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HYPERFINE STRUCTURE INVESTIGATIONS IN OS *I* AND Eu *II* AND THE NUCLEAR QUADRUPOLE MOMENTS OF ¹⁸⁹Os, ¹⁵¹Eu AND ¹⁵³Eu

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Résumé. — On a étudié la structure hyperfine de onze raies du spectre d'arc de l'osmium et de quatre raies du spectre d'étincelle de l'europium en utilisant des échantillons enrichis isotopiquement dans des cathodes creuses refroidies à l'air liquide et un spectromètre Fabry-Perot à sortie digitalisée. Dans le cas de l'europium, on a utilisé un double Fabry-Perot. Comme les composantes hyperfines des deux spectres n'étaient que partiellement résolues, nous avons utilisé un calculateur pour résoudre les spectres. L'interprétation des structures hyperfines observées mène aux résultats suivants :

1) Osmium. — Nous avons déterminé pour l'isotope ¹⁸⁹Os les valeurs de A et de B relatives aux niveaux 5 d⁶ 6 s² ⁵D₂, ⁵D₃, ⁵D₄ et 5 d⁷ 6 s ⁵F₅ (ou des combinaisons linéaires de ces constantes de couplage). Nous avons utilisé les valeurs mesurées de A pour contrôler les fonctions d'onde de Gluck, Bordarier, Bauche et Van Kleef, fonctions d'onde calculées en couplage intermédiaire en tenant compte de l'interaction de configuration entre d⁶ s², d⁷ s et d⁸. L'accord entre valeurs calculées et observées de A est très satisfaisant. La valeur du moment quadrupolaire nucléaire déduit des valeurs de B observées, est :

$$Q(^{189}\text{Os}) = (0.91 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$
.

2) Europium. — Nous avons mesuré pour les isotopes 151 Eu et 153 Eu, les valeurs de A et de B pour les niveaux $4f^7 6p z {}^9P_3$, 9P_4 et 9P_5 . Ces valeurs de A ont été utilisées conjointement avec celles relatives aux niveaux $4f^7 6p z {}^7P_3$ et 7P_4 , pour vérifier les fonctions d'onde de Bordarier, Judd et Klapisch qui ont été calculées en couplage intermédiaire. On n'obtient un bon accord entre valeurs de A calculées et observées que si on utilise comme paramètre ajustable la partie à symétrie sphérique de l'opérateur d'interaction magnétique hyperfine de l'électron 6p. Suivant Judd, ce paramètre tient compte de l'interaction de configuration entre $4f^7 6p$ et $4f^6 5 d 6s$. Heureusement, ce mélange n'affecte pas l'interaction quadrupolaire. Les moments quadrupolaires peuvent donc être déduits des valeurs de B en utilisant les fonctions d'onde non perturbées :'

$$Q(^{151}\text{Eu}) = (1,12 \pm 0,07) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$

et

$$Q(^{1\,53}\mathrm{Eu}) = (2,85 \pm 0,18) \times 10^{-24} \,\mathrm{cm}^2$$
 .

Ces valeurs sont en excellent accord avec celles trouvées par Müller, Steudel et Walther (Z. Physik, 1965, 183, 303) dans le spectre d'arc de l'europium.

Abstract. — The hyperfine structure of eleven lines of the arc spectrum of osmium and of four lines of the spark spectrum of europium was investigated using enriched isotope samples in liquid air cooled hollow cathodes and a digital recording Fabry-Perot-spectrometer. With europium a double-Fabry-Perot was used. As the hyperfine components in both spectra were only partially resolved the patterns were analysed by a computer. The interpretation of the observed hyperfine structures leads to the following results :

1) Osmium. — The A- and B-values of the levels $5 d^6 6 s^2 5D_2$, $5D_3$, $5D_4$ and $5 d^7 6 s 5F_5$ or linear combinations of these coupling constants were determined for the isotope ¹⁸⁹Os. The measured A-values were used to make a check on the eigenfunctions of Gluck, Bordarier, Bauche, and van Kleef, which have been calculated for intermediate coupling considering configuration interaction between $d^6 s^2$, $d^7 s$ and d^8 . The agreement between calculated and observed A-values turned out to be very satisfactory. The value of the nuclear quadrupole moment derived from the measured B-factors is :

$$Q(^{189}\text{Os}) = (0.91 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$
.

2) Europium. — The A- and B-values of the levels $4f^7 6p z {}^{9}P_3$, ${}^{9}P_4$, and ${}^{9}P_5$ were evaluated for the isotopes ${}^{151}\text{Eu}$ and ${}^{153}\text{Eu}$. Together with the experimental A-values of the levels

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 $4 f^{\gamma} 6p z^{\gamma} P_3$ and $z^{\gamma} P_4$ the A-values were used to check the eigenfunctions of Bordarier, Judd, and Klapisch, which have been calculated for intermediate coupling. Good agreement between the calculated and observed A-values was reached only if the spherical-symmetric part of the magnetic hyperfine interaction operator of the 6 p-electron was used as a free parameter. According to Judd this parameter takes into account the configuration interaction between $4f^{\gamma} 6p$ and $4f^{6} 5d 6s$. Fortunately this mixing does not affect the quadrupole interaction. Therefore the quadrupole moments could be derived from the B-values using the unperturbed eigenfunctions :

and

$$Q(^{151}\text{Eu}) = (1.12 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2,$$

 $Q(^{153}\text{Eu}) = (2.85 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2.$

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The agreement of these values with the values found by Müller, Steudel, and Walther [Z. Physik, 1965, 183, 303] in the arc spectrum of europium is excellent.

I. Introduction. - Till now there existed only one determination of the nuclear quadrupole moment of <sup>189</sup>Os by Murakawa [1] [2]. In his work the hyperfine splitting of two Os I lines was determined by taking photographs of the Fabry-Pérot interference pattern. In order to deduce the quadrupole moment rough assumptions were made concerning the coupling of the electrons and the effects of configuration mixing were neglected. Meanwhile extensive theoretical work on the low even configurations of Os I was done by Gluck, Bordarier, Bauche and van Kleef [3]. The eigenfunctions of the levels of 5  $d^6$  6  $s^2$ , 5  $d^7$  6 s and 5  $d^8$  were calculated for intermediate coupling considering configuration interaction between all these configurations. This encouraged us to investigate once more the hyperfine structure of Os I using a Fabry-Perot spectrometer with digital output of the data.

With europium there exists a precise value of the

quadrupole moment for each of the two stable isotopes determined by Müller, Steudel and Walther [4] from the hyperfine structure of seven 4  $f^7$  6 s 6 p levels of the Eu I spectrum. The stimulus for the investigation of the  $4 f^7 6 p z {}^9P$  levels of Eu II was a discrepancy between the results in Eu I and a value given by Krebs and Winkler [5] who derived the quadrupole moments from the measured B-values of the 4  $f^7$  6  $p z {}^9P_5$  level of Eu II. This discrepancy is somewhat unexpected since the quadrupole effect of a single 6 p-electron is measured in both spectra. Therefore we wanted to settle this point. The investigations in Eu II were done with two recording Fabry-Perot's in series. This arrangement has been described in detail by Kuhl, Steudel and Walther [6] [7].

II. Investigations in Os I and the nuclear quadrupole moment of <sup>189</sup>Os. — Figure 1 shows part of the fine



FIG. 1. — Part of the fine structure level scheme of Os I. Only the investigated transitions are shown. Designation of the levels according to van Kleef [3].

structure level scheme of Os I containing all measured transitions. The line  $\lambda$  4 420 Å was recorded with a double Fabry-Perot too, in all other cases the resolution of a single Fabry-Perot was sufficient. As the calculations of Gluck, Bordarier, Bauche and van Kleef were done for the lowest even configurations, the splitting of the lower levels of all transitions in figure 1 was of interest. In the group of transitions of the type  $d^6 sp - d^6 s^2$  the splitting of the lower levels is small and not resolved whereas the upper levels have a wider splitting. By measuring always two lines having a common upper level, for instance the pairs ( $\lambda\lambda$  3 782, 3 268 Å), ( $\lambda\lambda$  3 505, 3 059 Å) and  $(\lambda\lambda 4 136, 3 529 \text{ Å})$ , the differences of the resulting line A- and line B-values  $(^{1})$  lead to linear combinations of the A- and B-values of the lower levels the hyperfine coupling constants of the upper levels being eliminated. In this way linear combinations of the A- and B-values of  ${}^{5}D_{2}$ ,  ${}^{5}D_{4}$  and  ${}^{5}D_{3}$ ,  ${}^{5}D_{4}$  were obtained. The Aand *B*-values of  ${}^{5}D_{4}$  and  ${}^{5}F_{5}$  were evaluated directly. Using the eigenfunctions of Gluck, Bordarier, Bauche and van Kleef these values were represented in the following way by three parameters:

$$A = \alpha_1 a_d (d^6 s^2) + \alpha_2 a_s (d^7 s) + \alpha_3 a_{sd} (d^6 s^2, d^7 s)$$
$$B = \beta_1 b_d (d^6 s^2) + \beta_2 b'_d (d^7 s) + \beta_3 b_{sd} (d^6 s^2, d^7 s)$$

 $a_d$  stands for the magnetic hyperfine interaction of the 5 d-electron in 5  $d^6$  6  $s^2$ . The influence of the different values of  $a_d$  in the configurations  $d^7$  s and  $d^8$ is included in  $\alpha_1$  by use of the ratio of the different spin-orbit parameters  $\zeta$  determined by the fine structure analysis. The parameter  $a_s$  stands for the magnetic hyperfine interaction of the 6 s-electron in  $5d^7 6 s$  and  $a_{sd}$ takes into account the configuration interaction between  $d^6 s^2$  and  $d^7 s$ . The term including the interaction between  $d^8$  and  $d^7$  s was neglected because its coefficient is much less than  $\alpha_3$ . The quadrupole interaction parameters  $b_d$  and  $b'_d$  allow for the separation of the quadrupole effects of the 5 d-electron in the configurations  $d^6 s^2$  and  $d^7 s. b_d(d^8)$  is included in  $b'_d$ . The error caused hereby is negligible because the coefficient of  $b_d(d^8)$ is very small. Again the term concerning the interaction between  $d^8$  and  $d^7$  s is neglected because of its smallness.

The coefficients  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_i$  were calculated by  $M^{me}$  Bauche-Arnoult.  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  were provided with relativistic corrections. First the measured *A*-values and linear combinations of *A*-values were used to check the calculated eigenfunctions. The

parameters  $a_d$ ,  $a_s$  and  $a_{sd}$  were fitted to the observed *A*-values by the method of least squares. The result is shown in table I. All values are for the isotope <sup>189</sup>Os. The resulting parameters are :

$$a_d = 9.06 (42) \text{ mK}$$
,  
 $a_s = 263.3 (2.7) \text{ mK}$ ,  
 $a_{sd} = 14.2 (8.3) \text{ mK}$ .

The quoted errors are three times the rms error.

TABLE I. Calculated and observed  $A^{189}$ -values (<sup>2</sup>)

| A <sup>189</sup> /factors | $A_{calc}$ [mK] | А <sub>овs</sub><br>[mK] |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                           |                 | <u> </u>                 |
| $A(^5D_4)$                | 5.55            | 5.66 (33)                |

$$A({}^{5}D_{4}) - \frac{3}{4} \cdot A({}^{5}D_{3})$$
 2.70 2.69 (07)

$$A({}^{5}D_{4}) - \frac{11}{15} \cdot A({}^{5}D_{3})$$
 2.74 2.55 (26)

$$A({}^{5}D_{4}) - \frac{8}{15} \cdot A({}^{5}D_{2})$$
 0.67 0.66 (33)  
 $A({}^{5}F_{5})$  31,37 31.62 (20)

Besides the excellent agreement between observed and calculated A-values it is interesting to note that the value of  $a_s$  determined in this way leads to a rather reasonable value for the nuclear magnetic dipole moment of <sup>189</sup>Os by means of the Goudsmit-Fermi-Segré formula:  $\mu_{\rm I} = 0.60$  (6) n. m. The NMR-value is  $\mu_{\rm I} = 0.650$  655 (81) n. m. [9].

A similar least squares procedure with the experimental *B*-values was carried out. The result is shown in table II. The results for the parameters are

$$b_d(d^6 s^2) = 122.8 (3.5) \text{ mK}$$
  
 $b_d(d^7 s) = 93.8 (9.9) \text{ mK}$   
 $b_{sd}(d^6 s^2, d^7 s) = 15 (41) \text{ mK}$ .

Taking the spin-orbit coupling constants determined from the fine structure for the configurations  $5 d^6 6 s^2$  and  $5 d^7 6 s$ , and using  $Z_i = Z - 11 = 65$  the nuclear quadrupole moment can be calculated either with  $b_d$  or  $b'_d$ . Two different values result :

$$Q(^{189}\text{Os}; 5 d^6 6 s^2) = 1.00 (03) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2,$$

and

$$Q(^{189}\text{Os}; 5 d^7 6 s) = 0.82 (09) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$
.

(2) 1 mK =  $10^{-3}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> These quantities were first defined by Brix [8].

| $(in mK) (^{3})$                                    |            |                  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|--|--|
| B <sup>189</sup> -factor                            | $B_{calc}$ | B <sub>obs</sub> |  |  |
|                                                     |            |                  |  |  |
| $B(^{\circ}D_4)$                                    | 37.5       | 31.2(2.7)        |  |  |
| $B(^{5}D_{4}) - B(^{5}D_{3})$                       | 30.3       | 30.6 (1.2)       |  |  |
| $B(^{5}D_{4}) - \frac{252}{275} \cdot B(^{5}D_{3})$ | 30.9       | 31.5 (4.8)       |  |  |
| $B(^{5}D_{4}) - \frac{336}{275} \cdot B(^{5}D_{2})$ | 50.2       | 46.1 (5.9)       |  |  |
| $B({}^{5}F_{5})$                                    | 12.9       | 13.0 (1.5)       |  |  |

TABLE II. — Calculated and observed  $B^{189}$ -values

This seems to indicate an influence of a different Sternheimer-effect in the two configurations. As no calculations of Sternheimer-effect exist so far in the Os spectrum we give finally a mean value

$$Q(^{189}\text{Os}) = 0.91 (10) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$

taking the limits of error as large as to include the results in both configurations.

III. Investigations in Eu II and the nuclear quadrupole moments of <sup>151</sup>Eu and <sup>153</sup>Eu. — The measured transitions in Eu II are shown in figure 2 as fully drawn lines. All recordings were done using enriched samples of the stable isotopes and the double Fabry-Perot spectrometer. Figure 3 shows as an example the hyperfine structure and the hfs-level-scheme of the transition  $4f^7 6pz^9P_3 - 4f^7 6sa^9S_4^0$  ( $\lambda 4205$  Å) for the isotope <sup>151</sup>Eu. According to the selection rules there are fiteen hyperfine components for one isotope. The six strongest components of the other isotope <sup>153</sup>Eu are drawn in the negative intensity direction to simplify the picture. The intensity ratio between the two isotopes corresponds to the mixture in the sample used for the investigations. The following five distances are the most interesting ones:  $b - \beta$ ,  $c - \gamma_2$ ,  $d - \delta_2$ ,  $e - \varepsilon_2$ , and  $f - \zeta_2$ . They correspond to the hyperfine intervals of the  $z {}^{9}P_{3}$  level. The very small components  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\delta_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\zeta_1$  can be neglected in a first approximation. The remaining components form groups of doublets consisting of a weak and a

(3) The A- and B-values are used in the following notation :

$$W_F = W_J + A C/2 + B \frac{3/4 C(C+1) - I(I+1) J(J+1)}{2 I(2 I-1) J(2 J-1)}$$

with C = F(F+1) - I(I+1) - J(J+1).

 $W_F$  = energy of the hyperfine level with quantum number F;  $W_J$  = energy of the fine structure level with quantum number J.



FIG. 2. — Part of the fine structure level scheme of Eu II. The investigated transitions are fully drawn.



FIG. 3. — Hyperfine level scheme and hyperfine structure of the transition  $4f^7 6pz \,^{9}P_3 - 4f^7 6sa \,^{9}S_4^0$  for the isotope <sup>151</sup>Eu. For simplicity the components of the other isotope <sup>153</sup>Eu are drawn inverted.

strong hyperfine component. Figure 4 shows part of two recordings of this line. The upper trace was made with one Fabry-Pérot. The strongest component is



FIG. 4. — Hyperfine structure of the <sup>151</sup>Eu II line  $\lambda$  4 205 Å. The wave number increases from left to right. The upper recording is made with one Fabry-Pérot (spacer : d = 2,666 mm). The lower recording is made with a double Fabry-Perot (spacers :  $d_1 = 2,666$  mm,  $d_2 = 39,99$  mm).

repeated in the next order. The lower trace was obtained with a double Fabry-Perot. The ratio of the two spacers was 15:1 the smaller spacer being the same as used for the upper recording. The satellite-components  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma_2$  and  $\delta_2$  are partially resolved with the double Fabry-Perot. In addition to the hyperfine structure the ghosts [6] [7] of the double Fabry-Perot, belonging to the strongest components can be seen. The evaluation of the observed intensity distribution was done by a computer in the following way:

First the measured data points of the completely resolved strongest hyperfine component **a** including the first two neighbouring ghosts were fed into the computer and smoothed by a polynomial of second degree fitted to every five neighbouring data points. Figure 5 shows a smoothed curve, called the « normal line shape », and also the deviations between the measured data points and the normal line shape for one order.

Taking the normal line shape and the theoretical hyperfine intensities for each of the doublet separations an intensity-normalized superposition was calculated and fitted by a step by step least squares procedure to the corresponding data points, the doublet separation being the step-parameter. As an example figure 6 shows the variation of  $\delta_2 - d$  and a distinct minimum of the sum of the residuals for a separation of about 40 mK. For this minimum situation figure 7



FIG. 5. — « Normal line shape » of one order of a double Fabry-Perot recording and the deviations between the data points and the normal line shape (see text).

shows the calculated profile in comparison with the measured profile. The crosses represent the data points



FIG. 6. — Sum of the residuals in arbitrary units as a function of the doublet separation  $\Delta v = \delta_2 - d$ .



FIG. 7. — Upper part : data points (crosses) and calculated superposition values (circles) for one order of the doublet  $(\delta_2, d)$  see Fig. 6). Lower part : Differences between measured and calculated points on an enlarged scale. For comparison the bar on the right indicates the rms noise amplitude for this doublet.

for one order, the circles are the calculated superposition values. The lower part of figure 7 shows on an enlarged scale the differences between the calculated and measured structure. These deviations are to be compared with the bar on the right, which gives the rms noise amplitude over the range of data points used.

For the evaluation of the exact doublet separation two corrections were made: (i) In the case of the doublets containing the components b and c the perturbing components of the other isotope have to be considered, (ii) neglect of the components  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\delta_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\zeta_1$  has to be accounted for.

The mentioned procedure was repeated for each order. Taking fifty orders the final result for the separation  $\delta_2 - d$  is 40.16 mK. The rms error is 0.08 mK. In this way the A- and B-values of the three <sup>9</sup>P levels were evaluated.

Again a check was made on the eigenfunctions calculated for intermediate coupling in the  $4 f^7 6 p$  configuration by Bordarier, Judd, and Klapisch [10]. For the description of the magnetic hyperfine interaction of this configuration the following radial parameters were used :

 $a_f$  representing the magnetic hyperfine interaction of the 4 f-core,  $a_{ps}$  the Fermi-contact interaction which is proportional to the spin operator s of the 6 p-electron,  $a_p$  the interaction between the nucleus and the magnetic field produced by the orbital motion of the 6 p-electron which is proportional to the orbital operator I of the 6 p-electron,  $a_{p(sC)}$  the interaction between the magnetic dipole moments of the nucleus and the 6 p-electron which is proportional to the operator ( $s^{(1)} C^{(2)}$ )<sup>(1)</sup>.

In a first step  $a_{ps}$  and  $a_{p(sC)}$  were expressed in terms of  $a_p$  assuming a common  $< r^{-3} >_{6p}$  for all parts of the hyperfine interaction. Table III shows the result

## TABLE III

Calculated and observed  $A^{151}$ -values using only  $a_f$  and  $a_p$  as parameters (see text)

| A <sup>151</sup> -factors       | /<br>[1 | f <sub>calc</sub><br>nK] |          | A <sub>obs</sub><br>[mK] |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| $A(\overline{{}^{9}P_{5}})$     |         | 1.96                     |          | 4.67 (13)                |
| $A(^{9}P_{4})$                  |         | 7.11                     |          | 6.95 (15)                |
| $A(^{9}P_{3})$                  | —       | 12.06                    | _        | 11.26 (07)               |
| $A(^7P_4)$                      |         | 1.43                     |          | 1.76 (25)                |
| $A(^7P_3)$                      |         | 1.74                     | _        | 4.65 (20)                |
| Resulting parameters            |         | , I                      | Expected | l values                 |
| $a_{\rm f} = -1.97$ (1.16) mK   |         |                          | - 3.43   | 3 mK                     |
| $a_p = 24.44 (4.12) \text{ mK}$ |         |                          | 24.82    | 2 mK                     |

of a least squares fitting procedure of  $a_f$  and  $a_p$  to the measured A-values. The A-values of the two <sup>7</sup>P levels have been measured by Krebs and Winkler [11].

Comparing the calculated and observed A-values listed in table III there are big discrepancies in all except the J = 4 levels. This causes the large rms errors of the resulting parameters and the deviation between the fitted and expected  $a_f$ . The expected  $a_f$  has been taken from the ENDOR-measurements by Baker and Williams [12] in the  $4 f^7$  ground state of Eu III. The expected  $a_p$  is calculated by means of the spinorbit coupling constant  $\zeta_{6p}$  and the known magnetic moment of <sup>151</sup>Eu.

This unsatisfactory situation indicates a perturbation of the  $4 f^7 6 p$  configuration. Indeed a configuration mixing between  $4 f^7 6 p$  and  $4 f^6 5 d 6 s$ would have a considerable influence on the A-values of the levels of  $4 f^7 6 p$  caused by the unpaired 6 selectron in  $4 f^6 5 d 6 s$ . To take account for this possibility a second fit was carried out using the Fermicontact part of the magnetic interaction of the 6 pelectron as a third free parameter. Table IV shows the results of the three-parameter fit. Now good agreement between observed and calculated A-values is obtained. The big discrepancy between the fitted  $a_{ps}$ and expected  $a_{ps}$  demonstrates the configuration mixing the expected  $a_{ps}$  being calculated assuming a pure  $4 f^7 6 p$  configuration.

# TABLE IV

Calculated and observed  $A^{151}$ -values using  $a_f$ ,  $a_p$  and  $a_{ps}$  as parameters (see text)

| A <sup>151</sup> -factors                                                                               | A <sub>cale</sub><br>[mK]       | A <sub>obs</sub><br>[mK]                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $A({}^{9}P_{5})$ $A({}^{9}P_{4})$ $A({}^{9}P_{3})$ $A({}^{7}P_{4})$                                     | 4.88<br>6.95<br>- 11.31<br>1.38 | $\begin{array}{r} 4.67 (13) \\ 6.95 (15) \\ -11.26 (07) \\ 1.76 (25) \\ 4.65 (22) \end{array}$                  |
| $A(P_3)$<br>Resulting paramete<br>$a_f = -3.20$ (20) m<br>$a_p = 26.4$ (6) m<br>$a_{ps} = 32.4$ (3.0) m | - 4.43<br>rs<br>nK<br>nK<br>nK  | <ul> <li>- 4.65 (20)</li> <li>Expected values</li> <li>- 3.43 mK</li> <li>24.82 mK</li> <li>- 2.5 mK</li> </ul> |

Fortunately a configuration mixing of this kind does not affect the radial part of the quadrupole interaction of the 6 *p*-electron. Comparing  $a_p$  with the expected value there is a difference of 6 %, but a deviation in the same direction was found already in Eu I [4]. Using the unperturbed eigenfunctions the following quadrupole moments are derived:

$$Q(^{151}\text{Eu}) = 1.12 (07) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$
,  
 $Q(^{153}\text{Eu}) = 2.85 (18) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ .

The quoted limits of error are chosen as to include the 6 % discrepancy between the fitted  $a_p$  and the  $a_p$ calculated using nuclear and fine structure data. Table V shows a comparison between the results of Müller, Steudel and Walther in the Eu *I* spectrum with the results in the second spectrum. Regarding the good agreement we give finally the following mean values for the quadrupole moments :

$$Q(^{151}\text{Eu}) = 1.14 (07) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$
,  
 $Q(^{153}\text{Eu}) = 2.88 (18) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ .

No Sternheimer corrections were applied to these values.

The intrinsic quadrupole moment of  ${}^{153}$ Eu was determined to  $Q_0({}^{153}$ Eu) = 7.01 (10) × 10<sup>-24</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> [13] [14]. Using the equation

$$Q = Q_0 I(2I - 1)/(I + 1) (2I + 3)$$

it follows for the spectroscopic quadrupole moment  $Q(^{153}\text{Eu}) = 2.50 \ (04) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ . The discrepancy of 15 % between this value and the Q value derived from the hyperfine structure measurements is probably caused by the Sternheimer effect [15] [16] [17]. The Sternheimer atomic shielding factor  $R_{6p} = -0.15$  which is deduced from the experimental results on <sup>153</sup>Eu seems to be completely reasonable, since it is close to the values which Sternheimer has calculated for the excited np states of the alkalis [16] [18].

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### TABLE V

#### Summary of the results in Eu I and Eu II

|                                                        | Level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Q( <sup>151</sup> Eu) [b]                                     | Q(153Eu) [b]                        |
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| Eu I<br>4 f <sup>7(8</sup> S) 6 s 6 p                  | $z \frac{10P_{11/2}}{z \frac{10P_{9/2}}{z \frac{10P_{7/2}}{z \frac{8P_{9/2}}{z \frac{6P_{5/2}}{z 6P_{5/$ | 1.19 (07)<br>1.18 (05)<br>1.16 (09)<br>1.12 (05)<br>1.08 (08) | 2.95 (10)<br>2.94 (12)<br>2.88 (10) |
| Eu <i>II</i><br>4 f <sup>7</sup> ( <sup>8</sup> S) 6 p | z 9P3<br>z 9P4<br>z 9P5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1.02 (25)<br>1.24 (05)<br>1.12 (07)                           | 2.91 (16)<br>2.98 (13)<br>2.65 (17) |

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# PROGRESS IN AUTOMATIC MEASURING OF SPECTRAL PLATES

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Résumé. — Le travail qui a été exposé est la continuation de ceux qui ont été décrits par [1], [2]. Les résultats nouveaux seront prochainement publiés dans *Physica*.

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