Reflections on the atomic nucleus

In-beam studies of the structure of exotic nuclei

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Reflections: E0 transitions and shape coexistence

Late 70's: Still relevant for studies of exotic nuclei : E0- transitions in Z ≈ 50 nuclei

Probing exotic states and shape coexistence in ²⁰⁸Pb, ¹⁸⁶Pb and ¹⁹⁴Po

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R. Julin thesis 1979, ZP A296, 315 (1980)

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R. Julin thesis 1979, Kantele et al. ZP289, 157(1979) Introduction of the simple shape-mixing model (Jan Blomqvist's idea) $O_{1}^{*} = +a|sph\rangle + b|de|\rangle \rightarrow g^{2} \ll a^{2}b^{2}\beta^{4}$ $O_{2}^{*} = -b|sph\rangle + a|de|\rangle \rightarrow g^{2} \ll a^{2}b^{2}\beta^{4}$

¹¹⁶Sn : take 50/50 mixing and ß = 0.22 $\rightarrow \rho^2 = 100 \times 10^{-3}$

shape coexistence !



Sn

E0 transitions are fast in heavy nuclei



Figure 6-8 Speeds of E0 transitions with
$$\rho^2 = 0.010$$
. For comparison, the Weisskopf estimate half-life for E2 ($A = 100$) is also shown.

$$\lambda_{E0} = \Omega \times \rho^2$$

Ω increases with Z

Pb isotopes: ²⁰⁸Pb

Julin et al. PR C36 (1987) 1129





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Combination of in-beam and delayed events Recoil-Decay-Tagging



Very neutron deficient heavy nuclei

- + can be produced via fusion evaporation reactions
- only levels close to the yrast line populated
- cross-sections down to 1 nb
- + short-living alpha or proton emitters \rightarrow Recoil Decay Tagging



Three low-lying 0⁺ states in ¹⁸⁶Pb observed in the α - decay of ¹⁹⁰Po

86Pb



... but can we identify band structures on top of those ?

... can we see any E0's ?

 $^{186}\text{Pb}_{104}$

A. Anreyev et al. Nature 405, 430

RDT y rays from ¹⁸⁶Pb

¹⁰⁶Pd(⁸³Kr,3n) ¹⁸⁶Pb



PROLATE



Above 1MeV ¹⁸⁶Pb looks like any deformed nucleus except

J. Pakarinen et al. PR C75, 014302, 2009

186Pb

RDT singles conversion-electron spectrum (SAGE)



Triple - shape coexistence in Po isotopes (Z = 84)



¹⁹⁴Po alpha-tagged singles

conversion-electron spectrum (SAGE)



Future challenges:

Analysis of the existing SAGE γ -ray and electron data + new SAGE measurements \rightarrow E0's

Recoil-shadow electron measurements with RDT \rightarrow lifetimes $\rightarrow \rho^2$, B(E2)

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Coulex with heavy RIB's \rightarrow B(E2), \rho^2
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Electron spectroscopy with RIB's (SPEDE) \rightarrow E0's, ρ^2

Transfer reactions with heavy RIB's → configurations of intruder states

Peter and me since 1994



