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Decay Spectroscopy of ¹⁶⁰Eu Using the GRIFFIN Spectrometer

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Nuclear Shell Model

 Describes energies and wave functions of nucleons
 Closed shells at certain nucleon number



Nuclear Structure

- Deformed nuclei away from shell closures
- Investigate nuclei in regions of deformation
 - Improve theoretical models



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Previous Work on $^{160}Eu \rightarrow ^{160}Gd$

Disagreeing results from 1973



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Recent Work on ¹⁶⁰Eu → ¹⁶⁰**Gd**

Improved partial level scheme (2018)

■ ~2.4 MeV between Q_{β} – and highest level



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D.J. Hartley et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 120:182502 (2018).

Experimental Setup

Zero Degree Scintillator for beta detection

• 15 large-volume GRIFFIN High Purity Germanium detectors







Moving Tape Collector and Zero Degree Scintillator



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Gamma-Ray Infrastructure For Fundamental Investigations of Nuclei

Coincidence Analysis

• Events within given time are in coincidence \rightarrow same decay

- Coincident transitions in cascade
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Structure of ¹⁶⁰Gd

- Confirmation of:
 - 5/7 excited states [1]
 - 7/11 excited states [2]
 - 9/9 excited states [3]
- Previously unpublished:
 - 21 excited states
 - 56 transitions

Preliminary

[1] J.M. D'Auria *et al., Can. J. Phys.* **51**, 686 (1973).
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Multiple Decaying States







- New information on ¹⁶⁰Eu \rightarrow ¹⁶⁰Gd β -decay
- Confirmation of most known levels and transitions
- •21 new excited states and 56 new transitions





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