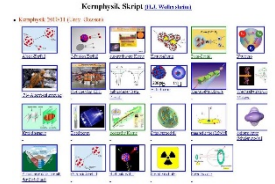


Outline: Nuclear triaxial shape

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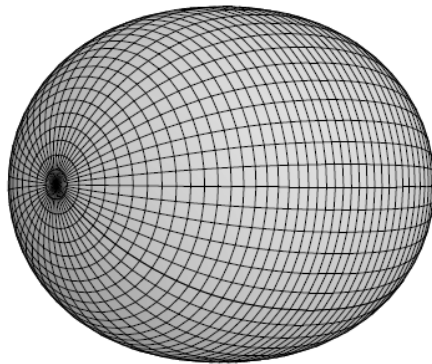


1. (β, γ) - coordinates
2. moment of inertia
3. triaxial rotor model
4. reduced transition probabilities (W, Os, Pt, Hg)

Shape parameterization

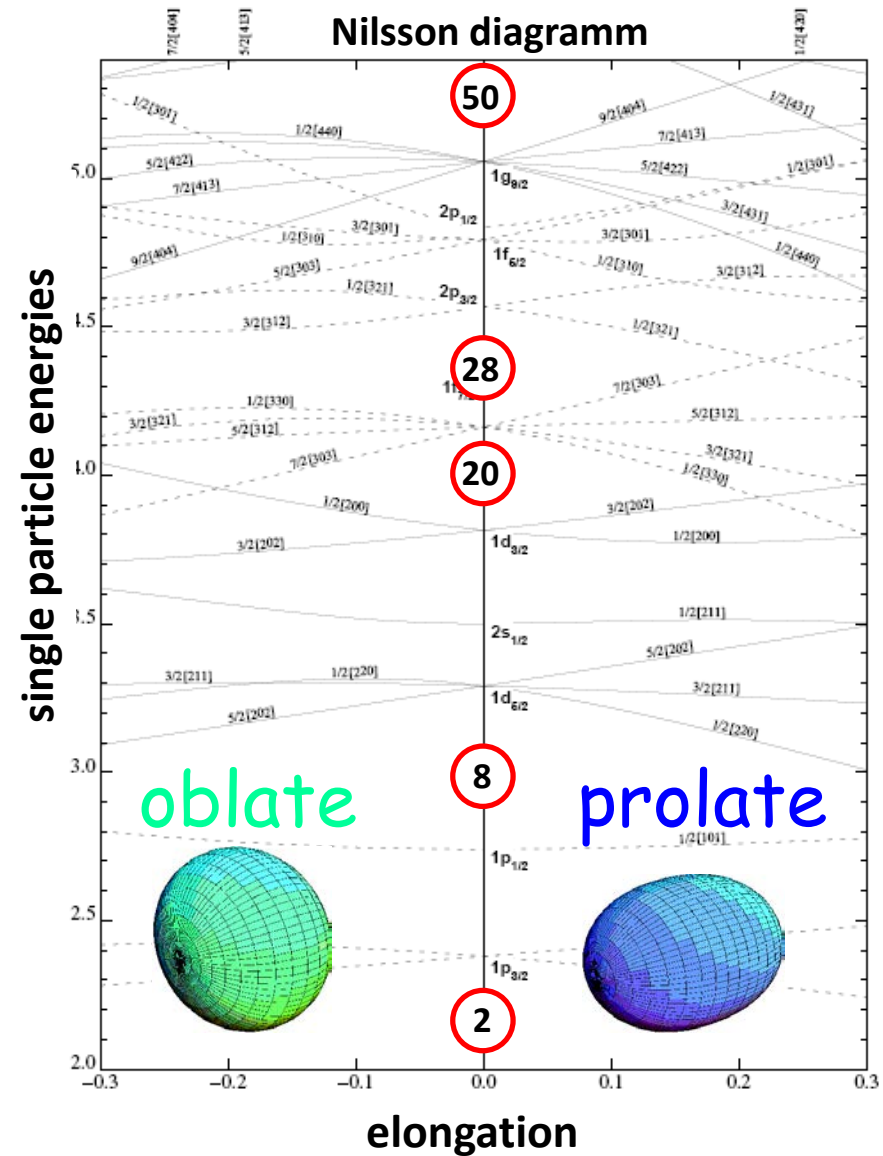
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \cdot \left[1 + \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=-\lambda}^{\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} \cdot Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \phi) \right]$$

axially symmetric **quadrupole**



$$\lambda=2$$

$$\alpha_{20} \neq 0, \alpha_{2\pm 1} = \alpha_{2\pm 2} = 0$$



Quadrupole deformation ($\lambda=2$)

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \cdot \left[1 + \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=-\lambda}^{\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} \cdot Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \phi) \right]$$

There are **five independent real parameters**,

- α_{20} indicates the stretching of the 3-axis with respect to the 1- and 2-axes
- α_{22} determines the difference in length between the 1- and 2-axes
- **three Euler angles**, which determine the orientation of the principle axis system (1,2,3) with respect to the laboratory frame (x,y,z)

Hill - Wheeler introduced the **(β, γ) – parameters**:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{20} &= \beta_2 \cos \gamma \\ a_{22} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta_2 \sin \gamma \end{aligned}$$

Quadrupole deformation ($\lambda=2$)

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \cos \gamma \cdot Y_{20}(\theta, \phi) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \beta \cdot \sin \gamma \cdot [Y_{22}(\theta, \phi) + Y_{2-2}(\theta, \phi)] \right\}$$

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \left[\cos \gamma \cdot (3 \cdot \cos^2 \theta - 1) + \sqrt{3} \cdot \sin \gamma \cdot \sin^2 \theta \cdot \cos 2\phi \right] \right\}$$

Consider the **nuclear shapes** in the principal axis system $(1, 2, 3) \equiv (x', y', z')$

$$R_1 = R_{x'} = R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \left[-\cos \gamma + \sqrt{3} \cdot \sin \gamma \right] \right\}$$

$$R_2 = R_{y'} = R\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \left[-\cos \gamma - \sqrt{3} \cdot \sin \gamma \right] \right\}$$

$$R_3 = R_{z'} = R(0, 0) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \cdot 2 \cdot \cos \gamma \right\}$$

$$R_k(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \cdot \cos\left(\gamma - \frac{2\pi \cdot k}{3}\right) \right\} \quad \text{for } k=1, 2, 3$$

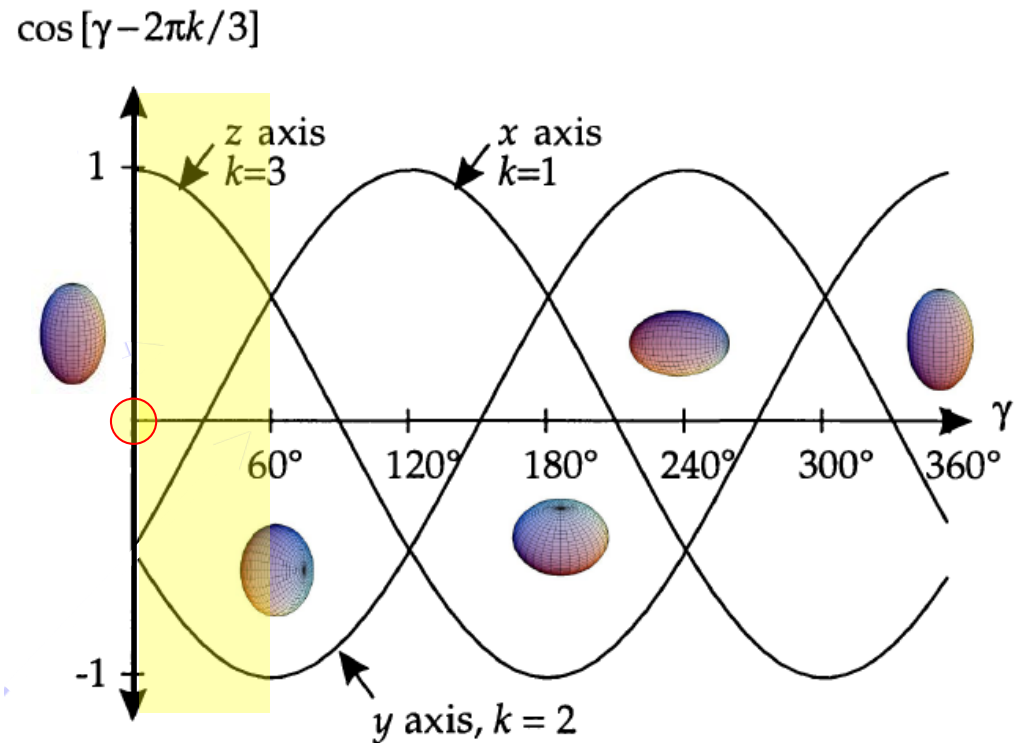


(β, γ) coordinates

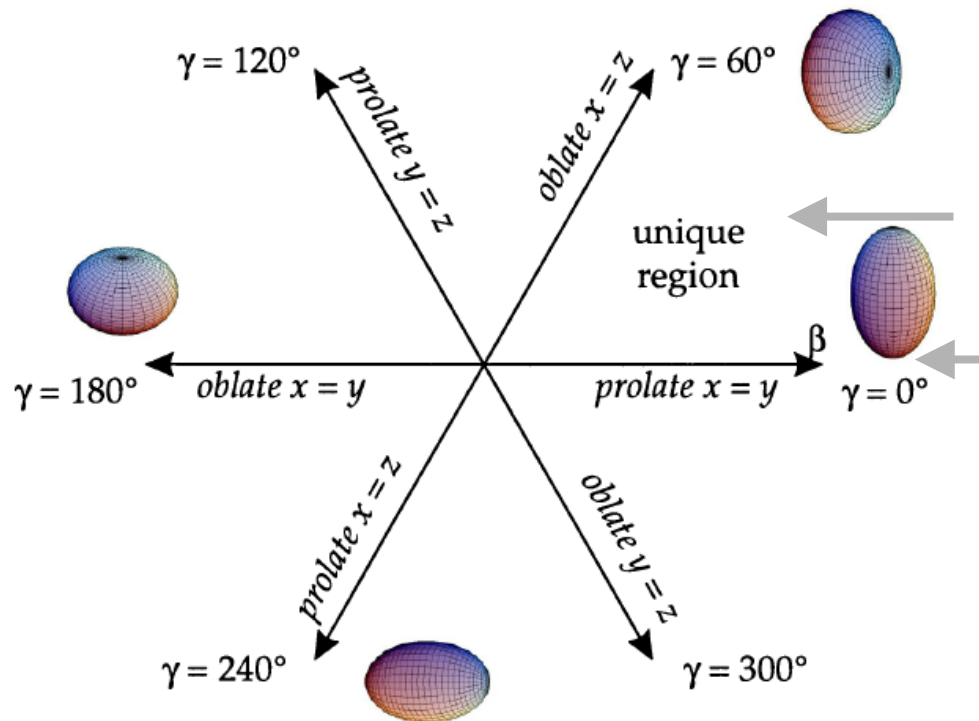


$$R_k(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \cdot \left\{ 1 + \beta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \cdot \cos\left(\gamma - \frac{2\pi \cdot k}{3}\right) \right\} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3$$

- At $\gamma = 0^\circ$ the nucleus is elongated along the z' axis, but the x' and y' axes are equal (**prolate shape** for $x' = y'$)
- As we increase γ , the x' axis grows at the expense of the y' and z' axes through a region of **triaxial shapes** with three unequal axis, until axial symmetry is again reached at $\gamma = 60^\circ$, but now with the z' and x' axis equal in length. These two axes are longer than the y' axis (**oblate shape** for $x' = z'$)
- This pattern is **repeated: every 60°** axial symmetry repeated and prolate and oblate shapes alternate.



(β, γ) coordinates



The (β, γ) plane is divided into six equivalent parts by the symmetries:

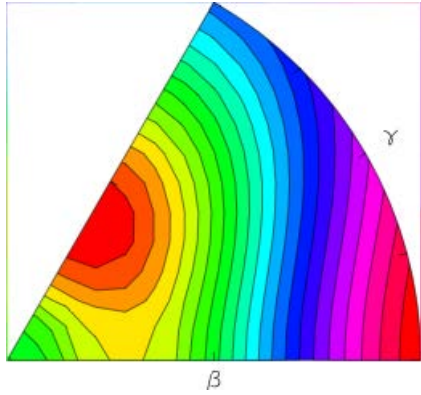
The sector 0° and 60° contains all shapes uniquely, i.e. **triaxial shapes**

The types of shapes encountered along the axis: e.g. **prolate $x' = y'$** implies prolate shapes with the z' axis as the long axis and the two other axis x' and y' equal.

➔ various nuclear shapes – **prolate or oblate** – in the (β, γ) plane **are repeated every 60°** . Because the axis orientations are different, the associated Euler angles also differ.

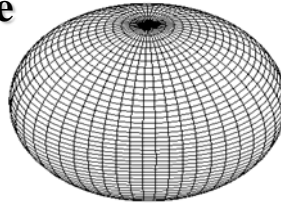
In conclusion, the same physical shape (including its orientation in space) can be represented by different sets of deformation parameters (β, γ) and Euler angles!

(β, γ) coordinates

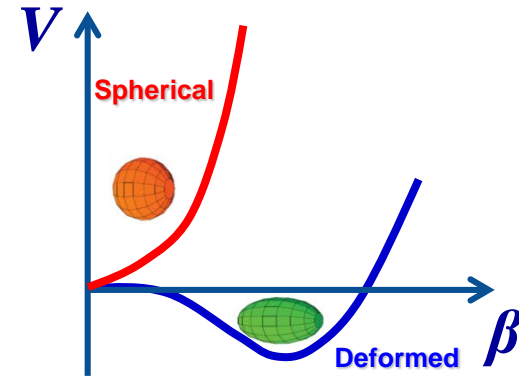
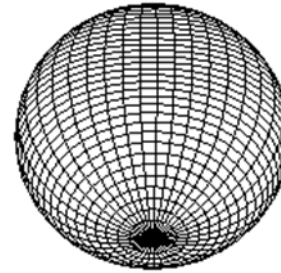


Non collective oblate

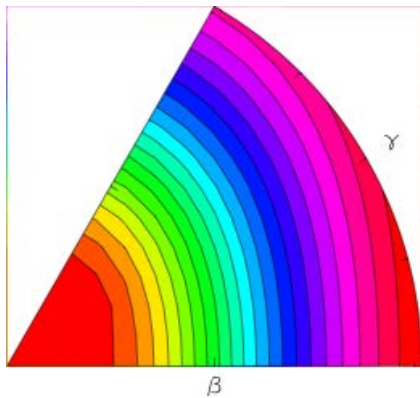
$(\beta, \gamma = 60^\circ)$



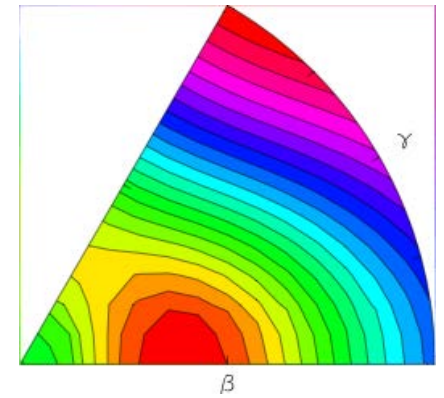
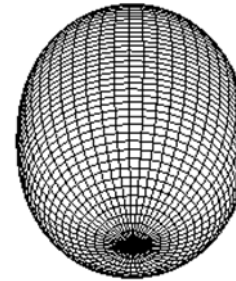
triaxial



spherical

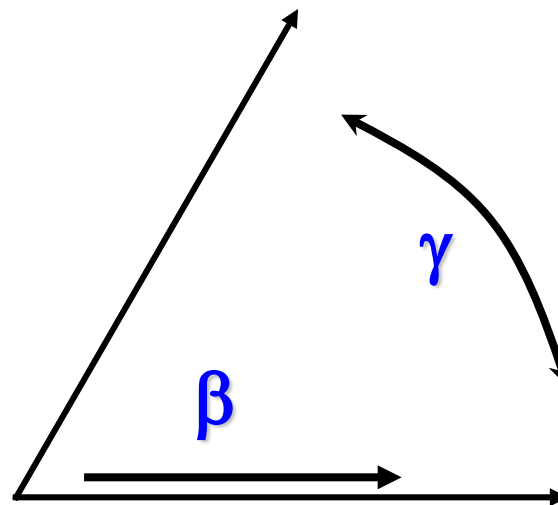


$(0,0)$



collective prolate

$(\beta, \gamma = 0^\circ)$



Collective excitation $E(4^+) / E(2^+)$: rotational vs vibrational

- **Rotational (deformed):**

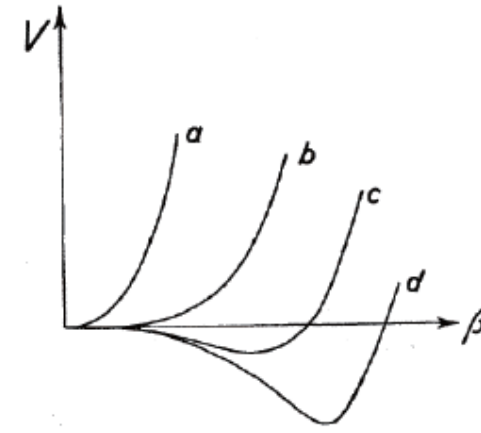
$$E_x(I) = \frac{I(I+1)\hbar^2}{2 \cdot \mathfrak{I}}$$

– $E(4^+) / E(2^+) = 10/3$

- **Vibrational (spherical):**

$$E_n = n \cdot \hbar\omega_2$$

– $E(4^+) / E(2^+) = 2$



$4^+ \quad 1289$

$2^+ \quad 625$

$0^+ \quad 0$

^{108}Te

$4^+ \quad 390$

$2^+ \quad 126$
 $0^+ \quad 0$

^{160}Er

$$\frac{E(4^+)}{E(2^+)} = \mathbf{2.1}$$

3.1

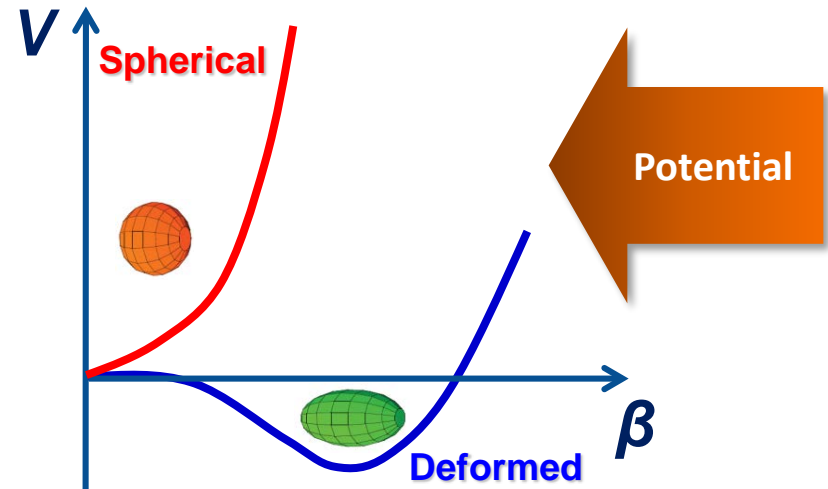
Classical collective Hamiltonian of Bohr-Mottelson for quadrupole deformation

$$H_{coll} = T_{vib} + T_{rot} + V_{coll} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda\mu} B_{\lambda} |\dot{\alpha}_{\lambda\mu}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \mathfrak{I}_k \omega_k^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda\mu} C_{\lambda} |\alpha_{\lambda\mu}|^2$$

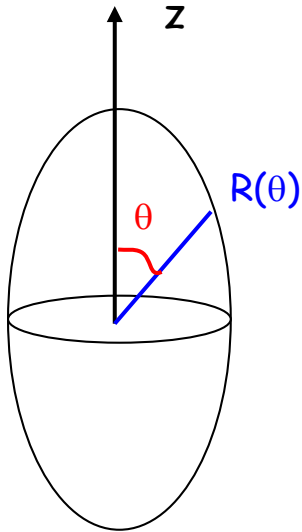
Quadrupole ($\lambda=2$) motion

$$H = \frac{1}{2} B \cdot (\dot{\beta}^2 + \beta^2 \cdot \dot{\gamma}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \mathfrak{I}_k \cdot \omega_k^2 + \frac{1}{2} C \cdot \beta^2$$

where (β , γ) parameters have been used.

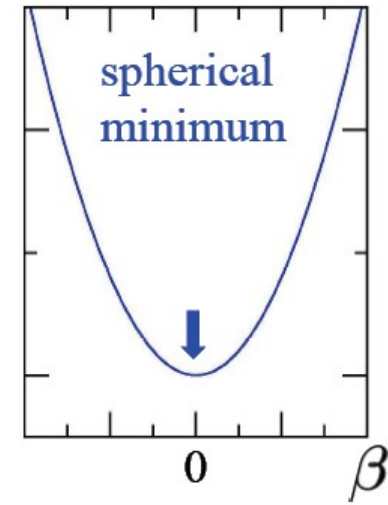


Moment of inertia



$$R(\theta) = R_0 \cdot [1 + \beta \cdot Y_{20}(\theta)]$$

$$\beta = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} \cdot \frac{R(0^\circ) - R(90^\circ)}{R_0} \cong 1.05 \cdot \frac{\Delta R}{R_0}$$



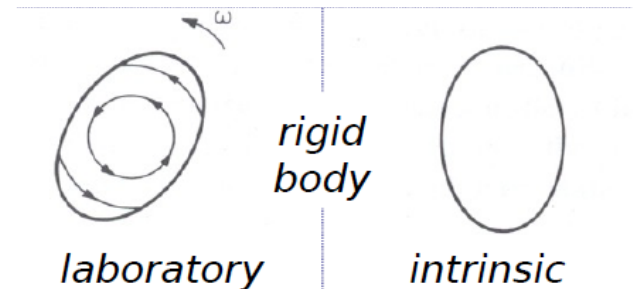
Rigid body moment of inertia:

$$\mathfrak{I}_R = \iiint r^2 \cdot \rho(r) \cdot r^2 dr \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$\mathfrak{I}_R = \frac{2}{5} M R_o^2 (1 + 0.32\beta)$$

Irrotational flow moment of inertia:

$$\mathfrak{I}_F = \frac{9}{8\pi} M R_o^2 \beta^2$$

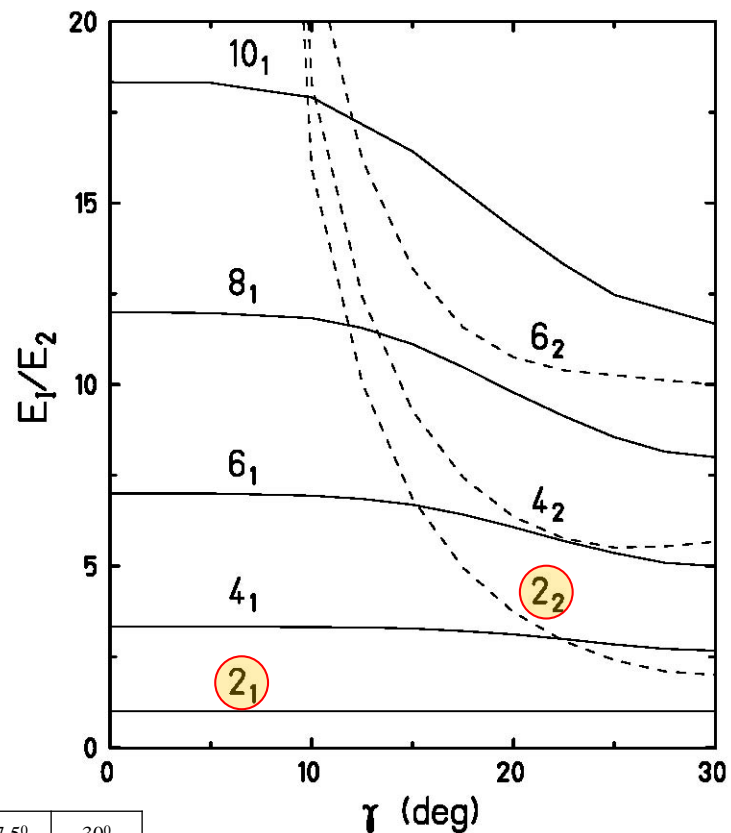


2_2^+ energy and estimate of γ -deformation parameter

rigid triaxial rotor model

$$\frac{E(2_2)}{E(2_1)} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{9 - 8 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}}{3 - \sqrt{9 - 8 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}} \geq 2$$

Davydov and Filippov, Nucl. Phys. 8, 237 (1958)



γ	0°	5°	10°	12.5°	15°	17.5°	20°	22.5°	25°	27.5°	30°
$E(4_1)/E(2_1)$	3.33	3.33	3.32	3.31	3.28	3.21	3.12	2.99	2.84	2.72	2.67
$E(6_1)/E(2_1)$	7.00	7.00	6.94	6.85	6.69	6.42	6.07	5.69	5.36	5.09	5.00
$E(8_1)/E(2_1)$	12.00	11.97	11.83	11.56	11.11	10.48	9.78	9.13	8.55	8.15	8.00
$E(10_1)/E(2_1)$	18.33	18.31	17.91		16.42		14.30	13.31	12.47		11.67
$E(2_2)/E(2_1)$	∞	65.16	15.94	10.04	6.85	4.95	3.73	2.93	2.41	2.10	2.00
$E(4_2)/E(2_1)$	∞	67.50	18.28	12.41	9.27	7.44	6.36	5.76	5.51	5.54	5.67
$E(6_2)/E(2_1)$	∞	71.17	22.00	16.20	13.19	11.57	10.75	10.39	10.26	10.12	10.00

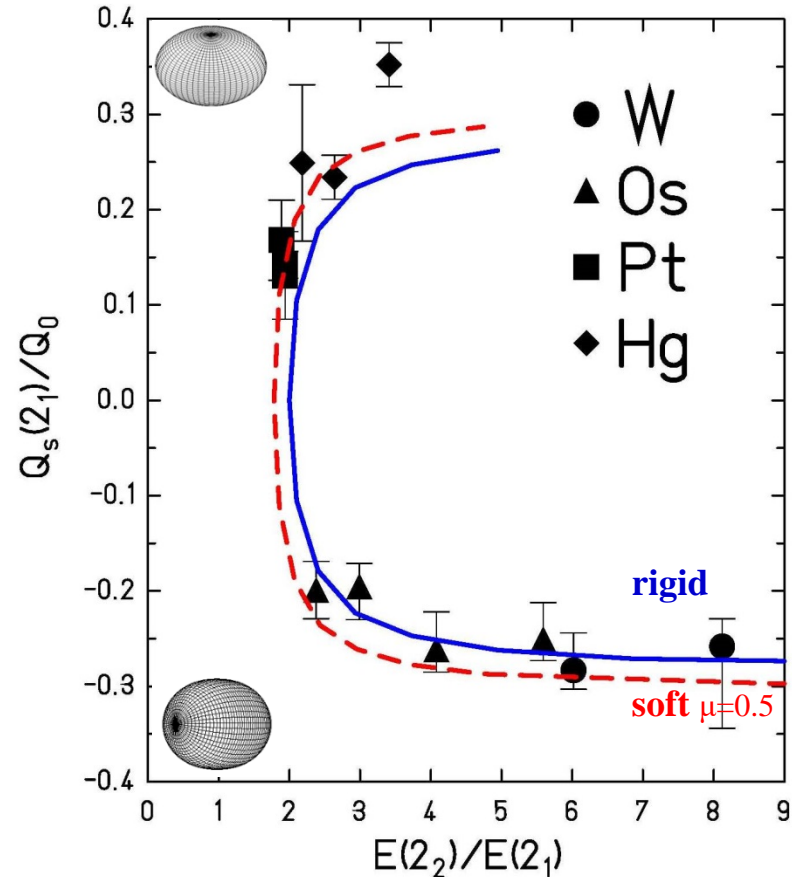
Prolate – oblate shape transition

rigid triaxial rotor model

$$\frac{Q_s(2_1)}{Q_0} = -\frac{6 \cdot \cos(3\gamma)}{7 \cdot \sqrt{9 - 8 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}}$$

Davydov and Filippov, Nucl. Phys. 8, 237 (1958)

$$\frac{Q_s(I)}{Q_0} = \sqrt{\frac{I \cdot (2I - 1)}{(I + 1) \cdot (2I + 1) \cdot (2I + 3)}} \cdot \frac{\langle I \| M(E2) \| I \rangle}{\langle 2_1 \| M(E2) \| 0_1 \rangle}$$



γ	0°	10°	15°	20°	22.5°	25°	27.5°	30°
$Q_s(2_1)/Q_0$	-0.28	-0.28	-0.27	-0.25	-0.22	-0.18	-0.10	0.0

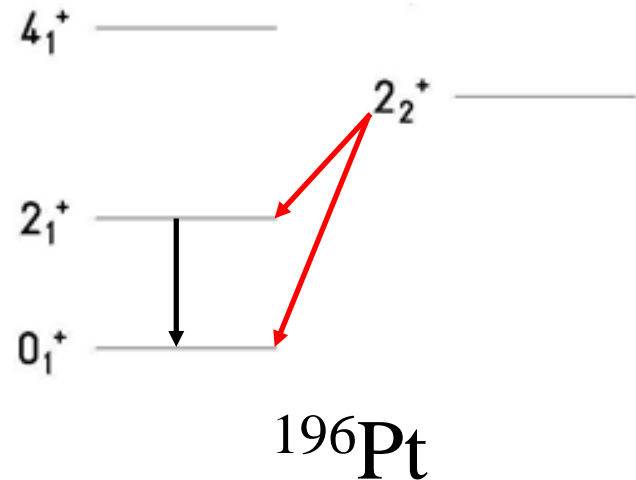
soft asymmetric rotor model: $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma_{eff} = \sqrt{\Gamma^2 + \gamma_o^2}$ with $\Gamma = \left\{ \langle 0 | (\gamma - \gamma_o)^2 | 0 \rangle \right\}^{1/2}$ $\mu = \left\{ \frac{\langle 0 | (\beta - \beta_o)^2 | 0 \rangle}{\beta_o^2} \right\}^{1/2}$

2_2^+ B(E2)-values and estimate of γ -deformation parameter

rigid triaxial rotor model

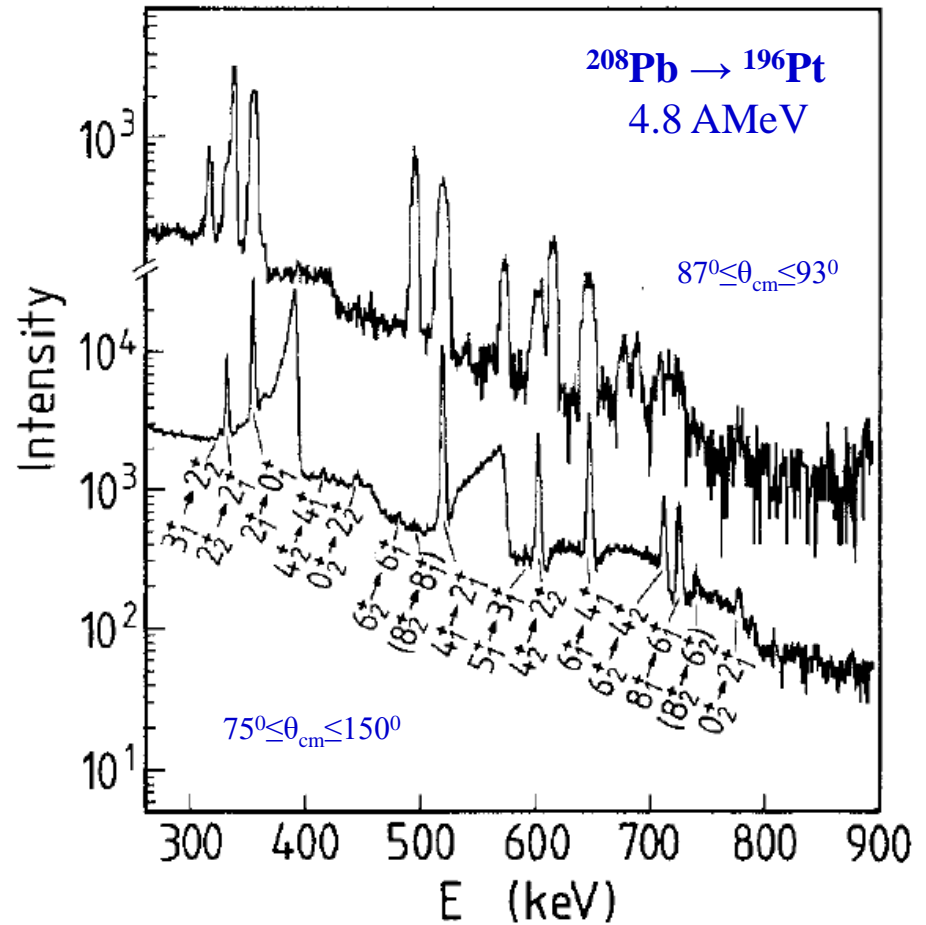
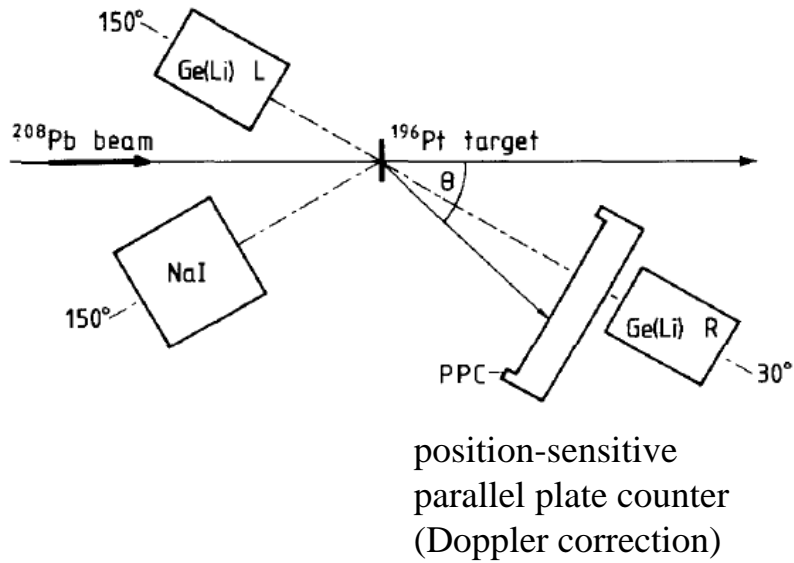
$$\frac{B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 0)}{B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0)} = \frac{1 - \frac{3 - 2 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}{1 + \frac{3 - 2 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}$$

$$\frac{B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 2_1)}{B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0)} = \frac{\frac{20}{7} \frac{\sin^2(3\gamma)}{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}{1 + \frac{3 - 2 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}$$



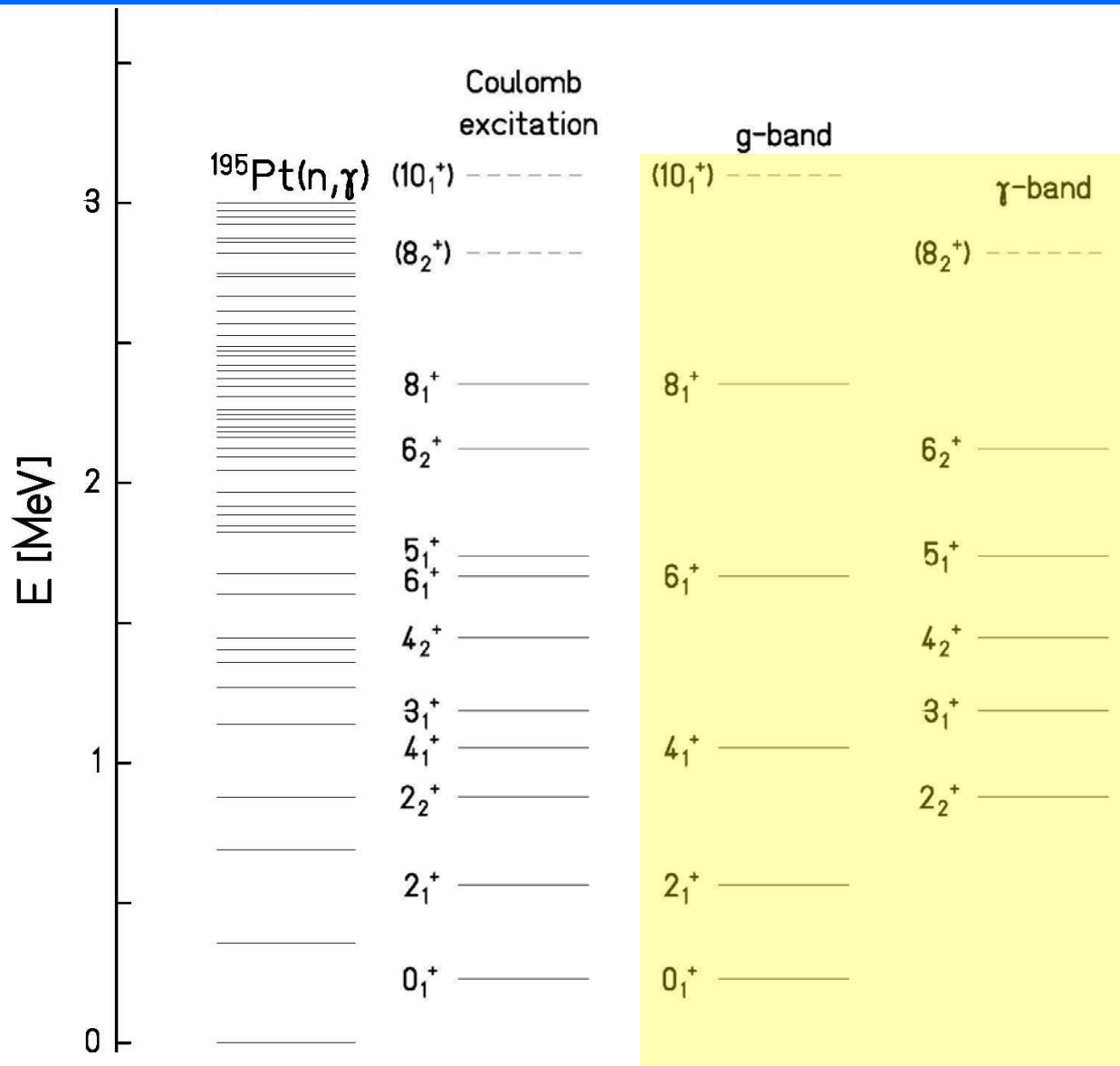
γ	0°	5°	10°	15°	20°	25°	30°
$B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 0)/B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0)$	0	.0075	.0288	.0560	.0718	.0445	0
$B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 2_1)/B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0)$	0	.0111	.0525	.1510	.3826	.9058	1.43
$B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 2)/B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 0)$	1.43	1.49	1.70	2.70	5.35	20.6	∞

Triaxiality and γ -softness in ^{196}Pt



A. Mauthofer et al., Z.Phys. A336, 263 (1990)

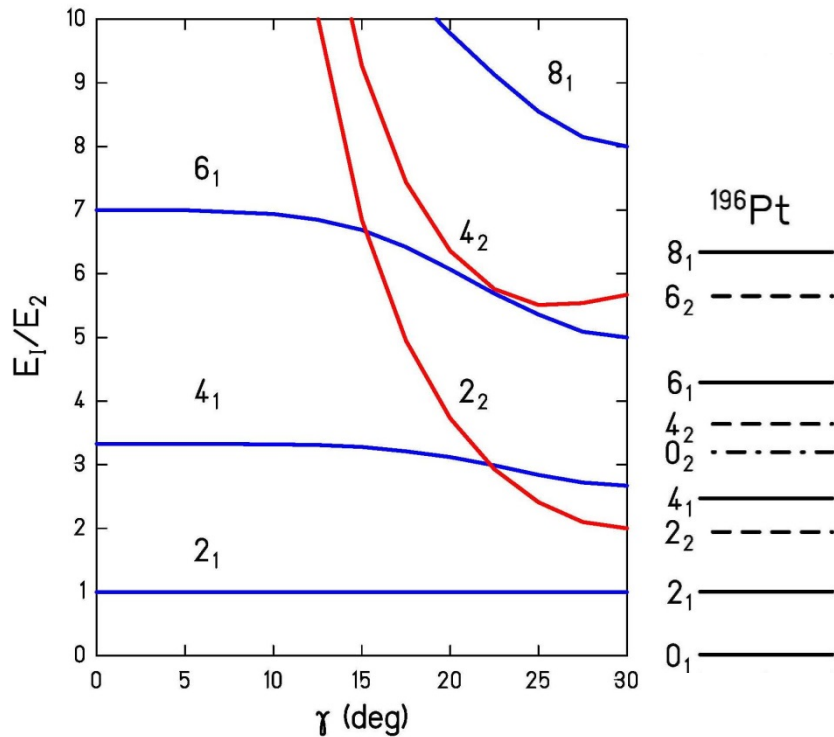
Level scheme of ^{196}Pt



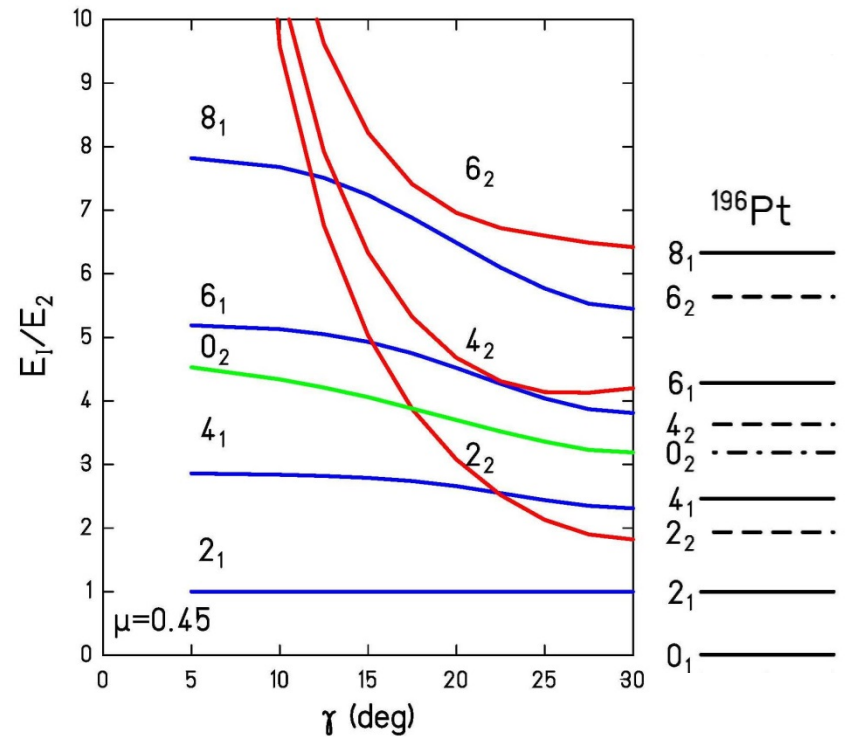
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Level scheme of ^{196}Pt

Comparison with
rigid asymmetric rotor model



Comparison with
soft asymmetric rotor model



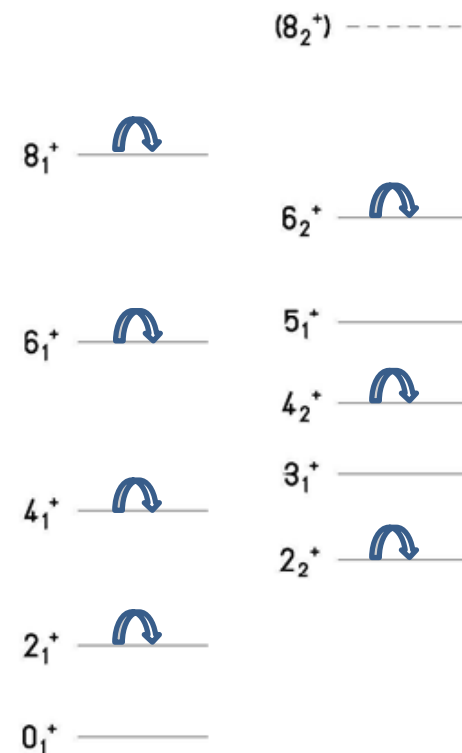
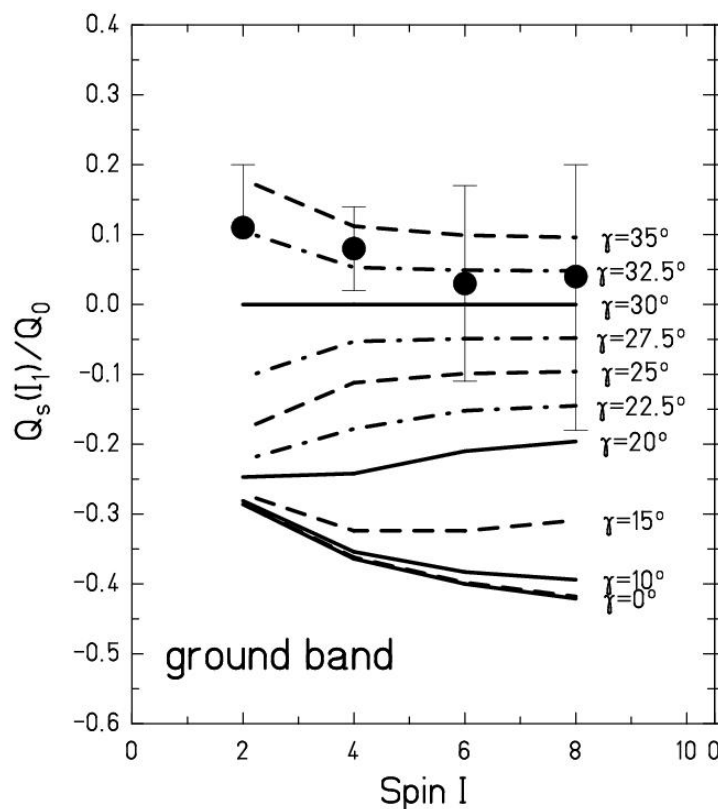
Spin dependence of the spectroscopic quadrupole moment

$$\frac{Q_s(I)}{Q_0} = \sqrt{\frac{I \cdot (2I - 1)}{(I + 1) \cdot (2I + 1) \cdot (2I + 3)}} \frac{\langle I || M(E2) || I \rangle}{\langle 2_1 || M(E2) || 0_1 \rangle}$$

$$Q_0 = 3.87(7) [b]$$

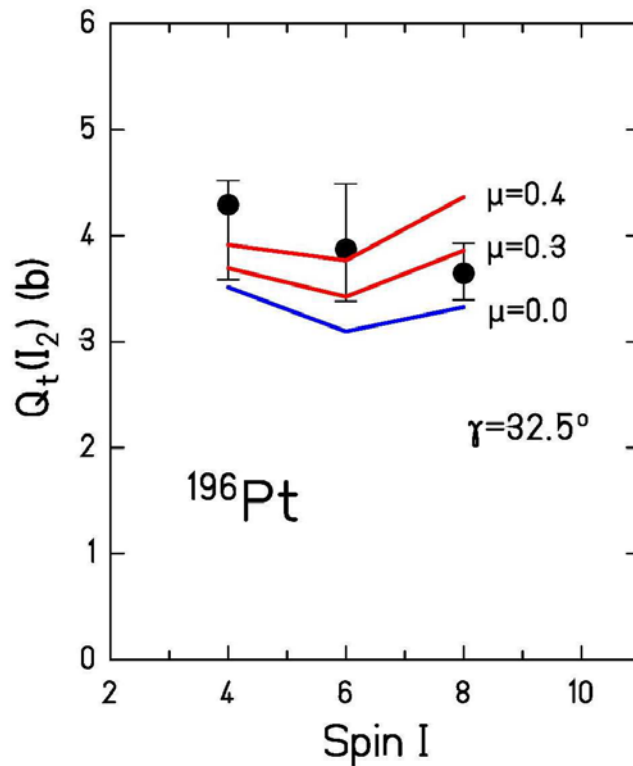
$$Q_0 = \frac{3 \cdot Z \cdot R_0^2}{\sqrt{5\pi}} \cdot \beta$$

$$\beta = 0.135(2)$$



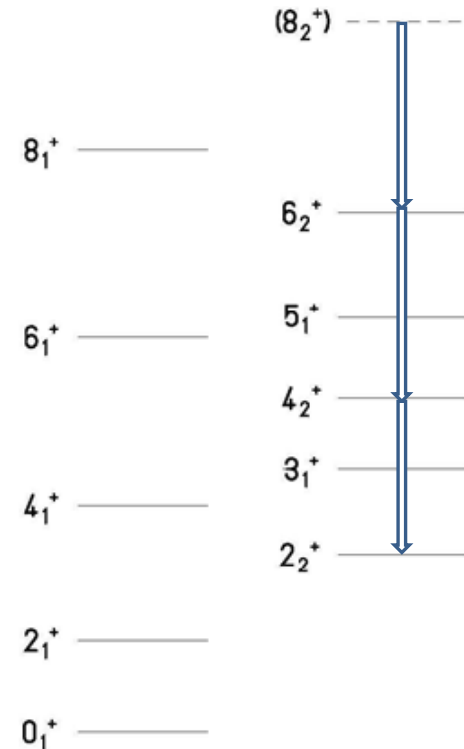
Transition quadrupole moment in the γ -band

$$Q_t(I_2) = \sqrt{\frac{(2I-2) \cdot (2I-1) \cdot I}{3 \cdot (I+1) \cdot (I+2) \cdot (I-2) \cdot (I-3)}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}} \cdot \langle I_2 - 2 \| M(E2) \| I_2 \rangle$$

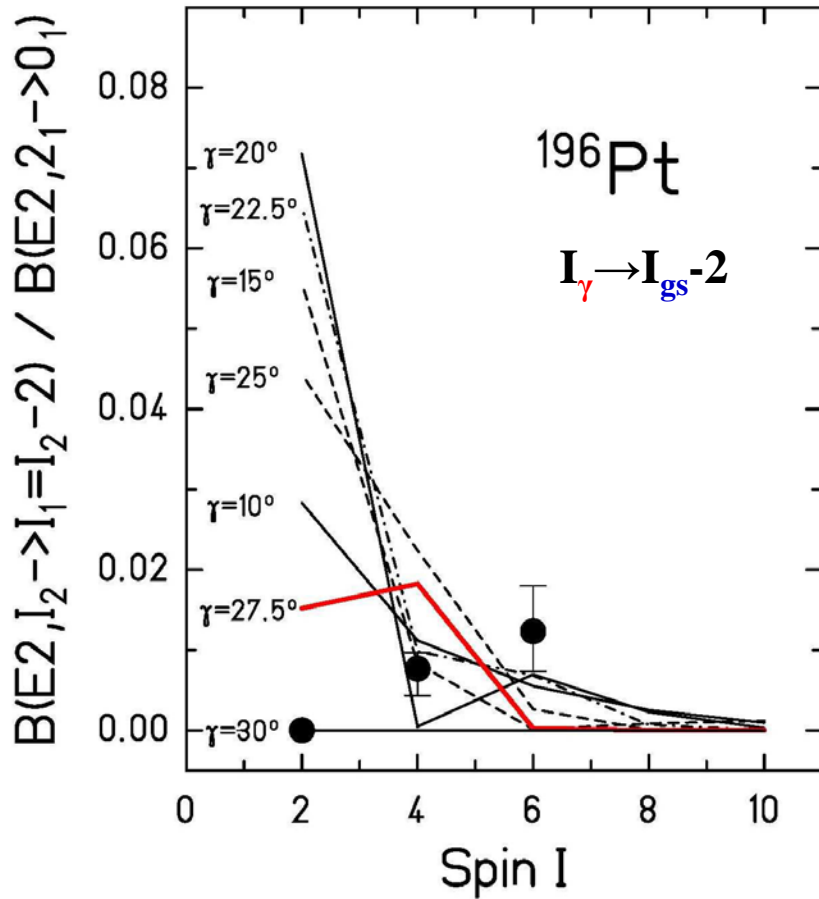


soft ARM

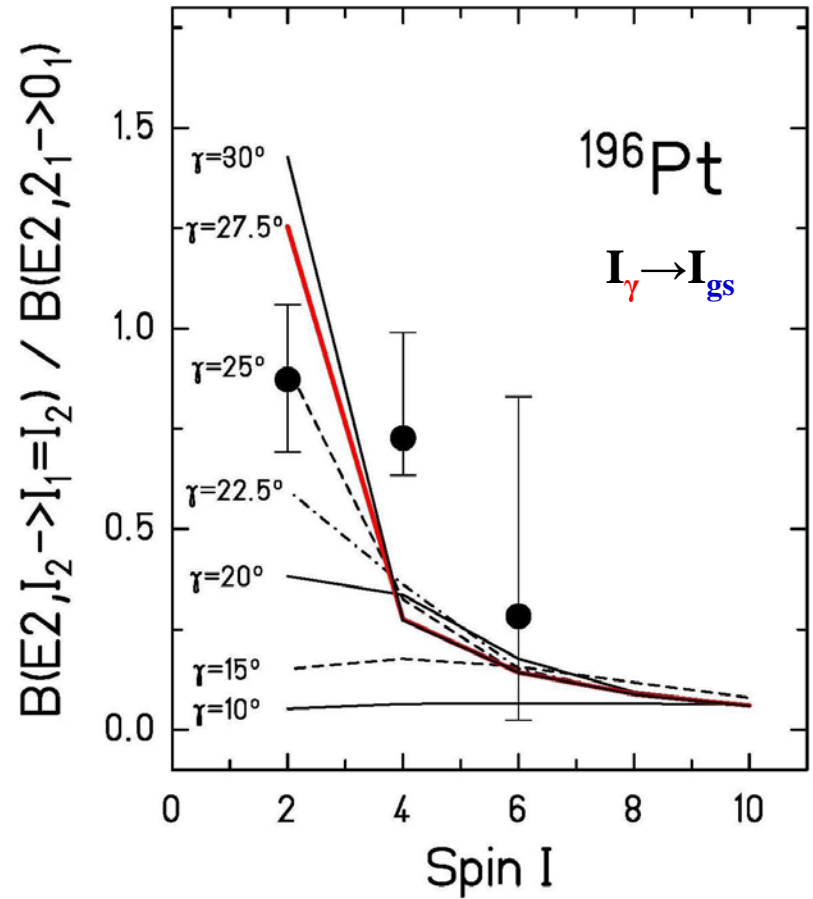
rigid ARM



B(E2)-values connecting the γ - and gs-band



$$\frac{B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 0)}{B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0)} = \frac{1 - \frac{3 - 2 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}{1 + \frac{3 - 2 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}$$

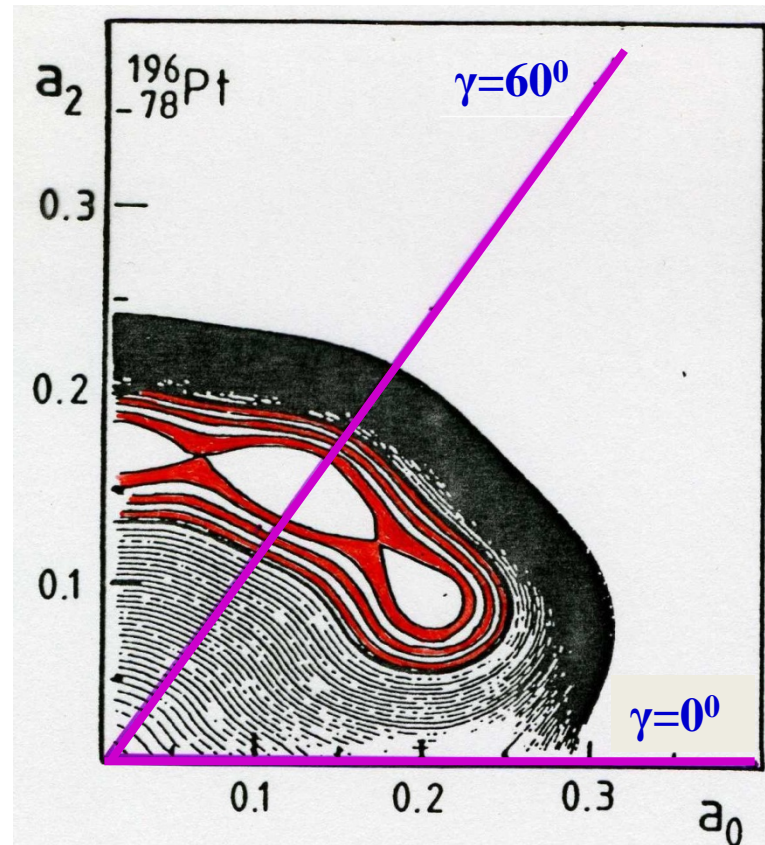


$$\frac{B(E2; 2_2 \rightarrow 2_1)}{B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0)} = \frac{\frac{20 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{7 \sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}{1 + \frac{3 - 2 \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \sin^2(3\gamma)}}}$$

Interpretation of the collective properties in ^{196}Pt

14 energy levels and **22** E2 matrix elements can be described by the soft asymmetric rotor model assuming the following parameters:

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{I}} = 40.2 \text{ keV} \quad \beta = 0.135 \quad \gamma = 32.5^\circ \quad \mu = 0.35$$



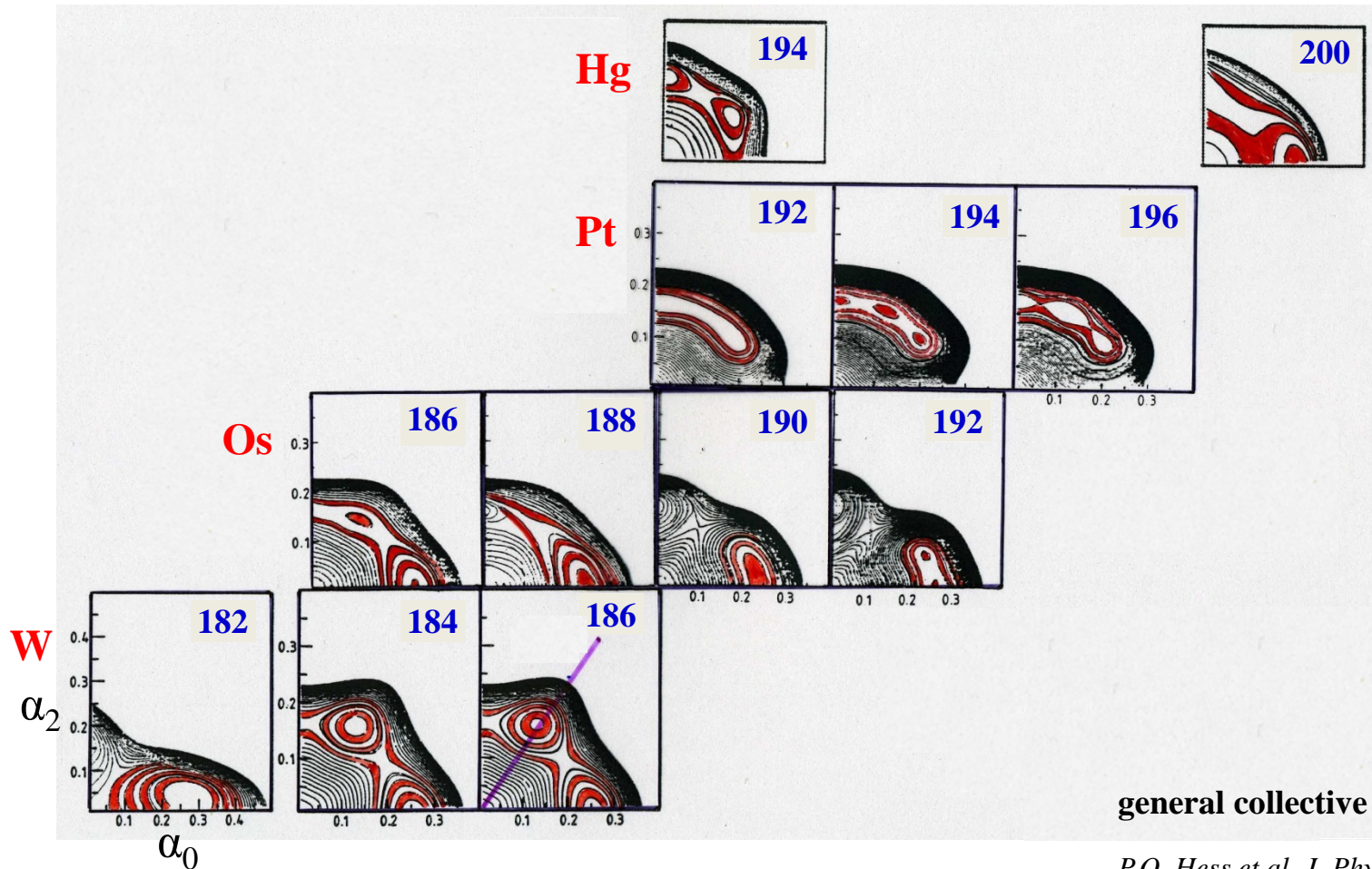
$$a_0 = \beta \cdot \cos \gamma$$
$$a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta \cdot \sin \gamma$$

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Potential energy surfaces of the W-Os-Pt-Hg chain of isotopes

$$a_0 = \beta \cdot \cos \gamma$$

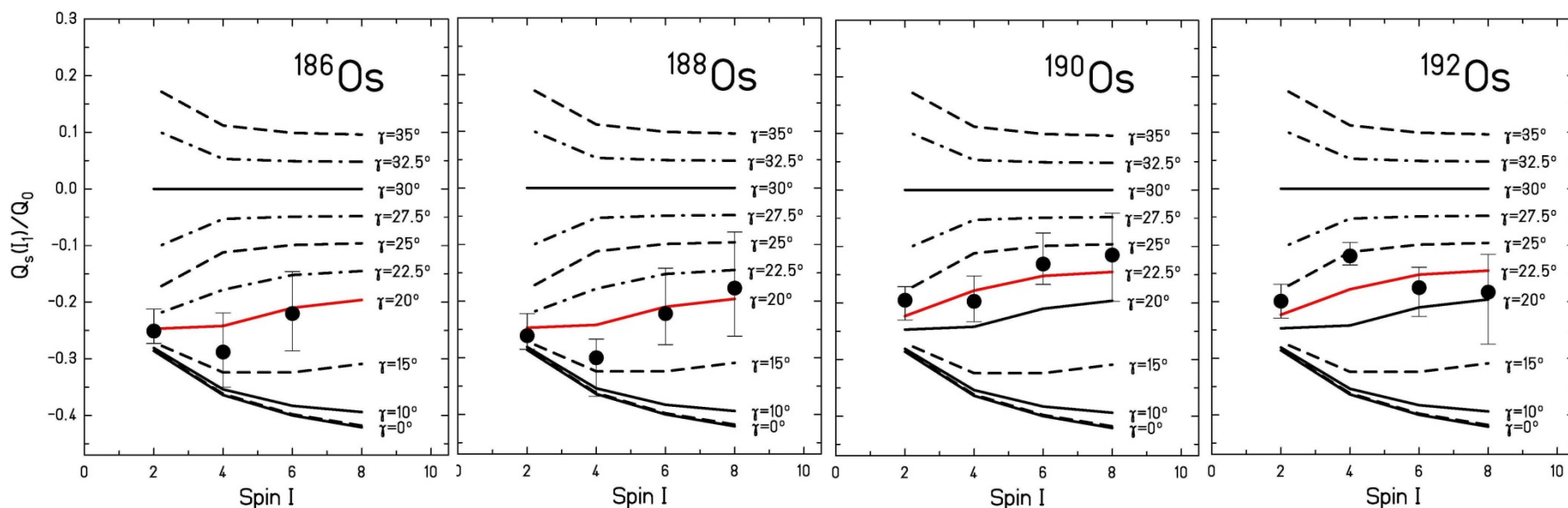
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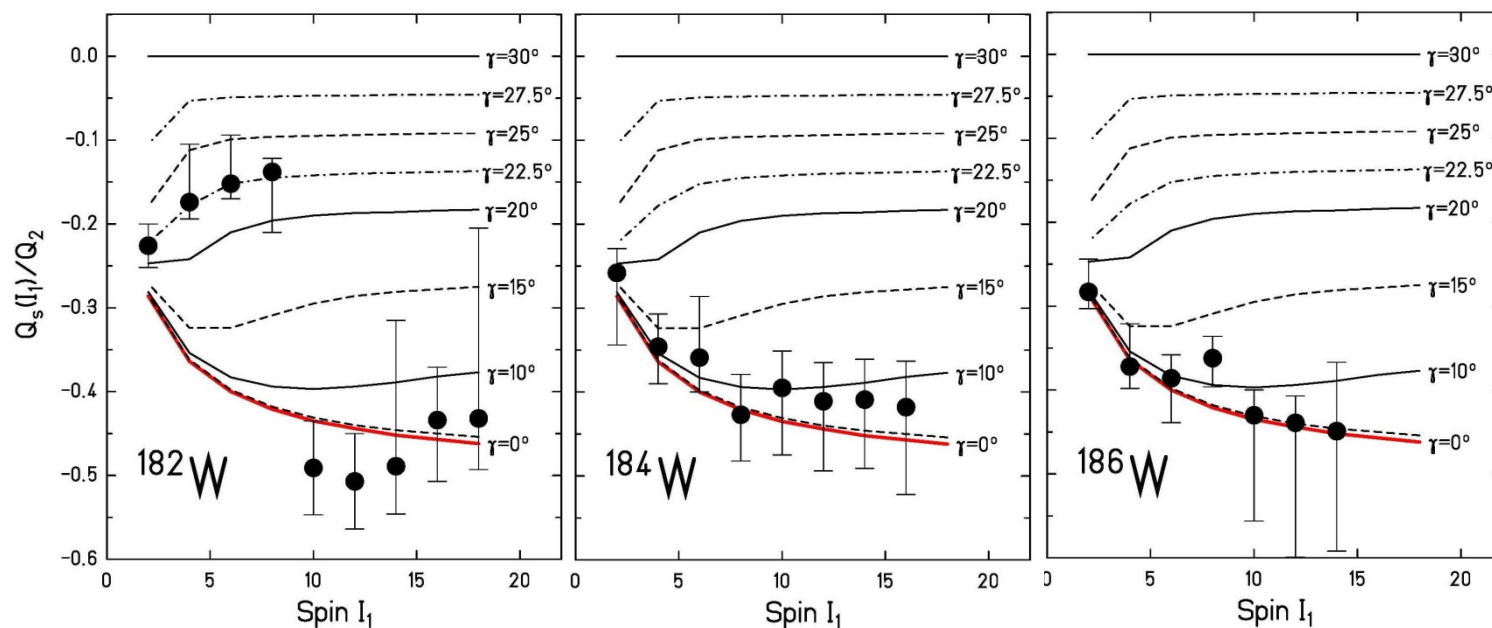
Spectroscopic quadrupole moments in the ground state band of Os-isotopes

$$\frac{Q_s(I)}{Q_0} = \sqrt{\frac{I \cdot (2I - 1)}{(I + 1) \cdot (2I + 1) \cdot (2I + 3)}} \cdot \frac{\langle I \| M(E2) \| I \rangle}{\langle 2_1 \| M(E2) \| 0_1 \rangle}$$



Spectroscopic quadrupole moments in the ground state band of W-isotopes

$$\frac{Q_s(I)}{Q_0} = \sqrt{\frac{I \cdot (2I - 1)}{(I + 1) \cdot (2I + 1) \cdot (2I + 3)}} \cdot \frac{\langle I \| M(E2) \| I \rangle}{\langle 2_1 \| M(E2) \| 0_1 \rangle}$$



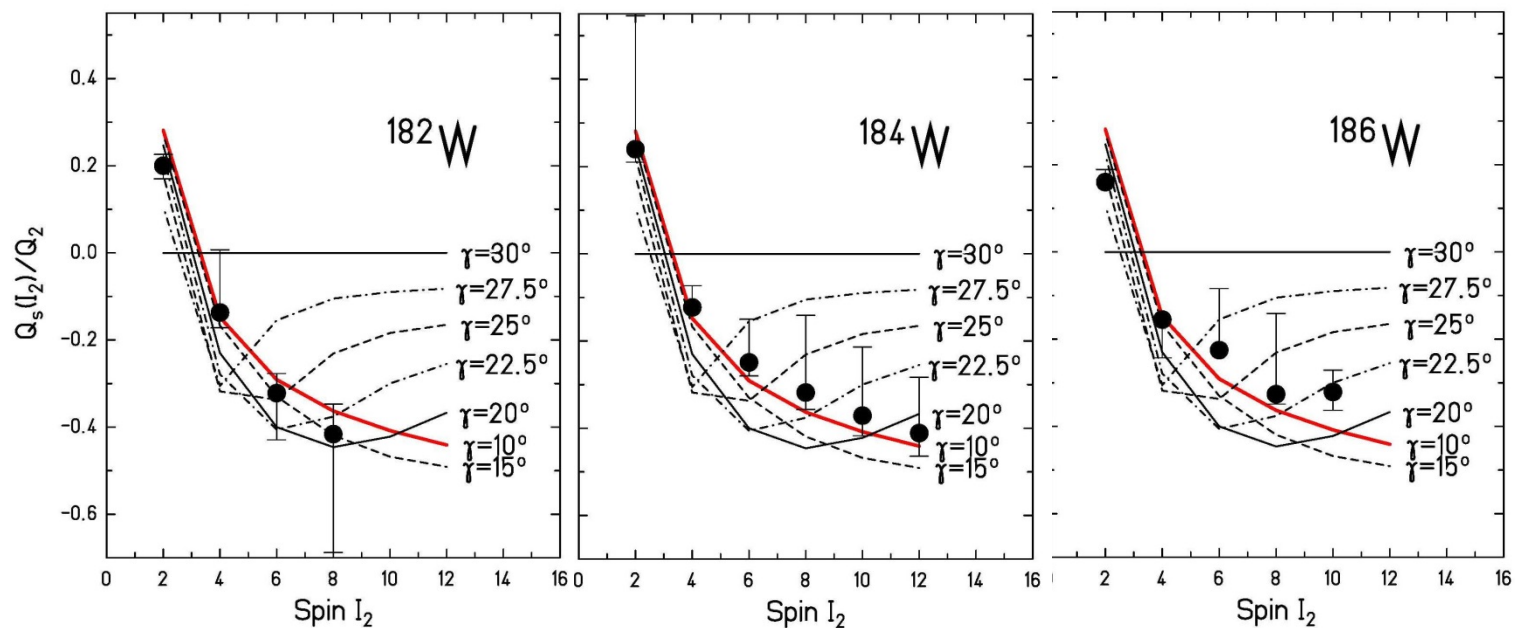
$Q_0 = 7.10 (38) \text{ b}$
 $\beta = 0.274 - 0.193$

$Q_0 = 6.72 (35) \text{ b}$
 $\beta = 0.258$

$Q_0 = 5.87 (29) \text{ b}$
 $\beta = 0.223$

Spectroscopic quadrupole moments in the gamma band of W-isotopes

$$\frac{Q_s(I)}{Q_0} = \sqrt{\frac{I \cdot (2I - 1)}{(I + 1) \cdot (2I + 1) \cdot (2I + 3)}} \cdot \frac{\langle I \| M(E2) \| I \rangle}{\langle 2_1 \| M(E2) \| 0_1 \rangle}$$

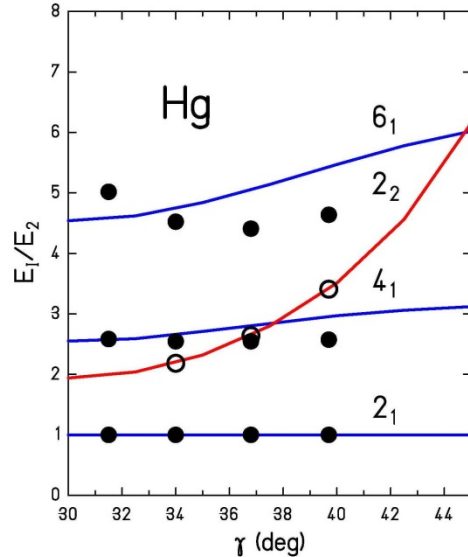


$Q_0 = 5.8 (5) \text{ b}$
 $\beta = 0.227$

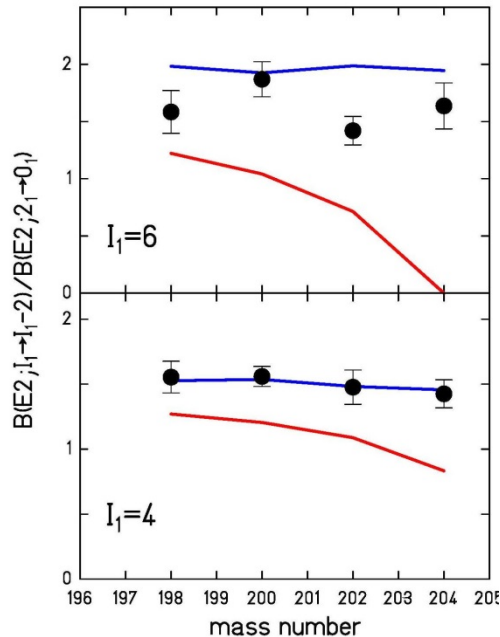
$Q_0 = 5.6 (3) \text{ b}$
 $\beta = 0.219$

$Q_0 = 6.3 (4) \text{ b}$
 $\beta = 0.239$

Collective properties in $^{198,200,202,204}\text{Hg}$



A	$B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0_1)$
198	29 spu
200	25 spu
202	17 spu
204	12 spu



soft ($\mu=0.3$) **asymmetric rotor model:**

IBM – O(6) limit:

$$\frac{B(E2; 6_1 \rightarrow 4_1)}{B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0_1)} = \frac{5 \cdot (N-2) \cdot (N+6)}{3 \cdot N \cdot (N+4)}$$

$$\frac{B(E2; 4_1 \rightarrow 2_1)}{B(E2; 2_1 \rightarrow 0_1)} = \frac{10 \cdot (N-1) \cdot (N+5)}{7 \cdot N \cdot (N+4)}$$

boson number $N = 5$ to 2
for **Hg-isotopes** with **A=198 to 204**

C. Günther et al.; Z. Phys. A301 (1981), 119
Y.K. Agarwal et al.; Z. Phys. A320 (1985), 295

Parameter of the asymmetric rotor model

isotope	β	γ	γ	μ
^{182}W	0.274	11.4^0	11.2^0	0.17
^{184}W	0.258	13.8^0	13.7^0	0.15
^{186}W	0.223	15.9^0	15.8^0	0.05
^{186}Os	0.196	16.5^0	16.1^0	0.26
^{188}Os	0.185	19.2^0	18.8^0	0.26
^{190}Os	0.184	22.3^0	22.0^0	0.26
^{192}Os	0.168	25.2^0	25.2^0	0.10
^{192}Pt	0.146	-	32.5^0	0.35
^{194}Pt	0.134	-	32.5^0	0.35
^{196}Pt	0.135	-	32.5^0	0.37
^{198}Hg	0.106	36.3^0	38.0^0	0.44
^{200}Hg	0.098	39.1^0	41.0^0	0.44
^{202}Hg	0.082	33.4^0	34.4^0	0.35
^{204}Hg	0.068	31.5^0	31.5^0	0.19

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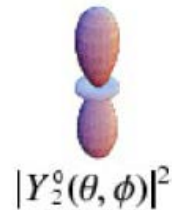
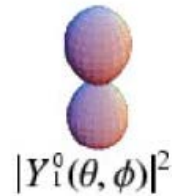
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$$\frac{E(2_2)}{E(2_1)} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{9 - 8 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}}{3 - \sqrt{9 - 8 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}}$$

$$B(E2; 0_1 \rightarrow 2_1) = \frac{5}{16\pi} \cdot Q_0^2 e^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{3 - 2 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}{\sqrt{9 - 8 \cdot \sin^2(3\gamma)}} \right]$$

$$Q_0 = \frac{3 \cdot Z \cdot R_0^2}{\sqrt{5\pi}} \cdot \beta$$

Appendix: Spherical harmonics



$$Y_{00}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}$$

$$Y_{10}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$Y_{1\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) = m \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \cdot \sin \theta \cdot e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{20}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \cdot (3 \cdot \cos^2 \theta - 1)$$

$$Y_{2\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) = m \sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta \cdot e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{2\pm 2}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \cdot \sin^2 \theta \cdot e^{\pm 2i\phi}$$

$$Y_{30}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{7}{16\pi}} \cdot (2 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$Y_{3\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) = m \sqrt{\frac{21}{64\pi}} \cdot (4 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta) \cdot e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$Y_{3\pm 2}(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{105}{32\pi}} \cdot \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \cdot e^{(\pm 2)i\phi}$$

$$Y_{3\pm 3}(\theta, \phi) = m \sqrt{\frac{35}{64\pi}} \cdot \sin^3 \theta \cdot e^{(\pm 3)i\phi}$$