

# HOW TO DRAW A LEVEL SCHEME ?

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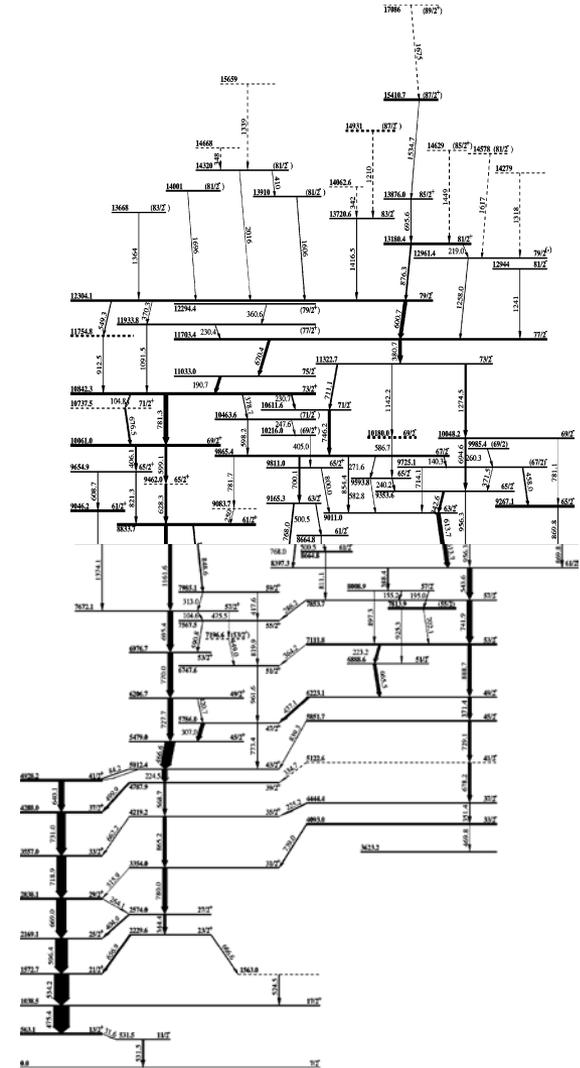
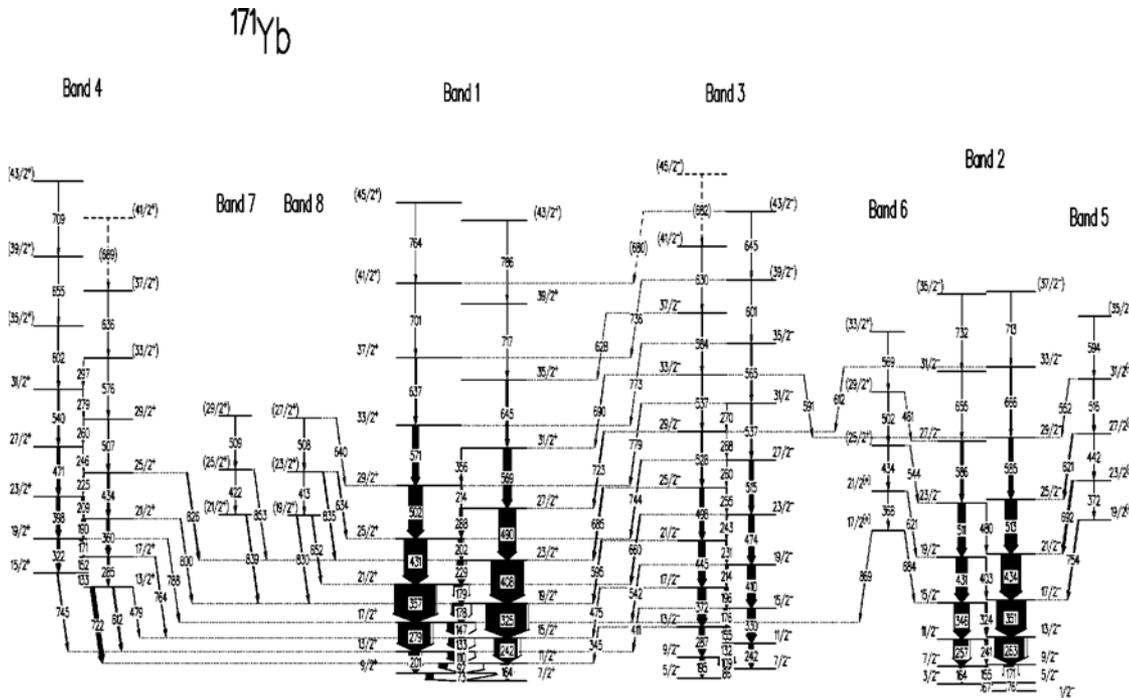
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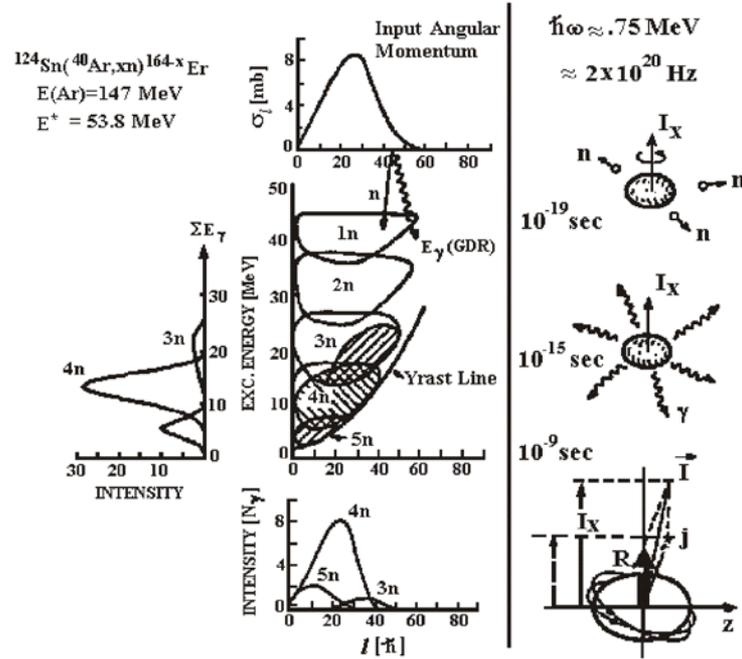
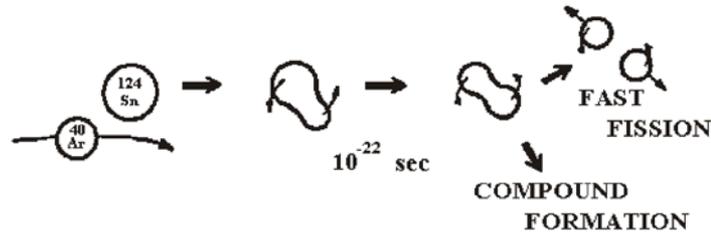
# Level Schemes

$^{171}\text{Yb}$

$^{155}\text{Er}$



# 1. Introduction



Population of the entry states

# Moments of Inertia

1. Collective rotations – “ $I(I+1)$  rule” directly – generating *rotational bands* based on particular *intrinsic configurations* (band heads)

$$E(I) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathfrak{J}} I(I + 1)$$

where  $\mathfrak{J}$  is the *moment of inertia* of the *deformed core* of nuclei in between closed shells, and  $I$  is the (total) nuclear spin

$$I = R + i$$

$R$  is the angular momentum of the rotating core

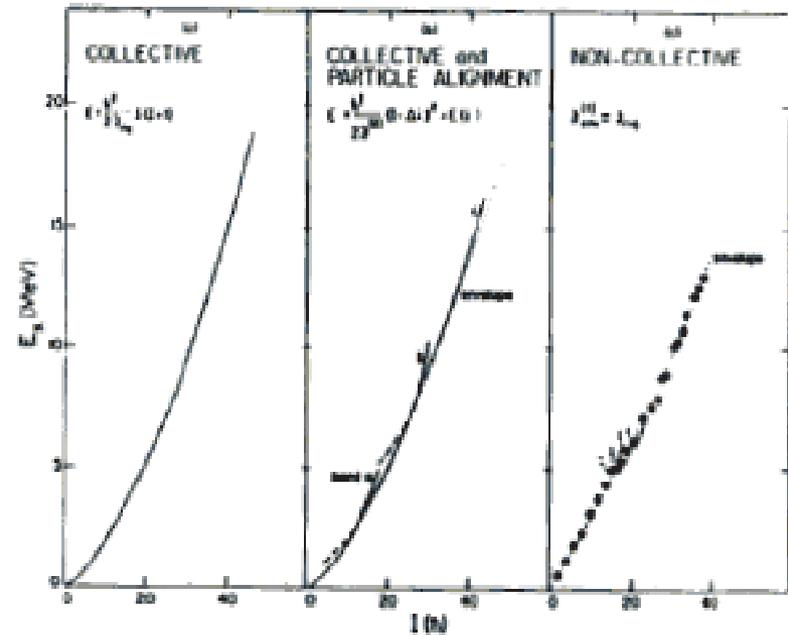
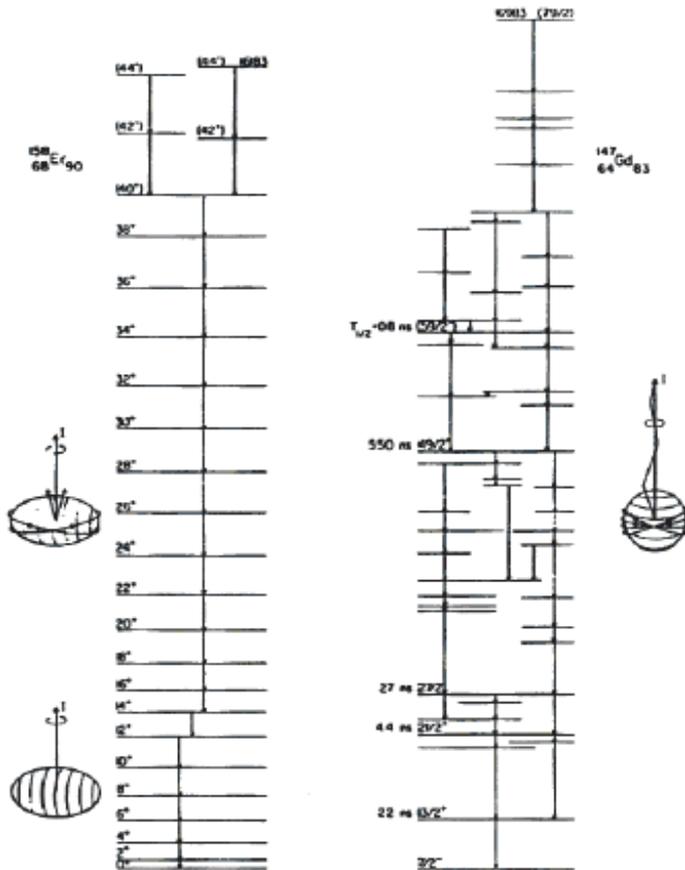
$i$  is the intrinsic single-particle angular momentum

2. Non-collective rotations – of *spherical* nuclei at closed shells, where the nuclear spin results from successive single-particle alignments and the “ $I(I+1)$  rule” is satisfied “on average”

# Moments of Inertia: *Band* ( $\mathcal{J}_{band}$ ) and *Effective* ( $\mathcal{J}_{eff}$ )

Collective

Non-collective



# Consequences of “I(I+1)” Rule

E2  $\gamma$ -ray energy:

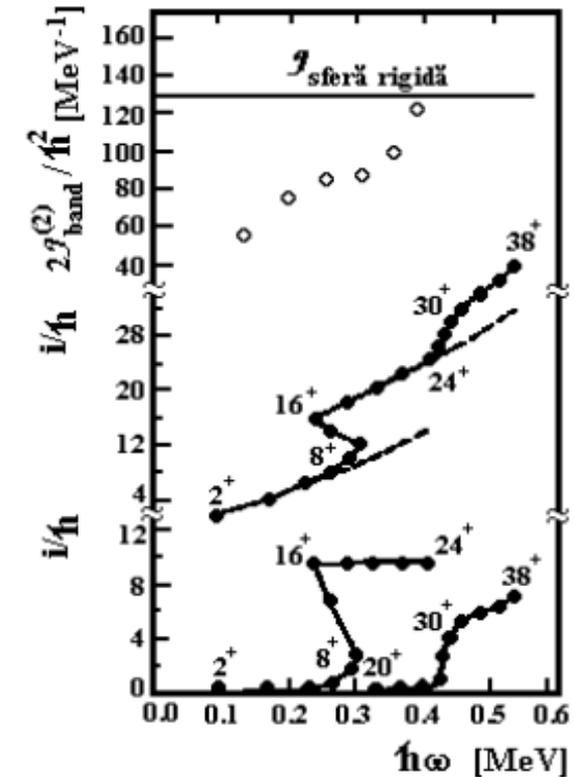
$$E_\gamma = E(I) - E(I-2) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathfrak{I}}(4I-2) = 2c(2I-1)$$

Rotational parameter:

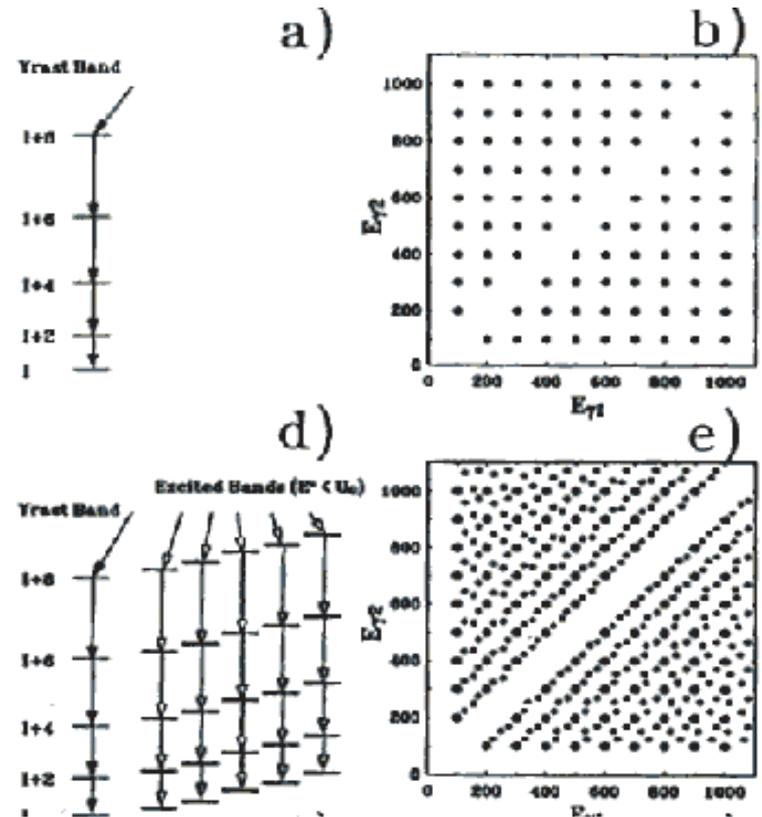
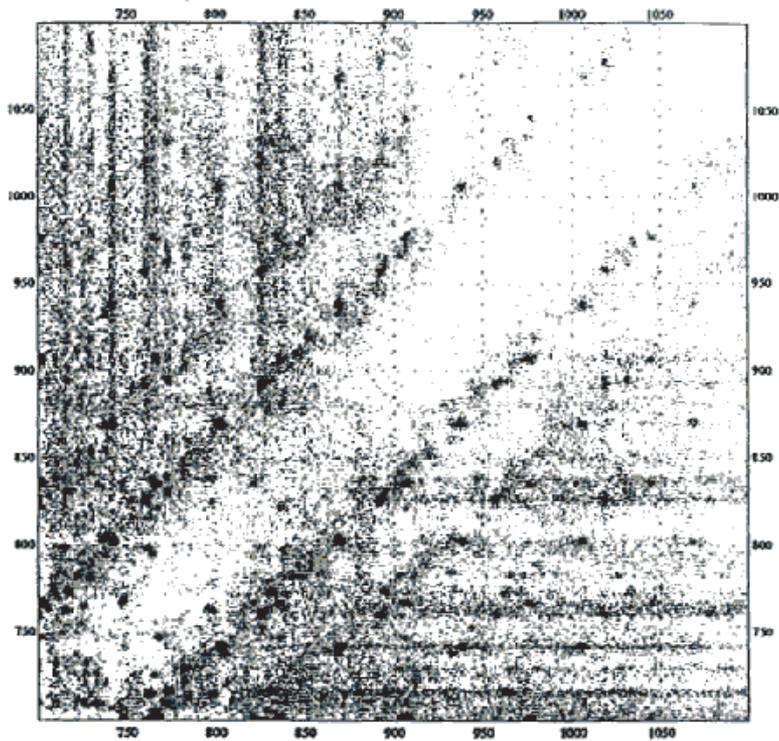
$$c = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathfrak{I}}$$

$\gamma$ -ray energy difference

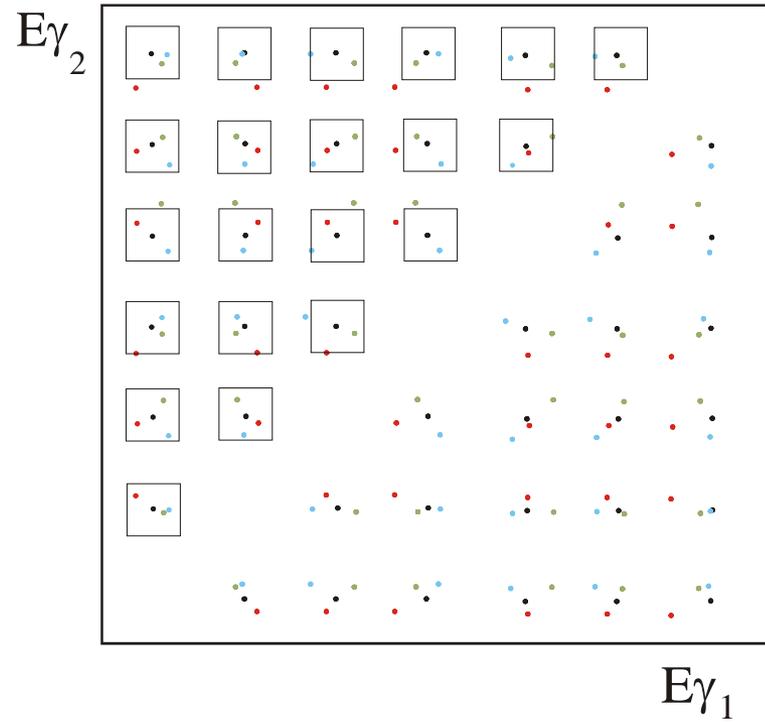
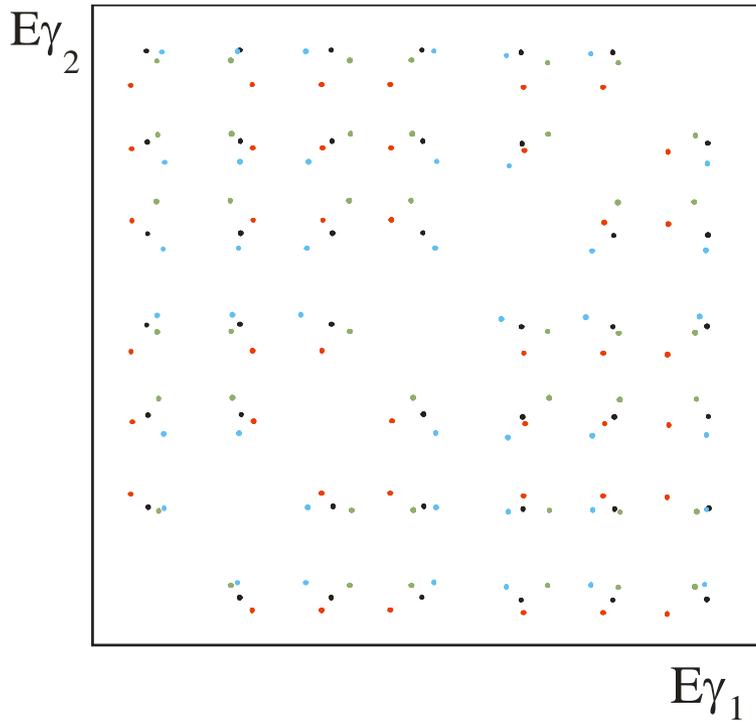
$$\Delta E_\gamma = E_\gamma(I) - E_\gamma(I-2) = 8 \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathfrak{I}} = 8c$$



# $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ Coincidence Matrix



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# Repeatability 1: Study of distributions of differences of $\gamma$ -ray coincidence energies

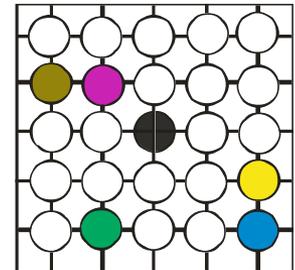
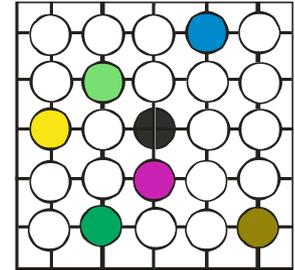
## REPEATABILITY:

- Repeated appearance of satellite peaks relative to the coincidence peaks of a reference rotational band at same location.

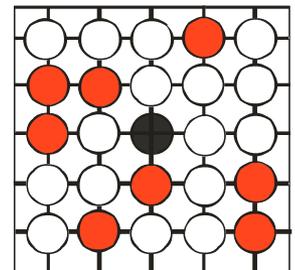
- The repeatability peaks are situated on a regular grid with characteristic distance  $d_{grid}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta E_{\gamma_1}, \Delta E_{\gamma_2}) &= \\
 &= (E_{\gamma_1}^r, E_{\gamma_2}^r) - (E_{\gamma_1}^s, E_{\gamma_2}^s) = (m \cdot d_{grid}, n \cdot d_{grid}), \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}
 \end{aligned}$$

- The repeatability peaks appears “statistically” at a number of repeatability positions, including the windows situated on the diagonal of the central valley.

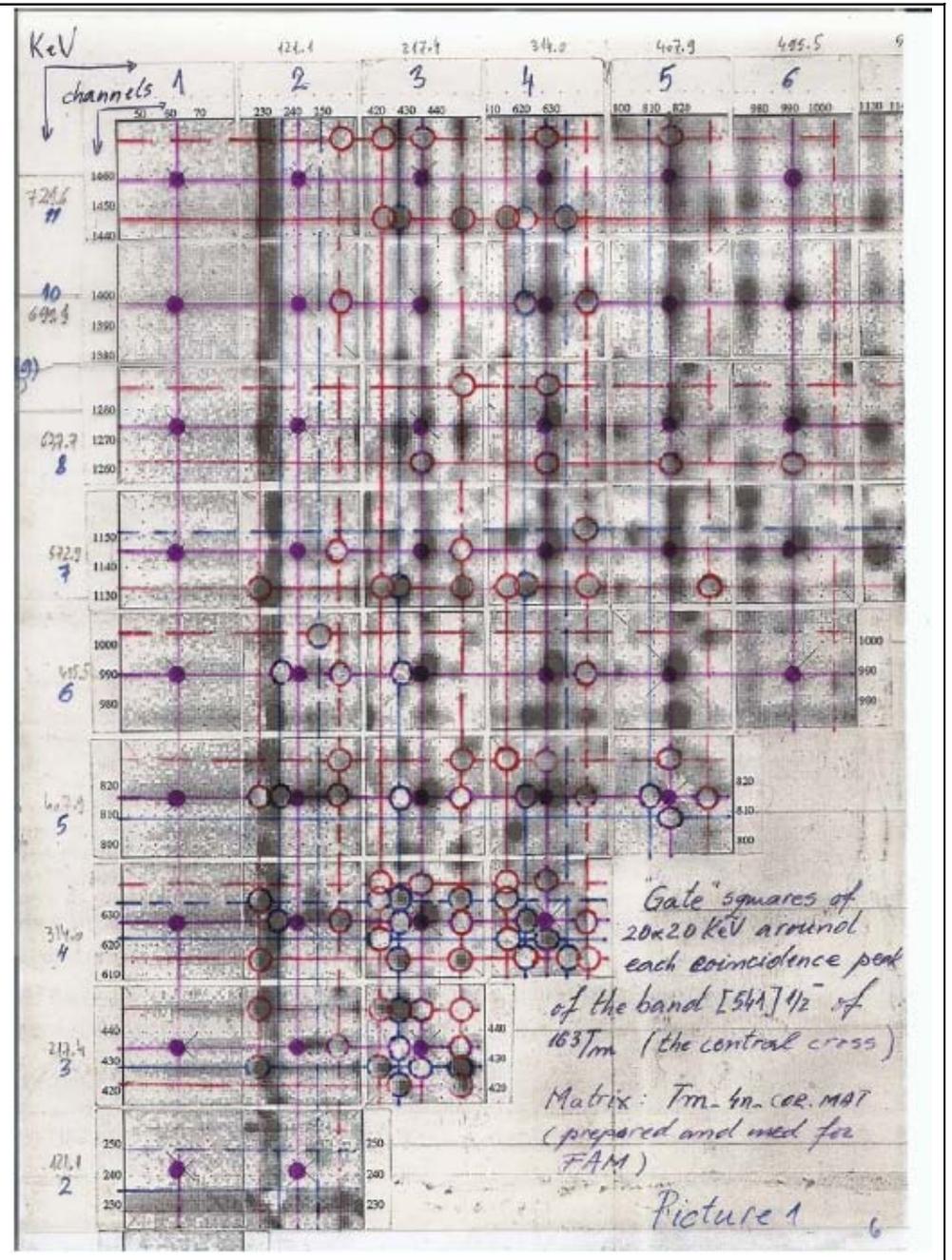


$\Sigma =$



Sample of repeatability  
around reference band  
[541]1/2 of  $^{163}\text{Tm}$

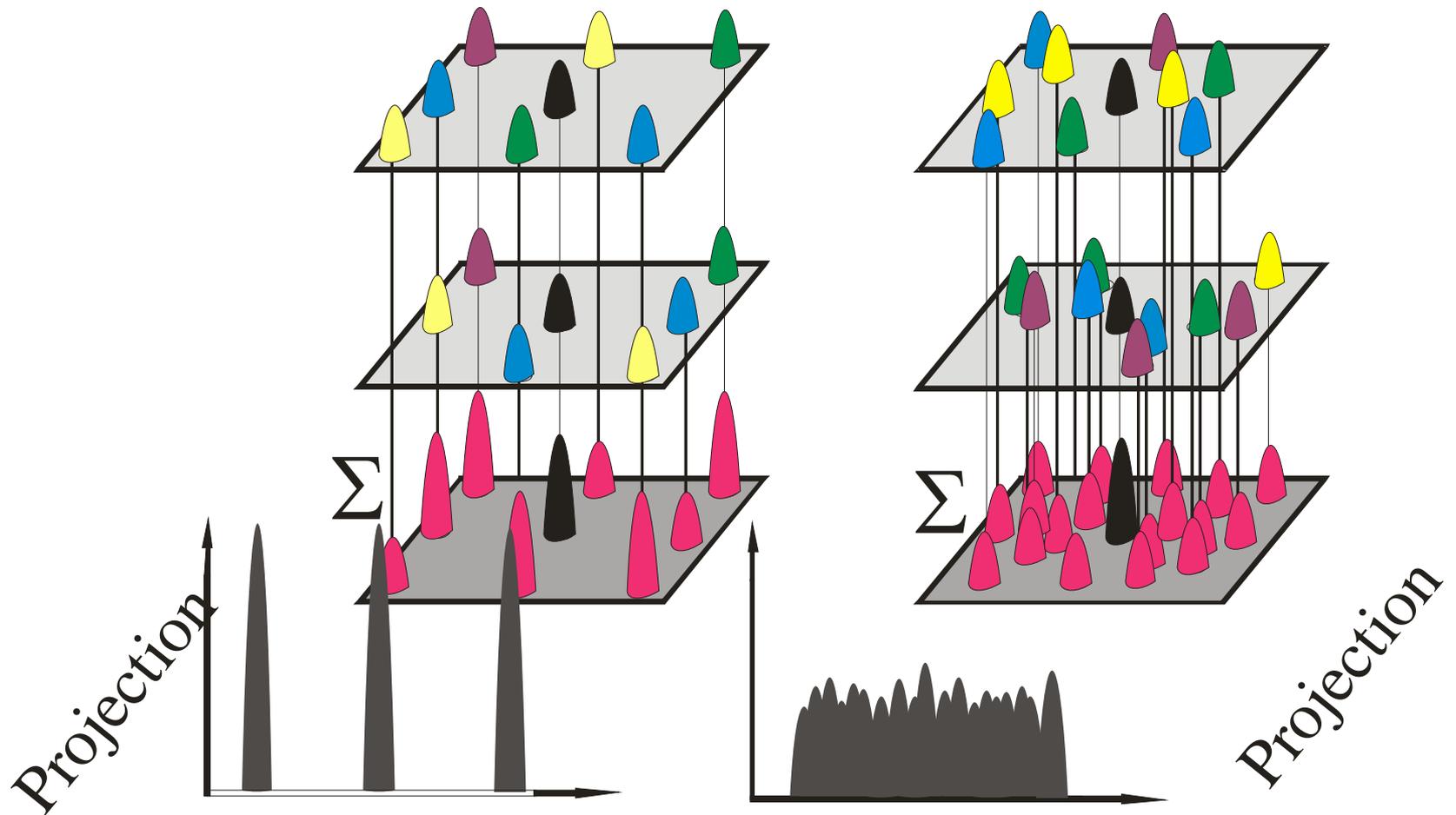
Repeatable satellite peaks on  
the regular grid with  $d_{\text{grid}} =$   
3.2 keV



# $\Delta E_\gamma$ Distribution

Repeatability

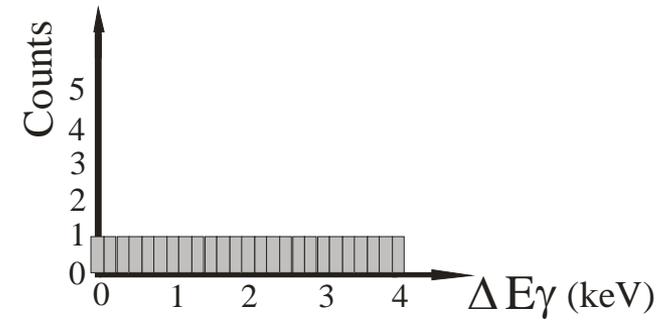
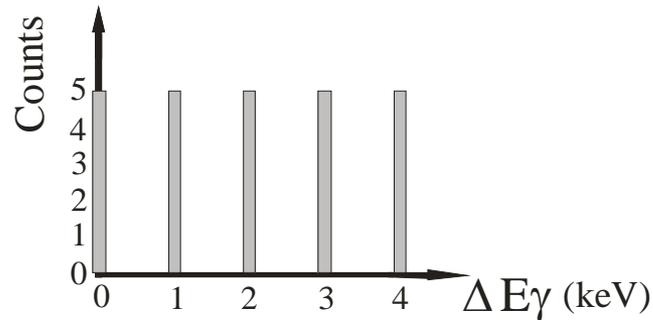
Non-repeatability



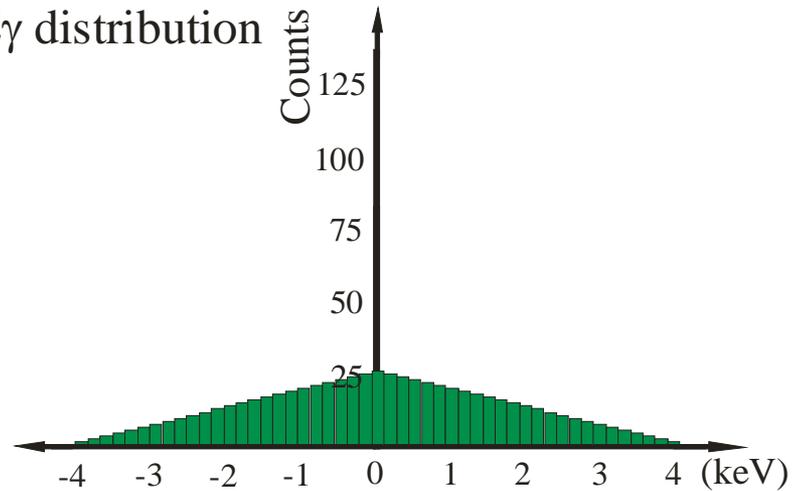
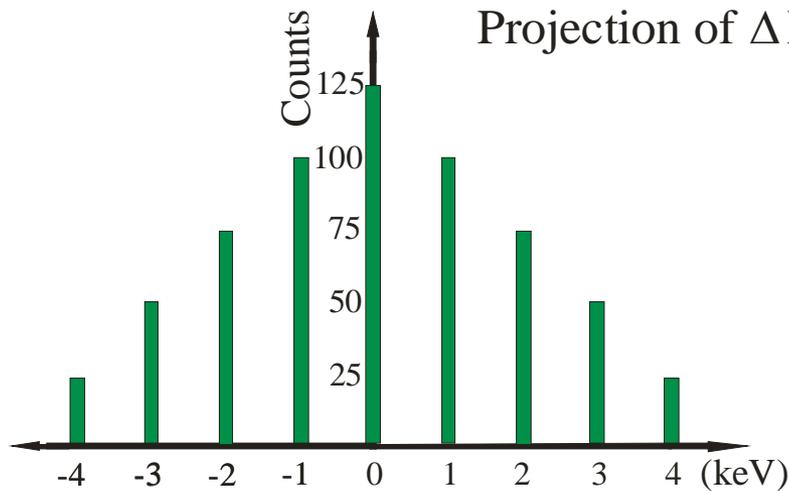
# Distribution of distances $D(dist)$ of $\Delta E_\gamma$ distribution

Repeatability

Non-repeatability

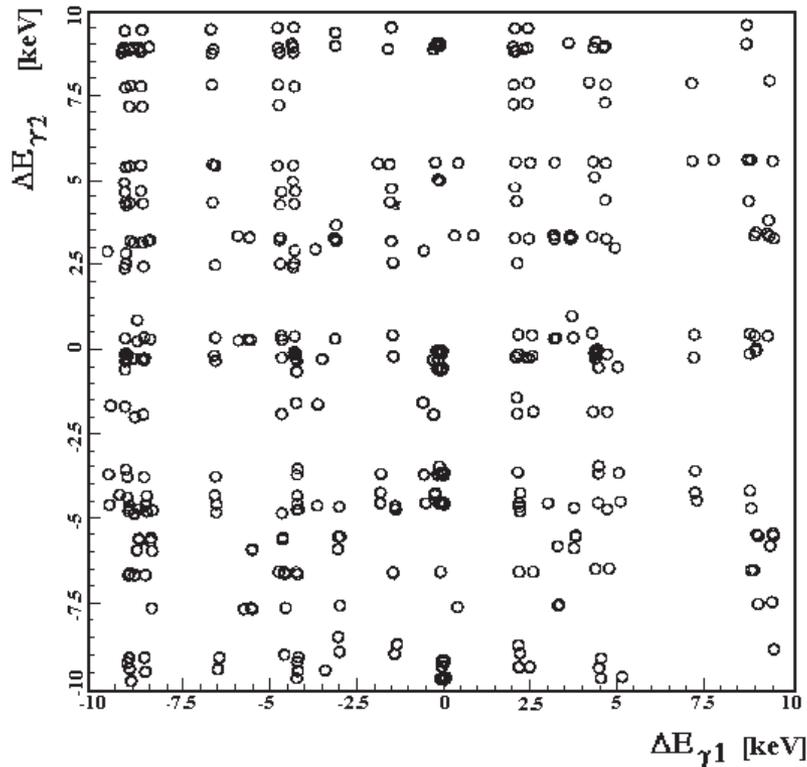


Projection of  $\Delta E_\gamma$  distribution

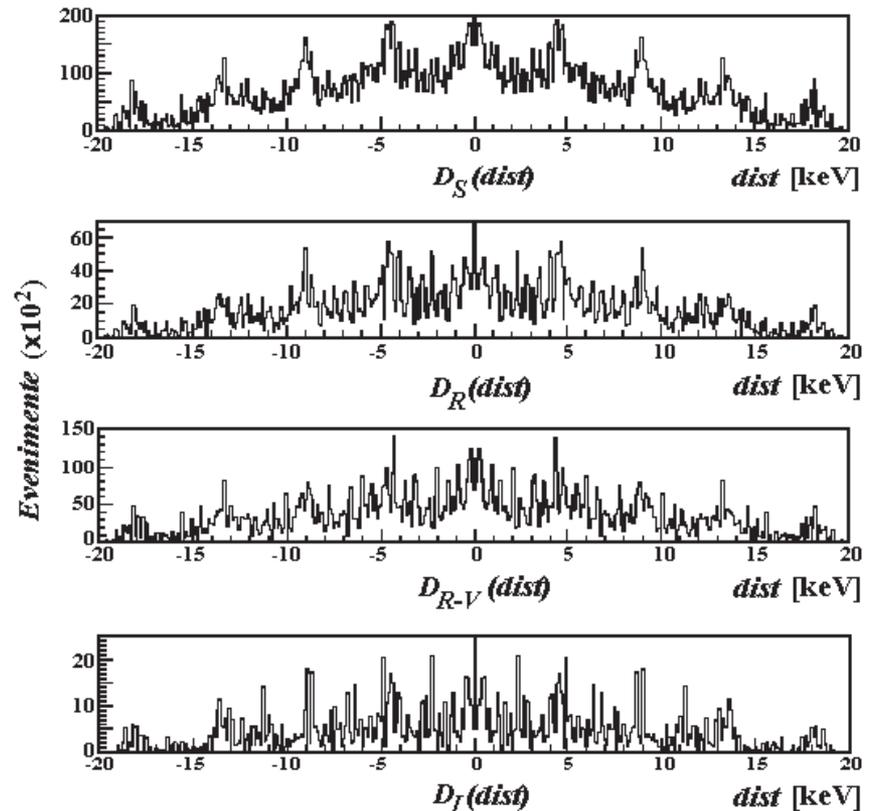


$D(dist)$

# Repeatability of [411]1/2+ band in $^{163}\text{Tm}$



$\Delta E_\gamma$  from upper half of coinc. matrix (case “I”):  $d_{\text{grid}} = 4.5 \text{ keV}$



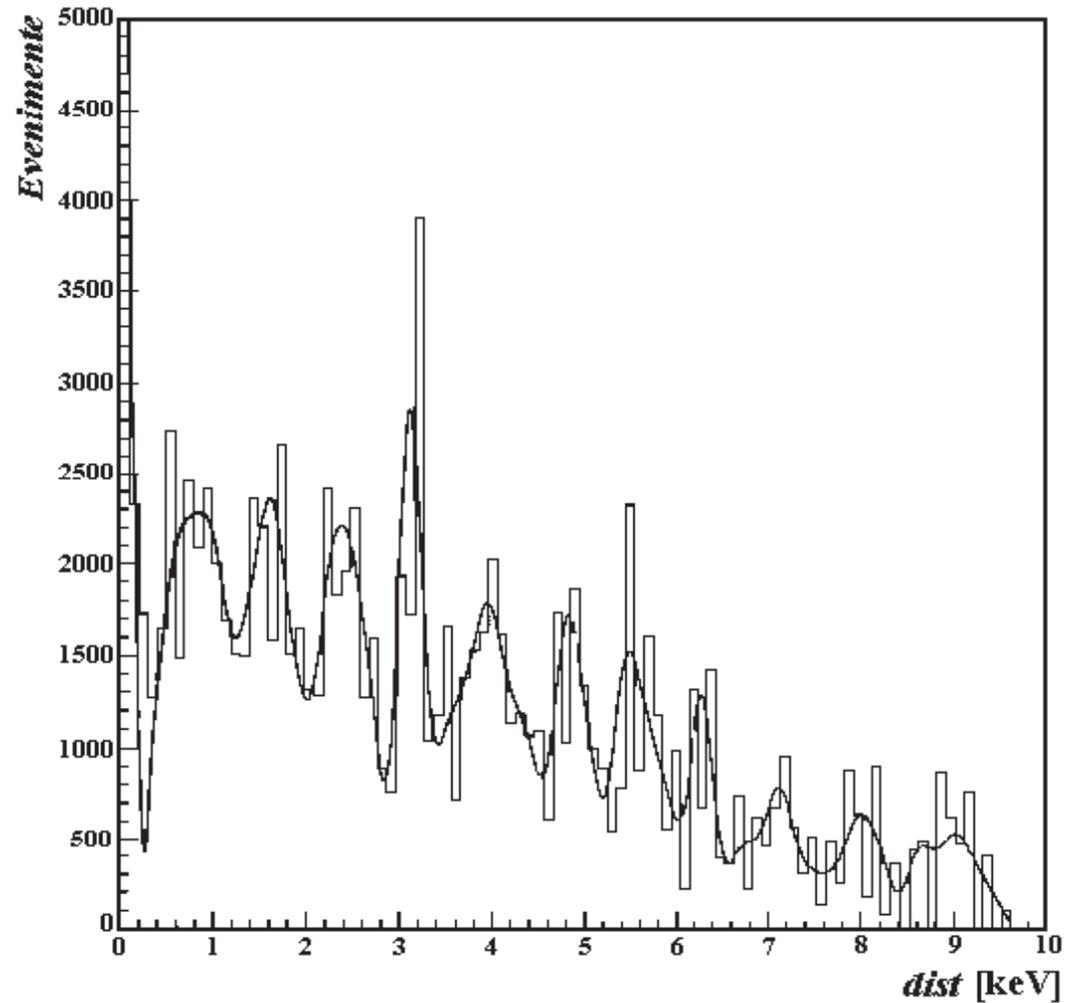
Distributions  $D(\text{dist})$ :  $d_{\text{grid}} = 4.5 \text{ keV}$

**IMP!:** Fractal-like structure of hierarchized maxima!

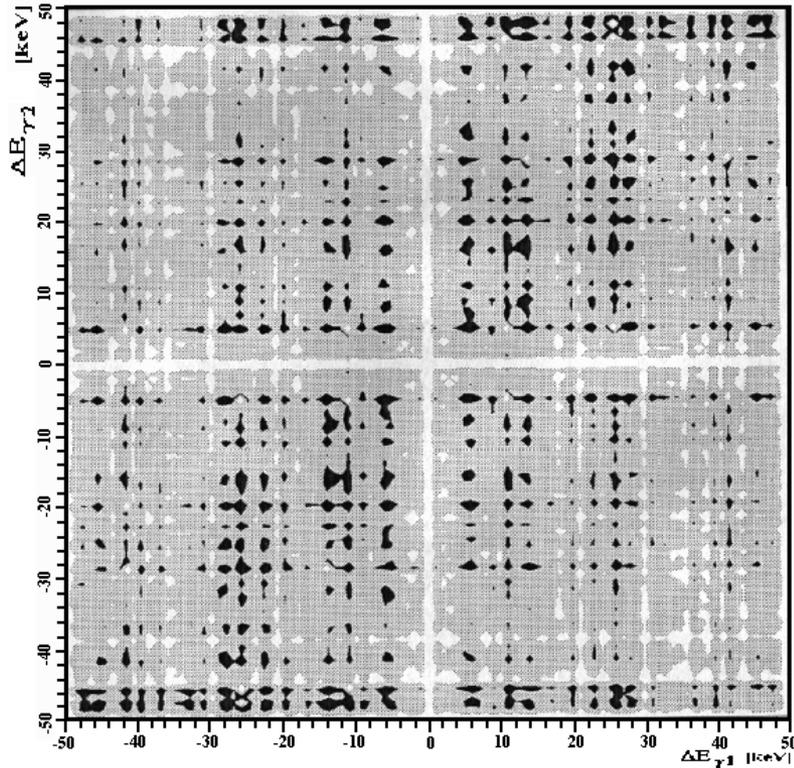
# Repeatability of $[541]1/2^-$ band in $^{163}\text{Tm}$

$D_S(dist)$  distribution

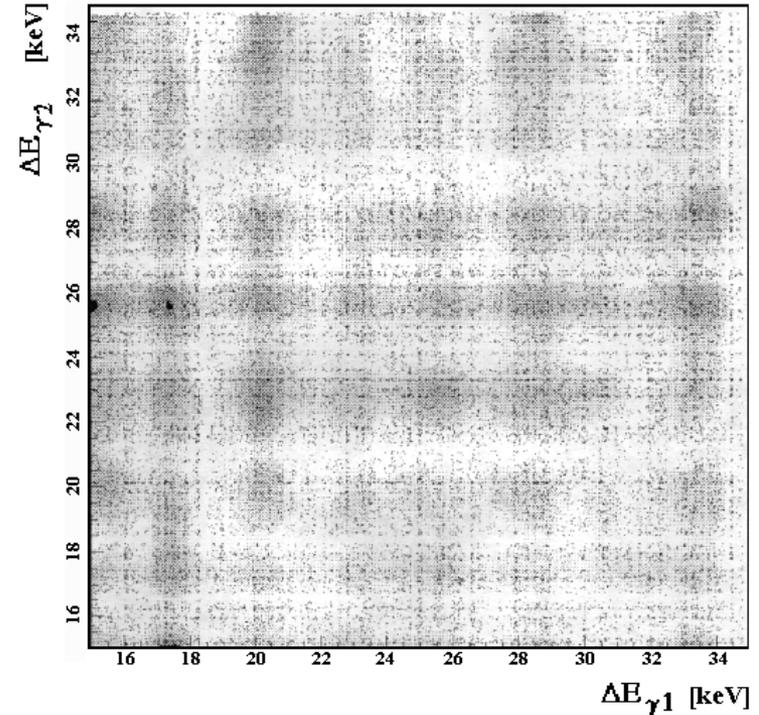
$D_{grid} = 0.8 \text{ keV}$



# Repeatability in $^{163}\text{Tm}$ (all-bands reference, “total reference”)

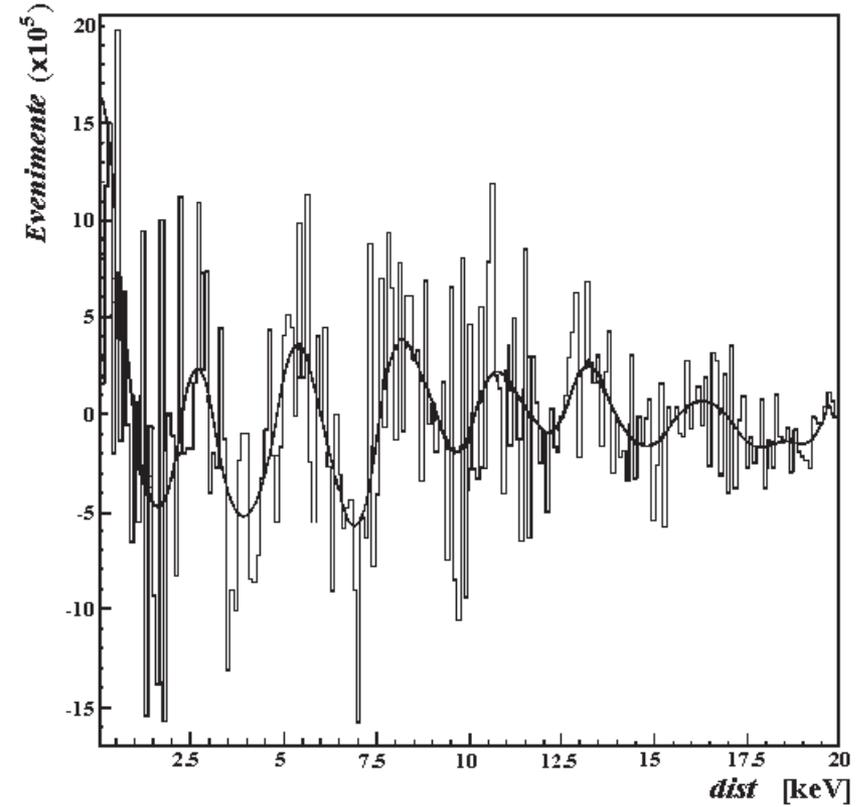
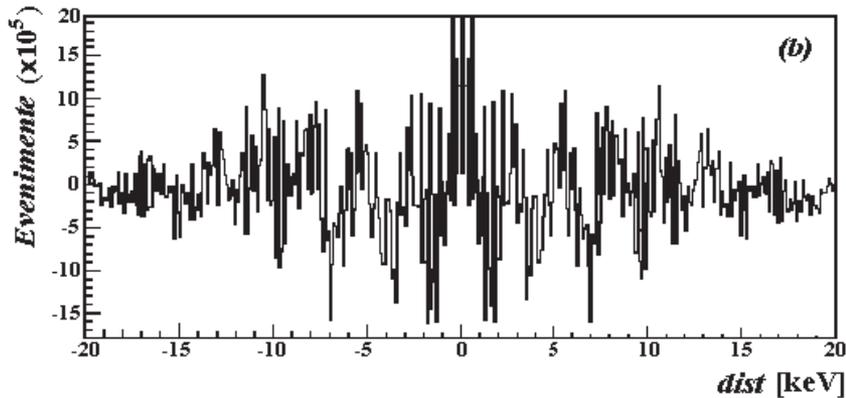
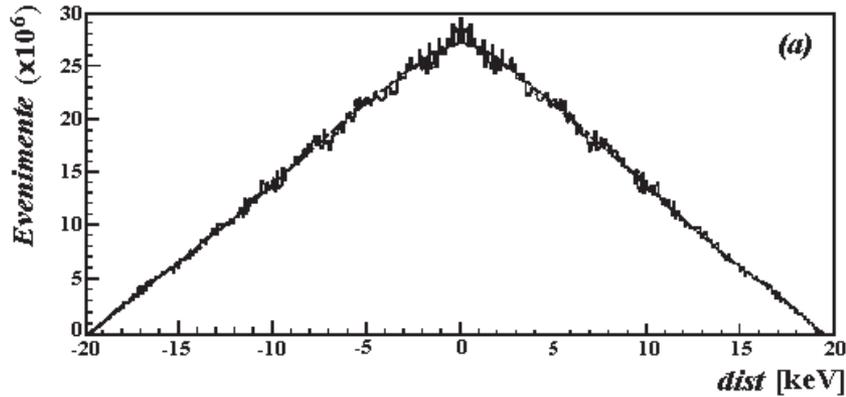


$\Delta E_\gamma$  distribution (1 keV/ch) reveal large scale repeatability pattern with  $d_{grid} \approx 2.7$  keV



Detail of same  $\Delta E_\gamma$  distribution (0.1 keV/ch – default value)

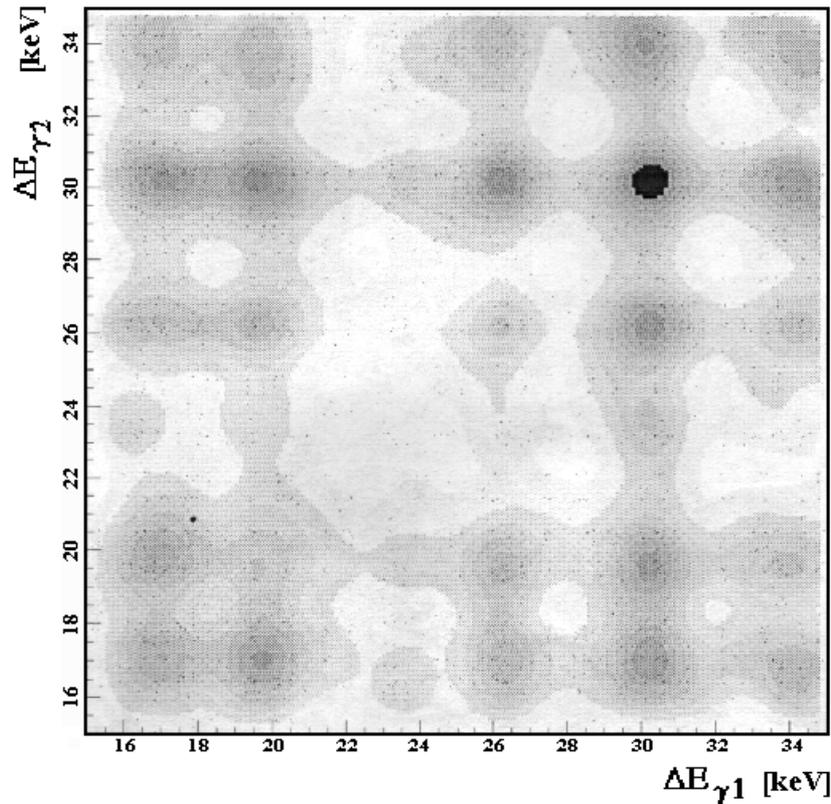
## Repeatability in $^{163}\text{Tm}$ (all-bands reference) – cont.



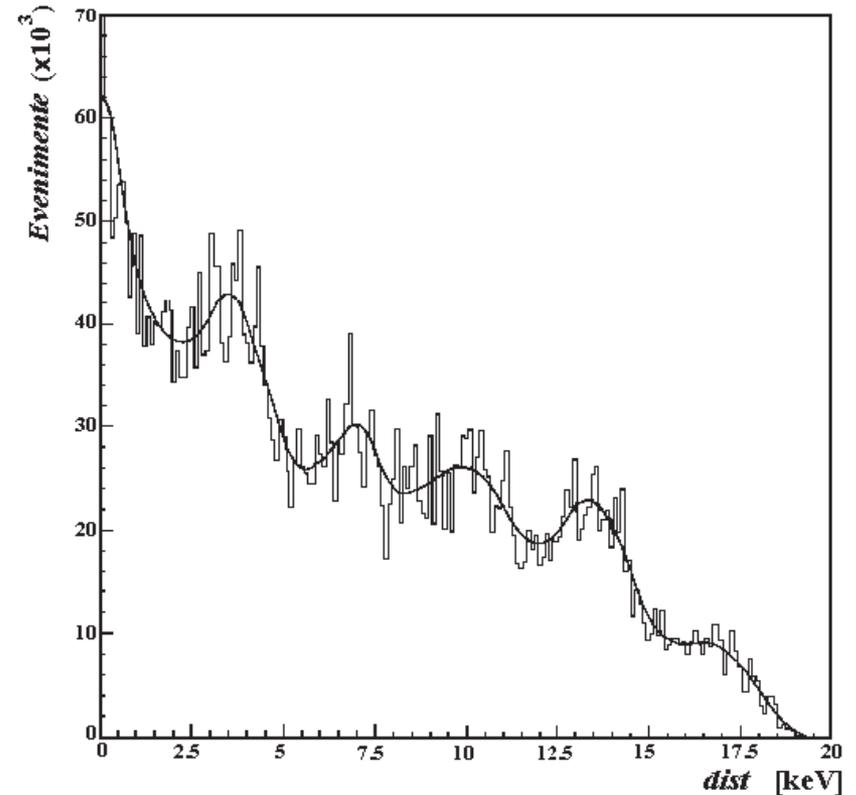
$D_R(\text{dist})$  for the detail of  $\Delta E_\gamma$  (previous figure), revealing oscillations around plateau

Repeatability pattern with  $d_{\text{grid}} \approx 2.65$  keV

## Repeatability in $^{162}\text{Tm}$ (all-bands reference)

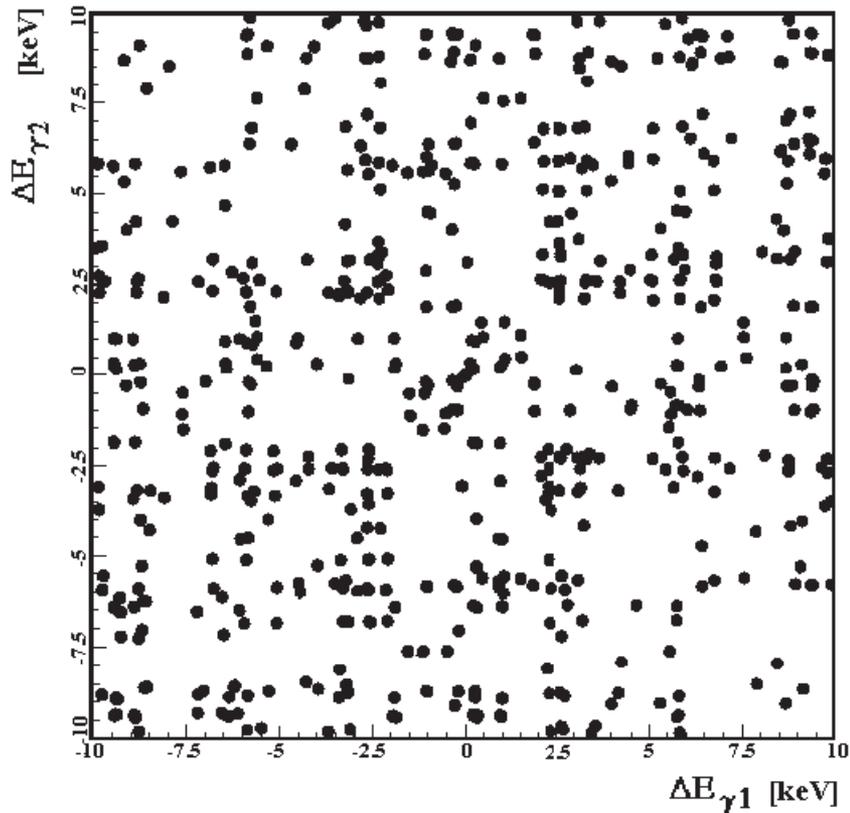


$\Delta E_{\gamma}$  distribution of type “R” (black points, superposed with their fit with 2D spline functions)

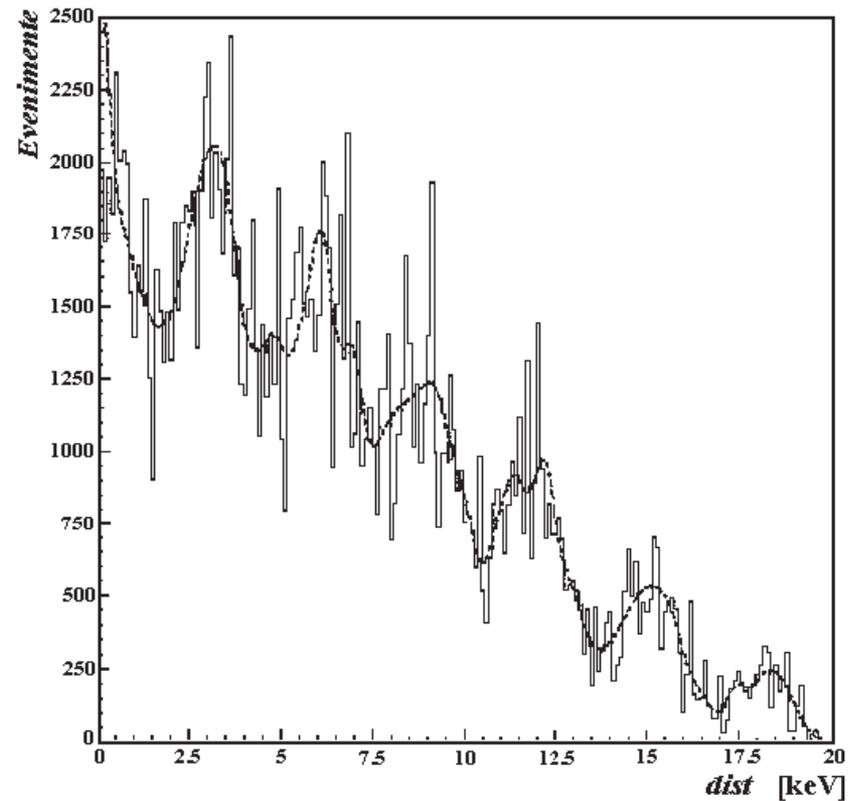


$D_R(dist)$  revealing repeatability pattern with  $d_{grid} \approx 3.4$  keV

# Repeatability in $^{168}\text{Yb}$ (all-bands reference)



$\Delta E_{\gamma}$  distribution of type “S”



$D_S(dist)$  revealing repeatability pattern with  $d_{grid} \approx 3.0$  keV

# Repeatability findings

Nucleus	$D_{grid} (keV) / \text{Ref. type}$			Obs.
$^{163}\text{Tm}$ <i>odd</i>	<b>2.65</b> (total)	<b>4.5</b> ([411]1/2 <sup>+</sup> )	<b>0.8</b> ([541]1/2 <sup>-</sup> )	<b>2.65 =</b> <b>(4.5+0.8)/2</b>
$^{162}\text{Tm}$ <i>odd-odd</i>	<b>3.4</b> (total)			
$^{168}\text{Yb}$ <i>even-even</i>	<b>3.0</b> (total)			

## Repeatability:

- regular symmetrical grid of repeated satellite peaks
- everywhere in the coincidence matrix including central valley
- fractal-like structure of hierarchized maxima

# Consequences on levels schemes

