

The microscopic origin of the Interacting Boson Model

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Abstract

Elliott in 1958 applied for the first time Algebras in Nuclear Physics [1]. In references [1–4] Elliott, Harvey and Wilsdon created the Shell Model $SU(3)$ symmetry (nowadays called the Elliott $SU(3)$ symmetry), which is the algebraic realization of the nuclear Shell Model [5, 6]. Specifically in Ref. [3] Elliott and Harvey proved that the Shell Model single-particle orbitals in the cartesian coordinate system generate a nuclear spectrum, which is organized in rotational bands identified by the band quantum number K .

Of special interest is the L -projection technique, accomplished in Ref. [2], through which, the familiar nuclear states (those we observe in the data) are being projected out of a single, leading, many-quanta wave function. The L -projection technique has also been accomplished by Vergados in 1968 [7], where he produced analytic expressions for the expansion coefficients. But this L -projection technique can be also accomplished through successive couplings of spherical tensors. Specifically since one harmonic oscillator quantum is a spherical tensor of rank 1, a symmetric pair of quanta is either a spherical tensor of rank 0 or of rank 2. It will be suggested that these spherical tensors of rank 0 and 2 (those which Elliott treated into the L -projection technique) can be the s and d bosons of the Interacting Boson Model in its $SU(3)$ limit [8]. In this way each Elliott $SU(3)$ irrep is mapped into a single $SU(3)$ irrep of the Interacting Boson Model; no spurious irreps appear.

If so, the Interacting Boson Model is linked with the Elliott $SU(3)$ symmetry and inevitably with the nuclear Shell Model. Specific examples will be given, out of which it will become clear that the leading state of the Elliott Model is a coherent state of Ginocchio and Kirson [9], with well defined and quite expected values of the deformation variables β, γ of the Bohr and Mottelson Model [10]. Thus, four major nuclear models are being connected: the Shell Model, the Elliott $SU(3)$, the Interacting Boson Model and the Bohr and Mottelson Model.

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