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E0 Transition strengths from X(5) to the Rigid Rotor
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Relative and absolute E0 transition strengths  $[\rho^2(E0)]$  on the transitional path between the X(5) solution and the Rigid Rotor Limit have been evaluated within the framework of the Confined  $\beta$ -Soft (CBS) rotor model. Relative E0 transition strengths between the  $\beta$ -vibrational band and the ground state band decrease with increasing angular momentum for a given potential stiffness. Absolute E0 transition strengths drop with increasing potential stiffness towards zero in the Rigid Rotor Limit. The Z-independent quantity  $X \propto \rho^2(E0; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)/B(E2; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)$  has been traced between X(5) and the Rigid Rotor. It reaches the value  $4\beta_M^2$  at the Rigid Rotor Limit, as previously derived by Rasmussen [1]. A new Inter-Band E0-E2 correlation observable  $Y \propto \rho^2(E0; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)/B(E2; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)^2$  has been proposed [2], which is independent on the absolute nuclear deformation and solely depends on the nuclear stiffness. Available data for X and Y are in satisfactory agreement with the CBS model.

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