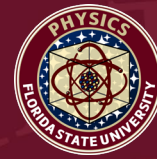




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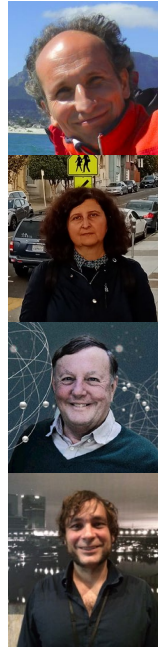


# Accessing the Single-Particle Structure of the PDR

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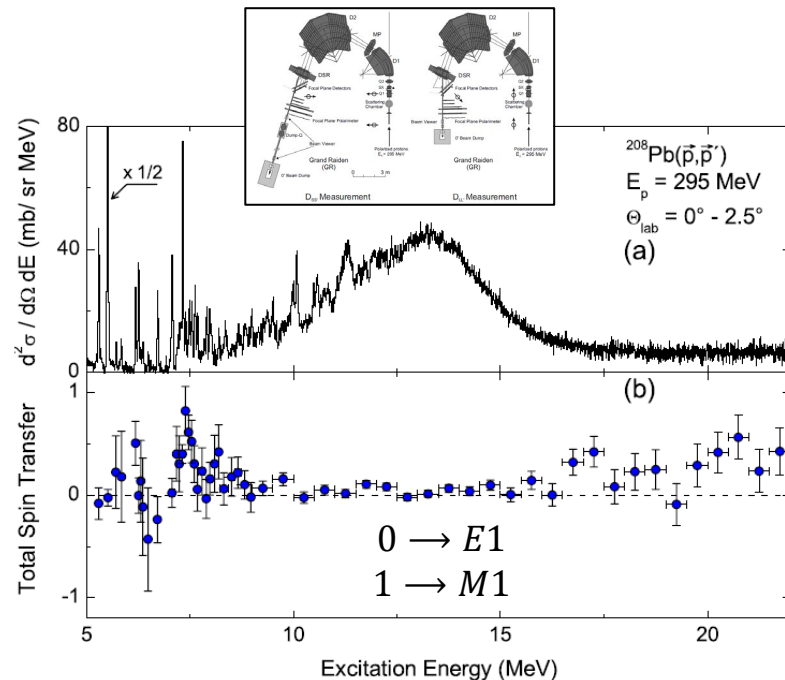
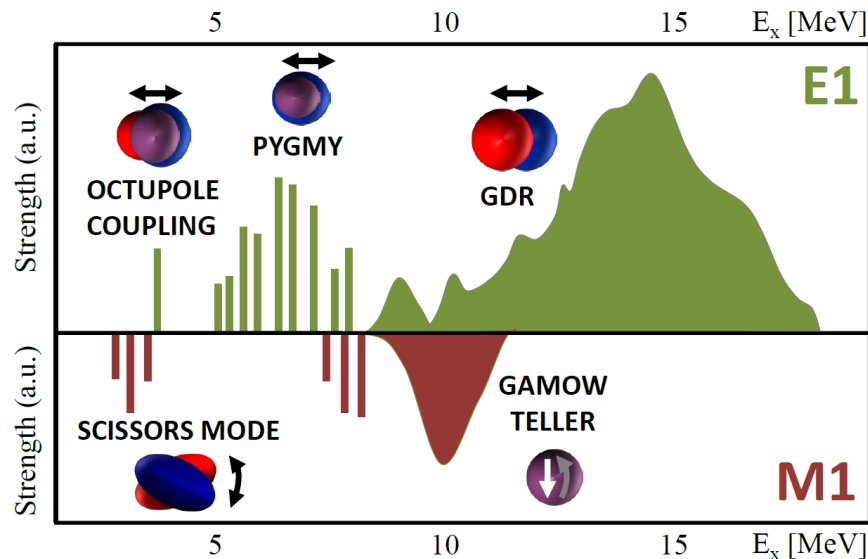
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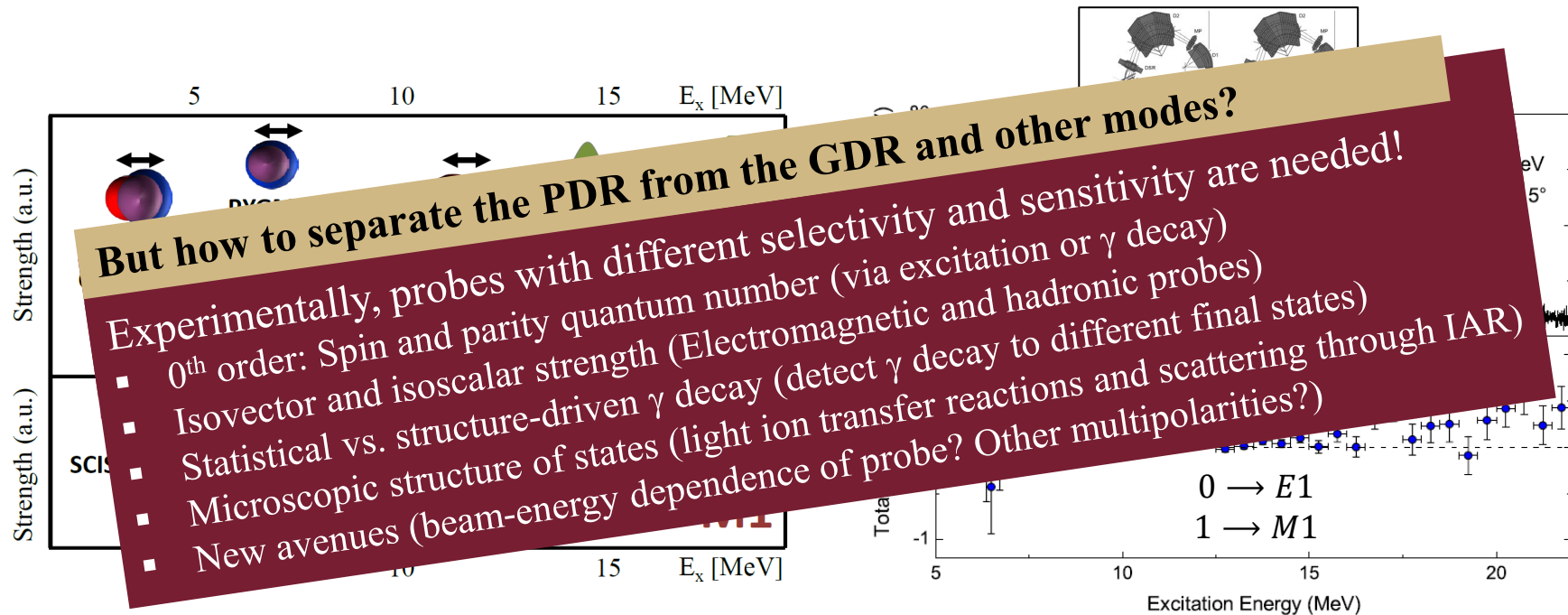
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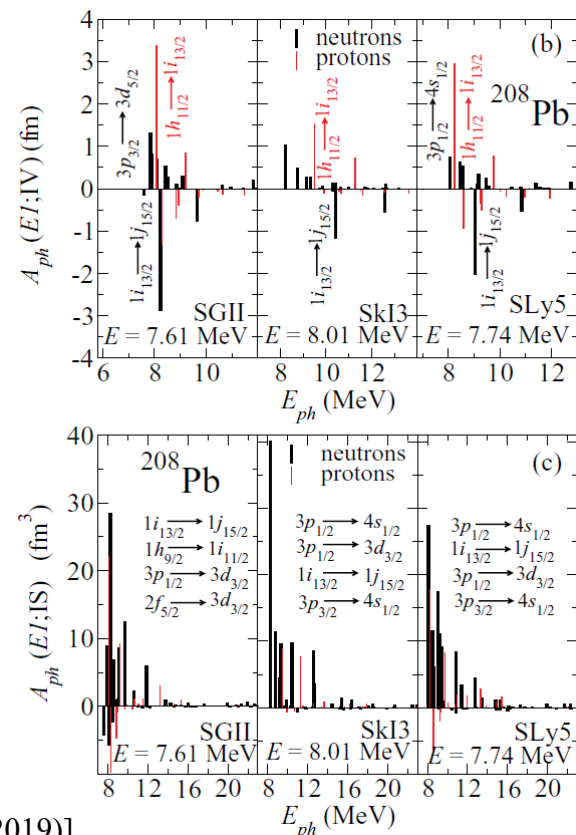
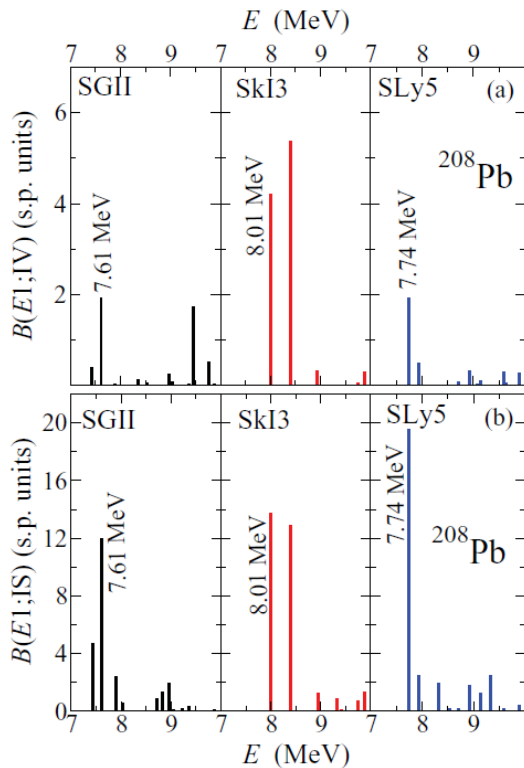
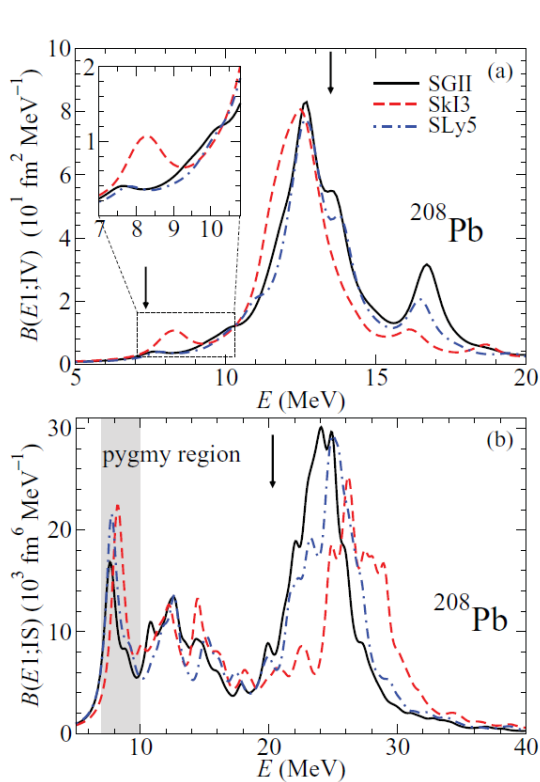






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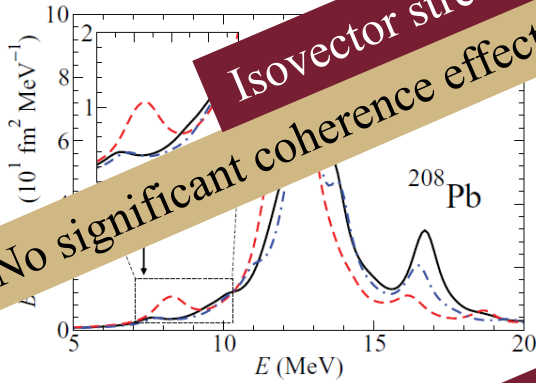
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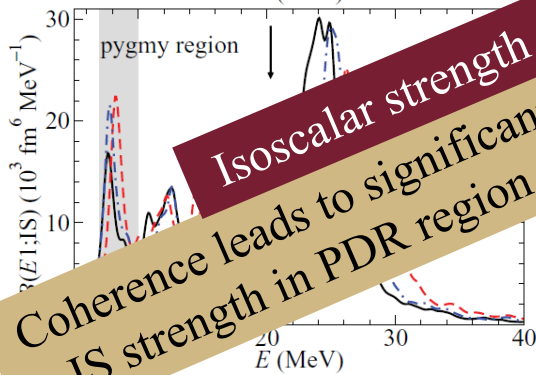
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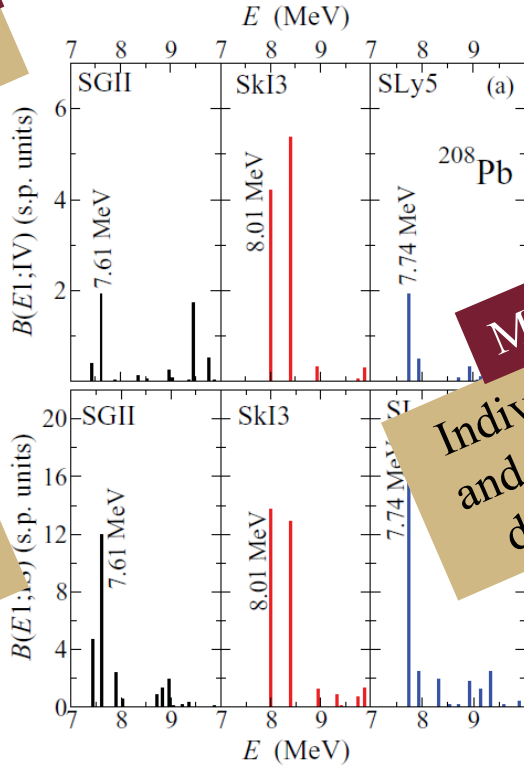
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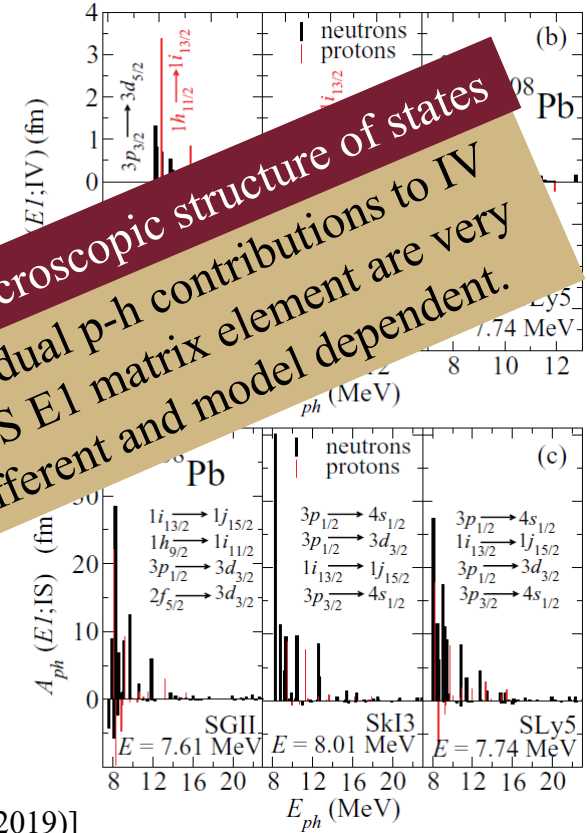
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Coherence leads to significant IS strength in PDR region.



Microscopic structure of states

Individual p-h contributions to IV and IS E1 matrix elements are very different and model dependent.

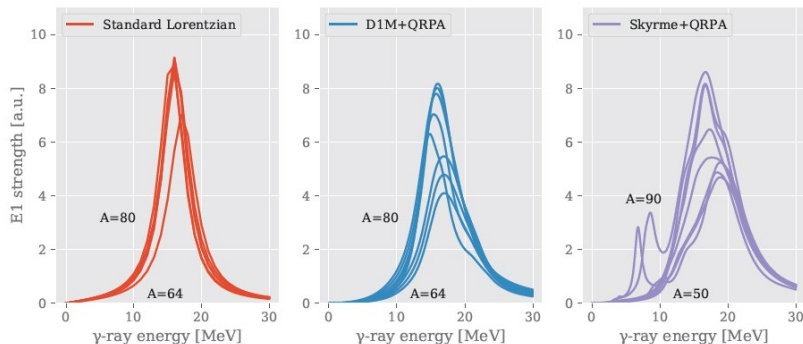


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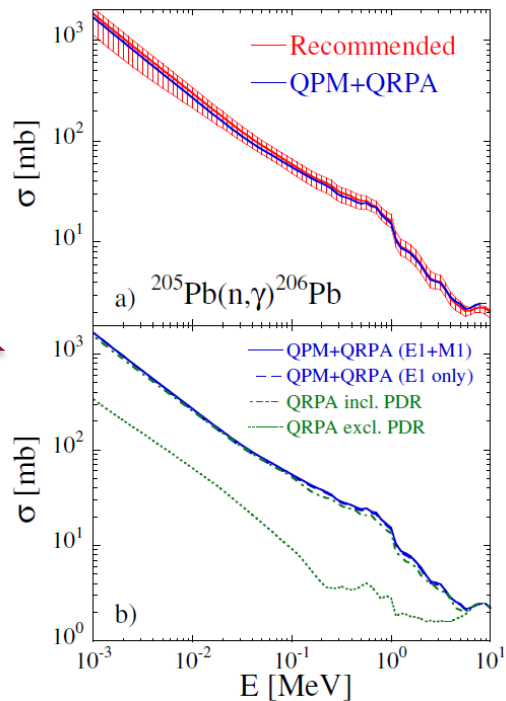
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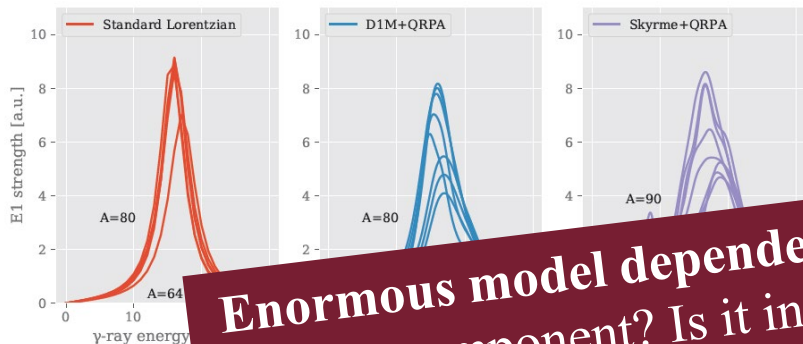


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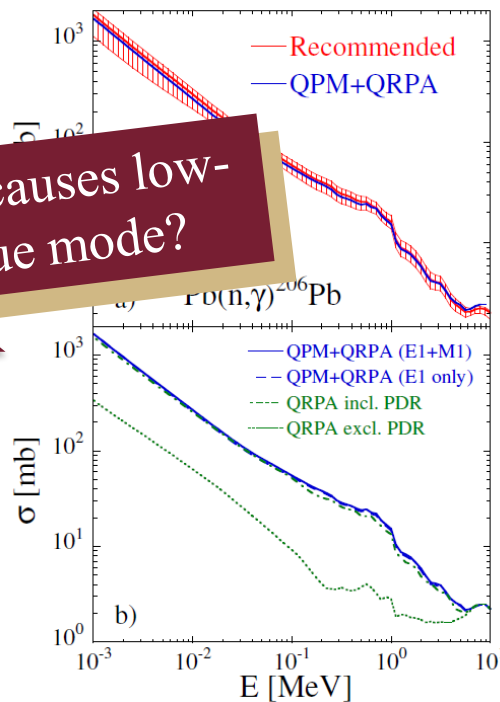
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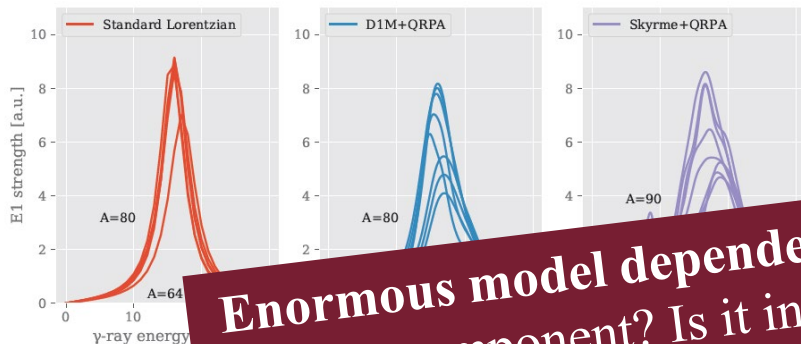


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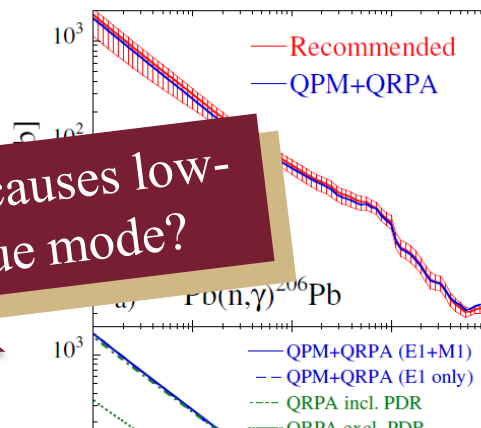
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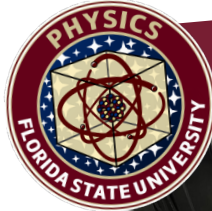
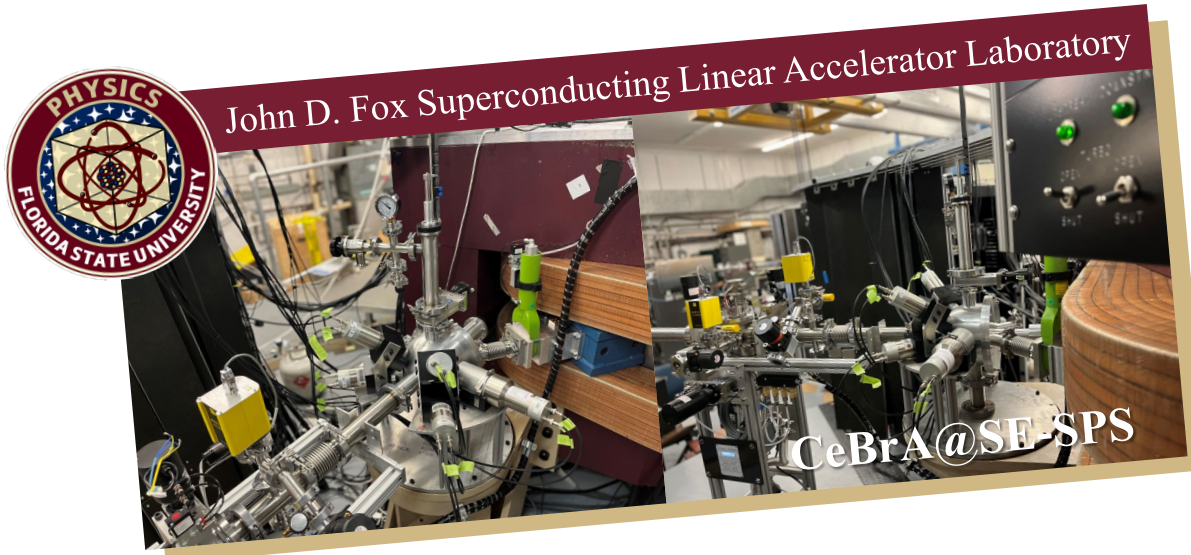
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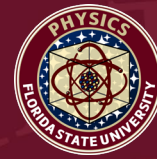


## The single-particle structure of the PDR in $^{208}\text{Pb}$ and the $A=50-70$ mass region

- 1)  $^{207}\text{Pb}(d,p)^{208}\text{Pb}$  with Q3D@MLL (Garching, Germany)
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  - Commissioning of the CeBrA demonstrator for particle- $\gamma$  coincidence experiments [only an outlook if time left!]







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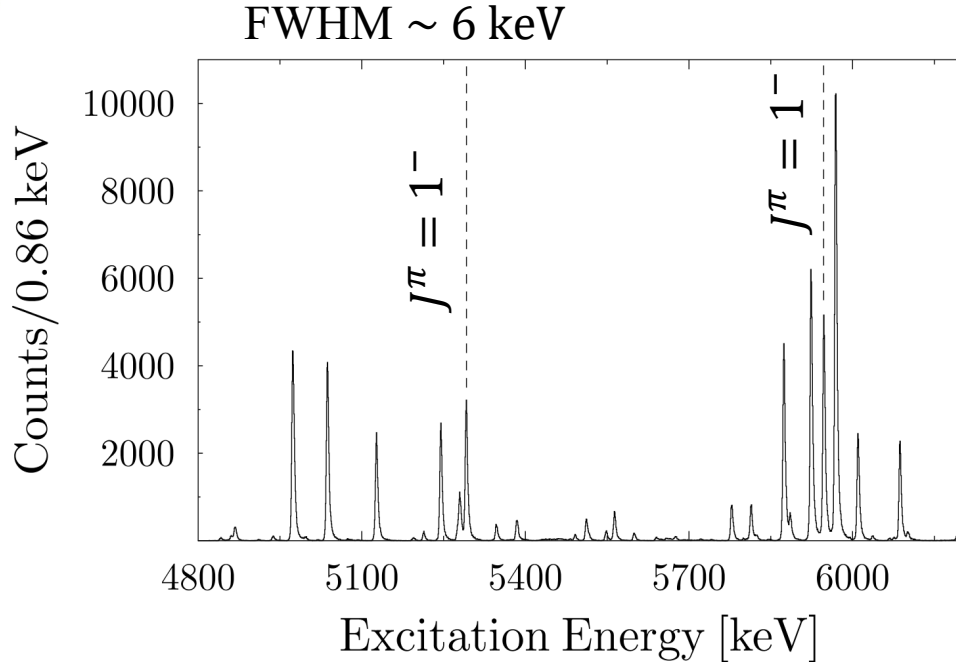
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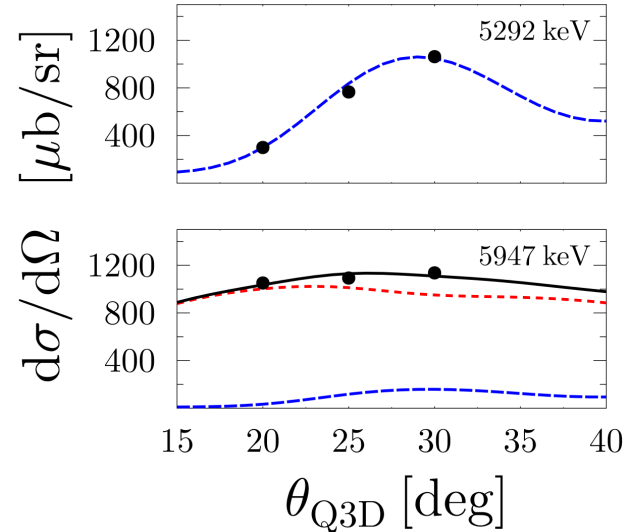
 $^{207}\text{Pb}(d,p)^{208}\text{Pb}$  @ Q3D at MLL (Garching, Germany)**Disclaimer:**

(d,p) only populates neutron 1p-1h configurations in even-even nuclei, which can be reached from the ground state of the odd-A nucleus. It is, thus, a very selective probe meaning that not all neutron 1p-1h configurations can be probed in a nucleus and in one experiment.



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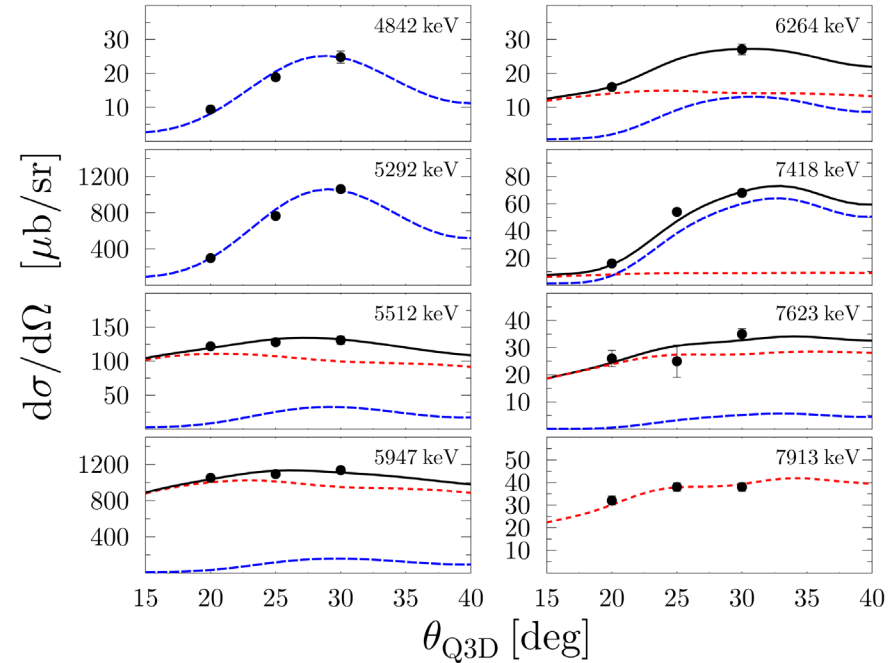
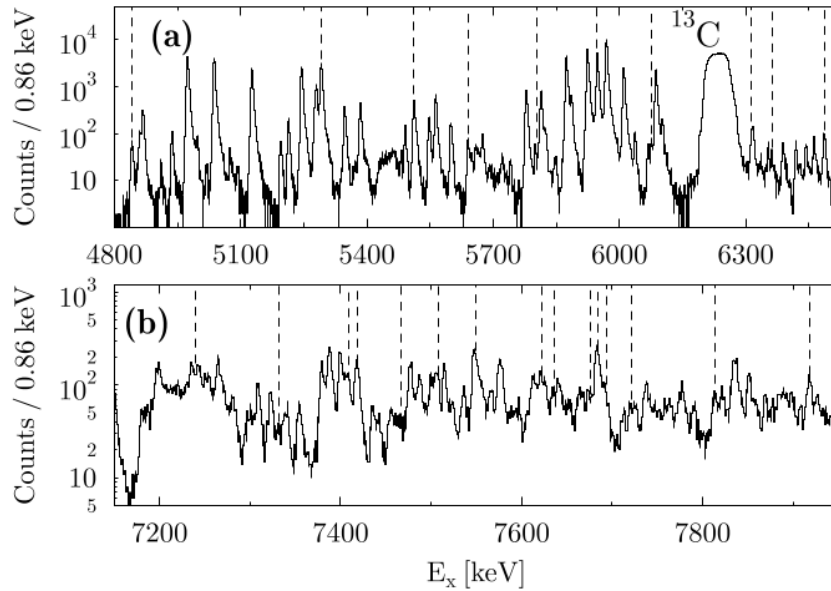
- $E_d = 22$  MeV
- $^{207}\text{Pb}$  target (0.11 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>; 99% enrichment) on thin Carbon backing.



Lines DWBA calculations for:

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Red:  $(3p_{1/2})^{-1}(3d_{3/2})^{+1}$  ( $l = 2$ )

 $^{207}\text{Pb}(d,p)^{208}\text{Pb}$  @ Q3D at MLL (Garching, Germany)---  $J^\pi = 1^-$  states

Excitation energies of  $1^-$  states were known from previous experiments. Calculated angular distributions are in **excellent agreement with data**.

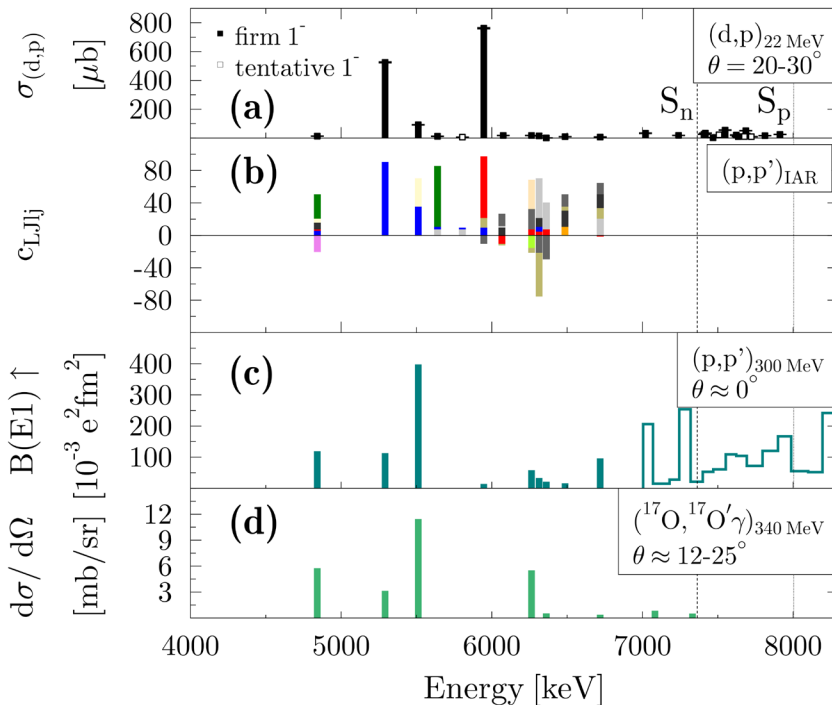




# (d,p) and (p,p')<sub>IAR</sub> data compared to other probes (Experiment)

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## Main observations:



Two strong states. Remaining strength fragmented up to  $S_p$ .

Dominant fragments for some p-h excitations at “low”  $E_x$ . In general, strength is fragmented among several states.

One dominating state but significant IV strength below  $S_n$ . (PDR < 8.3 MeV?)

IS strength below  $S_n$  carried by four states.

$[(p,p')_{300 \text{ MeV}}]$ : I. Poltoratska *et al.*, PRC **85**, 041304(R) (2012)  
 $[(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}'\gamma)]$ : F.C.L. Crespi *et al.*, PRL **113**, 012501 (2014)  
 $[(p,p')_{\text{IAR}}]$  analysis: A. Heusler



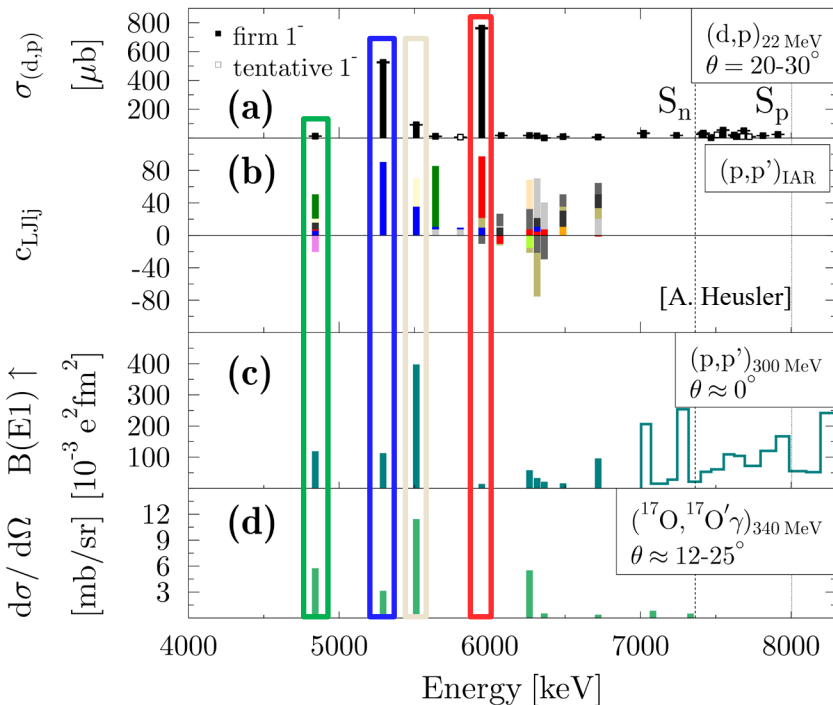


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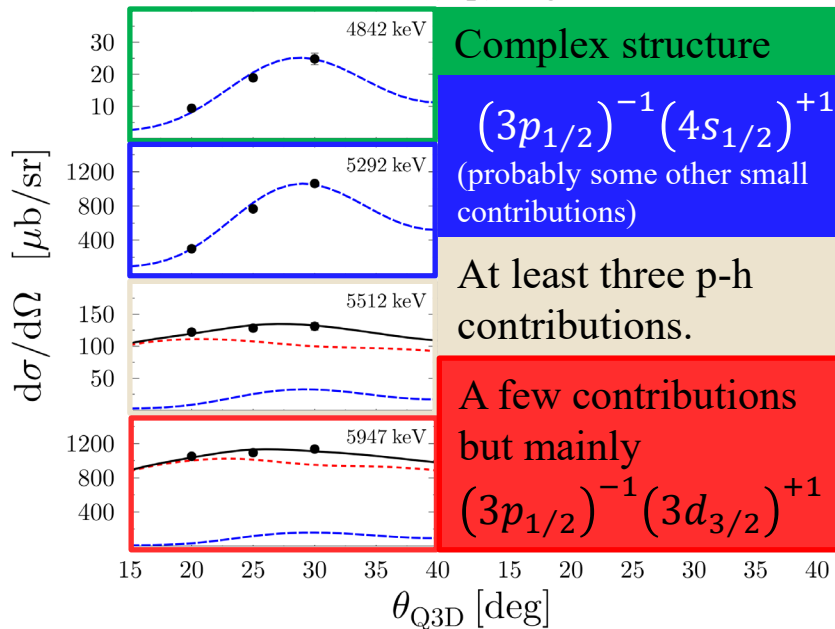
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Detailed spectroscopy can provide access to some of the p-h E1 matrix elements.

Provide an idea about cancellation effects.

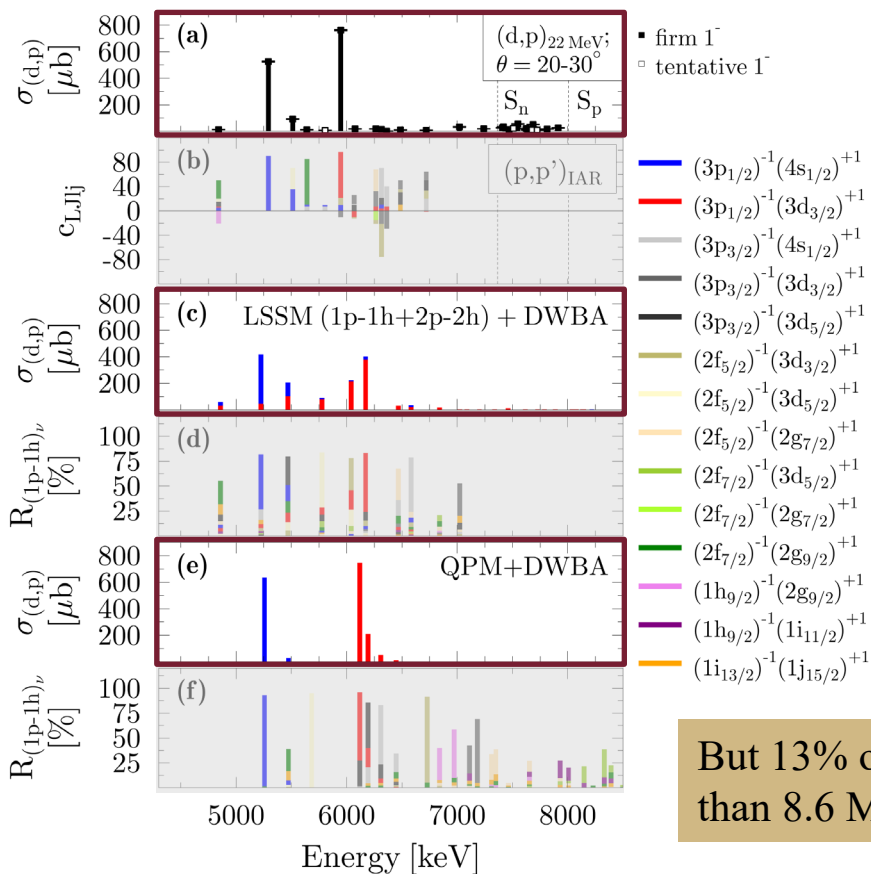


(d,p) angular distributions



# Experimental observables compared to LSSM and QPM calculations

[B.A. Brown (LSSM) and N. Tsoneva (QPM)]



- Below  $S_n$ :

$$\sum \sigma_{(d,p); \text{exp.}} = 1524(17) \mu\text{b}$$

$$\sum \sigma_{(d,p); \text{LSSM}} = 1470 \mu\text{b}$$

$$\sum \sigma_{(d,p); \text{QPM}} = 1676 \mu\text{b}$$



- Above  $S_n$  and up to  $S_p$ :

$$\sum \sigma_{(d,p); \text{exp.}} = 254(9) \mu\text{b}$$

$$\sum \sigma_{(d,p); \text{LSSM}} = 22 \mu\text{b}$$



But 13% of  $d_{3/2}$  and 9% of  $s_{1/2}$  pushed to energies higher than 8.6 MeV (LSSM).

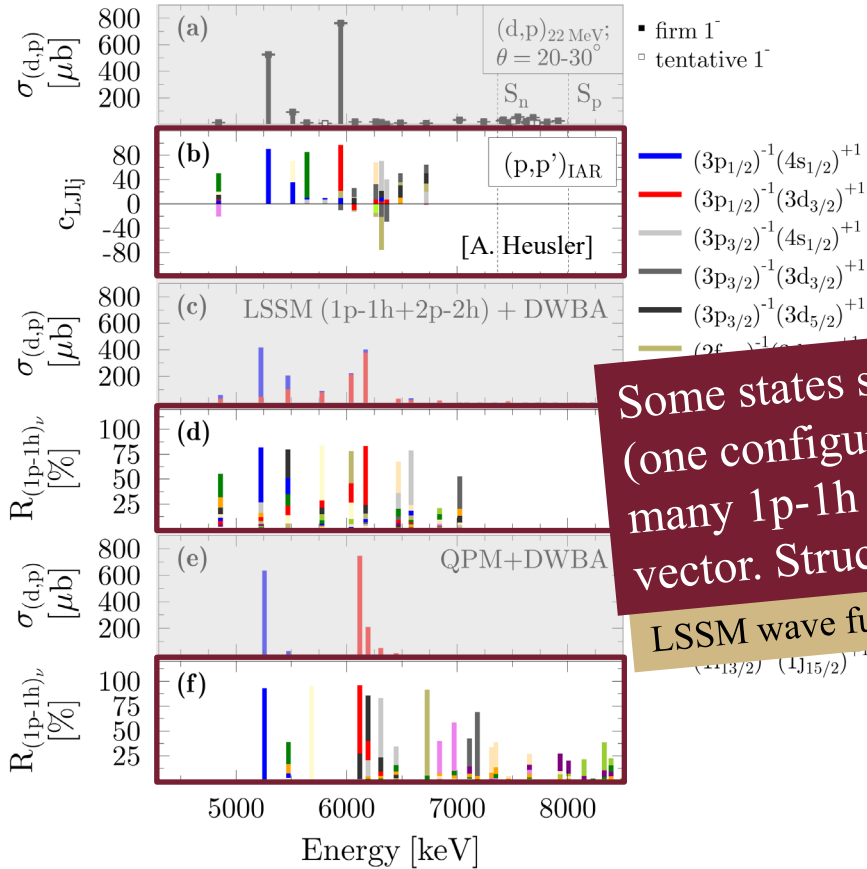
@ $S_n \sim 99 \mu\text{b}$ , @ $S_p \sim 82 \mu\text{b}$ .

7% ( $d_{3/2}$ ) and 3.4% ( $s_{1/2}$ ) are fragmented in QPM.



# Experimental observables compared to LSSM and QPM calculations

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**Microscopic structure:**

Some states seem to be rather pure 1p-1h excitations (one configuration clearly dominates), others have many 1p-1h excitations contributing to their state vector. Structures become more complex at higher  $E_x$ .

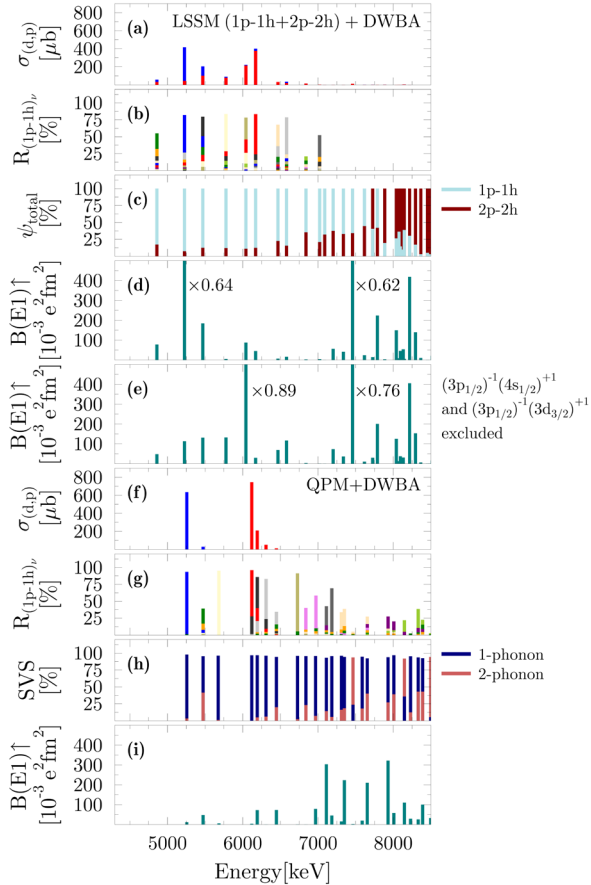
LSSM wave functions more complex than QPM.







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Lots of information in this graph. I will only highlight a few things. Happy to discuss details with anyone who is interested.

[M. Spieker *et al.*, PRL **125**, 102503 (2020)]

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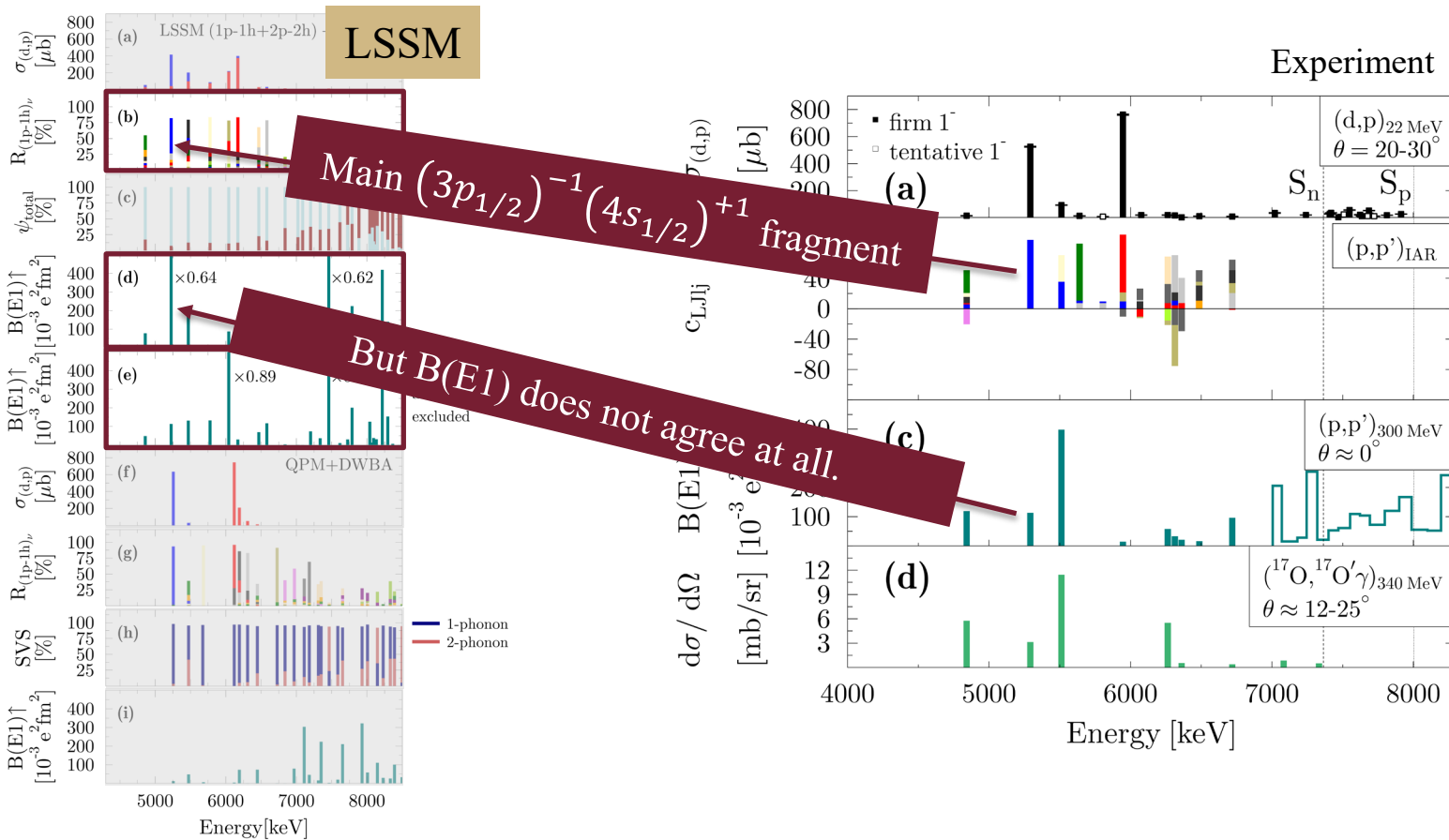




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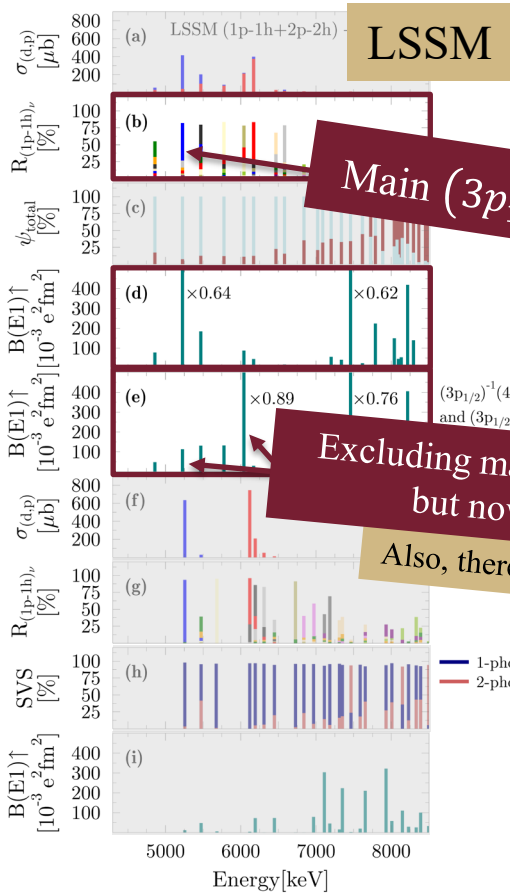




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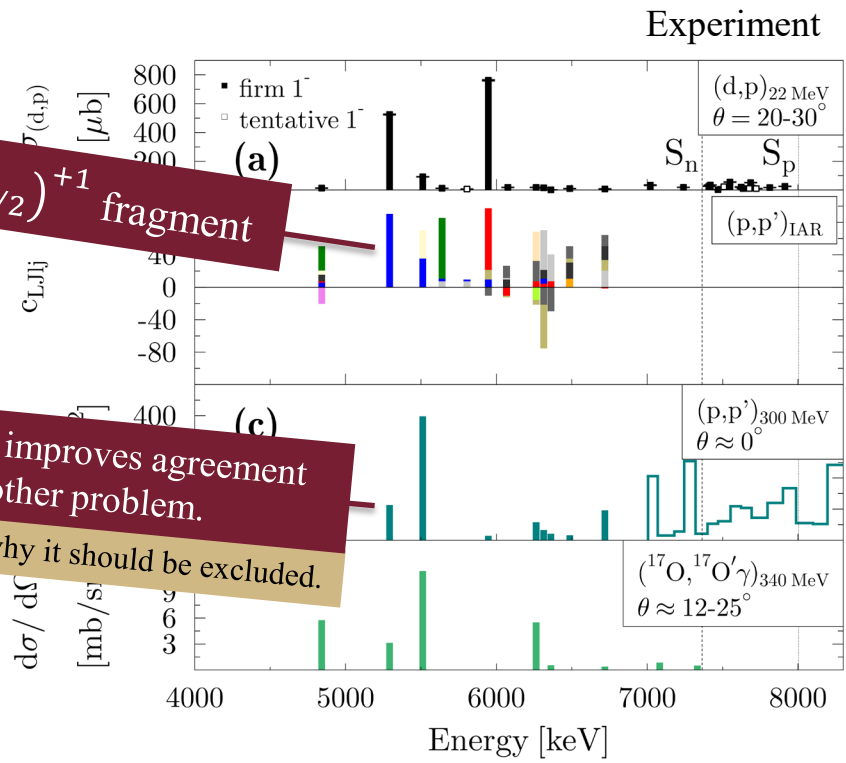
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Main  $(3p_{1/2})^{-1}(4s_{1/2})^{+1}$  fragment

Excluding matrix element improves agreement but now there is another problem.

Also, there is no reason why it should be excluded.

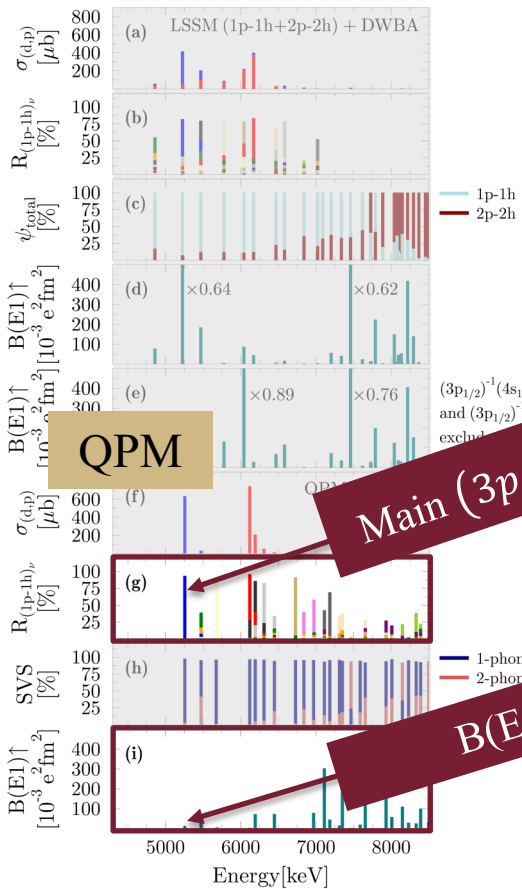




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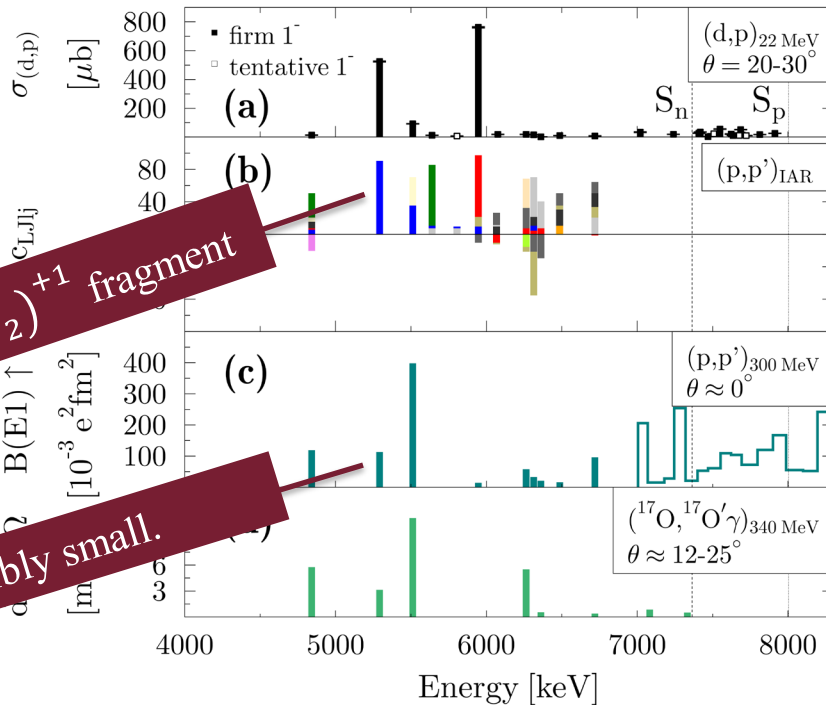


QPM

Main  $(3p_{1/2})^{-1}(4s_{1/2})^{+1}$  fragment

B(E1) is negligibly small.

Experiment

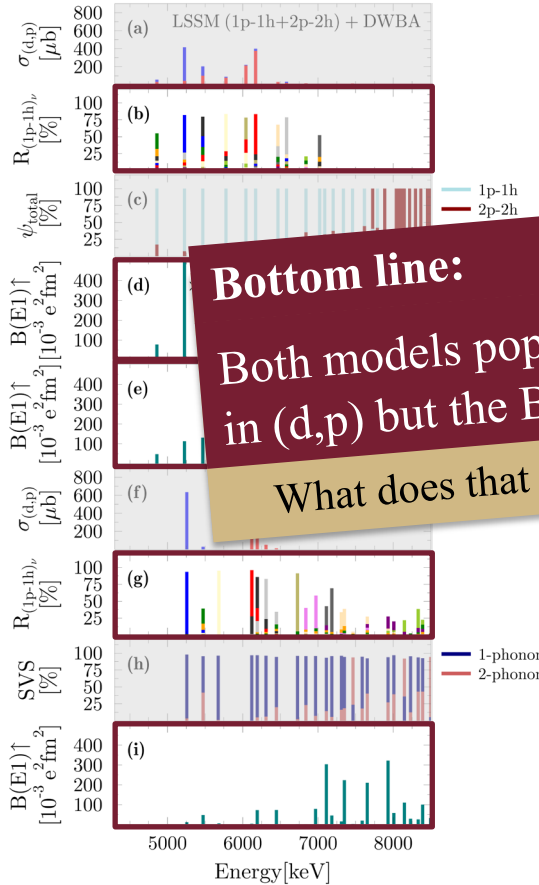




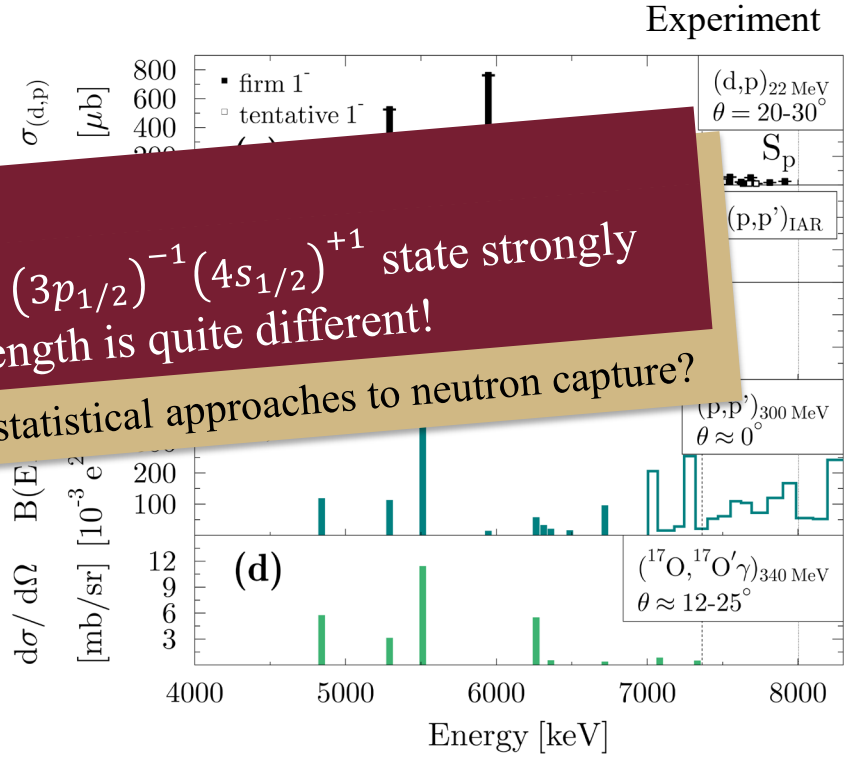
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**Bottom line:**  
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 What does that mean for statistical approaches to neutron capture?

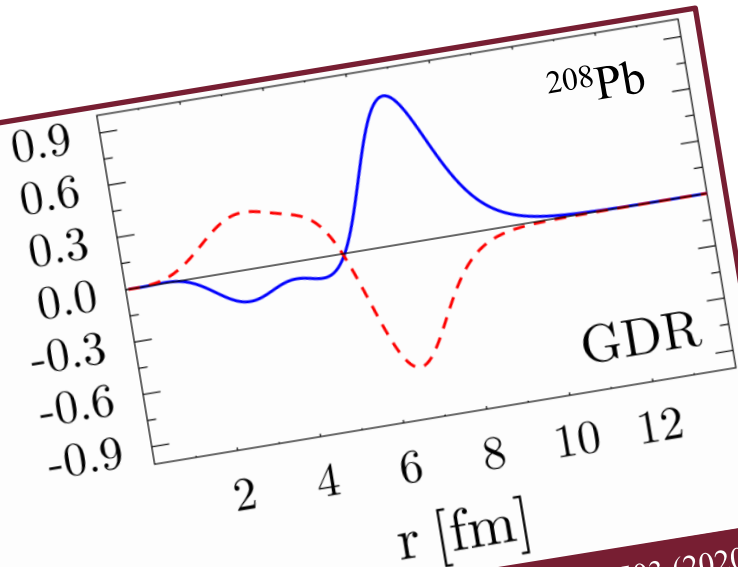
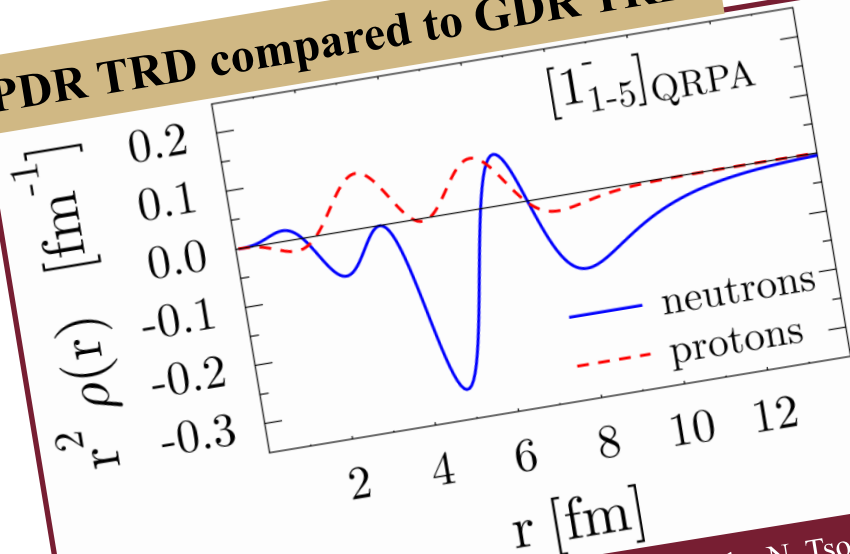


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An open question?

**PDR TRD compared to GDR TRD**



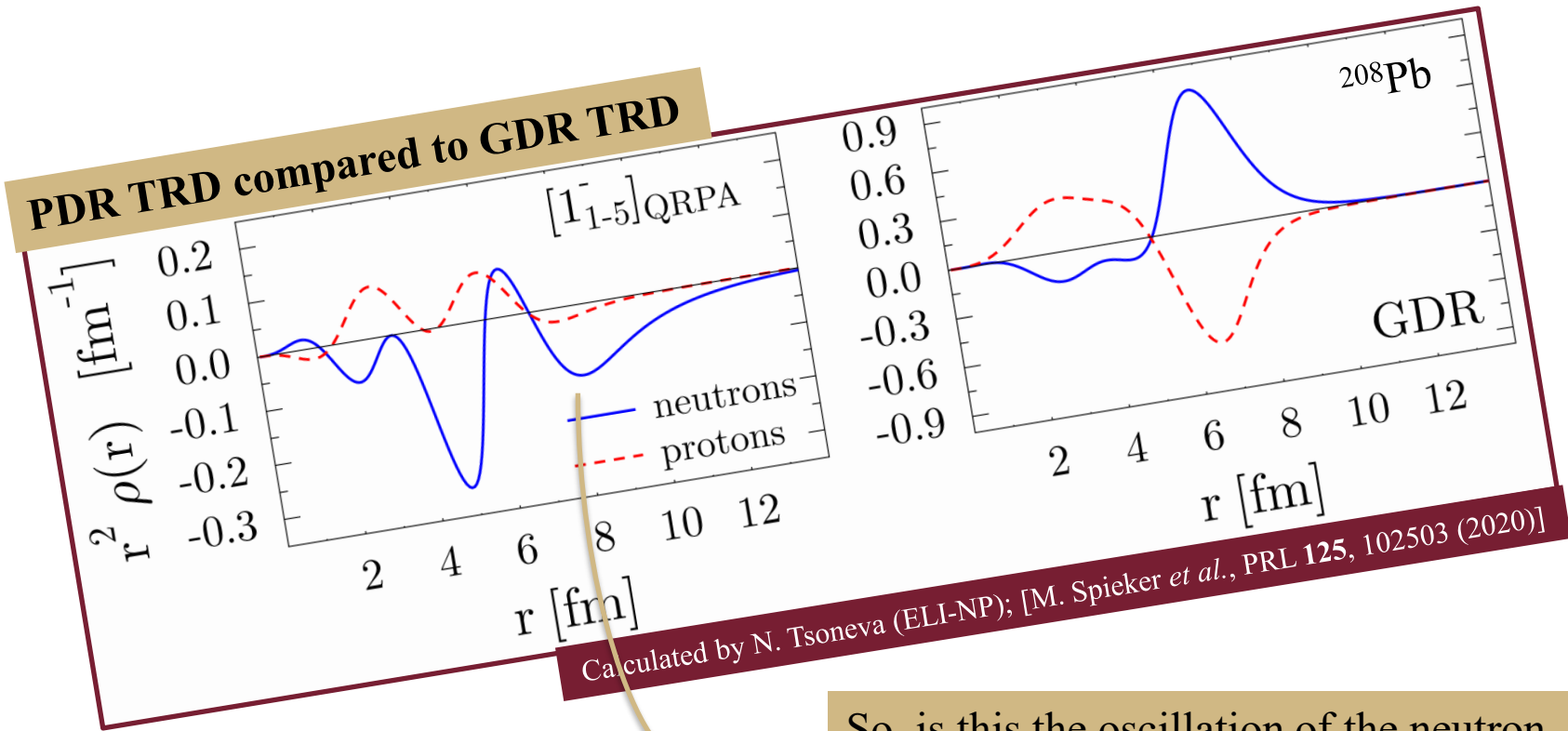
Calculated by N. Tsoneva (ELI-NP); [M. Spieker *et al.*, PRL 125, 102503 (2020)]



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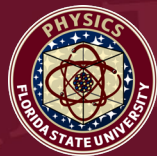
So, is this the oscillation of the neutron skin? The jury is still out.





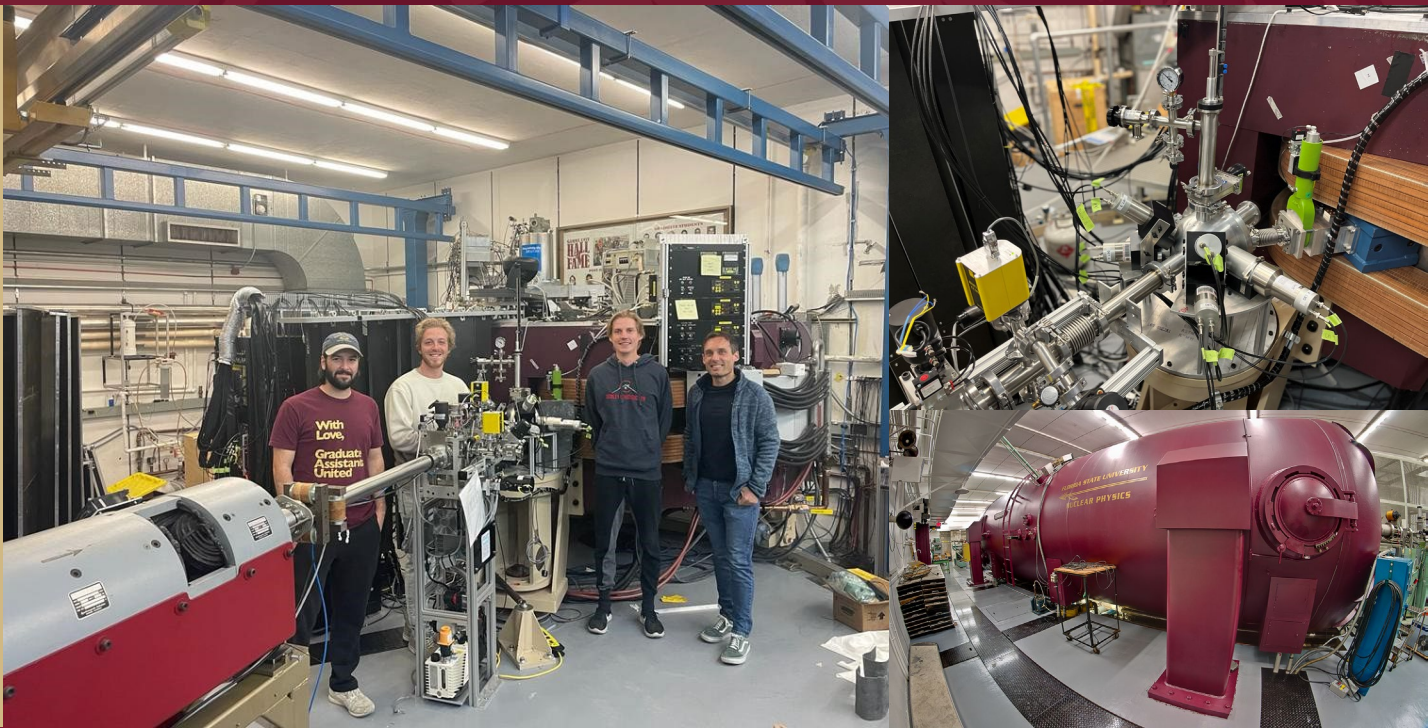


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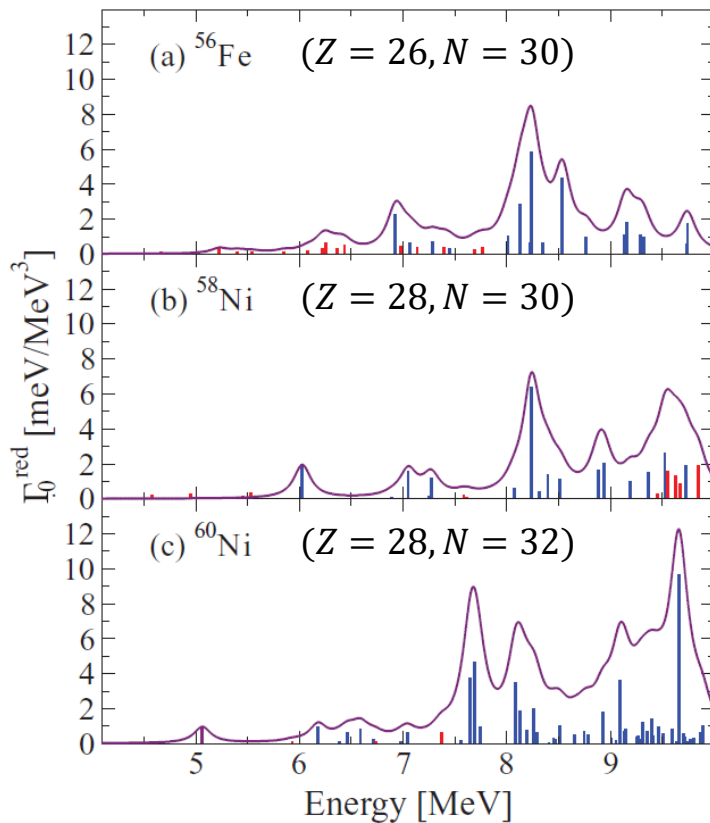
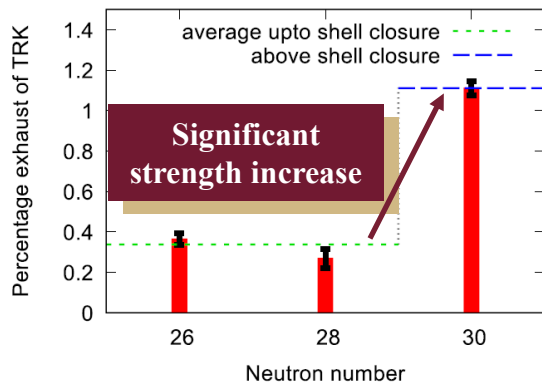
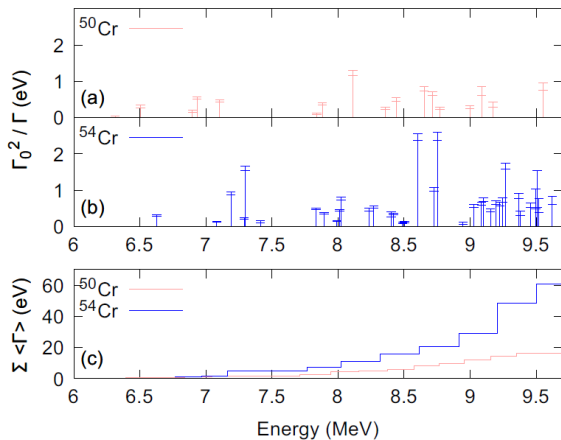
(d,p) and (d,py) experiments with  
the FSU SE-SPS and CeBrA





# E1 strength increase beyond $N = 28$ – Onset of a PDR?

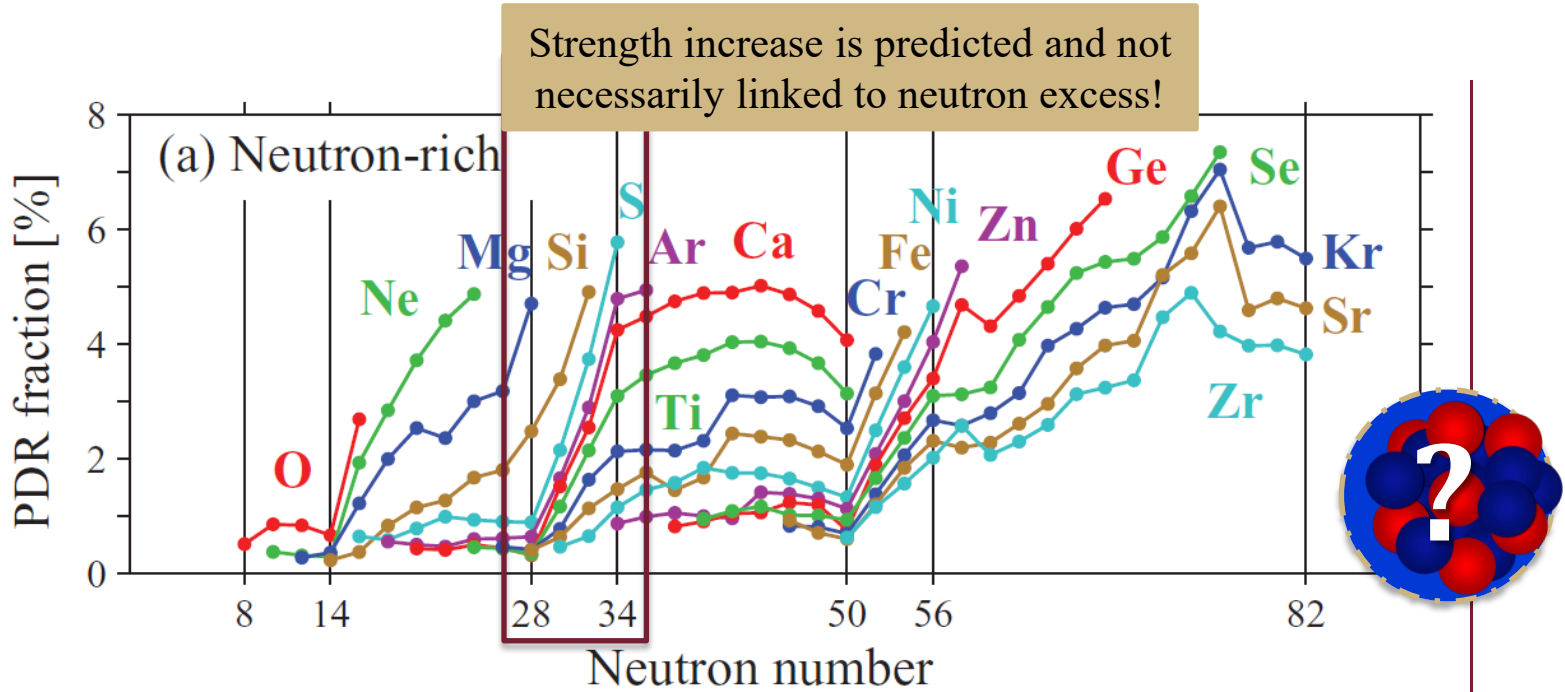
(Word of caution: These results are for resolved states!)





# The microscopic structure of the PDR and its influence on the B(E1) distribution

The  $E1$  strength of the PDR strongly depends on the position of the Fermi level and shows a clear correlation with the occupation of the orbits with the orbital angular momenta less than  $3\hbar$  ( $l \leq 2$ ). We also found a strong correlation between the isotopic dependence of the neutron skin thickness and the pygmy dipole strength. [T. Inakura *et al.*, PRC **84**, 021302(R) (2011)]

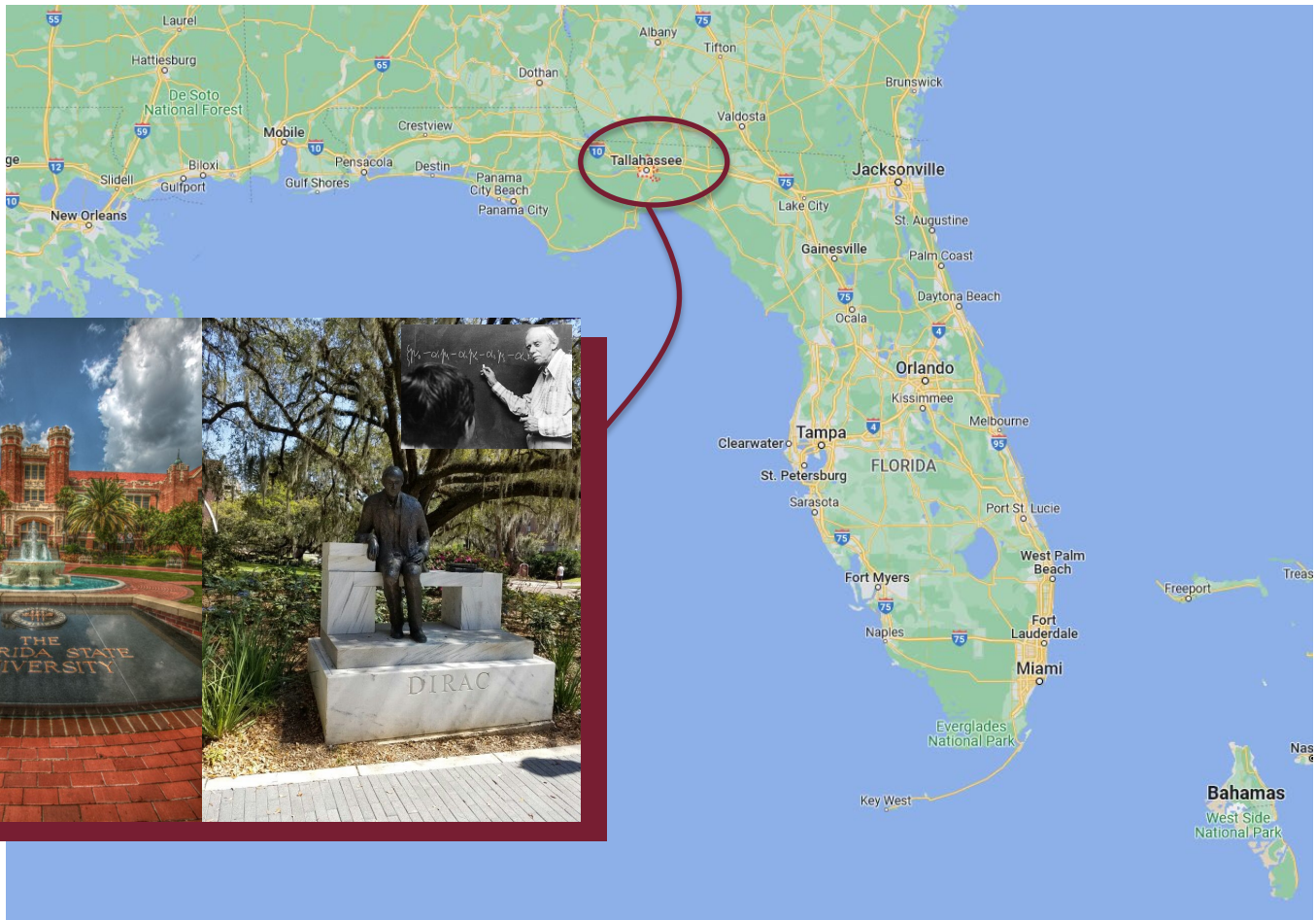






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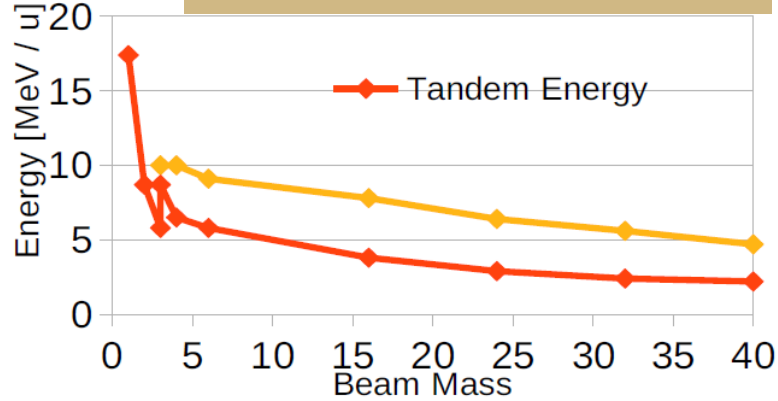
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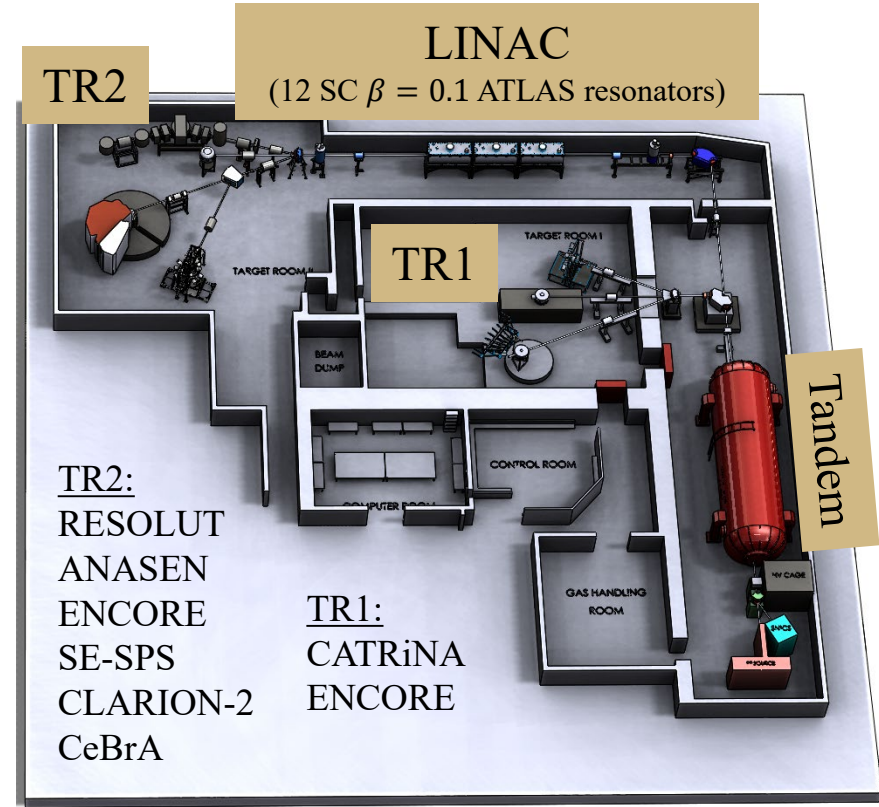
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## Four main experimental programs:

- In-flight radioactive beams with RESOLUT
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- CLARION-2 Clover  $\gamma$ -ray array (w. ORNL)
- Neutron detection with CATRiNA



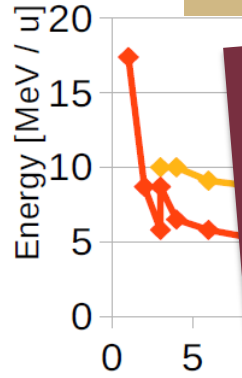


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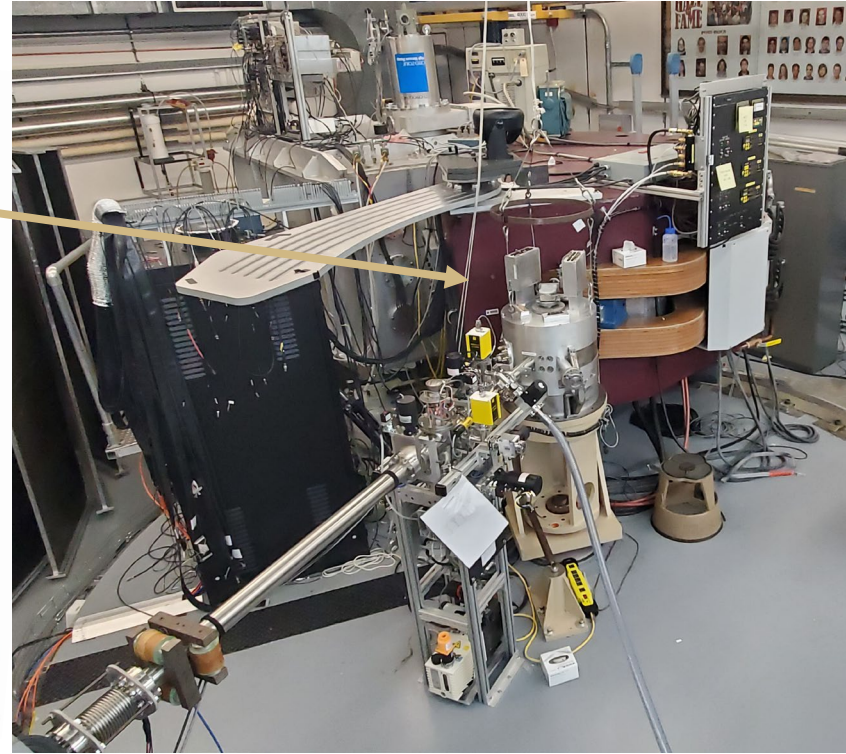
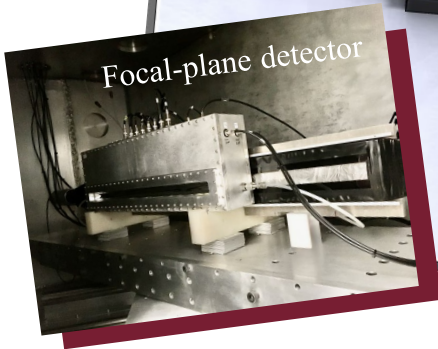
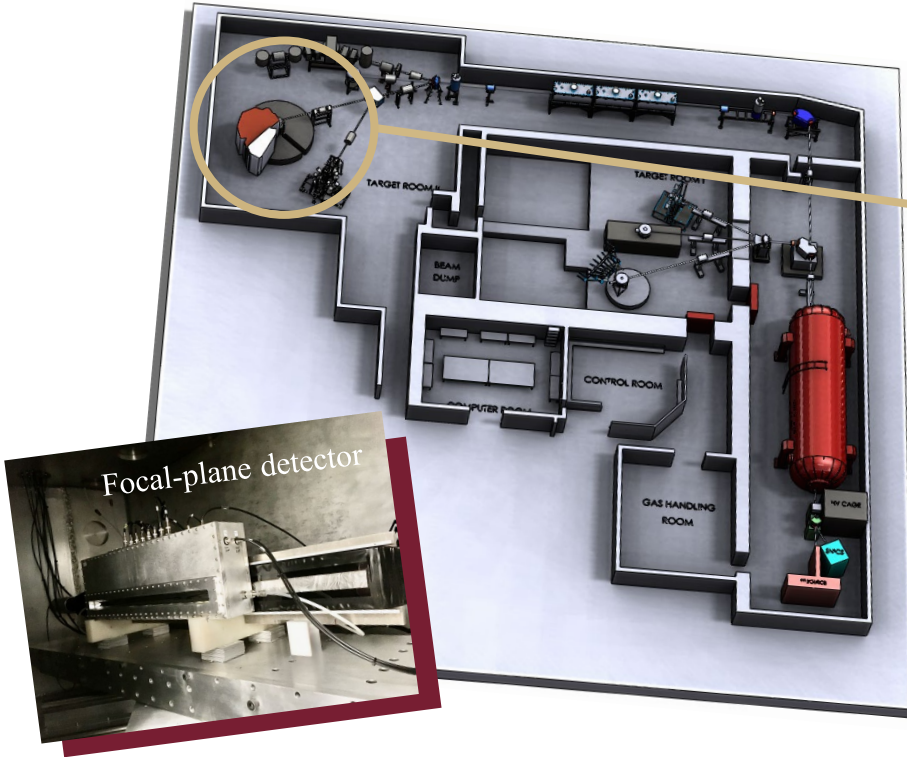






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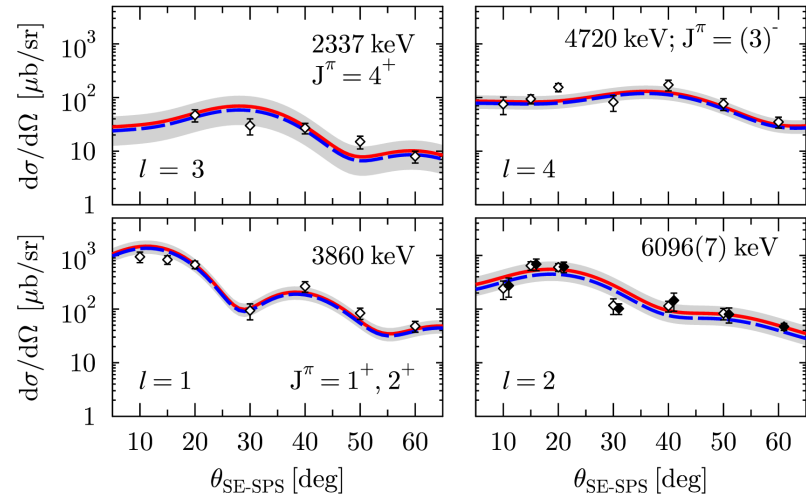
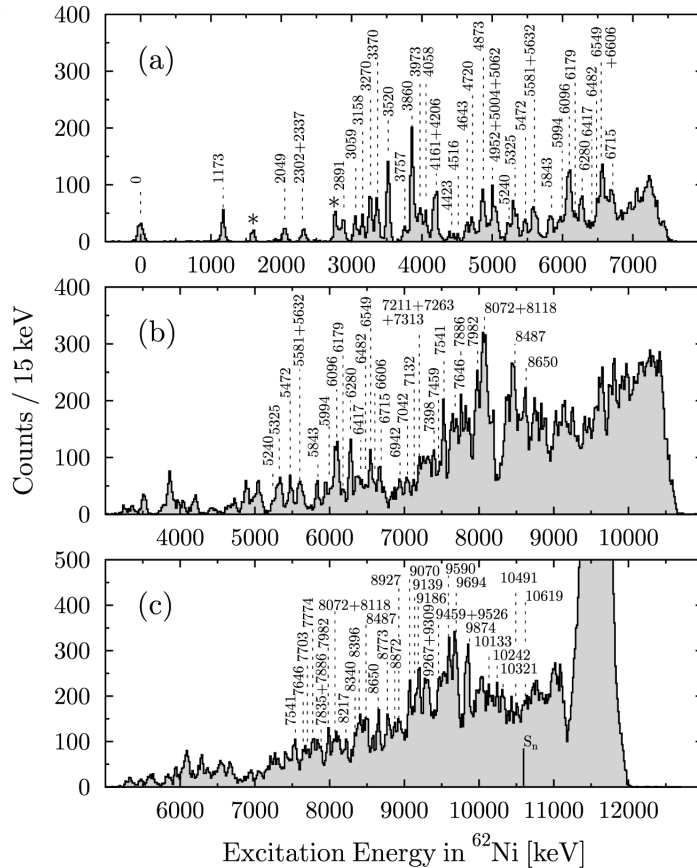
Experiment



Solid-angle acceptance comparable to Q3D, larger momentum acceptance, but energy resolution is worse by a factor of two or more (target and kinematics dependence).



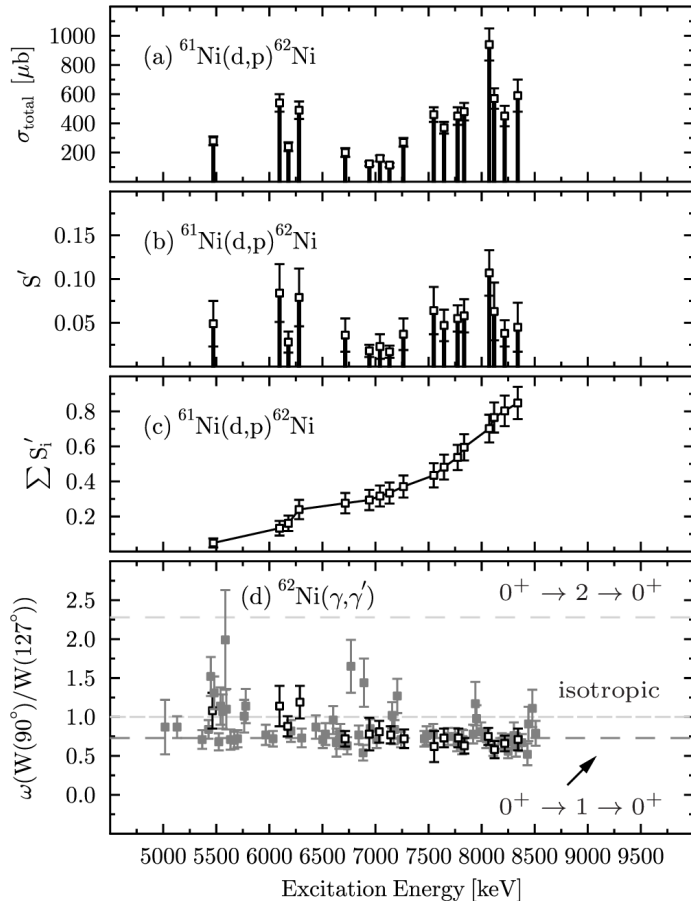


 $^{61}\text{Ni}(d,p)^{62}\text{Ni}$  at  $E_d = 16$  MeV with FSU SE-SPS

- Three magnetic settings to cover excitation-energy range up to neutron-separation threshold.
- Angular distributions measured from  $10^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$ .
- $(\gamma, \gamma')$  data from Cologne group to identify  $J = 1$  states up to 8.5 MeV.
- $J^\pi = 1^-$  states populated through  $l = 2$  transfers in  $(d,p)$  from  $J^\pi = 3/2^-$  ground state of  $^{61}\text{Ni}$ .



# Results for possible PDR states populated in $^{61}\text{Ni}(d,p)^{62}\text{Ni}$



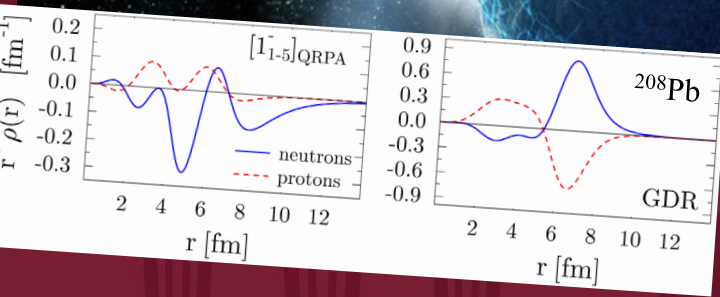
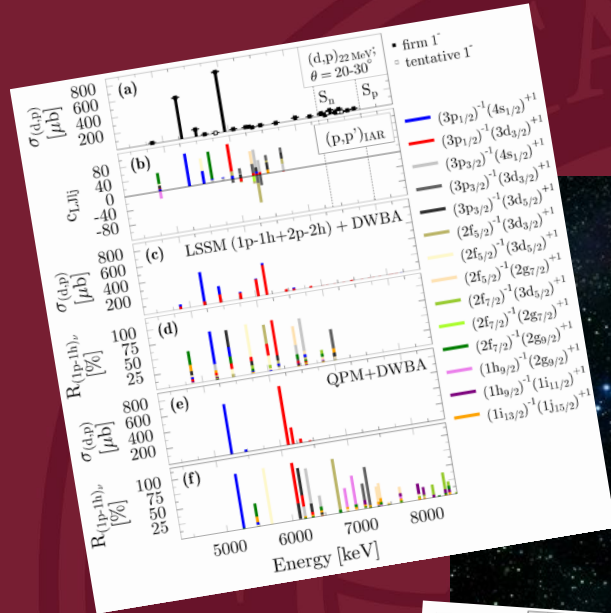
[MS *et al.*, submitted for publication (2023)]

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    - [T. Schüttler, M. Müscher, A. Zilges, *et al.*]
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  - Detailed theoretical calculations will then be needed (LSSM, SSRPA, RQTBA+PVC, QPM, ...).



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# Conclusions & Outlook

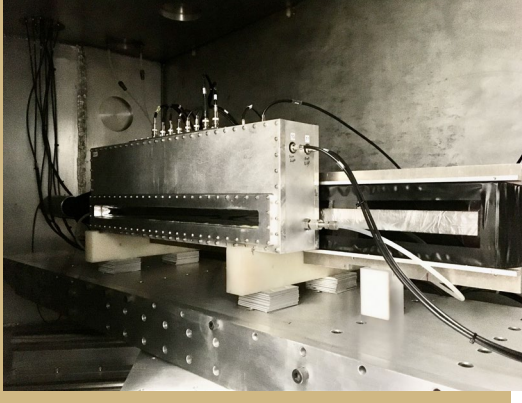
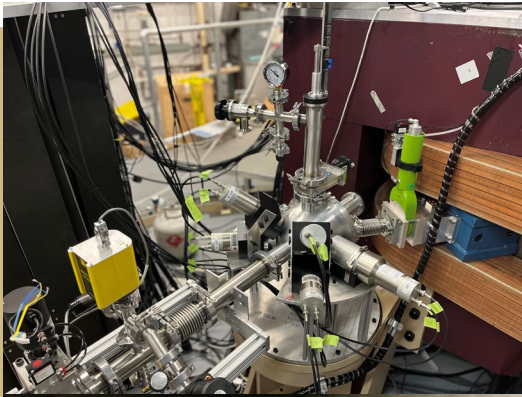




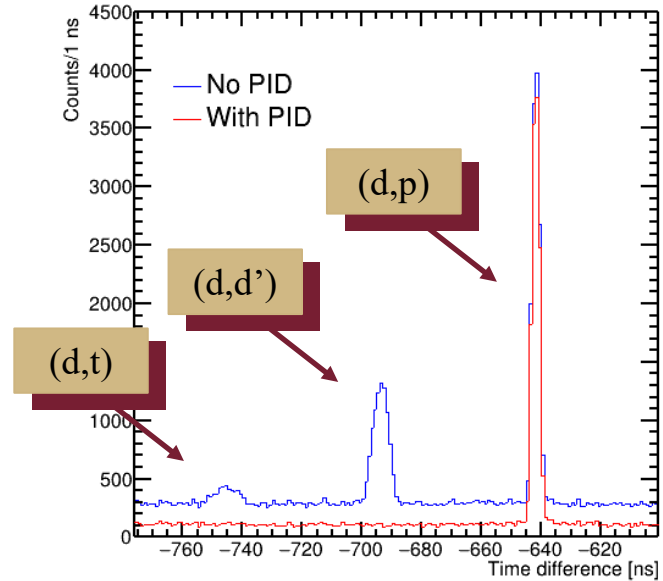
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Coincidence timing between CeBr<sub>3</sub>  $\gamma$ -ray detectors and focal-plane scintillator.

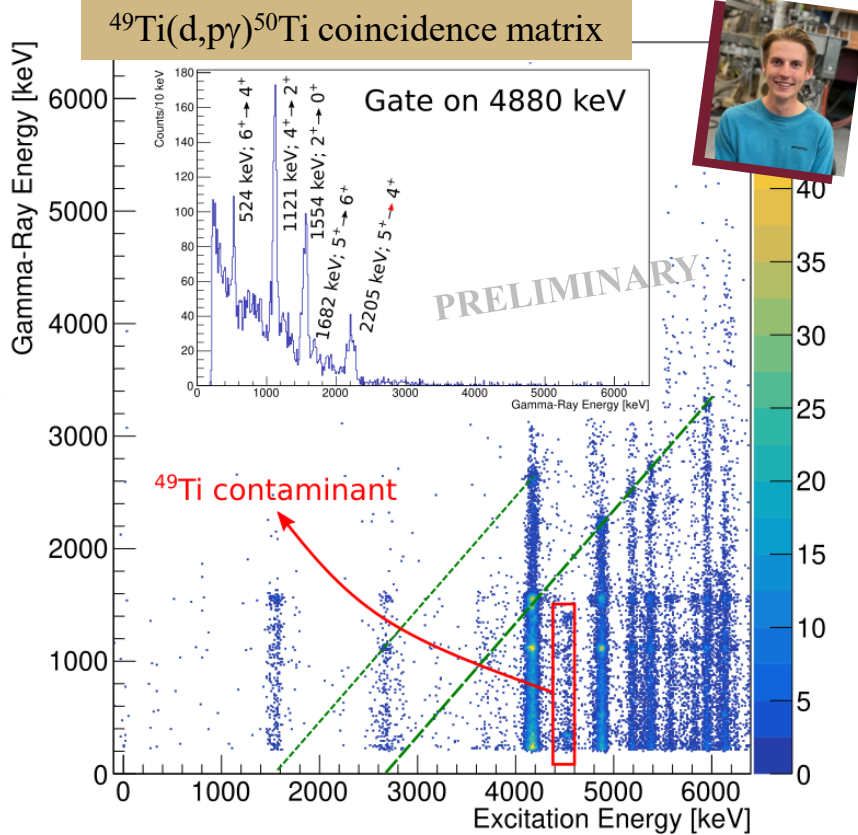
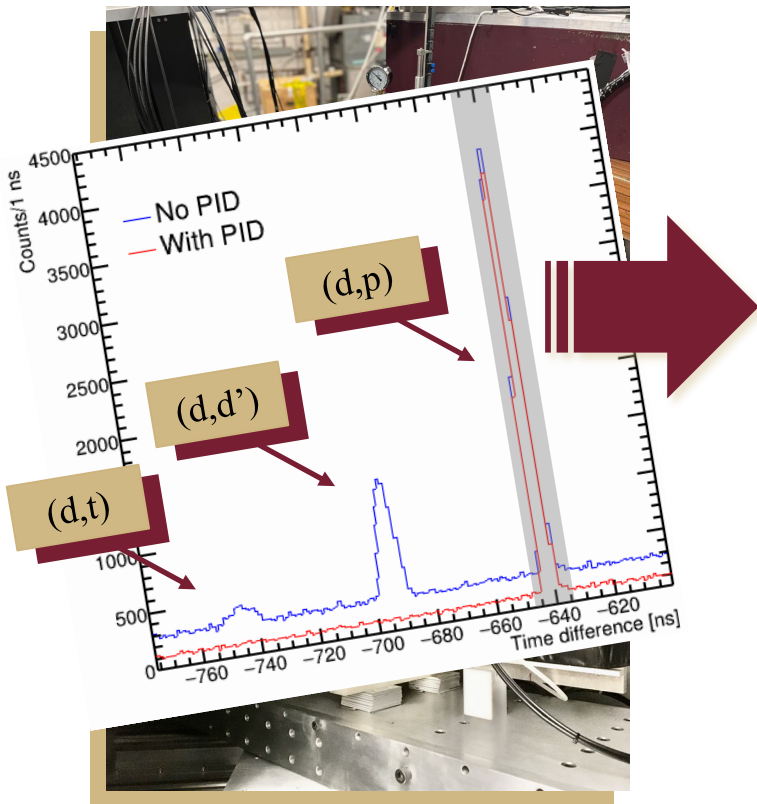


PID eliminates prompt events resulting from other reactions. To eliminate random background, further timing gates are needed.





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With prompt timing correlation gate.



# Collective or not? Universal mode? Other multipolarities present?

New mode predicted (2011)

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PHYSICAL REVIEW C 92, 014330 (2015)

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▪ **Open question:** Is there are quadrupole-type oscillation of the neutron skin?  
→ **Has been controversially discussed!**  
Not many experimental and theoretical studies exist [to my knowledge].

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 97, 064308 (2018)

## Low-energy quadrupole states in neutron-rich tin nuclei

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## Fine structure of the pygmy quadrupole resonance in <sup>112,114</sup>Sn

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# What else can we expect in this session?

10:45 AM → 12:55 PM **Session 10**

Aula Magna

A way to access neutron 2p-2h configurations?

Accessing the PDR's single-particle structure in another mass region.

Evolution of PDR with neutron excess and experiments with rare isotope beams

10:45 AM	<b>Accessing the Single-Particle Structure of the PDR</b> Speaker: Mark-Christoph Spieker (Florida State University)	30m
11:15 AM	<b>Probing the <math>^{11}\text{Li}</math> low-lying dipole strength via <math>^9\text{Li}(t, p)</math></b> Speaker: Gregory Potel Aguilar (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)	30m
11:45 AM	<b>The Many Faces of the Pygmy Dipole Resonance In <math>^{120}\text{Sn}</math></b> Speaker: Michael Weinert (University of Cologne)	20m
12:05 PM	<b>One-nucleon transfer reactions as a tool to investigate the character of the PDR In <math>^{96}\text{Mo}</math> *</b> Speaker: Thuthukile Khumalo (iThemba Laboratory for Accelerator Based Sciences, Old Faure Road Faure, Somerset West PO Box 722, 7129 South Africa)	15m
12:20 PM	<b>Study of the Ni-Isotopic chain In real photon-scattering experiments *</b> Speaker: Miriam Müscher	15m
12:35 PM	<b>Electric dipole strength of <math>^{52}\text{Ca}</math></b> Speaker: Yasuhiro Togano (RIKEN Nishina Center)	20m

The 2<sup>nd</sup> published (d,p) study of the PDR

More on the Ni isotopes and B(E1) strength beyond N=28







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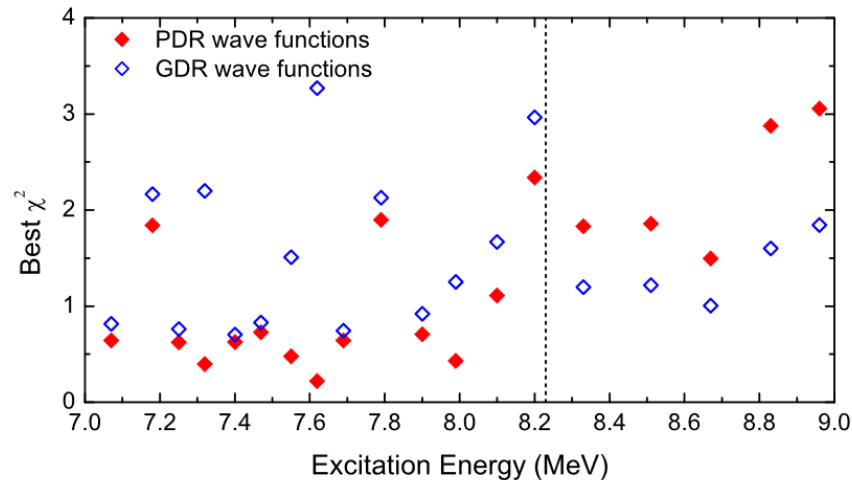
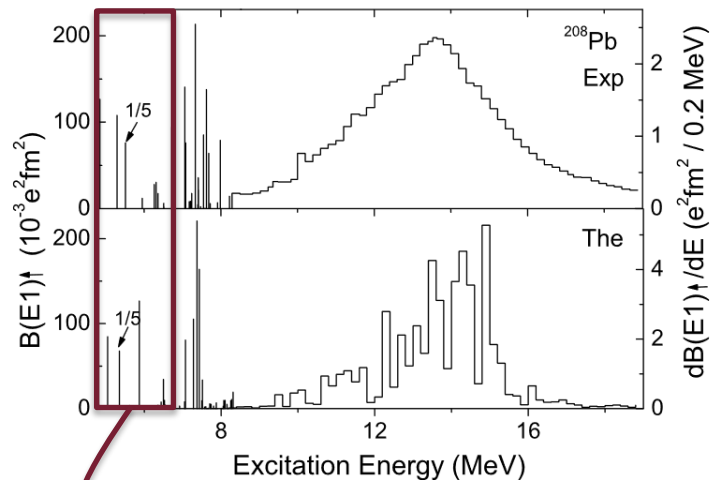






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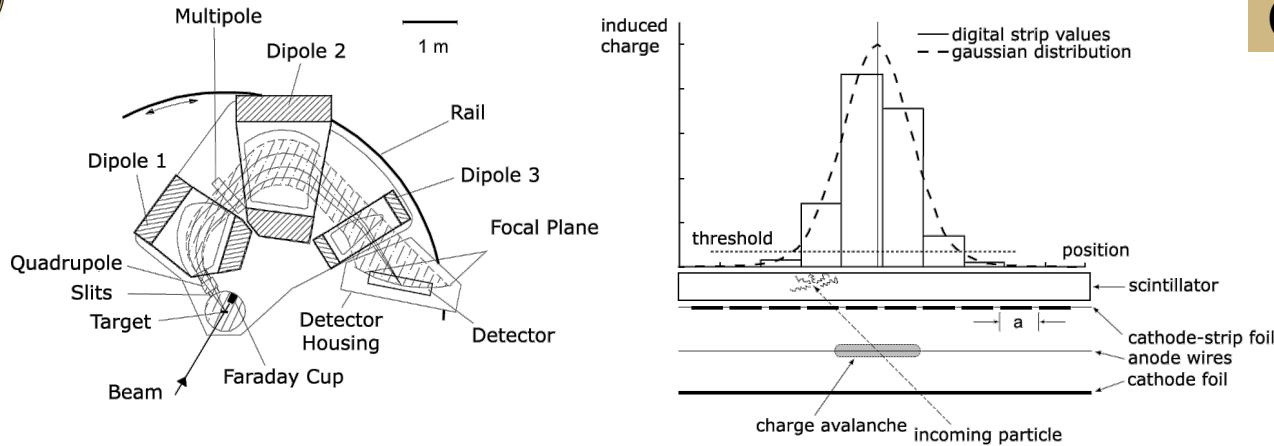
[N. Ryezayeva *et al.*, PRL **89**, 272502 (2002) and I. Poltoratska *et al.*, PRC **85**, 041304(R) (2012)]

**Claimed to be 1p-1h excitations and not PDR!**

Our picture of a possible unique mode has changed since. Lower energy part, which is also observed in  $(\alpha, \alpha')$ , is considered to feature signatures of a possible neutron-skin mode. Higher lying excited states have a more complex structure (+2p-2h, ...).

# Q3D at MLL (Garching, Germany): $(p,p')$ <sub>IAR</sub>, $(d,d')$ and $(d,p)$ for $^{208}\text{Pb}$

(† Facility closed)



- **Excellent particle-energy resolution:**  
 $\Delta E/E = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  (6 keV @  $E_d = 22$  MeV)
- **Spatial resolution of focal-plane detector:**  
 3.5 mm repetition length, 255 cathode strips (length: 0.9 m)  
 → half of the focal plane
- **Low background** due to coincidence requirements between anode and scintillator signals ( $\Delta t \leq 1\mu\text{s}$ ) and additional offline cuts

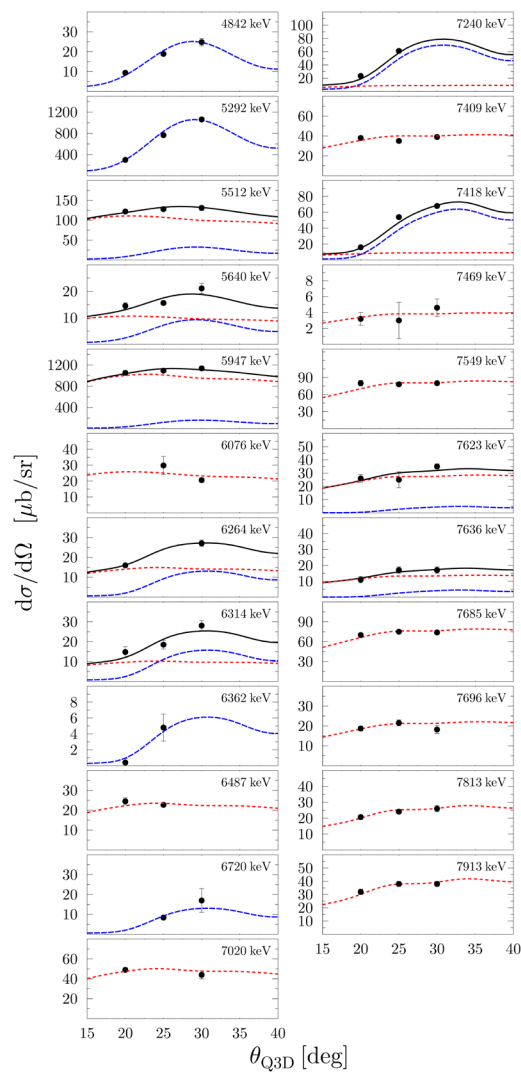


[January – March 2018 issue]

[Focal plane detector: H.F. Wirth, Dissertation, TU München (2001)]

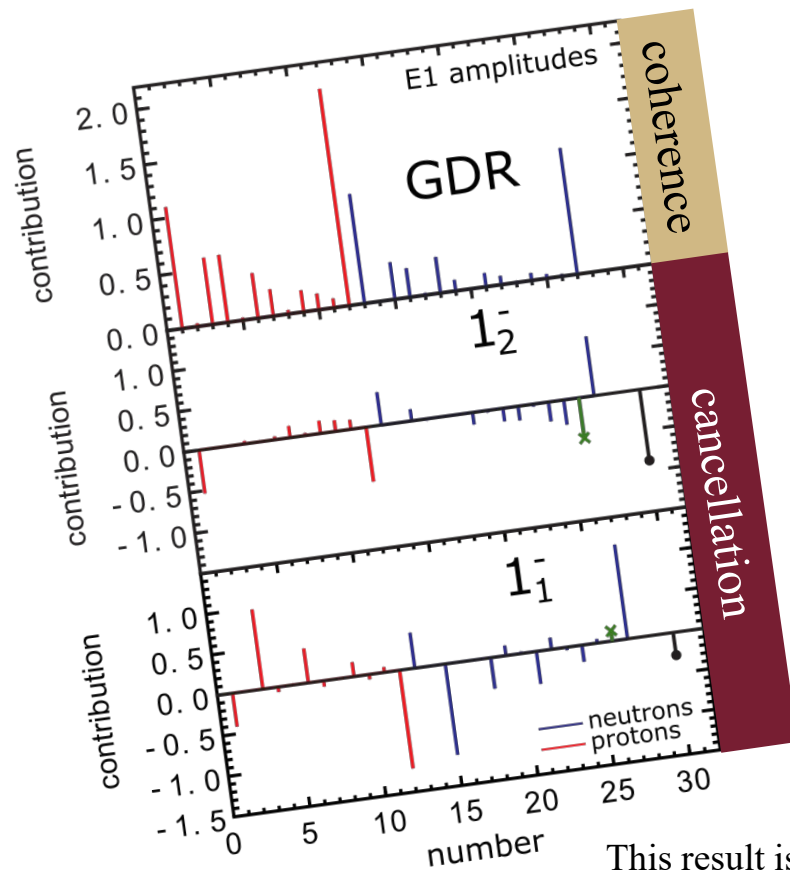


# All firm $1^-$ states





## IV strengths: Cancellation effects in PDR region (LSSM; B.A. Brown)



This result is in agreement with earlier findings by X. Roca-Maza et al. [PRC **85**, 024601 (2012)]



# The effect of excluding certain E1 matrix elements

