The SPES radioactive ion beam facility: status

and perspectives

Introduction

The SPES facility at the LNL

Modification of shell structure

Soft modes, nuclear EOS and neutron skins

New Detectors for RIBs



Giacomo de Angelis INFN Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro for The SPES collaboration



The goal of SPES



Selective
Production of
Exotic Species

 Optimized use of the two exits high current proton driver production of re-accelerated neutron-rich exotic beams 10¹³ fission/s in-target production, and re-acceleration at 10*A MeV (A=132)

Radioisotope production & Medical applications innovative radiopharmaceuticals (e.g. Sr-82, Cu- 64, Cu-67)

Fast neutron production & material applications: Atmospheric neutron spectra, QMN Single Event Effect, neutron capture cross sections

SPES CHALLENGES

- Development of a comprehensive model of atomic nuclei – Do we understand the structure and stability of the nuclear systems?
- Understanding the origin of the elements and modeling of the extreme astrophysics enviroments
- Test of fundamental symmetries
- New applications of isotope science

One of the challanges: New magic numbers?





LETTER

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Evidence for a new nuclear 'magic number' from the level structure of $^{54}\mathrm{Ca}$

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Atomic nuclei are finite quantum systems composed of two distinct types of fermion-protons and neutrons. In a manner similar to that of electrons orbiting in an atom, protons and neutrons in a nucleus form shell structures. In the case of stable, naturally occurring nuclei, large energy gaps exist between shells that fill completely when the proton or neutron number is equal to 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82 or 126 (ref. 1). Away from stability, however, these so-called 'magic numbers' are known to evolve in systems with a large imbalance of protons and neutrons. Although some of the standard shell closures can disappear, new ones are known to appear²³. Studies aiming to identify and understand such behaviour are of major importance in the field of experimental and theoretical nuclear physics. Here we report a spectroscopic study of the neutron-rich nucleus ⁵⁴Ca (a bound system composed of 20 protons and 34 neutrons) using proton knockout reactions involving fast radioactive projectiles. The results highlight the doubly magic nature of 54Ca and provide direct experimental evidence for the onset of a sizable subshell closure at neutron number 34 in isotopes far from stability.

The shell structure of the atomic nucleus was first successfully described more than 60 years ago¹. However, the question of how robust the standard magic numbers are in unstable nuclei with a large excess of neutrons—often referred to as 'exotic' nuclei—has been one of the main driving forces behind recent nuclear structure studies that focus on changes in the shell structure, called 'shell evolution'. A noteworthy example is the disappearance of the N = 28 (neutron number 28) standard magic number in ⁴²Si (ref. 4), a nucleus that lies far from the stable isotopes on the Segrè chart. On the contrary, exotic oxygen isotopes' provide evidence for the onset of a new shell closure at N = 16, one that is not observed in stable nuclei. In both cases, the tensor force, a non-central component of the nuclear force, has a key role in describing the experimental spectra⁶.

The region of the Segrè chart around exotic calcium isotopes has also contributed valuable input to the understanding of nuclear shell evolution over recent years owing to experimental advances. Enhanced excitation energies of first $p^{II} = 2^{-1}$ states (spin, *I*; parity, *II*) and reduced γ -ray transition probabilities, which are good indicators of nuclear shell gaps, for 52 Ca (refs 6, 7), 42 Ti (refs 8, 9) and 60 Cr (refs 10, 11) provide substantial evidence for the onset of a sizable energy gap at N = 32. This result was recently confirmed by high-precision mass measurements on neutron-rich Ca isotopes¹². In the framework of tensor-force-driven shell evolution⁵, the N = 32 subshell closure is a direct consequence of the weakening of the attractive nucleon-nucleon interaction between protons (π) and neutrons (γ) in the π_{f72} and η_{f22} single-particle orbitals (SPOs) as the number of protons in the π_{f72} SPO is reduced and the magnitude of the π_{f72} - η_{f20} energy gap increases (Fig. 1a-c).

A question that has been asked frequently over recent years is whether or not the onset of another subshell gap occurs in exotic

N = 34 isotones, which was suggested qualitatively more than a decade ago13 on the basis of the general properties of nuclear forces. The onset of an appreciable subshell closure at N = 34 is illustrated in Fig. 1d, indicating an energy gap between the $vp_{1/2}$ and $vf_{5/2}$ SPOs in ⁵⁴Ca that is comparable to the separation of the $vp_{3/2}$ and $vp_{1/2}$ spin-orbit partners, which is also implied by recent theoretical results; see, for example, ref. 14. We stress, however, that no N = 34 subshell closure was reported in the experimental investigations of ⁵⁶Ti (refs 9, 15) or 58Cr (refs 11, 16), and notable doubt on this magic number for Ca isotopes has been raised^{17,18}. Indeed, as indicated in Fig. 2a, theoretical predictions of the energy of the first $J^{II} = 2^+$ state for ⁵⁴Ca vary considerably, ranging from ~1 MeV in some cases to as high as ~4 MeV in others^{14-16,19-24}, despite exhibiting close agreement for lighter isotopes; for example, the predictions of the same theories lie within only 0.4 MeV of the empirical result for 52Ca. Such stark discrepancies at N = 34 reflect the need for direct experimental input on the matter.

To address this issue, we report on an experimental study of ⁵⁴Ca to clarify the strength of the N = 34 subshell gap in nuclei farther from stability. The energies of nuclear excited states were investigated using proton knockout reactions involving ⁵⁵Sc and ⁵⁶Tl projectiles on a Be target at the Radioactive Isotope Beam Factory, Japan, operated by the RIKEN Nishina Center and the Center for Nuclear Study. University of Tokyo. Experimental details are provided in Methods Summary. Particle identification plots indicating the radioactive species transported through the BigRPS separator and ZeroDegree spectrometer⁵⁵, which were used to select and tag radioactive beam reported here, which was critical to the success of the experiment, is unique to the Radioactive Isotope Beam Factory. Excited-state energies were deduced using the technique of in-beam γ -ray spectroscopy.

The y-rays measured in coincidence with ⁵⁴Ca projectiles produced through the one- and two-proton knockout reaction channels are presented in Fig. 4a. The y-ray energies measured in the laboratory frame of reference have been corrected for Doppler shifts, and so the transitions appear at the energies they would in the rest frame of the nucleus. The most intense y-ray line in the 54Ca spectrum, the peak at 2,043(19) keV (error, 1 s.d.) in Fig. 4a, is assigned as the transition from the first 2^+ state (2^+) to the 0^+ ground state. In addition, two weaker transitions are located at 1,656(20) and, respectively, 1,184(24) keV. Figure 4b shows a y-ray spectrum obtained with the condition of a prompt coincidence (≤10 ns) with the 2,043-keV γ-ray, indicating that the weaker transitions were emitted in decay sequences involving the $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ ground-state transition. On the basis of the γ -ray relative intensities, the 1.656-keV transition is proposed to depopulate a level at 3,699(28) keV, as presented in the 54Ca level scheme in the lowerright section of Fig. 4a. Placement of the 1,184-keV transition in the

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N=34 subshell closure due to the effects of three body forces driving the monopole part of the nuclear Hamiltonian



Shell model calculations with effective interaction based on chiral Effective field theory and three body forces (G. Hagen PRL 109 2012)

Evolution of the single-particle states around ¹³²Sn

$$\overline{\varepsilon}_{j_{\nu}} = \varepsilon_{j_{\nu}} + \sum_{j_{\pi}} V^{M}(j_{\nu}j_{\pi})N_{j_{\pi}}$$

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Evolution of the single-particle states around ¹³²Sn



Courtesy of A. Gargano

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ONE OF THE CHALLENGES: ORIGIN OF THE ELEMENTAL ABUNDANCES IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Stars are mostly made of hydrogen and helium, but each has a fairly unique pattern of other elements

The abundance of elements tells us about the hystory of events prior to the formation of our Sun

The plot shows the composition of the Sun Photosphere

How are these elements created prior to the formation of the Sun?





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ONE OF THE CHALLENGES: REFLECTION ASYMMETRIC NUCLEI AND STATIC ELECTRIC DIPOLE MOMENT



The lopsided nuclei, described today (May 8) in the journal Nature, could be good candidates for researchers looking for new types of physics beyond the reigning explanation for the bits of matter that make up the universe (called the Standard Model), said study author Peter Butler, a physicist at the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom.

The findings could help scientists search for physics beyond the Standard model, said Witold Nazarewicz. An electric dipole moment would provide a way to test extension theories to the Standard Model, such as supersymmetry, which could help explain why there is more matter than antimatter in the universe.

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ONE OF THE CHALLENGES: RADIONUCLEI FOR MEDICINE

The chart of nuclides – nuclear medicine perspective





Second SPES International Workshop

Europe/Rome 👻

SPES2010 Workshop

(LNL- November 15th-17th, 2010)

English 👻

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Presented 37 Letters of Intents

China

24 Lol's for reaccelerated exotic beams GS properties **SPES LOIs** Topics moments PRISMA Coulex GALILEO DirReac with AGAT ActiveTarget DirReac with Si Mn transfer PHASE-II DEMONSTRATOR *NEDA RIPE Italy **SPES LOIs** France Poland *Fazia **Spokespersons** Russia 192 telescopes USA Belgium Croatia Norway Bulgaria Spain Russia

LOIs at ISOL Facilities

	SPES	SPIRAL2 Phase 2	HIE-ISOLDE
Decay Studies	4	20	Not Applicable
Elastic	2	4	3
COULEX	7	2	13
Transfer	8 (3HI)	7	16
Deep Inelastic/ MNTR	5	1	0
Fusion/Fission	11	3	2
New instrumentation	4	NA	5
Astrophysics	3	6	4



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SPES Facility @ LNL



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SPES Facility Layout





- 1 Building and infrastructures with 2 ISOL bunkers for radioactive beam and application area for radioisotopes and neutrons
- 2 Cyclotron 70 MeV protons with 2 independent exits
- 3 ISOL UCx target designed for 10¹³ f/s
- 4 Beam transport with High Resolution Mass Separation
- 5 Reacceleration with ALPI superconducting linac (10A MeV A=130)
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Tunnel toward CB, RFQ, ALPI



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Cyclotron test at BEST Company site (Ottawa)



Main Parameters

Accelerator Type	Cyclotron AVF 4 sectors
Particle	Protons (H ⁻ accelerated)
Energy	Variable within 30-70 MeV
Max Current Accelerated	750 μA (52 kW max beam power)
Available Beams	2 beams at the same energy (upgrade to different energies)
Max Magnetic Field	1.6 Tesla
RF frequency	56 MHz, 4 th harmonic mode
Ion Source	Multicusp H ⁻ I=15 mA, Axial Injection
Dimensions	Φ=4.5 m, h=1.5 m
Weight	150 tons

Cyclotron assembled and operated at 1MeV

A.Lombardi



Final Fatory Acceptance Test in Ottawa next week





Critical point: maximum current of 800 microA accelerated up to 1 MeV

If test is succesfull, the cyclotron will be dismounted and the transfer to Italy will start.

Cyclotron at LNL: February 28, 2015



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Technical highlights: the production target



SPES DIRECT TARGET CONCEPT to operate with **8 kW** proton beam

- Direct Target carefully designed to reach 10¹³ fissions/s with 8 kW proton beam (thermomechanical considerations);
- In beam test performed at iThemba lab (South Africa) on May 2014;
- Prototype under operation.
- Fully developed **front-end** following ISOLDE design;

(A. Andrighetto et al.)







35 F. Gramegna - 46th Zakopane Conference on Nuclear Physics 31/8- 7/9 2014





SPES target **in-beam power test** (SiC target)

Heater power compensated by proton beam.

- Up to **4 kW proton** beam in target.
- Stable temperatures
- Stable vacuum (3 10⁻⁵ mbar)







The Front End



(working since 2010)



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The SPES 1⁺ Ion Sources





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High Resolution Mass Separator & Beam Cooler

Extraction

section

Input emittance

Output emittance

mm

 $P=0.5 \div 3 Pa$

Confinement and cooling section

Toward pumping systemms





- Scaled-up version of the separator designed by Cary Davids ٠ for CARIBU, Argonne
- Mass resolution: 1/40000 (eng. design: 1/25000) •

Beam Cooler to match the HRMS input requirements

di Fisica Nucle

M.Maggiore



Injection

section

Incoming ion bean



ripple



High Resolution Mass Spectrometer

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Exotic Beam reacceleration





Linac Injector

Superconducting RFQs



Operational since 2006

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Exotic Beam reacceleration: room temperature RFQ





E. Fagotti, A. Pisent

1⁺ Stable Source

ALPI superconducting booster: 74 QW-Resonators in 19 cryostats, working @ 4.2 K (immersed in a liquid He bath)

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SC Resonator Improvements on ALPI







The Upgraded Alpi post-accelerator







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Actual status

Already done:

- **Building**: international bid completed, just works starting
- **Cyclotron:** on construction by BEST (Canada)
- **ISOL target:** prototype developed and under operation in lab
- Safety & control: authorization to the cyclotron operation just obtained, a Quality and Safety System under implementation

To be done:

- Radioactive beam selection and transport partially FUNDED
- Charge breeder for increasing the charge state FUNDED
- RFQ for pre-acceleration **FUNDED**
- Upgrade of the ALPI superconductive Linac partially FUNDED
- General control system and safety partially FUNDED

Complete funding expected in three years. Total cost: 51 Meuro⁵⁷

SPES general planning

	2012	2013	2014	201	5	2016	2017	2018	2019
Authorization to operate and safety	UCx								
	5microA								
ISOL Target-Ion Sources development									
ISOL Targets construction and									
installation									
ISOL on-line commissioning									
Building Construction	Executive	raw building							
	project	construc	tion						
Cyclotron Construction &				Cyclotron					
commissioning				at LNL					
RFQ development and Alpi up-grade									
Design of RIB transport & selection									
(HRMS, Charge Breeder, Beam Cooler)									
Construction and Installation of RIBs									
transfer lines , CB and spectrometers									
Stepwise commissioning and first									
exotic beam (2018), HRMS in 2019									



Decay spectroscopy techniques to study neutron-rich fission fragments at SPES

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MTAS = Modular Total Absorption Spectrometer



VANDLE = Versatile Array of Neutron Detectors for Low Energy



3Hen = Helium-3 Neutron Detectors Hybrid-3Hen = 3Hen + Clover Ge

The physics of neutron-rich fission fragments

- nuclear structure evolution as N >> Z
- spectroscopy near and above the neutron separation energy
- rapid-neutron capture half-lives and beta-delayed neutron branchings
- societal impact in better data for modeling neutron-rich environments such as nuclear reactors
- more detailed understanding of the anti-neutrino spectra from reactors

Not riaccelerated radioactive nuclear beams



To Prof. Giovanni Fiorentin Director of LNL







2014--2018

AGATA @ SPES

2019-2020

Dear Gianni,

Let us first convey to you, on behalf of the AGATA Steering Committee (ASC) and AGATA Collaboration Council (ACC), the message that the full scientific community around AGATA has appreciated the interest of the LNL laboratory in the AGATA physics program and in particular in the scientific potential of the AGATA detector in combination with the exotic radioactive ion beams of the SPES facility. In view of the wide scientific program of AGATA at SPES, already envisaged by the scientific community through the presentation of 15 LOIs, the AGATA Steering Committee has agreed to install the AGATA detector at LNL-SPES for running an experimental campaign in the period 2019-2020.

Therefore the AGATA Steering Committee has decided for a commitment of the detector until 2020 (GANIL 2017-2018, LNL 2019-2020).

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Best Regards,

Gian de Aug The.

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G. de Angelis (ASC Chair)

The FAZIA project

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