

Energy Bands Spectrum (g, β, γ) and Energy Ratios For Even-Even Gd ($A = 150-154$)

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Abstract

In the present work the interacting boson model version one (IBM-1) has been used to calculate the energy levels, energy ratios and energy bands (g, β, γ -bands) of Gadolinium Gd ($A=150-154$) isotopes by using the program IBSS1.for. This program calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors. The results were compared with the experimental data and they were found in a good agreement.

Key word : energy levels, energy ratios and energy bands (g, β, γ -bands) of Gadolinium¹⁵⁰⁻¹⁵⁴ Gd

1.Introduction

An atomic nucleus is the small, heavy, central part of atom consisting of nucleons. It has two groups of particles: protons and neutrons. Each of these groups is separately distributed over certain energy states, and they are held together by their mutual interactions which turn out to be very complicated in detail (1,2). Nuclei can be excited in different energy levels corresponding to different arrangements of nucleons in their allowed states, a nucleus in an excited state normally remains there for a very short time. Often, it decays or becomes de-excited by emitting electromagnetic radiation in the form of γ -ray transitions to states with lower energies (2)

.Many of models are currently in use in nuclear physics, some of these models are: the uniform particle model, the liquid-drop model, the shell model, the collective model and later on the interacting boson model, which has four versions. In the present work we are concerned with version one. The interacting boson model-1 (IBM-1) is an important subject that is used to study some nuclear properties of all even-mass or odd-mass nuclei. In the Interacting Boson Model of the atomic nucleus, introduced in 1974 by Arima and Iachello (1), the fundamental constituents were correlated pairs of protons and neutrons treated as bosons, able to occupy two levels, one with angular momentum restricted to zero (s boson) and the other one with angular momentum 2 (d boson) (1). The total number of bosons N depends on the number of active nucleon (or hole) pairs outside a closed shell and it can be calculated by adding the number of neutrons pairs and protons pairs of s and d bosons, namely (3),

$$N = n_s + n_d$$

where n_s = number of s-bosons, n_d = number of d-bosons

The IBM-1 model assumes that low-lying collective states in medium and heavy even-even nuclei away from closed shells are dominated by excitations of valence protons and valence neutrons (i.e. particles outside the major closed shells at 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126, 184. These values are known as the magic numbers) while the closed-shell core is inert (4).

2. The interacting Boson model

Arima and Iachello (5) proposed an algebraic interacting boson model (IBM) to study the collective states of the heavy and medium mass nuclei. The IBM considers pairs of valence nucleons and treats them as bosons. The number of bosons is conventionally taken to be half the number of valence particles or holes, whichever is smaller. The simplest version of the IBM uses monopole (s) and quadrupole (d) bosons and describes nuclear structure features originating in quadrupole collectivity. An IBM Hamiltonian contains boson energy terms and boson-boson interactions with effective parameters. Electromagnetic transition operators are taken as one-body operators.

3. Theoretical basis

The most commonly used form of Interacting Boson Model-1 (IBM-1) is the Hamiltonian one, in which various boson-boson interactions are grouped so that it takes the form (6):

$$\hat{H} = \varepsilon \hat{n}_d + a_0 (\hat{p} \cdot \hat{p}) + a_1 (\hat{I} \cdot \hat{I}) + a_2 (\hat{Q} \cdot \hat{Q}) + a_3 (\hat{T}_3 \cdot \hat{T}_3) + a_4 (\hat{T}_4 \cdot \hat{T}_4) \quad (1)$$

where $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_d - \varepsilon_s$ is the boson energy, a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 are the phenomenological parameters, and the other symbols are

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{n}_d &= (\hat{d}^\dagger \cdot \hat{d}) && \text{the boson number operator} \\
 \hat{p} &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{d} \cdot \hat{d}) - \frac{1}{2}(\hat{s} \cdot \hat{s}) && \text{the pairing boson operator} \\
 \hat{I} &= \sqrt{10}(\hat{d}^\dagger \cdot \hat{d}) \left[(\hat{d}^\dagger \cdot \hat{d}) \right]^{(1)} && \text{the angular momentum operator} \\
 \hat{Q} &= \left[(\hat{d}^\dagger \times \hat{s}) + (\hat{s}^\dagger \times \hat{d}) \right]^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{7} \left[(\hat{d}^\dagger \times \hat{d}) \right]^{(2)} && \text{the quadrupole operator} \\
 \hat{T}_3 &= \left[(\hat{d}^\dagger \times \hat{d}) \right]^{(3)} && \text{the octupole operator} \\
 \hat{T}_4 &= \left[(\hat{d}^\dagger \times \hat{d}) \right]^{(4)} && \text{the hexadecapole operator}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The electromagnetic transition rates $B(E2)$ values of this chain and the quadrupole moments QI are described by (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(E_2; I+2 \rightarrow I) &= \alpha_2^2 \left[\frac{I+2}{I} \right] \left[\frac{2N-1}{2} \right] \\
 Q_I &= \beta_2 \left[\left(\frac{16\pi}{70} \right)^{1/2} I \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

In particular, for $I=0$, or $I=2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(E_2; 2_1^+ - 0_1^+) &= \alpha_2^2 N \\
 Q_{2_1^+} &= \beta_2 \left[\frac{32\pi}{35} \right]^{1/2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The basic condition for the observation of a $SU(5)$ symmetry in the electromagnetic transition is (5):

$$\frac{B(E_2; 4_1^+ - 2_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_1^+ - 0_1^+)} = \frac{B(E_2; 2_2^+ - 2_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_1^+ - 0_1^+)} = \frac{B(E_2; 0_2^+ - 2_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_1^+ - 0_1^+)} = 2 \left[\frac{N-1}{N} \right] < 2 \tag{5}$$

where the necessary conditions for the observation of the $SU(3)$ symmetry are (5)

$$\frac{B(E_2; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)} = \frac{10(N-1)(2N+5)}{7N(2N+3)} < \frac{10}{7} \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{B(E_2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)} = \frac{B(E_2; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)} = 0 \tag{7}$$

The electric quadrupole transition operators can be written as (7)

$$\hat{T}^{(E_2)} = \alpha_2 \left[\hat{d}^\dagger \otimes \hat{S} + \hat{S}_\dagger \otimes \hat{d} \right]_\mu^2 + \beta_2 \left[\hat{d}^\dagger \otimes \hat{d} \right] \quad (8)$$

In the IBM-1, there are three and only three group chains of U(6) that end in O(3). They can be written as (5)

$$\begin{aligned} U(6) \supset SU(5) \supset O(5) \supset O(3) & \quad \text{vibrational dynamical symmetry} \\ U(6) \supset SU(3) \supset O(3) & \quad \text{rotational dynamical symmetry} \\ U(6) \supset O(6) \supset O(5) \supset O(3) & \quad \text{gamma unstable dynamical symmetry} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The yarest energies increase more slowly than in rotational nucleus and more rapidly than in a harmonic vibrational nucleus. Thus, to compare between them, we may use the three limits (8).

$$E_2 : E_6 : E_6 : E_{82} = \begin{cases} E_{n_{d=1}} : E_{n_{d=2}} : E_{n_{d=3}} : E_{n_{d=4}} = 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 & SU(5) \\ E_{\tau=1} : E_{\tau=2} : E_{\tau=3} : E_{\tau=4} = 1 : 2 : 5 : 7 & O(6) \\ E_{L=2} : E_{L=4} : E_{L=6} : E_{L=8} = 1 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 7 : 12 & SU(3) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

For each state, the contributing basis states are determined by a sequential operation of the form $\Delta n = 2$, $\Delta n_B = 1$ on the first basis state. Moreover, the specific basis states that contribute are determined by the τ value; wave functions for states of the same τ have a different distribution of amplitudes for the same basis states.

4. Transitional Regions in IBM-1

4.1.1 - SU(3)-SU(5) transitional dynamical symmetry

This transitional region includes the two groups, SU(3) and SU(5). The SU(3) has to be broken with ϵ nd term. The general form of Hamiltonian operator of this region can be written as (9);

$$\hat{H} = \epsilon \hat{n}_d + a_1 \hat{I} \cdot \hat{I} + a_2 \hat{Q} \cdot \hat{Q} \quad (11)$$

The solution of Eq.[10] depends on the ratio of ϵ/a_2 : when the ratio ϵ/a_2 is large the eigen-functions of \hat{H} are those appropriate to the limiting SU(5). Also the B(E2) values are affected by the ratio ϵ/a_2 . The B(E2) ratios (Branching Ratios) R are given by (9);

$$R = \frac{B(E_2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)}{B(E_2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)} \quad (12)$$

and

R = 0 in SU(5) region

R = 7/10 in SU(3) region-

4.1.2 - SU(3)-O(6) transitional dynamical symmetry

The breaking of SU(3) symmetry in the direction of O(6) symmetry can be treated in this transitional region by adding the term $\hat{P}^\dagger \cdot \hat{P}$, so that the Hamiltonian form can be written as (9,10)

$$\hat{H} = a_0 \hat{P}^\dagger \cdot \hat{P} + a_1 \hat{I} \cdot \hat{I} + a_2 \hat{Q} \cdot \hat{Q} + a_3 \hat{T}_3 \cdot \hat{T}_3 \quad (13)$$

The solutions of Eq.[12] depend on the ratio a_0/a_2 : when it is large, the eigenfunctions of the Hamiltonian \hat{H} are appropriate to O(6) symmetry, but if it is small, the eigenfunctions are appropriate to SU(3) symmetry. In this region the change in the electromagnetic rates can be seen from the branching ratios R which takes values

R = 7/10 in SU(3) symmetry

R= 0 in O(6) symmetry

4.1.3 - O(6)- SU(5) transitional dynamical symmetry

The form of Hamiltonian in this region can be written as (11,12)

$$\hat{H} = \varepsilon \hat{n}_d + a_0 \hat{P}^\dagger \cdot \hat{P} + a_1 \hat{I} \cdot \hat{I}_3 \quad (14)$$

The solution of Eq.[13] depends on the ratio ε/a_0 -

The B(E2) values show a smooth transition towards typical O(6) values, the branching ratios take a constant value (11);

R = 0 in SU(5) symmetry

R = 0 in O(6) symmetry

Also, when the ratio ε/a_0 is large, the eigenfunctions of \hat{H} are those appropriate to the limiting SU(5), while when it is small, the eigenfunctions are appropriate to symmetry O(6).

5. Calculations and results

5.1 - Energy Levels and Energy Bands

The behavior of the structure of each nucleus considered in this work is deduced by studying the dynamical symmetry of deformed Gd (A = 150-154) and the energy spectrum according to the sequences of energy bands g , β , γ .

The parameters of Eq.[1] fitted to the experimental data are used to calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Gd (A = 150-160) isotopes, which are tabulated in Table 1.

To carry out the calculation of ^{150}Gd , ^{152}Gd , ^{154}Gd using interacting boson model-1 (IBM-1), which does not distinguish between the neutron- and proton- boson, we must evaluate the total number of bosons N and the dynamical symmetry.

Table 1. The parameters of Hamiltonian function operator for Gd (A = 150-154) isotopes.

Isotope	N_x	N_y	N_{Tot}	Esp MeV	$\hat{P} \cdot \hat{P}$ MeV	$\hat{I} \cdot \hat{I}$ MeV	$\hat{Q} \cdot \hat{Q}$ MeV	$\hat{T}_3 \cdot \hat{T}_3$ MeV	$\hat{T}_4 \cdot \hat{T}_4$ MeV	χ
$^{150}_{64}Gd_{86}$	7	2	9	0.5500	0.0100	-0.0055	-0.0001	-0.005	-0.045	-1.0220
$^{152}_{64}Gd_{88}$	7	3	10	0.3250	0.0100	-0.0090	-0.0142	0.1691	0.0312	-1.2400
$^{154}_{64}Gd_{90}$	7	4	11	0.0000	0.0000	0.0195	-0.0089	0.0019	0.0000	1.6500

In this work we have studied the energy levels of even-even Gd (A =150 -154) isotope transitions with change in number of neutrons observed when moving from the lighter to heavier isotopes, i.e. SU(5) - SU(3) transitional regions (Table 2). The N = 90 isotopes ^{154}Gd were seen to provide a good example to transition from spherical to axially deformed (13,14).

Table 2 .Theoretical energy levels and energy transitions compared with experimental data for the chosen even – even isotopes by using IBSS1.For program.(15).

Isotope	I ⁿ	Energy level (MeV)		Isotope	I ⁿ	Energy level (MeV)		Isotope	I ⁿ	Energy level (MeV)	
		Exp ⁽¹⁵⁾	IBM-1 (pw)			Exp ⁽¹⁵⁾	IBM-1 (pw)			Exp ⁽¹⁵⁾	IBM-1 (pw)
¹⁵⁰ Gd ₈₆	0 ₁ ⁺	0.000	0.000	¹⁵² Gd ₈₈	0 ₁ ⁺	0.000	0.000	¹⁵⁴ Gd ₆₄	0 ₁ ⁺	0.000	0.000
	2 ₁ ⁺	0.6360	0.609		2 ₁ ⁺	0.3442	0.342		2 ₁ ⁺	0.1230	0.1420
	4 ₁ ⁺	1.2884	1.296		4 ₁ ⁺	07553	0.790		4 ₁ ⁺	0.371	0.463
	6 ₁ ⁺	2.116	2.061		6 ₁ ⁺	1.2272	1.328		6 ₁ ⁺	0.7177	0.973
	8 ₁ ⁺	2.554	2.061		8 ₁ ⁺	1.746	1.943		8 ₁ ⁺	1.1445	1.667
	0 ₂ ⁺	1.2072	1.200		0 ₂ ⁺	0.615	0.725		0 ₂ ⁺	0.6800	0.701
	2 ₂ ⁺	1.5165	1.358		2 ₂ ⁺	0.9305	1.134		2 ₂ ⁺	0.8155	0.842
	4 ₂ ⁺	1.7001	2.145		4 ₂ ⁺	1.2822	1.718		4 ₂ ⁺	1.0475	1.172
	6 ₂ ⁺		3.007		6 ₂ ⁺	1.668	2.392		6 ₂ ⁺	1.3659	1.69
	8 ₂ ⁺		3.947		8 ₂ ⁺	2.3004	3.151		8 ₂ ⁺	1.7567	2.395
	2 ₃ ⁺	1.4305	1.956		0 ₃ ⁺	1.0478	1.571		2 ₃ ⁺	0.9962	0.923
	3 ₃ ⁺	1.9880	2.200		2 ₃ ⁺	1.3183	2.107		3 ₃ ⁺	1.1278	1.064
	4 ₃ ⁺	2.0800	2.789		4 ₃ ⁺	1.6923	2.880		4 ₃ ⁺	1.2637	1.253
	5 ₃ ⁺		3.090		6 ₃ ⁺		3.660		5 ₃ ⁺	1.4323	1.488
	6 ₃ ⁺		3.702		8 ₃ ⁺		4.600		6 ₃ ⁺	1.6066	1.771
	7 ₃ ⁺		4.000		2 ₄ ⁺	1.109	1.445		7 ₃ ⁺	1.8103	2.101
	8 ₃ ⁺		4.694		3 ₁ ⁺	1.4339	2.173		8 ₃ ⁺		2.477
					4 ₄ ⁺	1.550	2.185		0 ₃ ⁺	1.2951	1.2951
			5 ₁ ⁺	1.861	3.032	2 ₄ ⁺	1.4183	1.431			
			6 ₄ ⁺	1.997	3.1	4 ₄ ⁺	1.6923	1.759			
			7 ₁ ⁺	2.394	3.798	6 ₄ ⁺		2.273			
			8 ₄ ⁺		3.963	8 ₄ ⁺		2.97			
			2 ₅ ⁺	1.605	2.507	2 ₅ ⁺	1.5431	1.431			
			3 ₂ ⁺	1.839	3.314	3 ₂ ⁺	1.668	1.62			
			4 ₅ ⁺		3.253	4 ₅ ⁺	1.7902	1.809			
			5 ₂ ⁺		4.281	5 ₄ ⁺		2.043			
			6 ₅ ⁺		4.5342	6 ₅ ⁺		2.372			
			7 ₂ ⁺		5.342	7 ₂ ⁺		2.652			
			8 ₅ ⁺		5.614	8 ₅ ⁺		3			

Figures 1 to 3 show the energy levels and the energy bands arrangement compared with identical bands for the three limits SU(5) - SU(3) and O(6).

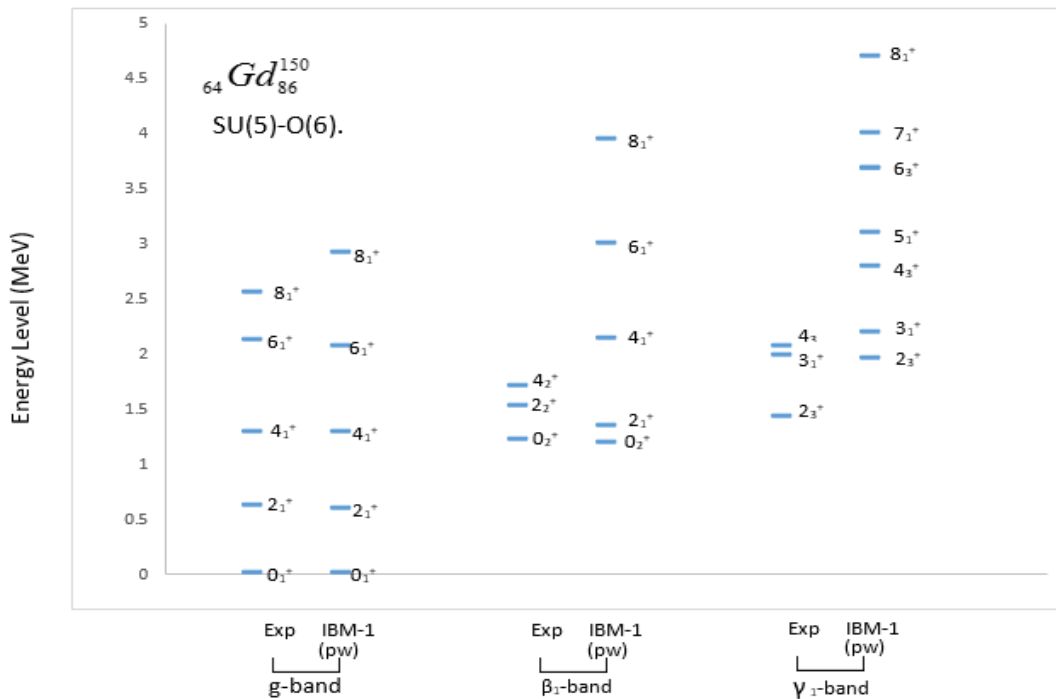


Fig1. Comparison between calculated IBM (PW); and experimental energy bands states (g, β, γ -bands) in ${}_{64}\text{Gd}_{86}^{150}$ isotope of the dynamical symmetry SU(5)-O(6).

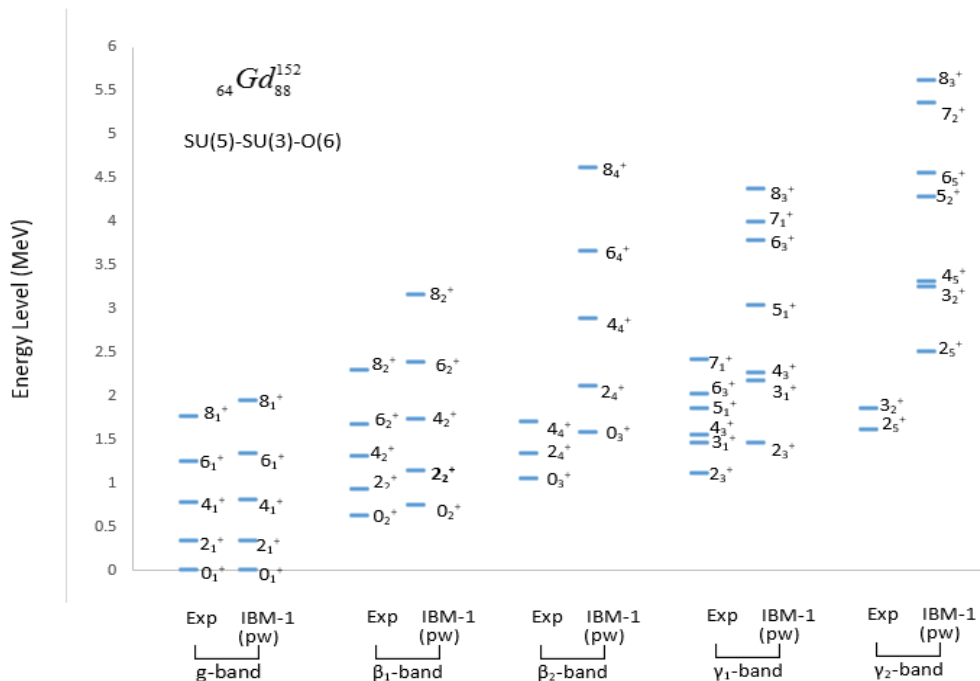


Fig2. Comparison between calculated IBM (PW); and experimental energy bands states (g, β, γ -bands) in isotope ${}_{64}\text{Gd}_{88}^{152}$ of the dynamical symmetry SU(5)-SU(3)-O(6).

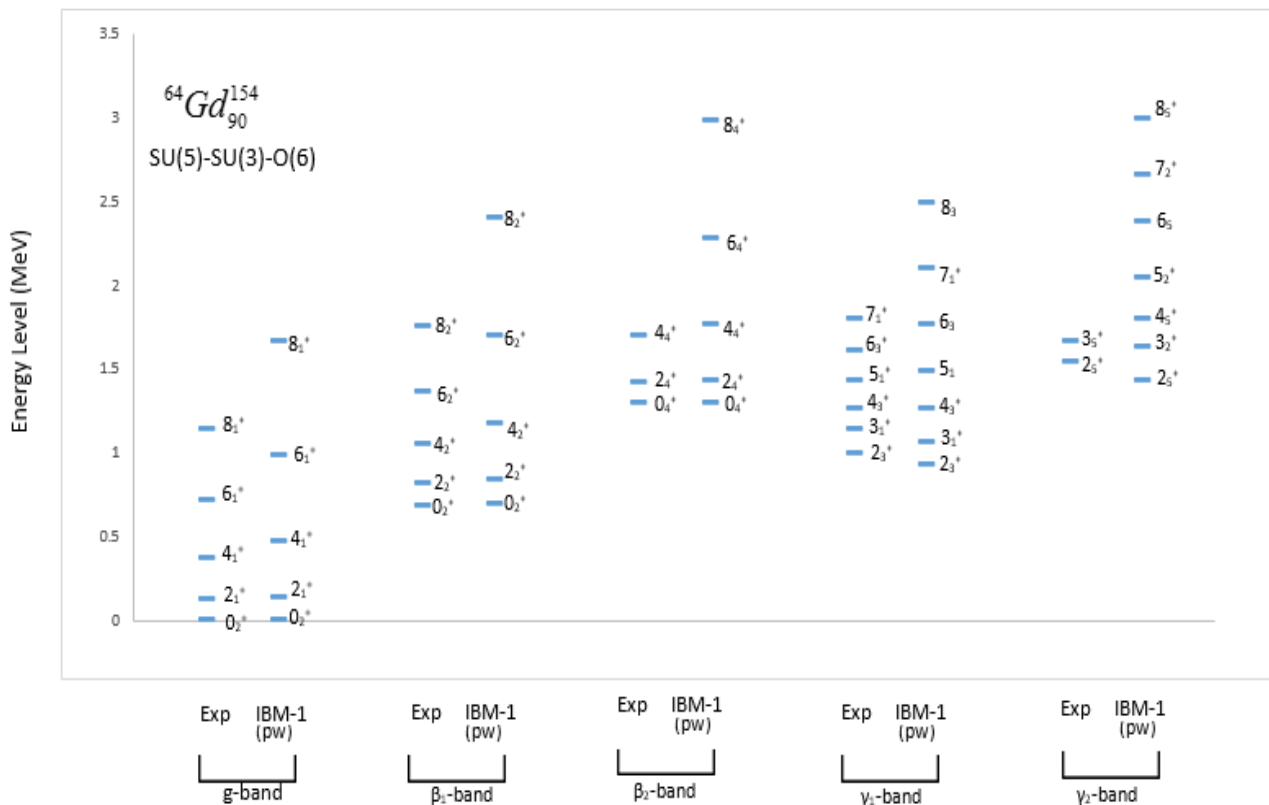
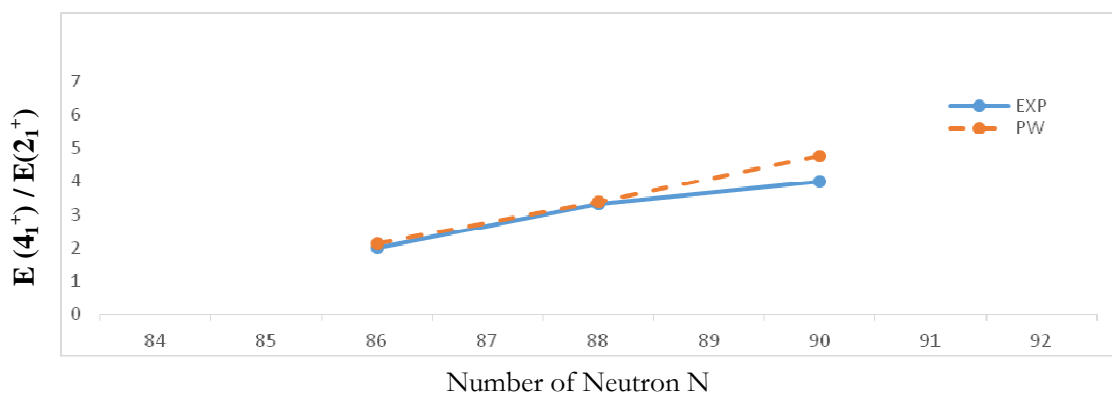


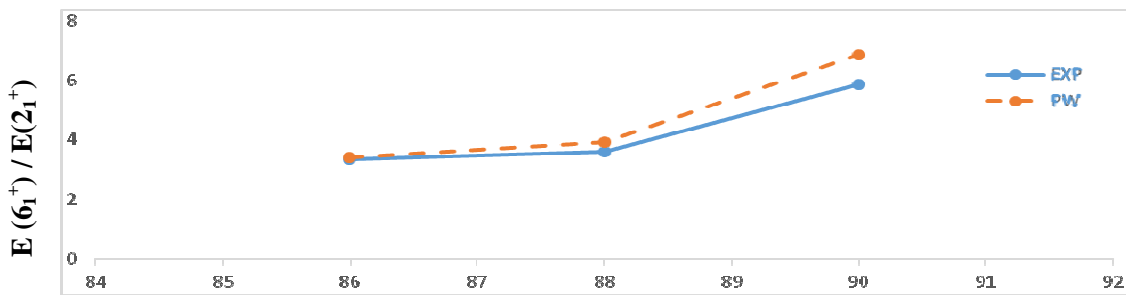
Fig3. Comparison between calculated IMB (PW); and experimental energy bands states (g, β, γ -bands) in isotope $^{64}\text{Gd}_{90}^{154}$ of the dynamical symmetry $\text{SU}(5)\text{-SU}(3)\text{-O}(6)$

5.2 - Energy Ratios

Figures A, B and C show that the deformed transitions are caused by the distorting influence of particles (holes) outside a closed shell near closed cells.

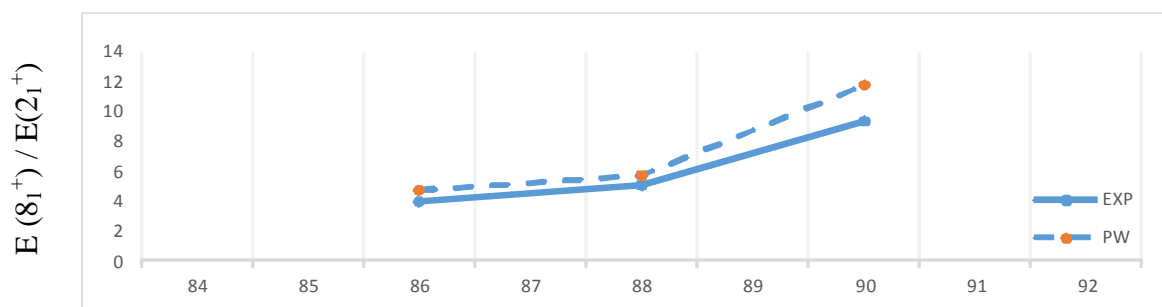


Fig(A).



Number of Neutron N

Fig(B).



Number of Neutron N

Fig (C)

Fig. A,B,C ;The relation between the energy ratios as a function of number of neutron N for the even-even Gd (A=150-154) isotopes.

The Gd isotopes with mass numbers $A = 150 - 154$ are laying in region of $150 < A < 190$ and $A > 230$. In this region the nuclei well over come of γ – soft and then to vibrational nuclei, i.e. the nuclei in this region take the form of $SU(5) - O(6) - SU(3)$. The nuclei in the region $N \geq 90$ are deformed with the highest energy ratios;

$$\frac{E(4_1^+)}{E(2_1^+)}, \quad \frac{E(6_1^+)}{E(2_1^+)}, \quad \frac{E(8_1^+)}{E(2_1^+)}$$

The light rare-earth region is well known for its transitional nature, beautifully illustrated by the differences exhibited between the $N = 88$ and $N = 90$ isotones (any of two or more species of atoms or nuclei that have the same number of neutrons). where the addition of just a few neutrons accounts for a dramatic shift from a vibrational to a rotational character (16, 17).

Gadolinium isotopes are at the center of this transitional region). With respect to the condition of energy ratios of the corresponding limits shown in Table 3, it has been found from the calculations of energy levels from IBM-1, that ratios $E(4_1^+)/E(2_1^+) = 2.0194$, $E(6_1^+)/E(2_1^+) = 3.3166$ and $E(8_1^+)/E(2_1^+) = 4.0$, therefore the nucleus ^{150}Gd is considered as a (deformed) vibrational nucleus and the dynamical symmetry is $SU(5)$ limit in the interacting boson model.

Table 3
 The energy ratios of corresponding limits (18).

Limit	$E(4_1^+)/E(2_1^+)$	$E(6_1^+)/E(2_1^+)$	$E(8_1^+)/E(2_1^+)$
SU(5)	2.3	3	4
O(6)	2.5	4.5	7
SU(3)	3.33	7	12

Table 4
 Theoretical energy ratios compared with the experimental data for chosen even-even isotopes

Isotope	E(4 ₁ ⁺)/E(2 ₁ ⁺)		E(6 ₁ ⁺)/E(2 ₁ ⁺)		E(8 ₁ ⁺)/E(2 ₁ ⁺)	
	Exp.	IBM-1 (pw)	Exp.	IBM-1 (pw)	Exp.	IBM-1 (pw)
¹⁵⁰ ₈₆ Gd ₆₄	2.0194	2.1289	3.3166	3.3842	4.0031	4.7717
¹⁵² ₈₈ Gd ₆₄	2.1943	2.3099	3.5654	3.8830	5.0746	5.6812
¹⁵⁴ ₉₀ Gd ₆₄	3.0162	3.2605	5.8340	6.8521	9.3048	11.7394

Conclusion

The Interacting Boson Model version one (IBM-1) gives a good values for the energy levels as compare with the experimental valuses. The dynamical symmetries of Gd (A=150-156) show mixture of SU(5)-O(6) and SU(5)-SU(3)-O(6) dynamical symmetry.

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