

The Electric Multipole Response of Nuclei: Pygmy Resonances and Related Structures

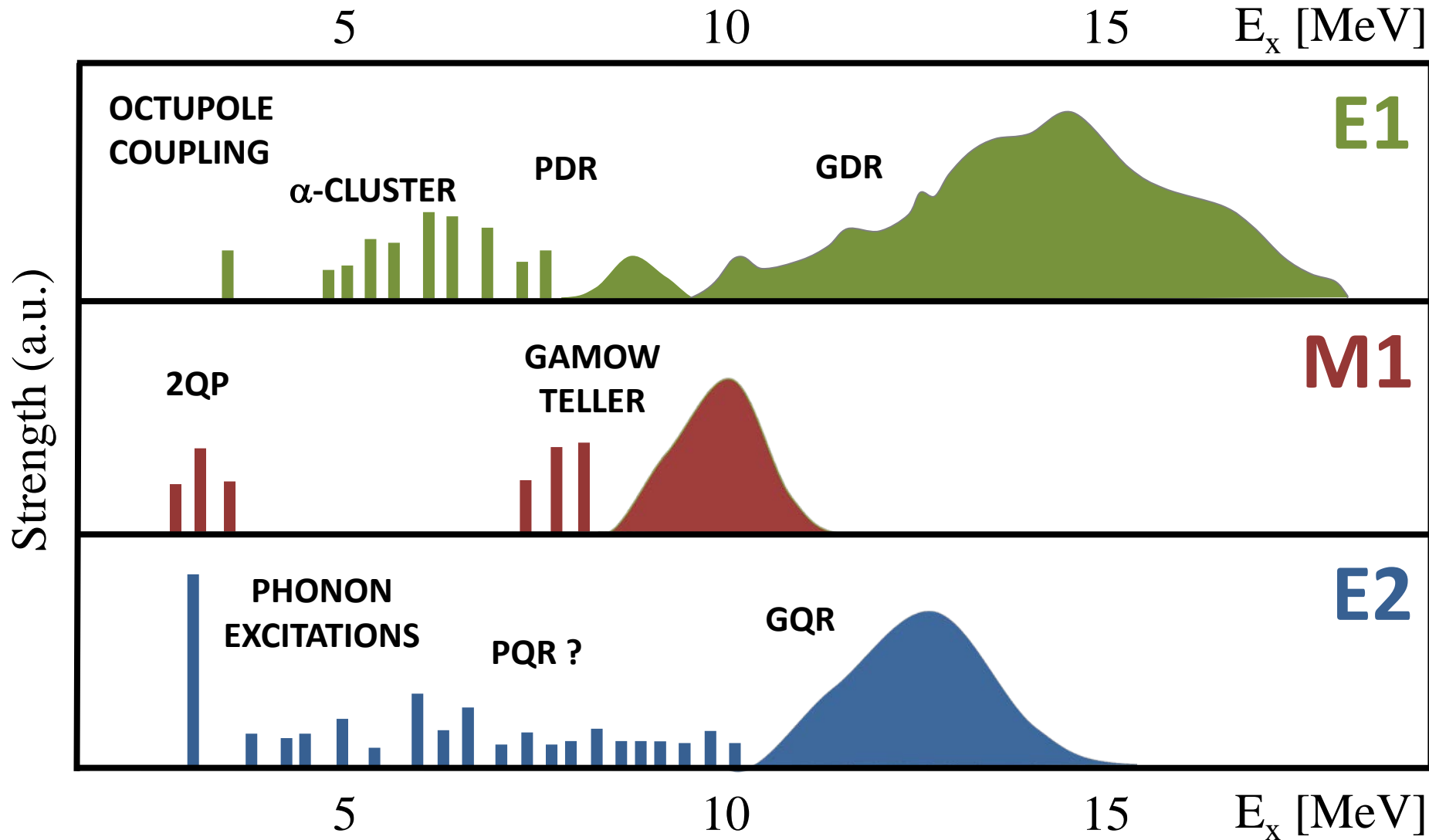
- Electromagnetic strengths in nuclei
- Lifetime determination with the $(p,p'\gamma)$ method
- Identification of the Pygmy Quadrupole Resonance



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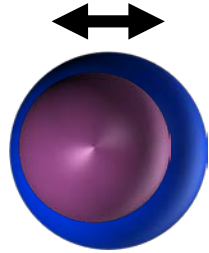
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Electromagnetic response of atomic nuclei

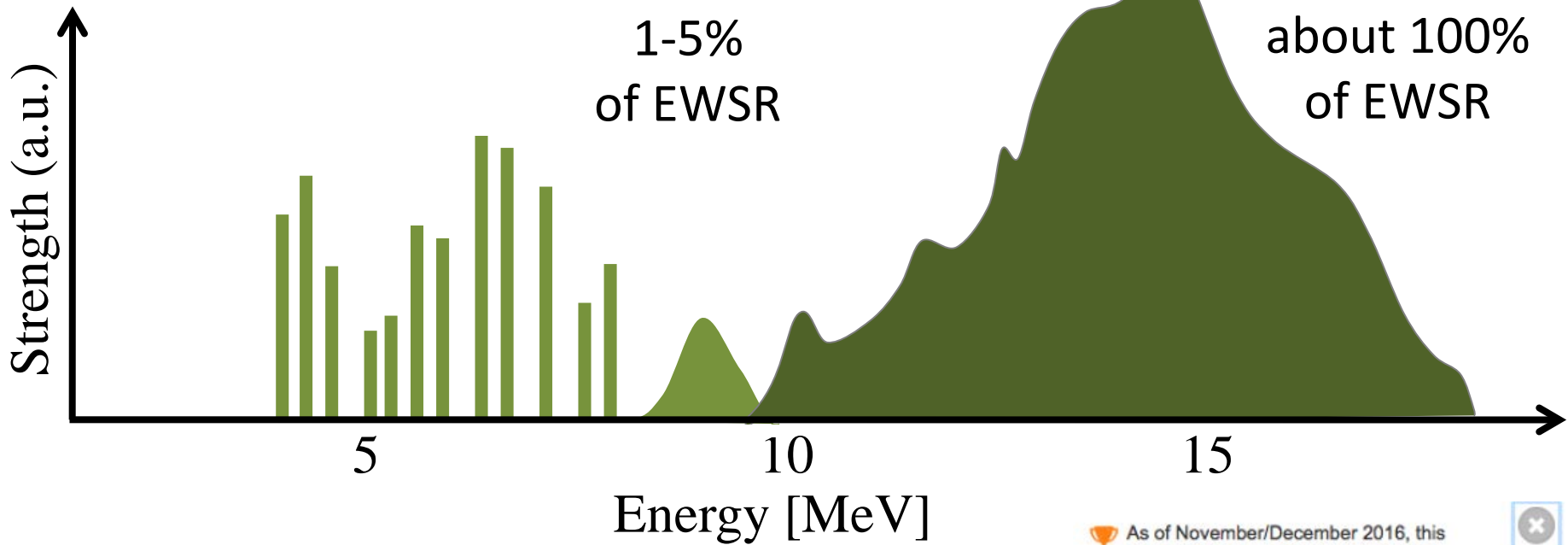
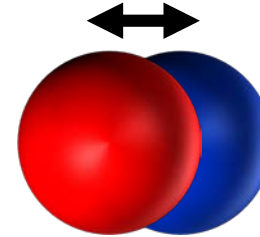


From giants and pygmies


PDR



GDR

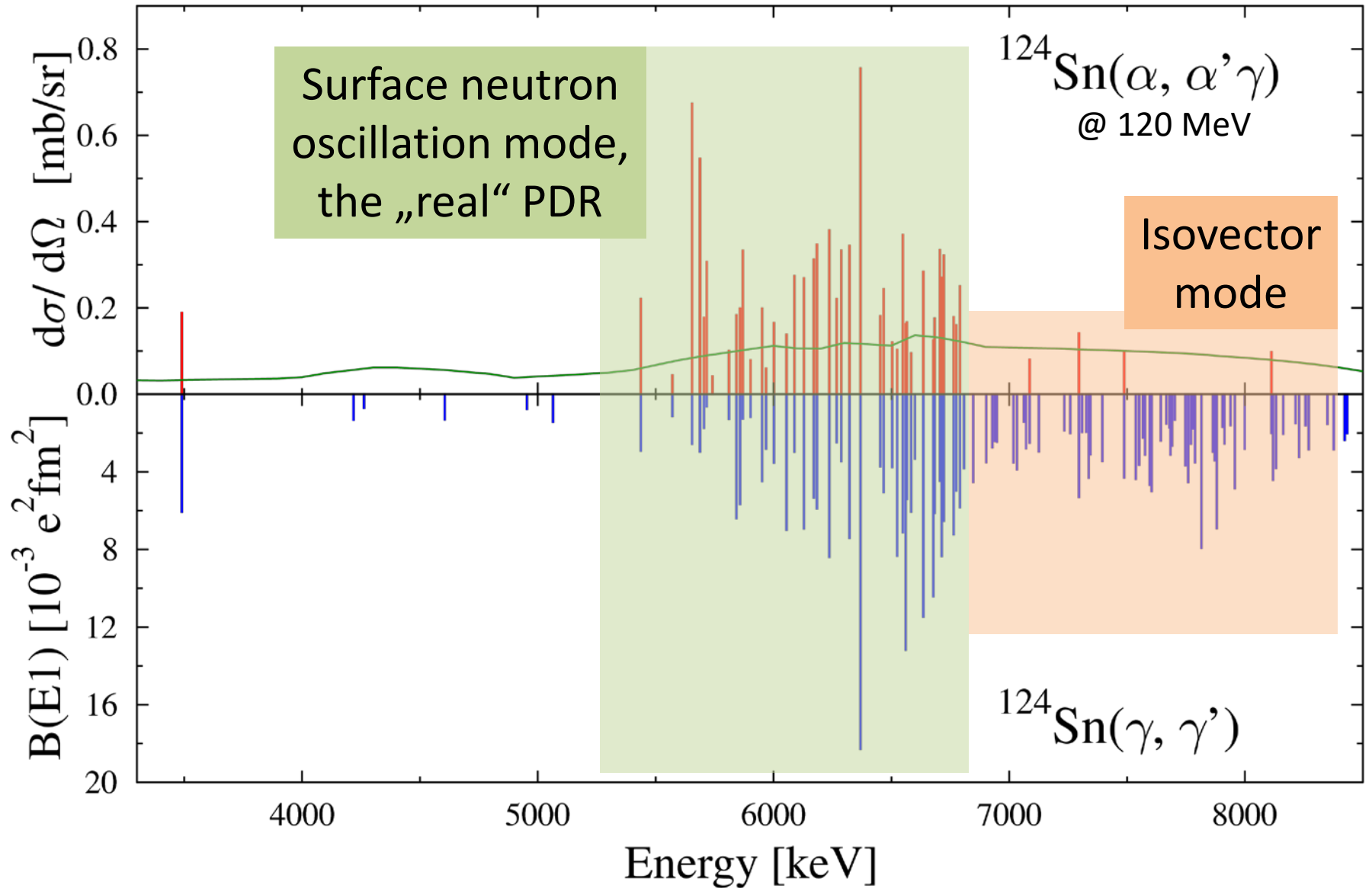


D. Savran, T. Aumann, and A. Zilges, PPNP 70 (2013) 210

 As of November/December 2016, this highly cited paper received enough citations to place it in the top 1% of the archive of Physics based on a highly cited threshold field and publication year.



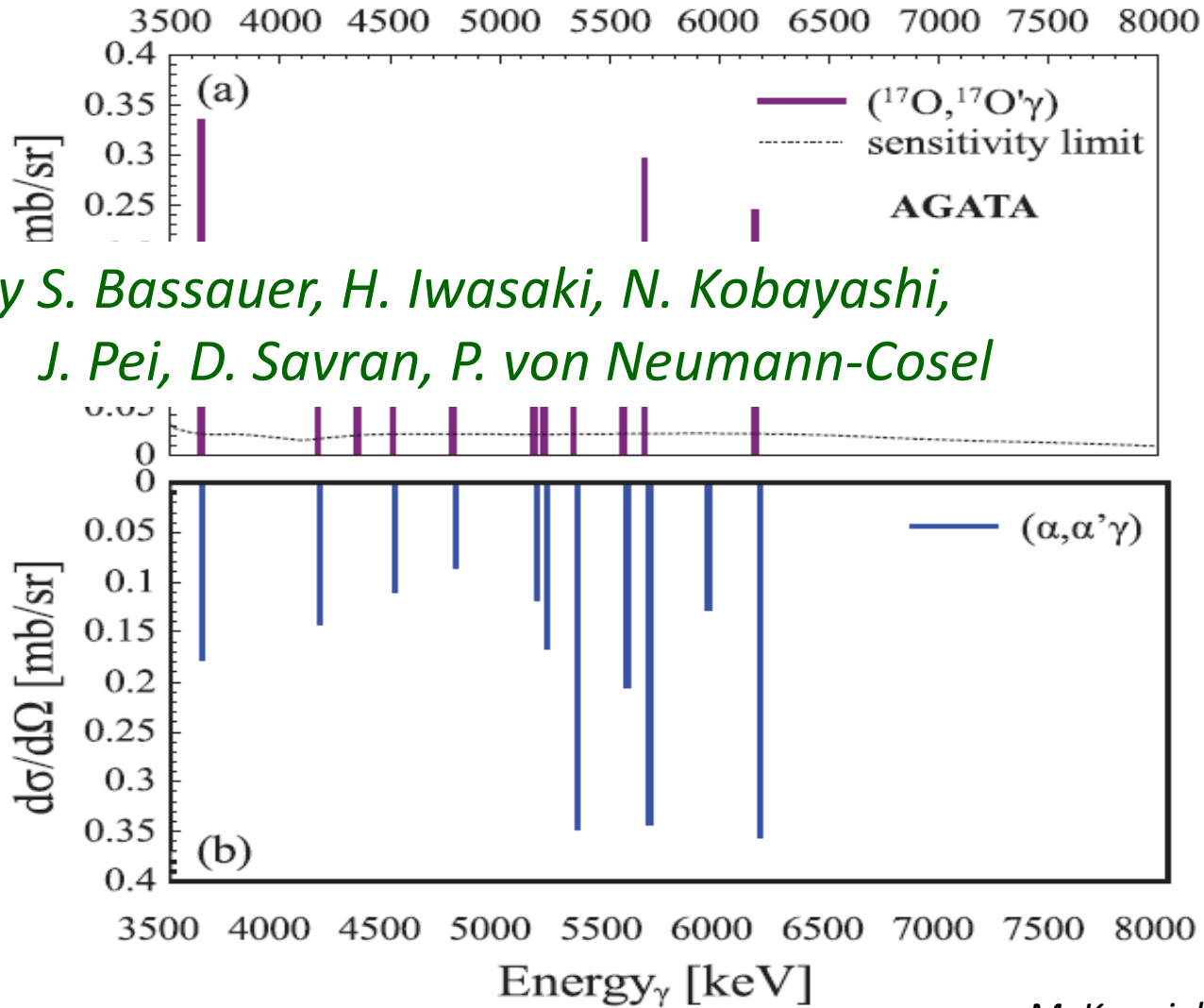
Splitting of the PDR



Janis Endres et al., PRL **105** (2010) 112503

Janis Endres et al., PRC **85** (2012) 064331

Result confirmed, e.g., in ($^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}'\gamma$) on ^{140}Ce



→ talks by S. Bassauer, H. Iwasaki, N. Kobayashi,
J. Pei, D. Savran, P. von Neumann-Cosel

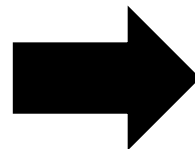
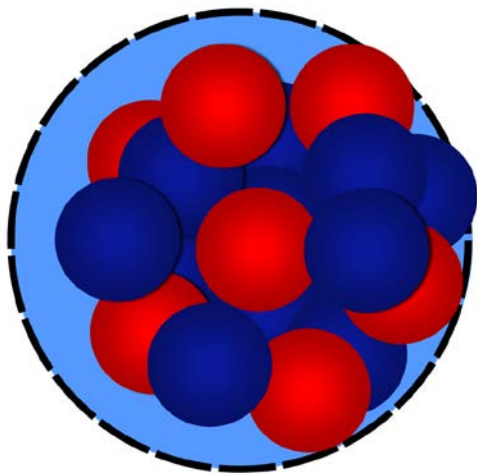
M. Krzysiek, A. Bracco et al.,
PRC **93** (2016) 044330

From dipole to quadrupole

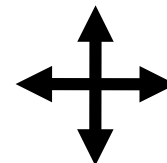
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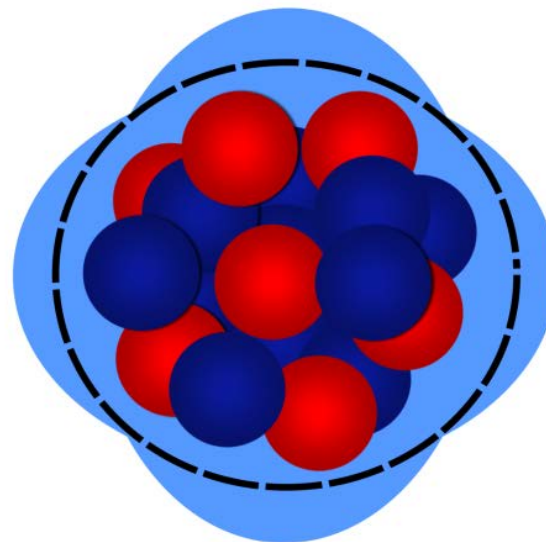
E1



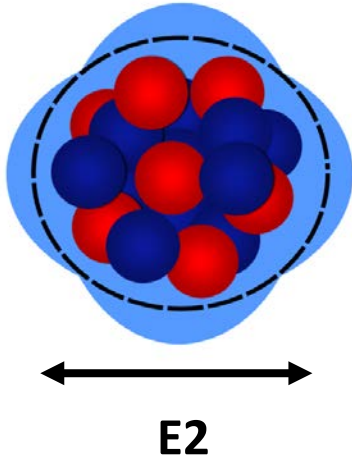
Pygmy Quadrupole Resonance
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E2

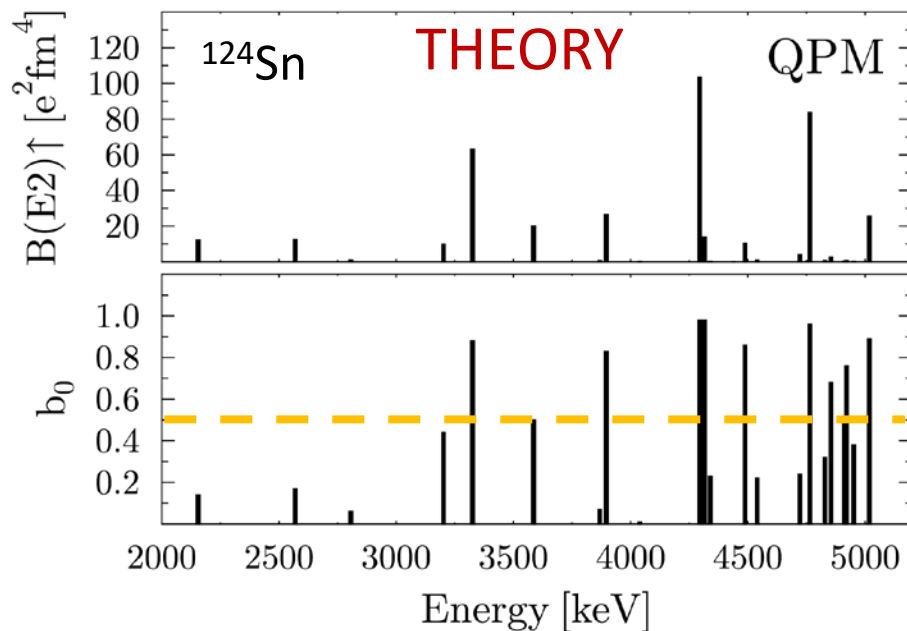


From dipole to quadrupole



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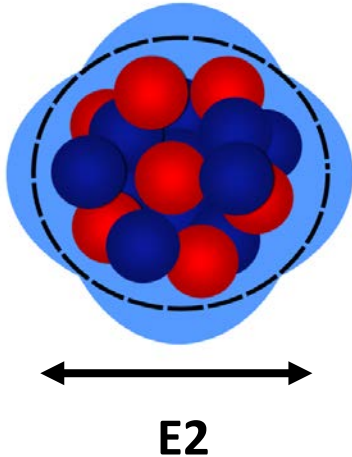
N. Tsoneva, H. Lenske, PLB 695, 174 (2011)



- **considerable E2 strength** between 3-5 MeV
- **dominant decay to groundstate:**
 $b_0 = \Gamma_0 / \Gamma > 0.5$

M. Spieker et al., PLB 752, 102 (2016)

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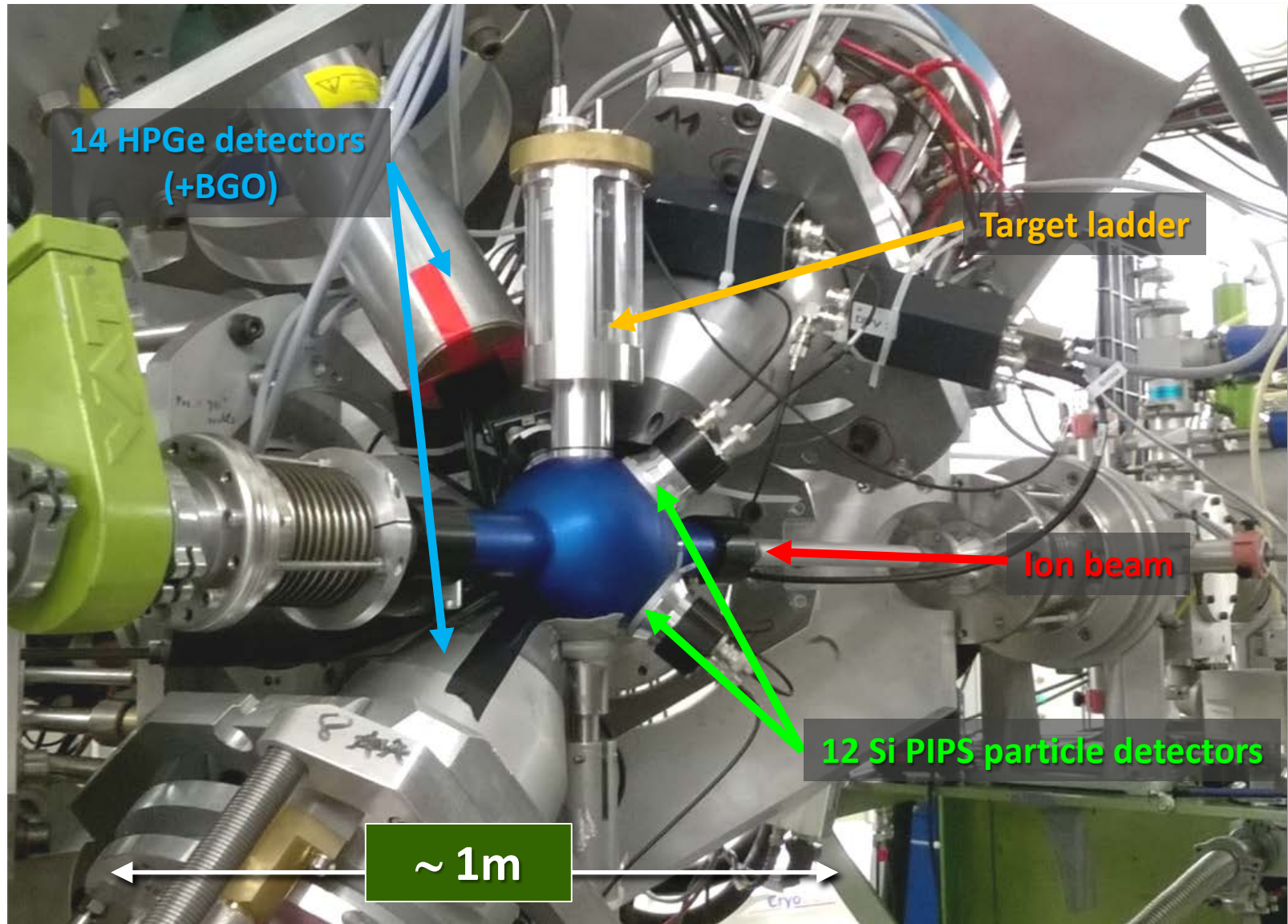


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Important observables for the identification of the PQR:

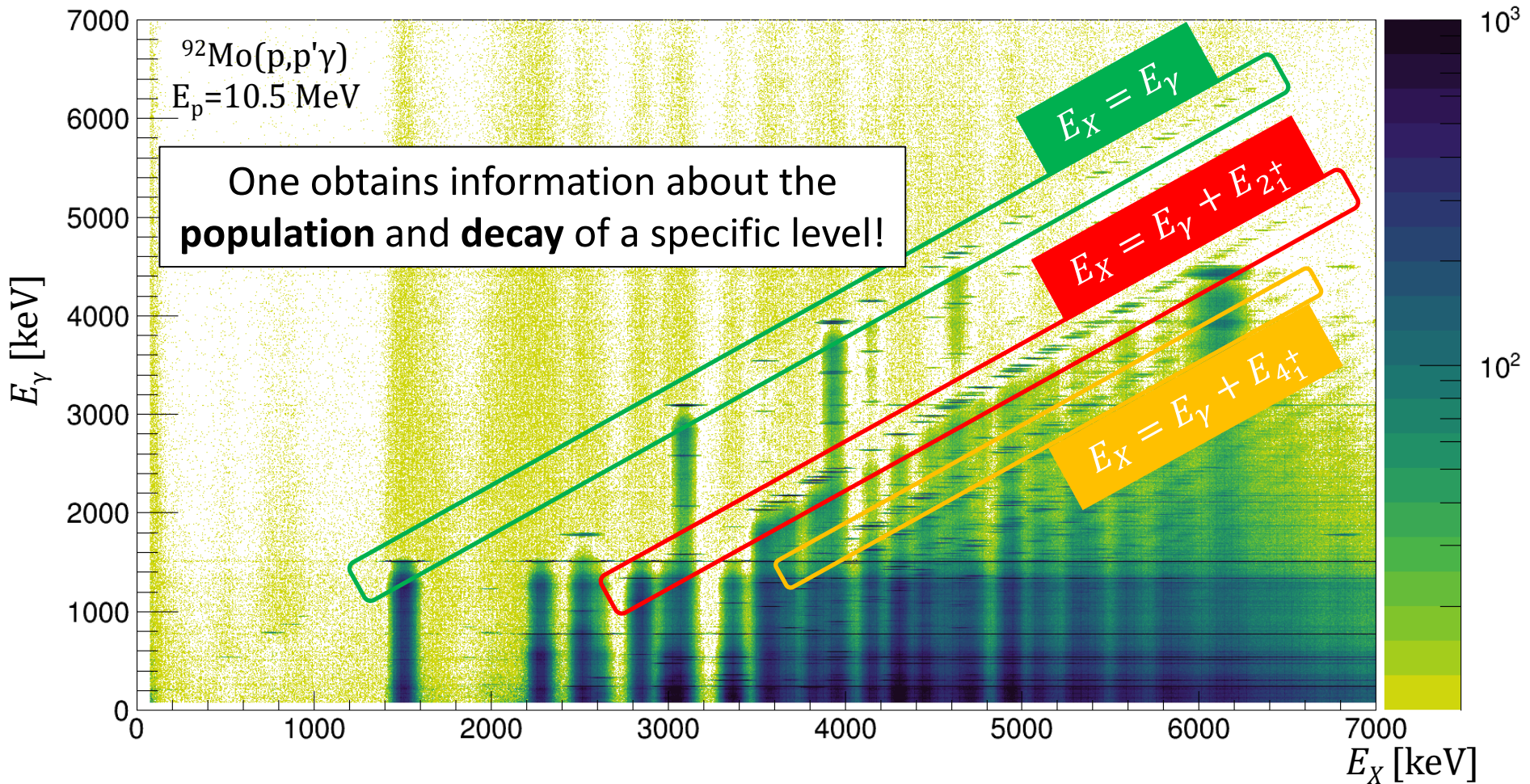
- **B(E2) strength distribution**
- **branching to excited states**
- **single-particle structure**
- **isospin character (however, similar to phonon excitations)**

SONIC@HORUS at the University of Cologne



S.G. Pickstone et al., NIM A (2017), in press

The proton- γ coincidence matrix



Example: Diagonal gates select decay to specific lower lying states, e.g., to the **ground state**, 2_1^+ , or 4_1^+

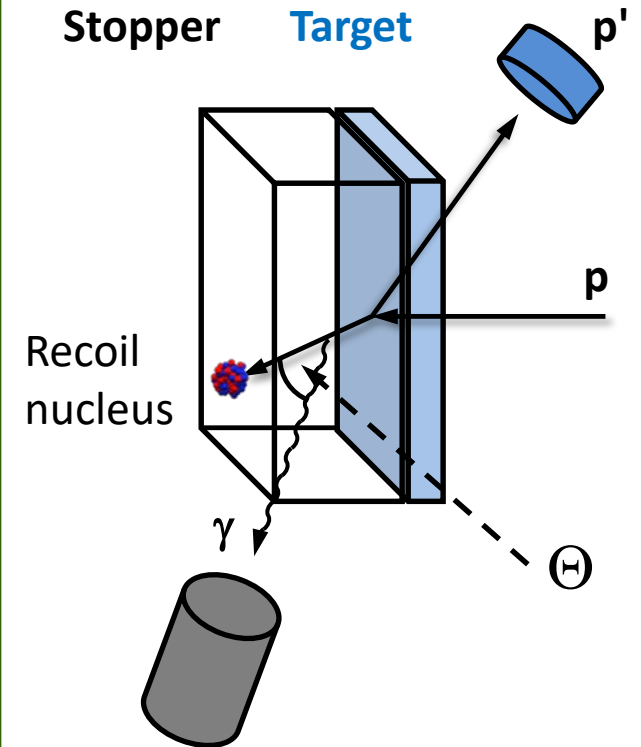
Lifetime determination using the $(p,p'\gamma)$ Doppler Shift Attenuation (DSA) coincidence method

$$E_\gamma(\Theta, t) = E_\gamma^0 \left(1 + F(\tau) \frac{v_0}{c} \cos \Theta \right)$$

Determination of γ -energy centroid shifts due to Doppler effect

→ Emission of γ ray in flight while the recoil is slowing down in target+stopper

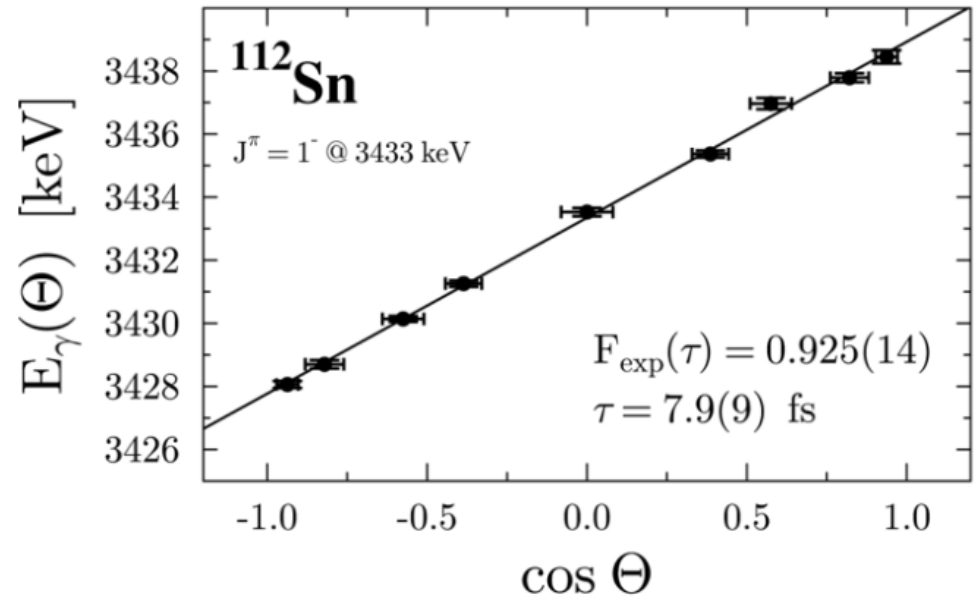
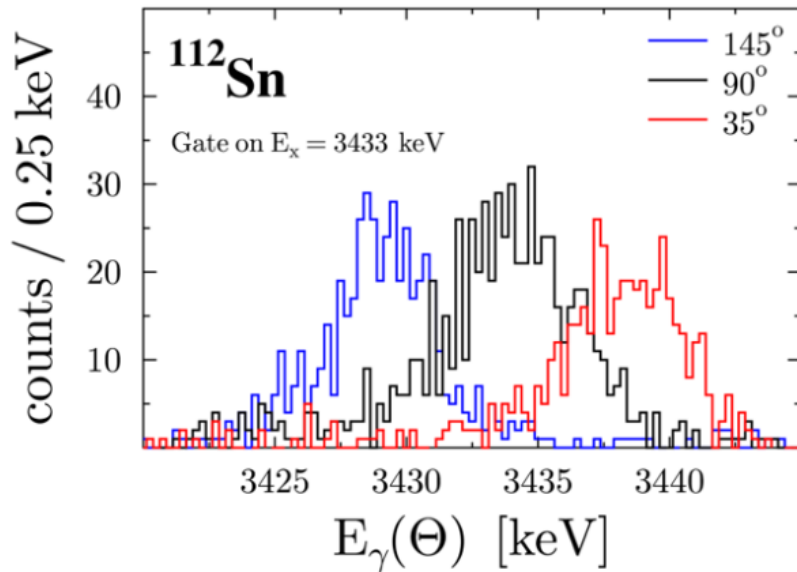
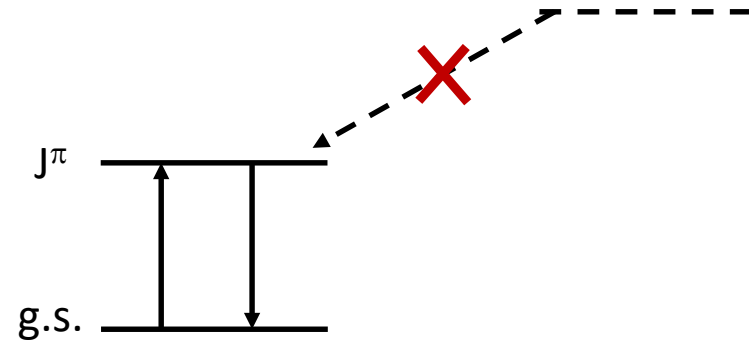
similar to $(n,n'\gamma)$ → talk by S. Yates



Lifetime determination via $(p,p'\gamma)$

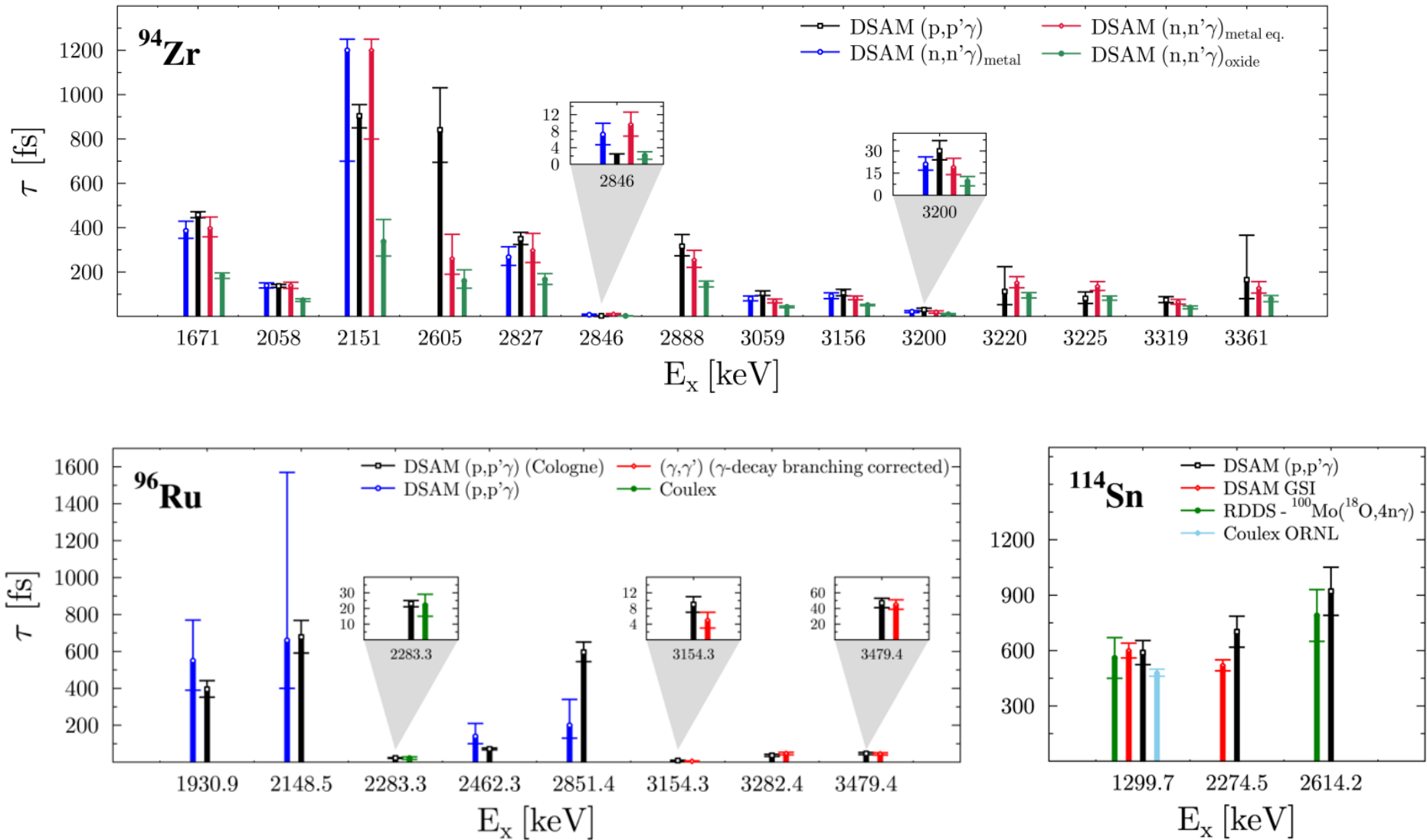
Excitation-energy gate (SONIC)

- v_0 is known from kinematics
- feeding can be excluded
→ extraction of real lifetimes!



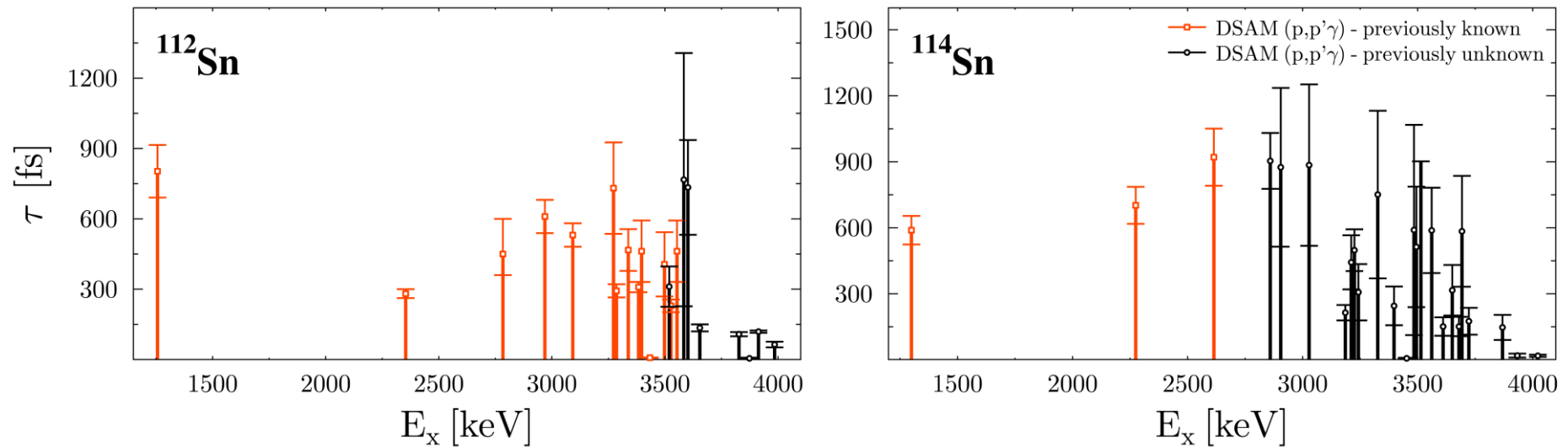
A. Hennig et al., NIM **A794** (2015) 171
M. Spieker, PhD thesis, Cologne (2016)

Comparison to existing data



A. Hennig et al., PRC **92** (2015) 064317
 S. Prill et al., to be published

Newly determined lifetimes in ^{112}Sn and ^{114}Sn

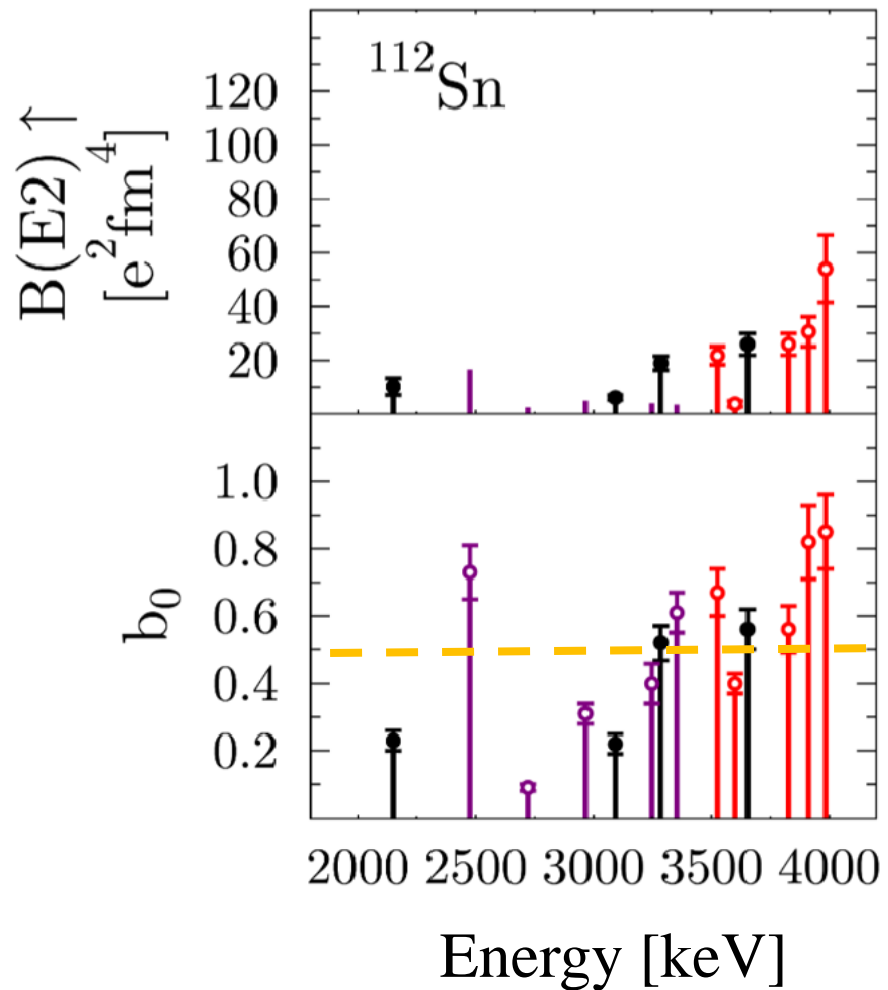
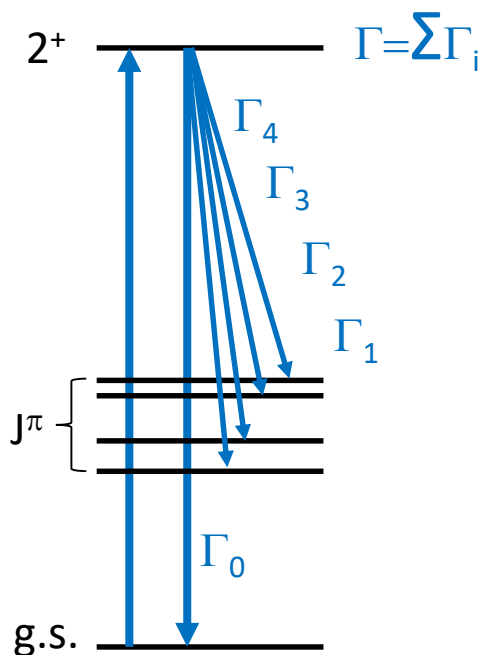


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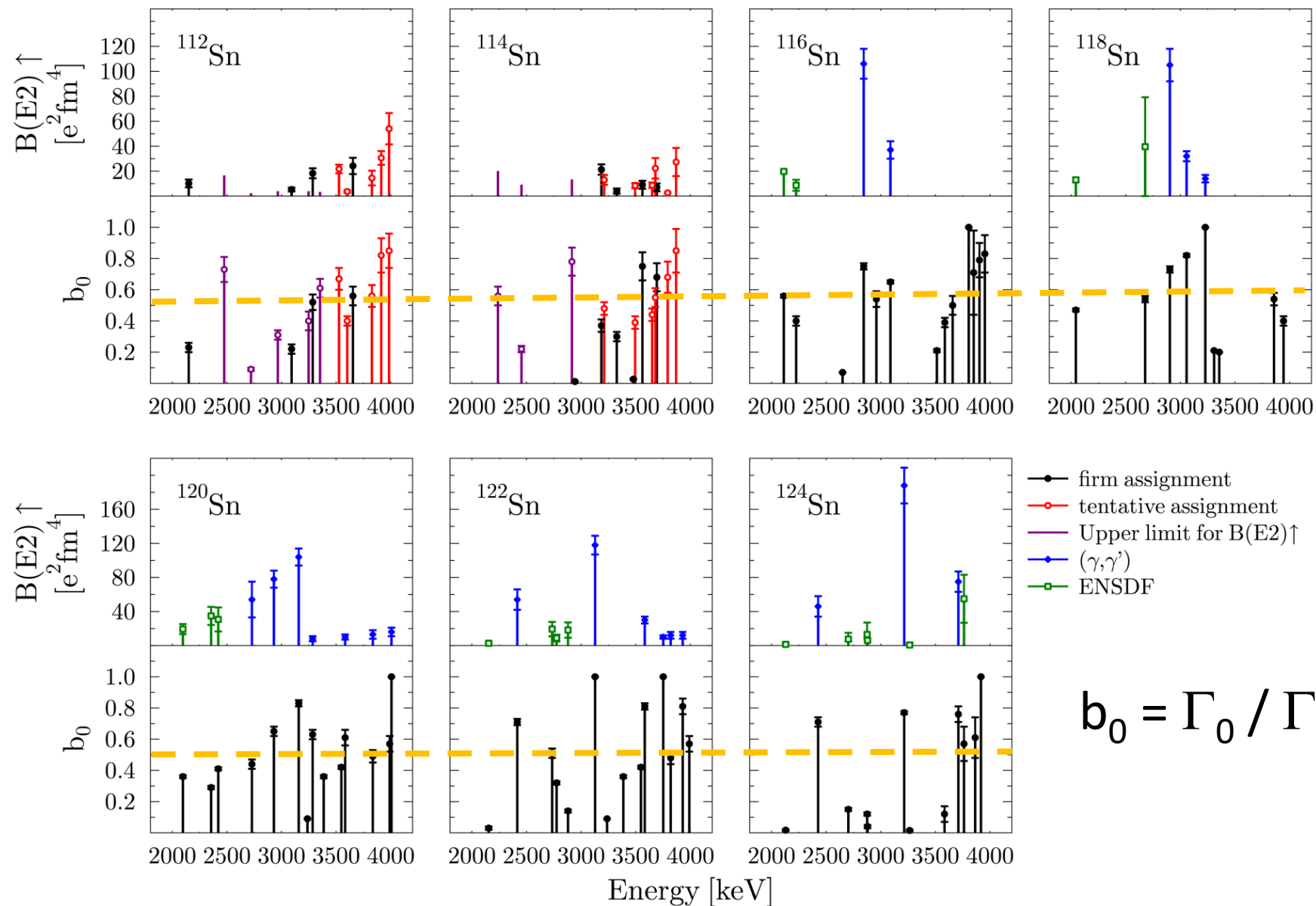
Many new lifetimes and B(E2) values from a single experiment!
(57 lifetimes in ^{112}Sn and 30 lifetimes in ^{114}Sn)

Groundstate decay ratios $b_0 = \Gamma_0 / \Gamma$ in ^{112}Sn

The gate on the excitation energy allows a sensitive measurement of branching ratios!



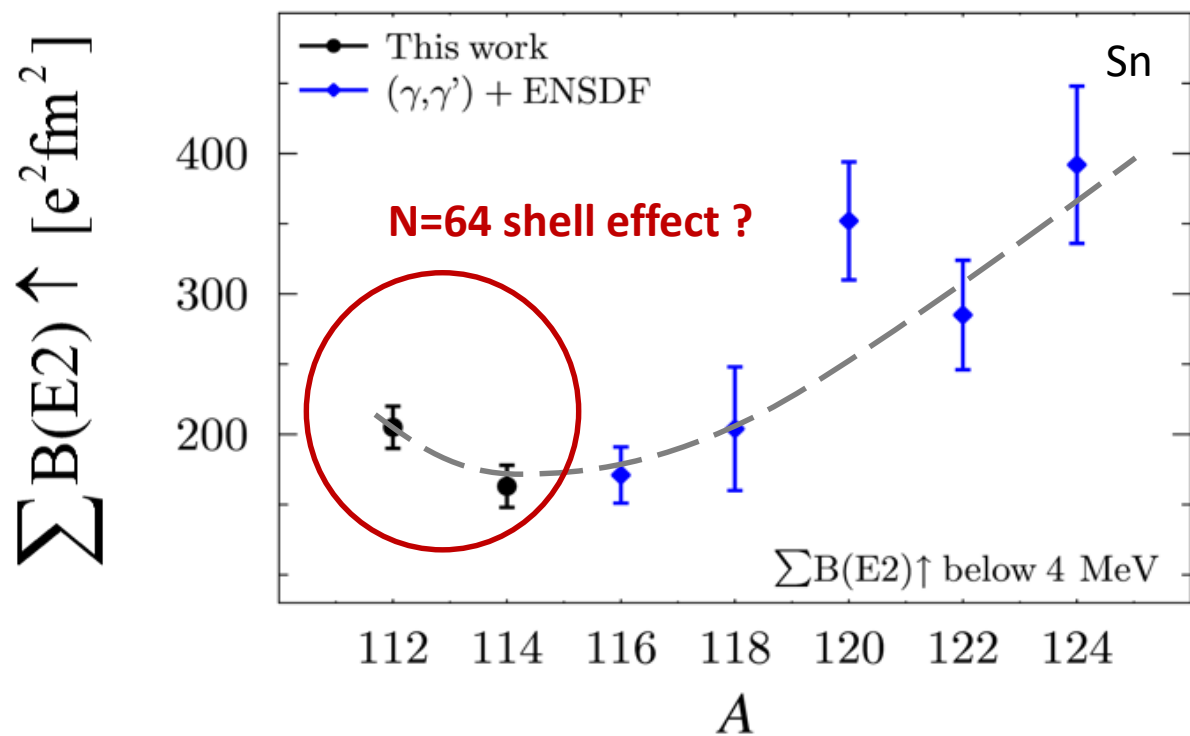
B(E2) strengths and g.s. decay ratios in Sn isotopes



$$b_0 = \Gamma_0 / \Gamma$$

Systematics of summed B(E2) strengths in Sn

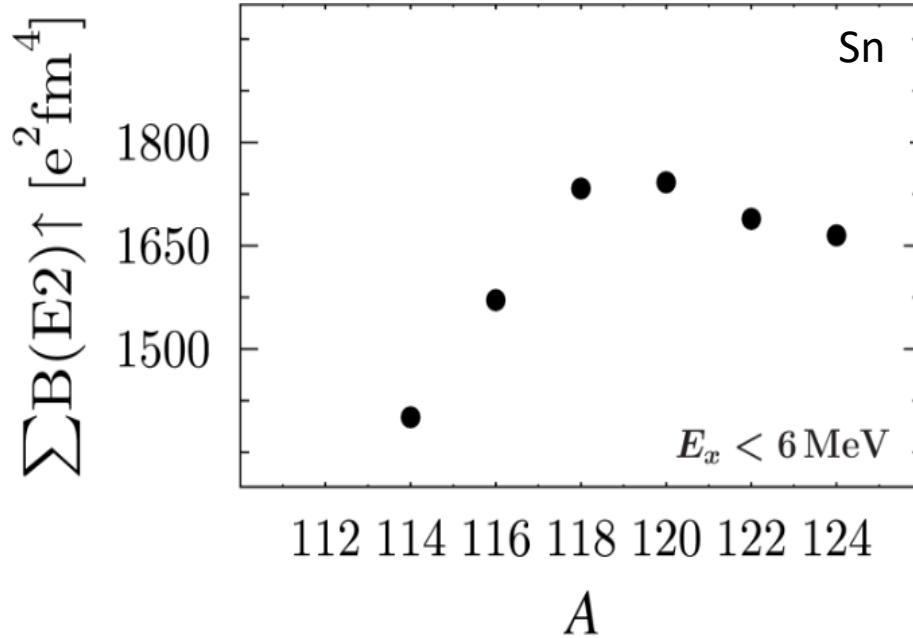
Experiment



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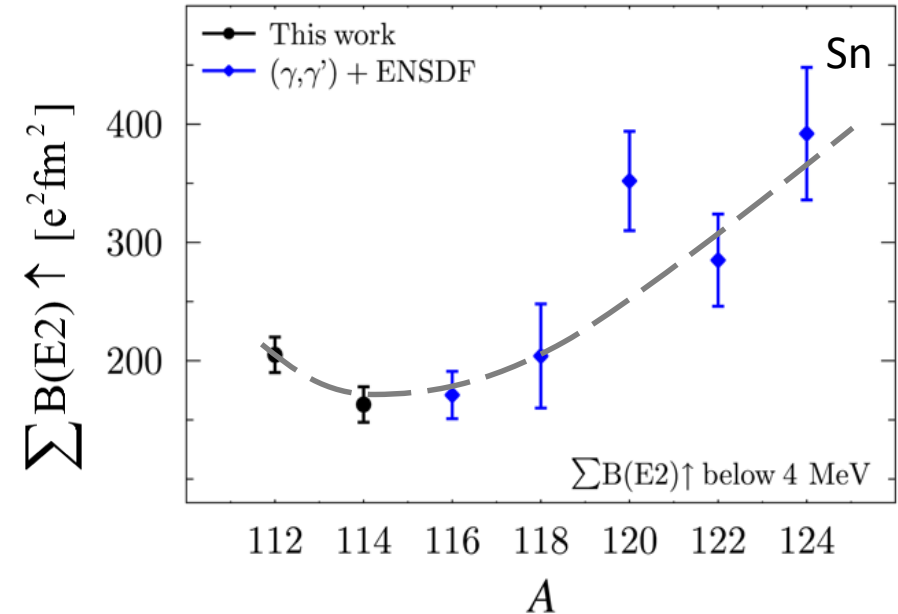
Summed B(E2) strengths: Theory vs. experiment

Theory: RQTBA



E. Litvinova, priv. com. (2017)

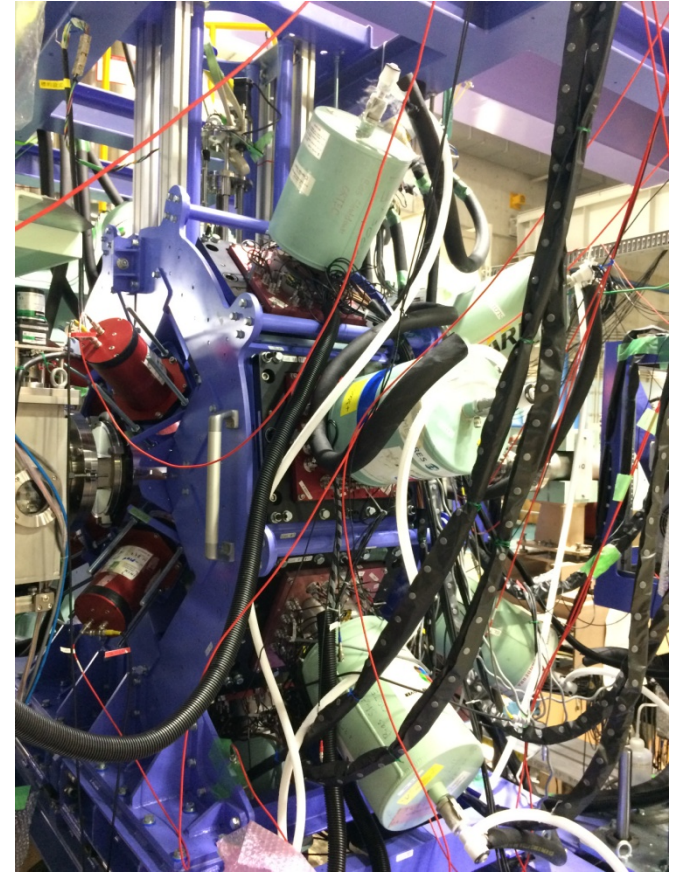
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The present experimental data does support the existence of a Pygmy Quadrupole Resonance

Probing the isospin character of the PQR

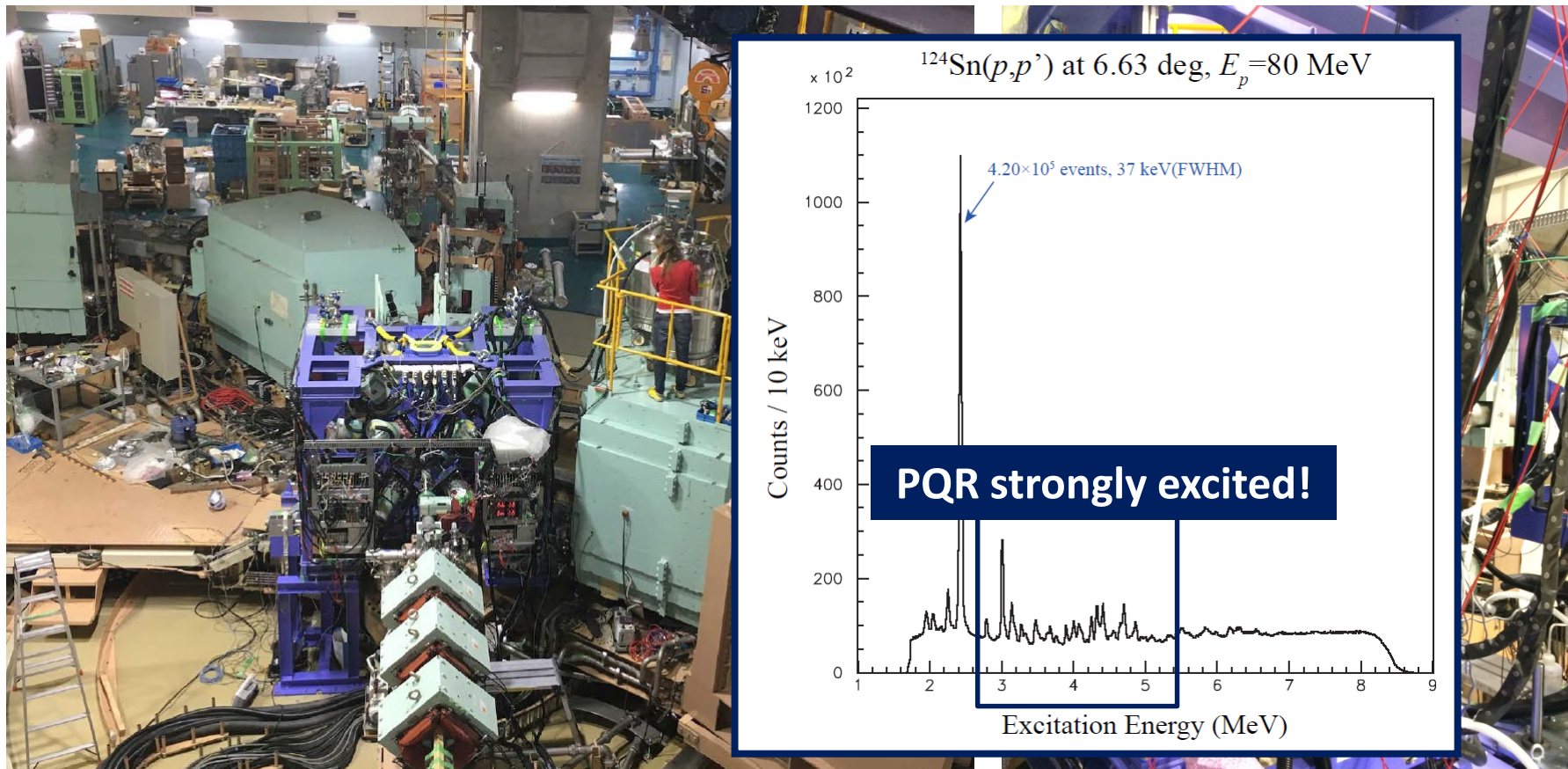
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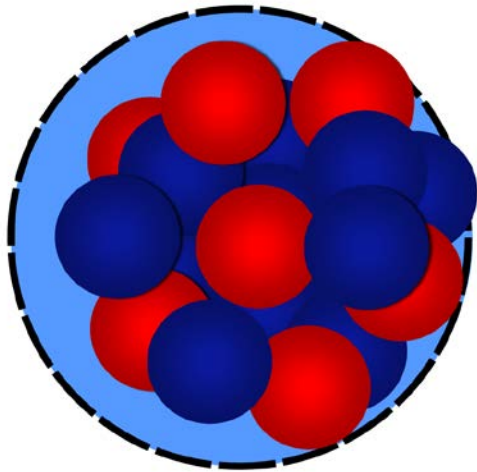
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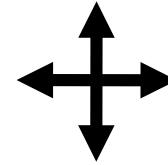
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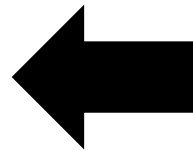
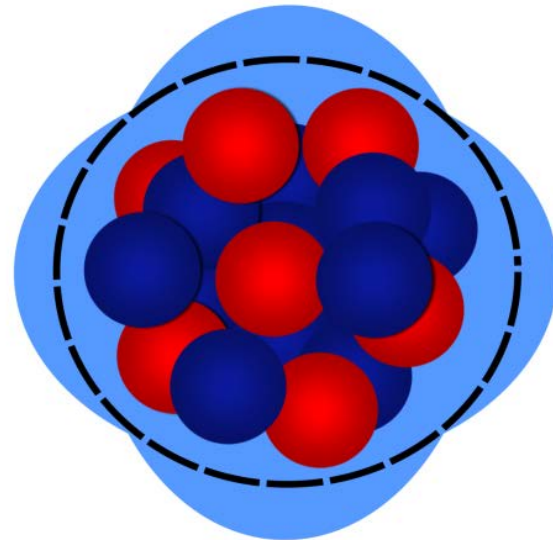
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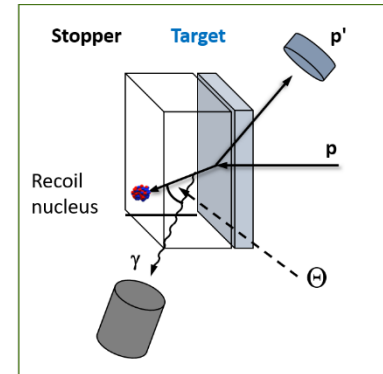
Dipole strength: New horizons with ELI-NP

Photons are an ideal probe to study **dipole** excitations

- **bremsstrahlung beams**
(e.g., TU Darmstadt, HZDR):
good overview, but no energy selectivity
- **photons from laser Compton backscattering, 1st generation**
(e.g., HIGS, New SUBARU)
selection of an energy window, parity information
→ *talks by T. Beck, J. Isaak, A. Tonchev, H. Utsunomiya, J. Wilhelmly*
- **photons from laser Compton backscattering, 2nd generation**
(ELI-NP)
selective excitation of single states, parity information
→ *talk by V. Zamfir*

Lifetime determination using the $(p,p'\gamma)$ Doppler Shift Attenuation (DSA) coincidence method

- Lifetimes from 10 fs to 1 ps can be measured
- Feeding from higher-lying states excluded due to $p\gamma$ coincidences (excitation gate)
- γ -decay branching can be measured sensitively
- Dozens of lifetimes in one experiment
- Angular momentum transfer in $(p,p'\gamma)$: $\Delta J = 0-5$



→ **very versatile tool for low spin nuclear structure studies**

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- $(p,p'\gamma)$ experiments at ≈ 10 MeV/A in Cologne yield lifetimes and branching ratios for low spin excitations
- observables for some 2^+ states agree with theoretical predictions for a Pygmy Quadrupole Resonance
- further experiments on isospin and single-particle character under way for unambiguous identification of PQR
- Photon beams with small bandwidth allow state selective excitation \rightarrow NUCLEAR PHOTONICS

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