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Shape evolution and Collectivity beyond ⁷⁸Ni: Lifetime measurements of low-lying states in neutron-rich Zn

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Motivation



- Collectivity && np nh excitation
- **\square** ⁷⁸Ni(Z=28): doubly magic; prolate 2^+_2 state
- ⁷⁹Zn(Z=30): low-lying intruder state

⁸⁰Ge(Z=32): low-energy shape coexistence

First evidence: A. Gottardo *et al.*, PRL 116, 182501 (2016). No evidence: F. H. Garcia *et al.*, PRL 125, 172501 (2020).

N = 52 isotones: Shape transition from

Z = 34(soft triaxial) to 32(prolate)

C. Delafosse et al., PRL 121, 192502 (2018).



Deformation in even-even Zn isotopes





⁵⁰⁰ (a) $\rightarrow 0_{gs}^{+}$) (e²fm⁴) 400300÷7 200adopted values Niikura et al. B(E2;van de Walle et al. Louchart et al. 100 Leenhardt et al. Čeliković et al. 🔹 S. Hellgartner et al. (b) jj44c 1000 $\rightarrow 2_1^+$) (e²fm⁴) jun45 800 600 ÷÷ 400B(E2;200 32 34 36 38 404648 4244 Neutron number N

An onset of deformation towards heavier Zn isotopes was predicted by SM.
 Lifetime of 4⁺ and 2⁺ states is unknown for heavier Zn isotopes.

S. Hellgartner et al., PLB 841,137933(2023).

Triaxial deformation in 72,74Zn





- □ Triaxial deformation
- $\circ \quad \mathsf{R}_{22} = \mathsf{E}(2_2^+)/\mathsf{E}(2_1^+) = 2.54$
- Measured quadrupole moment
- Similar structure is also observed in ⁷⁴Zn.
 M. Rocchini et al., PRL 130, 122502(2023).
- Evidence on triaxial deformation beyond N = 50 is still missing.



S. Hellgartner et al., PLB 841,137933(2023).

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Previous study on ⁸²Zn₅₂



First study: ⁹Be(X,⁸²Zn+γ), DALI2
 only 621(11)-keV γ transition was observed
 2⁺ -> g.s.

Y. Shiga et al., PRC 93, 024320 (2016).

- □ Following up study: (p,2p), DALI2
- $\circ~$ three γ transitions were identified
- 618(15), $2_1^+ \rightarrow g.s.$
- \circ 692(12), $4_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$
- \circ 369(17), $0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$

C.M. Shand et al., PLB 773, 492(2017).

Precise energy measurement with detectors having better energy resolution is essential.





Experimental setup



HiCARI

- HiCARI campaign @ RIKEN Nishina Center
- 345MeV/u ²³⁸U beam of 60 pnA; ~58 hours physical run Ο
- ⁹Be @F0 Primary target: Ο
- Reaction target: 6-mm ⁹Be @F8 Ο
- ⁸²Zn: ⁹Be(⁸³Ga,⁸²Zn+y) Ο

Secondary beam

Particle Identification: $\triangle E - B\rho$ - TOF Ο

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High Resolution Cluster Array at RIBF(HiCARI)

- □ HiCARI: highly segmented HPGe array
- 6 Miniball triple clusters
- o 4 Clovers
- RCNP Quad(GRETINA type)
- LBNL triple(GRETINA type)
- □ Efficiency of $\approx 6\%$ @1 MeV







Lifetime measurement



γ-ray line-shape method J. R. Terry *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 77, 014316 (2008).

Geant4 simulation for ⁸²Zn

Energy (keV)



*C.M. Shand et al., PLB 773, 492(2017).

Doppler-corrected Spectra for ⁸²Zn

Energy[keV]

Lifetime results of 4⁺ and 2⁺ in ⁸²Zn

- □ 4⁺ state ○ $E_v(4^+->2^+) = 678(1) \text{ keV}$
- 2+ state
- \circ E_y(2⁺->0⁺) = 608(1) keV
- $\circ~$ gamma feeding from 4+ is included
- Uncertainty estimation:
- \circ statistical part is underestimated now;
- $\circ~$ systematic uncertainty is not included.

Exp B(E2) compared with calculations

0.0

0.2

0.6

Yang et al., PRC 104, 054312(2021).

Yang et al., PRC 107, 024308(2023).

0.4

- P-SU(3): pure P-SU(3)model
- g_{9/2}P-SU(3): with g_{9/2} core breaking

C. Delafosse et al., PRL 121, 192502(2018).

Systematics of B(E2) towards neutron-rich Zn FAIR $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{I}$

- Much attention has been attracted on the collectivity and shape evolution in ⁷⁸Ni region.
- An onset of deformation was predicted when moving towards neutron-rich Zn isotopes.
- A new experiment ⁹Be(⁸³Ga,⁸²Zn+γ) to study the collectivity of ⁸²Zn was performed at RIKEN within the HiCARI campaign.
- The 2_1^+ and 4_1^+ states are well separated, for the first time, by using highly segmented HPGe detectors.
- Preliminary lifetime of 2₁⁺ and 4₁⁺ states is deduced and the B(E2) values are compared with different theoretical calculations.
- Further discussion on the current results is still ongoing.

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