Spectroscopy beyond the N=Z line

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Overview

• Why study nuclei around N=Z (for A~70)?

- Protons and neutrons in same orbitals (in N=Z)
- Occurrence of different isospins nearby (in odd-odd N=Z)
- Triplet and mirror energy differences
- Region of rapidly evolving nuclear shape

• Recoil-beta tagging

- New technique developed to tag odd-odd N=Z nuclei and other exotic nuclei
- Sensitivity of technique being enhanced through several technical developments

• Beyond N=Z

- First spectroscopic data on ⁶⁶Se and ⁷⁴Sr
- Triplet energy differences appear to need an isospin-nonconserving interaction



The deuteron and isospin



S=0,T=1



S=1,T=0

And neutron-proton pairing

Increasing dominance of T=1 in odd-odd N=Z nuclei



Coulomb Energy Differences



Extremely sensitive to nuclear structure effects:

- Rotational alignment mechanismCorrelations of pairs of particles
- •Correlations of pairs of partici
- •Changes in deformation
- •The evolution of nuclear radii

D.D.Warner et al., Nature Physics 2, 311 (2006)



For T=1 triplets:

$$MED_J = E_{J,T_z=-1}^* - E_{J,T_z=+1}^*.$$

Mirror energy differences are isovector and sensitive to: single-particle Coulomb shifts, electromagnetic spin-orbit interaction, changes of shape/radius of nuclei

$$\text{TED}_J = E_{J,T_z=-1}^* + E_{J,T_z=+1}^* - 2E_{J,T_z=0}^*.$$

Isotensor energy differences reflecting differences between nn, pp and pn force. Not sensitive to one-body terms but only two-body i.e. sensitive to Coulomb multipole and isospin-nonconserving forces

Shapes of N=Z nuclei

Very Prolate Oblate Triaxial

Very, very sensitive to underlying quantum structure...



The whole concept of isolated "shapes" is naive: there are multiple shapes with lots of mixing, as the barriers between shapes are not high.

Recoil-beta tagging



Recoil-decay tagging





Recoil separators



RDT Instrumentation at JYFL



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Identification of T = 0 and T = 1 Bands in the N = Z = 37 Nucleus ⁷⁴Rb

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Varying the beta gate size



Unknown case:78Y

- Nothing known about ⁷⁸Y except 0+ superallowed decay and (5+) betadecaying isomer
- RBT technique applied using ⁴⁰Ca(⁴⁰Ca,pn)⁷⁸Y reaction
- 90% of flux proceeds to low-lying isomer
- Isomer is too long-lived for effective tagging





B.S. Nara Singh et al., Phys. Rev. C 75, 061301 (2007).



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Crossing the line of N=Z

<u>New DSSD</u>

As RITU is designed to operate on heavy mass regions, recoil separation is not anymore optimal in the A^{70} region.

- Recoil distribution is focused on the right hand side of the DSSD (beam and scattered components follow closely the recoil distribution so it can not be centered).
- 8 kHz rate is impinged only on the half of the active area of the DSSD which in turn increases risk of random correlations!

Device was tested with ²⁸Si + ⁴⁰Ca reaction at E_b =75 MeV with various different beam intensities (simultaneously with phoswich or planar ge set-up).





New DSSD design

- Only right hand side works as an active detector.
- Consists of 120 x 80 strips with strip pitch of 0.480 mm
- 500 mm thick
- In total ~10000 pixels!
- -> 0.8 Hz recoil rate / pixel.

Slides from Panu Ruotsalainen



- Designed to suppress events associated with cp evaporation channels.
- Consists of 96 20 x 20 mm CsI crystals (Hamamatsu) divided into 6 flanges (8 x 2 crystals in each flange).
- Signal chain: Mesytech preamplifiers -> "GObox" -> Lyrtech ADCs.
- Measured detection efficiency for 1 charged particle is 80-90 %.







First spectroscopy of 66Se and 65As: Investigating shape coexistence beyond the N = Z line

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P. Ruotsalainen et al., Phys. Rev. C 83, 037303 (2013)





TEDs for A=66 cannot be reproduced with only Coulomb terms clear need for isospin non-conserving term



Phoswich scintillator

- High/low energy beta-particle detection and discrimination: Direct energy & <u>full pile-up discrimination</u>
- Beta/gamma discrimination
- Discriminations can be done on the basis of <u>pulse shape analysis</u>.



BC-404: rise time ~ 0.7 ns, decay time ~ 1.8 ns, light output 68 % of anthracene
BC-444: rise time ~ 19.5 ns, decay time ~ 285 ns, light output 41 % of anthracene



Silicon Strip detector (WAS3ABi)











INC component needed to explain J=2 but discrepancy for J=4

Half-life for ⁷⁴Sr is much shorter than QRPA calculations. Adjusting to reproduce half-life gives $S_{2p} \sim 0.5$ MeV. This means that 4⁺ state is two-proton unbound.





Collaboration

York, RITU-GAMMA group at JYFL, WA3SABI-EURICA collaboration at RIKEN

Theory: K. Kaneko and P. Sarriguren



Spare slides

CEDs for A~70

 $CED(J)=E_x(J,T=1,T_{z<})-E_x(J,T=1,T_{z>})$



Difference in np and NN pairs gives CED rise of ~12 keV/J

Uniform upward trend for deformed nuclei except:

A=78 - flat

A=70 - strongly down

A=70 data from G. de Angelis, EPJ A12, 51 (2001) and

D.G. Jenkins et al., PRC 65, 064307 (2002)



Comparison of recoil gated (blue curve) and raw UoYTube (light blue) spectra from ²⁸Si + ⁴⁰Ca reaction.





Measured distribution of evaporated particles in ²⁸Si + ⁴⁰Ca reaction.









Testing unitarity of the CKM matrix



 $\begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |d\rangle \\ |s\rangle \\ |b\rangle \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |d'\rangle \\ |s'\rangle \\ |b'\rangle \end{bmatrix}$

The CKM matrix

For beta decays between T=1 analogue states, the CVC hypothesis demands that:

$$ft = \frac{K}{G_V^2 |M_F|^2} = \text{const},$$

Tests of this can therefore be performed for N=Z nuclei with T=1 ground states or for T_z =-1 nuclei (harder)

Ft-values



²²Mg, ³⁴Ar, ⁶²Ga and ⁷⁴Rb: Error bars in Ft dos not reflect the accuracy of Q_{EC}-determination

Q_{EC}-values of ²⁶Si and ⁴²Ti in progress

$$V_{ud} = 0.97408(26)$$

 $V_{ud}^2 + V_{us}^2 + V_{ub}^2 = 0.9998(10)$

X-ray burst scenario





Nuclear Astrophysics and N=Z



Astrophysical rp-process

From: www.nscl.msu.edu/research/ria/whitepaper.pdf



Figure 7: rp-process path predicted by network calculations. The waiting points are indicated in red, other proton-bound nuclei in yellow. Adapted from [sch98a].





TDR : Total Data Readout

- Triggerless Data Acquisition System
- Rates up to 850 kHz without deadtime
- 380 channels timestamped data
- I0 ns resolution
- Time-of-Day clock with 32 day rollover
- Flexible + Easily Scalable



Identification of ⁷⁴Rb



A.N. Steer, et al., NIM A565, 630 (2006)

Identification of ⁷⁴Rb











Precision branching ratio measurement for decay of ⁷⁴Rb



A. Piechaczek et al., Phys. Rev. C 67, 051305 (2003)

Alpha clustering in light nuclei

Energy (MeV)



Empirical observations

D. G. JENKINS et al.





Odd-odd N=Z

⁶²Ga 9<u>+ 479</u>2

		^{66}As			
		9 <u>+ 3024</u>	$^{70}\mathrm{Br}$		
		7 ⁺ 2909	7 <u>+ 268</u> 4	74 Rb	
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3 <u>+ 444</u>				2^{+} 478	5. 500
$0^+ 0$ $1^+ -203$	0 <u>+ 0</u>	0 <u>+ 0</u>	0 <u>+ 0</u>	0 <u>+ 0</u>	0 <u>+ 0</u>