

Study of odd-even staggering and multi-phonon bands in ^{152}Sm from interacting boson model

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Introduction

The ^{152}Sm nucleus ($Z=62$, $N=90$) is lying between the transition from $SU(5)$ to $SU(3)$ limits of IBM[1]. The $N \leq 88$ nuclei are having spherical while the $N \geq 90$ nuclei are deformed in nature. For ^{152}Sm , the experimental values [2] of $R_4 (=E_{4g}/E_{2g})$ and $R_\beta (=E_{0\beta}/E_{2g})$ are 3.01 and 5.62, respectively and these ratios are very close to the $X(5)$ symmetry limiting values ($R_4 = 2.9$ and $R_\beta = 5.65$). Therefore, ^{152}Sm is the best example of $X(5)$ symmetry of IBM-1 [1].

The large experimental data is available for lower and higher multi-phonon bands from decay and reaction work [2, 3]. The IBM-1 [1] is used to study the energy spectra, $B(E2)$ values/ ratios for inter-band and intra-band transitions. We also test the odd-even spin staggering in γ -band. In the present work, we also studied that whether ^{152}Sm is axially symmetric rotor or rigid triaxial rotor?

The interacting boson model

The Hamiltonian of IBM can be written as:

$$\mathbf{H} = \epsilon \mathbf{n}_d + \mathbf{a}_0 (\mathbf{P}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{P}) + \mathbf{a}_1 (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L}) + \mathbf{a}_2 (\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{Q}) + \mathbf{a}_3 (\mathbf{T}_3 \cdot \mathbf{T}_3) + \mathbf{a}_4 (\mathbf{T}_4 \cdot \mathbf{T}_4). \quad (1)$$

Where,

$$\mathbf{n}_d = (\mathbf{d}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{d}^-); \mathbf{P} = (1/2)\{(\mathbf{d}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{d}^-) - (\mathbf{s}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{s}^-)\}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \sqrt{10} (\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{d}^-)^{(1)}; \mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{s}^- + \mathbf{s}^\dagger \mathbf{d}^-]^{(2)}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_3 = [\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{d}^-]^{(2)}; \mathbf{T}_4 = [\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{d}^-]^{(4)}.$$

The PHINT [4] is used to get the unique values of ϵ , a_0 , a_1 and a_2 ($a_3=a_4=0$) parameters for which the energy levels with reliable spin assignment ($I^\pi \leq 10^+$) are the input. These four parameters with $E2SD (=a_2)$ and $E2DD (= \sqrt{5}\beta_2)$ are the input for the FBEM [5]. The $E2$ transition operator can be written as:

$$\mathbf{T}(E2) = \alpha_2 [\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{s}^- + \mathbf{s}^\dagger \mathbf{d}^-]^{(2)} + \beta_2 [\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{d}^-]^{(2)} \quad (2)$$

where α_2 is called the boson effective charge, simply the scaling parameter and affecting the

$B(E2)$ values; β_2 accounts for nuclear shape transition.

Result and Discussion

Energy Spectra of Lower and Multi-phonon Bands

The calculated values of energies for g , β_1 , γ_1 , β_2 , β_3 , γ_2 and $K^\pi = 4^+$ bands are compared with the experimental values [2, 3] and are given in Table 1. There is agreement between experimental and IBM values of energies for lower and higher multi-phonon bands.

Transition Rate

The absolute $B(E2)$ values for $(\gamma \rightarrow g)$ and $(\beta \rightarrow g)$ transitions depend on the intrinsic matrix elements and geometrical factors [6]. The $B(E2)$ branching ratio for two transitions from a particular level in a given band to the two states of other band i.e. $(I_i \rightarrow I_f/I_f')$ depends on the Alaga value [6]. In the $SU(3)$ limit these rules are slightly modified because the $(\gamma \rightarrow g)$ and $(\beta \rightarrow g)$ transitions are prohibited, but in the slightly broken symmetry the $(\gamma \rightarrow g)$ transition should be faster than $(\beta \rightarrow g)$ transition. The observed $B(E2)$ ratios are obtained from the γ -ray spectrum data, using the relation [7]:

$$\mathbf{B}(E2; I_i \rightarrow I_f/I_f') = [I_\gamma/I_\gamma'] \{E_\gamma'/E_\gamma\}^5. \quad (3)$$

Where, E_γ and E_γ' are the γ -ray energies for $(I_i \rightarrow I_f)$ and $(I_i \rightarrow I_f')$ transitions; I_γ and I_γ' are the intensities, respectively.

The $B(E2)$ values and ratios are calculated for inter and intra band transitions (Results will be presented).

Odd-Even Staggering (OES)

The idea of OES in γ -band was given by McCutchan et al. [8] and Zamfir and Casten [9]. Recently, Gupta et al. [10] illustrated that the values of OES index $S(4)$ is close to zero for $N=90$ (Sm, Gd, Dy) isotones and small for $N>90$ (Sm, Gd, Dy, Er) well deformed nuclei.

The OES effect represents the relative displacement of the odd spin levels of the γ -band with respect to their neighboring levels with even spin. The band mixing interaction pushes the even spin members in γ -band relative to the odd spin members, due to the interaction with even spin members of the ground band [11]. The OES is calculated by using the expression [8, 9]:

$$S(J) = \frac{[E(J) - E(J-1)] - [E(J-1) - E(J-2)]}{E 2_1^+} \quad (4)$$

Table 1: The value of experimental [2, 3] and IBM energies (in MeV) for various bands.

I^π	K^π	IBM1	Expt.	Diff.
2g	0 ₁ ⁺	0.1315	0.1218	-0.0097
4g	0 ₁ ⁺	0.3698	0.3665	-0.0033
6g	0 ₁ ⁺	0.6992	0.7069	0.0077
8g	0 ₁ ⁺	1.1097	1.1254	0.0157
10g	0 ₁ ⁺	1.5942	1.6093	0.0151
0 _β	0 ₂ ⁺	0.6649	0.6848	0.0199
2 _β	0 ₂ ⁺	0.8166	0.8105	-0.0061
4 _β	0 ₂ ⁺	1.1495	1.023	-0.1265
6 _β	0 ₂ ⁺	1.5402	1.3105	-0.2297
8 _β	0 ₂ ⁺	1.9983	1.6665	-0.3318
10 _β	0 ₂ ⁺	2.5228	2.0796	-0.4432
2 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	1.0294	1.0858	0.0564
3 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	1.1005	1.2339	0.1334
4 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	1.4366	1.3717	-0.0649
5 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	1.4807	1.5596	0.0789
6 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	1.9086	1.7283	-0.1803
7 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	1.9312	1.9459	0.0147
8 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	2.4472	2.1397	-0.3075
9 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	2.4501	2.3755	-0.0746
10 _γ	2 ₁ ⁺	3.0500	2.6625	-0.3875
0 _{β2}	0 ₃ ⁺	1.4960	1.0823	-0.4137
2 _{β2}	0 ₃ ⁺	1.5890	1.2928	-0.2962
4 _{β2}	0 ₃ ⁺	1.7069	1.6129	-0.094
6 _{β2}	0 ₃ ⁺	2.2044	2.0042	-0.2002
0 _{β3}	0 ₄ ⁺	1.5924	1.6588	0.0664
2 _{β3}	0 ₄ ⁺	1.8954	(1.7766)	-0.1188
0 ₅₊	0 ₅ ⁺	2.3952	1.755	-0.6402
2 ₆₊	2 ₂ ⁺	1.8799	1.7691	-0.1108
(3 ₂₊)	2 ₂ ⁺	2.0891	1.9077	-0.1814
4+	4 ₁ ⁺	2.1268	1.757	-0.3698
5+	4 ₁ ⁺	2.1672	1.8911	-0.2761
6+	4 ₁ ⁺	2.6665	2.0401	-0.6264
7+	4 ₁ ⁺	2.6904	2.206	-0.4844
8+	4 ₁ ⁺	2.7388	2.3917	-0.3471
9+	4 ₁ ⁺	3.2660	2.588	-0.678
10+	4 ₁ ⁺	3.3227	(2.810)	-0.5127

The staggering index $S(J)$ is calculated using Eqn. (4) and its variation with J is shown in Fig. 1. The index of odd-even spin staggering is a quantitative measurement of OES with spin. The experimental value of $S(4)$ is -0.085 while IBM value is 2.015 which is close to the rigid triaxial rotor value of 1.67. This reflects rigid triaxial rotor nature of ¹⁵²Sm.

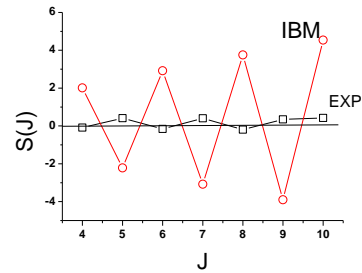


Fig. 1: The variation of OES index $S(J)$ vs. J .

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