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Hill-Wheeler-Griffin equations

- Energy spectrum

- Observables (mass, radius, B(E2), etc.)

- "Collective w.f."





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Triaxiality in nuclei

- Gamma bands and gamma softness in the low energy spectra
- Shape coexistence and/or shape transitions in transitional regions
- Impact of triaxiality in the mass
- Impact of triaxiality in the fission barriers
- Triaxiality at high spin
- ...

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• Symmetry corresponding to the different orientation of the axes

• All configurations are included between $\gamma \in [0^{\circ}, 60^{\circ}]$



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- Minimum displaced to triaxial shapes.

- Projection onto odd I angular momentum

-Softening of PES with increasing *I*.

Difference between triaxial minimum and axial saddle point of
 ~ 0.7 MeV (0⁺)



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- Second band associated to a gamma band

- Overall qualitative agreement between experimental data and triaxial calculations (energies and B(E2))

- Too high energies for the second and third band heads (lack of time reversal symmetry broken -cranking- states)



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Recipe for cooking triaxial calculations

• Check the interval of deformations and the number of oscillator shells with axial calculations.

• Use a high resolution mesh in the triaxial plane.

• Check the number of integration points in the Euler angles studying the corresponding known mean values. Use rotated states to improve the convergence.

• Check the convergence of the final GCM calculations (plateau condition and orthonormalization requirements).



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• Up to five minima in the potential energy surface.

• Absolute minimum corresponds to spherical configuration (*N*=40 spherical gap)

• Other minima related to the filling in and out of $g_{9/2}$, $p_{1/2}$, $f_{5/2}$ and $d_{5/2}$ orbits.



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• Five minima are closer in energy whenever the rotational invariance is restored.

• Absolute minima corresponds to deformed configuration $\beta \sim 0.55$

• Barriers between the minima are less than 1 MeV. Mixing?

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Relevance of angular momentum projection

(Similar feature as in ³²Mg, see R. Rodriguez-Guzmán et al., Nucl. Phys. A 709, 201 (2002))





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Current phenomenological Energy Density Functional methods including triaxial shapes provide a very good description and physical insight of many phenomena in nuclei along the whole nuclear chart.

 \checkmark It is a competitive alternative and/or complement to shell model calculations.

 \checkmark Computational time is still a problem.

 \checkmark Some improvements have to be performed yet:

• Projection of cranking states (time reversal symmetry breaking).

• Include quasiparticle states (blocking) to describe single particle excitations, odd nuclei and β transitions.

Include parity and isospin breaking.

• Fit the interaction with beyond mean field calculations (relevant to mass table calculations) and/or develop new non-empirical functionals based on QCD (relevant to mass table calculations).

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