

Prolate-Oblate Shape Transition in Neutron-Rich Heavy Rare Earths

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A prolate to oblate shape transition is known to occur in neutron-rich rare earths at $N = 116$ [1], with ^{190}W [2], ^{192}Os [3], and ^{194}Pt [4] identified as lying close to the transition point. We demonstrate that this transition is predicted within an approximate SU(3) scheme for heavy deformed nuclei [5] in a parameter-independent way.

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