

Shapes in the stable Xe isotopic chain

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Xenon isotopes make one of the longest stable isotopic chains found in the entire nuclide chart and its vicinity is recognised as a region of the so-called „ γ -soft” nuclei (axially deformed shapes that are soft with respect to triaxial deformations). The Xe isotopes exhibit a slow transition from vibrational level structures close to the $N=82$ neutron shell closure (^{136}Xe) to the relatively well-deformed γ -soft isotopes (^{124}Xe and ^{126}Xe). The quadrupole deformation can be studied via E2 transition strengths and the spectroscopic moments. Transition probabilities were measured in Coulomb excitation experiments in $^{124,126,128,130,132}\text{Xe}$, however, no information on the spectroscopic quadrupole moments of the excited states in the Xe isotopes has been published so far, except for ^{130}Xe [[1]]. To date, the richest set of electromagnetic matrix elements has been extracted from the Coulomb excitation of ^{128}Xe , partially published in [[2]]. The analysis of Coulomb excitation of ^{128}Xe is now being finalised with the new spectroscopic information available for this isotope (i.e., lifetimes of the excited states), and will provide key information on the quadrupole shapes in both the ground and the excited states in this nucleus.

In this talk I will present the results of the Coulomb excitation of $^{128,130}\text{Xe}$ isotopes together with the theoretical predictions of the shape evolution along the Xe isotopic chain.

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