COMBINED COULOMB EXCITATION AND CONVERSION ELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY OF 182,184,185 HG

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Motivation

- Study the shape coexistence of neutron-deficient Hg near neutron mid-shell N~104.
- Prolate (Oblate) structure is associated 4p-4h (2p-2h) proton excitation



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- Coulomb excitation experiment ^{182,184}Hg
- Experiment setup: Miniball+SPEDE
- The beam energy: 4 MeV/u
- ¹²⁰Sn was used as a target
- Objective:
 - Reduce errors of diagonal matrix elements of 2⁺ states to a level where negative, zero and positive quadrupole moments can be distinguish
 - 2. Deduce transitional matrix elements for higher lying non-yrast states



Previous experiment

- Based on the results for diagonal E2 matrix element, it was not possible to draw conclusions the structures of ^{182,184}Hg
- The large uncertainty related to the E0 component of the 2₂⁺→ 2₁⁺ transition in ^{182,184}Hg was also the issue which needed to be solved

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- Objective: To extract quadrupole moments for states in the rotational bands built of the ground state and on isomer

Courtesy Janne Pakarinen



The SPEDE concept



The SPEDE spectrometer

- Conversion electron spectrometer
- Used in conjunction with the MINIBALL germanium array and CD detector
- Allows simultaneous γ-ray and conversion electron spectroscopy using radioactive beam
- Target chamber designed for the SPEDE spectrometer



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The SPEDE spectrometer







IS563: ¹⁸²Hg electron energy spectrum



IS563: ¹⁸⁴Hg γ-ray energy spectrum



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IS563: ¹⁸⁴Hg electron spectrum

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IS699: ^{185m}Hg γ-ray energy spectrum

- Before carrying on...

Complementary measurement of ^{185m}Hg with SAGE

Single particle properties in the neutron-deficient Hg region: in-beam γ -ray and electron spectroscopy of ¹⁸⁵Hg.

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Abstract:

The aim of this proposal is to study shape coexistence in the neutron-deficient Hg nuclei as a continuation to the previous experiments performed for the even-even nuclei in this region. We propose to perform a simultaneous in-beam γ -ray and conversion electron spectroscopy experiment in order to pin down the influence of the neutron occupation of the $i_{13/2}$ intruder orbital and to clarify properties of the low-lying yrast and non-yrast excited states. For this purpose, the SAGE spectrometer in conjunction with the MARA separator will be employed. This combination will allow us to investigate the inter-band transitions and to shed light on properties of the low-spin states reported earlier for the ¹⁸⁵Hg nucleus.



IS699: ^{185m}Hg γ-ray energy spectrum



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IS699: ^{185m}Hg electron energy spectrum





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IS699: ^{185g}Hg γ-ray energy spectrum



SUMMARY

- The results for ^{182,184,185}Hg look promising. There is still a need for proper analysis of this data set. A new PhD student started to work on this at Liverpool!
- SPEDE was used for the first time for a radioactive ion beam experiment at MINIBALL



Suppressing delta electrons

- It is essential to suppress low-energy delta electrons
- 5000 V high voltage is applied to the target ladder
- The absorber foil (12 μm mylar coated with 0.5 μm aluminium) prevents low-energy electrons and scattered particles from hitting the detector



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SPEDE Installation summer 2022

- Installation started May 2022
- Setting up electronics/devices (HV, Preamps, DOS-Cards, Julabo)
- Alignment of the target chamber
- Prepare the MINIBALL array
- New DAQ @MINIBALL



The SPEDE silicon detector

- 24 pixels
- Silicon design is decided based on the simulations
- Thickness 500 μ m
- AMPTEK A250F/NF used as preamplifiers
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SPEDE Installation summer 2022

- FWHM @ 482 keV : ~8 keV (MCA)
- FWHM @ 482 keV : ~10 keV (DAQ)
- Due to preamp signal shape, the resolution depends on the DAQ
- Efficiency @ 482 keV : ~4%
- There is a clear need for a ¹³³Ba electron source for efficiency below 400 keV!



IS563: ¹⁸²Hg Coulex experiment

- Beam:¹⁸²Hg beam,
- Target:¹²⁰Sn
- The first radioactive ion beam experiment with SPEDE!!
- Objective: Reduce errors of diagonal matrix elements of 2⁺ states to level where negative, zero and positive quadrupole moments can be distinguish
- SPEDE can be used to assess the intensity of E0 $2^+ \rightarrow 2^+$ transition



Electronics

- Preamp power, Mesytec MNV-4
- Gain-offset (GO) unit
- Differential to single ended (DOS) cards
- FEBEX: DAQ cards
- Bias voltage supply (+90V),
 Mesytec MHV-4, for the detector
- HV supply, ISEG SHR, for a target ladder

