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An Application of Interacting Boson Model-2 (IBM-2) Configuration Mixing in Tin Nuclei

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ABSTRACT

Using IBM-2 configuration mixing calculations, the normal and intruder 2p-2h bands in even-even tin isotopes are examined. The states of the normal and intruder bands were computed separately and then mixed using a basic band-mixing Hamiltonian. The experimental data for energy levels and electronic transition probability from current and past investigations are compared.

Keywords: Interacting boson model; configuration mixing; Sn nuclei.

1. INTRODUCTION

The structure of even-even Sn nuclei has previously been investigated using a variety of models, including the BCS approach with neutron two-quasiparticle excitation [1], brokenpair or generalized seniority schemes [2], and others. In the Z=50 zone, the presence of a collective band commencing at 0^+ level [3] is a common occurrence. Excitations over the proton shell closure at Z=50 are the source of these intruder states [4]. Wenes et al., [5] used a model that included both pure quadrupole vibrational excitations of doubly even nuclei and proton

2p-2h configurations paired with quadrupole vibrational excitations to examine these collective bands in even-even Sn isotopes. The lowest 2^+_1 state in $116,118,120$ Sn has been defined as vibrational states by Ring and Schuck [6]. The levels 2^+_2 , 2^+_3 and 4^+_1 exhibit a vibrational property, according to a Coulomb excitation study in even Sn isotopes [7]. The measured value of $B(E2; 4^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$ for ^{116,118}Sn, for example, is the same as the anticipated value $2B(E2; 2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_1)$ for a two phonon vibrational

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state. The $B(E2; 2^{+}_{2} \rightarrow 0^{+}_{1})$ and

 $B(E2; 2^+_3 \rightarrow 0^+_1)$ transitions likewise severely delayed. Wenes *et al*., viewed the low-lying structure of Sn isotopes as evidence of extensive mixing between the vibrational and rotational structures. The lowlying levels of ^{115,117,119}Sn isotopes were recently explained in terms of the $U^{\textit{BF}}\left(5\right)\otimes \textit{SU}^{\textit{F}}\left(4\right)$ dynamical symmetry *U*(6/ 20) super Lie group [8]. The intruder bands in neighboring Cd [9] and Te [10] nuclei have been well described in IBM-2 using a configuration mixing analysis. The regular and intruder configurations are strongly intermingled, according to these findings. The experimental electric transition rate estimates of several Sn isotope transitions also point to a significant mixing of the two coexisting forms.

The goal of this research is to investigate the ground-state band up to two phonon triplets and the collective bands in even-even $112,114, 116,118$ Sn nuclei using IBM-2 mixing configuration calculations in which the 2p-2h band is linked to the ground band's anharmonic quadrupole vibration. In the context of I spin, it's also important to consider the implications for Sn isotopes [11].

2. THE INTERACTING BOSON MODEL-2 (IBM-2)

In this work, the neutron-proton version of the Interacting Boson Model (IBM-2) is employed,

which distinguishes between neutron (V) and proton (π) bosons; a detailed explanation of IBM-2 may be found in [12]. In IBM-2, there are three terms to the Hamiltonian operator: one for proton bosons, one for neutron bosons, and one for interactions between unlike bosons. The approach of Duval and Barrett [12] is used in this calculation. The IBM-2 Hamiltonian is defined as follows::

$$
H = \varepsilon_d (d^+_{\pi} d^-_{\pi} + d^+_{\nu} d^-_{\nu}) + \kappa (Q^{\wedge}_{\pi} Q^{\wedge}_{\nu}) + V_{\pi\pi} + V_{\nu\nu} + M_{\pi\nu}
$$

........(1)

Where

$$
V_{\rho \rho} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J=0.2.4} (2L+1)^{1/2} C_{L\rho} \left[\left(d_{\rho}^{+} \times d_{\rho}^{+} \right)_{\pi}^{(L)} \left(d_{\rho}^{-} \times d_{\rho}^{-} \right)^{(L)} \right]^{(0)} \dots \dots (2)
$$

refers to the interaction between bosons that are similar. The proton (π) or neutron (V) bosons are represented by the letter ρ .

Where
$$
Q_{\pi}Q_{\nu}
$$
 as:

$$
Q_{\rho}^{(2)} = (s_{\rho}^{+} \times d_{\rho}^{-} + d_{\rho}^{+} \times s_{\rho})^{(2)} + \chi_{\rho} (d_{\rho}^{+} \times d_{\rho}^{-})^{(2)}
$$

................. (3)

presented the neutron and proton bosons quadrupole-quadrupole interaction.

$$
M_{\pi\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\xi_2(s_{\pi}^+ \times d_{\nu}^+ - d_{\pi}^+ \times s_{\nu}^+)(s_{\pi} \times d_{\nu}^- - d_{\nu}^- \times s_{\pi}) - \sum_{K=1,3} \xi_K \left[\left(d_{\pi}^+ \times d_{\nu}^+ \right)^{(K)} \cdot \left[d_{\pi}^- \times d_{\nu}^- \right]^{(K)} \right) \cdots
$$
 (4)

is the Majorana force. Both the normal and intruder configurations are computed separately using the above Hamiltonian. The two configurations are then combined using the mixing operator.

$$
V_{mix} = \alpha (s_{\pi}^+ s_{\pi}^+ + s_{\pi}^- s_{\pi}^-)^{(0)} + \beta (d_{\pi}^+ d_{\pi}^+ + d_{\pi}^- d_{\pi}^-)^{\dots} \tag{5}
$$

Where α and $\,\beta\,$ are strength parameters for the interaction between the two configurations that can be modified In our approach, $\left< H+V_{\scriptscriptstyle mix}\right>$ was diagonalized using the basis consisting of the lowest four eigenstates of each configuration. The entire mixing Hamiltonian is then calculated as follows:

...(6) *Hmix H*¹ *H*² *Vmix*

where $H_1(H_2)$ is the IBM-2 Hamiltonian for the first (second) configuration, as defined by Eq. (6), and the energies of the second configuration have been increased by an amount \boldsymbol{V}_{mix} .

The energy gap parameter Δ between the two configurations is calculated using the relation [12];

$$
\Delta = B.E(Z, N) - B.E(Z - 2, N) - B.E(Z + 2, N) + B.E(Z, N) + 4V_{ph} \cdots \cdots
$$
\n(7)

 $B.E$ is the ground-state binding energy, and $\frac{V}{p^h}$ is the particle-hole interaction energy.

Reduced electric transition probability values of transitions and electric quadrupole moments are calculated using mixed wave functions. The E2 transition operator is defined as follows:

$$
T^{(E2)} = e_0 (e_{\pi 0} Q_{\pi 0} + e_{\nu 0} Q_{\nu 0}) + e_2 (e_{\pi 2} Q_{\pi 2} + e_{\nu 2} Q_{\nu 2}) \cdots \cdots \tag{8}
$$

where Q_{ρ} is defined by Eq.(3) and e_{j} and $e_{j\rho}$ ($j=0,2$) are variables that can be changed. The prefixes 0 and 2 respectively correspond to the normal and intruder setups. The reduced electric transition probability *B*(*E*2) is written as:

$$
B(E2; J_i^+ \to J_f^+) = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \Big| < J_f^+ \Big| T^{(E2)} \Big| J_i^+ \Big|^2 \dots
$$
\n(9)

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Energy Levels

In Sn isotopes, distinguishing the high-energy members of the usual ground-state band is particularly difficult. In these isotopes, even the two phonon triplets mix with the 2p-2h band and the neutron two quasiparticle levels. In our calculations, we used levels up to the lowest 4^{+}_{1}

of the regular band and up to the condition of the invading band. Only terms in the Hamiltonian involving neutron bosons will contribute to the estimation of the energy value because the Sn isotopes' typical configuration lacks proton bosons. The three parameters used in the normal band calculation are \mathcal{L}_d , $C_{0\pi}$, and $C_{2\pi}$,

and their values are presented in Table (1).

A gamma soft structure is expected for the intruder configuration. For this calculation, the intruder band was chosen because it has an $E(4_1^+)/E(2_1^+)$ ratio of around 2.0, which is close to the SU(5) limit. The values of the parameter \mathcal{E}_{d} adopted show a smooth variation with the neutron number, peaking at mid-shell. The value of κ increases from $N = 62$ to $N = 64$, then gradually decreases as the neutron number increases. A similar form of neutron number dependency has been reported for the parameter K in the computation of Te isotopes. In all intruder bands of Sn isotopes, the

value of $\chi_{\pi}^{\vphantom{\dagger}}$ has been kept constant. The $\chi_{\nu}^{\vphantom{\dagger}}$

parameter in the intruder configuration has been altered. The adopted values for this parameter are somewhat less than zero. Calculations on adjacent Cd isotopes yielded the Majorana force parameters ξ_1 , ξ_2 , and ξ_3 [9]. The V_{mix} mixing operator admixes the two separately determined configurations. According to Jolie and Lehmann [13], there is only one free parameter for a U(5)-O(6) mixing using Eq.(5) because the matrix components of the two terms containing the two types of bosons are not independent.

As a result, we simply employed one parameter, α , and we didn't vary it based on the mass number. The energy-gap parameter Δ between the two configurations was calculated using Eq.(7). The $Z = 50$ region the V_{ph} value was found to be 2.540 MeV [14]. The required experimental binding energy values were calculated using the Ref. [15]. The remaining options are all set to zero.

The energy levels of $112-118$ Sn even-even isotopes were compared to experiment values [16,17,18,19] are listed in Table (2). The estimated and actual energy spectra of ¹¹²Sn and ¹¹⁴Sn nuclei have also been shown to agree. The wave function has little effect on e energy values. As a result, the transition probabilities must be calculated, which are highly dependent on the system's wave function.

Parameters	112 Sn	114 Sn	116 Sn	118 Sn			
\mathcal{E}_d	1.25	1.30	1.25	1.20			
κ	-0.167	-0.140	-0.147	-0.158			
$\chi_{_V}$	0.73	0.65	1.90	0.85			
${\mathcal X}_{\pi}$	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40			
$C_{0\nu}$	-0.31	-0.31	-0.35	-0.31			
C_{2v}	-0.15	-0.15	-0.20	-0.12			
$C_{4\nu}$	-0.05	0.0	0.0	0.0			
ξ_2	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04			
MeV $\overline{\xi_1} = \xi_3 = 0.24$ MeV, $C_{0\pi}$ $=C_{2\pi}=C_{4\pi}=0.0$							

Table 1a. The IBM-2 Hamiltonian Parameters in (MeV units) for Normal Configuration $({N_\pi=0})$

Table 1b. The IBM-2 Hamiltonian Parameters in (MeV units) for Intruder Configuration $(N_{_{\pi}}=2)$

 $\zeta_1 = \zeta_3 = 0.24$ " *MeV,* $C_{0\pi} = C_{2\pi} = C_{4\pi} = 0.0$

Table 2. Comparison between experimental and IBM-2 energy levels for Sn isotopes (in MeV units)

	112 Sn	114 Sn				
Levels	Exp. [16]		IBM-2		IBM-2	
		$N_\tau = 0$	$N_{\tau} = 2$		$N_{\tau} = 0$	$N_{\pi} = 2$
0^{+}_{1}	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2^{+}_{1}	1.256	1.256	1.255	1.299	1.299	1.301
4^{+}_{1}	2.247	2.244	2.787	2.187	2.200	2.521
6^{+}_{1}	2.549	2.611	2.891	3.149	3.183	3.542
8^{+}_{1}	4.770	4.801	5.011	3.871	3.901	4.341
10^{+}_{1}	4.880	4.971	5.189	4.139	4.220	4.341
2^{+}_{2}	2.151	2.220	2.592	2.238	2.267	2.890
0^{+}_{2}	2.190	2.258	2.491	1.953	1.843	2.225

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3.2 Electric Transition Probability

To calculate the electric operator, we relied on Eq.(8). The identification of proton and neutron bosons effective charges $e_{\pi}^{\,}$ and $e_{\nu}^{\,}$ is crucial for an E2 transition. These isotopes lying in SU(5) limit (vibrational symmetry), therefore, the relationship between (e_{π}, e_{ν}) and the reduced transition probability B(E2) for vibrational limit is given in the form [20]:

$$
B(E2; 2_1^+ \to 0_1^+) = \frac{5}{N} (e_\pi N_\pi + e_\nu N_\pi)^2 \dots \dots \dots \dots (10)
$$

where $B(E2; 2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_1)$ is the experimental reduced transition probability from the first excited states 2^+_1 to the ground state 0^+_1 , N is the total number of bosons. The relation (10) was used to estimate the effective boson charges for

proton and neutron bosons. In this calculation we use the following criteria to determine the effective charges. $e_{\pi} = 0.12$ e.b is a constant throughout the whole isotopic chain and the $e_v = 0.09, 0.085, 0.070$ and 0.075 e.b for 112,114,116,118Sn respectively and the ration ratio e_2 / e_0 = 1.2

Between the states, *B*(*E*2) values were obtained by evaluating matrix members of the $T^{(E2)}$ operator. Only the neutron component of the first term of the $T^{(E2)}$ operator contributes to the typical configuration of Sn isotopes. Only *e* and χ_{ν} are used to evaluate the matrix elements of the first term of the $T^{(E2)}$ operator. The parameters χ_{ν} and χ_{π} are the same as in the computation of the energy value. The effective

neutron bosonic charge values used exhibit a gradually changed with neutron number, becoming minimum for $N=66$. In the calculations on neighboring Te isotopes [10], a similar type of variance was detected. For both configurations, the effective bosonic charge for neutron bosons has remained constant. The ratio of the parameters e_{2} / e_{0} , which has been kept constant at 1.2 for all $112-118$ Sn isotopes, has a large impact on the E2 matrix elements.

Table (3) compares experimental and computed $B(E2)$ values for the isotopes $112-118$ Sn. Some of the discrepancies between experimental findings and theoretical predictions are

discussed. The E2 transition probability of the $2^+_3 \rightarrow 2^+_1$ and $0^+_3 \rightarrow 2^+_1$ transitions in ¹¹⁶Sn are over-predicted. This suggests that the current model may have overestimated the intruder band's contributions to the 2^+_3 and 0^+_3 states. There aren't a lot of experimental data on $112,114$ Sn isotopes. The experimental value of the transition $4^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_1$ surprisingly tiny when compared to surrounding $116,118$ Sn isotopes, and cannot be explained using the current model. One reason could be that there is a strong contribution from the neutron two quasiparticle structures in this 4^+_1 state.

Table 3. IBM-2 and experimental electric transition probability for $^{112\text{-}118}$ Sn isotopes in e^2b^2 **units**

Isotopes	Transitions	Exp.	IBM-2
	$2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_1$	0.0512(12)	0.0050
	$2^{+}_{2} \rightarrow 0^{+}_{1}$	0.00013(4)	0.00018
	0^+ $\to 2^+$	≤ 0.029	0.031
^{112}Sn	$2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	0.037(150)	0.038
	2^+ \rightarrow 0^+	< 0.00019	0.00022
	$2^+_3 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	< 0.0014	0.0019
	$4^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	0.018(30)	0.020
	$2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_1$	0.05(100)	0.055
	2^+ \rightarrow 0 ⁺	0.07(300)	0.074
	0^+ $\to 2^+$	0.0003	0.00041
^{114}Sn	2^+ \rightarrow 2^+	0.016	0.018
	$2^+_{3} \rightarrow 0^+_{1}$	0.013	0.0142
	2^+ \rightarrow 2^+	0.021(60)	0.022
	$4^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	< 0.01	0.011
	$4^{\circ}_{2} \rightarrow 2^{\circ}_{1}$	0.25	0.028
	$2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_1$	0.0417(13)	0.0420
	2^+ \rightarrow 0 ⁺	0.0002(8)	0.00025
	0^+ $\to 2^+$	0.0605(101)	0.066
	2^+ \rightarrow 2^+	0.0131(50)	0.0135
^{116}Sn	$2^+_{3} \rightarrow 0^+_{1}$	0.00017(10)	0.0002
	$2^{\tiny +}_3 \rightarrow 2^{\tiny +}_1$	0.0101(54)	0.012
	$4^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	0.1277(706)	0.129

Experimental data are taken from Refs. [16,17,18,19]

resulting in a lower transition probability. The experimental value of the transition
 $P(PQ) \cdot P^2 \cdot P^3$ for P^3 isotope is $B(E2; 0^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$ isotope is approximately half that of $114,116,118$ Sn isotopes, a fact that our calculation does not recreate. Except for these discrepancies, practically every other transition can be described using this simple model. One of the biggest sources of mistake, we believe, may be traced back to the omission of the contributions of two quasiparticle states.

The electric quadrupole moment of the first excited state was calculated based on the following equation:

$$
Q_J = \left[\frac{16\pi}{5}\right]^{1/2} \left[\begin{array}{cc} J & 2 & J \\ -J & 0 & J \end{array}\right] < J_J \|T^{(E2)}\|J_J > \dots \dots \tag{11}
$$

We estimated the electric quadrupole moment of the first 2^+_1 state in addition to the transition probabilities. In Table (4), the IBM-2 results are compared to the experimental results. Obviously, the $Q(2_1^*)$ values are negative, which means these isotopes have an oblate shape in this first excited state.

4. CONCLUSION

In this research, we looked at both regular and intruder configurations using IBM-2 mixed configuration calculation. Both normal and intruder bands are accurately reproduced by this calculation. The differences between experimental B(E2) values and theoretical expectations, particularly in the two phonon triplets in the Sn isotopes, suggest that the low lying states have a far more complex structure. This analysis did not take into account the neutron two-quasiparticle structure, which could have altered the conclusions.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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