PROPOSAL FOR EXPERIMENT AT RCNP

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TITLE:

Search for chiral doublet structures in transitional nucleus ¹⁹⁰Ir

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RUNNING TIME:	Beam tun	1 days		
	Data runs	3		$7 \mathrm{~days}$
BEAM LINE:				AVF : EN course
BEAM REQUIREM	IENTS:	Type of partic	le	187 Re or ⁷ Li
		Beam energy	1100 MeV (187	Re) or 45 MeV (⁷ Li)
		Beam intensity	$r \le 20 \text{ pnA} (^7\text{Li})$	or ≥ 0.5 pnA (¹⁸⁷ Re)

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SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL

We propose an experiment with the availability of the CAGRA clover array to identify high-spin states in ¹⁹⁰Ir, aiming at a search for chiral doublet bands in mass 190 region. The structure of nucleus ¹⁹⁰Ir is of considerable interest because it fall in the transitional region where static and dynamic effects due to the traxial degree of freedom are expected to be important. Calculations based on a combination of the constrained triaxial RMF theory and the TPRM predicted that the $\pi h_{9/2} \otimes \nu i_{13/2}^{-1}$ configuration expected in ¹⁹⁰Ir could be a very good candidate to form chiral doublet bands. For odd-A ¹⁸⁷⁻¹⁹³Ir isotopes, a prolate to triaxial shape transition has been suggested in a recent paper. Thus the experimental observation of chiral bands in ¹⁹⁰Ir could provide a strong evidence for nuclear triaxiality. The goal of this proposal is to search the possibility of chiral bands in ¹⁹⁰Ir nucleus. The results would also be valuable in understanding the static and dynamic effects on nuclei due to the triaxial degree of freedom.

Little information exists in the literature concerning the structure of the ¹⁹⁰Ir nucleus due to it close to the line of stability. In 2013, a test experiment was performed at CIAE in BeiJing using the ⁷Li+¹⁸⁶W reaction at beam energy of 42 MeV. However, due to its low cross section of ¹⁸⁶W(⁷Li,3n)¹⁹⁰Ir channel, only a few transitions have been identified. In this proposal we propose to use ⁹Be(¹⁸⁷Re, α 2n) or ¹⁸⁶W(⁷Li,3n) reaction to populate high-spin states in ¹⁹⁰Ir. Excited states in ¹⁹⁰Ir will be identified by measuring the γ rays de-exciting populated levels with the CAGRA clover array. A 4π Si-Ball detector array will be used to detect the charged particles to produce a clean trigger of reaction products.