

# Recent studies on the dipole nuclear excitations within the Subtracted Second RPA

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## Outline

- Theoretical models: RPA and Second RPA (SRPA)
- Improving on the SRPA: the Subtracted SRPA (SSRPA)
- Dipole excitations: Pygmy states and GDR
- Beyond-mean-field effects on the symmetry energy and its slope
- Low-lying monopole excitations: soft modes
- Gamow-Teller excitations and Beta-decay
- Conclusions

## The Random Phase Approximation (RPA)

- The RPA is a widely used approximation for the description of NEs
- Very successful especially within the Energy Density Functional framework (interactions à la Skyrme or Gogny, covariant versions)
- It provides global properties: centroid energies and total strength

However, extensions of the RPA are required for:

- Spreading Width
- Fine Structure and Strength Fragmentation
- Low Lying excitations in closed shell nuclei
- Double excitations and Anharmonicities, ...

**The Second RPA (SRPA):** more general excitation operators are introduced

Set of exact eigenstates of the Hamiltonian  $H$

$$H|\nu\rangle = E_\nu |\nu\rangle$$

where  $|0\rangle$  is the ground state with energy  $E_0$ .

## Phonon Operators

Let us introduce the operators  $Q$ 's:

$$Q_\nu^\dagger |0\rangle = |\nu\rangle, \quad Q_\nu |0\rangle = 0.$$

## Equations of Motion:

$$\langle 0 | [\delta Q, [H, Q_\nu^\dagger]] | 0 \rangle = \omega_\nu \langle 0 | [\delta Q, Q_\nu^\dagger] | 0 \rangle$$

where

$$\omega_\nu = E_\nu - E_0.$$

## Phonon Operators: RPA vs SRPA

## Random Phase Approximation (RPA)

$$Q_\nu^\dagger = \underbrace{\sum_{ph} X_{ph}^{(\nu)} \underbrace{a_p^\dagger a_h}_{1p-1h} - \sum_{ph} Y_{ph}^{(\nu)} \underbrace{a_h^\dagger a_p}_{1h-1p}}_{\text{Only Landau Damping, Centroid Energy and Total Strength of GRs}}$$

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$$Q_\nu^\dagger = \sum_{ph} (X_{ph}^{(\nu)} a_p^\dagger a_h - Y_{ph}^{(\nu)} a_h^\dagger a_p) + \underbrace{\sum_{p_1 < p_2, h_1 < h_2} (X_{p_1 h_1 p_2 h_2}^{(\nu)} \underbrace{a_{p_1}^\dagger a_{h_1}^\dagger a_{p_2} a_{h_2}}_{2p-2h} - Y_{p_1 h_1 p_2 h_2}^{(\nu)} \underbrace{a_{h_1}^\dagger a_{p_1}^\dagger a_{h_2} a_{p_2}}_{2h-2p})}_{\text{Spreading Width, Fragmentation, Double GRs and Anharmonicites, Low-Lying States}}$$

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## Computationally very demanding

- Only recently full large scale SRPA calculations have been performed <sup>a</sup>
- Model spaces large enough to preserve EWSRs
- No approximation in the evaluation of the matrix elements

<sup>a</sup>P. Papakonstantinou and R. Roth, PLB 671, 356 (2009); D.G et al. PRC 81, 054312 (2010)



## RPA Matrices (1p1h configurations)

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## Quasi Boson Approximation (QBA) is still used

The vacuum of the Q's operators  $|0\rangle$  is not known:

$$|0\rangle \mapsto |HF\rangle, \quad [a_p^\dagger a_h, a_{h'}^\dagger a_{p'}] \approx \delta_{pp'} \delta_{hh'}$$

Large scale SRPA calculations have shown that:

- The SRPA strength distribution is systematically shifted towards lower energies compared to the RPA one
- This shift is very strong ( $\simeq 3\text{-}4$  MeV), RPA description often spoiled

Origins and Causes:

- ① Quasi Boson Approximation and stability problems in SRPA
- ② Use of effective interactions in beyond-mean field methods

The Subtraction procedure (I. Tselyaev Phys. Rev. C 75, 024306 (2007))

- Designed for beyond RPA approaches
- It restores the Thouless theorem, e.g. instabilities are removed
- Static ( $\omega = 0$ ) limit of the SRPA imposed to be equal to the RPA one

## From SRPA to an Energy dependent RPA-like problem

- The SRPA problem as an energy-dependent RPA problem

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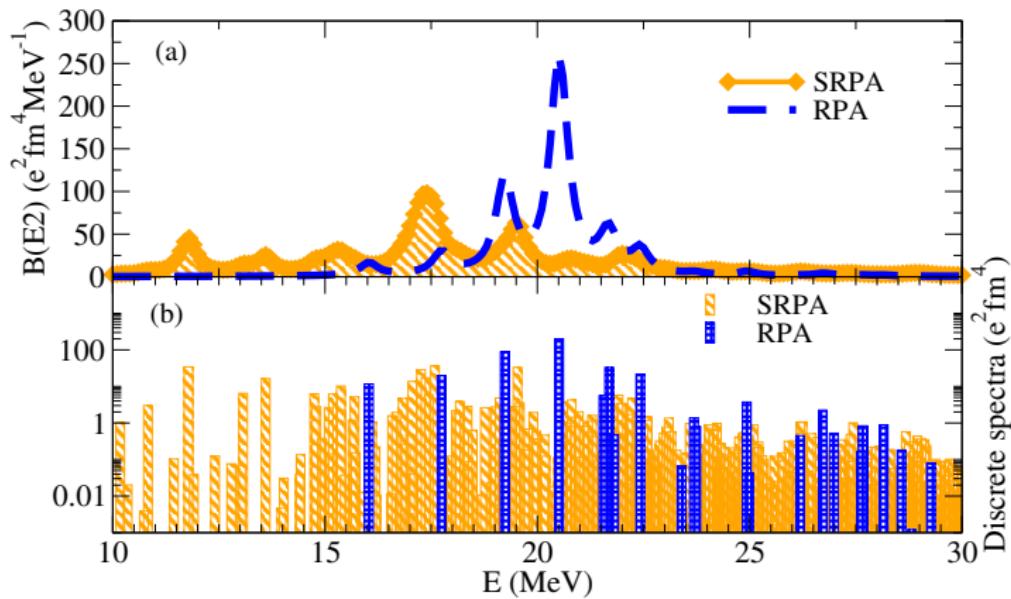
Numerical implementation

- Subtraction performed in diagonal approximation, e.g.  $A_{2,2'} \approx \delta_{2,2'} A_{2,2}$
- Full subtraction recently performed (GT strength)<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>DG, M. Grasso, J. Engel, Physical Review Letters 125, 212501 (2020)

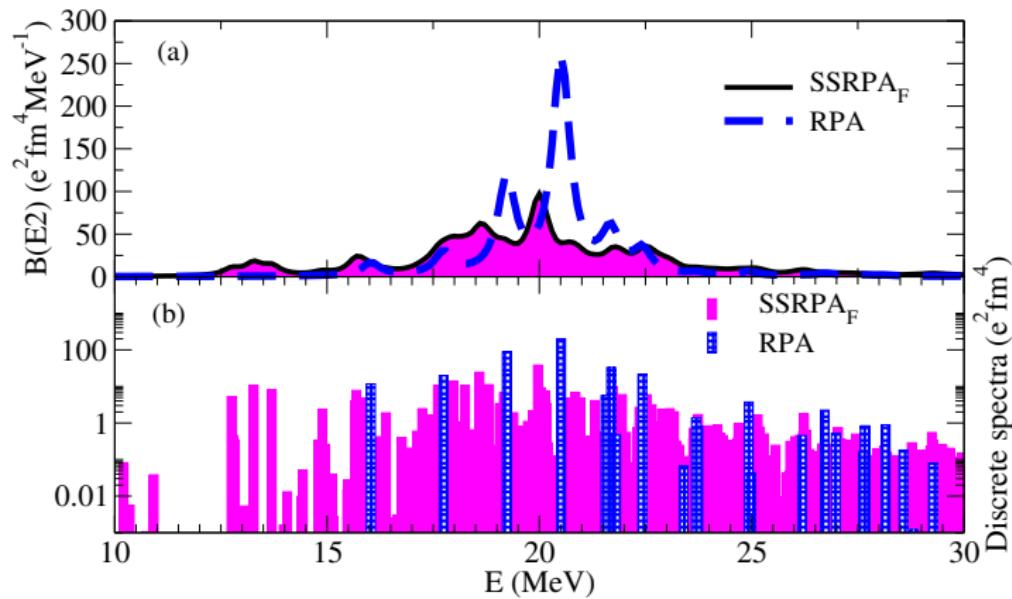


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## Low-lying dipole response in $^{48}\text{Ca}$ : Motivation

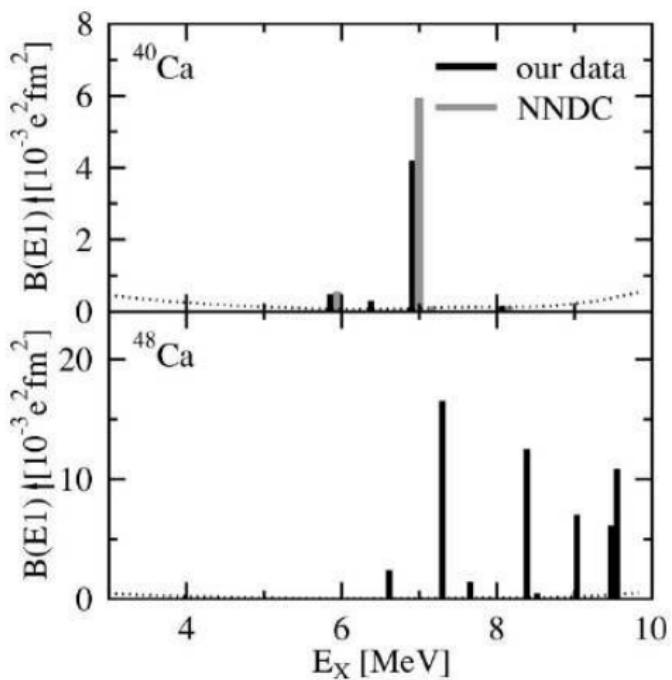
- Experimental low-lying dipole (from 5 to 10 MeV) response in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  stronger than in  $^{40}\text{Ca}$
- Pygmy Dipole Resonance (PDR) type?
- Not described in relativistic and non-relativistic RPA models
- What happens in SRPA <sup>a</sup> ?
- and in the SSRPA <sup>b</sup> ?

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<sup>a</sup>D. G., M. Grasso, and F. Catara, Phys. Rev. C 84, 034301 (2011)

<sup>b</sup>D. G., M. Grasso and O. Vasseur, Physics Letters B 777 (2018) 163–168

# Experimental low-lying dipole strength in $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$ . (Photon Scattering)



$$\sum B(\text{E}1) = 5.1 \pm 0.8 \left( 10^{-3} \text{e}^2 \text{fm}^2 \right),$$

$$\sum B(\text{E}1) = 68.7 \pm 7.5 \left( 10^{-3} \text{e}^2 \text{fm}^2 \right),$$

From T. Hartmann *et al.*, PRC 65, 034301, (2002)

# Relativistic RPA results

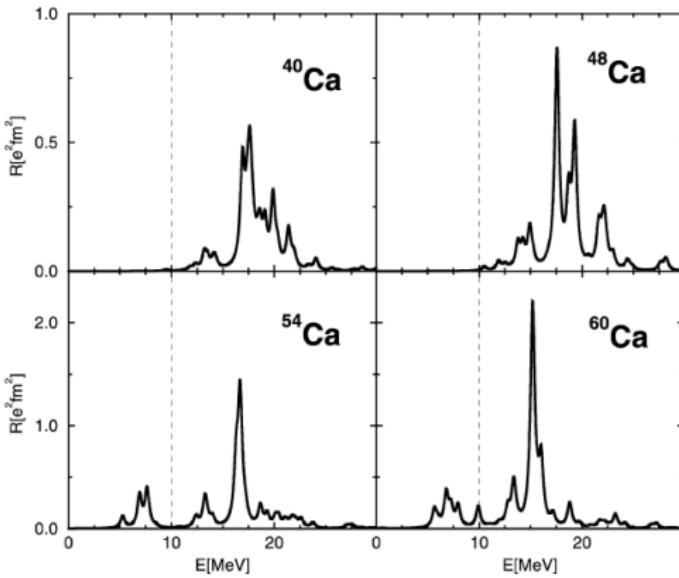
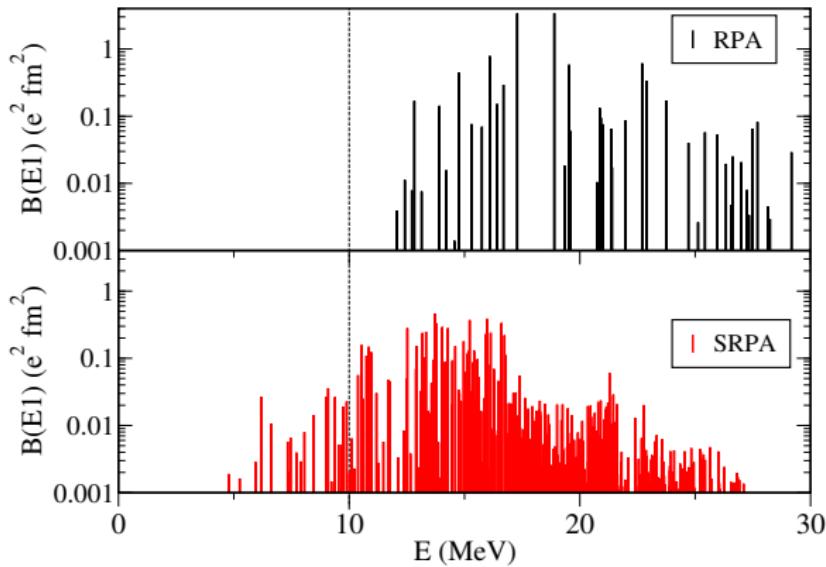


Fig. 5. RRPA isovector dipole strength distributions in Ca isotopes. The thin dashed line tentatively separates the region of giant resonances from the low-energy region below 10 MeV.

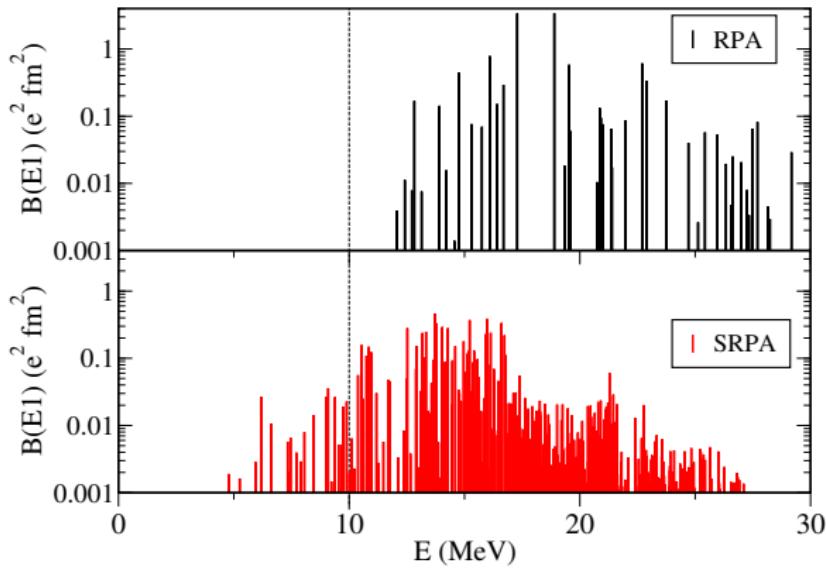
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# RPA and SRPA Dipole Strength

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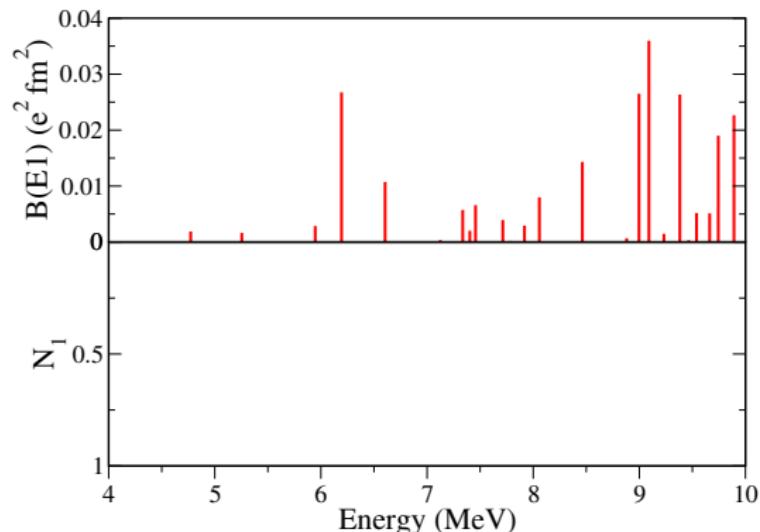


SRPA provides the strength below 10 MeV, but total strength is overestimated.

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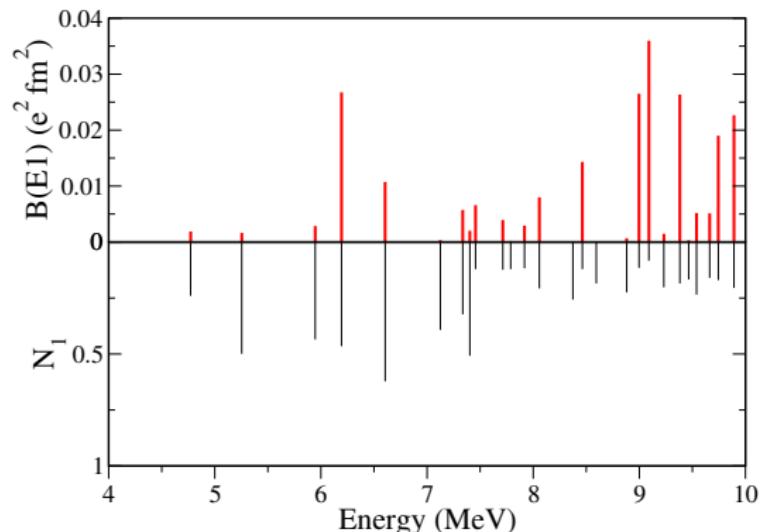
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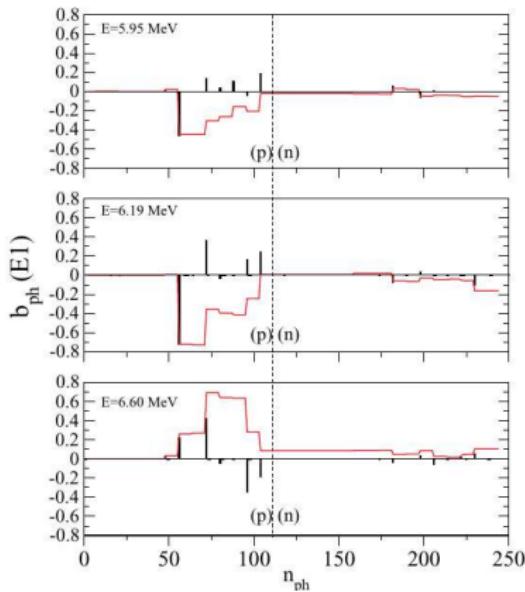
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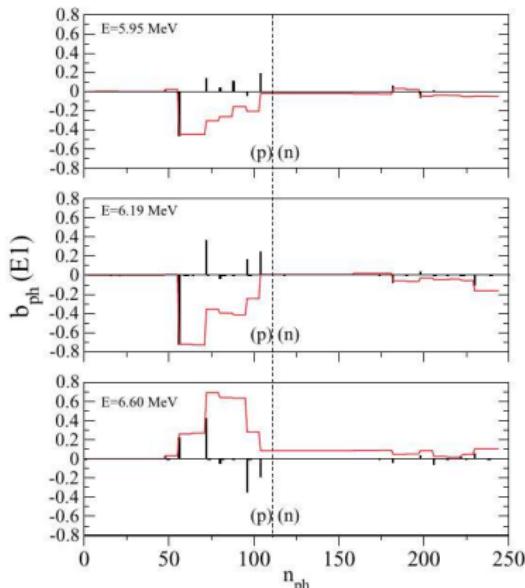


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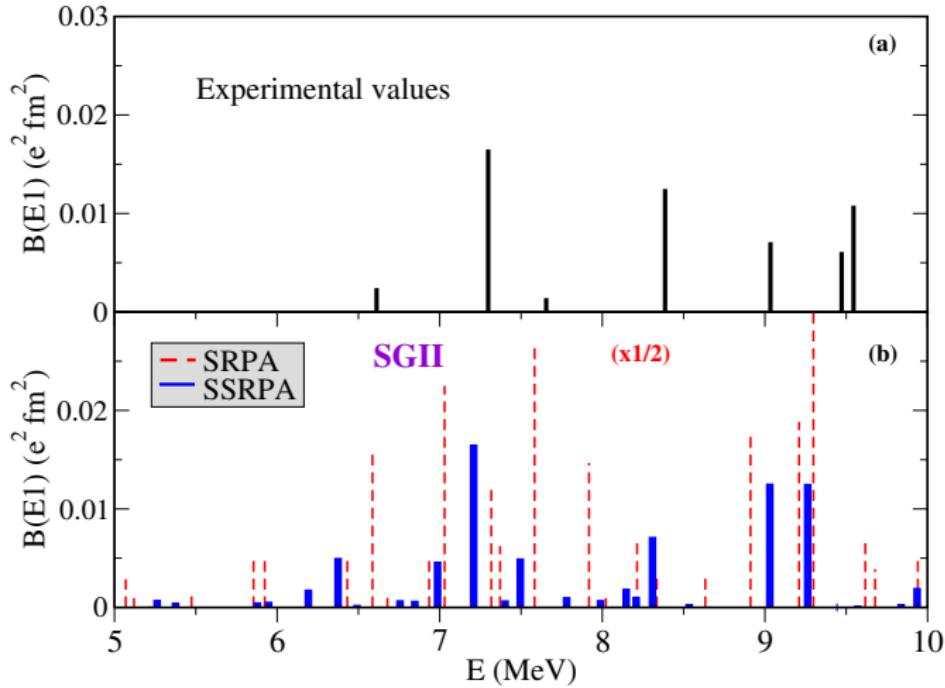
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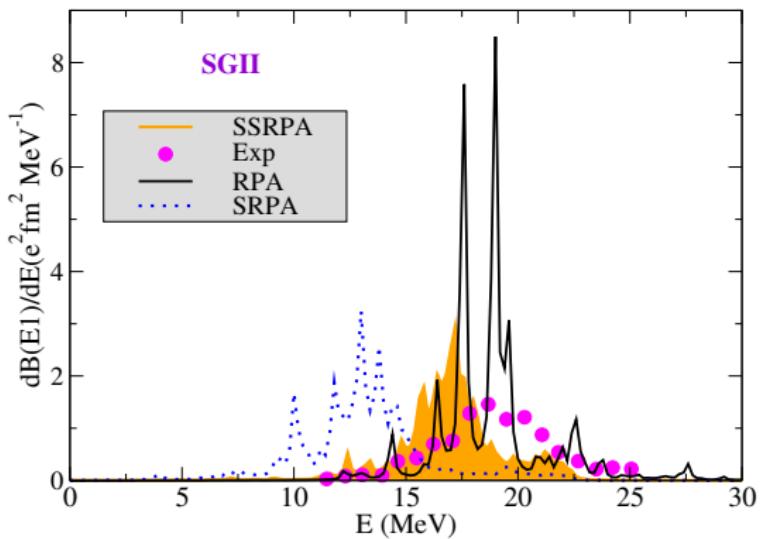
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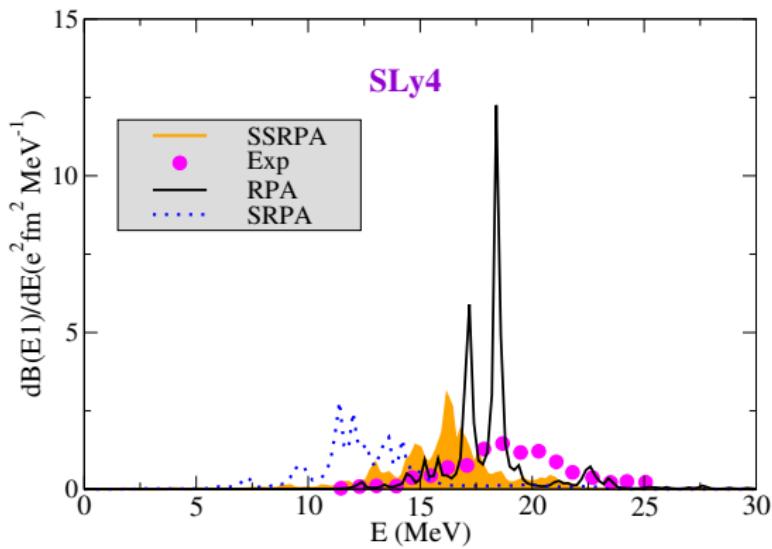
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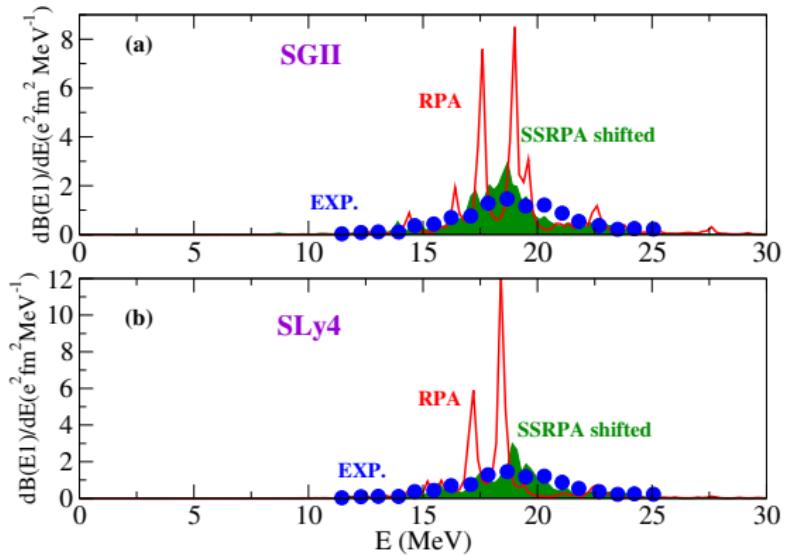


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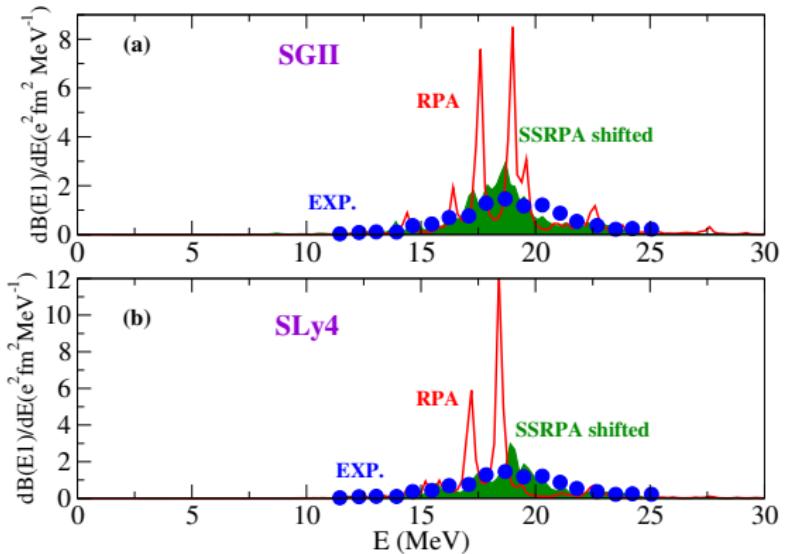


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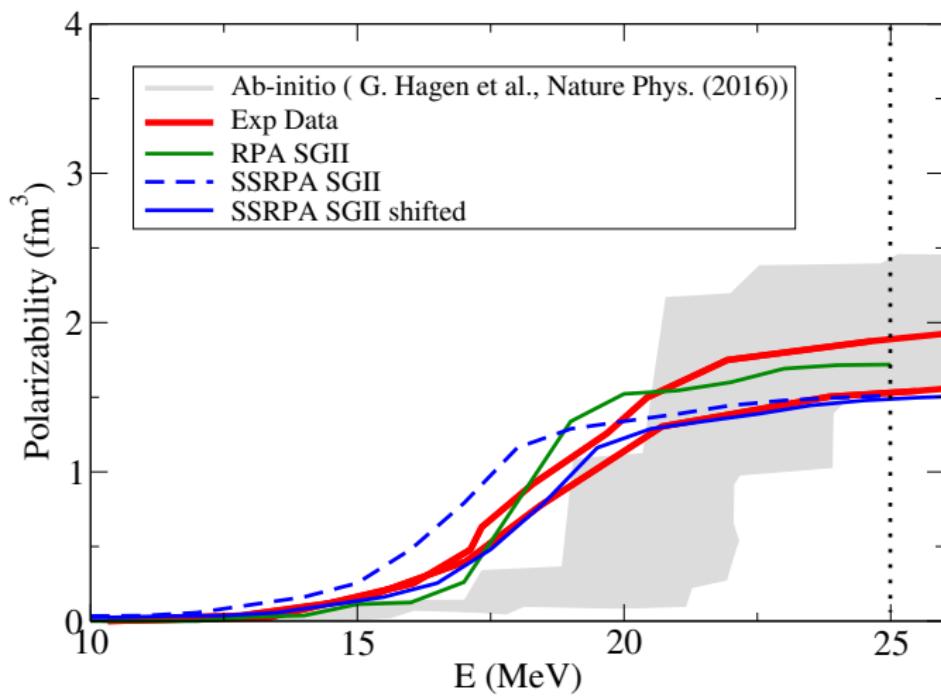


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# Dipole Polarizability



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- (II) D.M. Rossi et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 242503 (2013): strength centered at around 9.55 MeV with a contribution of 2.8% to the EWSR
- The discrepancy in the value of the centroid was explained as a possible 'energy-dependent branching ratio'.
- Isoscalar excitation on  $^{12}\text{C}$  target @ LNS: peak located around 10 MeV with a contribution of 10% to the EWSR (N.S. Martorana et al., Phys. Lett. B 782, 112 (2018))



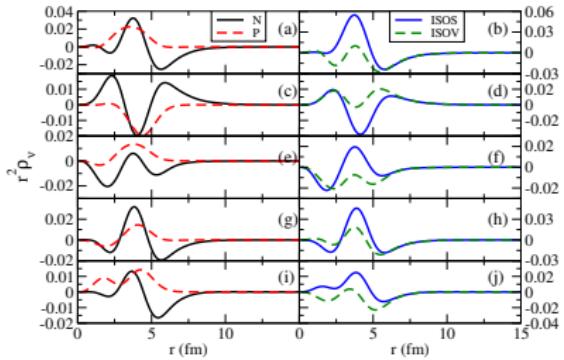
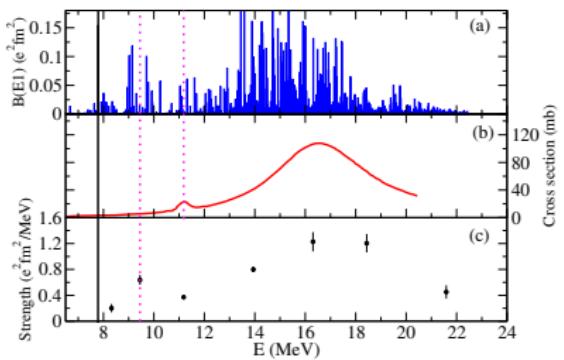
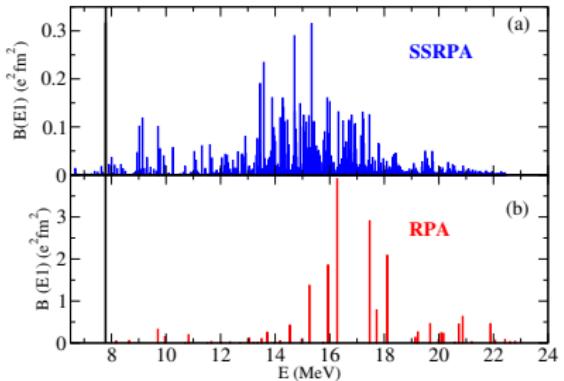
## Low-energy dipole states in $^{68}\text{Ni}$

- We study low-energy dipole excitations in  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  within the SSRPA
- Strength distributions are compared with available experimental data
- Transition densities of some selected (low-lying) peaks are analyzed.
- **We estimate beyond-mean-field (BMF) on the symmetry energy ( $J$ ) and on its slope ( $L$ )**
- M. Grasso and DG Phys. Rev. 101, 064314 (2020)

## Employed linear correlations

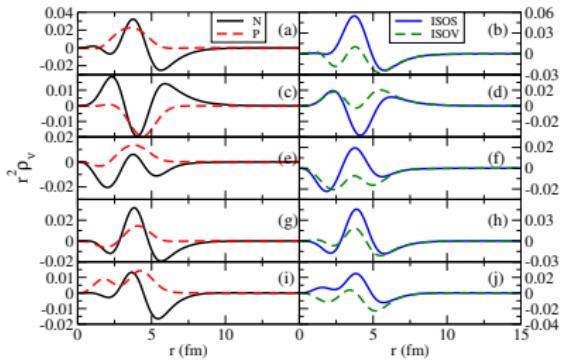
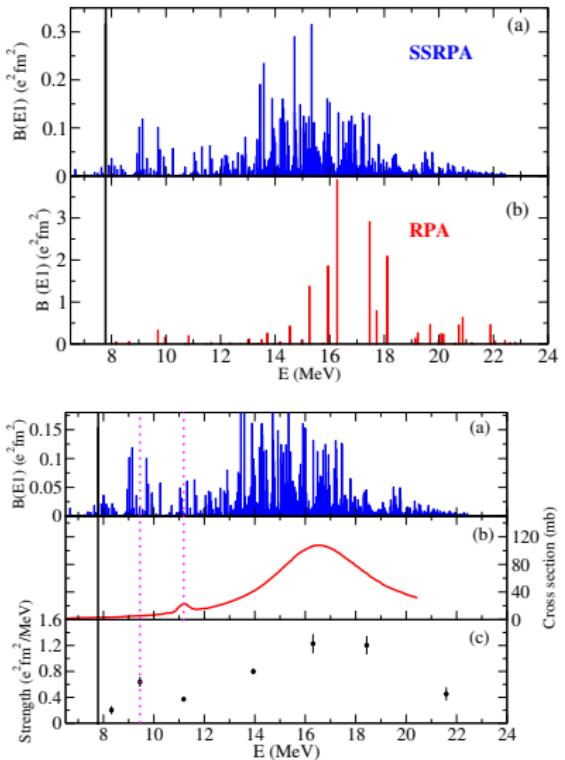
- Percentage of EWSR and  $L$ :  
A. Klimkiewicz et al., Phys. Rev. C 76, 051603 (R) (2007); A. Carbone et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 041301 (R) (2010)
- $L$  and neutron-skin thickness:  
M. Centelles et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 122502 (2009); M. Wardaet al., Phys. Rev. C 80, 024316 (2009)
- Neutron-skin thickness and electric dipole polarizability times the  $J$  coefficient: X. Roca-Maza et al. Phys. Rev. C 92, 064304 (2015).

# Low-energy dipole states in $^{68}\text{Ni}$



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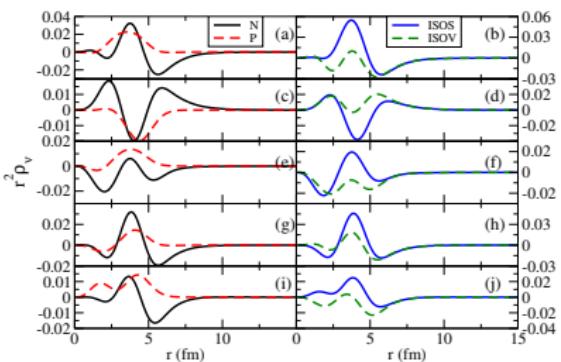
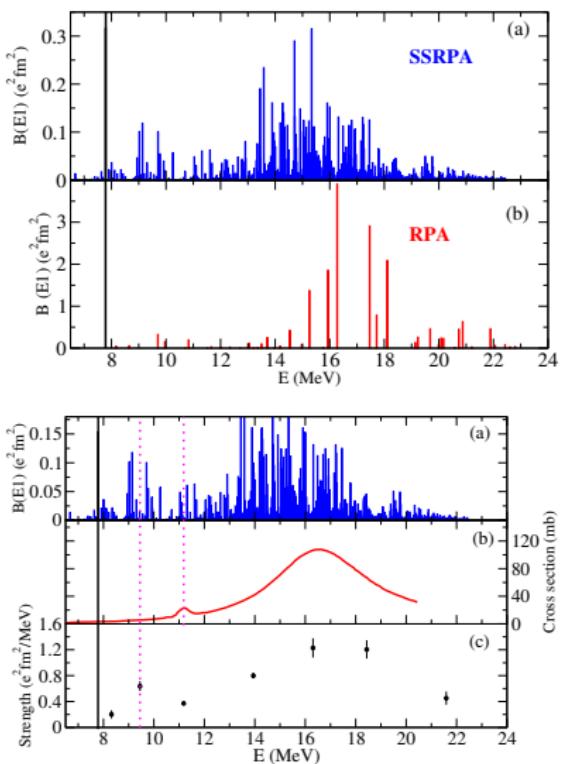
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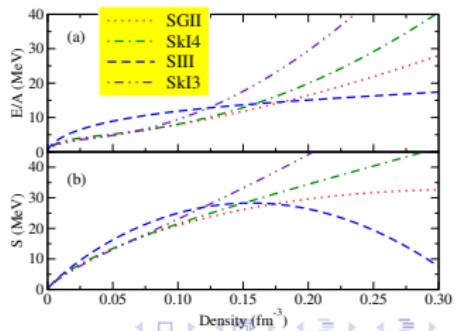
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Skyrme	$J$ (MeV)	$L$ (MeV)
SIII	28.16	9.90
SGII	26.83	37.70
SkI4	29.50	60.00
SkI3	34.27	100.49

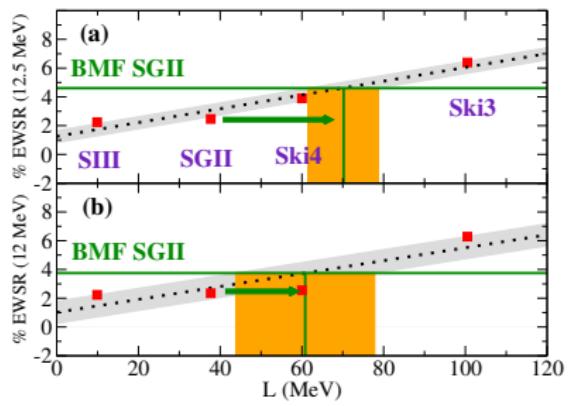
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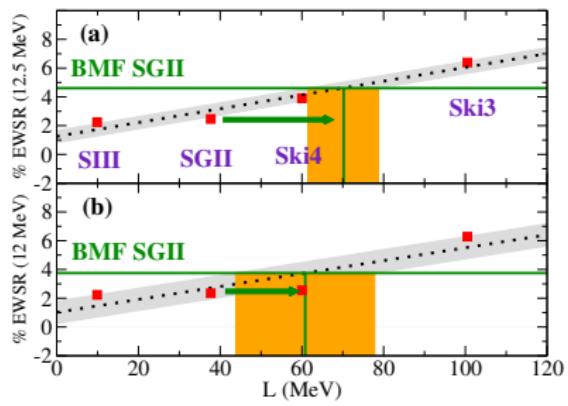
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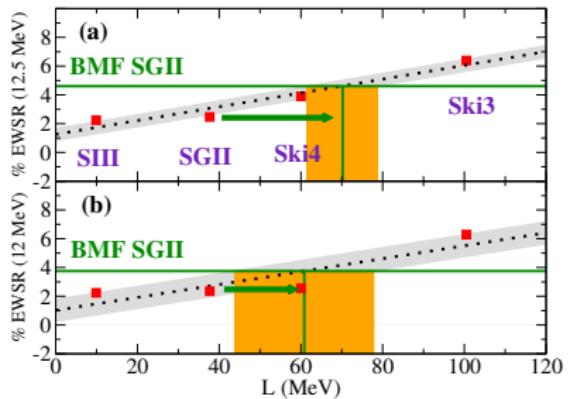


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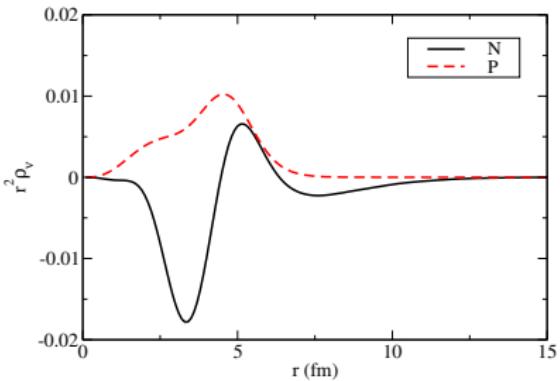


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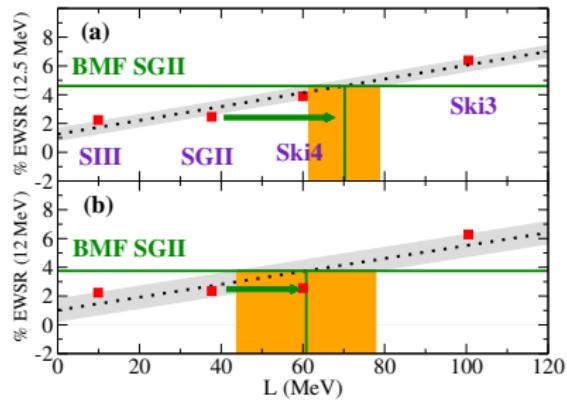


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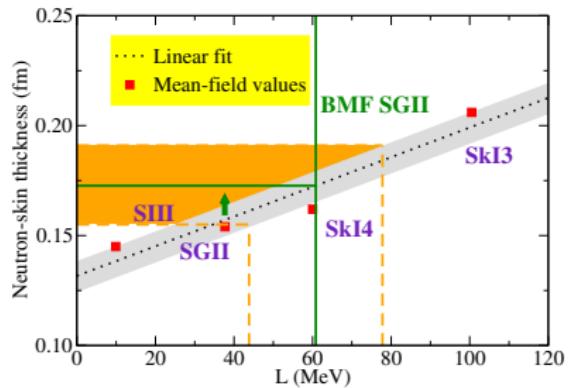
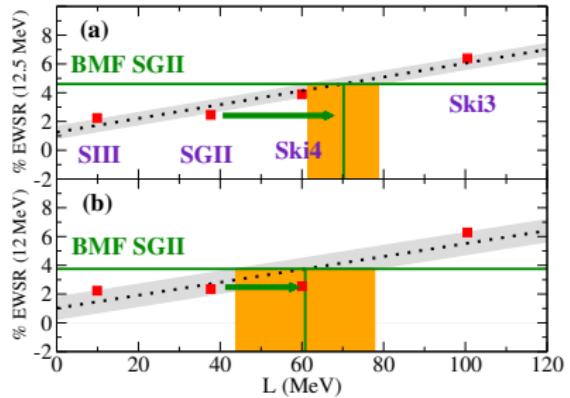


Neutron and proton transition densities  
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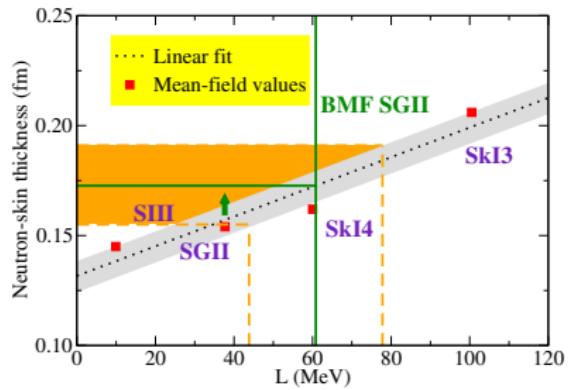
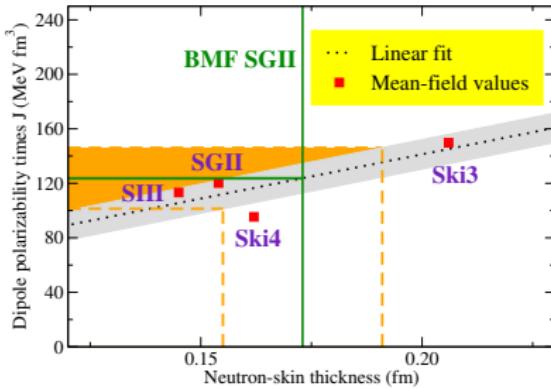
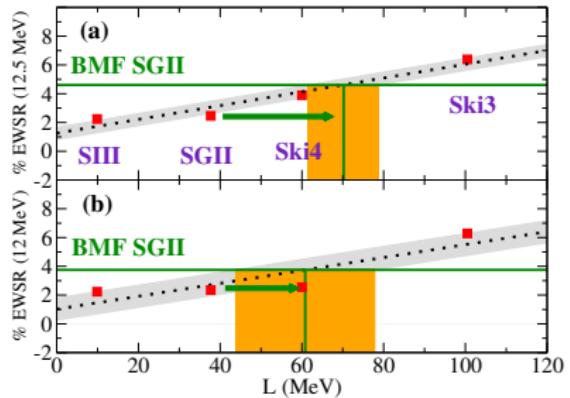
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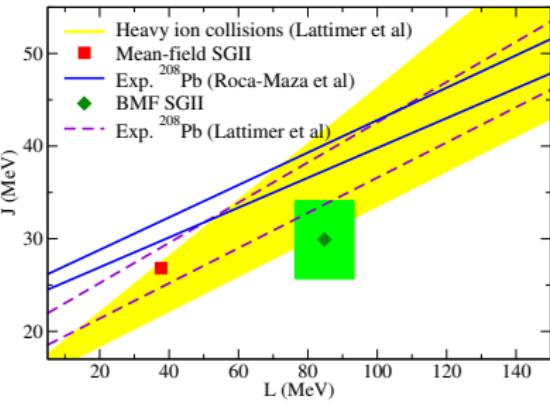
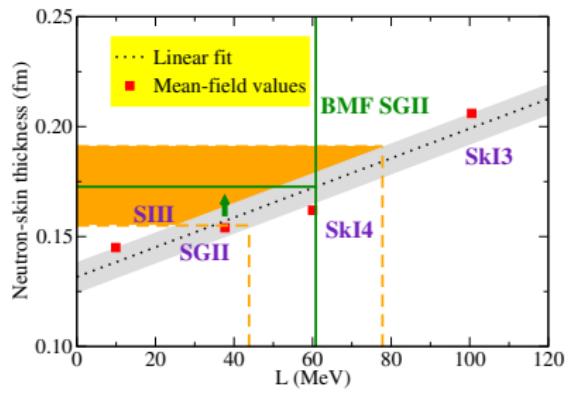
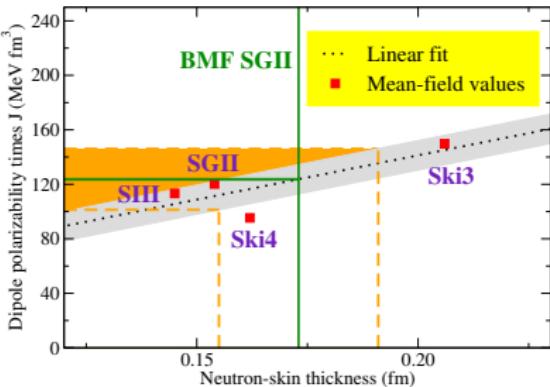
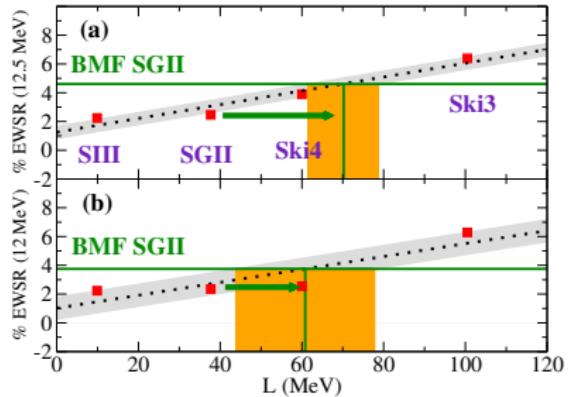
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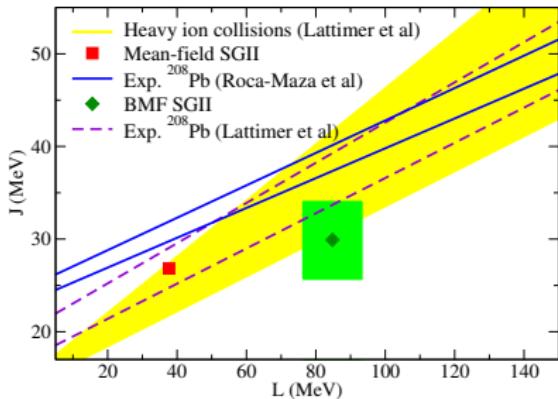
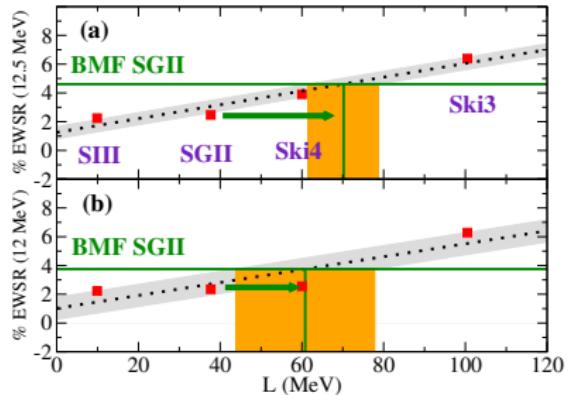
# Beyond-mean-field effects on the symmetry energy and its slope



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# Beyond-mean-field effects on the symmetry energy and its slope



	$L$ (MeV)	$\Delta r_{np}$ (fm)	$J$ (MeV)
Mean field	37.70	0.154	26.83
BMF	$60.815 \pm 16.982$	$0.173 \pm 0.018$	$27.617 \pm 5.004$

## Monopole response in RPA and SSRPA

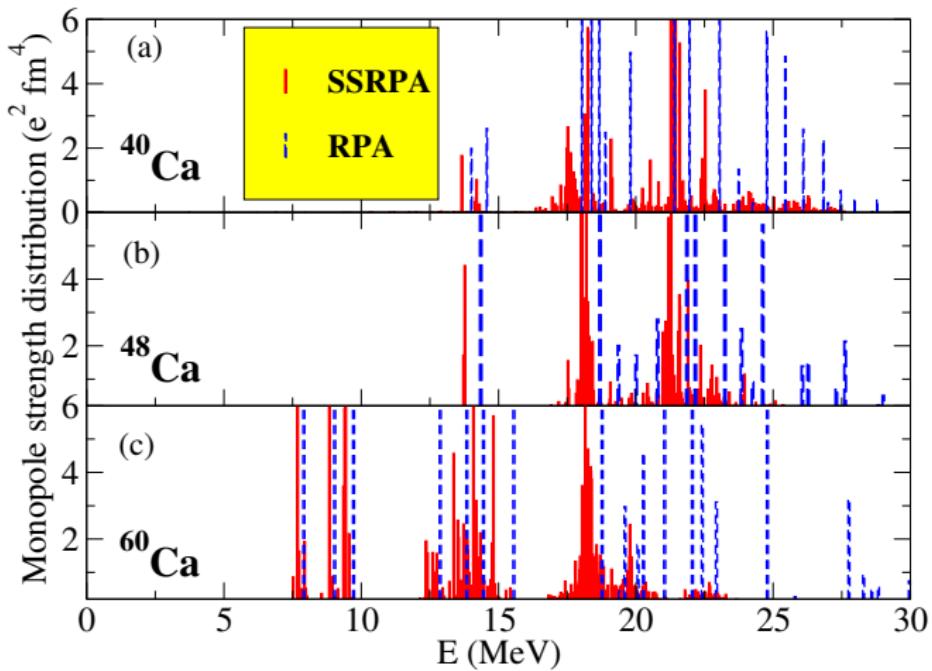
- Evolution of the response in Ca isotopes from  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  to  $^{60}\text{Ca}$  <sup>a</sup>
- $N = 20$  isotones :  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{36}\text{S}$  and  $^{34}\text{Si}$
- The case of  $^{68}\text{Ni}$

<sup>a</sup>Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, (2018) © RIKEN

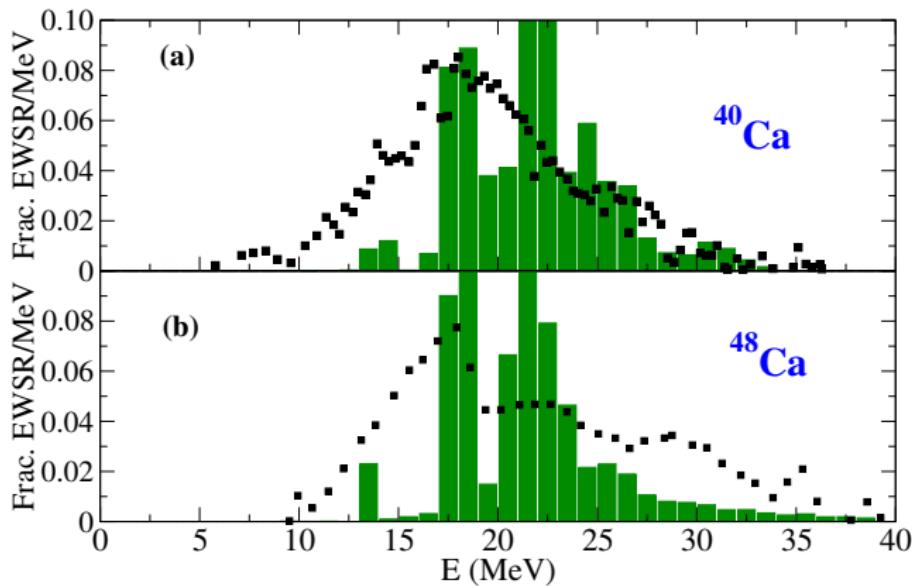
## The key-points of our study

- Soft monopole modes driven by neutron excitations
- Not only at the surface of the nucleus but over its entire volume
- Properties are discussed as a function of the isospin asymmetry
- More details: DG, M. Grasso and O. Sorlin, PRC 100, 014317 (2019)

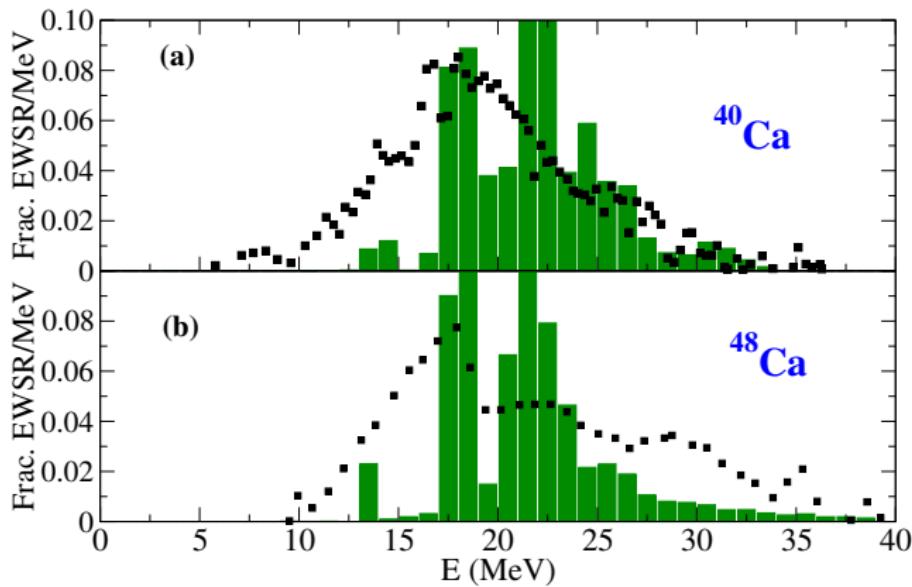
# Monopole strength distribution in Ca isotopes



(a) Monopole strength distribution computed with RPA (dashed blue bars) and SSRPA (full red bars) for  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ; (b) Same as in (a) but for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ; (c) Same as in (a) but for  $^{60}\text{Ca}$ .



(a) Black squares: experimental results ; green bars: SSRPA predictions for  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ; (b) Same as in (a) but for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ .



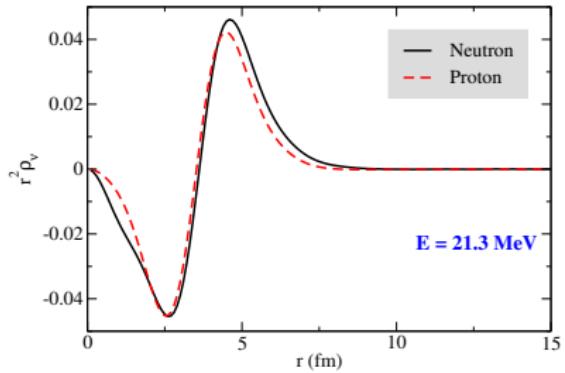
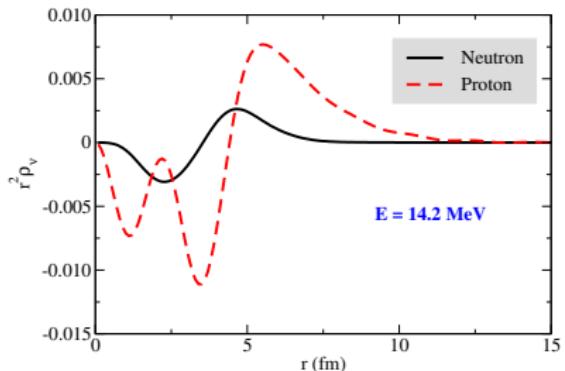
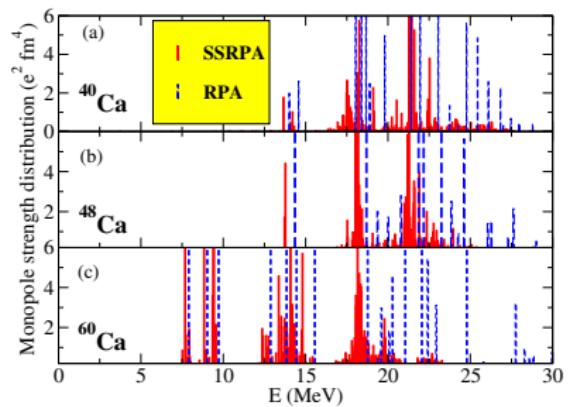
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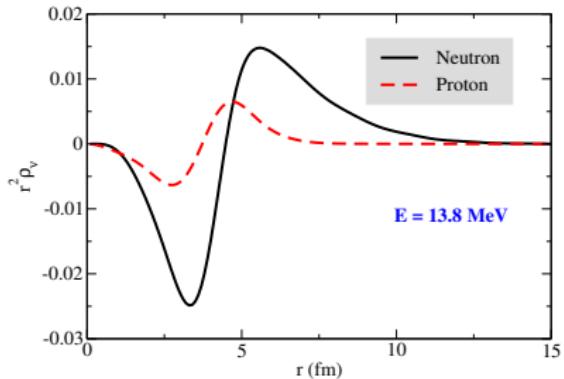
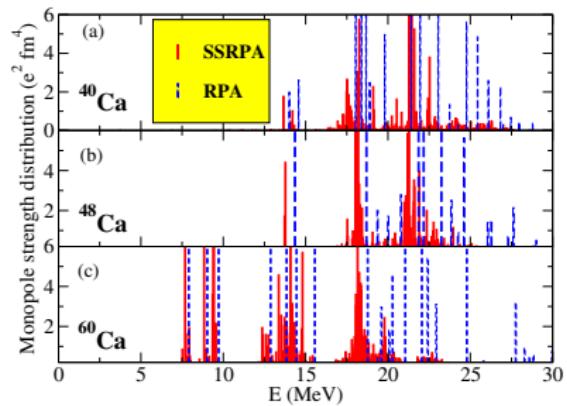
$^{40}\text{Ca}$ : 21.3 (RPA), 20.7 (SSRPA), 18.3 (Exp)

$^{48}\text{Ca}$ : 20.7 (RPA), 20.4 (SSRPA), 19.0 (Exp)

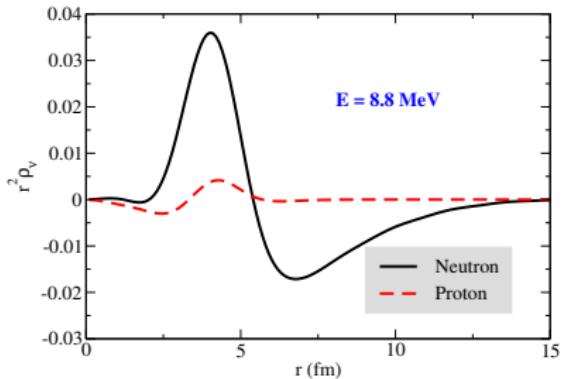
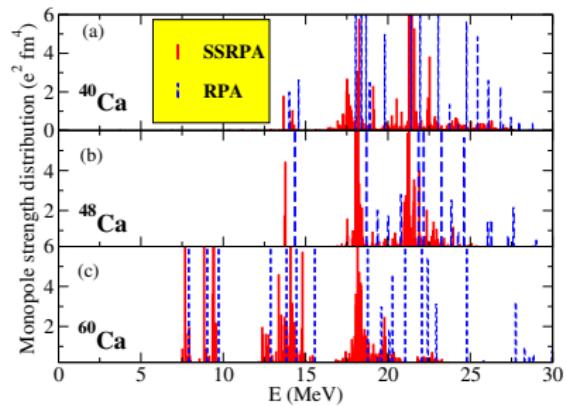
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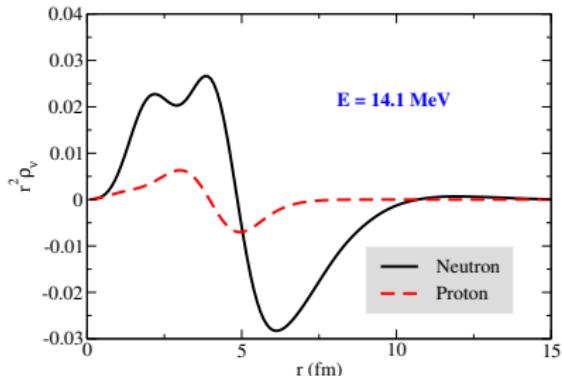
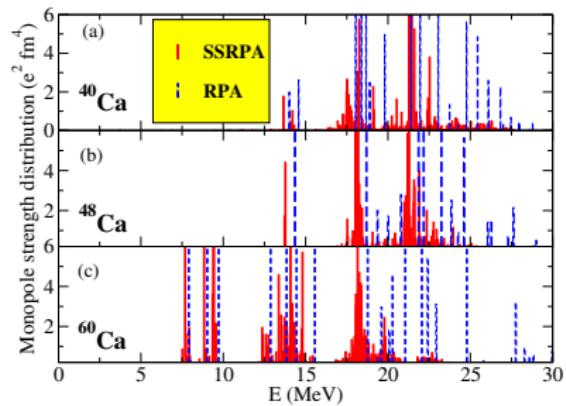
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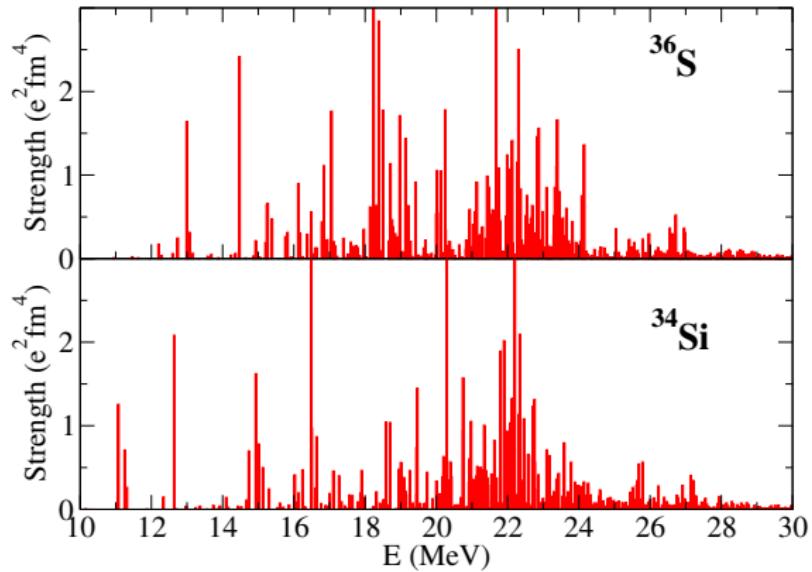
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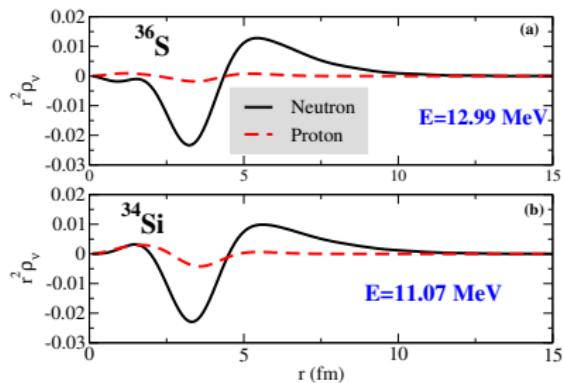
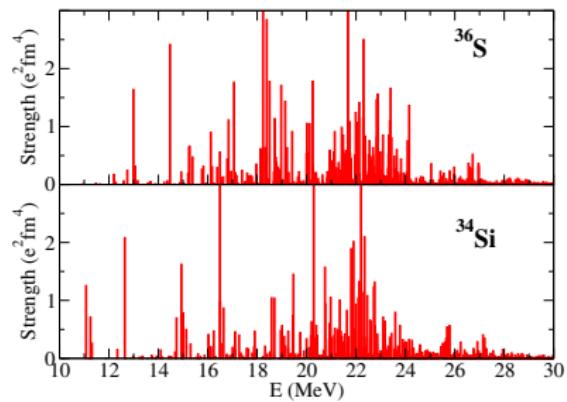


# Monopole strength distribution in $^{34}\text{Si}$ and $^{36}\text{S}$



Monopole isoscalar strength distributions calculated for the nuclei  $^{36}\text{S}$  (a) and  $^{34}\text{Si}$  (b).

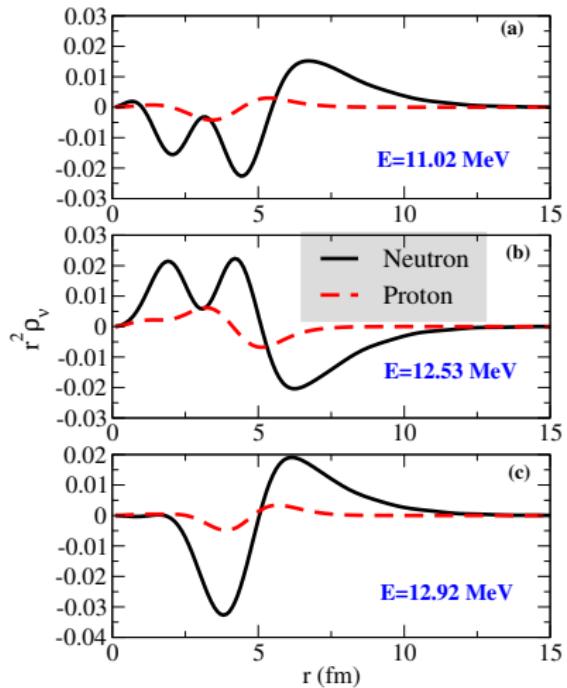
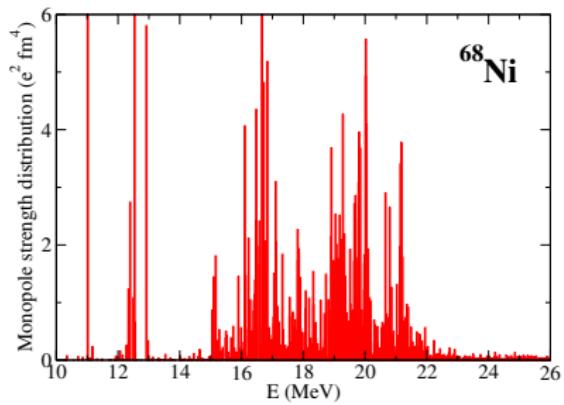
# Transition densities in $^{34}\text{Si}$ and $^{36}\text{S}$



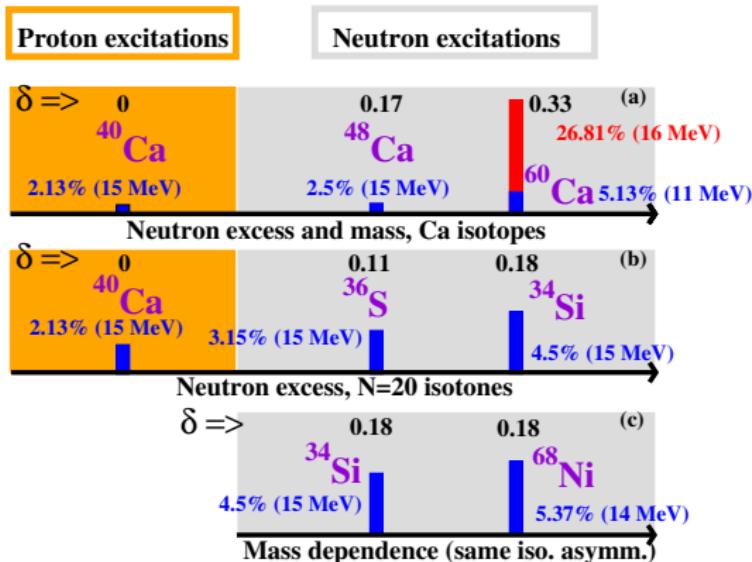
# Composition of the peak located at 11.07 (12.99) MeV for $^{34}\text{Si}$ ( $^{36}\text{S}$ ).

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$^{36}\text{S}$	1p1h 52 %	2p2h 48 %
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# Transition densities in $^{68}\text{Ni}$



# Low-energy states contribution to the EWSR.



Percentages of the EWSR for several nuclei and corresponding isospin asymmetry  
 $\delta = (N - Z)/A$ .

- (a) Ca isotopes: evolution as a function of the neutron excess and the mass;
- (b)  $N = 20$  isotones: evolution as a function of the neutron excess;
- (c) Evolution as a function of the mass for two nuclei with the same isospin asymmetry,  $^{34}\text{Si}$  and  $^{68}\text{Ni}$ .

## Second RPA for CE excitations

- Extension of the Subtracted SRPA (SSRPA) to the treatment of **CE excitations**
- First applications to  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  (lightest double- $\beta$  emitter) and  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  in Ref [1]
- More applications ( $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{22}\text{O}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Zr}$  and  $^{132}\text{Sn}$ ) in Ref [2]

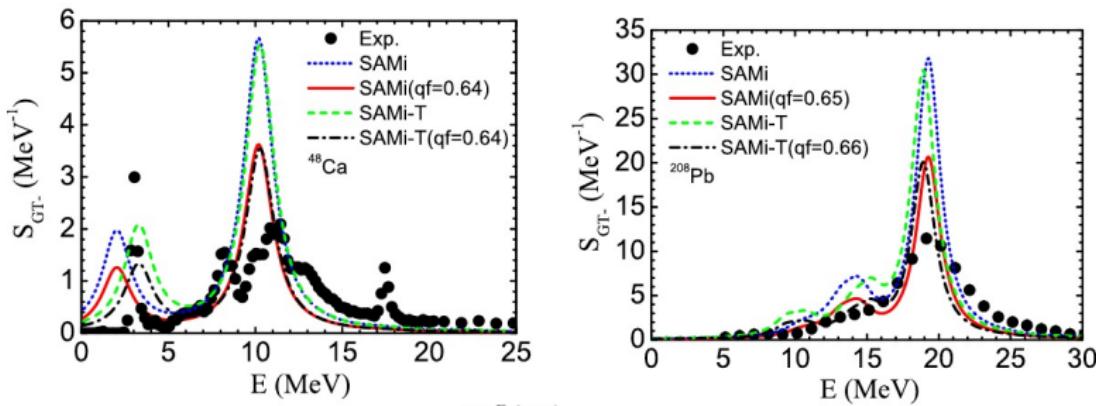
## More details in:

- [1] D.Gambacurta, M. Grasso, J. Engel, Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 212501 (2020)
- [2] D.Gambacurta and M. Grasso, Phys. Rev. C 105, 014321, (2022)

# Theory vs Experiment: the quenching problem

## The quenching problem

- Computed GT matrix elements **are larger** than the experimental ones.
- The problem is “cured” by **quenching** the strength by  $q \sim 0.7$  or using effective axial constant  $g_A$  ( $\sim 1$ ) instead of the “bare” value  $\sim 1.27$ .

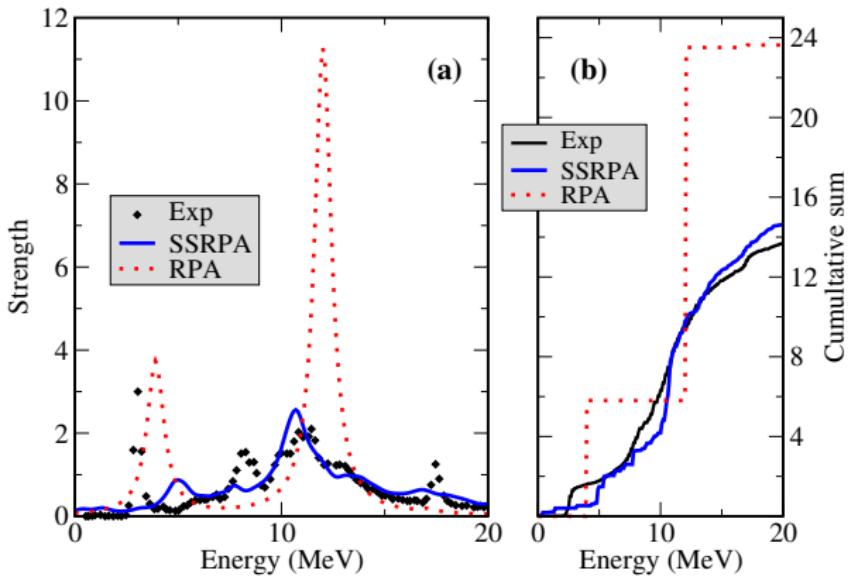


$$qf = \frac{\sum_{E_x=0}^{E_x(\text{max})} B(GT : E_x)_{\text{expt}}}{\sum_{E_x=0}^{E_x(\text{max})} B(GT)_{\text{calc}}}$$

Li-Gang Cao , Shi-Sheng Zhang, and H. Sagawa, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 100, 054324 (2019)

## Skyrme-RPA calculations

# GT<sup>-</sup> Strength Distribution $^{48}\text{Ca}$ , SGII interaction

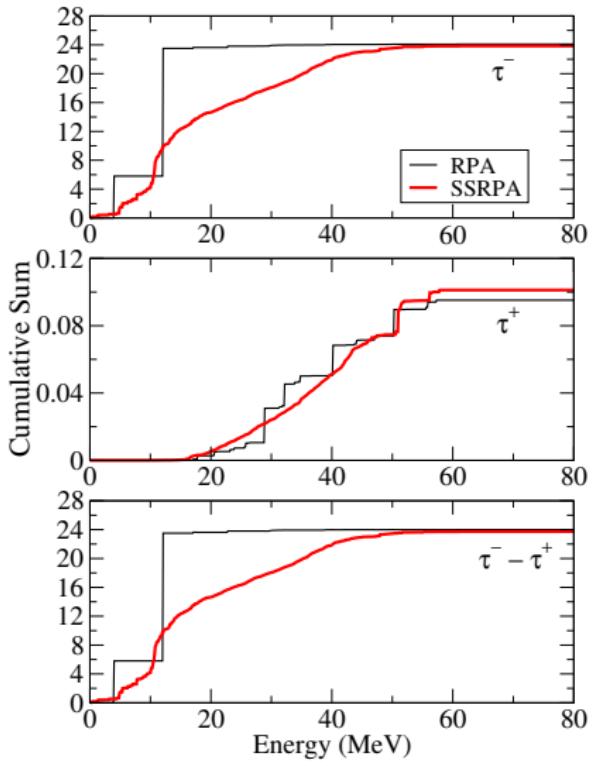


- (a) GT<sup>-</sup> strength in RPA and SSRPA compared with (GT<sup>-</sup> plus IVSM) data.  
(b) Cumulative strengths up to 20 MeV.

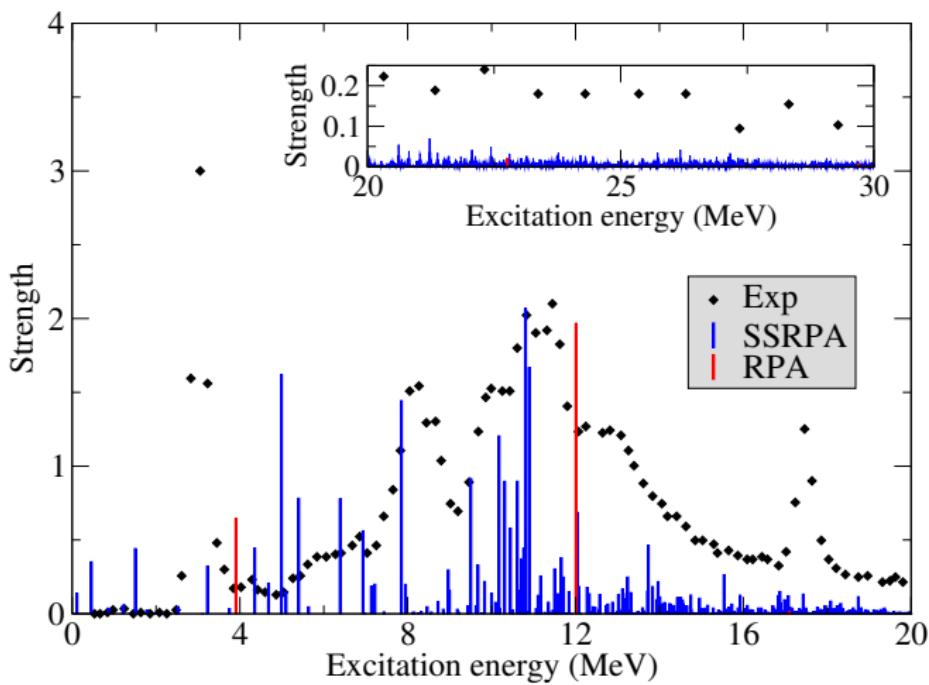
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# GT<sup>-</sup> Strength Distribution $^{48}\text{Ca}$ , sum rules in the two channels



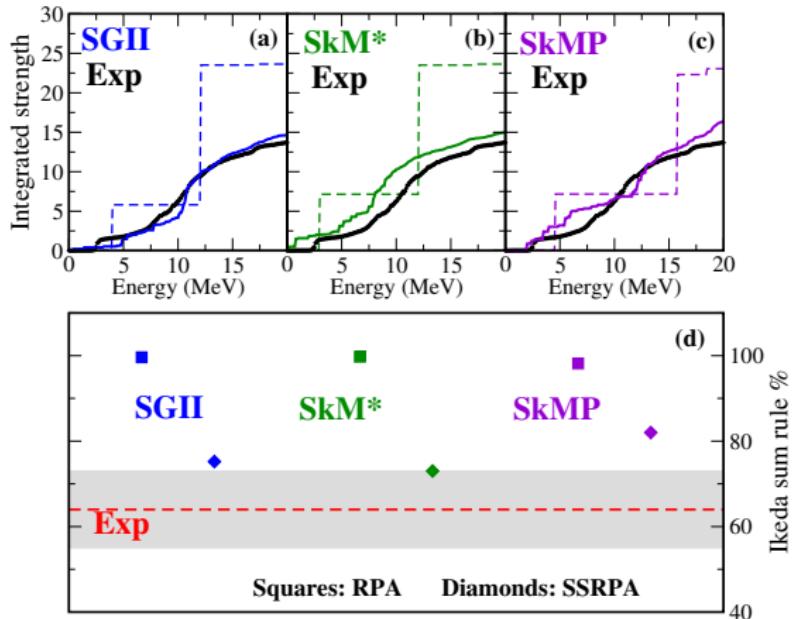
# GT<sup>-</sup> Strength Distribution $^{48}\text{Ca}$



Experimental GT<sup>-</sup> in MeV<sup>-1</sup> and discrete RPA and SSRPA strength distributions (no units) obtained with the Skyrme parameterization SGII, for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ . The RPA strength has been divided by nine and the SSRPA strength by two.

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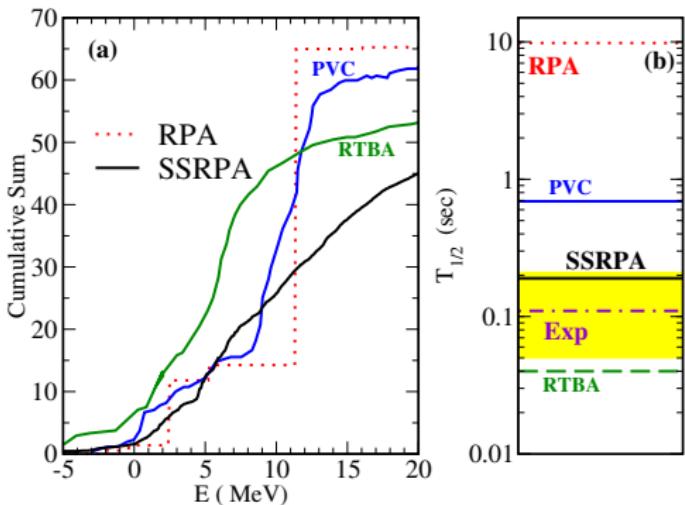


(a), (b), (c) Strengths integrated up to 20 MeV with different parameterizations.

(d) RPA and SSRPA percentages of the Ikeda sum rule below 30 MeV compared with the experimental one.

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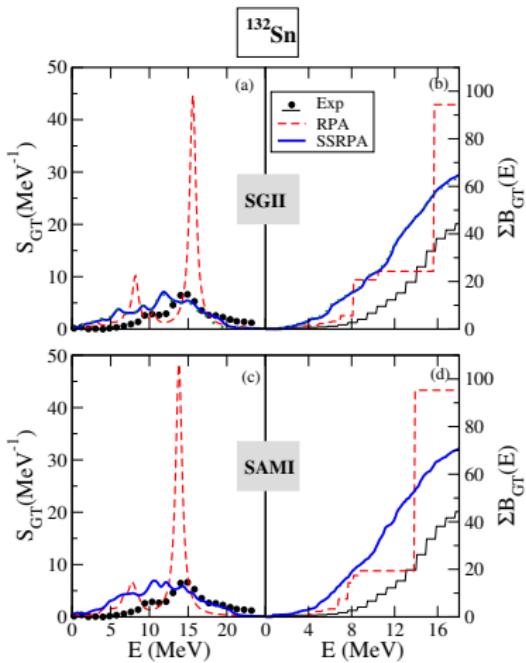
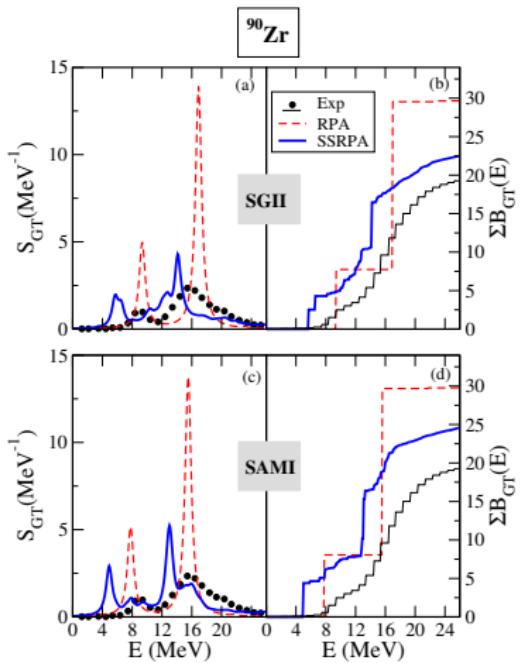
# GT<sup>-</sup> Strength Distribution and $\beta$ -decay half-life $^{78}\text{Ni}$



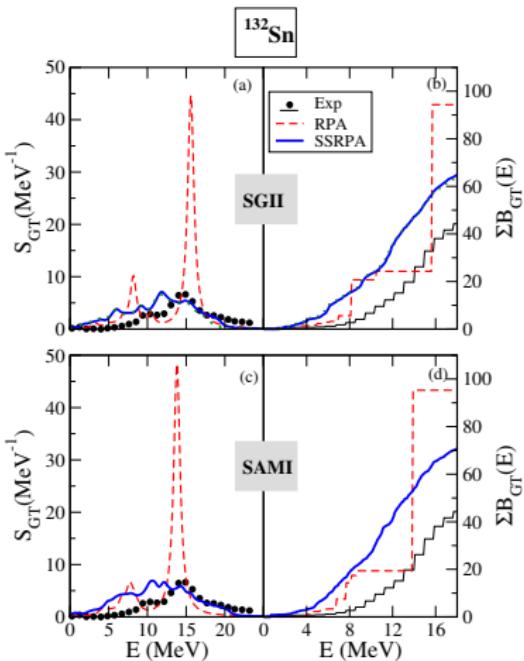
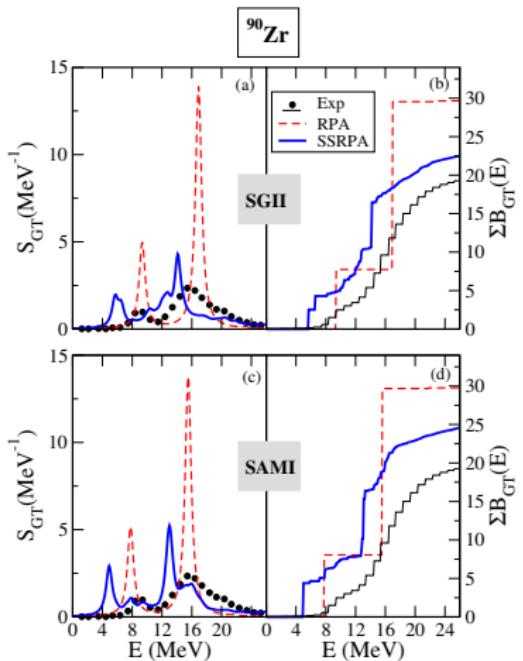
- (a) Cumulative sum for the nucleus  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  within the SSRPA, PVC and RTBA models;  
(b)  $\beta$ -decay half-life for  $^{78}\text{Ni}$ . **No quenching, bare  $g_a = 1.27$** ;  
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Other sources of queenching may be needed ...

## Conclusions

- The SSRPA provides a richer and more general description of nuclear excitations (2p-2h configurations  $\Rightarrow$  fragmentation and width)
- Better agreement data
- Dipole response in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{68}\text{Ni}$
- BMF effects on the symmetry energy ( $J$ ) and its slope ( $L$ ): qualitative estimation (BMF effects increase both  $J$  and  $L$ )
- Soft monopole excitations: “neutron-driven” excitations in neutron-rich systems, extending in the entire volume, 1p-1h nature
- GT strength and  $\beta$ -decay half-life, considerable improvement with respect to the RPA  $\Rightarrow$  Single and Double Charge Exchange excitations, Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

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