

Coherent Quadrupole-Octupole States from a SUSY-QM Hamiltonian Hierarchy and Shape Invariance

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We briefly review the basic concept of the supersymmetric (SUSY) approach in quantum mechanics (QM) referring to the Schrödinger equation for a class of solvable one-dimensional potentials which satisfy the so-called shape-invariance condition [1,2]. On this basis we show that the potential in the radial equation in the model of coherent quadrupole-octupole motion (CQOM) in nuclei [3–6] generates a sequence of superpotentials and subsequent series of effective potentials which satisfy the shape-invariance condition and correspond to a SUSY-QM hierarchy of Hamiltonians. It is known that the set of operators involved in such a hierarchy has a superalgebraic structure. On this basis we suggest that the original CQOM level scheme possesses a generic supersymmetric structure of the spectrum inherent for the coherent quadrupole-octupole mode. We outline the mechanism in which the real quadrupole-octupole spectra in even-even and odd-even nuclei deviate from the genuine symmetry. By using it we illustrate the possibilities to identify the signs of supersymmetry in the alternating-parity spectra of even-even nuclei and the quasi-parity doublet levels of odd-mass nuclei described within the CQOM model approach. The analysis supports the relevance of the model classification scheme in nuclear quadrupole-octupole spectra and its applicability as a basis to solve the more general problem of quadrupole-octupole motions beyond the restrictions imposed by the coherent mode.

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