Selected topics in theoretical study of structure & synthesis mechanism of SHN

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- Introduction
- Selected topics
 - Low-lying states
 - **>PES & fission barriers**
 - Evaporation residue cross sections

Summary

FUSHE2012, May 13-16, 2012

Erbismuehle - Weilrod

Stable & unstable nuclei





Table of elements: ends?

WebElements, Aug. 2011

Group	1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Period																			
1	1 H		_																2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be												5 B	6 C	7 N	8 0	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg												13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca		21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr		39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 TC	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	*	71 Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	103 Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 HS	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	¹¹⁴ Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo
			*	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70		
*Lant	thanoi	ds		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb		
			**	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102		
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IUPAC/IUPAP Joint Working Party, 2011: 114: flerovium (symbol FI); 116: livermorium (symbol Lv)

Existence of SHN: Quantum shell effects



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Experimental exploration of the island of stability

If *T*_{1/2}~10⁸ years & produced in the nucleosynthesis
 ≻SHN would survive until now
 ≻No confirmed results found in searching for SHE in the Nature

Synthesis of SHE in laboratories via heavy ion fusions
 GSI in Darmstadt, Germany
 Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions in Dubna, Russia
 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley, USA
 RIKEN in Wako, Japan
 GANIL in Caen, France
 HIRFL in Lanzhou, China



Hofmann_Münzenberg2000_RMP72-733 Morita...2004_JPSJ73-2593 Oganessian...2007_JPG34-R165 Oganessian...2010_PRL104-142502 Zhang...2011_ChinPhysLett

Man-made SHN

Neutron capture followed by beta deca
 In reactors: Z=94-100
 In nuclear bomb: Z=98-100

Light ions as projectiles
 Proton, D, T, ⁴He: up to Z=101
 Howy ions as projectiles



Heavy ions as projectiles
 Cold fusion: ²⁰⁸Pb or ²⁰⁹Bi as targets, up to Z=113
 Hot fusion: ⁴⁸Ca as projectiles, up to Z=118



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T_{1/2} (seconds)





Courtesy of Kai Wen

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 At least 7 neutrons less than N = 184 $T_{1/2}$ increases with N



Courtesy of Kai Wen

N=177

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At least 7 neutrons less than N = 184 $T_{1/2}$ increases with NX-section maximal at Z = 114

) Extremely low X-section for even heavier SHE



Courtesy of Kai Wen

N=177

Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL)



Mass measurements w/ CSR

>20 new masses

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Direct Mass Measurements of Short-Lived A = 2Z - 1 Nuclides ⁶³Ge, ⁶⁵As, ⁶⁷Se, and ⁷¹Kr and Their Impact on Nucleosynthesis in the rp Process

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SHE @ HIRFL

He-jet technique & rotating-wheel



Nuclear chemistry for SHE

New gas-filled spectrometer @ Lanzhou: ²⁷¹Ds

2011.01.15 ⁶⁴Ni+ ²⁰⁸Pb → ²⁷²Ds^{*} 7 days 2011.03.15 ⁶⁴Ni+ ²⁰⁸Pb → ²⁷²Ds^{*} 13 days

IMP/CAS, ITP/CAS

Nanjing Univ, CIAE

Zhang, Gan, Ma ..., Chinese Physics Letters 29 (2012) 012502



Theoretical Study of SHN

- Structure
- Decay & fission
- Synthesis mechanism

Theoretical Study of SHN

- Structure
 - Ground state properties
 - Binding energy (separation energy, Q value)
 - >Deformation; exotic shapes?
 - **Single particle level (shell) structure** \Rightarrow **location of the island**
 - Spectroscopy
 - Saddle point properties
 - **>**Potential energy surface \Rightarrow fission path & fission barrier
 - Shell structure
 - Isomeric states
 - Longer half-life? A step stone toward the island of stability?
 - Excited compound nucleus
 - Level density
 - >Quenching of shell effects w/ temperature

Spectroscopy of nuclei with Z~100

- Synthesis of SHN \Rightarrow Decay modes & energies; X-sections, ...
- Spectroscopy of SHN
 Detailed structure & stability
- Spectroscopy of deformed nuclei with Z~100 & N~152
 - Of interest in itself --occurrence of deformation & Kisomerism
 - Orbitals around the Fermi level in these nuclei stem from those connected to the spherical shell gaps in SHN (1/2⁻[521])



2006_Nature442-896

Experimental facilities & status

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Herzberg_Greenlees2008_PPNP61-674																									

Theoretical study of low-lying spectra

Self-consistent approaches

Egido_Robledo2000_PRL85-1198 Delaroche...2006_NPA771-103 Adamian...2011_PRC

Afanasjev...2003_PRC67-024309 Bender...2003_NPA723-354

Macroscopic-Microscopic models

Cwiok...1994_NPA573-356 Muntian...1999_PRC60-041302R Sobiczewski...2001_PRC63-034306 Parkhomenko_Sobiczewski2004_APPB35-2447 Parkhomenko_Sobiczewski2005_APPB36-3115 Adamian...2011 PRC

• Projected shell model

Sun...2008_PRC77-044307 Al-Khudair...2009_PRC79-034320 Chen...2008_PRC77-061305

Cranking shell model

He...2009_NPA817-45

Zhang...2011_PRC83-011304R Zhang...2012, PRC85_014324

Liu...2012_arxiv1204.5527

One-quasineutron spectra in ²⁴⁵Cm



Adamian_Antonenko_Kukulin_Lu_Malov_SGZ2011_PRC84-024324

Cranking Shell Model w/ PNC for pairing

$$H_{\rm CSM} = H_0 + H_{\rm P} = H_{\rm Nil} - \omega J_x + H_{\rm P}$$
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_i C_i |i\rangle \qquad \qquad J^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\omega} \langle \Psi | J_x | \Psi \rangle$$
$$n_\mu = \sum_i |C_i|^2 P_{i\mu}$$

Applications of CSM-PNC

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Normally deformed & superdeformed high spin rotational bands of nuclei with A ~ 160, 190, & 250

>Mechanism of identical bands in normally deformed nuclei

>Nonadditivity in moments of inertia of high-K rotational bands

Zeng...1994_PRC50-746 Zeng...1994_PRC50-1388

Nilsson parameters & deformation parameters

N	l	κ_p	μ_p	N	l	κ_n	μ_n
4	$0,\!2,\!4$	0.0670	0.654				
5	1	0.0250	0.710	6	0	0.1600	0.320
	3	0.0570	0.800		2	0.0640	0.200
	5	0.0570	0.710		$4,\!6$	0.0680	0.260
6	0,2,4,6	0.0570	0.654	7	$1,\!3,\!5,\!7$	0.0634	0.318

A new set of Nilsson parameters

 Reproduce well single particle structure in heavy nuclei

Zhang_Zeng_Zhao_SGZ2011_PRC83-011304R Zhang_He_Zeng_Zhao_SGZ2012, PRC85_014324



Bandhead energies in Bk (Z=97) isotopes



Moments of inertia of even-even nuclei



Moments of inertia of even-even nuclei



²⁴⁶Fm: ground state band observed @ Jyvaskyla



²⁴⁶Fm: ground state band observed @ Jyvaskyla



Piot...2012 PRC85_041301R

Moments of inertia of odd-Z nuclei



Moments of inertia of odd-N nuclei



Rotational bands in ^{247,249}Cm & ²⁴⁹Cf: Expt

49/2-

Tandel...2010_PRC82-021303R

$\nu[620]1/2$

		57/2+ 4425	55/2 ⁺ 4337
172410/2		493 53/2 ⁺ 3932	494 51/2 ⁺ 3843
3315		476 49/2 ⁺ 3456	478 47/2 ⁺ 3365
3055	47/2-	463 45/2 ⁺ 2993	466 43/2 ⁺ 2899
256 <u>5</u> 490	43/2-	446 41/2 ⁺ 2548	449 39/2 ⁺ 2451
1895	39/2-	37/2 ⁺ <u>2123</u>	35/2 ⁺ 426 2025
1699 419 1689 1 1494 195 280	35/2-	$33/2^+$ 1725 366	31/2 ⁺ 397 1628
185 1309 1135 174 338	31/2-	$29/2^{+} \xrightarrow{1359} 1359$ $25/2^{+} \xrightarrow{330} 1029$	$27/2^+$ 362 1266
818 153 142 676 295	23/2 ⁻	$21/2^+$ 289 740	$\frac{23/2^{+}}{19/2^{+}} \frac{944}{10}$
$\begin{array}{c} 343 \\ 317 \\ 136 \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 425 \\ 220 \\ 205 \\ 62 \\ 158 \end{array}$	19/2 ⁻ 15/2 ⁻ 11/2 ⁻	$\frac{17/2+246}{9}\frac{493}{294}$ $\frac{13/2+199}{9}\frac{294}{294}$ $\frac{9/2+(148)}{46}\frac{146}{5}\frac{146}{2}$	$\frac{15/2^{+} \ 234 \ 430}{11/2^{+} \ 185 \ 245}$ $\frac{7/2^{+} \ (135) \ 110}{2/2^{+} \ 26}$
$^{249}_{98}\text{Cf}_{151}$		249 96	Cm ₁₅₃

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		Ę	3428		51/2-
49/2_	3189			(481)	
	470	2	2947	1	47/2-
45/2	2719			458	
	446	2	2489	•	43/2-
41/2_	2273			431	
27/2-	418	2	2058	+	39/2-
5112	1055	198	1657	401	35/2-
33/2_	386	188		368	
20/2-	349 1120	180)	1289	1	31/2-
29/2	311	161	959	330	27/2-
25/2	809	150	669	290	23/2-
21/2_	269 540	• (%	422	247	19/2-
17/2-	225 315		220	202	15/2-
9/2	(135) 0		62	(158)	11/2-
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Rotational bands in ^{247,249}Cm & ²⁴⁹Cf: Mol & align.

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 $\hbar\omega$ (MeV)

Rotational bands in ^{247,249}Cm & ²⁴⁹Cf: occupations

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Rotational bands in ^{247,249}Cm & ²⁴⁹Cf: occupations

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Magicity in SHN with the new Nilsson parameter set



Zhang et al., in preparation

Microscopic correction energy



Zhang et al., in preparation

A multi-dimensional constrained RMF model & PES

• A constraint deformed RMF model for normal & hypernuclei

> Deformation space: (β_2 , γ , β_3 , ...)

>An axially deformed harmonic oscillator basis

Shapes of hypernuclei

Lu_Zhao_SGZ2011_PRC84-014328

 Fission barriers of heavy & superheavy nuclei

Lu_Zhao_SGZ 2012 PRC85_011301R

Why multi-dimensional?

Triaxiality: the 1st barrier

Abusara...2010_PRC82-044303

Asymmetry: the 2nd barrier

Rutz...1995_NPA590-680



Relativistic mean field model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \bar{\psi}_{i} \left(i \partial - M \right) \psi_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \sigma \partial^{\mu} \sigma - U(\sigma) - g_{\sigma} \bar{\psi}_{i} \sigma \psi_{i} \\ &- \frac{1}{4} \Omega_{\mu\nu} \Omega^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\omega}^{2} \omega_{\mu} \omega^{\mu} - g_{\omega} \bar{\psi}_{i} \psi_{i} \\ &- \frac{1}{4} \vec{R}_{\mu\nu} \vec{R}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\rho}^{2} \vec{\rho}_{\mu} \vec{\rho}^{\mu} - g_{\rho} \bar{\psi}_{i} \vec{\rho} \vec{\tau} \psi_{i} \\ &- \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - e \bar{\psi}_{i} \frac{1 - \tau_{3}}{2} \mathcal{A} \psi_{i}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Serot_Walecka1986_ANP16-1} \\ &\text{Reinhard1989_RPP52-439} \\ &\text{Ring1996_PPNP37-193} \end{aligned}$$

Vretenar_Afanasjev_Lalazissis_Ring2005_PR409-101 Meng_Toki_SGZ_Zhang_Long_Geng2006_PPNP57-470

A multi-dimensional constrained RMF model

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	Non-linear	Density-dependent
Meson exchange	NL3, NL3*, PK1,	DD-ME1, DD-ME2,
Point Coupling	PC-F1, PC-PK1,	DD-PC1,

Potential energy surfaces

• Mass, shape, & fission



Potential energy surfaces

• Shape, fission path & fission barrier



Courtesy of Bing-Nan Lu (吕炳楠)

Three-dimensional constraint in the space (β_{20} , β_{22} , β_{30})



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Three-dimensional constraint in the space (β_{20} , β_{22} , β_{30})



$B_{\rm f}$ of some even-even actinide nuclei



Tetrahedral shape in heavy & superheavy nuclei?

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Nonaxial-octupole effect in superheavy nuclei

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The triaxial-octupole Y_{32} correlation in atomic nuclei has long been expected to exist but experimental evidence has not been clear. We find, in order to explain the very low-lying 2⁻ bands in the transfermium mass region, that this exotic effect may manifest itself in superheavy elements. Favorable conditions for producing triaxial-octupole correlations are shown to be present in the deformed single-particle spectrum, which is further supported by quantitative Reflection Asymmetric Shell Model calculations. It is predicted that the strong nonaxial-octupole effect may persist up to the element 108. Our result thus represents the first concrete example of spontaneous breaking of both axial and reflection symmetries in the heaviest nuclear systems.

Tetrahedral shape in heavy & superheavy nuclei?

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Zhao_Lu_Zhao_SGZ in preparation

Theoretical Study of SHN

- Structure
- Decay & fission
- Synthesis mechanism

Three-step to a SHN

- Capture
- Formation of CN
- Deexcitation of CN



Capture process



• Path integral method

- WKB approximation
- Hill-Wheeler formula
- New formula by Li et al.

Formation of CN

- The macroscopic dynamical model Swiatecki1982_NPA376-275
- The fluctuation-dissipation model Abe2002_EPJA13-143; Shen...2002_PRC66-061602R
- The nucleon collectivization model Zagrebaev2001_PRC64-034606
- The fusion by diffusion models

Liu_Bao2007_PRC76-034604 Swiatecki...2005_PRC71-014602

• The model based on multi-dimensional Langevin equations Zagrebaev_Greiner2005_JPG31-825

Models based on the di-nuclear system concept

Adamian...1998_NPA633-409

Li...2003_EuroPhysLett64-750; Zhao...2008_IJMPE17-1937; Li...2010_NPA834-353c

Volkov2004_ActaPhysHungA19-67

Feng...2011_NuclPhysRev28-1

The DNS models

After the capture process, the two colliding nuclei form a di-nuclear system and keep their individualities

Exchanges of nucleon between the two nuclei
 The DNS may go quasi-fission & the heavier one may fission
 Deformations develop in both nuclei



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Dynamical PES



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Survival probability

De-excitation of excited CN:

Fission

- Neutron emission
- Gamma decay
- Light-charged particle emission



Survival probability



Parameters needed:

Fission barrier

- Neutron separation energy
- Level density
- Light-charged particle emission

X-sections in hot fusion reactions from a DNS model

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Summary & perspectives

✓ Exploration of charge & mass limits

✓ Rich of physics✓ Lots of problems

Structure + Reaction;

Experiment + Theory





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