

Search for chiral doublet in ^{79}Kr with the Hyperball2 array

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Nuclear Chirality (Chiral Doublet)

Three perpendicular angular momenta can be formed into two systems of handedness: the right-handed or the left-handed system.

From S. Frauendorf and J. Meng, Nucl. Phys. A 617, 131 (1997).

For the mass 80 region $\pi g_{9/2} \otimes \nu g_{9/2}^{-1}$

1-axis: long axis of the triaxial shape

J_n : neutron-hole in a high-j shell

2-axis: short axis of the triaxial shape

J_p : proton-particle in a high-j shell

3-axis: intermediate axis of the triaxial shape

R : core rotation



Figures from T. Koike, K. Starosta, and I. Hamamoto, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 172502 (2004).

Chiral Symmetry breaking in Nuclei

One of spontaneous symmetry breaking in nuclei

Related to time reversal operator

Observed candidate chiral doublet

$[O, H] = 0$

$O = TR(\pi)$

$H|IR\rangle = \epsilon_R|IR\rangle, H|IL\rangle = \epsilon_L|IL\rangle$

$O|IR\rangle = |L\rangle, O|IL\rangle = |R\rangle$

$\epsilon_R = \epsilon_L$

$|IM+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|L\rangle + |R\rangle)$

$|IM-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|L\rangle - |R\rangle)$

$H|IM\pm\rangle = \epsilon|IM\pm\rangle$

$O|IM\pm\rangle = |IM\pm\rangle$

two major experimental criteria

(i) the observation of nearly degenerate $\Delta I = 1$ twin bands built on the same single particle configuration

(ii) identical electromagnetic properties --- similar B(E2) and B(M1) values of in-band and inter-band transitions

From C. M. Petrache, E. B. Hagmann, I. Hamamoto, and K. Starosta, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 112502 (2006).

$I-1$ or $I+2$ out $I+1$ or $I-2$ in

Example: Study of chiral doublet in A~100 region

(i) Observation of nearly degenerate $\Delta I=1$ rotational bands.

(Gammmasphere at LBNL experiment)

band 3 $\pi g_{9/2}^{-1} \otimes \nu h_{11/2}^{-1}$

band 4 $\pi g_{9/2}^{-1} \otimes \nu h_{11/2}^{-1}$

band 2 $\pi g_{9/2}^{-1}$

band 1 $\pi g_{9/2}^{-1}$

From J. Timár, C. Vaman, K. Starosta, D. B. Fossan, T. Koike, D. Sohrler, I. Y. Lee, and A. O. Macchiavelli, Phys. Rev. C 73, 011301 (2006).

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(ii) identical electromagnetic properties

-- Gammmasphere 6SFMA169 experiment

New results: T. Suzuki et al. Phys. Rev. C 78, 031302(R) (2008).

(Lifetime measurement of candidates chiral doublet bands in the $^{103,104}\text{Rh}$ isotopes with the recoil-distance Doppler-shift method in inverse kinematics)

Target: ^{96}Zr ^{110}B ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb

Degraded: ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb

$\beta = 5.14\%$ $\beta = 3.17\%$

330MeV ^{96}Zr ^{110}B ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb

300 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb

4.5mg/cm² ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb

3mg/cm² ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb ^{93}Nb ^{91}Nb

(fast) (slow)

Counts/0.4keV

Gated 382+384-keV (shifted) (35 μm)

(50 μm)

(75 μm)

Chiral Doublet \rightarrow B(M1) staggering

B(E2) staggering \rightarrow What causes staggering?

The behavior as well as absolute values of the B(E2) and B(M1) values between the two nuclei are similar:

- the B(E2) values exhibit weak staggering

- the B(M1) values decrease monotonically with increasing spin

Chiral Doublet \rightarrow B(M1) staggering

B(E2) staggering \rightarrow What causes staggering?

Example of spontaneous symmetry breaking in nuclei

rotational band

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