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## The atomic nucleus is a Quantum (Fermi) Liquid (of Landau)

described by interplay between single-particle energies and "residual" interaction - in a way like free particles -





For most of states, there may have been Ansatz that

Spherical single particle energies remain basically unchanged. -> spherical part of *Nilsson model* 

Correlations originating in nuclear forces (residual interaction) produce various features, including shape evolution and shape coexistence. Schematic picture of shape evolution (sphere to ellipsoid) - monotonic pattern throughout the nuclear chart –

one "shape" per one nucleus in many stable nuclei



From Nuclear Structure from a Simple Perspective, R.F. Casten (2001)

## shape coexistence





Nuclear Shell Structure, p. 58, Wiley, New York, 1955 からとった.

Magic numbers by Mayer and Jensen (1949)



# As N or Z is changed to a large extent in exotic nuclei, the shell structure may be changed (evolved).

Monopole component of the NN interaction

$$v_{m;j,j'} = \sum_{k,k'} \langle jkj'k' | V | jkj'k' \rangle / \sum_{k,k'} 1,$$

## Averaged over possible orientations

**Linearity: Shift** 
$$\Delta \epsilon_j = v_{m;j,j'} n_{j'} n_{j'} n_{j'} = n_{j'} + \text{ of particles in } j'$$

For j' = 9/2, the multiplication by a factor of 10 !

Poves and Zuker made a major contribution in initiating systematic use of the monopole interaction. (Poves and Zuker, Phys. Rep. 70, 235 (1981))

What parts of nuclear forces are relevant?

$$v_{m:jj'} = \sum_{J} (2J+1) < j_1, j_2, J | V | j_1, j_2, J > / \sum_{J} (2J+1)$$

This becomes larger generally, if the overlap of radial wave functions of orbits  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  becomes larger.

The monopole interaction  $v_{m;jj'}$  becomes stronger for central force with a short range.

e.g., Federman-Pittel (1977)

The overlap of the radial wave functions are larger, if

- $j_1$  and  $j_2$  are spin-orbit partner, e.g.,  $d_{3/2}$  and  $d_{5/2}$
- $j_1$  and  $j_2$  are both high j orbits, e.g.,  $f_{7/2}$  and  $g_{9/2}$

What else ?



## Shell evolution from <sup>90</sup>Zr to <sup>100</sup>Sn



solid line : full (central + tensor)

dashed line : central only

shaded area :
effect of tensor force

Exp. d5/2 and g7/2 should be closeSeweryniak et al.Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 022504 (2007)Gryzywacz et al.

## Appearance of N= 32 and 34 magic structures



Predicted by TO et al, PRL 87, 082502 (2001)

## N=34 magic number and the shell evolution due to proton-neutron interaction

neutron  $f_{5/2} - p_{1/2}$  spacing increases by ~0.5 MeV per oneproton removal from  $f_{7/2}$ , where tensor and central forces works coherently and almost equally.

note :  $f_{5/2} = j < f_{7/2} = j >$ 



FIG. 1: Schematic illustration highlighting the attractive interaction between the proton  $\pi f_{7/2}$  and neutron  $\nu f_{5/2}$  single particle orbitals for N = 34 isotones. a–c, As protons are removed from the  $\pi f_{7/2}$  orbital (from a, <sup>60</sup>Fe, through b, <sup>58</sup>Cr to c, <sup>56</sup>Ti), the strength of the  $\pi$ - $\nu$  interaction reduces, as represented by the decreasing width of the diagonal arrows, causing the  $\nu f_{5/2}$  orbital to shift up in energy relative to the  $\nu p_{3/2}$ - $\nu p_{1/2}$  spin-orbit partners. Consequently, a significant shell closure presents itself at N = 32 in isotopes far from stability. d, The possibility of an additional shell closure at N = 34 for <sup>54</sup>Ca is presented. The  $\nu f_{5/2}$  SPO is indicated as a bold-dashed line to help guide the eye.

Steppenbeck et al. Nature, 502, 207 (2013)

## Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM) calculation on Ni isotopes



## Cu isotopes

3

2

1

0

(MeV)

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Proton ESPE(j) - ESPE(p<sub>3/2</sub>)

p3/2

f5/2

p1/2

 proton p<sub>3/2</sub>-f<sub>5/2</sub> level crossing from N = 40 to N = 50 (type I shell evolution)



#### Energy levels and B(E2) values of Ni isotopes



## MCSM basis vectors on Potential Energy Surface

eigenstate  $\Psi = \sum c_i P[J^{\pi}]$ 

- PES is calculated by CHF for the shellmodel Hamiltonian
- Location of circle : quadrupole deformation of unprojected MCSM basis vectors
- Area of circle :
  - overlap probability between each projected basis and eigen wave function



Slater determinant  $\rightarrow$  intrinsic shape

#### Called *T-plot* in reference to

Y. Tsunoda, TO, Shimizu, Honma and Utsuno, PRC 89, 031301 (R) (2014)

General properties of T-plot :

Certain number of large circles in a small region of PES

⇔ pairing correlations

Spreading beyond this can be due to shape fluctuation

Example : shape assignment to various 0<sup>+</sup> states of <sup>68</sup>Ni





#### Underlying mechanism of the appearance of low-lying deformed states : Type II Shell Evolution



## Type II Shell Evolution in <sup>68</sup>Ni (Z=28, N=40)



Spin-orbit splitting works against quadrupole deformation (*cf. Elliott's SU(3)*).

weakening of spin-orbit splitting

#### **Type II shell evolution**

stronger deformation of protons  $\rightarrow$  more neutron p-h excitation



Type II shell evolution is suppressed by resetting monopole interactions as

$$\pi f_{7/2} - vg_{9/2} = \pi f_{5/2} - vg_{9/2}$$
  
$$\pi f_{7/2} - vf_{5/2} = \pi f_{5/2} - vf_{5/2}$$

The local minima become much less pronounced.

Shape coexistence is enhanced by type II shell evolution as the same quadrupole interaction works more efficiently.

#### Nucleus is a quantum liquid

#### Dual quantum liquids in the same nucleus

Certain configurations produce different shell structures owing to (i) tensor force and (ii) proton-neutron compositions

Liquid 1 (~constant spherical SPE)

relevant to normal states in general

Liquid 2 (varying spherical SPE)

relevant to specific intruder states





## Other cases ..... just an example





## Reflection asymmetric shapes

#### Quadrupole-octupole shapes

 $\beta_2=0.6, \beta_{3\mu}=0.35$ 



 $\mu=2$ 

 $\mu=3$ 

#### Intrinsic reflection asymmetry in atomic nuclei

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## Zr isotopes

Core : <sup>68</sup>Ni

Proton orbits : f<sub>5/2</sub>, p, gds

Neutron orbits : gds,  $h_{11/2}$ ,  $f_{7/2}$ ,  $p_{3/2}$ 

Effective interaction : JUN45 + jSNBG3 + VMU

## protons

FIG. 4. Nuclear spherical single-particle levels. The most important octupole couplings are indicated.



Effective single-particle energies in filling scheme





#### neutrons

Type II shell evolution produces substantial effects with massive particle-hole excitations between two shells of both parities. In certain cases, this enhances and/or is enhanced by octupole deformation, soft or static.





#### Summary

Type I Shell Evolution, driven by central and tensor forces, can be found in many parts of the nuclear chart.

The shell evolution can be extended to Type II, resulting in Dual Quantum Liquid : shell structure can be (i) stable or (ii) dynamical

- spin-orbit splitting reduction due to the nuclear force
- proton-neutron contents of quantum liquid

This effect produces (low local minimum) and stabilize (high barrier) shape coexistence in various cases through a non-linear mechanism.

Correlations towards reflection asymmetric shapes appear in certain cases, enhancing and being enhanced by Type II shell evolution.

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