Proton-neutron interactions in heavy nuclei

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δVpn

$\delta Vpn(Z,N)=$ [B(Z,N)+B(Z-2,N-2)-B(Z,N-2)-B(Z-2,N)]/4

Average interaction between last two protons with last two neutrons

Spikes in δ Vpn in light N = Z nuclei



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Heavy nuclei: spikes at Nval=Zval



Explain δVpn maxima

• Light nuclei: SU(4) Wigner supermultiplet

Heavy nuclei: strong spin-orbit interaction

Pseudo SU(3) scheme

• New coupling scheme

Nilsson model

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\left[\omega_x(x^2 + y^2) + \omega_z z^2\right] + CI \cdot s + DI^2$$

typical Nilsson orbit: $K[N n_z \Lambda]$

- K projection of total angular momentum on the z-axis
- N principal quantum number of the major shell
- n_z number of nodes of the wavefunction in the z-direction
- Λ projection of orbital angular momentum on the z-axis

 $K=\Lambda\pm 1/2$ N= n_x + n_y + n_z

0[110] pairs

• 168 Er: p 7/2 [523]; n 7/2 [633]

- 172 Yb: p 1/2 [411]; n 1/2 [521]
- 178 Hf: p 7/2 [404]; n 7/2 [514]

• 180 W: p 7/2 [404]; n 7/2 [514]

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Since $\Delta K[\Delta N \Delta n_z \Delta \Lambda] = 0[110]$,

N and n_z differ by one.

Since N = $n_x + n_y + n_z$, $n_x + n_y$ is concerved.

Sister orbits differ only by a single quantum in the z direction.

Expect large spatial overlaps for sister orbits and large p-n interactions.

Measure of overlaps

Create probability overlaps of Nilsson wavefunctions

$$\int \sqrt{\Psi_1^*\Psi_1} \cdot \sqrt{\Psi_2^*\Psi_2} dV$$

If Ψ₁ = Ψ₂, the integral is 1.
If Ψ₁ ≠ Ψ₂, the integral takes larger values when the two wave functions are similar.

Probability overlaps for Nilsson wave functions differing by $\Delta K[\Delta N \Delta n_z \Delta \Lambda] = 0[110], 0[220], 0[330]$



The highest overlaps occur for the case of 0[110] Nilsson orbit pairs

0[110] orbits filled in synch



Locus of collectivity



Collectivity and maxima in $\delta V pn$



Maxima in δVpn and Nval=Zval

