

Abstract Submitted  
for the DNP11 Meeting of  
The American Physical Society

**The onset of proton-neutron correlations in nuclei**<sup>1</sup> MIHAI HOROI,  
Department of Physics, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859  
— Proton-neutron correlations in nuclei can be explained in part by isosclar and  
isovector pairing. Shell model techniques reveal additional strong proton-neutron  
correlations that were recently observed in neutron transfer reactions. I will discuss  
the pieces of the effective interaction that contribute to these strong correlations. I  
will also show the the observed  $1^+0$  and  $0+1$  low-lying states in odd-odd nuclei are  
geometrically favored in the two-body random ensemble model.

<sup>1</sup>Support from NSF grant PHY-0758099 and DOE grant DF-FC02-09ER41584 is  
acknowledged.

Mihai Horoi  
Department of Physics, Central Michigan University,  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48859

Date submitted: 01 Jul 2011

Electronic form version 1.4