Nuclear structure far from stability and the effective NN interaction

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New phenomena far from stability



Shell structure far from stability

The proton-rich side

Isospin symmetry breaking

The neutron-rich side

Shell evolution far from stability







shape coexistence





around the valley of nuclear stability N/Z ~ 1 - 1.6

nuclei N/Z ~ 3

The effective interaction

A multipole expansion

$$V = V_m + V_M$$



represents a spherical mean field extracted from the interacting shell model
determines the single particle energies or ESPE



correlations energy gains

Deformation

Interplay: Monopole and Multipole

The interplay of the monopole with multipole terms, like pairing and quadrupole, determines the different phenomena we observe.

In particular, far from stability new magic numbers appear and new regions of deformation develop giving rise to new phenomena such as islands of inversion, shape phase transitions, shape coexistence, haloes, etc.

The proton-rich side

- Which components of the NN interaction break the isospin symmetry?
- How does isospin symmetry work with shape coexistence?
- Will new decay modes be observed far from stability?
- Do we understand the interplay of T=0 and T=1 pairing?
- Do proton skins / halos exist?
- Connection with other fields: Astrophysics, Standard Model

Neutron-proton exchange symmetry

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Charge symmetry : $V_{pp} = V_{nn}$ Nuclear force slightly asymmetric e.g. scattering lengths <u>Machleidt and Muther, PRC 58(2001)1393</u>

Charge independence: $(V_{pp} + V_{nn})/2 = V_{np}$

some charge dependence exists González Trotter et al., PRL 83 (1999)3788

Deviations are small

Mirror energy differences



difference in excitation energies

$$MED_{J} = E *_{J,T_{z}=-T} - E *_{J,T_{z}=T}$$

Test the charge symmetry of the interaction



Measuring the Isospin Symmetry Breaking

Can we reproduce such small energy differences? What can we learn from them?

Interestingly they contain a richness of information about spin-dependent structural phenomena

We measure **nuclear** structure features:

How the nucleus generates its angular momentum
 Evolution of the radii (deformation) along a rotational band
 Learn about the configuration of the states
 Isospin non-conserving terms in the nuclear interaction



MED and nucleon alignment



Improving the description of Coulomb effects

electromagnetic LS term

 $E_{Cls} = (g_s - g_l) \frac{1}{4m_v^2 c^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{dV_c}{dr}\right) \mathbf{l.s}$





V_{cm} Monopole part of the Coulomb energy:



change the single-particle energies



Are Coulomb corrections enough?



Another term of nuclear (?) nature is needed, but it has to be big!

Looking for an empirical interaction

Yrast spectra of the T=1 ⁴²Ti and ⁴²Ca

We assume that the configurations of these states are pure $(f_{7/2})^2$ Coul: calculated 437 MED: measured 367 150 (monopole 100 🗖 Coul 🔳 MED-Coul Energy (keV) 1228 subtracted) 1120 50 0 0 -50 -100 J=2 anomaly 1556 1525 spin 42**Ti** ⁴²Ca

This suggests that the role of the isospin non conserving nuclear force is at least as important as the Coulomb potential in the observed MED

Simple ansatz for the application to nuclei in the pf shell:

$$V_B \left[\pi f_{T/2}^2 \right]^{J=2} = 100 \,\mathrm{keV}$$

A. P. Zuker et al., PRL 89, 142502 (2002)







VB in the T=1 and T=3/2 mirrors





J=2 anomaly

A.Gadea et al., PRL 97, 152501 (2006) D. Rudolph et al., PRC **78**, 021301(R) (2008)



J.R. Brown et al. PRC 80, 011306(R) 2009

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Extension to other main shells

Understanding the ISB term VB

Can we understand the origin of this term from the N-N interaction?

Is the ISB term a general feature or is it just confined to the f_{7/2} shell?

Necessary conditions for such studies:

- good amount of data
- good shell model description of the structure

A similar VB term as in the f_{7/2} shell is needed to reproduce these data in the sd shell

This suggests that the ISB term has a general character



Isospin symmetry and shape coexistence

 $CED(J)=E_J(N=Z)-E_J(N=Z+2)$

Large shell gaps exist at both oblate and prolate shape for N = Z = 34 and 36

Ν

Z





fpg shell

Negative values of the CED are associated to changes in the Coulomb energy due to shape changes as a function of J

CED and shape coexistence: The case of the non-identical twins?

$$_{35}^{70}$$
Br₃₅ $-_{34}^{70}$ Se₃₆, T = 1

CED very sensitive to structural changes



J. Ljungvall et al., PRL 100, 102502 (2008)

⁷⁰**Br**: G.de Angelis et al., EPJ. A **12**, 51 (2001) D.G.Jenkins *et al.*, PRC **65**, 064307 (2002)



G. de Angelis et al., PRC 85, 034320 (2012)

Modifications in the Fermi surface induced by isospin-breaking interactions can cause rapid changes in the nuclear shape that may lead to different shapes in the ground-state configurations of nuclei belonging to the same isospin multiplet.

CED: BMF and SM: complementary approaches

Beyond mean field (Vampire) CED based on different shape mixing (axially symmetric) of the analog states.

Need to measure the $T_z = -1$ member of the isobaric triplet, electromagnetic transition probabilities and precise quadrupole moments



A. Petrovici, J. Phys.G: Nucl. Part. Phys 37 (2010) 064036

A new collaboration within SARFEN with A. Petrovici to perfom shell model calculations that are not constrained to axial deformation

The mirror pair ⁶⁷Se – ⁶⁷As





Shape coexistence causes the crossing or mixing of levels of the same spin. A careful look at the 21/2+ wfs show different structures in the IAS! Important to have a good shell model description.

Data: R. Orlandi et al., PRL 103, 052501 (2009) Calc. K. Kaneko et al., PRC 82, 061301, 2010



A. Boso, Thesis, Padova 2011

Isospin mixing in mirror pairs

Isospin Symmetry violation in mirror E1 transitions Coherent contributions from Giant Isovector Monopole Resonance in ⁶⁷As - ⁶⁷Se P.G. Bizzeti¹, G. de Angelis², S.M. Lenzi³, and R. Orlandi⁴



The coherent effect of Coulomb-induced mixing with the high-lying Giant Isovector Monopole Resonance is proposed as the most probable process to produce large asymmetry in the E1 transitions, with comparatively small effect on the other properties of the parent and daughter level.



Techniques for proton-rich spectroscopy

The basic techniques for selecting proton-rich systems



Fusion-evaporation 1: Gamma-ray array + recoil mass spectrometer + focal plane detectors - identify A,Z of recoiling nucleus \rightarrow tag emitted gamma-rays



Fusion-evaporation 2: Gamma-ray array + clean identification of all emitted particles from reaction - needs a high efficiency & high granularity <u>charged-particle detector</u> $(p, \alpha) + \underline{neutron \ detector \ array}$



Multinucleon transfer: Gamma-ray array + identify cleanly the recoiling nuclei - needs identify A,Z of recoiling nucleus \rightarrow tag emitted gamma-rays



Fragmentation and knockout: high efficiency gamma-ray array (limited to relatively low spins)

The neutron-rich side

- How does the shell structure change far from stability?
- How do new regions of deformation develop at "magic" numbers?
- How does the interaction describe shape coexistence?
- Will new excitation/decay modes be observed far from stability?
- New dynamical symmetries or new shapes?
- Connection with Astrophysics

The monopole tensor force and the spe

Central part: global variation of the single-particle energies Tensor part: characteristic behavior of spin–orbit partners, etc.





T. Otsuka et al., PRL 104, 012501 (2010) N. A. Smirnova et al., PLB 686, 109 (2010)

The islands of inversion (N=8,20,28)

At N=8 and N=20 the h.o. shell gap vanishes for very neutron rich nuclei.

Deformed intruder configurations fall below the spherical ones

N=28



N=8

Island of Inversion in N=40



Cr isotopic chain





E(5)

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X(5)

Ú(5)

at the shape phase transition critical point?

Marginean et al. Phys. Lett. B 633 (2006) 696.

Recent plunger experiment at MSU to measure the lifetimes and test the E(5).

Deep-inelastic and multi-nucleon transfer reactions



Islands of inversion and symmetries



 Islands of Inversion at the magic numbers.
 Can be understood in terms of symmetries.



The new interaction in the fpgd space

LNPS interaction: renormalized realistic interaction + monopole corrections

⁴⁸Ca core protons: full pf shell neutrons: $p_{3/2}$, $f_{5/2}$, $p_{1/2}$, $g_{9/2}$, $d_{5/2}$



➤ KB3gr for the pf-shell;

renormalized G-matrix with monopole corrections for the remaining matrix elements involving the p3/2, p1/2, f5/2 and g9/2 neutron orbits;

➢ the G-matrix based on the Kahana-Lee-Scott potential for the matrix elements involving the d5/2 orbit;

> monopole corrections to reproduce the Z=28 and N=50 gaps in 78Ni based on data of neighboring nuclei

SML, F. Nowacki, A. Poves and K. Sieja, PRC 82, 054301 (2010)

Cr-Fe isotopes and the N=40 isotones



Shape coexistence in ⁶⁷Co and ⁶⁸Ni

²²⁷³ (9/2⁻)

 $(3/2^{-}, 5/2^{-})$

 $(1/2^{-})$

6

680

491

 $(7/2^{-})$

(**11**/2⁻) 1613

The deformation driven by the neutrons induces a reduction of the Z=28 gap and gives rise to a deformed low-lying 1/2- state

68Ni



Prediction: D. Pauwels et al., Phys.Rev. C 82, 027304 (2010) Data: A. Dijon et al., PRC 85, 031301 (2012)

F. Recchia et al., PRC 85, 064305 (2012)

D. Pauwels et al., PRC 78, 041307 (2008) and PRC 79, 044309 (2009)

The LNPS interaction is able to reproduce these structures

The 1/2⁻ state gains a total of ~ 8 MeV of correlation energy and ~ 5 MeV relative to the ground state

Shape coexistence in ⁶⁷Co Up to 11p-11h excitations across ⁶⁷Co 68Ni the N=40, Z=28 gap $\pi[f_{7/2}^{-2}(fp)^{1}]$ $\pi[f_{7/2}^{-3}(fp)^2]$ 2308 0_{3}^{+} 11/2-2335 ~2200 9/2 (9/2-) 2273 $\mathcal{V}[(pf)^{-4}(gd)^4]$ 2034 2+ 1557 $\pi f_{7/2}^{-1} \otimes 2^{+68}$ Ni (11/2-) 1613 the largest 9/2 B(E2) in the 11/2 1460 9/2* 1199 region 814 3/21 $\pi[f_{7/2}^{-2}(fp)^{1}] V[(pf)^{-4}(gd)^{4}]$ 680 (5/2,3/2) 630 5/2- $(1/2^{-})$ 492 433 1/27 $(7/2^{-})$ 7/2- 0^+ 0 0

F. Recchia et al., PRC 85, 064305 (2012)

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Conclusions



Proton-rich nuclei present several interesting properties and phenomena that can give information on specific terms of the nuclear interaction:

charge symmetry and independence
proton-neutron pairing

Neutron-rich nuclei at the harmonic oscillator closures show sudden changes in their structure and give rise to islands of inversion. This gives information on the evolution of the shell structure and can be interpreted in terms of symmetries and described with state-of-the art shell model calculations.

In both cases the phenomenon of shape coexistence can give information on the proton-neutron correlations that drive the nucleus towards different competing deformations.



Moving the frontier

With high intensity stable beams

Move to higher spins and masses
to probe the ISB terms in other shell model spaces in PRN
to better study NRN (γ-γ, shape evolution along isobaric chains)

Measure $T_z < O$ members of the multiplets and study MED and Triplet energy differences.

Measure transition probabilities and electromagnetic moments to probe shape coexistence and dynamical symmetries

Move to other "magic numbers" in both proton and neutron-rich sides