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## Coulomb Excitation of Neutron-rich Isotopes around A 140

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Recent studies on isotopes around the shell closure at N=82 have shown that despite decreasing excitation energy  $E(2_1^+)$  the B(E2;0 $_1^+ \to 2_1^+$ ) = B(E2 $\uparrow$ ) values for Te and Sn isotopes above N=82 are lower than

expected from a general systematics established as "Grodzins' rule". The aim of the experiment IS411 is to measure

the B(E2 $\uparrow$ ) values of neutron-rich even-even nuclei in the mass region of  $4 \sim 140$ 

As a continuation of our experimental campaigns in 2004 and 2005, where the  $2^+_1 \rightarrow 0^+_{g.s.}$  gamma transitions following Coulomb excitation of  $^{122,124}\mathrm{Cd}$  and  $^{138,140,142}\mathrm{Xe}$  beams have been measured with the gamma detector array MINIBALL, in 2006 we measured the respective transitions in  $^{144}\mathrm{Xe}$  and  $^{124,126}\mathrm{Cd}$ .

We show preliminary results on B(E2 $\uparrow$ ) values of  $^{144}$ Xe and  $^{126}$ Cd for the first time. Perspectives for future experiments will be discussed.

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