Nuclear Structure close to the Threshold – **Pygmy Dipole Resonance**

- Dipole strength in atomic nuclei
- Electric or magnetic?
- Pygmy or Giant Dipole Resonance?



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Photonuclear Reactions



NRF using bremsstrahlung



A. Zilges et al., Phys. Lett. B 542 (2002) 43

NRF using monoenergetic photons

Laser Compton Backscattering (LCB)



- "monoenergetic" photon spectrum ⁻
- tunable energy
- polarized beam

→ Nuclear Photonics

H.R. Weller et al., PPNP 62 (2009) 257

Parity determination with polarized photons

Measuring asymmetries of emitted photons:



J. Beller et al., PLB **741** (2015) 128

Krishichayan et al., PRC 91 (2015) 044328

Polarized photons: A parity-meter



Krishichayan et al., Phys. Rev. C 91, 044328 (2015)



Summed B(E1) strength of "Pygmy" excitations



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

Separation of Pygmy Dipole Resonance (PDR) from GDR

- Response to isoscalar/isovector probes
- Decay to excited states
- Single-particle structure

Testing the isospin structure: (γ , γ ') vs. (α , α ') or (p,p')

	(γ,γ') or Coulex	(α,α') @ 30 MeV/A or (p,p') @ 80 MeV/A
Interaction	electromagnetic	strong
Location of interaction	whole nucleus (kR << 1)	surface
Isospin	isovector E1 excitations	dominant isoscalar
Multipolarity	E1, M1, E2	EO, E1, E2, E3,

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

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

Selectivity of $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ experiments



J. Endres et al., PRL **105** (2010) 112503 J. Endres et al., PRC **85** (2012) 064331

Splitting of strength: Experimental results



Transition densities for 1⁻ states in ²⁰⁸Pb



similar results in RQTBA: E.G. Lanza et al., PRC 89 (2014) 041601

Splitting of the PDR: Interpretation from RQTBA



Result confirmed, e.g., in (¹⁷O, ¹⁷O') on ¹⁴⁰Ce



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

Isospin structure of the PDR in stable nuclei: The CAGRA campaign 2016 @ RCNP

 $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma) @ E_{\alpha} = 130 \text{ MeV} and (p, p' \gamma) @ E_{p} = 80 \text{ MeV}$ combining Grand Raiden spectrometer and 16 Compton suppressed HPGe Clover detectors

CAGRA

GRAND RAIDEN





Collaboration: Argonne – Cologne – Darmstadt – Milano – Osaka – NSCL

Isospin structure of the PDR in unstable nuclei: The DALI-LaBr-RIBF campaign @RIKEN



Collaboration: RIKEN – Cologne – Darmstadt – Huelva – Milano – Tokyo

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Decay pattern: γ^3 setup at HIGS

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





B. Löher, V. Derva et al., NIM A **723** (2013) 136









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Decay pattern of E1 excitations in ¹⁴⁰Ce



B. Löher et al., PLB **756** (2016) 72

Decay pattern ⁹⁴Mo compared to DICEBOX



C. Romig et al., PRC 88 (2013) 044331

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Single-particle structure of the PDR

¹¹⁹Sn(d,pγ)¹²⁰Sn measured at SONIC@HORUS, Cologne

- Selective to neutron particle-hole configurations, e.g., (p_{3/2})(s_{1/2})⁻¹
- Clean selection of reaction channel
- Choose certain decays by p-γ coincidence





Decay-Channel Selection



Sonic@Horus, Cologne



S.G. Pickstone, M. Spieker, V. Derya, M. Weinert, J. Wilhelmy, AZ

A new photon facility in Europe: ELI-NP @ Bucharest

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- narrow bandwidth (down to 0.5%)
- high degree of polarization (> 99%)
 - small beam diameter (mm range)



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- guest house
- office spaces



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