

The low-energy metastable isomeric state in Thorium-229 has fascinated researchers over the past 40 years. It is expected to have excitation energy of  $\sim 8\text{eV}$ , making it the only nuclear state accessible to laser manipulation known so far. Optical excitation of the Thorium-229 nucleus would allow the transfer of laser spectroscopy precision to nuclear structure analysis. A vast plethora of applications and investigations have been proposed for the isomer state, ranging from a nuclear gamma, highly accurate and stable ion nuclear clock to compact solid-state nuclear clocks.

I will present a measurement of the low-energy (0--60 keV)  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum produced in the  $\alpha$  decay of Uranium-233 using a dedicated cryogenic magnetic micro-calorimeter[1]. The energy resolution of  $\sim 10\text{ eV}$ , together with exceptional gain linearity, allowed us to measure the energy of the low-lying isomeric state in Thorium-229 using four complementary evaluation schemes. The most precise scheme determines the Thorium-229 isomer energy to be  $8.10 \pm 0.17\text{ eV}$ , corresponding to  $153.1 \pm 3.7\text{ nm}$ , superseding previous values based on  $\gamma$  spectroscopy[2], and agreeing with a recent measurement based on internal conversion electrons[3].

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