COLLECTIVE EXCITATIONS OF ATOMIC NUCLEI

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Collective Motion of Nuclei under Extreme Conditions (COMEX 5)

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Microscopic picture: GRs are coherent (1p-1h) excitations induced by single-particle operators.

- Excitation energy depends on

 multipole L (Lħω, since radial operator ∝ r^L; except for ISGMR and ISGDR, 2ħω & 3ħω, respectively),
 strength of effective interaction and
 collectivity.
- Exhaust appreciable % of EWSR
- Acquire a width due to coupling to continuum and to underlying 2p-2h configurations.

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Microscopic structure of ISGMR & ISGDR

Transition operators:



3ħω excitation (overtone of c.o.m. motion)



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Decay of giant resonances

- Width of resonance $\Gamma, \Gamma^{\uparrow}, \Gamma^{\downarrow} (\Gamma^{\downarrow\uparrow}, \Gamma^{\downarrow\downarrow})$
 - Γ[↑]: direct or escape width
 - Γ[↓]: spreading width
 - $\Gamma^{\downarrow\uparrow}$: pre-equilibrium, $\Gamma^{\downarrow\downarrow}$: compound
- Decay measurements
 - \Rightarrow Direct reflection of damping processes

Allows detailed comparison with theoretical calculations





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The collective response of the nucleus Giant Resonances





Measurement of the giant dipole resonance with mono-energetic photons B.L. Berman and S.C. Fultz Rev. Mod. Phys. 47 (1975) 713

Nucleus	Centroid	Width
	(MeV)	(MeV)
¹⁶ Sn	15.68	4.19
¹⁷ Sn	15.66	5.02
¹⁸ Sn	15.59	4.77
¹⁹ Sn	15.53	4.81
²⁰ Sn	15.40	4.89
²⁴ Sn	15.19	4.81

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Quadrupole deformation: $\beta_2 = 0.275$

Excitation energies: $E_2/E_1 = 0.911\eta + 0.089$

Where $\eta = b/a$

 $s_1/s_2 = 1/2$





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D2 MP D1 DSR Q2 2 3 m SX Q1 Focal Plane Detector **Grand Raiden@ RCNP** (p,p') at $E_p \sim 300$ (α, α') at $E_{\alpha} \sim 400$ & 200 MeV at RCNP & KVI, respectively



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A. Tamii et al., PRL 107 (2011) 062502



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In fluid mechanics, **compressibility** is a measure of the relative volume change of a fluid as a response to a pressure change.

 $\beta = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial P}$

where **P** is pressure, **V** is volume.

Incompressibility or **bulk modulus** (*K*) is a measure of a substance's resistance to uniform compression and can be formally defined:

$$K = -V \frac{\partial P}{\partial V}$$



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For the equation of state of symmetric nuclear matter at saturation nuclear density:

$$\left[\frac{d(E/A)}{d\rho}\right]_{\rho = \rho_0} = 0$$

and one can derive the incompressibility⁰ of nuclear matter: -20

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$$K_{nm} = \left[9\rho^2 \frac{d^2(E/A)}{d\rho^2}\right]_{\rho = \rho}$$

E/A: binding energy per nucleon

ρ : nuclear density

J.P. Blaizot, Phys. Rep. 64 (1980) 171

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 ρ_0 : nuclear density at saturation



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Equation of state (EOS) of nuclear matter:

More complex than for infinite neutral liquids: Neutrons and protons with different interactions Coulomb interaction of protons

- 1. Governs the collapse and explosion of giant stars (supernovae)
- 2. Governs formation of neutron stars (mass, radius, crust)
- 3. Governs collisions of heavy ions.
- 4. Important ingredient in the study of nuclear properties.







Isoscalar Excitation Modes of Nuclei

Hydrodynamic models/Giant Resonances Coherent vibrations of nucleonic fluids in a nucleus.

Compression modes : ISGMR, ISGDR

In Constrained and Scaling Models:

$$E_{ISGMR} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{K_A}{m \langle r^2 \rangle}}$$

$$E_{ISGDR} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \frac{K_A + \frac{27}{25} \varepsilon_F}{m \langle r^2 \rangle}}$$

 ε_F is the Fermi energy and the nucleus incompressibility:

$$\longrightarrow K_A = \left[r^2 (d^2 (E/A)/dr^2) \right]_{r=R_0}$$

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Giant resonances

- Macroscopic properties: E_x, Γ, %EWSR
- Isoscalar giant resonances; compression modes

ISGMR, ISGDR ⇒ Incompressibility, symmetry energy

$$K_{A} = K_{vol} + K_{surf}A^{-1/3} + K_{sym}((N-Z)/A)^{2} + K_{Coul}Z^{2}A^{-4/3}$$



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Nucleus, e.g. ²⁰⁸Pb

Inelastic α scattering



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M. N. Harakeh et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 38, 676 (1977)

ISGQR at 10.9 MeV ISGMR at 13.9 MeV







Multipole decomposition analysis (MDA)

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE}(\vartheta_{c.m.}, E)\right)^{\exp} = \sum_{L} a_{L}(E) \left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE}(\vartheta_{c.m.}, E)\right)_{L}^{calc.}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE}(\vartheta_{c.m.}, E)\right)^{\exp} : \text{Experimental cross section}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE}(\vartheta_{c.m.}, E)\right)_{L}^{calc.} : \text{DWBA cross section (unit cross section)}$$

$$a_{L}(E) : \text{EWSR fraction}$$

a. ISGR (L<15)+ IVGDR (through Coulomb excitation)
b. DWBA formalism; single folding ⇒ transition potential

$$\delta U(r,E) = \int \vec{dr'} \delta \rho_L(\vec{r'},E) [V(|\vec{r}-\vec{r'}|,\rho_0(r')) + \rho_0(r') \frac{\partial V(|\vec{r}-\vec{r'}|,\rho(r'))}{\partial \rho_0(r')}]$$

$$U(r) = \int \vec{dr'} V(|\vec{r} - \vec{r'}|, \rho_0(r'))\rho_0(r')$$



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Transition density

ISGMR Satchler, Nucl. Phys. A472 (1987) 215

$$\delta \rho_0(r, E) = -\alpha_0 [3 + r\frac{d}{dr}]\rho_0(r)$$
$$\alpha_0^2 = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{mA < r^2 > E}$$

ISGDR Harakeh & Dieperink, Phys. Rev. C23 (1981) 2329

$$\delta \rho_1(r, E) = -\frac{\beta_1}{R\sqrt{3}} [3r^2 \frac{d}{dr} + 10r - \frac{5}{3} < r^2 > \frac{d}{dr} + \varepsilon(r \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + 4 \frac{d}{dr})]\rho_0(r)$$

$$\beta_1^2 = \frac{6\pi\hbar^2}{mAE} \frac{R^2}{(11 < r^4 > -(25/3) < r^2 >^2 - 10\varepsilon < r^2 >)}$$

Other modes Bohr-Mottelson (BM) model

$$\delta \rho_L(r, E) = -\delta_L \frac{d}{dr} \rho_0(r)$$

$$\delta_L^2 = (\beta_L c)^2 = \frac{L(2L+1)^2}{(L+2)^2} \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{mAE} \frac{\langle r^{2L-2} \rangle}{\langle r^{L-1} \rangle^2}$$



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Uchida et al., Phys. Lett. B557 (2003) 12 Phys. Rev. C69 (2004) 051301

(α, α') spectra at 386 MeV



¹¹⁶Sn

(b)

(d)

(f)

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 $E_{v} = 14.5 \, \text{MeV}$

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 $E_{\rm x} = 24.5 \, {\rm MeV}$

 $\theta_{c.m.}$ (deg.)

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10 (b)

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d²d/dΩdE (mb/sr MeV)

In HF+RPA calculations,

$$K_{nm} = \left[9\rho^2 \frac{d^2(E/A)}{d\rho^2}\right]_{\rho = \rho_0}$$

Nuclear matter

 K_A : incompressibility

E/A: binding energy per nucleon

- **ρ** : nuclear density
- ρ_0 : nuclear density at saturation

240 K_A is obtained from excitation ²⁰⁸Pb 220 energy of ISGMR & ISGDR 200 180 160 $K_A = 0.64 K_{nm} - 3.5$ 140 J.P. Blaizot, NPA591 (1995) 435 120 200 220 240 260 280 300 320 340 ĸ



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From GMR data on ²⁰⁸Pb and ⁹⁰Zr,

$K_{\infty} = 240 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$ [$\pm 20 \text{ MeV}$] [See, *e.g.*, G. Colò *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 70 (2004) 024307]

This number is consistent with both ISGMR and ISGDR Data and with non-relativistic and relativistic calculations



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Isoscalar GMR strength distribution in Sn-isotopes obtained by Multipole Decomposition Analysis of singles spectra obtained in ^ASn(α,α') measurements at incident energy 400 MeV and angles from 0° to 9°





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$$\begin{split} K_A &= K_{vol} + K_{surf} A^{-1/3} + K_{sym} ((N-Z)/A)^2 + K_{coul} Z^2 A^{-4/3} \\ K_A &\sim K_{vol} (1 + cA^{-1/3}) + K_{\tau} ((N - Z)/A)^2 + K_{Coul} Z^2 A^{-4/3} \\ K_A &- K_{Coul} Z^2 A^{-4/3} \sim K_{vol} (1 + cA^{-1/3}) + K_{\tau} ((N - Z)/A)^2 \end{split}$$

~ Constant + $K_{\tau}((N - Z)/A)^2$

 $K_{Coul} = -5.2 \text{ MeV} \text{ (from Sagawa)}$ (N - Z)/A $^{112}\text{Sn} - ^{124}\text{Sn}: 0.107 - 0.194$



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Colò *et al.*: Non-relativistic RPA (without pairing) reproduces ISGMR in ²⁰⁸Pb and ⁹⁰Zr [$\hat{K}_{\infty} = 240$ MeV] **Piekarewicz: Relativistic RPA (FSUGold model)** reproduces g.s. observables and ISGMR in ²⁰⁸Pb, ¹⁴⁴Sm and ⁹⁰Zr $[K_{\infty} = 230 \text{ MeV}]$ Vretenar: Relativistic mean field (DD-ME2: densitydependent mean-field effective interaction). $[K_{\infty} = 240 \text{ MeV}].$ **Tselyaev** et al.: Quasi-particle time-blocking approximation (QTBA) (T5 Skyrme interaction) $[K_{\infty} = 202 \text{ MeV}?!]$ Softness of Sn and Cd nuclei (compared to ²⁰⁸Pb and ⁹⁰Zr) is still unresolved.



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Spin-isospin excitations Neutral (v,v') and charged (v_{ρ} , e^{-}), (v_{ρ} , e^{+}) currents $NC \Rightarrow$ Inelastic electron and proton scattering \Rightarrow M0, M1, M2 $CC \Rightarrow$ Charge-exchange reactions **Isovector charge-exchange modes** \Rightarrow GTR, IVSGMR, IVSGDR, etc. **Importance for nuclear astrophysics**, v-physics, 2 β -decay, n-skin thickness, etc. $(p,n), (^{3}\text{He},t) \{\text{GT}^{-}\}; (n,p), (d,^{2}\text{He}) \& (t,^{3}\text{He}) \{\text{GT}^{+}\}$









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Spin-isospin excitations



FIG. 4. Zero-degree cross-section spectra for the ${}^{14}C(p,n){}^{14}N$ reactions at the indicated bombarding energies. The spectra have been arbitrarily normalized. From Gaarde (1985) and Rapaport (1989).



E/A=100-500 MeV/u

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Spin-flip & GT transitions



The (³He,*t*) reaction at 0 degree

Cross sections at E(³He)=450 MeV, q=0 for (³He,t) reactions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\mu_i \mu_f}{(\pi\hbar^2)^2} \left(\frac{k_f}{k_i}\right) (N_{\mathrm{T}}^D \mid J_{\tau} \mid^2 B(F) + N_{\sigma\tau}^D \mid J_{\sigma\tau} \mid^2 B(GT))$$

- T. N. Taddeucci *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A469, 125 (1987) I. Bergqvist *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A469, 648 (1987)
- Neutrino absorption cross sections

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\pi \hbar^4 c^3} \Big[G_V^2 B(F) + G_A^2 B(GT) \Big] \times F(Z, E_e) p_e E_e$$

 $F(Z, E_e)$ is the relativistic Coulomb barrier factor

Importance of charge-exchange reactions at intermediate energies



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Determination of GT⁺ Strength and its Astrophysical Implications

In supernova explosions, electron capture (EC) on *fp*-shell nuclei plays a dominant role during the last few days of a heavy star with $M > 10 M_{\odot}$ Presupernova stage; deleptonization \Rightarrow core

collapse ⇒ subsequent type IIa Supernova (SN) explosion

H.A. Bethe et al., Nucl. Phys. A324 (1979) 487





Supernova Simulatie





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Exclusive excitations $\Delta S = \Delta T = 1: (d, ^{2}He)$



 ${}^{3}S_{1}$ deuteron \Rightarrow ${}^{1}S_{0}$ di-proton (${}^{2}He$)

¹S₀ dominates if (relative) 2-proton kinetic energy $\varepsilon < 1$ MeV (*n*,*p*)-type probe with exclusive $\Delta S=1$ character (GT⁺ transitions) But near 0°, tremendous background from *d*-breakup



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$(d,^{2}\text{He})$ as GT⁺ probe in *fp*-shell nuclei





⁵¹V(d,²He): Comparison with shell-model calculations

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Outlook

- Radioactive ion beams will be available at energies where it will be possible to study ISGMR, ISGDR and GT transitions (RIKEN, NSCL, FAIR, SPIRAL2)
- Determine GT strength in unstable *sd* & *fp* shell nuclei
- Measure ISGMR and ISGDR in extended isotope chain
- Unravel the nature of the pygmy dipole resonance
- Use IV(S)GDR as tool to determine n-skin [IV(S)GDR]
- Exotic excitations such as double GT (SHARAQ)

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Storage Ring

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Detection system @ FAIR

Figure 1: Schematic view of the EXL detection systems. Left: Set-up built into the NESR storage ring. Right: Target-recoil detector surrounding the gas-jet target.

Use of EXL recoil detector prototype has been successfully tested [Nasser Kalantar talk on Tuesday afternoon]

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Schematic view of MAYA active target detector

Marine Vandebrouck talk on Tuesday afternoon

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Recoil Track

- Recoil alpha particle track due to inelastic scattering with ⁵⁶Ni.
- Background events can be separated from the range of the recoil particles and also from the magnitude of charges induced on the pads.

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- Pygmy Dipole Resonance (PDR): Tuesday morning
- VGMR: Tuesday afternoon (Remco Zegers)
- > Anti-analogue GDR and n-skin:
 - **Tuesday afternoon (Attila Krasznahorkay)**
- Hot IVGDR: Wednesday morning

Etc.

Thank you for your attention

