

Toward New Era of Photonuclear Reactions

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γ -ray sources: radioisotopes

Green and Donahue, PR 135, B701 (1964)

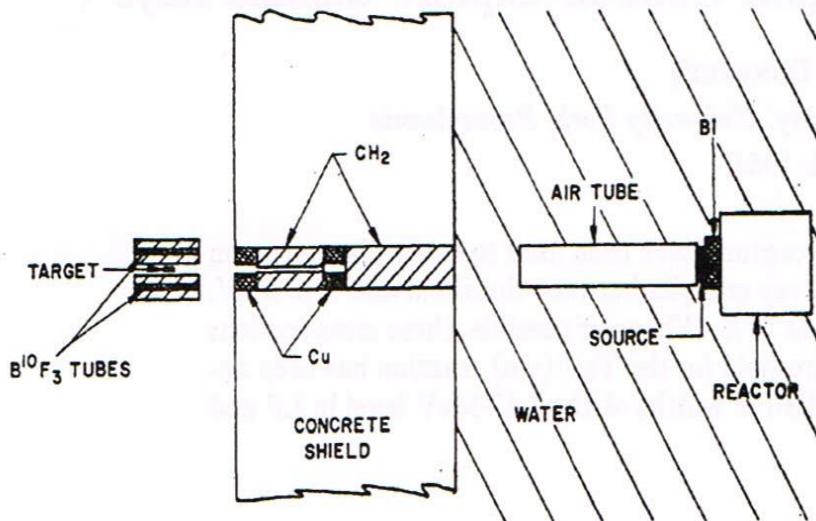


FIG. 1. Neutron counter and source arrangement.

TABLE I. Measured gamma-ray intensities.

Source	Energy ^a (MeV)	Intensity $\times 10^{-4}$ (γ rays/cm ² -sec)
Aluminum	7.72	8.1 \pm 0.7
Copper	7.91	14.0 \pm 1.4
	7.63	6.4 \pm 0.6
Chlorine	8.56	2.3 \pm 0.3
	7.77	6.0 \pm 0.7
	7.42	6.9 \pm 0.8
Nitrogen	10.83	0.49 \pm 0.03
	8.31	0.10 \pm 0.03
Nickel	9.00	19.8 \pm 2.1
	8.53	9.1 \pm 0.9
Chromium	9.72	2.5 \pm 0.4
	8.88	6.2 \pm 0.9
Iron	7.64	22.0 \pm 2.8
	9.30	1.9 \pm 0.2
	6.03 + 5.92	11.3 \pm 1.5
Lead	7.38	1.9 \pm 0.3
Sulphur	5.43	10.2 \pm 1.4
	8.64	0.6 \pm 0.1
	7.78	0.8 \pm 0.2
Titanium	6.75	18.9 \pm 2.2
	6.41	12.5 \pm 1.5
	6.61 ^b	33.7 \pm 2.7
Manganese	7.16 ^c	19.0 \pm 1.7
Zinc	7.88	4.5 \pm 0.5

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TABLE II. Summary of measured cross sections (millibarns).

Source	Energy ^a (MeV)	Ta ¹⁸¹	Li ⁷	Targets Li ⁶	C ¹³	B ¹⁰
Aluminum	7.72	4.1 ± 0.4	0.06 ± 0.01	1.13 ± 0.12	1.7 ± 0.2	...
Copper	7.91	10.8 ± 1.0	0.07 ± 0.01	1.1 ± 0.2	0.97 ± 0.13	...
Chlorine	8.56	29 ± 6	0.17 ± 0.12	...	...	...
Nickel	9.00	44 ± 6	0.16 ± 0.06	1.6 ± 0.3	0.6 ± 0.1	0.11 ± 0.01
Nitrogen	10.83	121 ± 12	1.07 ± 0.25	...	4 ± 2	0.9 ± 0.2
Chromium	9.72	84 ± 25	0.55 ± 0.25	...	...	0.23 ± 0.05
Iron	7.64	0.0 ± 0.9	0.079 ± 0.014	1.3 ± 0.2	0.23 ± 0.05	...
Iron	9.30	...	...	...	...	0.09 ± 0.03
Lead	7.38	...	0.068 ± 0.035	1.2 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.3	...
Sulphur	5.43	...	...	0.42 ± 0.07		
Sodium	6.41	...	...	0.6 ± 0.1		
Titanium	6.75	...	...	1.3 ± 0.2	...	...
Titanium	6.61 ^b	...	...	...	0.32 ± 0.04	...
Manganese	7.16 ^c	...	...	0.9 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.1	
Zinc	7.88	...	...	1.0 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.2	

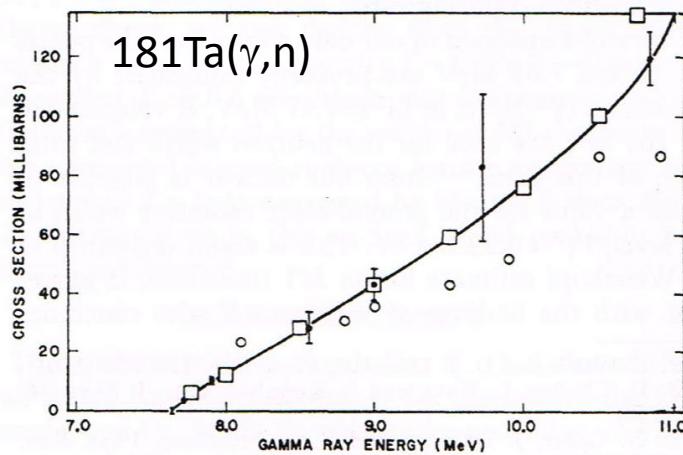


FIG. 2. Energy versus cross section, Ta¹⁸¹(γ ,n). Boxes are data of Fuller and Weiss (Ref. 8), circles are data of Bramblett *et al.* (Ref. 1). The solid line is a smooth curve through the present cross-section measurements.

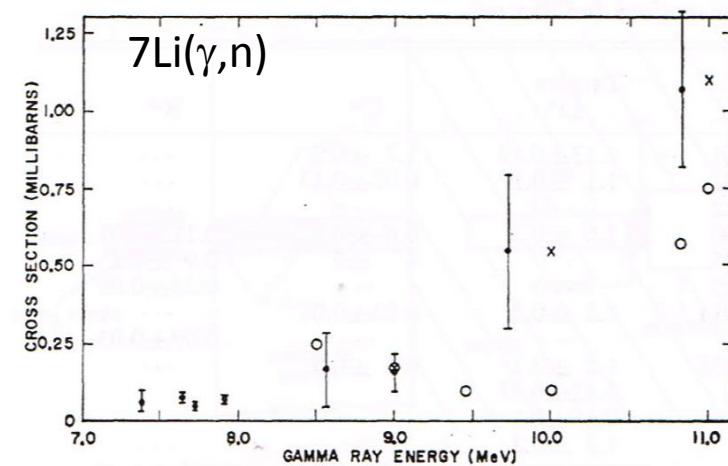


FIG. 3. Energy versus cross section, Li⁷(γ ,n). Crosses are data of Goldemberg and Katz (Ref. 3), circles are data of Romanowski and Voelker (Ref. 12).

γ -ray sources: Nuclear reactions

$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$, $E_{\text{p}} = 992 \text{ keV}$ resonance

Anttila et al., NIM 147, 501 (1977)

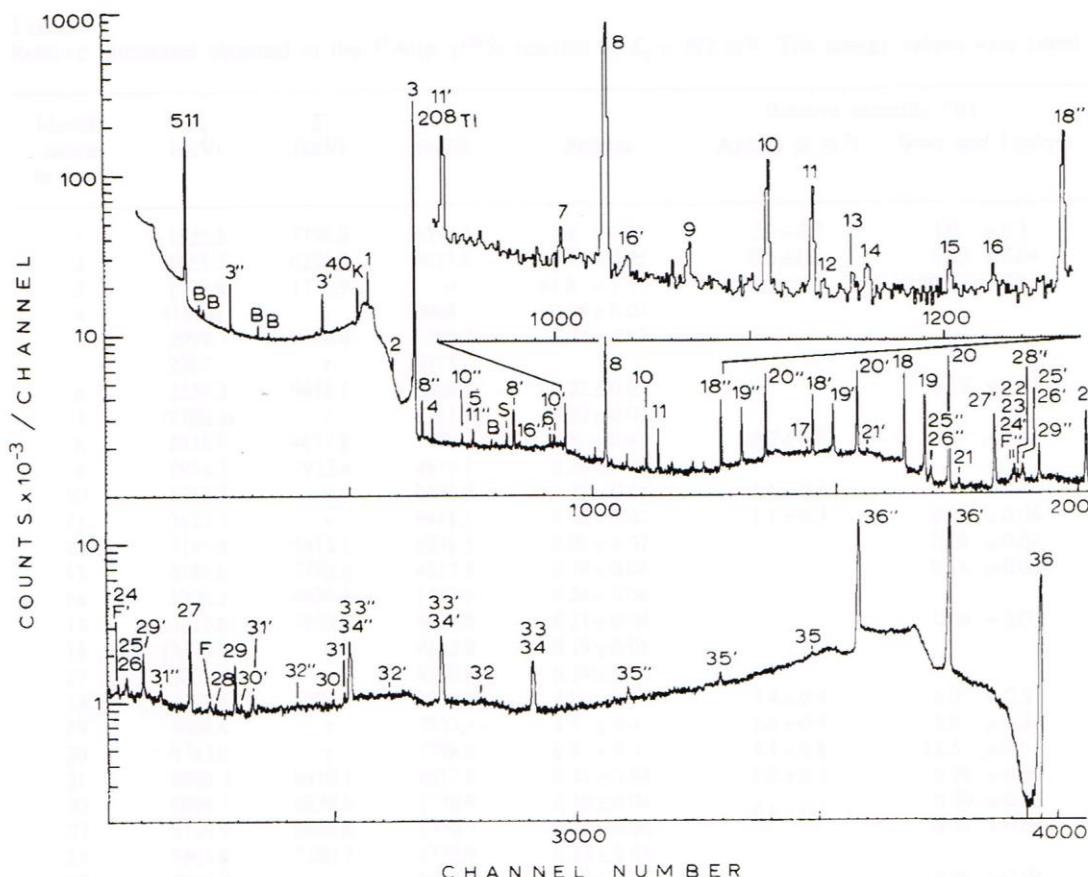


Fig. 1. Gamma-ray spectrum of the $E_{\text{p}} = 992 \text{ keV}$ resonance in the $^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$ reaction taken at the distance of 6 cm and at $\theta = 55^\circ$. The prime and double-prime refer to the single-escape and double-escape peaks, respectively. B means background peak, S the sum peak of the 1779 keV and 511 keV γ -rays and F illustrates $E_{\gamma} = 6129 \text{ keV}$ energy due to the $^{19}\text{F}(\text{p}, \alpha\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction. The insert illustrates in more detail the intensity of the weak transitions.

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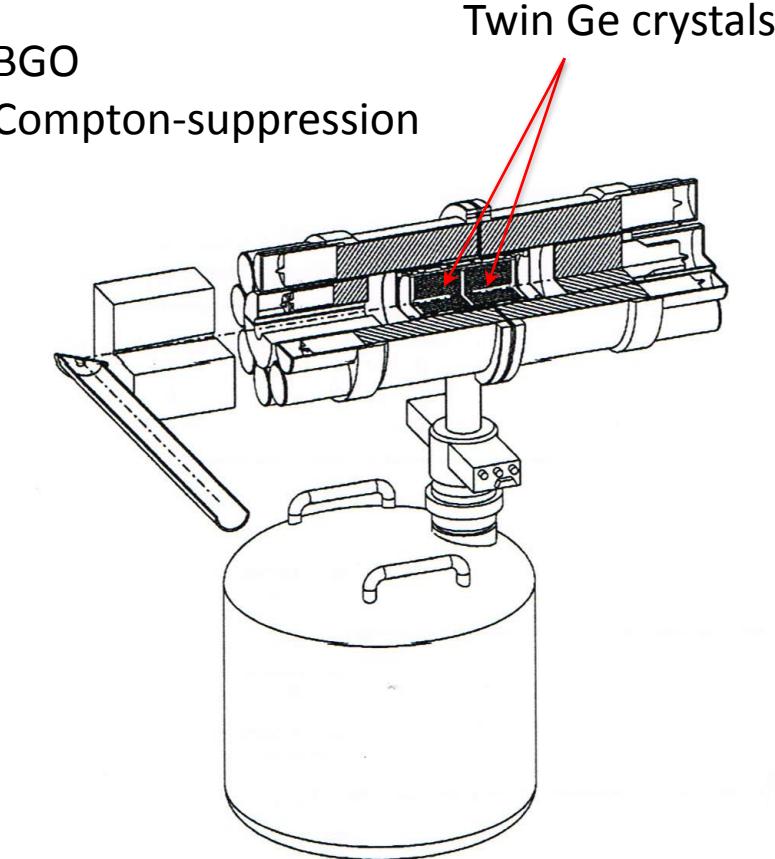
TABLE 1
Relative intensities obtained in the $^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p}, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$ reaction at $E_{\text{p}} = 992 \text{ keV}$. The energy values were taken from refs. 4 and 5.

Identification in fig. 2	E_{γ} (keV)	E_i (keV)	E_f (keV)	Present	Relative intensity (%)		
					Azuma et al. ⁹	Scott and Lusby ²	Meyer et al. ^{4a}
1	1522.3	7798.8	6276.5	2.8 ± 0.2	2.9 ± 0.5	3.0 ± 0.3	2.8
2	1658.7	6276.5	4617.8	0.52 ± 0.05	0.6 ± 0.1	0.49 ± 0.04	0.4
3	1778.9	1778.9	0	94.8 ± 1.5	94.0 ± 9.4	94.1 ± 9.4	95
4	(1874)	r	10668	0.29 ± 0.03			
5	2099.7	9480.4	7380.7	0.24 ± 0.02			0.2
	2267	r	10275		?		
6	2529.3	9418.1	6888.8	0.22 ± 0.03		0.19 ± 0.03	0.2
7	(2780.3)	r	9761.5	0.23 ± 0.04			
8	2838.9	4617.8	1778.9	5.5 ± 0.4	6.2 ± 0.6	6.3 ± 0.4	6.3
9	2954.3	7933.4	4979.1	0.24 ± 0.02			0.2
10	3063.3	r	9478.5	1.15 ± 0.11	1.1 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.1	1.3
11	3123.7	r	9418.1	0.70 ± 0.07	1.1 ± 0.3	0.80 ± 0.06	0.9
12	3141.6	9418.1	6276.5	0.09 ± 0.02		0.08 ± 0.02	0.05
13	3181.0	7798.8	4617.8	0.16 ± 0.04		0.16 ± 0.06	0.1
14	3200.2	4979.1	1778.9	0.24 ± 0.06			0.2
15	3315.6	7933.4	4617.8	0.21 ± 0.04		0.34 ± 0.05	0.3
16	(3377.9)	r	9163.9	0.19 ± 0.05			0.4
17	3952.9	r	8588.9	0.19 ± 0.04			0.3
18	4497.6	6276.5	1778.9	4.8 ± 0.3	4.4 ± 0.4	6.0 ± 0.3	4.9
19	4608.4	r	7933.4	4.5 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 0.4	5.0 ± 0.3	4.2
20	4743.0	r	7798.8	8.8 ± 0.5	8.1 ± 0.8	11.5 ± 0.5	9.7
21	4800.3	9418.1	4617.8	0.31 ± 0.04	1.0 ± 0.3	0.29 ± 0.07	0.3
22	5099.7	6878.6	1778.9	0.10 ± 0.04	0.6 ± 0.2	0.30 ± 0.05	0.2
23	5109.9	6888.8	1778.9	0.50 ± 0.06		0.52 ± 0.09	0.5
24	5601.8	7380.7	1778.9	0.24 ± 0.05			0.1
25	5653.0	r	6888.8	0.40 ± 0.04	0.9 ± 0.3	0.36 ± 0.09	0.3
26	5663.2	r	6878.6	0.58 ± 0.06		0.89 ± 0.21	0.6
27	6019.9	7798.8	1778.9	6.0 ± 0.5	5.9 ± 0.6	7.8 ± 0.4	6.8
28	6154.5	7933.4	1778.9	0.26 ± 0.05		0.55 ± 0.07	0.2
29	6265.3	r	6276.5	2.1 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.4	3.4 ± 0.2	2.4
30	6810.0	8588.9	1778.9	0.24 ± 0.05			0.3
31	6878.6	6878.6	0	0.63 ± 0.06	0.5 ± 0.2	0.59 ± 0.04	0.4
32	7639.2	9418.1	1778.9	0.23 ± 0.05		0.32 ± 0.06	0.2
33	7924.0	r	4617.8	4.3 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 0.9	5.2 ± 0.4	4.9
34	7933.4	7933.4	0	3.7 ± 0.4	3.8 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 0.3	3.4
35	9478.5	9478.5	0	0.98 ± 0.10	1.1 ± 0.4	1.1 ± 0.1	1.1
	10275	10275	0		1.1 ± 0.4		
36	10762.9	r	1778.9	76.6 ± 1.5	77.0 ± 7.7	72.4 ± 3.6	75
	12541.8	r	0			0.022 ± 0.009	< 0.02

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Response of a high-resolution and high-energy spectrometer

Harada et al., NIM in Phys. Res. A 554, 306 (2005)



$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p},\gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$, $E_{\text{p}} = 992 \text{ keV}$ resonance

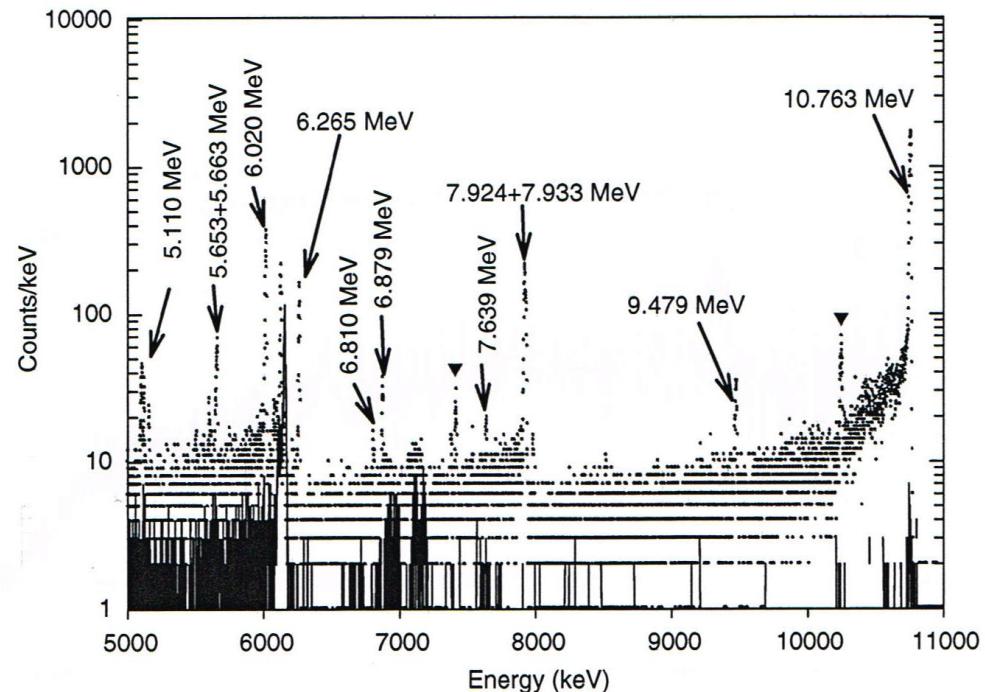


Table 1

Parameters of the (p, γ) reactions, energies (E_γ) and relative intensities (I_γ) of the γ -rays emitted by product nucleus [9,11,12].

Reaction	E_{res} (keV)	Q value (keV)	E_p (keV)	E_γ (keV)	I_γ	Target and its thickness ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)
$^{23}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$	1318.1	11693	1323	1368.6(1)	1.000(2)	Na_2WO_4
				11584.9(6)	0.960(2)	20
$^{23}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$	1416.9	11693	1422	2754.0(1)	1.000(1)	Na_2WO_4
				8925.2(6)	0.985(1)	20
$^{27}\text{Al}(p, \gamma)^{28}\text{Si}$	767.2	11585	770	2838.7(1)	1.0000(14)	Al
				7706.5(2)	0.9810(14)	15
$^{39}\text{K}(p, \gamma)^{40}\text{Ca}$	1346.6	8328	1351	3904.4(1)	1.000(1)	K_2SO_4
				5736.5(1)	0.965(1)	20
$^{11}\text{B}(p, \gamma)^{12}\text{C}$	675	15957	676	4438.0(3)	1.0000(7)	LiBO_2
				12137.1(3)	1.0000(7)	75
$^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma)^8\text{Be}$	441	17255	450	17619.0(6)	-	LiBO_2 , 75

Nuclear data are taken from ENSDF [13]. Q values calculated by QCalc from NNDC [14].

Response of a 2" x 2" LaBr₃(Ce) detector

$^{23}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$, $E_p = 1416.9$ keV

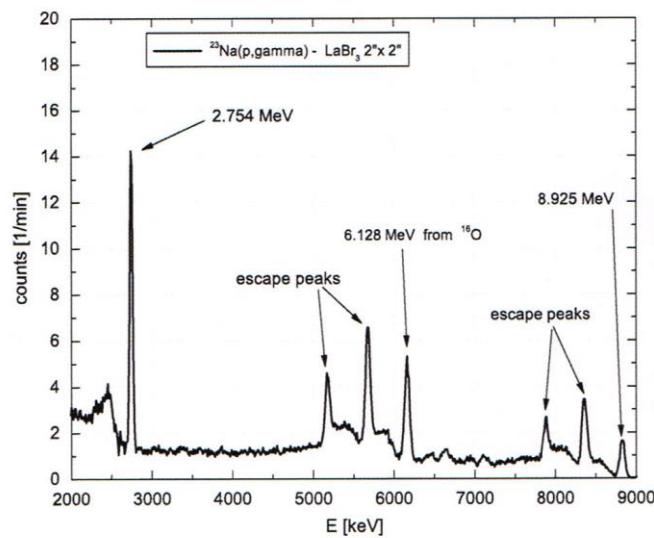


Fig. 1. Gamma-ray spectrum emitted by ^{24}Mg nuclei created in the $^{23}\text{Na}(p, \gamma)^{24}\text{Mg}$ reaction at the 1.318 MeV resonance energy, measured by a $\text{LaBr}_3 : \text{Ce}$ 2 in. \times 2 in. scintillation detector.

$^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma)^8\text{Be}$, $E_p = 441$ keV

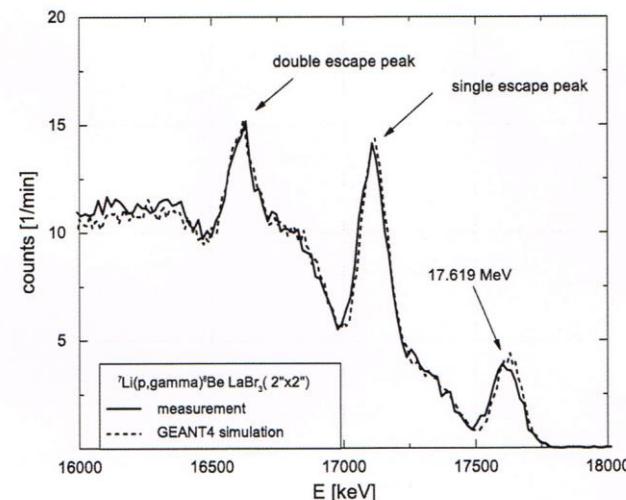


Fig. 2. Gamma-ray spectrum emitted by ^8Be nuclei created in the $^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma)^8\text{Be}$ reaction, measured by a $\text{LaBr}_3 : \text{Ce}$ 2 in. \times 2 in. scintillation detector. It is compared, after normalization to the full absorption peak, to spectrum simulated using a GEANT4 code.

γ -ray sources: Bremsstrahlung

Collisional loss: Electrons lose kinetic energies in matter by colliding with atomic electrons, leading to atomic excitation and ionization.

Bremsstrahlung (Radiation loss): Electrons lose kinetic energies in matter by radiative processes.

linear stopping power of electrons for radiation loss

$$-\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_r = \frac{NEZ(Z+1)e^4}{137m_0^2c^4} \left(4 \ln \frac{2E}{m_0c^2} - \frac{4}{3}\right)$$

Radiative losses are most important for high electron energies and for absorber materials of large atomic number.

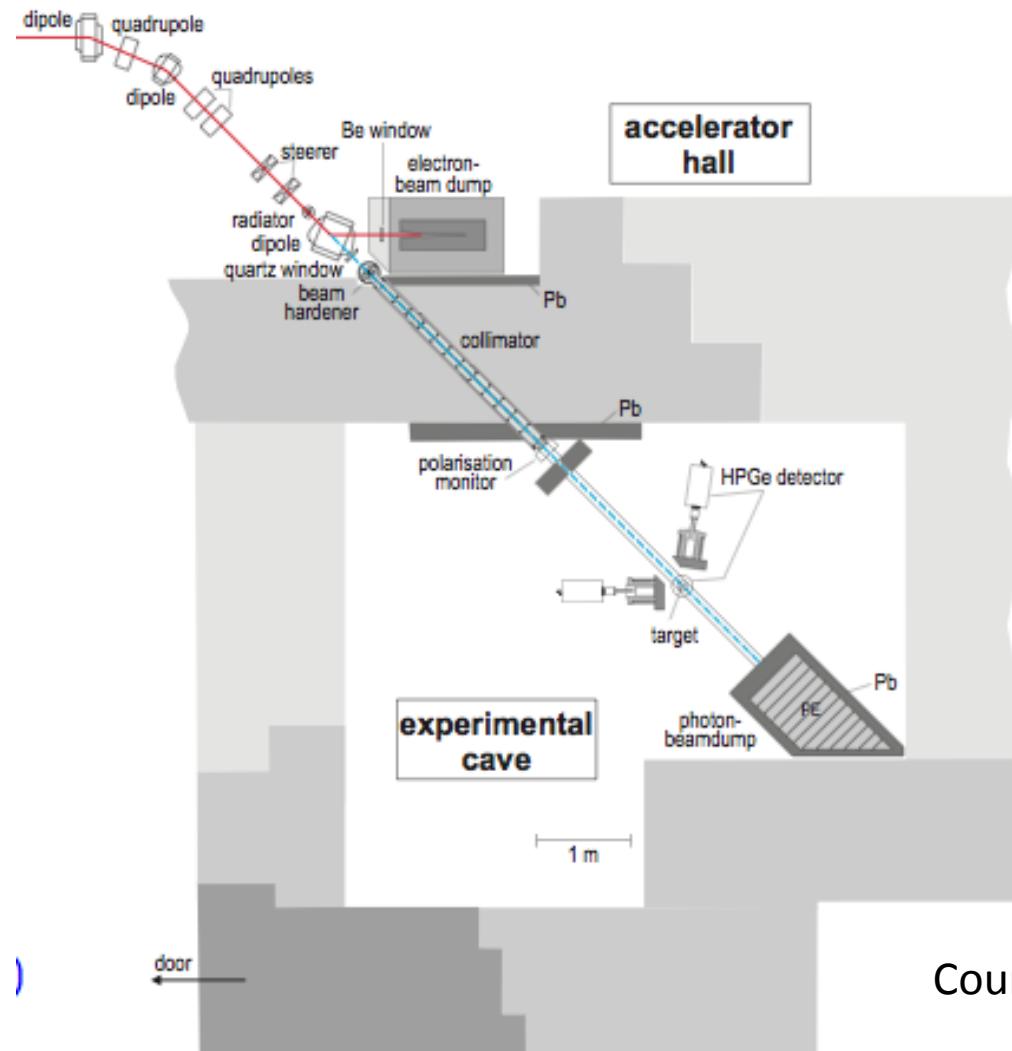
Ratio of the specific energy losses

$$\frac{(dE/dx)_r}{(dE/dx)_c} \cong \frac{EZ}{700} \quad E \text{ in MeV}$$

Bremsstrahlung facilities

1. Moscow State University, Nuclear Physics Institute, Moscow, Russia (microtron)
2. Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia (microtron)
3. Uzhgorod State University, Ukraine (betatron)
4. Kharkovskii Fiziko-Tekhnicheskii Institute, Kharkov, Ukraine (linear accelerator)
5. Forschungszentrum-Rossendorf (FZD), Dresden, ELBE, Germany (linear accelerator)
6. Tech. Universitaet, Darmstadt, S-DALINAC, Germany (linear accelerator)
7. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan (linear accelerator)
8. Pohang University of Science and Technology, Pohang, Korea (linear accelerator)
9. Bhabha Atomic Res. Centre, Trombay, India (linear accelerator)
10. Mangalore University, Mangalagangotri, Konaje, India (microtron)
11. Australian Radiat. Protect. & Nucl. Safe. Agency, Melbourne, Australia (linear accelerator)

The bremsstrahlung facility at the electron accelerator ELBE



Courtesy by R. Schwengner

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Yield : convolution of the photonuclear cross section with the bremsstrahlung spectrum over the photon energies.

$$Y(E_0) = N_R \int_{Threshold}^{E_0} \sigma(E_\gamma) K(E_0, E_\gamma) \frac{dE_\gamma}{E_\gamma},$$

E_0 : electron beam energy; $K(E_0, E_\gamma)$: bremsstrahlung spectrum

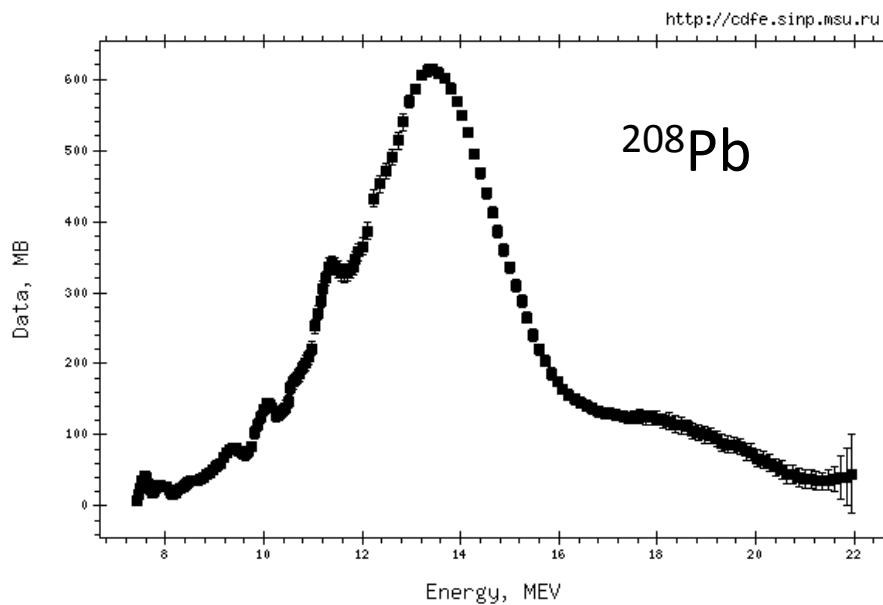
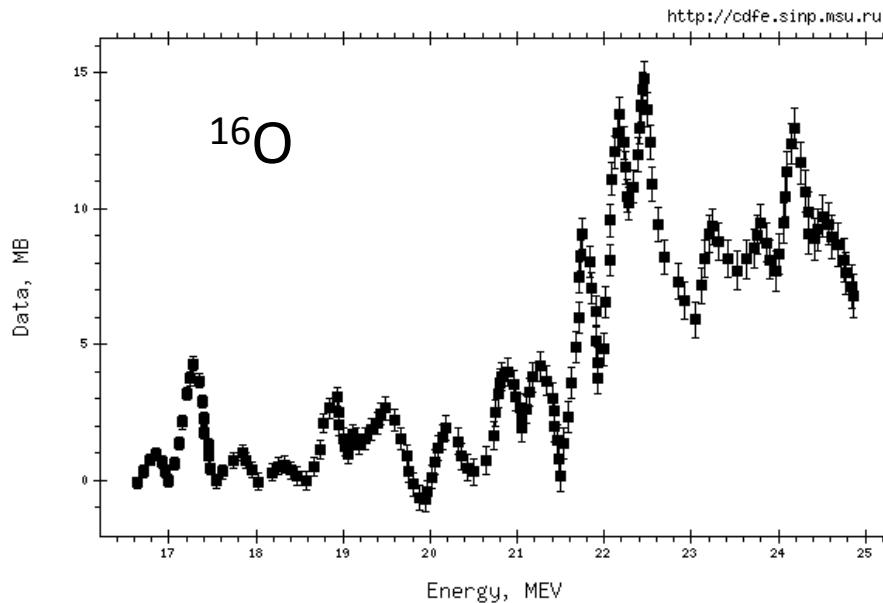
Yield curve: obtained by changing the electron beam energy in small steps

This technique requires:

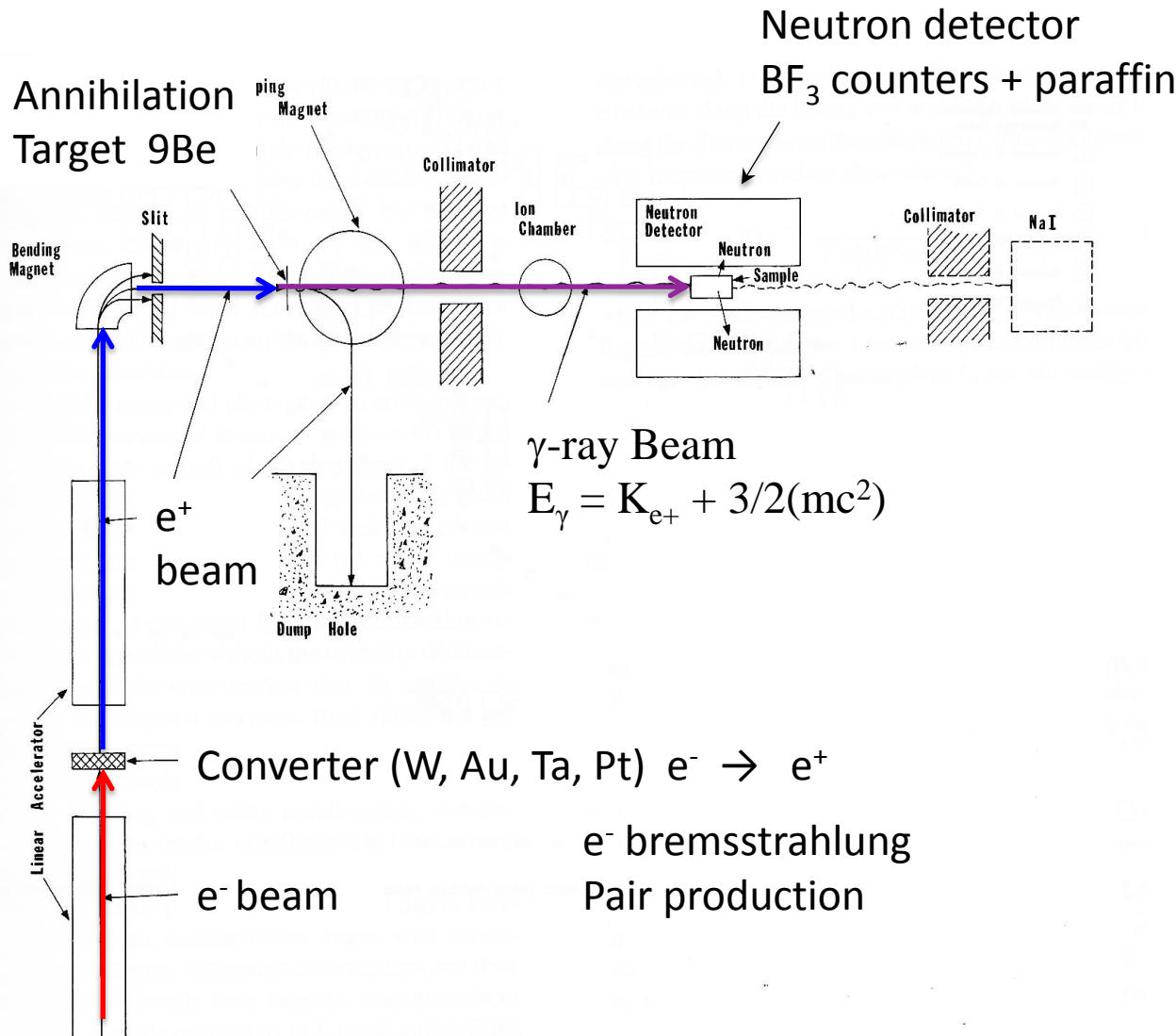
- (1) Accurate knowledge of the bremsstrahlung spectrum for all electron energies
- (2) Great stability in the accelerator operation and large counting statistics to accurately measure the yield curve
- (3) Unfolding (differentiation) procedure of the yield curve
 - (a) Photon Difference Method: difference of two bremsstrahlung spectra with slightly-different end-point energies
 - (b) Penfold-Leiss Method: a set of liner equations for a given energy bin
 - (c) Regularization Methods
Tikhonov's Method, Cook's Least Structure Method, the Second Difference Method, the Statistical Regularization Method

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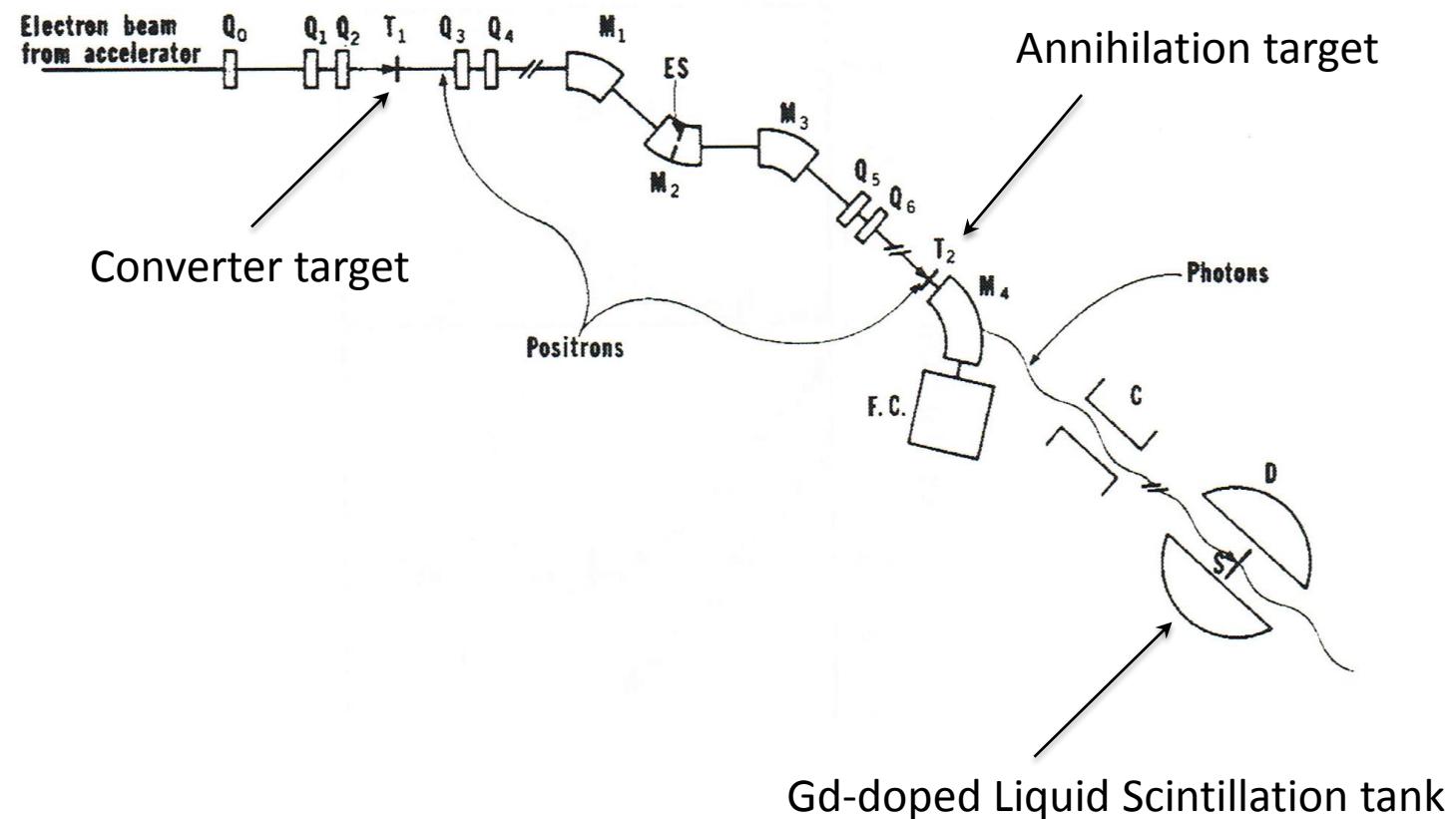
Bremsstrahlung data
compiled in CDFE, MSU



γ -ray sources: Positron annihilation in flight



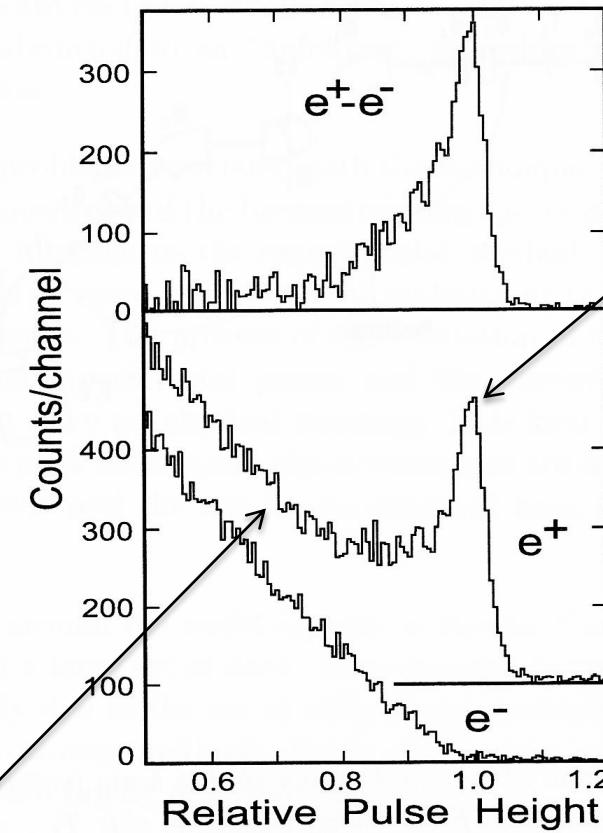
Saclay (France)



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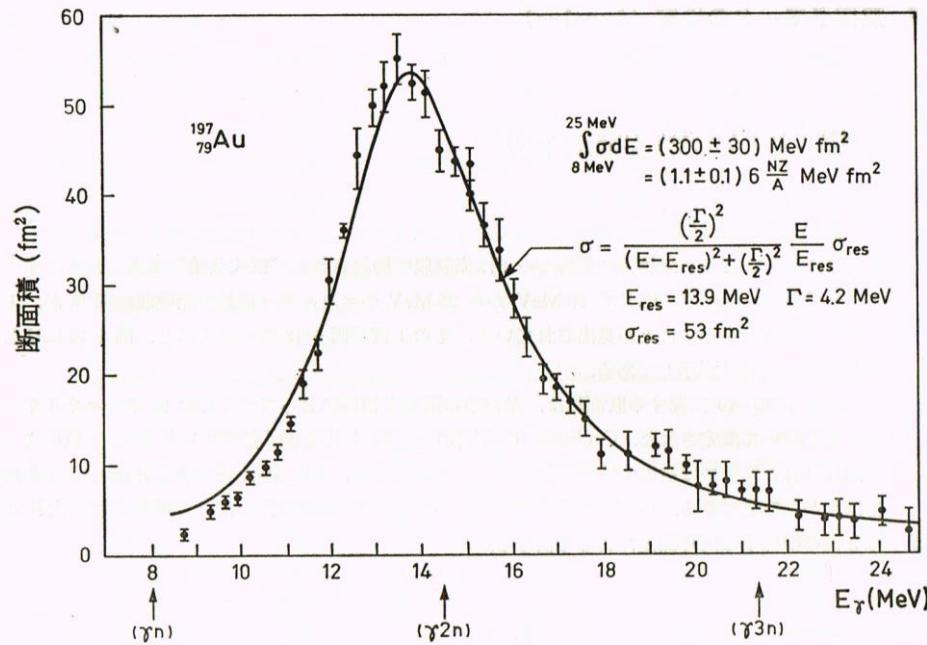
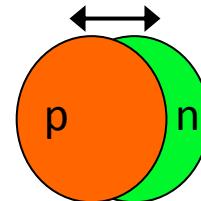
e^+e^- annihilation
(quasi-monochromatic)



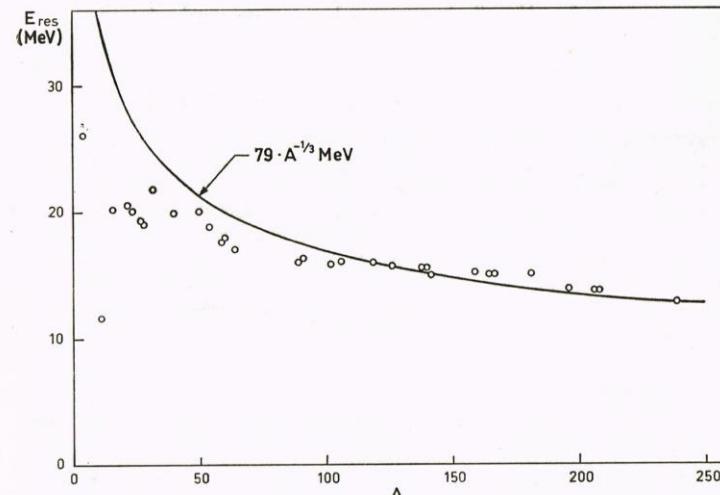
e^+ bremsstrahlung
(background)

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(γ, n) cross section measurements in 1960s – 1980s
 LLNL (USA)
 Saclay (France)



$$E_R = 79A^{-1/3} \text{ MeV}$$



Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn sum rule (energy-weighted sum rule)

$$\int \sigma(E) dE = 60 \frac{NZ}{A} [\text{MeV} \cdot \text{mb}] = \frac{16\pi^3}{9} \overline{E} \cdot B(E1) \uparrow \cdot \alpha$$

Compilations photoneutron cross sections

- (1) ATLAS of photoneutron cross sections obtained with monoenergetic photons,
S.S. Dietrich and B.L. Berman
Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables 38, 199-338 (1988)

- (2) Handbook on photonuclear data for applications, Cross sections and spectra
IAEA TECDOC-1178 (2000)

International Nuclear Reaction Database in the format EXFOR

- IAEA - <https://www-nds.iaea.org/exfor/exfor.htm/>
CDFE - <http://cdfe.sinp.msu.ru/exfor/index.php/>
USA NNDC - <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/exfor/exfor.htm/>

Lecture 2

Present of Photonuclear Reactions

2.1 Laser Compton-scattering γ -ray beam

2.2 Nuclear Physics (γ, γ') for PDR

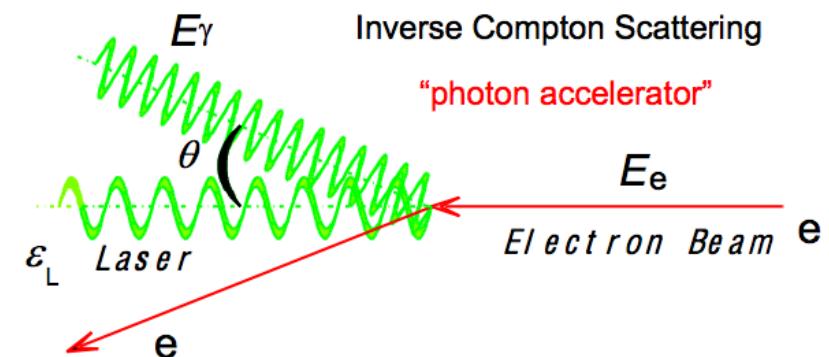
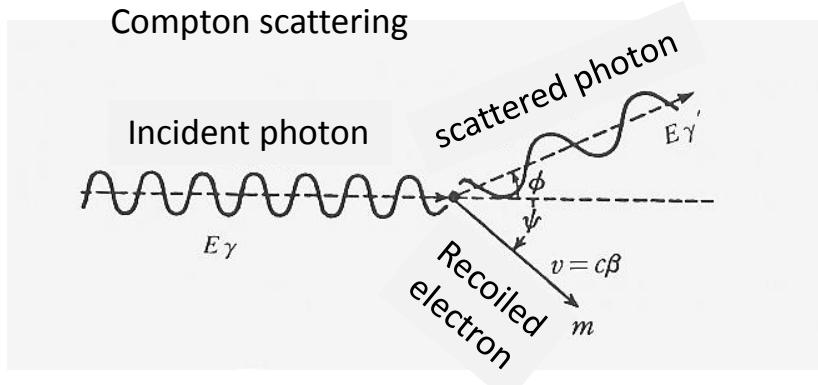
2.3 Nuclear Astrophysics

a. p-process – (γ, n)

b. s-process - gamma-ray strength function for
(γ, n) and (n, γ)

γ -ray sources: Inverse Compton scattering

Compton scattering vs Inverse Compton scattering



$$h\nu' = \frac{h\nu}{1 + h\nu(1 - \cos\phi)/mc^2}$$

$$h\nu + mc^2 = h\nu' + \sqrt{p^2c^2 + m^2c^4}$$

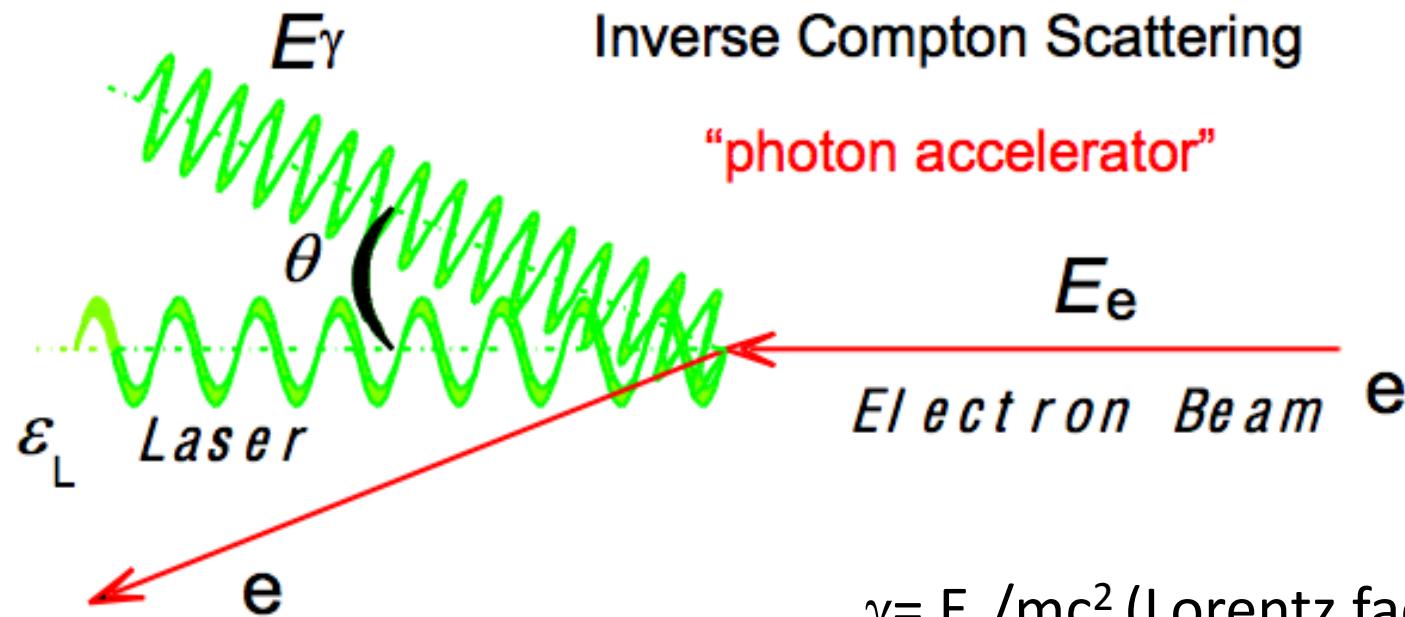
$$\frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \cos\phi + p \cos\psi$$

$$0 = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \sin\phi - p \sin\psi$$

$$E_\gamma = \frac{4\gamma^2 \varepsilon_L}{1 + (\gamma\theta)^2 + 4\gamma\varepsilon_L/(mc^2)}$$

$$\gamma = E_e/mc^2 \quad \text{Lorentz factor}$$

Laser Compton scattering γ -ray beam



$$E_\gamma = \frac{4\gamma^2 \varepsilon_L}{1 + (\gamma\theta)^2 + 4\gamma\varepsilon_L/(mc^2)}$$

$$\Delta E/E \cong \left\{ \left(\frac{2\Delta E_e}{E_e} \right)^2 + \gamma^4 (\theta_e^2 + \theta_c^2) \right\}^{1/2}$$

$\gamma = E_e/mc^2$ (Lorentz factor)

$\sim 2 \times 10^3$ $E_e = 1$ GeV

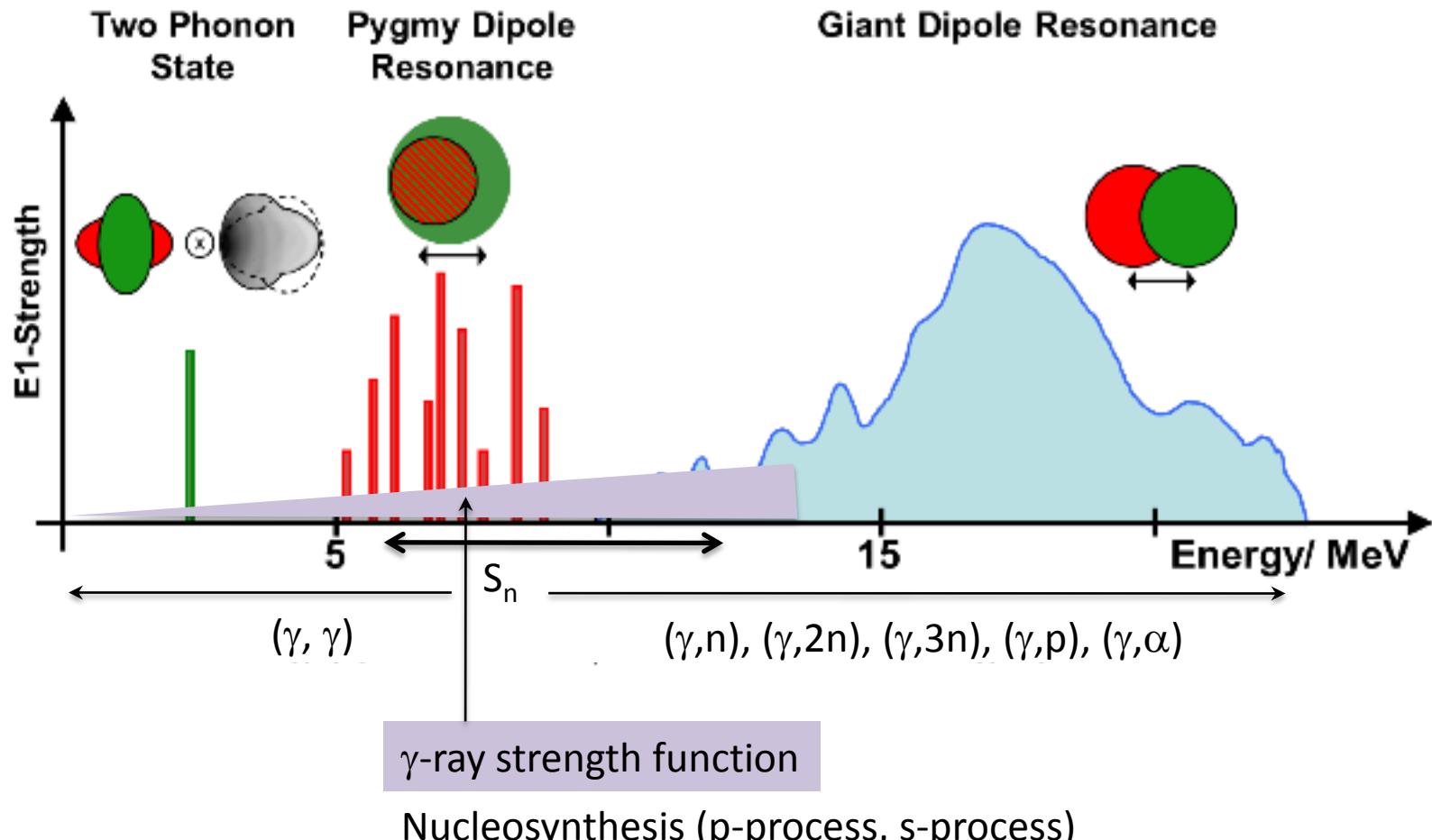
Energy am

$E_\gamma/\varepsilon_L = 4\gamma^2 \sim 1.6 \times 10^7$

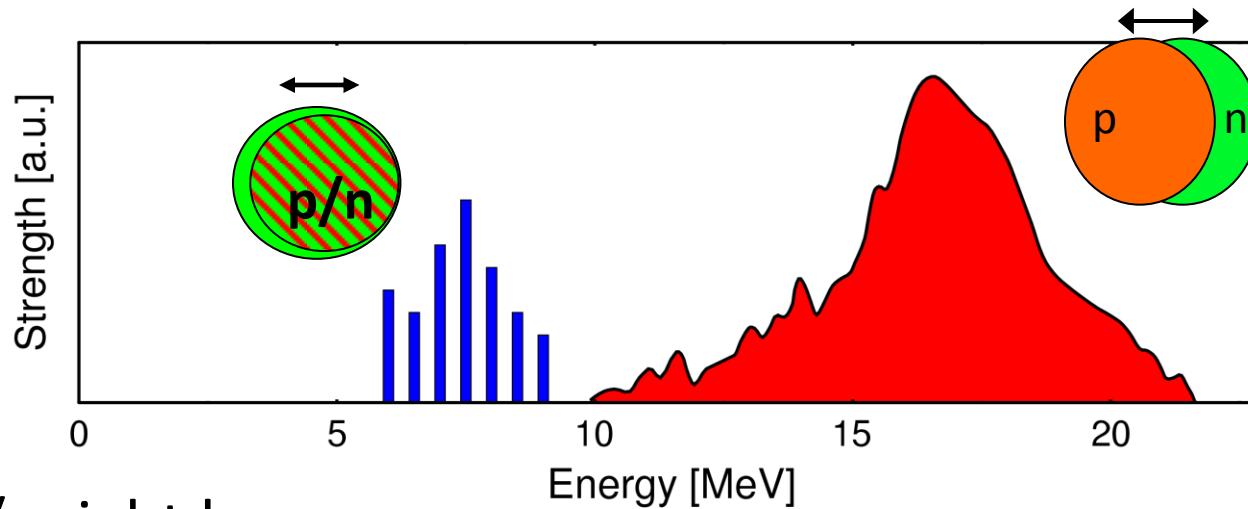
$\varepsilon_L \sim 1$ eV

$E_\gamma \sim 16$ MeV

Realm of Nuclear Photonics



“Applications” of low-lying E1 strength



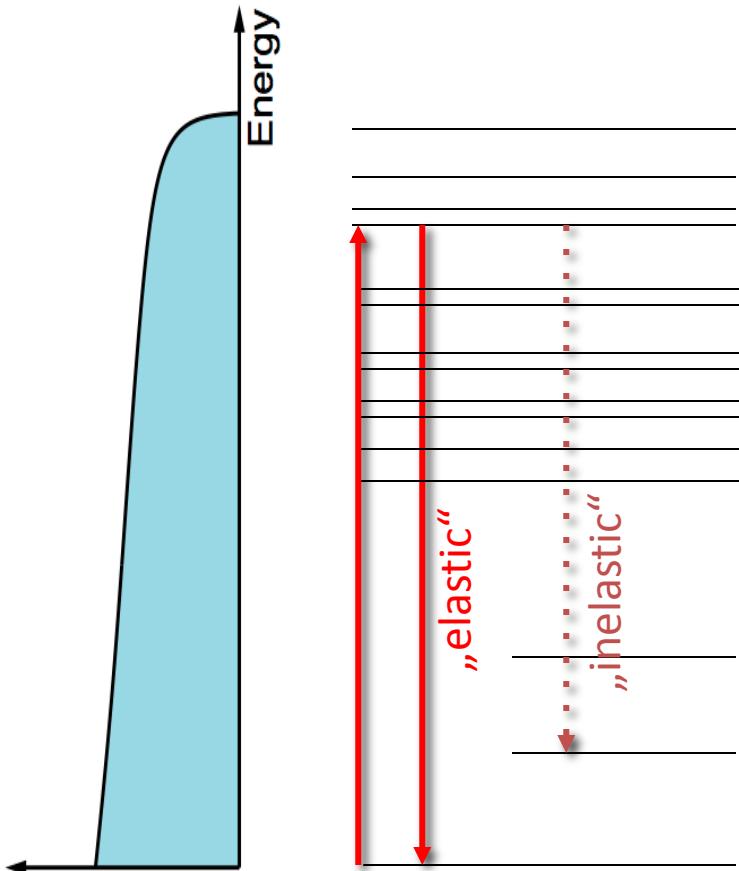
PDR is / might be

- ... sensitive to neutron skin thickness
- ... sensitive to parameters of symmetry energy
- ... influencing reaction rates / nucleosynthesis

→ detailed understanding of the PDR mandatory

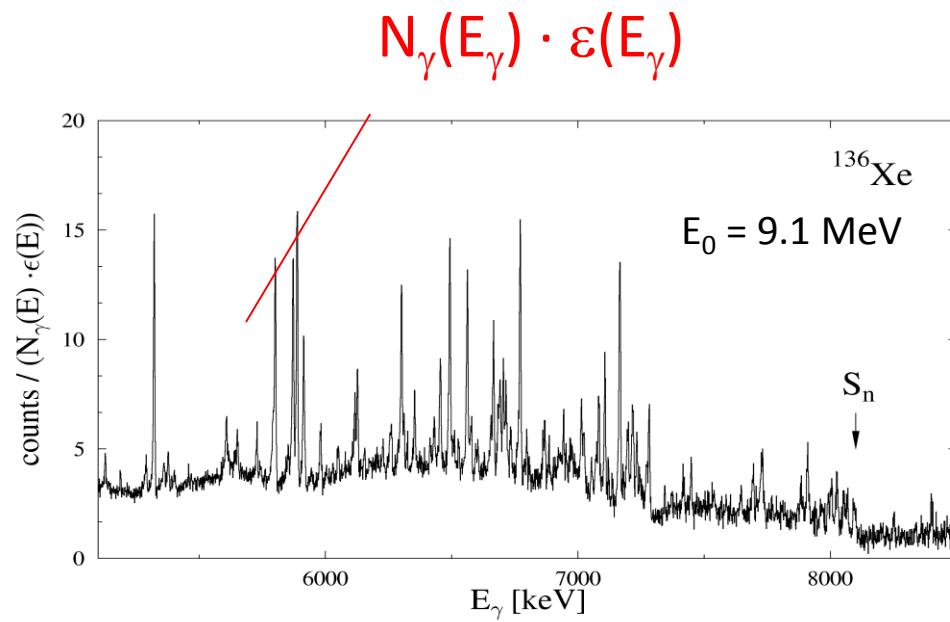
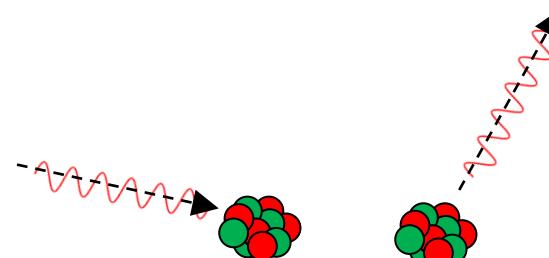
Photon scattering ...

... using Bremsstrahlung



e.g. Darmstadt High Intensity Photon Setup (DHIPS):

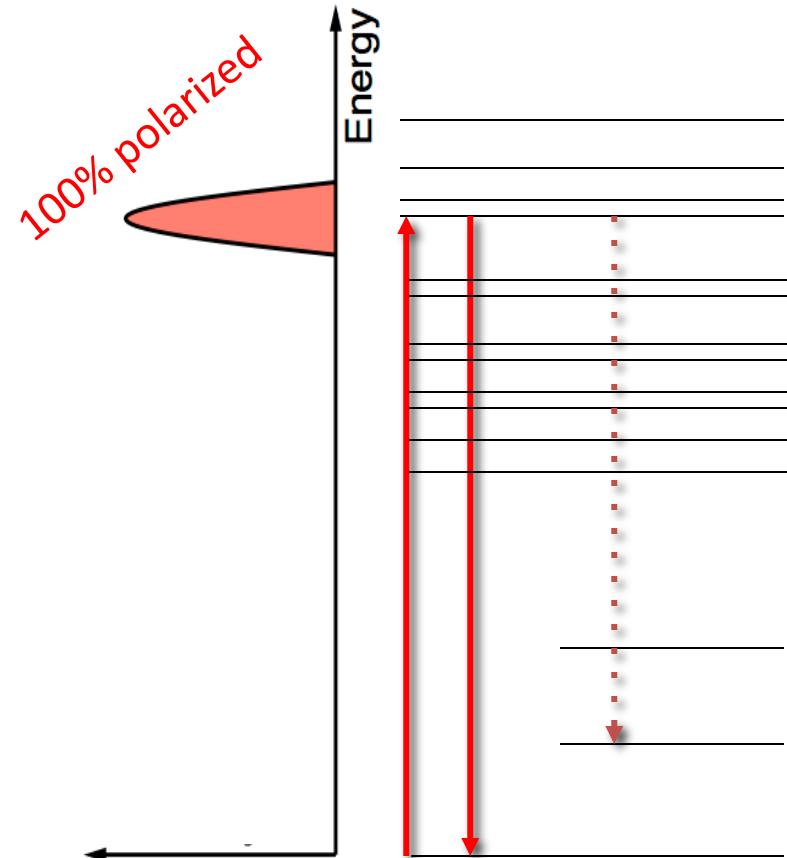
K. Sonnabend et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. **A640** (2011) 6



- Investigation of large energy region
- Excellent energy resolution: State-to-state analysis, investigation of fine structure

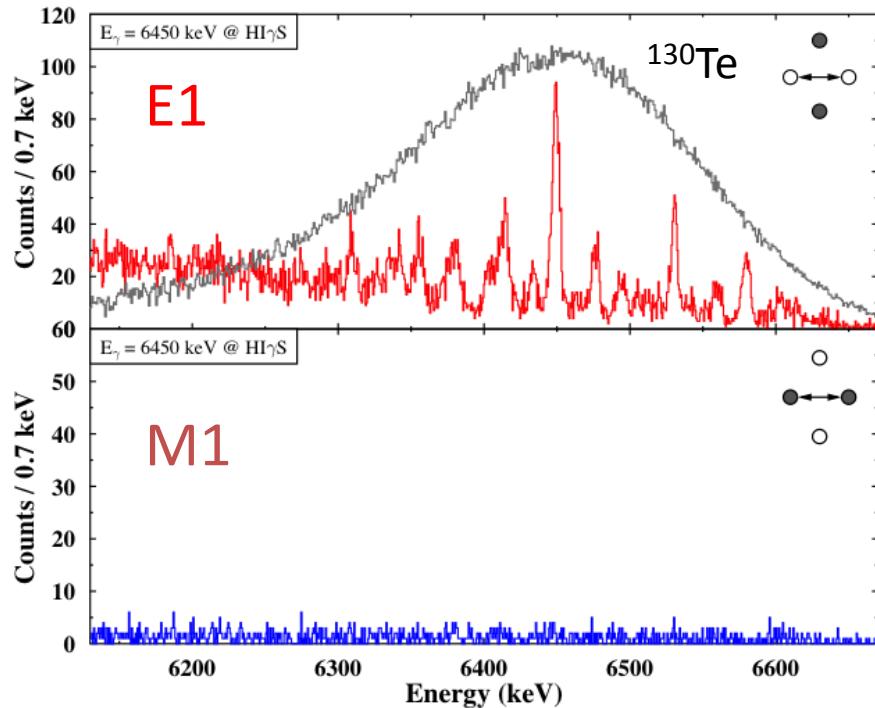
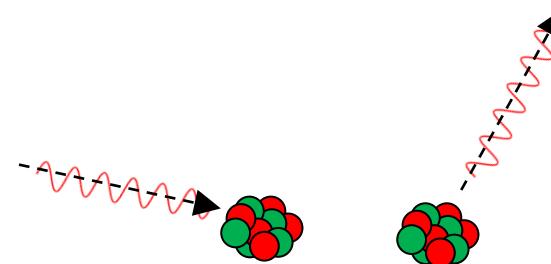
Photon scattering ...

... using Laser Compton Backscattering



e.g. High Intensity γ -ray Source (HI γ S):

H.R. Weller *et al.*, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **62** (2009) 257



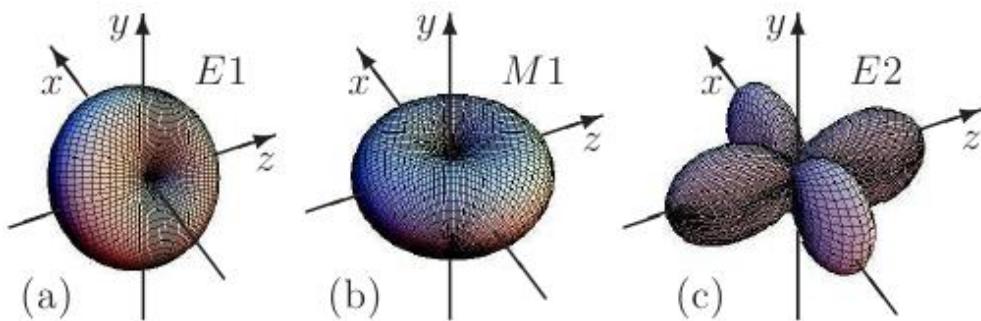
- Determination of parities

Lecture 2 : Present of Photonuclear Reactions

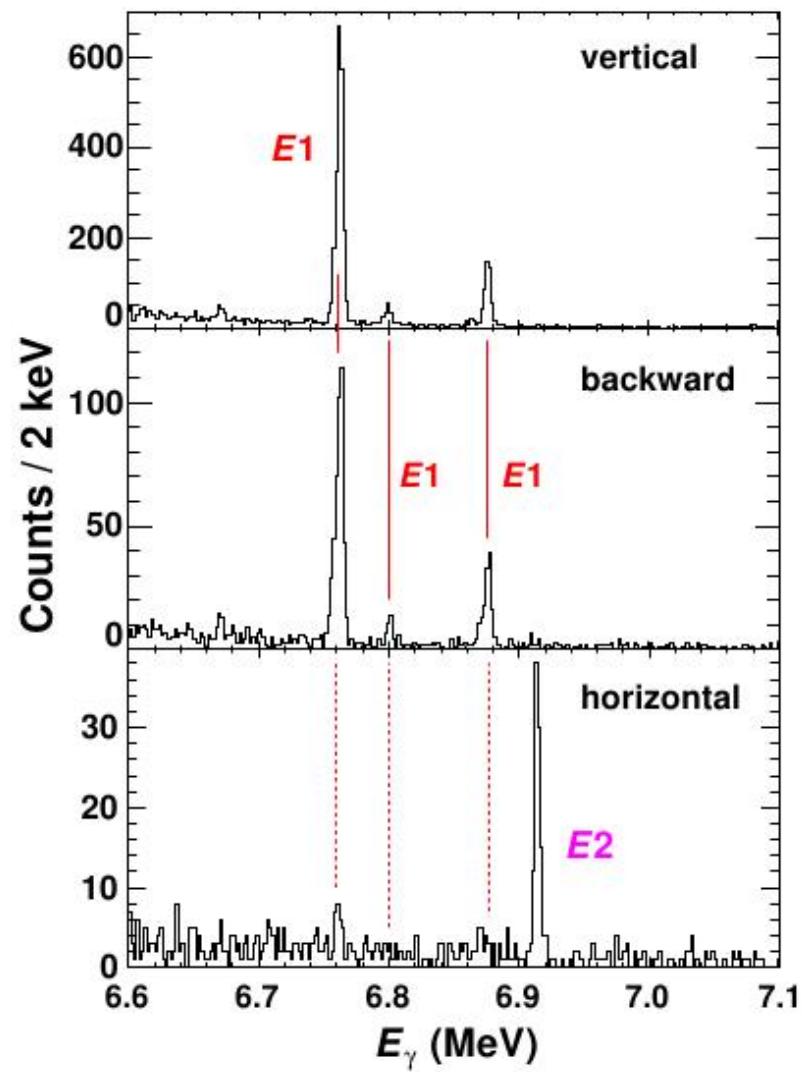
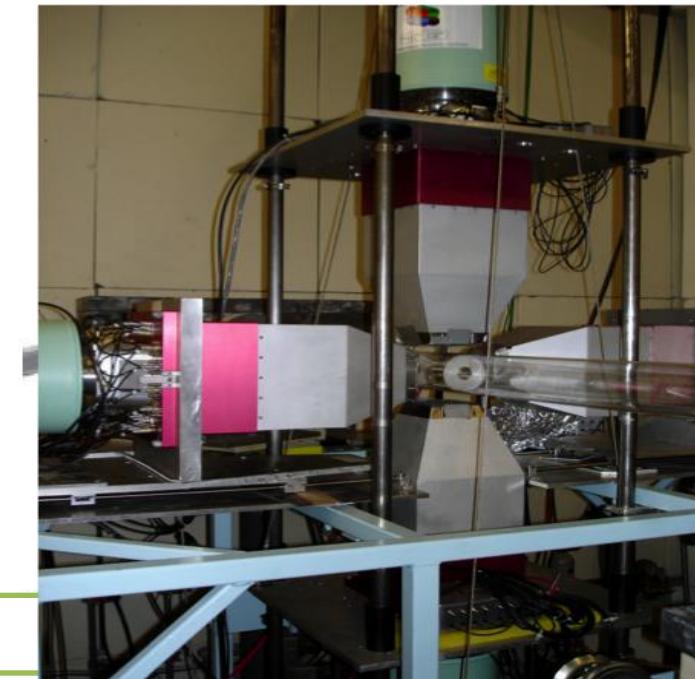
Spin and Parity Determination

^{138}Ba

Courtesy by A. Tonchev



z axis: beam direction; x axis: vector of polarization

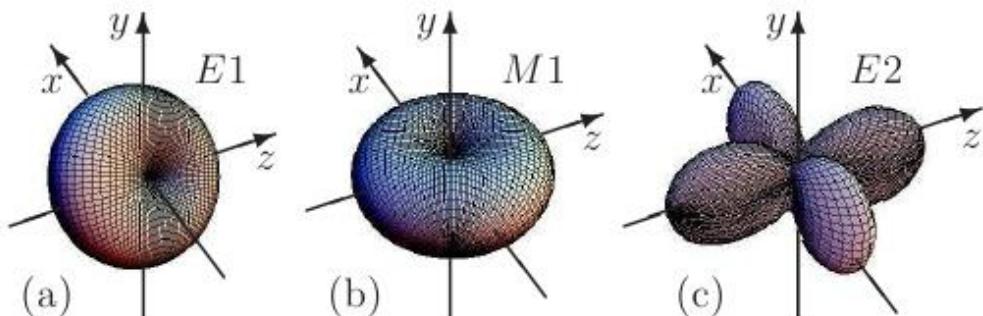


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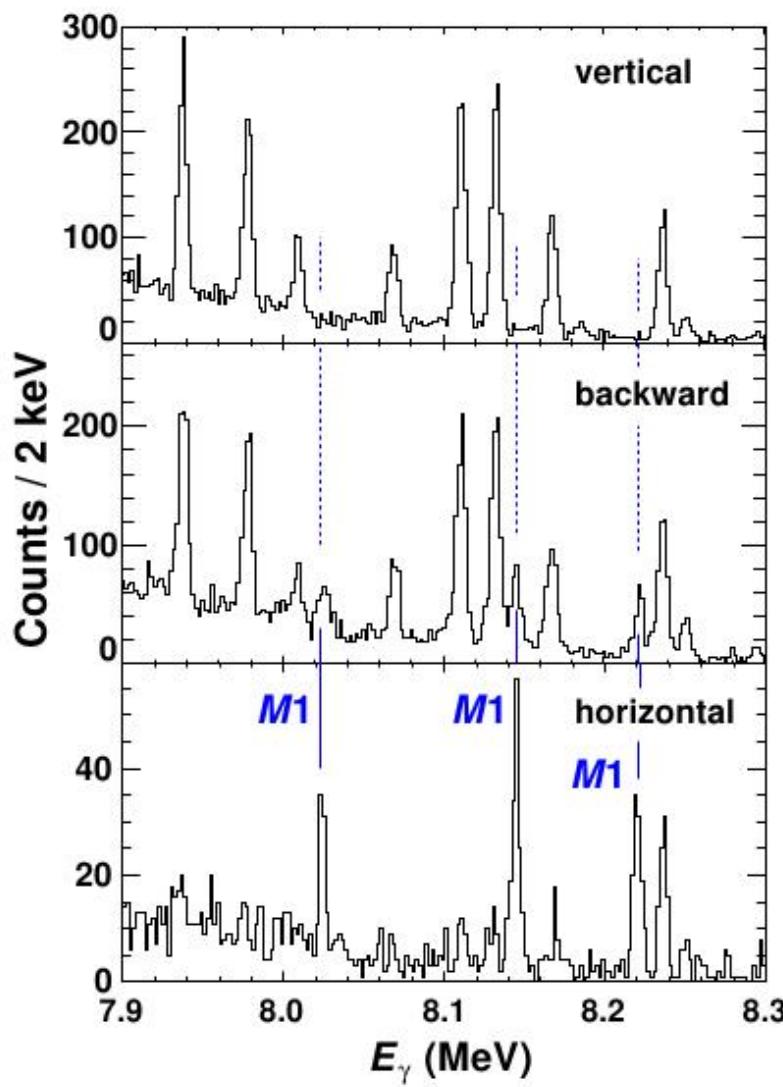
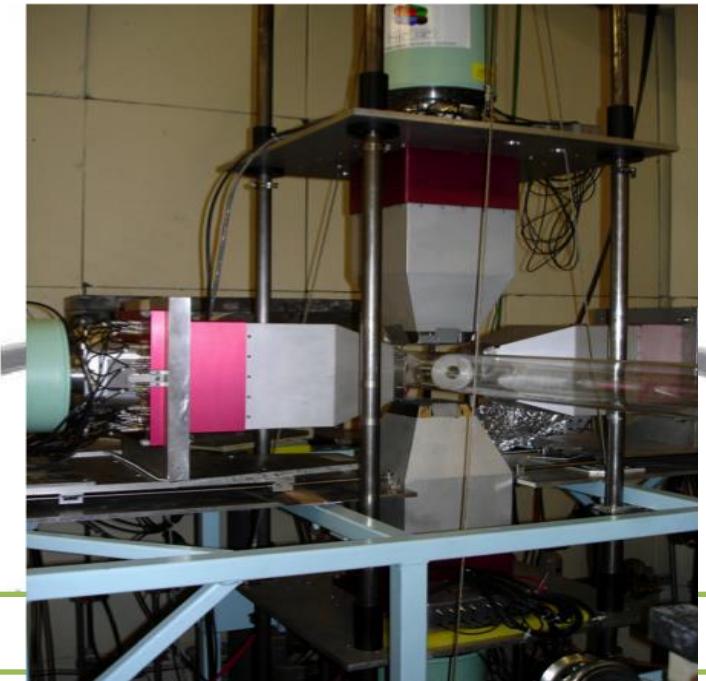
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PDR study by NRF (nuclear resonance fluorescence = photon scattering = (γ, γ') measurements)

- 1) Ideal to separate PDR (E1) and M1 resonance using linearly-polarized photons
- 2) Limited below neutron threshold (S_n)
- 3) Best suited to even-even nuclei
 - 0^+ ground state
 - high neutron threshold (S_n)
- 4) Determine partial strength
 - discrete (resolved) states
 - unresolved states: model -dependent

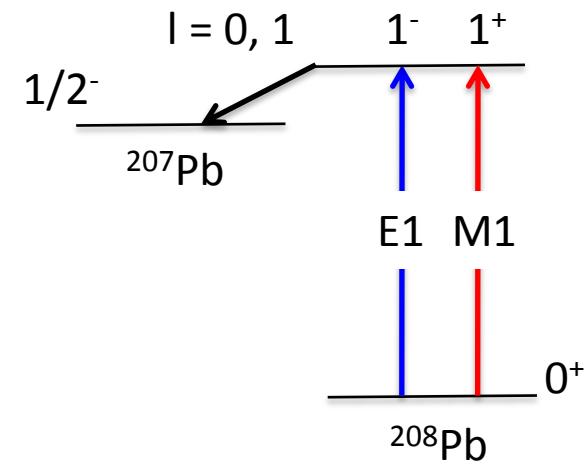
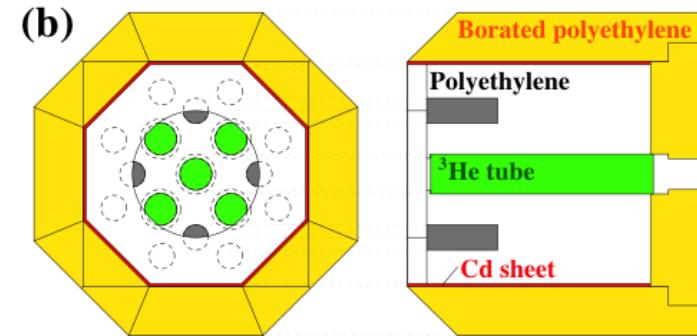
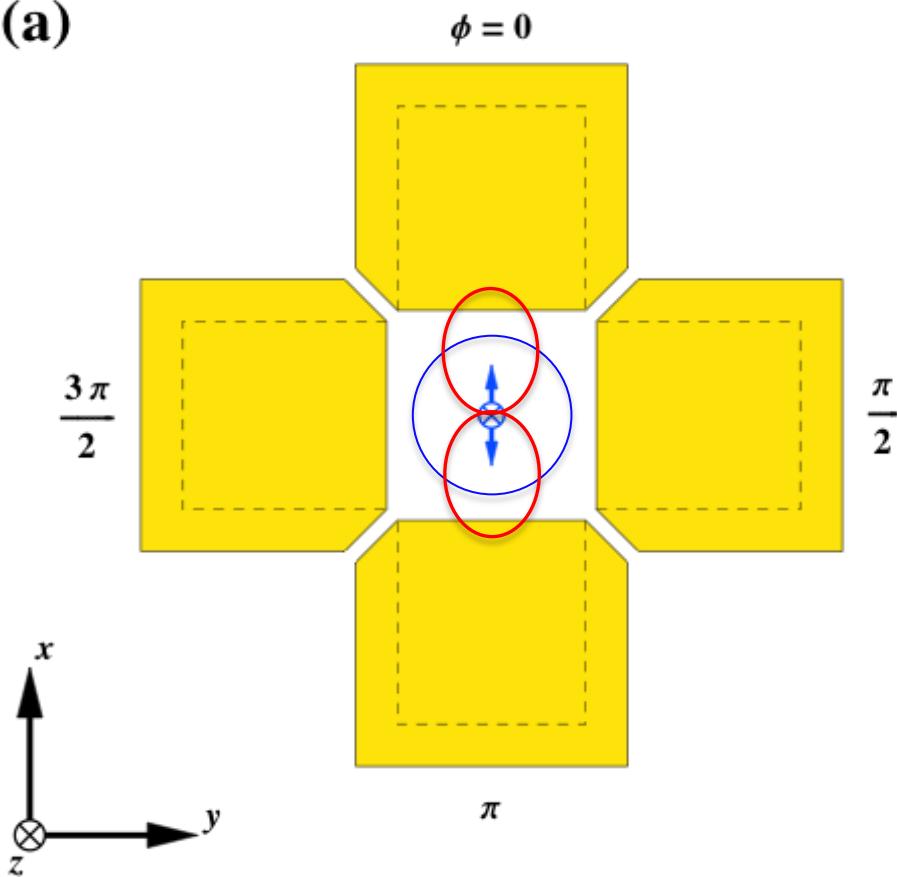
PDR in $^{207,208}\text{Pb}$ above neutron threshold

T. Kondo *et al.*, Phy. Rev. C 86, 014316 (2012)

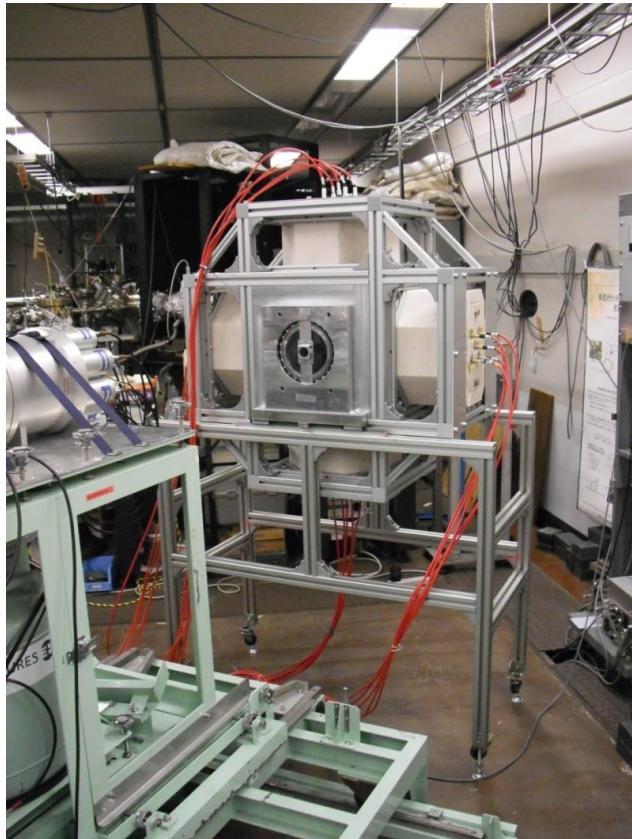
9587 mg, 98.5%, ^{208}Pb

3482 mg, 99.1%, ^{207}Pb

(a)



Neutron anisotropy detector for E1 & M1 (γ, n) cross section measurements



E1 cross sections for $^{208,207}\text{Pb}$

HFB+QRPA E1 strength plus
pygmy E1 resonance
in Lorentzian shape

$$E_0 = 7.5 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma = 0.4 \text{ MeV}$$

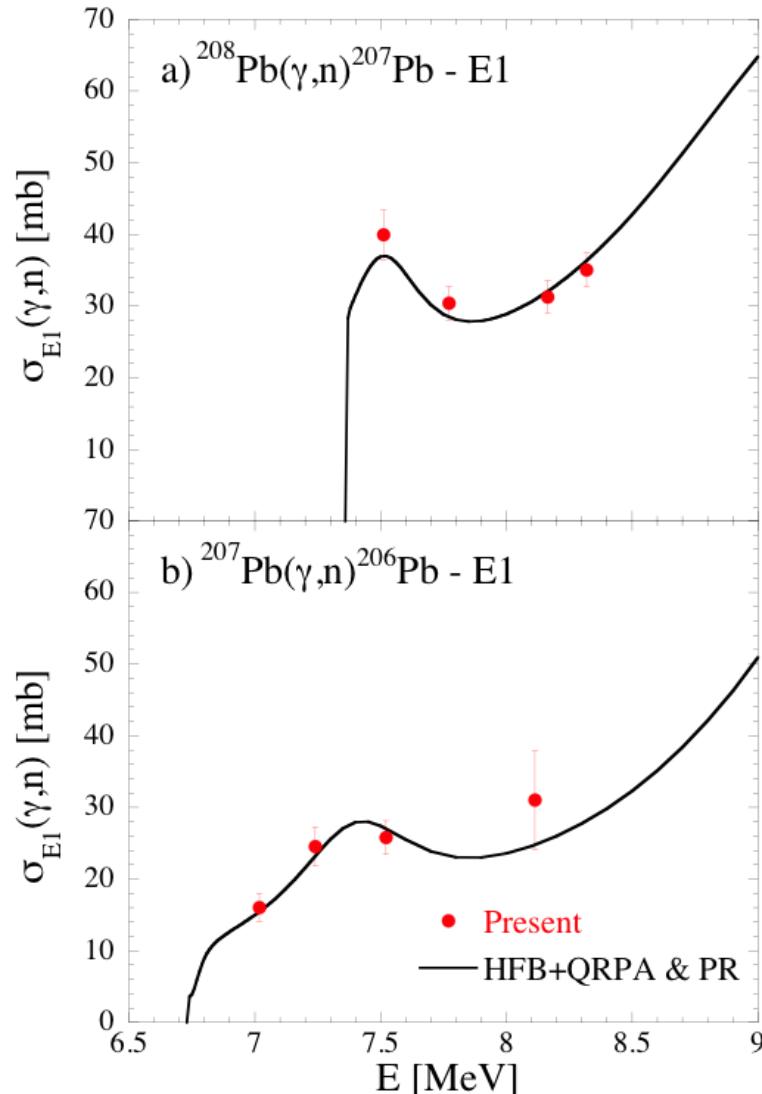
$$\sigma_0 \approx 20 \text{ mb} \text{ for } ^{208}\text{Pb}$$

$$\sigma_0 \approx 15 \text{ mb} \text{ for } ^{207}\text{Pb}$$

TRK sum rule

0.42% for ^{208}Pb

0.32% for ^{207}Pb



$B(E1) \uparrow$

^{208}Pb

Present

$$B(E1) \uparrow = 0.82 \pm 0.09 \text{ } e^2 \cdot fm^2$$

$$E = 7.51 - 8.32 \text{ } MeV$$

(p,p') experiment

$$B(E1) \uparrow = 0.982 \pm 0.206 \text{ } e^2 \cdot fm^2$$

$$E = 7.515 - 8.430 \text{ } MeV$$

^{207}Pb

$$B(E1) \uparrow = 0.88 \pm 0.17 \text{ } e^2 \cdot fm^2$$

$$E = 7.02 - 8.32 \text{ } MeV$$

M1 cross sections for $^{208,207}\text{Pb}$

M1 resonance
in Lorentzian shape

^{208}Pb

$E_0 = 8.06 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma = 0.6 \text{ MeV}$

$\sigma_0 = 3.6 \text{ mb}$

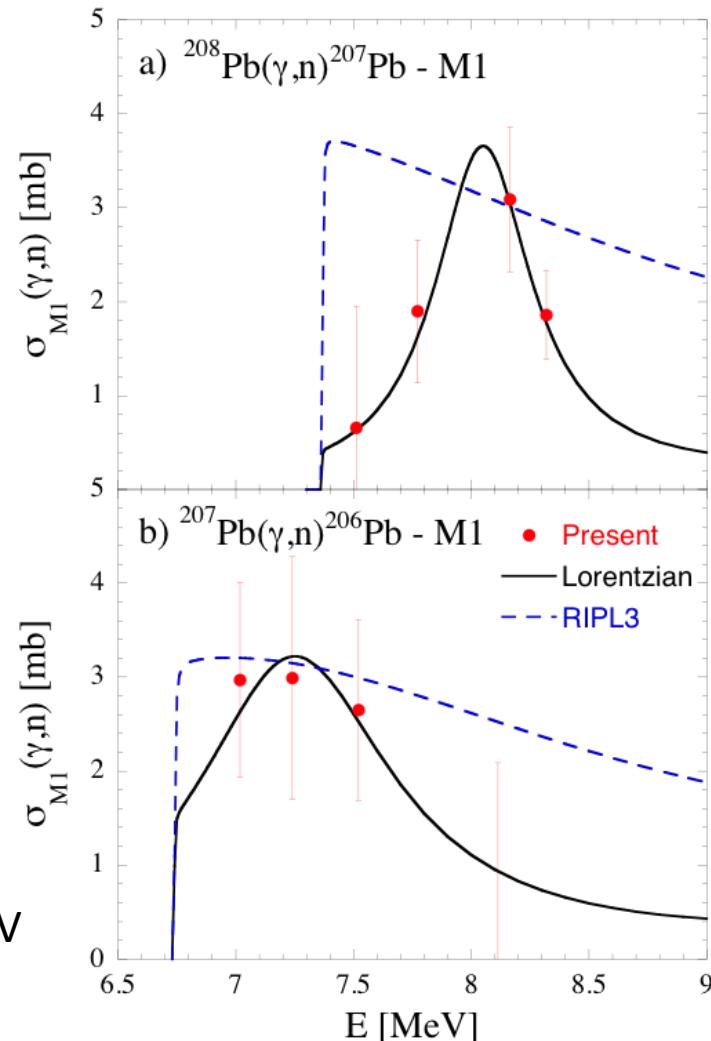
$B(\text{M1}) = 4.2 \pm 2.3 \mu_N^2 \quad E = 7.51-8.32 \text{ MeV}$

^{207}Pb

$E_0 \approx 7.25 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma \approx 1 \text{ MeV}$

$\sigma_0 \approx 3.2 \text{ mb}$

$B(\text{M1}) = 4.0 \pm 1.9 \mu_N^2 \quad E = 7.02-7.52 \text{ MeV}$

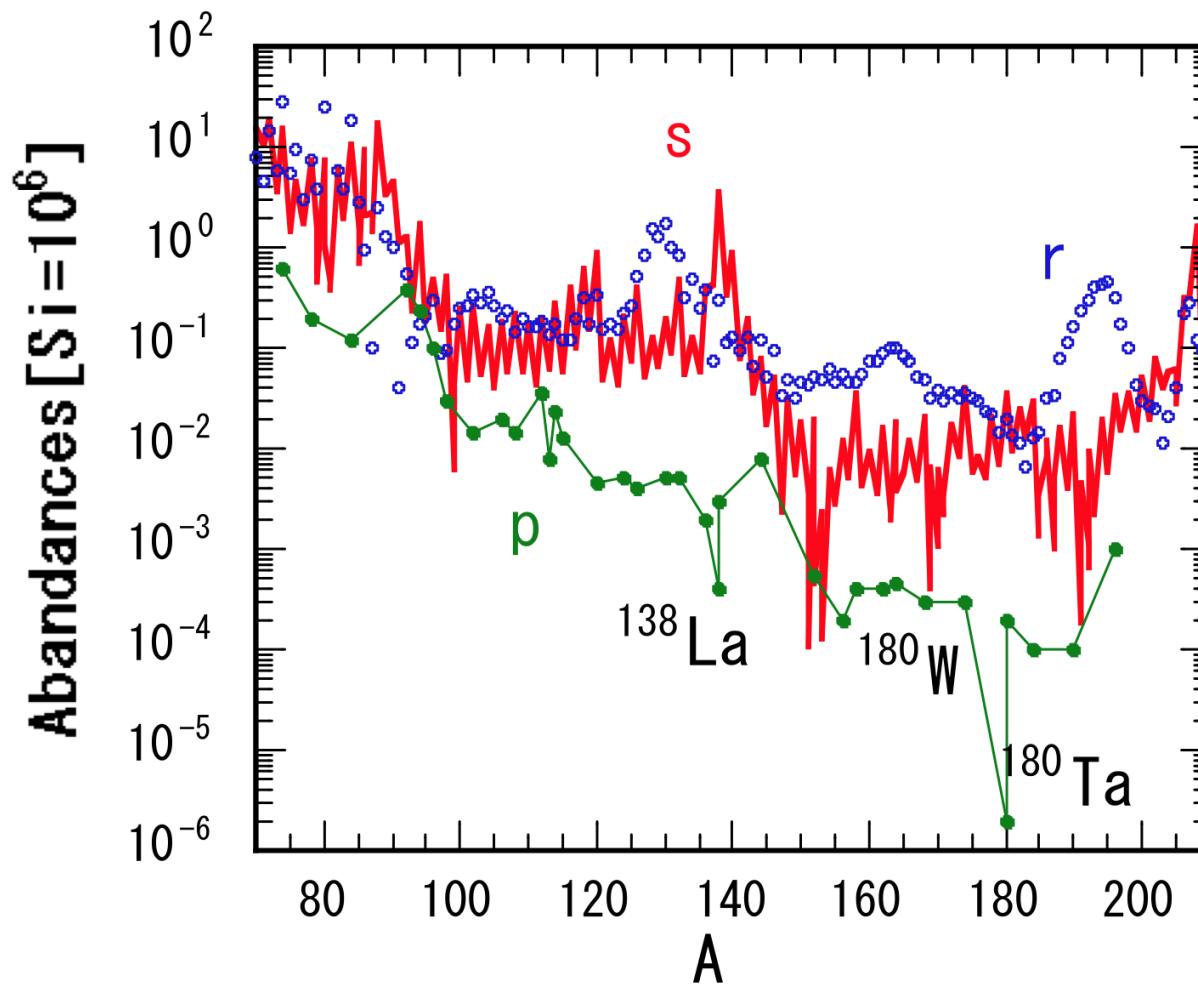


PDR study by (γ ,n) measurements

- 1) Limited above neutron threshold (S_n)
- 2) Best suited to odd-A nuclei
 - low S_n
- 3) Determine partial strength
 - above S_n (complementary to (γ, γ'))
 - both discrete and continuum components
- 4) energy resolution
 - low with 4π neutron detector
 - high with TOF technique (future)

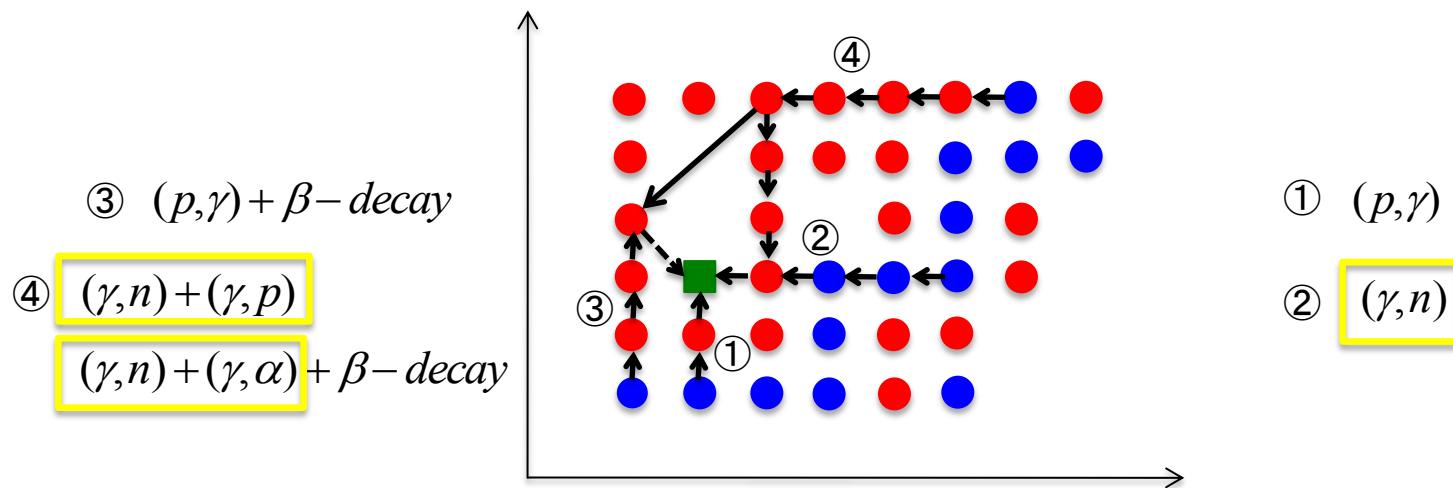
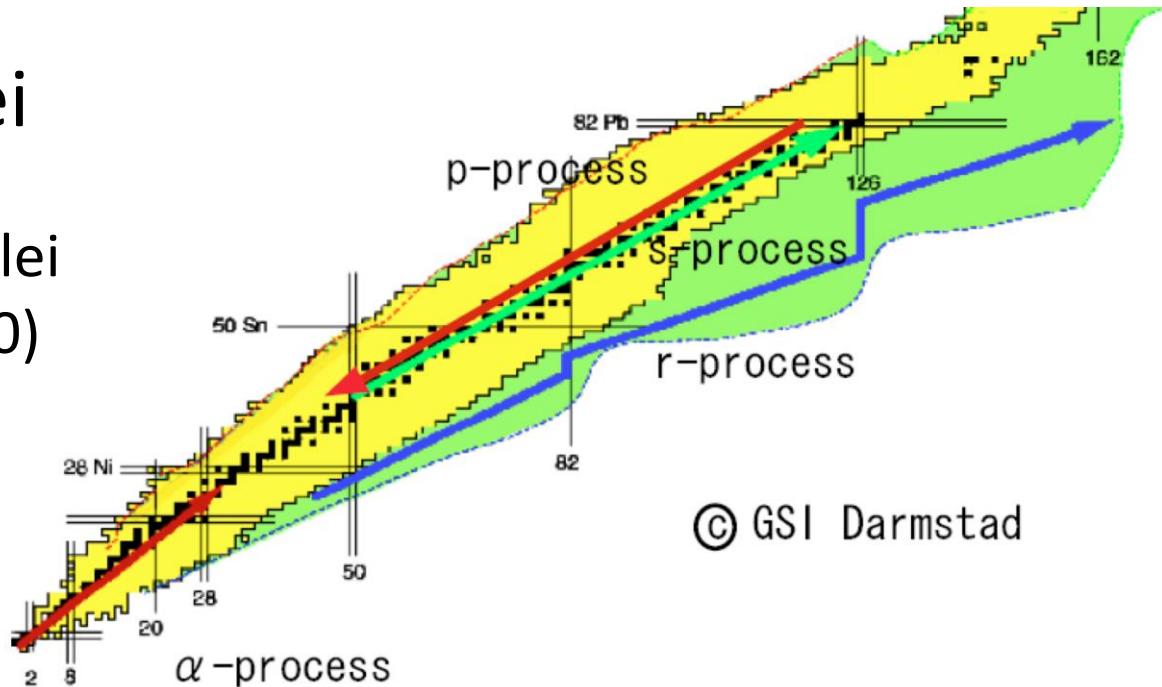
Nucleosynthesis of Heavy Elements

s-process, r-process and p-process



p-nuclei

35 neutron-deficient nuclei
from Se($Z=34$) to Hg($Z=80$)



p-process nucleosynthesis

P. Mohr et al., Phys. Lett. B 488 (2000) 127

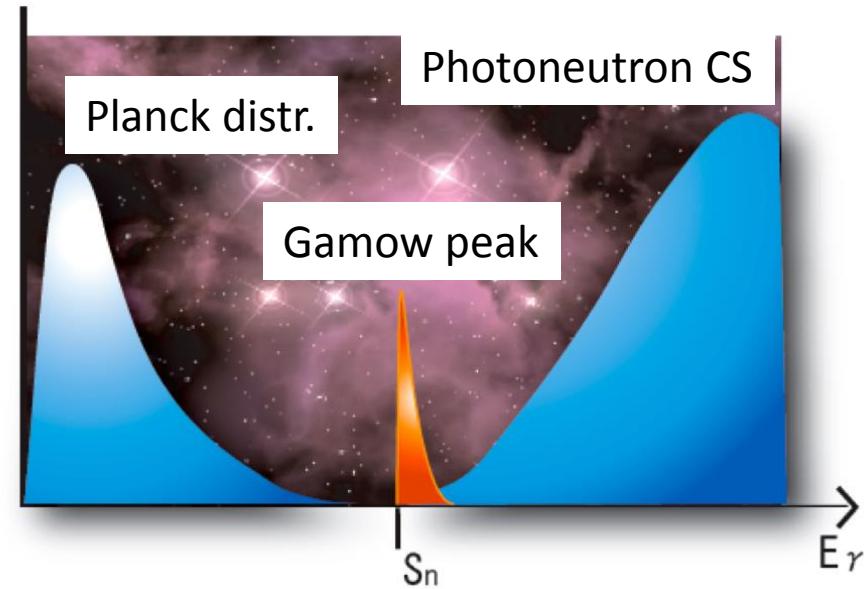
H. Utsunomiya et al., Nucl. Phys. A 777 (2006) 459

Photoreaction rates for gs

$$\lambda_m(T) = \int_0^\infty c n_\gamma(E, T) \sigma_m(E) dE$$

Planck distribution

$$n_\gamma(E, T) dE = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{(hc)^3} \frac{E^2}{\exp(E/kT) - 1} dE$$



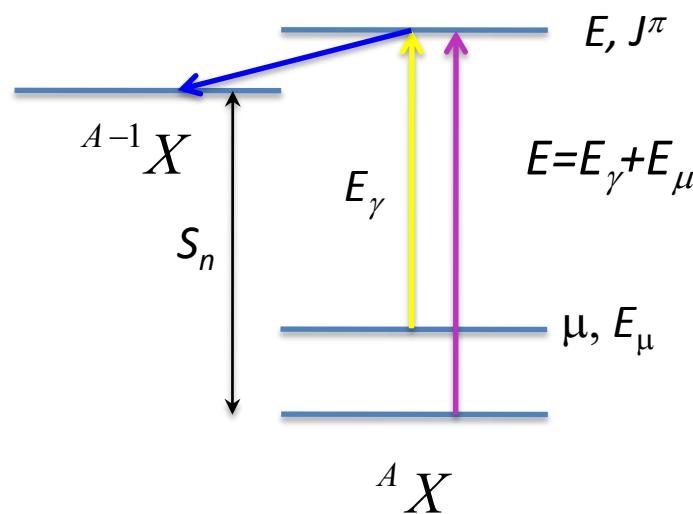
Stellar photoreaction rate

Photoreaction rates for a state μ

$$\lambda_m^\mu(T) = \int_0^\infty c n_\gamma(E, T) \sigma_m^\mu(E) dE$$

Stellar photoreaction rate

$$\lambda_m^* = \frac{\sum_{\mu} (2j^{\mu} + 1) \lambda_m^\mu(T) \exp(-\varepsilon_{\mu}/kT)}{\sum_{\mu} (2j^{\mu} + 1) \exp(-\varepsilon_{\mu}/kT)}$$



$$\sigma_m^\mu(E_\gamma) = \pi D_\gamma^2 \frac{1}{2(2j^\mu + 1)} \sum_{J^\pi} (2J+1) \frac{T_\gamma^\mu(E_\gamma, J^\pi) T_n(E, J^\pi)}{T_{tot}(E, J^\pi)}$$

$$T_\gamma^\mu(E_\gamma, J^\pi) = 2\pi \varepsilon_\gamma^3 f_\gamma(E_\gamma) \uparrow \text{ for E1 transition}$$

Key quantity:
 γ -ray strength function $f_\gamma(E_\gamma)$

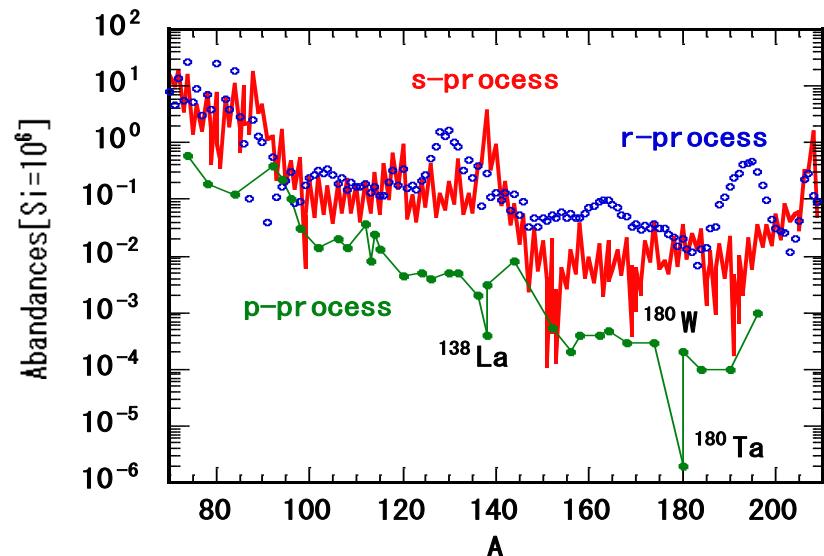
- $E_\gamma > S_n \quad \text{for gs}$
- $E_\gamma < S_n \quad \text{for excited states } \mu$

Only naturally occurring isomer $^{180}\text{Ta}^m$

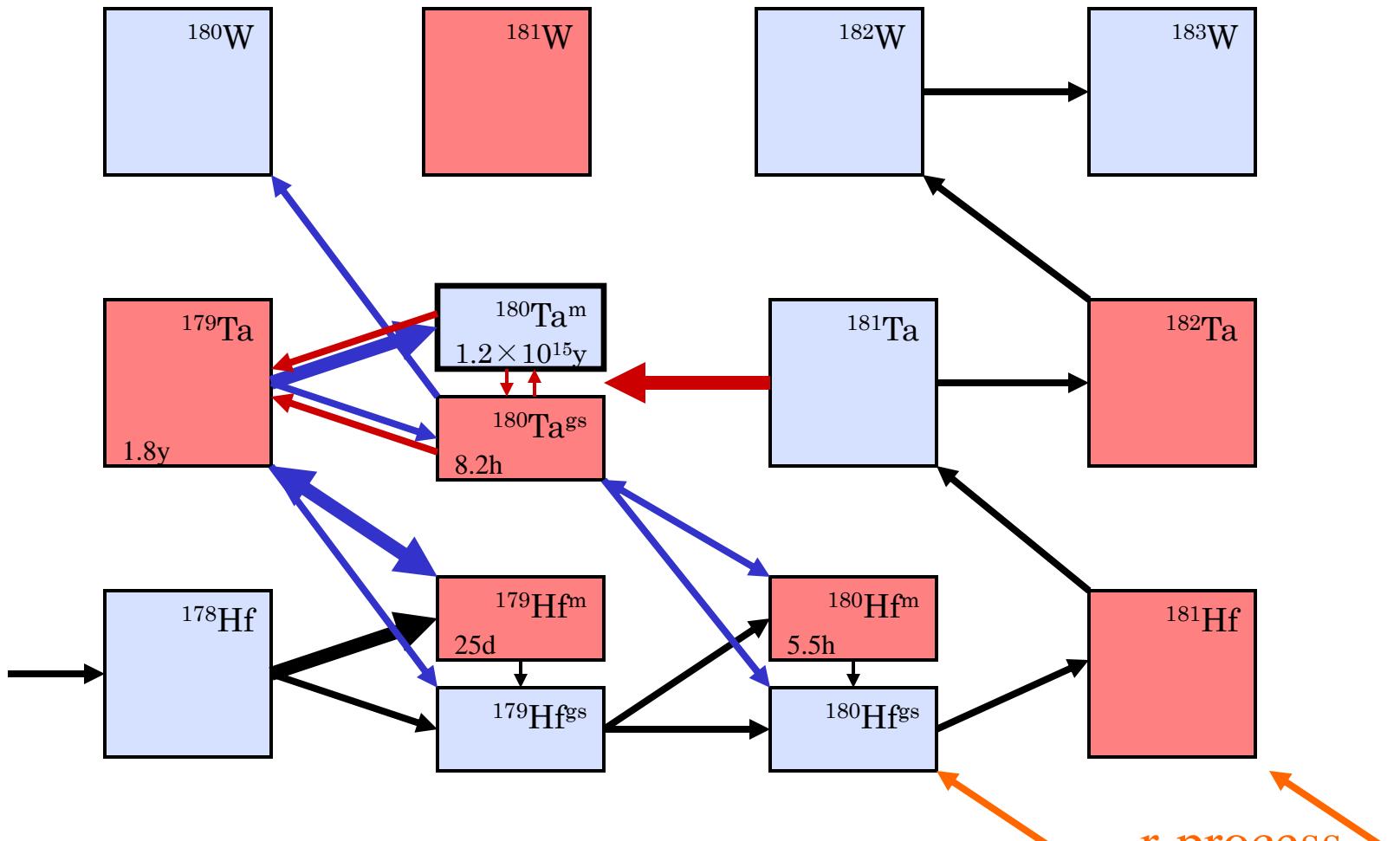
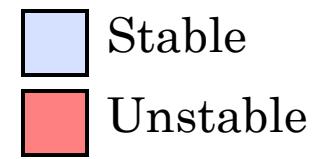
- Odd-odd Nucleus ($Z=73$, $N=107$)
- Neutron deficient nucleus (classified as one of p-nuclei)
- Solar Abundance ; 2.48×10^{-6} (the rarest)
- Half Life $> 1.2 \times 10^{15}\text{y}$
- $E_x = 75\text{keV}$
- $J^\pi = 9^-$

$^{180}\text{Ta}^{\text{gs}}$

- Half Life = 8.152h
- $J^\pi = 1^+$



Network of nucleosynthesis



- Primary s-process flow ${}_{Z}^{A}X(n, \gamma) {}_{Z}^{A+1}X(\beta^-) {}_{Z+1}^{A+1}X'$
- p-process ${}^{181}\text{Ta}(\gamma, n) {}^{180}\text{Ta}(\text{thermal equilibrium}) {}^{180}\text{Ta}^m$
- Weak branching s-process ${}^{179}\text{Hf}^m(\beta) {}^{179}\text{Ta}(n, \gamma) {}^{180}\text{Ta}^m$

r-process

Nucleosynthesis of $^{180}\text{Ta}^m$

- **p-process** in the pre-supernova phase of massive stars or during their explosions as type- II supernovae

Temperature ; $1.8 \leq T[10^9\text{K}] \leq 3.0$

Peak photon energy ; $200[\text{keV}]$



- **s-process** in the Low-mass AGB star

Temperature ; $2.9 \leq T[10^8\text{K}] \leq 3.3$

(Zs. Németh, F. Käppeler, G. Reffo; 1992)

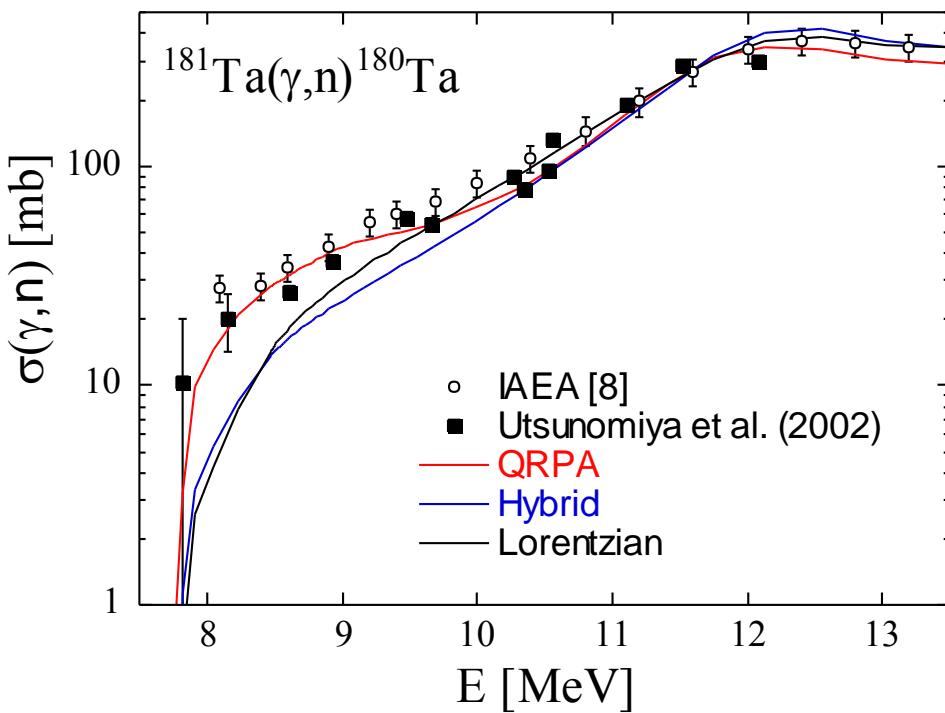
Typical neutron energy ; $25[\text{keV}]$



$^{181}\text{Ta}(\gamma, \text{n})^{180}\text{Ta}$

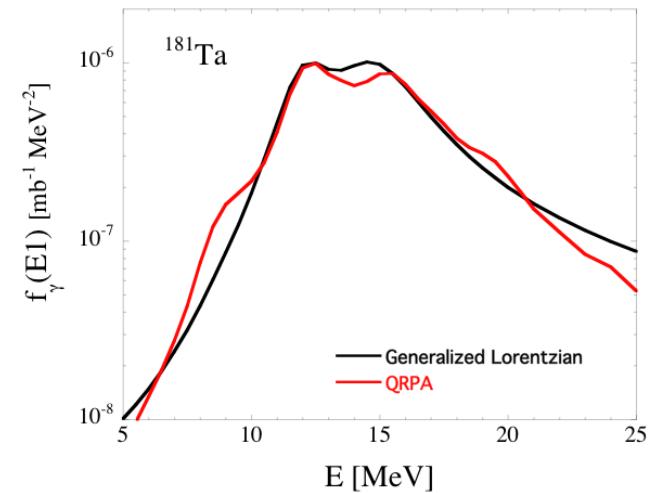
H. Utsunomiya et al., Phys. Rev. C 67, 015807 (2003)

Extra E1 γ -ray strength near Sn



Pygmy Dipole Resonance

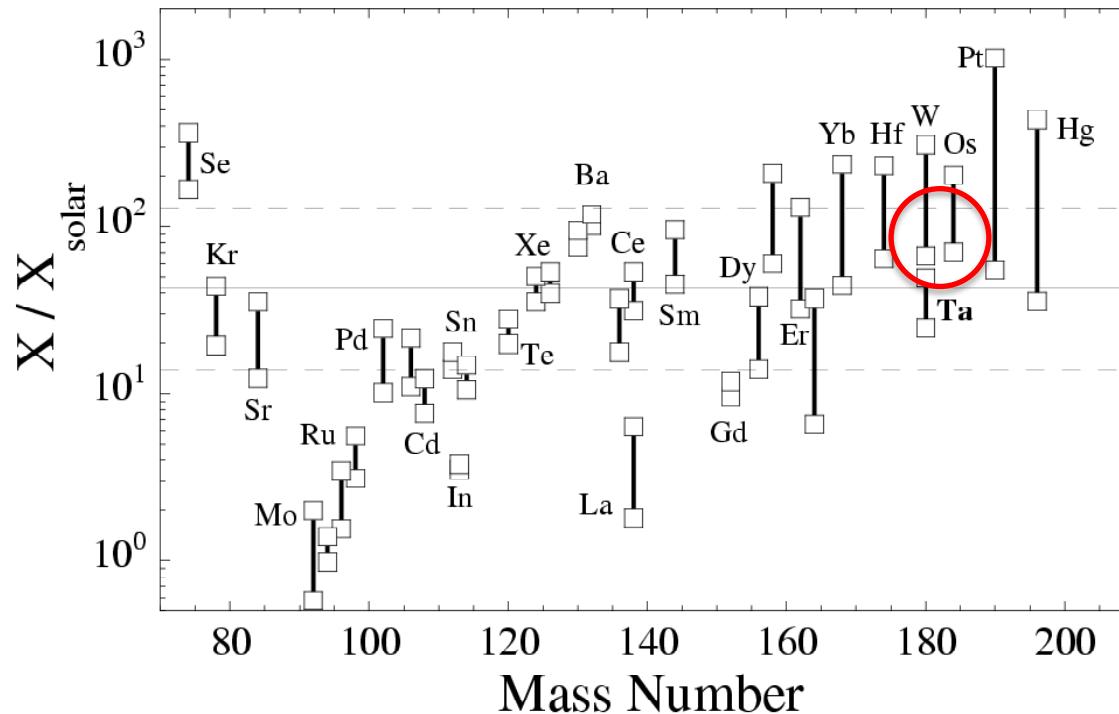
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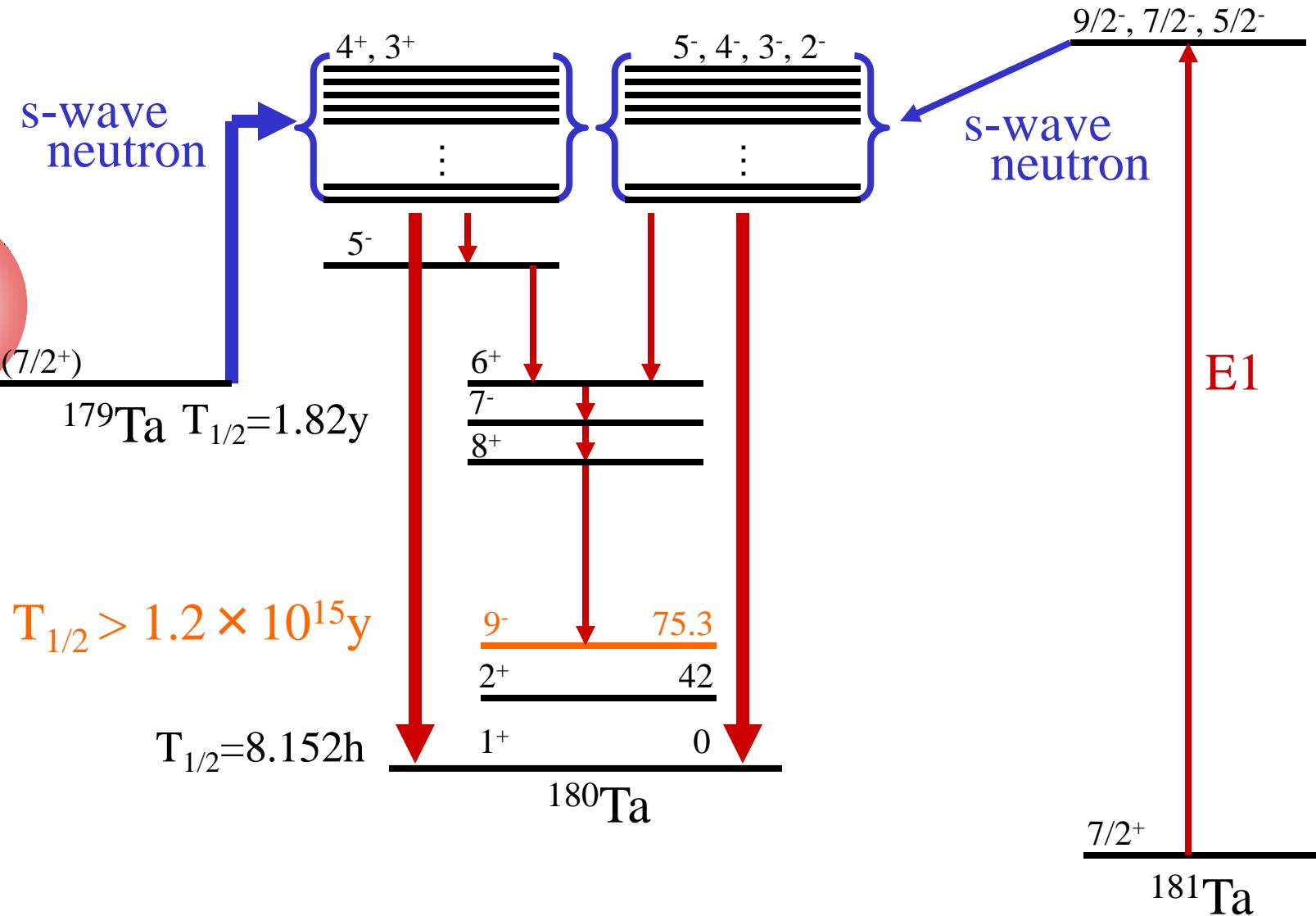
Model calculation of the p-process nucleosynthesis

H. Utsunomiya et al., Phys. Rev. C 67, 015807 (2003)

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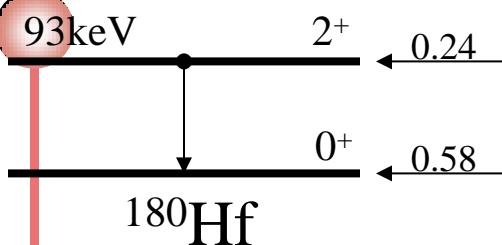
Nuclear Level Density of ^{180}Ta



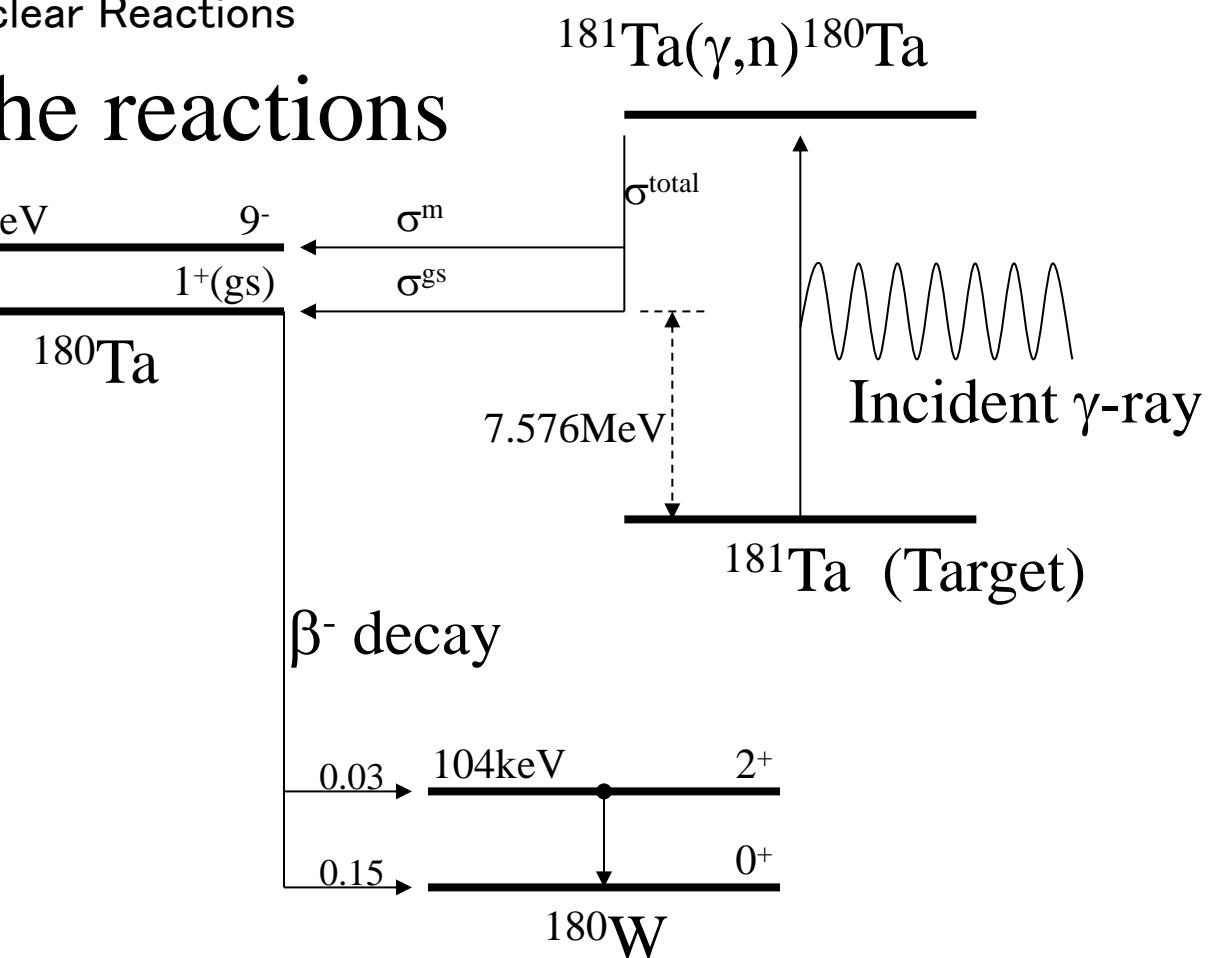
Progress of the reactions

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1/2} &> 1.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ y} \\ T_{1/2} &= 8.152 \text{ h} \end{aligned}$$

Electron
Capture

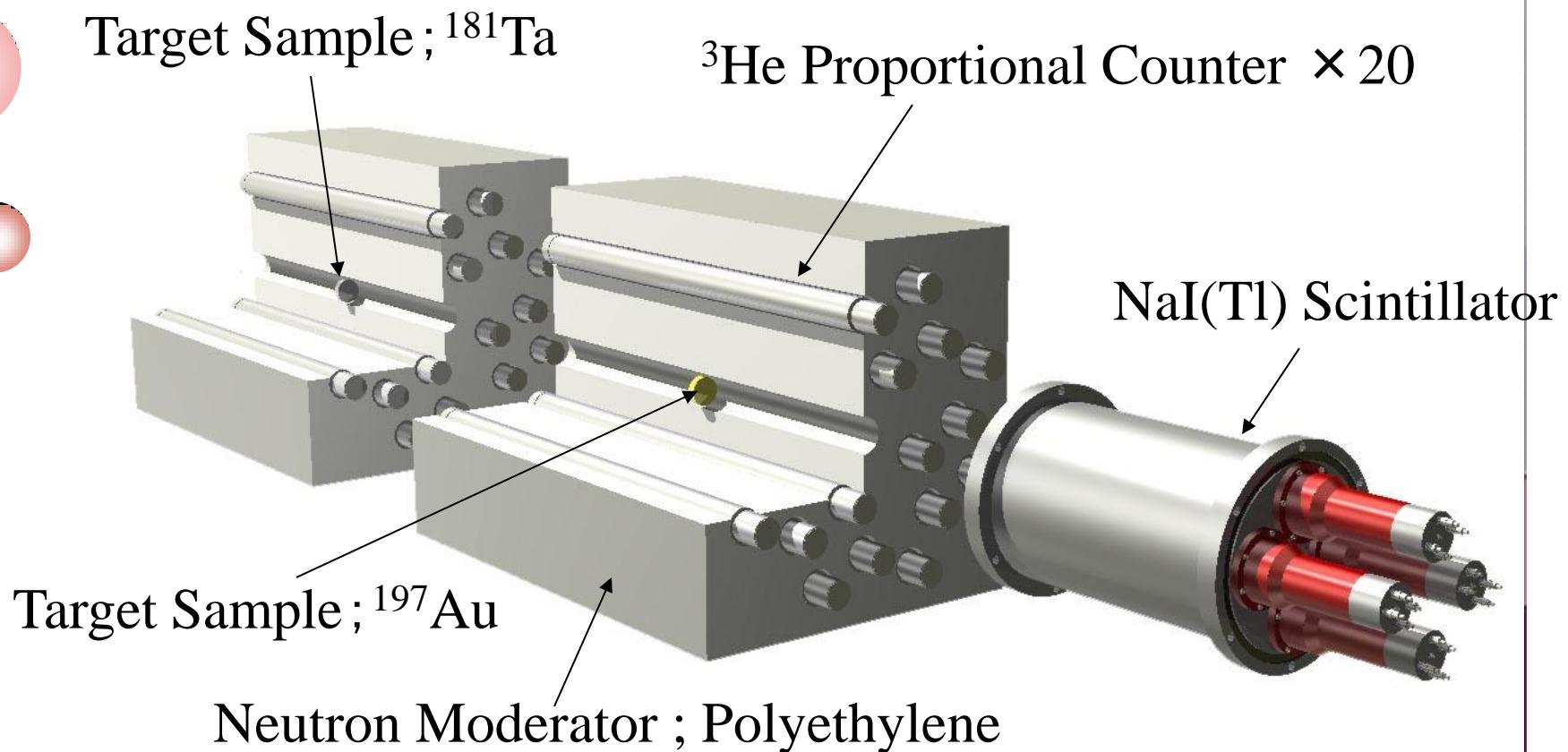


per 1 decay of $^{180}\text{Ta}^{\text{gs}}$
 93keV γ -ray 4.665%
 55.8keV $K_{\alpha 1}$ 33.12%
 54.6keV $K_{\alpha 2}$ 19.20%



$$\sigma^m = \sigma^{\text{total}} - \sigma^{\text{gs}}$$

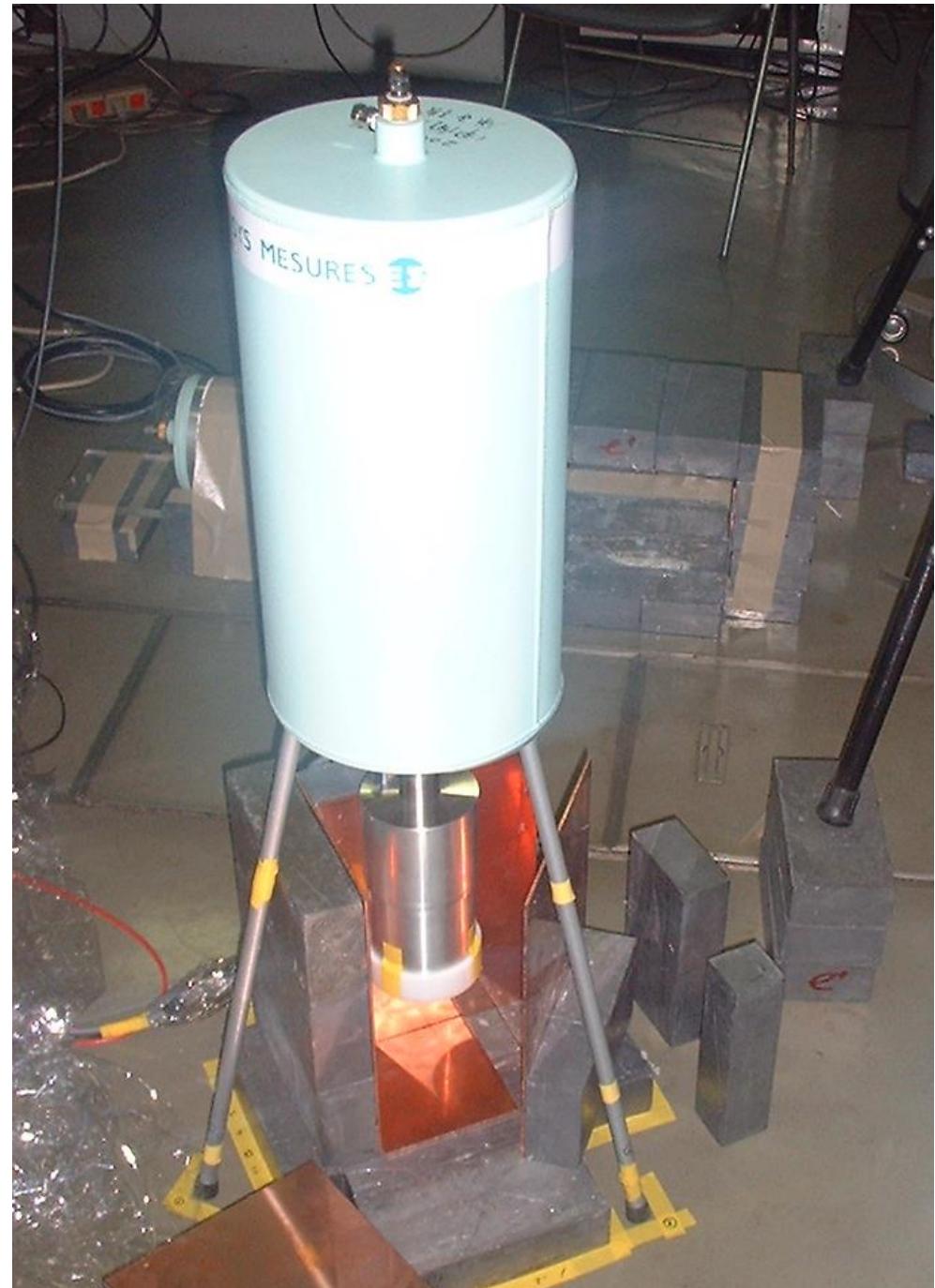
Experimental Set-up

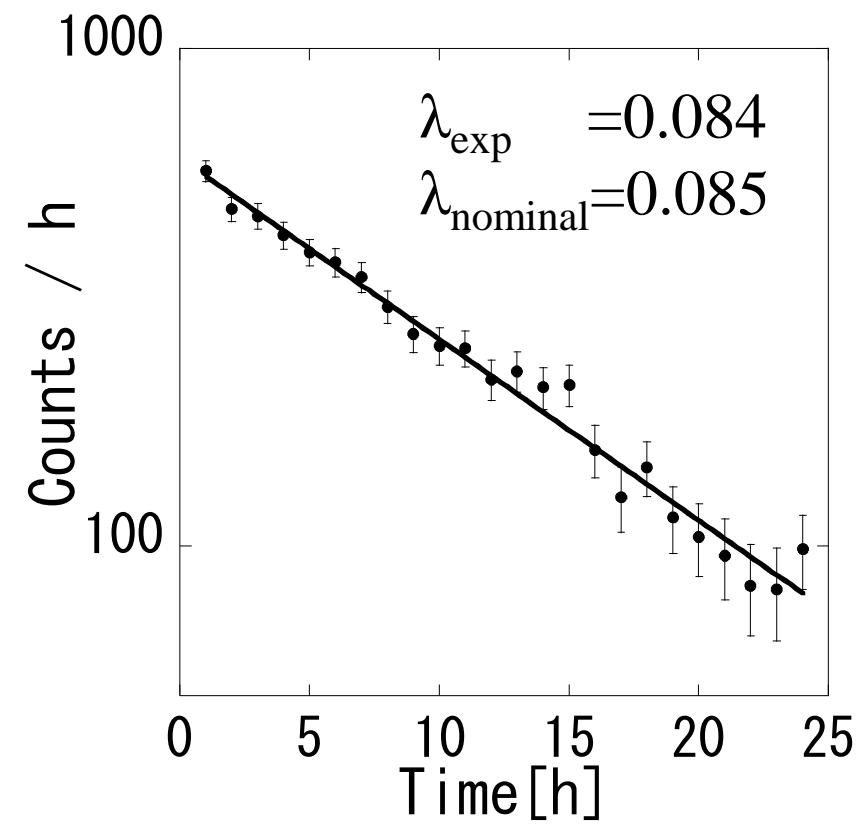
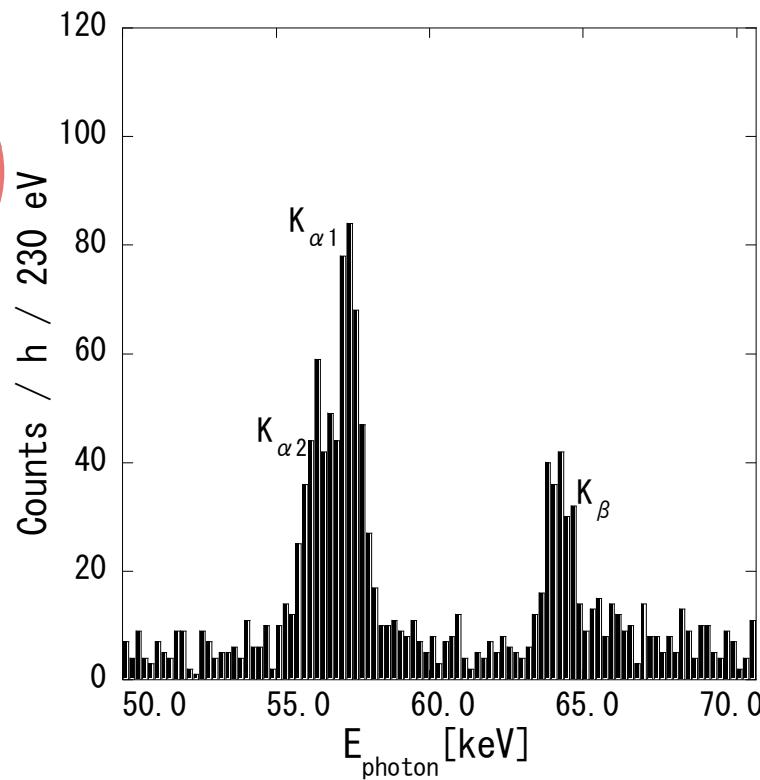


Ge Detector Set-up



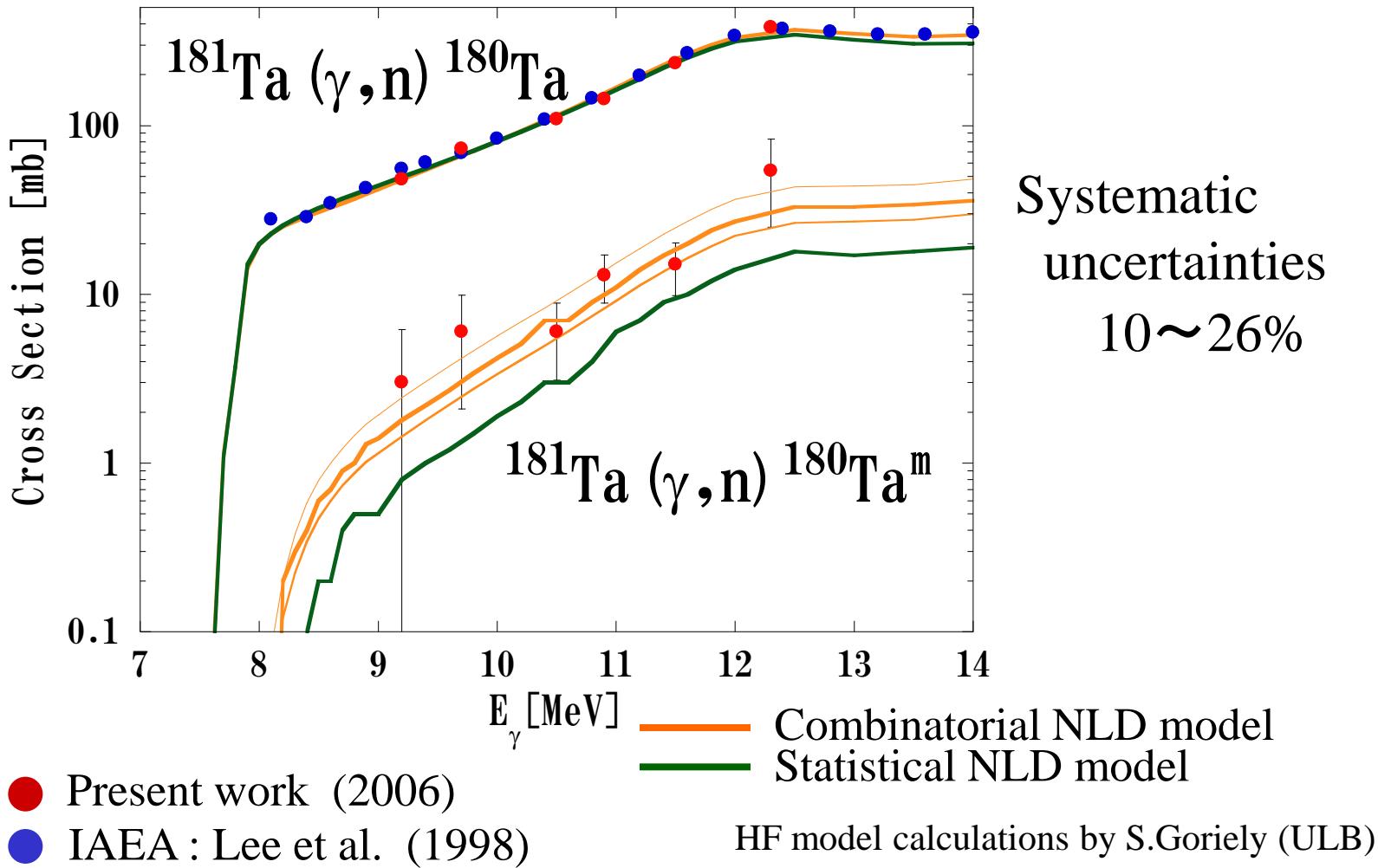
Activated Ta foils
on the acrylic cap





Experimental results, and comparison with theoretical models

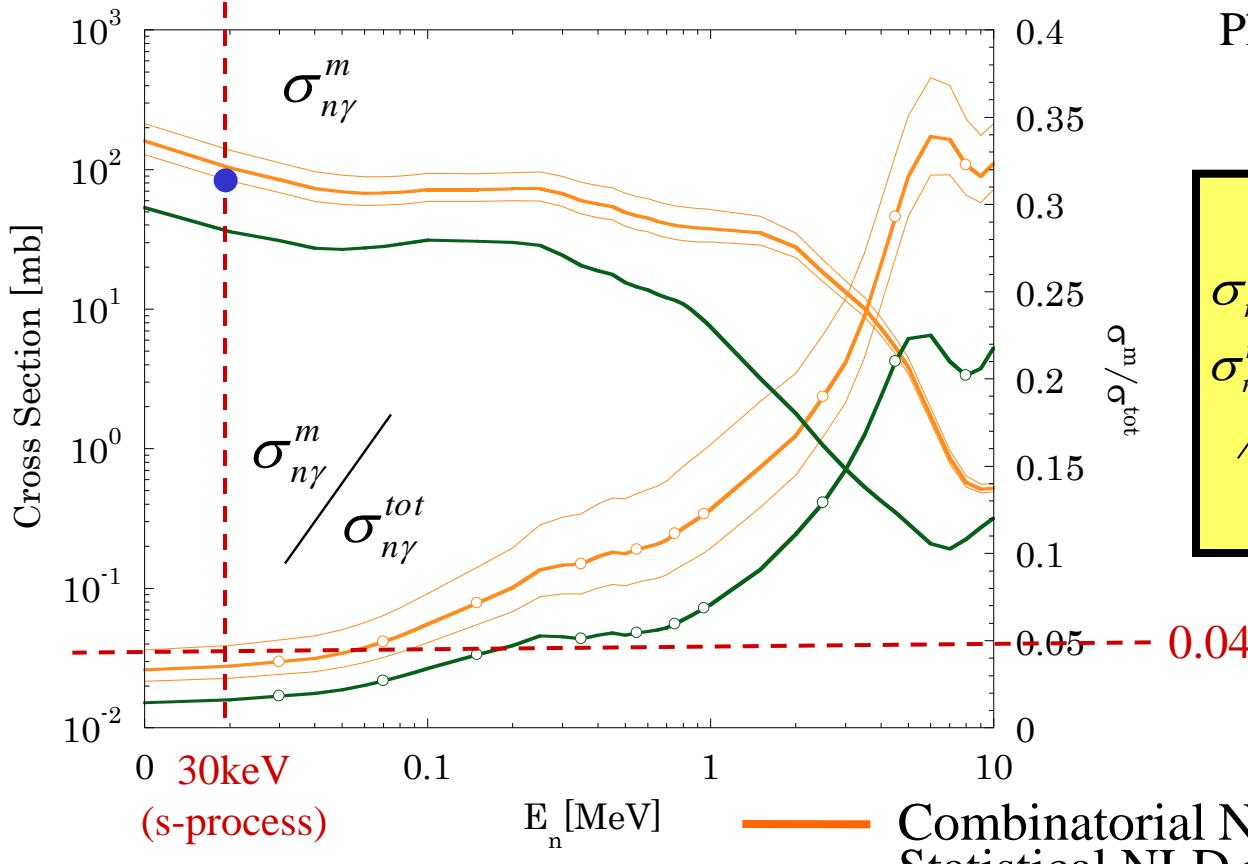
Goko et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 192501 (2006)



$$^{179}\text{Ta}(n, \gamma)^{180}\text{Ta}^m$$

for the s-process $^{180}\text{Ta}^m$ production

Goko et al.
Phys. Rev. Lett. 96,
192501 (2006)



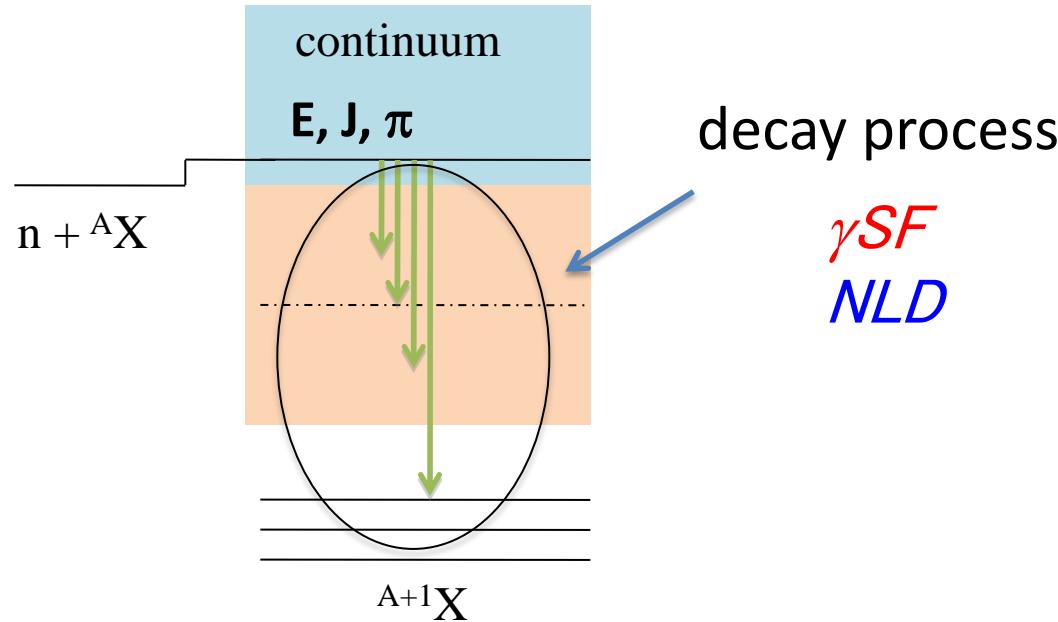
Previous Predictions

σ^m : ● 44 mb (Zs. Németh, F.Käppeler, G.Reffo ;1992)

$\sigma^m/\sigma^{\text{tot}}$: $0.02 \sim 0.09$ (K.Yokoi, K.Takahashi ;1983)

0.043 ± 0.008 (Zs. Németh, F.Käppeler, G.Reffo ;1992)

Radiative neutron capture - ${}^A X(n,\gamma) {}^{A+1} X$



Hauser-Feshbach model cross section for ${}^A\text{X}(n,\gamma){}^{A+1}\text{X}$

$$\sigma_{n\gamma}(E) = \frac{\pi}{k_n^2} \sum_{J,\pi} g_J \frac{T_\gamma(E,J,\pi) T_n(E,J,\pi)}{T_{tot}} \approx \frac{\pi}{k_n^2} \sum_{J,\pi} g_J T_\gamma(E,J,\pi)$$

$T_{tot} \approx T_n(E,J,\pi)$

Total γ transmission coefficient

After integrating over J and π

$$T_\gamma(E,J,\pi) = \sum_{\nu,X,\lambda} T_{X\lambda}^\nu(\varepsilon_\gamma) + \sum_{X,\lambda} \int [T_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \rho(E - \varepsilon_\gamma)] d\varepsilon_\gamma$$

$X = E, M$
 $\lambda = 1, 2, \dots$

γ -ray strength function

$$T_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) = 2\pi \varepsilon_\gamma^{2\lambda+1} f_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \downarrow$$

nuclear level density
 $\rho(E - \varepsilon_\gamma)$

neutron resonance spacing
low-lying levels

(n,γ) and (γ,n) are interconnected through the γ -ray strength function and the nuclear level density in the Hauser–Feshbach model.

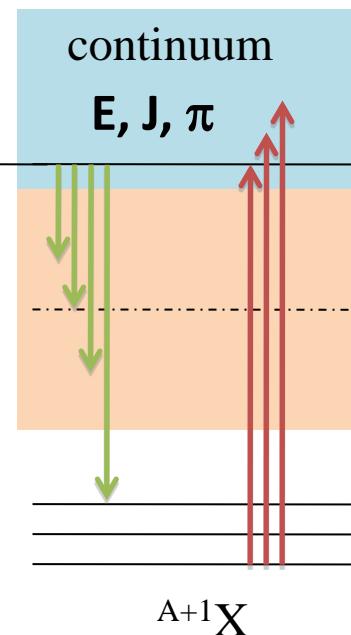
Radiative neutron capture

$${}^A X(n,\gamma){}^{A+1} X$$

$$n + {}^A X \longrightarrow$$

$$f_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \downarrow = \varepsilon_\gamma^{-(2\lambda+1)} \frac{\langle \Gamma_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \rangle}{D_\ell}$$

$$\varepsilon_\gamma < S_n$$



Photoneutron emission

$${}^{A+1} X(\gamma,n){}^A X$$

$$f_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \uparrow = \frac{\varepsilon_\gamma^{-2\lambda+1}}{(\pi\hbar c)^2} \frac{\langle \sigma_{X\lambda}^{abs}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \rangle}{2\lambda+1}$$

$$\varepsilon_\gamma > S_n$$

Brink Hypothesis

$$f_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \uparrow \cong f_{X\lambda}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \downarrow$$

γ -ray Strength Function Method

H. Utsunomiya et al., Phys. Rev. C 80, 055806 (2009)

Indirect determination of (n, γ) cross sections for unstable nuclei
based on a unified understanding of (γ, n) and (n, γ) reactions
through the γ -ray strength function

The best understanding of the γ SF with PDR and M1 resonance
is obtained by integrating

- (γ, n) data
- (γ, γ') NRF data
- Particle- γ coin. data , Oslo Method
- Existing (n, γ) data

Applications of the γ -ray Strength Function Method

1. Nuclear Astrophysics

s-process branch-point nuclei: unstable nuclei along the line of β -stability

F. Käppeler *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys. **83**, 157 (2011)

63Ni, 79Se, 81Kr, 85Kr, 95Zr, 147Nd, 151Sm, 153Gd, 185W

2. Nuclear Data for Nuclear Engineering

Applications

- ← Present (γ n) measurements
- Existing (n, γ) data
- (n, γ) c.s. to be deduced

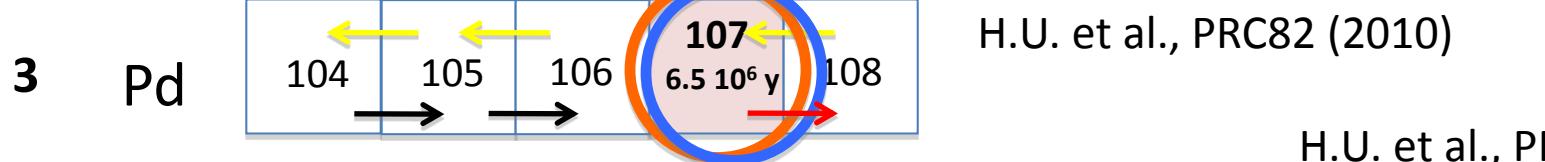
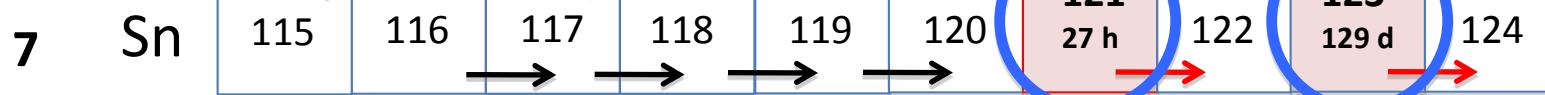


LLFP (long lived fission products)
nuclear waste

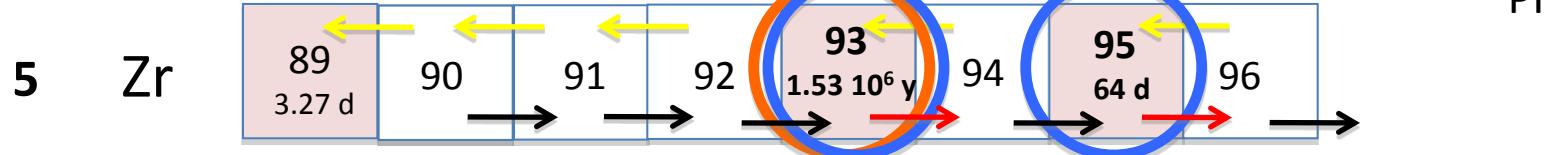


Astrophysical significance

H. Utsunomiya et al., PRC80 (2009)



H.U. et al., PRC82 (2010)



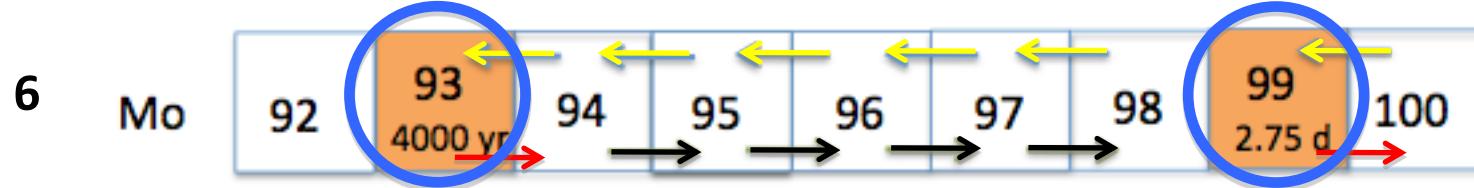
H.U. et al., PRL100(2008)
PRC81 (2010)



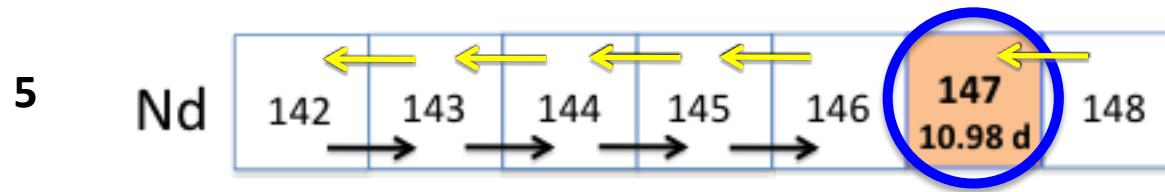
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Lecture 2 : Present of Photonuclear Reactions

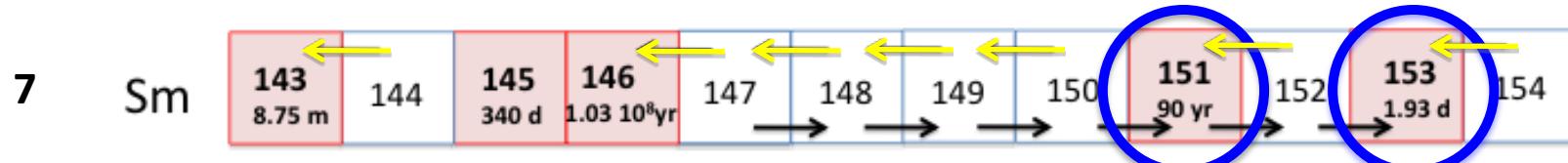
H.U. et al., PRC88 (2013)



In collaboration with Univ. Oslo etc.

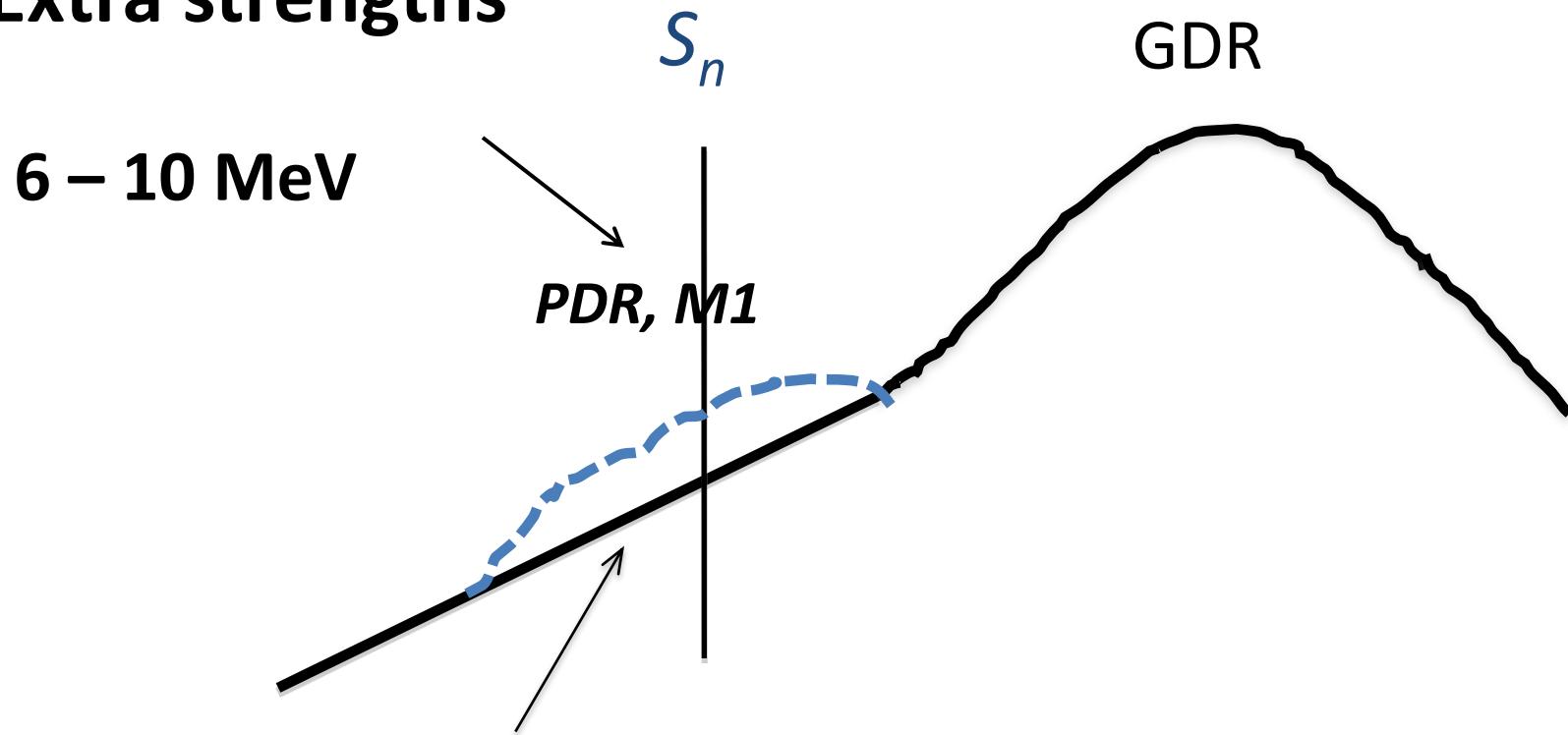


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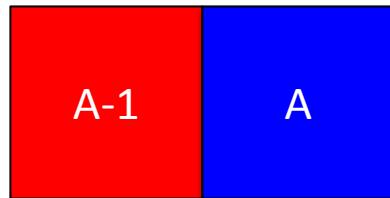
Structure of γ -ray strength function

Extra strengths



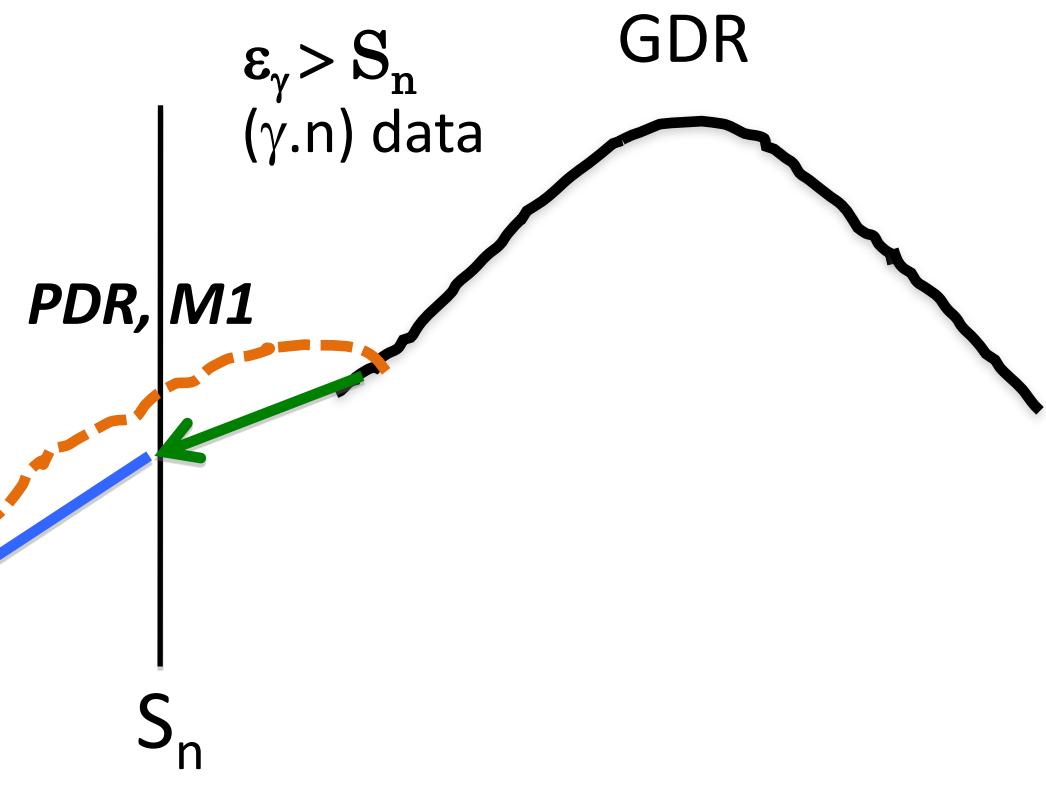
E1 strength of the low- energy tail of GDR

Experimental determination of γ -ray strength function

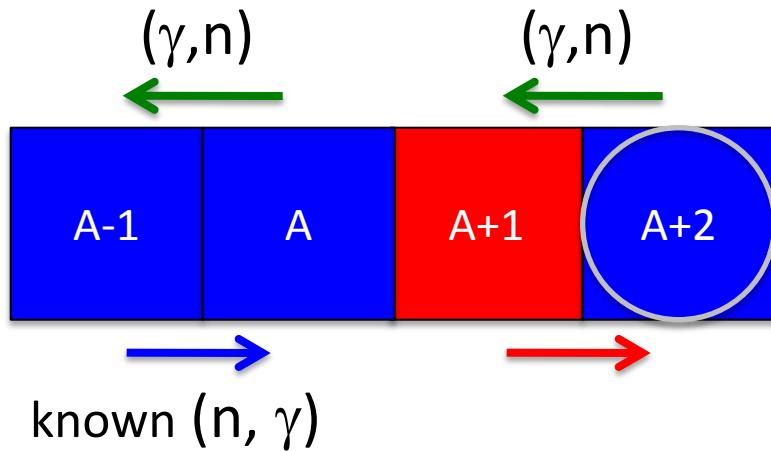


Statistical model calculation of $^{A-1}X(n, \gamma)^AX$ cross sections with experimental γ SF

$\varepsilon_\gamma < S_n$
 (γ, γ') NRF data
 Particle- γ coin. data
 (Oslo Method)

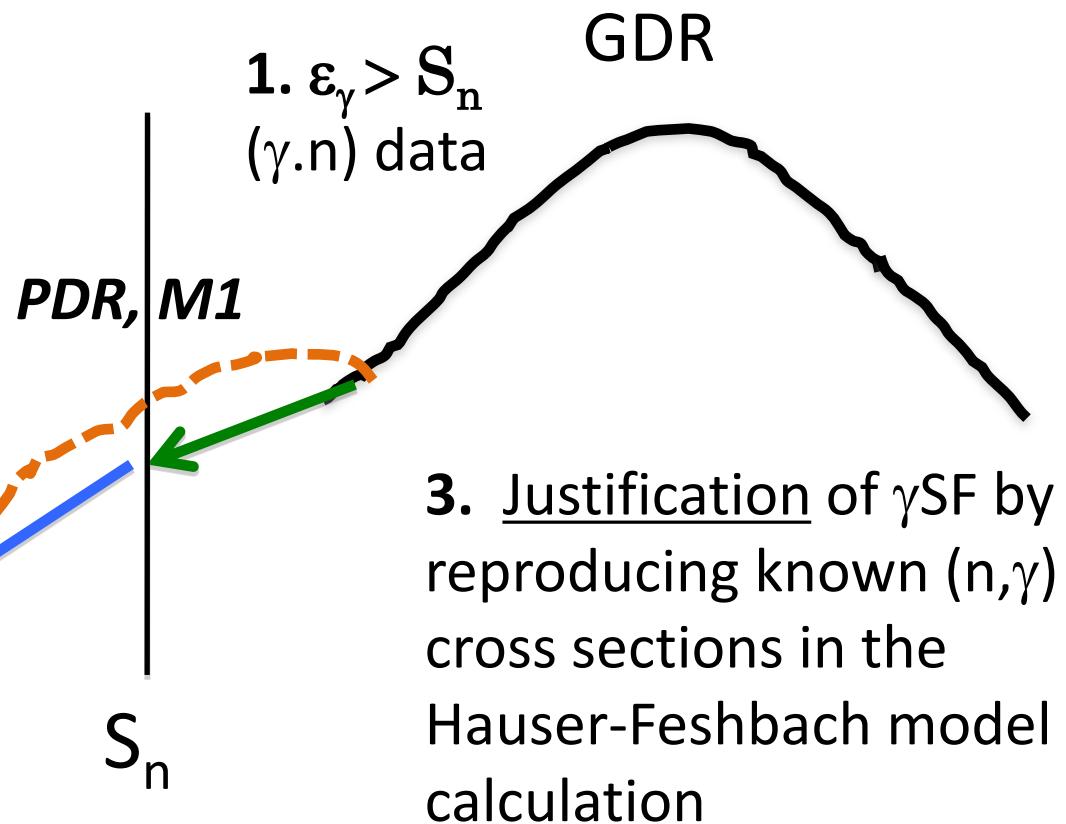


Theoretical extrapolation of γ -ray strength function

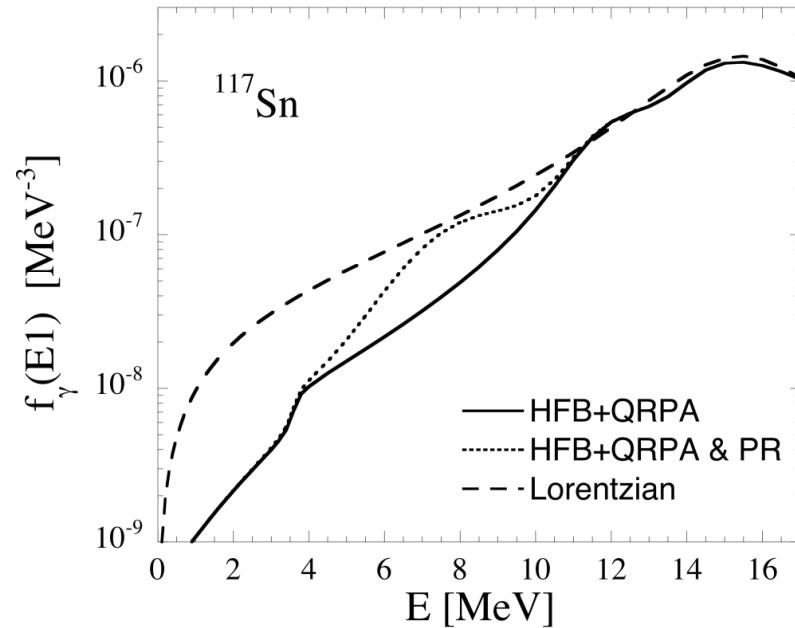
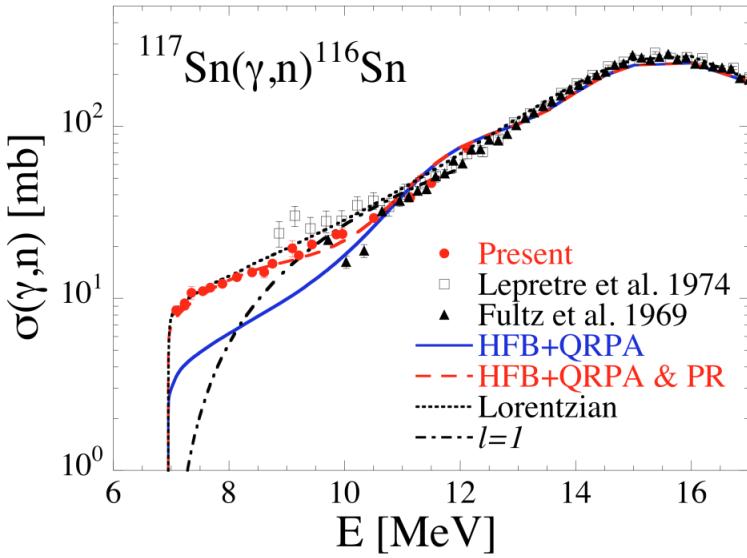


Statistical model calculation of
 $A+1X(n, \gamma)^{A+2}X$ cross sections with
 experimentally-constrained γ SF

- 2.** $\varepsilon_\gamma < S_n$
 Extrapolation by
microscopic model



Sn isotopes



HFB+QRPA E1 strength supplemented with a **pygmy E1 resonance** in Gaussian shape

$$E_o \approx 8.5 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma \approx 2.0 \text{ MeV}, \sigma_o \approx 7 \text{ mb}$$

$\sim 1\%$ of TRK sum rule (E1 strength)

γ SF for Sn isotopes

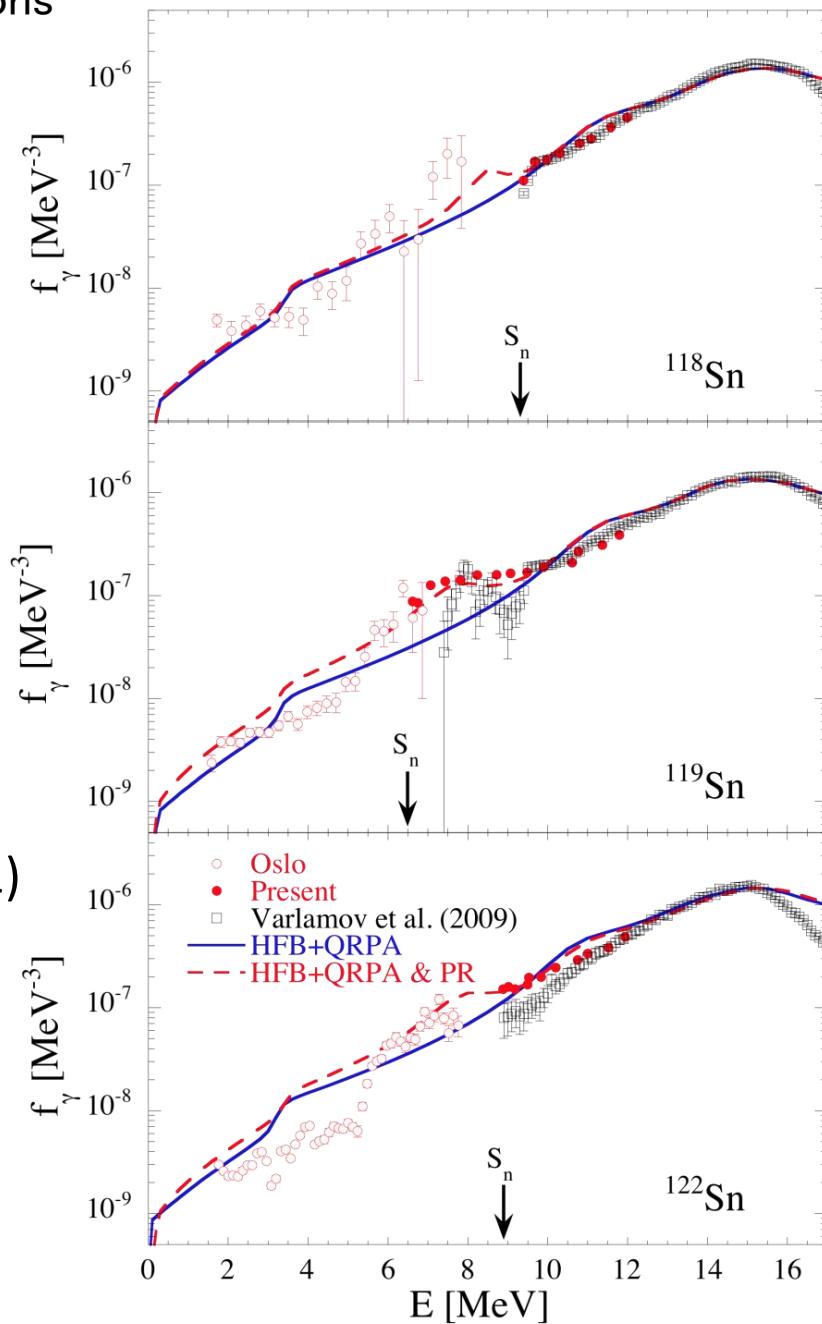
(γ, n) data

H. Utsunomiya et al., PRC84 (2011)

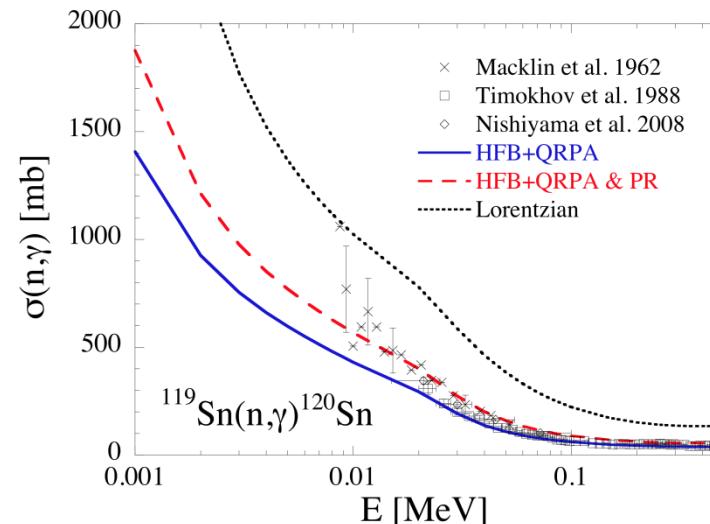
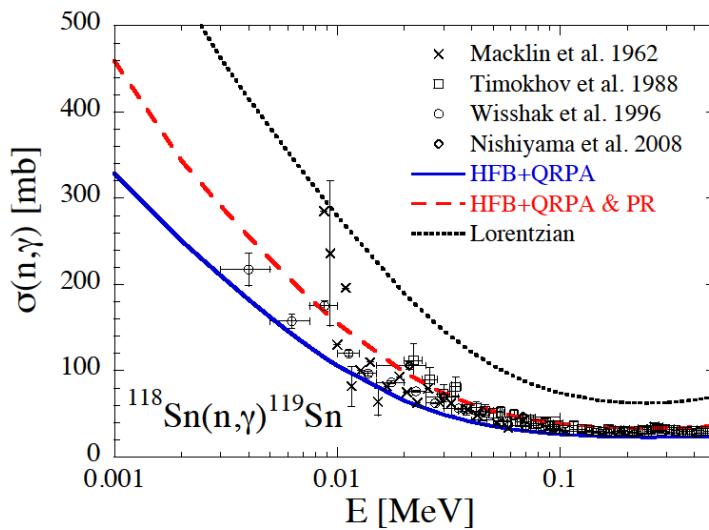
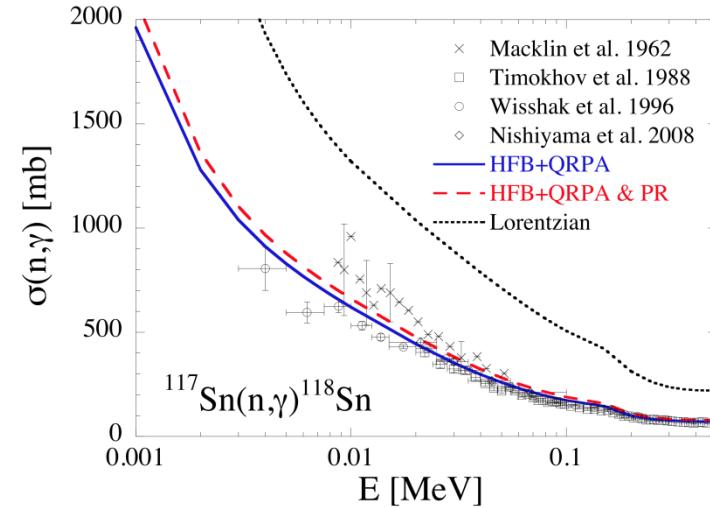
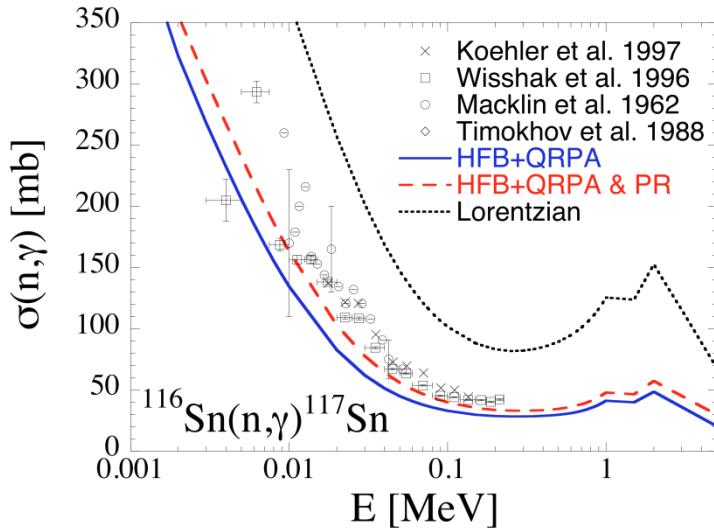
Oslo data

$(^3\text{He}, \alpha\gamma), (^3\text{He}, ^3\text{He}'\gamma)$

Toft et al., PRC 81 (2010); PRC 83 (2011)



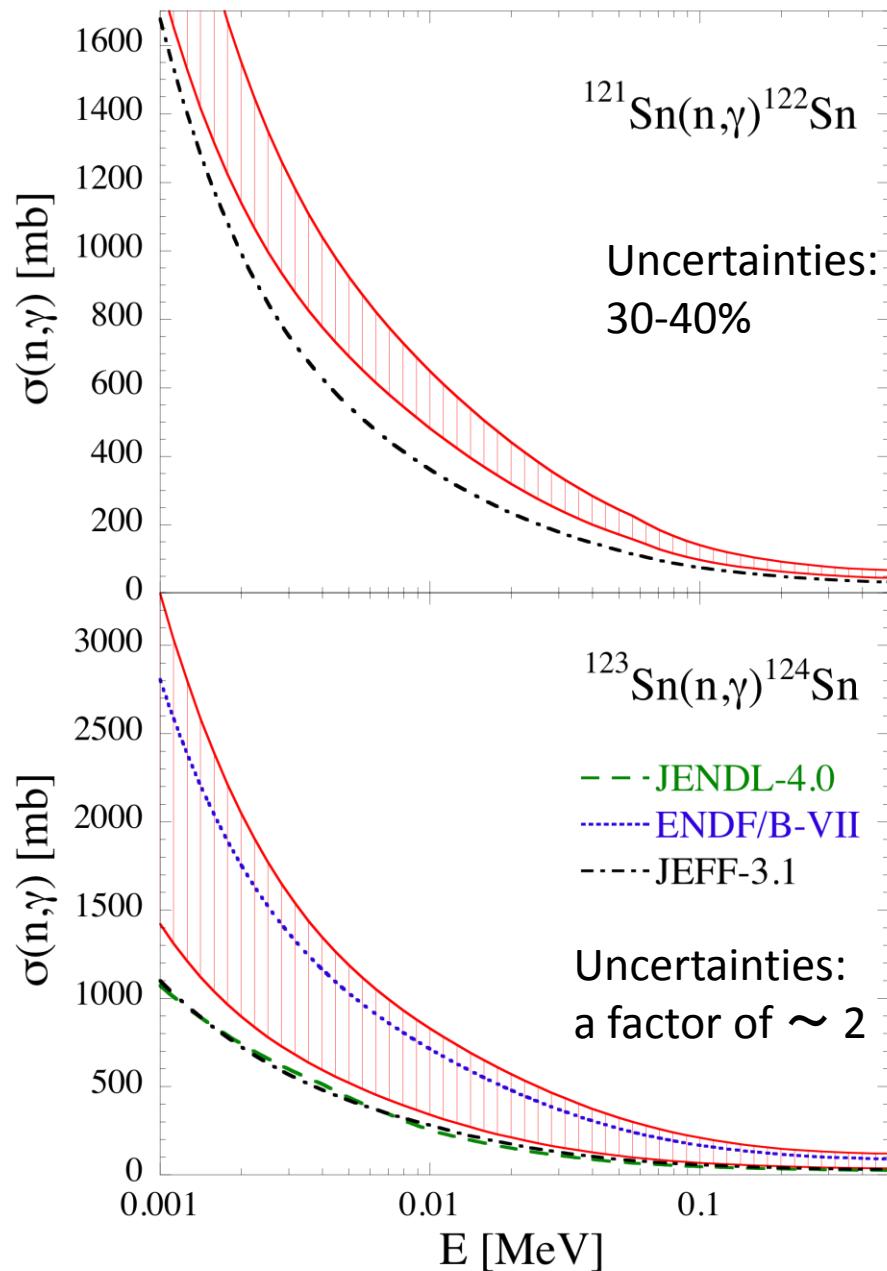
(n, γ) CS for Sn isotopes



(n,γ) CS for unstable Sn isotopes

^{121}Sn [$T_{1/2} = 27 \text{ h}$]

^{123}Sn [$T_{1/2} = 129 \text{ d}$]



Mo isotopes

(γ, n) data

H. Utsunomiya et al., PRC 88 (2013)

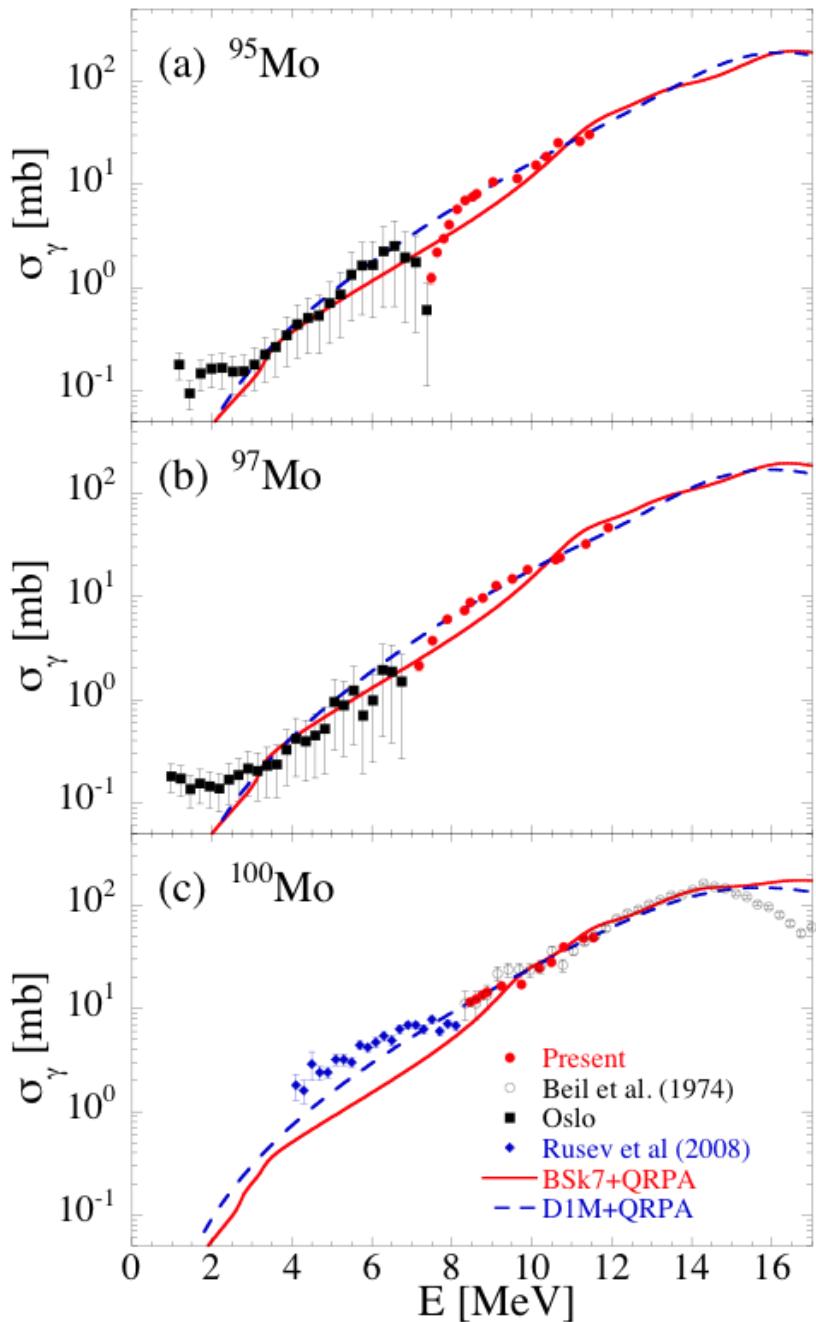
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$(^3\text{He}, \alpha\gamma)$, $(^3\text{He}, ^3\text{He}'\gamma)$

M. Guttormsen et al., PRC71 (2005)

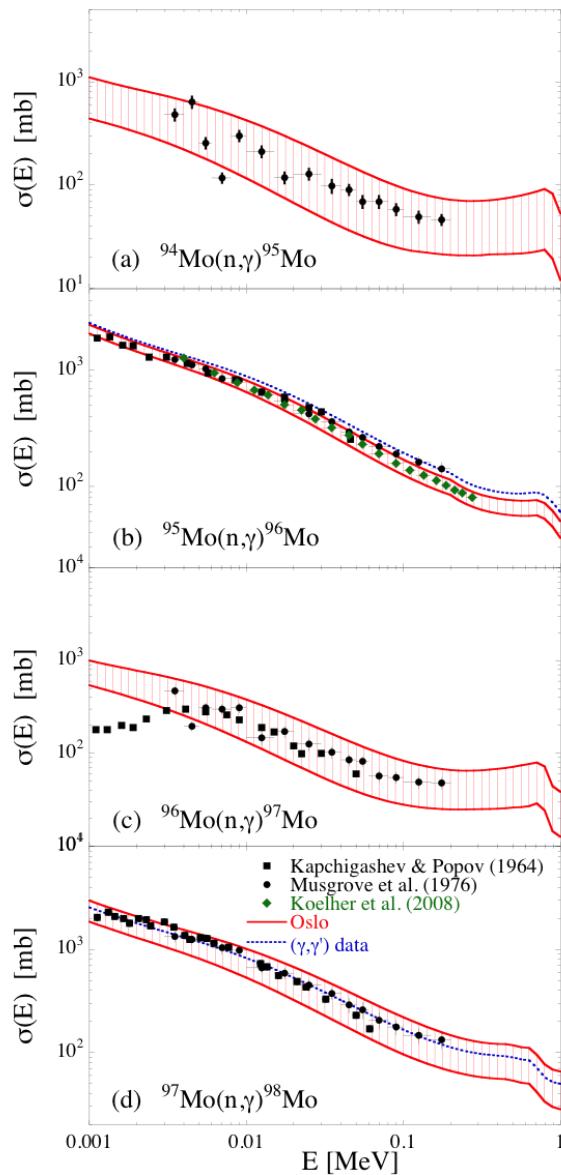
(γ, γ') data

G. Rusev et al., PRC77 (2008)



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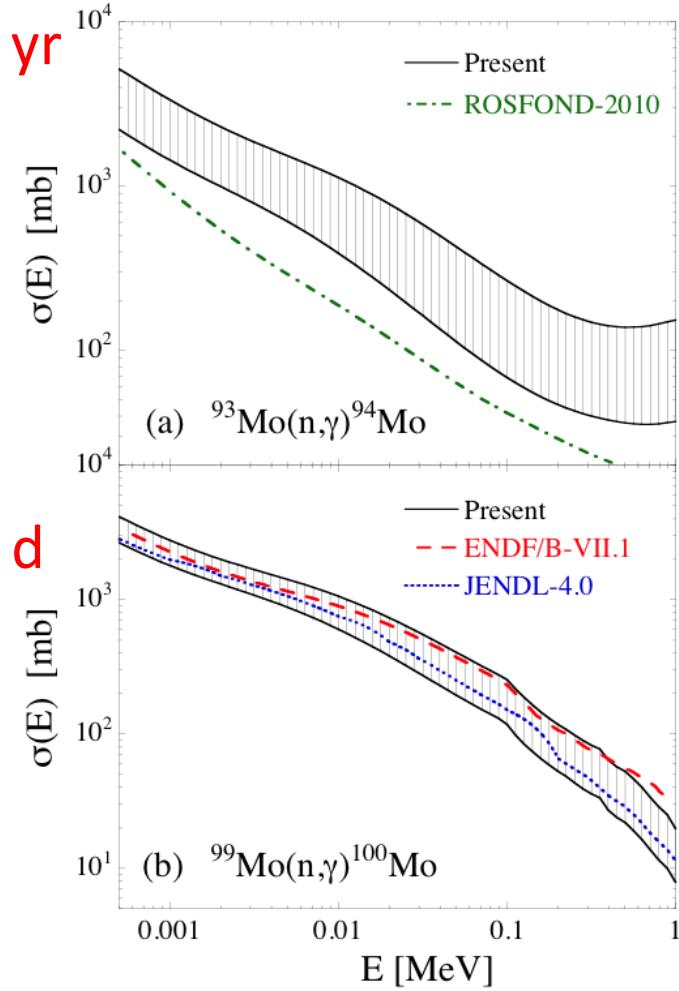
(n,γ) CS for Stable Mo isotopes



(n,γ) CS for Unstable Mo isotopes

^{93}Mo
 $T_{1/2} = 4000 \text{ yr}$

^{99}Mo
 $T_{1/2} = 2.75 \text{ d}$



Lecture 3

Present and Future of Photonuclear Reactions

2.3 Nuclear Astrophysics (continued)

c. reciprocity theorem – photodisintegration of D, ^9Be , ^{16}O

2.4 Evaluated Nuclear Data Library – ENDF, JEFF, JENDL, RIPL

3. ELI-NP project

3.1 ELI-NP vs HIGS and NewSUBARU

3.2 p-process – rare isotopes

3.3 Precision Era of Nuclear Physics

a. PDR above neutron threshold

b. GDR – (γ, γ) , (γ, n) , $(\gamma, 2n)$, $(\gamma, 3n)$ cross sections

3.4 Special topic

Photoreactions on isomers – laser-gamma combined experiment

Nucleosynthesis of light nuclei

Reciprocity Theorem

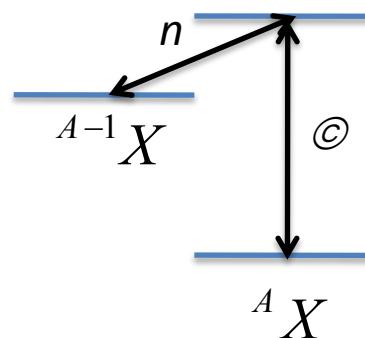
$$\begin{aligned} A + a &\rightarrow B + b + Q \\ B + b &\rightarrow A + a - Q \quad Q \text{ value} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(b \rightarrow a)}{(2I_A + 1)(2i_a + 1)p_a^2} = \frac{\sigma(a \rightarrow b)}{(2I_B + 1)(2i_b + 1)p_b^2}$$

Neutron Channel

$$a=n, b=\gamma \quad p_\gamma = \hbar k = \frac{E_\gamma}{c} \quad p_n^2 = 2\mu E_n \quad 2j_b + 1 \rightarrow 2$$

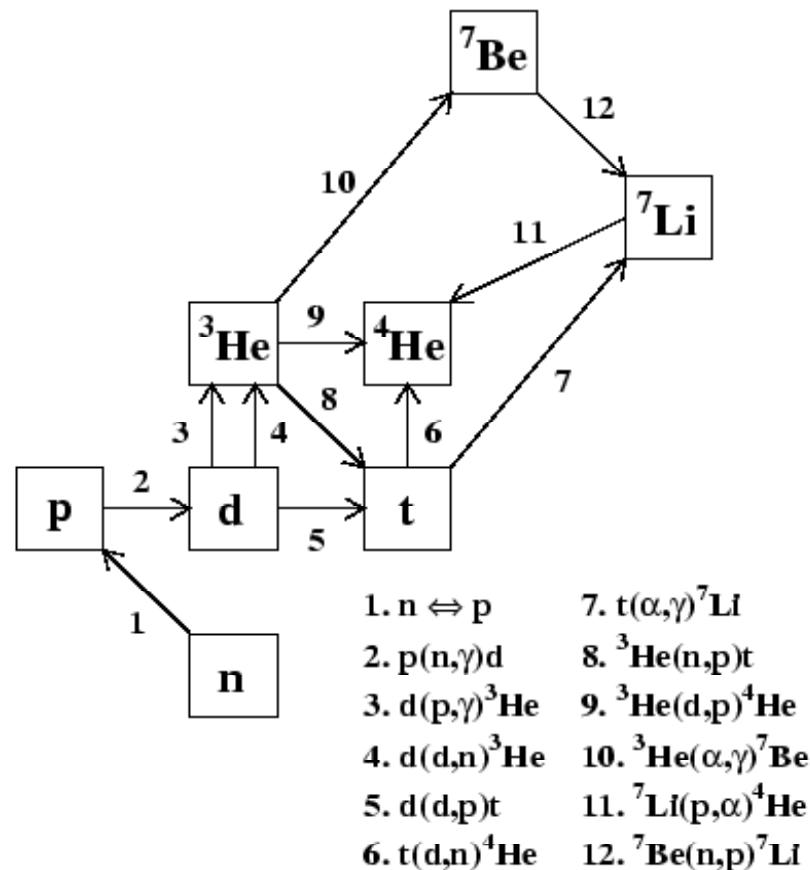
Equivalency between (n, γ) and (γ, n)



Examples

D

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis: $p(n,\gamma)D$ vs $D(\gamma,n)p$

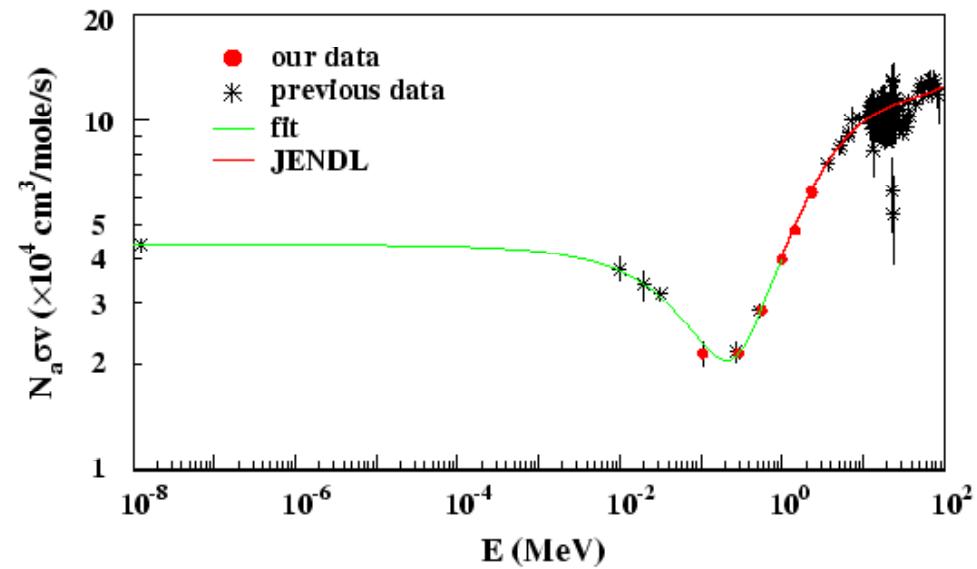
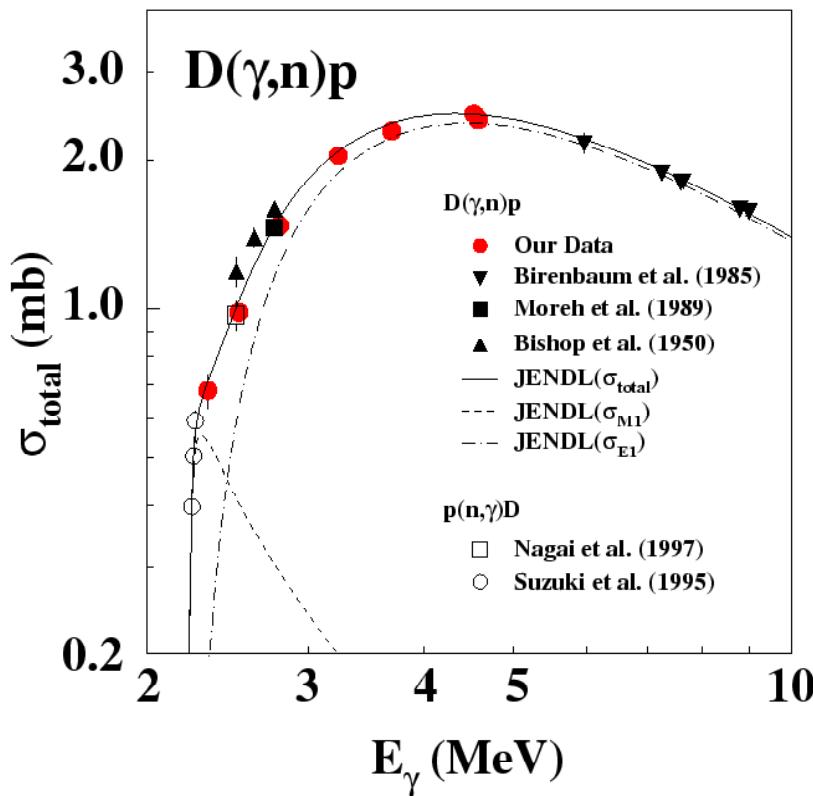


Examples

D

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis: $p(n,\gamma)D$ vs $D(\gamma,n)p$

K.Y. Hara et al., PRD 68, 072001 (2003)



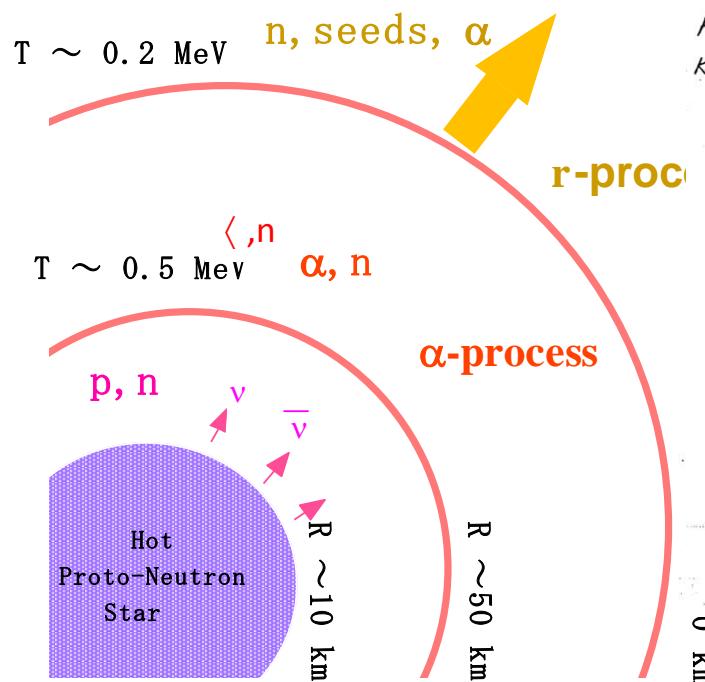
Examples

9Be

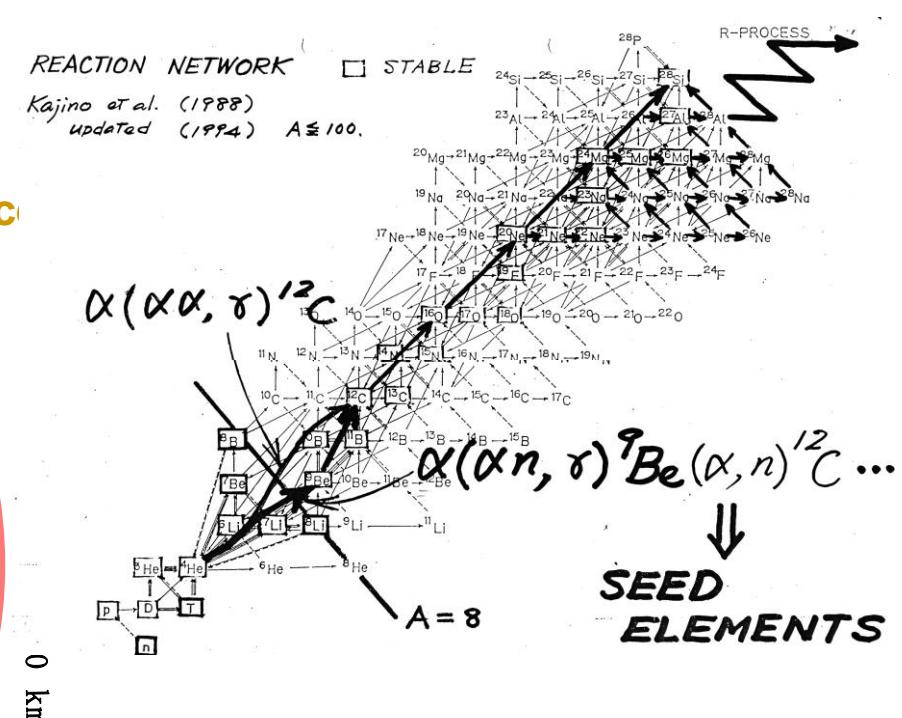
Supernova Nucleosynthesis

$$\alpha \alpha \rightleftharpoons {}^8\text{Be}(\text{n},\gamma) {}^9\text{Be} \text{ vs } {}^9\text{Be}(\gamma,\text{n}) {}^8\text{Be}$$

Neutrino-Driven Wind



Type II Supernova



Examples

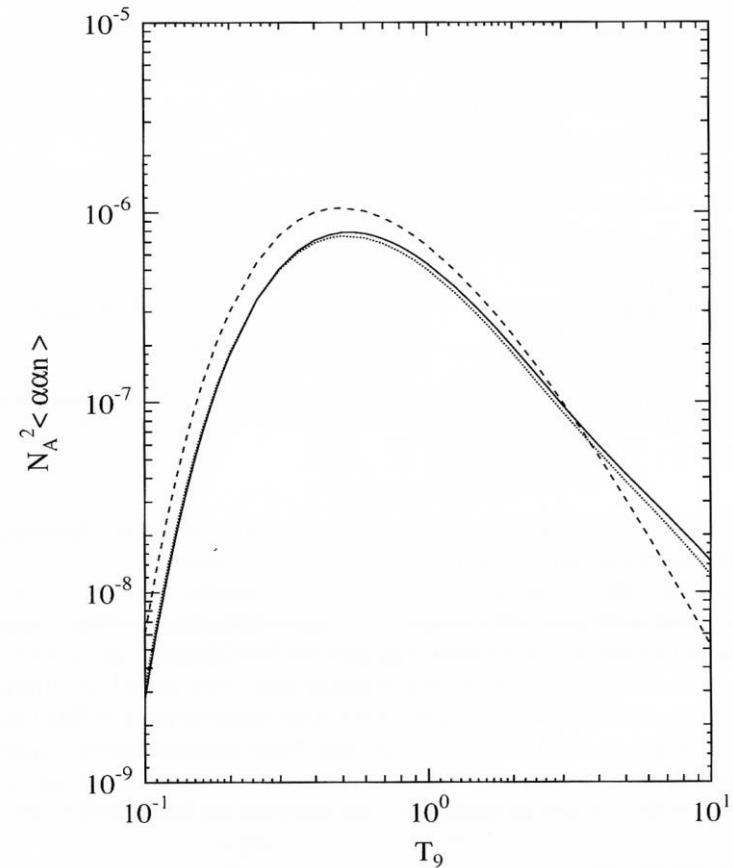
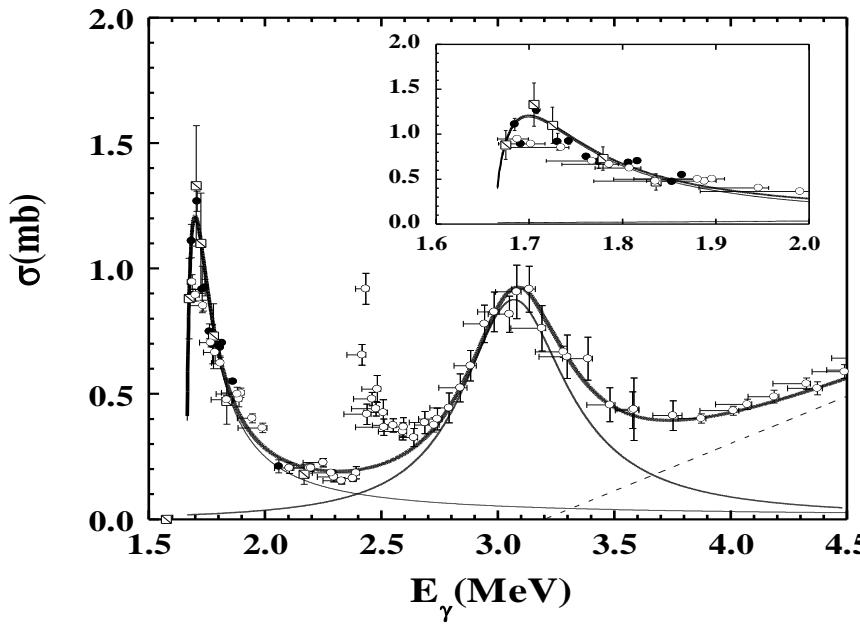
9Be

Supernova Nucleosynthesis



H. Utsunomiya *et al.* PRC 63, 018801 (2001)

K. Sumiyoshi *et al.* NPA709, 467 (2002)



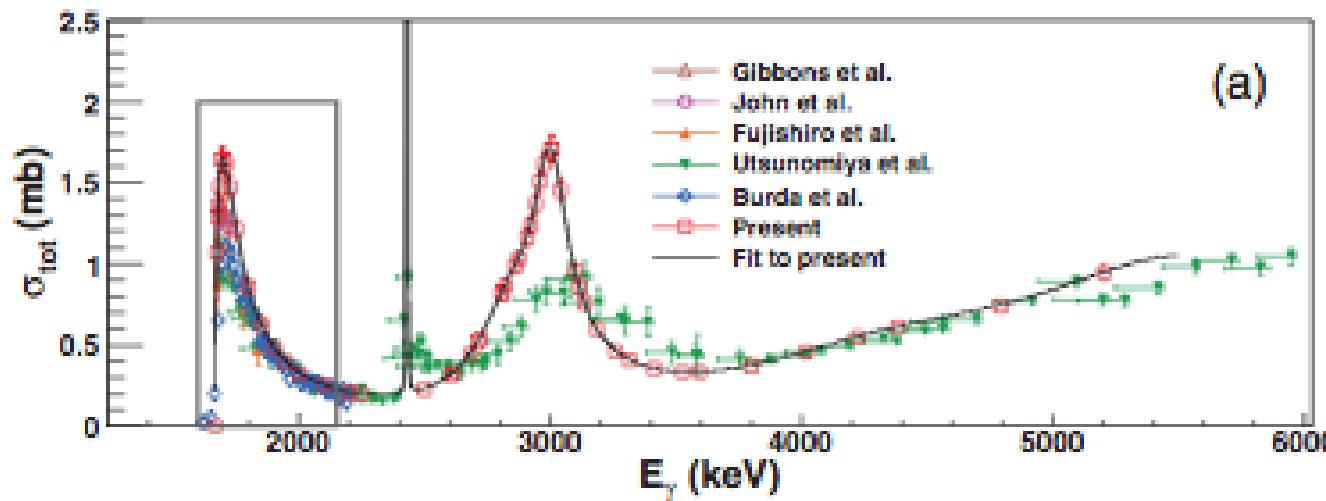
Examples

9Be

Supernova Nucleosynthesis

C.W. Arnold *et al.* PRC 85, 044605 (2012)

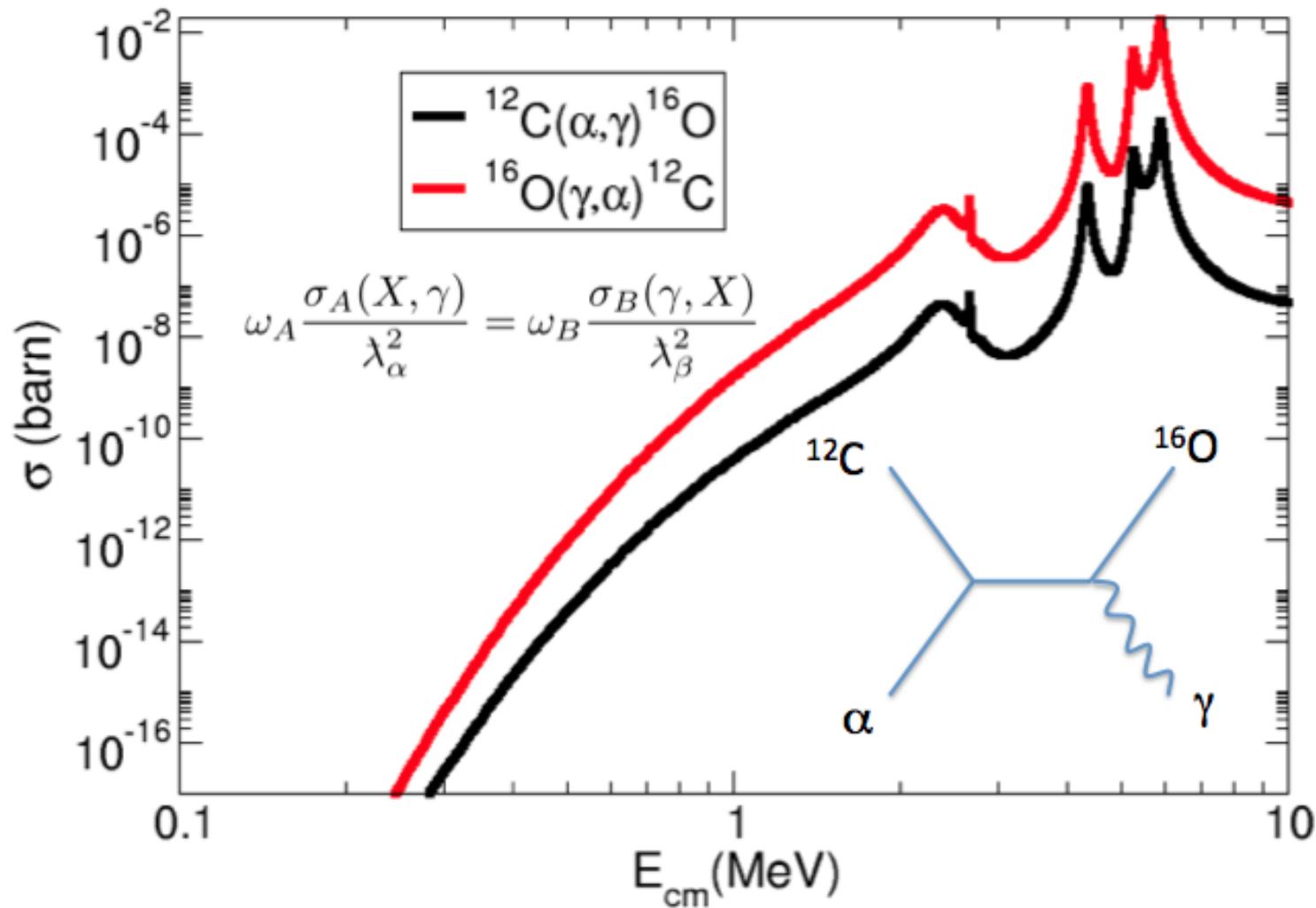
HIGS



A new measurement has been done by Konan University and CNS, University of Tokyo etc. at the NewSUBARU synchrotron radiation facility and data reduction is in progress.

Application

Reciprocal advantage:
a factor of 100



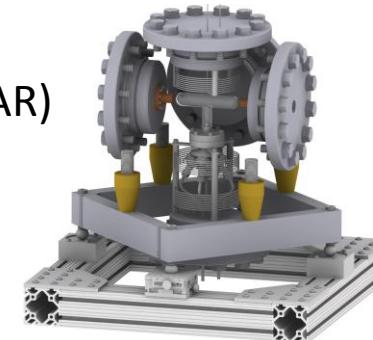
Application



Claudio Ugalde, The University of Chicago

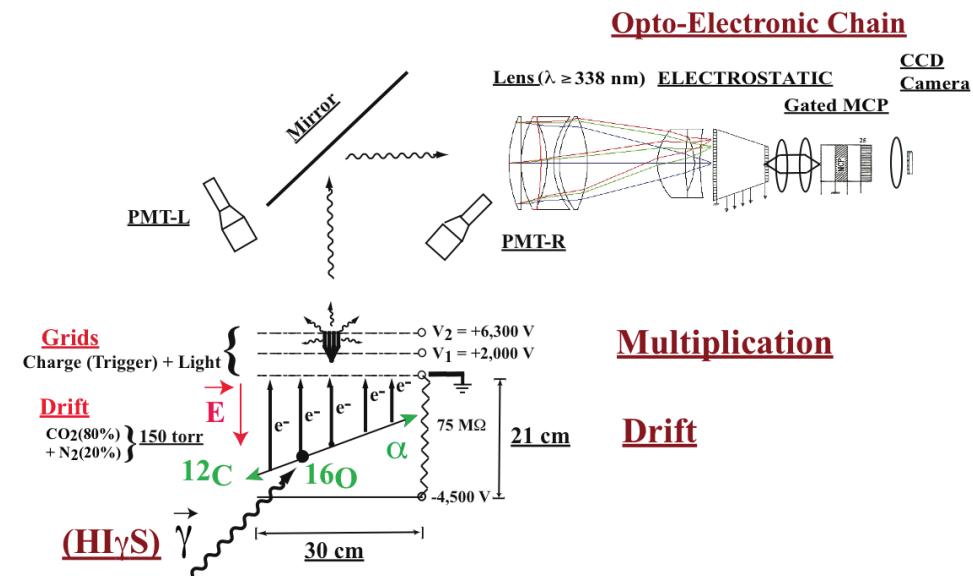
Bubble Chamber

Superheated Target for
Astrophysics Research (STAR)



Moshe Gai, U. Conn. and Yale

Optical Readout TPC



Evaluated Nuclear Data Library

- ENDF (USA)
<http://t2.lanl.gov/nis/data/endf/index.html>
- JEFF (Europe)
http://www.oecd-nea.org/dbforms/data/eva/evatapes/jeff_32/
- JENDL (Japan)
http://wwwndc.jaea.go.jp/jendl/j40/J40_J.html

Reference Input Parameter Library (RIPL-3)

<https://www-nds.iaea.org/RIPL-3/>

ELI-NP (Europe)

(Extreme Light Infrastructure- Nuclear Physics)

Magurele-Bucharest, Romania

Approved by the European Commission in 2012

First Experiments in 2018



$$E_\gamma = 0.2 - 19 \text{ MeV}$$

$$I_\gamma \geq 10^{11} (\text{s}^{-1} \text{ mm}^{-2} \text{ mrad}^{-2} 0.1\%^{-1})$$

$$\Delta E/E \leq 0.5\%$$

HIGS (USA)

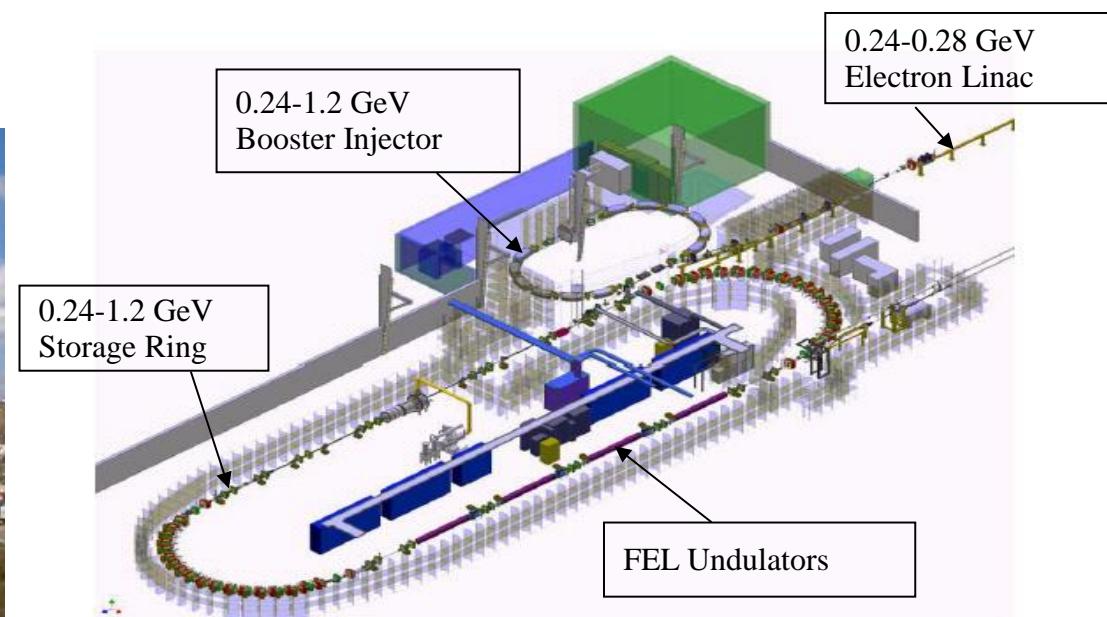
(High Intensity Gamma-Ray Source)

Duke Free Electron Laser Laboratory

$E_{\gamma} = 1 - 100 \text{ MeV}$

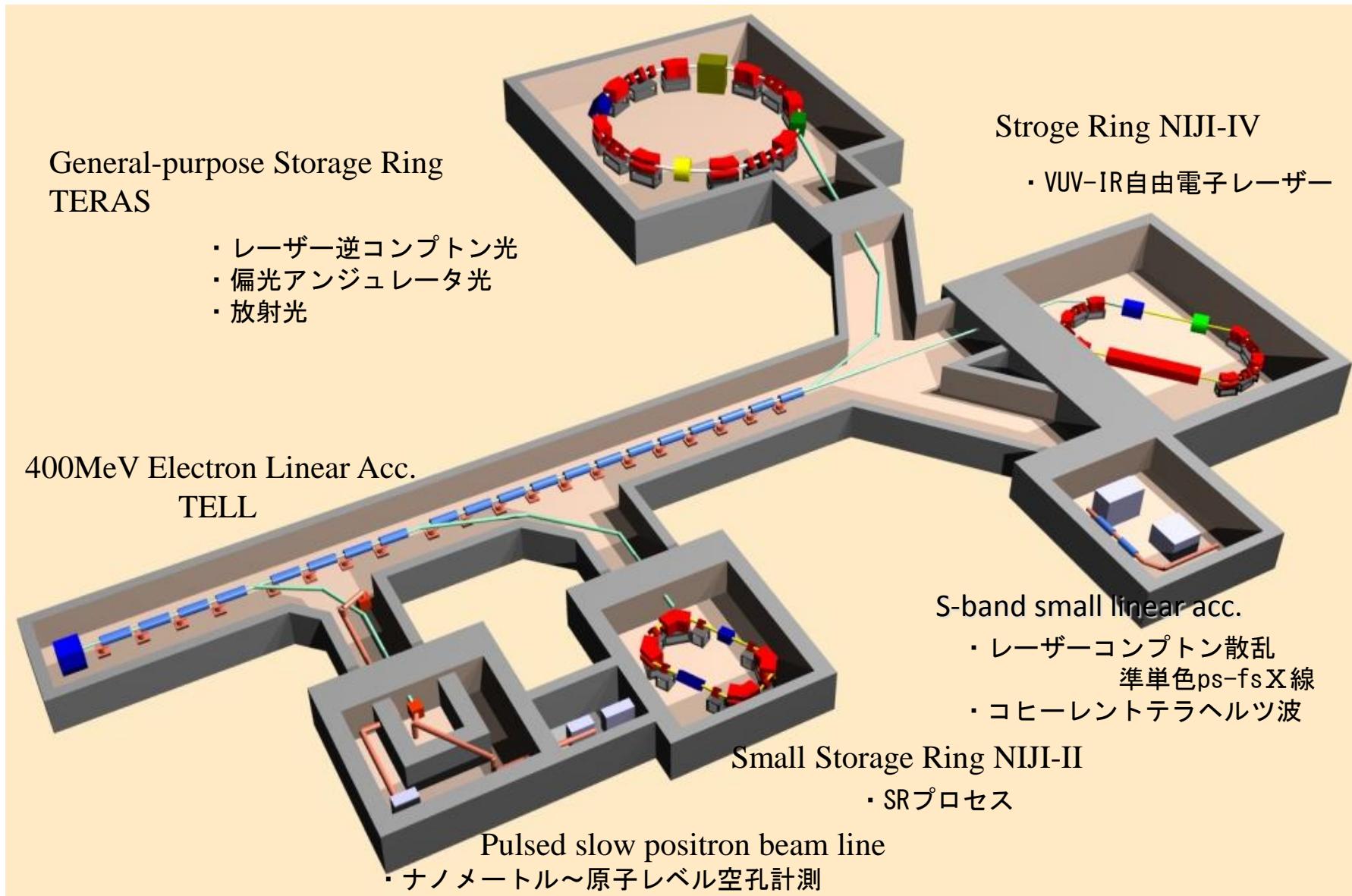
$I_{\gamma} > 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ on target

$\Delta E/E > 1\%$



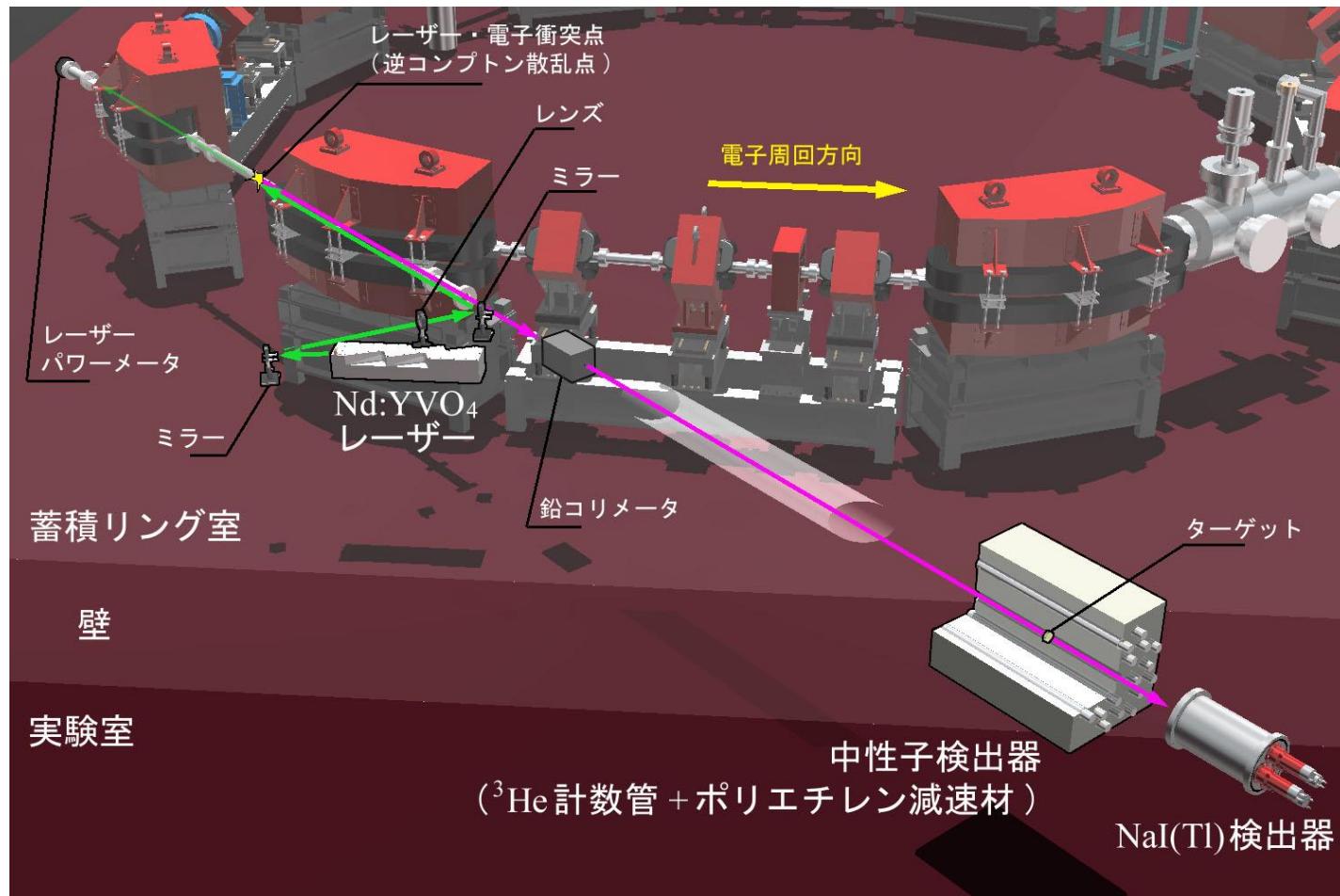
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AIST Electron Accelerator Facility



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AIST : National Institute for Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
TERAS (Tsukuba Electron Ring for Acceleration and Storage)
closed in April 2012



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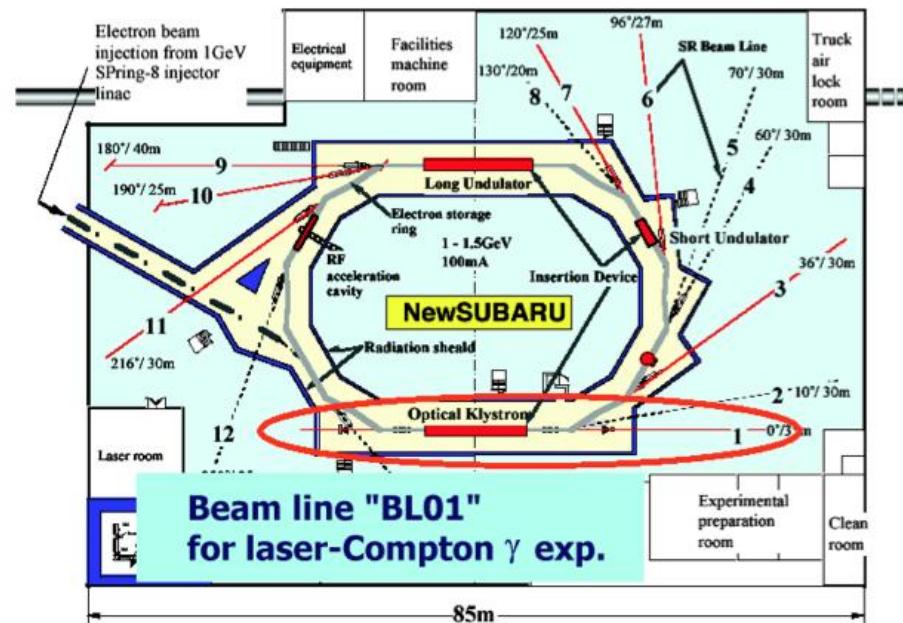


NewSUBARU (Japan)



$E_\gamma = 0.5 - 76 \text{ MeV}$
 $I_\gamma = 10^6 - 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
(3 – 6 mm dia.)
 $\Delta E/E > 2\%$

0.55 – 1.5 GeV storage ring

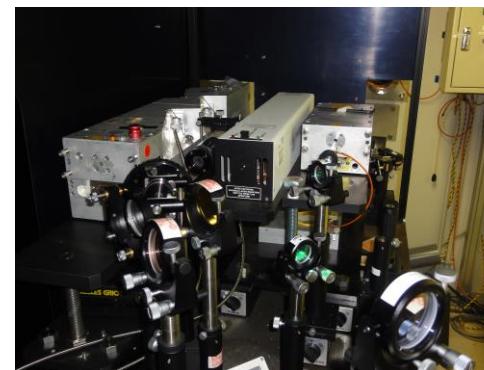


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Experimental Hutch GACKO
(Gamma Collaboration Hutch of
Konan University)

Table-top Lasers



Buddhist Saint

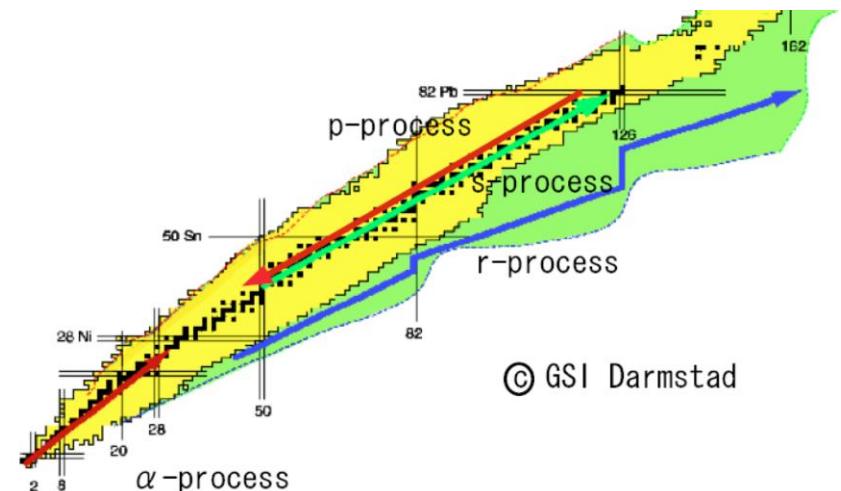
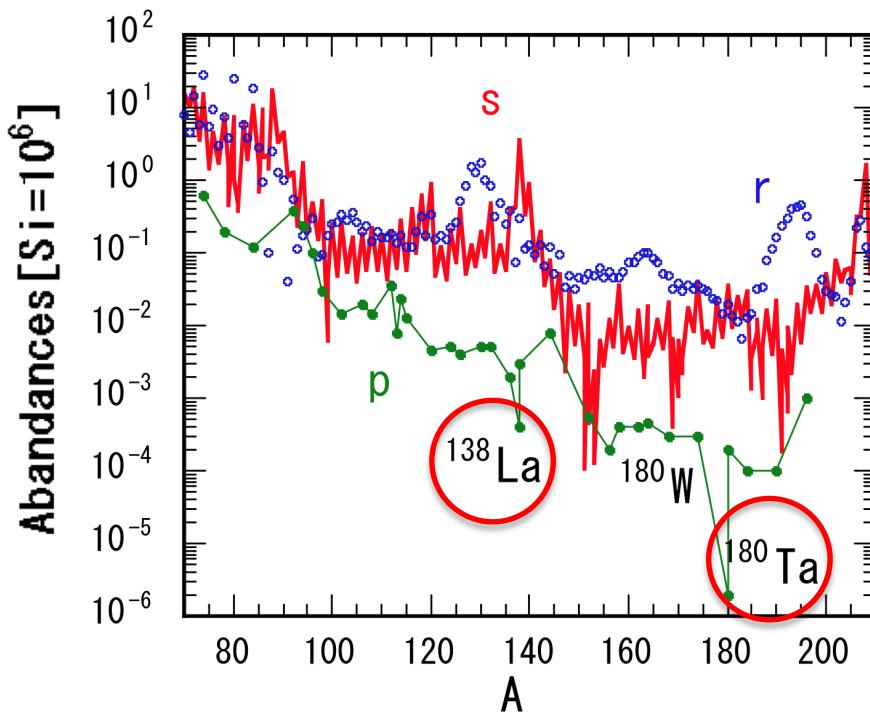


I. Physics and Experiments with a 4π Neutron Detector

Physics

Rare isotope measurements for the p-process nucleosynthesis

p-nuclei are very rare.



- Highest intensity and monochromatic γ -ray beam
- 1mg samples of rare isotopes

Production vs Destruction

$^{181}\text{Ta}(\gamma, \text{n})^{180}\text{Ta}$

$^{139}\text{La}(\gamma, \text{n})^{138}\text{La}$

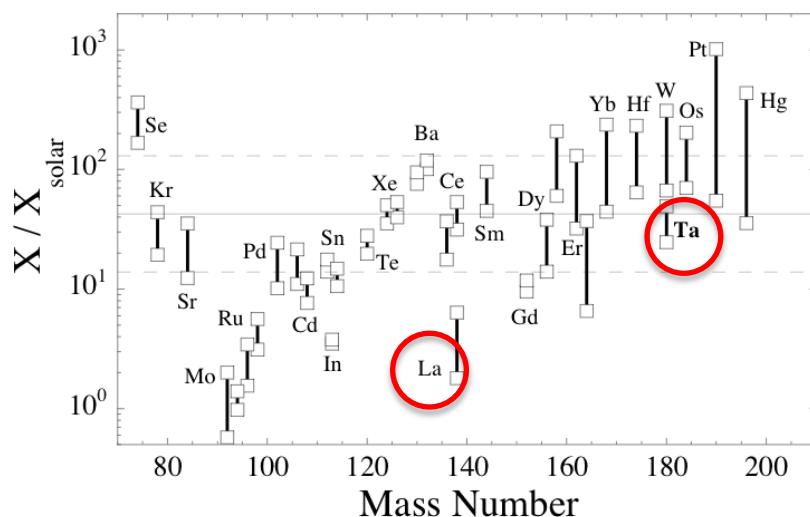
measured!

$^{180}\text{Ta}(\gamma, \text{n})^{179}\text{Ta}$

$^{138}\text{La}(\gamma, \text{n})^{137}\text{La}$

Not so ever

*Rarest element
Only naturally-
occurring isomer*



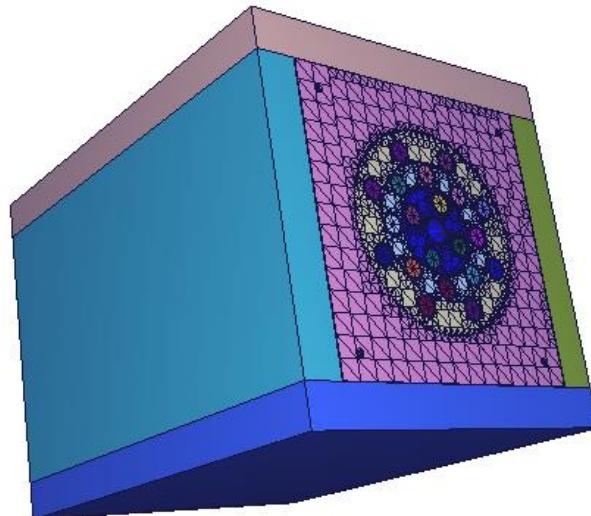
H. Utsunomiya et al.,
PRC67, 015807 (2003)

Day 1 Experiment #1

$^{180}\text{Ta}(\gamma, \text{n})$ & $^{138}\text{La}(\gamma, \text{n})$ measurement

20 ^3He proportional counters
embedded in polyethylene moderator
Triple-ring configuration

1st ring of 4 counters
2nd ring of 8 counters
3rd ring of 8 counters



4π Neutron Detector



^{180}Ta vs ^{181}Ta (Isotopic Impurity)

A ^{180}Ta sample with **rather low enrichment** may contain a large amount of ^{181}Ta .

$$S_n(^{181}\text{Ta}: 7576.8 \text{ keV}) - S_n(^{180}\text{Ta}: 6641.2 \text{ keV}) = 935.6 \text{ keV}$$

Similarly,

$$S_n(^{139}\text{La}: 8778 \text{ keV}) - S_n(^{138}\text{La}: 7495 \text{ keV}) = 1283 \text{ keV}$$

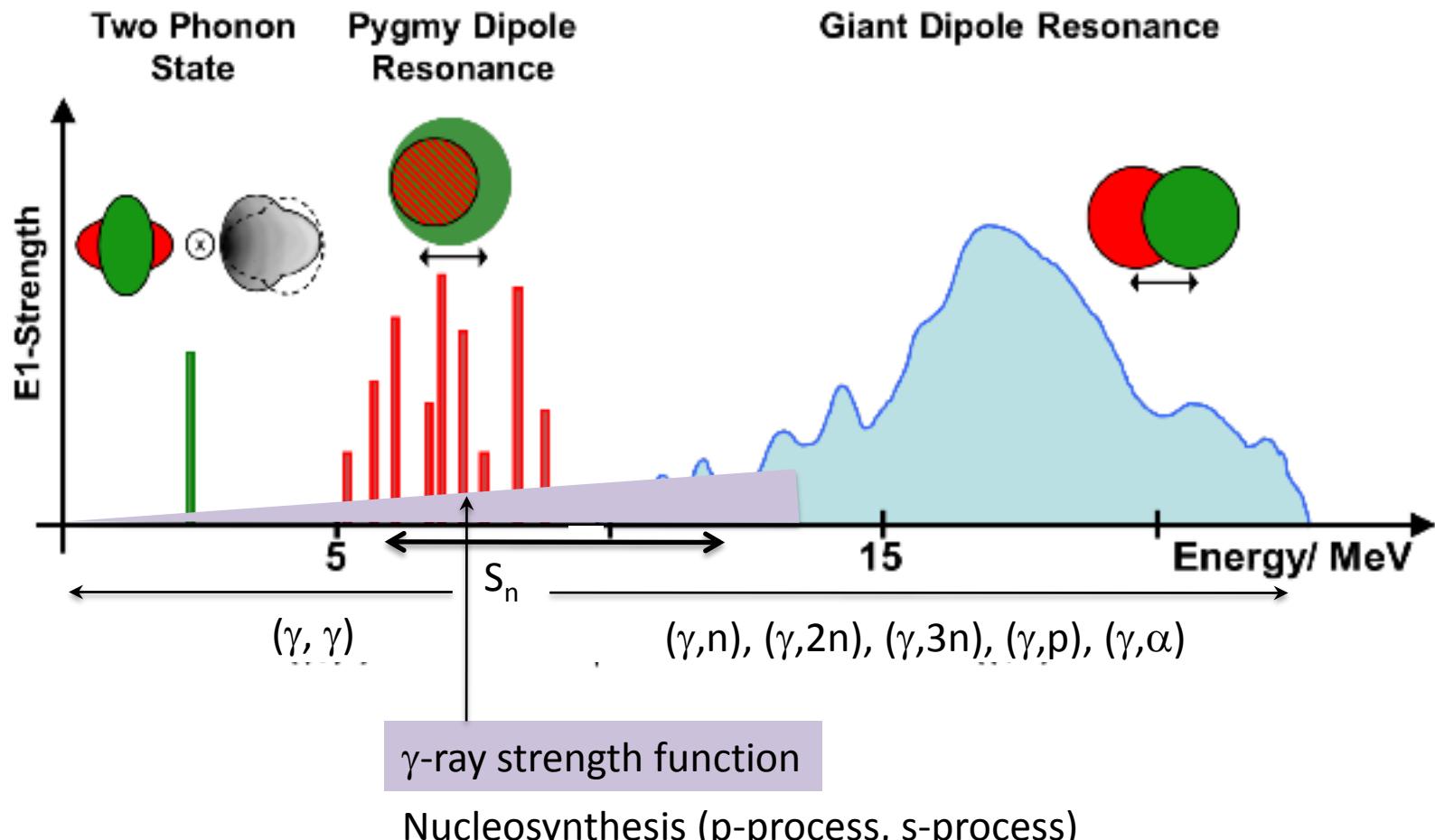
We have to be careful about the amount of chemical impurities of ^{180}Ta and ^{138}La samples as well.

Rare isotopes to be studied

35 p-nuclei
Neutron-deficient
isotopes

Nucleus	Natural abundance (%)	Abundance (10^6 Si) Anders&Grevesse
180Ta	0.012	2.48E-06
190Pt	0.014	0.00017
184Os	0.02	0.000122
156Dy	0.06	0.000221
120Te	0.09	0.0043
124Xe	0.09	0.00571
126Xe	0.09	0.00509
138La	0.09	0.000409
158Dy	0.1	0.000378
132Ba	0.101	0.00453
130Ba	0.106	0.00476
180W	0.12	0.000173
168Yb	0.13	0.000322
162Er	0.14	0.000351
196Hg	0.15	0.00048
174Hf	0.16	0.000249
136Ce	0.185	0.00216
152Gd	0.2	0.00066
138Ce	0.251	0.00284
115Sn	0.34	0.0129
78Kr	0.35	0.153
84Sr	0.56	0.132
114Sn	0.66	0.0252
74Se	0.89	0.55
108Cd	0.89	0.0143
112Sn	0.97	0.0372
102Pd	1.02	0.0142
106Cd	1.25	0.0201
164Er	1.61	0.00404
98Ru	1.87	0.035
144Sm	3.07	0.0008
113In	4.29	0.0079
96Ru	5.54	0.103
94Mo	9.25	0.236
92Mo	14.84	0.378

Realm of Nuclear Photonics

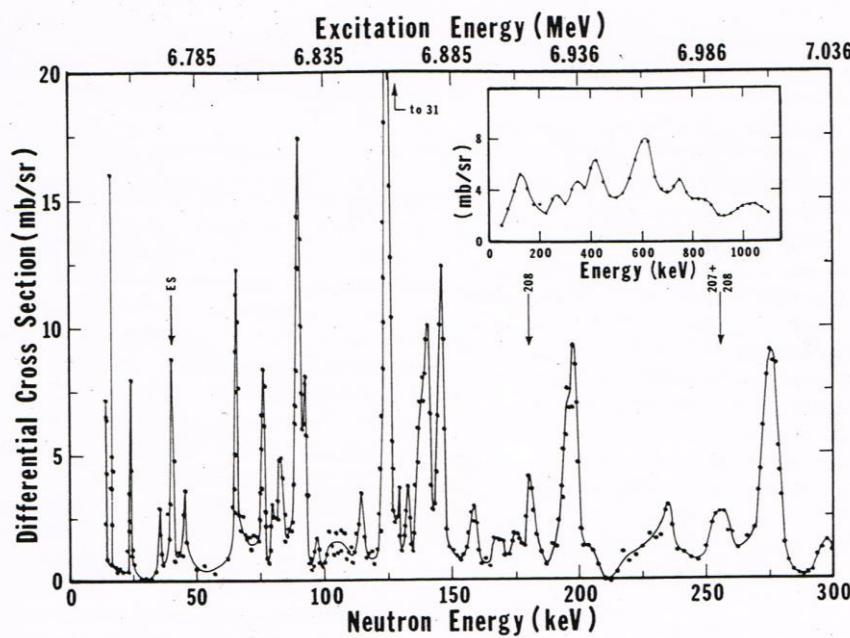


Resonances above S_n

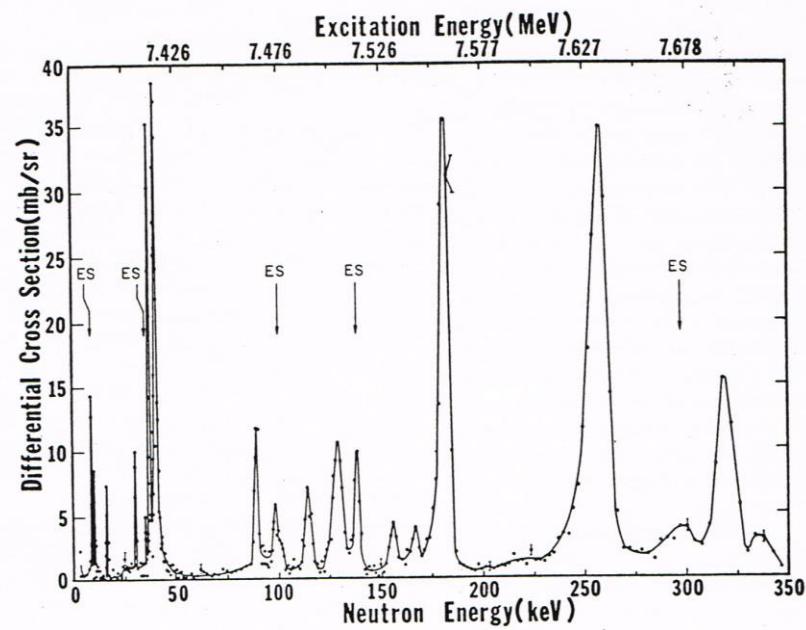
Threshold Photoneutron Technique
Bremsstrahlung + n-TOF

C.D. Berman et al., PRL25, 1302 (1970)
 R.J. Baglan et al., PRC3, 2475 (1971)

$^{207}\text{Pb}(\gamma, \text{n})$

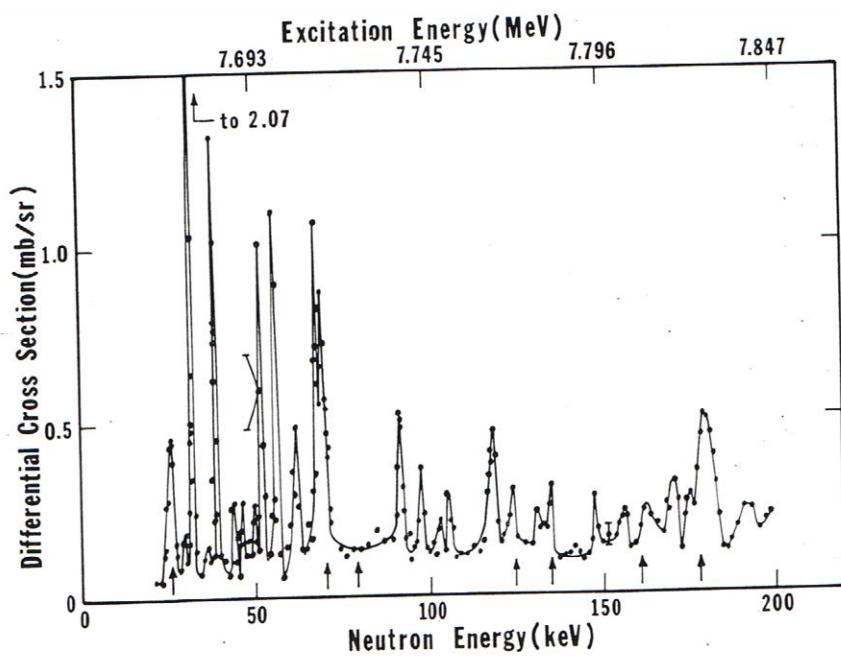


$^{208}\text{Pb}(\gamma, \text{n})$

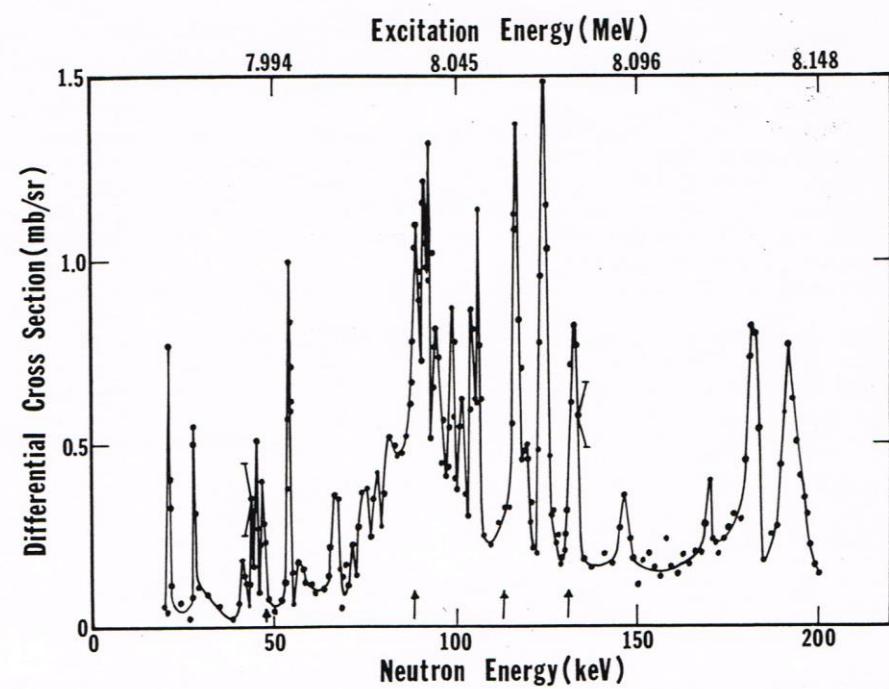


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$^{57}\text{Fe}(\gamma, \text{n})$



$^{53}\text{Cr}(\gamma, \text{n})$

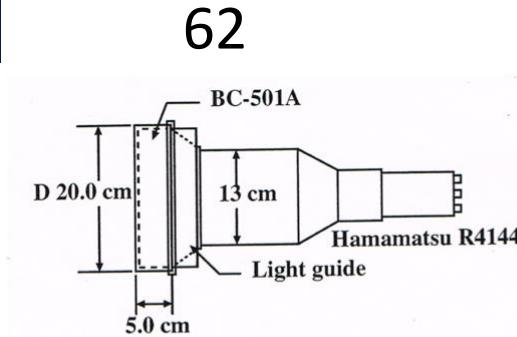
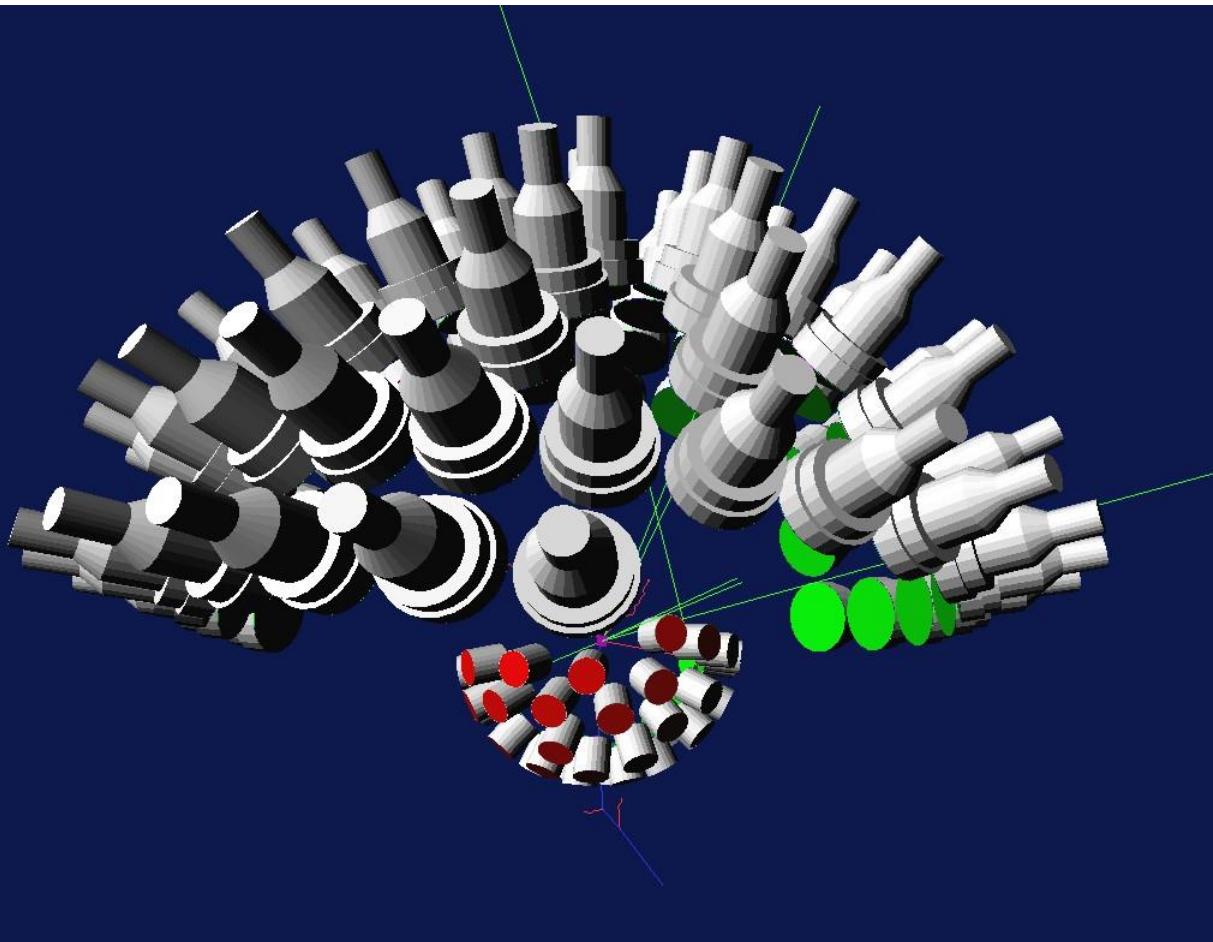


Day 1 Experiment #2

PDR and M1 resonance in ^{207}Pb

- $^{207}\text{Pb}(\gamma, \text{n})$ measurement -

Liquid Scintillation and $\text{LaBr}_3(\text{Ce})$ Detector Array

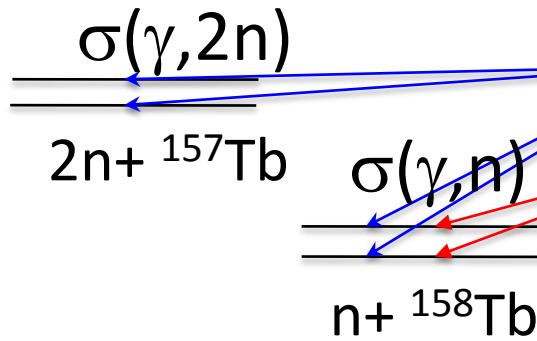


Day 1 Experiment #3

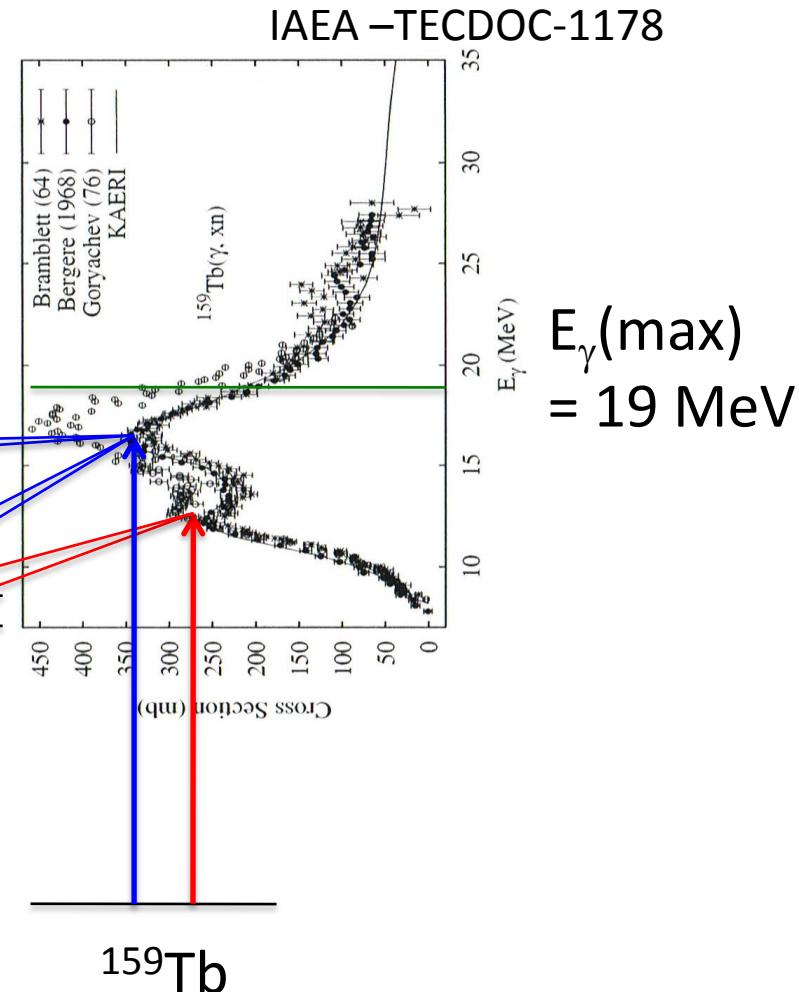
Exclusive neutron decays of GDR in ^{159}Tb

in collaboration with Vladimir Varlamov

- $^{159}\text{Tb}(\gamma, xn)$ $x= 1, 2, 1\text{g/cm}^2$
- $S_n = 8.133 \text{ MeV}$
- $S_{2n} = 14.911 \text{ MeV}$



Neutron multiplicity sorting with
a multi-stop TDC with a time range 512 ns

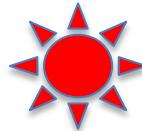


Day 1 Experiment #4-1

Production of long-lived Isomers by 2 x 10PW lasers at E7



Laser
2 x 10 PW



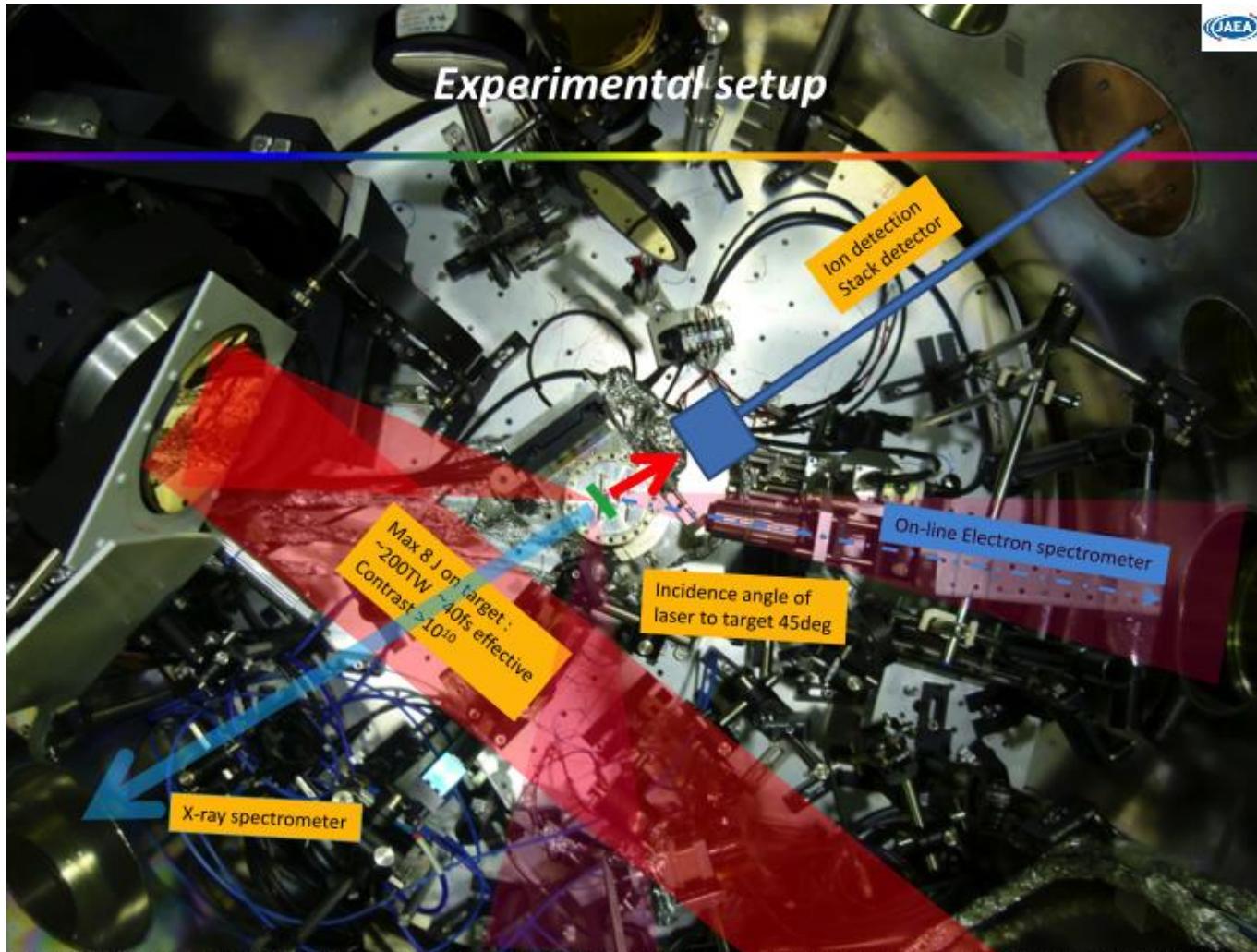
Laser acceleration of heavy ions that undergo nuclear excitations induced by electrons.

^{189}Os : $9/2^-$, 30.8 keV, 5.81h

^{176}Lu : 1^- , 123 keV, 3.66h

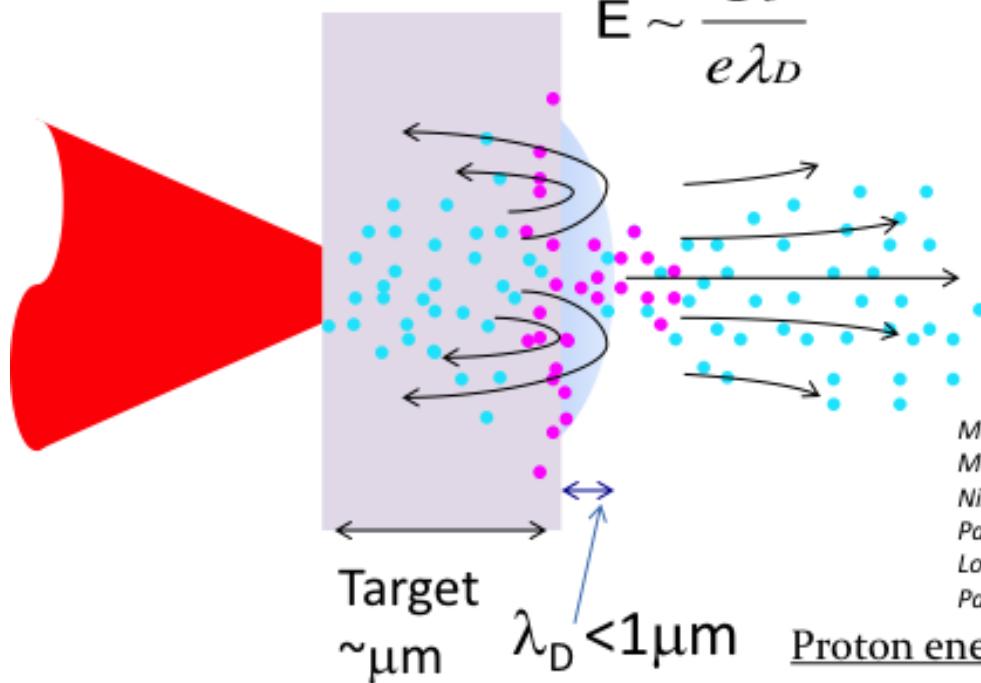
Experimental setup for Laser acceleration of Fe ions

Private communication with Dr. Nishiuchi of JAEA-KIZU



Acceleration mechanism

(Target Normal Sheath Acceleration)



Extension of the classical case of
plasma expansion into vacuum
driven by ambipolar electric field

Boltzmann dist. for electron

$$n_e = n_{e0} \exp(e\Phi/T_e)$$

Poisson eq.

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial^2 x} = e(n_e - n_p)$$

Mora, PRL **90**, 185002 (2003), Mora, PRE **72**, 056401 (2005)
Murakami and Basko, PoP **13** 012105 (2006)

Nishiuchi PLA **357** 339 (2006)

Passoni and Lontano LPB **22** 163 (2004),

Lontano and Passoni PoP **13** 042102 (2006)

Passoni and Lontano PRL **101** 115001 (2008),

Proton energy at shock front

$$> 10\text{TV/m}$$

$$E_i \propto f(t_{acc}, l_{acc}) \times T_e$$

Day 1 Experiment #4-2

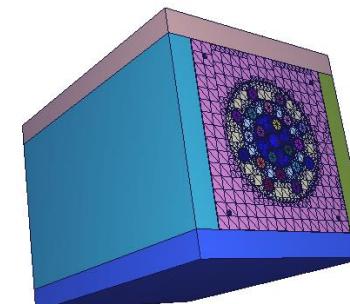
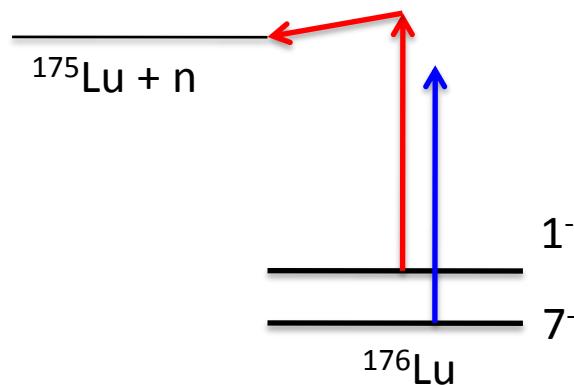
Photoexcitation of long-lived isomers at E8

^{189}Os : $9/2^-$, 30.8 keV, 5.81h

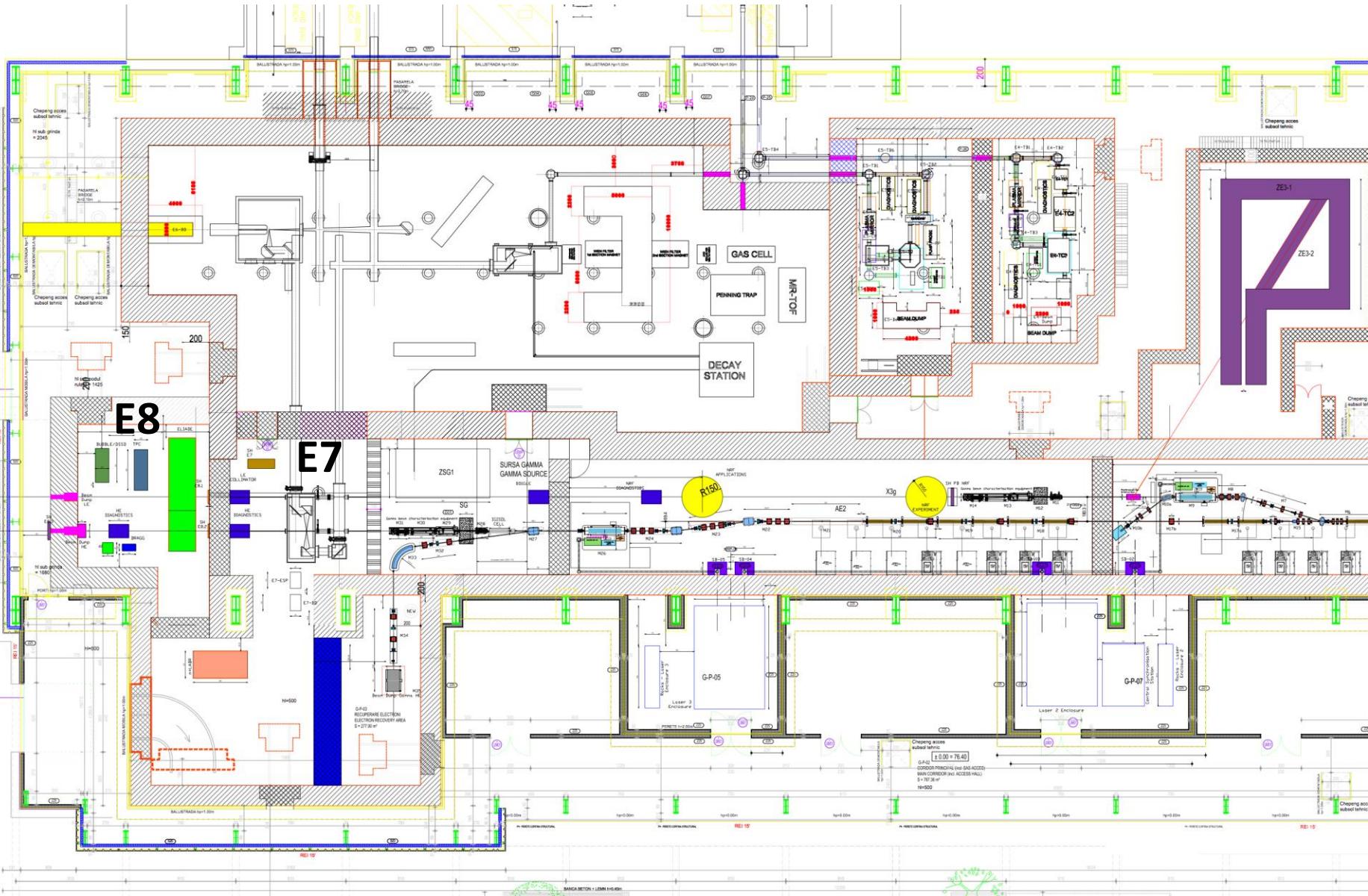
^{176}Lu : 1^- , 123 keV, 3.66h



We can confirm photo-excitation of isomers by detecting neutrons.



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Summary

- Following pioneering developments at HIGS, AIST, and NewSUBARU, ELI-NP will open up a new era of nuclear science with intense gamma and laser photon beams.
- Please join photon physics at different facilities worldwide.

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

– A. Einstein