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Shape coexistence and quantum phase transition in the Monte-Carlo Shell Model

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Collective modes : various types \rightarrow in the case of the quadrupole deformation

Assembly of protons and neutrons





Rigid Ellipsoidal Deformation and its Rotation Single-particle states : shell structure and magic numbers due to a "potential"



Magic numbers by Mayer and Jensen (1949)



single-particle states and correlations



Protons and neutrons are orbiting in the mean potential like a "vase"

 \rightarrow single-particle states

Lower orbits form the inert core (or closed shell) (shaded parts in the figure)

Upper orbits are partially occupied and nucleons are active

(valence orbits and nucleons).

shell gap

Correlations due to nucleon-nucleon interaction produce the mixing of various configurations of single-particle states.

Various shapes appear as a function of N (or Z) : How can we describe it ?

2⁺ and 4⁺ level properties of Sm (Z=62) isotopes Ex (2⁺) : $R_{4/2} = Ex (4^+) / Ex(2^+)$ excitation energy of first 2⁺ state



Neutron number, N

starting point of the microscopic description

open

question

Atomic nucleus is a quantum Fermi liquid :

The nucleus is composed of almost free nucleons interacting weakly via residual forces in a (solid) (mean) potential like a solid "vase".



Landau

The shape of atomic nucleus can be described by the deformation of the "vase", a la Nilsson model.





ohr Mottelson Nilsson

T. Schaefer, Fermi Liquid theory: A brief survey in memory of Gerald E. Brown, NPA 2014)

One of Gerry's main scientific pursuits was to understand the nuclear few and many-body problem in terms of microscopic theories based on the measured two and three-nucleon forces. One of the challenges of this program is to understand how the observed single-particle aspects of finite nuclei, in particular shell structure and the presence of excited levels which carry the quantum numbers of single particle states, can be reconciled with the strong nucleon-nucleon force, and how single particle states can coexist with collective modes. A natural framework for addressing these questions is the Landau theory of Fermi liquids. Landau Fermi liquid theory



Additional deformed field : Nilsson model

Nilsson model Hamiltonian

"Nuclear structure II" by Bohr and Mottelson

deformed nuclei, is obtained by a simple modification of the harmonic oscillator (Nilsson, 1955; Gustafson et al., 1967),

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{p}^{2}}{2M} + \left[\frac{1}{2}M\left(\omega_{3}^{2}x_{3}^{2} + \omega_{\perp}^{2}(x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2})\right) + \upsilon_{ll}\hbar\omega_{0}(\mathbf{l}^{2} - \langle \mathbf{l}^{2} \rangle_{N}) + \upsilon_{ls}\hbar\omega_{0}(\mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{s})\right]$$
quadrupole deformed field
$$\langle \mathbf{l}^{2} \rangle_{N} = \frac{1}{2}N(N+3)$$
spherical field
constant within a region

Figure	Region	$-v_{ls}$	$-v_{ll}$
5-1	N and $Z < 20$	0.16	0
5-2	50 < Z < 82	0.127	0.0382
5-3	82 < N < 126	0.127	0.0268
5-4	82 < Z < 126	0.115	0.0375
5-5	126 < N	0.127	0.0206
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Table 5-1Parameters used in the single-particle potentials of Figs.5-1 to 5-5.

This effect becomes stronger as the nucleus moves away from the closed shell.

Intuitively speaking, the quadrupole deformation is determined by

quadrupole force resistance power

resistance power ← For instance, pairing force. What else ?

- The quadrupole force is a part of nuclear forces : quadrupole-quadrupole component in the spin-tensor decomposition.
- Driving force for the rotational spectrum, for instance, in Elliott's SU(3)
- Its mean-field effect ➡ Nilsson model

deformation =

- Pairing + QQ interaction model

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Two types of shell-model calculations



Possible configurations: 10²³ ways at maximum for Zr isotopes to be discussed







Step 3: Energy variance extrapolation



MCSM (Monte Carlo Shell Model - Advanced version-)

- Selection of important many-body basis vectors by quantum Monte-Carlo + diagonalization methods basis vectors : about 100 selected Slater determinants composed of "deformed" single-particle states
- 2. Variational refinement of basis vectors conjugate gradient method
- 3. Variance extrapolation method -> exact eigenvalues
- + innovations in algorithm and code (=> now moving to GPU)



K computer (in Kobe) 10 peta flops machine
 ⇒ Projection of basis vectors
 Rotation with three Euler angles

with about 50,000 mesh points

Example : 8+ 68Ni 7680 core x 14 h

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Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM) calculation on Ni isotopes



Energy levels and B(E2) values of Ni isotopes





Type II Shell Evolution in ⁶⁸Ni (Z=28, N=40)



Type II shell evolution

stronger deformation of protons \rightarrow more neutron p-h excitation

PES along axially symmetric shape



Type II shell evolution is suppressed by resetting monopole interactions as

 $\pi f_{7/2} - vg_{9/2} = \pi f_{5/2} - vg_{9/2}$ $\pi f_{7/2} - vf_{5/2} = \pi f_{5/2} - vf_{5/2}$

The local minima become much less pronounced.

Shape coexistence is enhanced by type II shell evolution because the same quadrupole interaction can work more efficiently.

Underlying mechanism of the appearance of low-lying deformed states : Type II Shell Evolution

TO and Y. Tsunoda, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 43 (2016) 024009



Bohr-model calc. by HFB with **Gogny** force, Girod, Dessagne, Bernes, Langevin, Pougheon and Roussel, PRC 37,2600 (1988)



present

Shape or structure evolution of Ni isotopes



Low-lying 0⁺₂ in ⁷⁰Ni : prediction and verification

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Shape coexistence from lifetime and branching-ratio measurements in ^{68,70}Ni

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Upon addition of just two neutrons leading to ⁷⁰Ni, the expectations for shape coexistence differ. Some models predict sphericalprolate shape coexistence [10,19,16] while others predict no shape coexistence at all [23–25]. The recent observation of a tentative 0⁺ state at 1567 keV in ⁷⁰Ni [11] suggested a drop in excitation energy of the prolate potential minimum, in line with theoretical expectations for the neutron-rich, even-Ni isotopes. The measure-

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Type II shell evolution in A = 70 isobars from the $N \ge 40$ island of inversion

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General properties of T-plot :

Certain number of large circles in a small region of PES

⇔ pairing correlations

Spreading beyond this can be due to shape fluctuation

Example : shape assignment to various 0⁺ states of ⁶⁸Ni





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Multifaceted Quadruplet of Low-Lying Spin-Zero States in ⁶⁶Ni: Emergence of Shape Isomerism in Light Nuclei

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Shape or structure evolution of Ni isotopes



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An example : shapes of Zr isotopes by Monte Carlo Shell Model

 Effective interaction: JUN45 + snbg3 + V_{MU}

known effective interactions

+ minor fit for a part of T=1 TBME's

Nucleons are excited fully within this model space (no truncation)

We performed Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM) calculations, where the largest case corresponds to the diagonalization of 3.7 x 10²³ dimension matrix.



From earlier shell-model works ...

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Unified shell-model description of nuclear deformation

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FIG. 3. Single-particle levels appropriate to a description of nuclei in the Zr-Mo region. An ⁵⁶Sr core is assumed.

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Shell model description of zirconium isotopes

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In this paper, we perform for the first time a SM study of Zr isotopes in an extended model space $(1f_{5/2}, 2p_{1/2}, 2p_{3/2}, 1g_{9/2})$ for protons and $(2d_{5/2}, 3s_{1/2}, 2d_{3/2}, 1g_{7/2}, 1h_{11/2})$ for neutrons, dubbed hereafter $\pi(r3 - g)$, $\nu(r4 - h)$.



FIG. 12. Systematics of the experimental and theoretical first excited 2⁺ states along the zirconium chain.

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Quantum Phase Transition in the Shape of Zr isotopes

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Can this be a "Phase Transition" ?

Phase Transition :

A macroscopic system can change qualitatively from a stable state (*e.g.* ice for H_2O) to another stable state (*e.g.*, water for H_2O) as a function of a certain parameter (*e.g.*, temperature).

The phase transition implies this kind of phenomena of macroscopic systems consisting of almost infinite number of molecules.



Quantum Phase Transition (QPT)

The concept of the phase transition cannot be applied to microscopic systems as it is. The QPT has been introduced as *an abrupt change* (of order parameter) *in the ground state of a many-body system by varying a physical (i.e., control) parameter at zero temperature. (cf., Wikipedia)*
Quantum Phase Transition (1st order) due to crossing without mixing

300

250

100

50

0

300

250

100

 $\langle Q_2 \rangle (\mathrm{fm}^2$)

 $\langle Q_2 \rangle (\mathrm{fm}^2 \)$





B(E2; 2⁺ -> 0⁺) systematics



New data from Darmstadt, Kremer et al. PRL 117, 172503 (2016)

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First Measurement of Collectivity of Coexisting Shapes Based on Type II Shell Evolution: The Case of ⁹⁶Zr

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Reminder I: Jahn – Teller effect for nuclear deformation

(Self-consistent) quadrupole deformed field $\propto Y_{2,0}(\theta,\phi)$ mixes the orbits below

 $\Psi (J_z=1/2) = c_1 |g_{7/2}; j_z=1/2 > + c_2 |d_{3/2}; j_z=1/2 > + c_3 |d_{5/2}; j_z=1/2 >$

stronger mixing = larger quadrupole deformation

Mixing depends not only on the strength of the $Y_{2,0}(\theta,\phi)$ field, but also the spherical single-particle energies \mathcal{E}_1 , \mathcal{E}_2 , \mathcal{E}_3 , etc.



large (or maybe realistic) splitting is certainly an enemy of deformation

Reminder II: Monopole interaction

A part of the nucleon-nucleon interaction.

Between a proton in the orbit *j* and a neutron in the orbit *j*', it is written as v(j, j') n^p_i nⁿ _{i'}

v(j, j'): monopole matrix element, $n_{j}^{p} \& n_{j'}^{n}$: number operators

Ex. Monopole effect from tensor force



- - 1. Proportional to occupation number (linear scaling) Its effect can be magnified.
 - 2. Single-particle energies are changed effectively Ex: $\Delta \varepsilon^{p}_{i} = v(j, j') \Delta n^{n}_{i'}$
 - 3. Also for holes with the opposite sign
 - 4. v(j, j') not uniform central and tensor forces

Variation of monopole matrix element from a central force : A=70



Figure 26 Monopole matrix elements of central gaussian and delta interactions for (S = 1, T = 0) channel. The orbit labeling is abbreviated like g9 for $1g_{9/2}$, etc. The orbits are from valence shell for (a) A = 100 and (b) A = 70.

mean values ~0.8 MeV ~1.3 MeV difference ~ 0.5 MeV

variations ~0.1 MeV ~0.3 MeV



Figure 34 Monopole matrix elements of the tensor force in the T=0 channel. The orbit labeling is abbreviated like f7 for $1f_{7/2}$, etc. The orbits are from valence shell for A = 70.





Type II shell evolution is a simplest and visible case of

Quantum Self Organization



Atomic nuclei can "organize" their single-particle energies by taking particular configurations of protons and neutrons optimized for each eigenstate, thanks to orbit-dependences of monopole components of nuclear forces (*e.g.*, tensor force).

 \rightarrow an enhancement of Jahn-Teller effect.

Single-particle levels and the number of particles determines the shapes



different shell structures ~ like "different nuclei"



Sr & Kr isotopes within the scope but not yet done well

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Abrupt shape transition at neutron number N = 60: B(E2) values in ^{94,96,98}Sr from fast $\gamma - \gamma$ timing J.-M. Régis,^{1,*} J. Jolie,¹ N. Saed-Samii,¹ N. Warr,¹ M. Pfeiffer,¹ A. Blanc,² M. Jentschel,² U. Köster,² P. Mutti,² T. Soldner,²



FIG. 7. Comparison between level schemes from MCSM calculations and experimental values for the lowest two excited $I^{\pi} = 0^+, 2^+, 4^+, 6^+$ states in ^{94,96,98}Sr. Oblate (prolate) deformed states are given in blue (red) and triaxial ones in purple. The experimental data are taken from Refs. [21,26].

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Moving to heavier nuclei





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MCSM calculation setup



All these orbits are included in the MCSM calculation. 30 protons activated 15 (¹⁷⁷Hg) – 24 (¹⁸⁸Hg) neutrons activated

max dimension in conventional diagonalization $\sim 2 \times 10^{42}$ (feasible in 60 years)

p-p, n-n effective interactions are taken from B.A. Brown, PRL 85, 5300 (2000)

p-n effective interaction
is taken from
T. Otsuka, PRL 104, 012501
(2010) (VMU: central + tensor)
+ 2body LS from M3Y



Single-particle structure is self-organized in prolate states:

proton $h_{9/2}$ – neutron $i_{13/2}$ monopole interaction is particularly strong due to the central + tensor force.

If we weaken it to an averaged magnitude of monopole interactions between other orbits, we get (c)



Note : oblate region is not affected so much

Remarks

Naïve Fermi liquid picture (a la Landau) is revised, as atomic nuclei are not necessarily like simple solid vases containing almost free nucleons.

Nuclear forces are rich enough to optimize single-particle energies for each eigenstate (especially in the cases of collective-mode states), as referred to as quantum self-organization.

The quantum self-organization produces sizable effects with

- (i) two quantum fluids (protons and neutrons),
- (ii) two major forces : *e.g.*, quadrupole interaction to drive collective mode monopole interaction to control resistance

Thus, non-specific forces, e.g. monopole interaction, work coherently so that single-particle states are not always enemies but can be friends of collective modes.

Interesting topics may include

- prolate shape is more favored (reason for prolate > oblate ?)
- Majorana force in IBM may be explained for the first time
- more important for heavier nuclei \rightarrow stability of superheavy elements
- time dependent version ... intriguing project

Type II shell evolution is a simpler case of the quantum self-organization, involving closed-shell structure (~shape coexistence). Quantum phase transition, shape coexistence, shape transition (e.g., Sm), superdeformation, fission, ... seem to be relevant.

heavier nuclei : more particles and more orbits => more important

From known examples,

- Ni (+Co ..) shape coexistence with lowest Ex~1 MeV
- Zr (+Sr ..) quantum phase transition an N=60
- Hg (+Pb ..) even-even isotopes : shape coexistence

even-odd : alternation between spherical/weak oblate and prolate → degeneracy of phases (critical phenomenon) even or odd of neutron number controls

E2 & E0 Transition strength of ¹²Be

E0 is difficult for the shell model. But could ab initio shell model solve this ?

Current status



Expt.:

S. Shimoura, et al., Phys. Lett. B 654 87 (2007) N. Imai, et al., Phys. Lett. B 673 179 (2009)

Thank you

Shape evolution in Sm isotopes (very preliminary)



Shape coexistence in Hg/Pb region

Very Preliminary

 $\langle Q_0 \rangle ({
m fm}^2$)



11 proton orbits, 13 neutron orbits nn, pp Brown (PRL85, 5300), pn VMU



Analogy to electric current,



Additional remark:

The atomic nucleus can optimize its single-particle properties for actual mode/shape (or any final form of the structure), by choosing favorable configurations.

This aspect of the quantum self-organization may be (one of) the missing correlations Nakatsukasa-san mentioned this morning.

Deformation parameter β_2 varies as the neutron number N



Sm同位体(Z=62)のT-plot

- ¹⁴⁴Smから¹⁵⁴Smにかけて変形度が増加(¹⁵⁴Smでβ~0.3)
- ¹⁵⁰Smから配位が変わり、π0h_{11/2}, v0g_{9/2}, v0i_{13/2}などに励起する





¹⁰⁰Zr prolate 0^+_1 and spherical 0^+_4 (T-plot)




¹⁰⁰Zr prolate 0⁺₁ by frozen S.P.E. (T-plot)



Development of shell-model calculation





