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The collective response of the nucleus: Giant Resonances

Electric giant resonances



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MULTIPHONONS



FIG. 9.2. Multiphonon states of a one-dimensional linear harmonic vibrator of $J^{\pi} = 1^{-}$ phonons (IVGDR). After (EML94).

Experimental Evidence

Two-phonon giant resonances were observed in:

• Double-charge exchange reactions: DIAS , DGDR ($\Delta T_z = \pm 2$) [Los Alamos]

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• Inelastic heavy-ion scattering : isoscalar DGQR [Orsay]

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• Relativistic Coulomb breakup: DGDR DGDR ($\Delta T_z = 0$) [GSI]

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Double charge-exchange reactions



Figure 11 Left: Doubly differential cross section for the (π^-, π^+) (*upper panel*) and (π^+, π^-) (*lower panel*) reaction on ⁴⁰Ca. The position of the ground state and the double giant dipole resonance (DGDR) are indicated by *arrows*. *Right*: Angular distributions for the DGDR in the same reaction. Calculated cross sections for the l = 2 and l = 0 components, scaled by the indicated factors, are also shown. From Mordechai & Moore (62).

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Nuclear excitation of double GQR



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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)

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Inclusive measurements

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Figure 12 Cross sections for the 1*n*- to 5*n*-removal products from ²³⁸U projectiles at about 950 MeV/u incident on targets of nuclear charge Z_{target} (74). The *full curves* delineating the *hatched areas* denote calculations using two different experimental giant dipole resonance (GDR) parameter sets (76, 77). They represent the sum of the nuclear contribution (*long-dashed curve*) and the electromagnetic contributions due to excitation of the GDR (*short-dashed curve*), giant quadrupole resonance (*dotted curve*), and double GDR (*dot-dashed curve*). For the 4*n* channel the dotted curve coincides with the short-dashed one.

Direct photon decay

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Figure 15 Sum energy of coincident photon pairs measured in the reaction $1 \text{ GeV/u}^{209}\text{Bi}$ on ^{208}Pb (87). The structure at around 26 MeV is assigned to the two-photon decay of the DGDR excited in the ^{208}Pb target nuclei. The inset shows a Lorentzian fit to the yield obtained after subtracting the background shown as *dotted curve*.



LAND data: DGDR in Pb





Harmonicity of giant vibrations



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Figure 17 Comparison of experimental quantities X for the two-phonon giant dipole resonance in ²⁰⁸Pb with those ($X^{harm.}$) obtained in the independent phonon model. Results for the resonance peak energy E_0 , width Γ , and the electromagnetic cross section σ are taken from Boretzky et al (51). The value for the spreading width Γ^{\downarrow} is derived in Section 5.4. The values $X^{harm.}$ are obtained from the experimentally known properties of the single dipole resonance.

Figure 16 Top: Peak energies E of two-phonon states relative to those of one-phonon states. Full and open symbols denote data for dipole resonances from heavy-ion experiments and from pion charge exchange reactions, respectively. The solid line indicates the value expected in the harmonic limit. Middle: Same as above, but for the width Γ . The dashed lines correspond to a value of $\sqrt{2}$. Bottom: Ratio of experimental to calculated electromagnetic cross sections for the double giant dipole resonance (triangles: inclusive measurements; squares: exclusive measurements). The calculations were made in the harmonic approximation using the folding model. The circle denotes a corresponding value for the double giant quadrupole resonance.

Decay properties and damping



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Neutron kinetic-energy spectra



Statistical decay, very little direct neutron decay

LAND data, K. Boretzky et al.

Decay properties and damping



 $BR_{\gamma/n}^{1ph} = 0.019 \pm 0.002$

$$R_{2\gamma/n}^{2ph} = (4.5 \pm 1.5) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$BR_{2\gamma/n}^{2ph} = \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma}^{2ph}}{(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{2ph}} \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma}^{1ph}}{(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{1ph}} = 2 \cdot \frac{(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{1ph}}{(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{2ph}} \left[\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma}^{1ph}}{(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{1ph}}\right]^2$$

Independent determination of spreading width

$$(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{2ph}/(\Gamma^{\downarrow})^{1ph} = 1.6 \pm 0.5$$



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Anharmonic effects in the excitation of double-giant dipole modes in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

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We investigate the consequences of anharmonic terms in the vibrational spectrum of giant dipole resonances for the double Coulomb excitation of such modes in relativistic heavy-ion collisions. It is found that apparent discrepancies between the results of two separate experiments can be put in harmony assuming minor departures from the harmonic limit because of the special features of the reaction mechanism.

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Anharmonicities of giant dipole excitations

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Mixed-phonon contributions







Dynamical effects

Theory of multiple giant dipole resonance excitation

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A semiclassical description of multiple giant resonance excitation that incorporates incoherent fluctuation contributions of the Brink-Axel type is developed. Numerical calculations show that the incoherent contributions are important at low to intermediate bombarding energies. [S0556-2813(99)01705-7]



Cross section enhancement



Multi-phonon giant resonances in 238U

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Evidence for Multiphonon Giant Resonances in Electromagnetic Fission of ²³⁸U

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TABLE II. Calculated partial electromagnetic fission cross sections $\sigma/\sigma^{\text{emf}}$ and their peak energies E_p for single- and multiphonon giant resonances in ²³⁸U (500 MeV/nucleon) on Pb and Sn targets.

		$\sigma/\sigma^{ m emf}$	$\sigma/\sigma^{ m emf}$
Resonance	E_p (MeV)	(Pb)	(Sn)
GDR	13.5	0.66	0.75
GQR _{is}	9.5	0.07	0.07
GQR _{iv}	21.0	0.06	0.07
GDR ⊗ GDR	23.0	0.15	0.09
GDR ⊗ GQR _{is}	21.0	0.02	0.01
GDR ⊗ GQR _{iv}	32.0	0.013	0.008
GDR ⊗ GDR ⊗ GDR	35.5	0.023	0.006



Conclusion

- Giant resonances are collective harmonic vibrations of the nucleus
- Multi-phonon excitations observed
- Excitation energy, decay properties and damping width in agreement with harmonic oscillator expectation
- Cross section enhancement explained by various mechanisms

