Study of the isospin character of 1⁻ states using hadronic probes at intermediate energies

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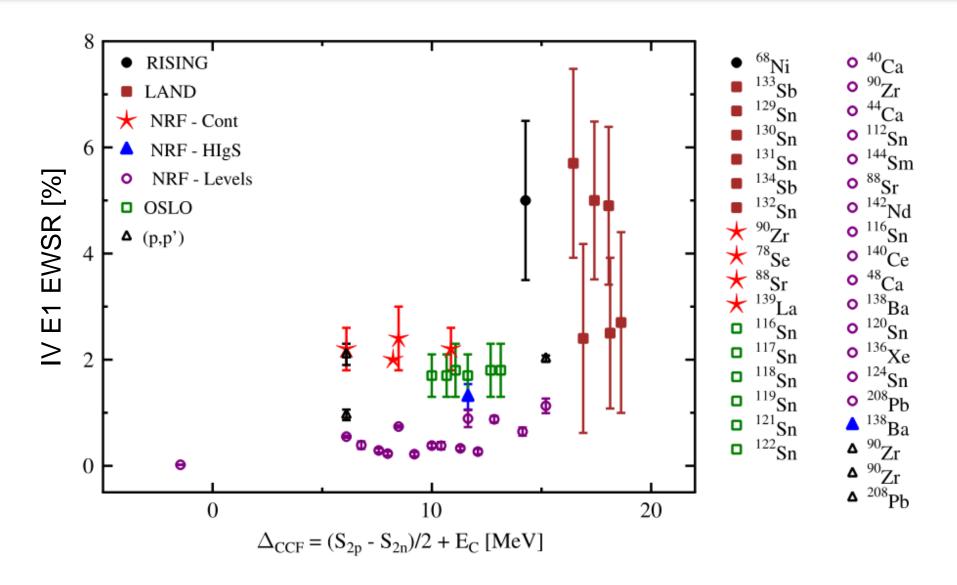
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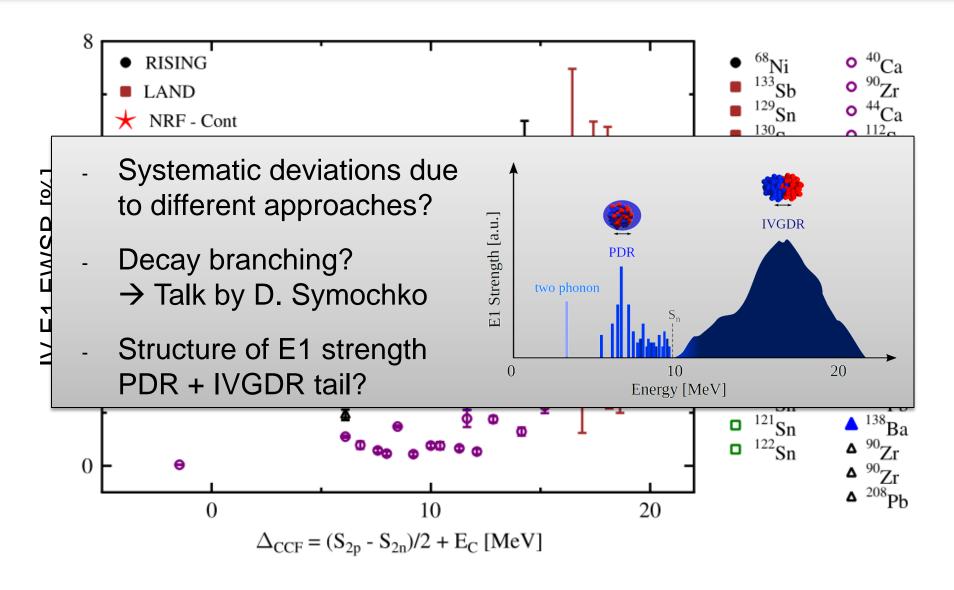
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Complementary probes

Probe	Interaction (dominant)	Location of interaction	Character of interaction (dominant)
photon	electromagnetic	whole nucleus	isovector
α particle ^[1]			
proton	hadronic*	surface	isoscalar
17 O [2]			

*at intermediate energies (≈ 20-100 MeV/u)

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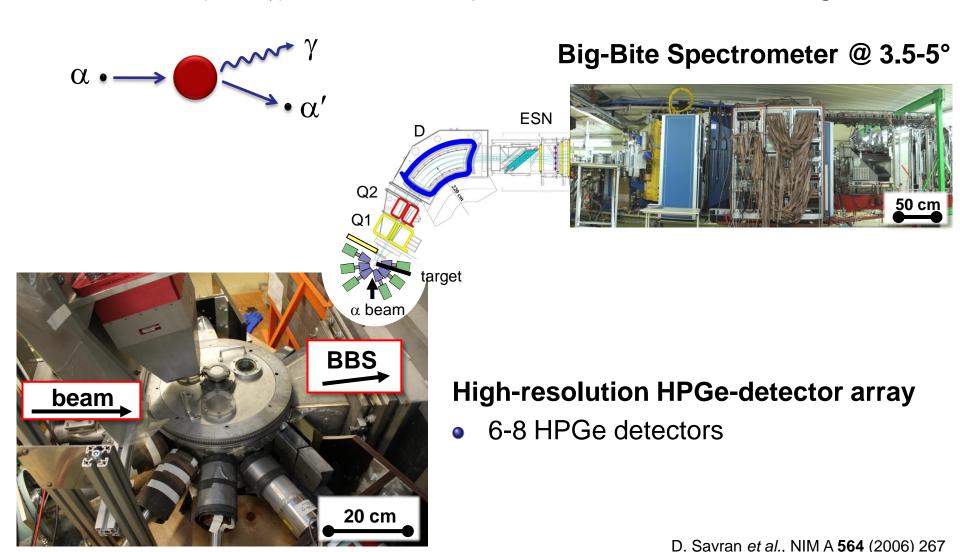
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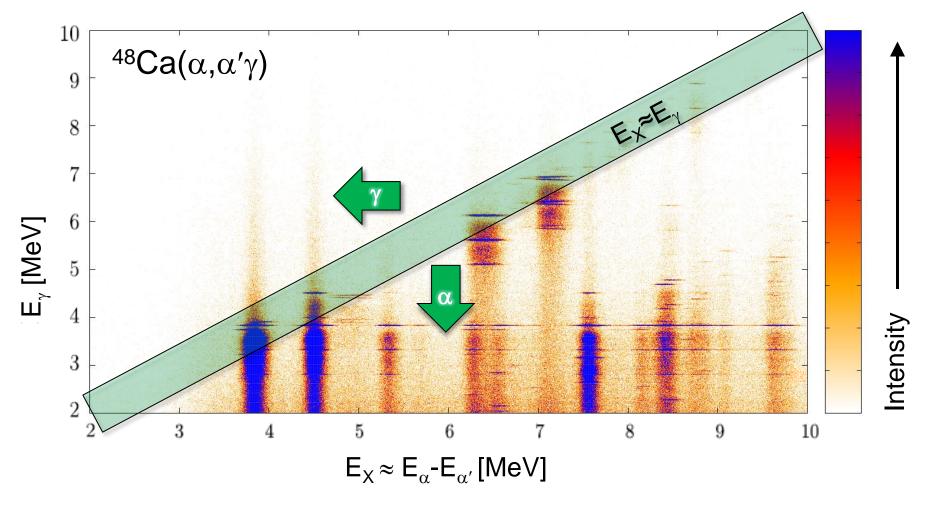
Insight into the structure of the (dipole) excitations

α-γ coincidence method

Reaction: $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ at 136 MeV performed at KVI Groningen



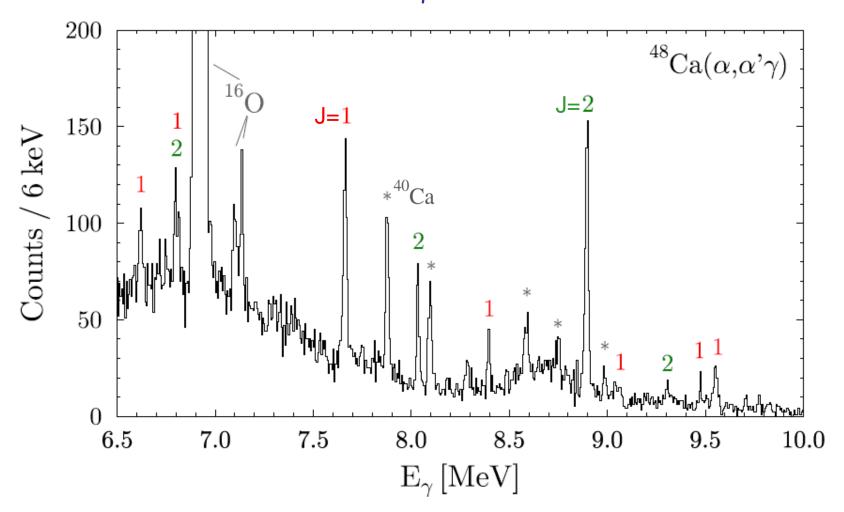
The α - γ coincidence matrix



- Energy spectra through projection
- Selecting transitions by setting gates

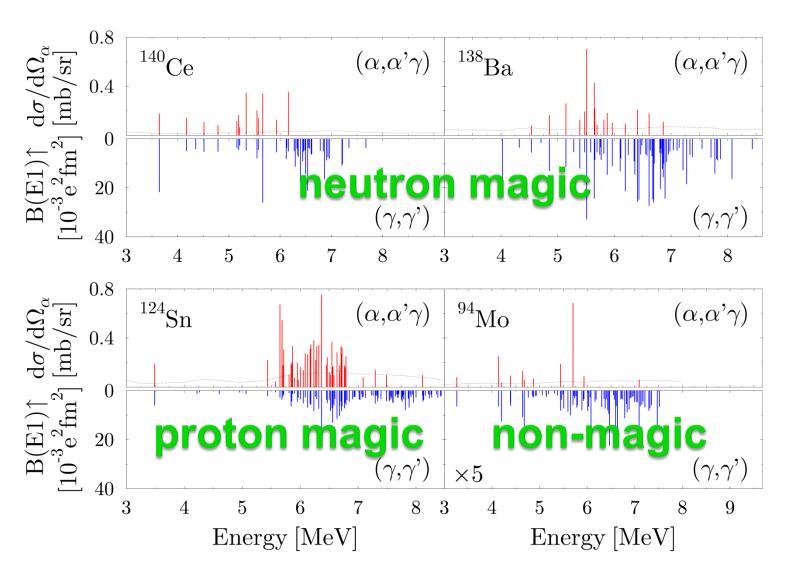
Projected γ-ray spectrum

spectrum with gate on E_X≈E_y



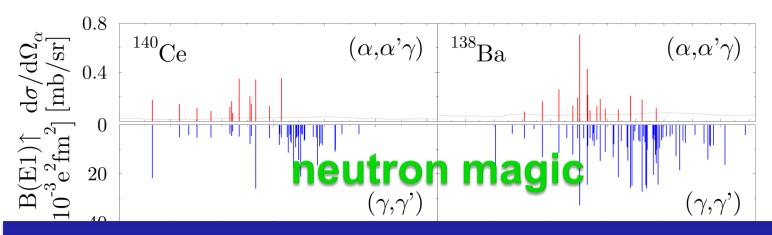
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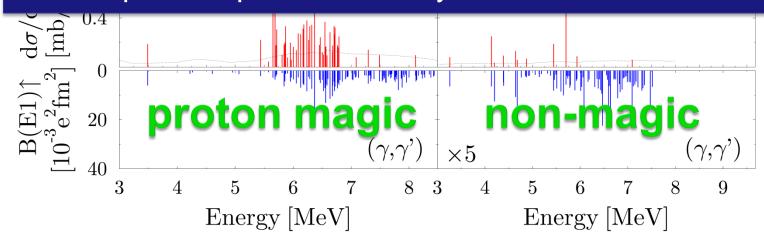


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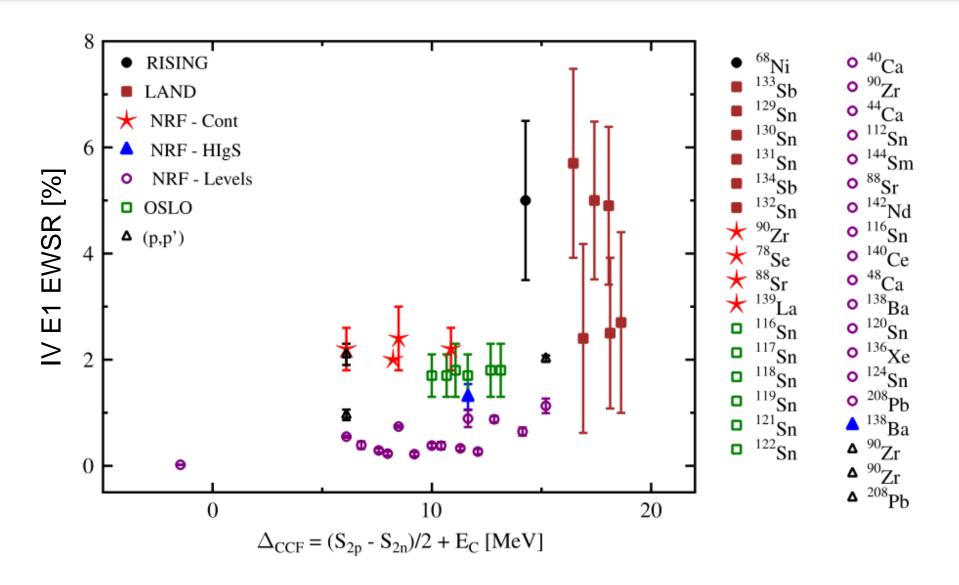
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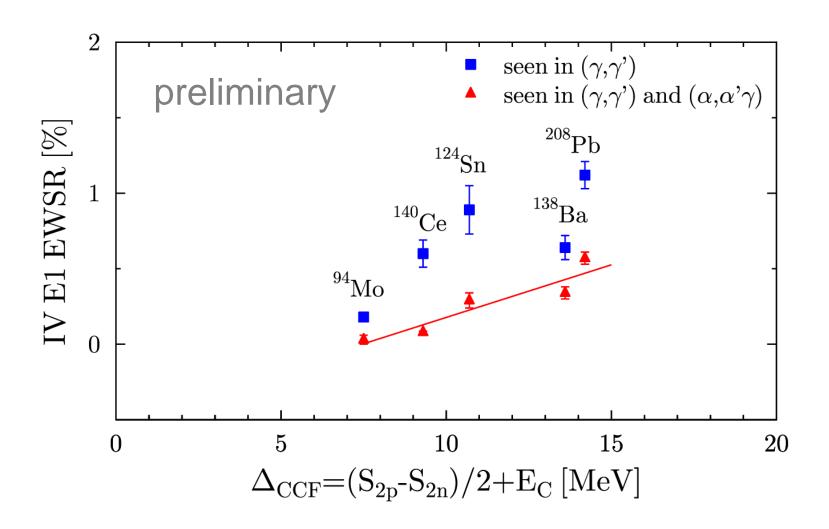
Is the splitting a common feature of the low-lying dipole response in heavy neutron-rich nuclei?



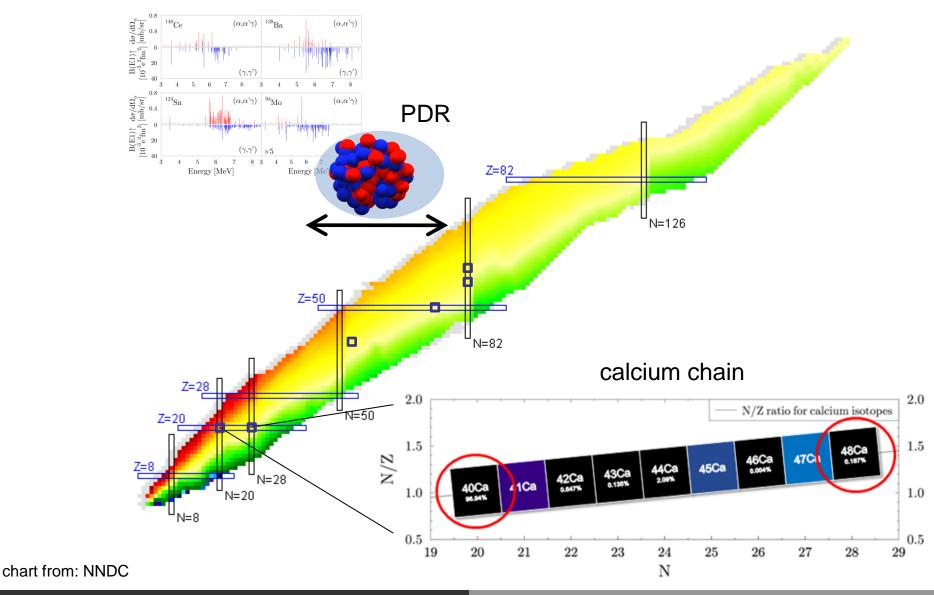
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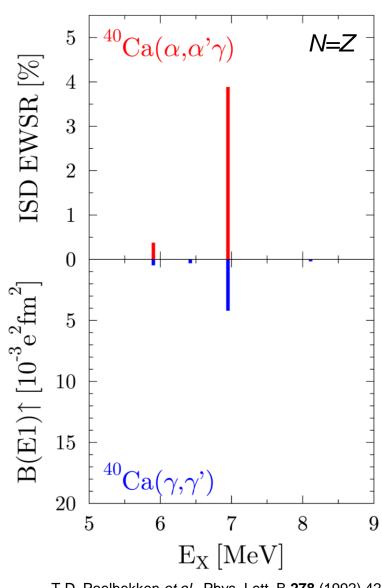
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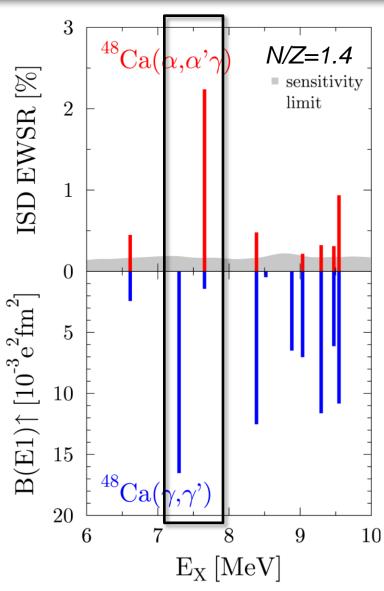
Low-lying dipole strength in lighter nuclei



Experimental results for 40Ca and 48Ca



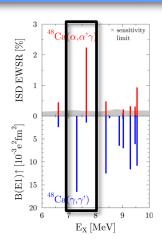
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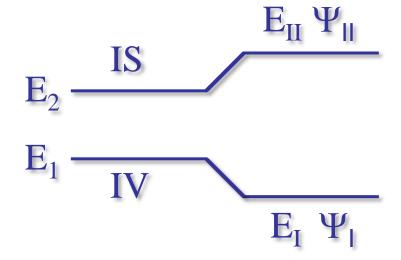
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Isospin mixing in ⁴⁸Ca

- Two close-lying states at 7.3 and 7.6 MeV
 - almost pure in isospin character (IV+IS)
 - well-separated from other excitations
- → Isospin mixing between these states?

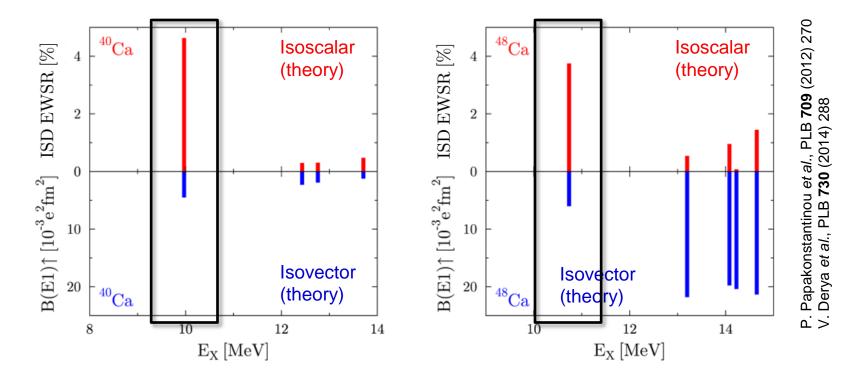


- Assumptions
 - initially pure IV and IS states
 - two-state mixing: $\Psi_{l} = \alpha \cdot lV + \beta \cdot lS$
- Mixing results
 - mixing amplitude: β^2 =0.061(6)
 - isospin-mixing matrix elementV=85(3) keV



Theoretical results for 40Ca and 48Ca

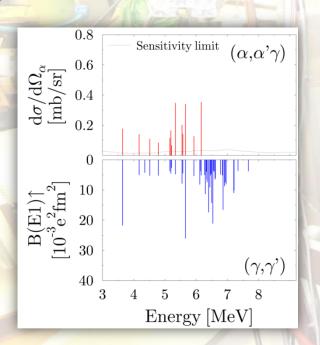
- RPA using Gogny D1S interaction
- → E1 and isoscalar dipole response (ISD) in Ca (N=14-40)



Structure of strong ISD state in 40,48Ca: pure IS oscillation

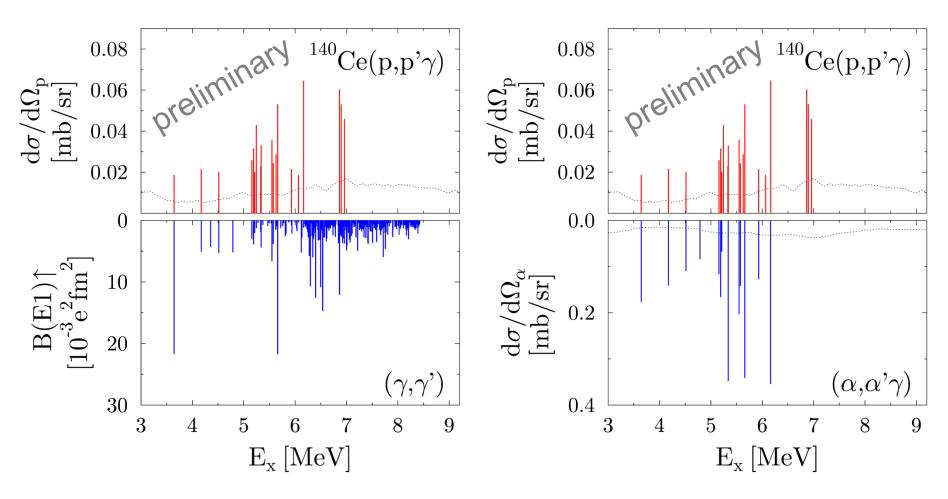
First ¹⁴⁰Ce(p,p'γ) experiment

- performed at KVI
- beam energy: 80 MeV
- central BBS angle: 6°
- 8 HPGe detectors
- target enrichment: 99.72 %



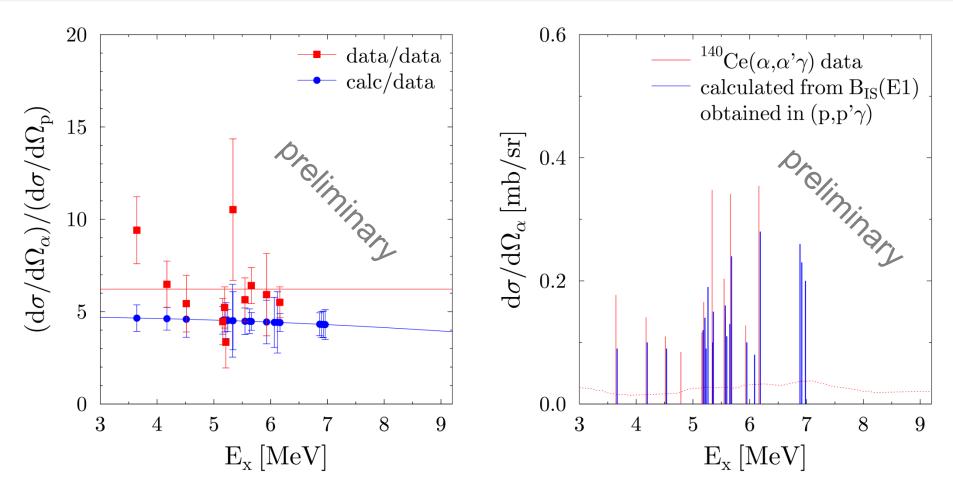


Cross sections for 140 Ce(p,p' γ)



- Order of magnitude smaller cross sections
- General excitation behavior similar

Comparison of $^{140}Ce(\alpha,\alpha'\gamma)$ and $^{140}Ce(p,p'\gamma)$



- Ratio of cross sections almost constant
- Fair reproduction with DWBA conversion

Summary and outlook

- Systematic study of E1 excitations in (γ, γ') and $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ experiments in stable and spherical nuclei
 - 94Mo-140Ce: isospin splitting
 - ⁴⁰Ca: similar pattern (Poelhekken *et al.*)
 - 48Ca: state-to-state difference
- First results of ¹⁴⁰Ce(p,p'γ) show smaller cross sections, but similar excitation pattern for the proton probe

- Isospin character in light, deformed, exotic nuclei?
 - iThemba LABS and CAGRA@RCNP: $(\alpha, \alpha'\gamma)$ and $(p,p'\gamma)$ experiments on stable nuclei
 - RIKEN: $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ experiments in inverse kinematics on radioactive and stable nuclei