Gamow-Teller strength and nuclear deformation

Motivation :

- > Spin-isospin nuclear properties.
- Exotic nuclei : Beta-decay + Charge Exchange Reactions
- > Limits of applicability of well established microscopic models

Theoretical approach :

Deformed HF+BCS+QRPA formalism with Skyrme forces and residual interactions in both ph and pp channels

Results :

- > Nuclear structure: GT strength distributions (Fe, Kr, Pb, Xe isotopes)
- > Nuclear astrophysics: Half-lives of waiting point nuclei in rp-processes
- Particle Physics: Two-neutrino double beta-decay



 $\lambda(Z,W)$: Fermi function: Influence of nuclear Coulomb field on electrons

β-decay

Matrix elements of the transition

$$V_{fi} = g \int \left[\psi_f \phi_e \phi_v \right]^* \Theta \psi_i dV \simeq g \int \psi_f \Theta \psi_i dV = M_{fi}$$

Allowed approximation

$$\phi_{e,v}\left(\vec{r}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar} = 1 + i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}/\hbar + \dots \simeq 1$$

Selection rules

- Allowed approximation L = 0, $\Delta \pi = no$ - FERMI: $e, \nu \downarrow \uparrow (S = 0), (\sum_{i}^{A} \tau_{i}^{\pm})$
 - $\Delta J = 0$ GAMOW TELLER: e, ν $\Delta J = 0, 1 \quad (no \quad 0^+ \to 0^+)$ (S = 1), $(\sum_i^A \sigma_i \tau_i^{\pm})$
- First Forbidden L = 1, $\Delta \pi = yes$
 - FERMI (S = 0), $\Delta J = 0, 1$
 - GAMOW TELLER (S = 1), $\Delta J = 0, 1, 2$

Nuclear Structure models



Gamow-Teller strength: different approaches

Nuclear matrix elements (β^+): $M_{fi} \sim \langle n | \{F, GT\}^+ | p \rangle$

Gross theory: Statistical model (corrected for sp and pairing effects) Takahashi et al. 1973–1990

Microscopic models

•	Large scale shel	l model	calculations:	Madrid,	Strasbourg,	Aarhus	1995 -
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• QRPA calculations

Hamamoto	Spherical mean field $+$ pairing $+$ residual (RPA)	~1970
Möller et al.	Nilsson (WS) + BCS + QRPA (χ_{ph}). Systematics	1985 –
Klapdor et al.	Nilsson (WS) + BCS + QRPA $(\chi_{ph} + \kappa_{pp})$	1990 -
Hamamoto et al.	Def HF + BCS + TDA (χ_{ph}). A~70	1995 –
Nazarewicz et al.	Sph HFB + QRPA $(\chi_{ph} + \kappa_{pp})$ Sph n-rich nuclei	1999 –
This work	Def HF + BCS + QRPA $(\chi_{ph} + \kappa_{pp})_{self}$	

Spherical potentials

Spherical mean-field

 $\underbrace{1113/2}_{(2)} \underbrace{(14)}_{(2)} \underbrace{(126)}_{(2)}$ 3p1/2 - 1h9/2 ______ (8) _____ (10) _____ N=5 $\frac{1h11/2}{3s1/2}$ $\frac{2d3/2}{2d3/2}$ **N=**4 - 2d5/2 - 1g7/2 - (6) - (64) $\begin{array}{c|c} \cdot 1g9/2 & (50) \\ \hline 1f5/2 & 2p1/2 & (6) \\ \hline 2p3/2 & (6) \\ (4) & (38) \\ \hline 1f7/2 & (8) \\ \hline (2) & (38) \\ \hline (38) \\ \hline$ N=3 N=2 $\begin{array}{c} 2s \\ 1d \\ \hline 1d \\ \hline 2s \\ \hline 2s \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1d5/2 \\ \hline 0 \\$ 20 $= \frac{1 p 1/2}{1 p 3/2}$ (2) (8) 8 (6) N=1N=0 (2) - (2) - 2

Empirical construction based in an harmonic oscillator potential plus a spin-orbit term to reproduce the magic numbers (M. Goeppert-Mayer and H. Jensen)

$$U(r) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 r^2 + Dl^2 + l \cdot s$$
$$\varepsilon_{nlj} = \hbar\omega[2(n-1)+l+3/2)] + Dl(l+1) + C \begin{cases} l+1 & j = l-1/2\\ -l & j = l+1/2 \end{cases}$$
$$\hbar\omega = \frac{41}{A^{1/3}} \text{ MeV}$$



Hartree-Fock method

How to extract a single-particle potential U(k)

out of the sum of two-body interactions W(k,l)

$$\boldsymbol{H}\Psi(1,2,\ldots,A) = \left[\sum_{k=1}^{A} T(k) + \sum_{k< l=1}^{A} W(k,l)\right] \Psi(1,2,\ldots,A) = E\Psi(1,2,\ldots,A)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H} = \sum_{k=1}^{A} [T(k) + U(k)] + \left[\sum_{k$$

Hartree-Fock theory provides method to derive single-particle potential. The criterium is to search for the "best" A-particle slater determinant such us the value of H is minimum. Next, one assumes that the resulting residual interaction is small and that:

$$\Psi(1, 2, \dots, A) = \Phi_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_A}(1, 2, \dots, A)$$

Variational principle

Effective interactions

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Sk3	-1128.75	395.0	-95.0	14000.0	120.0	0.45	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
SG2	-2645.0	340.0	-41.9	15595.0	105.0	0.09	-0.0588	1.425	0.06044	6.0
SLy4	-2488.91	486.8	-546.4	137777.0	0.83	-0.340	-1.000	1.350	123.0	6.0

Skyrme Hartree-Fock

Schroedinger equation

$$\begin{split} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \underbrace{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^{\star}(\vec{r})}}_{m_q^{\star}(\mathbf{r})} \vec{\nabla} + \underbrace{U_q(\vec{r})}_{q} + \underbrace{W_q(\vec{r})}_{q}(-i)(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\sigma}) \right] \phi_i &= e_i \phi_i \\ \underbrace{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_q^{\star}(\mathbf{r})}}_{m_q^{\star}(\mathbf{r})} &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{4}(t_1 + t_2)\rho + \frac{1}{8}(t_2 - t_1)\rho_q \\ \underbrace{W_q(\vec{r})}_{q} &= \frac{1}{2}W_0(\vec{\nabla}\rho + \vec{\nabla}\rho_q) + \frac{1}{8}(t_1 - t_2)\vec{J_q}(\vec{r}) \\ \underbrace{U_q(\vec{r})}_{q} &= t_0 \left[(1 + \frac{x_0}{2}\rho - (x_0 + \frac{1}{2})\rho_q \right] + \frac{1}{4}t_3(\rho^2 - \rho_q^2) \\ - \frac{1}{8}(3t_1 - t_2)\nabla^2\rho + \frac{1}{16}(3t_1 + t_2)\nabla^2\rho_q + \frac{1}{4}(t_1 + t_2)r \\ + \frac{1}{8}(t_2 - t_1)\tau_q - \frac{1}{2}W_0(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J_q}) + \delta_{q,\pm 1/2}V_C(\vec{r}) \\ \hline \mathbf{Algebraic \ combinations \ of \ the \ densities} \\ \rho_{st}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r}, s, t)|^2 \\ \tau_{st}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_i |\nabla\phi_i(\mathbf{r}, s, t)|^2 \\ \mathbf{J}_{st}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{i,s'} \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}, s', t) (-i\nabla \times \sigma) \phi_i(\mathbf{r}, s, t) \\ \rho_t &= \sum_s \rho_{st}, \quad \rho = \sum_{t=p,n} \rho_t, \end{split}$$

Deformed Hartree-Fock

Single particle states (axially symmetric even-even nuclei) Expansion into eigenfunctions of deformed harmonic oscillator $\phi_{\alpha}(\vec{R},\sigma) = \psi_{n_r}^{\Lambda}(r)\psi_{n_z}(z)\frac{e^{i\Lambda\phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\chi_{\Sigma}(\sigma)$ $V(r,z) = \frac{1}{2}M\omega_{\perp}^{2}r^{2} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega_{z}^{2}z^{2}$ $E_{lpha} = (2n_r + |\Lambda| + 1)\hbar\omega_{\perp} + (n_z + 1/2)\hbar\omega_z$ $\beta_{\perp} = (M\omega_{\perp})^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \beta_z = (M\omega_z)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $\psi_{n_r}^{\Lambda}(r) = \mathcal{N}_{n_r}^{\Lambda} \beta_{\perp} \sqrt{2} \eta^{\Lambda/2} \mathrm{e}^{-\eta/2} L_{n_r}^{\Lambda}(\eta)$ $\mathcal{N}_{n_r}^{\Lambda} = \left(\frac{n_r!}{(n_r + \Lambda)!}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \mathcal{N}_{n_z} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}2^{n_z}n_z!}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $\psi_{n_z}(z) = \mathcal{N}_{n_z} \beta_z^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi^2/2} H_{n_z}(\xi)$ $\beta_0 = \left[M(\omega_{\perp}^2 \omega_z)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\beta_{\perp}^2 \beta_z)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ Optimal basis to minimize truncation effects N= 12 major shells $q = \frac{\omega_{\perp}}{\omega_z} = \left(\frac{\beta_{\perp}}{\beta_z}\right)^2$ $\Phi_i(\vec{R},\sigma,q) = \chi_{q_i} \sum_{\alpha} C^i_{\alpha} \phi_{\alpha}(\vec{R},\sigma)$ $\alpha = \{n_r, n_z, \Lambda, \Sigma\}$

Pairing correlations in BCS approximations

Pairing interaction G	$H = \sum_{k>0} \epsilon_k (a_k^+ a_k + a_{\bar{k}}^+ a_{\bar{k}}) - G \sum_{kk'>0} a_k^+ a_{\bar{k}}^+ a_{\bar{k}'} a_{k'}$
BCS ground state	$ \varphi_{\rm BCS}\rangle = \prod_{i>0} (u_i + v_i a_i^+ a_{\bar{i}}^+) 0\rangle$
Expectation value of particle number	$\delta \langle \varphi_{BCS} H - \lambda \hat{N} \varphi_{BCS} \rangle = 0$ $\langle \varphi_{BCS} \hat{N} \varphi_{BCS} \rangle = 2 \sum_{k>0} v_k^2 = N$
BCS eas Number e	$\Delta = G \sum u_1 v_2$
	q. $2\sum_{i} v_i^2 = N$ Gap eq. $\Delta = C \sum_{k>0} a_k v_k$
$v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 \right]$	q. $2\sum_{i} v_{i}^{2} = N$ Gap eq. $\Delta = C \sum_{k>0} a_{k} v_{k}$ $-\frac{e_{i} - \lambda}{E_{i}}$; $E_{i} = \sqrt{(e_{i} - \lambda)^{2} + \Delta^{2}};$
Fixed gaps taken from	q. $2\sum_{i} v_i^2 = N$ Gap eq. $\Delta = C_i \sum_{k>0} a_k v_k$ $-\frac{e_i - \lambda}{E_i}$; $E_i = \sqrt{(e_i - \lambda)^2 + \Delta^2}$;n phenomenology

Occupation probability vs. energy



Neutron s.p. Energy [MeV]

Constrained HF+BCS



Theoretical approach: Residual interactions

Particle-hole residual interaction consistent with the HF mean field

$$V_{ph} = \frac{1}{16} \sum_{sts't'} \left[1 + (-1)^{s-s'} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \right] \left[1 + (-1)^{t-t'} \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2 \right] \frac{\delta^2 E}{\delta \rho_{st} \left(\vec{r}_1 \right) \delta \rho_{s't'} \left(\vec{r}_2 \right)} \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$V_{ph}^{\sigma\tau} = \frac{1}{16} \sum_{sts't'} (-1)^{s-s'} (-1)^{t-t'} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \, \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \frac{\delta^2 E(\rho)}{\delta \rho_{st}(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta \rho_{s't'}(\mathbf{r}_2)} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{16} \left[-4t_0 - 2t_1 k_F^2 + 2t_2 k_F^2 - \frac{2}{3} t_3 \rho^{\alpha} \right] \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \, \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \, \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2).$$

Average over nuclear volume

Separable forces

$$V_{GT}^{ph} = 2\chi_{GT}^{ph} \sum_{K=0,\pm 1} (-1)^{K} \beta_{K}^{+} \beta_{-K}^{-}, \qquad \beta_{K}^{+} = \sigma_{K} t^{+} = \sum_{\pi\nu} \langle \nu | \sigma_{K} | \pi \rangle \, a_{\nu}^{+} a_{\pi}$$
$$\chi_{GT}^{ph} = -\frac{3}{8\pi R^{3}} \left\{ t_{0} + \frac{1}{2} k_{F}^{2} \left(t_{1} - t_{2} \right) + \frac{1}{6} t_{3} \rho^{\alpha} \right\}$$

$$V_{GT}^{pp} = -2\kappa_{GT}^{pp} \sum_{K} (-1)^{K} P_{K}^{+} P_{K},$$

$$P_K^+ = \sum_{\pi\nu} \left\langle \nu \left| (\sigma_K)^+ \right| \pi \right\rangle a_\nu^+ a_{\bar{\pi}}^+$$

RPA equations

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Equation of motion
$[H, Q_{\nu}^{+}] 0\rangle = \omega_{\nu 0}Q_{\nu}^{+} 0\rangle, \qquad \langle 0 [\delta Q, [H, Q_{\nu}^{+}]] 0\rangle = \omega_{\nu 0}\langle 0 [\delta Q, Q_{\nu}^{+}] 0\rangle$
$-Y_{mi}^{\nu}a_{i}^{+}a_{m})$ Creates (X) and destroys (Y)
ph pairs: g.s.correlations
$= \omega_{\nu 0} \langle RPA [a_i^+ a_m, Q_\nu^+] RPA \rangle$
$= \omega_{\mu 0} \langle RPA [a_m^+ a_i, Q_\mu^+] RPA \rangle$
$\langle a_{n}^{+}a_{j} RPA\rangle = \delta_{ij}\delta_{mn} - \delta_{mn}\langle RPA a_{j}a_{i}^{+} RPA\rangle - \delta_{mn}\langle RPA a_{j}a_{i}^{+} RPA\rangle$
$-\partial_{ij}\langle RPA a_n^+a_m RPA\rangle$
$\cong \langle \Pi F [a_i a_m, a_n a_j] \Pi F \rangle = o_{ij} o_{mn}$
$(A D) (V \mu) (V \mu)$
$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^* \\ V^{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = \omega_{\nu 0} \begin{pmatrix} A^* \\ -V^{\nu} \end{pmatrix}$
$(HF)[a^{+}a^{-}[Ha^{+}a^{-}]][HF] = (c - c)\delta - \delta = b$
$ \begin{array}{c} \langle III' [u_i \ u_m [II, u_n \ u_j]] IIF \rangle = (\epsilon_m - \epsilon_i) \sigma_{mn} \sigma_{ij} + \sigma_{mjin}, \\ \langle HF [a^+a \ [H \ a^+a \]] HF \rangle = \bar{v} \end{array} $
$-\langle \Pi I [u_i u_m[\Pi, u_j u_n]] \Pi \Gamma \rangle = v_{mnij}$

pnQRPA with separable forces

$$V_{GT} = 2\chi_{GT} \sum_{K} (-1)^{K} \beta_{K}^{+} \beta_{-K}^{-}$$

Phonon operator

$$\beta_{K}^{+} = \sum_{np} \langle n | \sigma_{K} | p \rangle a_{n}^{+} a_{p} = \sum_{np} \langle n | \sigma_{K} | p \rangle \left\{ u_{n} v_{p} \alpha_{n}^{+} \alpha_{\bar{p}}^{+} + v_{n} u_{p} \alpha_{\bar{n}} \alpha_{p} + u_{n} u_{p} \alpha_{n}^{+} \alpha_{p} + v_{n} v_{p} \alpha_{\bar{n}} \alpha_{\bar{p}}^{+} \right\}$$

pnQRPA equations

$$\Gamma_{\omega_{K}}^{+} = \sum_{\gamma_{K}} \left[X_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} A_{\gamma_{K}}^{+} - Y_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} A_{\bar{\gamma}_{K}} \right], \qquad A_{\gamma_{K}}^{+} = \alpha_{n}^{+} \alpha_{\bar{p}}^{+}$$
$$\Gamma_{\omega_{K}} \left| 0 \right\rangle = 0; \qquad \Gamma_{\omega_{K}}^{+} \left| 0 \right\rangle = \left| \omega_{K} \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle \phi_{0} \left| A_{\gamma_{K}} \left[H, \Gamma_{\omega_{K}}^{+} \right] \right| \phi_{0} \right\rangle = \omega_{K} \left\langle \phi_{0} \left| A_{\gamma_{K}} \Gamma_{\omega_{K}}^{+} \right| \phi_{0} \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle \phi_{0} \left| \left[H, \Gamma_{\omega_{K}}^{+} \right] A_{\bar{\gamma}_{K}}^{+} \right| \phi_{0} \right\rangle = \omega_{K} \left\langle \phi_{0} \left| \Gamma_{\omega_{K}}^{+} A_{\bar{\gamma}_{K}}^{+} \right| \phi_{0} \right\rangle$$

Transition amplitudes
$$\left< \omega_K | eta_K^{\pm} | 0
ight> = \mp M_{\pm}^{\omega_K}$$

$$X_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} = \frac{2\chi_{GT}}{\omega_{K} - \mathcal{E}_{\gamma_{K}}} \left(a_{\gamma_{K}} \mathcal{M}_{+}^{\omega_{K}} + b_{\gamma_{K}} \mathcal{M}_{-}^{\omega_{K}} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{+}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\gamma_{K}} \left(a_{\gamma_{K}} X_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} + b_{\gamma_{K}} Y_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{+}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\gamma_{K}} \left(b_{\gamma_{K}} X_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} + a_{\gamma_{K}} \mathcal{M}_{-}^{\omega_{K}} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{-}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\gamma_{K}} \left(b_{\gamma_{K}} X_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} + a_{\gamma_{K}} Y_{\gamma_{K}}^{\omega_{K}} \right)$$

 $a_{\gamma_K} = u_n v_p \Sigma_K^{np}, \qquad b_{\gamma_K} = v_n u_p \Sigma_K^{np}, \qquad \Sigma_K^{np} = \langle n | \sigma_K | p \rangle$

B(GT) in the laboratory system

$$B(GT) = \sum_{\mu M_f} \left| \left\langle I_f M_f K_f \left| \sigma_{\mu} \right| I_i M_i K_i \right\rangle \right|^2 \qquad |IMK\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2I+1}{16\pi^2(1+\delta_{K,0})}} \left\{ D_{MK}^{+I} \phi_K + (-1)^{I-K} D_{M-K}^{+I} \phi_{\bar{K}} \right\}$$

$$\langle I_f M_f K_f | \sigma_\mu | I_i M_i K_i \rangle = \int d\vec{r} \left[\sum_{\rho} D_{\rho\mu}^{+1} \sigma^{1,\rho} \right] \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} D_{00}^{+0} \phi_0 \right]$$

$$\begin{cases} [(2I_f + 1)/16\pi^2]^{1/2} \left[D_{M_f K_f}^{I_f} \phi_{K_f}^* + (-1)^{I_f - K_f} D_{M_f - K_f}^{I_f} \phi_{\bar{K}_f}^* \right] \\ [(2I_f + 1)/8\pi^2]^{1/2} D_{M_f 0}^{I_f} \phi_0^* \end{cases}$$

$$\langle I_f M_f K_f | \sigma_\mu | 000 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2I_f + 1)}} < 001 \mu | I_f M_f > \begin{cases} < 0010 | I_f 0 \rangle < \phi_0 | \sigma_0 | \phi_0 \rangle & (K_f = 0) \\ \sqrt{2} \sum_{\rho} < 001 \rho | I_f K_f \rangle < \phi_{K_f} | \sigma_\rho | \phi_0 \rangle & (K_f > 0) \end{cases}$$

In terms of intrinsic matrix elements

$$B(GT) = \delta_{K_f,0} < \phi_0 |\sigma_0| \phi_0 >^2 + 2\delta_{K_f,1} < \phi_{K_f} |\sigma_{+1}| \phi_0 >^2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{GT operator} & \hat{\Theta} = \sum_{ij} < i |\vec{\sigma}|j > a_{i\nu}^{+} a_{j\pi} \\ \hat{\Theta}^{0} = \sum_{ij} < i |\sigma_{0}|j > [u_{i}^{v} u_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{+\nu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + v_{i}^{v} v_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{+\pi} + u_{i}^{v} v_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + v_{i}^{v} u_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + u_{i}^{v} v_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + v_{i}^{v} u_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + u_{i}^{v} v_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + v_{i}^{v} u_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} \\ \hat{\Theta}^{0} = \sum_{ij} ' < i |\sigma_{0}|j > [u_{i}^{v} u_{i}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{+\nu} \alpha_{i}^{\pi} + v_{i}^{v} v_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\mu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} + u_{j}^{v} v_{i}^{\pi} \alpha_{j}^{\mu} \alpha_{i}^{\pi} + v_{j}^{v} u_{i}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{\nu} \alpha_{j}^{\pi} \\ \hat{\Theta}^{0} |\phi_{0} > = \sum_{ij} ' < i |\sigma_{0}|j > [+ u_{i}^{v} v_{j}^{\pi} \alpha_{i}^{+\nu} \alpha_{j}^{+\pi} + u_{j}^{v} v_{i}^{\pi} \alpha_{j}^{+\nu} \alpha_{i}^{+\pi}] |\phi_{0} > \\ < \alpha\beta |\hat{\Theta}^{\mu}|\phi_{0} > [\alpha\beta > \alpha_{\alpha}^{\mu} + u_{\alpha}^{\mu} v_{\alpha}^{\pi} + u_{\beta}^{\mu} v_{\alpha}^{\mu} + u_{\beta}^{\mu} v_{\alpha}^{\mu}$$

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Intrinsic matrix elements

 $0^+0 \rightarrow 1^+0$

$$<\bar{\alpha}\beta|\hat{\Theta}^{0}|\phi_{0}>=u_{\alpha}^{\nu}v_{\beta}^{\pi}<\beta|\sigma_{0}|\alpha> \qquad (K_{\alpha}=K_{\beta}>0)$$
$$<\alpha\bar{\beta}|\hat{\Theta}^{0}|\phi_{0}>=u_{\alpha}^{\nu}v_{\beta}^{\pi}<\alpha|\sigma_{0}|\beta> \qquad (K_{\alpha}=K_{\beta}>0)$$

 $0^+0 \rightarrow 1^+1$

$$<\alpha\beta|\hat{\Theta}^{+1}|\phi_{0}>=-u_{\alpha}^{\nu}v_{\beta}^{\pi}<\alpha|\sigma_{+1}|\bar{\beta}> \qquad (K_{\alpha}=K_{\beta}=1/2)$$
$$<\bar{\alpha}\beta|\hat{\Theta}^{+1}|\phi_{0}>=u_{\alpha}^{\nu}v_{\beta}^{\pi}<\beta|\sigma_{+1}|\alpha> \qquad (K_{\beta}=K_{\alpha}+1)$$
$$<\alpha\bar{\beta}|\hat{\Theta}^{+1}|\phi_{0}>=u_{\alpha}^{\nu}v_{\beta}^{\pi}<\alpha|\sigma_{+1}|\beta> \qquad (K_{\alpha}=K_{\beta}+1)$$

$$\sigma_{\rho}|sm_s\rangle = \sqrt{1+|\rho|} (2m_s) |sm_s+\rho\rangle$$

$$< N'n'_{z}m'_{\ell}m'_{s}|\sigma_{\rho}|Nn_{z}m_{\ell}m_{s}> = \delta_{NN'}\delta_{n_{z}n'_{z}}\delta_{m_{\ell}m'_{\ell}}\delta_{\rho+m_{s},m'_{s}}(2m_{s})\sqrt{1+|\rho|}$$

$$|\alpha> = \sum_{Nn_z m_\ell} C^{\alpha}_{Nn_z m_\ell m_s} |Nn_z m_\ell m_s>$$

$$<\alpha|\sigma_{\rho}|\beta> = \sum_{Nn_{z}m_{\ell}} C^{\alpha}_{Nn_{z}m_{\ell}m'_{s}} C^{\beta}_{Nn_{z}m_{\ell}m_{s}} \delta_{m'_{s},\rho+m_{s}}(2m_{s})\sqrt{1+|\rho|}$$
$$<\alpha|\sigma_{\rho}|\bar{\beta}> = \sum_{Nn_{z}m_{\ell}} C^{\alpha}_{Nn_{z}m_{\ell}m'_{s}} C^{\beta}_{Nn_{z}m_{\ell}m_{s}} \delta_{0,m_{\ell}} \delta_{m'_{s},m_{s}} \delta_{1/2,m_{s}}(-\sqrt{2})$$

$$B(GT) = \delta_{K_f,0} < \phi_0 |\sigma_0| \phi_0 >^2 + 2\delta_{K_f,1} < \phi_{K_f} |\sigma_{+1}| \phi_0 >^2$$

Half-lives

$$\begin{split} T_{1/2}^{-1} &= \frac{G^2}{D} \sum_{I_f} f^{\beta^+/EC} |\langle I_f \| \beta^+ \| I_i \rangle|^2 \\ \hline D &= 6200 \text{ s} \quad G^2 = [(g_A/g_V)_{\text{eff}}]^2 = [0,77(g_A/g_V)_{\text{free}}]^2 = 0,90 \\ f^{\beta^\pm}(Z,W_0) &= \int_1^{W_0} pW(W_0 - W)^2 \lambda^\pm(Z,W) dW \\ \text{phase space Coulomb effect} \\ \lambda^{\pm}(Z,W) &= 2(1+\gamma)(2pR)^{-2(1-\gamma)} e^{\mp \pi y} \frac{|\Gamma(\gamma + iy)|^2}{[\Gamma(2\gamma + 1)]^2} \quad \gamma = \sqrt{1 - (\alpha Z)^2} \quad y = \alpha ZW/p \\ f^{EC} &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[q_K^2 g_K^2 B_K + q_{L_1}^2 g_{L_1}^2 B_{L_1} + q_{L_2}^2 g_{L_2}^2 B_{L_2} \right] \\ \text{Neutrino energy Exchange and overlap corrections} \\ \text{Radial components of the bound state electron wf at the origin} \end{split}$$

Limiting cases

B(GT) (2qp) $V_{res} = 0$ B(GT) (QTDA) $Y^{\omega} = 0$ $1/(\omega_K + \mathcal{E}_{i_K}) \rightarrow 0$

Ikeda sum rule

$$S_{GT}^{-} - S_{GT}^{+} = \sum_{K=0,\pm} \sum_{\omega_{K}} \left[\left| \left\langle \omega_{K} \left| \beta^{-} \right| \phi_{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2} - \left| \left\langle \omega_{K} \left| \beta^{+} \right| \phi_{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2} \right] = 3 \left(N - Z \right)$$

Type of GT transitions



• (Oqp \rightarrow 2qp) $\langle \omega_K | \mu$

$$\omega_K |\beta_K^{\pm}|0\rangle = \mp Z_{\pm}^{\omega_K}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ p & & & \\ even-even parent & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ E_{ex,2qp} = \omega - E_{p0} - E_{n0} \end{array}$$

Odd-A nuclei
$$I_i^{\pi}K_i \rightarrow I_f^{\pi}K_f$$

Phonon excitations : (1qp→3qp)
 Odd nucleon acts as a spectator

 $\left\langle f\left|\beta_{K}^{+}\right|i\right\rangle _{3qp}=\left\langle \omega_{K},1qp\left|\beta_{K}^{\pm}\right|0,1qp\right\rangle$

 Transitions involving the odd nucleon state : (1qp→1qp)

$$\left\langle f\left|\beta_{K}^{+}\right|i\right\rangle_{1qp} = \left\langle \pi_{corr}\left|\beta_{K}^{+}\right|\nu_{corr}\right\rangle$$





Qualitative behaviour of Matrix Elements

$$v_{\pi}u_{\nu} \langle \nu | GT | \pi \rangle$$





$$B_{GT}^{\pm} = \frac{g_A^2}{4\pi} \sum_{M_i, M_f, \mu} \left| \left\langle I_f M_f \left| \beta_{\mu}^{\pm} \right| I_i M_i \right\rangle \right|^2$$

$$|IMK\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2I+1}{16\pi^2 (1+\delta_{K0})}} \left\{ D_{KM}^{+I}(\Omega) \left| \phi_K \right\rangle + (-1)^{I-K} D_{-KM}^{+I}(\Omega) \left| \phi_K \right\rangle \right\}$$

even-even nuclei

$$B_{GT}^{\pm} = \frac{g_A^2}{4\pi} \left\{ \delta_{K_f,0} \left\langle \phi_{K_f} \left| \beta_0^{\pm} \right| \phi_0 \right\rangle^2 + 2\delta_{K_f,1} \left\langle \phi_{K_f} \left| \beta_1^{\pm} \right| \phi_0 \right\rangle^2 \right\}$$

 $\mathsf{TDA}: (\mathbf{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}); \quad \mathsf{2qp}: (\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{res}} \rightarrow \mathbf{0})$

Role of deformation



Role of pairing





 \bullet Existing peaks: decrease with increasing Δ (at low energy)

 \bullet New peaks appear: increase with increasing Δ (at high energy)

Role of residual interactions



Redistribution of the strength

ph : shift to higher energies
pp : shift to lower energies

Reduction of the strength





Sum rules



Nuclear Structure

Stable nuclei in Fe-Ni mass region

Medium-mass proton-rich nuclei : Ge, Se, Kr, Sr

Main constituents of stellar core in presupernovae GT properties. Test of QRPA Comparison with :

- exp. (n,p), (p,n)
- SM calculations







Waiting points in rp process Shape coexistence Isotopic chains approaching drip lines Large Q values

Stable nuclei in Fe-Ni mass region: Theory and experiment



Stable nuclei in Fe-Ni mass region. GT strength: Theory and experiment

Total B(GT⁺) strength

	exp.	QRPA	HF+BCS	SM
⁵¹ V	1.2 (0.1)	1.61	2.03	1.37
⁵⁴ Fe	3.5 (0.7)	4.24	5.14	3.50
⁵⁵ Mn	1.7 0(.2)	2.18	2.72	2.10
⁵⁶ Fe	2.9 (0.3)	3.24	4.16	2.63
⁵⁸ Ni	3.8 (0.4)	5.00	6.19	4.00
⁵⁹ Co	1.9 (0.1)	2.50	3.26	2.50
⁶⁰ Ni	3.11 (0.08)	3.72	4.97	3.29
⁶² Ni	2.53 (0.07)	2.36	3.40	2.08
⁶⁴ Ni	1.72 (0.09)	1.65	2.65	1.19

Total B(GT⁻) strength

	Exp.	QRPA	SM
⁵⁴ Fe	7.8 (1.9)	7.0	6.9
⁵⁶ Fe	9.9 (2.4)	9.0	9.3
⁵⁸ Ni	7.5 (1.8)	7.8	7.7
⁶⁰ Ni	7.2 (1.8)	9.4	10.0

Medium mass proton rich nuclei: Ge, Se, Kr Sr



Waiting point nuclei in rp-processes

Shape coexistence

Large Q-values

Isotopic chains approaching the drip lines Beyond full Shell Model



Constrained HF+BCS

Energy vs. deformation

Shape coexistence

Medium mass proton rich nuclei: Ge, Se, Kr Sr



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GT strength distributions





Dependence on deformation

Q_{EC} and $T_{1/2}$: Theory and Experiment



$$Q_{EC} = \left[M_{\text{parent}} - M_{\text{daughter}} + m_e\right]c^2$$
$$T_{1/2}^{-1} = \frac{\kappa^2}{6200} \sum_{\omega} f(Z,\omega) \left|\left\langle 1_{\omega}^+ \left\|\beta^+\right\| 0^+\right\rangle\right|^2 \qquad \kappa^2 = \left[\left(g_A/g_V\right)_{\text{eff}}\right]^2$$

β -decay: Nuclear Structure: Deformation



Exp: Poirier et al. 2003

Exp: Nácher et al. 2004

Shape dependence of GT distributions in neutron-deficient Hg, Pb, Po isotopes





Energy-deformation curves : Pb isotopes





Skyrme force and pairing treatment

- Influence: Relative energy of minima
- Little influence : location of minima



GT strength distributions : Pb isotopes

B(GT) strength distributions

• Not very sensitive to : Skyrme force and pairing treatment

• Sensitive to : Nuclear shape





Shape dependence of GT distributions in neutron-deficient: Pb isotopes



Signatures of deformation



Shape dependence of GT distributions in neutron-deficient Hg, Po isotopes





GT⁻ strength distributions : Xe isotopes



GT⁺ strength distributions : Xe isotopes



Exotic Nuclei : Nuclear Astrophysics

Beta-decay half-lives of waiting point nuclei in rp-processes

Quality of astrophysical models depends critically on the quality of input (nuclear)

rp-process:

Proton capture reaction rates orders of magnitude faster than the competing $\beta^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ -decays

Waiting point nuclei:

p-capture is inhibited: the reaction flow waits for a slow beta-decay to proceed



Dependence of $T_{1/2}$ on deformation



0

-0.4

-0.2

0

β

0.2

0.4

Dependence of $T_{1/2}$ on κ_{pp}



Half-lives of waiting poinr nuclei



Good agreement with experiment: Reliable extrapolations

M1 excitations in deformed nuclei





(p,p') Triumf 90's (e,e') Darmstadt 1984 (γ,γ') Stuttgart 90's



Scissors mode $\sim \beta^2$

ORBITAL M1 excitations in deformed nuclei: Theory and experiment



Orbital M1 excitations Excitation spectra and β^2 dependence well reproduced in rare-earths and actinides

SPIN M1 excitations in deformed nuclei: Theory and experiment

Spin M1 strength

 $\Delta T_z=0$ isospin counterparts of $\Delta T_z=1$ GT transitions

$$\mathbf{M1} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \mu_N \left[\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{p}} + \left(g_p^s - 1 \right) \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{p}} + g_n^s \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{n}} \right]$$

Spin M1

total strength and peak structure

Well reproduced



Double beta-decay: Test of the Standard Model

One of the most rare events in nature $T \sim 10^{20}$ years



2v: 2 successive β decays through intermediate virtual states.

Observed in ⁴⁸Ca ⁷⁶Ge ⁸²Se ⁹⁶Zr ¹⁰⁰Mo ¹¹⁶Cd ¹²⁸Te ¹³⁰Te ¹⁵⁰Nd (T ~ 10¹⁹-10²¹ years)

 O_V : Lepton number not conserved. Forbidden in the SM. v emitted is absorbed : Massive Majorana particle. (T (⁷⁶Ge) > 10²⁵ years)



Constrained HF calculations in double beta partners



GT strength in the single-beta branches of double beta partners



Double beta matrix elements



 $2\nu\beta\beta$ matrix elements vs. deformation

Suppression mechanism due to deformation

Double beta matrix elements vs. kpp

HF-QRPA

WS-QRPA





Conclusions

Theoretical approach based on a deformed Skyrme HF+BCS+QRPA

- Used to describe spin-isospin nuclear properties (GT & M1) in stable and exotic nuclei
- \cdot Tested along the nuclear chart

Find

- Good agreement with experiment
 - GT strength distributions (Fe-Ni, p-rich A=70, $2\nu\beta\beta$ emitters)
 - Half-lives (waiting point nuclei)
 - Spin M1 strength distributions (rare earths & actinides)
 - · $2\nu\beta\beta$ matrix elements
- Dependence on nuclear shape (shape coexistence)
 - Signatures of deformation in GT strength distributions in A=70 and neutron-deficient Pb isotopes
 - · Suppresion mechanism in $2\nu\beta\beta$ matrix elements

Nuclear Structure models

Shell model

- Valence space
- Eff. interaction
- Diagonalization





QRPA

- Simplicity
- · No core
- Highly excited states

Not all many-body correlations are taken into account

pnQRPA with separable forces

Transition amplitudes
$$\left< \omega_K | \beta_K^\pm | 0 \right> = \mp M_\pm^{\omega_K}$$

$$\Gamma_{\omega_K}^+ = \sum_{\pi\nu} \left[X_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_K} \alpha_{\nu}^+ \alpha_{\bar{\pi}}^+ - Y_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_K} \alpha_{\bar{\nu}} \alpha_{\pi} \right]$$

$$X_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} = \frac{1}{\omega_{K} - \epsilon_{\pi\nu}} \left[2\chi_{GT}^{ph} \left(q_{\pi\nu} M_{-}^{\omega_{K}} + \tilde{q}_{\pi\nu} M_{+}^{\omega_{K}} \right) - 2\kappa_{GT}^{pp} \left(q_{\pi\nu}^{U} M_{--}^{\omega_{K}} + q_{\pi\nu}^{V} M_{++}^{\omega_{K}} \right) \right]$$

$$Y_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} = \frac{-1}{\omega_{K} + \epsilon_{\pi\nu}} \left[2\chi_{GT}^{ph} \left(q_{\pi\nu} M_{+}^{\omega_{K}} + \tilde{q}_{\pi\nu} M_{-}^{\omega_{K}} \right) + 2\kappa_{GT}^{pp} \left(q_{\pi\nu}^{U} M_{++}^{\omega_{K}} + q_{\pi\nu}^{V} M_{--}^{\omega_{K}} \right) \right]$$

$$M_{-}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\pi\nu} \left(q_{\pi\nu} X_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} + \tilde{q}_{\pi\nu} Y_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} \right) \qquad \qquad M_{--}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\pi\nu} \left(q_{\pi\nu}^{U} X_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} - q_{\pi\nu}^{V} Y_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} \right)$$

$$M_{+}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\pi\nu} \left(\tilde{q}_{\pi\nu} X_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} + q_{\pi\nu} Y_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} \right) \qquad \qquad M_{++}^{\omega_{K}} = \sum_{\pi\nu} \left(q_{\pi\nu}^{V} X_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} - q_{\pi\nu}^{U} Y_{\pi\nu}^{\omega_{K}} \right)$$

$$\tilde{q}_{\pi\nu} = u_{\nu} v_{\pi} \Sigma_{K}^{\nu\pi}; \quad q_{\pi\nu} = v_{\nu} u_{\pi} \Sigma_{K}^{\nu\pi}; \quad q_{\pi\nu}^{V} = v_{\nu} v_{\pi} \Sigma_{K}^{\nu\pi}; \quad q_{\pi\nu}^{U} = u_{\nu} u_{\pi} \Sigma_{K}^{\nu\pi};$$

Secular equation

$$\left(\frac{1}{4\chi_{GT}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2\chi_{GT}} \sum_{i_0} \frac{\left(a_{i_0}^2 + b_{i_0}^2\right)}{\omega_0^2 - \mathcal{E}_{i_0}^2} \mathcal{E}_{i_0} + \left(\sum_{i_0} a_{i_0} b_{i_0} \frac{2\mathcal{E}_{i_0}}{\omega_0^2 - \mathcal{E}_{i_0}^2}\right)^2 \\ - \sum_{i_0} \left(\frac{a_{i_0}^2}{\omega_0 + \mathcal{E}_{i_0}} - \frac{b_{i_0}^2}{\omega_0 - \mathcal{E}_{i_0}}\right) \sum_{i_0} \left(\frac{b_{i_0}^2}{\omega_0 + \mathcal{E}_{i_0}} - \frac{a_{i_0}^2}{\omega_0 - \mathcal{E}_{i_0}}\right)$$

$$-\frac{2}{\chi} = (A+D) \operatorname{\mathfrak{P}} \{ (A-D)^2 + 4B^2 \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \equiv f^{\operatorname{\mathfrak{T}}}(\omega).$$
$$-\frac{2}{\chi} = (A+D) = -4 \sum_i \frac{\varepsilon_i (q_i^2 + \tilde{q}_i^2)}{\omega^2 - \varepsilon_i^2} \equiv g(\omega).$$



Determine RPA energies @

