25 years of chirality in nuclei

Chirality and wobbling in nuclei from an experimental perspective

Plan of the talk

Review of the results on chiral bands Recent results in the A=130 mass region Review of the results on wobbling bands

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Chiral mode

Frauendorf & Meng, NPA 617, 1997

C.P. et al, NPA 597, 1996

Chiral Geometry in Nuclei

Mutually orthogonal coupling of three angular momenta in odd-odd nuclei

Theoretical paper (Frauendorf, Meng, Nucl. Phys. A 617) :

Tilted rotation of triaxial nuclei (¹³⁴Pr best candidate)

Abstract :

 Conditions are discussed when the axis of rotation lies inside or outside the principal planes of the triaxial density distribution. The planar solutions represent ΔI=1 bands, whereas the aplanar solutions represent **pairs** of identical Δ 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.

Experimental paper on 134Pr (C. Petrache et al., Nucl. Phys. A 597)

Ω of \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{R}

ΔI**P** (ΦΛΑΙΓ) $\pi\Gamma_{11/2}$ [541]3/2 – ν $\Gamma_{11/2}$ [514]9/2 doublet bands.

The difference of 2 ħ in the experimental alignment of the bands based on the signature partners of the π [541]3/2 orbital is discussed in terms of shape coexistence and coupling with the γ phonon, but no consistent interpretation could be found.

 R_{pco} of the connecting transitions : 620 keV : 0.84(4) => $\delta \sim -0.15$

624 keV : $0.76(5) \Rightarrow \delta \sim -0.20$

638 keV : $0.59(8) = > \delta \sim -0.35$

Theoretical paper (Dimitrov, Frauendorf, Dönau, PRL 84)

Chirality of nuclear rotation (134Pr best candidate)

Abstract :

 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 lefthanded and right-handed solutions. The ¹³⁴Pr and ¹⁸⁸Ir were discussed.

Experimental papers

- N=75 ^{130}Cs , ^{132}La , ^{134}Pr , ^{136}Pm (Starosta, Koike et al., PRL 86) $-$ N=73 ¹²⁸Cs, ¹³⁰La,¹³²Pr (Koike, Starosta, et al., PRC 63)

History of chirality in nuclei - 2006-2015 Experimental papers

- 134 Pr (Tonev et al., PRL 96) transition probabilities \rightarrow chirality questioned
- 134 Pr (Petrache et al., PRL 96) quadrupole moments \rightarrow chirality questioned
- ¹²⁸Cs (Grodner et al., PRL 97) transition probabilities \rightarrow chirality confirmed
- ¹²⁶Cs (Wang et al., PRC 74)
- ¹⁰³Rh (Timar et al., PRCR 73)
- 103,104Rh (Suzuki et al., PRCR 78) lifetimes
- ¹³⁶Nd (Mukhopahyay et al., PRC 78, 2008) lifetimes → chiral doublets not confirmed
- ¹⁹⁸Tl (Lawrie et al., PRCR 78)
- ¹⁹⁸Tl (Lawrie et al., PRCR 78)
- ⁸⁰Br (Wang et al., PLB 703)
- ¹²⁶Cs (Grodner et al., PLB 703) chiral transition rules
- 134Pr (Timar et al., PRC 84, 2011) high-spin bands, new chiral candidates

Experimental papers

- ⁷⁸Br (Liu et al., PRL 116)
- ^{128}Cs (Grodner et al., PRL 96) g-factor \rightarrow chiral only above a given spin
- ¹¹⁶In (Xu et al., PLB 768)
- ⁸¹Kr (Mu et al., PLB 827)
- ⁷⁶Br (Wu et al., PLB 833)
- ⁸⁰Br (Guo et al., PLB 833)
- ¹¹⁶In (Xu et al., PLB 839)

Experimental and theoretical papers:197

Experimental fingerprints :

- almost constant energy difference between partners
- similar intraband transitions probabilities
- similar single-particle alignments
- attenuated energy staggering
- B(M1) staggering (why only in Cs nuclei?)
- present in odd-odd, odd-A an even-even nuclei (¹³⁶Nd, ¹³⁸Nd)

Theoretical fingerprints :

- similar expectation values of the angular momenta
- similar spin aligned along two perpendicular axes
- near maximal triaxiality
- present only above a critical frequency
- degeneracy over a limited spin range

Chiral bands on the nuclear chart

B.W. Xiong, Y.Y. Wang, ADNDT 125 (2018) 193: Nuclear chiral bands data tables

25 Anniversary of chiral bands

B.W. Xiong, Y.Y. Wang, ADNDT 125 (2018) 193: Nuclear chiral bands data tables

JUROGAM II + RITU, ⁴⁰Ar+¹⁰⁰Mo 20 pnA, 1 week (October 2016)

 JUROGAM II

24 Clovers HPGe 15 Coaxial HPGe 39 BGO shields $\epsilon_{\text{tot}} = 4 \frac{0}{6}$

 RITU

QHDQHQV 500 ns transport time 20-50% transmission

JUROGAM+RITU at Jyväskylä (48Ca + 96Zr)

EUCLIDES

Study of Ba nuclei using the $13C + 122$ Sn

Chirality in odd-odd nuclei: 2-qp configurations

Cs, La, Pr, Pm, Eu

Chirality in even-even nuclei: 4-qp configurations

 CP, B.F. Lv et al, PRC 97 (2018) 041304 (R)

Multi-j PTRM calculations for ¹³⁶Nd

Q. B. Chen, B.F. Lv, C.M. Petrache, J. Meng, PLB 782 (2018) 744

136Nd – chiral doublet D5

 $10³$

^l **Numerical details**

- Configuration: $\pi (\text{1h}_{11/2})^2 (\text{1g}_{7/2})^2 \text{ v } (\text{1h}_{11/2})^1 (\text{1f}_{7/2})^1$
- Deformation: $(β = 0.26, γ=23.0°)$
- Irr. MOI: $\mathfrak{F} = 40 \text{ MeV}$
- **Coriolis attenuation factor: 0.93**

TPSM calculations for the 5 chiral bands of 136 Y.K. Wang et al, PRC 99 (2019) 054303

Azimuthal plots : probability distribution of angular momenta

 $\{|\Phi_0\rangle, \hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger}|\Phi_0\rangle, \hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger}|\Phi_0\rangle, \hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_k}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger}|\Phi_0\rangle,$ $\hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_k}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_l}^{\dagger} | \Phi_0 \rangle$, $\hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_k}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_l}^{\dagger} | \Phi_0 \rangle$, $\hat{\beta}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_k}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_k}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_m}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\nu_m}^{\dagger}|\Phi_0\rangle, \hat{\beta}_{\pi}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi_k}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi_m}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{\pi_m}^{\dagger}|\Phi_0\rangle,$ $\hat{\beta}_{\pi_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_j}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_k}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_l}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_m}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_n}^{\dagger} |\Phi_0\rangle, \hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\nu_i}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_k}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_l}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_m}^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_{\pi_n}^{\dagger} |\Phi_0\rangle\},$

high spin

Chirality in odd-even nuclei: 3-qp (π^2 & $\mathsf{v}^{2\mathsf{l}}$ or π^1 & $\mathsf{v}^{2\mathsf{l}}$) configurations

B.F. Lv, C.M. Petrache, Q.B. Chen et al. PRC 103, 019901 (2021)

Evidence for pseudospin-chiral quartet bands in the presence of octupole correlations

Physics Letters B 807 (2020) 135572

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Chiral bands

Conclusions, perspectives on chirality

 \rightarrow Discovery of chiral rotation in even-even nuclei 136 Nd – bands based on 4qp an 6qp configurations.

 \rightarrow Need of precise and complete experimental data (intensities, angular correlations, lifetimes)

 \rightarrow Search for chiral doublets in other mass regions

Wobbling mode

Approximation valide only when $1 \gg j$ and fixed direction of /

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E(I, n_{\text{wobb}}) = \frac{I(I+1)}{2\mathcal{J}_x} + \hbar \omega_{\text{wobb}} \left(n_{\text{wobb}} + \frac{1}{2} \right)
$$

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\hbar \omega_{\text{wobb}} = \hbar \omega_{\text{rot}} \sqrt{\frac{(\mathcal{J}_x - \mathcal{J}_y)(\mathcal{J}_x - \mathcal{J}_z)}{\mathcal{J}_y \mathcal{J}_z}}
$$

$$
\hbar \omega_{\text{rot}} = \frac{I}{\mathcal{J}_x}
$$

Wobbling bands: questions, new achievements and perspectives

Reported wobbling bands

November 2015

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 92, 054325 (2015)

Negative-parity high-spin states and a possible magnetic rotation band in $^{135}_{59}Pr_{76}$

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Experimental evidence against wobbling interpretation

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

J. T. Matta, U. Garg, W. Li, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 082501 (2015). Sensharma, U. Garg, S. Zhu et al., Phys. Lett. B 792, 170 (2019).

B.F. Lv et al., PLB 824 (2022)136840

Theoretical evidence against wobbling interpretation

Discussion: Quasiparticle plus-triaxial-rotor calculations

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 irrotationalflow 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.

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

J. T. Matta, U. Garg, W. Li, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 082501 (2015). Sensharma, U. Garg, S. Zhu et al., Phys. Lett. B 792, 170 (2019).

Problems with experimental results for low-spin 1-qp bands

Not easy to extract convincing mixing ratios from angular distributions of transitions with 10% relative intensities!

Polarization asymmetry has very large errors for weak transitions!

Sensharma, PhD thesis, 2021

Band 1

 \downarrow Band 2

 \rightarrow Band 3

O Band 4

 \checkmark Band 5

Band 6

 \Box Band 7

Band 1

768.54

750

567.0

 $31/2^-$

 $27/2^{-}$

 $23/2^{-}$

 $19/2^-$

Mixing ratios

QTR calculations

Sensharma, et al., PRL 124, 052501 (2020)

S. Guo et al., PLB 828 (2022) 137010

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Wobbling of low-spin 1-qp bands is questionable : the rotation axis is not fixed, high-spin condition not fulfilled!

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 101, 034306 (2020)

Tilted precession and wobbling in triaxial nuclei

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The wobbling approximation is valid if the rotational angular momenta around the two axes with lower MoI is small $[16]$:

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I_2^2 + I_3^2 \ll I^2,\tag{15}
$$

a condition that can be rewritten as

$$
f(n, I) = (2n + 1) \frac{(A_2 + A_3 - 2A_1)}{2I\sqrt{(A_2 - A_1)(A_3 - A_1)}} \ll 1.
$$
 (16)

 135_D

Revolving toward the medium axis

 (R)

x

 $A_1 = 1, A_2 = 4,$ and $A_3 = 4$ are used

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 105, 024320 (2022)

Questioning the wobbling interpretation of low-spin bands in y -soft nuclei within the interacting boson-fermion model

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TABLE II. Comparisons between the calculated and experimental $\delta(E2/M1)$ mixing ratios of the $\Delta I = 1$ interband transitions, and the ratios of the interband $B(M1; I \rightarrow I-1)_{out}$ and $B(E2; I \rightarrow I-1)_{out}$ to inband $B(E2; I \rightarrow I-2)_{in}$ transition rates, connecting the low-lying yrare bands to the yrast bands in 135 Pr, 133 La, 127 Xe, and 105 Pd.

Conclusions on low-spin wobbling

- Experimental evidence against low-spin wobbling: the interband transitions have predominant M1 nature, not E2.
- ➢ The high-spin approximation of Bohr and Mottelson is not realized, which implies that the wobbling harmonic approximation is not adequate.
- ➢The Coriolis force induces a rapid alignment of the particle angular momentum along that of the core.
- ➢ Other models, like IBFM, which consistently account for the γ-softness of the core, describe better the yrare low-spin bands.
- \triangleright One should extend, generalize the concept of wobbling as proposed by Bohr and Mottelson, to something like «universal nuclear wobbling», by a consistent treatment of the anharmonicities, to account for predominantly M1 interband transitions.

CDFT calculations

Evidence for wobbling interpretation of 2qp bands

Conclusions on wobbling interpretation outside the A=160 mass region

- high-spin 2qp bands: YES - low-spin 1qp bands: NO

Collaboration

Experiment: Theory:

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