

# Nature of the near-degenerate bands in PRM: transverse wobbling bands?

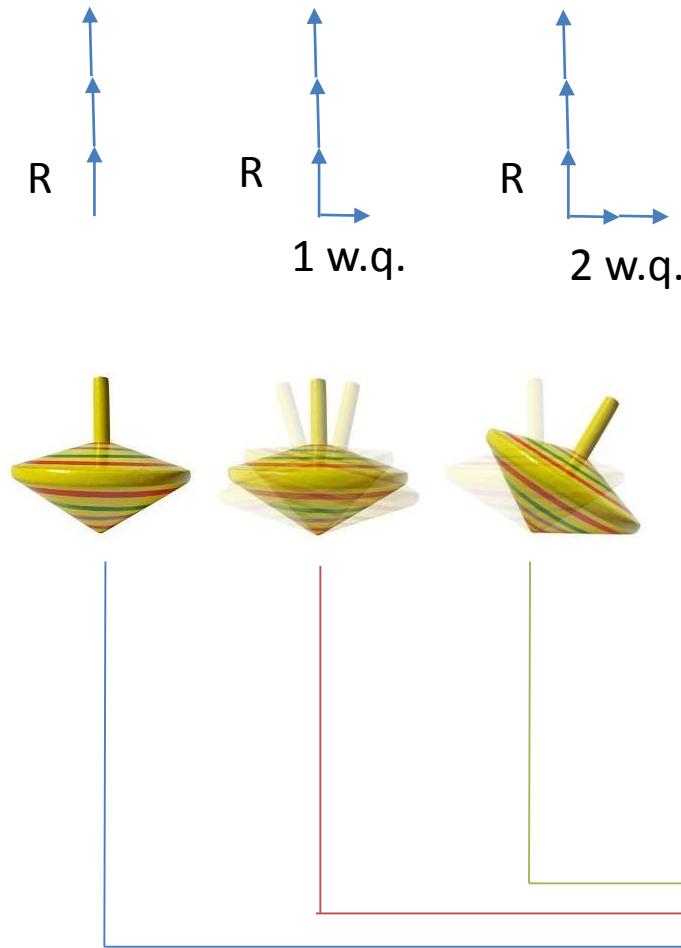
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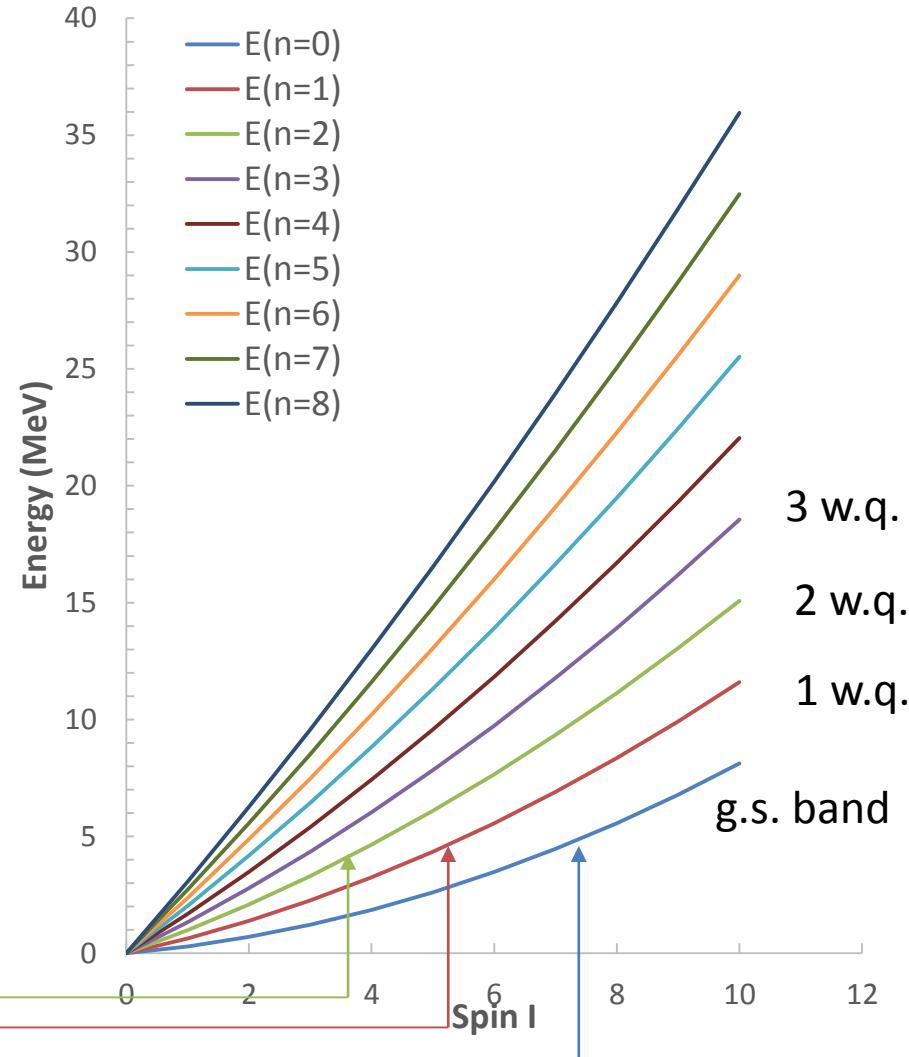


# Wobbling around the axis with largest MOI in triaxial even-even nuclei

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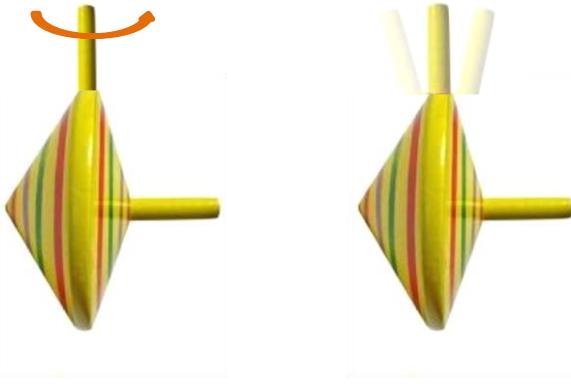
wobbling with A1 = 1, A2 = 4, A3 = 4



Approximation valid if  $I_2^2 + I_3^2 \ll I^2$   
good approximation at high spins only

# Transverse wobbling - wobbling around an axis with medium MOI

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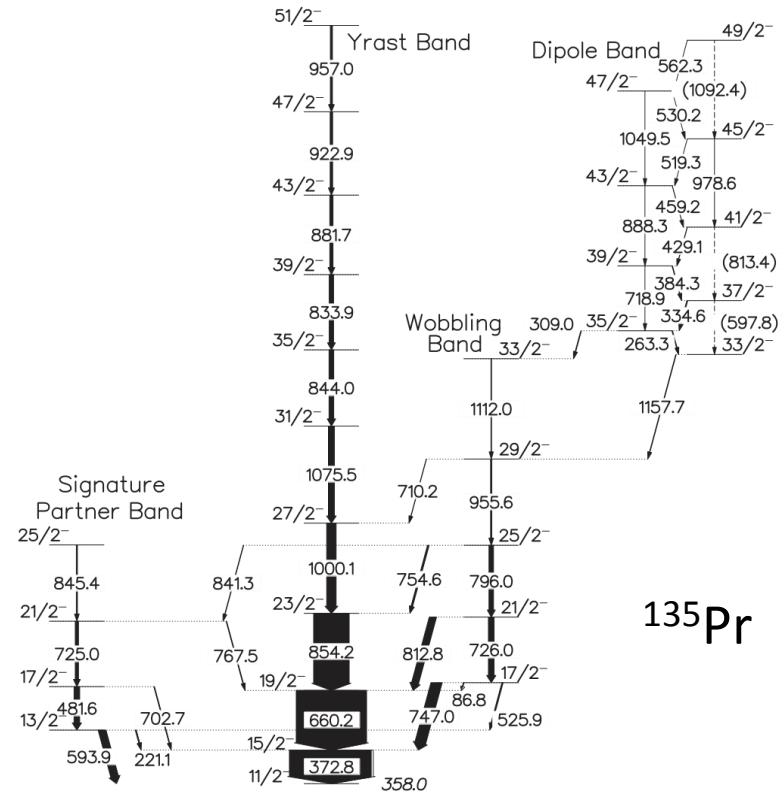


Where?

- in odd nuclei
- one qp with large spin, e.g.  $h_{11/2}$
- triaxial shape

How to identify it?

- large mixing ratios on the linking transitions
- decreasing wobbling energy



## Transverse wobbling - wobbling around an axis with medium MOI, 3-axis, $A_1 < A_3 < A_2$

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$$H = A_3 (I_3 - j)^2 + A_1 I_1^2 + A_2 I_2^2 = A_3 (I - j)^2 + H'$$

$$H' = (A_1 - A_3') I_1^2 + (A_2 - A_3') I_2^2 \approx \alpha (n+1/2) + 1/2\beta(c^+c^+ + cc), \quad \text{where } A_3' = A_3(1-j/I)$$

$$E(n, I) = A_3 I(I+1) + (n+1/2)\hbar\omega$$

$$\hbar\omega = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^{1/2} = 2I[(A_1 - A_3')(A_2 - A_3')]^{1/2} \quad \rightarrow \text{decreasing with } I$$

$$B(E2, n, I \rightarrow n, I \pm 2) = \frac{5}{16\pi} e^2 \frac{n}{I} Q_2^2$$

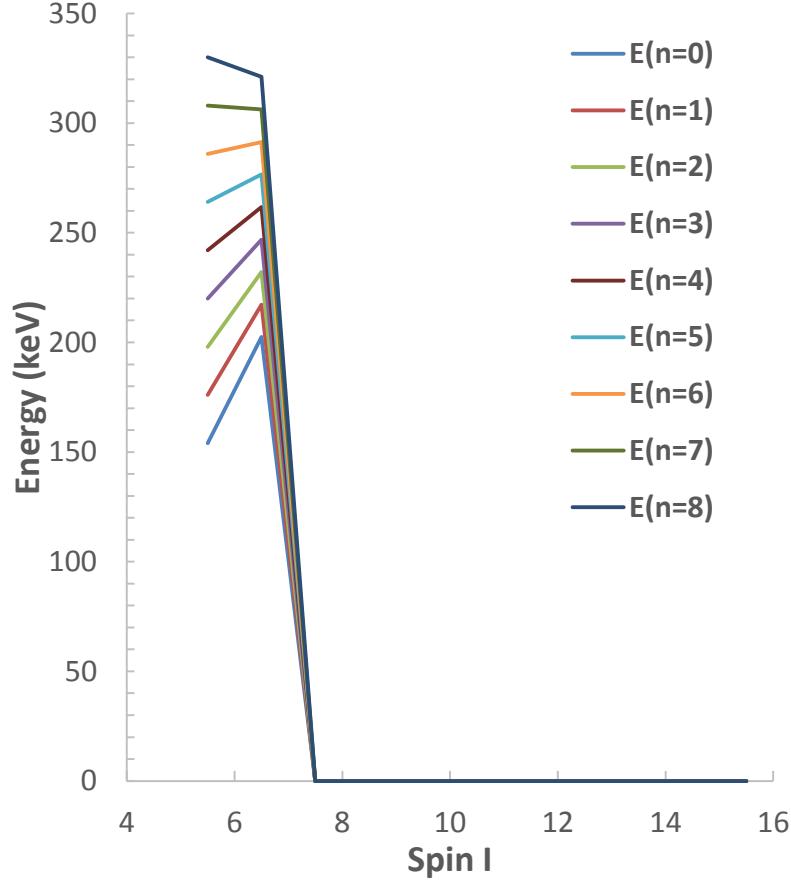
$$B(E2, n, I \rightarrow n-1, I-1) = \frac{5}{16\pi} e^2 \frac{n}{I} (\sqrt{3}Q_o x - \sqrt{2}Q_2 y)^2 \quad \rightarrow \text{large}$$

$$B(M1, n, I \rightarrow n-1, I-1) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{n}{I} [j(g_j - g_R)x]^2;$$

**Wobbling approximation is valid if:**

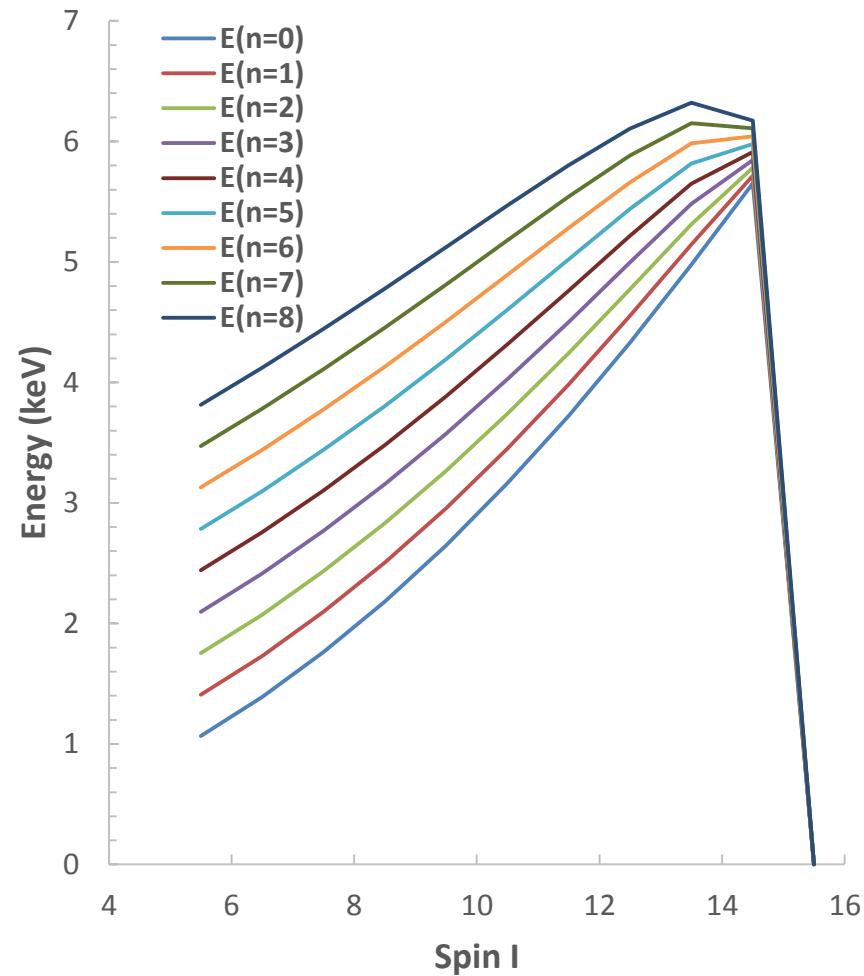
- 1) frozen particle angular momentum
- 2)  $A_1 - A_3' = A_1 - A_3(1 - j/I) > 0$  limit at  $I_{\max} < j A_3 / (A_3 - A_1)$
- 3)  $I_1^2 + I_2^2 \ll I^2$  or  $(2n+1)(A_2 + A_1 - 2A_3') / [(A_1 - A_3')^{1/2}(A_2 - A_3')^{1/2}] \ll 1$   
or  $f = (2n+1)(A_2 + A_1 - 2A_3') / [(A_1 - A_3')^{1/2}(A_2 - A_3')^{1/2}] / I \ll 1,$

**transverse wobbling**  
with  $A_1 = 1, A_2 = 4, A_3 = 4$



Irrational MOI,  $\gamma = 30^\circ \rightarrow$   
wobbling approximation crashes at  $I_{\max} < 15/2$

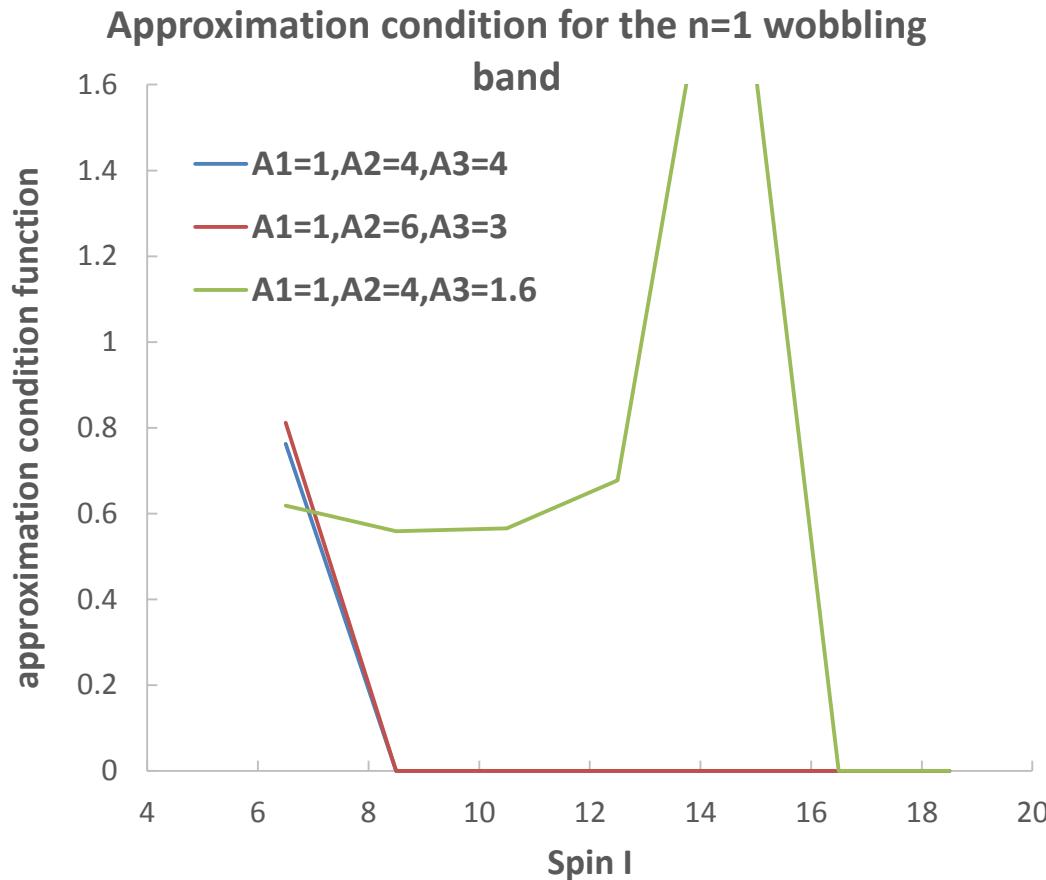
**transverse wobbling,  $A_1=1, A_2=4, A_3=1.6$**



by an increase of the MOI along the 3-axis  
(by a factor of 2.5)  $I_{\max} < 31/2$

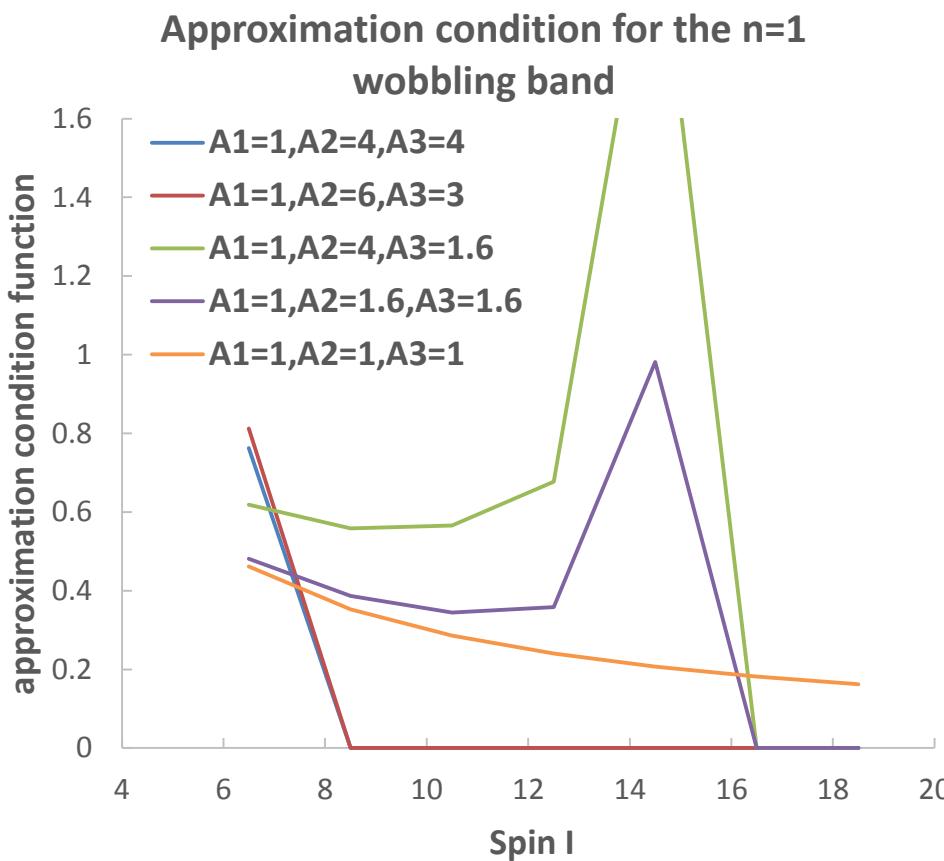
## Approximation condition for the harmonic wobbling description in PRM

$$f = (2n+1) (A_2 + A_1 - 2A_3') / [2(A_1-A_3')^{1/2}(A_2-A_3')^{1/2}] / I \ll 1$$



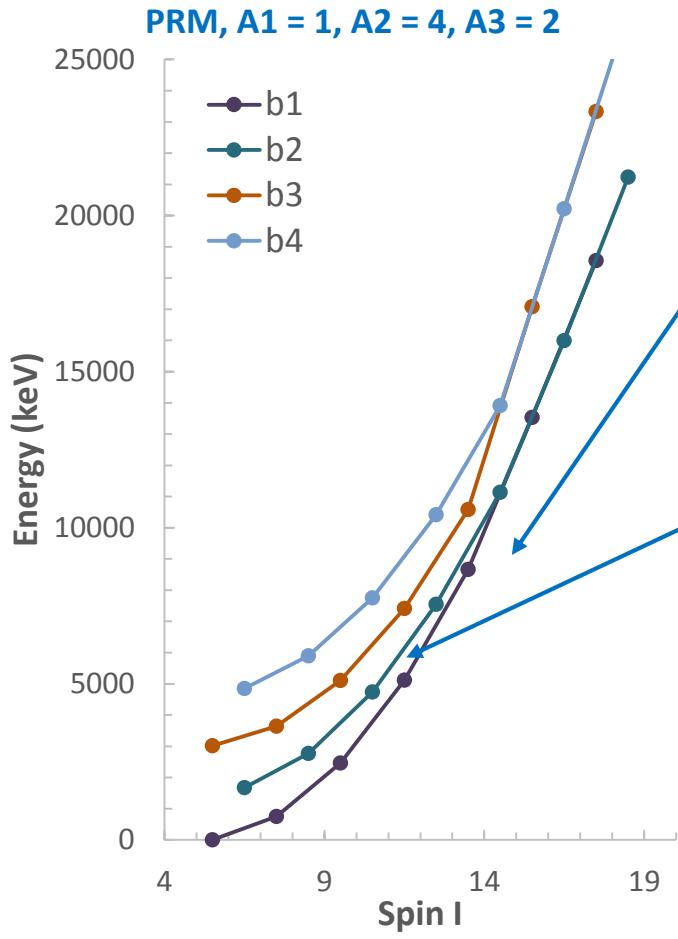
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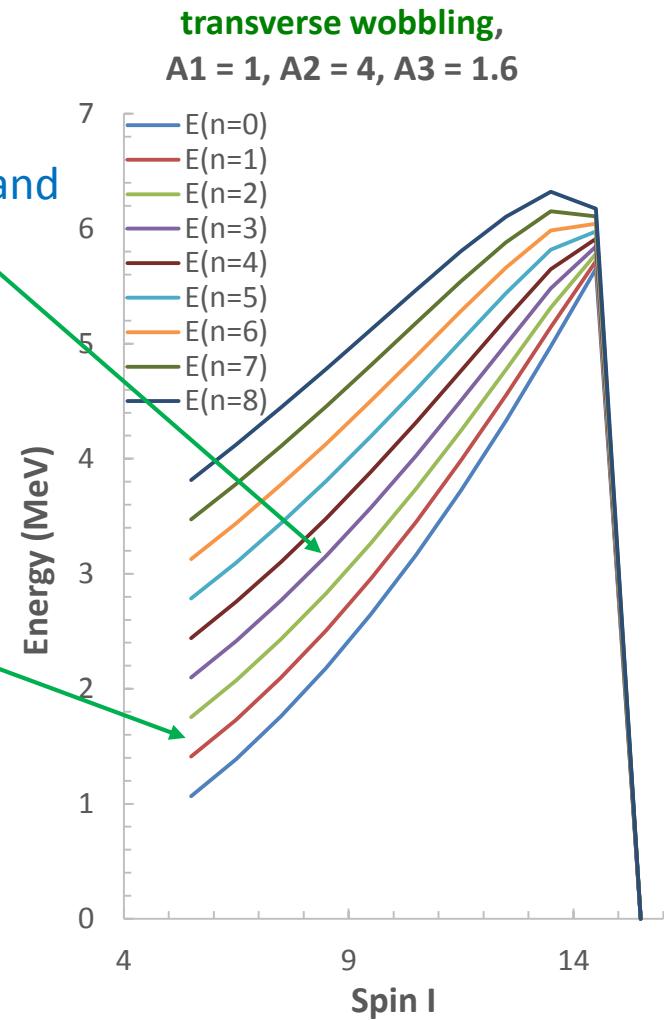
PRM  $\approx$  transverse wobbling  $\rightarrow$  bad approximation!

PRM  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  wobbling  
excitation energy



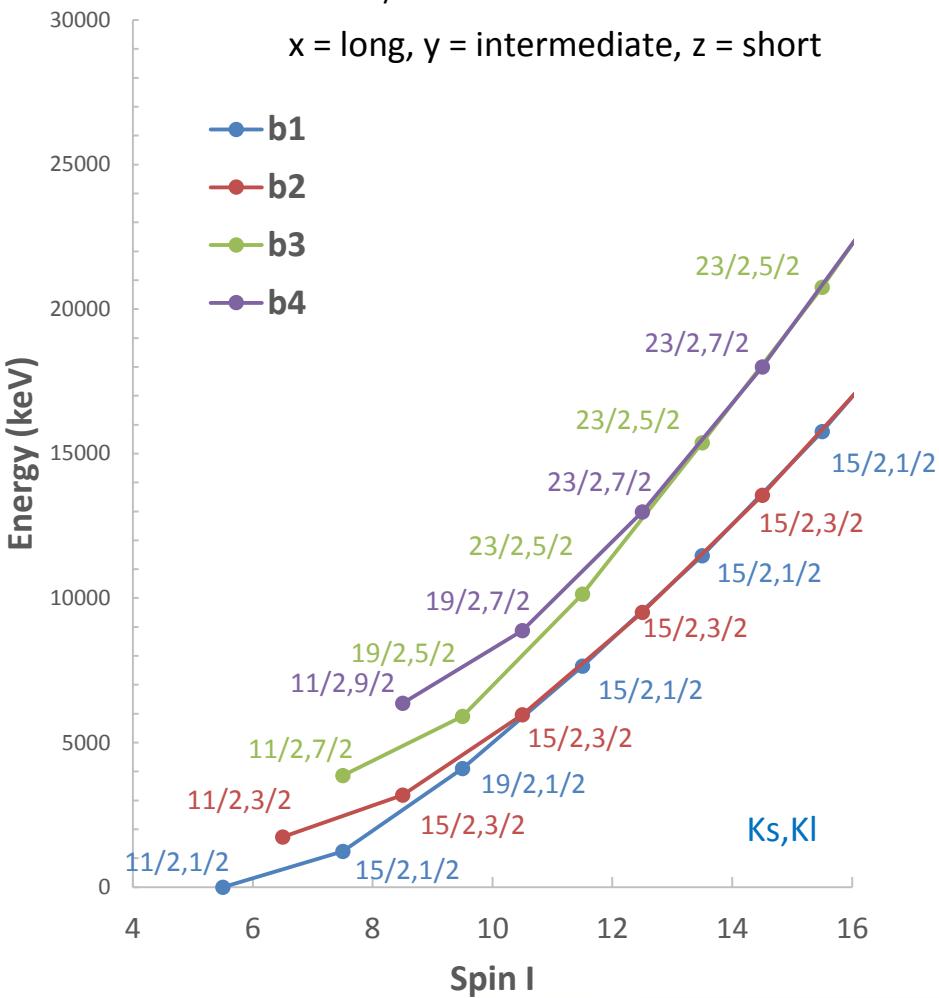
pairs of degenerate band  
regular pattern

$\Delta E(I=\text{cost})$   
increasing  
const



## Particle – rotor model interpretation of the bands

$^{135}\text{Pr}$ ,  $\gamma=30^\circ$ ,  $\text{ph}_{11/2}$  frozen on short axis



→ "degeneracy" region

$K_s = \text{const}$ ,  $K_l = \text{const}$ ,  $K_i \nearrow$   
deformation alignment

the two bands are signature partners

→ low-spin region

$K_s \nearrow$ ,  $K_i \nearrow$   
rotation alignment

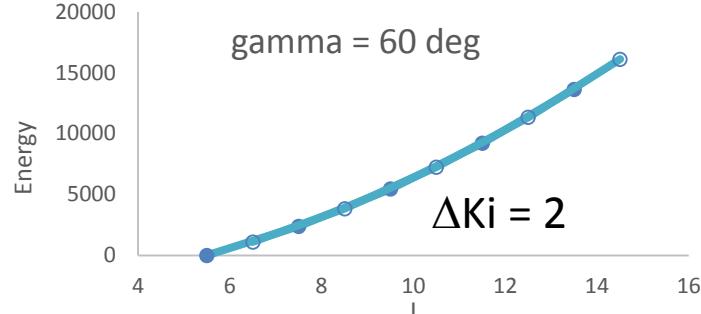
the two bands are the favourite and unfavourite rotation aligned bands



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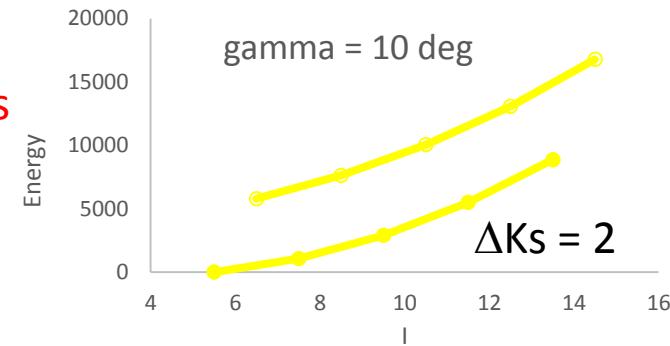
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## deformation alignment $Ki = Ki \nearrow$

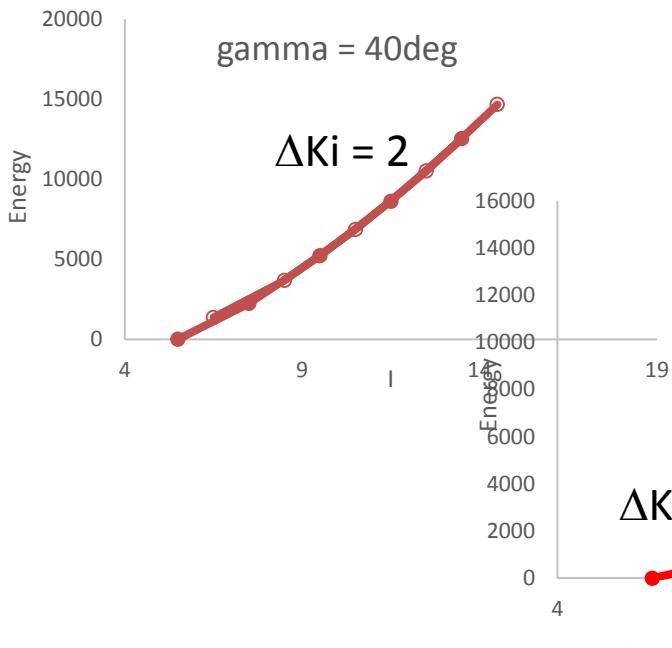


Evolution of the rotation & deformation alignment with gamma j frozen on the short axis

## gamma = 0 deg, $Ki = Ks \nearrow$ rotation alignment



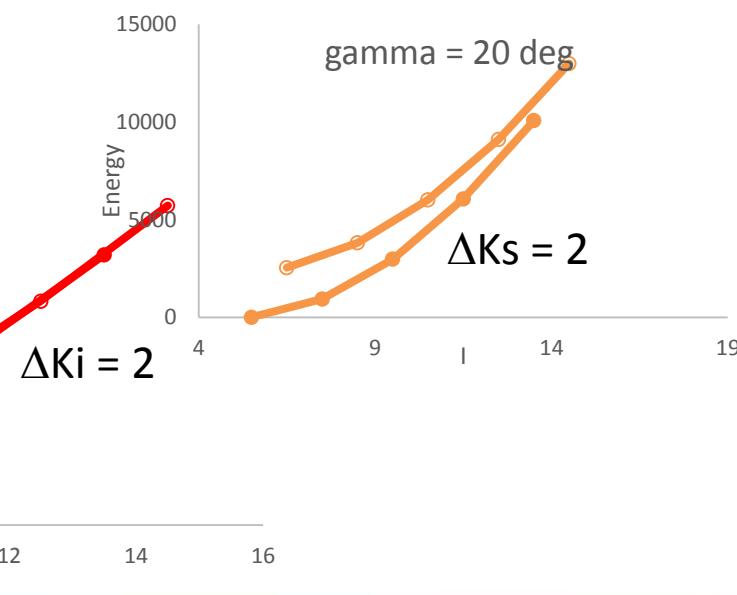
## $Ki \nearrow, Ki \nearrow, Ks \nearrow$



## $Ki \nearrow, Ki = Ks \nearrow$

gamma = 30 deg

$\Delta Ks = 2$



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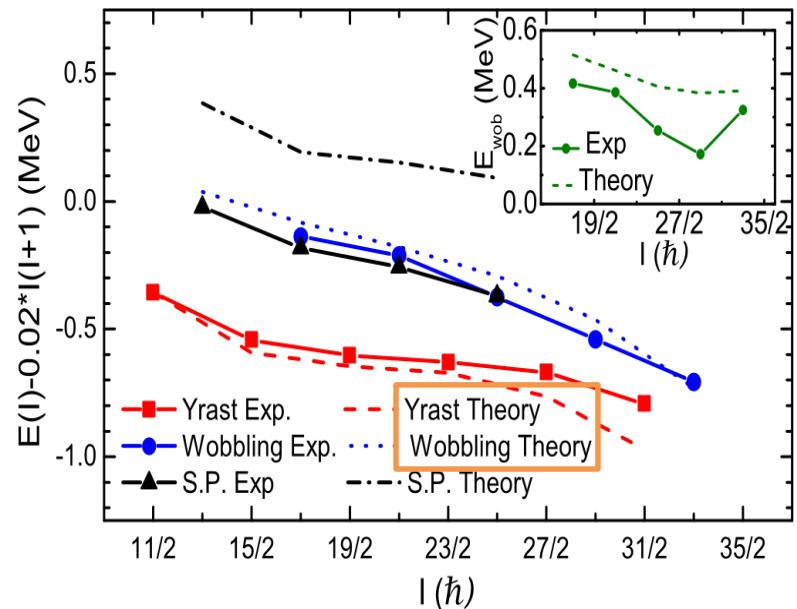
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## Warning!

If wobbling is claimed

→ use the wobbling equations for the energy and the transition probabilities!



| Initial $I^\pi$  | Final $I^\pi$    | $E_\gamma$ (keV) | $\delta$         | Asymmetry          | E2 Fraction (%) | $\frac{B(M1_{out})}{B(E2_{in})} \left( \frac{\mu_N^2}{e^2 b^2} \right)$<br>Experiment | QTR   | $\frac{B(E2_{out})}{B(E2_{in})}$<br>Experiment | QTR   |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|-------|--|-------|
| $\frac{17}{2}^-$ | $\frac{15}{2}^-$ | 747.0            | $-1.24 \pm 0.13$ | $0.047 \pm 0.012$  | $60.6 \pm 5.1$  | ...   | 0.213 | ...  | 0.908 |
| $\frac{21}{2}^-$ | $\frac{19}{2}^-$ | 812.8            | $-1.54 \pm 0.09$ | $0.054 \pm 0.034$  | $70.3 \pm 2.$   | $.164 \pm 0.014$  | 0.107 | $0.843 \pm 0.032$                              | 0.488 |
| $\frac{25}{2}^-$ | $\frac{23}{2}^-$ | 754.6            | $-2.38 \pm 0.37$ | ...                | $85.0 \pm 4.0$  | $0.035 \pm 0.009$   | 0.070 | $0.500 \pm 0.025$                              | 0.290 |
| $\frac{29}{2}^-$ | $\frac{27}{2}^-$ | 710.2            | ...              | ...                | ...             | $\leq 0.016 \pm 0.004$  | 0.056 | $\geq 0.261 \pm 0.014$                         | 0.191 |
| $\frac{13}{2}^-$ | $\frac{11}{2}^-$ | 593.9            | $-0.16 \pm 0.04$ | $-0.092 \pm 0.023$ | $2.5 \pm 1.2$   | ...   | ...   | ...  | ...   |

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Good agreement with PRM **does not support wobbling, but the PRM interpretation, i.e. competition of rotation & deformation alignment**

# Summary

The wobbling approximation in PRM is a **bad approximation**,  
i.e. it neglects terms that are not negligible.

Wobbling approximation and PRM describe different physics

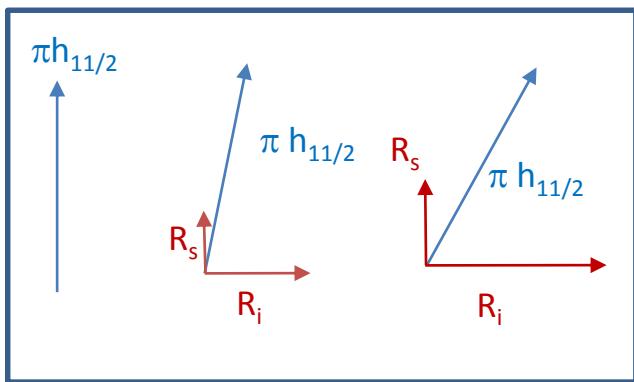
PRM interpretation → competition of rotation and deformation aligned bands

To test the wobbling interpretation use the wobbling equations!

The experimental data in  $^{135}\text{Pr}$  is well described by PRM!  
thus it is not transverse wobbling,  
but evolution of rotation alignment towards deformation alignment!

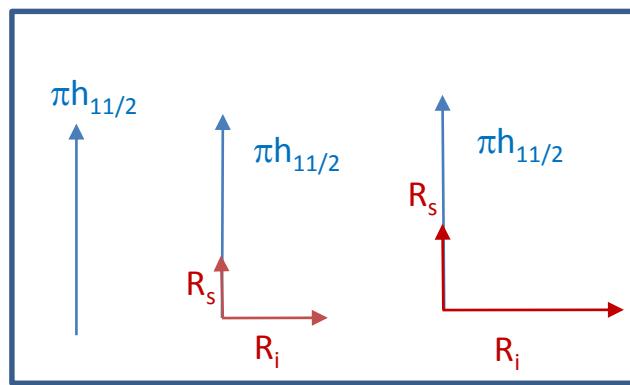
## Standard PRM

- $\pi h_{11/2}$  (free )
- $j_\pi$  on s-axis,
- max rotation along intermediate axis
- $j_\pi$  aligns



## Approximation 1

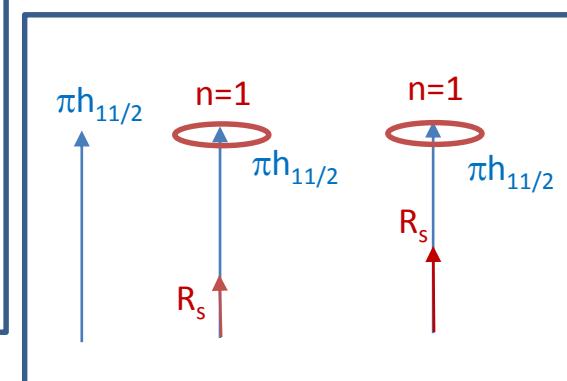
- $\pi h_{11/2}$  (frozen)
- $j_\pi$  on s-axis,
- max rotation along intermediate axis
- $j_\pi$  does not aligns



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## Approximation 2

- rotations along the I- and i-axes are replaced by wobbling quantum excitations



Wobbling approximation is valid if:

$$1) A_1 - A_3' = A_1 - A_3(1 - j/I) > 0$$

since  $A_1 < A_3 < A_2$  this is ok for  $I < jA_3/(A_3 - A_1)$ , limit at  $I_{\max} < j A_3/(A_3 - A_1)$

$$2) I_1^2 + I_2^2 \ll I^2 \quad \text{or} \quad (2n+1)(A_2 + A_1 - 2A_3') / [(A_1 - A_3')^{1/2}(A_2 - A_3')^{1/2}] \ll 1$$

or  $f = (2n+1)(A_2 + A_1 - 2A_3') / [(A_1 - A_3')^{1/2}(A_2 - A_3')^{1/2}] / I \ll 1$ , i.e. low I

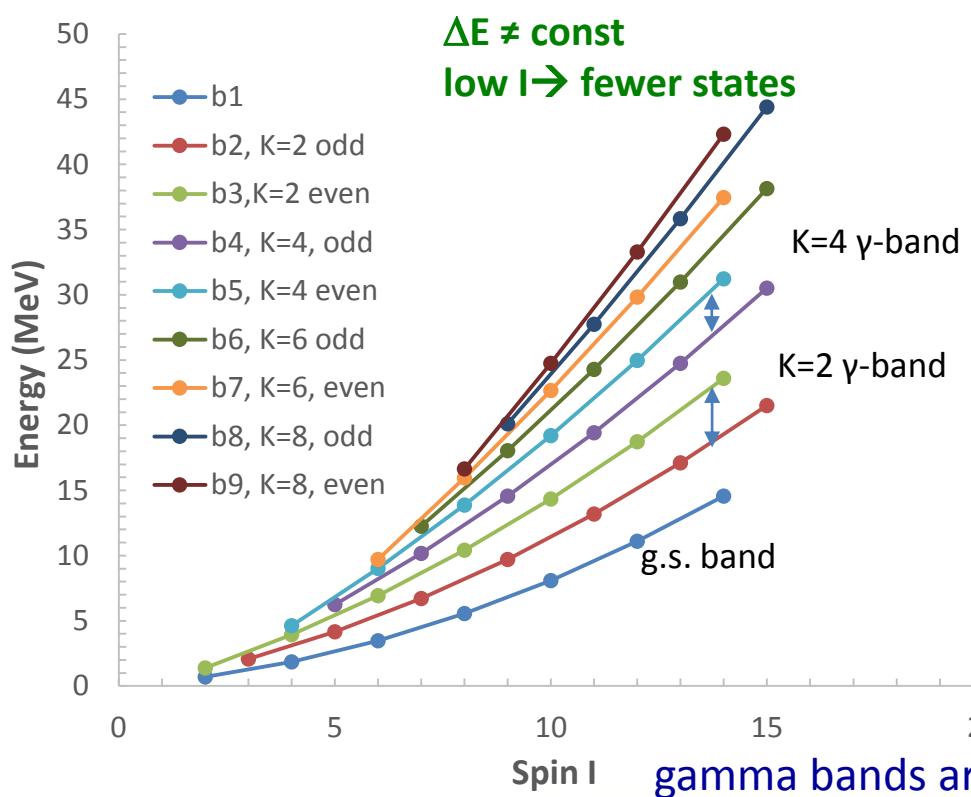
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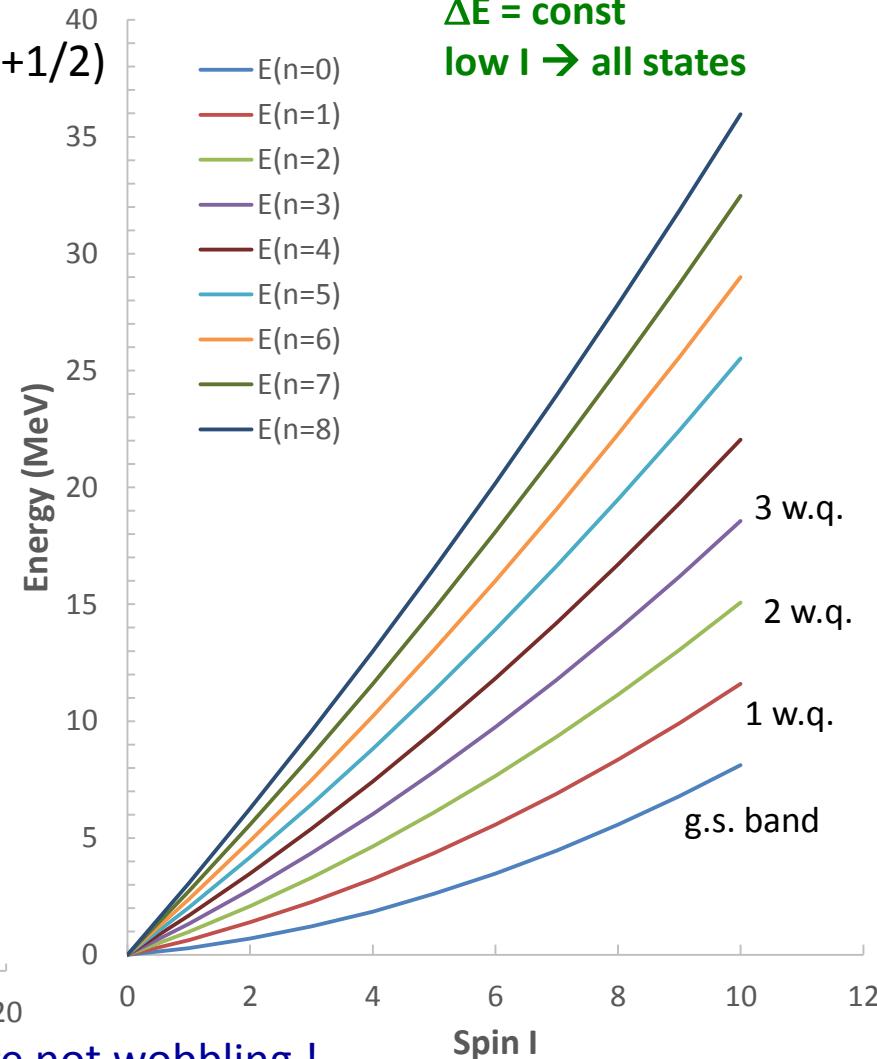
Energy for the bands in even-even core

$A_1 = 1, A_2 = 4, A_3 = 4, \gamma = 30^\circ$



wobbling with  $A_1 = 1, A_2 = 4, A_3 = 4$

$\Delta E = \text{const}$   
low  $I \rightarrow$  all states



Approximation valid if  $I_2^2 + I_3^2 \ll I^2$   
good approximation at high spins only