Quadrupole collectivity in ²⁰Mg

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The Coulomb excitation of the very proton-rich nucleus 20 Mg was studied using a radioactive 20 Mg beam at 58 A MeV impinging on a lead target.

The reduced transition probability $B(\text{E2}; 0_{gs}^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)$ was extracted.

The ratio of the neutron-to-proton multipole matrix elements ${\cal M}_n/{\cal M}_p$

was deduced by comparing the B(E2) with that for the mirror nucleus ²⁰O assuming the isospin symmetry. The results confirm the large M_n/M_p in ²⁰O, leading to a large isovector component for the transition.

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