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### Abstract

Several  $N = 60$  isotones around  $^{100}\text{Zr}$  show rotational structures based on a deformed ground state. The shape transition from spherical single-particle structures of the  $N = 50$  closed-shell isotones to quadrupole deformation at  $N = 60$  can be described in terms of Quantum Phase Transitions (QPT). Recently, calculations using the Interacting Boson Model with configuration mixing (IBM-CM) of the ground and the  $2p$ - $2h$  intruder states could very well describe the experimentally observed sudden (sharp) shape transition in the even-Zr isotopes going from  $N = 58$  to  $N = 60$  as an abrupt configuration crossing (type II QPT) [1]. The calculation revealed that the type II QPT is accompanied by a type I QPT of the intruder state as gradual spherical-to-deformed shape transition of this configuration [1]. The calculations have been extended to the odd-Nb isotopes with  $N = 52$ - $64$  using the IBFM-CM by coupling the  $\pi(1g_{9/2})$  orbit to the Zr boson core [2]. Similarly to the even-Zr isotopic chain, the odd-Nb disclose a Type II QPT at  $N = 60$  accompanied by a type I QPT of the intruder configuration and which is the feature of an intertwined QPT [1,2].

We are reporting on further investigation on QPTs by presenting results of  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  lifetime measurements of the lowest excited states in the odd  $^{99}\text{Zr}$  and  $^{99}\text{Nb}$  nuclei. Highly effective and precise  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  fast-timing experiments have been performed at the LOHENGRIN fission-fragment separator of the Institut Laue-Langevin [3]. The deduced transition rates are compared with newest calculations on  $^{99}\text{Nb}$  within the IBFM-CM framework. Experimental results of transition rates in  $^{99}\text{Zr}$  [3] have been used to investigate QPTs by comparing with the IBFM constructed with deformation constrained self-consistent mean-field calculations based on the relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov model with a choice of a universal energy density functional and pairing interaction [4].

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