Static Electric and magnetic moments of exotic nuclear structures

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# Introduction

### The magnetic dipole moment



magnetic dipole operator :  $\hat{\mu} = g_L \hat{L} + g_S \hat{S}$ Magnetic moment of a state with spin I

= expectation value of the z-component of the dipole operator

$$\mu$$
 (I) = < I, m=I |  $\hat{\mu}_z$  | I, m=I >

Magnetic moments of ground states in odd nuclei

# In the extreme single particle shell model nucleons moving in a central potential induced by the other nucleons all nucleons are paired to spin zero the ground state is determined by the non-paired nucleon the magnetic moment of an odd-proton (or an odd-neutron) nucleus with spin I is

determined by the magnetic moment of an odd-proton (or an odd-neutron) nucleus with spin i is orbital j(n,l)

 $\mu(I) = \langle (Is)jm \mid \mu_z \mid (Is)jm \rangle_{m=j}$ 

Magnetic dipole operator(=vector): a composed spherical tensor operator of rank 1

μ<sub>z</sub>(L,S) acts on a state with spin j composed out of I and s: L acts on the orbital momentum I S acts on the intrinsic spin s

→use angular momentum coupling algebra and properties of spherical tensor operators	
to calculate the magnetic moment of a single nucleon	<b>Ref:</b> de-Shalit and Talmi in "Nuclear Shell Theory" Brink and Shatchler in "Angular Momentum Algebra"

#### Free g-factors: the Schmidt moments

→ Magnetic moment of a nucleon in a shell model orbit with spin j:

$$\mu(j = I + \frac{1}{2}) = [(j - \frac{1}{2})g_{L} + \frac{1}{2}g_{S}]\mu_{N}$$
  
$$\mu(j = I - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{j}{j+1}[(j + \frac{3}{2})g_{L} - \frac{1}{2}g_{S}]\mu_{N}$$

If  $g_L$  and  $g_s$  are the free-nucleon g-factors for protons or neutrons  $\rightarrow$  Schmidt moments



Experimental magnetic moments deviate sometimes strongly from these Schmidt values (from 0.5 – 1.5  $\mu_N$ )  $\rightarrow$  mainly inwards

#### **Effective g-factors**





#### magnetic moments / g-factors ( $\mu$ = g.I) allow testing an assigned shell model configuration



Consider two unpaired nucleons in a shell model orbital j, coupling to spin I.

The g-factor of this state g(I), in terms of the single-nucleon g-factor g(j), is derived easily using again angular momentum coupling rules:

g(I) = g(j)

This can be generalized:

the g-factor of a n-nucleon configuration in an orbital j is equal to the 1-nucleon g-factor, independent on n and on I.

 $\rightarrow$  in a series of isotopes or isotones, it allows to attribute a certain spin to a state, based on a g-factor measurement (exotic nuclei !).

 $\rightarrow$  within one nucleus, the g-factor is a very sensitive tool to check whether the configuration within a sequence of spin-states (0,2,4,6,8,...) produced by the gradual alignment of two identical nucleons, is pure, down to the lowest excitation energy.

Magnetic moments in odd-odd nuclei: additivity rule

magnetic dipole operator is assumed to be additive:  
the dipole operator acting on a nucleus of A nucleons  
= sum of individual nucleon dipole operators  

$$\hat{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^{A} (g_{L,i} \hat{l}_{i} + g_{S,i} \hat{s}_{i})$$

The magnetic moment of an odd-odd nucleus with spin I,  
assuming it consists of a *weak coupling between an odd proton* 
$$(j_1)$$
 and an odd neutron  $(j_2)$ ,  
IN TERMS OF THE SINGLE NUCLEON MAGNETIC MOMENS  $\mu(j_1)$  and  $\mu(j_2)$   
is calculated using the decoupling rules for angular momenta  
$$\mu(I) = I \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu_1}{j_1} + \frac{\mu_2}{j_2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu_1}{j_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{j_2} \right) \frac{j_1(j_1+1) - j_2(j_2+1)}{I(I+1)} \right]$$
Ref: K. Heyde, The Nuclear Shell Model

Knowing the experimental magnetic moments of nearby odd nuclei, one can calculate the magnetic moment of a nuclear state with unpaired nucleons, assuming a particular configuration.

Deviations of the experimental value from this calculated value, are then an indication for the fact that the assumed configuration is probably not pure.

Alternatively: using effective g-factors for the single nucleon values, and assuming a particular shell model configuration, allows to **test the validity of an assumed configuration**.

A more sophisticated calculation can be performed using a shell-model code, which calculates the wave function more accurately.

In regions where such calculations are reproducing well experimental values  $\rightarrow$  deviations from the calculated values can be used as an indication for changes in the shell structure.

However, magnetic moments are not very sensitive to deformation or collectivity



#### The electric quadrupole moment

The non-spherical distribution of the charges in a nucleus give rise to a quadrupole moment. The quadrupole moment operator is defined as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = e \sum_{i=1}^{A} (3 \mathbf{z}_i^2 - \mathbf{r}_i^2)$$

It is a spherical tensor of rank 2:

$$\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{e} \sum_{i=1}^{A} \mathbf{r}_k^2 \mathbf{Y}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \boldsymbol{\phi}_k) \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}}$$



The Spectroscopic Quadrupole Moment of a state with spin I = expectation value of the z-component of the quadrupole operator

or with spherical tensor notation:

$$Q(I) = \langle Im | Q_2^0 | Im \rangle_{m=1}$$

#### Quadrupole moments in odd nuclei

#### In the extreme single particle shell model

the quadrupole moment of an odd-proton (or an odd-neutron) nucleus with spin I is determined by the single particle moment of the unpaired proton (or neutron) in the orbital j.

$$Q(I) = -e_j \frac{(2j-1)}{2(j+1)} < r_j^2 >$$

with  $e_i$  the charge of the valence particle

With free-nucleon charges:

 $e_{\pi}$ =+1 : proton has a negative quadrupole moment

 $e_v = 0$ : neutron has no quadrupole moment (only charged particles have a quadrupole moment)

In a nucleus, due to the interaction of the valence nucleons with the core nucleons, the neutrons can induce a quadrupole moment.

And also the proton quadrupole moment will be influenced by the interaction with the core nucleons.

One says that the valence neutrons and protons 'polarize' the core.

→ effective charges !





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#### Effective charges

# $100 \text{ efm}^2 = 1 \text{ eb}$

#### Single particle Q-moments are < 0.5 eb

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Nuclei near shell closures are considered to be spherical: the wave function is described by individual nucleons moving in a spherical potential  $\rightarrow$  the core does not contribute to the nuclear quadrupole moment.

Due to particle-core interactions, the valence nucleon can polarize the core to small oblate or prolate shapes. This effect is taken into account by introducing **an 'effective charge'** for protons and neutrons.

 $Qs(j) = e_{eff}/e Qs.p.(j)_{free}$ 

Orbitals in the Pb-region Effective charges have been determined in several regions of the nuclear chart, 50 v1(i<sub>13/2</sub>)<sup>-1</sup> and are found to be of the order  $e_v^{eff} = 0.95^{\theta}$ 30  $e_{\pi}^{\text{eff}}=1.5^{\theta}$  $e_{\pi}^{eff} = 1.3 - 1.6 e$  $v2(f_{5/2})$ Q-moments (efm<sup>2</sup>) 10  $e_v^{eff} = 0.1 - 0.95 e$ -10 Neutron orbits: Proton orbits:  $v2g_{9/2}$  $\pi 2 f_{7/2}$  $v1i_{11/2}$  $\pi 2 f_{7/2}$  $\pi \, 1i_{13/2}$ -30  $v2g_{9/2}$ X  $\pi$  1h<sub>o/2</sub> N=126  $\pi 1h_{9/2}$ -50 Z=82 v 3p<sub>1/2</sub> N=124  $\pi 1i_{13/2}$ -70  $\pi 3S_{1/2}$  $v_{3p_{3/2}}^{2f_{5/2}}$  N=118  $\pi 2d_{3/2}$ single particle orbit N=114  $\nu$  1i<sub>13/2</sub>  $\pi 1h_{11/2}$ 

#### Core Polarization (sperical nuclei) / Prolate and oblate shapes (deformed nuclei)

The valence neutrons and protons 'polarize' the core. To minimize the energy of the nucleus, the valence nucleons try to overlap as much as possible with the core

(the 'strong interaction' between nucleons is 'attractive').



Note: core polarization is mainly important in near-spherical nuclei In deformed nuclei the nuclear core itself is deformed  $Q = Q_{sp (< 0.5 \text{ eb})} + Q_{core (> 0.5 \text{ eb})}$ 

#### Core polarization in near-sperical nuclei: examples from the Pb-region



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**Neutron Number** 

**Nuclei in-between shell closures are often well deformed:** there properties can be described, assuming that the nucleus is a deformed liquid drop. Assuming that the liquid drop has an axially symmetric deformation (elipsoidal shape), it's radius can be expanded in spherical harmonics:

$$\mathsf{R}(\theta) = \mathsf{R}_0 \left[ 1 + \beta \, \mathsf{Y}_2^{\,0}(\theta) \right]$$

 $\beta$  is called the deformation parameter.

 $R_0$  is chosen such that the nuclear volume is independent of the nuclear deformation. In a first approximation, the radius can be calculated as

$$R_0 = 1.2 A^{1/3}$$

In this same context, the **intrinsic quadrupole moment** of a deformed elipsoidal charge distribution, can be calculated as:

$$Q_0 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5\pi}} eZR^2 \beta (1 + 0.36 \beta + ...)$$

#### Intrinsic and spectroscopic quadrupole moments

The **spectroscopic quadrupole moment** is the experimental observable, which in case of axially deformed nuclei, can be related to **the intrinsic quadrupole moment**, and thus to the nuclear charge deformation parameter  $\beta$ 

In the ROTATIONAL MODEL, assuming axially symmetric deformation:

$$Q = \frac{3K^2 - I(I+1)}{(I+1)(2I+3)} \quad Q_0$$

Z<sub>int</sub> = intrinsic axis of axial symmetryK =projection of spin onto this symmetry axisM = projection of the spin onto the laboratory axis



If the nuclear spin is along the axial symmetry axis, then K=I and:

$$Q = \frac{I(2I-1)}{(I+1)(2I+3)} \quad Q_0$$

This relation can be used to deduce and intrinsic quadrupole moment from a measured quadrupole moment, and from that a nuclear charge deformation.

#### Deformations deduced form experimental data: examples for near-spherical nuclei



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#### Quadrupole moment for 2 identical particles



#### Quadrupole moments of multi-particle configurations



#### Quadrupole moments of states with n nucleons in an orbital j: example



#### Quadrupole moments of multi-particle configurations

The quadrupole moment of an odd-odd nucleus with spin I, assuming it consists

of a weak coupling between the odd proton (in orbital  $j_1$ ) and the odd neutron (in orbital  $j_2$ ), is calculated

IN TERMS OF THE SINGLE-NUCLEON QUADRUPOLE MOMENTS  $Q(j_1)$  AND  $Q(j_2)$ ,

using the decoupling rules for angular momenta and tensor algebra:



#### Quadrupole moment of a composed state

Suppose a nuclear state with spin I, described by a configuration consisting of neutrons coupled to spin I<sub>p</sub> and protons coupled to spin I<sub>n</sub>:  $|\Psi\rangle = |(I_p, I_n) | M\rangle$ 

The quadrupole moment of this state is defined as:  $Q(I) = \langle IM | Q_2^0 | IM \rangle_{M=I}$  with  $Q_2^0$  the additive one-body quadrupole operator. The quadrupole operator is thus supposed to act either on the protons or on the neutrons:

$$Q_2^{0} = Q_2^{0}(\pi) + Q_2^{0}(\nu)$$

The state I can be decomposed into it's proton and neutron part:

$$|(\mathbf{I}_{p},\mathbf{I}_{n})| \mathbf{M} \ge \sum_{\substack{M_{p},M_{n}\\M_{p}+M_{n}}=\mathbf{M}} \langle \mathbf{I}_{p}M_{p}, \mathbf{I}_{n}M_{n}| \mathbf{M} > |\mathbf{I}_{p}M_{p} > |\mathbf{I}_{n}M_{n} >$$

The Q-moment in terms of it's proton and neutron Q-moments  $Q(\pi)$  and Q(v) is then:

#### Quadrupole moments of composed states: an example



At (Z=85) : n=3

Rn (Z=86) : n=4

Fr (Z=86) : n=5  $\rightarrow$  mid shell

Neutrons: core excited states (intruders) 1p1h in N=125 2p2h in N=124,126





Investigate properties of exotic nuclei ...

 $\rightarrow$ K isomers **Proton-neutron** pairing Mirror nuclei protons **Magnetic Rotation Doubly magic nuclei** neutrons Vanishing shell gaps chartnuc ... nuclear moments  $\rightarrow$  magnetic moment  $\mu$ 

study influence of the N/Z degree of freedom on the strong nuclear force

> Shell ordering? New / disappearing shell gaps ? New quantal rotation ?

single particle configurations (mixing)  $\rightarrow$  the quadrupole moment Q collective properties (deformation, core polarization)

complementary information is needed to understand changes in shell structure !

# Needed Impulsmoment Algebra

**J**<sub>2</sub>

Ref: de-Shalit and Talmi in "Nuclear Shell Theory"

Ref: K. Heyde, "The Nuclear Shell Model"

decoupling of two angular momenta  $|j_1m_1\rangle$ ,  $|j_2m_2\rangle$  coupled to a state  $|JM\rangle$ 



# Some Impulsmoment Algebra

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decoupling of a state |JM>, composed of n particles in orbit j with seniority  $\alpha$  into two components |jm> ,  $|J_1m_1>$ 

Coefficients of Fractional Parentage  
$$|(j^n)\alpha JM\rangle = \sum_{J_{1},\alpha_{1}} [j^{n-1}(\alpha_{1}J_{1}),j;J|] \cdot (j^n)\alpha J ] |j^{n-1}(J_{1}),j;JM\rangle$$

# Tensor reduction rules

Reduction of an expectation value:

The Wigner-Eckard Theorem:  $\langle jm | T_k^n | j'm' \rangle = (-1)^{j-m} \begin{pmatrix} j & k & j' \\ -m & n & m' \end{pmatrix} \langle j | | T_k || j \rangle$ reduced matrix element

Expectation value of a 1-body operator acting on a composed state  $|(j_1 j_2) JM\rangle$ :

$$\begin{array}{l} <(j_{1}j_{2})JM| \ T_{k}^{n}(1) \mid (j_{1}'j_{2}')J'M'> = \\ & \sqrt{2J+1}\sqrt{2J'+1} \, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} J \ j_{1} \ j_{2} \\ j_{1}' \ J' \ k \end{array} \right\} (-1)^{j_{1}+j_{2}+J'+k} < j_{1} \mid \mid T_{k}(1) \mid \mid j_{1}'> \ \delta_{j_{2},j_{2}'} \\ \\ <(j_{1}j_{2})JM| \ T_{k}^{n}(2) \mid (j_{1}'j_{2}')J'M'> = \\ & \sqrt{2J+1}\sqrt{2J'+1} \, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} j_{1} \ j_{2} \ J \\ k \ J' \ j_{2}' \end{array} \right\} (-1)^{j_{1}+j_{2}'+J+k} < j_{2} \mid \mid T_{k}(2) \mid \mid j_{2}'> \ \delta_{j_{1},j_{1}'} \end{array} \right.$$

Go to the reduced matrix element (W-E-theorem)  $\Rightarrow \text{ then the spectroscopic quadrupole moment } Qs \text{ becomes:}$   $Q(I) = \langle I m | Q_2^0 | I m \rangle_{m=1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 2 & I \\ -I & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \langle I | | \sum_{k=1}^{A} e_k r_k^2 Y_2(\theta_k, \phi_k) || I \rangle$   $Q_s = Q(I) = \sqrt{\frac{I(2I-1)}{(I+1)(2I+3)}} \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \langle I | | \sum_{k=1}^{A} e_k r_k^2 Y_2(\theta_k, \phi_k) || I \rangle$ Intrinsic quadrupole moment Remark: different conventions related to the Wigner-Eckhart theorem and reduced matrix elements, lead to a factor / 2I+1 difference in above expression.

For a single nucleon in an orbital with angular momentum j:  $evaluate \ < j \ || \ Y_2 \ || \ j \ > and \ < r^2 \ >$