# Measurements of the GMR in direct kinematics at RCNP and in unstable nuclei with the MAYA active target



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# Outline

- Giant Monopole Resonance (GMR), nuclear incompressibility, and its importance
- GMR in <sup>56</sup>Ni using active target Maya at the GANIL facility
- GMR in Nd isotopes using Grand Raiden Spectrometer at the RCNP facility
- Summary

# **Giant Resonances**

#### Collective excitations: Coherent superposition of 1p-1h transitions



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# Schematic of Giant Resonances



#### Giant Resonances: Strength Distribution of Isoscalar / Isovector Resonances



Photo neutron cross-sections  $(\gamma, n)$ 

- Giant resonances are characterized by excitation energies higher than the particle-emission • threshold (10 - 30 MeV)
- Broad resonance widths

# Why study Giant Monopole resonance?

#### **Nuclear Incompressibility**

Incompressibility:

A measure of the resistance of matter to uniform compression

#### Why study nuclear incompressibility?

- Key input to the EoS of the nuclear matter
- Core collapse and supernovae explosion
- Formation of neutron star
- Collisions of heavy ions

$$E_{ISGMR} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{K_A}{m < r^2 > }}$$







See talks on Thursday

#### Giant Dipole resonance

$$E_{ISGDR} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{7}{3} \frac{K_A + \frac{27}{25} \epsilon_F}{m < r^2 >}}$$
 Isoscalar (In phase)  
$$\Delta T = 0$$

# Nuclear Incompressibility

$$K_A = K_{\infty} + K_{Surf} A^{-1/3} + K_{\tau} \left(\frac{N-Z}{A}\right)^2 + K_{Coul} Z^2 A^{-4/3}$$

$$E_{ISGMR} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{K_A}{m < r^2 >}}$$

Once  $K_A$  is found.



#### From GMR data on <sup>208</sup>Pb and <sup>90</sup>Zr and other nuclei,

K<sub>∞</sub> = 240 ± 10 MeV [See, e.g., G. Colò et al., Phys. Rev. C 70 (2004) 024307]

Fitting the centroid energies of soft Sn isotope and stiff Pb isotope simultaneously yielded a smaller value of  $K_{m}$  with large uncertainty, i.e., 230 ± 40MeV.

E. Khan, J. Margueron, I. Vidaña, PRL 109 (2012) 092501.E. Khan, J. Margueron, PRC 88 (2013) 034319.

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# Softness of nucleus



D. Patel et al Physics Letters B 718 (2012) 447-450

Similar situation in Sn isotopes T. Li, PRL 99, 162503 (2007)

$$E_{ISGMR} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{K_A}{m < r^2 >}}$$
$$K_A \xrightarrow{\text{RPA}} K_\infty$$

Why the Tin and Cadmium are fluffy?

### Previous works on Giant Monopole Resonance in Ni isotopes:

<sup>56</sup> Ni : ISGMR, ISGQR	[ <sup>56</sup> Ni( <i>d,d</i> ') <sup>56</sup> Ni*]	C. Monrozeau et al., PRL <b>100,</b> 042501 (2008)
<sup>58</sup> Ni : ISGMR, ISGDR, ISGQR	[ <sup>58</sup> Ni(α,α') <sup>58</sup> Ni*]	Y. Lui et al., PRC <b>73</b> , 014314 (2006)
<sup>60</sup> Ni : ISGMR, ISGDR, ISGQR	[ <sup>60</sup> Ni(α,α') <sup>60</sup> Ni*]	Y. Lui et al., PRC <b>73</b> , 014314 (2006)
<sup>68</sup> Ni : ISGMR, ISGQR	[ <sup>68</sup> Ni(α,α') <sup>68</sup> Ni*]	M. Vandebrouck et al., PRL 113, 032504 (2014)
<sup>68</sup> Ni : ISGMR, ISGQR	[ <sup>68</sup> Ni(d,d') <sup>68</sup> Ni*]	M. Vandebrouck et al., PRC <b>92</b> , 024316 (2015)

Best probe for Isoscalar Resonances:  $\alpha$ -particle or deuteron ( $\Delta T = 0$ )

 $\alpha$ -particle probe is better:

- Cross section: Reaction with  $\alpha$ -particle > Reaction with deuteron
- Background: Deuteron breaks at low energy
- Deuteron has spin 1 and α-particle has spin 0

### <sup>56</sup>Ni(α,α')<sup>56</sup>Ni\*

### Measurement at forwarding angles and inverse kinematics

Exotic beam (half life < seconds): Inverse kinematics (can not be a target)

Intensity of exotic beams very low ( $\sim 10^4 - 10^5$  pps)

Reasonable yields: thick target is needed



Forward angles characteristic of multipoles

Very low energy (~ sub MeV) recoil particle will not come out of the thick target

<sup>56</sup>Ni( $\alpha, \alpha'$ )<sup>56</sup>Ni\*

<sup>56</sup>Ni = Projectile

 $\alpha$  = Target

# Active target

A gas detector where the target gas also acts as a detector

- Angular coverage
- Effective target thickness can be increased without much loss of resolution
- Detection of very low energy recoil particle is possible



### Experimental Area at GANIL, France



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### Electrostatic mask to increase the dynamic range



### Beam Subtraction and Track Reconstruction



### Track and kinematics reconstruction inside MAYA



### Results <sup>56</sup>Ni( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ ') <sup>56</sup>Ni\*



# Results <sup>56</sup>Ni ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha'$ ) <sup>56</sup>Ni\*: Excitation energy spectra fitting



# Results <sup>56</sup>Ni ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha'$ ) <sup>56</sup>Ni\* : Multipole Decomposition Analysis



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#### Measurements in <sup>56</sup>Ni and <sup>68</sup>Ni with Maya



### Giant resonances in Ni isotopes: Status



 Measurements of Ni isotopes from neutron-deficient to neutron-rich in one experimental setup (ACTAR setup!!)

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### Storage Ring



LOI: Investigation of the ISGMR in <sup>56</sup>Ni at the GSI Experimental Storage Ring (Continuation of the Proposal E105): J. C. Zamora and O. Kiselev et al., See talk by J. Zamora

#### Isovector Giant Dipole Resonances: Photo-neutron cross-section



B. L. Berman and S. C. Fultz, Rev. Mod. Phys. 47, 713 (1975)

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Photo-neutron cross-section in deformed nuclei:

**Deformed Nucleus** 

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0(1 + \beta_2 Y_{20}(\theta, \phi))$$

a

b

$$\beta_2 (^{150}Nd) = 0.285(3)$$



B. L. Berman and S. C. Fultz, Rev. Mod. Phys. 47, 713 (1975) Photon Energy - MeV

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### Isoscalar resonances in deformed nuclei



### Isoscalar resonances in deformed nuclei:



QRPA calculations with Skyrme energy-density functional

Yoshida and Nakatsukasa, PRC 88, 034309 (2013)

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Isoscalar GR has been studied in Sm isotopes, <sup>24</sup>Mg, <sup>28</sup>Si, Mo isotopes.

See talks by A. Pastore, L. Usman

# Effect of deformation on ISGMR strength in Nd isotopes



- QRPA calculation: Position of the low-energy E0 peak matches with the position of the ISGQR (K = 0) peak suggesting the E0-E2 coupling
- TAMU data: Excitation energy spectra suffer from instrumental background as well as nuclear continuum; bombarding energy of  $\alpha$ -beam 129 MeV
- At RCNP we can perform the experiment without instrumental background and much lower nuclear continuum background; bombarding energy of  $\alpha$ -beam 400 MeV

### Discrepancy in ISGMR strength distribution in deformed <sup>154</sup>Sm

RCNP data Phys. Rev. C 68, 064602 (2003)

TAMU data Phys. Rev. C 69, 034315 (2004)



- EWSR of the low-energy ISGMR component to that of the high-energy ISGMR component is not consistent in these two different sets of data
- Discrepancy may be due to different bombarding energies of the beam J. Kvasil et al., Phys. Rev. C 94, 064302 (2016)
- Need investigation of another nucleus having strong deformation

# **Experimental Setup**

### **Faraday cup positions for different angles measurements**



### **Requirements:**

- α-beam to be halo free
- Beam energy ~ 386 MeV
- Intensity ~ 10 nA

7 different angular settings of the spectrometer: 0°, 2.5°, 3.5°, 5°, 6.5°, 8°, and, 9.5°

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# Research Center for Nuclear Physics: Grand Raiden Spectrometer

Coupled AVF and ring cyclotrons deliver 386 MeV  $\alpha$ -particles

Enriched (> 95%) <sup>142, 146, 148, 150</sup>Nd targets ( ~ 5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Focal plane: position-sensitive MWDCs and plastic scintillators for momentum analysis and particle identification.



# Calibration with <sup>24</sup>Mg ( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ ')



In <sup>24</sup>Mg, well-known low-lying discrete states

High-resolution reference spectra obtained from T. Kawabata

Calibration parameters were obtained using the kinematical relations between the incident particle, the target nucleus, and the scattered  $\alpha$  particle.

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# **Particle Identification**



Pulse height from plastic scintillators mounted on the focal plane versus horizontal focal plane position obtained from MWDCs.

# Instrumental Background



Double Focusing Mode of the Spectrometer

# Elastic Scattering of $\alpha$ -particles with <sup>142</sup>Nd



## **Optical Potential Parameters**

Elastic  $\alpha$ -scattering on <sup>142</sup>Nd

Fit to the elastic scattering data by chi<sup>2</sup> minimization



# **Oxygen Contamination Subtraction**



- Inelastic alpha scattering data off <sup>16</sup>O (SiO<sub>2</sub> target) from M. Itoh
- Beam energy is the same
- Oxygen spectrum is changed to the Nd kinematics
- Smeared to the experimental resolution
- Scaling of the spectrum done by taking the ratio of the corresponding peaks
- After scaling, the oxygen spectrum in Nd kinematics is subtracted from the Nd data

### Strength distribution extraction: Multipole Decomposition Analysis

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{exp}(\theta_{C.M.}, E_x)}{d\Omega dE_x} = \sum_{\lambda} A_{\lambda}(E_x) \frac{d^2 \sigma_{\lambda}^{DWBA}(\theta_{C.M.}, E_x)}{d\Omega dE_x}$$

- Until L = 7 multipoles have been considered
- Optical parameters used from the elastic scattering data
- Coupled channel code (CHUCK3) was used to calculate the theoretical angular distribution at a particular energy
- IVGDR contribution has not yet been subtracted
- Energy bins used 400 keV

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### Summary

- Active target is an alternative to study the GMR of exotic nuclei using inelastic alpha particle scattering
- Fluffiness in some nuclei is still an open question. Need further data.
- Storage ring is another good approach to study the GMR for exotic nuclei
- Data analysis of Nd isotopes taken using the Grand Raiden Spectrometer is ongoing. Energy bins 400 keV show statistical fluctuations. 1 MeV energy bin would be better.
- IVGDR contribution has not yet been subtracted
- Data from another strongly deformed nucleus <sup>172</sup>Yb ( $\beta_2 = 0.33$ ) was taken.

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