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We aim at disentangling the second order-effects in Coulomb Excitation (Reorientation Effect and Nuclear Polarizability). A safe coulomb excitation experiment was performed to study the nuclear polarizability and reorientation effects through measuring the spectroscopic quadrupole moment Q_s for the first 2₁ <sup>+4/sup> in ⁴⁰ Ar. A beam of ⁴⁰ Ar⁶⁺ at 134 MeV with typical currents of ≈ 0.5 to 1 nA was provided by the Cyclotron accelerator facility at iThemba Labs, which was Coulomb excited on a ≈ 1 mg/cm² ¹⁹⁴ Pt target. A double sided CD-type S3 silicon detector was used to detect particles at forward angels in coincidence with gamma;-rays. The dexcited gamma;-rays from the residual nuclei were detected using the AFRODITE array (5 clover detectors at 90° and 3 at 135°). A semi-classical couple channel Coulomb Excitation code, GOSIA, will be utilized to extract the matrix element for the Q_s <sub>+</sup> from the experimental data.

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