# Recent applications of the subtracted second random-phase approximation



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#### Microscopic description of the Giant Resonances

- The Random Phase Approximation (RPA)
- Beyond the RPA: The Second RPA
- The Subtraction method: Why and How

#### **Recent Applications**

- Monopole and Quadrupole response for <sup>16</sup>O
- Dipole response in <sup>48</sup>Ca: Low-Lying states (PDR) and GDR
- ISGQR systematic calculations for spherical nuclei

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# Nuclear response





# Centroid $(E_0)$ , Width $(\Gamma)$ and Fine structure





#### High precision studies





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Centroid Energy: Very smooth dependence on A Width: Strongly dependent on A Very Challenging !



#### Future Investigations of the PDR and GDR @ ELI-NP

ELI-NP: high-intensity, mono-chromatic and linear-polarized gamma ray beam facility:

-Separate measure of E1 and M1: no need of model-dependent determination of M1 strength

-Complementary studies: strength below (NRF) and above (ELI-GANT) the neutron threshold

-Mono-chromatic beam: fine structure of the response

-Model independent results: pure electromagnetic excitation process

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#### The Random Phase Approximation (RPA)

- The RPA is a widely used approximation for the description of GRs
- Very successful especially within the Energy Density Functional framework (interactions á la Skyrme or Gogny, or Covariant EDF)
- It provides global properties of the GRs

#### However, extensions of the RPA are also required for:

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

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

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#### Phonon Operators: RPA vs SRPA

#### Random Phase Approximation (RPA)



Only Landau Damping, Centroid Energy and Total Strength of GRs

#### Second Random Phase Approximation (SRPA)

$$Q_{\nu}^{\dagger} = \sum_{ph} (X_{ph}^{(\nu)} a_{p}^{\dagger} a_{h} - Y_{ph}^{(\nu)} a_{h}^{\dagger} a_{p})$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{p_{1} < p_{2}, h_{1} < h_{2}}} (X_{p_{1}h_{1}p_{2}h_{2}}^{(\nu)} \underbrace{a_{p_{1}}^{\dagger} a_{h_{1}} a_{p_{2}}^{\dagger} a_{h_{2}}}_{2p-2h} - Y_{p_{1}h_{1}p_{2}h_{2}}^{(\nu)} \underbrace{a_{h_{1}}^{\dagger} a_{p_{1}} a_{h_{2}}^{\dagger} a_{p_{2}}}_{2h-2p}}_{\text{Spreading Width. Fragmentation. Double GRs and Anharmonicites. Low-Lying States}}$$

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#### **RPA Phonon Operators**

$$Q^{\dagger}_{
u} = \sum_{ph} X^{(
u)}_{ph} a^{\dagger}_p a_h - \sum_{ph} Y^{(
u)}_{ph} a^{\dagger}_h a_p$$

RPA Equations of Motion  $(1 \mapsto 1p1h)$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \mathcal{B}_{11} \\ -\mathcal{B}_{11}^* & -\mathcal{A}_{11}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_1^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{Y}_1^{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = \omega_{\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_1^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{Y}_1^{\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# SRPA Phonon Operators

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u)}_{p_{1}h_{1}p_{2}h_{2}} a^{\dagger}_{h_{1}} a_{p_{1}} a^{\dagger}_{h_{2}} a_{p_{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

# SRPA Equations of Motion (1 $\mapsto$ 1p1h, 2 $\mapsto$ 2p2h)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \mathcal{A}_{12} & \mathcal{B}_{11} & \mathcal{B}_{12} \\ \mathcal{A}_{21} & \mathcal{A}_{22} & \mathcal{B}_{21} & \mathcal{B}_{22} \\ -\mathcal{B}_{11}^* & -\mathcal{B}_{12}^* & -\mathcal{A}_{11}^* & -\mathcal{A}_{12}^* \\ -\mathcal{B}_{21}^* & -\mathcal{B}_{22}^* & -\mathcal{A}_{21}^* & -\mathcal{A}_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_1^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{X}_2^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{Y}_1^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{Y}_2^{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = \omega_{\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}_1^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{X}_2^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{X}_2^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{Y}_1^{\nu} \\ \mathcal{Y}_2^{\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

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#### Second RPA calculations

- Computationally very demanding
- Realistic studies were done using strong truncations in the s.p space and/or approximations in the evaluation of the SRPA matrices
- Only recently full SRPA calculations have been performed: <sup>a</sup>

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

#### Large scale SRPA calculations have shown that:

- The SRPA strength distribution is sistematically shifted towards lower energies compared to the RPA one
- $\bullet\,$  This shift is very strong (  $\simeq 5$  MeV ), RPA description often spoiled

#### Origins and Causes:

- **Q**uasi Boson Approximation and stability problems in SRPA
- **Q** 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

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

• The SRPA problem as an energy-dependent RPA problem

$$A_{1,1'} \mapsto \tilde{A}_{1,1'}(\omega) = A_{1,1'}^{RPA} + \sum_{2,2'} A_{1,2}(\omega + i\eta - A_{2,2'})^{-1} A_{2',1'} = A_{1,1'}^{RPA} + A_{1,1'}^{Cor}(\omega)$$

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### The Subtraction procedure is SRPA (SSRPA)

• Subtraction of the zero-frequency limit of the SRPA correction

$$\begin{split} A_{1,1'}^{Cor} &\mapsto \tilde{A}_{1,1'}^{Cor}(\omega) = A_{1,1'}(\omega) - A_{1,1'}(\omega = 0) \Rightarrow \\ \tilde{A}_{1,1'}(\omega = 0) = A_{1,1'}^{RPA} \\ &\Rightarrow \Pi^{SSRPA}(\omega = 0) = \Pi^{RPA} \end{split}$$



D. G., M. Grasso and J.Engel, Phys. Rev. C 92, 034303 (2015)



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# Monopole Strength Distribution <sup>16</sup>O: cutoff dependence





### Low-lying dipole response in <sup>48</sup>Ca: Motivation

- $\bullet\,$  Experimental low-lying dipole (from 5 to 10 MeV) response in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$
- 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> ?

<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) 163168

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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.

From D. Vretenar et al., Nucl. Phys. A 692, 496 (2001)

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Dipole Strength <sup>48</sup>Ca



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Dipole Strength 48Ca



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



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# Systematic calculations for Isoscalar GQRs: from 30Si to 208Pb Centroid energy



Globally: better agreement with the experimental data compared to RPA Vasseur, Gambacurta, Grasso, PRC 98, 044313 (2018)

# Systematic calculations for Isoscalar GQRs: from 30Si to 208Pb Width



General trend, found both in RPA and in SSRPA: the width is systematically reduced going from lighter to heavier nuclei (Landau damping) Vasseur, Gambacurta, Grasso, PRC 98, 044313 (2018)

# Systematic calculations for Isoscalar GQRs: from 30Si to 208Pb Fine structure



#### Microscopic description on the nuclear response

- Microscopic description based on the RPA and SRPA
- SRPA: coupling between 1p 1h and 2p 2h is fully taken into account
- Subtraction procedure in SRPA (SSRPA) cures SRPA issues

# SSRPA Applications and Results

- Monopole and Quadrupole response for <sup>16</sup>O: improvement with respect to the RPA (especially the fragmentation)
- Dipole response in <sup>48</sup>Ca:
  - i) Good description of PDR states and GDR width (Not in RPA),
  - ii) Centroid of the GDR is underestimated in SSRPA
- ISGQR systematic calculations for spherical nuclei: overall improvement of the centroids and fine structure (missing in RPA)