Symmetry energy from dipole polarizability







Constraining EoS by nuclear properties: possible experiments with radioactive beams

Relativistic Coulomb excitation and invariant-mass spectroscopy: R3B at GSI and FAIR, EXL at HESR up to 5 GeV/nucleon -> Dipole polarizabilty

Inelastic alpha scattering EXL at ESR and/or at HESR at FAIR

-> Giant Monopole Resonance

Elastic proton scattering

EXL at at ESR and/or at HESR at FAIR, active target at R3B <u>Elastic electron scattering</u> SCRIT at RIKEN, ELISe at ESR at FAIR <u>Isotope shift measurements</u> (LASPEC at FAIR) -> Neutron-skin thickness

Symmetry energy $S_2(\rho)$ and neutron skin in ²⁰⁸Pb



S. Typel and B.A. Brown, Phys. Rev. C **64** (2001) 027302

• strong <u>linear</u> correlation between neutron skin thickness and parameters a_4 , p_0 (J, L)

$$E(\rho, \alpha) = E(\rho, 0) + S_{2}(\rho) \alpha^{2} + O(\alpha^{4}), \alpha = \frac{N-Z}{A}$$

$$S_{2}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} E(\rho, \alpha)}{\partial \alpha^{2}} \Big|_{\alpha=0} =$$

$$= a_{4} + \frac{p_{0}}{\rho_{0}^{2}} (\rho - \rho_{0}) + \frac{\Delta K_{0}}{18\rho_{0}^{2}} (\rho - \rho_{0})^{2} + \dots$$

$$\int_{0}^{0} \frac{1}{\rho_{0}} \frac{1}{\rho_{0}}$$

Alex Brown, PRL 85 (2000) 5296

Symmetry energy and dipole response



J. Piekarewicz, PRC 83, 034319 (2011)

n-skin / (L, J) from Pygmy strength n-skin / (L, J) from polarizability

A. Carbone et al., PRC 81 (2010) 041301(R)
P.-G. Reinhard, W. Nazarewicz, PRC 81 (2010) 051303(R)
A. Tamii et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 107 (2011) 062502.

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Dipole polarizability and neutron skin: neutron-rich nuclei



Calculation using RHB+RQRPA framewoork with DD-ME2* effective interaction

*G. A. Lalazissis, T. Nikšić, D. Vretenar, P. Ring, Phys. Rev. C 71 024312 (2005)

Electromagnetic excitation at high energies



Determination of 'photon energy' (excitation energy) via a kinematically complete measurement of the momenta of all outgoing particles (invariant mass)

Production of fast exotic nuclei



The LAND reaction setup @GSI



The LAND reaction setup @GSI



Previous measurements with radioactive beams

Method: Electromagnetic excitation at relativistic beam energies (C.A. Bertulani and G. Baur, Phys. Rep. 163, 299 (1988))



Analysis of ⁶⁸Ni: decay after Coulomb excitation

Neutron kinetic energy



Gamma sum energy



consistent fit taking into account:

0.25

1) invariant mass, but also information of subsets like $E_{kin}(n)$, E_{qsum} etc.

2) detailed knowledge about detector response function

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Dipole strength distribution of ⁶⁸Ni

Simultaneous fit of spectra with 8 individual energy bins as free fit parameters:

"deconvolution"



Polarizability and neutron skin



$$\alpha_D = \frac{nc}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sigma(E)}{E^2} dE$$

Theoretical calculations from J. Piekarewicz, PRC **83**, 034319 (2011)



Neutron-skin thickness Using one particular RMF interaction (Piekarewicz)

 $\Delta R_{n,p} = 0.175(21) \text{ fm}$

Extracted value depends on functional used !

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Neutron skin in ²⁰⁸Pb from different methods





Constraining symmetry-energy parameters L and J with measurements of the dipole polarizability

Combined analysis of polarizabilities for ²⁰⁸Pb, ¹²⁰Sn (RCNP), and ⁶⁸Ni (GSI)

Xavi Roca-Maza et al., Phys. Rev. C 92 (2015) 064304



TABLE I. Various estimates of the neutron skin thickness (in fm) of ⁶⁸Ni, ¹²⁰Sn, and ²⁰⁸Pb. (a) Lower and upper values of Δr_{np} as predicted by those models that reproduce the experimental values of the electric dipole polarizability of ⁶⁸Ni, ¹²⁰Sn, and ²⁰⁸Pb. (b) Mean value and standard deviation of Δr_{np} as predicted by the same subset of models in column (a). (c) Predictions extracted from the correlation $\alpha_D J - \Delta r_{np}$ using a suitable range for the symmetry energy coefficient *J* (see text for details).

Nucleus	Δr_{np} (a)	Δr_{np} (b)	Δr_{np} (c)
⁶⁸ Ni	0.15-0.19	0.18 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.04
¹²⁰ Sn	0.12-0.16	0.14 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.04
²⁰⁸ Pb	0.13-0.19	0.16 ± 0.02	0.16 ± 0.03

 $30 \leqslant J \leqslant 35 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

 $20 \leqslant L \leqslant 66 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

Neutron skin in ²⁰⁸Pb from different methods



Collaboration of ⁶⁸Ni dipole-response experiment

Measurement of the dipole polarizability of the unstable neutron-rich nucleus ⁶⁸Ni

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Summary

- Dipole response of n-rich nuclei Pygmy Resonance
 - Low-lying dipole strength observed in n-rich nuclei, 'proton-Pygmy' in $^{32}\mathrm{Ar}$
 - many open questions next-generation experimental program planned at GSI, RIKEN, SDALINAC, HIγS, RCNP, ...
 - systematics, strength and position as a function of N-Z (and mass)
 - isospin character (isoscalar dipole)
 - decay properties
 - relation to nuclear-matter properties
 - relation to observed low-lying strength for stable nuclei
 - extraction of quadrupole strength
- Dipole response of ⁶⁸Ni
 - 25(2)% non-statistical decay
 - PDR: 2.8(5)% EWSR, 7(2)% direct gamma decay
 - Dipole polarizability extracted for the first time for a radioactive nucleus

This opens the possibility for systematic studies as a function of N-Z which will enable to provide tight constraints on neutron skins and the density dependence of the symmetry energy