# Beta-decay and transition probabilities near closed shell and deformed nuclei

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Basic text books:

K.S. Krane: Introductory Nuclear Physics John Wiley and Sons, 1988

Povh, Rith Scholz and Zetsche: Particles and Nuclei *3rd Eddition, Springer 2002* 

G.F. Knoll: Radiation Detectors and Measurements *3rd Eddition, John Wiley and Sons*  Three 'laboratories' to study neutron-proton neutron-neutron and proton-proton interactions



• Within complex nuclei

# **Complex Nuclei**



Magic numbers: 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126

Nuclear Shell Model

From E.White

## **Core and valence particles**



## What is a $\beta$ -decay ?

Beta decay is a transformation of a neutron to a proton or a proton to a neutron. It has some peculiarities.

Neutron	Proton	
Baryon U	Baryon	
1up 2down quarks	2up 1down quarks	
fermion	fermion	
Spin 1/2	Spin ½	
Isospin 1/2	Isospin 1/2	
parity +1	parity +1	
Mass 1.008664915(6) u	Mass 1.007276466(10) u	
τ 885.7(8) s (free)	$\tau$ >2.1 x 10 <sup>29</sup> years (stable)	
el. charge 0 e	el. charge 1 e	
Magn.m1.9130427(5) μ <sub>N</sub> Magn.m. 2.79284735		



Within a nucleus neutron can be stable and proton can beta decay!

# Why?

This is due to nuclear masses and binding energies.

The binding energy BE of the nucleus is the difference between the mass of the nucleus and the mass of the Z protons and N neutrons.

$$BE = (Z \cdot m_p + N \cdot m_n - M) \cdot c^2$$

The mass is often expressed in terms of amu (atomic mass units) which is defined by

1 amu = 
$$1/12(M(^{12}C)) = 1.66 \cdot 10^{-24}g$$



#### **EXAMPLE binding energy for <sup>18</sup>O** (8 protons and 10 neutrons)

neutron $1.008486$ $8021$ $0$ $^{18}O$ $17.99916$ $-782$ $1.382 \cdot 10^5$	particle proton neutron <sup>18</sup> O	mass (amu) 1.007596 1.008486 17.99916	$\Delta A \ ({ m keV})$ 7299 8021 -782	${f BE}\ ({ m keV})\ 0\ 0\ 1.382{\cdot}10^5$
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8 protons => 8x1.007596 10 neutrons => 10x1.08486 for a total of 18.14563 amu

BE= 0.14647 amu =  $2.43 \times 10^{-28}$  kg =>  $2.19 \times 10^{-11}$  J =  $1.37 \times 10^{8}$  eV

= 137 MeV or 7.6 MeV/nucleon

## **Binding Energy of Nuclei**

The breaking of heavy elements can produce energy



The nucleus is bound by the strong force. Stable nuclei will tend to have more neutrons than protons at large A due to Coulomb repulsion.



## Fission and Neutron-rich nuclei







### How do we measure nuclear masses ?



- 1. using magnetic spectrographs (not very precise)
- 2. from Qbeta measurements using beta-gamma coincidences
- 3. Using Penning Trap techniques, nuclear reactions...

Beta decay is one of the few possible decay channels. Key condition: a nuclear system of lower mass.







#### Masses of odd- and even- isobaric multiplets





#### Beta Energy Spectra





## Interaction of charge particles with matter

Light charge particles (electrons)

excitation and ionization of atoms in absorber material (atomic effects) interaction with electrons in materials (collision, scatter) deceleration by Coulomb interaction (Bremsstrahlung)

Heavy charged particles (Z>1)

excitation and ionization of atoms in absorber material (atomic effects Coulomb interaction with nuclei in material (collision, scatter) (long range forces)

Neutrons:

interaction by collision with nuclei in material (short range forces)



Interaction of Charged Particles with Matter

## Interaction of gamma-rays with matter



### **Compton scattering**





## Space inside an atom is empty !



 $\Phi_a = n_a v_a$ 



## **Detectors for nuclear radiation**

Scintillators:gamma, beta, charged particles<br/>poor energy resolution<br/>excellent time resonseSemiconductors HPGe:gamma, beta<br/>excellent energy resolution

poor time response









# Key aspects of fast response phototubes













## Signal processing: the amplifier







## Signal processing: coincidence circuit





Random or true events?

Detectors are mostly idle!

## True time determination of a hit in a detector

#### **CFD** solution



#### Random events

• Random events ("randoms") are  $\gamma$ -events uncorrelated to the  $\beta$ -decay.



**From Ralf Schuber** 

## **Constructing a level scheme**



#### Inverting the gate of one of the $\gamma$ -rays in coincident with the 243.7 keV peak



# Pause !


# The position of the $h_{11/2}$ neutron hole state in ${}^{131}Sn$



Table of Isotopes 1998, R.B. Firestone et al.

# B.Fogelberg and J. Blomqvist, Phys.Lett. B137 (1984) 20, also Nucl.Phys. A429 (1984) 205



The Qbeta end-point energies shown here suggest strongly that both the 779.2 and 2192.2 keV gamma rays follow the decay of the 2434.0 keV level in <sup>131</sup>Sn.

The excitation energy of the 11/2state in <sup>131</sup>Sn was consistently found troublesome !



E(MeV)

4.75 r

Experiment

The single-particle energies are also taken from experiment. However, we think that the experimental energy difference  $\epsilon h_{11/2}^{-1} - \epsilon d_{3/2}^{-1} = 241.8 \text{ keV},$ measured for <sup>131</sup>Sn is very likely uncorrect. We have used in this calculation a more realistic value of 110 keV

J. Genevey et al, Eur. Phys. J. A7 (2000) 463

Theory

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It followed from their shell model interpretation of the structures in <sup>123</sup>Sn-<sup>129</sup>Sn and <sup>124-130</sup>Sn that the excitation energy is lower than 140 keV.

The OSIRIS fission product separator was located at the Studsvik Laboratory in Sweden.

Thermal neutrons were provided by the R2-0 600 kW reactor, which was a movable reactor.





It utilizes a high temperature ANUBIStype integrated target-ion-source with typically a target of about 1 g of <sup>235</sup>U





A number of experiments have been performed at the OSIRIS fission product mass separator at Studsvik and included gamma-gamma coincidences using Ge spectrometers and beta-gamma Qbeta measurements using a thin HPGe spectrometer for beta detection and a well shielded Ge detector.



Beta-particle-gated gamma-ray spectrum obtained for the decays of the three isomers of <sup>131</sup>In. Data from the new experiment.



Beta energy spectra gated by respective gamma-rays from the two isomers of <sup>131</sup>Sn; data from the beta-gamma Qbeta measurements at OSIRIS.

B. Fogelberg et al. PRC70, 034312 (2004)

4640-

4620

4600

Gate 7 -

Gate Gate 2003 A&W->

1999 SI(LI)->

A more precise value of 65.1 keV may be deduced from the level scheme of <sup>131</sup>Sn obtained currently, however without firm support from gammagamma coincidence data.

The new value of 69(14) keV, which is relatively low, is in agreement with systematics and in disagreement with the previous determination.



## **Ultra fast timing and transition rates**

## **Transition matrix elements**

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Selection rules for some electromagnetic transitions.

Multi-	Electric		Magnetic			
polarity	Eℓ	$ \Delta J $	$\Delta P$	Mℓ	$ \Delta J $	$\Delta P$
Dipole Quadrupole	E1 E2	1 2	 +	M1 M2	1 2	+
Octupole	E3	3	_	M3	3	+

# Variety of cases

$$B(^M_E\lambda;I_i\to I_f) = \frac{L[(2L+1)!!]^2\hbar}{8\pi(L+1)}(\frac{\hbar c}{E_\gamma})^{2L+1} \quad P_\gamma(^M_E\lambda;I_i\to I_f)$$





1. 1.			Ex (Mew), Ty (	5)
B(E1) =	6.446 × 10-2 A2/3	er fm²	B(E1) = 6.29	c 10 <sup>-16</sup>
$B_w(EZ) =$	5.940 × 10-2 A 4/3	e" fm"	B(E2) = 8.20	10-1
$B_w(E3) =$	5.940 × 10-2 A2	etho	B(E3) = 1.76	× 10-3
Bw (E4)=	6.285 × 10-2 A8/3	e <sup>r</sup> fin <sup>9</sup>	B(E4) = 5.92	×103
Bu(MI)=	1.790	1 m	B(MI) = 5.68	10-14
Bw (H2)=	1.650 A <sup>2/3</sup>	put for	B(M2) = 7.41	10-8
Bw (M3)=	1.650 A4/3	1 sites 4	B(H3) = 1.59	10-1
Bw (M4) =	1.746 A2	mi fon 6	B(H4) = 5.34	105

$$E_{x}(M \cdot \omega), \quad T_{y}(s)$$

$$B(E1) = 6.29 \times 10^{-16} E_{y}^{-3} T_{y}^{-1} e^{4}f^{-3}$$

$$B(E2) = 8.20 \times 10^{-16} E_{y}^{-5} T_{y}^{-1} e^{4}f^{-3}$$

$$B(E3) = 1.76 \times 10^{-3} E_{y}^{-7} T_{y}^{-1} e^{4}f^{-3}$$

$$B(E4) = 5.92 \times 10^{3} E_{y}^{-9} T_{y}^{-1} e^{4}f^{-1}$$

$$B(M1) = 5.68 \times 10^{-14} E_{y}^{-3} T_{y}^{-1} \mu^{-1}$$

$$B(M2) = 7.41 \times 10^{-8} E_{y}^{-5} T_{y}^{-1} \mu^{-1} f^{-1}$$

$$B(M3) = 1.59 \times 10^{-1} E_{y}^{-7} T_{y}^{-1} \mu^{-1} f^{-1}$$

$$E(M4) = 5.34 \times 10^{5} E_{y}^{-9} T_{y}^{-1} \mu^{-1} f^{-1}$$



Fig. 1. Gamma-ray strength distributions in the A = 91-150 region for transitions of different character (E0-E6, M1-M4). The logarithmic abscissa scale indicates the strength in Weisskopf units, except for E0 transitions which are in Wilkinson units.





A-91-150

A+45-90

A= 21 - 44

A= 6 - 20

0

log S (W.u.)

-1

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P.M. Endt, ADNDT 26(1981) 47



# Measurement techniques of nuclear half lives





decay.

# The region NE of <sup>132</sup>Sn



## **CERN Accelerator Complex**





## Production





- Diffusion
- Effusion
  - http://www.targisol.csic.es/

## **Measurement Station**



**Ge:** Used to detect  $\gamma$ -rays, characterized by high energy resolution but poor time response

LaBr<sub>3</sub>(Ce)/BaF<sub>2</sub>: Fast response  $\gamma$ -detectors but having poor energy resolution; they are used as our stop watch detectors.



# **Experimental setup**



- Double coincidences between beta- and gamma-rays (beta-Ge and beta-LaBr<sub>3</sub> detectors)
- Triple coincidences of the betagamma-gamma type involving beta-Ge-Ge and Beta-Ge-LaBr<sub>3</sub> detectors.



The range for the measurements is from 30 ps to 30 ns (or longer) by the slope method and down to about 5-10 ps by the centroid shift method, see H.Mach et al. Nucl. Phys. A523 (1991) 197.



Our experiment represented one of the first applications of  $LaBr_3(Ce)$  to fast timing

LaBr<sub>3</sub>(Ce) has much better energy resolution than  $BaF_2$  (a factor of ~3) and currently very similar time resolutions, with a strong potential for an improvement.

Observe better energy resolution and also much improved peak to Compton ratio critical in Fast Timing

## **Core and valence particles**



#### Results on <sup>134</sup>Sb from the beta decay of <sup>134</sup>Sn



#### Beta-gamma-gamma coincidences using Beta-Ge-Ge detectors







#### Lifetime measurement of the 383 keV level



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### Comparison to the shell model calculations

Levels	Exp.	Brown	Covello+Gargano
	(keV)	(keV)	(keV)
p g <sub>7/2</sub> - n	f <sub>7/2</sub>		
0-	0	0	0
1-	13	333	52
2-	331	404	385
3-	383	587	429
4-	555	705	621
5-	441	613	494
6-	617	751	727
7-	279	402	407
p d <sub>5/2</sub> – n	1 f <sub>7/2</sub>		
1-	885	1025	868
2-	935	863	935

### Comparison to the shell model calculations

Levels	Exp.	Brown	Covello+Gargano
3- to 2-	B(M1) = 2.0(0.4) u <sub>N</sub> <sup>2</sup>	1.60	1.39
3- to 1-	B(E2) = 118 (26) e <sup>2</sup> fm <sup>4</sup>	84	115
2- to 0-	B(E2) = 429(238) e <sup>2</sup> fm <sup>4</sup>	90	123

Note: B(M1) is one of the fastest in all known nuclei at the excitation energy below 3 MeV !



Fig. 6. Comparison of M1 strength distributions for different A-regions. Data for A = 6-44 and A = 45-90 are from Refs. 1 and 2, respectively.
### Core and valence particles in <sup>135</sup>Sb?



#### The case of <sup>135</sup>Sb: one proton two neutrons outside <sup>132</sup>Sn

# First information on the excited states in <sup>135</sup>Sb came from the work by P. Bhattacharyya et al. Eur.Phys.J. A3 (1998) 109



By analysis of fission product  $\gamma$ -ray data measured at Eurogam II using a <sup>248</sup>Cm source, yrast levels up to about 2 MeV in the N=84 three-particle nucleus <sup>135</sup>Sb have been identified. These levels are interpreted as  $\pi g_{7/2} \nu f_{7/2}^2$  and  $\pi g_{7/2} \nu f_{7/2} h_{9/2}$  states with the help of shell model calculations using empirical nucleon-nucleon interactions.

Experiments at the OSIRIS and ISOLDE/CERN facilities confirmed the exceptionally low energy of the first excited state in <sup>135</sup>Sb, at only 282 keV



A. Korgul et al., Phys.Rev. C64 (2001) 021302(R)J. Shergur et al., Phys.Rev. C65 (2002) 034313

shell model study by Alex Brown reveals problem with the excitation energy of the 282 keV level



Level systematics of the d5/2 and g7/2 states in odd Sb

The low position of the first excited state in <sup>135</sup>Sb provides support for the idea that nuclei with an N/Z ratio that exceeds 1.6 have a more diffuse nuclear surface that changes the relative binding energies of low-spin orbitals when compared to higher-spin orbits.

#### SM calculations by Alex Brown with shifted $\pi d_{5/2}$ by -300 keV



A selective shifting of an orbit is an interesting but a very controversial idea!

What can we learn from the B(M1) and B(E2) rates for the 282 keV transition?

Our naive expectation was that if

- the 5/2<sup>+</sup> 282-keV and the 7/2<sup>+</sup> ground states are mainly proton  $d_{5/2}$  and  $g_{7/2}$ , then both B(M1) and B(E2) will be slow leading to a long level lifetime

- if the 282-keV state is mainly collective, these rates would be much faster, and the lifetime would be short.

Measurement has been performed at the OSIRIS separator at Studsvik in 2004

 $T_{1/2} = 6.1 \ (0.4) \ \text{ns}$ 



A. Korgul et al., EPJ in press, May 2007

#### A summary of the experimental situation at the end of Paestum Conference in 2004



Comparison of the equivalent nuclear systems at <sup>132</sup>Sn and <sup>208</sup>Pb.

## The B(M1) and B(E2) values are in Weisskopf Units.

The low excitation energy of the 282 keV state remains a puzzle.

#### What next?

- Situation is not clear in <sup>135</sup>Sb.
- More experimental information was needed in order to define better the M1 operator parameters north-west from <sup>132</sup>Sn.
- Other transition rates were needed in <sup>135</sup>Sb in order to provide more constrains on the calculations.
- Of particular interest was the location of the  $1/2^+$  state in <sup>135</sup>Sb expected at low excitation energy and whose origin was mainly due to the coupling of d<sub>5/2</sub> proton to the 2<sup>+</sup> of the core.

#### Results for <sup>135</sup>Sb from the beta-n decay of 0<sup>+</sup> <sup>136</sup>Sn



gamma-gamma coincidence spectrum gated by the 282 keV transition in <sup>135</sup>Sb. It shows two strong lines at 158 and 241 keV. The first one is known.





•If the new state is 1/2+ and it feeds the 5/2+ state at 282 keV, then the transition is E2.

•The model calculations imply that the 1/2+ state is mainly the 5/2+ state coupled to the core 2+.

•The 241 keV transition should then be 'collective' with the B(E2) related to the B(E2) value of the core.

•The 440 keV state is mainly the ground state 7/2+ coupled to the 2+ of the core. Thus the 440 keV transition is basically the core deexcitation, while the 158 keV transition in addition has the d5/2 to g7/2 component – it must be slow.



### Preliminary !





Core excitation:

<sup>134</sup>Sn B(E2; 2-0) = 1.42 (24) W.u. (<sup>136</sup>Te B(E2; 2-0) = 5.0 (7) W.u.)

# <sup>135</sup>Sb

241: B(E2; 1/2 - 5/2) = 13.0 (11) W.u.

- 440: B(E2; 3/2 7/2) > 4.3 W.u.
- 158: B(M1; 3/2 − 5/2) > 0.004 W.u.

282: B(E2; 5/2 − 7/2) < 1.3 W.u.</li>
282: B(M1; 5/2 − 7/2) < 0.00017 W.u.</li>

#### Comparison to the shell model calculations

Levels	Exp.	Brown	Covello+Gargano
	(keV)	(keV)	(keV)
7/2+	0	0	0
5/2+	282	316	391
3/2+	440	408	509
1/2+	523	527	678
11/2+	707	666	750
9/2+	798	869	813
15/2+	1118	1088	1124

Calculations by A. Brown include the 300 keV lowering of the proton  $d_{5/2}$  orbit.

#### Comparison to the shell model calculations

Levels	Exp.	Brown	Covello+Gargano
5/2 to 7/2	B(M1) < 0.0003 u <sub>N</sub> <sup>2</sup>	0.0021	0.0040
	B(E2) < 54 e <sup>2</sup> fm <sup>4</sup>	29	32
3/2 to 5/2	B(M1) > 0.007 u <sub>N</sub> <sup>2</sup>	0.178 (*)	
3/2 to 7/2	B(E2) > 177 e <sup>2</sup> fm <sup>4</sup>	408	
1/2 to 5/2	B(E2) = 527(26) e <sup>2</sup> fm <sup>4</sup>	678	566

(\*) The B(M1) value is higher by about factor of 10 than the experimental one.

Note: both calculations predict a very collective B(E2) for the  $1/2^+$  to  $5/2^+$  transition, but as a consequence they cannot be in agreement with the very low B(E2; 2-0) rate in <sup>136</sup>Te !



Determination of quadrupole deformation in deformed nuclei

- Quadrupole ellipsoid shape
- Octupole pear shaped
- Hexadecapole extension along axes
- Dipole ?



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An elementary quadrupole would be seen as having zero charge and zero dipole moment at a great distance. Its interaction with an electric field can be quantified in terms of its quadrupole moment.



An ellipsoidal charge distribution can be represented by a spherical charge plus a quadrupole, and the spherical charge can be represented by a point charge for assessing its field and potential outside the volume of the charge. It follows that a spherically symmetric charge has no quadrupole moment.

$$\begin{split} E &= \int U(x, y, z)\rho \, d\tau = U(0) \int \rho \, d\tau \\ &+ \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}\right)_0 \int x\rho \, d\tau + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}\right)_0 \int y\rho \, d\tau + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial z}\right)_0 \int z\rho \, d\tau \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}\right)_0 \int x^2 \rho \, d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2}\right)_0 \int y^2 \rho \, d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2}\right)_0 \int z^2 \rho \, d\tau \\ &+ \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \, \partial y}\right)_0 \int xy\rho \, d\tau + \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \, \partial z}\right)_0 \int xz\rho \, d\tau + \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y \, \partial z}\right)_0 \int yz\rho \, d\tau \\ &+ \text{higher-order terms.} \end{split}$$
(1-12)  
Harald A. Enge Introductio to Nuclear Physics

### **Derivation of Quadrupole Moment**

$$\Delta E_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2} \right)_0 \int z^2 \rho \, d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} \right)_0 \int \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} \, \rho \, d\tau.$$

Now, from Laplace's equation, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2}$$

By substituting this and  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , we obtain

$$\Delta E_2 = rac{1}{4} \left( rac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2} 
ight)_0 \int (3z^2 - r^2) 
ho \ d au = rac{eQ}{4} \left( rac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2} 
ight)_0$$
,

$$Q = (1/e) \int (3z^2 - r^2) \rho \, d\tau.$$

$$Q_J = \frac{2}{5}Z(a^2 - b^2) \approx \frac{6}{5}ZR^2(\Delta R/R).$$

Any deformation can be expanded into a series basic shapes. How to determine them?

- •Coulomb excitation by other nuclei
- •Hyperfine interaction (via laser spectroscopy)
- •Different deformations have specific low lying excited states (called collective states) and collective de-excitation mode



Relationship between deformation, B(E2) and level mean life for the first excited 2+ state in an even-even nucleus  $B(E2) = 8.20 \times 10^{-12} E_{\gamma}^{-5} \tau_{\gamma}^{-1} e^2 f m^4$  $B_{W.u.}(E2) = 5.940 \times 10^{-2} A^{4/3} e^2 fm^4$  $Q_j = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{16\pi}{5}}B(E2; 2 \to 0)}{447}$ 

TABLE I: Experimental half-lives for the  $2_1^+$  192.3-keV state and the B(E2;  $0_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ ) values for <sup>104</sup>Mo.

$B(E2; 0^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$	$T_{1/2}$	Method	Reference
$e^2b^2$	$\mathbf{ps}$		
	450(90)	DC-PF $^{a}$	[3]
	911(30)	DC-PF $^a$	[4]
	880(100)	DC-PF <sup>a</sup>	[5]
	968(78)	Diff-Plung <sup>b</sup>	[6]
	721(41)	$eta\gamma\gamma^{\ c,d}$	[7]
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 $^{e}$  measured using the IGISOL mass separator.

 $^{f}$ averaged value from the  $\beta\gamma\gamma$  results only; [1] S. Raman et al., NDT 78 (2001) 1

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**Table 1.** The transition quadrupole moments and state lifetimes deduced from our plunger analysis of the yrast bands in <sup>100</sup>Zr and <sup>104</sup>Mo. Where possible, the results are compared with previous measurements. The quoted uncertainties are purely statistical in origin.

	Möller <sup>a</sup>			Previous	This	s work	
Nucleus	Q (eb)	$I_i \rightarrow I_f$	$E_{\gamma}$ (keV)	Q (eb)	Q (eb)	τ (ps)	
$\frac{100}{40}$ Zr <sub>60</sub>	3.36	$2 \rightarrow 0$	212.7	3.01 (19) <sup>b</sup>	3.19 (14)	928 (75)	
		$4 \rightarrow 2$	351.9		3.16 (14)	53.4 (5)	
		$6 \rightarrow 4$	497.4		3.50 (40)	7.0 (16)	
		$8 \rightarrow 6$	625.6	3.19 (10) <sup>c</sup>	3.23 (16)	2.49 (25)	
		$10 \rightarrow 8$	738.6	3.19 (10) <sup>c</sup>			
		$12 \rightarrow 10$	846.6	3.19 (10) <sup>c</sup>			
$^{104}_{42}$ Mo <sub>62</sub>	3.54	$2 \rightarrow 0$	192.2	3.29 (13) <sup>b</sup>	3.35 (14)	1396 (112)	Q = 3.88
12		$4 \rightarrow 2$	368.6		3.35 (05)	37.7 (11)	
		$6 \rightarrow 4$	519.4	3.40 (65) <sup>d</sup>	3.18 (05)	6.83 (21)	
		$8 \rightarrow 6$	641.8	2.84 (14) <sup>c</sup>	2.68 (07)	3.19 (16)	
		$10 \rightarrow 8$	733.4	2.84 (14) <sup>c</sup>	2.71 (09)	1.56 (10)	

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**Table 1.** The transition quadrupole moments and state lifetimes deduced from our plunger analysis of the yrast bands in  $^{100}$ Zr and  $^{104}$ Mo. Where possible, the results are compared with previous measurements. The quoted uncertainties are purely statistical in origin.

	Möller <sup>a</sup>			Previous	This work	
Nucleus	Q (eb)	$I_i \rightarrow I_f$	$E_{\gamma}$ (keV)	Q (eb)	Q (eb)	τ (ps)
$^{100}_{40}\mathrm{Zr}_{60}$	3.36	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \rightarrow 0 \\ 4 \rightarrow 2 \end{array}$	212.7	3.01 (19) <sup>b</sup>	3.19 (14)	928 (75) 53 4 (5)
		$6 \rightarrow 4$	497.4		3.50 (40)	7.0 (16)
R=2	.65	$\begin{array}{c} 8 \rightarrow 6 \\ 10 \rightarrow 8 \\ 12 \rightarrow 10 \end{array}$	625.6 738.6 846.6	3.19 (10) <sup>c</sup> 3.19 (10) <sup>c</sup> 3.19 (10) <sup>c</sup>	3.23 (16)	2.49 (25)
$^{104}_{42}Mo_{62}$	3.54	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \rightarrow 0 \\ 4 \rightarrow 2 \end{array}$	192.2 368.6	3.29 (13) <sup>b</sup>	<b>Q = 3.88</b> 3.35 (05)	1396 (112) 37.7 (11)
R=2	.92	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \rightarrow 4 \\ 8 \rightarrow 6 \\ 10 \rightarrow 8 \end{array}$	519.4 641.8 733.4	3.40 (65) <sup>d</sup> 2.84 (14) <sup>c</sup> 2.84 (14) <sup>c</sup>	3.18 (05) 2.68 (07) 2.71 (09)	6.83 (21) 3.19 (16) 1.56 (10)

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