

Experiment E676@GANIL:  
Lifetime measurements of excited states in  
neutron-rich C and O isotopes as a test of the  
three-body forces

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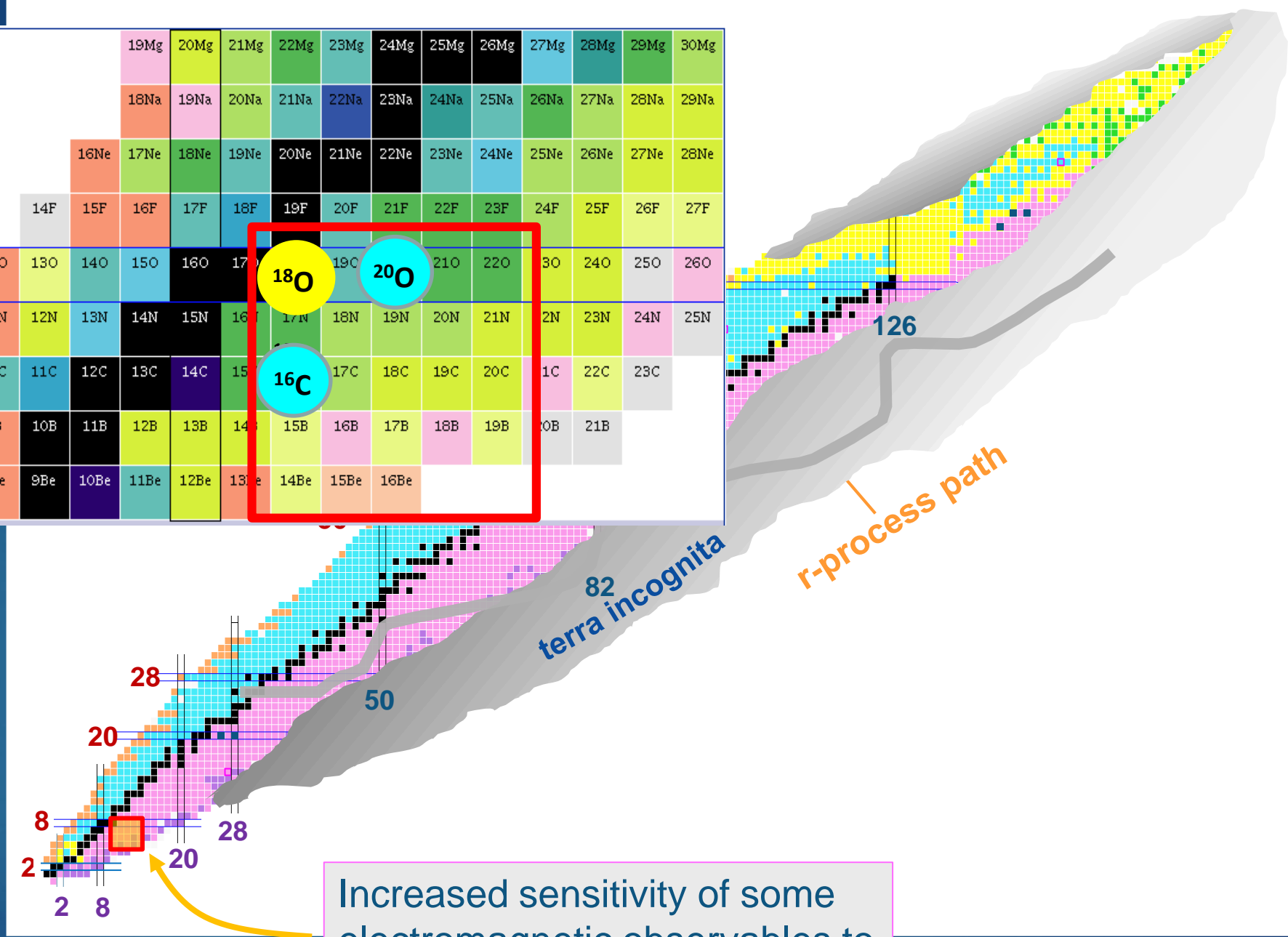
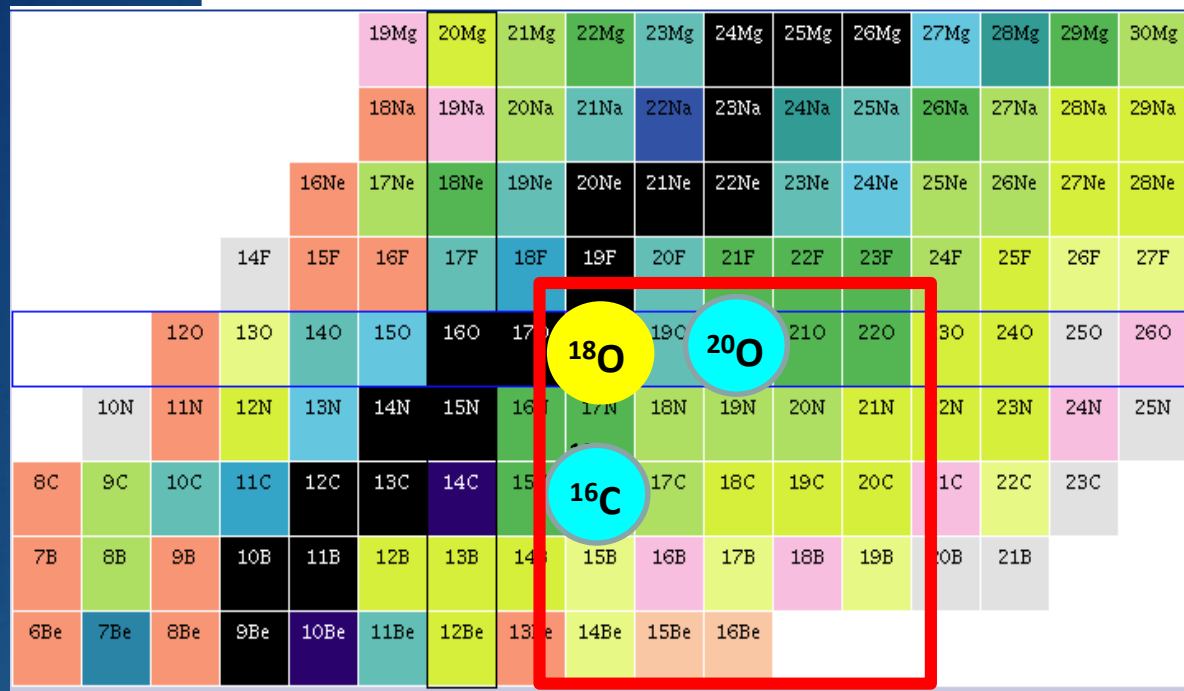
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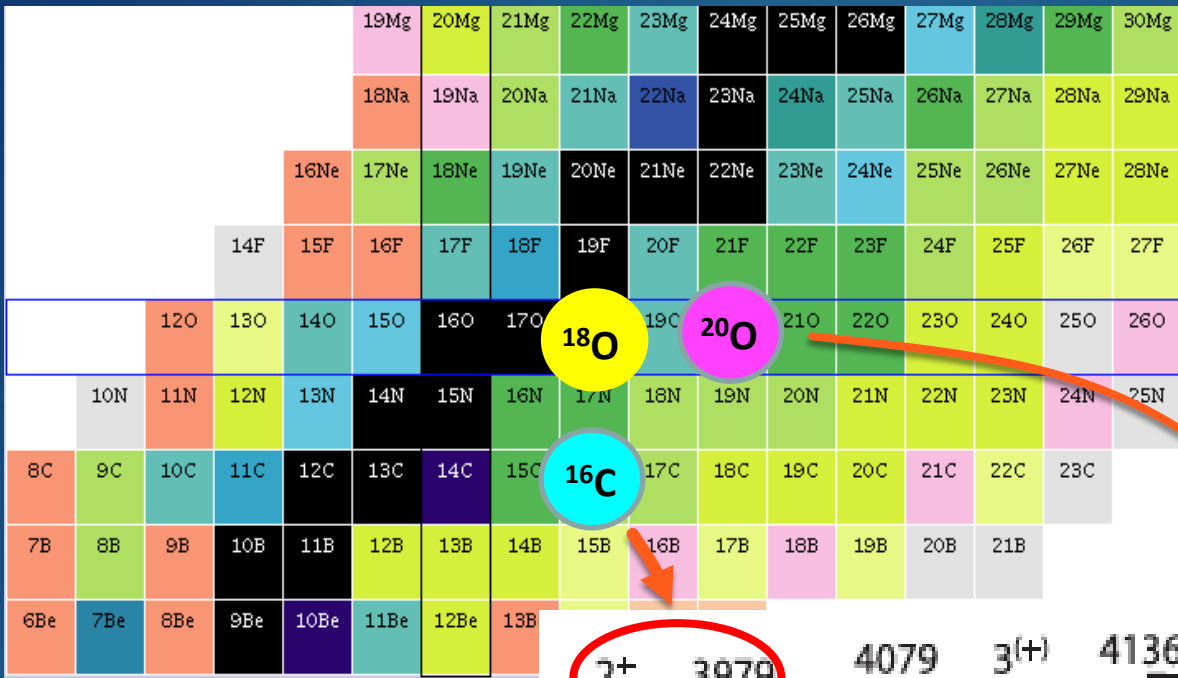
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Increased sensitivity of some electromagnetic observables to the details of n-n force

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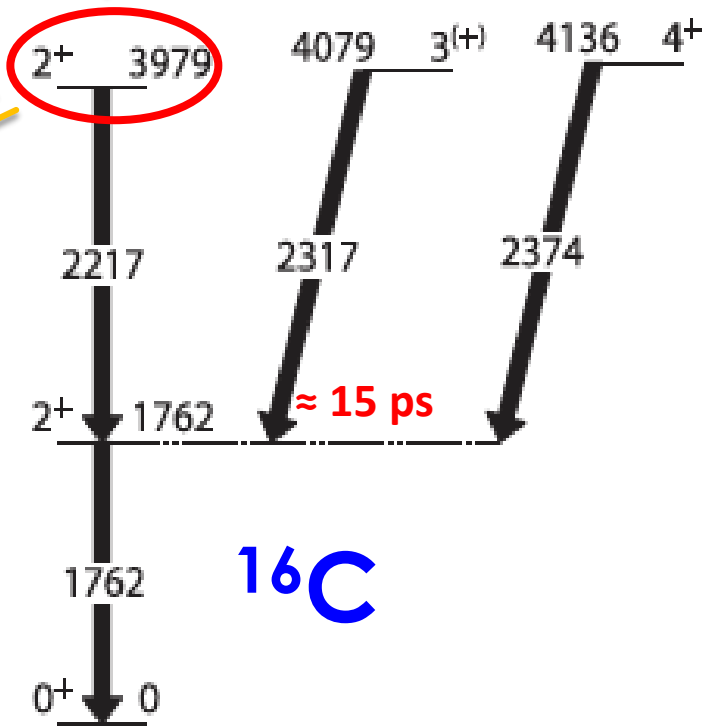


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Many-Body-Pert. Theory calculations  
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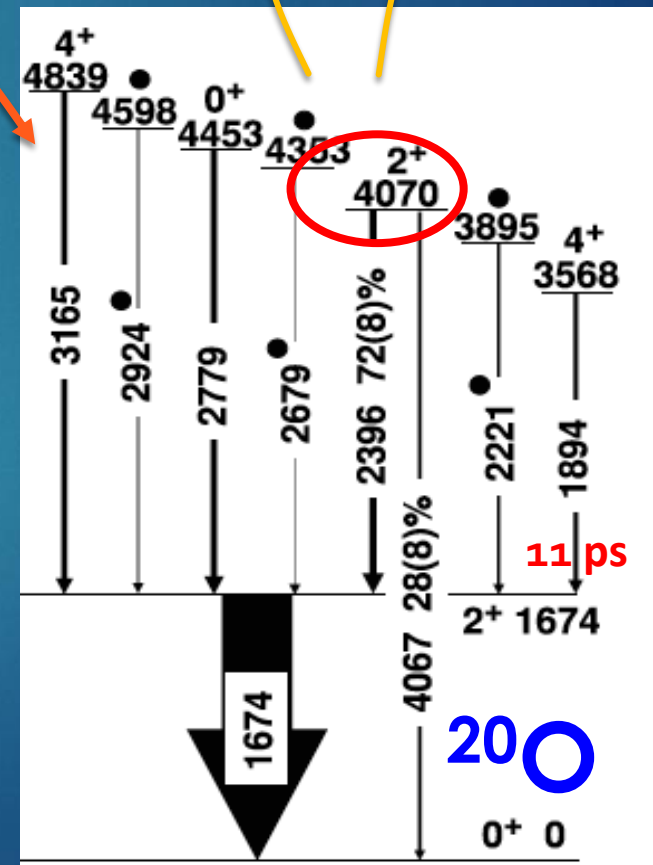
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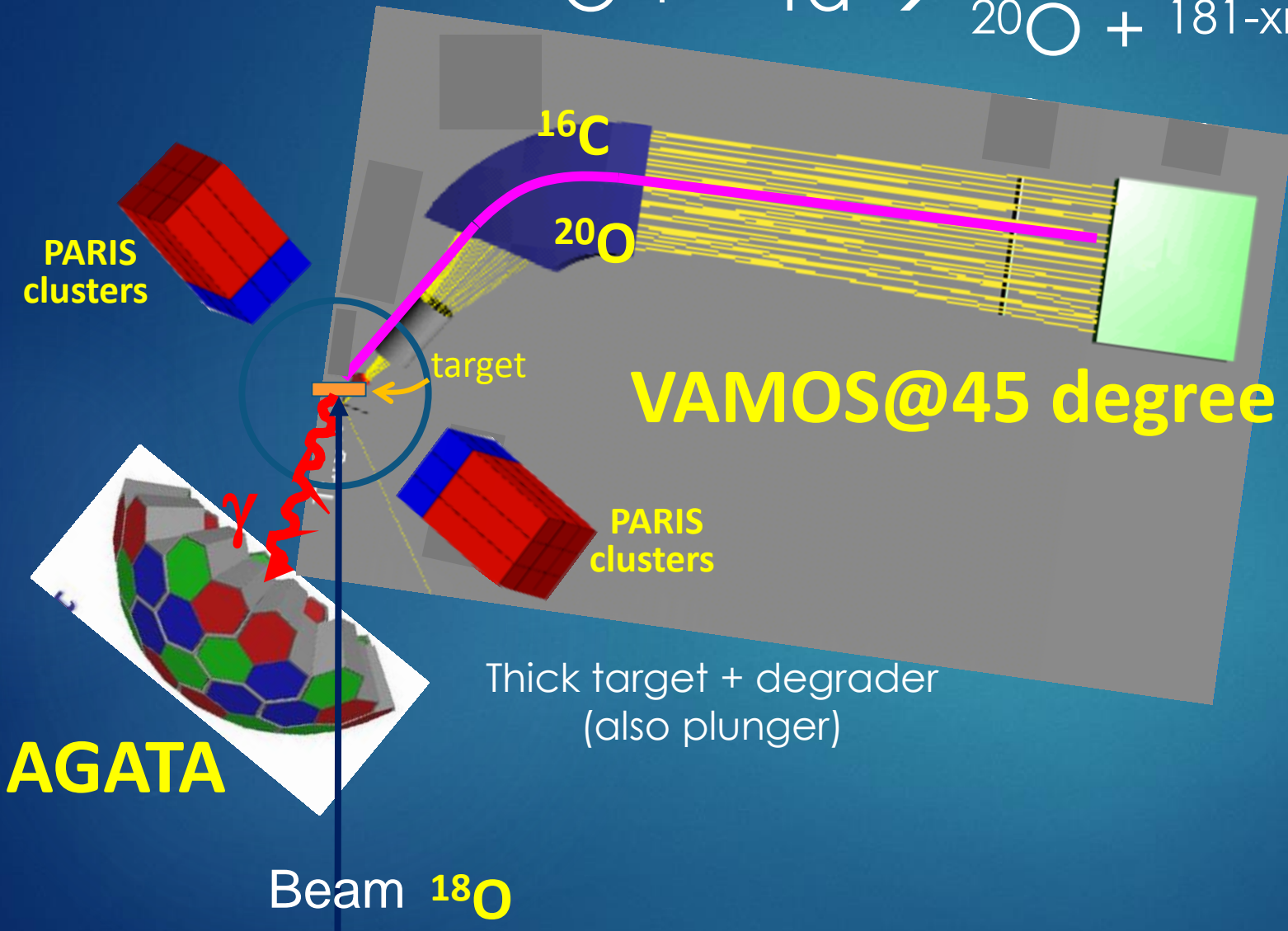


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# Experimental setup - E676@GANIL

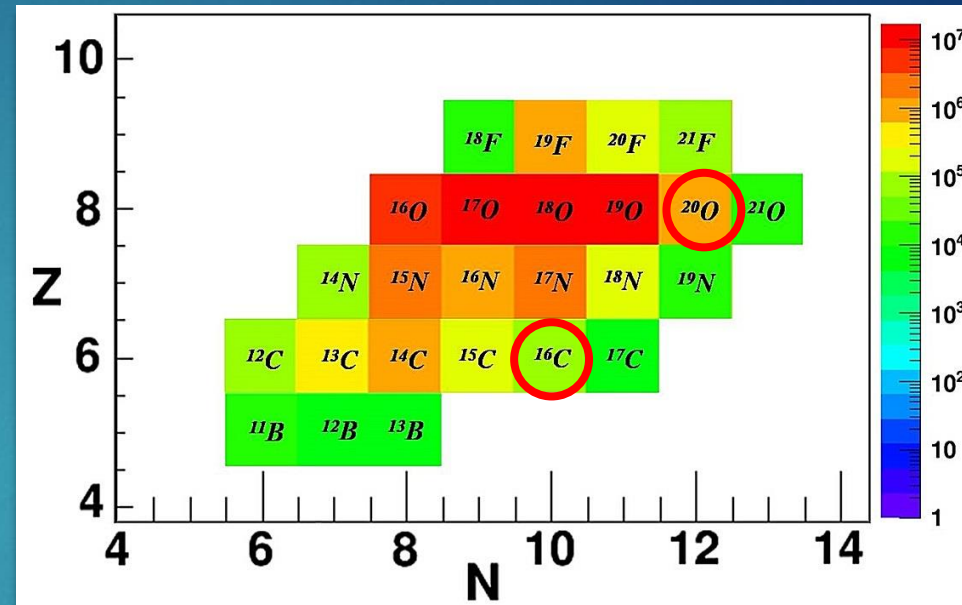
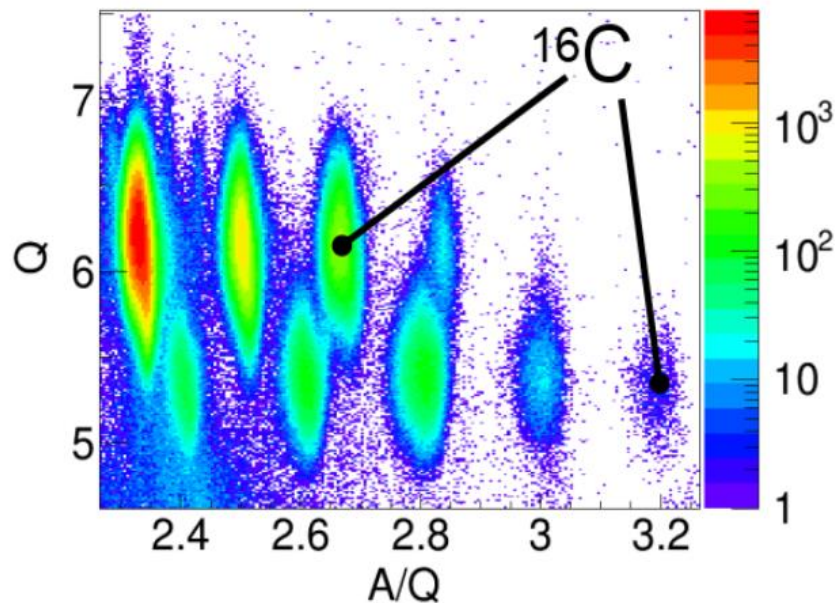
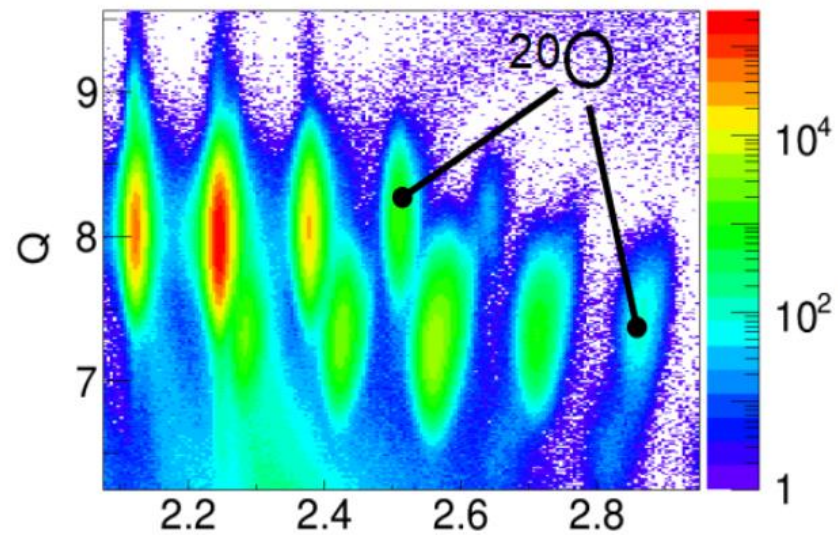


VAMOS entrance detectors:  
2 DC (for ions entrance angles)  
VAMOS focal plane detectors:  
DC (for Brho reconstruction),  
6 rows of IC (for  $\Delta E$ )  
Plastic (for trigger and ToF)

The Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array (AGATA):  
31 crystals

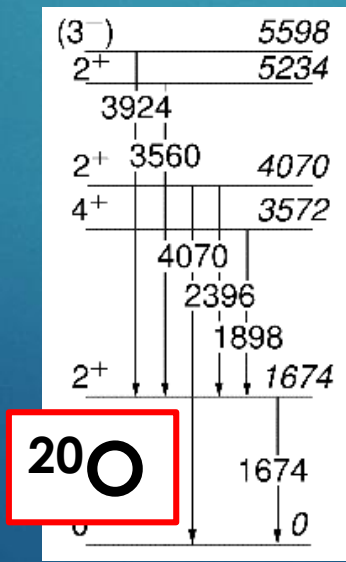
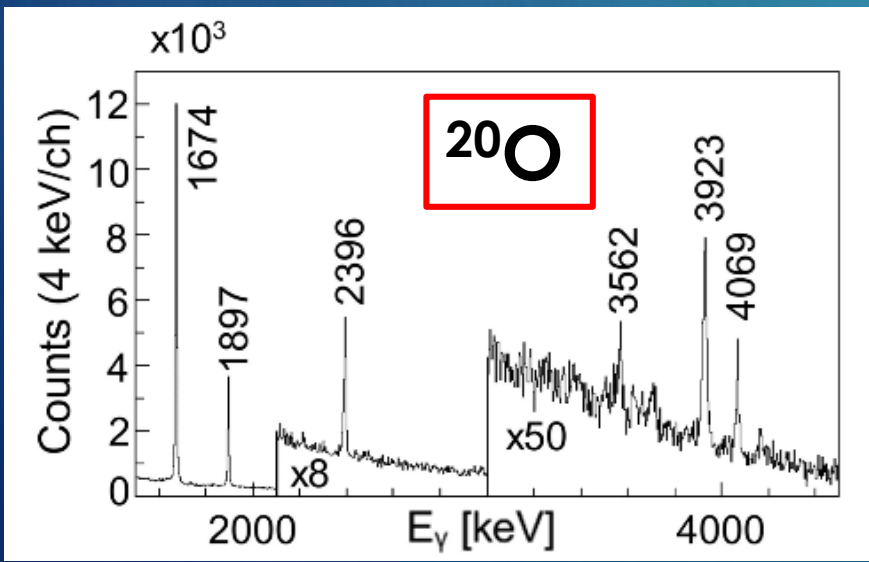
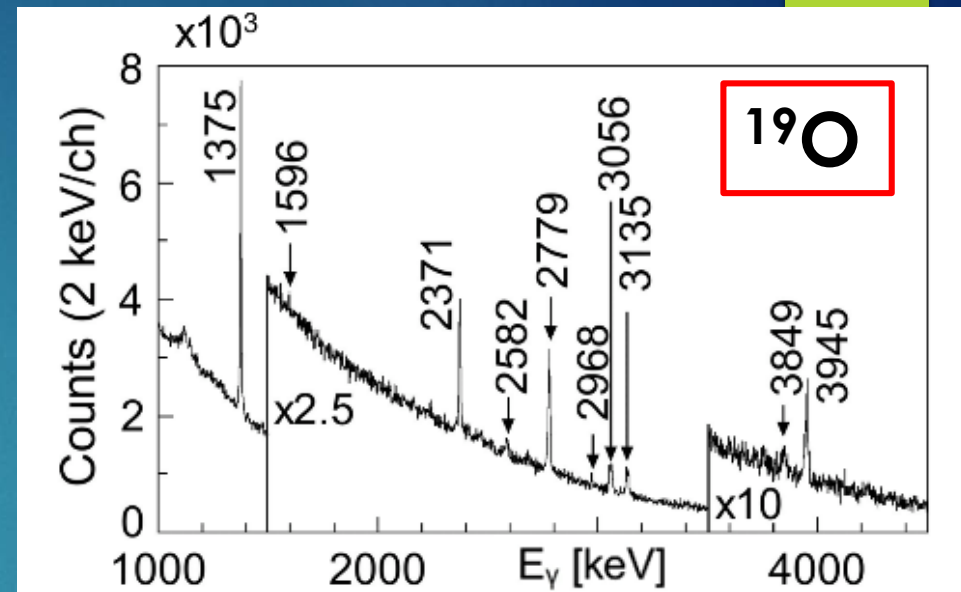
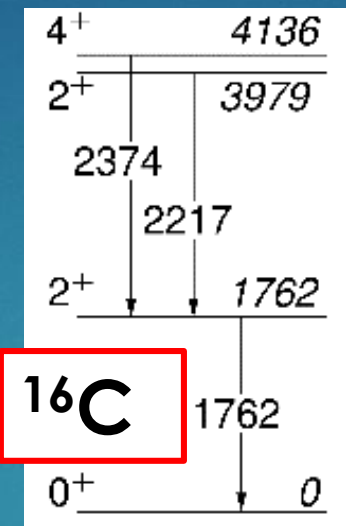
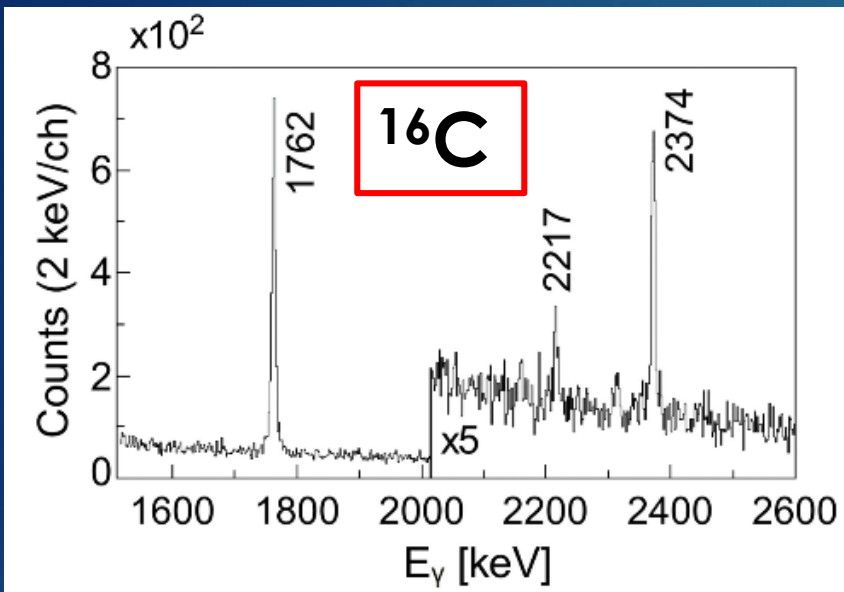


# VAMOS spectrometer, ion selection

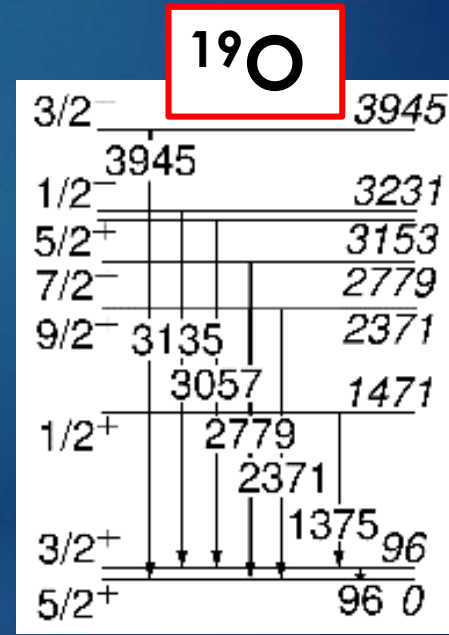


Identified isotopes from B to F.

# AGATA Spectra – Tracked and Doppler Corrected

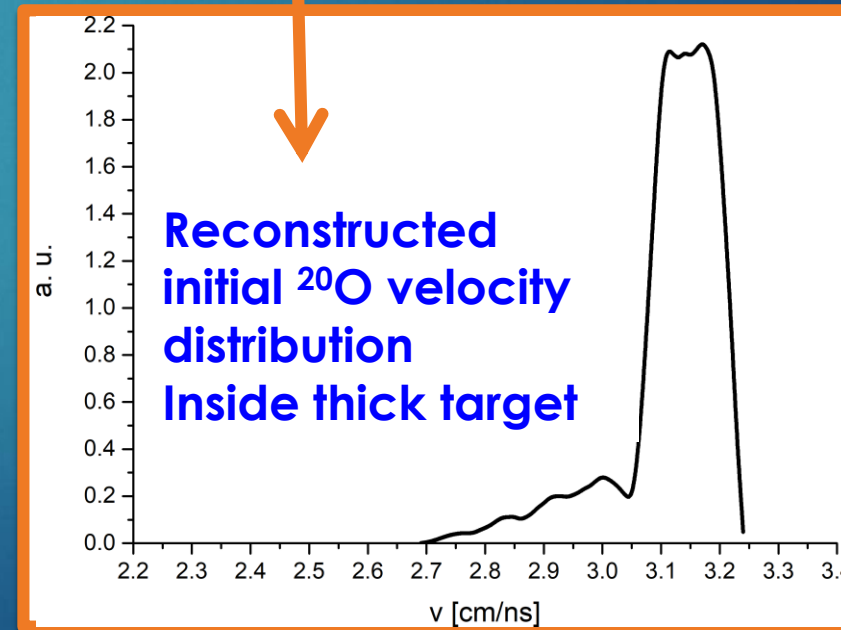
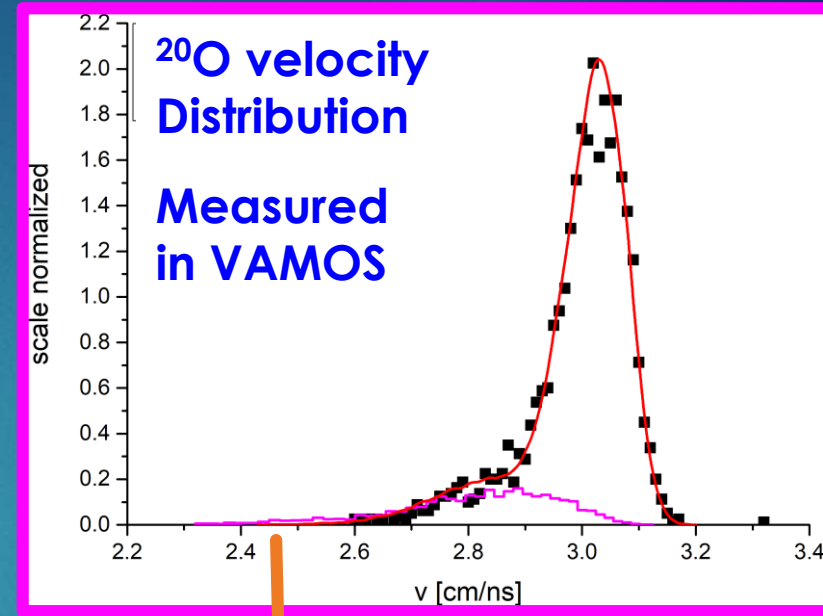
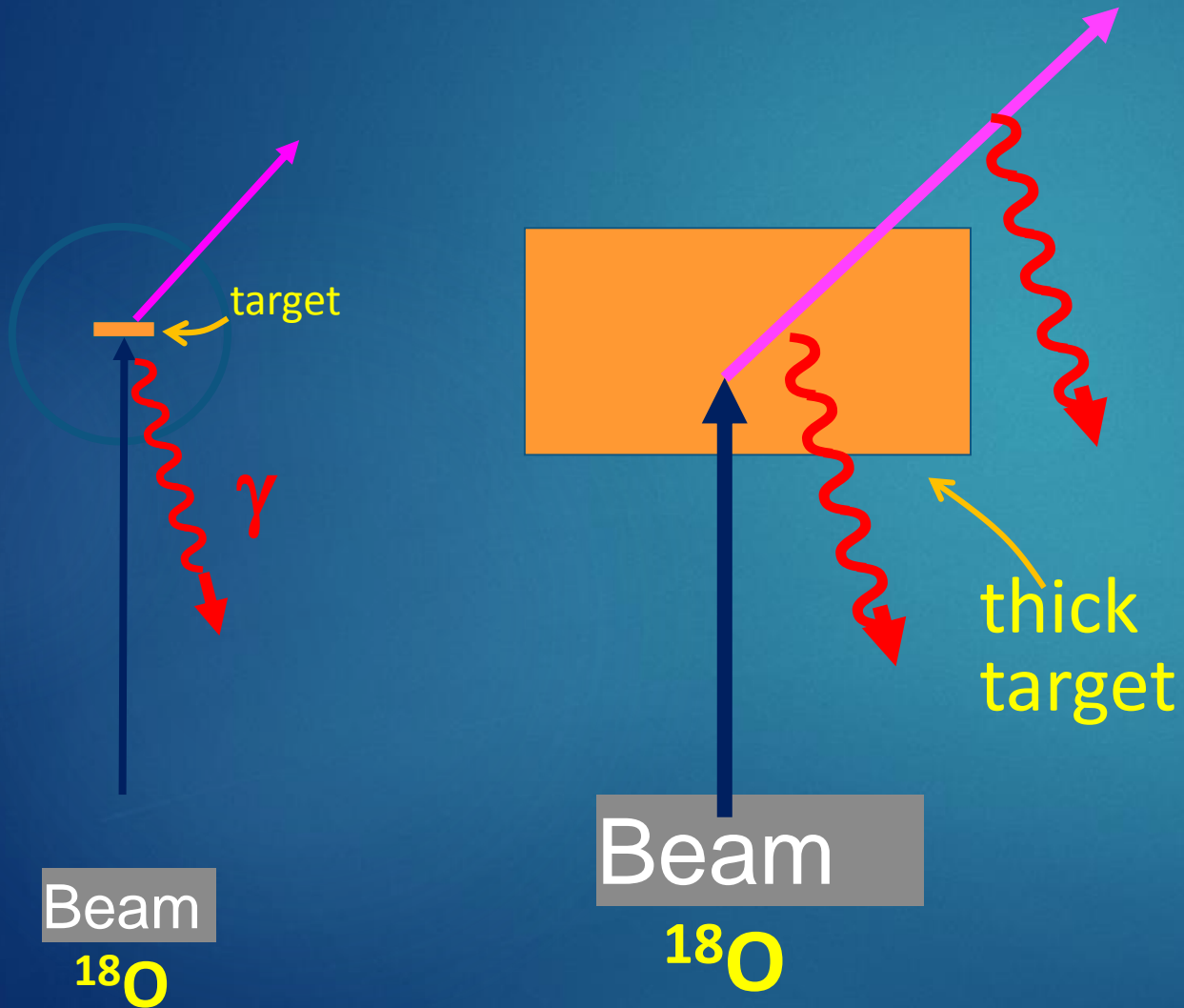


gated by  
VAMOS  
spectrometer



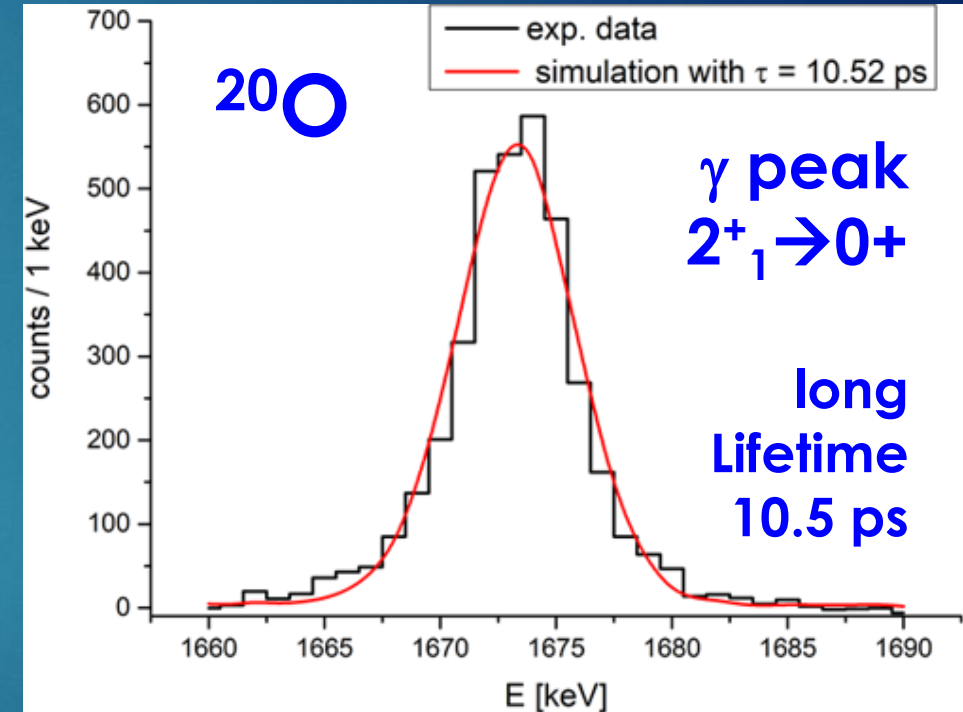
# METHOD: Doppler shift dependence on the point of gamma emission

$^{18}\text{O}$  (7 MeV/A) +  $^{181}\text{Ta}$  target (6 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>)



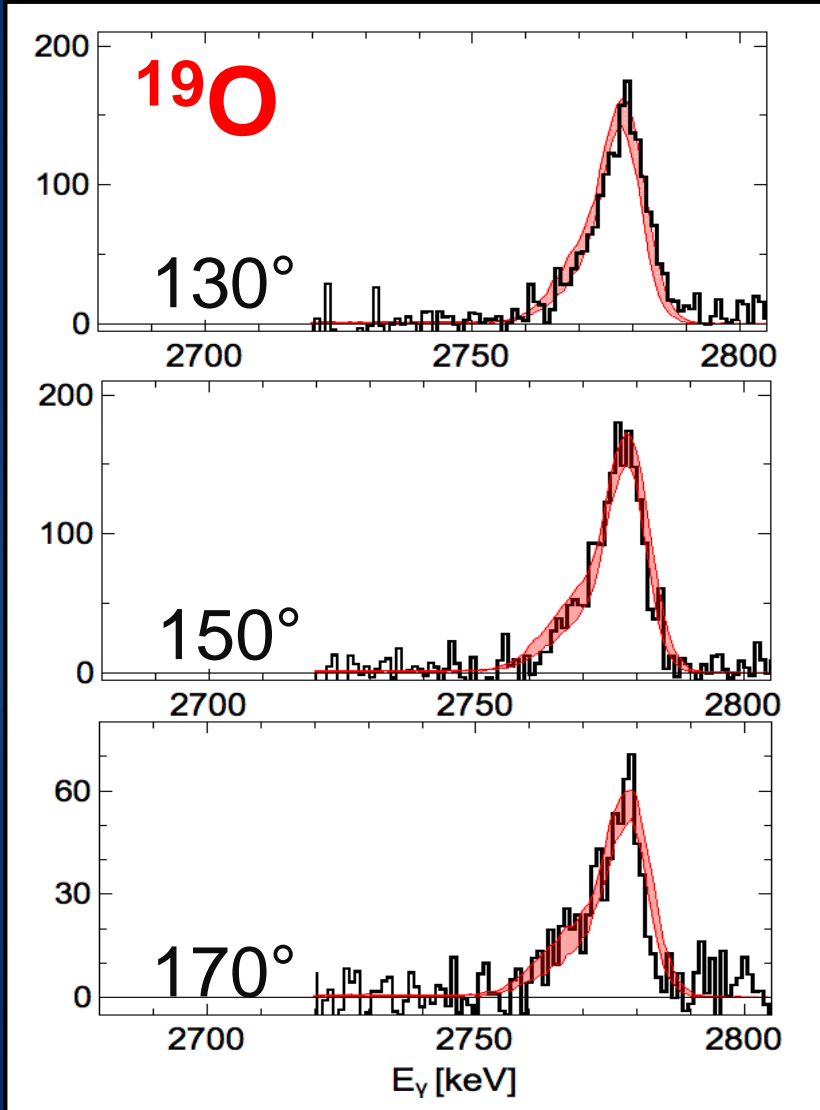
# Simulations are needed to extract lifetimes from $\gamma$ lineshape

1. The beam is passing through the target decreasing its energy.  
Multi nucleon transfer reactions occur inside the target.  
An excited level is let to decay with fixed lifetime.
2. Simulation (with GEANT4 package) of AGATA response.
3. AGATA simulated data are tracked (similarly to experimental data) and Doppler corrected.
3. Experimental energy resolution of AGATA crystals and differences in counting rates are included in the simulation.
3. 2D  $\chi^2$  maps are used to determine optimum lifetime.

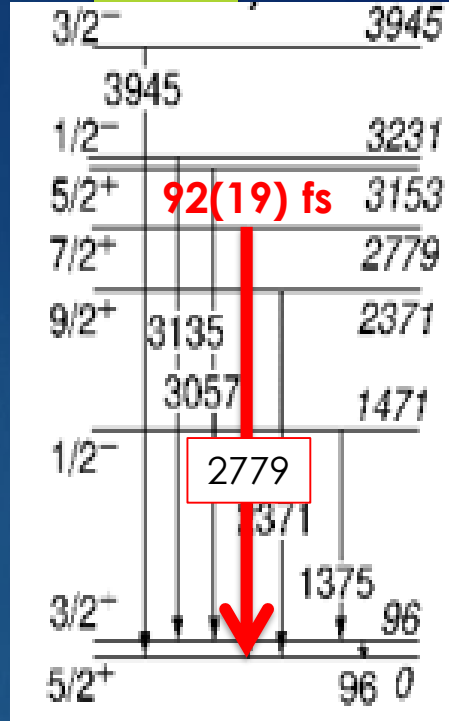
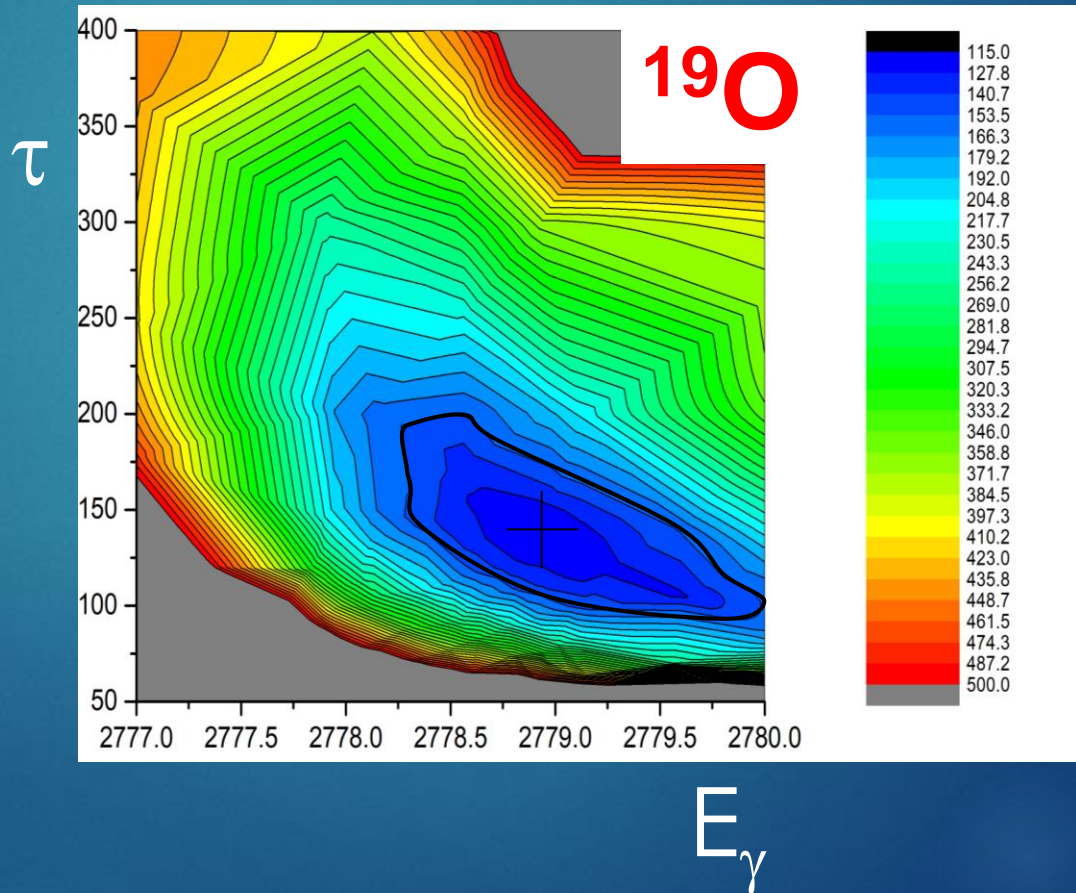




# TEST of KNOWN lifetimes in the 100s femtoseconds region



$^{18}\text{O}$  (7 MeV/A) +  $^{181}\text{Ta}$  target (6 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>)



$$\tau = 140^{+50}_{-40} \text{ fs}$$

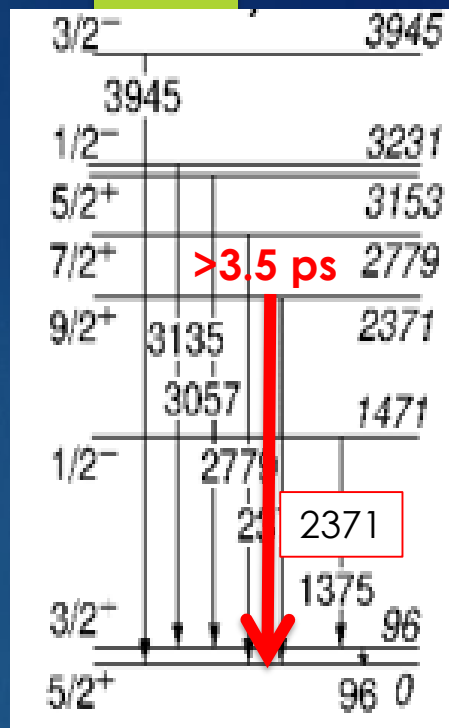
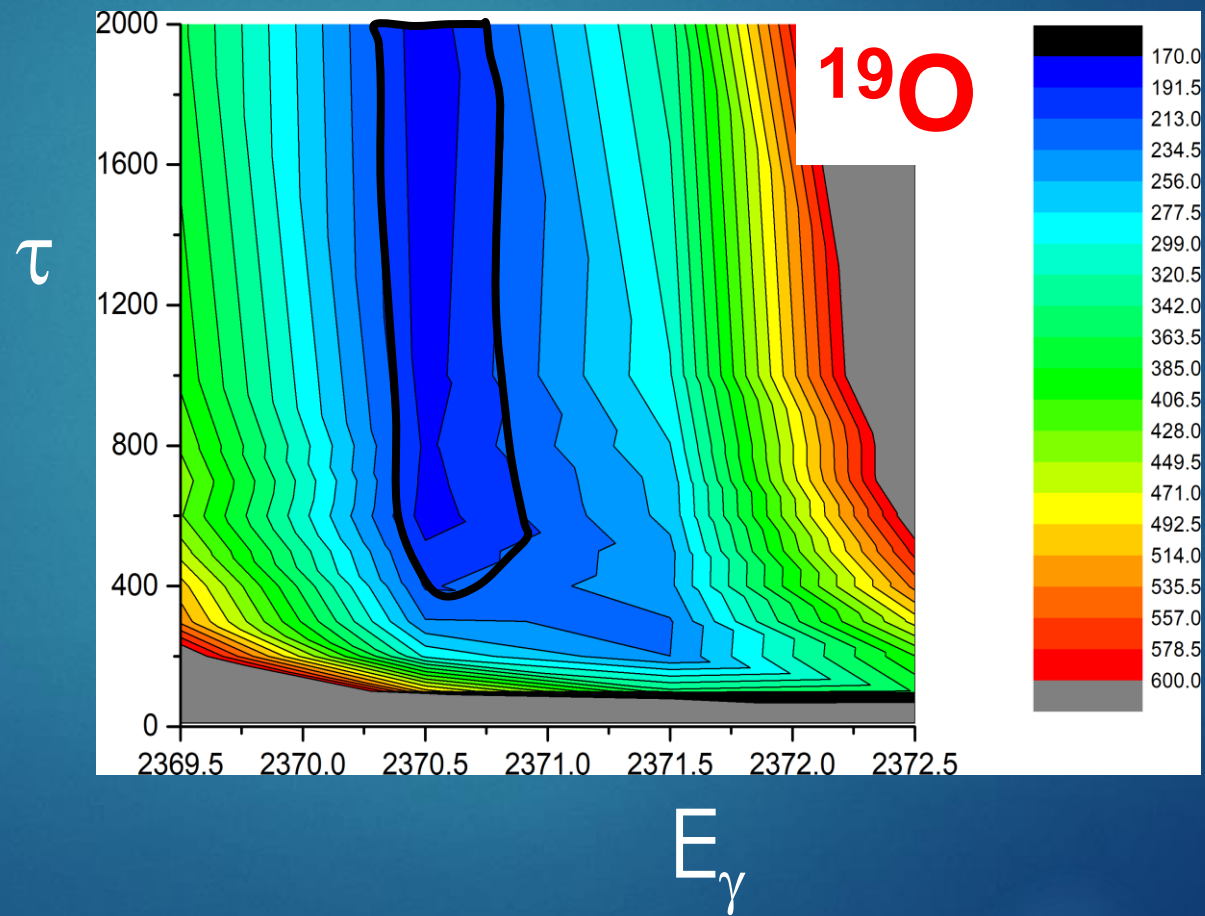
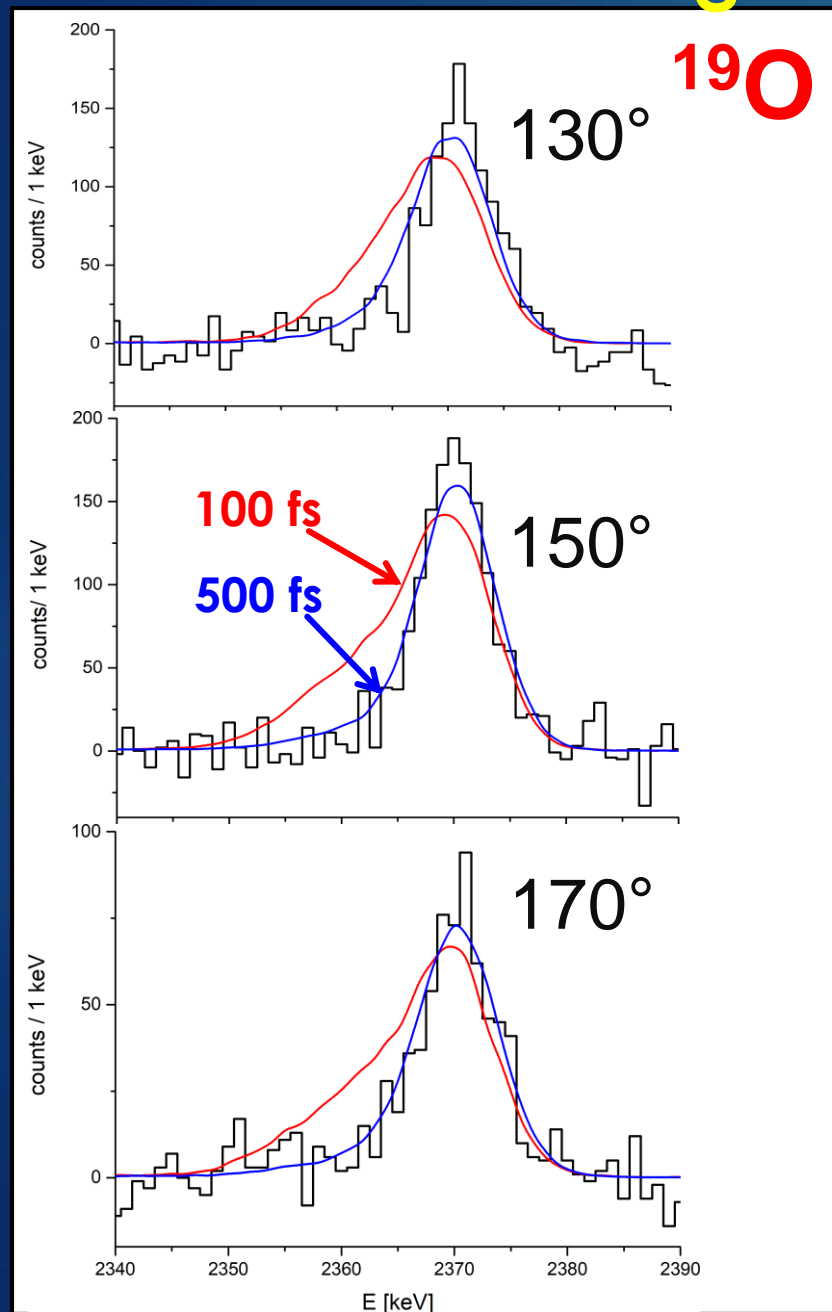
Very old literature values (1971)

$\tau = 70(26) \text{ fs}$

$\tau = 117(26) \text{ fs}$

# TEST of KNOWN long lifetime in the region

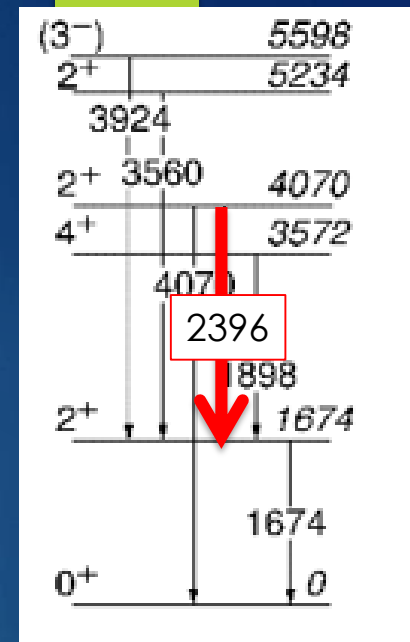
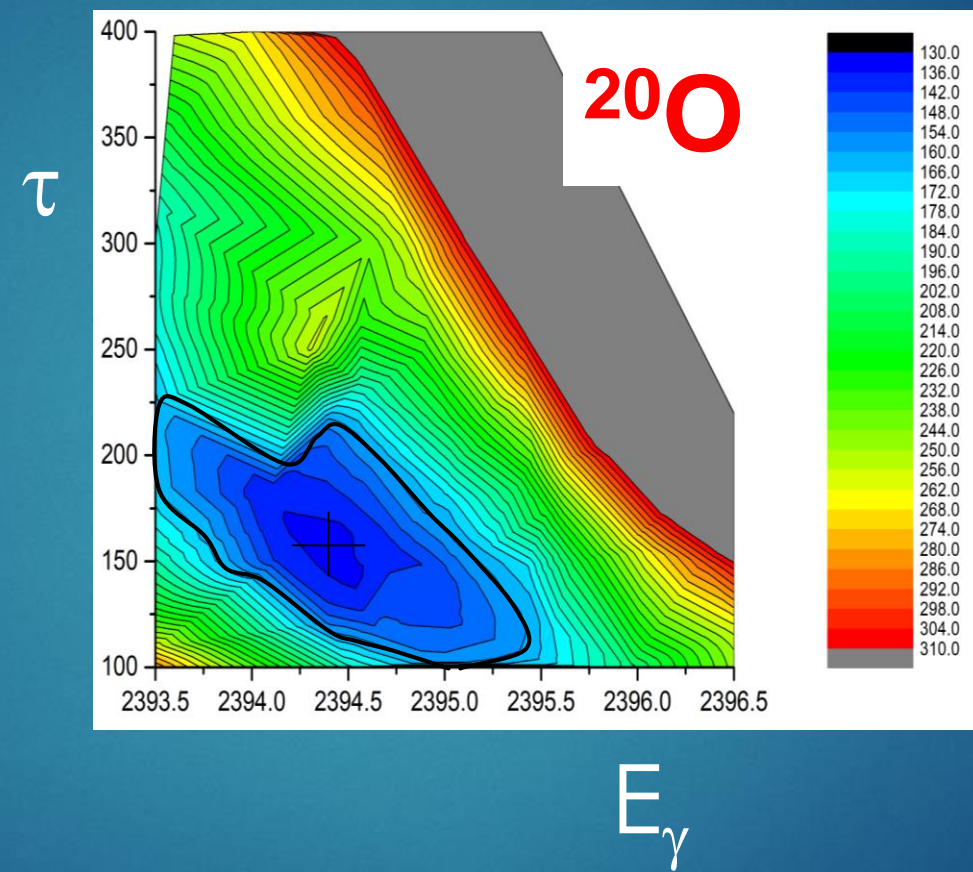
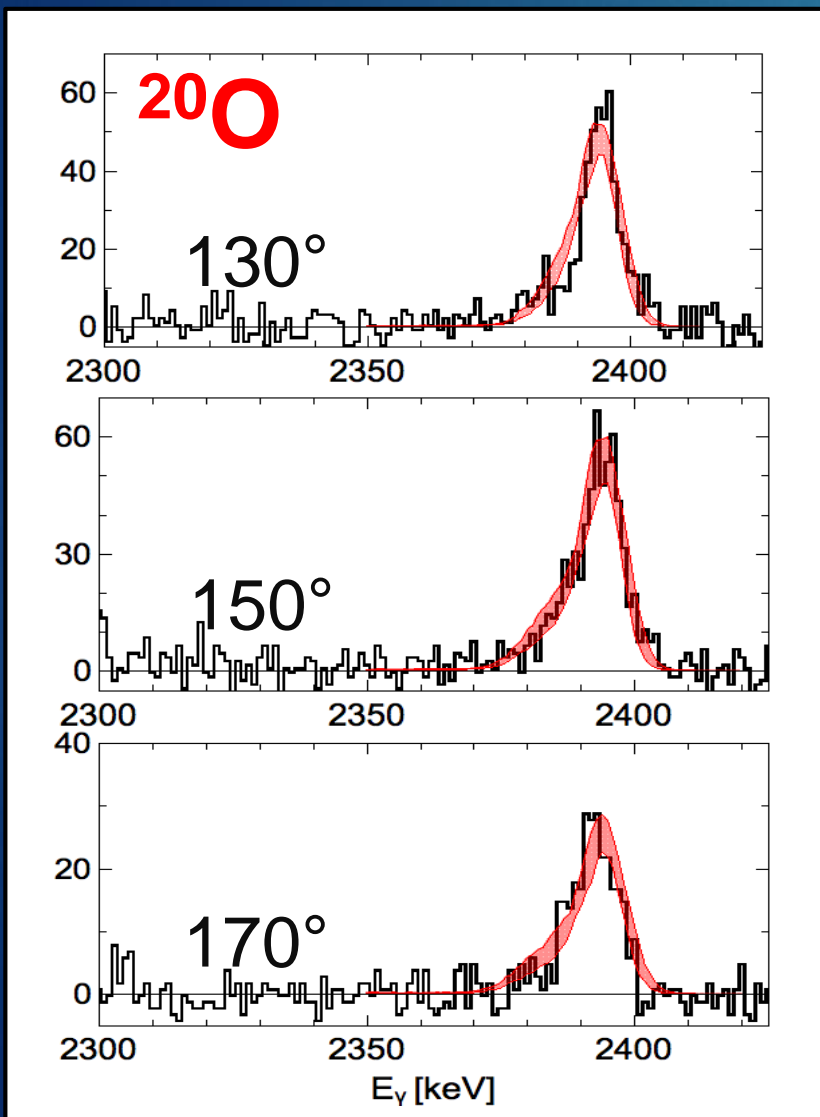
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$\tau > 400$  fs

# OUR Case of interest – $^{20}\text{O}$

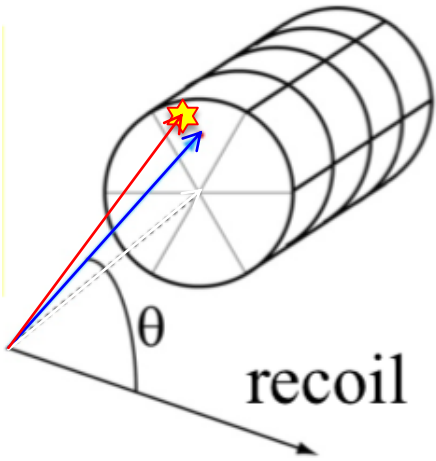
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$$\tau = 150^{+80}_{-30} \text{ fs}$$

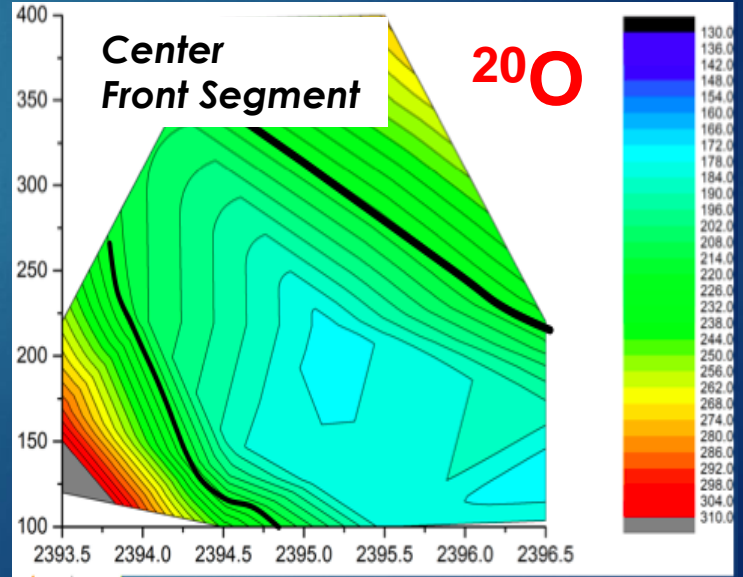
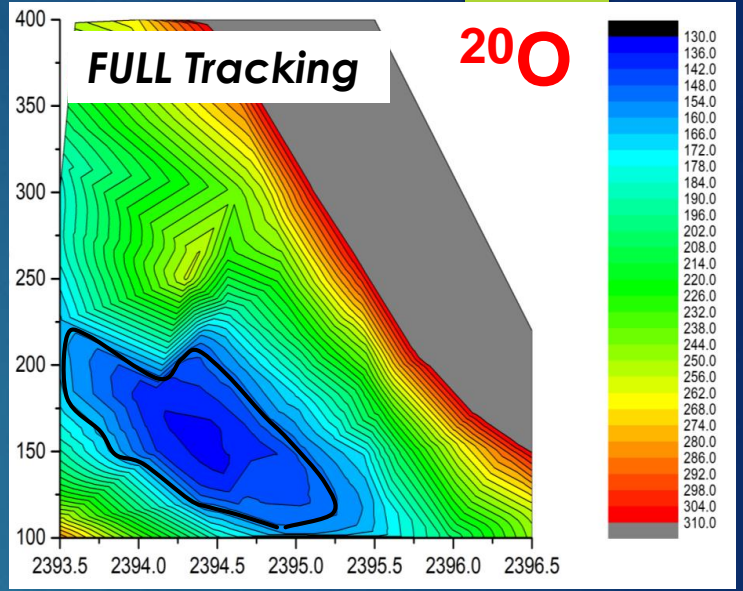
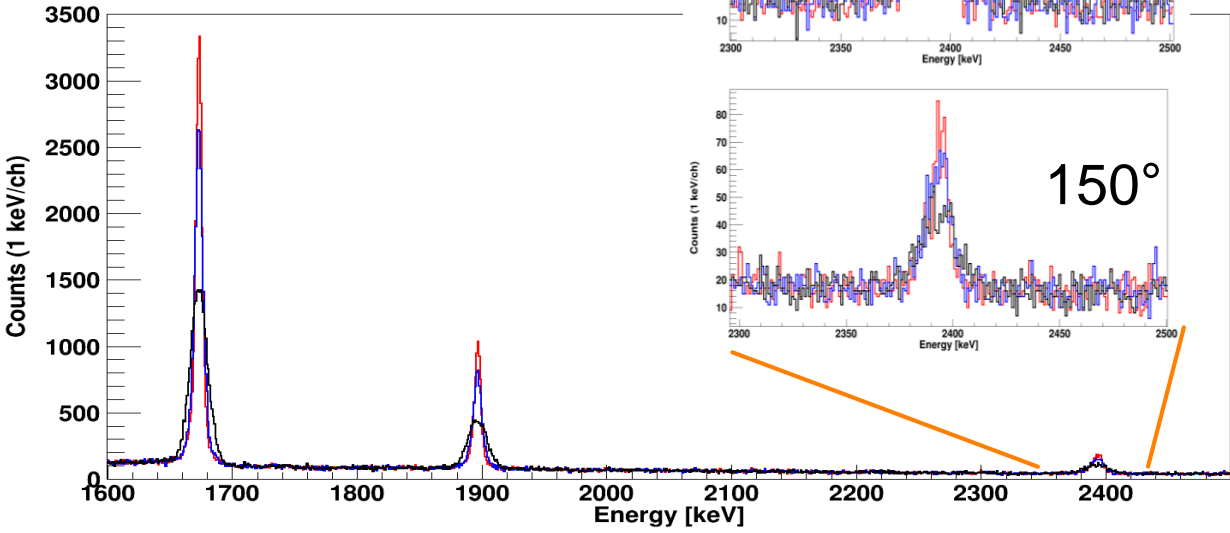
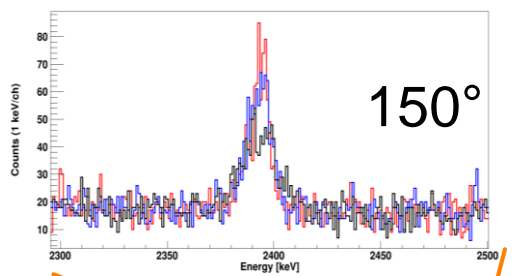
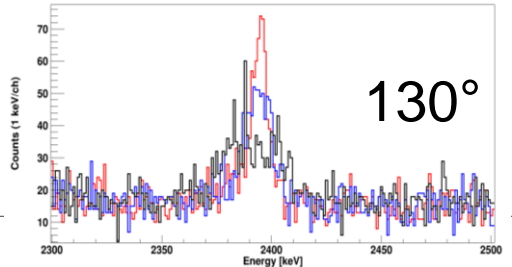
For  $2_2 \rightarrow 2_1$  decay (79(5)% branching ratio),  
 partial  $\tau = 190^{+102}_{-39}$  fs

# Large improvement with AGATA



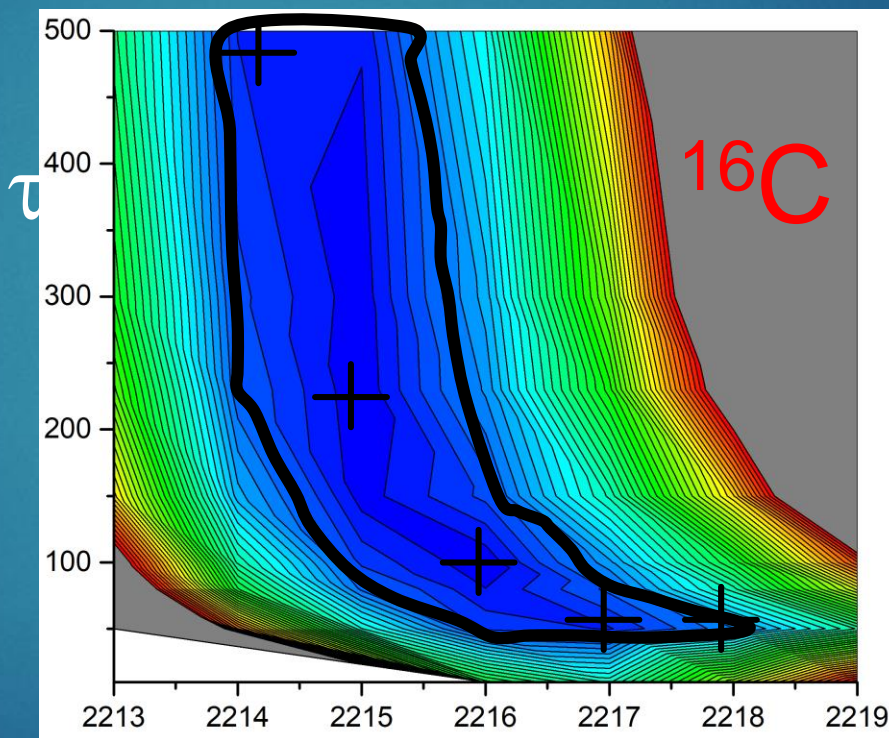
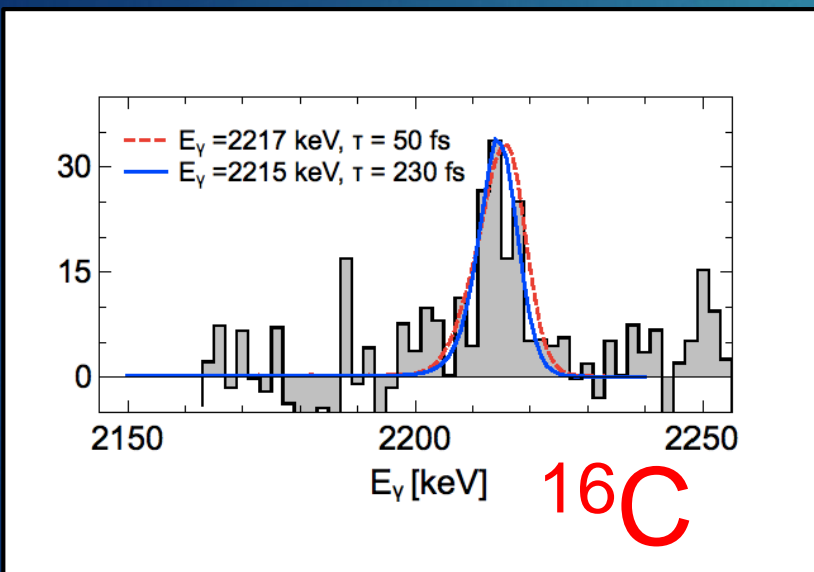
$$\Delta E_\gamma = 2E_{\gamma 0} \frac{v}{c} \sin \theta_\gamma \sin \Delta\theta$$

$2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1$  (2396 keV)



# OUR Case of interest – $^{16}\text{C}$

$^{18}\text{O}$  (7 MeV/A) +  $^{181}\text{Ta}$  target (6 mg/cm $^2$ )

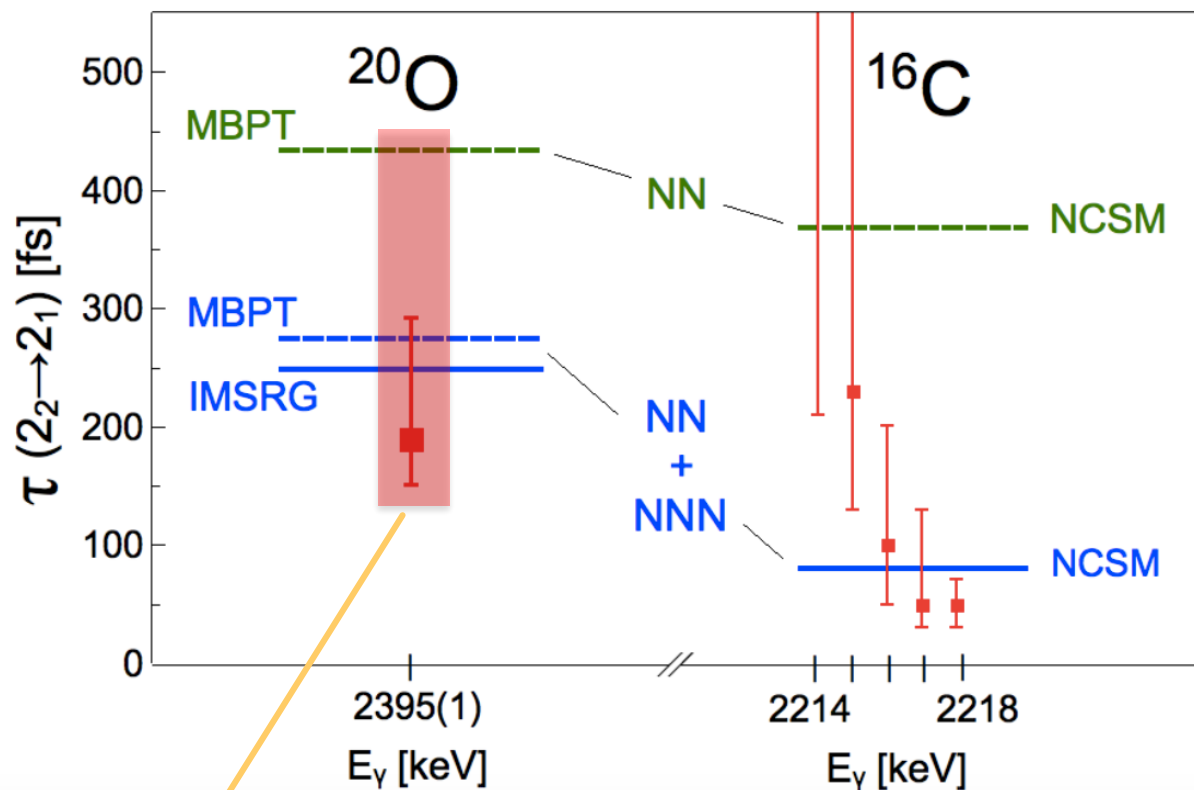


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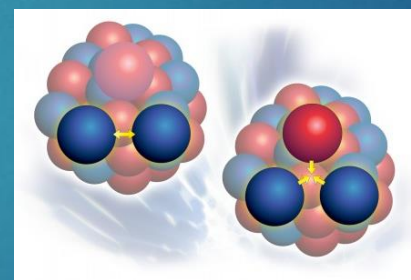
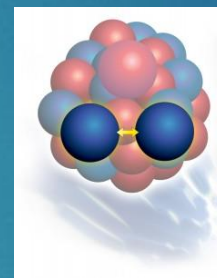
***ab initio predictions***

3 body force  $\tau = 80$  fs  
2 body force  $\tau = 360$  fs

# Summary: Theory vs. exp. results comparison



***NO sensitivity would be obtained  
with conventional HPGe detectors***



For  $^{16}\text{C}$  most precise measurement  
gives  $E = 2217(2)$  keV,  
which do not allow  
to determine exact lifetime value (for now).

# Conclusions

- ▶ Italian-Polish-French collaboration allows to perform successful experiment at GANIL with combined **AGATA+VAMOS+PARIS** setup.
- ▶ (Re)-measurement of  $^{19}\text{O}$  lifetimes – confirmation that DSAM method for AGATA and simulations works well.
- ▶ We measured lifetime of **second  $2^+$  in  $^{20}\text{O}$** : 150 fs ( $2_2 \rightarrow 2_1$  decay partial  $\tau = 190$  fs), which is consistent with ***ab initio*** calculations, including three body interactions.  
**AGATA tracking is crucial to obtain the needed sensitivity**
- ▶ Extracted estimates of lifetime of **second  $2^+$  in  $^{16}\text{C}$** : it depends on non-shifted gamma-ray energy.
- ▶ Ongoing work on  $^{18,19}\text{N}$  isotopes

The work **significantly broadens** the possibilities for nuclear structure high-precision measurements in hard-to-reach exotic systems

**More comprehensive tests of *ab initio* theory approaches will be possible exploiting EM decays**

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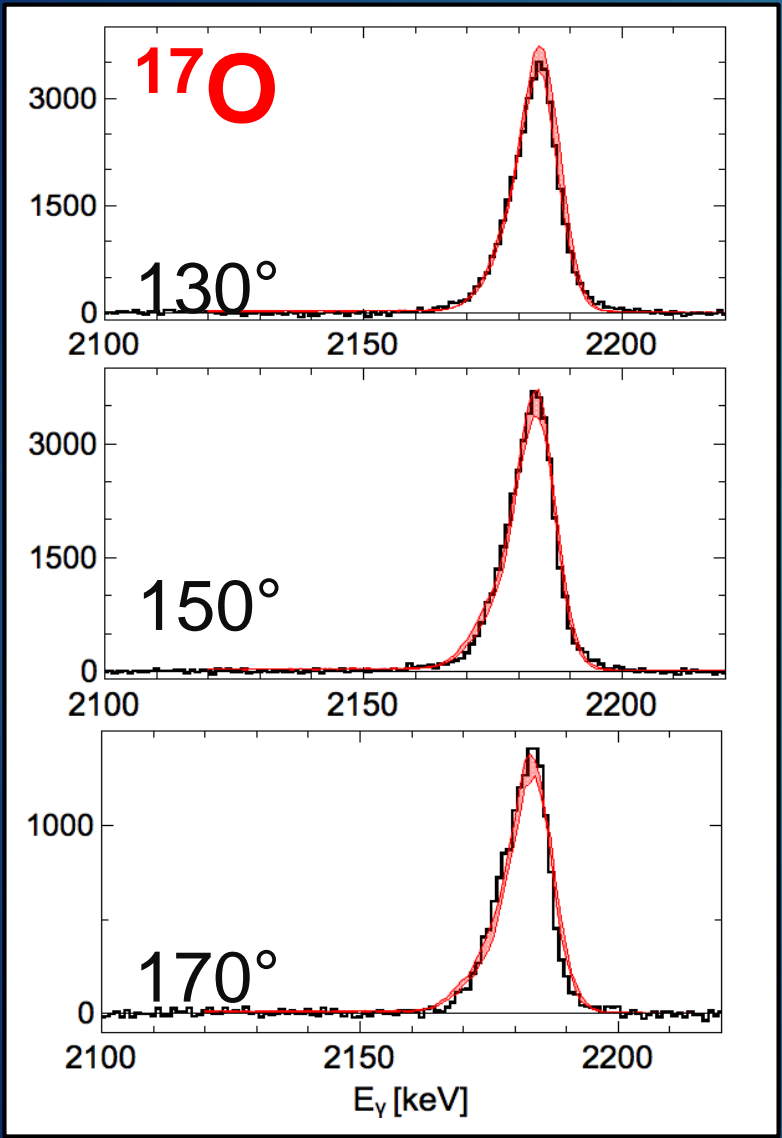
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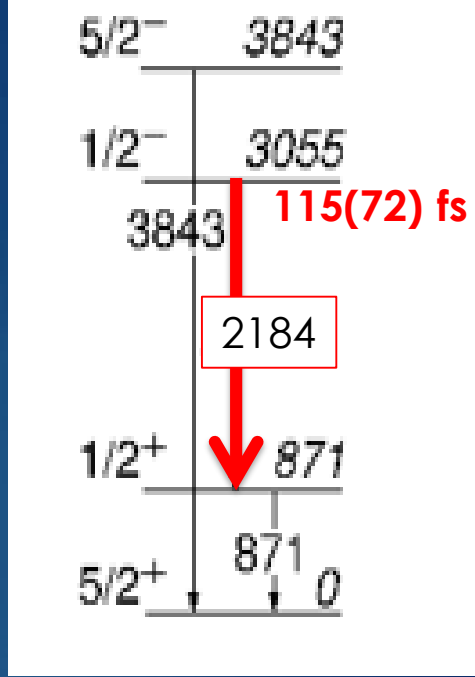
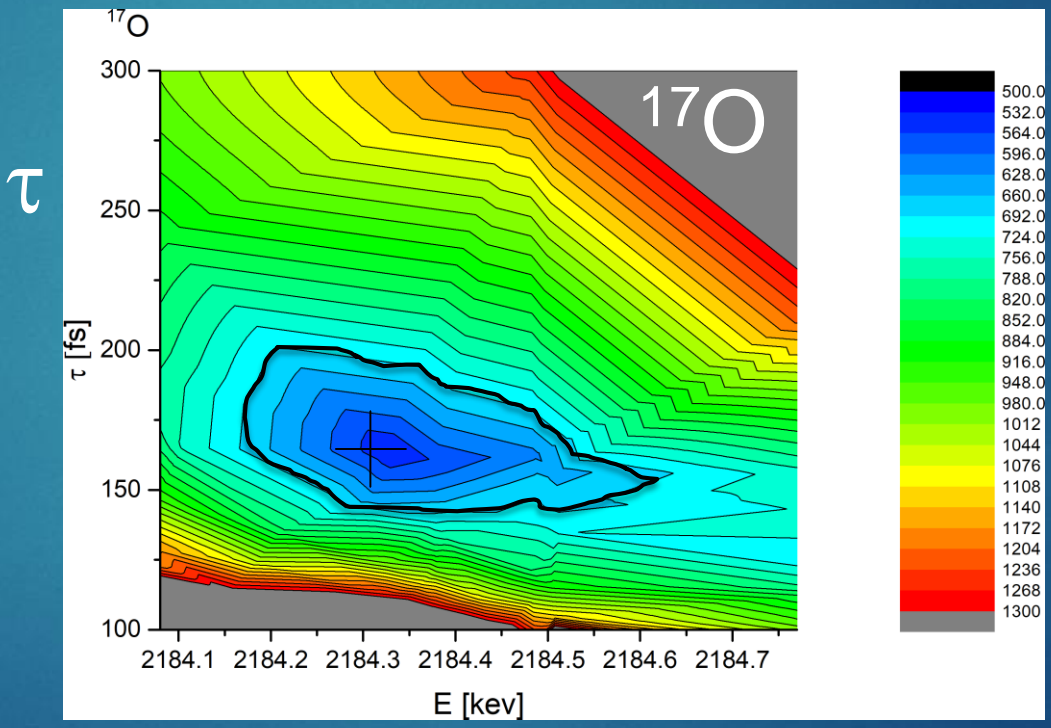
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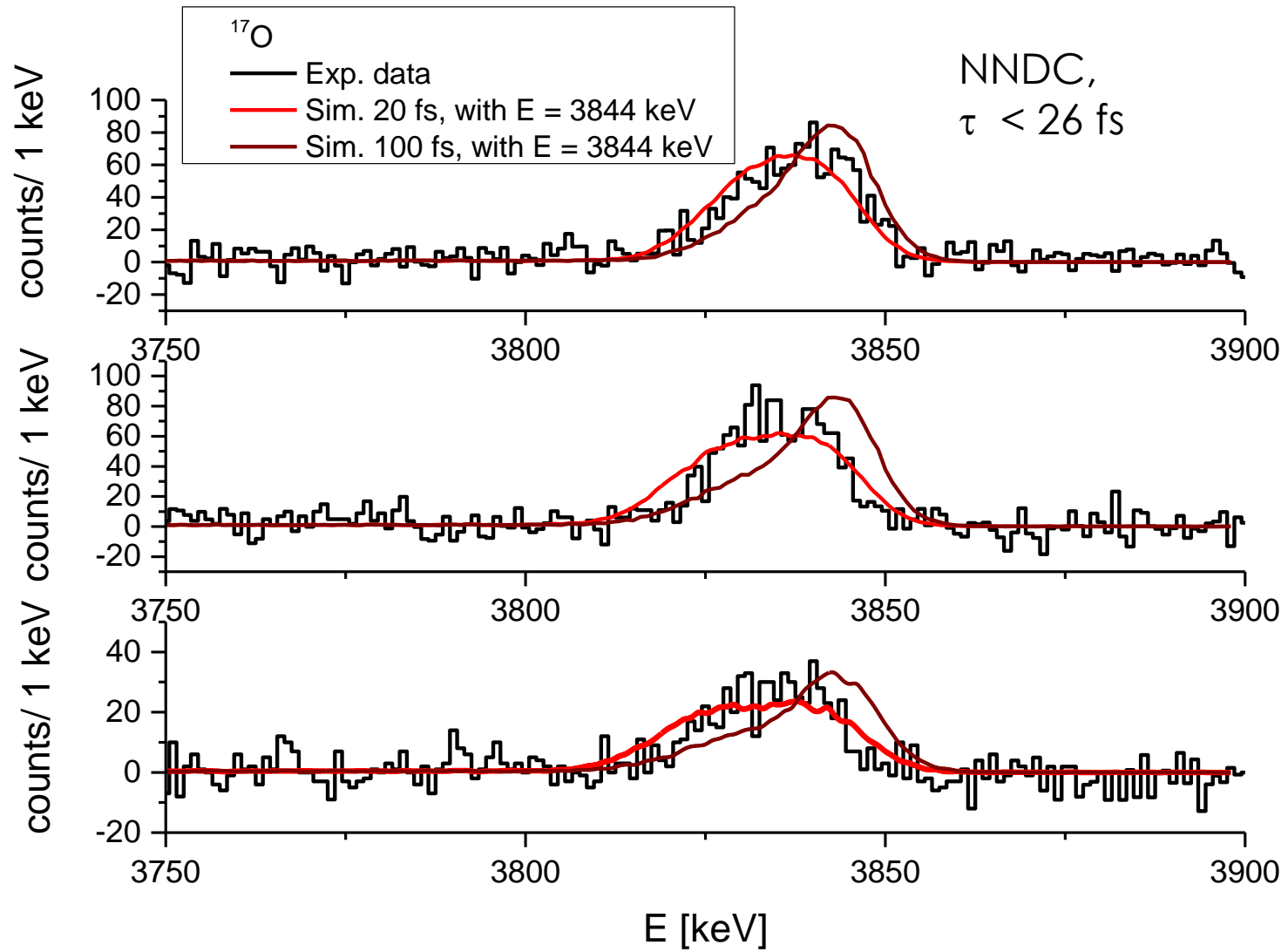


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Very old literature values (1964)  
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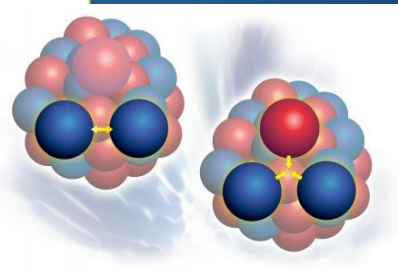
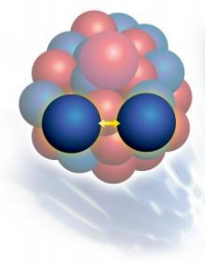
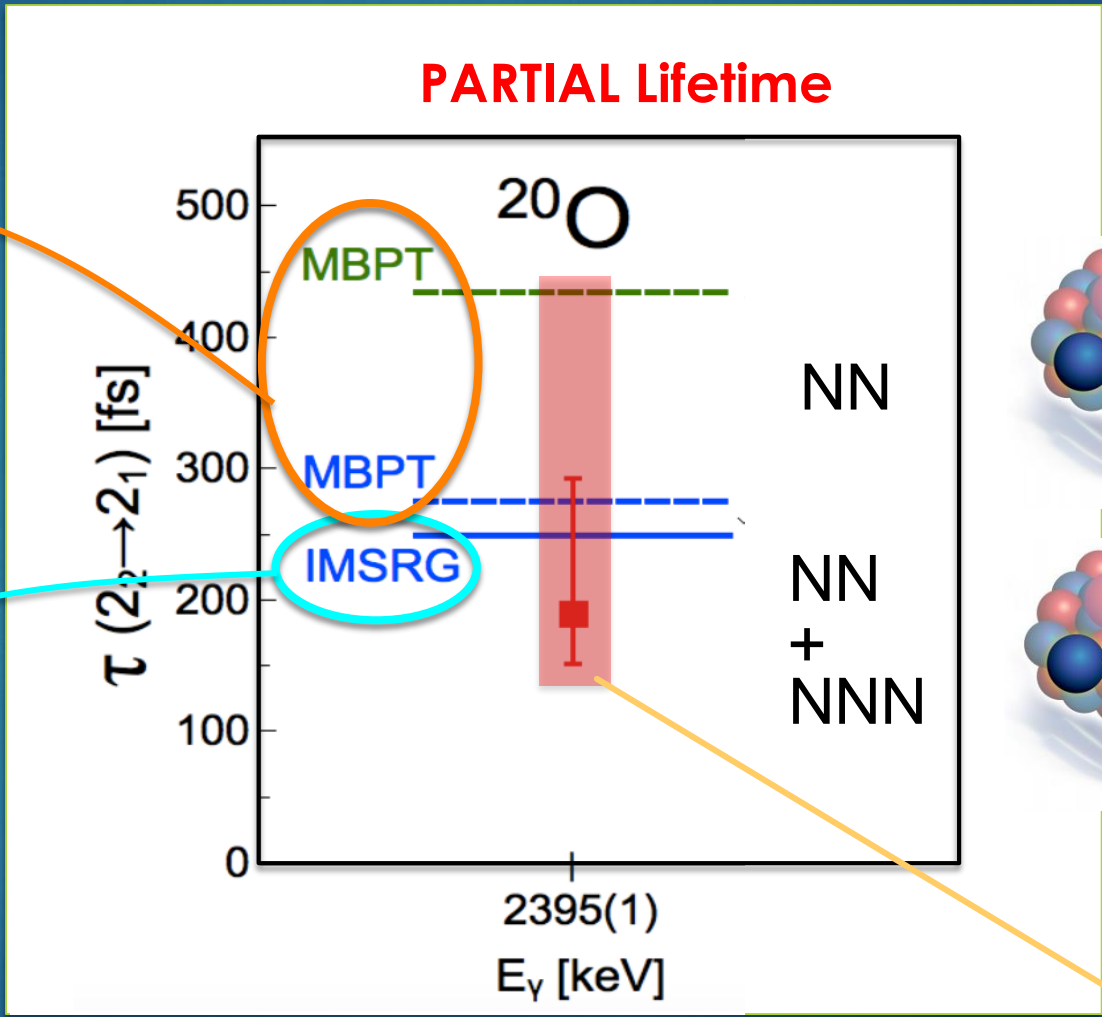
# Comparison with *ab initio* predictions

MANY BODY  
Pert. THEORY

Clear need for  
Three body term

In-Medium  
Similarity  
Renormalization  
Group (IMSRG)

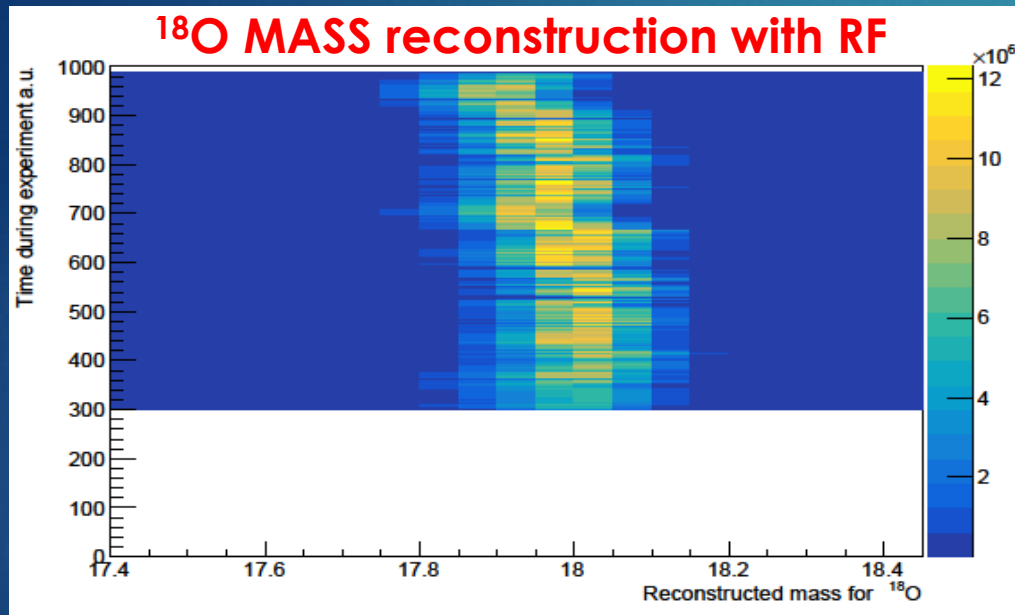
One of most advanced  
approaches  
(including three-body terms)



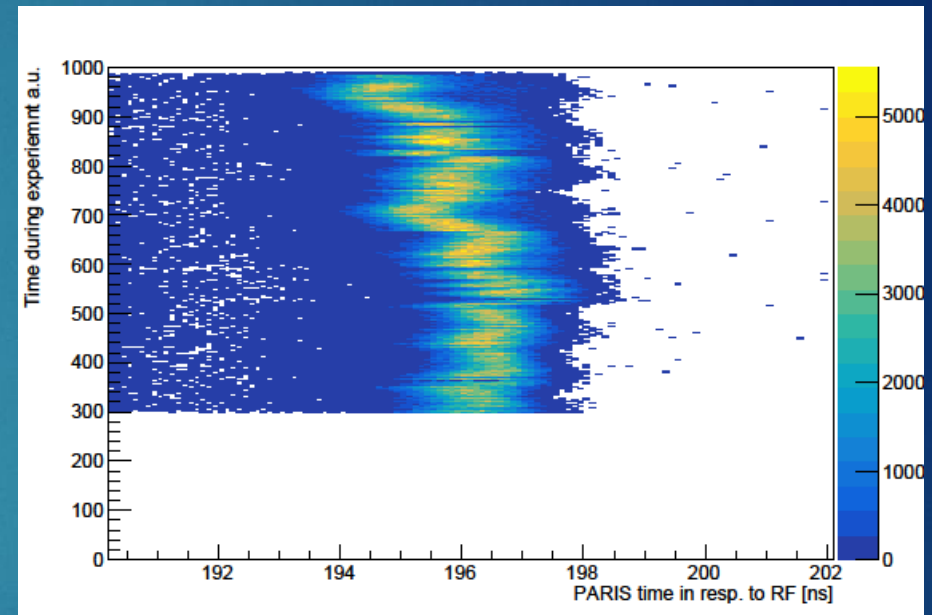
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Time of experiment ↑

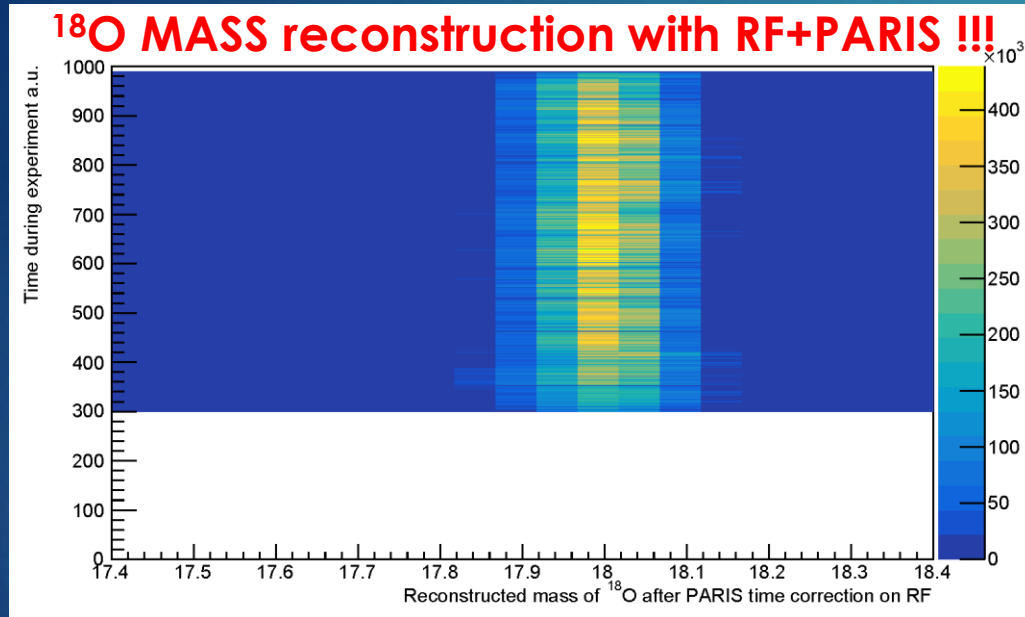


But **RF** signal is **NOT stable** in time in respect to beam on target – best observable is Mass (calculated from Brho and  $V$ )

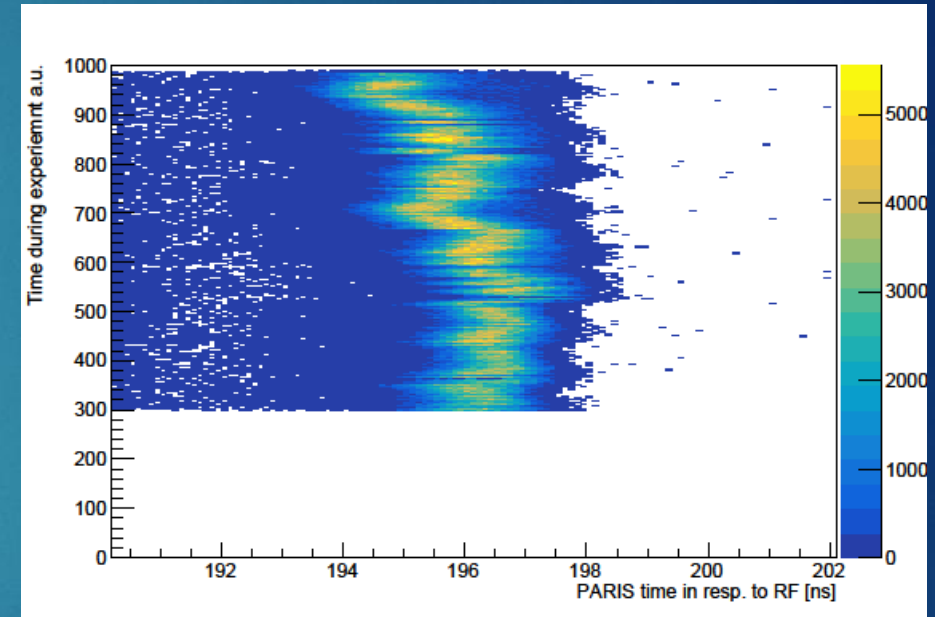
We are using PARIS (LaBr part) vs. RF timing to correct RF fluctuations (up to 2 ns, especially at the end of exp.)

# PARIS timing – correction to velocity

We measure  $V$  by: measure path in spectrometer and time between **RF** and **Plastic** at the end of focal plane.



Time of experiment ↑



Thanks to **PARIS timing** we recovered **good A** reconstruction/stability (it means **also good V**)!

We are using (mean) PARIS vs. RF timing to correct RF fluctuations (up to 2 ns, especially at the end of exp.)