

Taking Nuclei for a Spin

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Nuclear Physics Over The Years: From the high spin era to rare isotopes
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Marking time



earlier

in units of
Gordon
Conferences



2001



somewhat
later



now

Between 1983 and 2025, we have co-authored a modest 122 papers

in the beginning.... 1983.... >40 years ago

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ALIGNED $\nu_{13/2}$ BANDS COUPLED TO DIFFERENT SHAPES IN $^{186}\text{Hg}^*$

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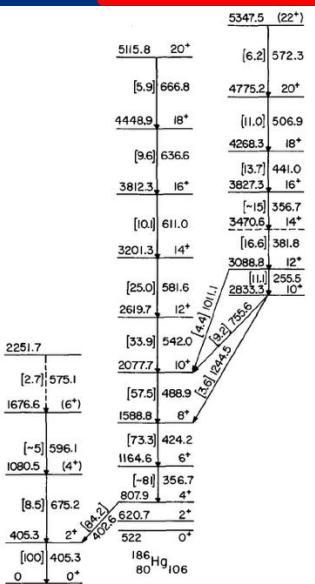
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LEVEL STRUCTURE OF ^{153}Dy AND THE COMPETITION BETWEEN COLLECTIVE AND FEW-PARTICLE EXCITATION MODES IN Dy NUCLEI^{*}

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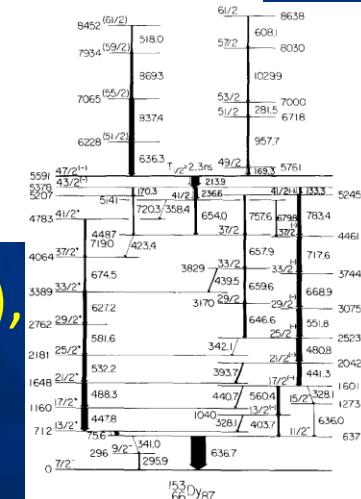
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Argonne Tandem-Linac, ^{34}S beams, NaI Sum Spectrometer, 2-3 Ge(Li),
2 large NaI crystals, liquid scintillators for neutrons

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Suppression of Neutron Emission after Heavy-Ion Fusion: Is Shape Relaxation Affected by a Superdeformed Minimum?

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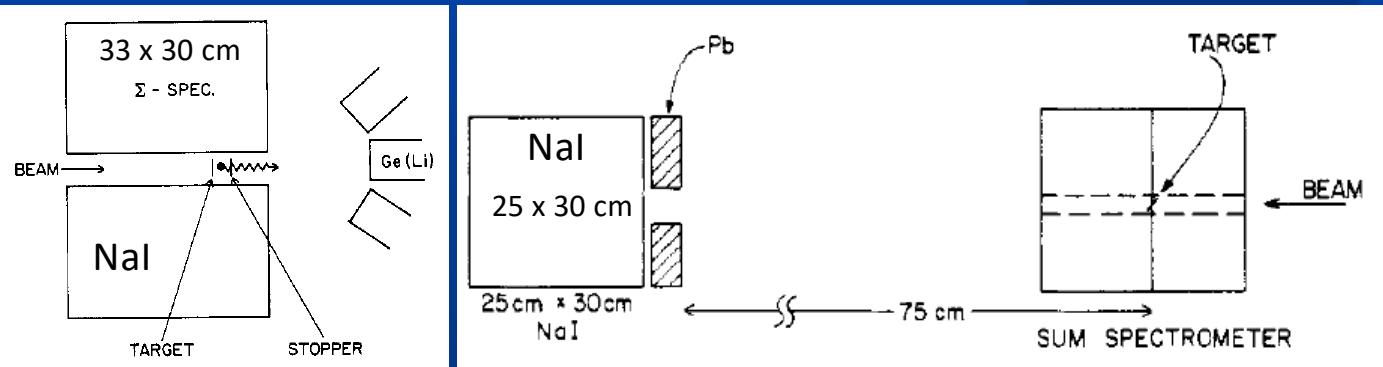
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Sum spectrometers & continuum spectroscopy



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Very High Spin Yrast States and the Link to the Continuum

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my focus at Argonne, just pre-Robert, learning a lot of new things

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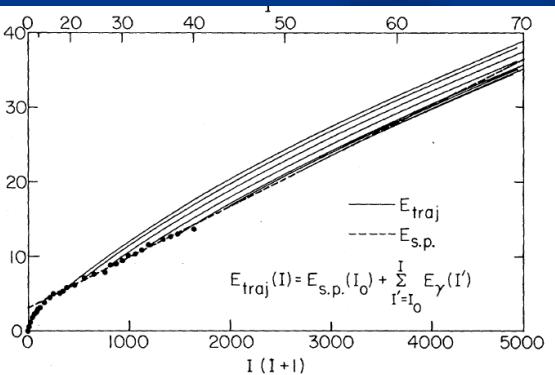
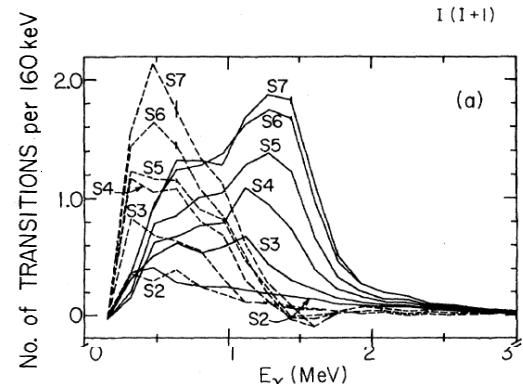
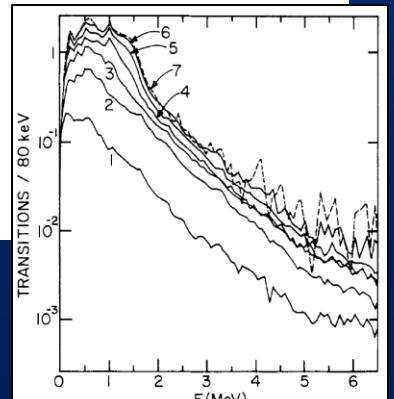
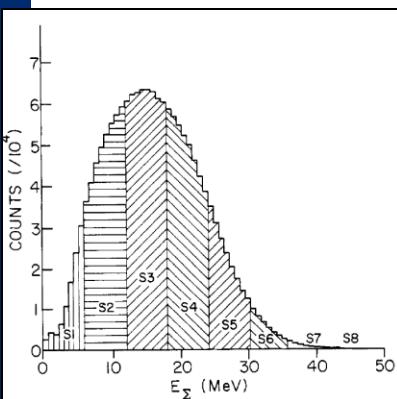
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Feeding of High-Spin Particle Yrast States by Collective Structures in the Continuum

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NUCLEON ALIGNMENT TO VERY HIGH SPINS IN ^{147}Gd :
RAPID "ROTATION" OF A FERMION SYSTEM

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NUCLEAR STRUCTURE EFFECTS IN THE FEEDING OF YRAST
STATES OF Gd, Dy AND Er NUCLEI

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FEEDING TIMES OF HIGH-SPIN STATES IN $^{152,154}\text{Dy}$:
Probes of nuclear structure above the yrast line

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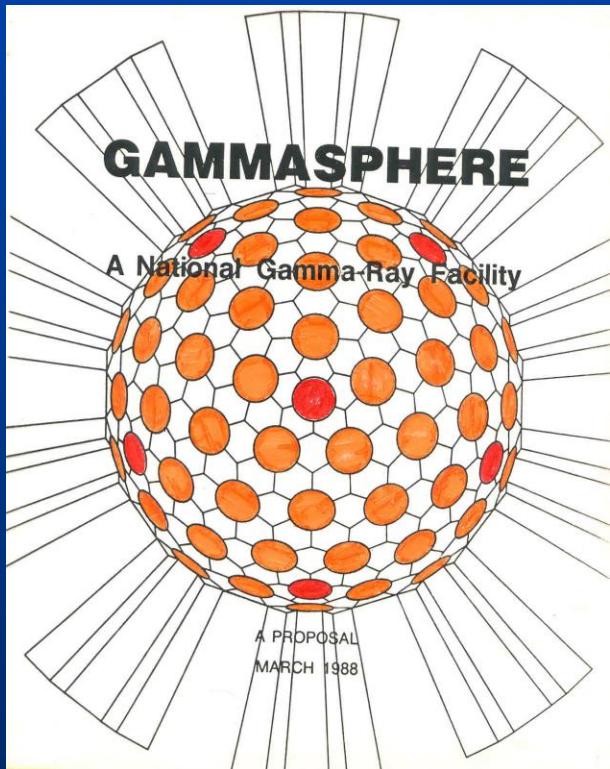
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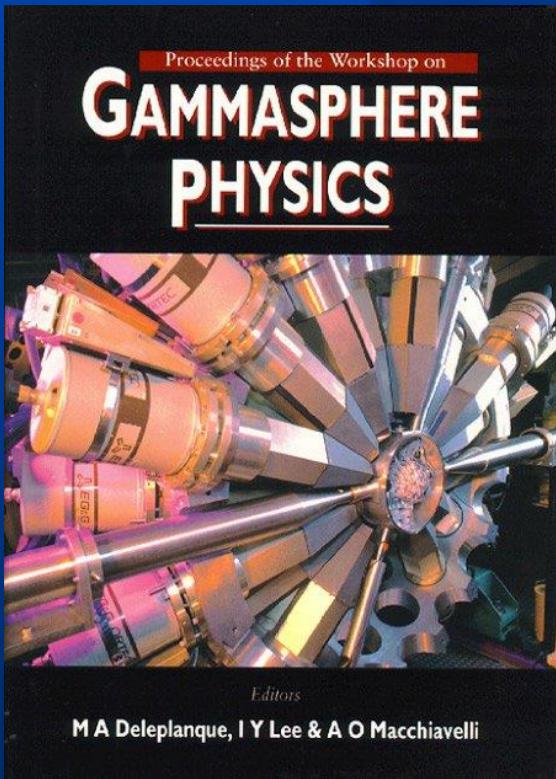
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Late 1980's to the 1990's



GS proposal 1988



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Novel Decay Modes of High-*K* Isomers: Tunneling in a Triaxial Landscape

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Meanwhile back at the ranch...

ANL-ND BGO array
12 Compton-suppressed Ge
38-element BGO hexagons

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High-*K* isomers in ^{176}W and mechanisms of *K* violation

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Opening up the $A \approx 180$ K-isomer landscape: inelastic excitation of new multi-quasiparticle yrast traps

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Yrast three-quasiparticle K isomers in neutron-rich ^{181}Hf

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High-K isomers in neutron-rich hafnium nuclei at and beyond the stability line

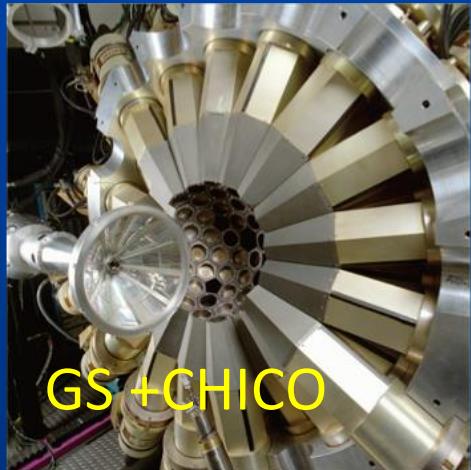
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Accessing K-isomers in the neutron-rich $A \sim 180$ region via inelastic excitation and transfer and Gammasphere

Late 2000's



^{180}Hf
beam on
 ^{232}Th

GS +CHICO



$^{209}\text{Bi}, ^{207}\text{Pb}$
beams on
 $^{248}\text{Cm}, ^{249}\text{Cf}$

GS standalone

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Collective Oblate Rotation at High Spins in Neutron-Rich ^{180}Hf

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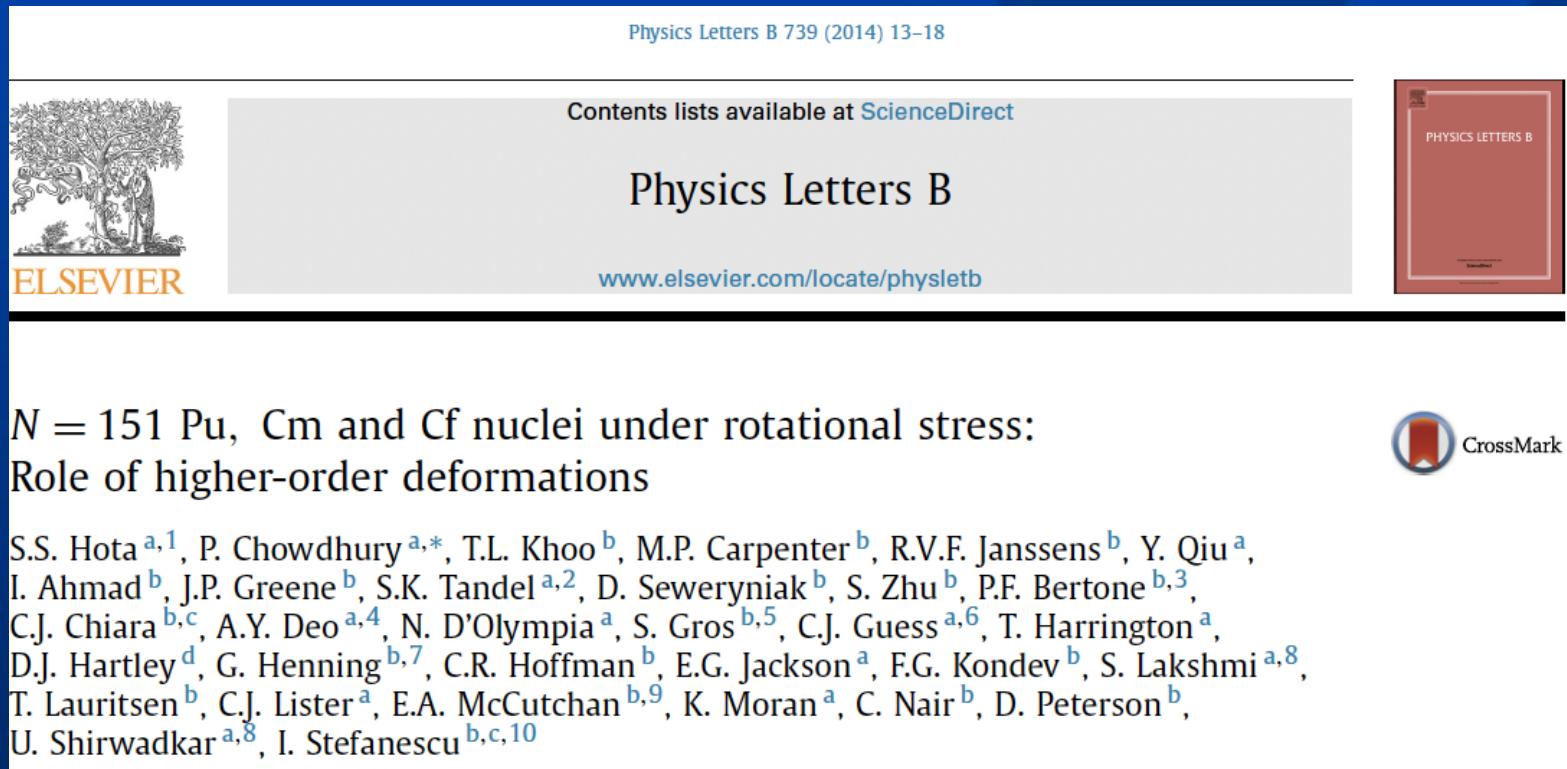
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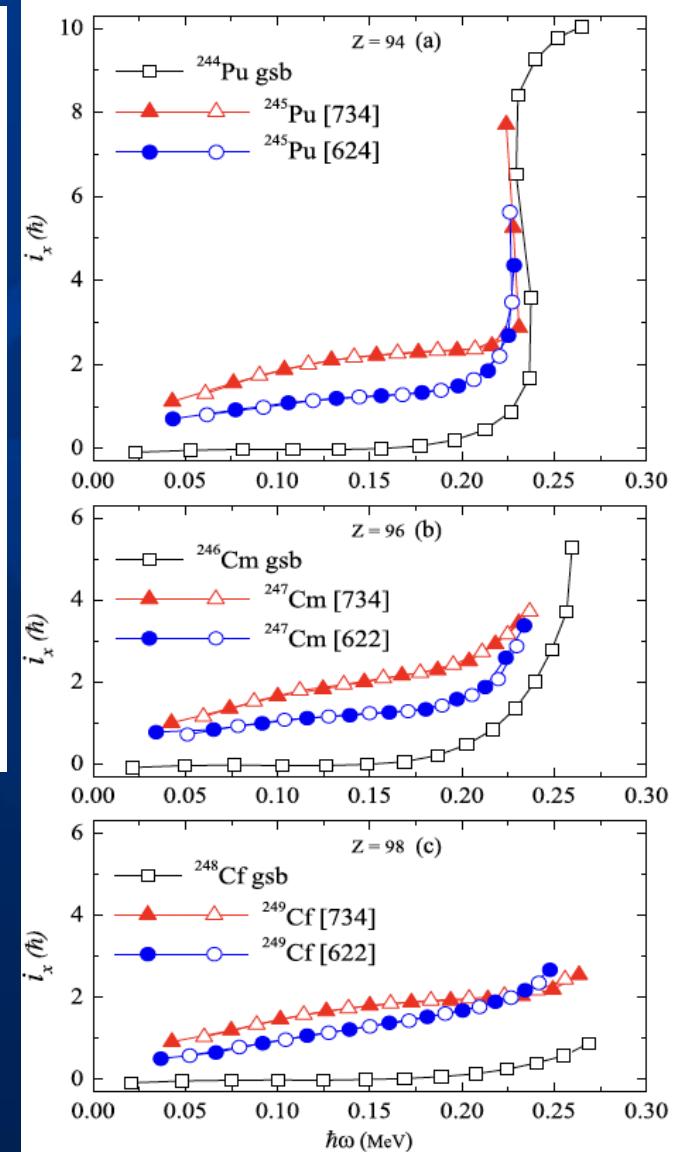
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Heavy beams on radioactive targets

2010's



+ more manuscripts on related
measurements in this period with heavy
beams and radioactive targets in the pipeline



208Pb on
 ^{244}Pu

209Bi on
 ^{248}Cm

208Pb on
 ^{249}Cf



a moving experience



Robert Janssens



Robert and I did not always
see eye to eye on things....

But when we pulled in the same
direction we were **MIGHTY** strong

Best wishes for the future and fond
memories from the past.

KIM

To Robert



We have meandered through a lot of physics, instrumentation and life together. We have spun high, evolved in shape, and measured half-lives over more than half our lives. Cheers to a life of friendship!