Gamma decay of GQR excited in ²⁰⁸Pb by proton inelastic scattering at CCB

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Giant resonances

Giant resonances correspond to a collective motion involving many if not all the particles in the nucleus. collective excitations



M. N. Harakeh and A. van der Woude, "Giant Resonances; Fundamental High-Frequency Modes of Nuclear Excitation", Oxford University Press, Oxford (2001)

Giant resonances

microscopically: coherent superposition of particle-hole excitations

two step decay:





 Γ↑ - decay of single particle state (immediate emission of a particle)
 "escape width"

Г↓ - energy distributed among manyparticle states *"*spreading width" M. N. Harakeh and A. van der Woude, "Giant Resonances; Fundamental High-Frequency Modes of Nuclear Excitation", Oxford University Press, Oxford (2001)

IVGDR (Isovector Giant Dipole Resonance)

- The giant electric dipole isovector resonance giant dipole resonance (GDR) is the <u>best known</u> of the nuclear giant resonances.
- □ Observed for the first time in 1947 and 1948 by Baldwin and Klaiber in (γ , fission) and (γ , n) reactions



Measured using photoabsorbtion reactions for different nuclei from ³He to ²³⁸U (Berman and Fultz 1975)



GDR y-decay - the main subject of studies conducted by our group for many years

GDR

GDR strength function:

$$\sigma(E_{\gamma}) = \frac{\sigma_0 \Gamma_{GDR}^2 E_{\gamma}^2}{(E_{\gamma}^2 - E_{GDR}^2)^2 + \Gamma_{GDR}^2 E_{\gamma}^2}$$



Strength (calculated from Energy Weighted Sum Rule)

□ Excitation energy - centroid (E_{GDR}), energy of oscillations ~ 1/R

 \Box Width (Γ_{GDR}), $\Gamma_{GDR} \sim -1/t$



GDR strength function \rightarrow nuclear deformation





GDR is a very good tool for studying hot atomic nuclei

ISGQR (Isoscalar Giant Quadrupole Resonance)



- First evidence of GQR in 1971 in inelastic scattering of electrons. Confirmed in 1972 by Fukuda and Torizuka using inelastic electron scattering and by Lewis and Bertrand with inelastic proton scattering.
- □ It has been observed in nuclei with 16 ≤ A ≤ 238. In light nuclei its strength distribution is fragmented while for heavy it has Gaussian or Lorentzian distribution.

D.H. Youngblood et al., Phys. Rev. C15, 1644 (1977)



Still not well known

GQR - examples

A. Shevchenko et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 122501-1

A. Shevchenko et al., Phys. Rev. C79, 044305 (2009)







I.T. Usman et al., Phys. Rev. C94, 024308 (2016)

K. van der Borg et al., Nucl. Phys. A341, 219 (1980)

A. Richter, Prog. Part.Nucl. Phys. 13, 1 (1985)

> structrue, fragmented strength and decay needed to be investigated

GQR y-decay



GQR y-decay observed previously only once, in 1980s

difficult to measure very small probability ~10⁻⁴

Inelastic scattering of 381 MeV ¹⁷O on ²⁰⁸Pb

coincidence measurement of gamma rays and scattered ions

excitation energy obtained from measured scattered beam energy

E* = E beam - E scattered ion



J.Beene et al., PRC39(1989)1307

Ey [MeV]

Idea of the experiment

nuclear excitations induced by proton inelastic scattering

IVGDR (Isovector Giant Dipole Resonance)

ISGQR (Isoscalar Giant Quadrupole Resonance)

main aim – $GQR \gamma$ decay

pygmy states, PDR (Pygmy Dipole Resonance)

discrete transitions

measurement of γ-rays emitted from the decay (above neutron threshold hindered by neutron emission) 10⁻² for GDR and 10⁻⁴ for GQR Sn

(excitation

energy)

E*

(neutron separation energy)

g.s. (ground state)

The experimental hall at CCB



The experimental setup scheme

coincidence measurement of gamma rays and scattered protons



New experimental setup built

KRATTA (Kraków Triple Telescope Array) scattered protons detectors



KRATTA (16 CsI telescopes)

plastic scintillators in front of KRATTA 0.5 cm thick almost 100% efficiency very good time definition

90 cm from the target



Proton energy: 2.5 - 260 MeV Energy resolution: 1-2% Angular resolution at 40 cm: 3.9°



y-ray detectors

HECTOR - 8 BaF₂ (14.5 cm (φ) x 17.5 cm)

LaBr₃ (large volume 3.5"×8")

PARTS (cluster of 9 "phoswiches" LaBr₃/CeBr₃ + NaI 2"x2"x2" + 2"x2"x6")

High efficiency
 Good time resolution

35 cm from the target



Test measurements

First coincidence test experiment (KRATTA and HECTOR) - December 2015 p @ 80 MeV on ¹²C (graphite) target - 1mm



p @ 85 MeV on Pb (0.2 mm) target - 2016 KRATTA with plastic scintillators



target in the air

Scattering chamber and KRATTA holder



small BINA chamber



KRATTA at angles 8.9° - 14.3° with resolution 1.8°

plastic detectors in the front of every 3 KRATTA modules

Experiment

p @ 85 MeV on ²⁰⁸Pb target 48 μ m (54.5 mg/cm²) thick

KRATTA (protons)

vacuum scattering cha<u>mber</u> HECTOR + LaBr₃ + PARIS $(\gamma$ -rays)



y-ray energy vs excitation energy

on



decay to the ground state ([Ey+0.5-E*] \leq 1 MeV)

$$208$$
Pb S_n = 7.368 MeV
E* = E _{beam} - E _{scattered prot}



Background subtraction



Background subtracted y-ray spectrum



Method of analysis

 \Box Calculations of cross sections for excitations in $^{\rm 208}{\rm Pb}$

 \square Extraction of γ -ray decay from GDR to the ground state

 \Box Analysis of GQR part of γ -ray spectrum

2⁺ state cross section



DWBA code FRESCO

checking the model parameters

Cross sections for excitations in ²⁰⁸Pb



gamma decay cross section



for 2^{+ 208}Pb $\sigma_{p,p\prime} pprox \sigma_{p,p\prime\gamma}$

calculated cross section folded with HECTOR response function

Normalization factor (taking into account the HECTOR and KRATTA efficiency)



GDR + discrete transitions



6.26 MeV; 8.37 MeV (1-)

H. P. Morsch, P. Decowski, and W. Benenson, Nucl. Phys. A 297, 317 (1978)

7.36; 8.86; 9.34 (2+)

F. E. Bertrand, et al., Phys. Rev. C 34, 45 (1986)

GQR region



excess in the GQR region

GQR analysis

$$\sigma_{p,p'\gamma_0}(E) = \sigma_{p,p'}(E; B(E2) = 1) b_{E2}(E) \left[\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma_0}}{\Gamma} + \frac{\Gamma \downarrow}{\Gamma} B_{CN}(E) \right] = \sigma_{direct} + \sigma_{CN}(E)$$



GQR y-decay to g.s. in ²⁰⁸Pb



News Release 17-Feb-2022 Extremely rare observation of 'tennis-like' vibrations of lead 208BB

Our work: B.Wasilewska et al., PRC105(2022)014310



J.Beene et al., PRC39(1989)1307



excitation energy measured in coincidence with γ -rays

$$\left(\frac{10}{2}\right)_{GQR} = 4 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1 \times 10^{-4}$$

Our "branching ratio for the GQR gamma decay to the ground state" obtained with the use of proton beam is in agreement to previous value measured with heavy ions.

Continuation upgraded setup

big scattering chamber

KRATTA inside the chamber - in the vacuum gamma detectors outside mounted using holders / cylindrical pockets





Setup upgrade

4 plastic scintillators for each KRATTA module mounted in the front







40 cm from the target

possible angles ~ 4° - 45° (with PARIS in the setup) resolution ~ 2° (with plastic scintillators)

better resolution

- 4 large volume $LaBr_3$ (3.5"x8") detectors and
- 2 **PARIS** clusters: 9 LaBr₃+NaI 9 CeBr₃+NaI phoswiches



New experiments performed

(p,p'y) on ²⁰⁸Pb @ ~155 MeV

(p,p'y) on ^{120}Sn @ ~200 MeV





- 4 large volume LaBr3 (3.5"x8") at top
- 2 PARIS clusters: (9 LaBr₃+NaI and 9 CeBr₃+NaI) at 90°
- □ KRATTA covering angles from ~8° to ~24°



Pygmy states region

good energy resolution of PARIS and LaBr₃ detectors

comparison to AGATA data HpGe array

B. Wasilewska et al., Acta Phys. Pol. B (2020) 677



F.C.L. Crespi et al., PRL113 (2014) 012501

□ similar transitions

more detailed studies needed

Future plans

Study of the gamma decay of the GQR in various mass nuclei

□ deformed nuclei

Study of the gamma decay of the Pygmy Dipole Resonances - PDR

Complementary investigations to the planned at LNL Legnaro with the use of heavy ion beams

Summary

- experimental campaign to study y-decay from states excited using proton beam has been performed at Cyclotron Center Bronowice IFJ PAN in Krakow
- gamma decay of giant quadrupole resonance (GQR) have been observed for ²⁰⁸Pb in inelastic proton scattering (p,p'γ), confirming the only one result published previously
- recently measurements have been done for ²⁰⁸Pb with higher energy of proton beam (155 MeV) and for ¹²⁰Sn
- □ similar investigations are planned for other nuclei

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