

Pygmy and giant resonances studied at CCB of IFJ PAN Kraków - highlights from the experimental campaign



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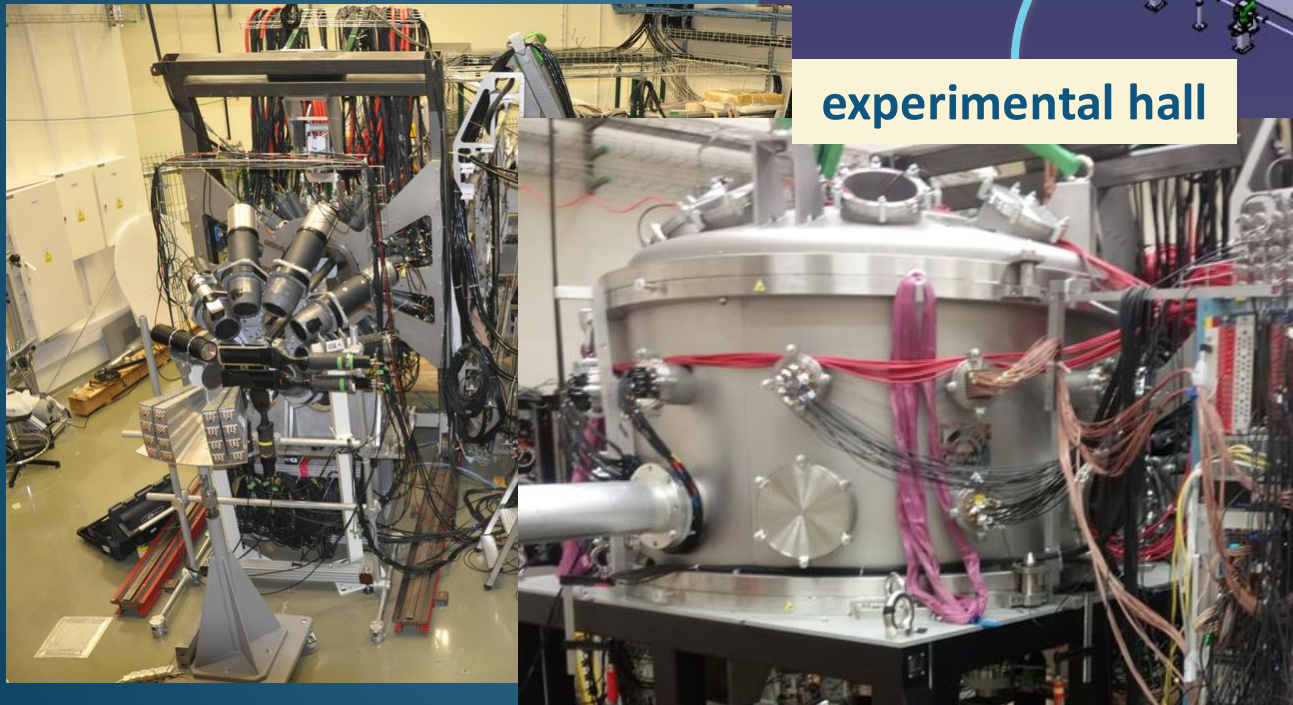
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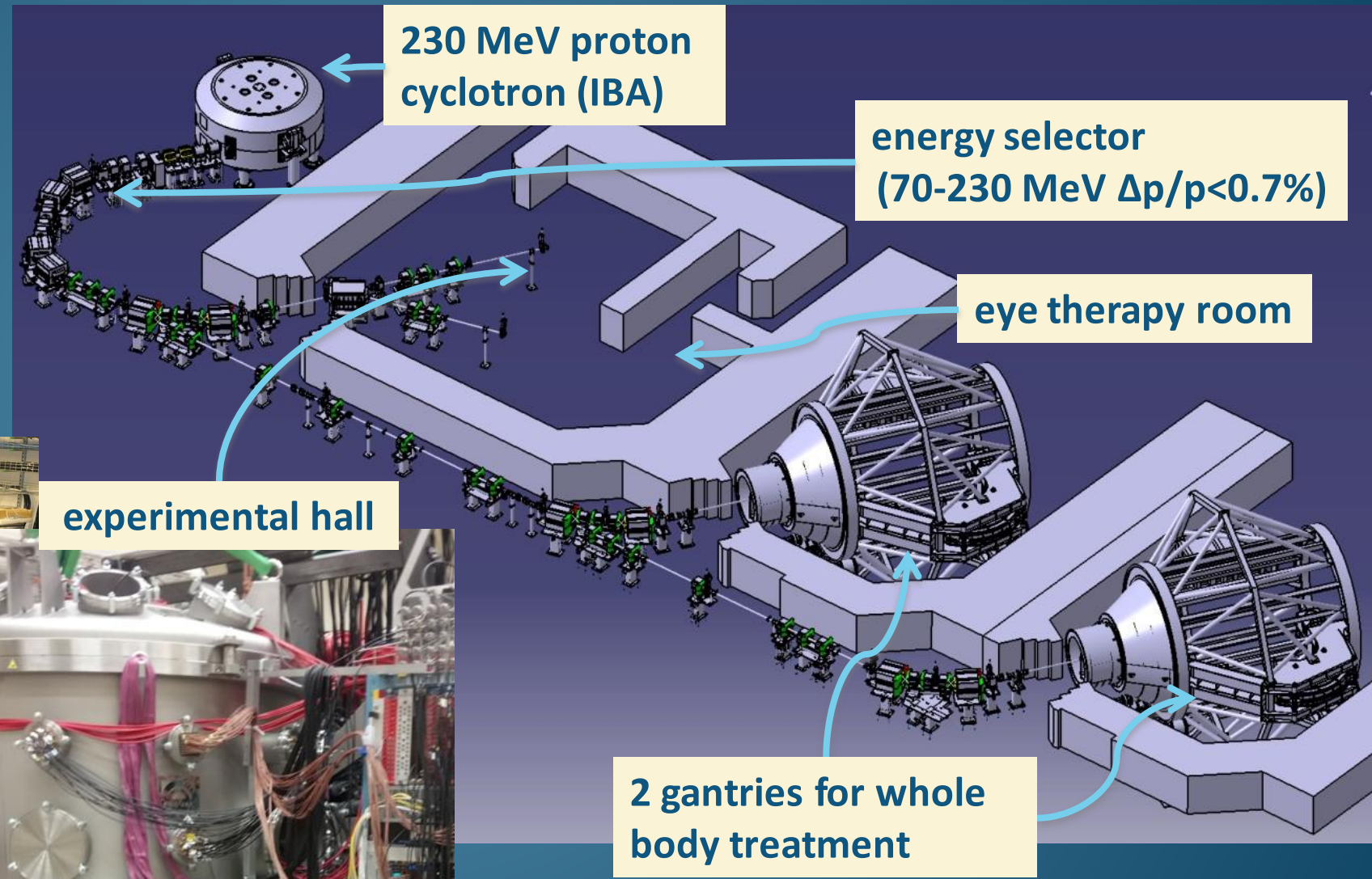
Cyclotron Center Bronowice (CCB) of IFJ PAN

proton cancer therapy
and additionally
research program on:

- nuclear physics,
- radiobiology
- dosimetry
- medical physics



experimental hall



experiments during weekends

Aim of the investigations

nuclear excitations induced by proton inelastic scattering

IVGDR (Isovector Giant Dipole Resonance)

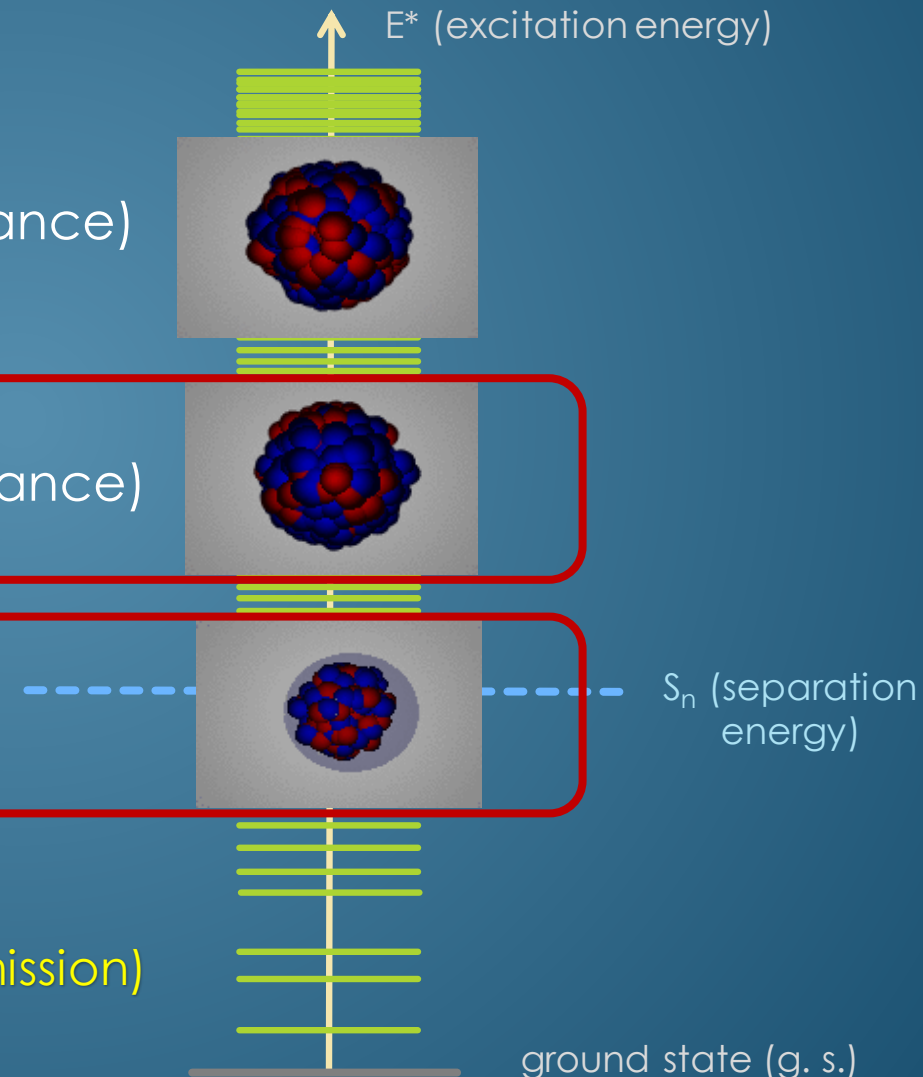
main aim – γ decay

ISGQR (Isoscalar Giant Quadrupole Resonance)

PDR (Pygmy Dipole Resonance)

measurement of γ -rays emitted from the decay
(above neutron threshold hindered by neutron emission)

10^{-2} for GDR and 10^{-4} for GQR



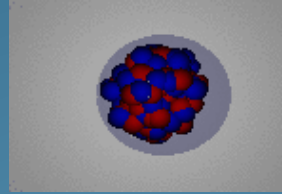
Motivation

Motivation to study PDR

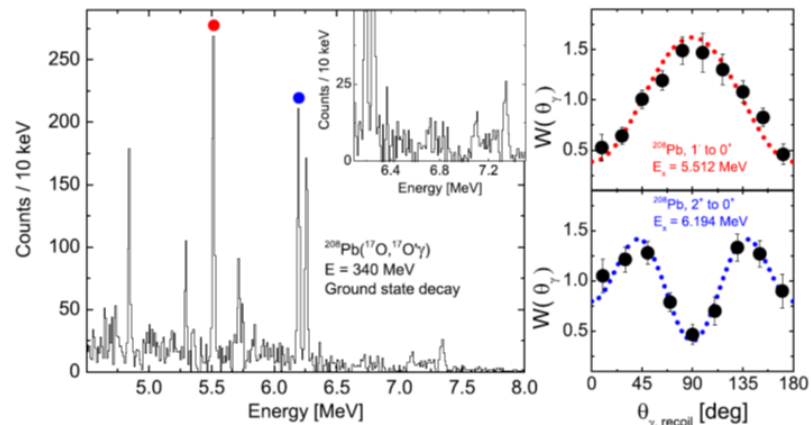
PDR – low-energy part of the E1 response below and above Sn (soft dipole mode)

Studied so far using mainly:

- Nuclear resonance fluorescence,
- (γ, n) reactions (above Sn),
- $(\alpha, \alpha'\gamma)$ and $(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}'\gamma)$,



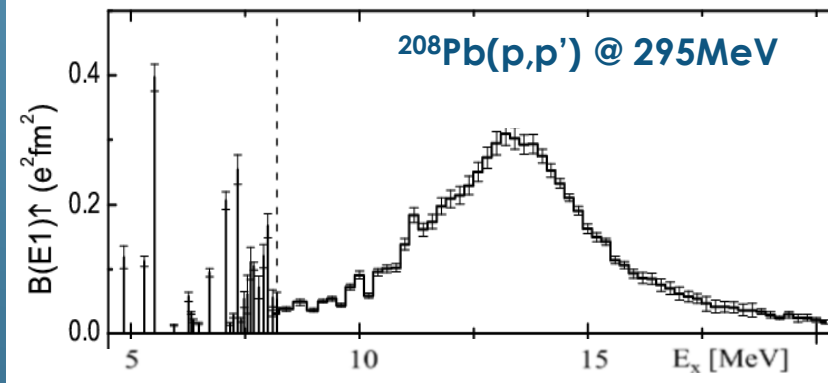
$(^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}'\gamma)$ @ 20 MeV/u on ^{208}Pb



F.C.L. Crespi et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 113, 012501 (2014)

➤ (p, p') (above and below Sn)

A. Tamii, et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 107, (2011)

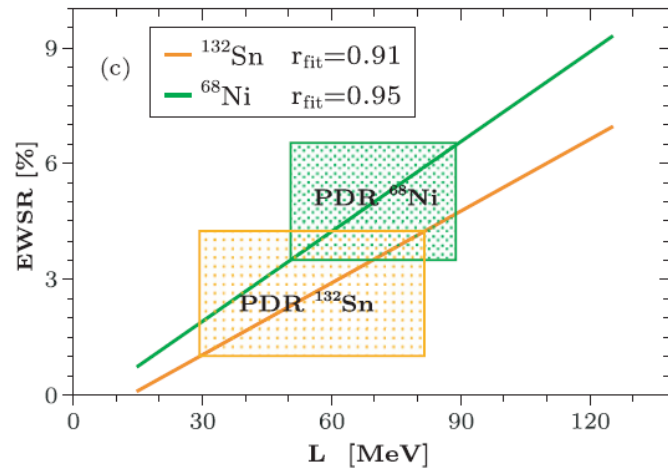
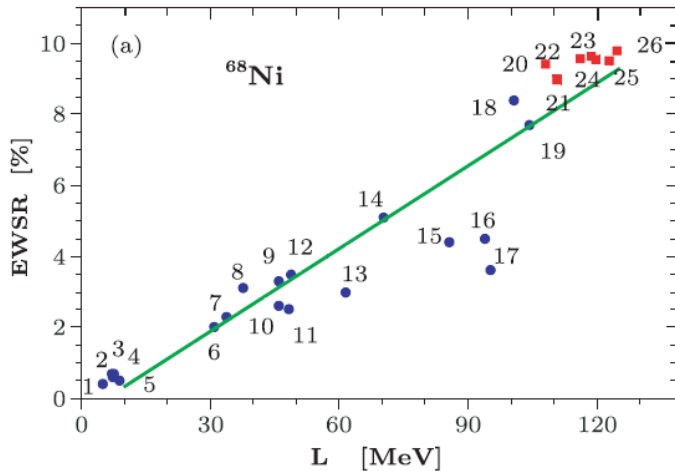


now in $(p, p'\gamma)$ reaction

Studies with various probes allow to learn on the structure of PDR states

PDR

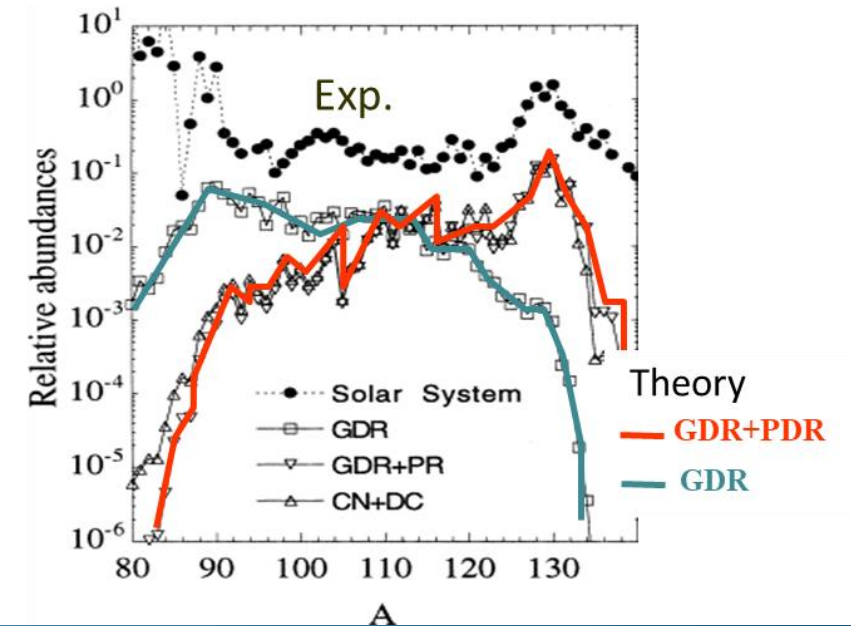
A.Carbone, Phys. Rev. C 81, 041301 (2010)



symmetry energy S
$$S'(\rho)|_{\rho=\rho_0} = \frac{L}{3\rho_0}.$$

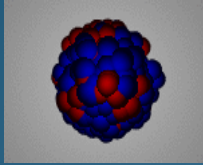
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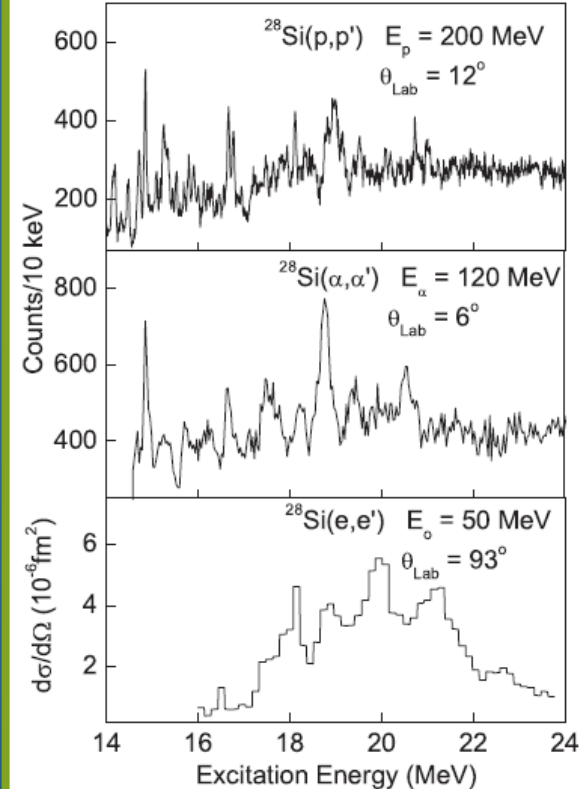
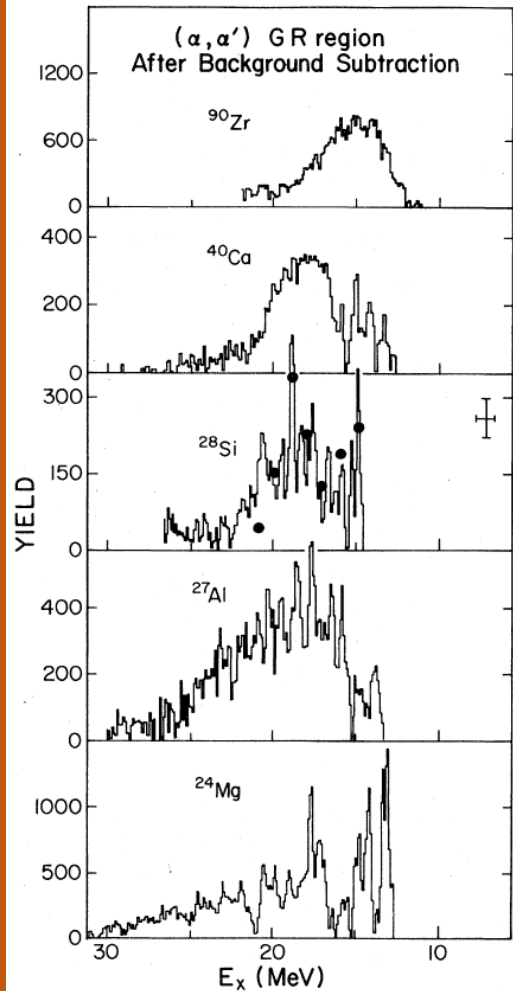


- Implications of the low-lying E1 strength on the **r-process nucleosynthesis**
- related to determination of **nuclear symmetry energy** (neutron rich matter)
- can be used for **neutron skin thickness** determination (neutron stars)

ISGQR

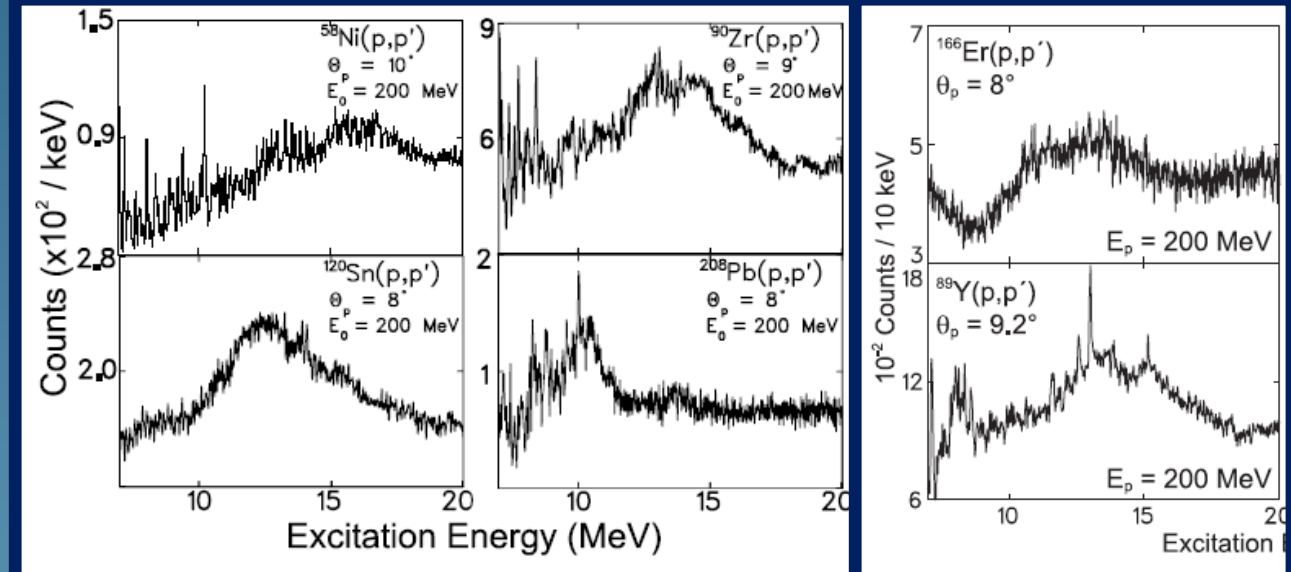


D.H. Youngblood et al.,
Phys. Rev. C15, 1644 (1977)



A. Shevchenko et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 122501-1

A. Shevchenko et al., Phys. Rev. C79, 044305 (2009)



I.T. Usman et al.,
Phys. Rev. C94, 024308 (2016)

K. van der Borg et al.,
Nucl. Phys. A341, 219 (1980)

A. Richter, Prog. Part. Nucl.
Phys. 13, 1 (1985)

**structure, fragmented strength
and decay needed to be investigated**

ISGQR γ -decay

GQR γ -decay observed previously only once, in 1980s

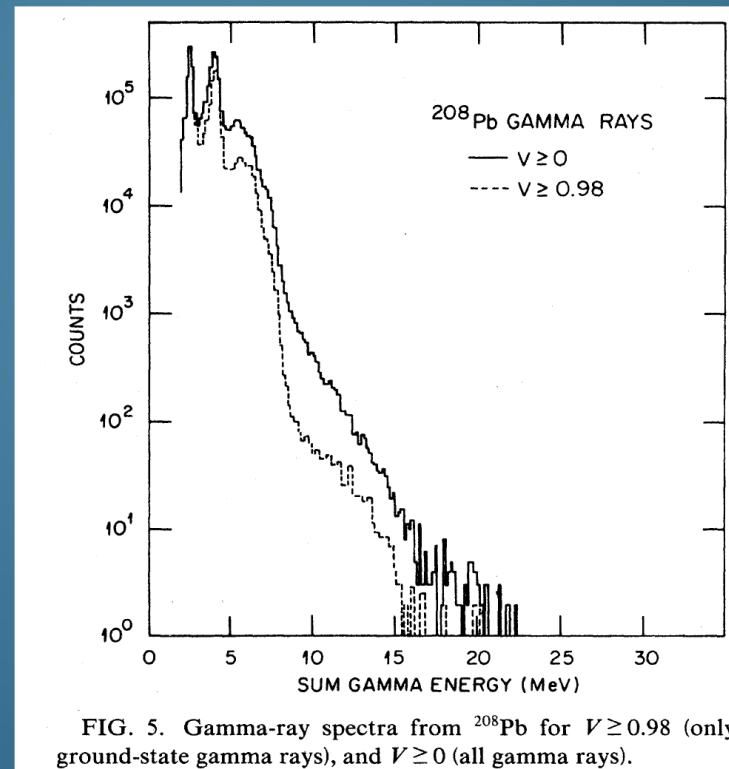
Inelastic scattering
of 381 MeV ^{17}O on ^{208}Pb

coincidence measurement
of gamma rays and scattered ions

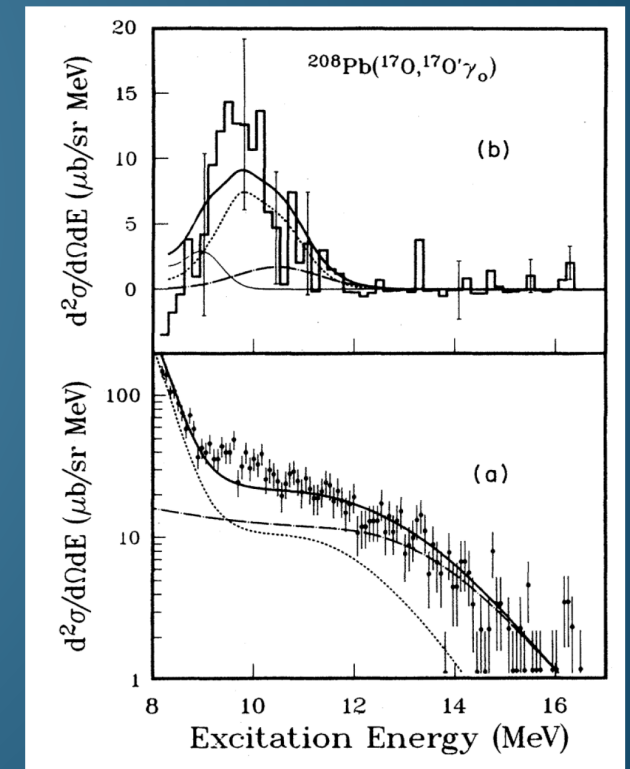
excitation energy obtained
from measured
scattered beam energy

$$E^* = E_{\text{beam}} - E_{\text{scattered ion}}$$

J.Beene et al., PRC39(1989)1307



E_γ [MeV]



Experiments and results

Idea of first experiment

proton inelastic scattering

proposal

**The gamma decay from
high-lying states and giant resonances excited via
(p, p' γ) at beam 70-200 MeV**

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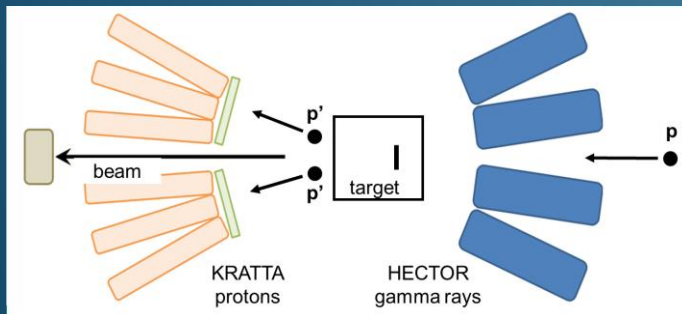
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p @ 85 MeV on ²⁰⁸Pb target 48 mm (54.5 mg/cm²) thick

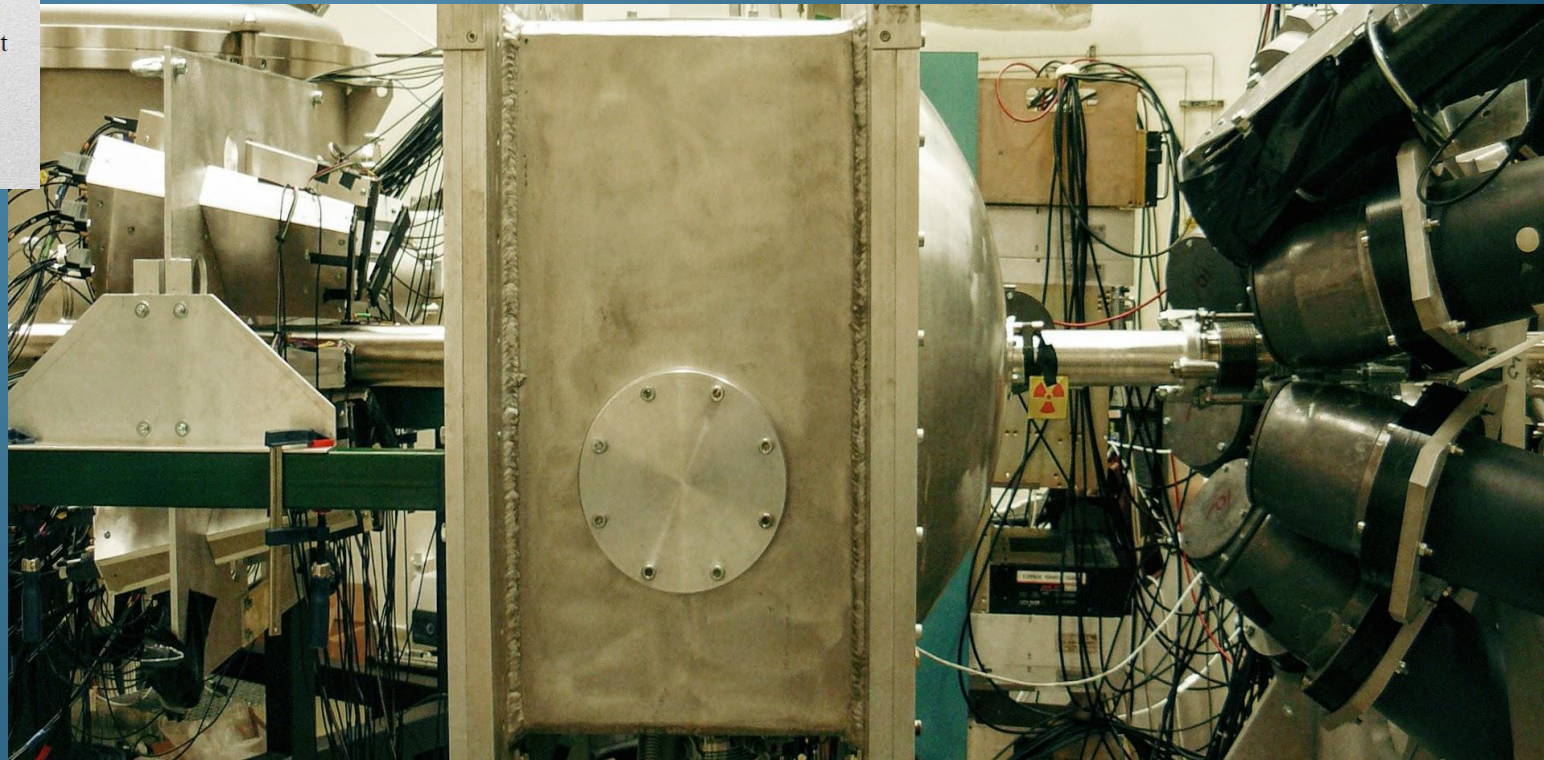
KRATTA
(16 CsI telescopes)
(protons)

**vacuum
scattering
chamber**

HECTOR (8 BaF₂)
LaBr₃ (large volume 8"x3.5")
PARIS (cluster of 9 „phoswiches”
LaBr₃/CeBr₃ + NaI)
(γ -rays)

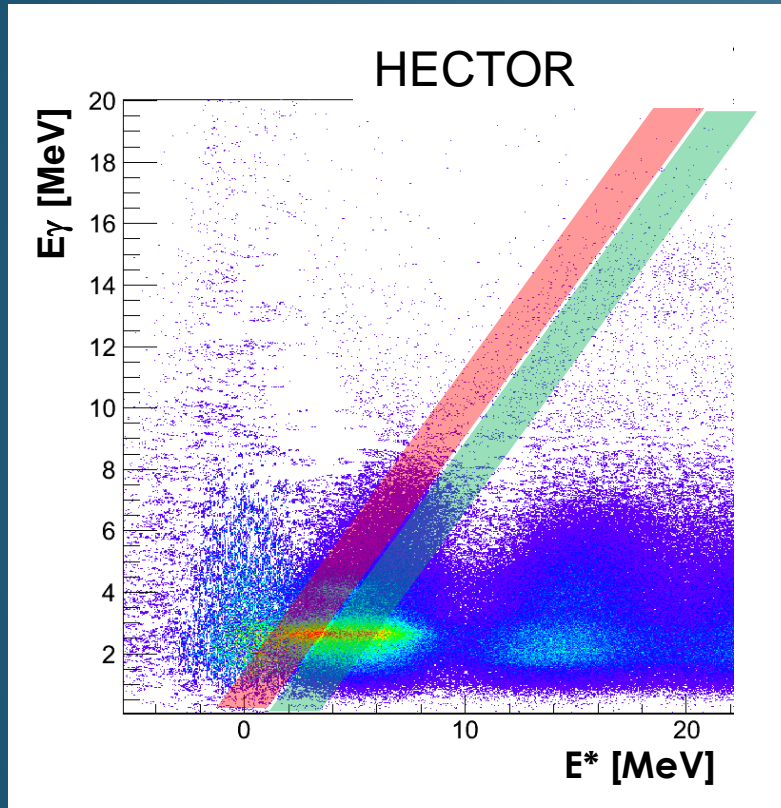


coincidence measurement
of gamma rays and scattered protons



Method

coincidence measurement of gamma rays and scattered protons



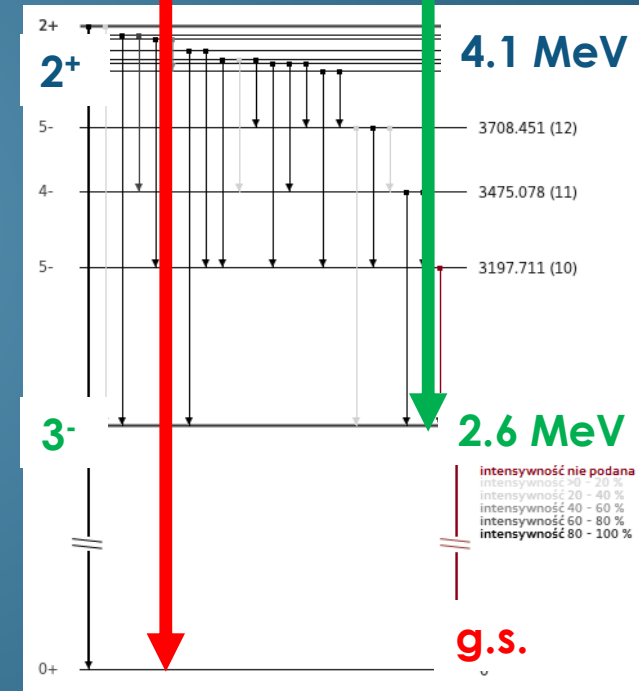
background subtracted

$$E^* = E_{\text{beam}} - E_{\text{scattered proton}}$$

decay to the ground state

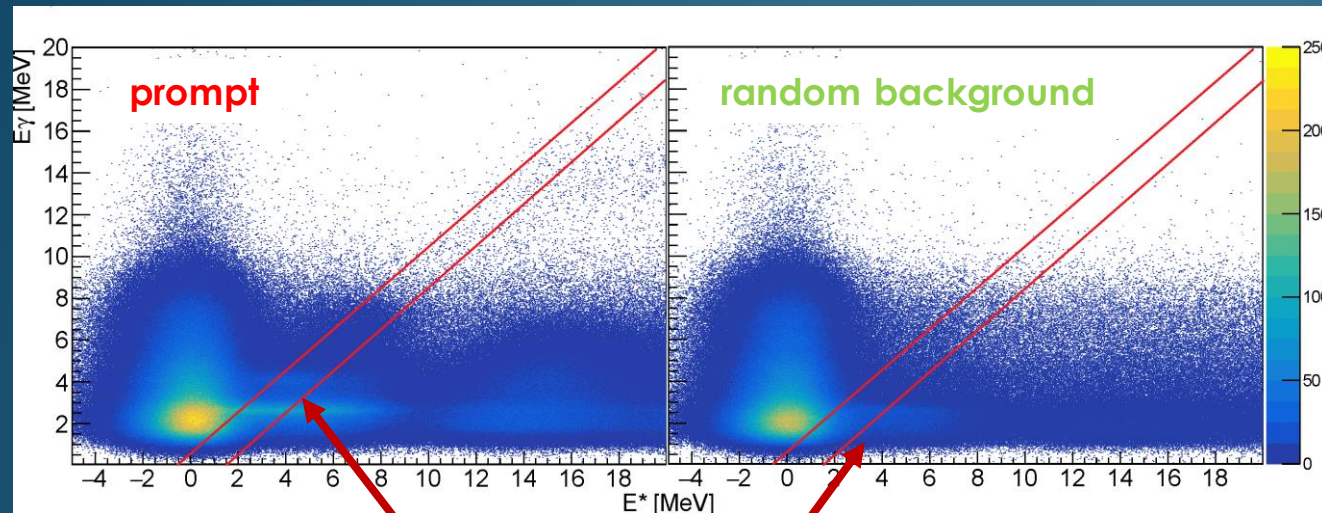
$$\text{g.s.} : E^* = E_\gamma$$

decay to 3^- : $E^* = E_\gamma + 2.6 \text{ MeV}$



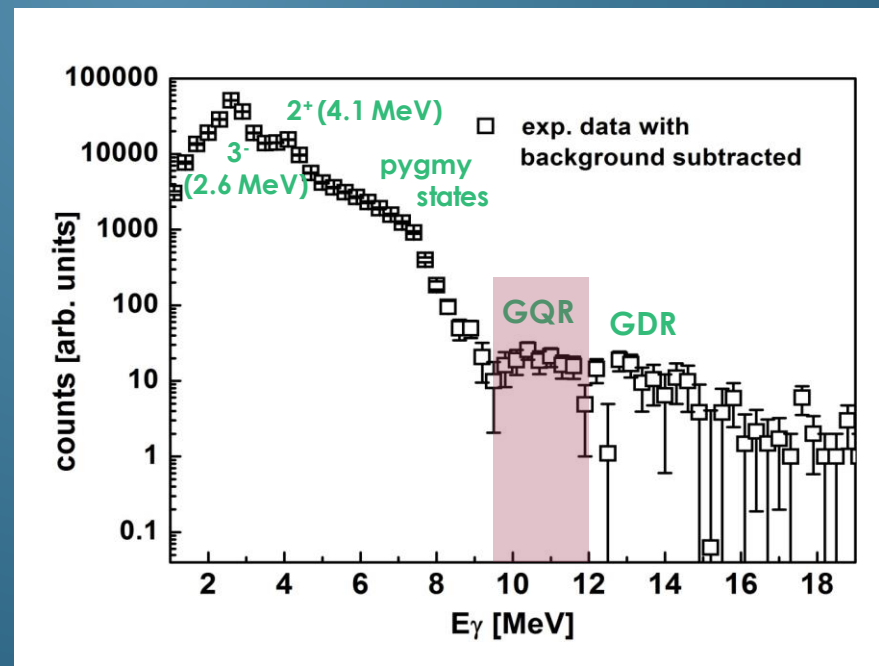
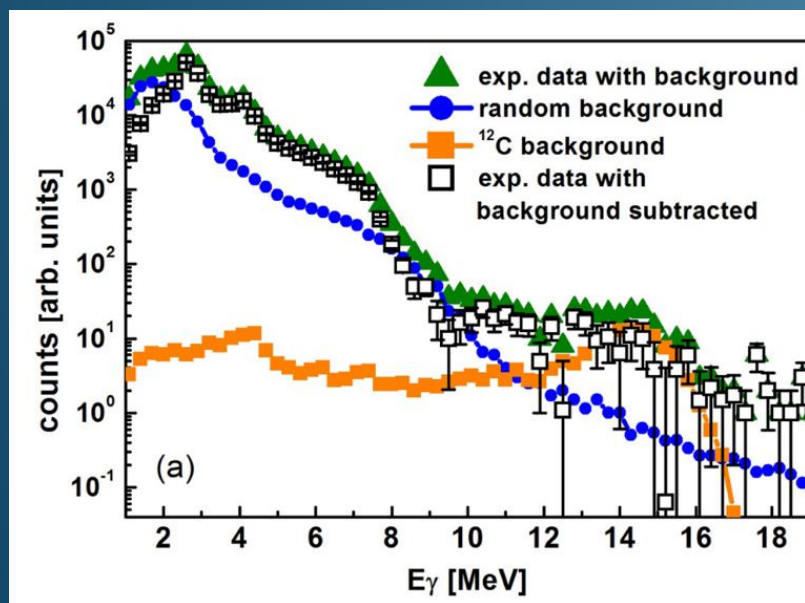
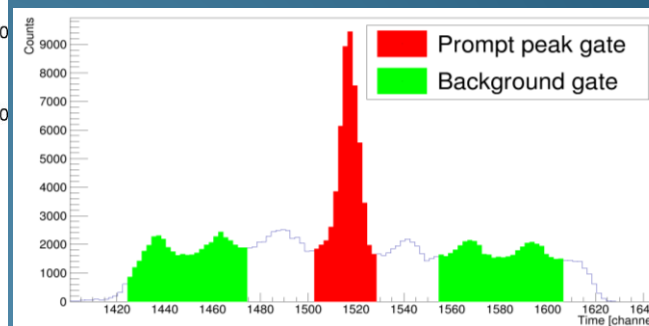
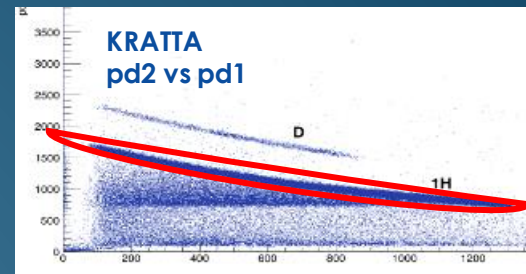
$$^{208}\text{Pb } S_n = 7.368 \text{ MeV}$$

Analysis



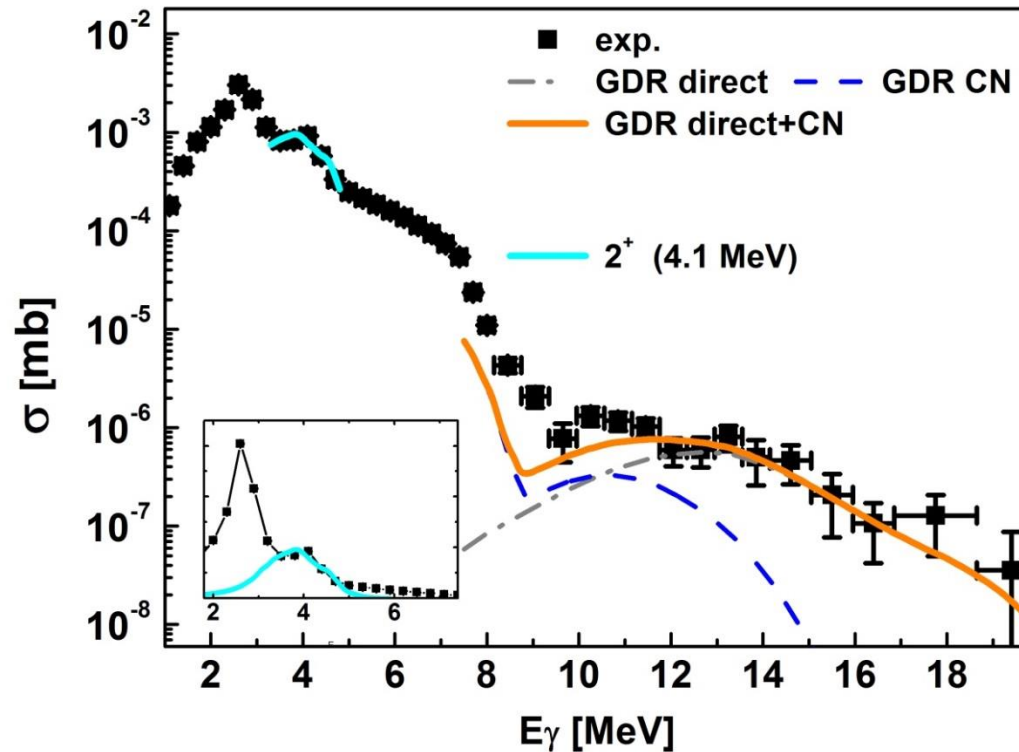
decay to the ground state ($[E_\gamma + 0.5 - E^*] \leq 1 \text{ MeV}$)

gated on scattered
proton
and γ prompt



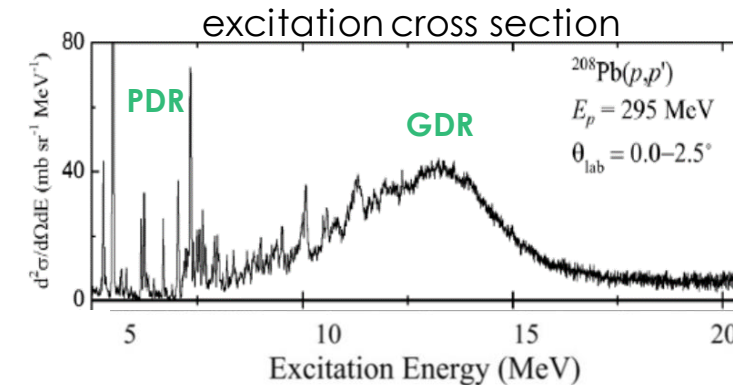
GDR analysis

$$\sigma_{p,p'\gamma 0}(E) = \sigma_{p,p'}(E; B(E1) = 1) b_{E1}(E) \left[\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma 0}}{\Gamma} + \frac{\Gamma_{\downarrow}}{\Gamma} B_{CN}(E) \right] = \sigma_{direct} + \sigma_{CN}$$



direct decay statistical (CN) decay

calculated for:
 B(E1) for 111% EWSR;
 $E_{GDR} = 13.4$ MeV;
 $\Gamma_{GDR} = 3.9$ MeV



GDR γ -ray decay to the g.s. branching ratio:

$$\left(\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma 0}}{\Gamma} \right)_{GDR} = 1.7 \times 10^{-2} \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-2}$$

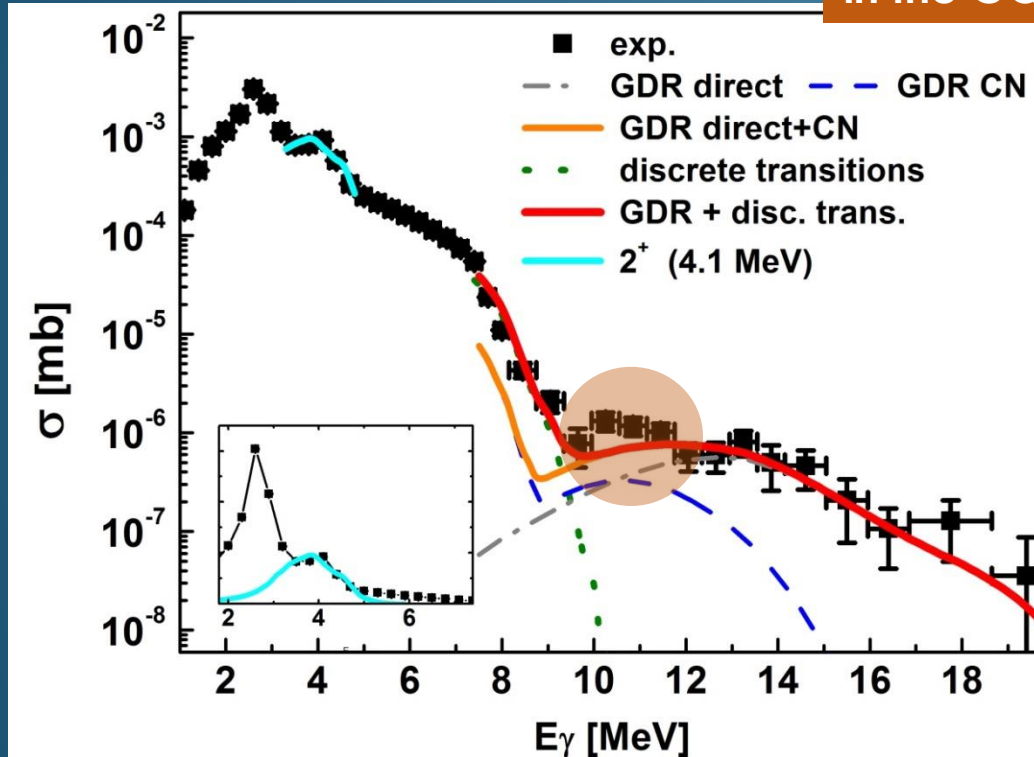
A. Tamii et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 062502 (2011)

In agreement with published value

γ -decay to the g.s. in ^{208}Pb from ISGQR region

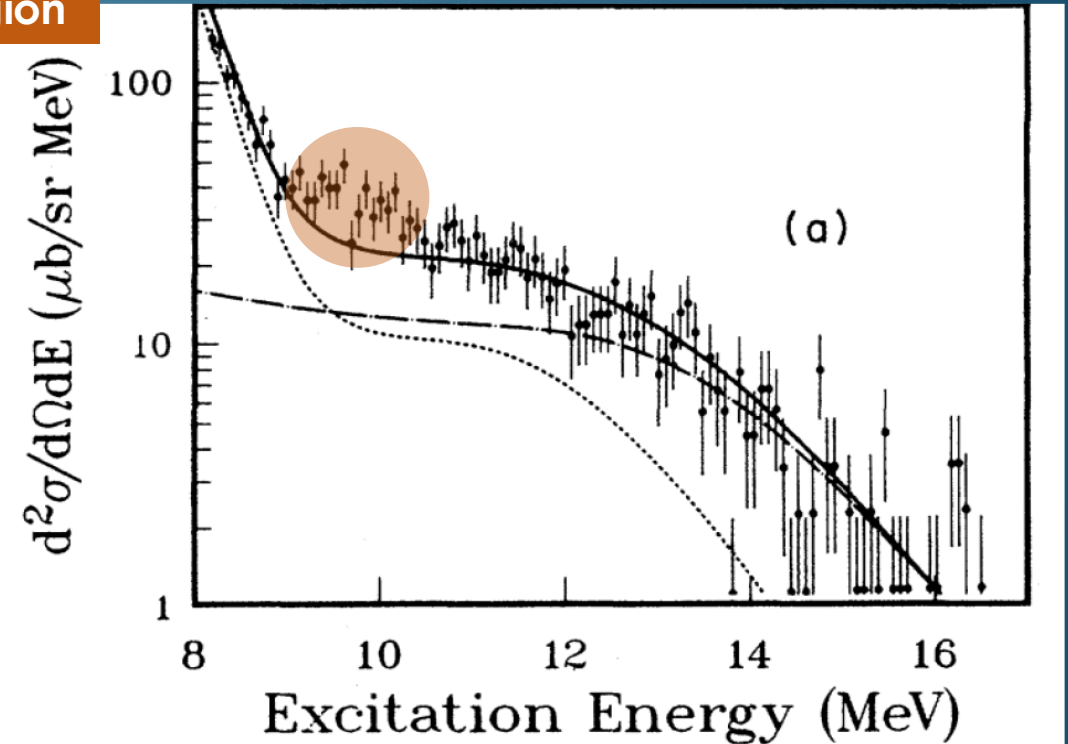
$^{208}\text{Pb}(p,p'\gamma)$ @ 85 MeV

excess
in the GQR region



B. Wasilewska et al., PRC105, 014310 (2022)

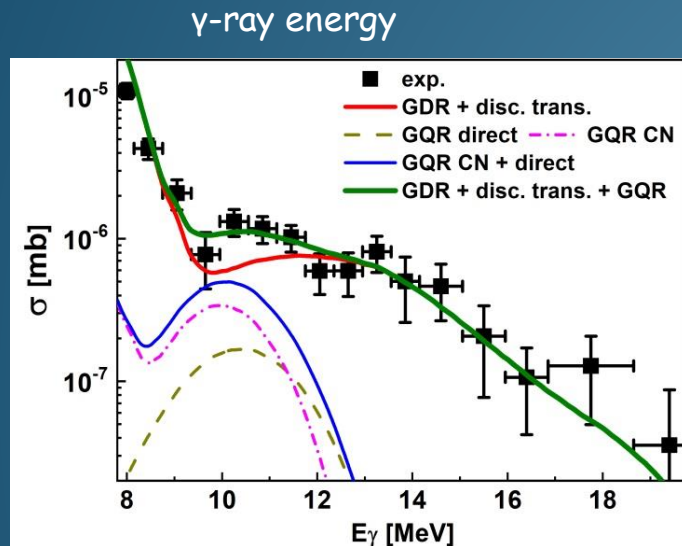
$^{208}\text{Pb} (^{17}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{O}'\gamma)$ @ 381 MeV



J.Beene et al., PRC39, 1307 (1989)

GQR γ -decay in ^{208}Pb

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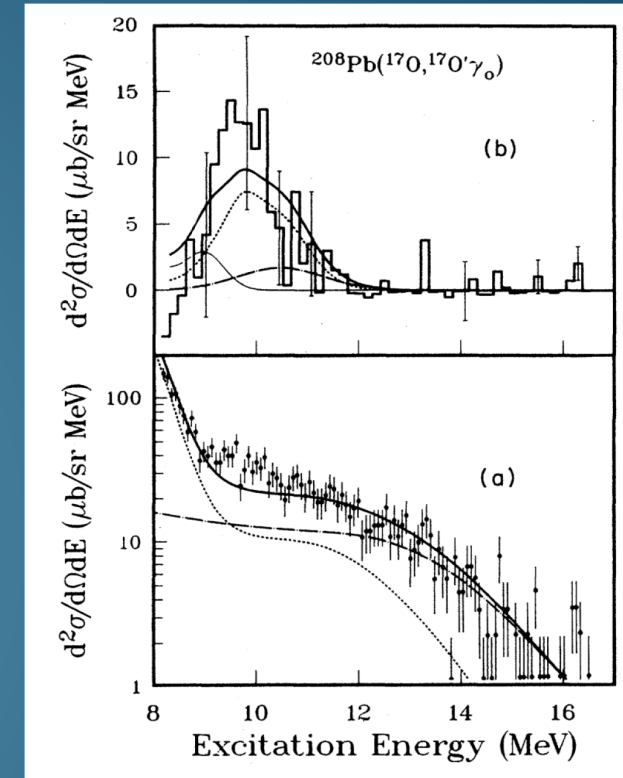
branching ratio:

$$\left(\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma 0}}{\Gamma}\right)_{\text{GQR}} = 3 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1 \times 10^{-4}$$

branching ratio for the GQR gamma decay to the ground state obtained with the use of proton beam - **in agreement** to previous value measured with heavy ions

$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{17}\text{O},^{17}\text{O}'\gamma)$ @ 381 MeV

excitation energy measured in coincidence with γ -rays



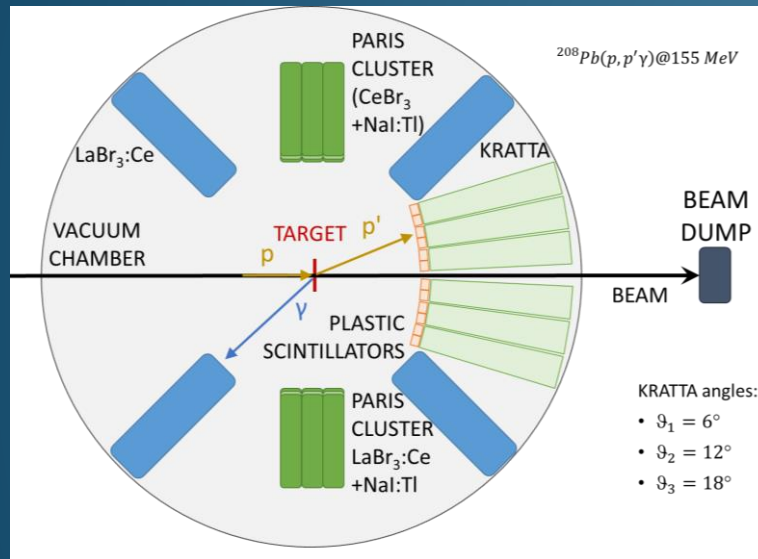
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$$\left(\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma 0}}{\Gamma}\right)_{\text{GQR}} = 4 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1 \times 10^{-4}$$

Next measurements

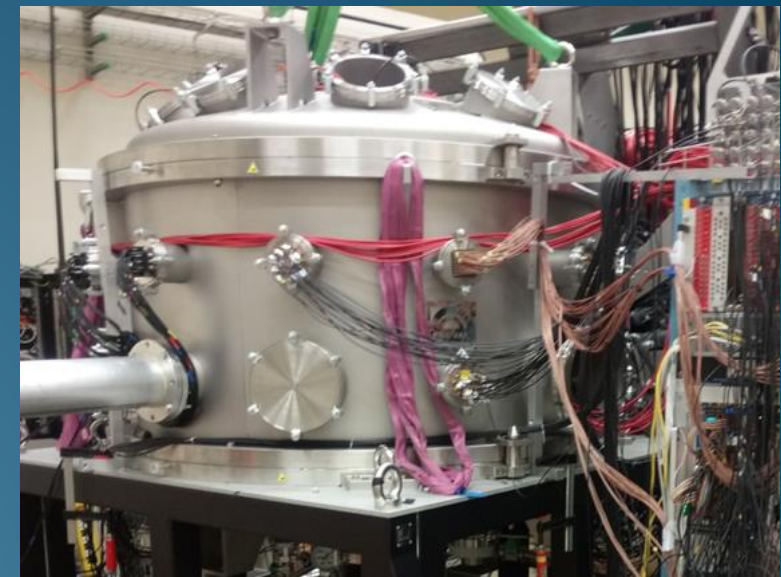
$(p,p'\gamma)$ on ^{208}Pb @ ~ 155 MeV

$(p,p'\gamma)$ on ^{120}Sn @ ~ 200 MeV

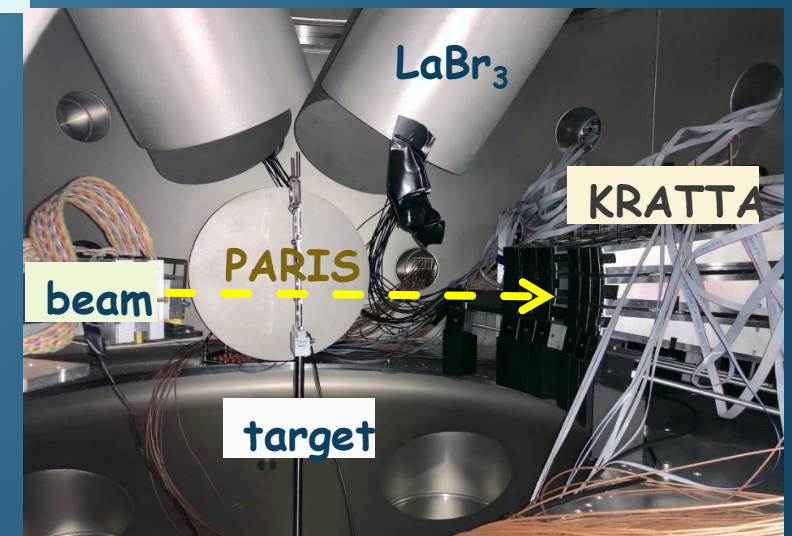
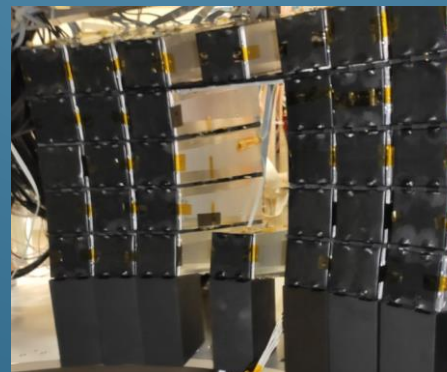


KRATTA inside the chamber – in the vacuum
gamma detectors outside
mounted using holders / cylindrical pockets

- ❑ 4 large volume LaBr3 (3.5"x8") at top
- ❑ 2 PARIS clusters: (9 LaBr₃+NaI and 9 CeBr₃+NaI) at 90°
- ❑ KRATTA covering angles from $\sim 8^\circ$ to $\sim 24^\circ$

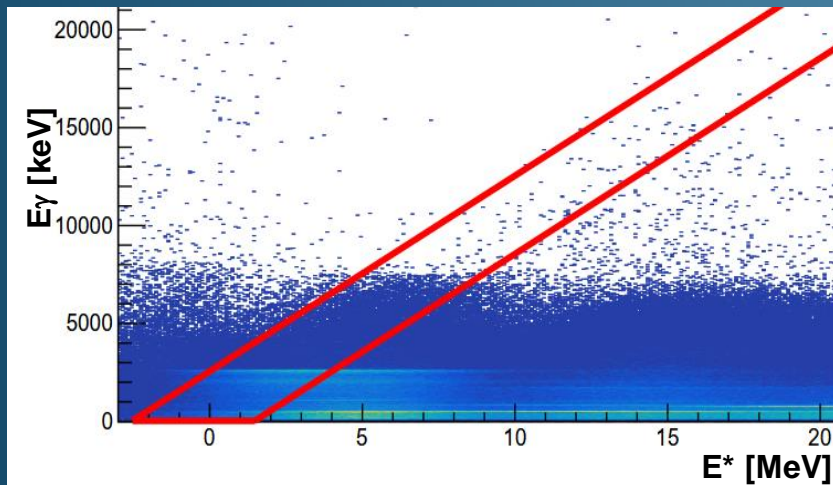
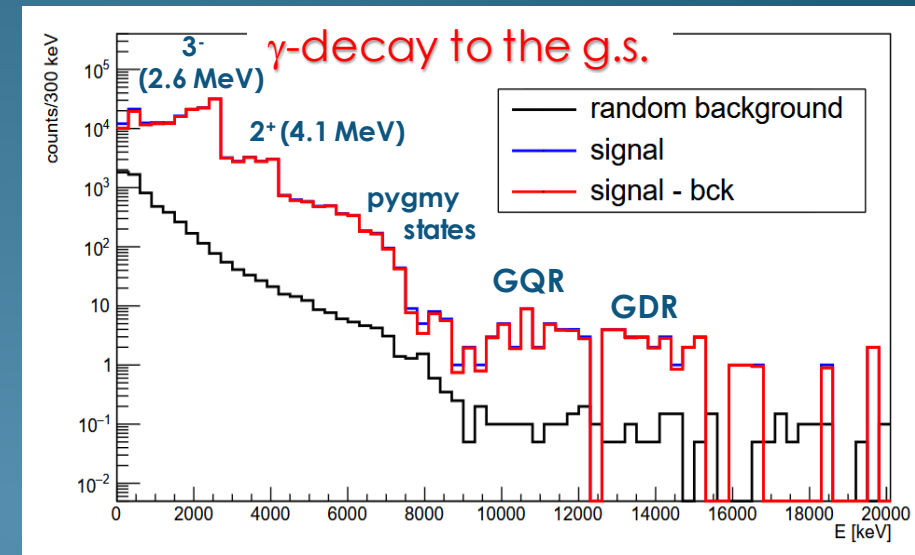
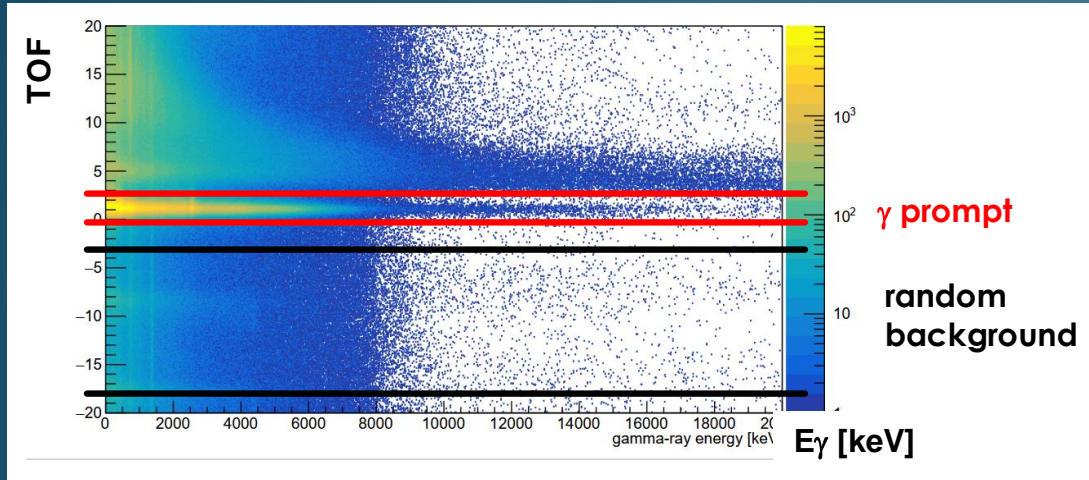


4 plastic scintillators
for each KRATTA module
mounted in the front



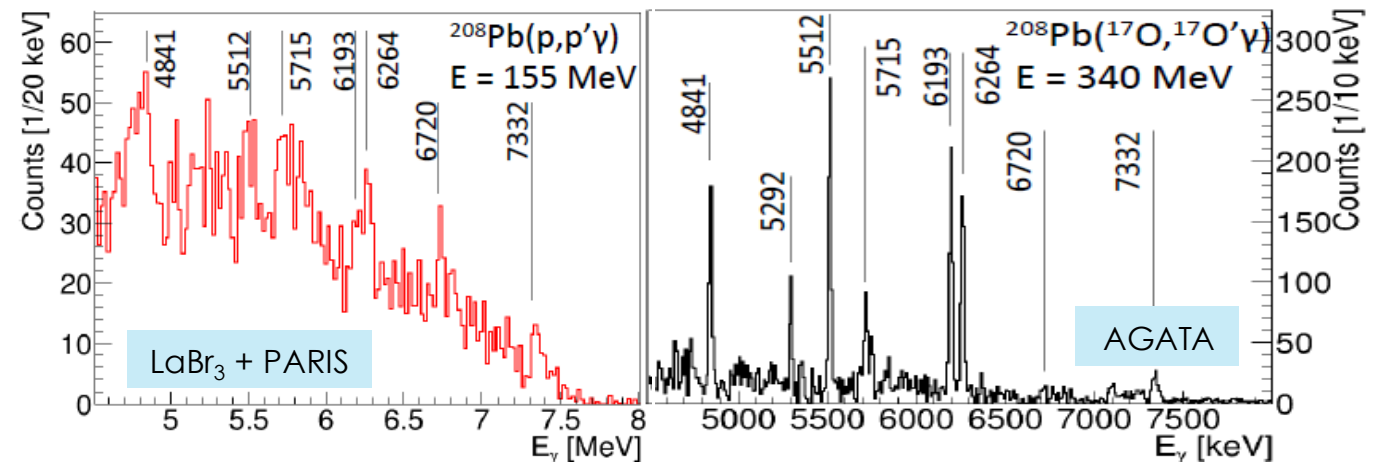
- New setup – better energy resolution
- Higher beam energy – enhancement of GQR

$(p,p'\gamma)$ on ^{208}Pb @ 155 MeV



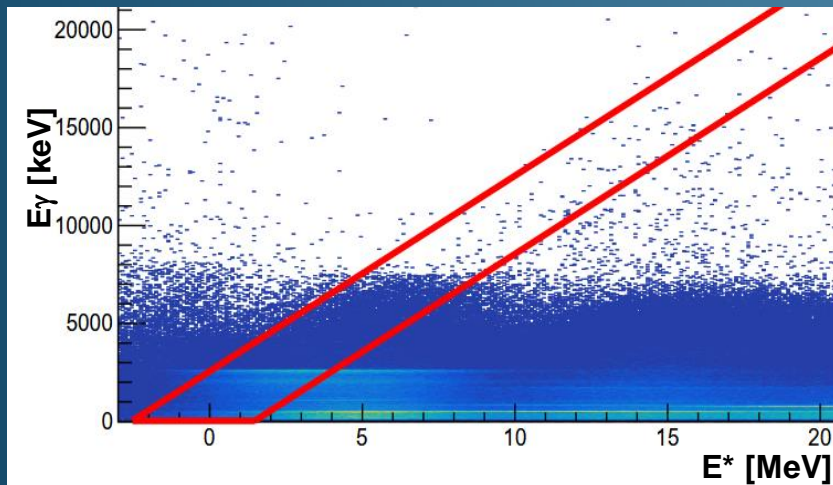
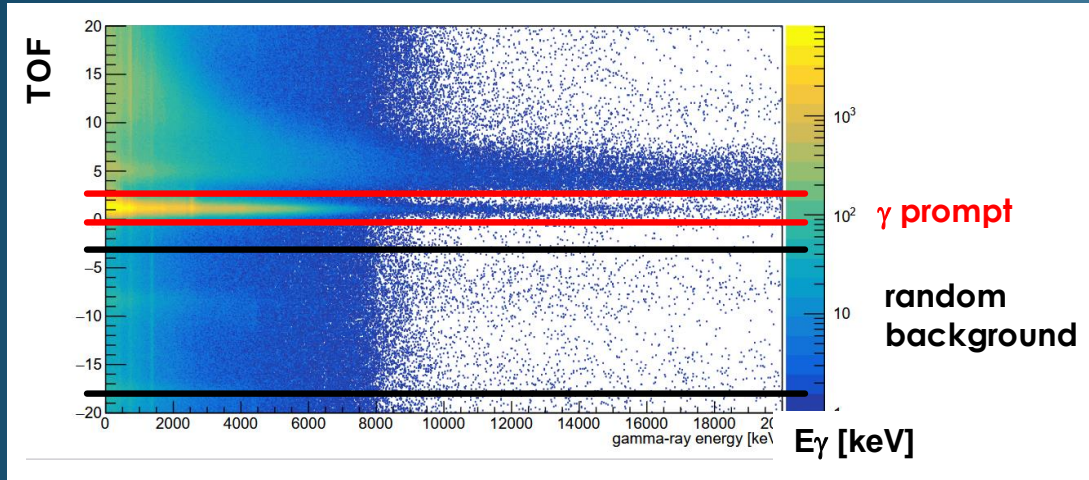
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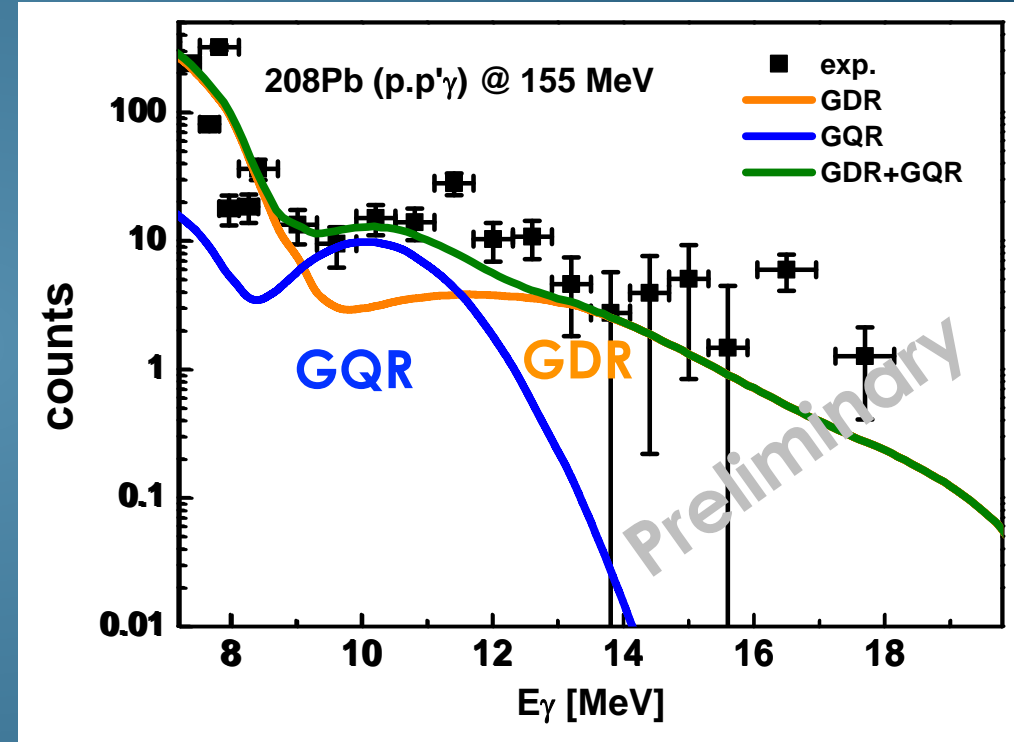


Thanks to better energy resolution
more detailed study of pygmy region possible

$(p,p'\gamma)$ on ^{208}Pb @ 155 MeV



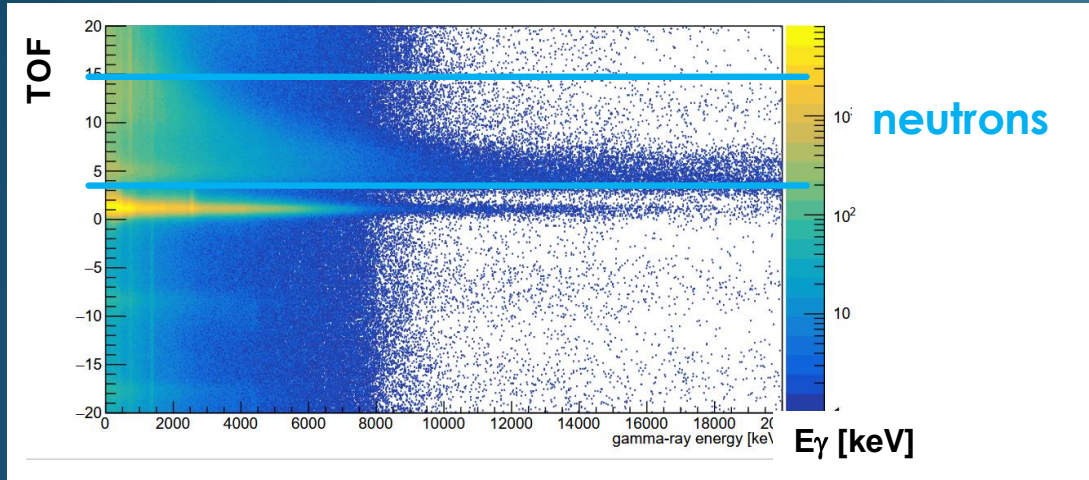
γ -decay to the g.s.



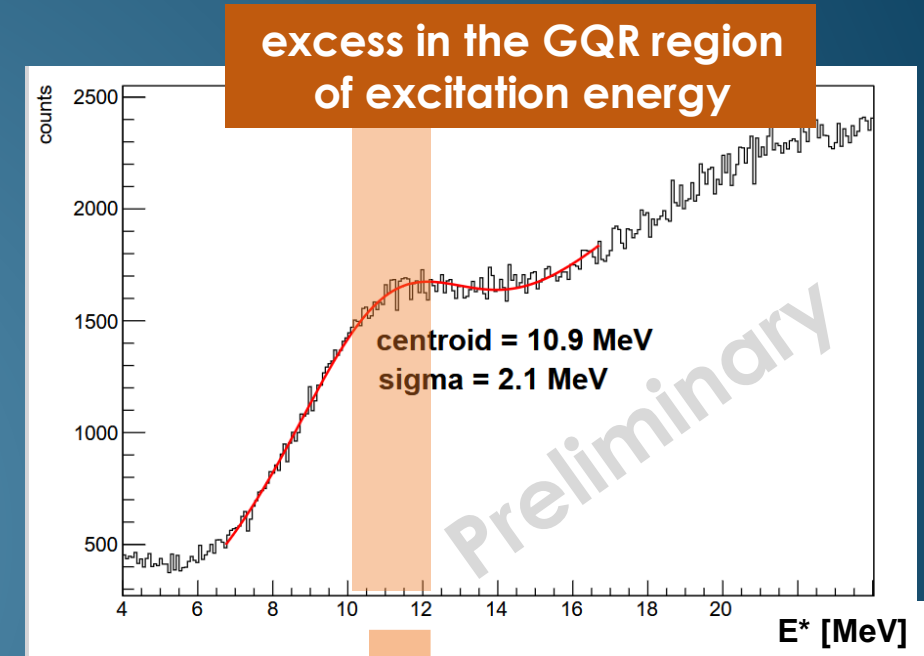
larger GQR excitation cross section
than measure for 85 MeV

analysis ongoing

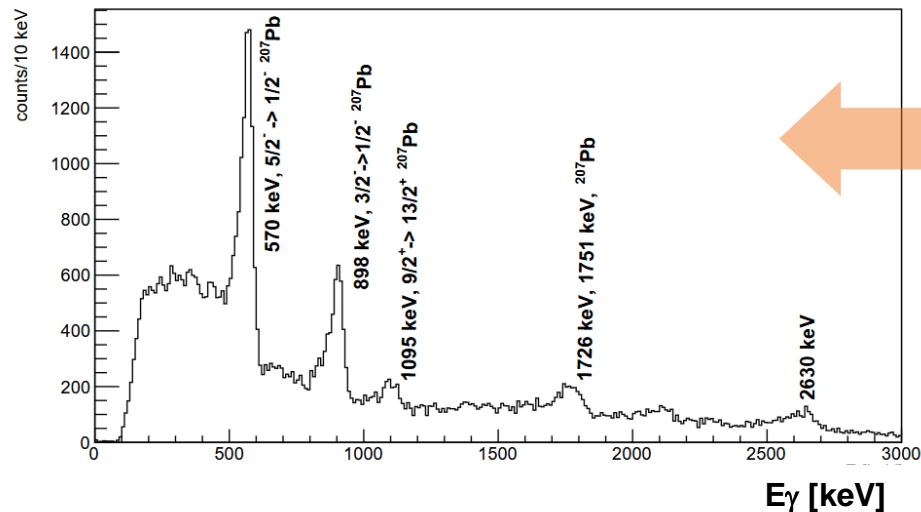
Decay from GQR region in ^{208}Pb - preliminary



gating on
neutron emission



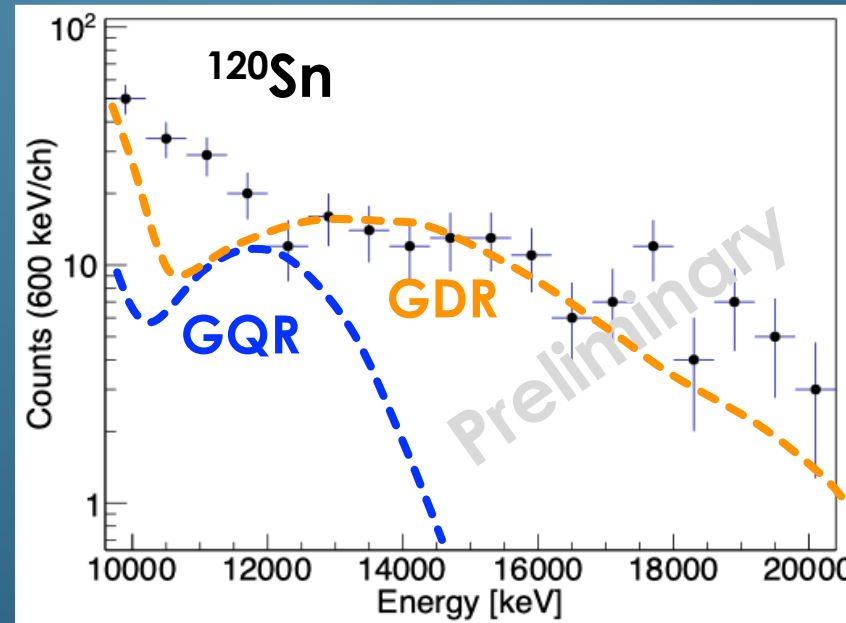
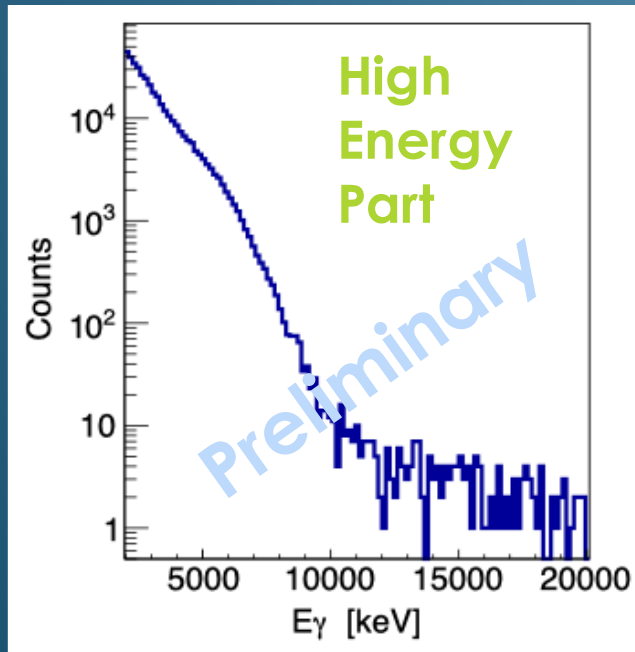
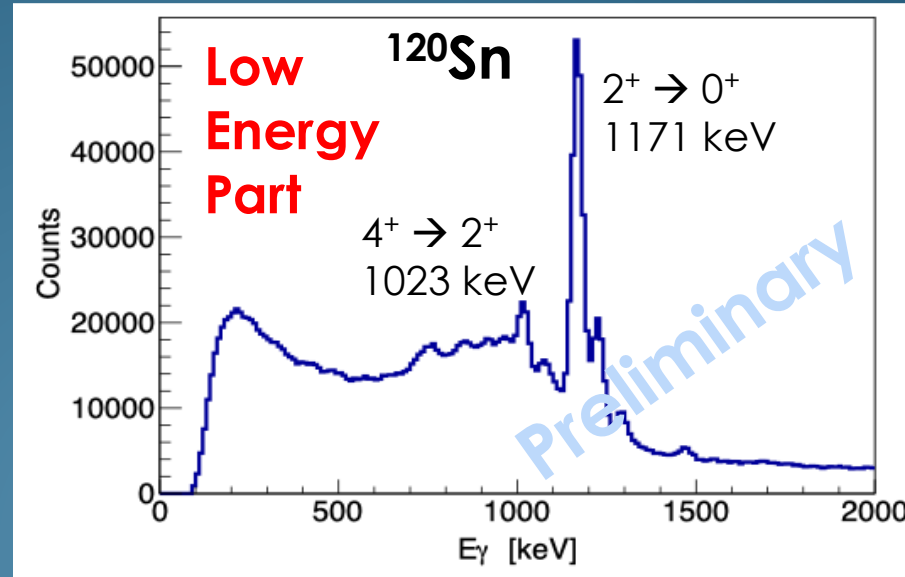
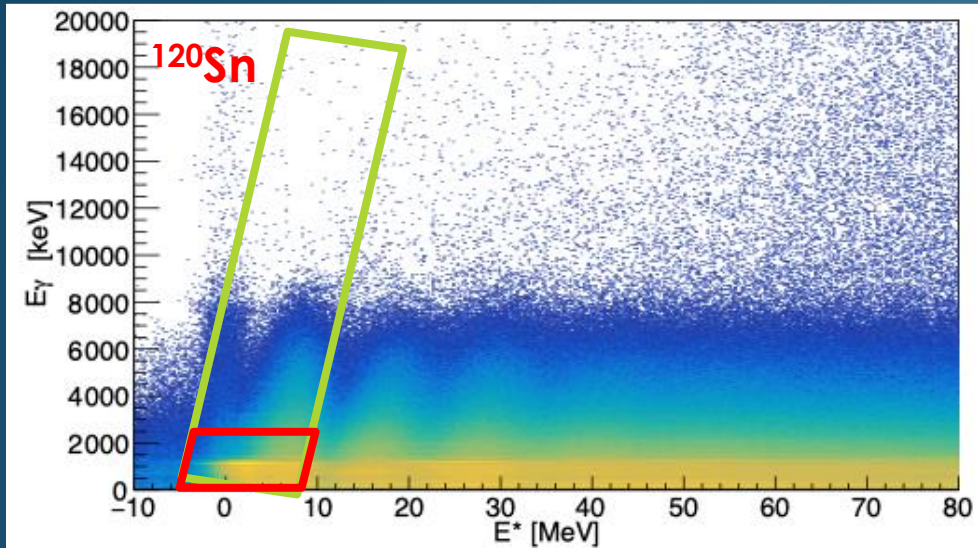
gated on excitation energy region 10-12 MeV (GQR)



possible study of GQR decay
via neutron emission to excited states in ^{207}Pb

Courtesy: Michał Ciemala

Preliminary results from (p,p'γ) on ^{120}Sn @ 200 MeV

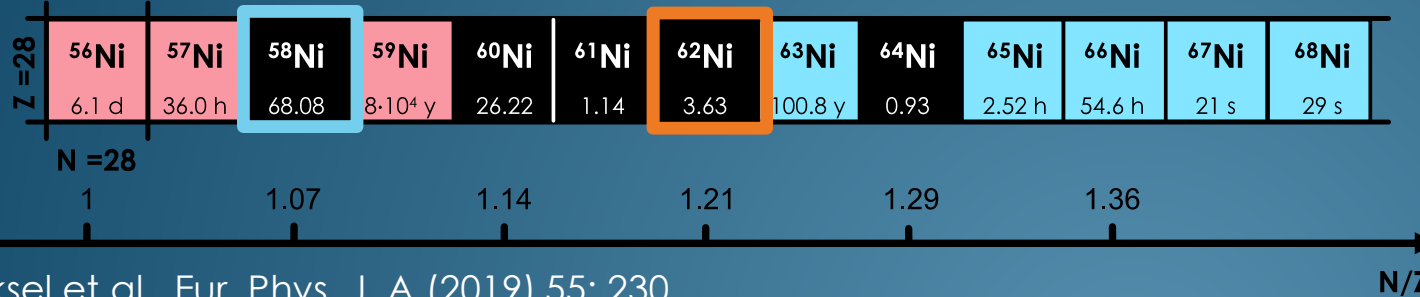


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analysis ongoing

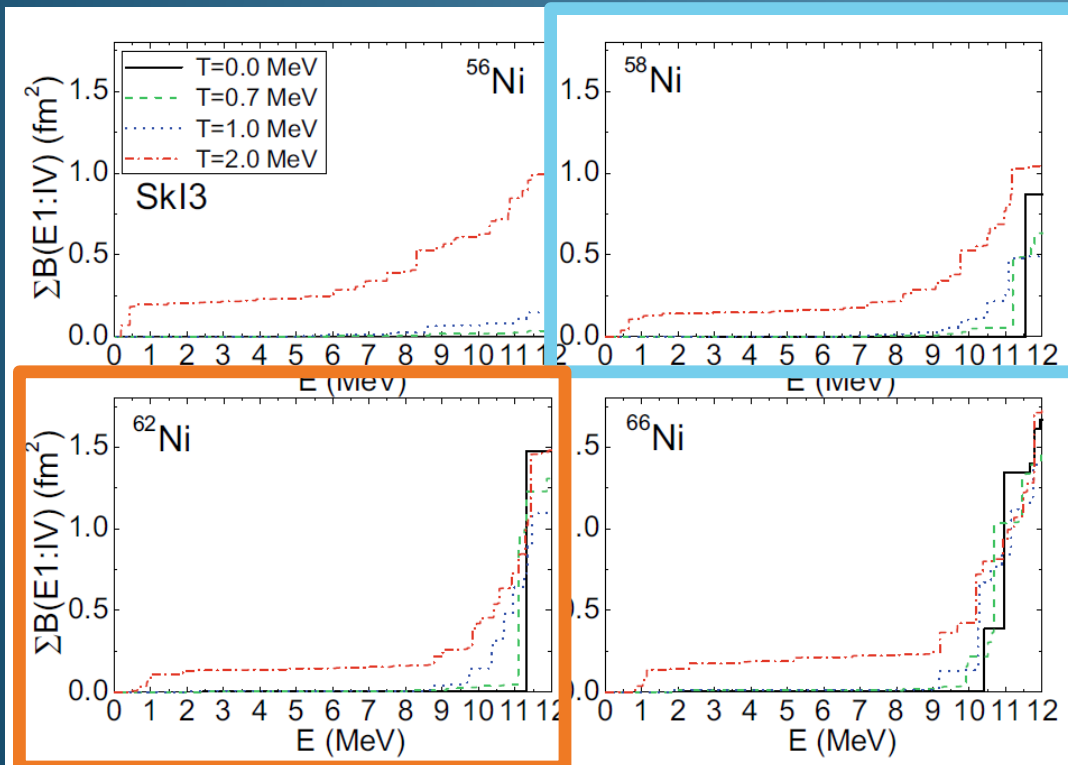
Motivation for study PDR in Ni isotopes

Study PDR strength as a function of neutron number to understand the role of neutrons in states at the onset of the existence of the pygmy strength

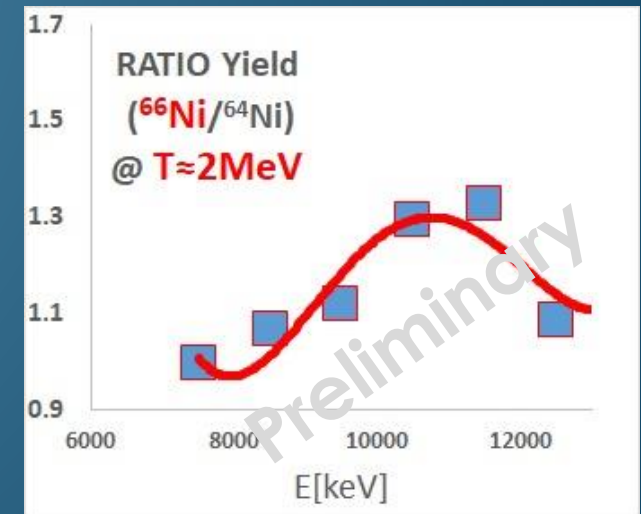


The PDR strength below 10 MeV observed :
for ⁶⁰Ni 0.5-0.8 % of EWSR (NRF)
for ⁶⁸Ni 3-5% of EWSR (Coulomb excitation)

E. Yüksel et al., Eur. Phys. J. A (2019) 55: 230



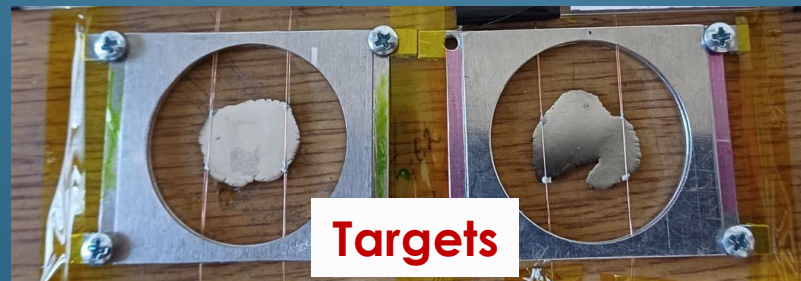
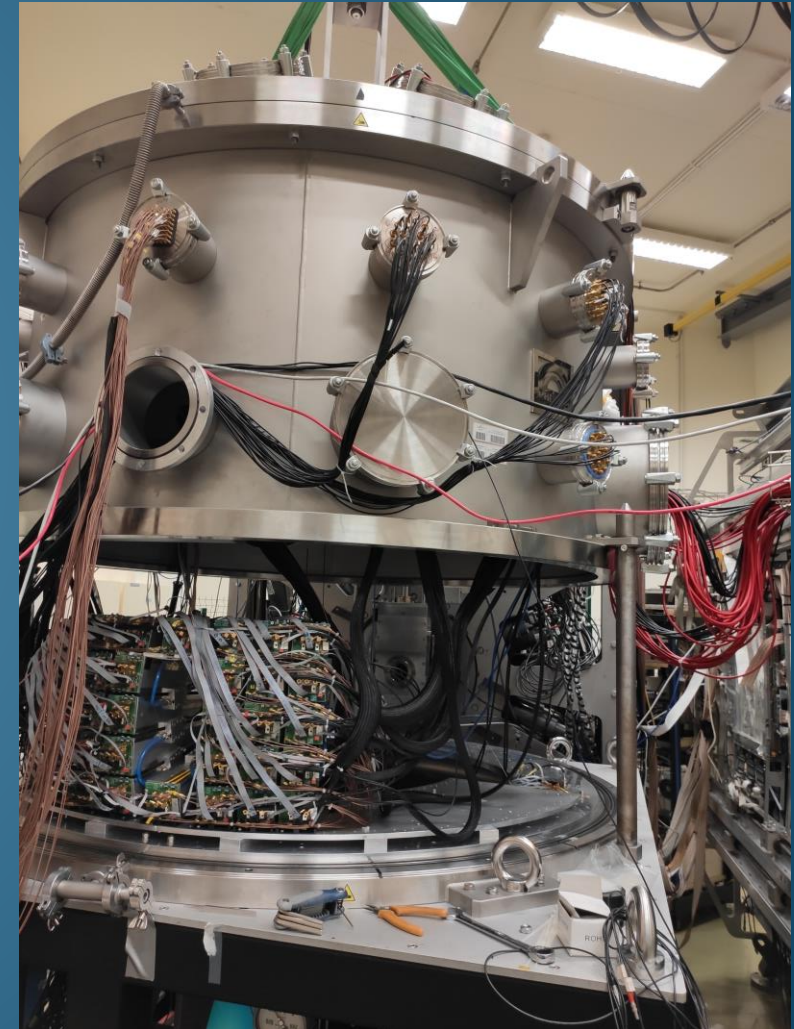
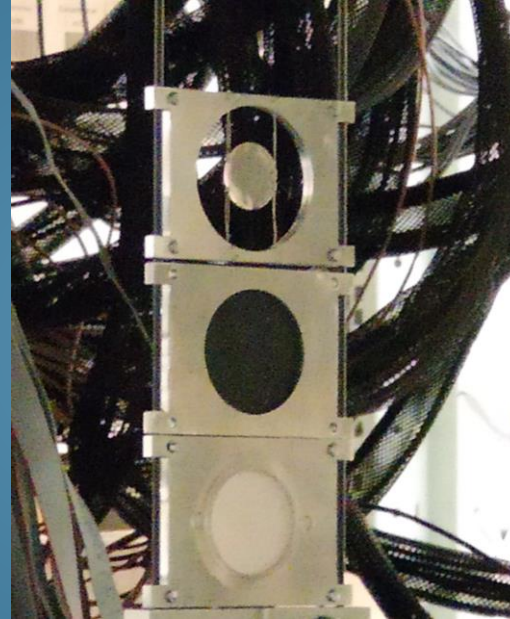
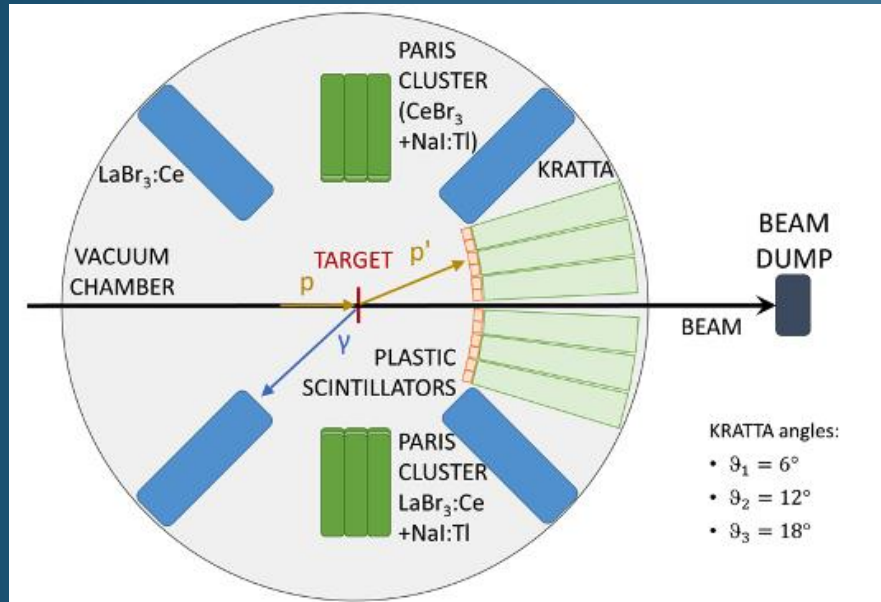
Complementary to investigations done at IFIN labs with same isotopes but with fusion evaporation reactions at finite temperature.



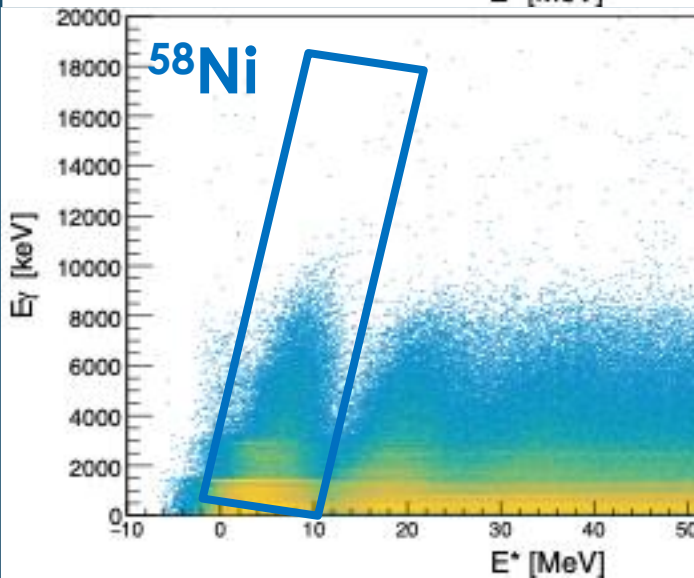
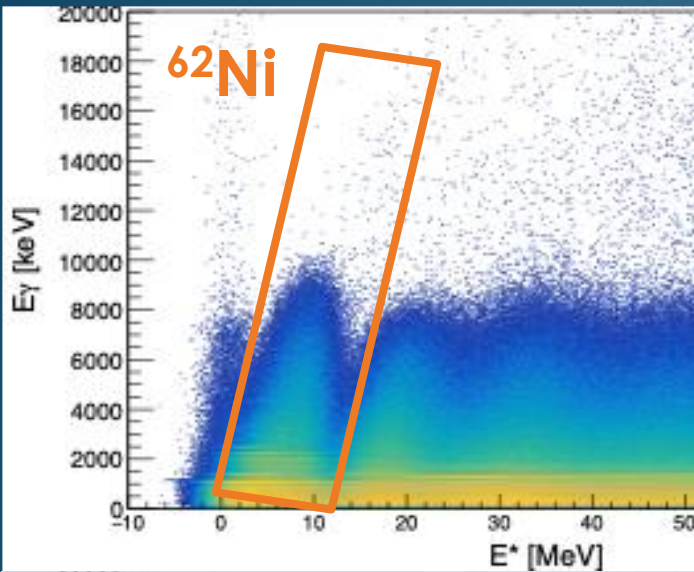
Courtesy: Oliver Wieland

The setup for $^{58,62}\text{Ni}$ (p,p' γ) @ 180 MeV

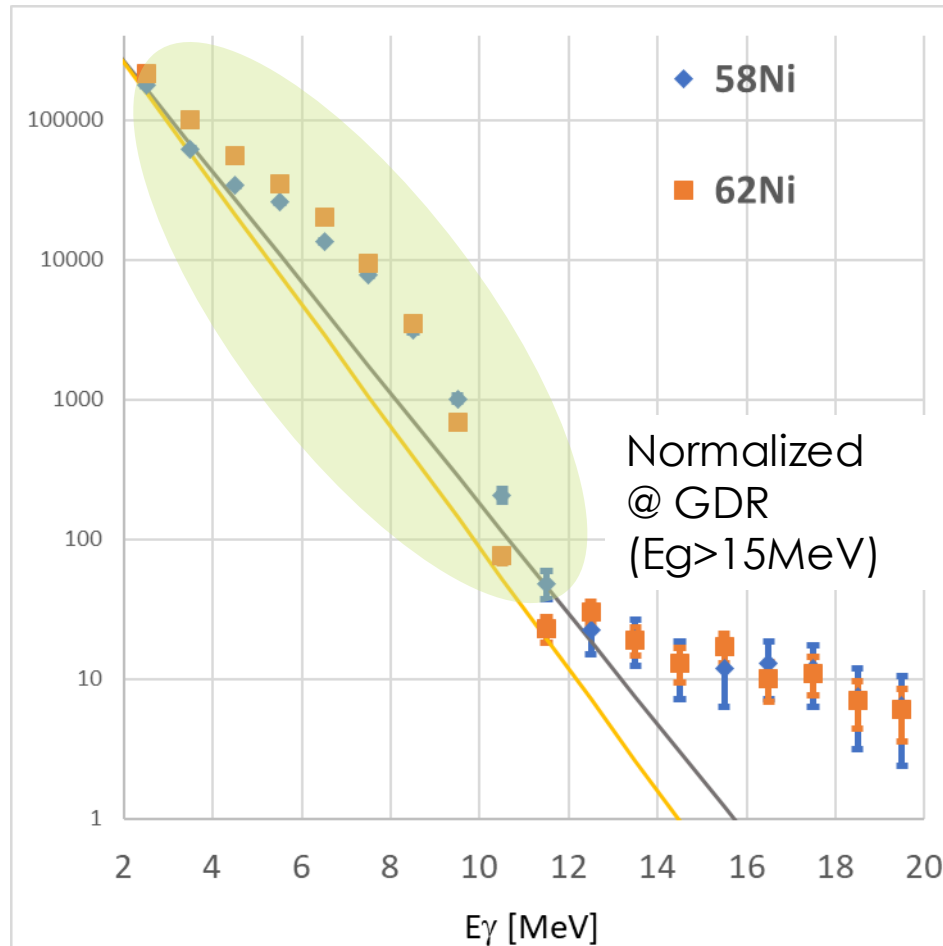
The same as for ^{120}Sn experiment



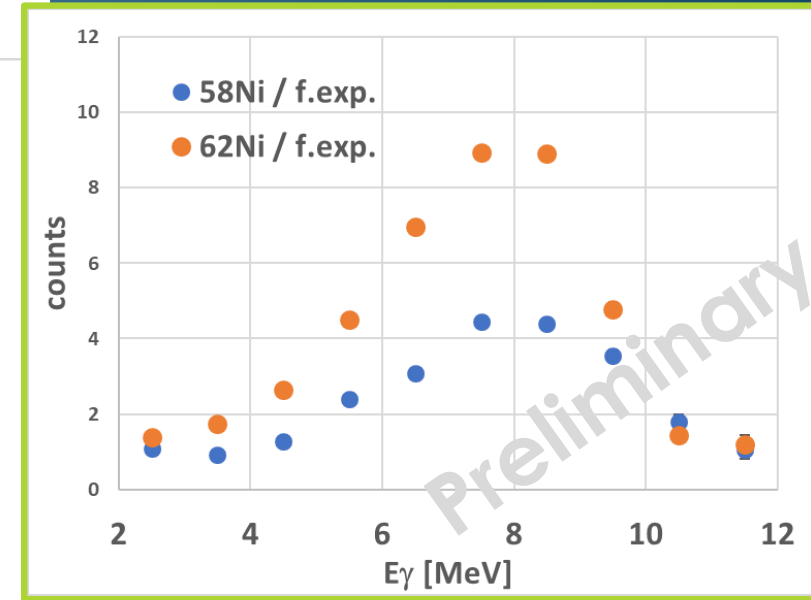
PDR in Ni isotopes – preliminary results



^{62}Ni $N/Z = 1.21$
Pygmy expected



^{58}Ni $N/Z = 1.07$
small extra yield expected



increase of counts
in PDR region for ^{62}Ni

analysis ongoing

Courtesy: Agnese Giaz,
Oliver Wieland

PDR in Ni isotopes – continuation

PROPOSAL: CONTINUATION EXPERIMENT AT CCB

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PDR in ^{64}Ni as systematic sequel of the study in $^{58,62}\text{Ni}$ isotopes
using the inelastic proton scattering at CCB

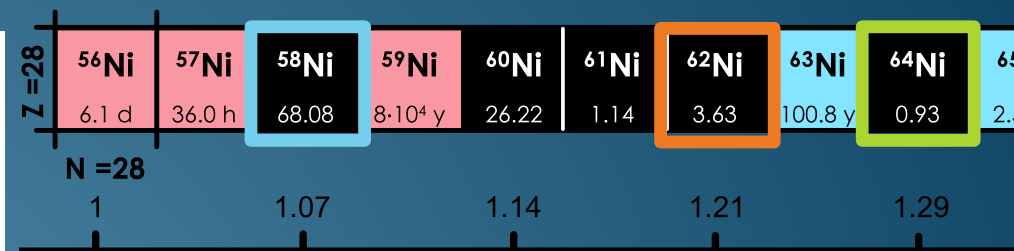
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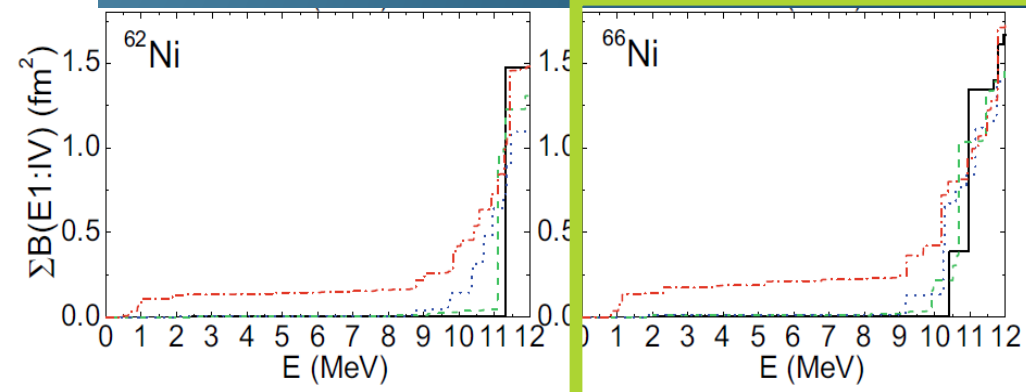
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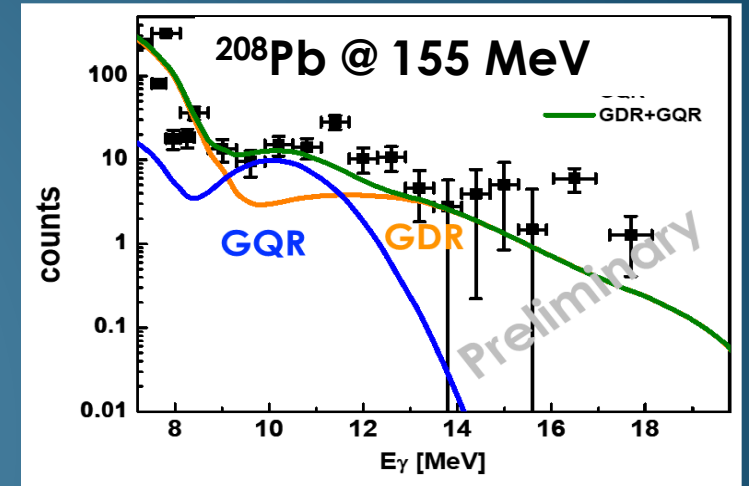
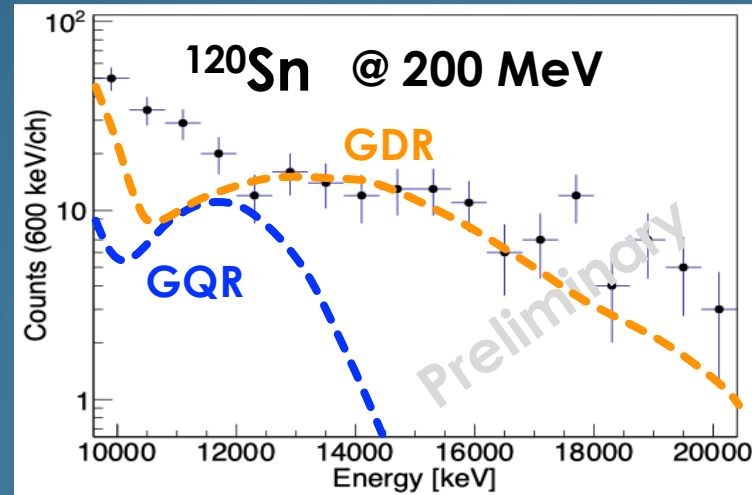
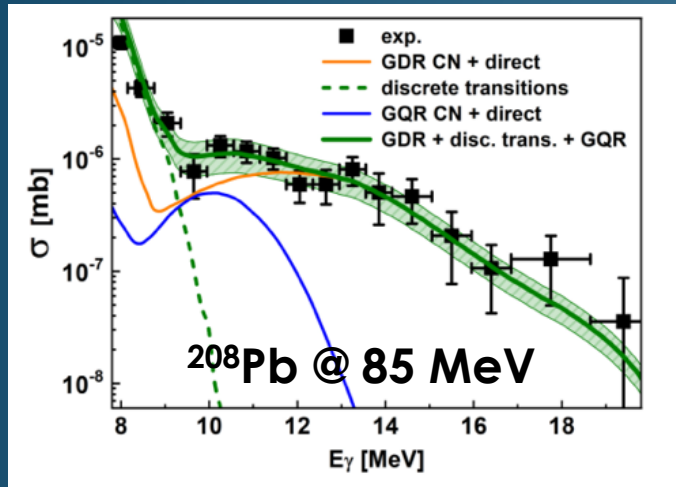
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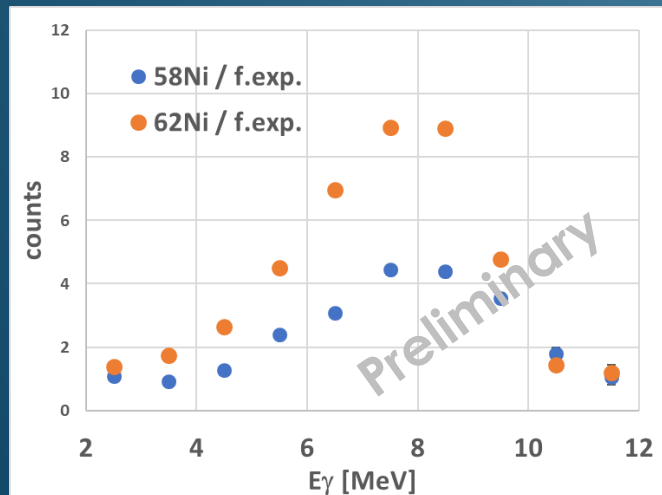
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Summary

- Using proton beams at CCB IFJ PAN in Kraków and $(p,p'\gamma)$ reaction we studied ISGQR γ -decay from ^{208}Pb and ^{120}Sn



- and γ -decay from PDR region in $^{58,62}\text{Ni}$



- The analysis is ongoing.
- Continuation of PDR study in Ni isotopes is going to start next week

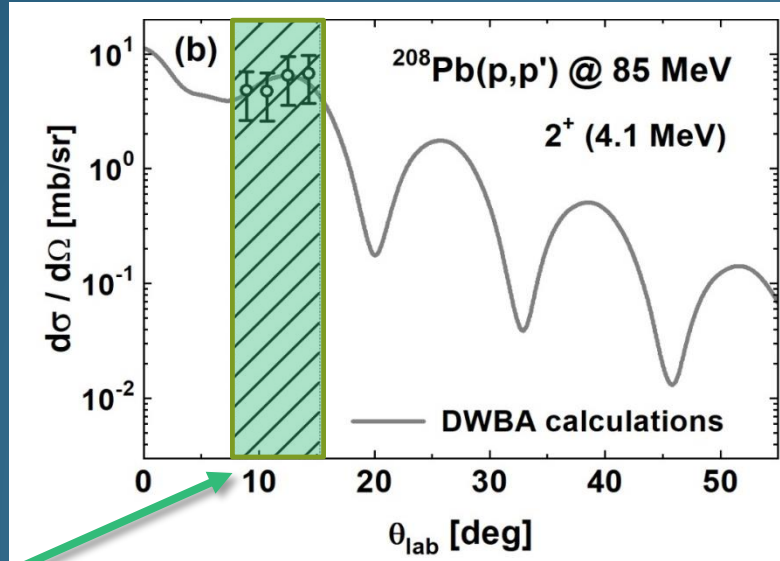
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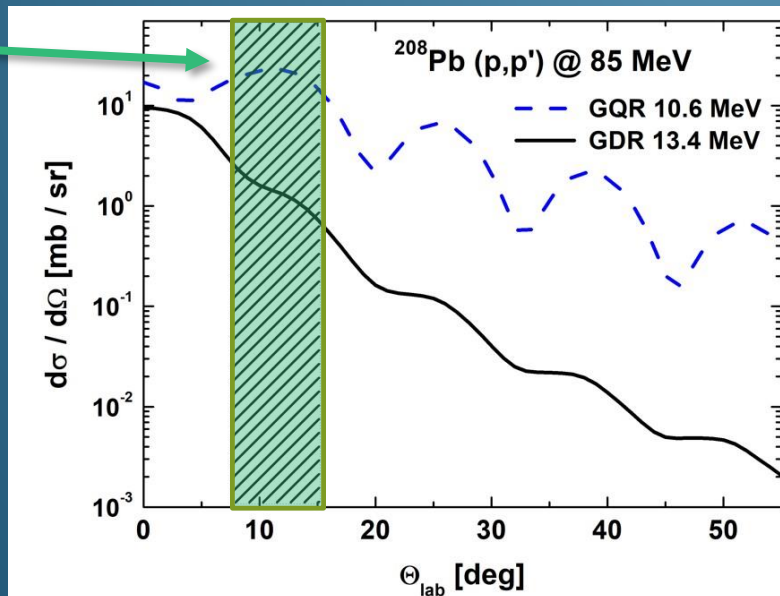
Cross sections for excitations in ^{208}Pb

(p,p') @85 MeV



2^+ state

the angles covered
by the experimental
setup



GQR

GDR

(p,p') @155 MeV

