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Towards the improvement of spin-isospin properties in nuclear energy density functionals

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Brief introduction

- ▶ **Density functional theory** is a successful approach to address the description of Quantum Many-Body systems, extensively used in physics, chemistry and material sciences.
- ▶ The **H(F)+RPA** method based on nuclear effective interactions of the **Skyrme, Gogny or Relativistic** types enables an effective description of the nuclear many-body problem and can be understood as an **approximate realization of an EDF**
- ▶ **One of the open problems that need to be better understood and solved in current EDFs is the ...**

accurate determination of spin-isospin properties

This **implies** (for example) an **accurate description** in charge-exchange excitations such as the **GTR**

[GT transitions ...

govern electron capture during the core-collapse of supernovæ,

matrix el. are necessary for the study of double- β decay,

calibration of neutrino detectors ...]

Motivation: Gamow Teller Resonance I

The E_x is not properly described in H(F)+RPA

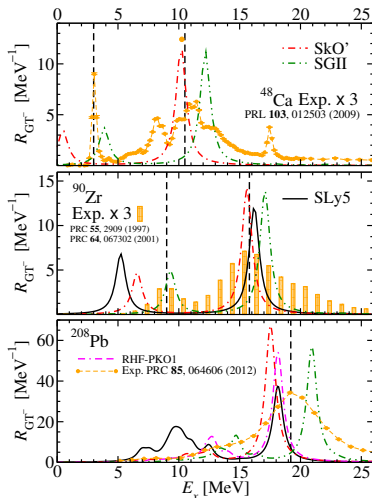
(Neither the strength \rightarrow Beyond 1p-1h RPA effects)

- ▶ **SGII**^a \Rightarrow earliest attempt to give a quantitative description of the GTR
- ▶ **SkO'**^b \Rightarrow accurate in ground state finite nuclear properties and improves the GTR
- ▶ **PKO1**^c \Rightarrow relativistic HF, reasonable GTR still not perfect.
- ▶ Relativistic H^d: residual interaction modified *ad-hoc*

^aN. Giai and H. Sagawa, Phys. Lett. B **106**, 379 (1981), ^bP.-G. Reinhard et al., Phys. Rev. C **60**, 014316 (1999), ^cH.

Liang, N. Van Giai, and J. Meng, Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 122502 (2008), ^d N. Paar, T. Nikšić, D. Vretenar, and P. Ring,

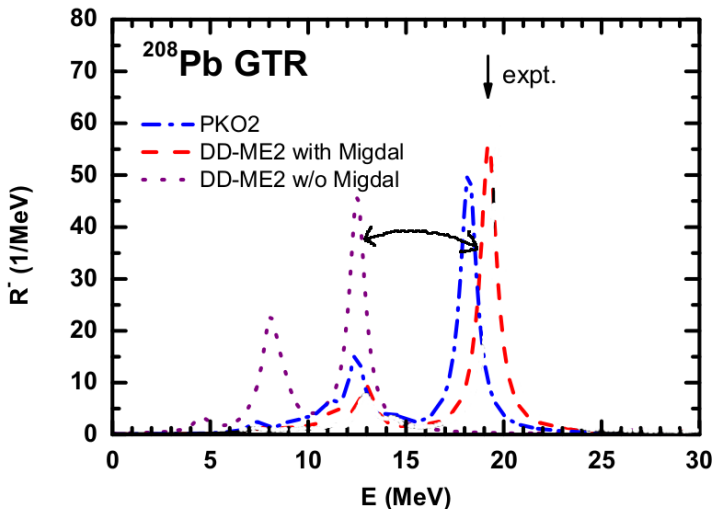
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Motivation: Gamow Teller Resonance II

Exchange (Fock) effects on GTR in relativistic models

Effect of Migdal term \rightarrow fitted to ^{208}Pb in RH

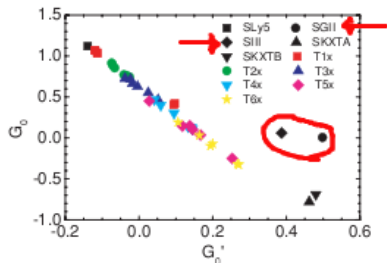


Motivation: which gs properties are important for describing the E_x^{GTR} ?

The study^a of the GTR and the spin-isospin Landau-Migdal parameter G'_0 using several Skyrme sets,

- ▶ concluded that G'_0 is not the only important quantity in determining the excitation energy of the GTR
- ▶ spin-orbit splittings also influences the GTR

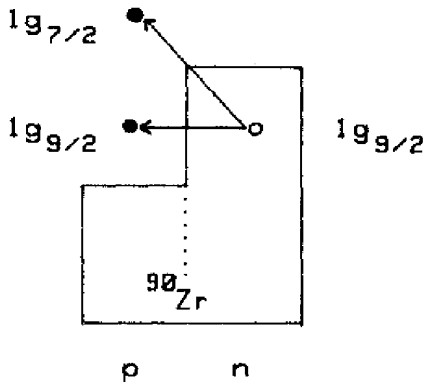
- ▶ Empirical indications^b suggest that $G'_0 > G_0 > 0$
- ▶ Not a very common feature within available Skyrme forces^c



^aM. Bender, J. Dobaczewski, J. Engel, and W. Nazarewicz, Phys. Rev. C **65**, 054322 (2002); ^bT. Wakasa, M. Ichimura, and H. Sakai, Phys. Rev. C **72**, 067303 (2005); T. Suzuki and H. Sakai, Phys. Lett. B **455**, 25 (1999), ^cLi-Gang Cao, G. Colo, and H. Sagawa, Phys. Rev. C **81**, 044302 (2010)

Why spin-orbit splittings are important in E_x^{GTR} ?

Schematic picture of single-particle transitions involved in the Gamow Teller Resonance of ^{90}Zr .
Transitions excited by $\sigma\tau_-$ operator.



$$E_x^1 \approx \epsilon_{\pi 1g_{7/2}} - \epsilon_{\nu 1g_{9/2}} + \epsilon_{ph}^1 \quad E_x^2 \approx \epsilon_{\pi 1g_{9/2}} - \epsilon_{\nu 1g_{9/2}} + \epsilon_{ph}^2$$

$$\Delta E_x \approx \Delta \epsilon_{\pi 1g} + \Delta \epsilon_{ph}$$

F. Osterfeld, Rev. Mod. Phys. 64, 491 (1992)

**We propose a new fitting protocol that help
improving spin-isospin properties:
example with a Skyrme interaction**

Fitting Protocol: Inspired on SLy5

χ^2 definition:
$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_i N_{\text{data}} \frac{(\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{theo.}} - \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{data}})^2}{(\Delta \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{data}})^2}$$

Landau-Migdal parameters in infinite nuclear matter G_0 and G'_0 fixed to **0.15** and **0.35**, respectively, at ρ_0 .

Table: Data and *pseudo*-data \mathcal{O}_i , adopted errors for the fit $\Delta \mathcal{O}_i$ and selected finite nuclei and EoS.

\mathcal{O}_i	$\Delta \mathcal{O}_i$	
B	1.00 MeV	$^{40,48}\text{Ca}$, ^{90}Zr , ^{132}Sn and ^{208}Pb
r_c	0.01 fm	$^{40,48}\text{Ca}$, ^{90}Zr and ^{208}Pb
ΔE_{SO}	$0.04 \times \mathcal{O}_i$	$\pi 1g$ in ^{90}Zr and $\pi 2f$ in ^{208}Pb
$e_n(\rho)$	$0.20 \times \mathcal{O}_i$	R. B. Wiringa <i>et al.</i> , PRC 38 , 1010 (1988)

Skyrme Aizu Milano interaction: SAMi

Parameter set and nuclear matter properties:

Table: SAMi parameter set and saturation properties with the estimated standard deviations inside parenthesis

	value(σ)			value(σ)	
t_0	-1877.75(75)	MeV fm ³	ρ_∞	0.159(1)	fm ⁻³
t_1	475.6(1.4)	MeV fm ⁵	e_∞	-15.93(9)	MeV
t_2	-85.2(1.0)	MeV fm ⁵	m_{IS}^*	0.6752(3)	
t_3	10219.6(7.6)	MeV fm ^{3+3α}	m_{IV}^*	0.664(13)	
x_0	0.320(16)		J	28(1)	MeV
x_1	-0.532(70)		L	44(7)	MeV
x_2	-0.014(15)		K_∞	245(1)	MeV
x_3	0.688(30)		G_0	0.15	(fixed)
W_0	137(11)		G'_0	0.35	(fixed)
W'_0	42(22)				
α	0.25614(37)				

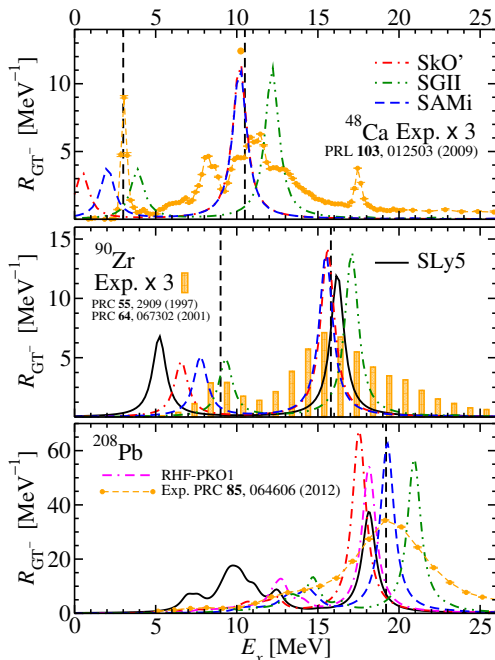
Results

Gamow Teller Resonance in ^{48}Ca , ^{90}Zr and ^{208}Pb

$$\sum_{i=1}^A \sigma(i) \tau_{\pm}(i)$$

Figure: Gamow Teller strength

distributions in ^{48}Ca (upper panel), ^{90}Zr (middle panel) and ^{208}Pb (lower panel) as measured in the experiment [T. Wakasa *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **55**, 2909 (1997), K. Yako *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 012503 (2009), A. Krasznaborkay *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **64**, 067302 (2001), H. Akimune *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **52**, 604 (1995) and T. Wakasa *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **85**, 064606 (2012)] and predicted by SLy5, SkO', SGII and SAMi forces.



Advantages and disadvantages of a RHF theory

Covariant density functional theory – RHF theory

- ▶ achieved **quantitative** description of $B(N, Z)$ and $\langle r_{\text{ch}} \rangle$ (*PLB* 640, 150 (2006); *PRC* 76, 034314 (2007); *EPL* 82, 12001 (2008); *PRC* 81, 024308 (2010))
- ▶ **effective mass splitting** in ANM can be described naturally (*PLB* 640, 150 (2006))
- ▶ nuclear **spin-isospin resonances** can be described in a fully self-consistent way (*PRL* 101, 122502 (2008); *PRC* 79, 064316 (2009); *PRC* 85, 064302 (2012))
- ▶ **improvement** on the descriptions of nuclear shell structures and their evolutions (*PRC* 76, 034314 (2007); *EPL* 82, 12001 (2008); *PLB* 680, 428 (2009))

However ...

- * RHF includes **non-local** potentials $v_{\text{HF}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$
- * RHF is much more complicated than RH theory.
- * non negligible computational cost when improving the calculations and/or going beyond the mean-field

To construct RH functionals from RHF scheme

Therefore, it is desirable

- ▶ to find a covariant density functional based on only **local potentials**, yet **keeping the merits of the exchange terms**

Possible solution: construct RH functionals from RHF scheme

- ▶ **Fierz transformation** allow to **map** Fock terms into local Hartree terms (for contact interactions)
- ▶ but, masses of mesons are heavy \Rightarrow **zero-range approximation is reasonable in nuclei** (Skyrme, Relativistic point-coupling approaches, ...)

Fierz transformation: from α^{HF} to α^{H}

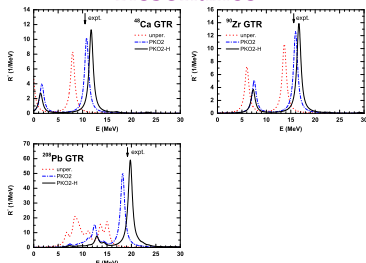
$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{H}} &= +\frac{7}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} - \frac{4}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} - \frac{12}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{tS}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} - \frac{4}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{4}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{10}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{6}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{2}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{6}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{T}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{16}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{tT}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{16}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{PS}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{4}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{12}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{tPS}}^{\text{H}} &= -\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{4}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} - \frac{4}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{PV}}^{\text{H}} &= +\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{2}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{6}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}} \\ \alpha_{\text{tPV}}^{\text{H}} &= +\frac{1}{8}\alpha_{\text{S}}^{\text{HF}} + \frac{2}{8}\alpha_{\text{V}}^{\text{HF}} - \frac{2}{8}\alpha_{\text{tV}}^{\text{HF}}\end{aligned}$$

Check how good is the mapping in a practical case

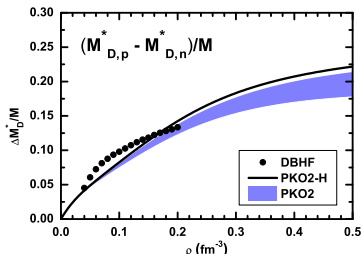
- ▶ **start** with an **available RHF** parametrization: PKO2 (which is based on a finite-range interaction)
- ▶ perform the **zero-range** reduction (if needed)
- ▶ perform the **Fierz transformation**

Compare observables sensitive to the **Fock** terms between the **original model** and the **localized** model, such as:

**Gamow-Teller
Resonance**



**Effective mass splitting
between neutrons and protons**



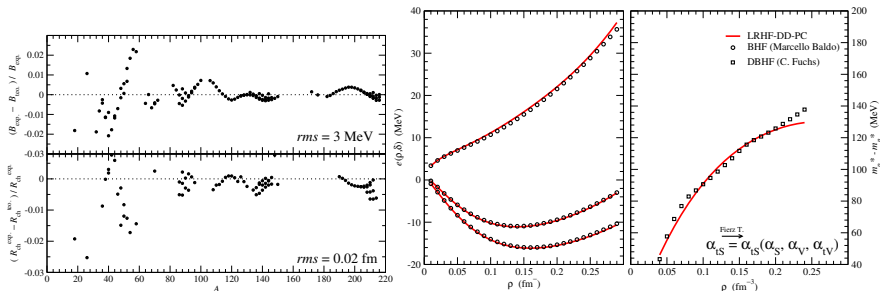
This opens the possibility for the development of new nuclear local covariant density functionals

Preliminary test to build a localized model from RHF

Test to build a localized model: work in progress

Project:

- ▶ Build a **local CDF** including **all terms** in the Lagrangian **allowed by the symmetries** ($S, V, tS, tV, T, tT, PS, tPS, PV, tPV$ terms)
- ▶ consider as **free parameters** the ones corresponding to the **S, V and tV** channels
- ▶ the **rest of the channels** will be determined by the **Fierz** transformations, within the same Hartee scheme, and in a fully **self-consistent manner**.



Conclusions:

- ▶ We have **remained** some of the **problems** in the **spin-isospin channels** in Skyrme and RH models using as an example the **GTR**
- ▶ We have **briefly presented**
 - ▶ the benefits of the **new proposed fitting protocol** that cure part of the previous problems
 - ▶ test the new protocol and show **some results when applied with a Skyrme interaction**
 - ▶ the benefits of using a **RHF model**
 - ▶ proposed a **new method** to determine a **RH** model keeping the benefits of a RHF

Thank you!

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