# Coulomb Excitation of Pearshaped Nuclei

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Measure level schemes in <sup>224,226</sup>Rn

- unknown so far.

**Relevant to EDM searches** 

Investigate B(E3)s in <sup>222,(224)</sup>Rn, <sup>222,228</sup>Ra (previously measured <sup>220</sup>Rn, <sup>224,226</sup>Ra) Search for other cases of static octupole deformation

# **Pear-shapes and EDMs**



(matter-antimatter asymmetry in universe)



# E2 and E3 moments for heavy nuclei



### Some experimental details: beams

#### **HIE-ISOLDE + MINIBALL+CD July-August 2018**

radon from ThC target; ionised using VADIS with cooled transfer line; separated in GPS  $^{222}$ Rn 51<sup>+</sup> 4.23 MeV/u  $6 \cdot 10^5$  /s  $^{224}$ Rn 52<sup>+</sup> 5.08 MeV/u  $1.1 \cdot 10^5$  /s  $^{226}$ Rn 52<sup>+</sup> 5.08 MeV/u  $2 \cdot 10^3$  /s

radium from UC target; ionised using W surface ion source ; separated in HRS 222Pa 51<sup>+</sup> 4 305 MoV/u 6 · 10<sup>5</sup> /s

Na JI	4.303 WEV/U	0.10 /2
<sup>228</sup> Ra 53 <sup>+</sup>	4.31 MeV/u	6 · 10⁵ /s

EBIS breeding time 500-700 ms

#### Some experimental details: Miniball operation







# γ-ray spectra: Coulex of <sup>222,224,226</sup>Rn,<sup>222,228</sup>Ra





# $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ spectra: gates on transitions in <sup>226</sup>Rn





#### Systematics of states in rotating Rn nuclei







**Conclusions #1** 

Radon even-even nuclei are octupole vibrational, minimum around <sup>222</sup>Rn

Very unlikely that parity doublets will be observed for odd-A Rn

Schiff moment for candidate EDM search <sup>223</sup>Rn will not have the same enhancement as for <sup>225</sup>Ra.

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