



Exotic shapes in exotic nuclei: Shape coexistence in unstable nuclei studied by Coulomb excitation

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- How to measure the shape of the nucleus ?
- Radioactive ions beams
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- Shape coexistence in light Kr isotopes
- Coulomb excitation of radioactive Se beams
- Shape coexistence at CERN-ISOLDE

Nuclear deformation

The shape is a fundamental property of the nucleus

Quantic system composed by A nucleons and driven by the nuclear interaction and the electromagnetic interaction

 \Rightarrow Minimum of the potential energy for a non-spherical shape (shell effect)

The sphere is not the most common shape for a nucleus !!!
Most of the nuclei are "deformed"



Picture of the ellipsoid : a, b, c, semi-axes





Reduced transition probability (collectivity)

Quadrupole moment (intrinsic properties)

The deformed world ...



> For the magic numbers of the nuclear physic, the nucleus is spherical

Between the magic number the nucleus is deformed

Deformation describe in term of magnetic dipole and quadrupole moments which are very sensitive to all types of correlations



Important benchmarks for nuclear models / theory

The mass region A=70-80 close to N=Z line



Possibility to study the oblate deformation

Shape coexistence in the light krypton



The mass region A=70-80 close to N=Z line





First studies on Shape Coexistence in Kr isotopes

Identification of the low lying 0⁺ state, possible candidate for the shape isomer.



▶ Shape inversion for ⁷²Kr

▶ ⁷⁴Kr is a transitional nucleus where the mixing of the wave function is maximal



Complete measure of reduced transition probability B(E2) and static quadrupole moment



Coulomb excitation

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Coulomb excitation et re-orientation effect



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Radioactive ions beam

radioactive target in not possible so we need a radioactive ions beams bellow the coulomb barrier





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⁷⁴Kr and ⁷⁶Kr beam @ SPIRAL ⁷⁸Kr 1. The radioactive ⁷⁴Kr ions beam is produced by 1 MeV/u the fragmentation of a high energy beam of ⁷⁸Kr on a carbon target. 10 MeV/u cssi 4.7 MeV/u 1.5×10⁴ pps CSS2 3 ⊧V/u ECS ps 2 ⁷⁴Kr CIME 6×10⁴ pps



Highly segmented particle detector 16 concentric ring and 16 sector :

Segmentation of the Silicon + Segmentation of EXOGAM
Doppler Correction

> Differential cross section

Experimental setup



Experimental setup





Coulomb excitation analysis with GOSIA*





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Matrix elements adjustment (transitional and diagonal) in order to reproduce the experimental data : $I_{\gamma}(\theta_{Kr})$

• $I_{\gamma}(\theta_{Kr})$: differential cross section $\theta_{cm} \rightarrow$ [24 ,144.5] degrees



Weak constraint due to the limited statistic

- Additional constraints : spectroscopic data
 - 🗴 Lifetime
 - Branching ratio
 - Mixing E2/M1

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Lifetime are the strongest constraints because directly linked to the transitional matrix elements (transition probability)



5 lifetime involving populated states were already measured

 \rightarrow compatible with our measure ?



Published lifetime are incompatible with our data

Pico-second lifetime measurement using RDDS

Recoil Distance Doppler Shift

The ⁷⁴Kr and ⁷⁶Kr nuclei are populated at high spins by a fusion-evaporation reaction :



Pico-second lifetime measurement using RDDS

Experiment performed at the tandem accelerator of Legnaro in November 2004

• The γ rays are detected in the GASP spectrometer (32 HPGe germanium detectors)



Pico-second lifetime measurement using RDDS

	$ au_{Nucl.Data.}$	$ au_{Param \check{e}tre\ libre\ GOSIA}$	$ au_{Plunger}$
$^{76}\mathrm{Kr}$			
2_{1}^{+}	35.9(10)	38	41.5(8)
4_1^+	4.8(4)	4.4	3.67(9)
6_{1}^{+}	0.86(10)	0.8	0.97(29)
$^{74}\mathrm{Kr}$			
2^{+}_{1}	23.5(2.0)	29.6	33.8(6)
4_1^+	13.2(7)	5.9	5.2(2)
6_{1}^{+}	1.08(14)	1.4	1.09(23)

A. Görgen, E. Clément et al., EPJA 26 (2005)



The measured lifetime are compatible with the coulomb excitation data

> The high precision provides strong constraints on the GOSIA minimization

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Coulomb excitation analysis with GOSIA



E. Clément et al. Submitted to PRC

Sensitivity to the static quadrupole moment





$$\left< 2_{2}^{+} \| \mathsf{M}(E2) \| 2_{2}^{+} \right> = +0.33_{-0.23}^{+0.28}$$

Positive matrix element (negative quadrupole moment Q_0) \Rightarrow oblate deformation

Configurations mixing (1)

For the shape-coexisting states, prolate and oblate wave functions are highly mixed



Configurations mixing (2)

Shape coexistence in a two-state mixing model



Perturbed states

Extract mixing and shape parameters from set of experimental matrix elements.

@ Energy porturbation of 0+ states		⁷⁶ Kr	⁷⁴ Kr	⁷² Kr
E. Bouchez <i>et al.</i> Phys. Rev. Lett., 90 (2003)	$\cos^2\theta_{a}$	0.73(1)	0.48(1)	0.10(1)
@ Full set of matrix elements :				
E. Clément, A. Görgen, W. Korten <i>el al.</i> Submitted to PRC	$\cos^2\theta_0$	0.69(4)	0.48(2)	

Model describes mixing of 0⁺ states well, but ambiguities remain for higher-lying states. Two-band mixing of prolate and oblate configurations is too simple.

Shape coexistence in mean-field models (1)

In-band reduced transition probability and spectroscopic quadrupole moments

GCM-HFB (SLy6) M. Bender, P. Bonche et P.H. Heenen, Phys. Rev. C 74, 024312 (2006)

GCM-HFB (Gogny-D1S) E. Clément *et al.*, submitted to PRC J-P. Delaroche *et al.* In preparation



Shape coexistence in mean-field models (2) Skyrme

GCM-HFB (SLy6) M. Bender, P. Bonche et P.H. Heenen, Phys. Rev. C 74, 024312 (2006)

HFB+GCM method Skyrme SLy6 force density dependent pairing interaction

Restricted to axial symmetry : no K=2 states

Inversion of oblate and prolate states

Collectivity of the prolate rotational band is correctly reproduced

Interband B(E2) are under estimated



Same conclusion for ⁷⁶Kr

Shape coexistence in mean-field models (3) Gogny

GCM-HFB (Gogny-D1S) J-P. Delaroche *et al.* In preparation

HFB+GCM with Gaussian overlap approximation Gogny D1S force

Axial and triaxial degrees of freedom

The agreement is remarkable for excitation energy and matrix elements

- K=0 prolate rotational ground state band
- K=2 gamma vibrational band
- 2⁺₃ oblate rotational state

 Strong mixing of K=0 and K=2 components for 2⁺₃ and 2⁺₂ states
 Grouping the non-yrast states above 0⁺₂ state in band structures is not straightforward



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Coulomb excitation at intermediate energy

For radioactive ions very far from the stability, i.e. very low beam intensity ~ 100 pps, one can take advantage of a higher beam energy (20-40 Mev/A) in order to use thicker target to increase the interaction probability

- One step excitation $(0^+ \rightarrow 2^+_i)$
- No sensitivity to the quadrupole moment
- Low beam quality (optic, purity, ...)

However it is a first estimation of the nucleus collectivity

- ✓ ⁷²Kr collectivity
- ✓ ⁶⁸Se collectivity
- ✓ Shape isomer in ⁶⁸Se





Experimental setup



Experimental setup



Experimental results

> Coulomb excitation of ⁷⁸Kr, ⁷²Ge and ⁶⁴Zn for normalization

> Too low intensity in ⁷²Kr case (< 54 pps)



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New area of investigation

All theoretical calculations predict a sudden onset of quadrupole deformation at the neutron number N=60

Neutron rich Sr & Zr isotopes are accessible by fission of an UC_x target

Coulomb excitation of such nuclei can be performed at **REX-ISOLDE**



N-rich Sr and Zr isotopes

Sudden onset of quadrupole deformation at the neutron number N=60



HFB Gogny D1S M. Girod CEA Bruyères-le-Châtel

⁹⁶Sr is a transitional nucleus

Both deformations should coexist at low energy

Shape coexistence between highly deformed and quasi-spherical shapes

- Important constraints for modern nuclear structure theories :
 - \checkmark Predicted values of β_2
 - \checkmark E (0⁺₂), ρ^{2} (E0), B(E2), Q₀ ...
 - ✓ Mixing of wave function → GCM

N-rich Sr and Zr isotopes

The first evidence is the energy of the 2^+_1 state









The highly deformed band $0_{3}^{+} \rightarrow 2_{3}^{+} \rightarrow 4_{2}^{+}$ becomes the ground state band in ⁹⁸Sr



The onset of deformation around N=58 is maybe more gradual



The measure of transition strength and intrinsic quadrupole moments is essential to understand the complex shape coexistence in Sr isotopes \rightarrow Coulomb excitation

Coulomb excitation of a Sr beam at Rex-ISOLDE

- First Sr beam at REX-ISOLDE → need new development
 - Molecular beam has shown the efficiency of this technique in term of purity and intensity...



Coulomb excitation of a Sr beam at Rex-ISOLDE



Conclusion

- Coulomb excitation of radioactive ⁷⁴Kr and ⁷⁶Kr ions beams
 - Extraction of the diagonal matrix element, 1^{ère} measure of the sign of quadupole moment in radioactive beam
 - prolate ground state coexists with an oblate excited configuration
 - Extraction transitional matrix element
 - In contradiction with published lifetime

re-measured by plunger

- Very complex coupling between all configurations Triaxiality
- Coulomb excitation at high energy of ⁶⁸Se
 - First estimation of the collectivity
 - B(E2; 2^+_1 → 0^+_1) < 19 W.u (low collectivity)
 - No low-lying 0⁺₂ state
 - Shape coexistence ??
- Coulomb excitation of radioactive ⁹⁶Sr ions beams at Rex-ISOLDE

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Mesure de temps de vie

Les contaminations et alimentations parallèles sont supprimées par une analyse en coïncidences $\gamma - \gamma$



transition réduite: B(E2)

Au premier ordre de l'excitation Coulombienne :

$$\sigma_{E2} \simeq \left(\frac{Z_c e^2}{\hbar c}\right)^2 \frac{\pi}{e^2 b_0^2} B(E2) \qquad \qquad \sigma_{E2} = \frac{N_{\gamma}^{coulex}}{N_{inc} N_{cible/cm^2}}$$

$$B(E2,X) = B(E2,Ref) \frac{\epsilon_{E\gamma}^{rel}(Ref) \ N_{particule}^{Detecte}(Ref)}{N_{\gamma}^{Det}(Ref)} \frac{N_{\gamma}^{Det}(X)}{\epsilon_{E\gamma}^{rel}(X) \ N_{particule}^{Detecte}(X)} \ \mathcal{F}_{cinematique}$$

Noyau	B(E2) Référence	B(E2) déduit [W	V.u]
⁶⁶ Ge	12.0(23)	11.7 (1.5)	
62 Zn	11.7 (9)	10.2(2.1)	
$^{68}\mathrm{Se}$		≤ 19	
⁶⁴ Zn	19.5~(6)	21.7(2.8)	



M. Bender et al., communication privée

Résultats expérimentaux

> Excitation Coulombienne des noyaux de ⁷⁸Kr, ⁷²Ge et ⁶⁴Zn pour la normalisation

> Intensité du ⁷²Kr trop faible (< 54 pps) pour réaliser l'expérience



Faisceaux de normalisation

Le B(E2) mesuré est normalisé à une valeur connue

 \rightarrow « Calibration » du B(E2) en faisceaux stables de ⁷⁸Kr, ⁷²Ge et ⁶⁴Zn



Spectroscopie isomérique

Isomère E₀ du ⁷²Ge

Le premier état excité du ⁷²Ge est un état 0⁺, scénario connu pour le ⁷²Kr et attendu pour le ⁶⁸Se

La transition directe entre 2 états 0^+ (E₀) ne peut se faire par γ mais uniquement par électrons de conversion

A travers le spectromètre les ions sont compléments épluchés de leurs électrons atomiques: \rightarrow transition E₀ bloquée !





2+

E0

O+







