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Electromagnetic moments and radii near N =32,34

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Nuclei in the neighborhood of calcium isotopes play a key role in the development of many-body methods and provide an important test for current descriptions of the nuclear force. The properties of stable nuclei in the vicinity of the two naturally occurring doubly-magic calcium (Z = 20) isotopes, ⁴⁰Ca (N = 20) and ⁴⁸Ca (N = 28), have been extensively studied, both experimentally and theoretically. Recently, special attention has been given to the evolution of nuclear structure in exotic neutron-rich isotopes beyond N = 28, where evidence of doubly-magic features have been reported at N = 32 [1] and N = 34 [2]. This contribution presents the latest results obtained with laser spectroscopy in the region. Measurements of the hyperfine structure spectra and isotope shifts for the potassium (Z = 19) and calcium (Z = 20) isotopic chains were obtained by using optical detection at COLLAPS, ISOLDE-CERN. From these measurements, our knowledge of nuclear ground-state spins, ground-state electromagnetic moments and changes in the root-mean-squared charge radii has been extended up to N = 32 [3-7].

With relatively low production yields, the isotopes 51 K (~4000 ions/s) and 52 Ca (~250 ions/s) are at the limit of optical detection techniques. In order to extend laser spectroscopy studies further away from stability, a highly sensitive experimental setup has been developed at the COLLAPS beam line [8,9]. The current developments in this direction and the perspectives for future experiments using collinear resonance ionization spectroscopy (CRIS) [10,11] in the region towards N = 34 will be discussed.

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