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- "Unexpected" appearance and disappearance of seniority symmetry
- pairing isospin modes at intermediate angular momentum in heavy N~Z systems
- What is the role of pairing on proton-decay rates?

- Shape coexistence and alpha-decay fine structure



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#### Pairing and the structure of the *pf*-shell $N \sim Z$ nuclei

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#### Abstract

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The influence of the isoscalar and isovector L=0 pairing components of the effective nucleon-nucleon interaction is evaluated for several isobaric chains, in the firmawork of full  $g/\theta$  shell model calculations. We show that the combined effect of both isospin channels of the pairing force is responsible for the appearance of T=1 ground states in N=Z odd-odd nuclei. However, no evidence is found relating them to be Wigner energy. We study the dependence of their contributions to the total energy on the rotational frequency in the deformed nucleus <sup>56</sup>Cr. Both decrease with increasing angular momentum and go to zero at the band termination. Below the backbending their net effect is a reduction of the moment of inertia, more than half of which comes from the proton-neutron channel. © 1998 Published by Elsevier Science BX, All rights reserved.

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#### Shape coexistence: the shell model view

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#### Abstract

We shall discuss the meaning of the 'nuclear shape' in the laboratory frame proper to the spherical shell model. A brief historical promenade will bring us from Elliott's SU3 breakthrough to today's large scale shell model calculations. A section is devoted to the algebraic model which extends drastically the field of applicability of Elliot's SU3, providing a precious heuristic guidance for the exploration of collectivity in the nuclear chart. Shape coexistence and shape mixing will be shown to occur as the result of the competition between the main actors in the nuclear dynamics; the spherical mean field, and the pairing and quadrupole–quadrupole interactions. These ideas will be illustrated with examples in magic nuclei (<sup>60</sup>Ca and <sup>66</sup>Ni); neutron rich semi-magic (<sup>53</sup>Mg, and <sup>66</sup>Cr); and in proton rich N = Z(<sup>7</sup> Kr).

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## Interplay of seniority symmetry, isoscalar correlations and emergence of collectivity



Chart from M. Górska

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# Seniority symmetry – manifestation of (isovector) 2N interactions in the nucleus





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## Seniority Symmetry in the $g_{9/2}$ subshell



DESPEC-FATIMA FAIR-0 experiment S480 Structure of the heaviest N=Z nuclei: Seniority Transitions and EM Transition Rates in <sup>94</sup>Pd

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Primary objective, tagged (isomer) fast-timing spectroscopy: Measure the B(E2:8<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  6<sup>+</sup>) in <sup>94</sup>Pd<sub>48</sub> (T<sub>z</sub>=+1) as test for p-n pairing vs seniority coupling Here: β-p delayed and β delayed γγ (FATIMA) for <sup>95</sup>Pd -> <sup>94</sup>Ru<sub>50</sub>, <sup>95</sup>Rh<sub>50</sub>

- <sup>124</sup>Xe primary beam (982 MeV/u) on a <sup>9</sup>Be target (4 g/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Secondary beam separated by magnets and identified by FRS detectors
  - TPCs Position
  - Scintillators Time of flight
  - MUSIC Energy loss







Seniority Symmetry in the  $\pi_{g_{9/2}}$  shell

test of 2-body interactions (and if they are sufficient ...)



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## S480 (FAIR-0)

#### Nature of seniority symmetry breaking in the semimagic nucleus <sup>94</sup>Ru

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TABLE I. Experimental mean lifetimes and B(E2) strengths in <sup>94</sup>Ru in comparison with various shell model predictions. Experimental data except for  $8^+ \rightarrow 6^+$  [41,45] are from the present work.

$I_i^{\pi}  ightarrow I_f^{\pi}$	τ (ps)	$\begin{array}{c} B_{\rm EX}(E2) \\ (e^2 {\rm fm}^4) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} B_{\rm SMLB}(E2) \\ (e^2 {\rm fm}^4) \end{array}$	$B_{\rm SDGN}(E2) \\ (e^2 {\rm fm}^4)$	
$8^+ \rightarrow 6^+$	$102(4) \times 10^{6}$	0.09(1)	2.0	0.77	
$6^+ \rightarrow 4^+$	91(3)×10°	3.0(2)	6.1	17.3	
$4^+ \rightarrow 2^+$	32(11)	103(24)	6.8	85.2	
$2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$	S 15	≥ 10	225	295	



FIG. 3. (Color online) (a) The background subtracted delayed time distribution for the 146 keV-311 keV coincident transitions. The delayed and anti-delayed time distributions for (b) 311 keV - 756 keV transitions, and (c) 756 keV - 1431 keV transitions





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The observation of a strongly suppressed E2 strength for the  $13/2^+ \rightarrow 9/2^+$  ground-state transition cannot be explained by SM calculations employing standard interactions and model spaces





TABLE I. Experimental lifetimes and B(E2) strengths in  $^{95}$ Rh. The lifetime value for the  $21/2^+$  state is taken from Ref. [17]. The lifetime limit for the  $17/2^+_1$  state was determined with 98% confidence level. See text for details.

$I_i^{\pi} \to I_f^{\pi}$	$\tau$ [ps]	$B_{exp.}(E2) \ [e^2 fm^4]$
$21/2^+ \rightarrow 17/2_1^+$	$3.0(4) \times 10^3$	29.0(4.0)[8]
$21/2^+ \rightarrow 17/2^+_2$	$3.0(4) \times 10^3$	136(20)[8]
$17/2^+_1 \rightarrow 13/2^+$	$\leq 28$	$\geq 154.7$
$17/2^+_2 \rightarrow 13/2^+$		
$13/2^+ \to 9/2^+$	36(15)	$5.0^{+3.6}_{-1.6}$

TABLE II. Theoretical B(E2) strengths in <sup>95</sup>Rh calculated in different model spaces. The states are labeled by the dominant seniority component in the wave function. See text for details.

$I_i^{\pi} \to I_f^{\pi}$	$B_{gds}(E2)$	$B_{fpg}(E2)$	$B_g(E2)$	
24	$[e^2 fm^4]$	$[e^2 fm^4]$	$[e^2 fm^4]$	
$21/2^+ \rightarrow 17/2^+_{\nu=3}$	10.72	2.82	0.00	
$21/2^+ \rightarrow 17/2^+_{\nu=5}$	177.09	158.14	172.00	
$17/2^+_{\nu=3} \to 13/2^+$	18.41	10.88	0.00	
$17/2^+_{\nu=5} \to 13/2^+$	232.37	189.49	208.70	
$13/2^+ \rightarrow 9/2^+$	219.24	169.71	169.27	



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#### Lifetime Measurements of Excited States in <sup>172</sup>Pt and the Variation of Quadrupole Transition Strength with Angular Momentum

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Lifetime measurements of excited states in  $^{169,171,173}$ Os: Persistence of anomalous B(E2) ratios in transitional rare earth nuclei in the presence of a decoupled  $i_{13/2}$  valence neutron

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Phase transition between (unexpected) seniority-like and collective structure? SM calculations run out of steam. Can can we find a solution within the IBA approach (beyond Casten's simple formula)? See talk by Chong Qi

## Decay spectroscopy of <sup>171,172</sup>Os and <sup>171,172,174</sup>Ir

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## $\alpha$ -decay fine structure in the "classical" region of shape coexistence

TABLE I. Measured  $\alpha$ -decay energies,  $E_{\alpha}$  (coincident  $E_{\gamma}$ , if observed), half-life values  $T_{1/2}$ , branching ratios  $b_{\alpha}$ , formation probabilities  $|RF_I(R)|^2$ , reduced widths, relative hindrance factors (HF) (when possible) referenced to the  $\alpha$  decay of <sup>170</sup>Os with  $E_{\alpha} = 5.407$  MeV, tentative spin and parity assignments as proposed from this work or quoted from the earlier studies, and the deduced internal conversion coefficients as well as the multipolarities (when possible) for <sup>171,172</sup>Os and <sup>171,172,174</sup>Ir.

Nucleus	$J_i^{\pi}$	$T_{1/2}$ (s)	$E_{\alpha}$ (keV)	$b_{\alpha}$ (%)	$ RF_l(R) ^2$ (fm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\delta^2$ (keV)	HF	$J_{\ell}^{\pi}$	$\frac{E_{\gamma}}{(\text{keV})}$	Q()	Multipolarity
170Os [17]	0+	7 37(18)	5407(2)	9.5(10)	0.012(1)	117(12)	1	0+	9900 D95		
172Os	0+	17 1(2 2)	5106(4)	1 2(3)	0.010(5)	182(51	0.6(2)	0+			
172Os	U.	17.1(2.2)	4909(5)	0.0059(12)	0.0017(4)	17(4)	7(2)	2+	199.2(3)		E2
171Os	$(5/2^{-})$ [28]	8.0(4)	5248(4)	1.68(18) [17]	0.011(1)	109(12)	1.1(1)	$(5/2^{-})[17]$	177.2(5)		22
171Os	(-/- /11		5168(4)	0.096(14)	0.0029(4)	28(4)	4.2(7)	$(7/2^{-})[17]$	79.2(3)	9.0(11)	M1
171Os			5115(4)	0.037(11)	0.0021(6)	20(6)	6(2)	(9/2-)	134.2(3)	0.39(8)	E2
171Os	$(13/2^+)$ [28]	0.79(2)	5306(4)	0.21(5)	0.0076(18)	72(17)	1.6(4)	$(13/2^+)$			
171 Ir	$(11/2^{-})[31]$	1.28(4)	5919(4)	53(5) [31]	0.0067(6)	61(6)	1.9(3)	$(11/2^{-})[31]$	92.1(2)	5.1(4)	M1
171 Ir			6011(5)	9(1) <sup>a</sup>	0.0008(1)	7.8(9)	15(2)	(9/2-)			
172Ir	(7+) [33]	1.89(5)	5818(4)	9.5(11) [33]	0.0020(2)	19(2)	6.2(9)	(7+) [33]	162.1(2)	0.69(6)	M1/E2 [34]
172Ir			5755(7)	< 0.004					224.0(6)		
172 Ir	$(3^{-}, 4^{-})$ [33]	4.1(2)	5547(5)	0.36(6) <sup>b</sup>					89.4(3)		E1°
172 Ir	S 3 55 5		5537(5)	0.15(3) <sup>b</sup>					102.8(3)		E1°
172Ir			5517(5)	1.15(20) <sup>b</sup>					123.0(2)		E1 [34]
172 Ir			5505(5)	0.34(6) <sup>b</sup>					136.0(2)		E1°
<sup>174</sup> Ir	(3+) [34]	7.1(22) <sup>d</sup>	5292(8)	0.23(3) <sup>e</sup>					193.1(4)		$E2^{f}$
174Ir			5268(5)	0.17(2) <sup>e</sup>					224.0(6)		$E2^{f}$
174Ir	(7+) [34]	4.4(1.1)	5499(8)	0.4(1) <sup>h</sup>					191(1)		E1 <sup>i</sup>
<sup>174</sup> Ir			5476(5)	1.8(6) <sup>h</sup>					210.1(3)		E2 <sup>j</sup>





HFs seem to correlate qualitatively with predicted shape changes Calculations of NME ?



 $Y=\beta_2 \sin(\gamma+30^{\circ})$ 



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## Observation of the proton emitter ${}^{116}_{57}$ La<sub>59</sub>

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 $\gamma$ -ray energies detected within 8  $\mu$ s of a recoil implantation into the DSSD and followed by a proton decay (<sup>117</sup>La/<sup>116</sup>La) in the same quasipixel.

Insets: logarithmic time distributioons and lifetime determination using the maximum likelihood method



"Microscopic" description of proton decay\*

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\hbar \ln 2}{\Gamma_l} = \frac{\ln 2}{\upsilon} \left| \frac{H_l^+(\chi, \rho)}{RF_l(R)} \right|^2 \text{ where } F_l(R) \text{ is the formation amplitude}$$
  
and the penetrability can be written  $P_l(R) = \frac{kR}{|H_l^+(R)|^2}$   
Deformation parameters taken from

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Emitter	I <sub>p</sub>	Q <sub>p</sub> (keV)	$T^p_{1/2}(exp)$	$ RF_{l}(R) ^{2}(fm^{-1})$	Orbit	T <sup>th</sup> <sub>1/2</sub> (WKB)	S <sub>exp</sub> (%)
108	2	605(13)	5.3(2.2) s	0.004+0.011	2d5/2	89 <sup>+95</sup> <sub>-45</sub> ms	$1.7^{+4.2}_{-11}$
1091	2	827(5)	93.5(5) µs	0.018(3)	2d5/2	6.2(11) µs	6.6(12)
112 Cs	2	823(7)	0.5(1) ms	0.021+0.012	2d5/2	$41^{+12}_{-9}\mu s$	8+5
113 55 Cs	2	976(3)	16.7(7) µs	0.005(1)	2d5/2	0.33(3) µs	2.0(3)
116 57 La	2	734(9)	84 <sup>+86</sup> <sub>-50</sub> ms	0.023_0.015	2d5/2	8.6 <sup>+4.2</sup> <sub>-2.6</sub> ms	10+28
117 57 La	2	825(5)	23.1(3.6) ms	0.0021+0.0009	2d5/2	0.21 <sup>+0.05</sup> <sub>-0.03</sub> ms	$0.9^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$
121 Pr	2	900(10)	10 <sup>+6</sup> <sub>-3</sub> ms	0.0018+0.0017	2d5/2	84 <sup>+33</sup> <sub>24</sub> µs	0.8+0.8
130 Eu	2	1039(15)	0.90 <sup>+0.49</sup> <sub>-0.29</sub> ms	0.005+0.007	2d5/2	26 <sup>+14</sup> <sub>-9</sub> µs	3+4
131 Eu	2	959(9)	21.4 <sup>+1.8</sup> <sub>-1.7</sub> ms	0.0025+0.0011	2d5/2	0.3(1) ms	1.4+0.6
135 Tb	3	1200(7)	0.94 <sup>+0.33</sup> <sub>-0.22</sub> ms	0.0021+0.0012	1h11/2	7.6(14) ms	>100
140 Ho	3	1106(10)	6(3) ms	0.014+0.022	1h11/2	320 <sup>+110</sup> <sub>-80</sub> ms	> 100
141 Ho	3	1190(8)	4.1(1) ms	0.0021+0.0006	1h11/2	32(7) ms	> 100
<sup>144</sup> <sub>69</sub> Tm	5	1725(16)	2.7 <sup>+1.7</sup> <sub>-0.7</sub> µs	0.11+0.08	1h11/2	$2.9^{+0.8}_{-0.6}\mu s$	- 100
<sup>145</sup> Tm	5	1753(7)	3.46(32) µs	0.056+0.012	1h11/2	1.8(2) µs	53(11)
<sup>146</sup> Tm	5	1210(4)	117.6(64) ms	0.051+0.009	1h11/2	67(7) ms	57+10
<sup>147</sup> <sub>69</sub> Tm	5	1073(5)	3.78(1.27) s	0.069+0.052 -0.025	1h11/2	3.0(5) s	80+60
150 Lu	5	1283(3)	64.0(56) ms	0.05(1)	1h11/2	38(3) ms	60(10)
<sup>151</sup> Lu	5	1253(3)	127.1(18) ms	0.051(5)	1h11/2	77(6) ms	61(6)
155 Ta	5	1468(15)	2.9 <sup>+1.5</sup> <sub>-1.1</sub> ms	0.056+0.065	1h11/2	2.0 <sup>+0.7</sup> <sub>-0.5</sub> ms	69 <sup>+82</sup> -36
156 Ta	2	1032(5)	149(8) ms	0.05+0.013	2d3/2	70 <sup>+13</sup> <sub>-11</sub> ms	47+12
157 Ta	0	947(7)	300(105) ms	0.08+0.08	3s1/2	170(50) ms	56+56
160 Re	2	1287(6)	687(11) µs	0.027(5)	2d3/2	0.18(3) ms	26(5)
<sup>161</sup> <sub>75</sub> Re	0	1214(6)	0.440(2) ms	0.045(7)	3s1/2	0.14(3) ms	32(6)
<sup>164</sup> / <sub>77</sub> lr	5	1844(9)	$113^{+62}_{-30}\mu s$	0.014_0.008	1h11/2	21.5 <sup>+3.2</sup> <sub>-2.8</sub> µs	20(10)
166 Ir	2	1168(7)	152(71) ms	0.011+0.015	2d3/2	18(4) ms	$12^{+15}_{-6}$
167 lr	0	1096(6)	110(15) ms	0.023+0.01	3s1/2	20 <sup>+5</sup> <sub>-4</sub> ms	18+8
170 Au	2	1488(12)	321 <sup>+67</sup> <sub>-58</sub> µs	0.007(3)	2d3/2	23(6) µs	7+4
171 79 Au	0	1464(10)	24.5 <sup>+4.7</sup> <sub>-3.1</sub> mus	0.025+0.01	3s1/2	$4.9^{+1.2}_{-1}\mu s$	20-8
176 TI	0	1282(18)	5.2 <sup>+3.0</sup> <sub>-1.4</sub> ms	0.032+0.039	3s1/2	1.5 <sup>+1.0</sup> ms	29 <sup>+35</sup> -18
177 TI	0	1180(20)	67(37) ms	0.05+0.14	3s1/2	28 <sup>+24</sup> / <sub>-13</sub> ms	41+130
<sup>185</sup> Bi	0	1624(16)	3.0 <sup>+2.5</sup> <sub>-11</sub> µs	0.07+0.08	351/2	2.0(7) µs	64+72

The experimental  $Q_{\rho}$  values (including the recoil and electron screening corrections<sup>68</sup>), the partial proton emission half-lives,  $T_{1/2}^{\rho}$ , and the emitted angular momentum  $I_{\rho}$  (used for the formation probability calculation), as well as the specified spherical orbitals (for the calculation of half-lives,  $T_{1/2}^{\mu}$ ) are taken from refs.<sup>29,49-51</sup>, apart from the results for <sup>116,117</sup>La obtained in the present work. The theoretical half-lives,  $T_{1/2}^{\rho}$ , are calculated within the WKB approximation using the Becchetti-Greenless optical model parameters<sup>69</sup> and the experimental spectroscopic factors are determined as ratios of calculated and measured half-lives,  $S_{eop} = T_{1/2}^{h}/T_{1/2}^{r}$ . For the odd-odd proton emitters, it is assumed that the valence neutron remains the same configuration in the parent and daughter nuclei. Experimental uncertainties in the half-lives and Q-values have been taken into account when calculating the error bars of the formation probabilities and spectroscopic factors.





The emission probabilities in the odd-odd proton emitters <sup>112</sup>Cs, <sup>116</sup>La, <sup>140</sup>Ho appear to be ٠ enhanced compared with the respective neighboring isotopes <sup>113</sup>Cs, <sup>117</sup>La, <sup>141</sup>Ho closer to stability

At the same time:

Proton-decay Q value differences: ٠  $Q(^{112}Cs) - Q(^{113}Cs) = -153(8) \text{ keV}$  $Q(116La) - Q(^{117}La) = -90(10) \text{ keV}$  $Q(^{140}Ho) - Q(^{141}Ho) = -83(11) \text{ keV}$ 

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# Spatial dependence of the pairing gap in superfluid nuclei

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**FIGURE 3.** (a) Pairing field as a function of the position of the center of mass for different values of the relative momentum k, for the Argonne plus induced interaction  $v_{Arg+ind}$ . Going from top to bottom, the curves refer to values of k going from k = 0.25 fm<sup>-1</sup> to k = 1.75 fm<sup>-1</sup>, in steps of 0.5 fm<sup>-1</sup>. (b) Pairing field obtained with the semiclassical approximation.



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Pairing isospin modes in deformed N~Z nuclei at intermediate angular momentum - odd-even ( $T_z=1/2$ ) nuclei



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Odd-mass N~Z ( $T_Z=1/2$ ) nuclei:

- Spin-dependent "effective 3-N" interaction favors T=0 np pairs after alignment of first (isovector) pair?
- Increase of structural difference between 1qp and 3qp configuration reduces interaction strength in the band crossing?

# Thank You