

Coulomb Excitation of Isomeric states of ^{70}Cu

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Extensive studies on Cu neutron-rich isotopes have been performed in recent years at REX-ISOLDE in the aim to investigate the nuclear structure in the vicinity of the $N=40$ sub-shell closure. In particular the study of odd-odd $68,70\text{Cu}$ nuclei was reported in [1] where for the first time low-energy Coulomb excitation measurements with isomeric radioactive post-accelerated beams were performed. For the case of ^{70}Cu , a $\pi = 6^-$ isomeric beam was used to study the multiplet of states (3^- , 4^- , 5^- , 6^-) arising from the $\pi 2p_{3/2} \otimes 1g_{9/2}$ configuration. The isomeric nature of the 6^- and 3^- states was experimentally determined in previous work [2]. The beam was produced at ISOLDE, CERN by selective laser ionization technique and then post-accelerated by REX-ISOLDE to about 2.8 MeV/nucleon. Gamma rays were detected with the MINIBALL high resolution Ge detector array. The 4^- state of the multiplet was populated by Coulomb excitation and the reduced transition probability $B(E2, 6^- \rightarrow 4^-)$ value was determined. The remaining member of the multiplet, the 5^- state, was not observed in this experiment.

To provide complementary information about the energy levels and reduced transition probabilities of the connecting transitions within the states of the multiplet, a new experiment was performed using a $\pi = 3^-$ isomeric beam. Besides the known transition deexciting the 4^- state [1], gamma rays of 511 keV were observed for the first time and were unambiguously associated to the 5^- state deexcitation. This observation fixes the energy, spin and parity of this state, completing the low-energy level scheme of ^{70}Cu . Moreover $B(E2)$ values for all the possible $E2$ transitions within the multiplet are now precisely measured. A comparison with large-scale shell model calculations using different interactions and model spaces, shows the importance of proton excitation across $Z=28$ shell gap and the role of the $d_{5/2}$ neutron orbital.

[1] I. Stefanescu et al. PRL98, 122701 (2007)

[2] J. Van Roosbroek et al. PRC69, 034313 (2004)

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