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Coulomb excitation in ^{185g,m}Hg - Shape coexistence in the neutron-deficient lead region

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Shape coexistence in the neutron-deficient lead region around $N \approx 104$ has been discovered in different nuclei especially in the mercury isotopes, where a staggering effect was found between even- and odd-mass nuclei using charge radii measurements [1,2]. In addition the study of the even-even 182,184,186,188 Hg isotopes via Coulomb excitation reactions showed a mixing of weakly deformed oblate and more deformed prolate configurations which coexists at low excitation energies [3].

To investigate collective behavior of low-lying states on top of the $(1/2^-)$ ground-state in 185g Hg and the different deformed $(13/2^+)$ isomeric state in 185m Hg, a Coulomb excitation experiment was performed at HIE-ISOLDE. The 185g,m Hg beams were accelerated onto 120 Sn and 48 Ti targets with an energy of 4 MeV/u. The emitted γ rays were detected utilizing the Miniball array in coincident to the scattered particles measured in the DSSSD detector. Furthermore the SPEDE spectrometer was used to determine distributions from conversion electrons.

Preliminary results of excited states of 185g,m Hg will be shown for both targets. Excited states in 185g Hg up to a spin of $29/2^-$ were observed using the 120 Sn target.

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