# The Pygmy Dipole Resonance history and overview



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#### **1937:** Atomumwandlungen durch y-Strahlen.

Von W. Bothe und W. Gentner in Heidelberg.

Z. Phys. 106 (1937) 236

#### 6. Diskussion.

Die beschriebenen Versuche zeigen, daß bei gewissen Elementen der Prozeß  $(\gamma, n)$  verhältnismäßig leicht beobachtbar ist.

... Vielleicht spielen hierbei Resonanz-

verhältnisse eine entscheidende Rolle, ...

"The  $(\gamma, n)$  process can be observed relatively easily for certain elements. Maybe resonances play an important role..."

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 photoeffects.

N. Bohr.

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

nature **141** (1938) 326

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1944:

QUADRUPOLE AND DIPOLE Y-RADIATION OF NUCLEI

By A. MIGDAL

J. Phys. (USSR) 8 (1944) 331

1947:

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1969: Effect of the pigmy 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

### **Pygmy Dipole Resonance (PDR)**

**2002:** 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 radius, neutron skin



P.-G. Reinhard and W. Nazarewicz, PRC 81 (2010) 051303(R)

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A. Carbone et al. PRC **81** (2010) 041301(R)

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S. Goriely, PLB 436 (1998) 10

- Slope of symmetry energy in EoS
- Impact on nucleosynthesis



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



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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
- energy resolution  $\Delta E$ =5-10 keV
- complex sensitivity limit
- only stable nuclei can be studied



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





N. Benouaret et al., PRC **79** (2009) 014303 D. Savran et al., PRC **84** (2011) 024326 S. Volz et al., NPA **779** (2006) 1 A. Zilges et al., PLB **542** (2002) 43

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D. Savran, V. Yu. Ponomarev et al., PRC 84 (2011) 024326

### Importance of sensitivity limit



D. Savran, V. Yu. Ponomarev et al., PRC 84 (2011) 024326

# **Coulomb dissociation in inverse kinematics**



### PDR in radioactive nuclei

<sup>130,132</sup>Sn @ 500 MeV/A on Pb LAND plus ALADIN plus Crystal Ball



P. Adrich et al., PRL 95 (2005) 132501

# PDR in radioactive nuclei



#### **Summed PDR strength**



D. Savran, T. Aumann, and A. Zilges, submitted to PPNP

# Neutron skin thickness from microscopic calculations



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### **Some open questions**

- What is the connection between the E1 strength below and above neutron threshold and in stable and radioactive nuclei?
- Which strength corresponds to the PDR and which to the GDR ?

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# Strength below and above threshold: (p,p')



A. Tamii et al., PRL 107 (2011) 062502

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

	(γ,γ′)	(α,α' ) @ 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	EO, E1, E2, E3,	EO, E1, E2,
$\Delta E$	3-30 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  $(p, p' \gamma)$ 

T.D. Poelhekken et al., PLB **278** (1992) 423

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



D. Savran et al., NIM **A 564** (2006) 267 BBS@KVI (deceased 15/11/12) BigRIPS@RIKEN 0° facility @ iThemba LABS (?)

#### Splitting of the PDR: Interpretation from RQTBA



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

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- Theoretical description → Nadia Tsoneva, Vladimir Ponomarev
- E1 response via (p,p') → Atsushi Tamii, Jonny Birkhan
- PDR via  $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$  and  $(p, p' \gamma) \rightarrow$  Deniz Savran, Janis Endres
- Gamma Strength Functions → Sunniva Siem, Mathis Wiedeking, Dirk Martin

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