

# Nükleer Deformasyonda Eşleşme Kuvvetinin Rolü

## The Pairing Force In Nuclear Deformation

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*İkileşme kuvveti küresel simetriyi korumaya çalışır, fakat valans nucleonlar ilave oldukça, çekirdek deforme olmaya başlar ve kolektif görünümlü rotasyonel spektraya götürülen quadropol kuvveti etki eder. Dolayısı ile küresel çekirdeklerde quadropol kuvveti ve deforme çekirdeklerde ikileşme kuvveti perturbasyon olarak kabul edilir.*

*The pairing force tries to hold the spherical symmetry in a nucleus, but as valence nucleons are added the nucleus begins to deform and the quadropole forces act, leading to rotational spectra in collective features. Therefore when spherical nuclei are considered the quadropole force is the perturbation and when the deformed nuclei are considered the pairing force is assumed to be the perturbation.*

The short range force between two nucleons in the same energy state, effecting primarily the particles in unfilled shells in nuclei, is named as pairing force.

In a  $(j^2)$ , configuration the attraction is less for high  $J$  values, and they are depressed to have zero energy for all  $J \neq 0$ . This suggests the pairing force of the form :

$$V = -\frac{1}{4} A^+ A$$
, where  $A^+$  creates and  $A$  destroys a pair of particles in  $J=0$  state, and  $G$  is the strength of the pairing force.

If  $|0\rangle$  represents the closed shell then  $(A^+)^{N/2}|0\rangle$  is an  $N$  particle state. Infact this is the eigenfunction of  $V$ .

$$i. e. V(A^+)^{N/2}|0\rangle = \left\{ \frac{1}{4} GN^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( j + \frac{3}{2} \right) GN \right\} (A^+)^{N/2}|0\rangle ;$$

in terms of seniority (the number of unpaired particles,  $\nu$ ) this becomes :

$$V |NvJ\rangle = -\frac{1}{4} G (N-v) (2j+3-N-v) |NvJ\rangle$$

which shows that the energy is independent of  $J$ . The same result can be obtained by using Quasi-spin description using the analogy of the quasi-spin operator to that of the angular momentum operator. The states  $v$  can be excited to higher with  $\Delta v \leq 2$ .

If more than one level has to be filled  $(j_1, j_2 \dots)^N$  the Hamiltonian becomes :

$$H = \frac{1}{4} GA^2 A + \sum \epsilon_v a_v^\dagger a_v$$

where  $a_v^\dagger$  creates and  $a_v$  destroys a particle in state  $v$  and each level has energy  $\epsilon_v$ . There is an approximate solution to this by using quasi-particles. The method involves writing  $H$  in terms of quasi-particle operators :

$$\beta_v = U_v a_v + P_v v a_v^\dagger, \text{ and } \beta_v^\dagger,$$

where  $P$  has the form  $(-)^{l-m}$ , and  $u_v^2 + v_v^2 = 1$ . Choosing  $u/v$  and neglecting higher order terms in  $\beta$ , and  $\beta_v^\dagger$ .

$$H = H_{00} + H_{11} \text{ where}$$

$$H_{00} = \sum \epsilon_v v_v - \Delta^2/G - \frac{1}{2} G \sum v_v^4$$

$$H_{11} = \sum \{ (\epsilon_v - G v_v^2) (u_v^2 - v_v^2) + 2\Delta u_v v_v \} \beta_v^\dagger \beta_v$$

$$\Delta = \frac{G}{2} \sum u_v v_v$$

And the total energy of the system :

$$E = H_{00} + \sum E_v \quad (\text{sum over all occupied orbits})$$

The lowest energy corresponding to the quasi-particle vacuum

$$|0\rangle \text{ is } E = H_{00}$$

By neglecting the higher order terms in the Hamiltonian, the effect of some particles have been lost. To compensate for this, add a

$-\lambda N$  to the Hamiltonian. The condition for the second order terms  $H_{20} + H_{22} = 0$  gives  $\lambda$  and  $\Delta$  in terms of the strength of the pairing force, number of particles to be fed in and the level energies. However if  $G$  is small there is no solution to  $\lambda$  and  $\Delta$ .

For even even nucleus the quasiparticle energies are given by :

$$E_v = \sqrt{\Delta^2 + \epsilon(j-\lambda)^2}, \quad \Delta \text{ large}$$

The gap between the 0 quasi-particle level  $|0\rangle$  and 2 quasi particle level  $\beta_v^+ \beta_v^+ |0\rangle$  is of the order of  $2\Delta$  and it is named as pairing gap.

In case of an odd nucleus :

$$E_{v'} - E_v \cong (\epsilon_v - \epsilon_{v'}) \left( \frac{\epsilon_v + \epsilon_{v'}}{2} - \lambda \right)$$

where  $E_{v'}$  and  $E_v$  are the highest and the lowest energies in each quasi particle level. The pairing gap is about  $2\Delta$  between 1 quasi-particle and 3 quasi-particle levels.

In even even nuclei experimentally it is found that the 2<sup>+</sup> level is pushed down. This is due to the splitting of the 2 quasiparticle level. But even if  $H_{22}$  (one of the second order terms in the Hamiltonian) is applied this effect can not be eliminated. This implies that there is an effect of a long range Quadrupole force leading to rotational spectra in collective features. Quadrupole force is assumed as perturbation when spherical nuclei is considered, whereas pairing force is the perturbation when deformed nuclei is considered.

When valence particles are added deformations would set, if there were not the pairing effect, but pairing holds the spherical symmetry as long as possible. However as the number of valence particles increase the nucleus tends to deform. Even after the deformation the pairing will introduce configuration mixing, in which pairs of particles are scattered among the last filled levels. The pairing tries to hang on to any symmetry possible, and even if spherical symmetry must be given up it seems to be able to keep up axial symmetry in the deformed system.

Pairing is the main factor near closed shells. In all regions the ground states of even nuclei are 0<sup>+</sup>. In the region of pairing an even

number of nucleons generally pair off to angular momentum 0 in an odd nucleus, leaving the net spin determined by the odd particle; although there are exceptions where three or more nucleons couple together in a less trivial way to form the ground state spin.

«It is not clear, however, that one can neglect interactions such as those of the pairing type between neutrons and protons in partially filled shells, nor that effects from four body type interactions don't built up.»

The effect of pairing on the moment of inertia can be calculated and it is shown that it decreases the moment of inertia considerably.

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