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Coulomb Excitation of Radioactive <sup>21</sup>Na with TIGRESS and **BAMBINO<sup>1</sup>** MICHAEL SCHUMAKER, University of Guelph, TIGRESS AND BAMBINO COLLABORATION — The first experiment to use modules of the TRIUMF-ISAC Gamma-Ray Escape-Suppressed Spectrometer (TIGRESS) with an accelerated radioactive ion beam has been performed successfully, using the ISAC facility at TRIUMF. The low-energy structures of the five-particle nuclei <sup>21</sup>Na and <sup>21</sup>Ne were examined, in order to test model predictions of these deformed nuclei. For <sup>21</sup>Na, the  $\pm 86\%$  uncertainty on the previously accepted B(E2) value, resulting from the dominance of M1 decay in these nuclei, has made comparison difficult. Beam particles were accelerated to 1.7 MeV/A, and Coulomb excited in a <sup>nat</sup>Ti target. Recoiling projectile and target ions were detected by the BAMBINO segmented silicon detector, while  $\gamma$ -ray yields were determined using two TIGRESS detectors perpendicular to the beam axis. For <sup>21</sup>Na and <sup>21</sup>Ne, Coulomb excitation from the  $3/2^+$  ground state to the  $5/2^+$  state was observed. Strongly enhanced B(E2) values were determined, which will be compared with the simplest quadrupole rotor model, and shell model predictions.

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