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Paper/Abstract ID	432
Paper title	Gamma-Gamma Coincidence Analysis of Low-Medium Spin States in $^{156}\text{Er}$
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This study presents a revised interpretation of Band 9 in  $^{156}\text{Er}$ , previously identified as a positive-parity sequence. Through detailed coincidence analysis and intensity relationships, we propose that this band instead originates from a newly identified negative-parity band head. The work reassigns key transitions, including the 365 keV transition, which was earlier believed to link Band 9 to the yrast  $10^+$  state. This reinterpretation challenges previous spin-parity assignments and provides new insight into the structure of  $^{156}\text{Er}$  at low to medium spin, contributing to the broader understanding of competing configurations in deformed even-even nuclei in the  $A \sim 160$  mass region.

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