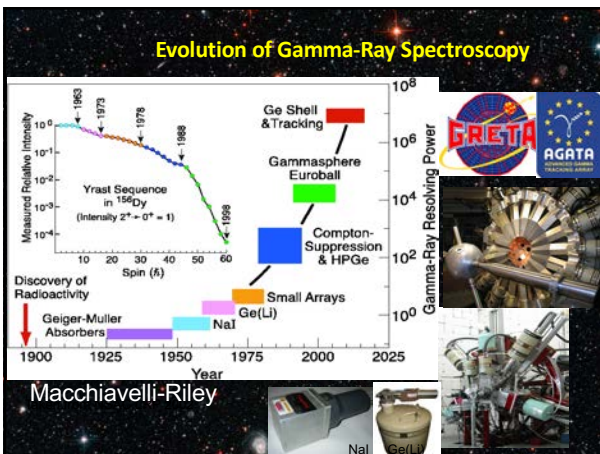
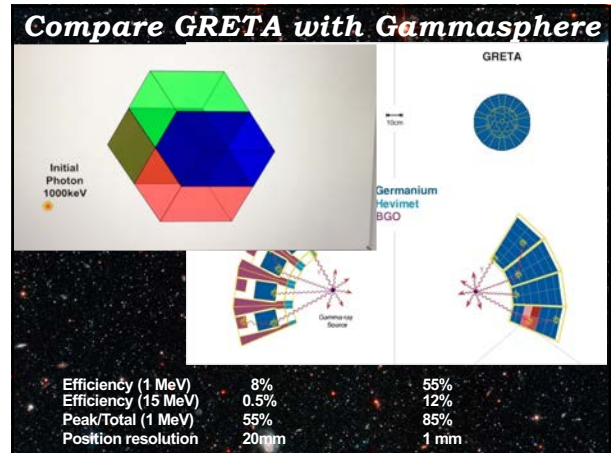
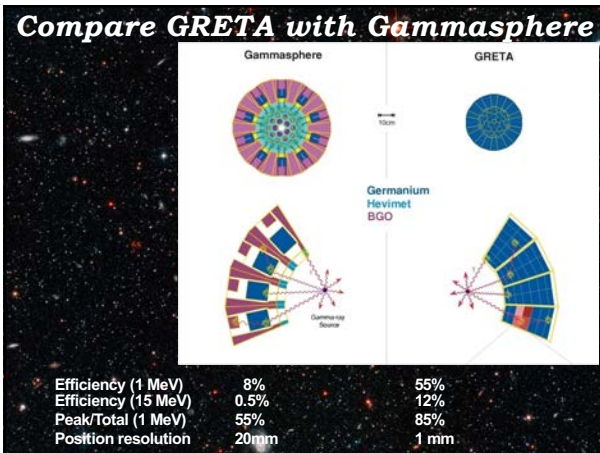
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**MOST DETAILED CALCULATIONS EVER!** If the theoretical spin assignments of Fig. 4 turned out to be correct, the experimental band 1 in  $^{158}\text{Er}$  would be the the highest spin structure ever observed. The current study stresses the need for more precise measurements of  $Q$ , and reliable estimates of spins in these bands.

Rem: Band is "floating"!

What Next?  
**GAMMA-RAY TRACKING!!!!**  
 US community (and European friends)  
 has been working on this revolutionary  
 technology since mid-late-90's ....

### Path to GRETA

'96

'02

2002 NSAC LRP "The detection of  $\gamma$ -ray emissions from excited nuclei plays a vital and ubiquitous role in nuclear science..."

2007 NSAC LRP "Construction of GRETA should begin immediately upon successful completion of the GRETINA array"

concept endorsed – GRETA identified as a key instrument for FRIB

### THE FUTURE OF HIGH RESOLUTION NUCLEAR SPECTROSCOPY LOOKS VERY BRIGHT INDEED!!! ☺

The Gamma-Ray Energy Tracking Array -GRETA

The Advanced Gamma Tracking Array AGATA

### Why do we need more efficiency?

FAIR  
SPIRAL2  
SPES  
HIE-ISOLDE  
FRIB

- Low intensity
- High background
- Large Doppler broadening
- High counting rates
- High gamma-ray multiplicities

Harsh conditions  
Need instrumentation with

High efficiency  
High sensitivity  
High throughput  
Ancillary detectors

Conventional arrays will not suffice!

### Worldwide Rare Isotope Facilities

W. Nazarewicz

Magenta - In-flight production  
Black - In-target (ISOL) production

• Vibrant field with two facility classes: Large scale and targeted. The large facilities could do everything, but targeted programs yield faster overall progress, more innovation, and are more economical

### Facility Timelines

W. Nazarewicz

The start dates of some facilities (SPIRAL2, ARIEL, FAIR, RISP) are not yet firm

New facilities + new detectors!!!  
Their discovery potential is phenomena!!!!  
Great time for nuclear physics!!!!

GAMMA-RAY SPECTROSCOPY CONTINUES TO PLAY A  
CENTRAL AND VITAL ROLE!!!

THE KRAKOW GROUP WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL!!

THANK YOU!



### Exploration of the Mid-Shell Neutron-Rich, Rare-Earth Region

#### Via Deep-Inelastic Collisions 209

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- Use deep-inelastic collisions to populate excited states in neutron-rich nuclei and observe sequences up to medium spin.
- Beam and target interact and exchange particles that can create neutron-rich species at medium spins.
- Recent theoretical study suggested  $^{160}\text{Gd} + ^{154}\text{Sm}$  reaction may produce more than 40 neutron-rich nuclei.
  - Wang & Guo, PLB 760, 236 (2016)

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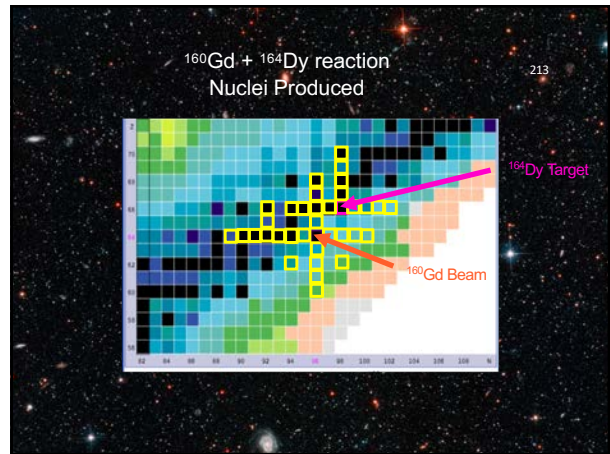
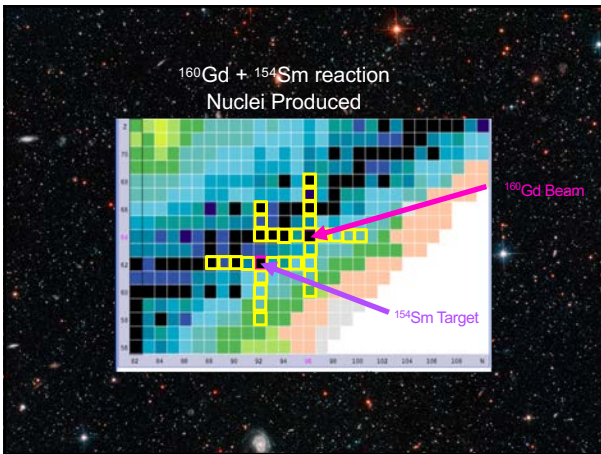
- Use of neutron spin.
- Beam create
- Recent produc
- Wang

Figure 1: Excitation energy of the lowest  $2^+$  states in even-even, rare-earth nuclei.

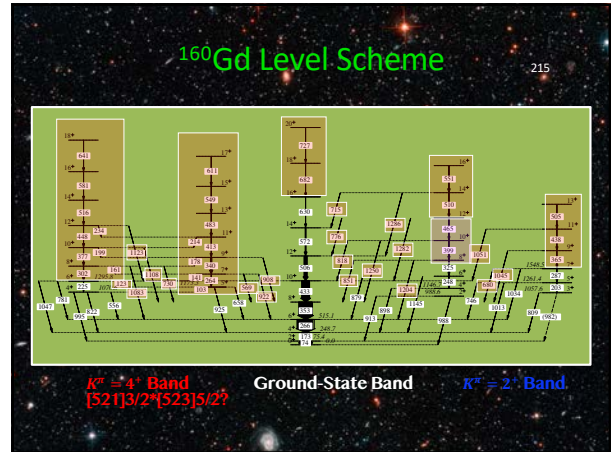
## Deep-inelastic experiment details

- ATLAS + GAMMASPHERE
- Used  $^{160}\text{Gd}$  beam with  $E = 1000\text{ MeV}$
- Directed beam onto  $^{152}\text{Sm}$  and  $^{164}\text{Dy}$  targets ( $>200\text{ mg/cm}^2$ )

- Is GAMMASPHERE double-peaking?
- No – both beam and target
- Coulomb peaks dominate spectra
- Complex analysis



And then there were gamma-rays!



### Something unusual in alignment...

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- Alignment: Angular Momentum generated by unpaired particles.
- GSB and  $K^\pi = 2^+$  band exhibit alignment jumps.
- $K^\pi = 4^+$  band should exhibit same behavior - but it has a remarkably constant gain.

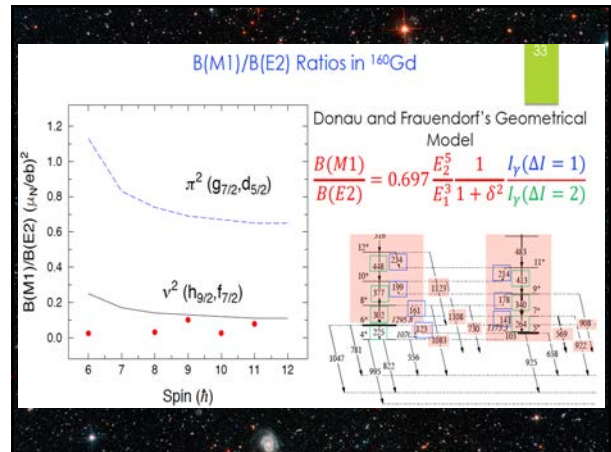
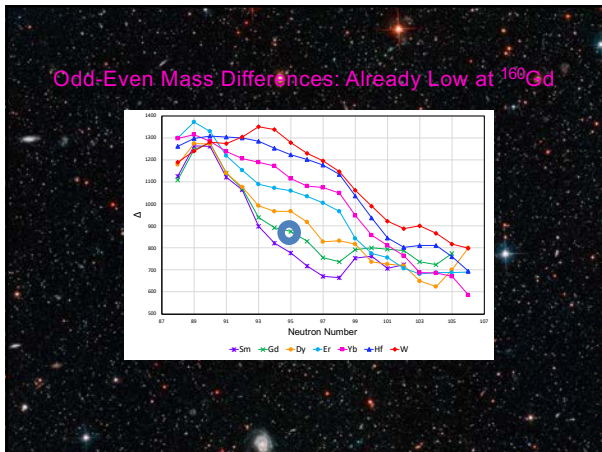
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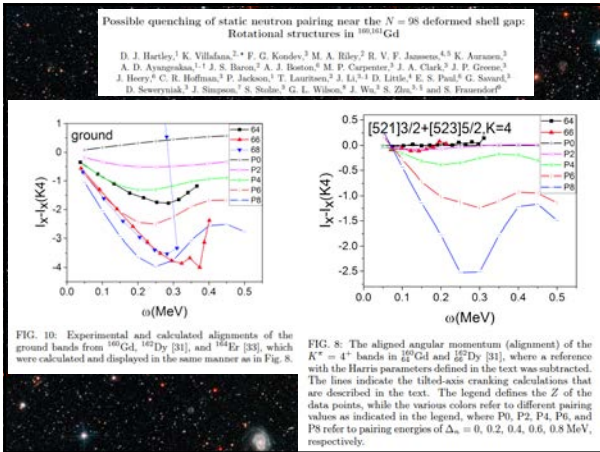
$K^\pi = 2^+$

Ground-State

### Why is gain in alignment so constant $K=4$ Band?

- Frauendorf suggests this may be due to lack of pairing.
- Neutron pairing already small, then block two orbitals near  $N=98$  gap.
- Lack of Pairing similar to  $^{174,173}\text{Yb}$ : Venkova et al., EPJA 26, 19 (2005). "Suppression of band crossing in the neutron-rich nuclei  $^{172,173}\text{Yb}$  due to the absence of a static pair field"





## Deep Inelastic collaboration

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