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Nuclear structure studies of ²⁰²Hg and ²⁰³Tl using deep-inelastic collisions¹ EMILY GASS, Stony Brook University, E. A. MCCUTCHAN, A. A. SONZOGNI, Brookhaven National Laboratory, J. S. BARRETT, W. LOVELAND, R. YANEZ, Oregon State University, S. ZHU, A. D. AYANGEAKAA, M. P. CAR-PENTER, J. P. GREENE, R. V. F. JANSSENS, T. LAURITSEN, Argonne National Laboratory, C. J. CHIARA, J. L. HARKER, W. B. WALTERS, University of Maryland — Nuclei with a few valence nucleons outside ²⁰⁸Pb are crucial for testing the nuclear shell model and guiding our understanding of single particle structure. Data in this region are also potentially relevant to nuclear astrophysics. This analysis focused on the high-spin structure of ²⁰²Hg and ²⁰³Tl. Excited states in these nuclei were populated through deep-inelastic reactions from a beam of ¹³⁶Xe and that was incident on a thick target of ²⁰⁸Pb in the Gammasphere array at Argonne National Laboratory. The level schemes of ²⁰²Hg and ²⁰³Tl were extended by locating a new isomer in each nucleus and a number of new high-spin states built on top of the isomers. The newly-observed states will be discussed in the context of the shell model.

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