

Chirality and wobbling in the ^{135,136,137}Nd and ¹³⁵Pr nuclei

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Introduction

- Nuclear chirality
- Wobbling motion

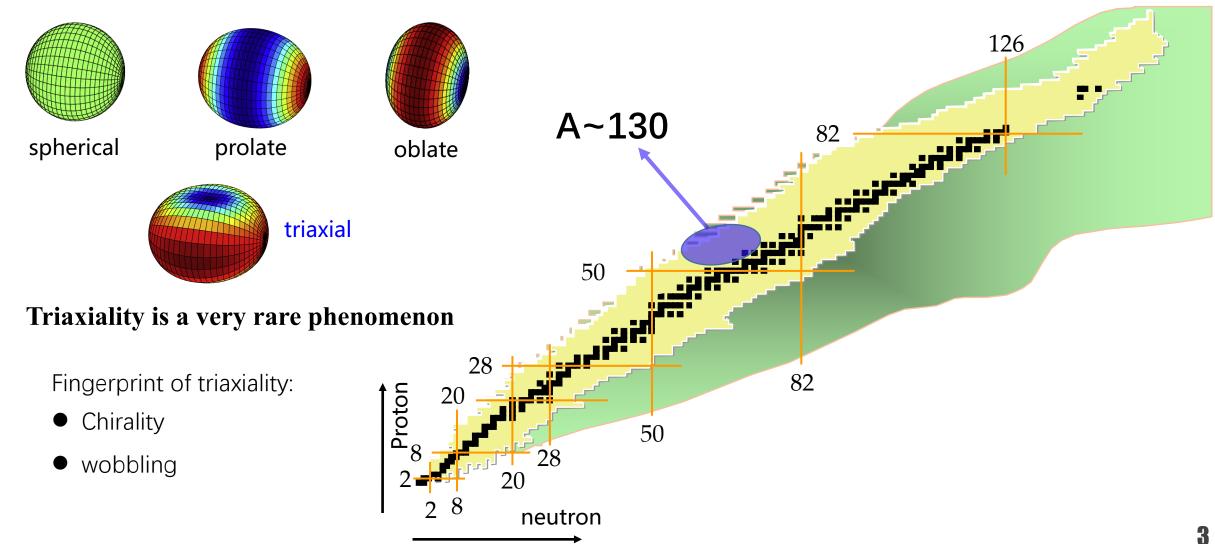
Experimental details

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- Chirality in ^{135,136,137}Nd
- Wobbling motion in ¹³⁵Pr and ¹³⁶Nd

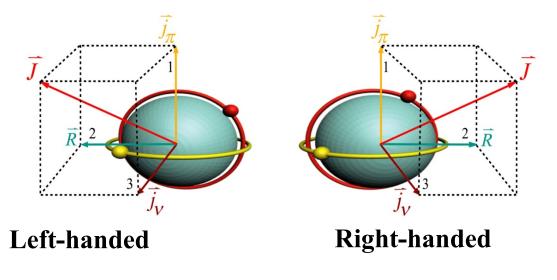
Summary







In nuclear physics, chirality was suggested in 1997 by Frauendorf and Meng. It shows up in a triaxial nucleus which rotates about an axis out of the three principal planes.



Odd-odd nucleus

There are three nearly **perpendicular** angular momenta: \mathbf{j}_{π} mainly along *short* axis, \mathbf{j}_{v} mainly along *long* axis, **R** mainly along *int*. axis.

Collective core (**R**); Quasi-proton (j_{π}) ; Quasi-neutron (j_{v}) .

The total angular momentum J is aplanar which can present chiral geometry

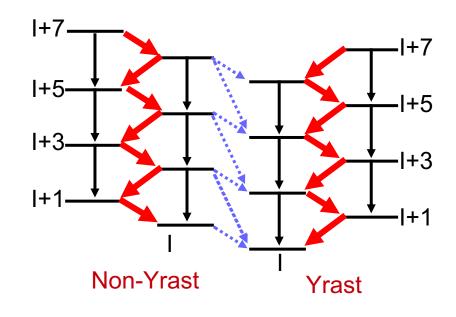
S.Frauendorf and J.Meng, Nucl. Phys. A617, 131(1997)



When chiral symmetry is broken in the body-fixed frame, the restoration of the symmetry in the lab frame is manifest as: two nearly degenerate $\Delta I = 1$ bands with the same parity, called chiral doublet bands.

Fingerprints

- ✓ Similar energy spectra and energy staggering;
- ✓ Similar B(M1)/B(E2) ratios;
- ✓ Similar angular momentum geometry.



Chiral doublet bands structure

Initially proposed by Bohr and Mottelson for even-even nuclei at high spin.

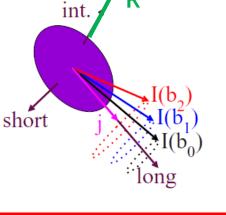
Around 2001, the predicted wobbling motion was experimentally reported in some of nuclei of the A=160 mass region at high spin.

In 2014, a new type of wobbling motion, called transverse wobbling, was proposed by Frauendorf and Dönau.

In 2015, the first example of transverse wobbling bands was reported in ¹³⁵Pr.

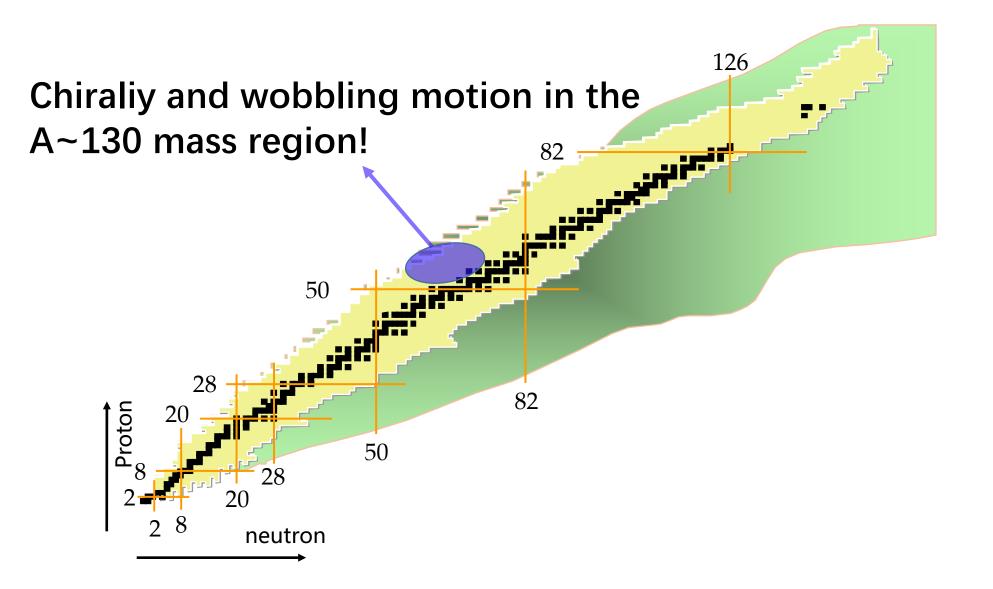
Recently, both transverse and longitudinal wobbling bands were reported at low spin in ¹⁰⁵Pd, ¹³³La, ¹²⁷Xe, ¹⁸⁷Au, and ¹⁸³Au nuclei et al.

Identified via the mixing ratio values of $\Delta I = 1$ transitions which are larger than one. Enchanced E2!



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	Transverse Wobbling in ¹³⁵ Pr	





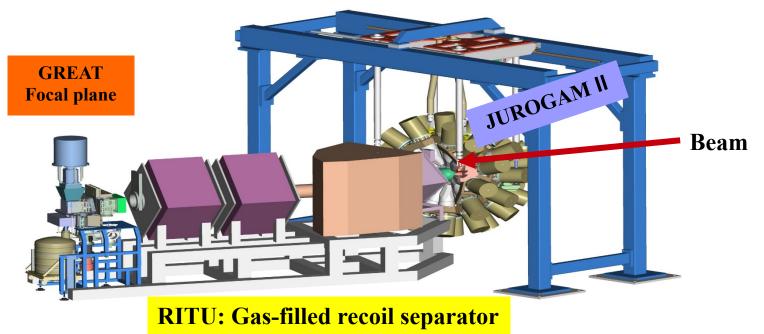


Experimental details



University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Beam: ⁴⁰Ar, 152 MeV; Target: ¹⁰⁰Mo, 0.5 mg/cm². **Populated nuclei**: ^{135,136,137}Nd and ¹³⁵Pr Around 5.1 \times 10¹⁰ (\geq 3 fold) coincidence events were collected

JUROGAM II + RITU + GREAT





JUORGAMMA: 15 tapered HPGe, 24 Clovers, 39 BGO shields, $\varepsilon_{tot} \approx 5$ % at 1.3 MeV.

Angular correlation R_{ac} (anisotropy) and linear polarization

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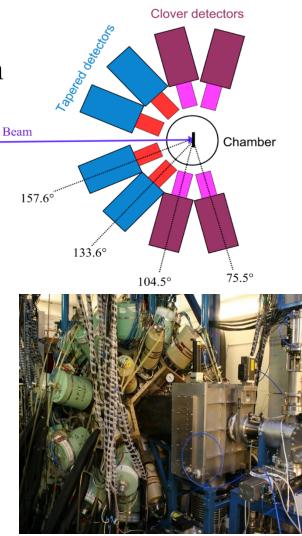
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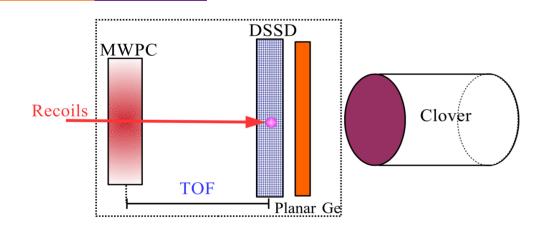
Linear polarization (P) P

$$P = \frac{1}{Q(E_{\gamma})} \frac{a(E_{\gamma})N_{\perp} - N_{\parallel}}{a(E_{\gamma})N_{\perp} + N_{\parallel}}$$

Compton scattering between two crystals which are perpendicular (parallel) to the beam direction.



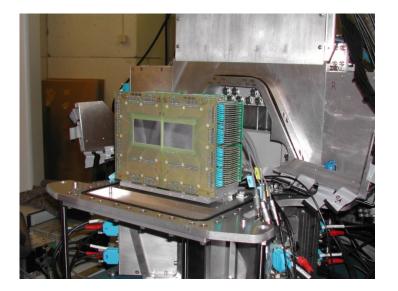




MWPC: measure the position of the recoils, deliver the time reference for the delayed events and for the time of flight (TOF) of recoils.

DSSDs: measure the energies of ions, like emitted α , β , and proton.

3 Clovers, Planar Ge:
γ-rays, X-rays.
Recoil decay tagging (RDT)

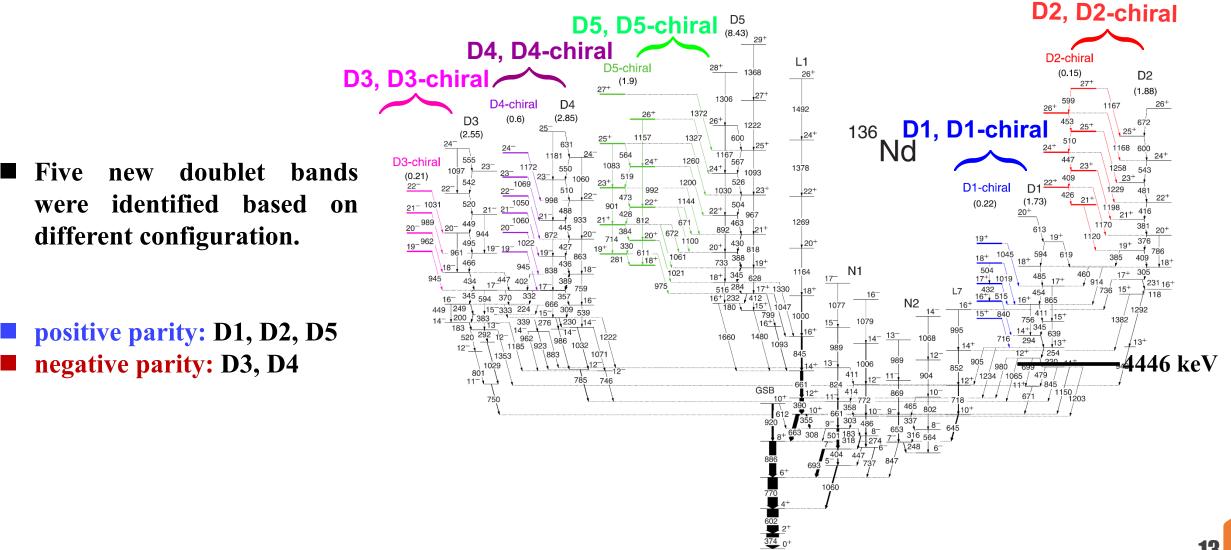






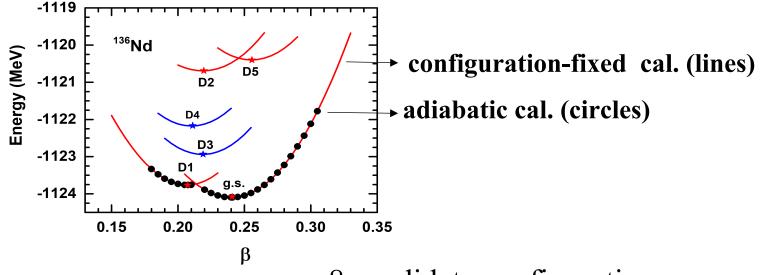
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Results and discussion: ¹³⁶Nd





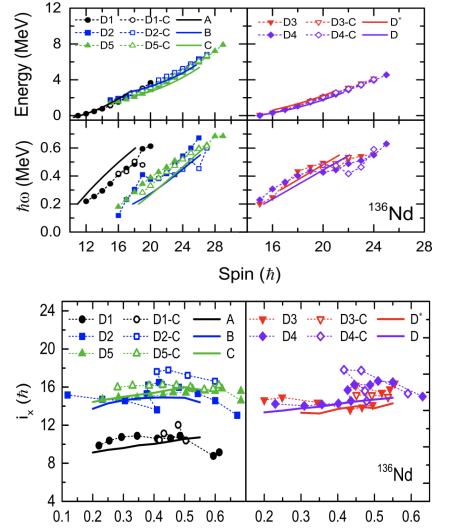
In order to understand the bands properties, Jie Meng group performed covariant density functional theory (CDFT) calculations.



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State	e \mathbf{E}_{x}	Parity	(eta,γ)	Unpaired nucleons
G	0.000	+	$(0.24, 27^{\circ})$	-
A	0.335	+	$(0.21, 21^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^1(d_{5/2}g_{7/2})^{-1}\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-1}(s_{1/2}d_{3/2})^{-1}$
\mathbf{B}	3.419	+	$(0.22, 19^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^3(d_{5/2}g_{7/2})^{-1}\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-1}(s_{1/2}d_{3/2})^{-1}$
\mathbf{C}	3.704	+	$(0.26, 23^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^2(g_{7/2})^{-2}\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-1}(f_{7/2}h_{9/2})^1$
D	1.173	—	$(0.22, 19^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^2\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-1}(s_{1/2}d_{3/2})^{-1}(\Omega\sim+rac{3}{2})$
D^*	1.346	—	$(0.21, 22^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^2\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-1}(s_{1/2}d_{3/2})^{-1}(\Omega\sim-rac{3}{2})$
\mathbf{E}	1.937	_	$(0.21, 23^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^2(d_{5/2}g_{7/2})^{-2}\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-1}(s_{1/2}d_{3/2})^{-1}$
\mathbf{F}	2.778	—	$(0.20, 35^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^1(d_{5/2}g_{7/2})^{-1}\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-2}$
\mathbf{H}	3.494	_	$(0.20, 37^{\circ})$	$\pi(h_{11/2})^1(d_{5/2}g_{7/2})^{-3}\otimes u(h_{11/2})^{-2}$



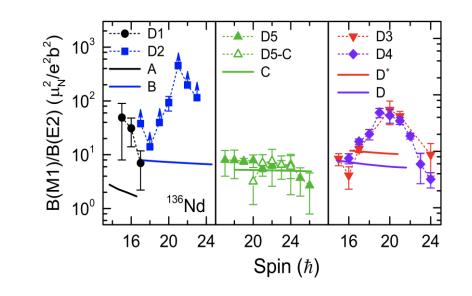


 $\hbar\omega$ (MeV)

> Excitation energies and frequency-versus-spin are nearly identical.

> The quasi-particle alignments are in good agreement with the results of CDFT calculations.

> Similar B(M1)/B(E2) ratios, well reproduced by CDFT calculations



C. M. Petrache, B. F. Lv, A. Astier et al., Phys. Rev. C 97, 041304(R) (2018).



To further understanding the structure of ¹³⁶Nd

Particle rotor model calculations are used to:

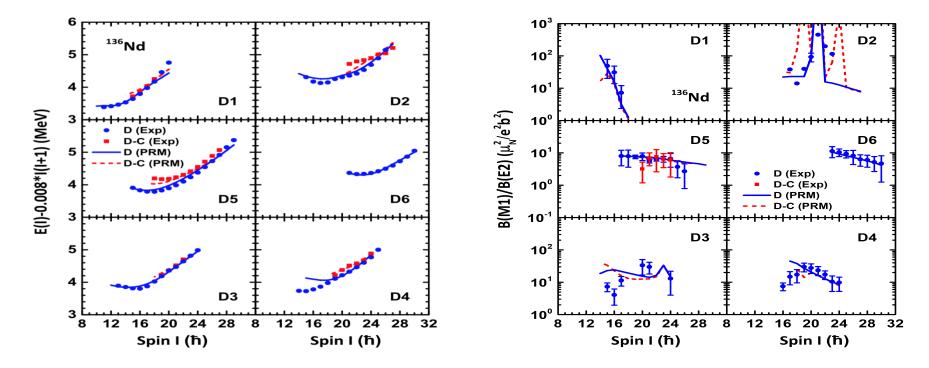
- 1. investigate in detail the five doublet bands
- 2. examine the chiral geometry

However, as the chiral bands of ¹³⁶Nd involve four different single-j shells, a multi-j PRM model was developed by Qibo Chen and applied to ¹³⁶Nd.

Q.B. Chen, B.F.Lv, C.M. Petrache, J. Meng*, PLB 782 (2018)

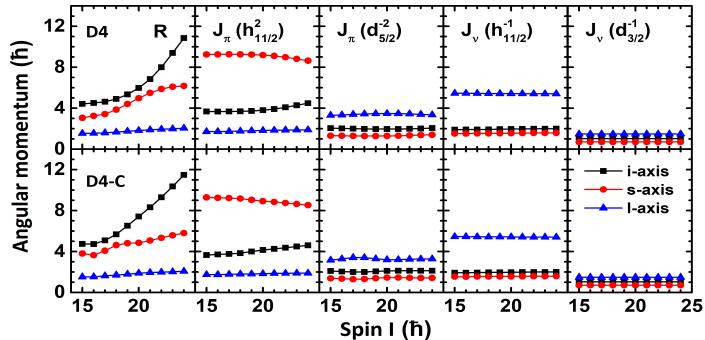
Results and discussion: ¹³⁶Nd

Band	Parity	Unpaired nucleons	(β, γ)
D1	+	$\pi (1h_{11/2})^1 (2d_{5/2})^{-1} \otimes \nu (1h_{11/2})^{-1} (2d_{3/2})^{-1}$	(0.21, 21°)
D2	+	$\pi (1h_{11/2})^3 (2d_{5/2})^{-1} \otimes \nu (1h_{11/2})^{-1} (2d_{3/2})^{-1}$	(0.22, 19°)
D5	+	$\pi (1h_{11/2})^2 (1g_{7/2})^{-2} \otimes \nu (1h_{11/2})^{-1} (1f_{7/2})^1$	(0.26, 23°)
D3	-	$\pi (1h_{11/2})^2 \otimes \nu (h_{11/2})^{-1} (2d_{3/2})^{-1}$	(0.22, 19°)
D4	_	$\pi (1h_{11/2})^2 (2d_{5/2})^{-2} \otimes \nu (h_{11/2})^{-1} (2d_{3/2})^{-1}$	(0.22, 19°)





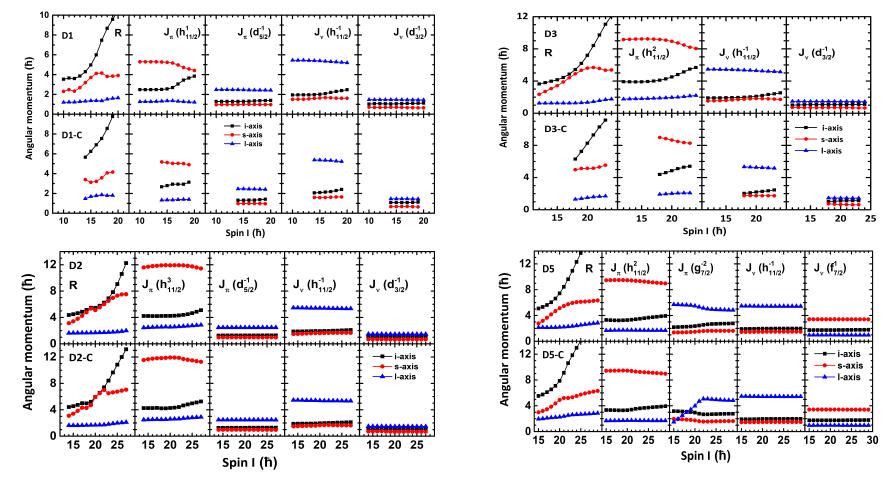
In order to examine the 3D chiral geometry, we calculated angular momentum components along the three axes for each qp:



Rotor: intermediate-axis; Proton $h_{11/2}$ particles: short-axis; Proton $d_{5/2}$ hole, neutron $h_{11/2}$ and $d_{3/2}$ holes: long-axis.

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Angular momentum components along the three axes:D1, D2, D3, D5



Chiral geometry is confirmed for ALL doublet bands

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Multichiral facets in symmetry restored states: Five chiral doublet candidates in the even-even nucleus ¹³⁶Nd

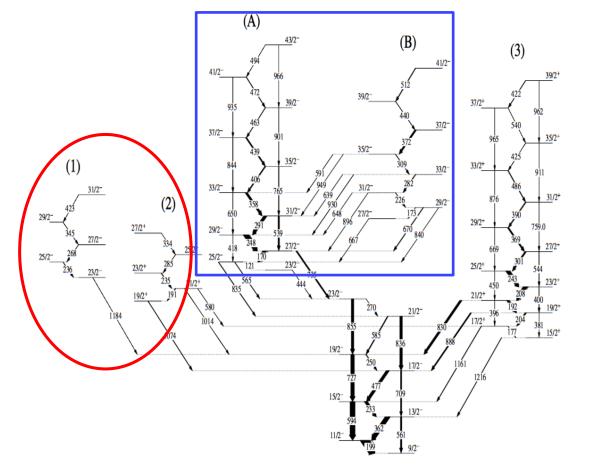
Y. K. Wang (王亚坤),¹ F. Q. Chen (陈芳祁),² P. W. Zhao (赵鹏巍),¹ S. Q. Zhang (张双全),¹ and J. Meng (孟杰)^{1,3,4,*} ¹State Key Laboratory of Nuclear Physics and Technology, School of Physics, Peking University, Beijing 100871, China ²School of Natural and Applied Sciences, Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xian 710129, China ³School of Physics and Nuclear Energy Engineering, Beihang University, Beijing 100191, China ⁴Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, Kyoto University, Kyoto 606-8502, Japan

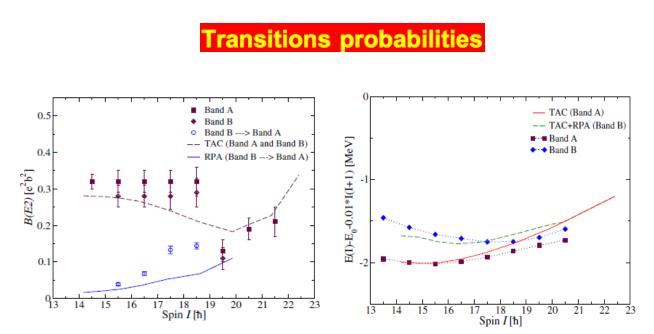
A triaxial projected shell model (TPSM) including configurations with more than four quasiparticles in the configuration space is developed.

Chiral bands are confirmed for bands D1, D2, D4, D5, but not hard for D3.

Results and discussion: ¹³⁵Nd

 $\pi h_{11/2}^2 \otimes \nu h_{11/2}^{-1}$ Chiral bands





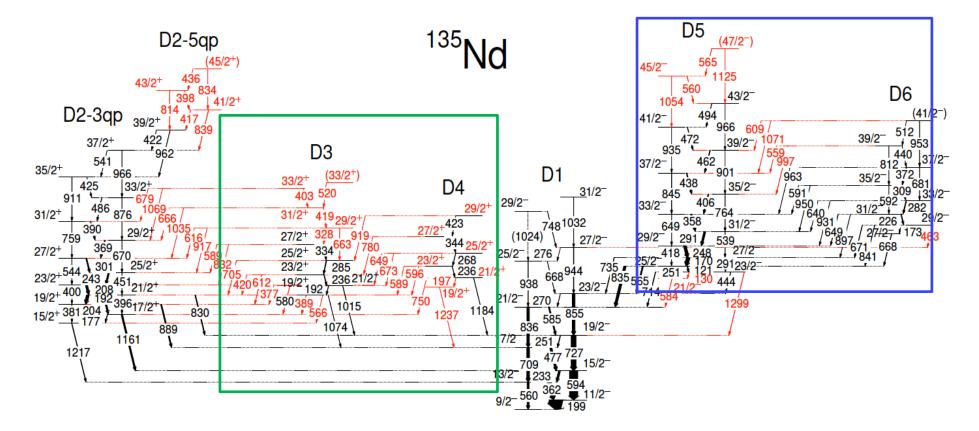
Lifetime measurement: the chiral bands are confirmed.

S.Zhu, Ph.D thesis, 2004. S. Zhu et al, PRL 91(2003)

Mukhopadyay et al, PRL 99 (2007)

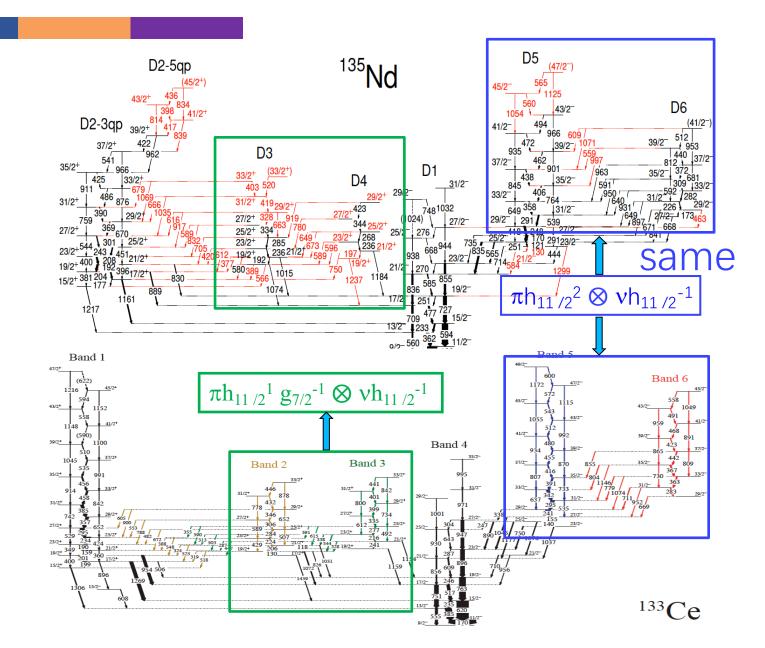


D5 and D6 were already known as chiral bands.



How about D3 and D4 bands?

Results and discussion: ¹³⁵Nd

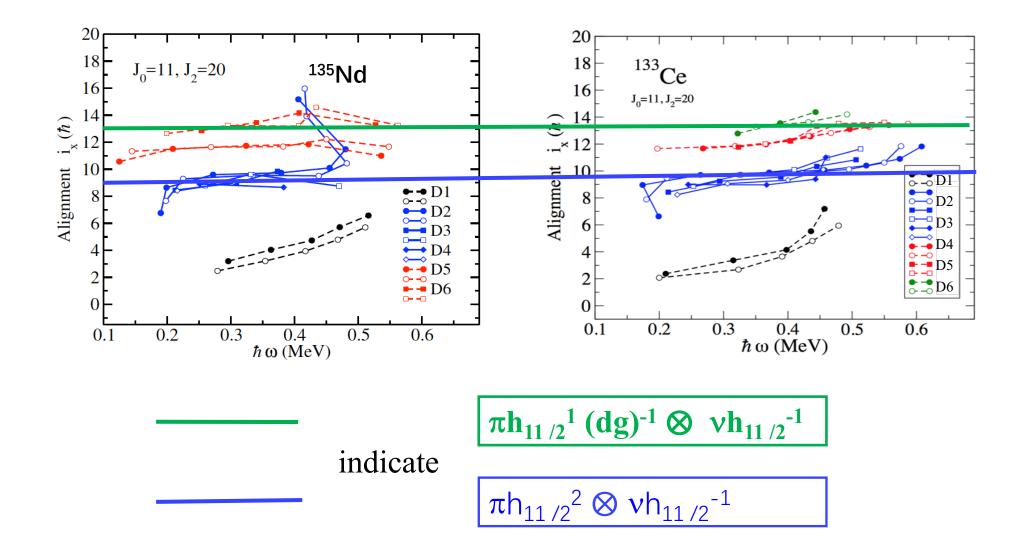


Comparison of ¹³⁵Nd with ¹³³Ce (N=75)

D5 and D6 have the same configuration in these two nuclei.

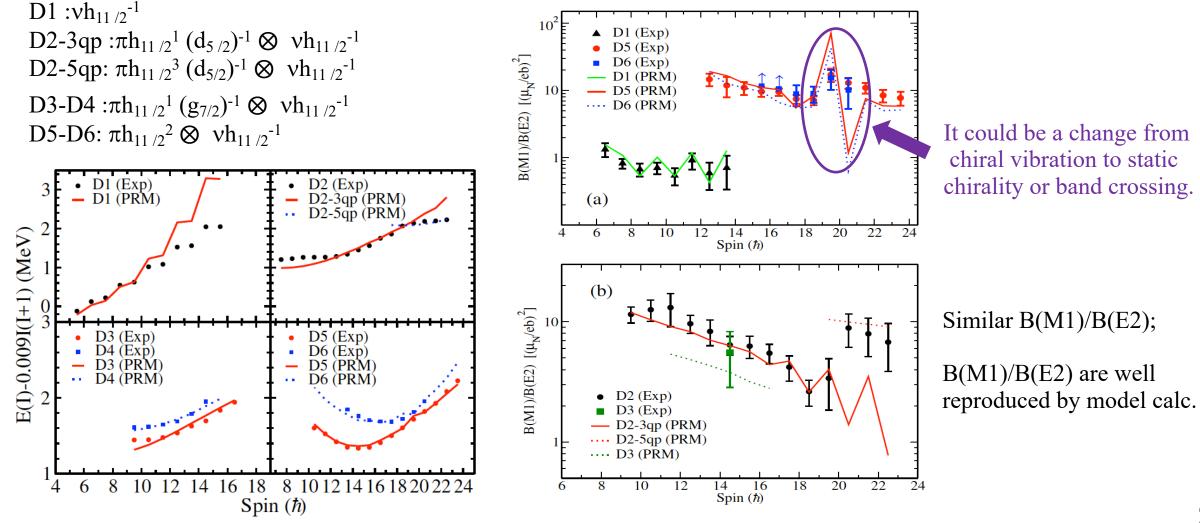
D3 and D4?







PRM calculations results for ¹³⁵Nd (Q.B.Chen calculations)



B. F. Lv, C. M. Petrache, Q. B. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. C 100, 024314 (2019).

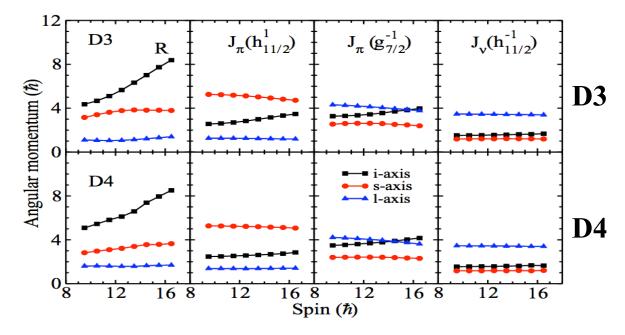


Angular momentum components along the three axes:

Rotor: intermediate-axis;

Proton $h_{11/2}$ particle: **short-axis**;

Neutron $h_{11/2}$ and proton $g_{7/2}$ holes : long-axis.



D3 and D4 are new chiral doublet bands.



Time-dependent and tilted axis cranking covariant density functional theory (TAC-CDFT) calculations results for ¹³⁵Nd

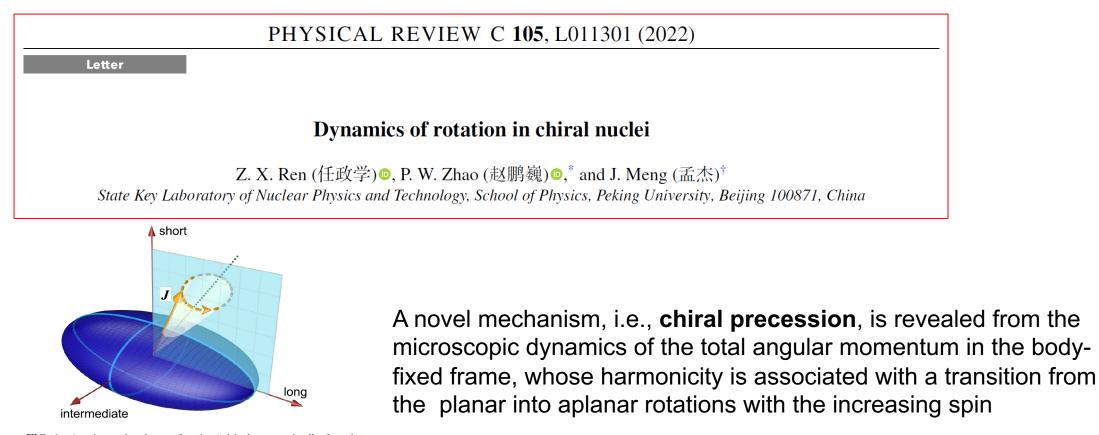
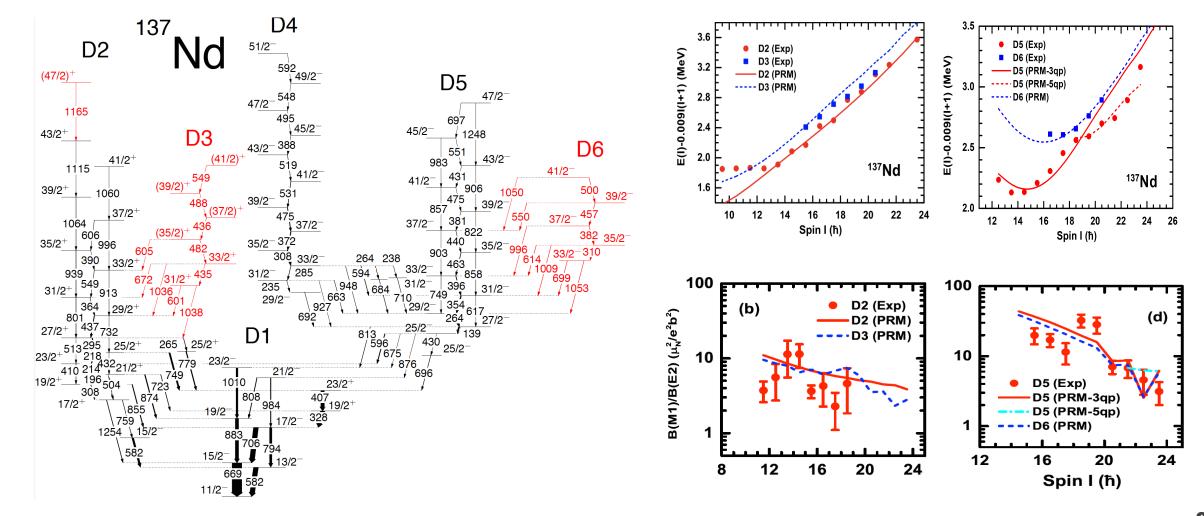


FIG. 1. A schematic picture for the "chiral precession" of a triaxial nucleus in the body-fixed frame, where the short, intermediate, and long axes are shown explicitly. The total angular momentum Jof the nucleus is rotating about an axis (dotted line) in the body-fixed frame.

Results and discussion: ¹³⁷Nd



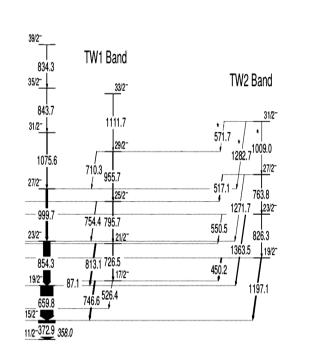
C. M. Petrache, B. F. Lv, Q. B. Chen et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 56 :208 (2020)



Wobbling motion in ¹³⁵Pr and ¹³⁶Nd

Results and discussion: ¹³⁵Pr

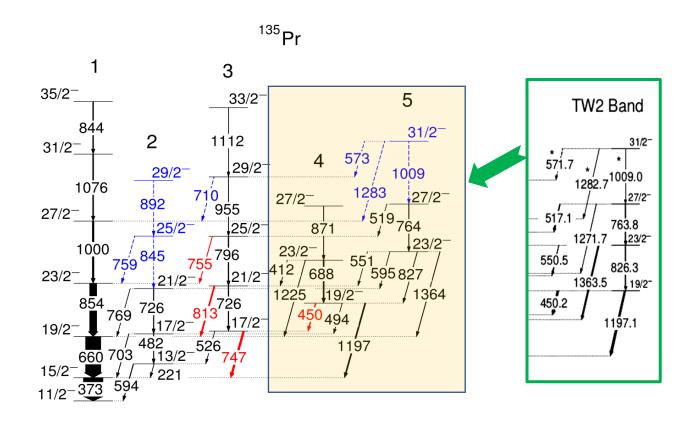
Previously reported negative-parity low-lying states in ¹³⁵Pr were re-interpreted as the first cases of one-phonon and two-phonon transverse wobbling bands.



747	0.047	-0.05(3)			
			0.03(3)	-1.24(13)	angular distribution
813	0.054	-0.20(8)	0.04(3)	-1.54(9)	angular distribution
450	no	no	no	-1.91(5)	angular distribution
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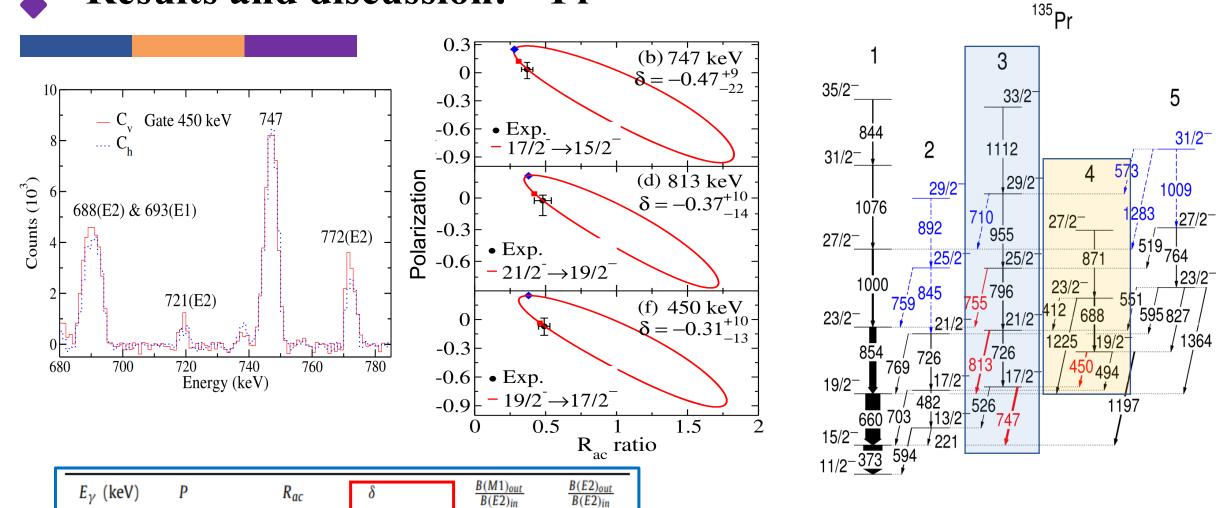
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Results and discussion:¹³⁵Pr



E_{γ} (keV)	Р	R _{ac}	δ	$\frac{B(H1)_{0ut}}{B(E2)_{in}}$	$\frac{B(E2)_{out}}{B(E2)_{in}}$
747.3	0.04^{+8}_{-13}	0.37(4)	-0.47^{+9}_{-22}		
813.2	-0.03^{+5}_{-12}	0.48(6)	$-0.47^{+9}_{-22}\\-0.37^{+10}_{-14}$	0.4(3)	0.12(8)
755.1		0.50(6)			
450.2	-0.07^{+9}_{-10}	0.49(4)	-0.31^{+10}_{-13}		

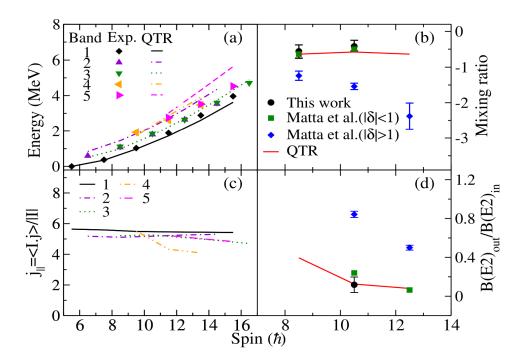
Experimental results do not support the wobbling nature of the bands!

• Results and discussion:Quasiparticle plus-triaxial-rotor for ¹³⁵Pr

QTR calculations: E. Lawrie, iThemba LABS, South Africa

- Excitation energies, mixing ratio, and B(E2)_{out}/B(E2)_{in} were well reproduced by QTR calculations.
- The nearly complete parallel orientation of the singleparticle and the total angular momenta. In contradiction with transverse wobbling geometry!



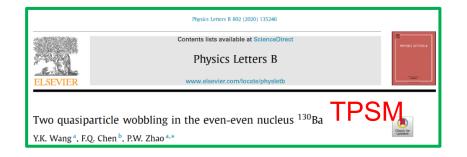


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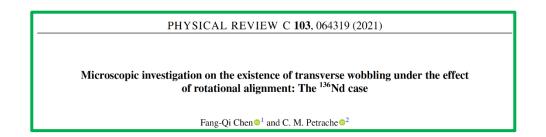
Results and discussion: Wobbling bands at high spin in ¹³⁶Nd

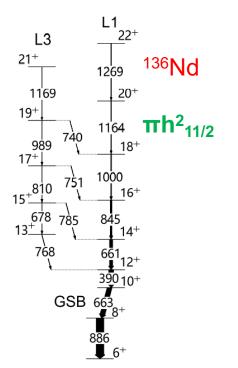
How about the transverse wobbling motion at high spin?

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Rapid Communications Transverse wobbling in an even-even nucleus Q. B. Chen ⁽⁰⁾ , ^{1,*} S. Frauendorf, ^{2,†} and C. M. Petrache ^{3,‡}	¹³⁰ Ba PRM

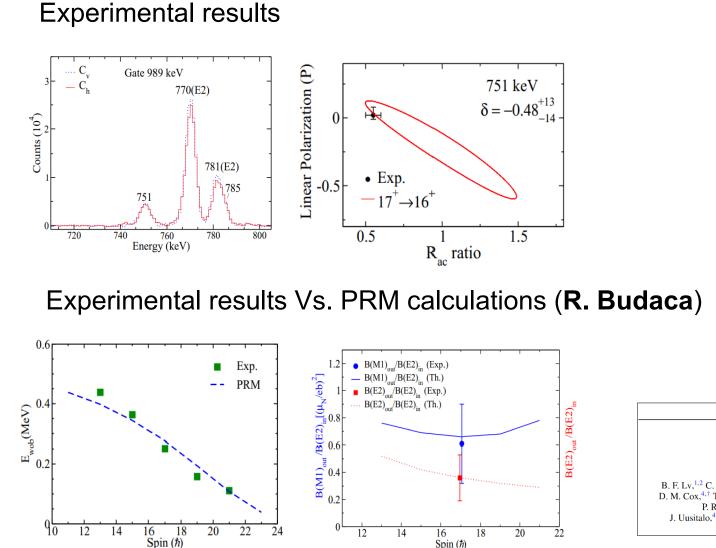


Two high-spin bands in ¹³⁶Nd were predicted by the triaxial projected shell model as good candidates of transverse wobbling bands.

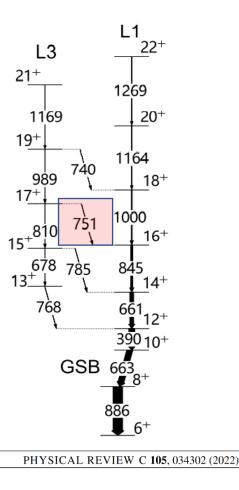




Results and discussion: Wobbling bands at high spin in ¹³⁶Nd



Spin (ħ)



Experimental evidence for transverse wobbling bands in ¹³⁶Nd

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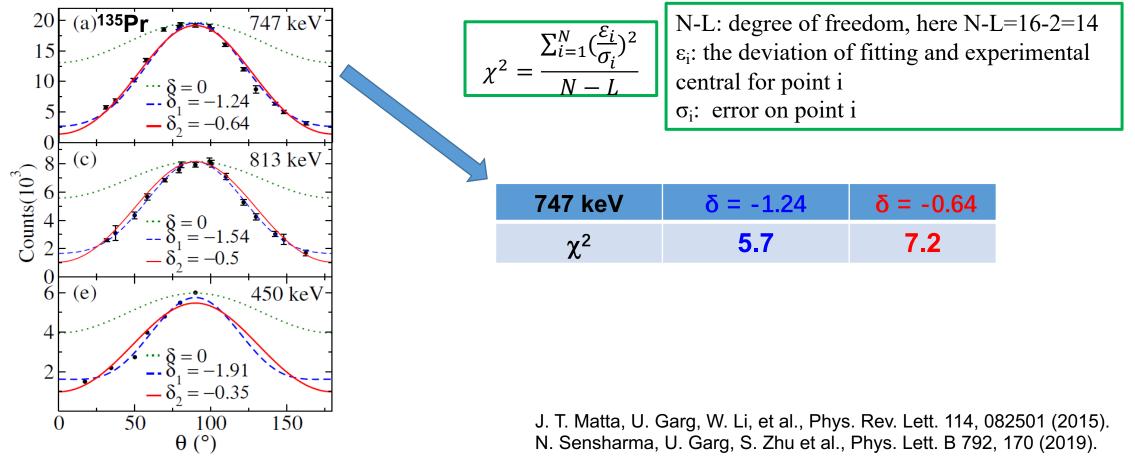


- Five pairs of chiral bands were identified in ¹³⁶Nd. Calculations based on TAC-CDFT and PRM are in very good agreement with the experimental results. This is the first time observed MχD bands in the even-even nuclei.
- Observed MχD bands in ^{135,137}Nd, calculations based on PRM are in very good agreement with the experimental data.
- ✓ Previously proposed one- and two-phonon wobbling bands in ¹³⁵Pr were studied. Our experimental results do not support the interpretation, and new calculations results based on QTR are in very good agreement with the experimental data, showing the bands are tilted precession bands based on the $\pi h_{11/2}$ configuration.
- ✓ We observed the transverse wobbling bands in ¹³⁶Nd.

Thanks for your attention!

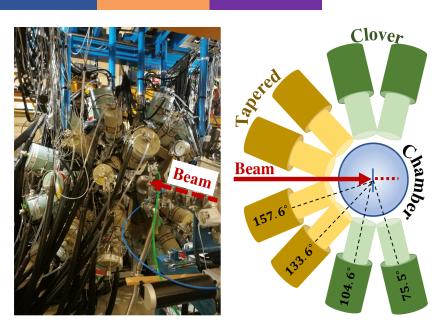
Introduction: Motivation of the study of ¹³⁵Pr

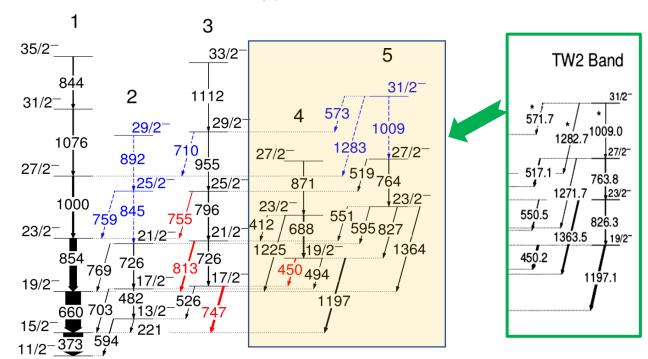
One can not simply exclude solutions of mixing ratios higher and lower than one from only angular distribution measurement.





¹³⁵Pr





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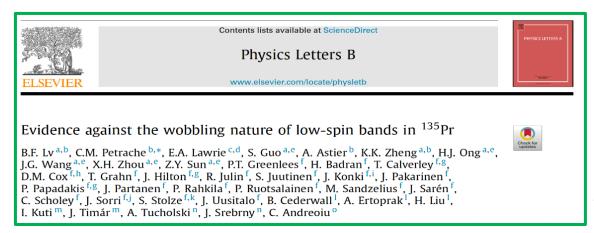
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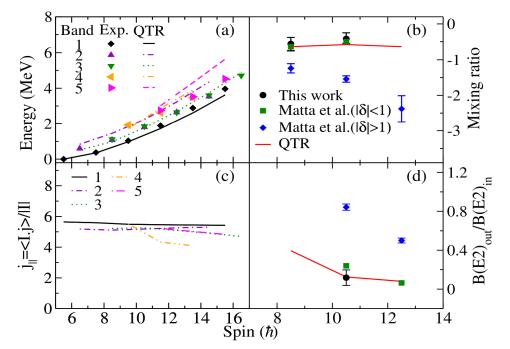
QTR calculations: E. Lawrie, iThemba LABS, South Africa In the present QTR calculations:

(i) Does not use the frozen approximation of the particle angular momentum.

(ii) Does not modify the relative magnitude of the irrotational-flow moments of inertia.

(iii) The single-particle degrees of freedom were considered, allowing effects such as Coriolis alignment of the valence nucleon, as well as single-particle excitations.



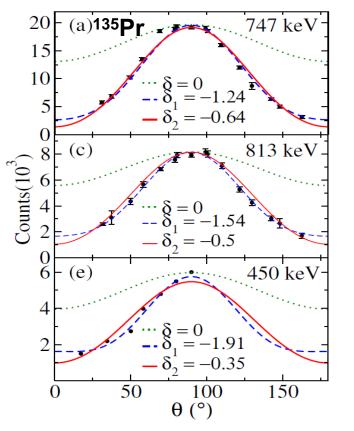


- Excitation energies, mixing ratio, and B(E2)_{out}/B(E2)_{in} were well reproduced by QTR calculations.
- The nearly complete parallel orientation of the single-particle and the total angular momenta. In contradiction with transverse wobbling geometry!

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In present work, we measured the mixing ratios of transitions connecting low-lying states in ¹³⁵Pr, using both linear polarization and angular correlation analysis obtained from the same measurement.



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Introduction

Prior to this work, a series of $\Delta I = 1$ chiral bands based on the $\pi h_{11/2}^2 \otimes \nu h_{11/2}^{-1}$ configuration have been identified in the N = 75 nuclei in the A \approx 130 mass region. Additionally, the M χ D have been reported recently in the odd-A nucleus ¹³³Ce which is an isotone of ¹³⁵Nd.

Motivated by these observations, we also expected to identify $M\chi D$ in ¹³⁵Nd.

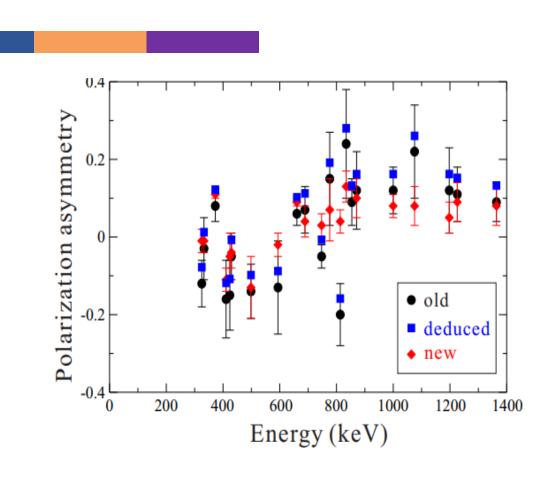


FIG. 2. (Color online) The old and new polarization asymmetry values, in comparison with the deduced ones assuming only the geometry asymmetry is changed.

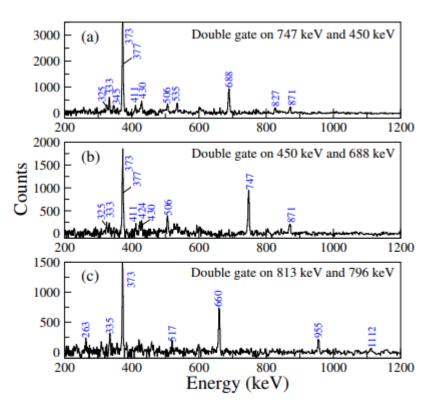
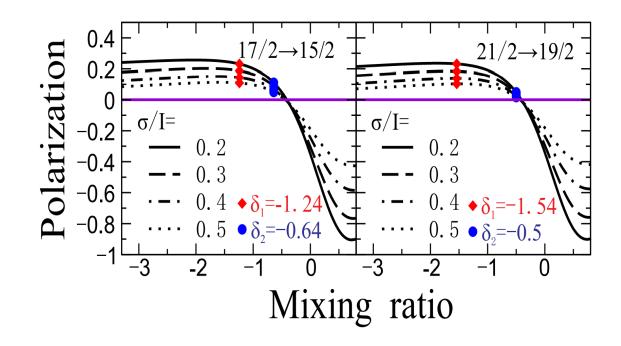


Figure 2: Representative double-gated spectra showing the lowlying structure of ¹³⁵Pr. (a) Double gated on the 747- and 450-keV transitions. (b) Double gated on the 450- and 688-keV transitions. (c) Double gated on the 813- and 796-keV transition.

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from the INGA array. In the two cases where the data had sufficient statistics to reliably extract the asymmetries (see Ref. [24] for details), the asymmetry parameter is > 0, clearly identifying these transitions as predominantly electric in nature. The measured asymmetry parameters are presented in Fig. 3. We note that, in contrast, both the