

Photonuclear Reactions with MeV γ -rays from LCB

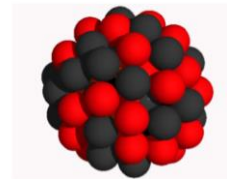


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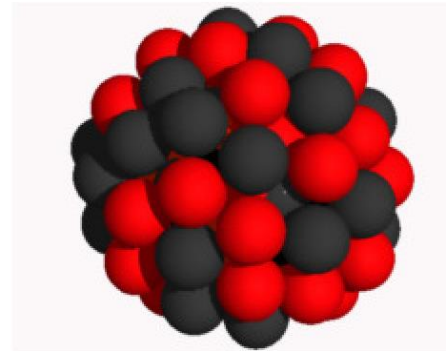
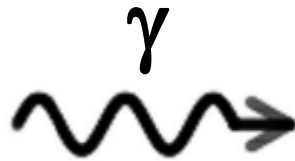
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Outline

- Photonuclear Reactions
- Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence
- Some Previous Achievements
- Intensity Frontier → „Discovery Frontier“
 - „Availability Frontier“ (photonuclear reactions on rare isotopes)
 - „Sensitivity Frontier“ (weak channels: strong physics)
 - „Precision Frontier“ (high count rates, new methods)
- Conclusion



Photonuclear Reactions



What happens?

Nuclear Physics with MeV-range photon beams

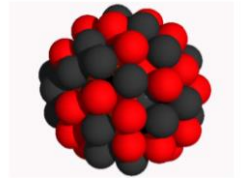


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Pure EM-interaction

(nuclear-)model independent

“small“ cross sections, intense beams



Minimum projectile mass

**min. angular momentum transfer,
spin-selective: low-spin modes [E1,M1,E2,(E3?)]**

Polarisation

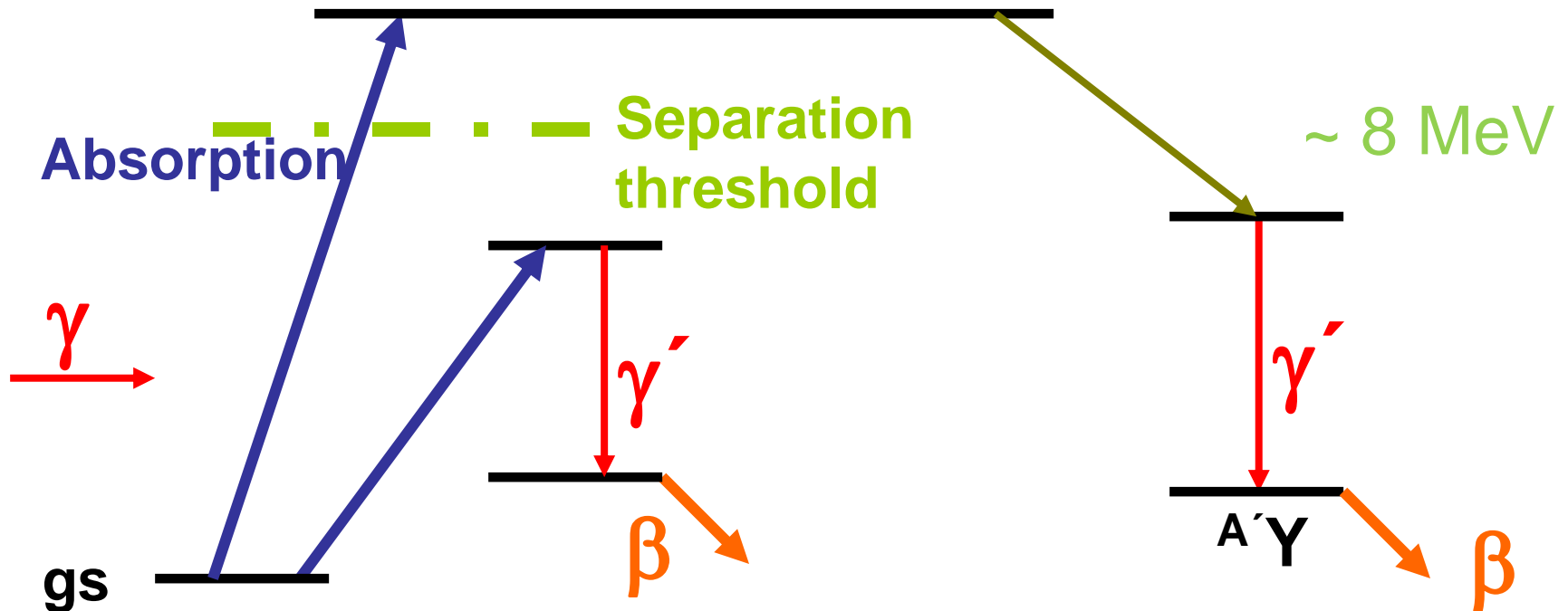
„Parity Physics“, channel selectivity

Narrow Bandwidth (at ELI-NP and CERN-ERL)

Explore specific excitation energy

„Selective Manipulation of Nuclear States“: Nuclear Photonics

Photonuclear Reactions



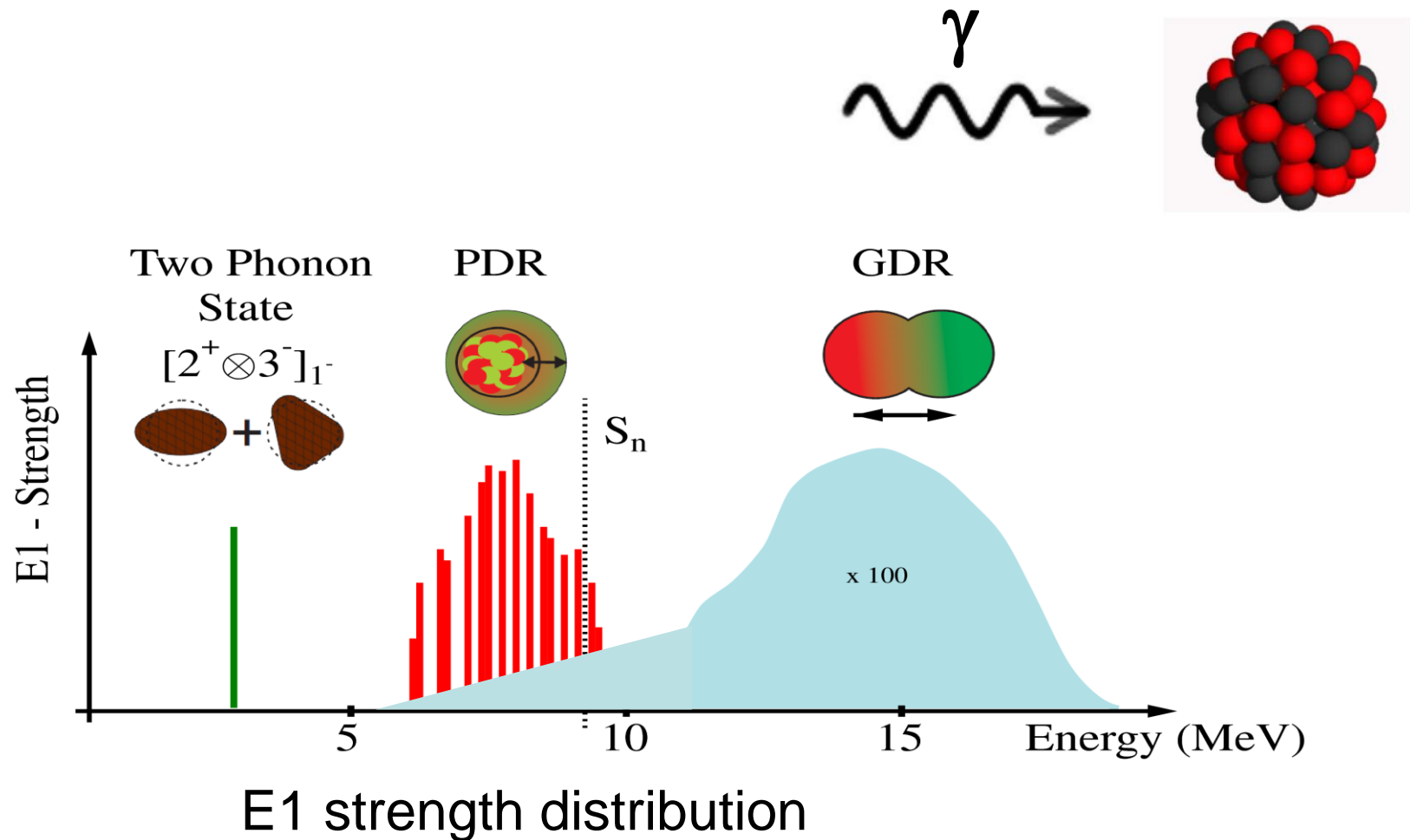
Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence (NRF)

Photoactivation

Photodesintegration (-activation)

Photofission

Electromagnetic dipole-response

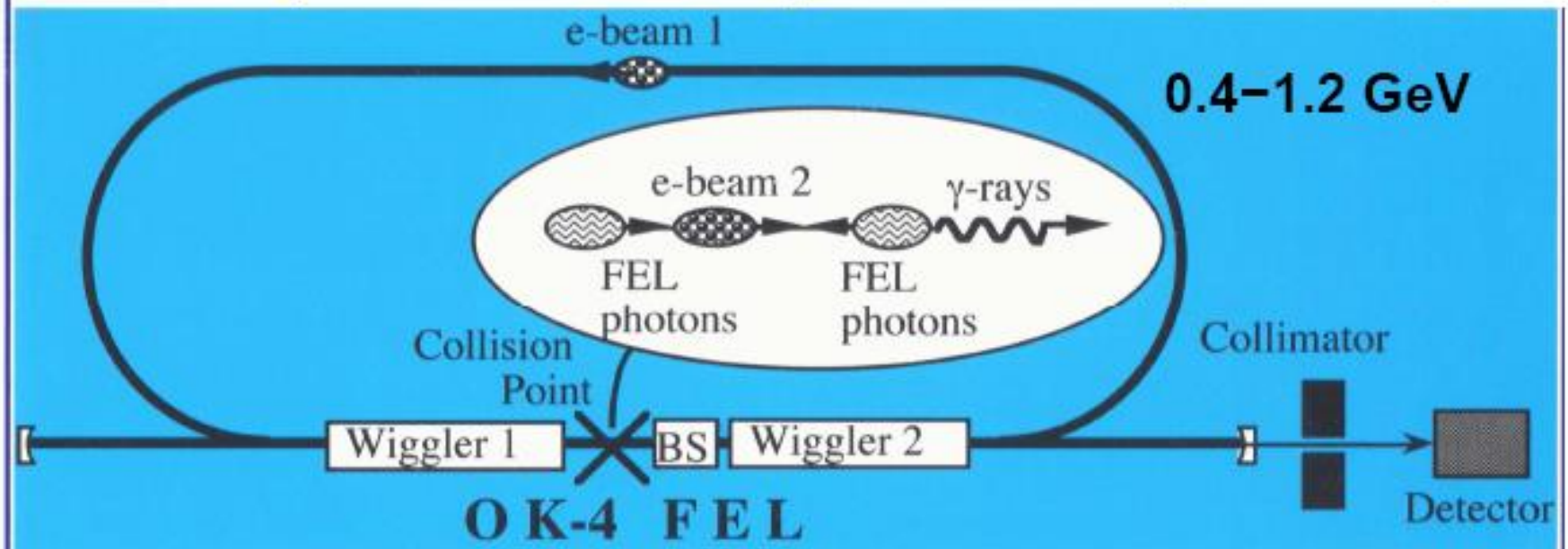


High Intensity γ -Ray Source (HlgS)



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Duke University, Durham, NC, U.S.A.

Compton Backscattering of Intra-cavity Laser Light



2 – 60 MeV

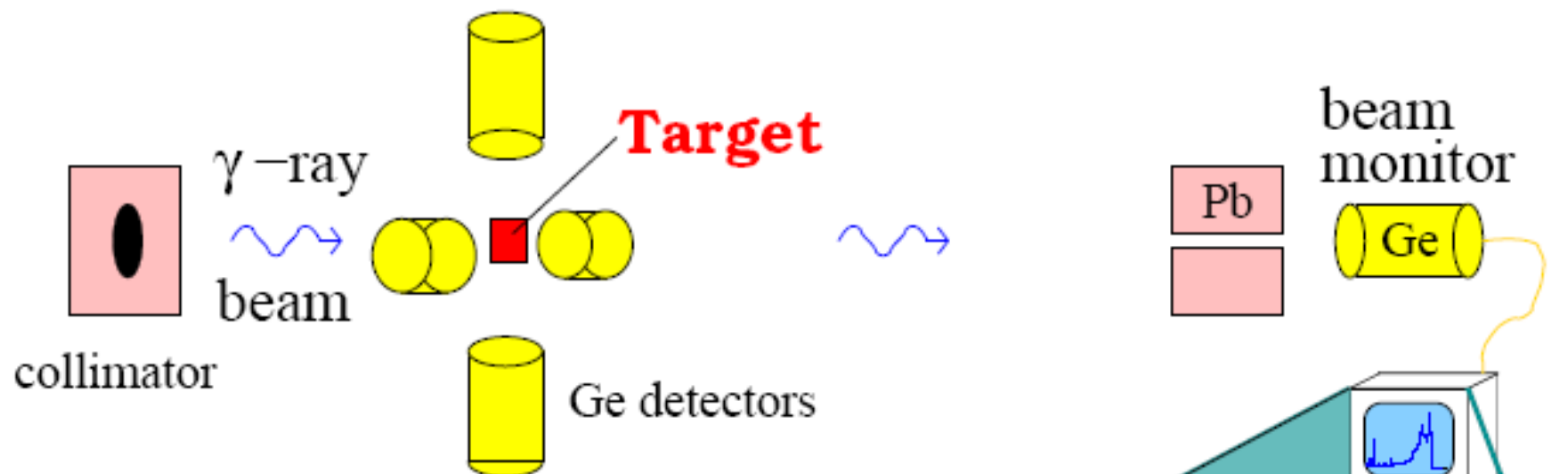
1.7 – 6.4 eV

~ 1000

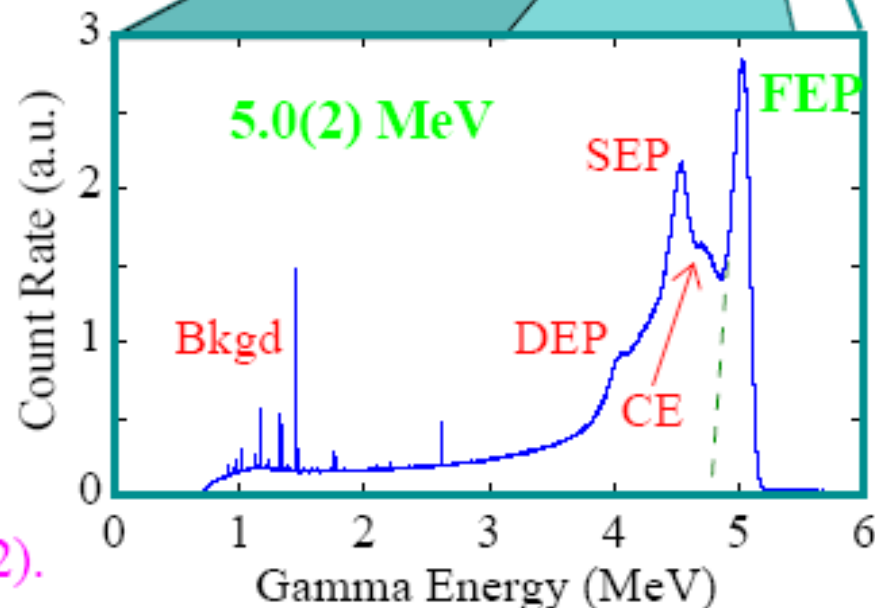
$$E_{\gamma} = \frac{4\gamma^2 E_{ph}}{(1+r+\gamma^2\theta^2)}; \quad r = \frac{4\gamma E_{ph}}{mc^2}; \quad E_{ph} = \frac{2\gamma^2 hc}{\lambda_w(1+K_w^2/2)}; \quad \gamma = \frac{E_e}{mc^2};$$

nearly monochromatic, tunable, completely polarized

Looking at the HIGS Gamma-Ray Beam

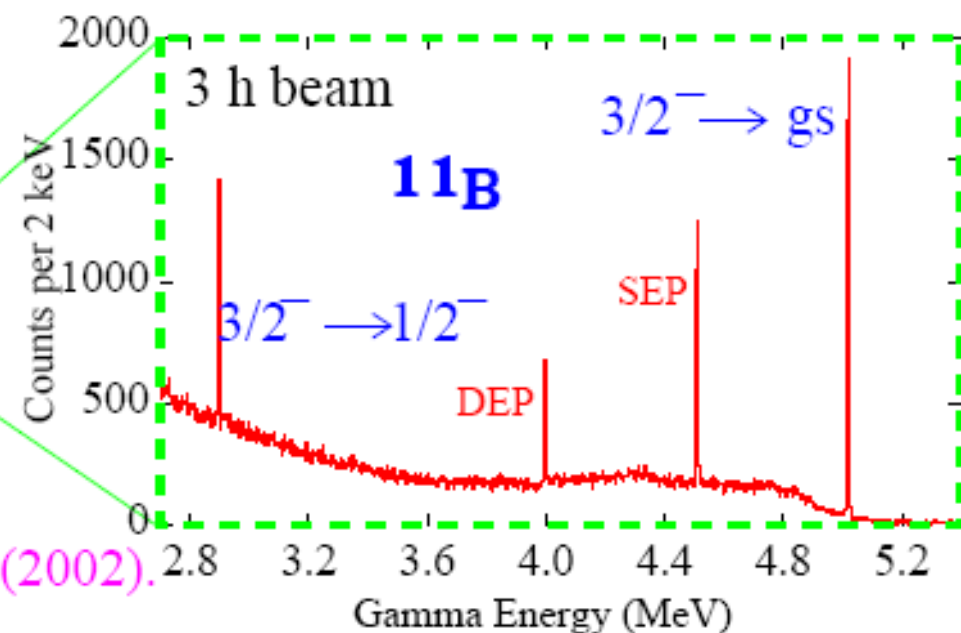
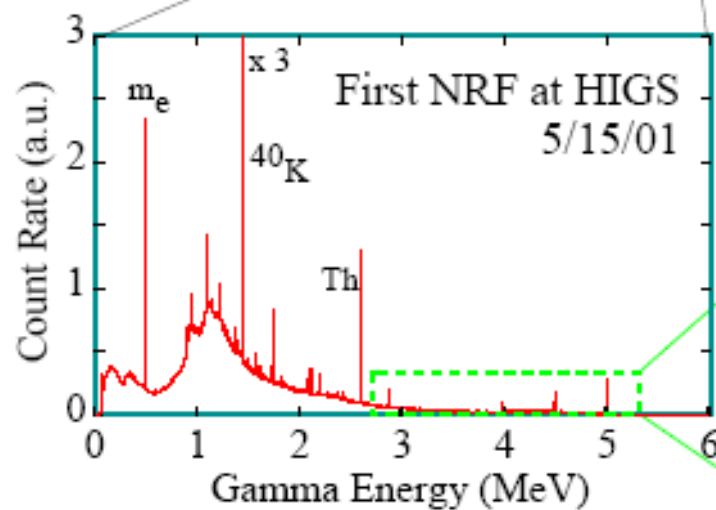
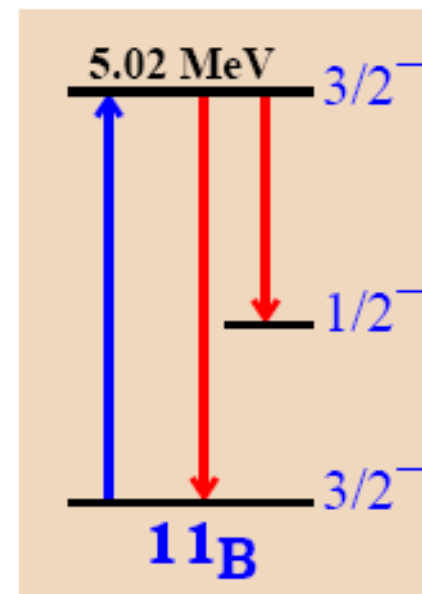
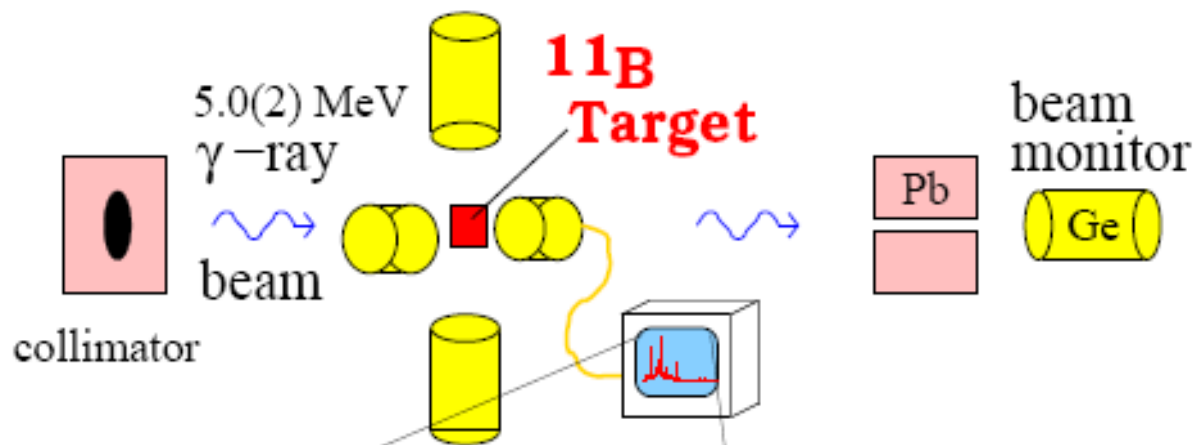


Flux at target: $10^7/s$
at maximum: $10^5/(s \text{ keV})$
Resolution: 3%
(with 1" collimator)



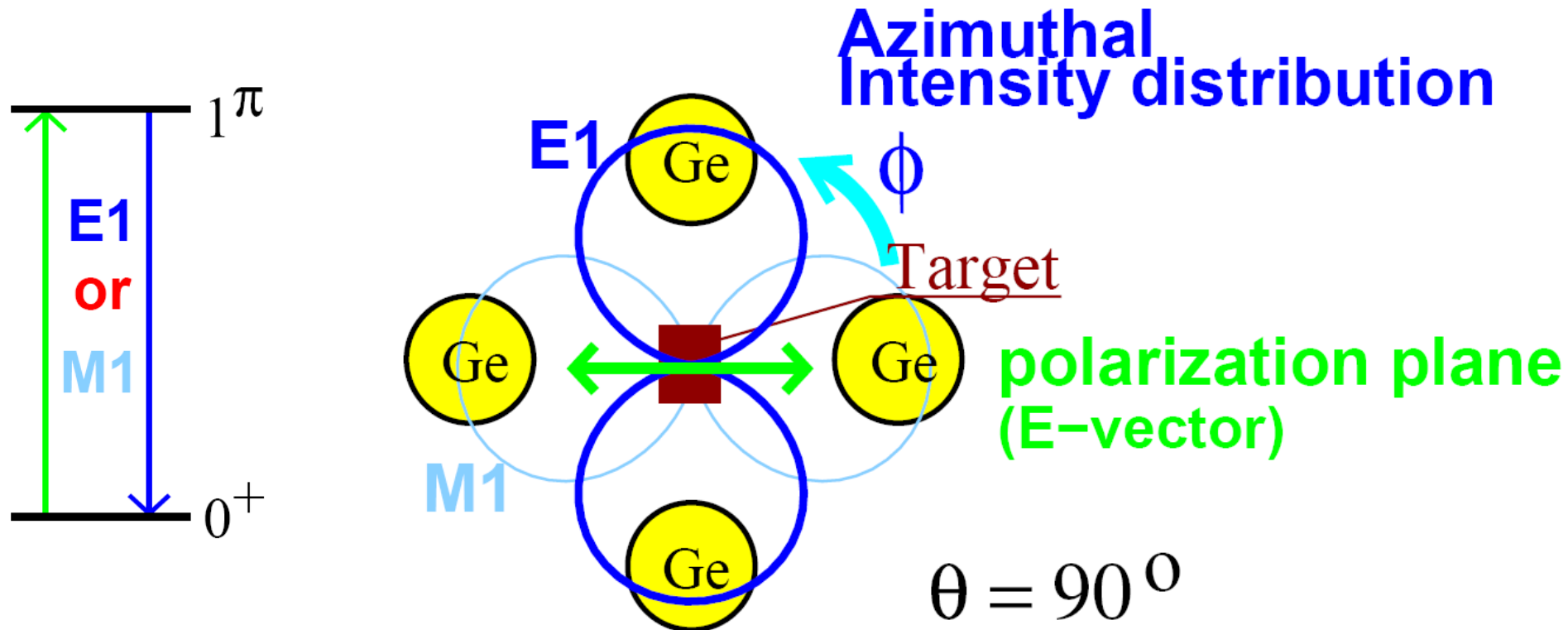
N.Pietralla et al.
Nucl.Instrum.Methods A 483, 556 (2002).

Looking at the Target



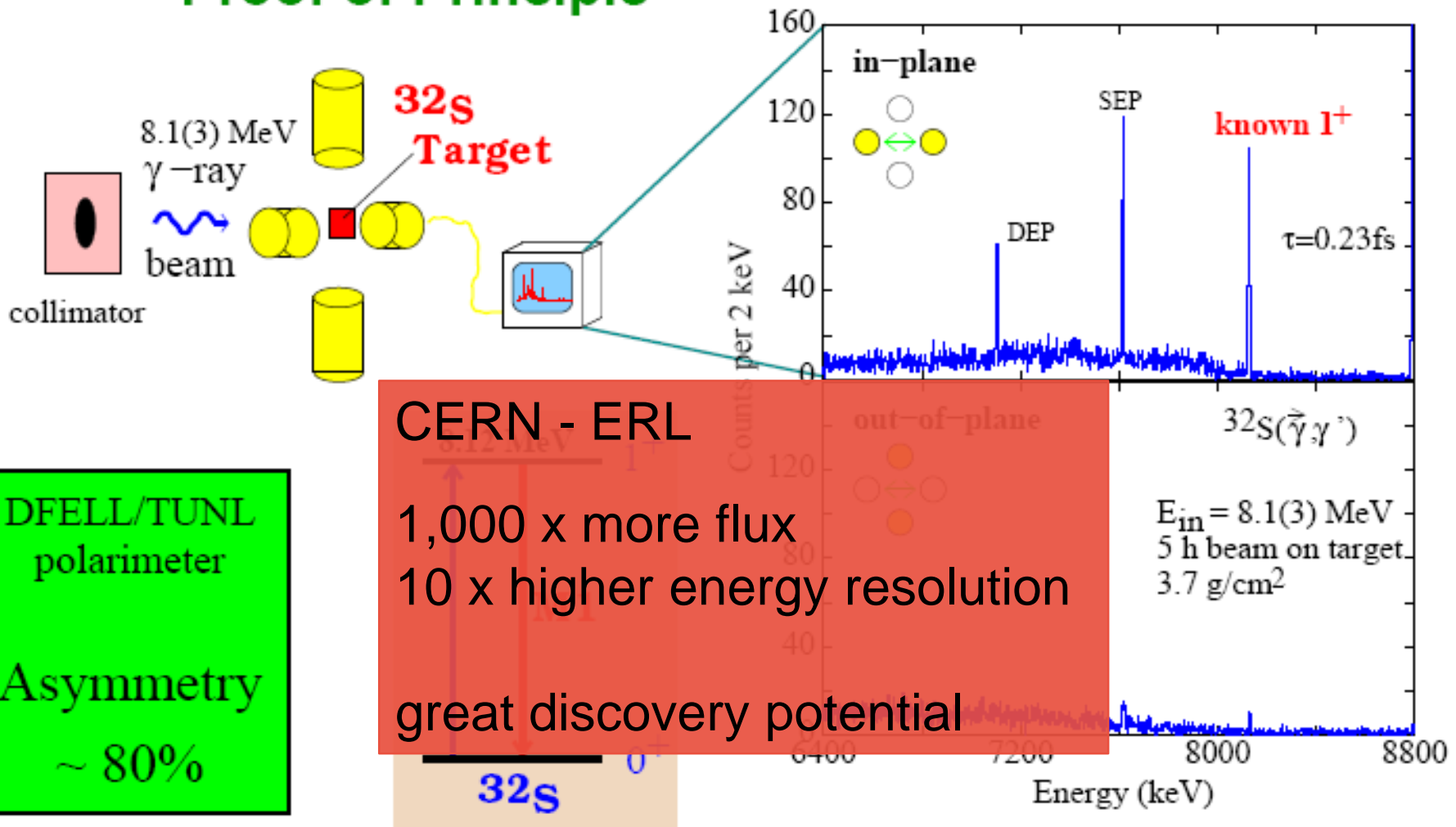
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Parity Measurements with Linearly Polarized Photon Beams



Azimuthal asymmetry \rightarrow parity quantum no.

Proof of Principle

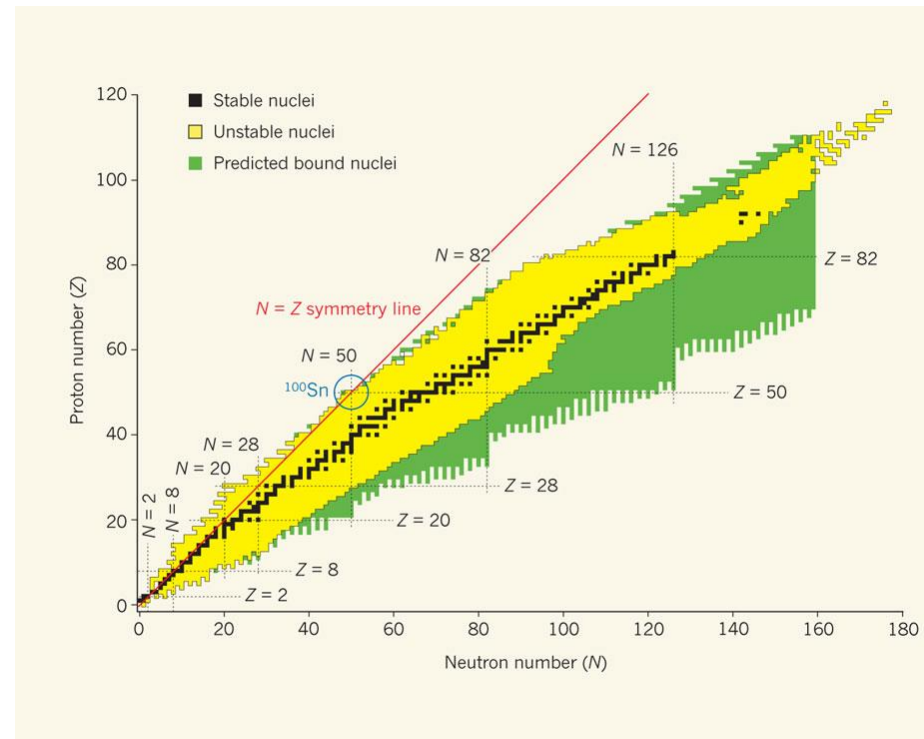


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Physics with Photon Beams

- Nuclear Structure Physics
 - Nuclear single particle structure
 - Collective nuclear structures
 - Photofission
- Particle-Physics Metrology
 - Neutrino detectors
 - Nuclear matrix elements for $\beta\beta$ -decay
- Nuclear Astrophysics
 - Capture / desintegration reactions
 - Nuclear synthesis
- Applications
 - Radiotomography
 - Nuclear Photonics



ELI – Nuclear Physics, Bucharest, Design

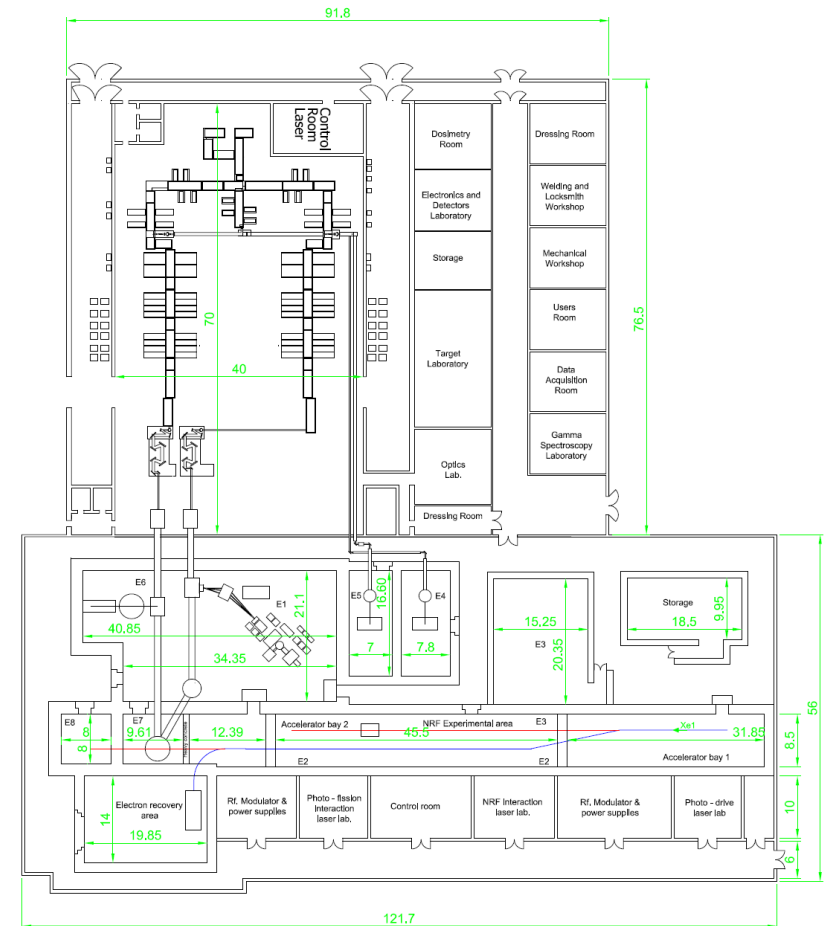


ELI – Nuclear Physics, Floor Plan

Equipment

- 2 10-Petawatt-Laser (low-rep., Thales)
- 700 MeV Electron linac (warm)
- external high-rep. high intens. laser
- highest-brilliant gamma beams from Lasercompton-backscattering $0.5 \text{ MeV} < E_\gamma < 20 \text{ MeV}$, $10^4 / \text{eV s}$
- minimale Bandbreite 0.5% - 0.1%

→ **Photonuclear Reactions**



ELI – NP, Progress

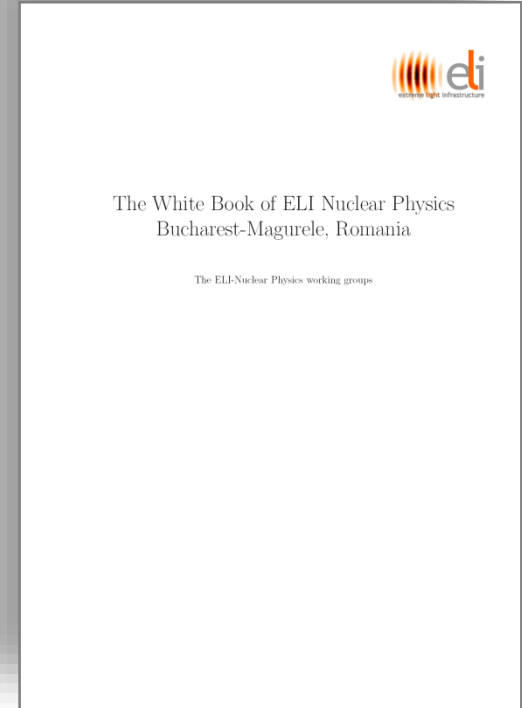
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Civil Construction finished: end of 2015

International Scientific Advisory Board Implementation Phase ELI-NP

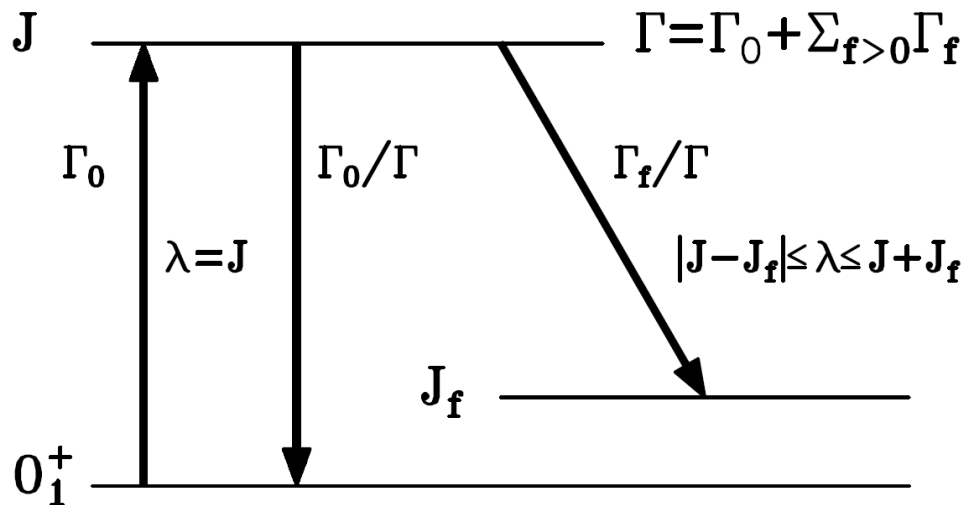
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Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence

— . — . — Separation
threshold

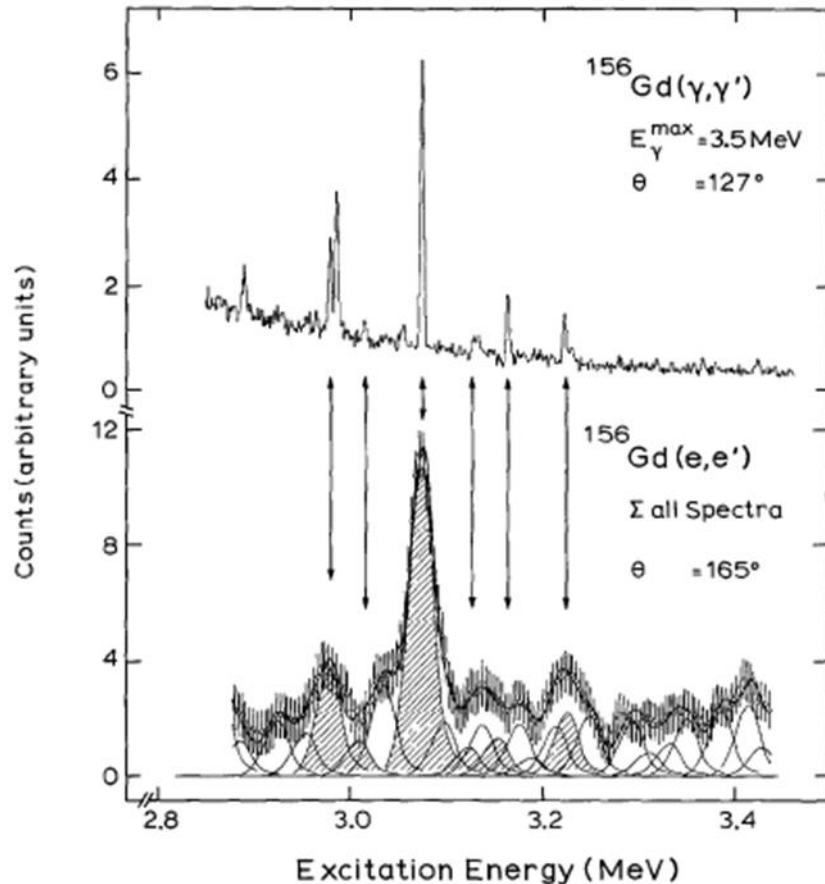


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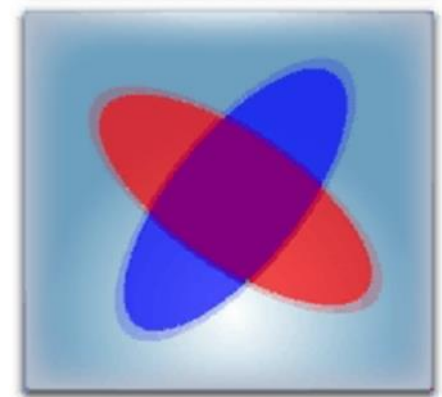
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Scissors mode

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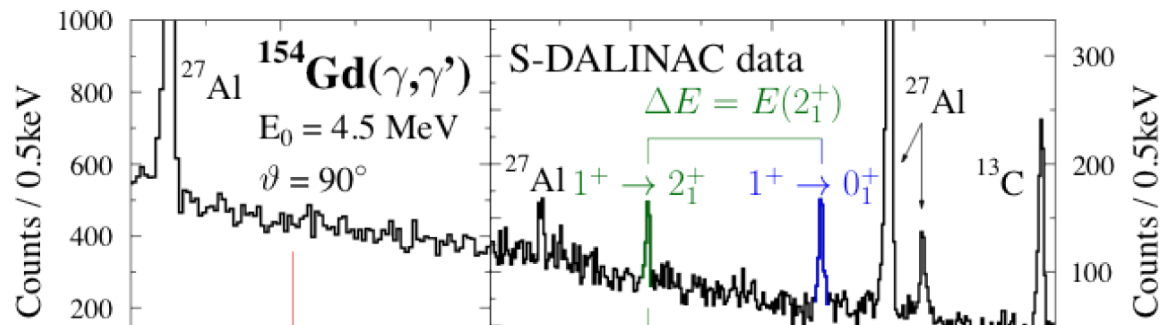
Discovery in electron scattering

Systematics: photon scattering

Scissors Mode: Decay to intrinsic excitations

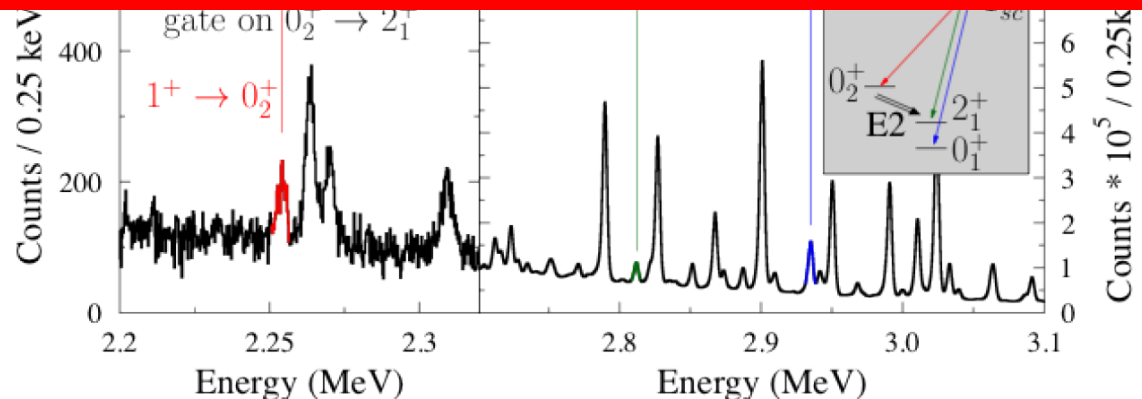
$1^+_{sc} \rightarrow 0^+_{\beta}$ first observed in ^{154}Gd (N=90)

- Identification
@ S-DALINAC



Supplies new constraint to $0\nu\beta\beta$ - decay matrix element

- Branching
from γ -spectroscopy
following EC decay
(HORUS data)
with Zilges-group



J.Beller, N.P. et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 111, 172501 (2013).

1. Availability Frontier

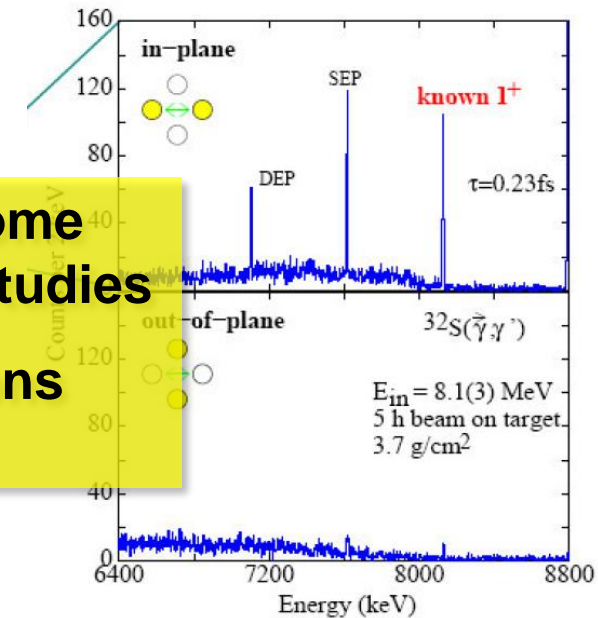
- Current NRF measurements require gramm-size targets ($\sim 10^{22-21}$ nuclei)

- Required by

- cross sections ($\sim 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^2$)
- detection efficiency ($\sim 10\%$)
- available luminosities ($\sim 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
- reasonably long beam times (order of days)

51 more nuclides would become accessible to photonuclear studies
A variety of scientific questions could be answered.

- Rare p-process nuclei (^{106}Cd , ^{130}Ba , ^{156}Dy , ^{174}Hf)
 $\sim 0.1\%$ ab., enriched material at $\sim \$1,000/\text{mg}$
- Long-lived radioactive isotopes (^{10}Be , ^{182}Hf , ^{250}Cm)
 $T_{1/2} > \sim 10,000$ yrs.



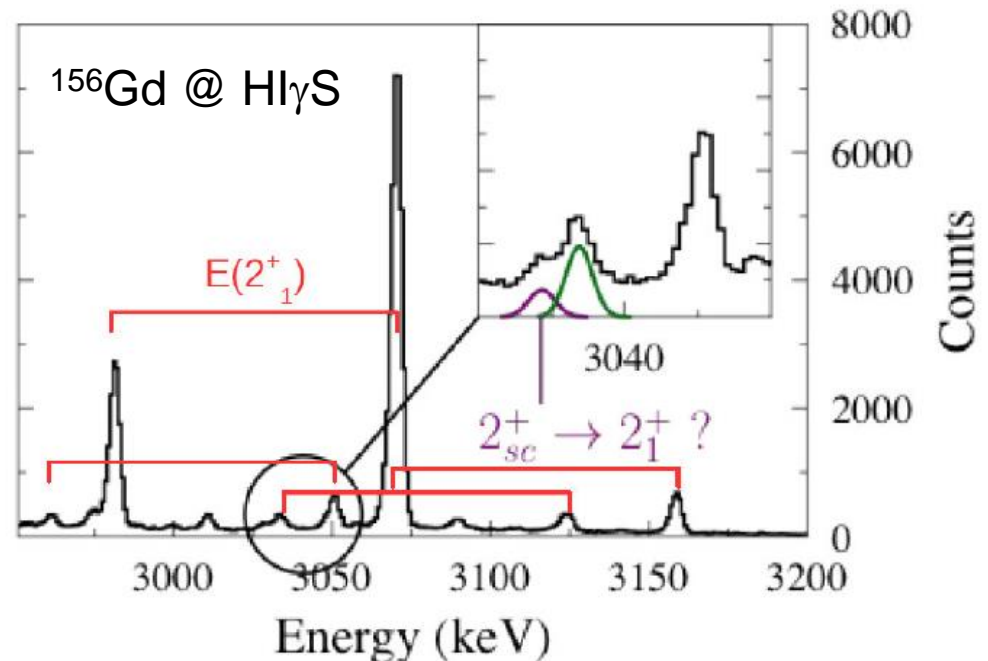
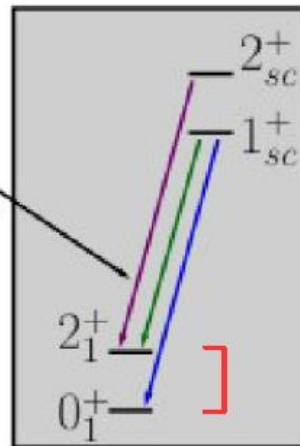
Some Examples for Science Cases on Rare or Long-lived Radioactive Isotopes

- **^{10}Be** : What dominates the low-energy E1 strength in light nuclei, 1s – 1p particle-hole transitions or cluster structure?
(lifetimes of $1^{-}/2^{+}$ doublet at 6 MeV, 2nd/3rd excited state)
- **^{53}Mn** : What is the fragmentation of the $\pi(f_{7/2} - f_{5/2})$ spin-flip strength across the Z=28 shell?
- **^{126}Sn** : How does the fine-structure of the PDR evolve with neutron excess?
- **^{156}Dy** : Test of the predicted decay branch of $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay at N=90 from M1 decay branching of the 1^{+} scissors mode
- **$^{248}\text{Cm}_{152}$** : What are the fission resonances at the N=152 shell?
- **^{250}Cm** : First access to dipole strength above N=152 shell

2. Sensitivity Frontier

- Search for weak signals sensitive to the physics under study
- One example: Rotational Moment of Inertia of the Scissors Mode

• Otr "isolated transition"



Data: J.Beller, TU Darmstadt

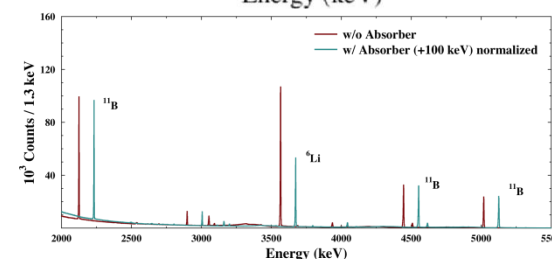
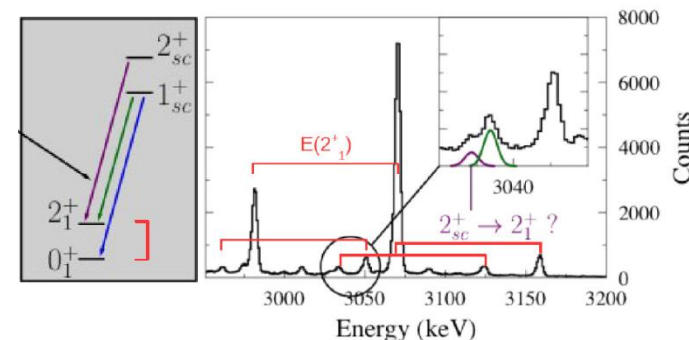
„Discovery Frontier“ for NRF at HI γ S-2 / ELI-NP



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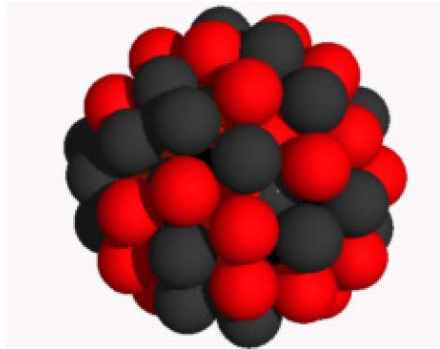
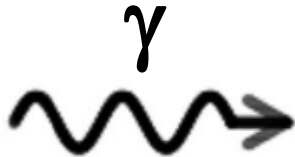
High-Intensity Frontier = „Discovery Frontier“ (scientific opportunities)

- „Availability Frontier“
(NRF on rare isotopes,
access to broader „nuclear gene pool“)
- „Sensitivity Frontier“
(weak channels: strong physics)
- „Precision Frontier“
(high count rates, new methods)

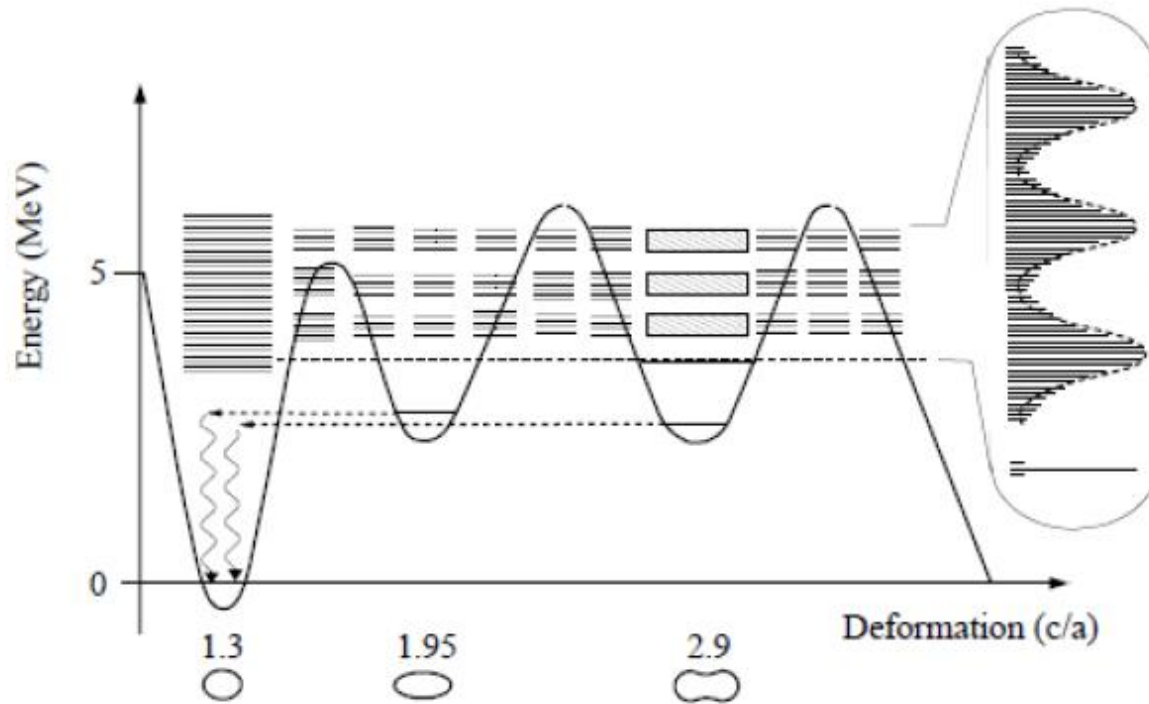


Thank you very much !

at $10^5 - 10^7 \gamma / (\text{eV s})$ at CERN - ERL



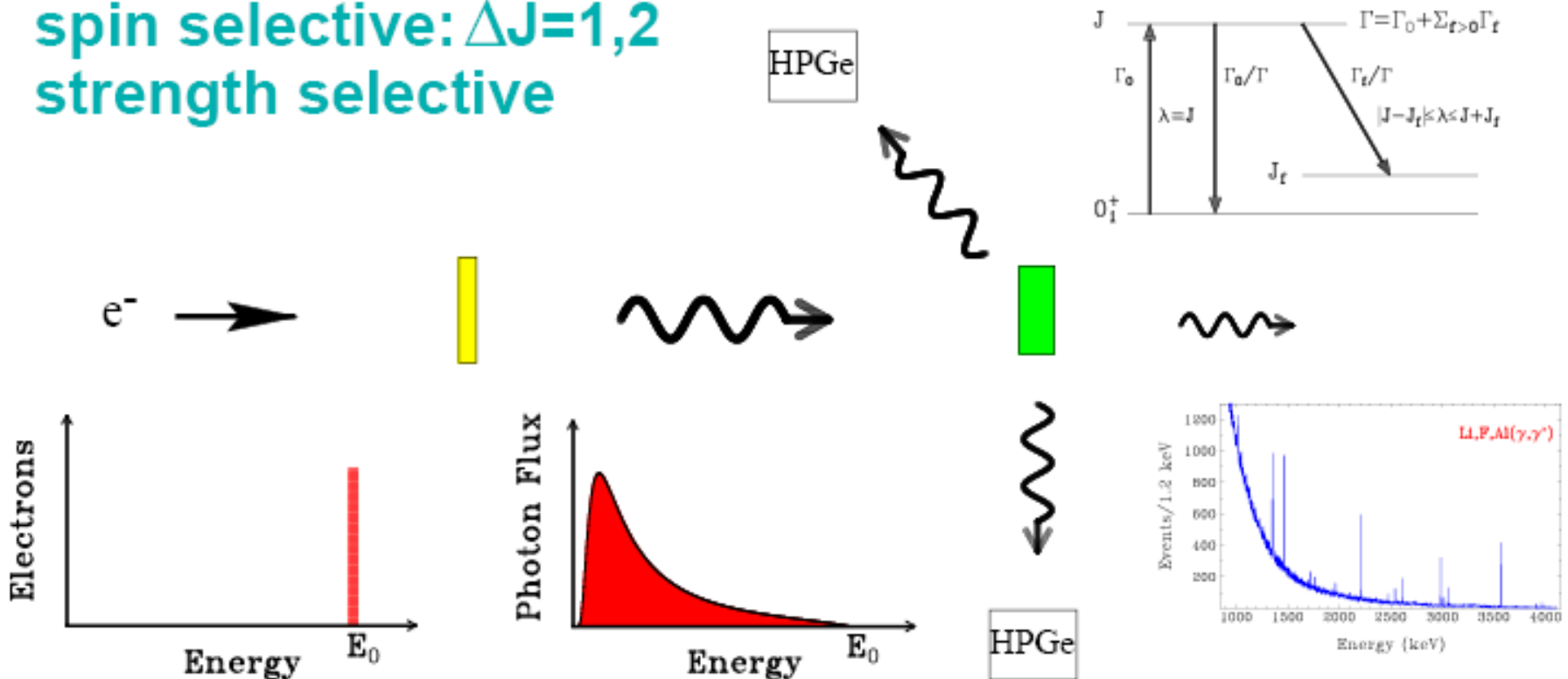
Photofission



Photon Scattering (Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence)

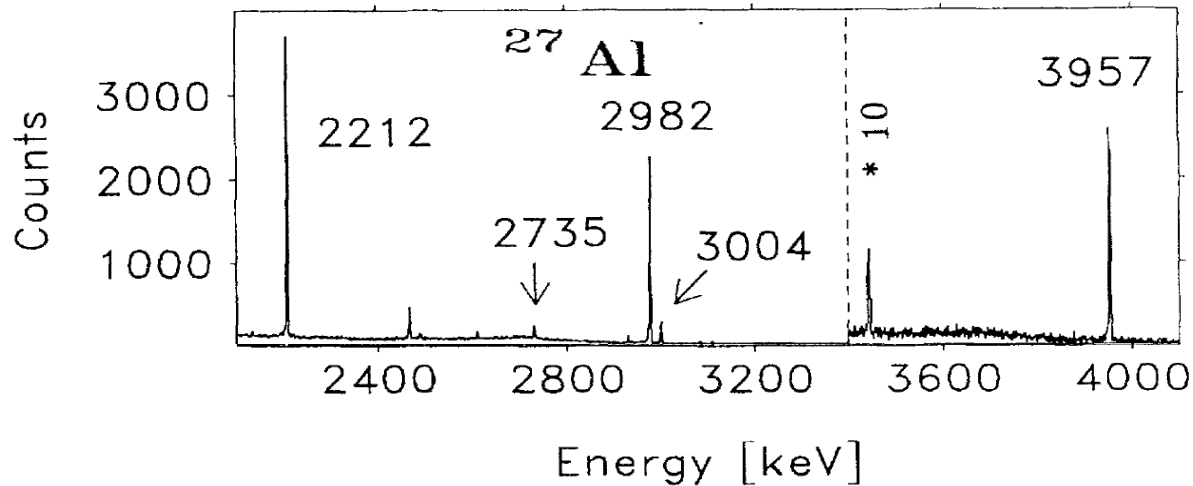
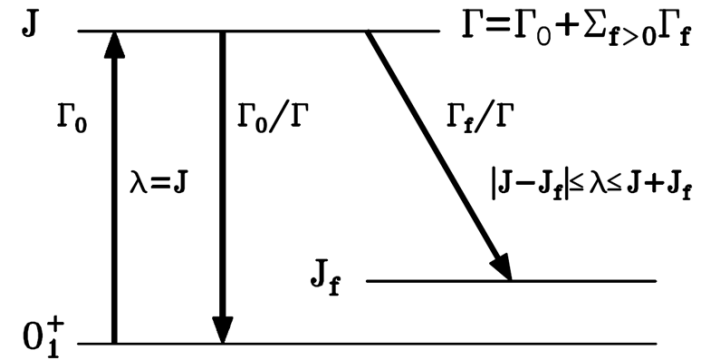
Traditionally Bremsstrahlung: Kneissl, Pietralla, Zilges, J.Phys.G 32, R217 (2006).

high energy resolution
spin selective: $\Delta J=1,2$
strength selective



Scattering cross section

$$I_{sc,0} = I_a \Gamma_0 / \Gamma \sim \Gamma_0^2 / \Gamma$$



N. Pietralla et al., Phys. Rev. C, 51, 1021 (1995).

Angular Distribution, Spin Quantum Number J

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle_f(\theta) = g \left(\frac{\pi \hbar c}{E_r} \right)^2 \Gamma_0 \frac{\Gamma_f}{\Gamma} \frac{W(\theta)}{4\pi} \equiv I_{s,f} \frac{W(\theta)}{4\pi} .$$

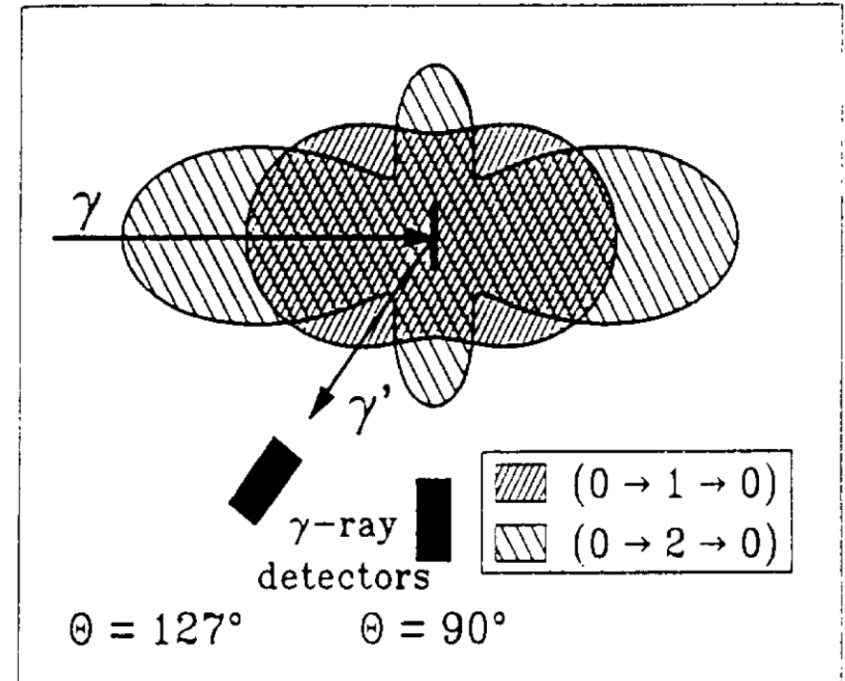
Photon helicity 1, $m = \pm 1$

→ non-isotropically alignment of photo-excited state (even oriented for circularly polarized beam)

Pronounced angular correlations when involving spin-0 states (ee-nuclei)

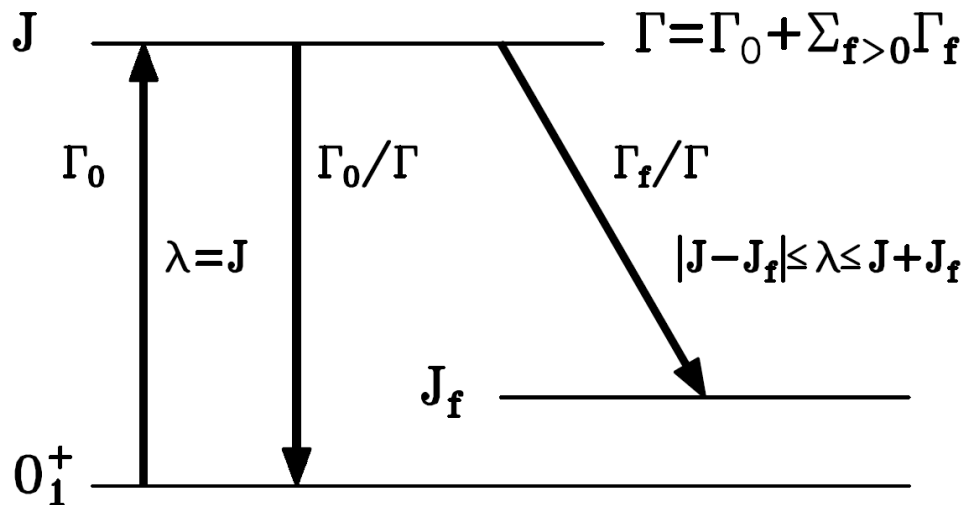
Angular distribution functions $W(\vartheta)$ from angular correlation theory

→ Spin quantum numbers J (easiest in even-even nuclei).



90°/127° – intensity ratios: 2.0 (J=2) vs 0.8 (J=1)

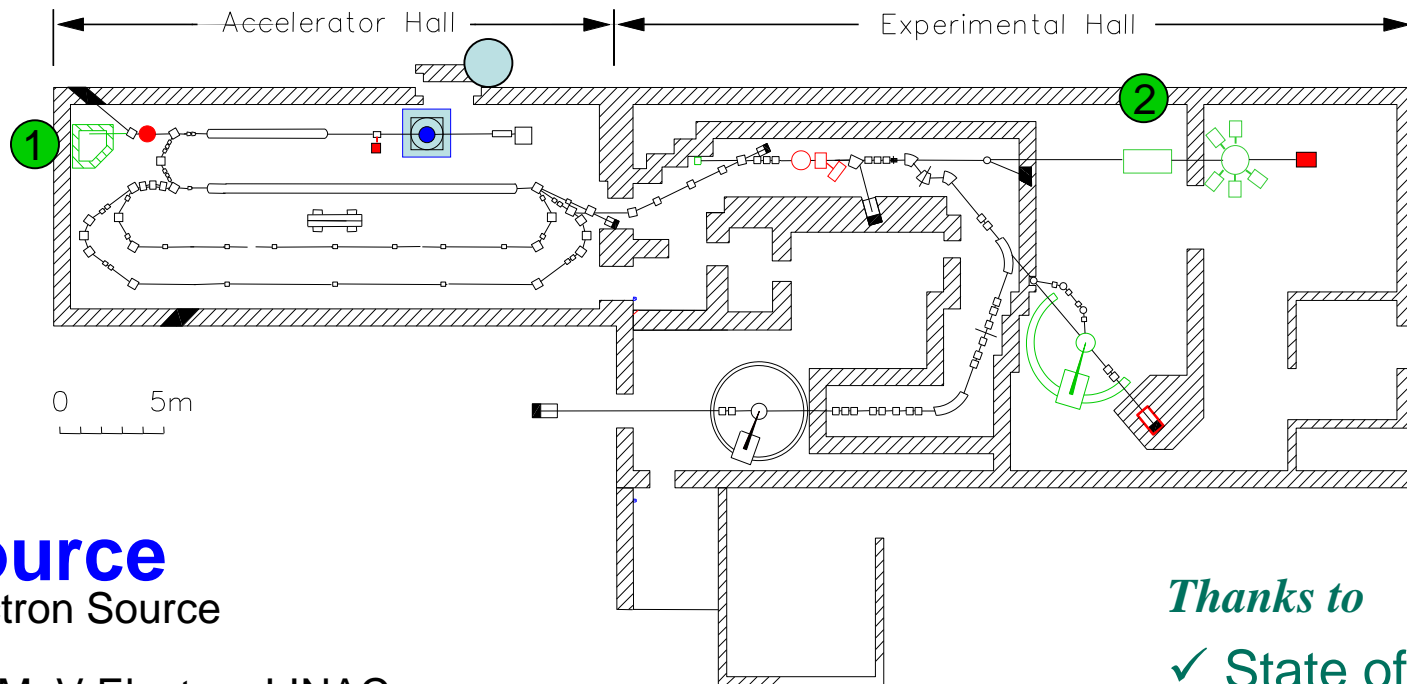
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Source

● Electron Source

● 130 MeV Electron LINAC

Photon Experiments

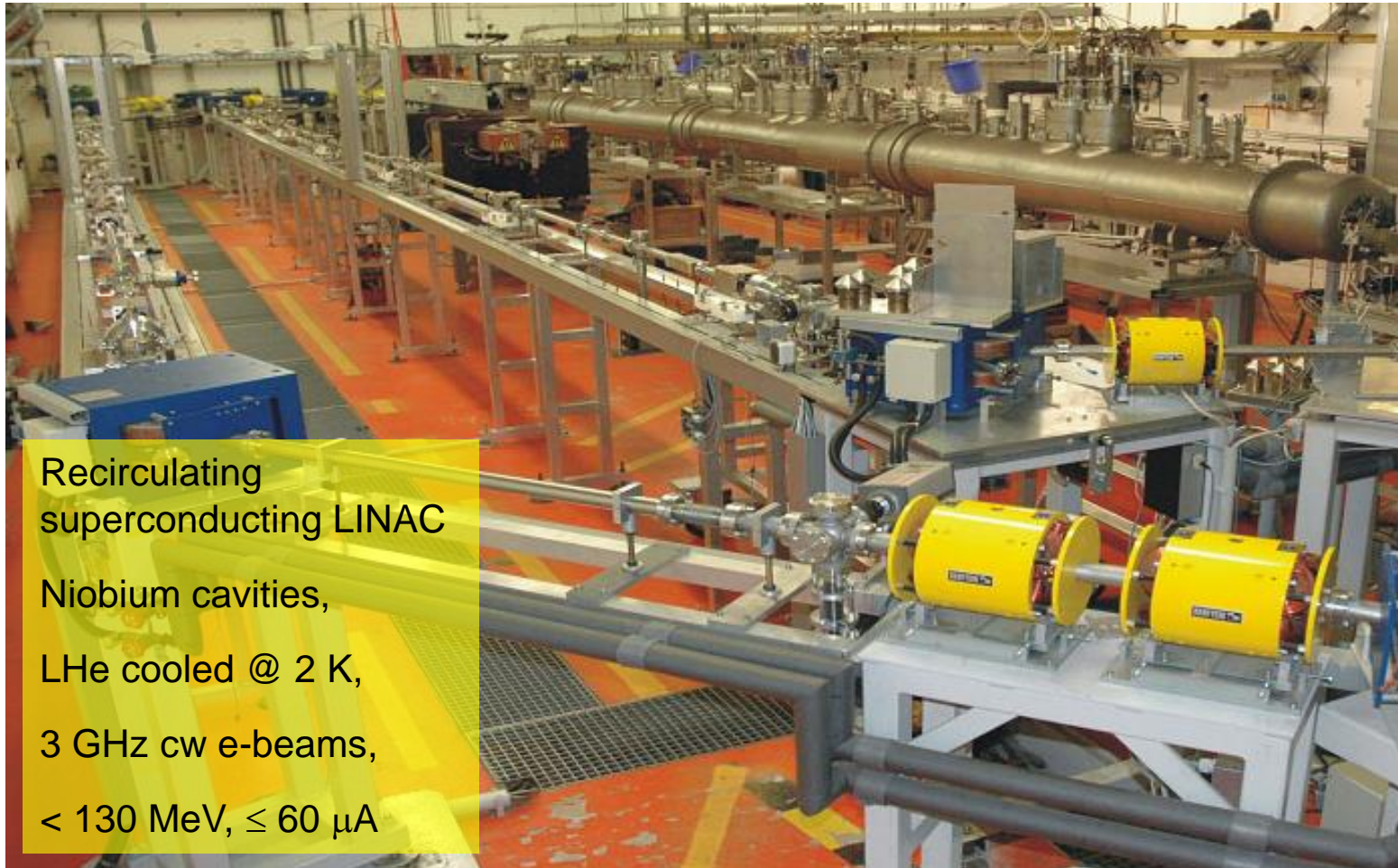
① 10 MeV Injector: Photon Scattering / Photofission

② < 30 MeV Tagger: Photodesintegration / Photon Scattering

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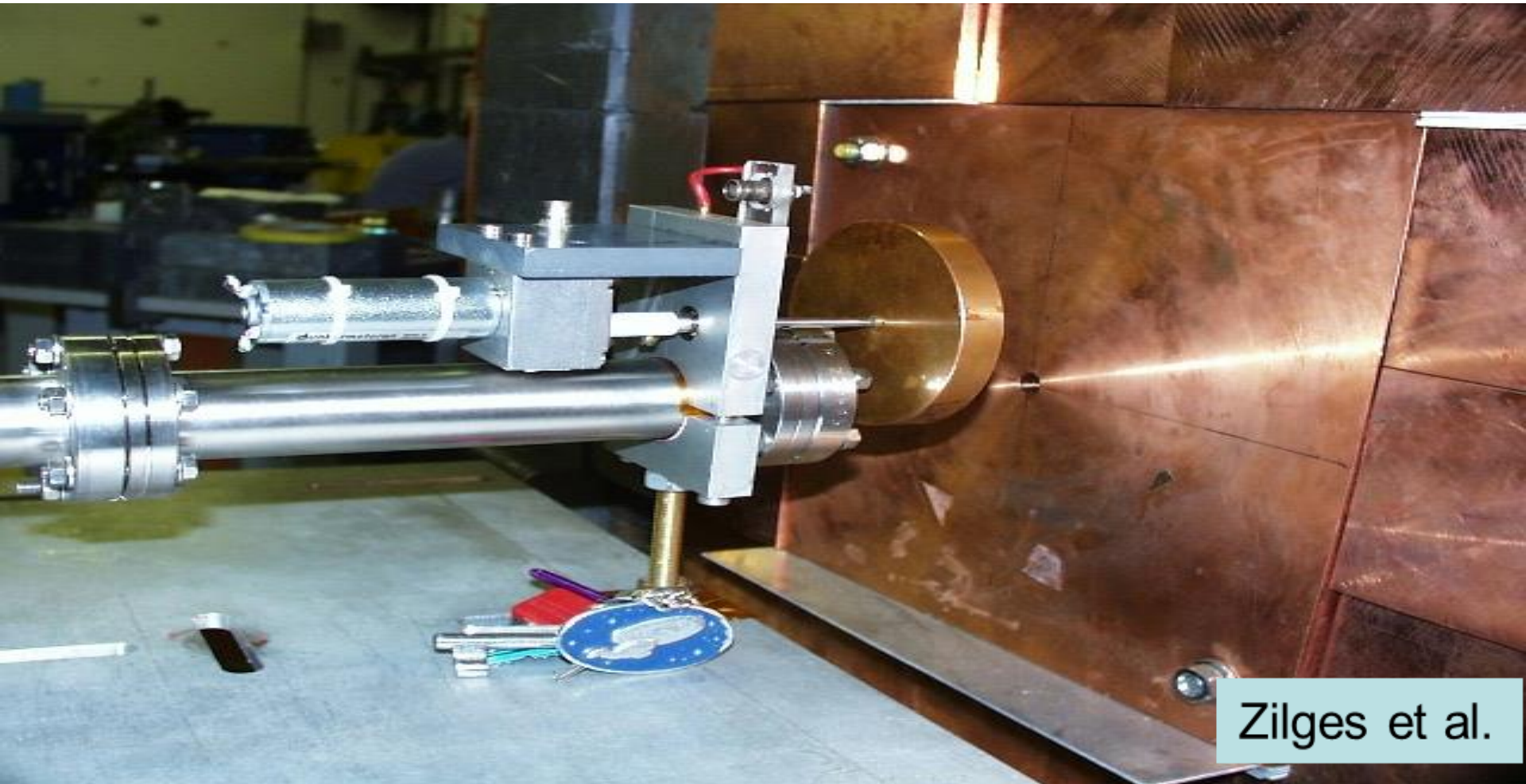
- ✓ State of Hesse
- ✓ TU Darmstadt
- ✓ DFG

S-DALINAC at TU Darmstadt



Recirculating
superconducting LINAC
Niobium cavities,
LHe cooled @ 2 K,
3 GHz cw e-beams,
< 130 MeV, $\leq 60 \mu\text{A}$

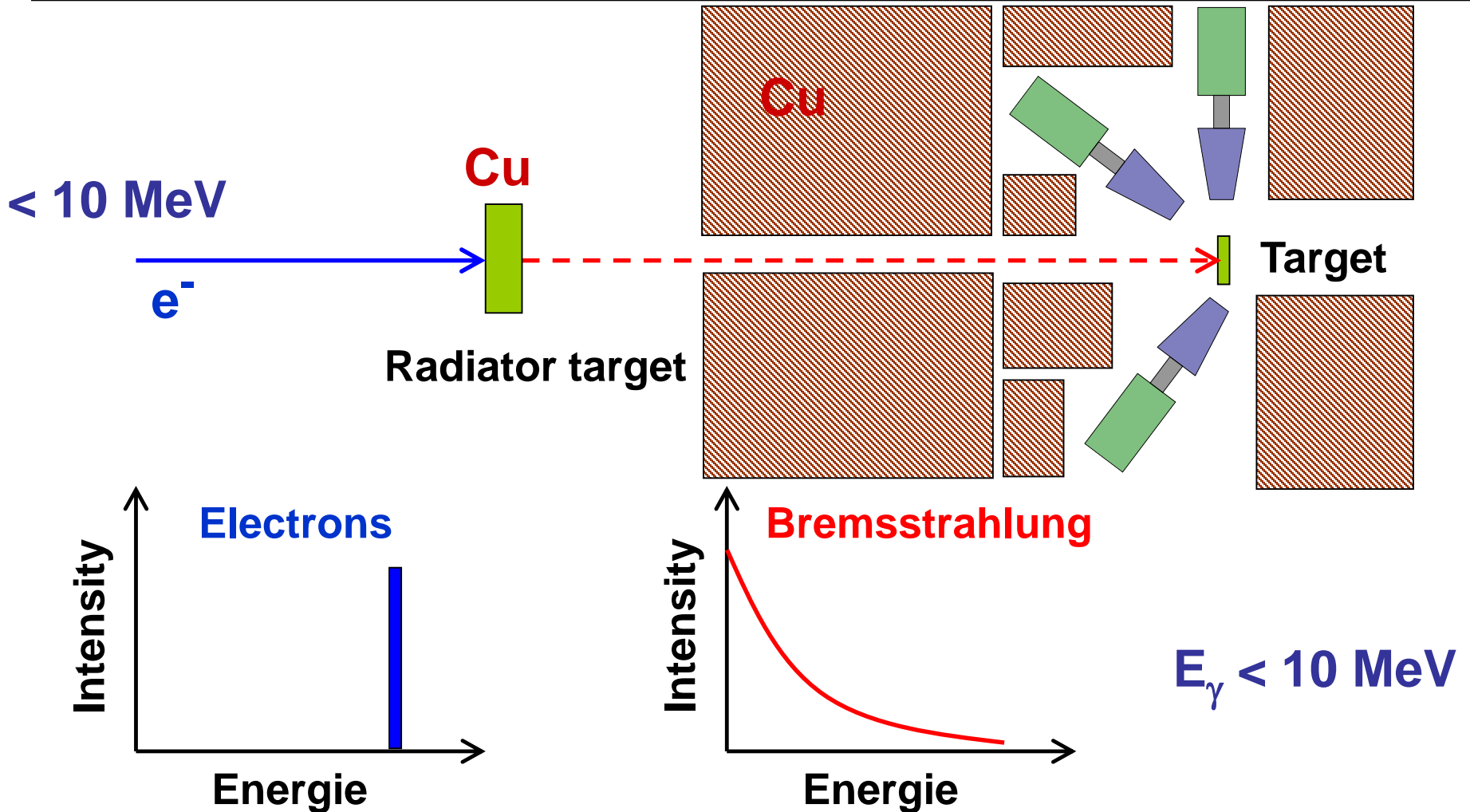
Bremsstrahlung-Site



Zilges et al.

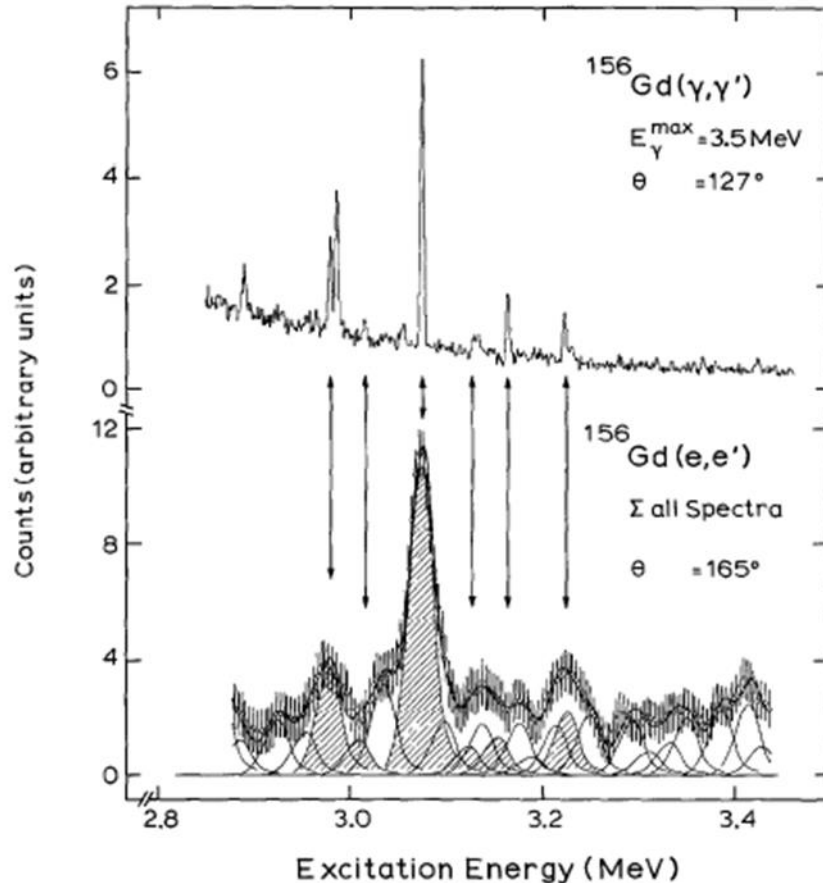
Darmstadt Low-Energy Photon Scattering Site at S-DALINAC

K.Sonnabend et al., NIM A (2011).



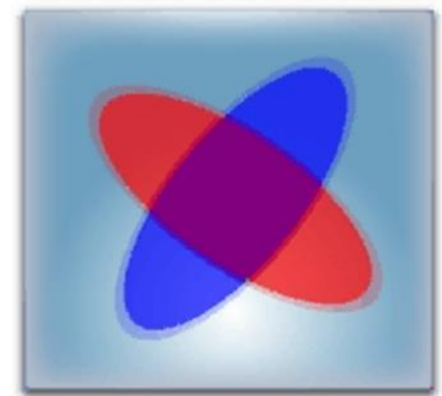
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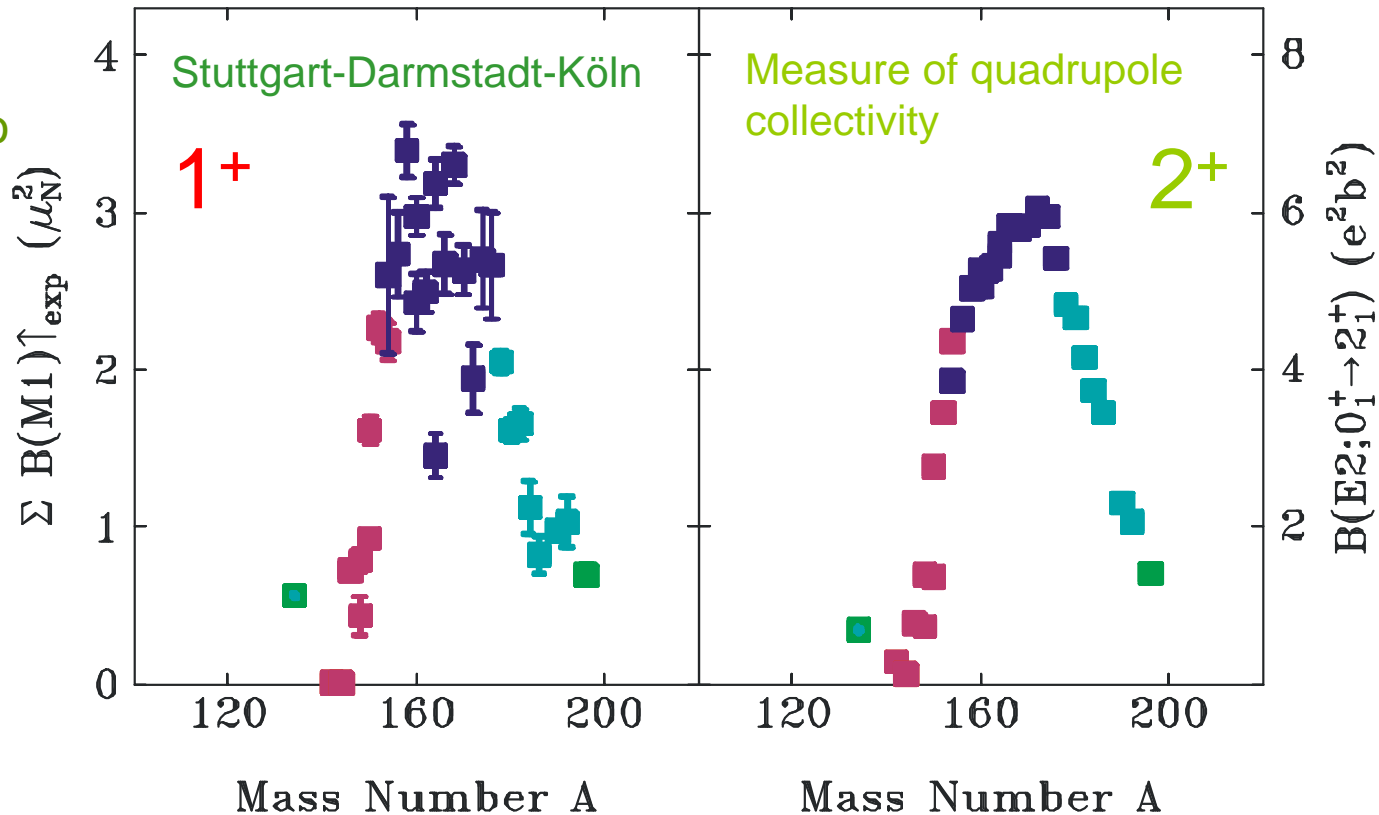
Discovery in electron scattering

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Collectivity of the Scissors Mode

Richter,
Kneissl,
von Brentano
et al.

M1

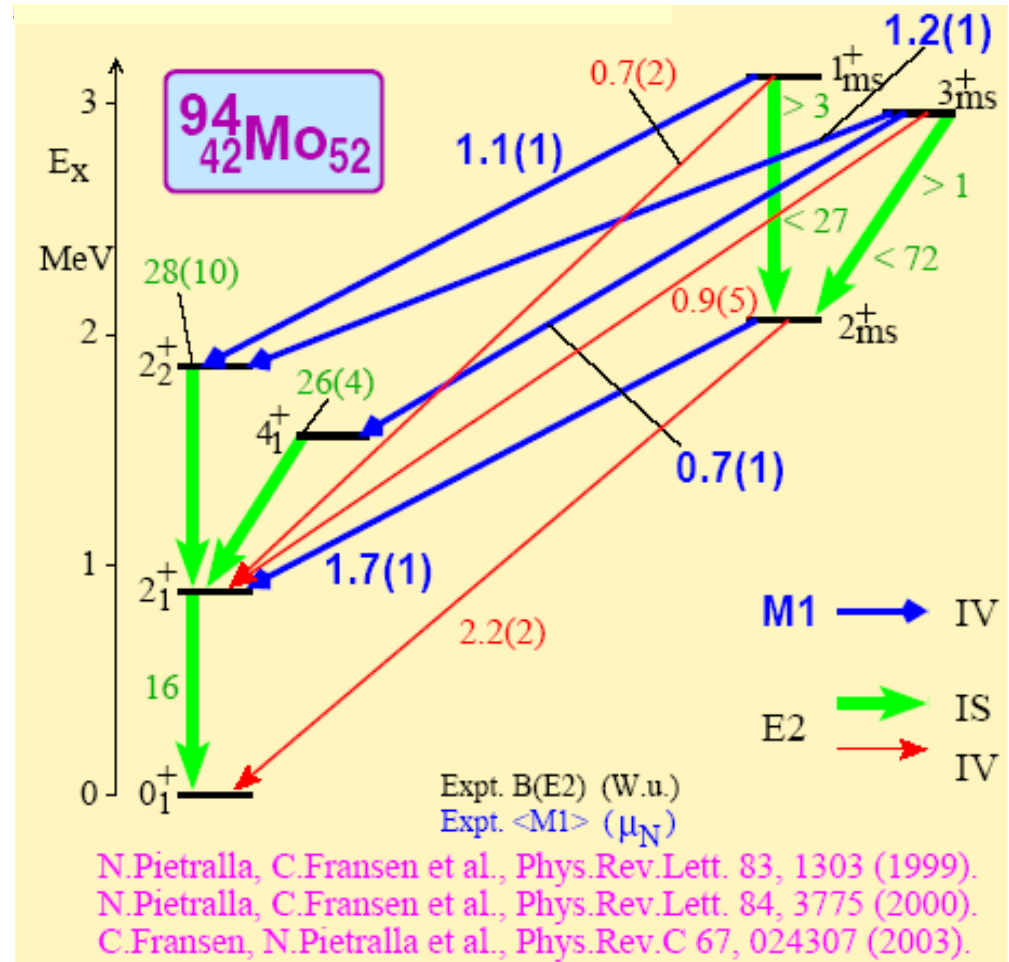
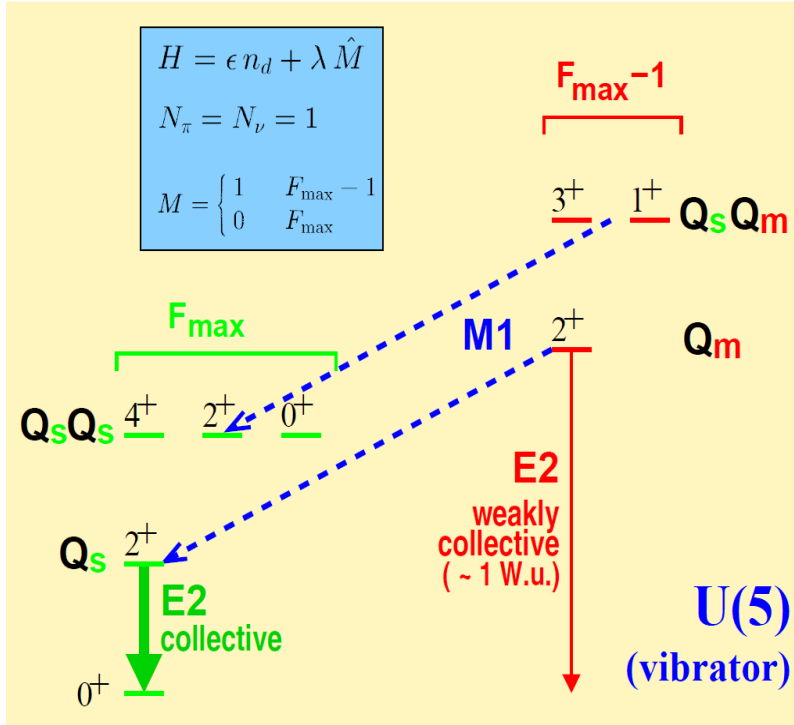


E2

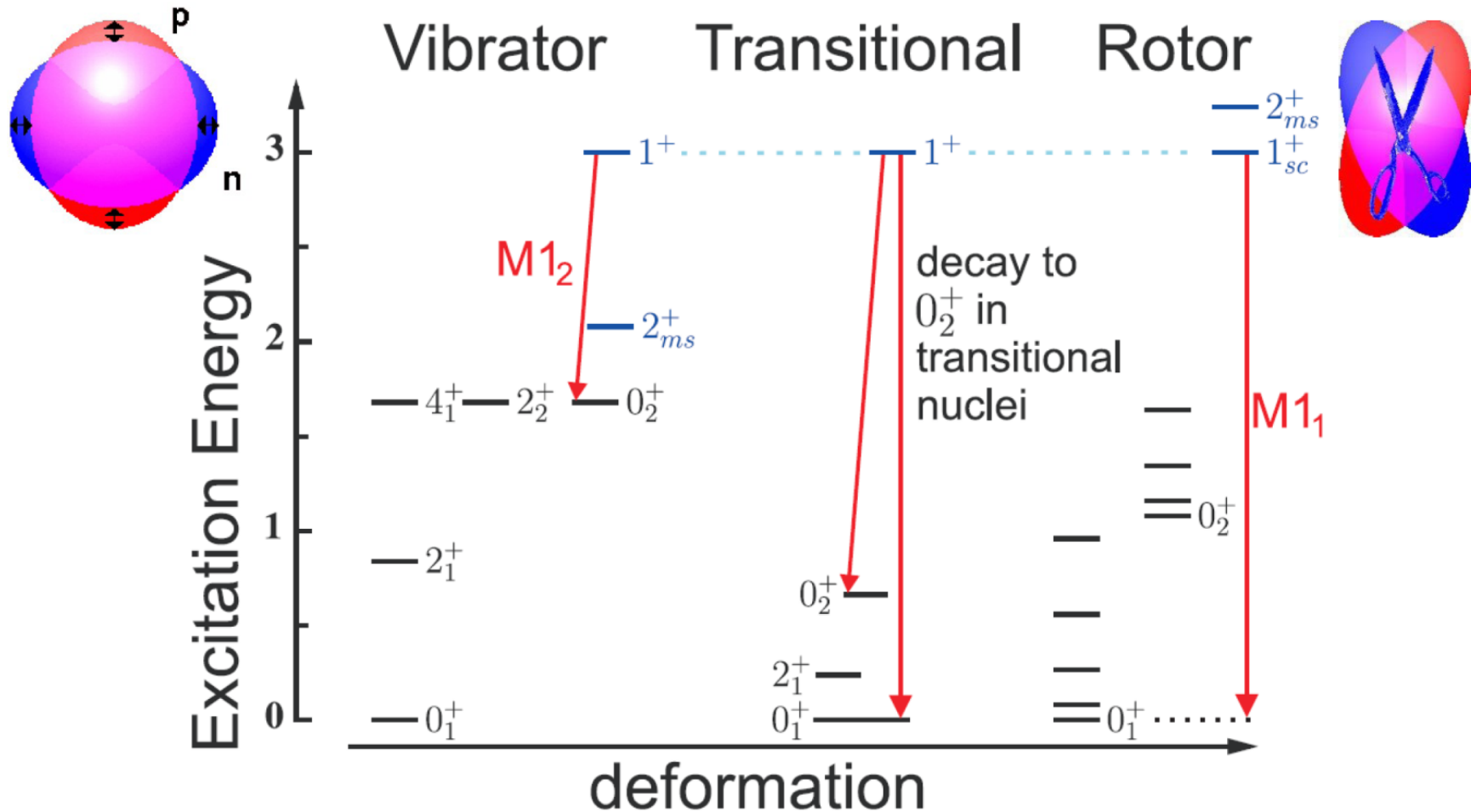
N. Pietralla et al., PRC 58, 184 (1998)

Nuclear Structures with Mixed pn-Symmetry

M1 as unique signature for mixed-symmetry states



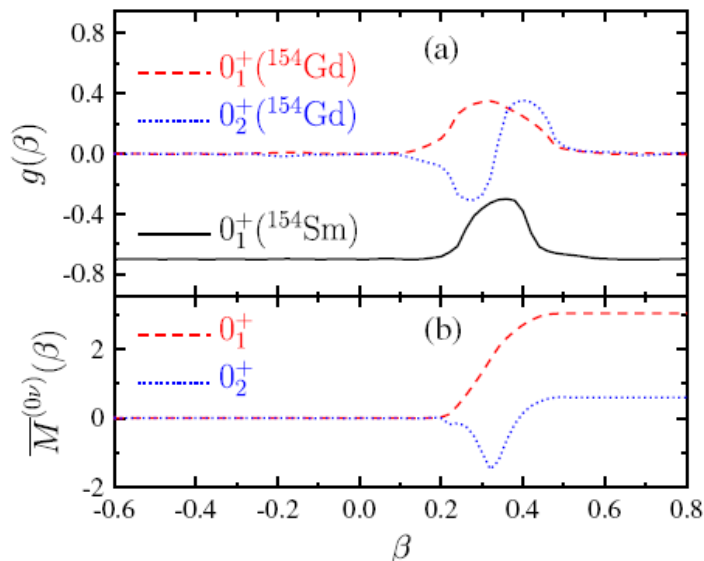
M1 Scissors mode: Decay to intrinsic excitations



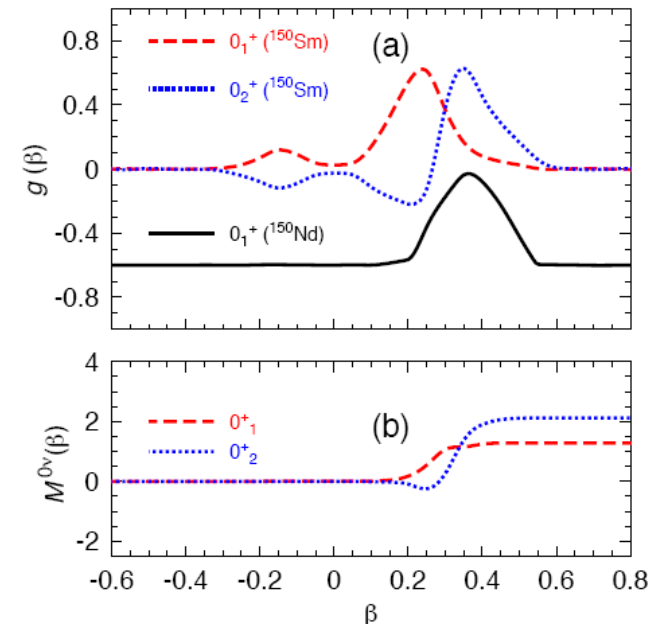
'Application': Dipole strength and $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decays

Constraint on $0\nu\beta\beta$ Matrix Elements from a Novel Decay Channel of the Scissors Mode: The Case of ^{154}Gd

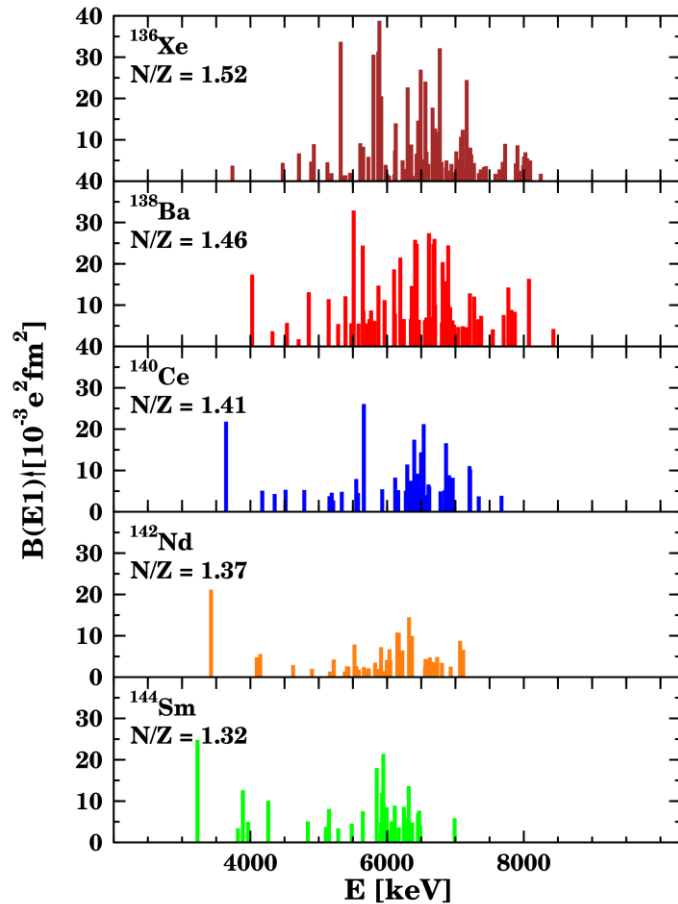
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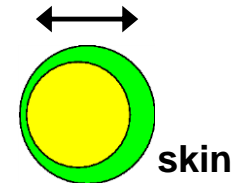
^{150}Nd :
larger $0\nu\beta\beta$ -
decay branch
to 0_2^+ state
than to gs due
to QSPT at
 $N=90$.



Pygmy Dipole Resonance

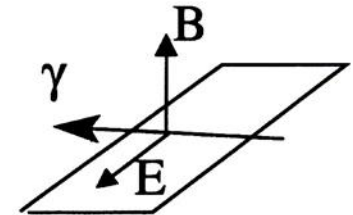
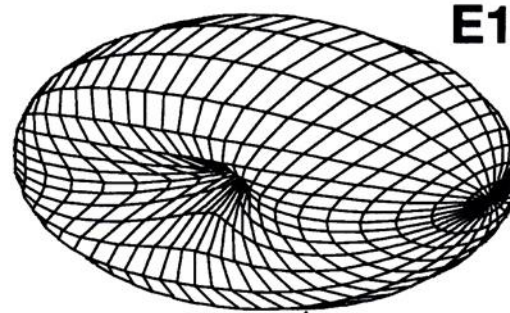
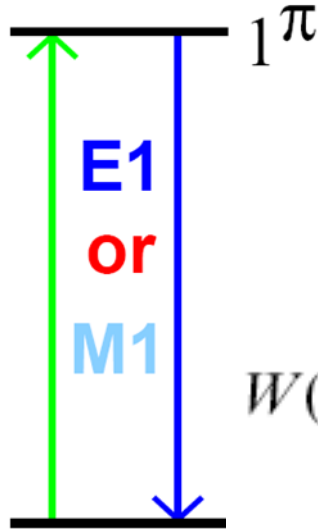


- Concentration around 5-7 MeV
- Fragmented strength
- Summed strength: Scaling with N/Z ?



R.-D. Herzberg et al., PLB 390, 49 (1997).
A. Zilges et al., PLB 542, 43 (2002).
D. Savran et al., PRC 84, 024326 (2011).
U. Kneissl et al., J.Phys.G 32, R217 (2006).

Parity quantum number π for $J=1$ states



$$W(\theta, \phi) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}[P_2(\cos \theta) + \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 \cos(2\phi)P_2^{(2)}(\cos \theta)]$$

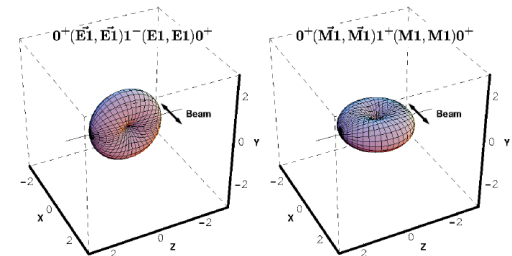
N.Pietralla, H.R. Weller et al.,
NIM A 483 (2002) 556.

Elastic scattering distribution not isotropic about incident polarization plane.

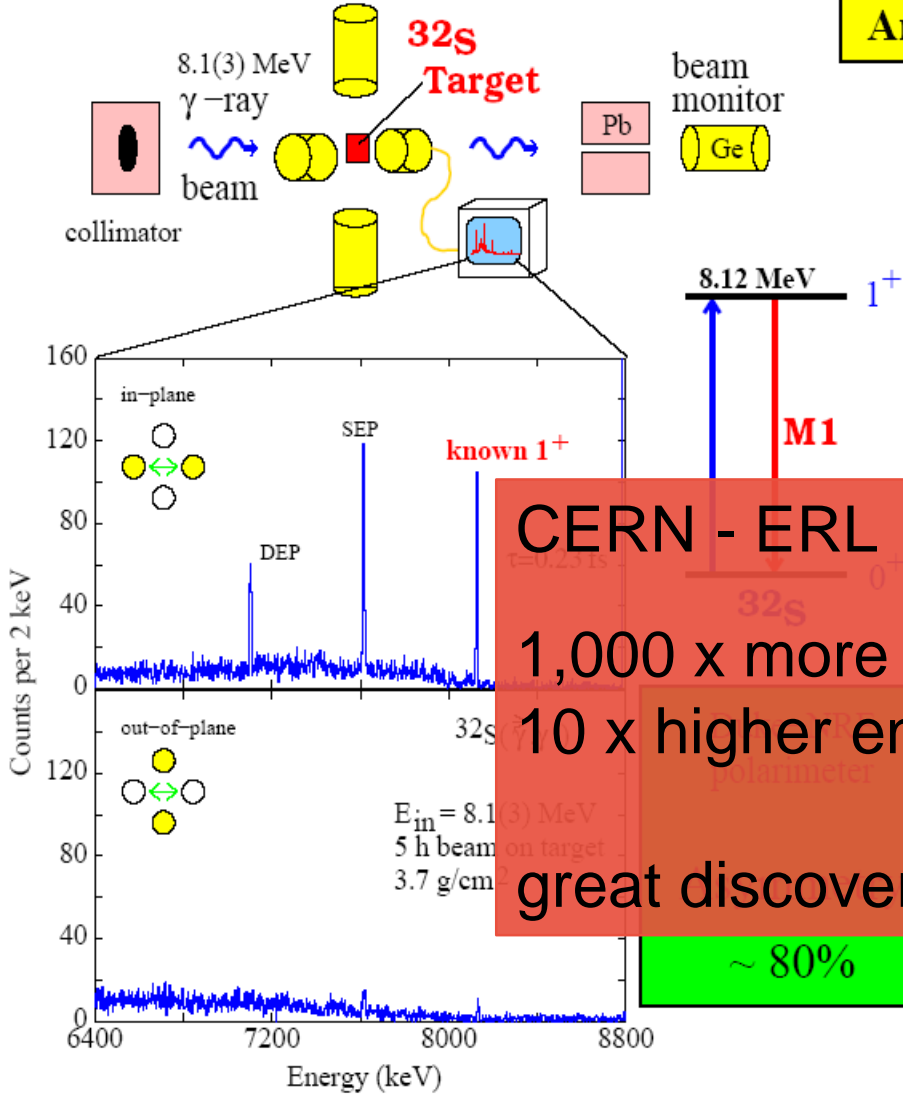
No intensity along oscillating dipole vector

Azimuthal rotation by 90° for M1 and E1 distributions

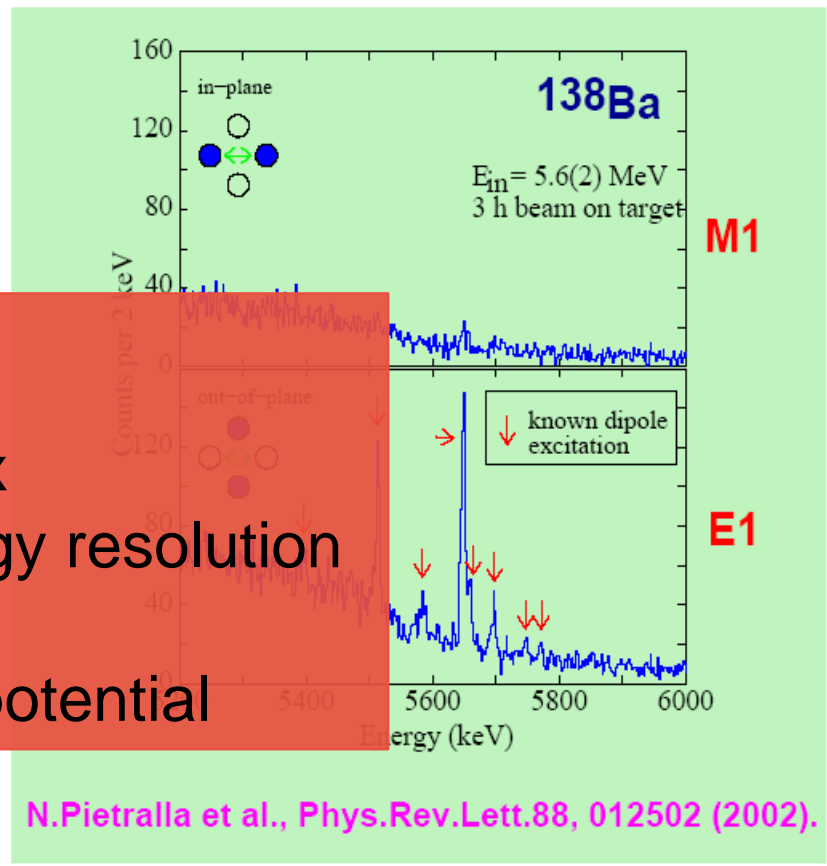
Observable only for linearly polarized beam



Analyzing Power for the Pygmy Resonance



"pygmy resonance": all E1 !



CERN - ERL

1,000 x more flux

10 x higher energy resolution

great discovery potential

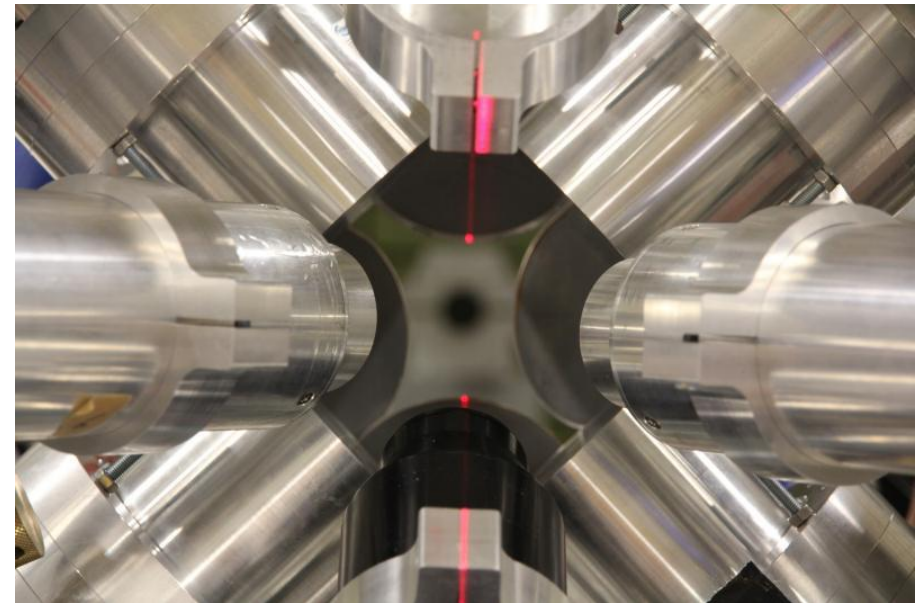
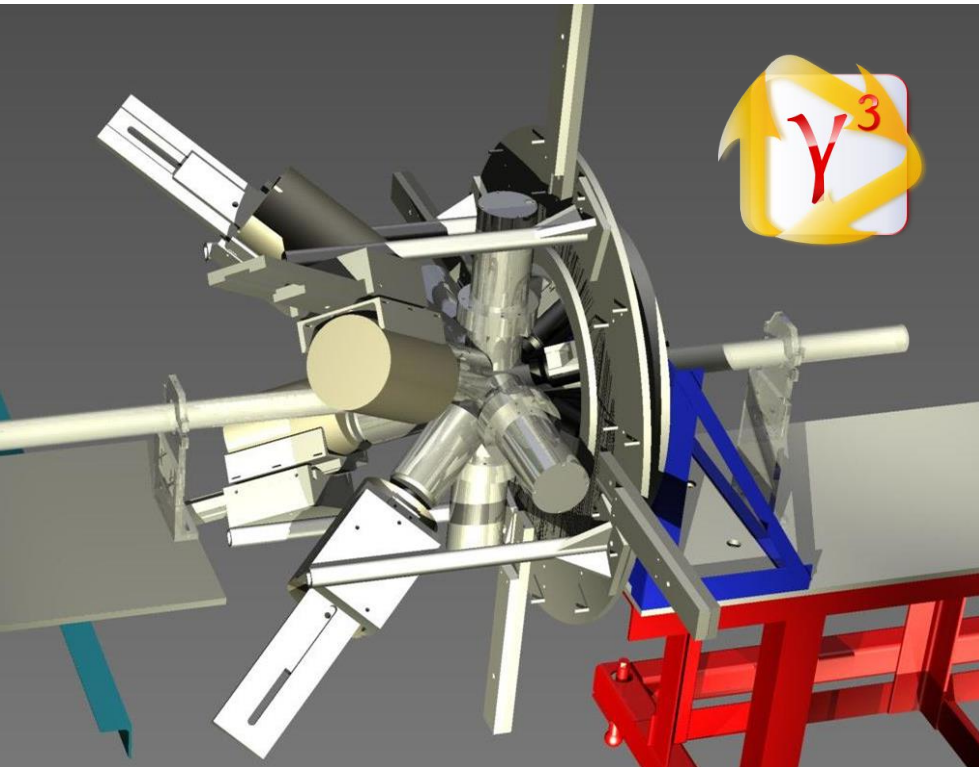
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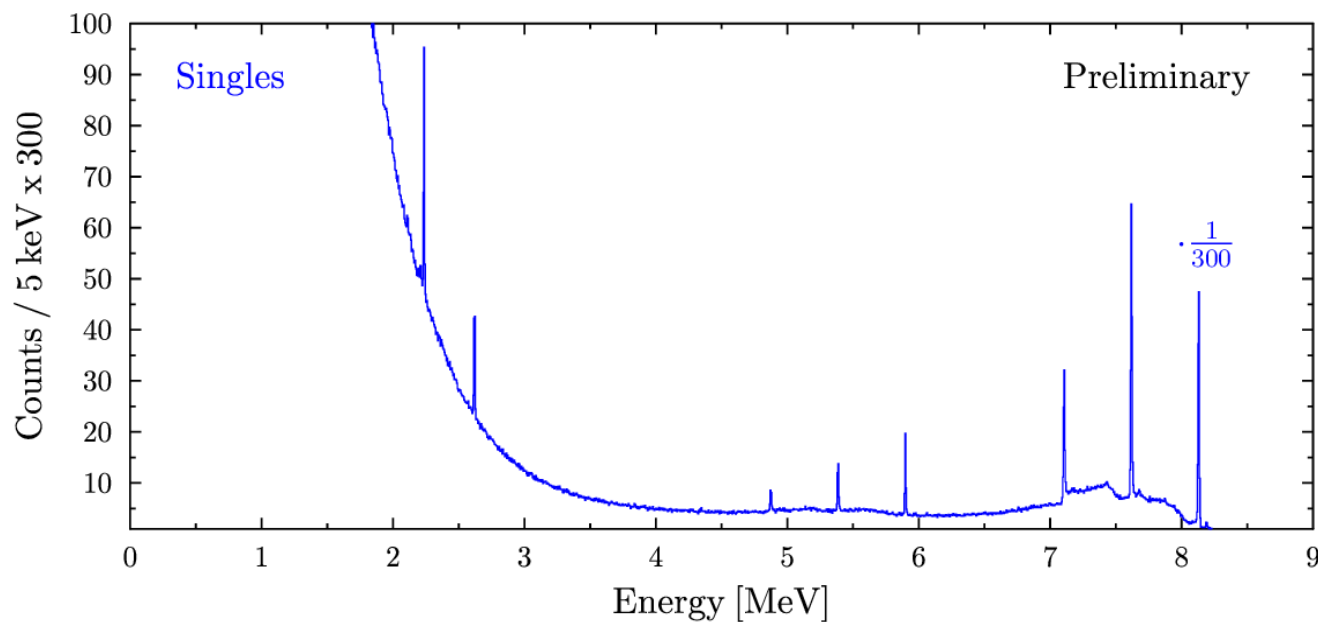
established international community (not only NRF!)

Advanced set-up: γ^3 at H γ S

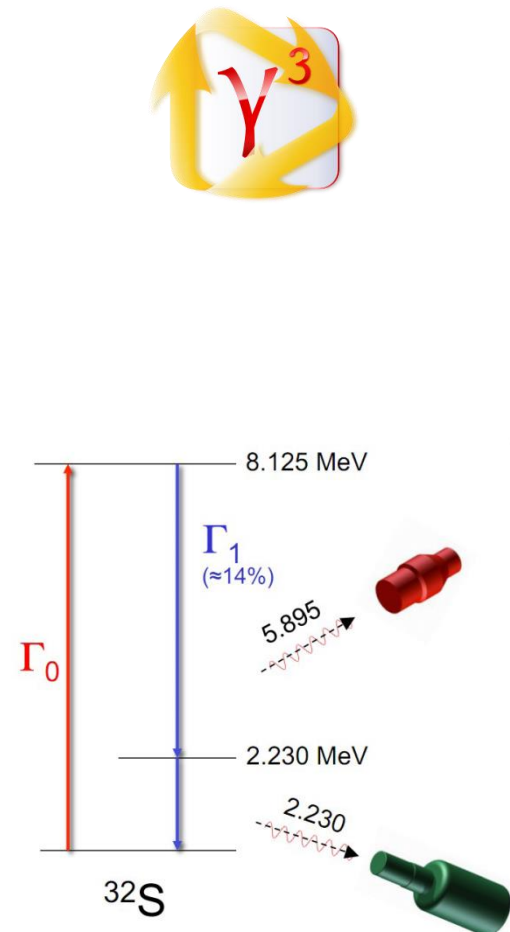
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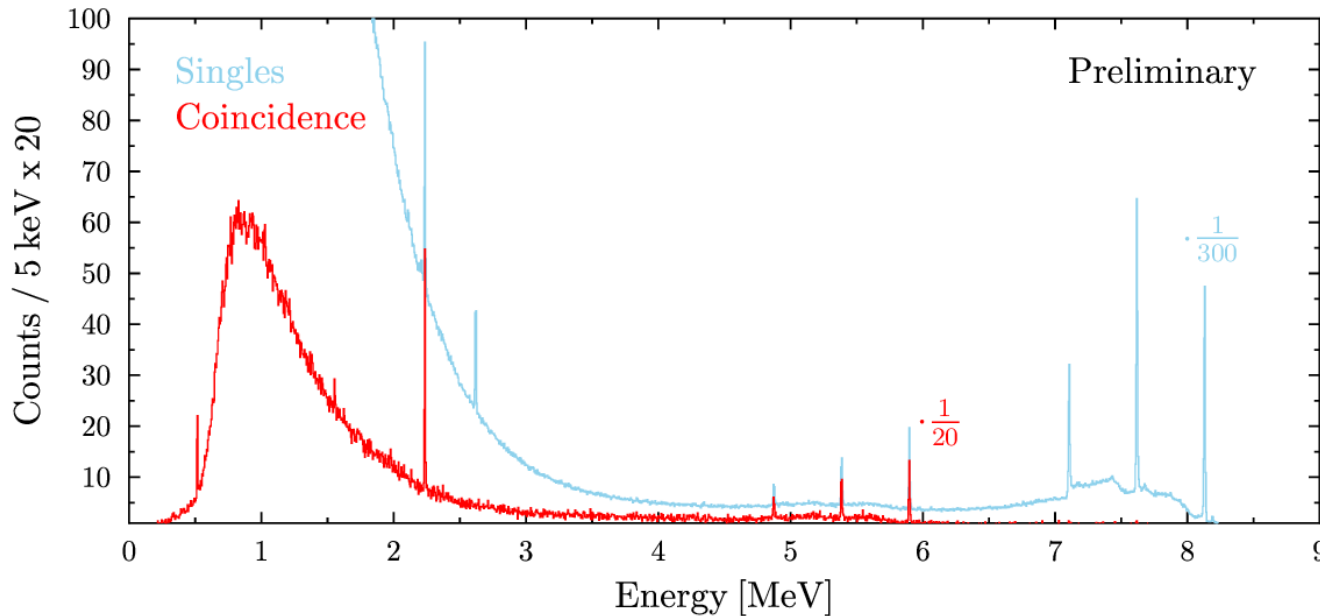
First $\gamma\gamma$ -coincidences in a γ -beam: γ^3 @ HI γ S



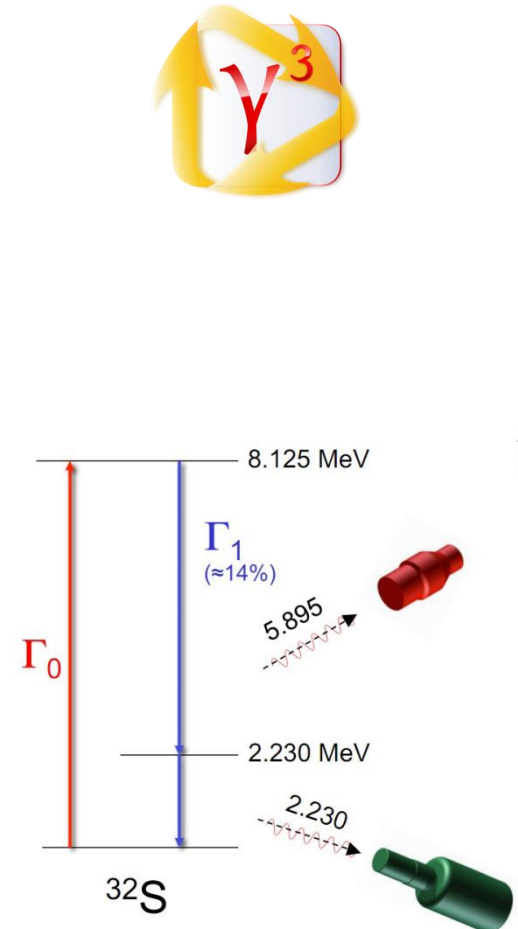
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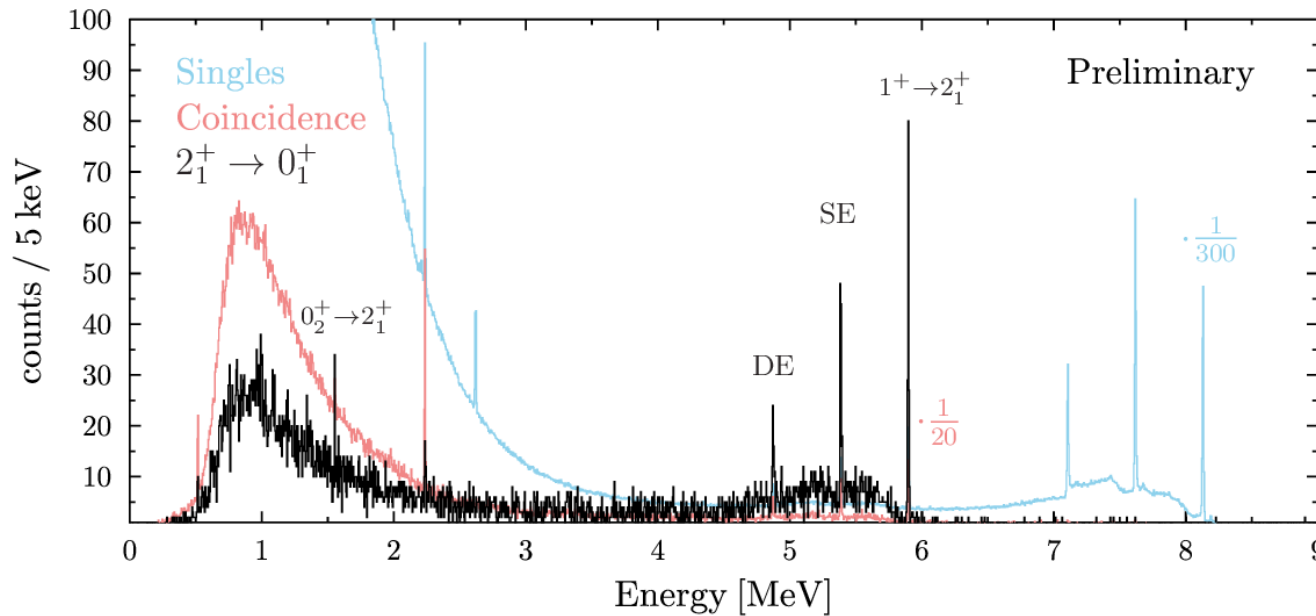
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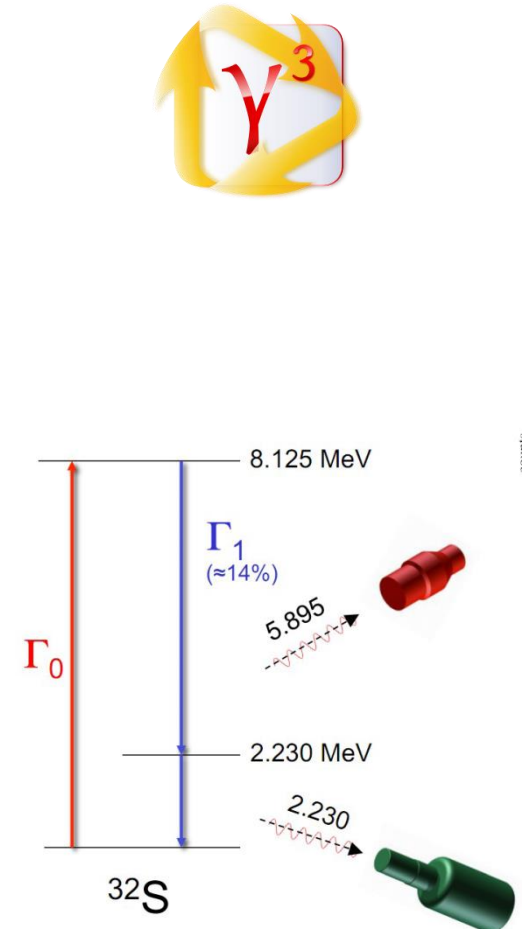
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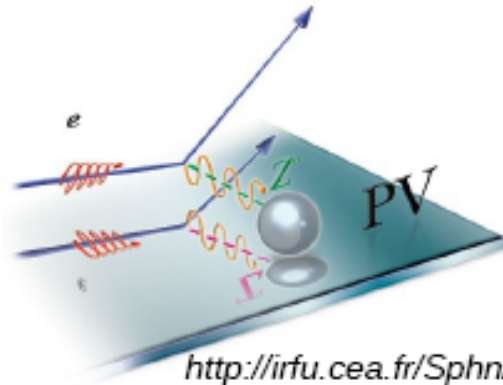
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Parity Violation in Nuclear Structure?



- ▶ parity violation (PV) effect postulated in 1956 and experimentally verified in 1957 by Wu *et al.*
- ▶ various theoretical and experimental attempts but impact of weak interaction on nuclear structure not well tested, yet

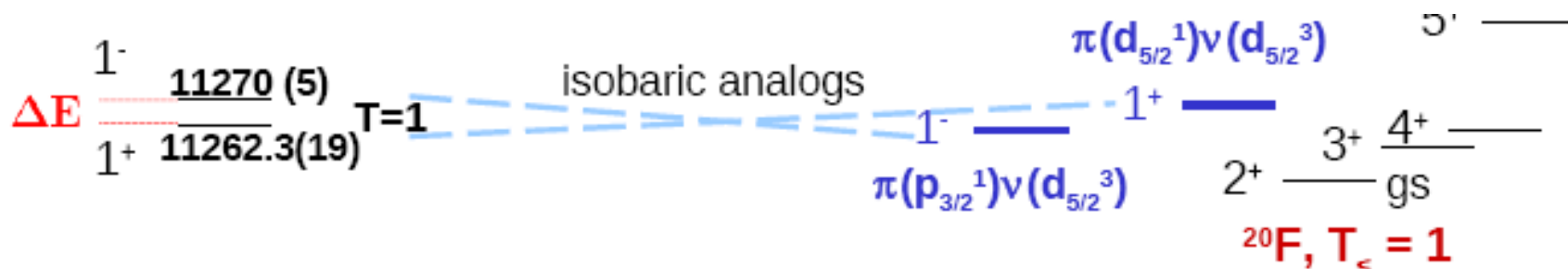
- ▶ parity non conservation in nuclear excitation could be tested with circularly photon beams [1]

$$A_{RL}^a = \frac{\sigma_R^a - \sigma_L^a}{\sigma_R^a + \sigma_L^a} \sim \frac{2R}{E_\pi - E_{-\pi}} \langle \phi_{-\pi} | V_{PNC} | \phi_\pi \rangle$$

AZ	Transition ($J_i^\pi; I_i$)[E_i] \rightarrow ($J_f^\pi; I_f$) [E_f]	Admixture (J_f^π)[E_f'] [$R_N/\Delta E$]
^{14}C	$(0^+, 1) \rightarrow (2^-, 1)$ [7340]	[7010] 31 ± 6
^{14}N	$(1^+, 0) \rightarrow (1^+, 0)$ [6203]	[5691] 7.0 ± 2.0
	$(1^+, 0) \rightarrow (0^+, 1)$ [8624]	[8776] 40 ± 5
	$(1^+, 0) \rightarrow (2^-, 1)$ [9509]	[9172] 45 ± 5
^{15}O	$(\frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{1}{2})$ [11025]	[10938] 37 ± 7
^{16}O	$(0^+, 0) \rightarrow (2^-, 0)$ [8872]	[6917] 18 ± 2
		[11520] 9.5 ± 0.7
^{18}F	$(1^+, 0) \rightarrow (1^-, 0+1)$ [5605]	[5603] 590 ± 110
^{20}Ne	$(0^+, 0) \rightarrow (1^-, 0)$ [11270]	[11262] 670 ± 7000

[1] A.I. Titov *et al.*, *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.* **32** 1097 (2006)

^{20}Ne Parity Doublet



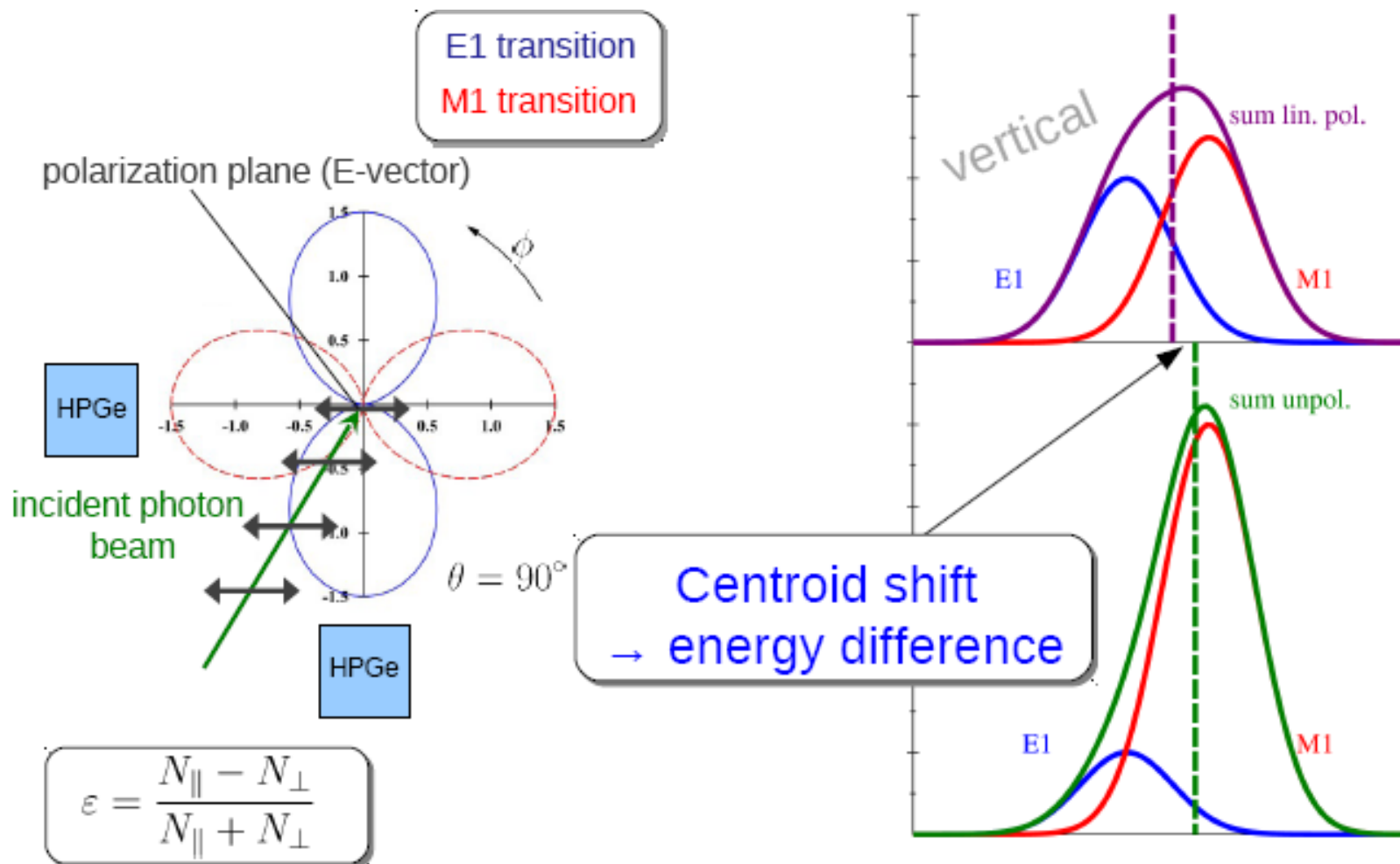
- ◆ doublet is isobaric analog of simple shell model states
- ◆ high nuclear enhancement factor [1]:
 - ◆ overlapping wavefunctions
 - ◆ small energy splitting (large uncertainty)

$$|R_N/\Delta E| = (670 \pm 7000) \quad \Delta E = (7.7 \pm 5.3) \text{ keV}$$

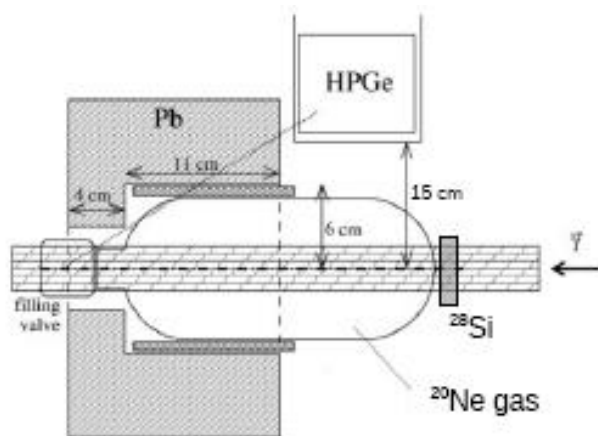
0^+ — $T_z=0$
 ^{20}Ne

- ◆ feasibility of measurement of PV effect on ^{20}Ne ?

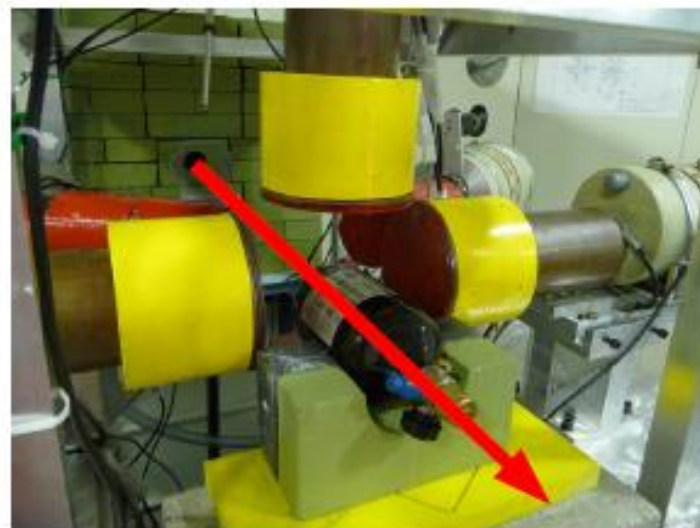
Energy Splitting of ^{20}Ne Parity Doublet



Experiment on ^{20}Ne at H γ S



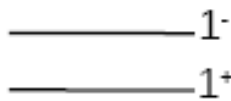
adapted from
T.C. Li *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **73** 054306 (2006)



- beam energy: 11.26 MeV ($\Delta E \approx 350$ keV)
- 4 h with circular polarized photons
(isotropic emission → reference point)
- 20 h with linear polarized photons
(separation of 1^+ and 1^- state)

Energy Splitting of ^{20}Ne Parity Doublet

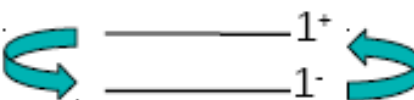
before:



$$\Delta E = (7.7 \pm 5.3) \text{ keV}$$

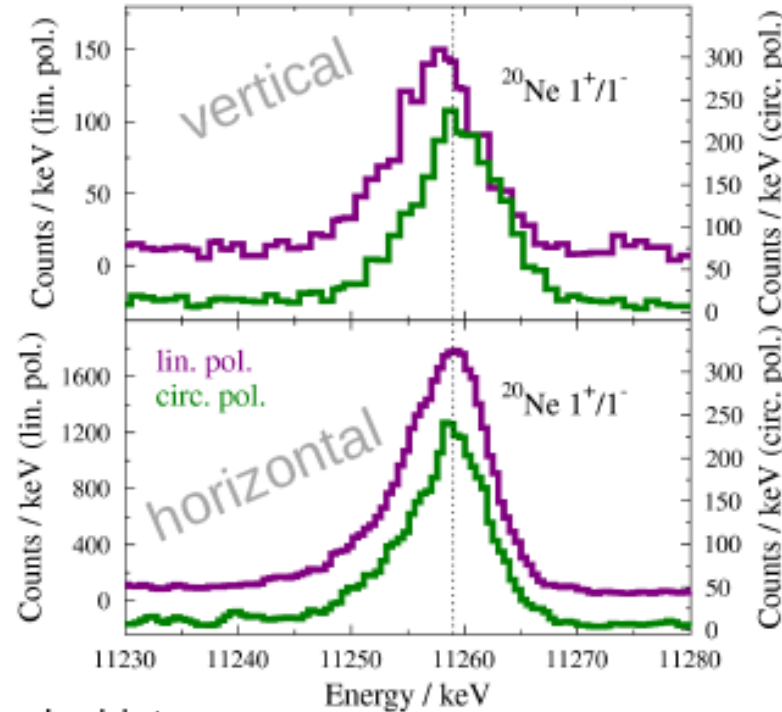
$$\frac{R_N}{\Delta E} = 670 \pm 700$$

now:



$$\Delta E = (3.2 \pm 0.9) \text{ keV}$$

$$\frac{R_N}{\Delta E} = 1610 \pm 670$$



• ^{20}Ne doublet:

- strong M1: $\Gamma_{0, 1^+} = 11.2(20) \text{ eV}$ [2]
- weak E1: $\Gamma_{0, 1^-} = 0.39(5) \text{ eV}$ [2]

[2] D.R. Tilley et al., Nucl. Phys. A 636 (1998) 259

HlyS data
J.Beller
et al., TU
Darmstadt,
to be publ.
(2014)

Scientific Opportunities at High-Intensity

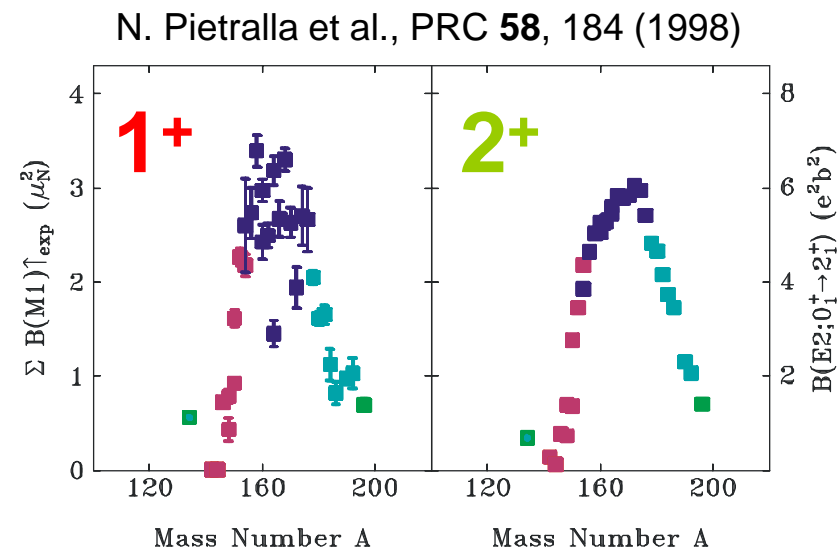
Outline

- Photonuclear Reactions
- Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence
- Some Previous Achievements
- Intensity Frontier (instrumental challenge) → **„Discovery Frontier“**
(scientific opportunities)
 - „Availability Frontier“ (NRF on rare isotopes)
 - „Sensitivity Frontier“ (weak channels: strong physics)
 - „Precision Frontier“ (high count rates, new methods)
- Conclusion



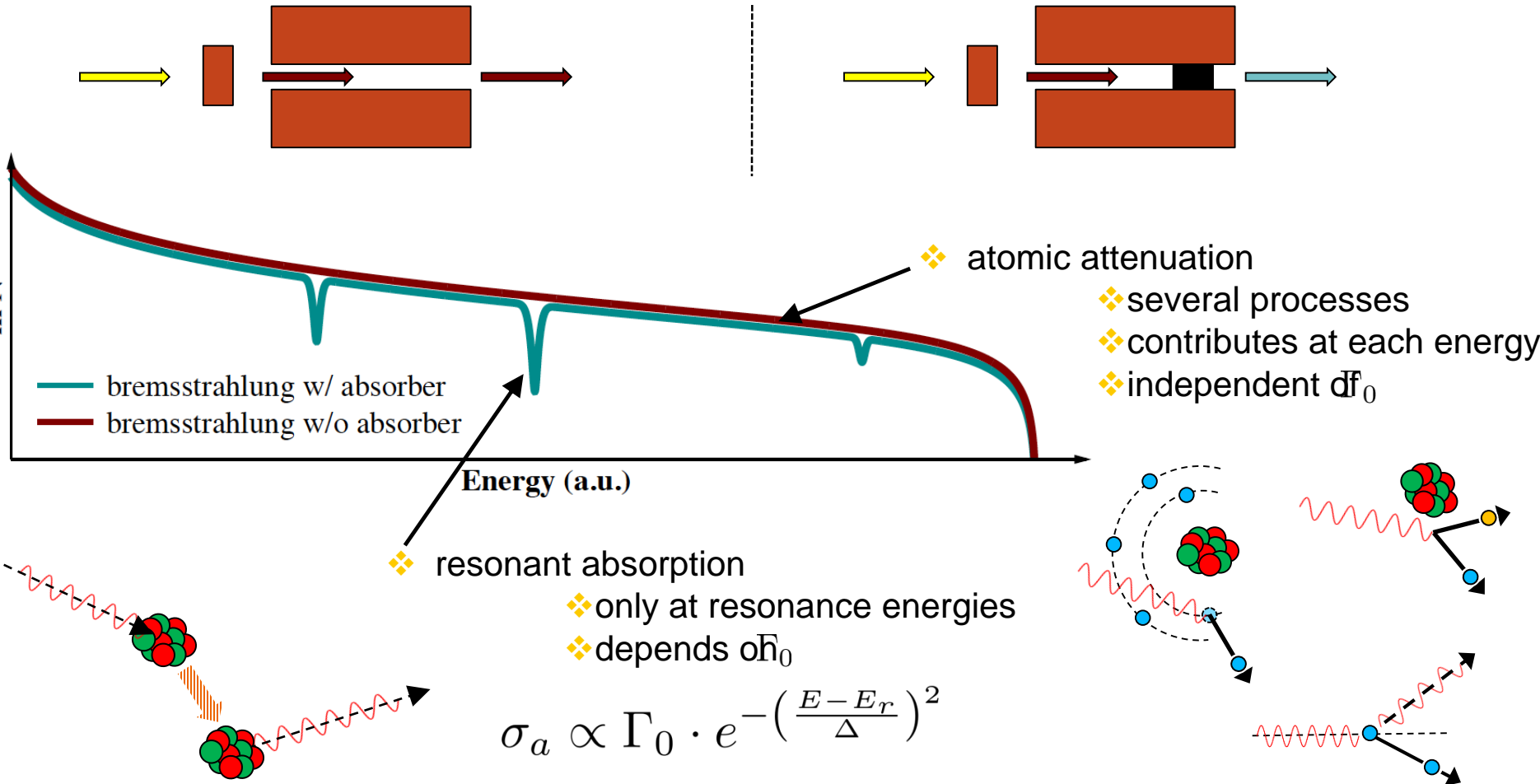
3. Precision Frontier

- **High Intensity = High count rates → small statistical uncertainties**
 - address unresolved questions that cannot be answered today because of uncertainties
 - e.g., scaling of scissors mode with deformation
 - evolution of K-mixing in octupole-vibrational bands of deformed nuclei
 - the „unknown unknown“...
- **High Intensity enables new approaches**
 - e.g. → **Nuclear Self Absorption**



Absorption Processes

Absorption lines only a few eV wide!



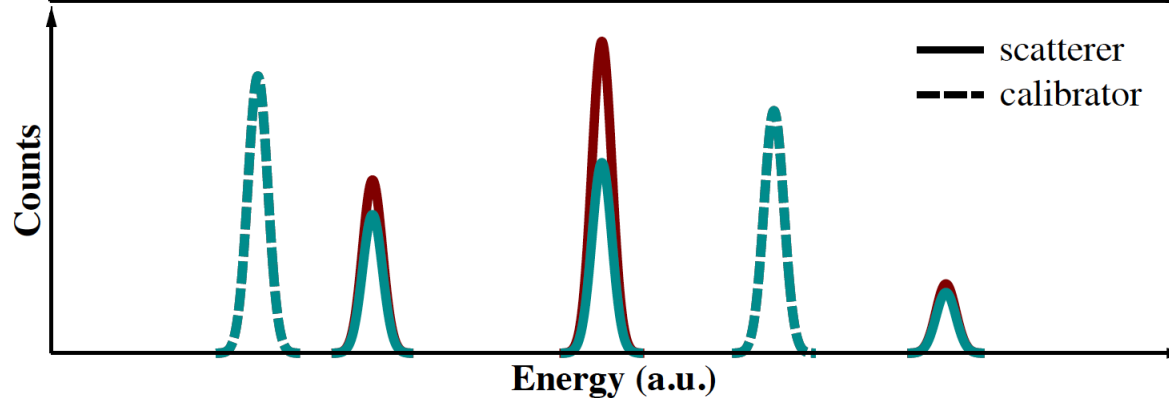
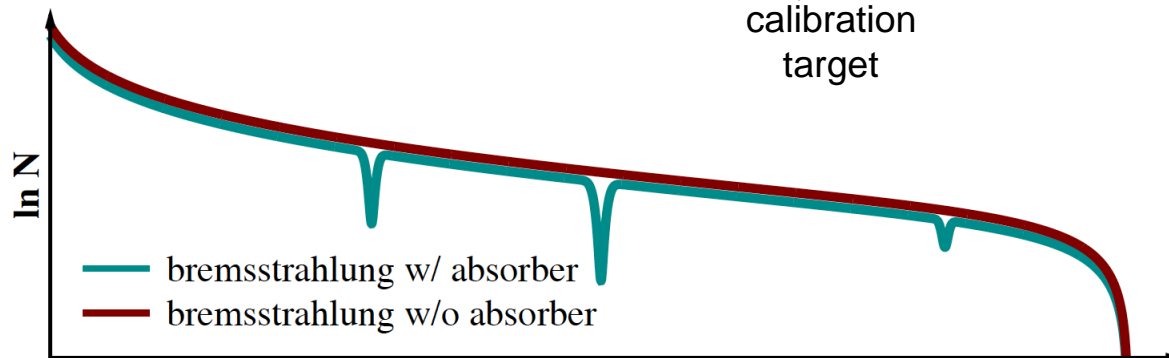
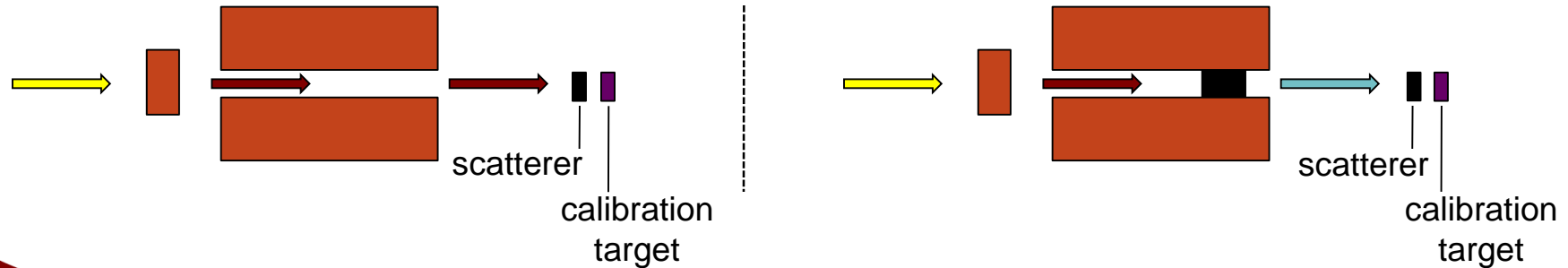
Principle of Measurement and Self Absorption¹

1 F. R. Metzger, Prog. in Nucl. Phys. 7 (1959) 53



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Use scatterer made of absorber material as „high-resolution detector“.



Self Absorption:
Decrease of Scattered Photons
because of Resonant Absorption

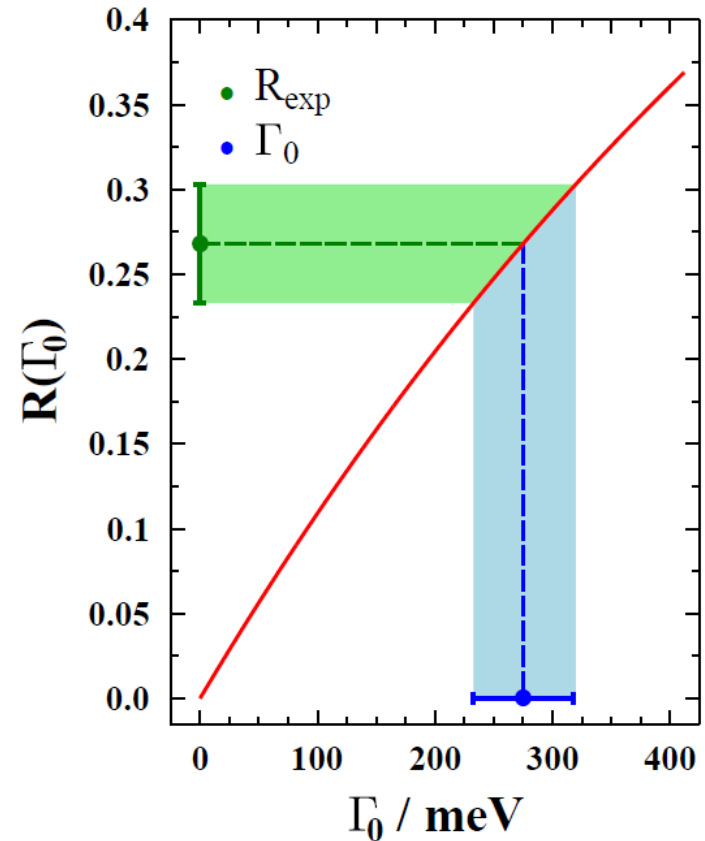
$$R(\Gamma_0) = \frac{N_{woA} - f \cdot N_{wA}}{N_{woA}}$$

$$f = \frac{N_{woA}^{std}}{N_{wA}^{std}}$$

Determination of Ground-State Transition Width and Branching Ratio to the Ground State

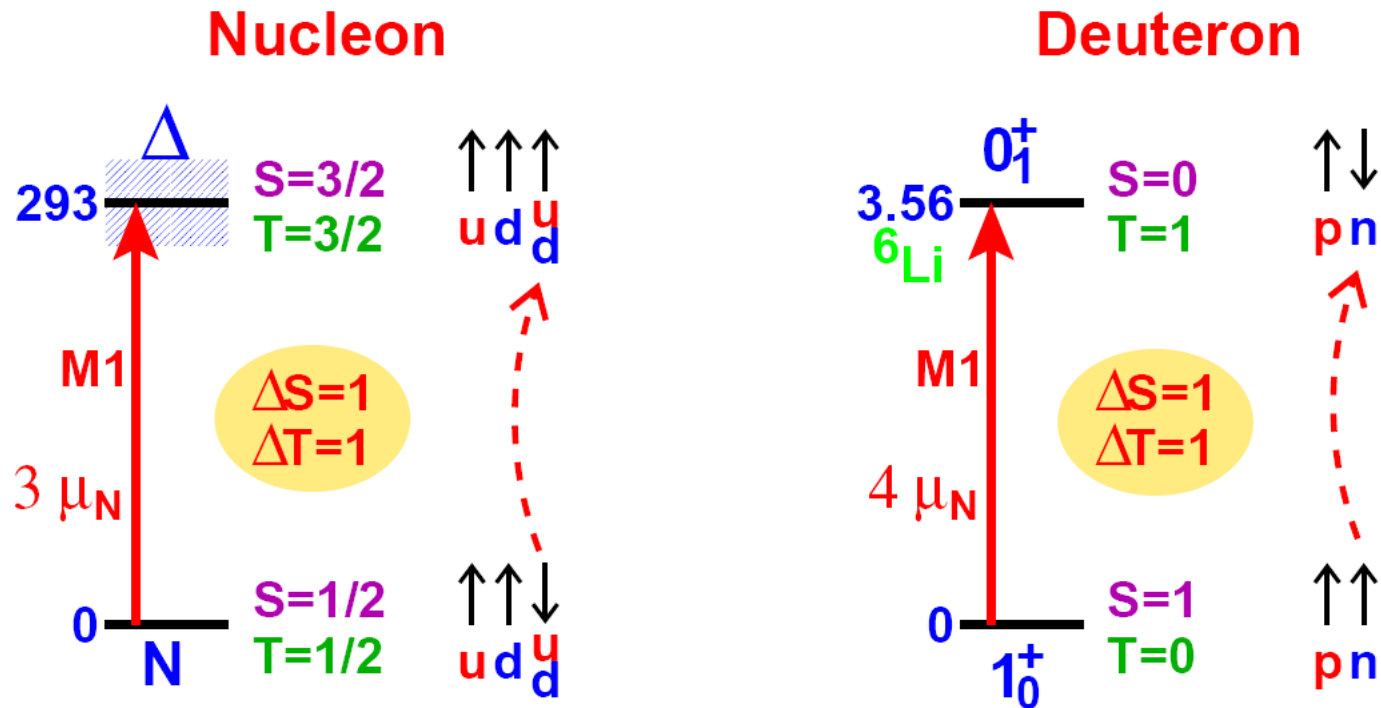
- ❖ calculate R as function of Γ_0
- ❖ self absorption R_{exp} determined experimentally
- ❖ comparison of experiment and calculation gives ground-state transition width Γ_0

- ❖ NRF measurement gives $\Gamma_0 \cdot \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma}$
- ❖ thus total transition width Γ and branching ratio Γ_0/Γ to ground state can be determined



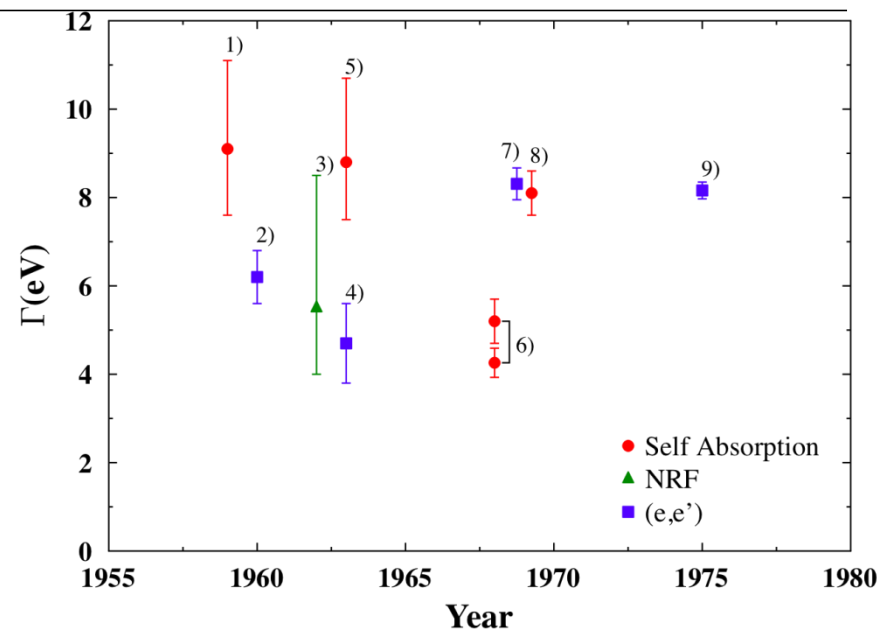
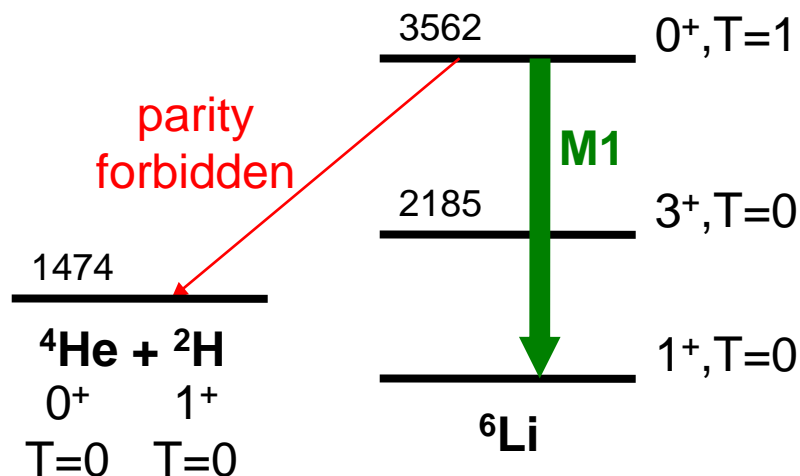
Application: ${}^6\text{Li}$ as Benchmark for *ab-initio* Nuclear Structure Theory

Isospin Excitations of Nucleons and Nuclei

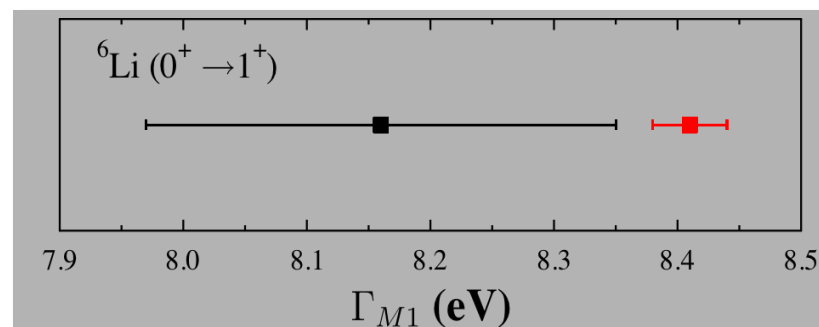


Nuclear Quasideuteron-Configurations: A.F.Lisetskiy et al., Phys. Rev. C **60**, 064310 (1999).

${}^6\text{Li}$ as Benchmark for *ab-initio* Theory



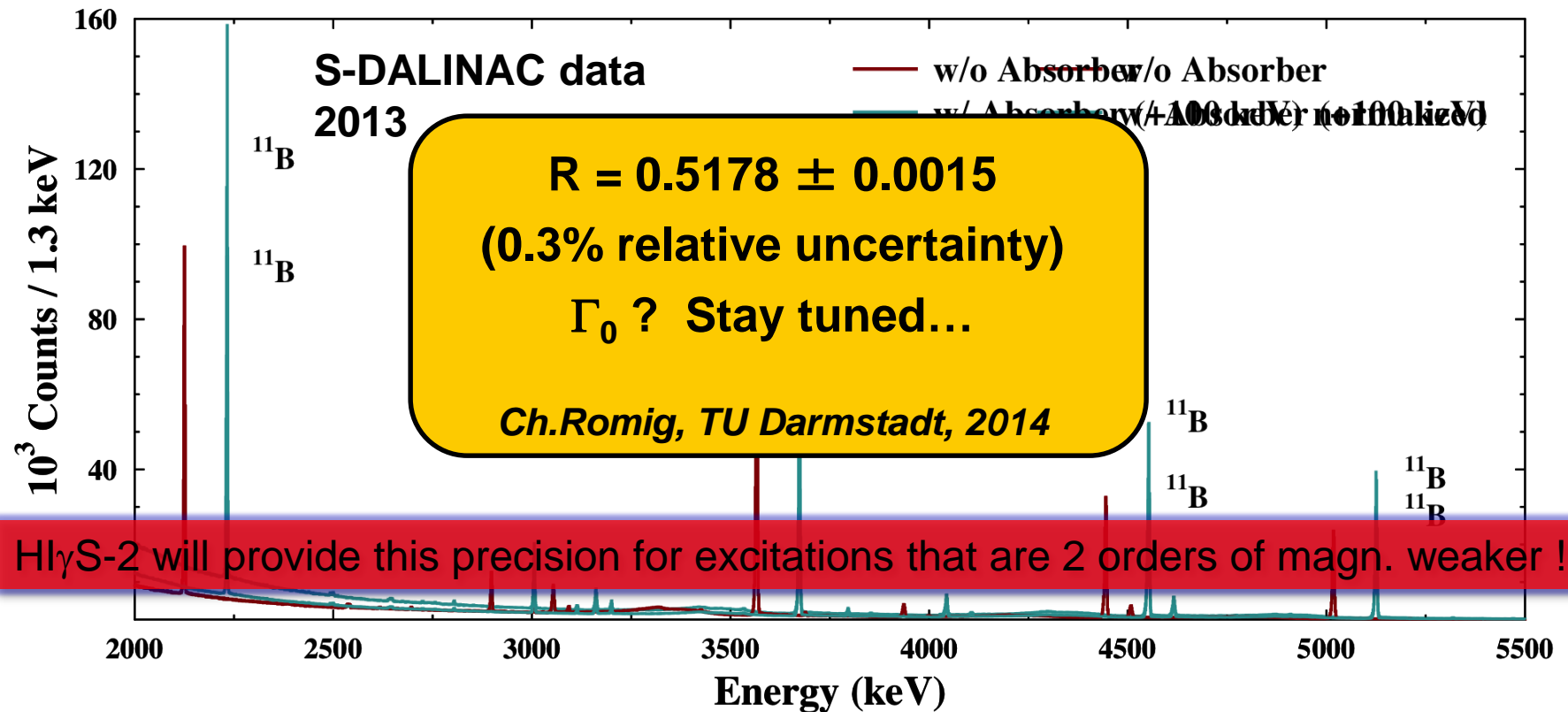
- ❖ Exp.: $\mathcal{B}_{M1} = 8.16(19)$ eV (from (e, e'))
- ❖ S. Pastore *et al.*, PRC **87** (2013): chiral currents contribute significantly to \mathcal{B}_{M1}
- ❖ GFMC with one-body EM current operator at leading order (impulse approximation): **6.90(2) eV**
- ❖ GFMC with additional two-body meson-exchange currents up to $N^3\text{LO}$ ($|EFT$): **8.41(3) eV**



Self Absorption Measurement on ${}^6\text{Li}$

(Ch.Romig, TU Darmstadt, PhD thesis, 2014 in preparation)

- ◇ scatterer: 5 g Li_2CO_3 (enriched to 95% in ${}^6\text{Li}$)
- ◇ calibration target: 4.2 g ${}^{11}\text{B}$ (sandwiched)
- ◇ absorber: 10 g Li_2CO_3 (enriched to 95% in ${}^6\text{Li}$)
- ◇ endpoint energy: 7.1 MeV
- ◇ 7 days w/o absorber
- ◇ 8 days w/ absorber



H γ S-2 will provide this precision for excitations that are 2 orders of magn. weaker !