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Decay Spectroscopy of Neutron-Rich Cd Around the $N = 82$ Shell Closure (student talk)

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The neutron-rich Cadmium isotopes around the well-known magic numbers at $Z = 50$ and $N = 82$ are prime candidates to study the evolving shell structure observed in exotic nuclei. Additionally, the extra binding energy observed around the nearby doubly-magic ^{132}Sn has direct correlations in astrophysical models, leading to the second r-process abundance peak at $A \approx 130$ and the corresponding waiting-point nuclei around $N = 82$. The β -decay of the $N = 82$ isotope ^{130}Cd into ^{130}In was first studied a decade ago [1], but the information for states of the lighter indium isotope (^{128}In) is still limited. Detailed $\beta\gamma$ -spectroscopy of ^{128}Cd was accomplished using the GRIFFIN [2] facility at TRIUMF, which is capable of performing spectroscopy down to rates of 0.1 pps.

The ongoing analysis of the $^{128,131,132}\text{Cd}$ will be presented. Already in ^{128}Cd , 23 new transitions and 15 new states have been observed in addition to the 4 previously observed excited states [3]. These new results are compared with recent Shell Model calculations. For ^{131}Cd , results will be compared with the recent EURICA data. These data highlight the unique capabilities of GRIFFIN for decay spectroscopy on the most exotic, short-lived isotopes, and the necessity to re-investigate even “well-known” decay schemes for missing transitions.

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