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Driving with Ms. Silvia into Isotopic Ridges

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What is "Isotopic Ridge"?

It is rather unexpected to see states of even-even nuclei at high excitation energies (~ 4-5 MeV > twice pairing gap) with distinct visible characters (such as "shape" or "isomer") with low spins (J~O) [a lot of cases with high spins] with systematic appearance in a chain of isotopes





Silvia led and drove us into the exploratory journey hunting for this!

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- 4. Another subject ...

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We start with observed facts about the nuclear shell structure.

Excitation energies of the lowest excited 2⁺ states of even-even nuclei



Monopole interaction : angular averaged part of a given interaction

for Central force

Stronger attraction between single-particle orbits of similar radial wave functions ex.: $f_{7/2} - f_{5/2}$, $g_{9/2} - h_{11/2}$ cf: Federman-Pittel (1977)



for Three-nucleon force (Δ -hole): overall repulsive effect

Effects of these monopole interactions can be seen in terms of Effective Single-Particle Energy (ESPE) Sturm-Watt-Whitehead



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Not limited to magic numbers, ... shell structure changes

Probably (one of) the first systematic experimental studies

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Is the Nuclear Spin-Orbit Interaction Changing with Neutron Excess?

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The shell evolution now occurs almost everywhere on the nuclear chart.

→one of the major subjects of RI-beam facilities for exotic nuclei

This word did not exist before 2004.

"Shell evolution"* : 0 hit in Google Scholar in 2003 1 2004

~140 hits/year ~2021

*Combine with "atomic nuclei", to avoid biology,

Earlier empirical analyses such as Grawe, Sorlin-Porquet, with different nomenclatures for instance, "orbital migration", ...

What about the "shell evolution" mechanism in other nuclear properties?

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Energy levels and B(E2) values of Ni isotopes as an example

Description by the Monte Carlo shell model with the A3DA-m Hamiltonian



Y. Tsunoda, TO, Shimizu, Honma and Utsuno, PRC 89, 031301 (R) (2014) Shape coexistence: traditional view



neutron number, N

FIG. 10. Systematics of excited states in the even-Hg isotopes. Note the "parabolic intrusion" of the closely spaced bands of states (marked with solid lines) with J = 0, 2, 4, ... centered on ¹⁸²Hg (N = 102). The data are taken from Nuclear Data Sheets. Some recent lifetime data can be found in Grahn *et al.* (2009).

Normal and intruder states in ⁶⁸Ni

0⁺₂ state (oblate)



2p2h+more excitations



Not 4p4h



ground state

(spherical

OpOh with 25% mixture of 2p2h excitation over N=40 gap

Non-linear enhancement of p-h excitations due to tensor force



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

Potential energy surface (PES)

Constrained Hartree-Fock calculation for the shell-model Hamiltonian with constraints by β_2 and γ .



Fig. 17 (left) Potential energy surface (PES) of ⁶⁸Ni. (Taken from Fig. 5 of Otsuka and Tsunoda 2016). (right) PES of ⁶⁸Ni for axially symmetric shapes. The solid line shows the PES of the full Hamiltonian, whereas the dashed line is the PES with practically no tensor force contribution. (Taken from Fig. 6 of Otsuka and Tsunoda 2016)



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Shape coexistence with known lowest excitation energy within Ni isotopes

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

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What happens in the other side of the magic number N = 40



Emergence of Shape Isomerism in Light Nuclei

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Identification of nuclear shape by T-plot of MCSM

- Location of circle: shape quadrupole deformation of unprojected MCSM basis vector
- Area of circle: importance

overlap probability between each projected basis vector and the eigen wave function

• Potential energy surface (PES) is calculated by Constrained HF for the same interaction

angularmomentum, Slater parity projection determin $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n} f_{n} P^{J\pi} |\psi_{n}\rangle$ MCSM eigen wave function MCSM basis vector

T-plot of 0⁺ states of ⁷⁸Ni (Z=28, N=50)





Shape Coexistence at Zero Spin in ⁶⁴Ni Driven by the Monopole Tensor Interaction

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Current edge : ⁶²Ni





Final picture of "Isotopic Ridge"

Thus, a "ridge" arises for Ni isotopes with gradually varying deformed shapes. ... splitting at the end, however

Probably, no ridges for Fe or Zn isotopes. (→ isotopic ridge, if you wish)





Neutron excitations from pf-shell to $g_{9/2}$ orbital are crucial.

The number of neutrons, or the neutron Fermi energy, directly affects as to how many neutrons are excited to $g_{9/2}$ orbital.

At N=34, the present triaxial states appear with $\beta_2 > 0.34$ with excitations to $g_{9/2}$ orbital. The middle of pf-shell is at N=30 \rightarrow triaxiality may be natural? The modestly deformed ($\beta_2 \sim 0.2$) prolate state appears mostly with the collectivity of pf-shell protons.



Further exploration for this hidden jewelry is an intriguing project ... thanks for Silvia's strong leadership

Isotopic ridges show up

at high excitation energies (> twice pairing gap) with distinct visible characters (e.g., shapes) with low spins (J~O) free from major mixings with systematic appearance in an isotopic chain They might give us a gateway to superdeformation.

because of high-j orbitals because of different occup. # because of monopole effects





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Single-particle and collective excitations in ⁶²Ni

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FIG. 4. Excitation energy versus spin for the two collective bands observed in the present measurement and for the ground-state bands in ⁵⁸Cr [25] and ⁶⁰Fe [27]. See text for details.



FIG. 2. Level scheme of ⁶²Ni deduced in the present work. The states are labeled with their spin and parity.

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Before I finish, let me mention recent developments about shapes and rotations of atomic nuclei.

- 1. Rotational excitation energy proportional to $J(J+1) K^2$ is derived in quantum many-body framework, without resorting to the quantization of the free rotation of classical rigid body.
- 2. Triaxial deformation occurs in virtually all deformed nuclei, because it gives more binding energy than axially symmetric shapes. \rightarrow "basic triaxiality" It is not a fluctuation. The ground band of ¹⁵⁴Sm is an example, while side bands show shape coexistence with γ .
- 3. Stronger triaxiality occurs due to tensor (monopole) or central (hexadecupole) forces in some nuclei, at least in the ground bands of 13 rare-earth nuclei, such as ¹⁶⁶Er, ¹⁶⁴Dy, ¹⁵⁸Gd. → "prominent triaxiality"

We need Silvia's great initiative again for this challenging and exciting subject!

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Happy 60th birthday for Franco, Gianluca, Silvia and be active like a dragon belong to this

Kaihou, Yushou (1533-1615), Ken-Nin Ji, Kyoto

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