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Chapter 1

Introduction

Besides the spherical and axially-symmetric shapes, the existence of nuclear deformation was theoretically predicted a long time ago.

Chapter 2

Deformed Nuclei

2.1 Nuclear deformation

Most of the nuclei across the nuclide chart are spherical or symmetric in their ground state. Moreover, for the axially symmetric nuclei (i.e, either *oblate* or *prolate*), there is a prolate over oblate dominance.



FIGURE 2.1: Nuclear Shapes.

In Figure 2.1, the nuclear shapes are shown.