Structure of exotic nuclei through nuclear moment and transition probability studies

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Overview

- Neutron-rich A~100 region a sudden onset of deformation at N=60.
 - Previous results from nuclear moments, charge radii, mass measurements and gamma-ray spectroscopy
 - What the advances in post-accelerated radioactive beams could bring up the scene?
- Coulomb excitation studies of the odd-mass Rb isotopes at REX-ISOLDE using the Miniball array
 - Quasi-spherical ⁹³Rb and ⁹⁵Rb vs. well deformed ⁹⁷Rb and ⁹⁹Rb. ⁹⁷Rb the corner stone of the deformation in the region
- Magnetic dipole moments of short-lived excited state the challenges
- TDRIV on H-like ions high-precision, model-independent approach.
 ²⁴Mg measurement at ALTO, Orsay a step towards the use of the method with radioactive beams
- Conclusions and perspectives





Nuclear structure around A~100

• First announcement of a region of onset of deformation in around A=100 still in the 70's (Cheitfetz et al., PRL 25, 38, 1970)



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The role of the neutrons

W. Urban et al., Eur. Phys. J. A22, 241 (2004)



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M.A.C Hotchkis et al., Nucl. Phys. A530, (1991)

- Zr (Z=40) and Sr (Z=38)
 → clear shape change across N=60
- Balance between down-sloping -(deformation driving) and up-sloping (deformation reduction) orbitals

 \rightarrow blocking of the deformation below N = 60



What is the role played by the protons for the onset of deformation?



- Charge radii localizing it for the Rb, Sr, Y, Zr and Nb isotopes
- Where is the border of the deformed region?
- What is the origin for the deformation in this region?





Where the border line is – Kr?



S. Naimi *et al.*, PRL 105, 032502 (2010)

 Gradual development of deformation in the Kr isotopes



M. Albers et al., PRL 108, 062701 (2012)





What about Rb's?

C. Thibault *et al.*, Phys. Rev. **C23**, 2720 (1981)



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Ground-state nuclear moment measurements of ⁹⁷Rb

K	I^{π}	Q_s [eb]	$\mu \left[\mu_N \right]$	Orbital
3/2	3/2-	0.6	1.9	$\pi \frac{3}{2}$ [301]
3/2	3/2+	0.6	1.99	$\pi \frac{3}{2}^{+}$ [431]
3/2	3/2-	0.6	0.7	$\pi \frac{\bar{3}}{2}$ [312]
Experimental Values		0.6	1.84	-

✓ Sudden onset of deformation at ⁹⁷Rb

 Ground-state magnetic moment measurement – favors π3/2⁺[431] but does not exclude π3/2⁻[301]



"Spherical results" – example of ⁹⁵Rb





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Deformed example

Counts

- Multi-step Coulomb excitation giving access to rotational bands in ⁹⁷Rb and ⁹⁹Rb
- Obtained transition probabilities in 97,99 Rb \rightarrow B(E2) ~120 W.u.



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What could we extract?



Wood-Saxon potential with universal parameterization from *P. Moller, ADNDT 59 (1995) 185 (F.G. Kondev priv. comm.)*

3/2-[301]	3/2+[431]	
$K = 3/2$, $Q_0 = 2.90$, $g_R = 0.30$	$K = 3/2, Q_0 = 2.90, g_R = 0.30$	
$ g_{\rm K}-g_{\rm R} =1.610$	$ g_{\rm K}-g_{\rm R} =1.410$	

Ground-state band in ⁹⁷Rb unambiguously identified as built on the 3/2⁺ [431] Nilsson orbital





Nuclear moments at ALTO

Nov. 2012







Magnetic moments – what can we learn?

D. Guillemaud-Mueller et al.,

NPA 426, 37 (1984)

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- Magnetic dipole moments high sensitivity towards:
 - the single-particle structure of the state of interest;
 - the purity of the wave function;
 - proton/neutron contributions



Magnetic moments of short-lived states – the challenge

- interaction between the nuclear spin and a magnetic field
 - \rightarrow Larmor precession

$$\omega_{\rm L} = -g \frac{\mu_{\rm N}}{\hbar} B$$

 "sufficient" interaction within the nuclear lifetime – observable modification of the γ-ray angular distribution

 $\Delta \theta \sim \omega_{\rm L} \Delta t$

- **kT fields** necessary for few degrees of rotation for **picosecond states**
- In the "standard techniques" e.g. Transient Field (TF) or Recoil In Vacuum (RIV) require calibration measurements with well-known states for determination of the obtained magnetic fields
- use of **H-like ions** field strength calculated from first principles





Time Dependent Recoil In Vacuum



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TDRIV for radioactive ion beams



Experimental setup





Beam: ²⁴Mg @120 MeV, 1.8 pnA intensity Target: 2.4 mg/cm² ⁹³Nb Reset Foil: 1.7 mg/cm² ¹⁹⁷Au

✓13 HPGe
 θ= 46.5°, 72.1°, 85.8°, 94.2°, 108.0°, 133.6°, 157.6°
 ✓8-fold segmented annular detector









Experimental spectra





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R(t) function



Result consistent with previous g-factor measurement of g(2⁺) ²⁴Mg
 → TDRIV on H-like ions possible with radioactive beams



Conclusions and perspectives

- Transition probability measurements can provide important structure information especially for (oddmass) nuclei far from stability
- The structure of the Rb isotopes is one of the key ingredients for the understanding of the sudden onset of deformation at N=60
- TDRIV on H-like ions a method that could provide high-precision model independent results. Getting ready for the soon available radioactive ion beams.



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