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SYMPOSIUM on Resonances and related topics

for Angela Bracco University retirement

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Angela Bracco is a full Professor at the University of Milano and she is associated to INFN. Her research experience is in nuclear structure and she obtained relevant results on the giant dipole resonance at zero and finite temperature. She was involved in the realization of complex detection system for gamma-ray built in European collaboration (EUROBALL, RISING and AGATA). In 2005-2011 she chaired the Nuclear Physics board of INFN and presently she is the chair of NuPECC (the European expert committee for Nuclear science).

Angela CV
(not the last one)

- She got her first degree "Laurea in Fisica" at Milano University.
- Ph.D. in Physics at TRIUMF Laboratory at UBC Vancouver and University of Manitoba, Canada.
- Full professor of Physics at the Milano University.

At present:

- President of the Italian Physics Society (SIF). (Bologna)
- President of the Centro Ricerche Enrico Fermi (CREF). (Roma)

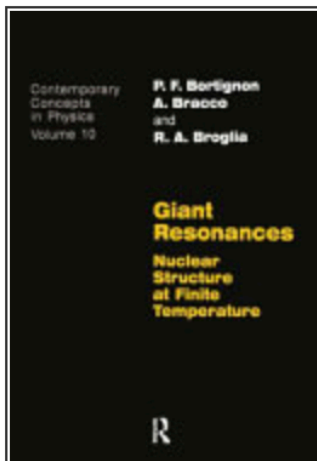
She has been :

- Chair of the Nuclear Physics Board of INFN (CSN3).
- MIUR (Ministry of Research and University) representative member in the Board of Directors of INFN.
- Chair of NuPECC.
- Chair and member of many scientific committee.
- Member of several international evaluation panels.
- Member of several Scientific Committees of Laboratories and Research Institutions.

Involved in the realisation of detection system for gamma-ray (EUROBALL, RISING and AGATA).

- Co-Editor of European Physics Letters (EPS journal).
- Supervisory Editor of Nuclear Physics A.
- Author of more than 350 papers.
- 85 Invited talks.
- Referee of many papers in several scientific journals.

Giant Resonances: Nuclear Structure at Finite Temperature



P. F. Bortignon, Angela Bracco, R. A. Broglia

Harwood Academic Publishers, 1998 - 275 páginas

The series of volumes, Contemporary Concepts in Physics, is addressed to the professional physicist and to the serious graduate student of physics. The subject of many-body systems constitutes a central chapter in the study of quantum mechanics, with applications ranging from elementary particle and condensed matter physics to the behaviour of compact stellar objects. Quantal size effects is one of the most fascinating facets of many-body physics; this is testified to by the developments taking place in the study of metallic clusters, fullerenes, nanophase materials, and atomic nuclei. This book is divided into two main parts: the study of giant resonances based on the atomic nucleus ground state (zero temperature), and the study of the γ -decay of giant resonances from compound (finite temperature) nuclei.

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Her first paper (according to INSPIRE)

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Study of Two-Nucleon Wave Functions in ^3He

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GIANT RESONANCE EXCITATION IN HEAVY ION COLLISIONS.
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The Direct Neutron Decay of Giant Resonances in ^{208}Pb

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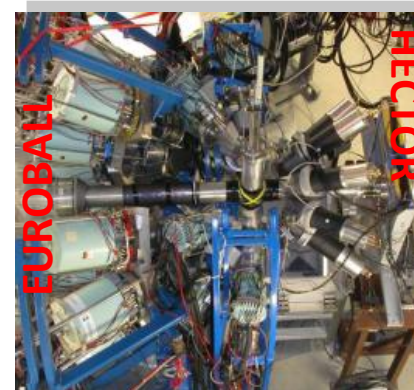
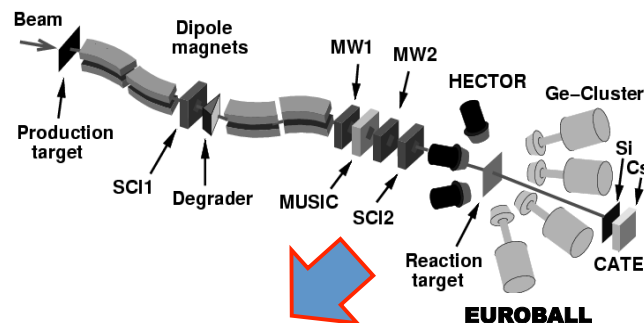
... to make the long story short ... after hundreds of papers ...

Search for the Pygmy Dipole Resonance in ^{68}Ni at 600 MeV/nucleon

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Pygmy dipole resonance in ^{68}Ni

RISING-SETUP=EUROBALL and HECTOR @ GSI



^{68}Ni -Beam
600 MeV

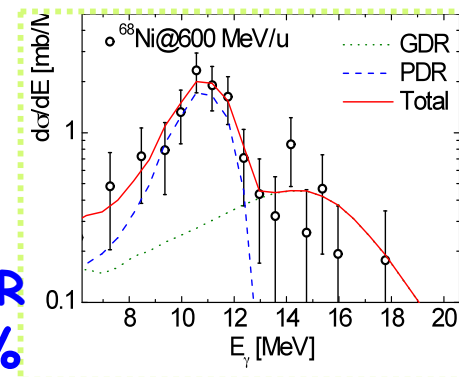
Relativistic Heavy-ion
Coulomb Excitation:
Virtual Photon
Scattering

Pygmy in ^{68}Ni at 11 MeV

Width ≈ 2 MeV mainly due
to Doppler Broadening

5 (p/m 1.5) % of the EWSR
 $B(E1) = 1.2 e^2\text{fm}^2$

PDR
5%

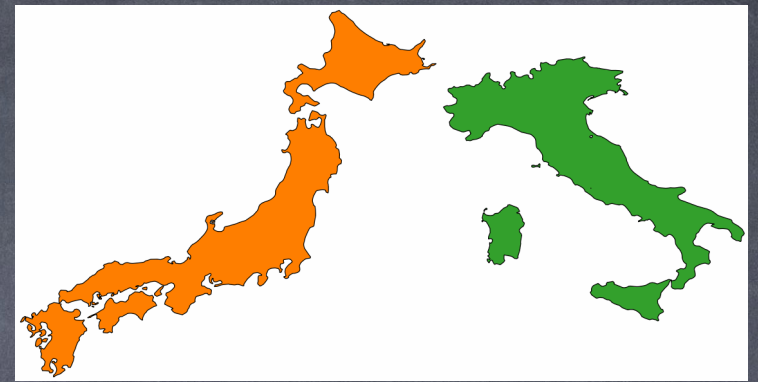


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The Pygmy Dipole Resonances (PDR) are dipole states located at much lower energy than the GDR peak.

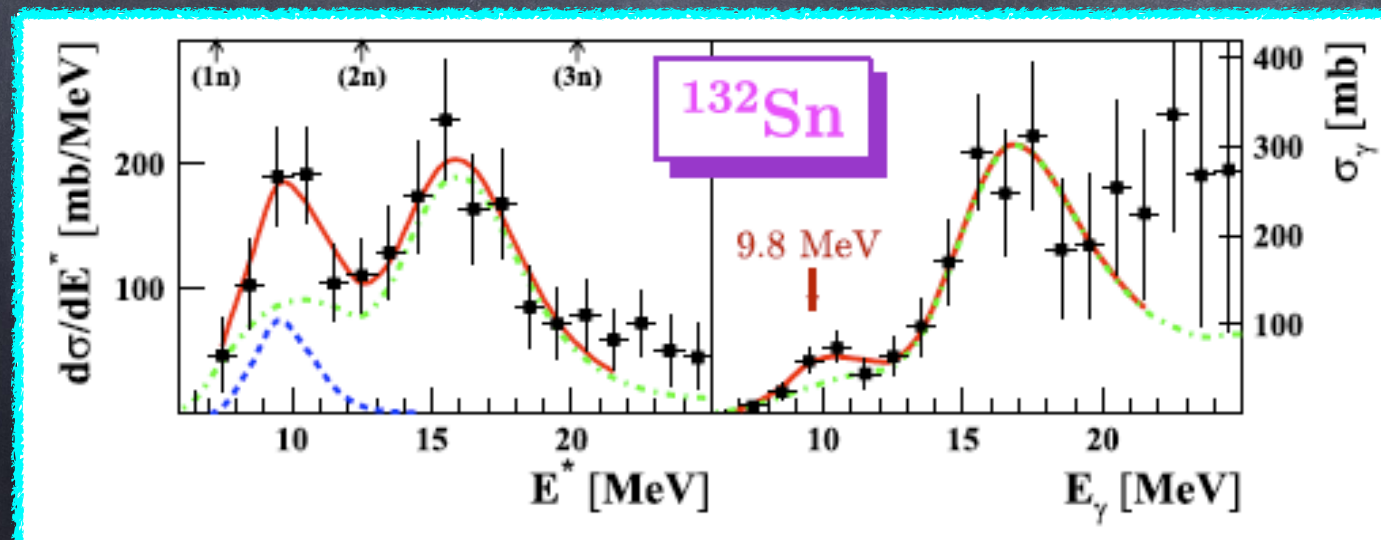
They were called "pygmy" because their strength are much smaller than GDR.

They exhaust only few per cent of the IVEWSR.

They are present in all the nuclei with neutron excess. Therefore, they should be more evident in nuclei far from the stability line

$^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ @ 500 MeV/u

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

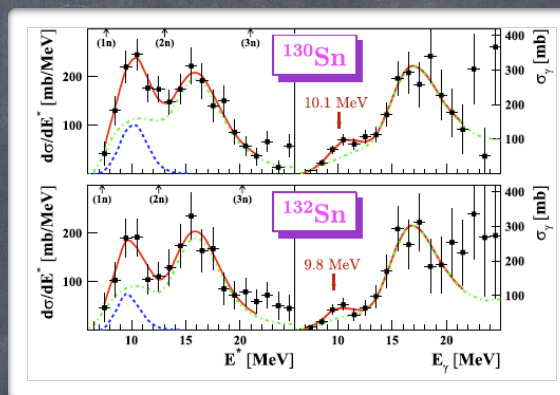


Pygmy Dipole Resonance Experimental data

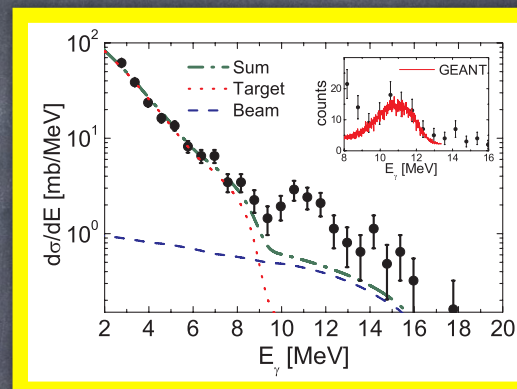
ABOVE NEUTRON SEPARATION THRESHOLD
exotic nuclei

- using the FRS-LAND setup at GSI
- using the RISING setup at GSI (for ^{68}Ni)

P. Adrich et al. PRL 95 (2005) 132501
O. Wieland et al. PRL 102 (2009) 092502



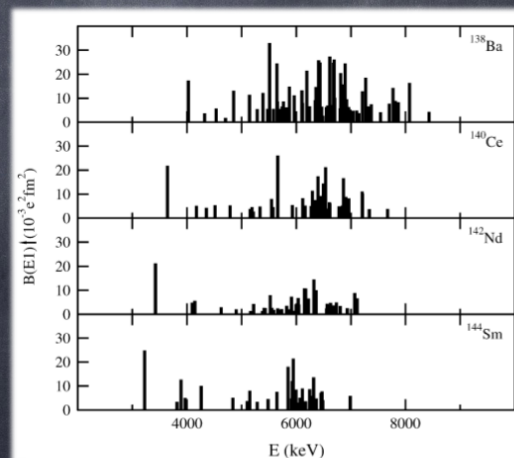
^{68}Ni



BELOW NEUTRON SEPARATION THRESHOLD
stable nuclei

- with (γ, γ') studies (Darmstadt University)
- with $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ at KVI.
- with $(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}' \gamma)$ at LNL

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J. Endres et al. PRC 80 (2009) 034302
F.C.L. Crespi et al. PRL 113 (2014) 012501

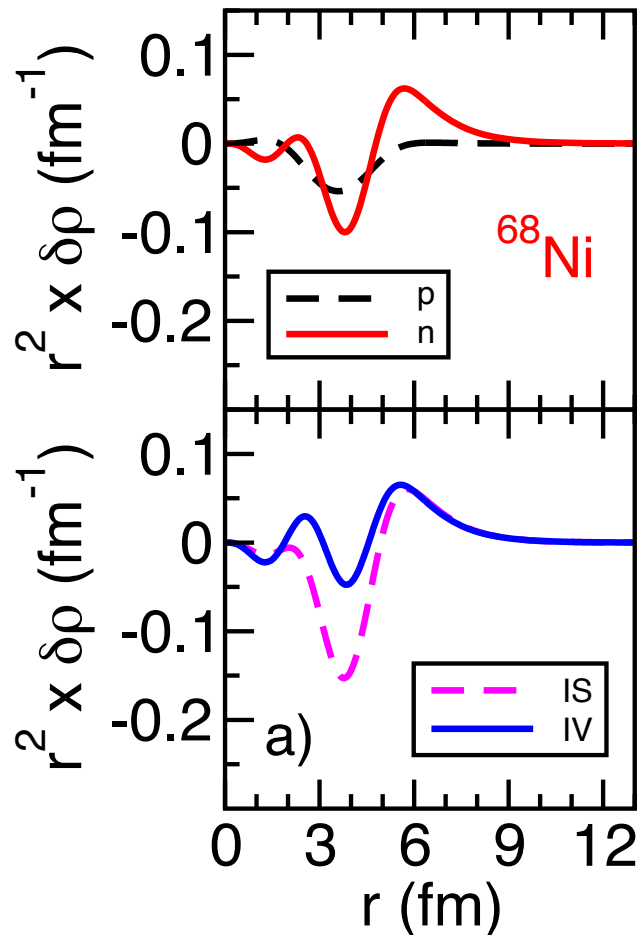


It is well established that the low-lying dipole states (the Pygmy Dipole Resonance) have a strong isoscalar component.

Neutron and Proton transition densities are in phase inside the nucleus;
at the surface only the neutron part contribute.

"Theoretical definition" of the PDR

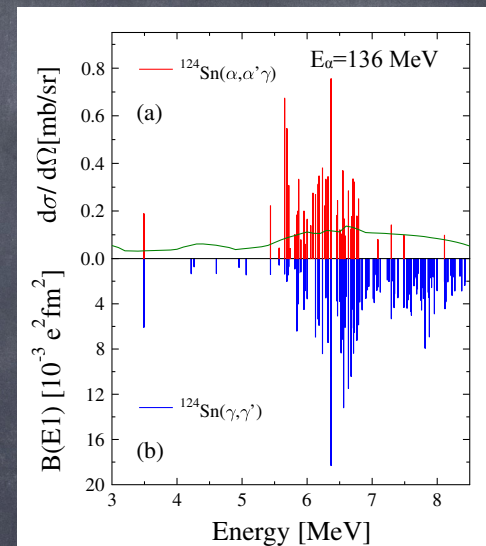
It is possible to study these states also via an isoscalar probe



Splitting of the low-lying dipole strength

- ⊙ with $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ at KVI.
- ⊙ with $(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}' \gamma)$ at LNL

D. Savran et al., PRL 97 (2006) 172502
J. Endres et al., PRC 80 (2009) 034302
J. Enders et al., PRL 105 (2010) 212503
F.C.L. Crespi et al. PRL 113 (2014) 012501



By using different reactions employing electromagnetic and hadronic probes of different types (like α -particle, ^{17}O , ^{12}C and p) one is expected to be sensitive to different regions on the nuclear volume and thus the comparison of the results provides indication on the nature of these states

In these cases also the inelastic cross section is measured and therefore it is of paramount importance to calculate it

In the experimental analysis, for these cases, a fundamental role is played by the radial form factors used

The description of inelastic cross section with isoscalar probes

- DWBA, first order theory
- Coupled Channel, high order effect important
- Semiclassical approximations

Example: the transition amplitude for the DWBA

$$T^{DWBA} = \int \chi^{(-)}(k_{\beta}, r) F(r) \chi^{(+)}(k_{\alpha}, r) dr$$

the radial form factor $F(r)$ contains all the structure properties, they can be derived in macroscopic or microscopic approaches

$$F^C(r) \approx \frac{\sqrt{B(EL)}}{r^{L+1}}$$

$$F^N(r) \approx \beta_N \frac{dU^N(r)}{dr}$$

For the dipole radial form factors calculation one needs the radial transition densities

- Goldhaber-Teller for the IVGDR

$$\delta\rho^{GT}(r) = \beta_1 \left[\frac{2N}{A} \frac{d}{dr} \rho_p(r) - \frac{2Z}{A} \frac{d}{dr} \rho_n(r) \right]$$

- Harakeh-Dieperink for the ISGDR

$$\delta\rho^{HD}(r) = -\frac{\beta_1}{R\sqrt{3}} \left[3r^2 \frac{d}{dr} + 10r - \frac{5}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle \frac{d}{dr} + \epsilon \left(r \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + 4 \frac{d}{dr} \right) \right] \rho_0(r)$$

- Microscopic transition densities (RPA or more sophisticated approaches)

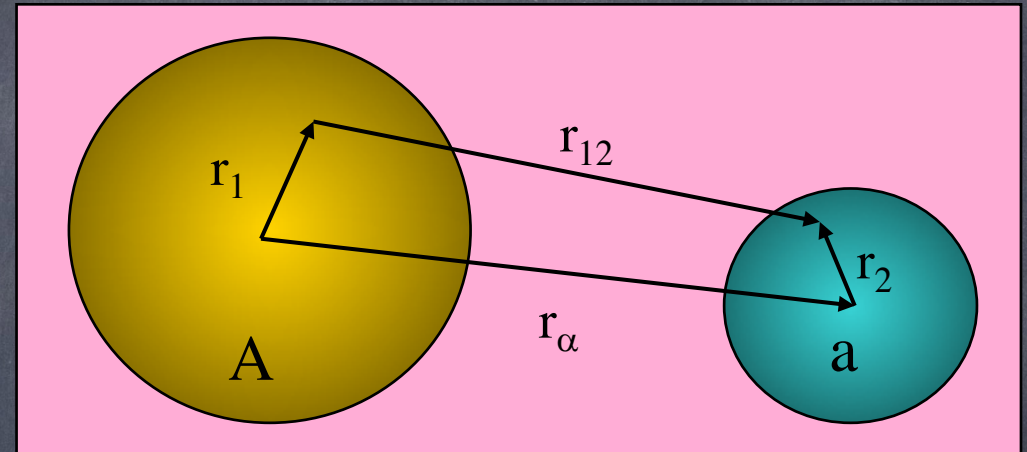
The nucleon nucleon interaction depends on the isospin

$$\nu_{12} = \nu_0(r_{12}) + \nu_1(r_{12})\tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$$

where τ_i are the isospin of the nucleons.

In the case $\rho_n = N/Z \rho$; $\rho_p = N/A \rho$, F_1 is zero when one of the two nuclei has $N=Z$.

Double Folding procedure



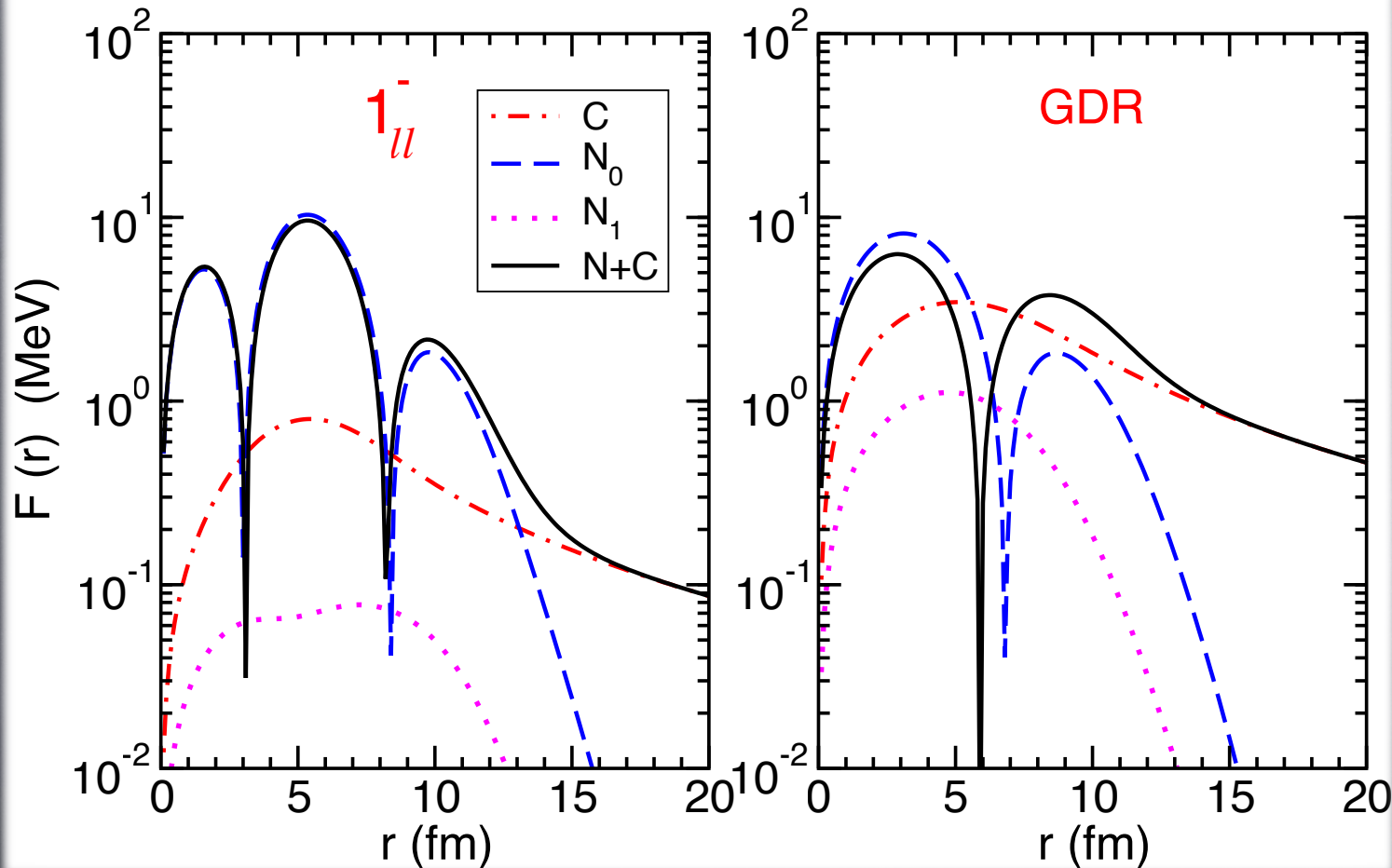
The nuclear form factors are

$$F_0(r_\alpha) = \int \int [\delta\rho_{A_n}(\vec{r}_1) + \delta\rho_{A_p}(\vec{r}_1)] \nu_0(r_{12}) [\rho_{a_n}(\vec{r}_2) + \rho_{a_p}(\vec{r}_2)] r_1^2 dr_1 r_2^2 dr_2$$

$$F_1(r_\alpha) = \int \int [\delta\rho_{A_n}(\vec{r}_1) - \delta\rho_{A_p}(\vec{r}_1)] \nu_1(r_{12}) [\rho_{a_n}(\vec{r}_2) - \rho_{a_p}(\vec{r}_2)] r_1^2 dr_1 r_2^2 dr_2$$

Folding done with the effective nucleon-nucleon M3Y interaction and with the RPA transition densities

$^{208}\text{Pb} + ^{17}\text{O}$



The Coulomb contribution is very different for the two states, while the nuclear one is of the same order of magnitude.

Since the PDR are non collective, one cannot employ standard codes which make use of macroscopic form factors.

The nuclear and Coulomb parts interfere destructively at small radii and constructively at large radii. This is mainly due to isoscalar part and to the fact that the isoscalar dipole transition density displays nodes

In the semiclassical model the two nuclei move according to a classical trajectory while quantum mechanics is used to describe the internal degrees of freedom

$$H = H_A + H_B$$

where

$$H_A = H_A^0 + W_A(t)$$

$$W_A(t) = \sum_{ij} \langle i | U_B(\vec{R}(t)) | j \rangle a_i^\dagger a_j + h.c.$$

t-dependence through $R(t)$

The time dependent state is

$$|\Psi, t\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}(t) e^{-iE_{\alpha}t} |\Phi_{\alpha}\rangle$$

The Schrödinger equation can be cast into a set of coupled linear differential equations

$$\dot{A}_{\alpha}(t) = -i \sum_{\alpha'} e^{i(E_{\alpha} - E_{\alpha'})t} \langle \Phi_{\alpha} | W(t) | \Phi_{\alpha'} \rangle A_{\alpha'}(t)$$

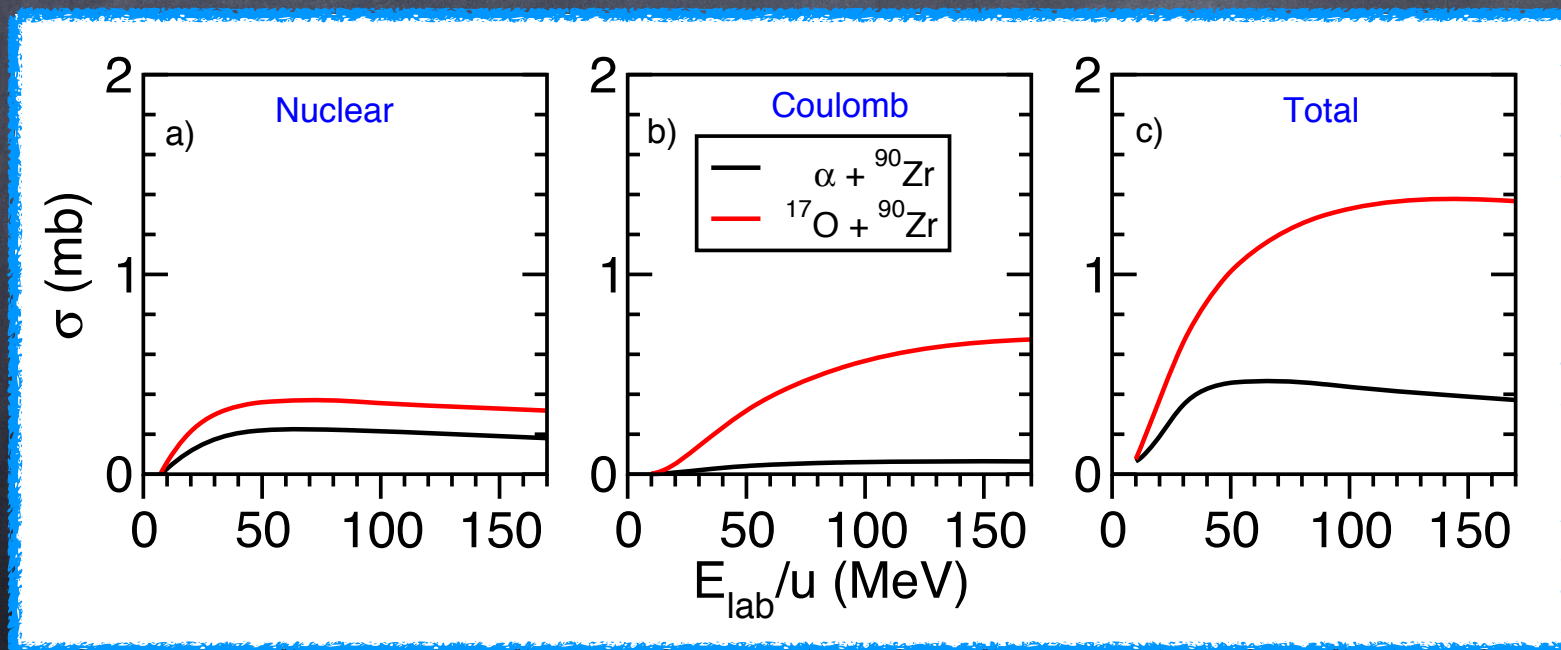
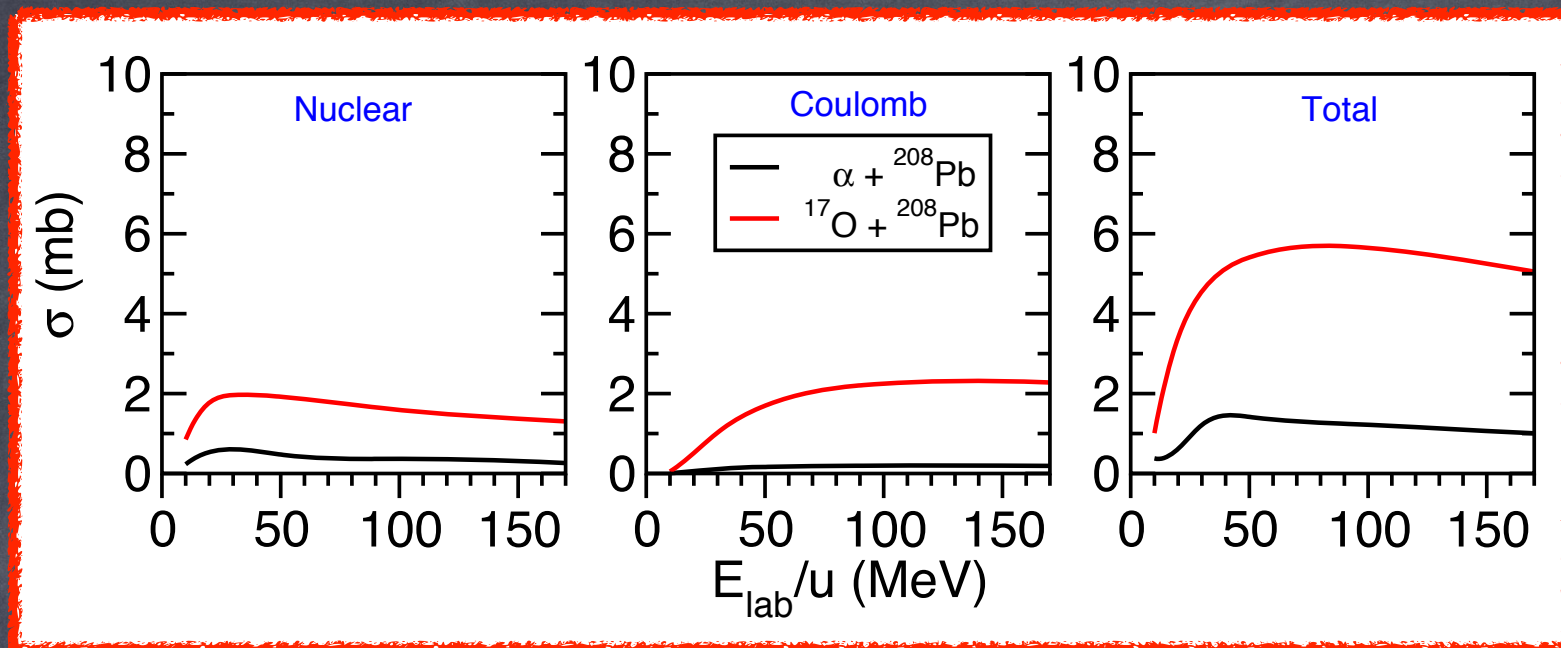
Probability to excite the state α as function of the impact parameter b

$$P_{\alpha}(b) = |A_{\alpha}(t=\infty)|^2$$

and its cross section is

$T(b)$ the transmission coefficient

$$\sigma_{\alpha} = 2\pi \int_0^{+\infty} P_{\alpha}(b) T(b) b db.$$



Angela and her group started a campaign, at Laboratorio Nazionale di Legnaro, to investigate the structure of Pygmy resonances states. with an isoscalar probe.

A number of measurements were done using the $(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}' \gamma)$ reaction at a bombarding energy of about 20 MeV/u.

The ^{208}Pb , ^{124}Sn and ^{90}Zr and ^{140}Ce nuclei were studied with this reaction.

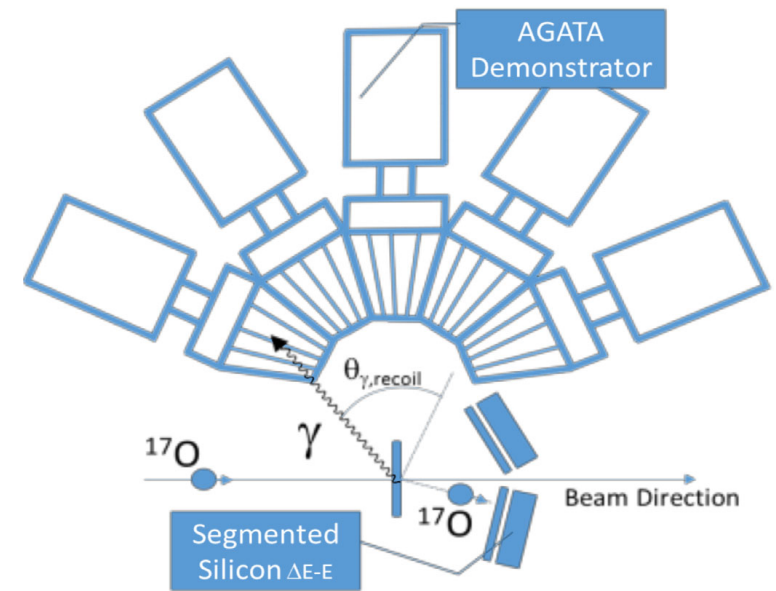


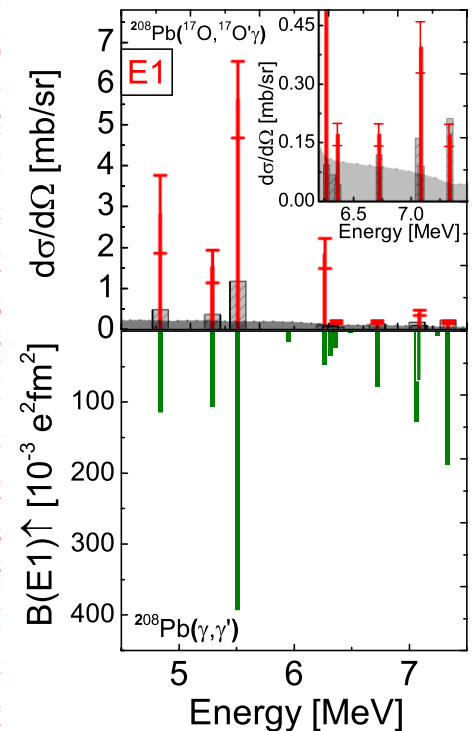
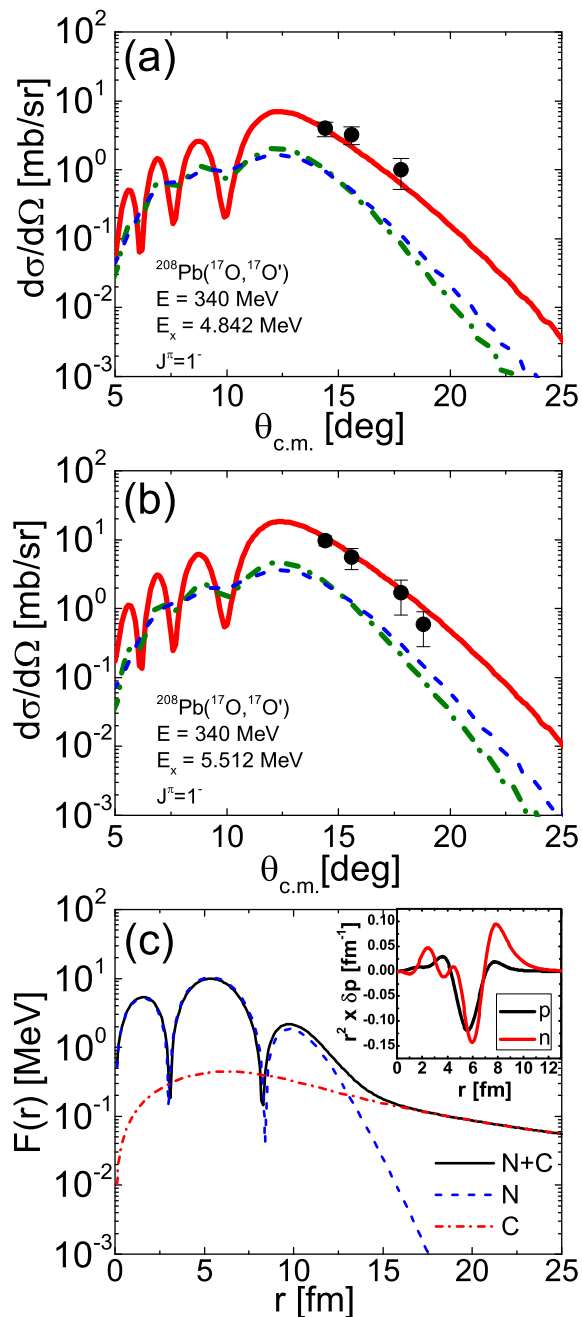
Fig. 10. Schematic representation of the experimental setup including segmented silicon detectors placed at forward angles and the AGATA HPGe detectors. The angle $\theta_{\gamma, \text{recoil}}$ between the direction of the recoiling ^{208}Pb ions (dashed line) and of the gamma-ray (when a scattered ^{17}O is detected in the right silicon telescope) is displayed.

The analyses of the differential cross sections were performed within the framework of the Distorted Wave Born Approximation (DWBA).

$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}\gamma)^{208}\text{Pb}$ at 340 MeV

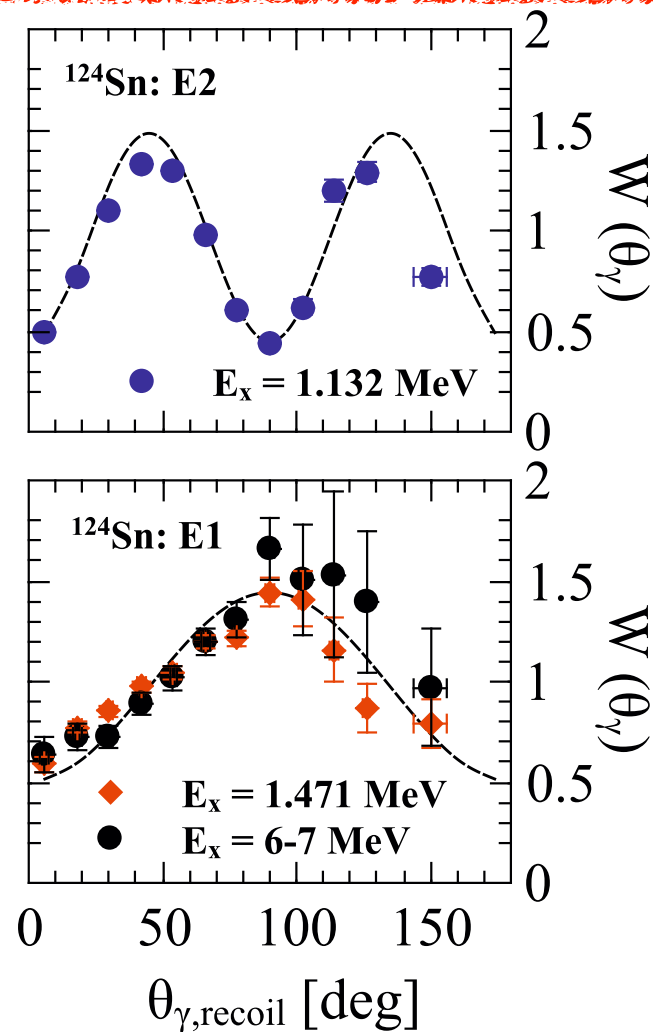
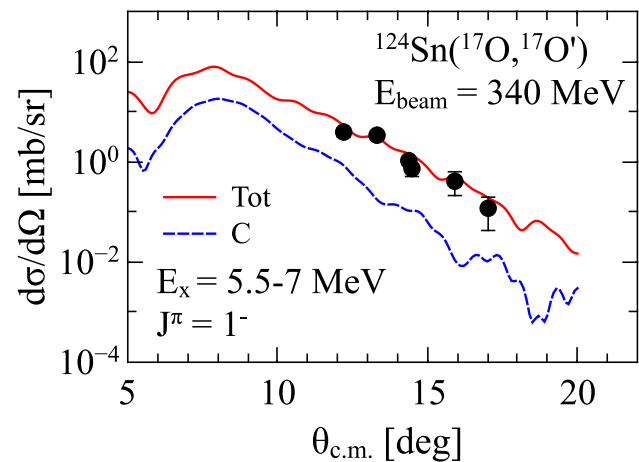
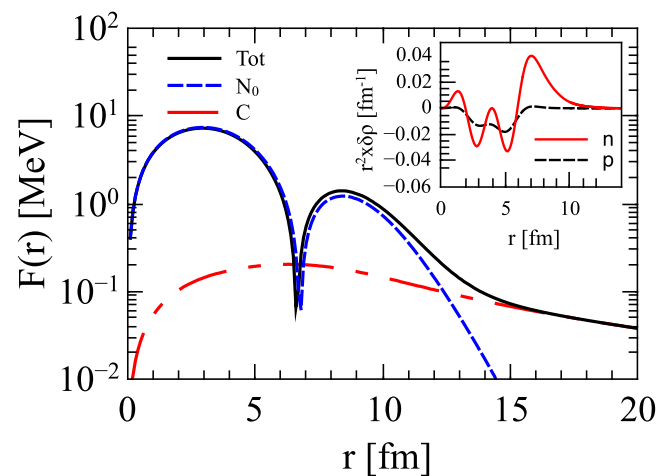
Using TRACE prototype and AGATA
Demonstrator system

DWBA calculations (with
FRESCO) using the
microscopic form factors
shown before

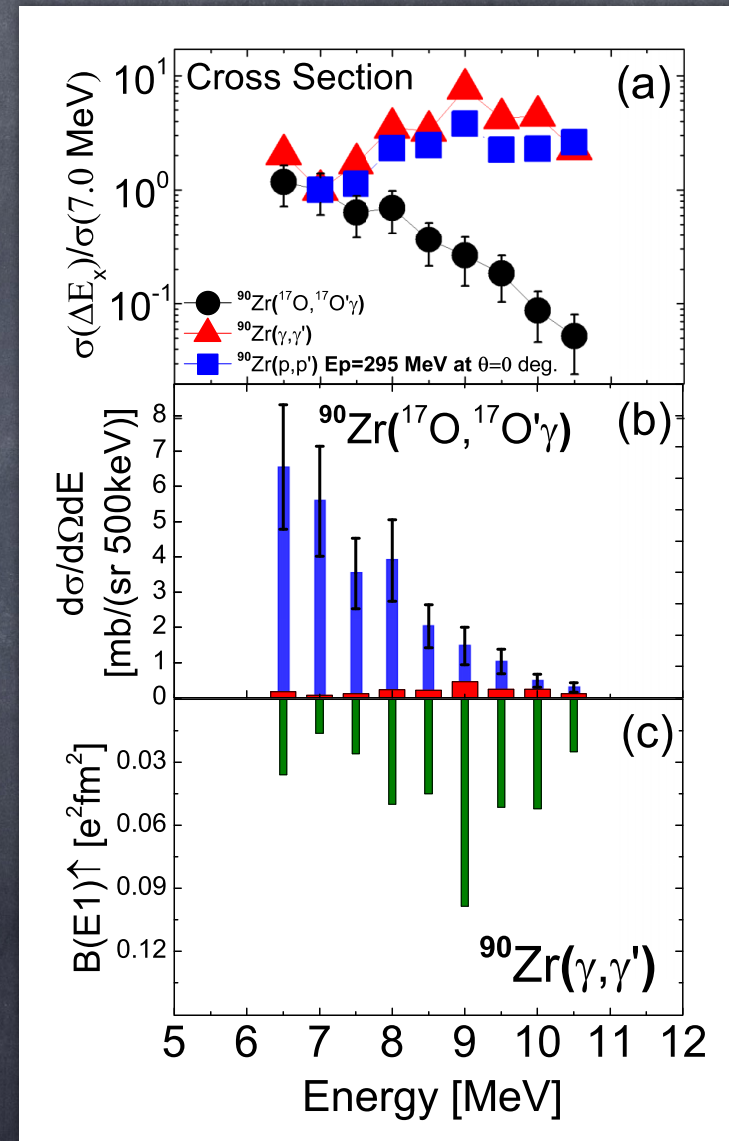
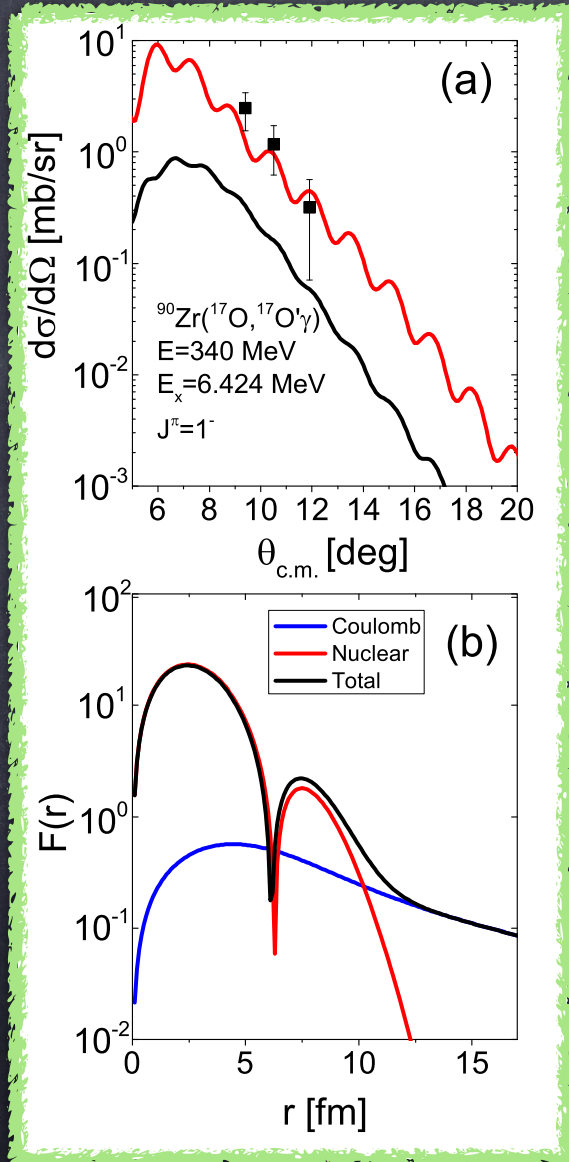


L. Pellegri et al.,
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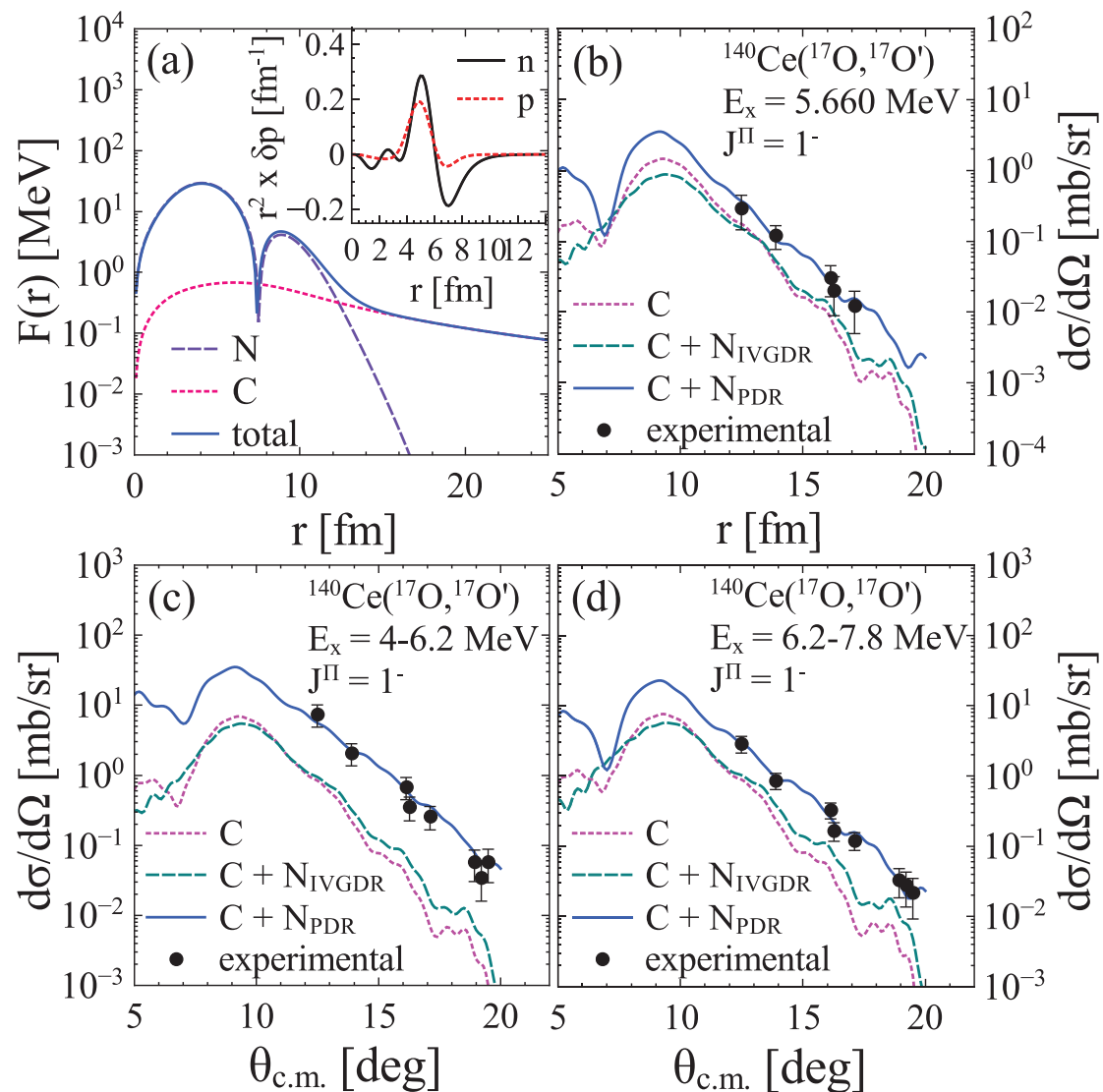
$^{124}\text{Sn}(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}')^{124}\text{Sn}$
at 340 MeV



$^{90}\text{Zr}(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}'\gamma)^{90}\text{Zr}$
at 340 MeV



$^{140}\text{Ce}(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}')^{140}\text{Ce}$
at 340 MeV

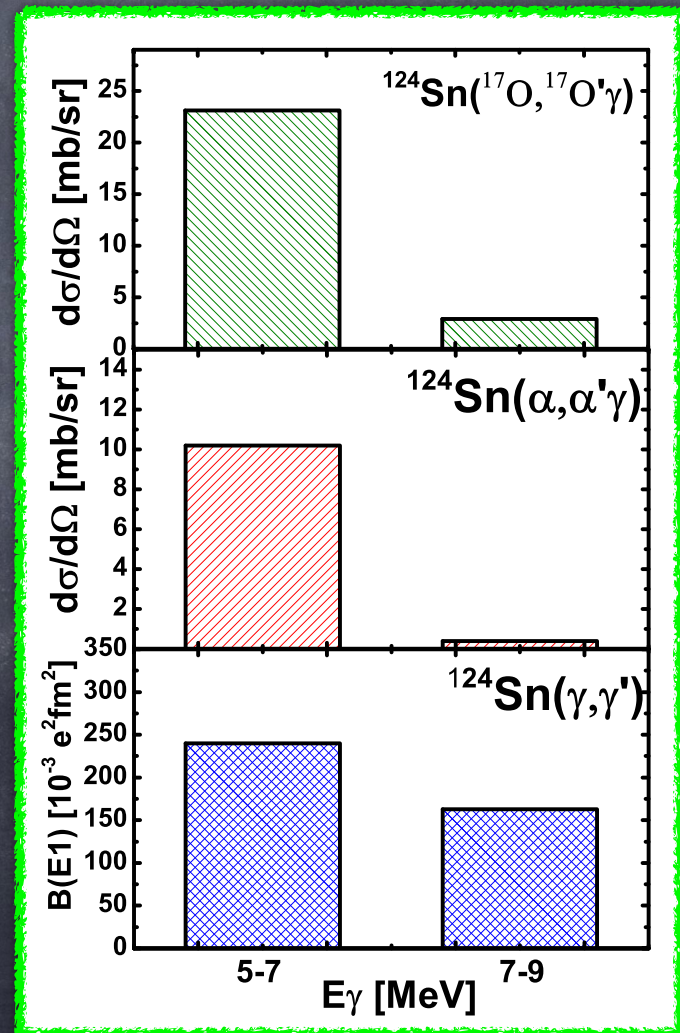
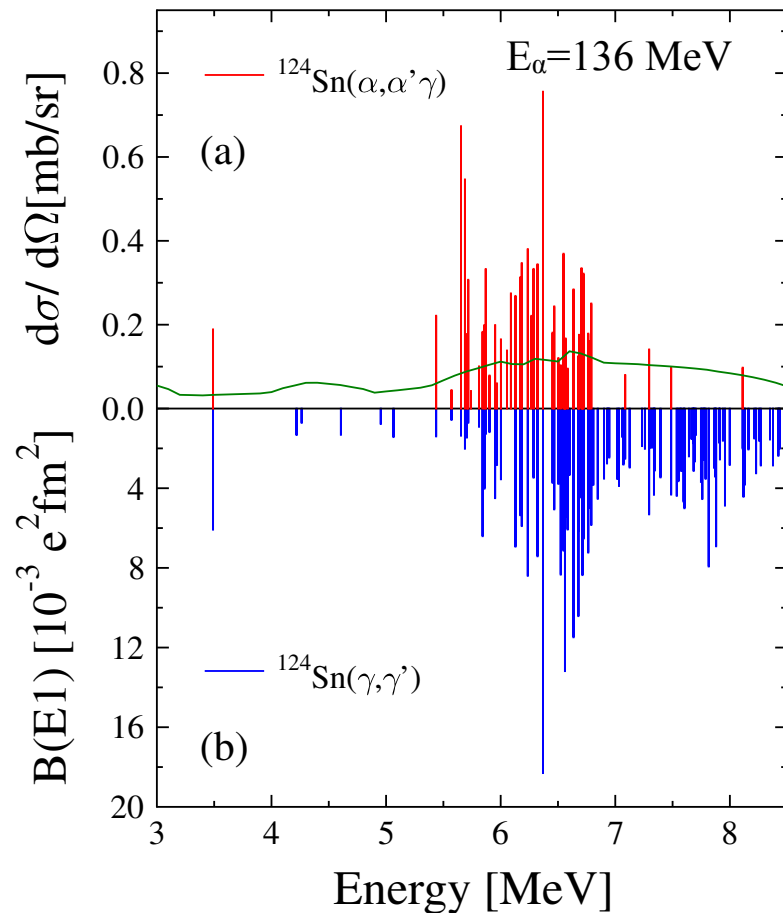


Experimental data isoscalar probe

(below neutron emission threshold)

The use of isoscalar probes has brought to light a new feature of this new mode

The
splitting of
the PDR



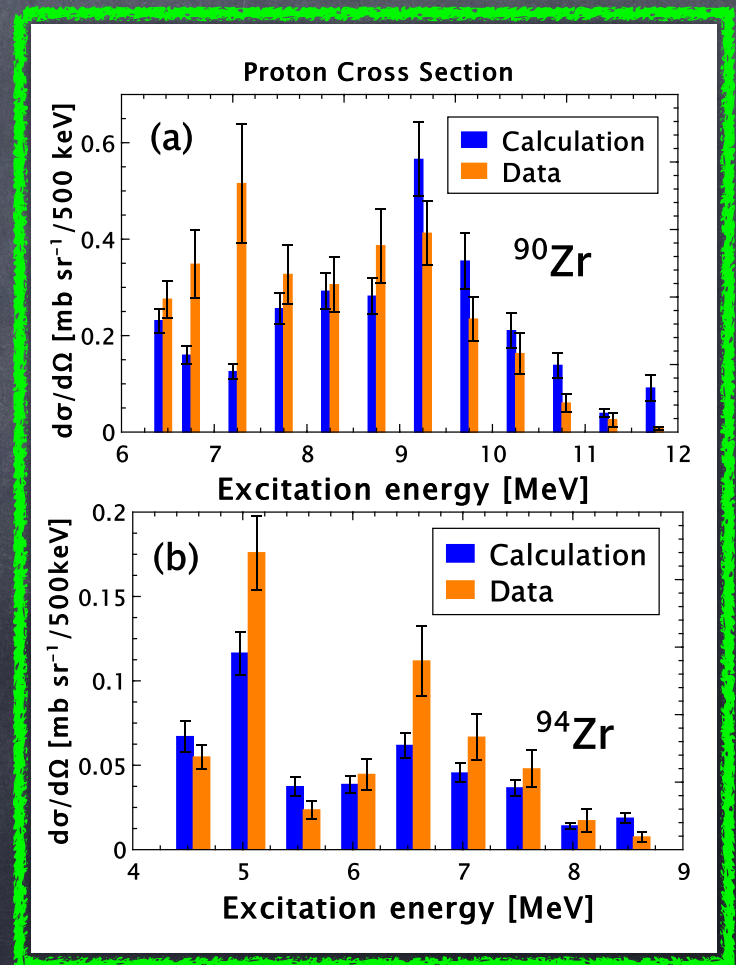
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The $^{90,94}\text{Zr}$ nuclei investigated via $(p, p'\gamma)$ at 80 MeV and $(\alpha, \alpha'\gamma)$ at 130 MeV. At RCNP, with the magnetic spectrometer Grand Raiden for the scattered particles and the array CAGRA with HPGe detectors for the γ -decay.

The E1 ISEWSR strengths of the states were extracted from the data by DWBA calculations performed for the $(\alpha, \alpha'\gamma)$ reaction.

Under the assumption that the information extracted with the $(\alpha, \alpha'\gamma)$ can be extended to the (p, p') reactions, the calculations for the cross section for the reaction $(p, p'\gamma)$ have been done with the values of the ISEWSR obtained from the α reaction.

The general trend have been reproduced except for few states for the ^{90}Zr case. It is worthwhile to apply this analysis - improving the modelling - to other nuclei, to try to understand better the intrinsic structure of these low-lying dipole states.



Some Open Problems:

1. Are the dipole resonances due to collective or single-particle excitations?
2. Spherical and Deformed nuclei
3. What is the interplay between isovector and isoscalar contributions?

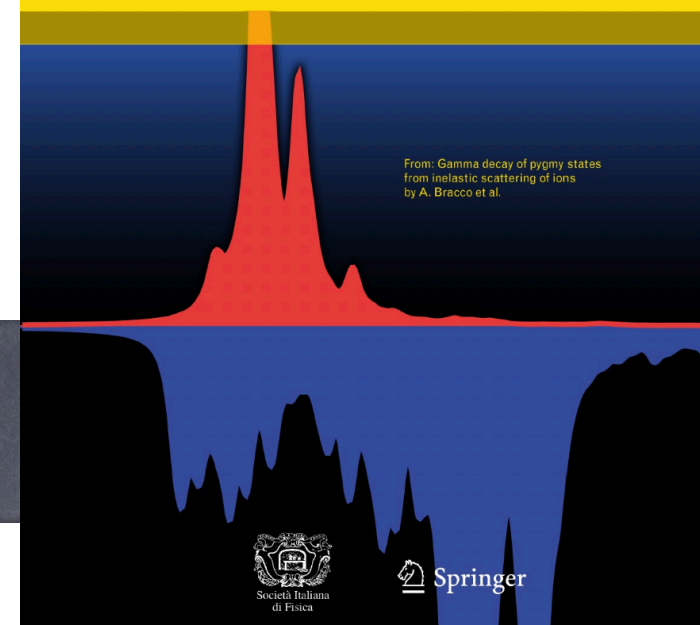
Gamma decay of pygmy states from inelastic scattering of ions

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Review

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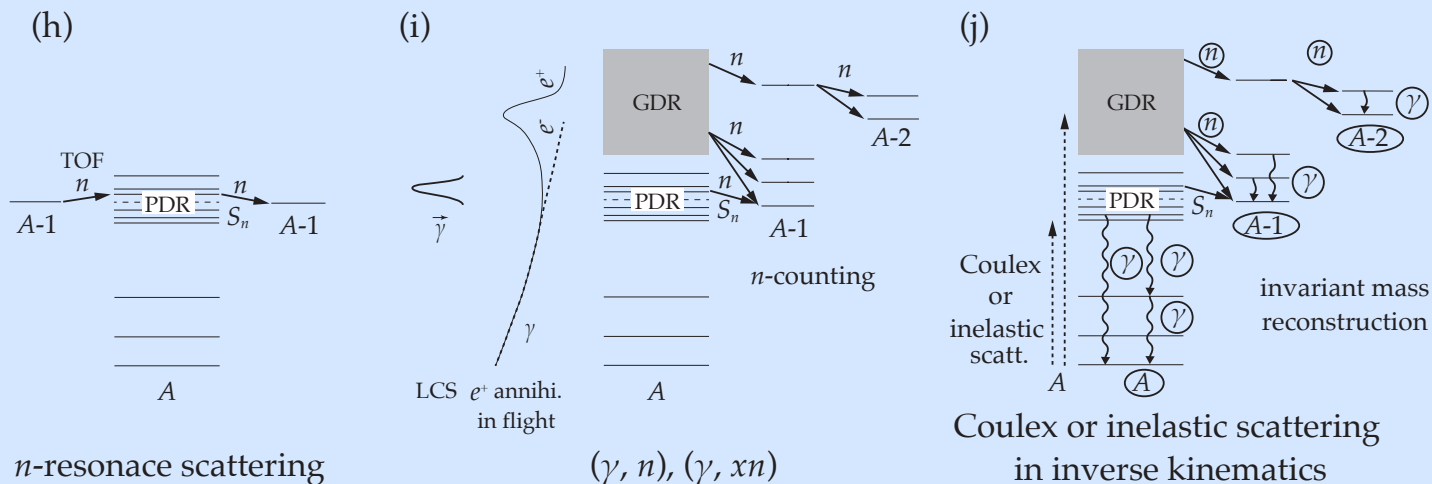
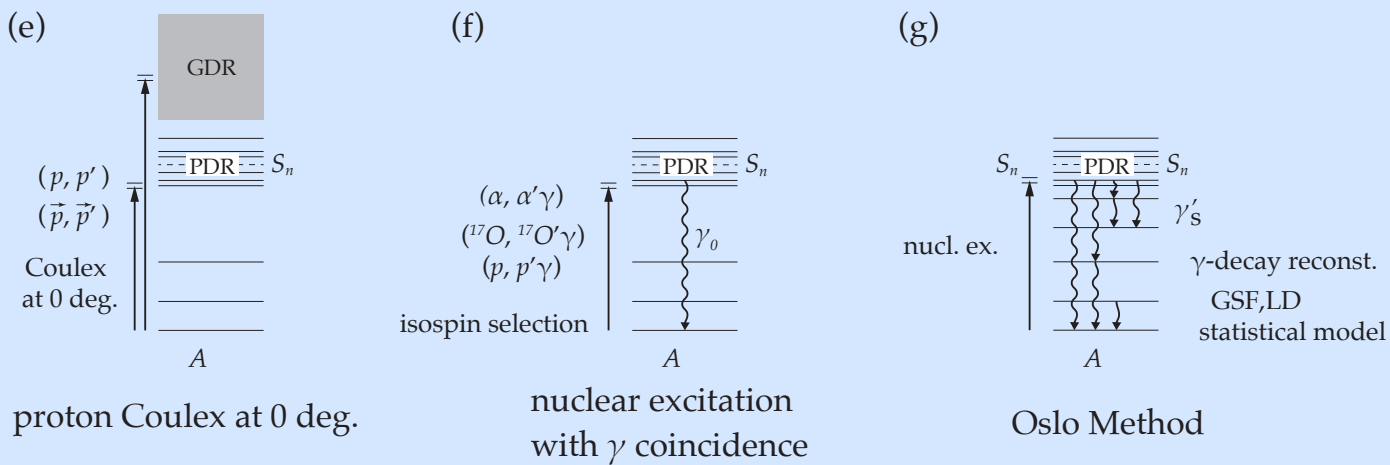
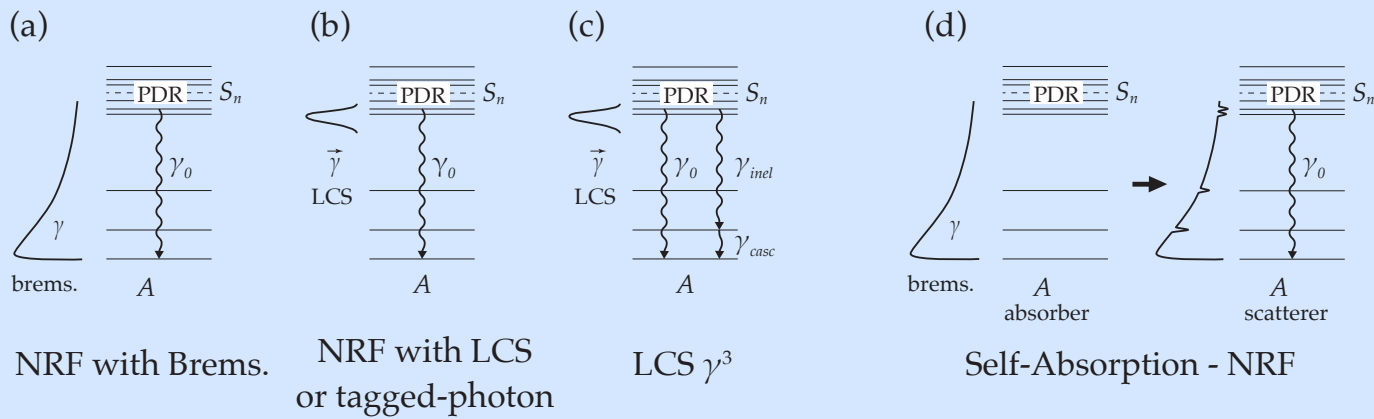
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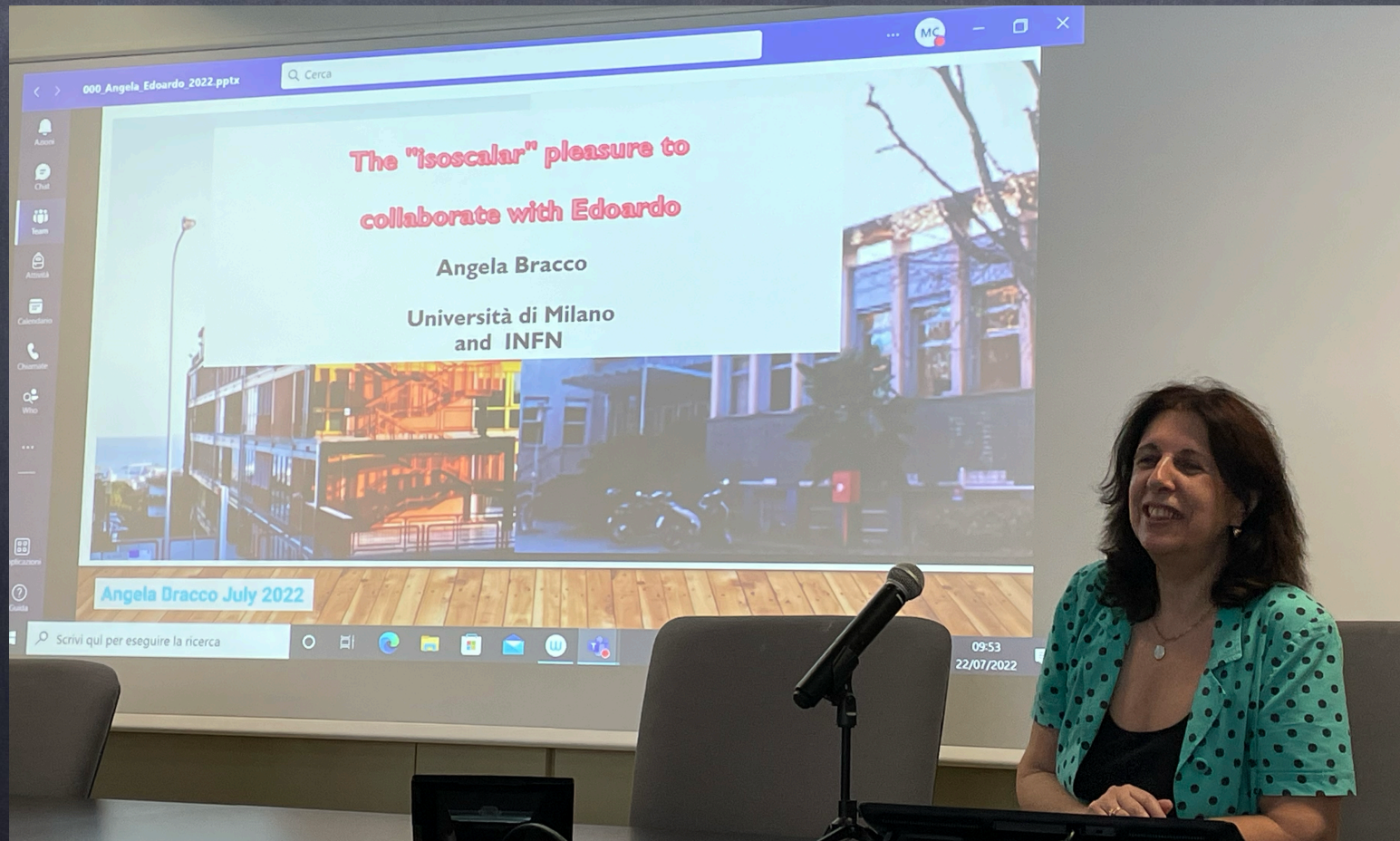
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The title of my abstract was

The Pygmy Dipole Resonances
or

“The isoscalar pleasure to collaborate with Angela”



But this is not the end

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congratulation for your past achievements
and
best wishes for the future ones!!

Thank you for your attention