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The development of collectivity along the N=Z is one of the subjects that has recently attracted great experimental efforts. In particular, heavy N=Z nuclei in the mass region A=80 are expected to be some of the most deformed ground states which have been found [1] in mid-mass nuclei, typically 8p-8h, 12p-12h for e.g. the cases of 76 Sr, 80 Zr. This strong enhancement of collectivity with respect to lighter N=Z nuclei has its origin

in cross shell excitations across the N=40 shell gap to g9/2, d5/2 and s1/2 which are intruder quadrupole partners generating deformations.

These structures can be interpreted in terms of algebraic Nilsson-SU3 self-consistent model to describe the intruder relative evolution in the vicinity of 80 Zr [2]. In this presentation, we will expose some of the latest developments in microscopic nuclear structure calculations for exotic nuclei far from stabilitity at the N=Z [3].

The new theoretical calculations for the very region of 80 Zr will be presented for the first time within the interacting shell model framework using an enlarged model space outside a 56 Ni core comprising the pseudo-SU3 $p_{\frac{3}{2}}f_{\frac{5}{2}}p_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and quasi-SU3 $g_{\frac{9}{2}}d_{\frac{5}{2}}s_{\frac{1}{2}}$ orbitals for both protons and neutrons. We will present and compare results from both exact Shell Model diagonalization [4] and our newly developed DNO Shell Model approach employing beyond mean field techniques [5]. These theoretical calculations allow a very good description of the rapid transition (A=60-100) from spherical to deformed structures which can be interpreted in terms of "simple" many particles - many holes configurations. Emphasis will be put on the intimate relationship between shell evolution far from stability at the neutron-rich AND proton-rich edges.

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