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Study of the magicity of the ^{13}B nucleus and mixed configurations in ^{12}Be via QFS knockout reactions.

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The $^{13}\text{B}(p, pn)^{12}\text{B}$ and $^{13}\text{B}(p, 2p)^{12}\text{Be}$ reactions have been used at about 470 MeV/A with CH₂ and C targets to study the shell structure of two $N = 8$ isotones.

The ^{13}B nuclei were produced by the FRS-GSI facility and transmitted to the R3B-LAND beam line where the γ -sphere Crystal Ball and the neutron detector Land were used to determine the cross section of the bound and unbound states in ^{12}B and ^{12}Be nuclei, in which the energy and J values of almost all populated states were previously assigned.

In case of a strong $N = 8$ shell closure in the ^{13}B nucleus, the $0p_{1/2}$ neutron orbital (the normal configuration) is expected to be fully occupied, with a negligible fraction of occupancy for the valence $1s_{1/2}$ and $0d_{5/2}$ orbitals (the intruder one). In such a case, the neutron removal reaction will not populate states of negative parity constructed with these intruder configurations. From the small content of intruder $1s0d$ states that we found, it is deduced that the magicity at $N = 8$ is strongly preserved in ^{13}B , similarly to the doubly magic nucleus ^{14}C , before suddenly collapsing in ^{12}Be where the intruder content is by far dominating. Our results are globally in agreement with those extracted from the $^{13}\text{B}(p, d)^{12}\text{B}$ transfer reaction [1].

From the $^{13}\text{B}(p, 2p)^{12}\text{Be}$ reaction, we obtained the sum of the 0_1^+ and 0_2^+ isomeric state, the feeding of the 2_1^+ bound state as well as the one of the 2_2^+ resonance state [2]. By using the wave functions of the 0_1^+ and 0_2^+ states proposed by Chen *et al.* [3], and that of ^{13}B deduced from our study of $^{13}\text{B}(p, pn)^{12}\text{B}$ reaction, we find that the one-proton removals reactions to the 0_1^+ and 0_2^+ states in ^{12}Be have similar cross sections. As for the 2_2^+ state, we have observed its decays to the ground and first excited states of ^{11}Be , as well as to the ground state of ^{10}Be by $2n$ emissions. This clarifies the controversy on its decay and nature from the works of Fortune [4] and Smith *et al.* [5]. The cross section to the 2_2^+ state is about 8 times larger than that of the 2_1^+ state. We therefore conclude that the two 0^+ states exhibit more mixing than the 2^+ does, and that the 2_2^+ state is a candidate for the spherical band in ^{12}Be .

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