# The Shape Method 

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## Shape Method

- $D_{0}$ is not known.
- No standard approach in absence of $D_{0}$.
- Unambiguous identification of origin and destination of primaries.
- Functional form is retained between primaries from same excitation energy bin.
- Concepts from Average Resonance Capture, Ratio, and $\chi^{2}$ methods.

Independent normalization for $\gamma$-ray strength functions: The shape method

## Extracting model-independent nuclear level densities away from stability

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- Pair of data points internally normalized and proportional to PSF.
- Average $\gamma$ energy of the extremes of 2 neighboring pairs.
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ pair scaled by a factor to match $1^{\text {st }}$ pair.
- Logarithmic interpolation.
- Results in functional form of PSF.


## Shape Method in practice: ${ }^{56} \mathrm{Fe}$



## Shape Method in practice: ${ }^{92} \mathrm{Zr}$




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\begin{array}{ll}
D_{1}=0^{+} 0 \mathrm{keV} & \mathrm{D}_{3}=0^{+} 1383 \& 4^{+} 1495 \mathrm{keV} \\
D_{2}=2^{+} 934 \mathrm{keV} & D_{4}=3^{-23} 2340 \& 4^{+} 2398 \& 5-2486 \mathrm{keV}
\end{array}
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## Shape Method in practice: ${ }^{164}$ Dy




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\begin{aligned}
& D_{1}=0^{+}, 2^{+}, 4^{+}, 6^{+}, 0-0.5 \mathrm{MeV} \\
& D_{2}=14 \text { levels } 0.76-1.39 \mathrm{MeV}
\end{aligned}
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## Shape Method in practice: ${ }^{144} \mathrm{Nd}$

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## Shape Method and NLD on stable isotope




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## Shape Method and NLD on radioactive isotope



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