B1 TRANSIENT MAGNETIC FIELDS AT HIGH VELOCITY

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The spin precession of the very short lived (60 fs) 4.43 MeV level of 12 C has been measured with the transient magnetic field in Fe at a recoil velocity of v/c = 0.03. The measurement yields an integral precession angle of $\Delta \theta = 0.49$ ± 0.11 mrad, which is almost a factor of two smaller than the result of a recent experiment in Strasbourg 1). The present value can be explained by polarized electron capture ²) in the 1s shell of the C-ion.

The observed linear velocity dependence of the transient field for e.g. ²⁸Si [ref.²] can well be explained by capture of polarized electrons into 2s or 1s shell vacancies of the moving ion. As was recently pointed out by Brandt 3), however, the velocity dependence can also be explained by the inclusion of higher-order effects in the calculation of the enhancement of the electron density at the moving nuclear charge.

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B2 THE RECOMMENDED UPPER LIMIT FOR ISOSPIN RETARTED M1 TRANSITIONS

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From the measured strengths of 30 isospin retarded (isoscalar) M1 (M1 $_{IS}$) transitions between bound states in nuclei in the A < 45 region a recommended upper limit (RUL) of 30 mW.u. has been derived ¹).

Recently, the lifetime of the 5.69 MeV level in ¹⁴N has been measured as 10 ± 2 fs ²), which together with the branching of (3.7 ± 1.4) % ³) for the 5.69 \rightarrow 5.11 MeV transition would yield an M1_{IS} strength of 600 \pm 250 mW.u., exceeding the RUL value by a factor of 20.

The branching of the 5.69 MeV level has been remeasured by means of the ${}^{13}C(p,\gamma){}^{14}N$ reaction ($E_p = 551$ keV). From singles γ -ray spectra taken with 80 and 100 cm³ Ge(Li) detectors and with a Compton suppression spectrometer an upper limit of 0.5 % can be deduced for the 5.69 \rightarrow 5.11 MeV branch.

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