

Scissors Mode Strength in the Quasicontinuum

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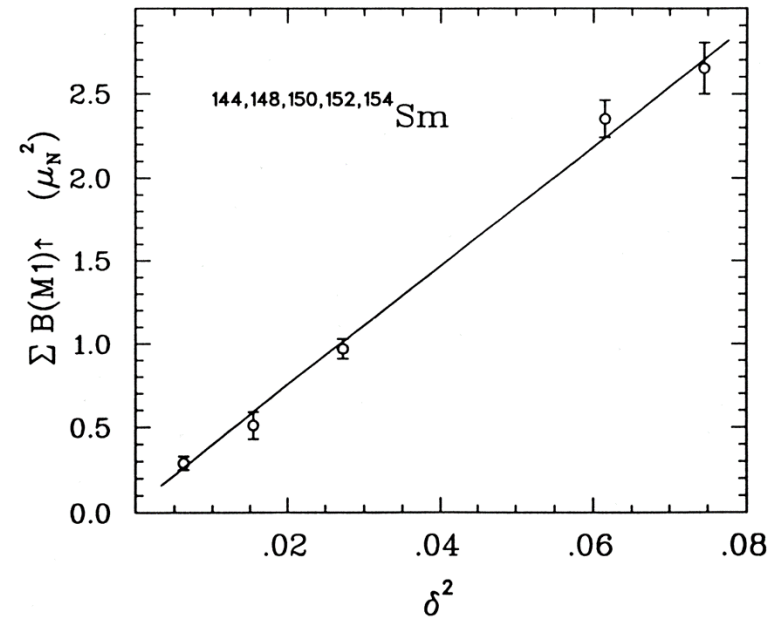
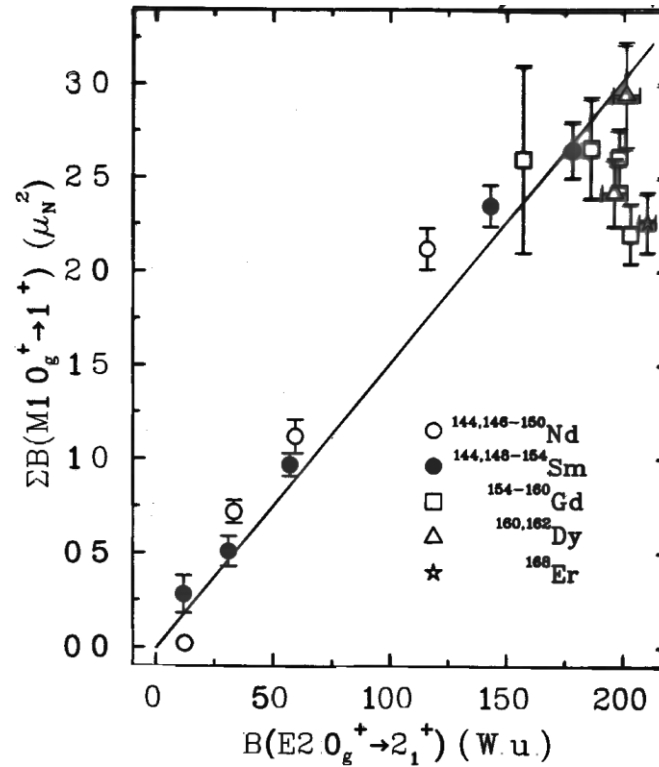
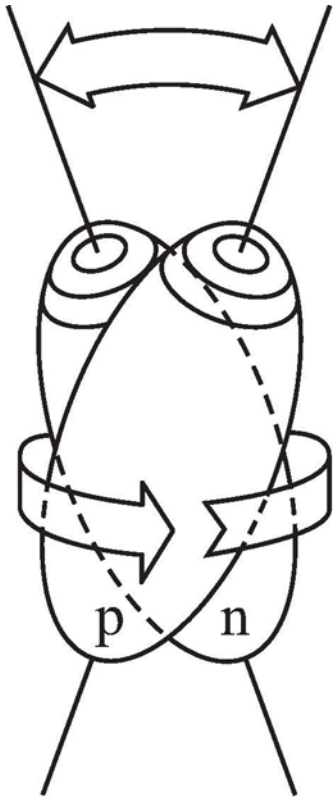
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The Scissors Mode

K. Heyde, P. von Neumann-Cosel, A. Richter,
Rev. Mod. Phys. 82, 2375 (2010)



J. Enders et al., Phys. Rev. C 71, 014306 (2005)

- Sum rules
$$S_j(\mathcal{M}) = \sum_i B_i(\mathcal{M}) E_{xi}^j$$

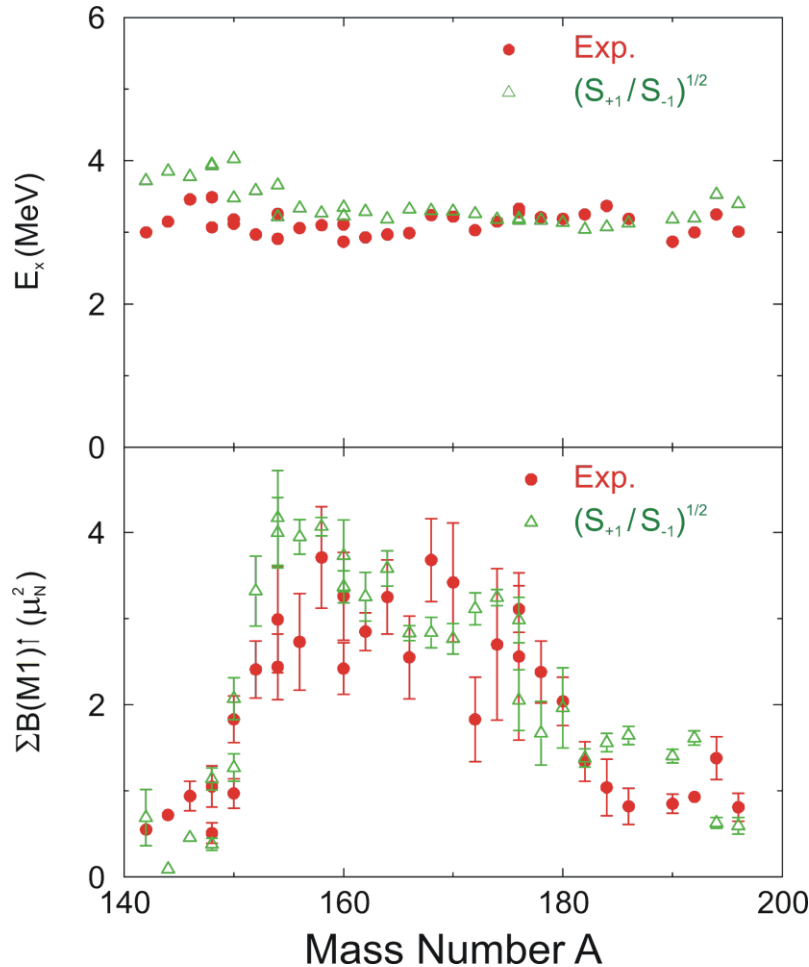
$$\left. \begin{aligned} S_{+1}(M1) &= \frac{3}{5\pi} r_0^2 A^{5/3} \delta^2 E_{GDR}^2 m_N g_{IV}^2 \\ S_{-1}(M1) &= \frac{3}{16\pi} \Theta_{M1} g_{IV}^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} E_x &= \sqrt{S_{+1}/S_{-1}} \\ B(M1) &= \sqrt{S_{+1} \cdot S_{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

- Sum rules depend on two parameters:

$$g_{IV} \approx g_{IS} = g(2_1^+) \quad \Theta_{IV} = \Theta_{IS} = 3\hbar^2 / E_{2_1^+}$$

Parameter-Free Sum Rule Description

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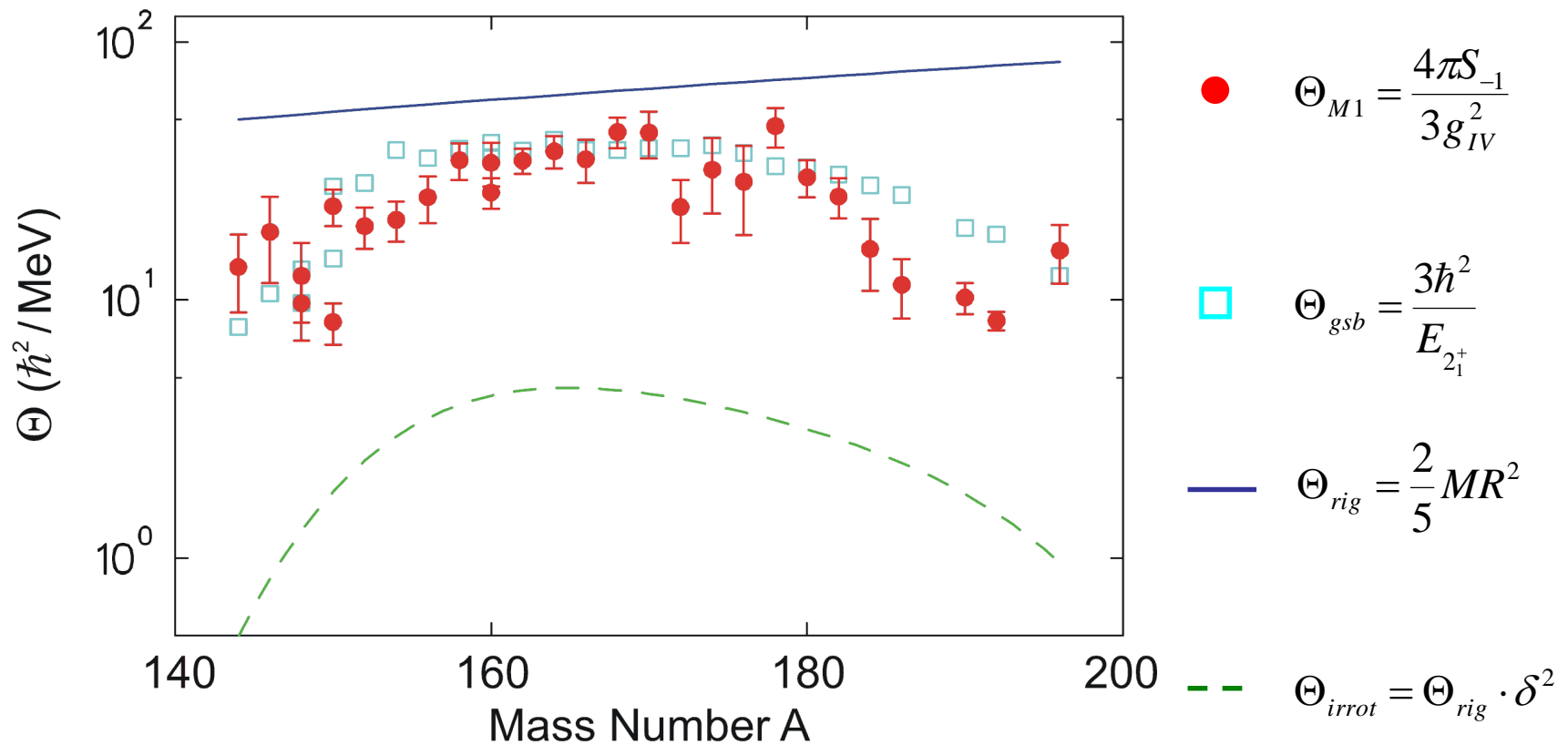
$$E_x \sim \sqrt{E_{2_1^+}} \cdot \delta \approx const.$$

contributions from deformation and moment of inertia cancel each other

$$B(M1) \sim \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{E_{2_1^+}}} \sim \delta^2$$

“ δ^2 law” results from an interplay of deformation and the moment of inertia

Moments of Inertia

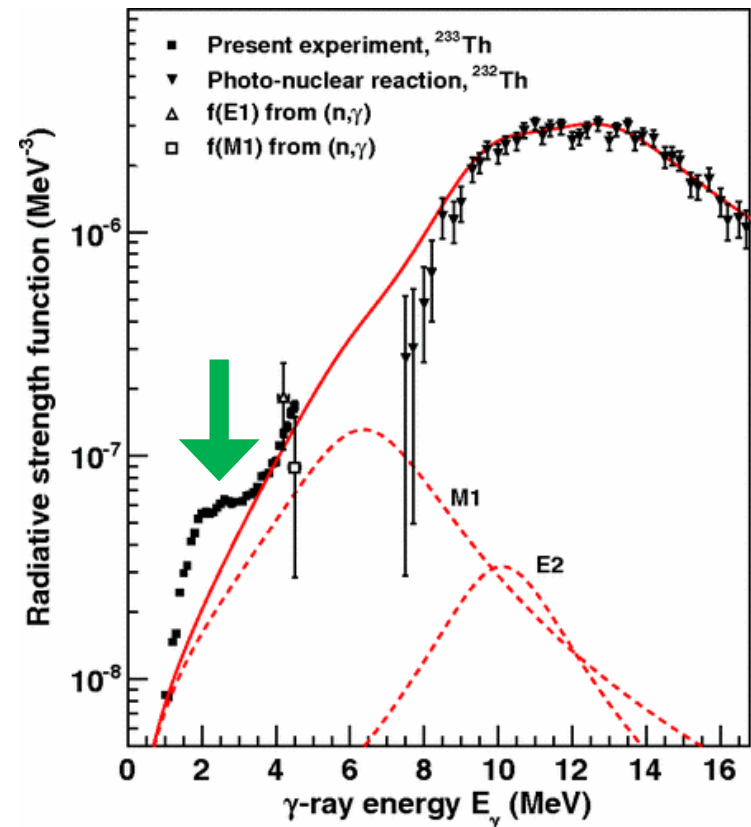


- Ground-state correlations reduce Mol with respect to rotational limit

Scissors Mode in Quasicontinuum γ Decay

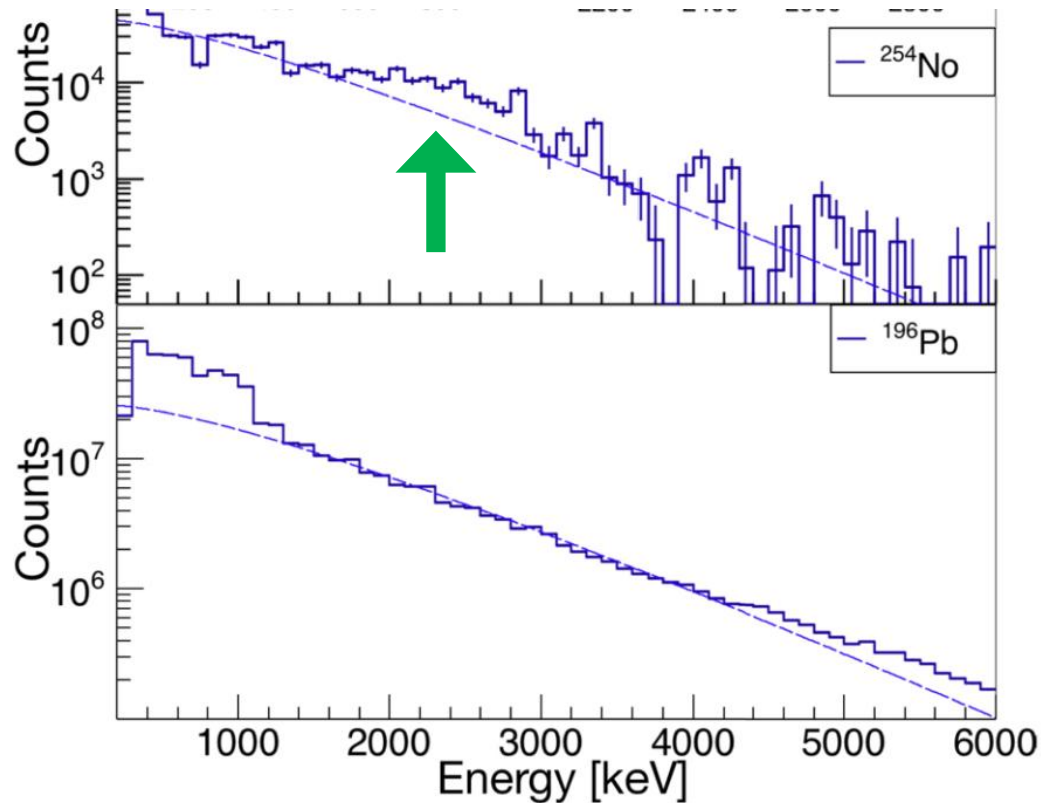
- First observation in $\gamma\gamma$ cascades after neutron capture
M. Krticka et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 172501 (2004)
- Oslo experiment on ^{233}Th
- Enhancement on top of the GSF extrapolated to low γ energies around 2.5 MeV interpreted as scissors mode resonance

M. Guttormsen et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 162503 (2012)



Scissors Mode in Superheavy ^{254}No

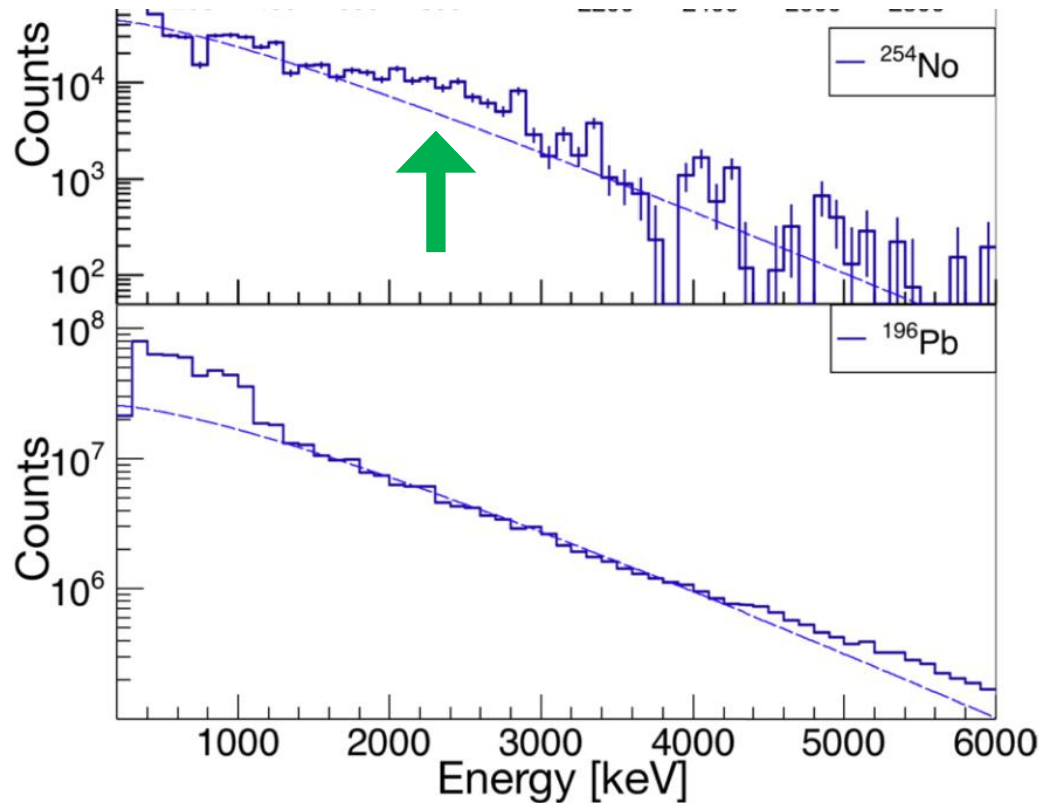
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- M1 Character demonstrated by polarization measurements

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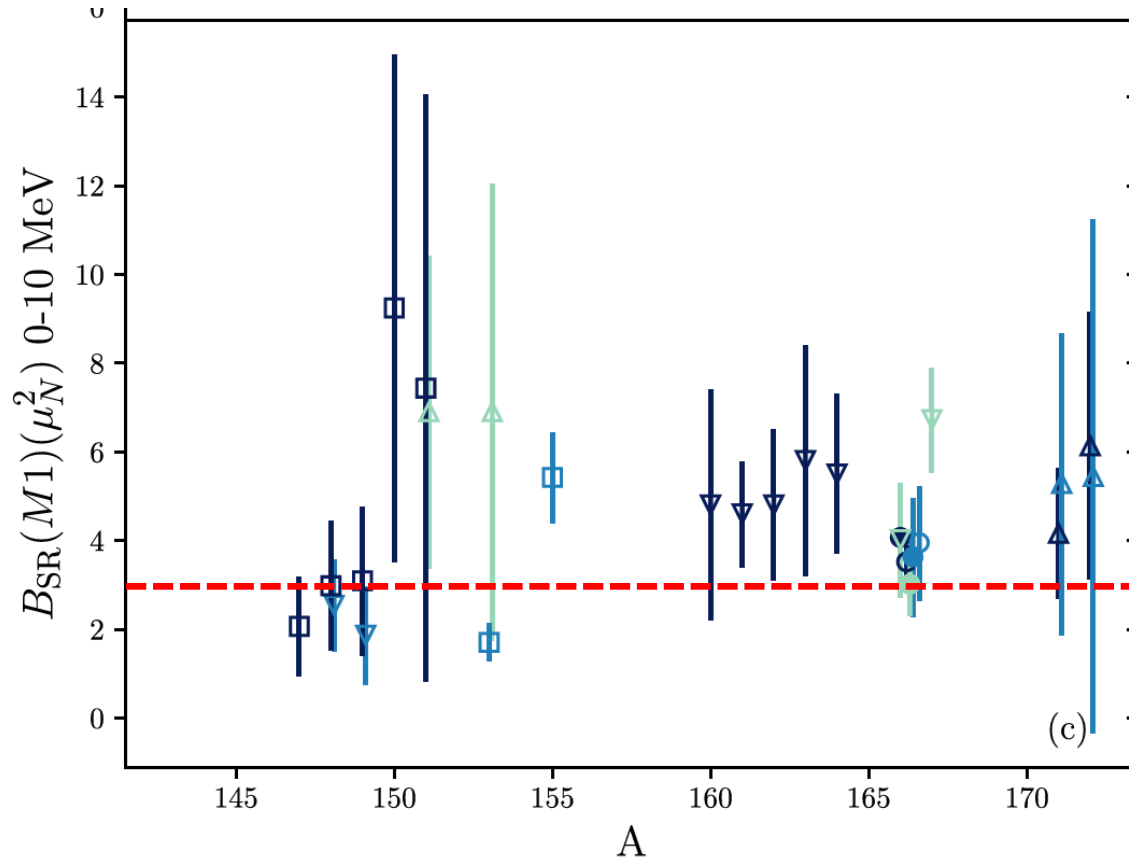
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Systematics of Quasicontinuum Strength

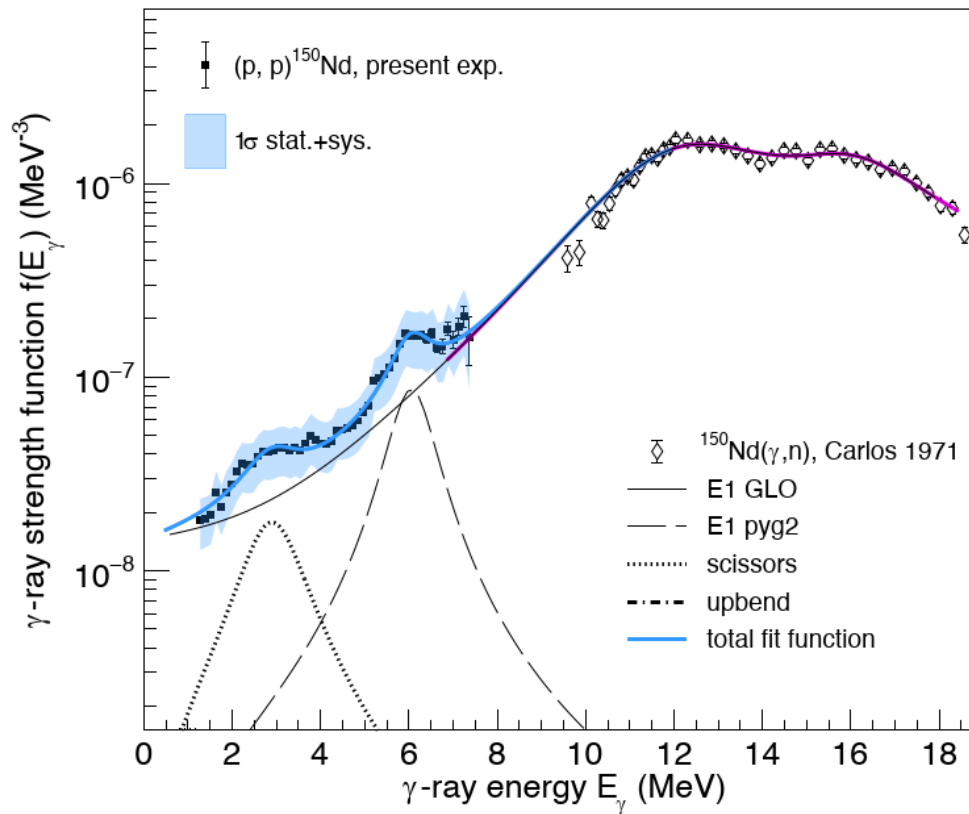
F. Pogliano et al., Phys. Rev. C 107, 034605 (2023)



- Large uncertainties but scissors mode strength seems to be higher

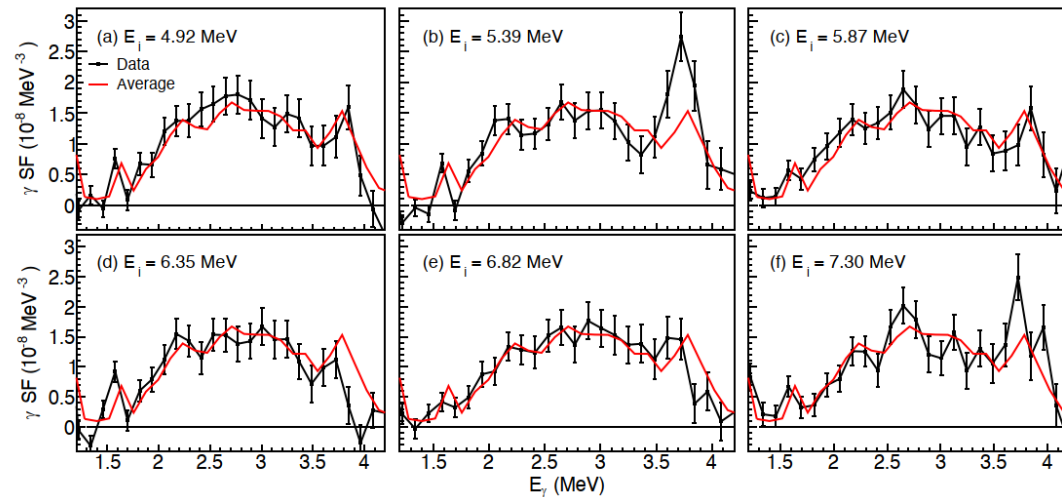
GSF of ^{150}Nd from Oslo Experiment

M. Guttormsen et al., Phys. Rev. C 106, 034314 (2022)



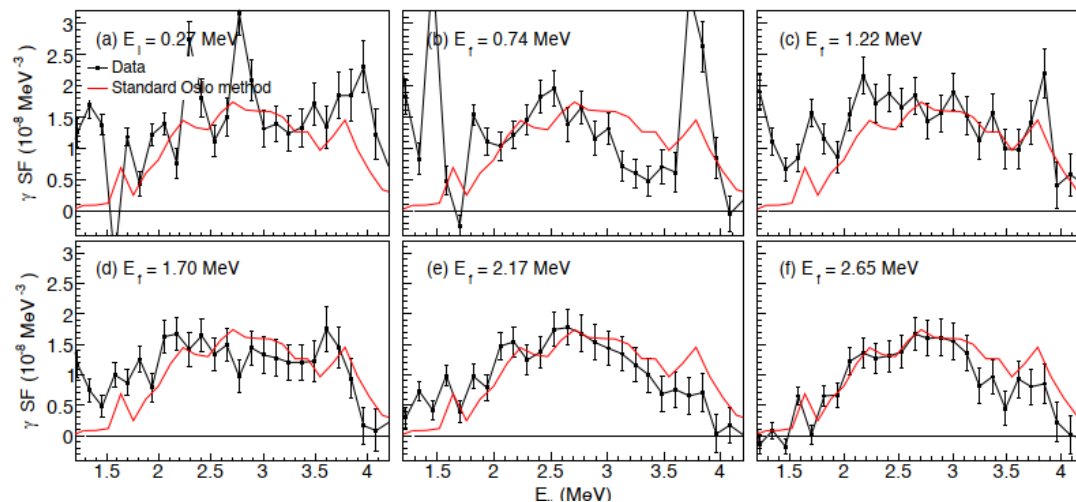
- Decomposition into GDR, PDR and Scissors Mode

Independence of Initial and Final States



E_i

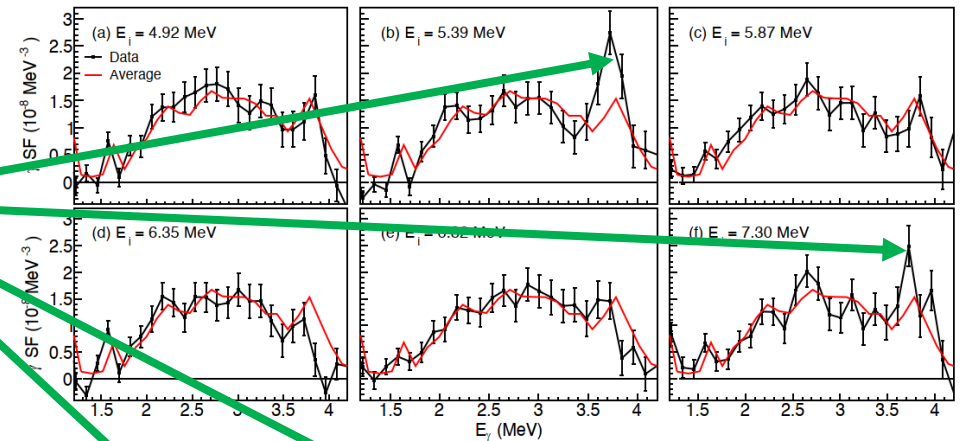
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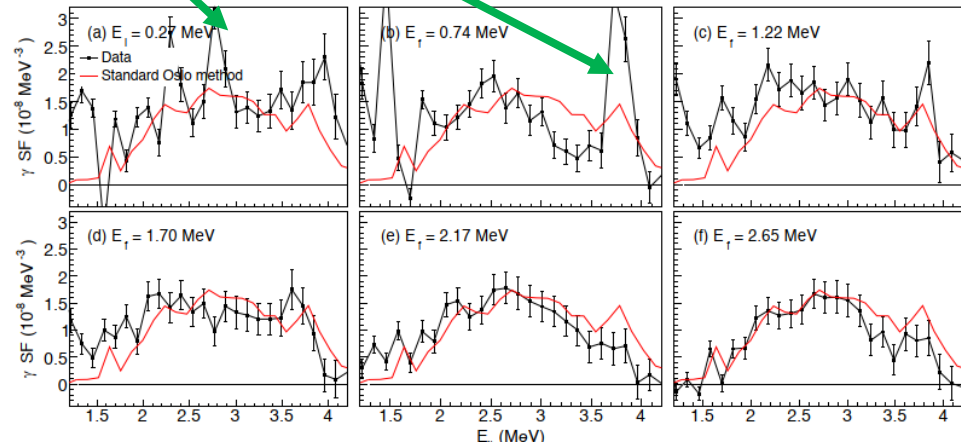
Independence of Initial and Final States

- Conspicuous structures



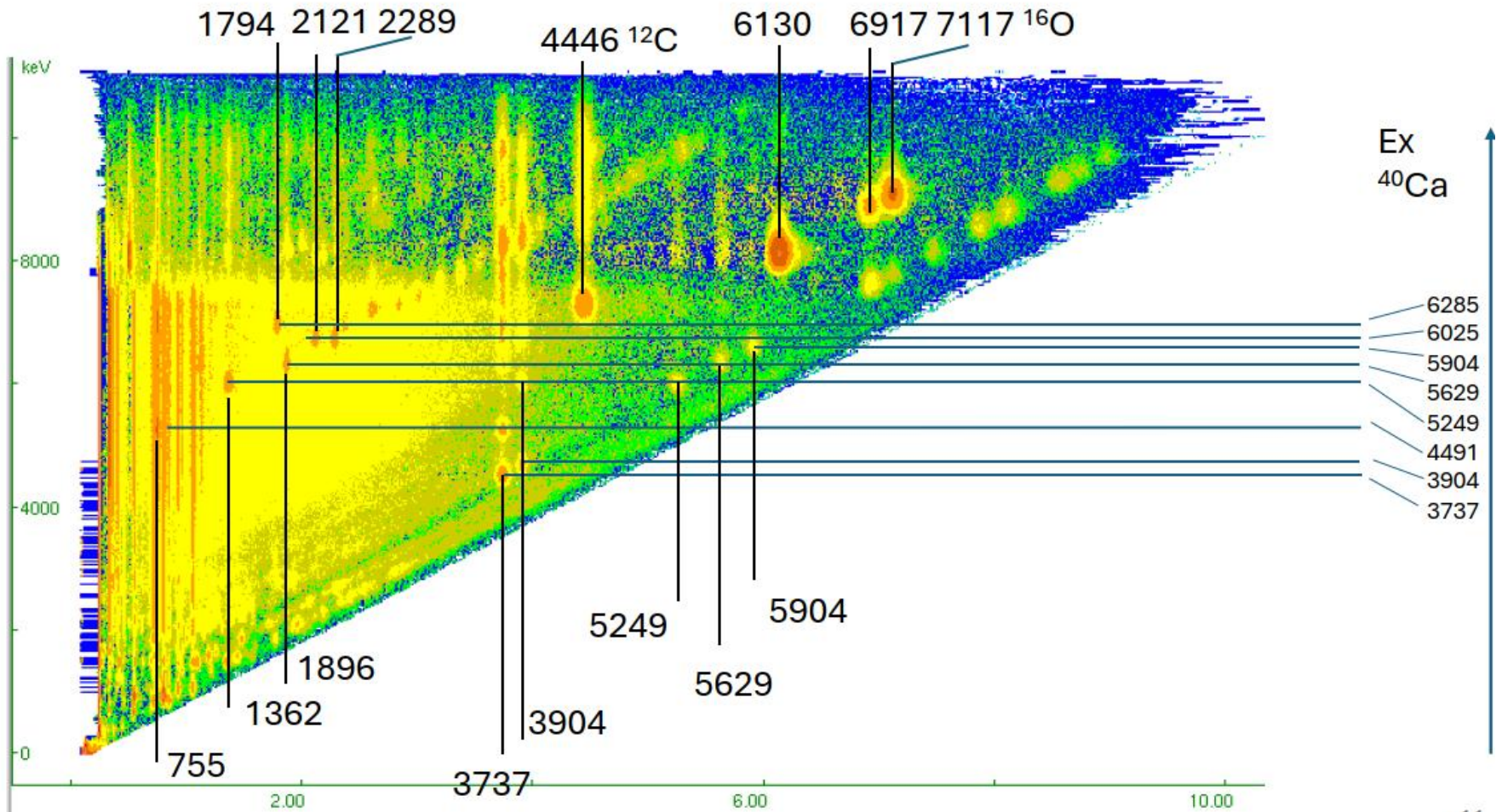
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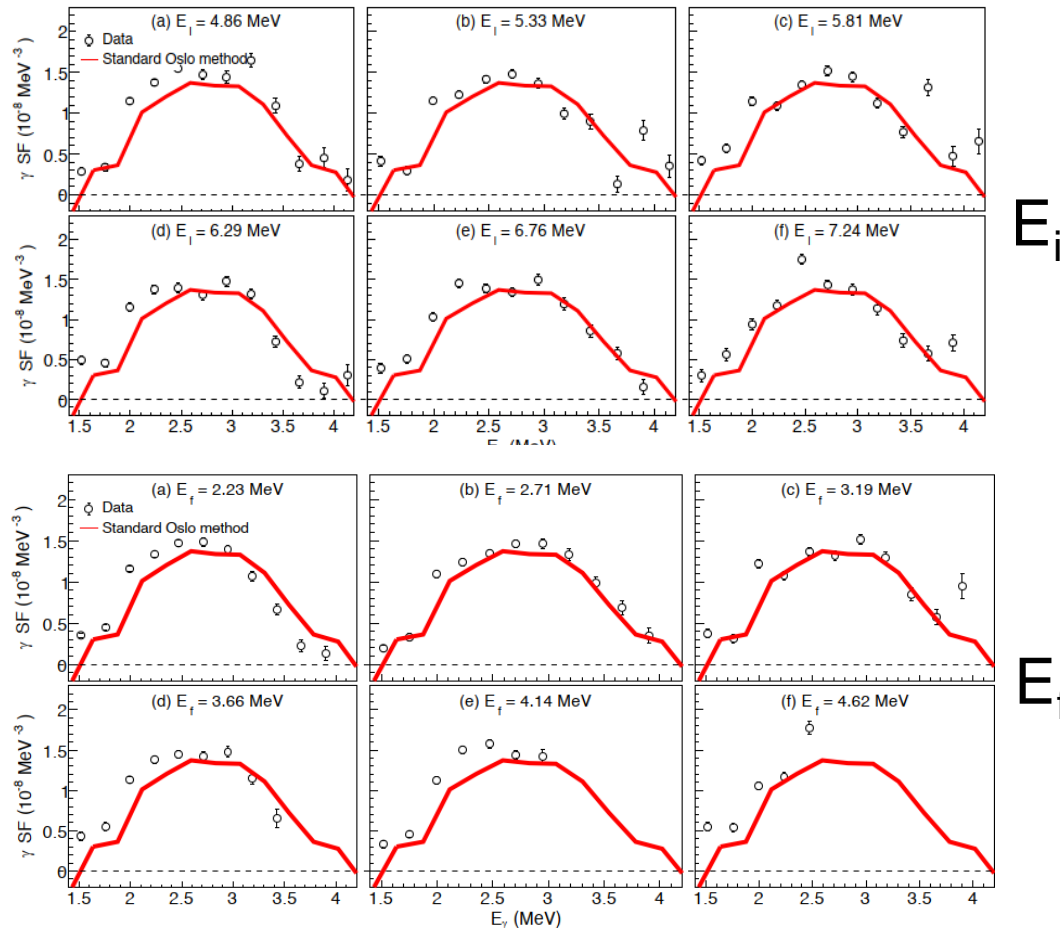


E_f

Contaminants



Scissors Mode in ^{150}Nd Oslo Data



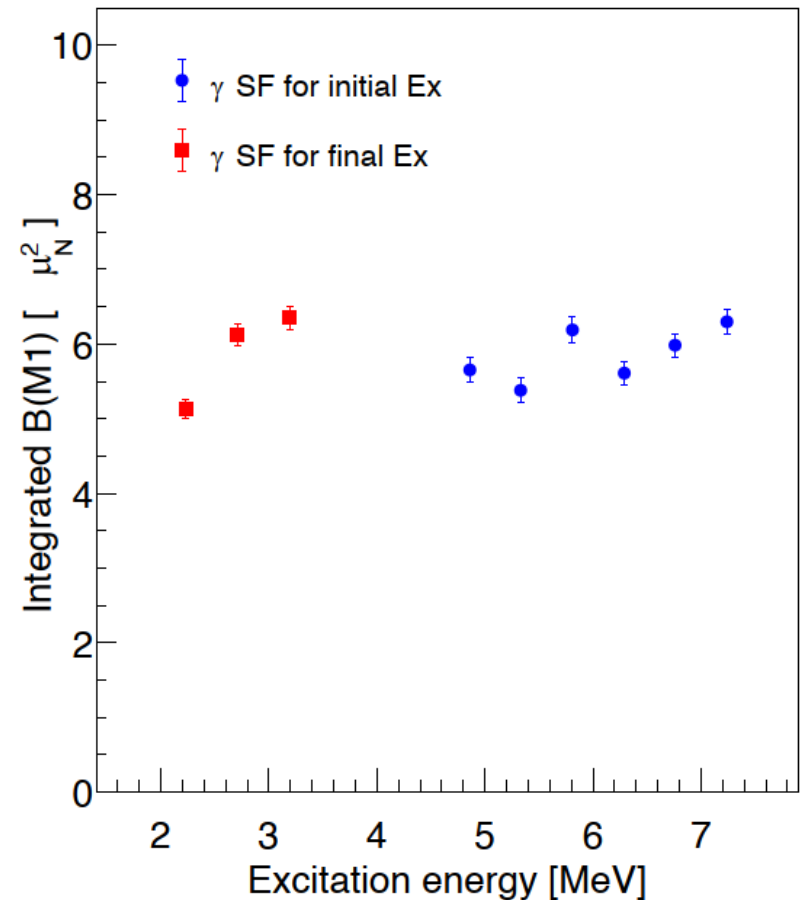
- BA hypothesis holds in the investigated energy range

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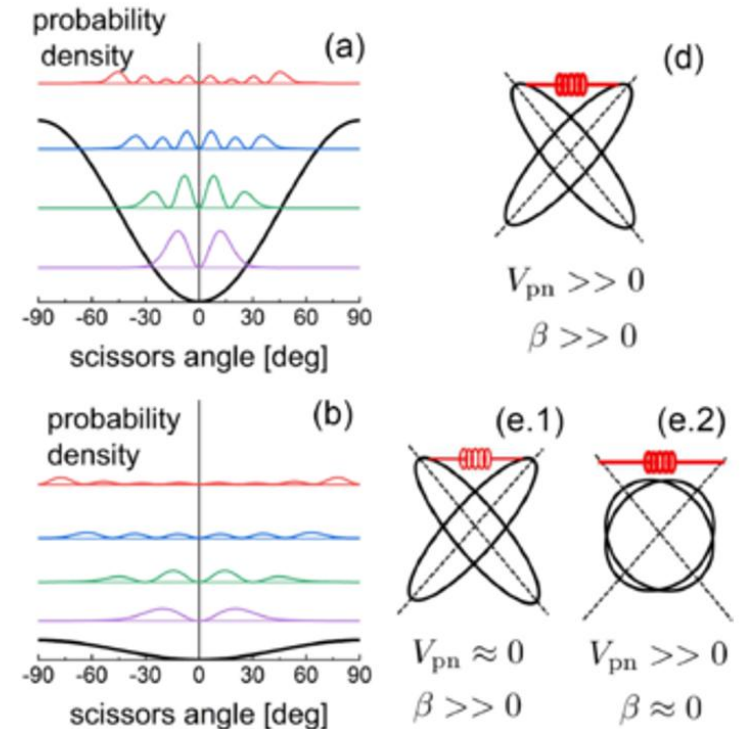
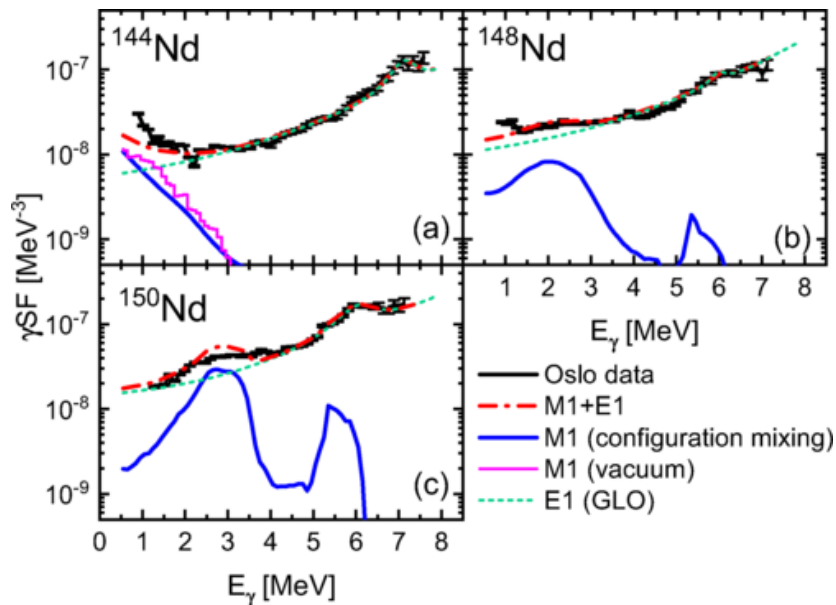
PvNC, M. Guttormsen et al., to be published

- Scissors mode strength about twice the g.s. value
- Relation to two-phonon structure?
- Moment of inertia about 80% of rigid rotor value



Recent Theoretical Work

F.-Q. Chen et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 134, 082502 (2025)



- Proton-neutron projected shell model
- Consistent with shift between scissors mode and LEE as function of deformation
- Calculations reproduce value of about $6 \mu_N^2$

- Extraction of the scissors mode in the quasicontinuum of ^{150}Nd from Oslo experiment
- SM strength in the quasicontinuum about twice the ground-state strength
- BA hypothesis holds in the quasicontinuum energy region
- Reproduced by projected proton-neutron shell model calculations
- Relation to two-phonon excitations?