Isomers and shape transitions in the n-rich A~190 region: the influence of angular momentum

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prolate K isomers vs. oblate collective rotation









adapted from Walker and Dracoulis, Nature 399 (1999) 35

prolate-oblate shape transition

n-rich hafnium ground states



Robledo et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 36, 115104 (2009).

Band-Crossing Prediction in ¹⁸⁰Hf

[PRL43 (1979) 1979]

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Giant backbending is predicted to occur in ¹⁸⁰Hf at $J \approx 26\hbar$. The effect is clearly seen to be the result of the crossing of two bands with very different intrinsic structure.



¹⁸⁰Hf oblate band?



pre-Gammasphere high-K yrast isomers: d'Alarcao et al., Phys. Rev. C59 (1999) 1227(R)



cranked n-rich hafnium: 3 well-deformed minima



¹⁸²Hf example: Xu, Walker and Wyss, Phys. Rev. C62 (2000) 014301





[Xu et al., Phys. Rev. C62 (2000) 014301]

Nilsson single-particle diagram \bigcirc N = 116 (¹⁸⁸Hf, ¹⁹⁰W, ¹⁹²Os)



data for even-even A~190 nuclei







[Walker and Xu, PLB636 (2006) 286]



Lane et al., Phys. Rev. C82 (2010) 051304





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rotation alignment of 2 $i_{13/2}$ neutrons with oblate shape



[Walker and Xu, PLB636 (2006) 286]



projected shell model (angular momentum basis)



Sun et al., PLB659 (2008) 165

summary

- *oblate-prolate* competition in N = $116 \, {}^{188}\text{Hf} {}^{190}\text{W} {}^{192}\text{Os}$
- N = 116 seems to be the *critical-point* neutron number
- focus on angular momentum effects
- 10⁻ prolate K isomers
- 12⁺ isomers: bandheads of collective oblate bands??
- giant backbending candidates: cf. Hilton and Mang 1979
- oblate rotation becomes yrast over a wide spin range
- more data needed!! (¹⁸⁸Hf, ¹⁹⁰W and/or ¹⁹²Os)