Study of deformed and spherical 2⁺ states via Coulomb excitation and first time measurement of PDR in ³⁴Si

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PROPOSAL FOR AN EXPERIMENT

The physics case of ³⁴Si







- The recent experimental results on the 0⁺1,2 states in ³²Mg [1] and ³⁴Si [2] has brought further credit to the description in which a crossing between normal and intruder regime occurs between these two nuclei.
- ³⁴Si is at the verge of the IoI and deformed structures were found in its level scheme [2, 3].

[1] K. Wimmer et al. PRL 105, 252501 (2010).
[2] F. Rotaru et al. PRL 109, 092503 (2012).
[3] R. Lica et al. PRC 100, 034306 (2019).

Characterising the 0_2^+ in ³⁴Si at GANIL



GANIL/LISE projectile fragmentation ³⁶S at 77.5 MeV/A

26 (1) ms

56.3 (5) ms

³⁴AI

Q = 17.097 MeV Pn = 26 (4)%

26 44

4



FIG. 3. Part of the gamma energy spectrum following the implantation of ³⁴Si nuclei. The main peak corresponds to the known 591 keV transition in ³⁴Si. Peaks at 607 keV and 596 keV correspond to the $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+$ decay and the $(n,n'\gamma)$ reactions on the ⁷⁴Ge nuclei of EXOGAM, respectively. A zoom with 3 keV/bin is presented in the inset.





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42 transitions placed in the ³⁴Al level scheme ٠

Decay Station

IS530 experiment in 2015 at the ISOLDE Decay Station



Proposed measurement at LISE: ³⁴Si Coulomb excitation



B(E2; 3.3 MeV 0⁺₁→2⁺₁) = 85(33) e²fm⁴

(2) Spherical 5.3 MeV 2⁺ state identified in ³⁴Al decay and well produced (41%) in ³⁵P(-1p)³⁴Si [D. Sohler et al. to be published B(E2; 5.3 MeV $0^+_1 \rightarrow 2^+_3$) = 100 e²fm⁴ (Shell-Model)

Proposed measurement at LISE: ³⁴Si Coulomb excitation

Objectives



(1) Remeasure the $B(E2:0_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)$ value as the previous error bar was large and we suspect some contamination from the feeding of an upper 2⁺ state.

- If this side-feeding is confirmed the B(E2) value, ³⁴Si may have the smallest B(E2) among other N=20 isotones.
- Determine more precisely the mixing amplitude of the 0_1^+ and 0_2^+ states in 34 Si.



(2) Determine the B(E2: $0_1^+ > 2_3^+$), which is predicted to be of the same amplitude as the B(E2: $0_2^+ -> 2_1^+$)

• Confirm the structure of the 2₃⁺ in ³⁴Si dominated by a proton hole configuration which corresponds to the spherical band.

Proposed measurement at LISE: ³⁴Si PDR study

- ³⁴Si presence of neutron oscillations at low excitation energy in (close or above Sn=7.5 MeV), that would give rise to E1 distribution.
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Pygmy and giant dipole strength distribution in ³⁴Si using subtracted second random-phase approximation (SSRPA)



Transition density probability from 7.67 to 10.6 MeV, in which the presence of an almost pure neutron excitation is shown at the surface of the nucleus.

Calculations: Gambacurta, Grasso

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Fig. 8. (Color online) (a) Cross sections for the excitation of $J^{\pi} = 1^{-}$ in ¹²⁴Sn deduced from the $(\alpha, \alpha' \gamma)$ experiment. (b) The B(E1)↑ strength distribution, obtained in (γ, γ') [60]. Adapted from [61].

"Consequently, if one wants to learn about the underlying structure of pygmy states and about their isospin character it is important to compare the excitation cross section of these states with **isovector probes (as photons)** and **isoscalar probes** as, for example, alpha particles or heavier ions as C and O below 30MeV/u."

A. Bracco, F. Crespi, E. Lanza, Eur. Phys. J. A (2015) 51: 99

Proposed experiment at LISE

(similar to previous ⁴⁴Ca, ⁴⁶Ar experiment)

46Ar @ 38.5 MeV/A + ²⁰⁸Pb (200 mg/cm²)

Extraction of $B(E2:0_1^+->2_1^+)$ in⁴⁶Ar from absolute cross section measurement and relative to the known B(E2) in ⁴⁴Ca





Beamtime request

³⁴Si @ 55 MeV/A + ²⁰⁸Pb / ¹²C

Estimated ³⁴Si production: 10⁵ s⁻¹

²⁰⁸Pb target: 200 mg/cm² (electromagnetic probe)
¹²C target: 146.4 mg/cm² (nuclear probe)

Rate estimations (DWEIKO, courtesy of S. Calinescu)

²⁰⁸ Pb target		¹² C target
2 ₁ ⁺ : (18.3 mb; 4.5 mb safe) -> 2.7 x 10 ³ evts / 18 UT		2 ₁ ⁺ : (26 mb) -> 3.1 x 10 ⁵ evts / 4 UT 2 ₃ ⁺ : (17.4 mb) -> 2.0 x 10 ⁵ evts / 4 UT
2 ₃ ⁺ : (14.3 mb; 2.3 mb safe) -> 1.1 x 10 ³ evts / 18 UT		
PDR: (1.5 mb safe)	-> 1.8 x 10 ³ evts / 18 UT	PDR: (difficult to estimate) ~ 100-200 events / 4 UT

Validation of the experimental method (3 UT): 36 S beam (well known 2_1^+ at 3.29 MeV, B(E2)=2.83(24) W.u.)

Beam tuning and adjustments of the setup (4 UT)

Total number of requested UT's: 25 + 4 = 29