#### The γ decay behaviour of the PDR in <sup>92,94</sup>Mo

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#### Setup for p-y coincidence experiments

	SONIC	HORUS
Detectors	$8 \Delta E$ -E or single PIPS	14 HPGe
Angles	$\theta = 60^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}, 120^{\circ}, 130^{\circ}$	θ = 35°, 45°, 90°, 135°, 145°
Efficiency	4% solid angle coverage	~ 2% @ 1.3 MeV
Resolution	typically 70 keV in-beam	~ 2 keV @ 1.3 MeV



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#### Decay branching ratio vs. energy



> No trend with energy

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# <sup>94</sup>Mo(p,p'γ) @ E<sub>p</sub> = 13.5 MeV



V. Derya et al., NPA 906 (2013) 94



Adopted from C. Romig et al., PRC 88 (2013) 044331

- □ Goals of experiment:
  - Study decay behaviour in non-magic nucleus
  - Individual and mean branching already observed in  $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$  and  $(\gamma, \gamma')$
  - With our setup:
    - More states (if similar to <sup>92</sup>Mo)
    - Individual branching
  - Higher beam energy to excite states at higher energies

## Excitation pattern vs. $(\gamma, \gamma')$ and $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$



 $\Box$  Observed less states than in ( $\gamma$ , $\gamma$ '), but more states than in ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ ' $\gamma$ )

## Decay branching ratios for <sup>94</sup>Mo



 Only statistical errors are shown

 No clear trend, again state to state difference

Needs to be
 compared to
 theoretical
 predictions

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## Validation of setup and method



□ Very good agreement with  $b_1$  values and upper limits from <sup>94</sup>Mo(α,α'γ) performed at KVI with  $E_{\alpha}$ =136 MeV

#### Improvement of setup – solid angle coverage



□ 2.2% for E
 □ 1.6% for ΔE-E

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 3.9% for E
 □

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 Up to 2.8% for ΔE-E
 □

B.9% for E
7.8% for ΔE-E

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## **Summary & Outlook**

- Many decays of PDR states to several final states observed in <sup>92</sup>Mo and <sup>94</sup>Mo
  - $-2_1^+, 0_2^+, 2_2^+$
- Preliminary branching ratios for PDR states could be determined for both nuclei
  - Thorough analysis ongoing
- □ Setup and method was validated by comparison to  ${}^{94}Mo(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$  experiment at KVI
  - Comparison to mean branching ratios
- □ Theoretical calculations needed for both cases!
- **□** Future experiments for PDR
  - Inelastic scattering
  - Transfer reactions

with p, d,  $\alpha$  beams  $\leq$  30 MeV



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Energy [keV]