## ATLAS OF NUCLEAR ISOMERS & THEIR SYSTEMATICS



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### **BASICS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

- All the data extracted from ENSDF by using a computer code
- Isomers defined as the excited states having half-life 1ns
- Total number of isomers with confirmed half-lives 2252
- Total number of nuclei having isomers 1116
- Isomers with upper limit on half-lives 606
- Isomers including all half-lives and tentative spins 3175

















### NUCLEI HAVING ISOMERS WITH :

- $\tau \ge 1 n s = 1116$
- $\tau \ge 5ns = 1010$
- τ ≥ 100ns = 815
- τ ≥ 1µs = 674
- τ ≥ 1ms = 479
- τ ≥ 1s = 371
- τ ≥ 1m = 220
- $\tau \ge 1h = 89$
- $\tau \ge 1d = 40$
- $\tau \ge 1y = 11$

### GAPS IN NUCLEAR CHART

- Proton number varying from 70 80
- Neutron number varying from 86 96
- Largest gaps are for even protons i.e.
  W = 159 173

Os = 163 - 172

Pt = 168 - 176

& Hg =172 -178,180 -184

### STATISTICS OF HALF-LIVES

- Maximum number of Isomers are observed at time scale of 10<sup>-9</sup> 10<sup>-7</sup>
- Number falls considerably with increasing half-lives
- Dip can be seen at half-lives of the order of 1*m*s to 0.1s
  - Otherwise, half-lives are decaying almost exponentially.



### NUCLEI WITH EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR ISOMERS

- Nuclei having isomers <a> 7</a> are plotted
- <sup>180</sup>Ta found to have largest isomeric states = 13
- Other isotopes <sup>179</sup>Ta, <sup>177</sup>Ta have 10 isomers each.
- <sup>152</sup>Eu and <sup>214</sup>Rn also have 10 isomers.
- Gap between A=115-151 is seen.



### NS C'S







- High peaks are observed near magic numbers.
- Between Z=35 to 50, odd-Z nuclei have much larger number of isomers than even-Z ones.
- Long lived isomers ( $\tau \ge 1y$ ) are mostly in odd-Z nuclei.







Besides the peaks near the magic numbers, a rise in the number of isomers is observed between N = 82-126. This corresponds to the deformed nuclei and most probably the K-isomers.

### **EXCITATION ENERGY**

- High excitation energies seen near magic numbers.
- Highest lying isomer seen at 10.286 MeV in <sup>151</sup>Er.
- Faint gaps do exist which probably correspond to changing isomer configuration from 1-qp to 3-qp or, 2qp to 4-qp.



### SYSTEMATICS OF SPINS



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- There is always a peak at spin 0.5
- Half-integral spin isomers are lying at the peaks below spin 5
  - The spin range keeps on rising from 4.5 to 5.5 as per active orbital of highest spin in that mass region.
- Pattern changes at higher spins where integral spin isomers are at the peaks.
- High spin isomers are more likely in even-even or, odd-odd nuclei.

### **ISOMERS IN THE DEFORMED REGION**

- Largest number of isomers found at spin 2 rather than spin 0.5
- Systematics noted earlier don't hold as strongly.



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