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## Shape coexistence and superdeformation in $^{28}\text{Si}$

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We study the shape coexistence in the nucleus  $^{28}\text{Si}$  with the nuclear shell model using numerical diagonalizations complemented with variational calculations based on the projected generator-coordinate method. The calculated electric quadrupole transitions and moments and an analysis of the collective wavefunctions indicate that the standard USDB interaction in the  $sd$  shell describes well the ground-state oblate rotational band, but misses the experimental prolate rotational band.

Guided by the quasi-SU(3) model, we show that the prolate band can be reproduced either in the  $sd$  shell, but by reducing the energy of the  $0d_{3/2}$  orbital, or in the extended  $sdpf$  configuration space, by using the SDPF-NR interaction which also describes well other Si isotopes. Finally, we address the possibility of superdeformation in  $^{28}\text{Si}$  within the  $sdpf$  space. Our results disfavour the appearance of superdeformed states with excitation energy below 20 MeV.

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