

Study of intruder states in ^{83}Se via lifetime measurements

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Quadrupole interaction between protons and neutrons drives the nucleus into deformed configurations at low excitation energies. The ^{83}Se nucleus is at the mid of the proton fp-shell ($Z=28-40$), it is a good candidate to study the properties of particle-hole intruder states lowered in energy by large quadrupole correlations. Lifetime measurement of the low-lying intruder state with spin $1/2^+$, originating from $s_{1/2}$, will provide information on its wave function and allow one to estimate the degree of $N = 50$ core breaking in the ground state of Se isotopes.

The lifetime of the 500-keV $1/2^+$ level was measured using the Recoil Distance Method. A beam of ^{82}Se , with intensity 0.02 pnA accelerated at 270 MeV from TANDEM accelerator at LNL-INFN, impinged into a deuterated polyethylene (C₂D₄) target which was evaporated on a 6 mg/cm² thick gold layer. The GALILEO γ -array was coupled to the SPIDER silicon array, allowing one to obtain the needed channel selectivity through coincidence measurements between γ rays and protons coming from the (d,p) reaction.

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