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A systematic experimental investigation was performed of the phenomenon associated with the fine structure of giant resonances, with emphasis on the Isoscalar Giant Monopole Resonance (ISGMR), for ^{208}Pb , ^{90}Zr , ^{58}Ni and ^{40}Ca using a 200 MeV alpha-particle beam delivered by the Separated Sector Cyclotron of iThemba LABS. These nuclei are of special interest since they are doubly-magic, ^{208}Pb and ^{40}Ca , and proton-magic, ^{90}Zr and ^{58}Ni . Measurements were made using the state-of-the-art $K = 600$ magnetic spectrometer to obtain unique high energy-resolution alpha-particle inelastic scattering excitation-energy spectra in the region of ISGMR at $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 0^\circ$; where the cross-section of the ISGMR is at a maximum. In addition, measurements were also made for all four target nuclei at $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 4^\circ$, where the cross-section of the Isoscalar Giant Quadrupole Resonance (ISGQR) is at a maximum. This was done in order to subtract the contribution of the ISGQR from the excitation energy spectra taken at zero degrees. Preliminary results are presented.

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