

# Chirality in atomic nuclei: 2013

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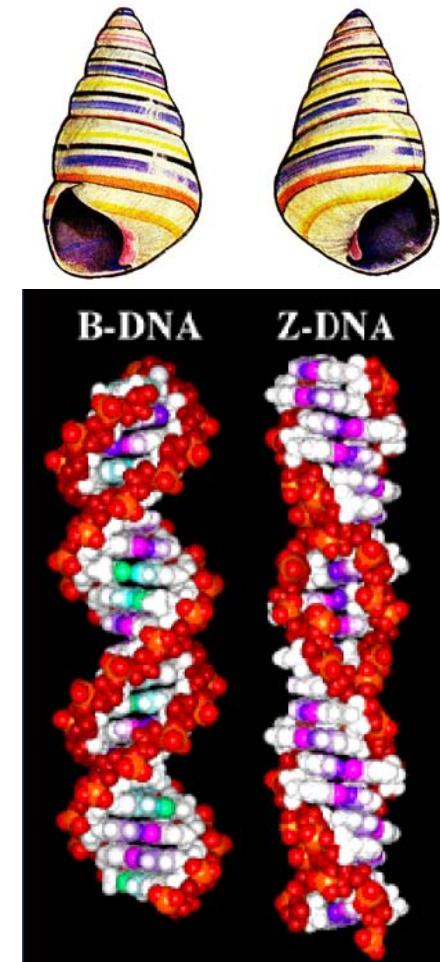
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# Outline

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- Chirality in atomic nuclei
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- Theoretical progress
- Summary and perspectives

# Chiral symmetries exist commonly in nature

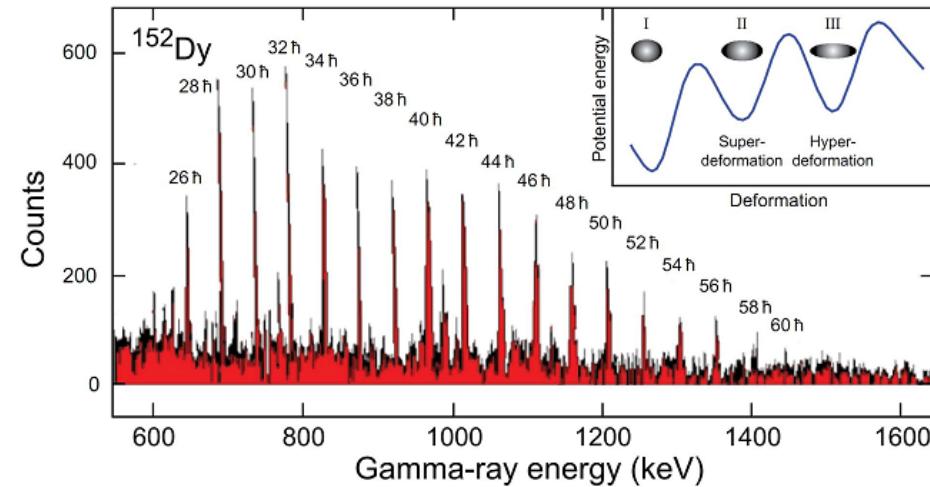
- Macroscopic spirals of snail shells and the Human hands...
- In geometry, a figure is chiral if it is not identical to its mirror image, or it cannot be mapped onto its mirror image by rotations and translations alone
- Particle physics, chirality is a dynamic property distinguishing between the parallel and anti-parallel orientations of the intrinsic spin with respect to the momentum of the massless particle.
- Chemistry, the study of chirality is a very active in inorganic, organic, physical, biochemistry and supramolecular chemistry.
- Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2001: the development of catalytic asymmetric synthesis
- ...



# Electric & Magnetic Rotation

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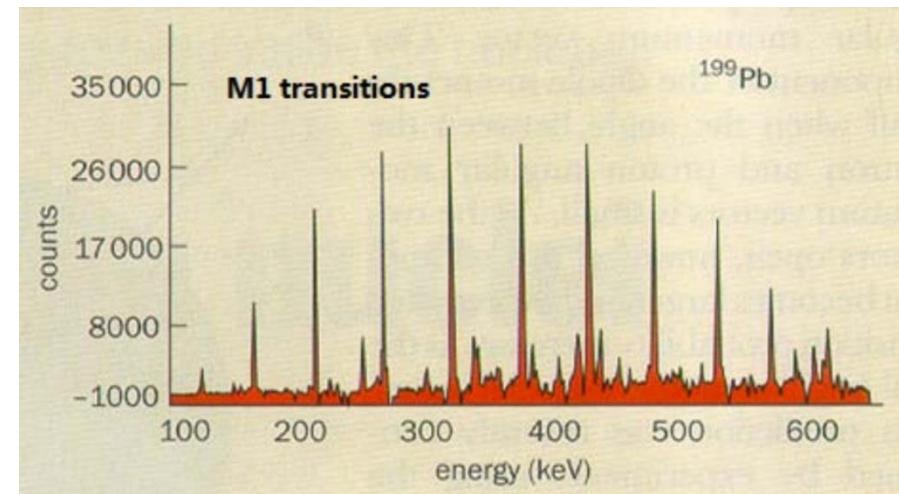
E2 Transitions



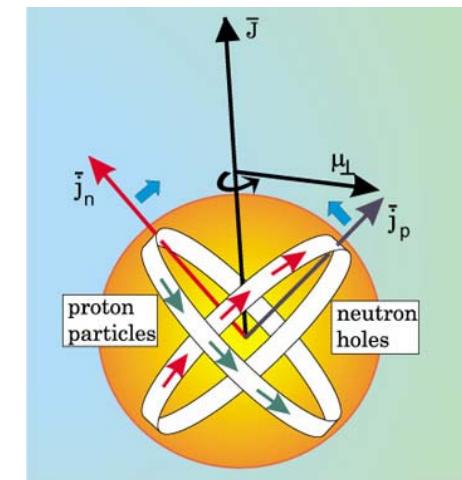
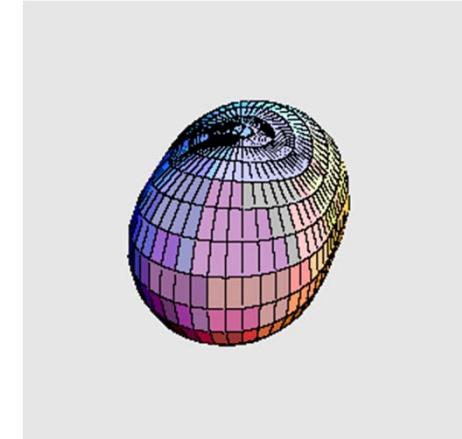
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$\Delta I = 1$

M1 Transitions



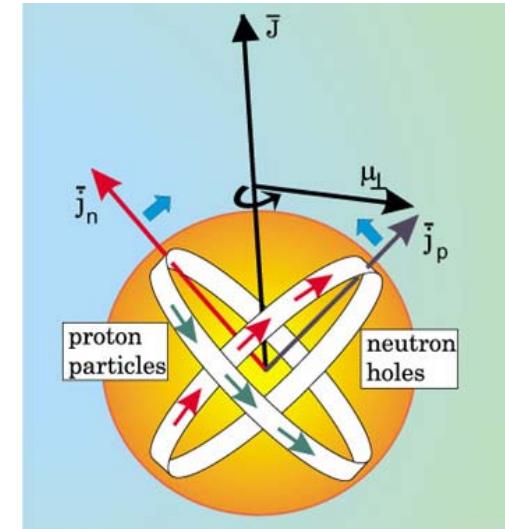
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# Magnetic rotation

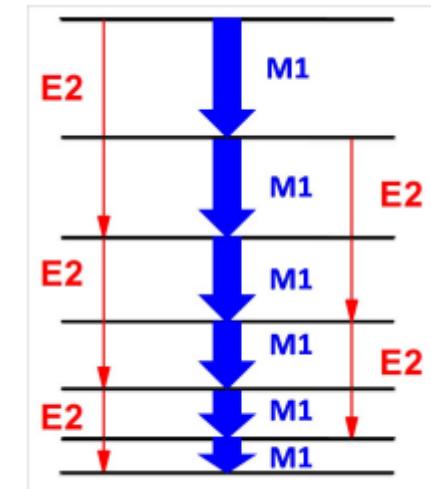
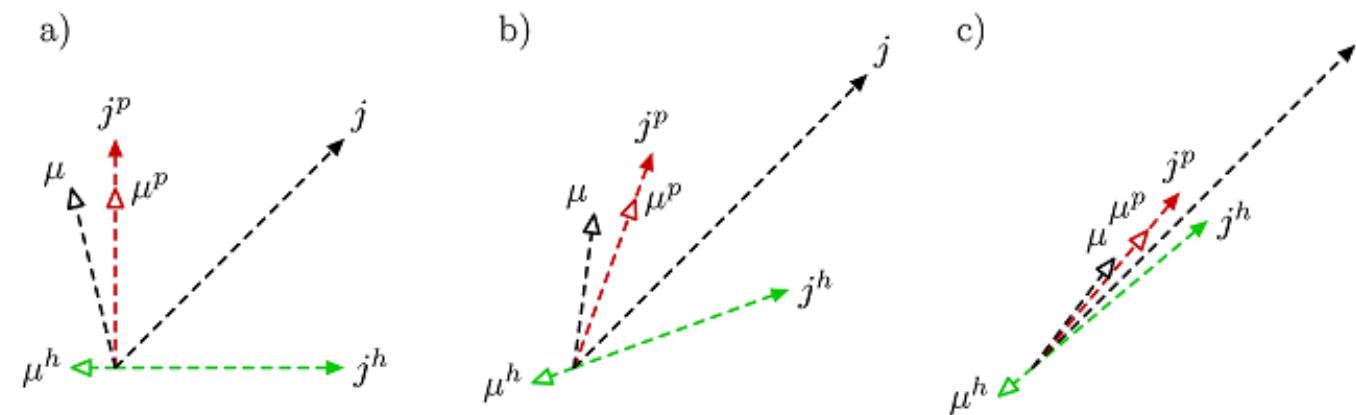
S . Frauendorf, Nuclear Physics A557 (1993) 259c-276c

- ✓ near spherical or weakly deformed nuclei
- ✓ strong M1 and very weak E2 transitions
- ✓ rotational bands with  $\Delta I = 1$
- ✓ shears mechanism



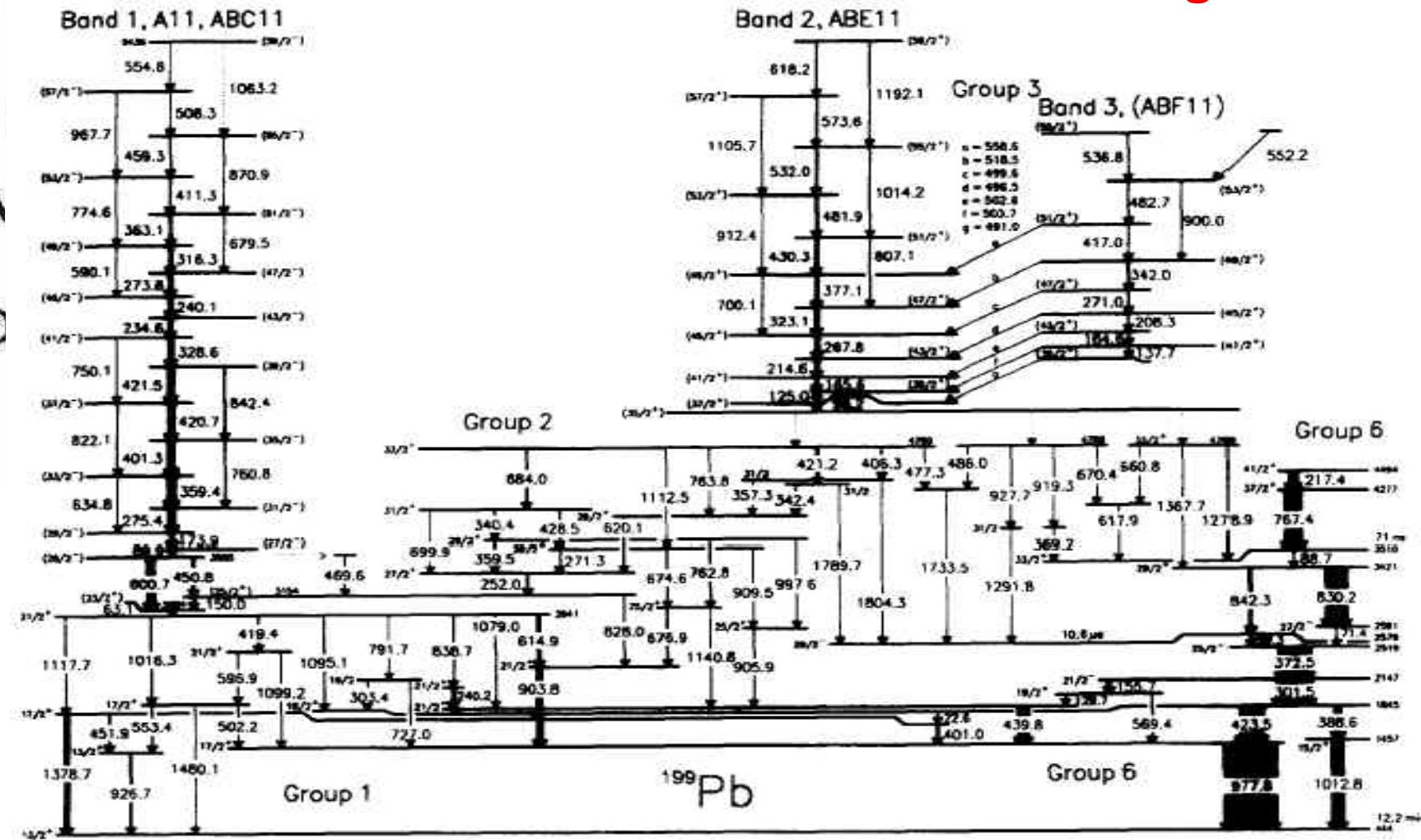
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Frauendorf, Meng, Reif, in Proc. Large  $\gamma$ -Ray Detector Arrays (Berkeley, 1994),



## Lifetimes of shear bands in $^{199}\text{Pb}$

## $\Delta l=1$ regular bands



# $\Delta I = 1$ Enhanced magnetic dipole transition

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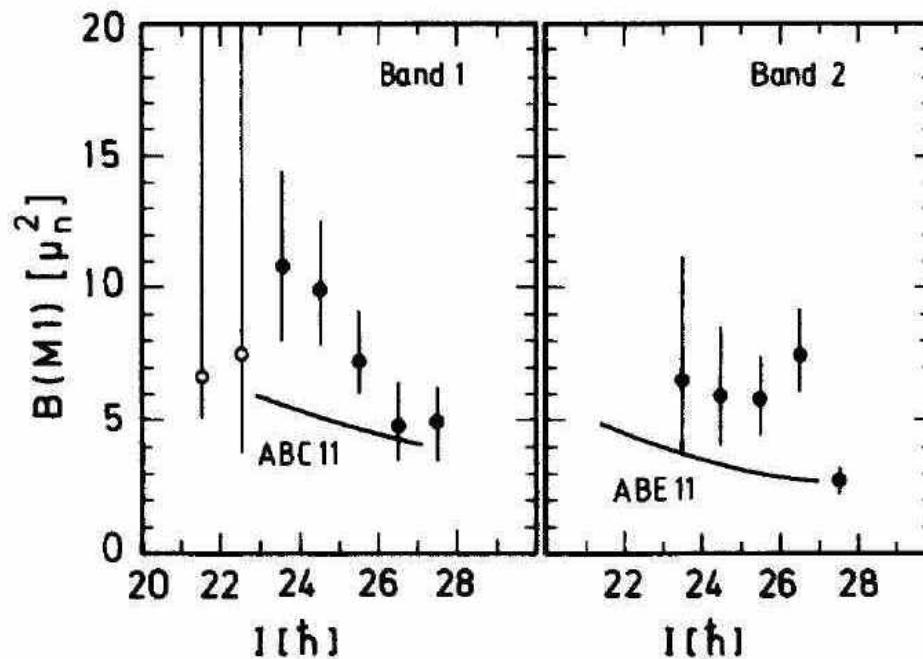


Fig. 5. Experimental (points) and calculated (lines) reduced magnetic dipole transition probabilities for bands 1 and 2 in  $^{199}\text{Pb}$  as a function of spin. Open circles: transitions in the band-crossing region.

## How does $B(M1)$ change with spin $I$ ?

Possible problems: mean field approximation / semi-classic approach

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# 转动原子核的对关联变化\*

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利用粒子数守恒方法, 在  $i = 11/2$  壳中精确处理了推转壳模型和粒子转子模型。研究了转动原子核对关联随角动量的变化情况。且通过对上述两种模型给出的对关联、能谱, 顺排角动量和 seniority 结构的分析和比较, 还对推转壳模型的可靠性进行了估价。

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**Semi-classic cranking model versus quantum Particle-rotor model  
PAC**

# Good agreement between TAC and PRM

## Semi-classic cranking model versus quantum Particle-rotor model TAC

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### Interpretation and quality of the tilted axis cranking approximation

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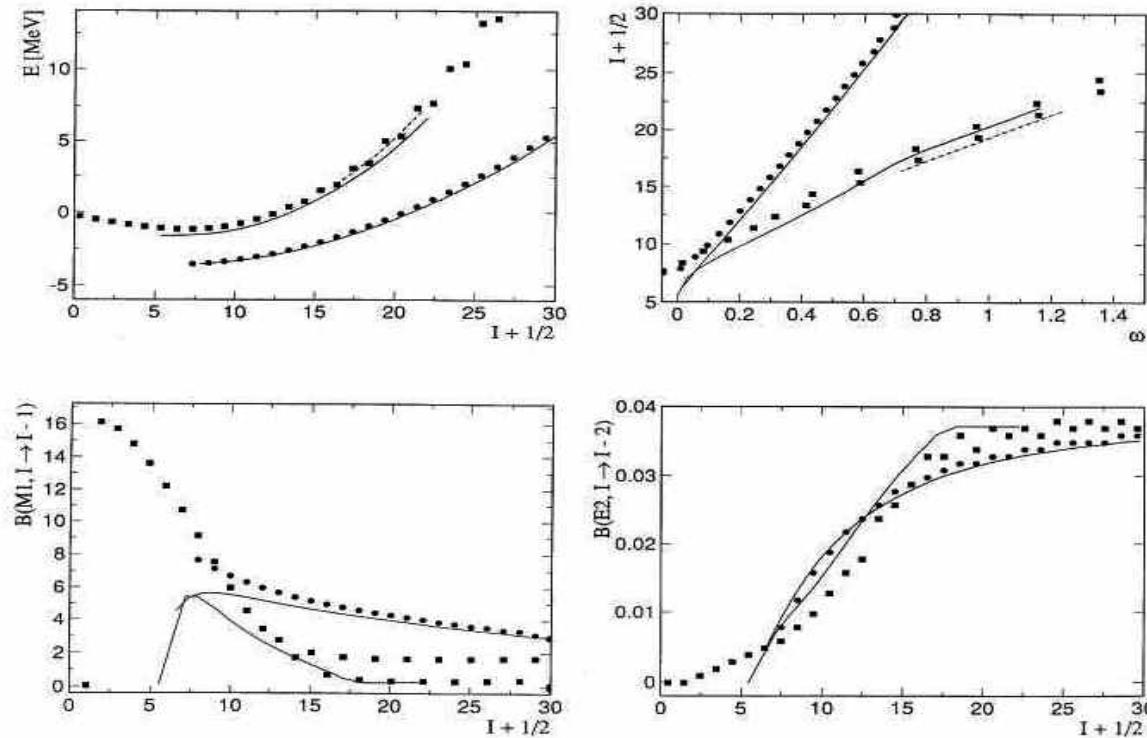
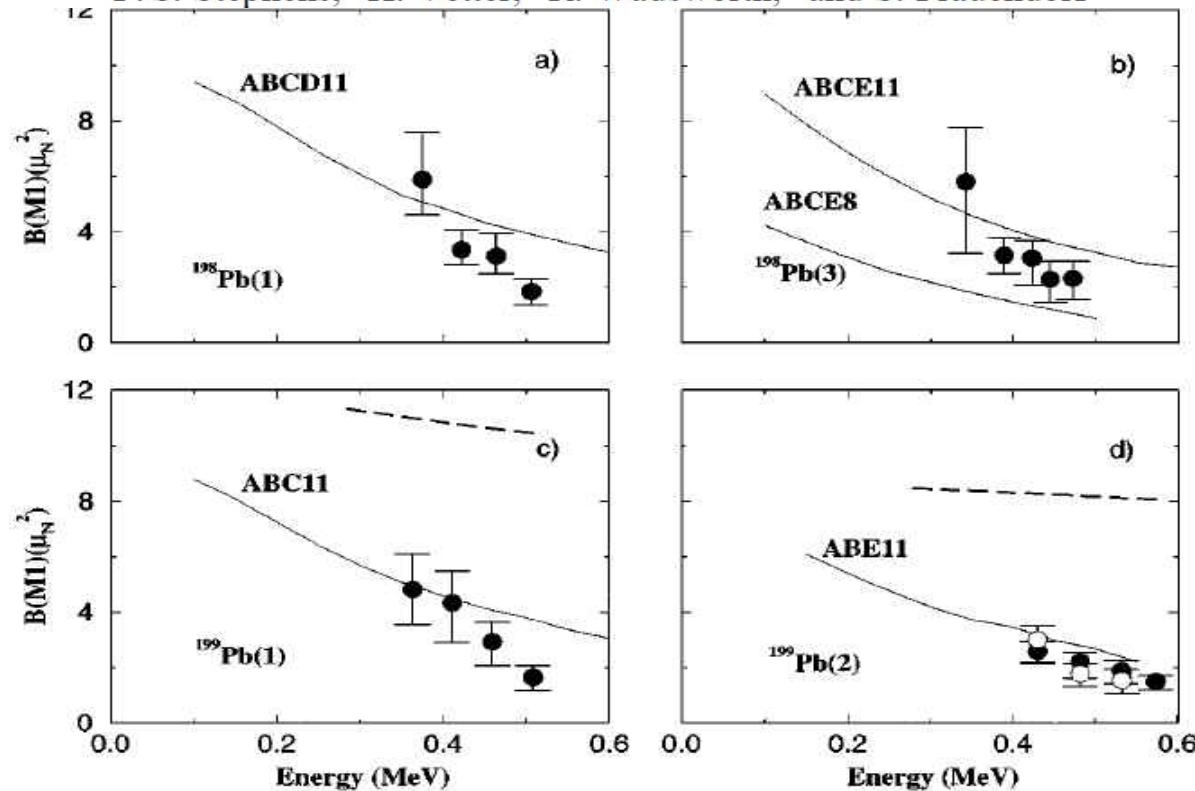


Fig. 8. Energy, angular momentum,  $B(M1)$  and  $B(E2)$  values for lowest band of the combination of a proton RAL hole with a neutron DAL hole. Circles: PRM  $C = 0.25$  MeV, squares: PRM  $C = 0.10$  MeV, full lines: TAC, dashed lines: PAC signature

## Evidence for “Magnetic Rotation” in Nuclei: Lifetimes of States in the M1 bands of $^{198,199}\text{Pb}$

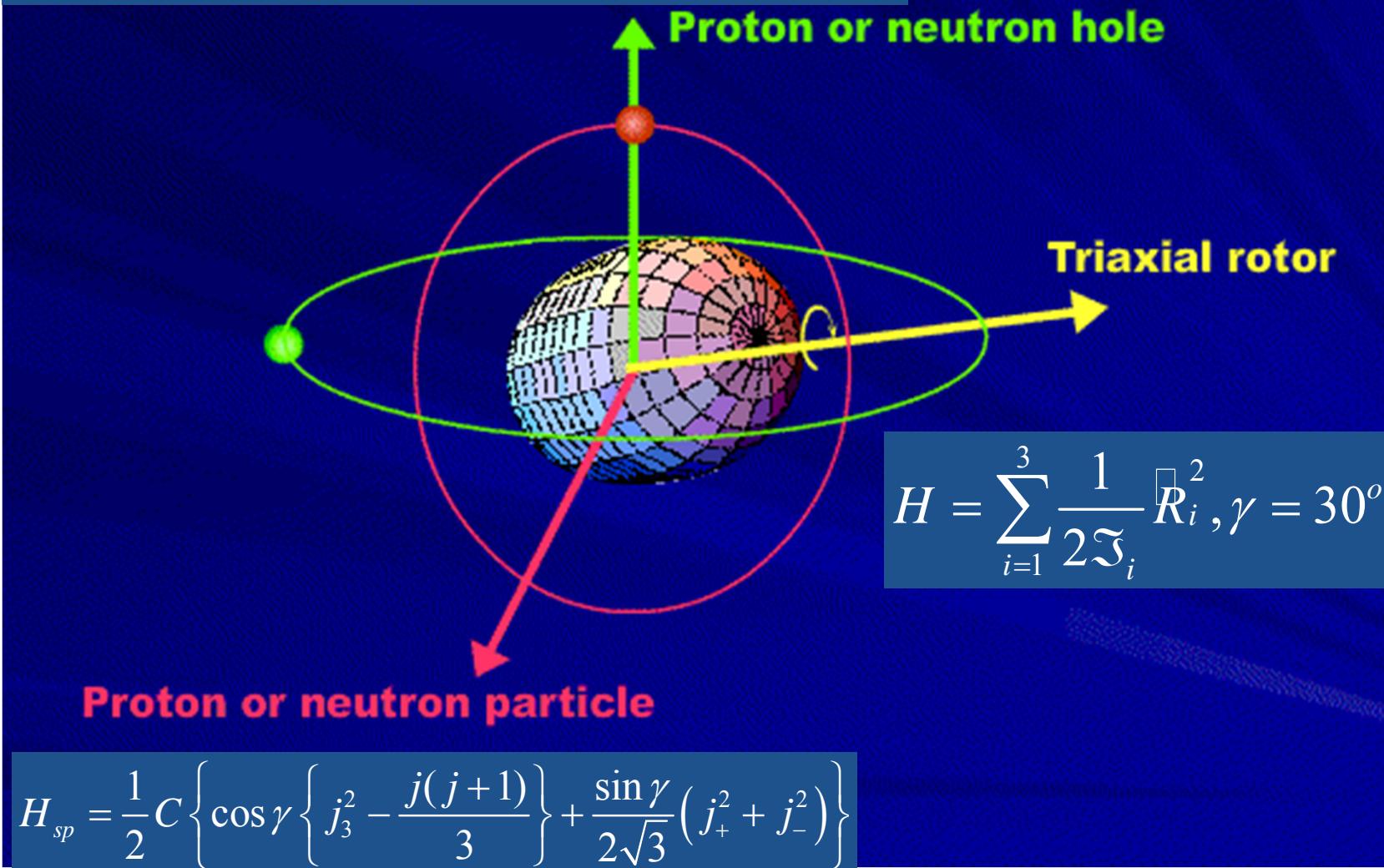
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Good agreement with prediction for BM1 versus I

# Semi-classic cranking model versus quantum Particle-rotor model: Aplanar rotation

$$H_{sp} = -\frac{1}{2}C \left\{ \cos \gamma \left\{ j_3^2 - \frac{j(j+1)}{3} \right\} + \frac{\sin \gamma}{2\sqrt{3}} (j_+^2 + j_-^2) \right\}$$



# Chiral symmetry in atomic



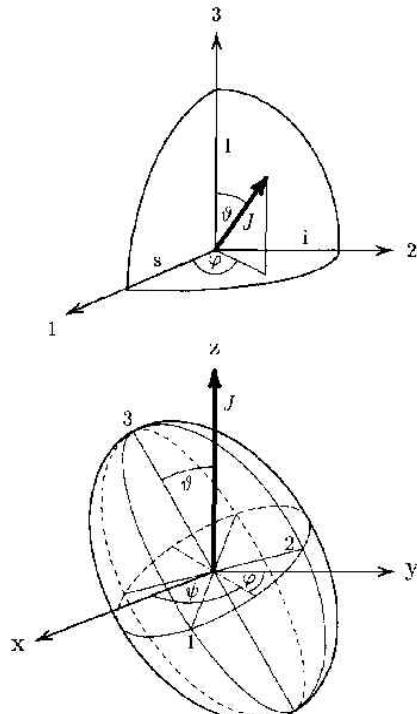
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## Tilted rotation of triaxial nuclei

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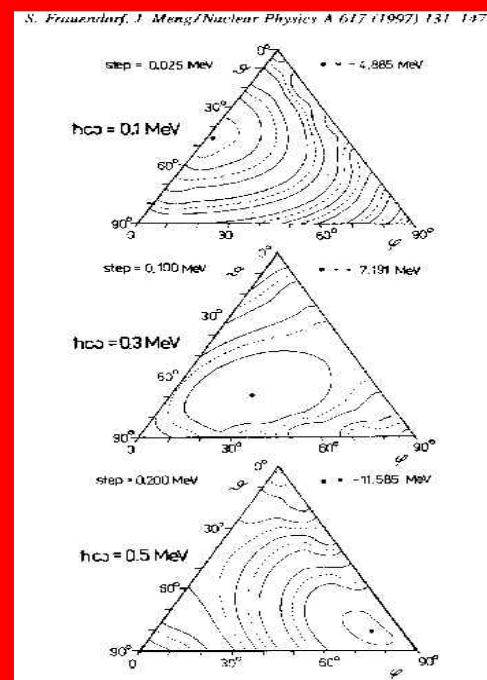


### Abstract

The Tilted Axis Cranking theory is applied to the model of two particles coupled to a triaxial rotor. Comparing with the exact quantal solutions, the interpretation and quality of the mean field approximation is studied. Conditions are discussed when the axis of rotation lies inside or outside the principal planes of the triaxial density distribution. The planar solutions represent  $\Delta I = 1$  bands, whereas the aplanar solutions represent pairs of identical  $\Delta I = 1$  bands with the same parity. The two bands differ by the chirality of the principal axes with respect to the angular momentum vector. The transition from planar to chiral solutions is evident in both the quantal and the mean field calculations. Its physical origin is discussed. © 1997 Elsevier Science B.V.

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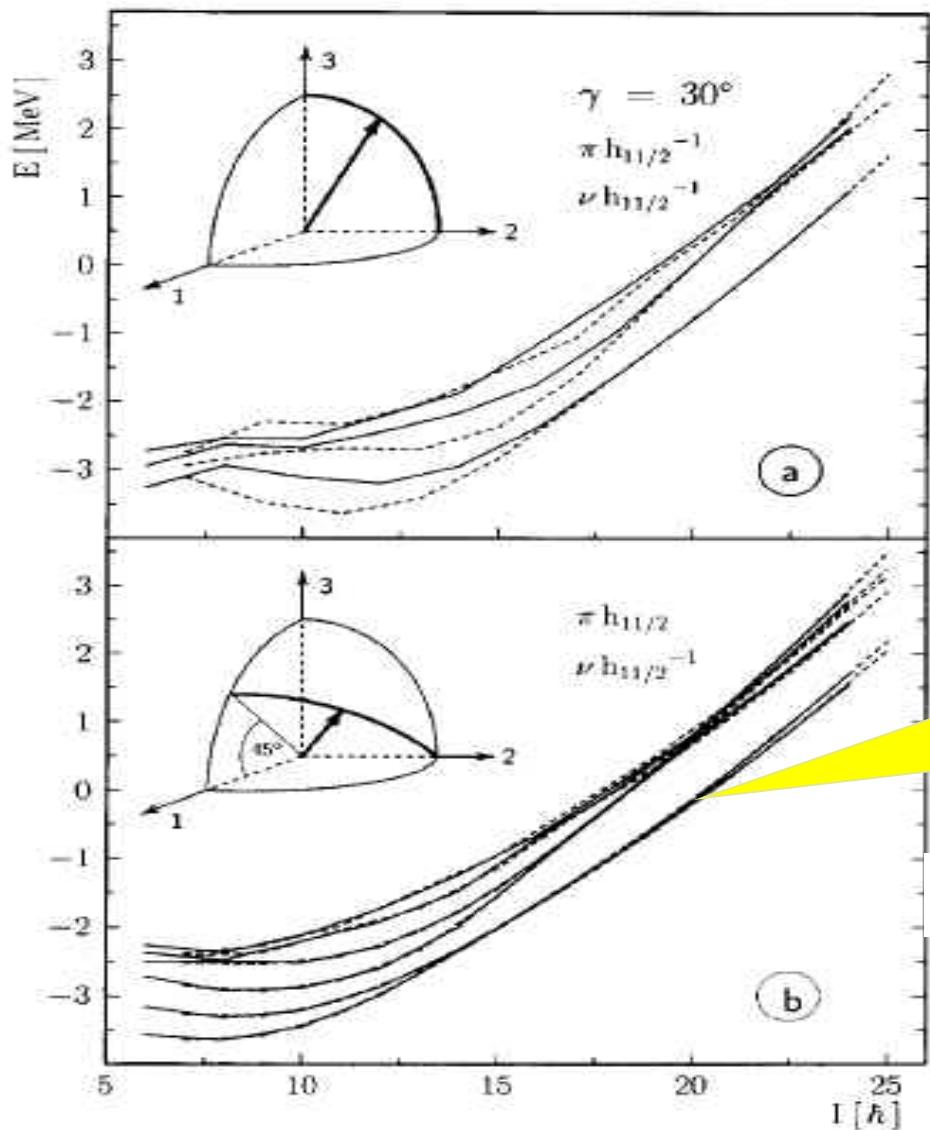
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# Chiral doublets bands: experimental signal

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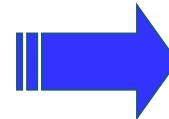
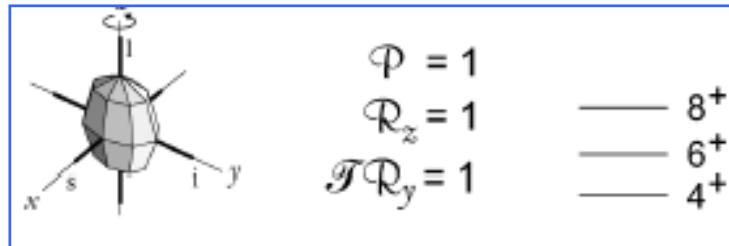
$h+h+ \text{triaxial rotor} = \text{MR}$

两条简并的磁转动带，由于量子  
**PRM**模型导致分裂从而可以从实验上进行观测。

$p+h+ \text{triaxial rotor} = \text{Chiral doublets}$

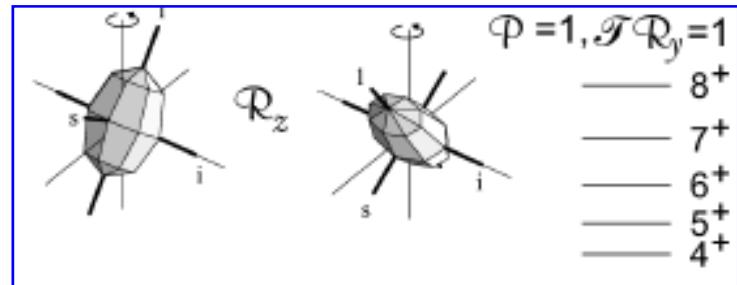
# Chiral doublets bands, Why ?

## 1. J lies along a principal axis

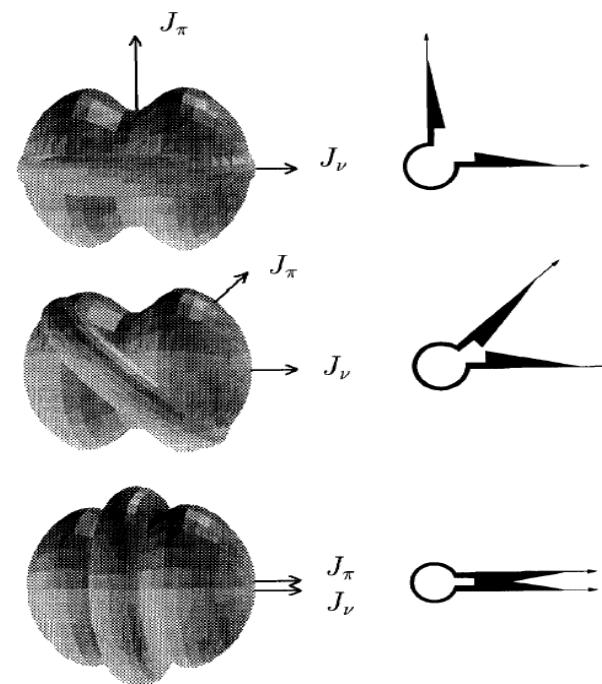


$\Delta I=2$  rotational bands

## 2. J lies in a principal plane

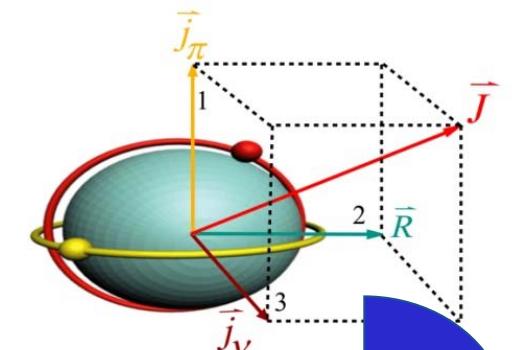
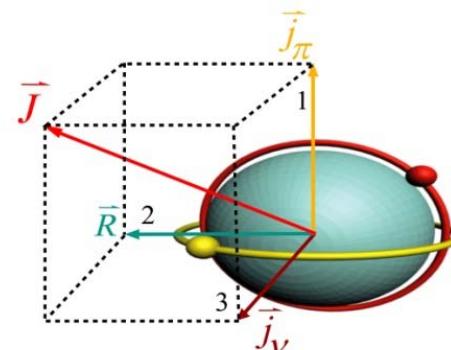
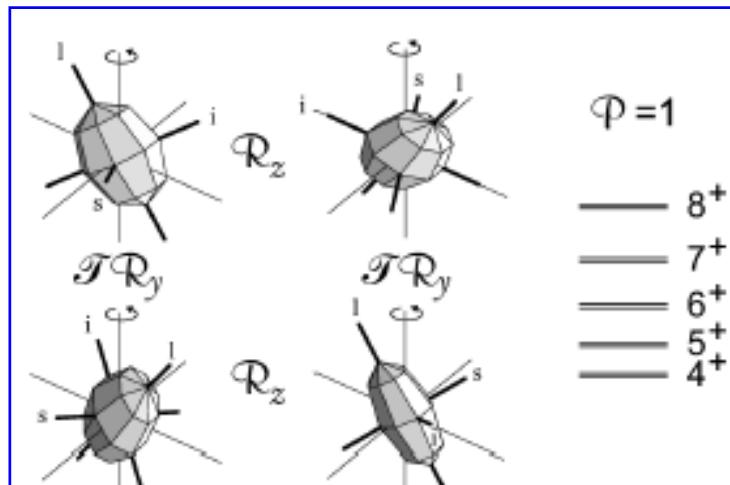


$\Delta I=1$  magnetic  
rotational bands  
Shears bands



# Chiral doublets bands, Why ?

## 3. $J$ does not lie in any of principal plane



Chiral bands  
Experimental signature:  
Degenerate pairs of  $\Delta \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{I}$  bands

$$E = T \text{Py}(\pi)$$

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# Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking of Chiral symmetry

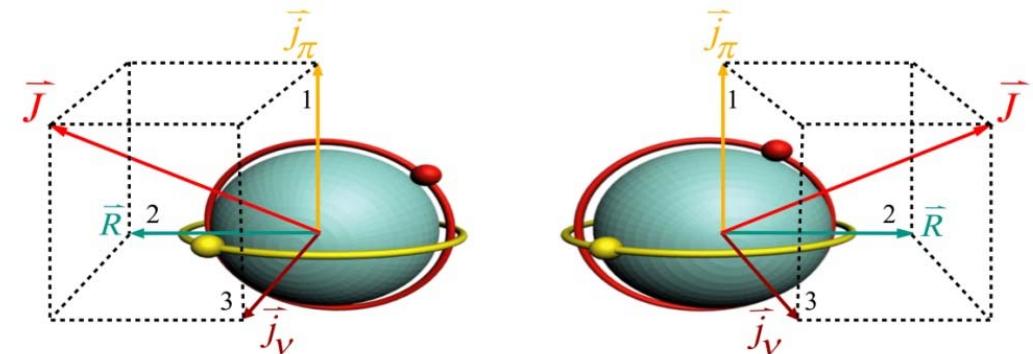
$$[\chi, H] = 0, \chi = TR_y(\pi)$$

$$H |R\rangle = \varepsilon_R |R\rangle, H |L\rangle = \varepsilon_L |L\rangle$$

$$|R\rangle = \chi |L\rangle, |L\rangle = \chi |R\rangle$$

$$\varepsilon_R = \varepsilon_L$$

Ground State (vacuum)  $\Rightarrow$  Chiral



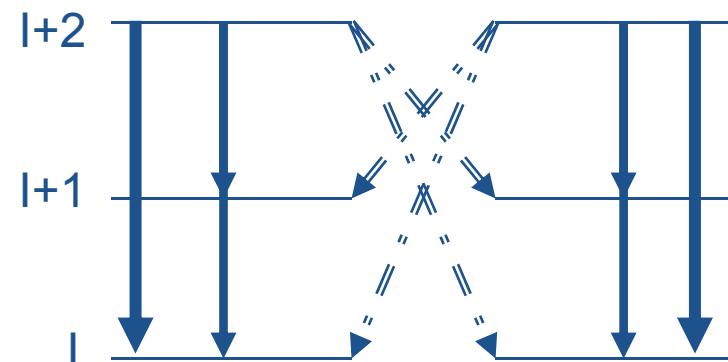
$$|IM+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|R\rangle + |L\rangle)$$

$$|IM-\rangle = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(|R\rangle - |L\rangle)$$

$$H |IM\pm\rangle = \varepsilon_{\pm}^{IM} |IM\pm\rangle$$

$$\chi |IM\pm\rangle = |IM\pm\rangle$$

$$\varepsilon_+^{IM} = \varepsilon_-^{IM}$$



Chiral doublet  $\Rightarrow$  Restoration

# First Observations of the Chiral doublets bands

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## Chiral Doublet Structures in Odd-Odd $N = 75$ Isotones: Chiral Vibrations

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New sideband partners of the yrast bands built on the  $\pi h_{11/2}\nu h_{11/2}$  configuration were identified in  $^{55}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{57}\text{La}$ , and  $^{61}\text{Pm}$   $N = 75$  isotones of  $^{134}\text{Pr}$ . These bands form with  $^{134}\text{Pr}$  unique doublet-band systematics suggesting a common basis. Aplanar solutions of 3D tilted axis cranking calculations for triaxial shapes define left- and right-handed chiral systems out of the three angular momenta provided by the valence particles and the core rotation, which leads to spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking and the doublet bands. Small energy differences between the doublet bands suggest collective chiral vibrations.

# Observations in Odd-A Nucleus

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## A Composite Chiral Pair of Rotational Bands in the Odd-A Nucleus $^{135}\text{Nd}$

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# Observations in A~100 Nucleus

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## Chiral Degeneracy in Triaxial $^{104}\text{Rh}$

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Chiral doublet bands based on the  $\pi g_{9/2} \otimes \nu h_{11/2}$  configuration that achieve degeneracy at spin  $I = 17$  in the odd-odd triaxial  $^{104}\text{Rh}$  nucleus have been observed. Experimental verification of the interpretation has been tested against specific fingerprints of chirality in the intrinsic system.

# Self- consistent rotating mean field chiral solutions

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## Chirality of Nuclear Rotation

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It is shown that the rotating mean field of triaxial nuclei can break the chiral symmetry. Two nearly degenerate  $\Delta I = 1$  rotational bands originate from the left-handed and right-handed solutions.

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# Critical frequency in Chiral rotations

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## Critical Frequency in Nuclear Chiral Rotation

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Self-consistent solutions for the so-called planar and chiral rotational bands in  $^{132}\text{La}$  are obtained for the first time within the Skyrme-Hartree-Fock cranking approach. It is suggested that the chiral rotation cannot exist below a certain critical frequency which under the approximations used is estimated as  $\hbar\omega_{\text{crit}} \approx 0.5\text{--}0.6$  MeV. However, the exact values of  $\hbar\omega_{\text{crit}}$  may vary, to an extent, depending on the microscopic model used, in particular, through the pairing correlations and/or calculated equilibrium deformations. The existence of the critical frequency is explained in terms of a simple classical model of two gyroscopes coupled to a triaxial rigid body.

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# Selection rule of EM transitions in Chiral rotations

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## Chiral Bands, Dynamical Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking, and the Selection Rule for Electromagnetic Transitions in the Chiral Geometry

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A model for a special configuration in triaxial odd-odd nuclei is constructed which exhibits degenerate chiral bands with a sizable rotation, a manifestation of dynamical spontaneous symmetry breaking. A quantum number obtained from the invariance of the model Hamiltonian, which characterizes observable states, is given and selection rules for electromagnetic transition probabilities in chiral bands is derived in terms of this quantum number. The degeneracy of the lowest two bands is indeed obtained in the numerical diagonalization of the Hamiltonian at an intermediate spin range, over which electromagnetic transitions follow exactly the selection rule expected for the chiral geometry.

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# Observations of the Chiral doublets bands in China

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## Search for the Chiral Band in the $N=71$ Odd–Odd Nucleus $^{126}\text{Cs}$ \*

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## Candidate chiral doublet bands in the odd-odd nucleus $^{126}\text{Cs}$

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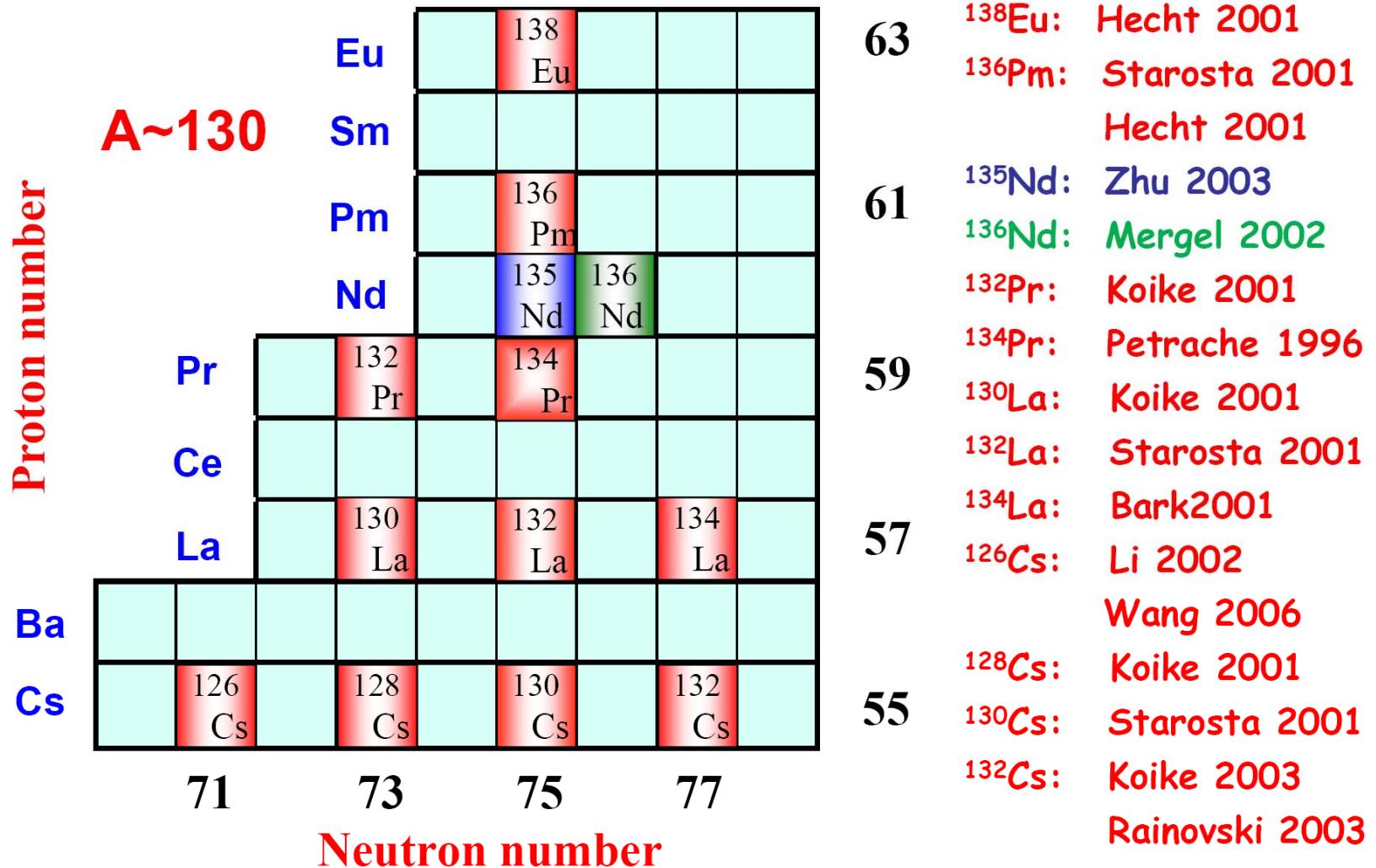
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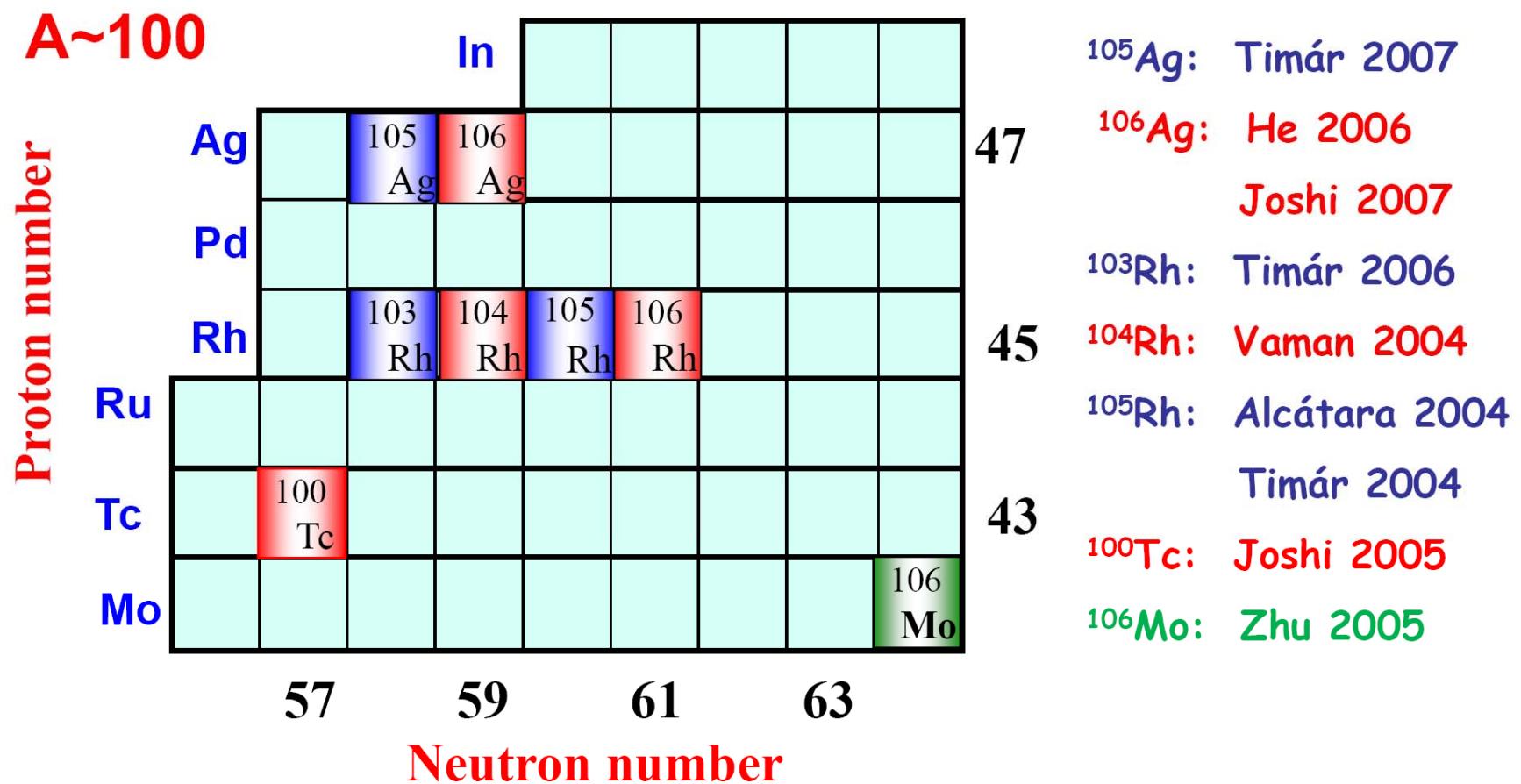
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The candidate chiral doublet bands recently observed in  $^{126}\text{Cs}$  have been extended to higher spins, several new linking transitions between the two partner members of the chiral doublet bands are observed, and  $\gamma$ -intensities related to the chiral doublet bands are presented by analyzing the  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  coincidence data collected earlier at the NORDBALL through the  $^{116}\text{Cd}(^{14}\text{N}, 4n)^{126}\text{Cs}$  reaction at a beam energy of 65 MeV. The intraband  $B(M1)/B(E2)$  and interband  $B(M1)_{\text{in}}/B(M1)_{\text{out}}$  ratios and the energy staggering parameter,  $S(I)$ , have been deduced for these doublet bands. The results are found to be consistent with the chiral interpretation for the two structures. Furthermore, the observation of chiral doublet bands in  $^{126}\text{Cs}$  together with those in  $^{124}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Cs}$ , and  $^{132}\text{Cs}$  also indicates that the chiral conditions do not change rapidly with decreasing neutron number in these odd-odd Cesium isotopes.

# Candidate Chiral bands in $A \sim 130$ region



# Candidate Chiral bands in $A \sim 100$ region



# Chiral bands in *other region*

*A~190 region*

$^{188}\text{Ir}$ : Balabanski 2004

$^{198}\text{Ti}$ : Lawrie 2008

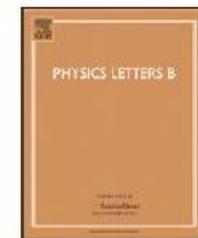
*A~80 region*

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The first candidate for chiral nuclei in the  $A \sim 80$  mass region:  $^{80}\text{Br}$

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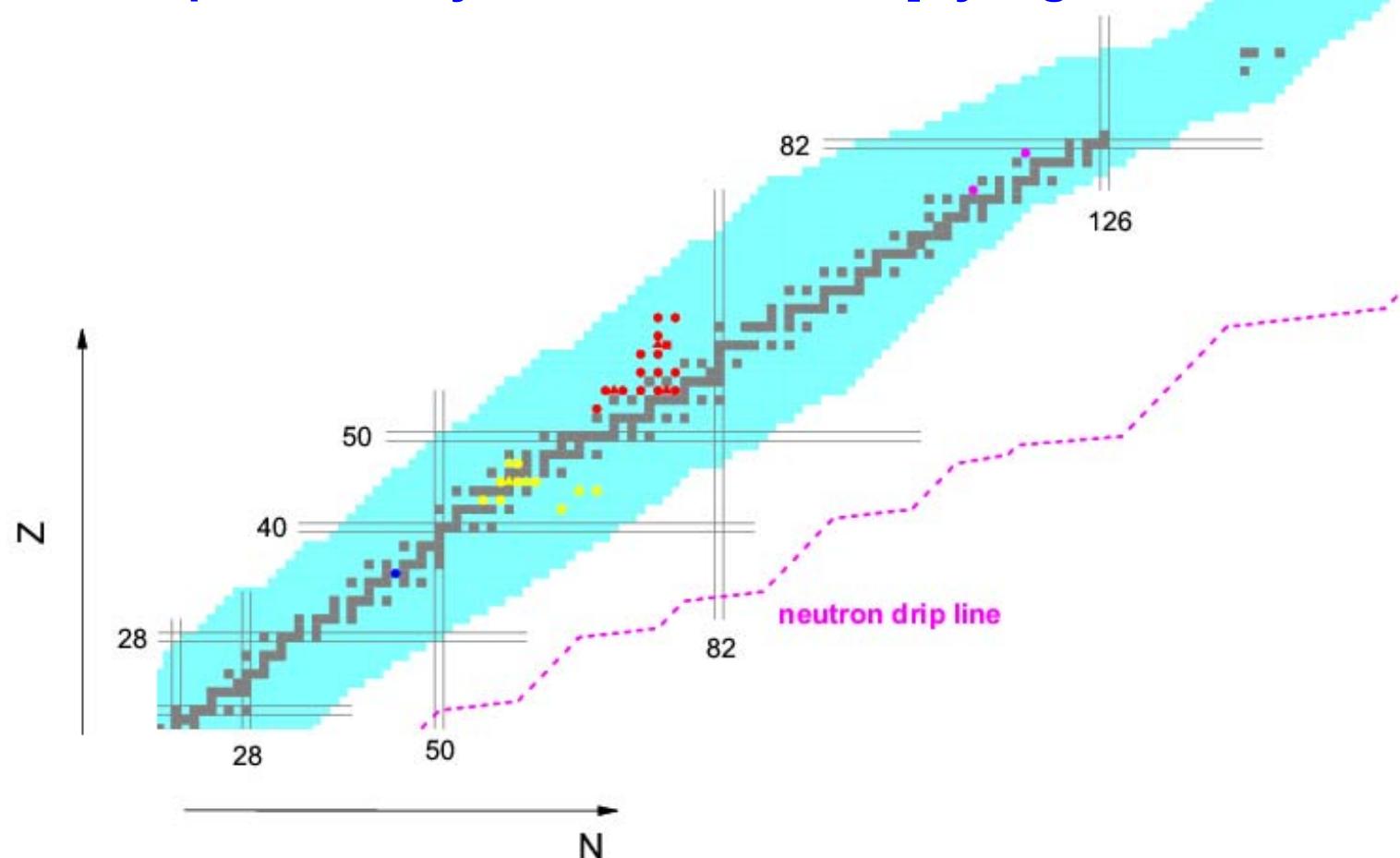
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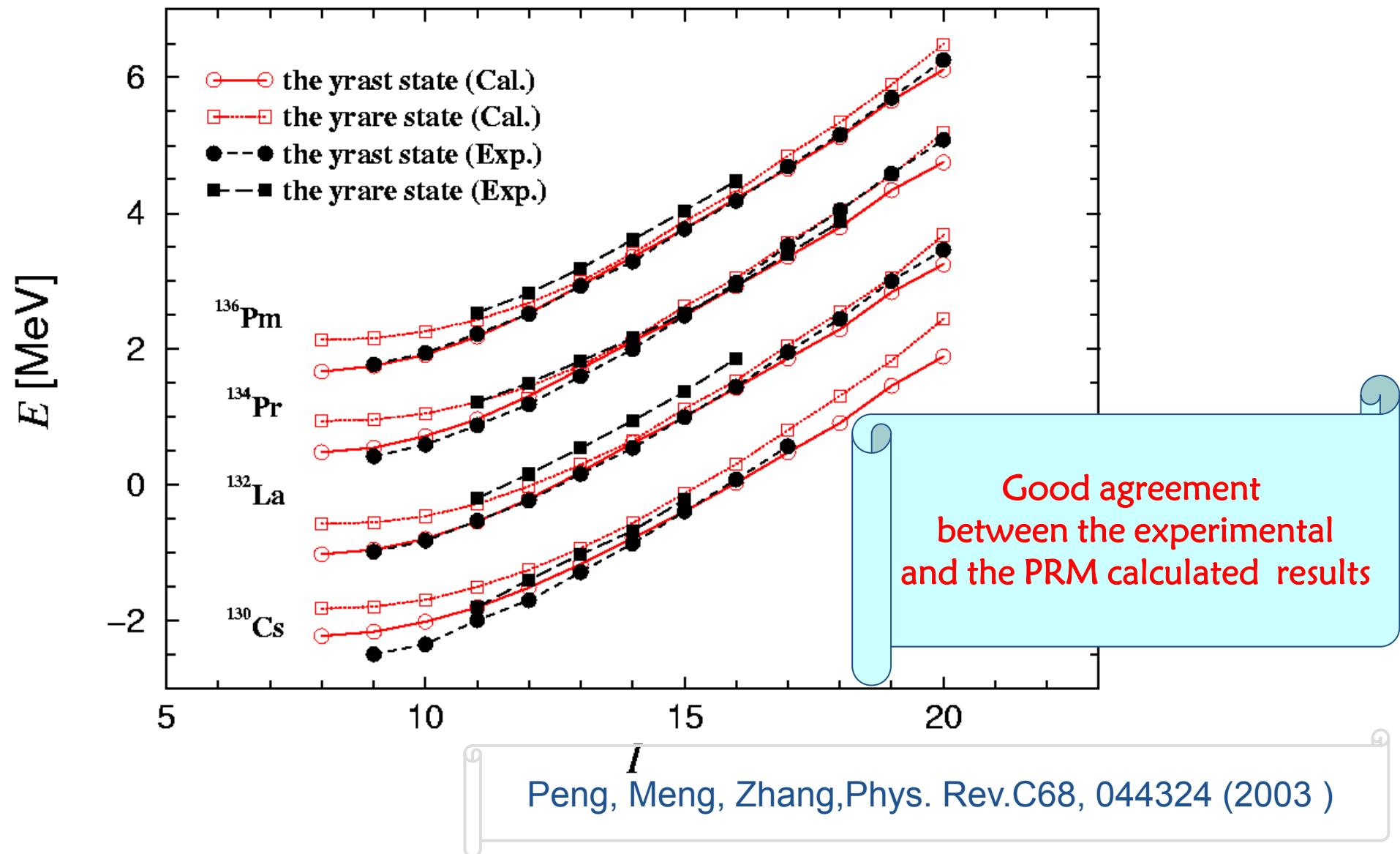
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# Nuclear Chiral chart

- Up till now, more than 30 candidate have been reported in the A~80, 100, 130, and 190 mass regions. [Meng and Zhang2010JPG]
- Multiple chiral doublets ( $M\chi D$ ) were predicted in 2006 [Meng2006PRC] and experimentally observed in 2013 [Ayangeakaa2013PRL]



# Chiral criteria: Near energy degeneracy?



# Near energy degeneracy - chirality?

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## Transition Probabilities in $^{134}\text{Pr}$ : A Test for Chirality in Nuclear Systems

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Exited states in  $^{134}\text{Pr}$  were populated in the fusion-evaporation reaction  $^{119}\text{Sn}(^{19}\text{F}, 4n)^{134}\text{Pr}$ . Recoil distance Doppler-shift and Doppler-shift attenuation measurements using the Euroball spectrometer, in conjunction with the inner Bismuth Germanate ball and the Cologne plunger, were performed at beam energies of 87 MeV and 83 MeV, respectively. Reduced transition probabilities in  $^{134}\text{Pr}$  are compared to the predictions of the two quasiparticle + triaxial rotor and interacting boson fermion-fermion models. The experimental results do not support the presence of static chirality in  $^{134}\text{Pr}$  underlying the importance of shape fluctuations. Only within a dynamical context the presence of intrinsic chirality in  $^{134}\text{Pr}$  can be supported.

# $^{134}\text{Pr}$ - Chiral candidate ? ? ?

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## Risk of Misinterpretation of Nearly Degenerate Pair Bands as Chiral Partners in Nuclei

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The experimental information on the observed nearly degenerate bands in the  $N = 75$  isotones, in particular  $^{134}\text{Pr}$  and  $^{136}\text{Pm}$ , which are often considered as the best candidates for chiral bands, is critically analyzed. Most properties of the bands, in particular, the recently measured branching ratios and lifetimes, are in clear disagreement with the interpretation of the two bands as chiral bands. For  $I = 14\text{--}18$  in  $^{134}\text{Pr}$ , where the observed energies are almost degenerate, we have obtained a value of 2.0(4) for the ratio of the transition quadrupole moments of the two bands, which implies a considerable difference in the nuclear shape associated with the two bands. The insufficiency of the near-degeneracy criterion to trace nuclear chirality is emphasized.

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End of the story ?

# 手征原子核: another best example! ?

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## **$^{128}\text{Cs}$ as the Best Example Revealing Chiral Symmetry Breaking**

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The results of the Doppler-shift attenuation method lifetime measurements in partner bands of  $^{128}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{132}\text{La}$  are presented. Experimental reduced transition probabilities in  $^{128}\text{Cs}$  are compared with theoretical calculations done in the frame of the core-quasiparticle coupling model. The electromagnetic properties, energy and spin of levels belonging to the partner bands show that  $^{128}\text{Cs}$  is the best known example revealing the chiral symmetry breaking phenomenon.

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# 手征原子核: another best example! ?

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## From Chiral Vibration to Static Chirality in $^{135}\text{Nd}$

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Electromagnetic transition probabilities have been measured for the intraband and interband transitions in the two sequences in the nucleus  $^{135}\text{Nd}$  that were previously identified as a composite chiral pair of rotational bands. The chiral character of the bands is affirmed and it is shown that their behavior is associated with a transition from a vibrational into a static chiral regime.

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Chirality is a well-known phenomenon in chemistry and biology as a geometric property of many molecules, in

excitation energies of the two partner bands never approach each other. In  $^{134}\text{Pr}$ , the two bands come very close

## Question: Chiral bands ?

Reproduction of Spectra & transition in 2qp coupled with triaxial rotor ! Examine the orientation of the AM

**Nuclear Chirality:** Based on the geometry for one particle and one hole coupled to a triaxial rotor with  $\gamma = 30^\circ$

1. nearly degenerate doublet bands

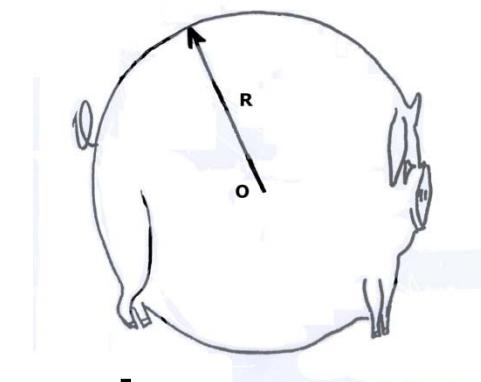
2.  $S(I)$  independent of spin

3. identical spin alignments

4. identical  $B(M1), B(E2)$  values

5. staggering of  $B(M1)/B(E2)$  ratios

6. interband  $B(E2)=0$  at high spin



**chiral bands**

A microscopic quantum many-body model with  $n$ -particles and  $n$ -holes !

S.Y. Wang, S.Q. Zhang, B. Qi, and J. Meng, Examining the Chiral Geometry in  $^{104}\text{Rh}$  and  $^{106}\text{Rh}$ , Chinese Physics Letters 2007 24 (3): 664-667

# Theoretical models for nuclear chirality

- **Tilted axis cranking** (*intrinsic frame; microscopic; mean-field; self-consistent; semi-classical; no quantum tunneling;*)

- Single-j model [Frauendorf and Meng NPA\(1997\)](#);
- Hybird Woods-Saxon and Nilsson model [Dimitrov et al PRL\(2000\)](#)
- Skyrme Hartree-Fock model [Olbratowski et al PRL\(2004\), PRC\(2006\)](#)
- Relativistic mean field (RMF) theory [Madokoro et al PRC\(2000\); Peng et al PRC \(2008\)](#)
- TAC+RPA (135Nd) [S. Mukhopadhyay et al PRL2007](#);

# Theoretical tools for nuclear chirality

## Tilted Axis Cranking

### Advantage:

- Easily extended to the multi-particle case.
- microscopic method

### Problems:

- The cranking model is a semi-classical approach, where the total angular momentum is not a good quantum number and the electromagnetic transitions are calculated in semiclassical approximation.
- The description of quantum tunneling of chiral partners is beyond the mean field approximation .

# Theoretical models for nuclear chirality

## ● Particle Core Coupling (*lab frame; phenomenological; quantum; with quantum tunneling;* )

– Triaxial Particle Rotor Model

Frauendorf and Meng NPA(1997); Peng et al PRC(2003); Koike et al PRL(2004);  
Zhang et.al PRC(2007); Lawrie et al PRC (2008); Qi et al PLB(2009)

– Core-quasiparticle coupling model, which follows the KKDF method

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– Interacting Boson Fermion Fermion Model (IBFFM)

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– Interacting Vector Boson Model ( IVBM)

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– Pair Truncated Shell Model / Quadrupole Coupling Model

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Yoshinaga and Higashiyama, Eur. Phys. J A 30,343 (2006)

# Theoretical tools for nuclear chirality

## Particle Rotor Model

### Advantage

- A quantum-mechanical model with the angular momentum as a good quantum number.
- In the laboratory frame and yields directly the energy splitting and tunneling between doublet bands.

### Problem

- In PRM calculation, the quadrupole deformation parameters  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are inputs.

# Theoretical tools for nuclear chirality

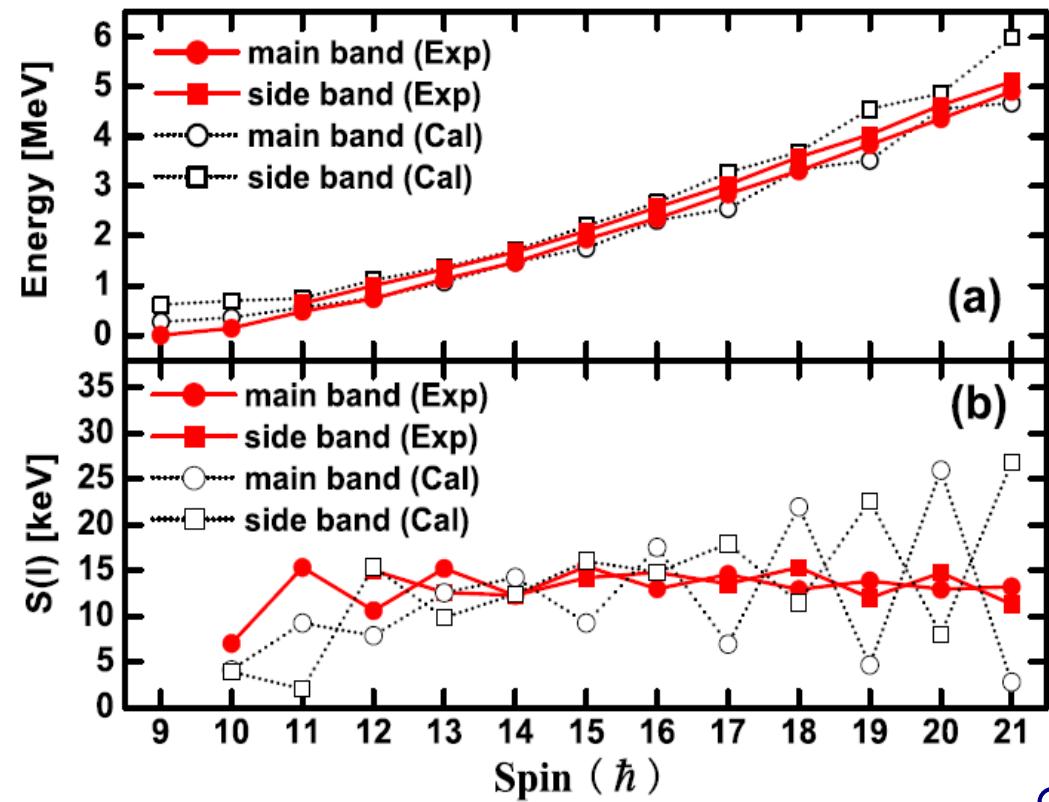
**Particle Rotor Model beyond one particle  
one hole configuration**

# Simulating n-particles-n-holes by pairing configuration:

one proton in  $h_{11/2}$

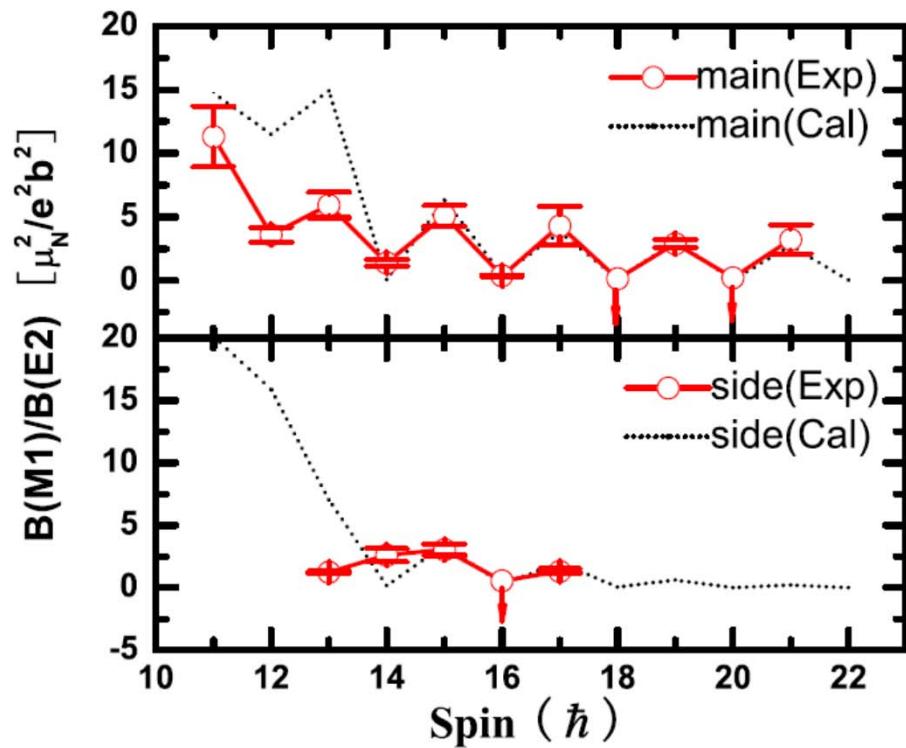
one quasi-neutron in  $h_{11/2}$  : simulate n-neutron holes

Energy spectra  
of  $^{126}\text{Cs}$



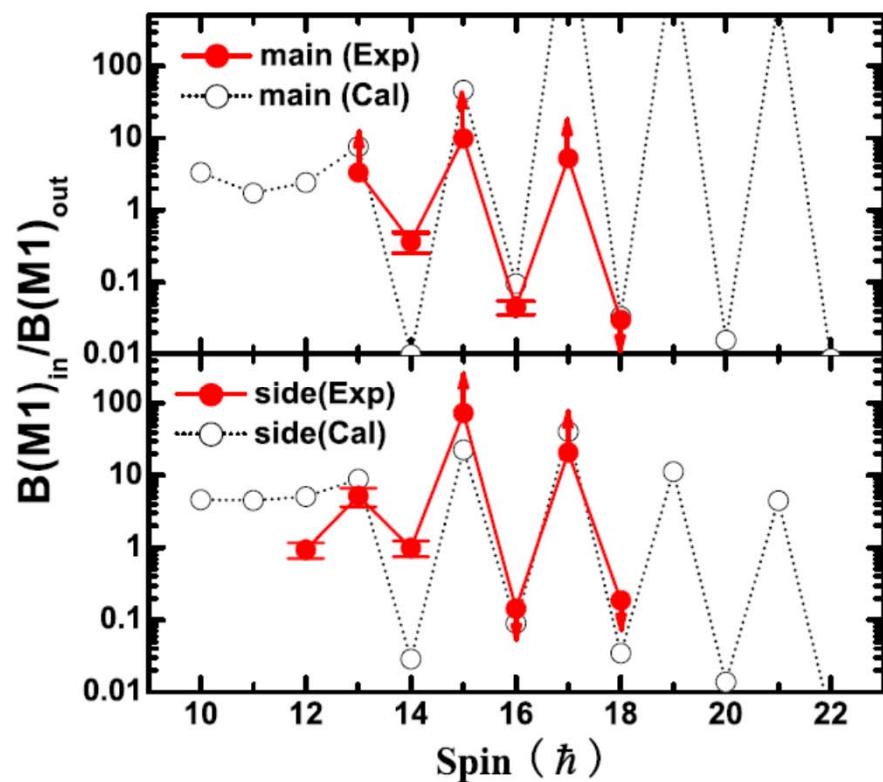
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Electromagnetic  
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# $^{135}\text{Nd}$ as an example

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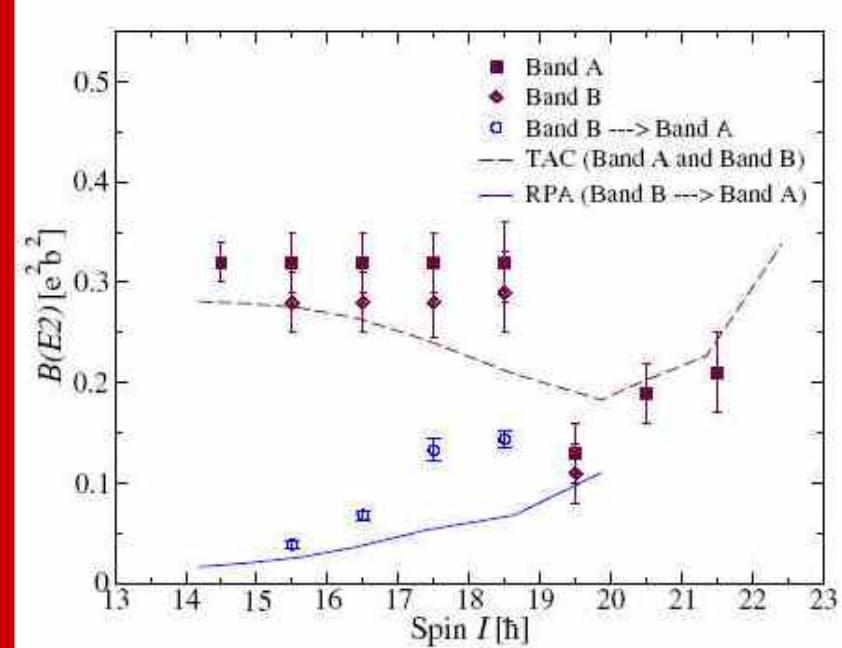
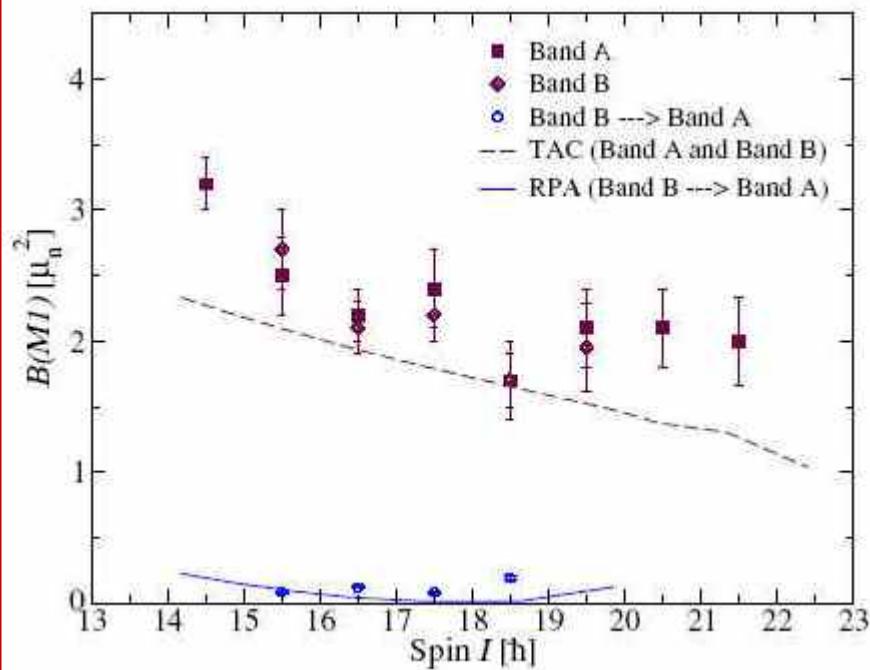
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# Odd-A Chiral Nucleus $^{135}\text{Nd}$

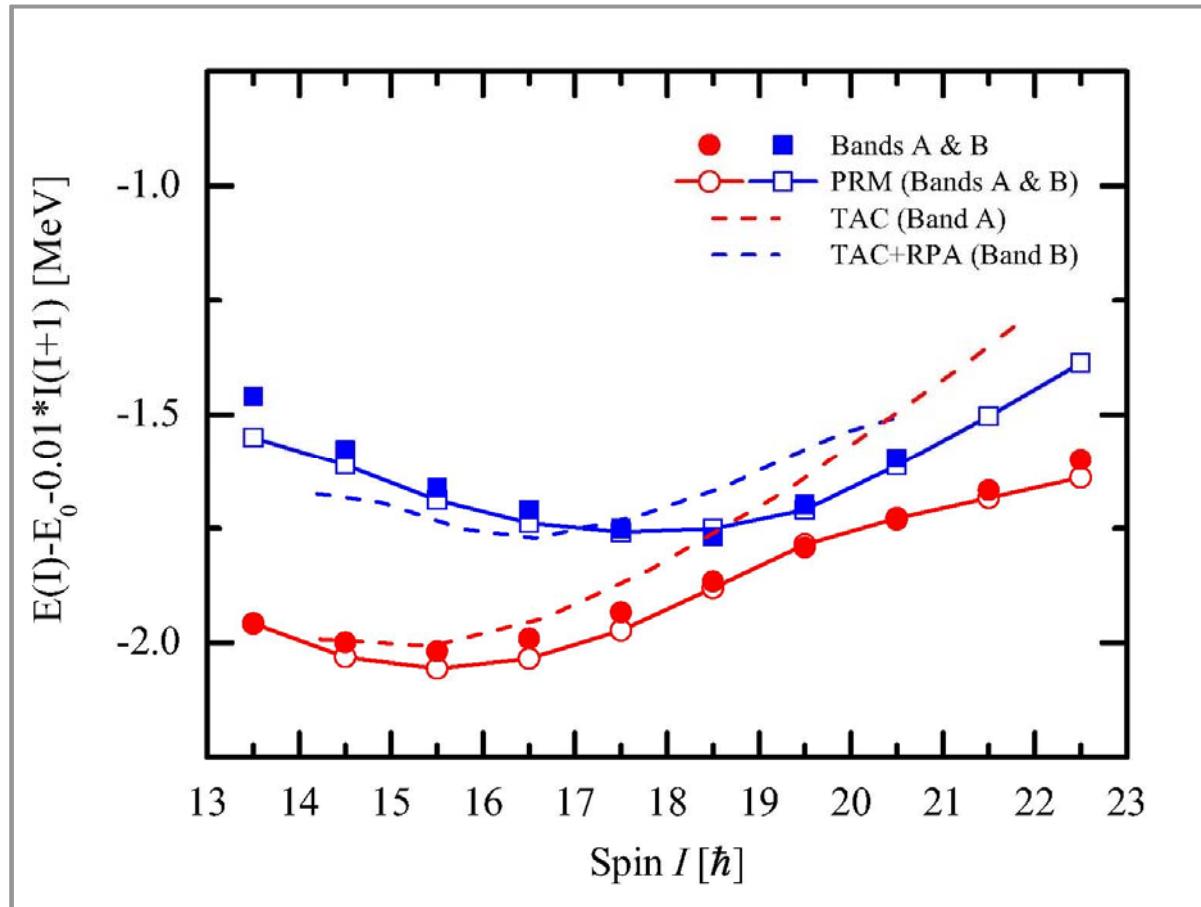
Many-particle-many-hole & triaxial rotor

## Numerical details

- **Config:**  $\pi h_{11/2}^2 \otimes \nu h_{11/2}^{-1}$
- **deformation**  $\beta = 0.235, \gamma = 22.4^\circ$  from RMF
- **MOI**  $29\hbar^2 / MeV$  justified by data
- **intrinsic Q**  $Q_0 = (3/\sqrt{5\pi})R_0^2 Z \beta = 4.0 eb$
- **g-factor**  $g_R = Z/A, g_p = 1.21, g_n = -0.21$

# Odd-A Chiral Nucleus $^{135}\text{Nd}$

奇-A核  $^{135}\text{Nd}$  中候选手征带的能谱



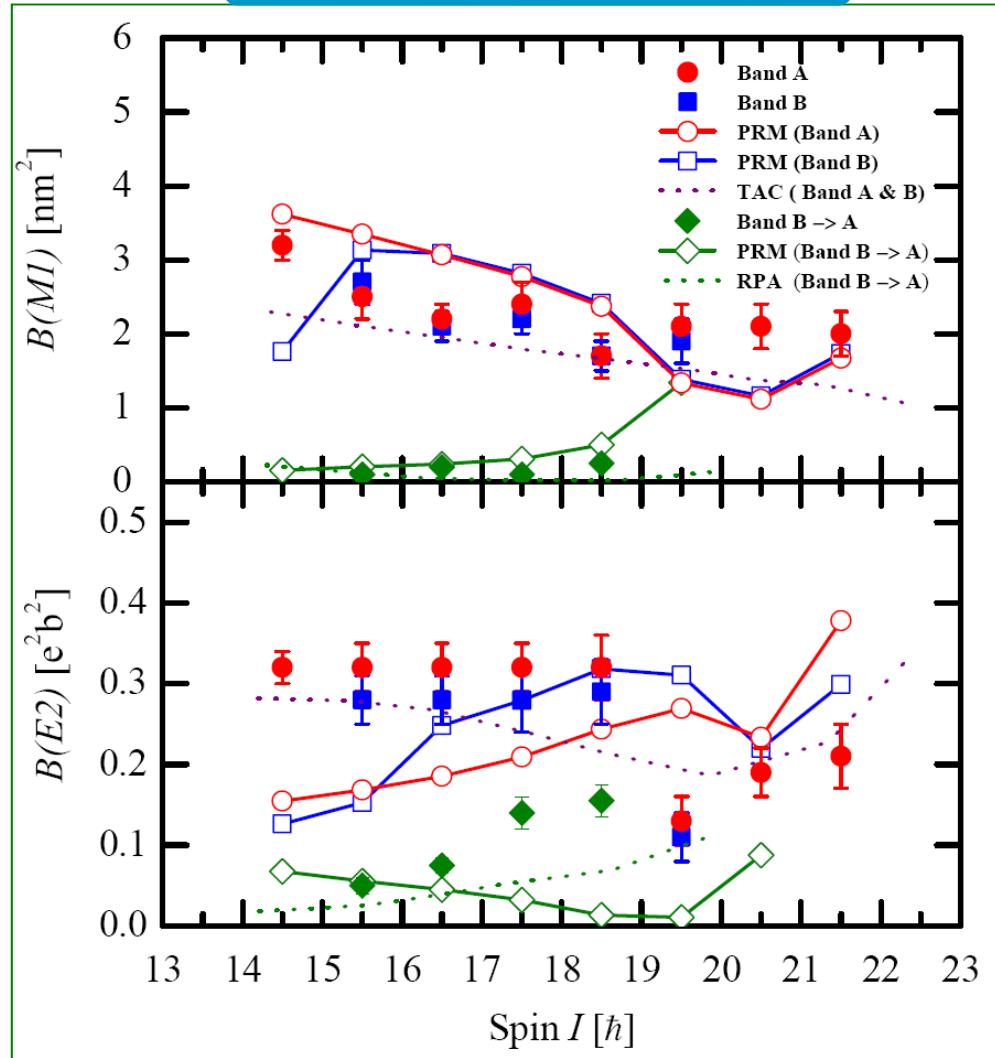
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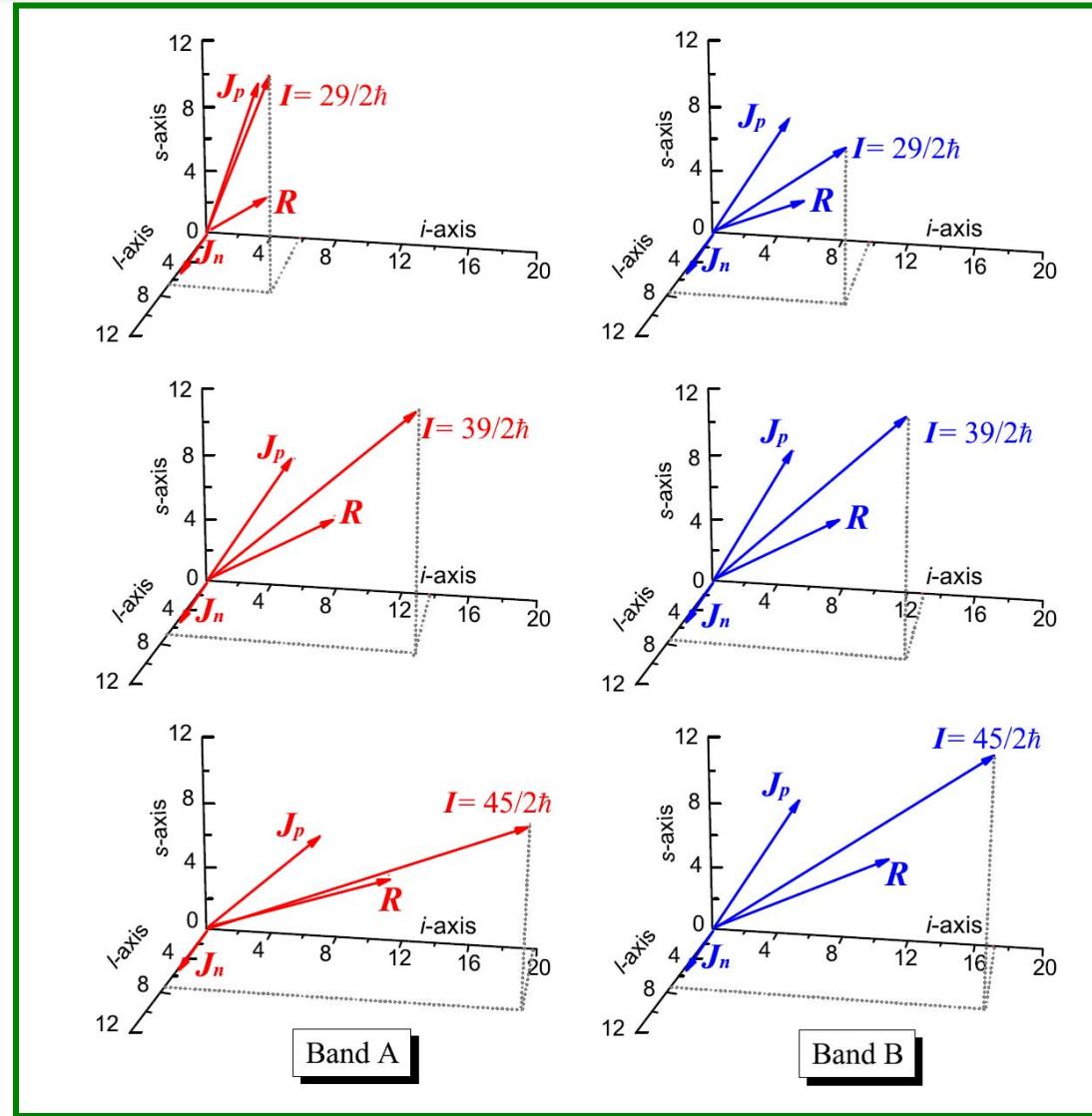
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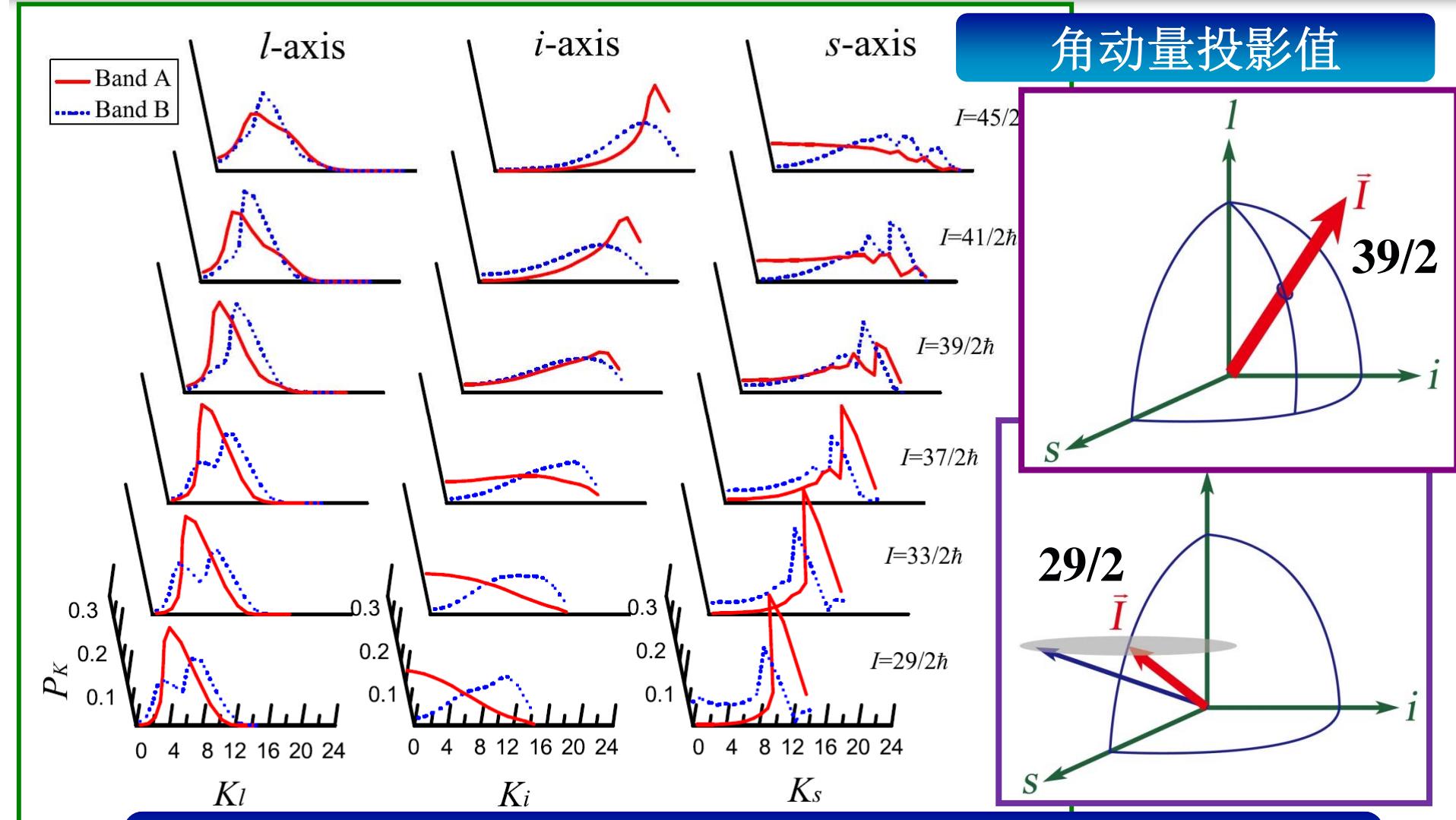
B(M1) & B(E2) 的实验  
特征被很好的再现

# Odd-A Chiral Nucleus $^{135}\text{Nd}$

角动量期待值



# Odd-A Chiral Nucleus $^{135}\text{Nd}$



动态手性  $\rightarrow$   $I=39/2$ 附近的静态手性  $\rightarrow$  动态手性

# Beyond phenomenological Cranking approach

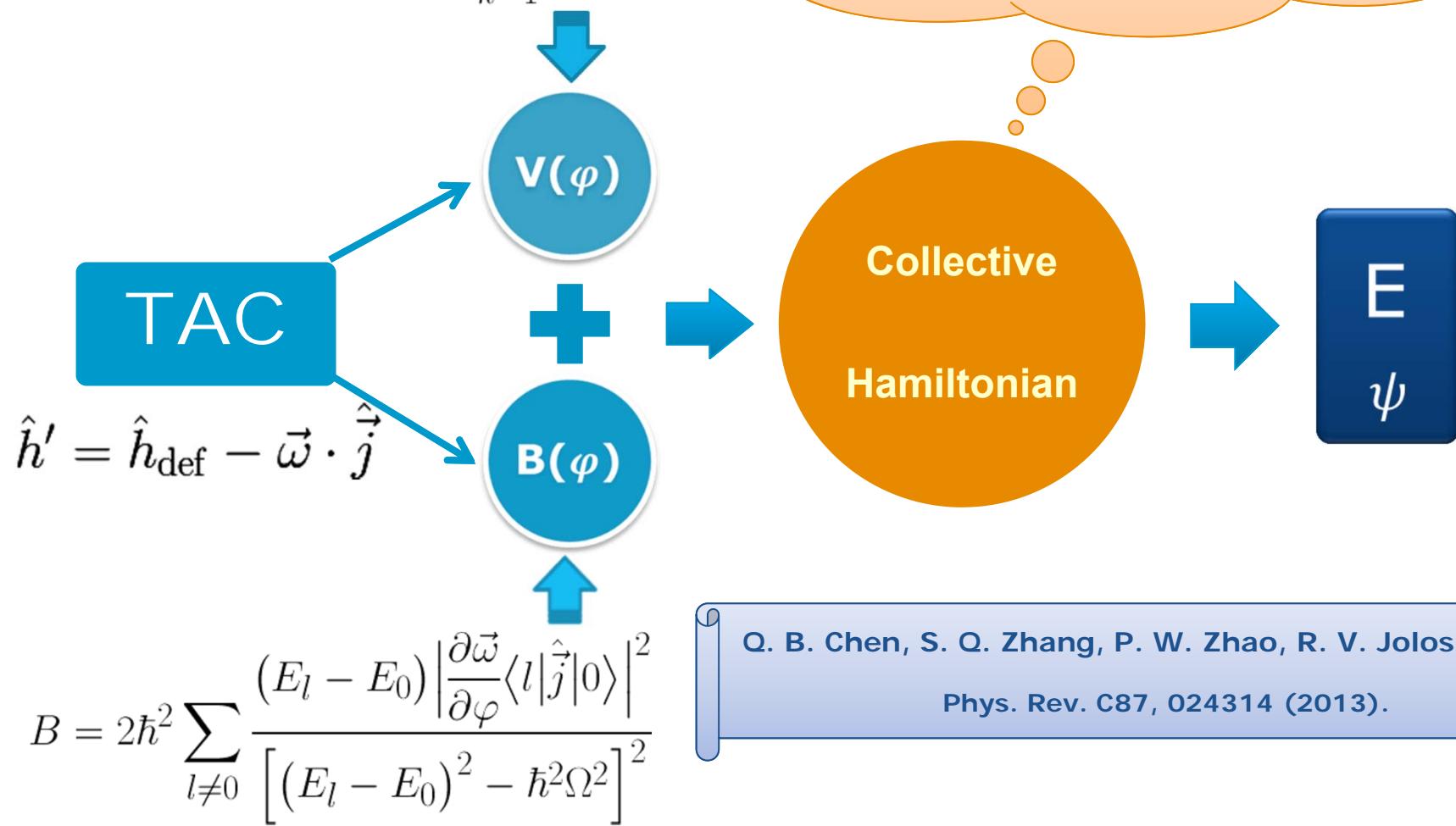
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Chen, Zhang, Zhao, Jолос, Meng, Phys. Rev. C87, 024314 (2013).
  
- **Covariant density functional: configuration constraint and cranking**

# Collective Hamiltonian for Chiral Modes

minimize

$$E' = \langle h' \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \mathcal{J}_k \omega_k^2$$

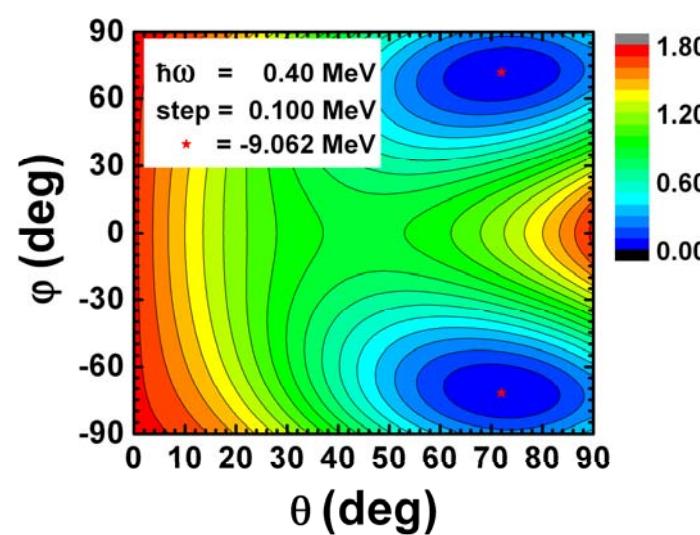
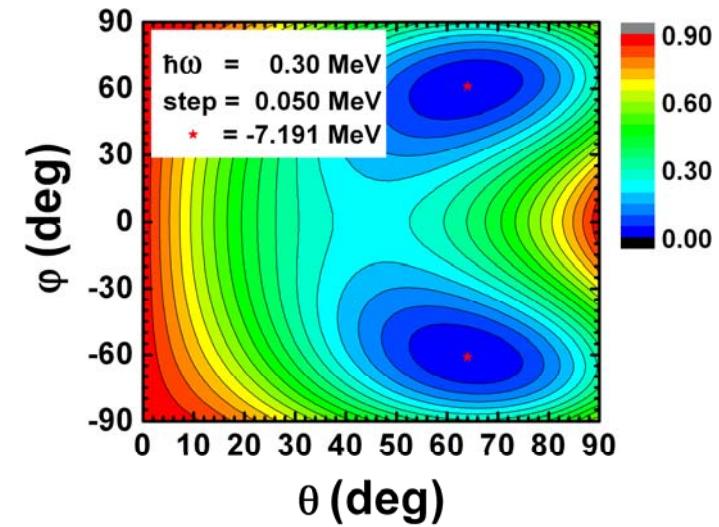
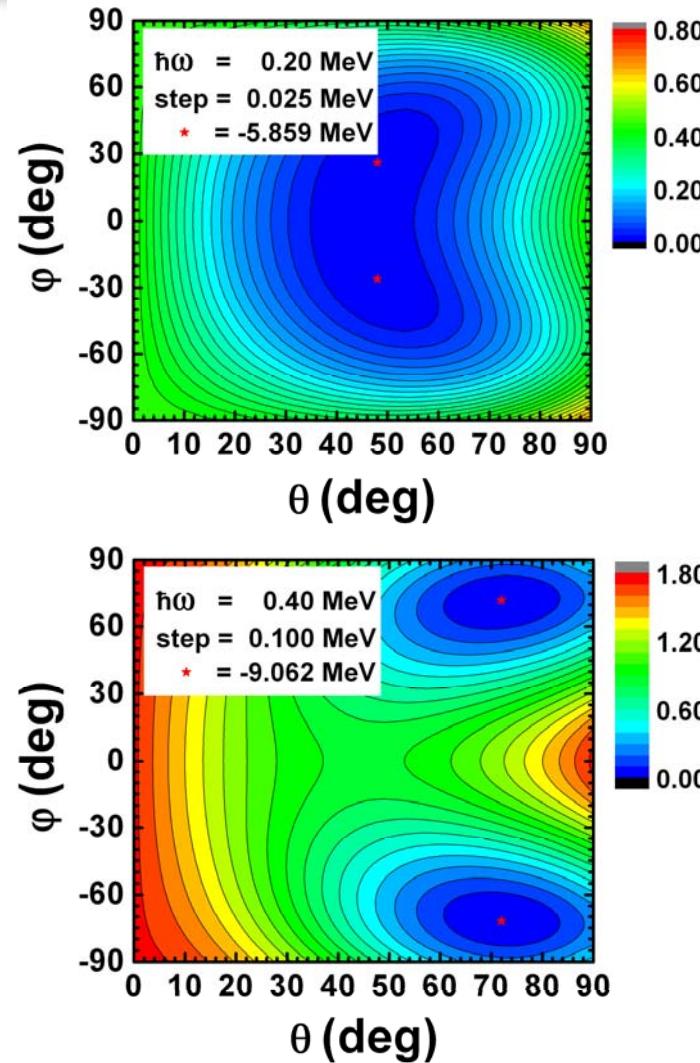
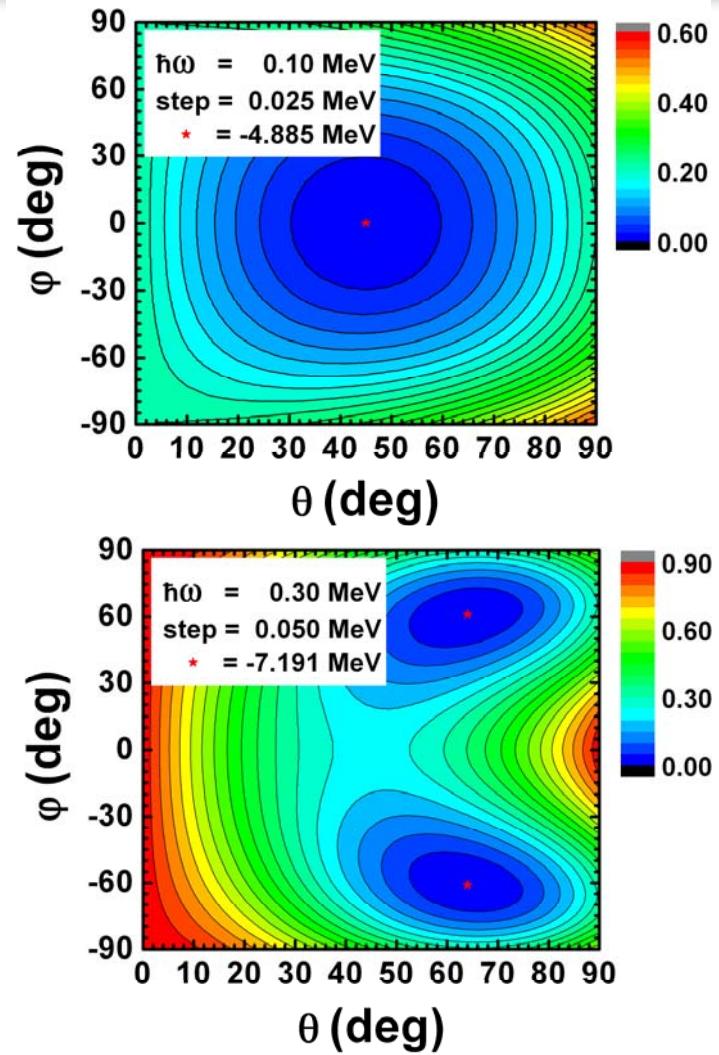
$$\hat{H}_{\text{coll}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\sqrt{B(\varphi)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{B(\varphi)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} + V(\varphi)$$



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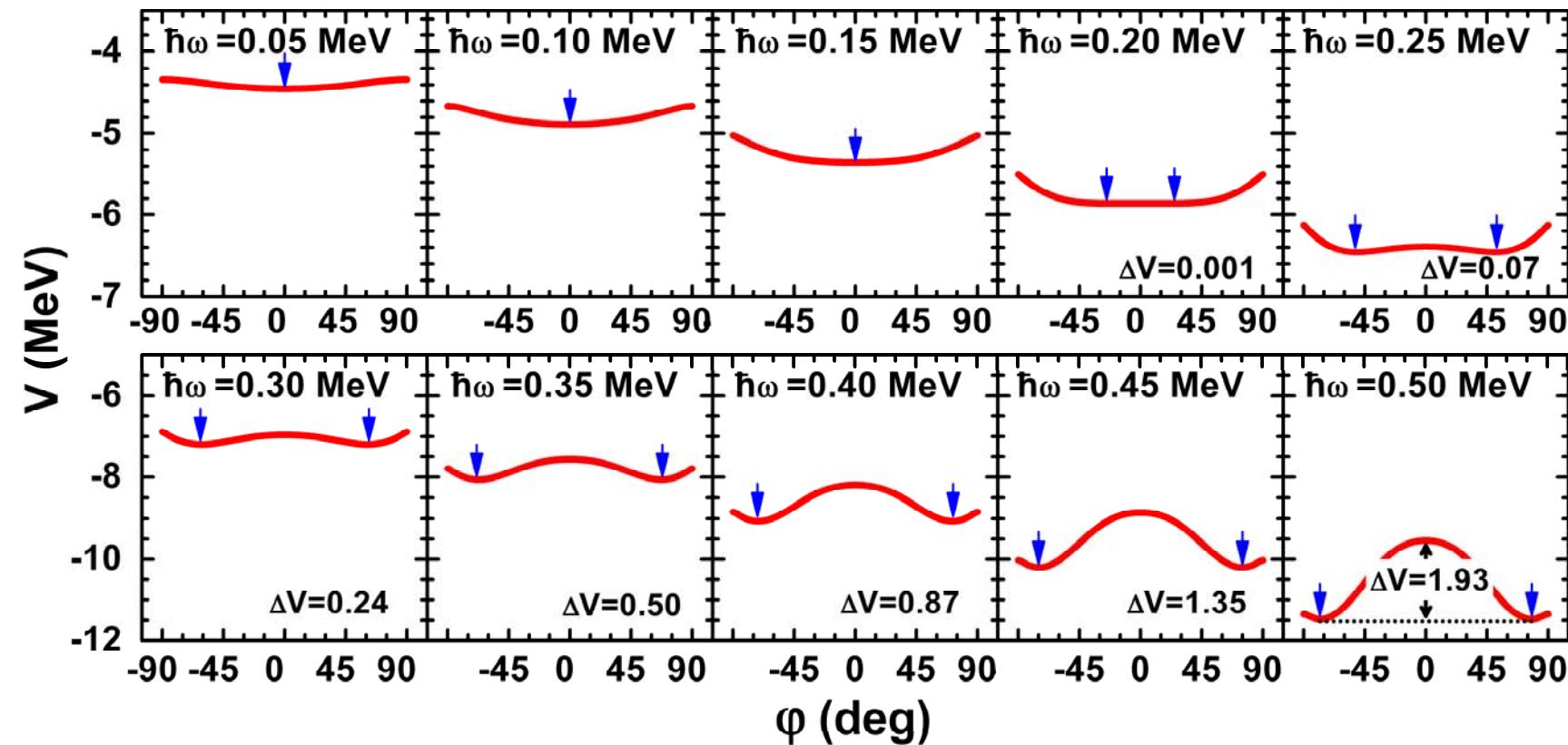
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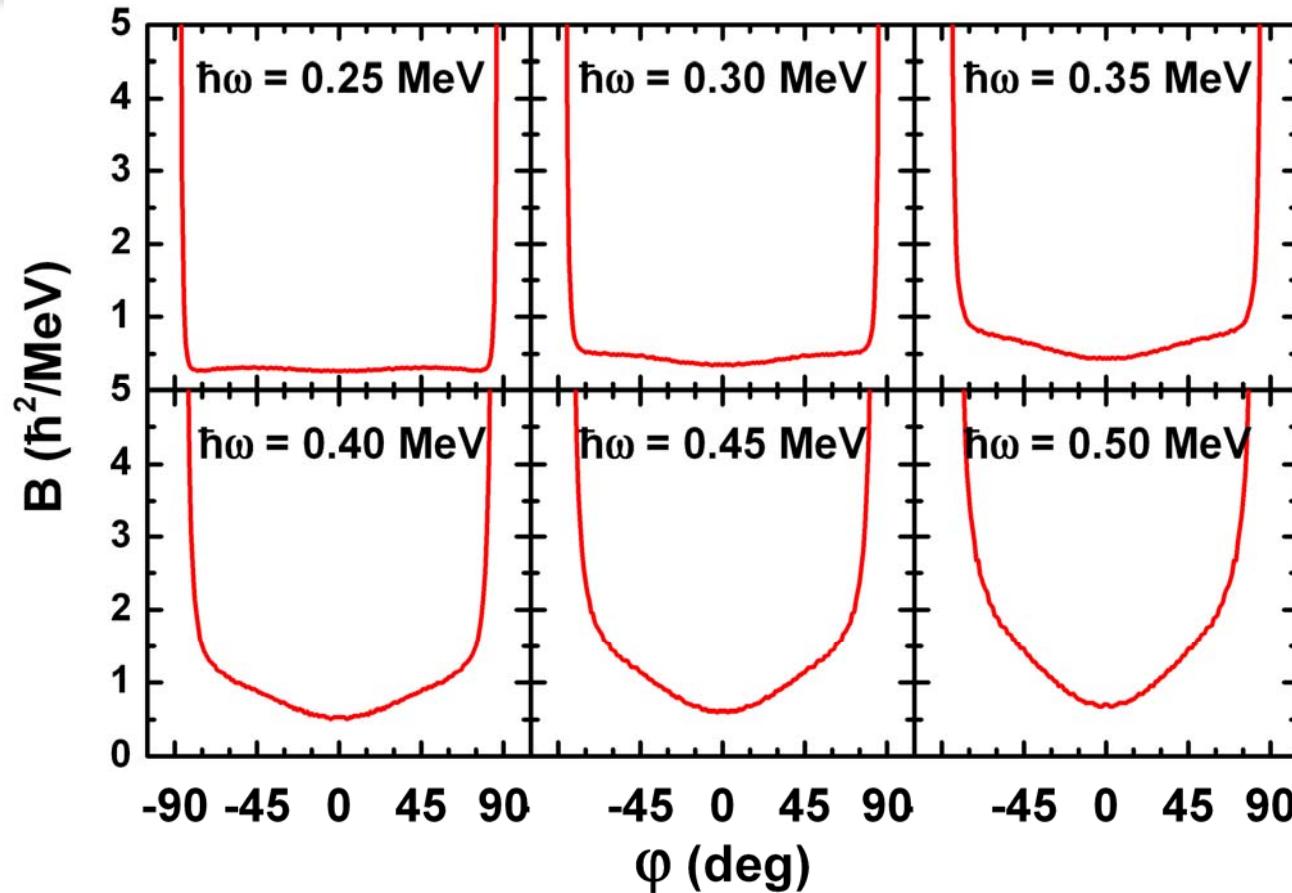
Minima:  $\varphi = 0 \rightarrow \varphi \neq 0$ ; one  $\rightarrow$  two  
Rotating mode: planar  $\rightarrow$  aplanar

# Potential energy



With the increasing frequency, the potential barrier

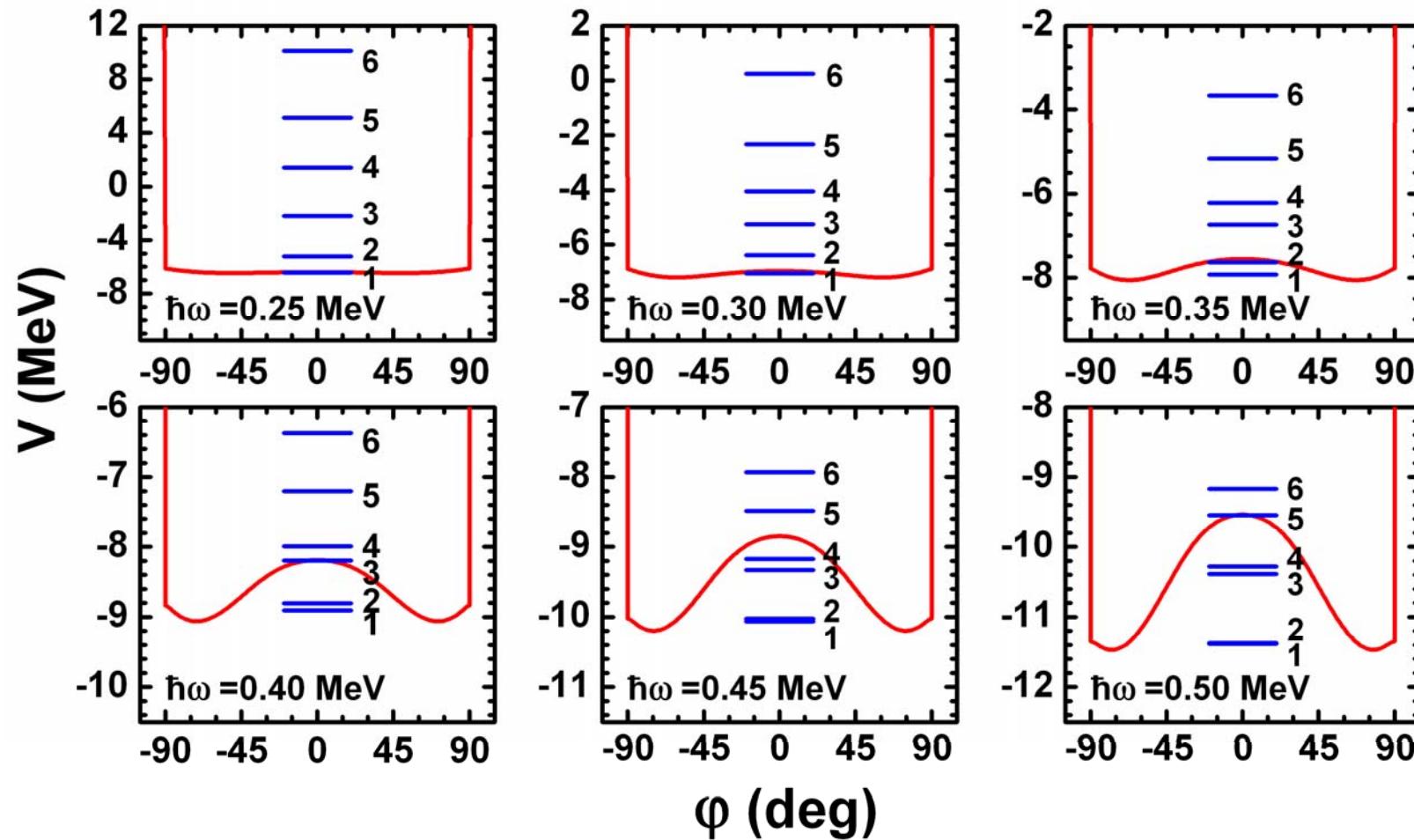
# Mass parameter



For the case of chiral rotation, the chiral vibration frequency is

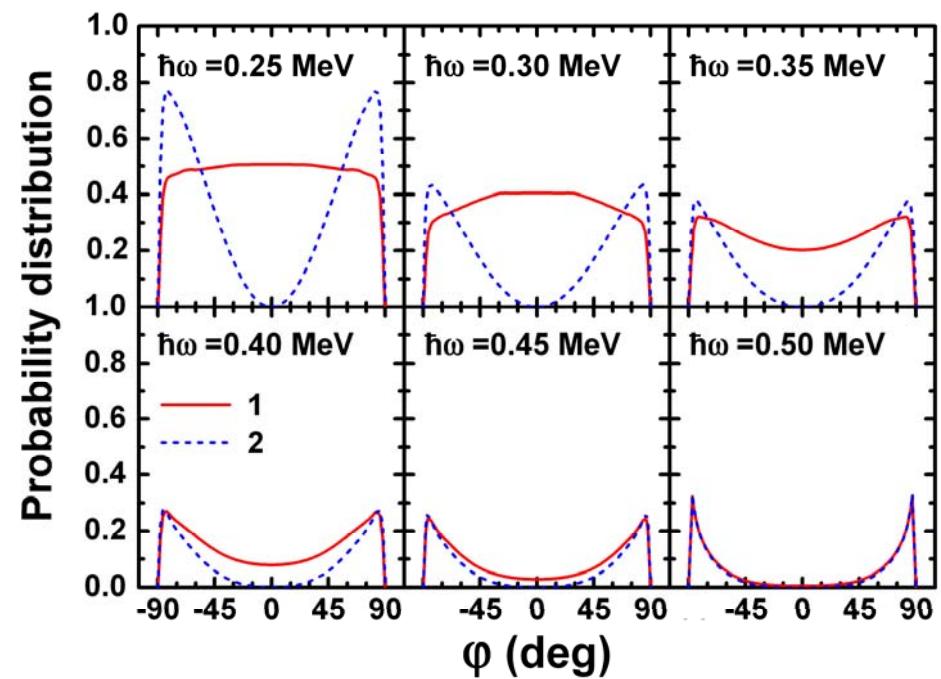
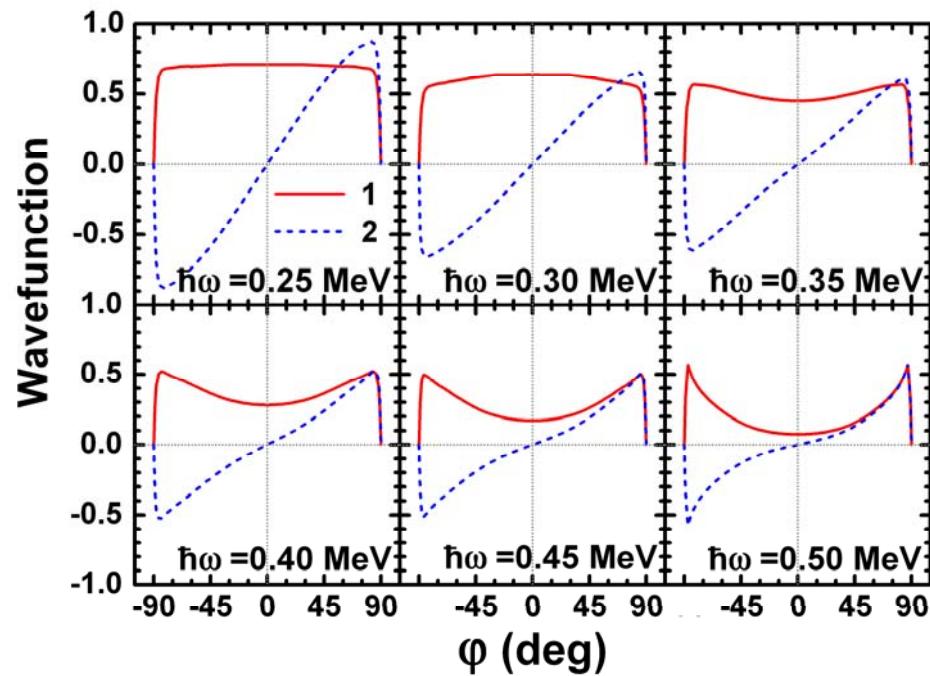
$$B = 2\hbar^2 \sum_{l \neq 0} \frac{\left| \frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial \varphi} \langle l | \hat{j} | 0 \rangle \right|^2}{(E_l - E_0)^3}$$

# Energy levels



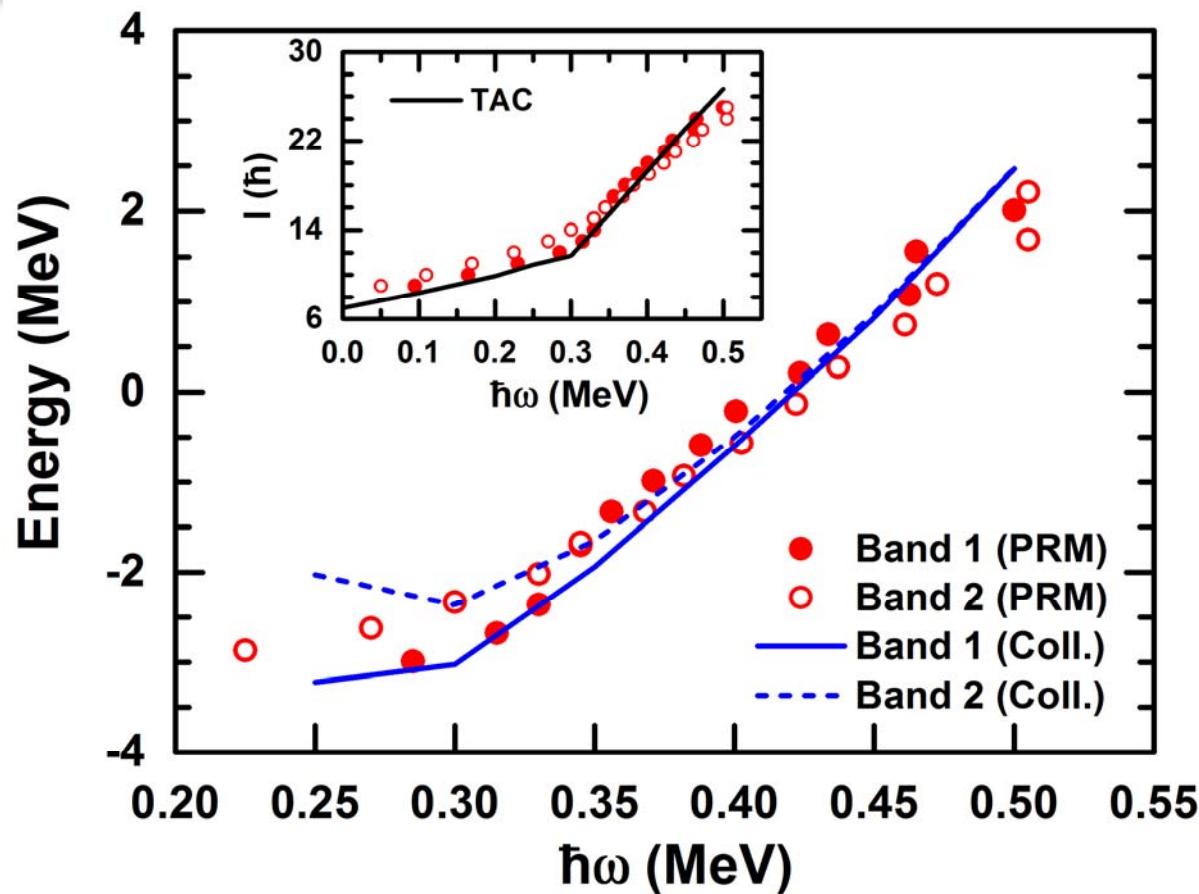
With the increasing frequency, the energy difference between levels 1 and 2 decreases.

## Wave function and probability distributions



- The wave functions are symmetric for level 1 and antisymmetric for level 2 with respect to  $\phi$  to  $-\phi$ .
- When the cranking frequency increases, the wave functions of levels 1 and 2 tend to show similar pattern.

## Comparison with exact solutions



- Apart from the agreement of collective Hamiltonian and PRM results for the yrast band, the partner band of PRM can also be reasonably reproduced by the collective Hamiltonian.

# Multiple chiral doublets

Multiple chiral doublets ( $M\chi D$ ) was firstly proposed in 2006

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- ***Confirmed with time-odd fields included:*** J. M. Yao et al., PRC79, 067302 (2009)
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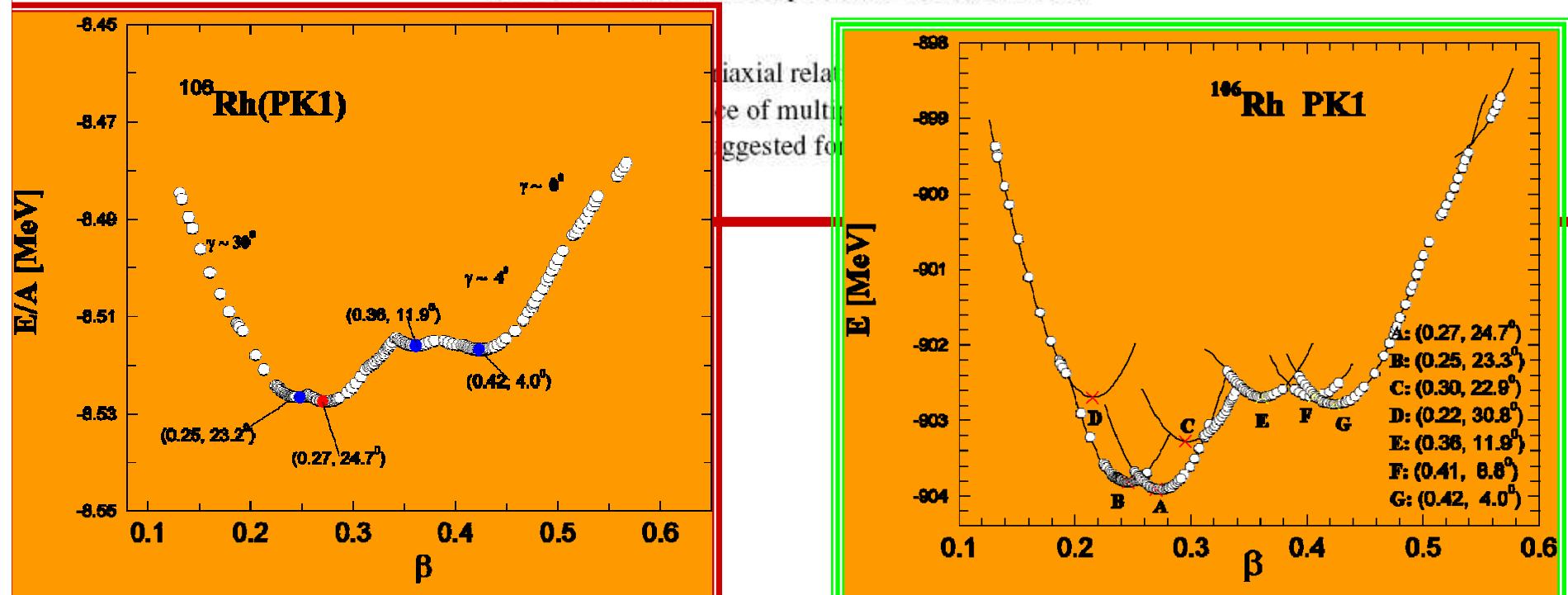
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# M $\chi$ D: Multi Chiral Pair-Bands

- ❖ Q. B. Chen, J. M. Yao, S. Q. Zhang, B. Qi,  
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# DFT: Cranking version

## TAC based on Covariant Density Functional Theory

✓ **Meson exchange version:**

3-D Cranking: *Madokoro, Meng, Matsuzaki, Yamaji, PRC 62, 061301 (2000)*

2-D Cranking: *Peng, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PRC 78, 024313 (2008)*

✓ **Point coupling version:** Simple and more suitable for systematic investigations

2-D Cranking: *Zhao, Zhang, Peng, Liang, Ring, Meng, PLB 699, 181 (2011)*

## TAC based on Skyrme Density Functional Theory

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### Fully self-consistent microscopic investigations

- fully taken into account polarization effects
- self-consistently treated the nuclear currents
- without any adjustable parameters for rotational excitations

# Tilted axis cranking CDFT

## General Lagrangian density

$$\begin{aligned}
L = & \bar{\psi} (i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - m) \psi \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_s (\bar{\psi} \psi) (\bar{\psi} \psi) - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_v (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{TV} (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \gamma_\mu \psi) (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \gamma^\mu \psi) \\
& - \frac{1}{3} \beta_s (\bar{\psi} \psi)^3 - \frac{1}{4} \gamma_s (\bar{\psi} \psi)^4 - \frac{1}{4} \gamma_v [(\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi)]^2 \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \delta_s \partial_\nu (\bar{\psi} \psi) \partial^\nu (\bar{\psi} \psi) - \frac{1}{2} \delta_v \partial_\nu (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi) \partial^\nu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{TV} \partial_\nu (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \gamma_\mu \psi) \partial^\nu (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \gamma_\mu \psi) \\
& - e \frac{1-\tau_3}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi A_\mu - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}
\end{aligned}$$

Transformed to the frame rotating with the uniform velocity

$$\Omega = (\Omega_x, 0, \Omega_z) = (\Omega \cos \theta_\Omega, 0, \Omega \sin \theta_\Omega)$$

$$x^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{t} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{R} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix}$$

# TAC RMF:equations of motion

## Dirac Equation

$$\left[ \alpha \cdot (-i\nabla - \vec{V}(\mathbf{r})) + \beta(M + S(\mathbf{r})) + V(\mathbf{r}) - \Omega \cdot J \right] \psi_i = \varepsilon_i \psi_i$$

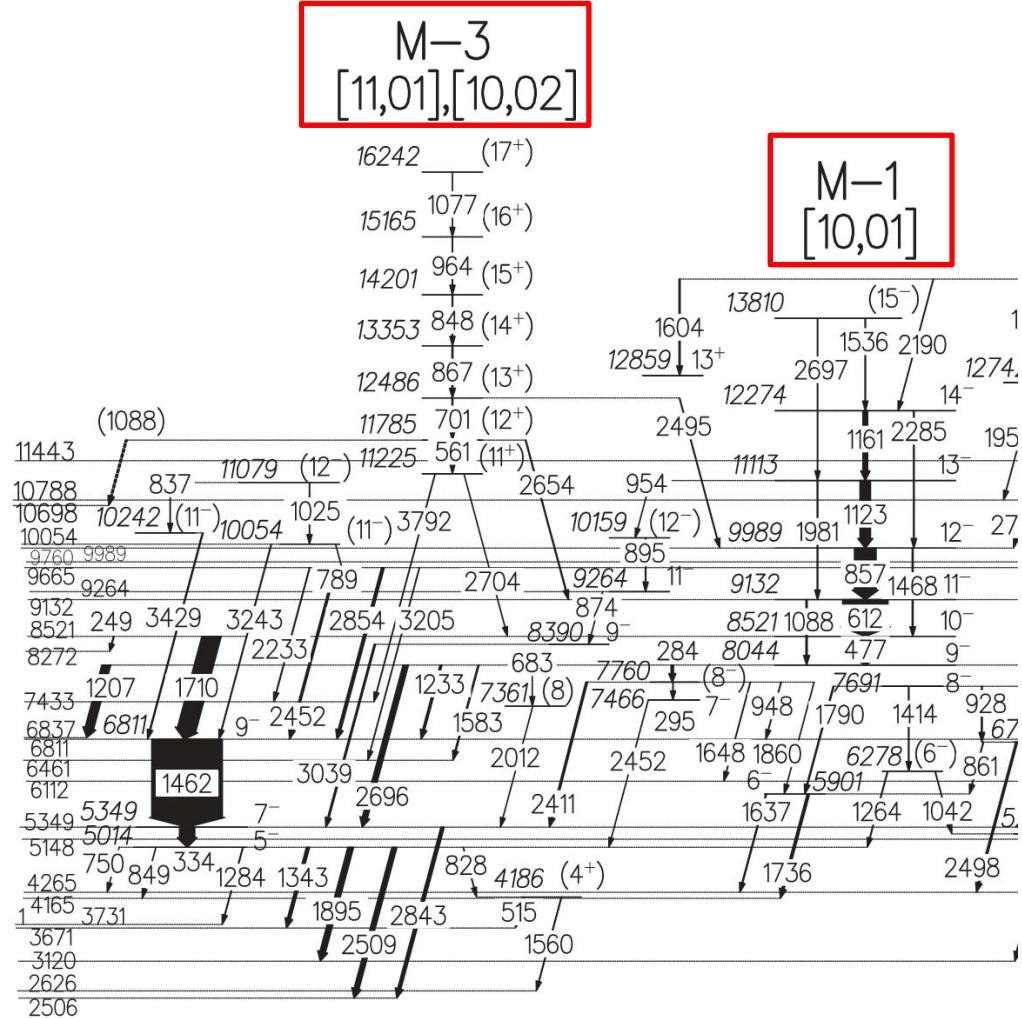
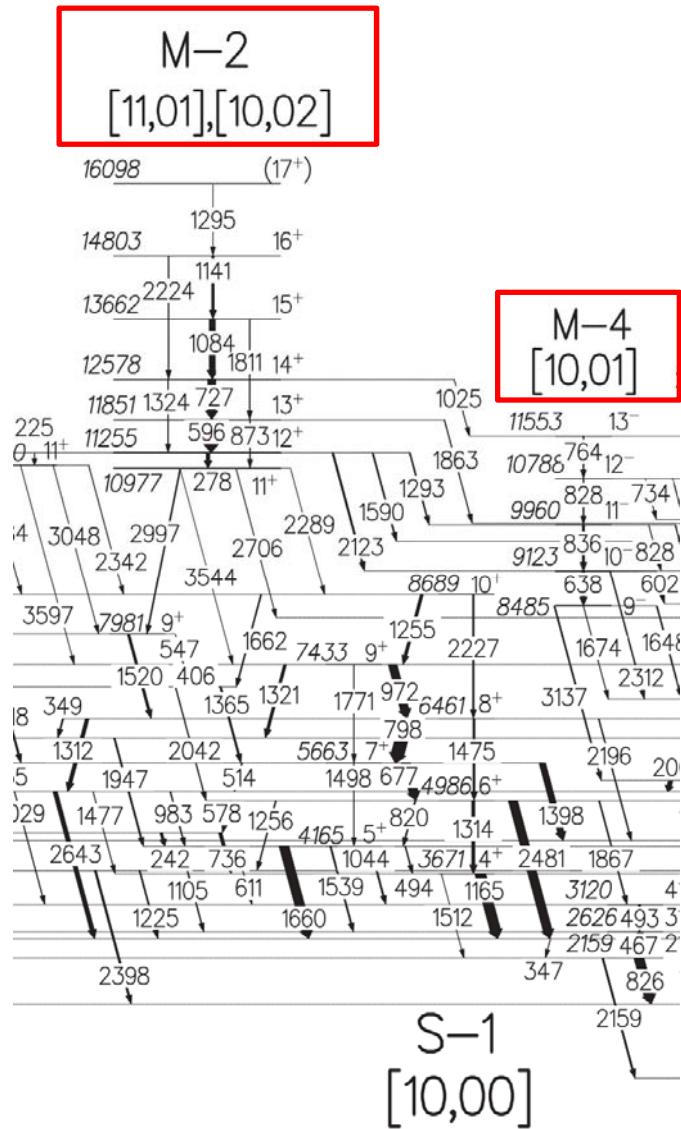
## Potential

$$\begin{cases} S(r) = \alpha_s \rho_s + \beta_s \rho_s^2 + \gamma_s \rho_s^3 + \delta_s \Delta \rho_s \\ V^\mu(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha_v j_v^\mu(\mathbf{r}) + \gamma_v (j_v^\mu)^3(\mathbf{r}) + \delta_v \Delta j_v^\mu(\mathbf{r}) + \tau_3 \alpha_{TV} j_{TV}^\mu(\mathbf{r}) + \tau_3 \delta_{TV} \Delta j_{TV}^\mu(\mathbf{r}) + e \frac{1-\tau_3}{2} A^\mu(\mathbf{r}) \end{cases}$$

**Spatial components of vector field are included due to the violation of the time-reversal invariance**

# MR: $^{60}\text{Ni}$

**lightest nucleus with magnetic rotation**



# MR: $^{60}\text{Ni}$

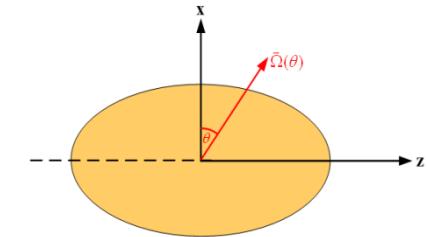
- ◆ Harmonic oscillator shells:  $N_f = 10$
- ◆ Parameter set: PC-PK1
- ◆ Configurations:

M-1	Config1	$\pi[(1f_{7/2})^{-1}(fp)^1]$	$\nu[(1g_{9/2})^1(fp)^3]$
	Config1*	$\pi[(1f_{7/2})^{-1}(fp)^1]$	$\nu[(1g_{9/2})^1(fp)^4(1f_{7/2})^{-1}]$
M-2	Config2	$\pi[(1f_{7/2})^{-1}(1g_{9/2})^1]$	$\nu[(1g_{9/2})^1(fp)^3]$
M-3	Config3	$\pi[(1f_{7/2})^{-1}(fp)^1]$	$\nu[(1g_{9/2})^2(fp)^2]$
	Config3*	$\pi[(1f_{7/2})^{-2}(fp)^2]$	$\nu[(1g_{9/2})^2(fp)^3(1f_{7/2})^{-1}]$

# Numerical Details

## ◆ Symmetry

	$\mathcal{P}$	$\mathcal{P}_x T$	$\mathcal{P}_x$	$\mathcal{P}_z T$	$\mathcal{P}_z$	$\mathcal{P}_y T$	$\mathcal{P}_y$
$J_x$	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
$J_z$	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗



$$(\mathcal{P}_y = \mathcal{P} \mathcal{R}_y(\pi))$$

## ◆ Identification of the energy levels

$$|n_x\ n_y\ n_z\ n_s\rangle \rightarrow |nljm_z\rangle \rightarrow |nljm_x\rangle$$

Cartesian basis

Spherical basis

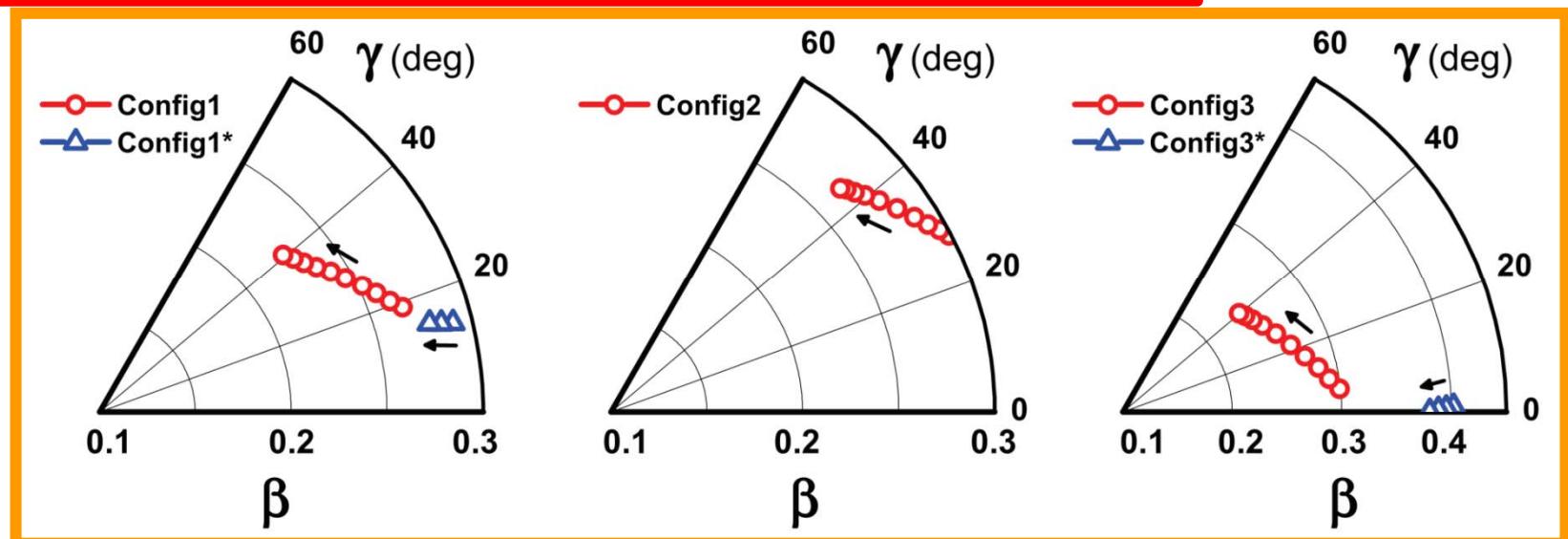
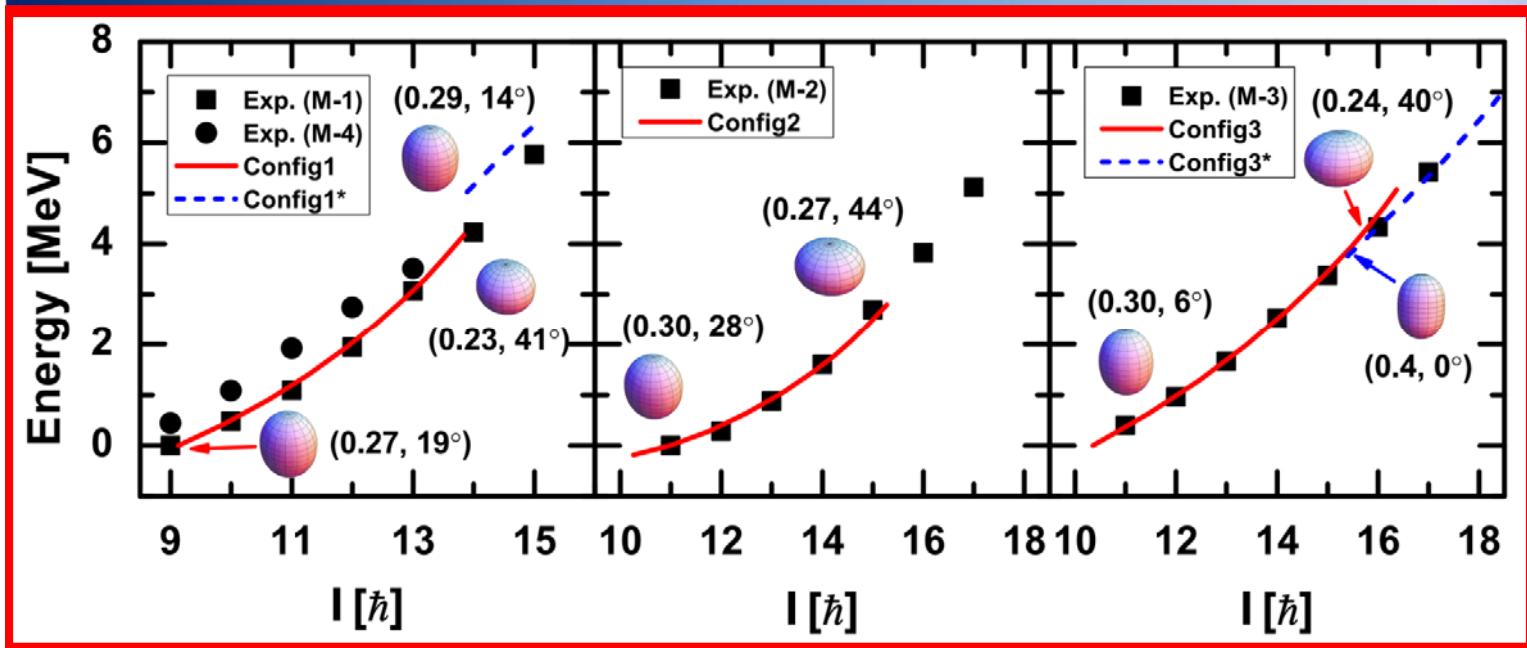
## ◆ Constrained intrinsic framework: principal axes identical with the x, y, z axis.

$$\langle H' \rangle = \langle H \rangle + \frac{1}{2} C (\langle Q_{2-1} \rangle - a_{2-1})^2 \quad a_{2-1} = 0$$

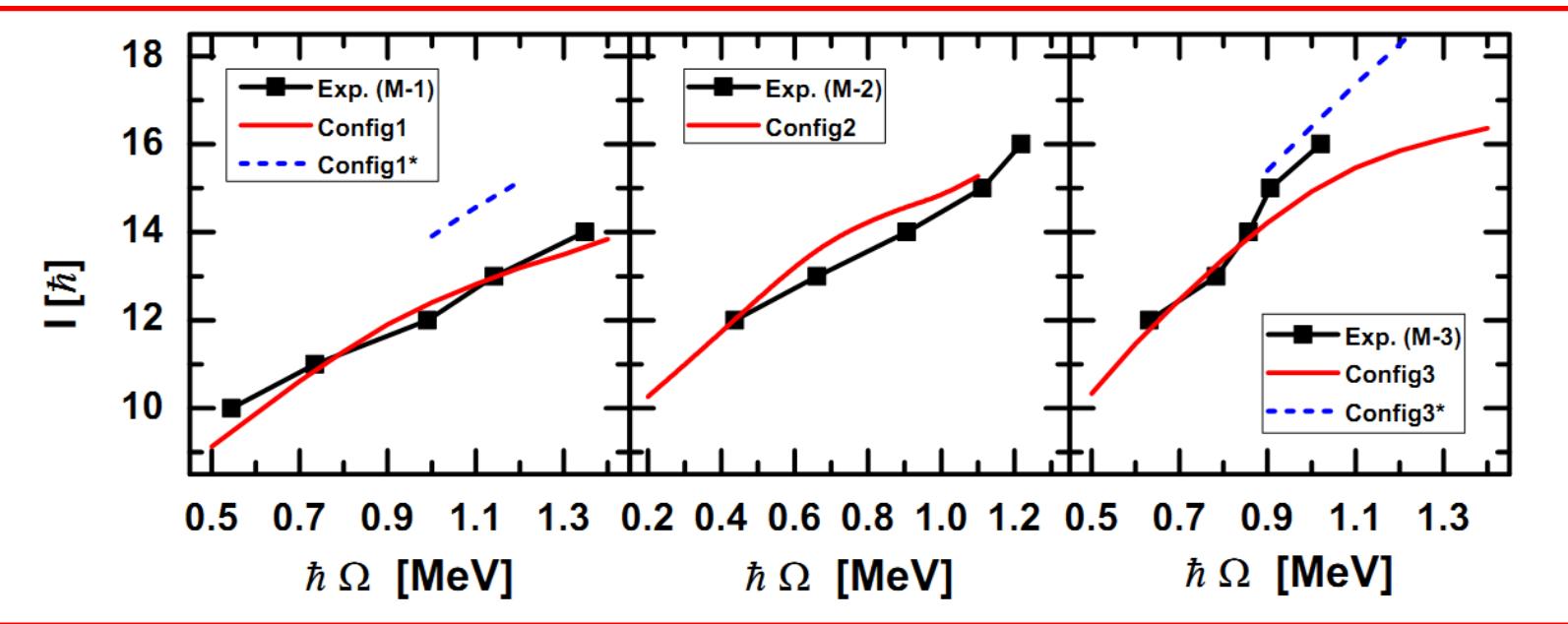
## ◆ Parallel transport principle: fixed the configuration

$$\langle \phi_j(\Omega + \delta\Omega) | \phi_i(\Omega) \rangle \approx 1$$

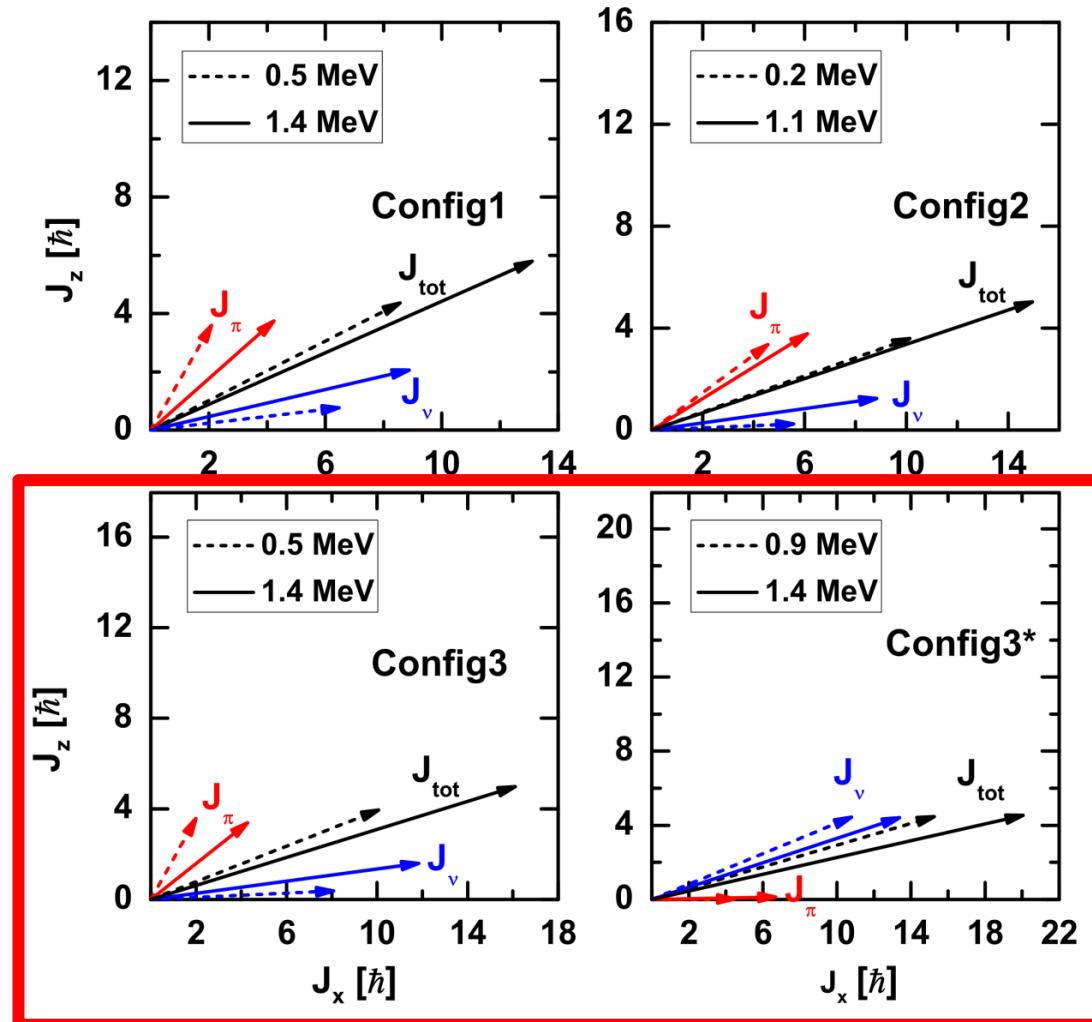
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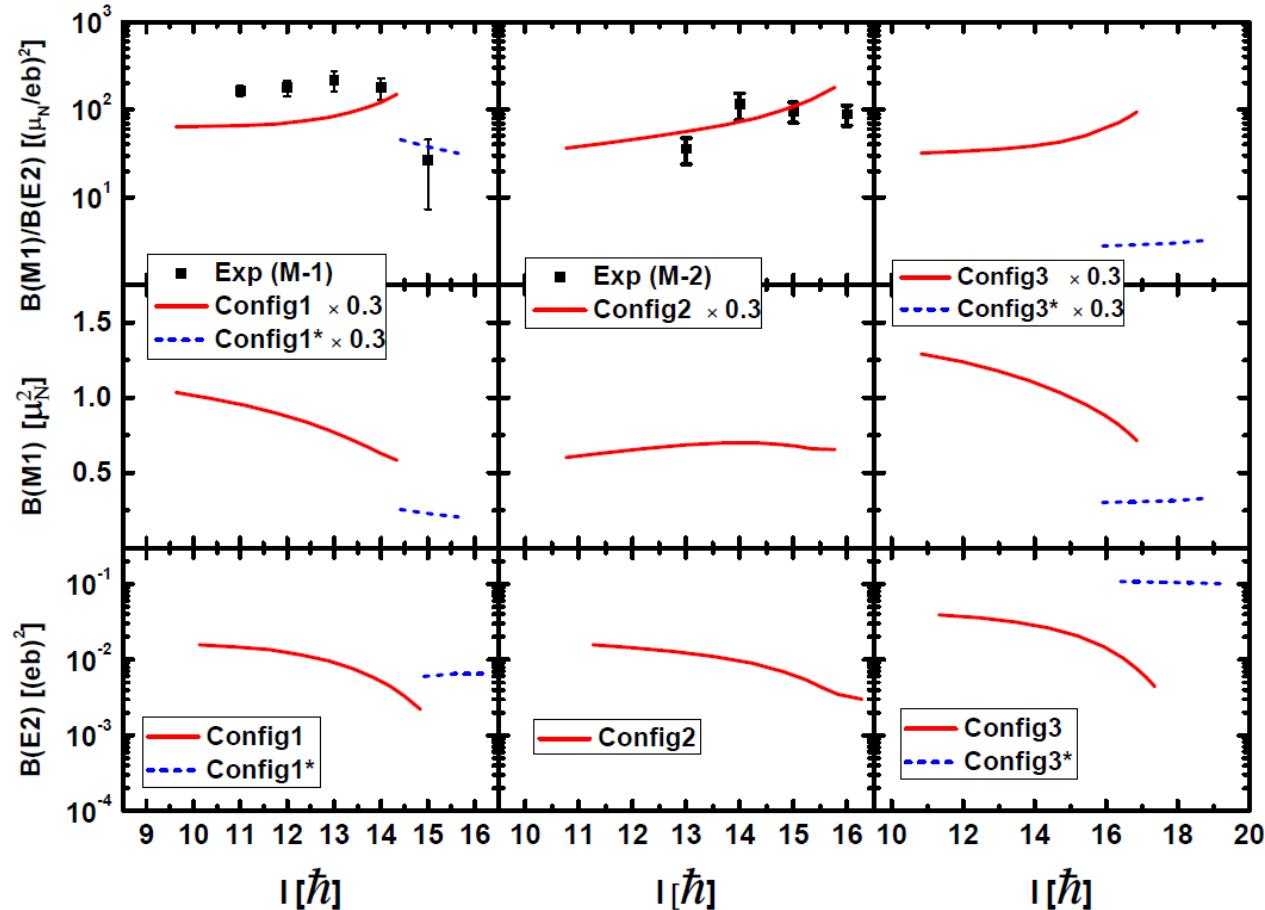
Magnetic Rotation

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Shears mechanism

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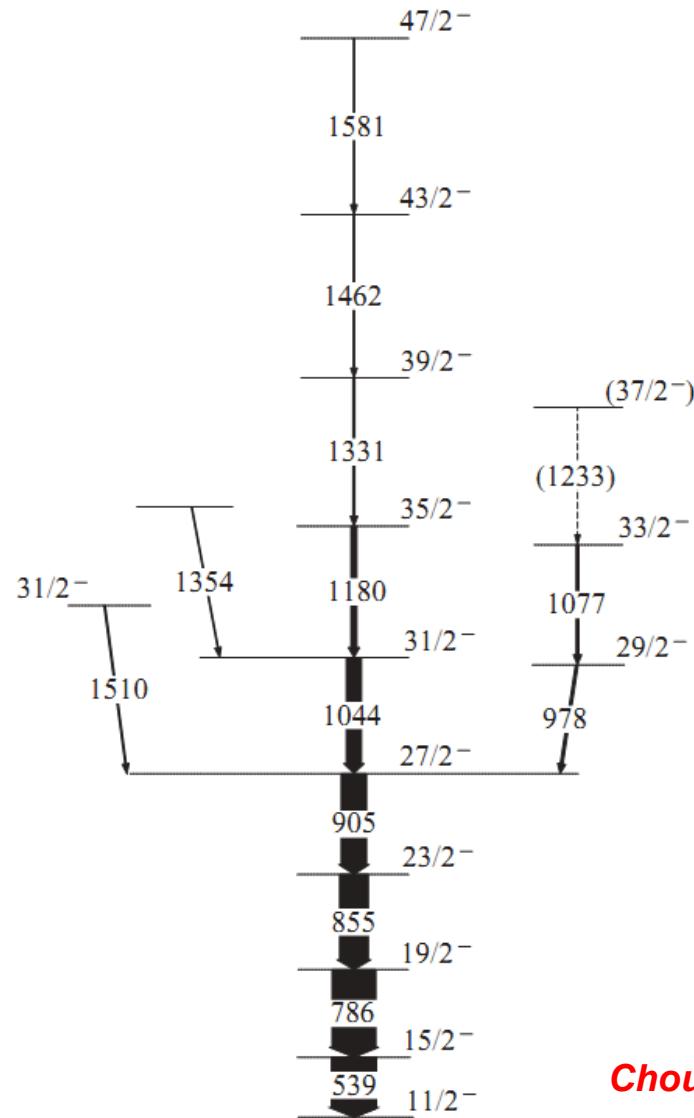
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# AMR: $^{105}\text{Cd}$

first odd-A nucleus with antimagnetic rotation



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◆ Parameter set: PC-PK1

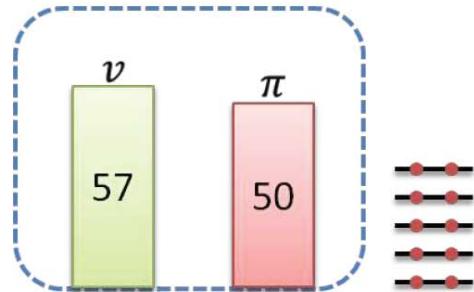
◆ Configurations:  $\nu[h_{11/2}(g_{7/2})^2] \otimes \pi[(g_{9/2})^{-2}]$

*Choudhury PRC2010*

◆ Polarizations:

Without Polarization

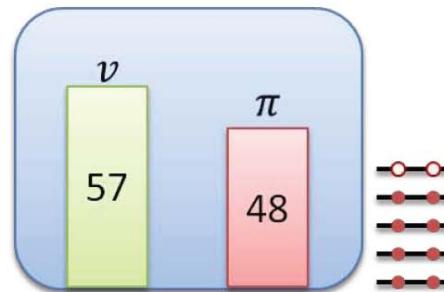
Self-consistency



$^{107}\text{Sn}$

Without Polarization

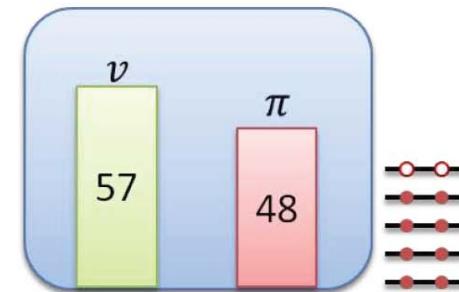
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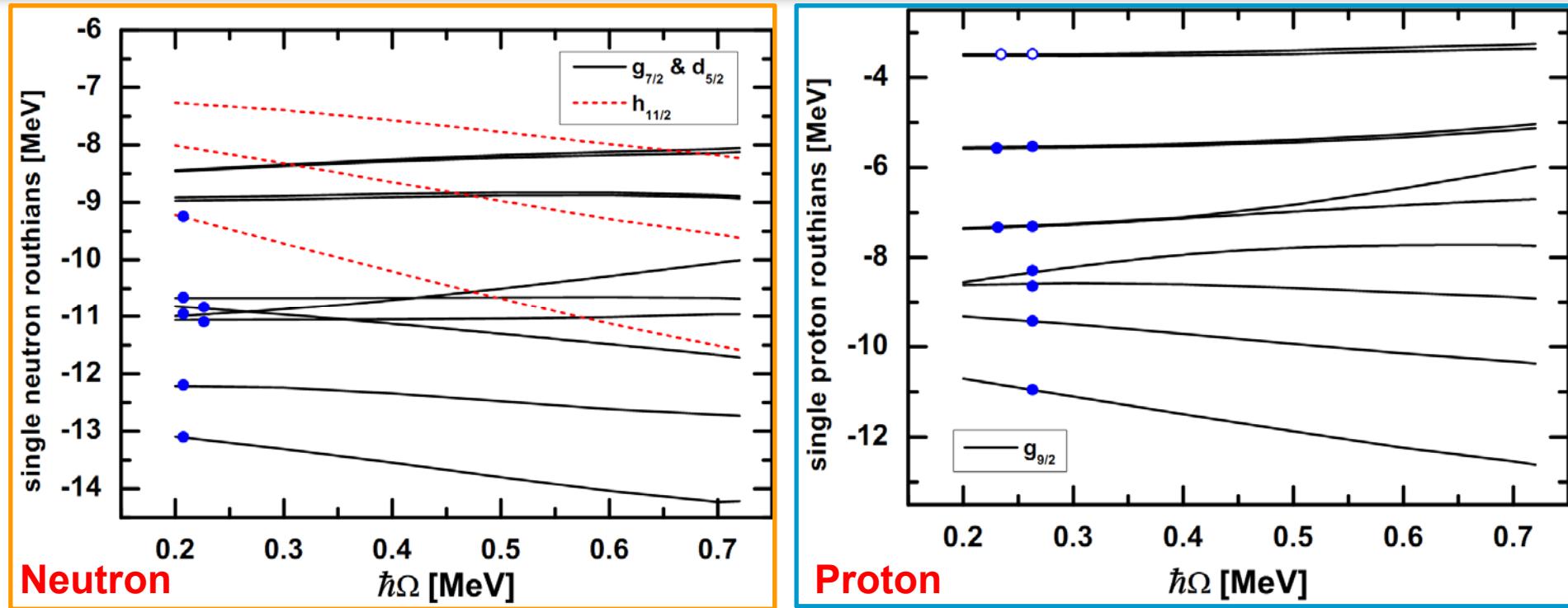
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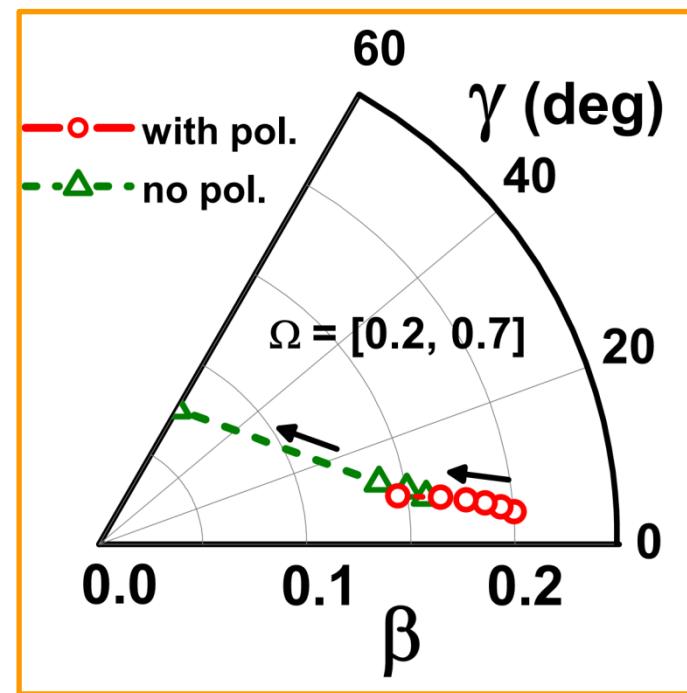
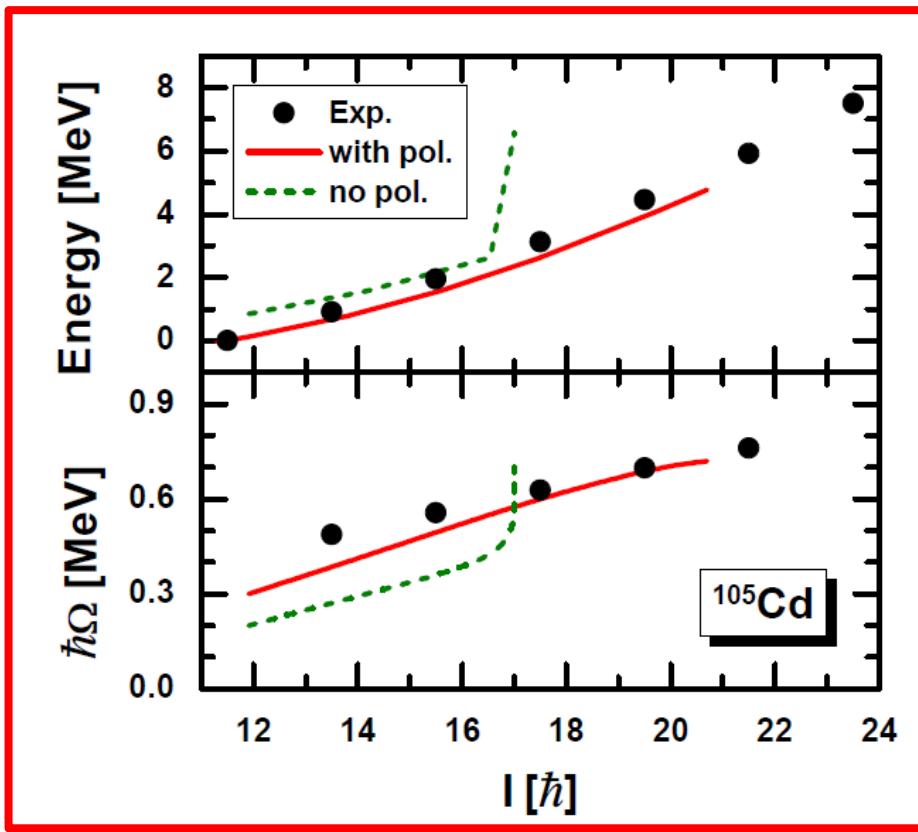
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# AMR: Single particle routhians



- Time reversal symmetry broken → energy splitting
- For proton, two holes in the top of  $g_{9/2}$  shell
- For neutron, one particle in the bottom of  $h_{11/2}$  shell, the other six are distributed over the (gd) shell with strong mixing
- This configuration is similar to  $\nu[h_{11/2}(g_{7/2})^2] \otimes \pi[(g_{9/2})^{-2}]$ , but not exactly

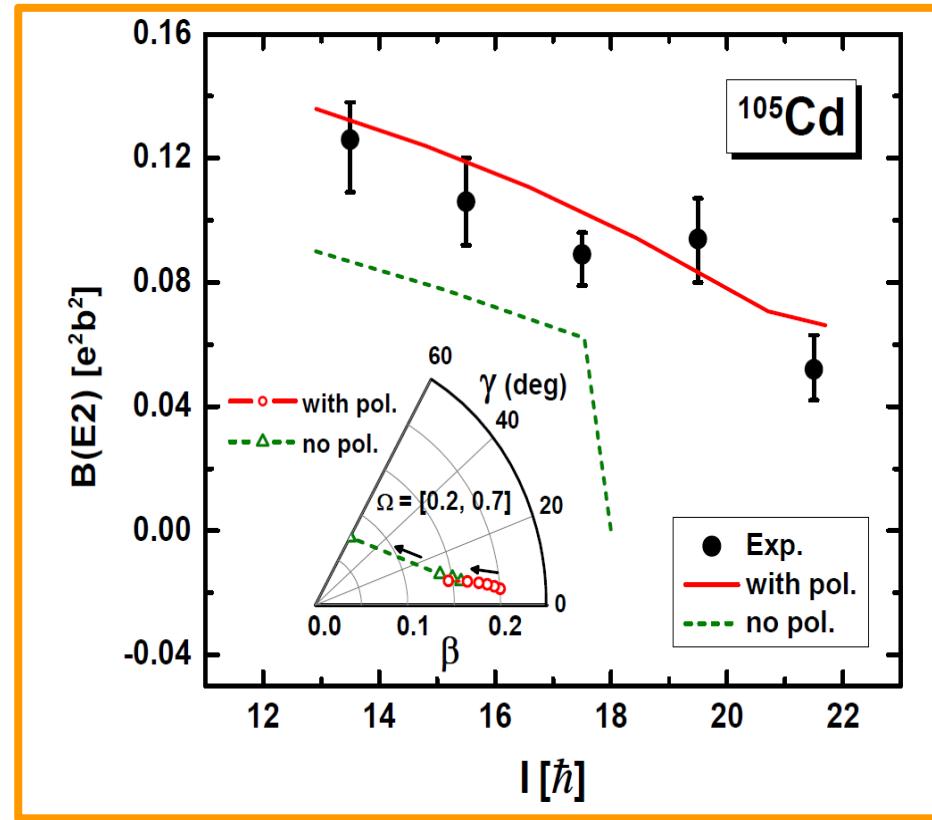
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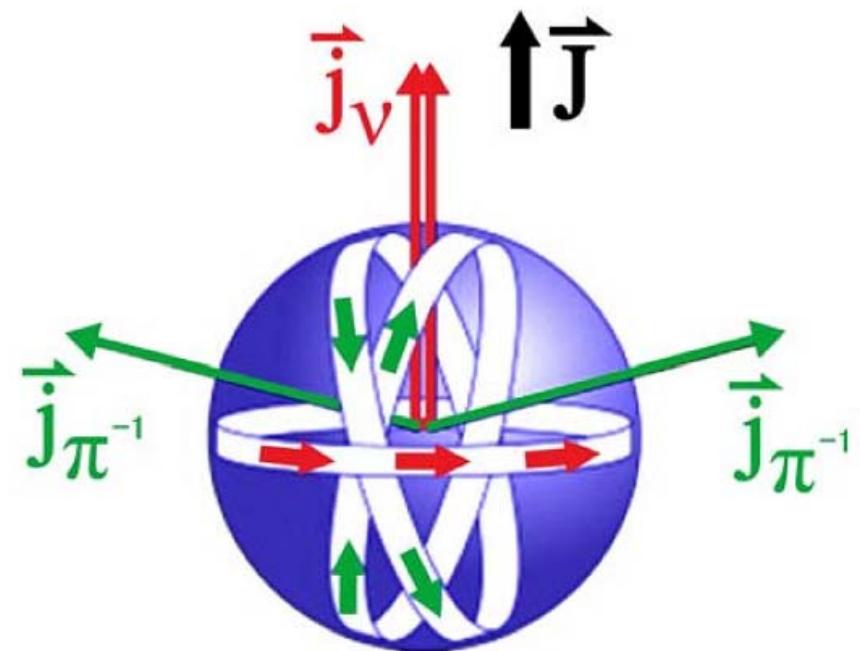
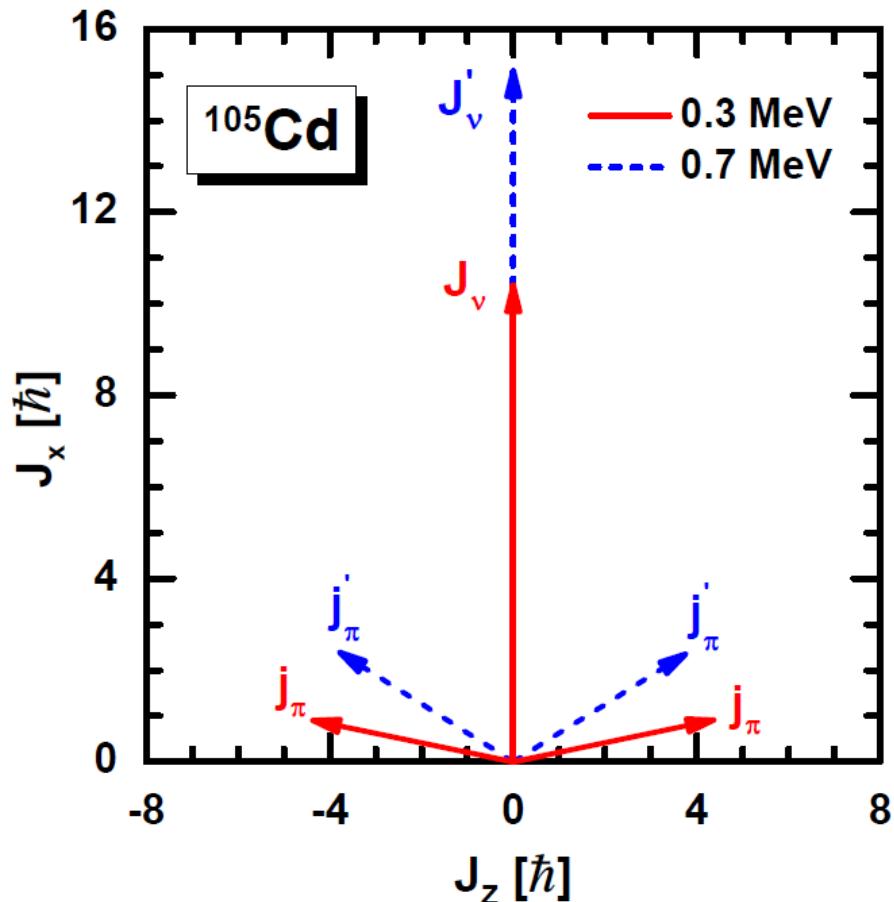


Polarization effects play important roles in the description of AMR, especially for E2 transitions.

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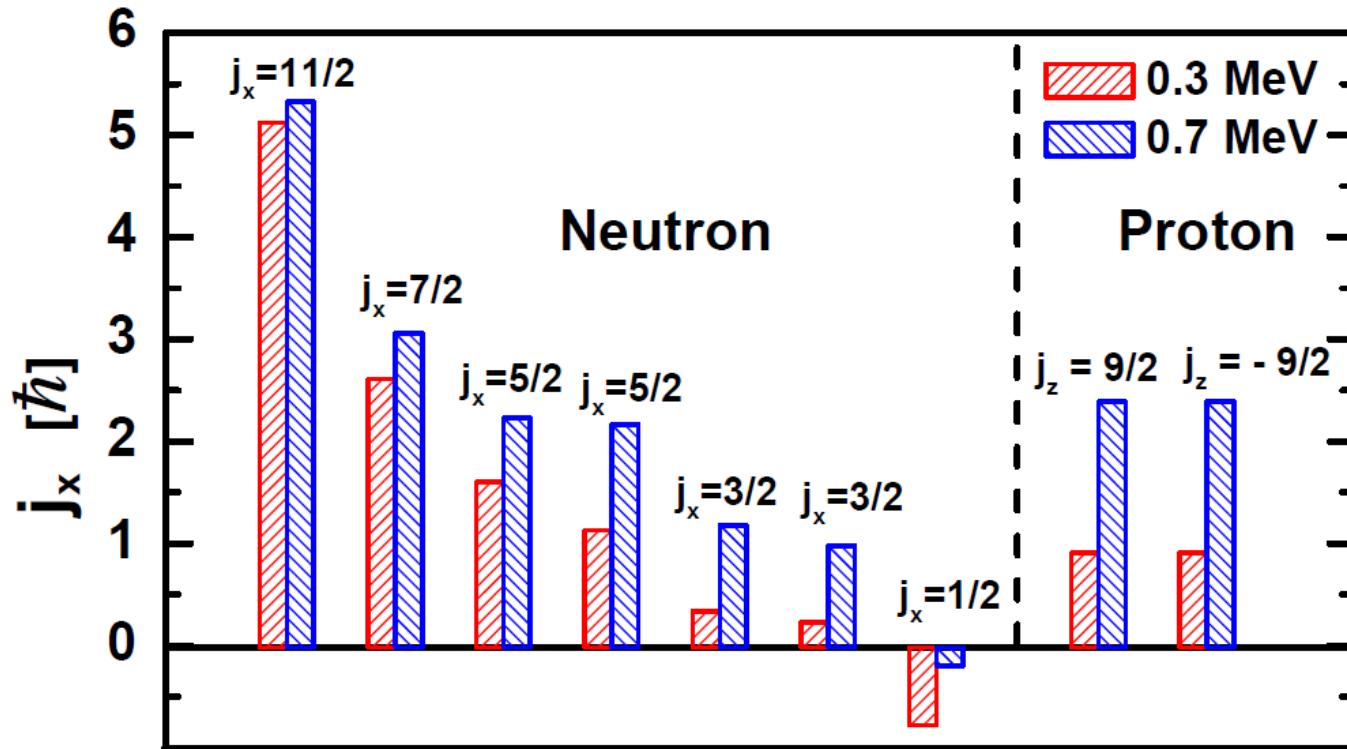


Two “shears-like” mechanism

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In the microscopic point of view, increasing angular momentum results from the alignment of the proton holes and the mixing within the neutron orbitals.

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- Chirality in atomic nuclei is a hot topic
- Lots of theoretical and experimental progress on chirality in atomic nuclei are achieved
- Efforts to understand nuclear chirality more are appreciated