Size, Shape and Deformation of Nuclei

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Nuclear Size and Shape

Experimental Observations

- Compactness of ⁴He and a hole inside it
- Halo nuclei: the radius of halo nucleus appreciably larger than that predicted by the liquid drop model
- Neutron skin
- Fluctuation of the central nuclear matter density distribution

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Point-nucleon charge distributions of ³He and ⁴He Hole inside ³He and ⁴He *I. Sick, PRC, vol. 15, No.4; LNP, vol. 87, p.236*



FIG. 15. Model-independent densities of pointlike protons in 3,4 He.

Nuclear Size and Shape

Experimental Observations

- Halo nuclei: the radius of halo nucleus R_{halo} appreciably larger than that predicted by the liquid drop model
- Halo nuclei: ⁶He, ⁸He, ¹¹Li, ...

 $R_{halo} \gg 1.3 A^{1/3}$





Motivation Nuclear Size and Shape Neutron skin



Fluctuation of central nuclear density



Motivation Nuclear Deformation

Experiment

All nuclei are deformed

• The simplest deformation: electric quadrupole deformation





- Nuclear deformation is much more complicated: **multipole** deformations
- Nothing is known about deformation of the **neutron matter**

Diversity of models of Nuclear Structure

Nuclear Models in terms of nucleons and mesons

- Conventional models
 - Independent Particle Models (Shell Model, ...)
 - Collective models (Liquid Drop Model, ...)
 - Cluster models
 - Modifications of above models
- Non-conventional model
- There are more than 40 models ... (*W.Greiner et al.*) Effective Field Theories, EFT

QCD \rightarrow CSB: quark, gluon fields \rightarrow meson fields

Diversity of models of Nuclear Structure

Is it possible to build a model composing the features of all conventional models?

Do quarks manifest themselves explicitly in nuclear structure?

Yes It is possible!



SCQM – Strongly Correlated Quark Model of Nucleon Structure

G. Musulmanbekov, "Quarks as Vortices in Vacuum" in book Frontiers of Fundamental Physics, Kluwer Acad./Plenum Pub., 2001, p. 109-120.

G. Musulmanbekov, "Hadron Modifications in a Dense Baryonic Matter" PEPAN Lett., Vol., № 5, p. 548-558

\mathbf{QCD} – fundamental theory of strong interactions

- **Constituents of hadrons quarks** of different flavors carrying spin, charge, color.
 - flavors: u, d, s, c, b, t
 - spin: $\frac{1}{2}$
 - charge: $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$
 - color: $SU(3)_{Color}$ $R, G, B, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}$
- Fields gluons perform interactions between quarks.
- Nucleons 3–quark (u/d), color-singlet systems
- **Mesons** quark-antiquark systems

QCD (cont.)

QCD is non-abelian theory

Hadronic processes with high Q^2

pQCD: $\alpha_{\rm S} < 1, m_{\rm q} \rightarrow 0$, chiral symmetry

Low energy hadron and nuclear physics

non-pQCD: $\alpha_{s} > 1, m_{q} \neq 0$, chiral symmetry breaking

- Low energy approx. of QCD, effective theories., ...
- QCD-inspired phenomenology
 - NR constituent quark models
 - Bag models
 - Chiral quark models
 - Soliton models

pQCD → Low energy physics

Hard processes

- $-m_{q}=0$
- Chiral Symmetry

 $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ for $\psi_{L,R} = u$, d – current quarks **Low energy, hadron properties**

Chiral symmetry breaking = quark or *chiral* condensate:

 $\langle \Psi \Psi \rangle \simeq - (250 \text{ MeV})^3, \quad \Psi = u, d$

As a consequence massless valence quarks (u, d) acquire dynamical masses which we call constituent quarks $M_C \approx 350 - 400 \text{ MeV}$

quark – antiquark pair



Quarks – Solitons

SCQM = Breather Solution of Sine-Gordon equation

 $\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\phi(x,t) + \sin\phi(x,t) = 0$

Breather – oscillating soliton-antisoliton pair, the periodic solution of SG:

$$\phi(x,t)_{s-as} = 4 \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sinh(ut/\sqrt{1-u^2})}{u \cosh(x/\sqrt{1-u^2})} \right]$$

$$\varphi(x,t)_{s-as} = \frac{\partial \phi(x,t)_{s-as}}{\partial x}$$

is identical to our quarkantiquark system.

Breather, $\phi(x, t)$ non-linear "Standing wave"



The SCQM

Hamiltonian of the quark – antiquark system

$$H = \frac{m_{\bar{q}}}{(1 - \beta_{\bar{q}}^{2})^{1/2}} + \frac{m_{q}}{(1 - \beta_{q}^{2})^{1/2}} + V_{\bar{q}q}(2x)$$

 $m_{\overline{q}}, m_{q}$ - current masses of quarks, $\beta = \beta(\mathbf{x})$ - velocity of the quark (antiquark), $V_{\overline{q}q}$ - quark-antiquark potential.

$$H = \left[\frac{m_{\bar{q}}}{(1 - \beta_{\bar{q}}^{2})^{1/2}} + U(x)\right] + \left[\frac{m_{\bar{q}}}{(1 - \beta_{\bar{q}}^{2})^{1/2}} + U(x)\right] = H_{\bar{q}} + H_{\bar{q}}$$

 $U(x) = \frac{1}{2} V_{\overline{qq}}(2x)$ is the potential energy of a single quark/antiquark. $U(x) = \frac{1}{2} V_{\overline{qq}}(2x) = m \tanh^2(ax)$

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quark–antiquark pair **meson**



QCD: Exchange by gluons

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}(R\,\bar{R}+B\,\bar{B})$$

SCQM: Overlap of color fields

Generalization to the 3 – quark system (baryons)



Nucleon as 3 oscillating color quarks



"The wave packet solution of time-dependent Schrodinger equation for harmonic oscillator moves in exactly the same way as corresponding classical oscillator" *E. Schrodinger, 1926*

Dynamic Breaking-Restoration of Chiral Symmetry



U(x) > I - constituent quarksU(x) < II - current (relativistic) quarks24

Interplay between constituent and current quark states Chiral Symmetry Breaking Restoration



During the valence quarks oscillations:

$$|B\rangle = a_1|q_1q_2q_3\rangle + a_2|q_1q_2q_3\overline{q}q\rangle + a_3|q_1q_2q_3g_5\rangle + \dots$$

SCQM vs QCD



Parameters of SCQM for the Nucleon

1.Mass of Consituent Quark

$$M_{Q(\overline{Q})}(x_{\max}) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{m_{\Delta} + m_N}{2} \right) \approx 360 MeV,$$

2.Amplitude of VQs oscillations : $x_{max} = 0.64 \text{ fm}$,

3.Constituent quark dimensions (parameters of gaussian distribution): $\sigma_{x,y}=0.24$ fm, $\sigma_z=0.12$ fm

Parameters 2 and 3 are derived from comparison of Inelastic Overlap Function (IOF) and σ_{tot} in p p and pp – collisions.

Nucleons are nonspherical, triangular shaped! They are three-colored objects!

Quark Arrangements inside Nuclei



Two Nucleon System in SCQM



Interaction between nucleons is due to **overlap** of their quark color fields



Antisymmetrization

We need to define isospins, spins and colors at junctions ⁴He: 4 nucleons = 12 quarks in s-state

Antisymmetrization

 $SU(12) \longrightarrow SU(2) \underset{isospin}{\otimes} SU(2) \underset{spin}{\otimes} SU(3)_{color}$

But ~ 90% of 3-quark clusters are colored states (*Matveev, Sorba, 1978*) We select colorless 3-quark clusters by combinatorics imposing the following requirements to isospins, spins and colors at junctions:

> $SU(2)_{isospin}$ – of different flavors (assumed) $SU(2)_{spin}$ – of parallel spins (calculated) $SU(3)_{color}$ – of different colors (assumed)

Two Nucleon System in SCQM



Quark Potential Inside Nuclei



Quarks inside nucleus



Quarks oscillate with small amplitudes near maximal displacements

Three Nucleon Systems in SCQM



Quark loop formed by 3 nucleons \rightarrow 3–bodysforce



The closed shell n = 0, nucleus ⁴He

Antisymmetisation of 12 quarks in SU(12) state $SU(2)_{I} \times SU(2)_{S} \times SU(3)_{C}$

Totally antisymmetrized 4 nucleons in **s**-state

Shell Closure





Selection rules for binding two quarks of neighboring nucleons at a junction:

- $SU(2)_{Isospin}$ of different flavors
- $SU(3)_{Color}$ of different colors
- $SU(2)_{Spin}$ of parallel spins

Experimental Binding Energy of Stable Nuclei and Quark Loops in SCQM

Nucleus	E _Β MeV/junct. Exp.	Number of quark loops	Free quark ends	Nuclear forces
d	2.05	0	4	2-body
³ Н	2.83	1	3	3-body
^з Не	2.57	1	3	3-body
⁴ He	7.07	4	0	4-body

The more quark loops, the stronger the binding energy!
The closed shell n = 0, nucleus ⁴He



Yellow – protons are on opposite faces of upper piramid **Blue** – neutrons are on another faces of below lower piramid

Building blocks in Shell Structure









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Next closed shell n = 1, ¹⁶O



¹⁶**O**



RED – s-shell **YELLOW** – p-shell

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¹⁶**O**



Yellow – protons **Blue** – neutrons

The closed shell n = 2, ⁴⁰Ca

Shell Closure



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⁴⁰Ca



s-shell - red **p**-shell - yellow

⁴⁰Ca





What's Further?

Nested Octahedra – N = 0, 1, 2, ..., ∞. No!

Deviations from octahedral form:
– Peculiarities of Nuclearsynthesis
– Coulomb repulsion of protons
Restricting factor from infinity:
Coulomb repulsion of protons.

SCQM to FCC symmetry of Nuclear Structure

- Nuclear shells correspond to faces of nested octahedra
- Nucleons are arranged in alternating isospin and spin layers
- Protons and neutrons are strongly correlated
- It turned out that nucleons occupy the nodes of Face Centered Cubic Lattice (FCC)

SCQM \rightarrow Face-Centered Cubic Lattice

Nucleons are arranged in face-centered cubic lattice







Lattice Models of Nuclear structure

In terms of nucleons

- Simple Cubic Lattice
- Body Centered Lattice
- Hexagonal Close Packing
- Face Centered Cubic Lattice (FCC) E. Wigner, Phys. Rev. 51(1937)106

Cook N. and V. Dallacasa, Phys. Rev. C35(1987)1883

FCC Lattice Model (N. Cook, 1987) Particle in 3D box

-($\hbar/2m$) d² Ψ/dr^{2} + V(r) $\Psi(r) = E\Psi(r)$

For harmonic oscillator

$$E = \hbar\omega_0(n_x + n_y + n_z + 3/2) = \hbar\omega_0(N + 3/2)$$

N = 0, 1, 2, 3, ,,,

• Different combinations n_x, n_y, n_z , giving the same total N, denote the **number** of "degenerate" states with the same energy

FCC Lattice Model

(N. Cook, 1987)

s, p, d - shells





- Origin of the coordinate system at the center of the central tetrahedron
- The closure of each consecutive, symmetrical (x=y=z) shell in the lattice composes precisely the numbers of nucleons in the shells derived from the three-dimensional Schrodinger equation 53

FCC Lattice Model

(N. Cook, 1987)

 Principal quantum number, N Assuming x, y and z coordinates of nucleons are odd – integers,

N = (|x| + |y| + |z| - 3)/2



The first shell (s-shell, N = 0) contains 4 nucleons with coordinates 111, -1-11, 1-1-1, -11-1. The second shell (p-shell, N = 1): 12 nucleons 31-1, 3-11, -311, -3-1-1, 1-31, -131, 13-1, -1-3-1, -113, 11-3, 1-13, -1-1-3 The d-shell ... and so on ...

Total angular momentum, j

j = (|x| + |y| - 1)/2

• Magnetic quantum number, **m** m = |x|/2

FCC Lattice Model

(N. Cook, 1987)

Different colors correspond to

different quantum numbers





FCC-SCQM vs Shell Model

Close relation between

nucleon location in FCC-SCQM and quantum numbers of SM

$$n = (|x| + |y| + |z| - 3)/2$$

$$j = |l + s| = (|x| + |y| - 1)/2$$

$$m = (|x|/2)(-1)^{(x-1)}$$

$$s = (-1)^{(x-1)}/2$$

$$i = (-1)^{(z-1)}/2$$

and reversely

$$x = |2m|(-1)(m + \frac{1}{2})$$

y = $(2j + 1 - |x|)(-1)^{(i+j+m+1/2)}$
z = $(2n + 3 - |x| - |y|)(-1)^{(i+n-j-1)}$

6 protons, 6 neutrons

¹²C

n, principal numbern=0, red; n=1, yellow

i, isospin yellow – protons blue - neutrons



Problem for SM: Why ¹²C is so stable?

Virtual α-clusters

^{12}C - 4 virtual α -clusters



- 4 nucleons of *s*-shell (red) form with
 6 nucleons of *p*-shell (yellow) 4 virtual α-clusters.
- *s*-shell nucleons are exchange particles 58

Crosswise bindings of 4 virtual α -clusters by exchange (red) nucleons of s-shell



- exchange nucleons acquire larger binding energy as belonging simultaneously to 2 alpha clusters
- s-shell core is rearranged and disappears₉

FCC-SCQM vs SM Spin-orbital coupling

In SCQM Increasing number of exchange nucleons leads to **Lowering** of levels with higher **J**

J= 1/2



J = 1/2, 3/2



J = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2



s: n=0, l=0 1 alpha

s: n=1, l=1 6 virtual alpha

s: n=2, l=0, 2 22 virtual alpha

Nuclear density

Result of rearrangement – of *s*-shell No s-core structure for $A \ge 12$





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¹⁶O J = 1/2, 3/2





Central Denstiry Depression 67



Central Denstiry Rize

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FCC-SCQM

Proton Closed Shells – Octahedra with filled faces 2, 8, 20, 40, 70, 112, ... magic numbers, as given by HO potential

Central Denstiry Rize: $N_p = 2, 20, 70$ There is a central virtual α -cluster For all nuclei nearby these N_p

Cenrtal Density **Depression:** $N_p = 8, 40, 112$ There is No a central virtual α -cluster For all nuclei nearby these N_p

In Agreement with Experiment



Nuclear Deformation

Nuclei are not spherically symmetric



Nuclear Deformation Theory

$$\begin{split} \rho(r,\theta,\phi) &= \frac{\rho_0}{1+e^{[r-R(\theta,\phi)/a_0]}} \quad \text{-Nuclear density} \\ R(\theta,\phi) &= C(\alpha_{\lambda\mu})R_0 \left[1+\sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\mu=-\lambda}^{\lambda}\alpha_{\lambda\mu}Y_{\lambda}^{\mu}(\theta,\phi) \right] \quad \text{-Nuclear radius} \\ R(\theta,\phi) &= R_0 \left(1+\beta_2[\cos\gamma Y_{2,0}+\sin\gamma Y_{2,2}]+\beta_3\sum_{m=-3}^{3}\alpha_{3,m}Y_{3,m}+\beta_4\sum_{m=-4}^{4}\alpha_{4,m}Y_{4,m} \right), \end{split}$$


SCQM+FCC vs Experiment

Electric Quadrupole Moment



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Model $Q = \frac{J(2J-1)}{(J+1)(2J+3)}Q_0$



🕁 Model

■ - Exp ,

$$Q_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{Z} \left< 2 \, z_k^2 - x_k^2 - y_k^2 \right>$$



Nuclear Deformation

Model vs Experiment

Charged(proton) Quadrupole Moments Neutron Quadrupole Moments Nuclear Matter Quadrupole Moments

$$Q_0 = \sum\limits_{k=1}^Z \left< 2\, z_k^2 - x_k^2 - y_k^2
ight>$$
 Intrinsic Quadrupole Moment

Nucleus		С	Al	Ar	Cu	¹¹⁵ In	¹¹⁸ Sn	¹³¹ Xe	¹⁹⁷ Au	²⁰⁸ Pb	²⁰⁹ Bi	²³⁵ U
	Exp.	0	0.15	0	-0.21	0.8	0	-0.12	0.54	0	-0.37	4.9
Charged												
Q	Model	0	0.18	0	-0.02	0.7	0	-0.6	0.58	0	-0.26	4.7
Model												
Charged Qo,		-0.08	0.49	0.16	-0.1	1.28	0.32	-1.92	2.96	-0.34	-0.49	10.1
Neutron Qo		-0.08	0.	0.64	0	-2.56	-0,32	0.72	-1.28	-5.42	-3.96	2.3
Nuclear Matter Qo		-0.16	0.49	0.80	-0,1	-1.28	0	-1.2	1.68	-5.76	-4.45	12.4

²⁰⁷Pb



Summary

Nuclei possess crystal-like structure:

- Quarks-quark interactions in nuclei lead to strong pronton-neutron correlations.
- Nucleon centers are arranged according to FCC lattice
- All bound nuclei are composed of virtual triton-like and ⁴He-like clusters
- Closed Shells = Octahedral Faces
- All nuclei are deformed
- Symmetry energy is a consequence of strong quark correlations \rightarrow strong correlations of protons and neutrons.
- The **pairing effect** is a consequence lattice structure

Thank you for your attention!



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SCQM

Motivation

proton-proton interactions

- soft elastic scattering
- hard elastic scattering
- single diffractive scattering
- double diffractive scattering
- inelastic non-diffractive scattering

"Elementary particles are no more than holes in vacuum."

SCQM

Henry Poincare

Single Colored Quark inside Vacuum



Strongly Correlated Quark Model (SCQM)



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Overlap of opposite color fields \rightarrow attraction force between quark and antiquark "Color Casimir" effect

Nucleon



Nucleon wave function composed of color quarks

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \sum_{ijk} e_{ijk} |c_i\rangle |c_j\rangle |c_k\rangle$$

Where $|c_i\rangle$ are orthonormal states with *i*,*j*,*k* \rightarrow R,G,B

SCQM \implies The Local Gauge Invariance Principle

Destructive Interference of color fields = Phase rotation of the quark w.f. in color space:

$$\psi(x)_{color} \to e^{ig\theta(x)}\psi(x)$$

Phase rotation in color space \implies quark dressing (undressing) = the gauge transformation

 $A^{\mu}(x) \to A^{\mu}(x) + \partial^{\mu}\theta(x)$

Therefore, during quark oscillation its

color charge

momentum

mass

g1

are continuously varying function of time.

Relation SCQM to QCD

<mark>g1</mark>

We reduce interaction of color quarks via **non-Abelian** fields to its **E-M** analog:

$$A_{a}^{\mu}(x) \to A^{\mu}(x)$$

$$F_{a}^{\mu\nu} = \partial^{\mu}A_{a}^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}A_{a}^{\mu} - \lambda f^{abc}A_{b}^{\mu}A_{c}^{\nu} \to F_{ch}^{\mu\nu} = \partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}A^{\mu}$$



FCC-SCQM vs SM

Source of spin-orbital coupling in FCC-SCQM

Increasing number of exchange nucleons, belonging to adjacent virtual alpha clusters with increasing J-value of sub-shells.

Lowering of levels with higher J Splitting of nuclear levels

FCC-SCQM vs SM What about magic numbers?

SM

- Describes observed magic numbers of protons and neutrons
- 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126

FCC-SCQM

Closed Shells – Octahedra with filled faces

2, 8, 20, 40, 70, 112, ... as given by HO potential

FCC-SCQM vs SM What about magic numbers?

SM: 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126

FCC-SCQM: 2, 8, 20, 40, 70, 112, ...

But, in FCC-SCQM the more preferable to start filling the next shell by the subshell with highest J (from the base of octahedron).

If these subsells are filled, we get the following magic numbers:

2, **6**, 8, **14**, 20, **28**, 40, **50**, 70, **82**, 112, **126**, ...

Red numbers arise from adding to filled faces (shell) of octahedra the subshells with highest value J.

However, takes place only if both protons and neutrons fill this subshells forming virtual alpha clusters.

The role of Quarks in FCC

- Color fields of Quarks, responsible for strong interactions, arrange nuclear nucleons in FCC Lattice structure.
- Strong interactions are **tensorial**
- Quark loops form **virtual** 3- and 4-nucleon clusters inside bound nuclei
- Evidence of quark loops is **big separation energy** in even-even nuclei
- Halo nuclei are formed by core and virtual 3-nucleon clusters (³H-type)
- Ground state nuclei are formed by virtual ³H- and ⁴Hetype clusters.
- There are no real ⁴He cluster in ground state nuclei

Summary (cont.)

Quantization

Rigid body quantization

As a rigid body Nuclei can possess:

- -particle hole excitations
- -collective modes of excitations
 - Shape vibrations and fluctuations
 - Rotations
 - Isospin vibrations
 - Sissor fluctuations

Bound Hydrogen Isotopes



¹²C Hoyle state Borromean nucleus Loosely bound 3 real α- cluster nucleus



Frames of α -clusters are depicted as tethrahadrons. Neutrons of left and right α -clusters are bound with protons of central α -cluster (like in ⁸He), and their 2 nearest protons are bound together.

FCC-SCQM vs SM What about spin-orbital coupling (SOC)?

SOC

- Splitting of nuclear levels
- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$ Lowering of levels with higher J
- Description of observed magic numbers of protons and neutrons
- 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126

Is it possible get the same numbers in FCC-SCQM? YES !

Summary

- Quarks play an explicit role in formation of the nuclear structure.
- Quark loops are building blocks of nuclear binding.
- Quarks and nucleons (protons and neutrons) inside nuclei are strongly correlated.
- 'Halo' nuclei **fruits of quark-loop bindings**
- Effect of quark looping: $E_{sep} < E_{bound}/A$



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Fluorine Isomers



⁴⁰Ar



⁶³Cu



¹³¹Xe



²³⁵U

