

1. Recall Jackson's text before equation (4.25), "The quadrupole moment of a nuclear state is defined as the value of $(1/e)Q_{33}\dots$ ".

The tracelessness of Q moment

$$Q_{11} + Q_{22} + Q_{33} = 0 \quad (1)$$

and the cylindrical symmetry together imply

$$Q_{11} = Q_{22} = -\frac{Q_{33}}{2} \quad (2)$$

Also for external field, we have

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \quad (3)$$

Then the energy of quadrupole interaction is (again due to symmetry, all Q_{ij} where $i \neq j$ vanish)

$$-\frac{1}{6} \sum_{i,j} Q_{ij} \left(\frac{\partial E_j}{\partial x_i} \right)_0 = -\frac{1}{6} \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right) Q_{33} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)_0 = -\frac{eQ}{4} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)_0 \quad (4)$$

2. The desired quantity is

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right)_0}{\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3}} = -\frac{4W}{eQ \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3}} = -\frac{4(W/h)}{\frac{eQ}{2\pi\hbar} \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^3}} = -\frac{32(W/h)\pi^2\hbar\epsilon_0 a_0^3}{e^2 Q} \approx -0.085 \quad (5)$$

3. Assuming the spheroid's rotation axis is the semimajor axis (more justifications at the end). Any point in the volume can be parameterized as

$$x = bt \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad (6)$$

$$y = bt \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad (7)$$

$$z = at \cos \theta \quad (8)$$

where $t \in [0, 1]$, $\theta \in [0, \pi]$, $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} dx dy dz &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} \end{vmatrix} dt d\theta d\phi \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} b \sin \theta \cos \phi & bt \cos \theta \cos \phi & -bt \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ b \sin \theta \sin \phi & bt \cos \theta \sin \phi & bt \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ a \cos \theta & -at \sin \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} dt d\theta d\phi \\ &= ab^2 t^2 \sin \theta dt d\theta d\phi \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The quadrupole moment

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{1}{e} Q_{33} = \frac{1}{e} \int_{\text{spheroid}} \rho(\mathbf{x}) (3z^2 - r^2) dx dy dz \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \frac{Ze \cdot \int_{\text{spheroid}} (2z^2 - x^2 - y^2) dx dy dz}{\int_{\text{spheroid}} dx dy dz} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

can be calculated with (9):

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\text{spheroid}} (2z^2 - x^2 - y^2) dx dy dz &= ab^2 \int_0^1 t^2 dt \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi (2a^2 t^2 \cos^2 \theta - b^2 t^2 \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= ab^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{5}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) (a^2 - b^2)\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

$$\int_{\text{spheroid}} dx dy dz = ab^2 \int_0^1 t^2 dt \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \frac{4\pi}{3} ab^2 \quad (12)$$

This gives

$$Q = \frac{2Z}{5} (a^2 - b^2) \quad (13)$$

Now

$$\frac{a-b}{R} = \frac{a^2-b^2}{(a+b)R} = \frac{a^2-b^2}{2R^2} = \frac{5Q}{4ZR^2} \approx 0.10123 \quad (14)$$

Coming back to the earlier assumption that the spheroid is rotated about its semimajor axis. If it's the opposite (rotation about the semiminor axis), we have a and b switched, in which case Q will be a negative quantity. Our result of $(a-b)/R$ still holds assuming the given Q is the absolute value.