

DECAY OUT OF THE DOUBLY-MAGIC SUPERDEFORMED BAND IN THE N = Z NUCLEUS ^{60}Zn ¹

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The doubly-magic superdeformed band in the N = Z nucleus ^{60}Zn has been identified. Linking transitions connecting this band to the yrast line provide the first spin, parity, and excitation energy measurements for superdeformed states in the A ~ 60 mass region. The stretched E2 character and relatively large B(E2) values and intensities of the observed linking transitions suggest that the decay-out process in this nucleus is non-statistical.

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