Isotopic Dependence of Giant Monopole Resonance in the even A, ¹⁰⁶⁻¹¹⁶Cd isotopes and the asymmetry term in nuclear incompressibility

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The nuclear equation of state (EOS) is important in describing various phenomena ranging from the collective excitation of nuclei to supernova explosion and the properties of neutron stars. The asymmetry term associated with the neutron excess (N-Z), K_{τ} , plays a very important role in the EOS for neutron matter. The giant monopole resonance (GMR) studied over a series of isotopes provides a direct way to measure this term. We have measured GMR strength distributions in even-even ¹⁰⁶⁻¹¹⁶Cd isotopes. This experiment was performed at Research Center for Nuclear Physics (RCNP), Osaka University, Japan. Measurements were taken at forward angles, including 0°, using a 400 MeV α beam. The results affirm the conclusions of a recent experiment with the Sn isotopes [1]. The constraints put by values of K_{τ} and K_{∞} , obtained from this experiment on the effective interaction currently in use in nuclear structure and EOS calculations, will be discussed.

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