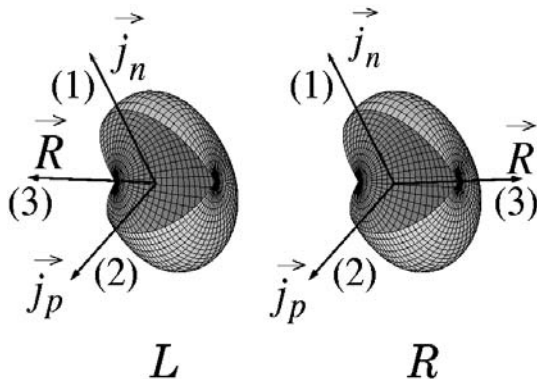


Selection rule for electromagnetic transitions in the chiral geometry

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Chirality in **triaxial** nuclei
is characterized by the presence of
noncoplanar 3 angular-momentum vectors.

S.Frauendorf and J.Meng, Nucl.Phys., **A617**, 131 (1997)

In **chiral** geometry

Observed states $|I+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|IL\rangle + |IR\rangle)$

$$|I-\rangle = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(|IL\rangle - |IR\rangle)$$

If **no** tunneling between L and R, then

$|I+\rangle$ and $|I-\rangle$ are **degenerate**.

For $l \gg 1$ ($|R| \gg 1$)

$$\langle IL|E2|IR\rangle \approx 0$$

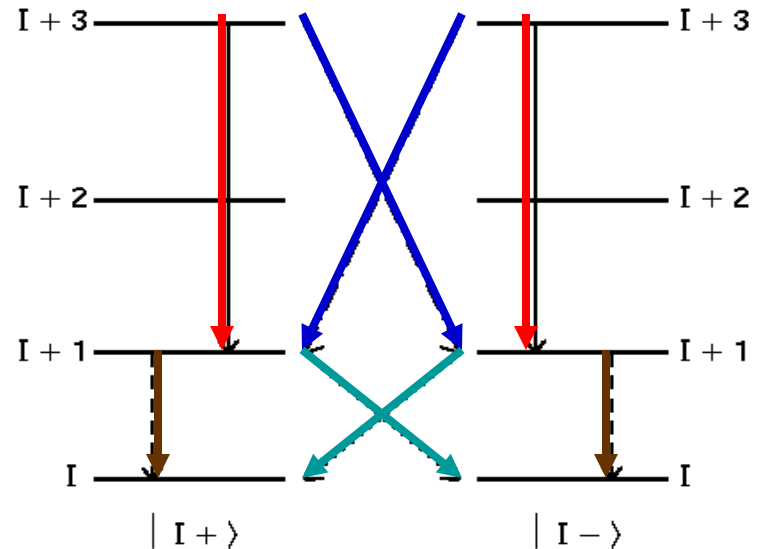
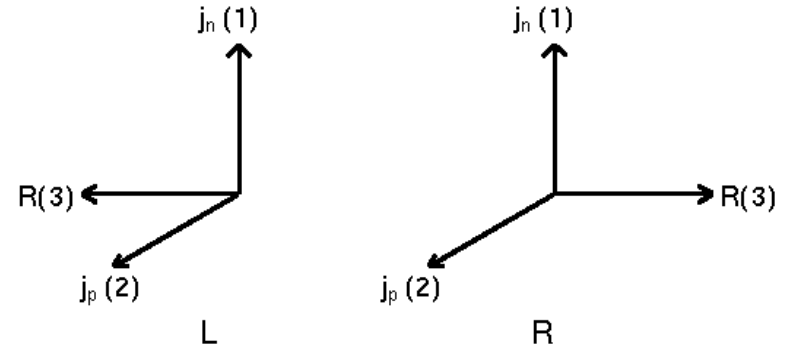
$$\langle IL|M1|IR\rangle \approx 0$$

Then, for $EM = E2$ or $M1$

$$B(EM; I'+ \rightarrow I+) \approx B(EM; I'- \rightarrow I-)$$

$$B(EM; I'+ \rightarrow I-) \approx B(EM; I'- \rightarrow I+)$$

$$\vec{I} = \vec{R} + \vec{j}_n + \vec{j}_p$$



(Thinking of **odd-odd** nuclei such as $^{130}_{55}\text{Cs}_{75}$,)

A simple particle-rotor model

Core with $\gamma=+90^\circ$ (equivalently, $\gamma=-30^\circ$ in Lund convention), assuming the γ -dependence of J_{hydro}

$$H_{rot} = \sum_k \frac{\hbar^2}{2J_k} R_k^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{8J_0} (R_3^2 + 4(R_1^2 + R_2^2))$$

Note the triaxial shape;

$$\langle r_2^2 \rangle < \langle r_3^2 \rangle < \langle r_1^2 \rangle$$

One **proton-particle** in $j (=h_{11/2})$ shell for $\gamma=+90^\circ$

$$V_{sp}^\pi \propto [3j_3^2 - j(j+1)] \cos \gamma + \sqrt{3}(j_1^2 - j_2^2) \sin \gamma \Rightarrow (j_{p1}^2 - j_{p2}^2)$$

One **neutron-hole** in $j (=h_{11/2})$ shell for $\gamma=+90^\circ$

$$V_{sp}^\nu \propto [3j_3^2 - j(j+1)] \cos \gamma + \sqrt{3}(j_1^2 - j_2^2) \sin \gamma \Rightarrow (j_{n2}^2 - j_{n1}^2)$$

Note that in **respective** Hamiltonians the **energetically preferred directions** are ;

$$\vec{j}_p \parallel \pm 2\text{-axis,} \quad \vec{j}_n \parallel \pm 1\text{-axis,} \quad \vec{R} \parallel \pm 3\text{-axis}$$

(s-axis)
(l-axis)
(i-axis)

However, the energy minimum for a given total angular momentum $\vec{I} = \vec{R} + \vec{j}_p + \vec{j}_n$

Triaxial one-body potential

$$V(r, \theta, \phi) = k(r) \beta \left\{ Y_{20} \cos \gamma + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_{22} + Y_{2-2}) \sin \gamma \right\} \quad (1)$$

For a single-j shell

$$(1) \longrightarrow \frac{\kappa}{j(j+1)} \left\{ [3 j_3^2 - j(j+1)] \cos \gamma + \sqrt{3} (j_1^2 - j_2^2) \sin \gamma \right\}$$

where we use, for example,

$$\frac{\langle j, \Omega | Y_{20} | j, \Omega \rangle}{\langle j, \Omega + 2 | Y_{22} | j, \Omega \rangle} \propto \frac{\langle j, \Omega | 3 j_3^2 - j(j+1) | j, \Omega \rangle}{\langle j, \Omega + 2 | j_+^2 | j, \Omega \rangle}$$

Invariance properties of $H=H_{rot}+V_{sp}^{\pi}+V_{sp}^{\nu}$

1) D_2 symmetry $\rightarrow R_3 = 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots$

2) Invariant under the operation A :

2.1) **rotation** $\exp\left(i\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)R_3\right)$ or $\exp\left(i\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)R_3\right)$

combined with

2.2) **charge symmetry** $[C : n \leftrightarrow p]$

$C = +1$ symmetric for $n \leftrightarrow p$
 $C = -1$ anti-symmetric for $n \leftrightarrow p$,

\therefore Eigenstates of H have **quantum-number $A = \pm 1$** .

$$H_{rot} \propto R_3^2 + 4(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$$

$$V_{sp}^{\pi} + V_{sp}^{\nu} \propto (j_{p1}^2 - j_{p2}^2) + (j_{n2}^2 - j_{n1}^2)$$

Eigenstates of H are

$$A=+1 \begin{cases} R_3 = 0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \dots & \& C = +1 \\ R_3 = \pm 2, \pm 6, \dots & \& C = -1 \end{cases} \quad A=-1 \begin{cases} R_3 = 0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \dots & \& C = -1 \\ R_3 = \pm 2, \pm 6, \dots & \& C = +1 \end{cases}$$

Selection rule for E2 transitions

Core contributions only are considered, then, in order to have $B(E2) \neq 0$;

$$\begin{cases} \Delta C = 0 & \because) \text{ Neutron and proton are spectators.} \\ \Delta R_3 \neq 0 & \because) \quad \gamma = +90^\circ \rightarrow [\text{E2 matrix elements with } \Delta R_3 = 0] = 0 \end{cases}$$

\therefore

$$B(E2) = 0 \quad \text{for } \Delta A = 0$$

$$A=+1 \begin{cases} R_3 = 0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \dots & \& C = +1 \\ R_3 = \pm 2, \pm 6, \dots & \& C = -1 \end{cases} \quad A=-1 \begin{cases} R_3 = 0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \dots & \& C = -1 \\ R_3 = \pm 2, \pm 6, \dots & \& C = +1 \end{cases}$$

Selection rule for M1 transitions

$$(M1)_\mu = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \left(\underline{g_\ell - g_R} \ell_\mu + \underline{g_s^{eff} - g_R} s_\mu \right)$$

where $\underline{g_\ell - g_R} = 0.5$ (-0.5) and $\underline{g_s^{eff} - g_R} = 2.848$ (-2.792)
for p (n).

Then, $B(M1) \approx 0$ for $\Delta C = 0$ \because M1 is almost “antisymmetric” under $p \leftrightarrow n$

Since $B(M1) = 0$ for $|\Delta R_3| \geq 2$,

$$[B(M1) \text{ with } \Delta A = 0] \ll [B(M1) \text{ with } \Delta A \neq 0]$$

$$A = +1 \begin{cases} R_3 = 0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \dots & \& C = +1 \\ R_3 = \pm 2, \pm 6, \dots & \& C = -1 \end{cases} \quad A = -1 \begin{cases} R_3 = 0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \dots & \& C = -1 \\ R_3 = \pm 2, \pm 6, \dots & \& C = +1 \end{cases}$$

If ideal chiral partner bands appear in the present model

$$C |L\rangle \propto |R\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad C |R\rangle \propto |L\rangle$$

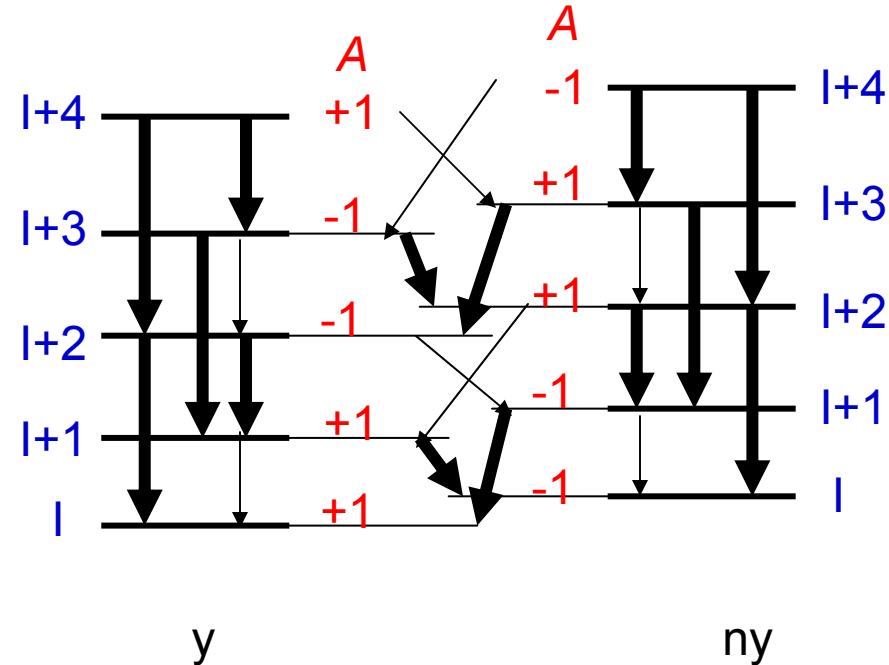
Since the rotation, $\exp\left[i\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)R_3\right]$ or $\exp\left[i\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)R_3\right]$, does not affect chirality,

$$A |L\rangle \propto |R\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad A |R\rangle \propto |L\rangle$$

Thus, two degenerate states, $|I+\rangle$ and $|I-\rangle$, have different eigenvalues of A

$$A |I+\rangle = \pm |I+\rangle \quad \leftrightarrow \quad A |I-\rangle = \mp |I-\rangle$$

When bands are arranged so that $\Delta I = 2$ E2 transitions are always allowed within respective bands, the sign of A in a given band must change at every increase of I by 2.



↓ : allowed E2 (with $\Delta I = 1$ and 2) and stronger M1 (with $\Delta I = 1$) transitions.

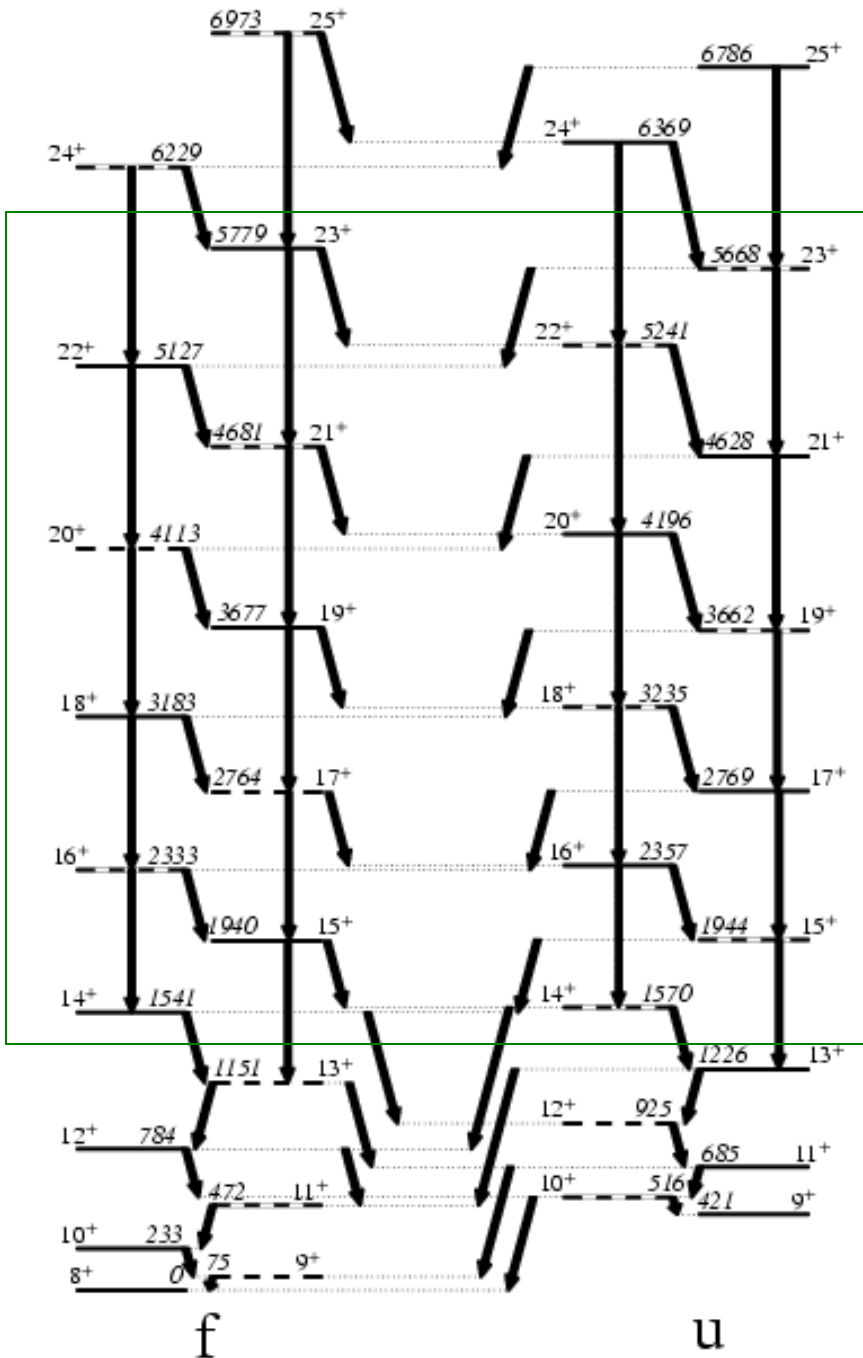
↓ : much weaker $\Delta I = 1$ M1 transitions.

$$\vec{I} = \vec{R} + \vec{j}_n + \vec{j}_p$$

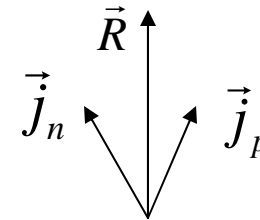
A numerical diagonalization of H with

$$\begin{cases} j_n = j_p = h_{11/2} \\ J_0 = 8.55 \text{ } \hbar^2 / \text{MeV} \end{cases}$$

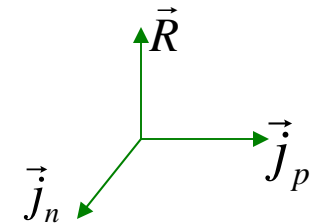
$$(A = 130, Z = 55, \beta = 0.3)$$



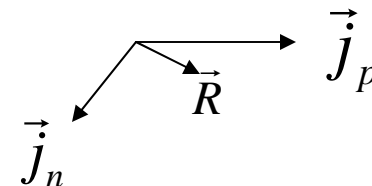
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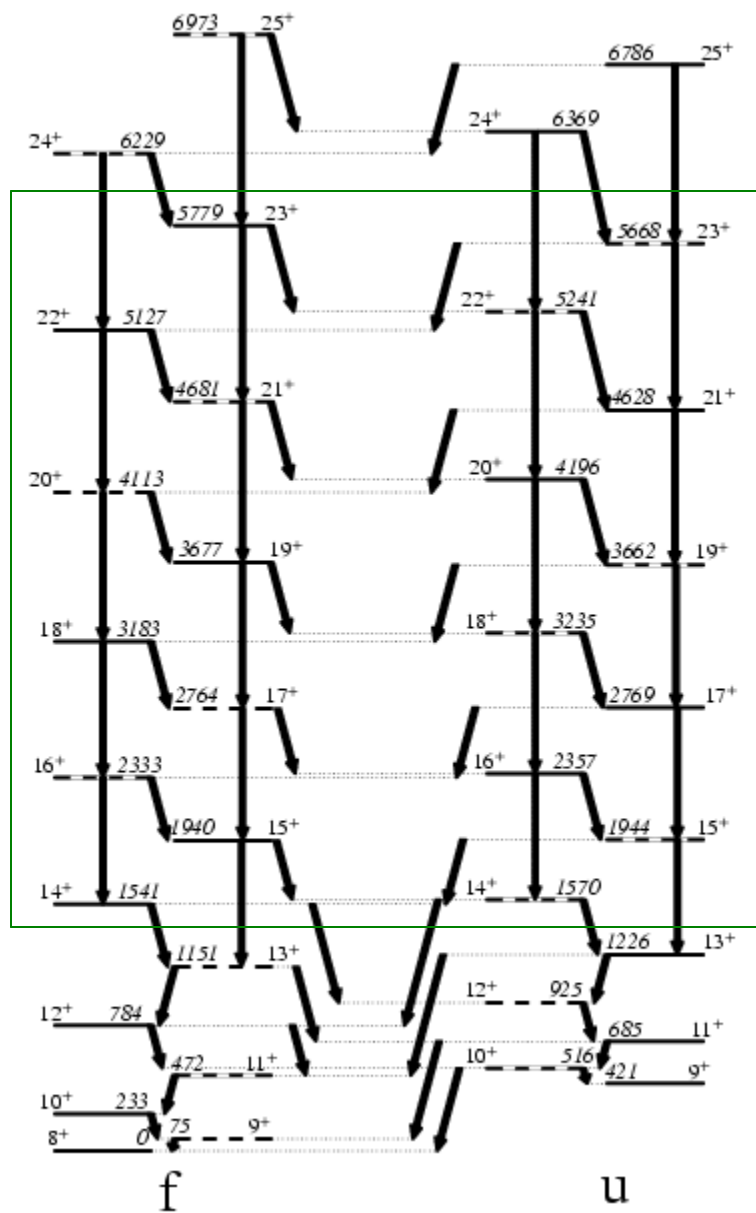
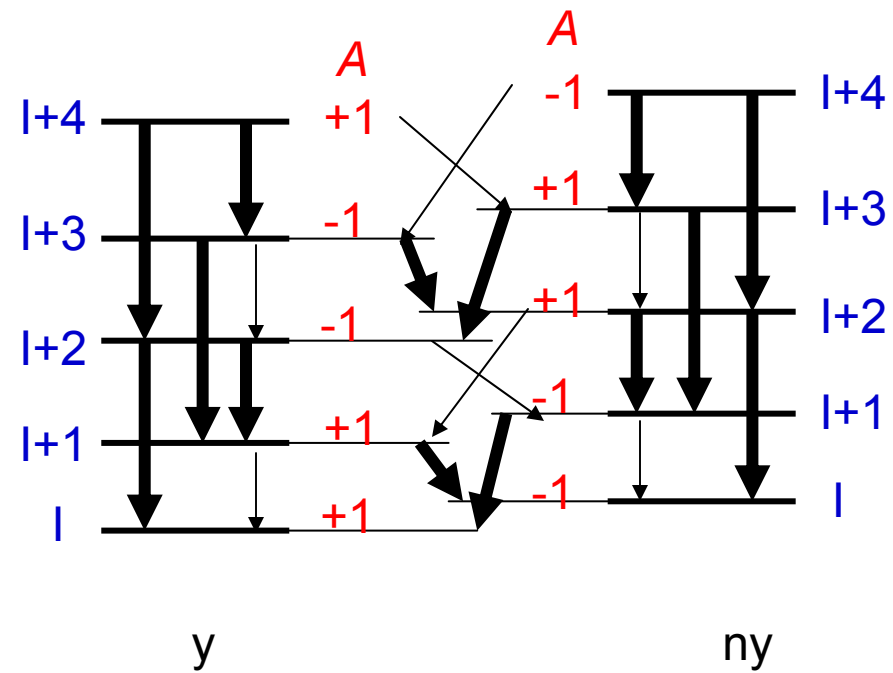


Chiral geometry ?

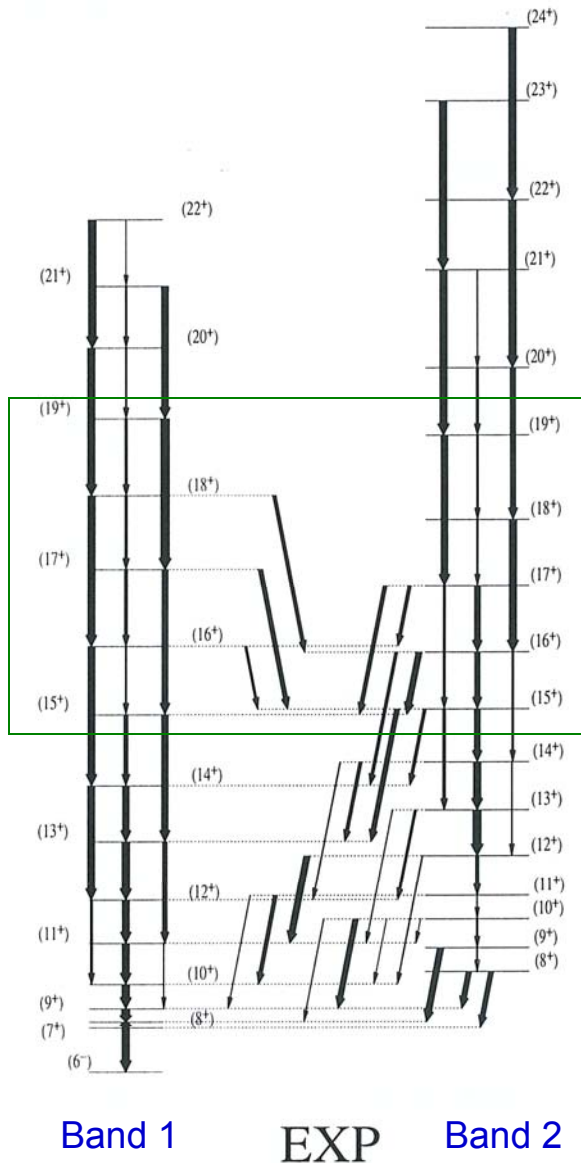


I : small ($|\vec{R}|$: small)





$^{134}_{59}\text{Pr}_{75}$



In the “partner” bands;

- (1) Measured $B(E2: I \rightarrow I-2)$ values differ by a factor of 2.
- (2) Measured inband $B(M1)$ values are large, while the interband $B(M1)$ values are small.

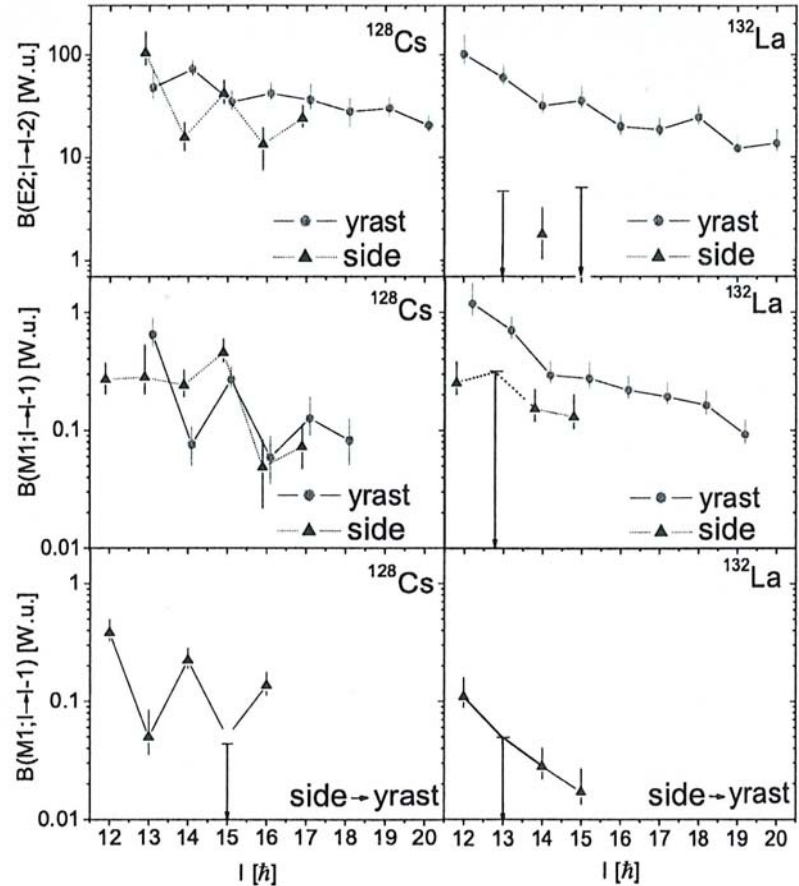
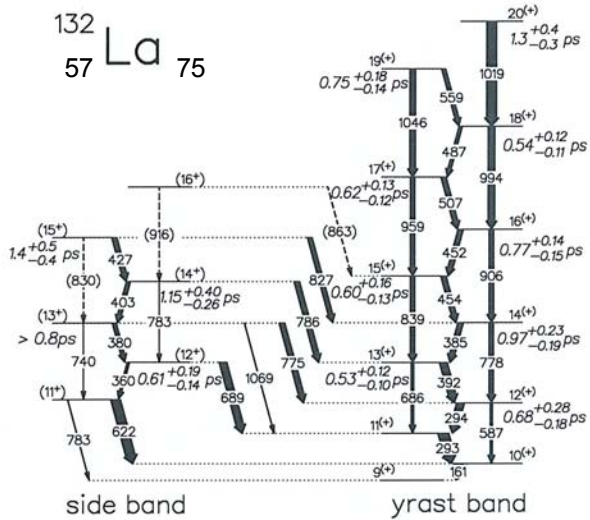
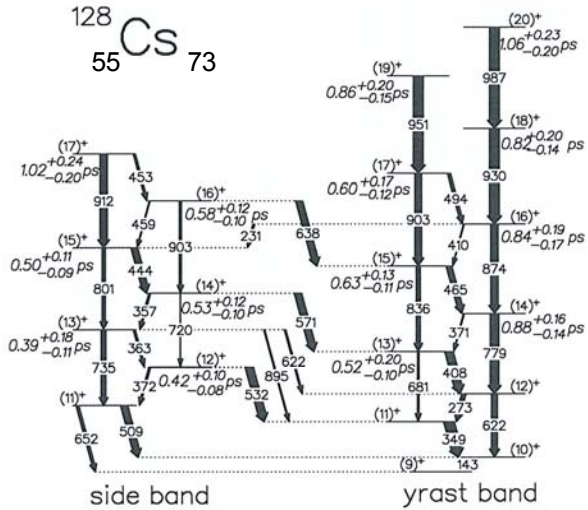
Petrache, Hagemann, Hamamoto and Starosta,
PRL **96**, 112502 (2006)

In a totally independent study with other data:

$$Q_0(1) / Q_0(2) = 2.0 \pm 0.4$$

is obtained from the analysis of the two-bands crossing at $I = 15-16$, using measured $B(E2, I \rightarrow I-2)_{\text{out}} / B(E2, I \rightarrow I-2)_{\text{in}}$ values.

Used data : GS2K009 Collaboration; K.Starosta et al., AIP
Conf. Proc. No.610 (AIP, New York, 2002), p.815



Analysis of $^{134}\text{Pr}_{75}$ data around $I = 14 - 18$

1) Energies

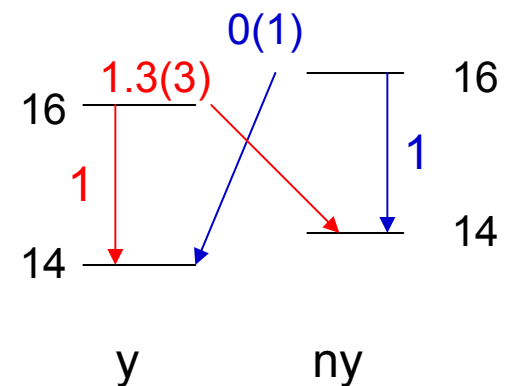
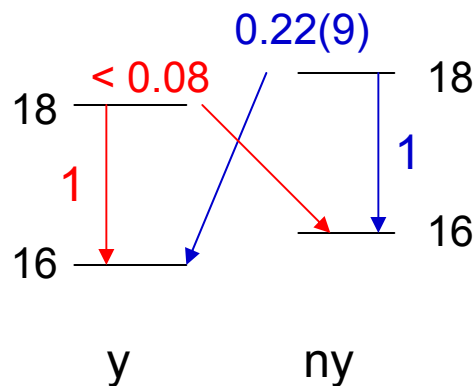
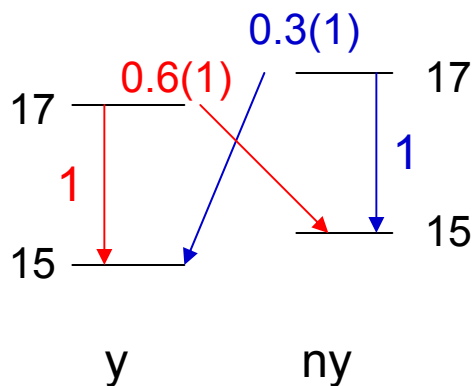
I	14	15	16	17	18
$E(I)_{ny} - E(I)_y$ in keV	163	36	44	118	173

2) In the case of **two-bands** (bands 1 and 2) **mixing**, the $B(E2)$ ratios

$$\frac{B(E2, I \rightarrow I-2)_{\text{out}}}{B(E2, I \rightarrow I-2)_{\text{in}}}$$

should be **equal** for the **yrast** and **non-yr** stats, if $Q_{0,1} = Q_{0,2}$

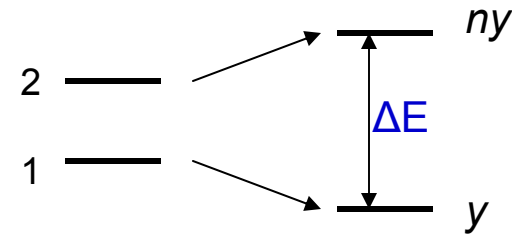
In contrast, measured values (K.Starosta et al.) are



3) Assuming **two-bands (1 and 2) crossing**,

$$|y\rangle = \alpha_I |1\rangle + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_I^2} |2\rangle \quad (\text{a})$$

$$|ny\rangle = \sqrt{1 - \alpha_I^2} |1\rangle - \alpha_I |2\rangle \quad (\text{b})$$



We obtain

$$\frac{B[E2, I^{ny} \rightarrow (I-2)^y]}{B[E2, I^{ny} \rightarrow (I-2)^{ny}]} = \left(\frac{Q_{0,1} \alpha_{I-2} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_I^2} - Q_{0,2} \alpha_I \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{I-2}^2}}{Q_{0,1} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{I-2}^2} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_I^2} + Q_{0,2} \alpha_I \alpha_{I-2}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{c})$$

$$\frac{B[E2, I^y \rightarrow (I-2)^{ny}]}{B[E2, I^y \rightarrow (I-2)^y]} = \left(\frac{Q_{0,1} \alpha_I \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{I-2}^2} - Q_{0,2} \alpha_{I-2} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_I^2}}{Q_{0,1} \alpha_I \alpha_{I-2} + Q_{0,2} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_I^2} \sqrt{1 - \alpha_{I-2}^2}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{d})$$

On the other hand, **for a given I**

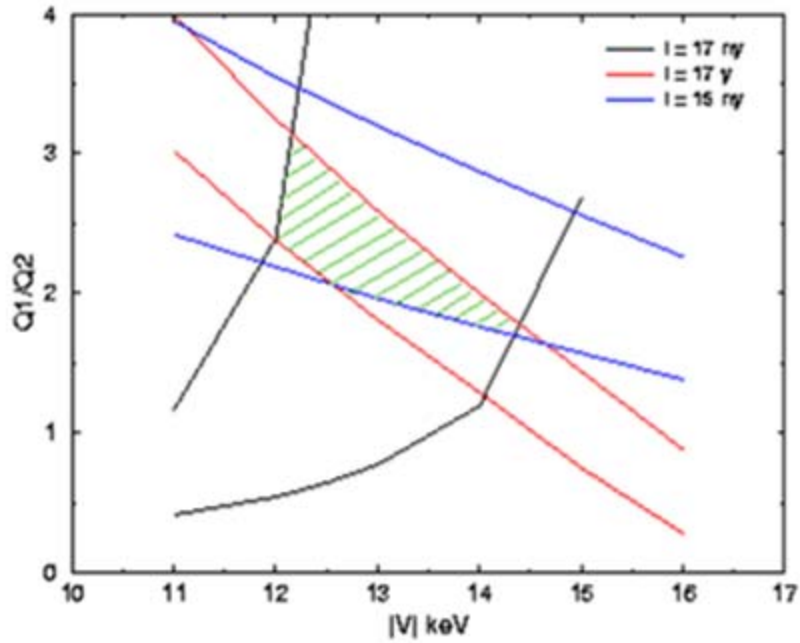
$$\frac{2V}{\Delta E_I} = \sin(2 \sin^{-1}(\alpha_I)) \quad (\text{e})$$

where **V**: interaction strength between bands 1 and 2,
ΔE_I: observed level spacing for I

Observed B(E2) ratios, (c) and (d) } → { V, α_I
 Observed ΔE_I in (e) } (Q_{0,1}/Q_{0,2})

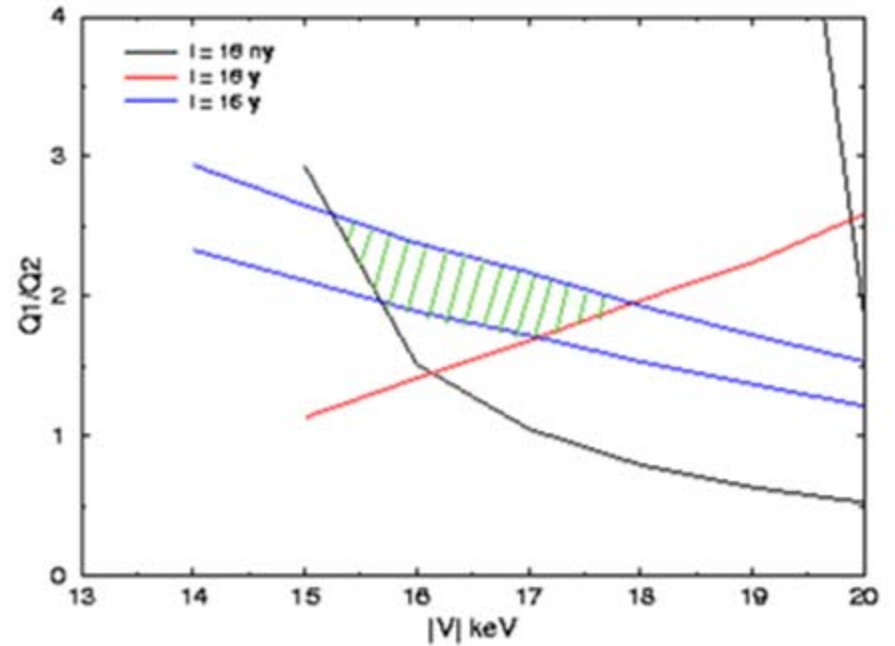
Relatively large ambiguity in measured B(E2) ratios !

Interaction analysis – odd spins



$V \sim 13.5$ keV

Interaction analysis – even spins



$V \sim 16.5$ keV

$$Q_{0,1} / Q_{0,2} = 2.0 \pm 0.4$$

We have obtained a possible range of V and $Q_{0,1}/Q_{0,2}$

$V \sim 13.5$ keV for odd I bands

$V \sim 16.5$ keV for even I bands

$Q_{0,1}/Q_{0,2} = 2.0 \pm 0.4$

Comparison of exp and calculated values of $B(E2, I \rightarrow I-2)_{\text{out}}/B(E2, I \rightarrow I-2)_{\text{in}}$ in the crossing region of the pair bands in ^{134}Pr .

Using $Q_{0,1}/Q_{0,2} = 2$, we obtain

I	$E_{\gamma, \text{out}}$ (keV)	$E_{\gamma, \text{in}}$ (keV)	$B(E2)_{\text{out}}/B(E2)_{\text{in}}$		$ V $ (keV)	α_1
			Exp.	Calc.		
17^{ny}	991	1027	0.3(1)	0.30	13.5	0.114
17^{y}	909	873	0.6(1)	0.61	13.5	-
15^{y}	671	892	0(1)	0.030	13.5	0.905
15^{ny}	928	707	1.1(5)	0.79	13.5	-
18^{ny}	1113	1069	0.22(9)	0.16	16.5	0.096
18^{y}	896	940	< 0.08	0.060	16.5	-
16^{ny}	813	976	0(1)	0.11	16.5	0.411
16^{y}	933	770	1.3(3)	1.23	16.5	-

Exp data from K.Starosta et al.

$V \sim 15$ keV \rightarrow a **large difference** in the structure of the **two bands** ;

ex. a large shape difference ?

their chiral character ?

a difference in some other quantum numbers ?

Obs. $V \sim 15$ keV is obtained in many cases from the crossing between SD and ND bands in the decay-out region for $A \sim 130$ nuclei.

(Gudrun)

$Q_{0,1}/Q_{0,2} \sim 2.0$ \rightarrow the **shapes** of **nearly deg. bands** in ^{134}Pr are **very different**.

Thus, they **cannot be** interpreted as **chiral** bands.

For a given I ;

$$|y\rangle = \alpha|1\rangle + \sqrt{1-\alpha^2}|2\rangle$$

$$|ny\rangle = \sqrt{1-\alpha^2}|1\rangle - \alpha|2\rangle$$

Writing interaction matrix element V,

$$(H_{11} - E_y)\alpha + V\sqrt{1-\alpha^2} = 0$$

$$V\alpha + (H_{22} - E_y)\sqrt{1-\alpha^2} = 0$$

$$(H_{11} - E_{ny})\sqrt{1-\alpha^2} - V\alpha = 0$$

$$V\sqrt{1-\alpha^2} - (H_{22} - E_{ny})\alpha = 0$$

One obtains

$$E_{y/ny} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(H_{11} + H_{22}) \mp \sqrt{(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4V^2} \right] \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{H_{11} - H_{22}}{V} = -\frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}} = -\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} + \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \frac{-2}{\tan(2x)}$$

where $x \equiv \sin^{-1}(\alpha)$

Then,

$$\frac{2V}{E_{ny} - E_y} = \sin(2x) = \sin(2 \sin^{-1}(\alpha))$$