

Lifetime measurements in the even-even ¹⁰⁴⁻¹⁰⁸Cd

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Z~50 PHYSICS CASE





- Longest isotopic chain between two experimentally accessible doubly-magic nuclei.
- Unique opportunity for **systematic studies** of the basic nuclear properties.
- Balance between the closed-shell effects and evolving collectivity.



Vibrational-like character

2877 6+





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- Reduced transition probabilities and quadrupole moments
- Unobserved transitions between the three-, two- and one-phonon statates

P.E. Garrett and J.L. Wood have proposed a reinterpretation of the stable Cd nuclei:

Shape coexistence between rotational deformed structures





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EXPERIMENT

Deep-inelastic reaction to investigate the neutron-deficient Cd isotopes:

> Stable beam with higher intensity than previous experiment with radioactive beams



Normalized Area (shifted) 0.3Ē 0.2 0.1 0.0 (c) 16 14 Lifetime [ps] 12 10 100 200 300 400 500 Distance [µm] M. Siciliano, Nuovo Cimento C 40 (2017), 84

Verify the experimental procedure

(a)

(b)

Lifetime measurement via both DDCM and to check the real target-degrader DCM distances (i.e. plunger zero-offset)

 $\tau_{NNDC}(2^+) = 10.5(1) \text{ ps}$

τ_{DCM}(2⁺) = 10.7(4) ps $\tau_{\rm DDCM}(2^+) = 10.4(2) \text{ ps}$

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1.0

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0.8 0.7 E 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3

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Normalized Area (unshifted)



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RESULTS Lifetimes in ¹⁰⁶Cd

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RESULTS Lifetimes in ¹⁰⁸Cd

 $\tau_{_{\rm NNDC}}(2^+) = 9.9(1) \text{ ps}$

RESULTS Lifetimes in ¹⁰⁴Cd



τ_{lit}(2⁺) = 8.5(12) ps

 $\tau_{lit}(4^{+}) = 1.5(5) \text{ ps}$

N. Boalert et al., Phys. Rev. C 75 (2007), 054311



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RESULTS Reduced Transition Probability



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THEORETICAL INTERPRETATION Quadrupole-Pairing Interplay



Large-scale shell-model calculation, performed by the Strasbourg group, to explain the systematic of the reduced transition probability in the neutron-deficient Cd isotopes.

- Realistic potential: N3LO (CD-Bonn and AV18 provide same results)
- Renormalization: 30% for quadrupole force
 40% for pairing force
- Monopole-free
 ¹⁰⁰Sn single-particle spectrum, given by
 GEMO
- Full gds valence space 1p-1h excitations in the $(g_{_{9/2}})^{\pi}$

Deformed structures

CONCLUSIONS

- Deep-inelastic collisions are a powerful tool for populating the region close to ¹⁰⁰Sn. Thanks to the direct population of the states, electromagnetic properties of the low-lying states can be investigated.
- Lifetime of 2⁺₁ states has been measured in the even-even ¹⁰⁴⁻¹⁰⁸Cd.
 Lifetime of 4⁺₁ state has been measured for ¹⁰⁴Cd.
 The results confirm the values obtained in previous experiments.
- The extracted B(E2) values have been compared with LSSM calculations in the full *gds* valence space to explain the trend of neutron-deficient Cd isotopes.

FUTURE...?

Further investigation of neutron-deficient Cd nuclei via Coulomb excitation or lifetime measurements, to study the nature of side bands.

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EXPERIMENT Differential Plunger

The nuclear reaction takes place in the thin target and then the reaction products are slowed down by the degrader foil.

Because of the two different velocities, per each γ -ray transition two components are observed.





The γ -ray energy is Doppler corrected for β_u (measured by VAMOS++), so in the spectrum a second undercorrected shifted peak appears.

The relative intensity of the two peaks depends on the target-degrader TOF (β_s , distance) and lifetime.

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Information of the shell gap and collectivity evolution can be experimentally obtained from

- the excitation energy of the low-lying states
- the reduced transition probability



REACTION FRAGMENTS IDENTIFICATION Beam-like fragments

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Due to the almost symmetric reaction, the recoils energy was at the limit for the identification in the IC.

The identification of the fragments is challenging because of the high atomic number, close to the resolution limit of the IC.

- Empirical corrections to improve the resolution
- A systematic investigation was performed to identify the Z=50 channel

A good estimation for the even-even nuclei yield is given by the efficiency-corrected area of the peak related to $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_{g.s.}^+$ transition.

- > Yields asymmetry for $Z \ge 48$
- > Yields symmetry for $Z \leq 46$

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REACTION FRAGMENTS IDENTIFICATION

The VAMOS++ spectrometer allows the **complete identification** of the reaction products, providing the atomic number Z and mass A.



- Light ions with **Z~28** were populated via the fusionfission reaction of the beam with the degrader material
- Beam-like ions with **Z~48** were obtained via both multi-nucleon transfer reactions and deepinelastic collisions of the beam with the target

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Pairing force takes its revenge on quadrupole correlation

Results in ¹⁰⁸Sn allow to firmly define the pairing force