

HK 26: Structure and Dynamics of Nuclei VII

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Group Report

HK 26.1 Wed 14:00 HS 2 Physik

State-of-the-art nuclear structure studies with the recoil distance Doppler-shift technique — ●CHRISTOPH FRANSEN¹, ANDREY BLAZHEV¹, FELIX DUNKEL¹, ARWIN ESMAYLZADEH¹, CARINA HEYMER¹, JAN JOLIE¹, CASPER-DAVID LAKENBRINK¹, CLAUS MÜLLER-GATERMANN², RICHARD NOVAK¹, FRANZISKUS VON SPEE¹, NIGEL WARR¹, and MICHAEL WEINERT¹ — ¹Institut für Kernphysik, Universität zu Köln — ²Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois, USA

Absolute transition strengths between excited states yield fundamental information on nuclear structure and can be determined from level lifetimes. The recoil distance Doppler-shift (RDDS) technique employing so-called plunger devices provides a valuable method for the determination of lifetimes in the picosecond range and has been in the focus of our Cologne group since many years. Here, we will present our latest developments of the RDDS technique with respect to the application with very different experimental conditions and the required detection techniques to identify the reaction products. We will also discuss new results from RDDS measurements of our group in tellurium isotopes close to neutron midshell where the data give hints for shape coexistence. Furthermore, we will give an overview of our recent lifetime measurements in neutron-deficient nuclei in the $A = 170$ region. In these nuclei, a $B(E2)$ anomaly was already found for the lowest yrast states. Our new results allow to test different state-of-the-art nuclear model approaches aiming for an understanding of this anomaly also towards higher yrast states.

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Study of the spin-flip orbitals in $N = 83$ isotones with lifetime measurement via (n, γ) reactions — ●ZHIQIANG CHEN¹, KATHRIN WIMMER¹, ELISA MARIA GANDOLFO¹, MARTHA REECE¹, WIKTOR POKLEPA¹, CATERINA MICHELAGNOLI², JEAN MICHEL DAUGAS², LORENZO DOMENICHETTI², and ZHIHUAN LI³ — ¹GSI, Darmstadt, Germany — ²ILL, Grenoble, France — ³PKU, Beijing, China

The spin-orbit (SO) splitting is closely linked to nuclear shell gaps and magic numbers. This splitting can be significantly reduced in exotic nuclei with extreme N/Z ratios, a phenomenon that remains poorly understood. The energies of the spin-flip $\nu p_{1/2}$ and $\nu p_{3/2}$ orbitals above the $N = 82$ shell closure are still not well established. Astonishingly, even in nuclei close to stability the $\nu p_{1/2}$ and $\nu p_{3/2}$ orbitals are not well characterized.

To achieve a comprehensive understanding of the SO splitting between the $\nu p_{1/2}$ and $\nu p_{3/2}$ orbitals in $N = 83$ isotones, a thermal neutron capture experiment was conducted at the Institut Laue-Langevin (ILL), Grenoble. γ -rays from (n, γ) reaction were measured using a new HPGe array, comprising eight FIPPS Clover and eight IFIN-HH Clover detectors. Properties of the $\nu p_{1/2}$ and $\nu p_{3/2}$ orbitals in ¹³⁹Ba₈₃ and ¹⁴¹Ce₈₃ will be characterized by deriving the $B(M1; 1/2^- \rightarrow 3/2^-)$ values. This involves determining the mixing ratio $\delta(M1/E2)$ through γ - γ angular correlations and the lifetimes of the $1/2^-$ states using the Gamma Ray Induced Doppler Shift Attenuation method. In this talk, I will present some preliminary results on the lifetime measurements of low-lying states in ¹³⁹Ba₈₃ and ¹⁴¹Ce₈₃.

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Lifetime determination and level-scheme reconstruction in ¹⁰⁴Ru using particle- γ coincidences — ●ANNA BOHN, ELIAS BINGER, TOBIAS LANGEL, SARAH PRILL, MICHAEL WEINERT, and ANDREAS ZILGES — University of Cologne, Institute for Nuclear Physics, Germany

The Cologne particle- γ detector array SONIC@HORUS [1] is a powerful tool for nuclear structure investigations. It enables the measurement of p- γ and p- γ - γ coincidences, providing full reaction kinematics while excluding feeding contributions from higher-lying states. This capability makes it an ideal setup for the (p,p' γ) Coincidence Doppler-Shift Attenuation Method (CDSAM) [2,3], enabling lifetime

measurements in the sub-picosecond regime, as well as level-scheme reconstruction. Several CDSAM experiments on stable even-even isotopes along the $A \approx 100$ mass region have been performed at the University of Cologne in recent years [4-6]. Results obtained on ¹⁰⁴Ru via p- γ and p- γ - γ coincidence analysis will be presented in this contribution.

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First measurement of the lifetime of the 2_1^+ state of ²⁰⁰Pt — ●C.M. NICKEL¹, V. WERNER¹, P.R. JOHN¹, U. AHMED¹, C. COSTACHE², K.E. IDE¹, N.M. MĂRGINEAN², H. MAYR¹, C. MIHAI², R.E. MIHAI^{2,3}, N. PIETRALLA¹, T. STETZ¹, A. WEBER¹, and R. ZIDAROVA¹ — ¹IKP, TU Darmstadt — ²IFIN-HH, Bucharest-Măgurele — ³IEAP, CTU Prague

The W, Os, Pt and Hg isotopes exhibit shape transitions between oblate, prolate, γ -soft and spherical nuclei [1]. The neutron-rich Pt isotopes transition from γ -softness towards sphericity, as indicated by the energy ratio $R_{4/2}$, when approaching the neutron-shell closure at $N = 126$. In the vicinity of shell closures, quadrupole collectivity is expected to decrease and, hence, the $B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$ transition strength which is inversely proportional to the lifetime of the 2_1^+ state. ²⁰⁰Pt is the lightest neutron-rich Pt isotope without a known $B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$ value and could sit at the transitional point between a γ -soft and a spherical shape. Therefore, the ¹⁹⁸Pt(¹⁸O,¹⁶O)²⁰⁰Pt* two-neutron transfer reaction was studied in a recoil-distance Doppler-shift experiment at the IFIN-HH in Bucharest-Măgurele using the ROSPHERE array equipped with 25 HPGe detectors and the SORCERER particle detector. Correcting for contaminants as well as taking de-orientation into account, allowed the application of the differential decay curve method to determine the lifetime of 2_1^+ state of ²⁰⁰Pt for the first time. The analysis and resulting $B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$ value will be presented.

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Fast timing@nu-Ball2 fission campaign: first results for the neutron-rich Kr isotopes — ●JULIA FISCHER¹, ANDREY BLAZHEV¹, JAN JOLIE¹, ANDI MESSINGSCHLAGER², SORIN PASCUS³, MARTIN VON TRESCKOW², NIGEL WARR^{1,4}, and JONATHAN WILSON⁵ for the nu-Ball2 N-SI-120-Collaboration — ¹IKP Cologne — ²TU Darmstadt — ³U Surrey — ⁴Oliver Lodge Laboratory Liverpool — ⁵IJCLab Orsay

Neutron-rich Kr isotopes have been shown to undergo a moderate evolution of collective structure and have been recently studied in two complementary campaigns [1,2]. To further address the nuclear structure, these nuclei were also studied at IJCLab Orsay as part of the Nuball2 fission campaign in 2022, produced by the fast-neutron-induced fission reaction ²³⁸U(n,f). The measurement was performed with the nu-Ball2 spectrometer, a hybrid γ -spectrometer equipped with HPGe and LaBr₃(Ce) detectors, which provide excellent energy and timing resolution, respectively. In comparison to the first fission campaign in 2018, nu-Ball1, a number of improvements on the spectrometer and the beamline were made, in particular the tripling of the LaBr₃(Ce) coincidence efficiency (from 0.7% to 2.1%). First preliminary results of lifetimes in neutron-rich Kr will be presented as well as compared with 5DCH and mapped IBM calculations [2].*Supported by BMBF under Verbundprojekt 05P2021 (ErUM-FSP T07) grant 05P21PKFN1.

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