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Structure of Potassium and Calcium isotopes studied by Collinear Laser Spectroscopy

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We have investigated the ground state structure of K and Ca over a wide range of isotopes, from below $N=20$ across the $N=28$ shell gap using the bunched-beam collinear laser spectroscopy technique. Thanks to the background reduction using the bunched-beam correlation method and the improved optical detection using a newly-designed detection set-up, experiments could be extended for both K and Ca up to $N=32$ (^{51}K and ^{52}Ca respectively).

From the magnetic moments and spins of the K isotopes, the evolution of the proton single particle levels can be studied as the neutron $p_{3/2}$ level is being filled [1,2]. The isotope shifts provide information on the change in mean square charge radii across the $N=28$ shell gap, showing a strong increase towards $N=32$, both for K and Ca [3,4]. The isomer shift in the $N=Z$ mirror nucleus ^{38}K reveals the importance of proton-neutron pairing correlations in the 0^+ isomeric state [5]. The magnetic and quadrupole moments of the $^{47,49,51}\text{Ca}$ ground states provide a stringent test to recent calculations including $3N$ interactions [6].

Highlights from these experiments will be presented.

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