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Investigation of the properties of ^{124}Sn populated in β^- decay

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The investigation of nuclei surrounding doubly-magic isotopes, such as ^{132}Sn , represents a fundamental approach for gaining deeper insights into the nuclear structure. However, the region of neutron-rich tin isotopes remains relatively unexplored, and experimental information is limited.

The only β -decay study of ^{124}In to the excited states in ^{124}Sn have been performed in the 1970s at the Studsvik laboratory [1]. This work was a basis for the 1^+ spin-parity assignment of the ^{124}In ground state. However, since then, the 3^+ assignment was, first, proposed in the β -decay study of ^{124}Cd [2] and later confirmed by laser spectroscopy [4]. In a recent mass measurement study, the excitation energy of the ^{124m}In was reported for the first time [3]. In addition, a reversed order of the two long-lived states, with 8^- being assigned as the ground state, was proposed [3]. These studies encouraged us to revise the existing β -decay scheme of ^{124}In .

The excited states in ^{124}Sn populated via β -decay of ^{124}In were studied at the ISOLDE Decay Station. A pure beam of ^{124}In was delivered by means of laser ionization provided by RLLIS. The $\beta\gamma\gamma$ coincidence analysis of the collected data points to identification of new γ -ray transitions. The preliminary results also suggest significant discrepancies between this work and the previous study [1].

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