

Vibrational versus Rotational Sign Rule for the Mixing Ratio

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In the rotational limit, the well-known rule for the E2/M1 mixing ratio on the ground-state band in odd-A nuclei reads¹⁾

$$\delta_{\text{rot}} (I \rightarrow I-1) \sim \frac{Q_0}{g_k - g_R}.$$

Here Q_0 is the ground-state deformation.

We have derived the corresponding expression for the mixing ratio for the vibrational yrast band. Our result is

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\text{VIB}} (j+2N+j+2N-1) &= 0.835 E_\gamma \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2j} \left(\frac{2j+4N+2}{2j+4N-2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{Q(j)}{g_j - g_R} \\ \delta_{\text{VIB}} (j+2N-1+j+2N-2) &= 0.835 E_\gamma \frac{1}{3} (16\pi/5)^{1/2} \frac{\hbar\omega_2}{|a_1|} \\ &\times \left(\frac{B(E2)(N, 2N+N-1, 2N-2)}{N} \right)^{1/2} \frac{2j+2}{2j-1} \frac{2j}{((2j+4N)(2j+4N-4))^{1/2}} \\ &\times \frac{1}{|Q(j)|} \frac{Q(j)}{g_j - g_R}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the sign rule is

$$\delta_{\text{VIB}} (I \rightarrow I-1) \sim \frac{Q(j)}{g_j - g_R}.$$

Taking into account the rotational formula

$$Q(k=j) = \frac{j(2j-1)}{(j+1)(2j+3)} Q_0,$$

we see that the sign rule for nuclei with static deformation is the same as for spherical nuclei with dynamical vibrations.