

# Nilsson Model

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# Spherical shell model

Nuclear properties described in terms of nucleons considered as independent particles moving in an average potential created by all nucleons.

Experimental evidence for shell effects:

Existence of magic numbers: 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126

- Large single particle separation energies
- Nuclei are strongly bound at shell closures

Derivation of the average field from microscopic two-body forces (self-consistent Hartree-Fock method).

Assume the existence of such a potential and construct it phenomenologically

Characteristics of the potential:

$$\left( \frac{\partial V(r)}{\partial r} \right)_{r=0} = 0 \quad \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right)_{r < R_0} > 0 \quad V(r) \approx 0, \quad r > R_0$$

# Spherical potentials

**Infinite square well**

$$V(r) = \begin{cases} -V_0 & \text{for } r \leq R \\ +\infty & \text{for } r > R \end{cases}$$

**Harmonic oscillator**

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2} M \omega_0^2 r^2$$

**Woods-Saxon potential**

$$V(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R)/a]}$$

**Eigen-functions**

$$\psi \sim j_\ell(kr) Y_{\ell m}(\Omega)$$

$$\psi \sim R_{n\ell}(r) Y_{\ell m}(\Omega)$$

$$R_{n\ell}(r) = r^\ell e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2} L_{n-1}^{\ell+1/2}(r^2)$$

numerically

**Eigen-energies**

$$E(n, \ell) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2MR^2} \xi_{n\ell}^2$$

$$E(n, \ell) = \hbar\omega_0 (2n + \ell + 3/2)$$

intermediate

$$\xi_{n\ell}: \text{root of } j_\ell(\xi) = 0$$

$$= \hbar\omega_0 (N + 3/2)$$

# Spherical potentials

**Woods-Saxon potential**

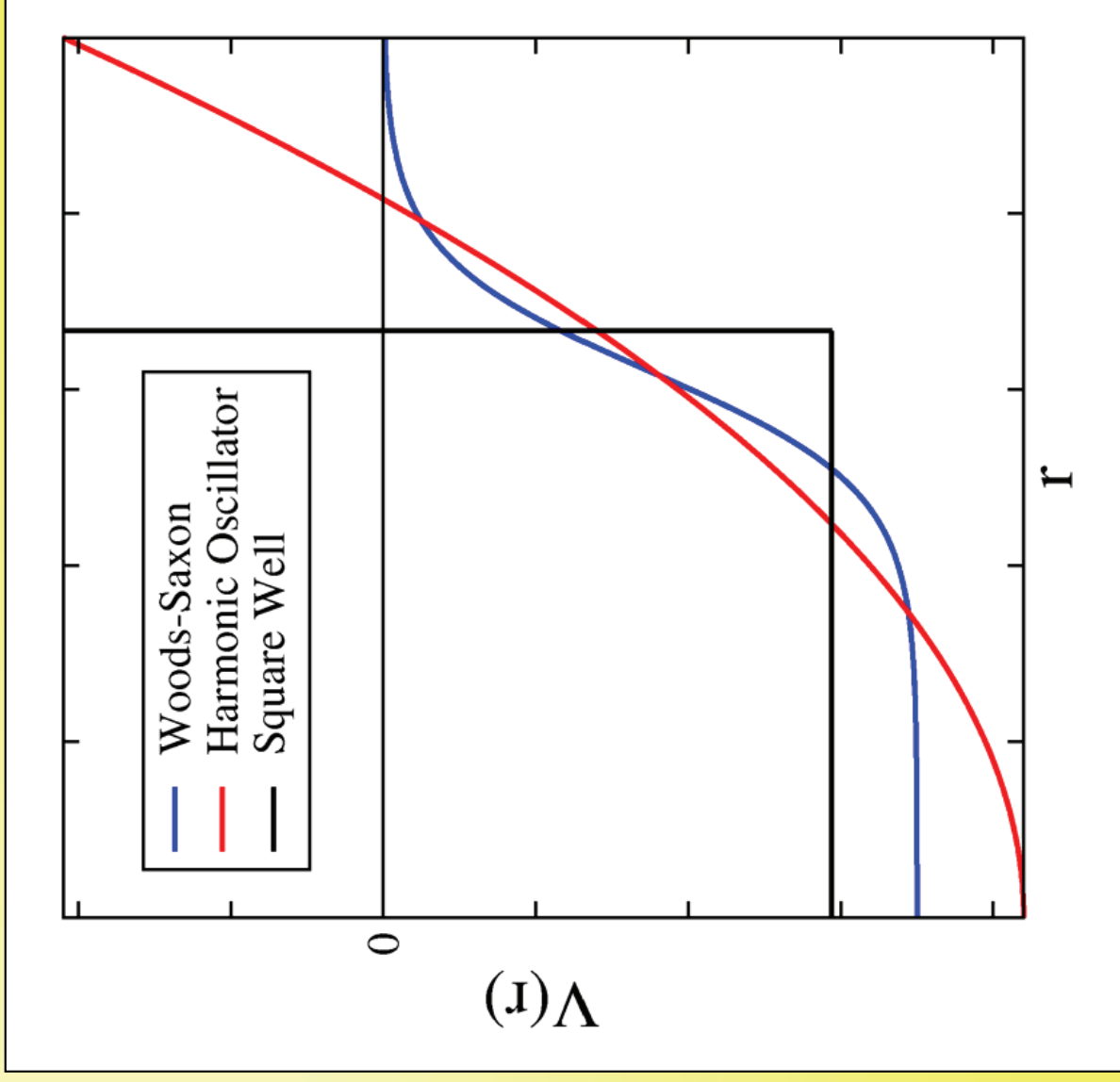
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**Harmonic oscillator**

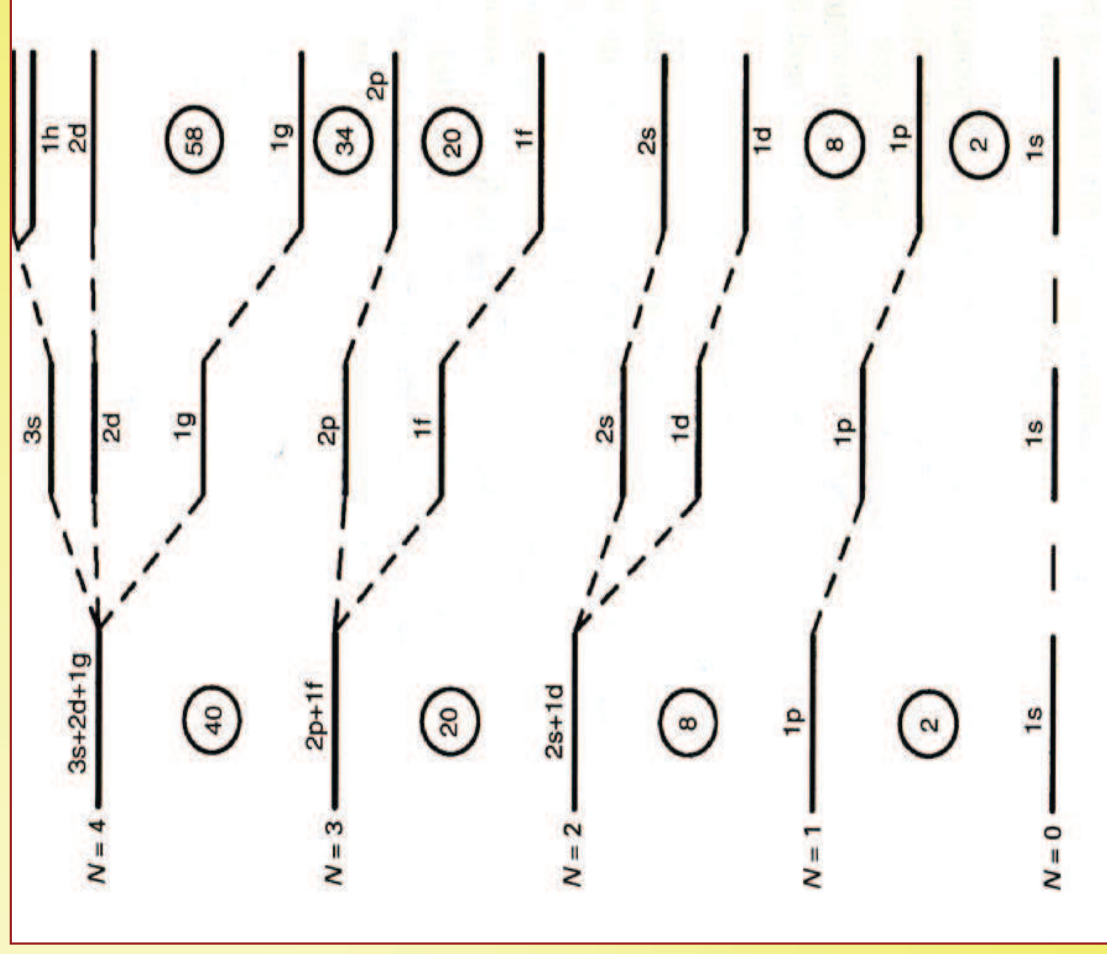
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**Infinite square well**

$$V(r) = -V_0 \quad \text{for } r \leq R \\ = +\infty \quad \text{for } r > R$$



# Spherical potentials



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Square

# Spherical potentials & spin-orbit

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2}M\omega_0^2 r^2 + C\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s} + D\vec{\ell}^2$$

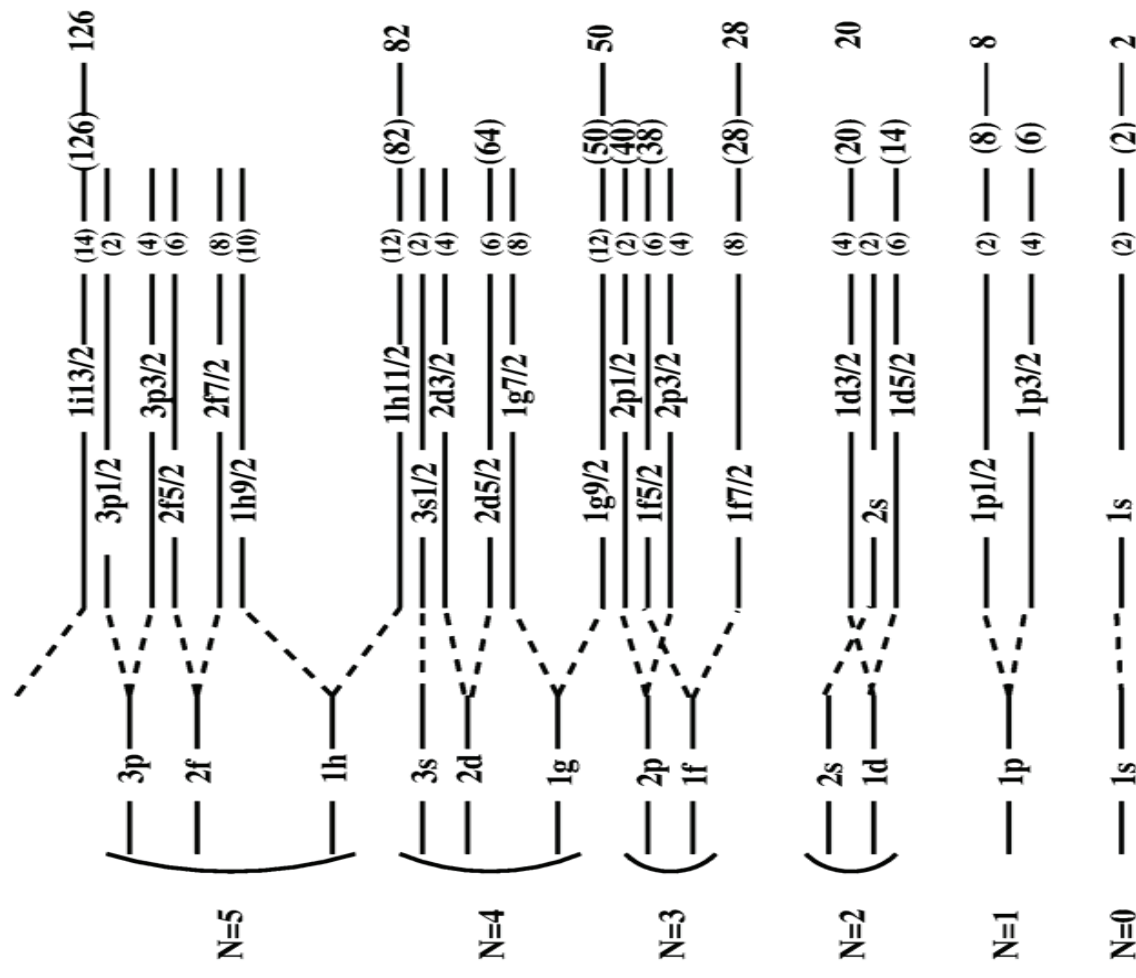
$$\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{j}^2 - \vec{\ell}^2 - \vec{s}^2)$$

$$E(n, \ell) = \hbar\omega_0(2n + \ell + 3/2) + D\ell(\ell + 1) + C\mathcal{E}_{SO}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{E}_{SO} = \ell & \text{for } j = \ell + \frac{1}{2} \\ \mathcal{E}_{SO} = -\ell - 1 & \text{for } j = \ell - \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{E}_{SO} = 2\ell + 1$$

## Spherical mean-field



# Deformed shell model

Spherical potential well valid for closed shells

Far from closed shells: deformed single particle potential

Experimental evidence:

- Existence of rotational bands:  $I(I+1)$  spectra
- Large quadrupole moments and quadrupole transition probabilities
- Single particle structure

Anisotropic Harmonic Oscillator

Generalized Woods-Saxon

$$V(r, \theta, \varphi) = -V_0 \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \frac{r - R(\theta, \varphi)}{a(\theta, \varphi)} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$V_{LS} = \lambda \left( \vec{\nabla} V(r, \theta, \varphi) \wedge \vec{p} \right) \cdot \vec{s}$$

# Anisotropic Harmonic Oscillator

Ellipsoidal distribution: Anisotropic Harmonic Oscillator as average field

$$H_0 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta + \frac{m}{2}(\omega_x^2 x^2 + \omega_y^2 y^2 + \omega_z^2 z^2)$$

Frequencies are proportional to the inverse of the ellipsoid axes  $\omega_i = \omega_0 \frac{R_0}{a_i}$

$$\text{For axially symmetric shapes, we introduce the parameter } \delta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega_{\perp}^2 = \omega_x^2 = \omega_y^2 = \omega_0^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}\delta\right) \\ \omega_z^2 = \omega_0^2 \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\delta\right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta = \frac{\omega_{\perp} - \omega_z}{\omega_0}$$

From volume conservation

$$\omega_x \omega_y \omega_z = (\omega_0)^3 \quad \omega_0(\delta) = \omega_0^0 \left[1 - \frac{4}{3}\delta^2 - \frac{16}{27}\delta^3\right]^{-1/6}, \quad \delta \approx 0.95\beta$$



# Anisotropic Harmonic Oscillator

Introducing dimensionless coordinates through the oscillator length

$$b(\delta) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_0(\delta)}} \quad \vec{r}' = \vec{r}/b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we get } H_0(\delta) &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{m\omega_0(\delta)}{\hbar} \Delta + \frac{m}{2} \left[ \omega_0^2(\delta) \frac{\hbar}{m\omega_0} \left( x^2 + y^2 \right) + \omega_0^2(\delta) \frac{\hbar}{m\omega_0} \left( 1 - \frac{4}{3} \delta \right) z^2 \right] \\ &= -\frac{\hbar\omega_0(\delta)}{2} \Delta + \frac{\hbar\omega_0(\delta)}{2} \left[ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{2}{3} \delta (x^2 + y^2) - \frac{4}{3} \delta z^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{\hbar\omega_0(\delta)}{2} \left[ -\Delta + r'^2 \right] - \delta \hbar\omega_0(\delta) \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} r'^2 Y_{20}(\Omega) \\ &= \overset{0}{H}_0 + H_\delta \end{aligned}$$

Axial symmetry: cylindrical basis

$$\left\{ N, n_z, n_\rho, m_\ell, m_s \right\}$$

$$N = n_x + n_y + n_z = n_z + 2n_\rho + m_\ell$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(n_z, n_\rho, m_\ell) &= \sum_{i=x,y,z} \hbar\omega_i \left( n_i + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \hbar\omega_z \left( n_z + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \hbar\omega_\perp \left( 2n_\rho + m_\ell + 1 \right) \\ &= \hbar\omega_0 \left[ \left( N + \frac{3}{2} \right) + \delta \left( \frac{N}{3} - n_z \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Anisotropic Harmonic Oscillator

Eigen-states characterized by  $\Omega\pi [Nn_z m_\ell]$   $\Omega = m_\ell \pm \frac{1}{2}$   $\pi = (-1)^N$

$$\phi_{n_z n_\rho m_\ell m_s}(\vec{R}, \sigma) = \psi_{n_\rho}^{m_\ell}(\rho) \psi_{n_z}(z) \frac{e^{im_\ell \varphi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \chi_{m_s}(\sigma)$$

$$\psi_{n_\rho}^{m_\ell}(\rho) \sim L_{n_\rho}^{m_\ell}(\rho)$$

$$\psi_{n_z}(z) \sim H_{n_z}(z)$$

# Anisotropic Harmonic Oscillator

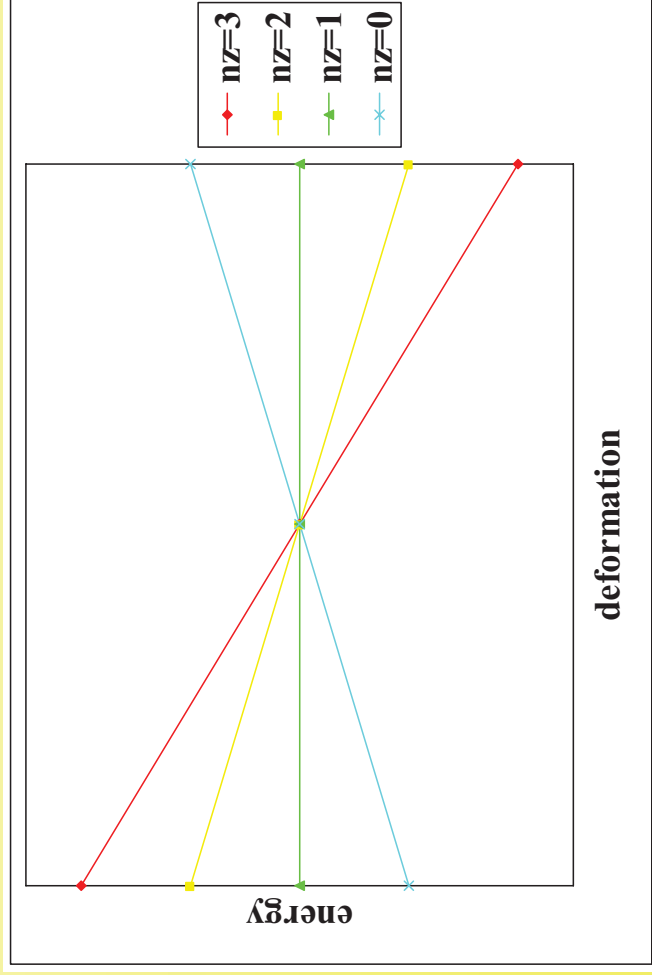
## Energy level structure: N=3

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(n_z, n_\rho, m_\ell) &= \sum_{i=x,y,z} \hbar \omega_i \left( n_i + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \hbar \omega_z \left( n_z + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \hbar \omega_\perp \left( 2n_\rho + m_\ell + 1 \right) \\ &= \hbar \omega_0 \left[ \left( N + \frac{3}{2} \right) + \delta \left( \frac{N - n_z}{3} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon^{N=3}(n_z, n_\rho, m_\ell) = \frac{9}{2} \hbar \omega_0 + \hbar \omega_0 \delta \left( \frac{1 - n_z}{3} \right)$$

$$N = n_z + 2n_\rho + m_\ell$$

$n_z$	$m_\ell$	$n_\rho$	$\Omega$	deg
0	3	0	5/2, 7/2	4
1	2	0	3/2, 5/2	3
2	1	0	1/2, 3/2	2
3	0	0	1/2	1



# The Nilsson model: Hamiltonian

Axially symmetric harmonic oscillator potential

+spin-orbit term

+ $l^2$  term

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_0 + C \vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s} + D \left( \vec{\ell}^2 - \langle \vec{\ell}^2 \rangle_N \right) \\ &= \hbar \omega_0 (\delta) \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \Delta + \frac{1}{2} r^2 - \beta r^2 Y_{20} \right] - \kappa \hbar \omega_0 \left[ 2 \vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s} + \mu \left( \vec{\ell}^2 - \langle \vec{\ell}^2 \rangle_N \right) \right] \\ C &= -2\kappa \hbar \omega_0 \\ D &= -\kappa \mu \hbar \omega_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \vec{\ell}^2 \rangle_N = \frac{1}{2} N(N+3)$$

# The Nilsson model: Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0^0 + \kappa \hbar \omega_0^0 F$$

$$F = \frac{\delta}{\kappa} \left[ 1 - \frac{4}{3} \delta^2 - \frac{16}{27} \delta^3 \right]^{-1/6} \left\{ -\frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} r^2 Y_{20} \right\} - 2 \vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s} - \mu \left( \vec{\ell}^2 - \langle \vec{\ell}^2 \rangle_N \right)$$

$$F = \eta U - 2 \vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{s} - \mu \left( \vec{\ell}^2 - \langle \vec{\ell}^2 \rangle_N \right)$$

$$E = \left( N + \frac{3}{2} \right) \hbar \omega_0^0 (\delta) + \kappa \hbar \omega_0^0 f$$

	N,Z<50	50<Z<82	82<N<126	82<Z	126<N
$\kappa$	0.08	0.0637	0.0637	0.0577	0.0635
$\mu$	0	0.60	0.42	0.65	0.325

# The Nilsson model: Basis

$\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$  and  $\vec{l}^2$  nondiagonal in basis  $\{N, n_z, n_\rho, m_\ell, m_s\}$

For large deformations  $\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$ ,  $\vec{l}^2$  can be neglected:

Asymptotic quantum numbers  $\{N, n_z, n_\rho, m_\ell, m_s\}$ :  $[Nn_z m_\ell] \Omega \pi$

For small deformations  $\delta$ -terms can be neglected:

Spherical basis  $\{N, \ell, j, \Omega\}$

Nilsson used basis  $\{N, \ell, m_\ell, m_s\}$

Diagonal terms

$$H_0^0 |N, \ell, m_\ell, m_s\rangle = \left( N + \frac{3}{2} \right) \hbar \omega_0^0 |N, \ell, m_\ell, m_s\rangle$$

$$\vec{l}^2 |N, \ell, m_\ell, m_s\rangle = \ell(\ell+1) |N, \ell, m_\ell, m_s\rangle$$

# The Nilsson model: Matrix elements

Matrix elements

$$\langle \ell' m'_\ell m'_s | \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} | \ell m_\ell m_s \rangle$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ell = \ell' \\ m_\ell = m'_\ell, m'_s \pm 1 \\ m_s = m'_s \pm 1, m'_s \\ m_\ell + m_s = m'_\ell + m'_s \end{array} \right.$$

$$\langle \ell, m_\ell \pm 1, \mp | \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} | \ell, m_\ell, \pm \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\ell \mp m_\ell)(\ell \pm m_\ell + 1)}$$

$$\langle \ell, m_\ell, \pm | \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} | \ell, m_\ell, \pm \rangle = \pm \frac{1}{2} m_\ell$$

$$\langle \ell' m'_\ell | Y_{20} | \ell m_\ell \rangle = i^{\ell-l'} \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{2\ell'+1}} \langle \ell 2 m_\ell 0 | \ell 2 \ell' m'_\ell \rangle \langle \ell 2 0 0 | \ell 2 \ell' 0 \rangle$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_\ell = m'_\ell, \quad m_s = m'_s \\ \ell = \ell', \ell' \pm 2 \quad N = N' \pm 2 \end{array} \right.$$

# The Nilsson model: Matrix elements

Radial matrix elements

$$|N\ell\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2(n-1)!}{b^3 [\Gamma(n+\ell+1/2)]^3}} \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^\ell e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^2} L_{n-1}^{\ell+1/2} \left(r^2/b^2\right)$$

$$\langle N'\ell' | r^2 | N\ell \rangle = \left[ \frac{(n'-1)!(n-1)!}{[\Gamma(n'+\ell'+1/2)][\Gamma(n+\ell+1/2)]} \right]^{-1/2} b^2 (-1)^{n'+n} \mu^i \nu^j$$

$$\times \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\Gamma(p+\sigma+1)}{\sigma!(n'-1-\sigma)!(n-1-\sigma)!(\sigma+\mu-n'+1)!(\sigma+\nu-n+1)!}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{2}(\ell + \ell' + 3) \quad \mu = p - \ell' - 1/2 \quad \nu = p - \ell - 1/2$$

$$N = 2(n-1) + \ell$$

$N, N \pm 2$  admixtures

$$\langle N\ell | r^2 | N\ell \rangle = (2n + \ell - 1/2) = (N + 3/2)$$

$$\langle N\ell - 2 | r^2 | N\ell \rangle = 2\sqrt{n(n + \ell - 1/2)}$$

$$\langle N - 2\ell | r^2 | N\ell \rangle = -\sqrt{(n-1)(n + \ell - 1/2)}$$

$$\langle N - 2\ell - 2 | r^2 | N\ell \rangle = \sqrt{(n + \ell - 1/2)(n + \ell - 3/2)}$$

$$\langle N - 2\ell + 2 | r^2 | N\ell \rangle = \sqrt{(n-1)(n-2)}$$

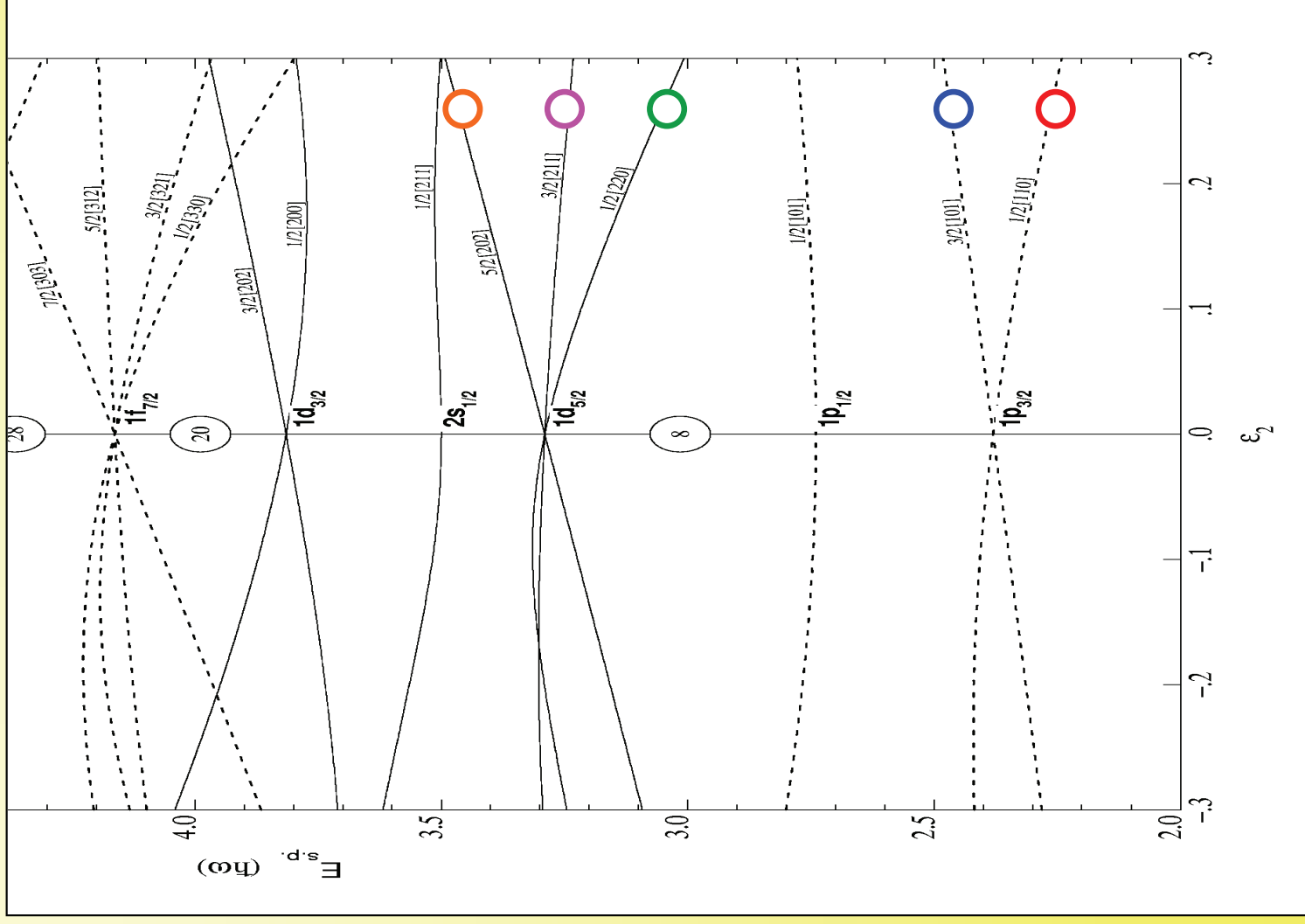


# The Nilsson model

**Nilsson states:**

$$|i\rangle_{\{\Omega\pi\}} = \sum_{\alpha} C_i^{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle; \quad \alpha \{N \ell m_{\ell} m_s\}$$

$N$	$\Omega$	$ N \ell m_{\ell} m_s\rangle_{\Omega\pi}$
$N = 0$	$\Omega = 1/2$	$ 000+\rangle_{1/2^+}$
$N = 1$	$\Omega = 3/2$	$ 111+\rangle_{3/2^-}$
	$\Omega = 1/2$	$ 110+\rangle_{1/2^-}$
$N = 2$	$\Omega = 5/2$	$ 222+\rangle_{5/2^+}$
	$\Omega = 3/2$	$ 221+\rangle_{3/2^+}$
	$\Omega = 1/2$	$ 220+\rangle_{5/2^+}$
$N = 3$	$\Omega = 7/2$	$ 333+\rangle_{7/2^-}$
	$\Omega = 5/2$	$ 332+\rangle_{5/2^-}$
	$\Omega = 3/2$	$ 331+\rangle_{3/2^-}$
	$\Omega = 1/2$	$ 330+\rangle_{1/2^-}$
		$ 111-\rangle_{1/2^-}$
		$ 222-\rangle_{3/2^+}$
		$ 200+\rangle_{5/2^+}$
		$ 221-\rangle_{5/2^+}$
		$ 333-\rangle_{5/2^-}$
		$ 311+\rangle_{3/2^-}$
		$ 331-\rangle_{3/2^-}$
		$ 332-\rangle_{3/2^-}$
		$ 331-\rangle_{1/2^-}$
		$ 311-\rangle_{1/2^-}$



$${}^A_Z \text{Nucleus}_N \rightarrow K^\pi$$

$${}^{27}_{14}\text{Si}_{13} \rightarrow 5/2^+$$

$${}^{25}_{12}\text{Mg}_{13} \rightarrow 5/2^+$$

$${}^{19}_8\text{O}_{11} \rightarrow 3/2^+$$

$${}^{19}_{10}\text{Ne}_9 \rightarrow 1/2^+$$

$${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al}_{14} \rightarrow 5/2^+$$

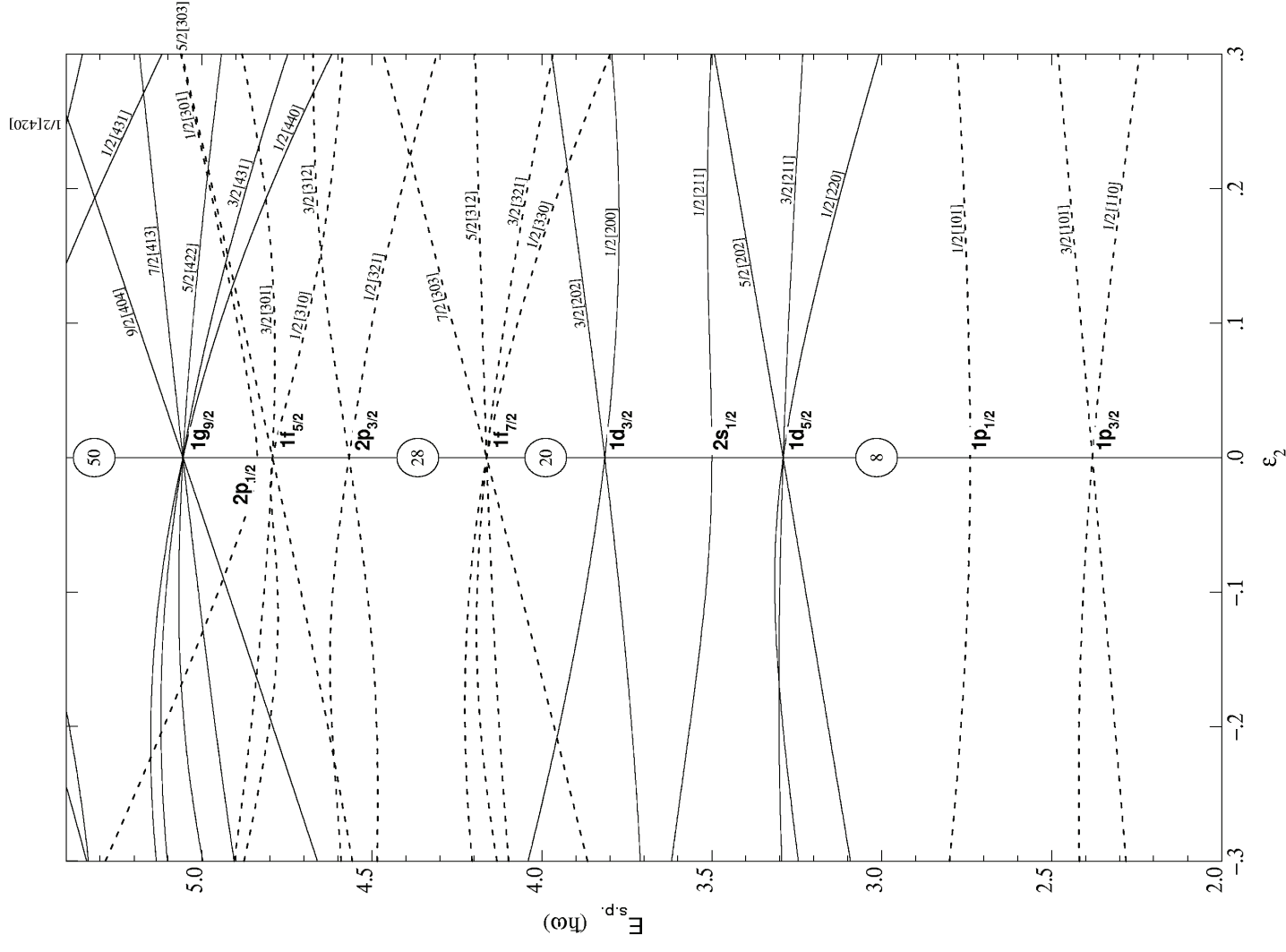
$${}^{23}_{11}\text{Na}_{12} \rightarrow 3/2^+$$

$${}^{19}_9\text{F}_{10} \rightarrow 1/2^+$$

$${}^9_4\text{Be}_5 \rightarrow 3/2^-$$

$${}^7_3\text{Li}_4 \rightarrow 1/2^-$$

- Spherical levels split into  $(2j+1)/2$  levels
- Levels  $(\Omega\pi)$  are twofold degenerate
- Asymptotic  $q$ -numbers not conserved for small deformations but useful to classify levels
- For positive deformations (PROLATE SHAPES), levels with lower  $\Omega$  are shifted downwards
- For negative deformations (OBLATE SHAPES), levels with lower  $\Omega$  are shifted upwards



$$N = n_z + 2n_p + m_\ell$$

$$[N n_z m_\ell] \Omega^\pi$$

$$N = 0 \quad \Omega = 1/2^+ \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 0 \quad [000]1/2^+$$

$$N = 1 \quad \Omega = 1/2^- \quad n_z = 1 \quad m_\ell = 0 \quad [110]1/2^-$$

$$N = 1 \quad \Omega = 1/2^- \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [101]1/2^-$$

$$N = 1 \quad \Omega = 3/2^- \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [101]3/2^-$$

$$N = 2 \quad \Omega = 1/2^+ \quad n_z = 2 \quad m_\ell = 0 \quad [220]1/2^+$$

$$N = 2 \quad \Omega = 1/2^+ \quad n_z = 1 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [211]1/2^+$$

$$N = 2 \quad \Omega = 1/2^+ \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 0 \quad [200]1/2^+$$

$$N = 2 \quad \Omega = 3/2^+ \quad n_z = 1 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [211]3/2^+$$

$$N = 2 \quad \Omega = 3/2^+ \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 2 \quad [202]3/2^+$$

$$N = 2 \quad \Omega = 5/2^+ \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 2 \quad [202]5/2^+$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 1/2^- \quad n_z = 3 \quad m_\ell = 0 \quad [330]1/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 1/2^- \quad n_z = 2 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [321]1/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 1/2^- \quad n_z = 1 \quad m_\ell = 0 \quad [310]1/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 1/2^- \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [301]1/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 3/2^- \quad n_z = 2 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [321]3/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 3/2^- \quad n_z = 1 \quad m_\ell = 2 \quad [312]3/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 3/2^- \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 1 \quad [301]3/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 5/2^- \quad n_z = 1 \quad m_\ell = 2 \quad [312]5/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 5/2^- \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 3 \quad [303]5/2^-$$

$$N = 3 \quad \Omega = 7/2^- \quad n_z = 0 \quad m_\ell = 3 \quad [303]7/2^-$$

