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Spectacular confinement induced peculiarities in the structure of semifilled shell atoms¹ VALERIY DOLMATOV, University of North Alabama — The structure and spectra of atoms, spatially confined by various types of confinements whose sizes are commensurable with an atomic size, have seized minds of theorists starting since early days [1,2] to now [3]. This is because a confined atom concept provides insights into various aspects of interdisciplinary significance [3]. The present article reports on novel discoveries made, specifically, for semifilled shell atoms under confinement. The latter is simulated by a repulsive penetrable spherical potential of an adjustable inner radius r_0 . There, spectacular confinement induced effects termed orbital breathing, fusion, fission, and re-ordering with changing r_0 have been unraveled. The discovered effects are exemplified by calculated data for confined Li(2s¹), N(2p³), P(3p³), and Cr(3d⁵4s¹). The underlying physics for the effects is explained.

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