

The interacting boson model

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Introduction to the IBM

Practical applications of the IBM

Overview of nuclear models

- *Ab initio* methods: Description of nuclei starting from the bare nn & nnn interactions.
- Mean-field methods: Nuclear average potential with global parametrization (+ correlations).
- Nuclear shell model: Nuclear average potential + (residual) interaction between nucleons.
- Phenomenological models: Specific nuclei or properties with local parametrization, *e.g.* the interacting boson model.

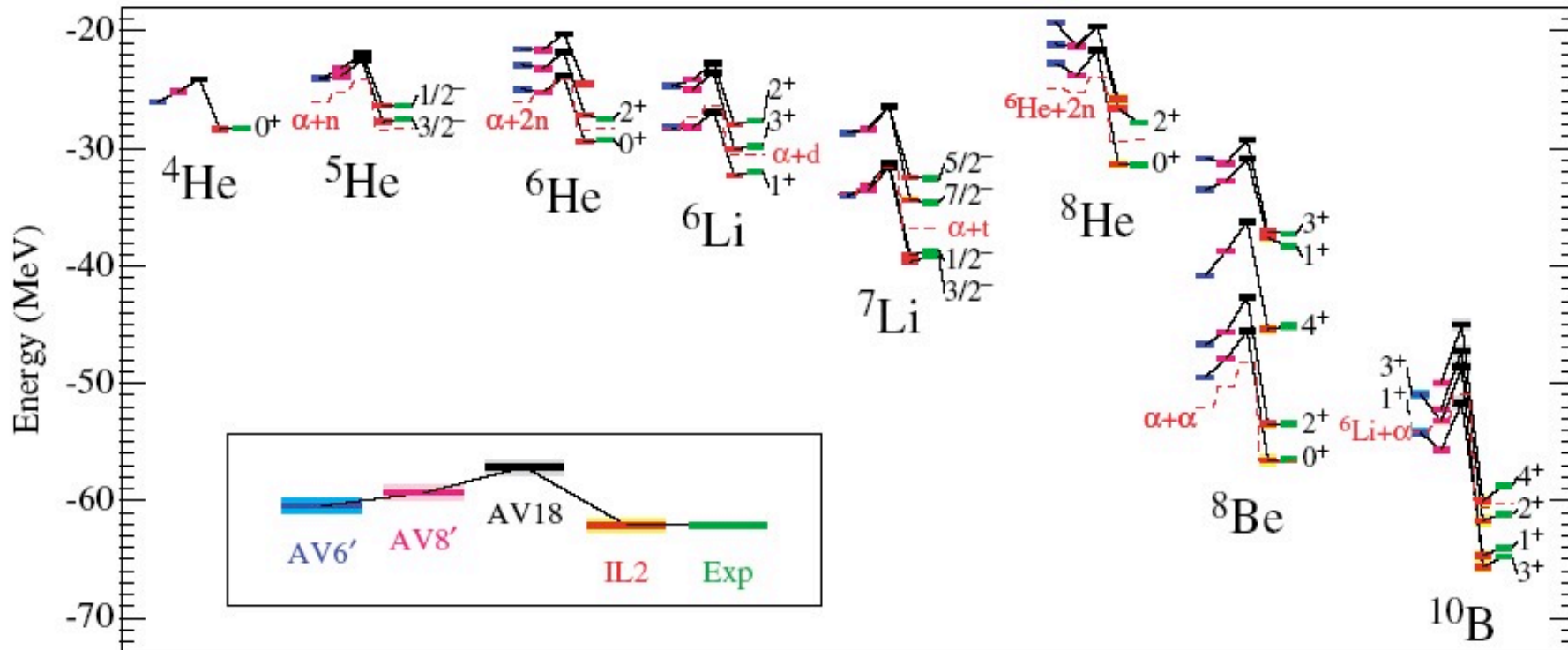
Ab initio methods

- Many *ab initio* methods exist and give consistent results.
- Example : $A=4$

Method	$\langle T \rangle$	$\langle V \rangle$	E_b	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$
FY	102.39(5)	-128.33(10)	-25.94(5)	1.485(3)
CRCGV	102.30	-128.20	-25.90	1.482
SVM	102.35	-128.27	-25.92	1.486
HH	102.44	-128.34	-25.90(1)	1.483
GFMC	102.3(1.0)	-128.25(1.0)	-25.93(2)	1.490(5)
NCSM	103.35	-129.45	-25.80(20)	1.485
EIHH	100.8(9)	-126.7(9)	-25.944(10)	1.486

Ab initio calculations for light nuclei

- Systematic studies of light nuclei ($A \leq 12$) \Rightarrow evidence for three-body nucleon interactions.

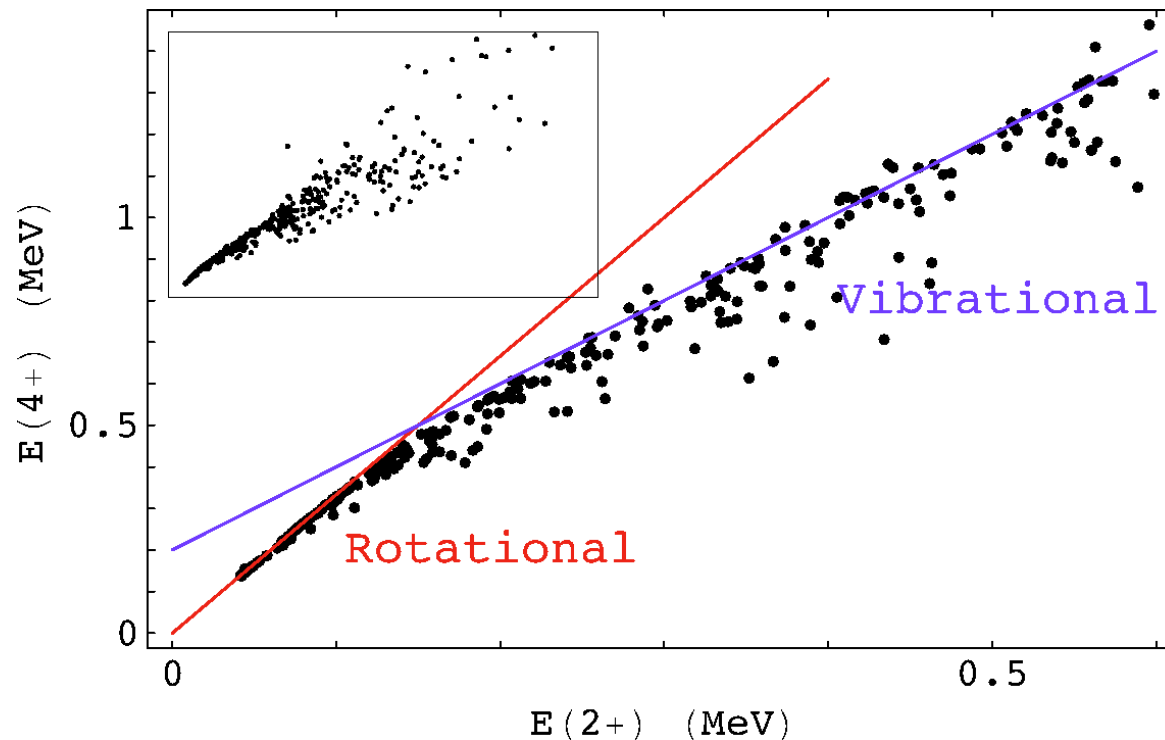


R.B. Wiringa and S.C. Pieper, Phys. Rev. Lett. **89** (2002) 182501

NSDD Workshop, Trieste, April 2005

Tri-partite classification of nuclei

- Empirical evidence for seniority-type, vibrational- and rotational-like nuclei:



- Need for model of *vibrational* nuclei.

N.V. Zamfir *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 72 (1994) 3480

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The interacting boson model

- Spectrum generating algebra for the nucleus is $U(6)$. All physical observables (hamiltonian, transition operators,...) are expressed in terms of s and d bosons.
- Justification from
 - Shell model: s and d bosons are associated with S and D fermion (*Cooper*) pairs.
 - Geometric model: for large boson number the IBM reduces to a liquid-drop hamiltonian.

The IBM hamiltonian

- Rotational invariant hamiltonian with up to N -body interactions (usually up to 2):

$$\hat{H}_{\text{IBM}} = \varepsilon_s \hat{n}_s + \varepsilon_d \hat{n}_d + \sum_{l_1 l_2 l'_1 l'_2, L} \nu_{l_1 l_2 l'_1 l'_2}^L \left(b_{l_1}^+ \times b_{l_2}^+ \right)^{(L)} \cdot \left(\tilde{b}_{l'_1} \times \tilde{b}_{l'_2} \right)^{(L)} + \dots$$

- For what choice of single-boson energies ε and boson-boson interactions ν is the IBM hamiltonian solvable?
- This problem is equivalent to the enumeration of all algebras G satisfying

$$\text{U}(6) \supset G \supset \text{SO}(3) \equiv \left\{ \hat{L}_\mu = \sqrt{10} \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(1)} \right\}$$

Dynamical symmetries of the IBM

- U(6) has the following subalgebras:

$$U(5) = \left\{ \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(0)}, \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(1)}, \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(2)}, \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(3)}, \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(4)} \right\}$$

$$SU(3) = \left\{ \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(1)}, \left(s^+ \times \tilde{d} + d^+ \times \tilde{s} \right)_\mu^{(2)} - \sqrt{\frac{7}{4}} \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(2)} \right\}$$

$$SO(6) = \left\{ \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(1)}, \left(s^+ \times \tilde{d} + d^+ \times \tilde{s} \right)_\mu^{(2)}, \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(3)} \right\}$$

$$SO(5) = \left\{ \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(1)}, \left(d^+ \times \tilde{d} \right)_\mu^{(3)} \right\}$$

- Three solvable limits are found:

$$U(6) \supset \left\{ \begin{array}{l} U(5) \supset SO(5) \\ SU(3) \\ SO(6) \supset SO(5) \end{array} \right\} \supset SO(3)$$

Dynamical symmetries of the IBM

- The general IBM hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H}_{\text{IBM}} = \varepsilon_s \hat{n}_s + \varepsilon_d \hat{n}_d + \sum_{l_1 l_2 l'_1 l'_2, L} v_{l_1 l_2 l'_1 l'_2}^L (b_{l_1}^+ \times b_{l_2}^+)^{(L)} \cdot (\tilde{b}_{l'_1} \times \tilde{b}_{l'_2})^{(L)} + \dots$$

- An *entirely equivalent* form of H_{IBM} is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{IBM}} = & \eta_0 \hat{C}_1[\text{U}(6)] + \eta_1 \hat{C}_1[\text{U}(5)] + \kappa'_0 \hat{C}_1[\text{U}(6)] \hat{C}_1[\text{U}(5)] \\ & + \kappa_0 \hat{C}_2[\text{U}(6)] + \kappa_1 \hat{C}_2[\text{U}(5)] + \kappa_2 \hat{C}_2[\text{SU}(3)] \\ & + \kappa_3 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(6)] + \kappa_4 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(5)] + \kappa_5 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(3)] \end{aligned}$$

- The coefficients η and κ are certain combinations of the coefficients ε and v .

The solvable IBM hamiltonians

- *Excitation* spectrum of H_{IBM} is determined by

$$\hat{H}_{\text{IBM}} = E_0 + \eta_1 \hat{C}_1[\text{U}(5)] + \kappa_1 \hat{C}_2[\text{U}(5)] + \kappa_2 \hat{C}_2[\text{SU}(3)] \\ + \kappa_3 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(6)] + \kappa_4 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(5)] + \kappa_5 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(3)]$$

- If certain coefficients are zero, H_{IBM} can be written as a sum of commuting operators:

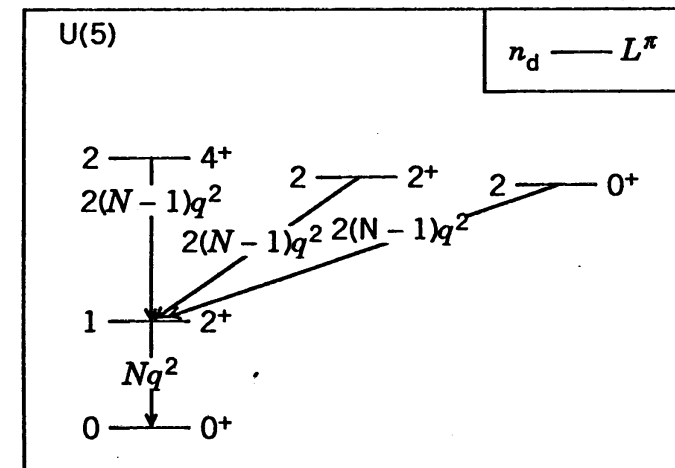
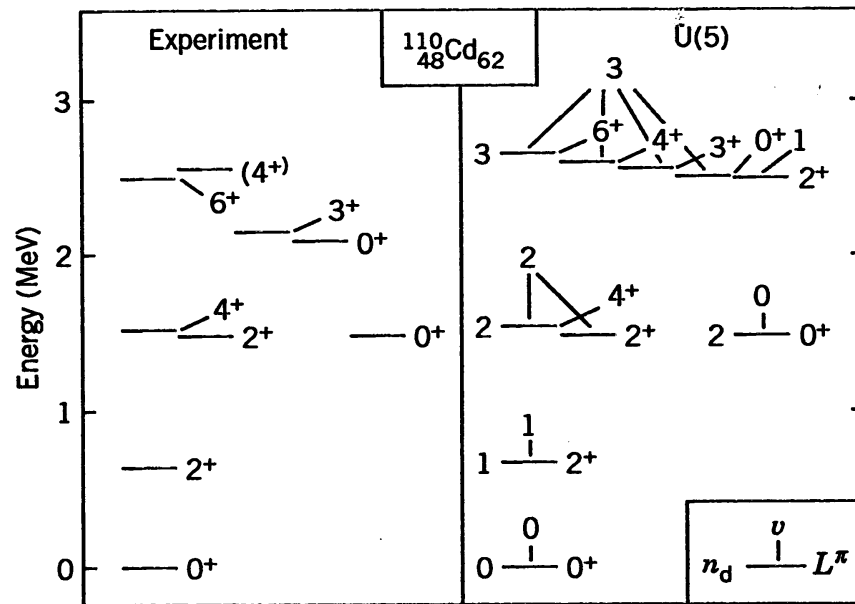
$$\hat{H}_{\text{U}(5)} = \eta_1 \hat{C}_1[\text{U}(5)] + \kappa_1 \hat{C}_2[\text{U}(5)] + \kappa_4 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(5)] + \kappa_5 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(3)]$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SU}(3)} = \kappa_2 \hat{C}_2[\text{SU}(3)] + \kappa_5 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(3)]$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SO}(6)} = \kappa_3 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(6)] + \kappa_4 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(5)] + \kappa_5 \hat{C}_2[\text{SO}(3)]$$

The U(5) vibrational limit

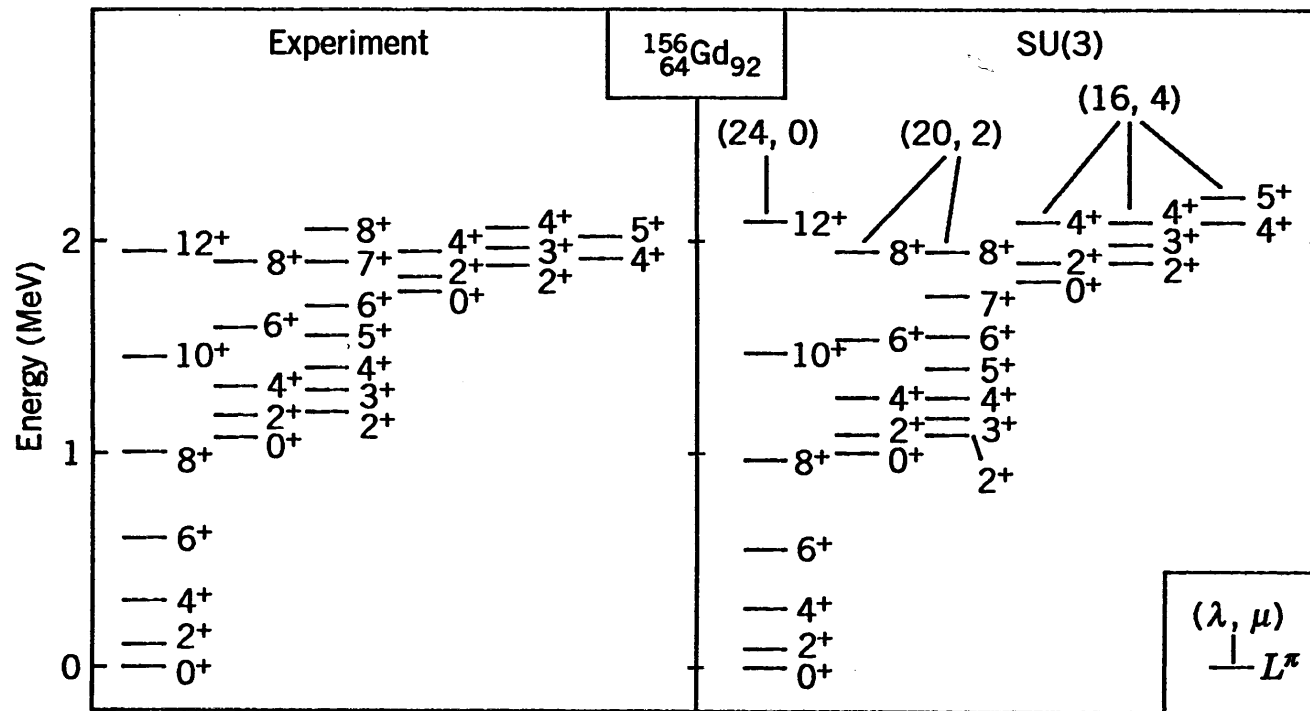
- Anharmonic vibration spectrum associated with the quadrupole oscillations of a spherical surface.
- Conserved quantum numbers: n_d, ν, L .



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The SU(3) rotational limit

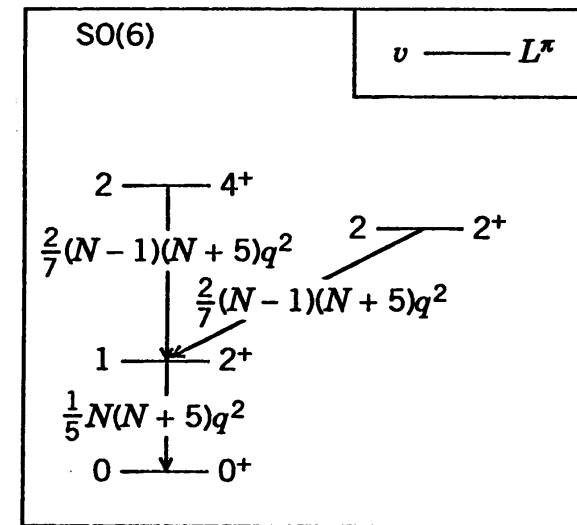
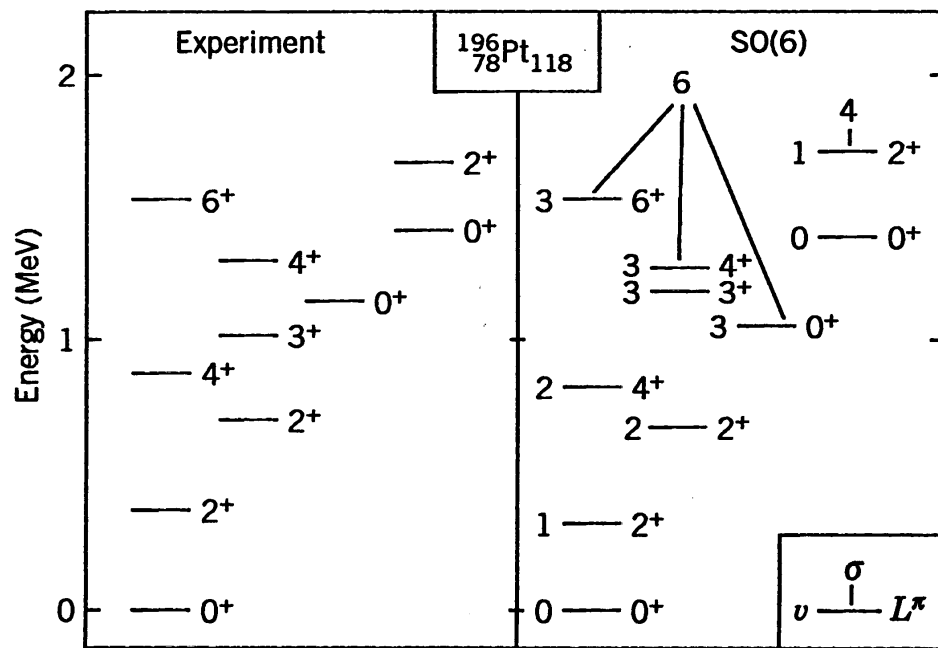
- Rotation-vibration spectrum of quadrupole oscillations of a spheroidal surface.
- Conserved quantum numbers: (λ, μ) , L .



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The SO(6) γ -unstable limit

- Rotation-vibration spectrum of quadrupole oscillations of a γ -unstable spheroidal surface.
- Conserved quantum numbers: σ , ν , L .



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 L. Wilets & M. Jean, Phys. Rev. **102** (1956) 788

Modes of nuclear vibration

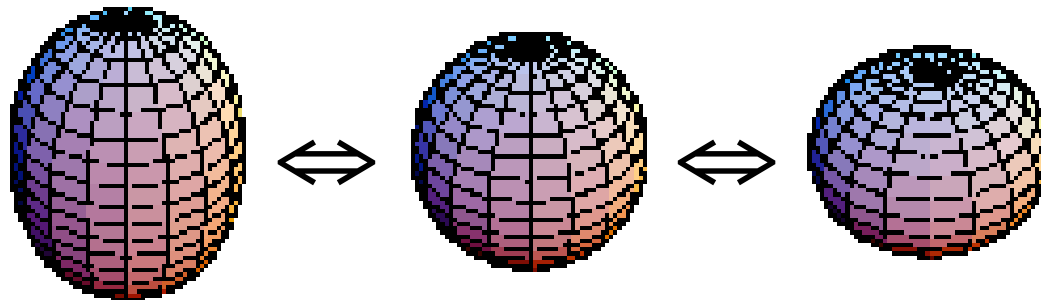
- Nucleus is considered as a droplet of nuclear matter with an equilibrium shape. Vibrations are modes of excitation around that shape.
- Character of vibrations depends on symmetry of equilibrium shape. Two important cases in nuclei:
 - Spherical equilibrium shape
 - Spheroidal equilibrium shape

Vibrations about a spherical shape

- Vibrations are characterized by a multipole quantum number λ in surface parametrization:

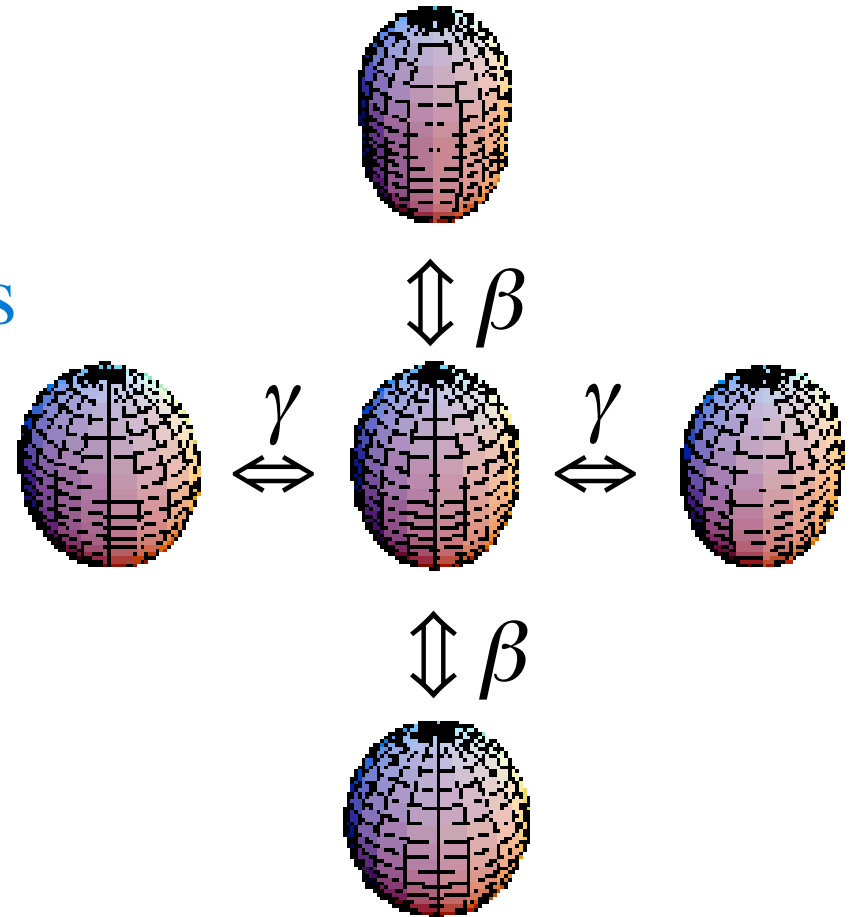
$$R(\theta, \varphi) = R_0 \left(1 + \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{\mu=-\lambda}^{+\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y_{\lambda\mu}^*(\theta, \varphi) \right)$$

- $\lambda=0$: compression (high energy)
- $\lambda=1$: translation (not an intrinsic excitation)
- $\lambda=2$: quadrupole vibration



Vibrations about a spheroidal shape

- The vibration of a shape with axial symmetry is characterized by $a_{\lambda\nu}$.
- Quadrupolar oscillations
 - $\nu=0$: along the axis of symmetry (β)
 - $\nu=\pm 1$: spurious rotation
 - $\nu=\pm 2$: perpendicular to axis of symmetry (γ)



Synopsis of IBM symmetries

- Three standard solutions: $U(5)$, $SU(3)$, $SO(6)$.
- Analytic solution for $U(5) \rightarrow SO(6)$ via $SU(1,1)$ Richardson-Gaudin integrability.
- Hidden symmetries because of parameter transformations: $SU_{\pm}(3)$ and $SO_{\pm}(6)$.
- Partial dynamical symmetries.
- Critical-point symmetries?

Classical limit of IBM

- For large boson number N , a *coherent* (or *intrinsic*) state is an approximate eigenstate,

$$\hat{H}_{\text{IBM}}|N;\alpha_\mu\rangle \approx E|N;\alpha_\mu\rangle, \quad |N;\alpha_\mu\rangle \propto \left(s^+ + \sum_\mu \alpha_\mu d_\mu^+\right)^N |0\rangle$$

- The real parameters α_μ are related to the three Euler angles and shape variables β and γ .
- Any IBM hamiltonian yields energy surface:

$$\langle N;\alpha_\mu | \hat{H}_{\text{IBM}} | N;\alpha_\mu \rangle = \langle N;\beta\gamma | \hat{H}_{\text{IBM}} | N;\beta\gamma \rangle \equiv V(\beta, \gamma)$$

J.N. Ginocchio & M.W. Kirson, Phys. Rev. Lett. **44** (1980) 1744.

A.E.L. Dieperink *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **44** (1980) 1747.

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Geometry of IBM

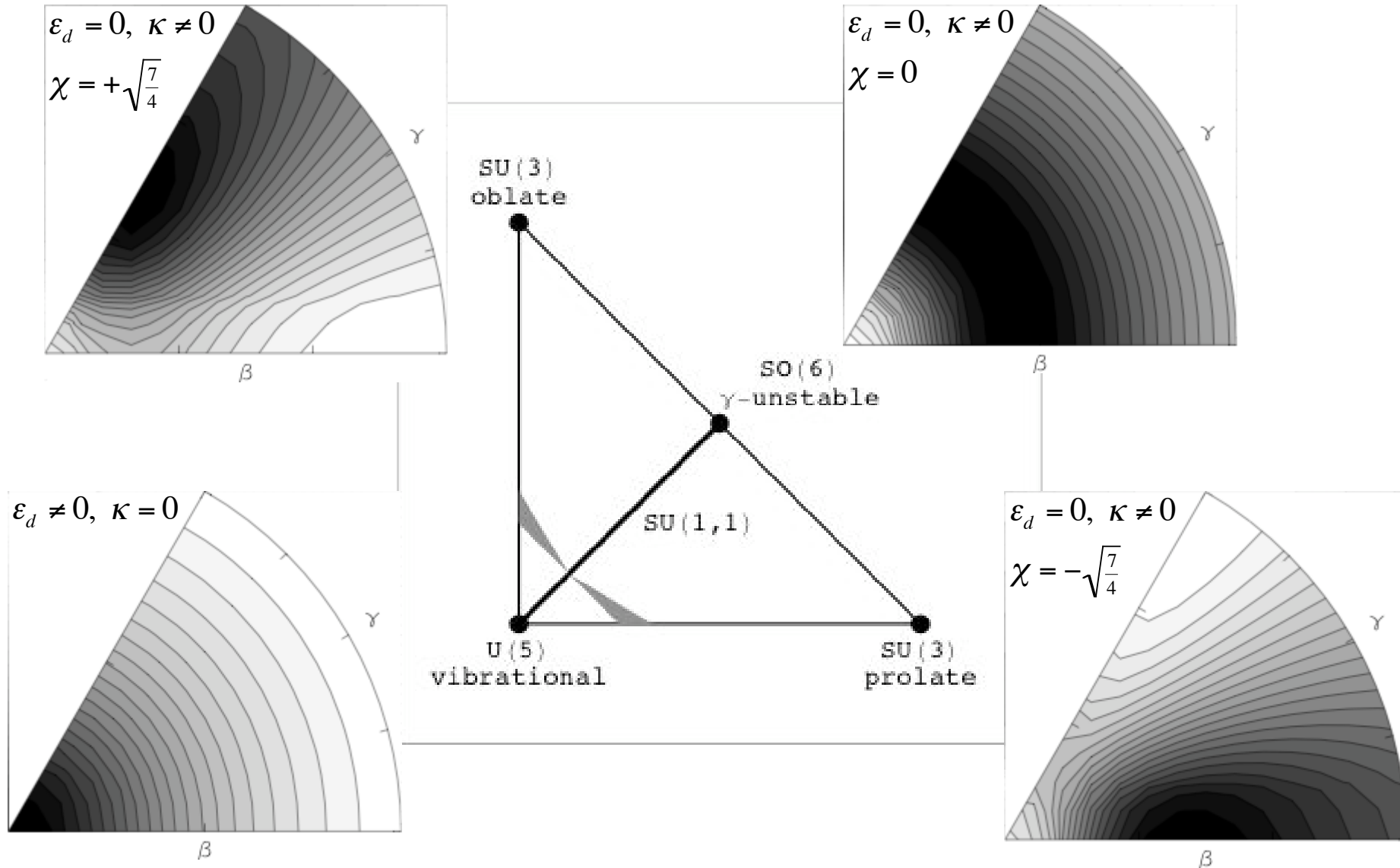
- A simplified, much used IBM hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{CQF}} = \varepsilon_d \hat{n}_d - \kappa \hat{Q}^\chi \cdot \hat{Q}^\chi, \quad \hat{Q}_\mu^\chi = s^+ \tilde{d}_\mu + d_\mu^+ s + \chi (d^+ \times \tilde{d})_\mu^{(2)}$$

- H_{CQF} can acquire the three IBM symmetries.
- H_{CQF} has the following classical limit:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{CQF}}(\beta, \gamma) &\equiv \langle N; \beta\gamma | \hat{H}_{\text{CQF}} | N; \beta\gamma \rangle \\ &= \varepsilon_d N \frac{\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2} - \kappa N \frac{5 + (1 + \chi^2)\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2} \\ &\quad - \kappa \frac{N(N-1)}{1 + \beta^2} \left(\frac{2}{7} \chi^2 \beta^4 - 4 \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} \chi \beta^3 \cos 3\gamma + 4\beta^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Phase diagram of IBM



Microscopy of IBM

- In a boson mapping, fermion pairs are represented as bosons:

$$s^+ \Leftrightarrow S^+ \equiv \sum_j \alpha_j (a_j^+ \times a_j^+)_0^{(0)}, \quad d_\mu^+ \Leftrightarrow D_\mu^+ \equiv \sum_{jj'} \beta_{jj'} (a_j^+ \times a_{j'}^+)_\mu^{(2)}$$

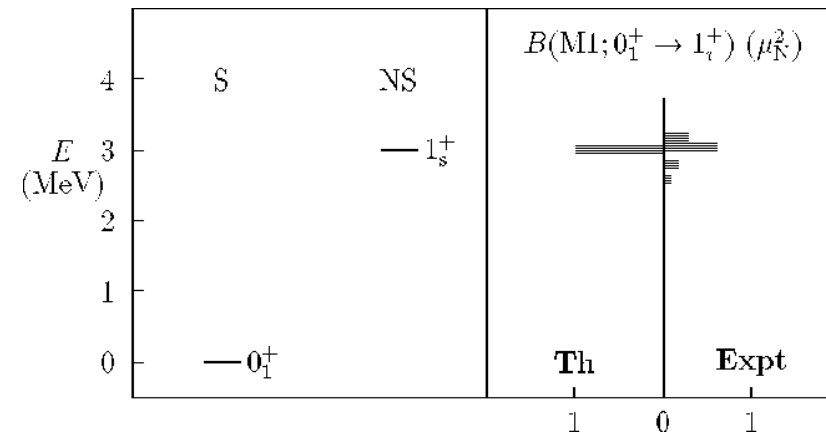
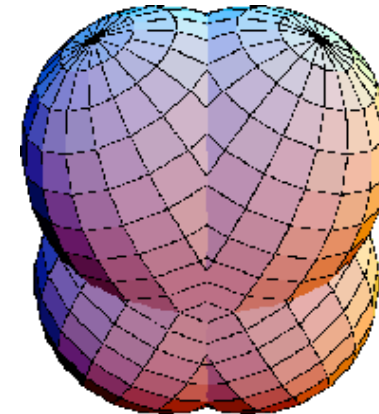
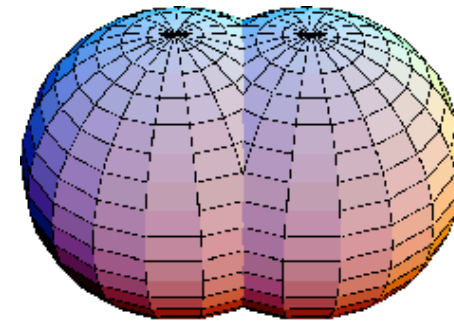
- Mapping of operators (such as hamiltonian) should take account of Pauli effects.
- Two different methods by
 - requiring same commutation relations;
 - associating state vectors.

Extensions of the IBM

- Neutron and proton degrees freedom (IBM-2):
 - F -spin multiplets ($N_\nu + N_\pi = \text{constant}$).
 - Scissors excitations.
- Fermion degrees of freedom (IBFM):
 - Odd-mass nuclei.
 - Supersymmetry (doublets & quartets).
- Other boson degrees of freedom:
 - Isospin $T=0$ & $T=1$ pairs (IBM-3 & IBM-4).
 - Higher multipole (g, \dots) pairs.

Scissors excitations

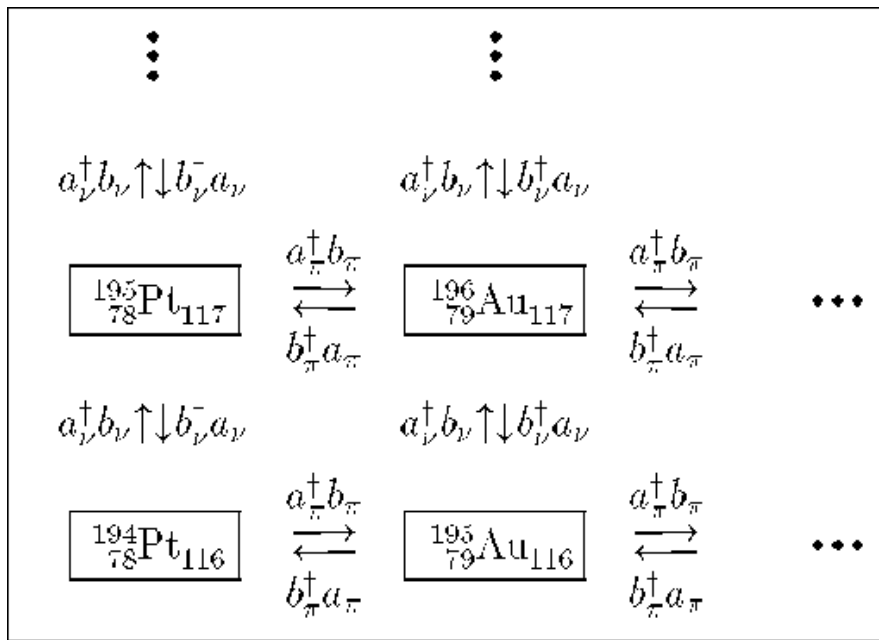
- Collective displacement modes between neutrons and protons:
 - *Linear* displacement (giant dipole resonance):
 $R_\nu - R_\pi \Rightarrow E1$ excitation.
 - *Angular* displacement (scissors resonance):
 $L_\nu - L_\pi \Rightarrow M1$ excitation.



N. Lo Iudice & F. Palumbo, Phys. Rev. Lett. **41** (1978) 1532
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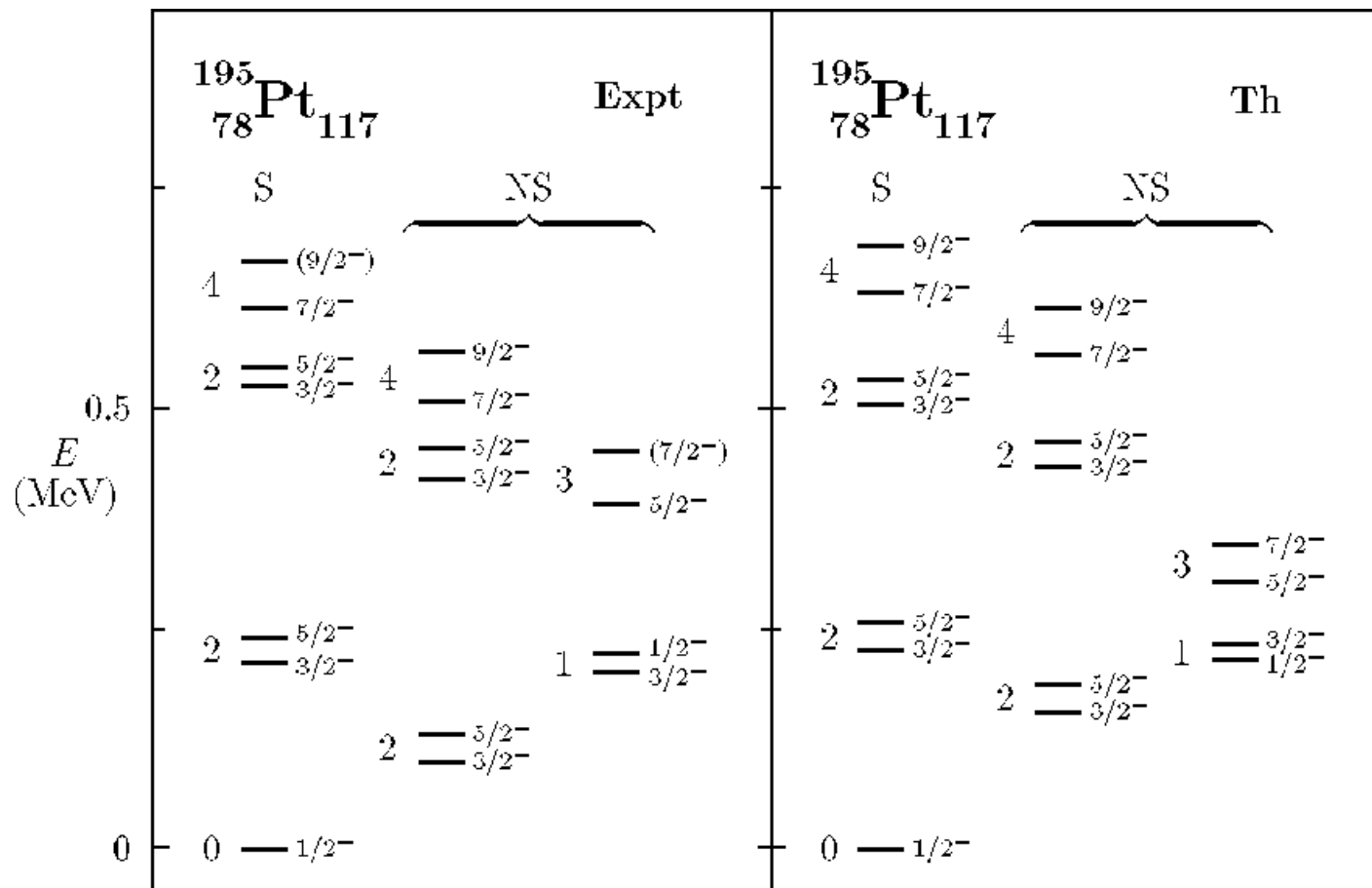
Supersymmetry

- A simultaneous description of even- and odd-mass nuclei (*doublets*) or of even-even, even-odd, odd-even and odd-odd nuclei (*quartets*).
- Example of ^{194}Pt , ^{195}Pt , ^{195}Au & ^{196}Au :

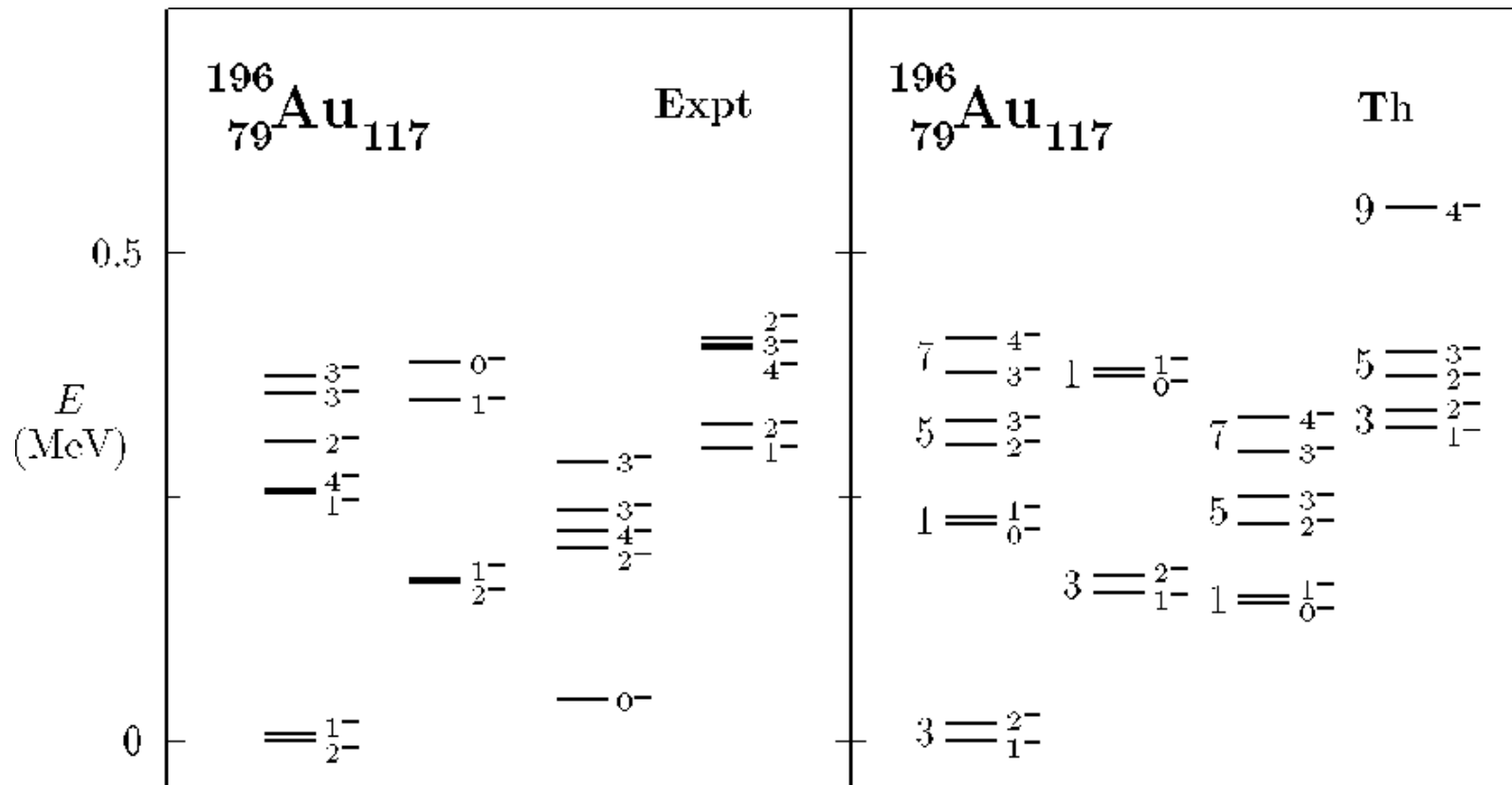


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 A. Metz *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **83** (1999) 1542

Example of ^{195}Pt



Example of ^{196}Au



Isospin invariant boson models

- Several versions of IBM depending on the fermion pairs that correspond to the bosons:
 - IBM-1: single type of pair.
 - IBM-2: $T=1$ nn ($M_T=-1$) and pp ($M_T=+1$) pairs.
 - IBM-3: full isospin $T=1$ triplet of nn ($M_T=-1$), np ($M_T=0$) and pp ($M_T=+1$) pairs.
 - IBM-4: full isospin $T=1$ triplet and $T=0$ np pair (with $S=1$).
- Schematic IBM- k has only S ($L=0$) pairs, full IBM- k has S ($L=0$) and D ($L=2$) pairs.

Algebraic many-body models

- The integrability of quantum many-body (bosons and/or fermions) systems can be analyzed with algebraic methods.
- Two nuclear examples:
 - Pairing *vs.* quadrupole interaction in the nuclear shell model.
 - Spherical, deformed and γ -unstable nuclei with s, d -boson IBM.

$$U(6) \supset \left\{ \begin{array}{l} U(5) \supset SO(5) \\ SU(3) \\ SO(6) \supset SO(5) \end{array} \right\} \supset SO(3)$$

Other fields of physics

- **Molecular physics:**

- U(4) vibron model with s,p -bosons.

$$U(4) \supset \left\{ \begin{array}{l} U(3) \\ SO(4) \end{array} \right\} \supset SO(3)$$

- Coupling of many SU(2) algebras for polyatomic molecules.

- **Similar applications in hadronic, atomic, solid-state, polymer physics, quantum dots...**

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- Explicit forms of the hamiltonian: multipole expansion and “standard representation”.

The IBM hamiltonian

- Standard representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H} = & \mathbf{C}(1)\hat{N} + \mathbf{C}(2)\hat{n}_d + \mathbf{C}(3)\frac{1}{2}[[d^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(0)} \times [\tilde{d} \times \tilde{d}]^{(0)}]^{(0)} \\
 & + \mathbf{C}(4)\sqrt{5}\frac{1}{2}[[d^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(2)} \times [\tilde{d} \times \tilde{d}]^{(2)}]^{(0)} \\
 & + \mathbf{C}(5)\frac{3}{2}[[d^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(4)} \times [\tilde{d} \times \tilde{d}]^{(4)}]^{(0)} \\
 & + \mathbf{C}(6)[[s^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(2)} \times [\tilde{d} \times \tilde{d}]^{(2)} + [d^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(2)} \times [\tilde{s} \times \tilde{d}]^{(2)}]^{(0)} \\
 & + \mathbf{C}(7)[[s^\dagger \times s^\dagger]^{(0)} \times [\tilde{d} \times \tilde{d}]^{(0)} + [[d^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(0)} \times [\tilde{s} \times \tilde{s}]^{(0)}]^{(0)} \\
 & + \mathbf{C}(8)\sqrt{5}[[s^\dagger \times d^\dagger]^{(2)} \times [\tilde{s} \times \tilde{d}]^{(2)}]^{(0)} \\
 & + \mathbf{C}(9)[[s^\dagger \times s^\dagger]^{(0)} \times [\tilde{s} \times \tilde{s}]^{(0)}]^{(0)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Multipole expansion:

$$\hat{H} = \text{EPS} \hat{n}_d + \mathbf{A}(0)\hat{P}^\dagger \hat{P} + \mathbf{A}(1)\hat{L} \cdot \hat{L} + \mathbf{A}(2)\hat{Q}_\chi \cdot \hat{Q}_\chi + \mathbf{A}(3)\hat{T}_3 \cdot \hat{T}_3 + \mathbf{A}(4)\hat{T}_4 \cdot \hat{T}_4,$$

The U(5) vibrational limit

- U(5) Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{U(5)} = \varepsilon \hat{n}_d + \sum_{L=0,2,4} c^L \frac{1}{2} (d^+ \times d^+)^{(L)} \cdot (\tilde{d} \times \tilde{d})^{(L)}$$

- Energy eigenvalues:

$$E(n_d, \nu, L) = \varepsilon n_d + \kappa_1 n_d (n_d + 4) + \kappa_4 \nu (\nu + 3) + \kappa_5 L (L + 1)$$

with

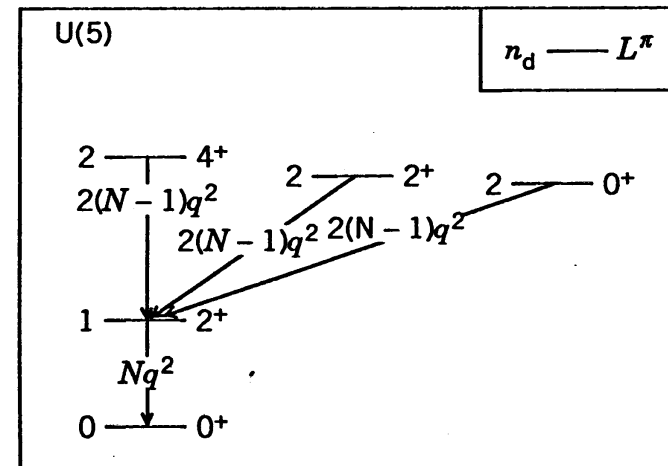
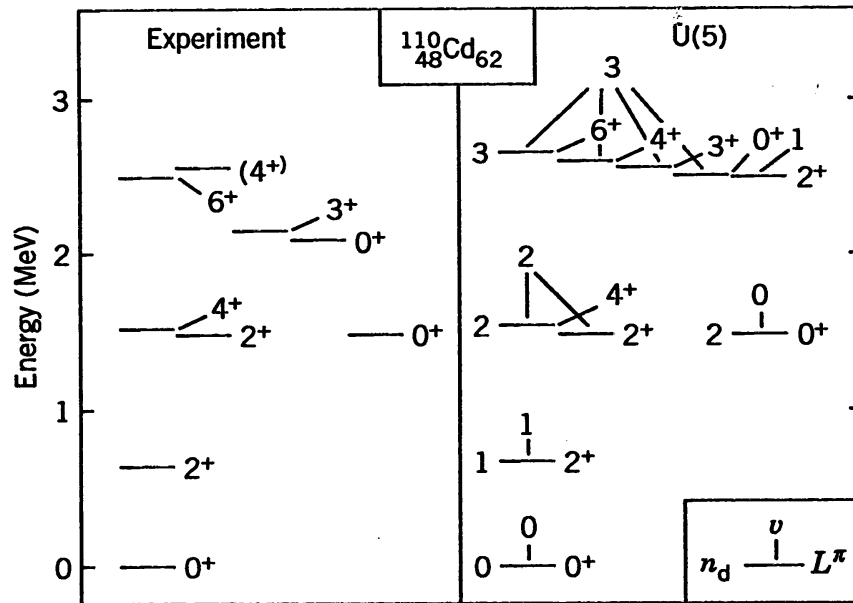
$$\kappa_1 = \frac{1}{12} c_0$$

$$\kappa_4 = -\frac{1}{10} c_0 + \frac{1}{7} c_2 - \frac{3}{70} c_4$$

$$\kappa_5 = -\frac{1}{14} c_2 + \frac{1}{14} c_4$$

The U(5) vibrational limit

- Conserved quantum numbers: n_d , ν , L .



The SU(3) rotational limit

- SU(3) Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SU}(3)} = a\hat{Q}_\chi \cdot \hat{Q}_\chi + b\hat{L} \cdot \hat{L}$$

- Energy eigenvalues:

$$E(\lambda, \mu, L) = \kappa_2(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + 3\lambda + 3\mu + \lambda\mu) + \kappa_5 L(L + 1)$$

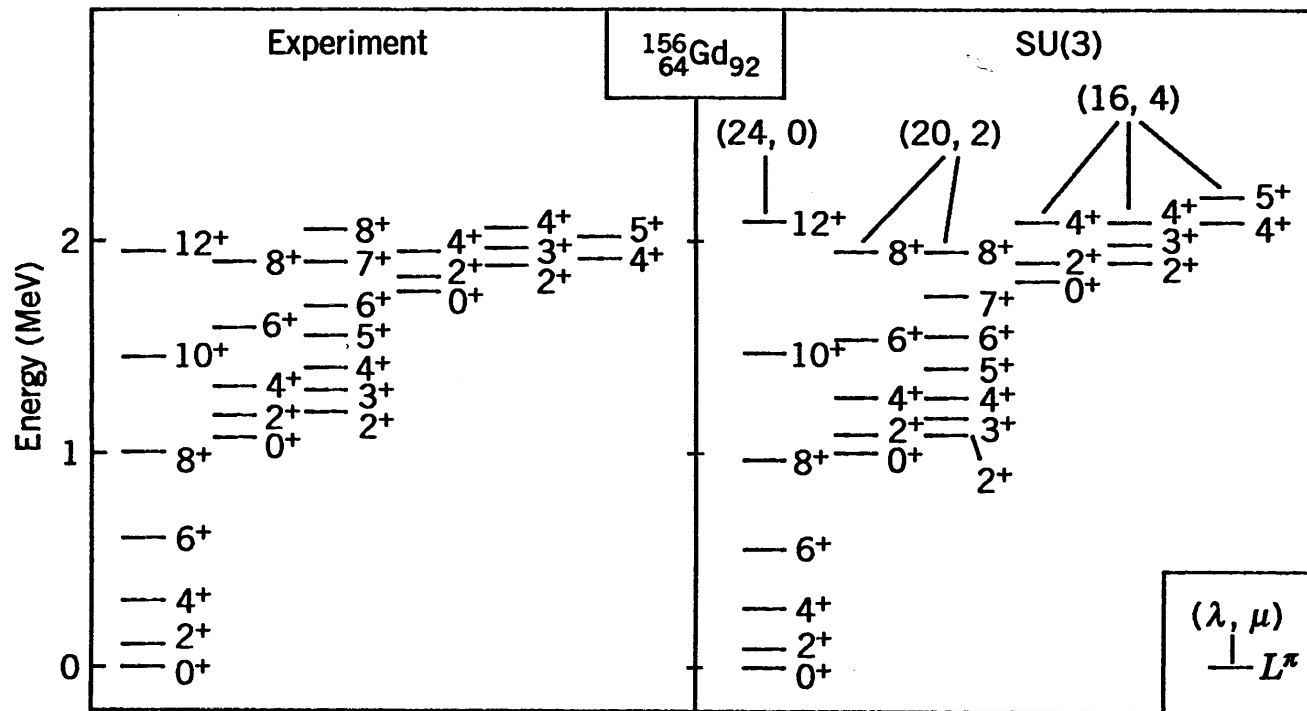
with

$$\kappa_2 = \frac{1}{2}a$$

$$\kappa_5 = b - \frac{3}{8}a$$

The SU(3) rotational limit

- Conserved quantum numbers: (λ, μ) , L .



The SO(6) γ -unstable limit

- SO(6) Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SO}(6)} = a\hat{P}^+ \cdot \hat{P} + b\hat{T}_3 \cdot \hat{T}_3 + c\hat{L} \cdot \hat{L}$$

- Energy eigenvalues:

$$E(\sigma, \nu, L) = \kappa_3 [N(N+4) - \sigma(\sigma+4)] + \kappa_4 \nu(\nu+3) + \kappa_5 L(L+1)$$

with

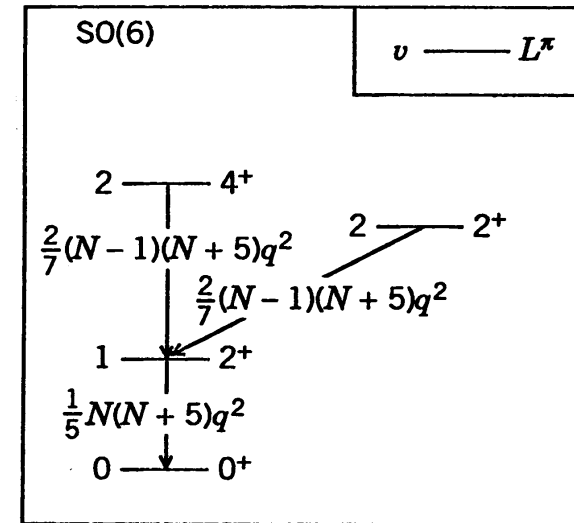
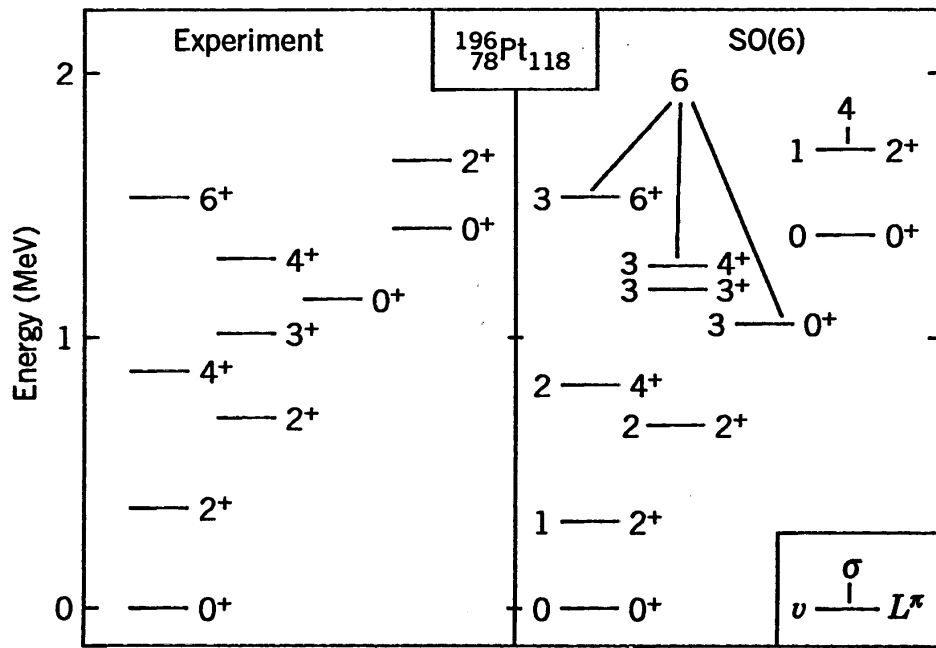
$$\kappa_3 = \frac{1}{4} a$$

$$\kappa_4 = \frac{1}{2} b$$

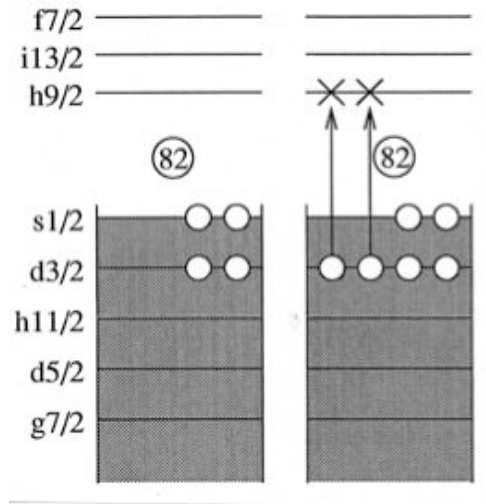
$$\kappa_5 = -\frac{1}{10} b + c$$

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- Conserved quantum numbers: σ , ν , L .



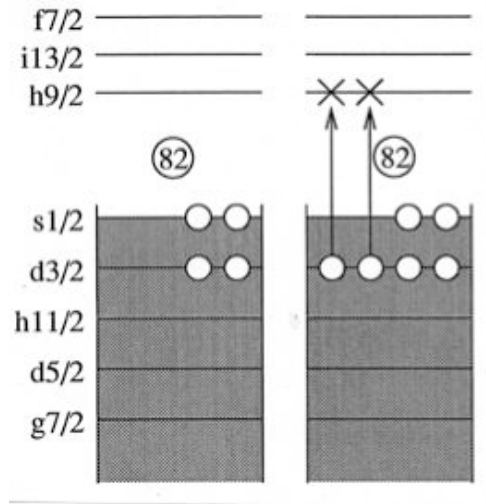
Configuration mixing in shell model



- Example of platinum isotopes ($Z=78$, $82 < N < 126$):
 - Regular configuration: 4 proton holes in 50-82 shell.
 - Deformed configuration: 6 proton holes in 50-82 shell and 2 protons in the 82-126 shell.
 - Neutrons always in 82-126 shell.

P. Federman & S. Pittel, Phys. Lett. B **69** (1977) 385.

Configuration mixing in IBM

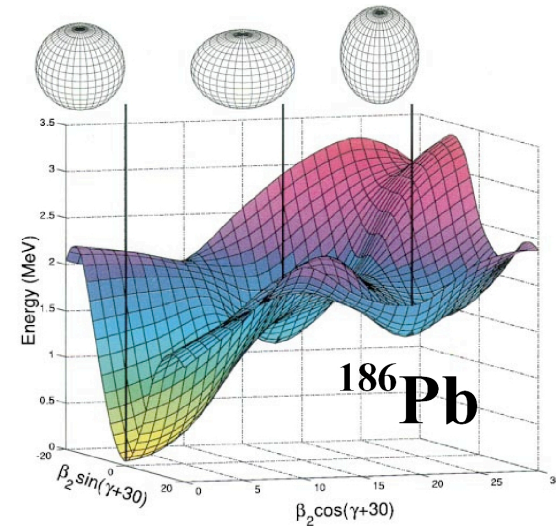


- Example of platinum isotopes ($Z=78$, $82 < N < 126$):
 - Regular configuration: $N_{\pi}=2$ proton bosons.
 - Deformed configuration: $N_{\pi}=4$ proton bosons.
 - Always N_{ν} neutron bosons.
- IBM-1: configurations with N and $N+2$ bosons.

P.D. Duval & B.R. Barrett, Nucl. Phys. A 376 (1982) 213.

Example: Coexistence in ^{186}Pb

- Observation: triplet of differently shaped 0^+ states in ^{186}Pb .
- Mean-field theory predicts three minima.
- IBM calculation for Pb isotopes yields
 - spectroscopy;
 - geometry.



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- Hamiltonian for *three* configurations:

$$H = H_{0p-0h} + H_{2p-2h} + H_{4p-4h} + H_{\text{mix}}^{02} + H_{\text{mix}}^{24}$$

$$H_{ip-ih} = \varepsilon_i n_d + \kappa_i Q_i \cdot Q_i, \quad Q_i = \left(s^+ \tilde{d} + d^+ \tilde{s} \right)^{(2)} + \chi_i \left(d^+ \tilde{d} \right)^{(2)}$$

$$H_{\text{mix}}^{ii'} = \omega_0^{ii'} \left(s^+ s^+ + \tilde{s} \tilde{s} \right) + \omega_2^{ii'} \left(d^+ \cdot d^+ + \tilde{d} \cdot \tilde{d} \right)$$

- Single parameter set for *all* Pb isotopes.
- Parameters for 2p-2h and 4p-4h configurations obtained from *I*-spin considerations.

Spectroscopy of lead isotopes

