

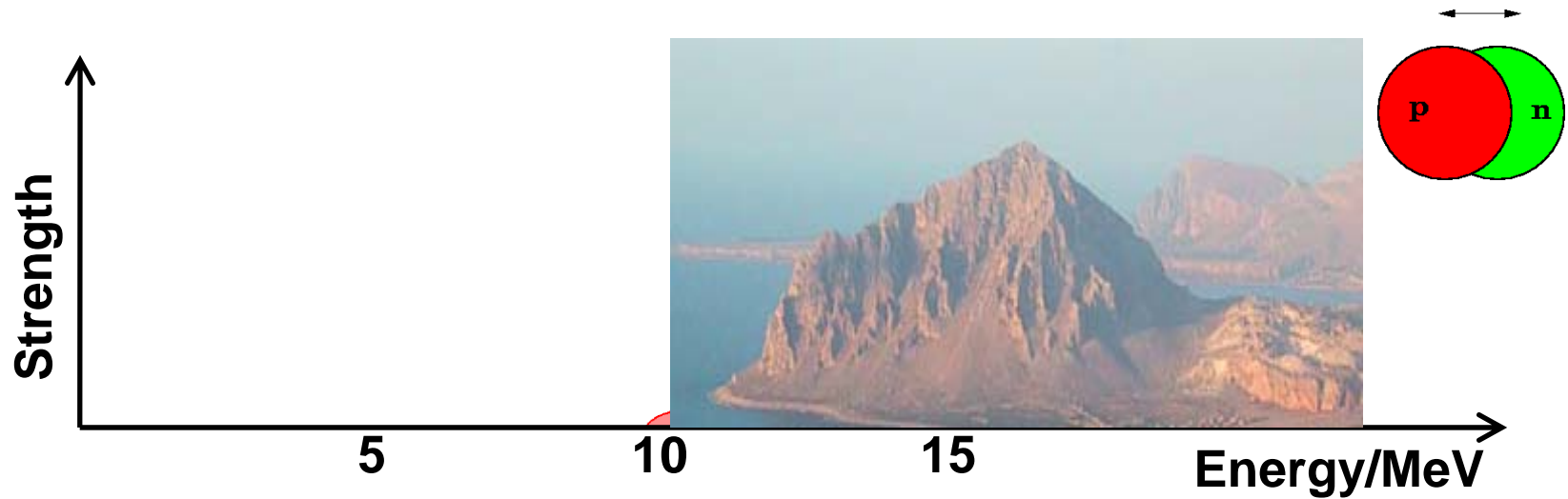
Collective Excitations close to the Particle Threshold

- **The photoresponse of atomic nuclei**
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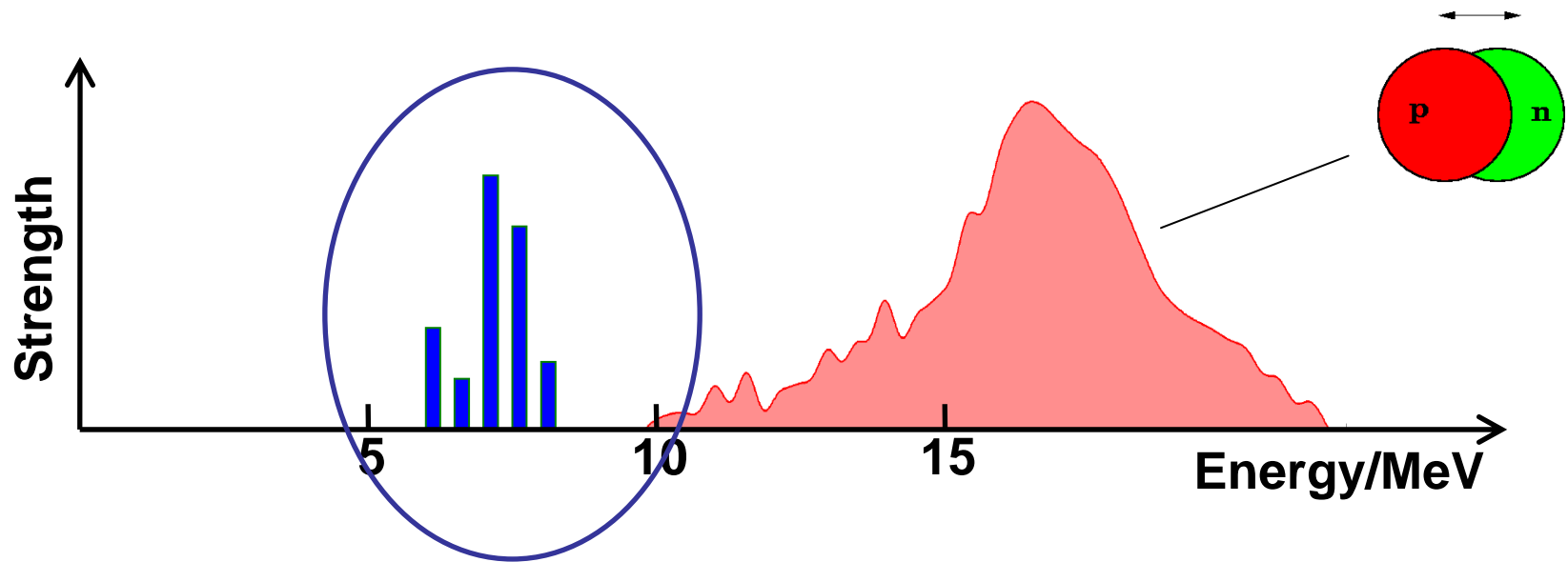
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The photoresponse of atomic nuclei



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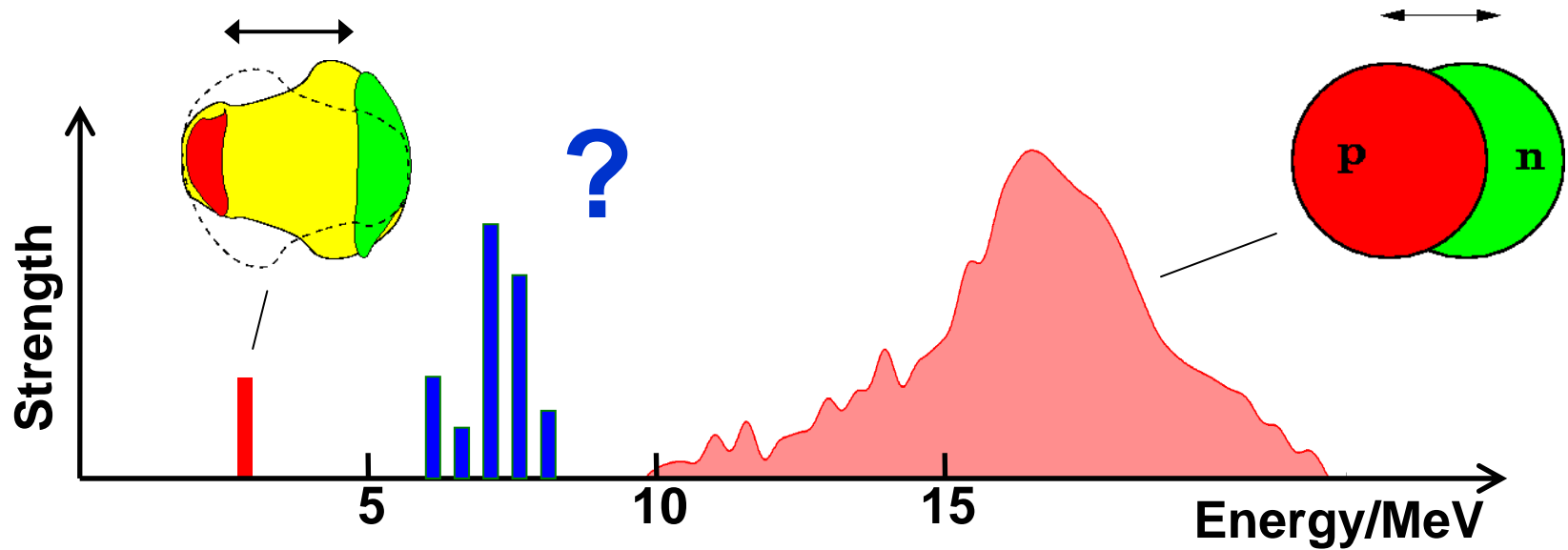


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E1 Excitations around the Particle Threshold

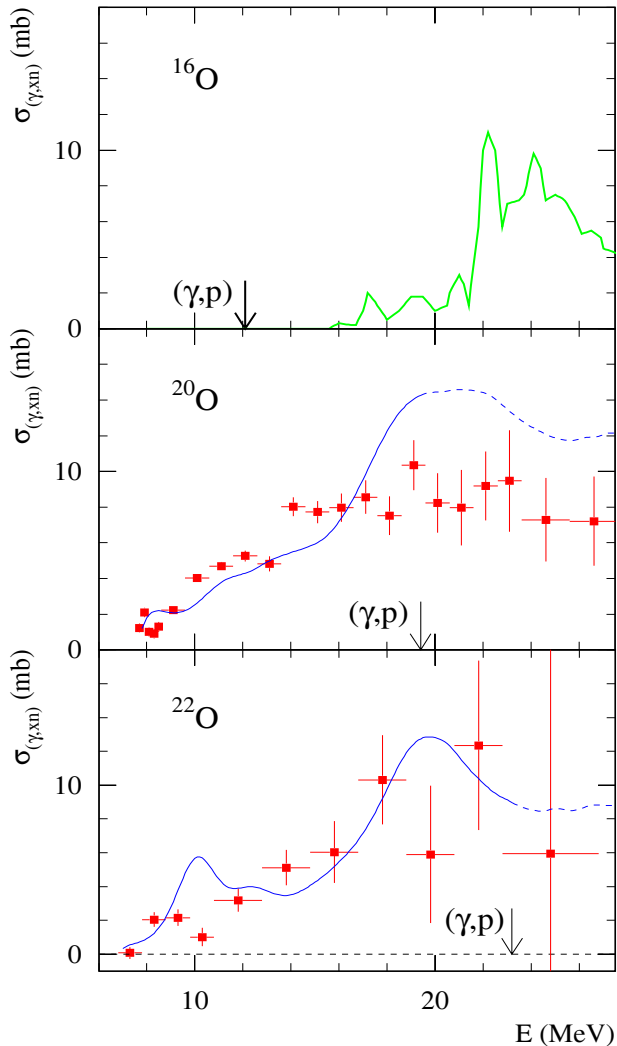
- **1.) Nuclear structure phenomenon**
Fundamental E1 mode below the GDR
- **2.) Importance for understanding of exotic nuclei**
E1 strength will be shifted to lower energies in neutron rich systems
- **3.) Impact on nucleosynthesis**
Gamow window for photo-induced reactions in explosive stellar events

1.) Electric Dipole Strength in Nuclei

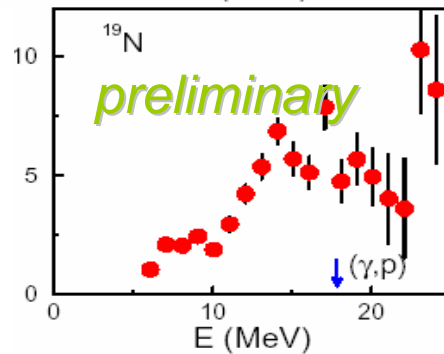
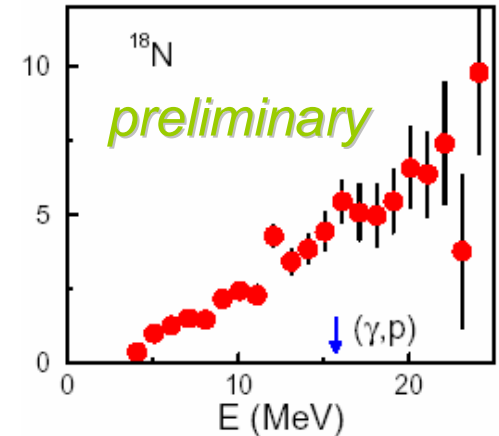
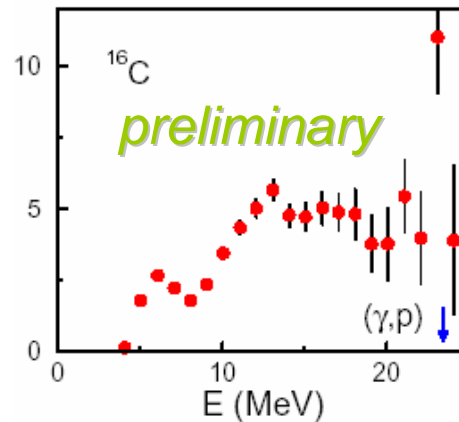


- Two Phonon Excitation: $E_x \sim 3 \text{ MeV}$, $B(E1) \sim 10^{-3} \text{ W.u.}$
- Giant Dipole Resonance: $E_x \sim 18 \text{ MeV}$, $B(E1) \sim \text{W.u.}$
- **Pygmy Dipole Resonance ?**

2.) E1 strength in exotic nuclei



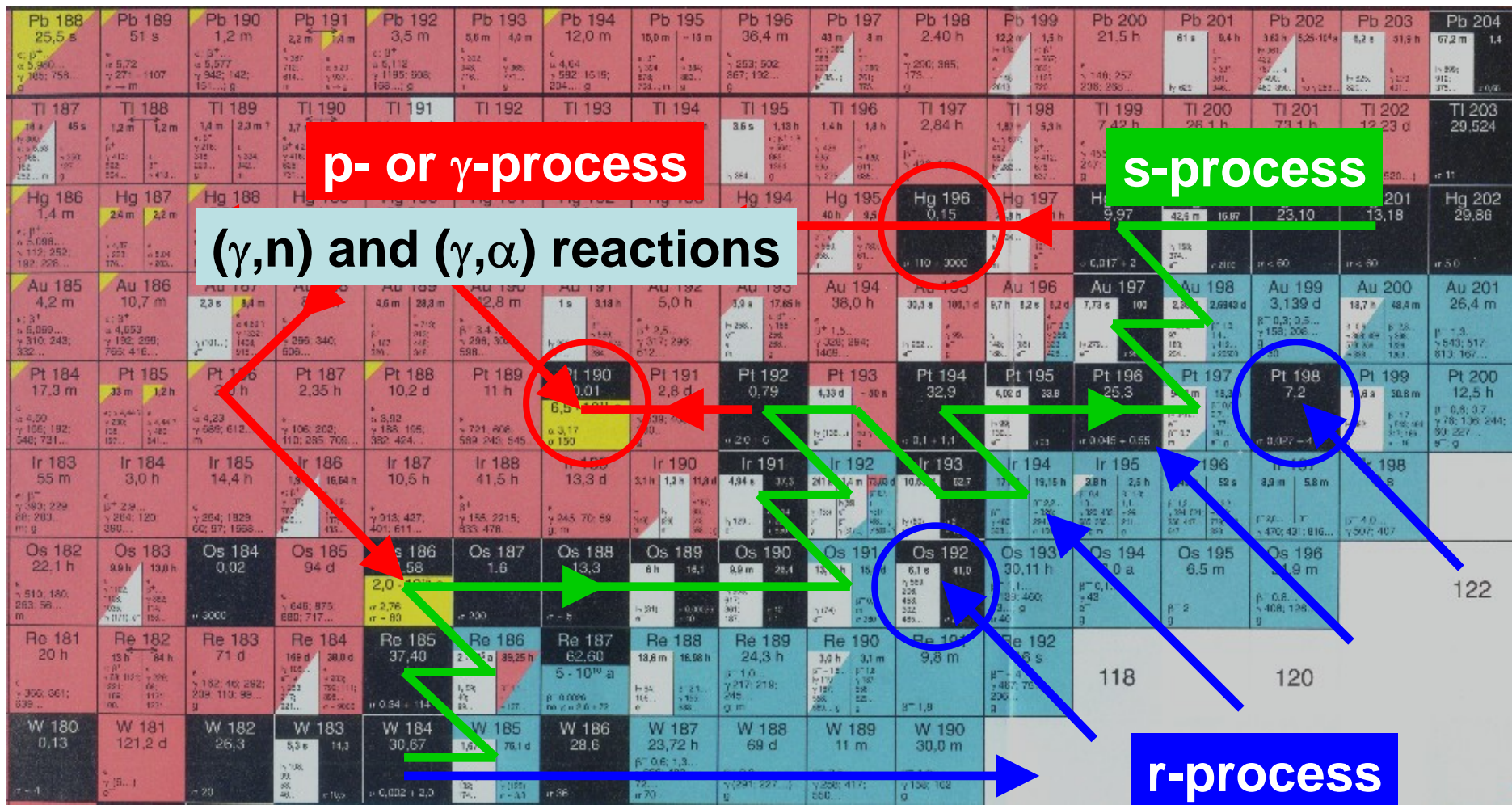
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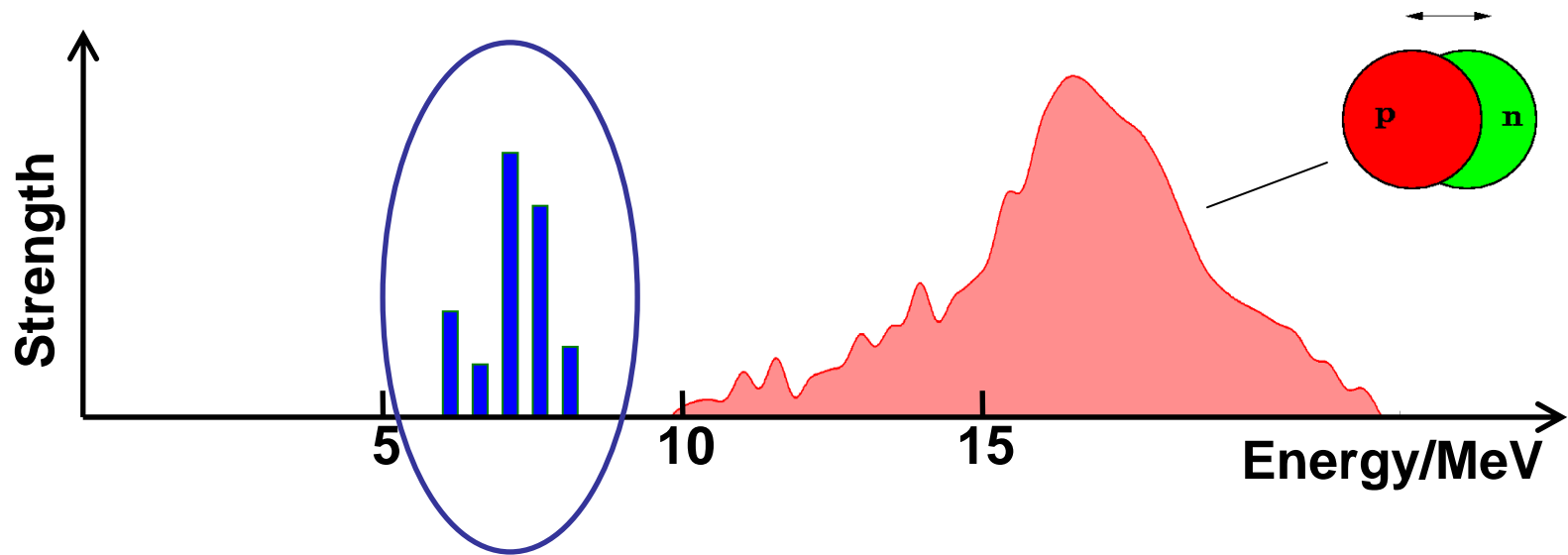
(Coulex on ^{20}O : E. Tryggvstad et al., PRC 67 (2003) 064309)

3.) Impact on Nucleosynthesis



(n, γ) / (γ ,n) equilibrium

E1 Excitations around the Particle Threshold



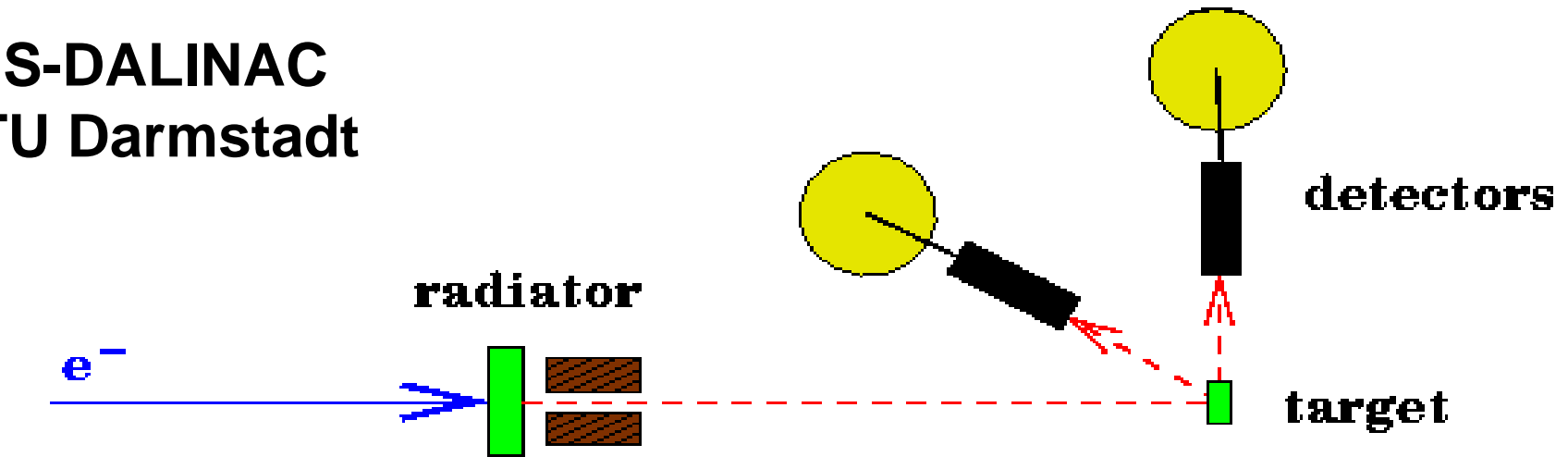
Experimental tool:

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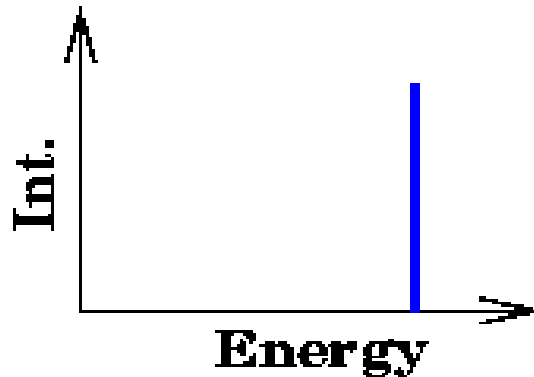
(Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence)

Photon Scattering (Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence – NRF)

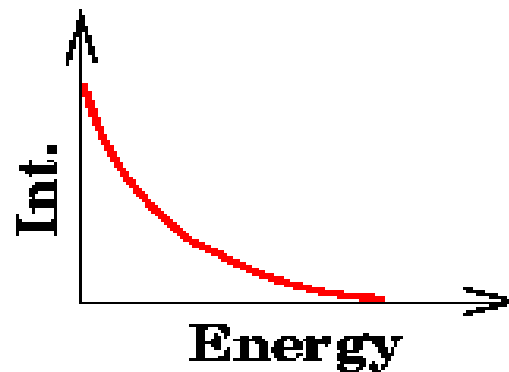
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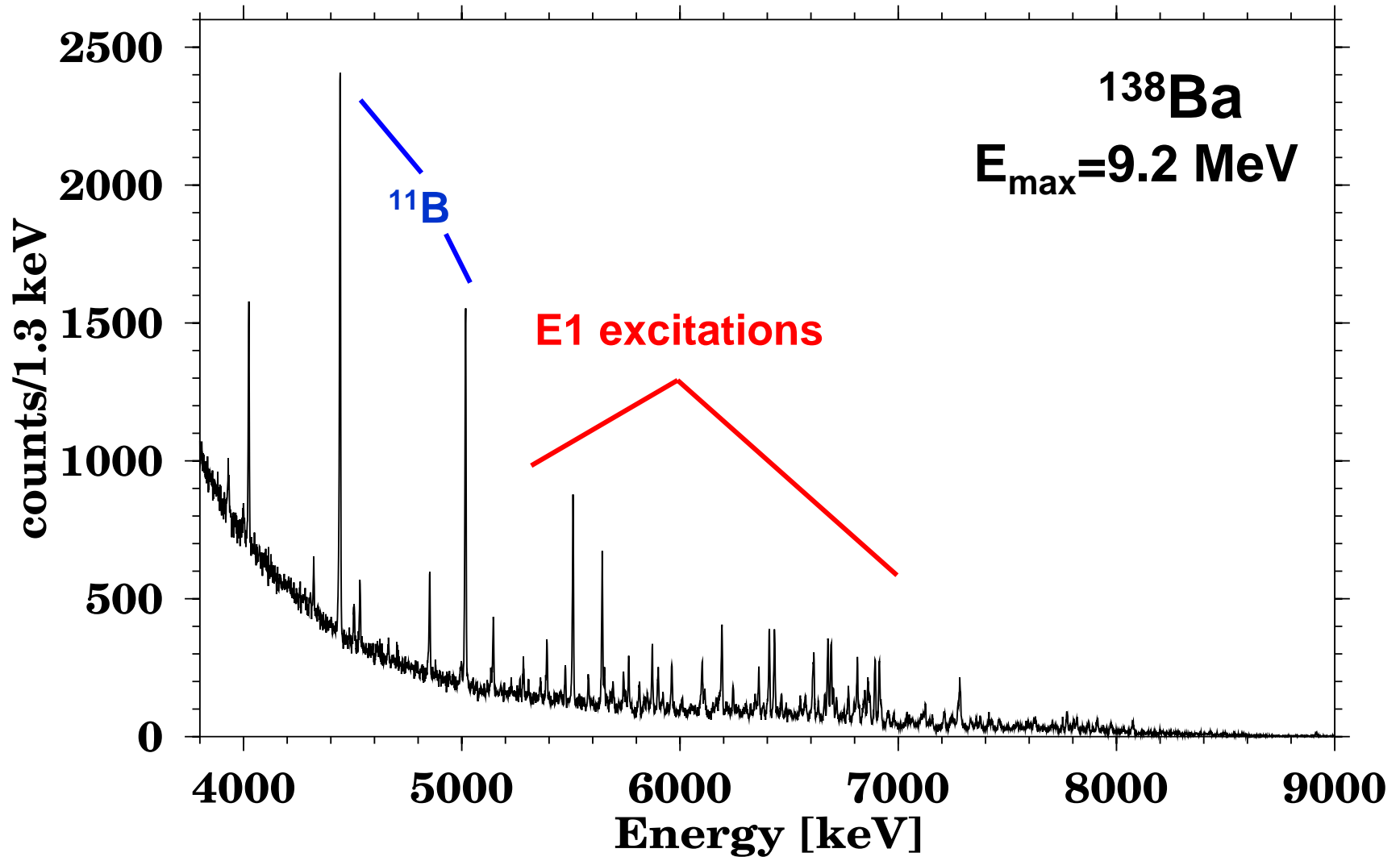
Electrons



Bremsstrahlung

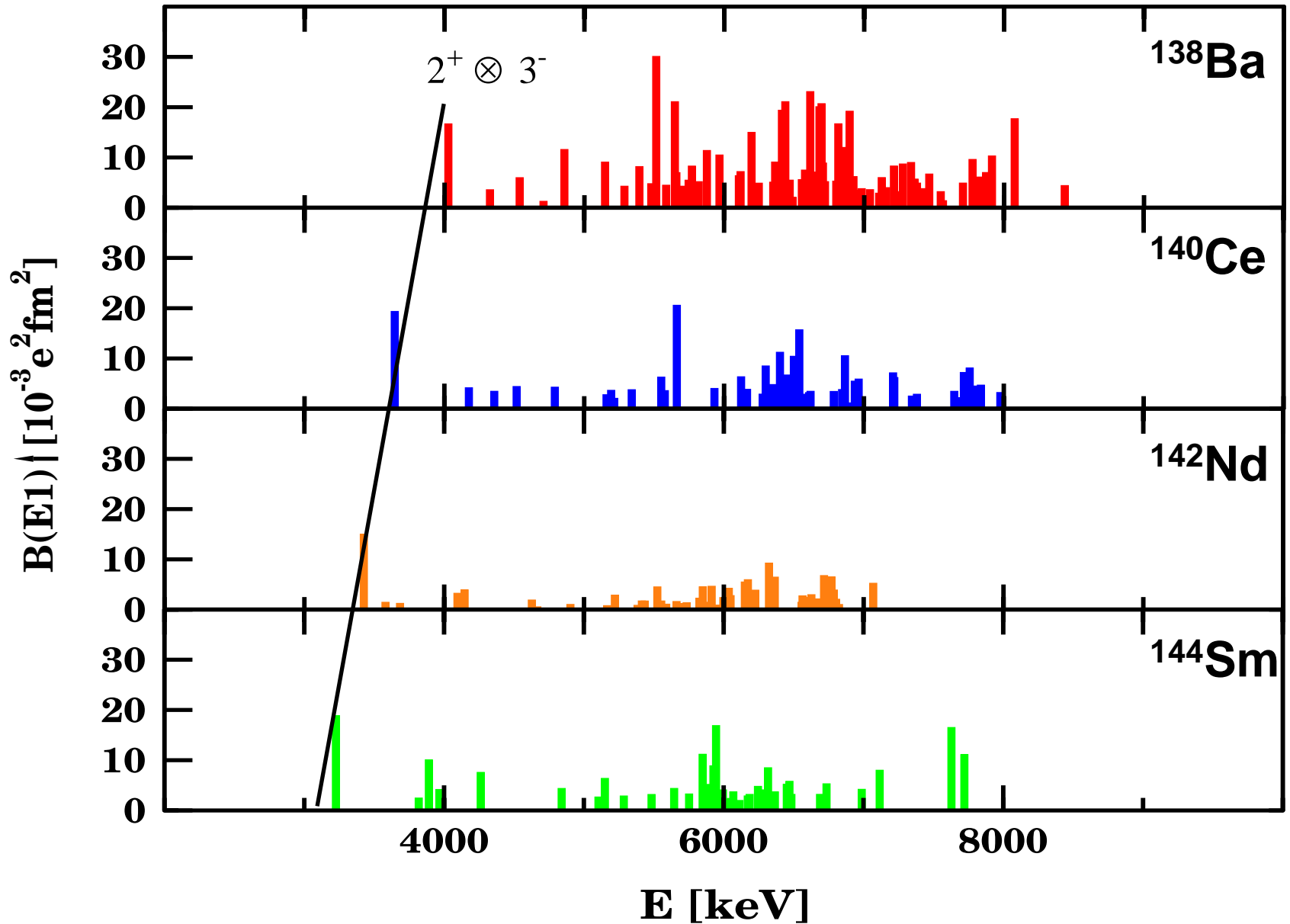


Photon scattering off ^{138}Ba

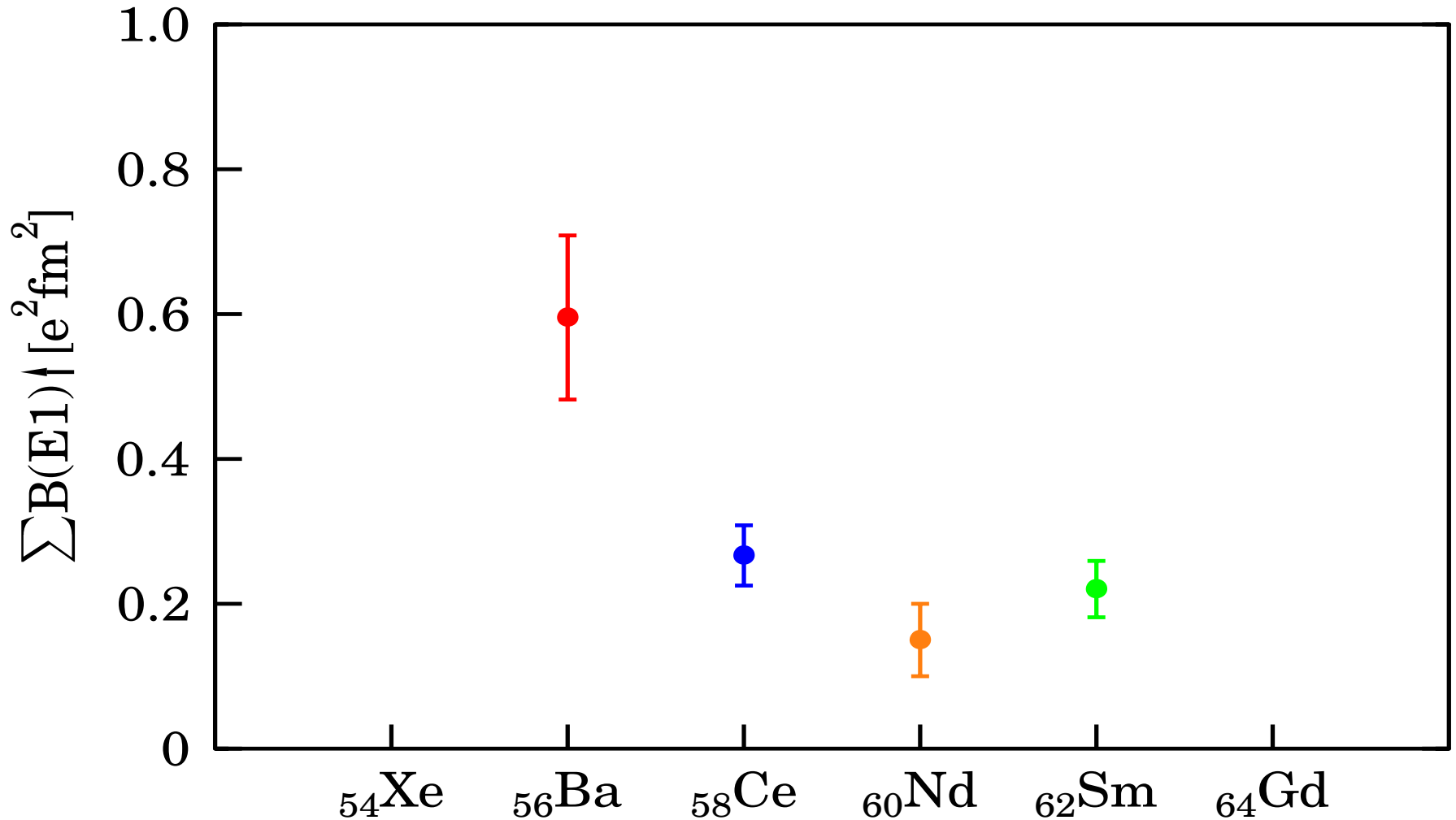


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E1 strength distribution in N=82 nuclei

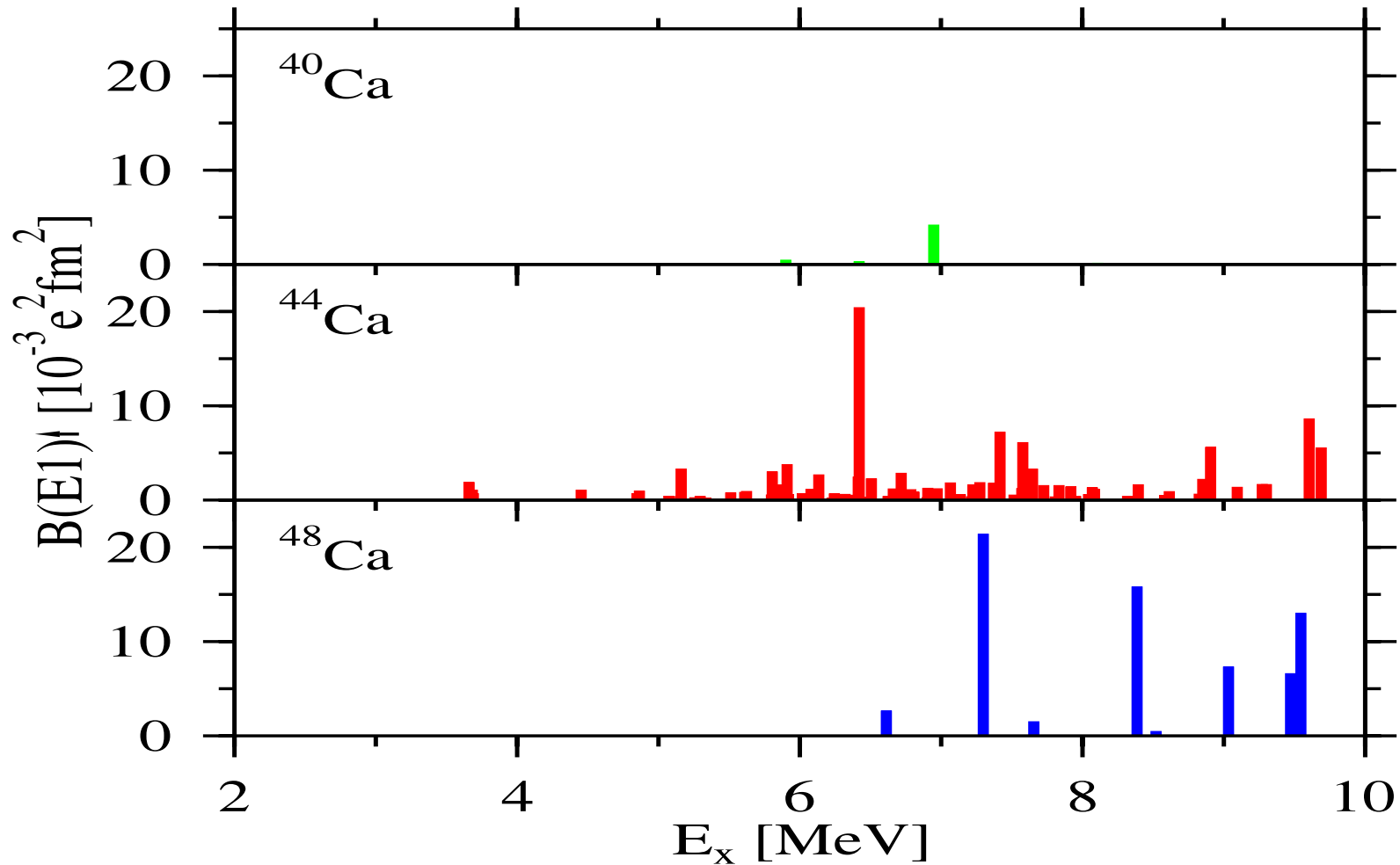


Summed E1 strength in N=82 nuclei



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E1 strength distribution in Ca isotopes

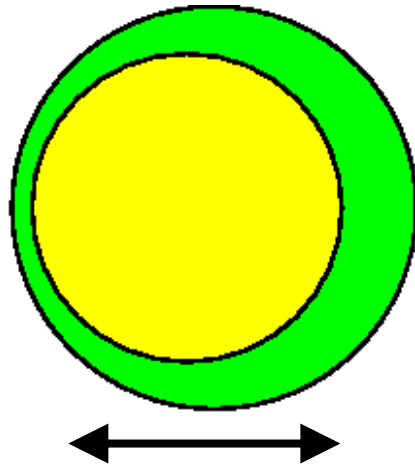


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Neutron/proton „skin“ excitations

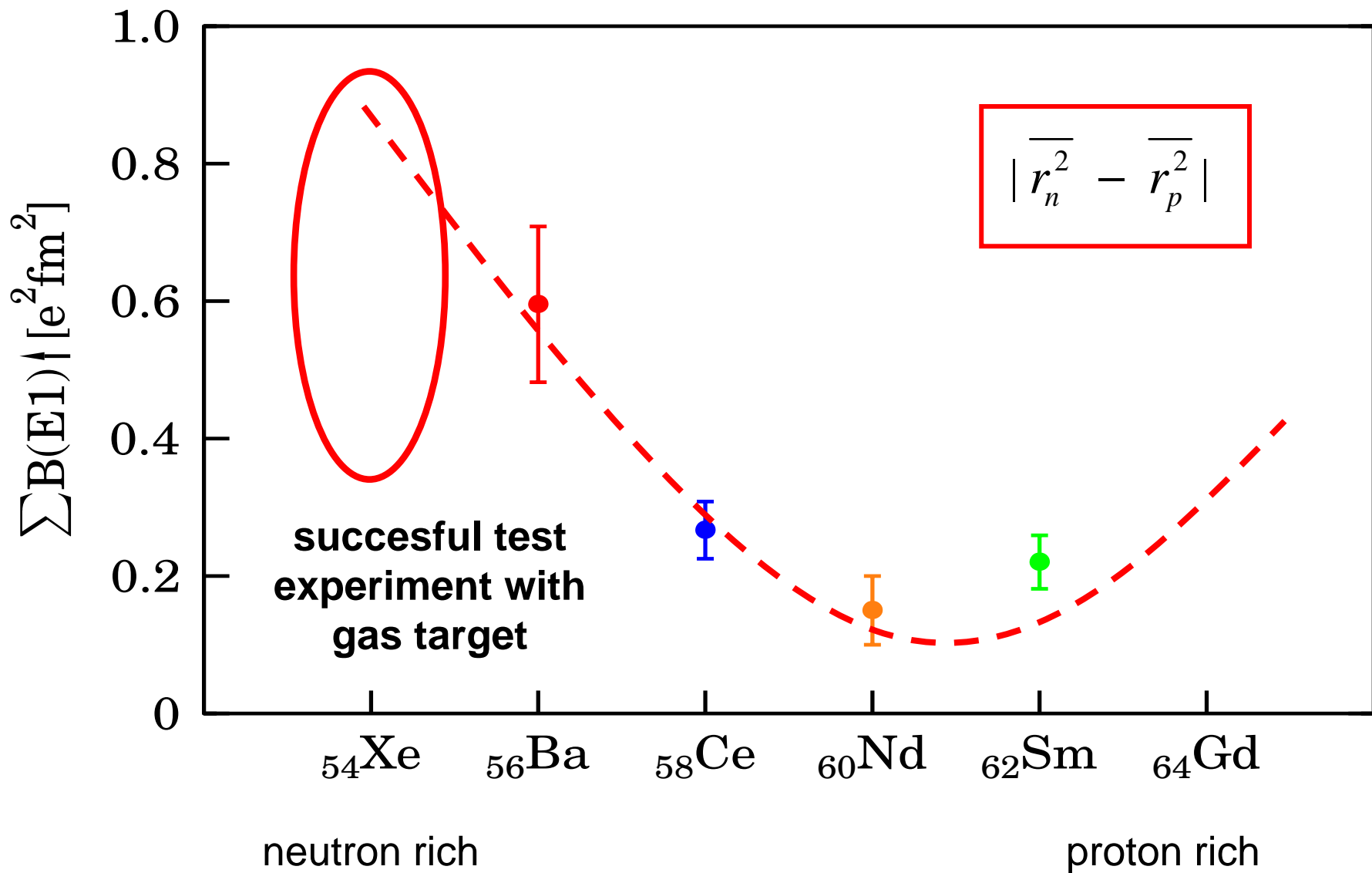


Oscillations of a neutron or proton rich periphery vs. the core leads to isovector E1 excitations

- Soft Dipole Mode in exotic nuclei
- Up to 1% of EWSR in some stable nuclei
- Located around 8 MeV in stable nuclei

see e.g.: J. Chambers et al., *Phys. Rev. C* **50** (1994) R2671
P. van Isacker et al., *Phys. Rev. C* **45** (1992) R13

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Models generating E1 strength around the neutron threshold

- Relativistic RPA

D. Vretenar et al., Phys. Lett. B **487** (2000) 334

D. Vretenar, N. Paar et al., Phys. Rev. C **65** (2002) 021301

- Quasiparticle Phonon Model (QPM), QRPA

V. Ponomarev, J. Wambach et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **89** (2002) 241

N. Tsoneva, H. Lenske et al., to be published

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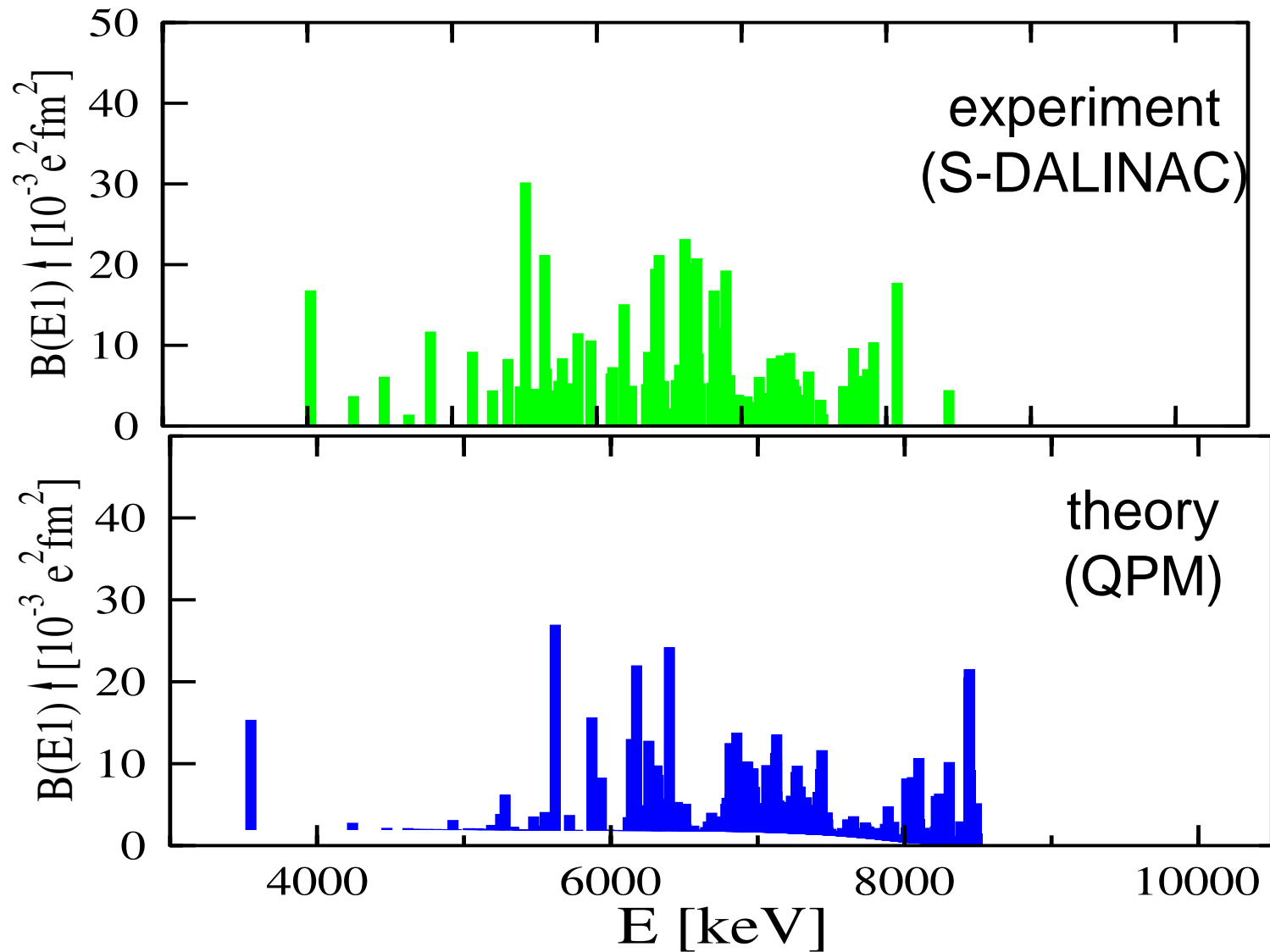
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- Local Isospin Resonances

F. Iachello, Phys. Lett. B **160** (1985) 1

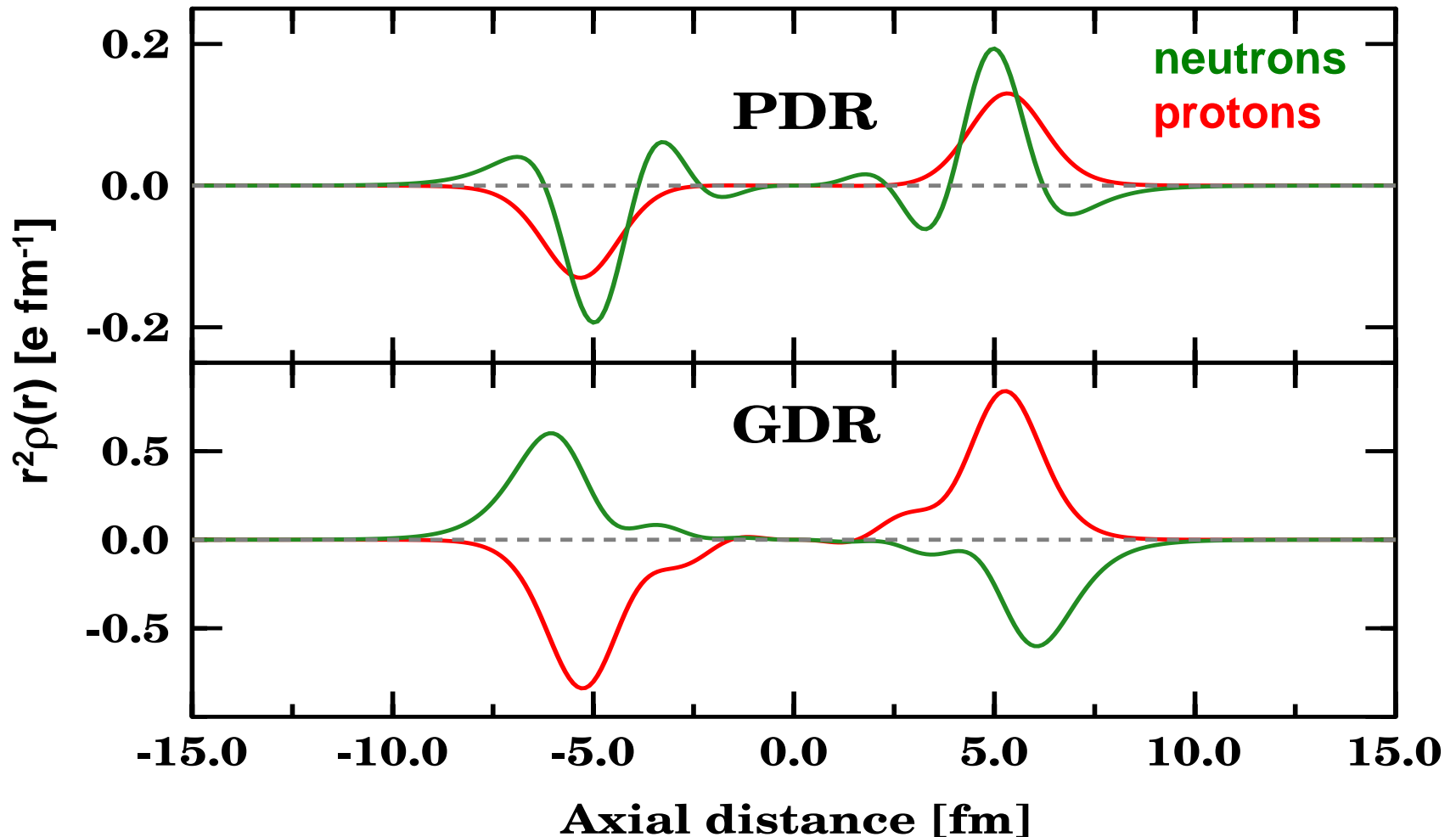
F. Iachello, priv. com. 2004

QPM calculations for ^{138}Ba



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The E1 strength at 7 MeV is dominantly isoscalar



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Summary

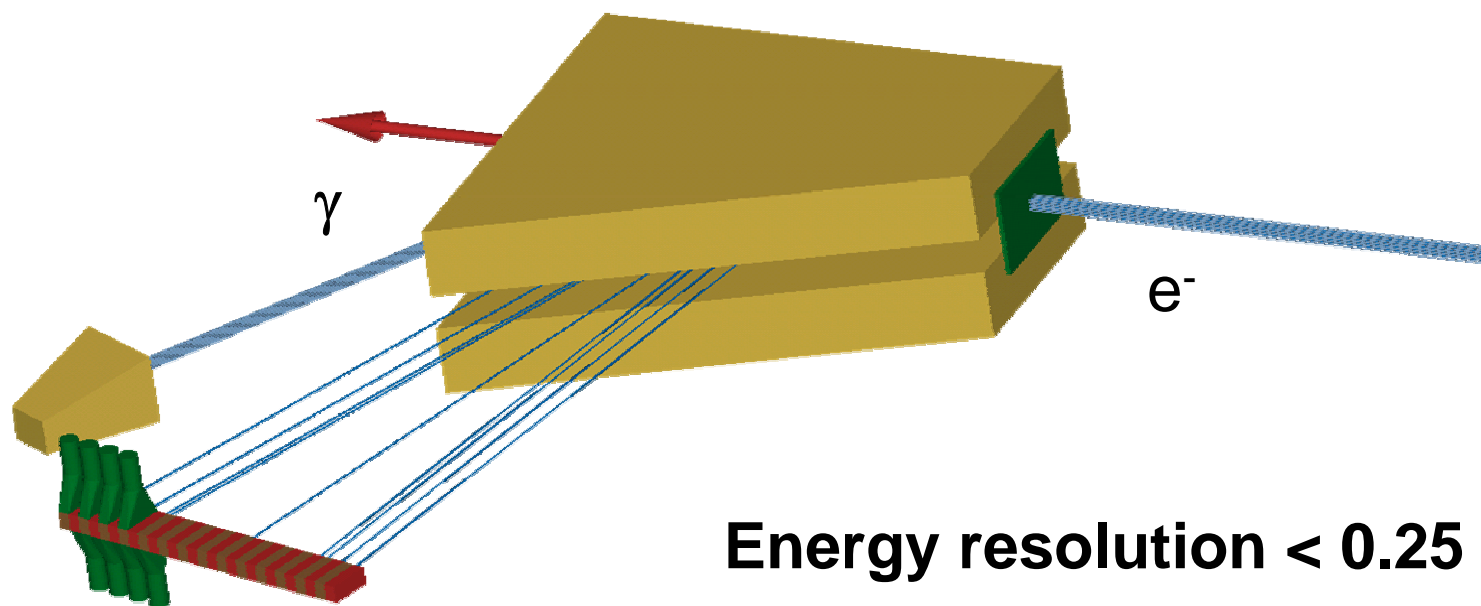
- An E1 resonance exhausting up to 1% of the EWSR is observed in all examined nuclei around about 7 MeV
- We still do not know its systematics. isospin character, decay pattern, form factor

Outlook

- **Systematic strength measurements**
[(γ, γ') and (γ, n) @ S-DALINAC]
- **Isospin character**
[$(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ @ KVI]
- **Branching ratios, parities**
[$(\vec{\gamma}, \gamma')$ @ HI γ S, Duke University]
- **Form Factor**
[(e, e') @ S-DALINAC]
- **Improved model calculations**
[Predictive power]

High resolution measurements above the particle threshold: The new tagger facility @ S-DALINAC

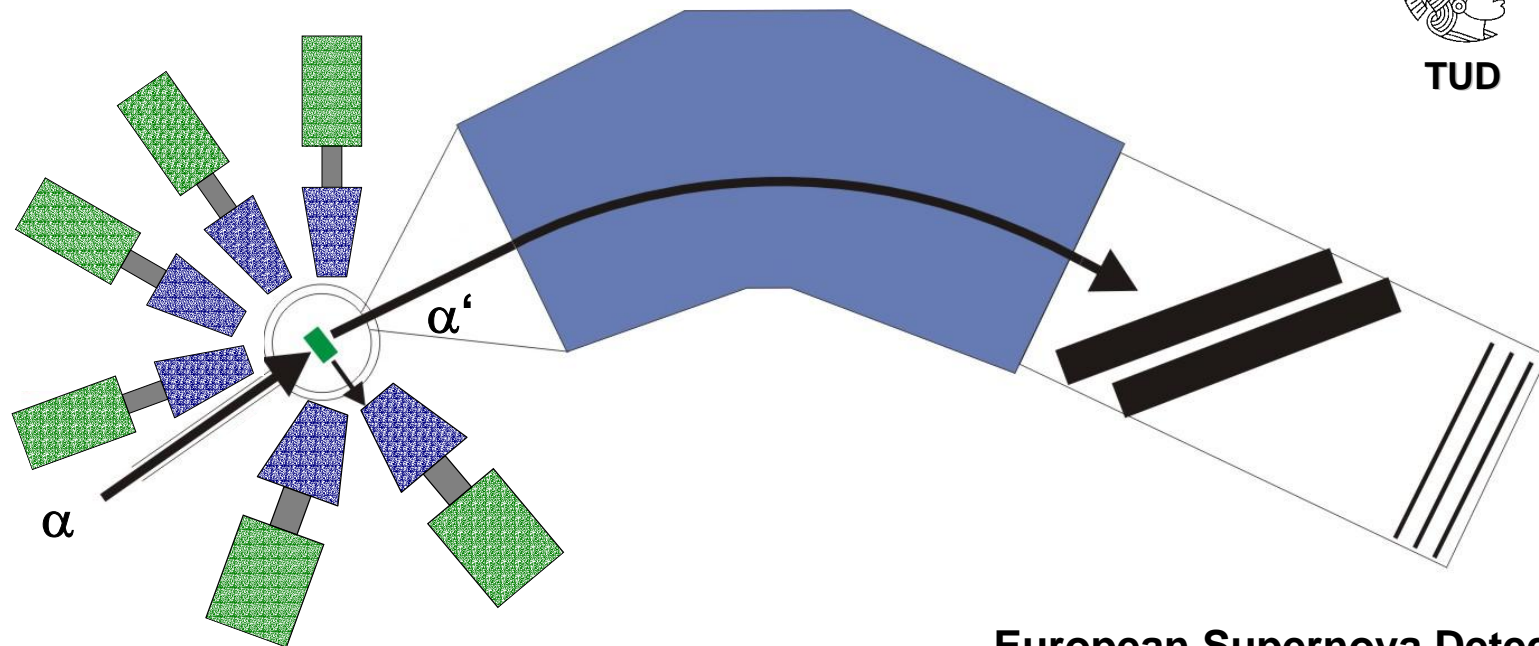
Production of a tagged photon beam in the energy range 5-20 MeV



Energy resolution < 0.25 %

The new ISOSPIN-Meter at KVI

Big Bite Spectrometer (BBS)

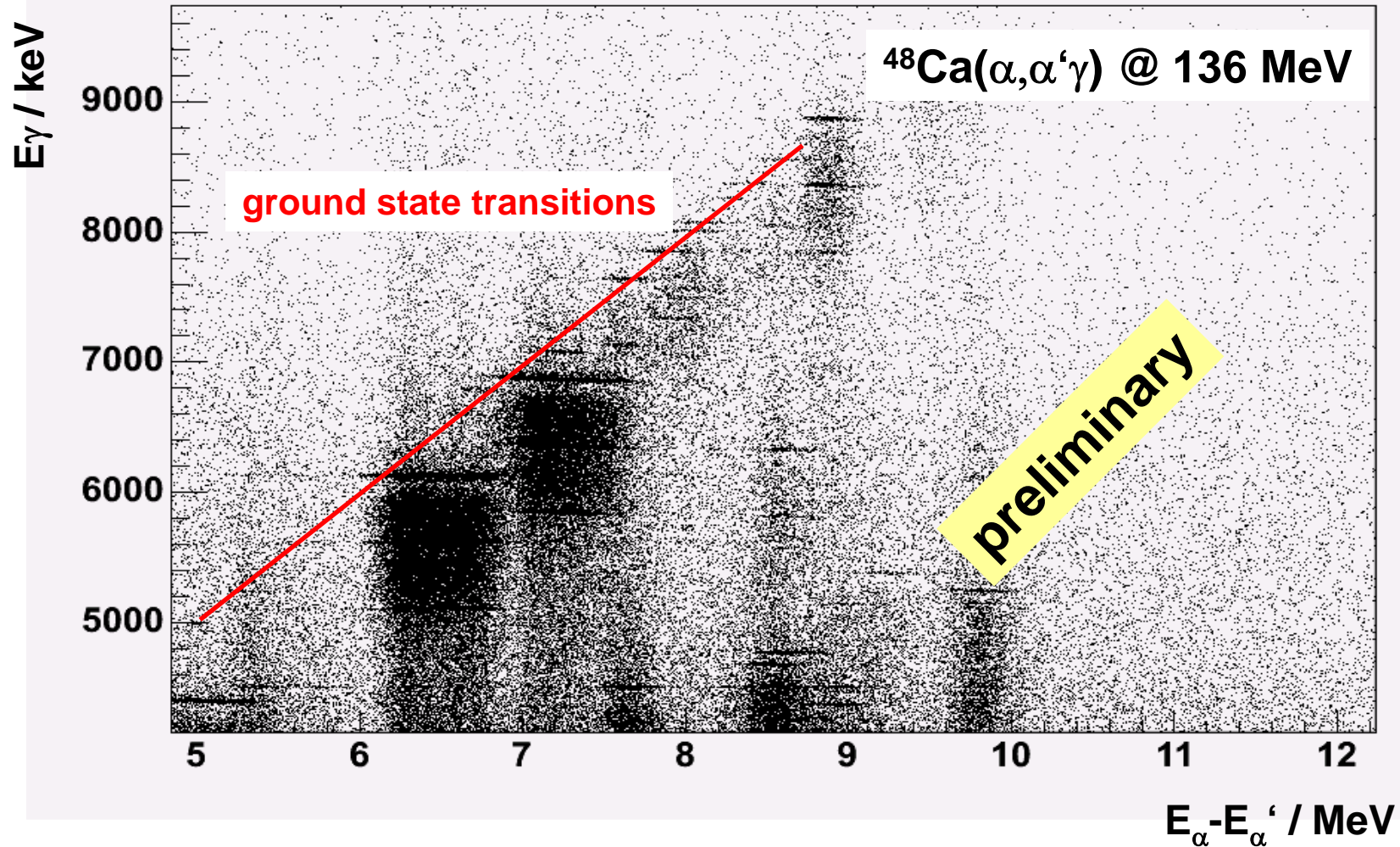


Ge detector array
for detection of γ decays

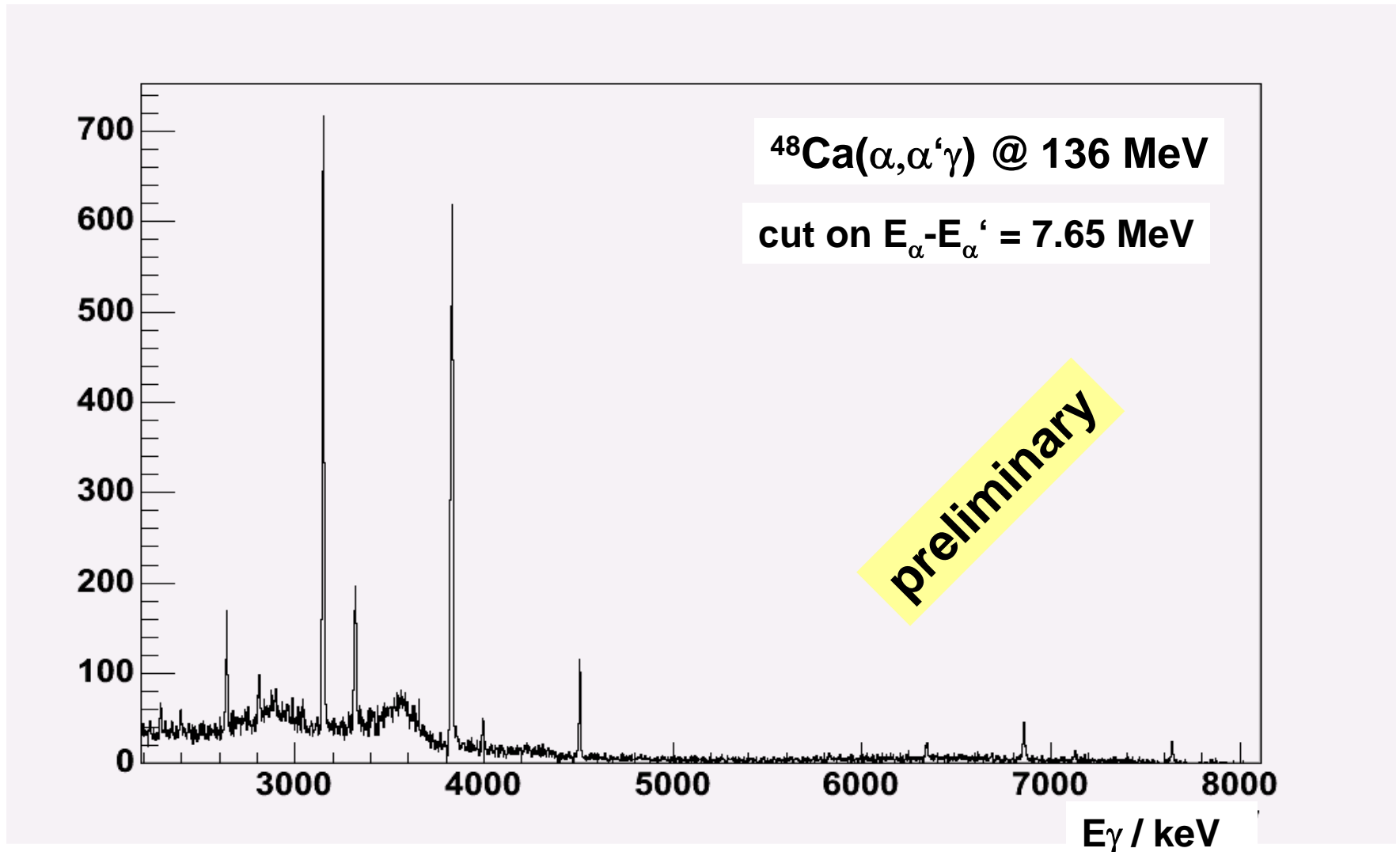
European Supernova Detector
for detection of α particles,
 $\Delta E \sim 100\text{-}200$ keV

**This setup allows to determine
the isospin character of bound states !**

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