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A. Excellence indicators

Since the project begin several scientific papers have been published either in international journals having big impact factors or in conferences proceedings. Two papers are under evaluation. The list of papers achieved within the mentioned project is given below:


2) Semi-microscopic description of back-bending phenomena in some deformed even-even nuclei, A. A. Raduta and R. Budaca, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 84, 044323 (2011).

3) Exact results for the particle-number-projected BCS approach with isovector proton-neutron pairing, A. A. Raduta, M. I. Krivoruchenko, and Amand Faessler, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 85, 054314 (2012).

5) FRpnQRPA approach with the gauge symmetry restored. Application for the 2 decay, A. A. Raduta and C. M. Raduta, EPJ Web of Conferences 38, 14003 (2012).


9) $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay within a higher pnQRPA approach with the gauge symmetry preserved, A. A. Raduta, and C. M. Raduta, Journal of Physics: Conference Series 413 (2013) 012014.


17) Semi-microscopic description of the proton- and neutron-induced back-bending phenomena in some deformed even-even rare earth nuclei R. Budaca and A. A. Raduta, EPJ Web of Conferences 66, 02017 (2014), DOI: 10.1051/epjconf/20146602017

18) Application of the sextic oscillator potential together with Mathieu and spheroidal
functions for triaxial and X(5) type nuclei, A. A. Raduta and P. Buganu, EPJ Web of
Conferences 66, 02086 (2014), DOI: 10.1051/epjconf/20146602086

19) Description of the chiral bands in 188,190 Os, A. A. Raduta and C. M. Raduta,
submitted to Physics Letters B.

20) Analytical solution for the Davydov-Chaban Hamiltonian with sextic potential for
$\gamma = 30^0$, P. Buganu and R. Budaca, submitted to Physical Review C 2014

B. Important results, activities

RESULTS, 2011

A many body Hamiltonian including a mean field corresponding to a projected spherical
single particle basis, pairing interaction of alike nucleons, a repulsive proton-neutron dipole-
dipole interaction acting in the particle-hole (ph) channel and an attractive proton-neutron
interaction of particle-particle type is treated in the framework of a formalism where the
gauge symmetry is restored and the pnQRPA approach is fully renormalized. Energies and
wave functions have been used to calculate the decay rates and half-life’s for the
following isotopes: $^{48}$Ca, $^{76}$Ge, $^{82}$Se, $^{96}$Zr, $^{104}$Ru, $^{110}$Pd, $^{128,130}$Te, $^{148,150}$Nd, $^{154}$Sm, and $^{160}$Gd.
Results were compared with experimental data as well as with the theoretical calculations
performed with other models. We mention that for all cases considered the Ikeda sum-rule
is obeyed. In fact this is a distinctive merit of our work. We also studied the $\beta^-$ strength
for the mother nuclei and the $\beta^+$ strength characterizing the daughter nuclei as function of
the GRFRpnQRPA energies. For few cases the available experimental data are presented.

It is worth mentioning that without exception the double beta emitters are stable with re-
spect to the single beta decay. However the intermediate odd-odd nuclei may decay through
$\beta^-$ to the corresponding daughter nuclei of the $2\nu\beta\beta$ process or may go to the mother nuclei
through an electron capture process which is equivalent to a $\beta^+$ decay. For such nuclei the
log $ft$ for both decays were calculated and results compared with the experimental data.
Moreover one suggests that the attractive interaction strength be determined by fitting one
of the two log $ft$ mentioned above. Also the total strengths for the $\beta^-$ and $\beta^+$ decays were
calculated. For few nuclei there are available data concerning the mentioned observable. We
mention the fact that for all nuclei considered here the agreement between the predictions
of the present formalism and the experimental data is very good.
We underline the fact that our formalism is the only one which describes simultaneously the double beta amplitude and the Ikeda sum rule. The said sum rule asserts that the difference between the total $\beta^-$ strength and the total $\beta^+$ strength is equal to $3(N-Z)$ where $N$ and $Z$ are the neutron and proton numbers respectively.

Another subject treated within our project refers to the back-bending phenomena. For regular spectra the energy spacing of the consecutive levels is an increasing function of the state angular momentum. If for a certain angular momentum the monotonic feature of the energy spacing is broken this is reflected in the plot of the moment of inertia vs the rotational frequency squared by that the ascendent curve is bending back. The sudden banding of the mentioned curve is caused by an discontinuous increase of the moment of inertia. This variation might be determined by a transition from a super-fluid to a normal phase. Such a transition can be induced by breaking of a neutron pair near the Fermi sea. The pairs breaking is determined by a term which breaks the time reversal symmetry. The new feature of the proposed approach consists of that the nucleons move around a phenomenological deformed core in deformed orbits.

Thus, the back-bending mechanism was studied in terms of two bands hybridization. These bands are obtained by treating a hybrid system with two components: a set of particles moving in a deformed mean field and a phenomenological core whose ground state is described by an axially symmetric coherent state for quadrupole bosons. The two components interact with each other by a quadruple-quadrupole term and a spin-spin force. The total Hamiltonian is analyzed in a space of states of good angular momentum obtained through projection from deformed product functions.

The factor function associated to the single particle motion defines the rotational band nature. The ground band has all particles paired while that of two quasiparticles type is built upon a neutron broken pair in an intruder state, that is of large angular momentum, $i_{13/2}$. Theory was applied to six nuclei from the rare earth region. An excellent agreement with experimental data has been obtained.
RESULTS, 2012

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PHASE TRANSITION $O(6) \rightarrow SU(5)$ WITHIN CSM. THE RELATION TO OTHER DESCRIPTIONS

The present work belongs to a series of publication authored by the team members [1–5], and devoted to the study of phase transition in even-even nuclei. Nuclear phases corresponding to the symmetries $U(5)$ (spherical oscillator), $SU(3)$ (symmetrical rotor) and $O(6)$ ($\gamma$-unstable) are associated shapes of nuclei staying in the ground state, namely spherical, symmetric and asymmetric respectively. They are described in terms of the intrinsic deformations $\beta$ and $\gamma$ [1]. The main results reported in this field were reviewed in Refs. [7, 8].

The aim of our investigation was the description of the even-even nuclei which represent the critical point in the transition $U(5) \rightarrow SU(3)$. The harmonic potential in the variable $\beta$ was replaced with a sextic one plus a centrifugal term while the potential in $\gamma$ is a periodic function. By the variable separation method the coupled differential equation in the two deformations is separated. The equation for $\beta$ is quasi-exactly solvable while that in $\gamma$ admits the spheroidal functions as solution. The two equations provide the energies carried by the two degrees of freedom and therefore the system total energy. The resulting wave function is further used together with an anharmonic transition operator, for calculating the reduced E2 transition probabilities. The approach formulated above was conventionally called Sextic and Spheroidal Approach (SSA). SSA was applied for ten nuclei, namely $^{176,178,180,188,190}$Os, $^{150}$Nd, $^{170}$W, $^{156}$Dy, $^{166,168}$Hf. These nuclei have the energy ratio for the first two excited states in the ground band close to 2.9. This feature is considered to be a signature for the so called $X(5)$ symmetry [2]. The agreement between our calculations and the corresponding experimental data is very good. The SSA results were also compared with those obtained by different approaches: $X(5)$ [2], an infinite 5D square well(ISW) [1], Davidson potential (D) [2] and the coherent state model (CSM) Model [20]. One concludes that SSA is an simple an efficient tool for describing the nuclei which realize the critical point of the phase transition $U(5) \rightarrow SU(3)$.

Comparing the r.m.s. (root mean square) values provided by the mentioned formalisms one noticed that for $^{180}$Os, $^{150}$Nd and $^{170}$W the CSM description is better while for $^{188}$Os...
the SSA descriptions is the most appropriate one. For the remaining nuclei the model D produces results which are closest to the experimental data.

Concerning the e.m. transitions, for $^{176,178,180}$Os, $^{166,168}$Hf and $^{170}$W only data for the intraband transitions characterizing the ground band are available while for remaining nuclei data concerning interband transitions are also known. The five approaches considered in our paper predict values for the available rates close to the corresponding experimental data.

The final conclusion is that SSA is an adequate approach to describe the critical point of the transition $U(5) \to SU(3)$.

The results which were shortly described above were included in the work: *Application of the sextic oscillator with centrifugal barrier and the spheroidal equation for some $X(5)$ candidate nuclei*, A. A. Raduta and P. Buganu, Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 40 (2013) 025108 (29pp).

II. ASYMPTOTIC AND NEAR VIBRATIONAL BEHAVIOR OF THE CSM APPROACH. THE RELATION TO OTHER DESCRIPTIONS.

Since the liquid drop model (LDP) was emitted [1] many authors have used the quadrupole coordinates both in phenomenological models and microscopic formalisms, in order to explain the basic properties of complex nuclei [2]. LDP as proposed by Bohr and Mottelson is able to describe only few properties of the spherical nuclei. Faessler and Greiner extended the LDP making it suitable also for the description of deformed nuclei. The resulting formalism, called the Rotation Vibration Model (RVM), was further extended by including in the model Hamiltonian anharmonic terms which are polynomial invariants in the quadrupole coordinates. The main drawback of this approach is the large number of adjustable parameters. By contrast to RVM, the coherent state model (CSM) [3] uses a much less parameters. The salient feature of the CSM is that it describes, in a realistic fashion, nuclei ranging from transitional to well deformed region with spins running from low up to high and even very high values. The space of model states associated to a given angular momentum is three dimensional. The states are obtained through angular momentum projection from three orthogonal deformed states among which one is an axially deformed coherent state of Glauber type constructed with the zeroth component of the quadrupole boson. This describes the ground state of the nuclear system. The remaining two deformed states are the lowest order polynomial excitations of the ground state which are chosen such that the functions are orthogonal onto each other both before and after the angular momentum projection. The expressions of the model states are:

\[ \phi_{JM}^\beta(d) = N_J^\beta P_{M0}^J \psi_g, \quad \psi_g = \exp \left[ d(b_0^\dagger - b_0) \right] |0\rangle, \]
\[ \phi_{JM}^\gamma(d) = N_J^\gamma P_{M0}^J \Omega_\gamma^\dagger \psi_g, \quad \Omega_\gamma^\dagger = (b_0^\dagger b_0^\dagger)^\dagger_0 + \frac{3d}{\sqrt{14}} \frac{2}{b_0^\dagger}, \]
\[ \phi_{JM}^\gamma(d) = N_J^\gamma P_{M2}^J \Omega_{\gamma,2}^\dagger \psi_g, \quad \Omega_{\gamma,m}^\dagger = (b_0^\dagger b_0^\dagger)^\dagger_2, + d \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{70}} b_0^\dagger. \]

The parameter \( d \) plays the role of the nuclear deformation. Within this restricted collective states one considered an effective Hamiltonian satisfying the restriction of being maximally decoupled. A possible solution is the following sixth order boson Hamiltonian.
\[ H = A_1(22\hat{N} + 5\Omega_\beta^\dagger\Omega_\beta) + A_2\hat{J}^2 + A_3\Omega_\beta^\dagger\Omega_\beta, \quad \Omega_\beta^\dagger = (b^\dagger b)^0 + \frac{d^2}{\sqrt{5}}. \] (2)

A nice property of the CSM is that the state norms as well as the matrix elements of the effective Hamiltonian can be expressed in terms of one overlap integral and its first derivative:

\[
I_j^{(0)}(d^2) = \int_0^1 P_j(y) e^{d^2 P_j(y)} dy, \quad I_j^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k I_j^{(0)}}{dx^k}, \quad x = d^2. \tag{3}
\]

For the overlap integral an analytical expression is possible and therefore the energies of the ground, \(\beta\) and \(\gamma\) bands as well as the transition rates could be analytically calculated. Moreover these expressions are particularly simple when the deformation parameter \(d\) is either in the near vibrational interval or in the asymptotic region [4]. For example in the later case we have:

\[
E^g_J = 11A_1 \left[ \frac{x - 1}{2} + \sqrt{G_J} \right] + A_2J(J + 1), \quad x = d^2,
\]

\[
E^\beta_J = \frac{1}{P_j^\beta} \left[ A_1 S^\beta_J + A_3 F^\beta_J \right] + A_2J(J + 1),
\]

\[
E^\gamma_J = A_1 \frac{S^\gamma_J}{P_j^\gamma} + A_2J(J + 1).
\] (4)

\(P, S, F, G\) are polynomials in \(1/x\) with coefficients depending on the angular momentum. Similarly the matrix element of the transition operator can be expressed as:

\[
\langle \phi_i^j || Q^h || \phi_j^j \rangle = 2dq_h C^{I_{2J'}}_{K_{i,0}K_{i}}, \quad i = g, \beta, \gamma, \quad K_{i} = -2\delta_{i\gamma},
\]

\[
\langle \phi_j^\gamma || Q_2^h || \phi_j^\gamma \rangle = \sqrt{2}q_h C^{J_{2J'}_{-220}},
\]

\[
\langle \phi_j^\beta || Q_2^h || \phi_j^\gamma \rangle = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{19}q_h C^{J_{2J'}_{0-2-2}}, \quad \langle \phi_j^\beta || Q_2^{anh} || \phi_j^\beta \rangle = 2\sqrt{\frac{7}{19}}q_{anh} C^{I_{2J'}_{000}}.
\] (5)

Note the the matrix element from above depend on angular momentum through a Clebsch Gordan coefficient which is consistent with the so called Alaga rule.

As for the near vibrational regime, expanding the overlap integrals in series of \(x = d^2\), energies become rational function of \(x\) with the coefficients involved depending on \(J(J + 1)\).
\[ E_J^g = 22A_1 \sum_{k=0}^{3} A_{j,k}^{(g)} x^k + A_2 J(J+1) - \Delta E, \]
\[ E_J^e = 44A_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{3} A_{j,k}^{(e)} x^k \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{3} \left( 22R_{j,k}^{(e)} + 5U_{j,k}^{(e)} \right) x^k \right] + A_2 J(J+1) + \Delta E, \text{ } J = \text{par}, \]
\[ E_J^\gamma = 44A_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{3} A_{j,k}^{(\gamma)} x^k \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{3} \left( 22R_{j,k}^{(\gamma)} + 5U_{j,k}^{(\gamma)} \right) x^k \right] + A_2 J(J+1), \text{ } J = \text{impar}, \]
\[ E_J^\beta = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{3} Q_{j,k}^{(\beta)} x^k} \left\{ A_1 \sum_{k=0}^{3} \left( 22R_{j,k}^{(\beta)} + 5U_{j,k}^{(\beta)} \right) x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{3} \left( A_3 V_{j,k}^{(\beta)} + A_4 dZ_{j,k}^{(\beta)} + A_5 B_{j,k}^{(\beta)} \right) x^k \right\} + A_2 J(J+1). \]

The coefficients \( A, R, U, V, Z, B \) and the correction \( \Delta E \) are ratios of polynomials in \( J(J+1) \). Analogously the reduced transition probabilities can be also analytically expressed.

In the vibrational limit the projected states become multi-phonon states and consequently the analytical expressions leads at some selection rules for the E2 transitions. For a certain choice of the parameters involved in the model Hamiltonian the surface of constant energy exhibit minima which may be associated to equilibrium shapes like: spherical, axially prolate or oblate and triaxial. To each equilibrium shape correspond specific properties reflected both in excitation energies and transition probabilities, which in fact define the nuclear phase. Moreover, each nuclear shape exhibits a certain symmetry and therefore the associated properties might be described by the irreducible representations of the underlying group of transformations [5]. In this context the CSM was used to simultaneously describe three interacting bands, ground, beta and gamma, in 42 nuclei [6] belonging to different symmetries like \( SU(5), O(6), SU(3), \) and triaxial shapes or to the transitional regions between two extreme limits. Numerical results agree very well with the corresponding experimental data. How do we distinguish the nuclear phases. Indicators for the the regime to which a chosen nucleus accommodates are the ratio \( R = E_{4_1^+} / E_{2_1^+} \) and the deformation parameter \( d \). For example in the near vibrational limit R is close to 2 and \( d \) is less than the convergence radius of the overlap integral \( I_{J}^{(0)} \) [7]. The 42 nuclei, treated in our paper, can be divided in three categories: strongly deformed transuranic, near vibrational, deformed from the rare earth region. The parameters involved in the model Hamiltonian and the deformation parameter \( d \) were determined through the least square procedure. The obtained values of the optimal parameters as well as of energies and transition probabilities allow us to include the chosen nucleus to one category or another. For each category of nuclei one notices that the deformation parameter \( d \) depend linearly on the nuclear deformation \( \beta \). Moreover the three
lines are more or less parallel. Concerning the structure coefficients they do not change chaotically when one passes from one nucleus to another. For each category, they can be interpolated by low order polynomials in \( A + (N - Z)/2 \). It is worth noting that the nuclei whose parameters substantially differ from the point of the interpolating curve are critical points for phase transitions \((X(5), E(5), Y(5))\). This is best seen for the isotopic chain of Gd where two such transitions are identified.

The results which were briefly presented above are in extenso described in the publication: *Analytical description of the coherent state model for the near vibrational and well deformed nuclei*, A. A. Raduta, R. Budaca, A. Faessler, Ann. Phys. (NY) **327** (2012) 671.

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**III. QUANTUM VS CLASSICAL FEATURES IN NUCLEAR SYSTEMS**

The CSM has the peculiarity that it uses a restricted boson space defined by angular momentum projection from three orthogonal states one of them being a coherent state while the other are polynomial excitations of the first. The three projected states are model states for the ground, \( \beta \) and \( \gamma \) bands. The coherent state has the property that it minimizes the uncertainty relations for the quadrupole coordinate and its conjugate momentum. This
property is considered to define the border between the classical and quantum mechanical behavior of the system. On the other hand the coherent state violates the gauge and rotation symmetries. The departure of the uncertainty relations from the classical limit is considered to be a measure for the quantal behavior. This measure was analyzed both in the vibrational and the asymptotic limits. We tried also to answer the question: What is the role of nuclear deformation in determining the classical or quantal behavior of the nuclear system. Another feature which were in detail discussed is whether the answer to the above question depends on the chosen pair of conjugate coordinate and momentum. We didn’t provide a general solution to this problem but rather considered two independent pairs of conjugate coordinate and momentum: the quadrupole coordinate and the conjugate momentum, the boson number and the conjugate phase. Such features are studied in the publication:


RESULTS, 2013


Rotational spectra appear to be a reflection of a symmetry spontaneous breaking which results of having a static deformation for the nuclear system. Some of the fundamental properties of nuclear systems may be evidenced through their interaction with an electromagnetic field. The two components of the field, electric and magnetic, are used to explore the properties of electric and magnetic nature, respectively. At the end of last century the scissors like states [1–3] as well as the spin-flip excitations [4] have been widely treated by various groups. Some of them were based on phenomenological assumptions while the other ones on microscopic considerations. The scissors like modes are excited in (e,e’) experiments at backward angles and expected at an energy of about 2-3 MeV, while the spin-flip excitations are seen in (p,p’) experiments at forward angles and are located at about 5-10 MeV. The scissors mode describes the angular oscillation of proton against neutron system and the total strength is proportional to the nuclear deformation squared which reflects the collective character of the excitation [3, 4].

In virtue of this feature it was believed that the magnetic collective properties are in general associated with deformed systems. This is not true due to the magnetic dipole bands, where the ratio between the moment of inertia and the B(E2) value for exciting the first 2+ from the ground state 0+, I^{(2)}/B(E2), takes large values, of the order of 100(\text{eb})^{-2}MeV^{-1}. These large values can be justified by a large transverse magnetic dipole moment which induces dipole magnetic transitions, but almost no charge quadrupole moment [5]. Indeed, there are several experimental data showing that the dipole bands have large values for B(M1) \sim 3–6\mu_N^2, and very small values of B(E2) \sim 0.1(\text{eb})^2 (see for example Ref.[6]). The states are different from the scissors mode, they being rather of a shears character. A system
with a large transverse magnetic dipole moment may consist of a triaxial core to which a proton prolate and a neutron oblate hole orbital are coupled. The interaction of particle and hole like orbitals is repulsive, which keeps the two orbits apart from each other. In this way the orthogonal angular momenta carried by the proton particles and neutron holes are favored. The maximal transverse dipole momentum is achieved, for example, when \( j_p \) is oriented along the small axis of the core, \( j_n \) along the long axis and the core rotates around the intermediate axis. Suppose the three orthogonal angular momenta form a right trihedral frame. If the Hamiltonian describing the interacting system of protons, neutrons and the triaxial core is invariant to the transformation which changes the orientation of one of the three angular momenta, i.e. the right trihedral frame is transformed to a left type, one says that the system exhibits a chiral symmetry. As always happens, such a symmetry is identified when that is broken and consequently to the two trihedral-s correspond distinct energies, otherwise close to each other. Thus, a signature for a chiral symmetry characterizing a triaxial system is the existence of two \( \Delta I = 1 \) bands which are close in energies. Increasing the total angular momentum, the gradual alignment of \( j_p \) and \( j_n \) to the total \( J \) takes place and a magnetic band is developed. The question which naturally arise is whether the proposed solution for chiral band is unique. Also note that so far only the odd-odd nuclei were investigated. In the recent past the magnetic states of spin-flip type have been studied by several groups [7–16]. Our group studied the dipole bands having \( K^\pi = 1^\pm \) with a Hamiltonian describing the interaction of quadrupole and octupole bosons [17]. We have shown the the band \( 1^+ \) is of a magnetic nature while the band \( 1^- \) has an electric character. In an other publication [18] we have noticed that for parity partner bands starting with a critical angular momentum the angular momenta carried by the quadrupole and octupole bosons are orthogonal. It is expected that adding to such a system a set of nucleons we can find a suitable strength for the particle core interaction such that the angular momentum of nucleons is perpendicular on the plane of quadrupole and octupole angular momenta. As we said before such a configuration is a prerequisite for the existence of a chiral band. The first attempt of this kind was achieved in Ref.[19].

Here we attempt another chiral system consisting of one phenomenological core with two components, one for protons (of angular momentum \( J_p \)) and one for neutrons (of angular momentum \( J_n \)), and two quasiparticles whose total angular momentum \( J \) is oriented along the symmetry axis of the core due to the particle-core interaction. In a previous publication
we proved that states of total angular momentum $I$, where the three components mentioned above carry the angular momenta $J_p, J_n, J$ which are mutually orthogonal, do exist. Such configuration seems to be optimal to define large transverse magnetic moment inducing large M1 transitions.

In what follows we shall briefly review the main ingredients of the proposed phenomenological formalism. The Hamiltonian which describe the particle-core system is:

$$
H = H_{GCSM} + \sum_\alpha \epsilon_\alpha c_\alpha^\dagger c_\alpha - \frac{G}{4} P^\dagger P
- \sum_{\tau=p,n} \sum_m q_{2m} \left( b_{r,-m}^\dagger + (-)^m b_{r,m} \right) (-)^m - X_s S \vec{J}_F \cdot \vec{J}_c,
$$

(1.1)

The quadrupole moment is denoted as follows:

$$
q_{2m} = \sum_{a,b} Q_{a,b} \left( c_{ja}^\dagger c_{jb} \right)_{2m},
$$

$$
Q_{a,b} = \frac{\hat{j}_a}{2} \langle j_a || r^2 Y_2 || j_b \rangle.
$$

(1.2)

Here $H_{GCSM}$ denotes the phenomenological Hamiltonian defining the generalized coherent state model (GCSM) and is associated to a proton and neutron bosonic core. The next two terms stand for a set of particles moving in a spherical shell model mean-field and interacting among themselves through pairing interaction. The low indices $\alpha$ denote the set of quantum numbers labeling the spherical single particle shell model states, i.e. $|\alpha\rangle = |n l j m\rangle = |a, m\rangle$.

The mean field plus the pairing term is quasi-diagonalized by means of the Bogoliubov-Valatin transformation. The Hamiltonian has been treated in the restricted space of particle-core states: $\phi_{JM}^{(q)}|BCS\rangle, \phi_{JM}^{(p)}|BCS\rangle, \phi_{JM}^{(c)}|BCS\rangle, \phi_{JM}^{(1)}|BCS\rangle, \phi_{JM}^{(1)}|BCS\rangle$ and $\Psi_{JM}^{(2qp,1)}$ de-
\[
\phi_{JM}^{(g)} = N_{JM}^{(g)} P_{M0}^{J} \psi_{g}, \quad \psi_{g} = \exp((d_p b_{p0} + d_n b_{n0}) - (d_p b_{p0} + d_n b_{n0})|0\rangle,
\]
\[
\phi_{JM}^{(b)} = N_{JM}^{(b)} P_{M0}^{J} \Omega_{J} \psi_{g},
\]
\[
\phi_{JM}^{(\gamma)} = N_{JM}^{(\gamma)} P_{M2}^{J} (b_{n2}^\dagger - b_{p2}^\dagger) \psi_{g},
\]
\[
\phi_{JM}^{(1)} = N_{JM}^{(1)} P_{M1}^{J} (b_{n1}^\dagger b_{p1}^\dagger) \psi_{g},
\]
\[
\tilde{\phi}_{JM}^{(1)} = \tilde{N}_{JM}^{(1)} P_{M1} (b_{n1}^\dagger - b_{p1}^\dagger) \Omega_{J}^\dagger \psi_{g},
\]
\[
\Psi_{JH;JM}^{(2qp;J1)} = N_{JH}^{(2qp;J1)} \sum_{J'} C_{J'}^{J} J_{J+1}^{J'} \left( N_{J'}^{(1)} \right)^{-1} \left[ (a_{j}^\dagger a_{j}^\dagger)_{J} |BCS\rangle \otimes \varphi_{J'}^{(1)} \right]_{JM}.
\]

The following notations have been used:
\[
\Omega_{\gamma,k,2}^{(1)} = (b_{k}^{\dagger} b_{k}^{\dagger})_{22} + d_k \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} b_{k2}^{\dagger}, \quad k = p, n,
\]
\[
\Omega_{J}^{(\dagger)} = \Omega_{p}^{(\dagger)} + \Omega_{n}^{(\dagger)} - 2 \Omega_{pn}^{(\dagger)},
\]
\[
\Omega_{k}^{(\dagger)} = (b_{k}^{\dagger} b_{k}^{\dagger})_{0} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} d_k, \quad k = p, n,
\]
\[
\Omega_{p}^{(\dagger)} = (b_{p}^{\dagger} b_{p}^{\dagger})_{0} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} d_p.
\]
\[
\hat{N}_{pm} = \sum_{m} b_{pm}^\dagger b_{nm}, \quad \hat{N}_{np} = (\hat{N}_{pm})^\dagger, \quad \hat{N}_{k} = \sum_{m} b_{km}^\dagger b_{km}, \quad k = p, n.
\]

The state \(|BCS\rangle\) is a vacuum state for quasiparticles. The energies in the bands defined by the the wave functions mentioned above are defined as average values of the model Hamiltonian in with a state from the particle-core space. There are several parameters involved which were determined by fitting some energies from the ground, beta and gamma bands. Numerical application refers to \(^{192}\text{Pt}\) which is \(\gamma\) soft and triaxial and by this a good candidate for a chiral configuration. The parameters obtained by the mentioned fitting procedure are listed in Table I. There we listed also the values of the parameter

\[
X_{pc}' = 6.5 \eta_{11/2}^{(-)} \frac{\hbar}{M \omega_0} X_{pc}^{(p)},
\]

Here \(M\) and \(\omega_0\) the proton mass and the oscillator frequency used in the shell model. Since we considered as satellite nucleons the protons in the shell \(h_{11/2}\) we took \(X_{pc}^{(p)} = 0\). The excitation energies corresponding to the parameters from Table 1 were compared with the experimental data in Fig. 1. We remark a very good agreement between the two sets of data.
\[ \rho = d \sqrt{2} \]

\begin{tabular}{ccccccc}
\hline
  & \(A_1\) & \(A_2\) & \(A_3\) & \(A_4\) & \(X'_{pc}\) & \(X_{ss}\) \\
\hline
2.0 & 555.4 & -25.4 & -12.8 & 7.7 & -23.4 & 1.0 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

TABLE I: The structure coefficients determined through the least square procedure, given in keV. The deformation parameter \(\rho\) is dimensionless while \(X'_{pc}\) is defined by Eq. Eq. (1.5).

FIG. 1: Experimental and calculated excitation energies in ground, \(\beta\) and \(\gamma\) bands for \(^{192}\)Pt. They correspond to the fitted parameters listed in Table 1. The r.m.s. value of the deviation of the theoretical results and the corresponding experimental data is equal to 67 keV.

FIG. 2: The excitation energies for the dipole bands described by \(\phi_{JM}^{(1)}\) (left lower column) and \(\tilde{\phi}_{JM}^{(1)}\) (right lower column), respectively. The bands \(T_1\) (upper left column) and \(T_2\) (upper right column), conventionally called twin bands, are also shown. The \(T_1\) and \(T_2\) bands were obtained with \(X'_{pc}=-0.023\) MeV and \(X_{ss}=0.001\ MeV\) for the left column and \(X_{ss}=-0.001\) MeV for the right column.
FIG. 3: Energy spacings in the two twin bands $T_1$ and $T_2$.

FIG. 4: The signature energy staggering $S(J)$, defined by Eq. (??), is represented as function of the angular momentum $J$, in the bands $T_1$ and $T_2$. 
FIG. 5: The double moment of inertia calculated for the angular momenta $12^+ - 20^+$ with Eq.(1.7) are represented as function of the corresponding rotational frequency given by (1.8).

FIG. 6: The $B(M1)$ values associated with the dipole magnetic transitions between two consecutive energy levels, in the $T_1$ band. The gyromagnetic factors employed in our calculations are: $\mu_p = 0.666\mu_N$, $\mu_n = 0.133\mu_N$ and $\mu_F = 1.289\mu_N$. As usual the spin gyromagnetic factor was quenched by a factor 0.75 in order to account for the influence of the proton excited states on the magnetic moment.
Energies of the bands $1^+$ and $\bar{1}^+$ are free of any adjustable parameters and are presented in Fig. 2. In the upper panels two bands of two quasiparticles nature are predicted. These two bands exhibit the properties of a chiral band: a) the energy spacing is almost constant with a slight fluctuation at the begin and end of the interval (see Fig. 3); b) The signature of the energy clustering is defined by the equation:

$$S(J) = \frac{E(J) - E(J - 1)}{2J}.$$  \hfill (1.6)

As shown in Fig. 4 this is almost independent of angular momentum. The moment of inertia characterizing the twin bands plotted as function of the rotational frequency squared, exhibits the back-bending phenomenon.

$$J = \frac{2(J + 1)}{E(J + 1) - E(J)},$$ \hfill (1.7)

$$\hbar \omega = E(J + 1) - E(J).$$ \hfill (1.8)

The reduced transition probability $B(M1)$ inside the band is large, reaching the value of $7\mu_N^2$ for high spin. The proposed formalism predicts the existence of four twin magnetic bands from which only two were commented here. We consider that our approach contains original hypothesis and will stimulate the experimentalists to extend their measurements to the even-even nuclei.


Once the hypothesis of a specific symmetry for each critical point of a phase transition [1–4] was advanced, many groups investigated both experimentally and theoretically which are the critical nuclei in an isotopic chain. While in the beginning, candidates for the symmetry X(5) [2] have been found in the region of $A \approx 150$ [5–7] recently a new proposal was made for the isotopes of Pt and Os [8, 9]. In Refs. [10, 11], the experimental data for $^{176,178,180,188,190,192}$Os have been realistically described using alternatively the approximations of sextic and spheroidal (SSA) [10], Davidson and spheroidal (DSA) [11], infinite square well and spheroidal (ISWSA) [12]. The results were compared with those obtained with the coherent state model (CSM) [13] and X(5 model respectively. According to this study, among these isotopes there are some ($^{176}$Os and $^{188}$Os ) exhibiting the specific properties for the critical point in the transition $U(5) \rightarrow Su(3)$. On the other hand, the approximation
sextic and Mathieu (SMA) [14], applied to the isotopes $^{188,190,192}$Os leads to the conclusion that $^{192}$Os is a candidate for the critical point of the shape transition from oblate to prolate which goes through the triaxial shape with $\gamma_0 = 30^0$.

Encouraged by the results obtained for Os isotopes, the above mentioned approaches have been applied also to $^{180\text{--}196}$Pt. In addition to the calculations concerning the excitation energies in the ground, $\beta$ and $\gamma$ bands and the intraband as well as the intraband $E2$ transitions, we also analyzed the shape evolution in the three bands when we pass from one isotope to another. We addressed also the question whether there are signatures for a shape coexistence or a transition from prolate to oblate shape. Here we used a new approximation called Infinite square well and Mathieu (ISWMA) which seems to be appropriate for the triaxial nuclei description.

To achieve the mentioned objectives the paper was structured as follows. First the formalisms used for the quantitative description of the Pt isotopes were briefly reviewed. The numerical results are compared with the corresponding experimental data. Finally the main conclusions are summarized.

In Tables II and III the energies and $E2$ transition rates determined for $^{180,188,190}$Pt by using the formalisms SSA, ISWSA, X(5), SMA, ISWMA and Z(5) are listed. The comparison with the experimental data shows a good agreement.
TABLE II: Spectra for the ground, $\beta$ and $\gamma$ bands in $^{180,188}$Pt and $^{190}$Pt yielded by the SSA, ISWSA, X(5), SMA, ISWMA, Z(5) formalisms respectively, are compared with the experimental data taken from Refs. [15–17].

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<th>$E$ [keV]</th>
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<td>$J^+_\text{band}$</td>
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<td>2$^+_g$</td>
<td>153</td>
<td>126</td>
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<td>4$^+_g$</td>
<td>411</td>
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r.m.s. [keV] | 67 | 92 | 140 | 47 | 81 | 71 | 98 | 206 |

TABLE III: The reduced E2 transition probabilities yielded by SSA, ISWSA, X(5), and SMA, ISWMA, Z(5) for the isotopes $^{180,188,190}$Pt respectively are compared with the experimental data taken from [16–18].

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<th>B(E2) [W.u.]</th>
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<td>2$^+\rightarrow 0^+$</td>
<td>153$^{+15}_{-15}$</td>
<td>110</td>
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<td>140$^{+30}_{-30}$</td>
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<td>6$^+_g \rightarrow 4^+_g$</td>
<td>$\geq 50$</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>210</td>
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<td>8$^+_g \rightarrow 6^+_g$</td>
<td>230</td>
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<td>10$^+_g \rightarrow 8^+_g$</td>
<td>255</td>
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FIG. 7: Probability densities for the states $0^+_g$, $10^+_g$, $0_\beta$ and $2^+_\gamma$ in the isotopes $^{180,188}$Pt were determined with SSA.
FIG. 8: Probability densities for the states $0^+_g$, $10^+_g$, $0^+_\beta$, and $2^+_\gamma$ in the isotopes $^{190}$Pt were determined with SSA.

In Figs. 7 and 8, sections of the probability density and the elementary volume product, for the states $0^+_g$, $10^+_g$, $0^+_\beta$, $2^+_\gamma$, are given. One notices that the maxima of the $\gamma$ wave functions squared are reached for $\gamma_0 = 0^0$ and $\gamma_0 = 30^0$. We see that a node in the beta functions leads to the existence of two maxima in $\beta$ for the same value of $\gamma$. For $^{188}$Pt the equidensity curves surround two maxima for a single value of $\beta$. This picture suggests a two shapes coexistence.

In conclusion, we described the energy spectra of ground, $\beta$ and $\gamma$ bands as well as the intraband and interband transition probabilities for the chain $^{180-196}$Pt, using several phenomenological models emerging from the liquid drop model. A new approach called ISWMA was proposed, which seems to be suitable for the description of the triaxial nuclei.

RESULTS, 2014

Deformation properties of the projected spherical single particle basis,

Deformed single particle energies obtained by averaging a particle-core Hamiltonian with a projected spherical basis depend on a deformation parameter and an arbitrary constant defining the canonical transformation relating the collective quadrupole coordinates and momenta with the boson operators. When the mentioned basis describes the single particle motion of either protons or neutrons the parameters involved are isospin dependent. An algorithm for fixing these parameters is formulated and then applied for 194 isotopes covering a good part of the nuclide chart. Relation with the Nilsson deformed basis is pointed out in
terms of deformation dependence of the corresponding single particle energies as well as of the nucleon densities and their symmetries. The proposed projected spherical basis provides an efficient tool for the description of spherical and deformed nuclei in a unified fashion.

In this paper we exploited the property of the coherent state of being a basis generating function. We were inspired by the paper of Nilsson [1] which defines a deformed wave function as an eigenstate of a Hamiltonian which contains a quadrupole mean field term. Such basis has been used by many authors for the description of the deformed nuclei. However when we want to describe an observable which is very sensitive to the variation of the angular momentum the many body wave function is to be projected over the angular momentum. This operation is not simple at all, for example for the ground state corresponding to the RPA (random phase approximation) only approximate solutions are known so far. In this context any contribution to this field is welcome. In this paper we present a solution for this problem [2, 5–7].

To describe a particle-core interacting system we shall consider the following Hamiltonian

\[
\tilde{H} = H_{sm} + H_{core} - M\omega_0^2 r^2 \sum_{\lambda=0,2} \sum_{-\lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda} \alpha_{\lambda\mu}^* Y_{\lambda\mu}. \tag{1.1}
\]

where

\[
H_{core} = \omega_b \sum_\mu b_{2\mu}^\dagger b_{2\mu} \tag{1.2}
\]

is a harmonic quadrupole boson Hamiltonian associated with the phenomenological core. The spherical shell model single-particle Hamiltonian is denoted by \(H_{SM}\). The particle-core interaction represented by the last term, depends on the nuclear deformation through the monopole and quadrupole shape coordinates, \(\alpha_{00}\) and \(\alpha_{2\mu}\). The latter ones are related to the boson operators \(b_{2\mu}^\dagger\) defining the harmonic oscillation of the core, through a canonical transformation. The restriction of volume conservation provides a relation between the monopole and quadrupole coordinates:

\[
\alpha_{00} = -\frac{1}{2k^2 \sqrt{\pi}} \left[ 5 + \sum_\mu \left( 2b_{\mu}^\dagger b_{\mu} + (b_{\mu}^\dagger b_{-\mu} + b_{-\mu}^\dagger b_{\mu})(-)^\mu \right) \right]. \tag{1.3}
\]

Averaging \(H_{pc}\) with the eigenstates \(|nljm\rangle\) of \(H_{SM}\), one obtains a deformed boson Hamiltonian whose ground state is described by a coherent state:

\[
\psi_g = e^{d(b_{20}^\dagger - b_{20})}|0\rangle_b, \tag{1.4}
\]
where $|0\rangle_b$ is the vacuum state of the boson operators, while $d$ is a real parameter which simulates the nuclear deformation. On the other hand, the average of $H_{pc}$ with $\psi_g$ is a single particle Hamiltonian, similar to that of the Nilsson model [1]:

$$H_{mf} = \langle \psi_g | H_{pc} | \psi_g \rangle = \omega_b d^2 + H_{sm} - \hbar \omega_0 r'^2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}d}{k} Y_{20} - \frac{1}{8\pi k^2} (5 + 4d^2) \right], \quad (1.5)$$

where the stretched coordinates are used. Further, extracting from the above Hamiltonian the zero point deformation energy

$$\lim_{d \to 0} (H_{mf} - H_{SM}) = \frac{5\hbar \omega_0 r'^2}{8\pi k^2}, \quad (1.6)$$

one arrives at a more recognizable form:

$$H_{mf} = \omega_b d^2 + H_{SM} - \hbar \omega_0 r'^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}d}{k} Y_{20} - \frac{1}{2\pi k^2} d^2 \right) \quad (1.7)$$

We note that the deformed terms involved in the Nilsson model Hamiltonian and the mean field $H_{mf}$ are identical provided the following equation holds:

$$\frac{d}{k} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1.8)$$

One recovers the original Nilsson Hamiltonian [1]:

$$H_{Nilsson}(\beta) = H_{SM} - \hbar \omega_0 r'^2 \beta Y_{20}. \quad (1.9)$$

if in (3.9) one ignores the constant terms i.e., those which are independent of the particle coordinates.

Our proposal [5] was to treat the particle-core system, which is rotationally invariant, with the projected states:

$$\Phi_{nlj}^{IM}(d) = N_{nlj}^I(d)P_{MI}^I[|nljI\rangle |\psi_g\rangle]. \quad (1.10)$$

The tensorial form of this state,

$$\Phi_{nlj}^{IM}(d) = N_{nlj}^I(d) \sum_j C_{00 I}^{JI} (N_j^g)^{-1} [|nlj\rangle |\phi_j^g\rangle]_{IM}, \quad (1.11)$$

The norm of this state is:

$$(N_{nlj}^I(d))^{-2} = \sum_j \left( C_{00 I}^{JI} \right)^2 (N_j^g)^{-2}. \quad (1.12)$$
The main properties of the projected states are: a) They are orthogonal with respect to the quantum numbers \( I \) and \( M \); b) Although these states belong to the space of particle-core states, they can be used as a single particle basis. Indeed, whenever we want to calculate a matrix element for a one body operator we integrate first over the collective degrees of freedom, the final result being written in a factorize form: one factor contains the dependence on the nuclear deformation while the second one is the matrix element corresponding to the spherical shell model single particle states. To give an example, we consider a many body tensor operator, \( T^k_\mu \), of rank \( k \) and projection \( \mu \). The final result for the matrix elements between two projected spherical states is:

\[
\langle \Phi^I_{nlj} | T^k_\mu | \Phi'^I_{nlj'} \rangle = f_{nlj}^{n'l'j'}(d) \langle nlj|T^k|n'l'j' \rangle, \quad \text{with}
\]

\[
f_{nlj}^{n'l'j'}(d) = N_{nlj}(d)N_{nlj'}(d) \hat{I}^J \sum J C_{I'0I}^J C_{I'0I'}^J W(jkJI'; j'I') (N^g_J)^{-2};
\]

\[
c) \quad \text{The connection between the deformation parameter } d, \text{ involved in the definition of the coherent state } \psi_g, \text{ and the nuclear deformation is readily obtained requiring that the deformation terms from the model Hamiltonian and Nilsson Hamiltonian have equal strengths:}
\]

\[
d = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{45}} (\Omega_\perp - \Omega_z^2).
\]

Here \( \Omega_\perp \) and \( \Omega_z \) denote the mean field frequencies from the Nilsson model which are related to \( \delta = \sqrt{45/16\pi \beta}\) by:

\[
\Omega_\perp = \left(\frac{2 + \delta}{2 - \delta}\right)^{1/3}, \quad \Omega_z = \left(\frac{2 + \delta}{2 - \delta}\right)^{-2/3}.
\]

Averaging the particle-core Hamiltonian with the projected state one gets the expression:

\[
\epsilon'_{nlj} = \langle \Phi'^I_{nlj}(d)|H'|\Phi'^I_{nlj}(d) \rangle = \epsilon_{nlj} - \hbar \omega_0(N + \frac{3}{2}) C_{10}^{j2j} C_{1/201/2}^{j2j} (\Omega_\perp^2 - \Omega_z^2) \frac{2}{3}
\]

\[
+ \frac{2}{5} \frac{\epsilon_{10}^J}{d^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{5}{2} \sum J (C_{10}^{j2j})^2 I_{J0}^{(1)} \right] \frac{\Omega_\perp^2 - \Omega_z^2}{90};
\]

Here the standard notation for the Clebsch Gordan coefficients have been used, \( C_{m1m2m}^{ijij} \). The overlap integrals \( I_J^{(k)} \) have been analytically studied in some previous publications. If from the above expression one subtract the zero point energy contribution one obtains the final expression for the single particle energies, specific to the proposed model.
FIG. 9: Proton and neutron single-particle energies in the region of $N = 5$ and $N = 6$ shells respectively, given by Eq.(1.17) where the shell model parameters $\kappa = 0.0637$ and $\mu = 0.60$ for protons and $\mu = 0.42$ for neutrons were used. The canonical transformation constant is fixed to $k = 10$.

\[
\epsilon'_{nlj} = \epsilon_{nlj} - \hbar\omega_0(N + \frac{3}{2})C^{2j}_{00}C^{2j}_{10}I^{1(0)}_1 \left(\frac{\Omega_1^2 - \Omega_2^2}{3}\right)
+ \hbar\omega_0(N + \frac{3}{2}) \left[1 + \sum_j (C^{2j}_{j-10})^2 I^{(1)}_j \right] \left(\frac{\Omega_1^2 - \Omega_2^2}{90}\right)
- \hbar\omega_0 \left(N + \frac{3}{2}\right) \left[j - I + \frac{1}{2} (1 - (-1)^j)\right] \frac{1}{8\pi k^2}.
\]  

(1.17)

The averages (1.17) can be viewed as approximations of the single-particle energies in the deformed Nilsson orbits. As a matter of fact these are very close to the single-particle energies (???) of the projected Nilsson states obtained by diagonalization within a single major shell ($\Delta N = 0$). This is illustrated in Fig. 9.

Notice that although the single particle energies of our model are similar with the Nilsson model energies, the states degeneracies are different. To make the wave functions of the two models compatible we change the norm of the projected single particle state to:
\[ \langle \Phi^I_M | \Phi^I_M \rangle = 1 \implies \sum_M \langle \Phi^I_M | \Phi^I_M \rangle = 2. \] (1.18)

Due to this normalization, on each state I with \(2I+1\) sub-states one could distribute at most 2 nucleons. The notation \(\alpha\) was used for the set of shell model quantum numbers \(|nljm\).

A. Nucleon density

The density operator corresponding to the projected spherical states can be written as:

\[ \hat{\rho} = \sum_{nljIM} \frac{2}{2I+1} |\Phi^I_M(d)|^2. \] (1.19)

Using the tensorial form of the projected particle-core state (1.11), and replacing the product of the projected core states and their corresponding complex conjugates by their scalar product, one obtains:

\[ \langle \hat{\rho} \rangle_{coll} = 2 \sum_{nljm>0} ||nljm||^2, \] (1.20)

which is exactly the spherical shell model nucleon density. The consistency with the projected Nilsson states is then complete.

However, it is desirable to induce a deformation dependence of the particles distribution. Inspired by the fact that the deformation dependence of the mean field is obtained by averaging the particle-core Hamiltonian with the quadrupole boson coherent state (1.4), we extend the procedure to the nucleon density (1.19) with the results:

\[ \langle \psi_g | \hat{\rho} | \psi_g \rangle = \sum_{nljIM} \frac{2}{2I+1} |\langle \psi_g | \Phi^I_M(d) \rangle|^2. \] (1.21)

Similarly, the wave function associated to the deformed mean filed can be looked at as the overlap of the projected spherical state and the coherent state describing the core.

\[ \langle \psi_g | \Phi^I_M(d) \rangle = N^I_J \sum_J F^J_M(d) |nljM\rangle, \] (1.22)

where

\[ F^J_M(d) = C_{10l}^J C_{M00}^J (N_J)^{-2}. \] (1.23)

A direct connection between the \(k\)-pole transition densities defined by the projected spherical single particle and the spherical shell model bases, can be obtained by using the
second quantization form of a one body operator, which is a tensor of rank $k$ and projection $m$ with respect to the rotation transformations:

$$\hat{T}_{km} = \sum \frac{2}{2I + 1} \langle \Phi^{I,M}_{nlj} | \hat{T}_{km} | \Phi^{I',M'}_{n'l'j'} \rangle \sqrt{\frac{2}{2I' + 1}} c_{\alpha IM}^\dagger c_{\alpha' I'M'}$$

$$= \sum \frac{2}{I'I'} \langle \Phi^{I}_{nlj} | | \hat{T}_{k} || \Phi^{I'}_{n'l'j'} \rangle C^{I'k}_{M'M} c_{\alpha IM}^\dagger$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha I; \alpha' I'} \frac{2}{I'I'} \langle \alpha I || \hat{T}_{k} || \alpha' I' \rangle \hat{\rho}_{km}^{ps}(\alpha I; \alpha' I').$$

(1.24)

For the sake of simplicity we used the abbreviations:

$$| \alpha IM \rangle = | \Phi^{I,M}_{nlj} \rangle, \quad \alpha = (nlj), \quad \hat{I} = \sqrt{2I + 1},$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{km}^{ps}(\alpha I; \alpha' I') = - \hat{j} \left( c_{\alpha I'}^\dagger c_{\alpha I} \right)_{km}, \quad c_{\alpha I'M} = (-1)^{I' - M} c_{\alpha IM}.$$  

(1.25)

The index ”ps” suggests that the density matrix is associated to a projected spherical basis. As for the shell model we have:

$$\hat{T}_{km} = \sum \langle nlj || | \hat{T}_{k} || n'l'j' \rangle \hat{\rho}_{km}^{sm}(nlj; n'l'j'), \quad \text{with}$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{km}^{sm}(nlj; n'l'j') = - \hat{j} \left( c_{nlj}^\dagger c_{n'l'j'} \right)_{km}.$$  

(1.26)

Using the relationship of the matrix elements corresponding to the two bases we have:

$$\hat{\rho}_{km}^{sm}(nlj; n'l'j') = \sum_{I,I'} \frac{2}{I'I'} f_{jI,k(d)}^{j'I'} \hat{\rho}_{km}^{ps}(nljI; n'l'j'I').$$

(1.27)

Taking into account the explicit expression of the norms $N^I_j$ and the analytical form of the Racah coefficient with one vanishing index, it can be proved that for $k = 0$ the factor $f$ is equal to unity:

$$f_{jI,0}^{j'I'}(d) = \delta_{I,I'} \delta_{j,j'}.$$  

(1.28)

Consequently one obtains:

$$\hat{\rho}_{00}^{sm}(nlj; nlj) = \sum_{I} \frac{2}{2I + 1} \hat{\rho}_{00}^{ps}(nljI; nljI).$$

(1.29)

Going back to the definition of $\hat{\rho}$ in the two basis, (3.30) and (3.31), by a direct and simple calculation one finds that Eqs. (1.29) and (3.24) are identical.
FIG. 10: Total nuclear density given by Eq.(1.20) is represented as function of $x = r' \sin \theta$ and $z = r' \cos \theta$ in units of $\alpha^{3/2}$ in 3D plots (up) and contour plots (down) for $^{150}$Gd (left) and $^{156}$Gd (right). In both cases the densities corresponding to two adjacent curves differ from each other by $0.21\alpha^{3/2}$. 
FIG. 11: Total nuclear density projected on the quadrupole boson coherent state defined by Eq.(1.20) and normalized to its maximum value is represented as function of $x = r' \sin \theta$ and $z = r' \cos \theta$ in 3D plots (up) and contour plots (down) for $^{150}\text{Gd}$ (left) and $^{156}\text{Gd}$ (right). Contour plots are made with a step of $0.062/\rho_{\text{max}}$. 
FIG. 12: The binding energy second order difference, $\Delta E_{Tot}$ for the isotopes of Cd (left panel) and Te (right panel) is represented as function of the number of neutrons, $N$. For Nilsson model calculations we included also the $\Delta N=2$ matrix elements with $N_{cutoff} = 10$.

B. Quadrupole moment of the first state $2^+$

Let us derive the expression of the quadrupole moment within the GCSM. The liquid drop model (LDM) predicts for the quadrupole moment the expression:

$$Q_{2\mu} = \frac{3ZeR_0^2}{4\pi} \left( \alpha_{2\mu} - \frac{10}{\sqrt{70}\pi} (\alpha_2\alpha_2)_{2\mu} \right), \quad R_0 = 1.2A^{1/3} fm. \quad (1.30)$$

Within LDM the state $2^+$ is a one phonon state, $b_{2\mu}^\dagger |0\rangle$, which yields for the quadrupole moment, with the standard definition, the expression:

$$\langle 22|Q_{20}|22 \rangle = -\frac{3ZeR_0^2\sqrt{5}}{7\pi k^2 \sqrt{\pi}}. \quad (1.31)$$

From here it results that for spherical nuclei the quadrupole moment is always negative. The GCSM defines the state $2^+$ by the angular momentum projected state $\phi_{JM}^g(d_n, d_p)$ (see Eq. (4.2)) while the quadrupole moment, in the boson representation, is:

$$Q_{20} = \frac{3ZeR_0^2}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{k_p\sqrt{2}} \left( b_{p0}^\dagger + b_{p0} \right) - \frac{5}{k_p^2\sqrt{70}\pi} \left( (b_{p2}^\dagger b_{p2})_{20} + (b_{p2} b_{p2})_{20} + (b_{p2}^\dagger b_{p2})_{20} \right) \right]. \quad (1.32)$$

Averaging this operator with the projected state mentioned above one obtains:

$$\langle \phi_{22}^g(d_n, d_p)|Q_{20}|\phi_{22}^g(d_n, d_p) \rangle = -\frac{3ZeR_0^2}{7\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}k_p} + \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} \left( \frac{d_p}{k_p} \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{I_2^1(\rho)}{I_2^0(\rho)} \right) \right]. \quad (1.33)$$
This equation might be used to determine the ratio $d_p/k_p$ and then the other parameters, $d_n$ and $k_n$.

C. Order of shell filling: the magic numbers and the spins of the odd system ground state

Another issue addressed in this paper regards the ability of the proposed model to describe the shell filling and how that compares with what we know from the Nilsson model. To this aim we calculated the second order binding energy difference

$$\Delta E_{Tot} = -\frac{3}{16} [2E(N) - E(N + 2) - E(N - 2)],$$

with $E(N)$ denoting the total sum of proton and neutron single particle energies for a nucleus with $N$ neutrons. This quantity is plotted for the isotopic chains of Cd and Te in Fig. 8. We notice that both models show two major peaks corresponding to the magic number 82 and the shell filling at $N = 68$ for Cd and $N = 70$ for Te. The distributions of peaks for Te isotones obtained with the projected spherical single particle basis (PSSPB) and Nilsson model respectively, are similar. Some differences appear in the case of Cd’s. In the case of Nilsson plot there is a peak for $N = 76$ which is missing in our case. On the other hand the plot with PSSPB exhibits a peak for $N = 56$ which is missing in the case of the plot made with the Nilsson model. The major peak at $N = 70$ for Nilsson model is shifted to $N = 68$ for our method. The order of the shell filling is, of course, depending on the quadrupole deformation. A test for this feature is to identify the levels around the last occupied one and compare their spin with the experimental value for the ground state spin, in an even-odd nucleus. The results are compared with the data for a few odd nuclei in Table XVII. Among the identified angular momenta for the last and the second last occupied as well as for the first unoccupied levels one finds the angular momenta characterizing the ground state according to the experimental data. The reason we listed all three spins is that in the region of the Fermi sea the level density is high and a small uncertainty in determining the deformation may change the position of the level crossing and thus the filling order. Moreover our estimation does not take into consideration the effect of the residual interaction which may also shift the position of the Fermi level. We note that the agreement is reasonable good suggesting that the ground state has the spin of
the first unoccupied level for $^{155}\text{Gd}$, $^{167}\text{Er}$, $^{177}\text{Hf}$, $^{179}\text{Hf}$ and that of the second last occupied state for $^{187}\text{Os}$, $^{189}\text{Os}$, $^{157}\text{Gd}$.

D. Model parameters

Besides the parameters involved in the shell model Hamiltonian there are another two, namely the deformation parameter $d$ and canonicity parameter $k$. In the case we study isospin depending properties we have to use a set of wave functions, with the parameters $d_p$ and $k_p$ different from those corresponding to the neutrons, denoted by $d_n$ and $k_n$.

These parameters have been determined according to the following algorithm: a) Equating the theoretical result concerning the energy ratio of the states $4^+$ and $2^+$ from the ground band, denoted by $R_{4/2}$, with the experimental one, we determine the global deformation parameter $\rho (=d\sqrt{2})$; Inserting this value in Eq.(1.6), one obtains the parameter $k$; c) From the expression of the reduced transition probability $0_g^+ \rightarrow 2_g^+$, one determines $k_p$; d) Using again Eq. (1.6), but for protons we get $d_p$; e) From the equation $\rho = ((d_p^2 + d_n^2)^{1/2})$, one determines $d_n$; f) Then Eq. (1.6) used for neutrons, yields $k_n$. This procedure has been applied for 194 nuclei and the results collected in several tables. Results for $k$, $k_p$ and $k_n$ can be interpolated with linear functions of $A$, the mass atomic number:

$$k = 0.0513471 \cdot A + 4.28957, \quad rms = 2.59477, \quad \text{(1.35)}$$

$$k_p = 0.0488292 \cdot A + 4.61187, \quad rms = 2.71376, \quad \text{(1.36)}$$

$$k_n = 0.0538922 \cdot A + 3.80843, \quad rms = 3.17185. \quad \text{(1.37)}$$

The projected spherical single particle basis has been positively tested by realistically describing the deformed atomic clusters [2], the basic properties of the magnetic dipole mode of scissors type (for Sm isotopes)[6] and by calculating the Gamow-Teller transition amplitude for the double beta decay [7].

To conclude, the coherent state approach is very useful not only for accounting for some phenomenological properties of complex nuclei, but also for providing a unified description
With the nuclear deformation $\beta$ taken for Ref.[4] and the deformation parameters as well as the canonicity constants determined as discussed in the text we determined the quantum numbers $[NljI]$ of the last occupied (Locc), the second last occupied (Slocc) and the first unoccupied (Funocc) neutron states of several even-odd isotopes. Presuming that the Fermi sea is close to one of the mentioned states we can get information upon the spin of the ground state of the odd system whose experimental values (see [3] p. 78) are listed on the last column. Indeed in the region of the last occupied state the level density is high which results that the odd nucleon position is sensitive to the residual interaction.

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of spherical and deformed nuclei by means of a projected spherical single particle basis.


**The SSD hypothesis (single state dominance)**

The validity of the SSD hypothesis has been checked for the situation when in describing the $2\nu\beta\beta$ process the gauge invariance is restored. In the literature, three cases of $2\nu\beta\beta$ where the major contribution (over 95%) to the decay rates is brought by a single magnetic dipole state of the intermediate odd-odd system, have been identified. In these cases the first state $1^+$ characterizing the odd-odd intermediate nucleus, is either the ground state or a state lying very close to the ground state. For this purpose we used the projected spherical single particle basis described before and a fully renormalized pnQRPA approach with the gauge invariance restored. Our calculations on this line show that under the mentioned circumstances the SSD hypothesis is no longer valid and moreover the Ikeda sum rule is satisfied.

**C. The participation of the young researchers**

As results form the list of publications regarding the subjects of the project, the young researchers Radu Budaca and Petrica Buganu are coauthors of several papers. Also the two young researchers attended international conferences where presented oral communications or posters.
D. Difficulties encountered: None

E. Economic and social impacts.

The performed researches have a fundamental character. Thereby the final product is the knowledge. As results form the present report as well as form the attached papers the advanced hypotheses are 100% original and because of that the added value for the team activities represent an important contribution to the knowledge development in the field as well as to enriching the Romanian scientific creative treasure. We believe that our results will have a positive international echo and thus the Romanian science visibility will be improved. Also the obtained results contribute to creating a proper academic climate for coming topical research in the field. An example on this line is the training of the young researchers belonging to the project team. It is interesting to notice that when the project began the two young people where beginner doctorands. In the meantime they defended their PhD thesis, won the competition for scientific researcher which allowed them to be permanently employed in the Department of Theoretical Physics of IFIN-HH. Moreover in 2013 they were promote to the functions of Principal Researcher of rank III. The reason was that they have an important number of publications in the major international journals. These data prove that the atmosphere in the group of Prof. Dr. Apolodor Raduta is encouraging for young researchers in a complex and difficult field.

F. Dissemination, mobility

The team members attended several international conferences where presented invited lectures, communications and posters. Here is the list of conferences and contributions:

1) International conference ”Nuclear Structure and related topics”, Dubna 2012. There Prof. A. A. Raduta presented the lecture *FRpnQRPA approach with the gauge symmetry restored. Application for the $2
\nu \beta \beta$ decay*. The lecture appeared in the conference proceedings


At this conference we had several oral presentations:

a) Invited lecture (Prof. Dr. A. A. Raduta):*$2\nu\beta\beta$ decay within a higher pnQRPA approach with the gauge symmetry preserved

b) Communication (Dr. R. Budaca): *A semi-microscopic approach to the back-bending
phenomena in even-even nuclei

c) Communication (Dr. P. Buganu): Towards a new solvable model for the even-even triaxial nuclei

These works have been published in the conference proceedings.

3) European Conference on Nuclear Physics, Bucharest, September 16-21, 2012.

At this conference we had two lectures and two communications:

a) Invited lecture (Prof. Dr. A. A. Raduta): Description of various nuclear phases within the Coherent State Model

b) Invited lecture (Prof. Dr. A. A. Raduta): New results for $2\nu\beta\bar{\beta}$ decay within a FRpn-QRPA approach with the gauge symmetry restored.

c) Communication (Dr. R. Budaca): Semi-microscopic description of the back-bending phenomena in deformed even-even nuclei.

d) Communication (Dr. P. Buganu): Toward a new description of triaxial nuclei.

Finally the following features are to be mentioned:

i) All presentations are directly related to the subjects considered in our project.

ii) At these conferences Prof. Dr. A. A. Raduta was chairman at one morning session (Dubna) and two afternoon sessions (conferences 2 and 3)

The communicated papers have been published in the conference proceedings:


3) FRpnQRPA approach with the gauge symmetry restored. Application for the $2\nu\beta\bar{\beta}$ decay, A. A. Raduta and C. M. Raduta, EPJ Web of Conferences 38, 14003 (2012).


5) $2\nu\beta\bar{\beta}$ decay within a higher pnQRPA approach with the gauge symmetry preserved, A. A. Raduta, and C. M. Raduta, Journal of Physics: Conference Series 413 (2013) 012014.

Posters

2. Semi-microscopic description of the proton- and neutron-induced back-bending phenomena in some deformed even-even rare earth nuclei, R. Budaca and A. A. Raduta, Firenze Conference Italy, 2013, EPJ Web of Conferences 66, 02017 (2014), DOI: 10.1051/epjconf/20146602017.

Invited lectures at the Balcanic Conference, 2013

1. Radu Budaca, The 13th International Balkan Workshop on Applied Physics, Constanta, Romania, 4-6 July 2013.

2. Petrica Buganu, The 13th International Balkan Workshop on Applied Physics, Constanta, Romania, 4-6 July 2013. Are lectie invitata ce va fi inclusa in proceedings.

Attending conferences, working stage abroad

1) Prof. Dr. Apolodor Raduta, Institut fur Theoretische Physik der Universitaet, Tuebingen, Germany, 3 months starting with 1.05.2011.

2) Prof. Dr. Apolodor Raduta, Institut fur Theoretische Physik der Universitaet, Tuebingen, Germany, 3 months starting with 1.09.2013.

3) On 5.11.2013, being invited by Tuebingen University Prof. dr. Apolodor Raduta presented the lecture "Fascinating physics of neutrinos as a severe test of some modern theories.” This was the first lecture in the series (of 6 lectures), named Humboldt lectures, for the academic year 2013-2014. It is to be noted that the lecture subject is one of those included in the project ID-2-2011.

4) Dr. Radu Budaca, International Conference on Nuclear Physics, Firentze, Iune, 2013.

5) Dr. Petrica Buganu, International Conference on Nuclear Physics, Firentze, Iune, 2013.

6) Dr. Petrica Buganu, 7th Workshop on shape phase transitions and critical point phenomena in nuclei, March 2014, Sevillia, Spain. Here he had two oral presentations:

   i. Phenomenological description of triaxial nuclei.
ii. Phase transitions within some solvable models.

7) In the period of 16.09-24.09.2014, Dr. Radu Budaca attended the International school of Nuclear Physics, 36th course Nuclei in the Laboratory and in the Cosmos Erice-Sicily, Italy.

8) In period of 20.11.2014-22.11.2014, Dr. Radu Budaca participated at the TIM14 Physics Conference -Physics without frontiers, Timisoara. At this conference he presented orally the work: Quartic oscillator potential in the -rigid regime of the collective geometrical model.

G. Promoting to a higher position

1) Radu Budaca was promoted to the position of Scientific Researcher of rank III.
2) Petrica Buganu was promoted to the position of Scientific Researcher of rank III.

2.12.2014 Prof. Dr. Apolodor Raduta