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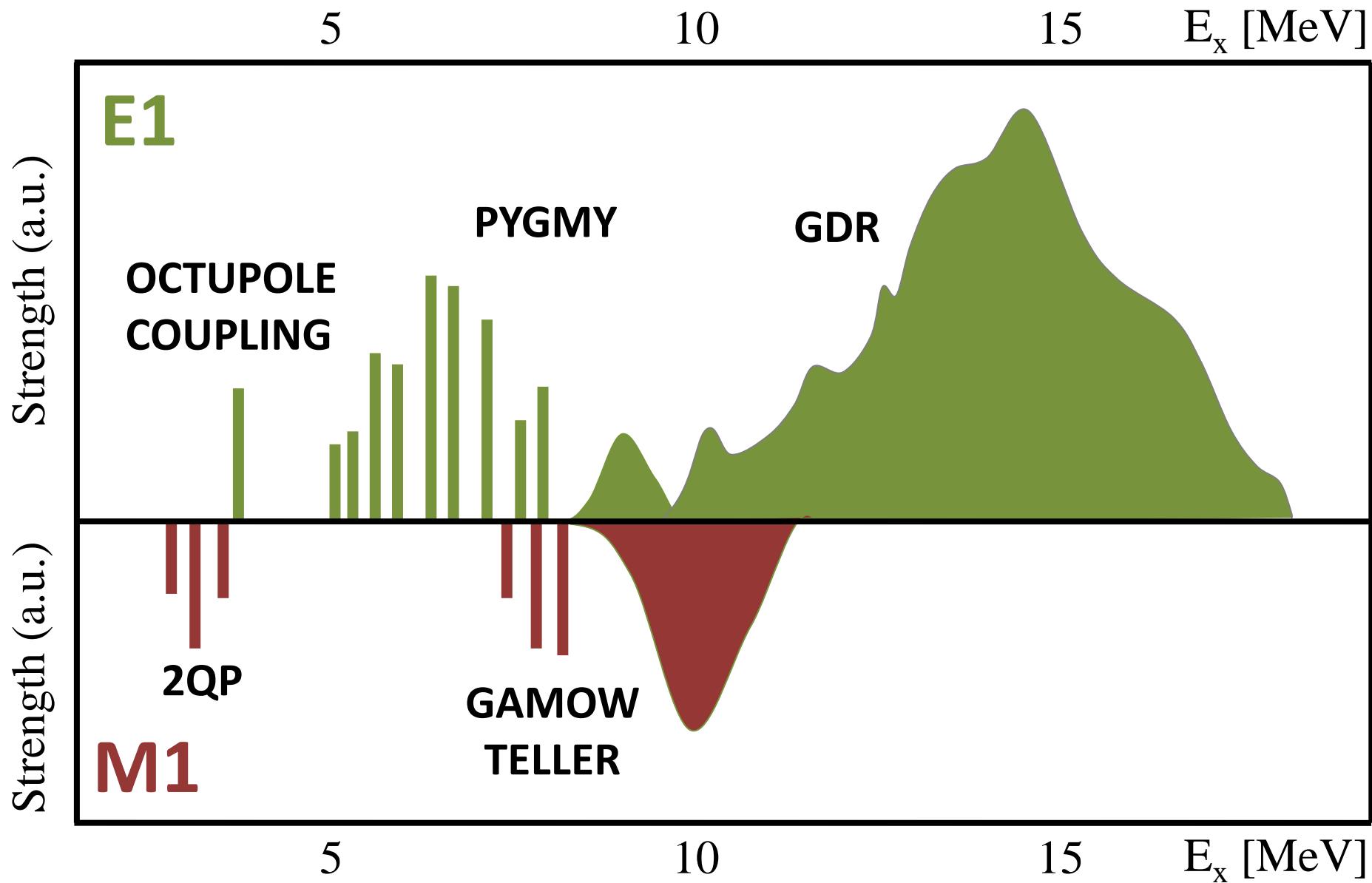
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*Z. Phys.* **106** (1937) 236

# 75 years ago

## 1938: Nuclear Photo-effects

THE beautiful experiments of Bothe and Gentner<sup>1</sup> on the ejection of neutrons from heavier nuclei by means of  $\gamma$ -rays with energy of about 17 M.v. resulting from impact of protons on lithium, have revealed a remarkable selectivity of these nuclear photo-effects. ...

N. BOHR.

Universitetets Institut  
for Teoretisk Fysik,  
Copenhagen, Ø  
Jan. 31.

*nature* **141** (1938) 326

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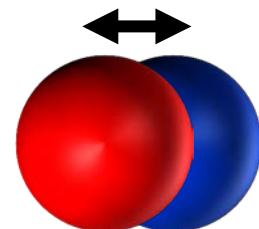
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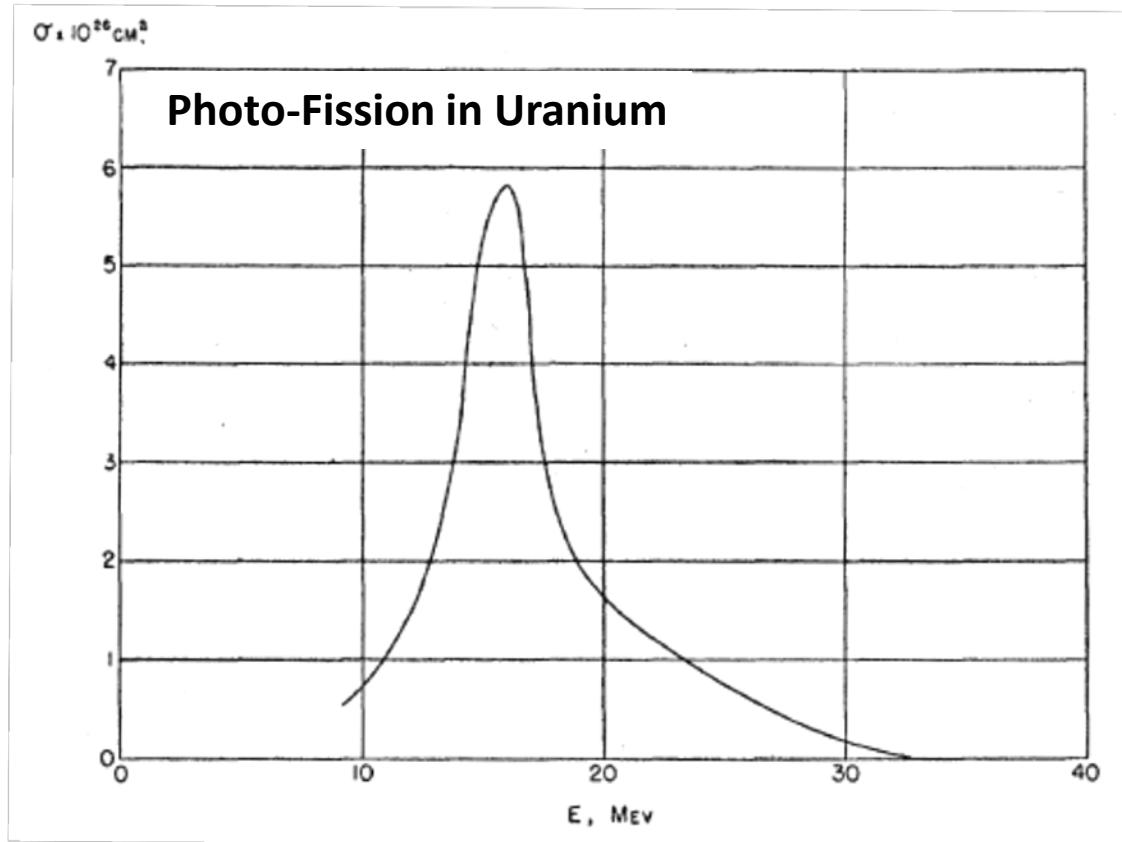
QUADRUPOLE AND DIPOLE  $\gamma$ -RADIATION OF NUCLEI

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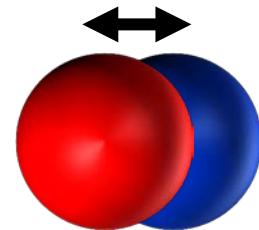
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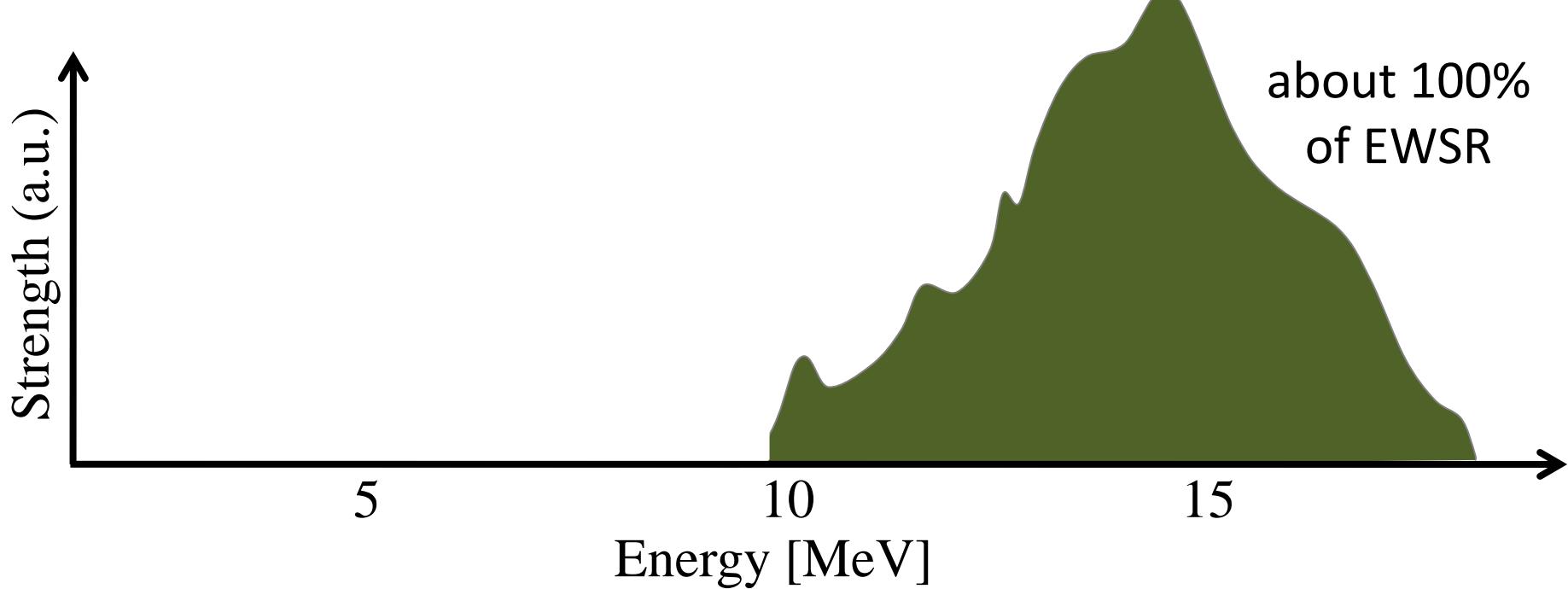
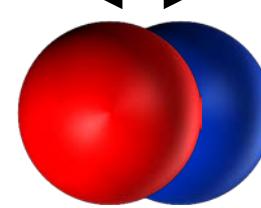
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# Giant Dipole Resonance (GDR)

$$E_x = 31 A^{-1/3} + 21 A^{-1/6}$$

$$\int_0^\infty \sigma(E) dE = 60 \frac{NZ}{A} MeV \cdot mb$$

**GDR**



# Pygmy Dipole Resonance (PDR)

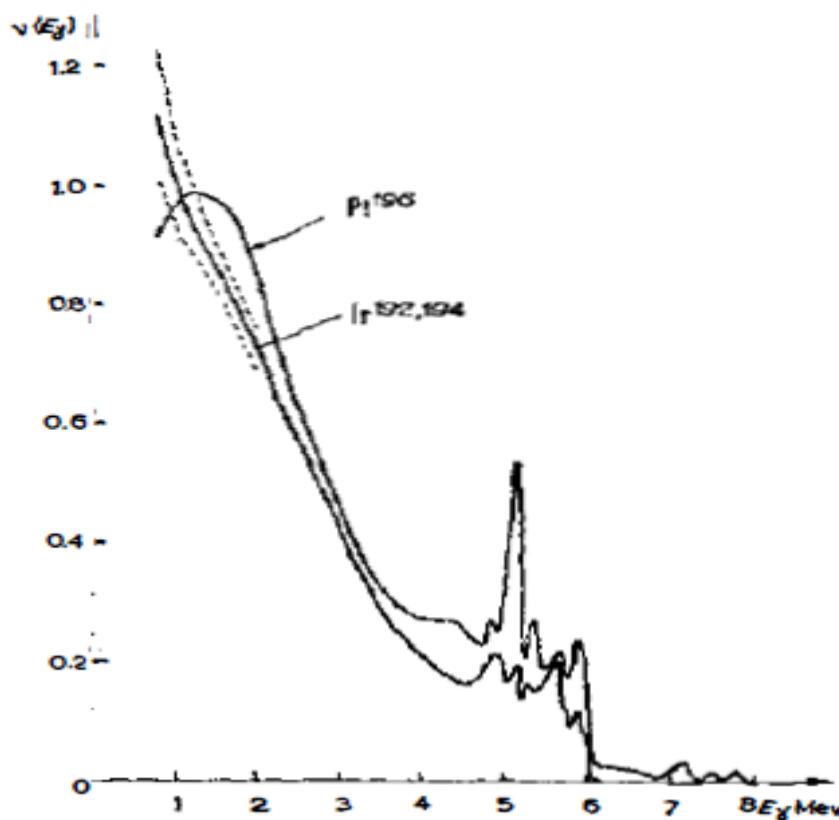
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1969:

Effect of the pygmy resonance on the calculations of the neutron capture cross section

J. S. BRZOSKO, E. GIERLIK, A. SOLTAN, JR., AND Z. WILHELMI

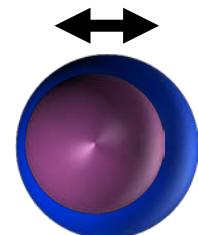
*Can. J. Phys.* **47** (1969) 2850

1971:

Three-Fluid Hydrodynamical Model of Nuclei\*

R. Mohan, M. Danos, and L.C. Biedenharn,  
*Phys. Rev. C* **3** (1971) 1740

Z protons, Z neutrons, N-Z excess neutrons



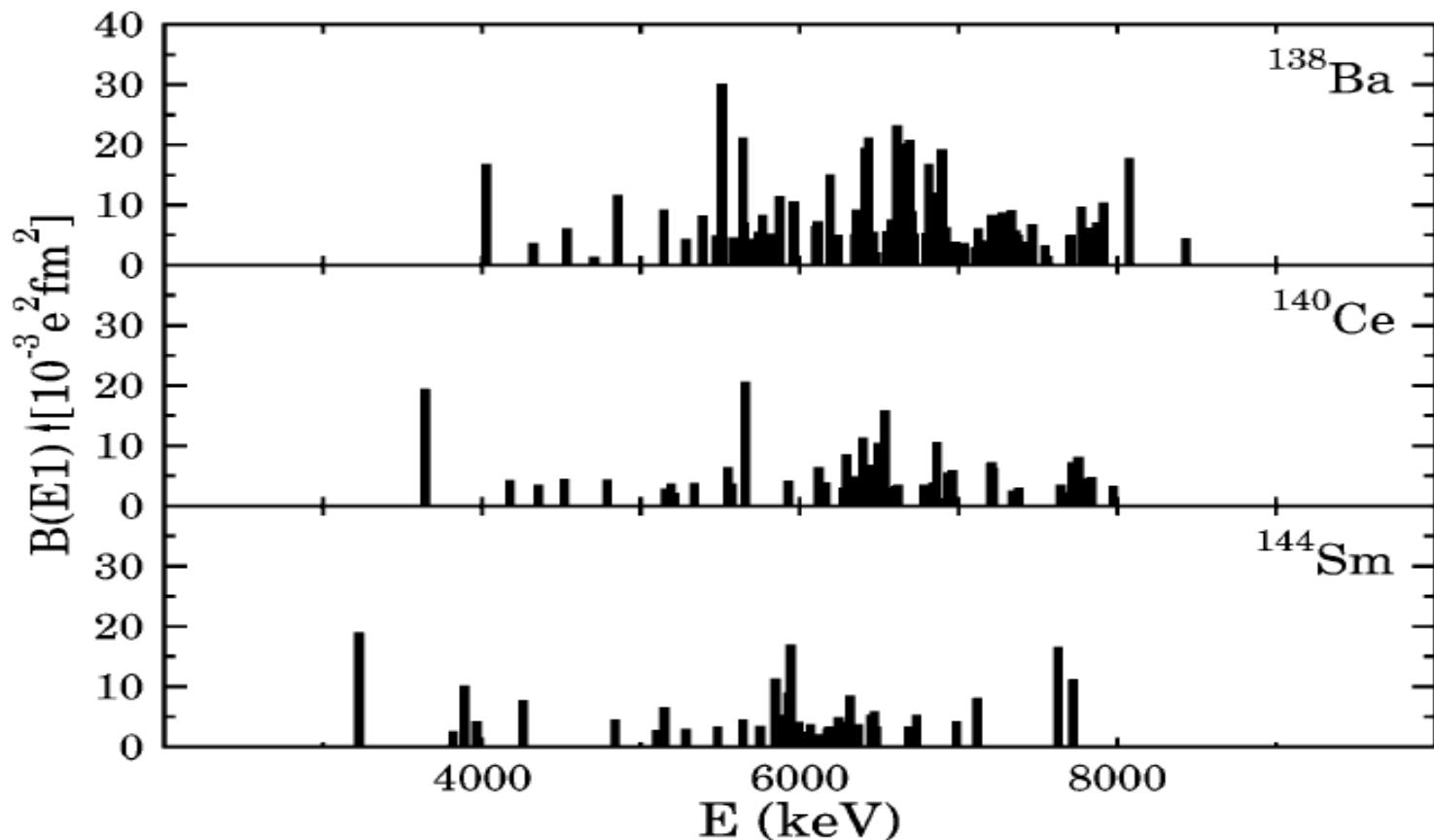
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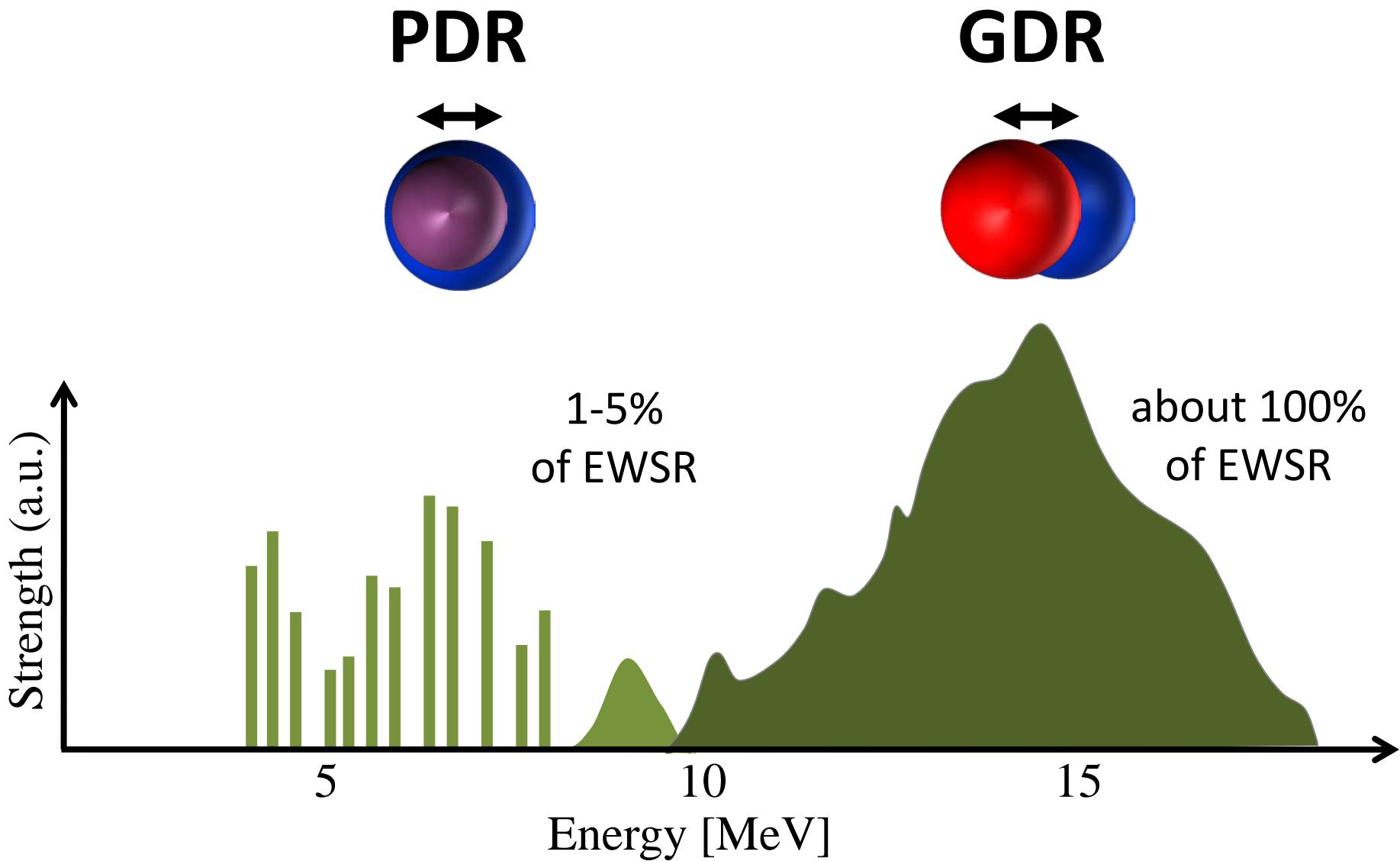
Concentration of electric dipole strength below the neutron separation energy in  $N = 82$  nuclei

A. Zilges, S. Volz, M. Babilon, T. Hartmann, P. Mohr, K. Vogt

*Phys. Lett. B* **542** (2002) 43

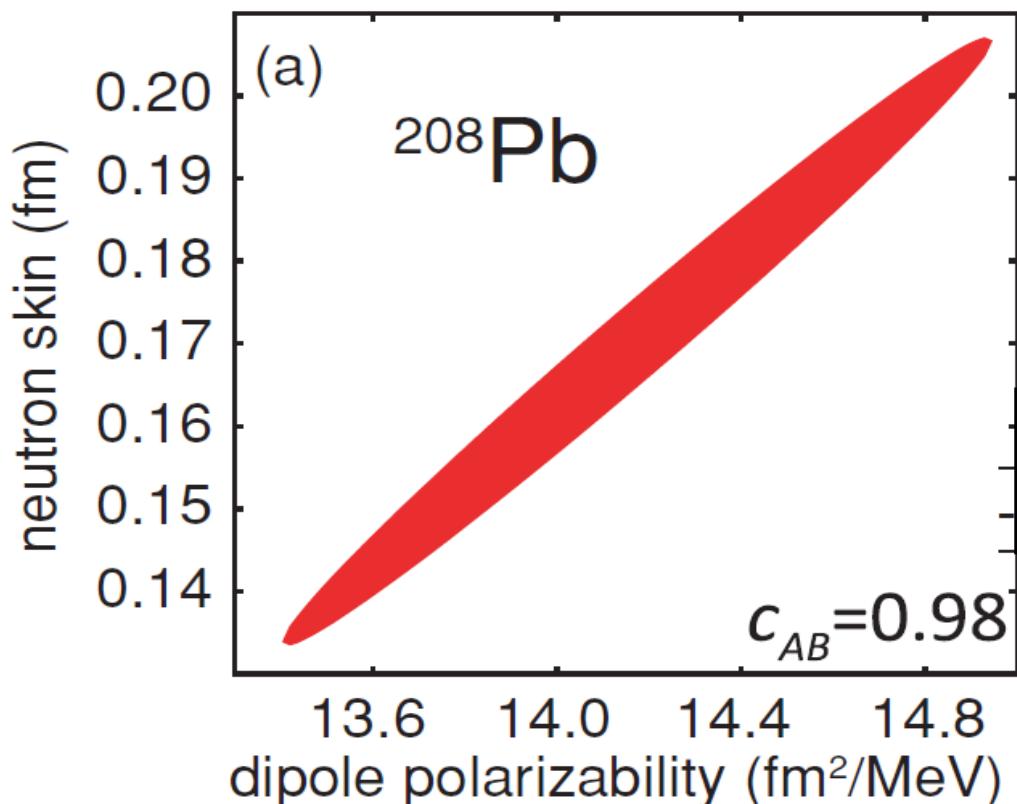


# From giants to pygmies



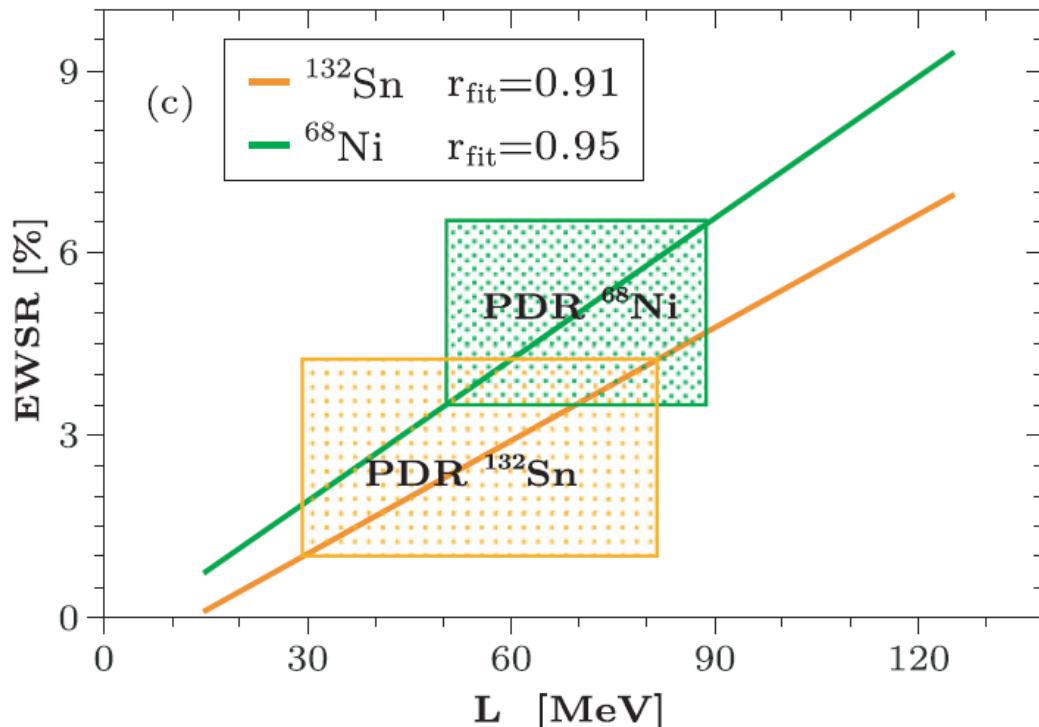
# Relevance of PDR

- Universal „collective“ excitation mode
- Connection to neutron star radius, neutron skin



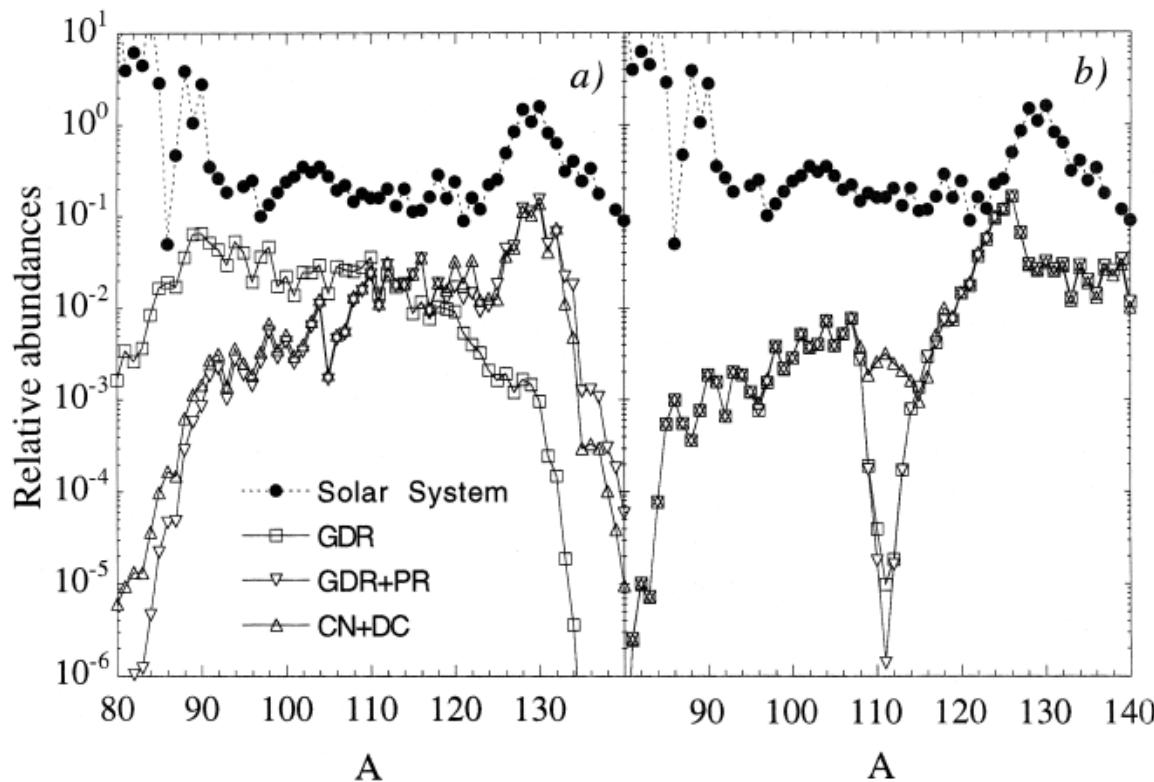
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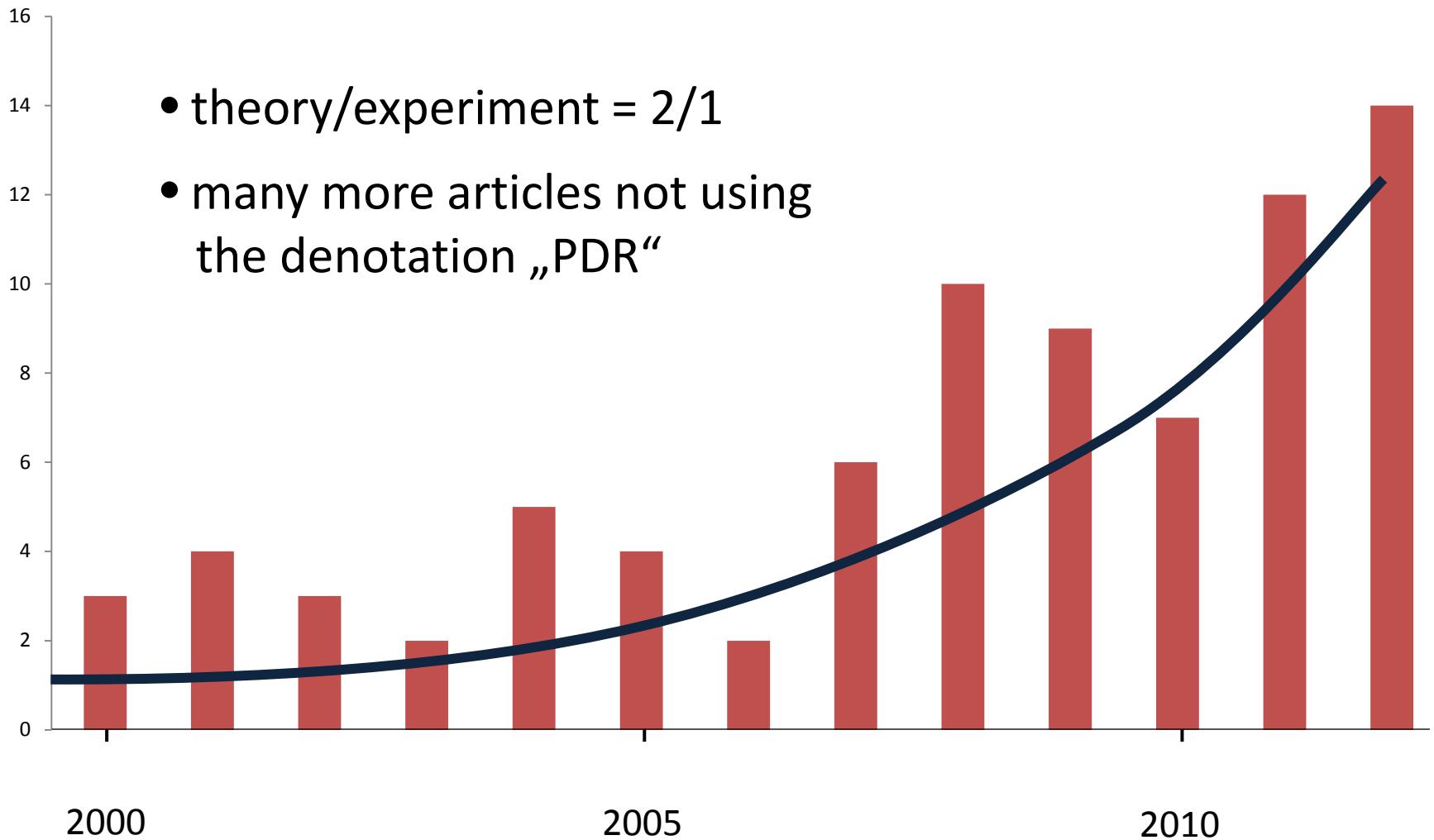
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- Impact on nucleosynthesis



*S. Goriely, PLB 436 (1998) 10*

# „PDR“ in title or abstract of PRL, PRC, PLB, NPA

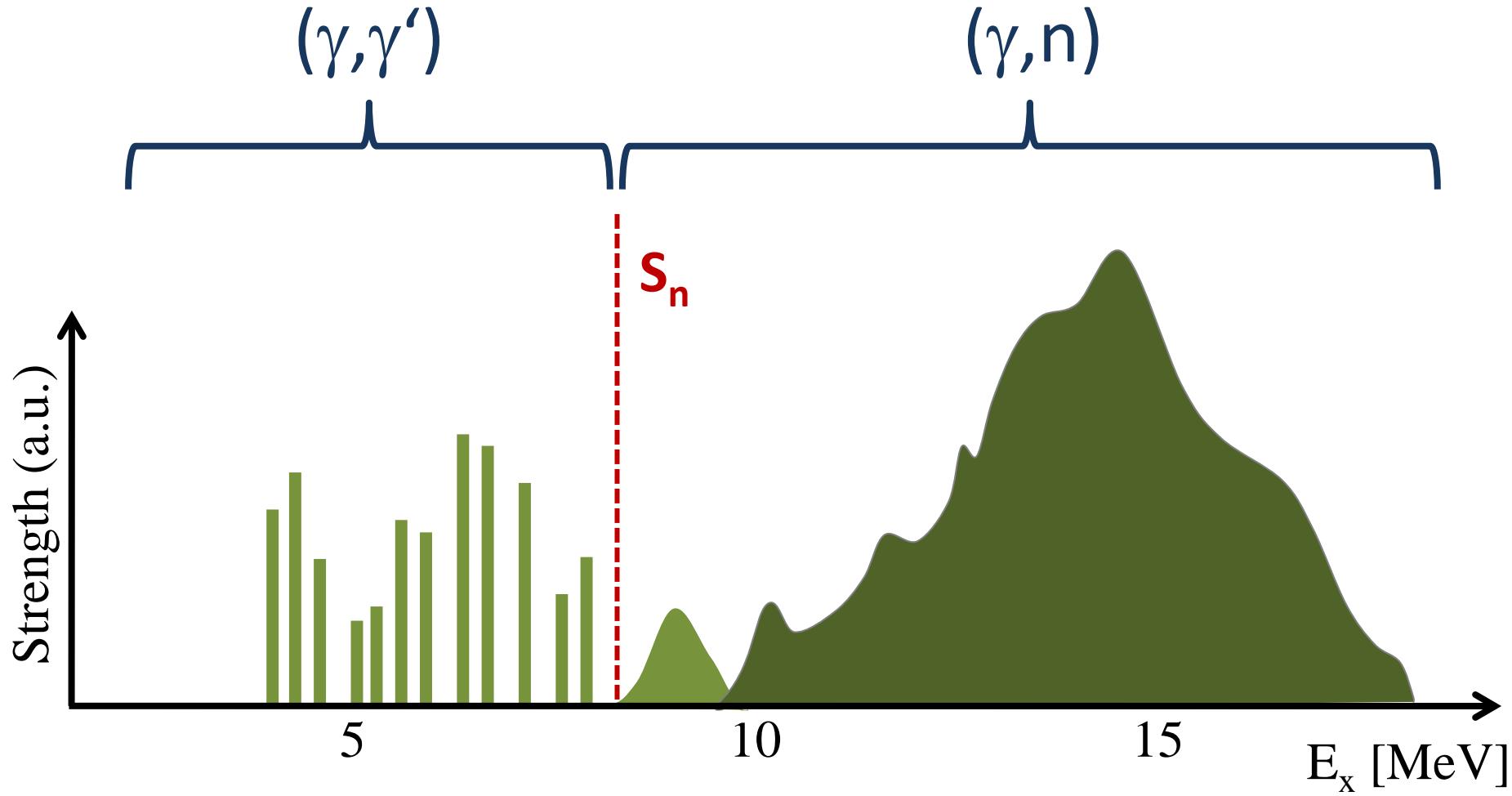
- theory/experiment = 2/1
- many more articles not using the denotation „PDR“



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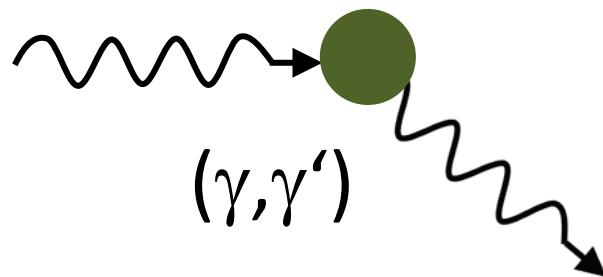
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# Study of the E1 strength distribution via electromagnetic interaction

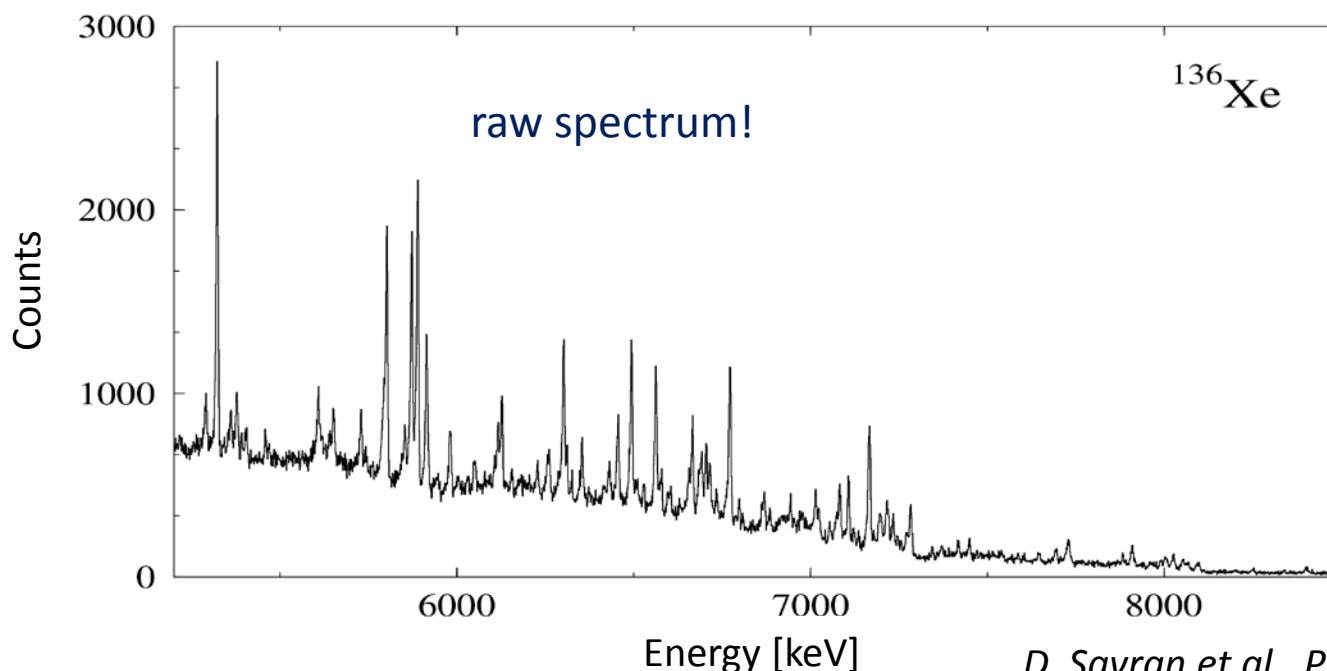


The photons can be real or virtual!

# Scattering of real photons ( $\gamma, \gamma'$ )

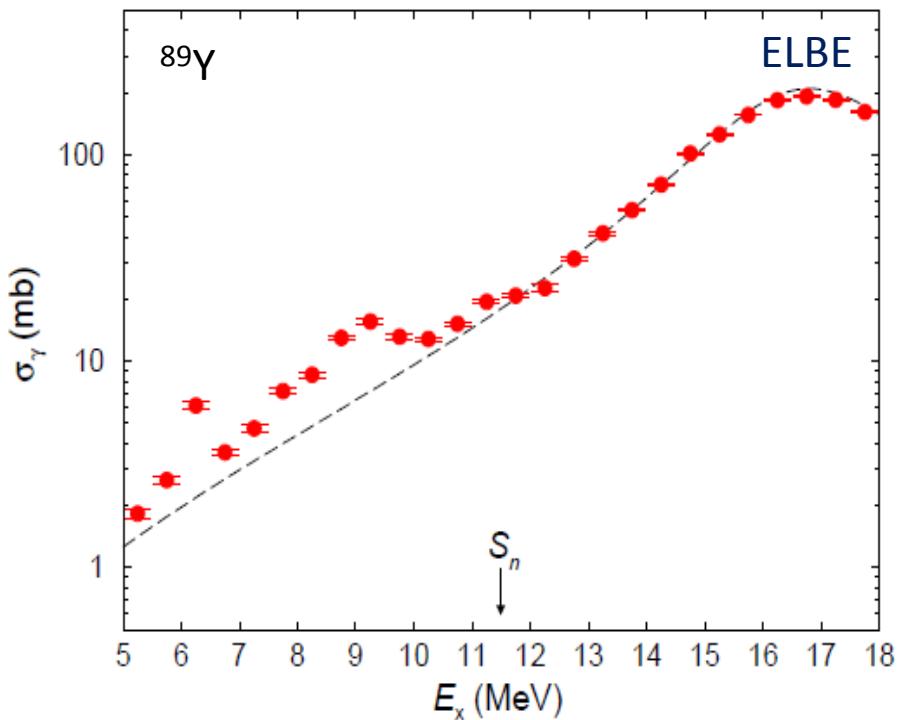
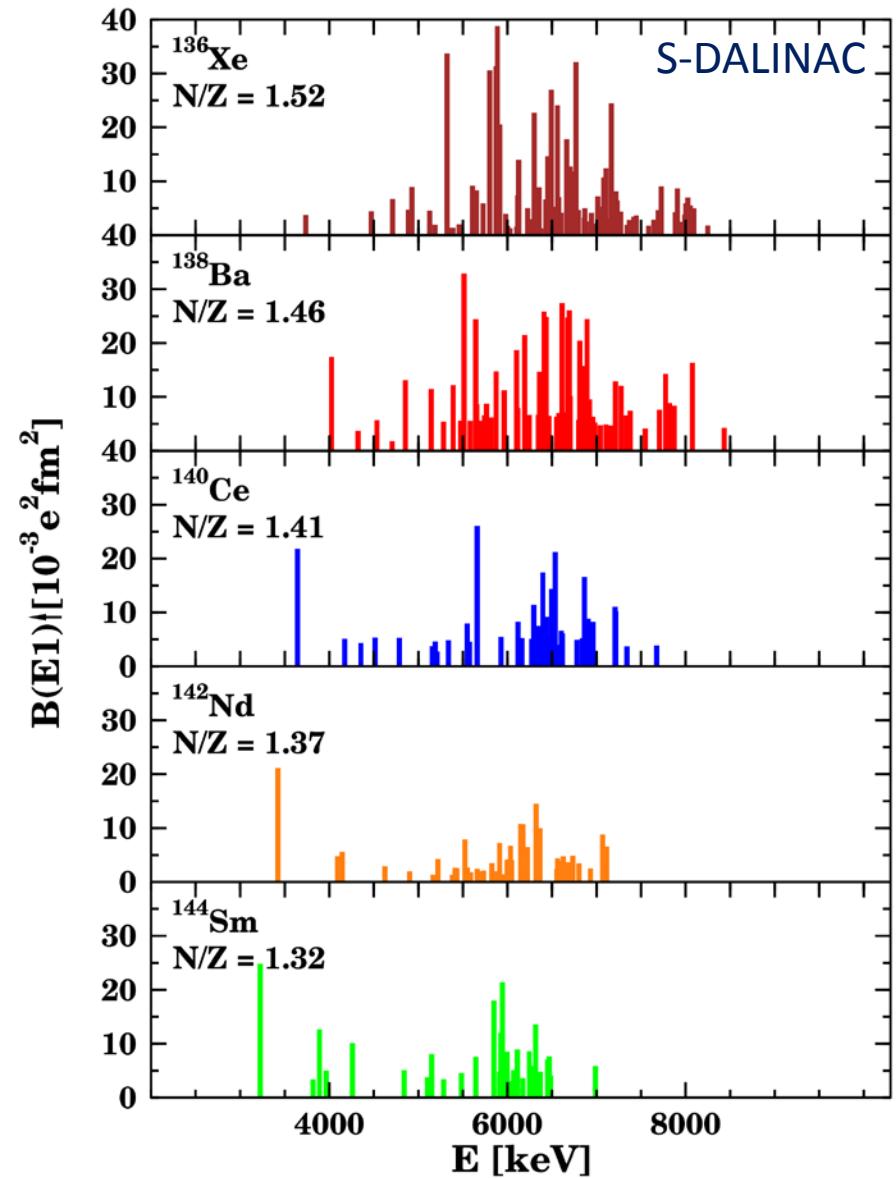


- $E_\gamma = 0 - S_n$
- very selective excitation ( $\Delta J=1$  or 2)
- energy resolution  $\Delta E=5-10$  keV
- complex sensitivity limit
- only stable nuclei can be studied



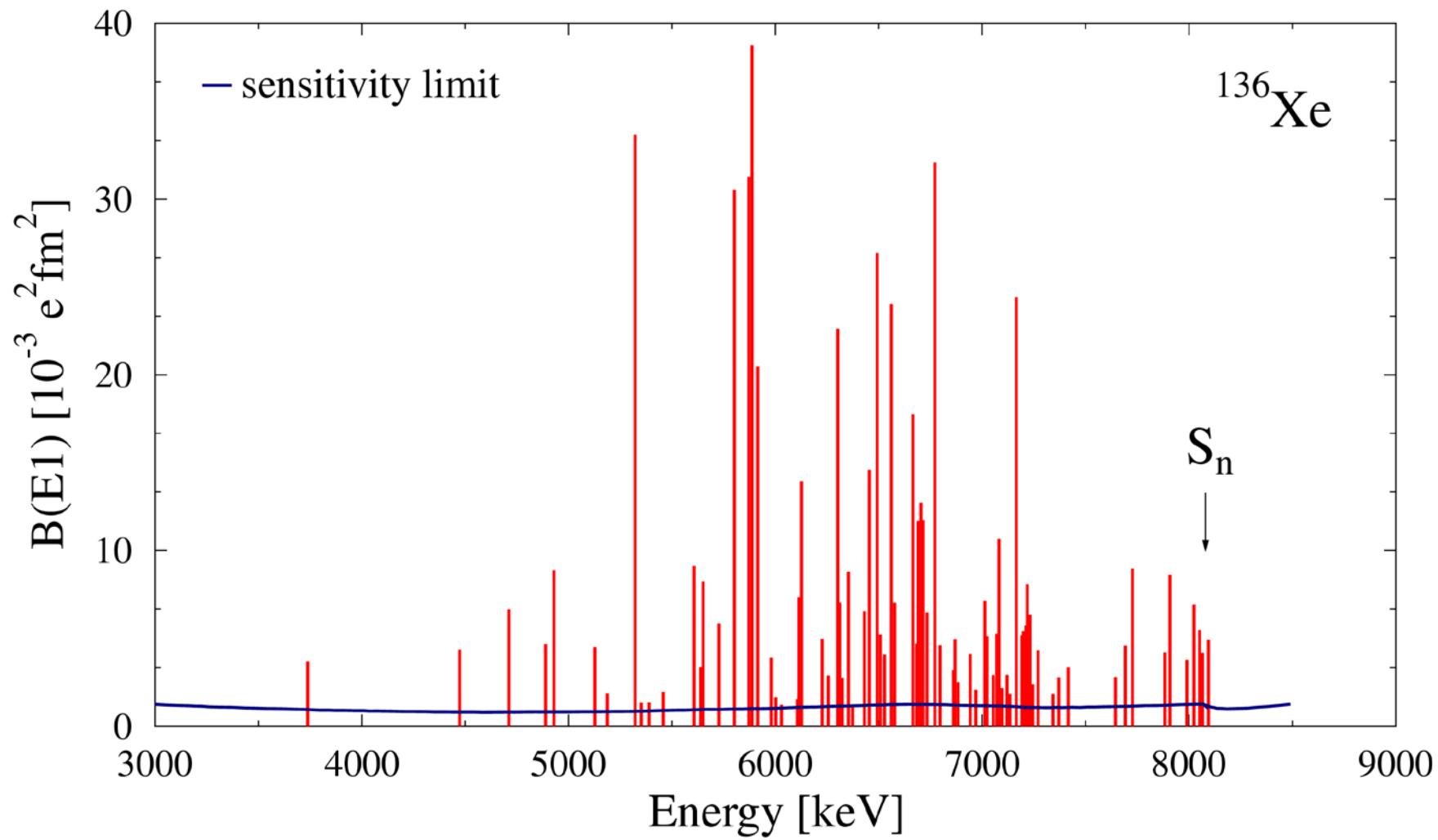
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ELI@Bukarest

# E1 distribution in stable nuclei: $(\gamma, \gamma')$

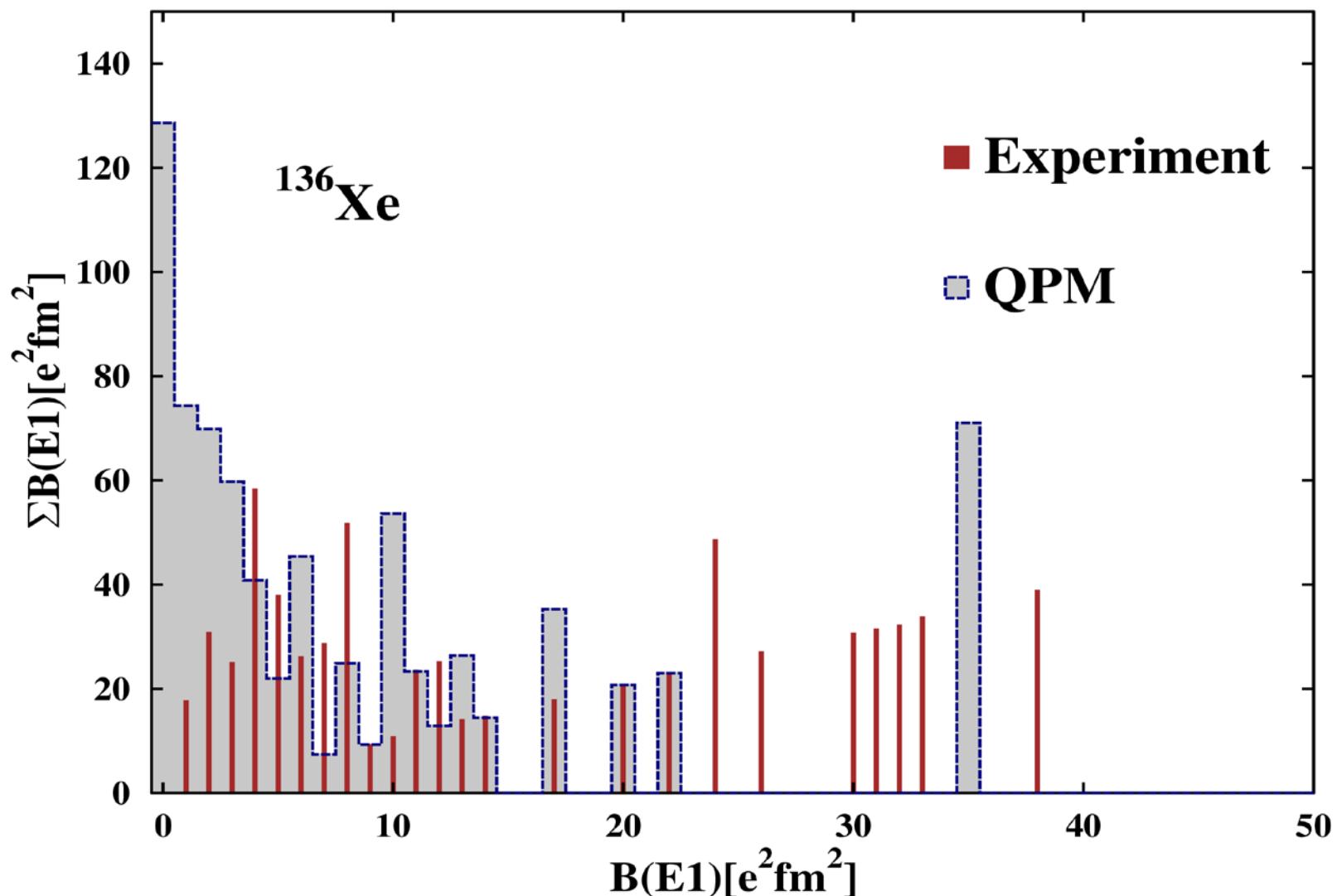


- N. Benouaret et al., PRC **79** (2009) 014303*  
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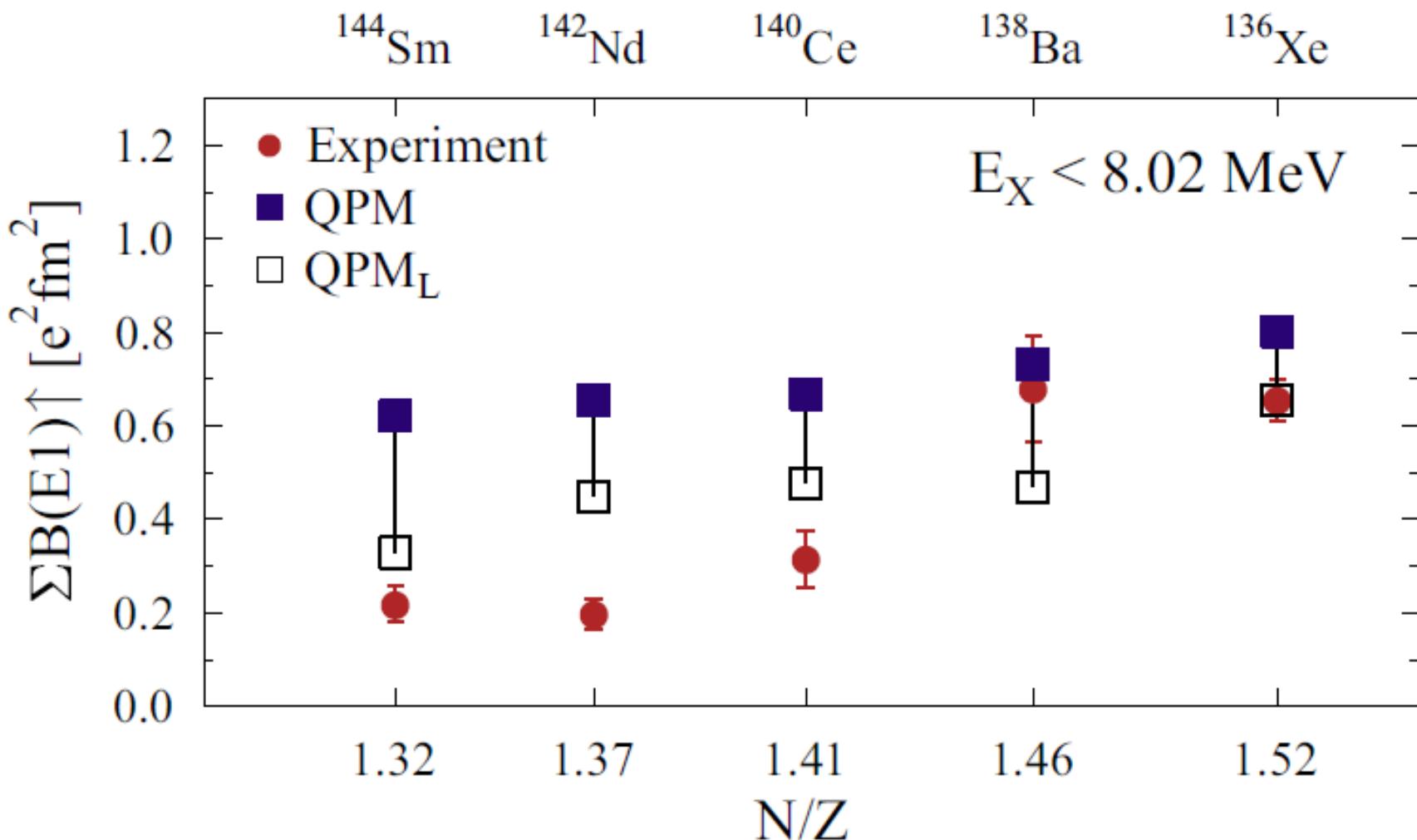
# Sensitivity of ( $\gamma, \gamma'$ ) experiments



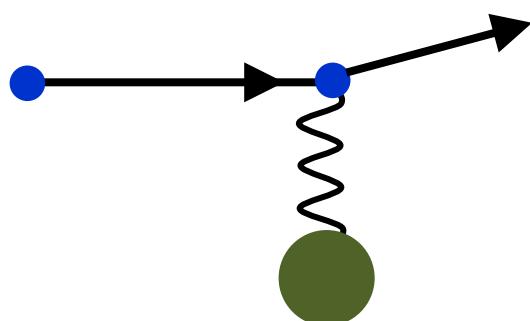
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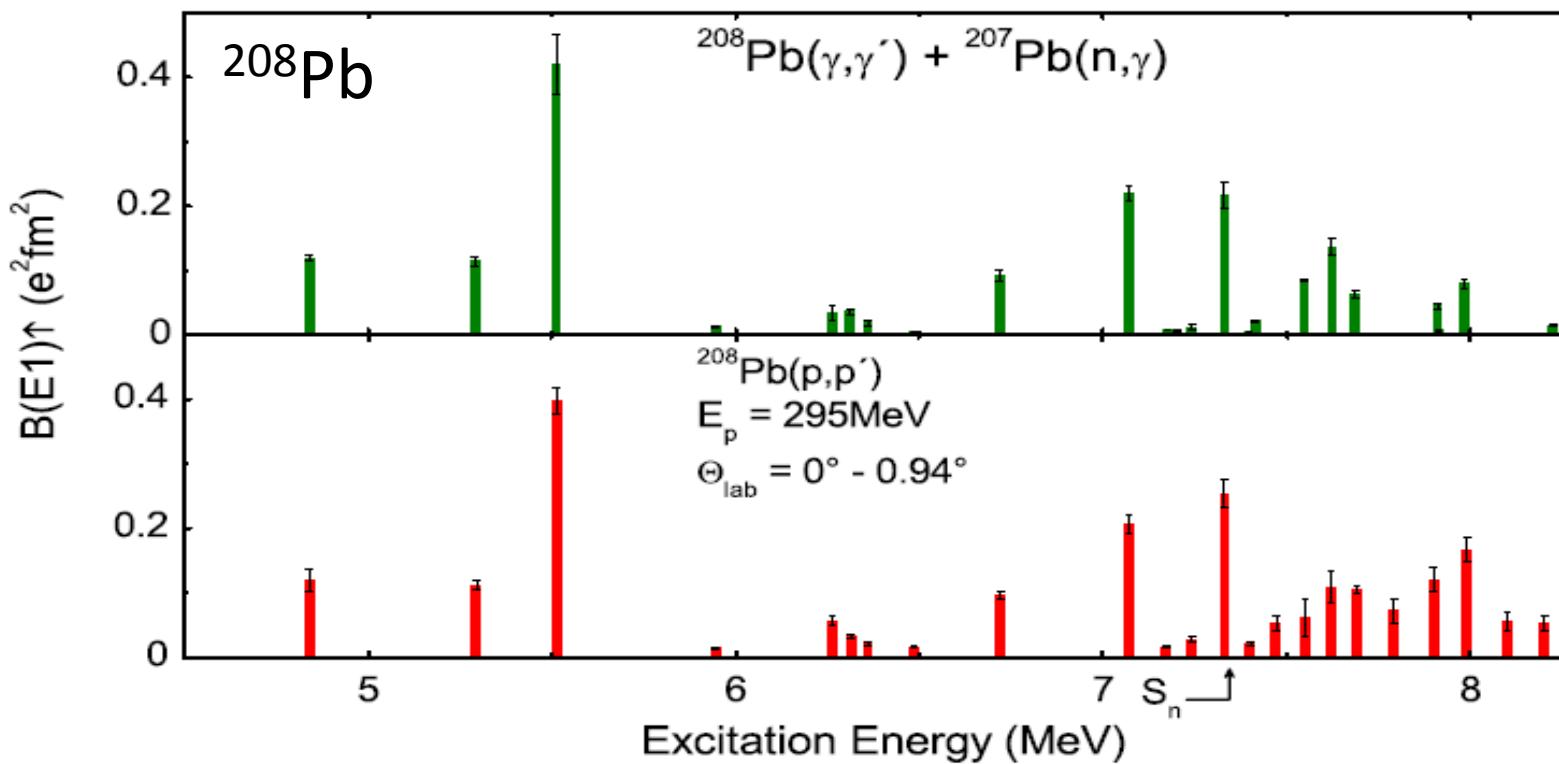
# Importance of sensitivity limit



# Scattering of virtual photons via $(p,p')$ at $0^\circ$

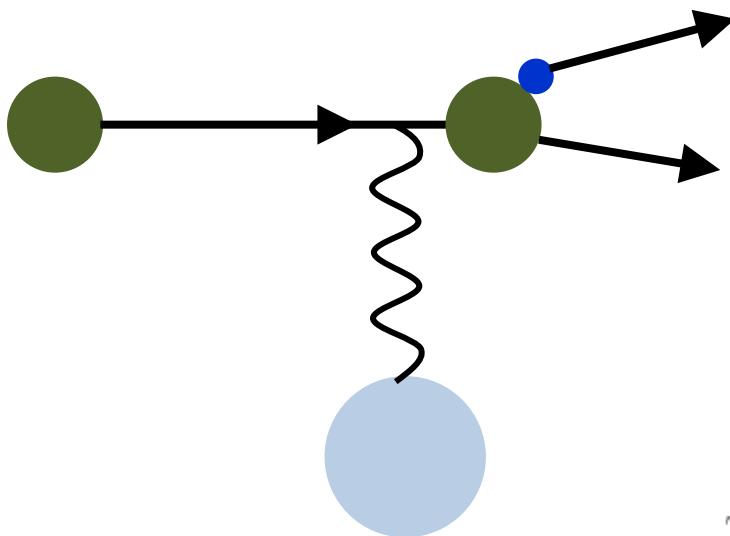


- $E_x = 0 - 25 \text{ MeV}$
- energy resolution  $\Delta E = 25 \text{ keV}$
- less selective, complex disentanglement
- only stable nuclei can be studied

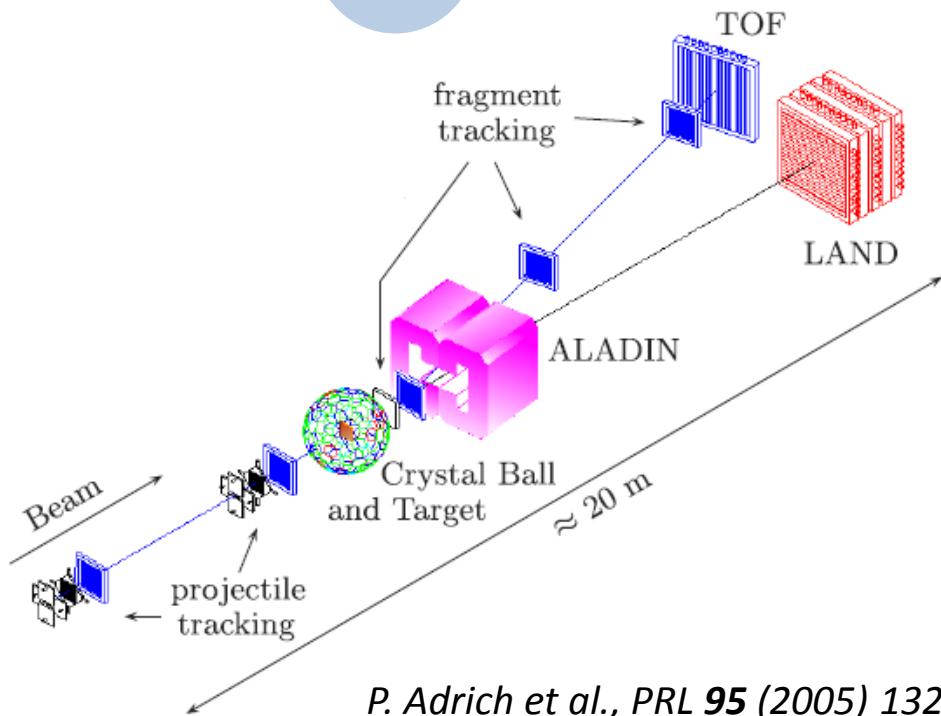


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# Coulomb interaction in inverse kinematics



- $E_{cm}$  = few 100 MeV/A
- radioactive nuclei can be studied
- energy resolution  $\Delta E=500$  keV
- complex data evaluation



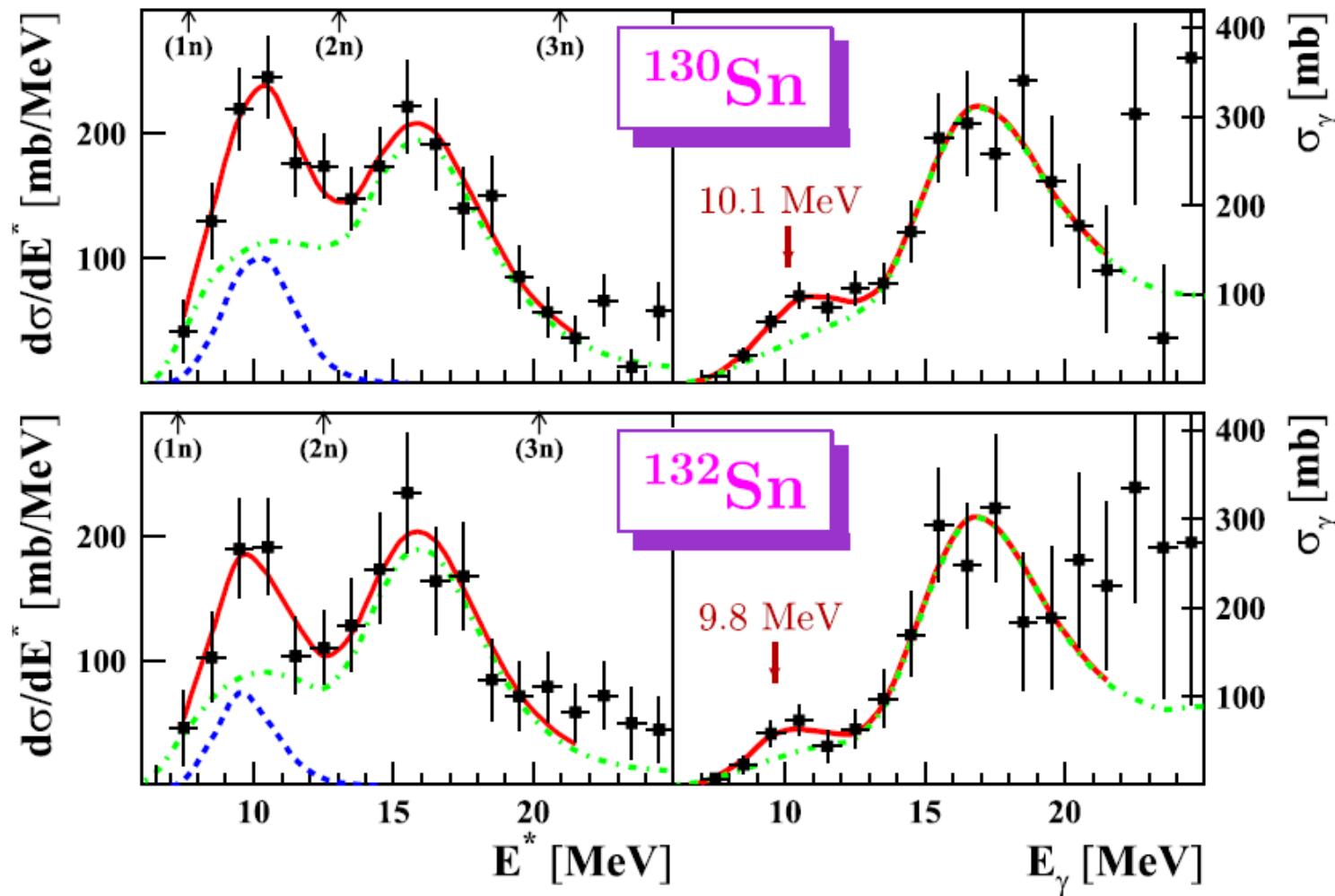
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NeuLAND@R3B@FAIR

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# PDR in radioactive nuclei

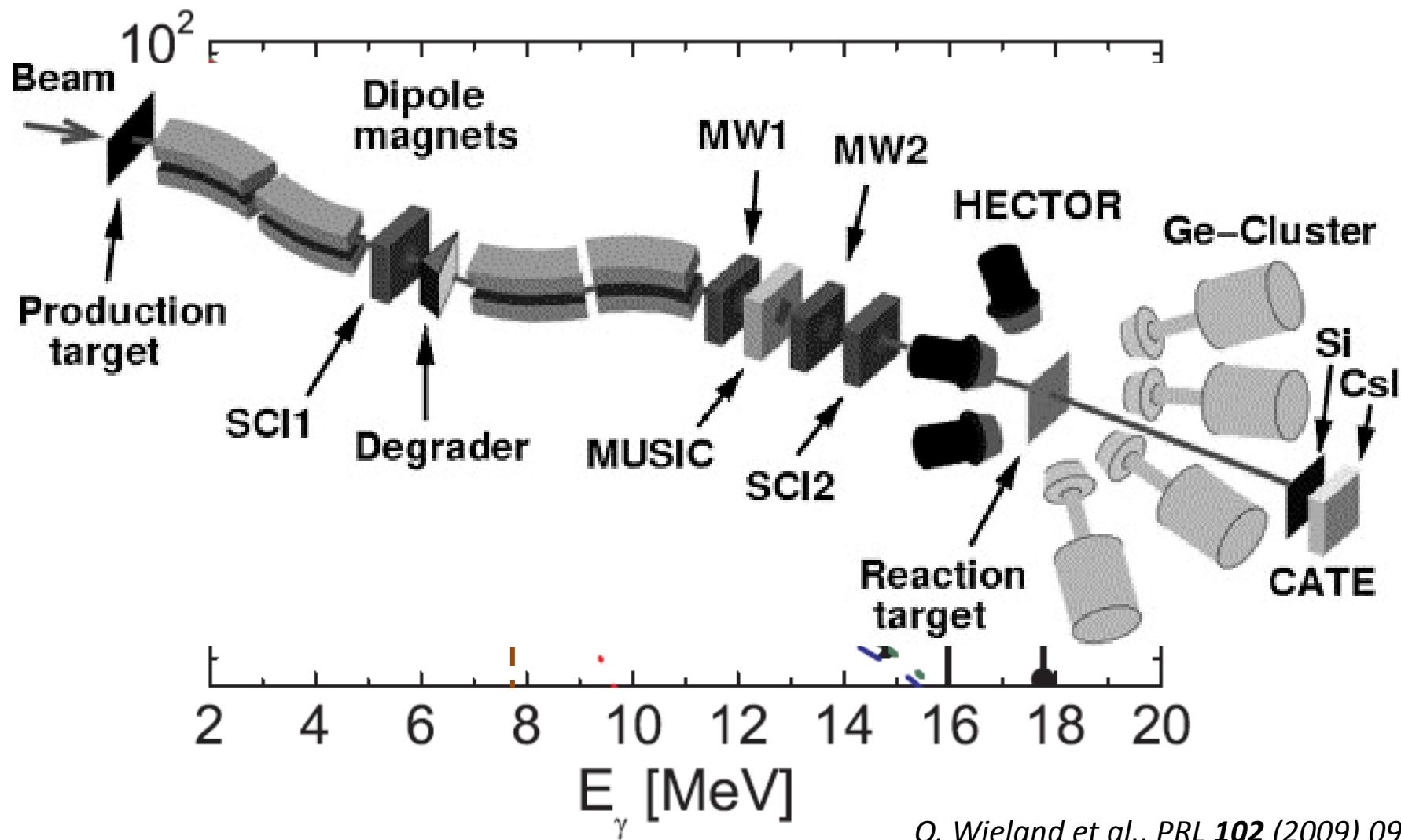
$^{130,132}\text{Sn}$  @ 500 MeV/A on Pb

LAND plus ALADIN plus Crystal Ball

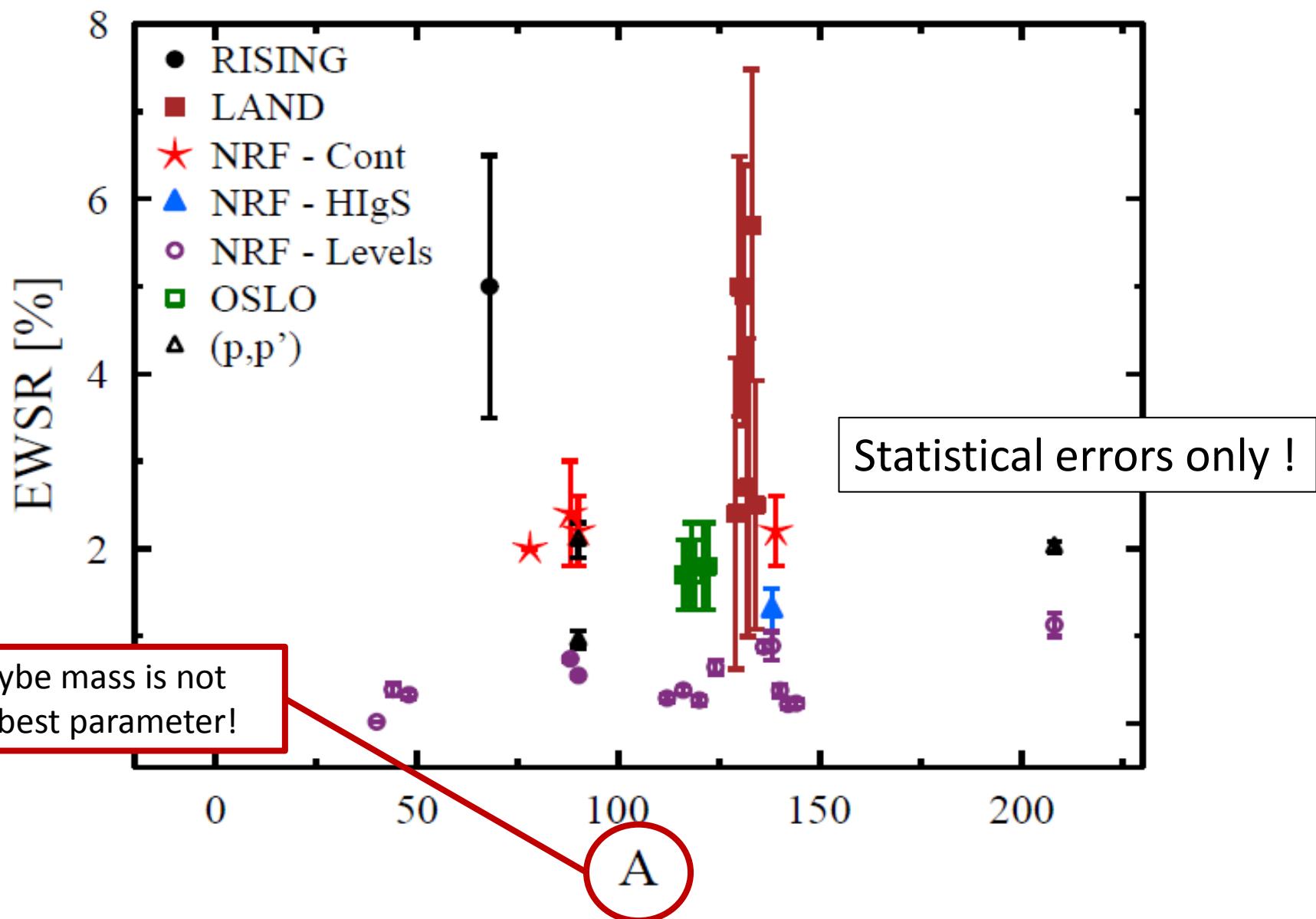


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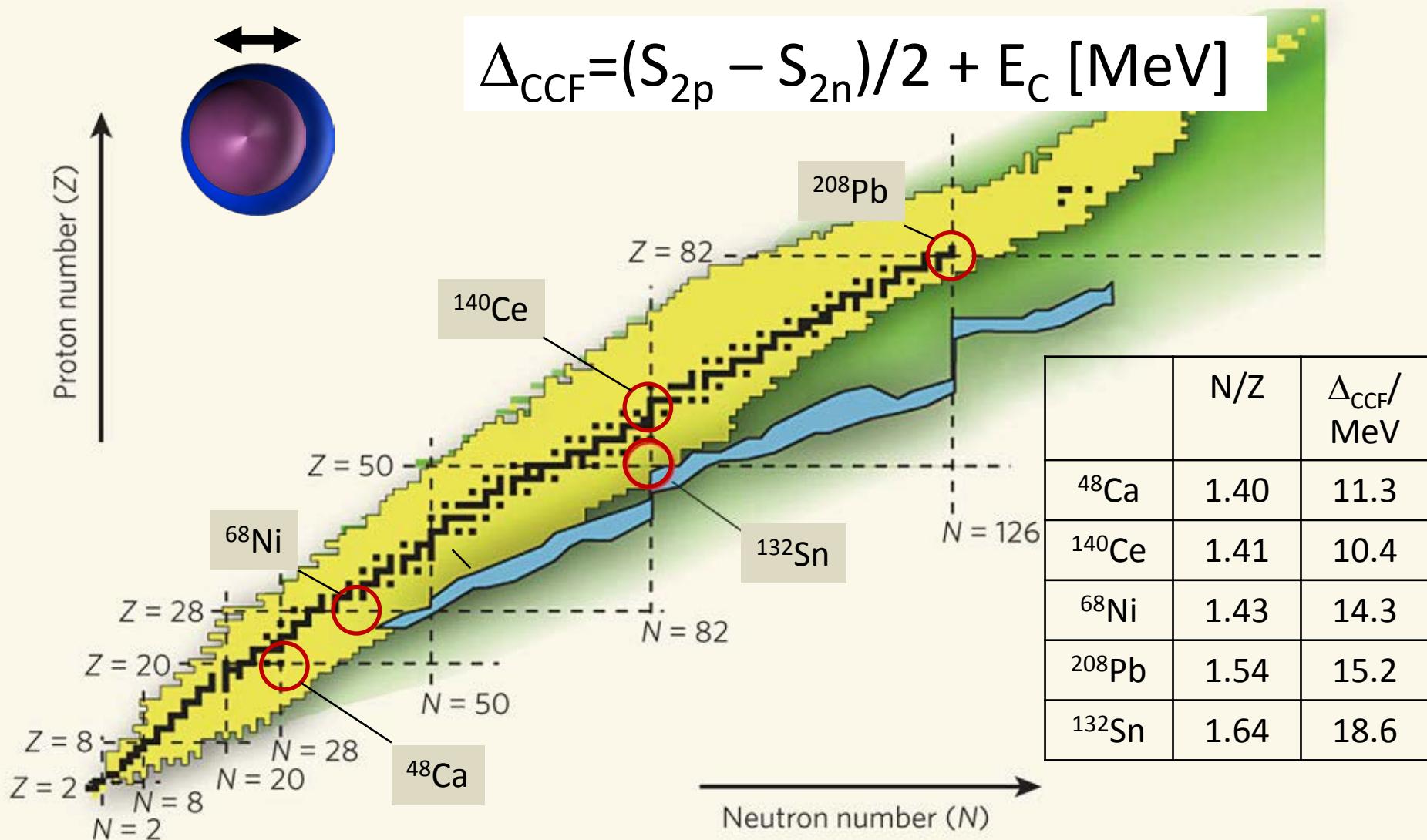
$^{68}\text{Ni}$  @ 600 MeV/A on Au  
RISING HPGe array, HECTOR  $\text{BaF}_2$  array



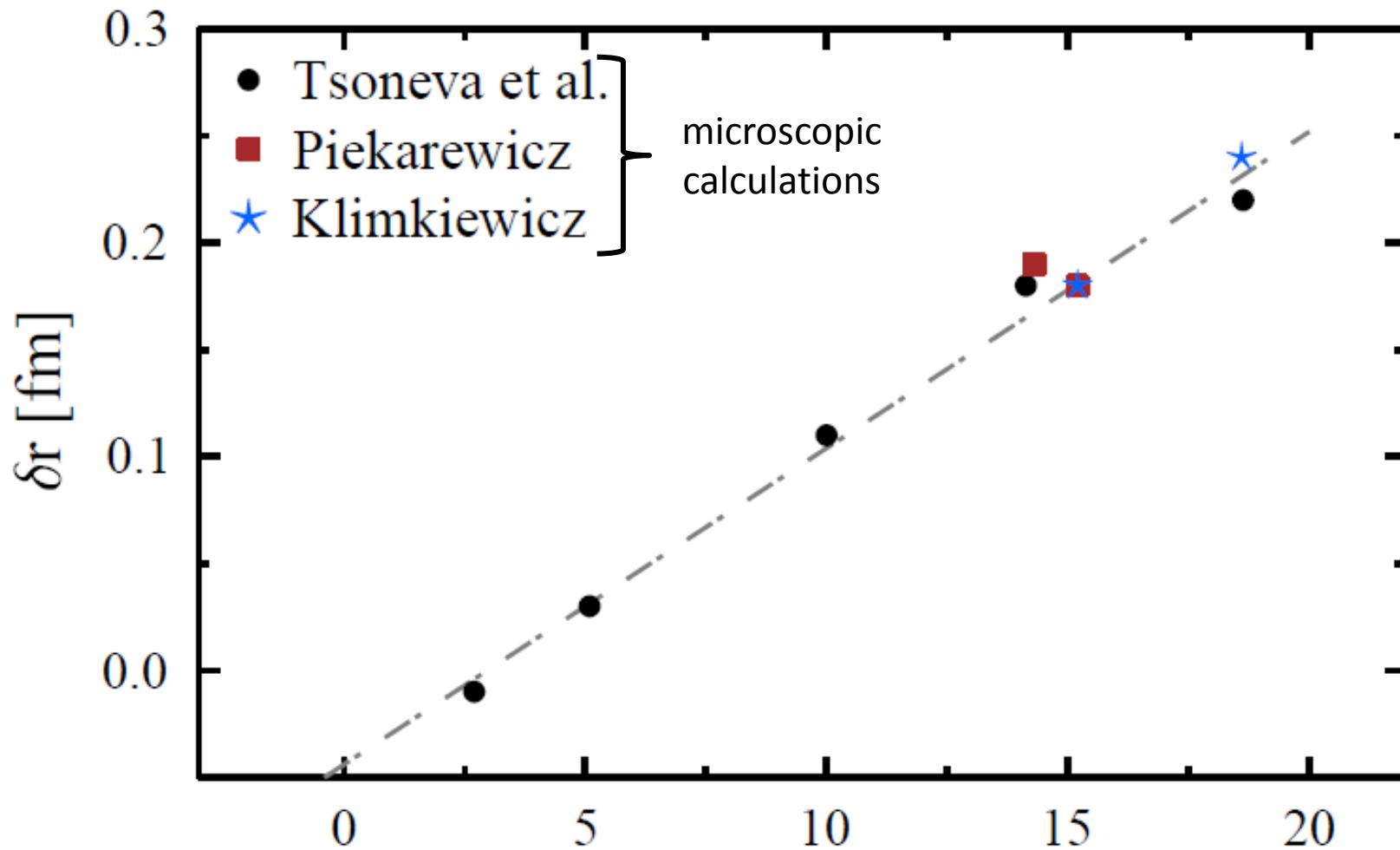
# Summed B(E1) strength of Pygmy Dipole Resonance



# Parametrization of „exoticity“

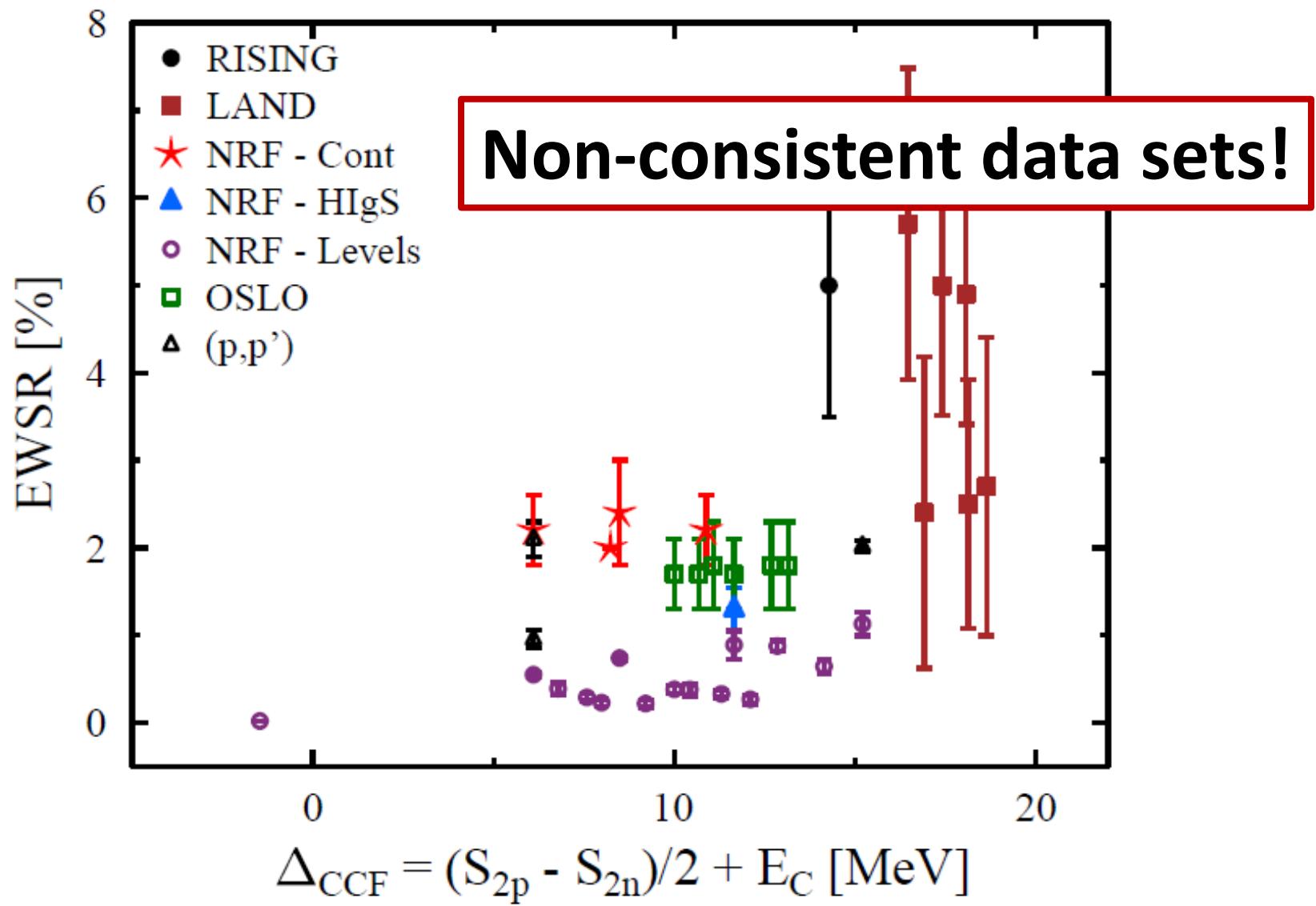


# The calculated neutron skin scales with the Coulomb corrected Fermi energy differences



$$\Delta_{CCF} = (S_{2p} - S_{2n})/2 + E_C \text{ [MeV]}$$

# PDR vs. Coulomb corrected Fermi energy



# Some open questions

- What is the connection between the E1 strength below and above neutron threshold and in stable and radioactive nuclei?  
→ systematic studies
- Is there an experimental approach to separate the low lying dipole strength (or PDR) from the GDR?  
→ alternative excitation mechanism

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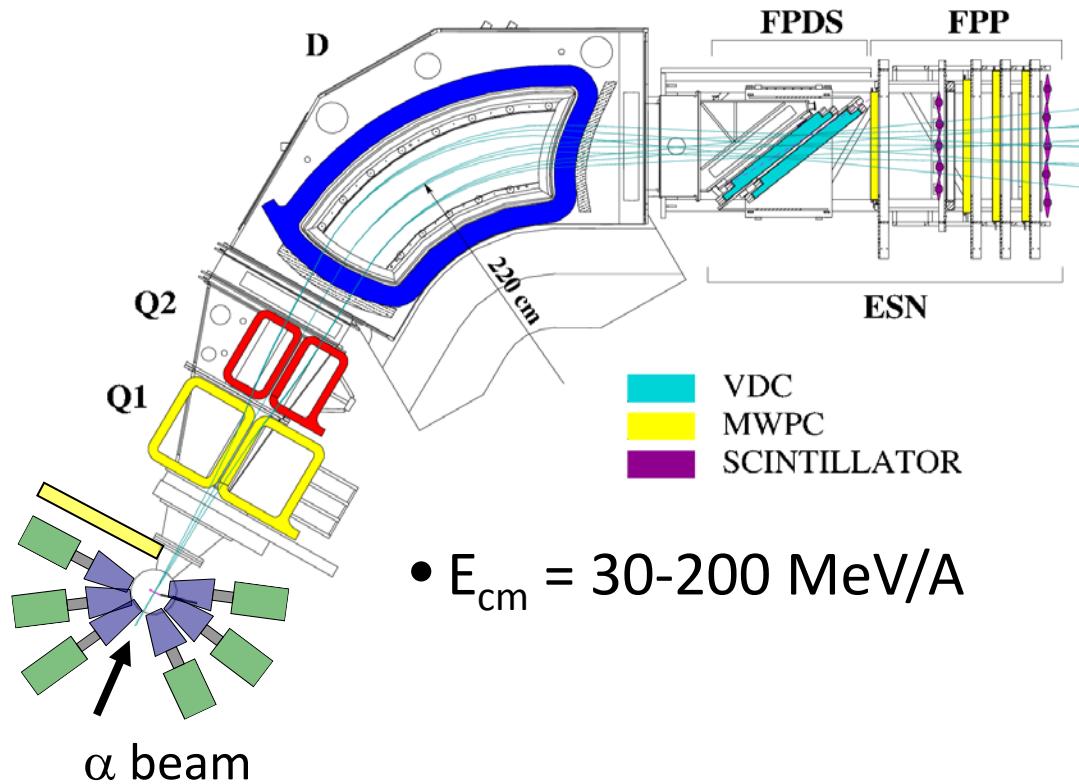
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# Structure of the PDR: $(\gamma, \gamma')$ vs. $(\alpha, \alpha')$ vs. $(p, p')$

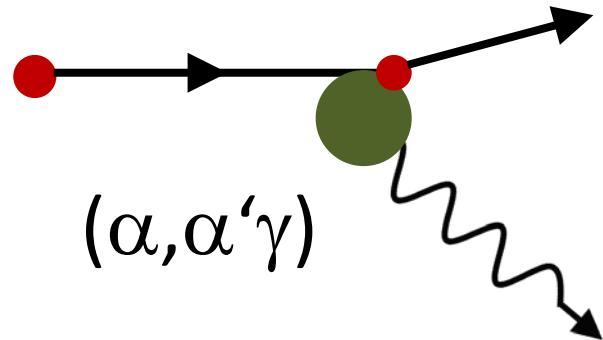
	$(\gamma, \gamma')$	$(\alpha, \alpha') @ 30$ MeV/A	$(p, p') @ 80$ MeV/A
Interaction	Electromagnetic	Strong	Strong
Location of interaction	Whole nucleus	Surface	Surface
Isospin	Isovector E1 excitations	Isoscalar	Isoscalar/ Isovector
Multipolarity	E1, M1, E2	E0, E1, E2, E3, ...	E0, E1, E2, ...
$\Delta E$	3-500 keV	50-200 keV	50-200 keV

A coincident detection of the  $\gamma$  decay enhances the selectivity and energy resolution of  $(\alpha, \alpha')$  and  $(p, p') \rightarrow (\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$  and  $(p, p' \gamma)$

# $(\alpha, \alpha'\gamma)$ and $(p, p'\gamma)$ experiments



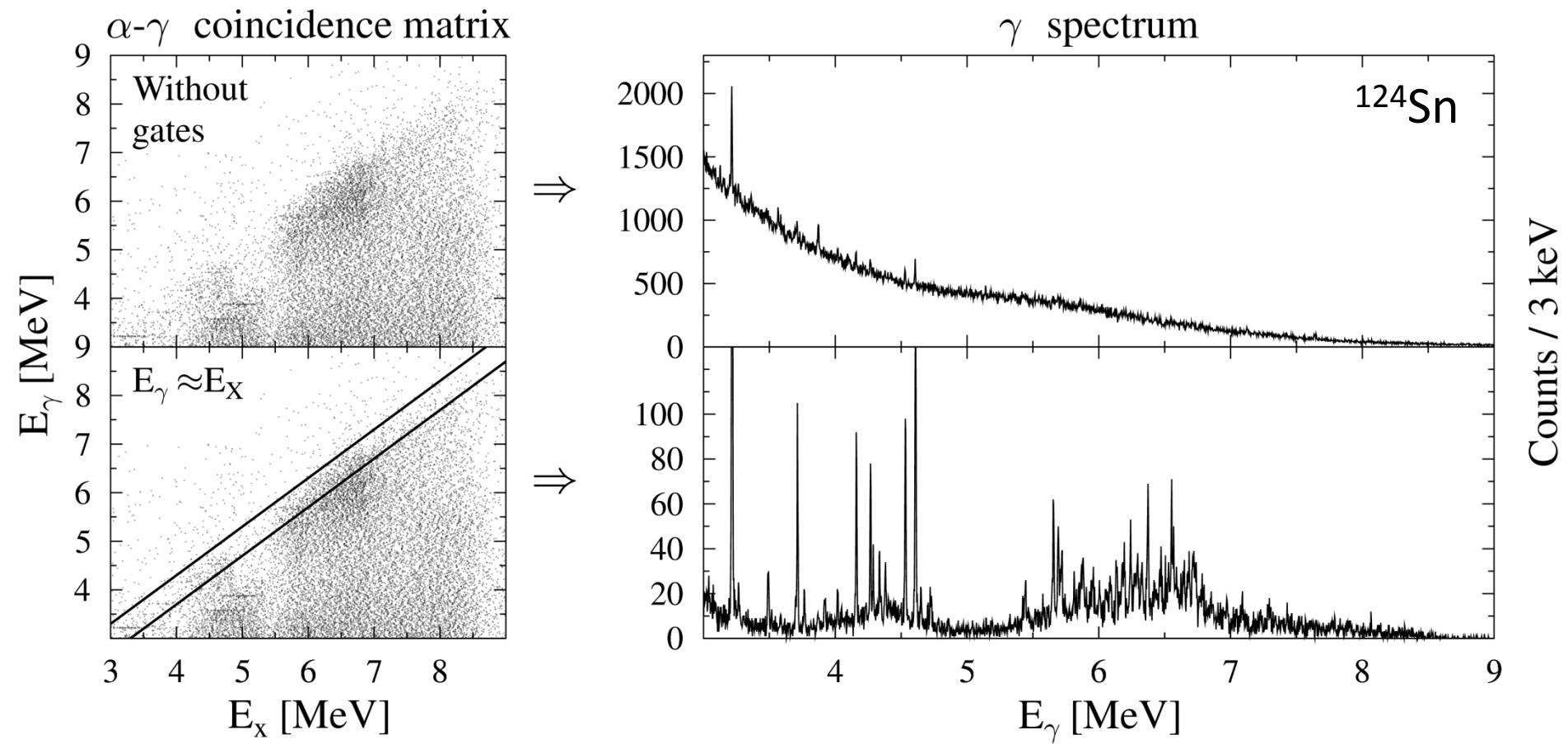
- $E_{cm} = 30\text{-}200 \text{ MeV/A}$



D. Savran *et al.*,  
NIM A 564 (2006) 267

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0° facility @ iThemba LABS  
BigRIPS@RIKEN

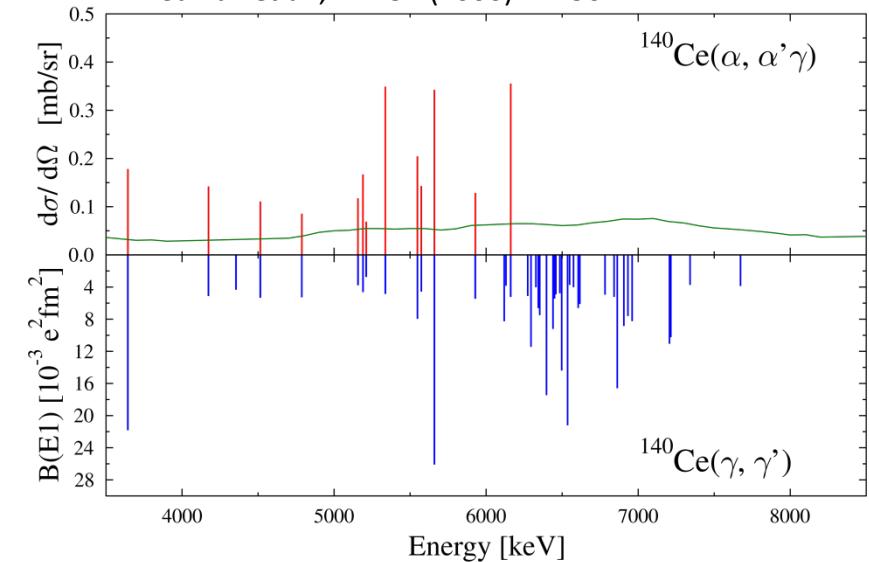
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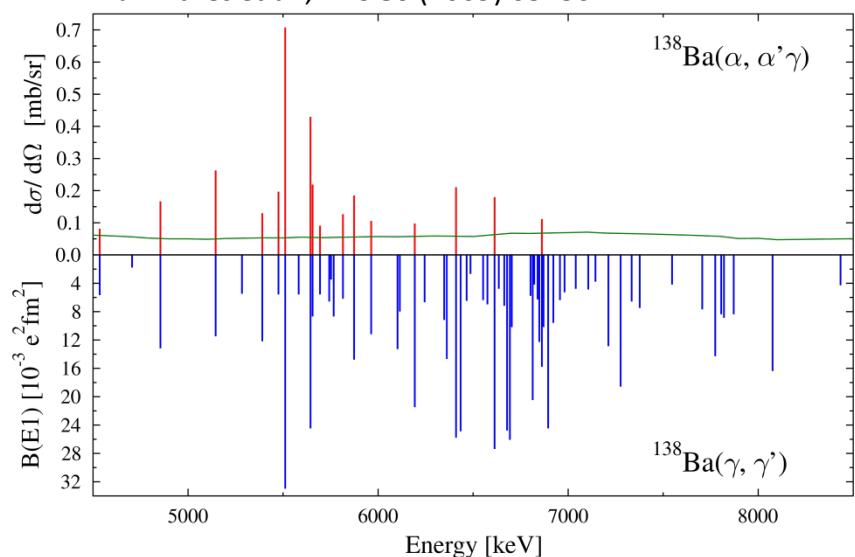
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# Splitting of the PDR: Experimental results

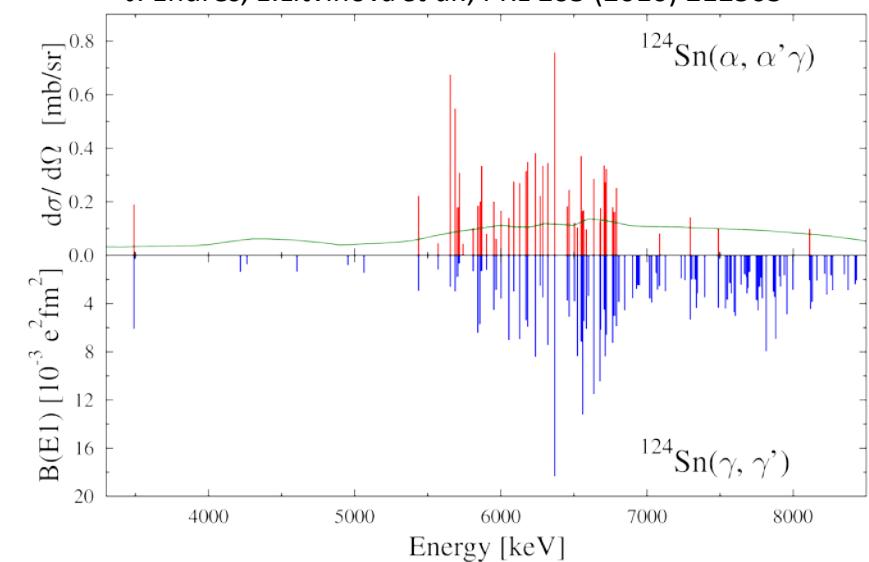
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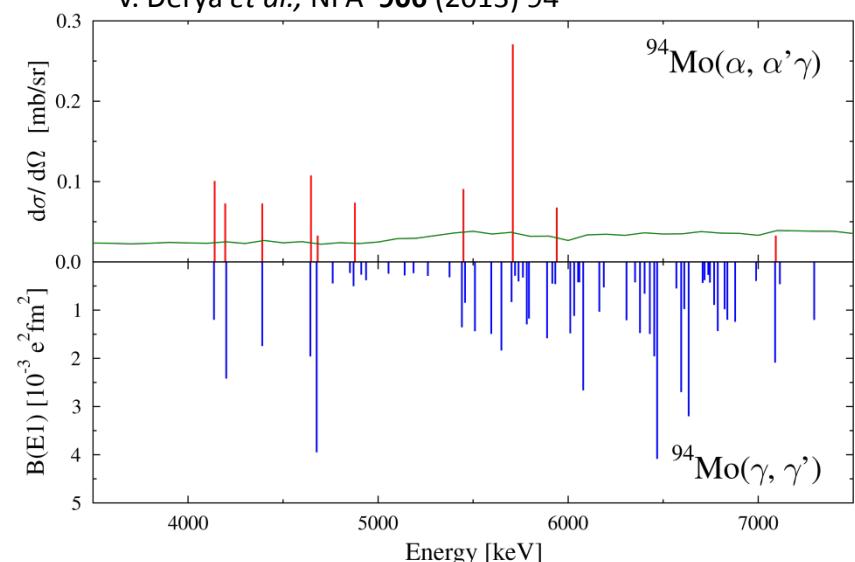
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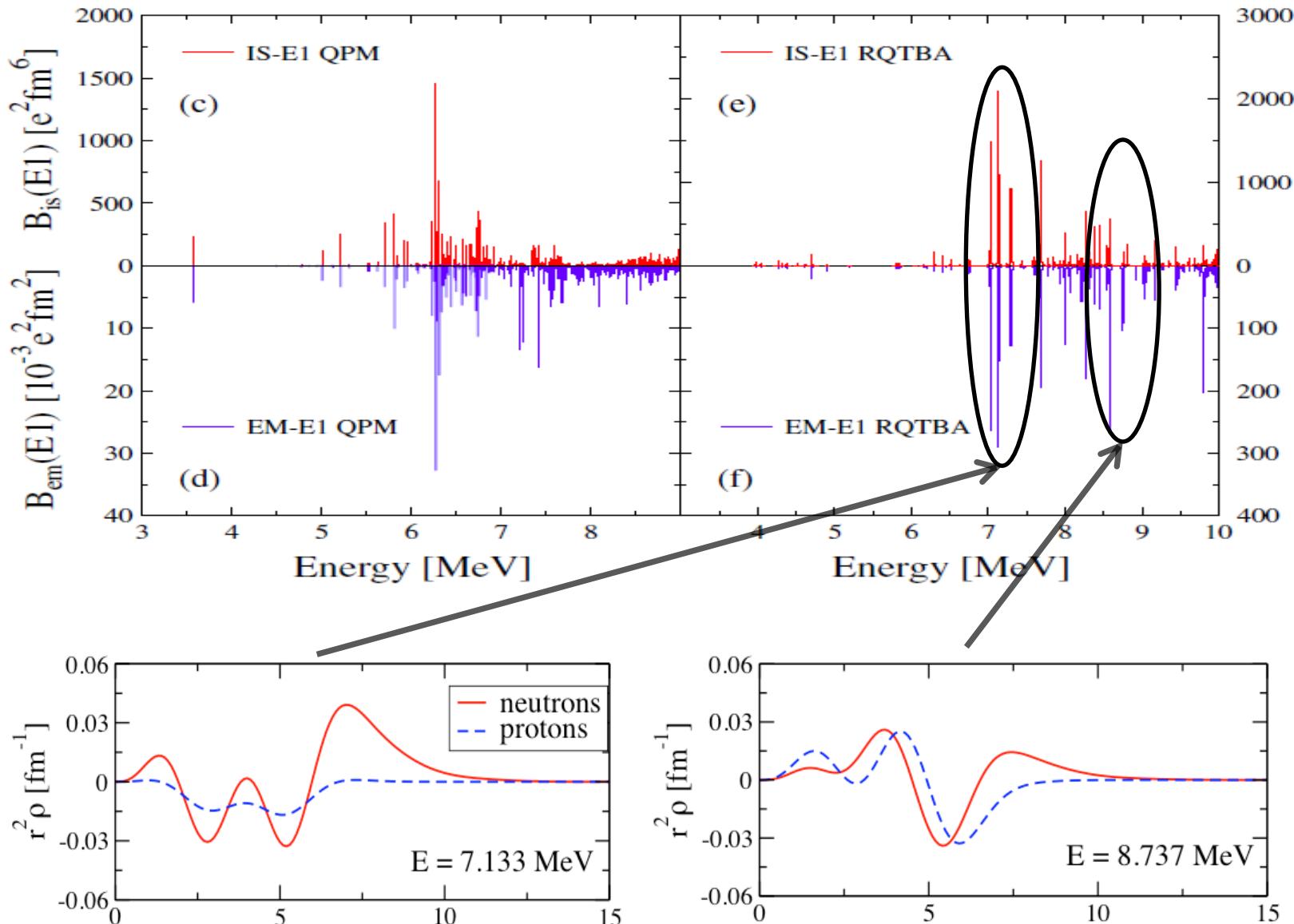
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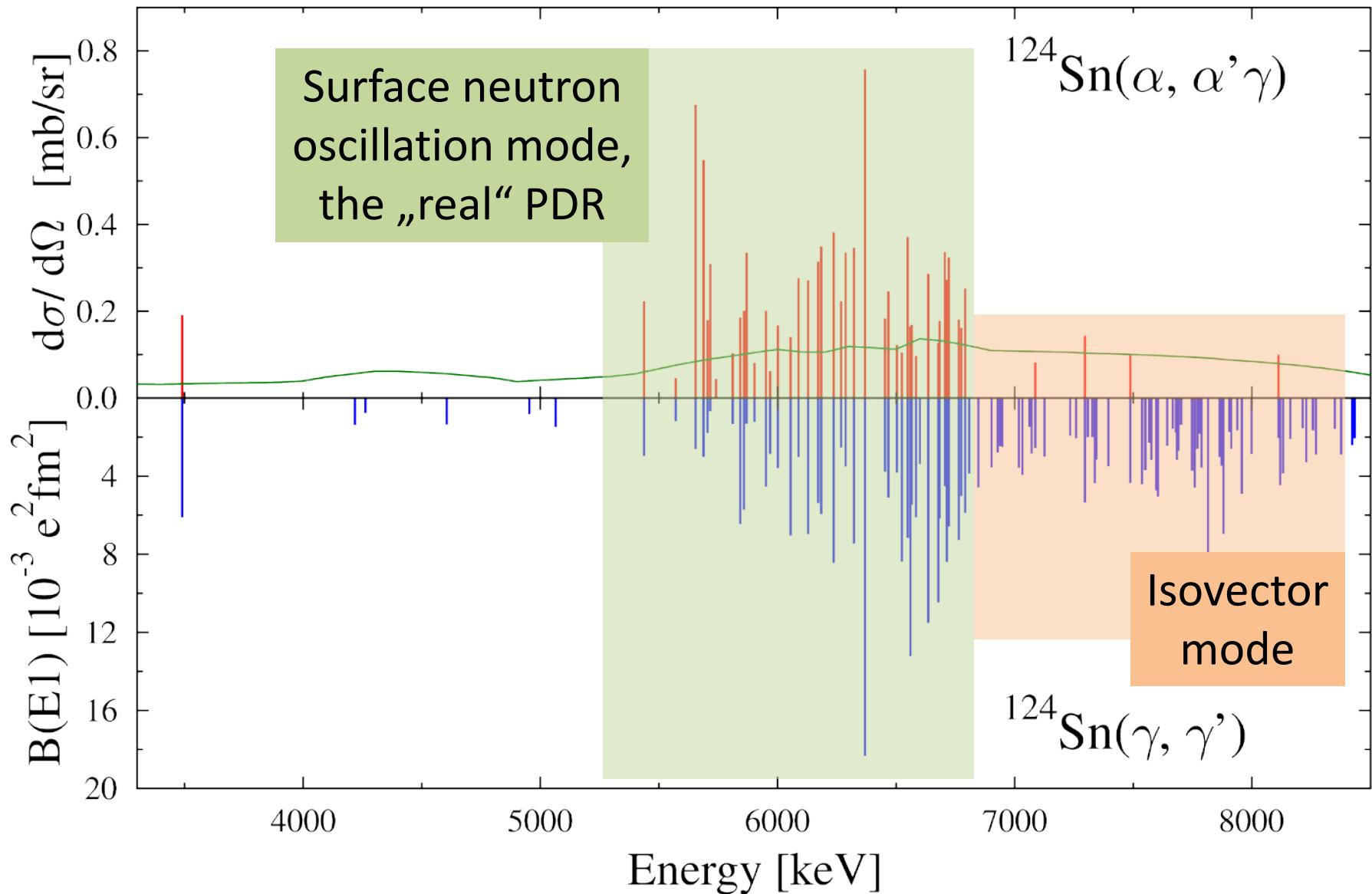
V. Derya *et al.*, NPA **906** (2013) 94



# Splitting of the PDR: Theory for $^{124}\text{Sn}$



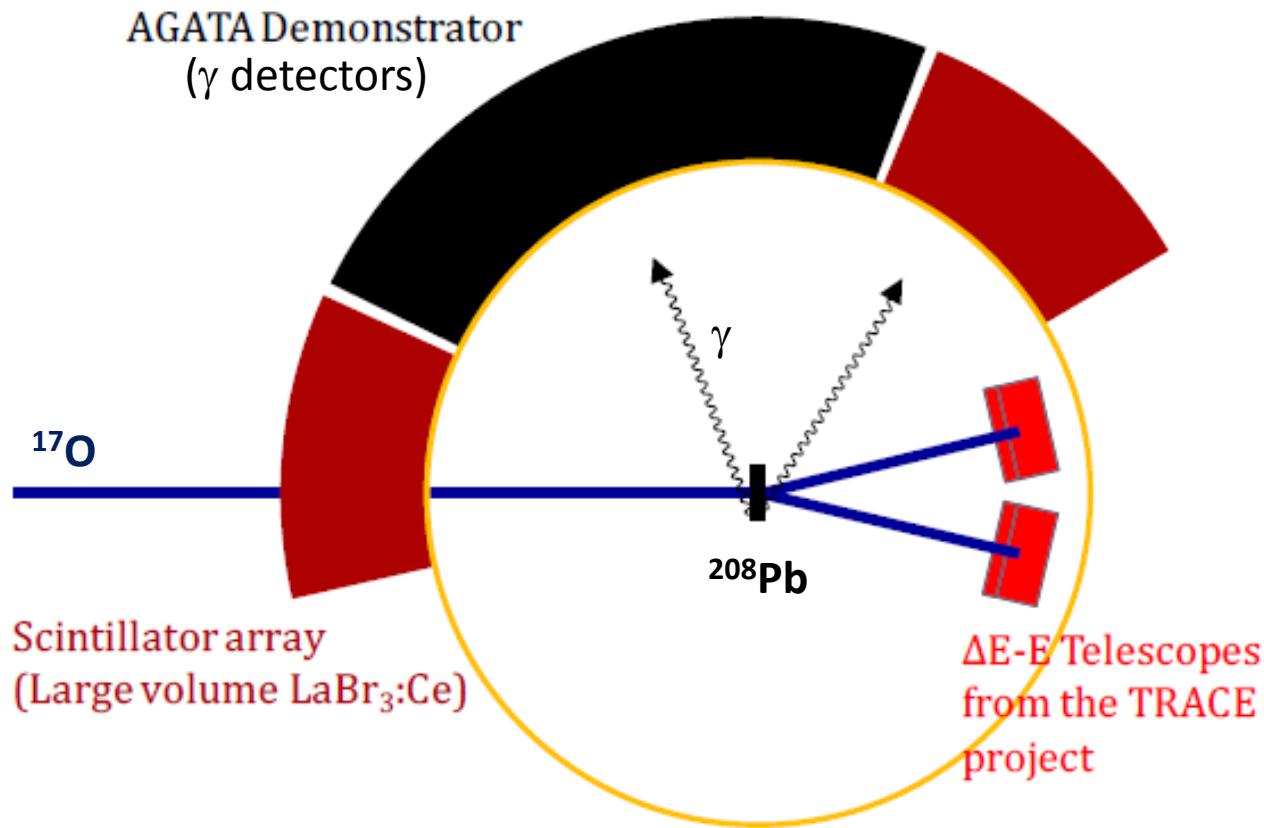
# Splitting of the PDR: Interpretation from RQTBA



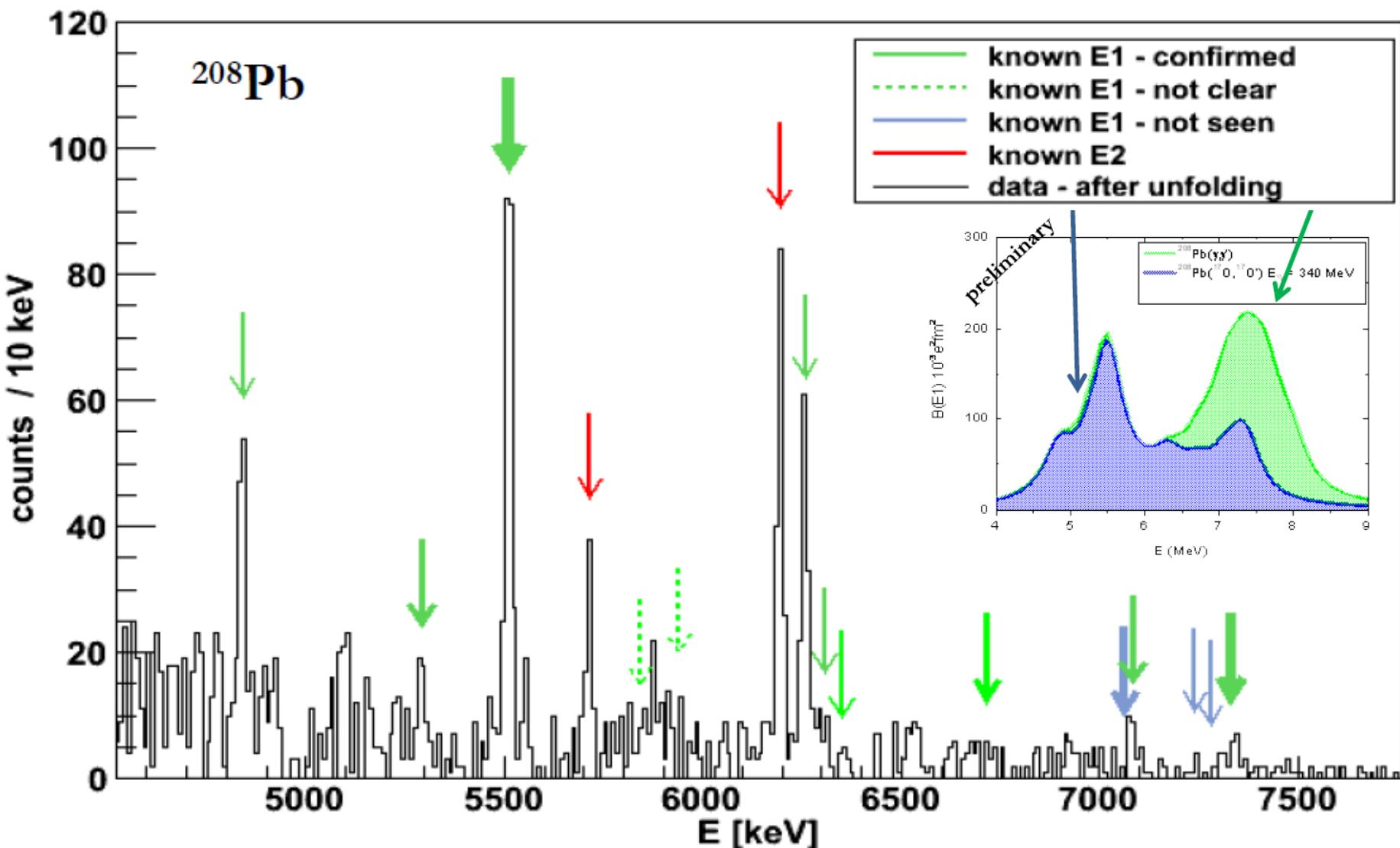
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# Another hadronic probe: Inelastic scattering of $^{17}\text{O}$



# $\gamma$ decay after inelastic scattering of $^{17}\text{O}$ on $^{208}\text{Pb}$

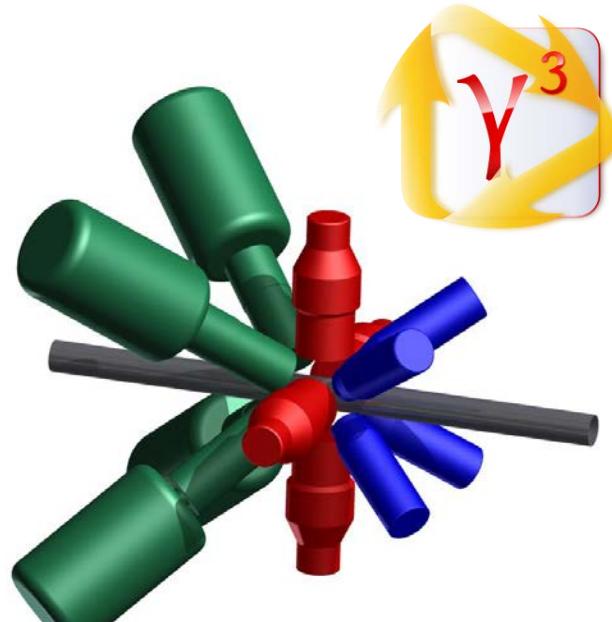


# Further experimental observables to clarify the structure of low lying E1 strength

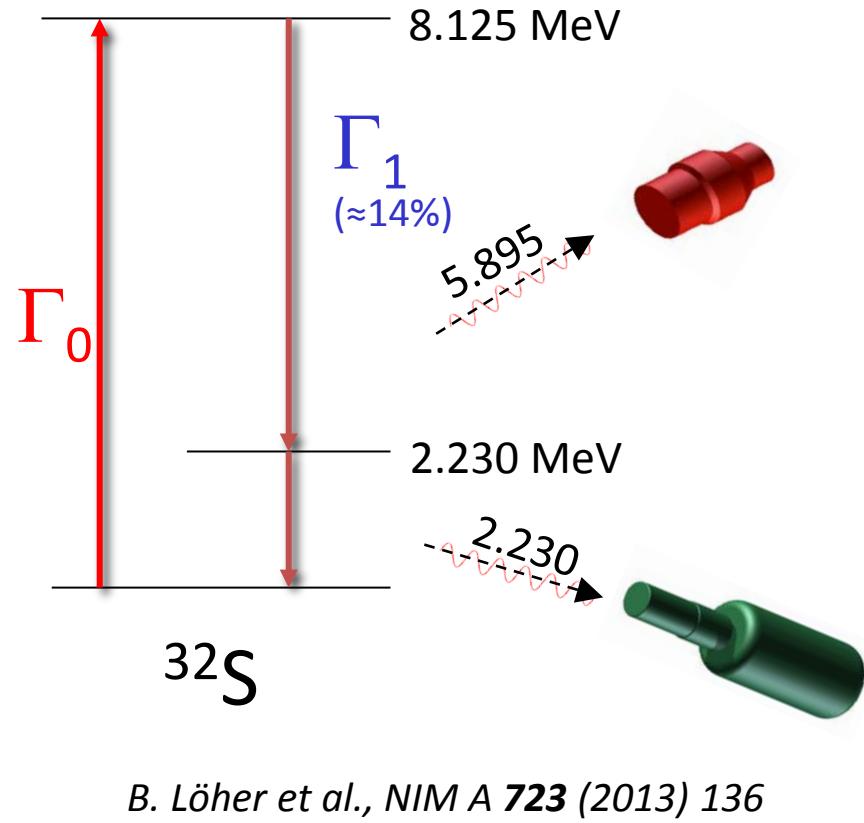


- **Systematics (mass, N/Z, exotoxicity)**
- **Decay pattern, feeding**
- **Comparison of electromagnetic and hadronic excitation**

# Decay pattern of the PDR: $\gamma^3$ setup at HIGS



Combination of:  
**LaBr** detectors (high efficiency) and  
**HPGe** detectors (excellent energy resolution)

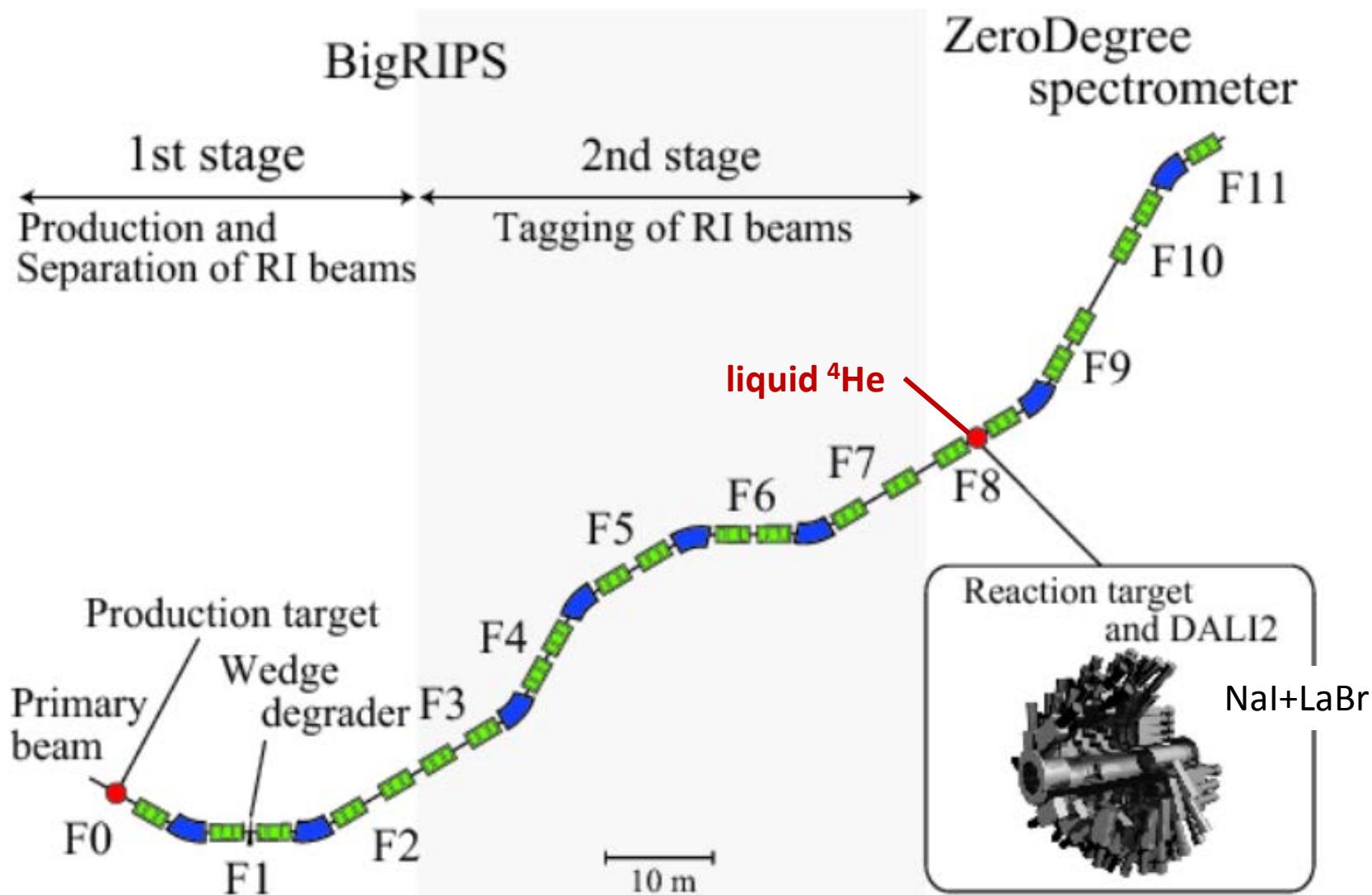


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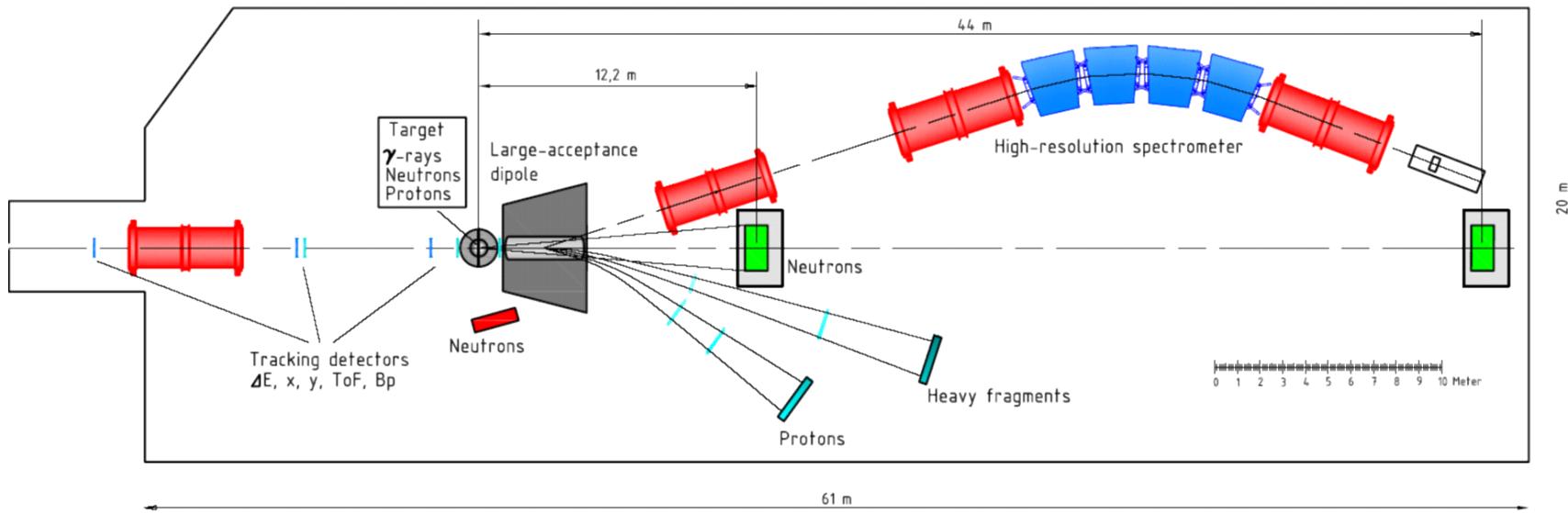
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# Isospin structure of the PDR in exotic nuclei: $(\alpha, \alpha')$ in inverse kinematics at BigRIPS@RIKEN



# PDR in exotic nuclei: R3B at FAIR

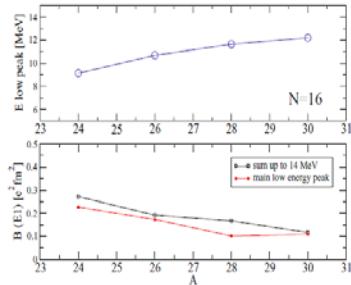
## Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



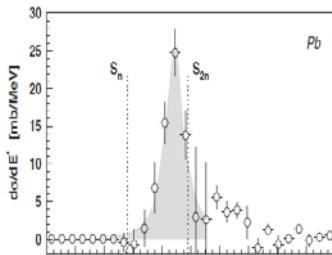
- Kinematically complete measurements of reactions with high-energetic secondary beams
- Detection of all decay channels

# PDR: Studies on lighter nuclei and theoretical aspects

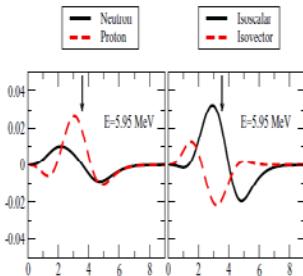
see following talks by:



Sophie Péru



Julie Gibelin



Danilo Gambacurta

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