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## Structural investigation of neutron deficient Pt isotopes: the case of 178Pt

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Lifetime measurements with the recoil distance Doppler-shift technique have been performed to determine yrast E2 transition strengths in 178Pt. The experimental data are related to those on neighboring Pt isotopes, especially recent data on 180Pt, and compared to calculations within the interacting boson model and a Hartree-Fock Bogoliubov approach. These models predict prolate deformed ground states in Pt isotopes close to neutron midshell consistent with the experimental findings. Further, evidence was found that the prolate intruder structure observed in neutron deficient Hg isotopes that is minimum in energy in 182Hg becomes the ground state configuration in 178Pt and neighboring 180Pt with nearly identical transition quadrupole moments. The new data on 178Pt are further discussed in the context of the systematics along the Pt isotopic chain with respect to an asymmetry of the level schemes relative to the neutron midshell that is not expected in collective models. In addition, hints for a sharp shape transition towards a weakly deformed or a quasi-vibrational structure in 174,176Pt will be discussed based on existing data where contradicting model approaches exist. Supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) under Contracts

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