RDDS lifetime measurements in ^{184,186}Hg

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Shape coexistence in the Hg region...

(a) ¹⁸⁴Hg - (b) ¹⁸⁶Hg













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	A	34.54742
	В	52.80420
	С	69.82033
	D	110.17967
	E	127.19580
	F	145.45258
	G	162.72535

Ring	GS Angle		Ring	GS Angle	
0	17.27465	x0	9	99.29040	x5
1	31.71747	x5	10	100.81232	x5
2	37.37737	x5	11	110.17967	x10
3	50.06504	x10	12	121.71747	x5
4	58.28253	x5	13	129.93496	x10
5	69.82033	x10	14	142.62263	x5
6	79.18768	x5	15	148.28253	x5
7	80.70960	x5	16	162.72535	x5
8	90.00000	x10			

Coincidence method - shifted



- Gate on shifted component of feeding transition, A
- Nucleus in flight *and* in state of interest, **y**
- Time(distance) behaviour of depopulating transition, **B**, describes lifetime of state **y**.



Coincidence Method - stopped



- Gate on stopped component of depopulating transition, **B**
- Nucleus stopped when **y** decays
- Time(distance) behaviour of feeding transition, A, describes lifetime of state y but susceptible to side-feeding



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Gate on shifted component of $4^+ \rightarrow 2^+$ transition in ¹⁸⁴Hg Counts per keV 1400 1200 $_6^+ \rightarrow 4^+$ $\rightarrow 6^{\dagger}$ 1200 $\rightarrow 0^{+}$ 1000 10⁺ → 8[·] 800 600 $12^+ \rightarrow 10^+$ 400 200 0 300 350 450 500 550 600 400 650 700 Energy [keV]

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¹⁸⁴Hg - Lifetimes $\tau(6^+) = 9.06 \pm 0.26 \text{ ps}$ 9.6 9.2 $\tau \, [\mathrm{ps}]$ 8.8 8.4 8.0 I_{sh} र् 6000 र्ट 5000 4000 3000 2000 1000 0 I_{us} 2000 15001000 500

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100

Distance $[\mu m]$

1000

• Differential Decay Curve Method (DDCM) [1]

• Can be done for each 'ring' independently

• 7 measurements for each state.

[1] Dewald, A., Möller, O., & Petkov, P. (2012).
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¹⁸⁶Hg - Doublet





[1] Grahn, T., et al. (2009). *Phys. Rev. C*, **80**(1), 14324. doi:10.1103/PhysRevC.80.014324

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Lifetimes

	$E_{\gamma} \; (\mathrm{keV})$	I^{π}	$ au_{ave} \ (ps)$	$ au_{prev}$ (ps)	B(E2) (W.u)	$ Q_t $
¹⁸⁴ Hg	366.7	2_{1}^{+}	35.8(15)	30(7)	52(2)	4.03(8)
	287.0	4_{1}^{+}	30.2(10)	32.8(34)	191(6)	6.46(10)
	340.1	6_{1}^{+}	8.7(4)	8.1(31)	307(15)	7.81(19)
	418.3	8^+_1	3.19(14)	$2.9^{+1.1}_{-1.6}$	309(13)	7.65(17)
	329.1	$9_3^{(-)}$	12.2(8)	—	160(30)	5.5(5)
186 Hg	405.3	2_{1}^{+}	24(3)	26(4)	47(6)	3.9(2)
	402.6	4_{1}^{+}	5.6(20)	13(4)	200(70)	6.6(12)
	356.7	6_{1}^{+}	9.1(4)	7(3)	231(10)	6.82(15)
	424.2	8_{1}^{+}	4.5(3)	≈ 4	202(14)	6.2(2)
	488.9	10^{+}_{1}	1.9(2)	—	238(25)	6.7(4)



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Mixing results

$$B(E2) \downarrow values$$

$$E_{2} \xrightarrow{(-\sin x) \phi_{1} + (\cos x) \psi_{1}} E_{1}$$

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$$\psi_{1} \xrightarrow{\phi_{1}} \Phi_{1}$$

$$\overline{\psi_{1-2} \quad \phi_{1-2}}$$

$$E_{3} \xrightarrow{(\sin y) \phi_{1-2} + (\cos y) \psi_{1-2}} \xrightarrow{(\cos y) \phi_{1-2} + (-\sin y) \psi_{1-2}} E_{4}$$

$$B(E2; 1 \rightarrow 3) = \frac{5}{16\pi} e^{2} [\cos x \sin y \langle IK_{\varphi} 20 | I - 2K_{\varphi} \rangle Q_{\varphi} + \sin x \cos y \langle IK_{\varphi} 20 | I - 2K_{\psi} \rangle Q_{\psi}]^{2}$$

$$B(E2; 1 \rightarrow 4) = \frac{5}{16\pi} e^{2} [\cos x \cos y \langle IK_{\varphi} 20 | I - 2K_{\varphi} \rangle Q_{\varphi} - \sin x \sin y \langle IK_{\psi} 20 | I - 2K_{\psi} \rangle Q_{\psi}]^{2}$$

AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG
	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF	BG
		CC	CD	CE	CF	CG
			DD	DE	DF	DG
				EE	EF	EG
					FF	FG
ху						GG

- Unpacked events into γ - γ -matrices
- Each ring against every other = 28
- Gate lists for each ring (θ) and each transition

AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG
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gate on y-, project to x-axis sum 7 spectra —> Ring A	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG
		BB	BC	BD	BE	BF	BG
			CC	CD	CE	CF	CG
				DD	DE	DF	DG
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FIG. 1. Proposed level scheme for ¹⁸⁴Hg.



Level scheme from: F. Hannaci et al. Nucl. Phys. A 481 (1988) 135



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