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Experimental Investigation of Nuclear Tidal Waves in ^{102}Pd ¹

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Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL 60439 — The region
of the transitional nuclei has been shown to exhibit yrast state properties that are
intermediate between those of a rotor and a vibrator and have been described in the
Tidal Wave theory as quadrupole running waves on the surface of the nucleus. The
concept of nuclear tidal waves allows for the microscopic calculation of the energies
and transition probabilities of yrast states by means of the cranked mean field the-
ory. In the present study, we investigated this concept by measuring lifetimes of the
yrast band in the ^{102}Pd nucleus using the $^{76}\text{Ge}(^{30}\text{Si}, 4n)^{102}\text{Pd}$ reaction with GAM-
MASPHERE. Tidal wave calculations have shown that ^{102}Pd is a candidate nucleus
for affirming this phenomenon in the transitional region. The extracted $B(E2)$'s for
the yrast band appear to follow the increase with spin predicted by theory.

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