

Coexistence and $B(E2)$'s in even Ge nuclei

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Values of $B(E2)$ strengths connecting low-lying 0^+ and 2^+ states in $^{70,72,74,76}\text{Ge}$ are examined in the context of an earlier coexistence model previously applied to two-neutron transfer.

I. INTRODUCTION

Evidence is overwhelming¹⁻³ that some sort of structural change takes place between the light ($A \leq 70$) and heavy ($A \geq 74$) Ge nuclei. The effect is observed as an irregularity in the A dependence of several different observables: (i) absolute ground state (g.s.) (t,p) cross sections (Refs. 4-6), (ii) ratios² of excited 0^+ to g.s. cross sections, (iii) excitation energy of the first excited 0^+ state, (iv) proton occupancies (Refs. 7 and 8), (v) $B(E2)$'s connecting low-lying 2^+ and 0^+ states (Refs. 9-12), (vi) their ratios, (vii) alpha-transfer ratios (Refs. 13-15), and (viii) inelastic scattering (Refs. 16 and 17).

Several different explanations have been given for this transition, including shape coexistence, neutron particle-hole (ph) excitation, and proton ph excitation. It does appear^{2,3} that the structure of the ground states of the heavier Ge nuclei is contained in excited 0^+ states in the light Ge's and vice versa. As of this date, there are three surviving candidates for a simple explanation: (i) vibrational-rotational mixing, (ii) proton 2p-2h mixing,¹⁸ and (iii) coexistence in a generalized basis.³ These are not necessarily conflicting ideas, but they are certainly not equivalent.

In (i), the light Ge's are vibrational, the heavy ones rotational. A natural extension is that the states of the other type exist at quite low excitation energy (shape coexistence). In perhaps the best of the inelastic-scattering studies,¹⁶ "within the framework of coupled-channels calculations, inelastic data can be reproduced only by assuming $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$ are vibrational and that $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$ are rotational." The concept¹⁸ involving proton 2p-2h excitations was suggested primarily to explain the jump⁷ in ground state $0f_{5/2}$ proton occupancies between ^{72}Ge and ^{74}Ge . It also quite naturally *qualitatively* explains the jump⁴⁻⁶ in absolute g.s. (t,p) cross sections, and the peaking in (t,p) and (p,t) 0^+_2 /g.s. cross-section ratios for $72 \leftrightarrow 74$. And, of course, it is not surprising that rotational states in an otherwise vibrational spectrum should contain excitations from the proton core.

However, much of the success of the proton coexistence idea¹⁸ depends only on the "smoothness" assumption³—i.e., that the unmixed basis states behave smoothly with A —rather than on the details of their structure. Also, the proton coexistence picture is not *quantitatively* correct in the details, but only gets the general trends. In fact, several observables are incon-

sistent with the basic assumptions of that model.

These considerations have led to a description³ in terms of two-state mixing between generalized basis states. With as few assumptions as possible (and all of a smoothness variety) it has been possible^{3,8,15} to parametrize existing one-, two-, and four-particle transfer data^{2,7,13,14,19-22} in terms of the one independent parameter that describes the generalized basis. We now address, in that model, the $E2$ strengths between low-lying 2^+ and 0^+ states.

II. THE EXPERIMENTAL $B(E2)$ DATA IN THE Ge ISOTOPES

Existing information^{10-12,23-25} on $E2$ strengths connecting low-lying 2^+ states to the g.s. and first-excited 0^+ states in $^{68-76}\text{Ge}$ is listed in Table I. Various com-

TABLE I. Experimental $E2$ strengths in even Ge nuclei.^a ($|M(E2)| = [(2J_i + 1)B(E2; J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi)]^{1/2}$.)

Nucleus	$J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi$	$B(E2)$ ($10^{-2} e^{-2} e^2 b^2$)	$ M(E2) $ (e b)
^{68}Ge	$2^+_1 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	2.80 $\pm 0.42^b$	0.374 ± 0.028
^{70}Ge	$2^+_1 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	3.57 ± 0.06	0.422 ± 0.004
	$0^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	6.0 ± 1.5	0.245 ± 0.031
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	0.026 ± 0.020	0.036 ± 0.014
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow 0^+_2$	2.51 ± 1.1 W.u. ^c	0.146 ± 0.032 0.134 ± 0.058^d
$^{72}\text{Ge}^e$	$2^+_1 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	4.14 ± 0.10	$0.455^{+0.009}_{-0.006}$
	$2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_2$	2.59 ± 0.58	0.36 ± 0.04
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	0.018 ± 0.004	$0.030^{+0.003}_{-0.005}$
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow 0^+_2$	0.0072 ± 0.0008	$0.019^{+0.004}_{-0.005}$
^{74}Ge	$2^+_1 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	6.09 ± 0.06	0.552 ± 0.003
	$0^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	< 4.0	< 0.20
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	0.13 ± 0.05	0.081 ± 0.016
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow 0^+_2$		
^{76}Ge	$2^+_1 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	5.56 ± 0.06	0.527 ± 0.003
	$0^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1$	< 1.7	< 0.13
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$	0.17 ± 0.03	0.092 ± 0.008
	$2^+_2 \rightarrow 0^+_2$		

^aReference 10 unless otherwise noted.

^bReference 24.

^cReference 11.

^dReference 23.

^eReference 12.

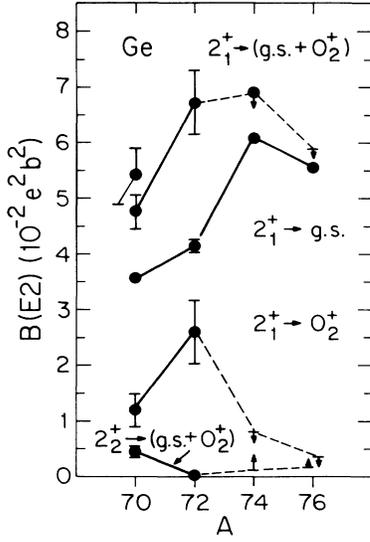


FIG. 1. Absolute $B(E2)$'s connecting low-lying 0^+ and 2^+ states in $^{70-76}\text{Ge}$.

binations of these data are plotted versus mass number A in Figs. 1–3. First, in Fig. 1, it can be seen that the A dependence of the $2_1^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.}$ $B(E2)$'s is very similar to the A dependence observed previously⁷ for the g.s. $0f_{5/2}$ proton occupancies. Further, the $E2$ value between 2_1^+ and 0_2^+ sharply peaks at ^{72}Ge . [Actually, this $B(E2)$ value is not known in $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$, but stringent limits exist.] Figure 2 shows the plot of the ratio of these two $B(E2)$'s versus A as well as the ratio for the two 2^+ states decaying to the ground state. In a vibrational nucleus, we expect $B(E2; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+) = 2B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.})$, giving 0.4 for the ratio plotted here. We note that the values for $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$ are roughly consistent with the vibrational expectation, but those for $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$ are not even close. In all

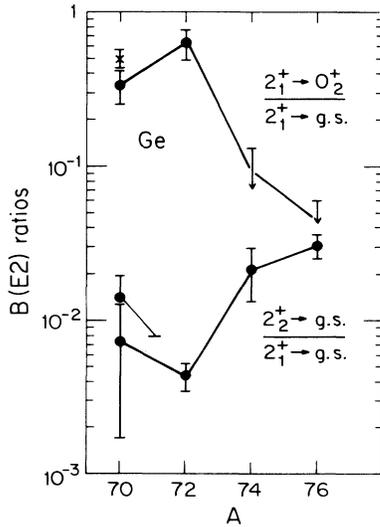


FIG. 2. $E2$ ratios vs A for 2_1^+ to both 0^+ states (top) and both 2^+ states to ground state (bottom).

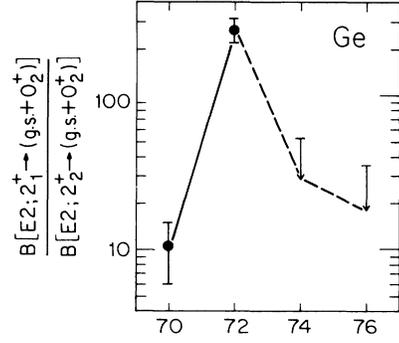


FIG. 3. $E2$ ratio vs A for the first two 2^+ states to summed strength to both 0^+ states.

four nuclei, 2_2^+ is barely connected to the ground state—though this $B(E2)$ is about a factor of 10 larger in $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$ than in $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$.

III. MODEL ANALYSIS OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC DATA

A. Without mixing in the 2^+ states

Figure 3 contains the ratio of summed (g.s. and 0_2^+) $B(E2)$'s for the first two 2^+ states. In a two-state model for the 0^+ states, these quantities are independent of the 0^+ mixing. Specifically, if (as in Ref. 3) one lets

$$\Psi^A(\text{g.s.}) = \alpha_A \phi_{g0}^A + \beta_A \phi_{e0}^A \quad (1)$$

and

$$\Psi^A(0_2^+) = \beta_A \phi_{g0}^A - \alpha_A \phi_{e0}^A$$

represent the physical ground state and 0_2^+ state in ^AGe (with ϕ_{g0}^A and ϕ_{e0}^A denoting the 0^+ basis states), then the square of the $E2$ amplitude $M^2(E2; J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi)$, satisfying

$$M^2(E2; J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi) = (2J_i + 1)B(E2; J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi)$$

becomes

$$M_A^2(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.}) = \langle \Psi^A(2_1^+) | E2 | \alpha_A \phi_{g0}^A + \beta_A \phi_{e0}^A \rangle^2 = (\alpha_A U_{gA} + \beta_A V_{eA})^2 \quad (2a)$$

$$M_A^2(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) = \langle \Psi^A(2_1^+) | E2 | \beta_A \phi_{g0}^A - \alpha_A \phi_{e0}^A \rangle^2 = (\beta_A U_{gA} - \alpha_A V_{eA})^2 \quad (2b)$$

$$M_A^2(E2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.}) = \langle \Psi^A(2_2^+) | E2 | \alpha_A \phi_{g0}^A + \beta_A \phi_{e0}^A \rangle^2 = (\alpha_A V_{gA} + \beta_A U_{eA})^2 \quad (2c)$$

$$M_A^2(E2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) = \langle \Psi^A(2_2^+) | E2 | \beta_A \phi_{g0}^A - \alpha_A \phi_{e0}^A \rangle^2 = (\beta_A V_{gA} - \alpha_A U_{eA})^2, \quad (2d)$$

so that

$$M_A^2(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.}) + M_A^2(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) = U_{gA}^2 + V_{eA}^2 \quad (3)$$

and

$$M_A^2(E2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.}) + M_A^2(E2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) = V_{gA}^2 + U_{eA}^2,$$

where

$$U_{gA} = \langle \Psi^A(2_1^+) | E2 | \phi_{g0}^A \rangle, \quad V_{eA} = \langle \Psi^A(2_1^+) | E2 | \phi_{e0}^A \rangle,$$

$$V_{gA} = \langle \Psi^A(2_2^+) | E2 | \phi_{g0}^A \rangle, \quad U_{eA} = \langle \Psi^A(2_2^+) | E2 | \phi_{e0}^A \rangle.$$

As can be seen from Fig. 3, the peaking of the summed data at ^{72}Ge is dramatic. In this nucleus, the second 2^+ state has extremely weak $E2$'s to both 0^+ states. Is this an accidental cancellation, or something more profound? We return to this point later. As mentioned, the ground state and 0_2^+ wave function is represented by Eq. (1). As in Ref. 3, the generalized basis states are determined by a single continuous variable R which represents the $(e \rightarrow e)/(g \rightarrow g)$ $2n$ -transfer overlap ratios between the 0^+ basis states. The experimental (t,p) and (p,t) 0_2^+ /g.s. cross-section ratios can be used to obtain α_A and β_A as functions of that variable, R . The quantities $x_A = \alpha_A/\beta_A$ are plotted versus R (as error bands) in Figs. 4 and 5.

If we assume for the moment, that each of the *physical* 2^+ states is connected via an $E2$ transition to only one of the 0^+ basis states (i.e., either U_{gA} or V_{eA} above is zero), then in ^AGe , the $E2$ ratios are given solely in terms of the x_A 's, i.e.,

$$\frac{B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)}{B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.})} = x_A^2 \quad \text{for } U_{gA} = 0, \quad (4a)$$

or

$$\frac{B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)}{B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \text{g.s.})} = 1/x_A^2 \quad \text{for } V_{eA} = 0. \quad (4b)$$

The $E2$ ratio data are plotted as horizontal error bands in Figs. 4 and 5. In $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$, only limits exist, but

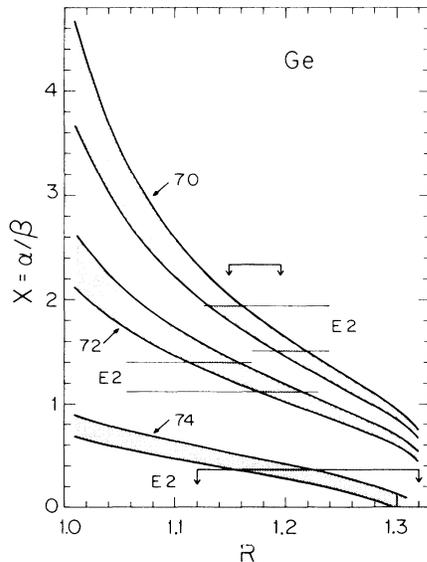


FIG. 4. As curved bands, the values from Ref. 3 of $x_A = \alpha_A/\beta_A$ ($A = 70, 72, 74$) vs R required to fit two-neutron transfer data. Horizontal bands are deduced from $E2$ ratios assuming each *physical* 2^+ state is connected (via an $E2$ transition) to only one 0^+ basis state.

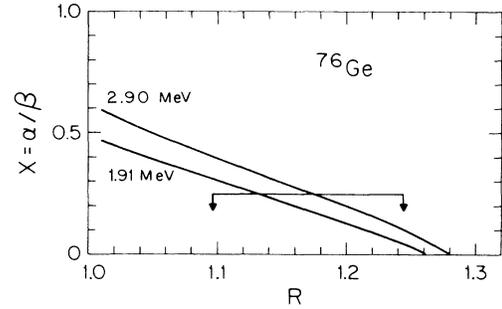


FIG. 5. As in Fig. 4, but for ^{76}Ge without uncertainties, with two different assumptions about which excited 0^+ state to use.

they are consistent with the above simple assumption for values of R greater than about 1.14—provided that in $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$, it is ϕ_e^A that is connected to 2_1^+ by an $E2$ amplitude (i.e., $U_{gA} = 0$). In ^{70}Ge , the $E2$ amplitude ratio is 1.72 ± 0.22 , suggesting R values in the range $1.13 \leq R \leq 1.24$, and that in ^{70}Ge it is ϕ_g^{70} that is connected to 2_1^+ by an $E2$ amplitude (i.e., $V_{eA} = 0$). In ^{72}Ge , the newer $E2$ measurements slightly favor ϕ_g^{72} as “belonging” to 2_1^+ , though the data are barely consistent with the other pairing. We note that the earlier¹¹ $E2$ ratio is about unity in ^{72}Ge —consistent with either and requiring roughly equal g,e mixing.

For $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$ we can eliminate the parameter R and simply plot the x_{70} vs x_{72} contour that is required by two-nucleon transfer ratios, as done in Fig. 6. Any point within this error band will fit the (t,p) and (p,t) ratios involving $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$. We also plot in Fig. 6 as a vertical band the value of x_{72} predicted [via Eq. (4b)] from the $E2$ amplitude ratio in ^{72}Ge and as a horizontal band, the value of x_{70} predicted [via Eq. (4b)] from that ratio in ^{70}Ge . We note that there is an overlap, i.e., the two-nucleon

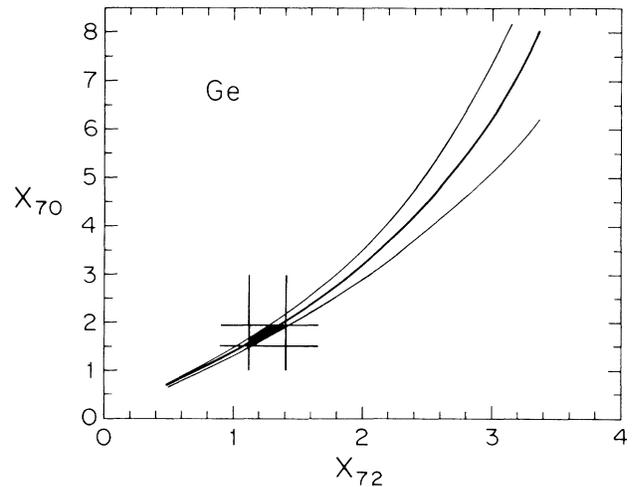


FIG. 6. Relationship between x_{70} and x_{72} from two-neutron transfer (curved band), compared with values of x_{70} and x_{72} deduced from $E2$ ratios (with $V_{eA} = 0$), as in Fig. 4.

transfer data are consistent with $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$ $E2$ data within the simple assumption that each of the physical 2^+ states is connected to only one of the basis 0^+ states. Furthermore, this assumption then puts severe limits on the allowed value of x_{70}, x_{72} (and hence on R and the 0^+ mixing amplitudes for all other Ge isotopes).

The analysis can be expanded to include the 2_2^+ state in ^{70}Ge and ^{72}Ge , in both of which all four $B(E2)$'s are known. Hence, for any value of the parameter R , the four experimental quantities can be used to calculate the four $E2$ matrix elements ($U_{gA}, U_{eA}, V_{gA}, V_{eA}$) connecting the two physical 2^+ states with the two basis 0^+ states. (It turns out that the possibility of a sign ambiguity in the $E2$ amplitude—i.e., $M(E2) = [(2J_i + 1)B(E2; J_i^\pi \rightarrow J_f^\pi)]^{1/2}$, poses no problem.) These are plotted versus R in Figs. 7 and 8. We note that U_{gA} [i.e., $M(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \phi_{g0}^A)$] is large and roughly constant, in both $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$, over most of the allowed range of R , whereas in both nuclei the matrix element V_{eA} [i.e., $M(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow \phi_{e0}^A)$], changes rapidly—going through zero near $R = 1.17$.

In ^{72}Ge , both $M(E2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow \phi_{e0}^A, \phi_{g0}^A)$ matrix elements (i.e., U_{e72} and V_{g72} , respectively) are small, and U_{e72} (through very small everywhere) passes through zero near $R = 1.1$. In ^{70}Ge , both $M(E2; 2_2^+ \rightarrow \phi_{e0}^A, \phi_{g0}^A)$ matrix elements (i.e., U_{e70} and V_{g70} , respectively) are larger (in magnitude) but of opposite sign. In fact, within the uncertainties, for R in the range 1.1–1.2, three of the four matrix elements in ^{72}Ge are zero (i.e., all but U_{g72}), implying a “spherical” nature for the intruder ϕ_{e72}^A .

In ^{70}Ge , the vanishing of V_{e70} near $R = 1.17$ agrees with the earlier assumption discussed in connection with Figs. 4–6. However, 2_2^+ is then connected to both 0^+ basis states, although by small matrix elements in com-

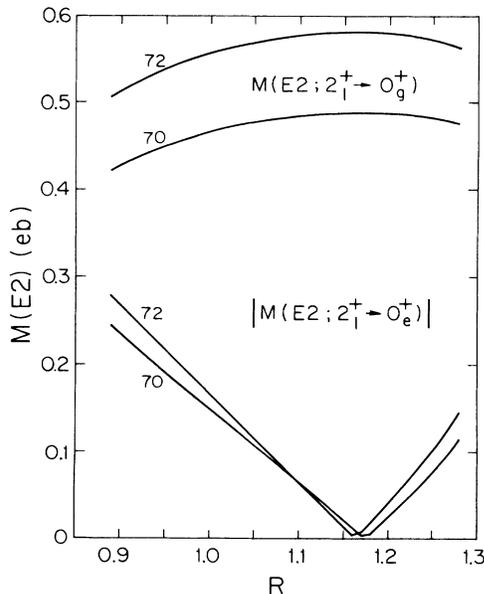


FIG. 7. Physical $2_1^+ \rightarrow$ basis 0^+ $E2$ matrix elements $M(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_g^+, 0_e^+)$ vs R for $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$ deduced from $E2$ strengths in Table I and x_A vs A curves of Fig. 4.

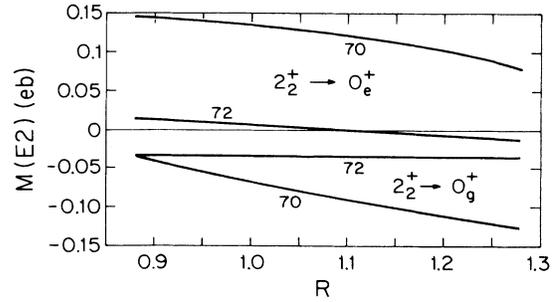


FIG. 8. As in Fig. 7, but for 2_2^+ .

parison to that of 2_1^+ . Perhaps the most striking feature of the raw data is that the summed strength from 2_2^+ in ^{72}Ge is only about 3.7×10^{-3} of that for 2_1^+ . Even in ^{70}Ge , the summed strength from 2_2^+ is only about 10% as strong as that for 2_1^+ .

B. With mixing in the 2^+ states

We now go one step further and assume that the physical 2^+ states are mixtures of two basis states, each of which is connected to only one 0^+ basis state. Specifically, we write for ^AGe

$$\Psi^A(2_1^+) = \gamma_A \phi_{g2}^A + \delta_A \phi_{e2}^A$$

and

$$\Psi^A(2_2^+) = \delta_A \phi_{g2}^A - \gamma_A \phi_{e2}^A, \quad (5)$$

and then (see Fig. 9) define

$$u_{gA} = \langle \phi_{g2}^A | E2 | \phi_{g0}^A \rangle, \quad u_{eA} = \langle \phi_{e2}^A | E2 | \phi_{e0}^A \rangle,$$

$$v_{gA} = \langle \phi_{e2}^A | E2 | \phi_{g0}^A \rangle, \quad v_{eA} = \langle \phi_{g2}^A | E2 | \phi_{e0}^A \rangle.$$

Note that in terms of these $E2$ basis-state overlaps, we

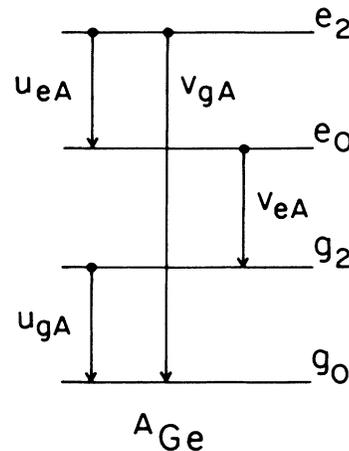


FIG. 9. The schematic representation of basis 0^+ and 2^+ states, and $E2$ matrix elements connecting them. For results in Table II, the off-diagonal amplitudes v_{gA} and v_{eA} were assumed to be zero.

TABLE II. The calculated values of α_A^2 , γ_A^2 , u_{gA} , and u_{eA} for $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$. The sign combinations^a are for $M(2101)$, $M(2102)$, $M(2201)$, and $M(2202)$ where $M(2i0j)=[5B(E2;2_i^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)]^{1/2}=[B(E2;0_1^+ \rightarrow 2_i^+)]^{1/2}$.

Sign	α_A^2	γ_A^2	u_{gA} (e b)	u_{eA} (e b)
^{70}Ge ($A=70$)				
++++	0.706±0.051	0.952±0.005	0.500 ±0.017	0.106 ±0.028
++-+	0.724±0.054	0.991±0.0005	0.490 ±0.017	0.144 ±0.028
+--+	0.276±0.054	0.009±0.0005	0.144 ±0.028	0.490 ±0.017
----	0.294±0.051	0.048±0.005	0.106 ±0.028	0.500 ±0.017
^{72}Ge ($A=72$)				
++++	0.615±0.054	0.996±0.0001	0.581 ±0.025	-0.0037±0.0047
+++-	0.616±0.053	1.000±0.0000	0.580 ±0.025	-0.0335±0.0044
+--+	0.385±0.053	0.004±0.0001	-0.0037±0.0047	0.581 ±0.025
----	0.384±0.053	0.000±0.0000	-0.0335±0.0044	0.580 ±0.025

^aThose sign combinations not present are discarded because they lead to solutions with negative values of γ_A/δ_A which are inconsistent with the assumed phase restrictions. (They are otherwise equivalent to the solutions shown in the table.)

have

$$U_{gA} = \gamma_A u_{gA} + \delta_A v_{gA}, \quad (6a)$$

$$V_{eA} = \gamma_A v_{eA} + \delta_A u_{eA}, \quad (6b)$$

$$V_{gA} = \delta_A u_{gA} - \gamma_A v_{gA}, \quad (6c)$$

$$U_{eA} = \delta_A v_{eA} - \gamma_A u_{eA}. \quad (6d)$$

We shall assume that $v_{gA} = v_{eA} = 0$ and without any input from two-nucleon transfer, then, we have four unknown quantities in each nucleus, viz., u_{gA} , u_{eA} , the 0^+ mixing amplitude α_A , and the 2^+ mixing amplitude γ_A . In $^{70,72}\text{Ge}$, there are four known $B(E2)$'s, so it is worthwhile to ask if they lead to specific solutions for the unknown parameters. Results of solving Eqs. (2) and (6) with $v_{gA} = v_{eA} = 0$ for each A are given in Table II. It turns out that in ^{72}Ge , there exist two independent solutions (labeled + + + + and + + + - in Table II). The first solution has $\alpha_{72}^2 \approx 0.615 \pm 0.054$, $\gamma_{72}^2 \approx 0.996 \pm 0.0001$, $u_{g72} \approx 0.581 \pm 0.025$ e b and $u_{e72} \approx -0.0037 \pm 0.0047$ e b, while the second solution has $\alpha_{72}^2 \approx 0.616 \pm 0.053$, $\gamma_{72}^2 \approx 1.000 \pm 0.0000$, $u_{g72} \approx 0.580 \pm 0.025$ e b, and $u_{e72} \approx -0.0335 \pm 0.0044$ e b. We note that the major difference between the two solutions is that the first is consistent with $u_{e72} = 0$ while the second is not and the second solution has $\gamma_{72}^2 = 1$ (i.e., allows for no mixing between the 2^+ basis states) while the first solution requires some mixing, although very minute. (Note that the two solutions labeled + - - + and + - - - in Table II are equivalent to these via $\alpha_A^2 \leftrightarrow \beta_A^2$, $\gamma_A^2 \leftrightarrow \delta_A^2$, and $u_{eA} \leftrightarrow u_{gA}$, and that preference for one set over another would require some independent evidence as to whether the physical ^{72}Ge ground state is mostly ϕ_g^{72} or mostly ϕ_e^{72} .) In both solutions (+ + + + and + + + -), the value of α_{72}^2 is about 0.6155 which corresponds to $x_{72} \approx 1.265$.

In ^{70}Ge , there are also two independent solutions which very nearly overlap within the uncertainties. If

we take averages, we have $\alpha_{70}^2 \approx 0.715$, $\gamma_{70}^2 \approx 0.972$, $u_{e70} \approx 0.125$ e b and $u_{g70} \approx 0.495$ e b. This value of α_{70}^2 corresponds to $x_{70} \approx 1.584$. If we put these together with the analysis of (p,t) and (t,p) (i.e., Fig. 6), we see that these values of x_{70} and x_{72} lie well within the (t,p)-(p,t) band for $x_{70} - x_{72}$. We note also that in both calculations, the 2^+ states are relatively pure, with virtually no mixing in ^{72}Ge and a small amount in ^{70}Ge , if we are to understand the basis states as having no "off-diagonal" $E2$'s.

The value of x_{72} near 1.265 (i.e., R near 1.168) arose naturally in two independent considerations. It is at this value of R that the deduced potential matrix elements responsible for mixing the 0^+ states are nearly equal for all four stable even Ge nuclei.³ It is also for this value of x_{72} that the ratio of α pickup strengths is equal to the reciprocal of the α stripping strengths in ^{72}Ge .²⁶

IV. CONCLUSION

Remembering that R is a parameter labeling the generalized 0^+ basis states, we thus have what appears to be a "natural" choice of basis. It gives (i) mixing potential matrix elements nearly equal in $^{70-76}\text{Ge}$ (the unperturbed basis-state separations are then roughly linear with A), (ii) no off-diagonal (or "cross-band") $E2$'s among low-lying 2^+ and 0^+ basis states (in fact, ϕ_e^{72} in ^{72}Ge is then not connected to either 2^+ basis states), and (iii) state ϕ_e^{72} in ^{72}Ge has properties of being an α particle- α hole excitation of state ϕ_g^{72} in that the α stripping and pickup ratios are inverses of one another. As of now, we have agreement for $2n$ transfer, α transfer, $0f_{5/2}$ proton occupancies, and $B(E2)$'s—though in $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$ the latter (so far) involve only 2_1^+ data. It would be extremely useful to have sufficient $E2$ data in $^{74,76}\text{Ge}$ to further test this choice of basis.

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