

# ISOSCALAR GIANT MONOPOLE RESONANCE IN THE Ca ISOTOPES

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# Introduction

1. Isoscalar giant monopole resonances (ISGMR) centroid  $\bar{E}$  is connected with the nuclear matter incompressibility. The incompressibility or the compression modulus is important in several physical contexts such as:

a) prompt supernova explosions;

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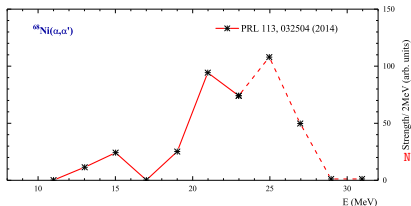
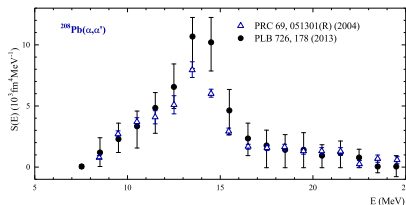
b) the interiors of neutron stars;

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c) heavy-ion collisions at intermediate and high energies;

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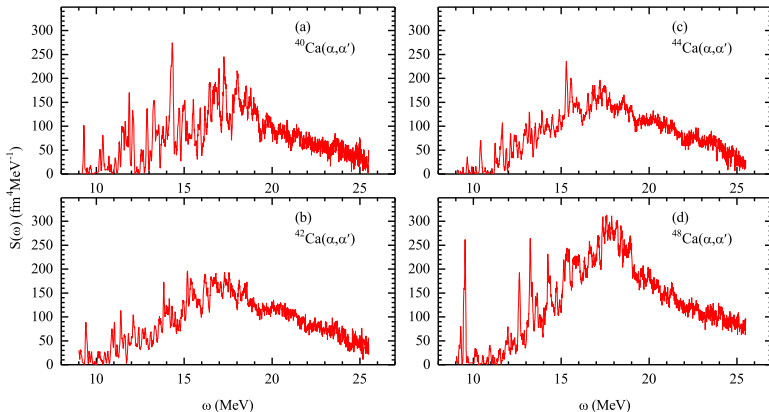
2. The properties of the ISGMR in stable and radioactive atomic nuclei have been extensively investigated in many experiments.



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3. The ISGMR strength distributions were measured using the high energy-resolution capabilities at iThemba LABS. This allows for the observation of pronounced fine structure.



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## MAIN INGREDIENTS OF THE MODEL

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# Realization of QRPA: the FRSA model

The starting point of the method is [the HF-BCS calculations](#) of the ground state, where spherical symmetry is assumed for the ground states. The continuous part of the single-particle spectrum is discretized by diagonalizing the HF Hamiltonian on a harmonic oscillator basis.

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The residual interaction in the particle-hole channel  $V_{res}^{ph}$  and in the particle-particle channel  $V_{res}^{pp}$  can be obtained as the second derivative of the energy density functional  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to the particle density  $\rho$  and the pair density  $\tilde{\rho}$ , respectively.

$$V_{res}^{ph} \sim \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{H}}{\delta \rho_1 \delta \rho_2} \quad V_{res}^{pp} \sim \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{H}}{\delta \tilde{\rho}_1 \delta \tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

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# Realization of QRPA: the FRSA model

We employ the effective Skyrme interaction in the particle-hole channel

$$V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = t_0 \left(1 + x_0 \hat{P}_\sigma\right) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + \frac{t_1}{2} \left(1 + x_1 \hat{P}_\sigma\right) \left[\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{k}^2 + \vec{k}'^2 \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)\right] \\ + t_2 \left(1 + x_2 \hat{P}_\sigma\right) \vec{k}' \cdot \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{k} + \frac{t_3}{6} \left(1 + x_3 \hat{P}_\sigma\right) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \rho^\alpha \left(\frac{\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2}{2}\right) \\ + iW_0 (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \left[\vec{k}' \times \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{k}\right].$$

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The Hamiltonian includes the pairing correlations are generated by the density-dependent zero-range force in the particle-particle channel

$$V_{pair}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = V_0 \left(1 - \eta \frac{\rho(r_1)}{\rho_c}\right) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

where  $\rho_c$  is the nuclear saturation density;  $\eta$  and  $V_0$  are model parameters. For example,  $\eta=0$  and  $\eta=1$  are the case of a volume interaction and a surface-peaked interaction, respectively.

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# Realization of QRPA: the FRSA model

We introduce the phonon creation operators

$$Q_{\lambda\mu i}^+ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{jj'} \left[ X_{jj'}^{\lambda i} A^+(jj'; \lambda\mu) - (-1)^{\lambda-\mu} Y_{jj'}^{\lambda i} A(jj'; \lambda - \mu) \right],$$
$$A^+(jj'; \lambda\mu) = \sum_{mm'} C_{jmj'm'}^{\lambda\mu} \alpha_{jm}^+ \alpha_{j'm'}^+$$

The index  $\lambda$  denotes total angular momentum and  $\mu$  is its z-projection in the laboratory system. One assumes that the ground state is the QRPA phonon vacuum  $|0\rangle$  and one-phonon excited states are  $Q_{\lambda\mu i}^+|0\rangle$  with the normalization condition

$$\langle 0|[Q_{\lambda\mu i}, Q_{\lambda\mu i'}^+] |0\rangle = \delta_{ii'}.$$

Making use of the linearized equation-of-motion approach one can get the QRPA equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ -B & -A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solutions of this set of linear equations yield the one-phonon energies  $\omega$  and the amplitudes  $X, Y$  of the excited states.



# Phonon-phonon coupling (PPC)

To take into account the effects of the phonon-phonon coupling (PPC) in the simplest case one can write the wave functions of excited states as a linear combination of one-, two- (PPC+2ph) and three-phonon (PPC+3ph) configurations

$$\Psi_{\nu}(JM) = \left\{ \sum_i R_i(J\nu) Q_{JM_i}^+ + \sum_{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2} P_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(J\nu) [Q_{\lambda_1 \mu_1 i_1}^+ Q_{\lambda_2 \mu_2 i_2}^+]_{JM} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{\substack{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2 \\ \lambda_3 i_3 J'}} T_{J' \lambda_3 i_3}^{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2}(J\nu) \left[ [Q_{\lambda_1 \mu_1 i_1}^+ Q_{\lambda_2 \mu_2 i_2}^+]_{J'} Q_{\lambda_3 \mu_3 i_3}^+ \right]_{JM} \right\} |0\rangle$$

with the normalization condition

$$\sum_i R_i^2(J\nu) + 2 \sum_{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2} \left[ P_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(J\nu) \right]^2 + 6 \sum_{\substack{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2 \\ \lambda_3 i_3 J'}} \left[ T_{J' \lambda_3 i_3}^{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2}(J\nu) \right]^2 = 1.$$

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# Phonon-phonon coupling (PPC)

The variational principle leads to a set of linear equations for the unknown amplitudes  $R_i(J\nu)$ ,  $P_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(J\nu)$  and  $T_{J' \lambda_3 i_3}^{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2}(J\nu)$ :

$$R_i(J\nu)(\omega_{Ji} - E_\nu) + \sum_{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2} P_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(J\nu) U_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(Ji) = 0;$$

$$P_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(J\nu)(\omega_{\lambda_1 i_1} + \omega_{\lambda_2 i_2} - E_\nu) + 3 \sum_{\lambda_1' i_1' \lambda_2' i_2'} T_{\lambda_1' \lambda_2' i_2'}^{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2}(J\nu) U_{\lambda_2' i_2'}^{\lambda_1' i_1'}(\lambda_1 i_1) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j'} U_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(Jj') R_{j'}(J\nu) = 0;$$

$$T_{J' \lambda_3 i_3}^{\lambda_1 i_1 \lambda_2 i_2}(J\nu) (\omega_{\lambda_1' i_1'} + \omega_{\lambda_2' i_2'} + \omega_{\lambda_3' i_3'} - E_\nu) + \sum_i P_{\lambda_3 i_3}^{J' i}(J\nu) U_{\lambda_2' i_2'}^{\lambda_1' i_1'}(J' i) = 0.$$

$U_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(Ji)$  is the matrix element coupling:

$$U_{\lambda_2 i_2}^{\lambda_1 i_1}(Ji) = \langle 0 | Q_{Ji} \mathcal{H} [Q_{\lambda_1 i_1}^+ Q_{\lambda_2 i_2}^+]_J | 0 \rangle.$$

These equations have the same form as the QPM equations, but the single-particle spectrum and the parameters of the residual interaction are calculated with the Skyrme forces.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Details of calculations

The isoscalar monopole operator can be defined as

$$\hat{M}_{\lambda=0} = \sum_{i=1}^A r_i^2.$$

The integral characteristics of the ISGMR are the centroid energy  $E_c$  and the spreading width  $\Gamma$

$$E_c = \frac{m_1}{m_0} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{m_2}{m_0} - \left(\frac{m_1}{m_0}\right)^2},$$

where  $m_k = \sum_{\nu} (E_{\nu})^k \left| \langle 0_{\nu}^+ | \hat{M}_{\lambda=0} | 0_{g.s.}^+ \rangle \right|^2$  are the energy-weighted moments. Of special importance are the non-energy weighted sum rule (NEWSR) that is simply the moment  $m_0$ , and the energy-weighted sum rule (EWSR)  $m_1$ .

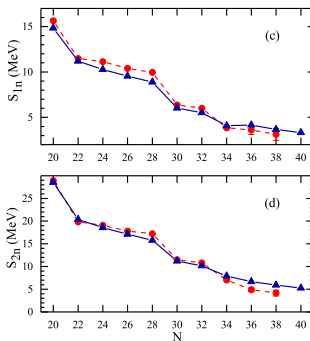
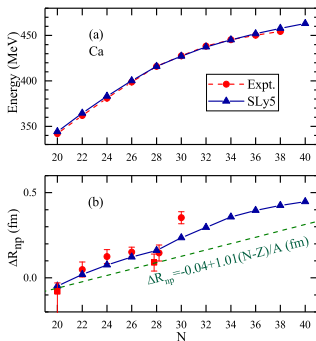
The ISGMR strength distribution is averaged out by a Lorentzian distribution with a width of  $\Delta$  as follows:

$$S(\omega) = \sum_{\nu} \left| \langle 0_{\nu}^+ | \hat{M}_{\lambda=0} | 0_{g.s.}^+ \rangle \right|^2 \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Delta}{(\omega - E_{\nu})^2 + \Delta^2/4}.$$

# Details of calculations

In the case of the Ca isotopes, we use the Skyrme interaction **SLy5**. The pairing strength  $V_0 = -270 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}^3$  is fitted to reproduce the experimental neutron pairing energies near  $^{50}\text{Ca}$ .

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# Details of calculations

To construct the wave functions of the  $0^+$  states, in the present study we take into account all two- and three-phonon configurations below 30 MeV that are built from the phonons with different multipoles  $\lambda^\pi = 0^+, 1^-, 2^+, 3^-, 4^+$  and  $5^-$  coupled to  $0^+$ . We have checked that extending the configuration space plays a minor role in our calculations.

RPA low-lying states:  $2_1^+$ ,  $3_1^-$ ,  $4_1^+$  and  $5_1^-$  of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$

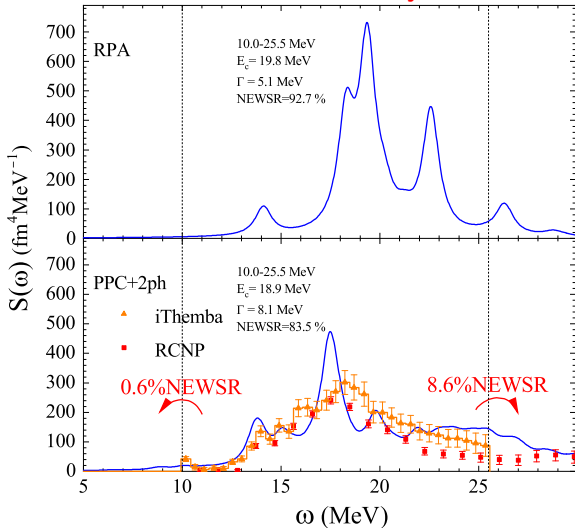
$\lambda_1^\pi$	Energy, MeV		$B(E\lambda; \lambda_1^\pi \rightarrow 0_{gs}^+)$ , W.u.	
	Expt.	RPA	Expt.	RPA
$2_1^+$	3.832	3.19	$1.84^{+0.17}_{-0.14}$	1.3
$3_1^-$	4.507	4.47	$8.4^{+4.3}_{-3.5}$	4.1
$4_1^+$	4.503	3.51		2.1
$5_1^-$	5.729	4.52		8.6

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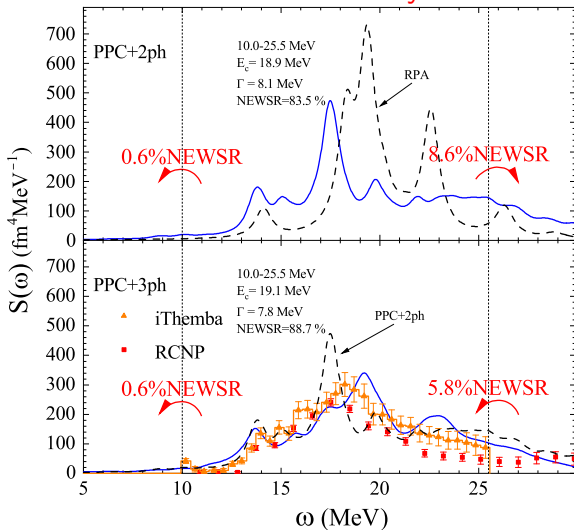
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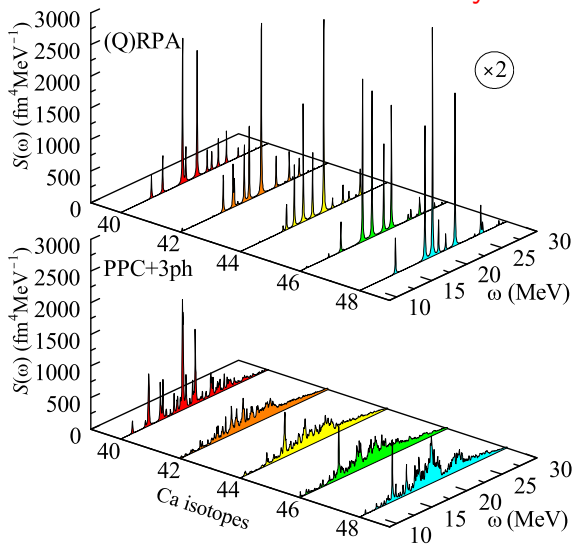
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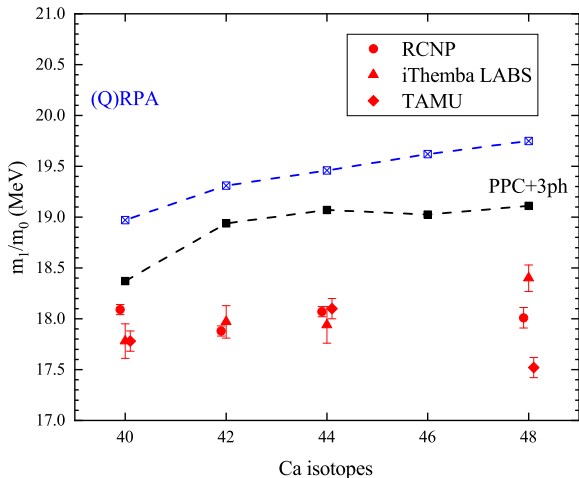


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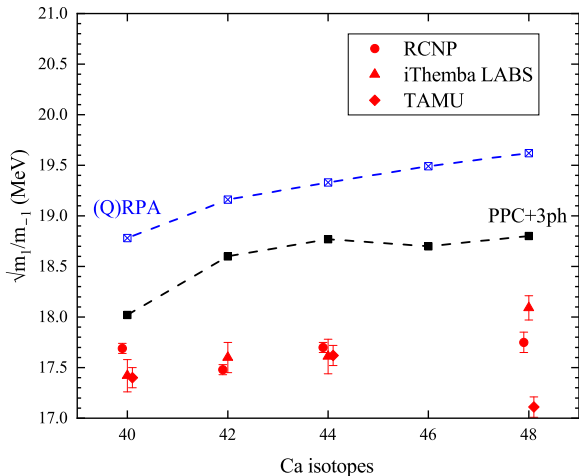




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# Conclusions

Starting from the Skyrme EDF, we have studied the effects of the phonon-phonon coupling on the properties of the ISGMR for the  $^{40,42,44,46,48}\text{Ca}$  isotopes. The inclusion of the coupling between one-, two- and three-phonon terms in the wave functions of excited  $0^+$  states leads to a redistribution of the strength of the ISGMR. This coupling causes spreading and an overall shift of the ISGMR centroid energy down with respect to its value obtained in the QRPA, which can amount up to 700 keV. We have clearly demonstrated that the inclusion of the PPC effects is crucial in order to achieve a unified description of the fine structure of the ISGMR. A reasonable agreement with the newest experimental results for the properties of the ISGMR in  $^{40,42,44,48}\text{Ca}$  has been obtained.

Investigations of fine structure of the ISGMR in  $^{40,42,44,48}\text{Ca}$  used a wavelet analysis are underway. The preliminary studies were performed in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ , e.g.,

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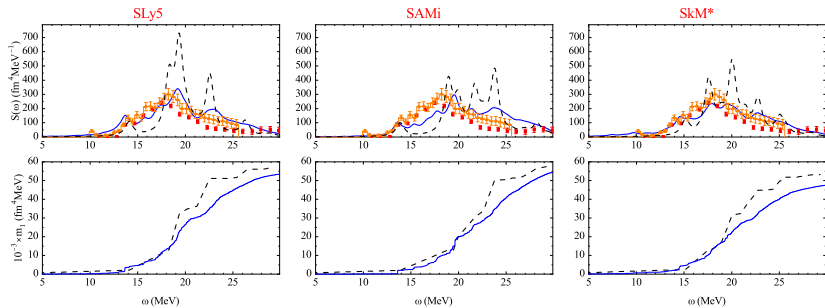
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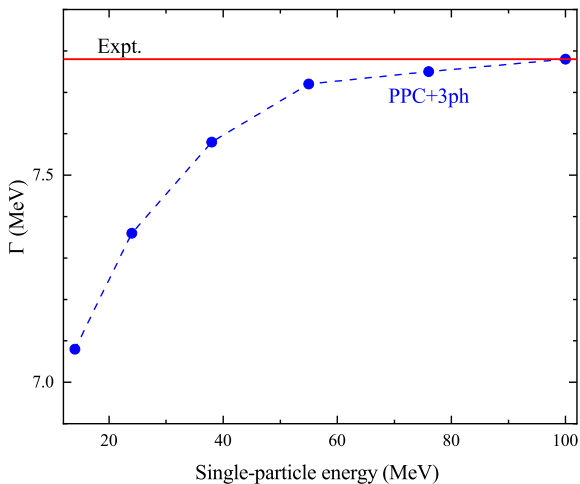
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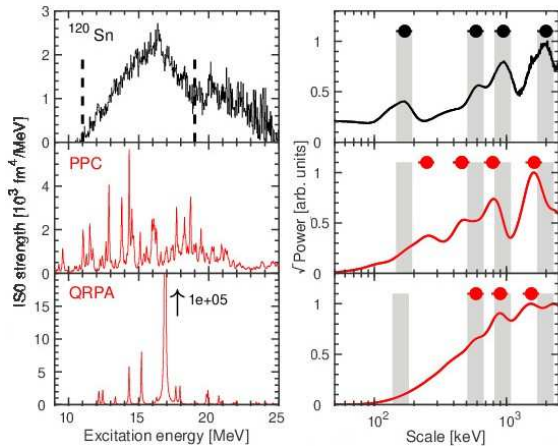
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