

# **Nuclear Pygmy Modes and Astrophysical Reactions**

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# Agenda

- **The Giessen DFT Approach: Microscopic EDF for HFB and multi-phonon QRPA theory**
- **Sn-isotopes: ground states and pygmy dipole (PDR) modes**
- **Neutron and proton capture cross sections for  $N \approx 50$  isotone**
- **Cosmo-chronometry: PDR modes in  $^{206}\text{Pb}$**

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# **The Giessen EDF Approach**

## **GiEDF**

# The Giessen EDF Approach:

## Density Functional Theory and Multi-Phonon QRPA Theory

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$$E(\rho, \kappa) \approx E(\rho_0, \kappa_0) + \sum_{q=p,n} \left( (T_q + U_q(\rho_0)) \delta\rho_q + \Delta_q \delta\kappa_q \right) + \sum_{q,q'=p,n} f_{qq'}(\rho_0) \delta\rho_q \delta\rho_{q'} + \dots$$

$$\delta\rho_q \sim \varphi_k^\dagger \varphi_n \quad ; \quad \delta\kappa_q \sim \varphi_k \varphi_n \quad \& \text{ h.c. } \quad ; \quad q=p,n$$

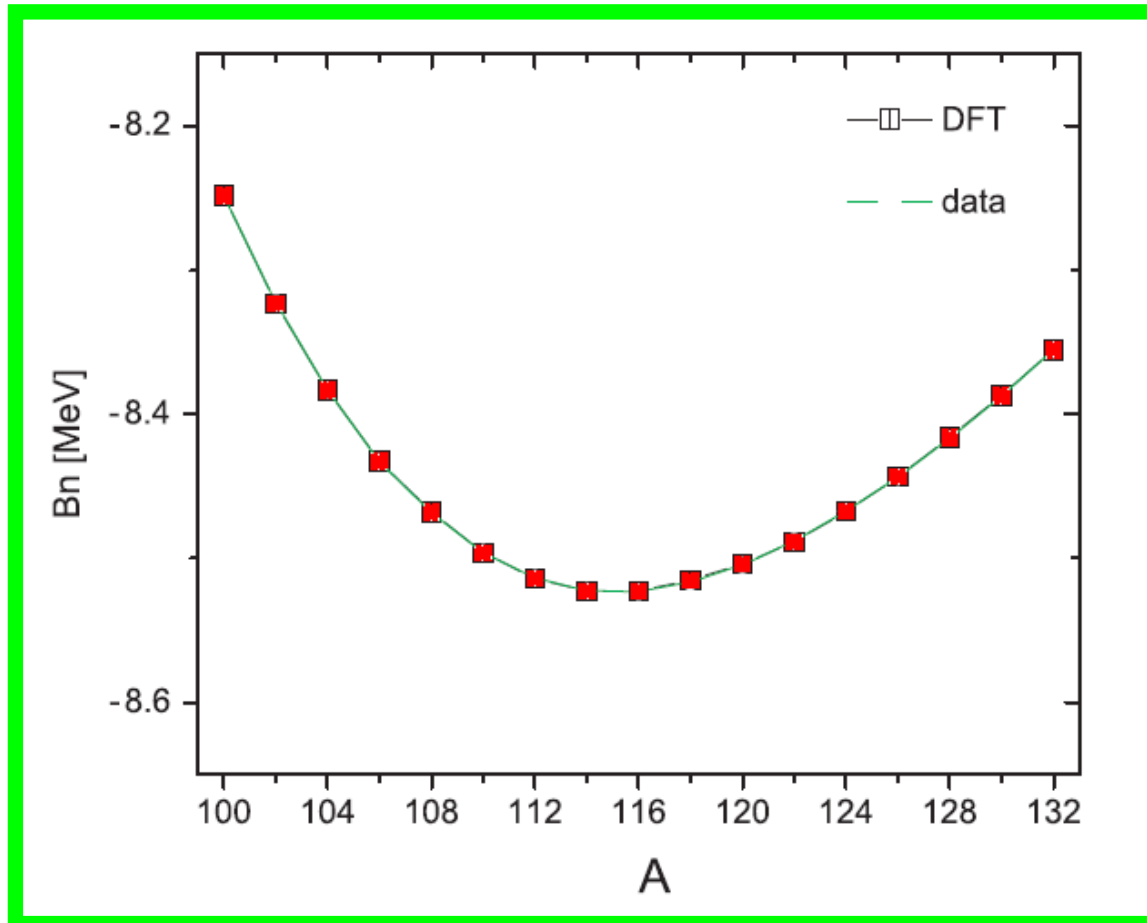
### Single Particle Self-Energy:

$$U_q = \frac{\delta}{\delta\rho_q} \frac{1}{2} \langle V \rangle = \underbrace{\sum_{q'} V_{qq'}(\rho) \rho_{q'}}_{\text{HF Mean-Field}} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\sum_{q'q''} \rho_{q'} \rho_{q''} \frac{\delta}{\delta\rho_q} V_{q'q''}(\rho)}_{\text{Rearrangement Self-Energy}}$$

**HF Mean-Field  
G-Matrix and 3-body interaction**

**Rearrangement Self-Energy  
Static polarization**

# GiEDF and HFB: Binding Energies of Sn-Isotopes



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# Nuclear Excitations

# Residual Two-Quasiparticle Interactions by Fermi-Liquid Theory

## Second Variation of the EDF: ( $q, q' = p, n$ and spins)

$$f_{qq'} = V_{qq'}(\rho) + 2 \sum_{q''} \rho_{q''} \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho_q} V_{q'q''}(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k'k''} \rho_{k'} \rho_{k''} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta \rho_q \delta \rho_{q'}} V_{k'k''}(\rho)$$

ph-term

polarization contributions

## Landau-Migdal Residual Interaction

# The Multi-Phonon RPA (M\*RPA) Approach to Nuclear Spectroscopy

- Anharmonicities due to coupling to multi-quasiparticle configurations
- Core polarization effects
- Damping width and energy shifts of ph-/2QP-states
- Quenching of interaction vertices and transition strengths („effective charge“)

$$\Psi_i^\dagger = \sum_a z_a^{(i)} \Omega_a^\dagger + \sum_{ab} z_{ab}^{(i)} \Omega_a^\dagger \Omega_b^\dagger + \sum_{abc} z_{abc}^{(i)} \Omega_a^\dagger \Omega_b^\dagger \Omega_c^\dagger$$

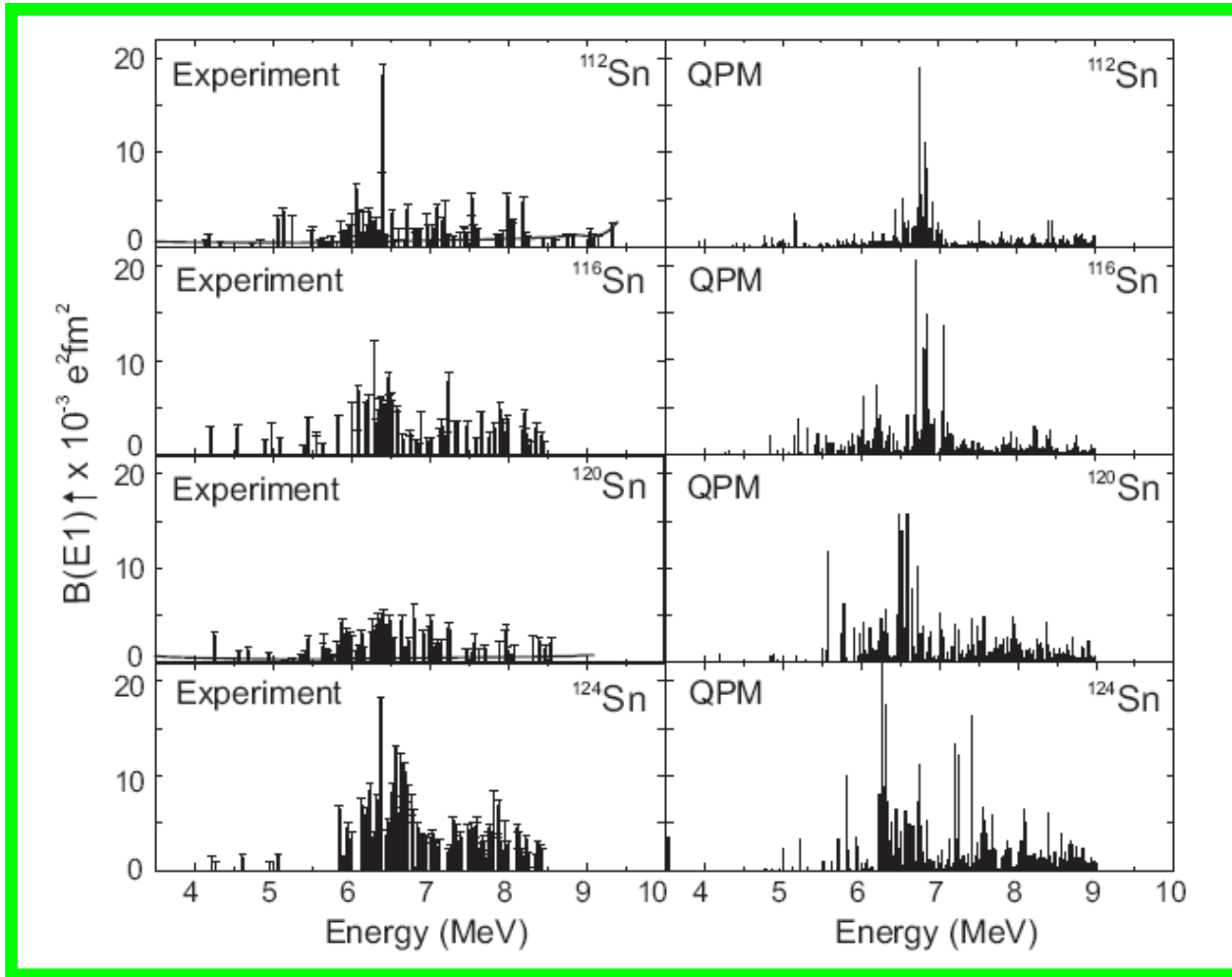
**Multi-Configuration Multi-Quasiparticle Wave Function – up to 3p3h/6QP**

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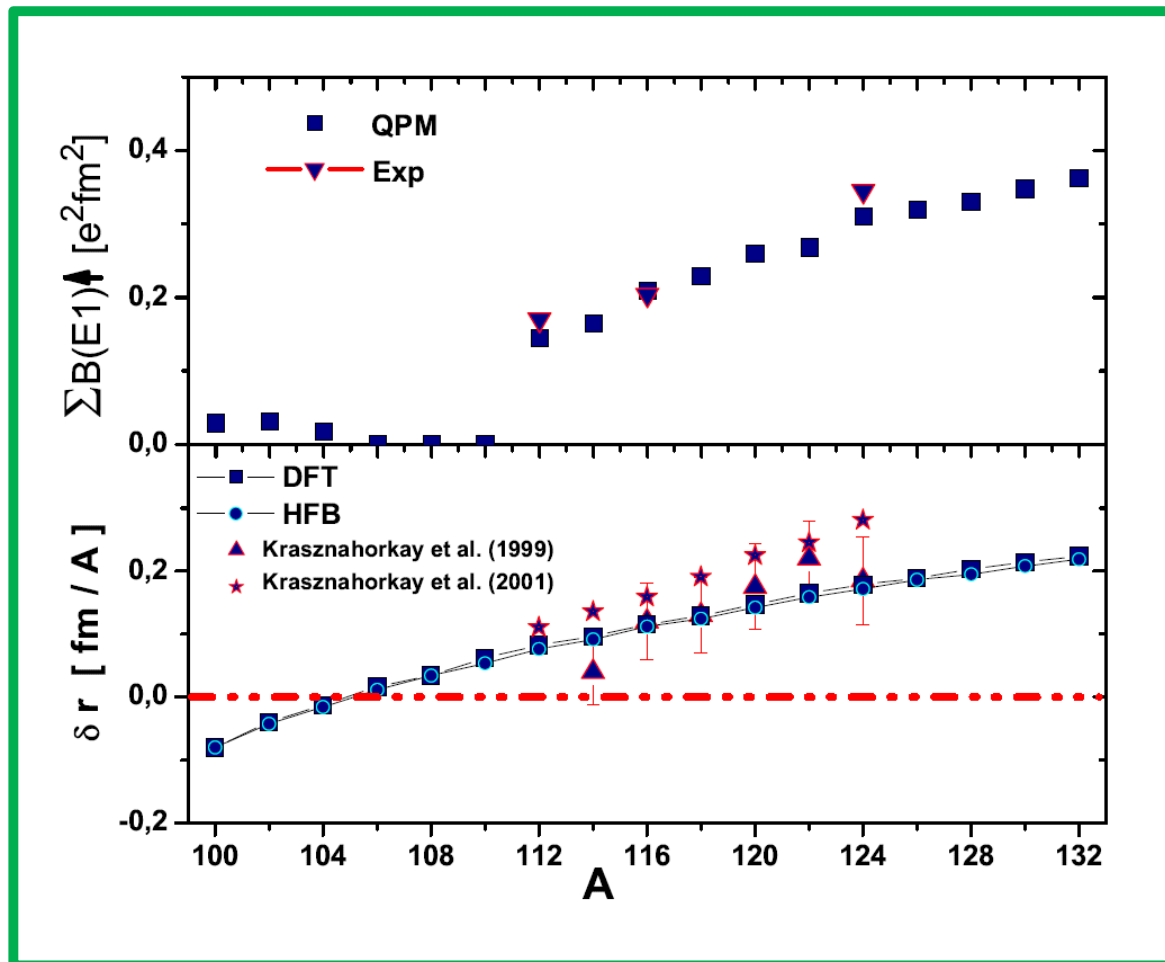
# Giessen DFT & Multi-Phonon Approach

## Pygmy Dipole Modes in Sn-Isotopes



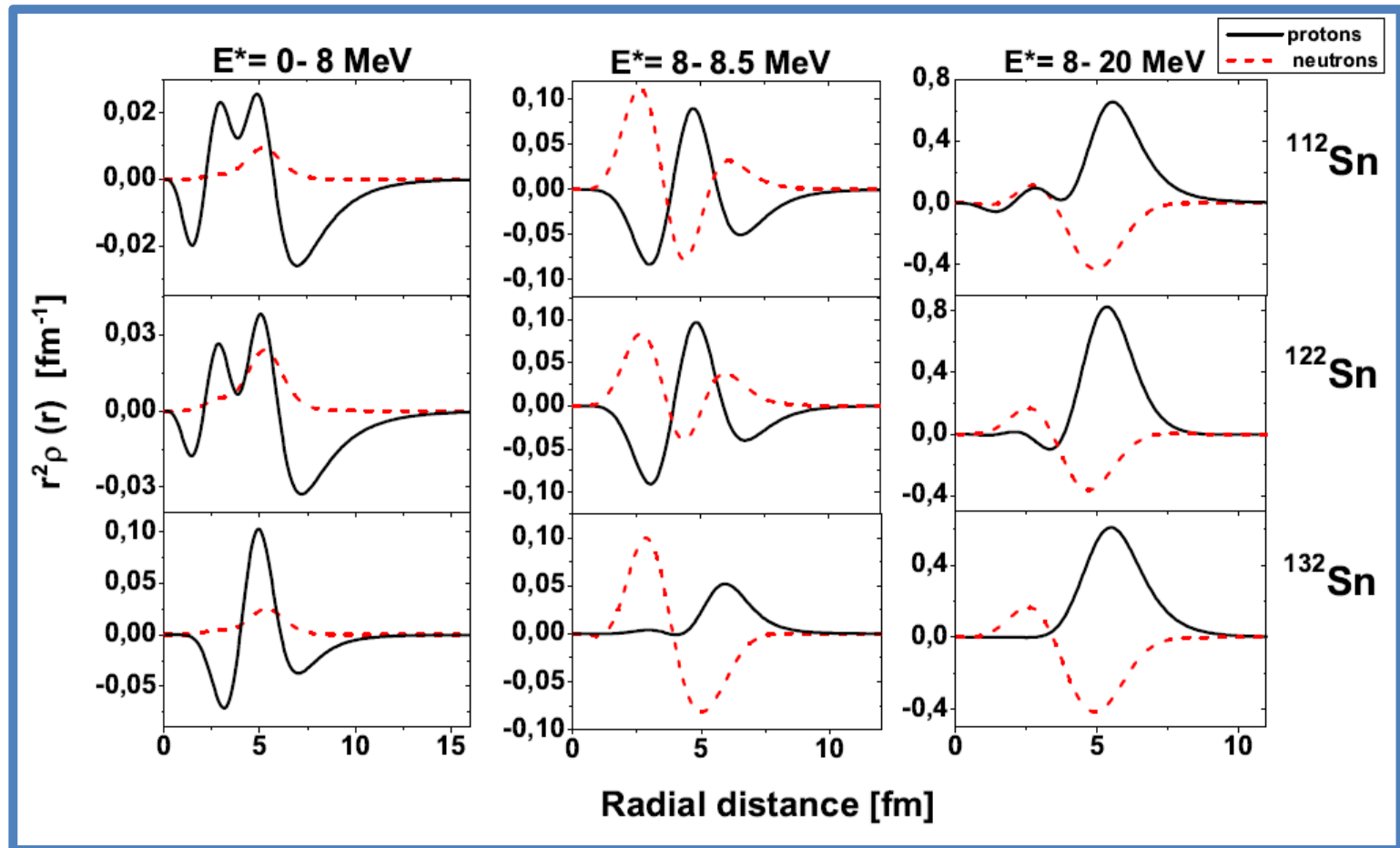
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# Pygmy Dipole Modes and Nuclear Skins



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# Dynamics of Pygmy Dipole Modes



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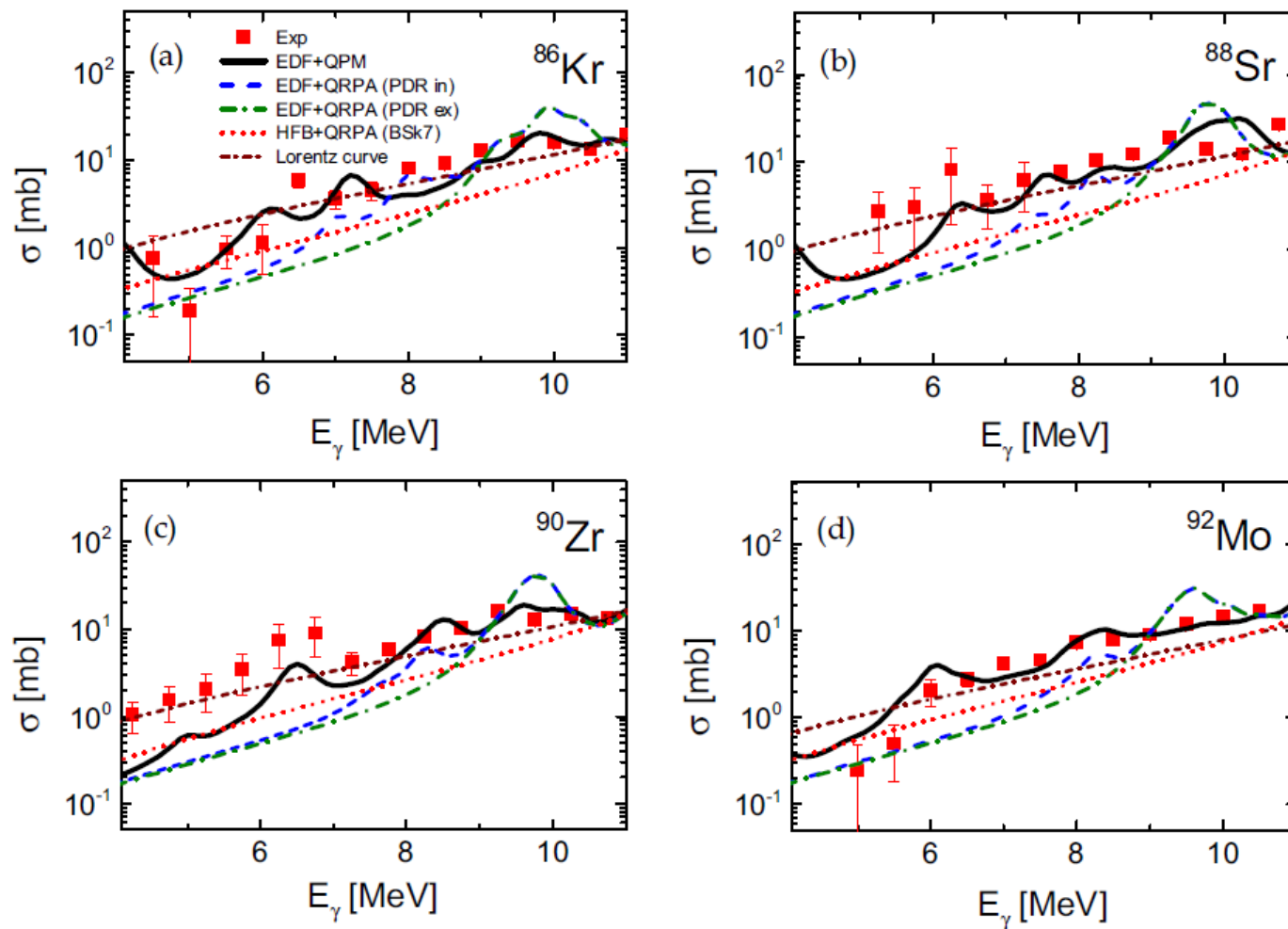
# The N=50 Isotones

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## Pygmy dipole strength in $^{86}\text{Kr}$ and systematics of $N = 50$ isotones

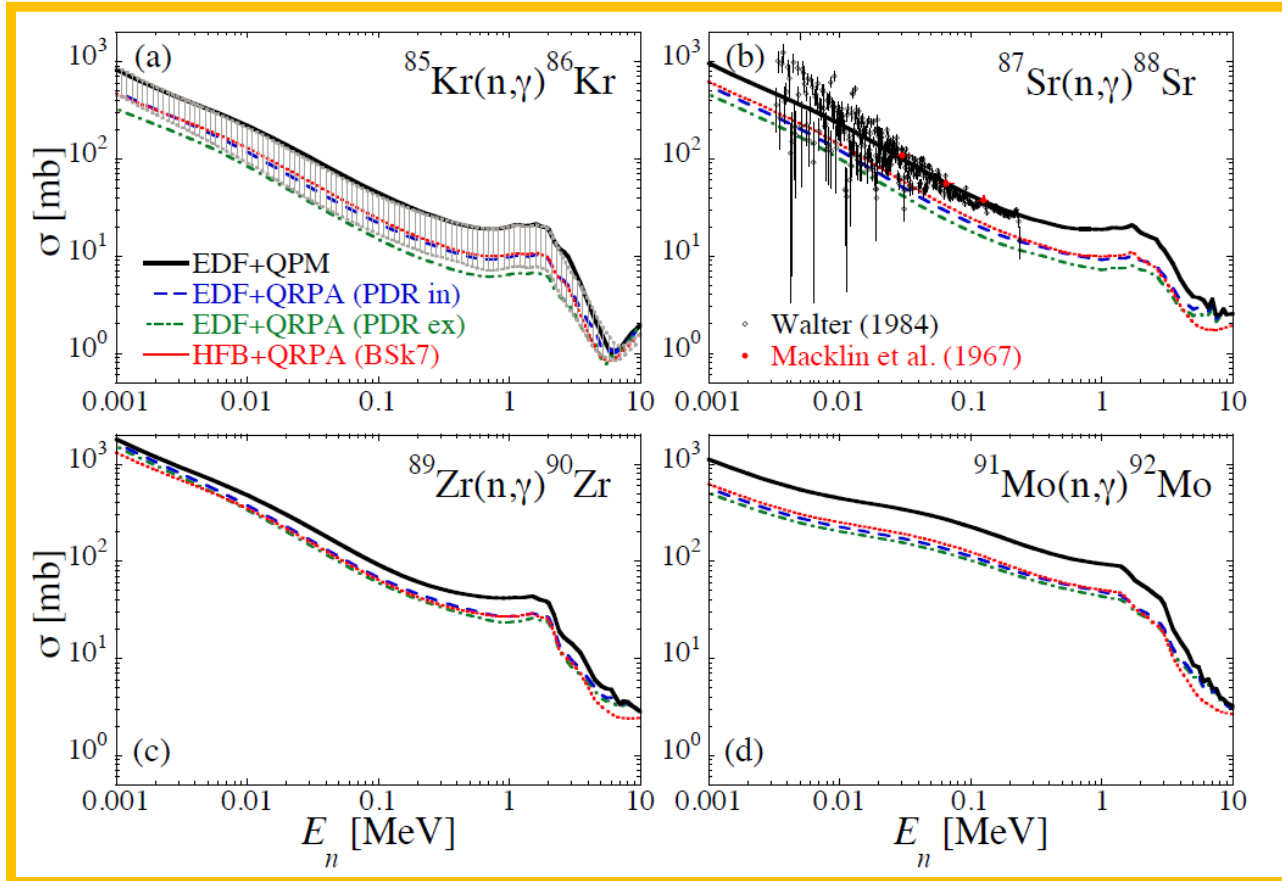
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# Photo-Absorption Cross Sections (Data: ELBE@Rossendorf and HIγS@Duke)



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# Neutron Capture Cross Sections



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## Note:

The  $(n,\gamma)$  reactions are NOT part of nucleo-synthesis reactions but the inverse  $(\gamma,n)$  reactions act to destroy the N=50 isotones

# Maxwellian –Averaged Neutron Capture Cross Sections at $kT= 30$ keV N=50 Nuclides

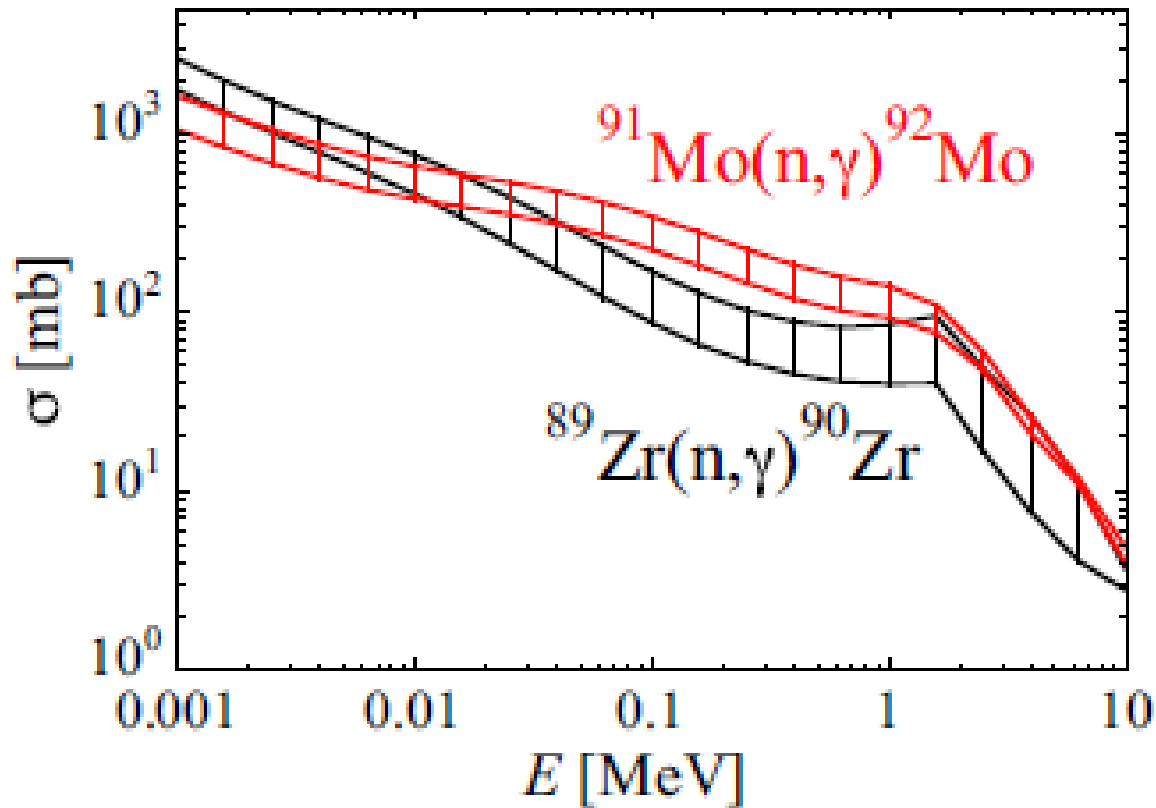
	Exp.	EDF + QPM	EDF + QRPA (PDR in)	EDF + QRPA (PDR ex)	HFB + QRPA (BSk7)
$^{85}\text{Kr}(n,\gamma)^{86}\text{Kr}$	$83_{-38}^{+23}$ [5]	104.0	53.1	37.3	59.0
$^{87}\text{Sr}(n,\gamma)^{88}\text{Sr}$	$92 \pm 4$ [7]	103.1	54.2	44.4	62.1
$^{89}\text{Zr}(n,\gamma)^{90}\text{Zr}$	–	224.3	170.4	152.1	159.8
$^{91}\text{Mo}(n,\gamma)^{92}\text{Mo}$	–	349.8	174.8	158.4	195.0

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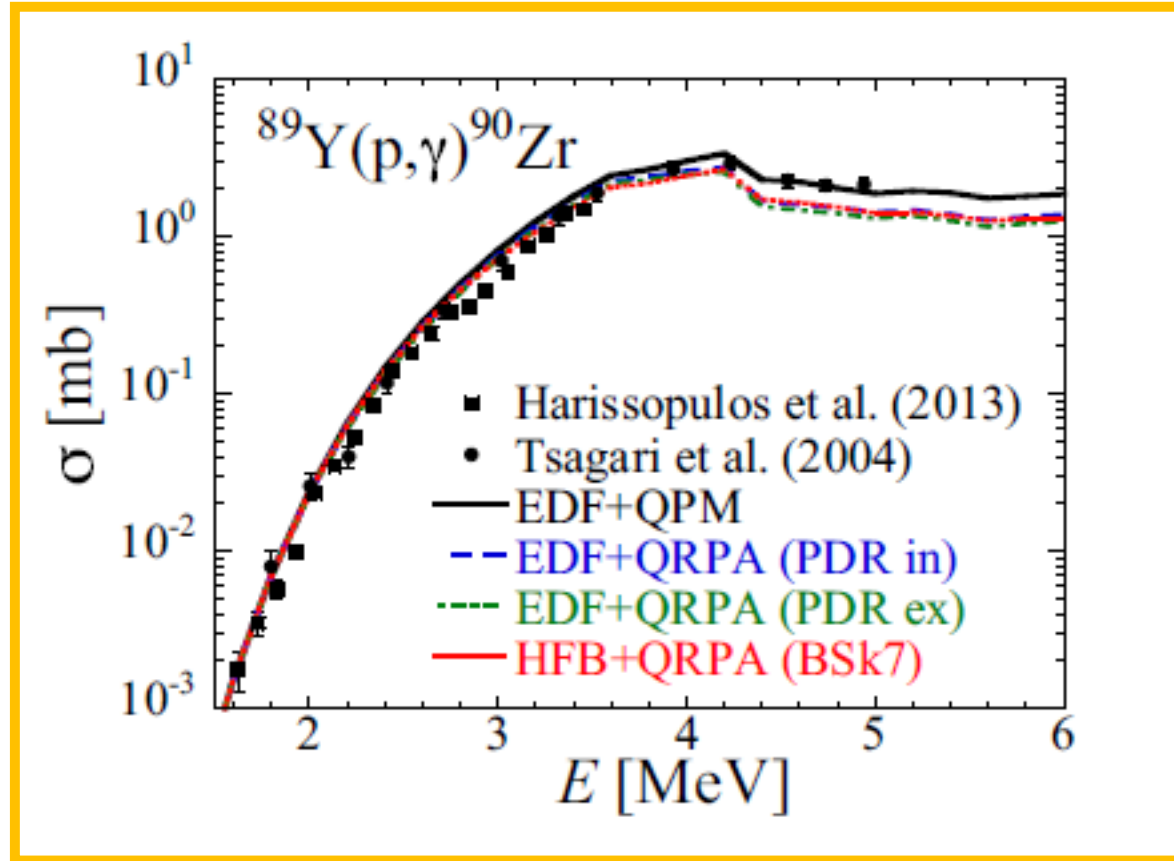
# Theoretical Uncertainty in Neutron Capture Cross Sections

## Dynamical 3-Phonon and Statistical NLD TALYS Results





# Proton Capture Reactions



- cross section sensitive to the  $\gamma$ -strength function only above the **neutron** emission threshold ( $E_{\text{thr}} \approx 3.6$  MeV).
- Below that threshold, the cross section is dominated by the p+A optical potential.

# Cosmo-Chronometry: $^{206}\text{Pb}$

**Explosive r- and AGB s-process production:**



→ Geo-chemical r-process indicator

→ Tracer for the now extinct  $^{205}\text{Pb}(t_{1/2}=1.73\cdot 10^7\text{ y})$

→ Solidification of the solar nebula

$(\vec{\gamma}, \gamma')$  experiment at the HIγS facility

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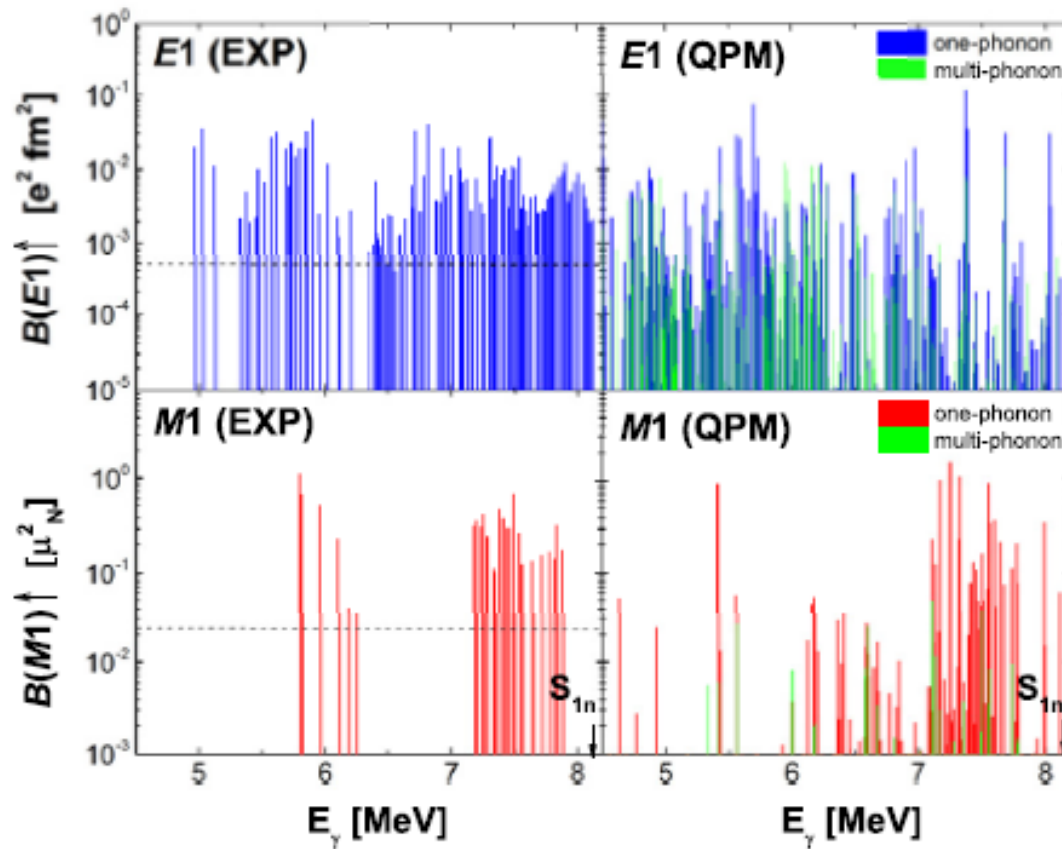
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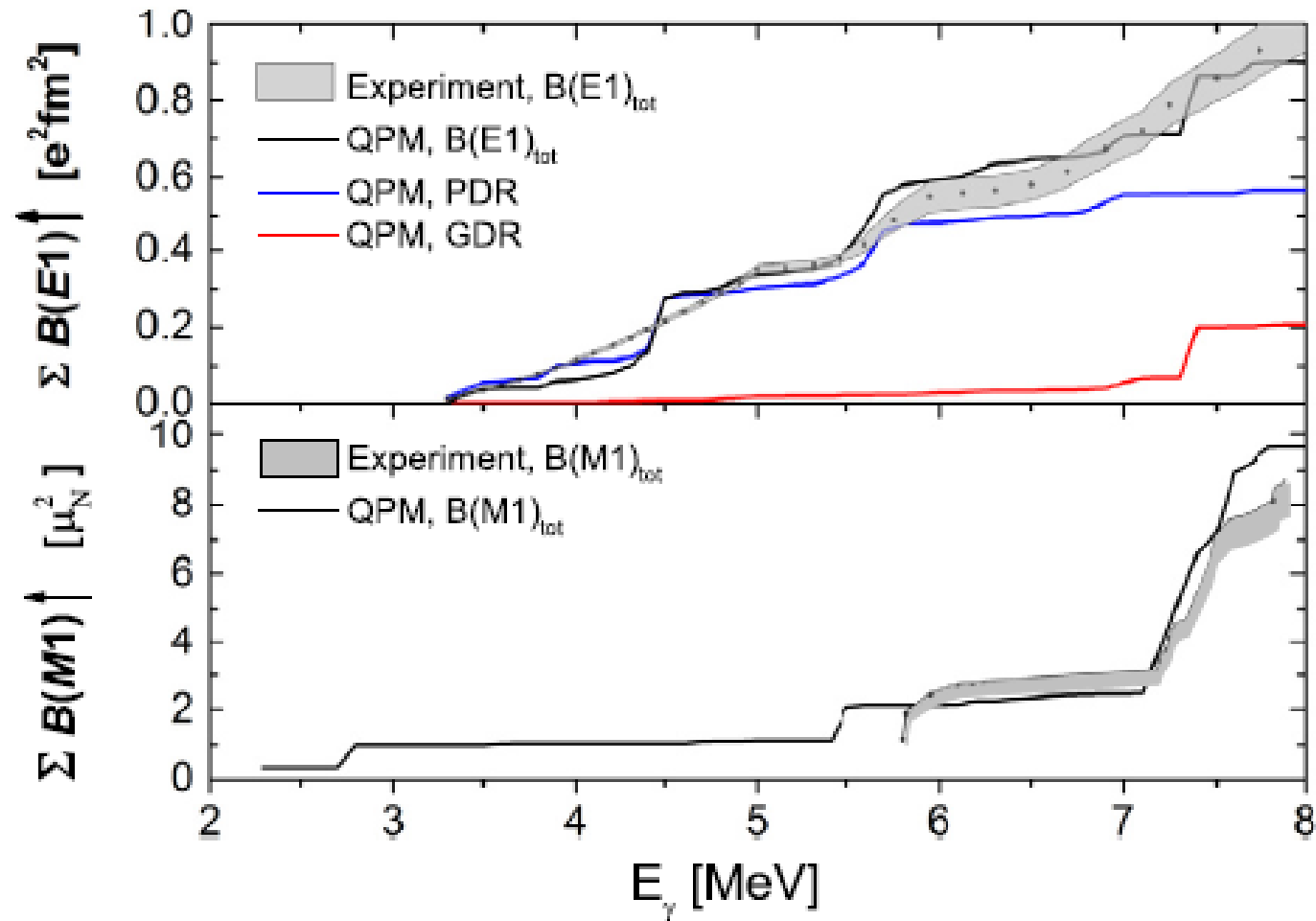
Pygmy and core polarization dipole modes in  $^{206}\text{Pb}$ : Connecting nuclear structure to stellar nucleosynthesis

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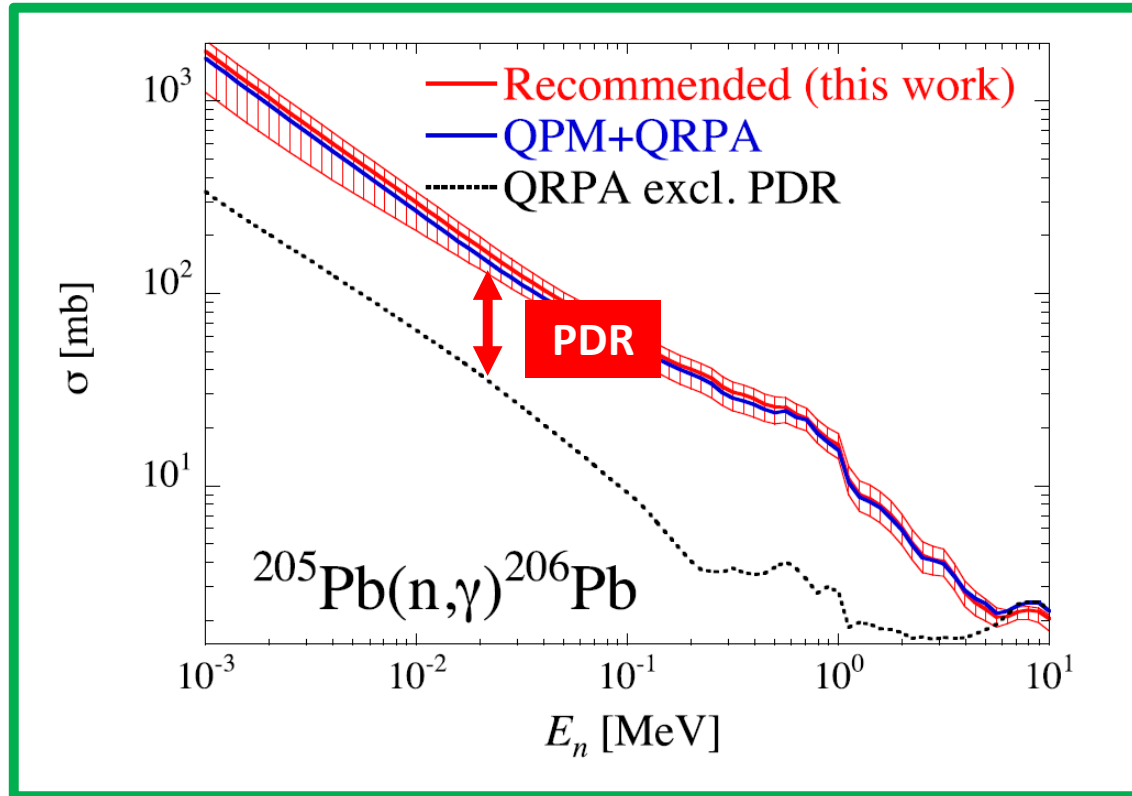
# $^{206}\text{Pb}$ Electric and Magnetic Dipole Response



# Cumulative Electric and Magnetic Dipole Strength Functions



# Neutron Capture Cross Section



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# Moments of the Photo-Absorption Cross Section

$$\sigma_{-n} = \int_0^{\infty} dE \frac{\sigma_{\gamma}(E)}{E^n} \leftrightarrow S_{-(n-1)} = \sum_c \frac{|M_{\gamma c}|^2}{E_c^{n-1}}$$

**n = 0 : Energy Weighted Sum Rule (EWSR)**

**n = 1 : Non-Energy Weighted Sum Rule (NEWSR) - total transition strength**

**n = 2 : Polarizability sum rule**

$$\alpha_D = \frac{1}{2\pi^2\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_{\gamma}(E)}{E^2} dE = \frac{\sigma_{-2}}{2\pi^2\alpha} = 6.942 \sigma_{-2}$$

**Dipole Polarizability**

# Photo-Cross Section Moments for $^{206}\text{Pb}$

## Comparison of Covariant EDF and GiEDF Results

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Model	$\sigma_0$ (mb MeV)	$\sigma_{-1}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{-2}$ (mb/MeV)	$R_{\text{skin}}$ (fm)	$J$ (MeV)	$L$ (MeV)	$K_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)
RMF012	3653	237	17	0.12 [0.13]	29.8	48.3	98.7
FSUGarnet	3689	243	18	0.15 [0.16]	30.9	51.0	59.5
FSUGold	3638	251	19	0.19 [0.21]	32.6	60.5	-51.3
RMF028	3711	265	21	0.26 [0.29]	37.5	112.6	26.2
RMF032	3812	262	21	0.30 [0.32]	41.3	125.6	28.6
GiEDF	3060	230	18	0.15 [0.16]	33.4	53.9	-188.4

**Symmetry Energy  $\leftrightarrow$  GDR Restoring Force:**

$$S(\rho) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{E}(\rho, \delta)}{\partial \delta^2} \right)_{\delta=0} \approx \mathcal{E}(\rho, \delta = 1) - \mathcal{E}(\rho, \delta = 0).$$

$$S(\rho) = J + Lx + \frac{1}{2} K_{\text{sym}} x^2 + \dots \quad \text{with} \quad x \equiv \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}.$$

# Summary and Outlook

- EDF variational approach to nuclear ground and excited states
- Microscopic energy density functional
- Nuclear spectra by HFB, QRPA, and M\*RPA multi-phonon theory
- Low-energy PDR modes and capture cross sections
- Pygmy modes as signatures for skin dynamics
- *Corresponding studies for the N=82 isotones*
- *Low-energy quadrupole excitations: the PQR modes*  
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