

Possible Origin of the "Anomalous" Interference Terms in  $^{192,194}\text{Pt}$ 

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It is noted that, if  $\beta_4$  deformations are included in the rigid asymmetric-rotor model of Davydov and Filippov, previously measured values of  $M_{02}^2$ ,  $M_{02'}^2$ ,  $M_{22}^2$ ,  $M_{22'}^2$ , and  $M_{04}^4$  [ $M_{rs}^\lambda = i^\lambda \langle s || M(E\lambda) || r \rangle$ ], including their relative signs, may be simultaneously predicted for  $^{194}\text{Pt}$ .

Experimental determinations<sup>1-3</sup> of the sign of the interference term  $P_3 = M_{02}^2 M_{02'}^2 M_{22}^2 M_{22'}^2 [M_{rs}^\lambda = i^\lambda \langle s || M(E\lambda) || r \rangle]$  have shown that  $P_3 < 0$  for the nuclei  $^{192,194}\text{Pt}$ . Measurements<sup>4-6</sup> of the quadrupole moments of the first  $2^+$  states (2) have shown that  $M_{22}^2 < 0$  (i.e., these nuclei may be qualitatively described as having an oblate intrinsic shape). These signs of  $P_3$  are therefore anomalous since Kumar<sup>7</sup> has pointed out that for either a rotational model or a vibrational model one expects  $P_4 = P_3 M_{22}^2$  to be negative if the second  $2^+$  state ( $2'$ ) is a predominantly  $K=2$  state. Isakov and Lemberg<sup>8</sup> have shown that  $P_4 < 0$  also for the rigid asymmetric-rotor model (ARM) of Davydov and Filippov.<sup>9</sup>

Lee *et al.*<sup>10</sup> have recently shown that the results of Coulomb excitation of  $^{192,194}\text{Pt}$  are con-

sistent with an ARM description of these nuclei. Their results, however, are insensitive to the reduced matrix element  $M_{02}^2$  and are therefore insensitive to the sign of  $P_3$ .

Baker and co-workers<sup>2,3</sup> have shown that  $M_{04}^4 < 0$  (relative to  $M_{02}^2 M_{24}^2$ ) for all stable even- $A$  Pt isotopes. The origin of a strong  $B(E4, 0^+ \rightarrow 4^+)$  is customarily interpreted as evidence for static  $\beta_4$  deformations.

The preceding discussion provides the motivation for this Letter: It is of interest to incorporate  $\beta_4$  deformations into the ARM and to examine the effects on the predicted  $E2$  properties of transitional nuclei. Surprisingly, this straightforward extension of the ARM has not previously been done. The moments of inertia for a nucleus with a shape given by

$$R(\theta, \varphi) = R_0 [1 + \beta_2 \cos \gamma Y_{20} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} \beta_2 \sin \gamma (Y_{22} + Y_{2-2}) + \beta_4 Y_{40}] \quad (1)$$

may be shown to be

$$I_x = 4\beta_2^2 B_2 \sin^2(\gamma - \frac{2}{3}\pi) + 10\beta_4^2 B_4, \quad (2a)$$

$$I_y = 4\beta_2^2 B_2 \sin^2(\gamma - \frac{4}{3}\pi) + 10\beta_4^2 B_4, \quad (2b)$$

$$I_z = 4\beta_2^2 B_2 \sin^2(\gamma). \quad (2c)$$

The irrotational relation between the inertial parameters,  $B_4 = \frac{1}{2} B_2$ , has been assumed. With these moments of inertia, the Hamiltonian may be diagonalized in the  $|JMK\rangle$  basis where

$$\begin{aligned} & |JMK\rangle \\ & = \frac{2J+1}{[16\pi^2(1+\delta_{K0})]^{1/2}} [D_{MK}^J + (-1)^J D_{M-K}^J]. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The reduced matrix elements are then easily evaluated; a uniform charge distribution with radius given by Eq. (1) has been assumed.

The results of such a calculation for  $^{194}\text{Pt}$  are shown in Tables I and II. Table I shows the parameters  $\beta_2$ ,  $\beta_4$ , and  $\gamma$  determined by fitting the  $E_2$  matrix elements  $M_{02}^2$ ,  $M_{02'}^2$ ,  $M_{22}^2$ , and  $M_{22'}^2$  for  $^{194}\text{Pt}$ . All three parameters of the model were treated as free parameters. The value of  $\beta_4$  is in good agreement with the previously meas-

ured value.<sup>2</sup>

The computed reduced matrix elements are compared to the experimental values in Table II. The agreement is very good; in particular, the "anomalous" sign of  $P_4$  is correctly predicted even though  $M_{22}^2 < 0$ .

It is therefore concluded that if the existence of large values of  $B(E4, 0^+ \rightarrow 4^+)$  for transitional nuclei is interpreted as resulting from static hexadecapole deformations, the finding that  $P_4 > 0$  is not anomalous *within the rigid asymmetric-rotor model*. It should be noted, however, that this finding does not rule out other current models of the transitional nuclei. Indeed, the microscopically obtained  $\gamma$ -soft model of Kumar and

TABLE I. Parameters determined by fitting  $M_{02}^2$ ,  $M_{02'}^2$ ,  $M_{22}^2$ , and  $M_{22'}^2$  for  $^{194}\text{Pt}$ . The parameters are those of Eq. (1) of the text.

$R_0$ (fm)	$\beta_2$	$\beta_4$	$\gamma$ (deg)
6.947	0.151	-0.070	41.71

