Nuclear Structure Studies with Radioactive Ion Beams

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The nuclear landscape



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Shape coexistence

- States characterised by different shapes appear at low excitation energy
- Example: n-deficient Pb region
 ¹⁸⁶Pb triple-shape coexistence
 Hg nuclei: "parabolic intrusion" at mid-shell



Data: NNDC, figure courtesy of L. Gaffney Original figure in R. Julin et al., J. Phys. G 27 (2001) R109



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ISOLDE at CERN

- 1.4 GeV protons fragmentation + spallation + fission
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Clover detectors

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What do we know about ⁶⁸Ni

Recent experimental work

- J. Elseviers et al., submitted
- F. Flavigny et al., PRC 91 (2015) 034310
- S. Suchyta et al., PRC 89 (2013) 021301R
- F. Recchia et al., PRC 88 (2013) 041302R
- R. Broda et al., PRC 86 (2012) 064312
- C. J. Chiara et al., PRC 86 (2012) 041304R
- A. Dijon et al., PRC 85 (2012) 031301R

Crucial information

- Precise measurement of 0⁺₂ energy Since 1982: 1770(30) keV from ⁷⁰Zn(¹⁴C,¹⁶O)⁶⁸Ni Now: 1603.5(3) keV
- Two transitions feeding 0⁺₂ (1139 and 2420 keV)
- Firm assignment of several spin/parities



Level scheme from F. Recchia et al. PRC 88 (2013) 041302R

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Monte-Carlo Shell-Model calculations

Y. Tsunoda et al., PRC 89 (2014) 031301R

• Full $pf + g_{9/2} + d_{5/2}$ for both neutrons and protons



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Aiming at complete spectroscopy



IS467

- Revised decay scheme
- β-γ-E0 coincidences
- 2⁺ to 0⁺ connections
- Exp. B(E2) ratios



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Conf. mixing of 0^{+}_{1} and 0^{+}_{2}





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IS467: from ⁶⁸Mn to ⁶⁸Ni

F. Flavigny et al., PRC 91 (2015) 034310



- Pure Mn source (RILIS)
- Implantation 69 ms decay 2.2 s
- β-γ detection setup
- In ⁶⁸Co: 2 isomers
 7⁻ T_{1/2} = 0.23(3) s
 (1⁺,3⁺) T_{1/2} = 1.6(3) s



- MINIBALL: 5.8% photo-peak efficiency at 1.332 MeV
- 3 plastic detectors: 50% beta efficiency
- Polyethylene-borax-lead-brass shielding

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β-γ coincidences

F. Flavigny et al., PRC 91 (2015) 034310

- Low background (shielding)
- Laser ionisation (RILIS)
- Mass separation (HRS)
- Time condition: $t_{\beta} t_{PP}$ in [350,2200] ms

→ Clean ⁶⁸Co low-spin spectrum



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Feeding of 0^+_2 state in ${}^{68}Ni : \beta - \gamma - E0$ coincidences

F. Flavigny et al., PRC 91 (2015) 034310



10 5 0 0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 Energy (keV)

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with recent results



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IS504: ⁶⁶Ni(t,p) at REX-ISOLDE

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T-ReX

V. Bildstein et al, EPJA 48 (2012) 85

- Resolution ≈1-6 deg
- ΔE -E for PID
- ε ≈ 60%

Miniball

N. Warr et al, EPJA 49 (2013) 40

- 24 HPGe
- 6-fold segmented
- ε ≈ 8% @ 1.3 MeV



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γ 's and coincidences

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Few γ's to ground state

Νo p-γ-γ coincidences

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Population of 0⁺ states

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Outlook I - HELIOS

In-jet laser spectroscopy

 Strong reduction of broadening effects
 → improved resolution

→ improved resolution
Proof-of-principle: ²¹⁵Ac at LISOL

- New dedicated laser facility at the IKS, KU Leuven Towards the heaviest elements
- To be installed at SPIRAL2 in GANIL, France



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90°-bent

RFQ



pumping

barrier

Acceleration

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Outlook II - SpecMAT

Transfer reactions with very weak beams

- Active target: Time-projection chamber where detection gas is the target
- Magnetic field parallel to beam direction to confine emitted particles
- Array of γ-ray detectors within the field LaBr3 preferred for best compromise efficiency/resolution
 - High luminosity
 - Large dynamic range
 - High resolution
 - Versatile



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Summary

Introduction

- Study of nuclei far from stability reveals details of the underlying nucleon-nucleon interaction
- Link collective properties (deformation) with single-particle structure
- Use all spectroscopic probes available Nuclear reactions are becoming available at present and forthcoming facilities
- First results in Ni region
 Pb region is the next step
- Strong support from (and to) theory is necessary

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Characterization of the low-lying 0^+ and 2^+ states in ⁶⁸Ni via β decay of the low-spin ⁶⁸Co isomer

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Probing the 0⁺ States in ⁶⁸Ni via the two-Neutron Transfer Reaction ⁶⁶Ni(t,p)





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Type-II shell evolution

T. Otsuka and Y. Tsunoda, JPG 43 (2016) 024009

- Type-I shell evolution: number of nucleons in different isotopes
- Type-II shell evolution: occupancies within the same nucleus



- From Ni to n-deficient Pb region... we need information on energy gaps!
 - → nucleon-transfer measurements



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What do we know about ⁶⁸Ni



- ⁶⁸Ni: High E(2⁺₁), low B(E2,2⁺ \rightarrow 0⁺)
- No signature of shell closure from S_{2n}
- In fact, rather weak N = 40 gap



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Large-scale Shell-Model calculations

LNPS interaction S. Lenzi et al., PRC 82 (2010) 054301

- ⁴⁸Ca core, π pf v pfg_{9/2}d_{5/2} to describe Fe and Cr
- Evolution of the neutron single particle states: ESPE difference g_{9/2}-d_{5/2} at ⁶⁸Ni: ≈1.6 MeV (N=50 gap size)



"dominant proton configuration has exactly two f7/2 protons less than the ground state"

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"The 0_{1}^{+} and 0_{2}^{+} states "are characterized by "similar proton occupancies with leading 0p-0h (neutron) configuration for the 0_{1}^{+} ground state and 2p-2h (neutron) configurations for the 0_{2}^{+} ."

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F. Flavigny et al., PRC 91 (2015) 034310

Revised decay scheme



New:

- 710 keV intensity (clean, no high spin)
- 1139 and 2421 keV placement
- Removed 694 keV (after β-delayed n)

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- 814 keV intensity 5⁻ isomer
- $I_{rel}(0^+_2 \rightarrow 0^+_1) = 19(8) \%$

• Upper limits:

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$$I_{rel}(0_3^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+) < 2(1)\%$$

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$$I_{rel}(0^+_3 \rightarrow 0^+_2) = < 4(1)\%$$

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$$I_{rel}(0^+_3 \rightarrow 0^+_1)$$

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Particle spectra

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Energy [keV]

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 8^{+}

 6^+

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counts / 1 keV

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Coulex ¹⁸²⁻¹⁸⁸Hg

- Coulomb excitation: nature of quadrupole deformation mixing of states with different structure
- Clarify those Hg isotopes: No mixing between 0⁺ states Mixing of 2⁺ states (E0 strengths)
- ¹⁸²⁻¹⁸⁸Hg at REX-ISOLDE (PhD thesis N. Bree)

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Mass number A

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Shape coexistence in n-deficient Pb region

- Radii Hg:
 Thomas Day Goodacre, later this evening
- Coulex: → Kasia Wrzosek-Lipska, Friday evening
 - ¹⁸²⁻¹⁸⁸Hg: N. Bree, PRL 112, 162701 (2014)



0⁺₁ slightly oblate

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- 0⁺₂ more deformed (prolate?)
- The 2⁺ changes character!
- Small mixing in the g.s. keeps
 E(2⁺) and B(E2) constant



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Measurements: ISOLDE @ CERN



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K. Sieja & F. Nowacki, PRC 85 (2012) 051301(R)

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Shell evolution and deformation

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 89, 031301(R) (2014)

Novel shape evolution in exotic Ni isotopes and configuration-dependent shell structure

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"Type II" shell evolution

- Deformation can induce changes in occupancy...
- which, through the tensor interaction, modifies the gaps between shells

Shape coexistence and nature of 0⁺ states

K. Heyde & J. Wood , Rev. Mod. Phys. 83 (2011) 1467