

Coulomb Excitation of Neutron-rich Xe-Isotopes at REX-ISOLDE

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Recent studies on isotopes around the shell closure $N=82$ have shown that despite decreasing excitation energies the $B(E2)$ values of Sn and Te isotopes above $N=82$ are lower than expected. The aim of our experiment was to measure $B(E2)$ values in neutron-rich even-even isotopes around the double magic ^{132}Sn . In a first campaign in 2004 we measured the gamma transitions of $^{122-126}\text{Cd}$. In 2005 we used the HPGe gamma detector array MINIBALL for measuring the deexcitation gammas following Coulex of $^{138-142}\text{Xe}$.

This will shed some light on the ambiguous measurements of the $B(E2)$ value of ^{138}Xe and gives us the possibility to evaluate the $B(E2)$ values of $^{140,142}\text{Xe}$ for the first time.

In this talk we will present first results of the analysis and discuss future experiments.

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