

Nuclear Physics an Introduction

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Atomic Force Microscope



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Exploring Matter

..., nuclei and particles.

Particle accelerators











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Fundamental **Questions: Relevant degree** of freedom Effective interaction Complex structure **Connection with** elementary level



The Terra incognita of exotic nuclei ⁸²

50

250 stable nuclei
 N=Z light N>Z heavy
 2000 « artificial » nuclei
 synthesized since Joliot-Curie
 5000 to 7000 bound nuclei expected

126

tema incognita

neutron number N

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N

proton number















First "picture" of radioactivity Repair nois Curry & Curry & d. Marian Experience Curry & Curry & d. Marian Experience and the & 27 of arts Curry & do. -Windegn' la Samon.









1896: Becquerel 1898: Curie







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Transmutation 1901:





Rutherford et Soddy



- I -Radioactivity Mystery

 Finite life time but always young
 Transmutation





- -Radioactivity **Mystery Exponential decay** $dN/dt = -N/T_{life}$ Finite life time but always young **Transmutation**



1902: First measure of decay laws





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Gamov







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- I -Radioactivity **Still a mystery Radioactivity of nuclei Fission** ² 2p or ²He





- I -Radioactivity Still a mystery

Radioactivity of nucleiFission

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Radioactivity of nuclei

Fission







- I -Radioactivity Still a mystery



- I -

Radioactivity Still a mystery

2p radioactivity



 Sequential decay
 Tunneling of complex system ²He?
 Correlations in ⁴⁵Fe?

Blank et al, 2003









Rutherford

Target Source **1911** Atoms are almost empty **Except a hard Particules** scattering center: χ The atomic nucleus

Rutherford

Atomic Models

Atoms are almost empty

Except a hard scattering center: The atomic nucleus Nucleus few_fm electron

















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- II -Exploring atom Quantum object



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Nucleus

Electron cloud

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Electrons on energy levels orbiting around a tiny heavy center: the nucleus




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Decomposition of the light

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Periodic properties





- II -Exploring atom Quantum object



Periodicproperties





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Magic numbers





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Spin 1/2 Internal symmetry





"Those doublets and their anomalous Zeeman effects, are manifestations of an intrinsic electron ambivalence (Zweideutigkeit)"
Pauli 1925
Zweideutigkeit => spin









- V -Magic Numbers Quantum order

-V-Magic Numbers





Striking regularities



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Striking regularities




















































Nuclear chart

Proton number

Neutron number

φı











Nuclear shell: Super-heavy

φ

Nuclear shell: Super-heavy



































Nuclear shells: neutron rich



High E₂₊ and shell closure
Ex: N=20?
Magic number disappears far from stability

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Configuration mixing
























- VI -Exotic Nuclei New Quantum structures

- VI -Exotic Nuclei







Exectic Nuclei Ex: Explored a Samuel




















































Halo nuclei

Confirmed by nuclear reaction Uncertainty principle, $\Delta x \Delta p \ge \hbar$: Δp small Δx big => a Halo

Direct measure of the wave function in p



Physique Nucléaire 2000

























- III -Proton Neutron Novel Quantum Symmetry



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1919: Protons

1932: Discovery of neutrons







1919: Protons

1932: Neutrons



■ 1932: Twin particles (m_n ≈ m_p)
 ¬ Proton : nucleon with the isotopic spin +1/2
 ¬ Neutron : nucleon of isospin -1/2





Energies Masses (MeV)

☞ New quantum number
☞ Proton ↔ neutron







+1/2 -1/2 I = Isospin







Symmetric nuclei

- *^{ce}* **Mirror nuclei**
- Isospin multiplets,
- ☞ A tool for structure studies
 ☞ Proton ↔ neutron

-1 -1/2 0 +1/2 +1 I = Isospin



14c



140

 14_N



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Many particles

Many twins
Novel quantum number: The hypercharge : Y

3 Quarks in baryons





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Today 6 flavors and 3 colors (QCD)







p

e⁻

 $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$

β Radioactivity

- Isospin (weak)
- Electro-weak unification
- **Gauge Theory**

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Weak Interaction

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Quarks and gluons in Nuclei

Nuclei: Laboratories for elementary properties

 ^φβ radioactivity and weak interaction (neutrinos)

 ^φβ radioactivity and CKM matrix

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QCD for nuclei far to be possible (non-perturbative)
Decoupling of the various scales => nucleons
Effective interaction for nucleon (measured ?)
=> Coming from QCD constraints (chiral symmetry)

N-N forces not enough=>3-body









- IV -Liquid Drop Quantum Chaos





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Bond like a drop

 Energy proportional to the number of particles













Mechanical properties

Still badly known for neutron matter.



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 Isospin dependence: Radii, densities Masses and energies
 Compressibility: Breathing mode, reactions and flow























React like a liquid

Neutron absorptionState in disorder



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Ther modynamics
 Liquid-gas phase transition

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Fragmentation of nuclei

Heavy ion collisions

t = **B Fragmentation of nuclei**

Heavy ion collisions

t = 1 M \s Fragmentation of nuclei

Heavy ion collisions

t = 2 10 s Fragmentation of nuclei

Heavy ion collisions

t = 3 is \s Fragmentation of nuclei

Heavy ion collisions


















- VII -Spontaneous deformation Quantum top





The nucleus is auto-organized



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Deformed until breaking : Fission

 Spontaneous symmetry breaking
 Superdeformed nuclei





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Symmetry Breaking

Eurogam

More complex

shapes





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Bosons (pairs, quartets) in Nuclei





p-n

Normal superfluidity
 Opposite spins

New superfluidity
 N=Z nuclei

- Parallel spins
- ☞ T=0 (n-p) pairs
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Super-symmetry

• Example: The ¹⁹⁴Pt - ¹⁹⁵Pt doublet.









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Definition of a group

- A set of elements G and a multiplication operation.
- Axioms:
 - Closure

$$g \in G \land g' \in G \Rightarrow g \circ g' \in G$$

Associativity

$$g \circ (g' \circ g'') = (g \circ g') \circ g''$$

· Existence of an identity element e

 $e \circ g = g \circ e = g$

• Existence of unique inverse for every element g

$$g \circ g^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ g = e$$

• Commutativity is not required.



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Casimir operators

• An operator that commutes with all generators of G is called a Casimir operator and denoted as (n is the order of the operator in the generators)

 $C_n[G]$

• Thus:

 $H = \sum_{n} \kappa_{n} C_{n} [G] \implies H \text{ has symmetry } G$

- Example: Rotations in three dimensions, SO(3).
 - Second-order Casimir operator of SO(3):

 $C_2[SO(3)] = j_x^2 + j_y^2 + j_z^2 \equiv j^2$

• SO(3) symmetry:

 $H = j^2 \implies H has SO(3)$ symmetry

• Degeneracy and state labelling:

 $C_{2}[SO(3)]jm_{j}\rangle = j(j+1)|jm_{j}\rangle$




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Multifragmentation Volume effect Dynamics of a phase transition







Phase Transition

Phase Transition



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Phase Transition









Radioactivity **Quantum property Exponential decay** $dN/dt = -N/T_{life}$ **Finite life time** but always young **Transmutation**

« In » Or « Out »





« In » And « Out »



Schrödinger Cat

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